

## Filtering (Digital Systems)



Convolution of Sequences

$$x[n] \quad h[n] \quad y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$$

Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

$$\tilde{X}[k] \quad \tilde{T}[k] \quad \tilde{Y}[k] = \tilde{T}[k]\tilde{X}[k]$$

z-Transform

$$X[z] \quad T[z] \quad Y[z] = T[z]X[z]$$

## The z-Transform

$$Z\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = X(z)$$

### Properties

- $x_1[n] * x_2[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[m]x_2[n-m] \Leftrightarrow X_1(z) \cdot X_2(z)$   
(convolution theorem)
- $x[n - n_0] \Leftrightarrow z^{-n_0} X(z)$  (shifting theorem)
- $x[-n] \Leftrightarrow X(1/z)$

### Transfer Function

$$T(z) = \frac{Z\{y[n]\}}{Z\{x[n]\}} = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$$

**Rational Transfer Function**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **Linear Difference Equation**

$$T(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{l=0}^M b_l z^{-l}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x[n-l]$$

## Recursive/Non-Recursive Filters

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x[n-l]$$

$$a_0 y[n] + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x[n-l]$$

$$y[n] = - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{a_k}{a_0} y[n-k] + \sum_{l=0}^M \frac{b_l}{a_0} x[n-l]$$

recursive



( IIR Filters )

non-recursive



FIR Filters

$$\left( a_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_k = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad k \geq 1 \right)$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x[n-l]$$

## Rational Transfer Function

$$T(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{l=0}^M b_l z^{-l}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}}$$

Special Case: FIR filter ( $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_k = 0$  for  $k \geq 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} T(z) &= \sum_{l=0}^M b_l z^{-l} = b_0 \prod_{l=1}^M (1 - c_l z^{-1}) \\ &= z^{-M} \cdot b_0 \prod_{l=1}^M (z - c_l) \end{aligned}$$

Linear Difference Equation

$$y[n] = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x[n-l] = x[n] * b[l]$$

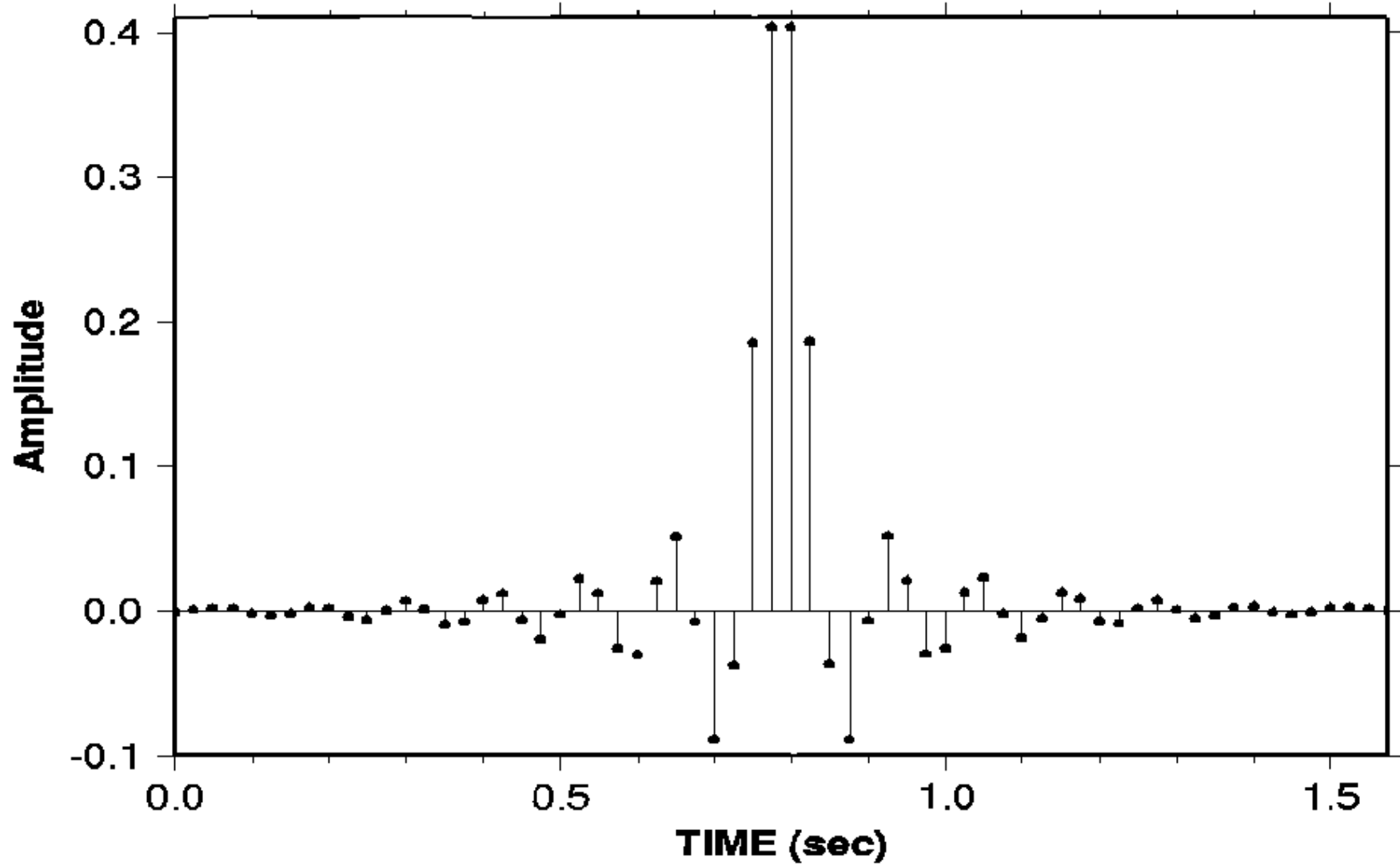
- FIR filters :

- + Always stable.
- Steep filters need many coefficients.
- + Both causal and noncausal filters can be implemented.
- + Filters with given specifications are easy to implement!

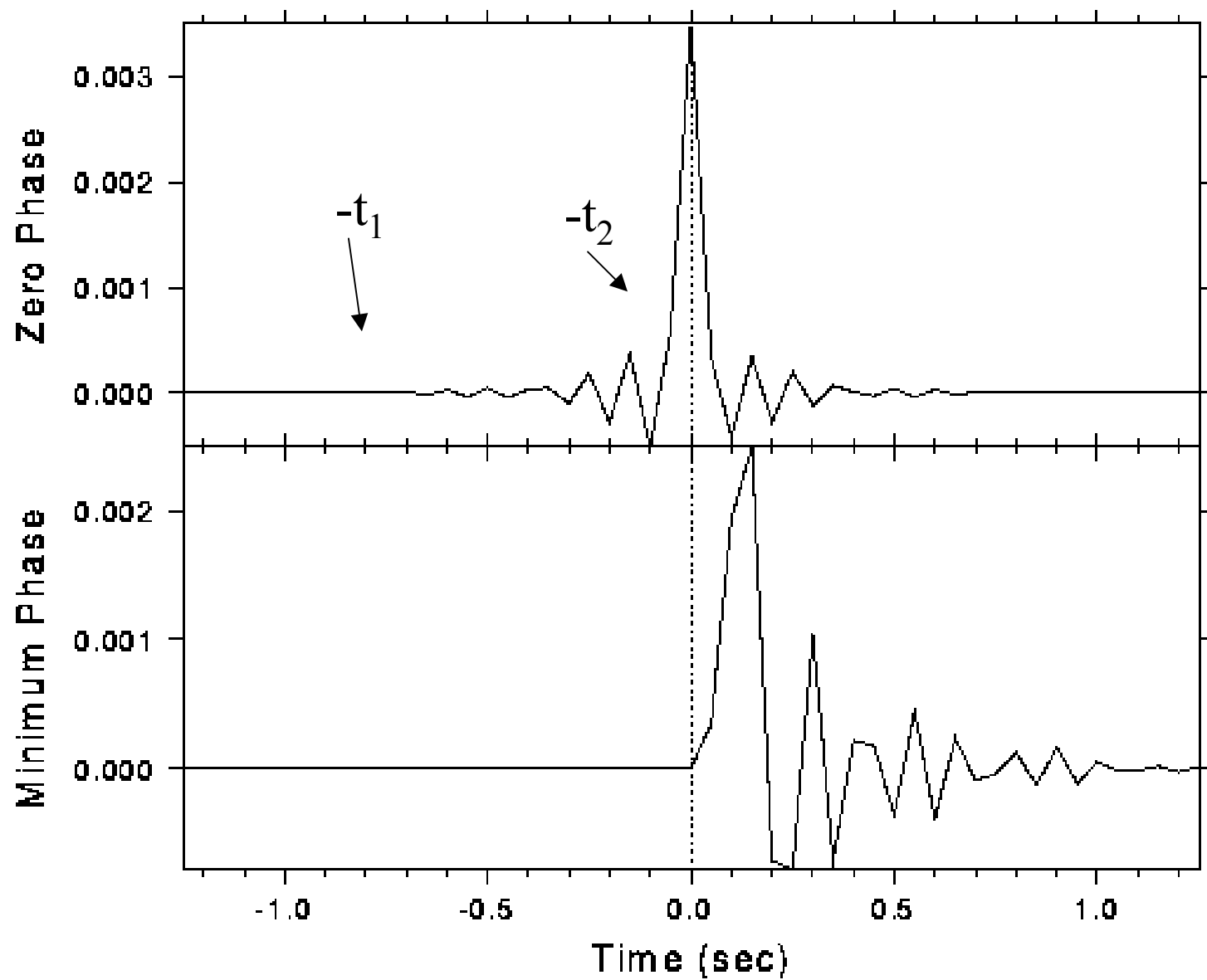
- IIR filters :

- Potentially unstable and subject to quantization errors.
- + Steep filters can easily be implemented with a few coefficients. Speed.
- Filters with given specifications are in general, difficult, if not impossible, to implement *exactly(!)*.

