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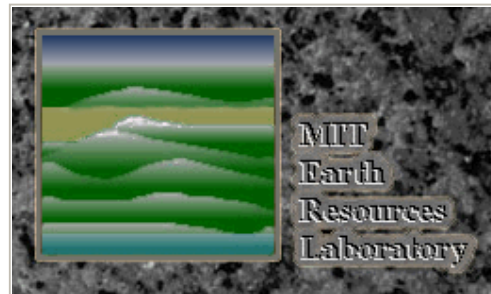
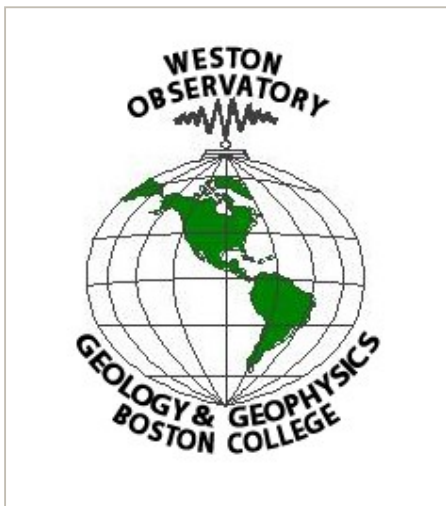
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Introduction

The New England Seismic Network (NESN) is operated collaboratively by the Weston Observatory (WES) of Boston College and the Earth Resources Lab (ERL) of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The mission of the NESN is to operate and maintain a regional seismic network with digital recording of seismic ground motions for the following purposes: 1) to determine the location and magnitude of earthquakes in and adjacent to New England and report felt events to public safety agencies, 2) to define the crust and upper mantle structure of the northeastern United States, 3) to derive the source parameters of New England earthquakes, and 4) to estimate the seismic hazard in the area.

This report summarizes the work of the NESN for the period January - March 1999. It includes a brief summary of the network's equipment and operation, and a short discussion of data management procedures. A list of participating personnel is given in Table 1. There were 8 earthquakes that occurred within or near the network during this reporting period. Phase information for these earthquakes is included in this report.

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Current Network Operation and Status

The New England Seismic Network currently consists of 11 broadband three-component, 4 short-period vertical, and 8 strong-motion stations. The coordinates of the stations are given in Table 2, and maps of the weak- and strong-motion networks are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

WES operates 11 stations with broadband instruments consisting of Guralp CMG-40T three-component sensors. Ground motions recorded by these sensors are digitized at 100 sps with 16-bit resolution. Additional gain-ranging provides 126 dB dynamic range. These stations are operated in dialup mode with waveform segments of suspected events transmitted in digital mode to Weston Observatory for analysis and archiving. WES is continuing to upgrade its recording stations with 4 more broadband instruments scheduled for installation in 1999. WES also maintains 8 SMA-1 strong-motion instruments in New England.

ERL at MIT currently operates 4 short-period stations, all located within 100 km of Boston. The short- period instruments have 1.0 Hz L4C vertical seismometers. Data recorded by these seismometers is transmitted continuously in analog mode to ERL and digitized (12-bit) into a PC at 50 sps. Personnel at ERL are in the process of installing a new three-component, high dynamic range instrument at Station WFM. The instrument has a CMG-40T sensor and transmits 3-channel, 24-bit data at 100 sps continuously to a central processor (Pentium PC) at ERL. Waveform windows of suspected events are extracted from the data stream, analyzed and archived. WES and ERL record some stations in analog format on helicorders to provide additional data for analysis.

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Seismicity

There were 8 earthquakes that occurred in or adjacent to the NESN during this reporting period. A summary of the location data is given in Table 3. Figure 3 shows the locations of these events. Figure 4 shows the locations of all events since the beginning of network operation in October, 1975.

Table 4 gives the station phase data and detailed hypocenter data for each event listed in Table 3. In addition to NESN data, arrival time and magnitude data sometimes are contributed for seismic stations operated by the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), the Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network., and the US National Seismic Network. Final locations for this section were computed using the program HYPO78. For regional events (those too far from the NESN to obtain accurate locations and magnitudes) phase data are given for NESN stations, but the entry in Table 3 lists the hypocenter and geographic location information adopted from the authoritative network. Accordingly, the epicenter is plotted on the maps using the entry from Table 3.

