

# Signal Processing for acoustic neutrino detection

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# Introduction

- You need to Know!
- Fourier
- Laplace
- State Space
- Z-Transform
- SVD
- Conclusions

# Sadly a Very Maths Based Subject!

- But Computers Do the Maths e.g. MATLAB, C++ etc
- Need to know conceptually what can be done
- Need to be able to write the problem in the appropriate mathematical format

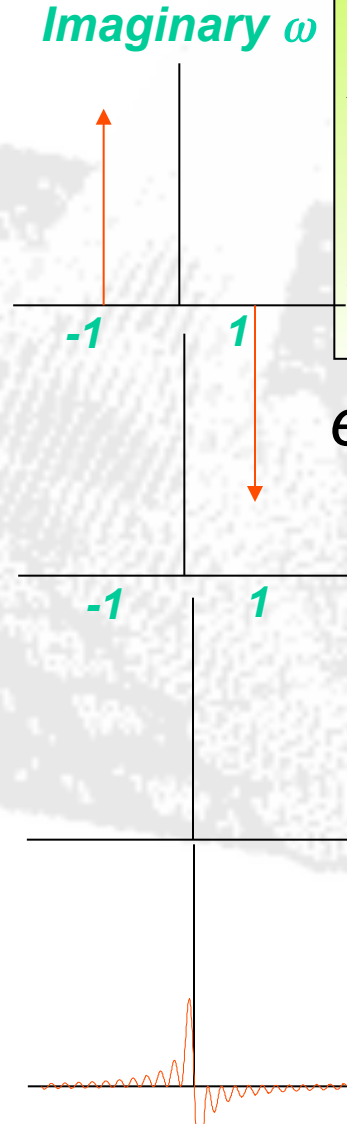
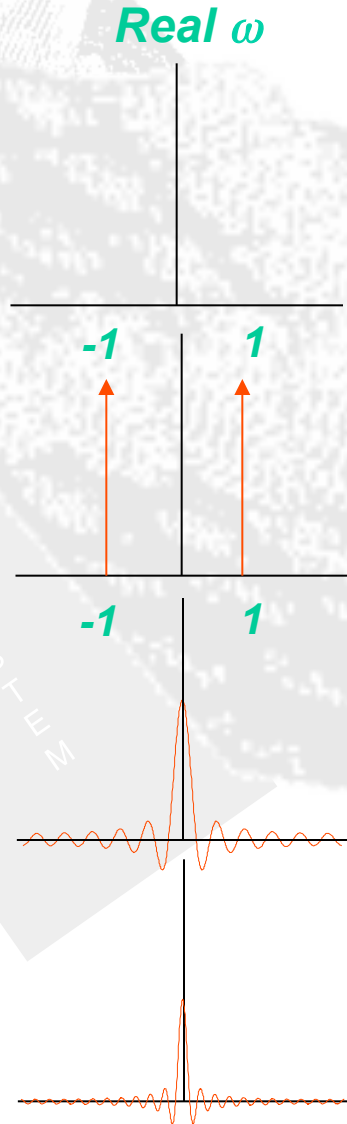
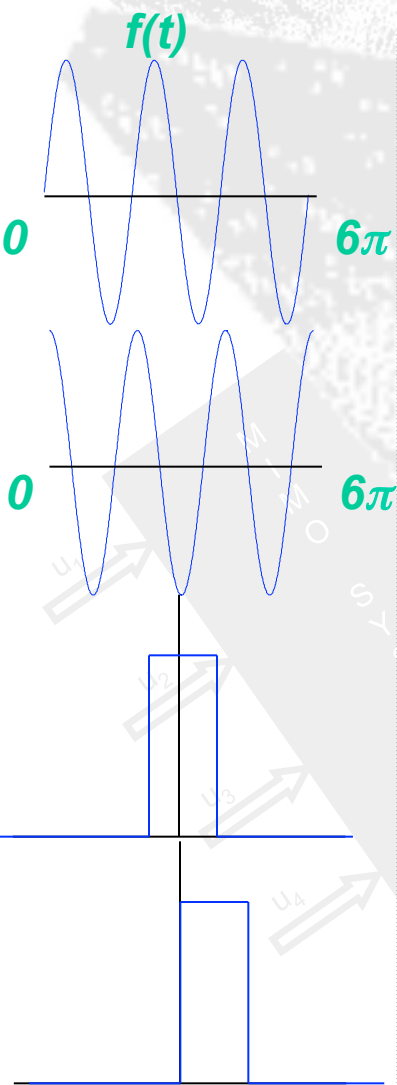
# What is Signal Processing?

