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CO2 Storage, Monitoring, Verification and Accounting

**Development of an Optical Based Well Seismic System (OBWS)
for CCUS, UGS+H2, EGS & ECEOR Characterization and Monitoring
(Think - Much More than DAS!)**

**Whole Value Chain Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS)
September 24, 2025**



We Need New and Effective Sensors to Monitor and Account for CO₂ in CCUS

Technology used Today:

- Surface Geophones deployed in Noisy & Attenuating Envir.
- Surface Geophones – Far Away/Low Freq P-wave
- Surface Seismic Sources (VibSeis) – Low Freq (<100 Hz)
- Borehole Geophone Arrays – Short: 12-24 Levels

For Effective Surveying and Monitoring we Need P+S waves:

- **Extreme Sensitivity & and large Bandwidth (kHz)**
- **Large Borehole Seismic 3C Vector Sensor Arrays**
- **Large Aperture Borehole Acoustic Arrays (DAS)**
- **High Frequency Borehole Seismic Sources (1,000 Hz)**
- **Real Time True Depth Processing and Imaging**



Survey and Monitoring **Markets (>\$2 Trillion)**

- **Underground Gas Storage (UGS: NG, NG+H₂, H₂)**
 - Today 15,000 wells @ 412 sites. 3,000 wells (20%) at risk. >\$750 Billion USA Market by 2026.
 - Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS)
>14,000 wells to be drilled before 2050 ~ \$750 Billion
- **Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) – Super Hot (500°C)**
 - EGS Potential: 2.3TW = 2X Current US Electric Produc.
- **Cleaner Enhanced Oil & Gas Recovery (CEOGR)**
 - We currently leave 65% of oil behind in known locations
- **Nuclear Energy – generate and store Green H₂**
- **Wind Energy Installations (WEI – OWC_{al}) – store Green H₂**



Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS)

Funded by DOE

Attributes

- **Long term stability:** 30-year MTBF by the Navy
- **Very large bandwidth:** 5 Hz - 14,000 Hz
- **Extremely sensitive:** 1,000 X a geophone
- **Outstanding Vector Fidelity:** 80 dB, Geo~55dB
- **Very High Temperature Tolerant:** >320°C (700°C)

- **Intrinsically Safe and Very Robust**



High Resolution is Critical for Effective CCUS. The Subsurface is VERY COMPLEX! Below is Simple.

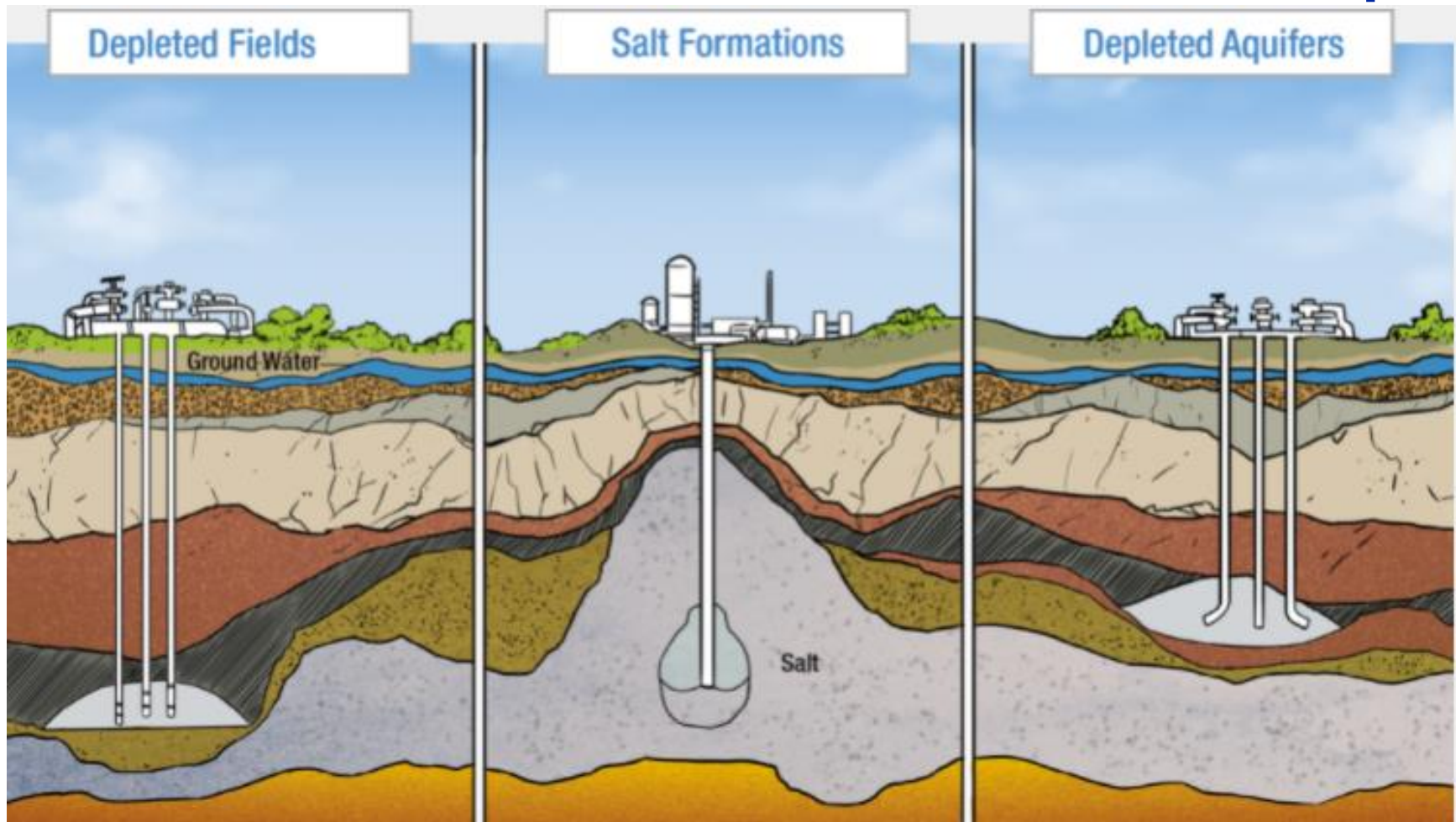


Figure from API showing three applications for improved imaging and monitoring for CCUS/CCS and UGS applications. From <https://energyinfrastructure.org/energy-101/natural-gas-storage>.

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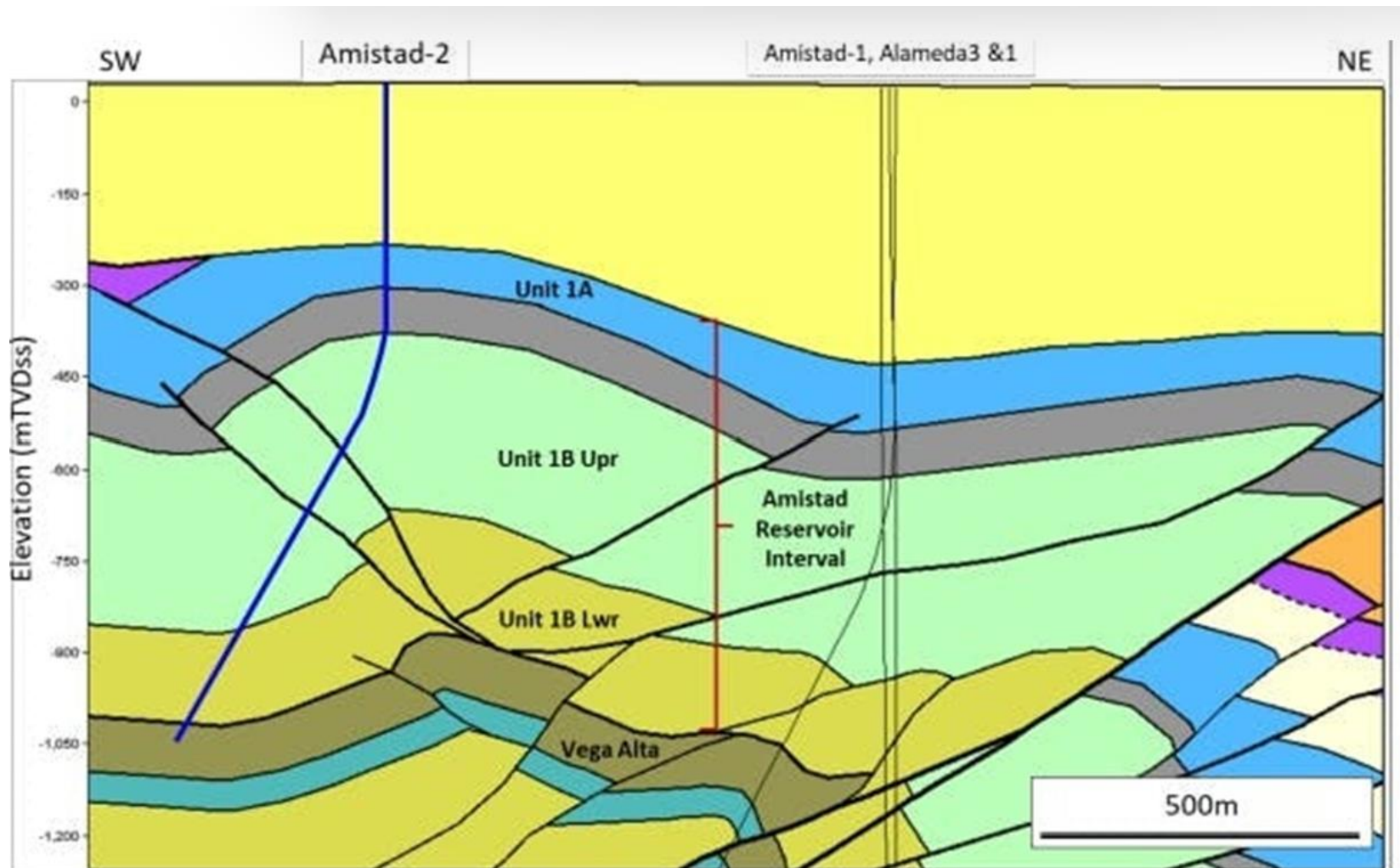


Figure from Oil & Gas Journal ogj@news.ogj.com September 23, 2025.

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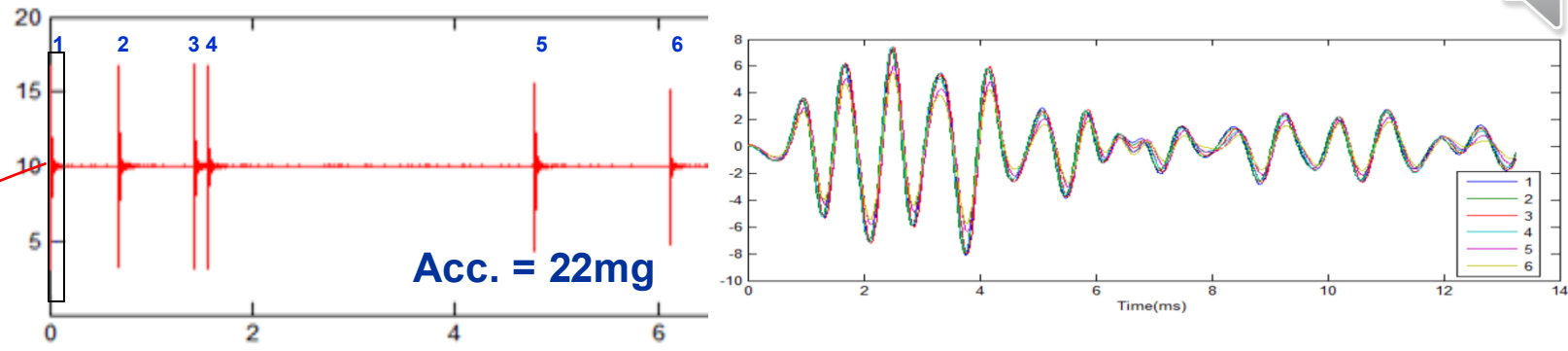
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Test of Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS.3) & IAME

Pressure cell and sensor plate placed on a metal plate sitting on a foam mat on a metal table. Fiber sensor, geophone and accelerometer are placed approximately 20 cm (8 inches) from the pressure vessel with IAMEs

Repeatability Test: 6 Injectable Acoustic Micro Emitters (IAME's) recorded on FOSVS: Outstanding Repeatability.
Allow extraction of arrivals in high noise environment. IAME Energy Released: $\sim 0.3 \text{ J} = \text{M-3.5}$

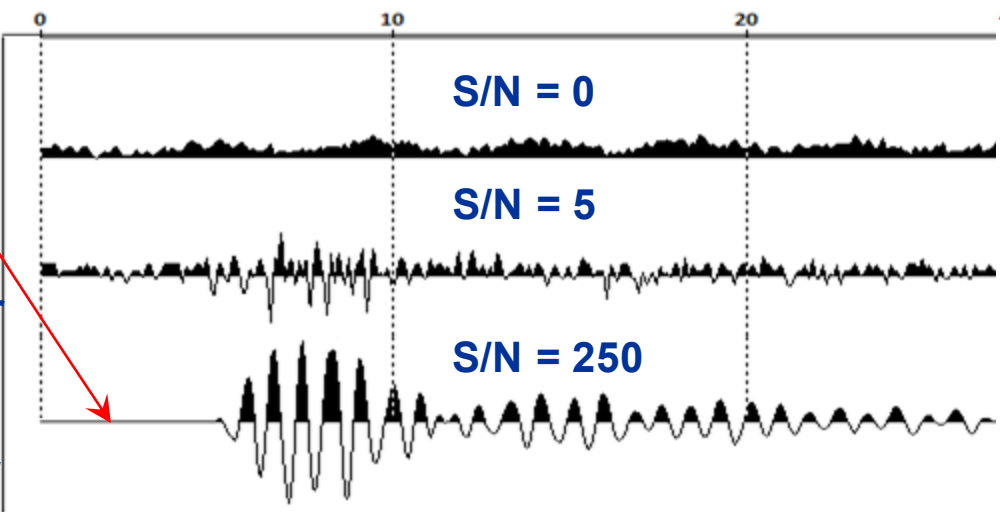


Acc. = 22mg

15 Hz
Geophone

Piezo electric
Accelerometer

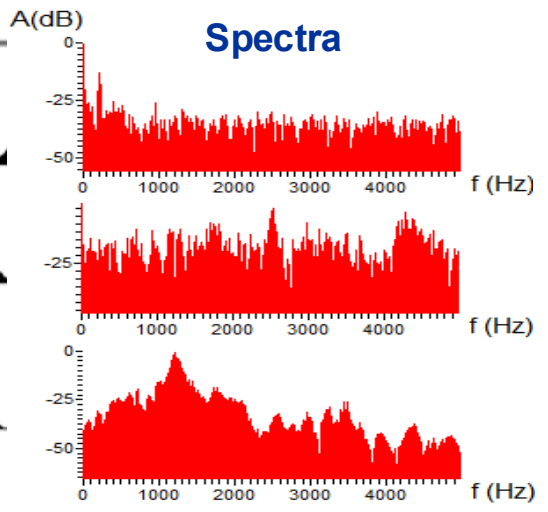
Fiber Optic
Accelerometer



S/N = 0

S/N = 5

S/N = 250

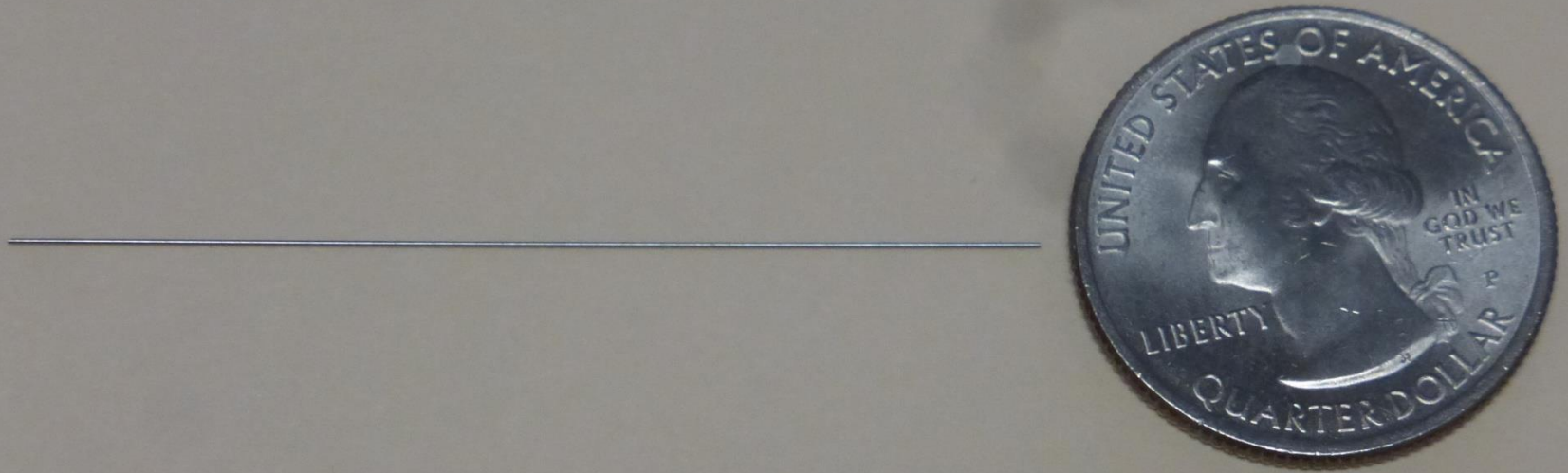


Spectra



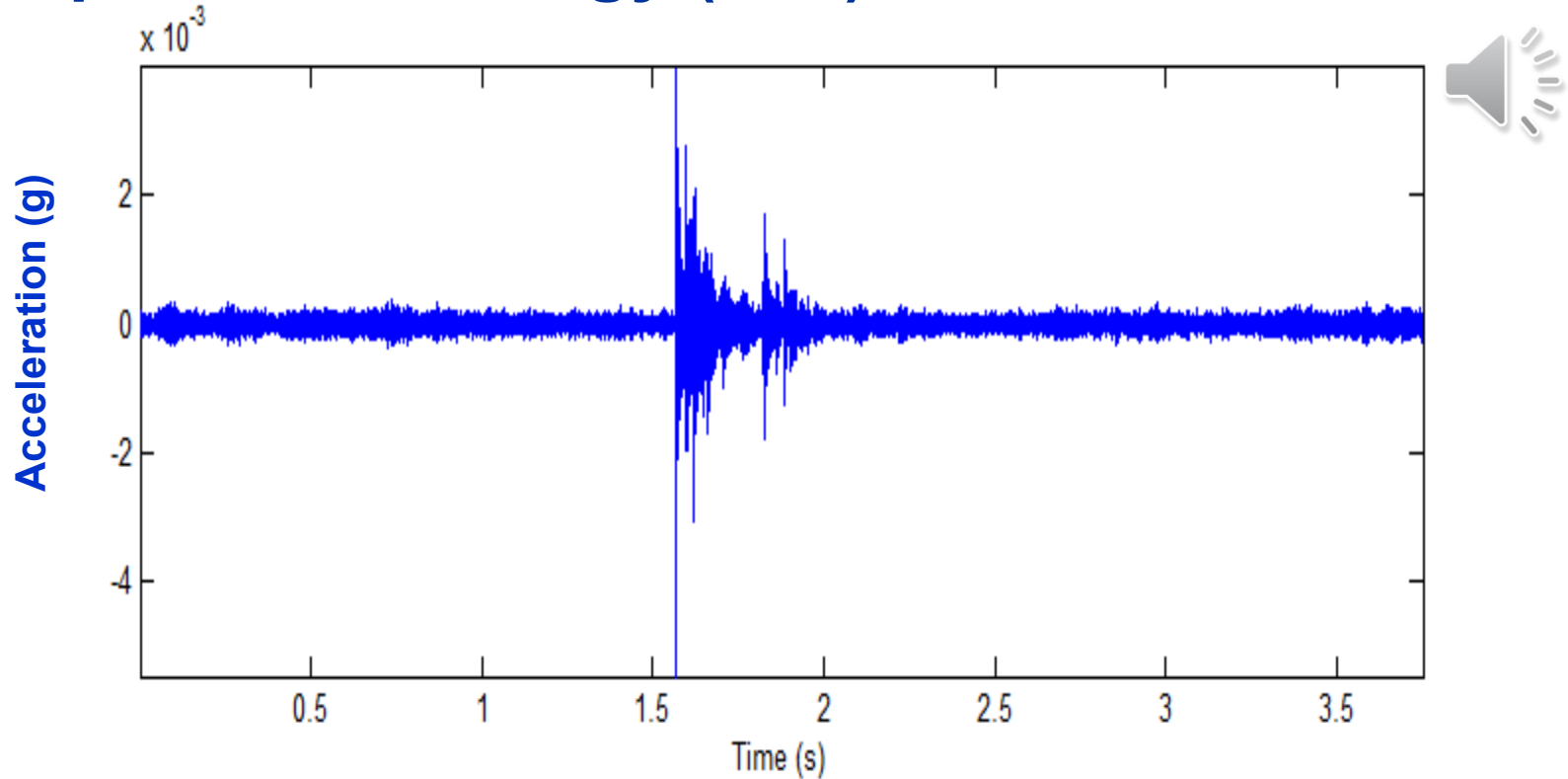
Can You Hear a Pin Drop?

Test Object: OD: 0.011", 2" long, 24.8 mg



FOSVS.3 Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 10 mm:

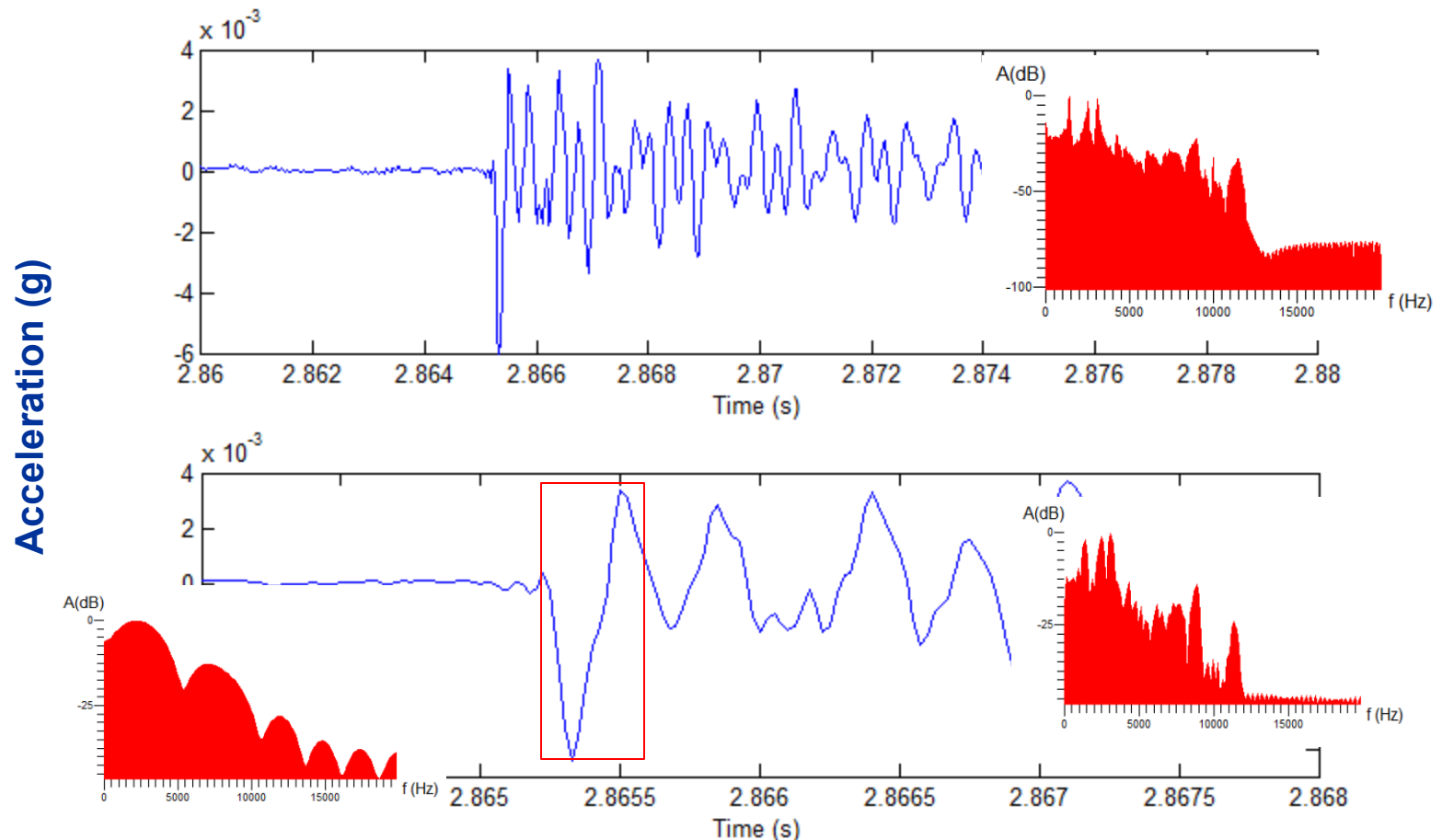
2.5 μJ kinetic energy (M-7) for 1st of 8 hits of Pin



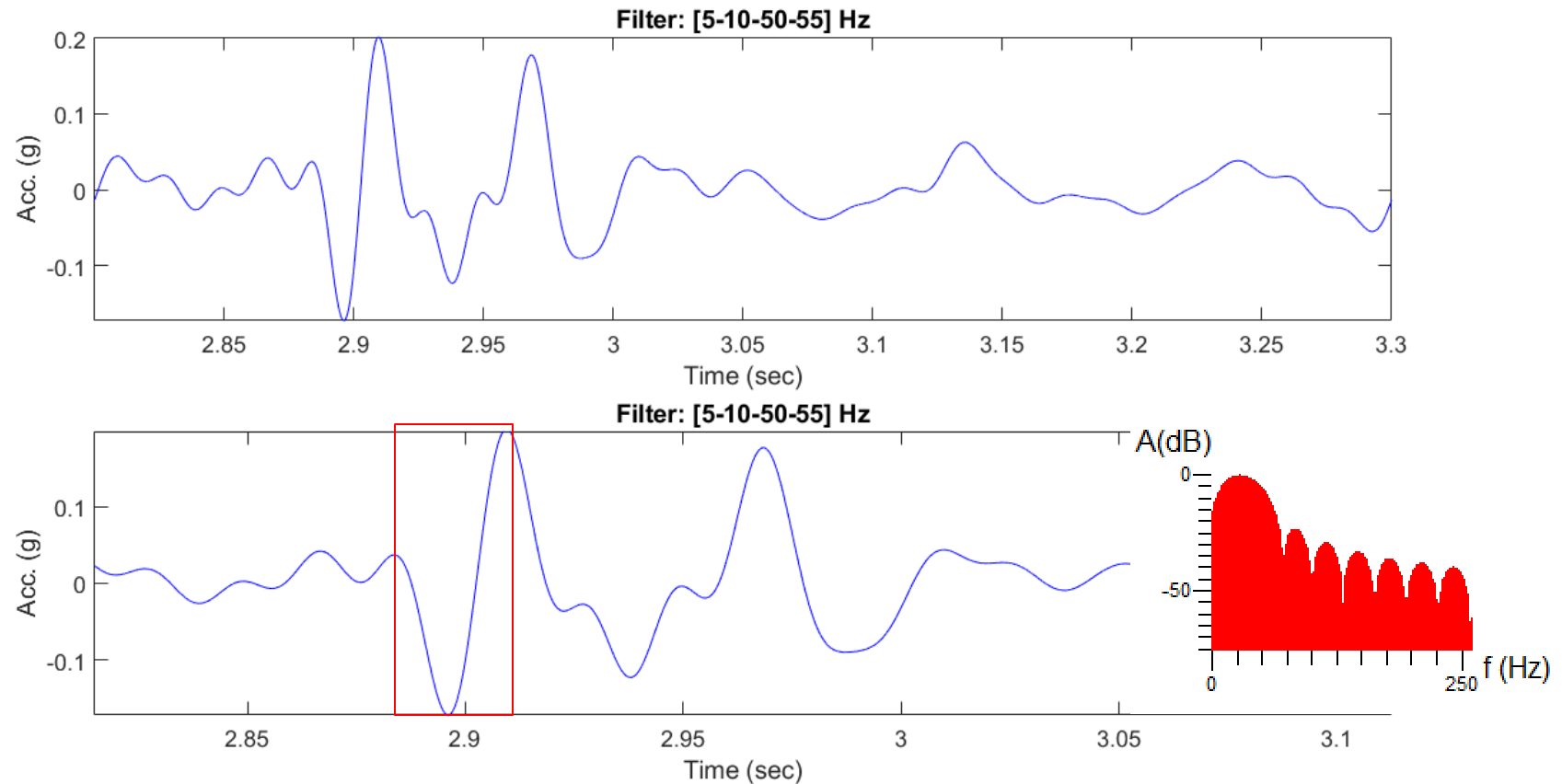
The FOSVS recorded ~17 bounces of the pin = <<M-7

FOSVS.3 Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 1 cm:

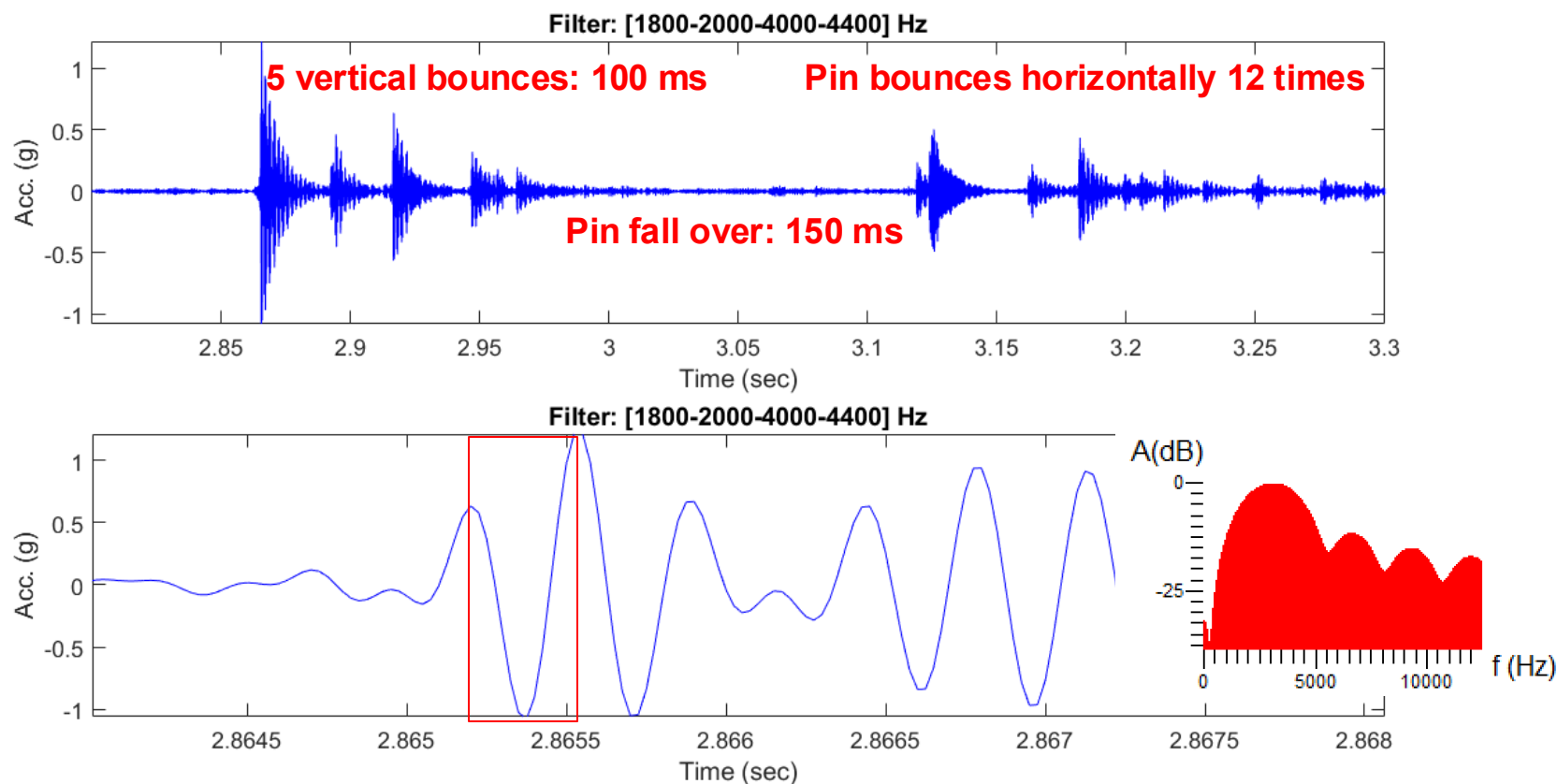
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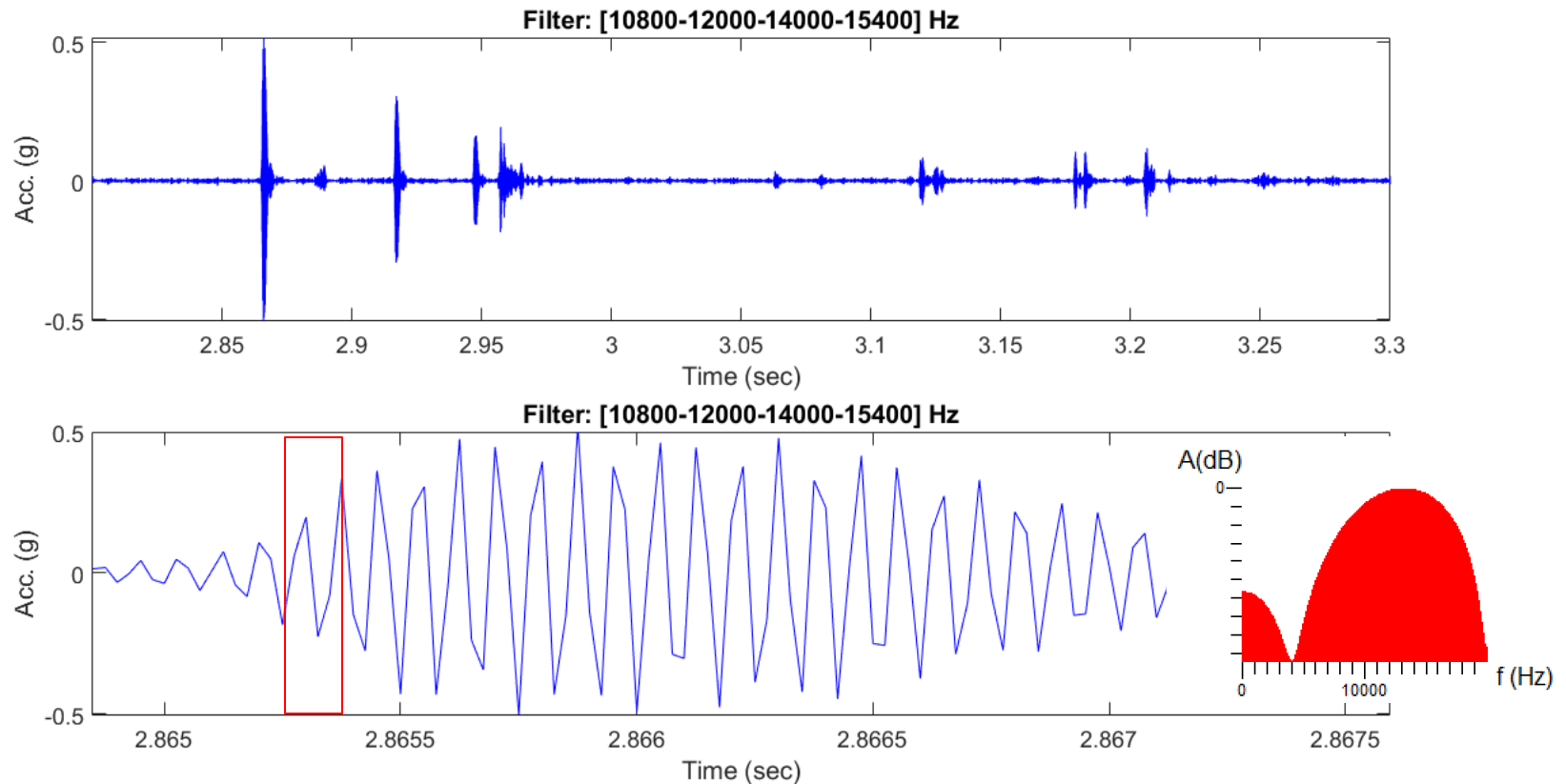
FOSVS.3 Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 1 cm: 2.5 μ J kinetic energy (M-7) on primary drop Ormsby Filter: 5-10-50-55 Hz (LOW FREQUENCY)



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FOSVS.3 Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 1 cm: 2.5 μ J kinetic energy (Primary: M-7, Bounces: M-8) Ormsby Filter: 10.8-12-14-15.4 kHz (HIGH FREQ.)



