

Implementing a Wireless Geophysical Sensor Network



Tracy Camp



SmartGeo

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engineering the way

Road Map

- SmartGeo Applications, Goals, and Challenges
- Resource Constrained Hardware
- Data Collection in SmartGeo Environments
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An interdisciplinary graduate program
in the area of Intelligent Geosystems



Intelligent Geosystems

natural or engineered
earth systems enabled to
sense their condition and
adapt to meet their objective

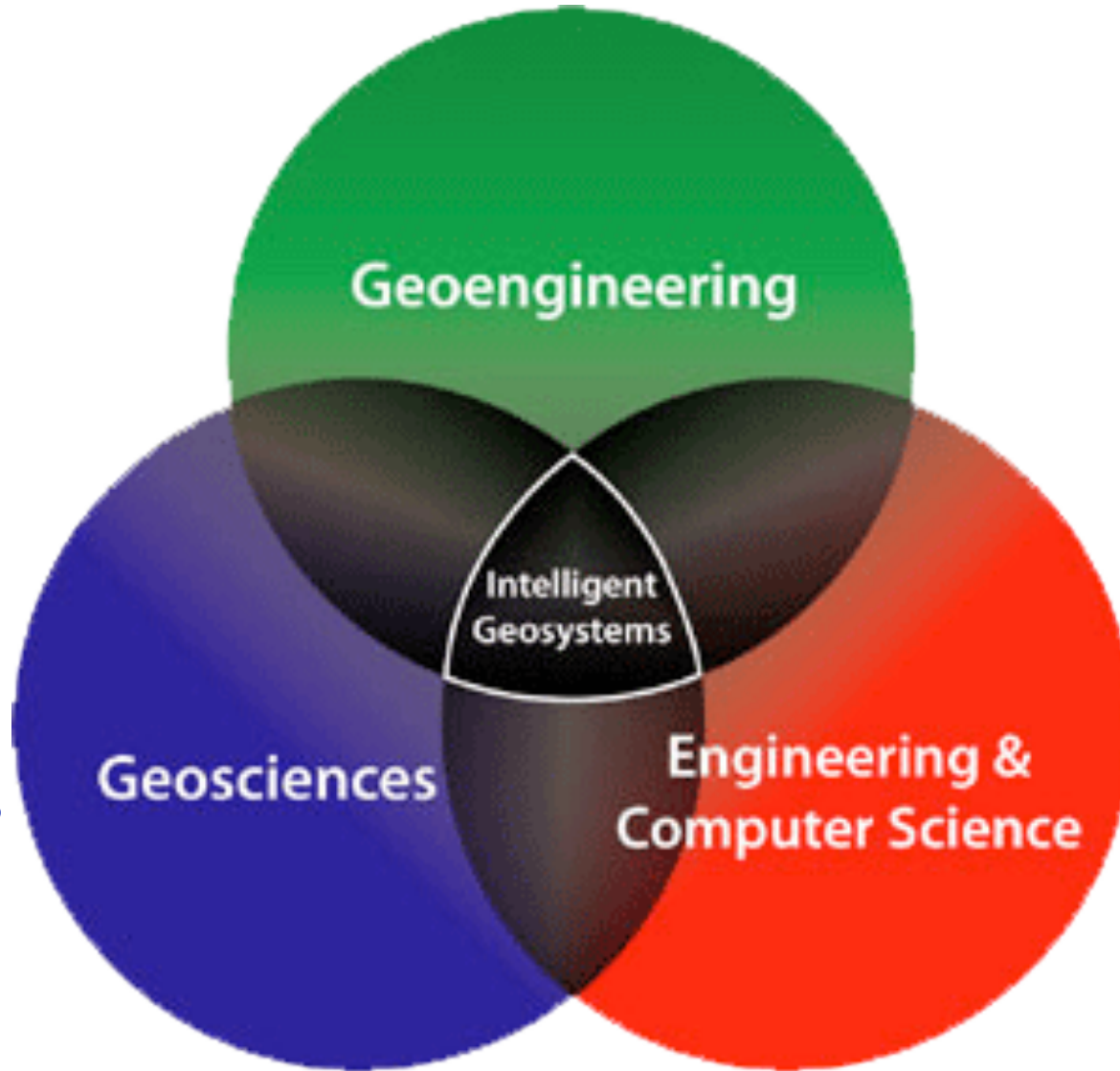


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**Civil (Geotechnical)
Geological
Environmental**

