EarthScope's Transportable Array: Operations Overview



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Presentation Outline

- Intro to EarthScope Project & Transportable Array
- Transportable Array
 operational experience

- Select Details of Project
 execution
- Some ongoing developments
- Key insights in design and operation



EarthScope Project

Study the three dimensional structure and evolution of the North American Continent

- 3.2 km borehole into the San Andreas Fault
- 875 permanent GPS stations
- 175 borehole strainmeters
- 5 laser strainmeters

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39 Permanent seismic stations

- 400 transportable seismic stations occupying 2000 sites
- 30 magneto-telluric systems
- 100 campaign GPS stations
- 2400 campaign seismic stations



EarthScope Project

EarthScope Project Components

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Reference Network — about 100 permanent seismic stations

Magnetotelluric — 7 backbone stations and 20 portable instruments

Transportable Array Concept

- 400 broadband seismic stations
 - ~70 km spacing between stations
 - ~1500 x 800 km "footprint"
 - ~2 year deployments at each site, 1623 sites
 - Migrate across the country in 10 years
 - \$8M / year budget
- Operational Goals

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- High-quality broadband data
 - On par with permanent network stations
- Maximize data return (>85%)
- Data to the scientific and regional network community in near real time
 - 40 and 1 sps continuous
- Equipment redeployed five times



Status: Deployment

• On Schedule

- 734 commissioned Stations
- 442 operating Stations
- 292 removed Stations
- Rolling eastward at a rate of about 400 km / year, 18 sta/mo
- North-south deployment strategy permits year-round operations





Goals for Workshop

- Strengthen Contact between groups
 - Identify expertise among participants
 - Recognize common operational features
 - Share experience and technical resources
- Discuss approaches to similar issues
 - Station to network center communications
 - Equipment integration

- Network Monitoring, useful diagnostics
- Awareness of new trends, software or products
 - Internal project developments
 - Quanterra developments

Topics elsewhere

- Array Network Facility (ANF) details-Vernon.
- IRIS Data Management System archival.
- Stations Logistics- permitting, equipment inventory management, etc.
- SEED conventions.

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• Adopting TA Stations.

Station Design

 Very Low power to avoid cultural noise sources and to maximize siting opportunities.
 3-5W solar powered.

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- Fast construction, material adapts to conditions, from ready sources.
- high quality LP data requires thermal isolation.
- High power communications separated from station power.
- Local recording, minimum complexity in uplink



Design Principles of Station

Modularity in subsystems



Other Design Considerations

Global Networks:

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Long term stable operation integration of numerous sensors international shipping

National Networks:

Earthquake monitoring for hazard, low latency. Public information, emergency response

Q330: Data Engine—Low power, small size Provides three essential functions; Digitizer, sensor controls, telemetry integration

Q330 Operation in TA

Q330 notable advances for TA

- 8Mb original memory upgraded to 32Mb
 - 4 hours buffer to about 28 hours
- Integration and development of Antelope support
 - Q330util, webdlmon, SOH RRD
 - POC receiver

- In situ Calibrations
- Configuration management
 - Configserver
 - Garfield firmware bulk loader
 - XML file templates
- Q330 auxilliary data channels
 - add low rate information into standardize processing flow

Station Building Tasks

 Reconnaissance- which may involve office evaluation, field visits, landowner interaction but ends with the selection of a Candidate Site-that is a site for which we will seek a permit. Produces a recon report, which includes the outline of how the specific station will be provisioned including power and communication strategy.

- **Permitting** meaning the negotiation with landowner, paperwork necessary to obtain written permission to access the property and to install a station. Permits and the expertise to acquire them increase in complexity from a simple private landowner agreement, through cooperative ownerships, corporate ownership to state or federally managed lands.
- **Construction** digging a hole, pouring concrete, trenching cables and erecting a mast. This task can be accomplished by a backhoe operator and a laborer assistant. While construction details are important for good quality data, the task itself does not require scientific expertise.
- Installation- installation of electronics, power system, communication system and sensor. Generally ends with data communication back to ANF. This step involves detailed understanding of seismic instrumentation, communications and power electronics and requires at least one highly trained person on site.
- **Release**-removal of the station and tank and preparing the equipment for shipping or transfer of the station to a new operator, releasing IRIS of landowner obiligations.

