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#### SUMMARY

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Norwegian Seismic Array - NORSAR - was built in 1968-70, following an agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and Norway. The array is located in south-eastern Norway, with center approximately 100 km north of Oslo (Fig. 1.1). The array, consisting of 22 subarrays, is approximately 110 km in diameter. The subarrays (SA) are organized in an outer (14 SA) ring, an inner ring (7 SA) and one center SA. Each SA with diameter approximately 10 km, consists of 5 short period seismometers in boreholes varying in depth from 2 to 15 meters, a long period vault housing 3 long period seismometers (E-W, N-S, Vertical) and one short period seismometer, and a central terminal vault housing the main SA electronic equipment. Buried cables interconnect the various parts of an SA (Fig 1.2). Each SA is connected to the data center at Kjeller near Oslo via a dedicated telephone circuit, which is rented from the Norwegian Telegraph Administration.



#### Figure 1.1 Southern Norway



Figure 1.2

Typical Subarray △Central Area (LP and CTV Site) ------ Cable trench Shallow (blasted) SP hole ODeep (drilled) SP hole

- · · · Power line
- ---- Telephone/ data line

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The construction of the array was administered by the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment under contract with the United States Air Force, wherea the operation of the system, from 1 July 1970, is the responsibility of the Royal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, also under contract with USAF.

### 2. STATUS OF SYSTEM

## 2.1 Facilities

The Data Processing Center at Kjeller consists of a rented permanent building containing computer room, adjacent rooms for air conditioning, card punching, line termination, storage and six offices, and a semipermanent prefabricated office building with 17 offices and auxiliary rooms, part of which is U.S. Government property, part of it rented.

The maintenance center, with main workshop facilities, is located near the data center, partly in a rented house, partly in a semipermanent house similar to the office building. A large storeroom is rented from the neighboring Institute for Atomic Energy. A small field workshop is rented in the array area, also a storage area is rented for spare cable reels and bulk material. A new maintenance center is planned in the array area, whereby all workshop activities and storage (except cables) will be concentrated at one location. This will reduce operating costs and provide for better utilization of manpower and resources.

### 2.2 Personnel

The list below shows the total manning of NORSAR, with service time in the project for each incumbent. In

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addition, three IBM/FSD personnel stayed with the project in the report period, with special tasks and as advisers to the NORSAR staff. Part time work relating to accounting, payroll, etc., is being done by the RSCSIR head office.

Group	Position	Er	nploy	red	Le	eft	
Administra- tion	Project Manager	1	Apr	72			
	Adm. Secretary	1	Aug	70			
	Tech. Assistant	1	Nov	68	2	Jul	72
	Secretary	16	Oct	69			
	"	1	Oct	70			
	H	18	0ct	71			
Research	Chief Seismologist	: 1	Dec	68			
	Seismologist	27	Jul	70			
	Programmer	27	Sep	71			
	n	1	Mar	72			
Operations	Operations Manager	1	Jan	70			
	Oper. Manager Assistant	16	Mar	68			
	Chief Programmer	1	Jan	69			
	Programmer	20	Мау	70			
	tt.	1	Oct	68			
	н	28	Feb	69			
	н	1	Jan	71	29	Feb	72
	Librarian	7	Jun	71			
	Seismologist	1	Dec	69			
	Physicist	5	Sep	68			
	Oper. Supervisor	1	Aug	68			
	Syst. Operator	1	Aug	68			
	11	2	Sep	68			
	11	1	Jan	72			

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Group	Position	Employed	Left
Operations	Operator	ll Oct 71	
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		20 Mar 72	
· · · · · ·	п	17 Apr 72	
	п	30 Jul 68	
	п	29 Jun 70	
	11	13 Sep 71	
		21 Jun 71	1 Apr 72
	11	17 Feb 70	
,	"	l Jan 71	
	Lab. Techn.	1 Oct 71	30 Apr 72
Transferred from sub-	<b>,</b> "	1 Oct 71	30 Jun 72
contractor	Field Techn.	1 Oct 71	
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## 2.3 Equipment, Maintenance

### 2.3.1 NDPC Equipment

The computer installation consists of 2 IBM 360 Mod 40, a Special Processing System (SPS), and Experimental Operations Console (EOC) and various control and peripheral equipment. Floor plan and functional diagram of the installation are shown in Figs. 2.1 and 2.2 respectively.

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Maintenance of computer equipment is subcontracted with IBM Norway. Table 2.1 indicates the maintenance activity in the period. Computer utilization is discussed in the next chapter. Equipment performance was reliable and stable.

