# **SEED**

### **Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data**

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# **Topics:**

- what is SEED ?
- general overview of the SEED format
- details on meta-data (headers)
- details on data-records
- system response
- SEED software tools

### What is SEED ?

SEED is an international standard format for the exchange of digital seismological data.

1985: IASPEI Commission on Practice -> FDSN

(working group on digital data exchange)

**1987:** FDSN draft standard (USGS)

**1988:** official release (version 2.0)

(document by Halbert, Buland and Hutt)

1990: version 2.1 (indexing)

1991: version 2.2 (dataless)

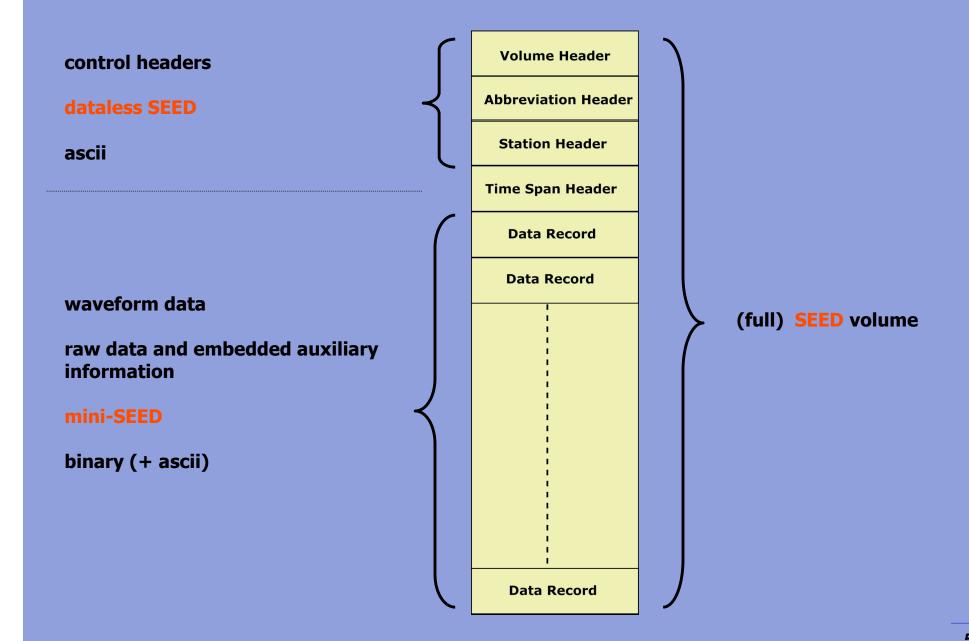
**1992:** version 2.3 (mini-SEED)

2004: version 2.4 (data quality)

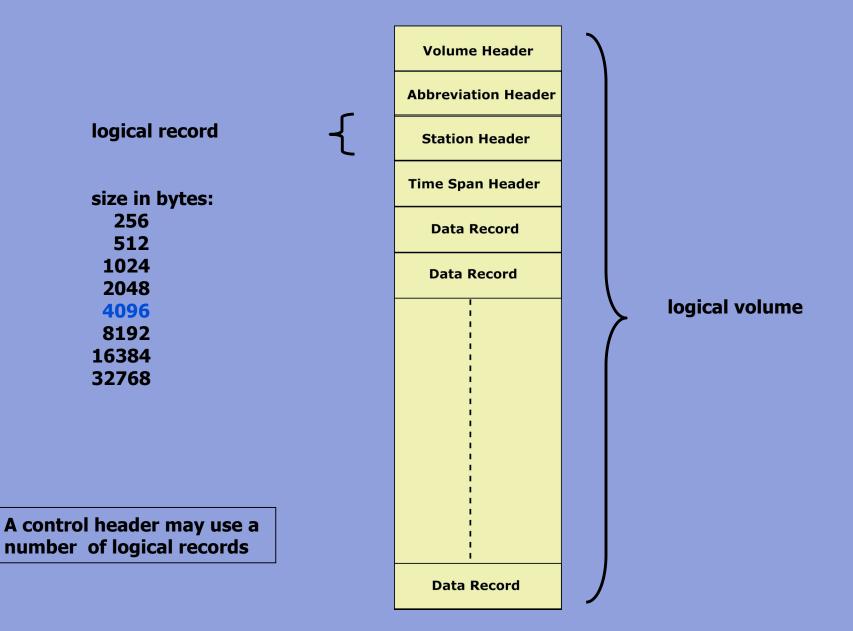
# **SEED in practice:**

- recording of digital waveform data (dataloggers)
- exchange of waveform data (real-time, archive)
- archiving of digital waveform data (IRIS-DMC, ODC,...)
- storage of meta-data (information about the data,
   e.g. station information)
- end-user
- not for non-time series data
- not for unequal time-interval sampled data (except Logs)
- not designed for processed or synthetic data, but possible
- parametric data possible (e.g. phase readings)
   IASPEI Seismic Format (ISF)

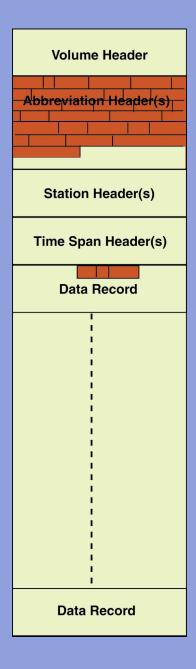
### Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data (SEED): structure



### Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data (SEED): organization



### Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data (SEED): blockettes

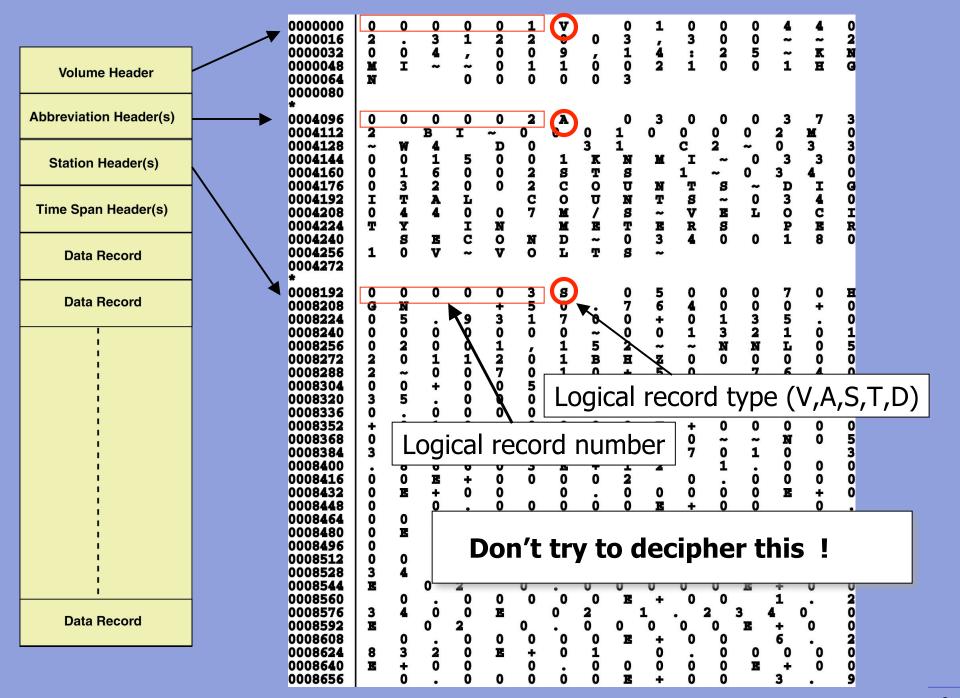


### blockettes:

- building blocks of (control) headers
- defined data structures
- different and variable length
- not restricted to logical record

boundaries

 ascii (in control headers) or binary (in data records)



### **SEED Reference Manual**

available from IRIS: www.iris.edu





Exchange of Earthquake

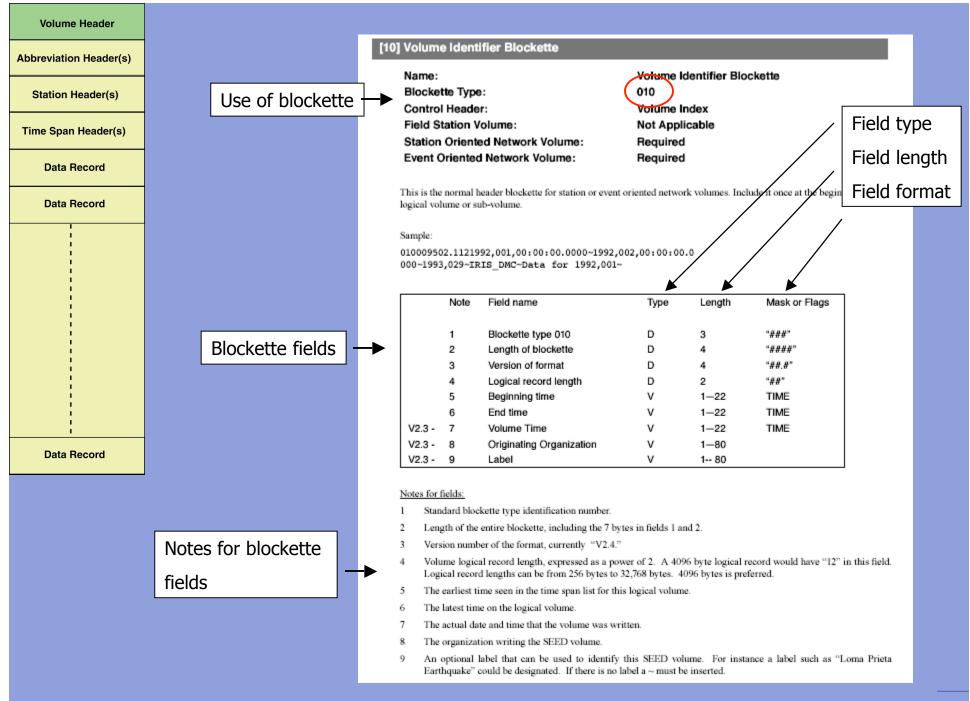
Data



Reference Manual SEED Format Version 2.4 August 2004

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Federation of Digital Seismographic Networks Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology United States Geological Survey



**Volume Header** Abbreviation Header(s) Station Header(s) Time Span Header(s) **Data Record Data Record** 

**Data Record** 

#### [34] Units Abbreviations Blockette

Name: Units Abbreviations Blockette

Blockette Type: 034

Control Header: Abbreviation Dictionaries

Field Station Volume: Required
Station Oriented Network Volume: Required
Event Oriented Network Volume: Required

This blockette defines the units of measurement in a standard, repeatable way. Mention each unit of measurement only once.

#### Sample:

0340044001M/S~VelocityAinAMetersAPerASecond~

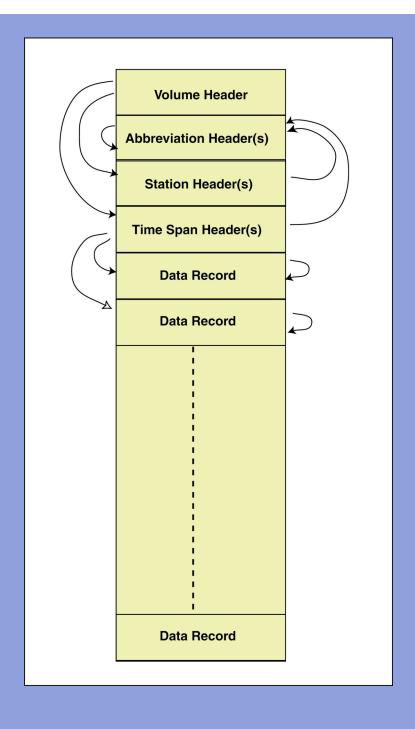
Note	Field name	Туре	Length	Mask or Flags
1	Blockette type - 034	D	3	"###"
2	Length of blockette	D	4	"####"
3	Unit lookup code	D	3	"###"
4	Unit name	V	1-20	[UNP]
5	Unit description	V	0-50	[UNLPS]