### QDP 380 Stage 4







How can we  
remove  
these effects?

### Recursive/Non-Recursive Filters

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( IIR Filters )

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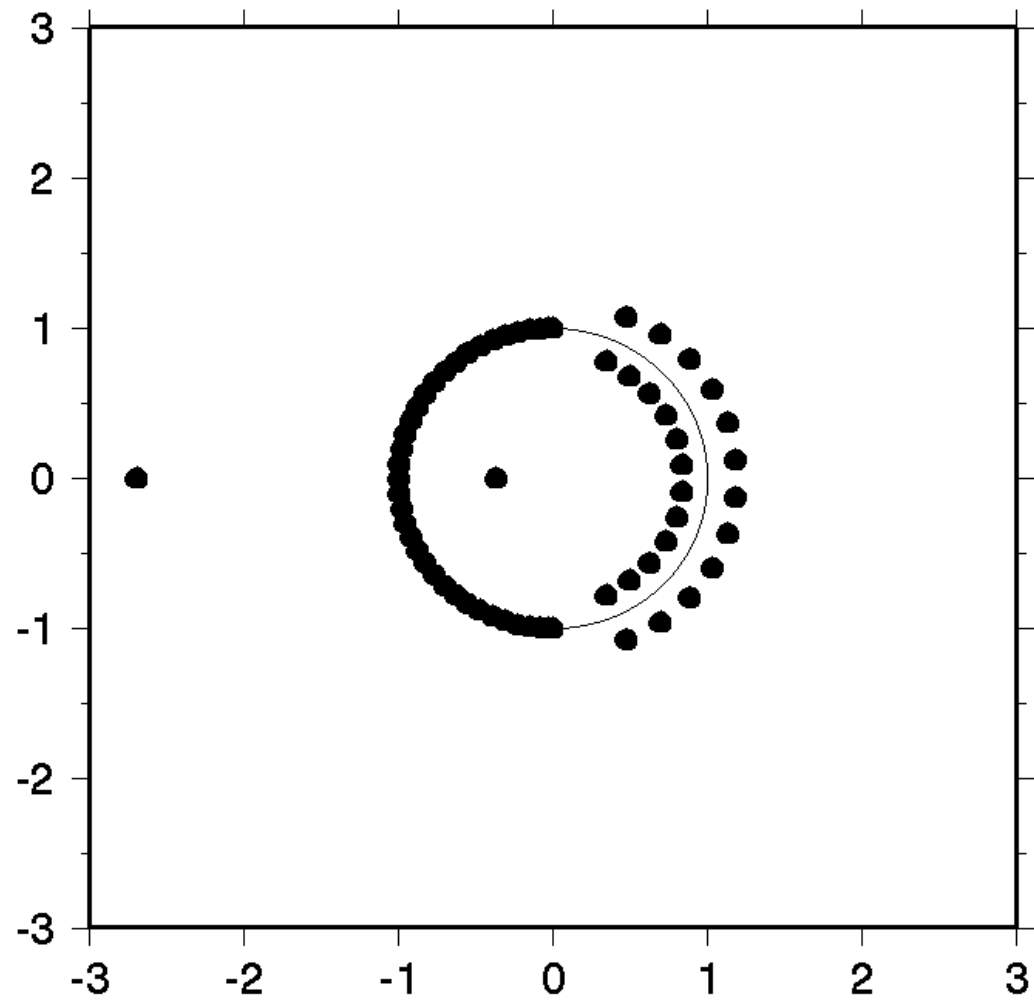


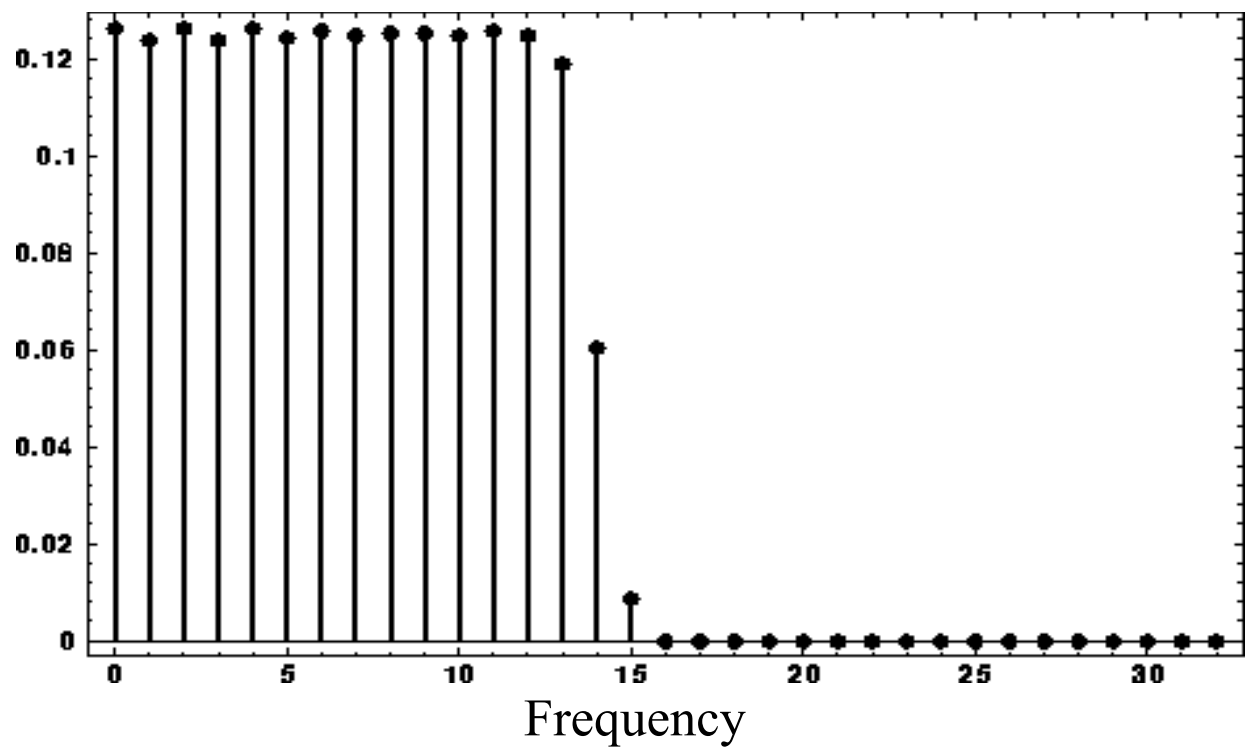
FIR Filters

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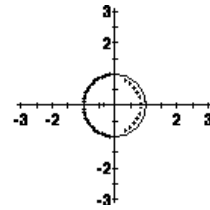
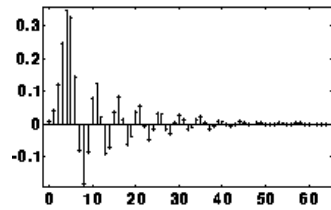
$$y[n] = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x[n-l]$$

### QDP 380 Stage 4

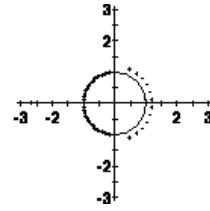
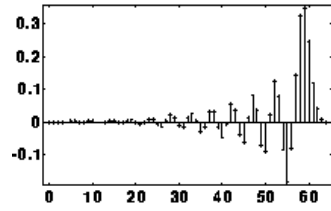




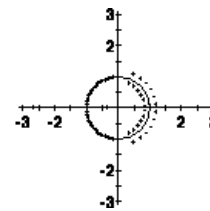
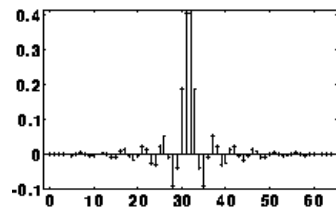
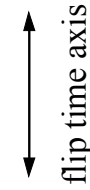
# Waveform Properties and Root Positions



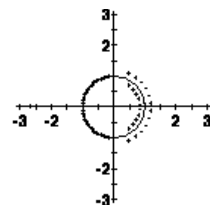
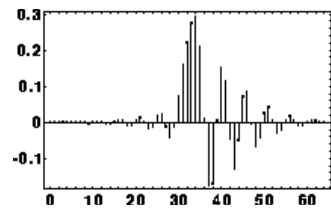
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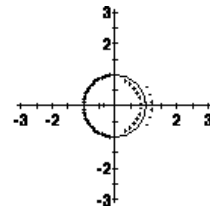
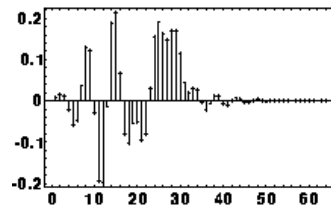
maximum delay/phase



mixed delay/phase  
(zero phase)