Month	C.E. Main	+	Power		Mach	•	SPS*	EOC	TOD *	
1972	A	B	A	в	A	В	rair.	raii.	rall.	
Jan	7	3			2	6	~			
Feb		3	1	11	3	15				
Mar		5	7	7	9	19	7			
Apŗ	1	4	1	1	• 14	33	7		2	
Мау	10	2	1	1	3	10				
Jun	6	2	3	3		5				
* Down A =	* Down time included in other columns. TOD=Time of Day A = A computer, B = B computer. C.E.=Custom Engineer									

#### TABLE 2.1

Maintenance and Down Times (Hours) Jan - Jun 1972





Figure 2.2 Functional Diagram of the Computer System

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### 2.3.2 Communications

The communications system consists of 22 dedicated circuits, 2400 baud modems type ITT GH-2003B and auxiliary equipment. Lines are rented from the Norwegian Telegraph Administration. Line and modem maintenance is subcontracted with the NTA. The communications system is shown in Fig. 2.3. Table 2.2 shows communication outage for groups of subarrays in the period. The Trans-Atlantic Line (TAL) was in June rerouted from the satellite ground station at Goonhilly Downs in the United Kingdom to the new Scandinavian ground station at Tanum in Sweden and the Intelsat IV satellite. At the same time, a rerouting of this circuit in the USA was reported to have occurred. Communications between Kjeller and Tanum are by cable and microwavelink.

### 2.3.3 Field Equipment

Field equipment status and maintenance is covered by NORSAR report no. 40, "Array Monitoring and Field Maintenance Report, 1 Oct 71 - 30 June 72", thus only a summary of workshop activity at Kjeller is given here. Also, as one of the workshop technicians left in the middle of the period, the other at the end of the period, the activities were gradually transferred to the field workshop, pending the establishment of the new field maintenance center. One person from the data center worked part time at the workshop.

Summary of maintenance center activities 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1972:

1. SP seismometer

Thirty-six seismometers were reconditioned/adjusted. Several of these had to be treated more than once before acceptance. After scrutinizing the procedures, this situation improved. New (wider) tolerance limits for frequency and damping were established by ESD; however, seismometers coming in for treatment were, of course, adjusted to as near nominal values as possible.



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Sub- Arrays	Jan 1972	Feb 1972	Mar 1972	Apr 1972	May 1972	June 1972	Total hours Down
01A/01B- 04B				11.6	1.1		12.7
02C-06C			2.0	10.8	1.1		13.9
05B-01C		0.5	1.1	7.7	17.0	1.6	27.9
09C-14C		0.5	1.1	10.0	20.2	1.6	, 33.4
01A-14C -7,8C		0.8	0.5	2.2	0.3	0.3	4.1
05B-07B			1.1		3.0		4.1
11C-13C			1.1				1.1

TABLE 2.2

Summary of Communication System Down (Groups of SA's)

### 2. RA-5 Amplifier

A special test set-up for RA-5 was finished. This consists of a board where amplifier subassemblies can be mounted, and where test points are easily accessible. Together with a detailed test procedure, this simplifies amplifier repair and tests considerably. Eight amplifiers were repaired and tested in the period.

### 3. LP Seismometer

One vertical seismometer reconditioned/adjusted. Five remote centering devices repaired.

4. SLEM

Two Analog/Digital Converters adjusted. One ADC sent back to factory under guarantee. Three SP Line Terminating Amplifiers repaired. Seven test generators repaired. Four external power units repaired/adjusted. 5. Miscellaneous One Ithaco (LP) amplifier sent to factory for repair. Three junction boxes reconditioned and rewired.

In connection with SP seismometer reconditioning, detailed procedures were worked out, and detailed documentation of work on each seismometer, in the form of new data cards, were instituted.

A new sealing compound for SP seismometers was tested and accepted. This makes disassembly of seismometers much easier than before.

Investigations were made into the problem of CTV water alarm tripping without the presence of water. Adjustments improved the situation; however, further improvements are expected, possibly in the form of a new detector.

Investigations of missing numbers from 3B SLEM were made. The reason, noise from the power unit, was found, and the problem solved.

"Interface units" for use in line and modem tests were made.

An inventory control was performed by Mr. D. Madrigal, AFCMC Det 16, 9-16 Feb 72. In this connection, maintenance center spare parts stock and material control procedures were examined. As a result of this, the spare parts stock was partly reorganized. To keep better track of units and subunits, the number tagging system was extended to include several additional items, with corresponding history data cards for each unit.

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### 3. NDPC ACTIVITY

### 3.1 Detection Processor Operation

3.1.1 General Considerations

During the reporting period, the mode of operation for the NORSAR Detection Processor (DP) was close to continuous, with DP taken down only when needed for program development purposes and parameter changes. As before, core dumps were taken when DP was subject to error stop for unknown reason, and the secondary computer was used for backup recording purposes to minimize loss of data due to system malfunctioning.

