

Reimagining datalogger monitoring and computer systems at the Alaska Earthquake Center



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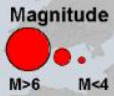
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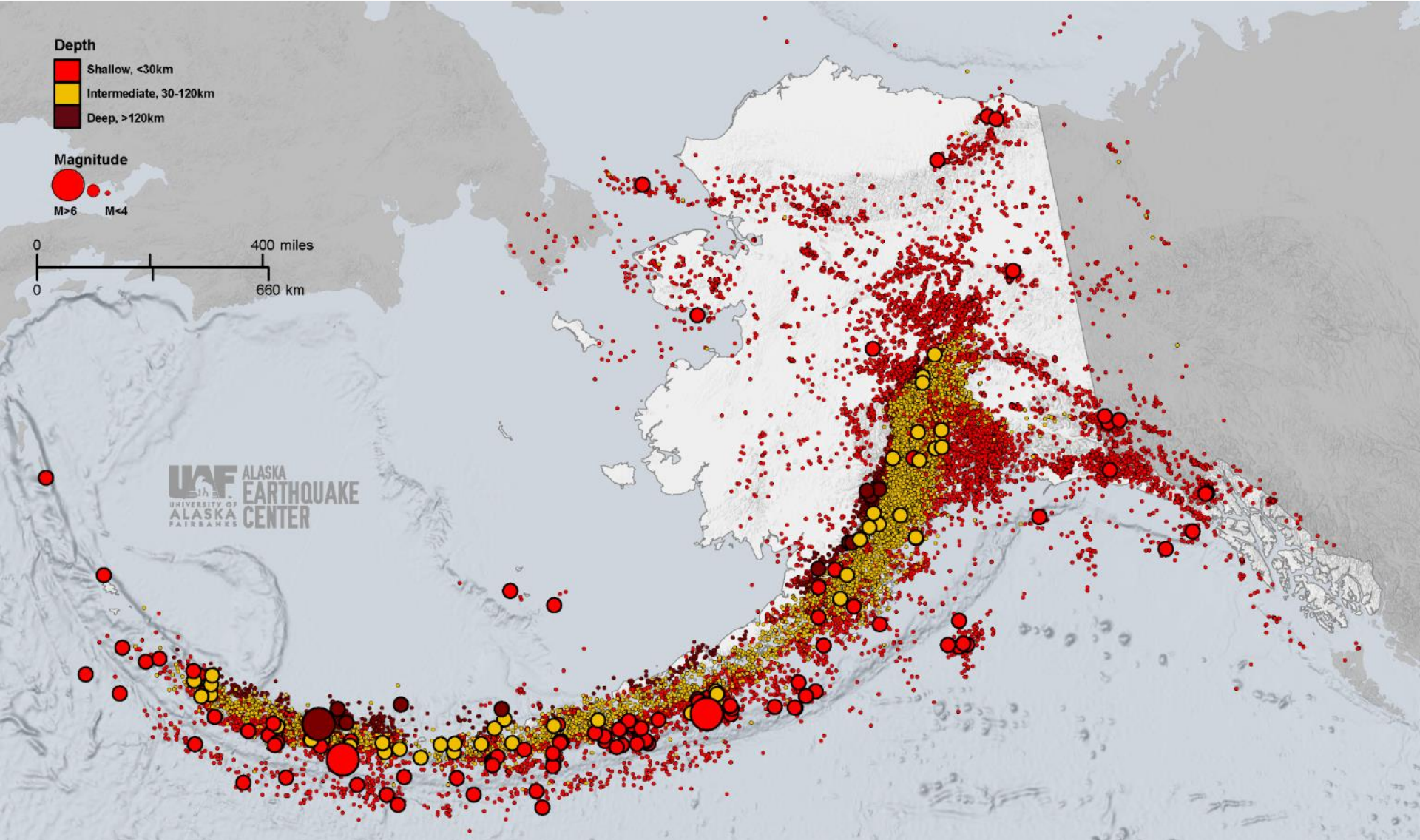
Alaska Earthquake Center (AEC)



