



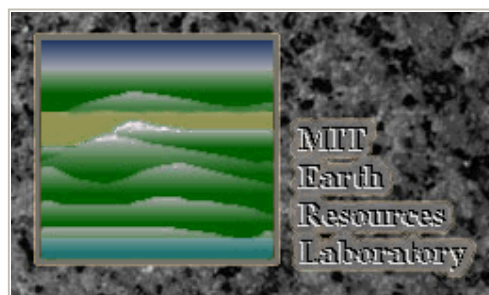
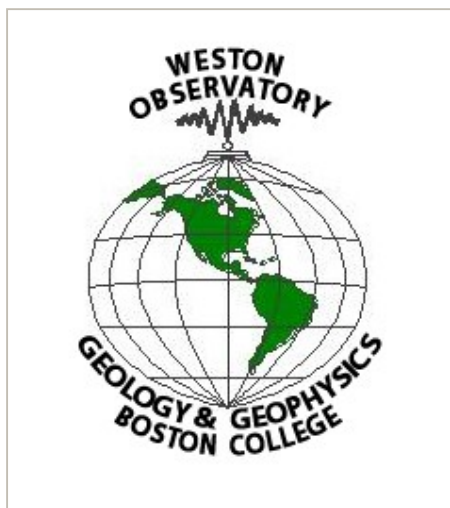
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## Introduction

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, 2002. 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 7 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 14 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 now operates 13 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. During the year 2001, two new seismic stations were added to the WES network. Station UMM was placed in northeastern Maine and station FFD was placed in central New Hampshire. Station MIM, in central Maine was dismantled. 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. A data acquisition program on the PC triggers on events detected in the short-period data streams and saves them to a disk for manual analysis. Station WFM also has a new three-component, high dynamic range instrument. 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 with the short-period data. WES and ERL record some stations in analog format on helicorders to provide additional data for analysis.

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## Seismicity

There were 7 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/](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 U.S. earthquake activity to 1992. This will be updated as new Northeastern U.S. Seismic Network Bulletins are produced.

MIT/ERL provides two internet utilities, the MIT/ERL web-site ("[www-erl.mit.edu/NESN/homepage.html](http://www-erl.mit.edu/NESN/homepage.html)") and an anonymous FTP directory, to distribute seismic data. SESAME (Seismic Event Server at MIT/ERL) is the web data server that distributes catalogs, reports, earthquake bulletins, and epicenter and station maps (including an archive of recent seismic events). The FTP site, named "sunda.mit.edu", is the current facility available to download waveform data recorded by the MIT NESN. The client machine IP number must be forwarded to us for the client to gain access to the anonymous FTP directory. After logging on, the user changes directories to "pub/seismic". Waveforms of individual events for the period April 1995 through the present are accessed as Unix-compressed SAC files, through the anonymous FTP directory. A "readme" file offers further explanation about the data. Older waveform data in SAC format (1981 - March 1995) will be made available on the FTP site upon request.

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](http://www-erl.mit.edu/NESN) and [www.bc.edu:80/bc\\_org/avp/cas/wesobs/](http://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 < p>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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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
FFD	43.4702	-71.6533	131.0	Franklin Falls Dam, NH	WES
GLO	42.6403	-70.7272	15.2	Gloucester, MA	MIT
HNH	43.7050	-72.2860	180.0	Hanover, NH	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
UMM	44.7100	-67.4583	35.0	Machias, ME	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
PQI	46.6710	-68.0168	175.0	Presque Isle, ME	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

NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS  
January - March, 2002

Date Yr/Mo/Dy	Time Hr:Min:Sec	Lat	Long	Depth (km)	Mag	Int	Location
2002/01/20	14:11:57.02	49.4567	-67.0113	23.04	3.5		PQ, LOWER ST. LAWRENCE
2002/02/11	11:41:36.83	46.1592	-73.4443	5.0	3.4		PQ, APPROX 9 KM N OF JOLIETTE
2002/02/24	21:38:35.97	45.4080	-75.0041	.58	3.0		PQ, WESTERN
2002/02/25	18:06:25.97	44.5317	-68.8490	5.00	2.6		ME, 9 KM SSW OF BUCKSPORT
2002/03/06	11:09:45.77	41.7116	-71.3865	16.98	2.2		RI, 4 KM NE OF WARWICK
2002/03/12	07:13:25.59	41.5463	-69.1355	16.65	3.1		MA, OFFSHORE CAPECOD
2002/03/15	21:58:31.49	45.4802	-69.0000	5.00	2.6		ME, 25 KM N OF MILO

\* indicates Mc rather than Mn.

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TABLE 4

EARTHQUAKE PHASE DATA LIST  
NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS  
January - March, 2002

SOUTHEAST MAINE CRUSTAL MODEL  
02JAN23 PQ, LOWER ST. LAWRENCE  
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q  
20123 1411 57.02 49-27.40 67- 0.68 23.04 3.5 204 0.30 2.5 2.8 C

STN	DIST	AZM	RMK	HRMN	SEC	TOBS	TCAL	RES	WT	AMX	PRX	XMAG	FMP	FMAG
MNQ	173.7	313	P 0	1412	22.39	25.37	25.40	-0.03	2.46					
			S 0	1412	42.37	45.35	45.22	0.13	2.46					
A21	277.6	225	P 1	1412	35.63	38.61	38.23	0.38	1.31					
			S 0	1412	64.87	67.85	68.05	-0.20	1.78					
A64	279.2	230	P 0	1412	35.48	38.46	38.43	0.01	1.77					
			S 0	1412	65.43	68.41	68.41	-0.04	1.77					
A61	300.1	229	P 0	1412	37.88	40.86	41.01	-0.16	1.64					
A16	313.1	225	P 1	1412	40.10	43.08	42.61	0.47	1.13					
			S 0	1412	72.91	75.89	75.85	0.04	1.55					
PQI	318.7	194	IPD3	1412	41.43	44.41	43.30	1.08	0.19	305	.26	3.5		
			S 2	1412	74.52	77.50	77.08	0.37	0.74					
LMQ	324.2	229	P 0	1412	40.90	43.88	43.98	-0.17	1.48					
			S 1	1412	75.05	78.03	78.29	-0.38	1.10					
A54	335.6	229	P 0	1412	42.52	45.50	45.40	0.04	1.40					
			S 3	1412	76.35	79.33	80.81	-1.58	0.01					
A11	341.3	224	P 1	1412	43.48	46.46	46.10	0.35	1.00					
			S 4	1412	75.64	78.62	82.06	-3.46	0.00					
DAQ	352.9	242	P 2	1412	43.90	46.88	47.54	-0.82	0.52					
			S 3	1412	83.32	86.30	84.61	1.40	0.03					
LMN	433.6	158	P 1	1412	53.70	56.68	57.50	-0.82	0.46					
			S 3	1412	97.67	100.65	102.35	-1.70	0.00					
UMM	528.8	184	IPD1	1413	6.21	69.19	69.24	-0.06	0.10	68	.21	3.4		
			S 2	1413	59.10	122.08	123.25	-1.19	0.02					
DPQ	528.9	234	P 3	1413	5.34	68.32	69.26	-0.94	0.03					
			S 3	1413	59.31	122.29	123.28	-0.99	0.02					
WVL	583.7	200	IPD4	1413	3.55	66.53	76.03	-9.51	0.00	110	.48	3.4		
			S 4	1413	59.85	122.83	135.33	-12.52	0.00					
MOQ	607.4	221	P 0	1413	16.18	79.16	78.95	0.07	0.00					
			S 1	1413	77.40	140.38	140.53	-0.40	0.00					
MNT	664.4	229	P 2	1413	22.40	85.38	85.99	-0.61	0.00					
			S 4	1413	87.55	150.53	153.05	-2.52	0.00					
TRQ	669.9	238	P 3	1413	22.05	85.03	86.67	-1.64	0.00					
			S 4	1413	88.18	151.16	154.27	-3.11	0.00					
LBNH	690.7	213	P 1	1413	25.92	88.90	89.24	-0.40	0.00					
GRQ	732.5	244	P 4	1413	28.64	91.62	94.39	-2.77	0.00					
			S 4	1413	93.23	156.21	168.02	-11.81	0.00					
FFD	754.8	208	IPD3	1413	32.18	95.16	97.15	-1.99	0.00					
HNH	756.4	212	IPD1	1413	34.88	97.86	97.35	0.48	0.00	53	.28	3.6		
			S 4	1413	95.87	158.85	173.28	-14.48	0.00					
GAC	761.3	237	P 4	1413	32.92	95.90	97.96	-2.06	0.00					
MDV	768.6	218	EP 4	1413	41.22	104.20	98.86	5.32	0.00					
WBO	798.5	232	P 0	1413	38.45	101.43	102.54	-1.11	0.00					
NCB	822.3	222	EP 3	1413	41.22	104.20	105.49	-1.37	0.00					
WES	854.3	203	EPD2	1413	47.18	110.16	109.43	0.72	0.00	66	.56	3.5		
EEO	953.1	251	P 4	1413	55.30	118.28	121.63	-3.35	0.00					
BINY1067.0	221	EP 2	1413	72.06	135.04	135.70	-0.74	0.00						

