

Beyond DAS: Advances in Distributed Rayleigh Sensing

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Presentation Overview

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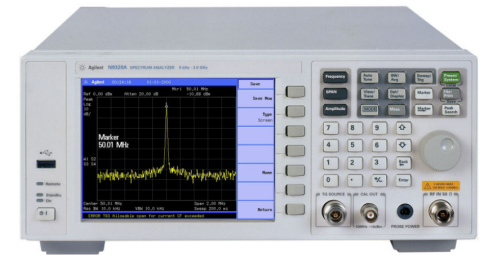
Case Study

Enhanced DTS



Company History

- 1939 Hewlett-Packard (HP) started as a test and measurement company.
- 1959 HP establishes its first production site outside of the US in Boeblingen, Germany.
- 1999 The measurement business from HP is spun off into Agilent Technologies.
- 2007 The fiber optic monitoring business is spun off to create AP Sensing.



Global Presence



Established Markets



Power Cable Monitoring



LNG Monitoring



Fire Detection



Pipeline Monitoring



Established Markets



Well & Reservoir Monitoring



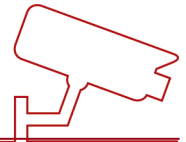
Train & Rail Monitoring



Geo- and Hydrological



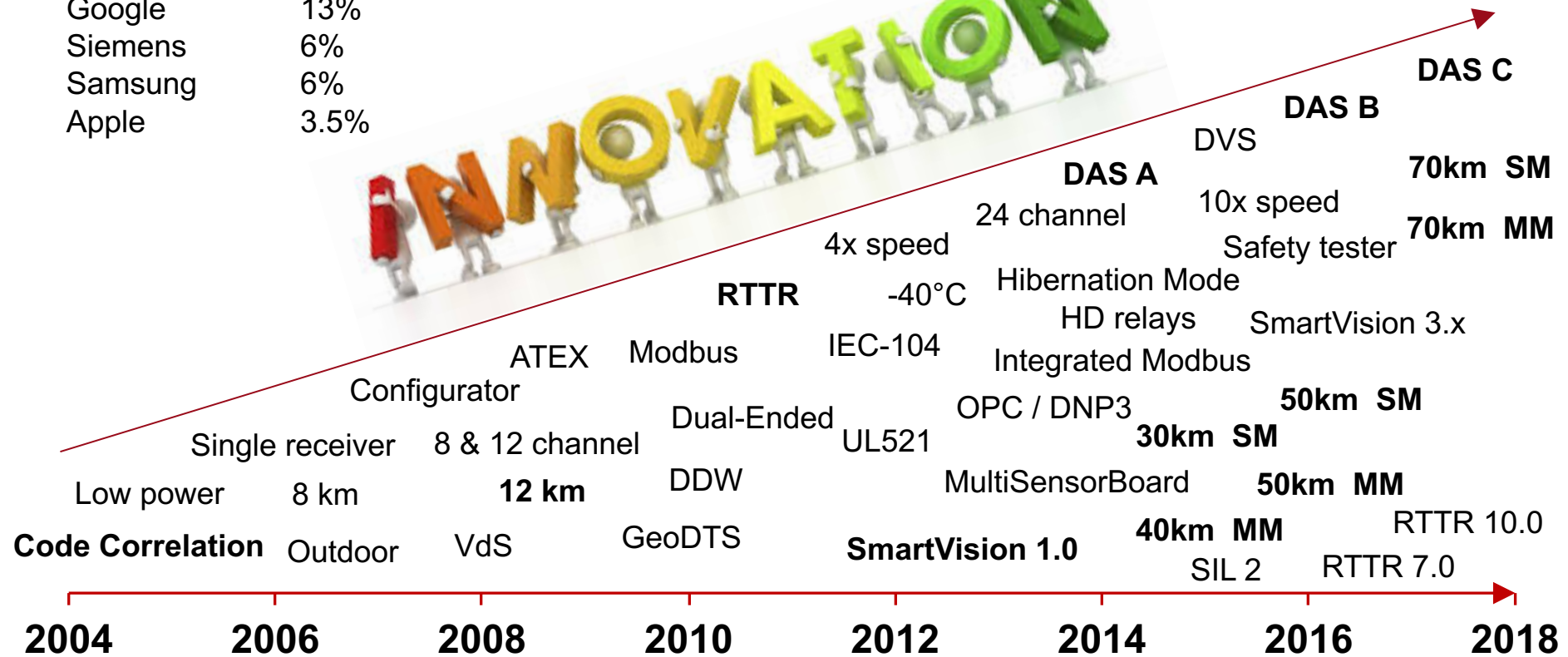
Perimeter Security



Innovative Technology Company

R&D % of Revenue

Intel	20%
AP Sensing	17%
Google	13%
Siemens	6%
Samsung	6%
Apple	3.5%



AP Sensing Solutions

Instruments



DTS



DAS



Enclosure



Wall Mount



ATEX



Low Temperature

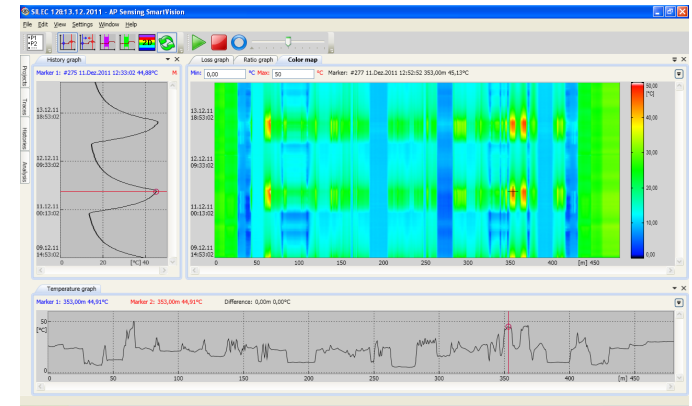
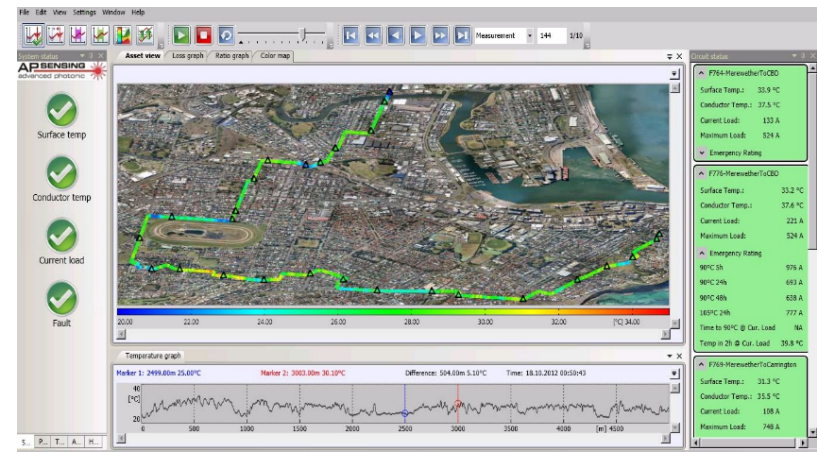
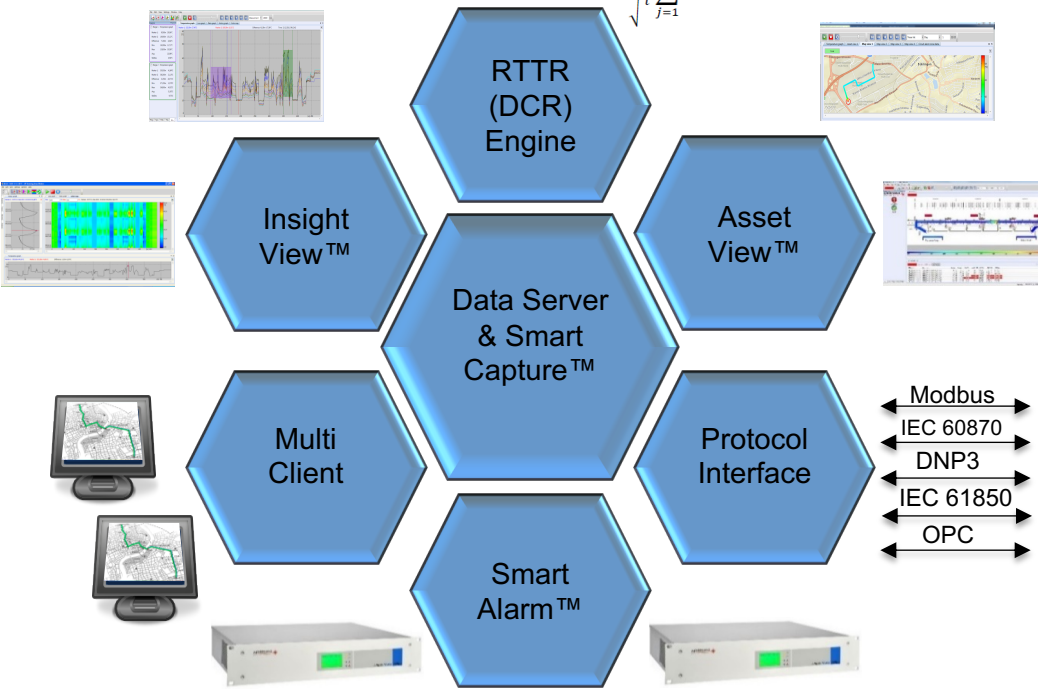
Rack Solutions



