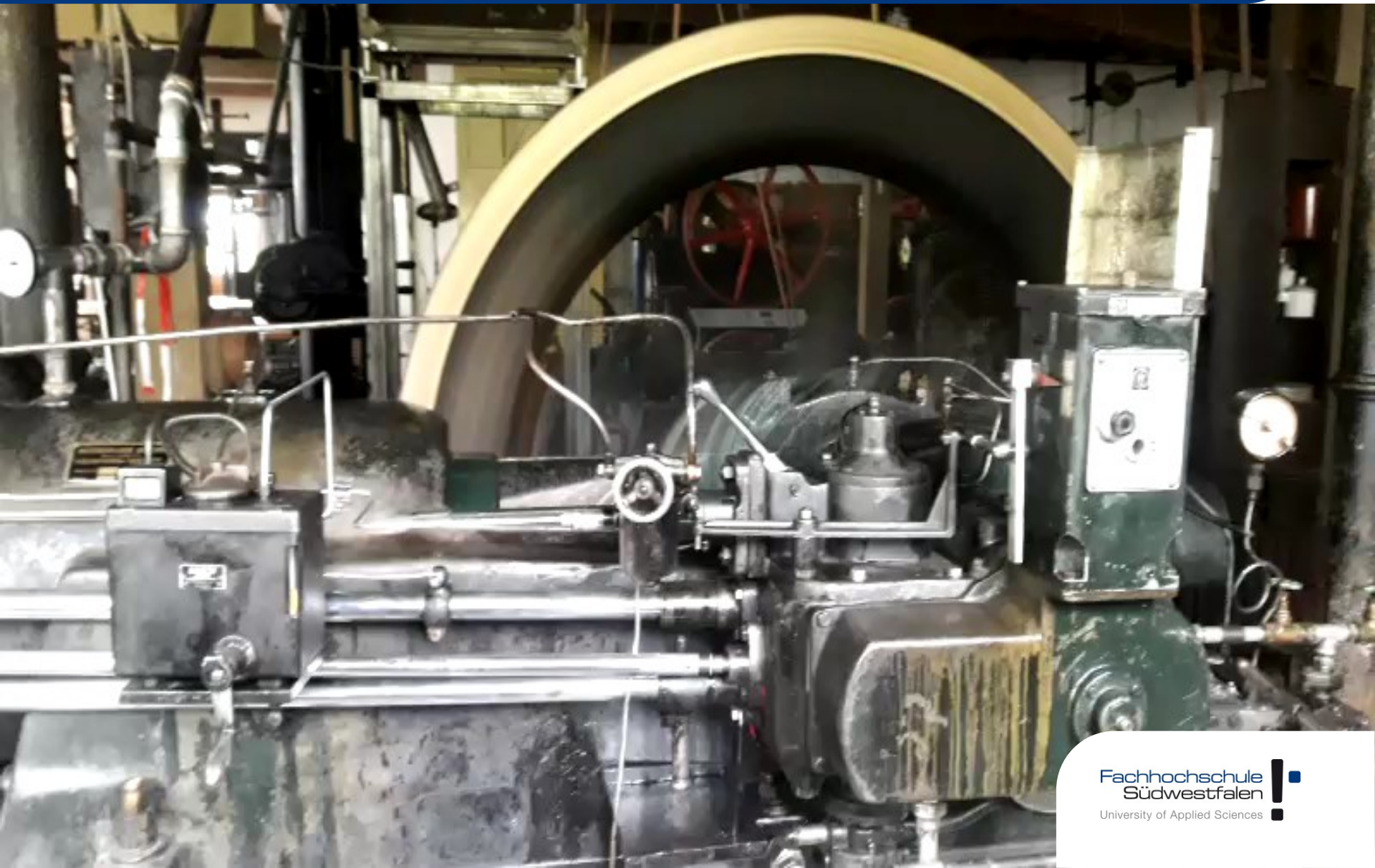


Acceleration Logging

Personal application of Ruuvi sensor



Motivation

- In cooperation with Technikmuseum Freudenberg
- My hobby is operating the trains
- In 2017, the people of the museum rebuild a 70 year old Herford Stationary Diesel Engine.