- Used to model signals and systems where there is correlation between past and current inputs/outputs (in space or time)
- Two broad categories: Continuous and Sampled processes
- A host of techniques Fourier, Laplace, State space, Z-Transform, SVD, wavelets.....
- Fast, accurate, robust and easy to implement

# Why? What can Signal Processing Do for you?

- *Speed up computation e.g. Acoustic integrals by many orders of magnitude*
- *Design, Understand, simulate SISO systems e.g. Analogue Filters*
- *Design, Understand, simulate MIMO systems e.g. Hydrophones, Microphones, Ariane 5 Rockets etc.*
  - *Design, Understand, simulate Digital filters*
  - *Design Optimal Filters e.g. Matched Filters*
- *Parametric and non parametric System/Spectral identification/analysis*
- *Design Classification Algorithms*

# The Fourier Transform



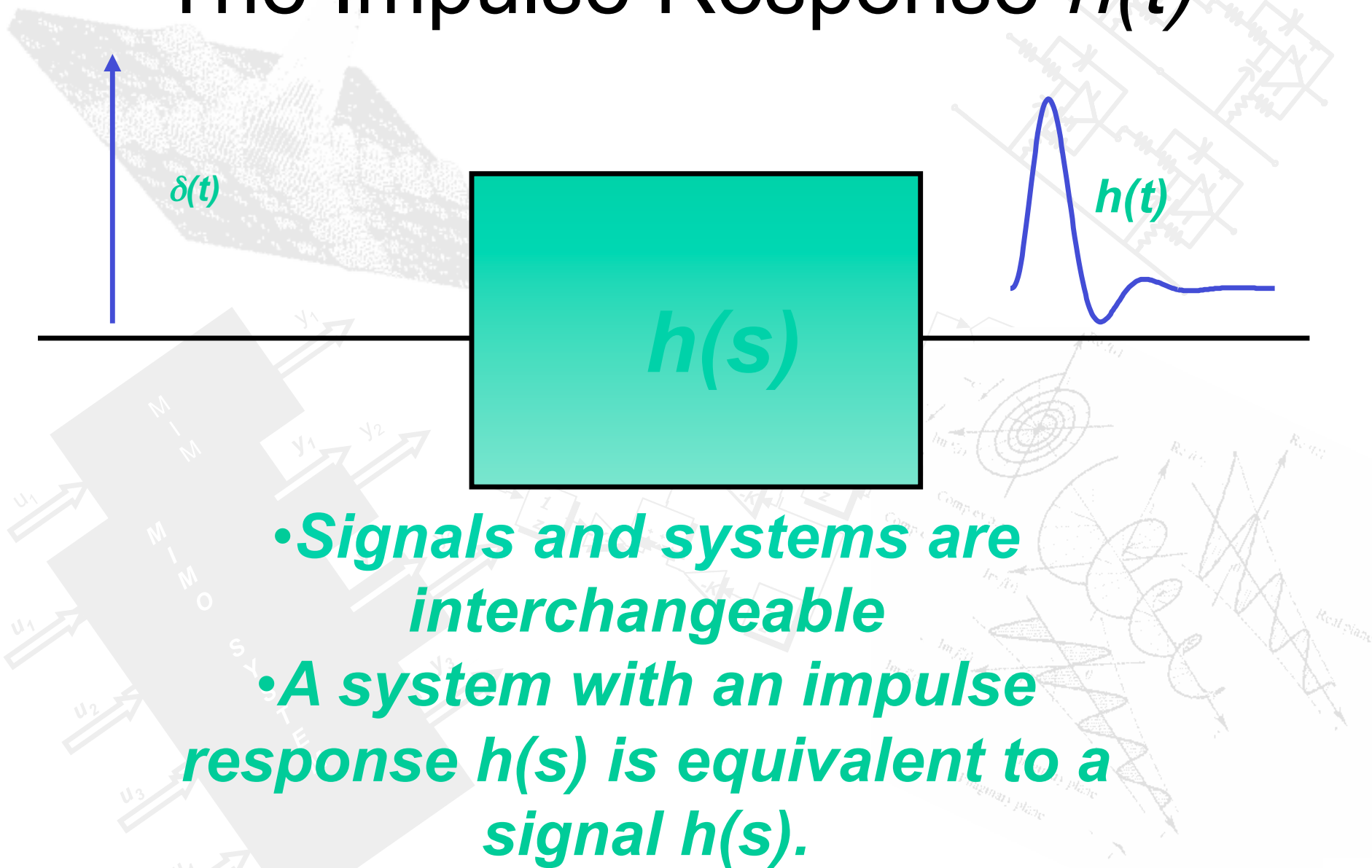
$$X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