- Redundant Systems
- Networking
- UPS
- Backup Solutions
- Operator Displays

AP Sensing Solutions

$$F = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{j=1}^N [\vartheta_{est}(j\Delta t, \rho_{soil}, \vartheta_{amb}) - \vartheta_{measured}(j\Delta t)]^2 \Delta t$$



Powerful Analysis and Configuration Tools

The screenshot displays the AP Sensing DAS Configurator Client (v1.1.0.1543) interface. The main window is divided into several panes:

- Chart Settings:** Includes options for General (Base Color, Palette), Orientation (Reverse Distance Axis, Reverse Time Axis), Charts (Phase, FBE), and DTGS (Frequency).
- Rules Table:** A table for defining detection rules. A red circle highlights the 'Rules' section.

Rule Name	Label	Min Velocity	Max Velocity	Min Snr	Max Snr	Min Width (m)	Max Width (m)	Width (m)	FBE	FBE	FBE	FBE	DTGS Enabled	Model	Color
Background	General	0	1	10	100	1.0	20.0	20.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Trespass	Impulsive (Static)	0			100	20.0	200.0	50.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Train	Train	5			30.0	2,000.0	500.0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-- None --		
Unclass Moving	Unclass	2	120		25	1.0	30.0	50.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
- Sections Table:** A table for defining fiber sections. A red circle highlights the 'Fibre Configuration' section.

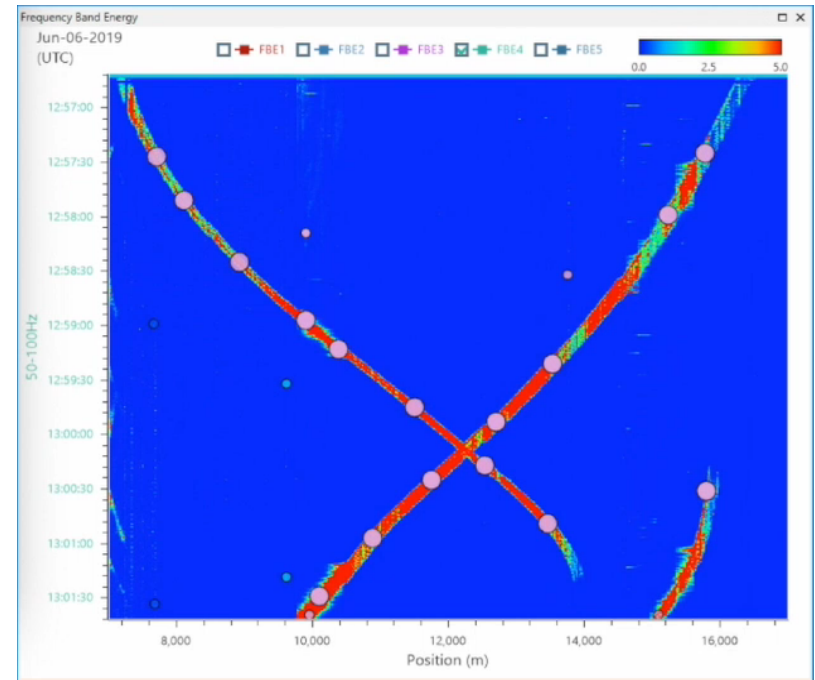
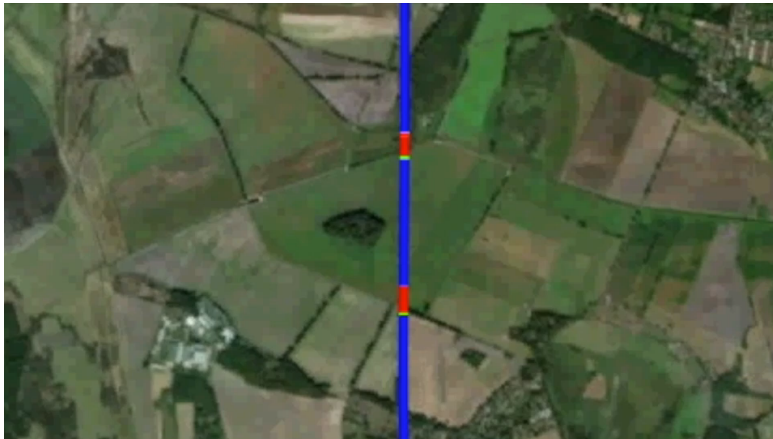
Name	Start (m)	End (m)	Enabled	4-10Hz	10-20Hz	20-50Hz	50-100Hz	100-1000Hz	1000-2000Hz	Slope
Fiber Start	0.0	17.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Reference coil	17.9	102.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Patch Cable	102.1	199.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Cable Station	199.1	500.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Train	500.3	1,656.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Station	1,656.5	2,289.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Track	2,289.5	3,351.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	28	28	99	9999	9999
Station	3,351.3	3,545.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Track	3,545.3	5,612.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Road Crossing	5,612.7	6,021.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Track	6,021.1	6,557.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Station	6,557.1	7,297.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Road Crossing	7,297.3	7,575.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Track	7,575.5	13,759.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	26	28	99	9999	9999
I23	13,759.9	13,782.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Dabendorf Station	13,782.9	14,117.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
Track	14,117.0	14,581.8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99	99	99	99	99	99	9999
- Frequency Band Energy (FBE) Plot:** A heatmap showing energy levels over time (May-08-2019 UTC) and position (3,100 to 4,200 m). A red circle highlights the 'Machine Learning' section. A tooltip for a detected train event is shown:


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Start Position : 3,338.51 (m)
Start Time : 10:28:10.000
Start Probability : 0.82
Start Class : Train
Width : 201.21 (m)
SNR : 46.53
Velocity : -13.92 (m/s)
Confidence Count : 51
      
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- System Status:** Shows the status of various components: Stopped, Server (Idle), SmartVision, Storage, FBE, and DTGS.
- Log:** A list of system events, including connection requests and establishment for Sspi, SSH, and Database.

SmartVision MapView

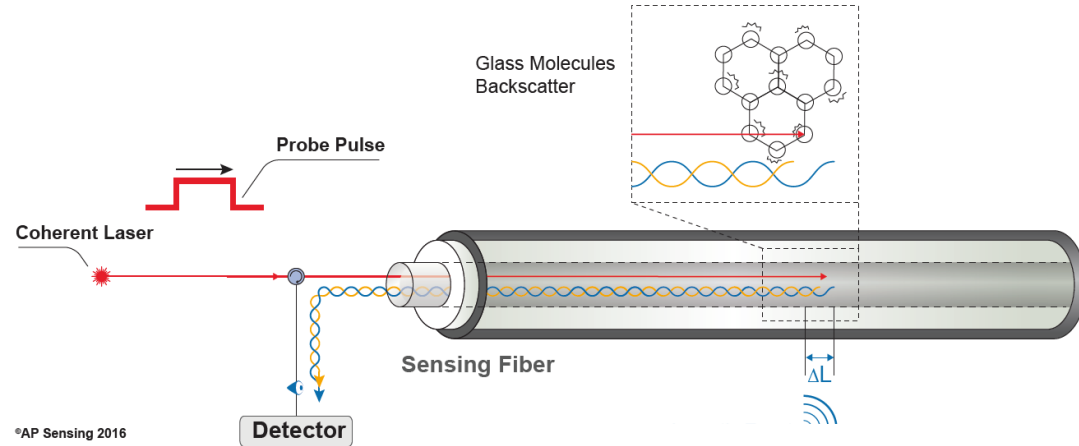
- Live data can be displayed either on satellite image or conventional schematic representation
- Train data including position, velocity and length can be displayed
- Cars at road crossings and pedestrians can also be monitored and displayed