**Geophysics
Geology
Mathematics**



**Mechanical
Electrical
Comp Sci**

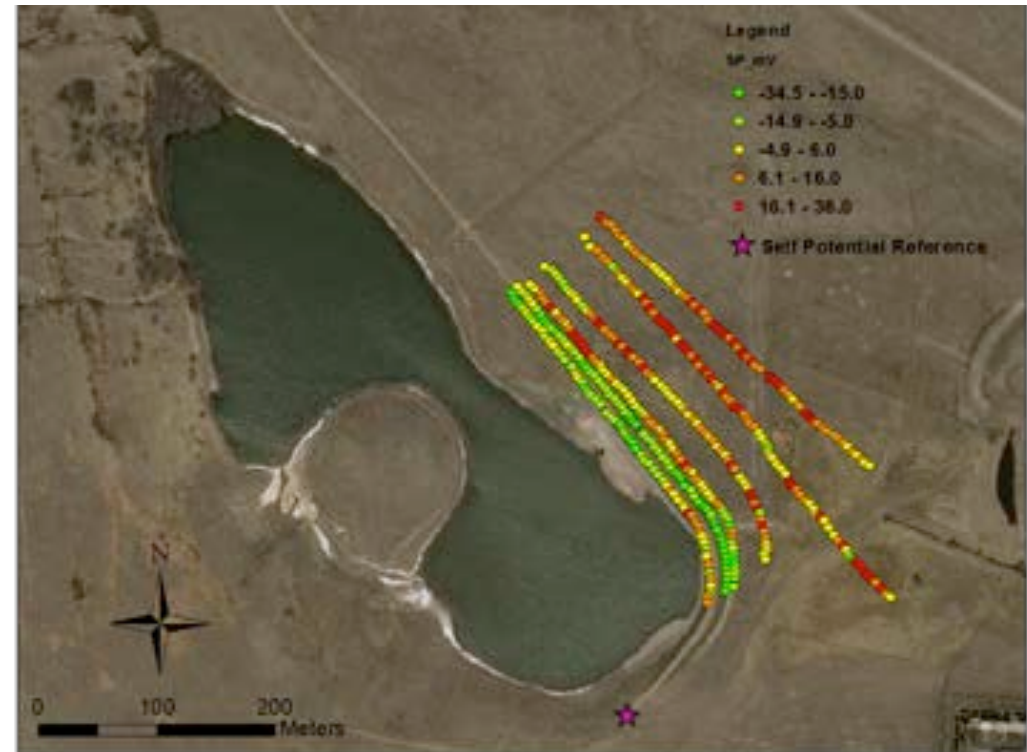
Intelligent Earth Dams/Levees





Long Lake Dam Golden, CO

Pomme de Terra Dam, MO





Potreriillos Dam
Argentina

Ijkdijk Test Levee Netherlands



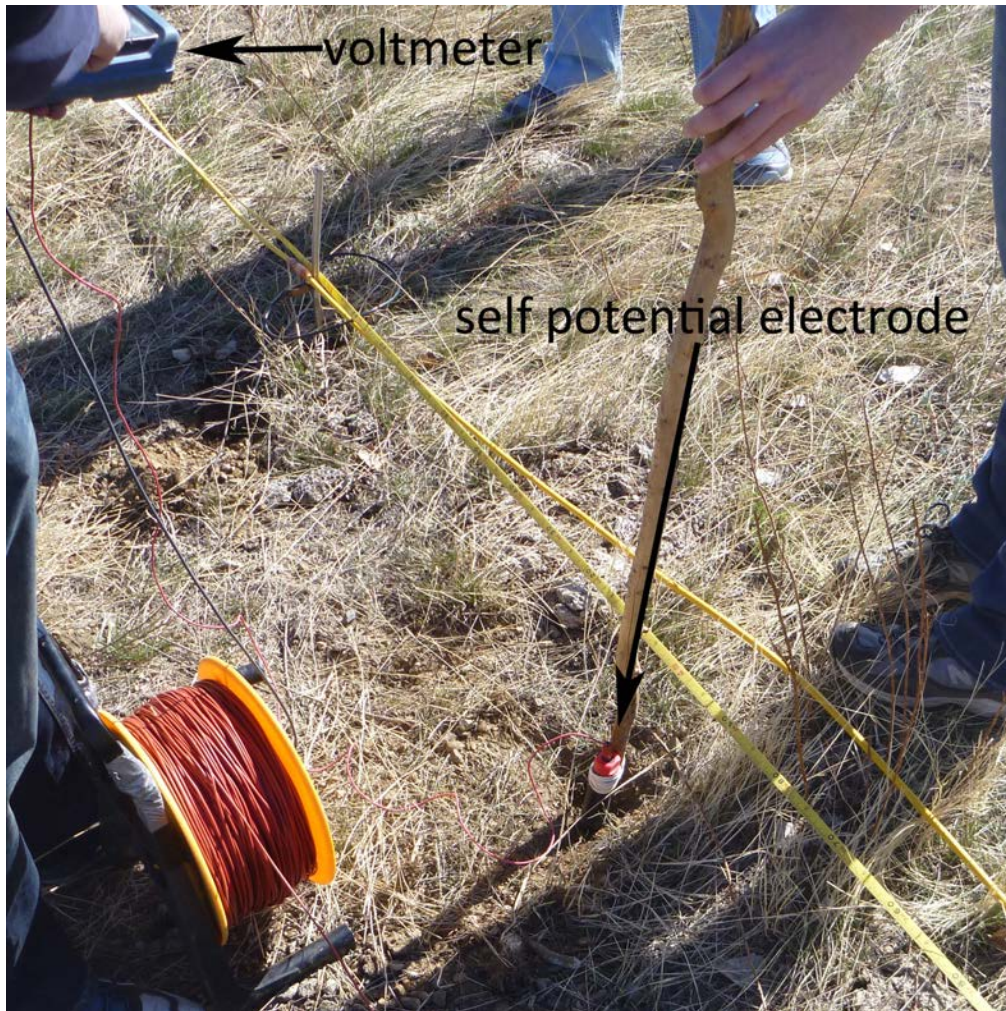
Tunbridge Dam, Australia



Current State of Practice: Periodic Wired Geophysical Monitoring



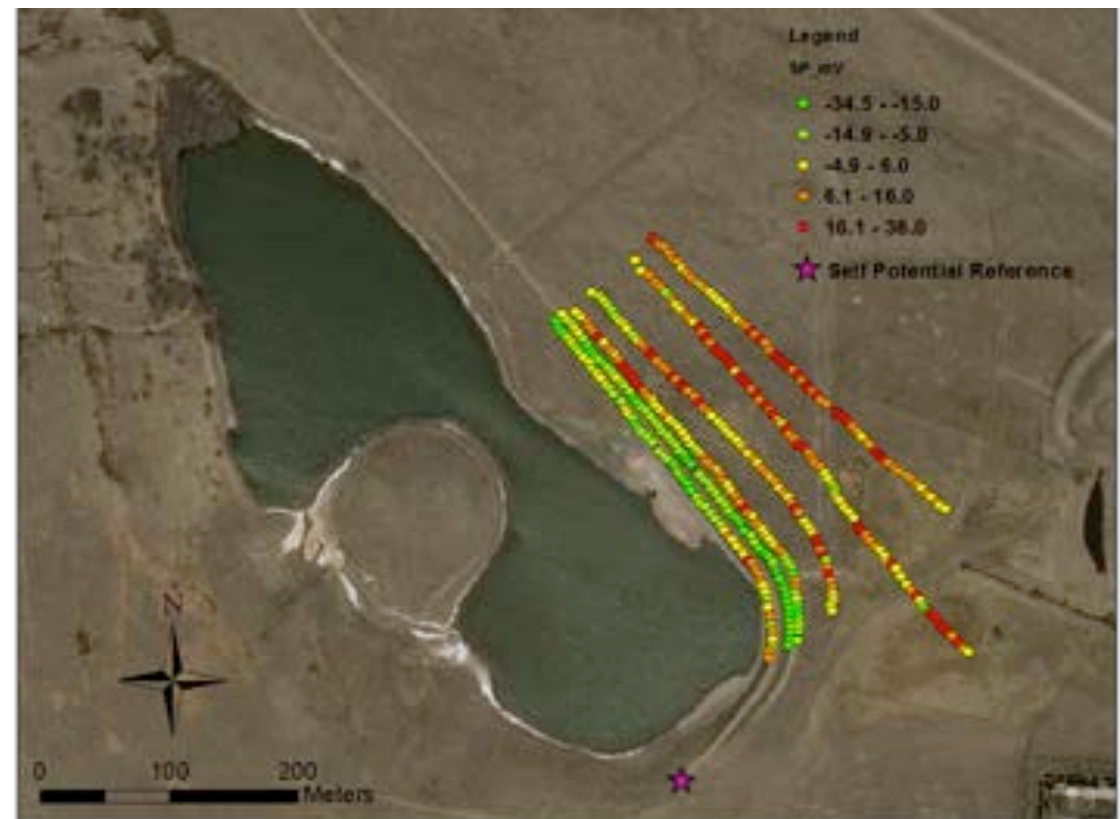
Wired Geophysical Monitoring



Goal: 'continuous' monitoring using a (geophysical) WSN

Long Lake Dam, Golden, CO

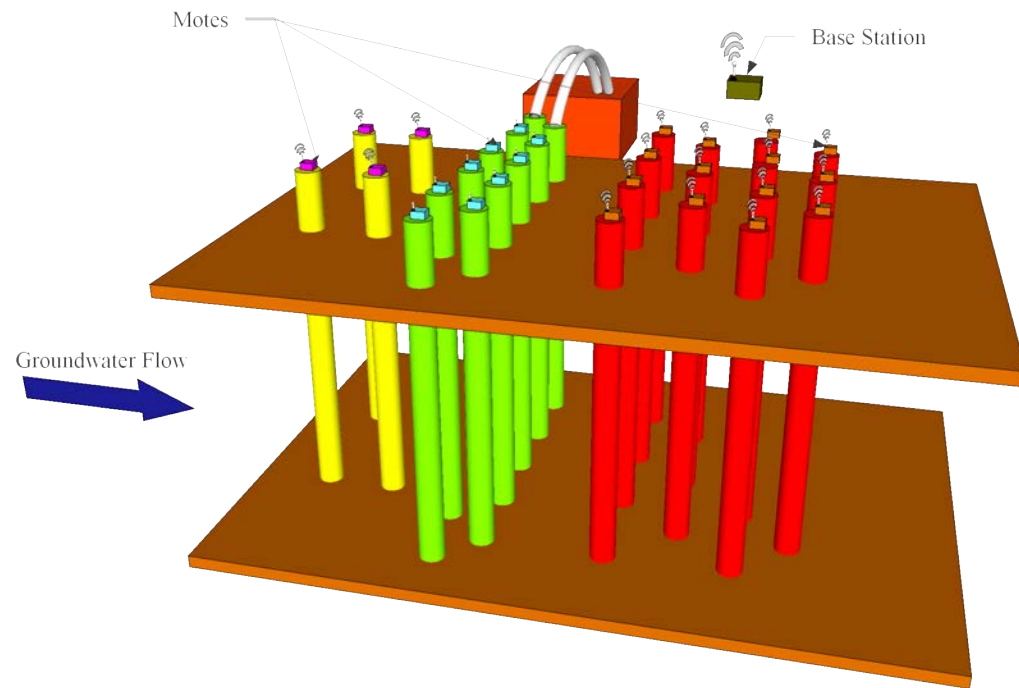
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Intelligent Earth Dams/Levees



Intelligent Remediation



Intelligent Construction



Intelligent Avalanche Monitoring



CS/EE Technical Challenges

- unable to integrate geophysical measurement techniques into off-the-shelf mote platforms
- collection of data in a resource constrained environment = use compressive sampling?
- geophysical measurement techniques require localization accuracy at the cm level
- geophysical measurement techniques require time synchronization at the micro-second level
- processing of data (ML and HPC)

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signal filters
110dB amplifier
24 bit ADC

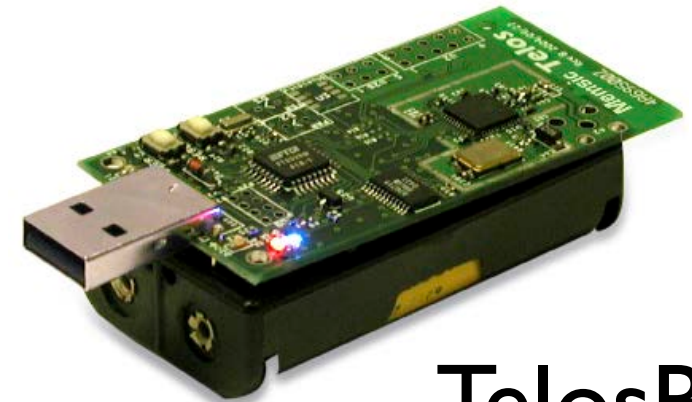
Popular Mote Platforms



Iris



MicaZ



TelosB

have limitations
(ADCs, RAM, etc.)