Organization Summary



Construction

















Construction Complete



Modularity in Communications

71% Cellular 20% AC VSAT 8% Solar VSAT

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Cellular Modem



Communication Variety

• Cell modems ----71%

- 191 Verizon CDMA (\$720/year)
- 20 Alltel CDMA (\$830/yr)
- 57 AT&T GSM (\$850/year)
- VSAT systems -- 28%
 - 103 Wild Blue Enterprise (\$1079/year)
 - ~20 of these Solar powered, 8 Cycled
 - Abandoned Hughes, SpaceNet
- Broadband providors
 - (4) DSL, (1) Cable, (2) WiFi
- Internet via Host --1%
 - Research Campus, schools, city (3)

Modularity in Communications

External Communication Module linked by Ethernet Radio to Station

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Ethernet Radio



Cell Service Providors

Verizon

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- CDMA 1X, EVDO rev a.
- 70/70 150/450 kbps respectively
- Static IP address
- Excellent account management
- 5 Gbyte/mo, continuous connection
- Roaming issue at international borders

AT&T

- GSM, EDGE, HSDPA
- 40/40 kbps
- Static IP address, SIM cards
- Complex account setup, create APN
- 5 Gbyte/mo, continuous connection
- Roaming issue depending on carrier agreement

Cell Modem Choices

Airlink Raven

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- Serial Interface
- Grounding issues
- unsealed
- PPP connection to Q330 serial 1.
- PPP connection to network.
- Modem manages NAT, simplifies Q330 config.
- 2 Watts, timed
 3G protocols watchdogs
 Proxicast, Digi, Multitech, etc

Sierrawireless Raven X

- Ethernet Interface
- Signals transformer coupled
- unsealed
- Single address forwarding
- DHCP server
- 2.5 Watts, less inclined to get stuck.

Cell Modem Operation

Airlink, now Sierra Wireless ----Support software

- Wireless ACE configuration tool
 - Free

- Single modem action
- ACENET bulk device management application
 - Expensive
 - Does up to 250 at once
- Both gather diagnostics
- Both download configurations
- ACENET uploads firmware

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VSAT Operation

Wild Blue

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Ka band spot beams

Small (0.6m) dish size, eases transport and wind load modems are single DC level (30VDC)

Can be provisioned at remote site without contacting VSAT Network Operations Center.

Shared Master station-data delivered via internet

Online technical portal for service history

Provisioning Details -

2 year service agreement, annual fee \$1070/yr Enterprise level: static IP, 5Gbyte/mo upload Throughput rarely surpasses 50kbps.

Communication Power Modules

• AC based system for housing Wild Blue VSAT, Cable Modem or DSL modem

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- Must be located within line of sight to vault and near power. Prefer pole mounts near out buildings.
- Has heater / cooling fan for electronics.
- Solar Powered module designed for 30W load.
 - Commercial design is Robust, Large and expensive; 300-800W PV, 600-900AH battery
 - Sometimes duty cycled: 2 hour on / 6 hour off
 - Simpler systems do not use active heating / cooling.

VSAT Operation

Station Installation tricks

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> Power cycle system 5 minutes once a day Compact Router handles DHCP/port forwarding Rotate arm to reduce snowbanks



Improvements

Equipment Refinements

Vault interface Enclosure

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- Protect equipment from humidity, increase reliability of comms equipment
- Standardize connections
- Cell modem replacements as networks
 upgrade
- Baler44 phased into stations, replacing Baler14
- Add meteorlogical measurements

Equipment Improvements

Vault Interface Enclosure (VIE, Ibox)

- 16x16x8" Enclosure, hangs inside vault.
 - IP68, 0.5" Lexan Clear lid, bulletproof!
- Q330 interfaces converted to industrial standard connections;
 - IDC flat ribbon, RJ45.
- Custom power regulation circuit
 - Faultfree switchover to alkaline backup battery
 - Signalling via existing data channels for power SOH
 - Sensor power regulation, filtered power for Q330 and Baler
 - High efficiency regulation, load shedding/mode switch on backup power
 - Independent fault isolation of powered devices.
- Station Integration