#### Notes for fields:

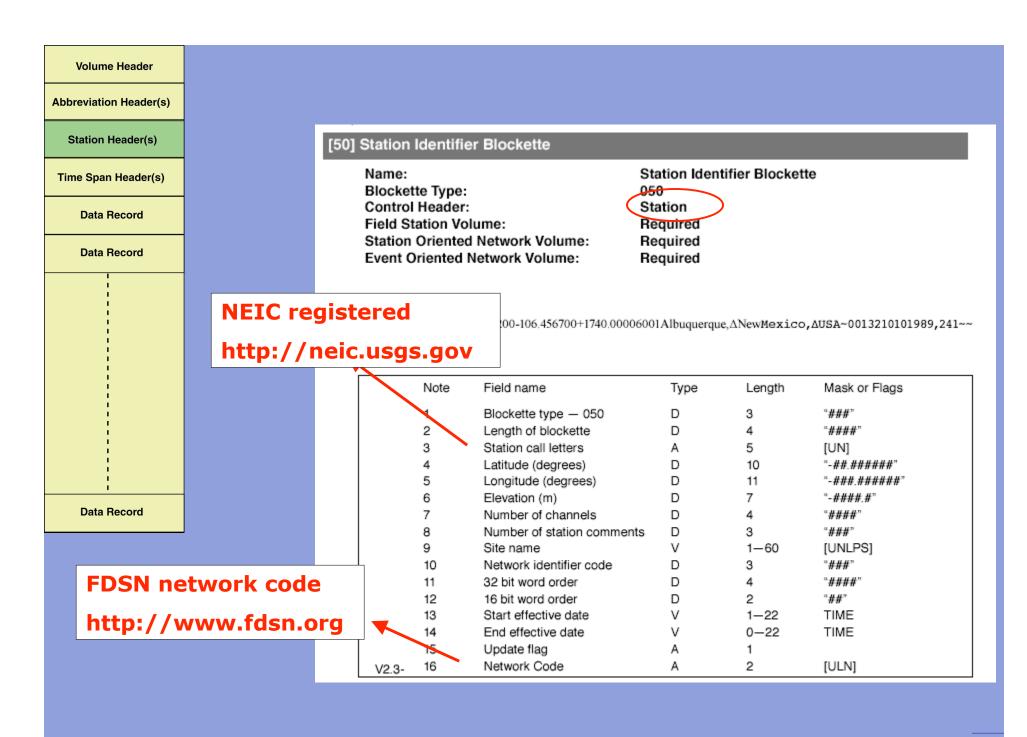
- Standard blockette type identification number.
- 2 Length of the entire blockette, including the 7 bytes of fields 1 and 2.
- 3 A unit lookup code, used in later blockettes to indicate this particular dictionary entry. As of this manual's publication, the following fields and blockettes refer to this code:

#### Cross references

- field 6 of the Comment Description Dictionary Blockette [31]
- field 6 of the Response (Poles & Zeros) Dictionary Blockette [43]
- field 7 of the Response (Poles & Zeros) Dictionary Blockette [43]
- field 6 of the Response (Coefficients) Blockette [44]
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- field 5 of the Response List Blockette [45]



Cross references and pointers



**Volume Header** 

Abbreviation Header(s)

Station Header(s)

Time Span Header(s)

**Data Record** 

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#### [53] Response (Poles & Zeros) Blockette

Name: Response (Poles & Zeros) Blockette Blockette Type: 053

Control Header: Station

Field Station Volume: Some Response Required Station Oriented Network Volume: Some Response Required

Event Oriented Network Volume: Some Response Required

usually b53 - 58

Use this blockette for the analog stages of filter systems and for infinite impulse response (IIR) digital filters. Digital filters usually have a Decimation Blockette [57] following, and most stages have a Sensitivity/Gain Blockette [58] following. The stage sequence takes into account the fact that newer seismic systems will contain combinations of analog and digital filtering, allowing different deconvolution algorithms to be run sequentially (in cascade). SEED reserves the composite function to describe analog instruments with digital feedback circuitry. Stage order is the same as the original convolution order. Use the original earth units for the input units of stage 1. Use digital counts for the output units on the last stage. (See Appendix C for more information.)

Note	Field name	Туре	Length	Mask or Flags
1	Blockette type - 053	D	3	"###"
2	Length of blockette	D	4	"####"
3	Transfer function type	Α	1	[U]
4	Stage sequence number	D	2	"##"
5	Stage signal input units	D	3	"###"
6	Stage signal output units	D	3	"###"
7	AO normalization factor (1.0 if none)	F	12	"-#.#####E-##"
8	Normalization frequency fn(Hz)	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
9	Number of complex zeros REPEAT fields 10 — 13 for the Number	D of complex:	3 zeros:	"###"
10	Real zero	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
11	Imaginary zero	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
12	Real zero error	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
13	Imaginary zero error	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
14	Number of complex poles	D	3	" <i>###</i> "
	REPEAT fields 15 — 18 for the Number			
15	Real pole	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
16	Imaginary pole	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
17	Real pole error	F	12	"-#.####E-##"
18	Imaginary pole error	F	12	"-#.####E-##"

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#### [74] Time Series Index Blockette

Name: Time Series Index Blockette

Blockette Type: 074

Control Header: Time Span Field Station Volume: Not Applicable

Station Oriented Network Volume: Required Event Oriented Network Volume: Required

This blockette replaces the Time Span Data Start Index Blockette [73], and allows version 2.1 and later of SEED to correctly document time tears, events, and time indexes. There should be one Time Series Index Blockette [74] for each continuous time series and/or each station/ channel combination in the time span. This blockette provides indices and times of both the beginning and end of the time series described. Writing programs can also provide indices and times of intervening records to speed direct access — particularly useful for compressed data.

