

Mitigation of environmental effects in SHM – part II

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CONCRETE
MONITORING AND
CHARACTERIZATION



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Approaches to concrete monitoring and characterization

Destructive



Load vs displ/strain



Non-destructive



Resonant frequency

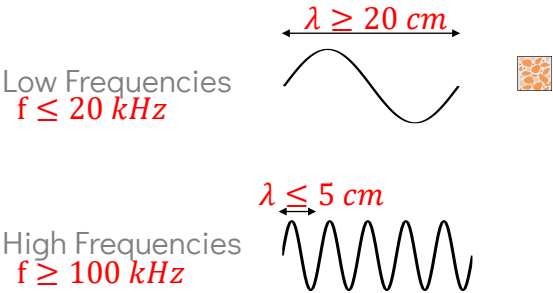
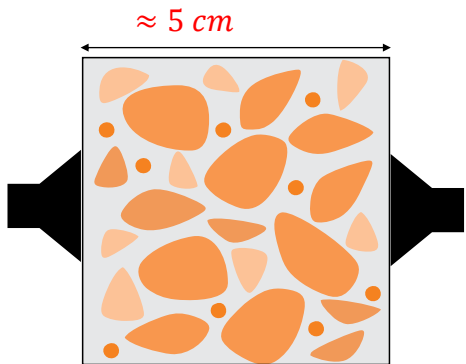


Ultrasonic velocity

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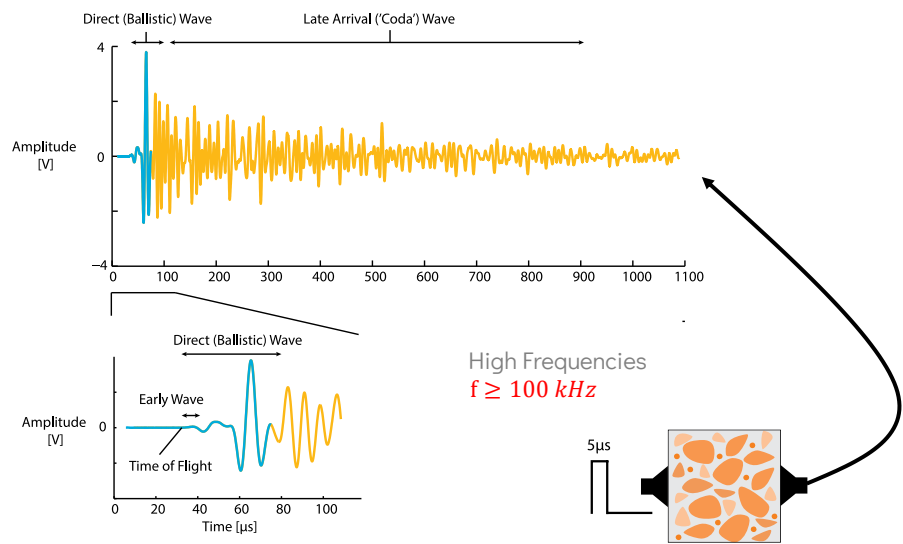
Wave propagation in concrete



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Wave propagation in concrete



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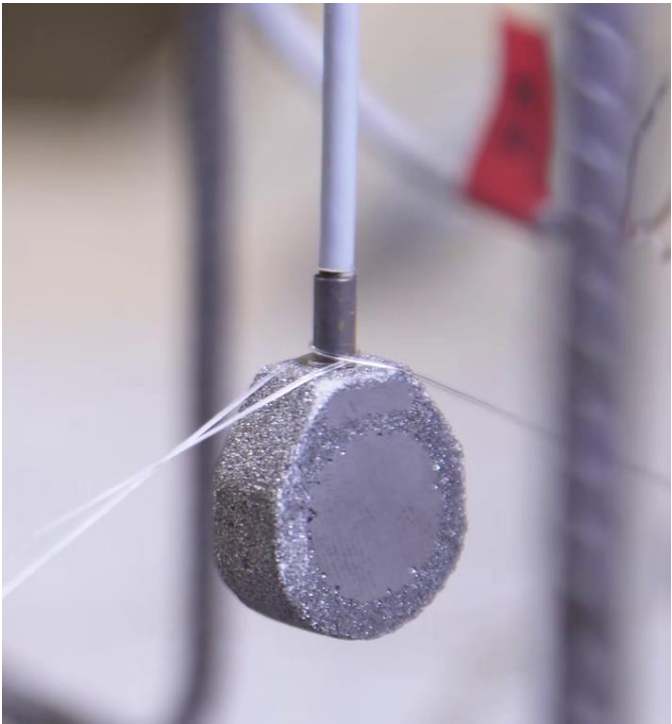
What happens during the lifetime of concrete



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MONITORING WITH EMBEDDED TRANSDUCERS

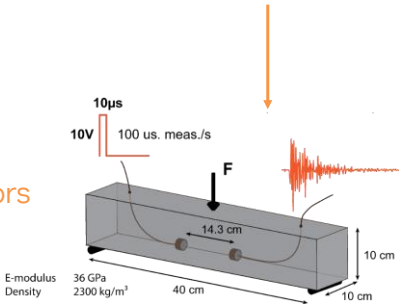


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From manual inspection to automated monitoring



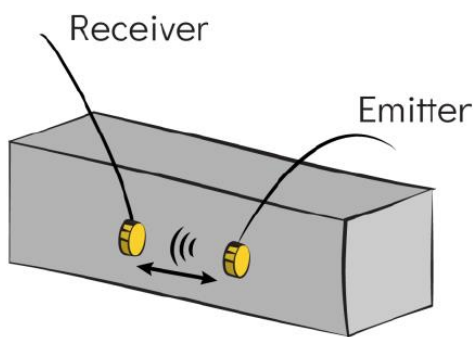
Embedded sensors



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Embedded transducers

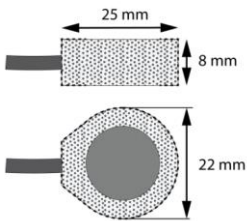


- Excellent coupling -> low-voltage
- Repeatability
- Low cost
- Internal measurements
- Protection from environment
- Measurement automation

