



# Application of Neural Networks for Acoustic Emission Method

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## AI for AE

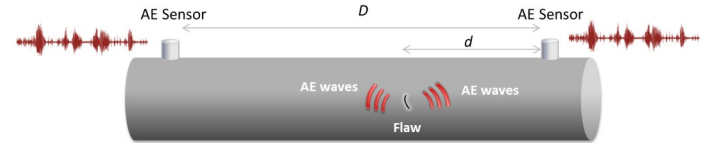
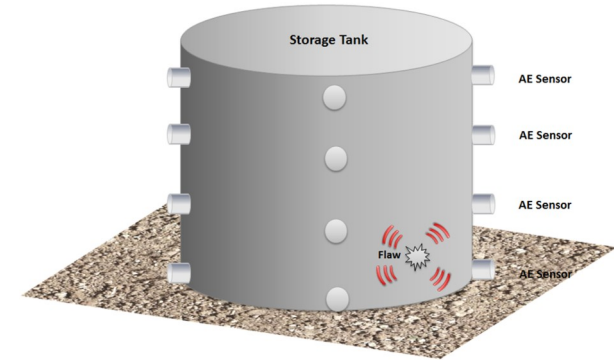
- Acoustic emission (AE)
- BP (feed-forward) networks for location of AE sources
- Identification of helicopter gear box modes
- Detection of plastic deformation in materials
- Detection of AE bursts (material cracking) in noisy continuous signals
- Challenges for the future



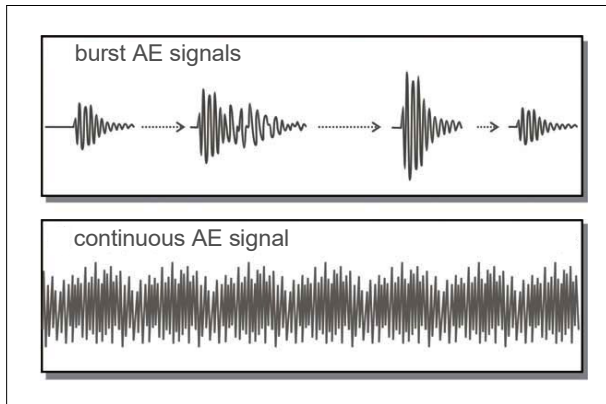
## ACOUSTIC EMISSION (AE) METHOD

Passive monitoring of ultrasonic elastic waves initiated by various processes in materials.

- Burst AE:** *plastic deformation of metals, crack growth, friction, material failure...*
- Continuous AE:** *leakage of liquids under pressure, machining, welding, monitoring of technological processes and devices...*



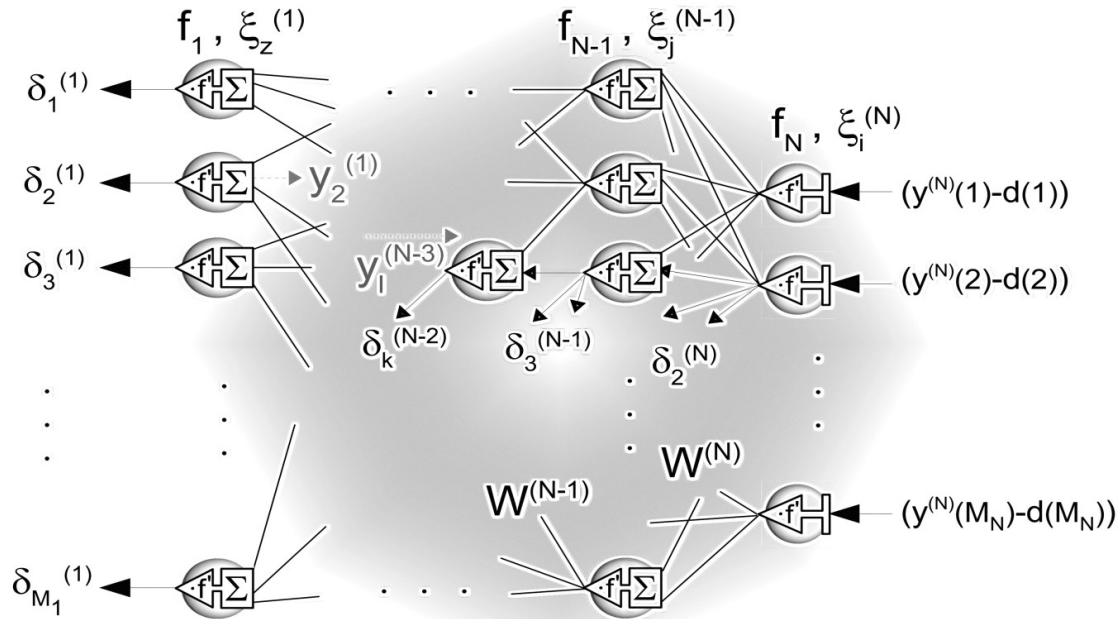
## MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS



- ➔ **Multilayer Back-propagation networks**  
**Localization of material defects**  
*(especially for cases of complex structures)*
- ➔ **Convolutional neural networks (CNN)**  
**Condition monitoring of rotating mechanisms**  
*(bearings, gearboxes, etc.)*

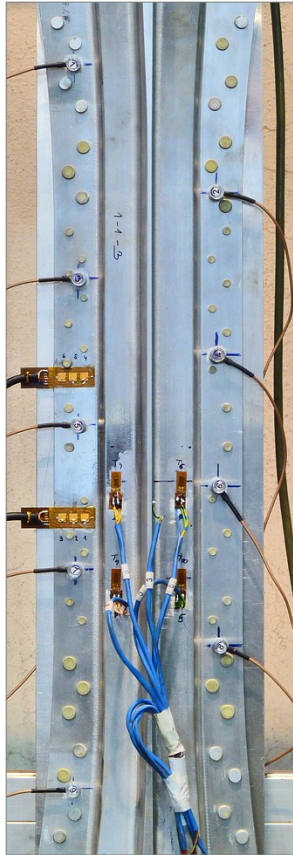


## Backpropagation (feed-forward) networks

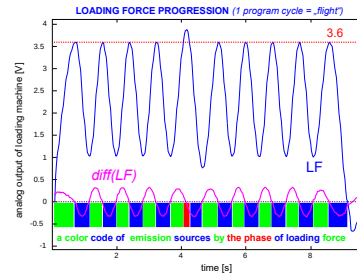


**Long-term fatigue tests of riveted aircraft wing flange**

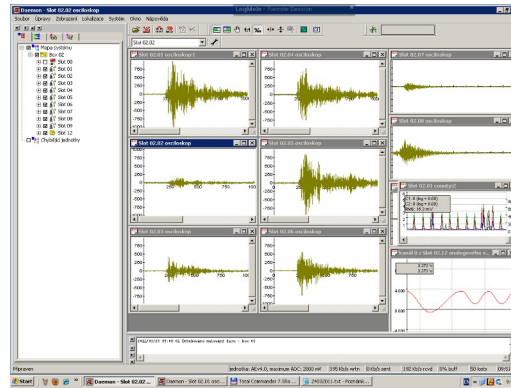
**SPECIMEN  
 (WING FLANGE)**



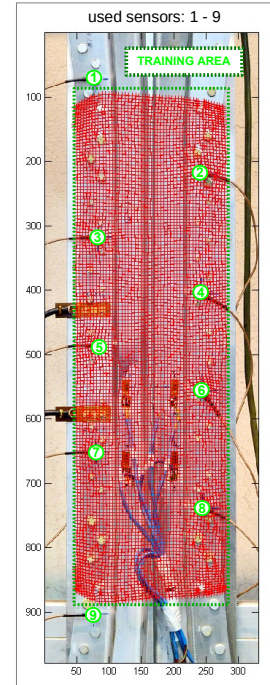
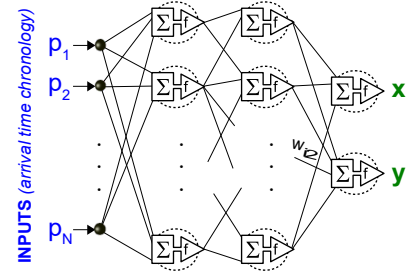
**FATIGUE LOADING**



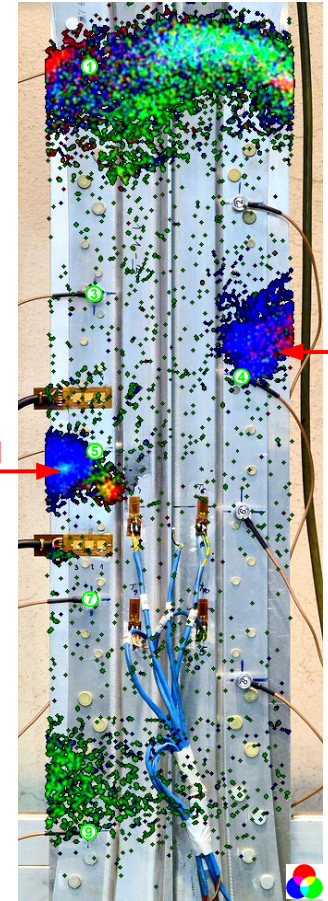
**REMOTE AE MONITORING**



**TWO-HIDDEN-LAYER BP NETWORK**



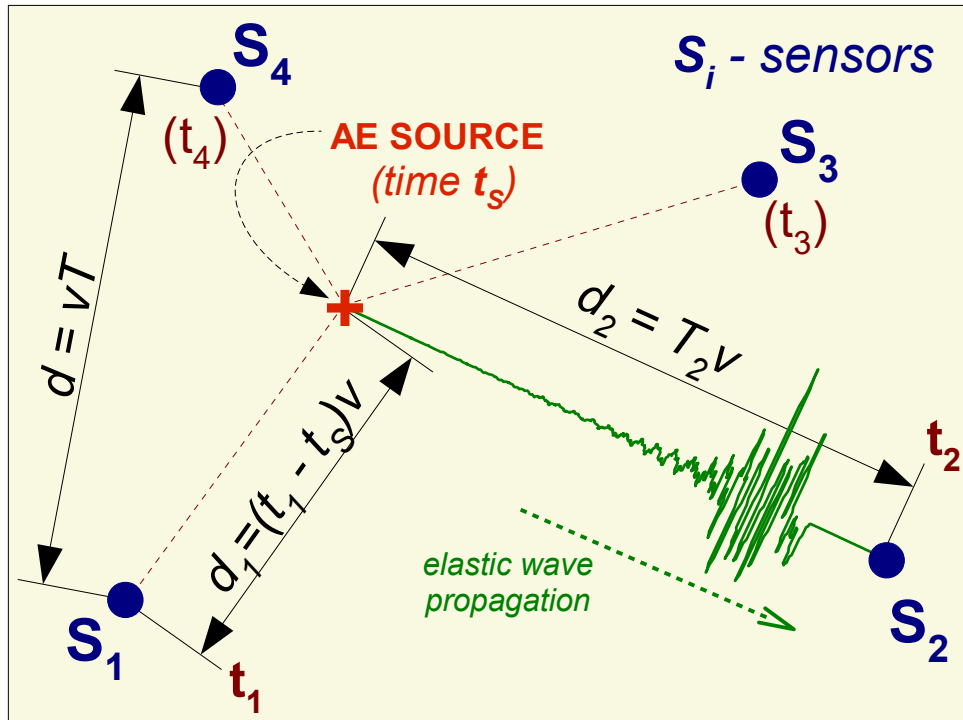
**LOCATION OF AE SOURCES**



*small artificial crack*

*unexpected fatal crack*

- Demonstration scheme of AE signal measurement (2D model)**  
 - configuration of AE sensors  $S_1$ - $S_4$  placed on planar body



tested area

notation:

$t_s$  - time of AE source inception

$t_i$  - signal arrival time

$T_i$  - signal propagation time  
 from source to sensor  $S_i$

$T$  - normalization period

$d_i$  - the distance between  
 AE source and sensor

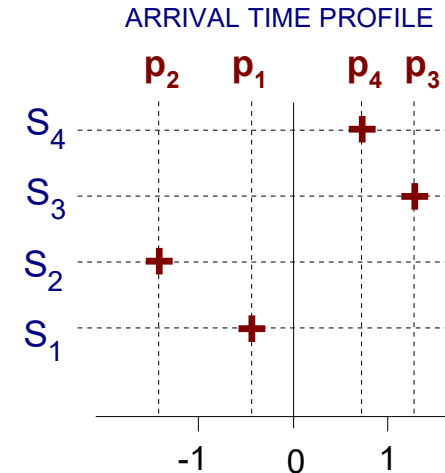
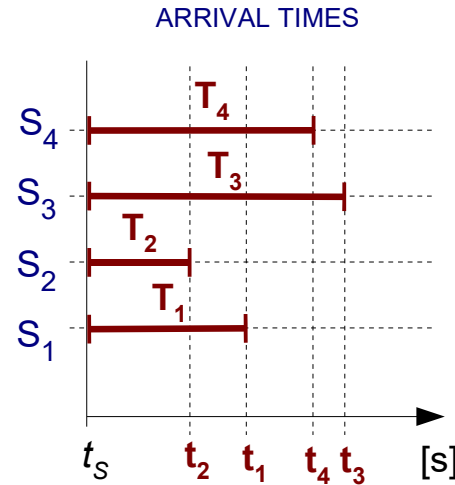
$d$  - the distance between two  
 appropriately selected  
 points

$v$  - elastic wave velocity

## • Definition of arrival time profile (ATP)

- signal arrival time treatment is inspired by the analysis of signal detection chronology

$$p_i = \frac{N T_i - \sum_{j=1}^N T_j}{\sum_{k=1}^N \left| T_k - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N T_j \right|}$$

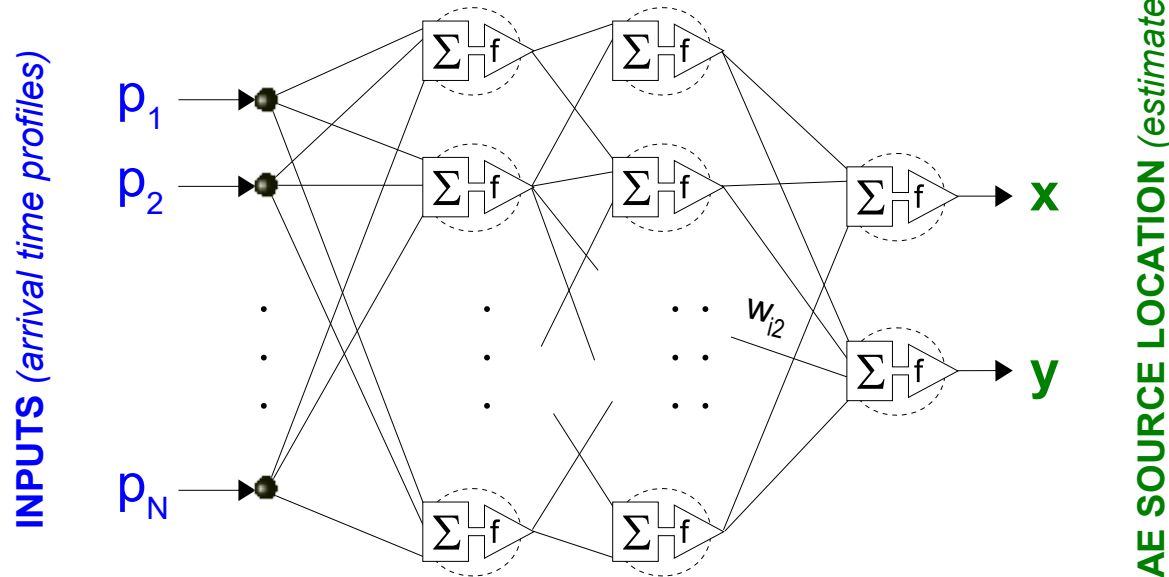


## • Independence of ATP on wave velocity and scale changes

Only the AE signal arrival times  $t_i$  are available. Assuming  $t_s$  as the time of AE source initiation, it is easy to revise the original formula, while  $T_i = t_i - t_s$

## • Training of neural network

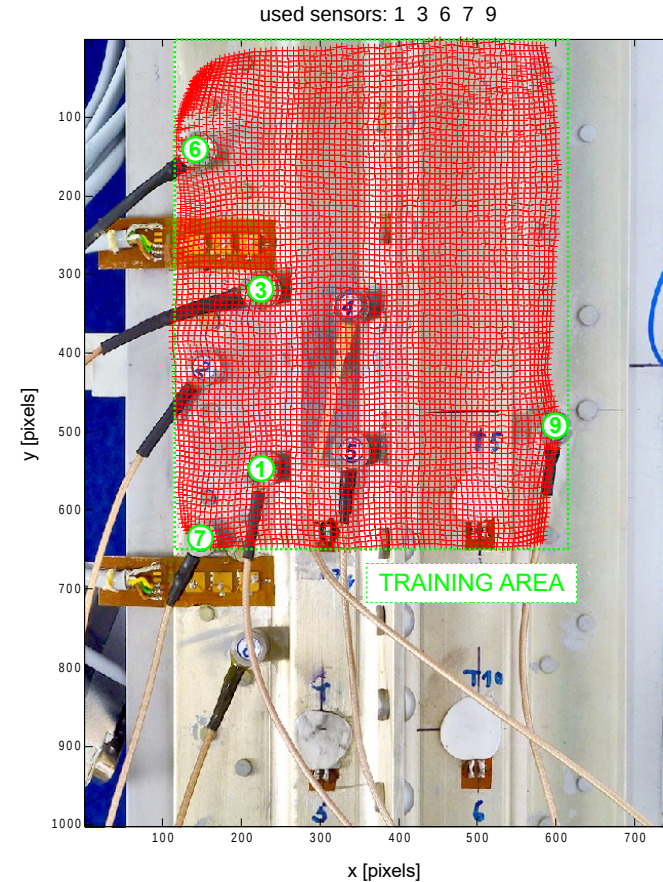
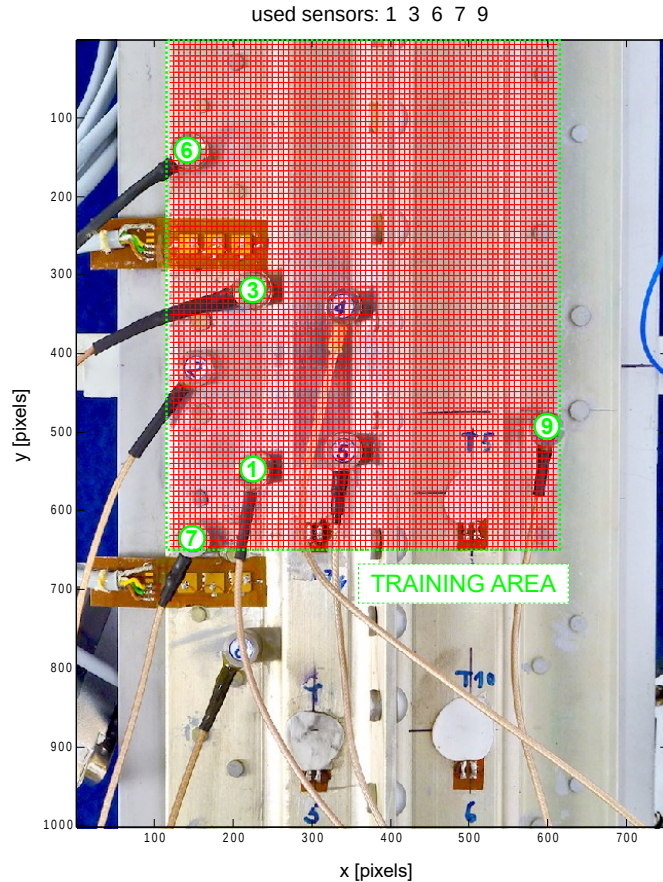
- network *architecture* (approximate numbers of neurons in each layer): ***N-35-25-2***
- initial weights were adjusted by *statistical optimization* of starting neuron potentials
- weights and biases were adjusted by fast *resilient back-propagation* algorithm with *momentum* and *regularization* (*training data - set of virtual AE sources*)