mixed delay/phase



mixed delay/phase

## **Zero Phase FIR Filter**

Problem: Two-Sided IR

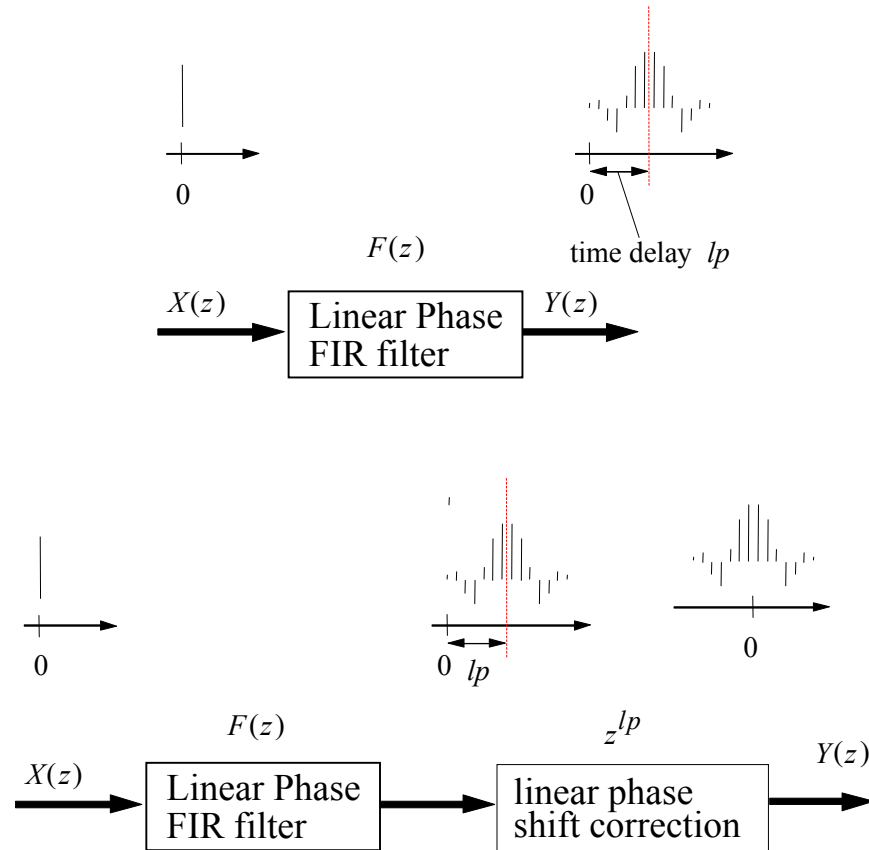
Cure: Change IR into Minimum Phase

Methods:

- 1) Add phase of Minimum Phase Filter to trace spectrum
- 2) Recursive Filtering of time inverted trace

# Removing the acausal response of a Zero Phase FIR Filter

Linear Phase and Zero Phase Filter:



Linear-phase FIR Filter:  $F(z)$

Zero-phase FIR Filter:  $F(z) = F(z) \cdot z^{lp}$

$z^{lp}$  = Time delay correction by  $lp$  samples

General rule:

Any filter can be expressed by convolution of its minimum phase and maximum phase component.

roots within UC

roots outside UC

=> Linear phase FIR Filter:  $F(z) = F_{max}(z) \cdot F_{min}(z)$

maximum phase component -> left-sided (acausal) component

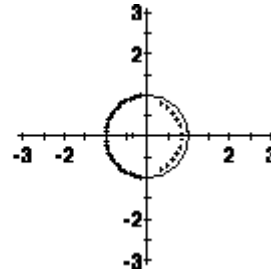
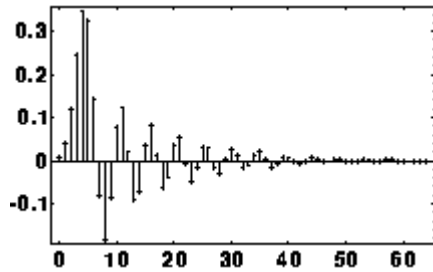
minimum phase component -> right-sided (causal) component



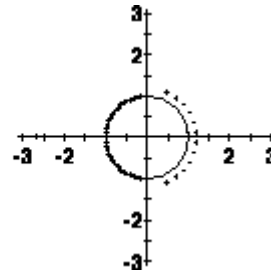
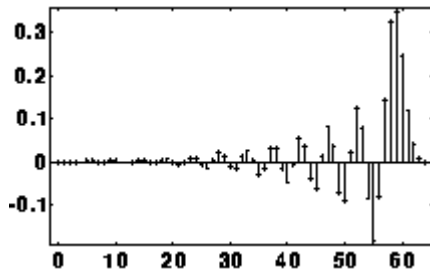
## Removal of acausal response:

Replace maximum phase component  $F_{max}(z)$  by its minimum phase equivalent  $MinPhase\{F_{max}(z)\}$ .

$$MinPhase\{F_{max}(z)\} =$$



minimum phase



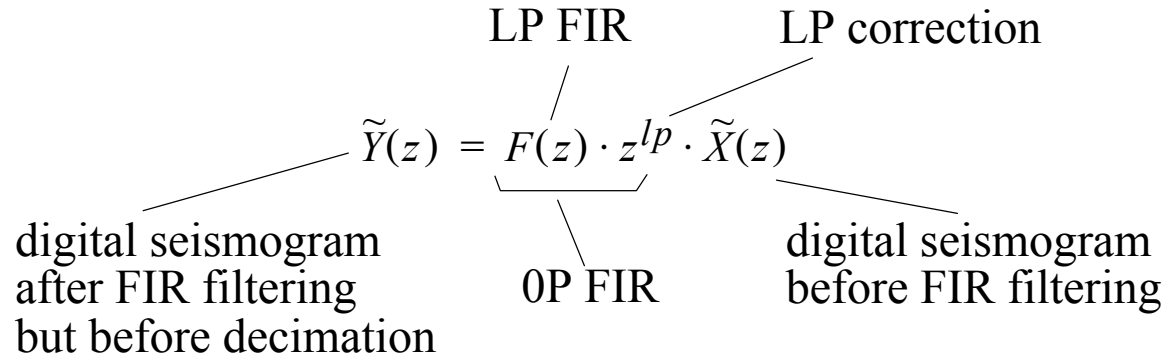
maximum phase

Answer: flip maximum phase component in time.

In terms of z-transform:

$$\Rightarrow MinPhase\{F_{max}(z)\} = F_{max}(1/z)$$

## z-transform representation of digital seismogram



$\tilde{x}[n]$  = unfiltered digital seismogram

$\tilde{X}(z)$  = z-transform of the input signal  $\tilde{x}[n]$

$F(z)$  = z-transform of the linear phase FIR filter

$\tilde{y}[n]$  = filtered digital seismic trace before decimation<sup>1</sup>

$\tilde{Y}(z)$  = z-transform of  $\tilde{y}[n]$

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<sup>1</sup> This is a fictitious signal since decimation is commonly done while filtering.

$$F(z) \cdot z^{lp}$$

corresponds to a zero phase filter in which the linear phase component of  $F(z)$  is corrected.

In practice: Treat time shift  $z^{lp}$  separately from  $F(z)$

## Removing the maximum phase component of a FIR filter

Principle:

$$F_{max}(z) \rightarrow \text{MinPhase}\{F_{max}(z)\}$$

‘Corrected’ seismogram  $Y(z)$ : 
$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{F_{max}(z)} \cdot F_{max}(1/z) \cdot \tilde{Y}(z)$$

Problem: Since  $F_{max}(z)$  has only zeros outside the unit circle,  $1/F_{max}(z)$  will have poles outside the unit circle.

Solution: Flip time axis.

$$Y(1/z) = \frac{1}{F_{max}(1/z)} \cdot F_{max}(z) \cdot \tilde{Y}(1/z)$$

Impulse response corresponding to  $1/F_{max}(z)$  becomes a stable causal sequence in nominal time and the deconvolution of the maximum phase component  $F_{max}(z)$  poses no stability problems.

## The difference equation

$$F_{max}(1/z) \cdot Y(1/z) = F_{max}(z) \cdot \tilde{Y}(1/z)$$

Rewrite to

$$A'(z) \cdot Y'(z) = B'(z) \cdot X'(z)$$

$$A'(z) \Leftrightarrow F_{max}(1/z) \quad Y'(z) \Leftrightarrow Y(1/z)$$

$$B'(z) \Leftrightarrow F_{max}(z) \quad X'(z) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{Y}(1/z)$$

Written as convolution sum:

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a'[k] \cdot y'[i-k] = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} b'[l] \cdot x'[i-l]$$

Assumption:  $F(z)$  contains  $mx$  zeros outside the unit circle  
 $\Rightarrow$  wavelets  $a'[k]$  and  $b'[k]$  will be of length  $mx + 1$ .

$$\sum_{k=0}^{mx} a'[k] \cdot y'[i-k] = \sum_{l=0}^{mx} b'[l] \cdot x'[i-l]$$

Rearrange to

$$y'[i] \cdot a'[0] + \sum_{k=1}^{mx} a'[k] \cdot y'[i-k] = \sum_{l=0}^{mx} b'[l] \cdot x'[i-l]$$

which is equivalent to

$$y'[i] = - \sum_{k=1}^{mx} \frac{a'[k]}{a'[0]} \cdot y'[i-k] + \sum_{l=0}^{mx} \frac{b'[l]}{a'[0]} \cdot x'[i-l]$$

This is

$$a[k] = -\frac{a'[k]}{a'[0]} = \frac{f_{max}[mx-k]}{f_{max}[mx]} \quad \text{for } k = 1 \text{ to } mx$$

and

$$b[l] = \frac{b'[l]}{a'[0]} = \frac{f_{max}[l]}{f_{max}[mx]} \quad \text{for } l = 0 \text{ to } mx$$

The convolution sum

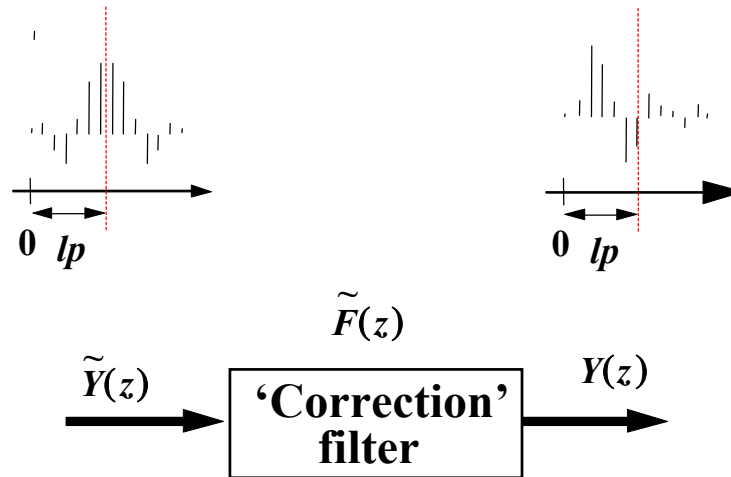
$$y'[i] = \sum_{k=1}^{mx} a[k] \cdot y'[i-k] + \sum_{l=0}^{mx} b[l] \cdot x'[i-l]$$

$y'[i]$  = the time reversed ‘corrected’ sequence.

