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AI, Cloud Computing, and Software Engineering Concepts in Seismology

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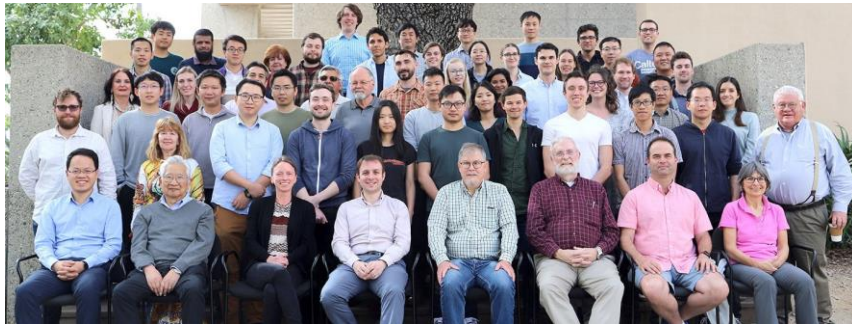


Introduction



- Ryan Tam
 - Data Scientist and Software Developer
 - Southern California Seismic Network, Caltech
 - Create working end-to-end-pipelines that process seismic data
 - Utilize the latest advances in AI algorithms (both machine learning (ML)/ deep learning (DL))
 - Cloud development with AWS
 - Previous work: disease diagnosis/computer vision

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The ML Roles I Have Fit In

Machine Learning Engineer

- Very likely to have a software engineering background
- Codes in Python, but just as comfortable in Java or C++
- Worried about things like latency and inference times
- Works with GPUs and CUDA programming
- Takes prototypes, POCs and MVPs to PRODUCTION
- Understands distributed computing and can leverage Spark using PySpark (or SparklyR for R)
- Has some DevOps background
- Is obsessed with version control



Cloud Data Scientist

- AWS, GCP, Azure
- Has certification in ML from cloud provider (optional)
- Operates primarily in their cloud ML environment (Vertex AI, SageMaker, ML Studio)
- Understands how to deploy ML solutions to an endpoint
- Can create serverless functions that interact with the ML pipeline
- Can spin up compute instances
- Understands costs of various components of cloud provider



MLOps Architect/Engineer

- Heavy DevOps background
- Spends as much time creating architecture diagrams as engineering tasks
- Works to create Infrastructure as Code (IaC) through automation
- Helps take data science workflows to production
- Python (sometimes Java if they are truly gifted)
- Usually works with a cloud platform
- Understands pipelines
- Containerization is fundamental to their workflows



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Big Data Engineer

- Likely database management or software development background
- Ninja level SQL and NoSQL skills
- Works in cloud environments (AWS, Azure, GCP)
- Understands database architecture and management
- Focused on data ingress and outgress rates



Source: Caltech CTME, Nicholas Beaudoin. AI Team Roles.pptx

Presentation Layout

- Research at Caltech Seismolab, and Earthquake Theory
- AI/Machine Learning Pipelines
- AI/Machine Learning DevOps/Software Architecture
- AI/Machine Learning Theory and Analysis



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Research at Caltech Seismological Laboratory

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SCEDC
SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA
EARTHQUAKE
DATA CENTER

The logo for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) features a green square with a white wave-like shape, followed by the text "USGS" in a bold, green, sans-serif font, and "science for a changing world" in a smaller font below it.

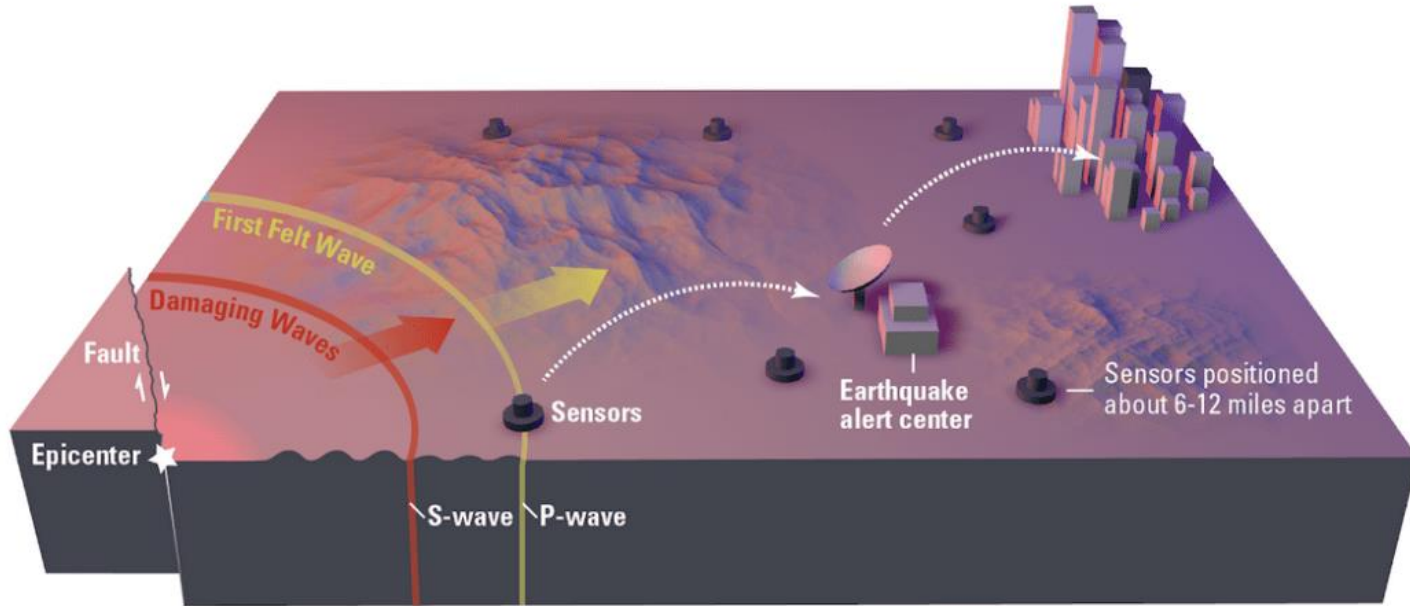
USGS
science for a changing world

Whenever a big earthquake occurs...



Source: <https://www.seismolab.caltech.edu/>

Early Earthquake Warning (EEW)

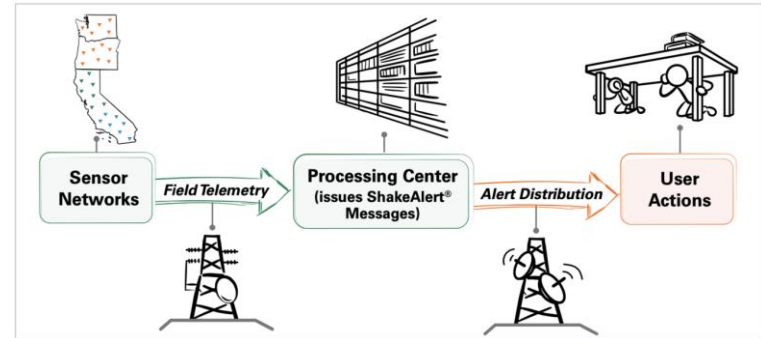
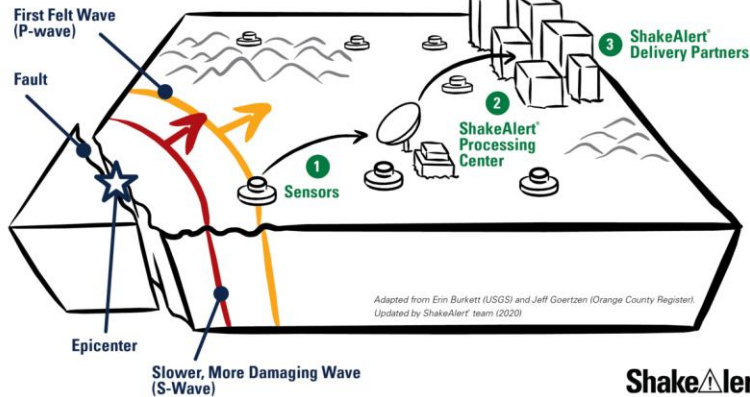


Source: <https://earthquake.ca.gov/>

EEW Alerting system - ShakeAlert

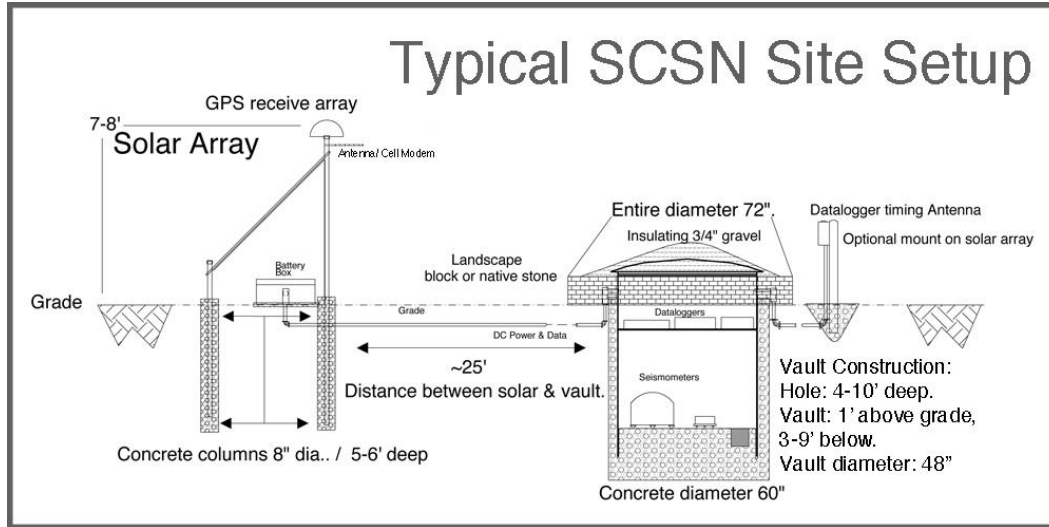
ShakeAlert® Is Not Earthquake Prediction

- 1 ShakeAlert® sensors rapidly detect an earthquake in progress.
- 2 ShakeAlert® processing centers estimate earthquake characteristics and issue a ShakeAlert® Message.
- 3 Delivery partners pick up the ShakeAlert® Message and produce an alert for people and systems.



Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/science/early-warning>

EEW – The System and The Sensors



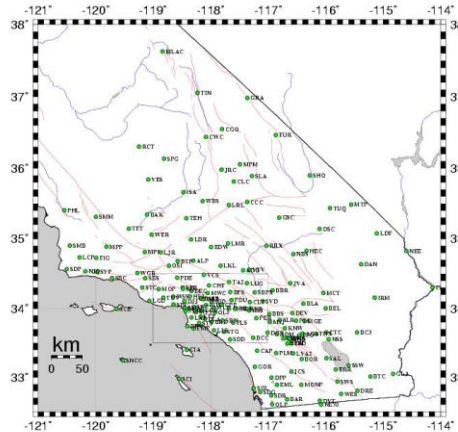
Vault under construction



Datalogger within vault



Solar array with GPS

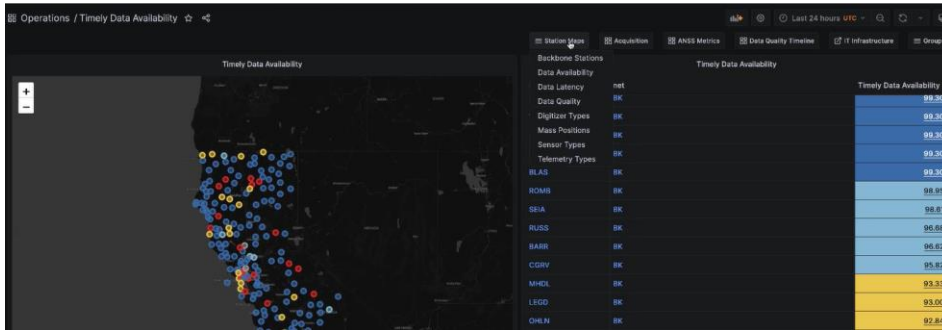


Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/science/early-warning>, <https://www.scsn.org/index.php/network/instrumentation-telemetry/index.html> 10

Telemetry

- Telemetry
 - Need reliable and fast systems for accurate real-time processing
 - Transfer data from seismic sensors, to central processing device, to end user
 - Methods include:
 - Microwave transmissions (statewide network managed by CalOES)
 - Radio signals
 - The internet
 - Telecommunication (cell phone towers)
 - Earthworm systems

Grafana Dashboards for Network Operations



This is a close-up view of the 'Data Availability' table from the dashboard. It shows a list of stations and their corresponding data availability percentages. The table is titled 'Data Availability' and has three columns: 'Station', 'Network', and 'Data Availability'. The 'Data Availability' column values are all 100.00, except for one row which is partially obscured.