Lab Setup (Side View) of Fracture Fluid Flow MS Test

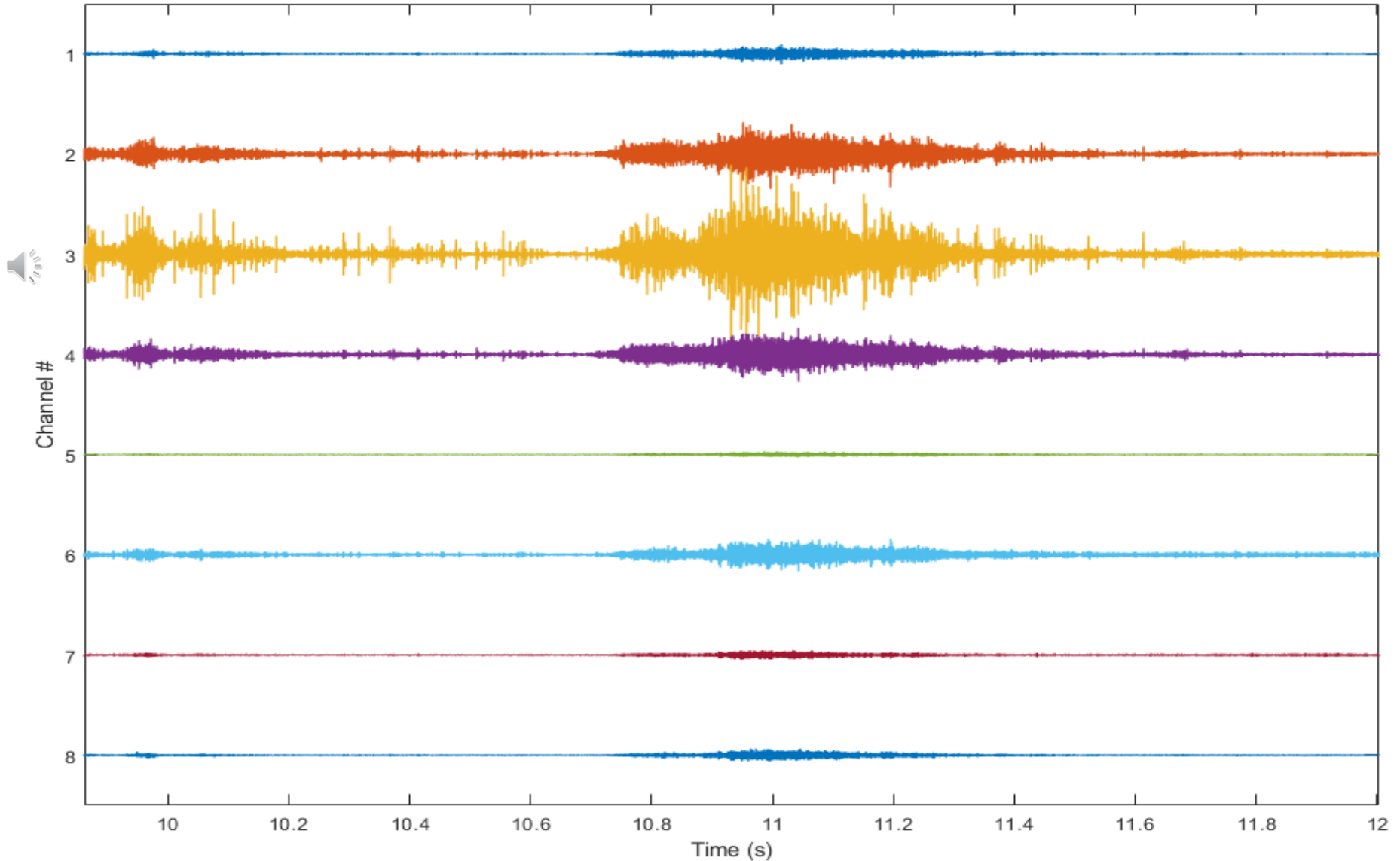


Pressures:

- **1,000 psi Lithostatic (288 tons)**
- **500 psi H2O Injection**

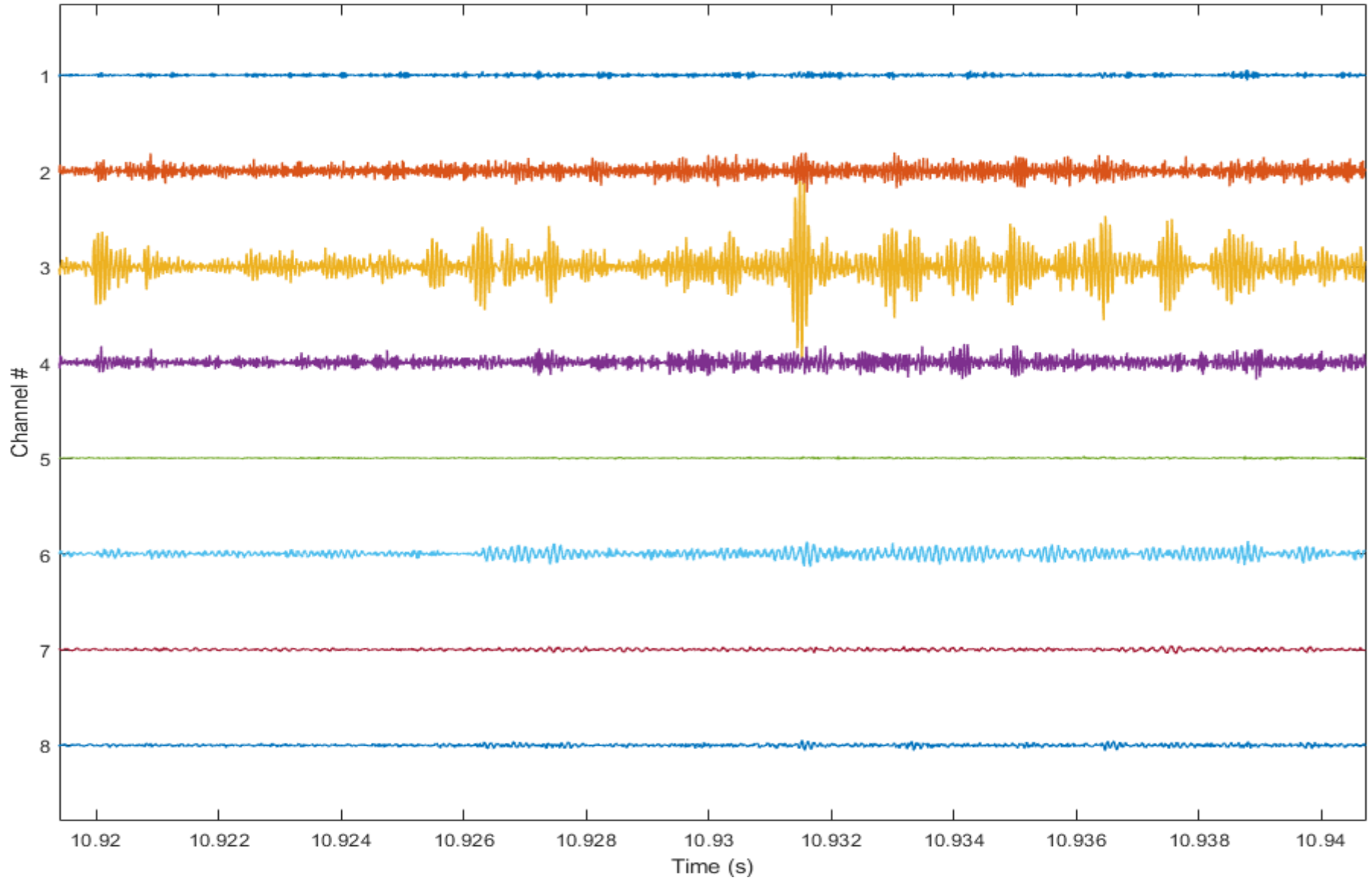
Accelerometer Data 2 seconds

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Accelerometer Data 20ms

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Downhole Seismic Source for Single Well Seismic Tool

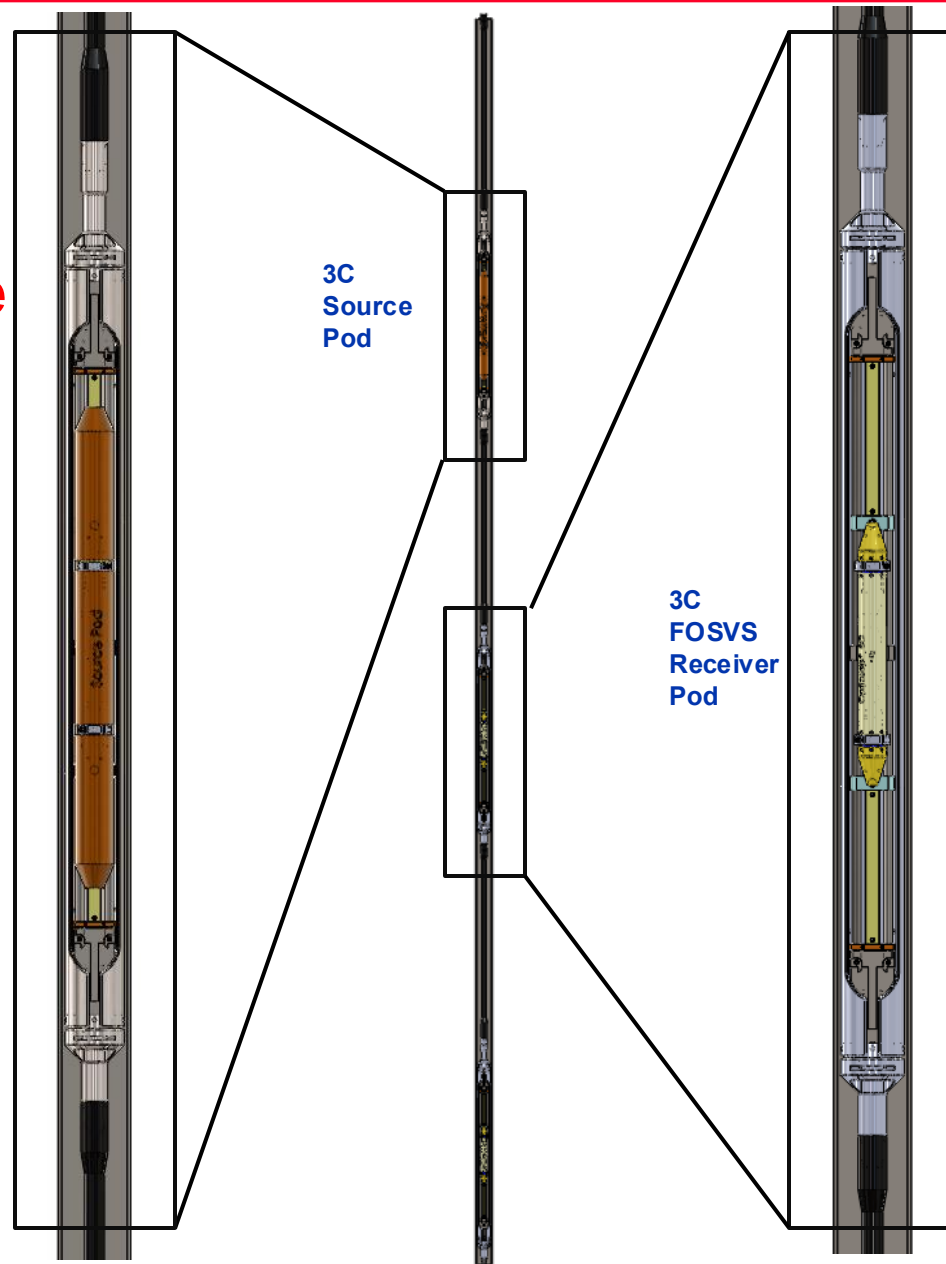


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- By placing the Receivers in the borehole, we record **10X the frequency and get 10X the resolution** compared with surface seismic!
 - By placing **both the source and the receivers** we get **much better than 10 X (i.e. 20-30 X) the frequency and resolution!**

A Single Well Seismic System: Deploying the Source and the Receivers in the same well.

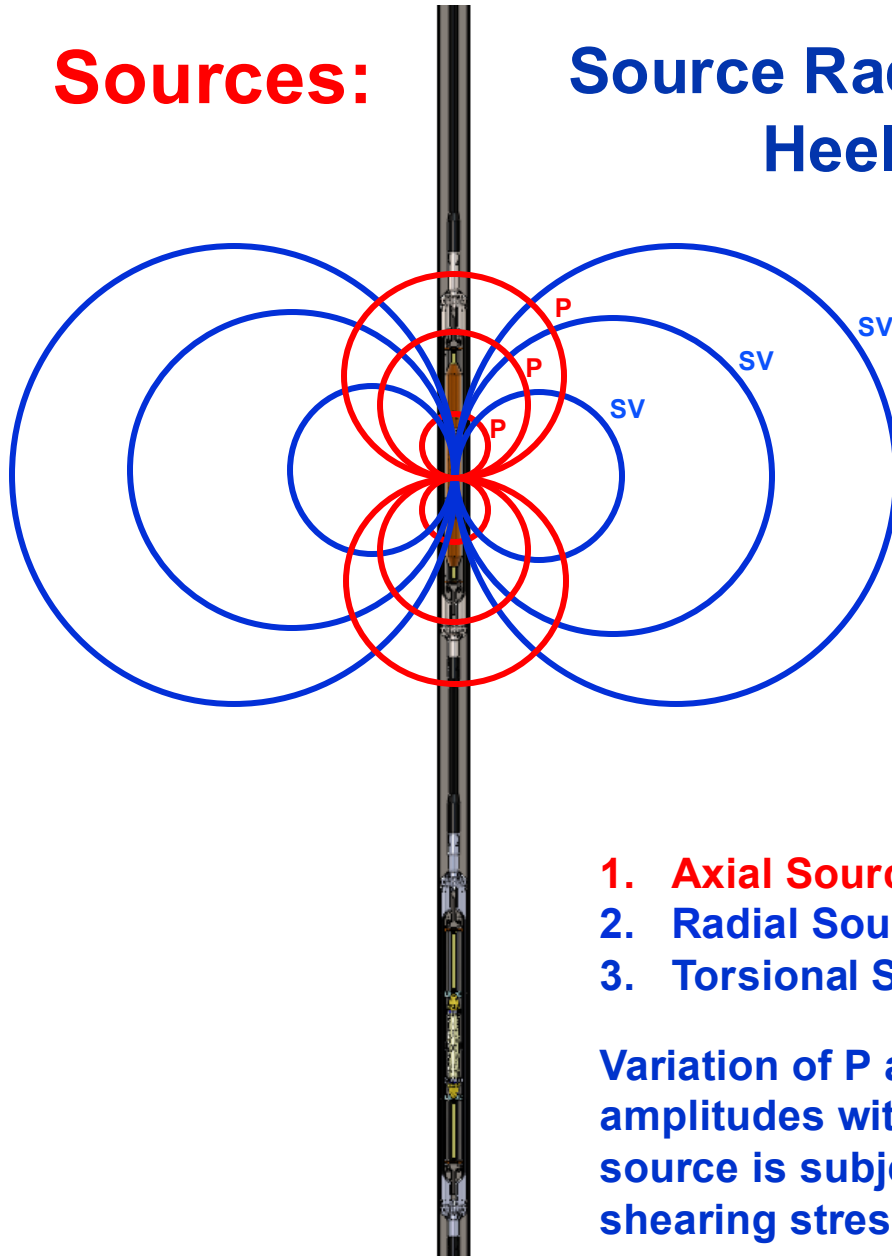
**This is NOT a well
Logging System – this
is a Seismic System
with a 10 – 3,200 Hz
Operating Frequency.**

**This system will be able
to image to a radius of
>1,000 m (3,000 ft) –
Q dependent of course.**



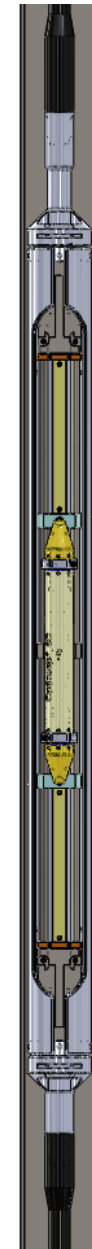
Sources:

Source Radiation Patterns Heelan (1953)



1. Axial Source
2. Radial Source
3. Torsional Source

Variation of P and SV
amplitudes with ϕ , when the
source is subjected to
shearing stress $q(t)$ only

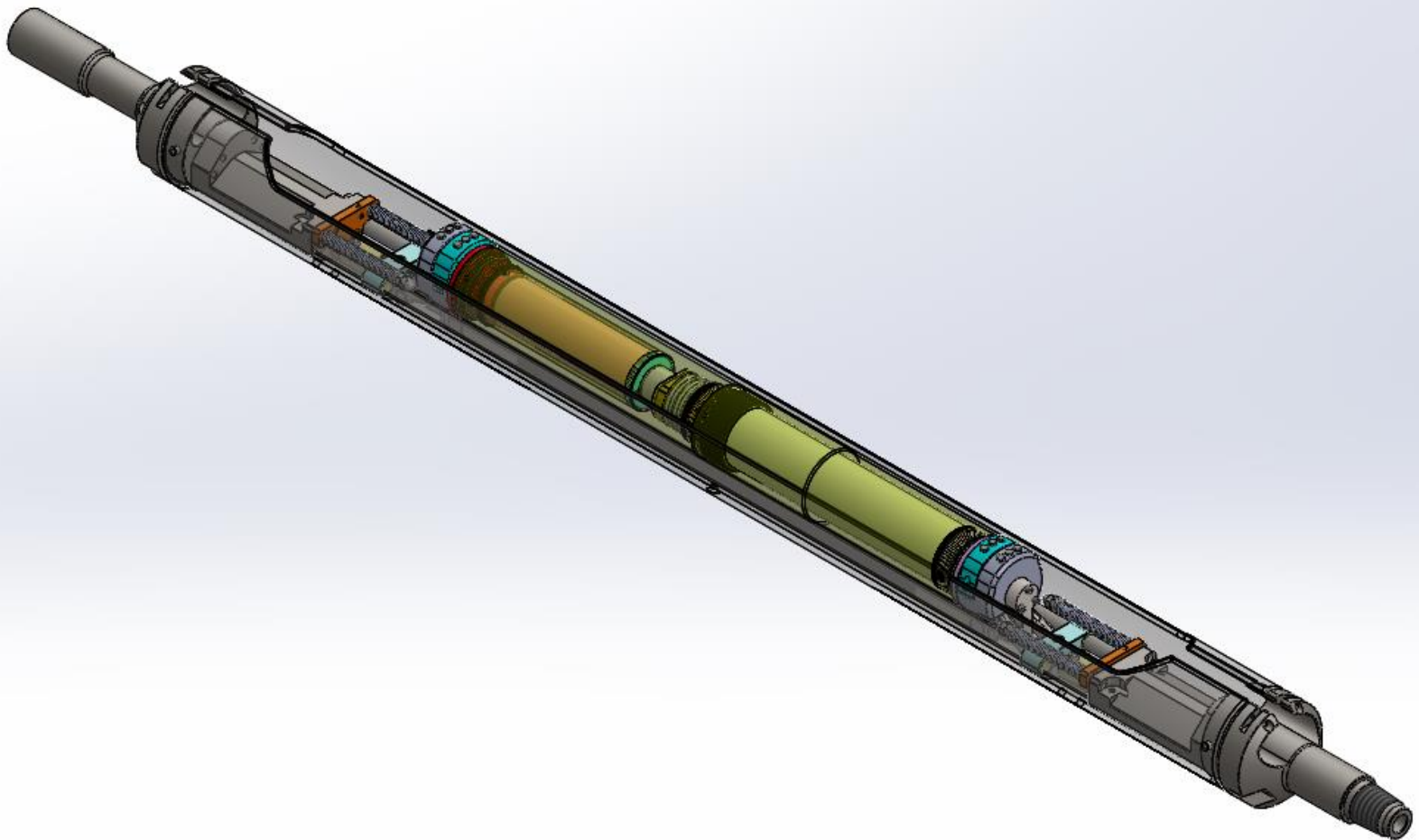


FOSVS
Receiver
Pod

Task 4: Design Updates & Detailed Drawings as of March 16th, 2021

SAME SENSOR POD HOUSING AND PIPE AS USED FOR FOSVS RECEIVERS

Isometric - Resting Position

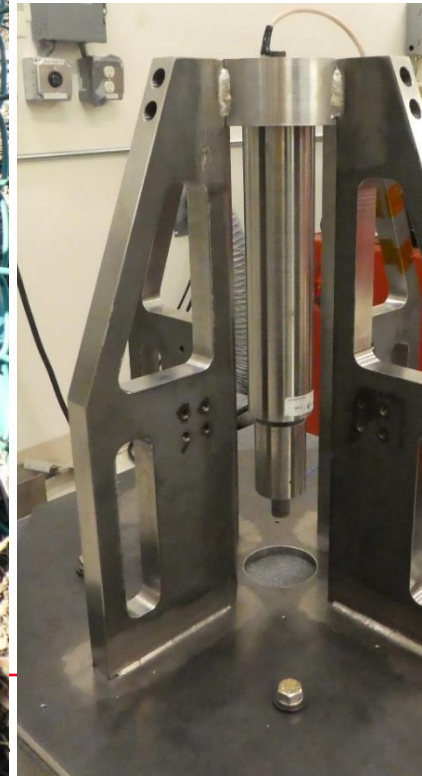


Laboratory and Small Scale Field Tests of Axial Vibrator Unit Developed under a US DOE Grant



Test Fixture for a Downhole Seismic Vibrator: Actuator is the size of two soda cans

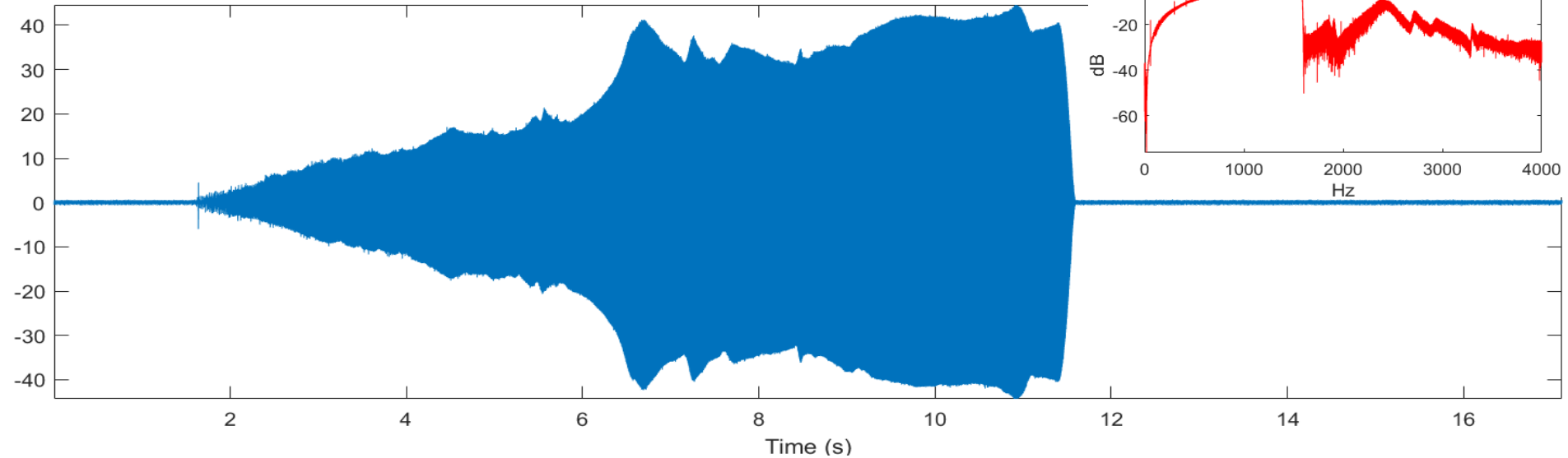
10-410hz, 10sec, 10vpp
(**200Vpp**), 3.2kg, F=40 lbs.
Custom Sweep w/ $A=e^{x/8}$
Weight drop: 50 kg @ 60g



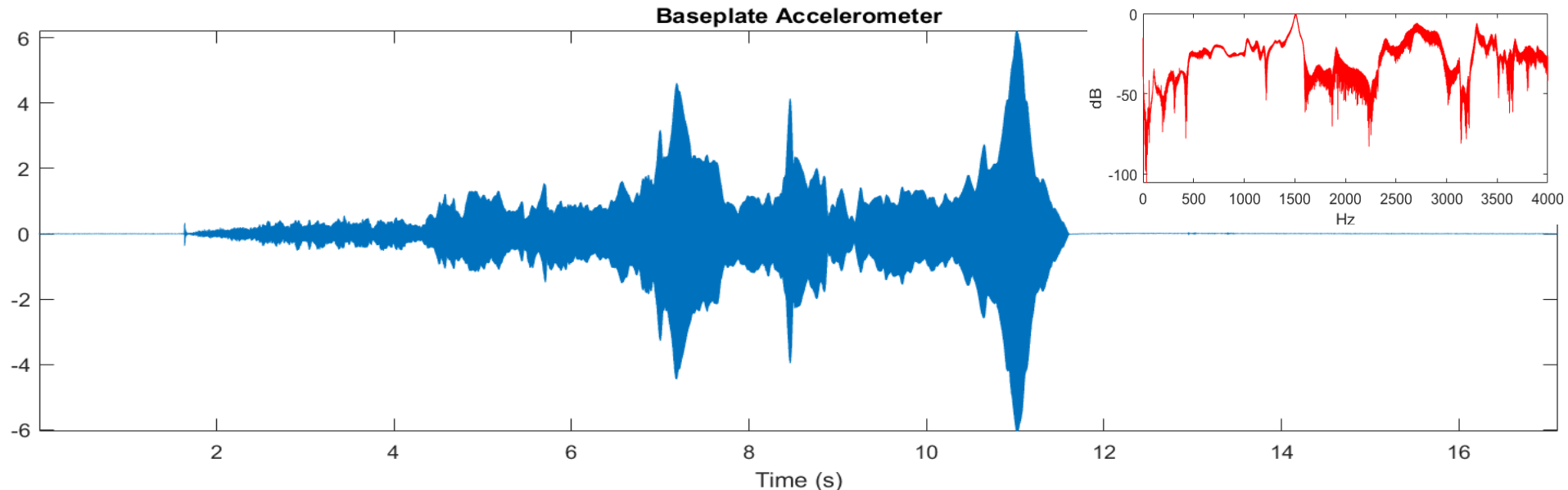
Uncorrelated Data: 10-1,610 Hz, 10 sec sweep, 5 Vpp drive

unfiltered

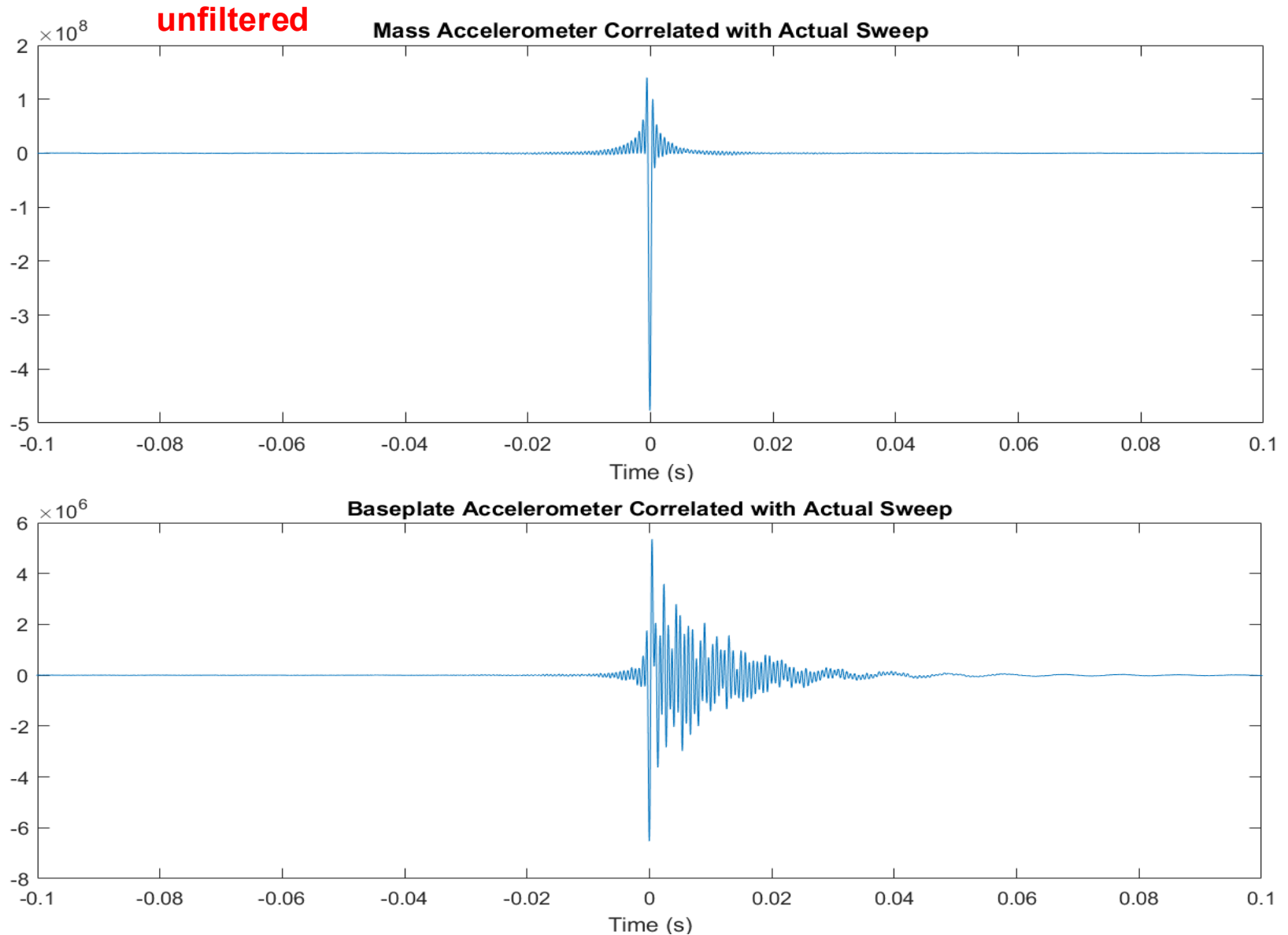
Mass Accelerometer



Baseplate Accelerometer



Correlated Data: 10-1,610 Hz, 10 sec sweep, 5 Vpp drive





Drops of a Steel Pin, Sugar Grains & Styrofoam balls Test Data Recorded on a FOSVS.3 accelerometer

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March 21, 2025**

Drop Test Photo. The FOSVS.3 Sensor is under the steel cap

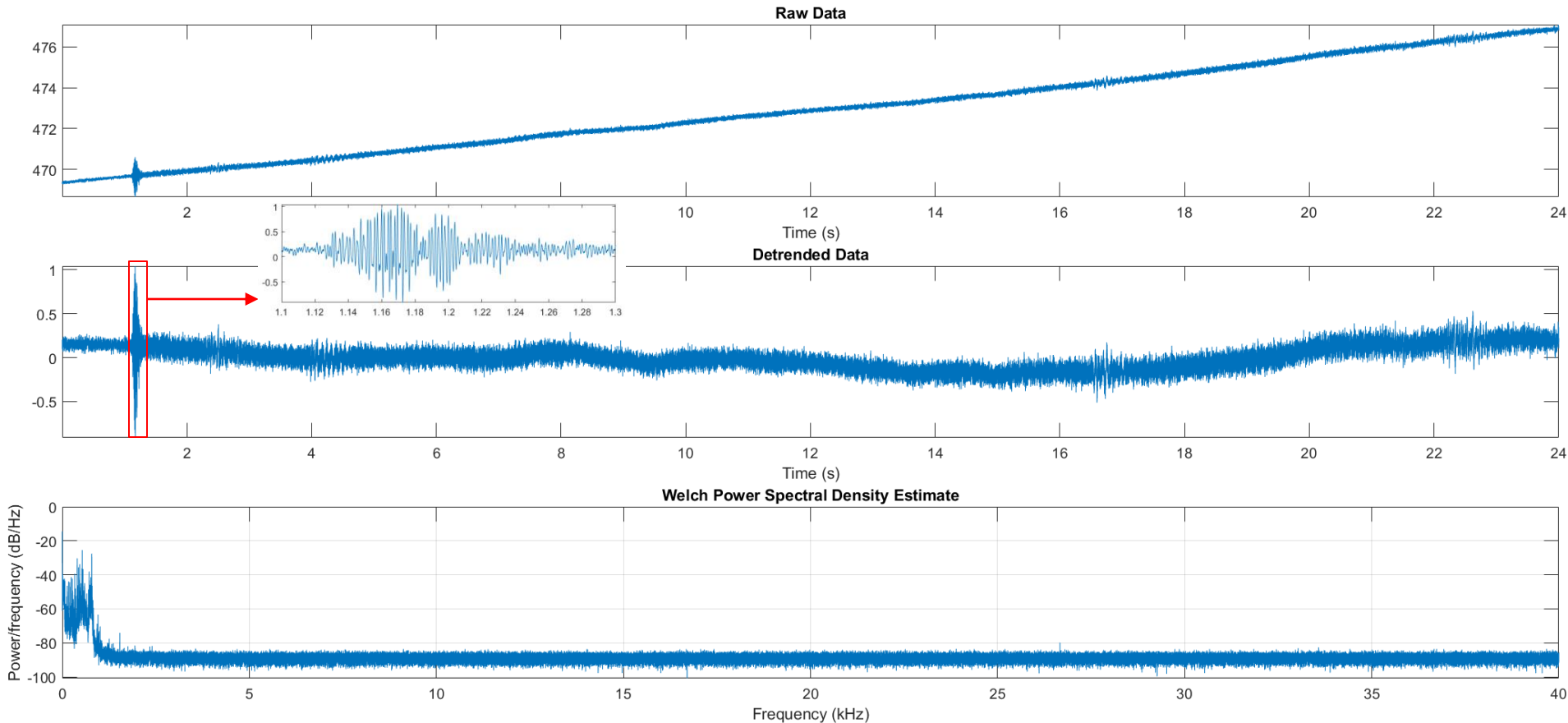
Recordings of FOSVS.3 Sensor Data

- Pin (25 mg) 10 mm Drops = 2.5 μ J
- Sugar Grain (0.2 mg) 25 mm Drops = 50 nJ
- Styrofoam Ball (0.5 mg) 10 mm Drops = 50 nJ

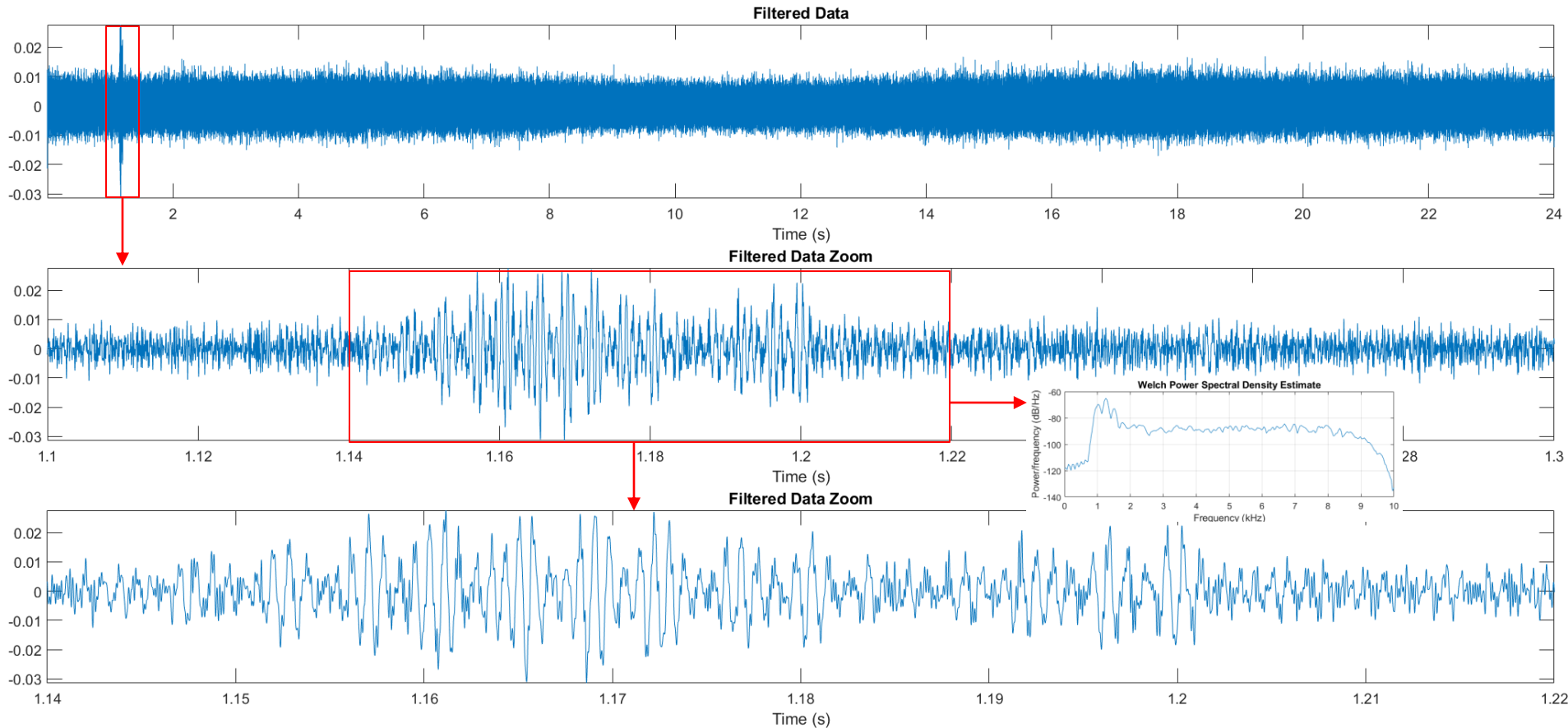
pin drop:10 mm, 0.011" gauge



Background Noise:

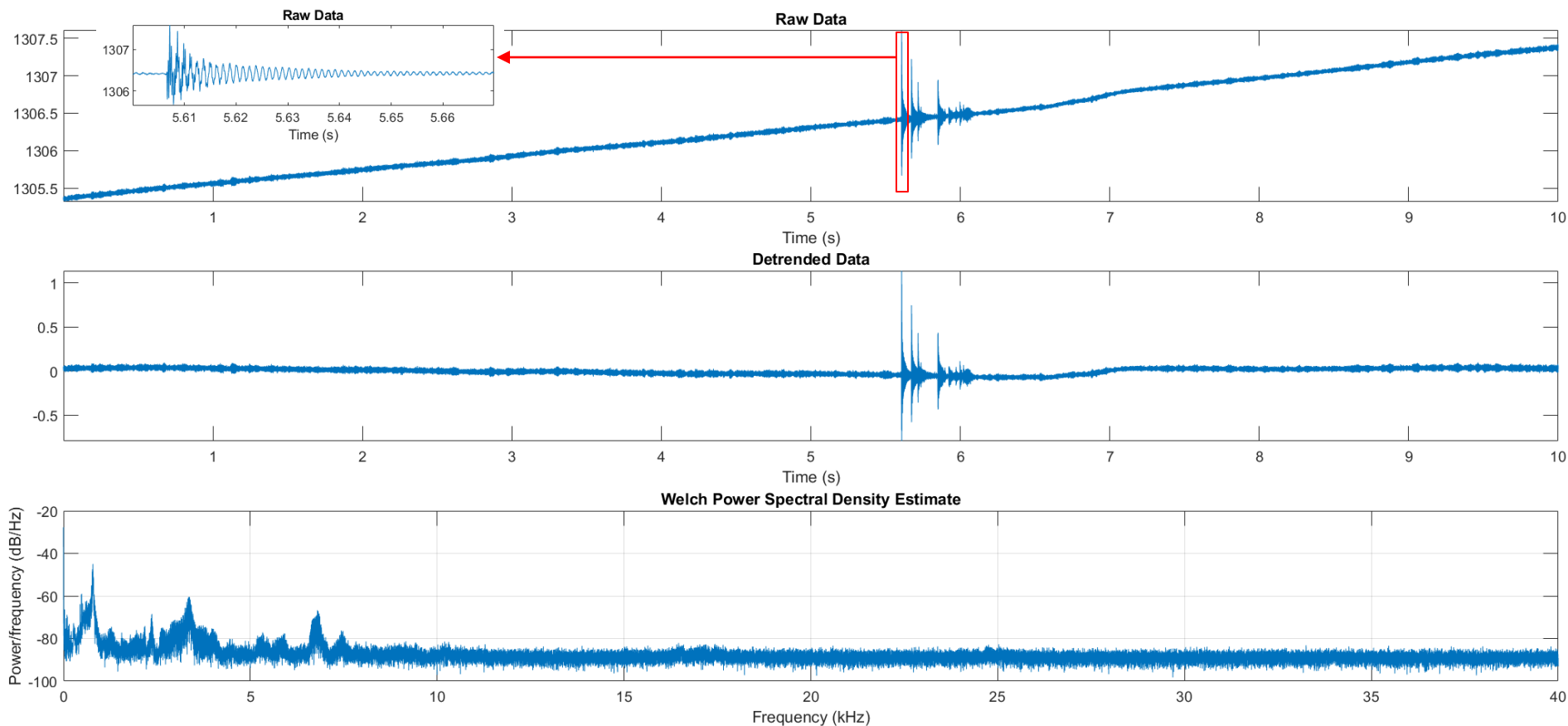


Background Filtered: 800-1000-8000-10000 Hz



1st Pin Test, 25 mg, 10 mm Drop Test: = 2.5 μ J

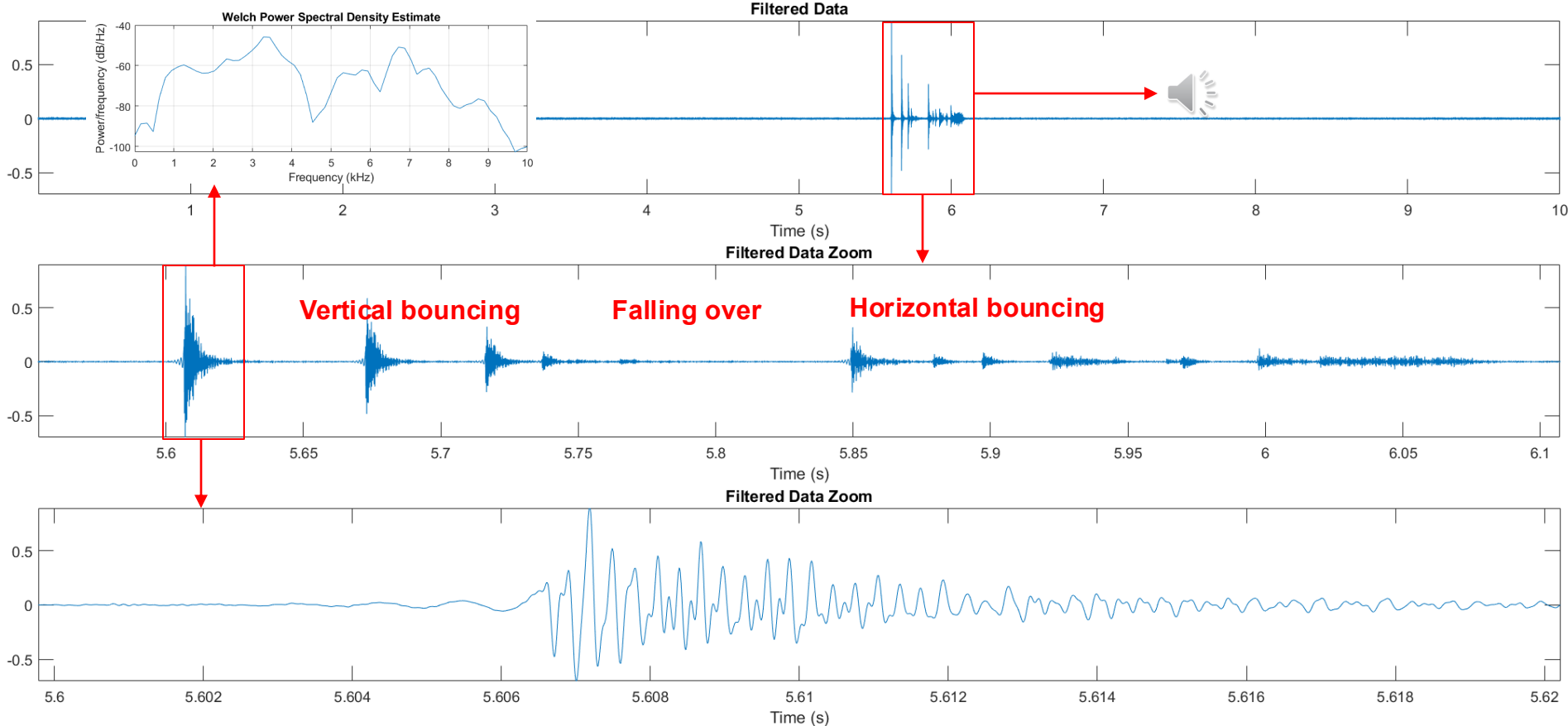
Raw - No Filter



Pin Drop Test 1

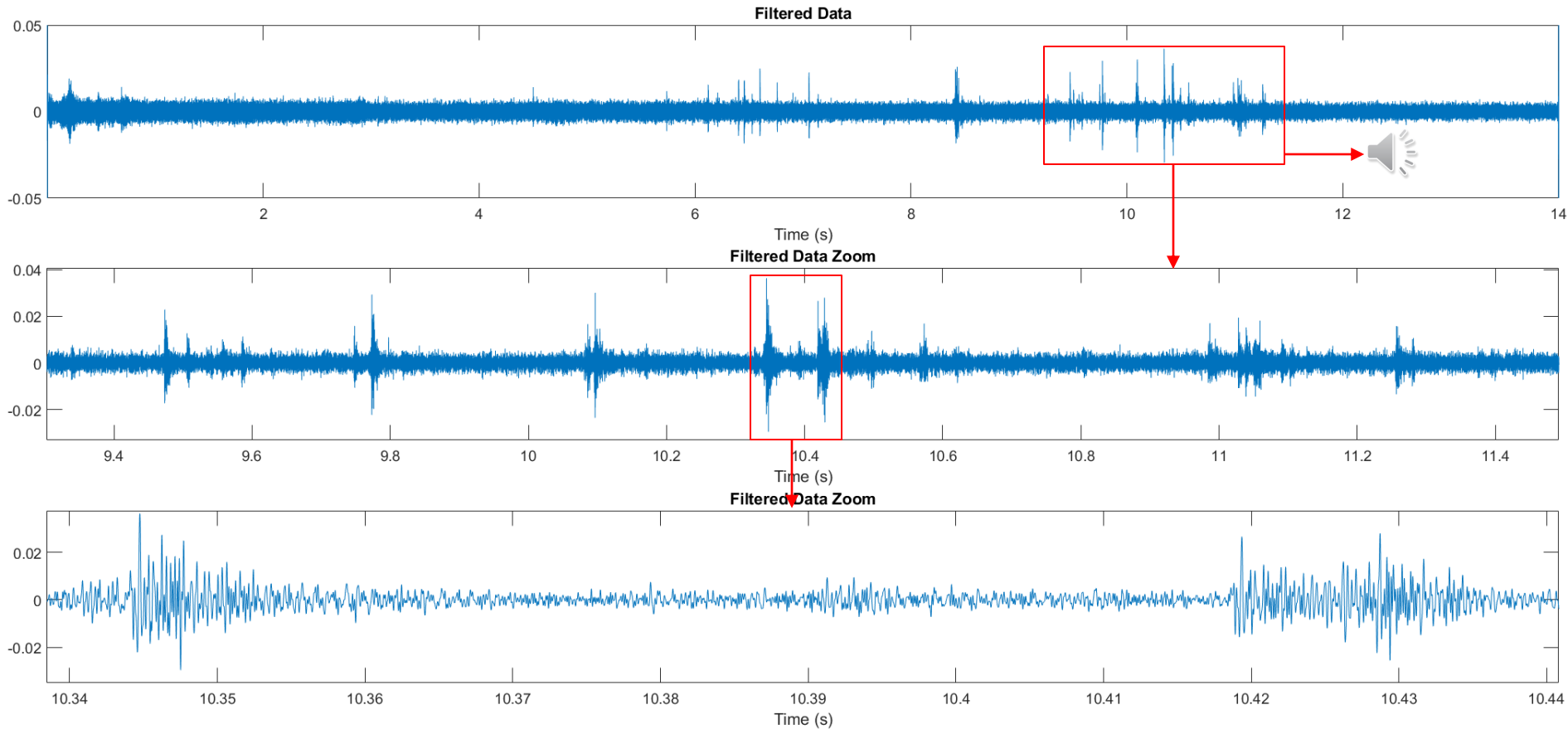
1st Pin Drop Test, $m=25$ mg, $h=10$ mm: = $2.5 \mu\text{J}$

