

TSUNAMI DETECTION ALGORITHM

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- 1. Comparison between

Filtered sea level data

and

Newton linear prediction on sea level data

2. Band Pass Filtering

within the tsunami frequency band (2-120 min.)

predicts the sea level value $h_PRED(t)$ at time t



At time $(t + s_r)$ reads the pressure measurement
and converts to equivalent sea level height $h_MEAS(t+s_r)$



Tides and Spikes Removing + Low (Band) Pass Filter
We obtain the filtered data $h_FILT(t)$ at time t



$| h_PRED(t) - h_FILT(t) | > TRESHOLD$



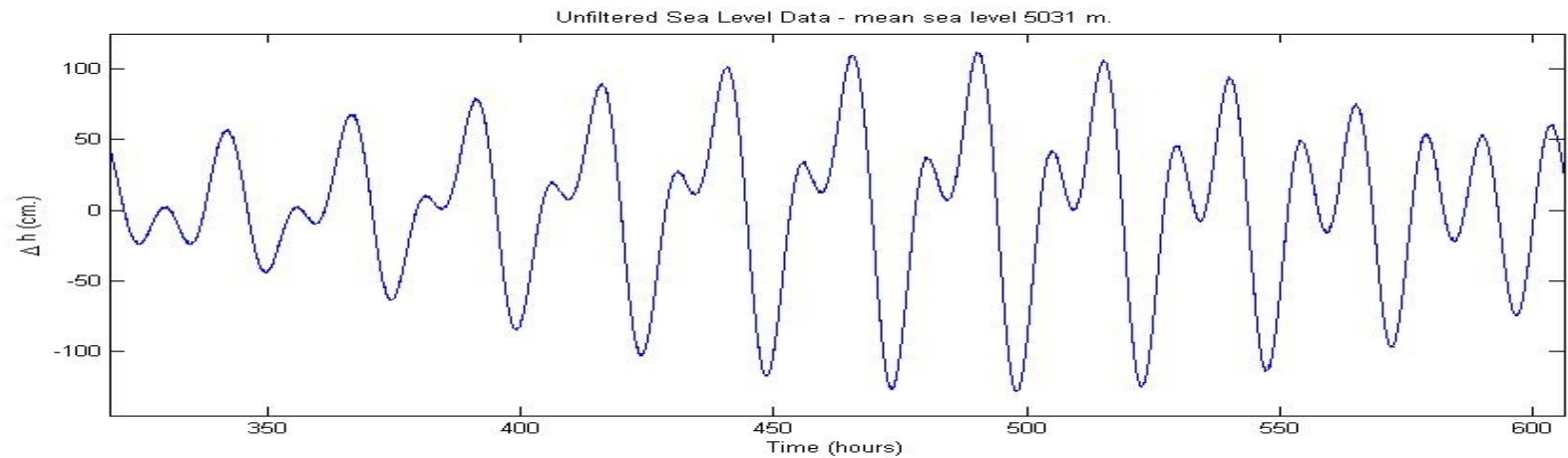
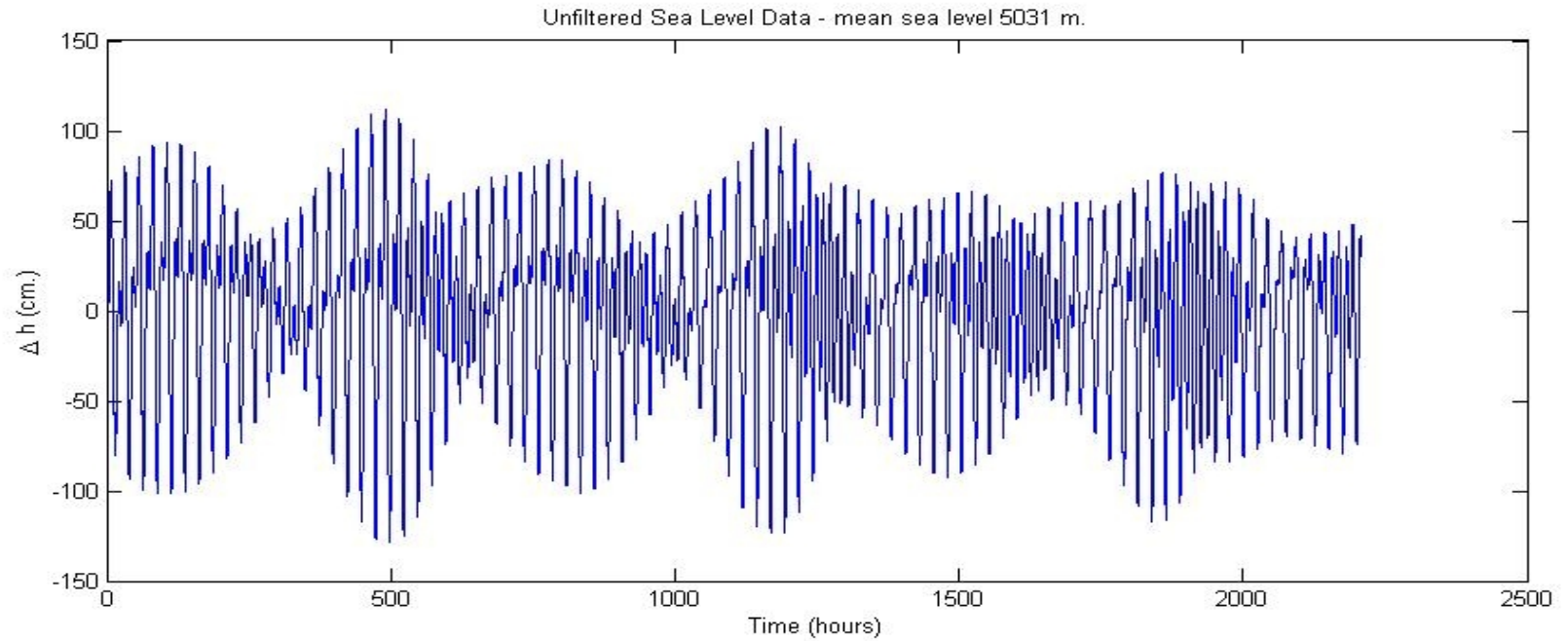
TSUNAMI DETECTED !

*In the following examples we use
real bottom pressure recorder DART time series*

Name	Starting	Lat.	Lon.	Location
d165_2001-ed.dat	June 1st 2001	50.4406	-165.0389	South of Dutch Harbor, AK
d125_2002-ed.dat	September 2nd 2002	-8.4887	-125.014	Equatorial Pacific Ocean

With synthetic Tsunamis superimposed

Example 1: d165_2001-ed.dat (noisy data)



DART Algorithm:

comparison between

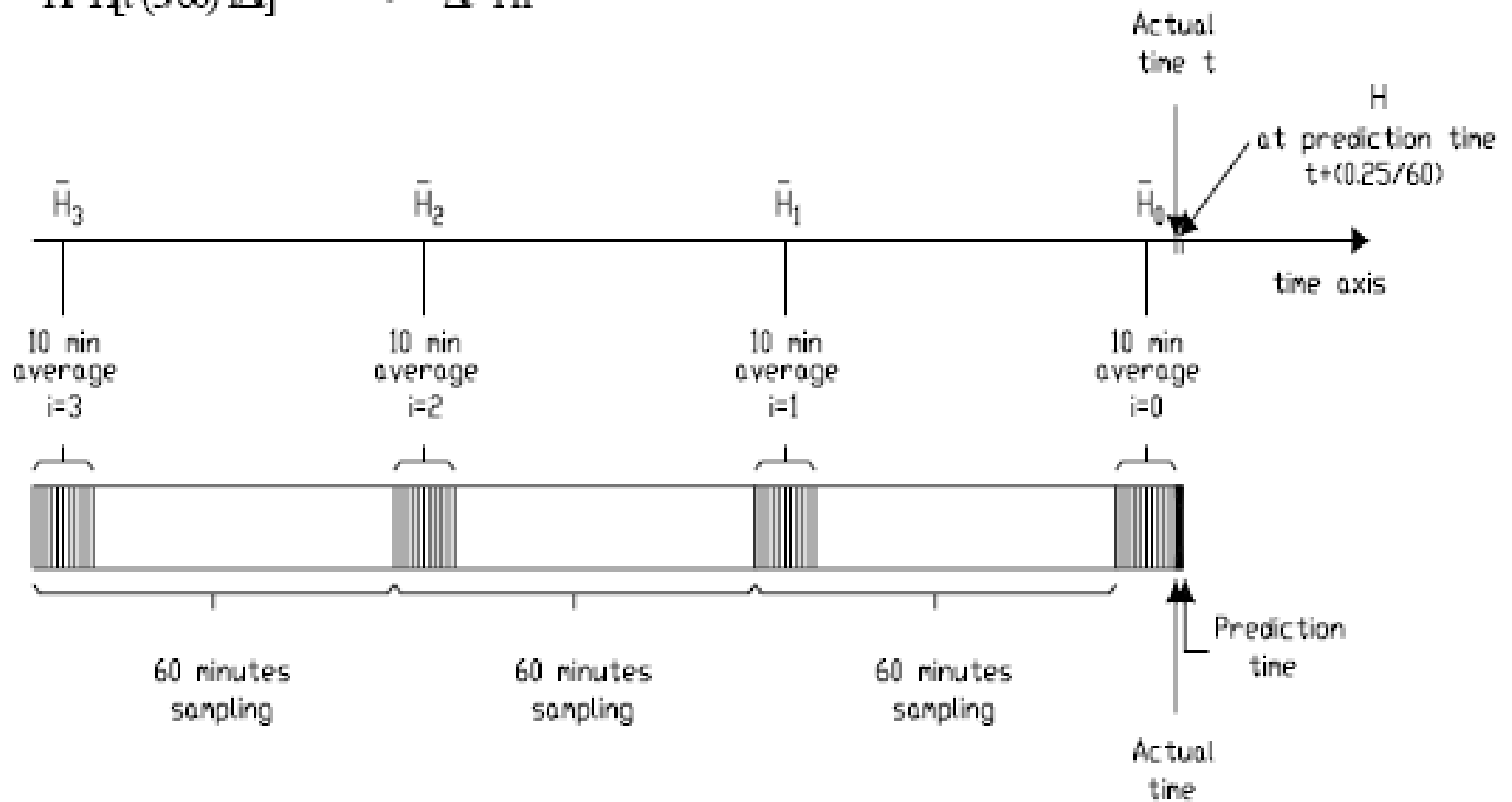
Measured sea level data

and

Newton Linear Prediction

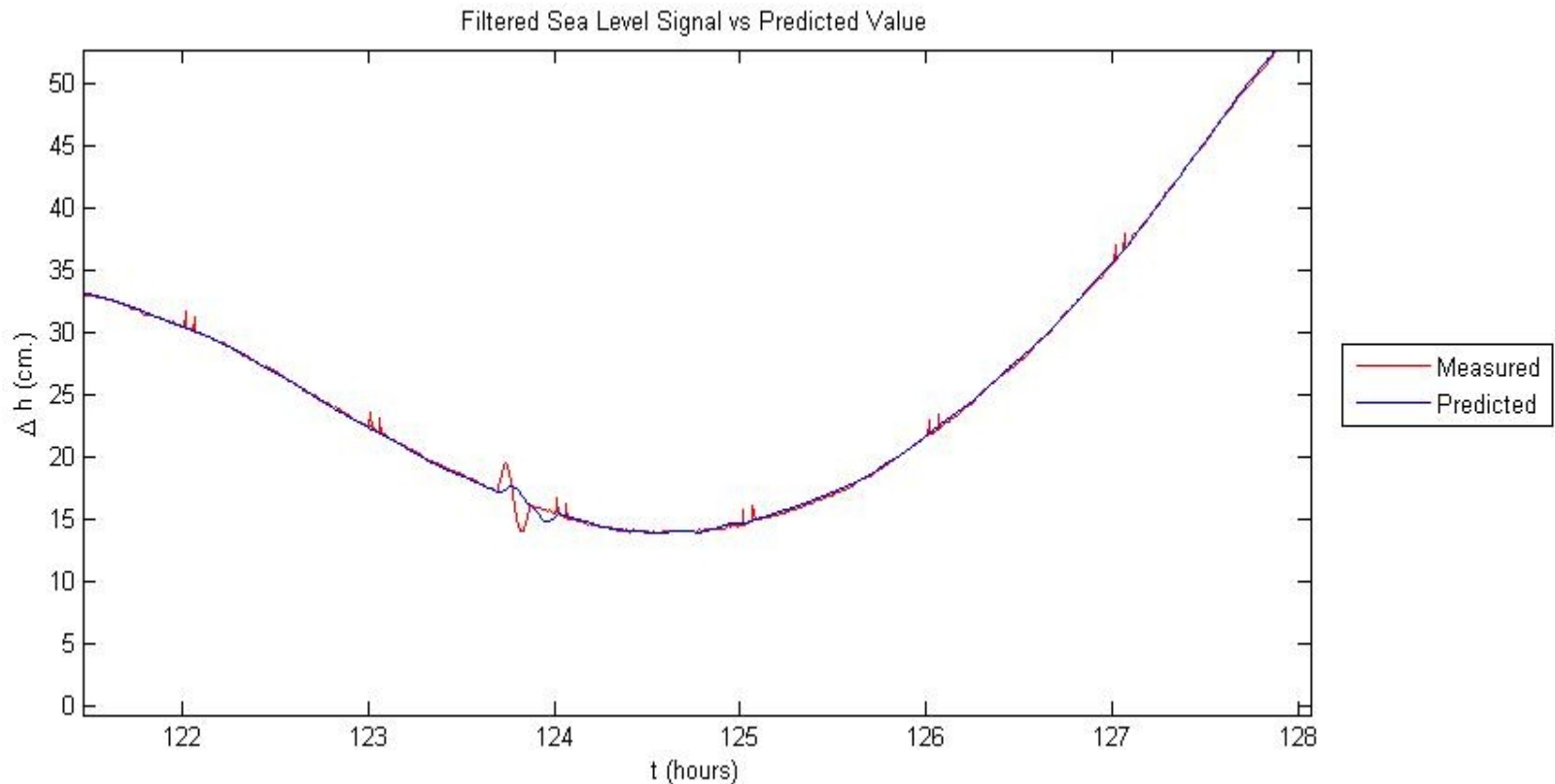
When the difference exceeds a prescribed threshold we have a tsunami detection

$$\bar{H} = \bar{H}[t - (5/60) - i\Delta t] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta t = 1 \text{ h}$$



Newton Linear Prediction:

Syntethic 10 min. period Tsunami waves inserted
(2.5 cm. Tsunami Amplitude)