#### Sample:

0740084BJIAAAABHZ1992,001,20:18:54.5700~003217011992,001,20:29:36.7200~00322301000CD

	Note	Field name	Туре	Length	Mask or Flags
	1	Blockette type — 074	D	3	*###"
	2	Length of blockette	D	4	<i>"###</i> "
	3	Station identifier	Α	5	[UN]
	4	Location identifier	Α	2	[UN]
	5	Channel identifier	Α	3	[UN]
	6	Series start time	V	1-22	TIME
	7	Sequence number of first data	D	6	*#####*
	8	Sub-sequence number	D	2	*##"
	9	Series end time	V	1-22	TIME
	10	Sequence number	D	6	*#####*
	11	of last record Sub-sequence number	D	2	*##°
	12	Number of accelerator repeats	D	3	<i>"###</i> "
	REPEAT	fields 13 — 15 for the Number of a	ccelerator	repeats:	
	13	Record start time	V	1-22	TIME
	14	Sequence number of record	D	6	*#####*
	15	Sub-sequence number	D	2	*##"
V2.3 -	16	Network Code	Α	2	[ULN]

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### **Data record:**

fixed header (48 bytes)

optional blockettes (binary)

data

e.g. b100 sample rate b1000 encoding key

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#### Fixed Section of Data Header (48 bytes)

The data record header starts at the first byte. The next eight bytes follow the same structure as the control headers. Byte seven contains an ASCII "D," indicating it is a data record. (The eighth byte, or third field, is always an ASCII space — shown here as a "\Delta"). The next ten bytes contain the station, location, and channel identity of the record. The rest of the header section is binary.

	Note	Field name	Туре	Length	Mask or Flags
	1	Sequence number	Α	6	"#####"
(V2.4 -)	2	Data header/quality indicator	Α	1	
	3	("D"I"R"I"Q") Reserved byte ("Δ")	Α	1	
	4	Station identifier code	Α	5	[UN]
	5	Location identifier	Α	2	[UN]
	6	Channel identifier	Α	3	[UN]
V2.3 -	7	Network Code	Α	2	[ULN]
	8	Record start time	В	10	
	9	Number of samples	В	2	
	10	Sample rate factor	В	2	
	11	Sample rate multiplier	_	^	
	12	Activity flags • e.g.	time	correc	tion applied
	13	I/O and clock flags			анрич
	14	Data quality flags	В	1	
	15	Number of blockettes that follow	В	1	
	16	Time correction	В	4	
	17	Beginning of data	В	2	
	18	First blockette	В	2	

Notes for fields:

- \* indicates mandatory information
- \* Data record sequence number (Format "#####").
- \* "D" or "R" or "Q" Data header/quality indicator. Previously, this field was only allowed to be "D" and was only used to indicate that this is a data header. As of SEED version 2.4 the meaning of this field has been extended to also indicate the level of quality control that has been applied to the record.
  - D -The state of quality control of the data is indeterminate.
  - R Raw Waveform Data with no Quality Control
  - Q Quality Controlled Data, some processes have been applied to the data.

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# **Decoding data records:**

data encoding information by Data Description Language ("DDL"):

The data description language or DDL used with SEED lets the data producer use the native data format by describing it in an unambiguous language that will ultimately drive a data parser and disassembler. The data producer may then place data directly into the SEED format with much less processing and manipulation.

The actual language is composed of several records, called keys. Each key describes some aspect of the language for that family. Each family has its own arrangement and interpretation of keys. A key is made up of different fields that contain the actual parser information. A field is typically a single letter code, followed by numeric parameters

SEED: blockette 52, field 16, refers to set of DDL keys

(blockette 30)

mini-SEED: blockette 1000, field 3

CODES 10 - 29 FDSN Networks 10 STEIM (1) Compression 11 STEIM (2) Compression 12 GEOSCOPE Multiplexed Format 24 bit integer 13 GEOSCOPE Multiplexed Format 16 bit gain ranged, 3 bit exponent 14 GEOSCOPE Multiplexed Format 16 bit gain ranged, 4 bit exponent 15 US National Network compression 16 CDSN 16 bit gain ranged 17 Graefenberg 16 bit gain ranged 18 IPG - Strasbourg 16 bit gain ranged 19 STEIM (3) Compression

The Steim 1 data format was originally described this way:

Key 1: F1 P4 W4 D0-31 C2 R1 P8 W4 D0-31 C2

Key 2: P0 W4 N15 S2,0,1

Key 3: T0 X N0 W4 D0-31 C2

Key 4: T1 N0 W1 D0-7 C2 N1 W1 D0-7 C2 N2 W1 D0-7 C2 N3 W1 D0-7 C2

Key 5: T2 N0 W2 D0-15 C2 N1 W2 D0-15 C2

Key 6: T3 N0 W4 D0-31 C2

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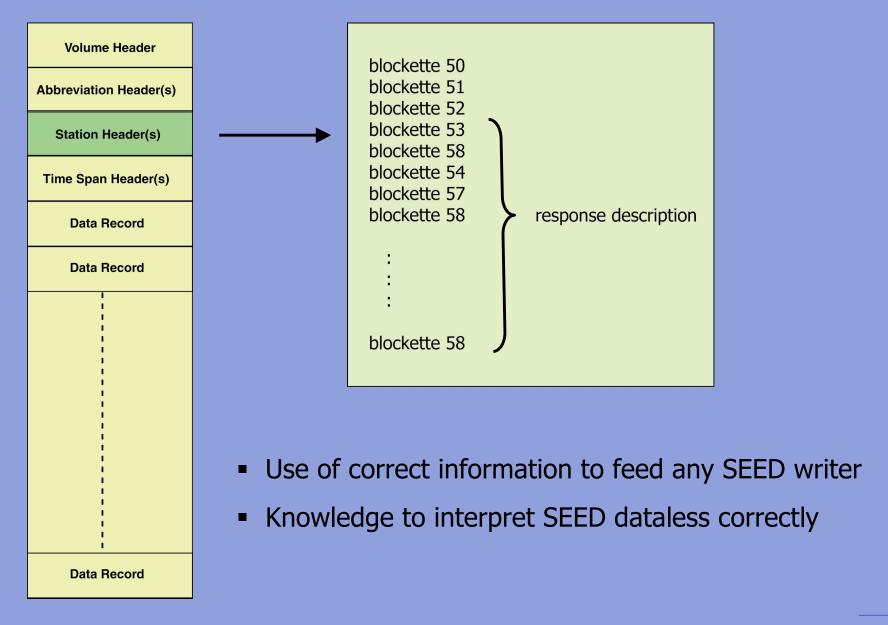
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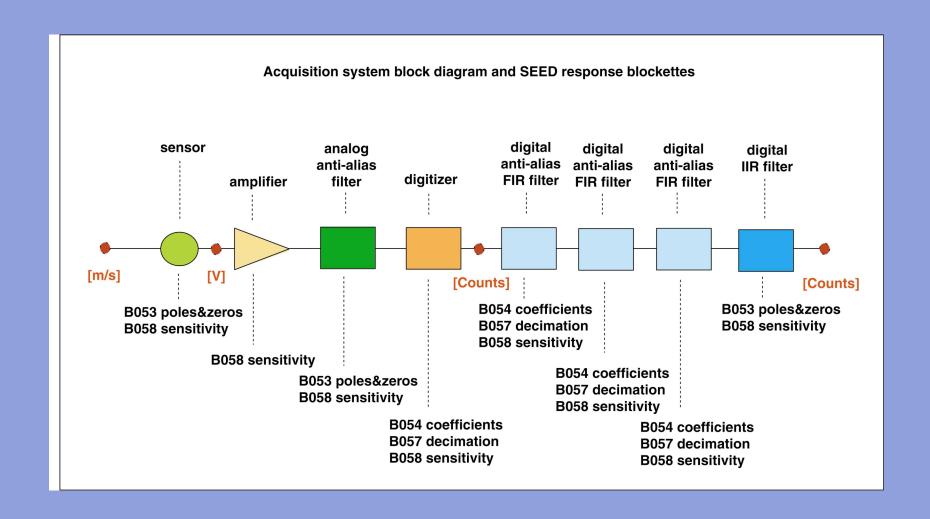
Practice: "Steim-1" (code 10)