2023 Earthquake Summary



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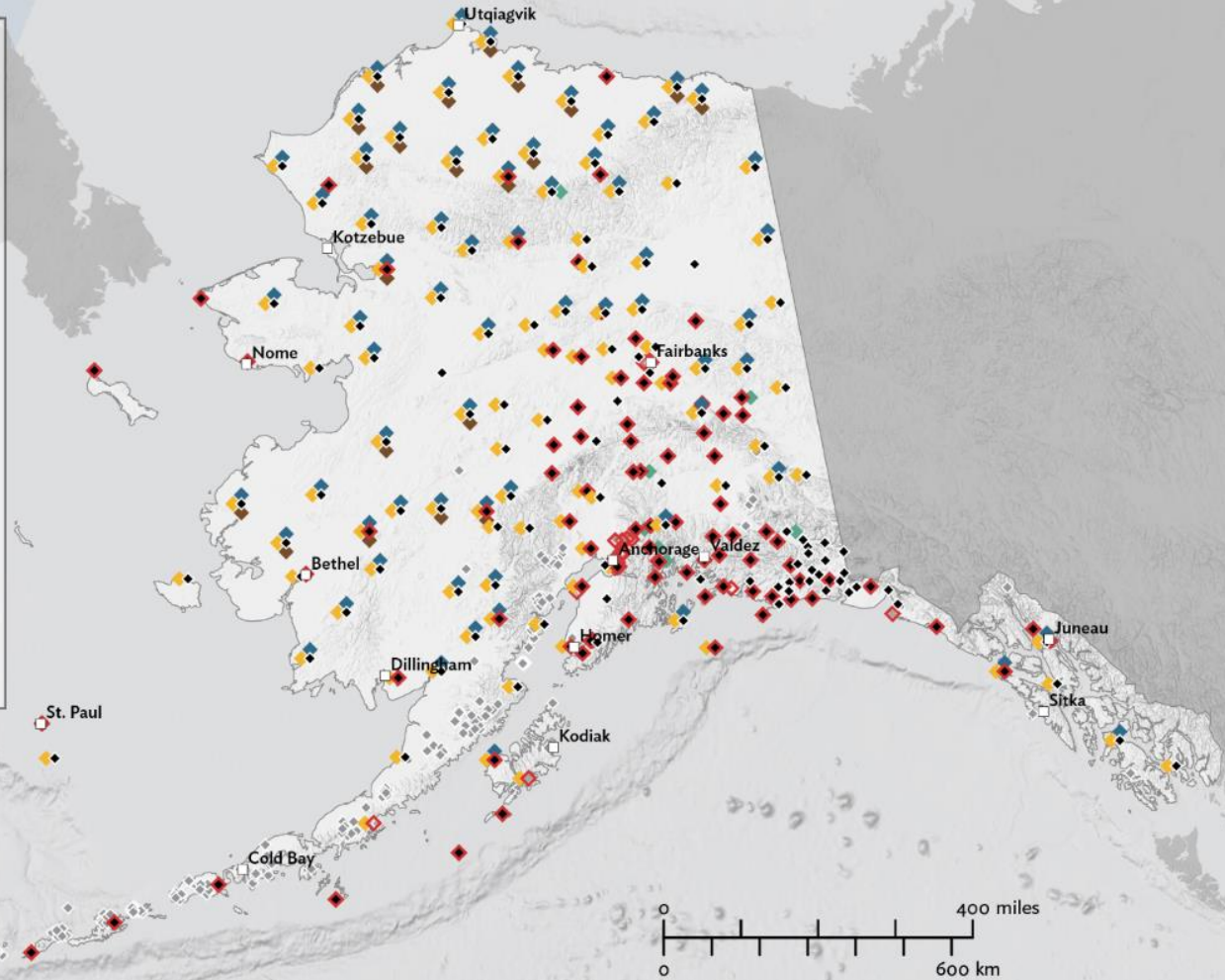


AEC stations

station key



- ◆ high-sensitivity **broadband** sensors measure ground motions over a wide range of frequencies
- ◆ **strong-motion** sensors help to quickly infer damage after earthquakes, and are essential to earthquake early warning
- ◆ temperature, humidity, and wind gauges are used in **weather** forecasting, climate assessment, aviation safety, and wildfire mitigation
- ◆ detecting frequencies below what humans can hear, **infrasound** sensors are used to monitor explosions and large ground movements
- ◆ **soil temperature** probes are used to map thawing permafrost, necessary for infrastructure planning
- ◆ the new generation of GPS, **GNSS** instruments are used in earthquake, surveying, weather, space, and defense science
- ◆ **partner**





