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INTRODUCTION

- In some cases, it may not be feasible and/or desired to install a permanent geophysical monitoring station.
- Unattended Ground Sensors(UGS) can help fill the gap in these instances.
- UGS deployments present challenges that permanent monitoring sites do not have.
  - Typically, no access to internet or other means to send data
  - Typically, no access to electrical power
- Sandia has a long history of developing custom UGS systems for other applications.

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GOALS

- The goal of our work was to develop a real-time sensing system with data collection for on-board processing of seismic/acoustic data. At a minimum, the system must provide the follow capabilities:
  - Operate autonomously once deployed without the need for servicing
  - Operate continuously on battery and solar power only
  - Provide a communication path that allows for command and control along with data-exfil capability
  - Provide a processing capability to discriminate between events of interest and clutter/noise in the local area
  - Small Size Weight and Power (SWaP) constraints to allow for transport by foot to deployment locations
- This system will not serve as a final solution but rather a test system that allows for a concept to field capability.
  - Algorithms can be rapidly deployed onto the hardware and tested in the field

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HARDWARE

- Sandia has developed a sensor platform that allows for rapid integration of sensors and software for rapid prototyping.
  - A fieldable hardware and software platform for rapidly deploying novel algorithms to detect, discriminate, and classify a wide range of targets in a testbed
  - Hardware is largely commercial with custom Sandia designs as needed
  - Variety of sensor types including acoustic, seismic and infrasound
  - Comms: Cellular, Iridium, Wi-Fi, other

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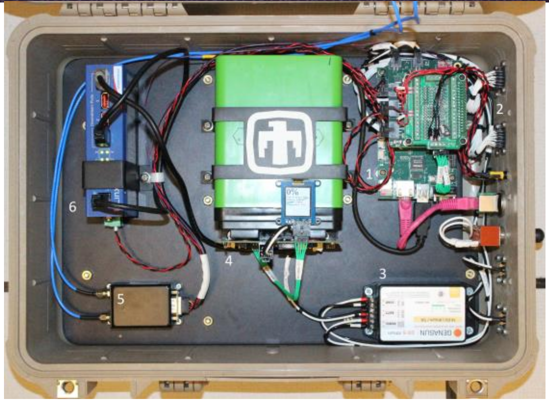
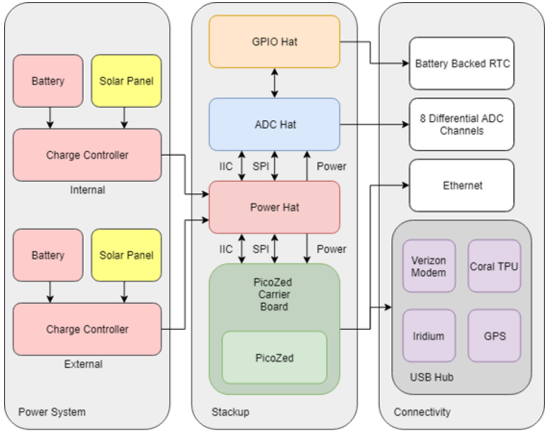
SYSTEM

- Integrated Sensor Platform (ISP)
  - Designed for rapid prototyping of algorithms from a variety of sensors
- Currently uses a Pico-Zed Processor
  - Early version of this system utilized the Raspberry Pi
  - FPGA with Arm 9 SOC
- Coral TensorFlow Processing Unit (TPU)
  - Processor optimized to run TensorFlow machine learning models
- Linux OS (Debian)
  - Allows for easy deployment of MatLab algorithms via Simulink, Python, etc.
  - 8 Synchronized Differential ADC channels allow multiple sensors
  - Tested up to 16ksps per channel
  - Iridium SBD communication enables remote alerts and data transfer
  - Verizon cellular modem
- Power system and solar design
  - Indefinite operation in most environments