Technical specification

Experimental setup

- Herford DNS Motor
- Nearly 70 years old
- Compatible to many fuels from Diesel to heavy oil.
- 75HP @ 300 revolutions per minute
- One cylinder with ~40 liter displacement
- Weight ~6200kg
- Diameter of flywheel ~2m
- Manufacturer: Motorenfabrik Hans König, Herford / Deutschland
- Placement of the Ruuvi Tag at the drive shaft.
- Sample rate streaming with 100Hz
- Resolution 12 Bit
- Scale 16G



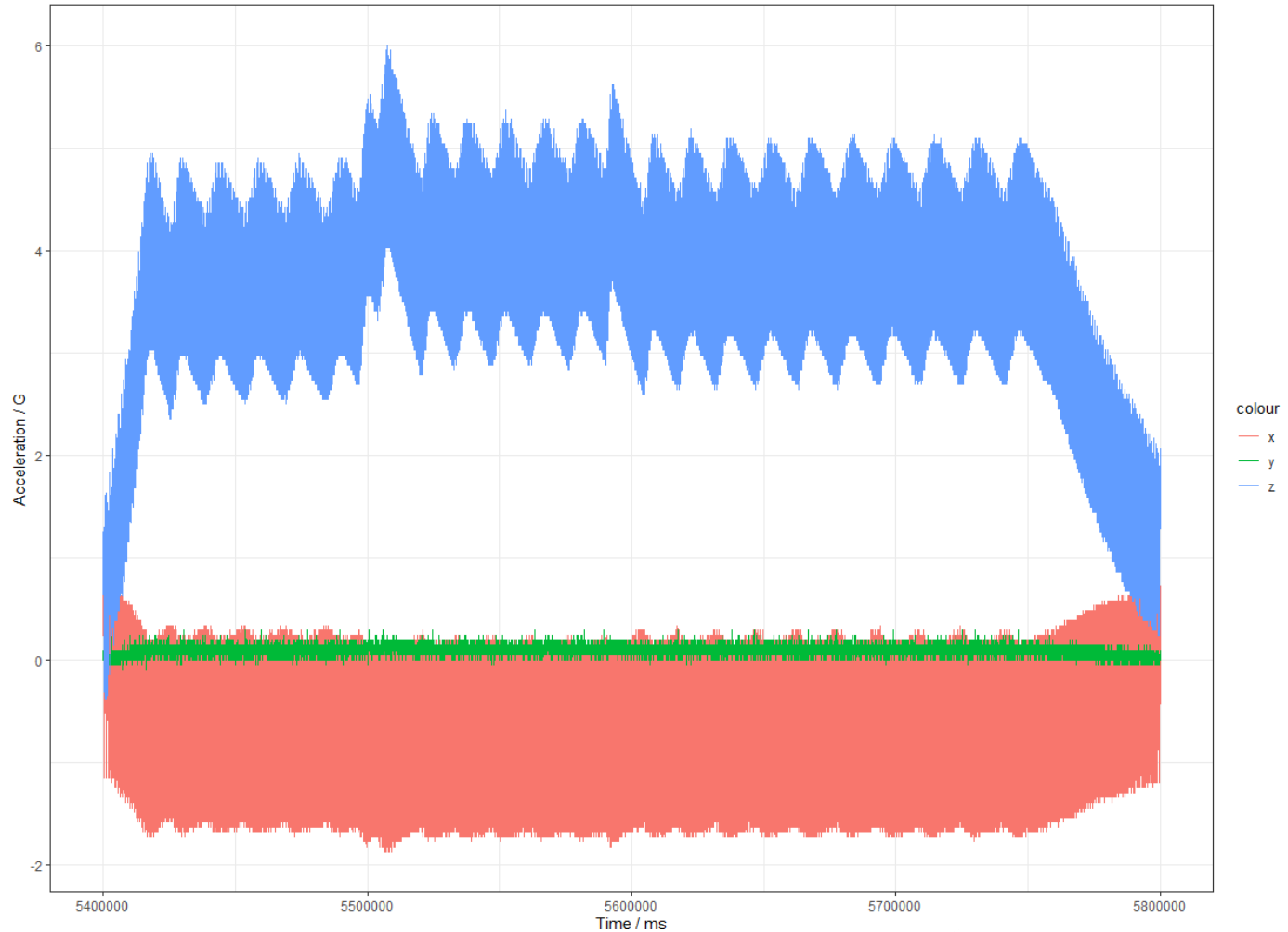
Raw acceleration data

Z: centrifugal acceleration + gravitation

Y: acceleration along the drive shaft

X: acceleration right-angled to the drive shaft + gravitation

Z and **X** acceleration consist of two components.