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- Integration of new Baler44CT, Environmental sensor
- Simplified Data collection via new Baler44
- Reset power cycle for comms equipment
- Remotely controlled power interrupt for sensor
- Monitor and signalling of pump operation
- Protected housing for electronics and auxiliary equipment-allowing better flexibility and increased reliability.
 - Allows economical packaging choices for small ancillary devices
 - Protects commercial modems, charge controllers and circuit boards.
 - Simplifies troubleshooting, acts as a field replacable unit.
- Uniform cabling for installation
 - MS style connectors, molded termination
- Commercial production in large runs; Enclosure, cables, PCB, testing, etc
 - Custom cable fabrication, custom metal, factory assembly and testing.







Station Regulator

- Independent regulation / distribution
- Power control of comms device
- Switching of backup power



Procedures: Orientation

Direct measurement of orientation of all stations

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- Using fiber-optic gyroscope IXSEA Octans IV, Nonmagnetic orientation accurate to < 0.2 degrees
- Used at all new station installations
- Used when existing TA stations are removed
- Validation of empirical orientation determinations
 - Empirical estimates from surface and mantle wave polarization techniques

TA station orientation, relative to north, from empirical analysis

Results from Ekström and Busby, SRL, 2008





Network comparison

Orientation

Ekstrom measurements are found and described at:

http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/~ekstrom/Projects/USARRAY/POLARIZATION

Network	# Obs.	0°–3°	$4^{\circ}-6^{\circ}$	$7^{\circ}-9^{\circ}$	$10^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$
All	467	75.4% (352)	14.1% (66)	6.0% (28)	4.5% (21)
TA	358	79.6% (285)	12.8% (46)	4.8% (17)	2.8% (10)
US	43	53.5% (23)	23.3% (10)	7.0% (3)	16.3% (7)
CI	41	56.1% (23)	17.1% (7)	17.1% (7)	9.8% (4)
BK	20	90.0% (18)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Other ^a	5	60.0% (3)	20.0% (1)	20.0% (0)	0.0% (0)

^aThese five stations are from the AZ and NN networks.

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Procedures: Calibration

 Automated process for command, capture, and analysis of cal signals

- Analysis of calibration signals to verify amplitude and phase response
- Will apply to all TA stations at beginning and end of deployment
- Network-wide calibration for sensor statistics



Performance Metrics

 Metrics must have meaningful relationship to science

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> Exploit measures already being computed - i.e., data mining from ANF and DMC databases

> > Integrity Accuracy Quality Performance

Metric	Description			
Mass position	Percent of time offscale (Bob B. will provide scale). Requires scan of mass position channels.			
Mass Recenter	Number of mass recenters & time between recenters			
Clock quality	Statistics of clock quality LCQ channel. Requires scan of LCQ time series.	ANF		
Clock error	Statistics for times when clock error exceeds 1% of sample interval. Requires scan of LCE channels.			
Latency	From data tracked at ANF	ANF		
PDF by sensor type	PDFs aggregated by sensor type (Streckeisen, Guralp, Trillium). PDFs and mode vs frequency.	DMC		
Mode calcs for large events	Provides low frequency calibration	ANF		
Tidal amplitudes	Provides low frequency calibration. Likely only reliable for stations away from coast (e.g., won't use ocean loading calculations).	DMC		
Calibration of network	Calibration results for entire network, with calibrations performed over a relatively short time period (e.g., one week).	ANF		
Availability	Results for monthly, 3-month, and final data availability. Final data availability derived from stations for which we have completed post-station-removal baler backfill.	DMC		
<mark>Gaps: gaps / day</mark>	Perhaps a histogram of gaps/station-day (i.e., x axis is # of gaps/station day; y axis is # of station days). This histogram would then (presumably) show that most station days have zero gaps, that the large majority of station days have very few gaps, and there are some outlier station days with many gaps. (will compare DMC and ANF results)	DMC/ ANF		
Gaps: # days with no gaps	This metric could be addressed by the histogram described above. (will compare DMC and ANF results)	DMC/ ANF		
Detection threshold	Perhaps based on magnitude? Consider variation of this, but based on event detection/formation statistics.	ANF		
Event coherency	Measure coherency from teleseisms & regional ? events across the array for body & surface waves	ANF		
Detections/station	Statistics on station detections & use DMC statistics to compare to other networks (quack)	ANF/ DMC		