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OXMT	BARD	100.00
MOUM	BARD	100.00
HOPL	BARD	100.00
FLNT	BARD	100.00
EBMD	BARD	100.00
BRI2	BARD	100.00
ALDR	BARD	100.00



Network



Stations



Data Quality



ANSS Metrics



EEW Performance



IT Infrastructure

- **SOURCE:** Julien Marty, et al. UC Berkeley Seismology Lab. “A Consolidated Solution for Monitoring BSL’s Operational Systems”.

ShakeMaps of large earthquakes

NC 75095651 Cape Mendocino, California Earthquake
 7.0 km depth

Provide additional details

What was your situation during the earthquake?

- Not specified
- Inside a building
- Outside a building
- In a stopped vehicle
- In a moving vehicle
- Other

Please describe

If you were inside a building, what floor were you on?

- Not specified
- Underground
- Ground floor
- 2nd Floor
- 3rd Floor
- Other

ShakeMap

Felt Report - Tell Us!

0 1 6 0 5 3

Responses

Contribute to citizen science. Please [tell us](#) about your experience.

Citizen Scientist Contributions

Did You Feel It? VIII

Community Internet Intensity Map

Contributed by US⁷

Origin

Review Status: REVIEWED

Magnitude: 7.0 mw

Depth: 10.0 km

Time: 2024-12-05 18:44:21 UTC

Contributed by NC⁵

Moment Tensor

Fault Plane Solution

Contributed by US⁷

Tsunami

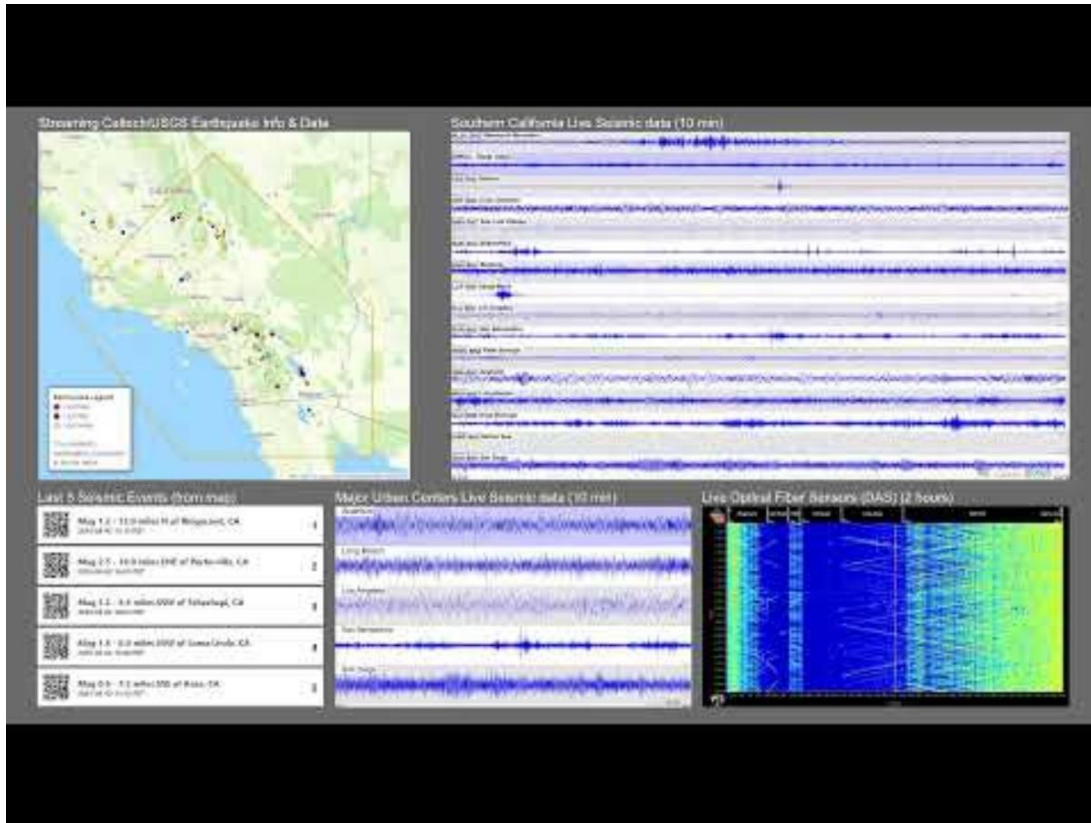
U.S. To view advis... event [https://](#)

SHAKING	None	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
DAMAGE	None	None	None	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/heavy	Heavy	Very heavy
PGA(%g)	<0.0464	0.297	2.76	6.2	11.5	21.5	40.1	74.7	>139
PGV(cm/s)	<0.0215	0.135	1.41	4.65	9.64	20	41.4	85.8	>178
INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based on Worden et al. (2012) Version 6: Processed 2024-12-06T00:11:03Z
 Δ Seismic Instrument ○ Reported Intensity ★ Epicenter

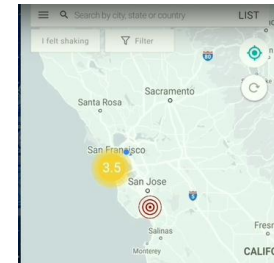
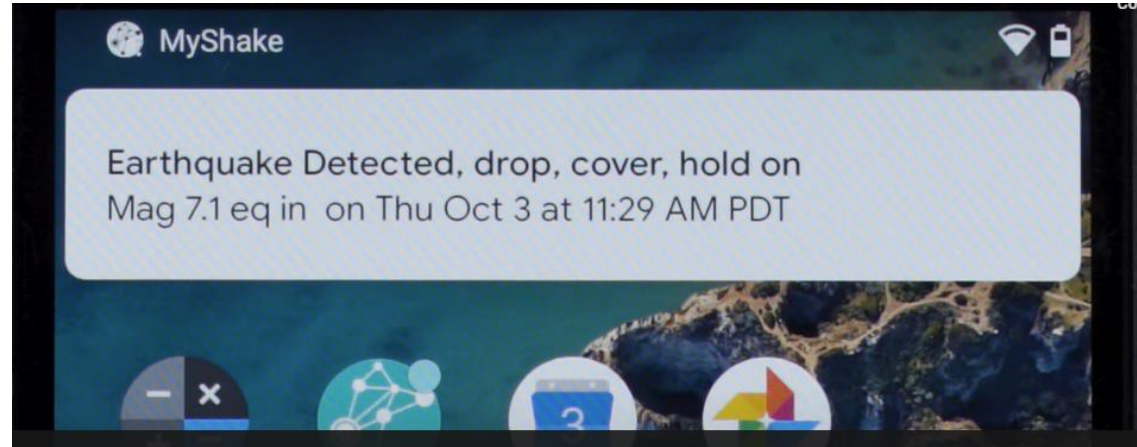
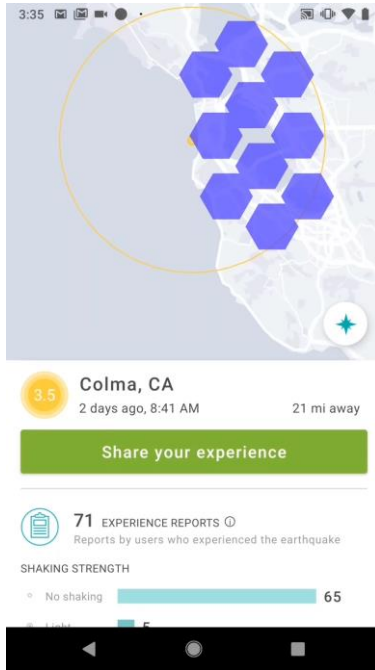
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Caltech/USGS SCSN Live Seismic Network Live Data Streams

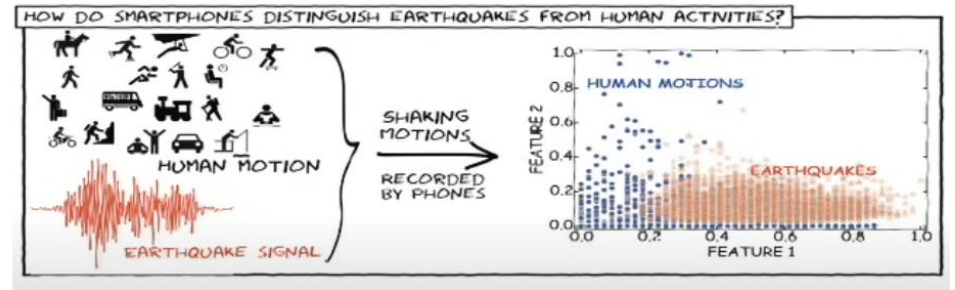
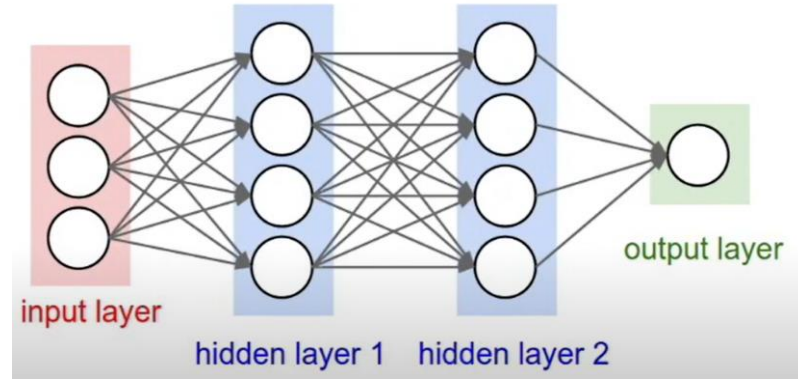
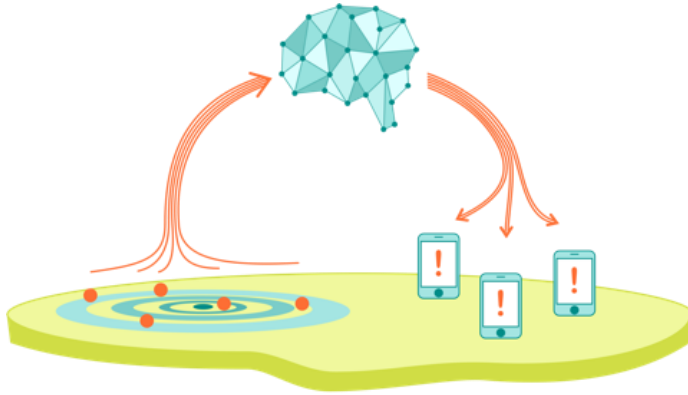


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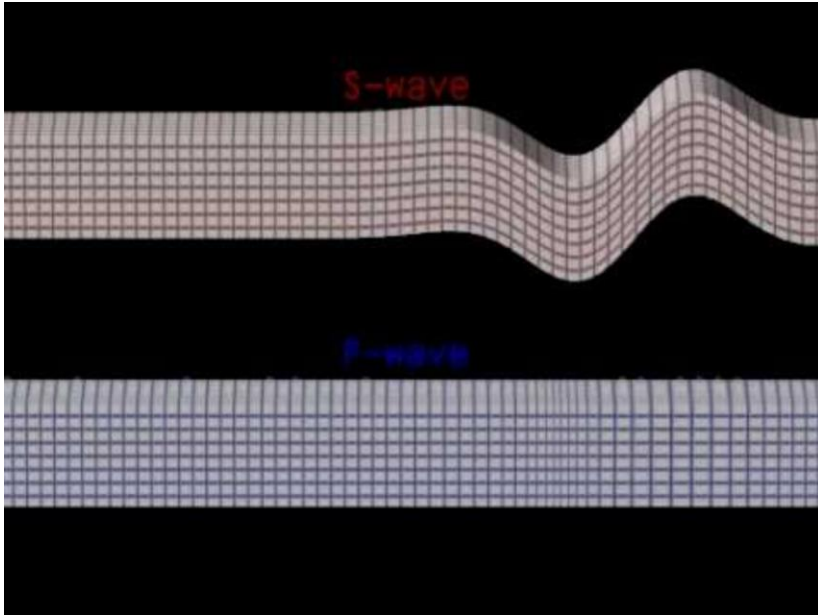
The MyShake App



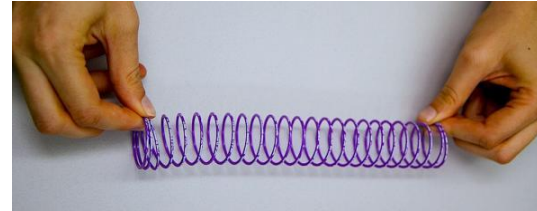
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Earthquake Terminology