$$e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)$$



# The Impulse Response $h(t)$

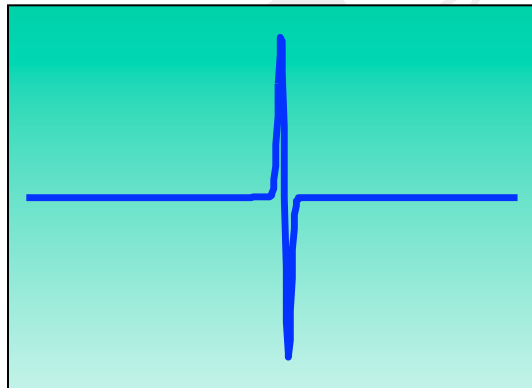


- **Signals and systems are interchangeable**
- **A system with an impulse response  $h(s)$  is equivalent to a signal  $h(s)$ .**

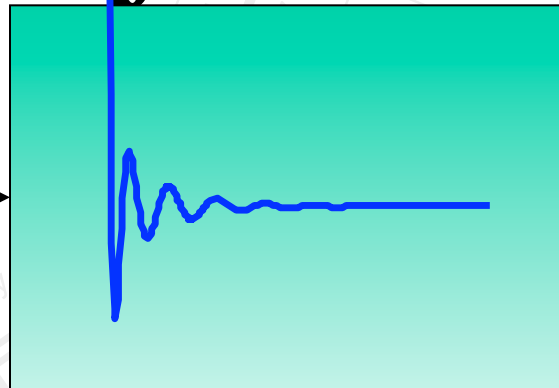
# The Convolution Integral

- Given a signal  $s(t)$  and a system with an impulse response  $h(t)$  then  $y(t)$  is given by

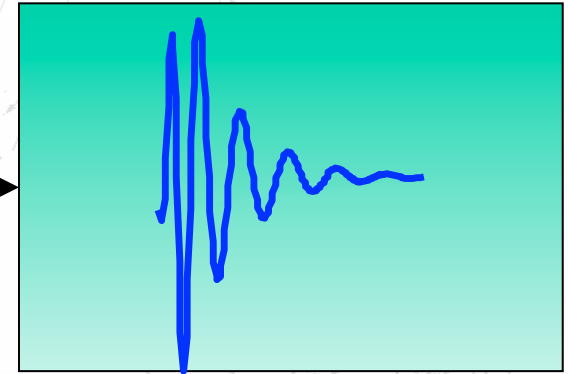
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$



$s(t)$  Bipolar  
Acoustic Pulse



$h(t)$  Impulse response  
high pass filter (SAUND)



$y(t)$  Electrical  
Pulse

*The nasty impulse response is caused by a rapidly varying phase response: Different frequencies pass through the filter at different speeds*