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Embedded transducers

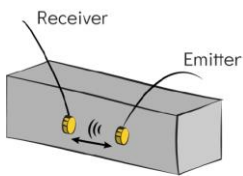


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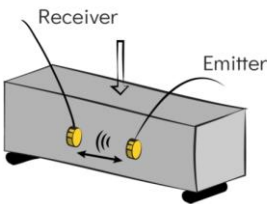
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Examples of application

Early-age monitoring of concrete properties



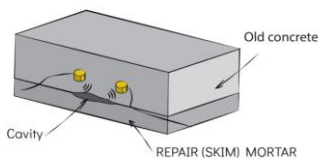
Three-point bending tests



Cylinder compression tests



Monitoring of concrete repair

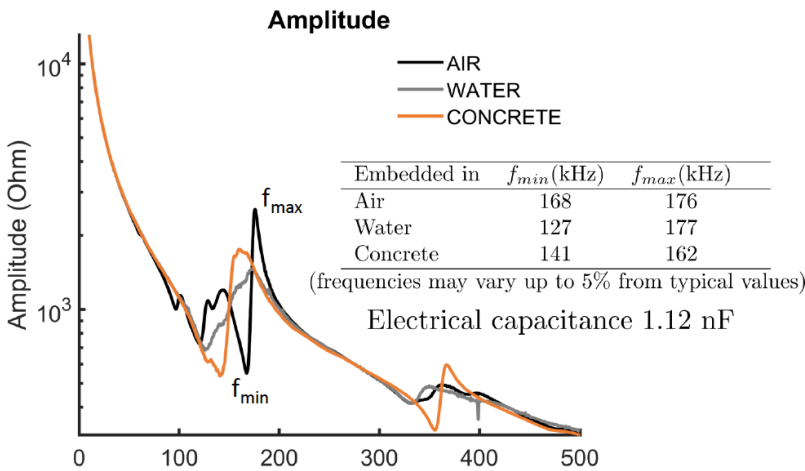


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Transducers properties

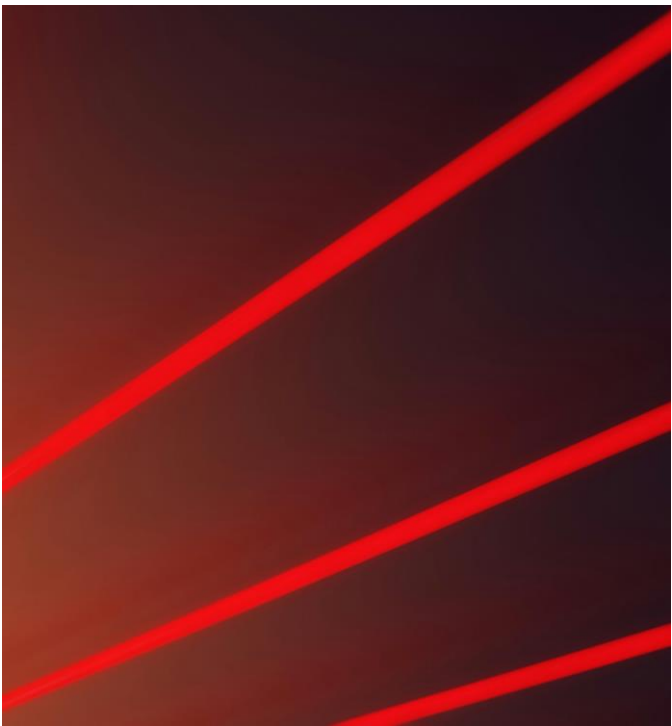
Electrical impedance curve



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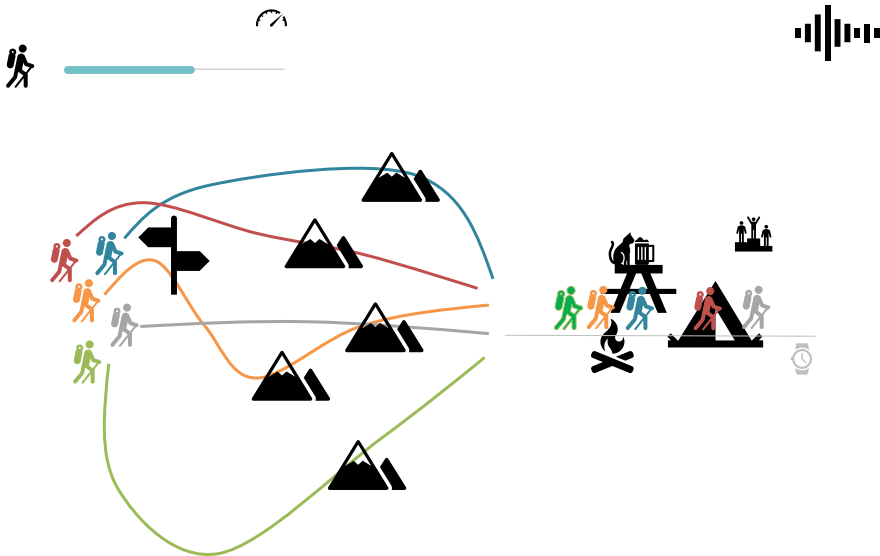
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Time stretching



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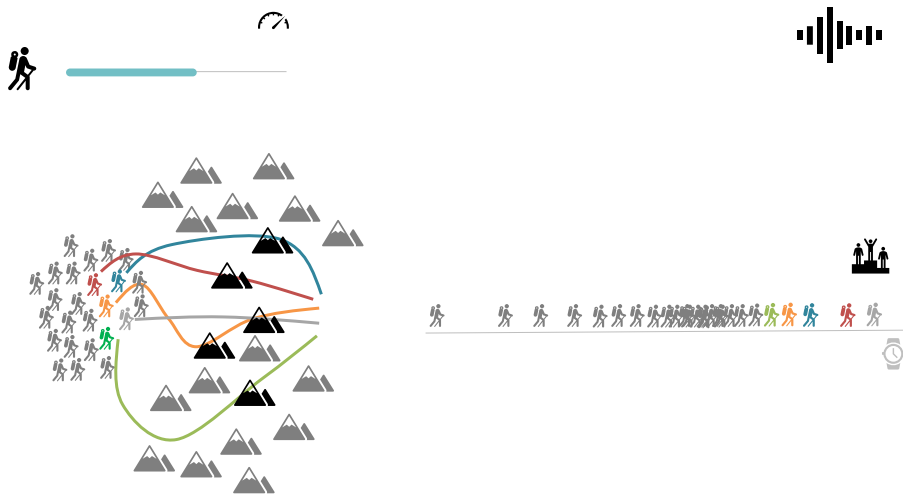
Time stretching with an illustration