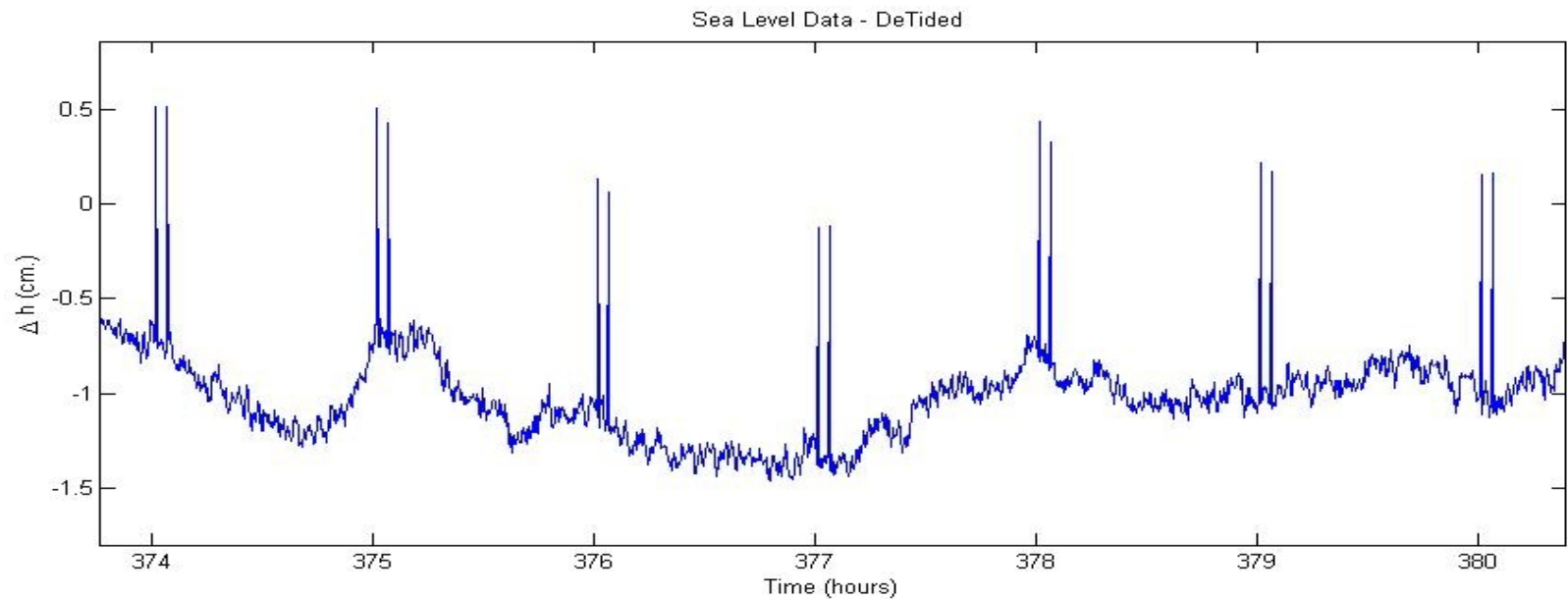
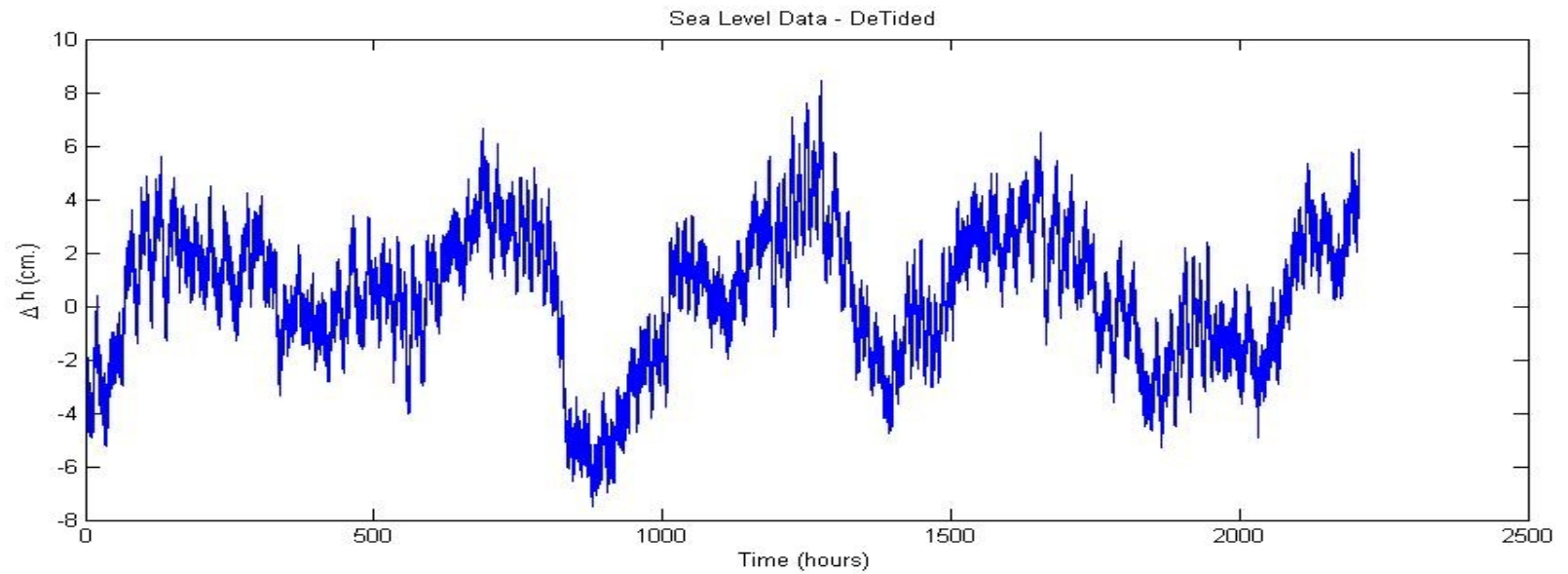


Tides Removing:

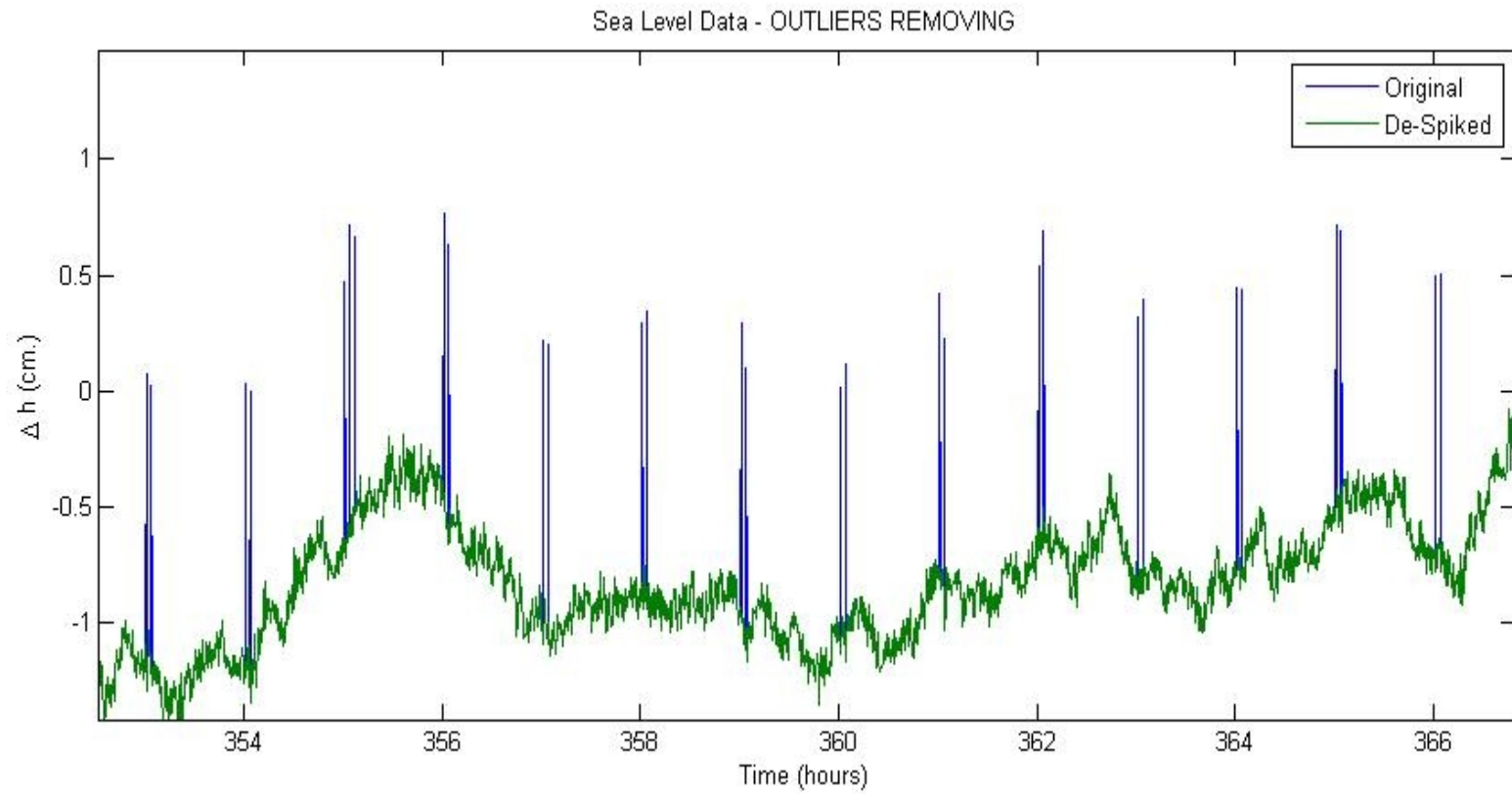
Harmonic Least Squares Analysis
using 37 tide components

note: at least 3 months of sea level data are necessary !