The most significant developments within DP in the reporting period were the implementation of trans-Atlantic communication SAAC to NDPC and an experimental "incoherent" event detector (Section 3.1.4).

### 3.1.2 Data Recording and DP Down Time

Figure 3.1.1 shows Detection Processor down time on a day-to-day basis for January-June 1972. The total



Figure 3.1.1 Daily Detection Processor Down Time January-June 1972

computer usage.

It is seen that DP was operational for at least 97% of real time every month. A few outages of long duration account for most of the DP down time, and are mainly attributable to hardware conditions.

The number of system error stops and the associated mean time between failures are given in Table 3.1.2. System stops when DP was taken down deliberately have not been included here.

The 53 DP error stops in the reporting period were related to the following causes:

Tape drive problems	14		
Power breaks and related stops	11		
Disk controller	7	(all in	March)
Other hardware problems	11		
Software errors	7		
Operator errors	3		

The average mean time between failures in the reporting period was 3.4 days.

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	DP	EP	Job Shop	Data Retention Copying	Array Monitor- ing	DP Test	C.E. Maint.	Power Down	Idle	Mach <sup>·</sup> Error	No. of jobs
Jan	731		2			2	7			2	6
Feb	688				-	4		1		3	
Mar	682	22	35	3	3			7		9	64
Apr	700					4	1	1		14	
May	719		11			1	10	1		3	46
Jun	679	5	23	2		2	6	3			84
Total hours	4199	27	71	5	3	13	24	13		31	200

### COMPUTER A

	DP	EP	Job Shop	Data Retention Copying	Array Monitor- ing	DP Test	C.E. Maint	Power Down	Idle	Mach Error	No. of Jobs
Jan	-8	232	446	260	183		3		12	6	875
Feb 🛛	1	259	387	251	202		3	1		15	851
Mar	40	318	358	250	147		5	7		19	640
Apr	4	330	361	244	96	31	4	1			735
May	17	314	431	255	119	20	2	1		10	700
Jun	33	265	500	209	76	14	2	3		5	1000
Total Hours	103	1709	2483	1469	823	65	19	13	12	55	4801

### COMPUTER B

 $\frac{(4199+103)\cdot 100}{4368} \ \ = \ \ 98.5 \ \$ DP Up Time:

EP Up Time:

 $\frac{(27+1709)\cdot 100}{39.7} = 39.7$ 4368

### TABLE 3.1.1

Computer Usage (hours per month) 1 January - 30 June 1972

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	DP UPTIME (hours)	DP UP %	EP UPTIME (hours)	EP UP %	NO. OF DP ERROR STOPS	DP MTBF (days)
Jan	739	99.4	232	31.2	10	3.1
Feb	689	99.0	259	37.1	8	3.6
Mar	722	97.0	340	45.6	12	2.6
Apr	704	97.8	330	45.6	9	3.3
May	736	98.9	314	42.0	6	5.2
Jun	712	98.9	270	38.4	8	3.8
Total	4302	98.5	1736	39.7	53 ***	3.4

#### TABLE 3.1.2

DP and EP Computer Usage 1 January - 30 June 1972

### 3.1.3 DP Operational Problems

The main DP problems in the reporting period are summarized in the following, together with the associated Discrepancy Report Number.

Several tape drive problems caused DP error stops, especially in January. (Discrepancy Report 465 and others) An effort was made to modify the online software to reduce the probability of system breakdown in such cases by having DP retry twice any unsuccessful write statement to a data tape. The situation seemed to improve later in the period.

An incorrect time on the time of day generator (TOD) caused the time on the data tapes to be 86 seconds wrong (too high) from 24 January, 1520 GMT, to 3 February, 1436 GMT, when the error was discovered. The cause of this problem remains unknown, but actions have been taken to check the TOD generator more regularly. (Discrepancy Report 497)

An SPS coding error was corrected on 13 March. (Discrepancy Report 529) The problem related to a routine which is not frequently entered, and implied that an erroneous counter value would cause submultiplexed data to be inserted in the SPS filter buffer. Detection performance would then be degraded and LP data would be lost. This had happened during several shorter time intervals dating back to when the system first became operational.

- Hardware problems with the Disk Controller caused several DP error stops in March (Discrepancy Report 533).
- On several occasions (e.g. Discrepancy report 546) the SPS fans did not function properly after power breaks, causing considerable system down time. The fans have now been changed.
- Operator failure to mask faulty data channels from being included in the detection processing caused degraded DP performance during days 103-104 and again days 161-162 (Discrepancy Report 551). A routine has been established after these incidents to have a daily visual control of each data channel via the EOC display.