Part 1: Reimagining Datalogger Monitoring

Introducing Webdlmon



Web-based Datalogger Monitoring for the Alaska Earthquake Center

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Usage



- Duty: check to see status of station for pipeline alarms
- QC: check to see timing issues, mass positions, latencies, datalogger reboots, gaps, etc.
- Field: check to confirm station status (network connection) and key telemetry/power diagnostics during fieldwork.
- Network monitoring: the starting point to detect network and station problems and is very useful for daily network checks.

Overview

Web-based Datalogger Monitoring for the Alaska Earthquake Center

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AK_ATKA	online	q330	34s	29m-57s	1.041	4307	0	100	11	13.35	0	33	33	33	-7
AK_B18K	offline	q330	5h-52m	5h-50m	0	0	0	98.889	1	13.2	0	-12	5	1	
AK_B20K	online	q330	36s	3h-13m	1.074	4010	0	100	18	13.5	0	-11	8	-4	
AK_B22K	offline	q330	10M-1D	10M-1D	0	0									
AK_BAE	offline	q330	23D-3h	23D-3h	0	16	0	100	6	13.35	0	34	33	33	-1
AK_BAGL	offline	q330	5M-8D	5M-8D	0	0	0	100	0	12.75	0	20	20	20	7
AK_BAL	online	q330	12s	30m-4s	1.107	3402	0	100	9	13.2	0	20	20	20	-1
AK_BARK	offline	q330	5M-8D	5M-8D	0	0	0	81.967	3	11.7	0	20	20	20	9
AK_BARN	online	q330	14s	6m-0s	1.008	2253	0	100	11	13.65	0	20	20	20	5

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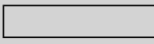







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Units: Day, Hr, Min, Sec

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Station Search



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AK_FA01	online	q330	22s	12m-34s	1.05	6230	0	100	5	11.55	0	41	41	41	20	20
AK_FA02	online	q330	17s	53m-15s	1.041	8254	0	97.949	31	13.5	0	41	41	41		
AK_FA10	online	q330	32s	47m-24s	0.793	6425	0	99.625	41	11.7	0	41	41	41	20	20
AK_FALS	online	q330	19s	21m-38s	0.86	4944	0	100	13	13.2	0	50	51	51	2	2
AK_FA05	online	Etna 2	7s	13D-22h					38	13.163	0					
AK_FA06	online	Etna 2	3s	13D-22h					36	13.224	0					
AK_FA07	online	Etna 2	9s	13D-22h					35	13.253	0					
AK_FA12	online	Etna 2	9s	13D-22h					34	13.136	0					

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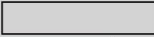






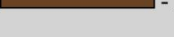
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Sort by Column



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AK_CDVT	online	Basalt	5s	3D-12h				
AK_DAM2	online	Basalt	29s	13D-22h				
AK_K204	online	Basalt	30s	13D-22h				
AK_K205	online	Basalt	23s	13D-22h				
AK_K208	online	Basalt	16s	1M-12D				
AK_K210	online	Basalt	1m-16s	13D-22h				
AK_K211	online	Basalt	2s	20D-9h				

Reverse Sort by Column



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DL Name	Status	DL Type ▲	Latency	Runtime	Throughput	Data Rate	Buffer	Comm Efficiency	Temp
AK_K209	online	Rock	42s	2Y-0m-6D					31
AK_K213	online	Rock	18s	11M-24D					33
AK_K215	online	Rock	5s	1M-12D					29
AK_K217	online	Rock	2s	2Y-0m-1D					27
AK_K218	online	Rock	29s	13D-20h					26
AK-ANM	online	Q8	12s	2M-25D					22
AK-CCB	online	Q8	43s	11M-7D					42

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AK_K210				26	15.517	0								
AK_K211				25	15.507	0							0s	
AK_K212				25	15.528	0							0s	
AK_K213				33	15.44	0								
AK_K214				36	15.277	0							7s	
AK_K215				29	15.5	0								
AK_K217				27	15.44	0								
AK_K218				26	15.49	0								
AK_K221				35	14.099	0							7s	
AK_K222				21	13.124	0							6s	
AK_K223				35	13.314	0							5s	
AK_K24K	5229	0	100	29	13.05	0	-14	-7	4				0s	

Information Pop-up

Throughput ▼

**Throughput
as ratio of
seconds of
data to real-
time clock**

**Data
Rate**
.....

Buffer
.....