Ormsby Filtered: 800-1000-8000-10000 Hz



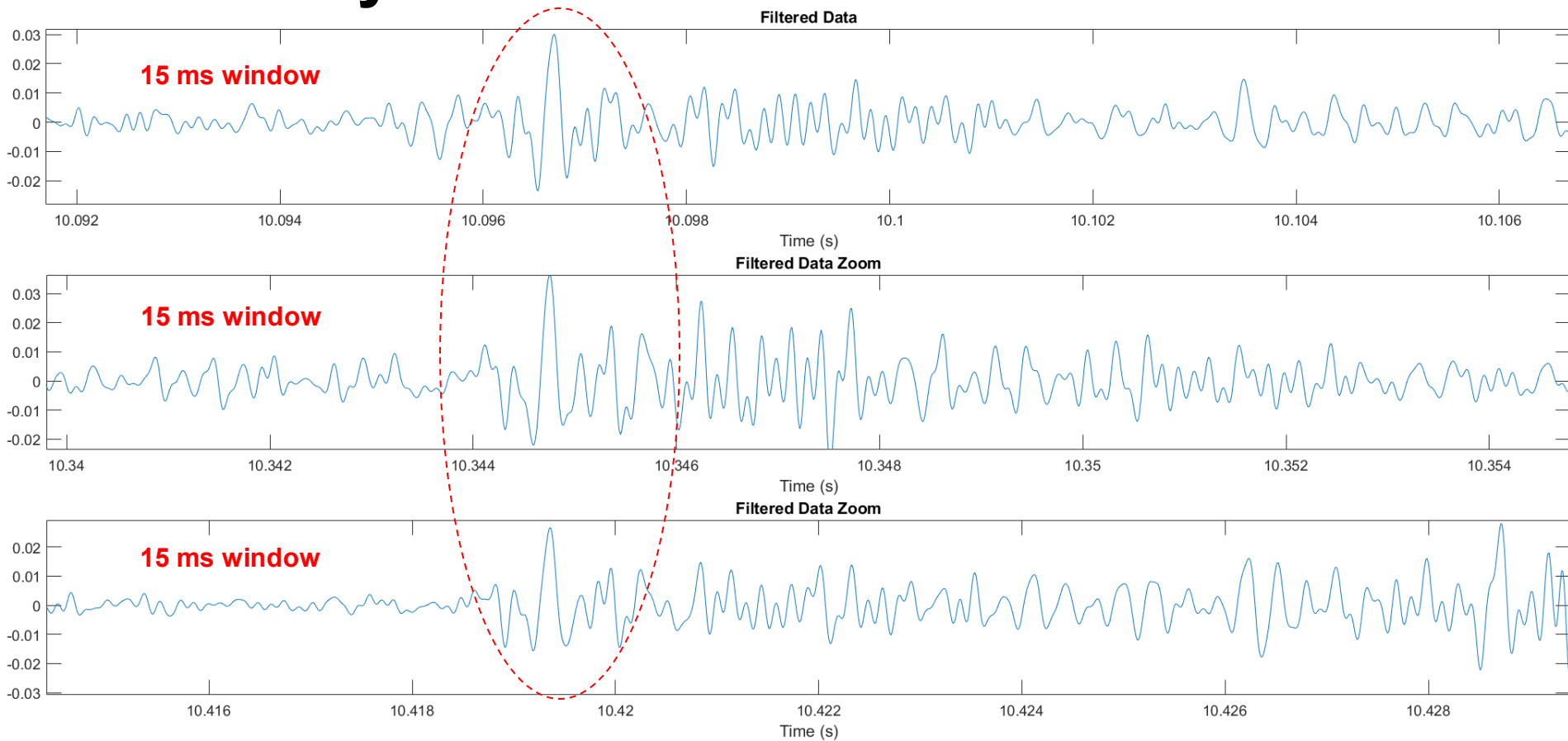
Sugar Grains (0.2 mg) 25 mm Drop Test: = 50 nJ

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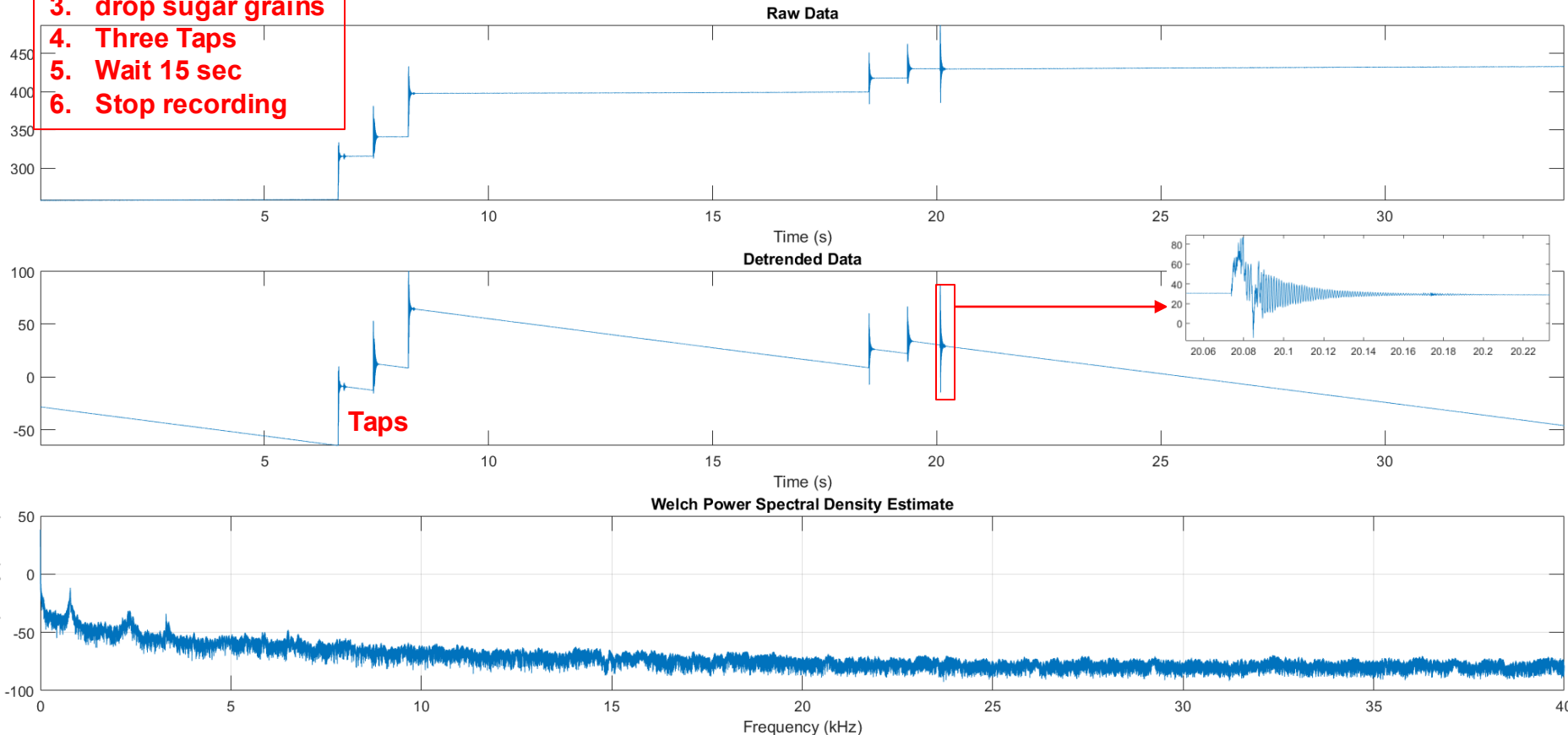
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2nd Sugar Grains: 0.2 mg: 25 mm Drop: = 50 nJ

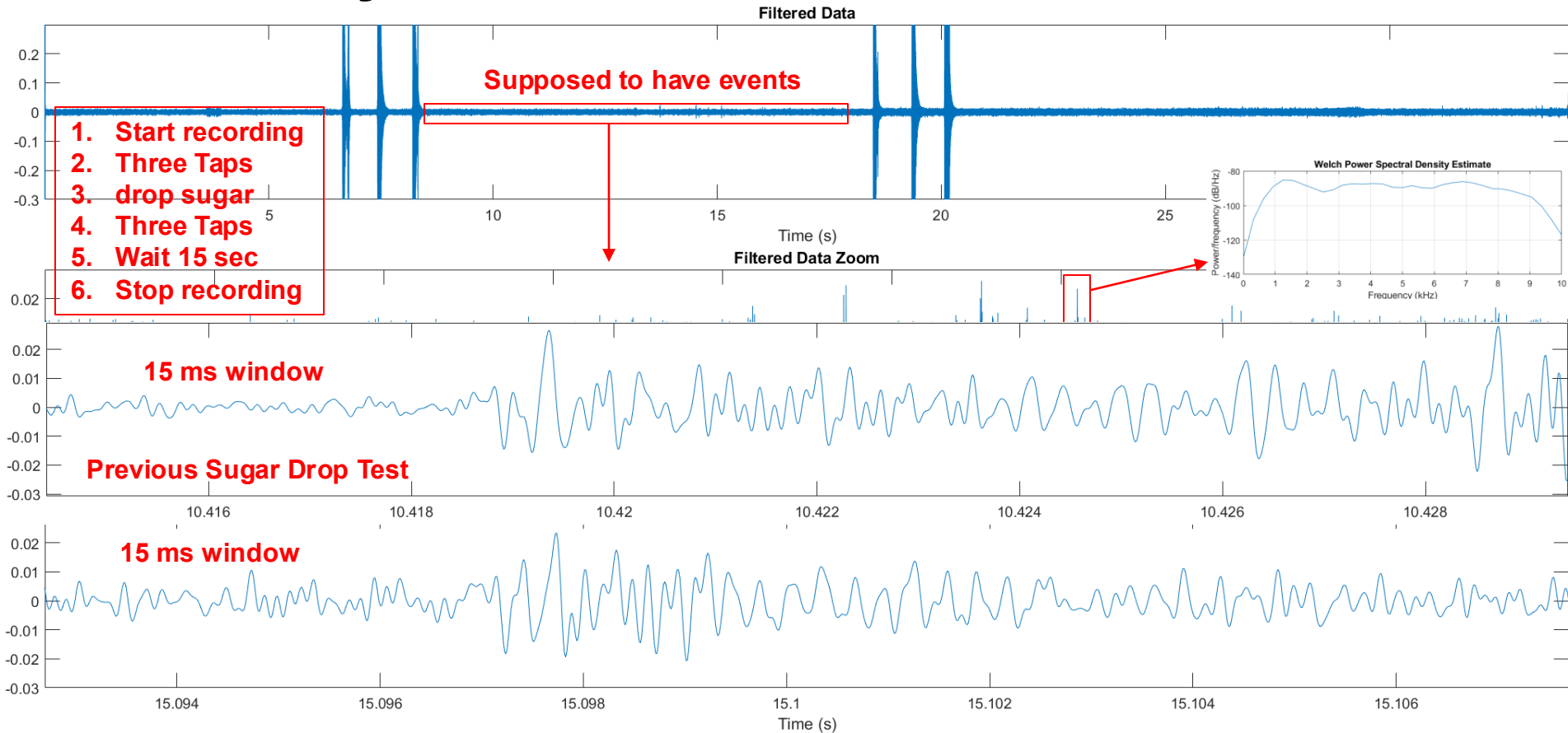
1. Start recording
2. Three Taps
3. drop sugar grains
4. Three Taps
5. Wait 15 sec
6. Stop recording

Raw - No Filter



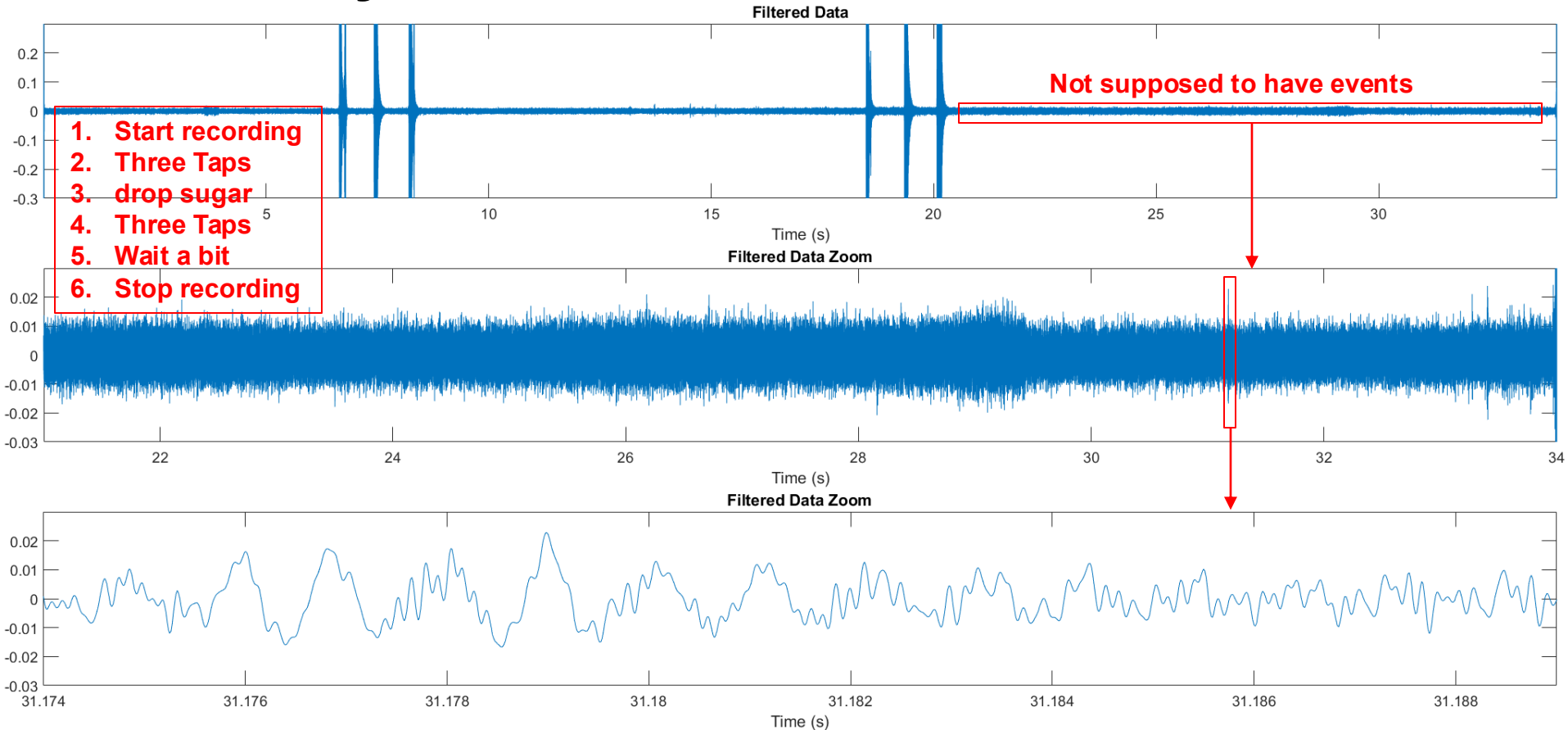
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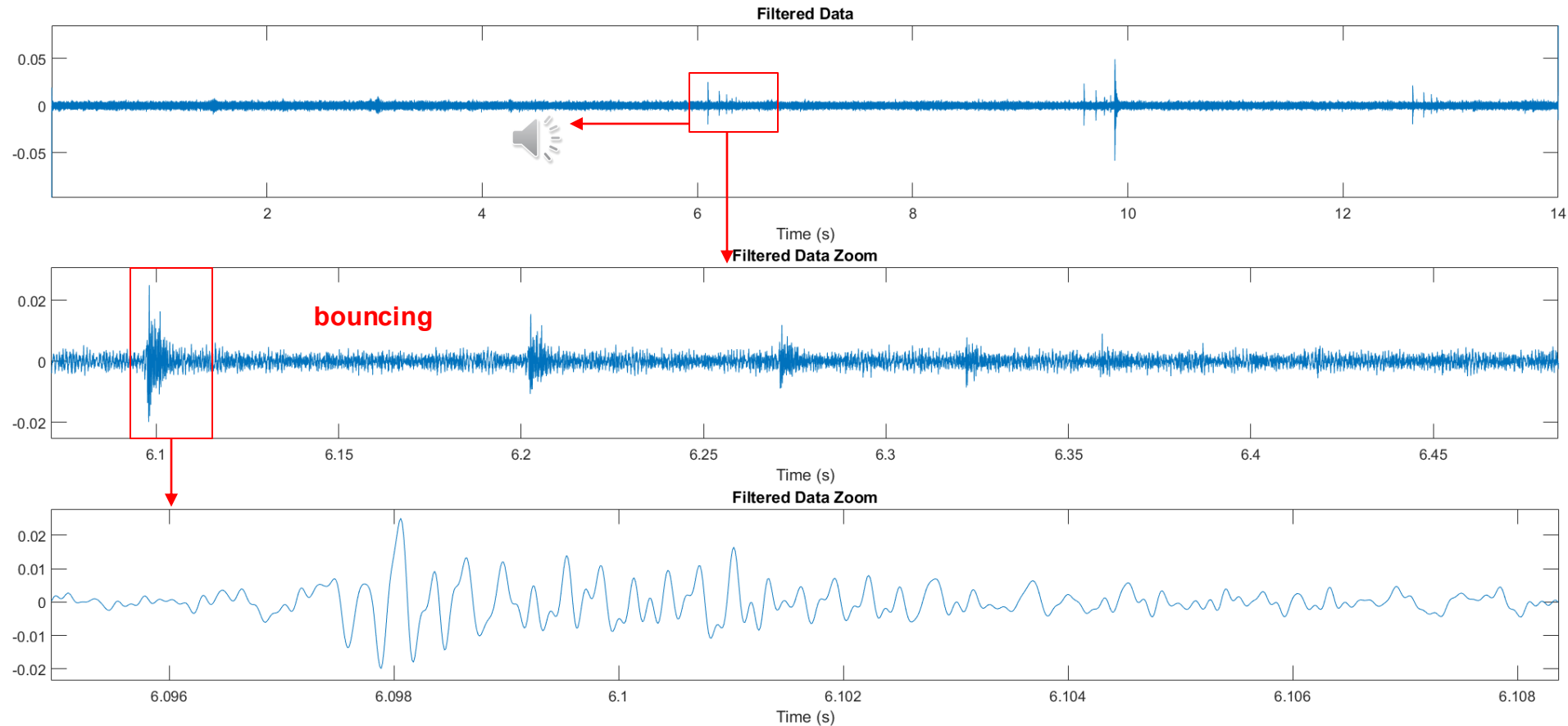
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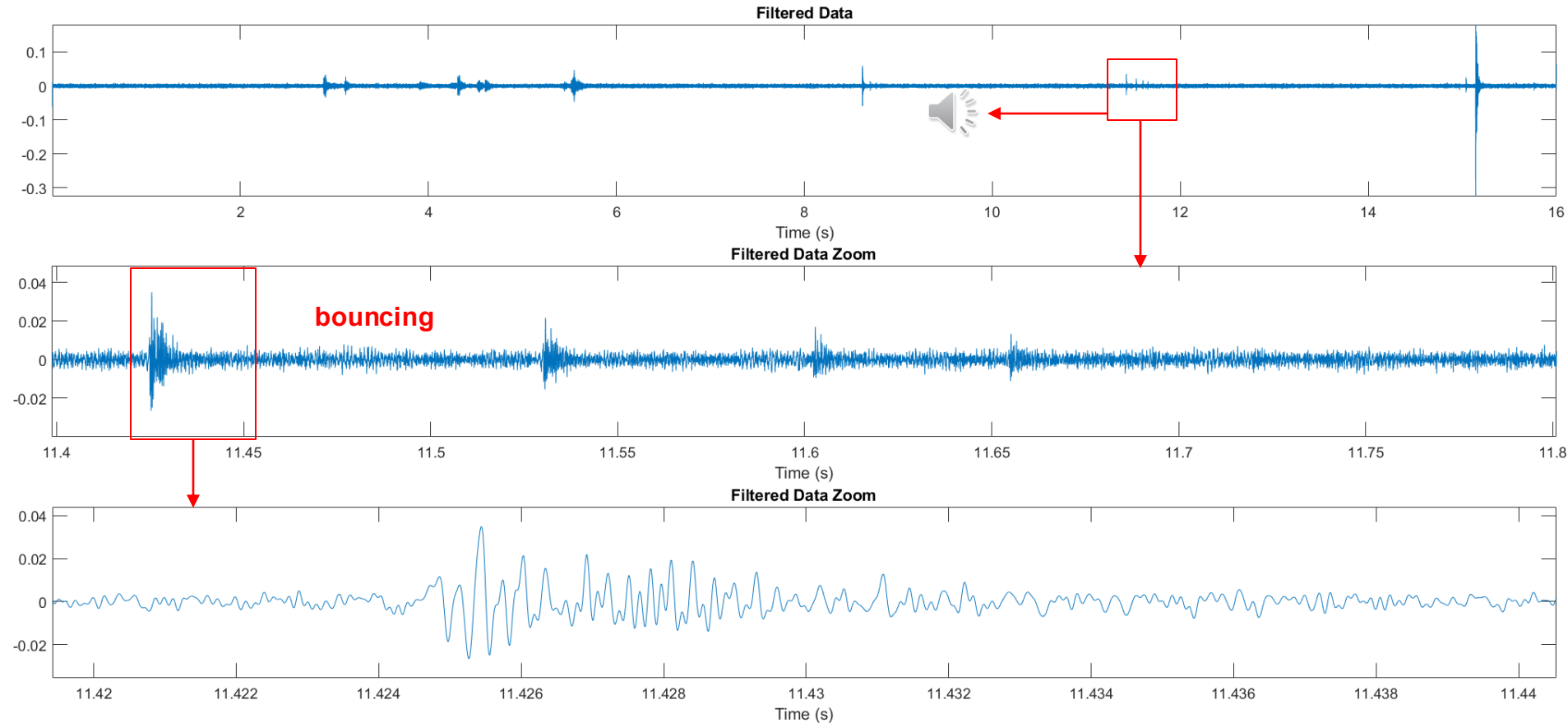
First Drop Test of a Styrofoam Ball (0.5 mg) at 10 mm = 50 nJ

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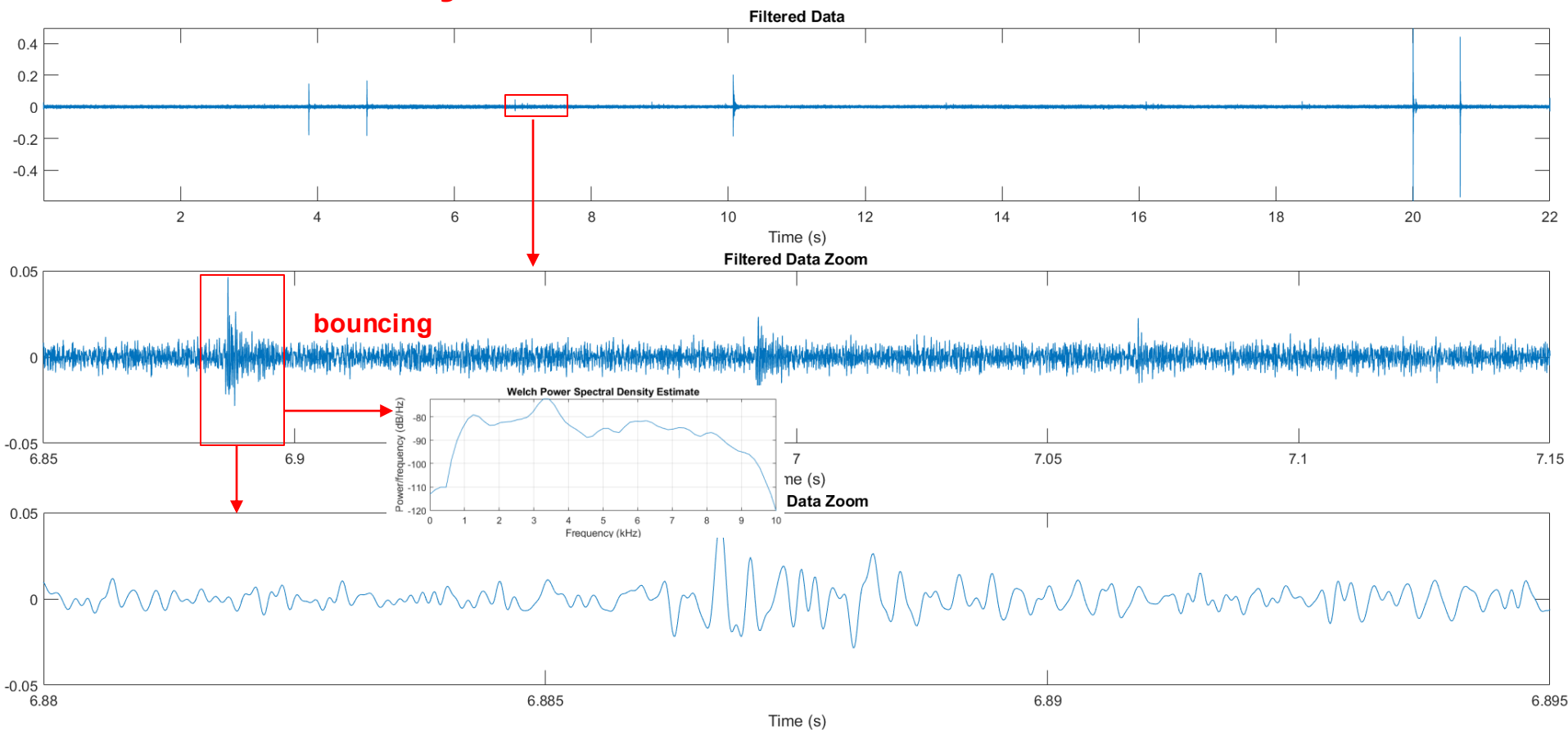
Second Drop Test: Styrofoam Ball (0.5 mg) at 10 mm = 50 nJ

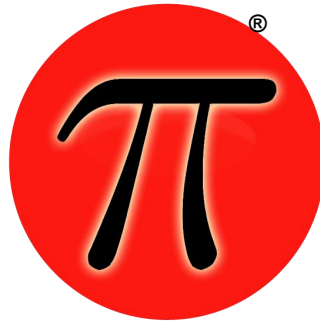
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Third Drop Test of a Styrofoam Ball (0.5 mg) at 10 mm = 50 nJ

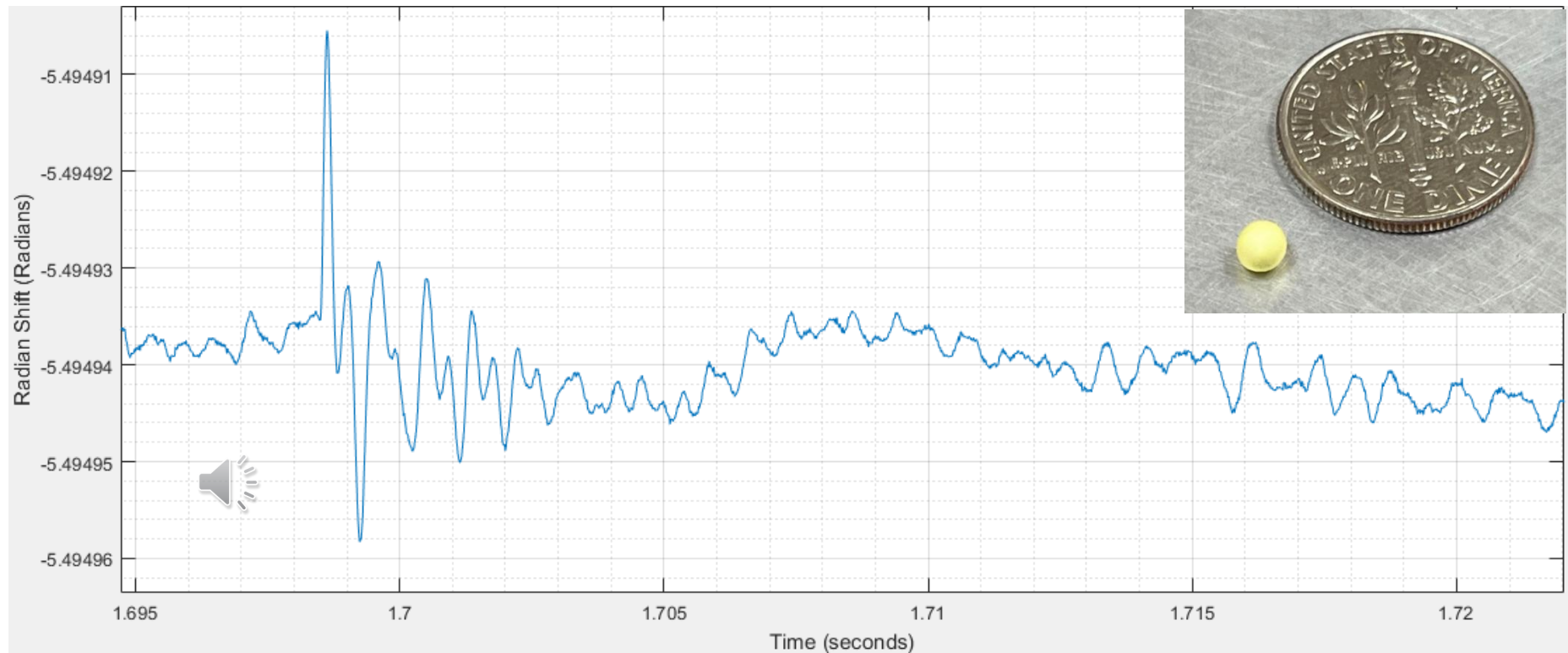
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Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS.4) Accelerometer – MOD4

Drop a 0.5 mg Styrofoam Ball 10 mm, Estimated Energy: 50 nano Joules (nJ) 20×10^{-9} for the first of five bounces. Two orders of Magnitude more sensitive than previous sensor



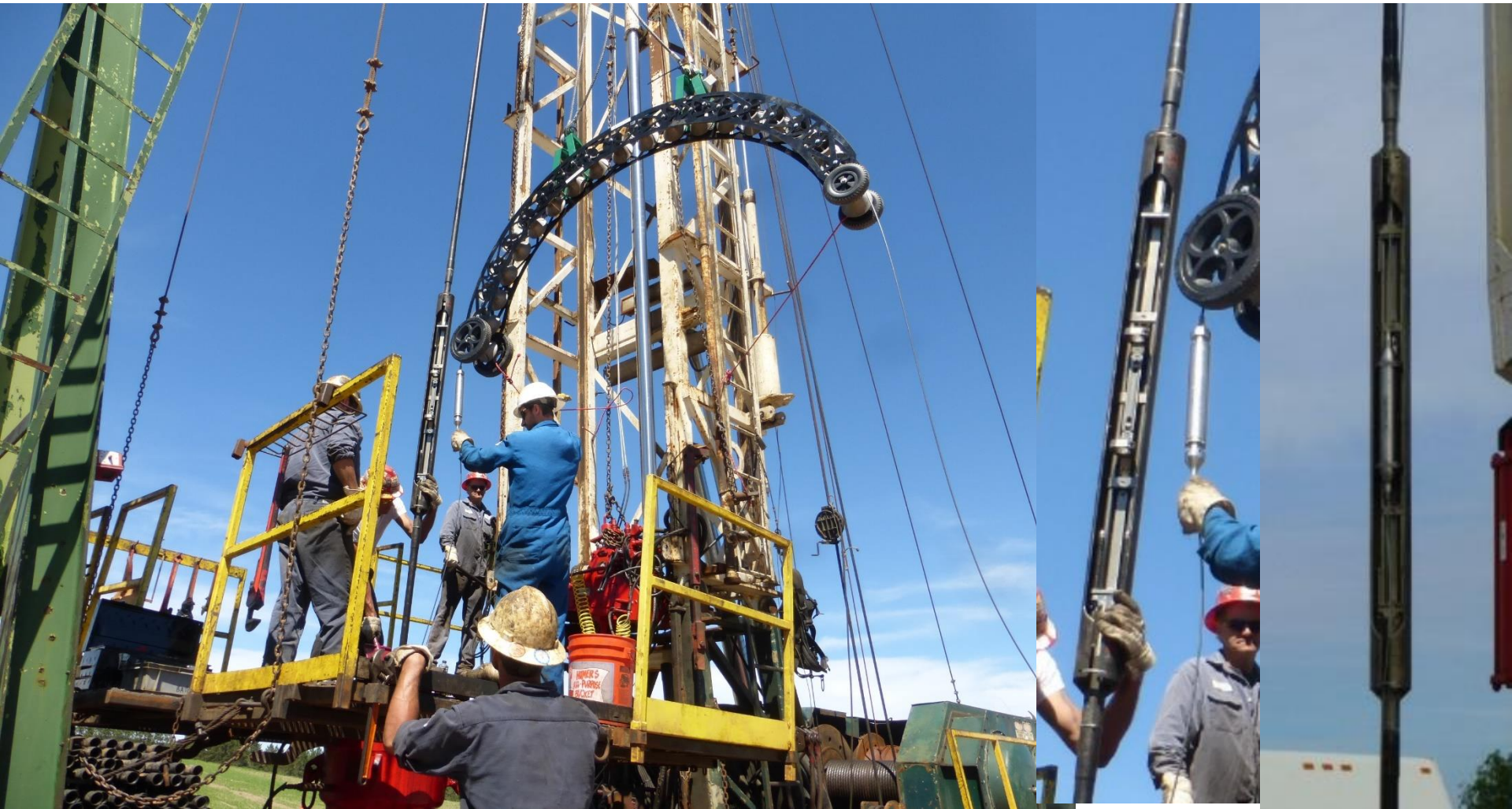
4th Gen Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors FOSVS.4

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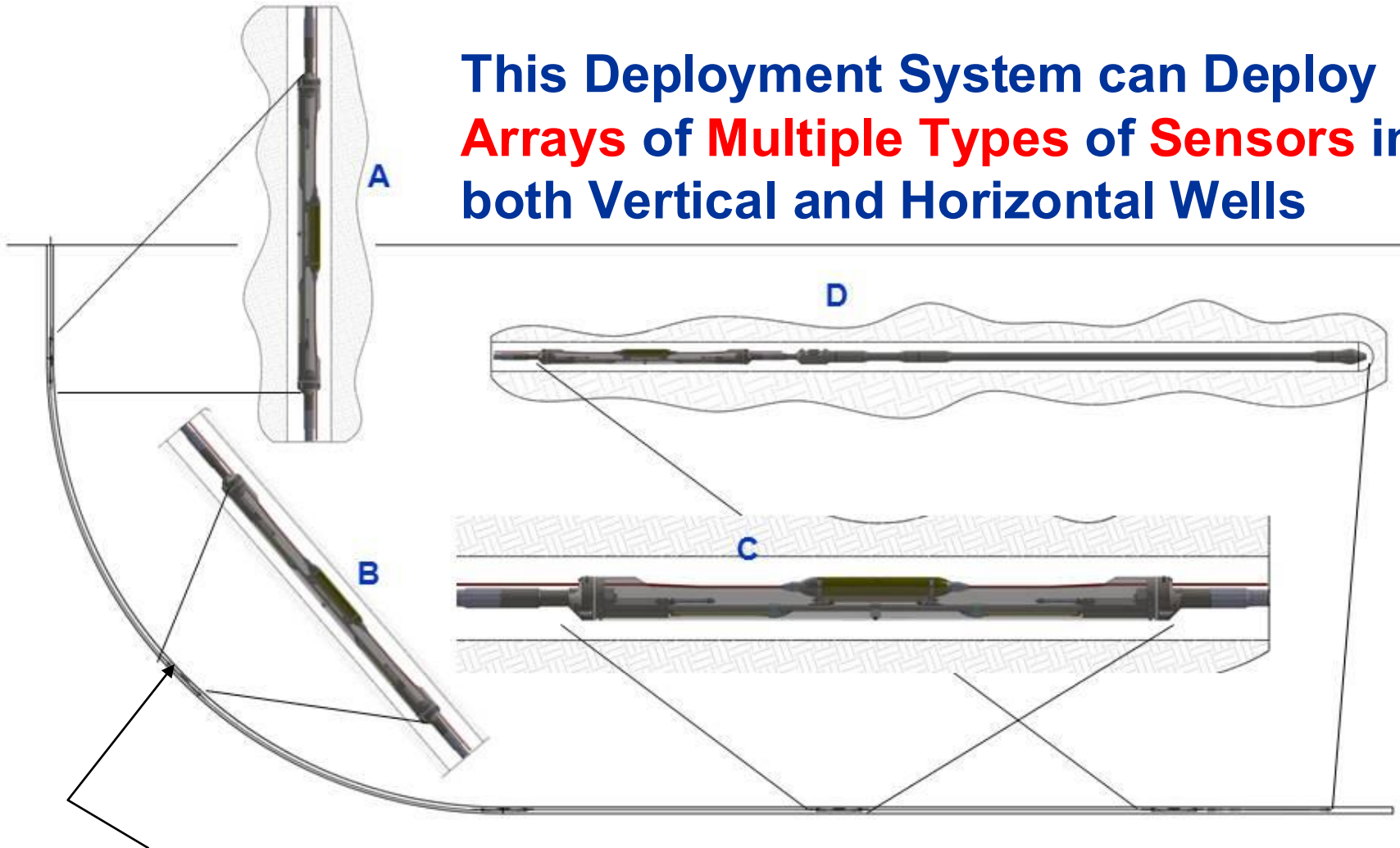


Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor System Deployment Battelle, MI June 2016 – using FOSVS.3 sensor



Drill Pipe Deployed System – Housing and Clamping

This Deployment System can Deploy
Arrays of Multiple Types of Sensors in
both Vertical and Horizontal Wells



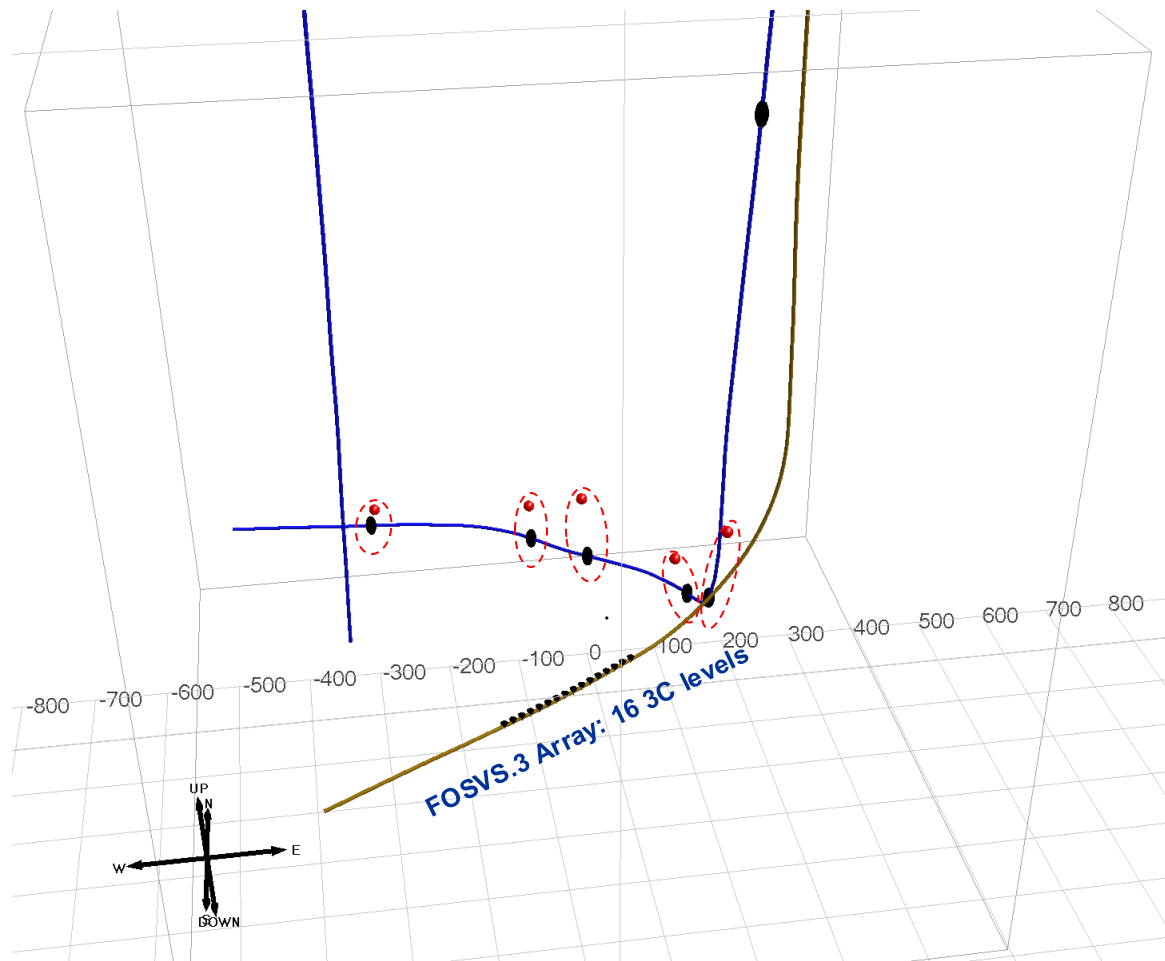
Clamping system operates by increasing the pressure inside the drill pipe and manifolds using the borehole fluid as the pressurized medium

Monitor Fluid (CO₂) Injection:

Field Data Recorded with Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensor (FOSVS)[™] System



Results from Locating 0.5 gram String Shots During a Survey Recorded for Battelle in June 2016



Survey for Battelle - Locating String Shots and Micro Seismic Events

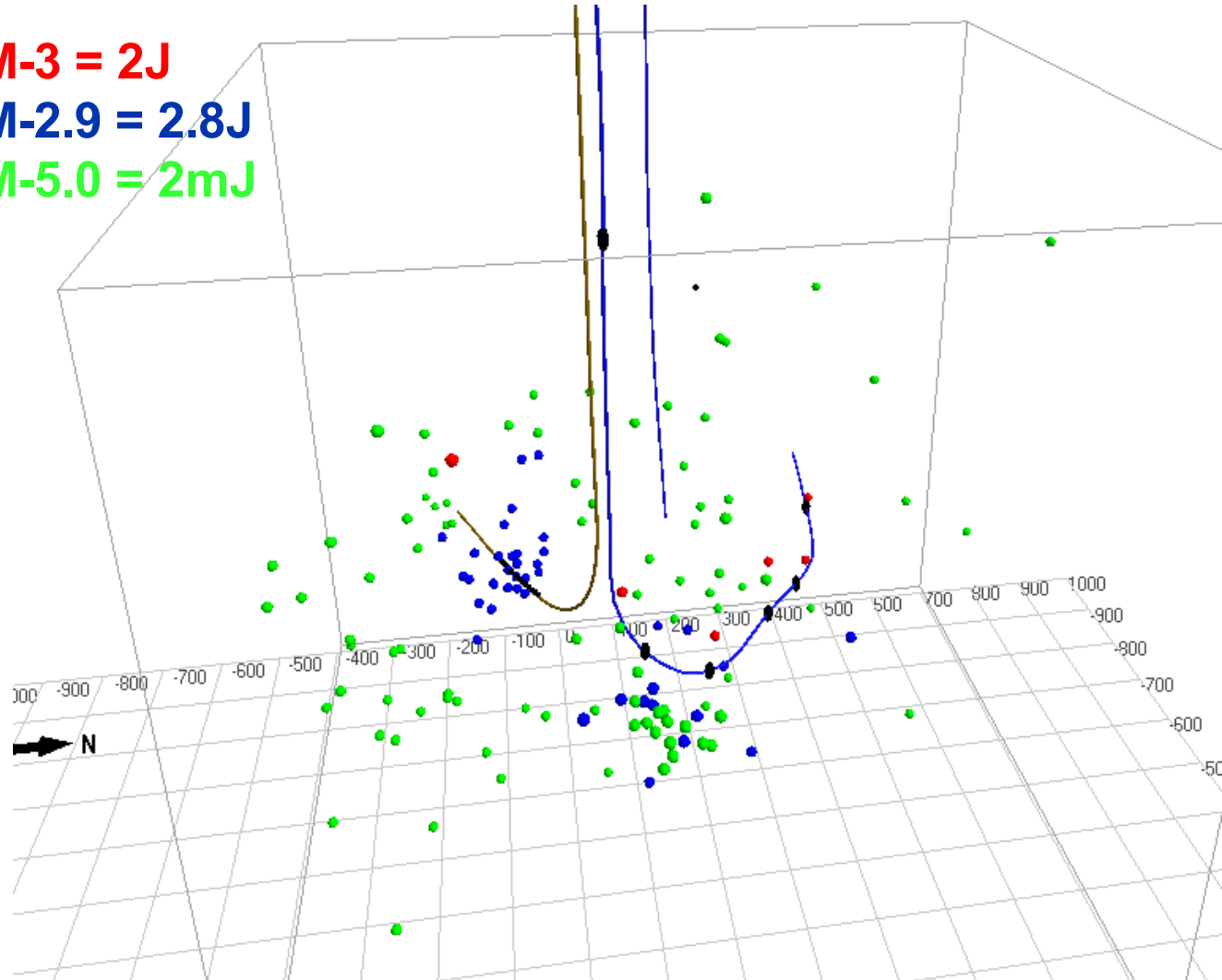
Recorded >500,000 events in four weeks. Displayed here are 130 events.