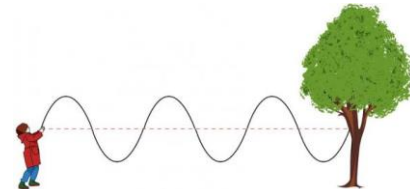


- Seismic Waves
- P waves
- S waves



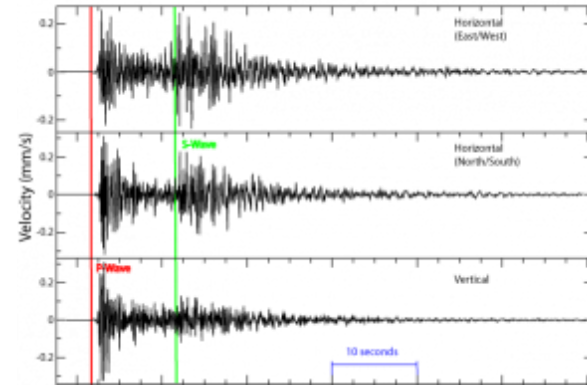
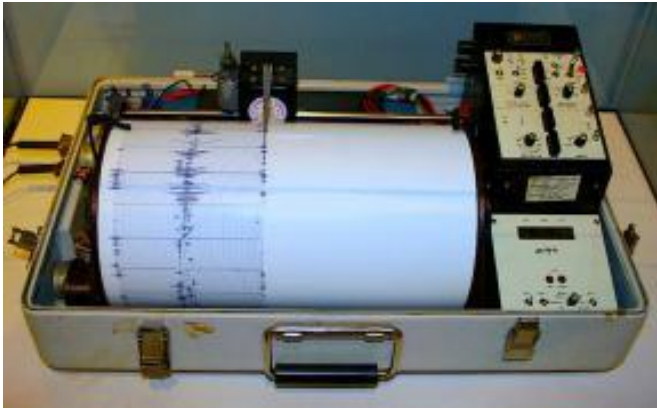
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SOURCE: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/exploringourfluidearth/physical/ocean-floor/layers-earth/compare-contrast-connect-seismic-waves-and-determining-earth-structure#:~:text=P%20waves%20can%20travel%20through,resulting%20S%20and%20P%20waves.&text=SF%20Fig.,-7.4>



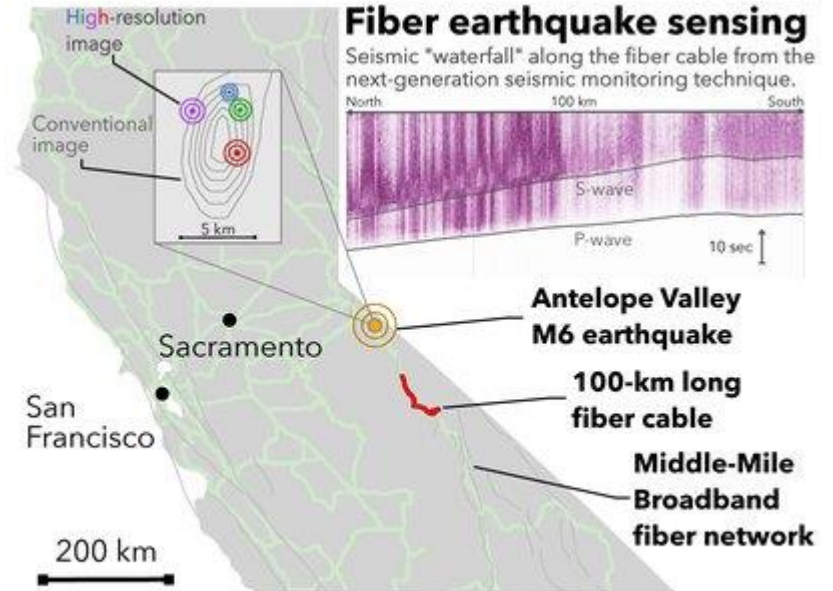
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- **Seismometers** - measure ground vibrations relative to a stationary instrument.



DAS

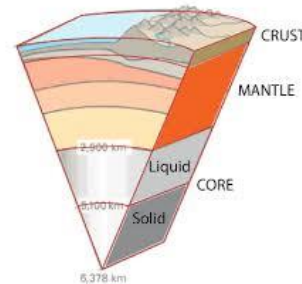
- “Distributed Acoustic Sensing”
 - Zhongwen Zhan
 - Emerging technology for earthquake monitoring and subsurface imaging
 - Thousands of miles of fiber optic cables crisscross CA to provide internet, but they can also sense earthquakes.
 - Repurposing fiber optic cables is a simple way to drastically expand our ability to measure seismic activity by producing a dense network of makeshift seismometers
 - Saves \$\$\$, longer sensing ranges
 - Unprecedented channel spacing of meters compared with tens-of-kilometers spacing of seismic networks.
 - Improved understanding of earthquake physics → Better earthquake early-warning systems.



SOURCE: <https://www.caltech.edu/about/news/fiber-optic-cables-detect-and-characterize-earthquakes>

DAS

- “Distributed Acoustic Sensing”
 - Fiber optic cables made up of many individual fiber strands
 - The DAS system monitors seismic signals across 10K different channels by sending laser pulses of light and observing how the light deforms in the case of seismic activity.
 - Provide high-resolution results at low cost to study the earth’s structure deep beneath the surface, at the boundary of the crust and mantle.
 - Can also provide insights in areas where traditional seismic networks are sparse

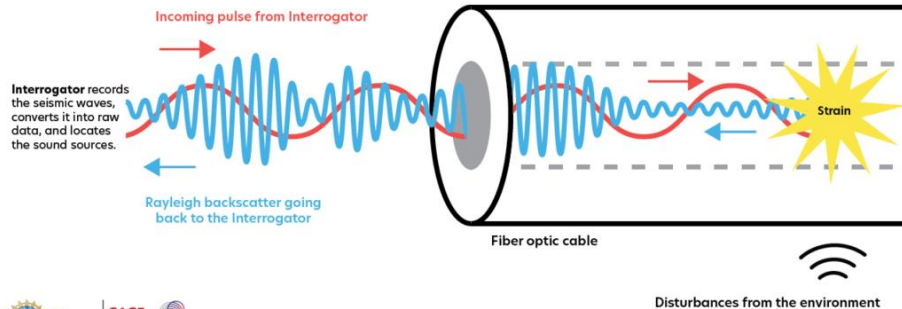


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DAS

- **DAS** long fiber optic cable – a long wire with many microphones attached to it.
- Interrogator sends repeated pulses of light to the cable.

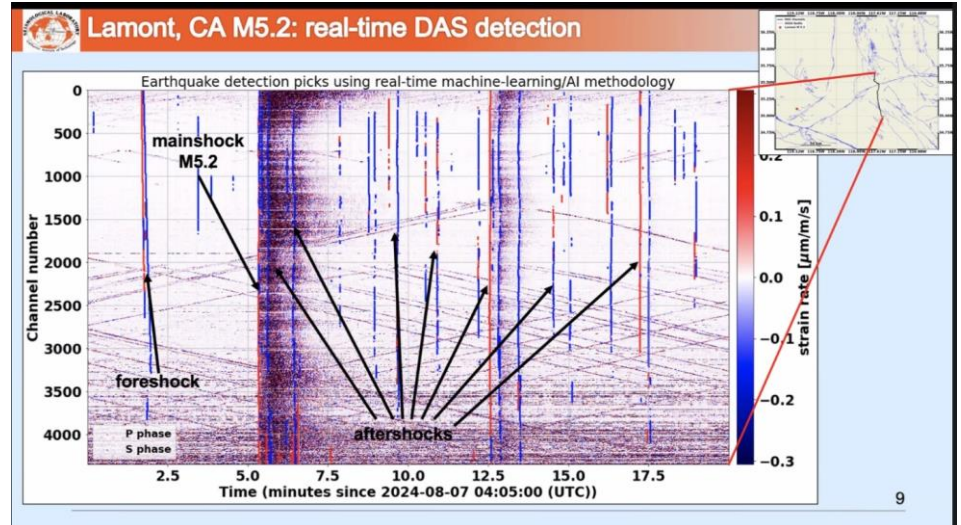

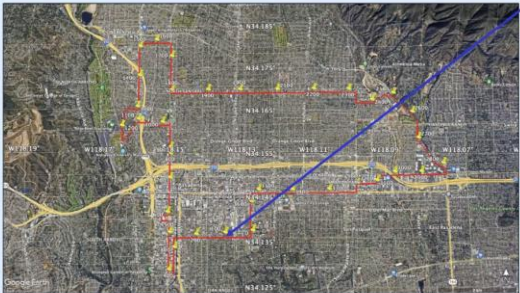
Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)



DAS

CalOES-supported DAS instrument

Distributed Acoustic Sensing instrument currently being tested and calibrated on a Pasadena fiber
Started recording data on August 20, 2024





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AI/Machine Learning at Caltech Seismological Laboratory

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Motivation

- Earthquake monitoring systems, current state:
 - Use standard algorithms
 - Run software on local servers
 - Output earthquake products: Event origins, focal mechanisms, moment tensors, ShakeMaps, waveforms.
 - Robust but dated system in need of modernization

Motivation

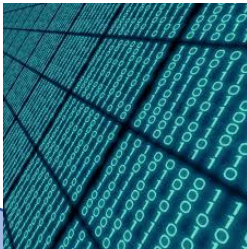
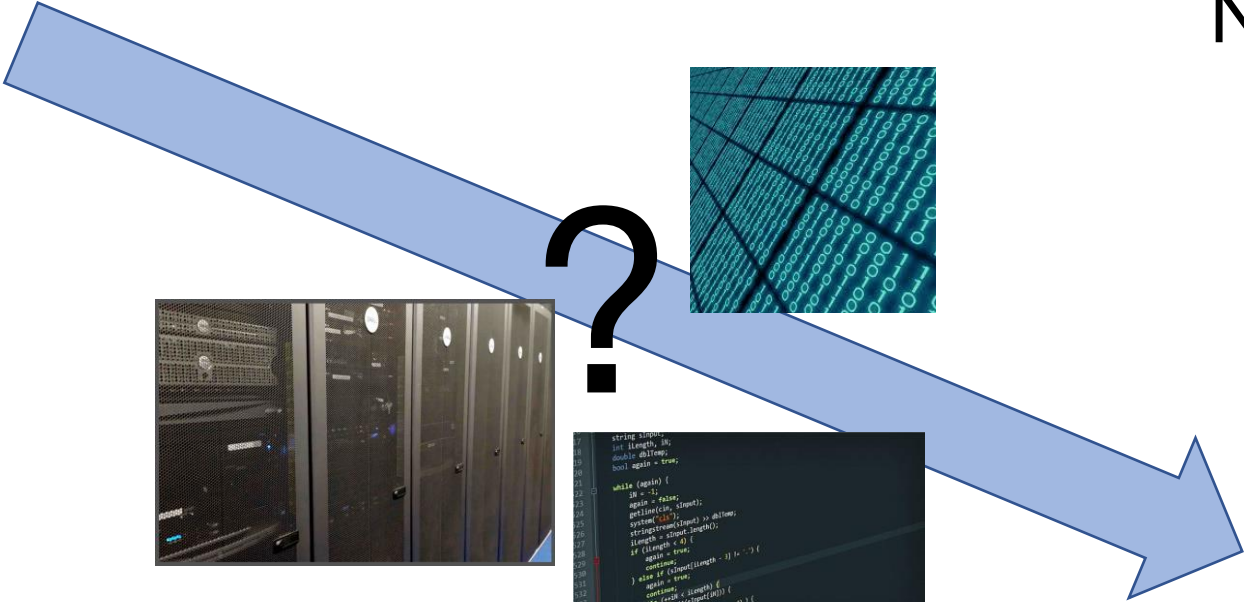
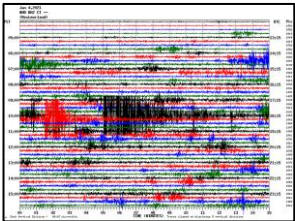
- We at the SCSN:
 - Use AI-powered models
 - Incorporate cloud-native services
 - Docker
 - Serverless computing
 - Infrastructure as code
 - Be the leader in developing this sort of system that other networks might be motivated to adopt.

End Use Cases

- Augment humans in analyzing earthquakes
 - Find lower magnitude earthquakes that timers might miss
 - Also finding earthquakes that standard algorithms might also miss
 - As the ML models get fine-tuned, generates a SCSN “alternate catalog” that other researchers might want to download.
 - Have the ability to run AI-powered models on both realtime and replayed time-series data.