gsMote: geophysical sensing Mote

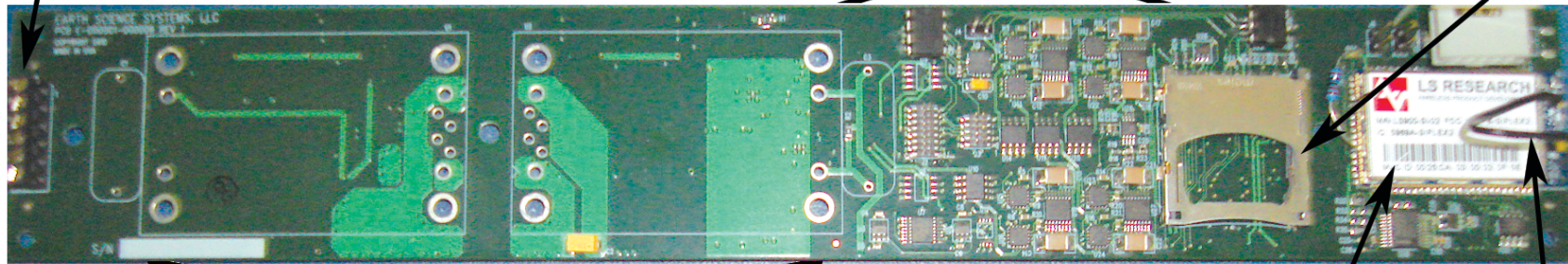
- geophysical sensors: self potential, seismic, infrasound, resistivity
- High/Low pass hardware filters
- Amplifier
- AVR XMEGA256A microprocessor
- 24-bit off chip ADC
- 64kB FeRAM
- 2-32GB persistent flash storage
- 802.15.4 Radio (900 mHz with 2km range)

gsMote PCB

external sensor connectors
(e.g., self-potential)

seismic sensors & geophysical signal processing hardware
(e.g., filters, ADC, up-sampling)

flash memory (SD) card holder



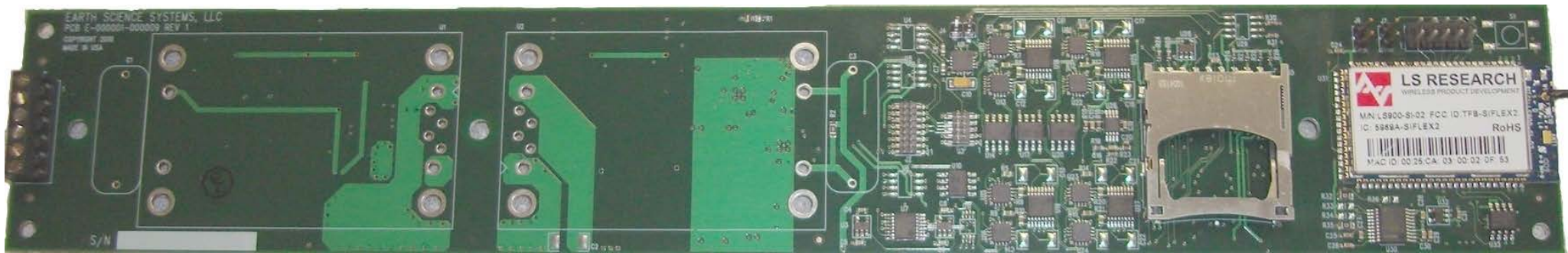
connectors for resistivity

micro-processor and
900MHz wireless module

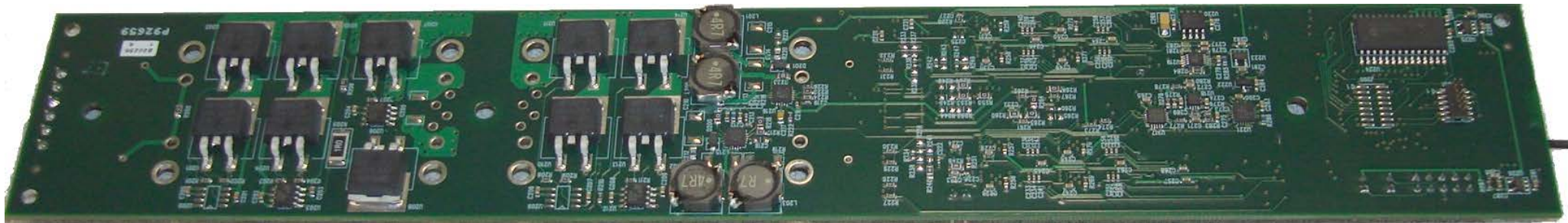
antenna

gsMote Example

front



back



Basic Mote Properties

- Sense
- Compute
- Store
- Communicate



LIMITED RESOURCES/ENERGY!

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Compressive Sampling

- SmartGeo motes have very limited resources
- SmartGeo apps. have moderately high sampling rates
==> need to REDUCE amount of data

*Why go to so much effort to acquire all the data
when most of what we get will be thrown away?*

David Donoho

IEEE Transactions on Information Theory
2006

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replace “sample THEN compress”
with “compress WHILE sampling”

<http://dsp.rice.edu/cs>

Compressive Sampling

- works if original signal has low information (e.g., sparse)

$$x = \Psi \alpha$$

- transform original signal (x of length N)
to vector (y of length M , where $M \ll N$)

$$y = \Phi x$$

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measurement matrix ($M \times N$)

Measurement Matrices

- Random Gaussian
- Bernoulli
- Random Fourier
- Random Binary

Signal Recovery

- solve the underdetermined linear system

$$y = \Phi x$$

- by employing numerical optimization methods
to approximate the original signal

$$\hat{x} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x'} \|x'\|_{\ell_1} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y = \Phi x'$$

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- ℓ_1 -norm minimization
- re-weighted ℓ_1 -norm minimization
- ℓ_0 -norm minimization
- ℓ_2 -norm minimization

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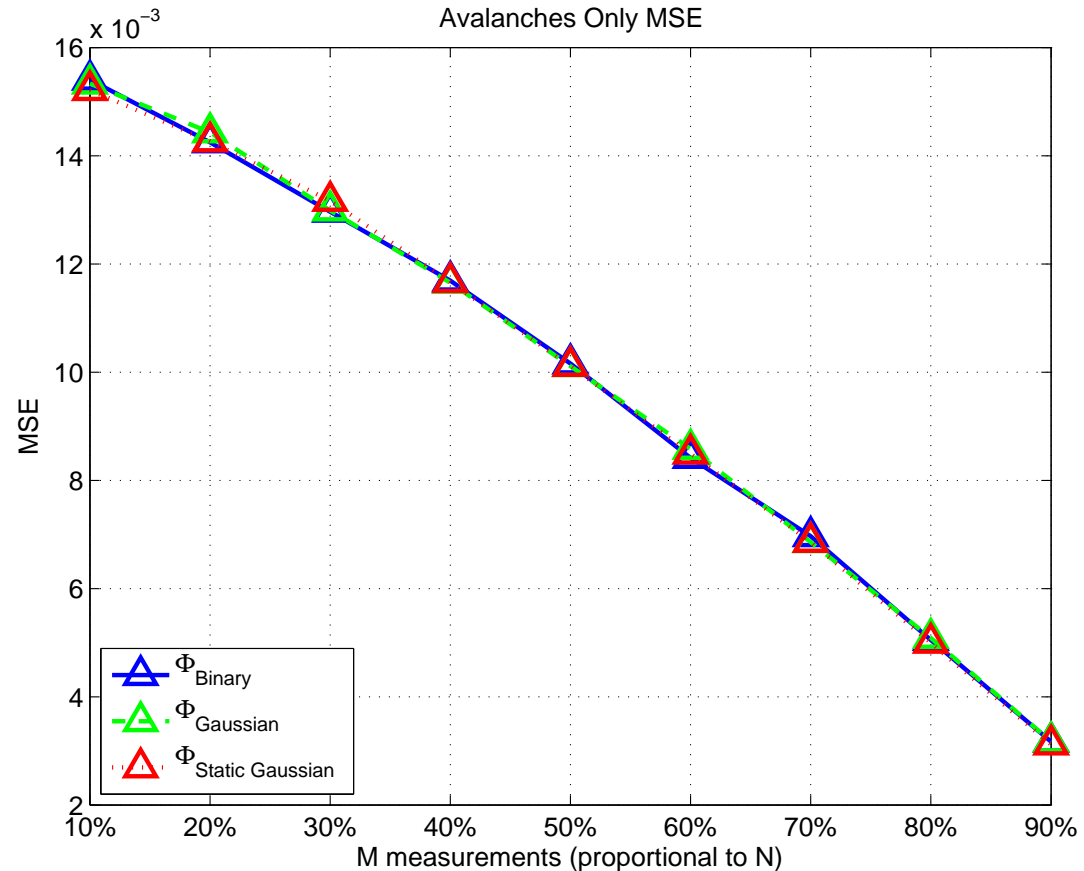
- Random Gaussian
- 'static' Random Gaussian
- Random Binary

$$\Phi_{binary} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(MxN)

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Question 1: how to implement compressive sampling on a wireless mote?