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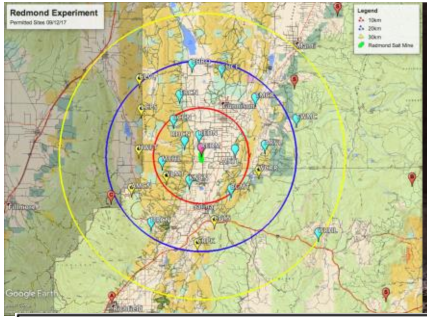
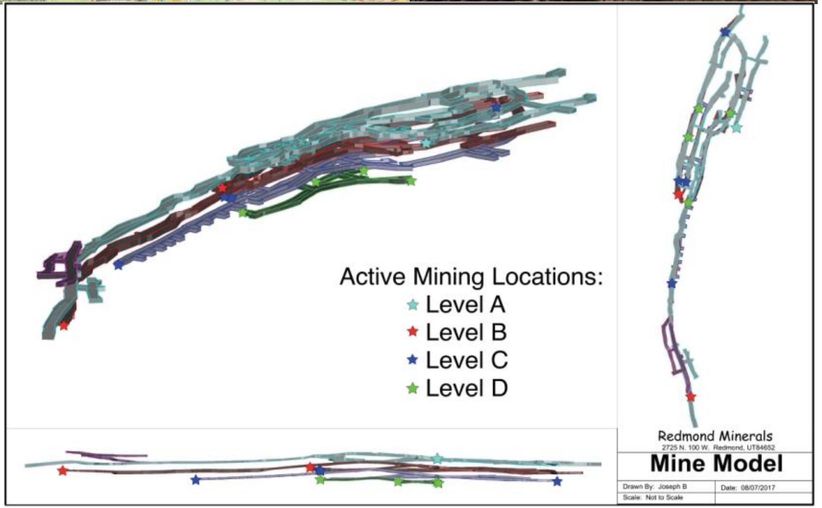
REDMOND MINE

- Sandia has had an active experiment in southern Utah since 2017
- The experiment has focused on seismic monitoring of activities at the Redmond Salt Mine
  - Blast logs from 7 months received from mine engineer
    - 300+ blasts with time, mine level and drift ground truth data
    - Blasts are on the order of 1000 pounds TNT





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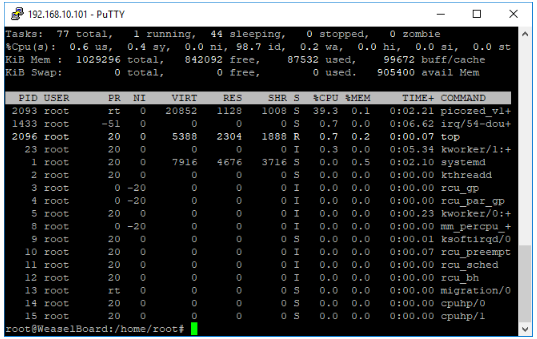
DEPLOYMENT

- Currently deployed ISP at Redmond Salt Mine
  - Running since July 15th, 2020
  - Communications:
    - Via Cellular we can update code and pull data
    - Via Iridium SatCom we can receive State-of-Health messages from the ISP via email
  - Processing:
    - Currently running STA/LTA detector and saving off data
    - STA/LTA detections will then be processed by a 2D-CNN Classifier (current work)
  - Trillium Compact Seismometer
  - Running a "shadow" system locally at Sandia for testing of code prior to deployment on fielded system

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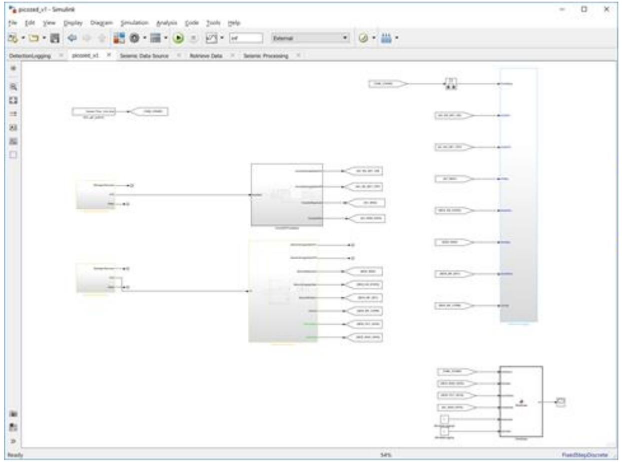
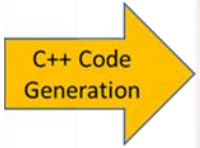
DETECTION

- Algorithms can be developed in MatLab Simulink then C++ code can be auto-generated for execution on the ISP.
- The ISP is running Debian Linux OS so it also supports Python.





MatLab Simulink model and code used to generate C++ Code to run on sensor platform

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ML APPROACH

- Goal: Develop a ML algorithm to run on the ISP as an exemplar for proof-of-concept
  - Use ground truth catalog data to develop a classifier of events by mine location (level, drift, etc.)
  - Probability of detection (Pd) goal 70%
  - Develop algorithm on a workstation then move to the ISP
    - Using Python and Tensor Flow 2.0
  - Initially focus on implementation of inference model then eventually look into training on the ISP