### 3.1.4 DP Algorithms and Parameters

The following significant DP programming changes took place in the reporting period.

- An experimental processor to form a limited set of "incoherent array beams" and monitor the detection performance of these beams was implemented online 10 January, 1200 GMT (Change Request 472). Incoherent beamforming is analogous to conventional beamforming, but array beamforming is performed after rectification of the subarray beams by the new method. Initially, three incoherent beams were steered towards the Aleutian-Kamchatka region, and they were redeployed to Turkey-Caspian Sea from 6 March.
- A new method to analyze channel gains (LP and SP) during array monitoring tests was implemented 8 March. This method compensates better for seismic noise superimposed on calibration signals than the one previously used, by averaging the amplitude of the calibration sine wave over several cycles rather than selecting the peak amplitude. (Change Request 464)
- Trans-Atlantic data communication from SAAC to NDPC was implemented 24 April. This work was done in cooperation with Geotech/SAAC, and implied an effective utilization of the Trans-Atlantic Link (TAL) for two-way data exchange. An outline of the types of data included in the transmission is presented in Table 3.1.5 (Change Request 502).
- An option to perform plotting from the on-line Detection Processor was implemented 19 June. The background for this development was the need that had emerged to provide extra plotting capability during periods of heavy Event Processing load (Change Request 567).

The parameter changes relevant to the on-line DP during the reporting period were as follows.

#### 6 January, 1300 GMT

- A new bandpass filter, 1.2-3.2 Hz Butterworth, was applied to on-line data by the SPS from this date (Change Request 445). This change was based upon NTNF studies which suggested that the bestin-average signal-to-noise ratio on the array beams could be obtained in this frequency band. See Table 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 for scaling parameters associated to the new filter.
- 27 January, 1200 GMT
  - A new set of region corrections for the NORSAR array was worked out late in 1971 based upon studies of systematically selected events with clean signal arrivals on all subarrays. This provided an opportunity to adjust the time delays used in the on-line array beamforming to better fit the true wavefront arrivals for events from different regions. The new time delays were implemented on the above date (Change Request 491). No change was performed in the U-space aiming points of the array beams.

The Selected Surveillance detection threshold was set at 10.5 dB as the year started. It was lowered to 10 dB on 3 May, 1600 GMT, and again to 9 dB on 21 June, 0930 GMT (Change Request 581).

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B-BP 1.2-3.2 HZ SEL. SURV. 01/06/72 Table 3.1.3 Detection Processor Scaling (6 Jan 1972 - 23 Nov 1972) SA = 22

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SEIM =

Coherent Beamforming Process Step:	Multiplier	Value 1.2-3.2 Hz Filter	Correspond ing noise scaling
<ol> <li>Input single seismo- meter values</li> </ol>			23.4 qu/nm
2. Filter input shift (ALPHA)	2**ALPHA	0	23.4 "
3. Filter noise sup- pression (GF)	1/GF	5.8	4.0 "
4. Filter arithmetic 	1/FSCALE	1.85	2.2 "
5. Filter output shift (DELTA)	2**DELTA	0	2.2 "
6. Subarray beamforming (GSA)	GSA=√6	√6	5.3 "
7. Subarray Output shift (BETASA)	2**BETASA	0	5.3 "
<ol> <li>Array beam preshift (RHO)</li> </ol>	2**RHO	0	5.3 "
9. Array beamforming (GLA)	$GLA=\sqrt{22}$	√22	25.1 "
10. Array beam output shift (BETALA)	2**BETALA	-3	3.1 "
11. Rectification $\sqrt{2/\pi}$	$\sqrt{2/\pi}$		2.5 ""
12. Rectification shift (MU)	2**MU	-1	1.25 "
<pre>13. STA integration     (STAW) = (R*S)</pre>	STAW	15	18.8 "
14. LTA scaling shift (ZETA)=(NU-SIGMA)	2**ZETA	3	150 "

TABLE 3.1.4

Detection Processor Scaling and Conversion Factors 6 January - 23 November 1972

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Field	Description of Contents	Bytes
1	Control Characters	0-3
2	LASA Signal Arrival Queue Entry File	4-17
3	LASA Time (ISRSPS Format)	18-21
4	LASA LP Status and Repeat Indicator	22-28
5	LASA LP Data	29-130
6	ALPA Time (ISRSPS Format)	131-134
7	ALPA LP Status and Repeat Indicator	135-142
8	ALPA LP Data	143-256
9	LASA Off-line Results	257-282
10a	Program Coordination Data	283-294
10b	SP Data Request	283-291
11	Control Characters	295-298
12	Spare (encoded as zeros)	299

### TABLE 3.1.5

Contents of data block transmitted on-line from SAAC to NDPC. One such block of 300 bytes is transmitted each second.