Tides Removing



Spikes Removing



1. MODIFIED DART Algorithm:

Comparison between

De-Tided, De-Spiked, Low Pass Filtered Sea Level Data

and

Newton Linear Prediction

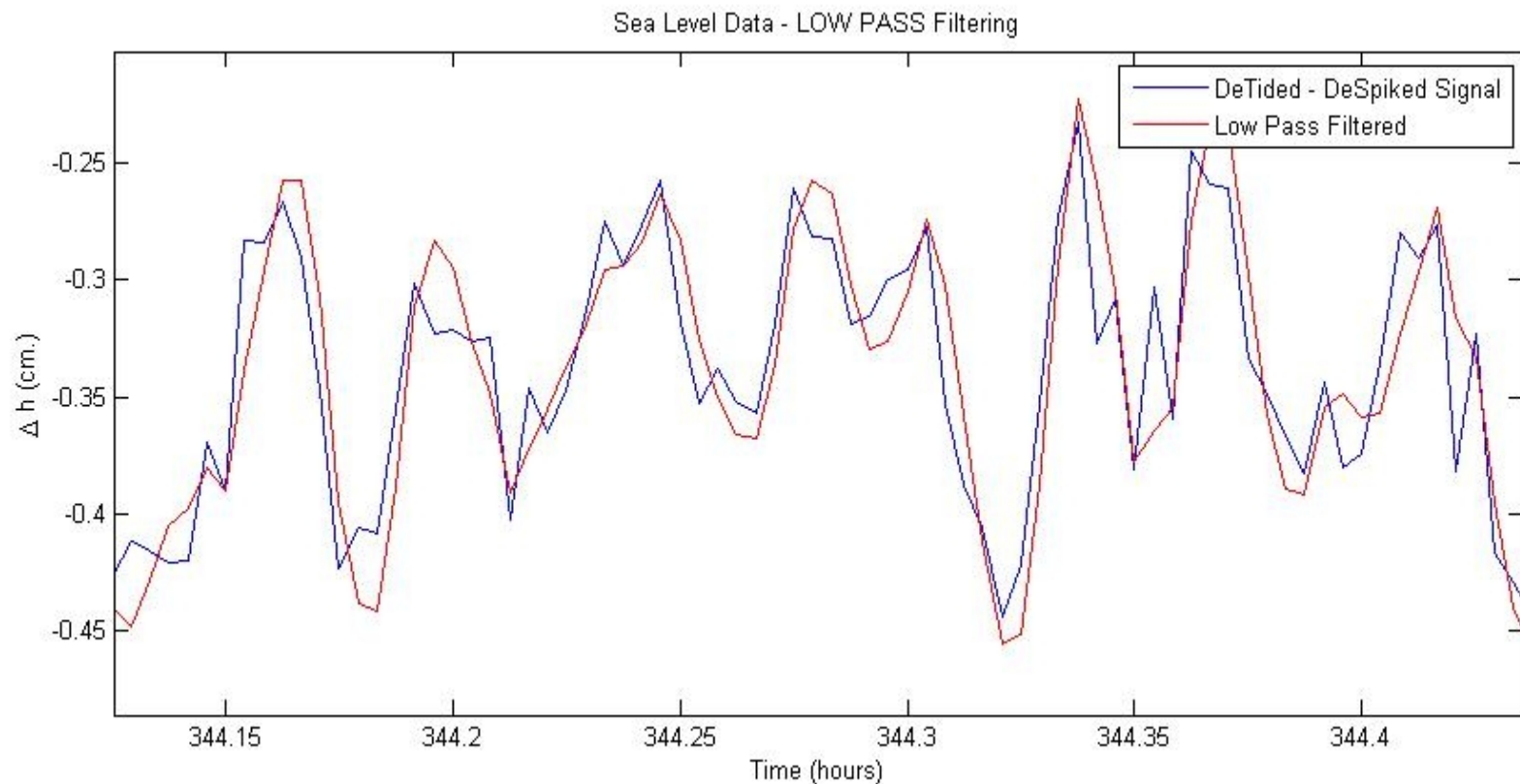
When the difference exceeds a prescribed threshold we have a tsunami detection

Low Pass Filtering

Windowing: Hann

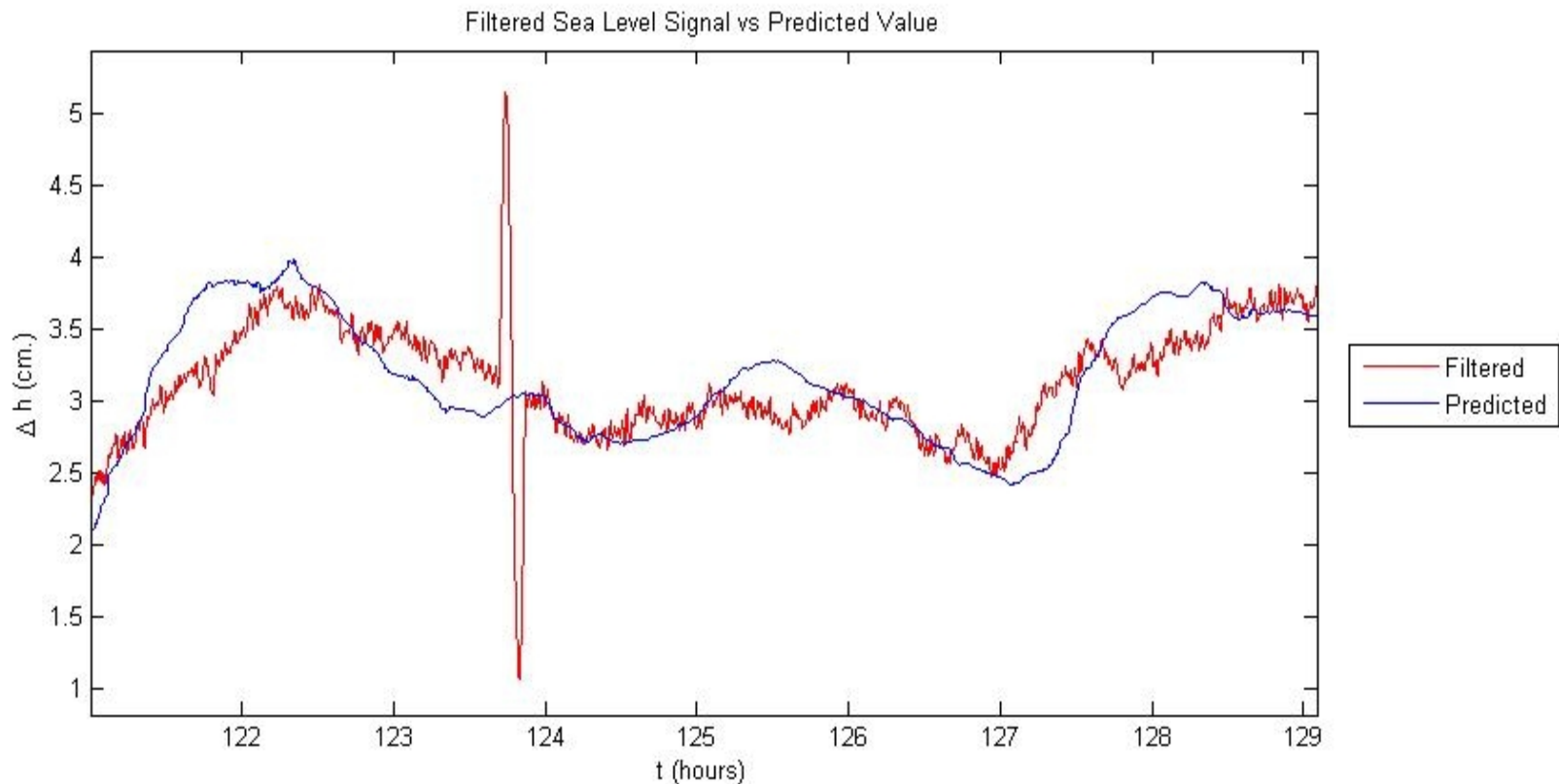
Band Pass Period: $T > 120$ sec.