"Steim-2" (code 11)

"24-bit" (code 2)

# **SEED** concept of system response



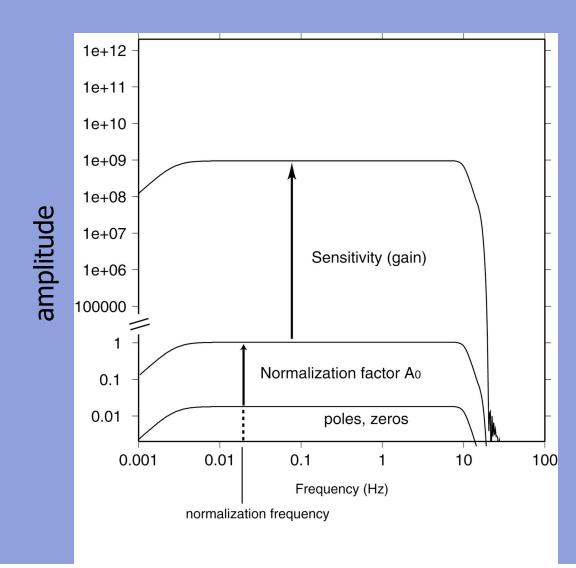


### **Mathematical description of system response**

Sensor

poles and zeros in Hz or rad/sec (b53) normalization constant (at  $f_n$ ) (b53)

sensitivity (V/m/s) or (V/m) at  $f_n$  (b58)

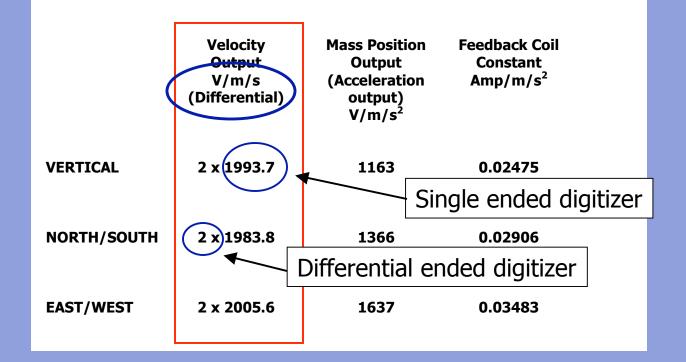


### **Example calibration sheet Guralp CMG-3T**



WORKS ORDER: 1246 DATE: 13.01.97

SERIAL NUMBER: T3442 TESTED BY: SDG



### **Example calibration sheet Guralp CMG-3T**

#### **POLES AND ZERO TABLE**

**WORKS ORDER NUMBER: 1246** 

**SENSOR SERIAL NOS: T3442** 

### b54, field 3:

A - rad/s

B - Hz

D - digital

Velocity response output, Vertical Sensor:

# POLES (HZ) ZEROS HZ

Normalizing factor at 1 Hz: A = 0.464

Sensor Sensitivity: See Calibration Sheet.

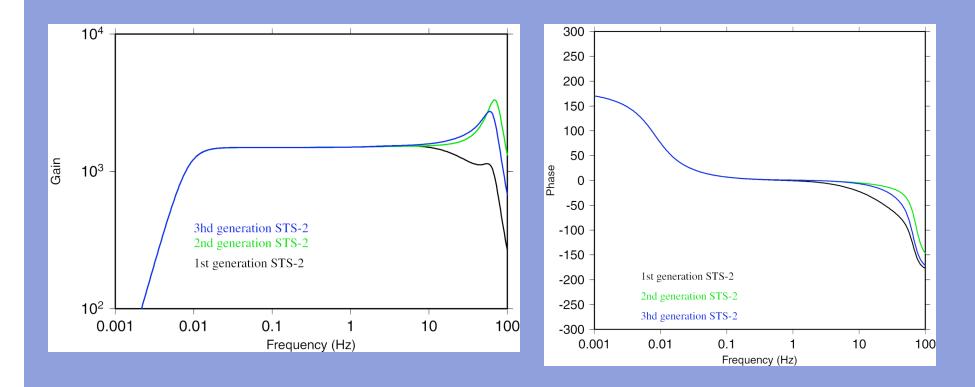
Velocity response output, Horizontal Sensors:

# POLES (HZ) ZEROS (HZ) - 35.35 x 10<sup>-3</sup> ± j 35.35 x 10<sup>-3</sup> 122.4 ± 116 - 149 0 - 88 0

Normalizing factor at 1 Hz: A = 0.464

### Response of the STS-2 sensor for 3 generations

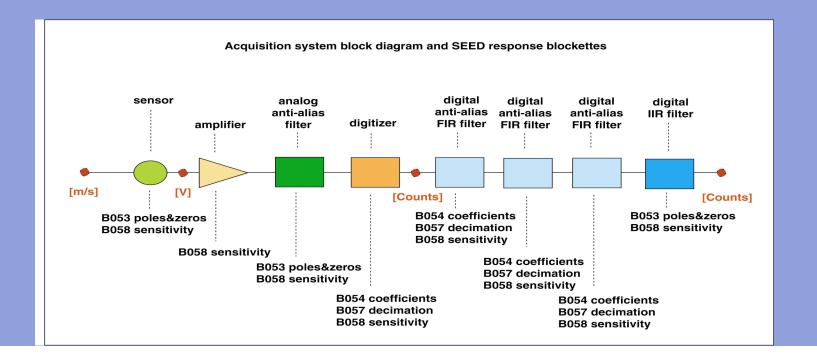
each generation has its own sets of poles and zeros  $S/N \Rightarrow$  generation type



⇒ Also include high frequency poles and zeros in your response file!

### Mathematical description of system response

Sensor	poles and zeros in Hz or rad/sec	(b53)
	normalization constant (at f <sub>n</sub> )	(b53)
	sensitivity (V/m/s) or (V/m) at f <sub>n</sub>	(b58)
Amplifier	sensitivity	(b58)
Analog anti-alias filter:	poles and zeros in Hz or rad/sec	(b53)
	gain at f <sub>n</sub>	(b58)



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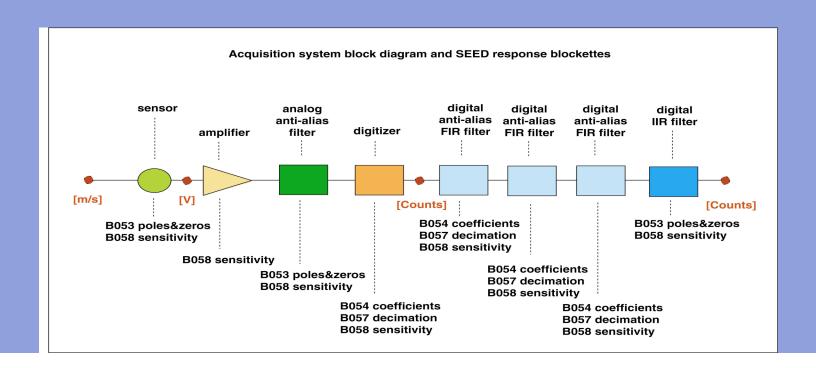
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Amplifier sensitivity (b58)

Analog anti-alias filter: poles and zeros in Hz or rad/sec (b53)

gain at  $f_n$  (b58)

Digitizer: A/D sampling rate, sensitivity (C/V) (b54, 57, 58)



# Digitizers: every datalogger different

(gain, FIR filters, dynamic range, self-noise)

### Quanterra

- Variable A/D constants by channel
  - Q680, Q4120, Q730
- Home brewed filters allowed
  - Q680, Q4120, Q730
- Q330 default
  - Causal to 100 sps
  - Acausal below
- FIR coeffs distributed in reverse time order

### Guralp

- Differential or Single ended inputs; user selected FIR filters
- Nanometrics
  - Variable A/D gains
  - FIR Filters

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Analog anti-alias filter: poles and zeros in Hz or rad/sec (b53)

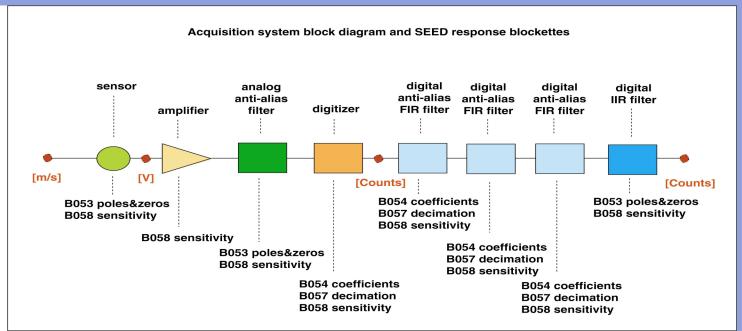
gain at  $f_n$  (b58)

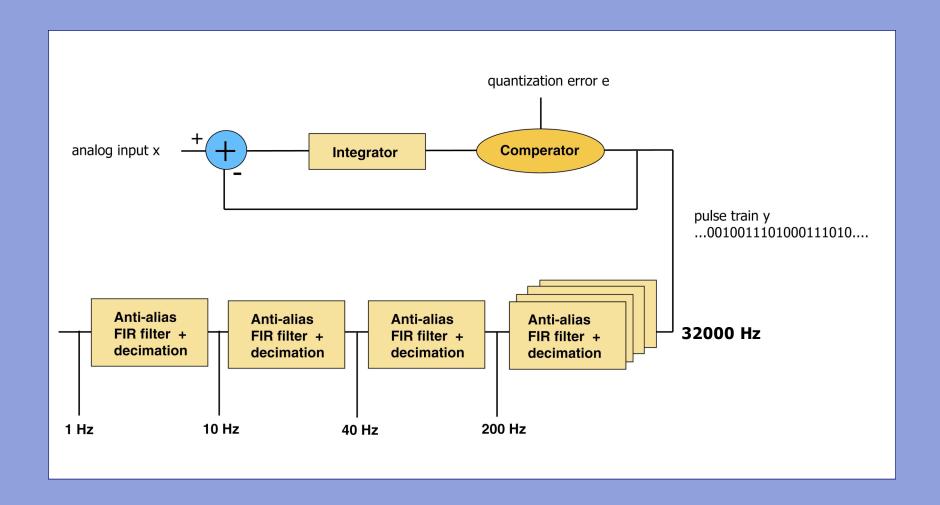
Digitizer: A/D sampling rate, sensitivity (C/V) (b54, 57, 58)

FIR filter coefficients, decimation, gain (b54, 57, 58)

IIR filter poles and zeros in Z-domain, gain (b53, 58)