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Data Management

Recent event locations are available via FTP at: SEISMOEAGLE.BC.EDU. Waveform data are saved in Nanometrics, ASCII, and SEED formats and are available via SEISMOEAGLE.BC.EDU or through personal contact. Earthquake lists can be fingered at QUAKE@SEISMOEAGLE.BC.EDU. Weston Observatory maintains two web pages with information about local earthquakes: "http://www.bc.edu:80/bc_org/avp/cas/wesobs/" and "<http://seismoeagle.bc.edu/>". The latter page is still under construction. Currently available on the seismoeagle web page is the full catalog of northeastern earthquake activity to 1991. This will be updated as new Northeastern U.S. Seismic Network Bulletins are produced.

The entire MIT/ERL earthquake database can be accessed through the World Wide Web using the address "<http://www-erl.mit.edu/NESN/homepage.html>". For extraction of waveforms (recorded by the MIT stations of the NESN through March 1995) and hypocenter data, use our database search engine. Link to "[Seismic Event Server at MIT ERL \(SESAME\)](#)" and then click on "[Interactive query form](#)" under the heading "Custom Materials". Alternatively, the more recent local earthquake data, recorded by the MIT stations, may be accessed by logging in to our anonymous FTP directory ("[ftp sunda.mit.edu](ftp://sunda.mit.edu)"). To be added to the list of users permitted to access this FTP directory, contact Charles Doll. The waveform files are in SAC format at both sites. Waveforms are downloaded as a Unix-compressed tar volume from our web-site and as individual, Unix-compressed, station files from our FTP site.

For more information on matters discussed in this report or general earthquake information (reports, maps, catalogs, etc.) consult our web-sites www-erl.mit.edu/NESN and www.bc.edu:80/bc_org/avp/cas/wesobs/ or contact:

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Explanation of Tables

Table 1: List of personnel operating the NESN

Table 2: List of Seismic and Strong Motion Stations

1. Code = station name
2. Lat = station latitude, degrees north
3. Long = station longitude, degrees west
4. Elev = station elevation in meters
5. Location = geographic location
6. Operator = network operator

Table 3: Earthquake Hypocenter List

1. Date = date event occurred, Yr (year)/Mo (month)/Dy (day)
2. Time = origin time of event, Hr (hour):Mn (minute):Sec (second)

in UCT (Universal Coordinated Time, same as Greenwich Mean Time)
3. Lat = event location, latitude north in degrees
4. Long = event location, longitude west in degrees
5. Depth = event depth in kilometers
6. Mag = event magnitude
7. Int = event epicentral intensity
8. Location = event geographic location

Table 4: Earthquake detailed hypocenter and phase data list

Table Header: detailed hypocenter data

1. Geographic location
2. DATE = date event occurred, yr/mo/dy (year/month/day)
3. ORIGIN = event origin time (UCT) in hours, minutes, and seconds
4. LAT N = latitude north in degrees and minutes
5. LONG W = longitude west in degrees and minutes
6. DEPTH = event depth in kilometers
7. MN = Nuttli Lg phase magnitude with amplitude divided by period
8. MC = signal duration (coda) magnitude

WES: $2.23 \text{ Log(FMP)} + 0.12 \text{ Log(Dist)} - 2.36$ (Rosario, 1979)
MIT: $2.21 \text{ Log(FMP)} - 1.7$ (Chaplin *et al.*, 1980)
9. ML = local magnitude

WES: calculated from Wood-Anderson seismograms (Ebel, 1982)
GSC (Geological Survey of Canada): Richter Lg magnitude
10. GAP = largest azimuthal separation, in degrees, between stations
11. RMS = root mean square error of travel time residual in seconds
12. ERH = standard error of epicenter in kilometers
13. ERZ = standard error of event depth in kilometers
14. Q = solution quality of hypocenter

A = excellent
B = good
C = fair
D = poor

Table Body: earthquake phase data

1. STN = station name
2. DIST = epicentral distance in kilometers
3. AZM = azimuthal angle in degrees measured clockwise between true north and vector pointing from epicenter to station
4. Description of onset of phase arrival

I = impulsive
E = emergent
5. R = phase

P = first P arrival
S = first S arrival
6. M = first motion direction of phase arrival