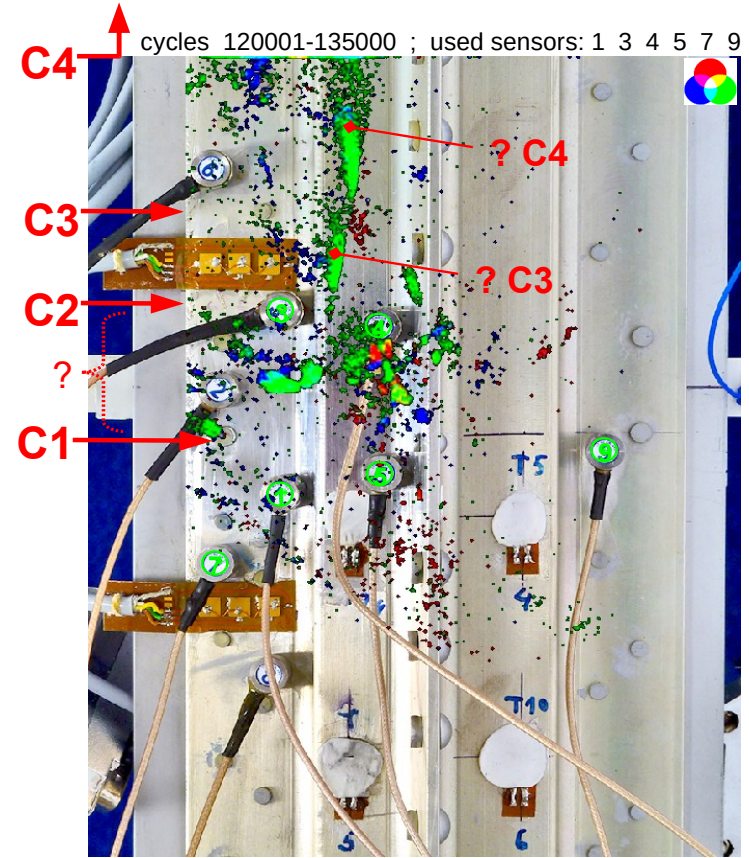
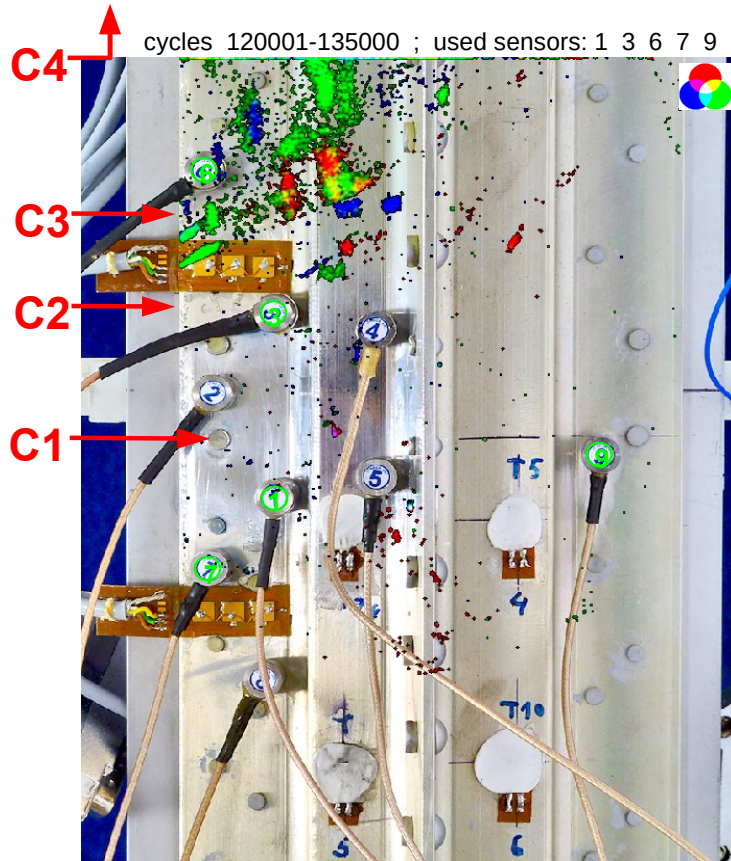
# APPROXIMATION FEATURES OF ANN

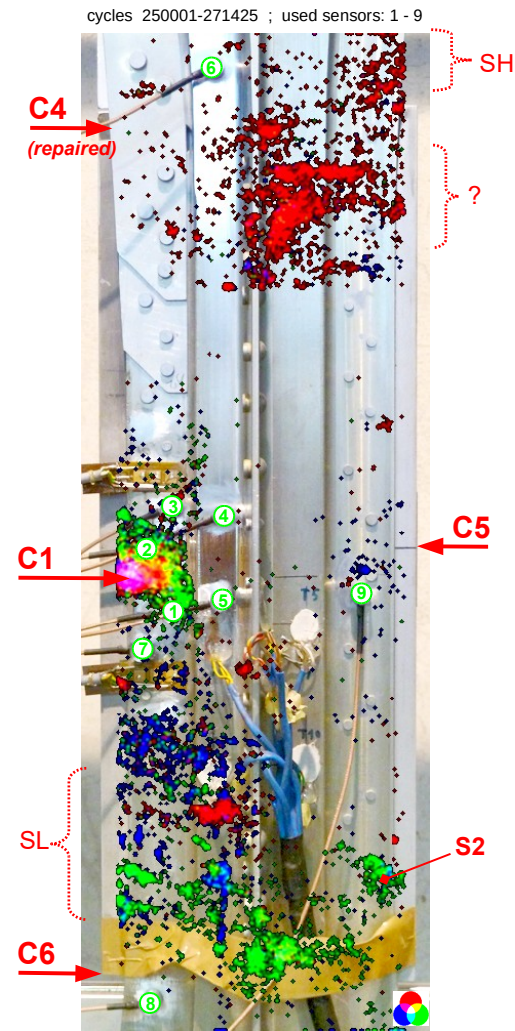
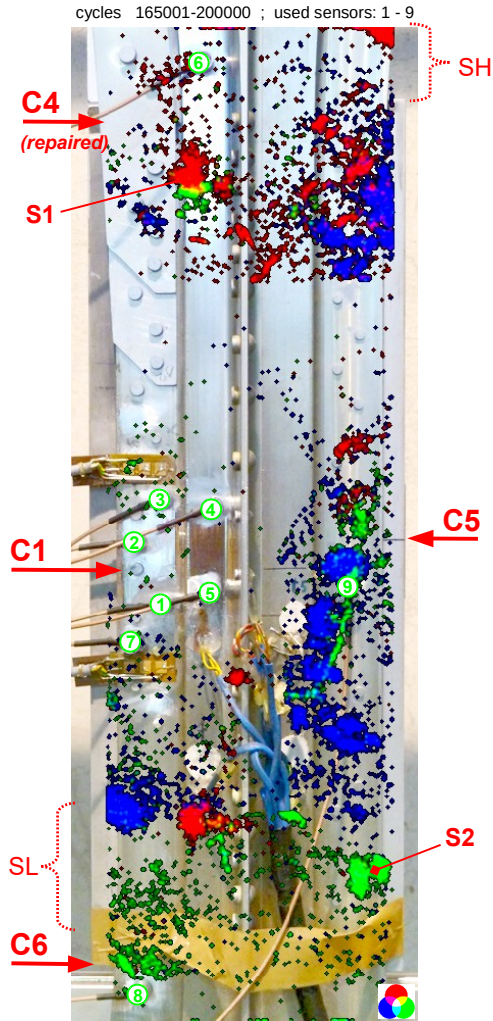
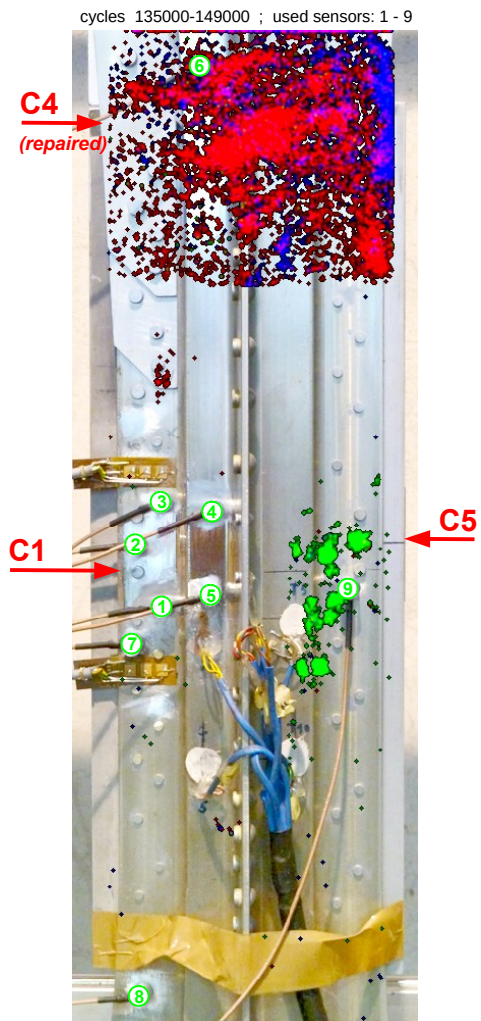
- Spreading of virtual training sources and their projection by learned neural network



## LOCATION OF REAL AE SOURCES

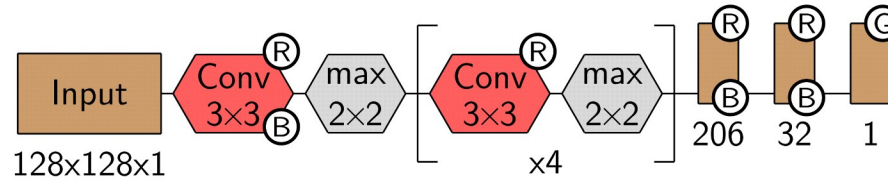
- Results for two different configuration of sensors



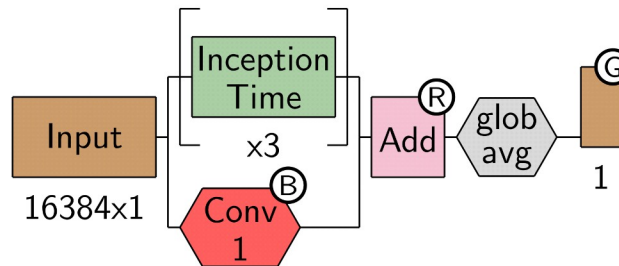




## Convolutional networks



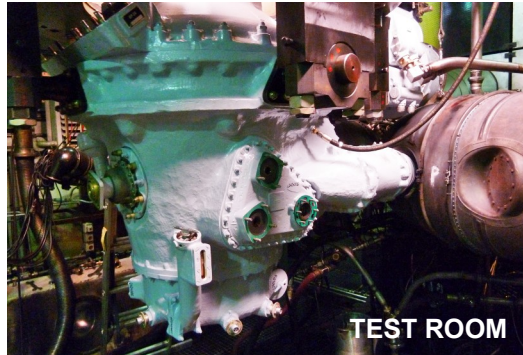
*Simple ConvNet architecture.*



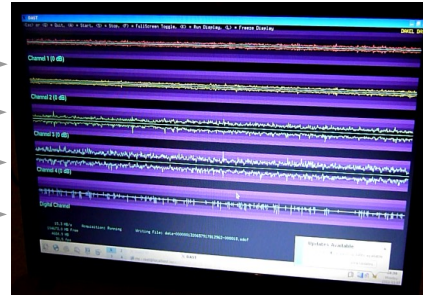
*InceptionTime architecture.*



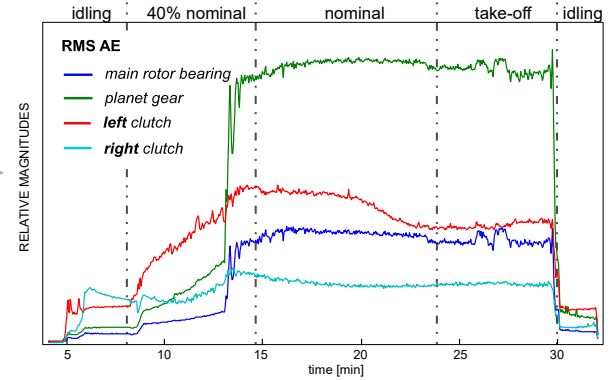
## Renewed helicopter gear box running-up



