

Diagnosis of a unit-wide disturbance caused by saturation in a manipulated variable

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Layout of the presentation

Unit-wide disturbances

- > The challenges of the case study

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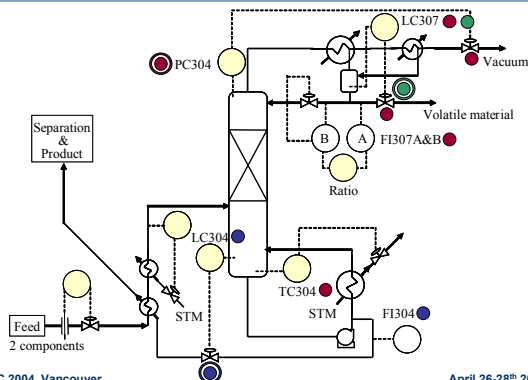
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- > Oscillation analysis
- > Wavelet analysis
- > Saturation analysis

Conclusions

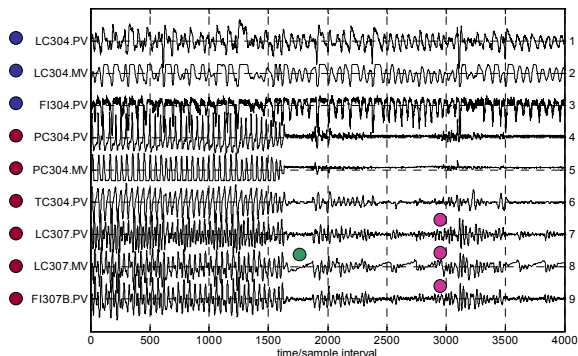
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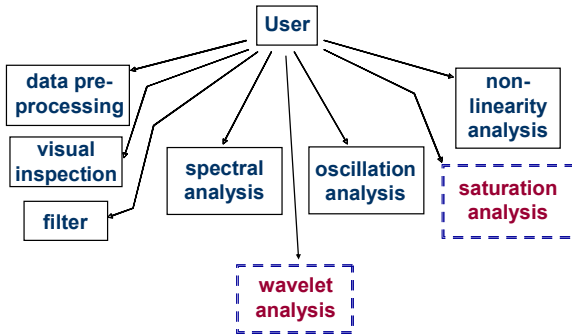
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Challenges of the case study

- > Characterize the disturbances
- > Determine how widespread they are
- > Find the causes
- > Ultimately it all has to be automated

Approaches used

- > Spectral and oscillation analysis
- > Wavelet tools from Yamatake and Mitsui
- > Non-linearity analysis (*not in the talk*)
- > Saturation analysis



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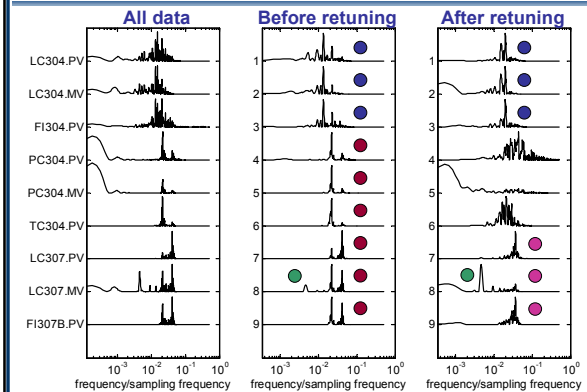
Process signal spectroscopy

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Spectral analysis

- > Power spectrum is the squares of amplitudes of the discrete Fourier transform (DFT);
- > The data set changed when pressure loop was retuned;
- > The DFTs have to be done before and after retuning;
- > A spectral peak at, say, 0.02 on the frequency axis is a sine wave with period of 1/0.02 = 50 samples per cycle.