U = up or compression
D = down or dilatation
7. K = weight of arrival

0 = full weight (1.0)
1 = 0.75 weight
2 = 0.50 weight
3 = 0.25 weight
4 = no weight (0.0)
8. HRMN = hour and minute of phase arrival
9. SEC = second of phase arrival
10. TCAL = calculated travel time of phase in seconds
11. RES = travel time residual (error) of phase arrival
12. WT = weight of phase used in hypocentral solution
13. AMX = peak-to-peak ground motion, in millimicrons, of the maximum envelope amplitude of vertical-component signal, corrected for system response
14. PRX = period in seconds of the signal from which amplitude was measured
15. XMAG = Nuttli magnitude recorded at station
16. FMP = signal duration (coda), in seconds, measured from first P arrival
17. FMAG = coda magnitude recorded at station

Table 5: Microearthquakes and other non-locatable events

1. Date = date event occurred, Yr (year)/Mo (month)/Dy (day)
2. Sta = nearest station recording event
3. Arrival Time = phase arrival time, Hr (hour):Mn (minute):Sec (second)

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TABLE 1

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		617-253-6385 (FAX)	

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TABLE 2

SEISMIC STATIONS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SEISMIC NETWORK

Code	Lat	Long	Elev (m)	Location	Operator
BCX	42.3350	-71.1705	61.0	Chestnut Hill, MA	WES
BRY	41.9178	-71.5388	380.0	Smithfield, RI	WES
DNH	43.1225	-70.8948	24.0	Durham, NH	MIT
DXB	42.0610	-70.6992	8.0	Duxbury, MA	MIT
GLO	42.6403	-70.7272	15.2	Gloucester, MA	MIT
HNH	43.7050	-72.2860	180.0	Hanover, NH	WES
MIM	45.2436	-69.0403	140.0	Milo, ME	WES
NH1	43.5473	-71.5743	402.0	Sanbornton, NH	WES
QUA2	42.2789	-72.3525	168.0	Belchertown, MA	WES
TRY	42.7311	-73.6669	131.0	Troy, NY	WES
VT1	44.3317	-72.7536	410.0	Waterbury, VT	WES
WES	42.3850	-71.3220	60.0	Weston, MA	WES
WFM	42.6106	-71.4906	87.5	Westford, MA	MIT
WVL	44.5648	-69.6575	85.0	Waterville, ME	WES
YLE	41.3100	-72.9269	914.0	New Haven, CT	WES

STRONG MOTION STATIONS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SEISMIC NETWORK

Code	Lat	Long	Location	Operator
SM1	44.90	-67.25	Dennysville, ME	WES
SM2	44.49	-73.10	Essex Junction, VT	WES
SM3	41.45	-71.33	Newport, RI	WES
SM4	42.38	-71.32	Weston, MA	WES
SM5	42.66	-71.30	Lowell, MA	WES
SM6	42.30	-71.34	Natick, MA	WES
SM7	42.39	-71.54	Hudson, MA	WES
SM8	44.48	-69.61	North Vassalboro, ME	WES

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TABLE 3

EARTHQUAKE HYPOCENTER LIST

NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

January - March 1999

Date	Time	Lat	Long	Depth	Mag	Int	Location
Yr/Mo/Dy	Hr:Mn:Sec			(km)			
1999/01/10	10:52:16.13	42.8416	-70.9788	2.0	3.0		MA, ~1 Mile S of Amesbury
1999/01/10	15:20:44.32	42.8438	-70.9733	2.12	2.9		MA, ~1 Mile S of Amesbury
1999/01/10	15:22:16.86	42.8450	-70.9782	.94	1.9		MA, S of Amesbury
1999/01/14	06:11:24.62	42.8425	-70.9772	4.2	2.3		MA, NE of Merrimac
1999/02/26	03:38:42.91	44.4885	-69.5390	1.03	3.6		ME, 11 km SE of Waterville
1999/03/09	12:07:09.18	44.6716	-73.6050	5.0	2.6		NY, 7 Miles W of Plattsburgh
1999/03/12	09:58:09.42	42.0688	-72.1696	5.05	1.9		MA, 2 km WNW of Holland
1999/03/16	12:50:56.23	49.0400	-66.9445	5.0	4.5		PQ, Lower St. Lawrence

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TABLE 4

EARTHQUAKE PHASE DATA LIST
NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