To obtain  $y[i]$  flip  $y'[i]$  back in time.



'Corrected' seismogram:  $Y(z) = \tilde{F}(z) \cdot \tilde{Y}(z)$



$\tilde{F}(z)$  = changes the linear phase filter  $F(z)$  into a minimum phase filter

=> onset of output signal is advanced by  $lp$  samples.

To account for this time shift in the corrected seismogram:

a) change time tag of 'corrected' trace

or

b) delay 'corrected' trace by  $lp$  samples.

## What is needed for ‘correction’?

$mx + 1$  coefficients of the maximum phase portion of the a linear phase FIR filter

## How to get maximum phase component?

$$F(z) = \sum_{l=0}^m b_l z^{-l} = b_0 \prod_{l=1}^m (1 - c_l z^{-l})$$

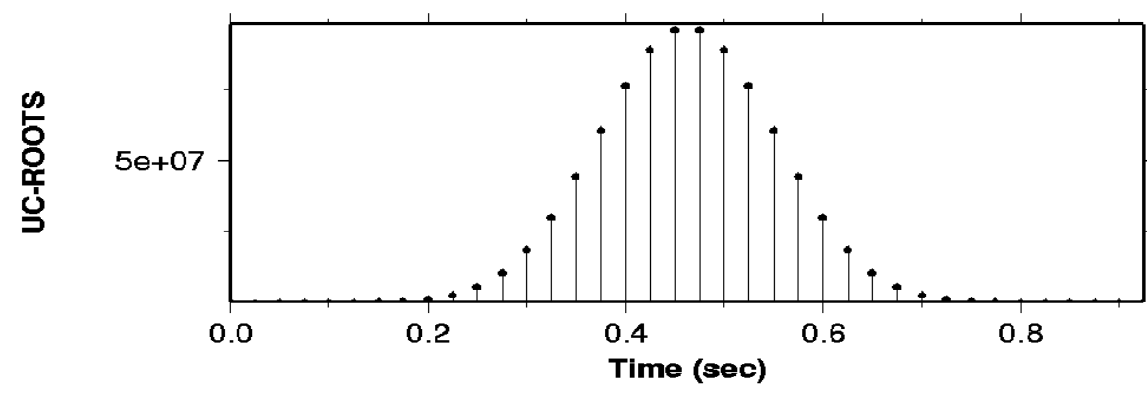
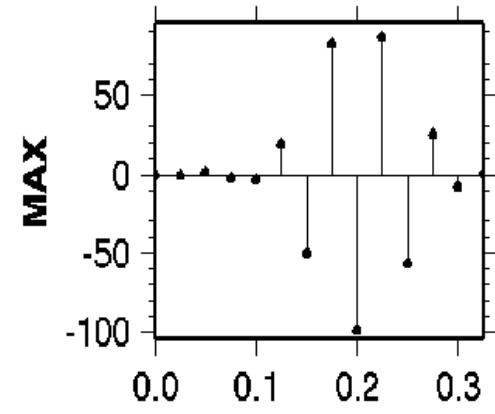
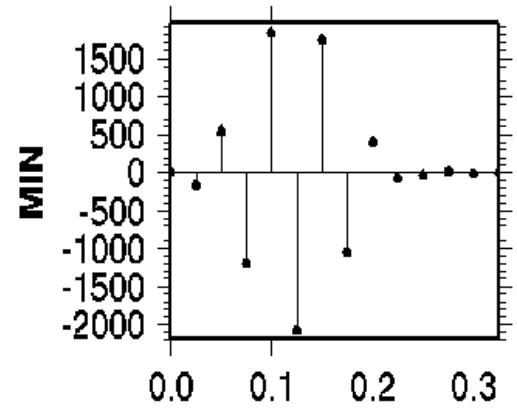
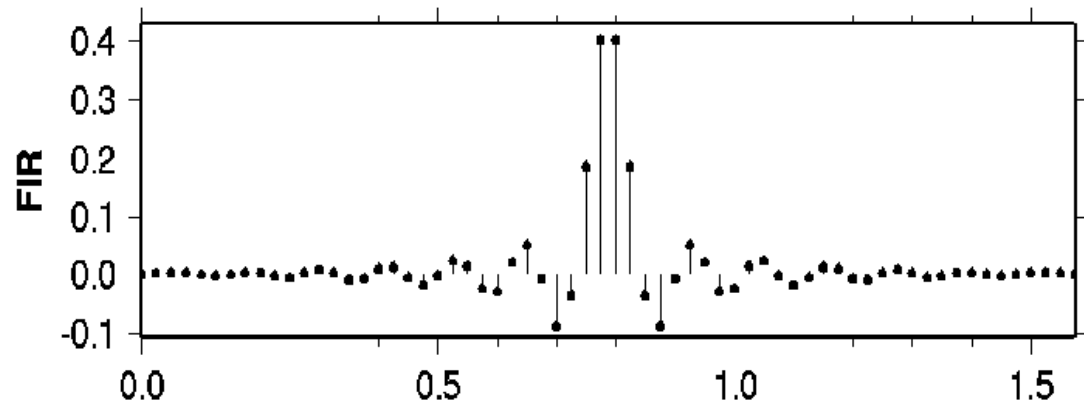
$mn$  zeros inside UC ( $c_i^{min}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow F_{min}(z)$

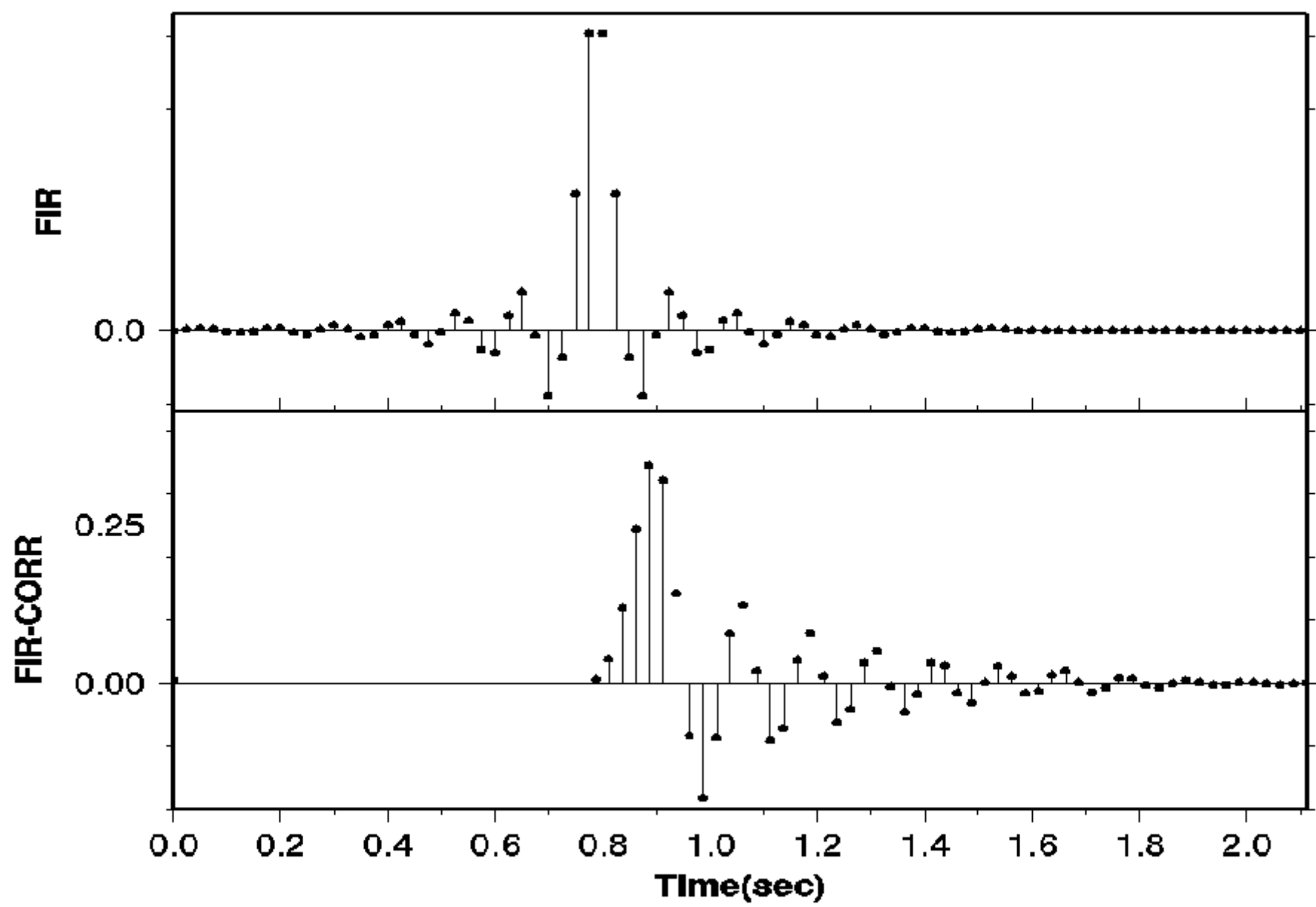
$mx$  zeros outside UC ( $c_i^{max}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow F_{max}(z)$

$$F_{max}(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{mx} f_i^{max} z^{-i} = b_0 \prod_{i=1}^{mx} (1 - c_i^{max} z^{-i})$$

From zeros outside UC  $\rightarrow$  polynomial  $F_{max}(z)$ .