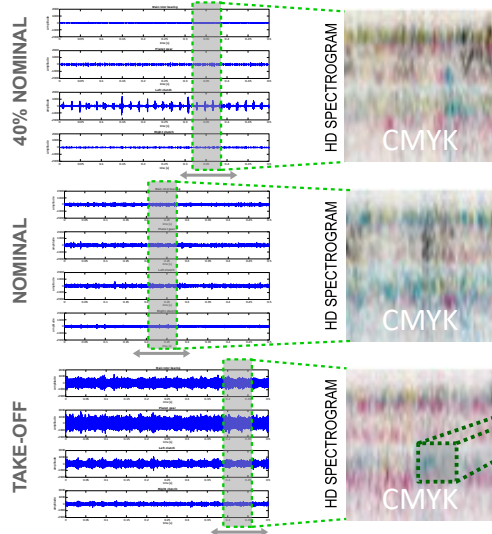
### 4-channel AE monitoring



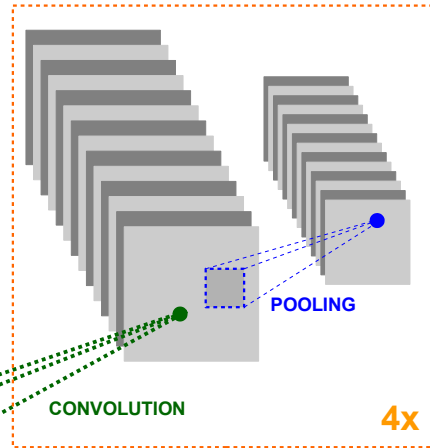
### OPERATION MODES OF GAS TURBINE JETS



### ACOUSTIC EMISSION RECORDS

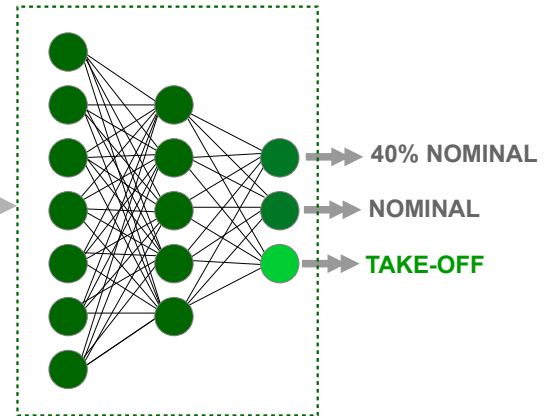


### CONVOLUTIONAL LAYER



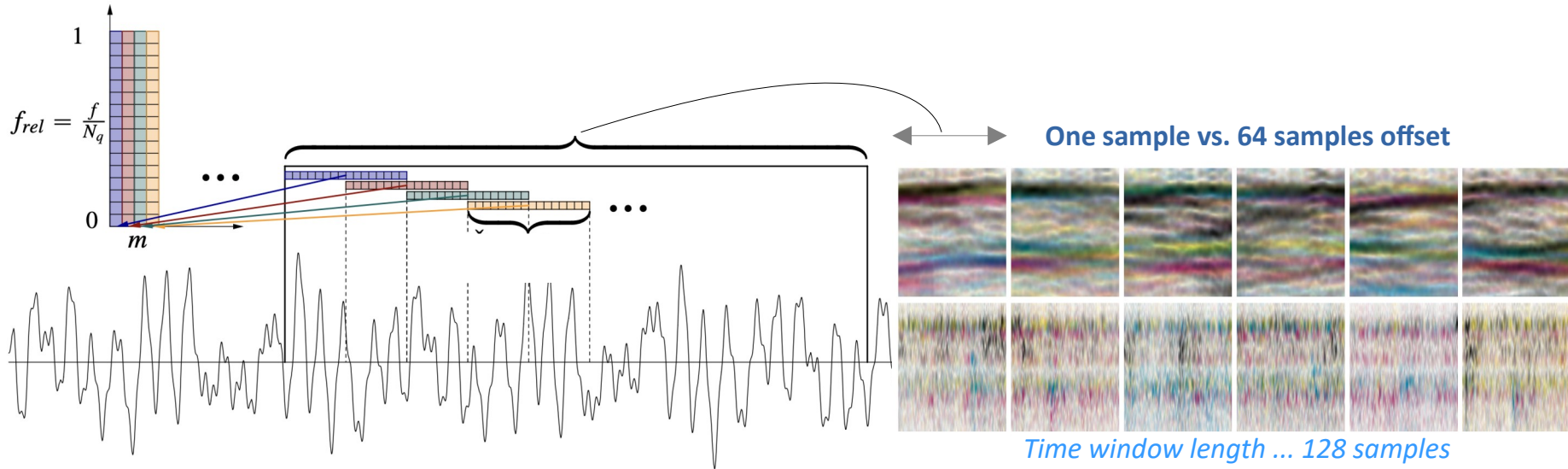
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### TWO-HIDDEN-LAYER NETWORK



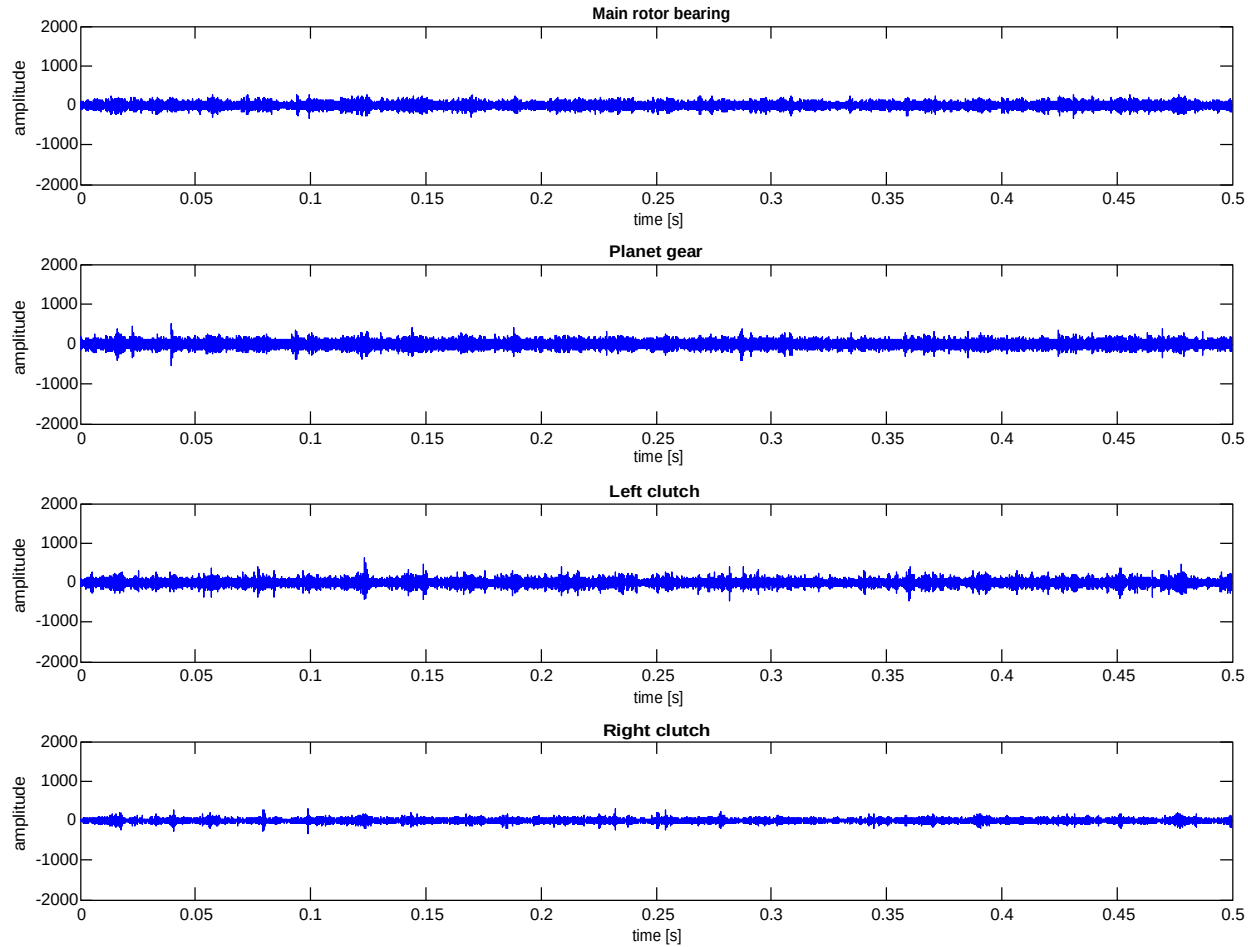
## High-frequency-density spectrogram

$$P(m, f_{rel} \cdot N_q) = \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n\Delta_s) e^{-\pi i n f_{rel} \omega(n - k \cdot m)} \right|^2$$