Points: 2048



Newton Linear Prediction:

Syntethic 10 min. period Tsunami waves inserted
(2 cm. Tsunami Amplitude)



2. BAND PASS FILTERING Algorithm:

When the

De-Tided, De-Spiked, Band Pass Filtered Sea Level Data
exceeds a prescribed threshold

we have a tsunami detection

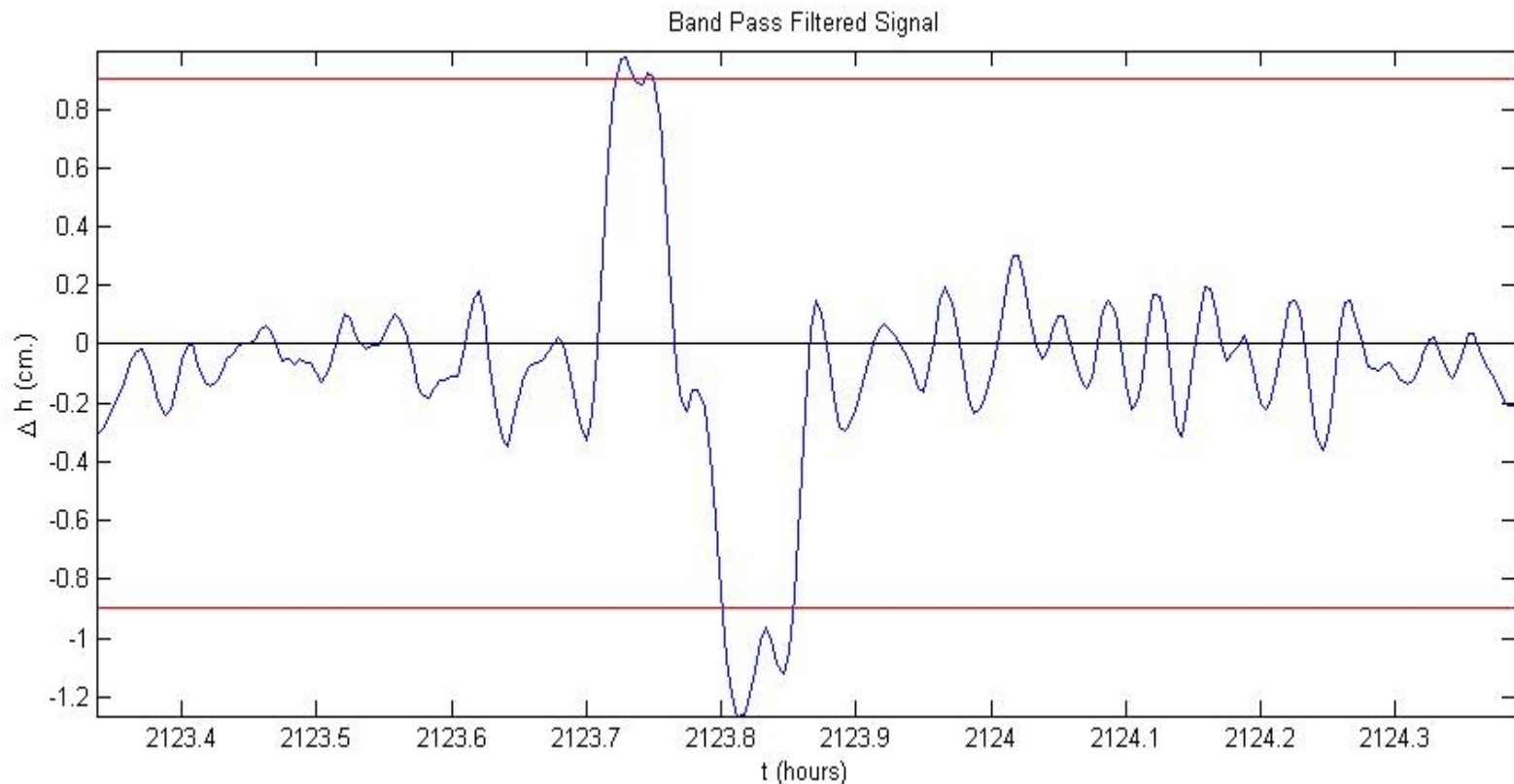
Band Pass Filtering

Windowing: Hann

Band Pass Period: 120 sec. $< T < 80$ min; Points: 4000

Syntethic 10 min. period Tsunami waves inserted

(1 cm. Tsunami Amplitude vs 0.9 cm. Treshold)



Example 2: d125_2002-ed.dat

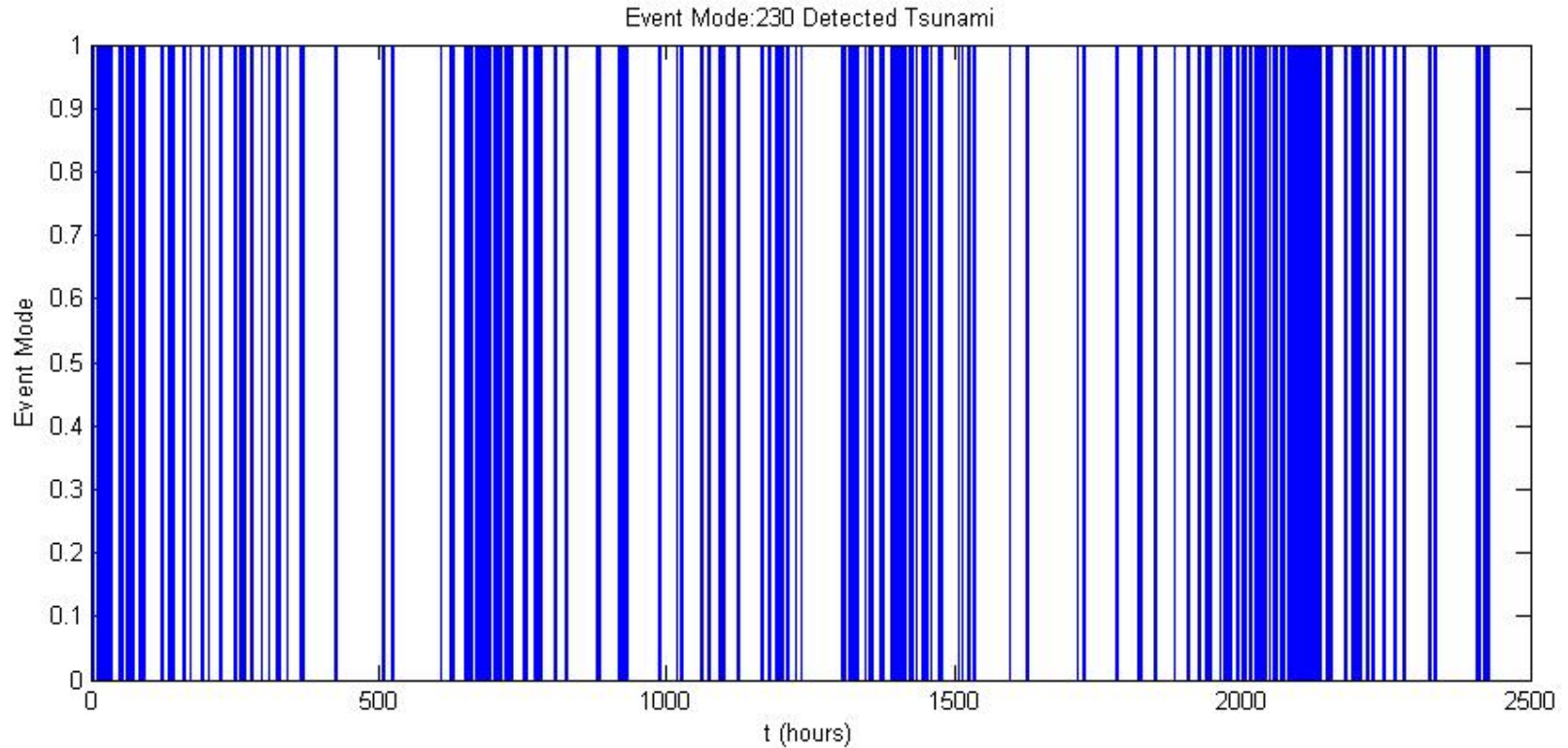
LOW NOISE

No Real Tsunamis

*24 Syntethic (60 min. period) Tsunamis inserted
(1.1 cm. Tsunami Amplitude vs 1.0 cm. Treshold)*