January - March 1999

SOUTH & COASTAL NEW ENGLAND, CHIBURIS, 1979
99JAN10 MA, APPROX 1 MILE S OF AMESBURY

DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MN	MC	ML	GAP	RMS	ERH	ERZ	Q			
990110	1052	16.13	42-50.50	70-58.73	2.00	3.0	3.0	108	0.45	1.0	2.0	C			
STN	DIST	AZM	RMK	HRMN	SEC	TOBS	TCAL	RES	WT	AMX	PRX	XMAG	FMP	FMAG	
GLO	30.4	137	IPUO	1052	21.52	5.39	5.11	0.28	1.51						
			S	0	1052	25.28	9.15	9.09	0.06	1.51					
DNH	31.9	12	EPDO	1052	21.34	5.21	5.35	-0.15	1.50						
			S	0	1052	25.16	9.03	9.53	-0.51	1.46					
WFM	49.2	239	EPDO	1052	24.74	8.61	8.20	0.39	1.44						
			S	0	1052	30.86	14.73	14.60	0.11	1.45					
WES	58.1	209	IP	0	1052	26.18	10.05	9.66	0.37	1.41	284	.08	2.5	201	3.0
			ES	0	1052	33.12	16.99	17.20	-0.23	1.43					
BCX	58.5	196	IP	1	1052	25.22	9.09	9.73	-0.64	1.01			187	3.0	
			ES	0	1052	33.06	16.93	17.31	-0.38	1.41					
DXB	89.7	165	EPUO	1052	31.30	15.17	14.88	0.28	1.34						
			S	1	1052	41.94	25.81	26.49	-0.69	0.93					
NH1	92.1	328	EP	0	1052	31.71	15.58	15.28	0.29	1.32	318	.14	2.8	180	3.0
			ES	1	1052	42.52	26.39	27.20	-0.82	0.87					
BRY	112.5	204	EP	0	1052	35.29	19.16	18.64	0.51	1.23	256	.08	2.9	165	2.9

Table with columns for station ID, depth, time, and various parameters. Includes stations like HNH, WV, VT1, YLE, MOQ, DPQ, etc.

SOUTH & COASTAL NEW ENGLAND, CHIBURIS, 1979
99JAN10 MA, APPROX 1 MILE S OF AMESBURY

Table with columns: DATE, ORIGIN, LAT N, LONG W, DEPTH, MN, MC, ML, GAP, RMS, ERH, ERZ, Q. Lists multiple station observations for 990110.

SOUTH & COASTAL NEW ENGLAND, CHIBURIS, 1979
99JAN10 MA, S OF AMESBURY

Table with columns: DATE, ORIGIN, LAT N, LONG W, DEPTH, MN, MC, ML, GAP, RMS, ERH, ERZ, Q. Lists multiple station observations for 990110.

SOUTH & COASTAL NEW ENGLAND, CHIBURIS, 1979
99JAN14 MA, NE OF MERRIMAC

Table with columns: DATE, ORIGIN, LAT N, LONG W, DEPTH, MN, MC, ML, GAP, RMS, ERH, ERZ, Q. Lists multiple station observations for 990114.

BRY	869.1	204	EPD2	1252	50.58	114.35	113.76	0.59	0.34	897	4.7
YLE	979.2	209	EPD4	1252	57.21	120.98	127.36	-6.37	0.00	891	4.7

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TABLE 5

MICROEARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NON-LOCATABLE EVENTS