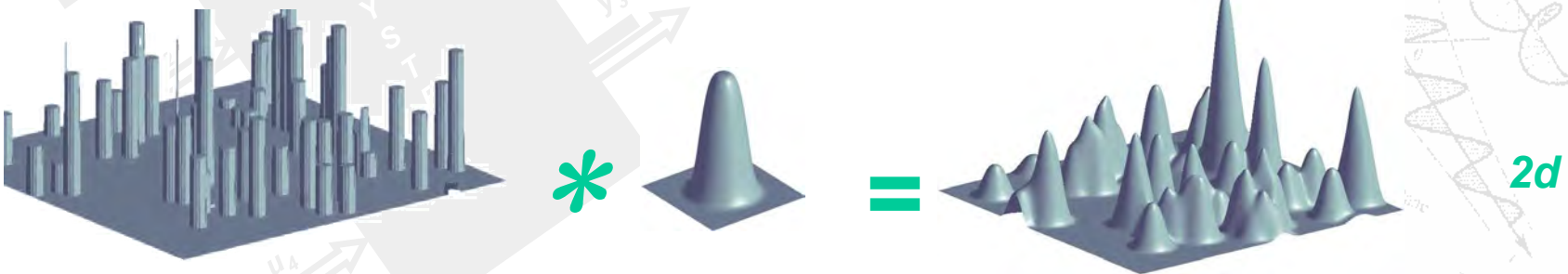
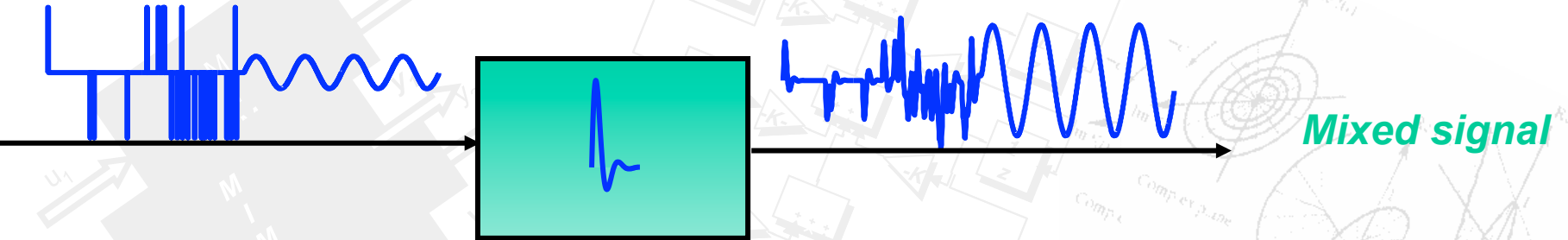
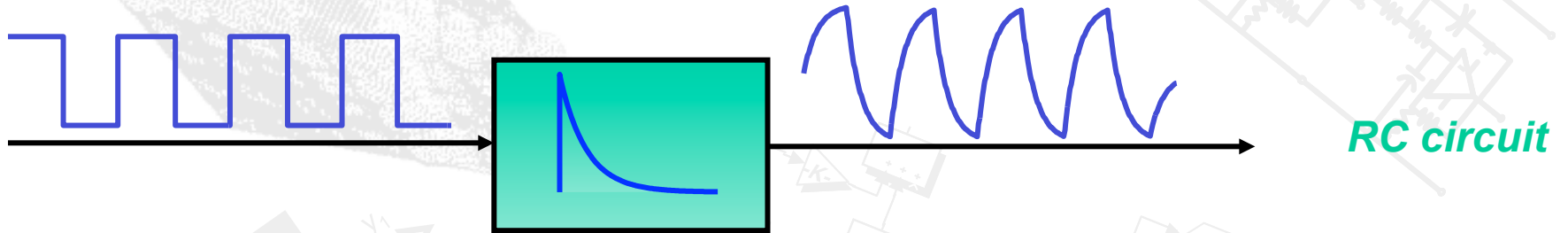