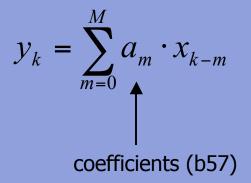
Overall gain (b58)

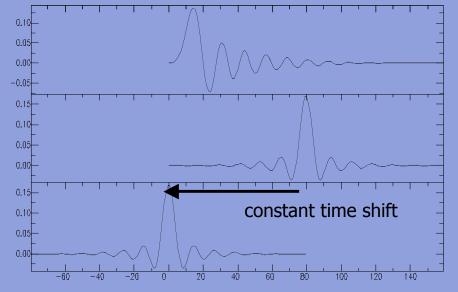




### **FIR filters**

- Weighted average over some number of data
- Steep cut-off at their corner frequency
- Usually linear-phase (symmetric)
- Quanterra: minimum phase for onset picking





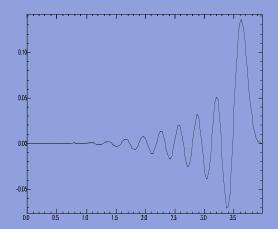
Minimum phase, causal

Linear phase, acausal

Zero phase, acausal

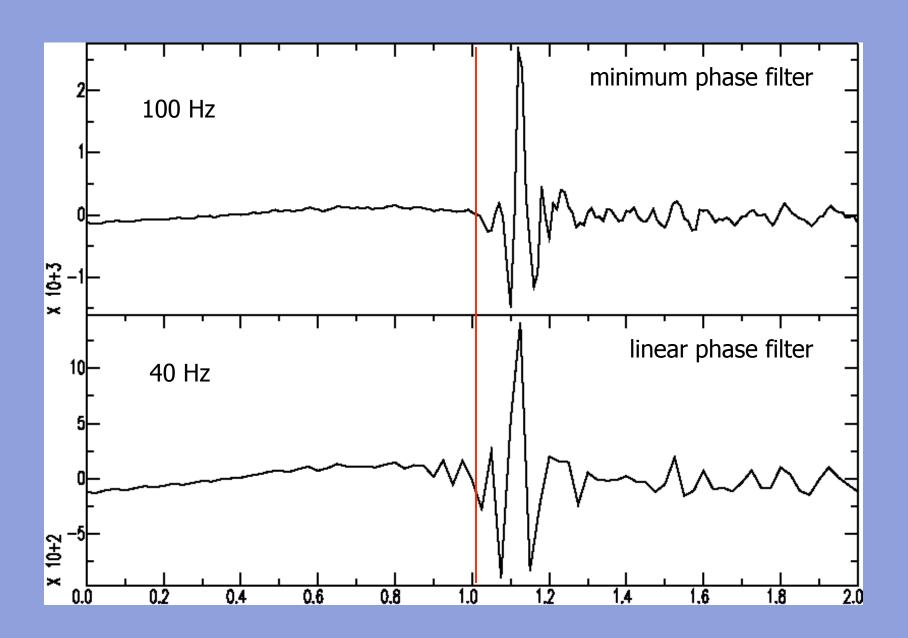
#### Quanterra: Default FIR filter configuration (Q680, Q4120, Q730)

```
STAGE=1,2000,0.001663,>>234678
STAGE=2,400,FS2D5M,<1,>>234678
                                                                  (minimum phase!)
                                            # output: 400 Hz
STAGE=3,200,F96CM,<2,>>234678
                                            # output: 200 Hz
                                                                  (minimum phase!)
STAGE=4,100,F96CM,<3,>234678,>>234678
                                            # output: 100 Hz
                                                                  (minimum phase!)
STAGE=5,40,FS2D5,<3,>234678
                                            # output: 40 Hz
STAGE=6,20,FS2D5,<4,>234678,>>234678
                                            # output: 20 Hz
STAGE=7,10,F96C,<6,>>234678
                                            # output: 10 Hz
STAGE=9,1,F260,<7,>234678
                                            # output: 1 Hz
```

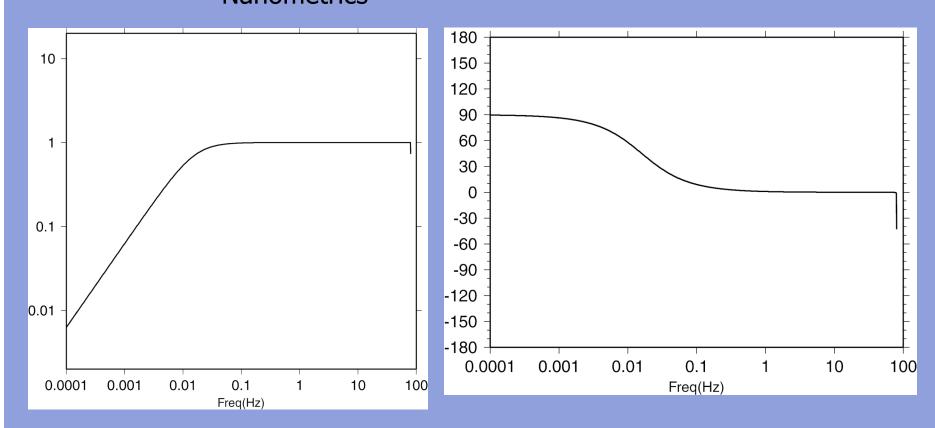


FIR FILTER COEFFICIENTS ARE STORED IN REVERSE ORDER (maximum phase) ON QUANTERRA

FIR FILTER COEFFICIENTS SHOULD BE STORED IN CORRECT ORDER (minimum phase) IN SEED HEADER



# Response of an IIR filter (DC removal) Nanometrics



Nanometrics: IIR filter specified with coefficients (b54)
SEED prefers IIR filter expressed by poles and zeros (b53)

### IIR filter: relation between coefficients and poles/zeros

$$y_k = \sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m \cdot x_{k-m}$$

time domain

 $a_m$ : filter coefficients

$$Y(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m \cdot z^{-m} \cdot X(z)$$

z-domain

complex variable:  $z = e^{S \cdot I}$ 

Numerator coefficients

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m \cdot z^{-m}}{\sum_{k=0}^{K} b_k \cdot z^{-k}} = \frac{a_0 \cdot \prod_{m=1}^{M} (1 - c_m \cdot z^{-1})}{b_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{K} (1 - d_k \cdot z^{-1})}$$