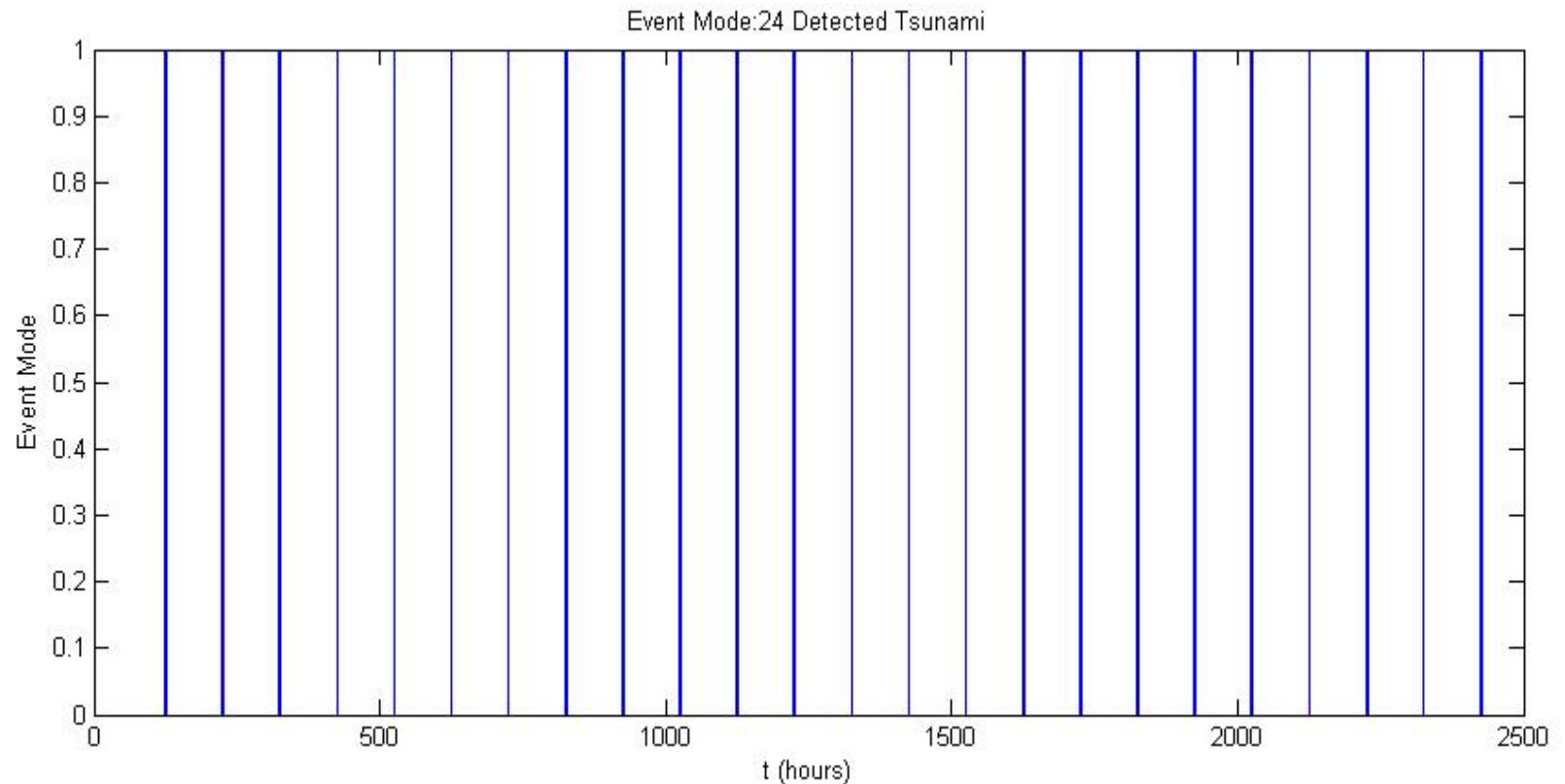
EVENT MODE STATE

DART Algorithm ; 30 min. Average Interval



230 (206 false !) Detected Tsunamis vs 24 synthetic Tsunamis!

EVENT MODE STATE (MODIFIED DART Algorithm)



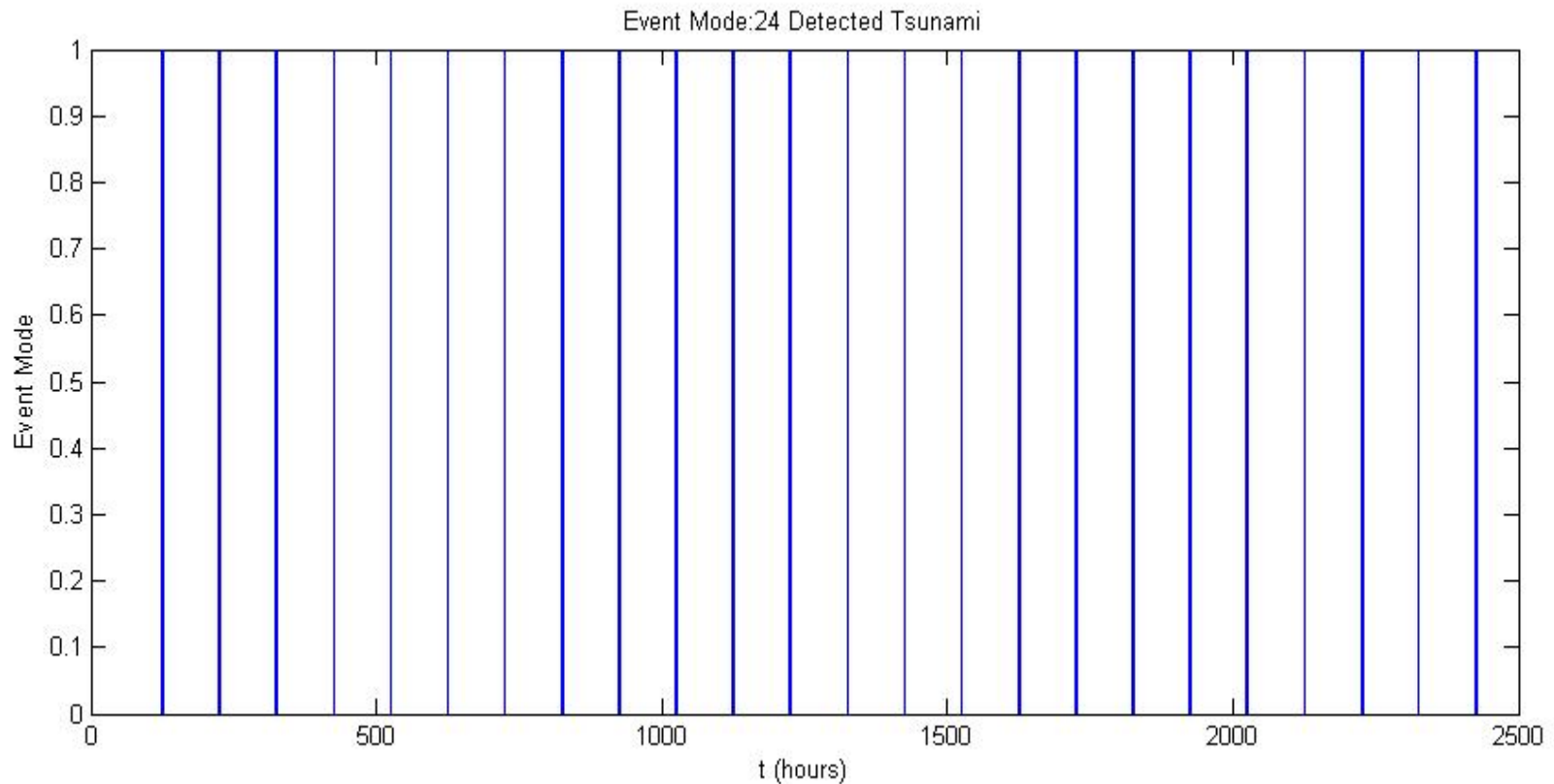
24 Detected Tsunamis vs 24 synthetic Tsunamis!

EVENT MODE STATE (BAND PASS FILTER Algorithm)