## NORTHWEST MAINE CRUSTAL STRUCTURE

02FEB11 PQ, APPROX 9 KM N OF JOLIETTE

DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MN	MC	ML	GAP	RMS	ERH	ERZ	Q		
20211	1141	36.83	46- 9.55	73-26.66	5.00	3.4	115	0.47	1.8	3.2	C			
STN	DIST	AZM	RMK	HRMN	SEC	TOBS	TCAL	RES	WT	AMX	PRX	XMAG	FMP	FMAG
GRQ	192.3	285	P 2	1142	7.70	30.87	30.21	0.66	1.35					
WBO	192.3	228	P 3	1142	6.14	29.31	30.21	-0.90	0.62					
OTT	196.0	244	P 1	1142	7.08	30.25	30.66	-0.42	2.09					
VT1	210.2	165	EP 1	1142	9.15	32.32	32.41	-0.12	2.02	1877	.29	3.9		
			S 4	1142	93.19	116.36	57.70	58.62	0.00					
LBNH	244.4	151	P 2	1142	12.78	35.95	36.63	-0.75	1.12					
			S 4	1142	39.70	62.87	65.20	-2.44	0.00					
DAQ	261.2	40	P 3	1142	16.18	39.35	38.71	0.48	0.56					
			S 3	1142	46.63	69.80	68.90	0.62	0.55					
A54	272.7	58	P 2	1142	17.25	40.42	40.13	0.23	1.10					
			S 0	1142	48.10	71.27	71.43	-0.27	2.20					
A11	276.0	64	P 3	1142	18.12	41.29	40.53	0.74	0.50					
LMQ	283.4	57	P 2	1142	18.77	41.94	41.44	0.42	1.05					
			S 0	1142	50.20	73.37	73.77	-0.53	2.05					
HNH	287.7	161	IPD1	1142	18.55	41.72	41.97	-0.29	1.56	426	.37	3.4		
			S 0	1142	52.16	75.33	74.71	0.56	2.02					
A61	307.2	56	P 2	1142	21.48	44.65	44.39	0.25	0.96					
A64	327.8	56	P 2	1142	24.10	47.27	46.92	0.32	0.87					
			S 4	1142	62.96	86.13	83.53	2.57	0.00					
A21	333.7	59	P 2	1142	24.91	48.08	47.65	0.42	0.85					
PQI	421.3	82	EP 4	1142	8.98	32.15	58.47	-26.35	0.00	94	.35	3.1		
			S 3	1142	79.38	102.55	104.07	-1.58	0.05					
EEO	436.2	277	P 0	1142	37.14	60.31	60.31	-0.01	0.90					
QUA2	439.9	169	EP 4	1142	40.30	63.47	60.77	2.67	0.00	263	.42	3.5		
			S 4	1142	91.46	114.63	108.17	6.40	0.00					
WES	452.3	158	IPD3	1142	40.83	64.00	62.30	1.69	0.02	60	.27	3.1		
			S 4	1142	94.83	118.00	110.90	7.08	0.00					
BINY	485.2	205	P 3	1142	42.27	65.44	66.37	-1.01	0.10					
			S 1	1142	95.65	118.82	118.13	0.54	0.37					
CNQ	533.5	49	P 2	1142	49.38	72.55	72.32	0.19	0.07					
GSQ	567.1	57	P 1	1142	53.20	76.37	76.47	-0.12	0.00					
ICQ	594.7	51	P 1	1142	56.60	79.77	79.88	-0.12	0.00					
MNQ	597.0	36	P 1	1142	56.87	80.04	80.17	-0.13	0.00					