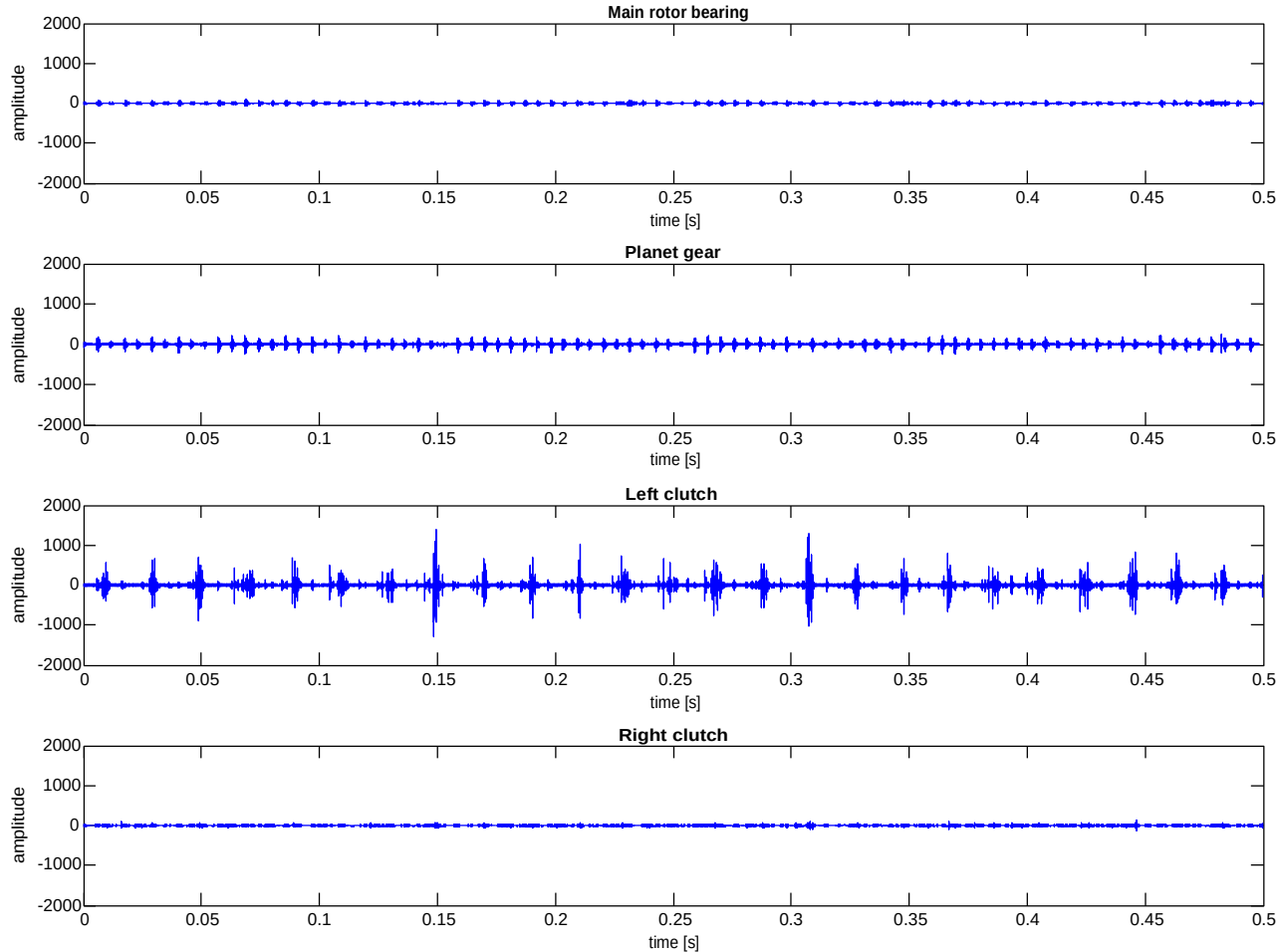


## Signals from emission channels - „idling“ mode





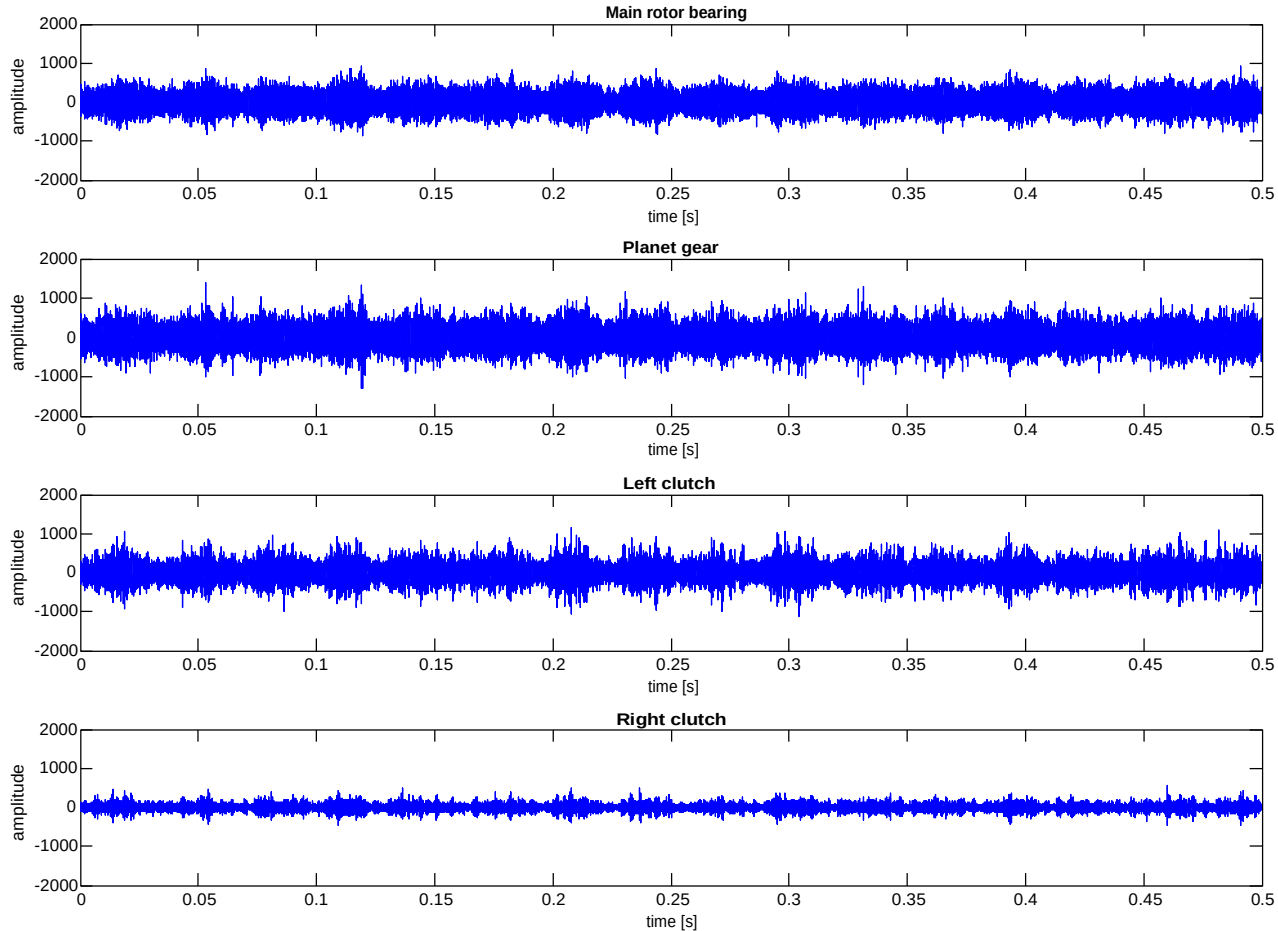
## Signals from emission channels - „engine starting“ mode



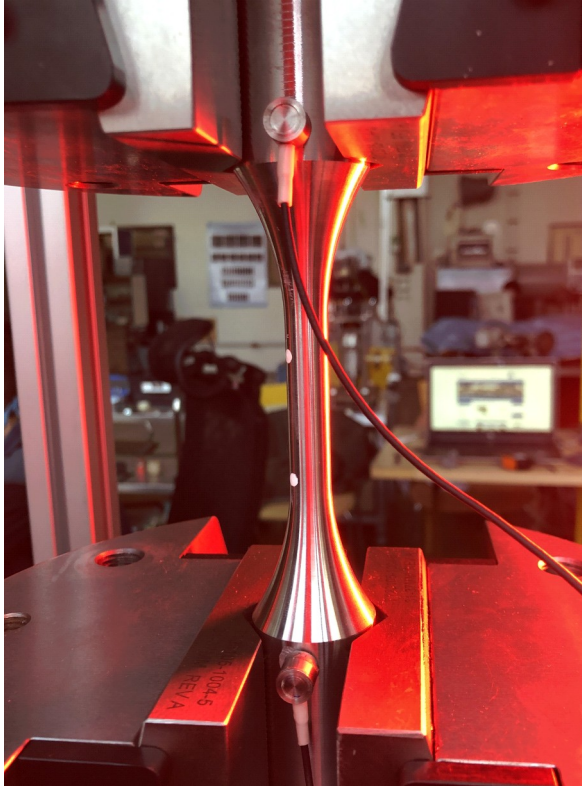




# Signals from emission channels - “L nominal, R 80%” mode

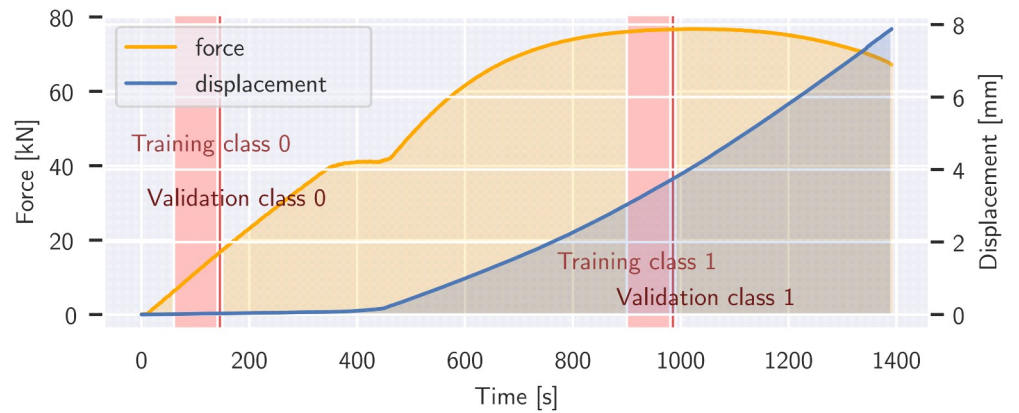
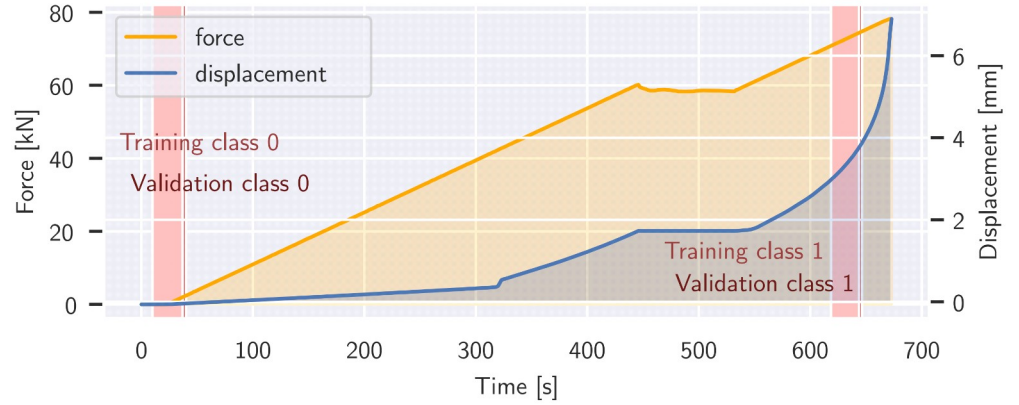


Tensile tests

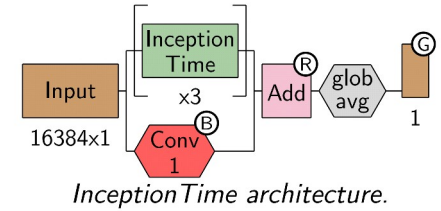
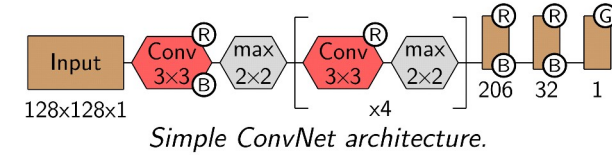
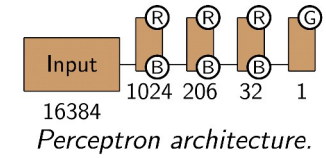
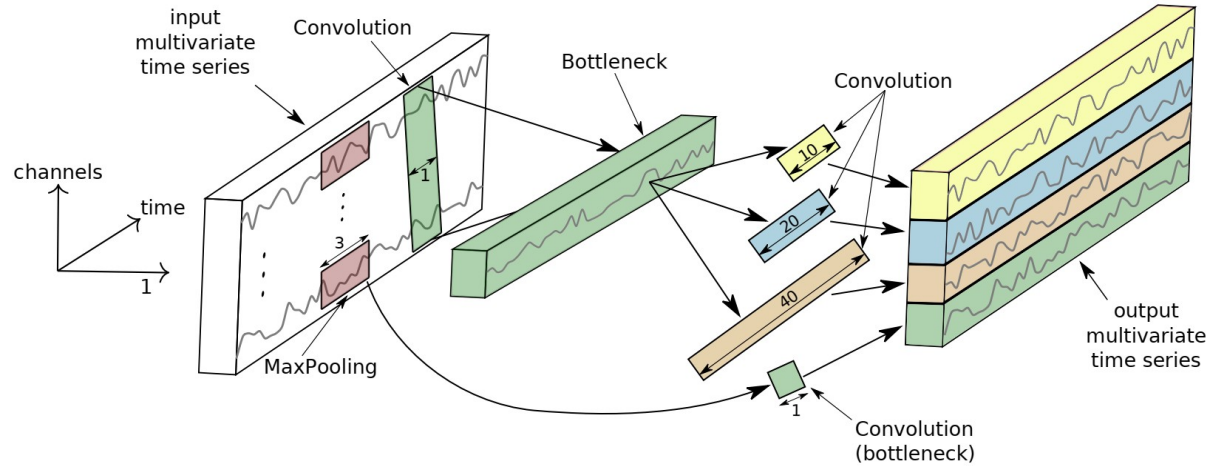