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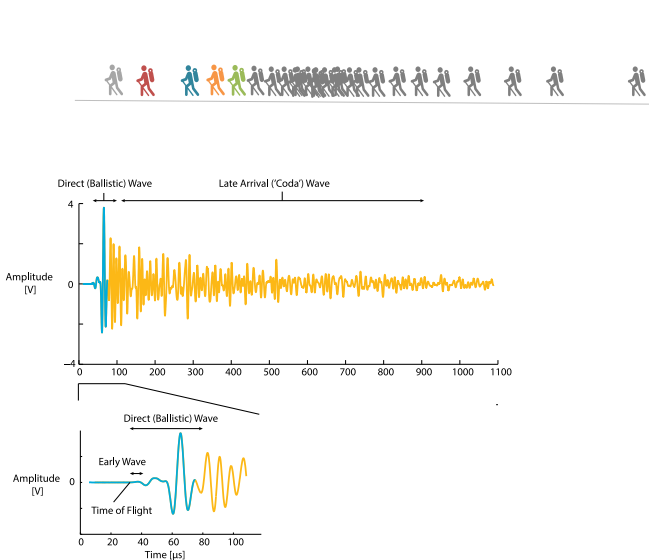
Time stretching with an illustration



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Time stretching with an illustration



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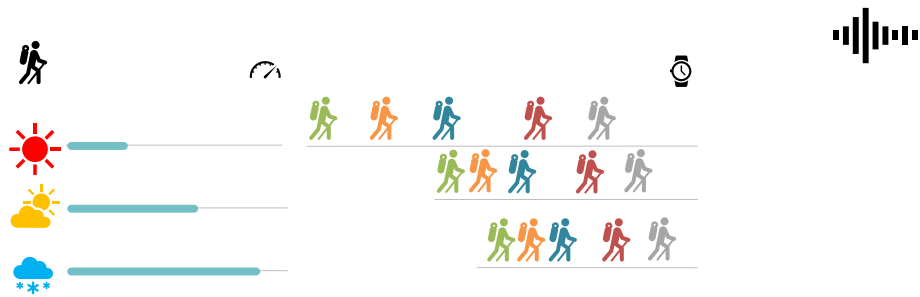
Time stretching with an illustration



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Time stretching with an illustration



- Major hypothesis:
If velocity change due to EF is uniform in the medium, time stretching can be used to compensate fully for them

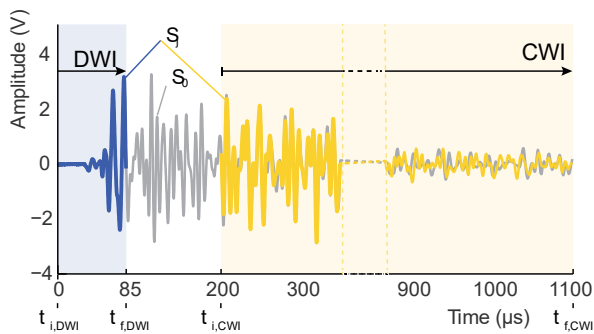
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CODA wave interferometry (CWI)

Find ϵ so that $CC(\epsilon)$ is maximum

$$CC(\epsilon) = \frac{\int_{t_0}^{t_f} S(t) S_0(t(1+\epsilon)) dt}{\sqrt{\int_{t_0}^{t_f} S^2(t) dt \int_{t_0}^{t_f} S_0^2(t(1+\epsilon)) dt}}$$



Stretching in time

- Requires
- A reference signal
 - Test repeatability

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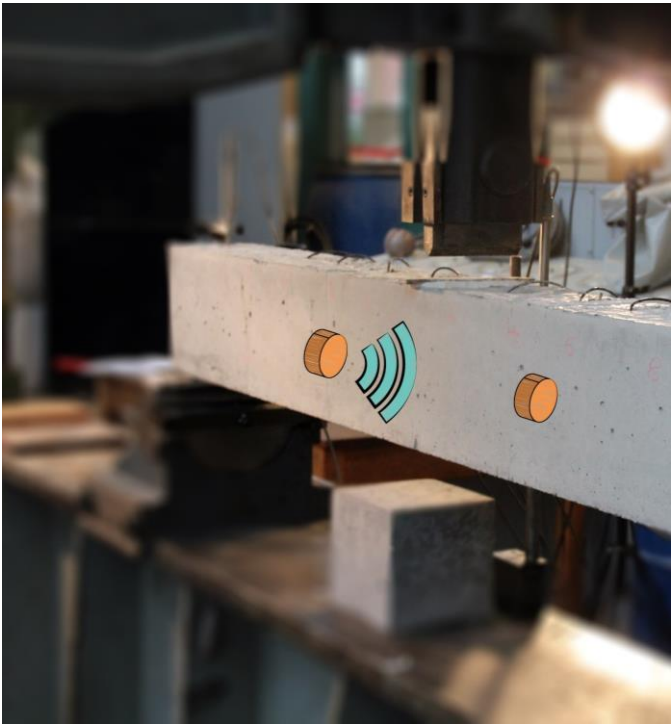
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- $CC(\epsilon)$ high if **general shape has not changed**, ϵ gives information about uniform velocity change in the medium
- $CC(\epsilon)$ decreases **when local modifications** in the media occur (non uniform velocity change)

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Application for crack detection under changing load

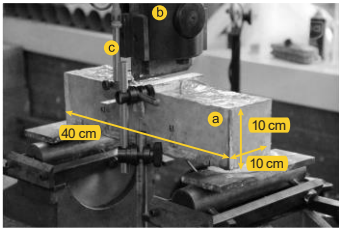


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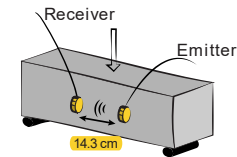
CWI and local cracking