Date	Arrival Time
Yr/Mo/Dy	Sta Hr:Mn:Sec
None recorded this quarter	

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NESN Station Map

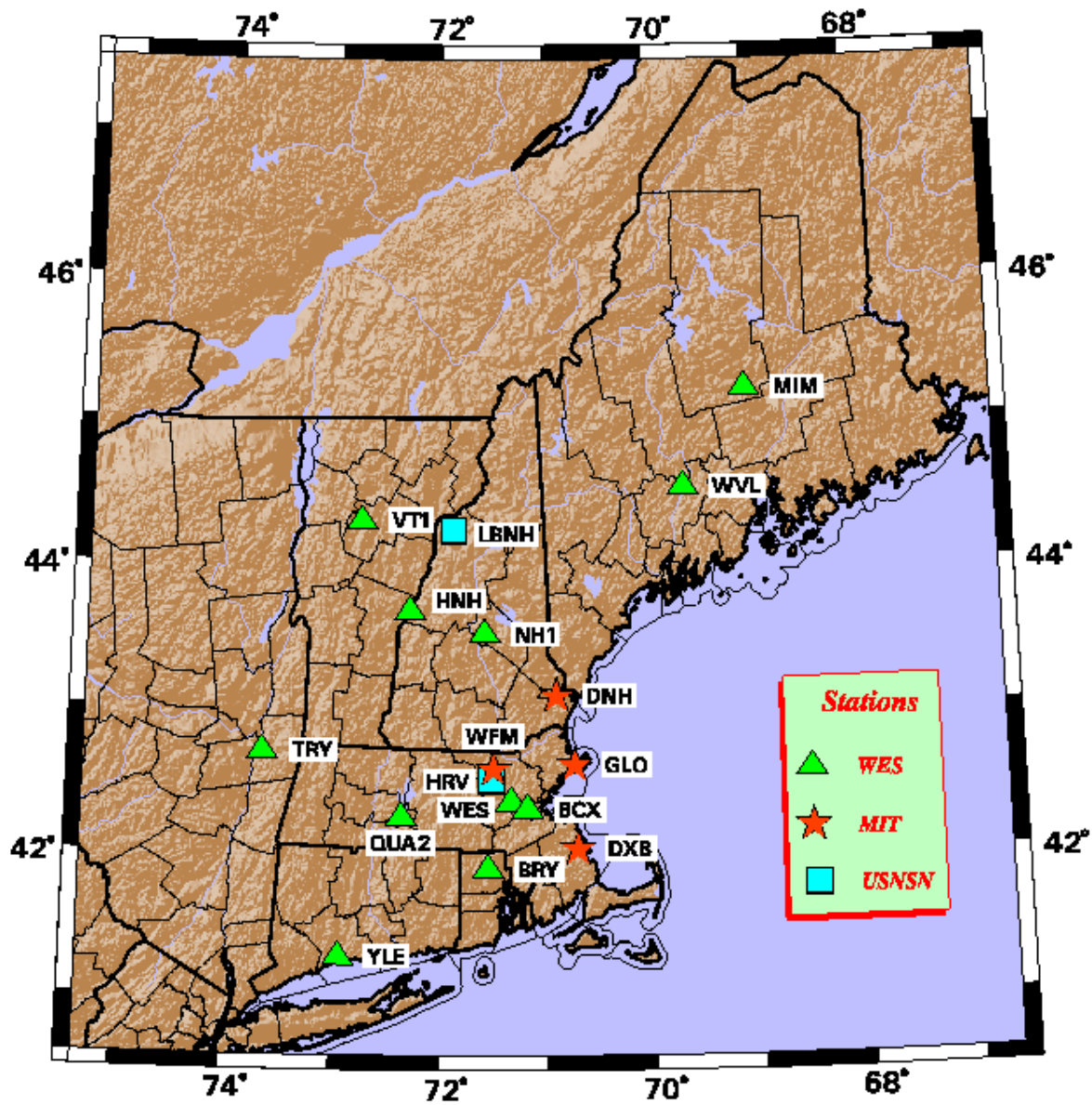
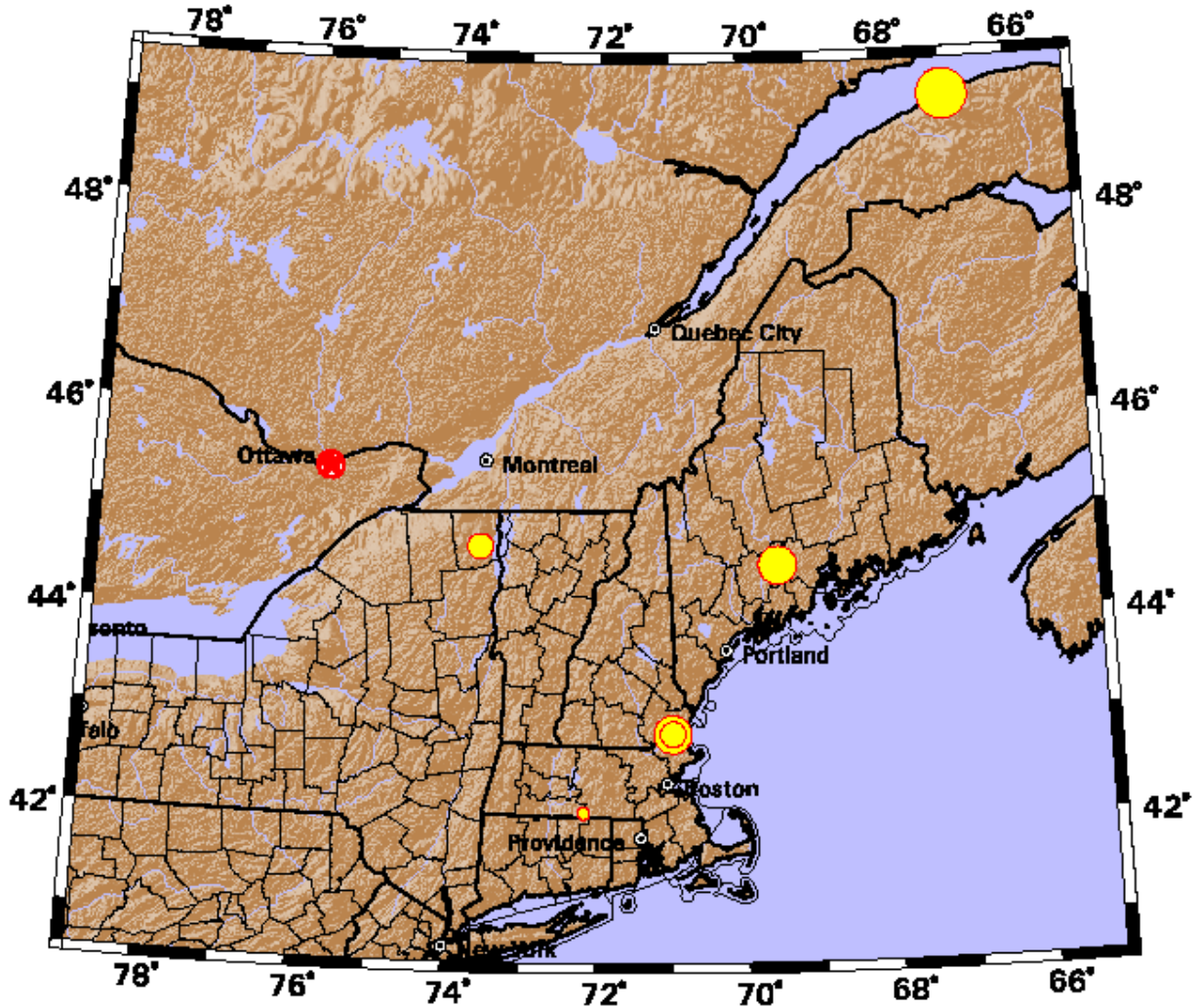