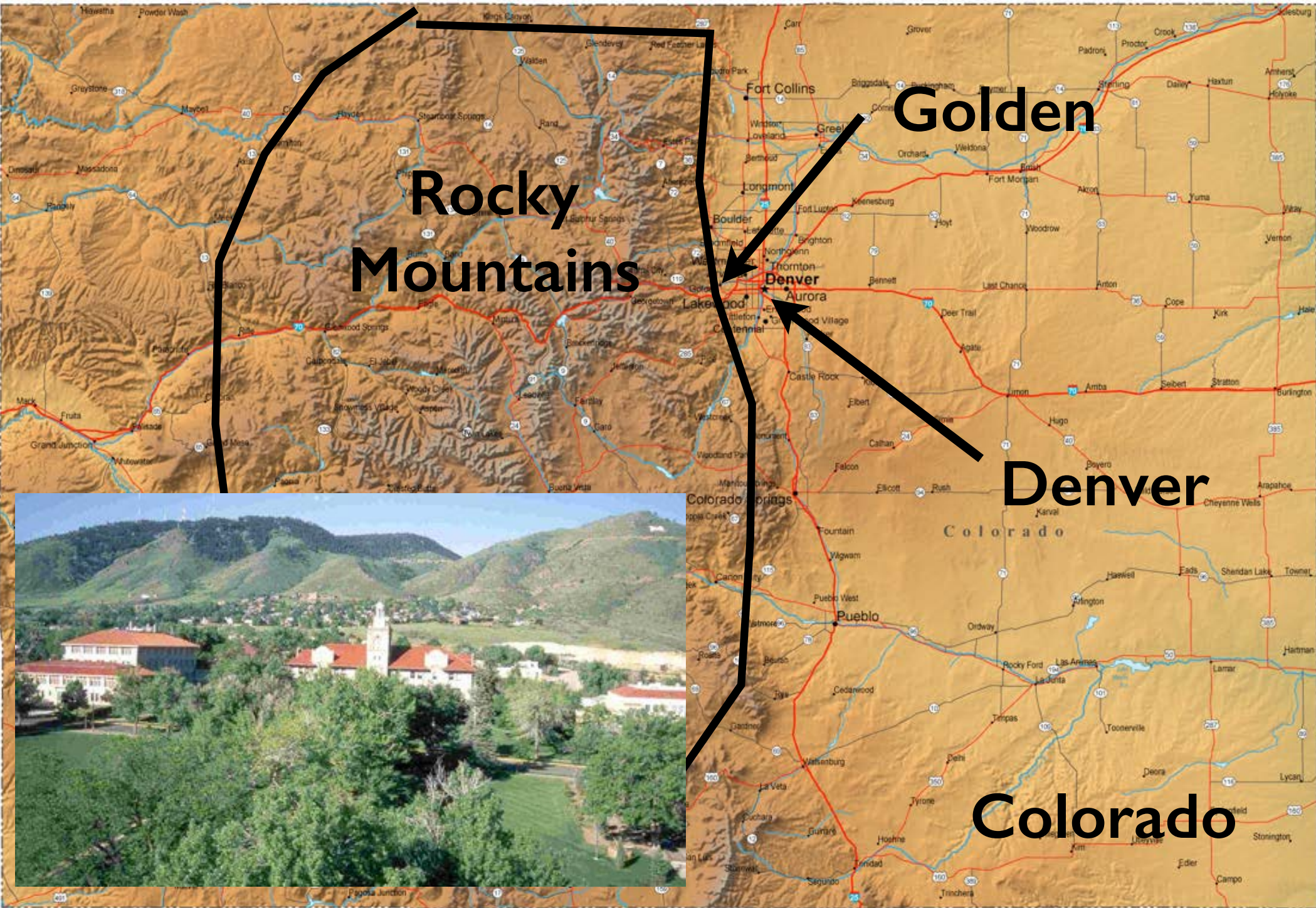
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Where is the Colorado School of Mines?



Colorado



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On-Mote Compressive Sampling

- Additive Random Sampling (ARS)

costly floating point operations

- Sparse Binary Sampling (SBS)

$$y = \Phi x$$

- Randomized Timing Vector (RTV)

$$\Phi_b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies V_t = \{0, 1, 0, 1, 1\}$$

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**Question 2: how do these
algorithms compare?**

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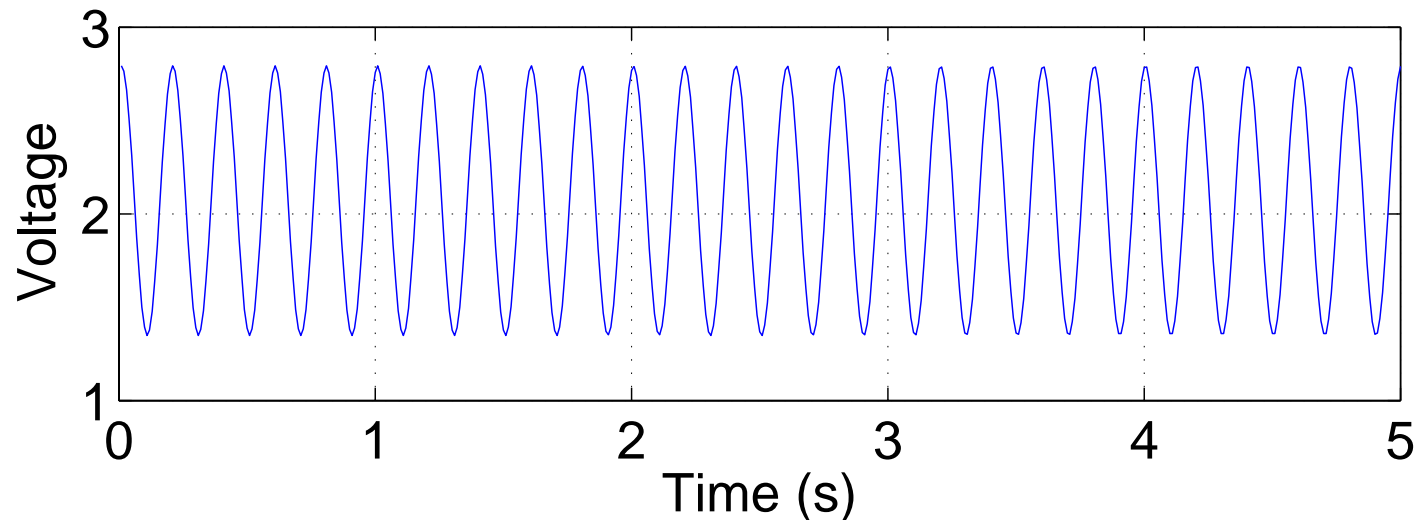
Experiment 1: Sinusoids

Experiment 2: Real Seismic Data

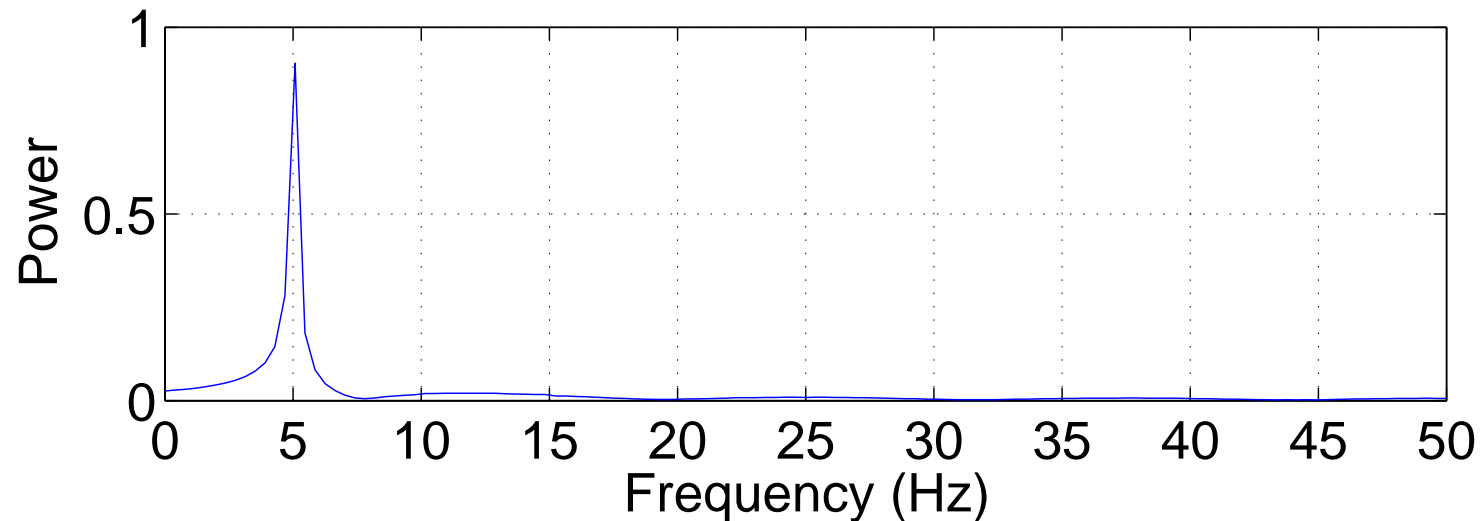
Experiment 3: Power Consumption

Experiment: sinusoids

5 Hz Signal (Time Domain)



5 Hz Signal (Frequency Domain)



Experiment: sinusoids

$$NRMSE = \frac{\sqrt{\text{mean}((x - \hat{x})^2)}}{\max(x) - \min(x)} \times 100$$

