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Abstract
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Therefore, by using the PPG magnitude in TD collected from these three equal-length time periods, he further verifies that the approach using “amplitude square” has achieved a similar pattern which is directly proportional to the calculated energy levels using the approaches of both “frequency domain’s Y-amplitude” or “frequency domain area”.

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Methods and Results

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The Author’s Case of Diabetes

The author was a severe type 2 diabetes patient since 1996. He weighed 220 lb. (100 kg) at that time. By 2010, he still weighed 198 lb. with an average daily glucose of 250 mg/dL (HbA1C of 10%). During that year, his triglycerides reached to 1161 and albumin-creatinine ratio (ACR) at 116. He also suffered from five cardiac episodes within a decade. In 2010, three independent physicians warned him regarding his needs of kidney dialysis treatment and his future high risk of dying from his severe diabetic complications.

In 2010, he decided to self-study endocrinology, diabetes and food nutrition. During 2015 and 2016, he developed four prediction models related to diabetes conditions, i.e., weight, postprandial plasma glucose (PPG), fasting plasma glucose (FPG), and HbA1C (A1C). As a result, from using his developed mathematical metabolism index (MI) model and those four prediction tools, by end of 2016, his weight was reduced from 220 lbs. (100 kg) to 176 lbs. (89 kg), waistline from 44 inches (112 cm) to 33 inches (84 cm), averaged finger glucose from 250 mg/dL to 120 mg/dL, and HbA1C from 10% to ~6.5%. One of his major accomplishments is that he no longer takes any diabetes medications since 12/8/2015.

In 2017, he had achieved excellent results on all fronts, especially glucose control. However, during the pre-COVID period of 2018 and 2019, he traveled to approximately 50+ international cities to attend 65+ medical conferences and made ~120 oral presentations. This hectic schedule inflicted damage to his diabetes control, through dining out frequently, post-meal exercise disruption, jet lag, and along with the overall metabolism impact due to his irregular life patterns through a busy travel schedule; therefore, his glucose control was affected during this two-year period.

By 2020, his weight was further reduced to 165 lbs. (BMI 24.4)
and his HbA1C was at 6.2% without any medications intervention or insulin injection. Actually, during 2020 with the special COVID-19 quarantined lifestyle, not only has he published approximately 400 medical papers in journals, but he has also achieved his best health conditions for the past 26 years. These good results are due to his non-traveling, low-stress, and regular daily life routines. Of course, his strong knowledge of chronic diseases, practical lifestyle management experiences, and his developed various high-tech tools contribute to his excellent health status since 1/19/2020.

On 5/5/2018, he applied a continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) sensor device on his upper arm and checks his glucose measurements every 15 minutes for a total of ~96 times each day. He has maintained the same measurement pattern to present day.

Therefore, during the past 11 years, he could study and analyze his collected ~2 million data regarding his health status, medical conditions, and lifestyle details. He applies his knowledge, models, and tools from mathematics, physics, engineering, and computer science to conduct his medical research work. His medical research work is based on the aims of achieving both “high precision” with “quantitative proof” in his medical findings.

**TD & FD Analyses, PPG Magnitude & Fluctuation**

During the period from 5/5/2018 to 3/7/2021, he segregated his collected glucose data into three separated but with equal-days periods as follows:

- **Period A**: (346 days)
- **Period B**: (346 days)
- **Period C**: (346 days)

After conducting a TD analysis, he then utilizes the FFT algorithm-based software program to convert his PPG waves from a TD into a frequency-domain to conduct his FD analysis.

He utilizes the maximum PPG minus the minimum PPG, as the fluctuation value for his PPG wave fluctuations data, to conduct both TD analysis and FD analysis of PPG fluctuation. His defined PPG fluctuation is similar to the concept developed by other medical research scientists regarding the “Glycemic Variability or GV”.

**Graphic Results**

Figures 1 shows his data table which contains input data, his TD analysis results and FD analysis results for both PPG magnitude and PPG fluctuation. The summary of these results can be found in the first and second parts of the Conclusions section.