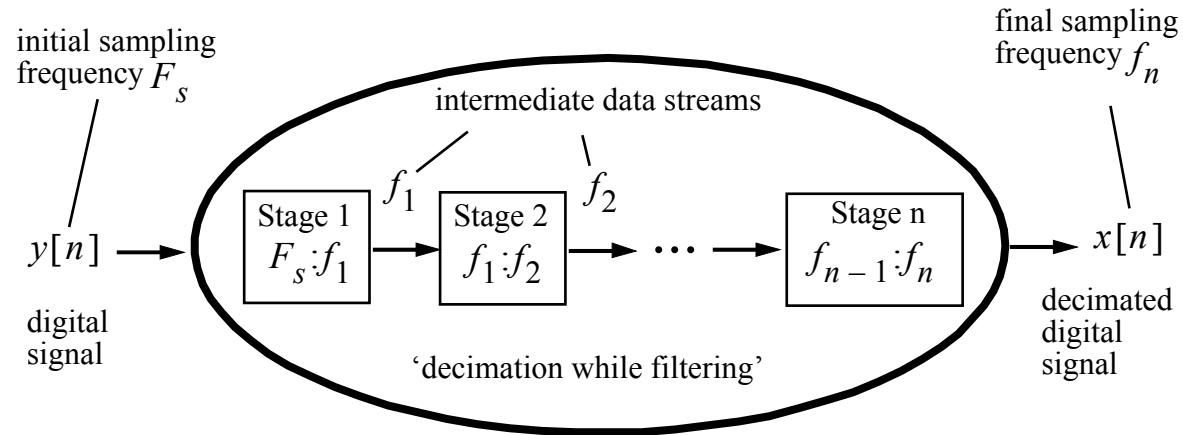
$f_{max}[l]$  for  $l = 0$  to  $mx$ : coefficients of polynomial  $F_{max}(z)$ .





# Correction Procedure

## Decimation stages



## Full Correction (not always necessary):

interpolation  $\rightarrow f_{n-1}$   $\rightarrow$  correction for FIR filter stage n

interpolation  $\rightarrow f_{n-2}$   $\rightarrow$  correction for FIR filter stage n-1

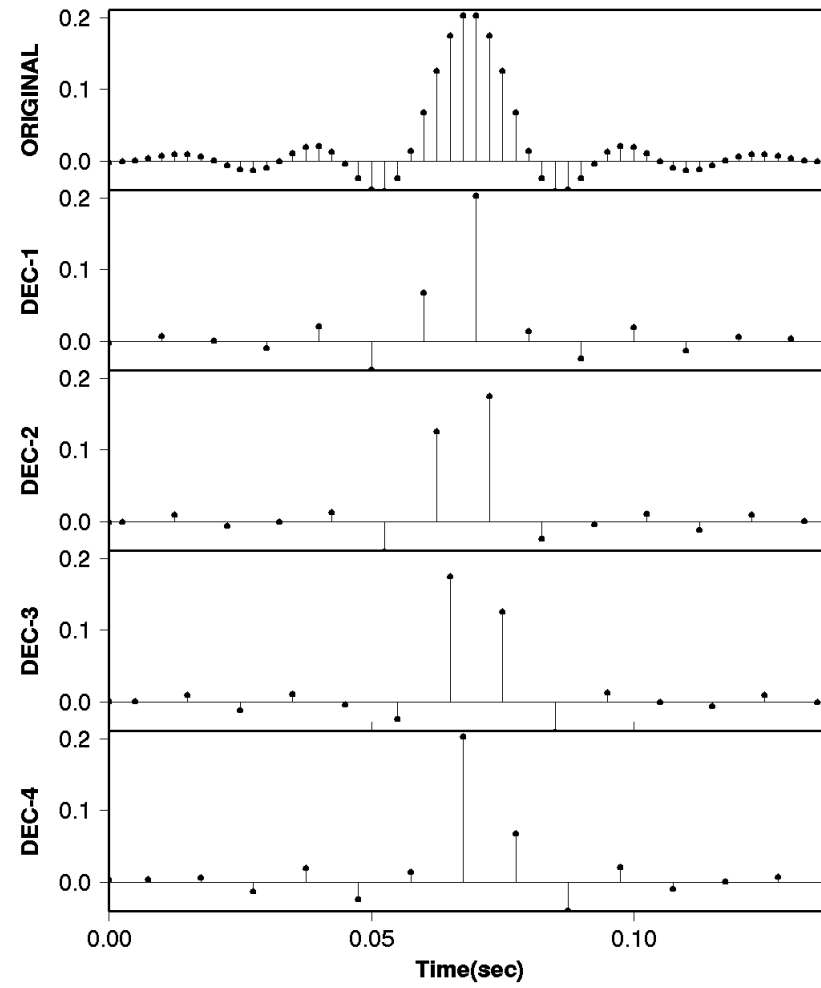
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interpolation  $\rightarrow f_1$   $\rightarrow$  correction for FIR filter stage 2

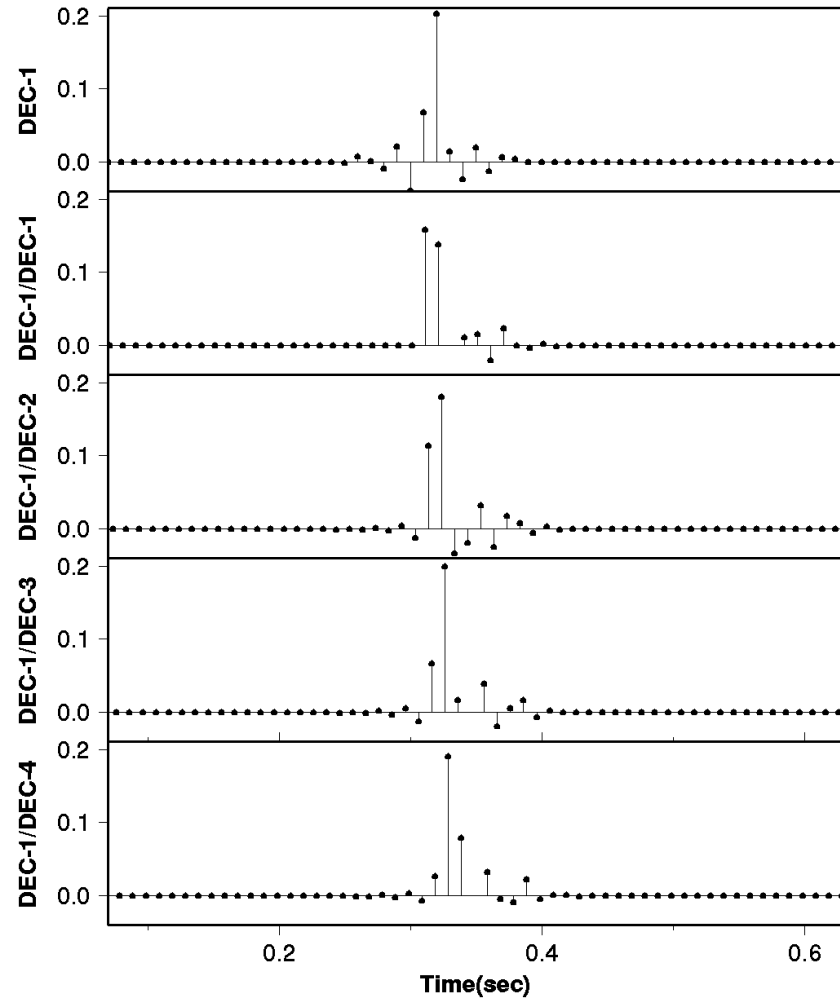
interpolation  $\rightarrow F_s$   $\rightarrow$  correction for FIR filter stage 1