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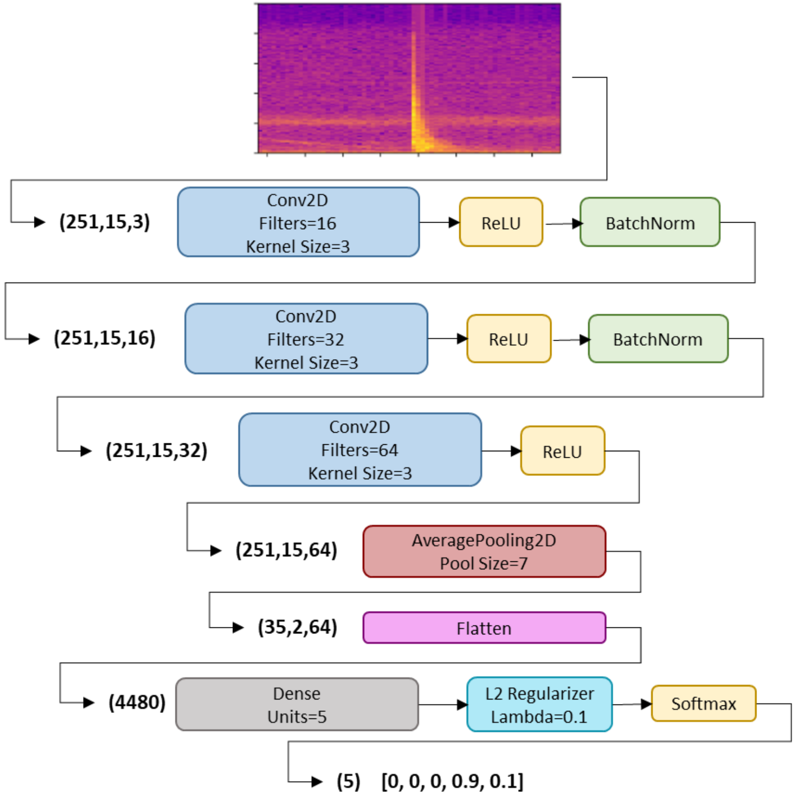
ML ALGOIRTHM



- 2-D Convolutional Neural Network
- Adam Optimizer
  - $\beta_1 = 0.9$
  - $\beta_2 = 0.999$
  - $LR = 0.001$
- Categorical Cross-Entropy Loss
- Minibatch size of 32
- 500 Epochs with Early Stopping

	Loss	Accuracy
Train	0.22	0.95
Validation	0.87	0.76

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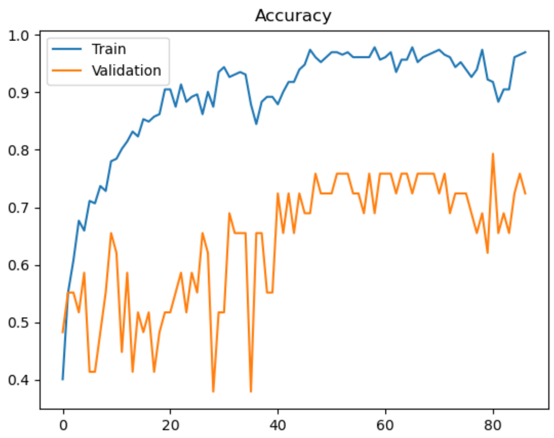
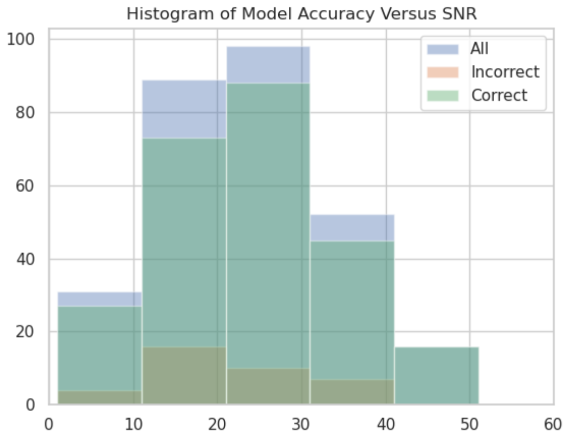
ML RESULTS





- Train Accuracy: 95.3%; Validation Accuracy: 75.9%
- High amount of overfitting motivates further regularization
  - As we are focused on inference, we have accepted the overfitting for now.
- As expected, signals with lower SNR are more difficult to classify

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CONCLUSIONS

- We have developed a custom UGS capable of remote and autonomous operation.
- We have demonstrated a semi-complex ML model running on the system.
- As expected, we saw a reduction in performance when we quantized the model to run on the Coral TPU. The result was our validation accuracy dropped to 52%.

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FUTURE WORK

- Short-term
  - Event association across multiple spatially separated (5-10s of km) units
  - Explore ways to overcome the drop in performance due to quantization on the Coral TPU
- Long-term
  - Identify one or more candidate algorithms with real-world use for implementation on the ISP
    - i.e., earthquake vs. explosion
  - Attempt to train the models on the ISP