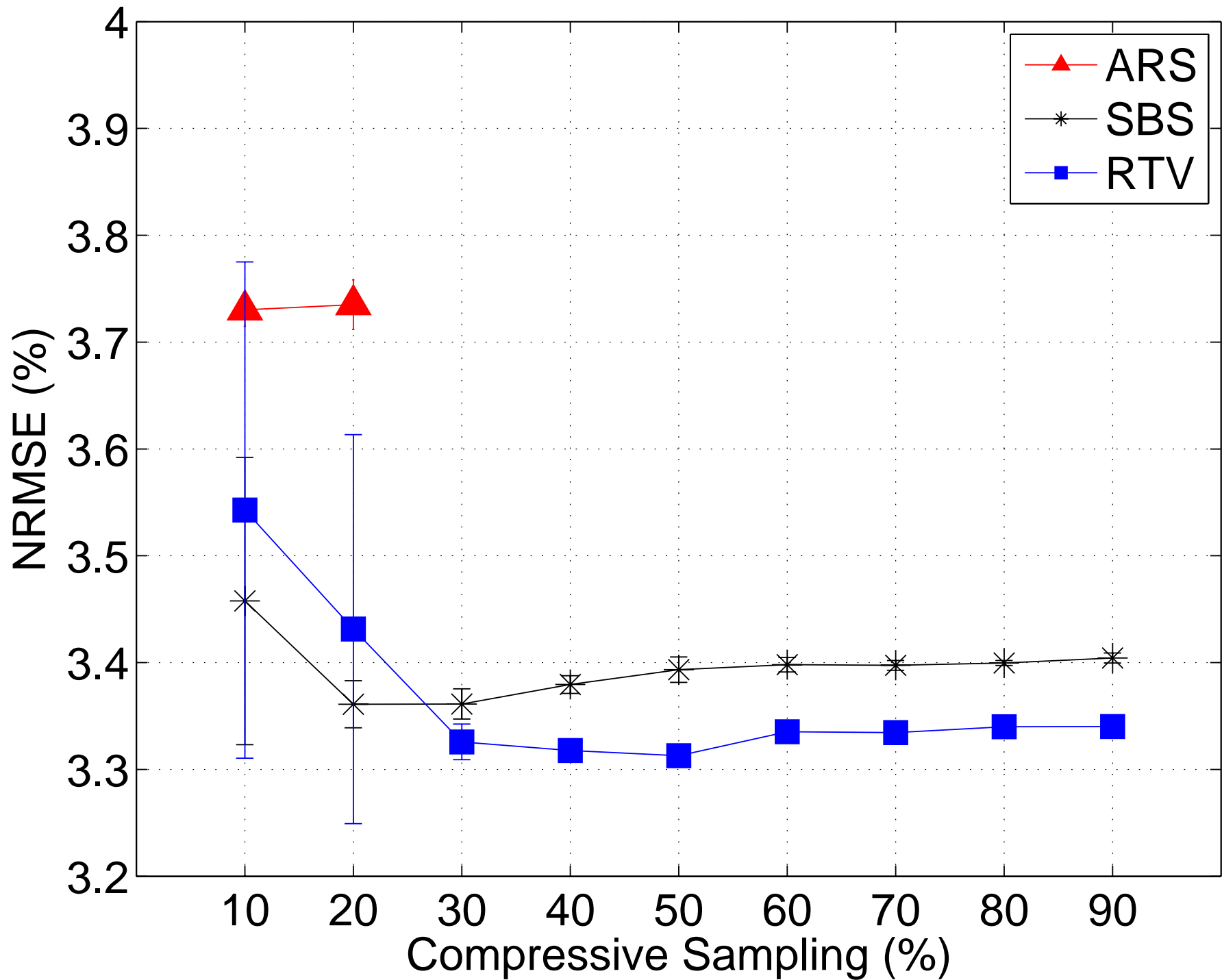
9 different sampling rates (10% to 90%)