Denominator coefficients

 $c_m$ : Roots of polynomial (zeros)

 $d_m$ : Roots of polynomial (poles)

### **SEED** software conversion tools for waveform data

waveform data	Archive	SeedLink Real-Time
mini-SEED	<b>√</b>	✓
other	Conversion (e.g):  • gse2seed (ORFEUS)  • codeco (ETH)  • segy2mseed IRIS)  • ref2mseed (IRIS)  • css2mseed (IRIS)  • customized (ORFEUS)  •	Plugin (e.g.):  • Quanterra (680, 4120, 730, 330)  • EarthData PS2400  • Lennartz M24  • Guralp DM24  • SCREAM  • GeoTech DR24  • NAQS (Nanometrics)  • SEISAN (data files)  http://www.gfz-potsdam.de

### **SEED** software tools for meta-data

•	gse2seed	converts GSE2.0 to dataless SEED	ORFEUS
•	PDCC	manages dataless SEED database	IRIS
•	SHAPE	converts RESP files to dataless SEED	ISTI/ORFEUS
•	make_dlsv	generates 'generic' dataless SEED	GEOFON
		(now also as web request tool)	
•	wseed	generates 'generic' dataless SEED	Toulouse

### **GEOFON web request tool for meta-data** <u>demo</u>

http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/cgi-bin/geofon/request?mode=xdlsv

- based on make\_dlsv (Geophone)
- insrument generic information
- combination of instrument information (Hanka, Fels, Vernon)

## gse2seed, mseed2seed

data\_type channel GSE2.1

data\_type station GSE2.1

data\_type response GSE2.1

data\_type waveform GSE2.1

data\_type channel GSE2.1

data\_type station GSE2.1

data\_type response GSE2.1

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mini-SEED data

**■** 

SEED2.3

mseed2seed

gse2seed

- Network owner
- Network code
- Organisation description

### GSE header:

#### DATA TYPE STATION GSE2.0 Type Latitude Longitude Elev On Date Off Date Sta +55.68 12.43 0.012 1999/01/01 3C MUD DATA TYPE channel GSE2.0 Sta Chan Aux Latitude Longitude Elev Depth Hang Vang Sample Rate Inst Ondate Offdate 56.46 0.012 0.008 0.0 100.000000 STS-2 9.17 -1.0 MUD HHZ 56.46 9.17 0.012 0.000 0.0 90.0 100.000000 STS-2 MUD HHN 9.17 0.012 0.000 56.46 90.0 90.0 100.000000 STS-2 HHE MUD DATA TYPE response GSE2.0 CAL2 MUD HHZ STS-2 252.97E-03 001.000 0000.01000 1999/01/01 00:00:00 2500/01/01 00:00:00 PAZ2 01 V 88.79820000E+00 005 003 Laplace transform sensor -0.03685E+00 -0.03696E+00 -0.03685E+00 +0.03696E+00 -2.51300E+02 00.00000E+00 -1.31000E+02 -4.67300E+02 -1.31000E+02 +4.67300E+02 00.00000E+00 00.00000E+00 00.00000E+00 00.0000E+00 00.0000E+00 00.00000E+00

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PAZ2 02 V 008.4661900E+20
                                     005 000 Laplace transform anti-alias filter
 -1.30543E+04
               -6.78678E+03
 -1.30543E+04 +6.78678E+03
 -9.05344E+03 +1.39072E+04
 -9.05344E+03 -1.39072E+04
 -1.42022E+04
                00.0000E+00
DIG2 03 419463.0872E+00 30000.00000 Nanometrics HRD24 digitizer
FIR2 04 1.0000E+00 0005 0000.000 C 0034 FIR filter stage 1 coefficients
 +3.788775e-05
               +1.997269e-04 +5.912768e-04 +1.198337e-03 +1.677196e-03
+1.234444e-03 -1.158774e-03 -6.071729e-03 -1.261023e-02 -1.766685e-02
 -1.615370e-02 -2.631810e-03 +2.601663e-02 +6.805387e-02 +1.159861e-01
 +1.582344e-01
               +1.830499e-01
FIR2 05 1.0000E+00 0003 0000.000 C 0030 FIR filter stage 2 coefficients
 +6.587914e-05 +1.899969e-04 -4.827186e-05 -1.216777e-03 -2.457607e-03
 -5.687041e-04 6.495283e-03 1.294971e-02 5.449010e-03 -2.159296e-02
 -4.696462e-02 -2.711075e-02 6.566507e-02
                                               2.029431e-01 3.061833e-01
FIR2 06 1.0000E+00 0002 0000.000 C 0118 FIR filter stage 3 coefficients
  1.518937e-003 -2.042215e-002 -9.579908e-003 2.209426e-002 2.060824e-002
 -2.067742e-002 -3.521951e-002 1.417054e-002 5.525585e-002 1.904586e-003
 -8.790202e-002 -4.504146e-002 1.822970e-001
                                               4.105864e-001
PAZ2 7 C 1.0000e+00 1 0.0 1 1 IIR DC removal (poles and zeros)
 +9.994811e-01
               0.00000e+00
+1.000000e+00
               0.00000e+00
DATA TYPE response GSE2.0
WID2 1999/08/15 20:10:00.010 MUD
                                 HHZ
                                         INT
                                                24502 100.000000
                                                                   0.00E+00
DAT2
517 519 522 517 ..... (data sample values)
CHK2
       34487
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### Pitfalls in preparing GSE response file:

- PAZ2: poles and zeros in Laplace (rad/sec) for <u>displacement</u> !!
- PAZ2: scale factor definition

Scale factor: 10e-9/  $[A_0^{\text{vel}} \times S]$ 

in <u>nm/V</u> !!

- FIR2: minimum phase filters (Quanterra) order of coefficients
- IIR filters: poles and zeros in Z-domain, not the coefficients
- Guralp systems: A<sub>0</sub> < 0 ?

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{|H(z)|}$$