Red: String Shots; Blue: Focused Micro Seismic; Green: “Fluid Flow” Events

Magnitude < M-3 = 2J

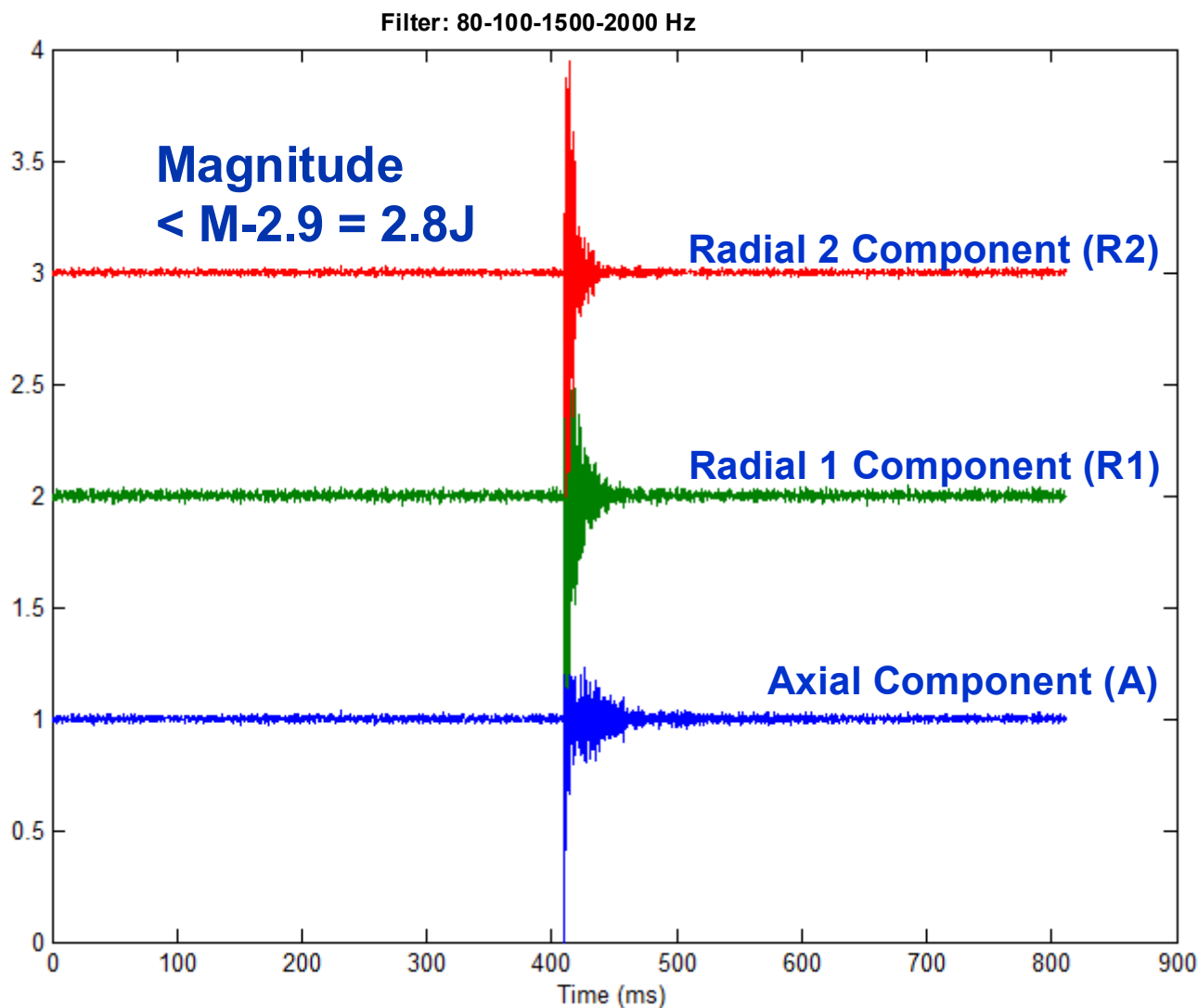
Magnitude < M-2.9 = 2.8J

Magnitude < M-5.0 = 2mJ



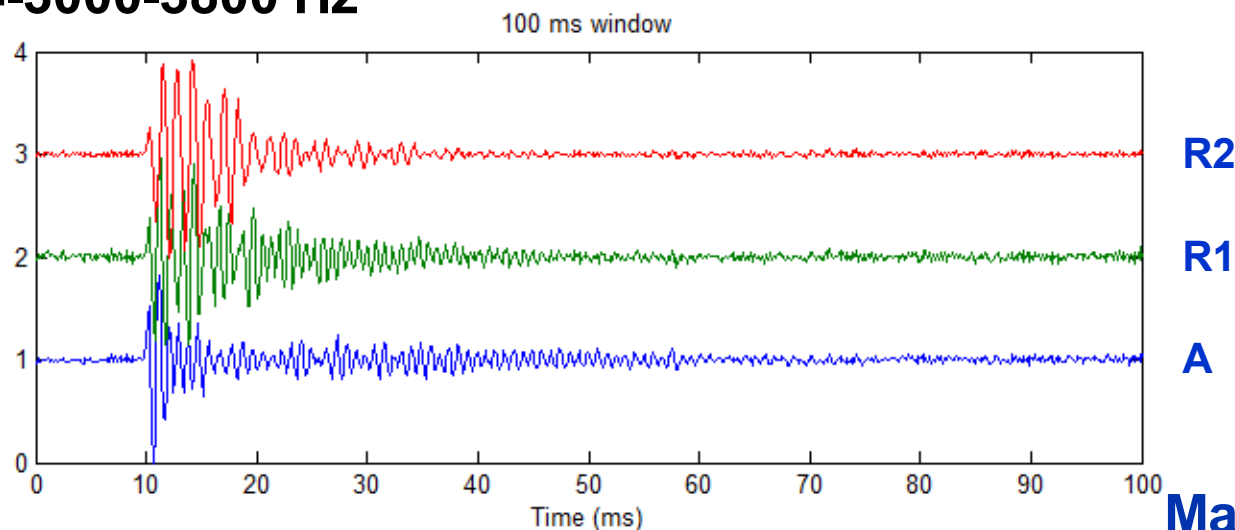
Sound of a Focused MS in 3C, Survey for Battelle, June 2016

FOSVS.3

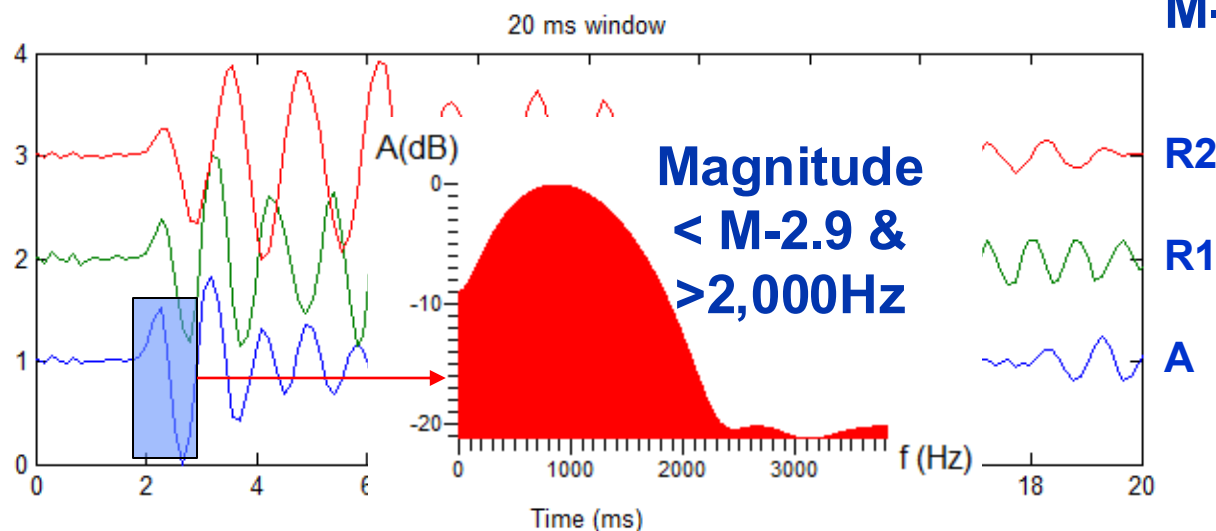


Zoomed-In Focused MS in 3C- Filter: 2-4-3000-3800 Hz

Filter: 2-4-3000-3800 Hz

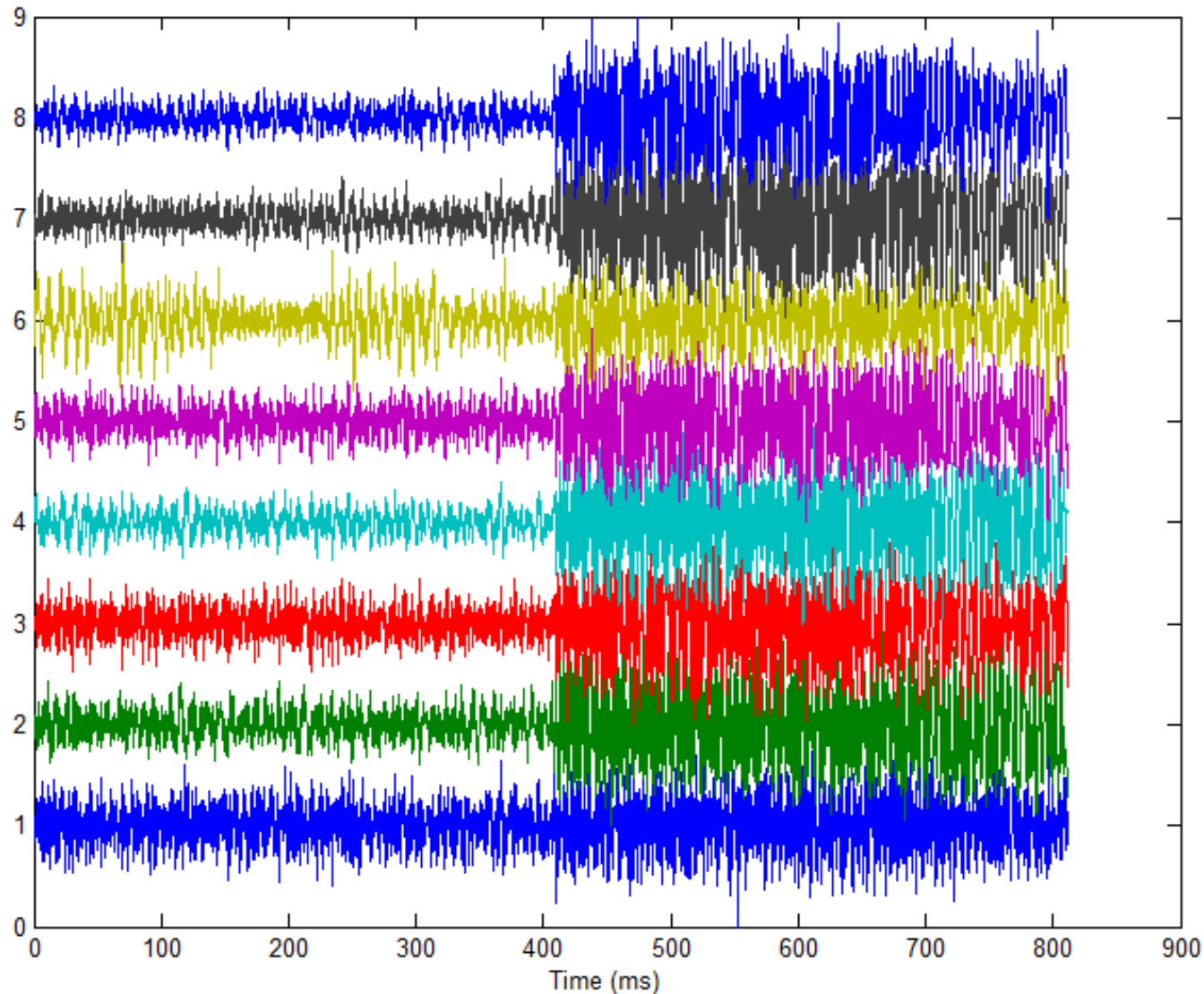


Magnitude
M-2.9 = 2.8J



Sound of A Long Duration Event (~M-5.0)

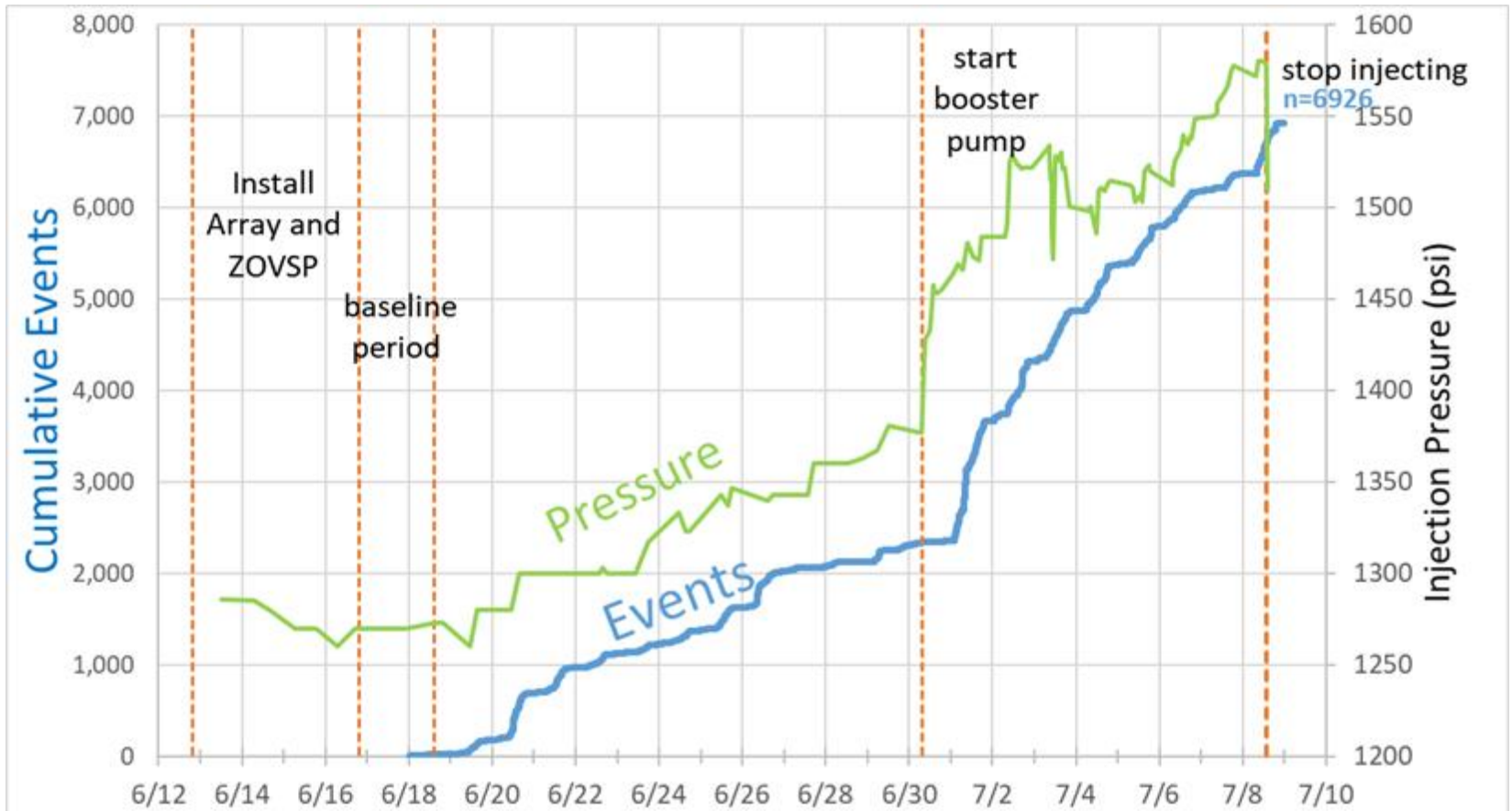
–Fluid Flow in fractures >500,000 events in four weeks



**Magnitude
M-5.0 = 2mJ**



Magnitude M-5.0 = 2mJ Micro Seismic Events as Function of The Pressure of the Injected CO2

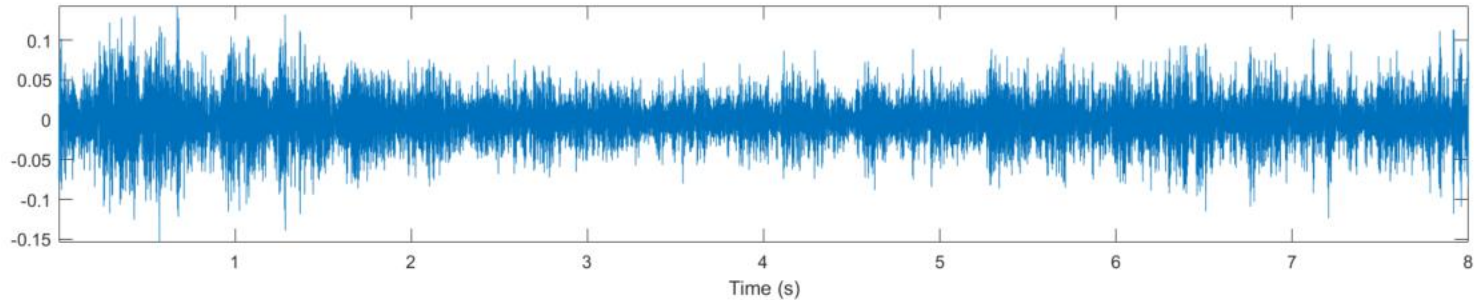


Courtesy Mark Kelley, Battelle, 2019

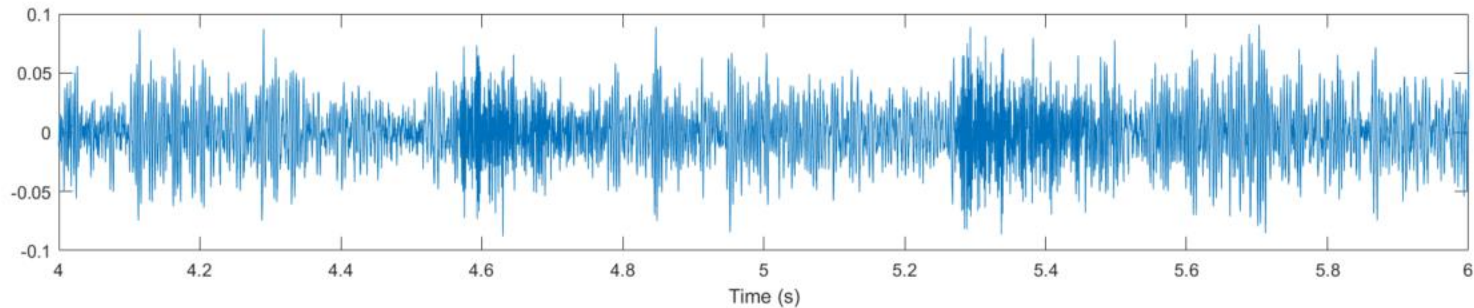


We looked for Analogs: Cardiac Blood Flow

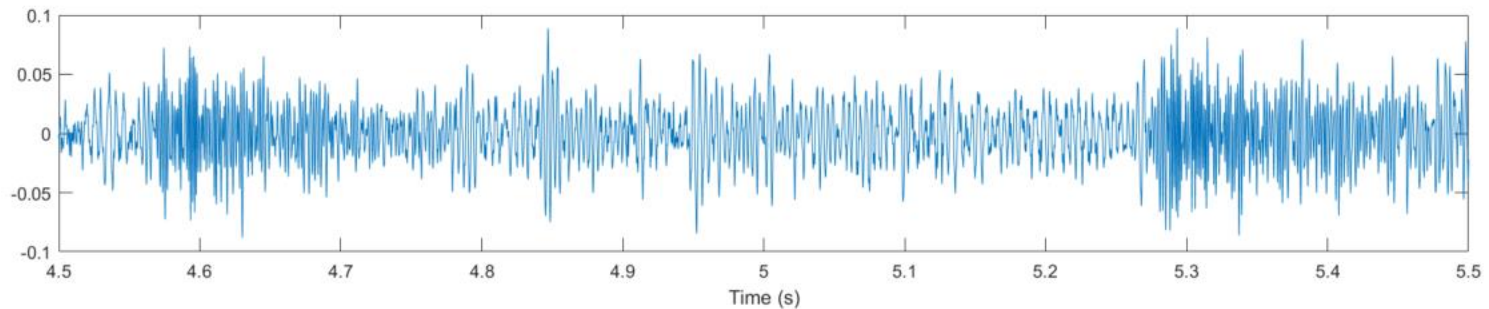
8 seconds



Zoomed in
2 seconds



Zoomed in
1 second



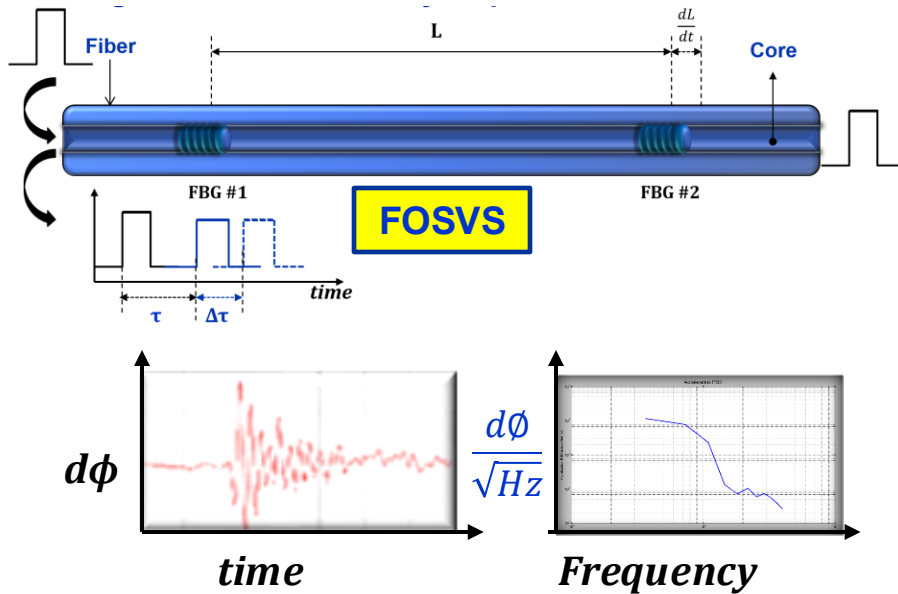
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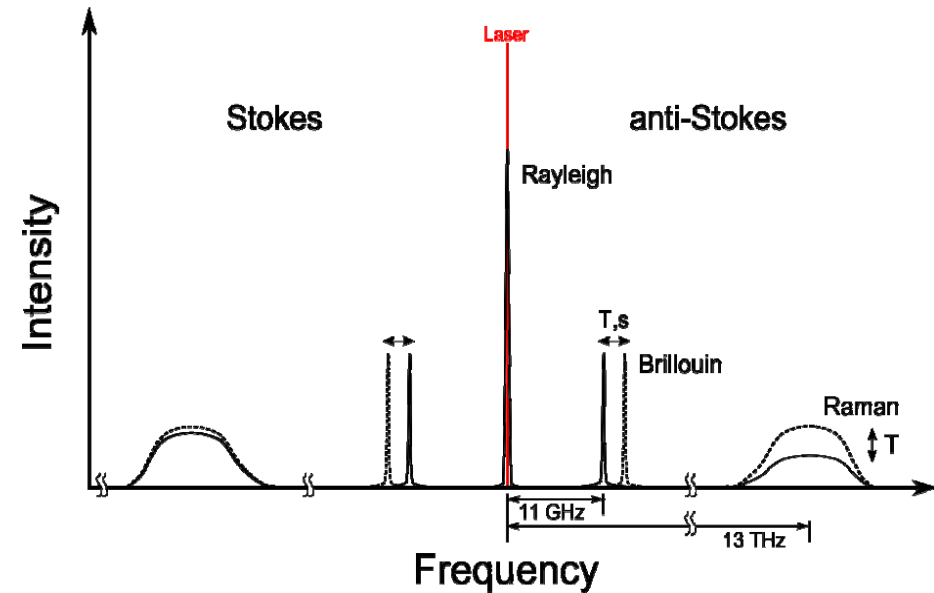


Several All-Optical Sensors are Part of Our Borehole System

DOE supported Paulsson Point Sensors include: Accelerometers, Hydrophones & Pressure Sensors.



Distributed Fiber Optic Sensor Technologies for Acoustic, Strain & Temperature measurements.



Interferometric Sensing

- Two FBGs: Measure phase changes/time between two laser reflections from the two FBG's

Rayleigh (DAS)

- Rayleigh Scattering
- **Acoustic**

Raman (DTS)

- Intensity ratio of Stokes and anti-Stokes
- **Temperature**

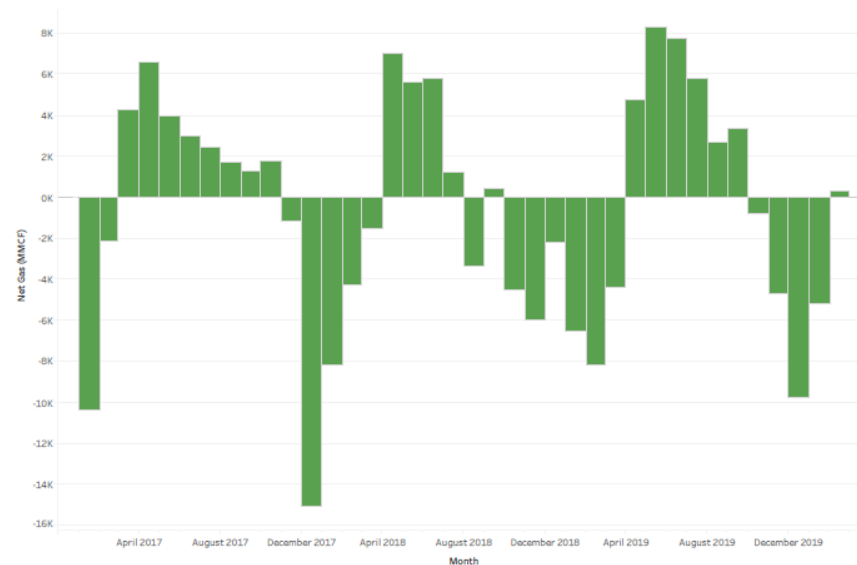
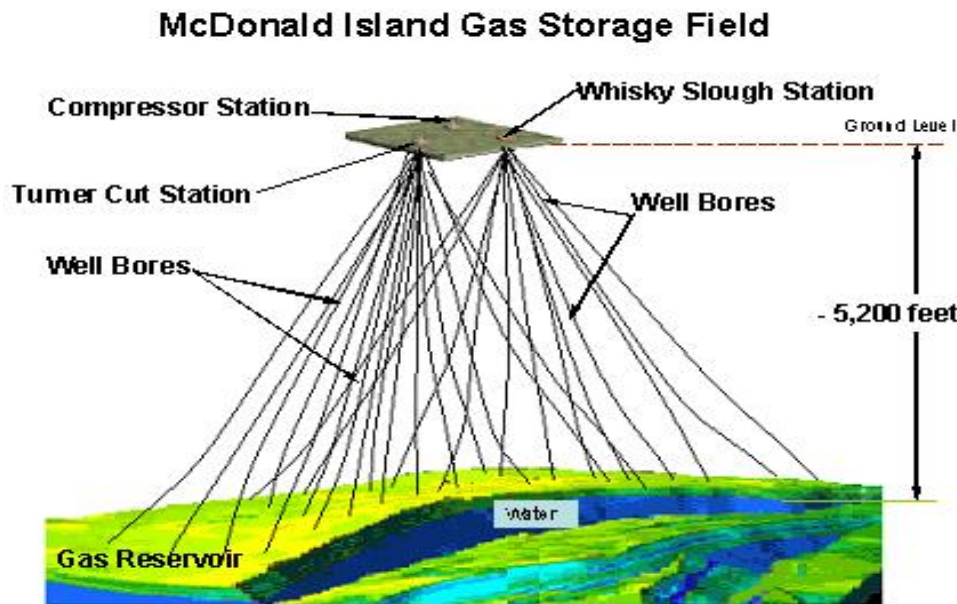
Brillouin (DSS)

- Frequency of Brillouin peak
- **Strain** and temperature

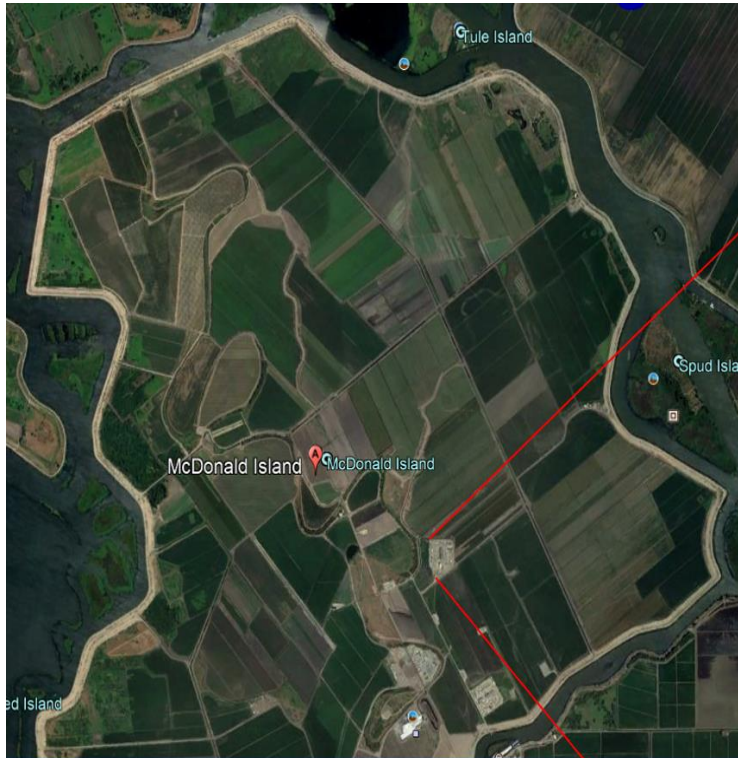
Why and when do we store gas?

PURPOSE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE

- Enables large volumes of natural gas to be stored and later withdrawn during high-demand periods
- Provides the ability to purchase natural gas and inject into storage, taking advantage of seasonal gas pricing as well as market fluctuations



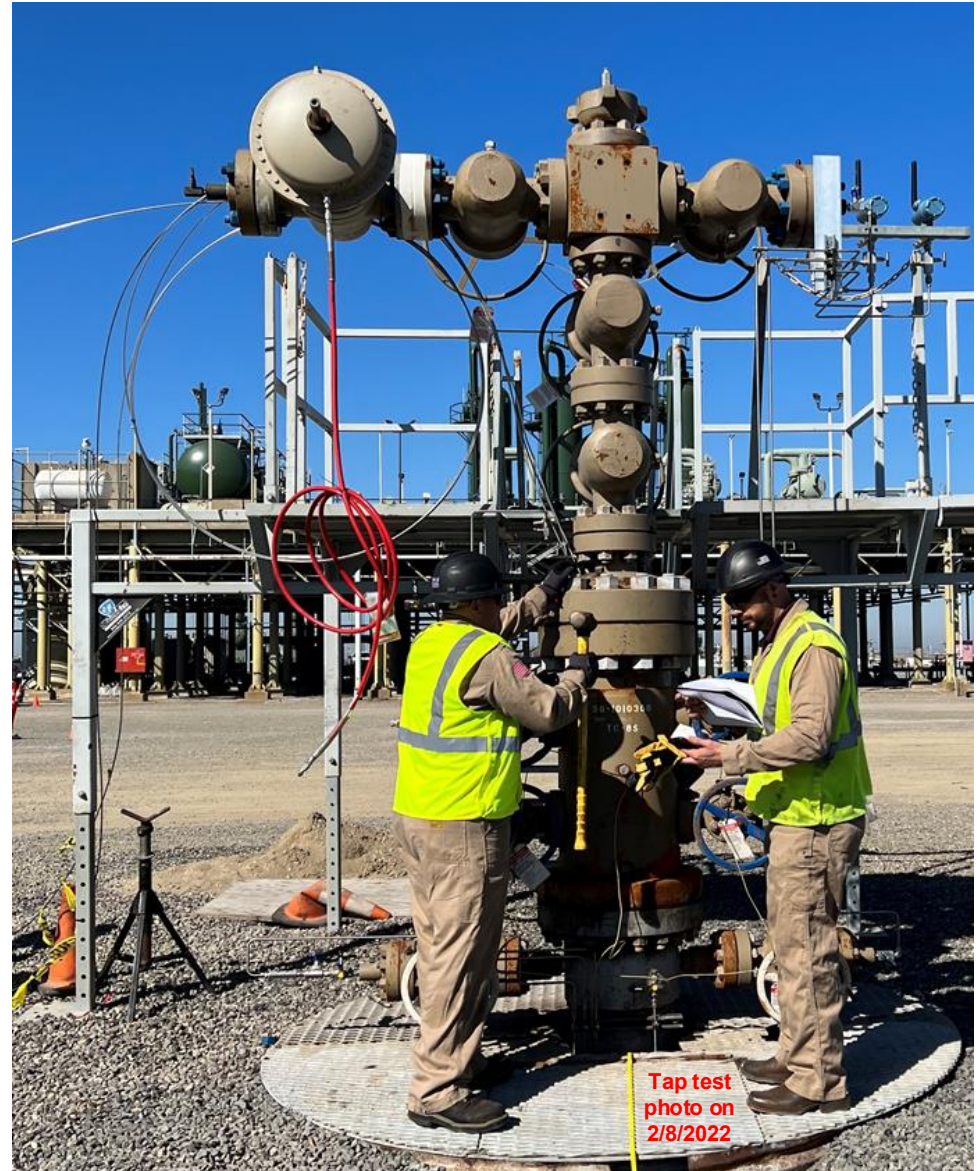
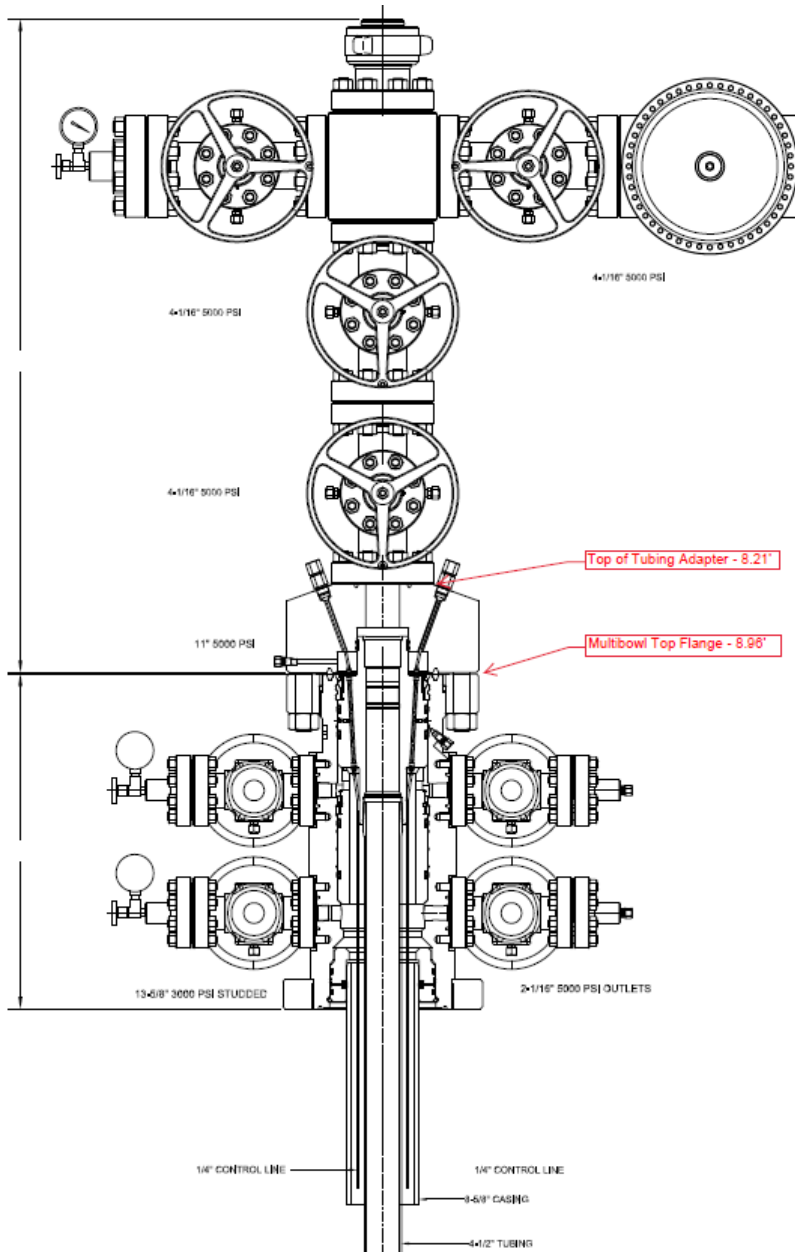
The McDonald Island UGS – The Survey Site: 84 wells