finally: decimation back to  $f_n$

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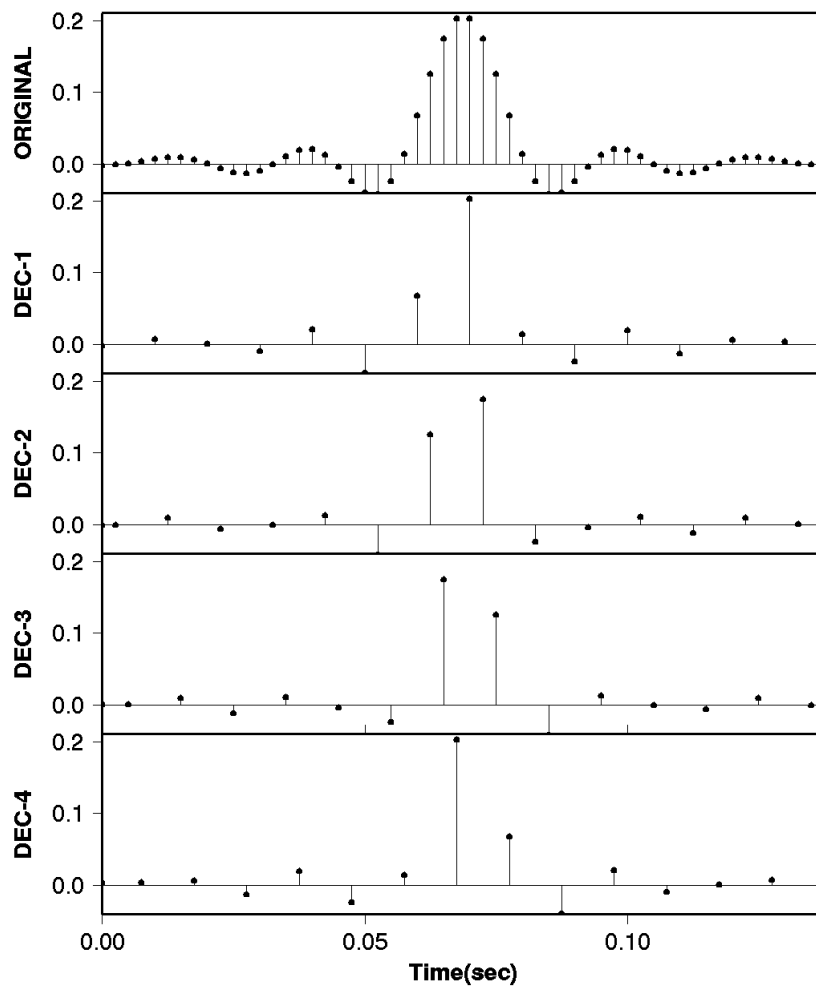


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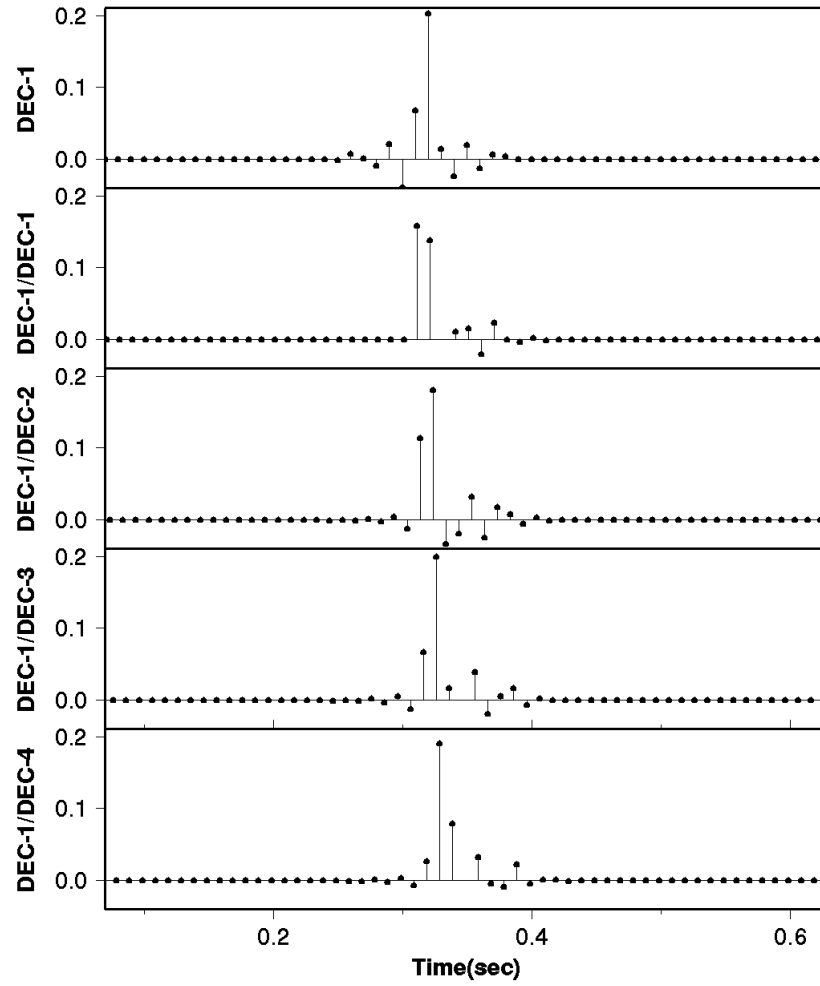




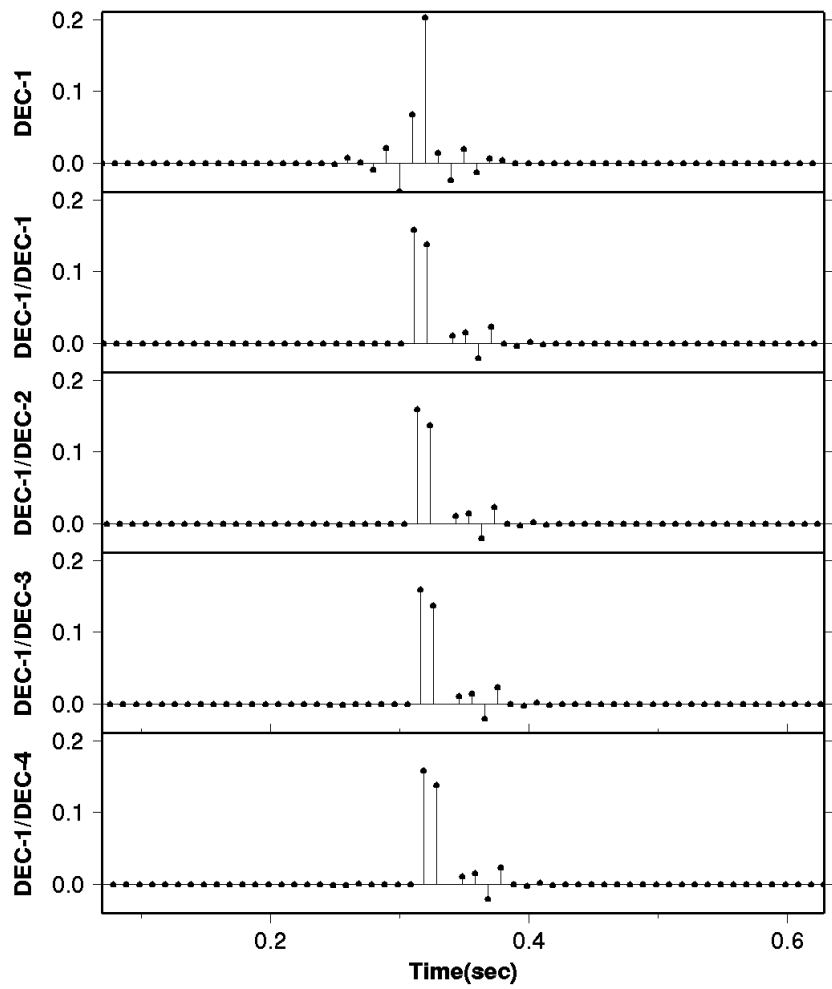
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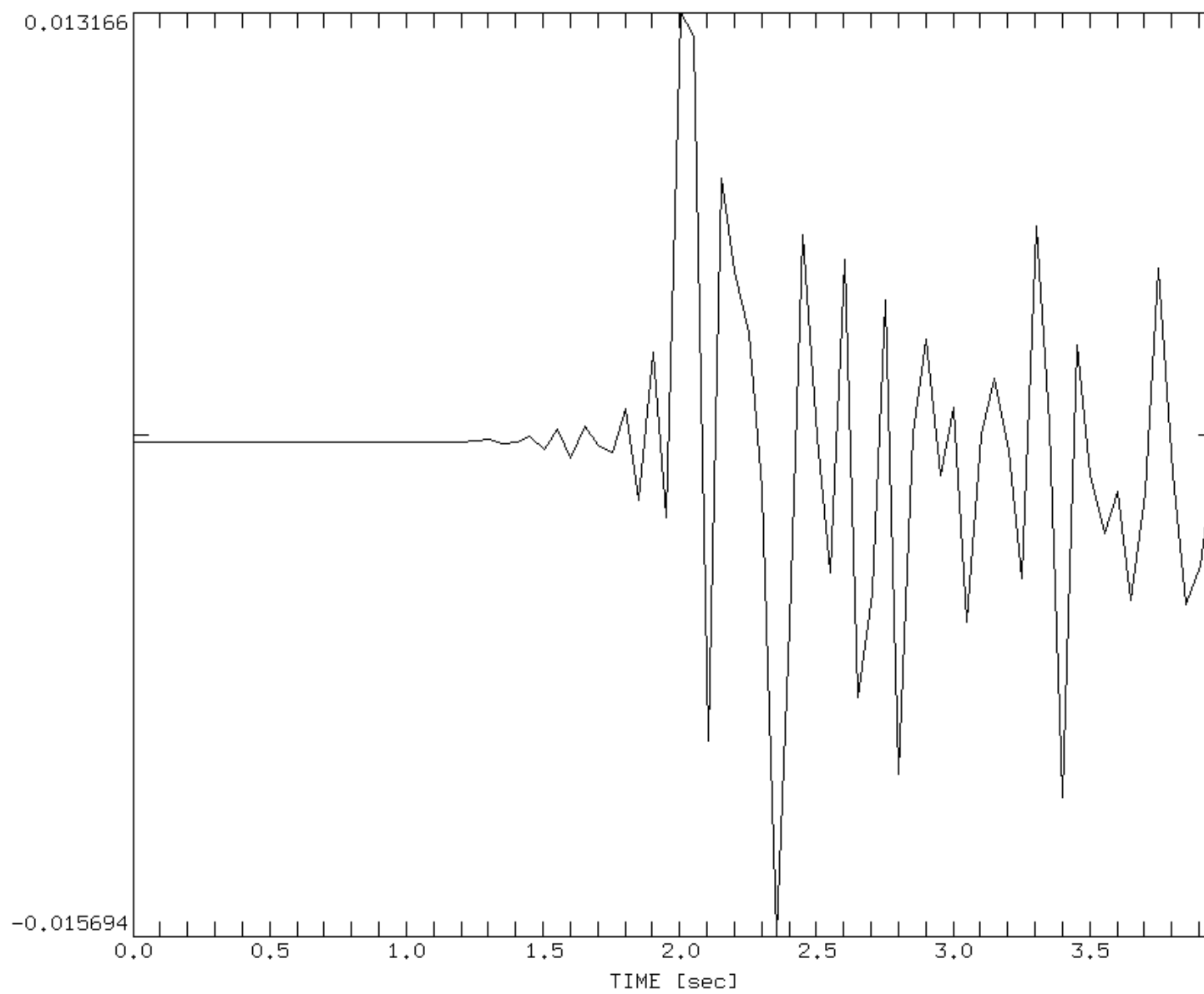