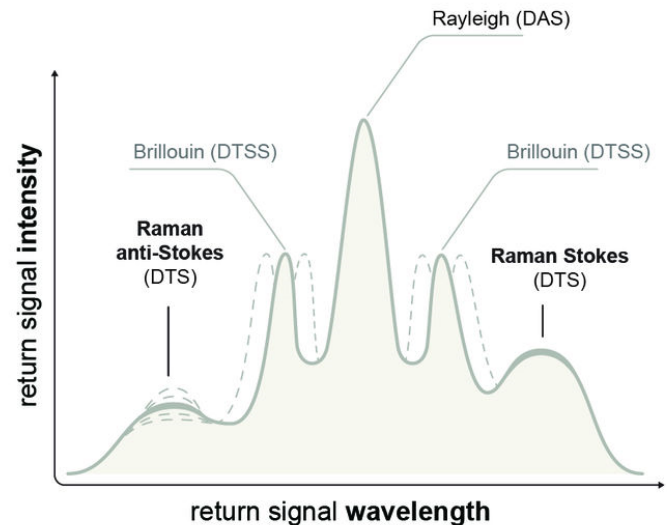
Technology

DAS Measurement

DAS is an OTDR based technology. The **position** of the acoustic/vibration event is determined by measuring the arrival time of the returning light pulse, similar to a radar echo.



The **coherent Rayleigh effect** is stimulated by minute strain changes in the fiber as a consequence of **thermal, acoustic, vibration or strain effects**. The returned signals are analyzed and presented in the form of **frequency and amplitude of disturbance**.



Terminology

Coherent Fading Noise 100%

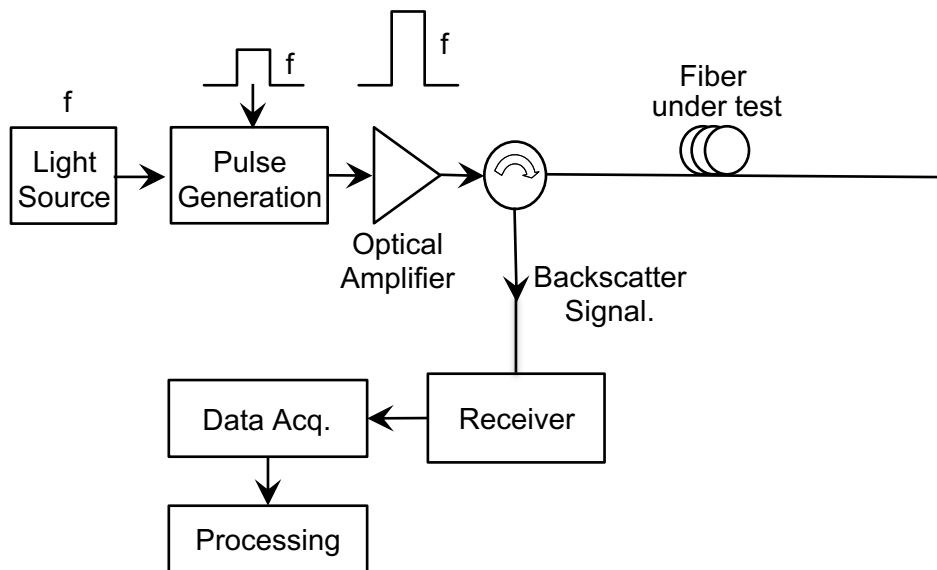
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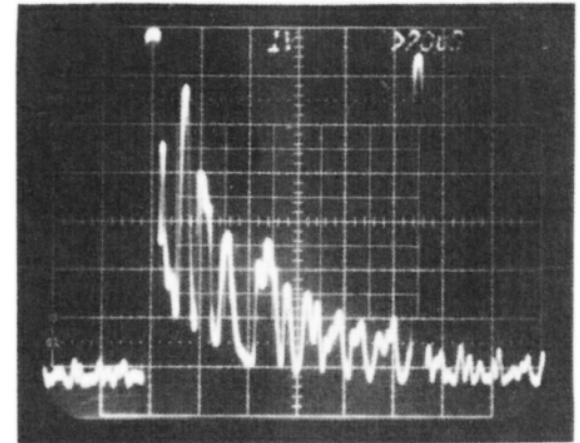


Distributed Rayleigh Sensor

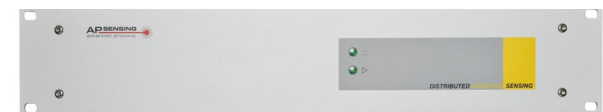
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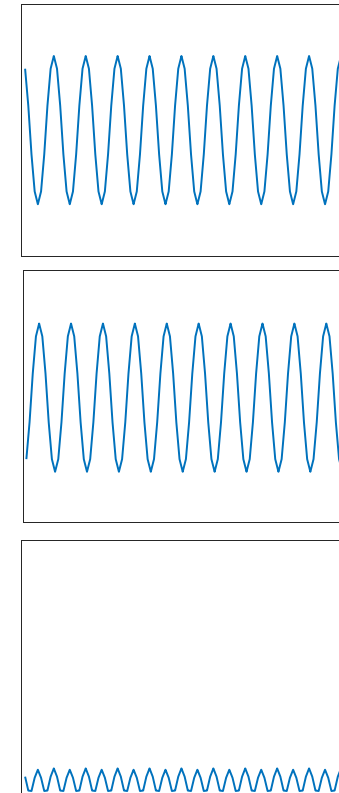
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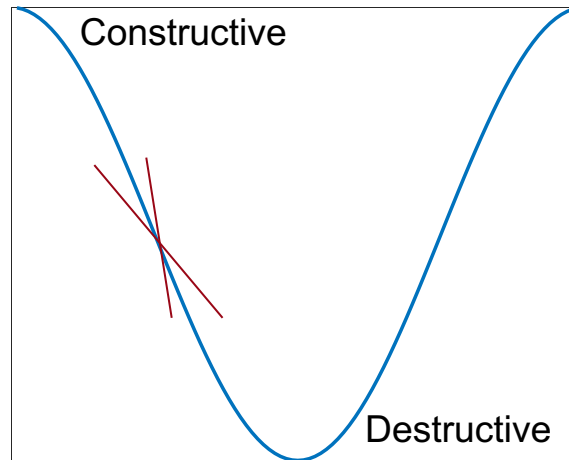
AP Sensing N5000 (2015).