10 different seeds

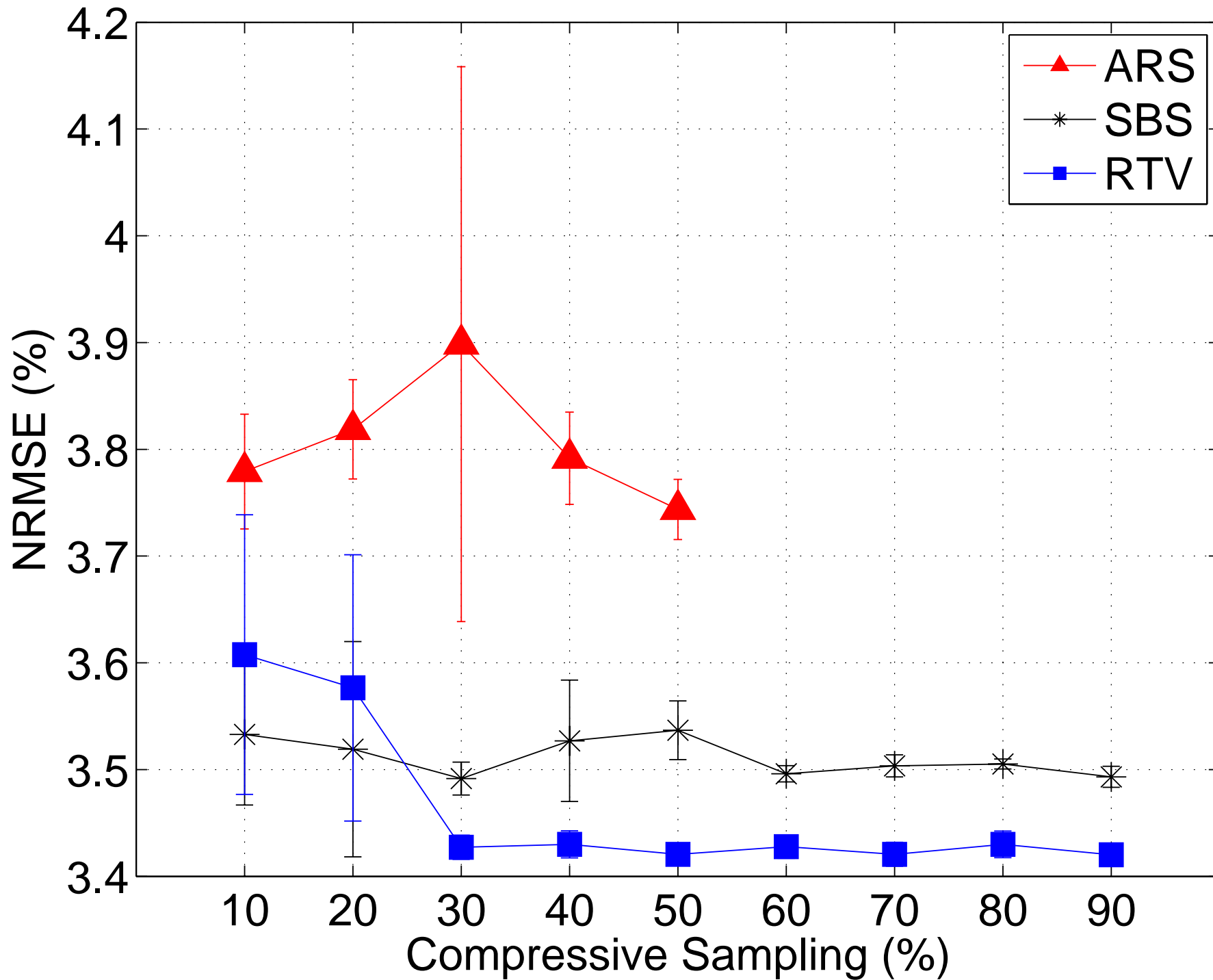
95% confidence intervals

first 500 samples only

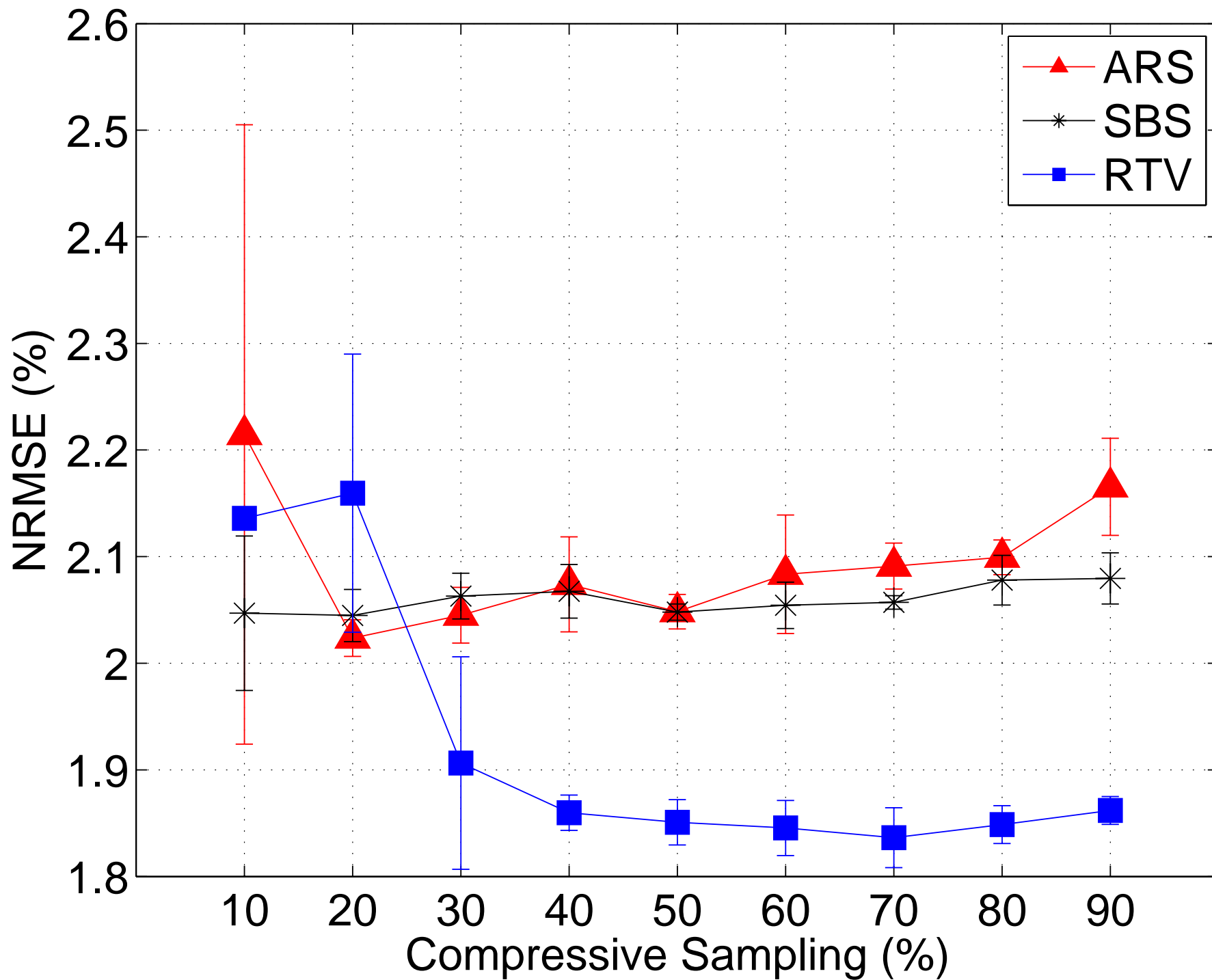
1000Hz Sampling Rate



500Hz Sampling Rate



100Hz Sampling Rate



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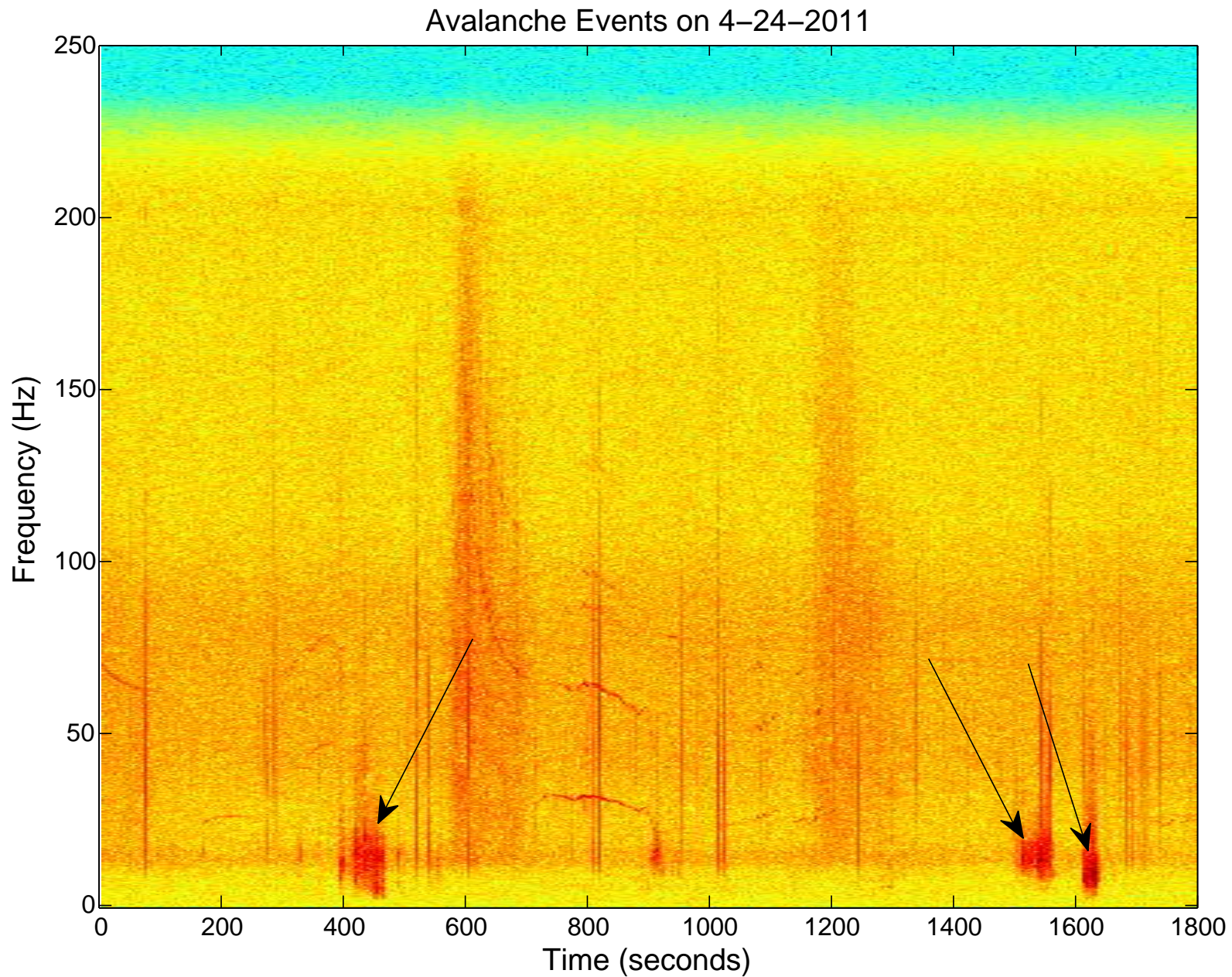
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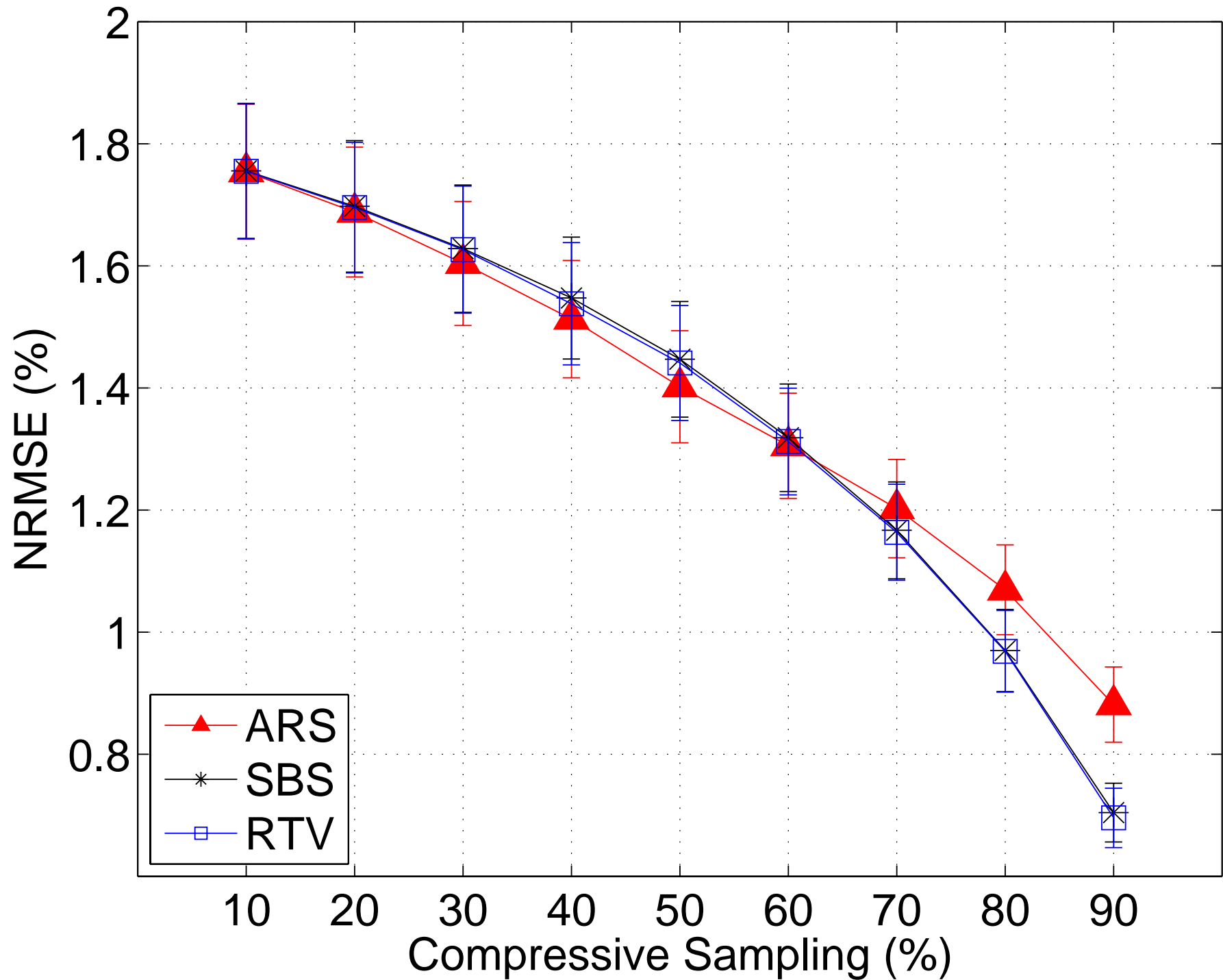
(500Hz data)