# Acoustic Integrals in Water and Ice

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# A Few examples

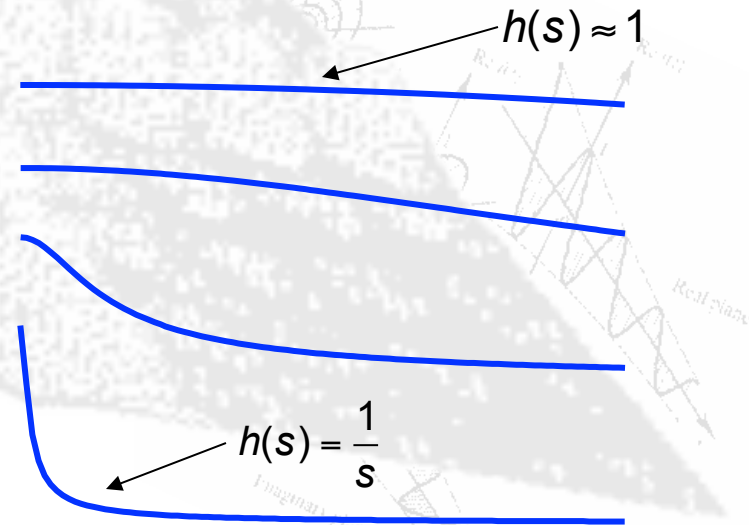
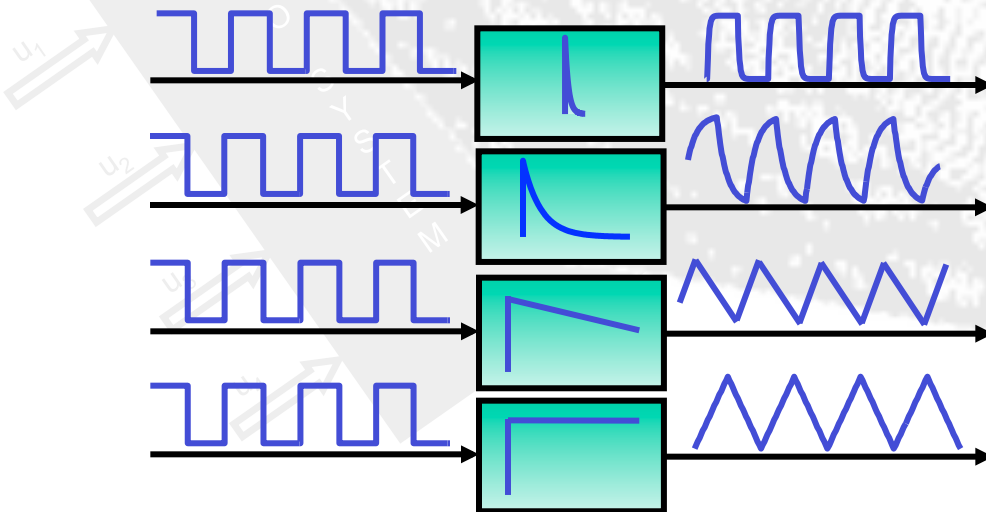
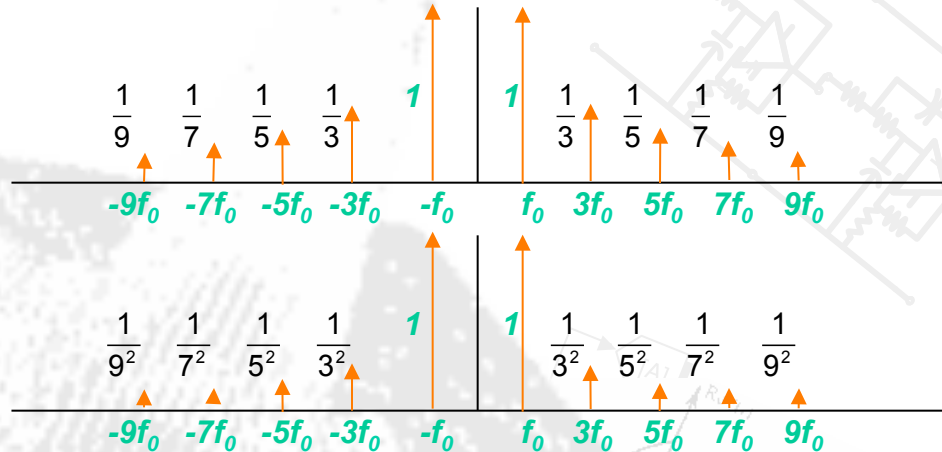
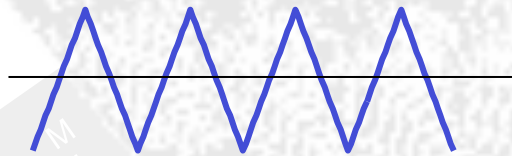
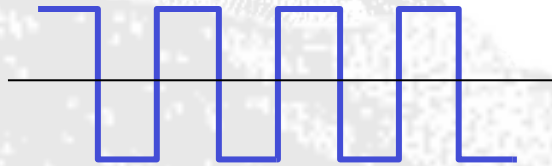