Time stretching:
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- a Non-Reinforced Beam
- b 200 kN Hydraulic Jack
- c LVDT

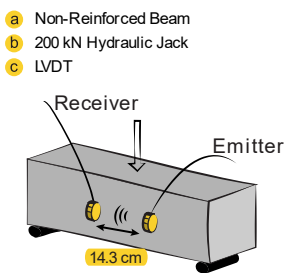
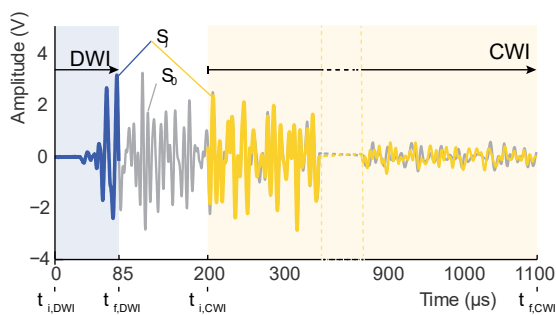


- Major hypothesis:
Velocity change due to applied load is uniform in the region where the waves have travelled (acoustoelastic effect)

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CWI and local cracking



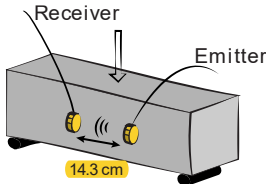
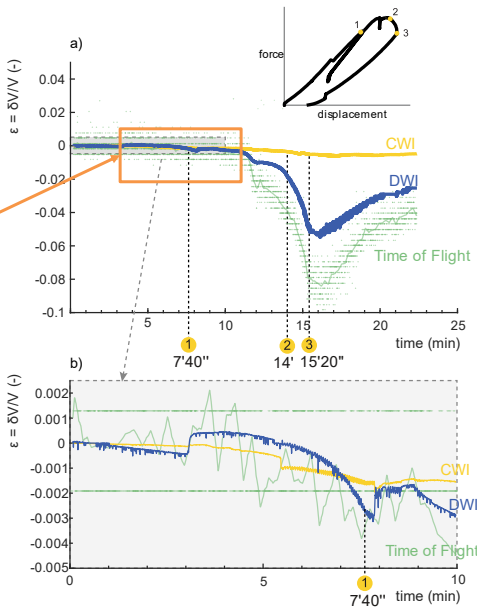
! Influence of boundary conditions

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CWI and crack detection

Acoustoelastic effect

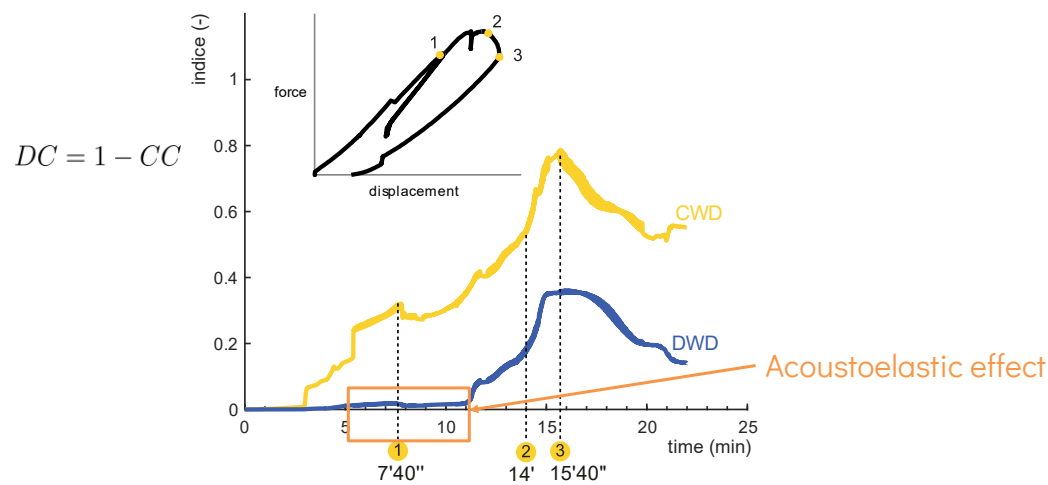


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CWI and DWI decorrelations



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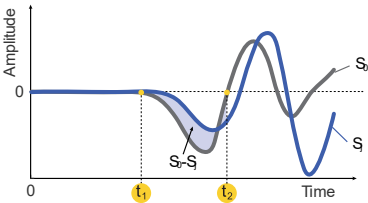
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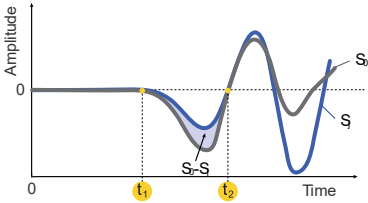
Damage index

$$DI_j = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(S_j(t(1 - \epsilon_{max})) - S_0(t) \right)^2 dt}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} S_0^2(t) dt}}$$