Earthquake Monitoring in Regional Seismic Network

Continuous
seismic data



```

1 string line;
2 int length;
3 double dtime;
4 bool again = true;
5
6 while (again) {
7     int i = 1;
8     again = false;
9     getline(cin, line);
10    system("ls");
11    stringstream(line) >> dtime;
12    string temp(line);
13    length = temp.length();
14    if (length < 4) {
15        again = true;
16        continue;
17    } else if (dtime.length - 1) != '?' {
18        again = true;
19        continue;
20    } while (length < 10000) {
21        continue;
22        if (length == length) {
23            while (length < 10000) {
24                continue;
25                if ((length - 1) != '?') {
26                    continue;
27                }
28            }
29        }
30    }
31    }
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34    }
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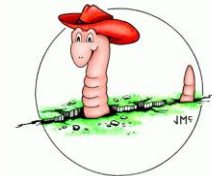
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Earthquake
catalog



Source of images: Clara Yoon, USGS

Earthquake Monitoring Workflow in Regional Seismic Network



INPUT:
Continuous seismic data

Software: AQMS*/Earthworm

- Real-time, automatic earthquake information
- Thoroughly tested, well-tuned over 20+ years

Detect

**Pick P, S phases;
Polarity**

Each station

Associate

Locate

hypoinverse

Magnitude

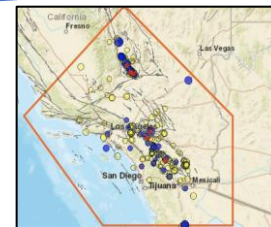
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HASH/TMTS

**Focal Mechanism/
Moment Tensor**

Multiple stations; each event

OUTPUT:
Earthquake catalog



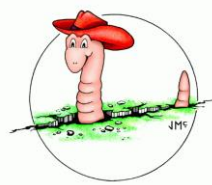
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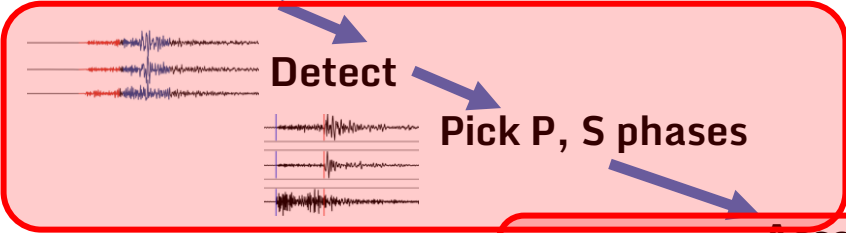
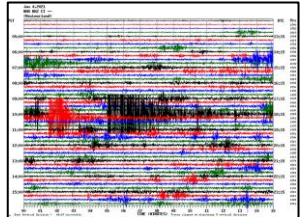
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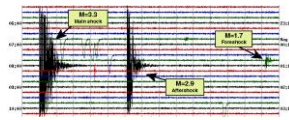
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Machine (Deep) Learning Phase Pickers



Machine Learning Associator



Magnitude *trimag*



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Earthquake Monitoring Workflow



Munchmeyer et al. (2022)
Woollam et al. (2022)

Continuous seismic data

Detect

EQTransformer (Mousavi et al., 2020)
PhaseNet (Zhu and Beroza, 2019)
GPD (Ross et al., 2018)

**Pick P, S phases;
Polarity**

Associate

PhaseLink (Ross et al., 2019)
GAmmA (Zhu et al., 2022)

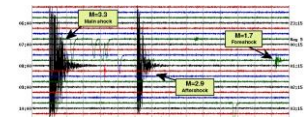
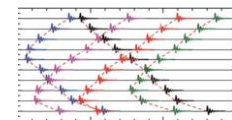
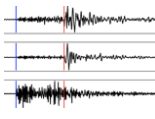
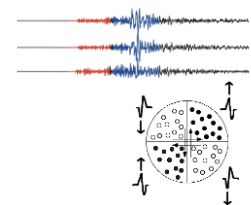
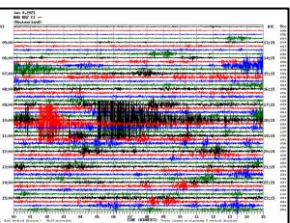
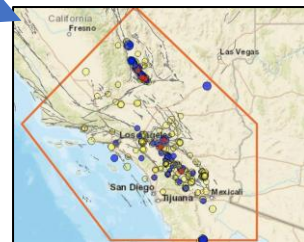
Locate

**Alternative location, magnitude,
mechanism algorithms; velocity
models**

Magnitude

**Focal Mechanism /
Moment Tensor**

Compare earthquake catalogs
before putting into production **Earthquake
catalog**



Retailleau et al. (2022)

Data request

- RGCCS
- RAGDS
- YTHZ
- KNKL
- PHO2
- MTSR
- R1EE2

30 s window (15 s overlap)
Seedlink, WaveServerV
FDSN datasetselect, disk files

Preprocessing **PhaseWorm** ↓ □ ★

Phasenet
Phase identification and picking

Picks extraction and files

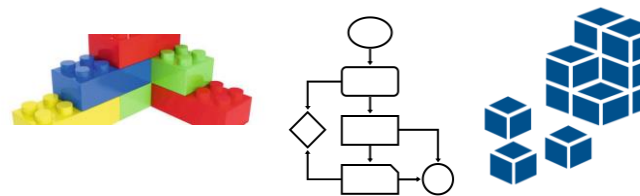
Earthworm
Association of picks from all stations
Event identification
Location

Quakes2AWS: A Modern Earthquake Monitoring Workflow

Cloud-native, serverless
scalable, available on-demand

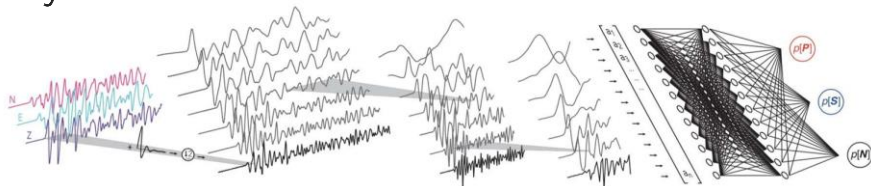


Modular architecture
easily swap/test algorithms

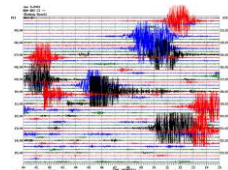


Deep learning models
latest scientific

PyTorch



Real-time and archive data
other types of data?



*AWS = Amazon Web Services



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AI/Machine Learning DevOps/Software Architecture, Quakes2AWS

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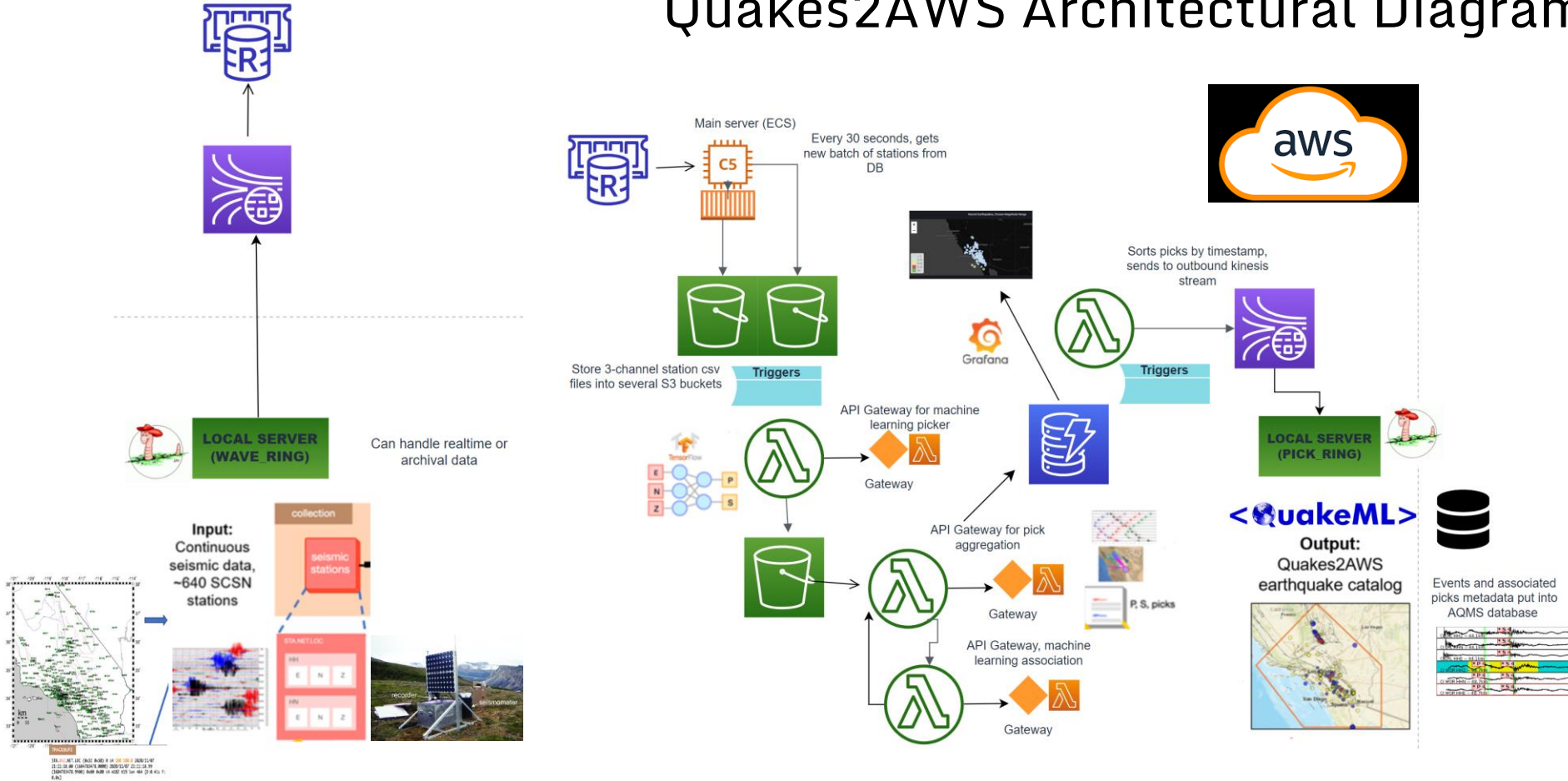
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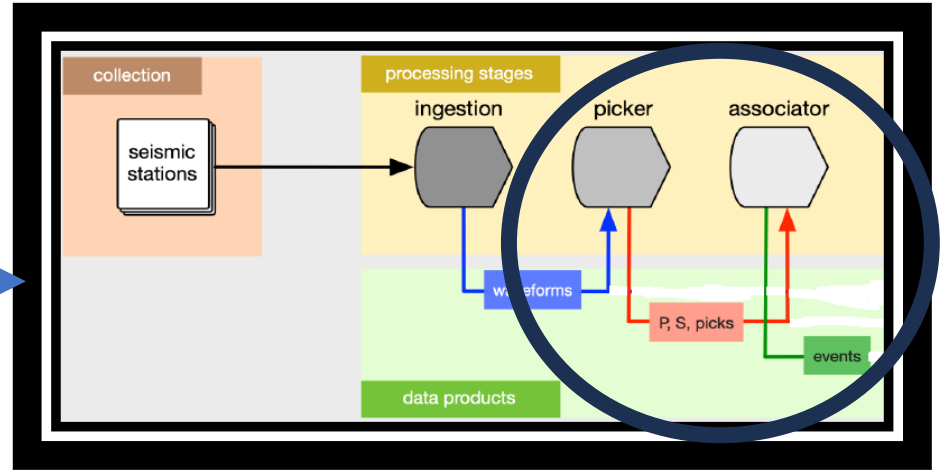
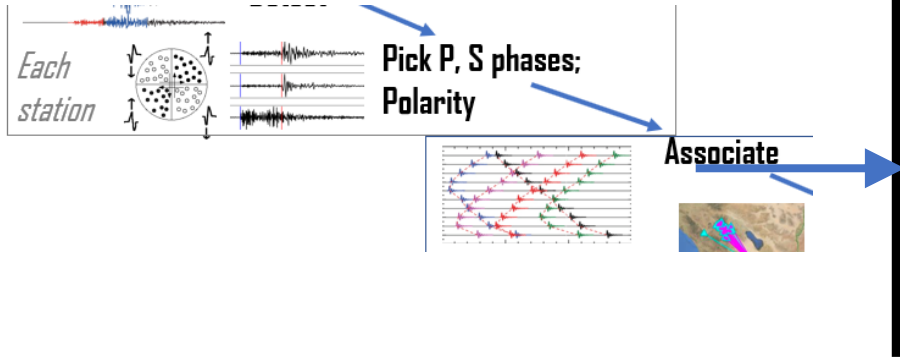
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USGS
science for a changing world

Quakes2AWS Architectural Diagram



Quakes2AWS pipeline, at a high level

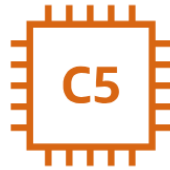


DevOps: Infrastructure As Code



aws

**Cloud
Development
Kit**



Terraform code

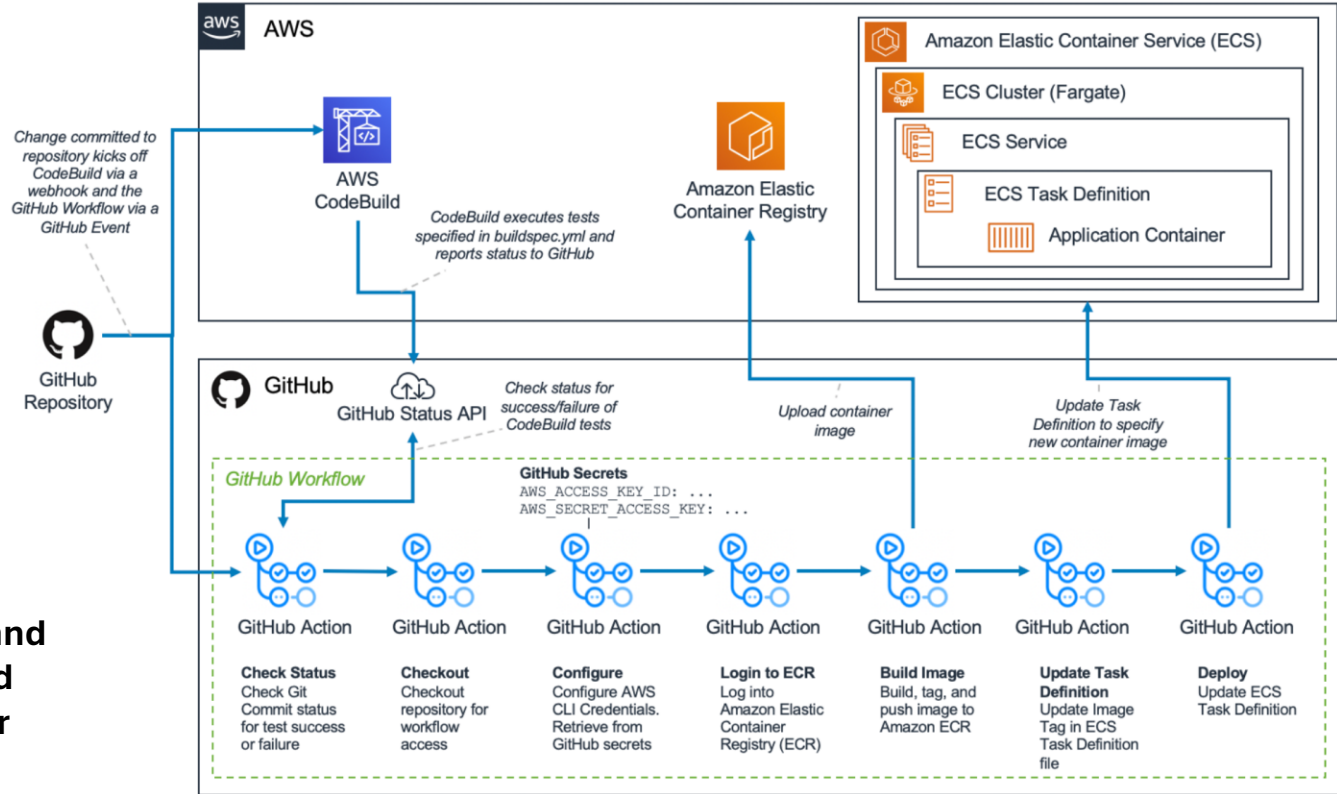


DevOps: AWS CDK

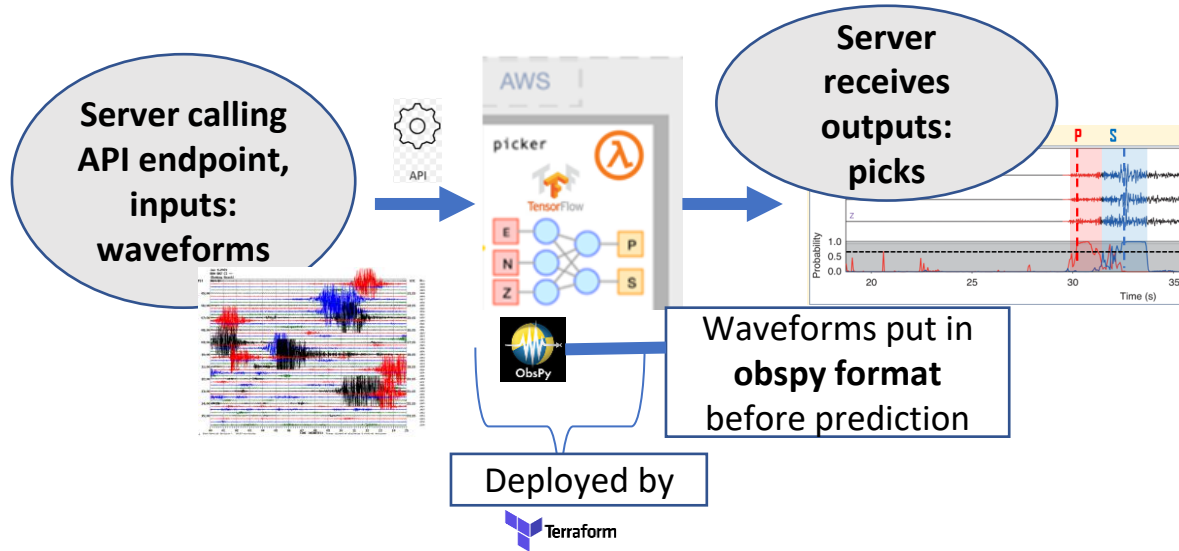


- Github Actions
- Github Secrets
- AWS CDK
- AWS Codebuild
- AWS ECR (and Docker)
- AWS ECS
- Fargate Cluster

Deploys cluster for waveform acquisition and aggregation in the cloud in a realtime setting, for 500+ stations.

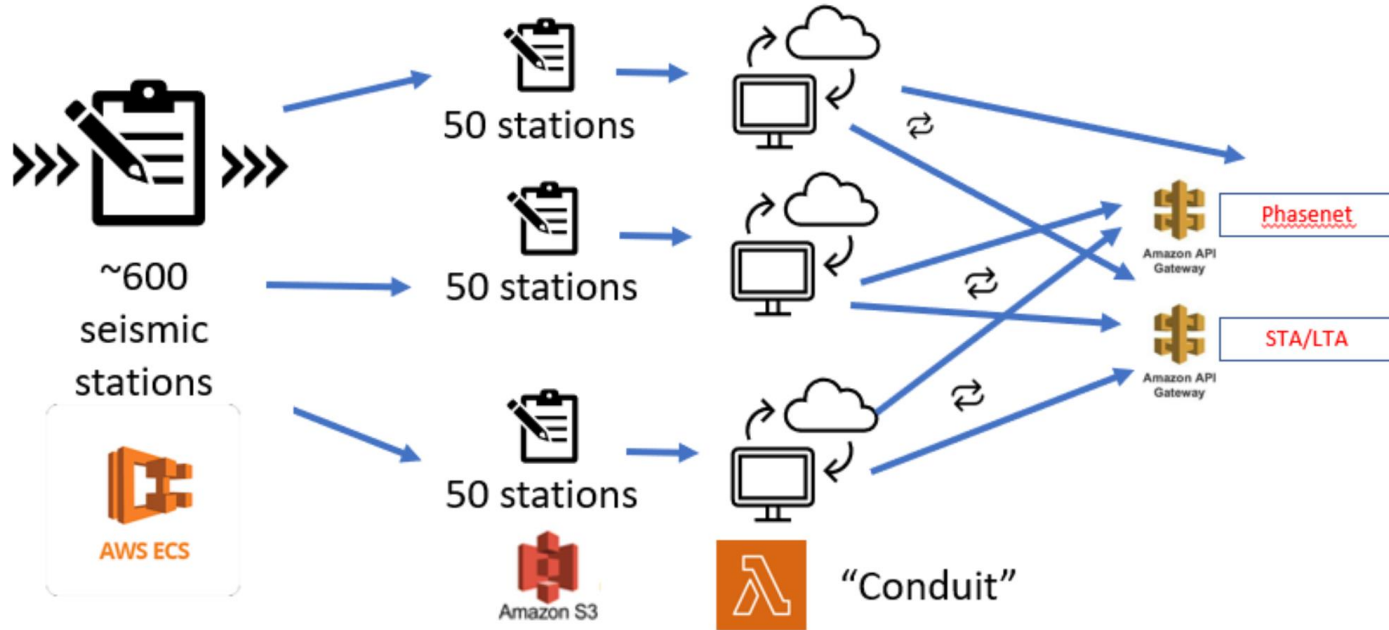


The internals of an AWS Deep Learning Picker API Call:



- **Serverless lambda function**

Batch Processing with AI Picker Algorithm



DevOps: Cost Engineering and Troubleshooting