### 3.1.5 Detection Processor Performance

Statistics showing the number of on-line Selected Surveillance detections as a function of signal-to-noise ratio are shown in Figure 3.1.2, parts I-III. Individual detections closer in time than 30 seconds have been merged to one detection in these statistics.

Part I of the figure covers the period from the 1.2-3.2 Hz filter was implemented until the new region corrections were included in the beam set. Part II shows a similar period immediately after this change and Part III covers the remainder of the reporting period.

It is seen that the "break point" between a noise slope and a signal slope corresponds to approximatley 12 detections/day in the first period and 18-19 detections/day for the last two periods. This difference is significant and it is reasonable to assume that part of the improvement is a consequence of the new set of region corrections. Of course noise level variations and seismicity considerations make any conclusion somewhat uncertain.

It is instructive to recall that during the last quarter of 1971, with the 0.9-3.5 Hz bandpass filter, the break point was consistently below 10 detections/day.

The number of Selected Surveillance (grouped) detections on a day-to-day basis in shown in Figure 3.1.3. Note that days 103-104 and 161-162 show abnormally low numbers due to system malfunctions (section 3.1.3). Otherwise, the detection rate is very stable in January through April, with a significant drop in May and part of June. This reflects lower false alarm rate caused by change in the seismic noise spectrum during these months.



PART I

Figure 3.1.2 NORSAR Detection Statistics 1972

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### PART II

Figure 3.1.2 NORSAR Detection Statistics 1972



PART III



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### 3.2 Event Processor Operation

### 3.2.1 General Considerations

The Event Processor (EP) was implemented during the first months of 1971, and all throughout that year the software system was more or less continuously in a state of change. The operation of EP became more stable in 1972, but the rate of change was still high. Most of the work with EP in this reporting period has been concentrated within the following areas

development and implementation of new algorithms

- search for better parameter values

changes in the editing and organization of output

- debugging.

In the daily analysis work there were not many changes in the procedures from the previous year, although gained experience improved the performance also here. Also in this reporting period was this work performed mostly by a professional seismologist, which is necessary if improvements beyond the trivial are desired.

Table 3.2.1 shows the number of processed events and what were the decisions of the analysts. The small number of detections rejected as noise, 4.9%, reflects that the EP threshold for most of the time was kept relatively high due to the pressure on computer time. The list of parameter changes in chapter 3.2.4 shows that the EP threshold during this reporting period was changed as follows:

1 Jan - 21 Feb : 4.46 = 13.0 dB 21 Feb - 6 Mar : 4.00 = 12.0 dB 6 Mar - 5 May : 3.80 = 11.6 dB 5 May - 2 Jun : 3.65 = 11.2 dB 2 Jun - Initialization parameter.

Analyst Classification	Number of Processings	Percentage
Accepted as events	2913	63.7
Rejected as being:		
- Noise detections	224	. 4.9
- Local events	813	17.8
- Double processings	389	8.5
- Communication errors	235	5.1
Sum Processed	4574	100

#### TABLE 3.2.1

Analyst decisions for EP processings during the time period 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1972

There were two reasons why the threshold was lowered. Firstly, the change of filter and corrections in January (chapter 3.1.4) caused a drop in the break point between signals and noise (chapter 3.1.5), and the EP threshold could therefore be dropped while staying at the same false alarm rate. Secondly, as explained in chapter 3.2.2 changes were made in May which reduced the average computer time requirement per event by 63%, allowing more events to be processed by EP. Consequently, most of the processing rejected as noise occurred in May and June 1972. One should keep in mind here that operating at a threshold which gives few noise detections means that a significant number of real events are lost.

From Table 3.2.1 one can also see that the number of local events was quite high, 17.8% or 4.5 per day. Local events here can be anything within an epicentral distance of up to 10-13 degrees, but most of them were within the array siting area, and man-made. The equivalent number quoted in the previous reporting period was much lower, caused only by the fact that until early February 1972 many local events were included in the bulletin. (However, they were flagged as local and have never been included in any calculation of detectability.) Taking also into consideration that most of the double processing (8.5%), which means two or more EP processings on the same event, were caused by local events, and also that these took more than average time to process, it is clear that this represented a great problem and an obstacle to a more efficient use of EP. Consequently, a concentrated effort was initiated in the end of the reporting period in order to attack that problem and the problem of the EP processings that were triggered by errors in the communication system.