a) Without Time Stretching



b) With Time Stretching

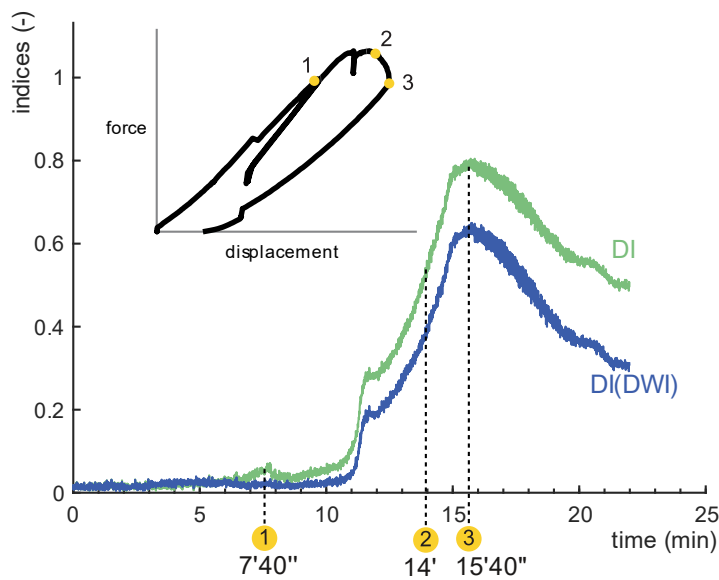


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Damage index



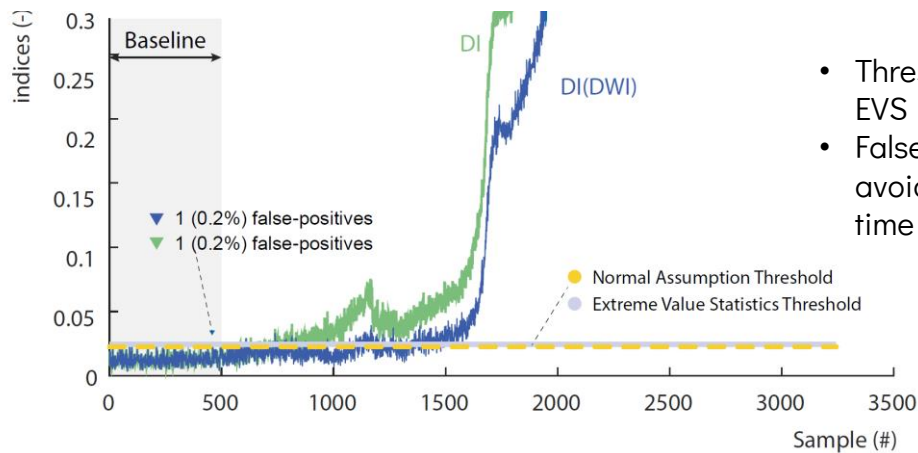
Time stretching is efficient to remove acoustoelastic effect

Threshold setting ?

[Dumoulin 2019] 27

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Threshold for damage detection



- Threshold using EVS
- False alarms avoided using time stretching

[Deraemaeker et al, SMART 2019, Paris]

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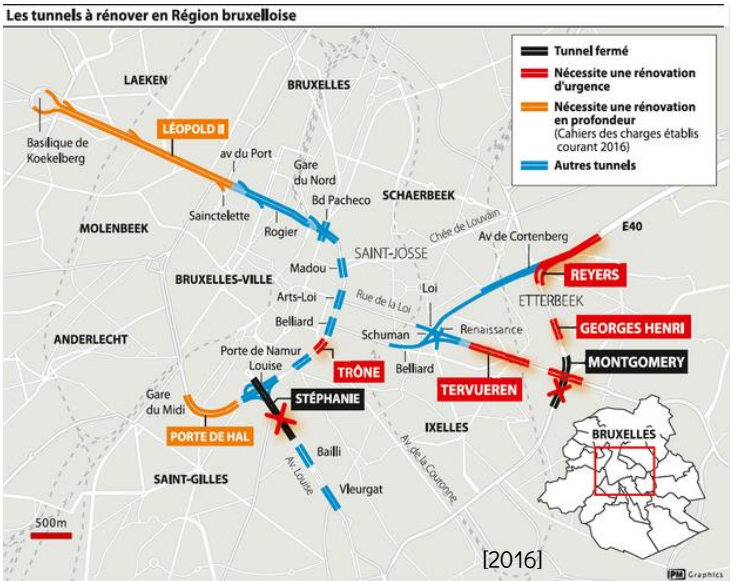
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Application for repair assessment in Rogier tunnel



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The crisis of the tunnels in Brussels



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Maintenance of civil infrastructure

- Aging infrastructure (50 years lifetime)
- Inspection is not generalized and limited to visual inspection

Maintenance of tunnels in Brussels

- Level 1 : visual inspection
 - Level 2 : chemical/mechanical tests on samples
- Necessitates to close the tunnels
- Used to decide on repair actions

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Advanced maintenance strategies



- Reduce the unavailability of the infrastructure and the impact on mobility
- Extend the lifetime of the structure

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Rogier tunnel



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Rogier: the cork driver approach



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Repair work

- Destruction of bad quality concrete
- Passivation of reinforcement bars
- New concrete
- Crack injection

→ How to assess :

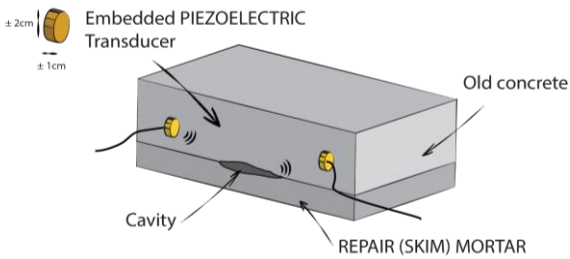
- quality of repair
- evolution of properties over time



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Repair monitoring



- Major hypothesis:

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Transducers installation



Real-time monitoring



Measurement every 30 minutes :

- Pulse at different amplitudes
- Burst at different amplitudes and frequencies

(remote access to reconfigure)

- Automated data processing remotely (BATir server)
- Automated reports sent by email (during the night)


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Damage indexes

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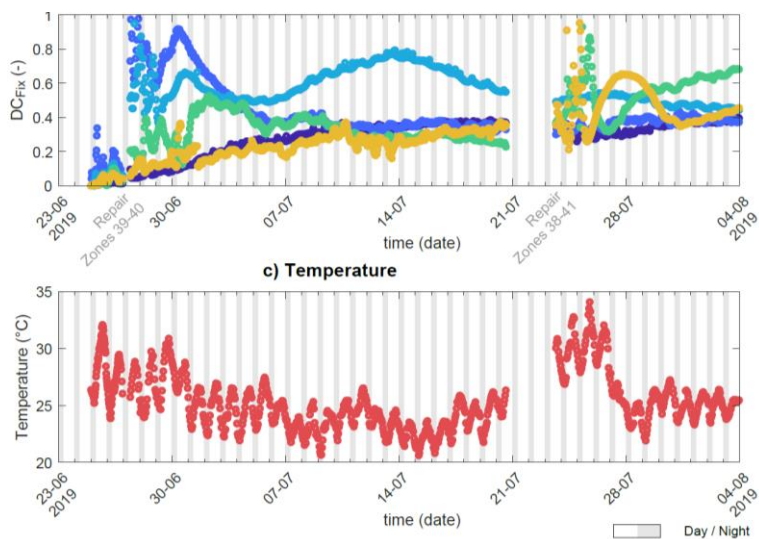