**Comm
Efficiency**
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Map



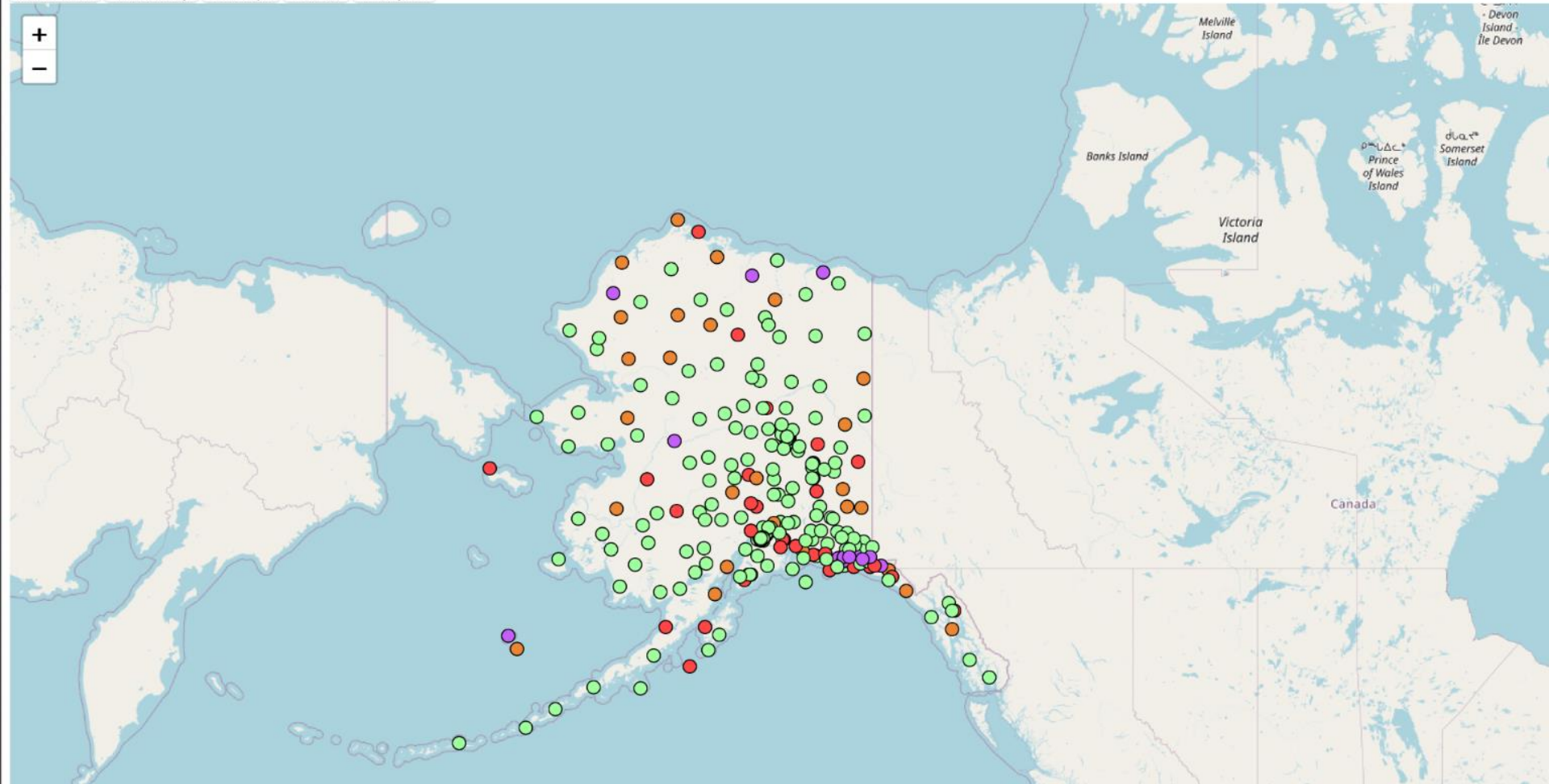
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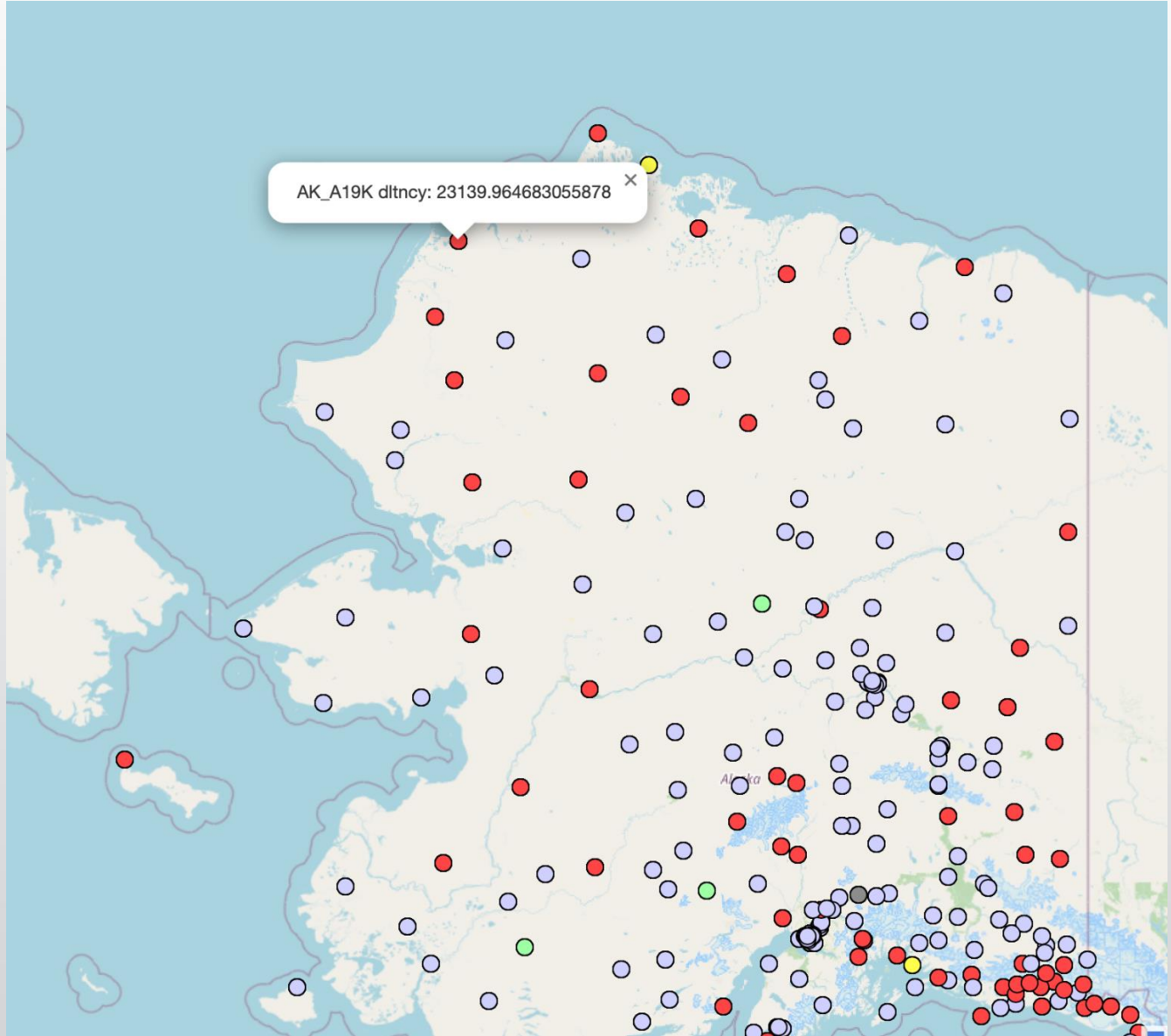
Map View

[Main Webdlmon Page](#)

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Basic Information on Click





Backend	follow-up changes to previous	3 weeks ago
Frontend	follow up to the follow up	3 weeks ago
.gitignore	remove .env from source control	4 months ago