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DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MN	MC	ML	GAP	RMS	ERH	ERZ	Q		
20224	2138	35.97	45-24.48	75- 0.25	0.58	3.0	162	0.52	11.6	9.8	D			
STN	DIST	AZM	RMK	HRMN	SEC	TOBS	TCAL	RES	WT	AMX	PRX	XMAG	FMP	FMAG
MOQ	215.6	93	P 3	2139	8.95	32.98	33.58	-0.73	1.01					
DPQ	223.1	51	P 0	2139	10.57	34.60	34.50	0.10	3.96					
			S 3	2139	38.52	62.55	61.41	1.14	0.96					
HNH	287.1	131	IPD3	2139	19.58	43.61	42.40	1.18	0.77	31	.17	2.5		
			S 2	2139	51.32	75.35	75.47	-0.17	1.59					
FFD	343.0	129	IPD2	2139	25.51	49.54	49.30	0.24	1.25	188	.15	3.5		
			S 4	2139	60.78	84.81	87.76	-2.95	0.00					
EEO	343.7	293	P 3	2139	19.74	43.77	49.40	-5.62	0.03					





## NESN Station Map

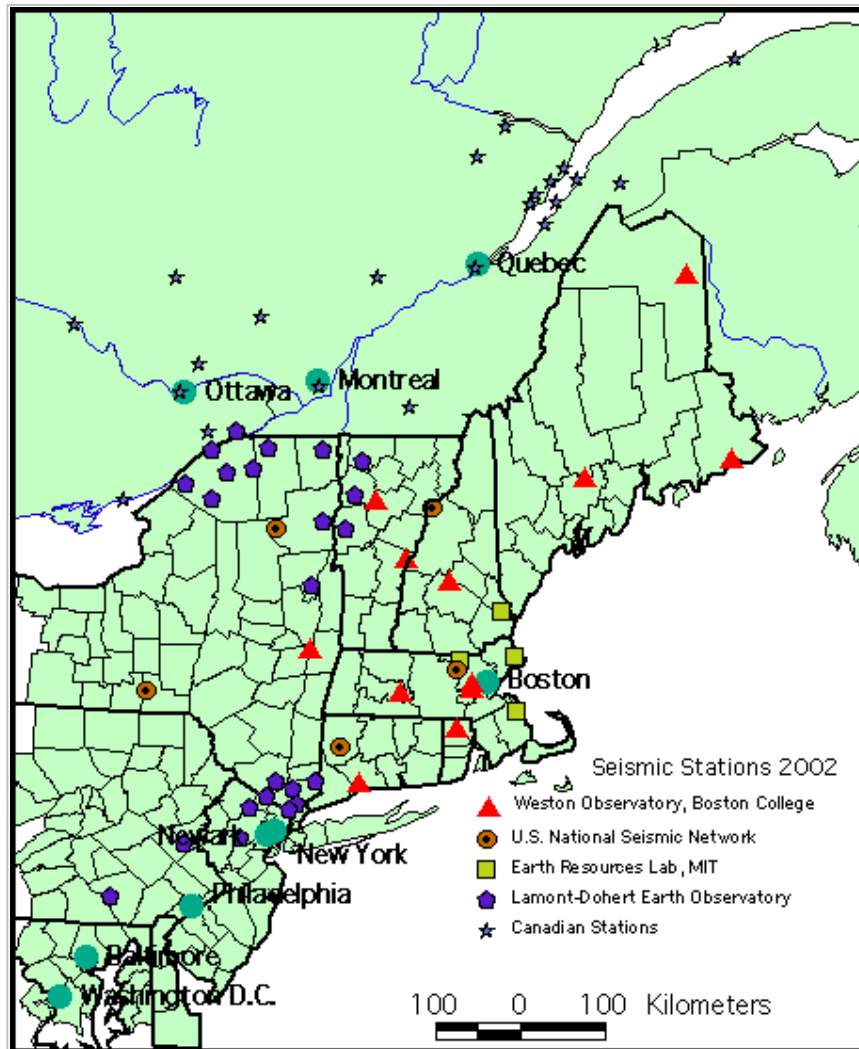


Figure 1: Map of stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during period January - March, 2002. Also included are the US National Seismic Network stations operating in New England during this period.

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## NESN Strong-Motion Station Map