Process signal spectroscopy



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Oscillation analysis

Oscillation analysis

Plant-wide oscillation detection

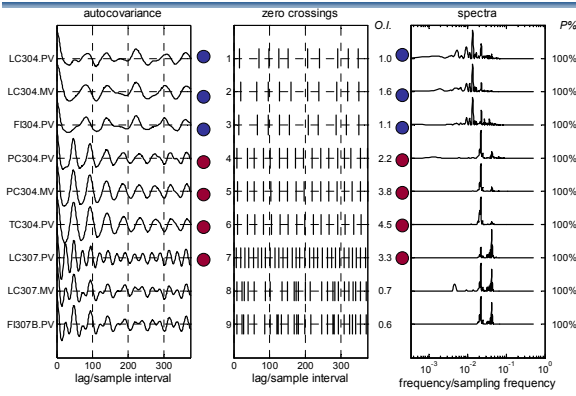
- > Regular zero-crossings suggest an oscillation;
- > Noisy time domain has spurious zero crossings;
- > Use detection of zero crossings of autocovariance functions – autocovariance is much smoother:

$$ACF(\tau) = \frac{1}{N - (\tau + 1)} \sum_{i=\tau+1}^N y(i) \times y(i - \tau)$$

where y is mean - centered and scaled

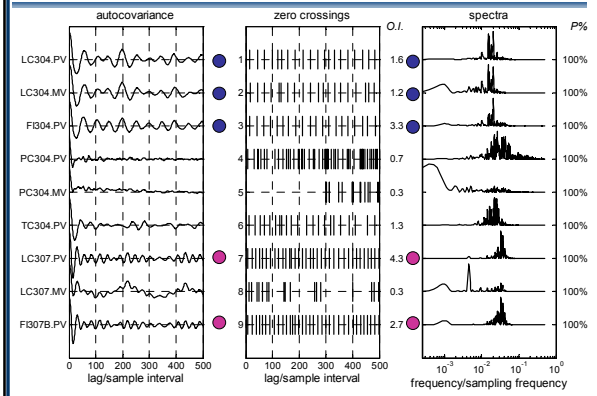
Oscillation analysis – before tuning

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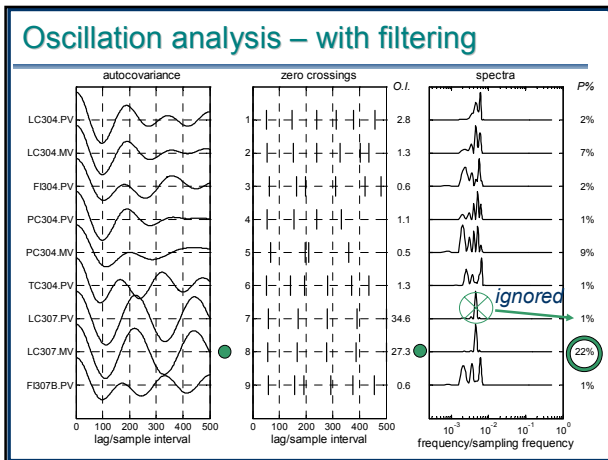


Oscillation analysis – after tuning

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Oscillation analysis – with filtering



Summary so far

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Pressure control loop was returned at sample 1800

Before retuning

- There were two main groups, Tags 1-3 and 4-9

After retuning

- Tags 4-9 were different before and after retuning;
- Tags 1-3 looked not much different after retuning;
- After retuning, tags 7-9 were different from 4-6;
- Tag 8 had a new (?) oscillation after retuning

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Wavelet analysis

- Has a high visual impact
- Shows the before and after cases together
- Quantifies the similarities

The wavelet transform

- Decompose $f(x)$ over localized basis functions with different resolutions
- Plot coefficients as colours on a 2-D position versus resolution grid

$$f(x) = a_0\phi(x) + a_1W(x) + a_2W(2x) + a_3W(2x-1) + \dots + a_{2^j+k}W(2^j x - k) + \dots$$

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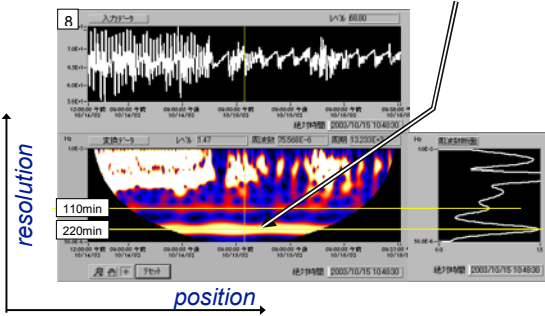
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Wavelet analysis - example