$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} = -\epsilon$$


$$DC = 1 - CC$$

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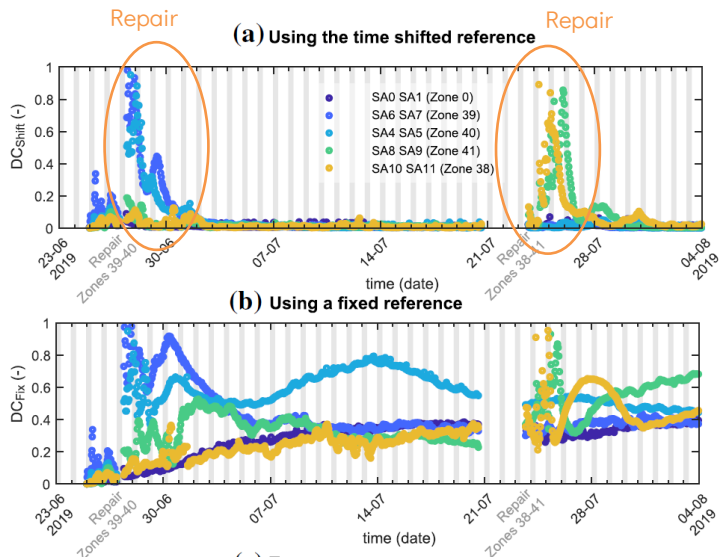
28 days monitoring



- DC reacts to repairs
- But also to EF, even when time stretching is used

Major hypothesis is not valid.

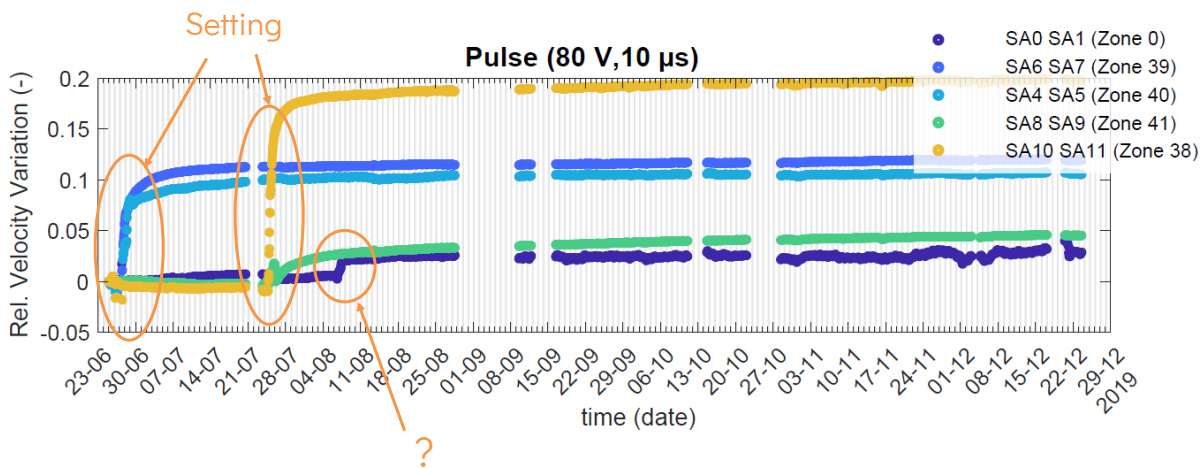
Time shifted reference



Reference :
average of stretched signals during last 48h

EF efficiently filtered

Velocity variation

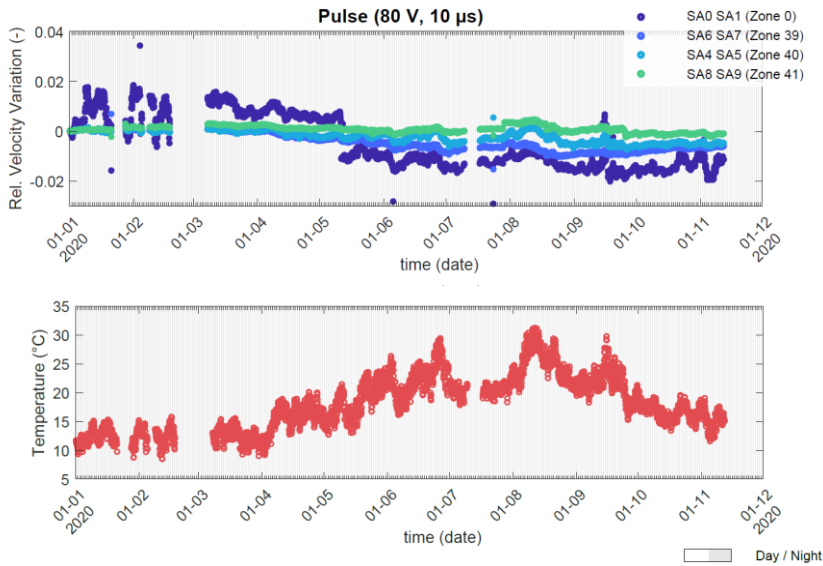


EF efficiently filtered : velocity variations due to setting only

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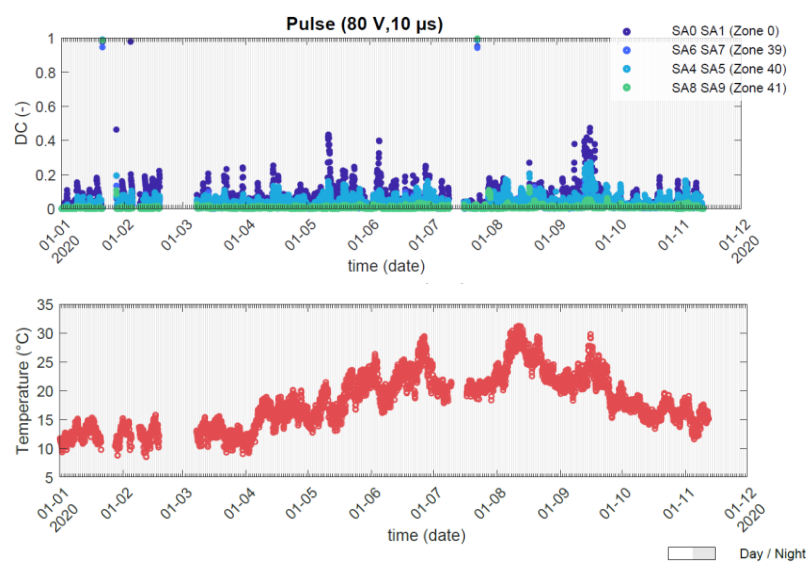
Velocity variation – long term