Experimental setup

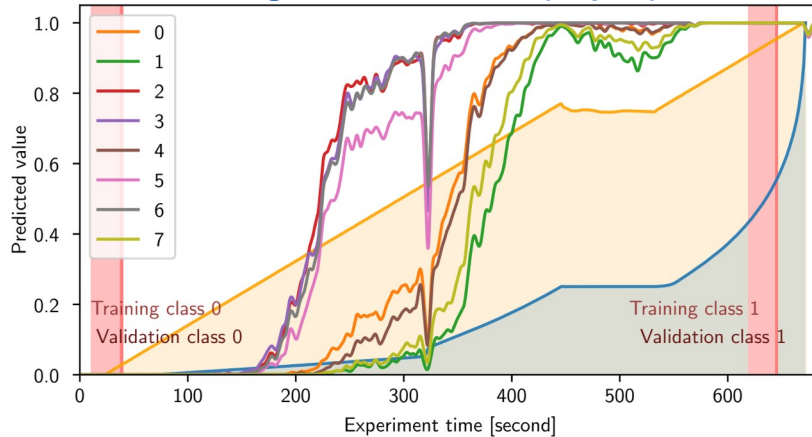
Training and validation data selection for Exp. A and B



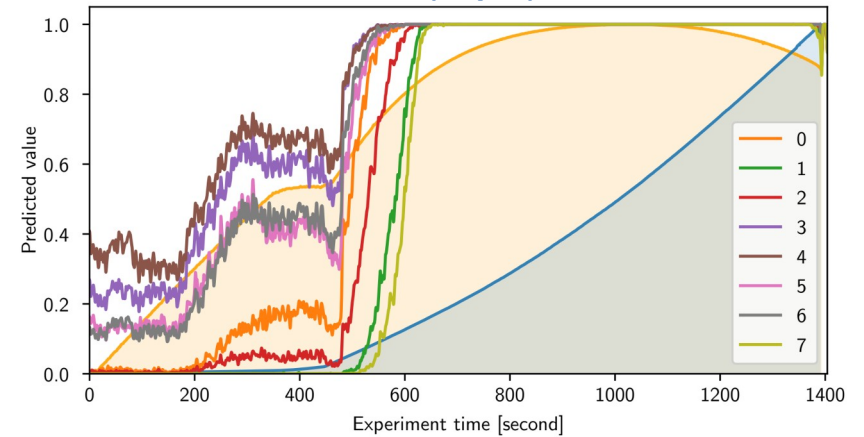
## Application of *Inception Time* architecture



**Eight ANN versions (Exp. A)**



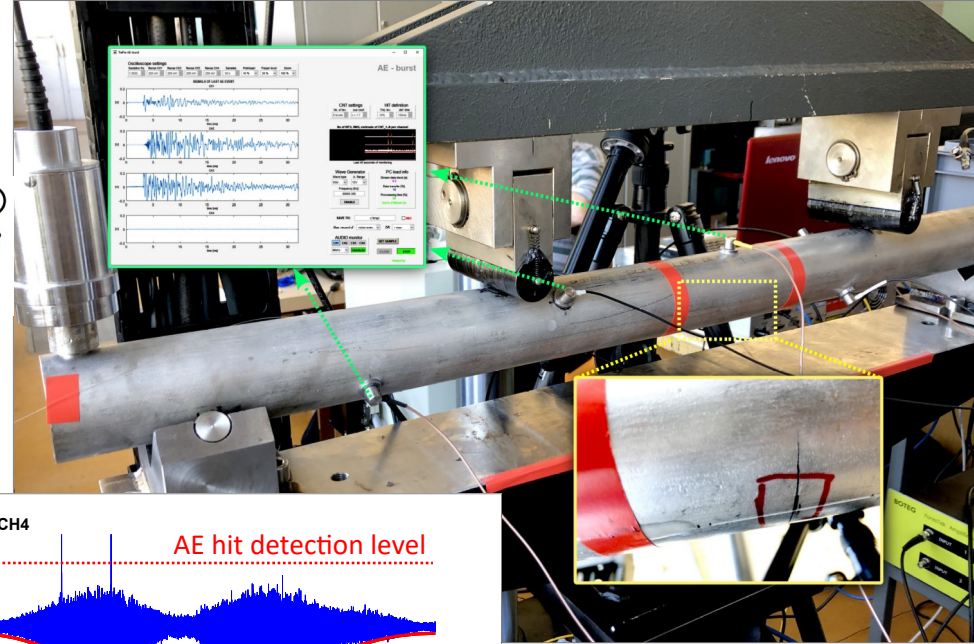
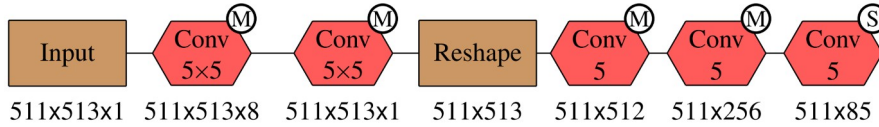
**(Exp. B)**





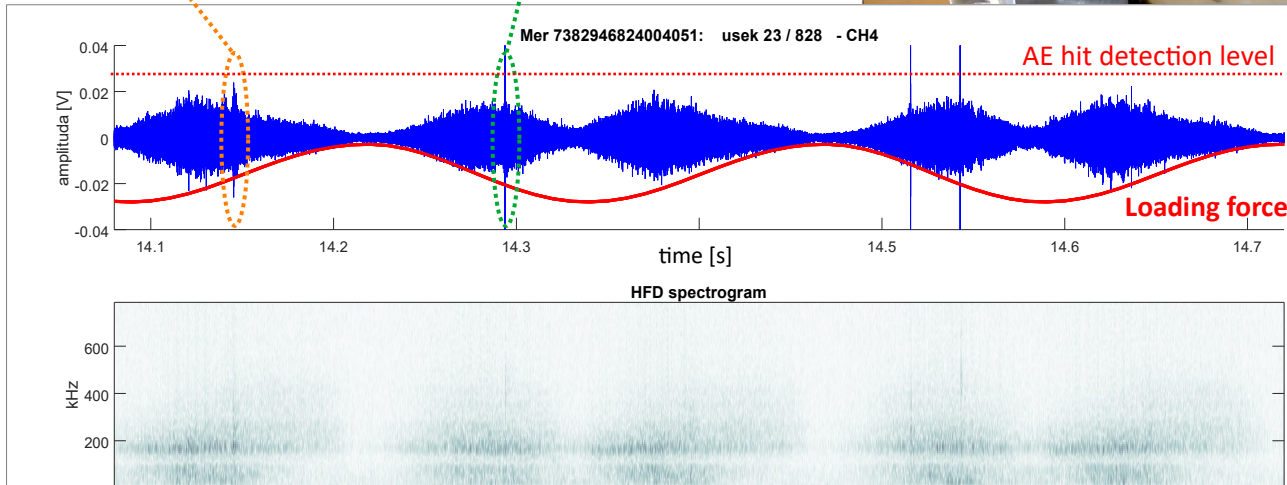
## Identification of AE sources during fatigue tests

### ANN-based detection of AE sources



AE source type A

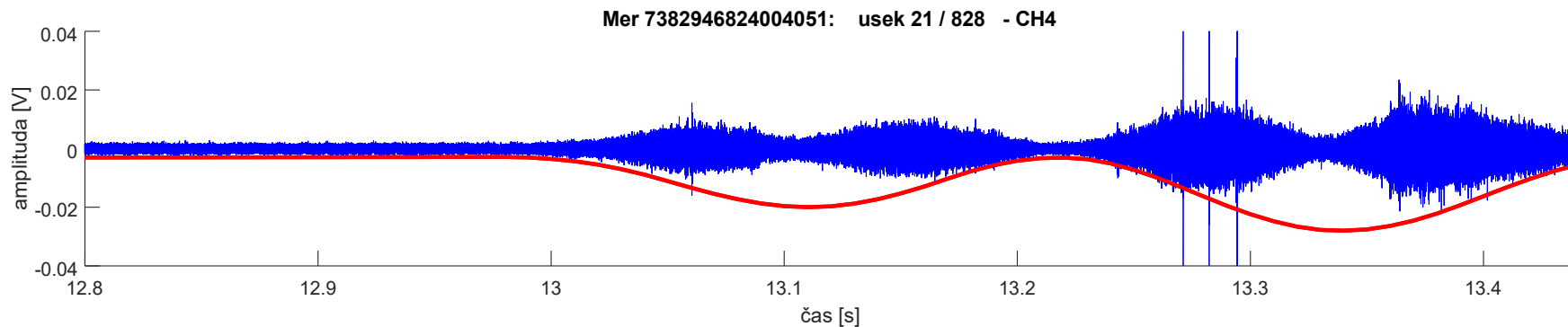
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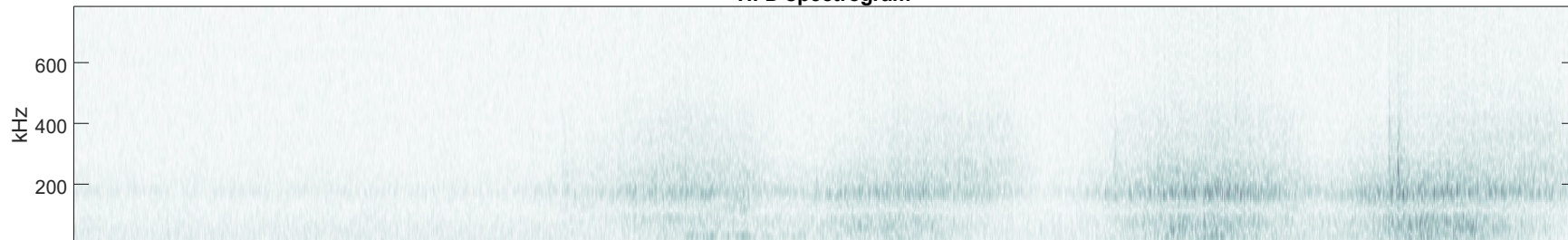
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DATA  
ANNOTATION