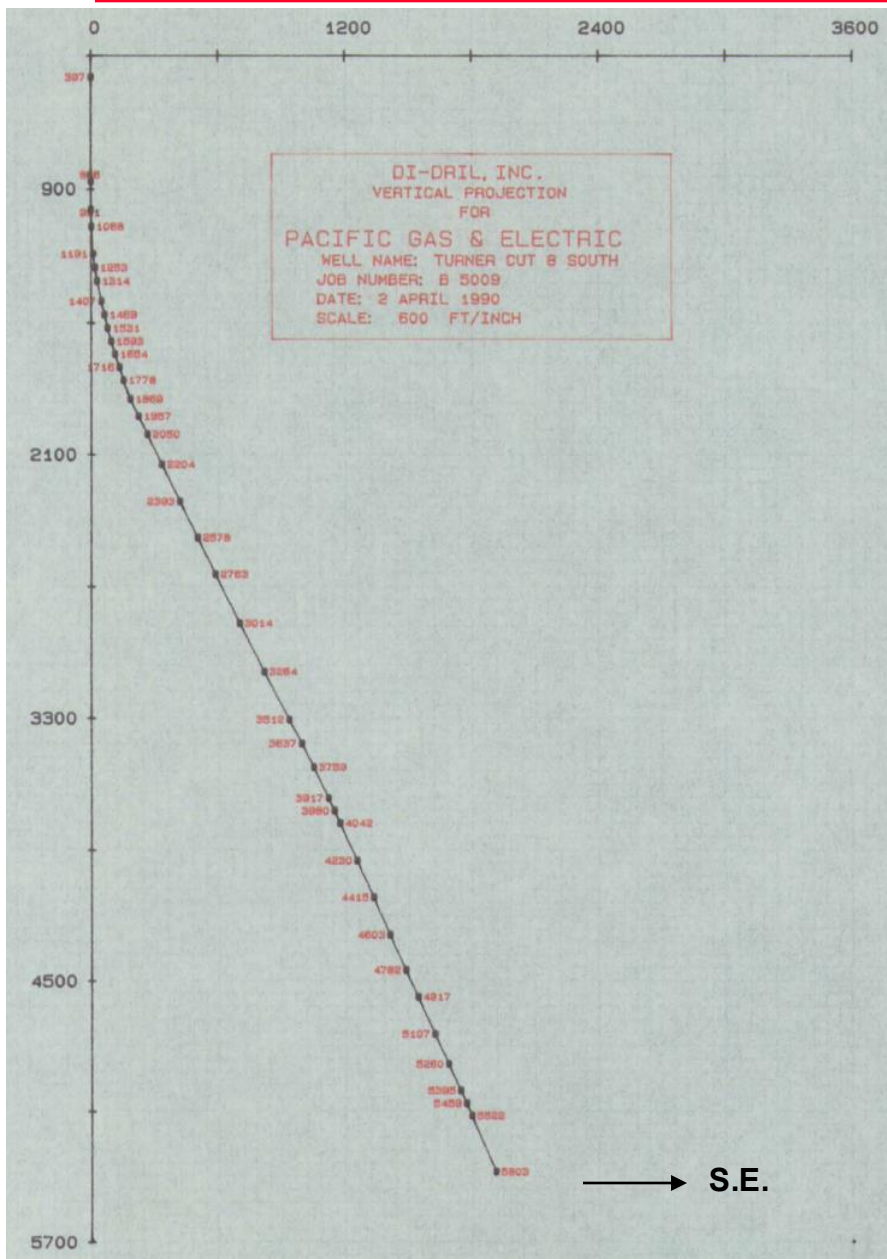


McDonald Island – The Survey Site during Sensor Installation



Wellhead of the TC 8S well





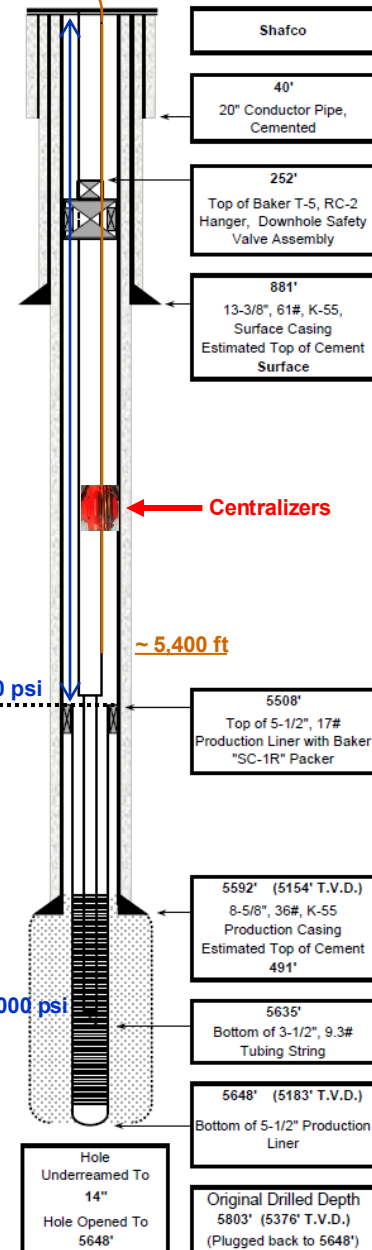
Well Diagrams

All Depths are relative to KB

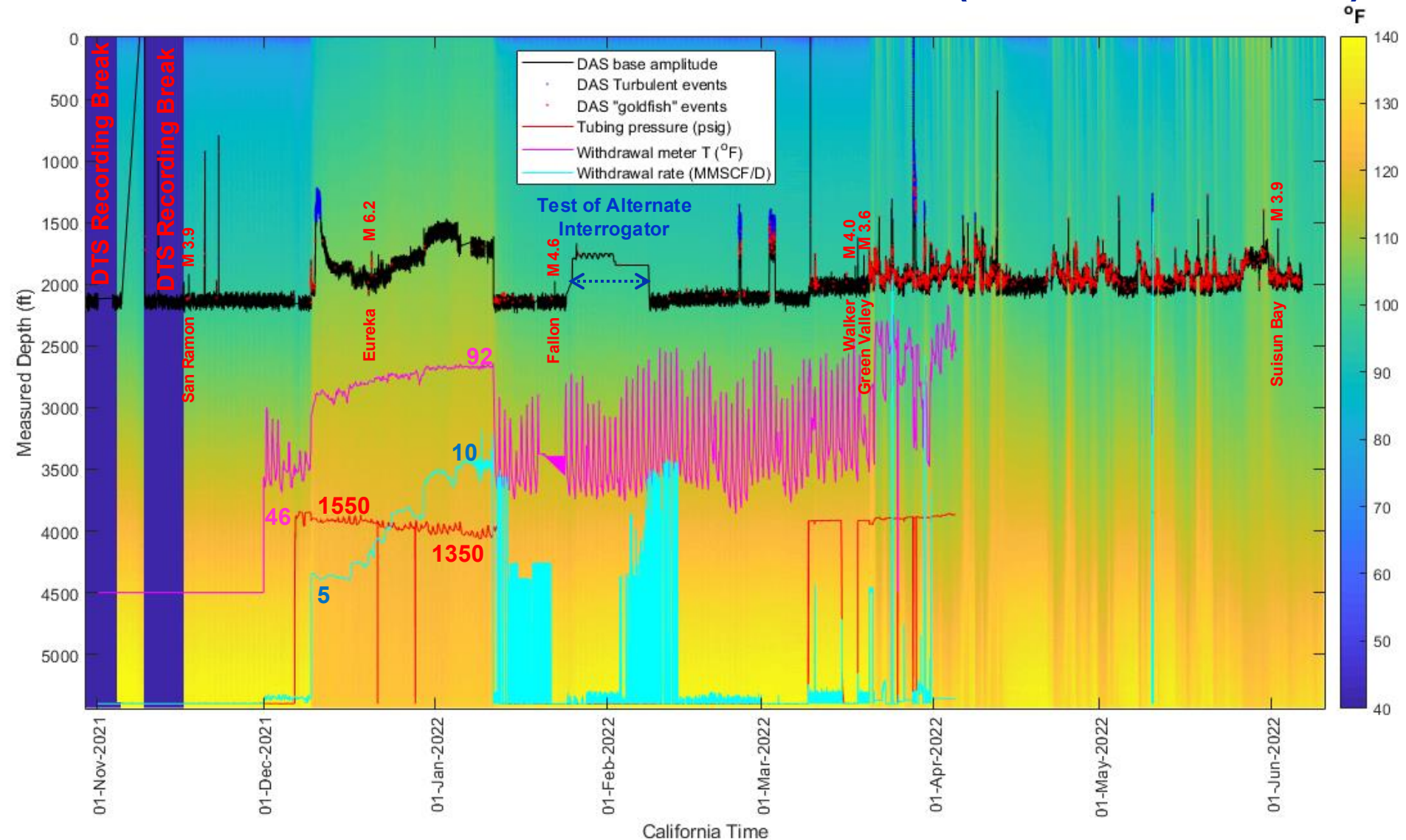
Water pressure ~ 2,460 psi
@ 5,508 ft

Reservoir gas pressure ~ 2,000 psi

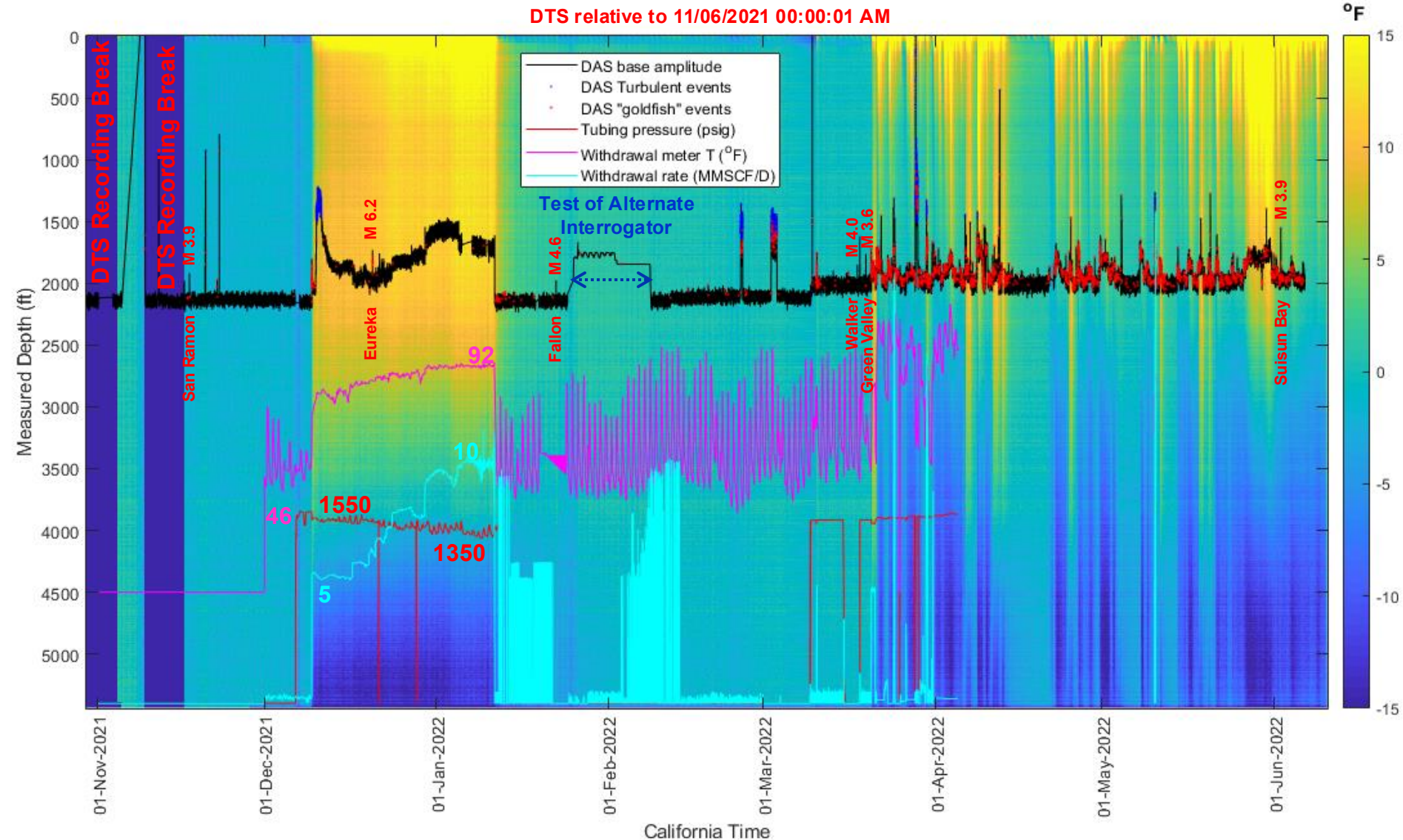
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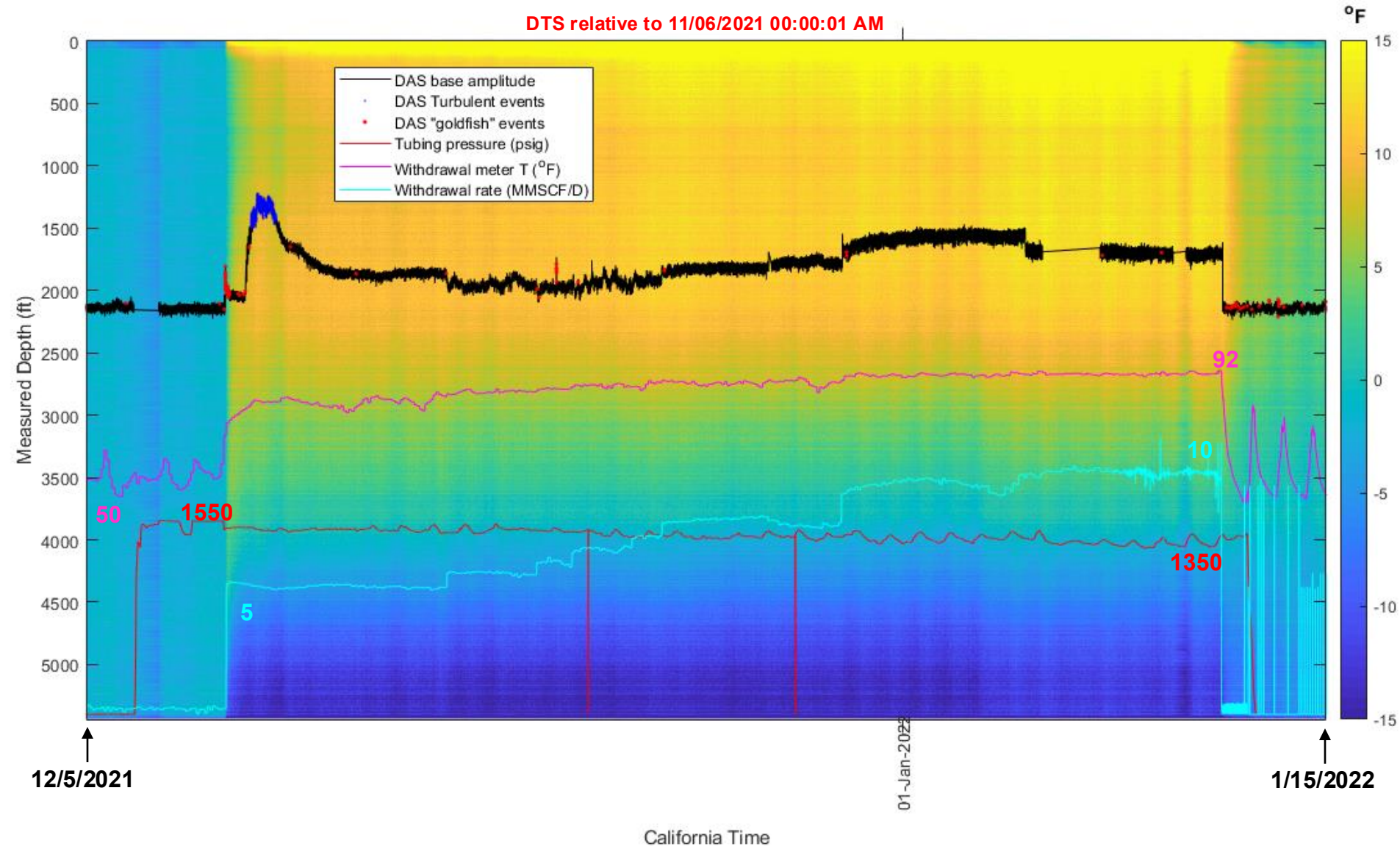


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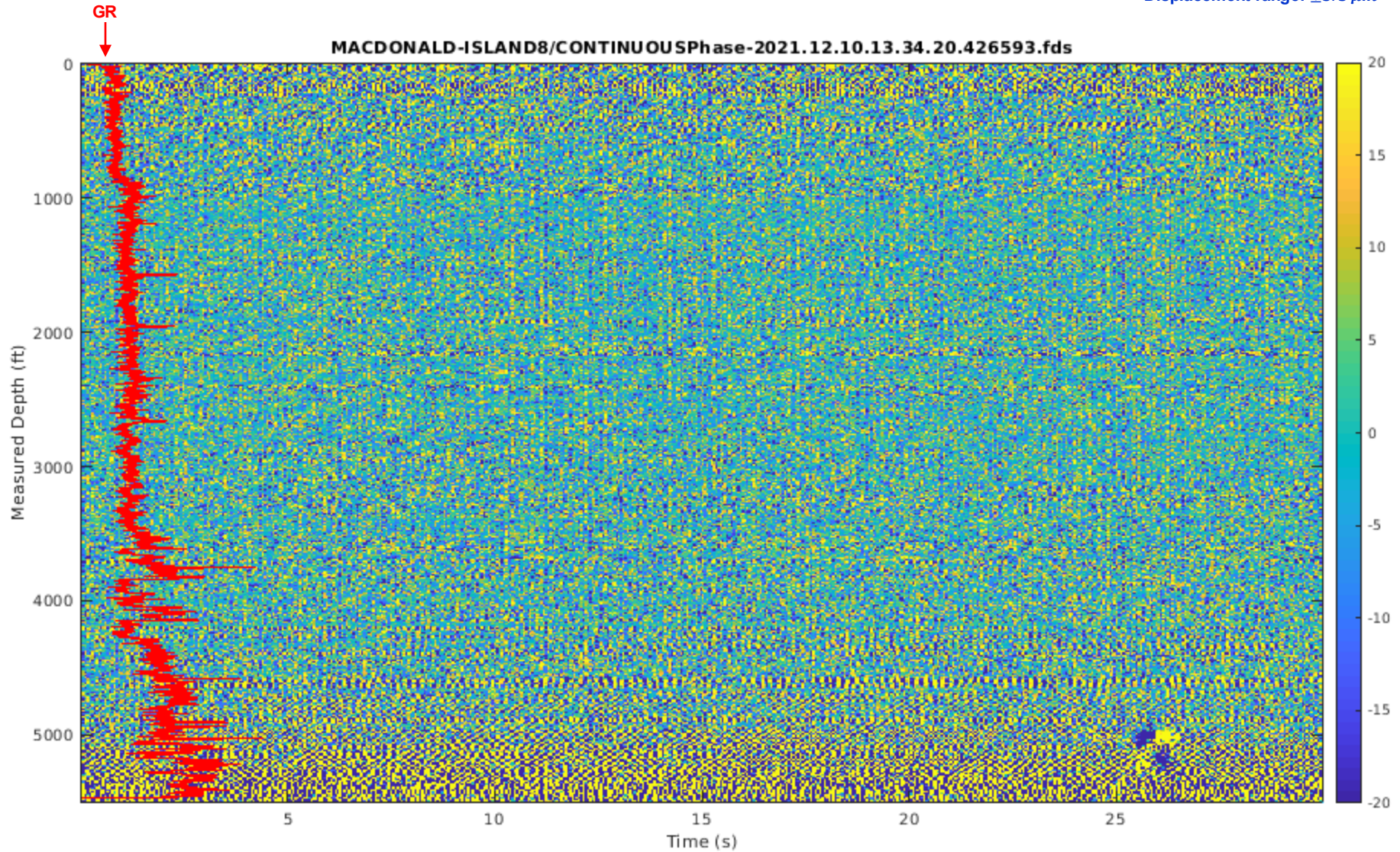
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DTS relative to 11/06/2021 00:00:01 AM



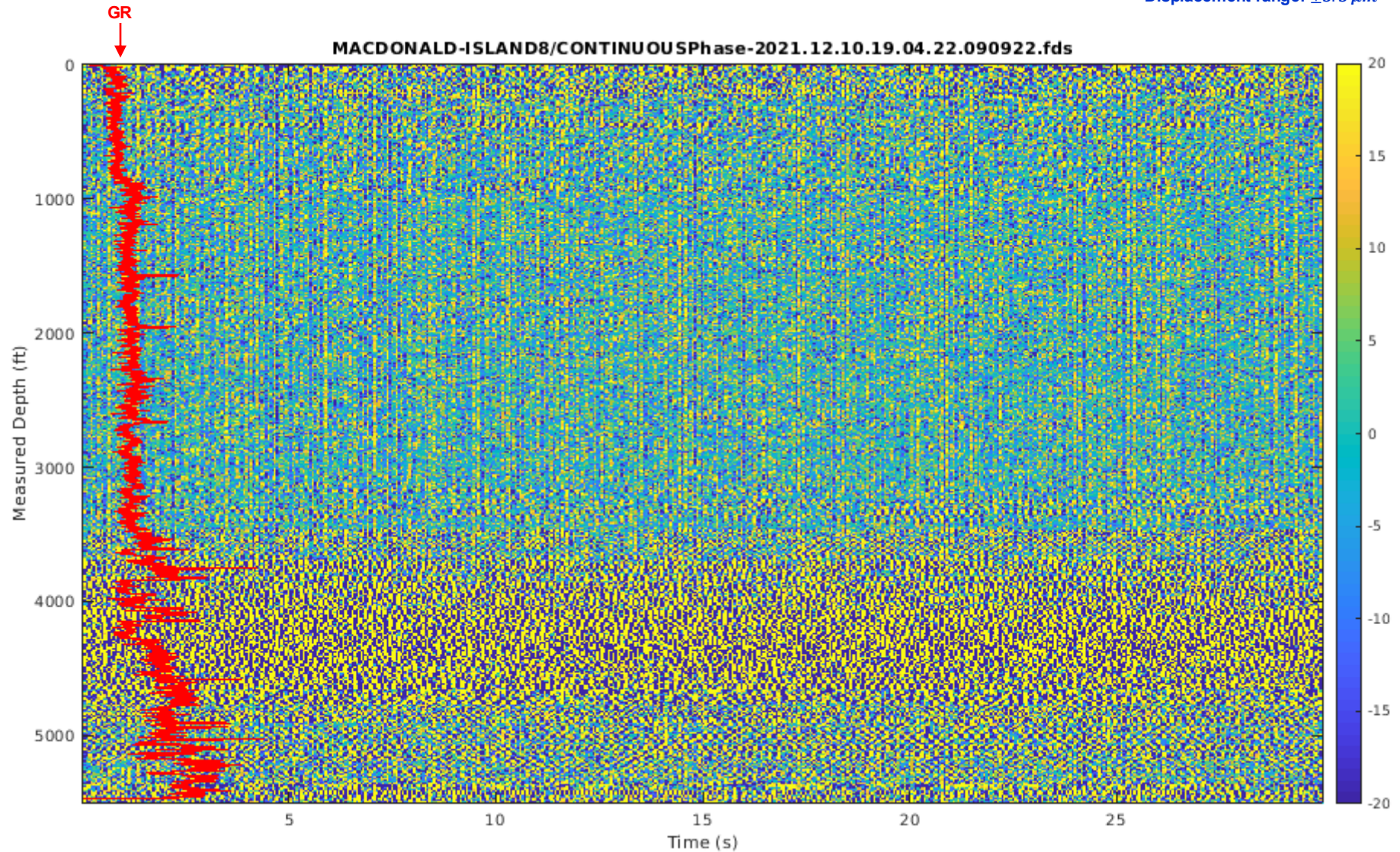
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Displacement range: $\pm 3.5 \mu\text{m}$



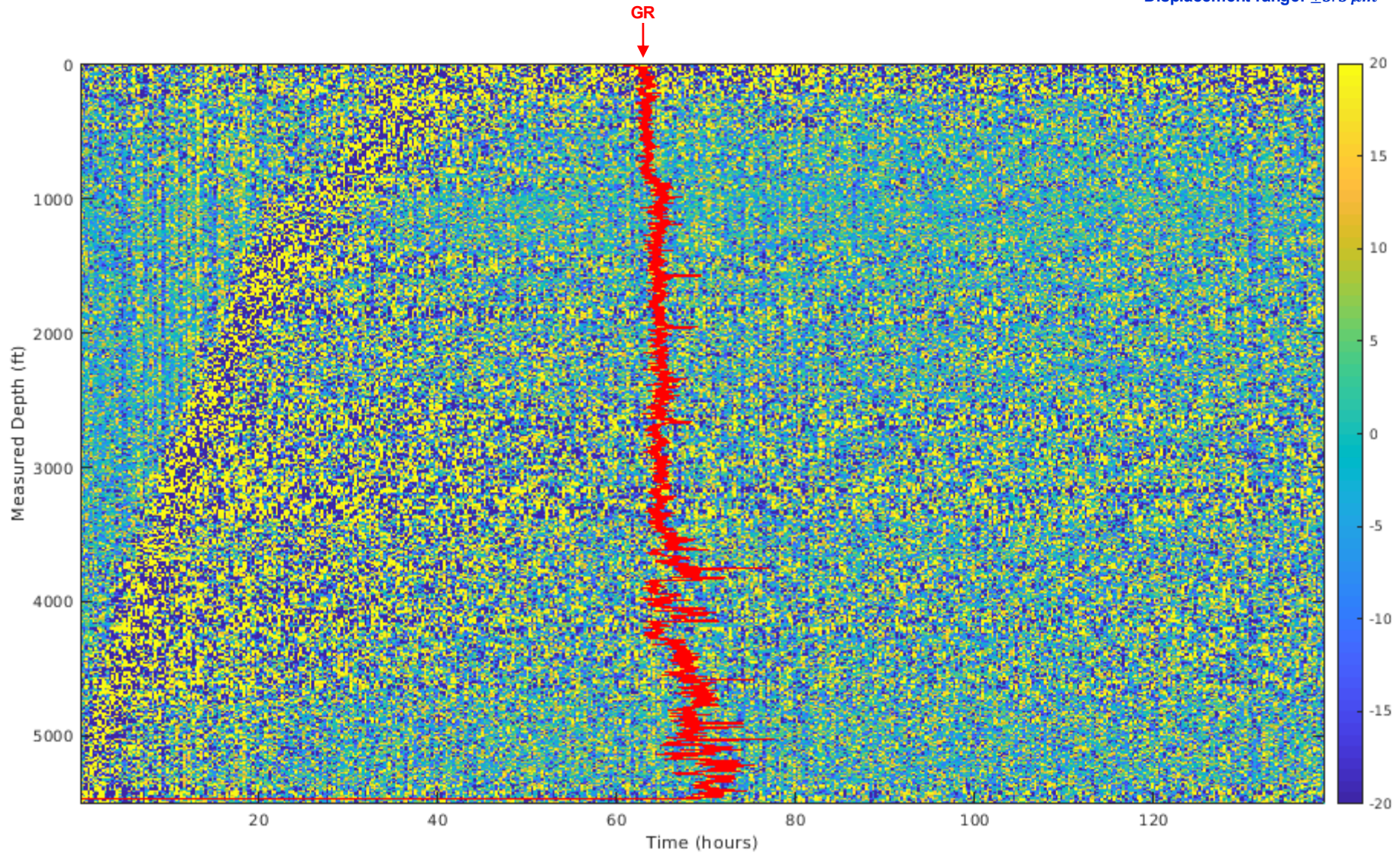
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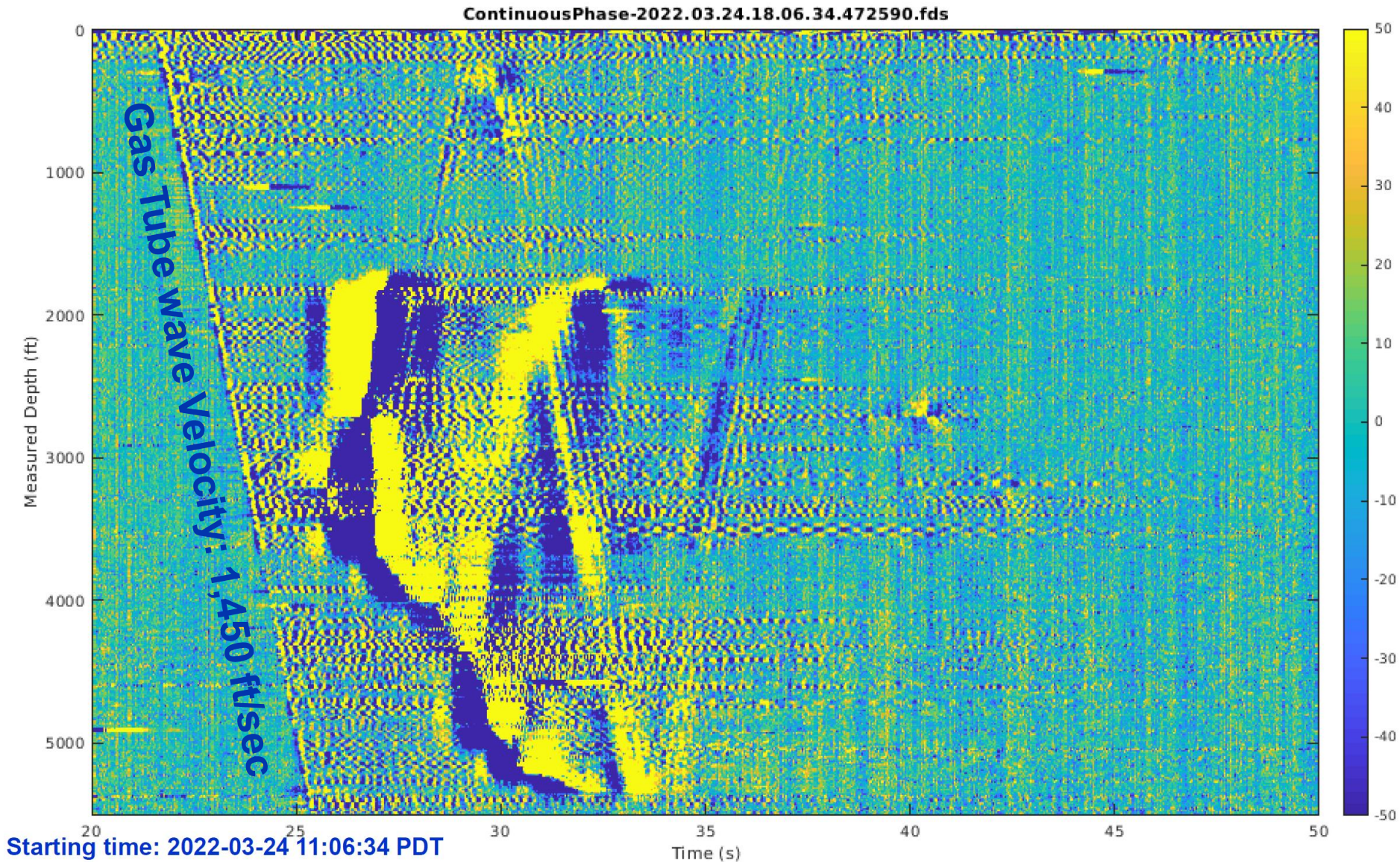


Fluid Flow Acoustic Events for 6 Days (Degassing)

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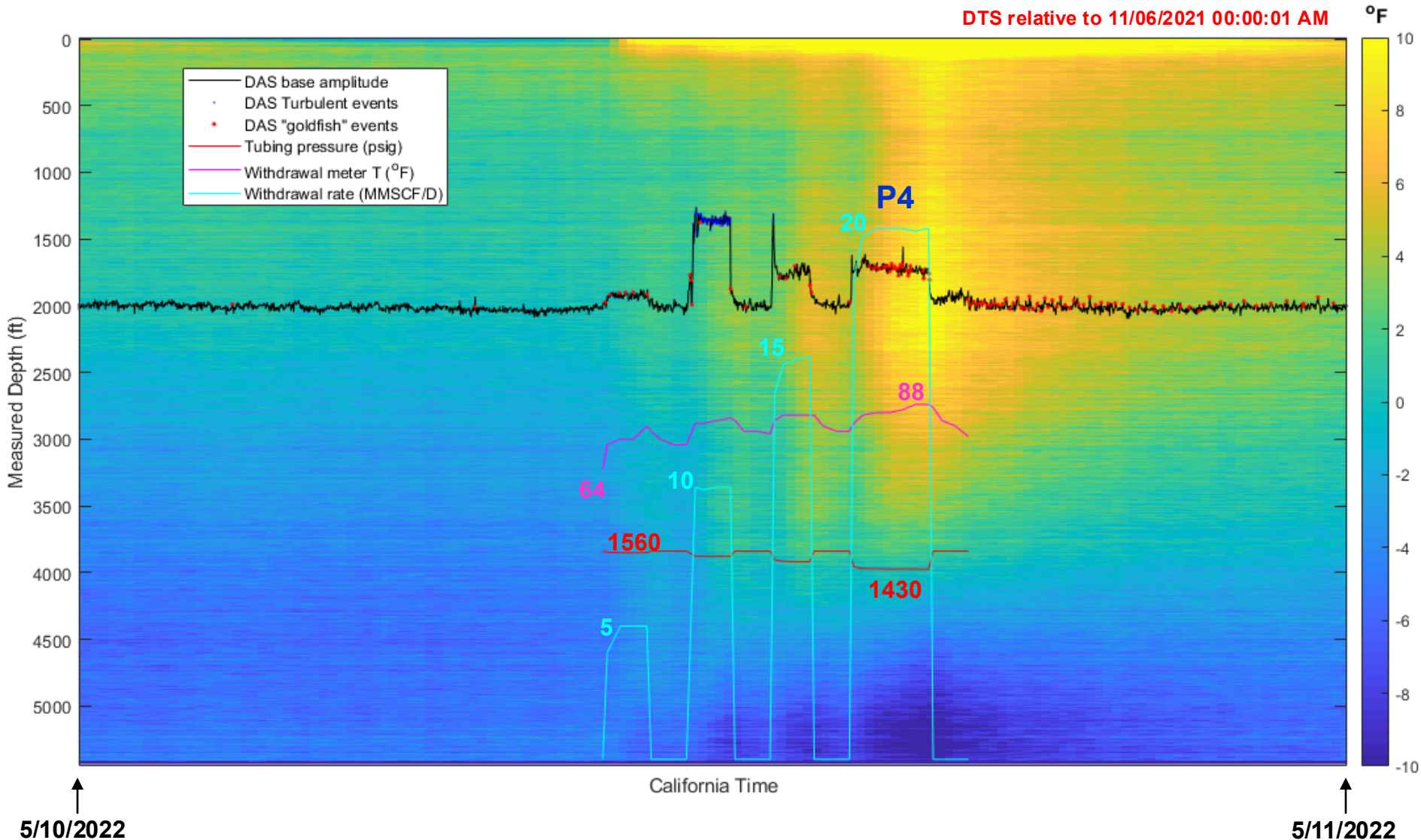


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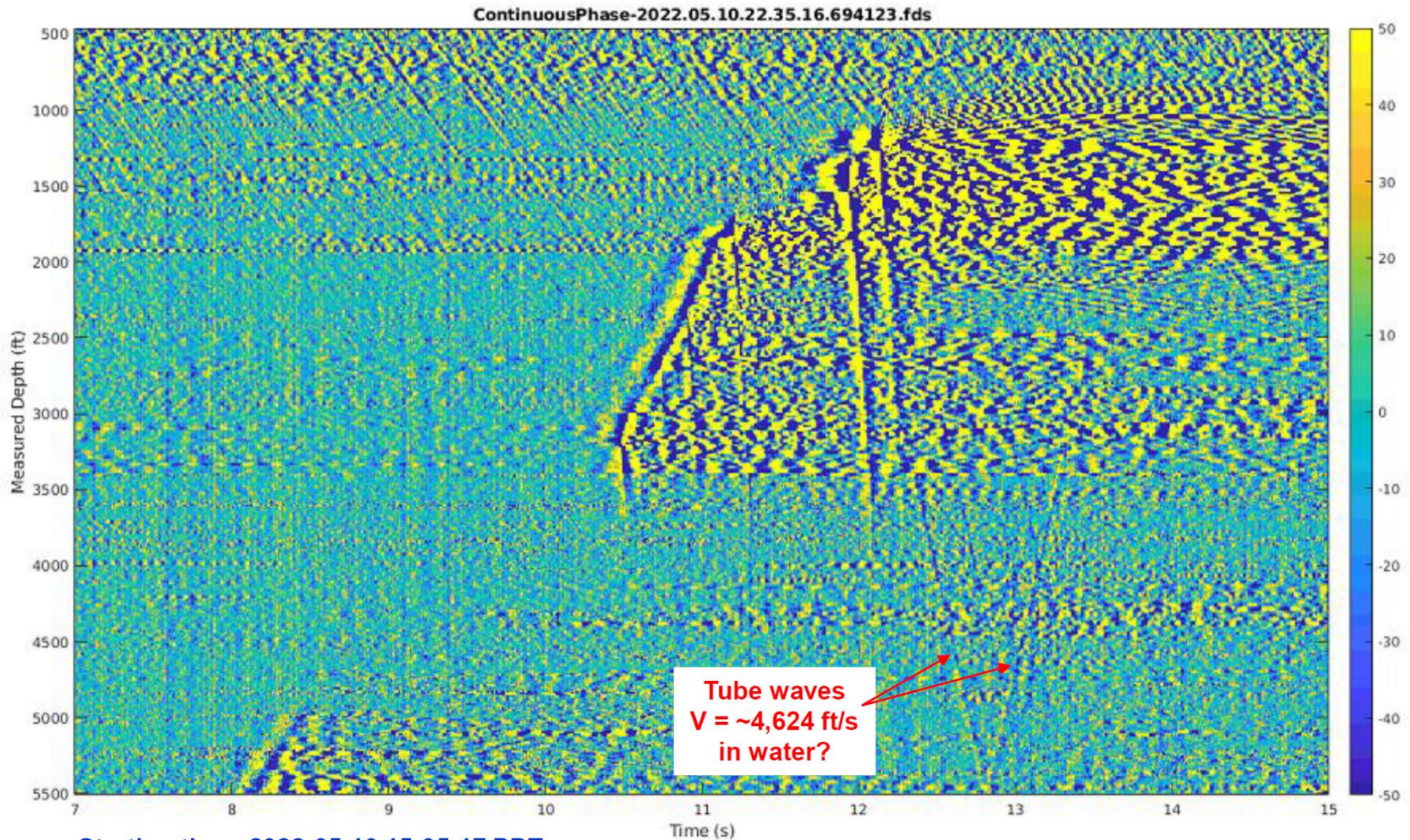
EDAS and DTS Data: 5/10/2022: Test Withdrawal Rates

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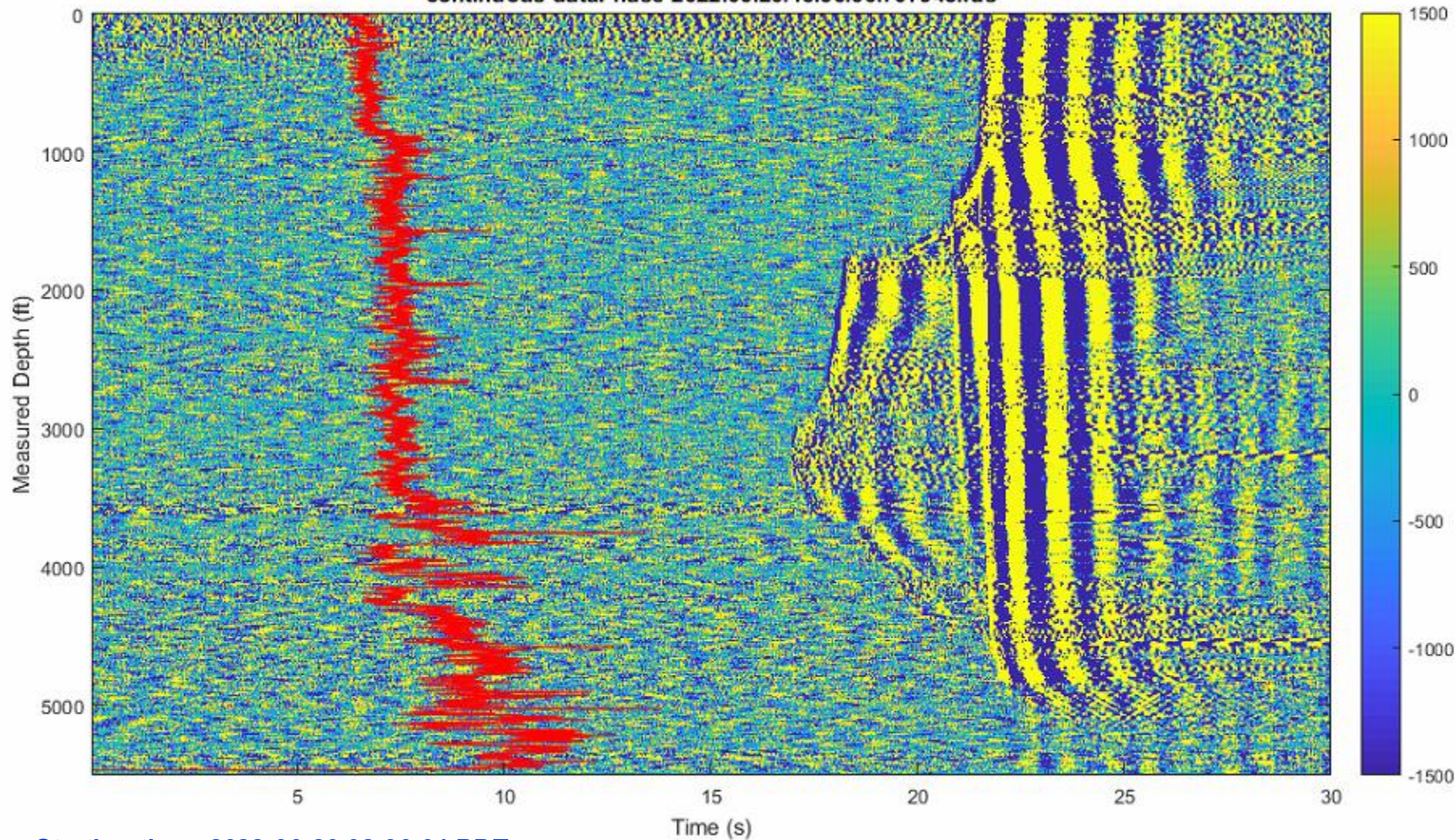
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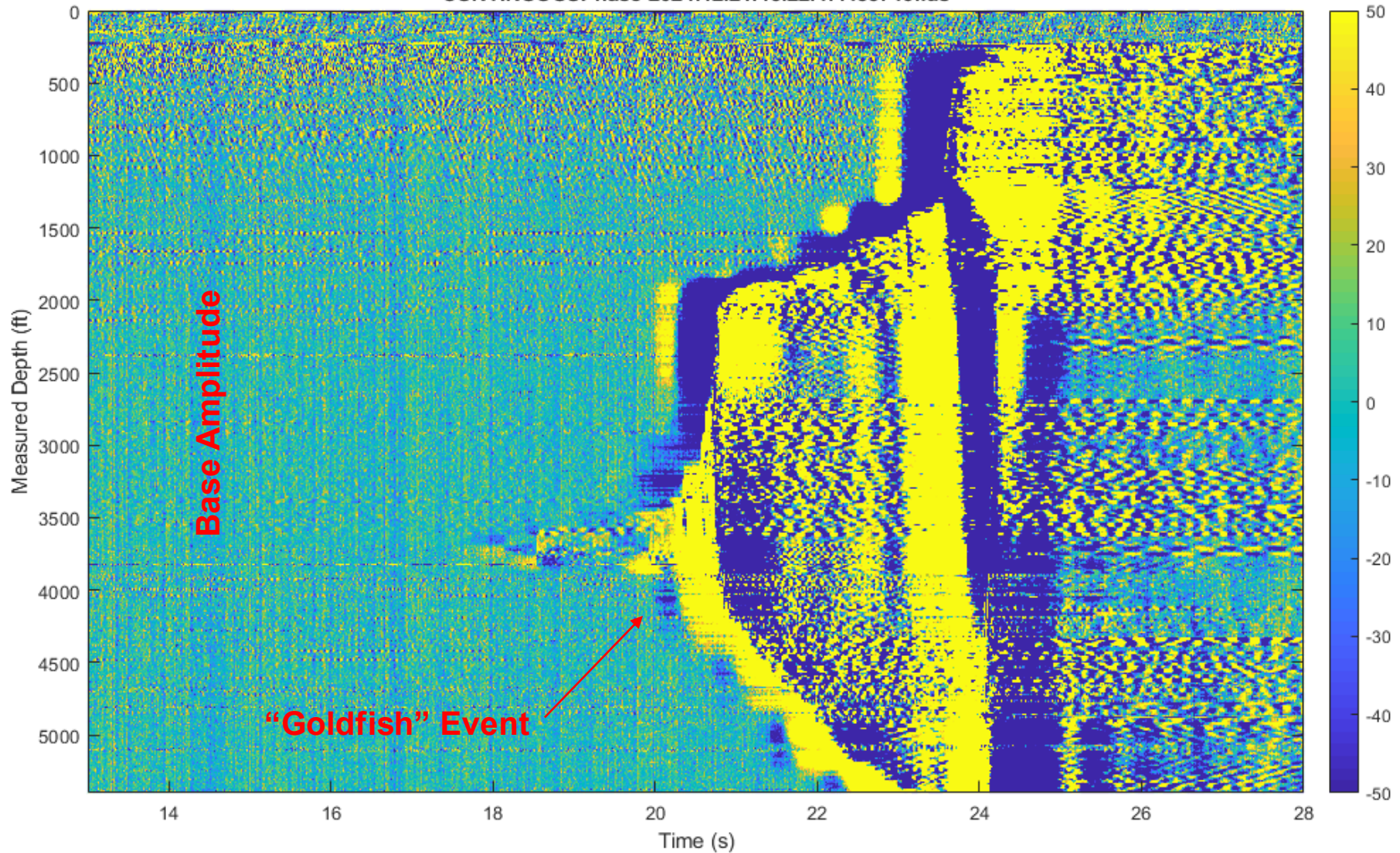
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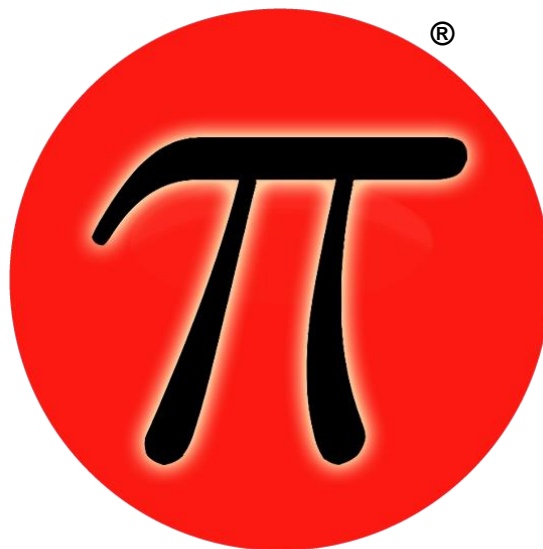


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EDAS Oscillating Gas Bubble Event.