Band Pass Filtering

Windowing: Hann

Band Pass Period: 120 sec. $< T < 80$ min; Points: 4000



24 Detected Tsunamis vs 24 synthetic Tsunamis!

Example 3: d125_2002-ed.dat

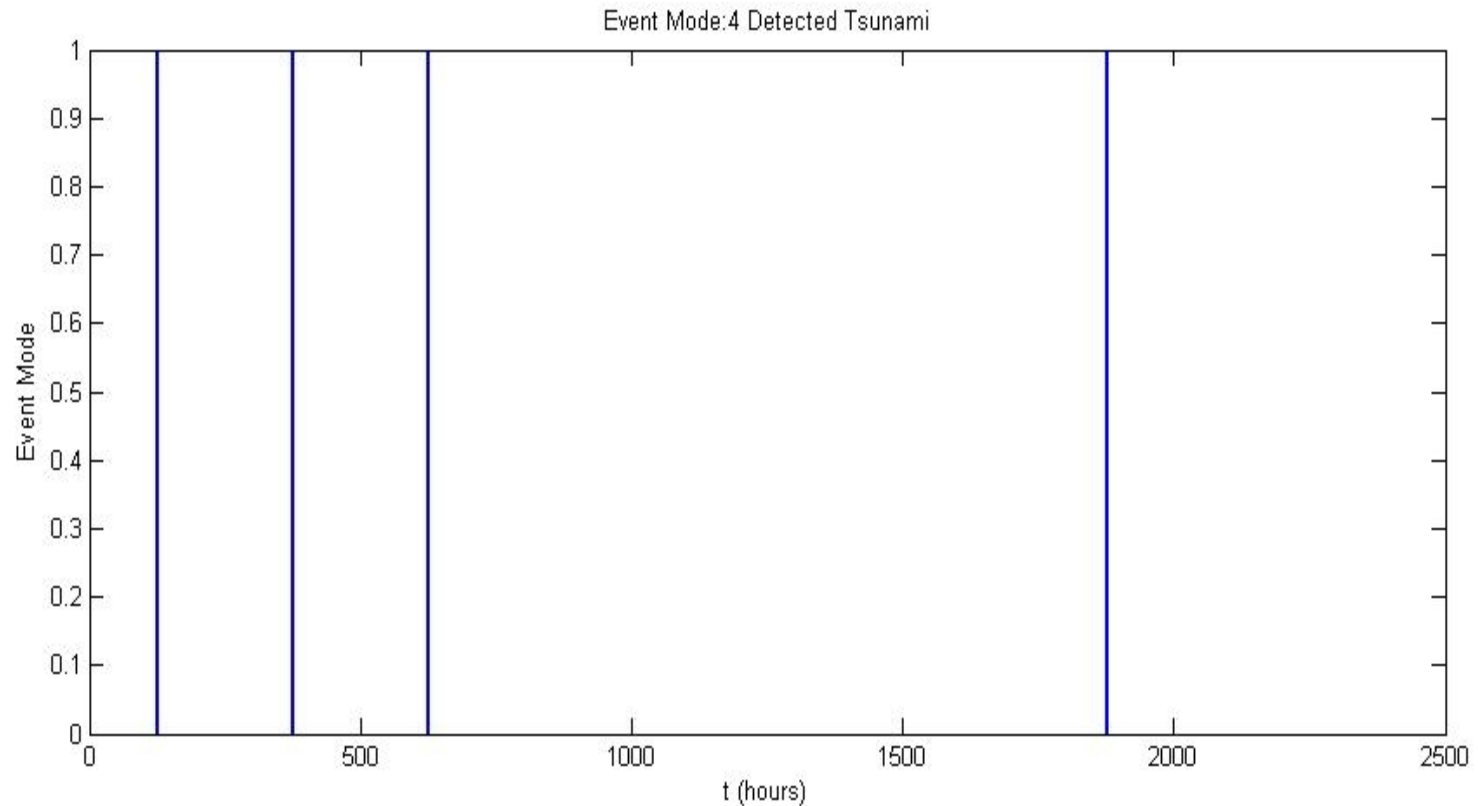
LOW NOISE

No Real Tsunamis

*10 Syntethic (45 min. period) Tsunamis inserted
(1.1 cm. Tsunami Amplitude vs 1.0 cm. Treshold)*

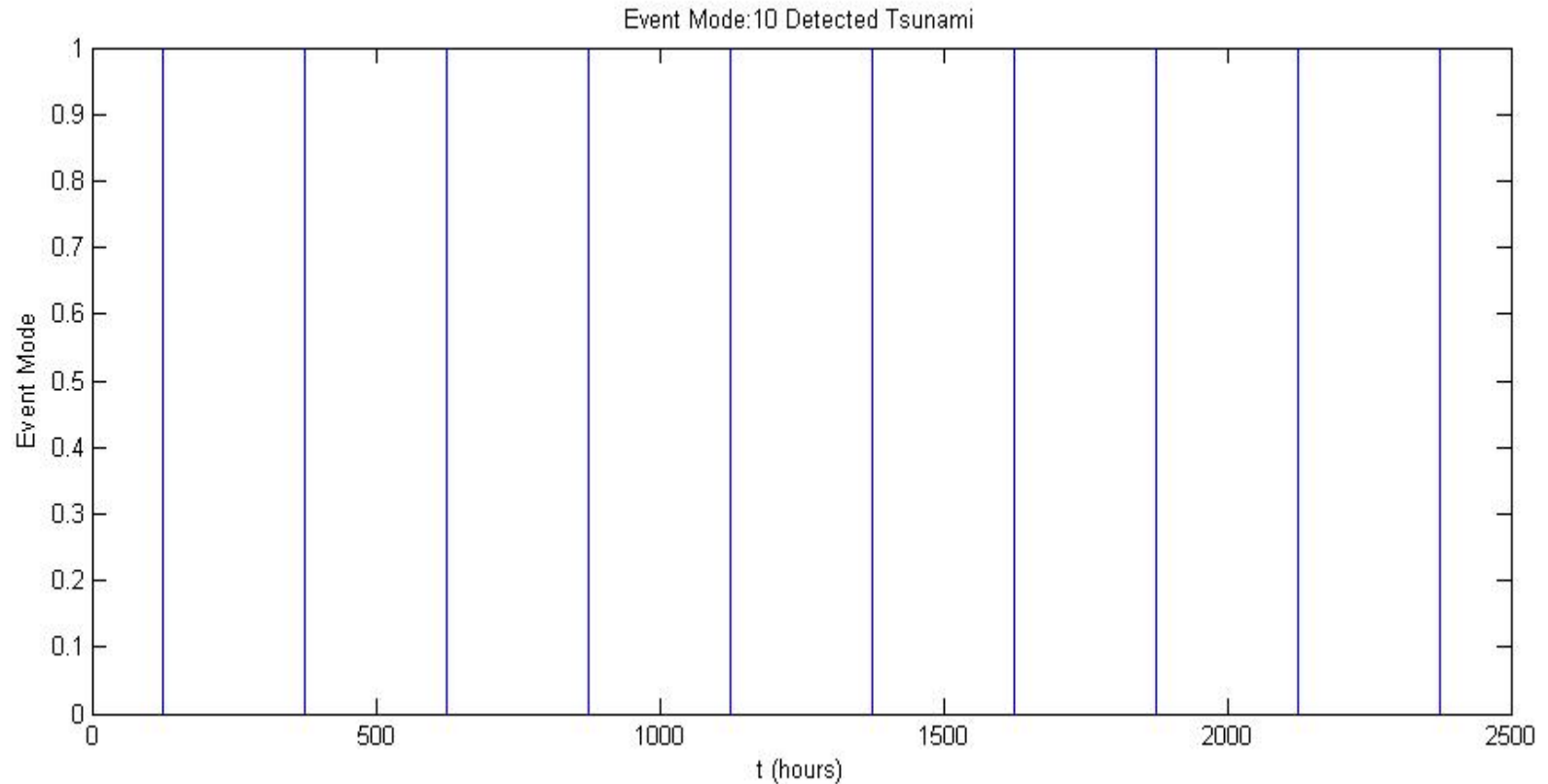
EVENT MODE STATE

DART Algorithm ; 10 min. Average Interval



4 (6 not detected !) Detected Tsunamis vs 10 synthetic Tsunamis!

EVENT MODE STATE (MODIFIED DART Algorithm)



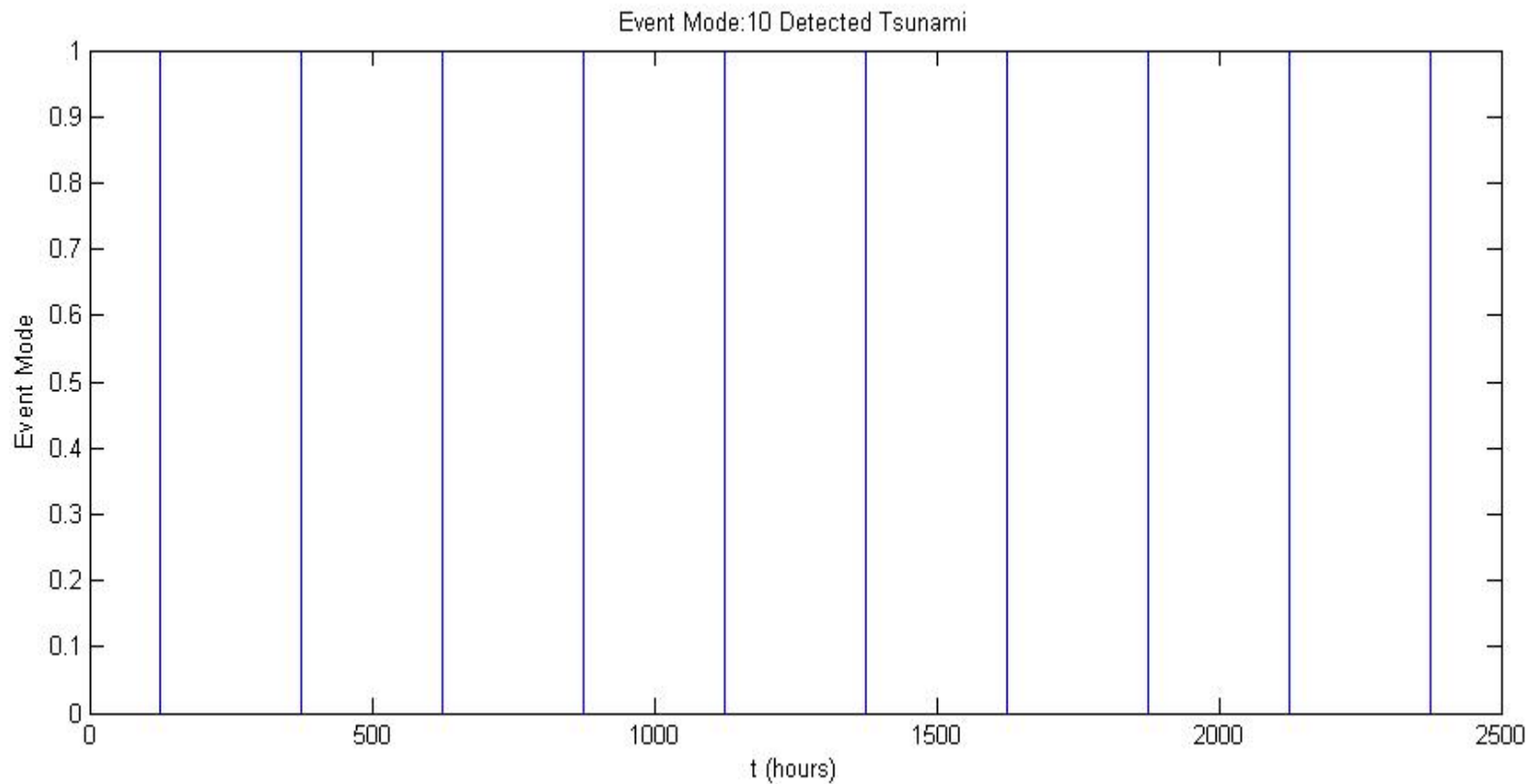
10 Detected Tsunamis vs 10 synthetic Tsunamis!