```
2020-11-12T09:58:36.115-08:00    Dumped json
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2020-11-12T09:58:36.115-08:00    <class 'str'>
```

Service	Apr-08*
Total costs	\$51.01
Relational Database Service	\$14.38
Kinesis	\$10.44
Elastic Load Balancing	\$7.74
ElastiCache	\$4.90
EC2-Other	\$3.05
VPC	\$2.88



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AI in Postprocessing

Ryan Tam

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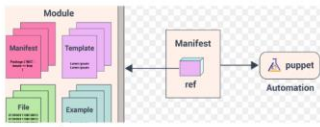
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Incorporating Machine Learning Algorithms into SCSN's Operational Monitoring

- Motivation and Use Case:
 - **Operations**
 - Create a production system to enhance routine seismic monitoring operations
 - Reduce analyst workload, helping with backlog review.
 - **Seismology**
 - Analyze the efficacy of our machine learning picker, see if it improves the phase picks and locations of small magnitude events ($M < 3$) before analyst review.



Query new events or triggers from pySTP

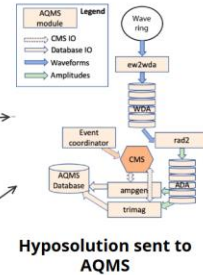
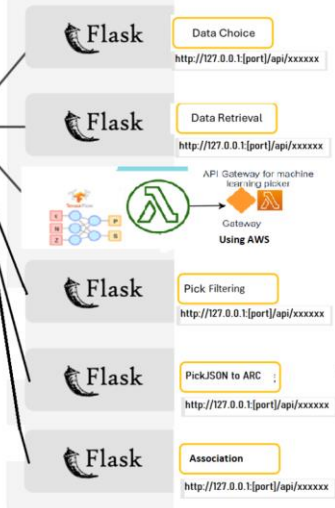
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# 1. Download data from the SCEDC
# 2. Filter for earthquakes
# 3. Download waveform data
# 4. Process waveforms
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# 6. Filter amplitudes
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```

Master script

list of EVIDs



Goes to duty review page for analysts to confirm

Incorporating Machine Learning Algorithms into SCSN's Operational Monitoring

- Similarities to Quakes2AWS:
 - Both utilize AI for earthquake picking, detection and classification
 - **Both aim to enhance routine seismic monitoring operations and reduce analyst workload**
 - Modular system
 - Designed to easily implement new pickers or associators

Incorporating Machine Learning Algorithms into SCSN's Operational Monitoring

- The events from the HypoPN or st-proc pipeline can go to our Duty Review Page, where our analysts can verify them or flag them, by analyzing event metadata or associated picks in the waveforms:

rift.gps.caltech.edu/review/

CL BLY BHZ -- 88.7km
Snapshot made: November 21, 2024 00:06:05 UTC

E-Mail Message>> [View Text](#) [Edit & Send](#)

[Scaled View of 40797367](#) (stations with picks rescaled to show background noise)
[Archived GIF files for event 40797367](#)
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Event History:

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40797367	1.8	Ml	625	15	0.41	CISNmL2	Gamm 2024/11/20 23:08:16	33.378	-114.820	0.0	0	0.00	360	qb	L	A	2024/11/20 23:15:11			(105789581/10922)
40797367	2.3	Ml	625	17	0.46	CISNmL2	Gamm 2024/11/20 23:08:16	33.378	-114.820	0.0	0	0.00	360	qb	L	A	2024/11/20 23:16:42			(105789581/10922)
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Incorporating Machine Learning Algorithms into SCSN's Operational Monitoring

- **Results**

- Showed the machine learning picker produced more S picks with somewhat better accuracy, leading to more accurate automatic location estimates.
- **Reduced time for backlog review**
 - Our analysts were able to finalize automatic origins for roughly half the remaining events using the picker.
- **Get more events into the catalog faster, especially when seismicity rates are high.**
 - The ST-proc pipeline was able to detect 60-70% of events in triggers, with most having good locations and a low false event rate.
 - Reduces analyst work



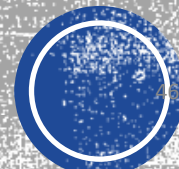
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AI/Machine Learning Theory and Analysis

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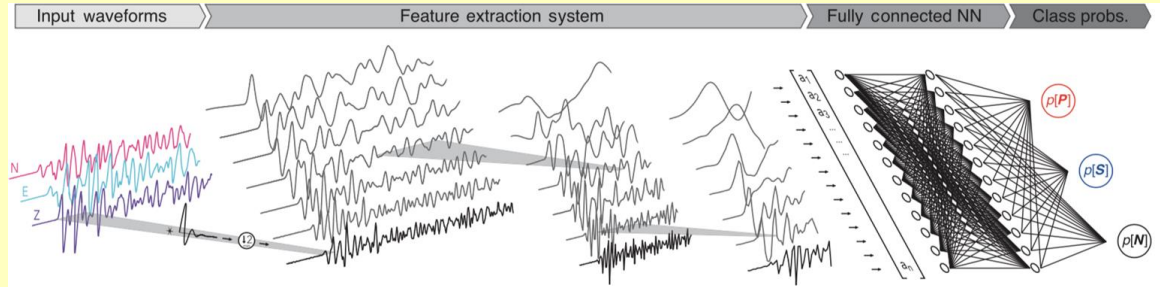
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Step 1: Train deep learning picker model

- Model learns from large training data set of seismograms with known labels:
- Probability (P, S, noise) at each time sample

Training data:
1.5 million P,
1.5 million S,
1.5 million noise
seismograms,
Southern California

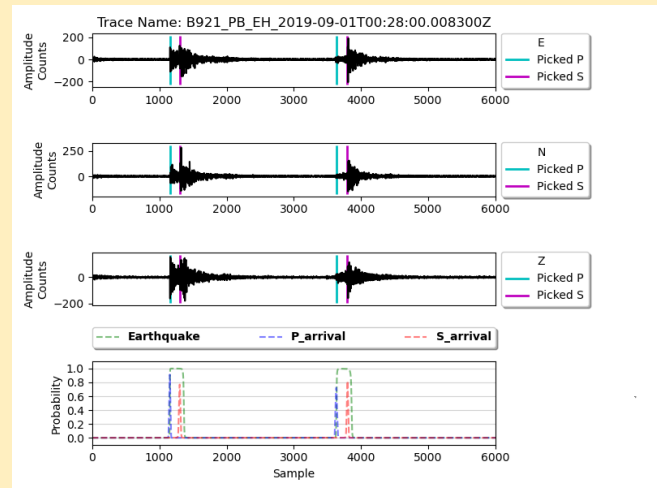
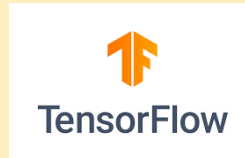


Step 2: Apply deep learning picker model

- Apply on 30-second windows of 3-component continuous seismic data
- Detect earthquake, pick P & S arrivals, if probability ≥ 0.6

We use: **Phasenet model**

Updated from Zhu et al. 2018, BSSA



The Phasenet Picker

- **U-net architecture (Ronneberger et al, 2015)**
 - Used in biomedical image processing to localize image properties.
- **Utilizes tensorflow**
- Localizes properties of our time series into three classes: P picks, S picks, and noise.
- Input:
 - Three-component seismograms of known earthquakes.
- Output:
 - Probability distributions of P wave, S wave, and noise

The Phasenet Picker Architecture

- Tensorflow
- U-net architecture (Ronneberger et al, 2015)

- **Input:** 3-component seismograms
- **Feature learning and classification**
- **Properties:**

Each stage: *Convolution, ReLu activation layers.*

Skip connection exists at each depth, connecting left and right layers without going through deeper layers. U-net structure improves convergence with deeper model design (combines feature/spatial information)

Downsampling: Shrinks useful information of seismic data to a few neurons.

Upsampling: Expands data and converts to probability distributions of P wave, S wave and noise for each time point. Done using softmax normalized exponential function.

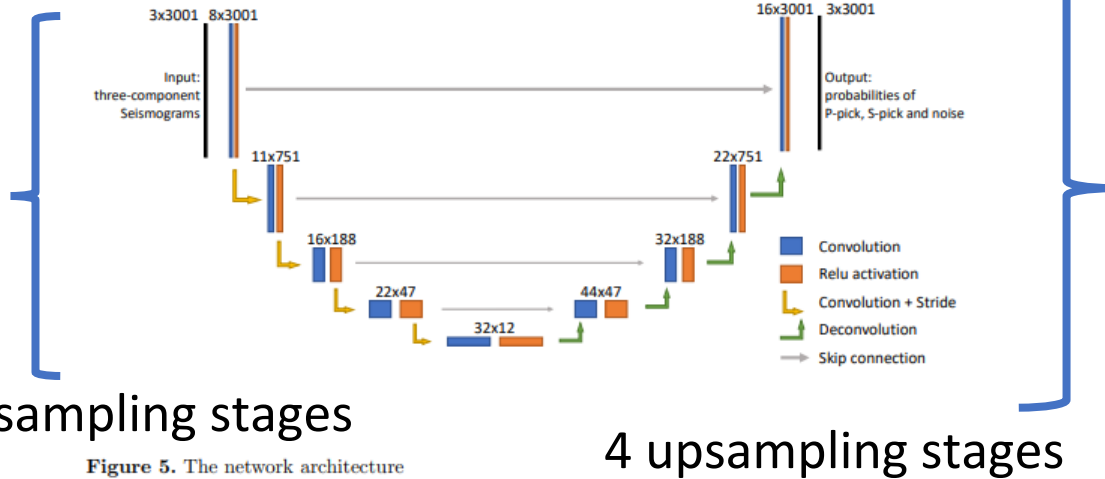


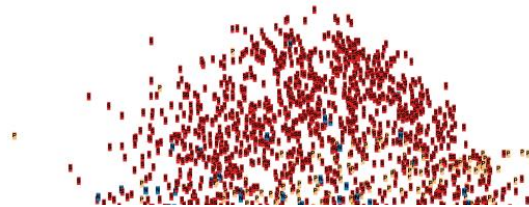
Figure 5. The network architecture

4 downsampling stages

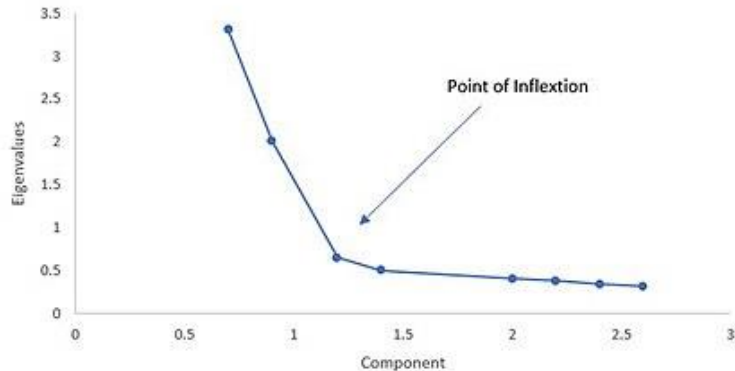
4 upsampling stages

Source: 2018, Zhu. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1803.03211>

PCA visualization for Phasenet data analysis



Scree Plot



- “Principal component analysis”
 - Done on the input data:
 - P picks
 - S picks
 - noise
- Highly correlated variables are reduced to an independent set.
- Data linearly transformed to new coordinate system, so directions capturing largest variation are identified.
 - $L=3$; 3D plane where clusters most spread out and thus visible

Source: 2018, Zhu. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1803.03211>

The Phasenet Picker: Model Development Code

Define a `model.py`

✓ `class ModelConfig:`

