IA-2 Internet Accelerograph

Features

- Cost efficient Earthquake Recorder
- All-in-one: Sensor, Digitiser, Recorder, Data Server, Memory, Communication, UTC Timing, Power, Autonomy
- Internet based communication and timing
- Continuous and Event Recording
- Event and Parameter Reporting
- Internal Triaxial Accelerometer AC-4x or AC-6x
- From > 90 to >120 dB

Outline

The Internet Accelerograph IA-2 expands the era of its predecessor IA-1. It complements the GeoSIG instrument NetQuakes / GMS in the urban seismic research and engineering, which requires a high spatial density of seismic instruments. For major urban centres several hundred instruments are required. Thus unit costs as well as operating costs are of major concerns.

The state of the art, all-in-one IA-2 offers a substantially lower cost solution when compared to any other equipment doing the same job. Since the instrument and communication design takes advantage of the latest micro electronic technology in design and the existing Internet infrastructure for station management, data retrieval and event-reporting; network operating costs drop to a small fraction of conventional strong-motion seismograph networks.

IA-2 encompasses a three component acceleration sensor that can be selected from AC-6x or AC-4x series and stores more than 32 days (up to 500 days on request) of full-waveform acceleration data in a non-volatile ring-buffer, which is securely accessible over the Internet.

The instrument's software processes data in real time. If triggered by a seismic event, IA-2 calculates Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA), Peak Ground Velocity (PGV), Peak Ground Displacement (PGD) and Katayama Spectral Intensity (kSI) of the event.

IA-2 reports these parameters, which are related to the strength of shaking, to one or many data centres where a synopsis (such as a shakemap) for disaster management facilities can be generated in almost real time over the Internet. An event file is also recorded in the memory, which is also securely accessible over the Internet.

IA-2 is self-contained and is equipped with an uninterruptible power-supply, which provides for more than 36 hours emergency operation without external power.

In lieu of an internal clock, NTP based on Internet UTC timing, provide for timing accuracy, typically better than 5 ms.

GeoDAS supports connecting, status checking, downloading and analysing files as well as updating all firmware's and configuring of the IA-2. Configuration of the IA-2 can be also be performed locally through a RS-232 connection or remotely through a SSH connection on a LAN or WAN (like Internet). This allows connecting to an IA-2 anywhere in the world from your computer.

Internet Accelerograph features a virtually maintenance free design, which makes this innovative equipment the best choice for numerous applications.
**Specifications IA-2 Internet Accelerograph**

| Applications                        | - Urban Seismology  
|-------------------------------------|---------------------  
|                                    | - High density monitoring networks  
|                                    | - Shake / Hazard mapping  
|                                    | - Disaster Management  

**Set-up and Configuration**

Instrument setup is based on a configuration file in ASCII format. The configuration files can be edited manually or through GeoDAS. The configuration can be edited on site through the instrument console, exchanged by replacing the memory card or remotely from a server. Any software package reading miniSEED can as well be used.

**Data Analysis**

The GeoDAS program provides basic data evaluation in the field. The instrument supplies data in miniSEED format. The GeoDAS Data Analysis Package covers the requirements of detailed laboratory analysis for most earthquake and civil engineering applications. Any other software package reading miniSEED can as well be used.

**Sensor**

| Type          | AC-4xi or AC-6xi  
|---------------|------------------  
| Dynamic range | >96 dB with AC-4xi  
| Full Scale Range | ±2 g, ±5g with AC-4xi  
| Digitiser     | 3  
| A/D conversion | 24 bit delta-sigma converters running in parallel  
| Sampling rate | 500, 200, 100 or 50 SPS  
| Bandwidth     | 40% of sampling rate  
| Anti Aliasing Filter | FIR (finite impulse response)  

**Recorder**

| Continuous Recording Method | Ringbuffer files with adjustable duration.  
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------  
| Event Recording Method      | Ringbuffer files with adjustable duration.  
| Level Triggering Range      | 0.01 to 100 % of full scale  
| STA/LTA Triggering STA period | 0.01 to 100 seconds  
| LTA period                  | 1 to 1000 seconds  
| STA/LTA-Ratio               | 1 to 100 ratio  
| Event details Pre-event memory | 1 to 100 seconds  
| Post-event duration         | 1 to 1000 seconds  
| Event reporting Method      | Syslog messages (2 per event)  
| Event reporting Content 1st message: event detected | 2nd message: PGA, PGV, PGD, kSI  
| Storage Memory Size and Type | 2 GByte removable SD Card  
| Recording format Memory     | miniSEED  
| Recording format             | higher capacity upto 32 GByte on request FAT32 formatted  
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| Recording format Memory     | miniSEED  
| Permanent and Event data are stored on the removable SD Card. 2 GByte are sufficient for more than 32 days worth of 3-component full-waveform data  

**CPU**

| Processor | ARM9 series  
|-----------|-------------  
| SDRAM     | 64 MByte  
| Operating System | Linux, Kernel 2.6.x  

**Time Base**

| External time interfaces | ±5 ms assuming reasonable access to NTP-servers  
| Accuracy                | ±2 ms with optional GPS after learn  

**Power Supply**

| Input voltage          | 90 - 260 VAC / 50 – 60 Hz  
| Type                   | Switched external power supply  
| Internal battery       | Rechargeable, 12 VDC, 7.2 Ah  
| Power consumption      | 190 mA @ 12 VDC  
| Autonomy               | 36 hours  
| Battery charger        | Temperature compensated with battery fault detection.  

**Indicators**

| Green: AC Power present LED, Run/Stop LED, Event/Memory LED  
| Yellow: Network link/Traffic LED  
| Red: Warning/Error LED  

**Communication**

| Data Retrieval          | Via SCP, FTP or TFTP or directly from removable memory card.  
| Network requirements     | Fixed or Dynamic IP on Ethernet LAN and/or Internet connection with Ethernet interface. Optional Relay Server service is available for operation behind remote private LANs or for special applications  
| Total Data Time Lag      | 690 ±10 ms, due to FIR filter length  
| Internet security        | Password protection for FTP access, secure shell (SSH) access for maintenance  
| Connectors               | RS-232 (internal)  
| Ethernet                 | Ethernet Power  
| Power                    | GPS (optional)  

**Environment**

| Operational temperature | -20 to +70 °C  
| Storage temperature     | -40 to +85 °C  
| Humidity                | 0 to 100 % RH (non condensing)  

**Housing**

| Type | Cast aluminium housing  
| Size | 296 x 225 x 156 mm (W x D x H)  
| Weight | 7.3 kg (incl. 2.65 kg of 7.2 Ah battery)  
| Base plate | 1.3 kg  
| Protection | IP65 (NEMA 12)  
| Mounting | Base plate with single bolt, surface mount. When base plate levelled and fixed, the instrument can be replaced without re-levelling.  

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