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Figure 1: Data table of TD & FD

In summary, Period C (virus period) has lower values for the magnitudes of FPG, PPG, PPG-FPG, and all of TD & FD analysis results than Periods A and B (traveling periods). Their carbs/sugar intake amount and post-meal waking steps are comparable to each other, except for Period B which has the lowest amount of carbs (12.8 grams). The implication of this lower carbs intake amount can be found in the linear elastic glucose theory analysis (Figure 7).

Figure 2 depicts the days selected for the beginning and ending dates for each period.
Figure 2: Time frames and input data of 3 Periods

Figure 3 reveals the comparison results from both synthesized PPG and Candlestick PPG K-line model for the three periods.

Figure 3: Synthesized and K-line PPG of 3 periods

It should be noted that the extremities (i.e., the maximum and minimum values) in the K-line model would be smoothed off by the “averaging process” of producing a synthesized PPG curve of 364 days (more than 1000 meals worth of data) for each period. Therefore, in theory, he could use the K-line model to determine his “real” extremity data of PPG. However, due to the lack of a corresponding wave output format from the K-line model, he cannot perform the necessary FFT operation directly. Therefore, he still uses his daily Max-Min wave from TD to conduct his FD analysis which would definitely affect the data accuracy to some degree for the less magnitude of PPG fluctuations.

Figure 4 illustrates the real daily data of weight, FPG, and PPG for the three periods.

Figure 4: TD Daily curves of weight, FPG, PPG of 3 periods
Figure 5 reflects the 30-days moving average curve of weight, and 90-days moving average curve of both FPG and PPG for the three periods. From Figure 5, we can observe the similar moving patterns between FPG and PPG for the three periods, despite having different influential factors of the glucose formation. This correlation study also offers some additional information regarding FPG and PPG using their physical phenomena observation and numerical analysis.

![Figure 5](image)

**Figure 5:** TD moving average curves of weight (30 days), FPG, & PPG (90 days) of 3 periods

Figure 6 combines 12 TD and FD wave diagrams together using the PPG value and PPG fluctuation for three periods. In the FD diagrams, we can see the Y-amplitude in FD and the total frequency area of FD for both PPG magnitude and PPG fluctuation which represent the relative energy of PPG.

![Figure 6](image)

**Figure 6:** TD (wave theory) and FD (energy theory) of PPG values and PPG fluctuations (max-min)

Figure 7 signifies the numerical analysis of calculating the respective GH.p Modulus for each period using the author’s developed linear elastic glucose theory (see multiple papers listed in reference section). Despite similar values of weight, FPG, exercise, and measured PPG in the two traveling periods, his slightly less amount of 12.8 grams of carbs/sugar in Period B (in comparison with the 15.9 grams in Period A) demands a slightly higher GH.p of 3.61 in Period B than 2.95 in Period A in order to converge his predicted PPG with his measured sensor PPG.

![Figure 7](image)

**Figure 7:** Linear elastic glucose theory application of PPG analysis (Period B is relatively worst period from comparison of sensor FPG, sensor PPG, and GH.p Modulus)

**Conclusions**

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2. From a micro-viewpoint, the glucose and relative energy differences between the higher-valued traveling periods and lower-valued virus period, using the virus period as the baseline of 100%, are very obvious. The excessive amount of differences for the PPG value is 12%, PPG value energy is 6-7%, PPG fluctuation is 27%, and PPG fluctuation energy is 17-31% between traveling periods and virus period.

3. From the observation of higher PPG fluctuation magnitudes and their associated energies, we can also conclude that even the PPG fluctuation carries less energy than the PPG magnitude, but with a more violent PPG fluctuation of 17-31% added energy could cause additional damage to the internal organs than the mean or average glucose value, such as the HbA1C.

4. From the linear elastic glucose theory analysis results, the two traveling periods have comparable values to each other in weight, FPG, post-meal walking steps, and PPG. All of them
are higher than the virus period. However, despite a carbs/sugar intake amount of 12.8 grams in Period B which is lower than Period A of 15.9 grams and Period C of 14.0 grams. The Period B’s GH.p Modulus value of 3.61 is slightly higher than the 2.95 from Period A and 3.15 from Period C. This indicates that his diabetes control and health state of both glucose and insulin in Period B (the heaviest traveling period) is worse than both Period A and Period C [1-34].

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