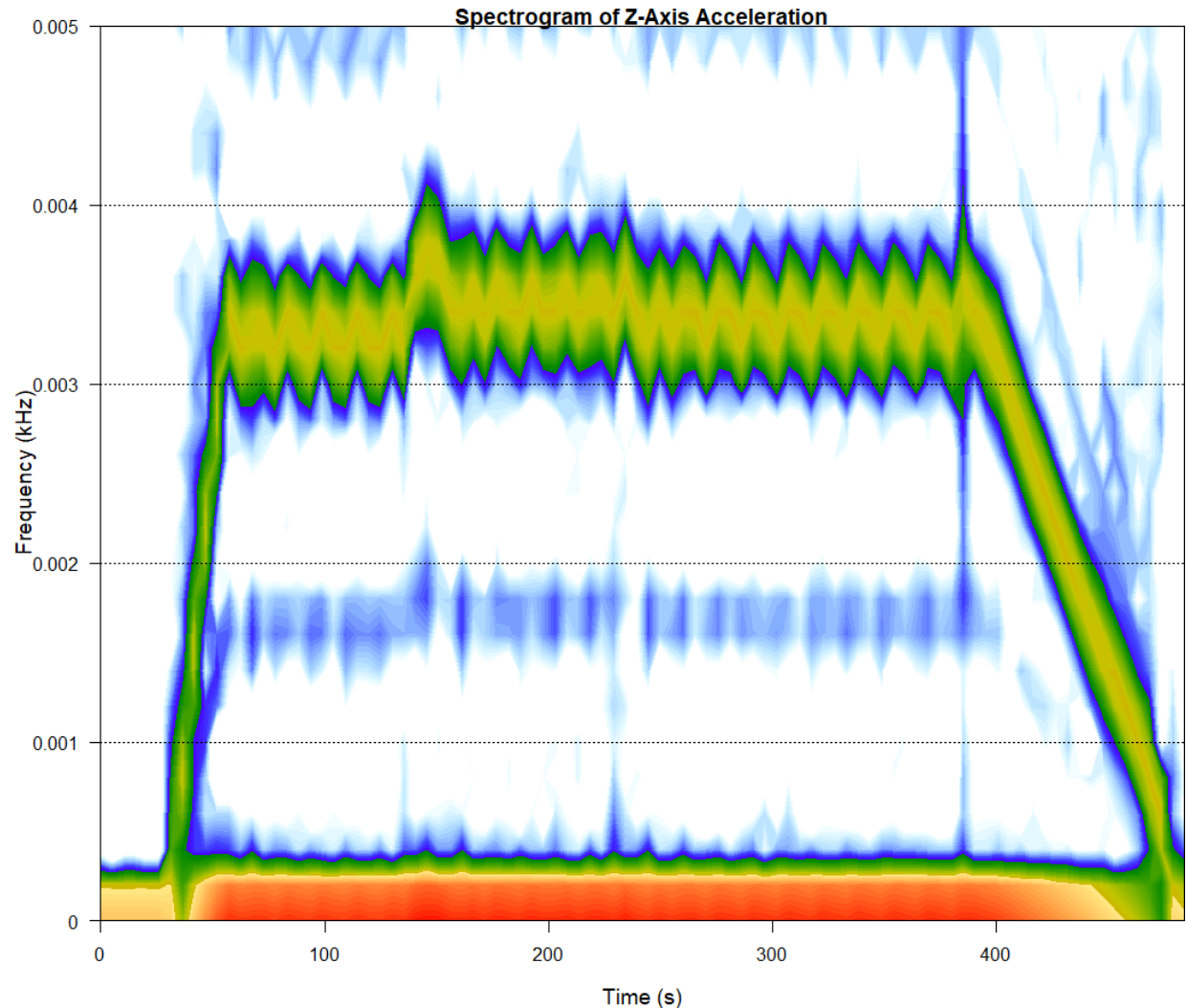


Spectrogram

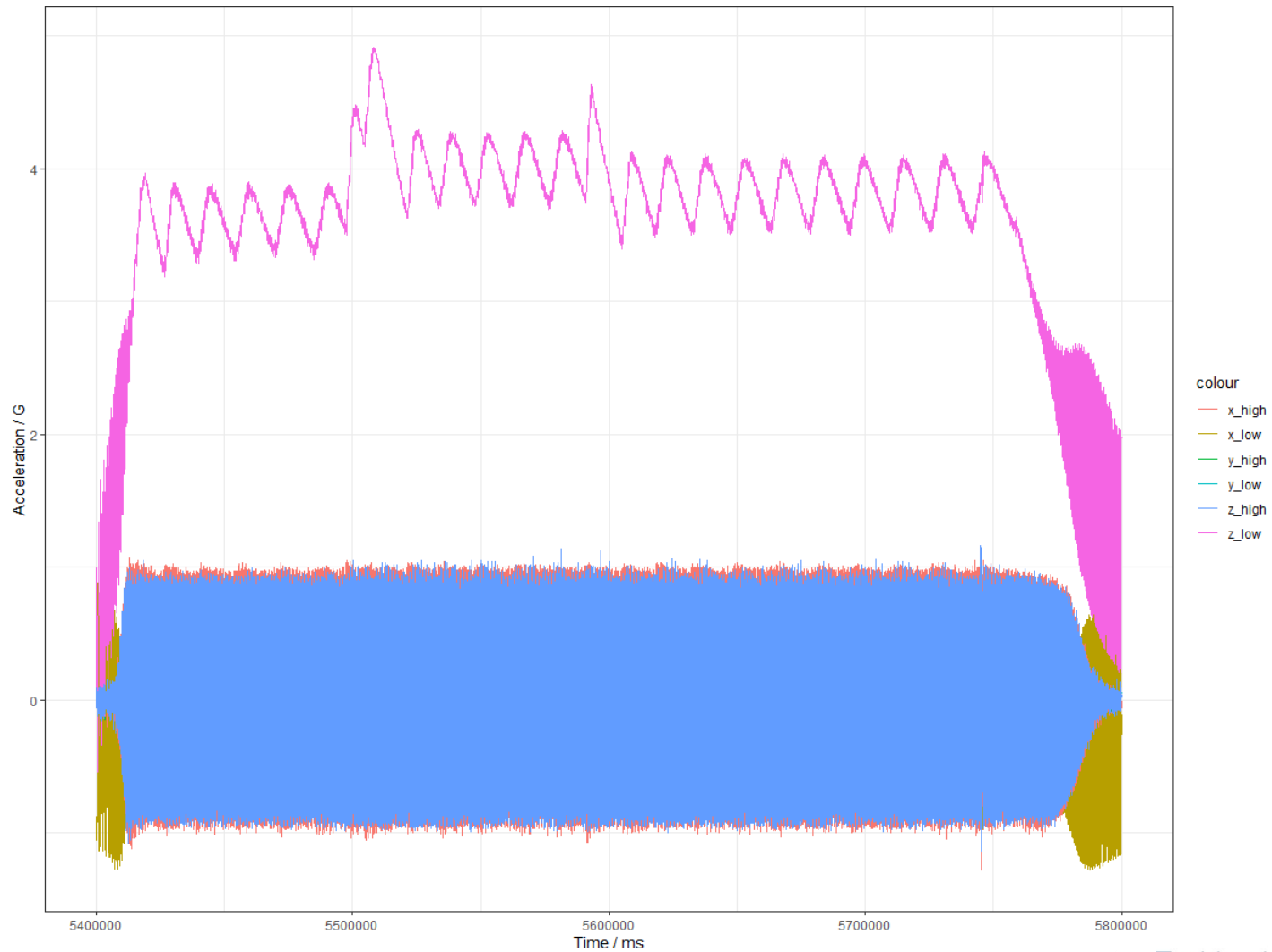
The spectrogram of all axes look nearly the same.

Components can be split at $\sim 2.4\text{Hz}$ using lowpass and highpass.

Engine operates at 3 to 4 revolutions per second.