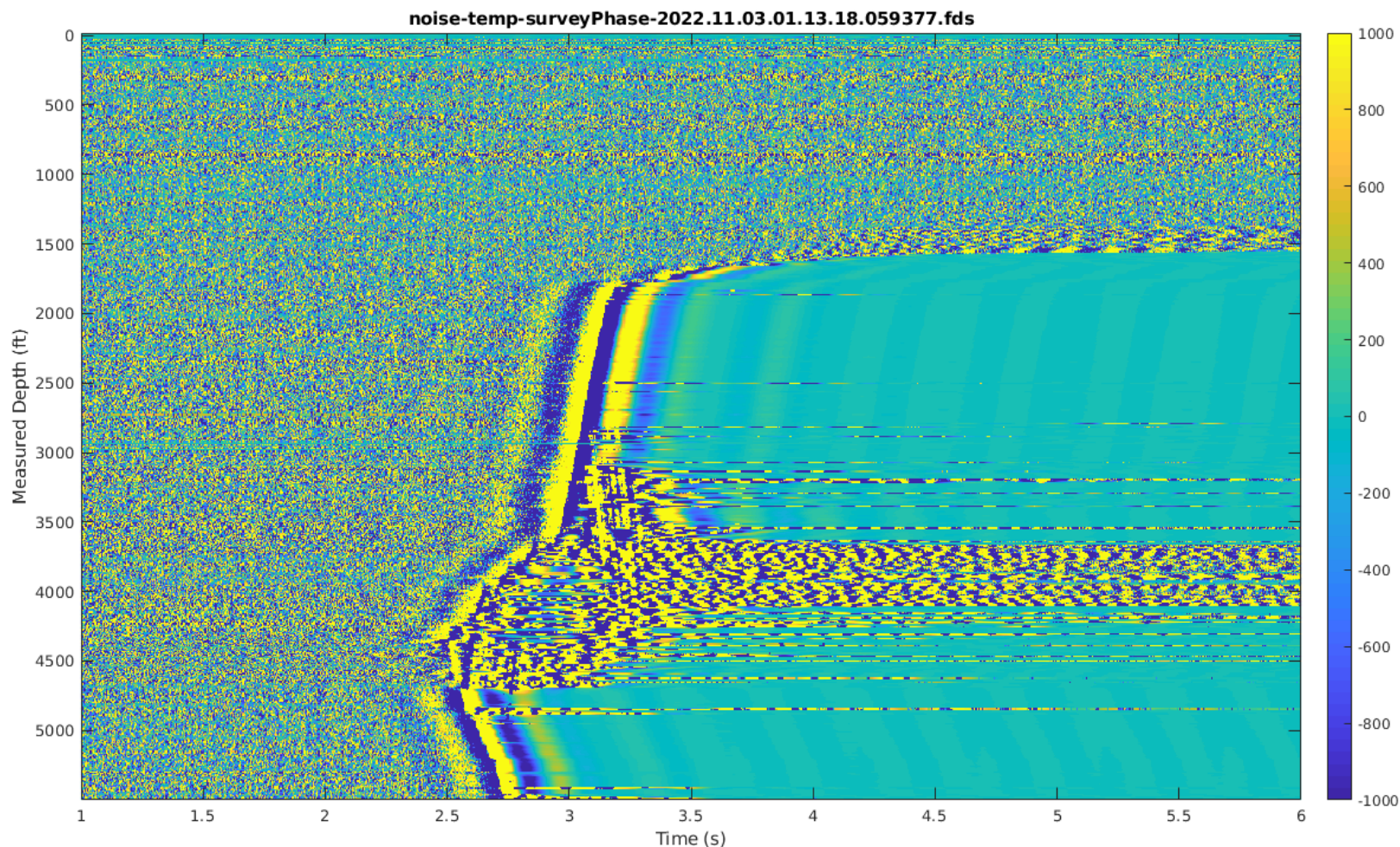
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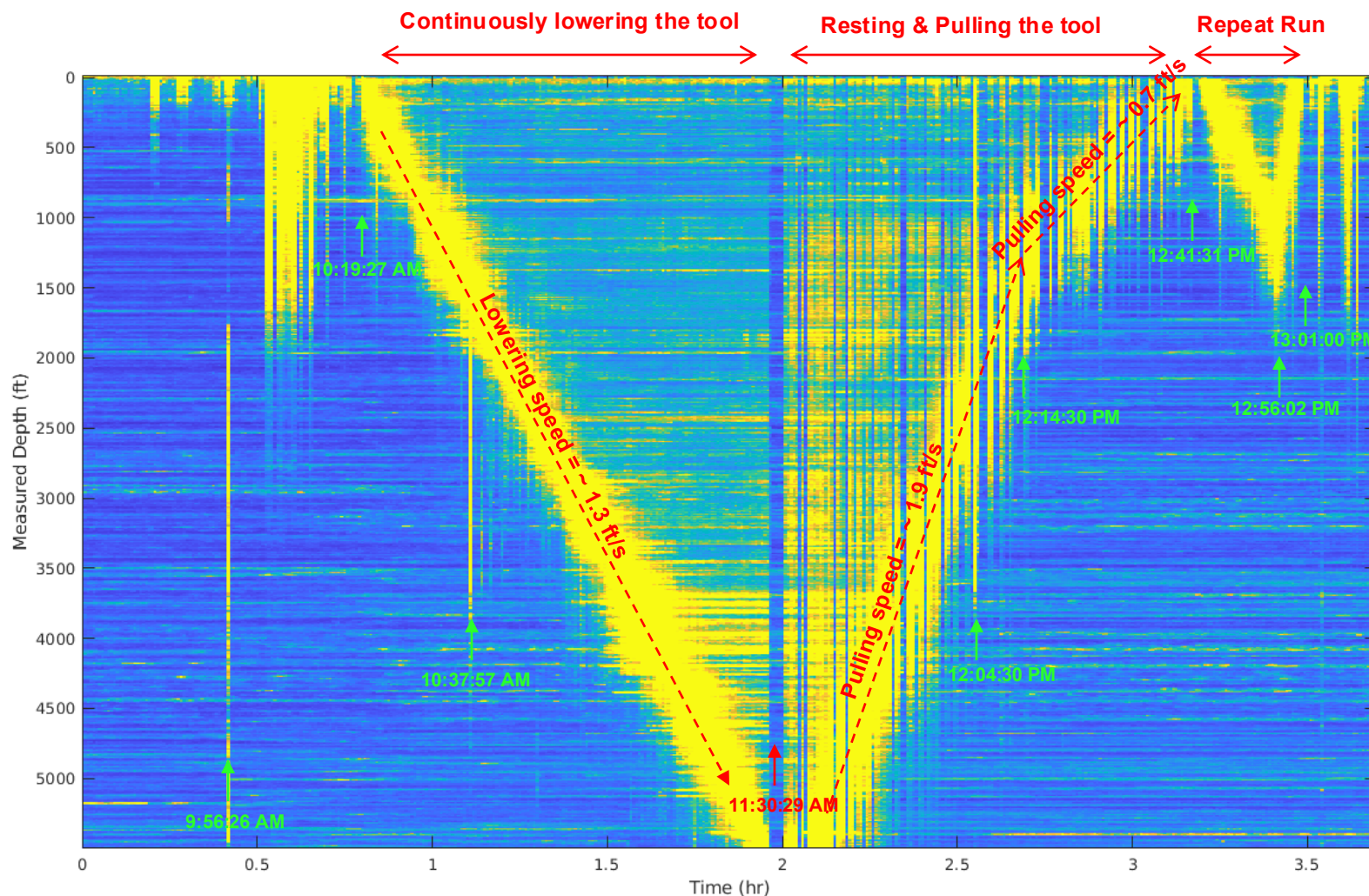


PG&E McDonald Island Noise Logging EDAS Data

An Event 40 Hours before the Survey

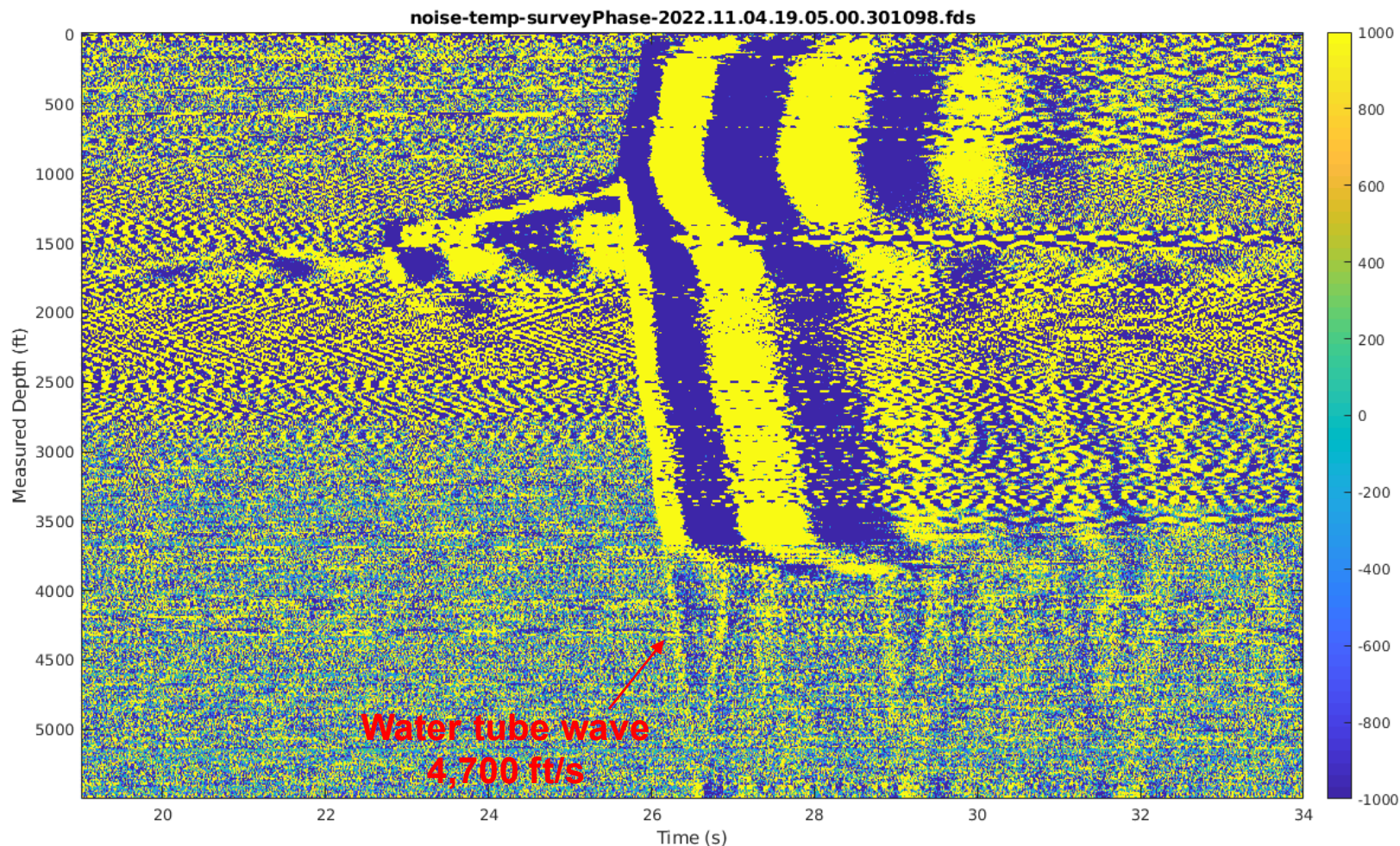


Overall EDAS Noise Level During Logging – 3.7 hour Run



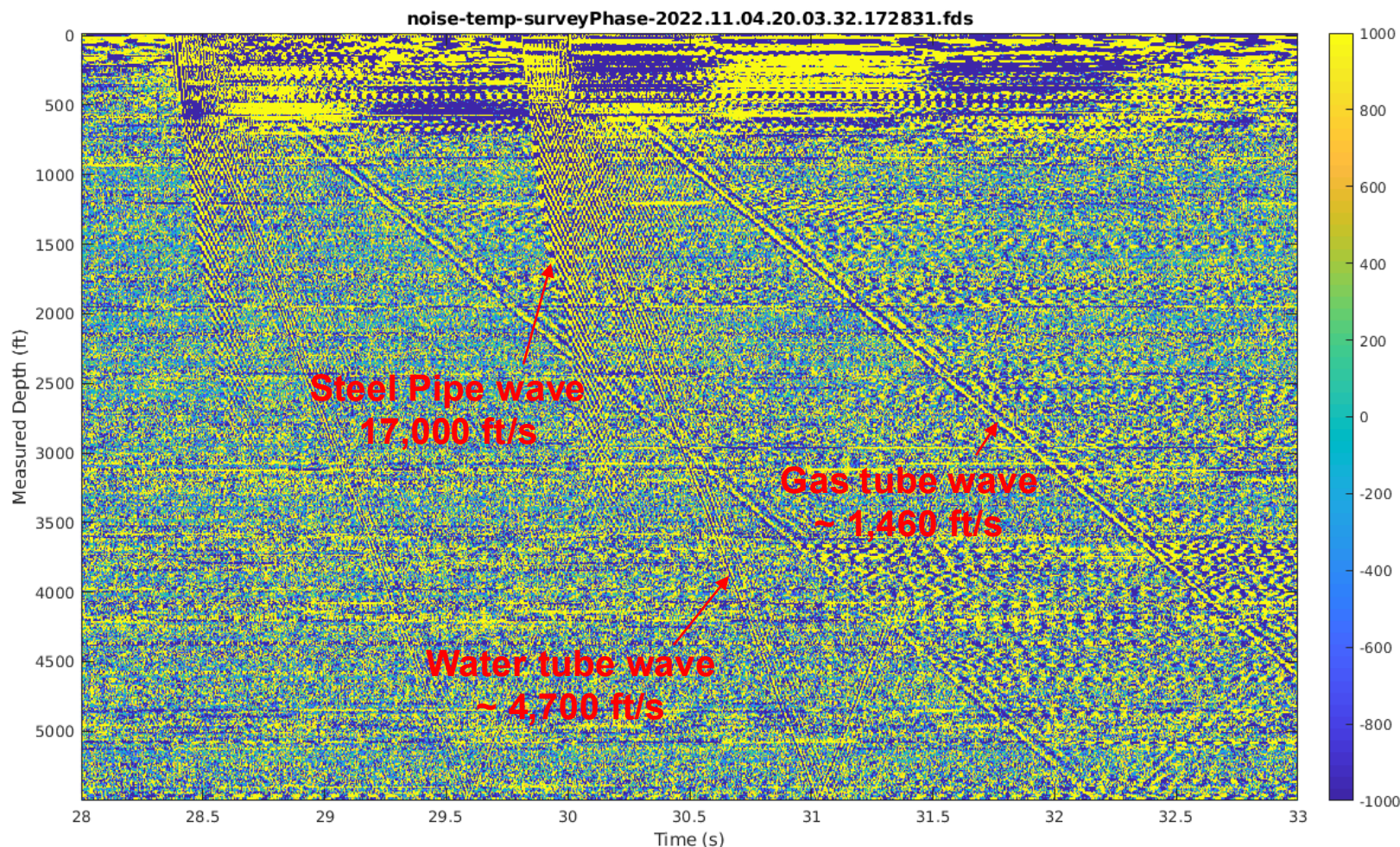
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Zoom In of Event @ 12:05:20 PM



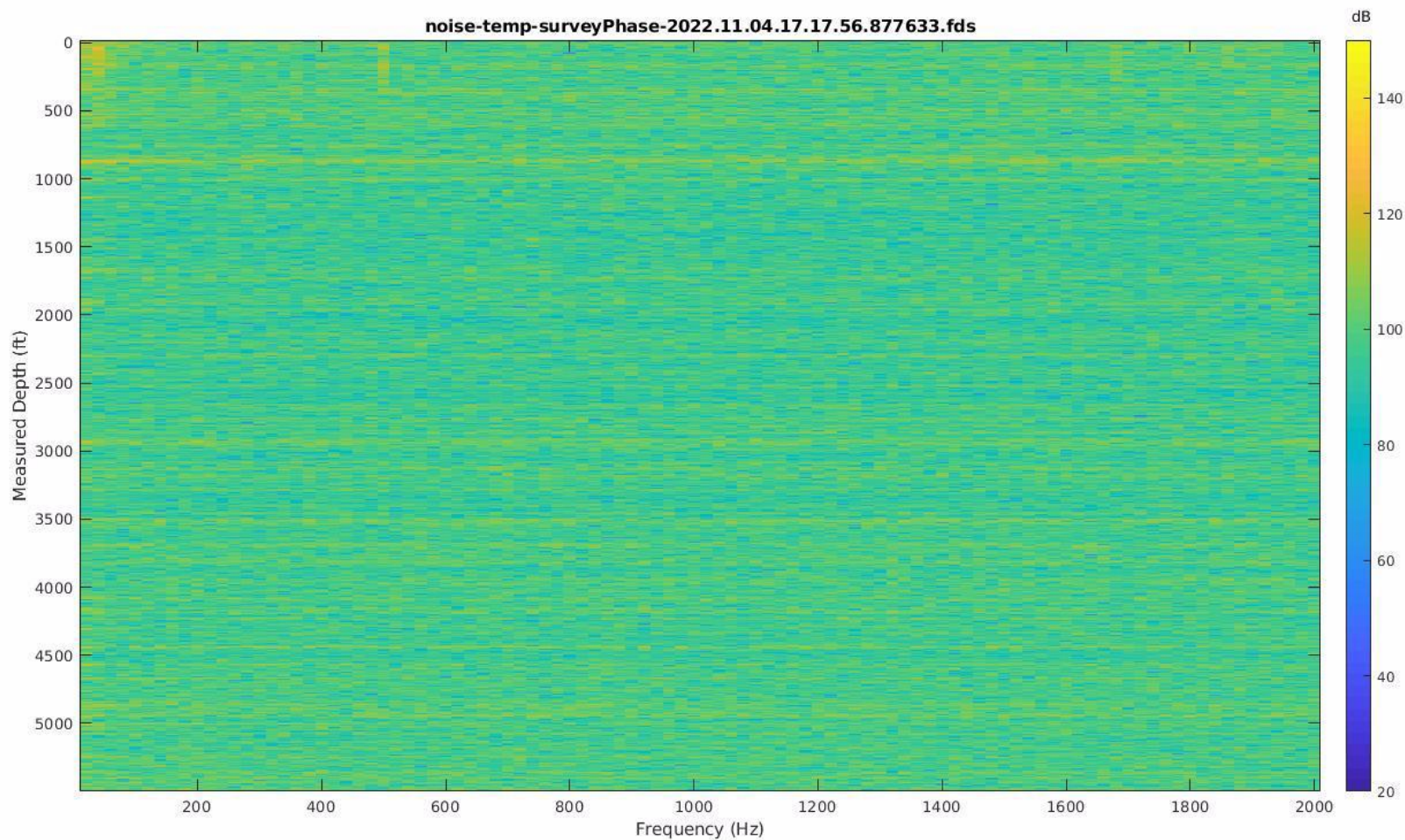
After-Survey Event @ 13:04:00 PM

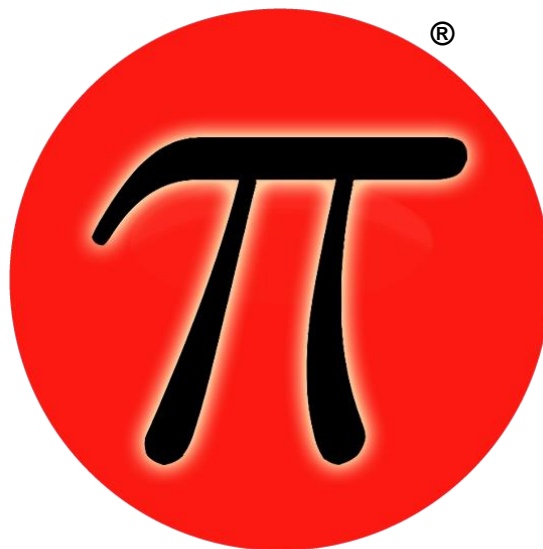
Three Different Tube & Pipe Waves – A Complex System!



The tubing is filled with gas, and the annulus (between tubing and casing) is filled with water.

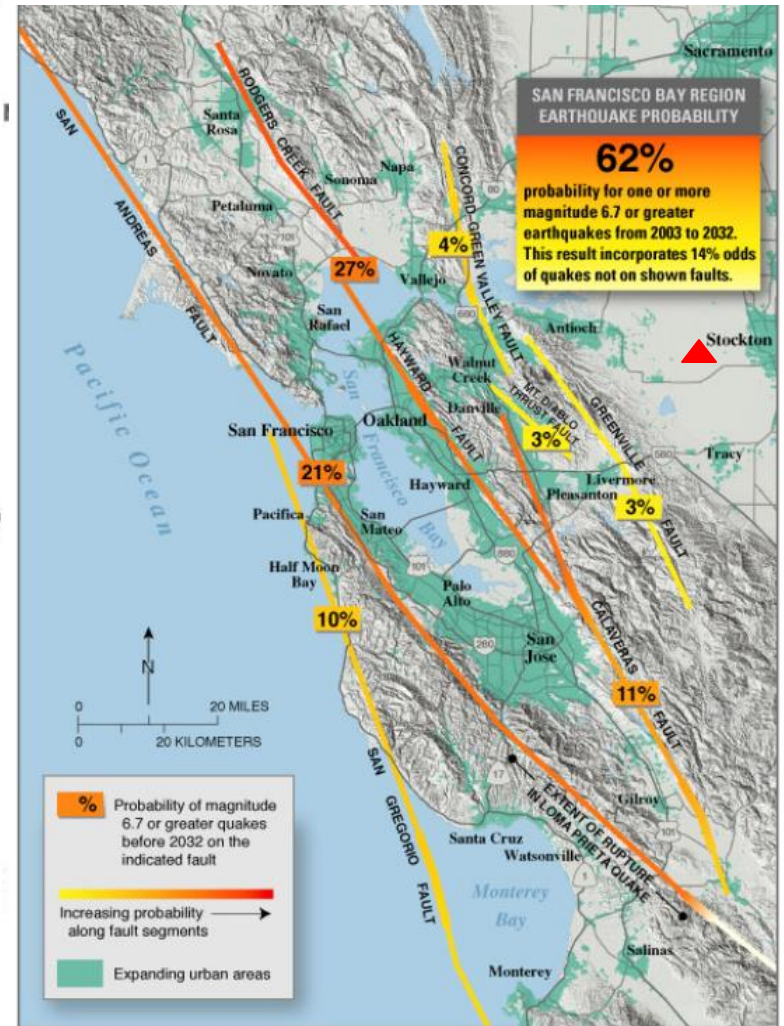
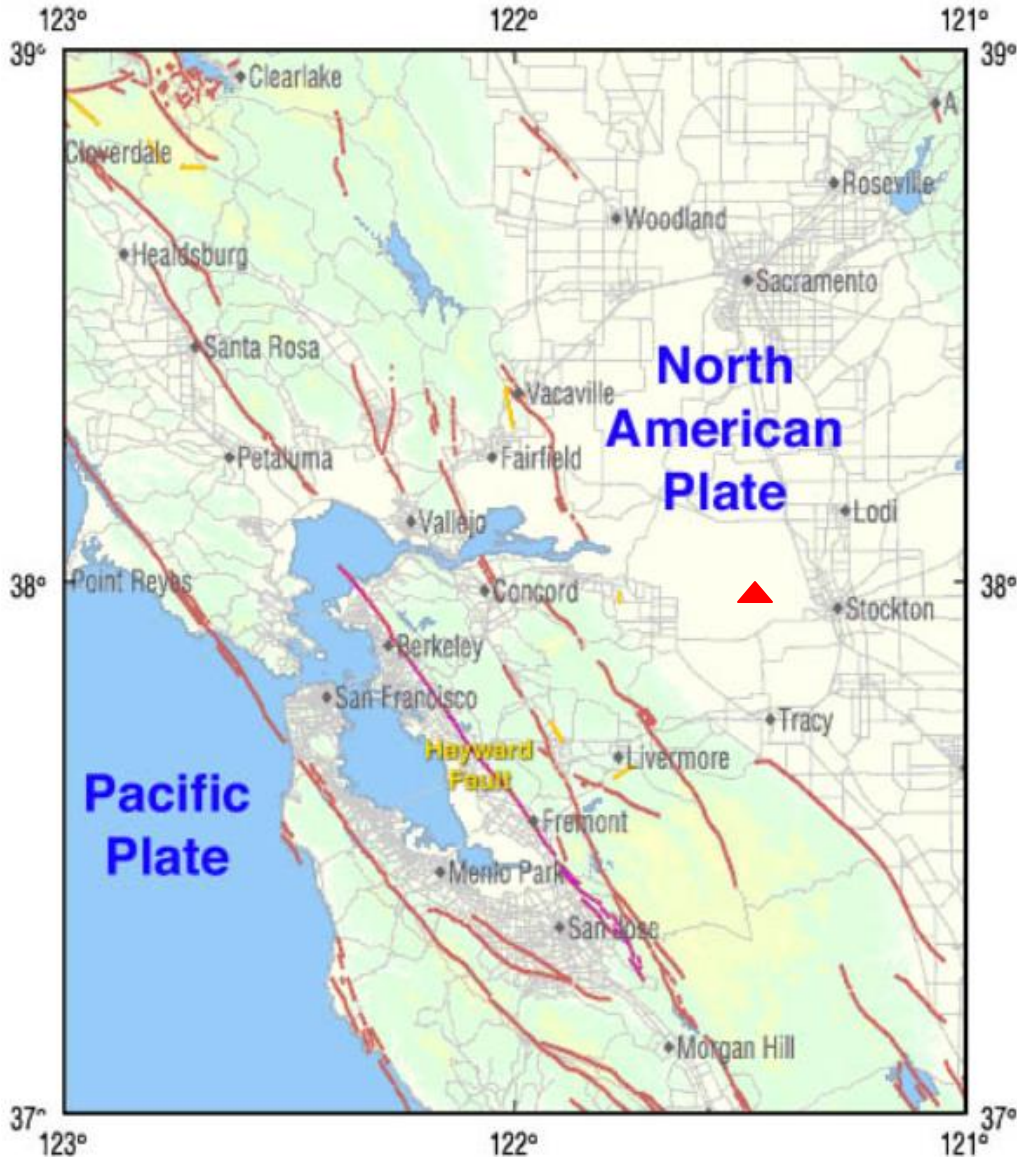
EDAS Spectrum Movie During Noise and Temperature Log





PG&E McDonald Island EDAS Earthquake Data

Fault Line Maps: We Monitor the Hayward Fault with a DAS Installation



USGS Surface Station & Well Site for Paulsson Borehole Seismic Array

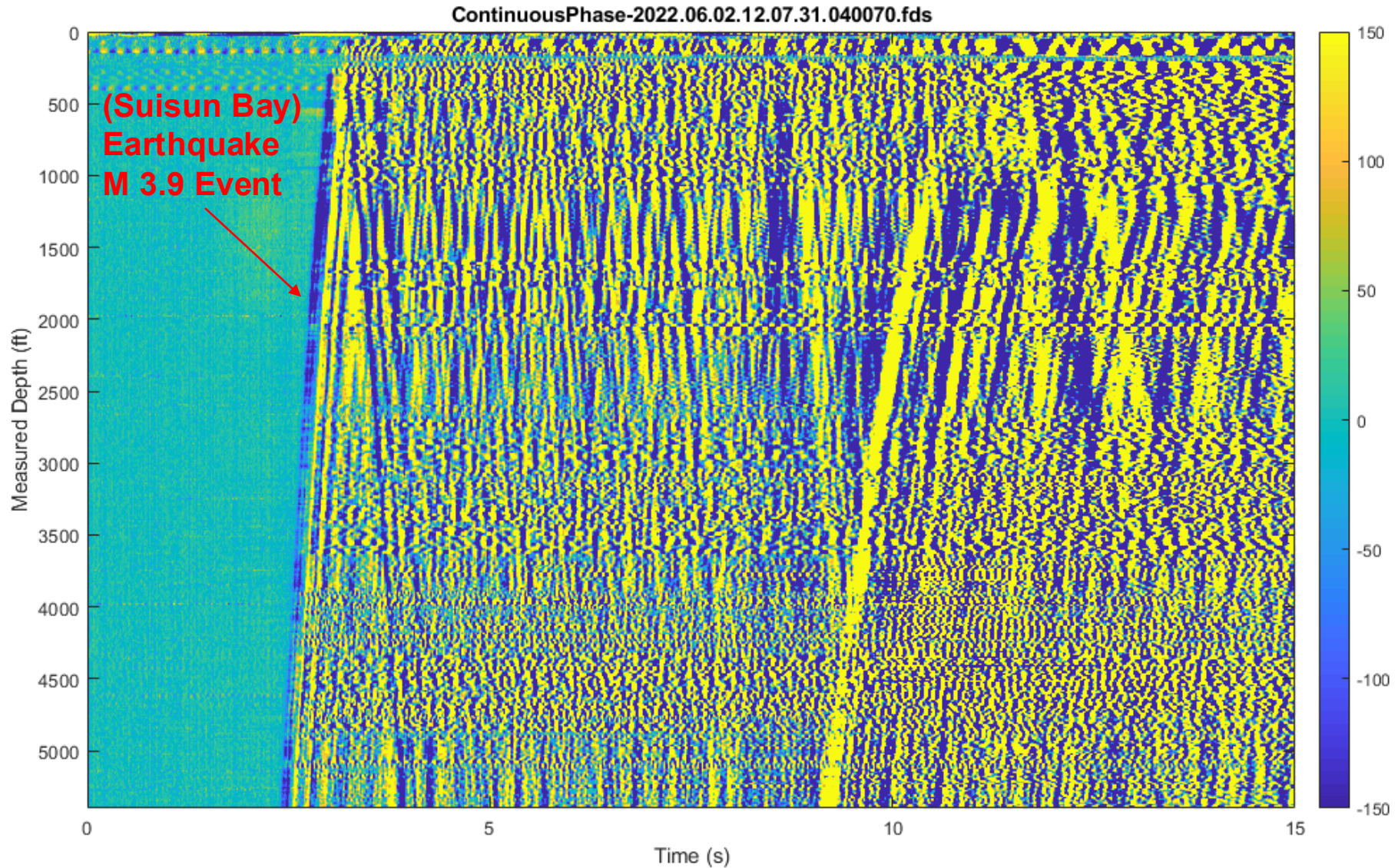
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USGS BK-TWIT:
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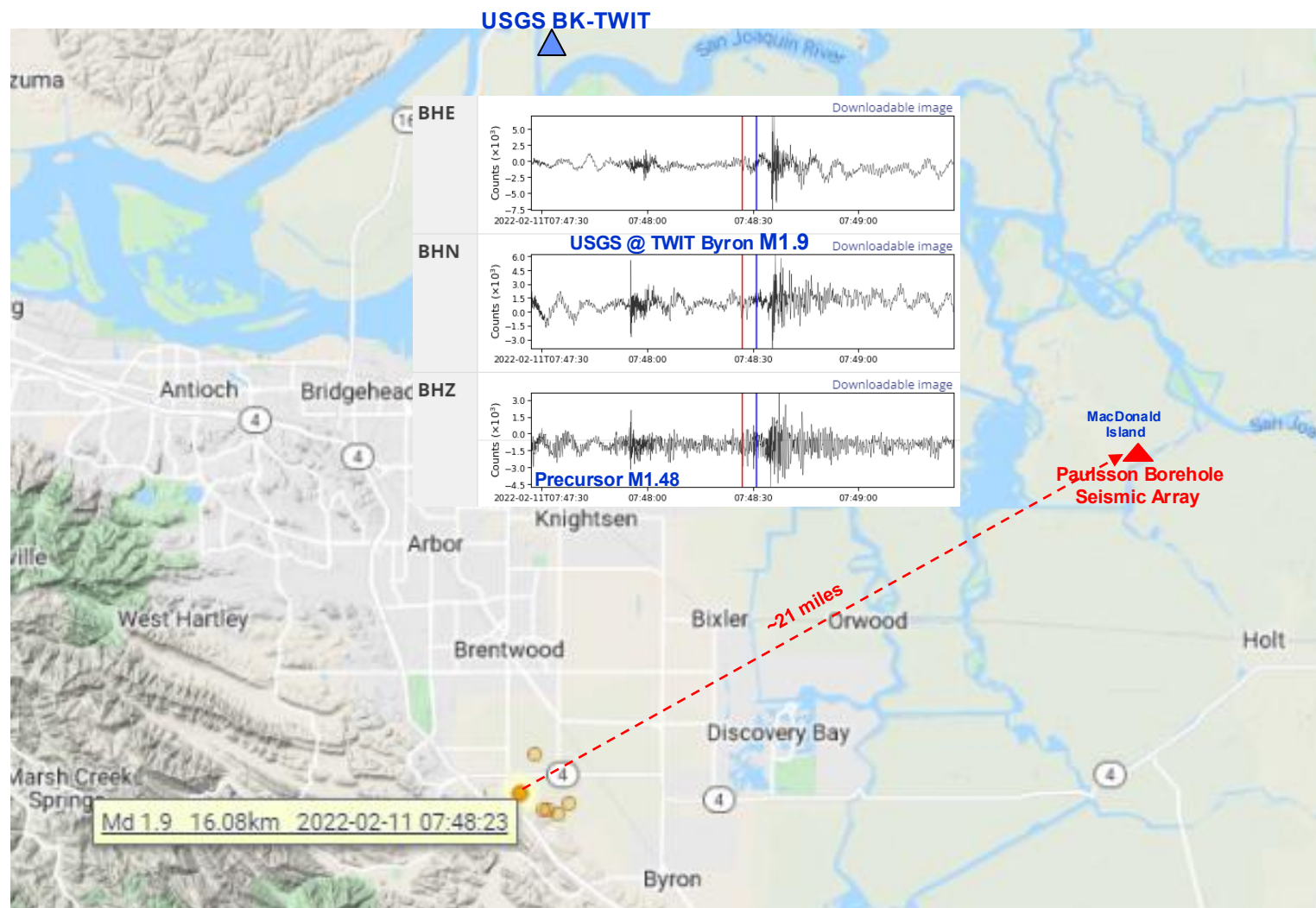
00: MBB-2, Velocity Sensor, EQMET
Depth: 2.8 m
Channels: BHE, BHN, BHZ

A Suisun Bay M3.9 Earthquake Event = $44 \times 10^9 \text{ J} = 44 \text{ GJ}$



M1 – M2 Earthquakes: Byron M1.9 = 0.4 GJ Earthquake

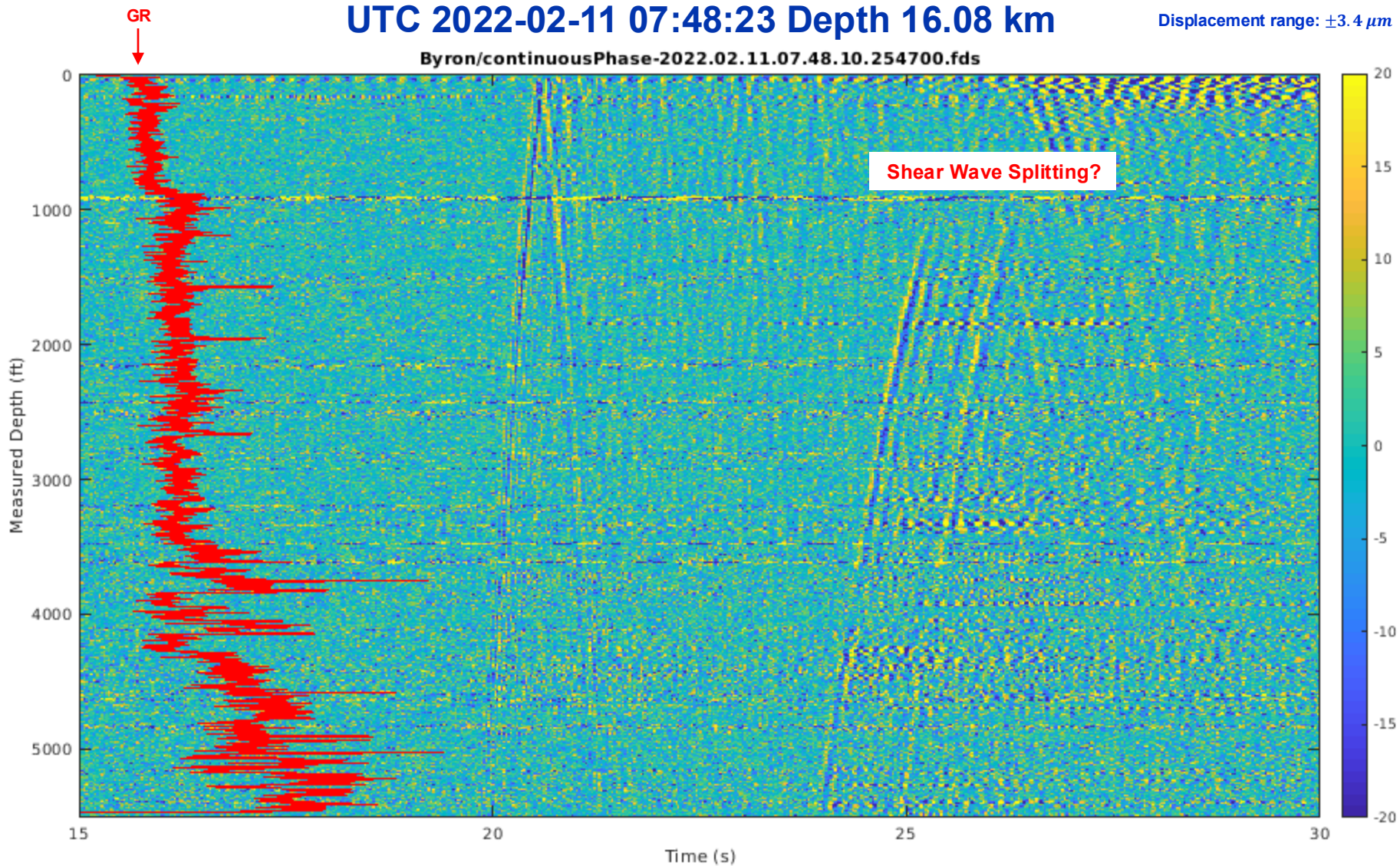
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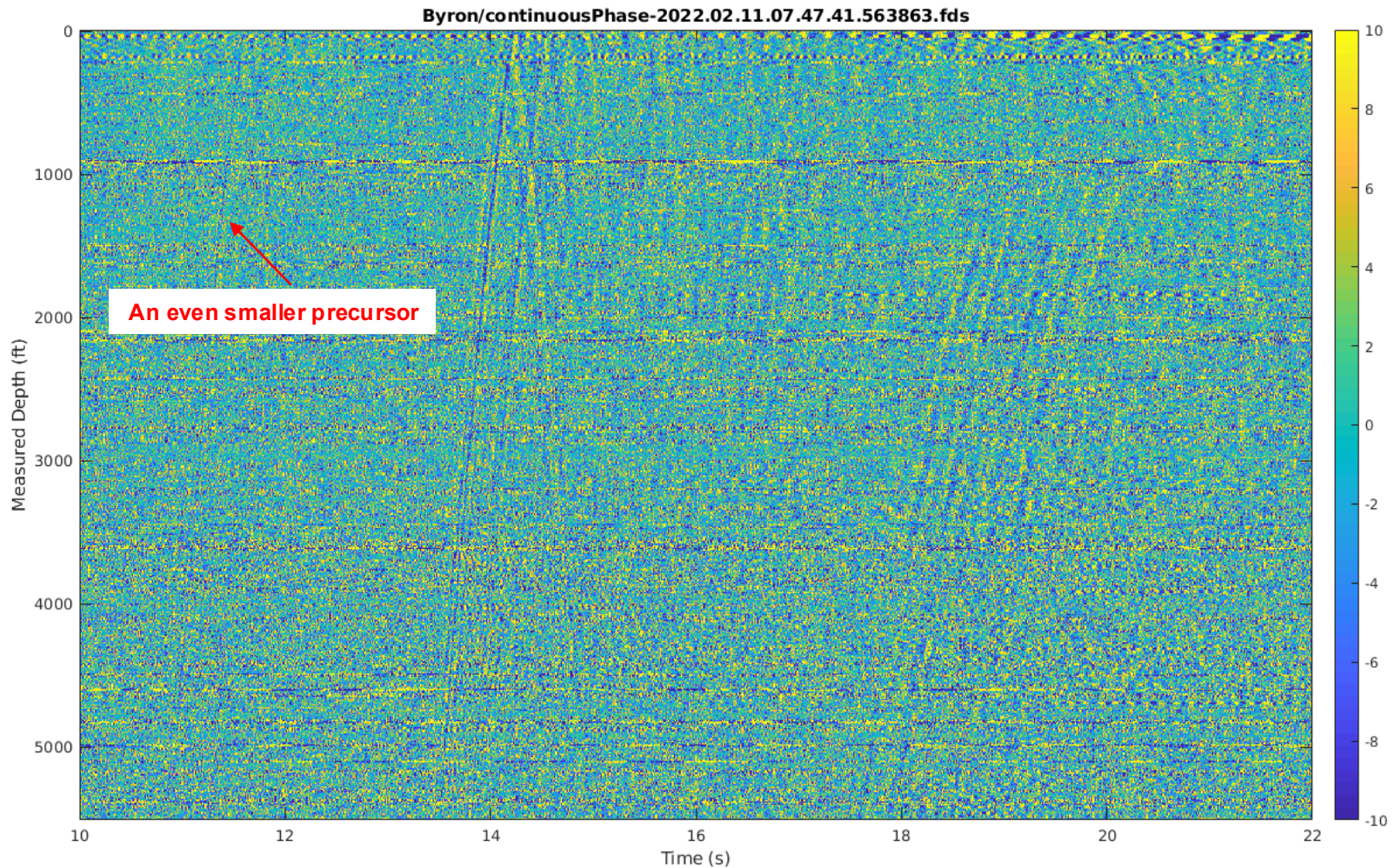
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M1 – M2 Earthquakes: Byron Earthquake Precursor M1.48