```
batch_size = 20
depths = 5
filters_root = 8
kernel_size = [7, 1]
pool_size = [4, 1]
dilation_rate = [1, 1]
class_weights = [1.0, 1.0, 1.0]
loss_type = "cross_entropy"
weight_decay = 0.0
optimizer = "adam"
momentum = 0.9
learning_rate = 0.01
decay_step = 1e9
decay_rate = 0.9
drop_rate = 0.0
summary = True
```

`class UNet:`

```
def __init__(self, config=ModelConfig(), input_batch=None, mode='train'):
    self.depths = config.depths
    self.filters_root = config.filters_root
    self.kernel_size = config.kernel_size
    self.dilation_rate = config.dilation_rate
    self.pool_size = config.pool_size
    self.X_shape = config.X_shape
    self.Y_shape = config.Y_shape
    self.n_channel = config.n_channel
    self.n_class = config.n_class
    self.class_weights = config.class_weights
    self.batch_size = config.batch_size
    self.loss_type = config.loss_type
    self.weight_decay = config.weight_decay
    self.optimizer = config.optimizer
    self.learning_rate = config.learning_rate
    self.decay_step = config.decay_step
    self.decay rate = config.decay rate
```

The Phasenet Picker: Model Development Code

The **model.py** layers defined, defining the downsampling and upsampling layers:

```
class UNet:
    def add_prediction_op(self):
        # down sample layers
        convs = [None] * self.depths # store output of each depth

        with tf.compat.v1.variable_scope("Input"):
            net = self.X
            net = tf.compat.v1.layers.conv2d(net,
                filters=self.filters_root,
                kernel_size=self.kernel_size,
                activation=None,
                padding='same',
                dilation_rate=self.dilation_rate,
                kernel_initializer=self.initializer,
                kernel_regularizer=self.regularizer,
                name="input_conv")

            net = tf.compat.v1.layers.batch_normalization(net,
                training=self.is_training,
                name="input_bn")

            net = tf.nn.relu(net,
                name="input_relu")
            # net = tf.nn.dropout(net, self.keep_prob)
            net = tf.compat.v1.layers.dropout(net,
                rate=self.drop_rate,
                training=self.is_training,
                name="input_dropout")
```

```
# up layers
for depth in range(self.depths - 2, -1, -1):
    with tf.compat.v1.variable_scope("UpConv_%d" % depth):
        filters = int(2**(depth) * self.filters_root)
        net = tf.compat.v1.layers.conv2d_transpose(net,
            filters=filters,
            kernel_size=self.kernel_size,
            strides=self.pool_size,
            activation=None,
            use_bias=False,
            padding="same",
            kernel_initializer=self.initializer,
            kernel_regularizer=self.regularizer,
            name="up_conv0_{}".format(depth+1))

        net = tf.compat.v1.layers.batch_normalization(net,
            training=self.is_training,
            name="up_bn0_{}".format(depth + 1))

        net = tf.nn.relu(net,
            name="up_relu0_{}".format(depth+1))
        net = tf.compat.v1.layers.dropout(net,
            rate=self.drop_rate,
            training=self.is_training,
            name="up_dropout0_{}".format(depth + 1))
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```
#skip connection
net = crop_and_concat(convs[depth], net)
#net = crop_only(convs[depth], net)

# Output Map
with tf.compat.v1.variable_scope("Output"):
    net = tf.compat.v1.layers.conv2d(net,
        filters=self.n_class,
        kernel_size=(1,1),
        activation=None,
        padding='same',
        #dilation_rate=self.dilation_rate,
        kernel_initializer=self.initializer,
        kernel_regularizer=self.regularizer,
        name="output_conv")
```

The Phasenet Picker: Model Development Code

For **training**: Define an **train.py** that imports the UNet class

```
from model import ModelConfig, Unet  
import tensorflow as tf
```

Read in the data and reference it:

```
with tf.compat.v1.name_scope('Input_Batch'):  
    dataset = data_reader.dataset(args.batch_size, shuffle=True).repeat()  
    batch = tf.compat.v1.data.make_one_shot_iterator(dataset).get_next()  
    if data_reader_valid is not None:  
        dataset_valid = data_reader_valid.dataset(args.batch_size, shuffle=False).repeat()  
        valid_batch = tf.compat.v1.data.make_one_shot_iterator(dataset_valid).get_next()
```

Then train on it:

```
for epoch in range(args.epochs):  
    progressbar = tqdm(range(0, data_reader.num_data, args.batch_size), desc="{}: epoch {}".format(log_d  
    for _ in progressbar:  
        loss_batch, _, _ = sess.run([model.loss, model.train_op, model.global_step],  
                                   feed_dict={model.drop_rate: args.drop_rate, model.is_training: True})  
        train_loss(loss_batch)
```

The Phasenet Picker: Model Development Code

For prediction, loading a trained model: Define an `app.py` that imports the UNet class

from model import ModelConfig, UNet