Technology

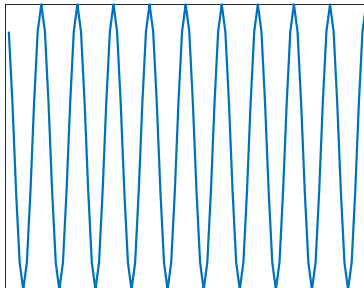
Output Signal



Interference
Transfer Function



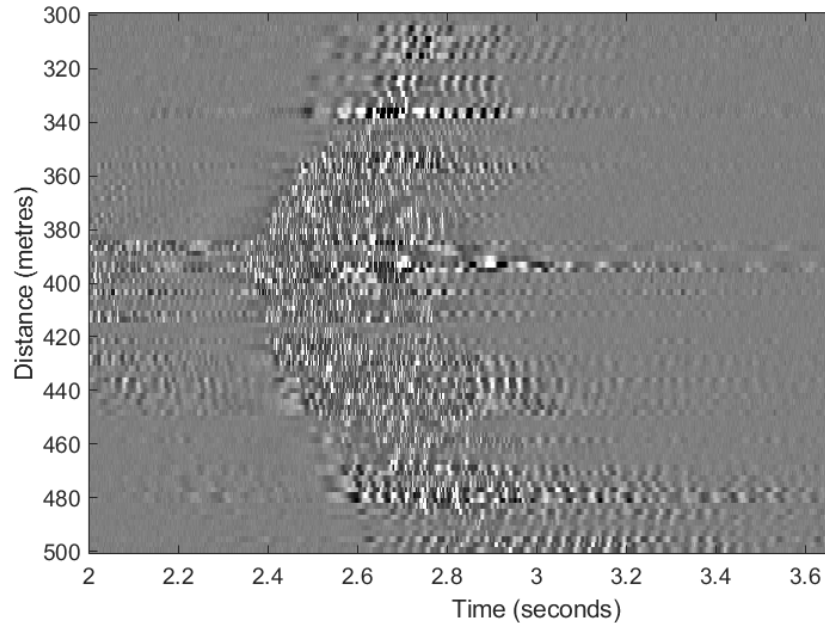
Input Signal



The transfer function is actually varying depending on the local scattering

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Technology



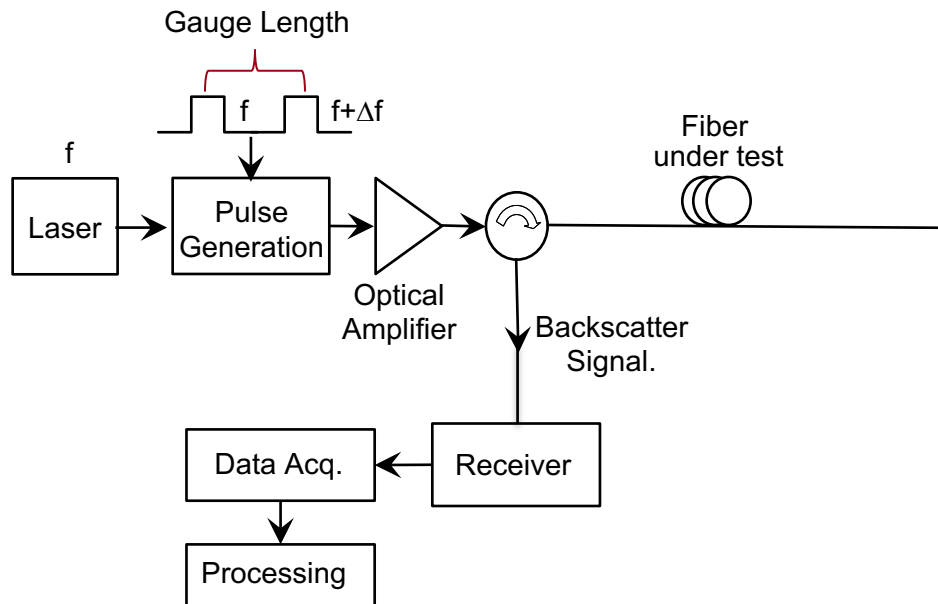
Amplitude Measurement

- Acoustic signal generates a disturbance in the 1D speckle
- Disturbance has a random sensitivity and direction
- Good for locating events but not suitable for reproducing applied signal

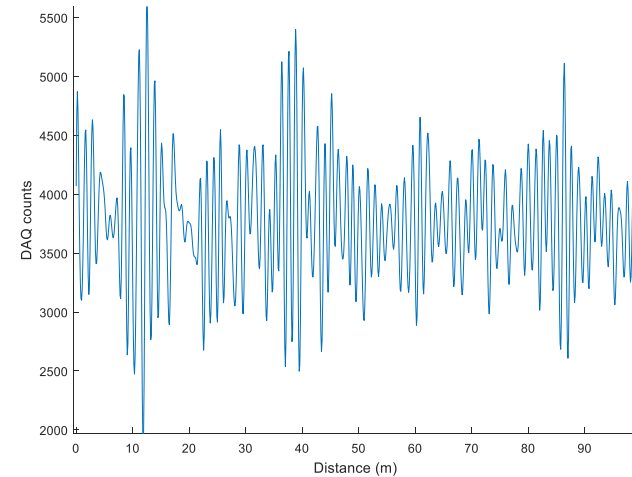


Technology

Dual Pulse Technique

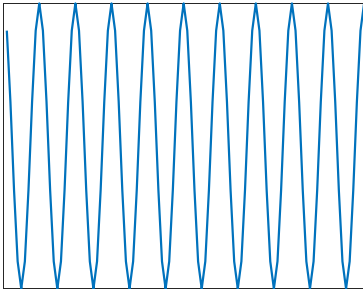


Carrier Frequency Δf

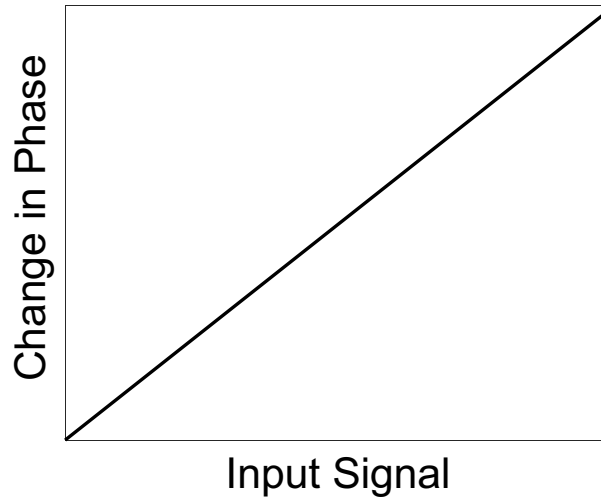


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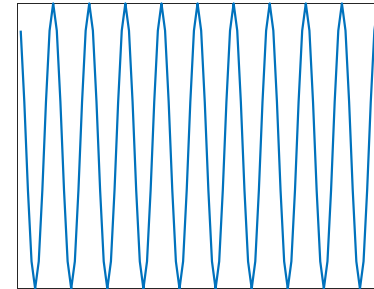
Input Signal



