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## INTERPRETATION OF TRACK ALIGNMENT MEASUREMENTS IN A GEODYNAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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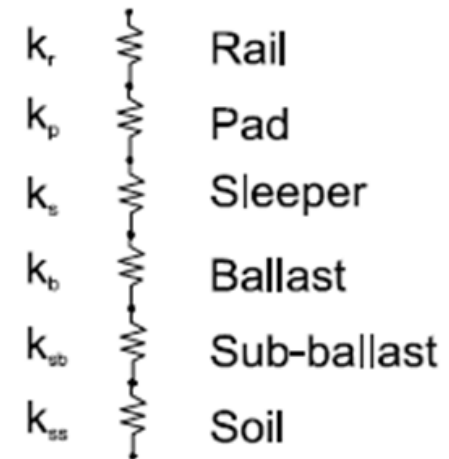
## TRACK ALIGNMENT

Longitudinal level of the railway track



(Barthelemy, S. , 2021)

## TOTAL TRACK STIFFNESS



$$\frac{1}{k_{total}} = \frac{1}{k_r} + \frac{1}{k_p} + \frac{1}{k_s} + \frac{1}{k_b} + \frac{1}{k_{sb}} + \frac{1}{k_{ss}}$$

Berggren, E. (2009)

## HOW ARE TRACK ALIGNMENT MEASUREMENTS PERFORMED?

TRACK RECORDING COACH FOR TRACK ALIGNMENT MEASUREMENTS

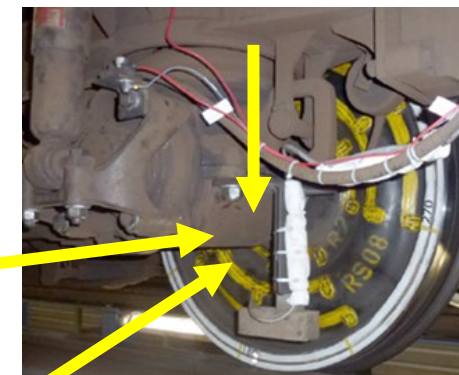
POSITION OF AXLE-BOX ACCELEROMETER



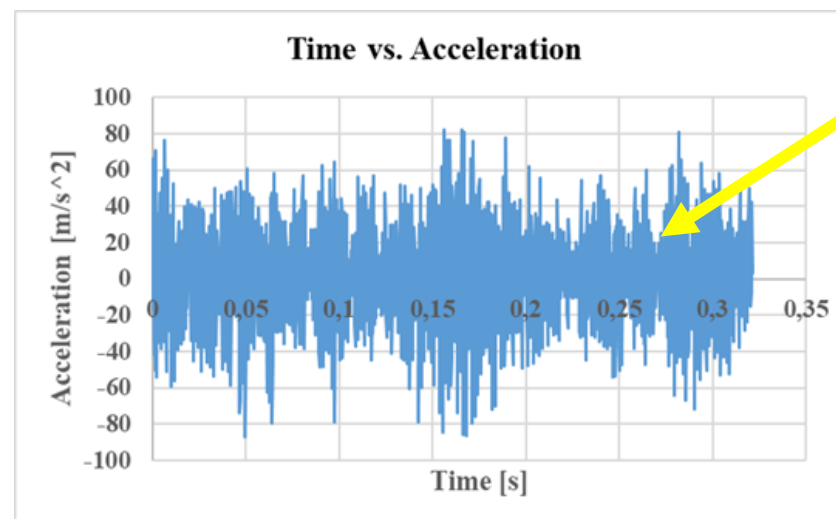
(Barthelemy, S. , 2021)



(Trafikverket, 2018)