- DOM (document object module) - representation of the HTML
- React.js can refresh certain parts of the DOM without refreshing the whole DOM or page


Workflow



- Python script running as rtexec process captures SOH packets from our primary data ORB
 - `packet_types = ('.*pf/st', 'AK_GRE.*_D0/SEED')`
- Writes data to MySQL database
 - database holds current data, not record through time
- Website backend queries MySQL database and puts data into a JSON file
 - also sends an epoch time of creation to the frontend
- Website frontend handles user requests and displays the data
 - takes epoch from backend and determines how old that epoch is in seconds
 - also does some math for latency when no new data has been received
 - refreshes every cell in table

Map Codebase



 getColor.js	brought things up to speed with main webdlmon	3 weeks ago
 index.html	improved code style and added an auto-update at 5sec ...	2 months ago
 map.js	brought things up to speed with main webdlmon	3 weeks ago
 style.css	adding files - site nearly complete	2 months ago
 webdlmon.json	adding files - site nearly complete	2 months ago

Challenges



- Standardizing for all datalogger types in use
 - which metrics to use
 - unit conversions for values
- Packet ingestion control
 - for Centaur packets
- Formatting tweaks
 - allow usability for all users as well as mobile platforms
 - time/date format for readability



Part 2: Reimagining Computer Systems

Major Change



CentOS



Ubuntu

Motivation



Upcoming EOL Dates

CentOS Stream 8 end of builds is **May 31, 2024**. CentOS Linux 7 end of life is **June 30, 2024**. Read the **information on upgrade and migration options**.

Additional Tasks



- Containerizing some functionality
 - Apache Guacamole server for remote virtual machine access
- Documenting systems in-depth
- Renaming systems
- Hands-on training and onboarding
- Updating software/dependencies
- Updating documentation for system troubleshooting

Standardized System Questionnaire

Data Flow:

1. Imports:

- a. Does the system have any NFS mounts from local systems or AWS EFS?
- b. Does it have any incoming orb2orb processes in an antelope rtexec?
- c. Does it have any other seismic data imports (esp. Carbon), such as seedlink2orb?
- d. Does it have any PDL data ingestion (e.g. for magnitudes and event locations)?
- e. Does it import any databases, either local or from AWS RDS?
- f. Does it access any SQL databases, in Butrovich or on the AWS RDS?

2. Exports:

- a. Does the system send any automatic emails?
- b. Does it send any automatic text messages?
- c. Does it do any PDL data exports?
- d. Does it export any data via seedlink?
- e. Does it have any outgoing orb2orb connections?
- f. Does it have any NFS mount exports to local systems or AWS EFS?
- g. Does it make any automatic backups (such as database backups, waveform backups, system backups, etc), and what is the process used for them?
- h. Does it host any web services (such as nginx, guacamole, etc), or have any connections to the AWS ALB?
- i. Does it host any SQL databases that are accessed from elsewhere?
- j. Does it do shakemap exports to ComCat?

Data Operations:

1. Does it run any scripts for website operation (such as waveform figures)?
2. Does it run any cron jobs, either in a system crontab or the rtexec?
3. Does it run any continuous processes in an rtexec (other than import and export)?
 - a. Is the rtexec persistent (is it run as a daemon on boot by install_boot_scripts)?

Asana Project

☰ **Production Systems Upgrades Project** ▼ ★ ○ Set status

Share Customize

- Overview
- List ...
- Board
- Gantt
- Dashboard
- Calendar
- 3 more... +

+ Add task Filter Sort Group by Hide

Task name	Assignee	Due date	+
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▼ Resources

✓ Planning OS Swaps Document			
✓ PIF			
✓ Google Drive link			
✓ Guide for using the template			
▶ ✓ System questionnaire template 6			

Add task...

▼ Sprint 3

▶ ✓ Update wiki template 1 3	Gabe Paris		
⌚ Update wiki for Webhelper to include details from wiki template	Nicholas Ale...		
✓ Include eventnames of events tin can doesn't display	Gabe Paris		

Where We're at Now



- Early stages
- Moved an 'easy' system over to production
- Created template VM
- Keeping to project scope (lots of opportunities for creep!)
- Open to thoughts/pitfalls/best practices others have come across in similar transitions



Thank you!

Questions and Thoughts?