Transfer Function

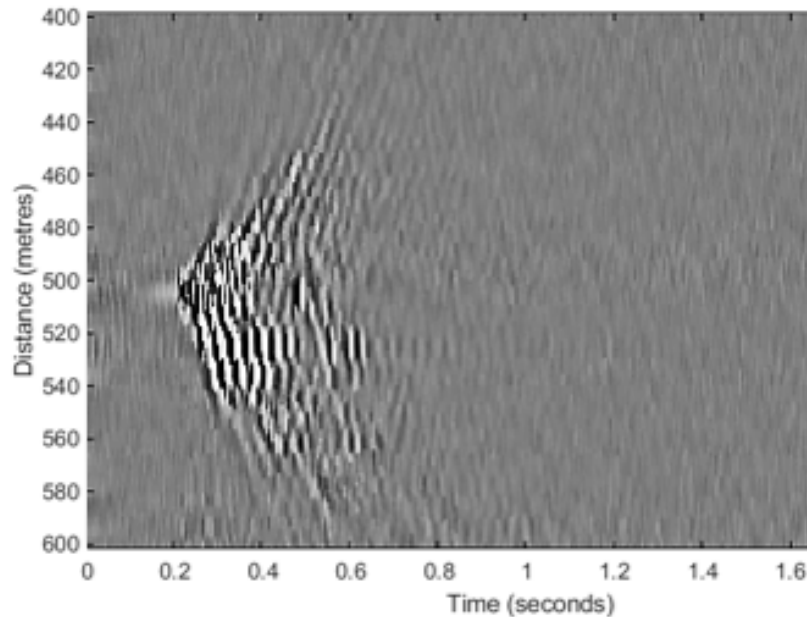


Output Signal



The output is proportional to the input

Technology

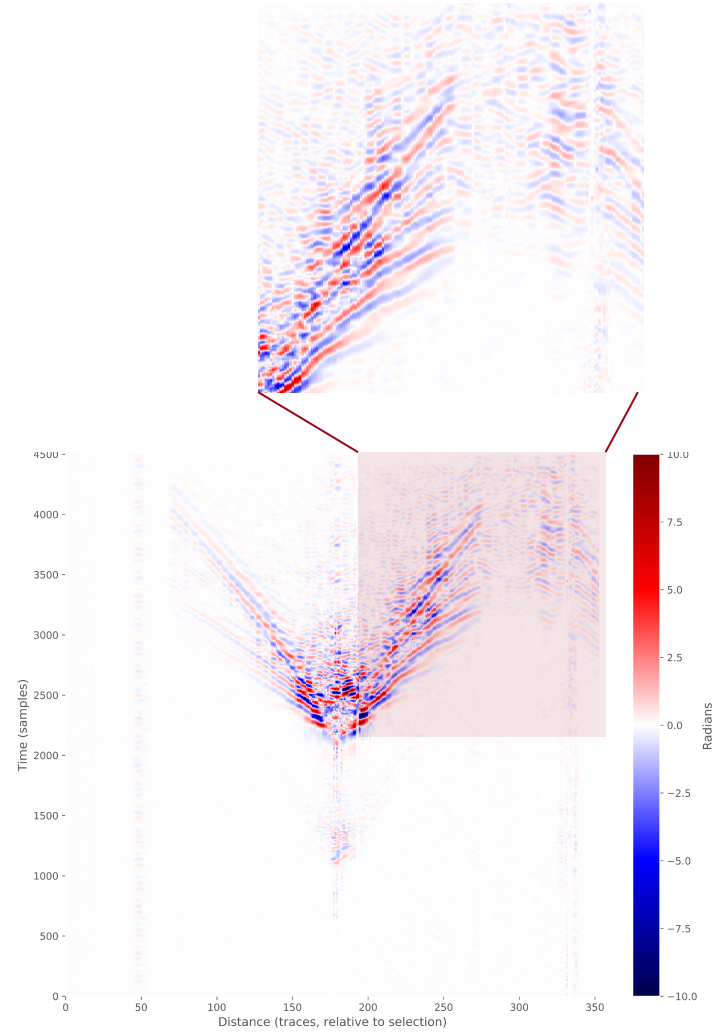
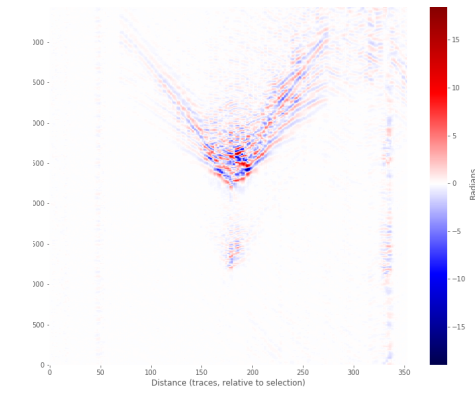
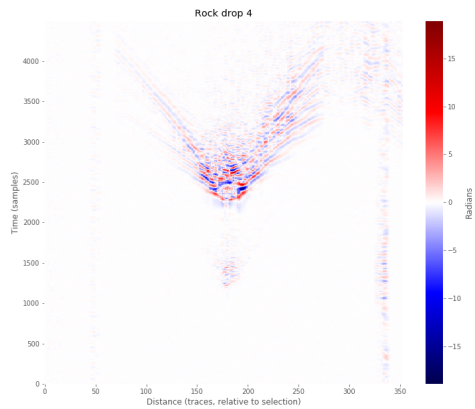
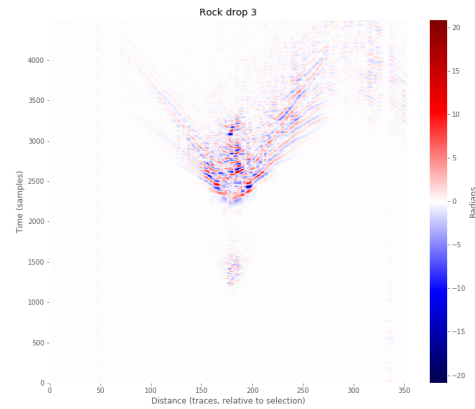
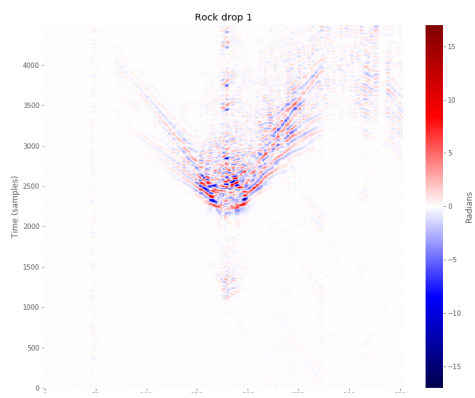


Phase Measurement
Differential Phase Measurement

- Acoustic signal generates a disturbance in the 1D speckle
- Disturbance has a known and repeatable sensitivity and polarity

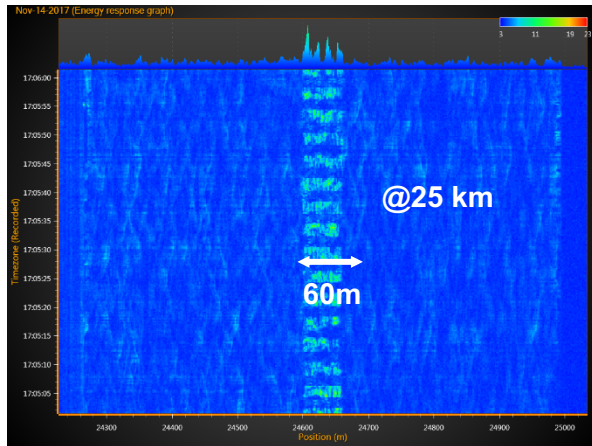


Signal Repeatability

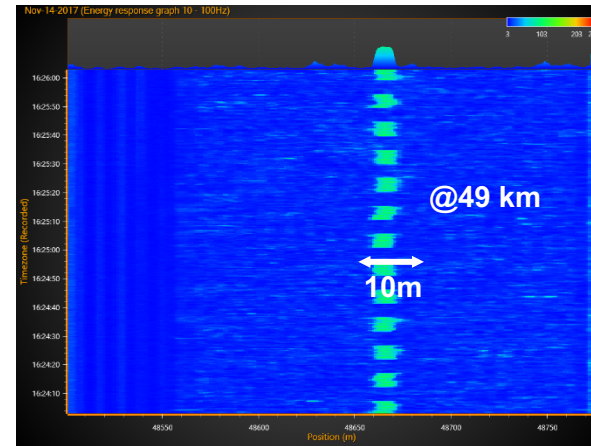


DAS Performance Comparison

Amplitude DAS



Differential Phase DAS

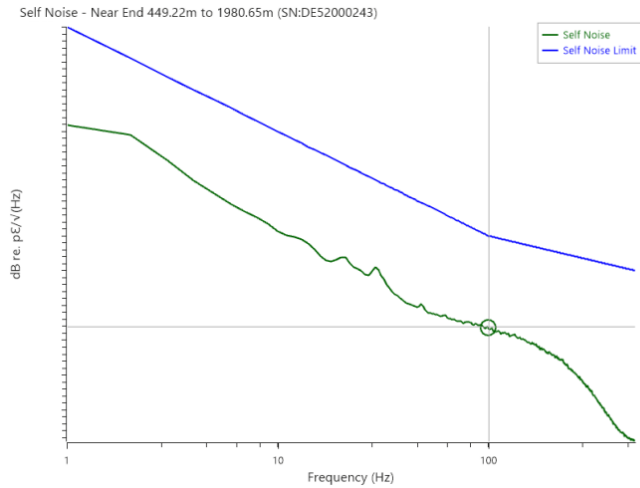


- **Conventional DAS Technology**
 - Non-linear signal response over distance and acoustic intensity
 - Can suffer from fading
- **2P Squared DAS**
 - High SNR over 70 km measurement range
 - Linear response over distance & signal strength
 - Reduced Fading

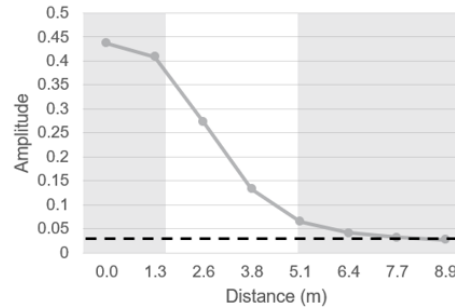
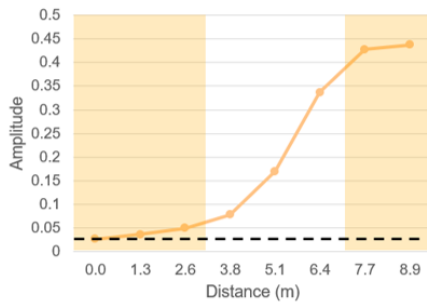
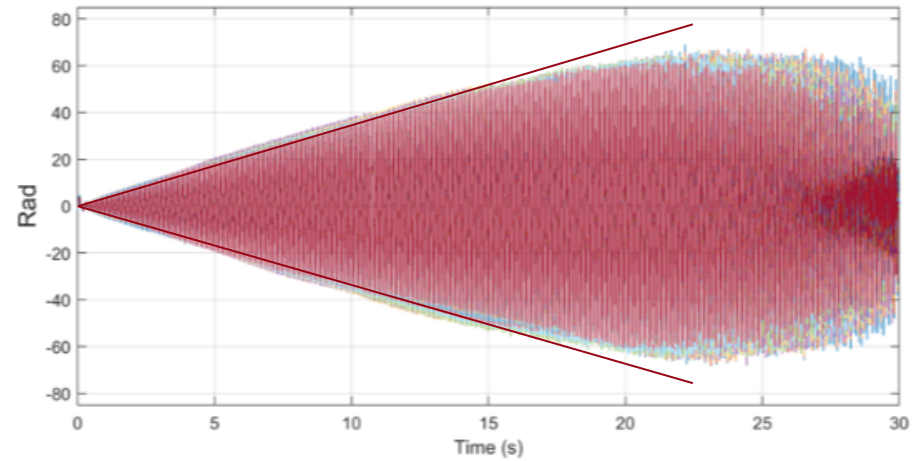
Signal Linearity