### 3.2.2 Computer Utilization

Table 3.1.2 shows that EP this reporting period was up 39.7 % of the time on the second computer, as compared to 37.9% in the previous period. Still, background partition(s) allowed simultaneous use of the computer. As reported in chapter 3.2.4, the beampacking procedure for estimation of location in inverse velocity space was modified, and later (May 1972) implemented as the only method used for all events with SNR < 20, which usually is around 80-90% of the events processed. According to a computer time analysis from which some results are shown in Table 3.2.2, that change reduces the computer time with 4m 49s per event. Also, the depth estimation (Cepstrum analysis) was dropped around the same time, and this gained another lm 7s, while some extra high frequent beams which were added on the EP plot took 14s away, totaling up to a gain of 5 m 42s per event, or a 63% drop from the previous value of 9m 3s. Much of that gain was used in analysis of events

closer to the detection threshold, by lowering of the EP threshold.

Where time	was spent	
Package	Oct/Nov 71	07/05/72
spo l	0m 47s	0m 34s
spo 2	6m 36s	lm 7s
spo 3	lm 40s	lm 40s
Spent per event	9m 3s	3m 21s
Where time	e was gained	
Reduced correlation		4m 49s
No depth calculation		lm 7s
More filtered beams		- 14s
Gained per event		5m 42s

#### TABLE 3.2.2

Computer time in EP per event before and after some changes which were implemented in order to reduce the time requirement, and where the gain occurred.

### 3.2.3 Special EP Operational Problems

Since debugging and implementation of new algorithms in the Event Processor has continued, the operational problems have remained about the same as for the previous reporting period (July-December 1971).

Terminations or hangups of the EP system have occurred now and then, mainly in connection with major changes in the coding.

For various reasons discussed above, the lower SNR threshold for detections accepted for processing by EP (prethreshold) was changed several times during this period.

Consequently, it was then decided to have the prethreshold as a system parameter, displayed on the 1052 console to be optionally changed each time EP is taken up. In this way unnecessary off-line EP updating would be avoided.

### 3.2.4 EP Parameters and Algorithms

The following is a chronological list of changes made to EP parameters and algorithms in this reporting period:

### 7 January:

Coding was inserted that gives deviations in distance and azimuth in the Summary Report, if the event used the correlation procedure for solution refinement.

#### 25 January:

The Region Correction and Calibration File was updated with new region corrections. The values are given in Table 3.2.3. See also Figure 3.2.1.

### 31 January:

A TRIGR macro was inserted in the EP controller. This macro is executed each time one or more detections are written to the Detection File. Its function is to activate and post a program in Foreground 1 waiting for such a post. This is done to activate the EP initialization program SUDLIN when EP is operating in the OFF-LINE mode.

#### 2 February:

The variance estimate for region corrections (VSUBR2) was changed from 0.04 to 0.0289.

### 21 February:

The prethreshold value (PRTHRSH) was changed from 4.46 to 4.0.

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#### TABLE 3.2.3

Regional Corrections for 52 node points implemented 25 Jan 72. UX,UY is observed and UCX,UCY corrected locations in inverse velocity space, units ms/km. The last 22 columns give time delay corrections ( $\Delta$ ) in milliseconds for each of the 22 subarrays. The time delay for the i'th subarray (coordinates X<sub>1</sub>,Y<sub>1</sub>), pointing at UX,UY, is then computed through the formula  $T_i = -[UX \cdot X_i + UY \cdot Y_i - \Delta_i]$ 



Figure 3.2.1 Location calibration values as implemented 25 Jan 72, plotted in inverse velocity space. For each node, the observed (node number) and corrected value (star) is indicated.

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### 23 February:

Coding was inserted in the EP controller to flag as not to be processed all the General Surveillance detections not having beam numbers between 15 and 30, which were the most close-in beams. This was done after one realized that General Surveillance never gave extra events from regions already covered by Selected Surveillance.

The number of packed beam rings (NR3) was changes from 3 to 2.

#### 1 March:

Some names in the Flinn & Engdahl region table were changed as a consequence of recent political changes in Africa and Asia.

Line zero of the bulletin, giving the date, was transmitted to the TAL file.

The DVALP2 parameter was changed to 0.6363 from 0.8095. This parameter, which is the same for each of the 3 passes through the correlation procedure, is multiplied to the matched filter gain, the mean square angular frequency and the subarray signal-to-noise ratio to give a first estimate of the precision of a subarray arrival time estimate

The default value of the plot length indicator (IPTYPP) was changed from 2 to 1.

### 7 March:

The prethreshold value was changed to 3.8 from 4.0. If EP changes the phase of the solution from its original DP value, this is marked on the Summary Report. The panel length for the short plot was changed. The initial Event Family Grouping Force Wait time was set to zero (earlier value 5.10<sup>8</sup>) to prevent EP hangup.

### 16 March:

The latitude, longitude and SNR for the original detection is printed out at the end of the Summary Report.