Data Return - TA



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TA TA-3

Status: RT Performance

TA performance 2005 01 - 2008 12



Status: RT Performance

TA performance 2008 07 - 2008 12





- Examined data gaps as a function of time
- Examined cumulative gap statistics



Power Density Functions

Cumulative PSD GSN 2006









- All TA LHZ channels are compared to Earth tide synthetics
- The majority of stations have excellent fit to tides
- Small numbers of stations have transients
 - Mass re-centers
 - Temperature fluctuations

http://crunch.iris.washington.edu/synthetics/tide/





State of Health Review

- Real-time monitoring of SoH
 - Detect problems

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- Initiate corrective actions
- Station QC & SoH on the web
 - SoH channel displays for near-real-time and summary
 - Metrics for arbitrary time intervals







Design Principles Seismic Network



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RRD plots, orbmonrtd

Diagnostic View: Discovery!

d(in dB) = power(station) - power(LNM)

Guralp Vertical: mass position vs noise

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Time (days)



Key Insights from TA

Design:

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- Core systems should be based on well established, well integrated equipment
- Subsystem performance should be verifiable
- Uniformity and Field Replacable Units are cost effective

Execution:

- Stable, repeatable process in all phases of operation.
- Station Design is blended from mature technology in seismic system but incorporates rapid modern innovations in communications and engineered elements.
- The scale encourages development and application of new "best practice" techniques for SoH monitoring, calibration, orientation, SOH visualization.
- Exchange of techniques, procedures and software to improve the science.

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www.earthscope.org	www.iris.edu/usarray	anf.ucsd.edu				



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Status: RT Latency



Status: Forwarding Latency





Cell Modem Operation

Static IP

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- Any application can reach modem
- Connection initiated
 either direction
- Reduces confusion
 between stations
- Costs \$5/month
- Slightly harder to provision

Dynamic IP

- Need dynamic DNS host and/or Q330 POC receiver.
- Initial traffic must originate from station end
- Easy account setup, preferred by providors
- Difficult to troubleshoot
- Improved by Baler44
 DHCP management

Quality Control Review

• Wide range of human and automated routine QC analysis

Review	Auto or Manual	ТА	RefNet
Automated SoH channel monitoring	М	~	
Phase reading and bulletin production	М	~	
Visual scanning review of 100% of raw LH? data in 1 day windows	М	~	✓
Visual scanning of low pass data in 2 day windows	М		
Review of PDFs	М	~	✓
Synthetics seismogram comparison, using waveform fits from R. Herrmann MT code	М	~	~
STA/LTA plots	А	~	
Daily RMS	А	~	
Daily percent data availability	А	~	
Gaps and overlaps per day (including max values)	А	~	
Review fits to Earth tides in one month windows	A	~	~

Sensors



Negligible differences
 between sensor types





Event Synthetics

- · Significant events are compared to synthetics generated by Hermann
- Polarity and amplitude issues are more apparent

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• Method suffers when nodes occur within the array geometry

http://crunch.iris.washington.edu/synthetics/event/



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 Examination of clock quality channels for test interval (2007) indicates clock quality is excellent



Mass Position

Sensor Mass Recenter operation affects data quality and broadly indicates the long-period quality of site. Most stations have 10 or fewer mass re-centers over a one year period

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Mass Position

Modern BB sensors do not represent ground motion if ANY mass position channel is offscale. How often are these thresholds exceeded at any particular station?

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The T240 sensor required closer tolerances and frequent monitoring.

VM mass position chan QC test



Additional Assessments

Calibration



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