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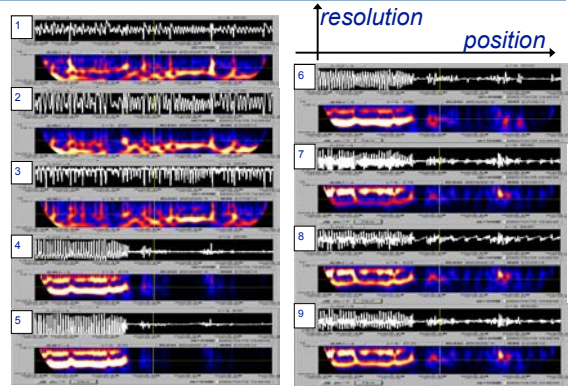
Tag 8 with the "new" oscillation at 220 mins per cycle

> Wavelets show it is not new, it was there all the time



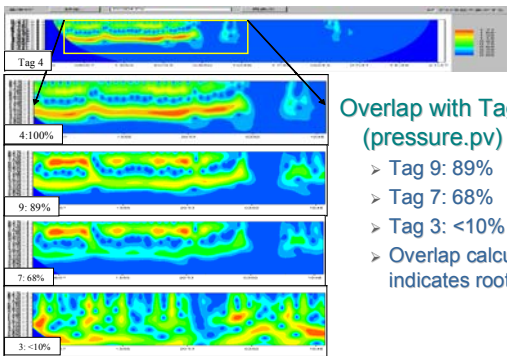
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Overlap with Tag 4 (pressure.pv)

- > Tag 9: 89%
- > Tag 7: 68%
- > Tag 3: <10%
- > Overlap calculation indicates root cause

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Saturation analysis

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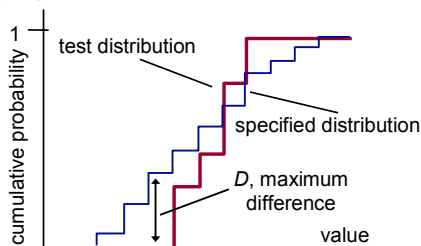
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Based on Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

- > Robust, non-parametric
- > Tests if test data match a specified distribution
- > Sampling distribution of D is known



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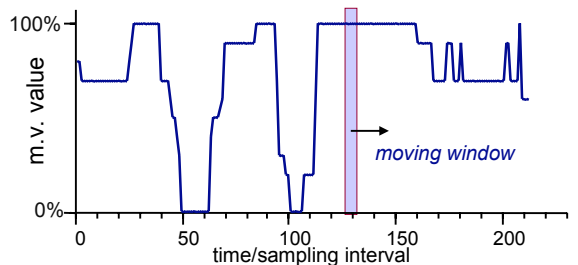
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Test the distribution of values in a moving window

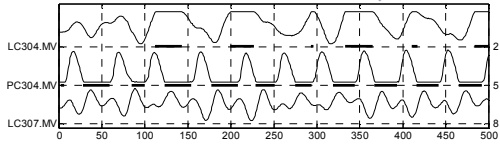
- > If similar to [100 100 100 100 100] – fully open
- > If similar to [0 0 0 0 0] – fully closed



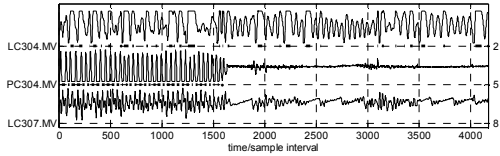
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— **indicates saturation** *close-up, before retuning*



before and after retuning



A new finding

- > A healthy valve caused oscillation
- > Oscillation + non-linearity ≠ faulty valve

Conclusions

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- > A suite of data analysis tools was presented
- > They work on different aspects of data;
- > Wavelet analysis enhanced and reinforced the findings;
- > Saturation was automatically detected;
- > The case study was solved by the tools;
- > The root cause was a tuning problem driving a pressure loop into saturation.

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