EVENT MODE STATE (BAND PASS FILTER Algorithm)

Band Pass Filtering

Windowing: Hann

Band Pass Period: 120 sec. $< T < 80$ min; Points: 4000



10 Detected Tsunamis vs 10 synthetic Tsunamis!

Example 4: d125_2002-ed.dat

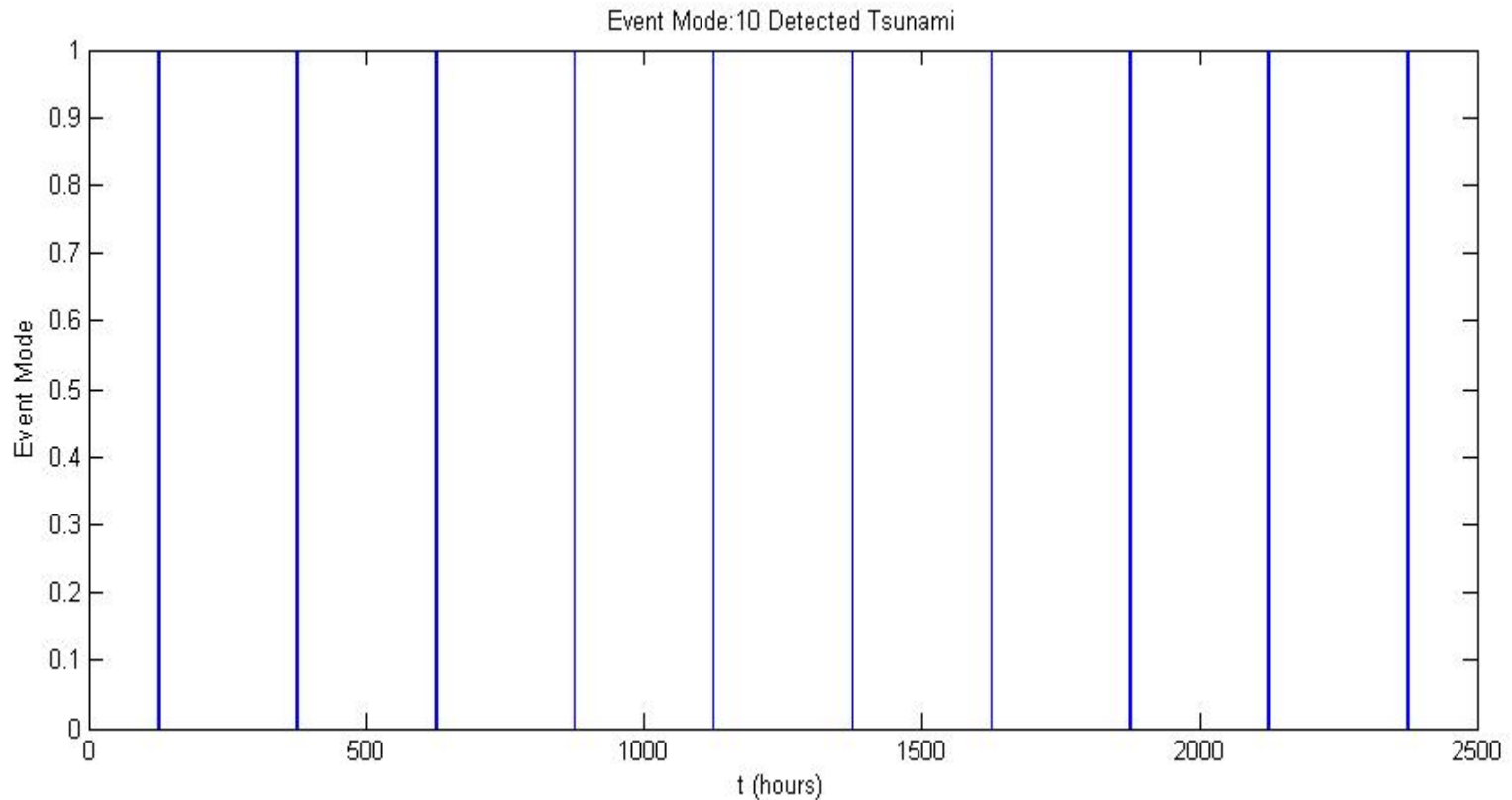
LOW NOISE

No Real Tsunamis

*10 Syntethic (45 min. period) Tsunamis inserted
(3.5 cm. Tsunami Amplitude vs 3.0 cm. Treshold)*

EVENT MODE STATE

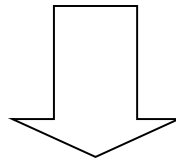
DART Algorithm ; 30 min. Average Interval



10 Detected Tsunamis vs 10 synthetic Tsunamis!

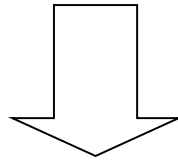
TSUNAMI DETECTION ALGORITHM PROPOSAL

First 3 months after deployment: we cannot calculate tide coefficients



DART Algorithm + Spikes Removing and Low Pass Filtering

> 3 months after deployment: we can recover tide coefficients, thanks to the 2 way bottom-surface communication system and input them into the code



MODIFIED DART Algorithm

OR

BAND PASS FILTERING

Threshold is a key parameter !

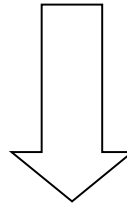
*DART System estimated a suitable threshold amplitude (3 cm.)
based on one year data noise analysis.*

*We don't have any bottom pressure data in the area and so
initially we will proceed using the same 3 cm. threshold.*

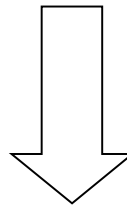
*After the sea floor station will be recovered, we can estimate
more precisely the amplitude threshold in the deployment
site*

PRESSURE MEASUREMENT IN A TSUNAMI GENERATION AREA

The sea floor motion due to seismic event will move the
pressure sensor



Pressure measurement perturbation



Not realistic sea level estimation

Dynamics and kinematics effects

1. Height variation of the sensor Δh :

$$\Delta P_1 = \rho g \Delta h$$

Where:

ρ is the sea water density

g is the gravitational acceleration

2. Drag pressure induced by the sea floor station motion:

$$\Delta P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_D V^2$$

Where:

C_D is the sea floor station drag coefficient

V is the modulus of the station velocity

3. Pressure field locally generated in the fluid by the sea floor motion:

$$\Delta P_3 = \rho h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2}$$

Where:

h is the water column height

$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2}$ is the sea floor bottom vertical acceleration

Many other effects such:

- 1) The Salinity and Temperature local variation
- 2) The fluid squeezing in and out the sea floor induced by the stress caused by the quake

should be taken into account in future development.

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