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DC – long term

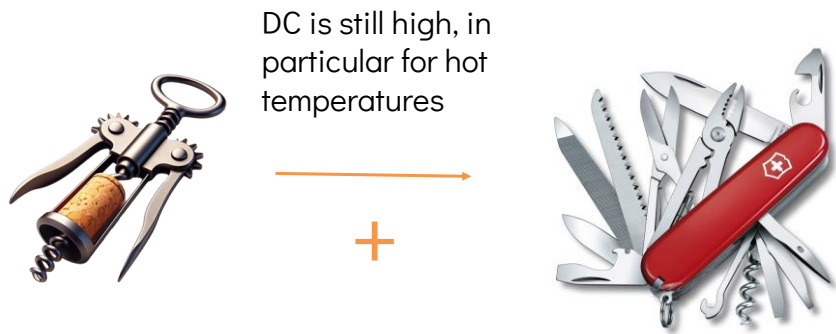


DC is still high, in particular for hot temperatures

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Cork driver and swiss knife

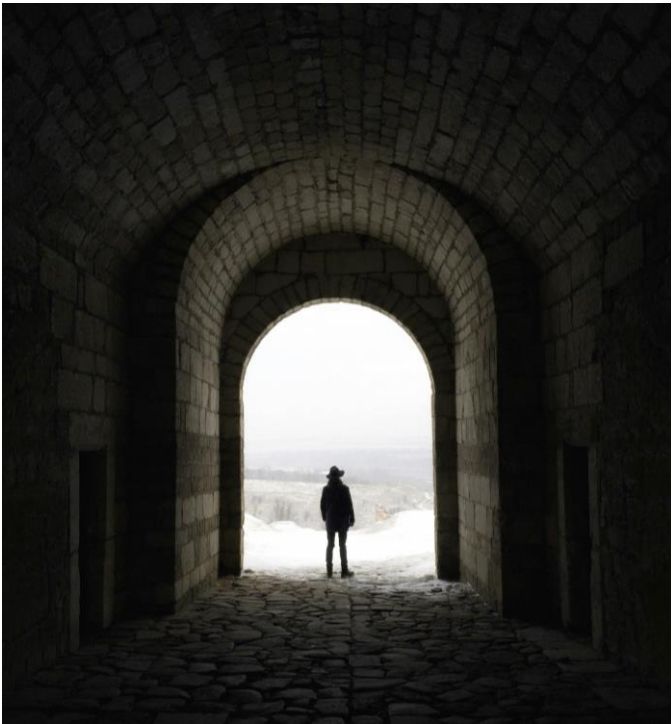


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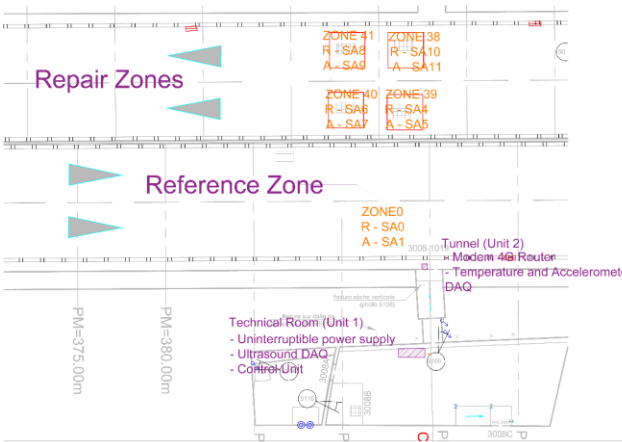
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Rogier: the swiss knife approach



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Main idea



- 4 zones (signal lost in zone 38)
- 3 excitation signals

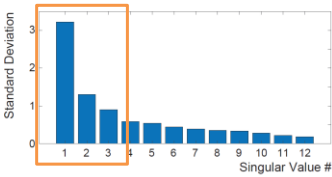
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Vector of 12 features

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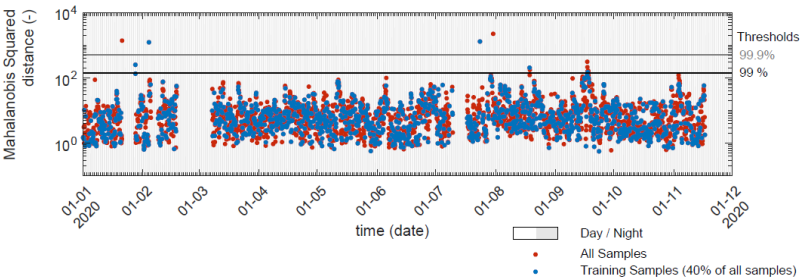
Main idea

Vector of 12 features



Natural filtering with Mahalanobis squared distance

Threshold using EVS



Global indicator → Local indicator ?