*AUDIO demo of AE signal*



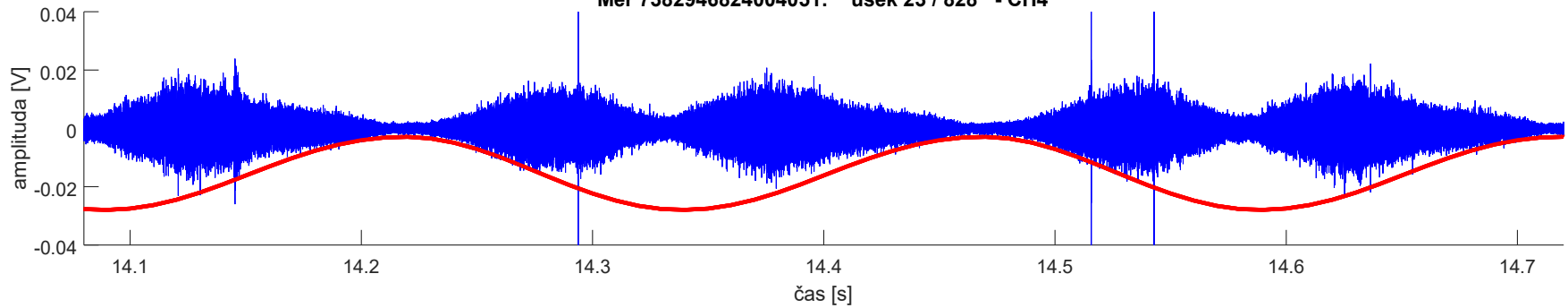
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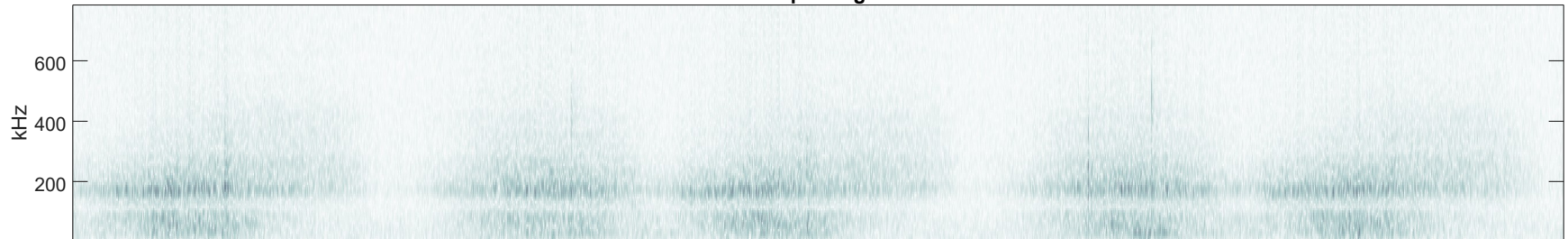


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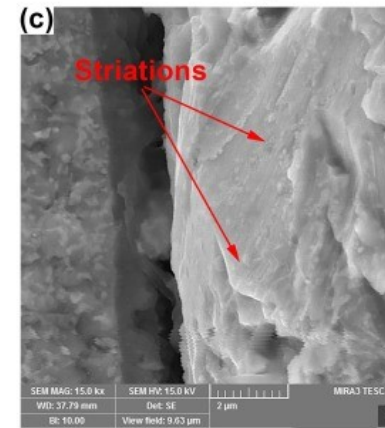
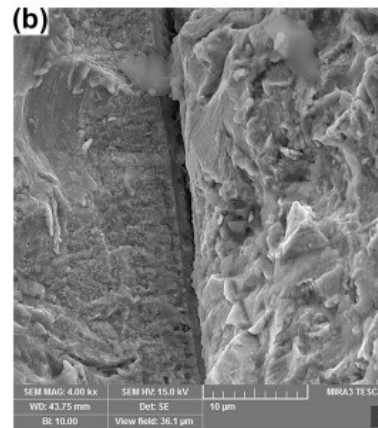
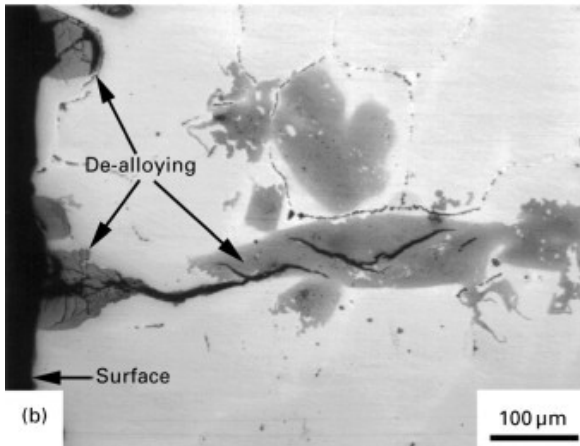
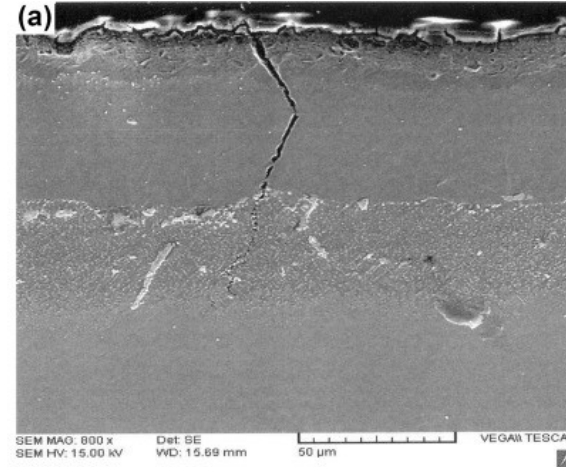
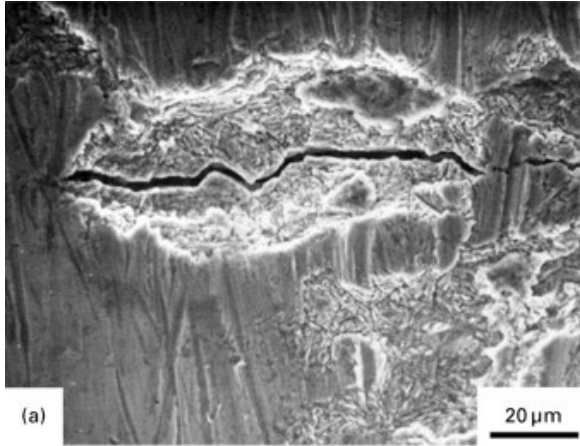


HFD spectrogram



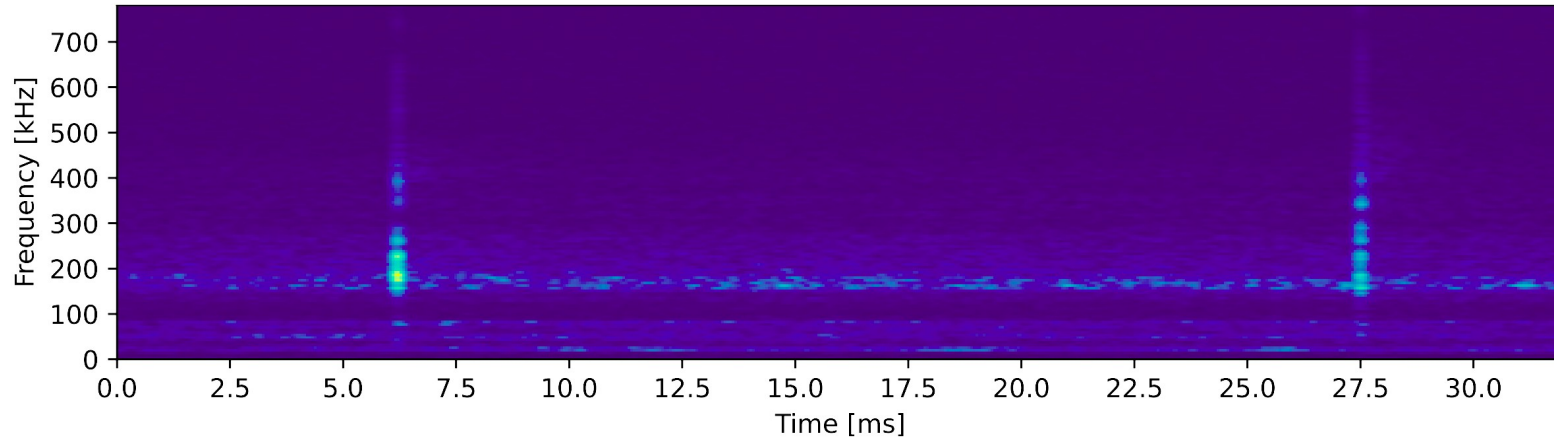


## Initiation of Crack - an overview *(source: ScienceDirect)*

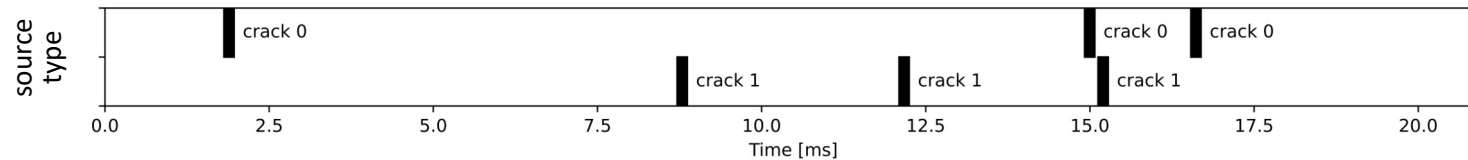
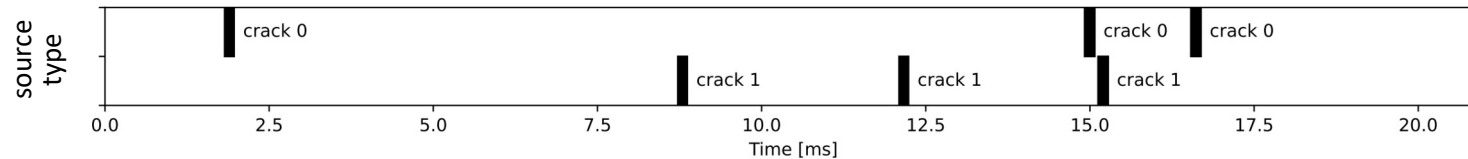