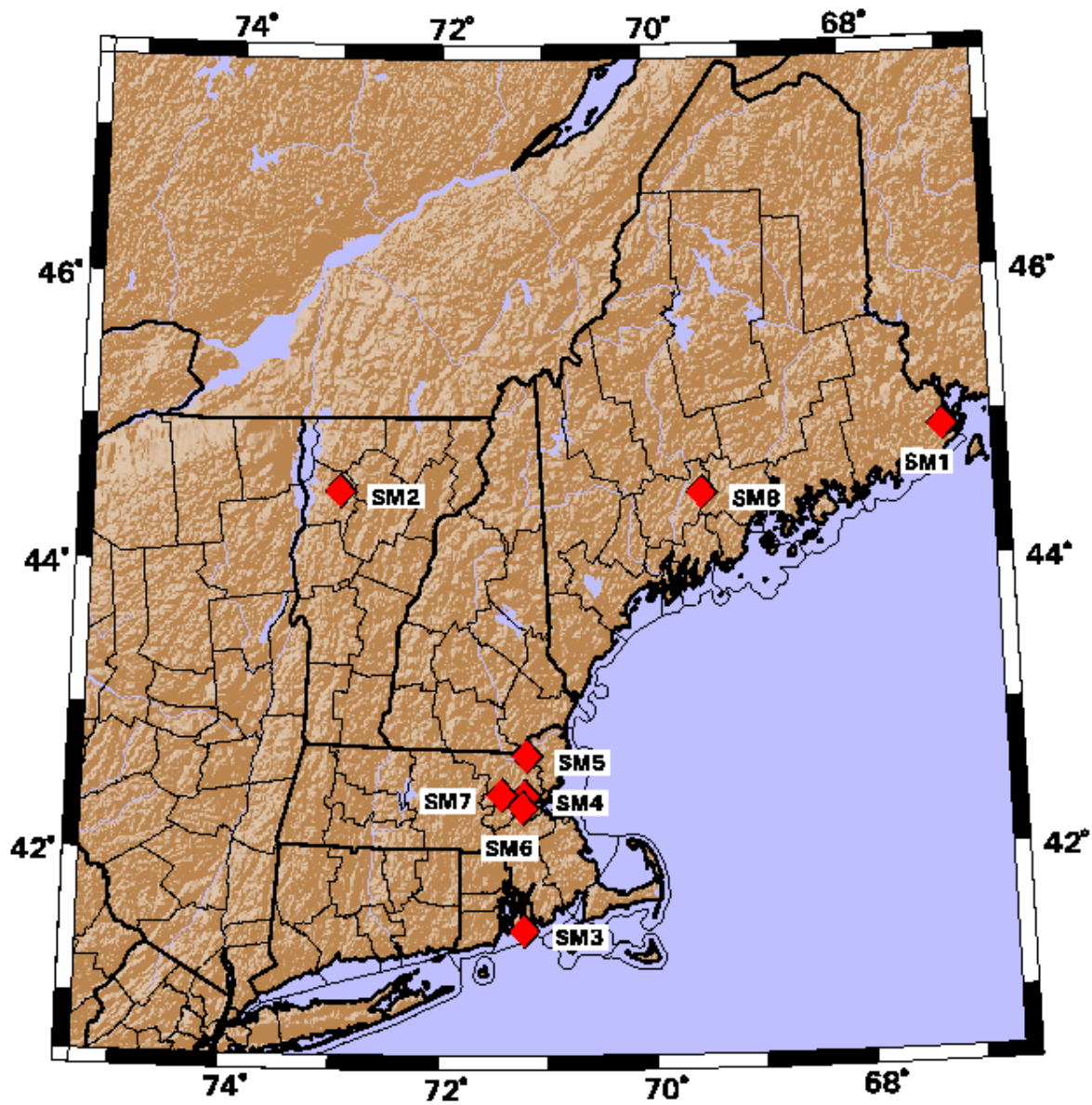


Figure 2: Map of strong-motion stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during period January - March, 2002.

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### NESN Quarterly Seismicity Map