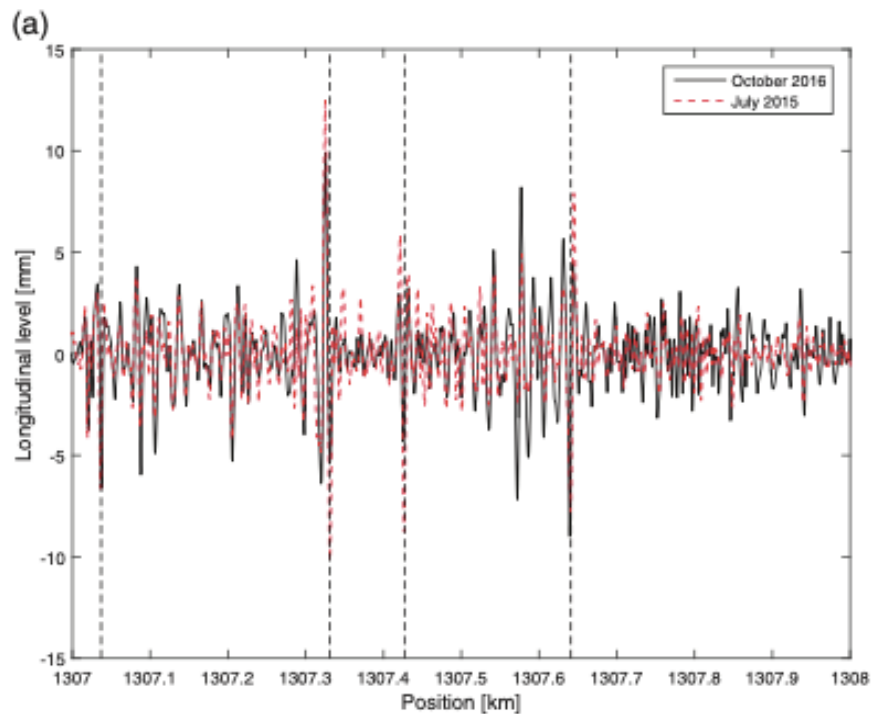


(Angehrn, 2015)

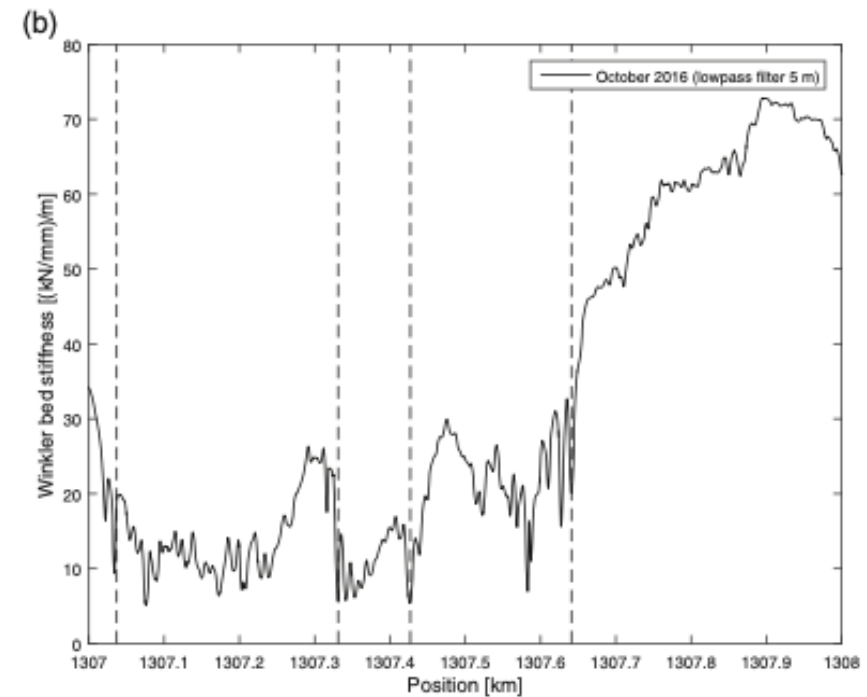


## RESULTS FROM VERTICAL TRACK GEOMETRY DEGRADATION STUDIES ON THE SWEDISH HEAVY HAUL LINE “MALMBANAN” BASED ON VERTICAL TRACK ALIGNMENT –AND STIFFNESS MEASUREMENTS