SEAFOM - DAS Parameter Definitions and Tests (August 2018)

Self-phase Noise



Dynamic Range / Linearity

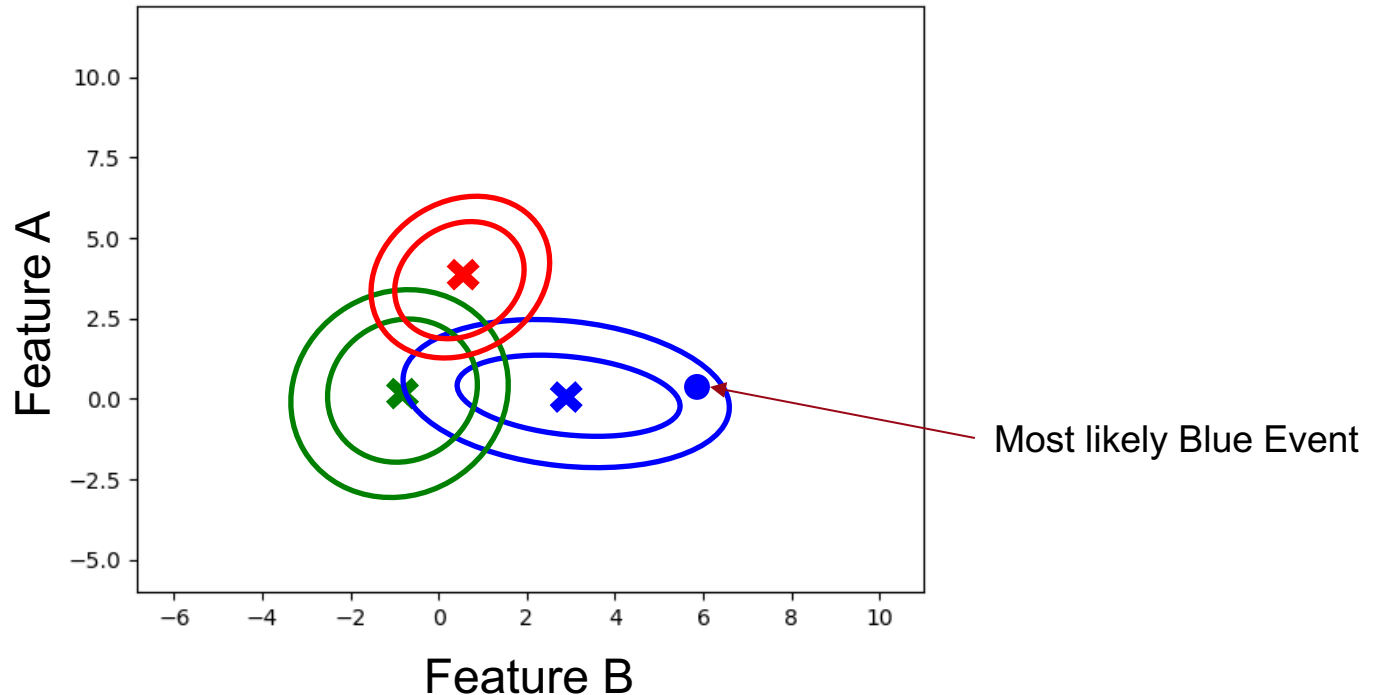


Spatial Resolution

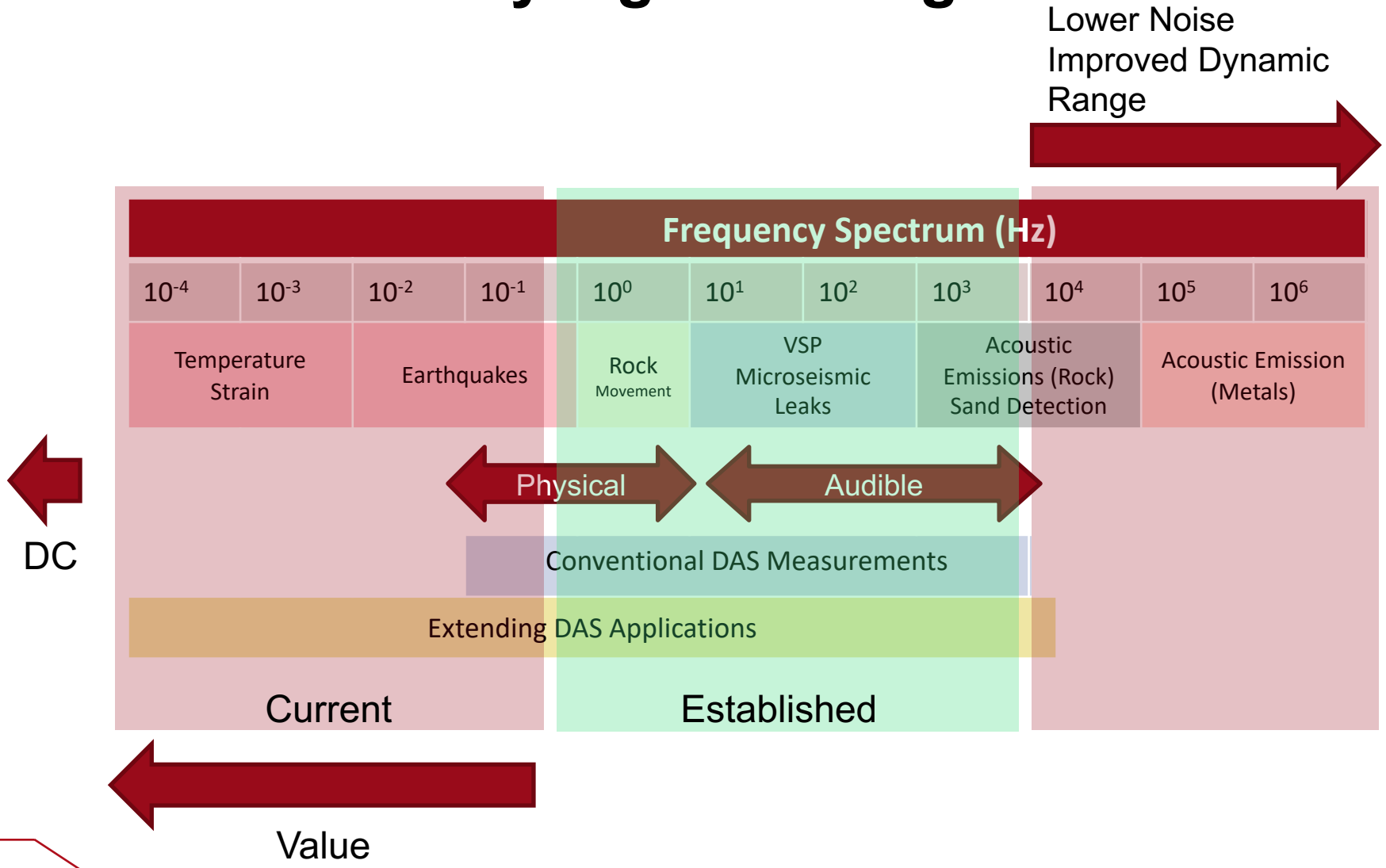
Advanced Signal Processing

The linear transfer between applied signal and the instrument output provides a much more robust prediction of events.