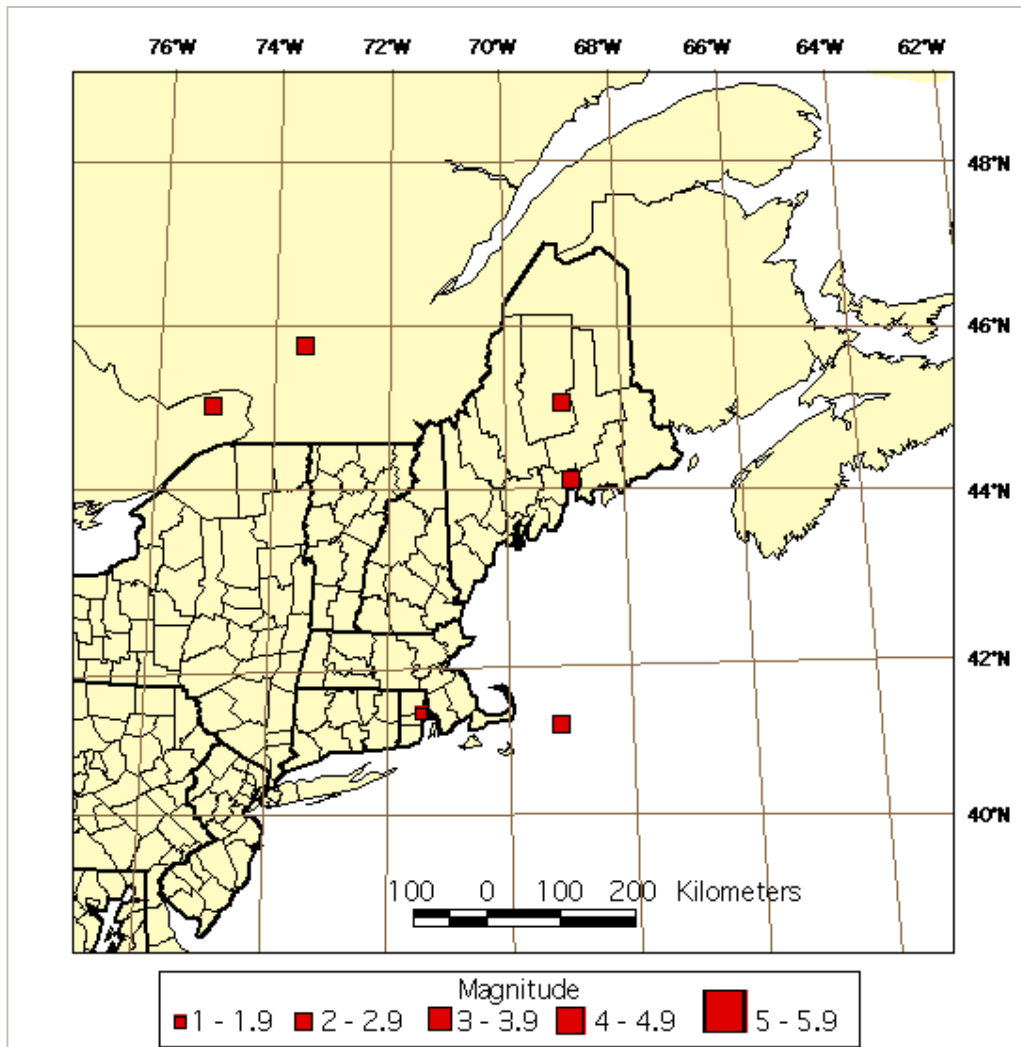


Figure 3: Earthquake epicenters located by the NESN during period January - March, 2002.

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### NESN