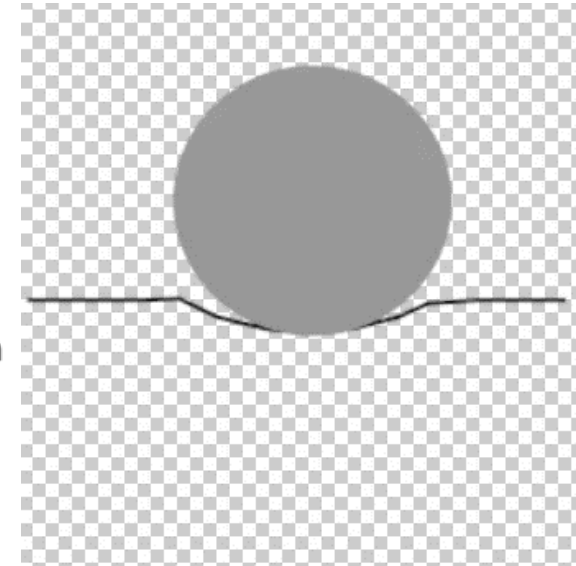
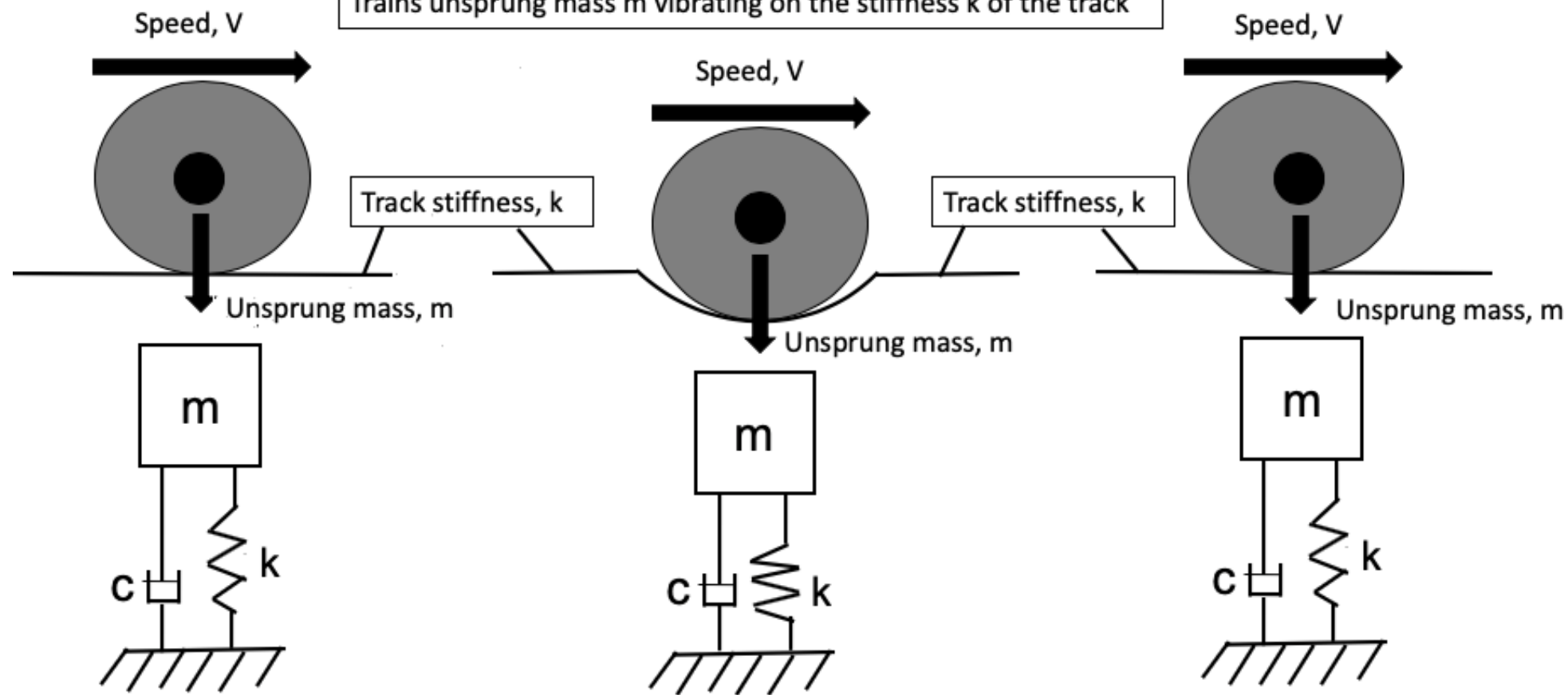
A) Longitudinal level (mm) vs. Position (km)



B) Track stiffness (kN/mm/m) vs. Position (km)