Experiment: seismic data



Slab Avalanches



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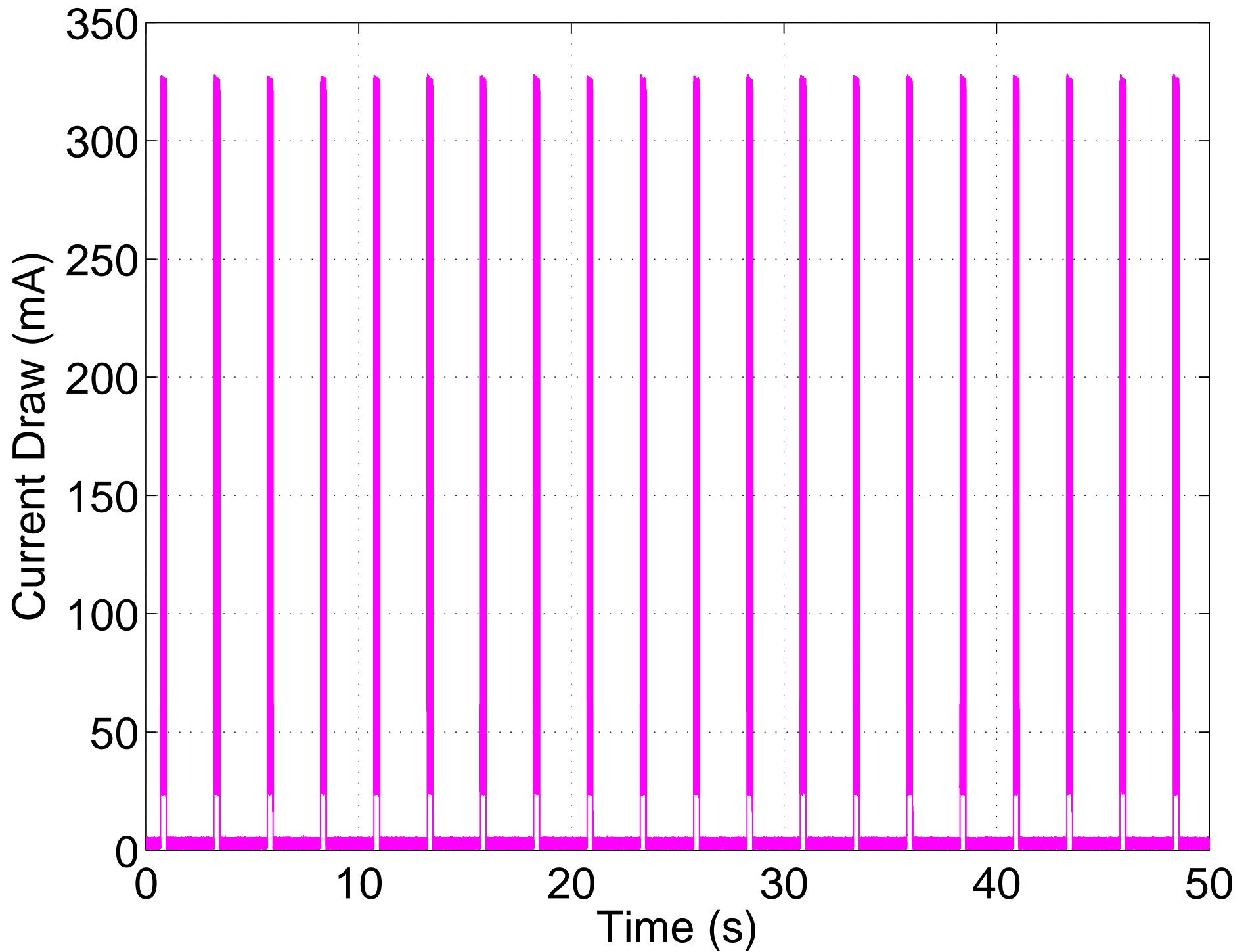
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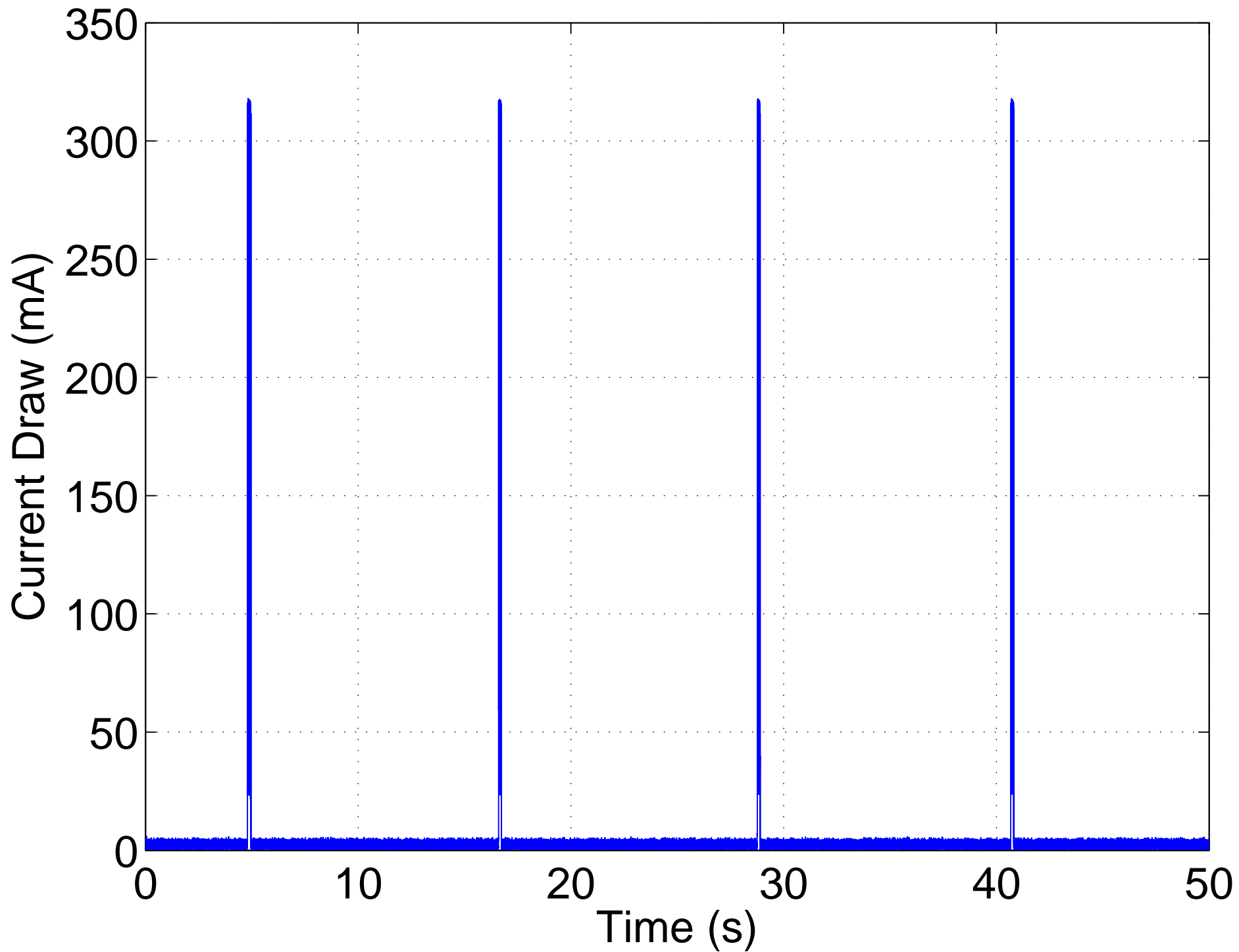
Experiment 2: Real Seismic Data