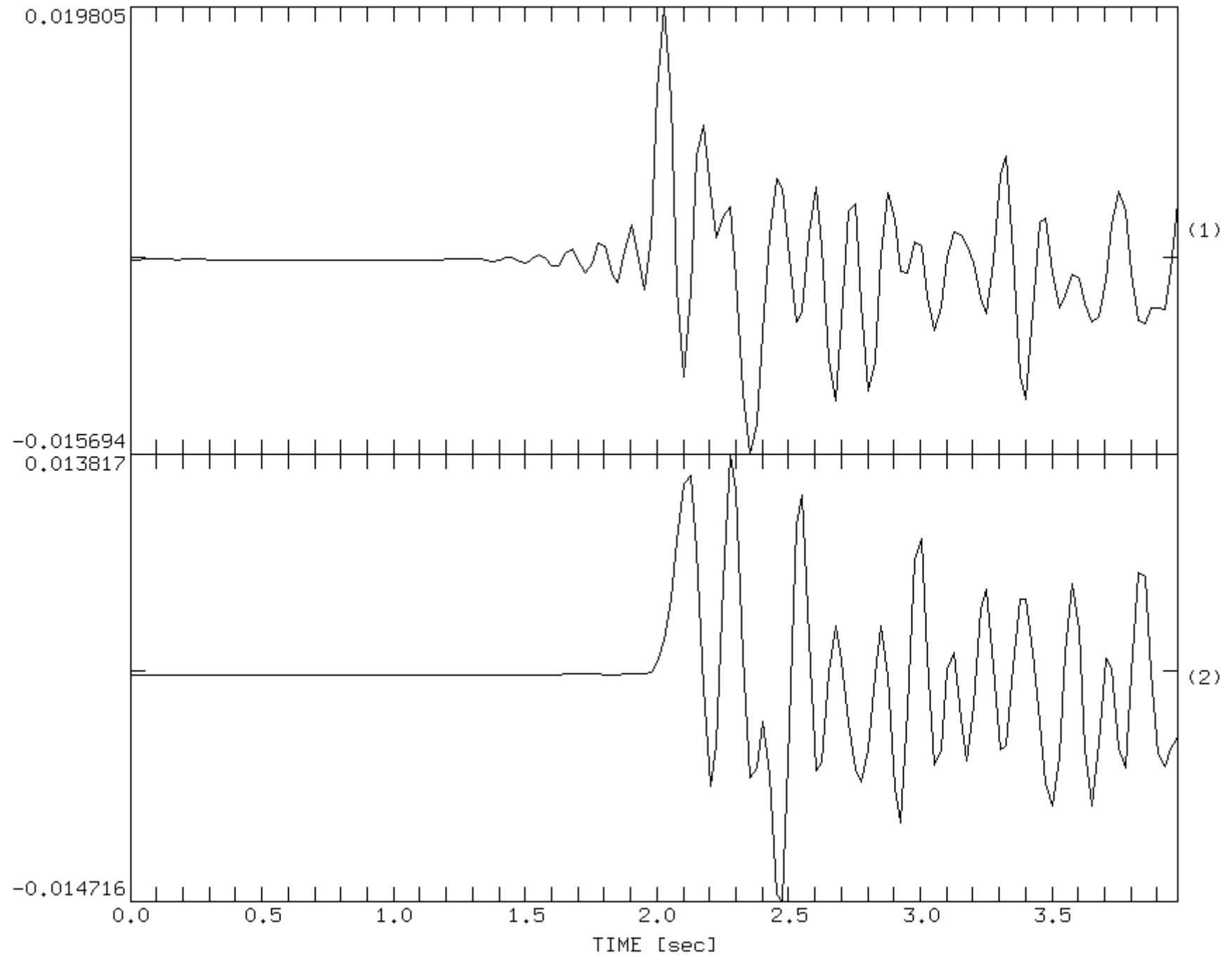
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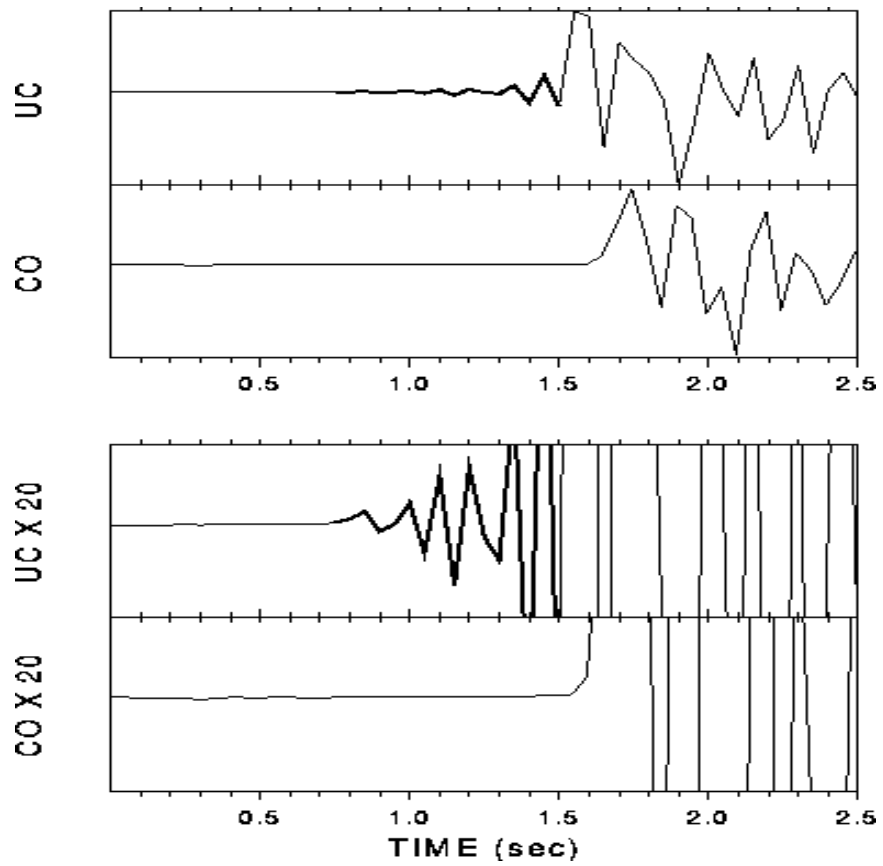


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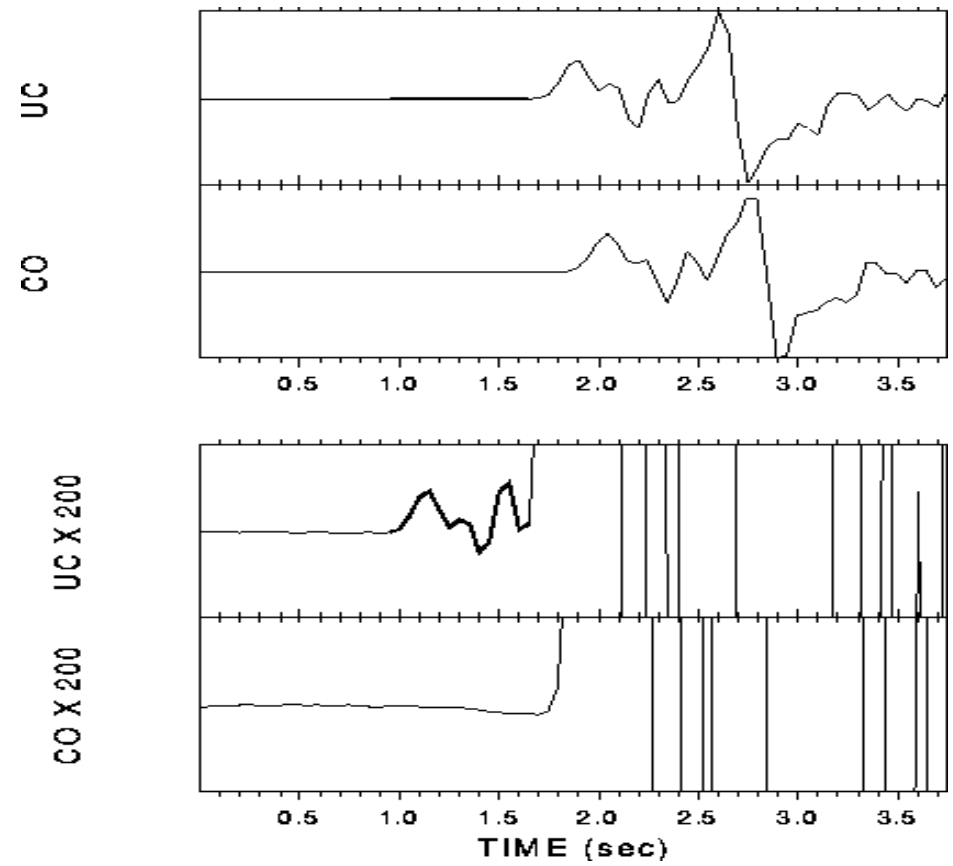