Figure 1: Map of stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during period January - March, 1999. Also included are the US National Seismic Network stations operating in New England during this period.

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NESN Strong-Motion Station Map




km
0 200

Projection:
Lambert Conformal Conic

Basemap developed from data from the following sources:
USGS - GTOPO30 Elevation Data
US Census Bureau - Tiger/Line '94, '95, '97
ESRI, Inc. - Arcdata Online

Primary sources of earthquake data:
New England Seismic Network
Geological Survey of Canada
Lamont-Doherty Cooperative
Seismographic Network
US National Seismic Network

 county census tract boundary in water

Magnitude





-  $M < 2$
-  $2 \leq M < 3$
-  $3 \leq M < 4$
-  $4 \leq M < 5$

Figure 2: Map of strong-motion stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during period January - March, 1999.

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NESN Quarterly Seismicity Map

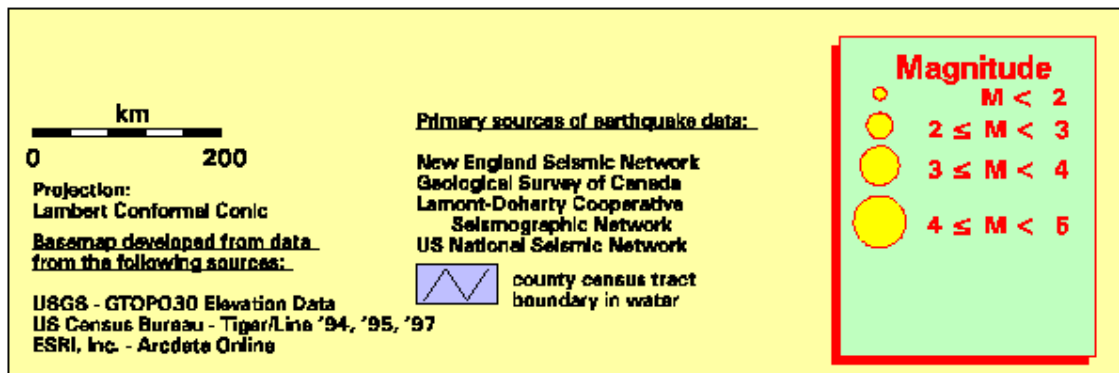