```
# load model
model = UNet(mode="pred")
sess_config = tf.compat.v1.ConfigProto()
sess_config.gpu_options.allow_growth = True

sess = tf.compat.v1.Session(config=sess_config)
saver = tf.compat.v1.train.Saver(tf.compat.v1.global_variables())
init = tf.compat.v1.global_variables_initializer()
sess.run(init)

latest_check_point = tf.train.latest_checkpoint(f"{PROJECT_ROOT}/model/190703-214543")
print(f"restoring model {latest_check_point}")
saver.restore(sess, latest_check_point)

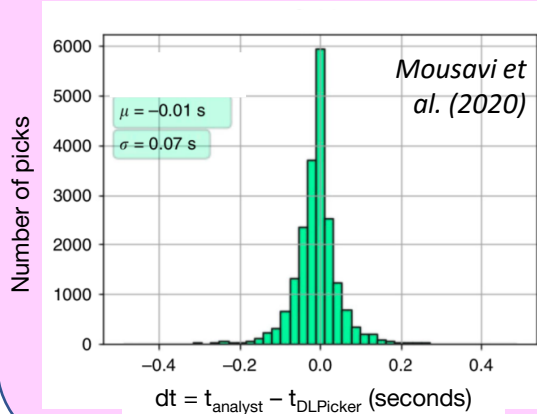
feed = {model.X: vec, model.drop_rate: 0, model.is_training: False}
preds = sess.run(model.preds, feed_dict=feed)