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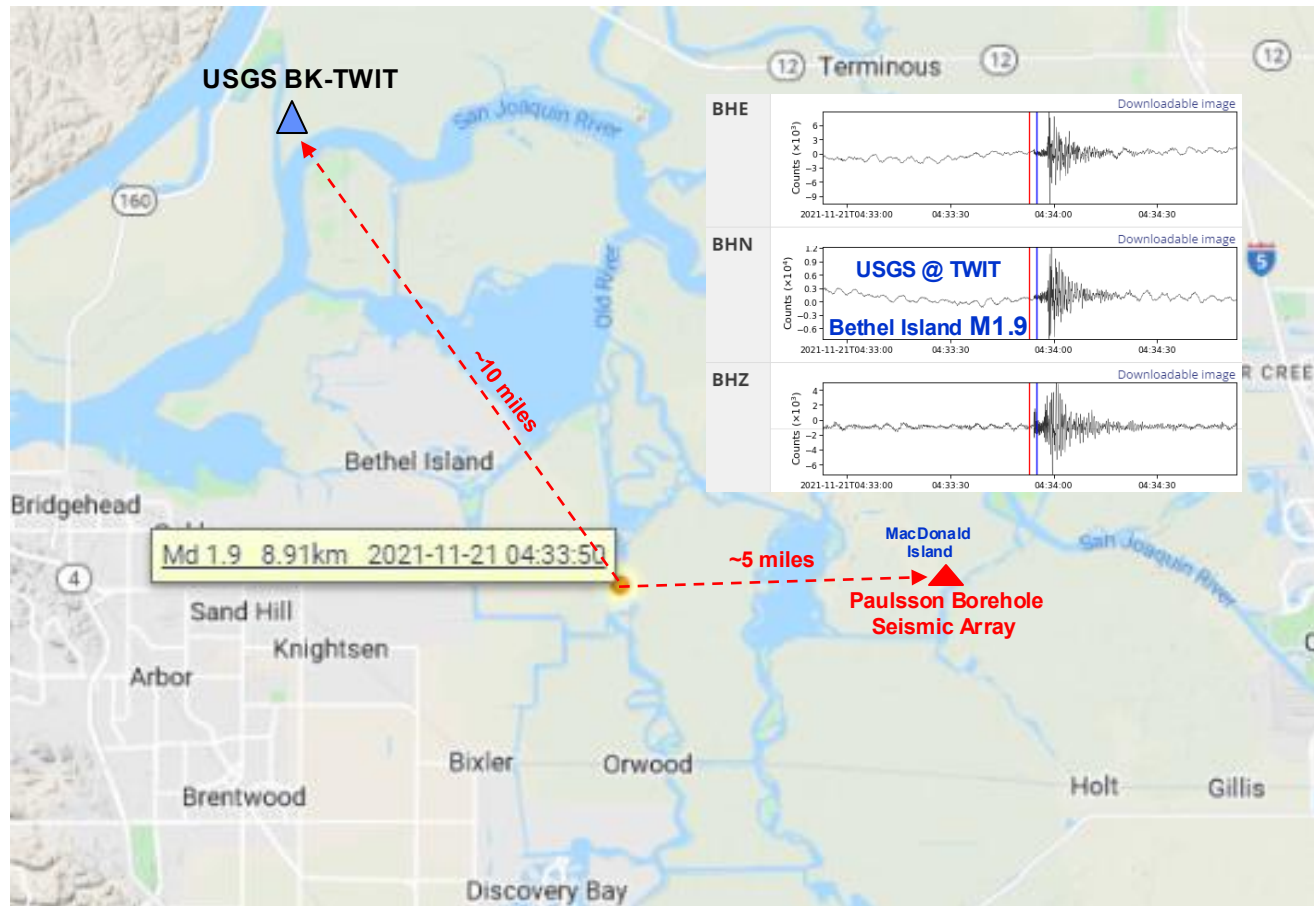
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Precursor M1.48 = 0.1 GJ. To heat 1 m³ H₂O 100°C = 0.4 GJ

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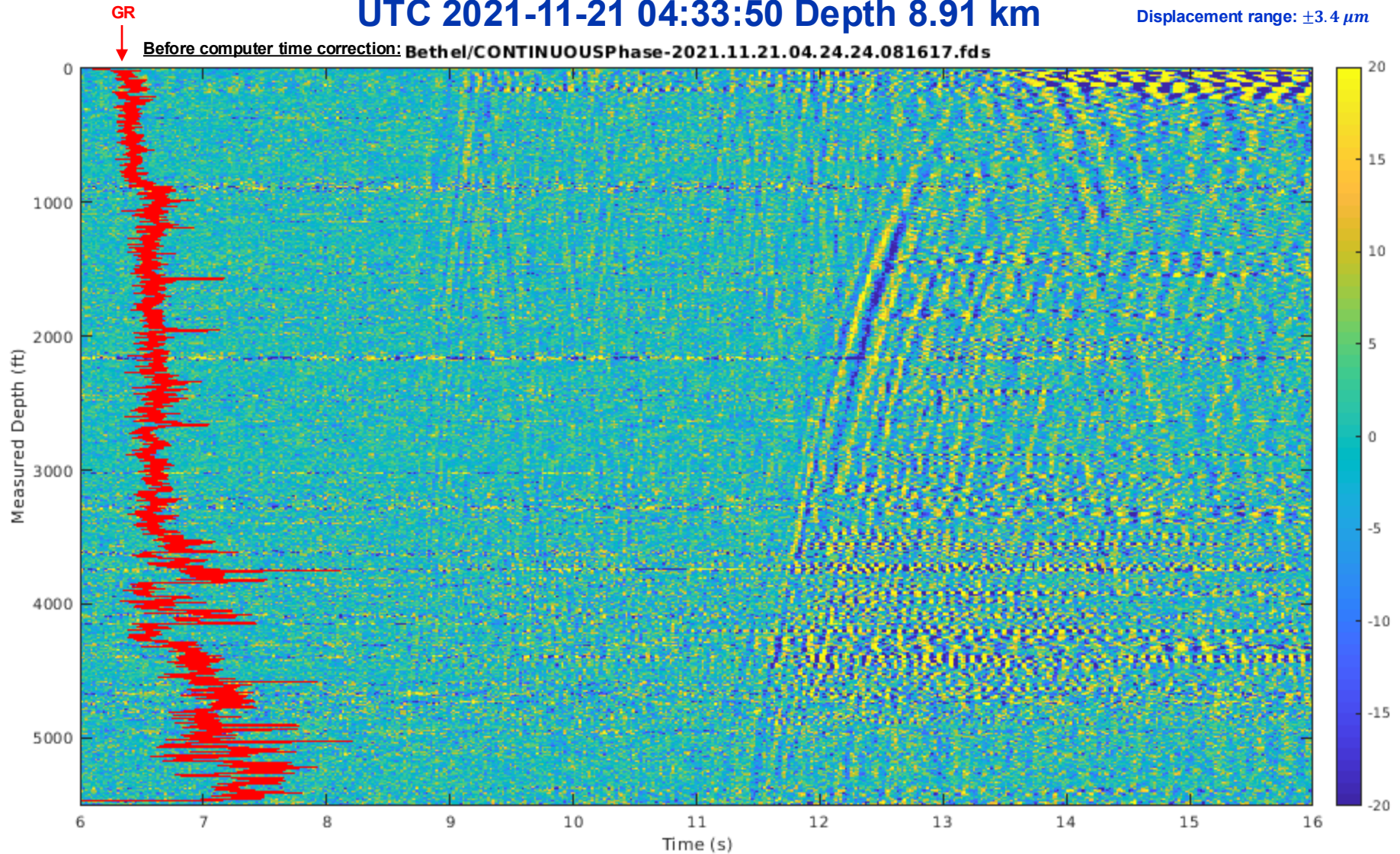
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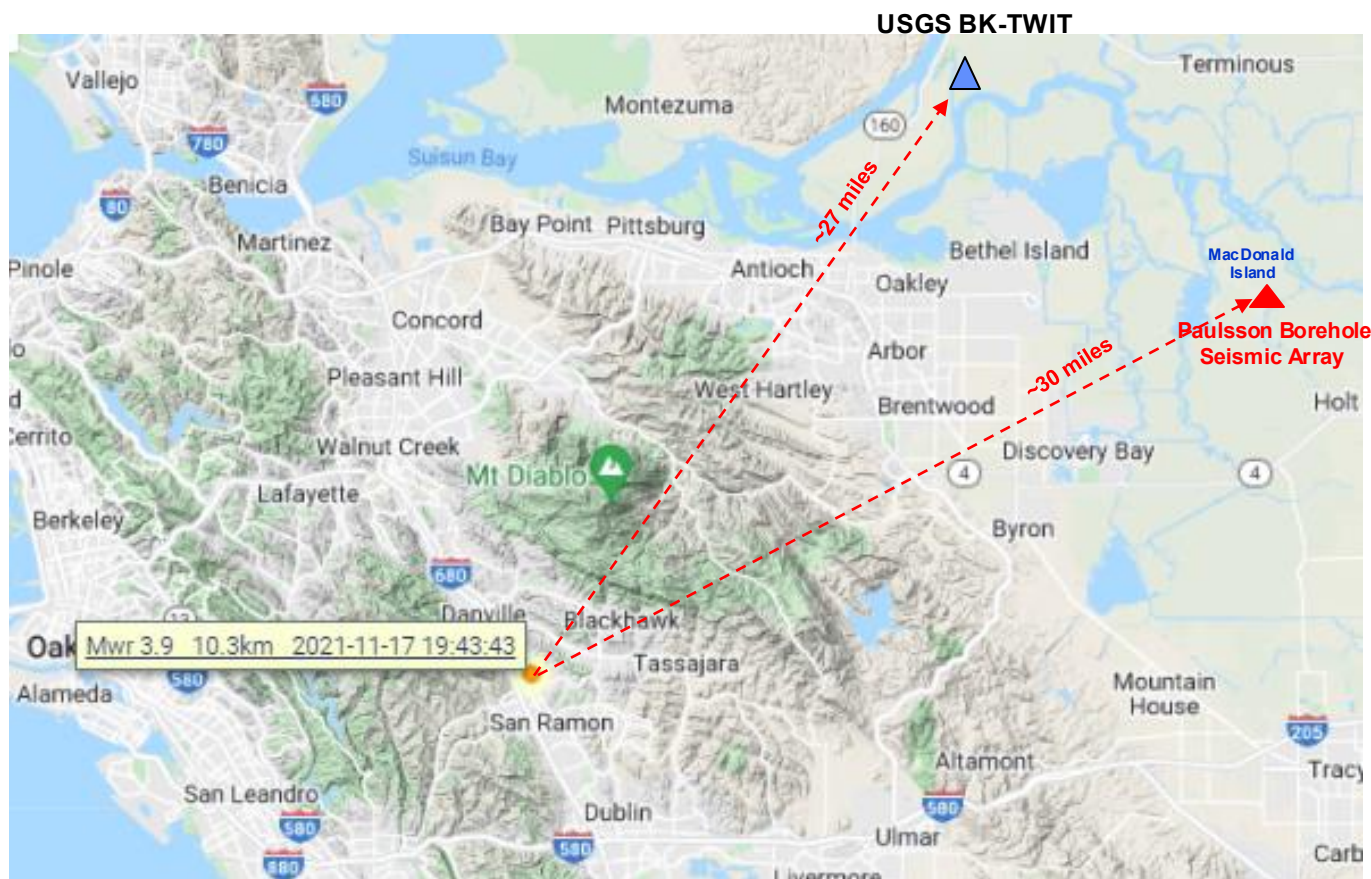
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M3 – M4 Earthquakes: San Ramon M3.9 Earthquake

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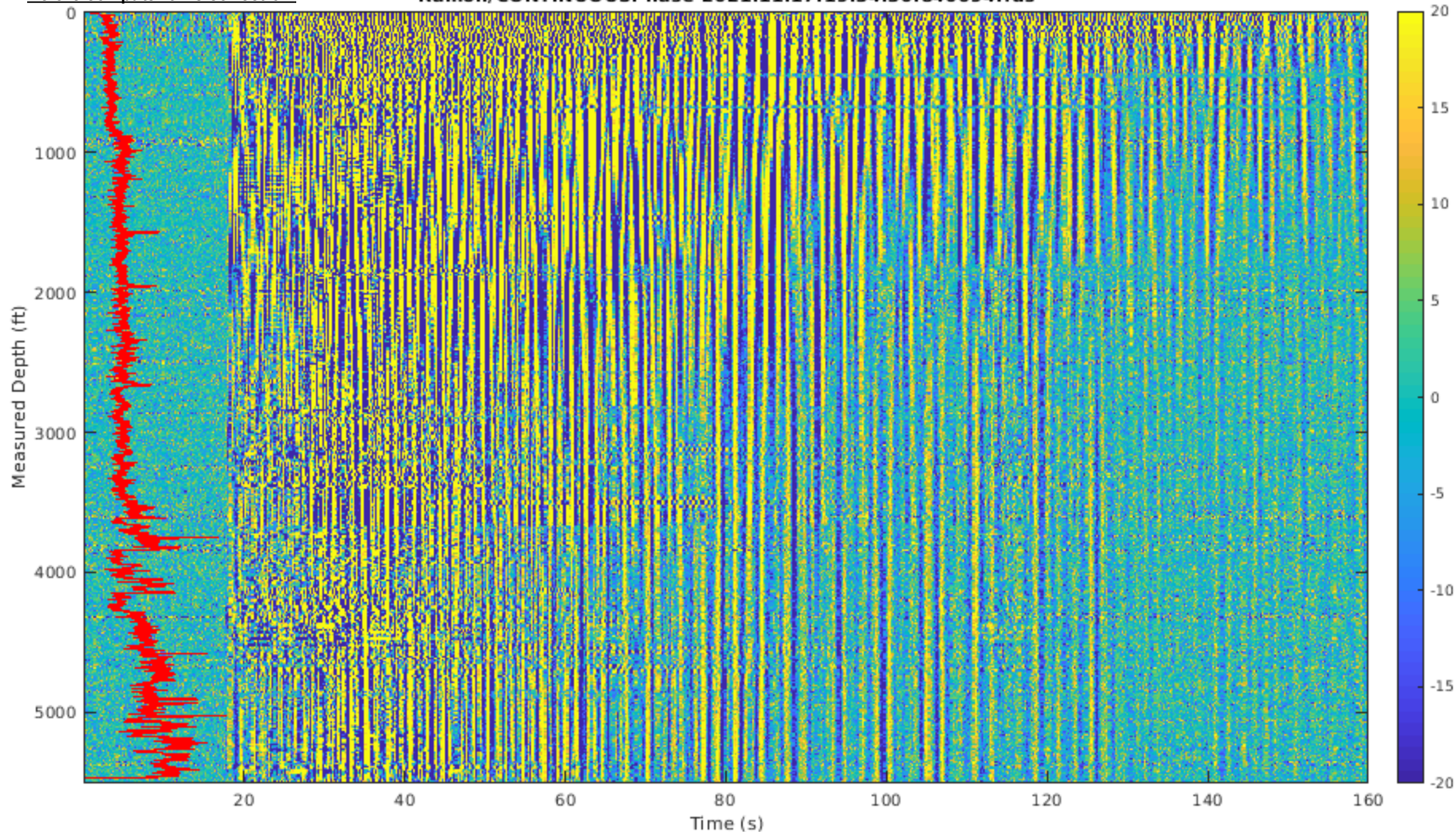
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Displacement range: $\pm 3.4 \mu\text{m}$

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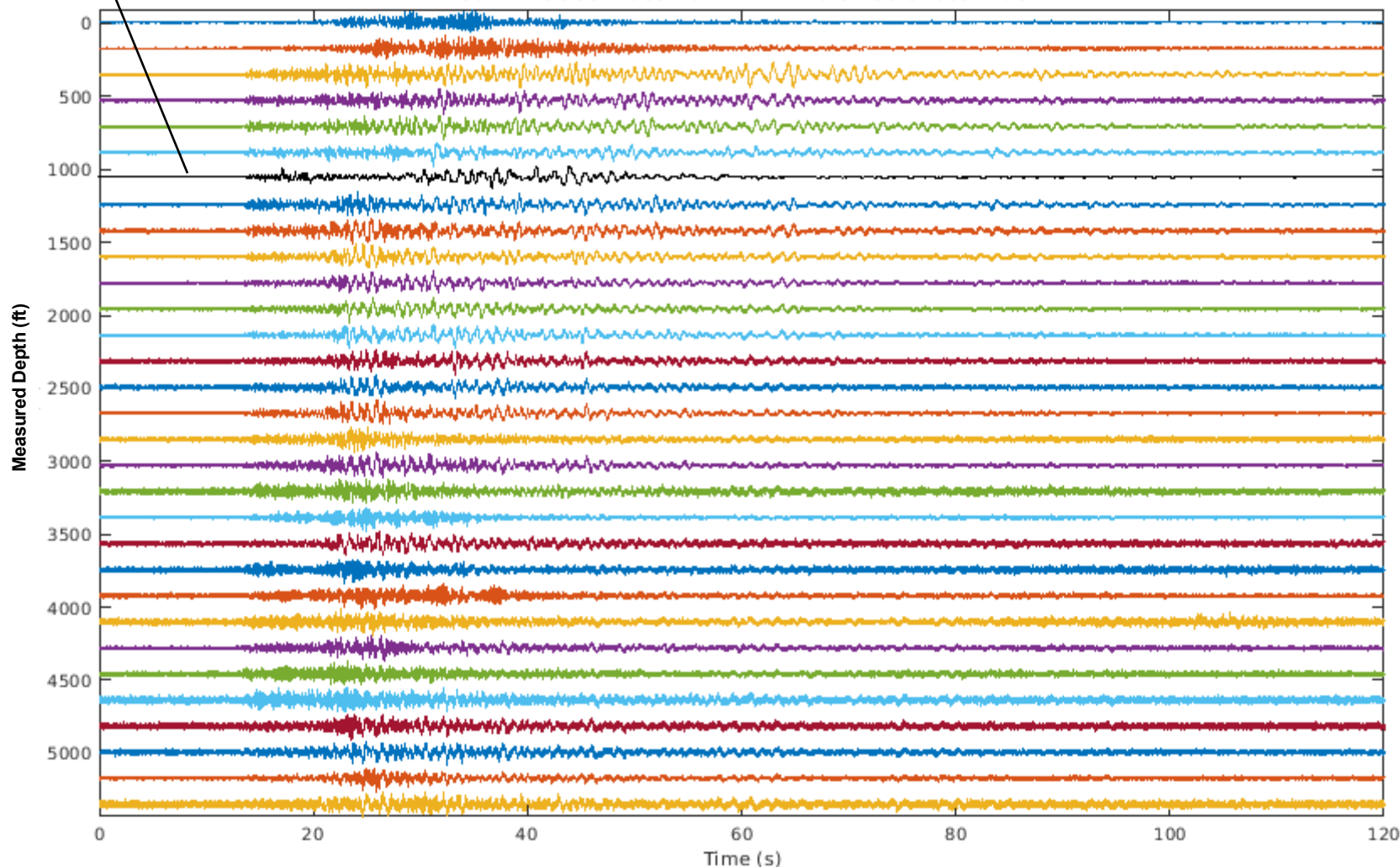
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waveforms

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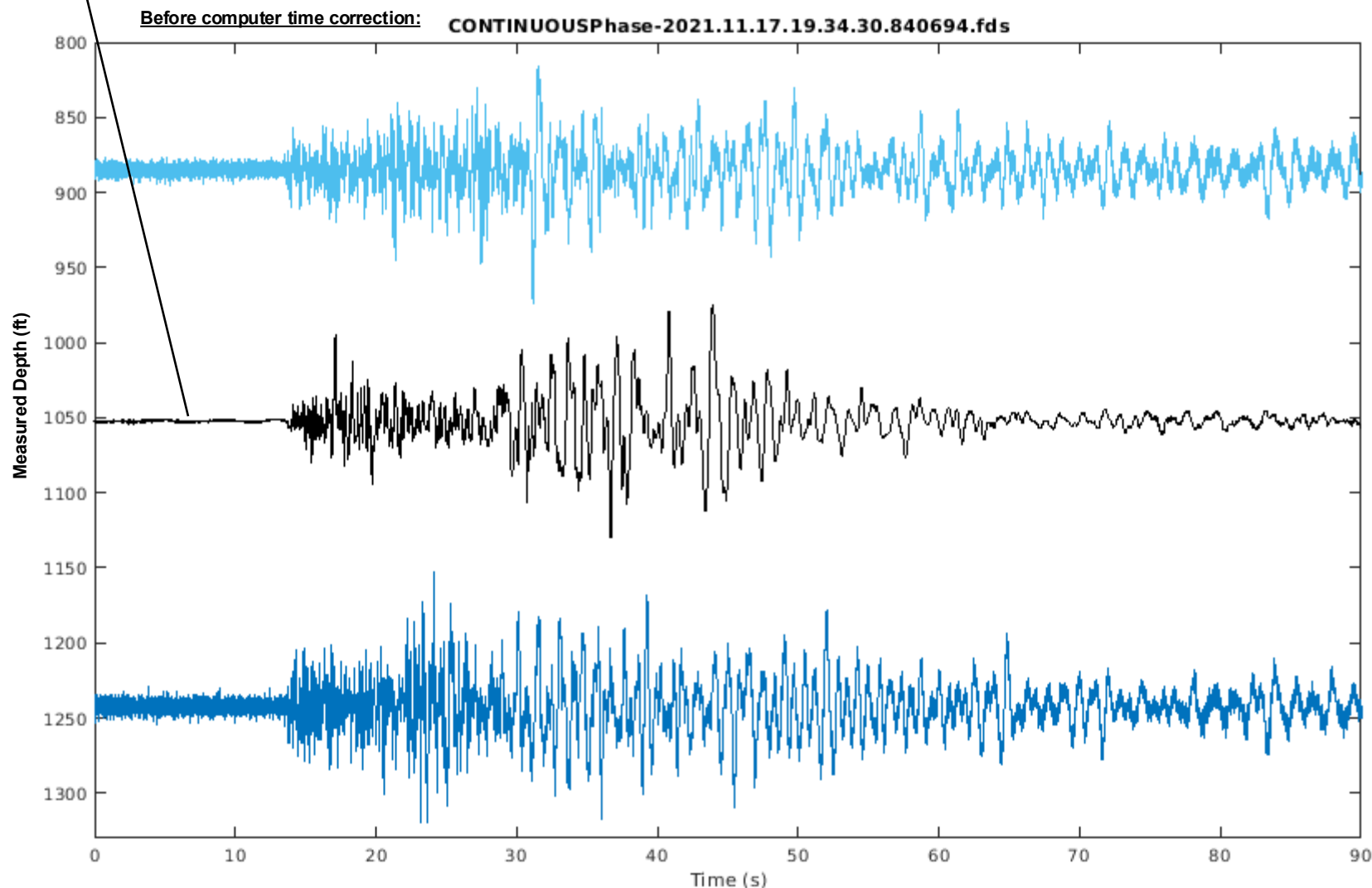


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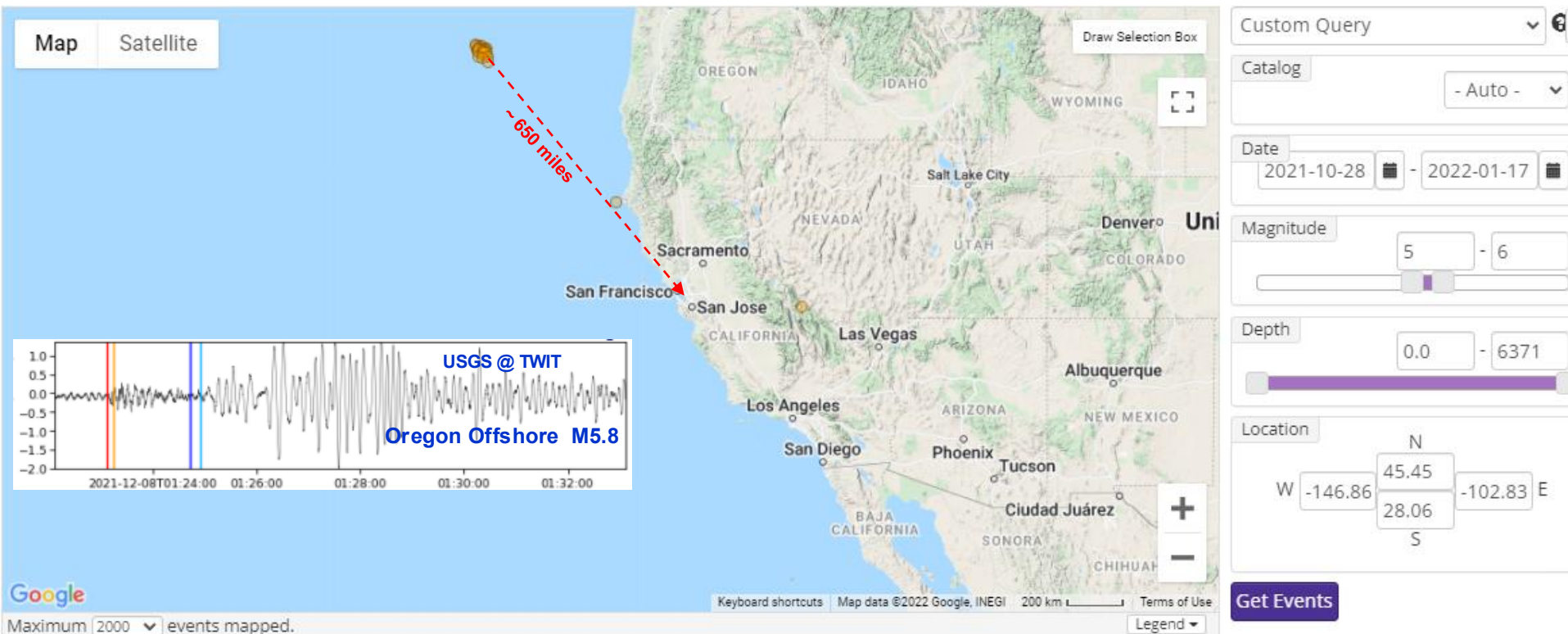
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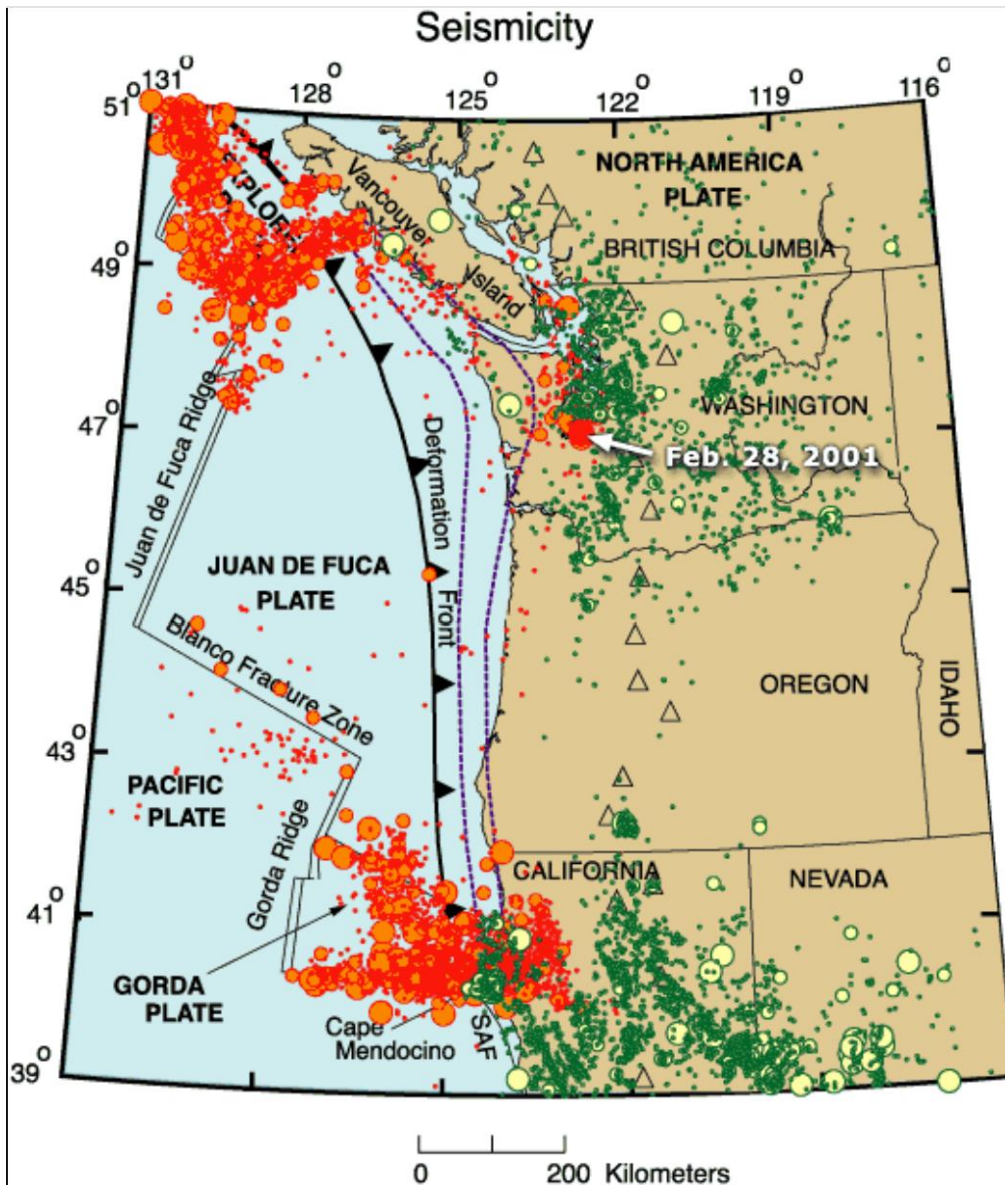


M5 – M6 Earthquakes: Oregon Offshore

M5.8 Earthquake = 30×10^{12} J = 30 TJ

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modified from Weaver and Shedlock, 1996

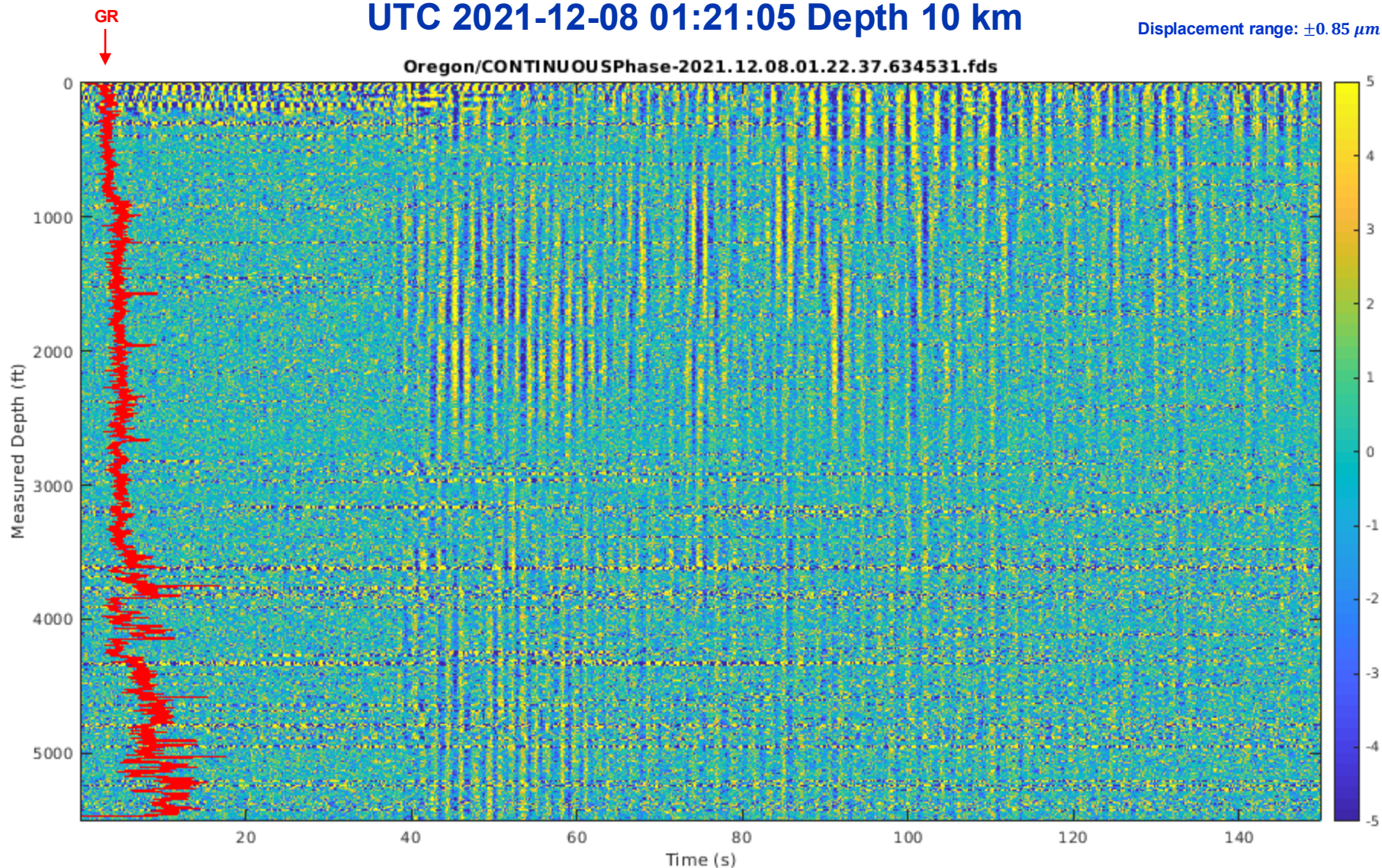
M5-M6 Earthquakes: Oregon Offshore

- M5.8 Earthquake = $30 \times 10^{12} \text{ J} = 30 \text{ TJ}$
- UTC 2021-12-08
01:21 Depth 10 km
- Last Large EQ on
this Fault zone was
in year **1700 = M9**
- 40 in 10,000 years
- MTBEQ = 250 year

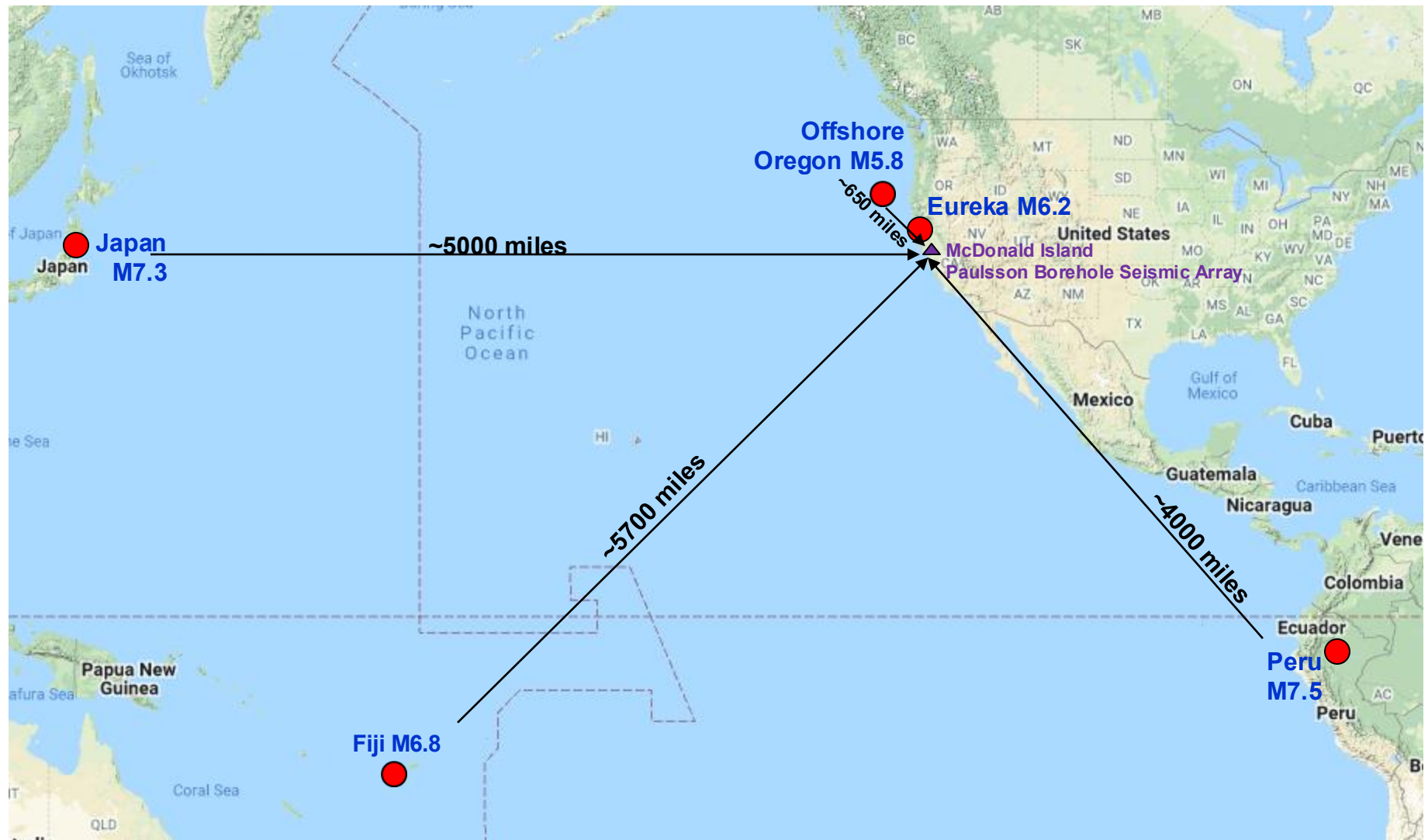
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Displacement range: $\pm 0.85 \mu\text{m}$



M5 or Larger Observed Earthquakes



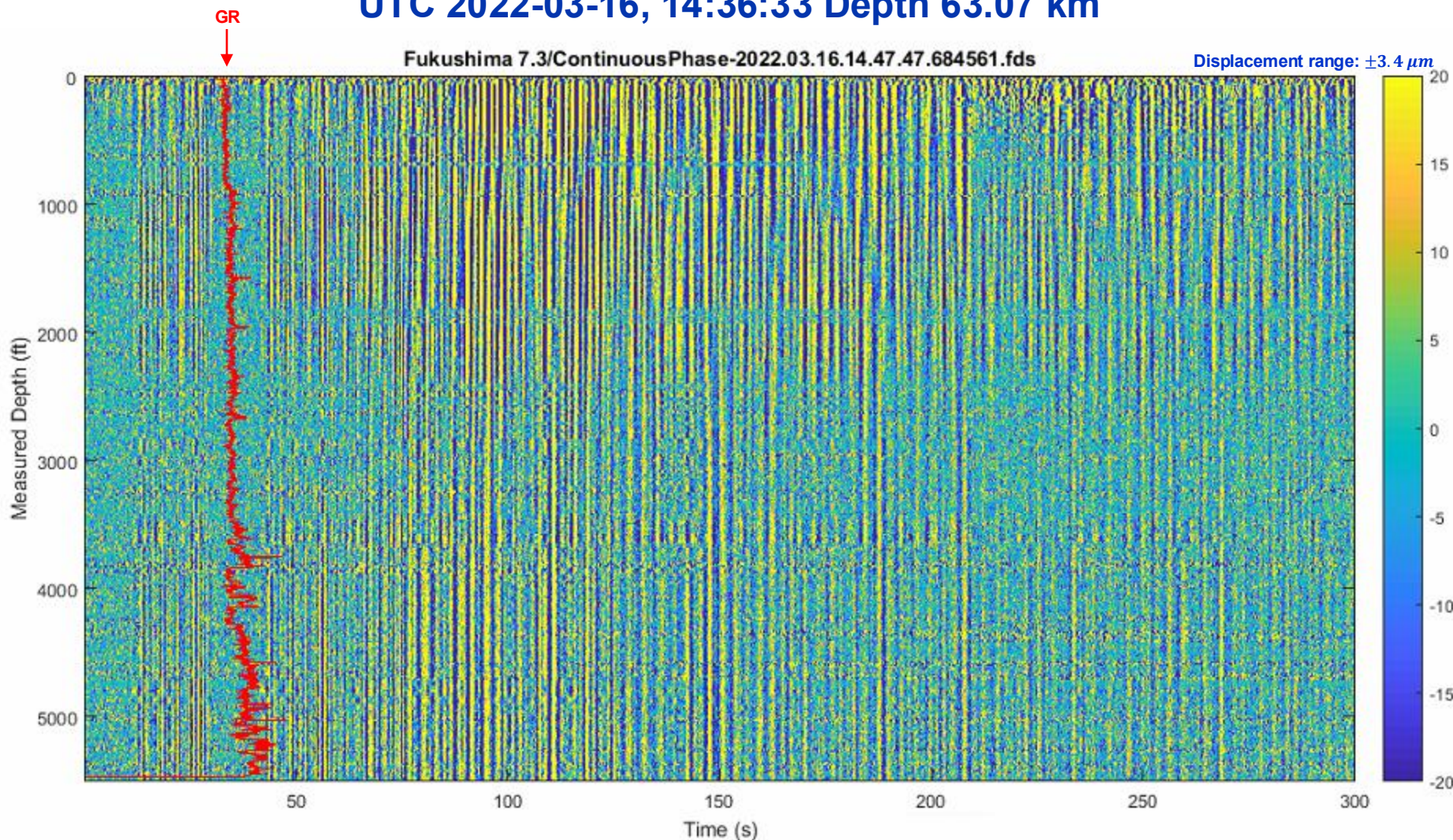
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Fukushima 2011 M9 Earthquake = 2×10^{18} Joules