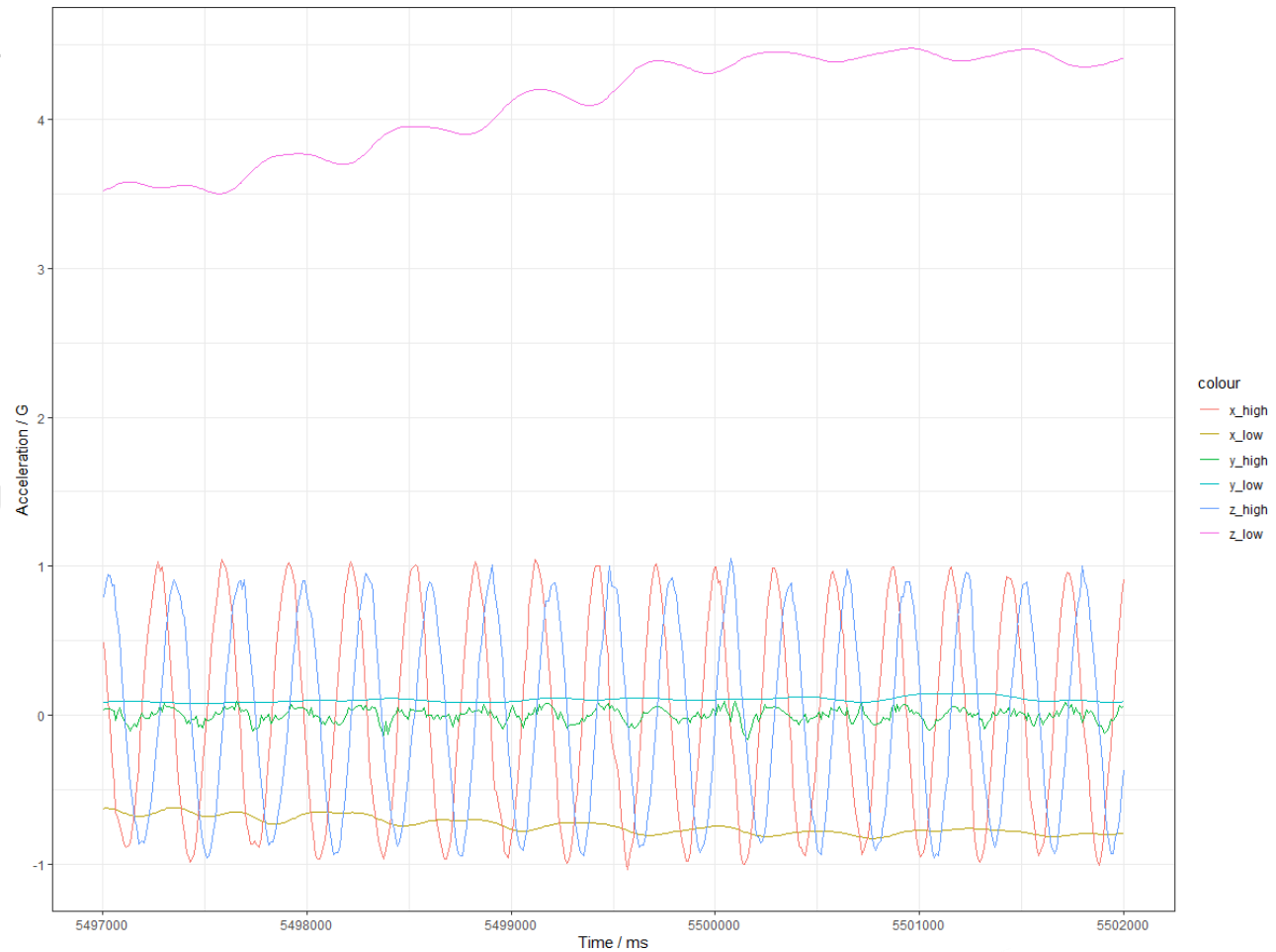


Acceleration data after split at 2.4 Hz

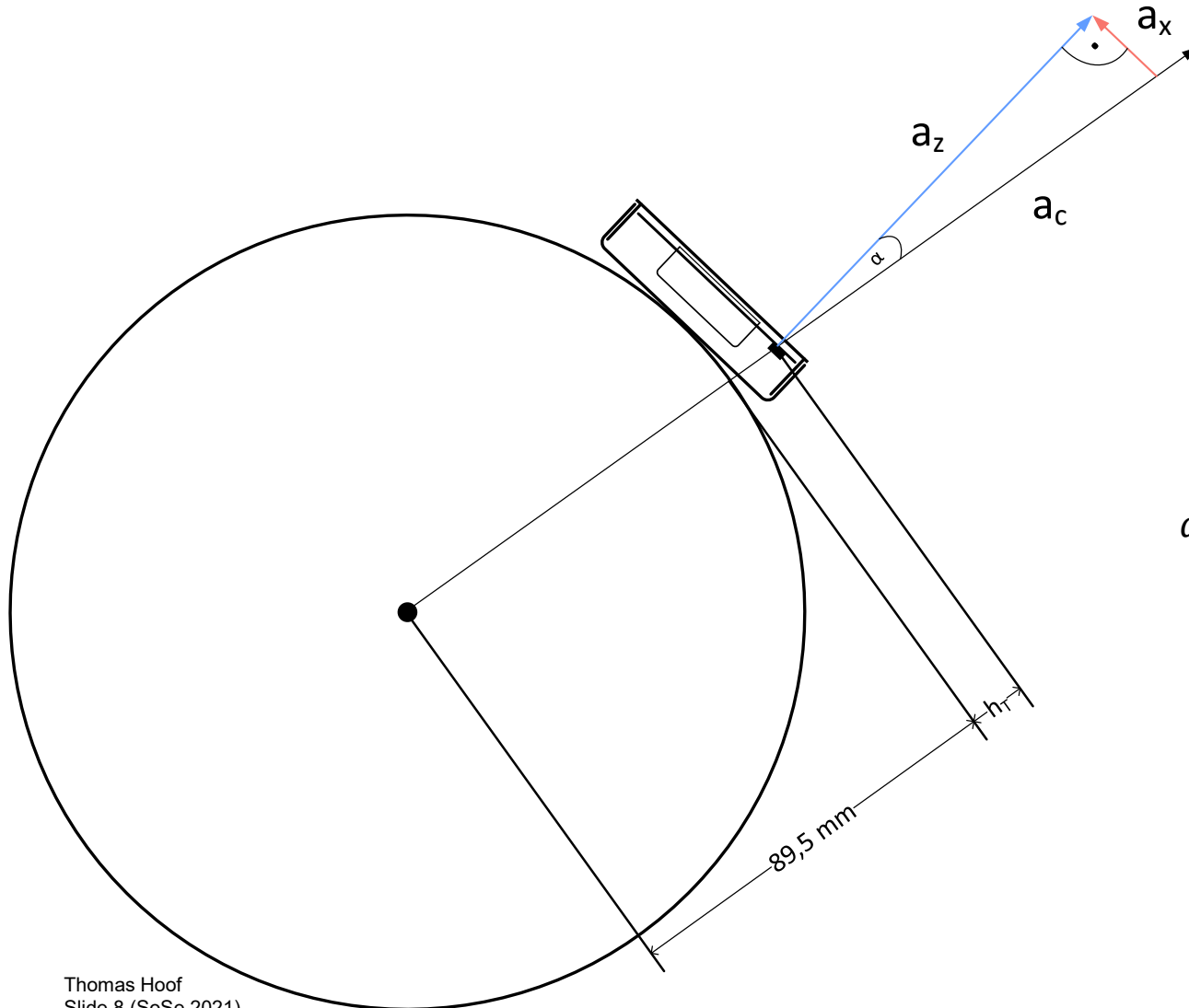


Zoom inside acceleration data

- After split at 2.4Hz
- Z_low + X_low:
Components of centrifugal acceleration
- Z_high + X_high:
Gravitation
- Y_low, Y_high:
Acceleration along the axis of the drive shaft