picks = extract_picks(preds, station_ids=data.id, begin_times=data.timestamp, waveforms=vec_raw)
```

Verifying the efficacy of pick prediction of the DL Picker

Pick Quality Metrics (ground truth: analyst picks)

Pick Time Residual



μ (mean),
 σ (standard deviation) of distribution; separate for P, S picks

Ideally $\mu = \sigma = 0$;
lower values better

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

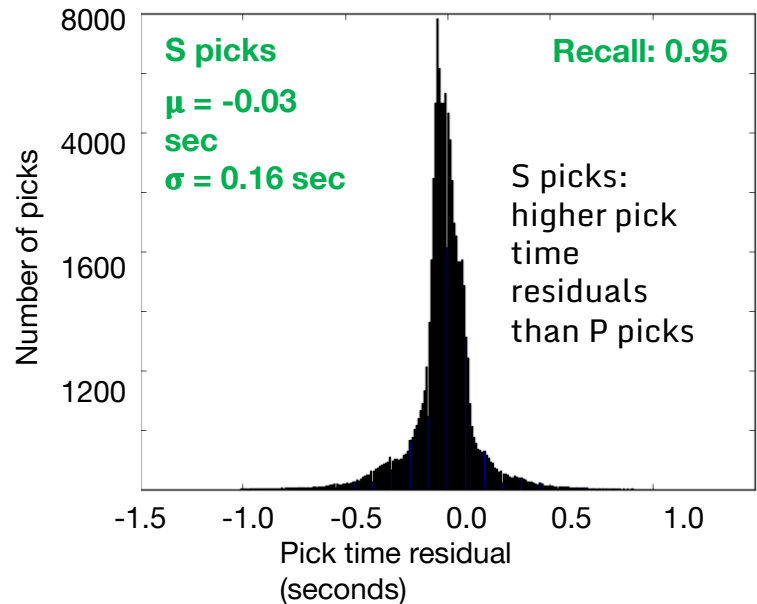
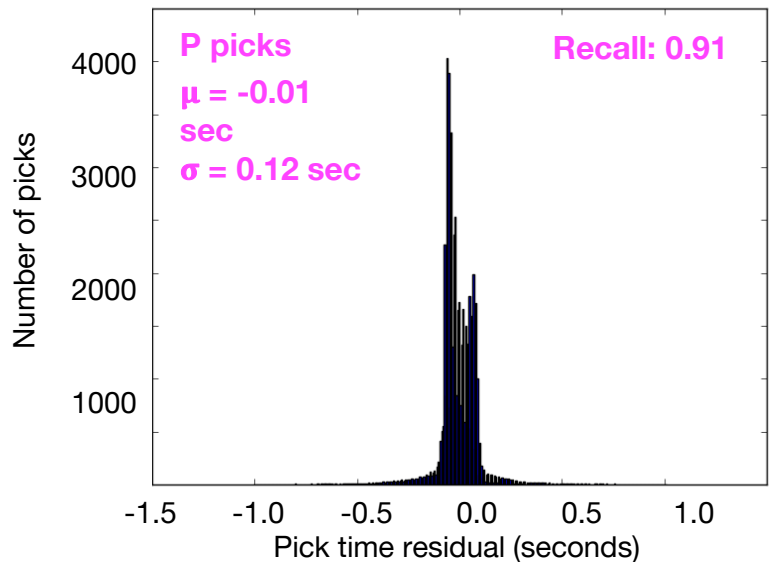
True Positive (TP): Pick matches analyst pick within 1 second

False Negative (FN): No pick within 1 second of analyst pick; ideally FN=0

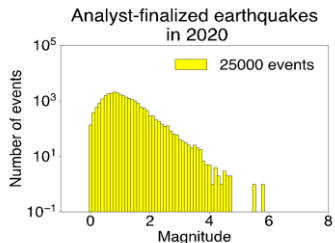
Ideally Recall=1: Phasenet matches *all* analyst picks within 1 second

- SCSN data set: Applied DL picker to triggered event waveforms already detected by AQMS
- HH* HN* channels on stations at 0-100 km epicentral distances

Deep Learning Picker performance: 25,000 Southern California earthquakes in 2020, finalized by analysts



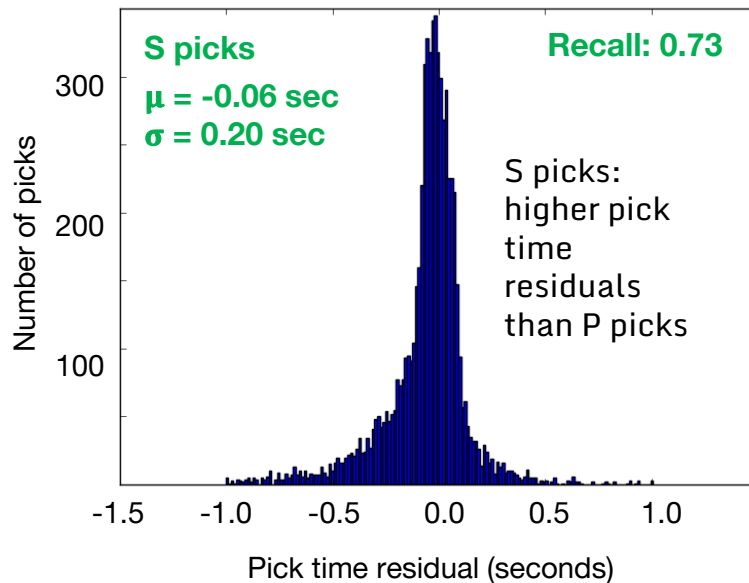
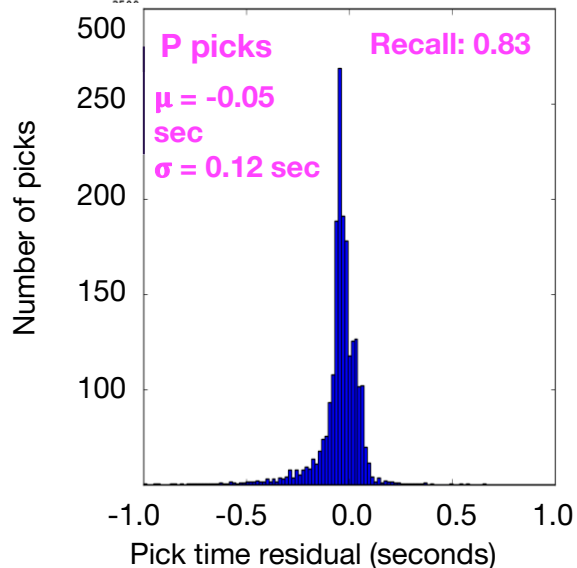
Deep Learning P & S picks are slightly later than analyst picks (negative mean residuals)



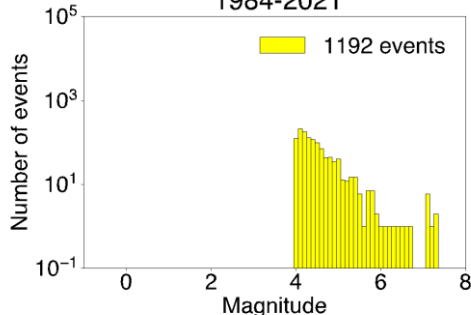
Low residual pick times, high (>0.9) recall

- DL picks usually almost as good as analyst picks
- Integrating DL picker into operations adds value

Deep Learning Picker performance: all magnitude 4+ Southern California earthquakes, 1984-2021



Magnitude 4+ earthquakes, 1984-2021



Deep learning picker's P & S picks are slightly later than analyst picks (negative mean residuals)

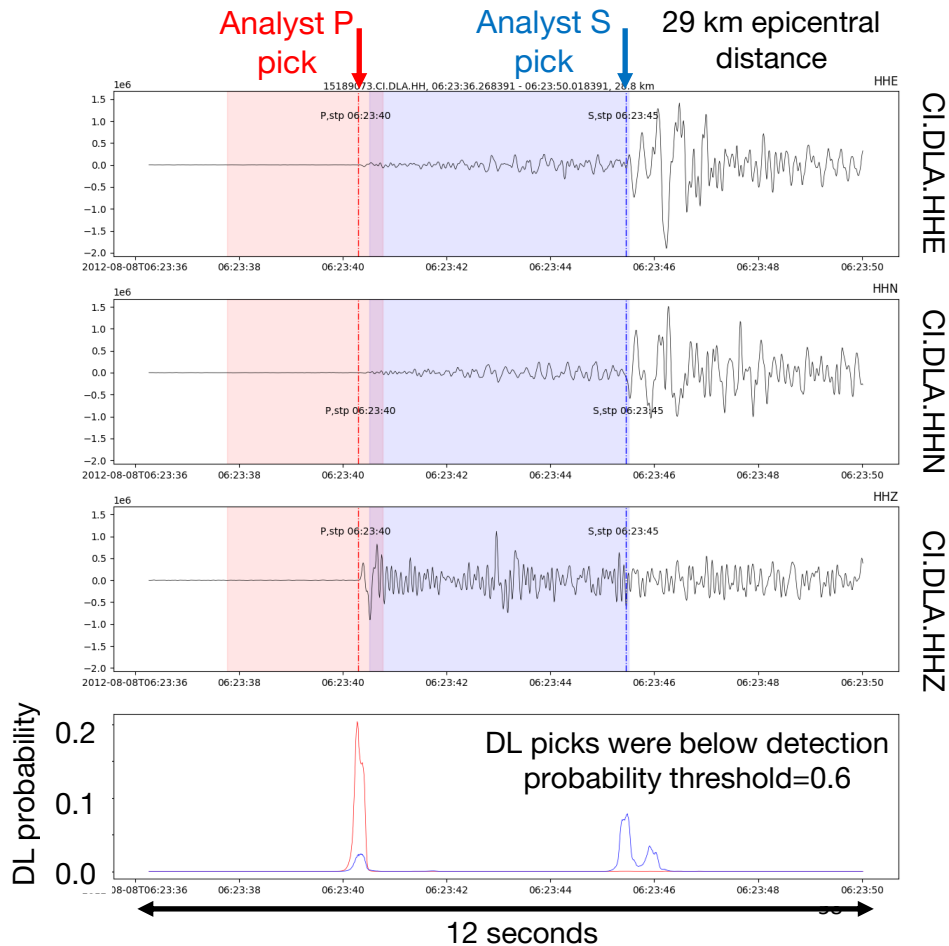
- Higher residual pick times, skewed toward later picks, lower (0.7-0.8) recall
- DL picker worse at picking phases for larger earthquakes

Limitations of deep learning pickers for earthquake monitoring

- DL picker worse at picking phases for larger (M4+) earthquakes
 - Open question why; deep learning model is “black box”
 - Larger earthquakes not represented well in training data; lower frequency content?
- Deep learning: should **augment** real-time earthquake catalogs, but **not replace** existing earthquake monitoring systems
 - Recommend keeping standard AQMS processing and analyst-review, especially for largest earthquakes

Source of images: Clara Yoon, USGS

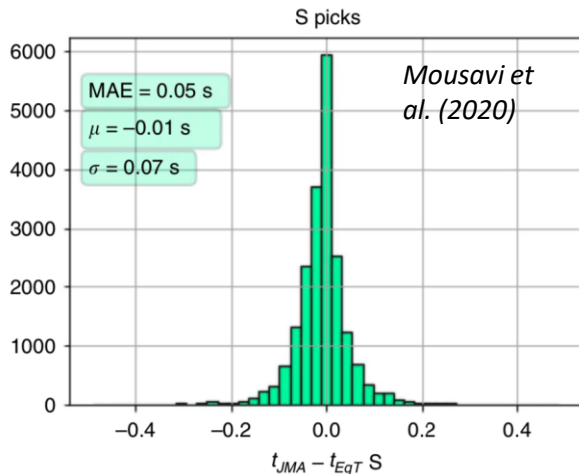
DL picker failed to pick P & S phases for this event (id 15189073, 2012-08-08, magnitude 4.46)



Potential **operational** benefits of deep learning pickers for earthquake monitoring

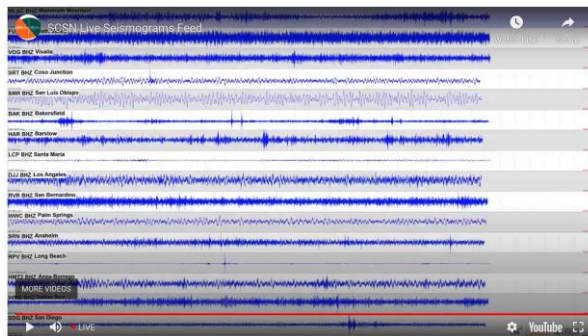
Automatic processing with few errors:

Detect and pick phases almost as well as humans



Reduce analyst workload

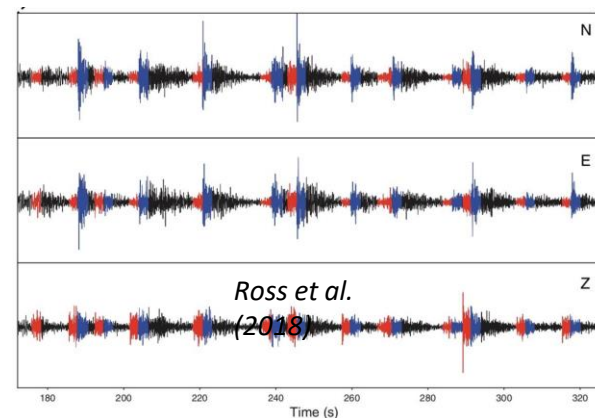
Once trained and tested, **can apply deep learning models in near-real-time**



<https://www.scsn.org/index.php/earthquakes/live-seismogram-feed/index.html>

More complete earthquake catalog rapidly available

Perform well in active earthquake sequences:
when many earthquakes occur seconds apart



2 minutes

The GaMMa Associator

- **We have a deep-learning picker, but now we need to associate those picks to earthquake events.**
- Earthquake phase association uses **machine learning**.
- An **unsupervised clustering problem**, with groups of phase picks, in time and space, arising from a discrete set of earthquake origins.
 - Clusters phase picks based on the physical constraints of arrival time moveout and amplitude decay with distance
 - Bayesian Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (Bishop, 2006)
- GaMMa = **Gaussian Mixture Model Association**

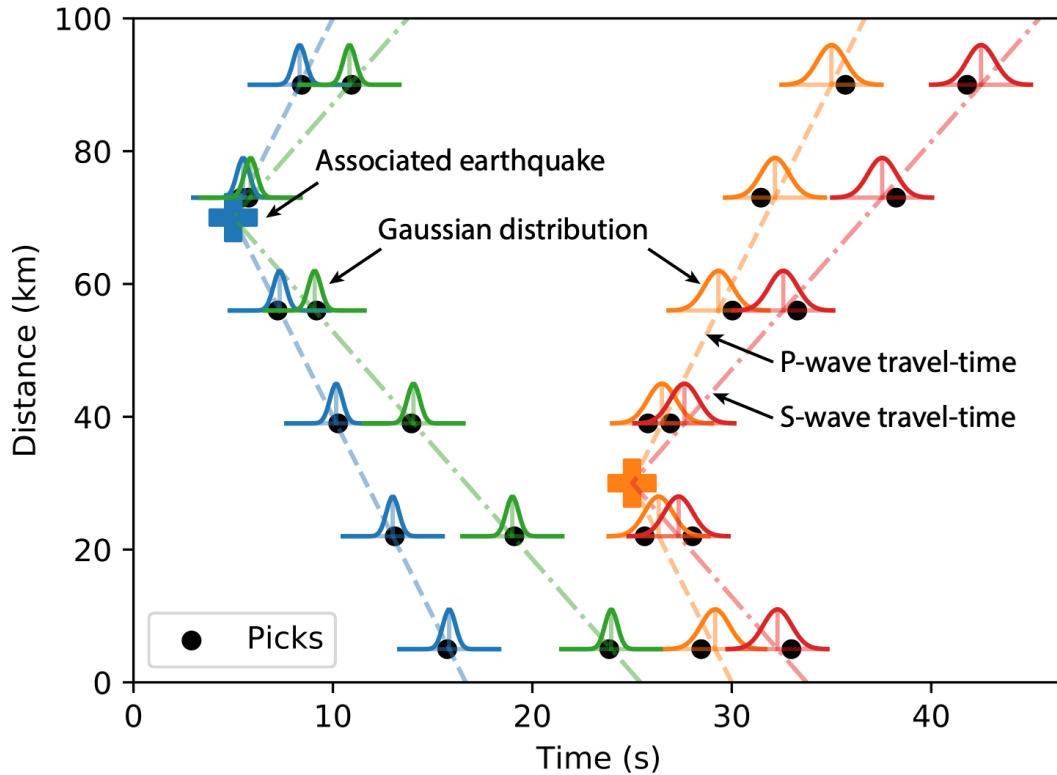
Source: 2022, Zhu.

<https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2021JB023249>

The GaMMa Associator

- GaMMa = **Gaussian Mixture Model Association**
- **GaMMa's inputs:** list of earthquake pick information (such as through Phasenet)
- **GaMMa's outputs:** earthquake location, origin time, magnitude estimations (and associated picks)
- Fast runtime
 - Does not require extra association steps of grid-search or supervised training
 - Gaussian=fastest of all mixture models
 - Expectation-maximization to converge towards local optimum.

The GaMMa Associator



NOTES:

- 1) Time axis and distance are relative to the edge of the region.
- 2) Cross size=earthquake magnitude.



GaMMA Earthquake Events, as viewed from Grafana

REALTIME DATA:

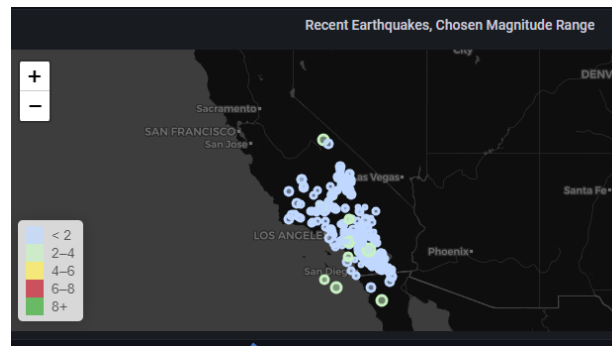
General / Ryan Quakes2AWS Earthquakes Dashboard

Last 18 days UTC

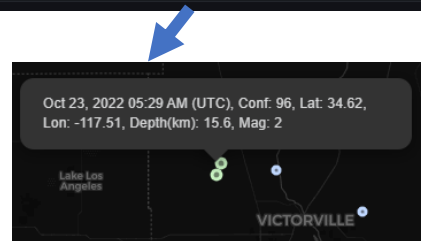
***All earthquakes found from October 16 to October 23 2022;**

generally peaceful period

Recent Earthquakes, Chosen Magnitude Range							
time	eventmag	eventlat	eventlong	eventdepth(km)	eventorigintimestamp	eventconf	
2022-10-16 02:15:03	0.950	34.0	-117.3	16.9	2022-10-16 02:13:31	13	
2022-10-16 02:15:29	1.17	34.0	-117.3	18.0	2022-10-16 02:13:31	42	
2022-10-16 02:31:18	0.470	35.7	-117.5	10.6	2022-10-16 02:29:28	8	
2022-10-16 03:13:56	1.18	36.2	-118.0	0	2022-10-16 03:12:05	20	
2022-10-16 03:23:49	0.680	35.7	-117.6	10.7	2022-10-16 03:22:05	17	
2022-10-16 03:25:49	0.640	34.0	-117.1	20.5	2022-10-16 03:23:55	17	
2022-10-16 03:27:55	0.970	34.1	-117.3	20.2	2022-10-16 03:26:02	32	
2022-10-16 03:38:57	0.590	33.3	-116.6	4.44	2022-10-16 03:37:05	12	



- Can toggle time horizon to see all earthquakes processed within the last x minutes/hours/days/months/years.
- At most, a 2 minute delay in processing (from origin time of the earthquake to when the earthquake is put back into the database).

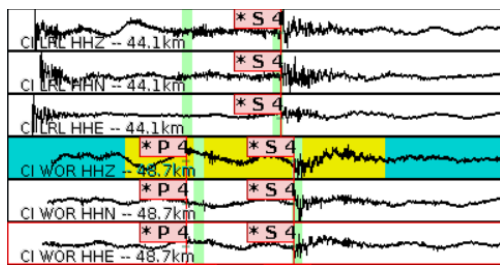




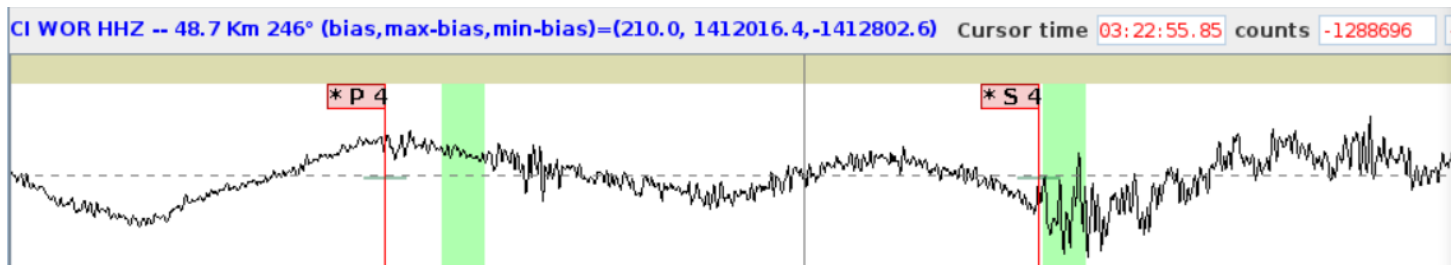
GaMMA Earthquake Events, Ridgecrest, as viewed from AQMS Jiggle

ID	EXT_ID	VER	OWHO	ST	DATETIME	TF	MAG	MTYP	MWHO	HF	LAT	LON	Z	I
39515370	628333	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:16:30.847	0	4.07	Mw	---	0	35.592	-117.344	21.00	
39515354	627980	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:16:32.496	0	4.58	Mw	---	0	35.716	-117.564	16.73	
39515362	627981	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:17:13.801	0	4.05	Mw	---	0	35.733	-117.572	8.95	
39515378	628192	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:18:38.074	0	2.67	Mw	---	0	35.744	-117.564	11.71	
39515394	628377	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:19:51.645	0	5.29	Mw	---	0	35.623	-117.450	21.00	
39515410	628669	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:22:47.127	0	4.99	Mw	---	0	35.872	-117.748	21.00	
39515426	629117	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:23:51.383	0	4.91	Mw	---	0	35.784	-117.656	0.35	
39515434	629175	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:24:05.007	0	5.14	Mw	---	0	35.020	-117.423	21.00	
39515450	629233	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:25:27.977	0	4.74	Mw	---	0	35.857	-117.686	11.01	
39515474	629528	0	---	H	2019-07-06 03:27:16.774	0	4.60	Mw	---	0	35.294	-117.851	21.00	

7/6/2019 3:22:48	eq	l	4.64	lr	35.891	-117.737
7/6/2019 3:23:08	eq	l	3.78	lr	35.838	-117.641
7/6/2019 3:23:20	eq	l	4.52	lr	35.861	-117.678
7/6/2019 3:23:30	eq	l	4	lr	35.878	-117.724
7/6/2019 3:23:35	eq	l	4.22	lr	35.569	-117.516
7/6/2019 3:23:51	eq	l	4.84	lr	35.803	-117.618
7/6/2019 3:24:08	eq	l	3.91	lr	35.888	-117.72



- Can compare GaMMA events (top left) with those found in the catalog (top right)
- We are looking at the associated picks for a M4.99 earthquake (as predicted by GaMMA)



Contact Information



Thank you! Questions?