M7 & above Earthquakes: Fukushima M7.3 Earthquake (1 Quadrillion Joules, 1×10^{15} , One Peta Joules)

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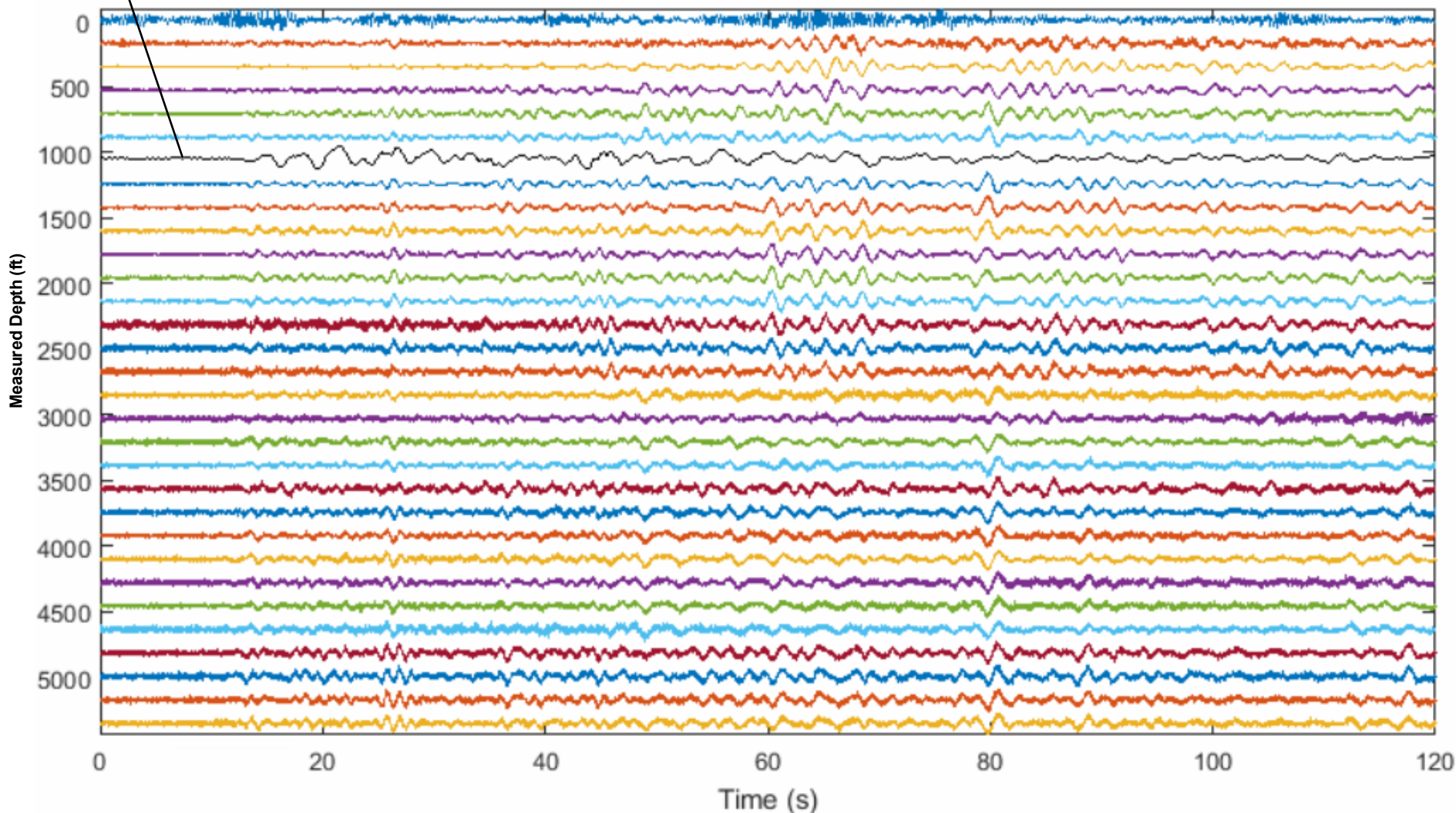
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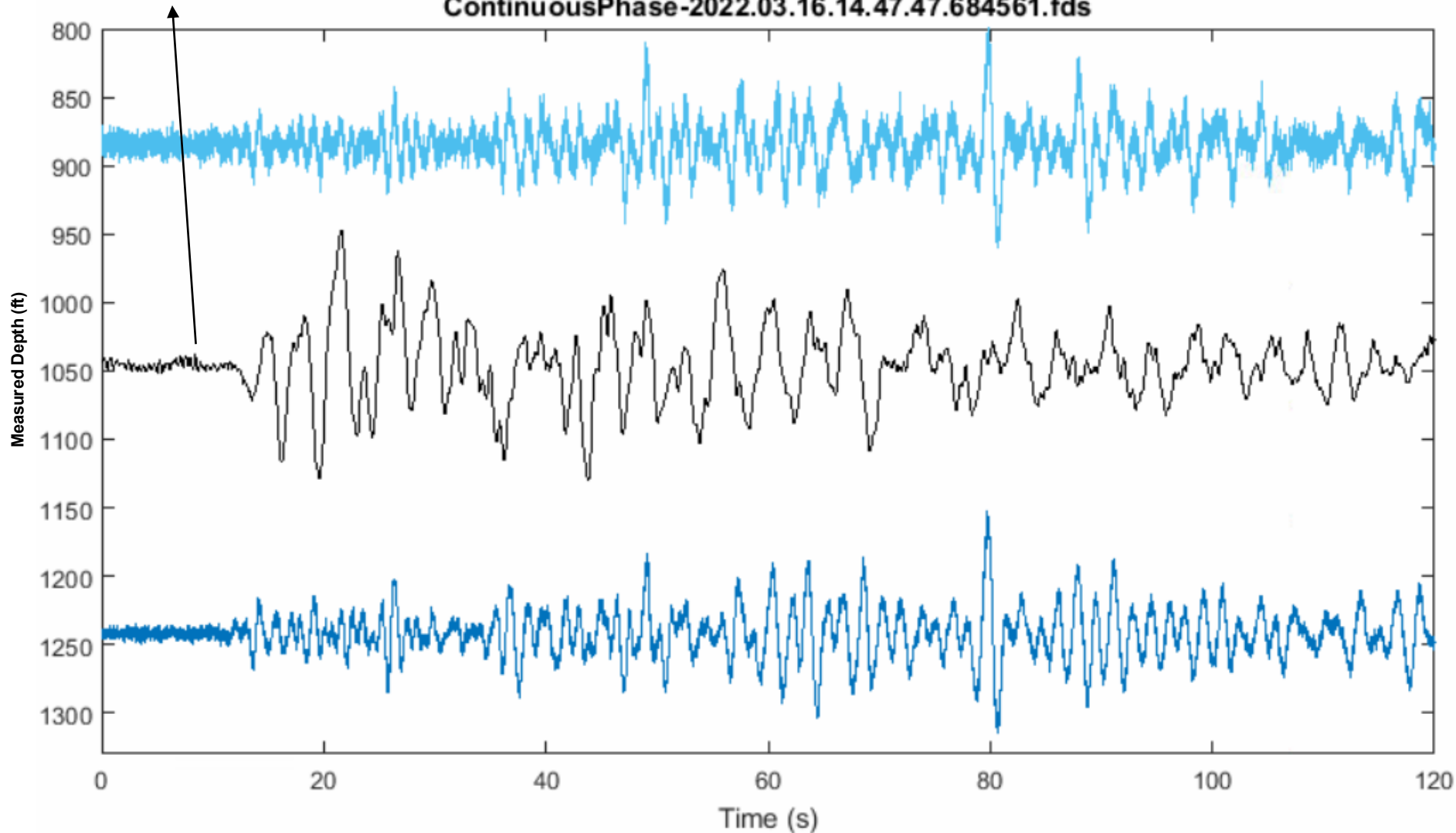
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Zoomed In

USGS waveform @ TWIT

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M7 & above Earthquakes: Peru M7.5 Earthquake (5 Quadrillion Joules, 1×10^{15} , Five Peta Joules) UTC 2021-11-28 10:52:14 Depth 126 km



M7 & above Earthquakes: Peru M7.5 Earthquake (5 Quadrillion Joules, 1×10^{15} , Five Peta Joules)

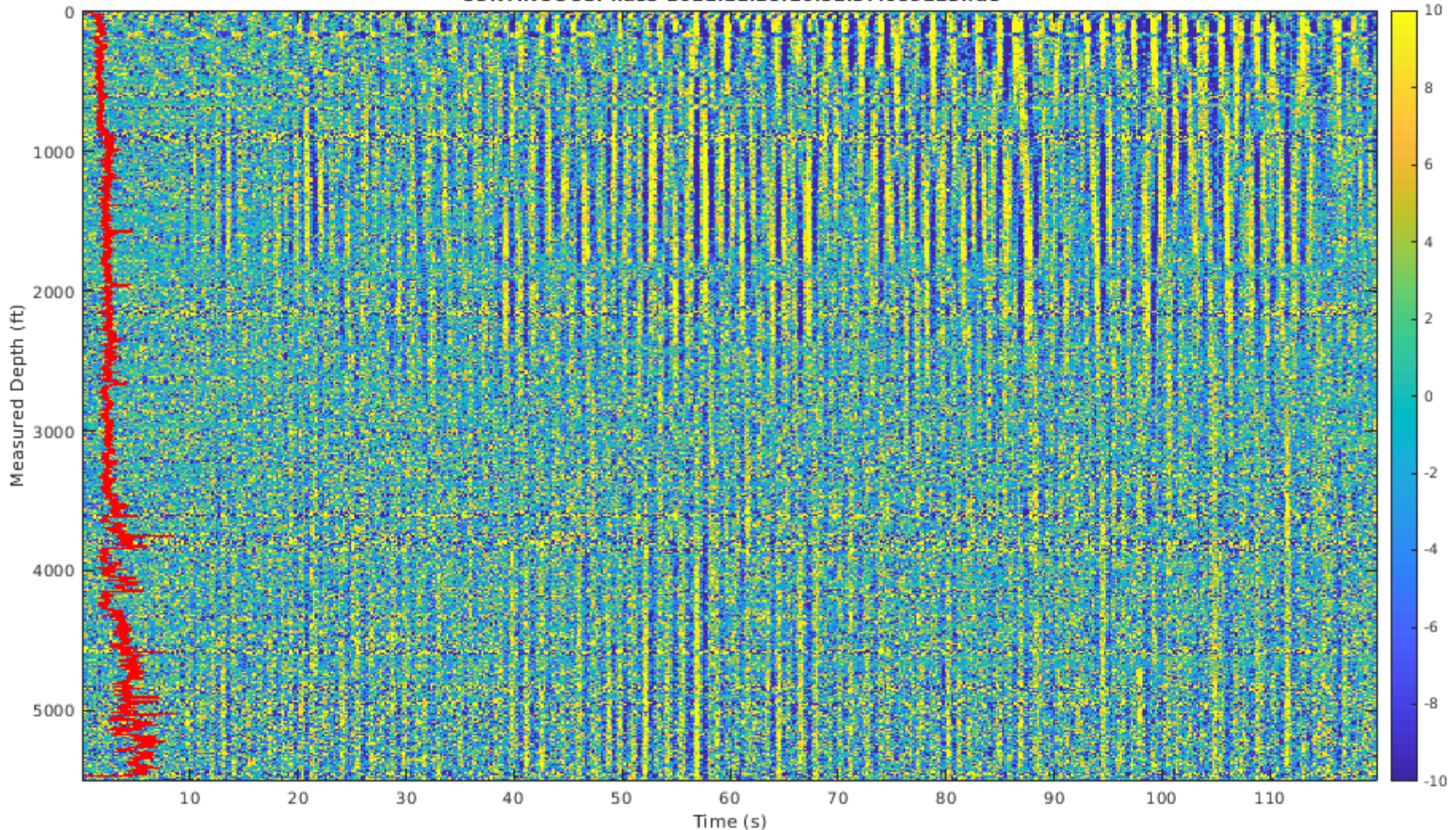
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Displacement range: $\pm 1.7 \mu\text{m}$

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Monitor the Injection of CO₂ as part of CCUS to Secure the Sequestration Process

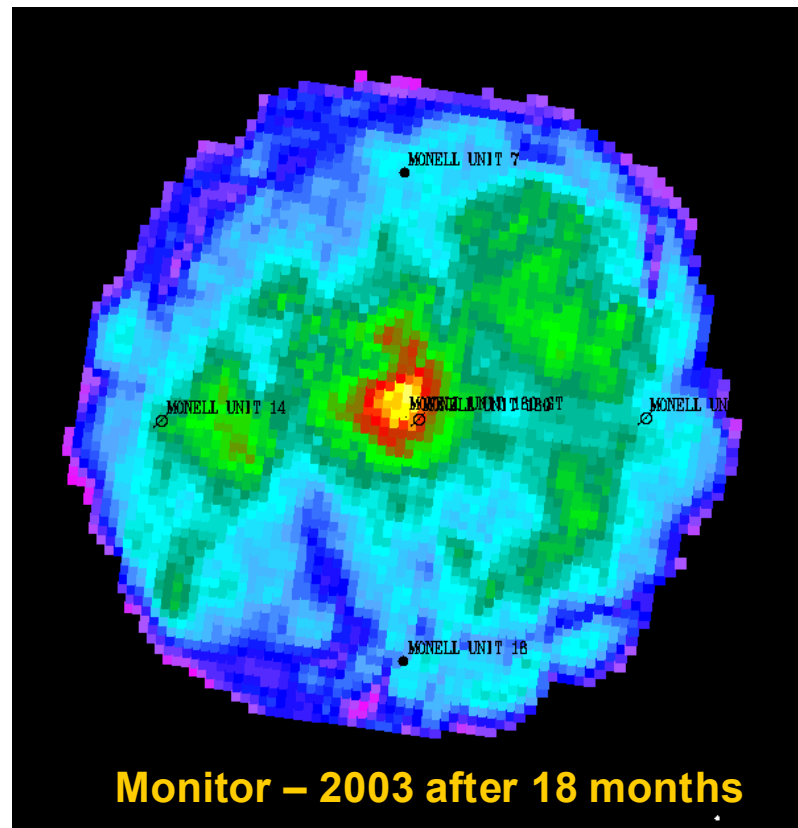
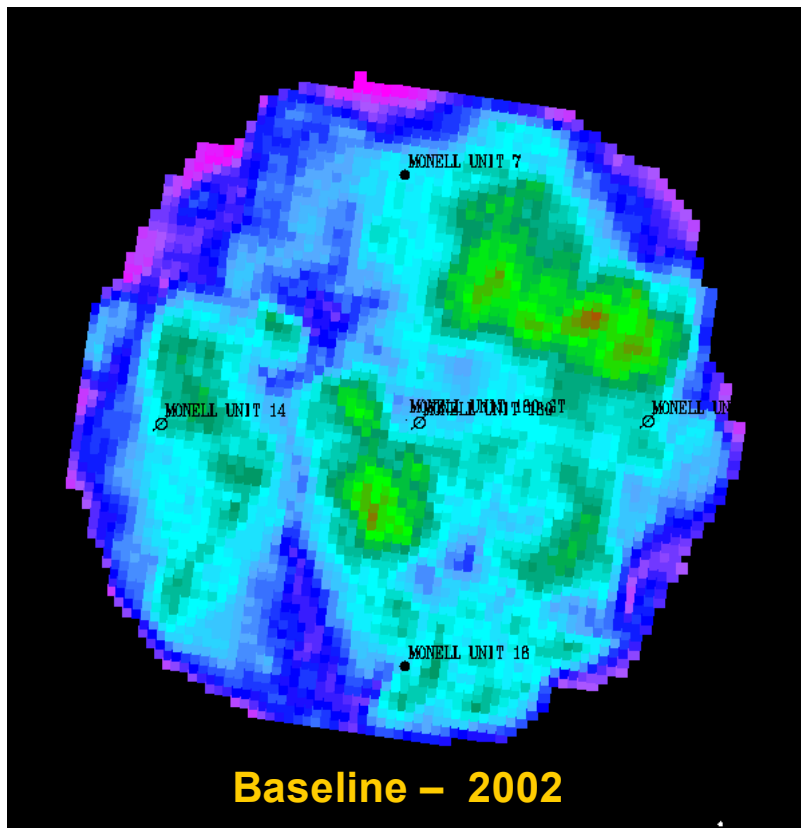


In Summary:
**We need Effective Sensors and
Processing to Image and Monitor
The Injection of CO₂ as part of
CCUS to Secure the Process**

Time lapse surveys to monitor CO2 Injection

Depth Amplitude Maps at 4,800 ft showing the CO2 Plume

Simultaneous imaging and monitoring possible
using FOSVS and AME in combination.

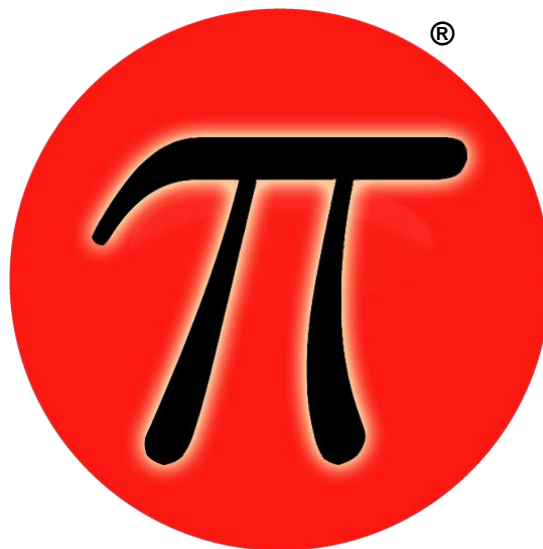


Increased reflectivity in the Monitor Survey 2003 at a depth of 4,800 ft at the well is due to the injected CO2. Also seen is the increased reflectivity around the water injector wells.

Presentation Outline

- **Laboratory Tests of Sensors**
- **CCUS project with Battelle**
- **UGS project with PG&E**
- **Pipeline Monitoring (if time)**



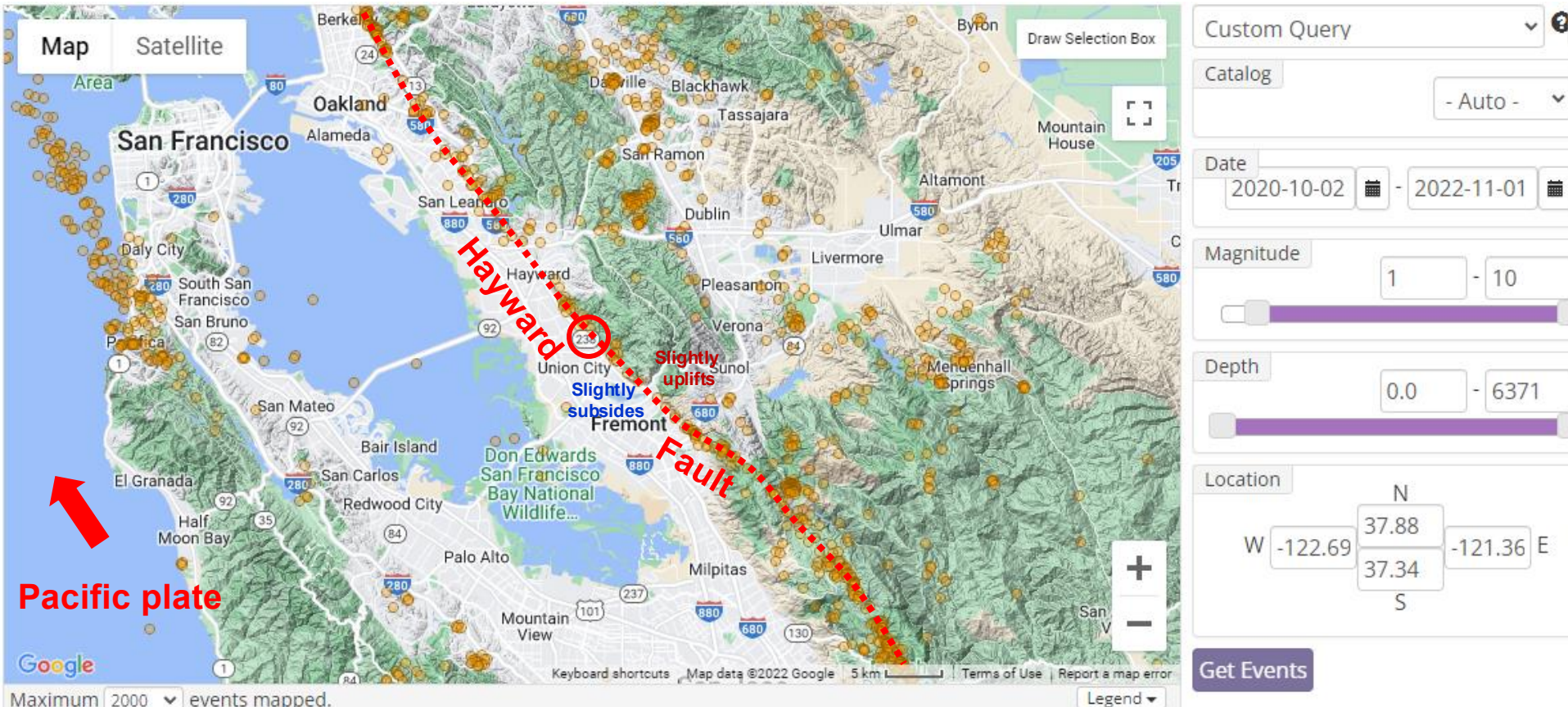


Hayward Fault Monitoring Strain Test Results

Paulsson, Inc. (PI)
November 7, 2022

Tectonics:

North American plate



The Hayward Fault has a strike-slip motion which is when one land mass moves, nearly horizontally in the opposite direction of the other on the surface. This movement causes stress, which results in earthquakes. The Hayward Fault is a strike-slip fault on the surface but changes to a low angle thrust fault as it descends under the East Bay Hills. This creates an uplift of the East Bay hills in the Fremont area exposing the rocks of the Briones Formation, which is a fossiliferous rock made of marine shells. It is Miocene in age and can be correlated to other similar sediments throughout coastal California. <https://www.msnucleus.org/haywardfault/signs/science.html>

Location:

629 Tamarack Dr, Union City, CA



Instrumenting a Pipeline Crossing the Hayward Fault

The Hayward Fault is deemed to be the largest US Natural Event Threat



Multi-Optical (DSS, DAS, DTS) Fault Monitoring Project

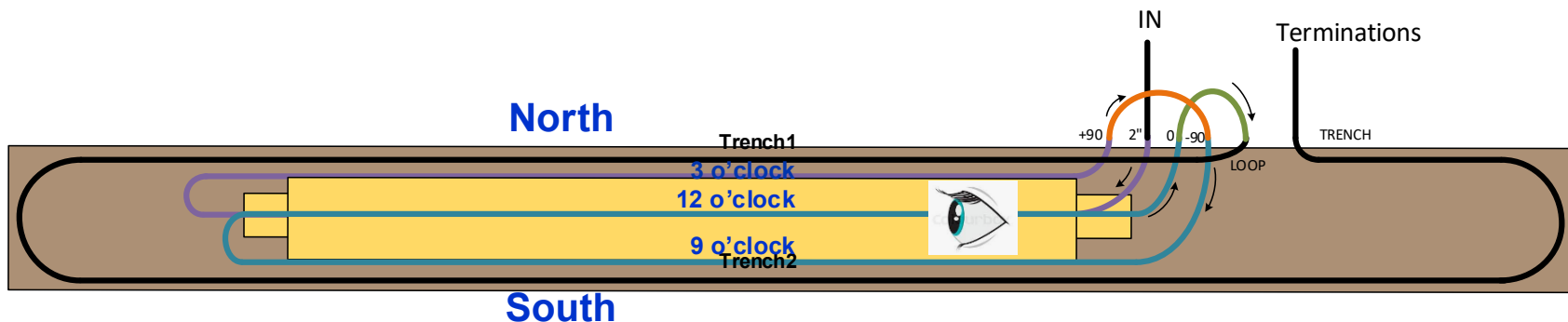
Optical Distributed Strain Sensing (DSS) - Spatial Resolution 1.0 or 2.0 meters

Optical Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) - Spatial Resolution 1.0 meter

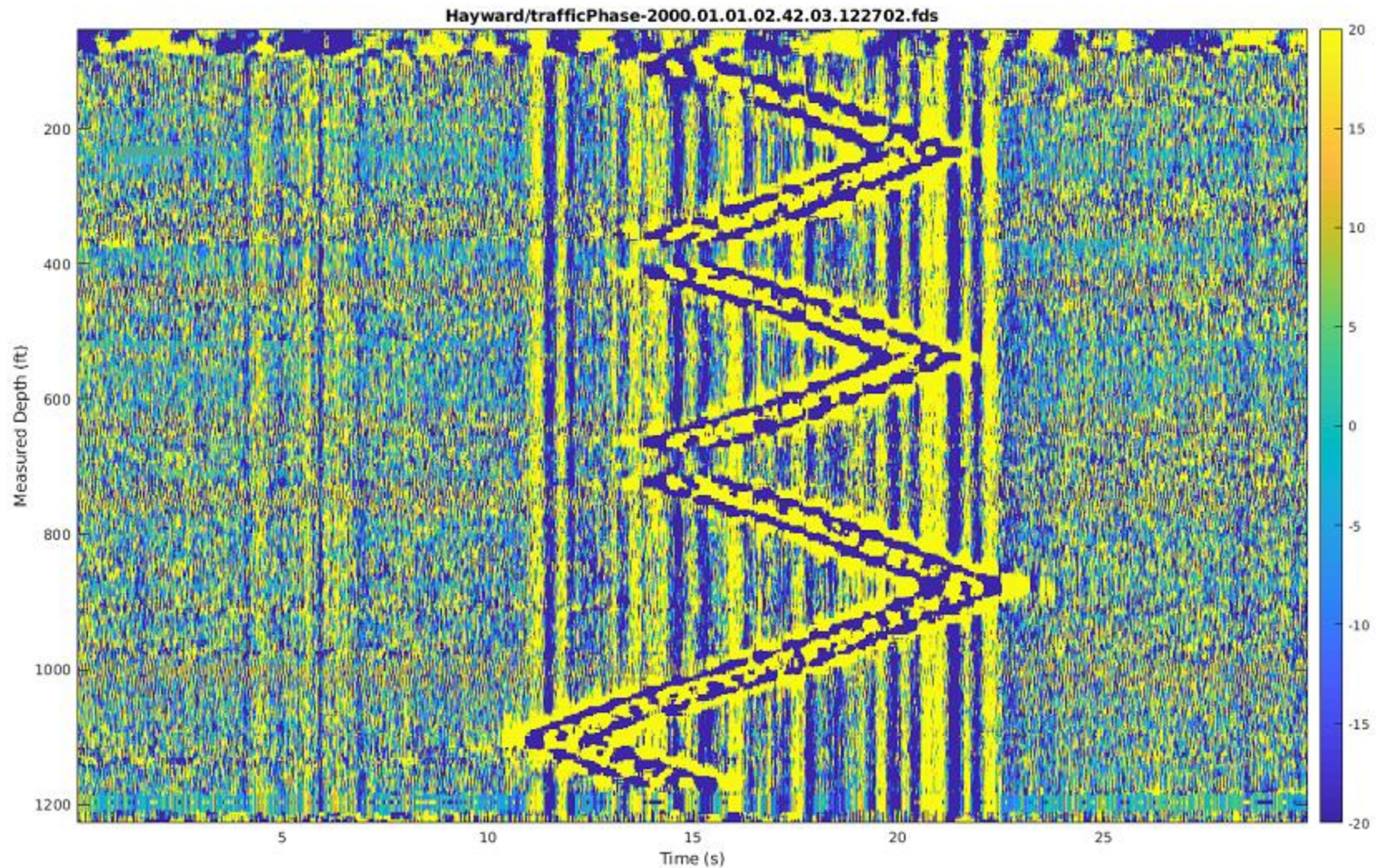
Optical Distributed Acoustic Sensors (DAS) - Spatial Resolution 1.0 meter

Six Visits thus far:

1. December 2020
2. November 2021
3. January 2022
4. June 2022
5. November 2022



Event 7 – a car drives by the 6 fiber cables



Field Photos, Union City, SF East Bay

October 9,
2020 during
fiber optic
instrument
install

The street was built about 66 years
ago, and the fault offset is about 7 cm,
so,

the fault movement speed is:

$$V = 7 \text{ cm}/66\text{yr} \approx \underline{1 \text{ mm/yr}}$$



Field Photos, Union City, SF East Bay

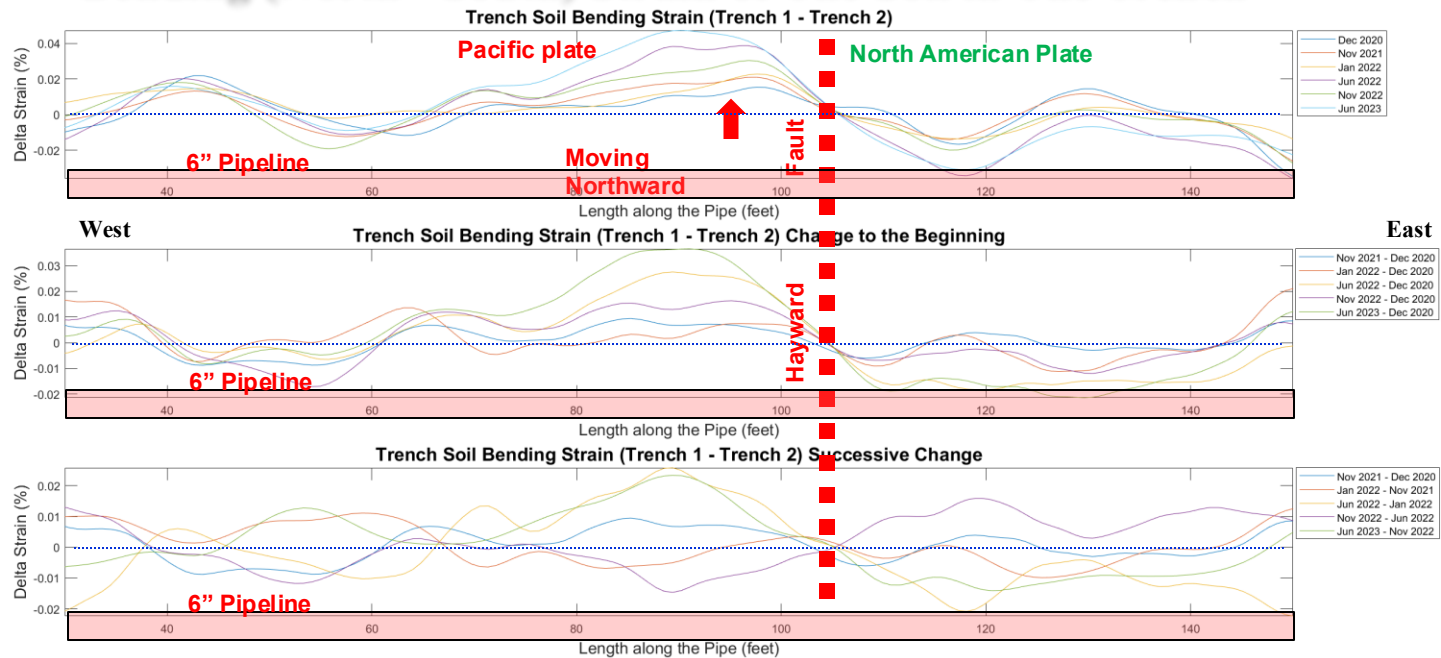
The street was built 1957 or about 67 years ago in 2024 and the fault offset is about 70 mm, so, the fault movement, or creep rate is:

$$V = 70 \text{ mm}/67 \text{ years} \approx \underline{1 \text{ mm/yr}}$$

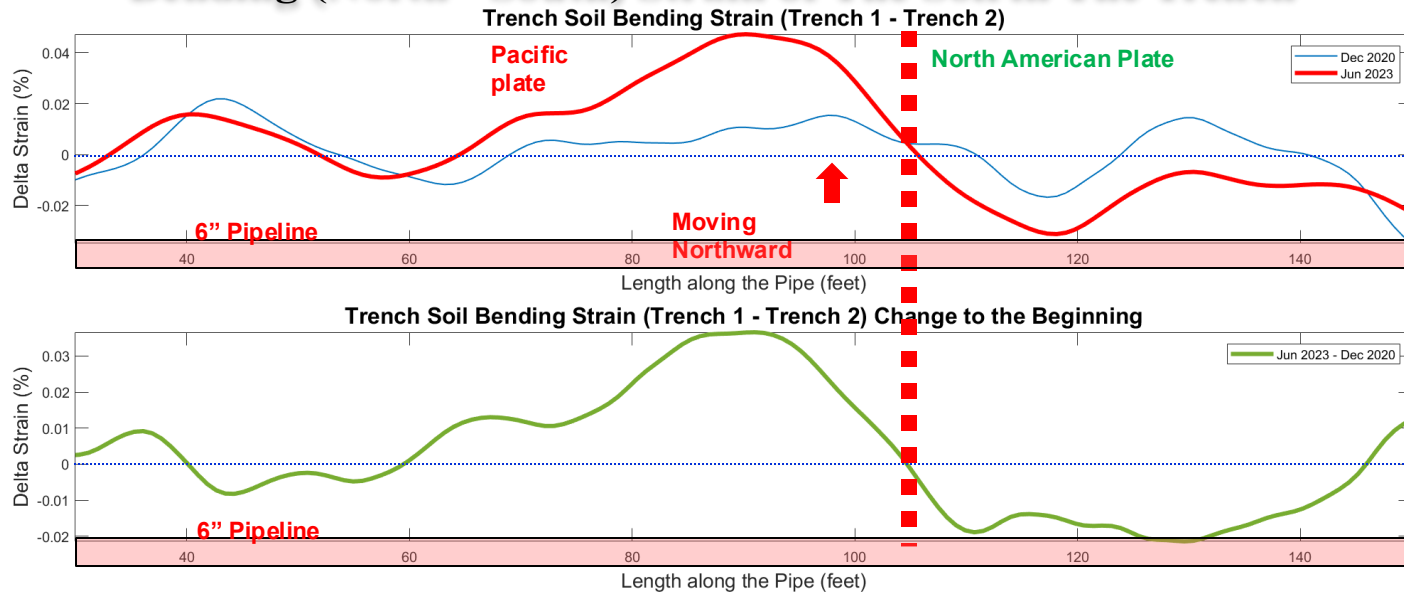
Long term total strain is about 9 mm per year. The creep is 1 mm per year so the residual strain build up over 156 years is thus $156 \text{ years} \times 8 \text{ mm} = 1,248 \text{ mm}$ or about 50 inches or about 4 ft.



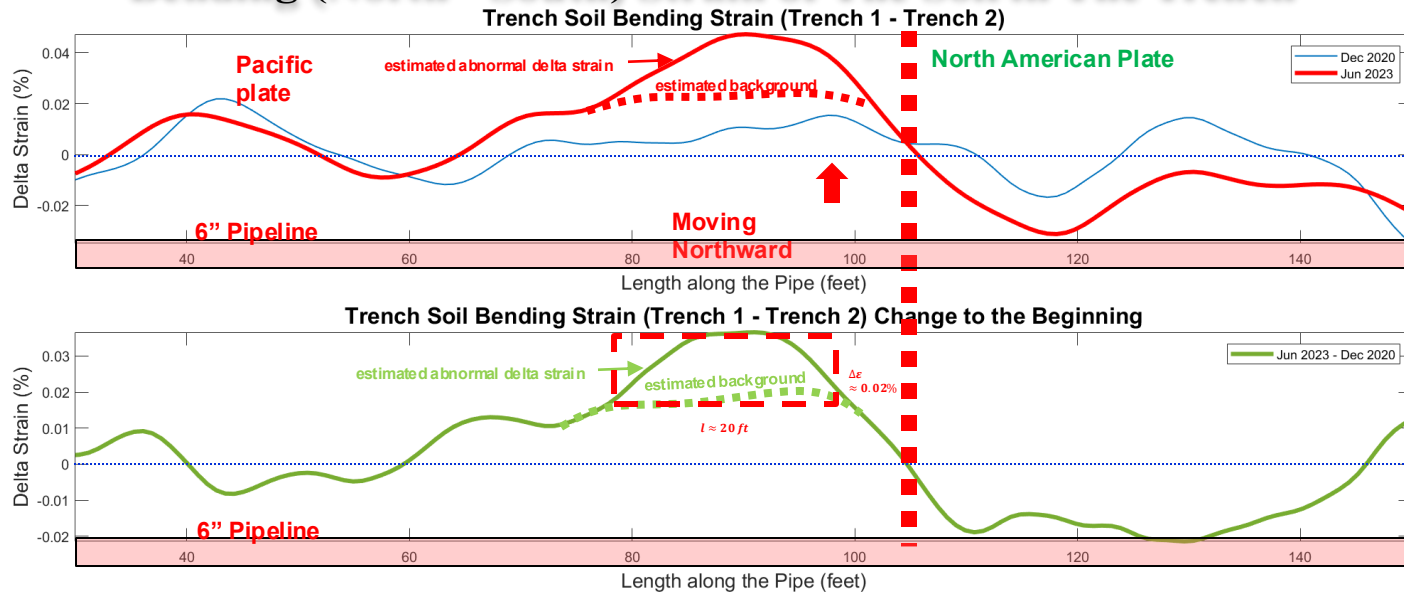
Bending (North - South) Strain of The Soil in The Trench



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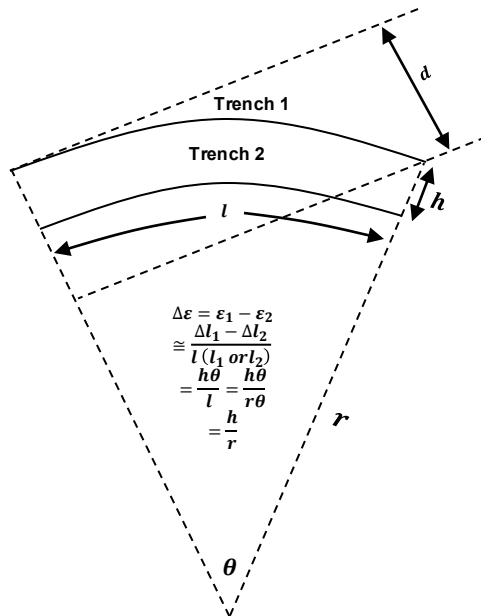


Bending (North - South) Strain of The Soil in The Trench



Fault Displacement Estimation

Bending Model Displacement Calculation

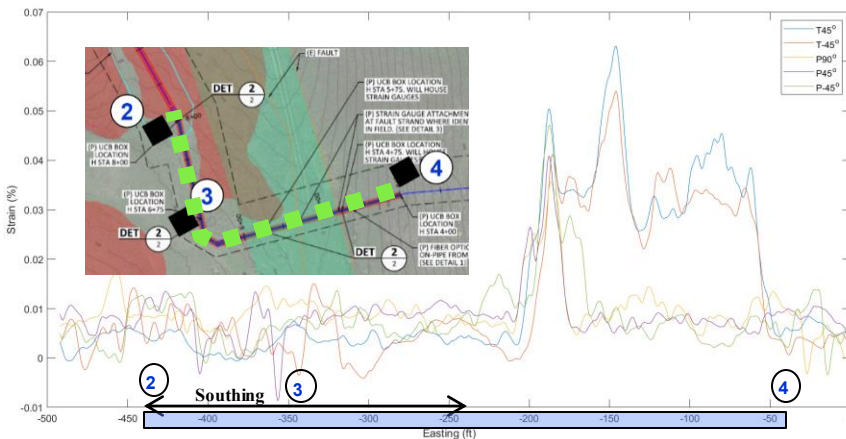


1. Average abnormal delta strain: $\Delta \epsilon = \frac{0.02\%}{2} = 0.01\%$
2. Approximate cable spacing (north - south): $h = 2 \text{ ft}$
3. Bending radius: $r = \frac{h}{\Delta \epsilon} = 20,000 \text{ ft}$
4. Approximate abnormal range: $l = 20 \text{ ft}$
5. Segment arc angle: $\theta = \frac{l}{r} = 0.001 \text{ radian}$
6. Displacement: $d = r - r * \cos(\theta) = 0.01 \text{ ft} = 3.05 \text{ mm}$
7. Fault movement creep: $v = \frac{d}{T} = \frac{3.05 \text{ mm}}{2.5 \text{ yr}} \approx \underline{1 \text{ mm/yr}}$

Agrees with the on the ground measurement in previous slides.

Pipeline Monitoring

- ❑ Pipeline monitoring is used to monitor the integrity in pipelines.
- ❑ Early detection results in the least amount of economic impact.
- ❑ We place our strain, acoustic, and temperature sensors in a continuous array on pipelines to monitor the strain on the pipeline caused by the Earth's movements.
- ❑ Paulsson has installed two optical sensor systems on pipelines crossing fault lines in California.



Paulsson Installing Fiber Optic Distributed Strain, Acoustic and Temperature Sensors on a PG&E 34" Gas Pipeline Crossing The Calaveras Fault. Paulsson is now monitoring the pipeline periodically. Detected a strain of 15-20 mm/year on the pipeline as it crosses the Calaveras Fault



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In Summary

- Distributed Acoustic Sensors (DAS) are suitable for:
 - Recording large seismic events such as earthquakes.
 - Recording data near and in the well or borehole such as leaks in borehole tubing and casing
- Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS) Arrays are suitable for:
 - Monitoring Seismic and Acoustic events in the Formation
 - Monitoring Formation Fluid Flow events in the Formation
 - Monitoring and locating Fracturing in the Formation
 - Recording high frequency P and S waves – up to 10kHz
 - Determine the location of Seismic and Acoustic events



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We have Data and Instruments.

Let's Work Together!

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