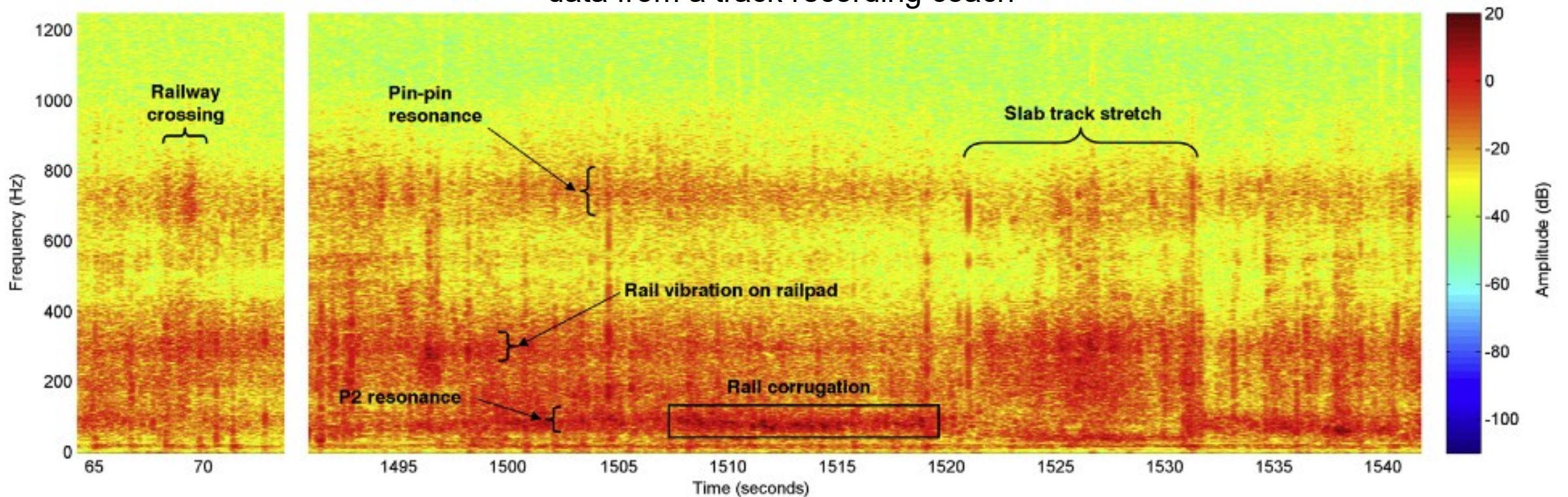


Coupled Vehicle-Track System Response  
Trains unsprung mass  $m$  vibrating on the stiffness  $k$  of the track



## FUNDAMENTAL COUPLED VEHICLE-TRACK SYSTEM RESPONSE 10-100 HZ "P2-RESONANCE" DISCOVERED IN FREQUENCY VS. TIME SPECTRUM

Frequency (Hz) vs. Time (s) spectrum obtained from axle-box accelerometer data from a track recording coach



## RESEARCH QUESTION

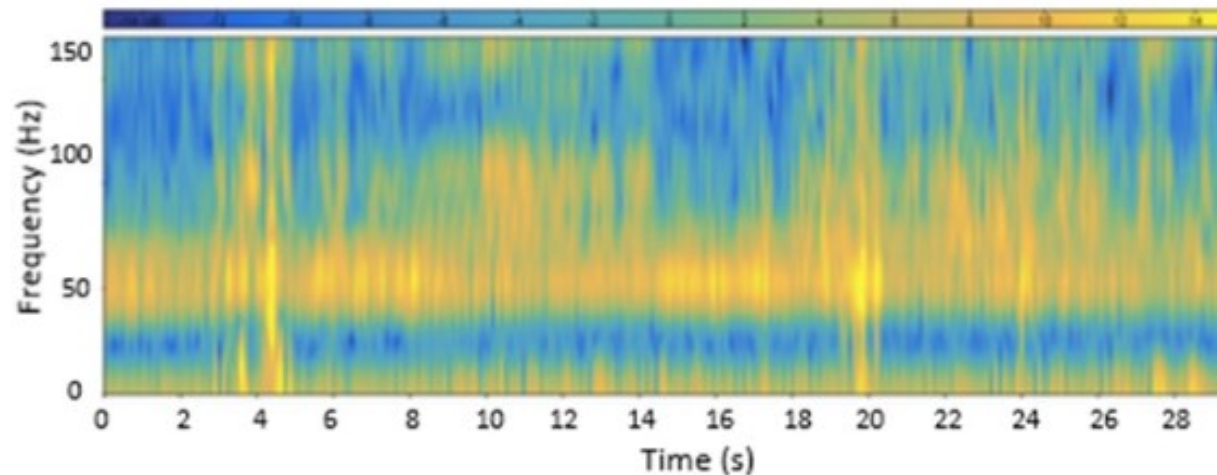
DOES FREQUENCY CONTENT OF AXLE-BOX ACCELEROMETER DATA FROM TRACK ALIGNMENT MEASUREMENTS ENABLE MONITORING OF VARIATIONS/CHANGES IN TRACK STIFFNESS?



(Trafikverket, 2018)



(Angehrn, 2015)





## CONCLUSIONS

- COUPLED VEHICLE-TRACK SYSTEM RESPONSE IS VISIBLE IN FREQUENCY VS. TIME SPECTRUMS
- CONTROL OF TRACK STIFFNESS (BALLAST/SUB-BALLAST -AND SUBGRADE-STIFFNESS) IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE WITH THIS METHOD



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