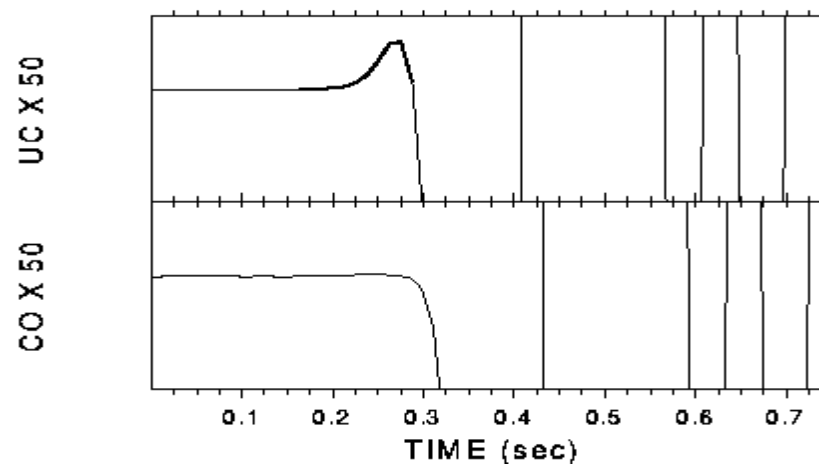
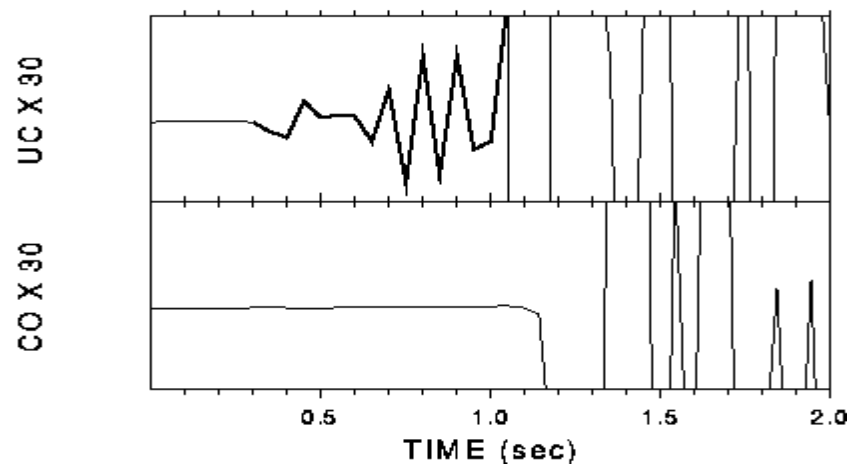
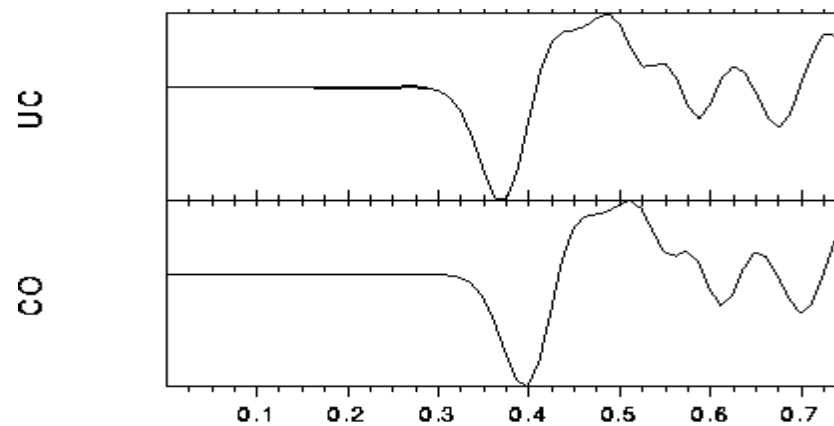
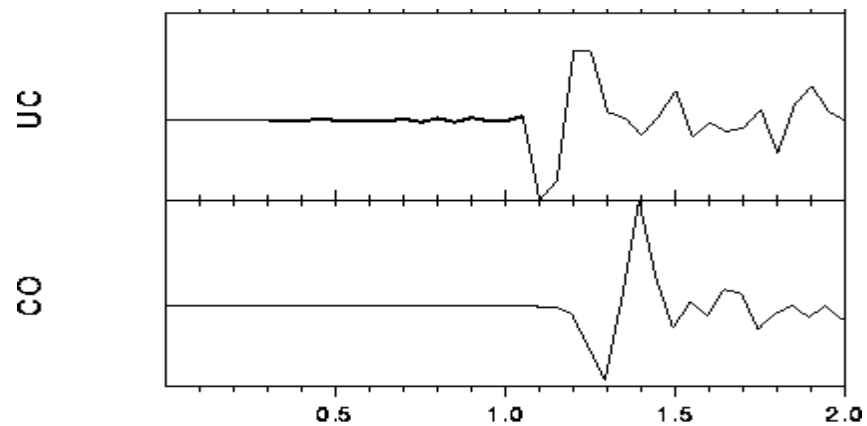




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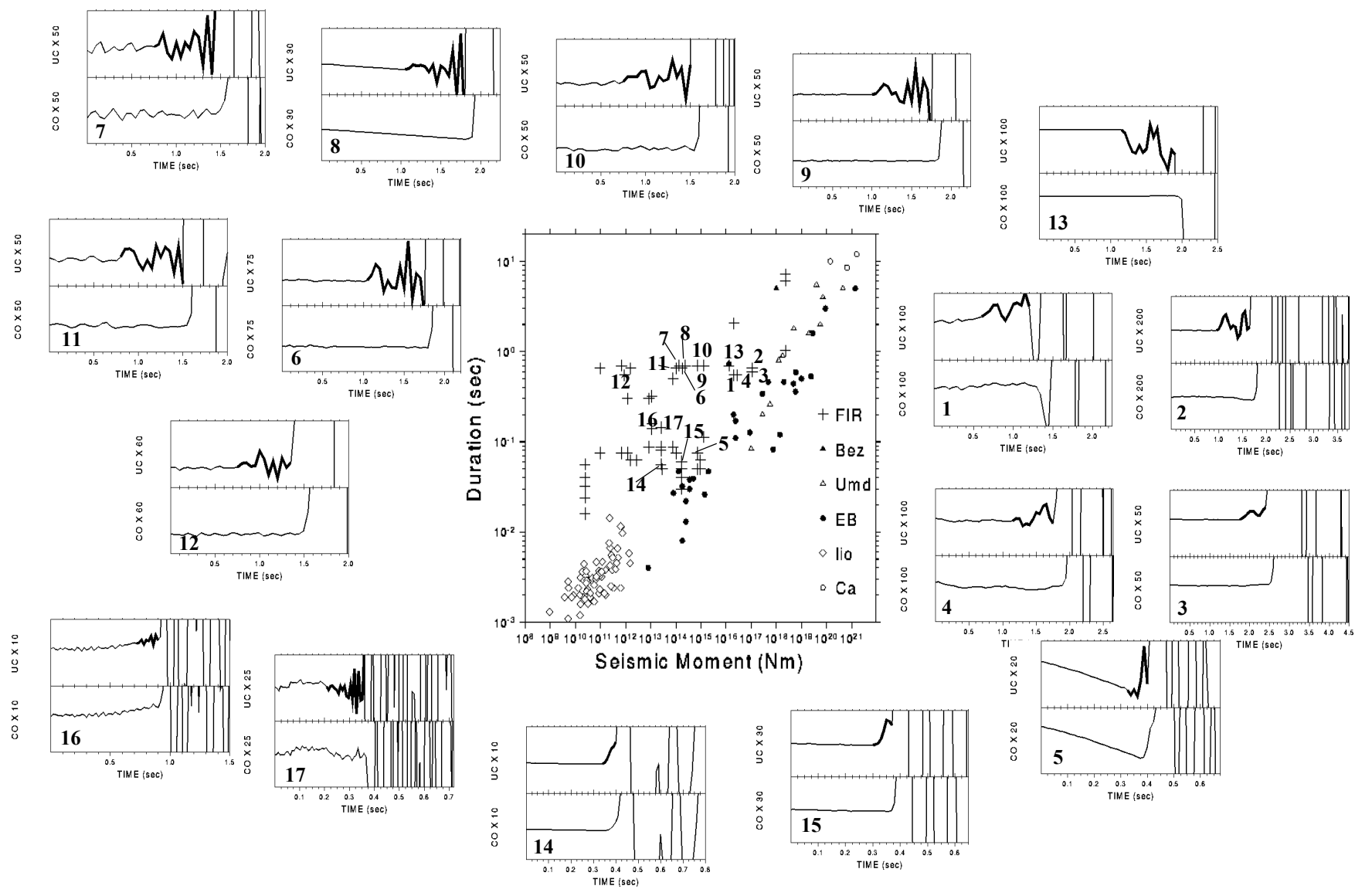


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**a)**

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## Conclusions

**FIR filter generated precursory artefacts:**

- **can become impossible to be identified visually**
- **can have similar scaling properties as nucleation phases**

**Zero - phase FIR filters in general**

- **affect the determination of all onset properties (onset times, onset polarities)**

## Consequence

**For the interpretation of onset properties (onset times, onset polarities, nucleation phases, etc.) the acausal response of the zero-phase FIR filter has to be removed**

**but not**

**for waveform analysis.**