A lower threshold of 5.0 was set on the SNR ratio for those detections that use the correlation procedure for solution refinement. All detections with SNR ratio below this threshold would then use beampacking for their solution refinement.

The Cepstrum analysis to determine the event's depth was skipped by setting a variable IDEPTH to zero.

The algorithm to find the date within a leap year, in the Job Step 4 main routine, was corrected.

Each time a plot tape is created, a list of all the EPX-es having plot files on this tape is written on the 1052.

The Summary Report bit in the EDSD entry is not turned off before a normal return from the Summary Report packaged to the Summary Report sequencer has occurred.

Before the tape monitoring routine declares a unit to be down, it tries once more to read the volume label of the tape mounted on this unit.

The parameter NG4, which is the maximum number of samples on the beam envelope between the start of an event mode and its first peak if the event should be called "impulsive" was decreased from 35 to 15. Before that, all events had been classified as impulsive, and no "emergent" events ever occurred.

The parameter THSN4, giving the SNR upper limit for using "model fit" to determine the arrival time instead of "threshold pick", was increased to 100.0 from 50.0.

### 12 April:

The setting of the MTEDSD flag in Monitor Common, to signal that all the event data sets are in use, was corrected.

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The line zero in the bulletin transmitted to the TAL was started with an EBCDIC zero, for identification purposes.

### 27 April:

Job Step 4 was restricted to execute in region A only, even if EP has region B available.

The EDSD-options for a rerun event was changed to X'E800' thereby releasing the Event Data Set after a Job Step 3 execution, and using the default values for filter and plot length.

The detected signal-to-noise ratio is written on the Summary Report.

The automatic updating of parameters in the D/B-file at editing time in Job Step 4, is avoided if latitude, longitude (or both) in line 2 has been changed (indicating a new solution found by the analyst).

### 4 May:

The beampacking procedure was modified according to ideas provided by Teledyne/Geotech/SAAC. The parameter MAXBP3, giving the maximum number of times to pack beams, was increased from 20 to 25. Region corrected delays are now computed for all the beams, not only the central. When the solution is on the inner-ring, beampacking is redone with a grid scaled down to 1/2 of the original. The halving of grid scale may be done twice.

The lower SNR threshold for events using the correlation procedure was increased from 5.0 to 20.0.

#### 5 May:

The prethreshold was changed from 3.8 to 3.65.

#### 2 June:

The coordinates for the 03C seismometers relative to the center seismometer were corrected.

Coding was inserted in the scheduler initialization routine MJSCHDI to display the prethreshold on the 1052 during initialization, thus allowing the operator to change the value optionally. The value in Monitor Common, now set to 3.65, is the default value given the prethreshold at a "fresh start". The current value will be the value loaded from the Monitor Common file at a "continued processing". The current value of the prethreshold was set to 3.55.

The weighted array beam was removed from the plot. Instead a filter array beam was plotted, using a 1.4-3.4 Hz BP-B filter.

Each plotted partial beam was reduced to consist of only one subarray beam, filtered with a 1.8-3.8 Hz BP-B filter. The EP filter base was expanded to consist of 10 filters in all. The filters added were the following:

> 1.6 - 3.6 Hz BP-B 1.8 - 3.8 Hz BP-B 2.0 - 4.0 Hz BP-B

The algorithm for detection of later modes on the beam power envelope was changed, by doubling the threshold to be exceeded in order to have a later mode declared.

### 3.2.5 EP Performance Statistics

The performance of EP for this reporting period has been covered in some detail by Bungum (1972), where detectability and location accuracy are analyzed on a regionalized basis.

The number of events reported in the NORSAR Seismic Event Summary, on a monthly basis, is given in Table 3.2.4. The effect of the different changes discussed

cation (km)	908	550	550	450	. 600	560	580	530	
NOAA Loc	><∆<90 <sup>0</sup> 50%	220	170	140	150	160	170	165	
NORSAR/	30 <sup>0</sup> Events	98	140	114	158	67	122	729	
parison	NORSAR & NOAA	168	215	187	225	163	187	1145	
NOAA Com <∆<180 <sup>0</sup>	NOAA only	225	151	167	123	132	166	964	
NORSAR/ 00	NORSAR only	116	164	236	382	342	. 284	1524	
R Events	30°<∆<90°	224	312	335	519	441	383	2214	
Number o	0°<∆<180°	283	379	424	605	505	470	2666	
Month	1972	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jan-Jun	

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TABLE 3.2.4

Number of events reported by NORSAR for the time period Jan-Jun 1972, together with comparisons with the NOAA monthly listing of events.

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above, and implemented in the beginning of the year, is quite clear. The same can be seen from Figure 3.2.2b where the number of reported events is displayed on a daily basis. Besides the system changes, some of the improvement is simply due to the gradual lowering of the processing threshold, which was made possible by the reduced requirements of computer time per event.