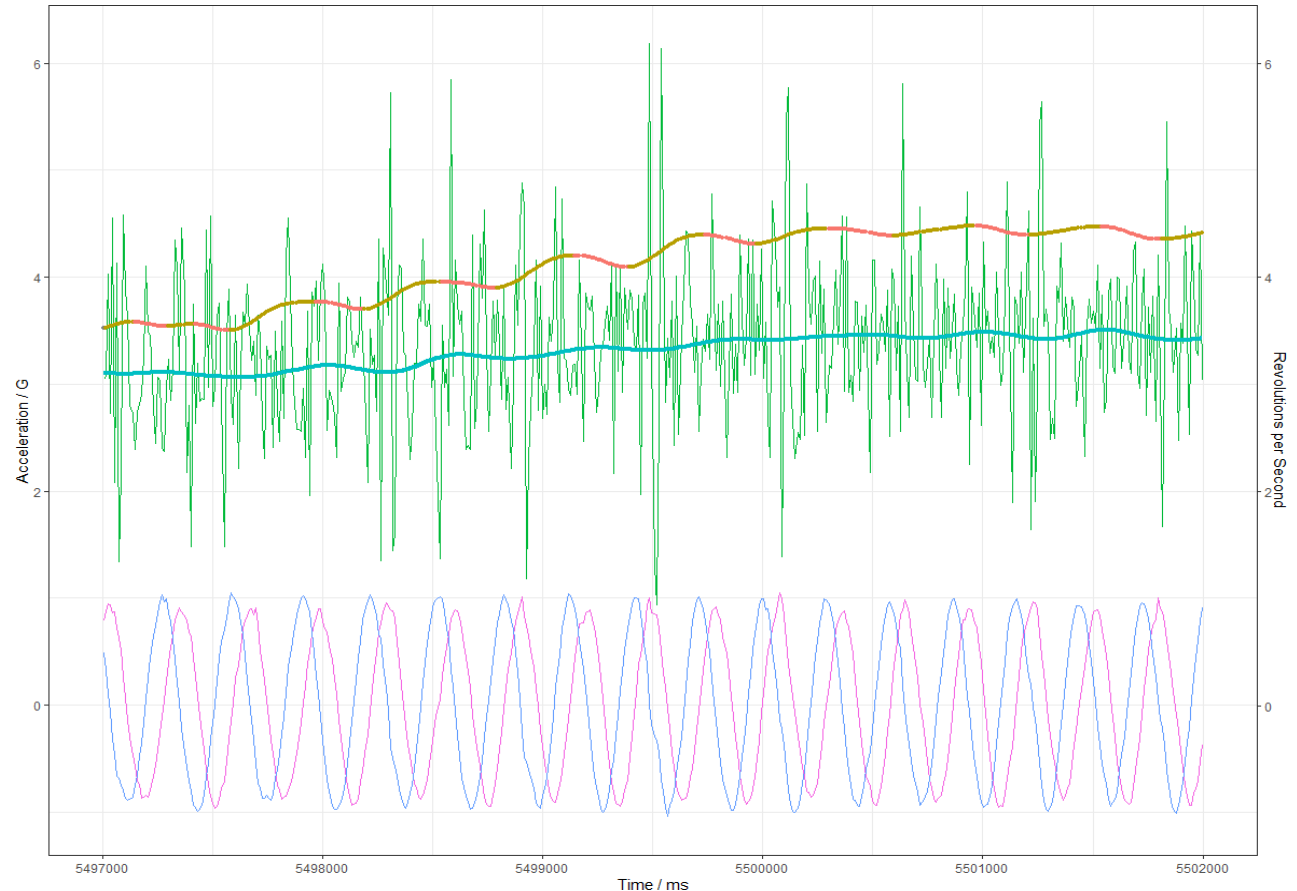
Components of centrifugal acceleration



$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{a_x}{a_z}$$
$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.78G}{4.5G}$$
$$\alpha = 9.8^\circ$$

Angular velocity

- Calculating angular velocity from angle and sampling time is very noisy.
- After passing through lowpass value is useful.



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Validation

Calculating centrifugal acceleration from angular velocity

Diameter of Drive Shaft: $d = 179mm$

Height of Ruuvi Tag: $h_T = 5mm$

$f(t=5501011) \approx 3.5Hz$

$$r = \frac{d}{2} + h_T = \frac{179mm}{2} + 5mm = 95mm$$

Centrifugal acceleration from components: $a_c = \sqrt{a_{x_low}^2 + a_{z_low}^2}$

$$a_c(t=5501011) = \sqrt{0.78G^2 + 4.5G^2} = 4.6G$$

Centrifugal acceleration from angular velocity: $a_c = \omega^2 \cdot r$

$$a_c = (2 \cdot \pi \cdot 3.5Hz)^2 \cdot 95mm = 46 \frac{m}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{9.81} = 4.7G$$

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