## AE SIGNAL DEMO BLOCK



## DEMONSTRATION OF TYPICAL AE EVENT LIST ESTIMATION BY ANN



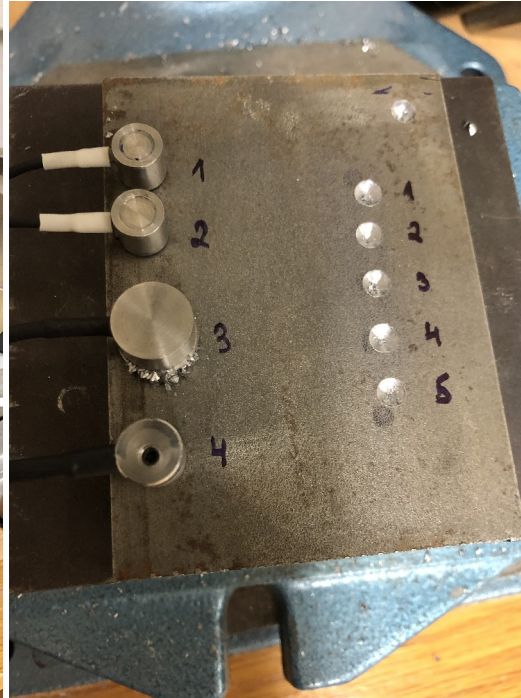




## Estimation of drill bit sharpness



Experimental setup



Specimen and AE sensors

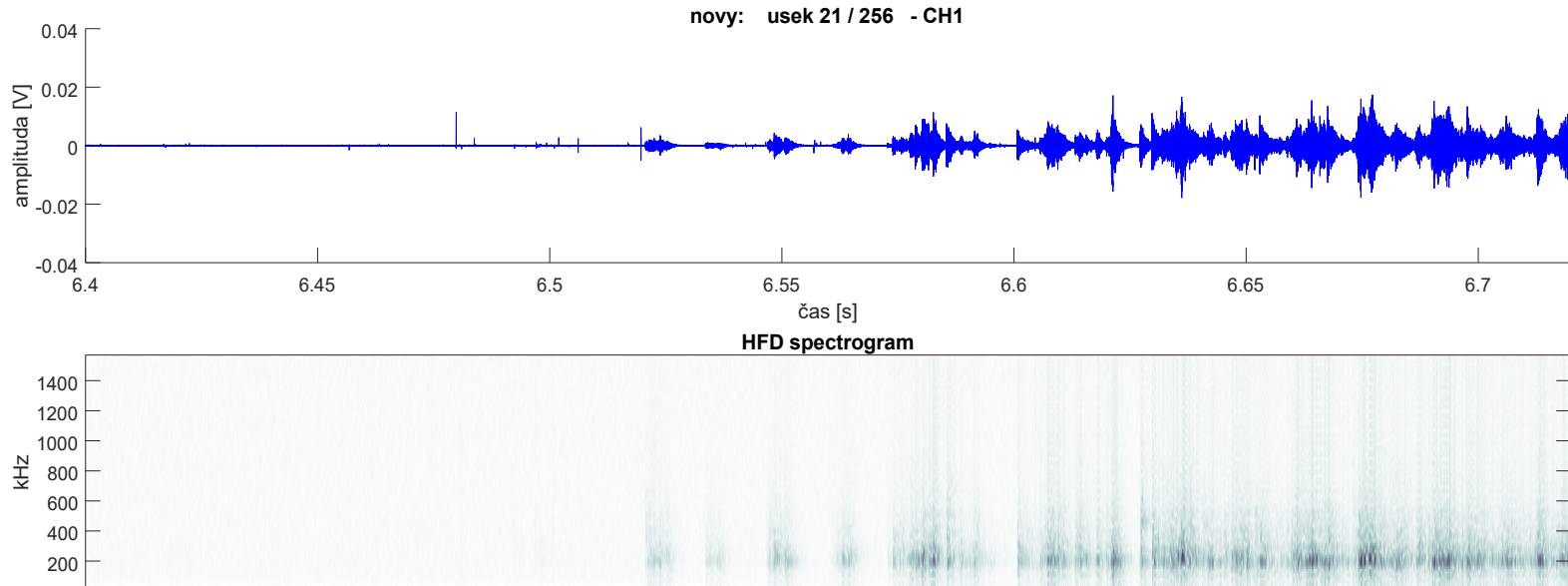


Drill bit dulling

*(audio demos...)*

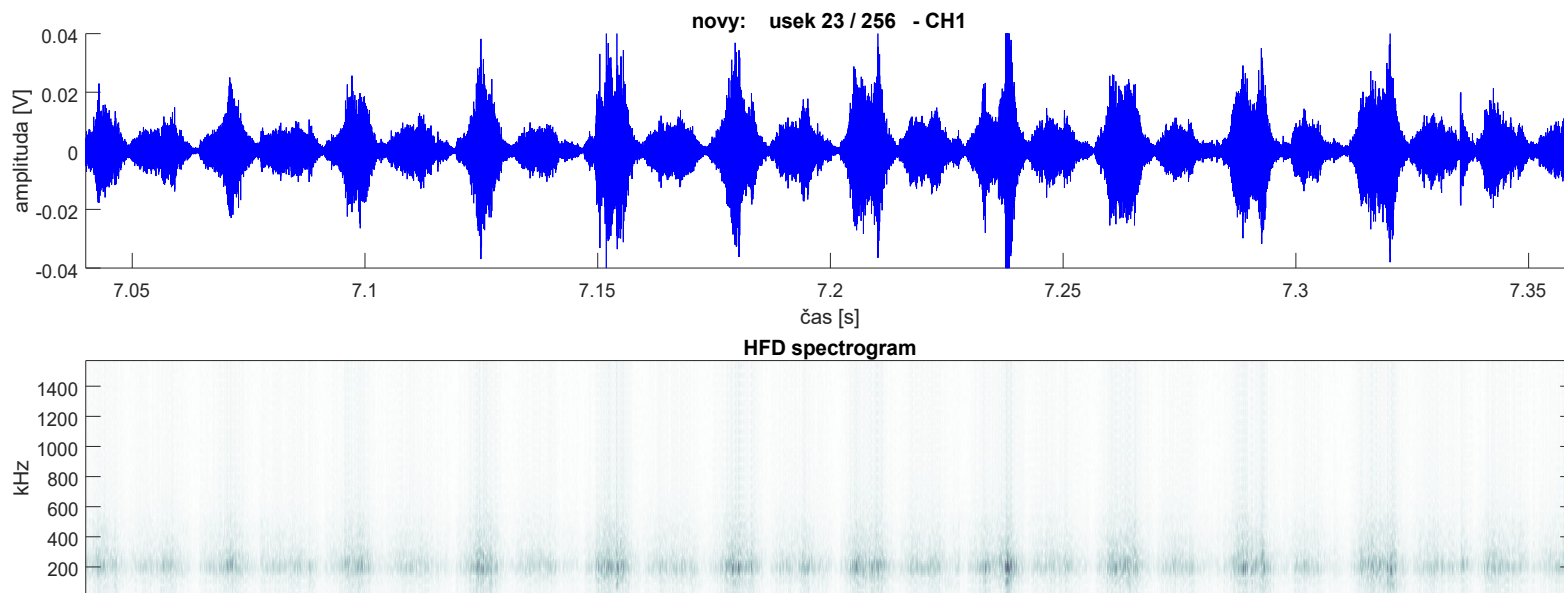


## NEW drill bit “sound”



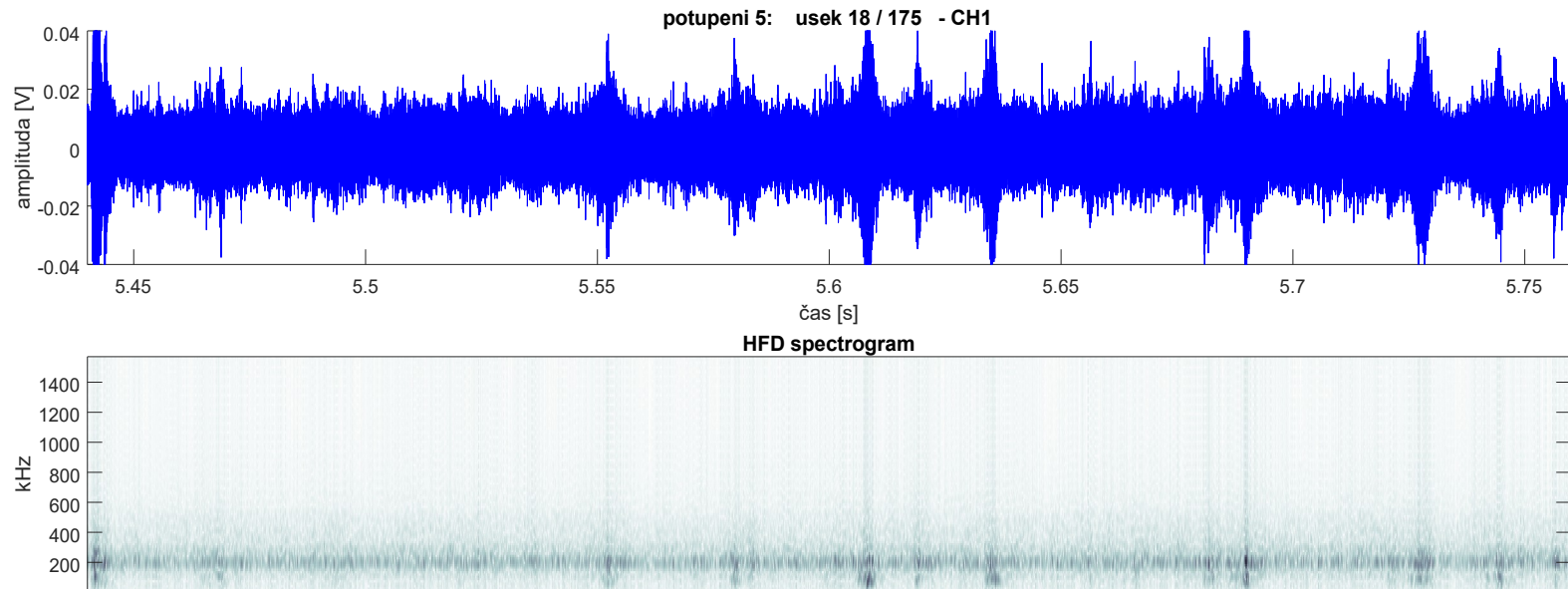


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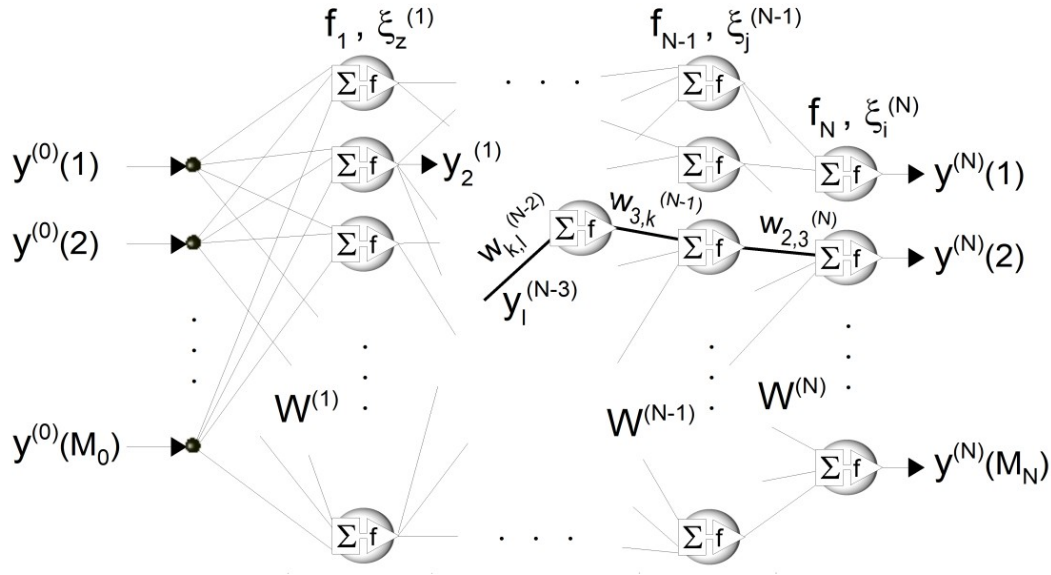




## Drill bit "sound" after 5<sup>th</sup> dulling



*AI model?*



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