The main restriction to improved detectability is still, of course, the seismic background noise. Figure 3.2.2a here shows the average LTA over all on-line array beams after the new filter was implemented on 6 Jan 1972. The long term variability is still large, and it has been demonstrated that the noise peaks, sometimes lasting for days, are closely related to the large-scale meteorological activity off the coast of Norway, and must be interpreted as a leakage into the processing frequency band of the microseismic noise peaking at 6 seconds The day-to-day correlation between signals period. and noise can be easily verified from Figures 3.2.2a and b, and a closer study would show that there is no simple inverse linear relationship; when the noise level doubles, the number of events is cut down to more than half. The reason for this is that the short term variance of the noise increases with increasing noise power due to changes in the spectrum, and therefore affects the detectability more than the noise power alone could explain (Lacoss 1972).

The success of the filter change from 0.9-3.5 Hz to 1.2-3.2 Hz on 6 Jan 1972 is tied to the same phenomenon. Firstly, the change was made because it would decrease noise power and increase SNR, but equally important is the reducing effect it had on the variance of the noise.

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Figure 3.2.2a Average noise level at NORSAR within the processing frequency band 0.9-3.5 Hz, for the time period 1 January - 30 June 1972



Figure 3.2.2b Daily number of events reported by NORSAR as a function of day of year for the time period 1 January - 30 June 1972

The distribution of the time series displayed in Figure 3.2.2b is given in Figure 3.2.3. Since the distribution is one-sided and far from normal, the average number of events per day (14.7) is not as informative as the median, which in this case is 12.6 events per day. The main reasons why the deviations from the theoretical distribution are so large must be the long term variation in background noise and the variations in seismicity due to earthquake swarms.

A comparison between NORSAR and NOAA is also presented in Table 3.2.4. One of the things the table shows is that NORSAR in this period reported 54% of the events reported by NOAA, while NOAA could confirm 43% of the events reported by NORSAR. The areas which NOAA covers better than NORSAR are the complete Western Hemisphere and of course areas in the core shadow zone as seen from NORSAR. NORSAR has a better coverage on the continent on which border it is located, namely Eurasia.

Table 3.2.4 also includes some results from a location comparison with NOAA. The decrease in the median location difference from 220 to 170 km from Jan to Feb is due to the implementation of new and better location corrections. The other important change which could change the location accuracy was the switch from correlation to beampacking in the solution refinement, implemented in the middle of May. This did not lead to any significant drop in location accuracy, especially taking into account that the value for July is 150 km.

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Figure 3.2.3 The number of days when N events are reported by NORSAR, as a function of N, for the time period 1 Jan-30 Jun 72. The smooth curve is the theoretical Poisson distribution, based on the same total number of events.



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### 3.3 Change Control Board (CCB)

The CCB, meeting regularly every week, makes decisions on Change Requests and initiates investigations of reported discrepancies. Change Requests and Discrepancy Reports are filed by the board's secretary. An updated printout is presented at each meeting. Table 3.3.1 shows the activity of the CCB in the period. Table 3.3.2 shows the codes used in printouts.

	Numbers	of	Requests	for	Status	Code	5
	Status pr. 1 Jan 72				Sta 30	atus Jun	pr. 72
А	84					186	
В	9					1	2
С	9					22	
D	13					3	.19
E	20					41	
I	14					15	
L	5					4	
R	1					2	
U	6					.1	
W	3					2	

TABLE 3.3.1 CCB Status

DISCREPANCY REPURT (DA) AND CHANGE REDUEST (CR) DATA FILE AT VE VURSAR CHANGE CONTRUL BOARD

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### 3.4 Seismic Data Exchange

NORSAR weekly seismic bulletin is mailed to 50 institutions in 17 different countries. Bulletins are received regularly from 9 institutions.

NORSAR data tapes were distributed to the following during the period:

University	of	Copenhagen, Denmark	(2)
University	of	Helsinki, Finland	(2)
SAAC			(225)

### 3.5 <u>Visitors</u>

The following scientists visited NORSAR in the period indicated:

- Dr. E. Hjortenberg, Geodetic Institute, University of Copenhagen, 24 January - 12 February 1972
- Dr. R.T. Lacoss, Lincoln Lab, MIT, Cambridge, Mass., 4 April - 8 May 1972
- Dr. D.J. Doornbos, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 2 May - 30 June 1972
- Mr. W. Ellis, IBM, Federal Systems Division, Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA, 8 May - 26 May 1972
- Dr. I. Noponen, Seismological Laboratory, Helsinki University, 20 May - 30 June 1972
- Dr. B. Søderstrøm, Defense Research Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 29 May - 17 June 1972.

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