Prediction of class is based on proximity to the centroid of each class in different hyperplanes



Distributed Rayleigh Sensing



Case Study

Enhanced DTS (eDTS)

Distributed Temperature Sensors based on Raman scattering provide reliable, robust measures of the absolute temperature of the optical fiber

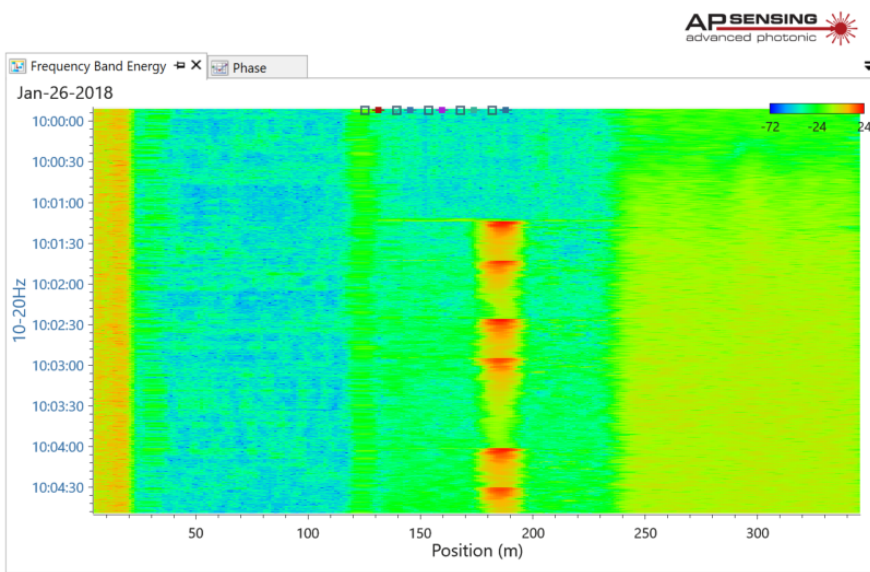
Distributed Rayleigh Sensors can provide a measure of the changes in temperature of the fiber in short periods of time

Combination of Raman DTS and DAS produces a system with improved performance both in response time and in temperature resolution

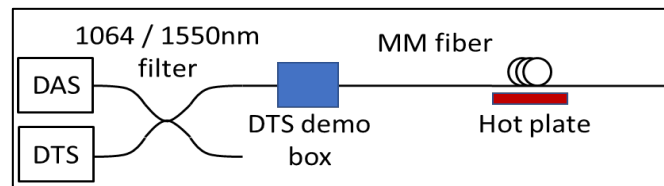
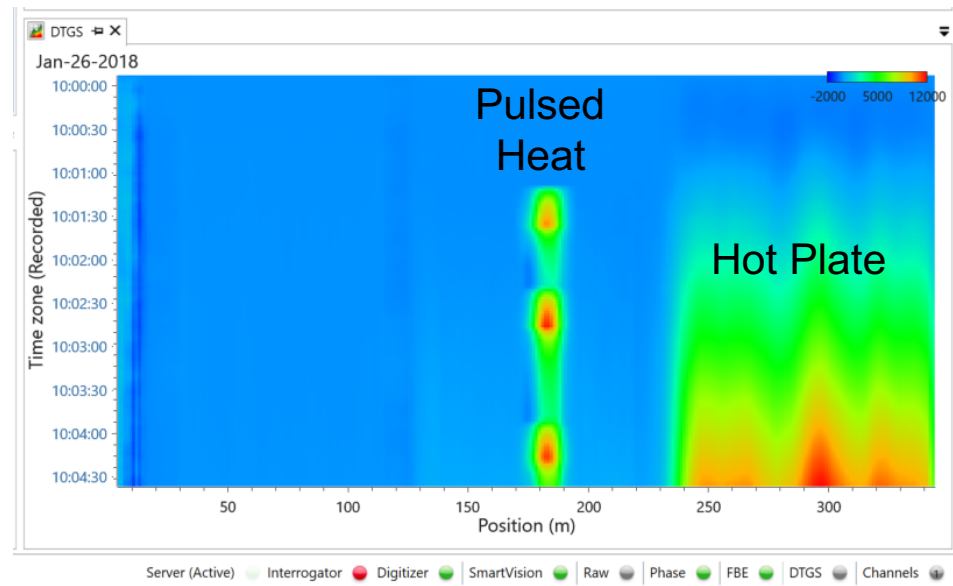


Visualisation .. DAS Configurator

Standard FBE Output

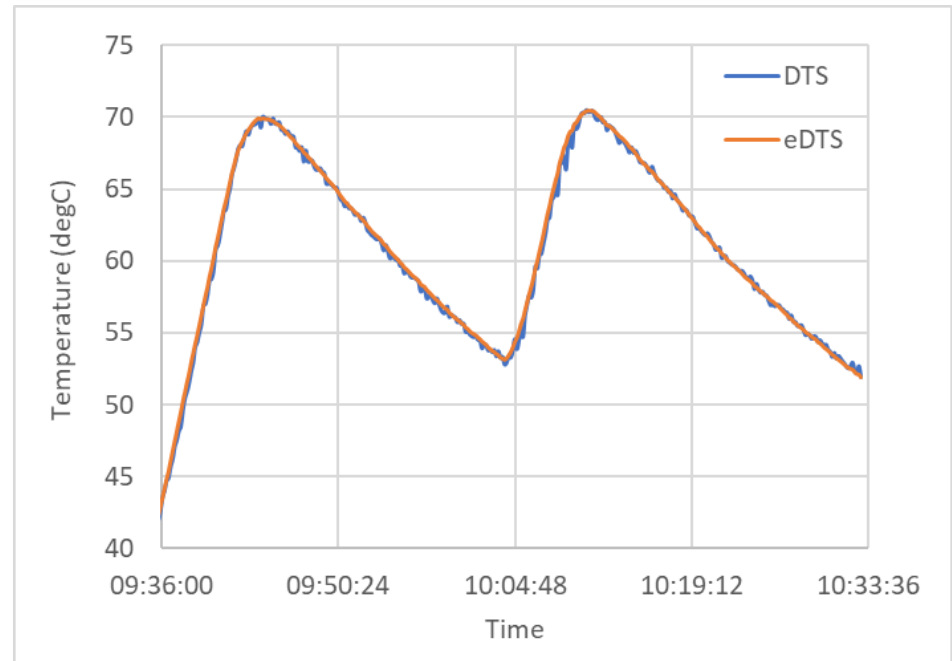


DTGS Temperature Output



Test set up – with one fiber

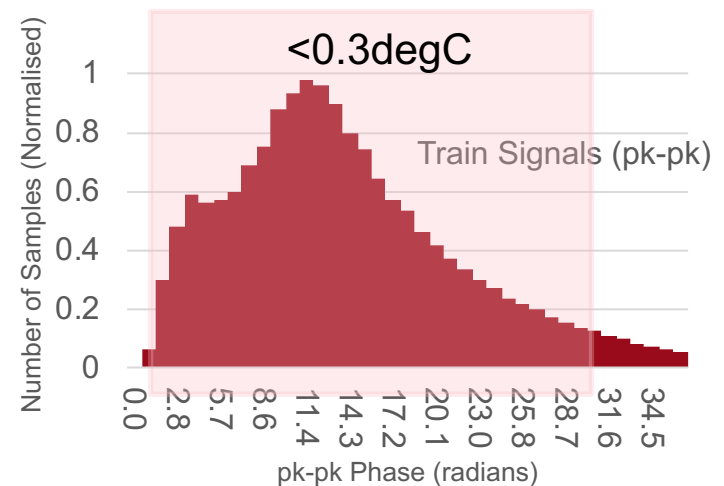
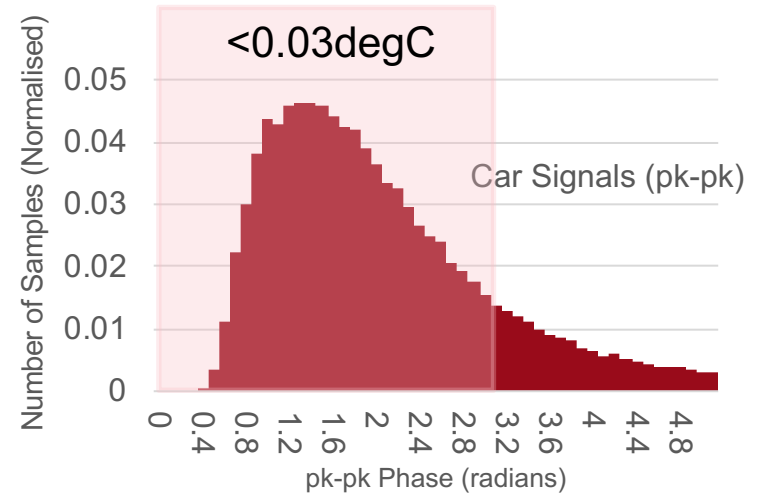
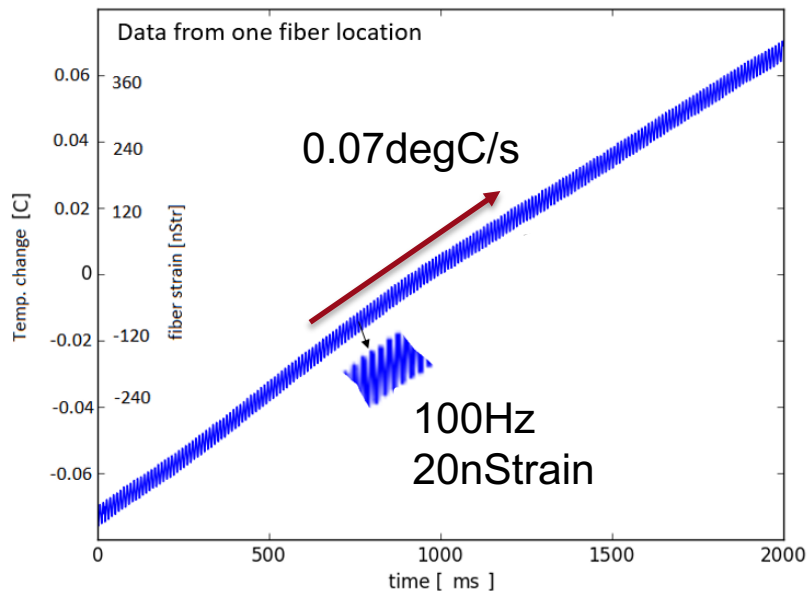
Integration .. Enhanced DTS Measurement