Cumulative Seismicity Map

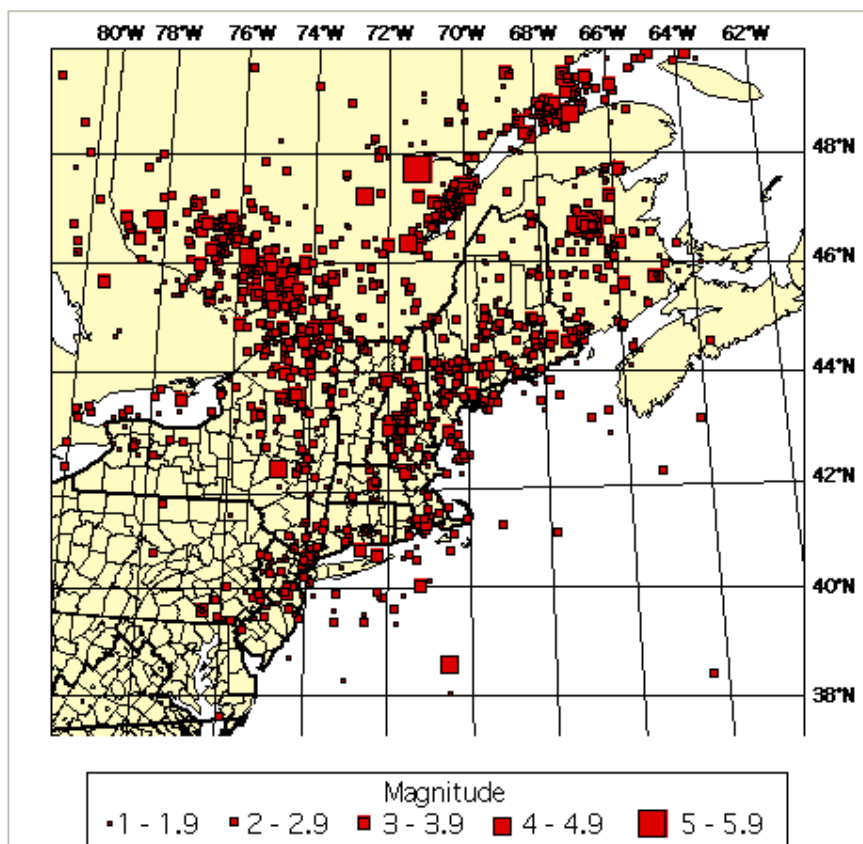


Figure 4: Seismicity for period October, 1975 - March, 2002.

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