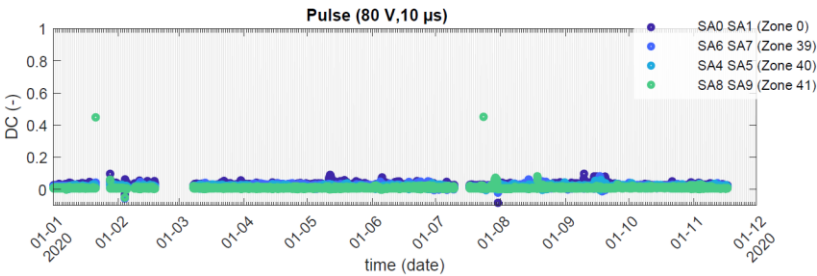
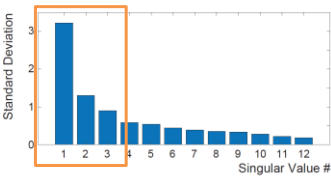
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Back transformation and individual features

Filtered back transformation

$$\{y_i\} = [U] \{\eta'_i\} \quad \{\eta'_i\} = \{\eta_i\} \frac{1/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1/\sigma_i^2}$$

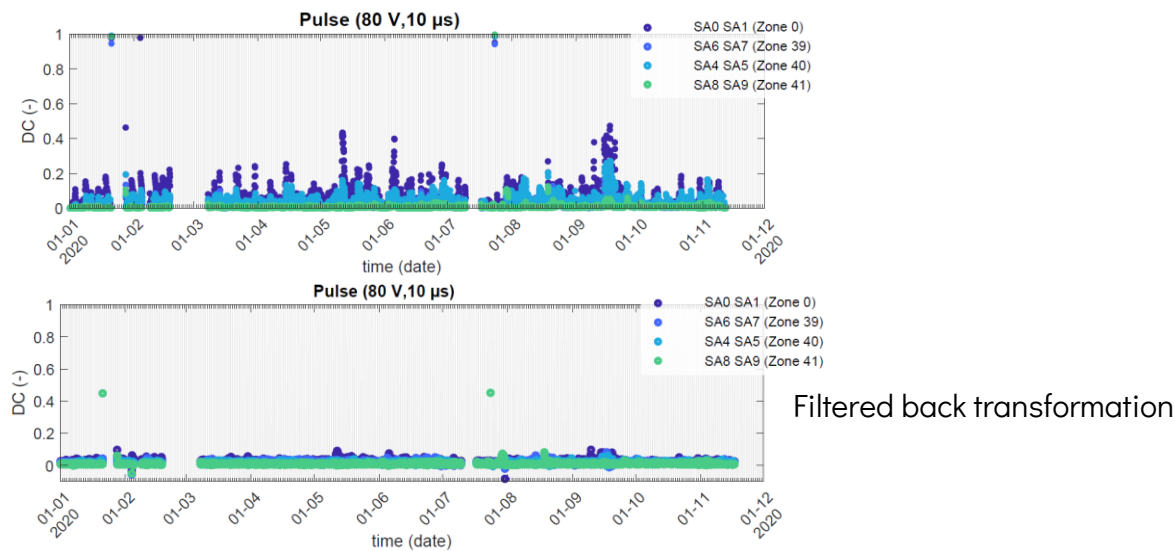


Filtered back transformation on DCs

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Back transformation and individual features



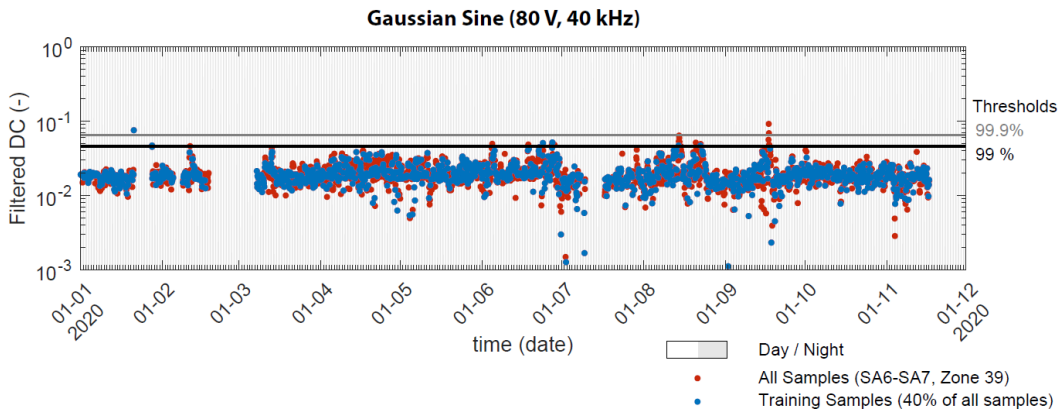
Sensitivity to EF is greatly reduced, possibility to set threshold

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Back transformation and individual features

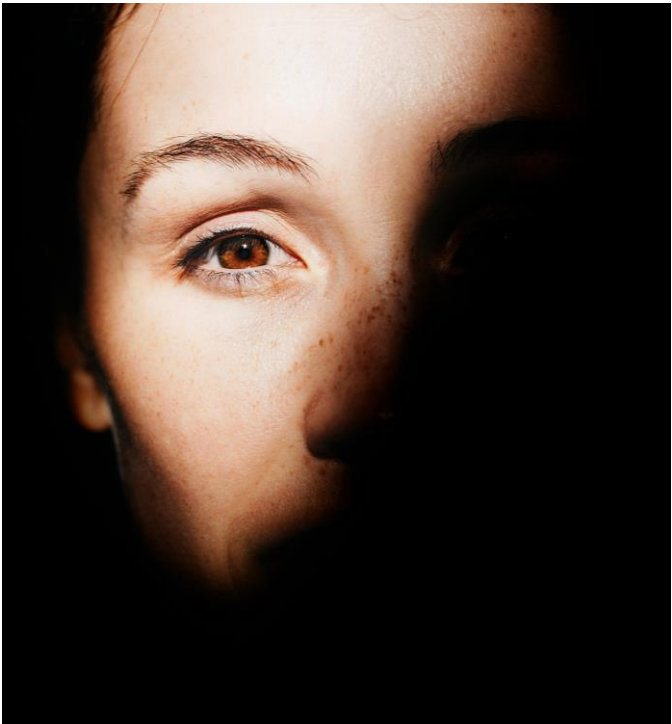
Threshold using
EVS - Zone 39



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Conclusions and outlook



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Conclusion and outlook

Time stretching
With average
moving reference



+ PCA



- Efficient filtering of EF
- Possibility to set thresholds

Open questions:

- Time window for moving average
- Alternative methods (PhD thesis Jitendra Sharma)
- Can damage be detected after filtering of EF ? (climatic chamber tests on small specimen)

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