Acoustic vs Temperature .. Amplitude

Two key factors

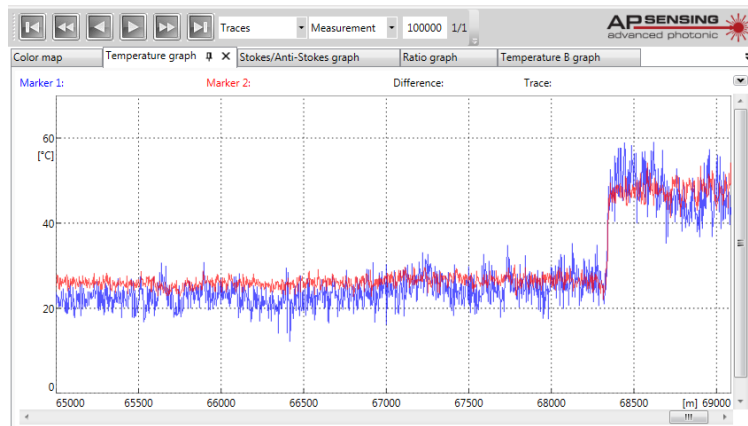
- Temperature changes are slow
- Phase changes due to temperature are large – generally much larger than acoustic signals



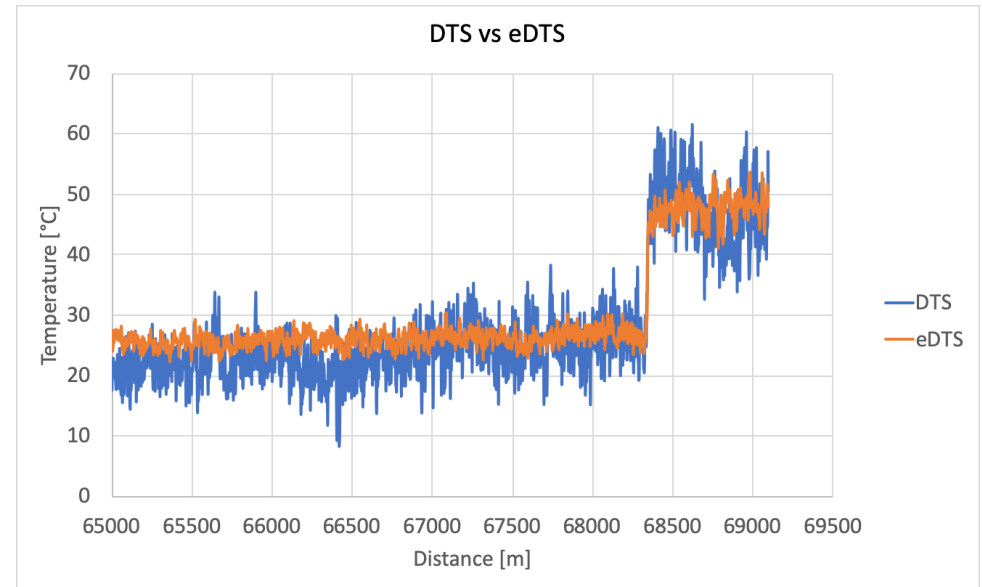
Examples of signal magnitudes from Machine Learning Library Data

Enhanced DTS Temperature Resolution

Improved temperature resolution and reduced measurement time at 69km



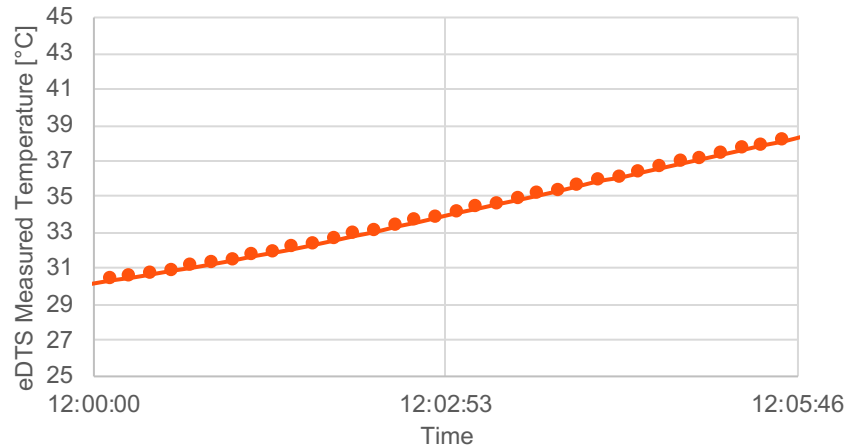
SmartVision



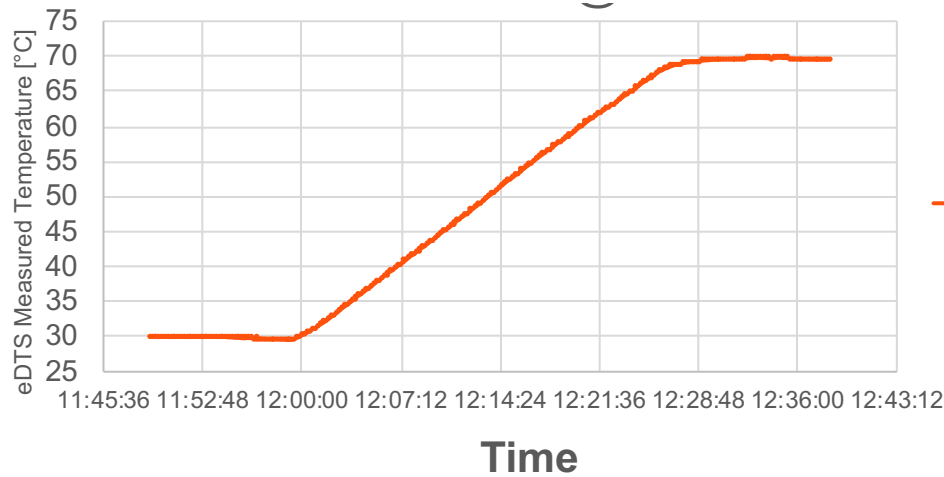
Spatial Resolution
Measurement Time
Range

2degC
30mins
69km

Enhanced DTS Measurement Time



DAS provides fast response
Each data point is 10seconds



— Temperature [°C]

Summary

- DAS terminology can be very confusing
- Not all DAS systems are the same
- Performance of a DAS where the output is **linear** and **repeatable** with the input offers significant advantages
- The low frequency output of the DAS is predominantly temperature and can be used to enhance the Raman DTS measurement to provide either an improved temperature resolution or a faster measurement output
- Exciting and evolving field with many advances to come

Questions?

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