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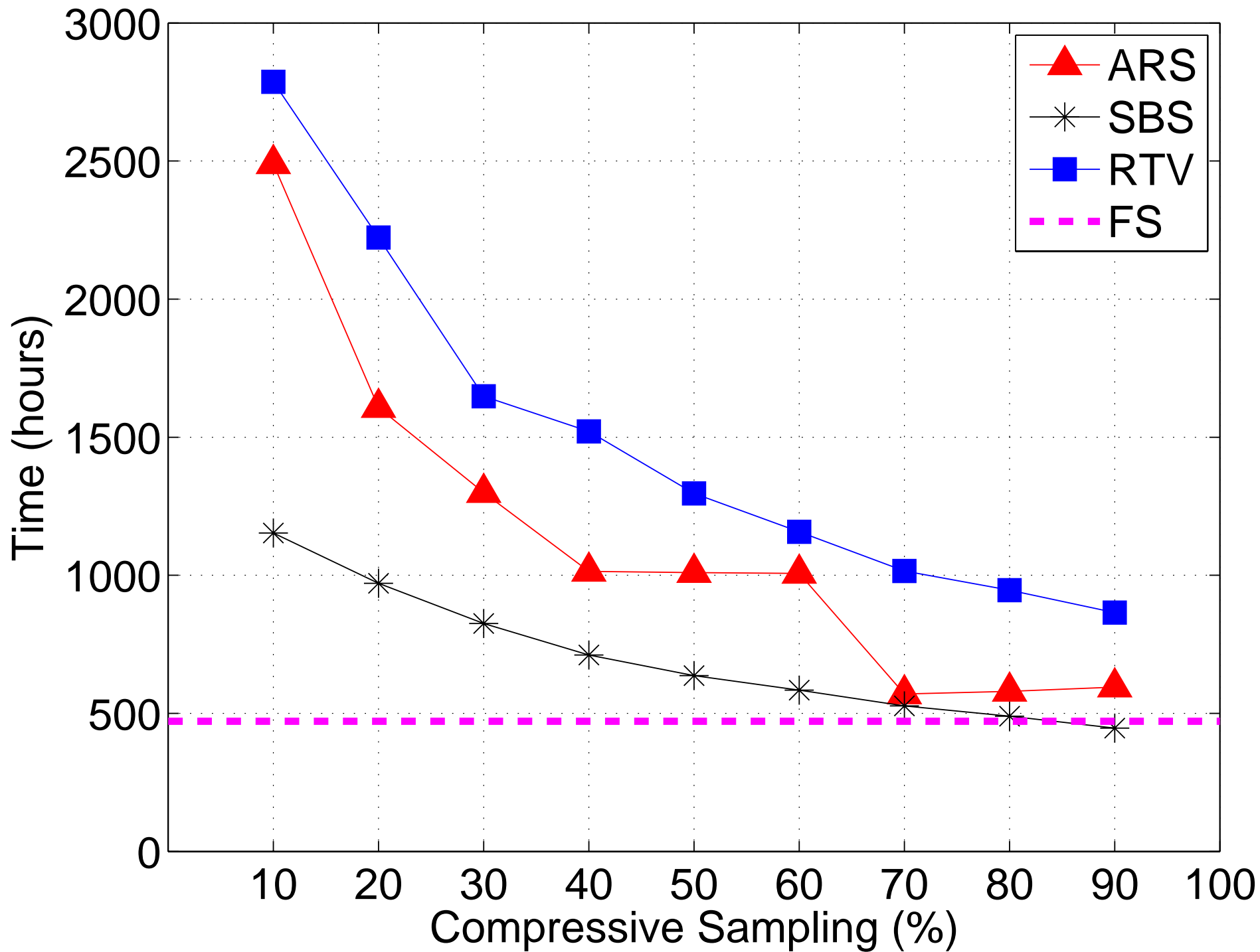
Full Sampling



20% Compressive Sampling (RTV)



Longevity of 6.6Ah Battery



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**Question 3: does
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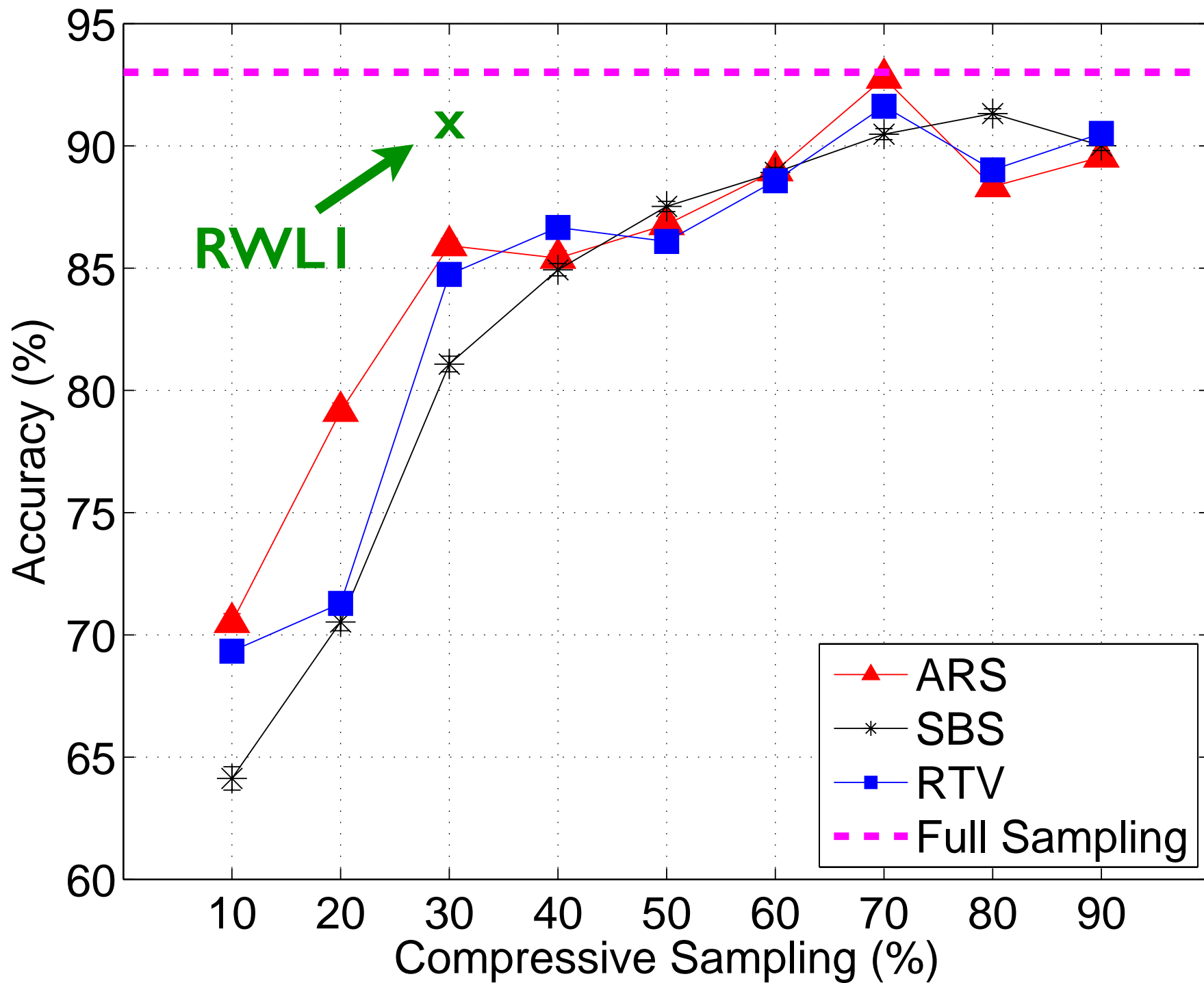
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Experiment: Classification

- Features
 - centroid, flux, kurtosis, rolloff
 - 10 statistics (mean, median, standard deviation, variance, skewness, range, geometric mean, flatness, sum, and maximum)
- Training data
 - 495 5-second avalanche frames
 - 495 (random) 5-second non-avalanche frames

Avalanche Classification Accuracy



Main Take Aways

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for collection of seismic data
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My Students Rule

Recently graduated Ph.D. students: Doug Hakkarinen, James Maher, Aarti Munjal, Marc Rubin, and Kerri Stone

Current Ph.D. Students: Wendy Belcher, Henri van den Bulk, and Blair Watkinson

M.S. Thesis Students:

Santiago Gonzalez, Blake Jackson, Travis Johnson, and ...

In closing ...



"I do not think that the wireless waves I have discovered will have any practical application."

Heinrich Hertz, 1890