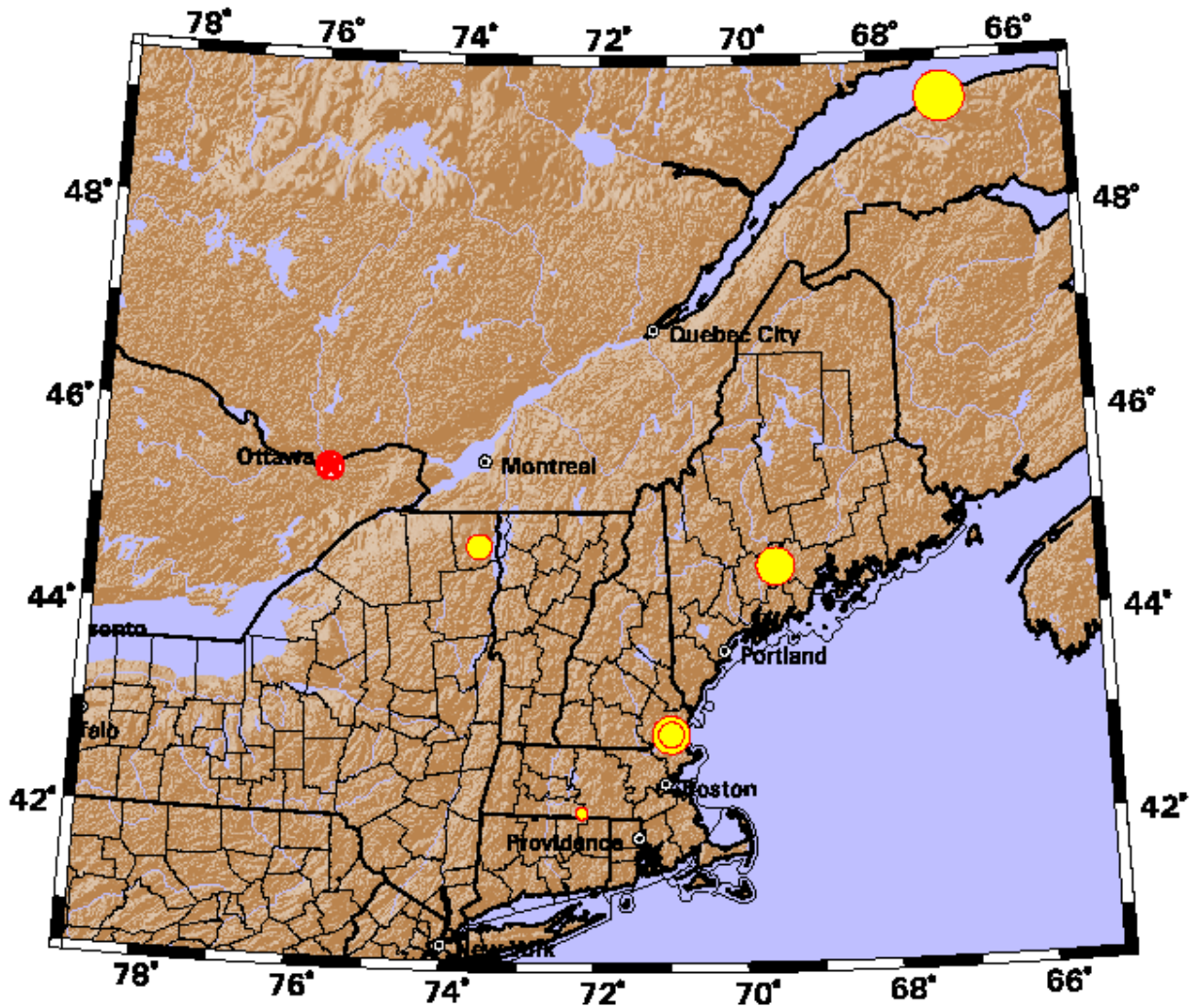
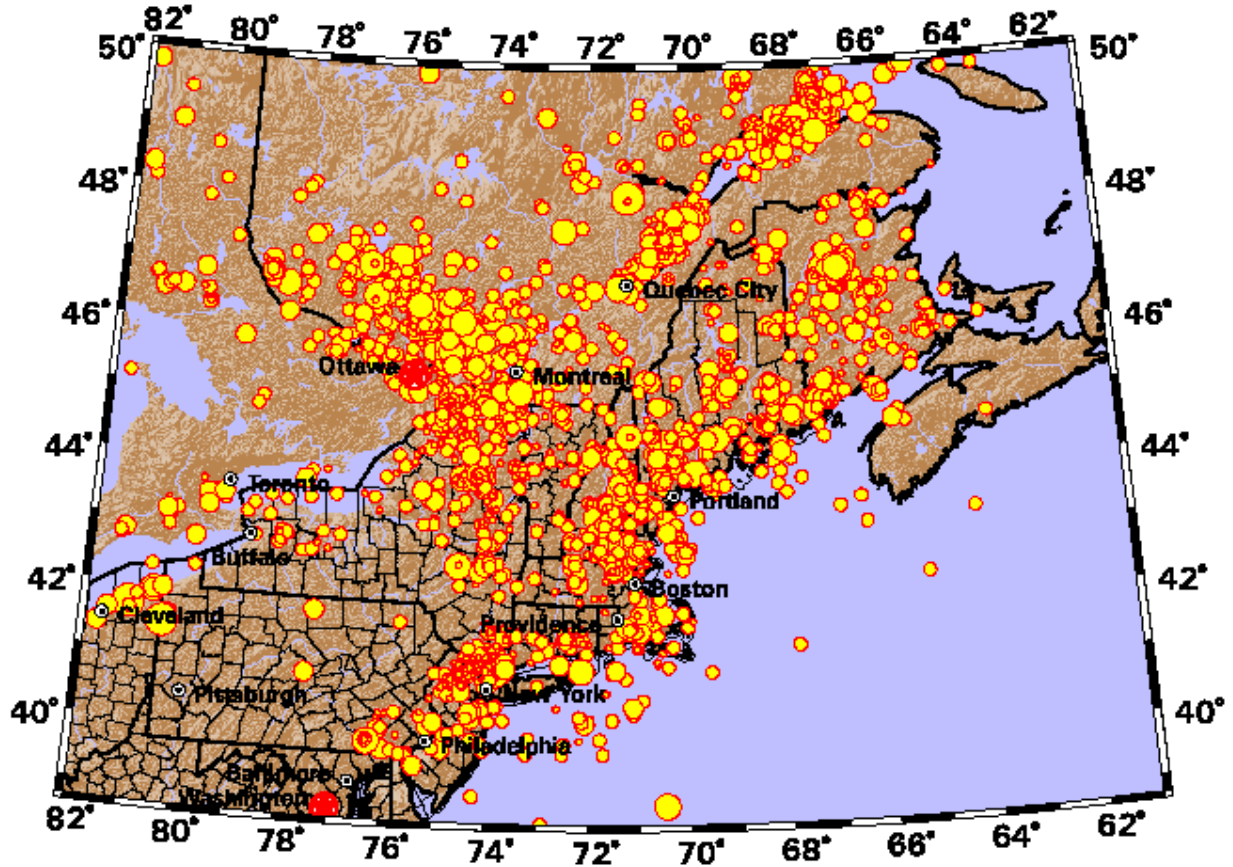


Figure 3: Earthquake epicenters located by the NESN during period January - March, 1999.

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<p>km</p> <p>0 200</p> <p>Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic</p> <p><u>Basemap developed from data from the following sources:</u></p> <p>USGS - GTOPO30 Elevation Data US Census Bureau - Tiger/Line '94, '95, '97 ESRI, Inc. - Arcdata Online</p>	<p><u>Primary sources of earthquake data:</u></p> <p>New England Seismic Network Geological Survey of Canada Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network US National Seismic Network</p> <p> county census tract boundary in water</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Magnitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M < 2 2 ≤ M < 3 3 ≤ M < 4 4 ≤ M < 5 5 ≤ M < 6 6 ≤ M
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Figure 4: Seismicity for period October, 1975 - March, 1999.

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