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FDSN Working Group V

Portable Instrumentation

- Review of agenda and additions, approve 2015 minutes
- Group/facility presentations
- SOH recommendations suggestions on how best to make progress
- How to better track in meta-data stations that move (e.g. deployments on glaciers or oceans gliders)
- OBS data
 - Accounting for OBS clock drift
 - Current state of OBS integration into data centers and future paths/roadblocks
 - Standard methods/filters for decimating seismology data
- WG-V web presence

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Survey of available methods for creating & verifying StationXML

Group/facility presentations

SOH Recommendation from Prague 2015 Meeting

FDSN (WG - V and perhaps WG - I) will develop a list of standardized digitizer outputs (e.g. SOH channels, meta-data) for vendors to meet when developing new equipment. Also will work on future potential equipment characteristics.



How to better track in meta-data stations that move (e.g. deployments on glaciers or oceans gliders)

- new blockette?
- new mseed channel (timestamped tuples)?

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In the series of GPS location
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OBSs: clock drift

- Problem
 - * OBSs are synchronized at beginning & end of experiment, have (mostly) linear drift between
- Solutions
 - * In miniSEED
 - * If we have synchronization before and after
 - * IF/HOW TO APPLY TIME CORRECTION
 - * Put time correction in record header field
 - * Set record header activity flag bit 1 [« Time Correction Applied »] as appropriate
 - Set I/O bit 5 [« clock locked »] to 1
 - * If we do not have synchronization before and after
 - Set I/O bit 5 [« clock locked »] to 0
 - In stationXML
 - Add comment(s) with
 - Time base information [type, manufacturer, model, nominal performance]
 - * Start sync information
 - End sync information
- Possible additions to miniSEED/StationXML
 - miniSEED
 - Sample rate blockette with 8-byte float (52-bit mantissa=>10^15 precision compared to 10^7 precision for 4-byte floats (23-bit mantissa))
 - * Flag for « linear clock drift »?
 - * New IO/clock bit (only 5 used now)? Or small comment blockette allowed in miniSEED?
 - StationXML
 - New CommentList type allowing multiple lines of comment under a subject header (or specific Clock type if land stations could benefit)

OBSs: clock drift

* HOW TO APPLY CLOCK DRIFT CORRECTION IN MINISEED FILES

- * Update time correction once per daily file
 - Simple, many tools
 - * Could have significant change between days (up to 8 msec for high drift MCXO)
- * Update time correction in each record
 - Only qmerge or proprietary software
- * Update time correction when it becomes significant
 - * Done for LDEO and WHOI facilities? (proprietary software?)
- Resample the data to the desired sampling rate
 - * Proposed by DEPAS and some at ETH
 - But signal is no longer RAW
- Do not correct the drift, provide purely raw time series
 - * Everyone has to figure out the drift themselves?

OBS: integration into data centers

* US

* All new OBS data is integrated into IRIS through OBSIP

* but individual parks create data/metadata files using different software

Europe

- * Only a few data integrated or in progress
 - RHUM-RUM experiment (France / Germany 2012-2013)
 - * EMSO-MOMAR (France 2007-present)
 - SISMANTILLES (France / Germany, 2007)

* Other countries/regions???

OBS: integration into data centers

* Challenges

- Facilities don't have tools to create correct/standard data and metadata
- No huge motivation to develop them (except country's funding pressure)
- * Hard/wasteful to make multiple tools that all give the same format output

Solution

- Standard tools for data and stationXML preparation
 - EPOS + French INSU funded project
 - * Tools apply clock drift, make stationXML, provenance
 - Preliminary version will be used with on SISMANTILLES dataset (IPGP, GeoAzur, GEOMAR and DEPAS OBSs: EPOS funded)
- But standard tools need standards...
- If others want to participate/use, they are welcome!

OBSs: downsampling data

- Should/can FDSN specify recommended decimation filters?
 - * E.g., for 2x, 3x, 5x decimation

- * OBSs only store data at one rate (e.g. 100 sps)
- * Users may want data at a lower rate (e.g. 1 sps)
- * There is no standard way to downsample data

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Action Item Prague 2015: Survey the mailing list to find links to add to WG-V page related to QC: best practices related to Quality control (break out archive QC tools and field tools)

Survey of available methods for creating & verifying StationXML

Gurrent

- FDSN StationXML-SEED Converter IRIS
- RESIF we generate stationXML metadata with home made scripts and routine (python, C) querying our relational databases plus our responses library (NOT the NRL, not in RESP format, but self described files for analog filter, digitizer + sampling, and sensor). This is a legacy of the times we where working with french data loggers. Our library is progressively updated with all the instruments of RESIF (mobile, permanent, OBS) and will be available on GIT soon.
- Planned or soon to release
 - Nexus PASSCAL (release fall/winter 2017)
 - RESIF we are going to start a project to create a quite generic tool ('à la PDCC') that will be able to use the NRL instrument library as well as other libraries (at least our library).
 RESIF plan to support the development (we will probably externalize the realization).