# Convolution Theorem

***Convolution in the time domain is  
Multiplication in the frequency domain  
(and visa versa)***

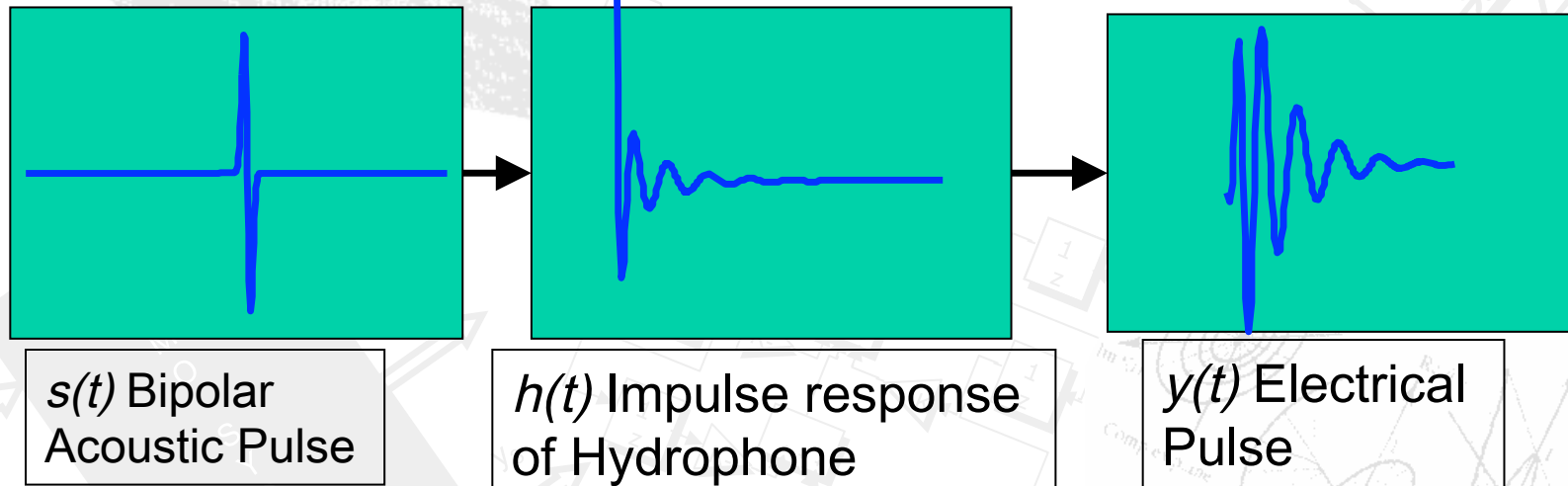
- Conceptually very useful
- Convolution very expensive computationally ( $O=n^2$ )
  - Convert the signal and impulse response to the frequency domain (Fourier Transform)
  - Provided the number of points  $n=2^m$  very efficient FFTs  $O=n \log n$
  - Multiply and take Inverse Transform

# Convolution Theorem Example



# Calculation of output

- Given a signal  $s(t)$  and a system with an impulse response  $h(t)$  then  $y(t)$  is given by  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$



*Alternatively take the Fourier transform of the signal (both amplitude and phase information)*

*Multiply the amplitude information by the frequency response of the Hydrophone*

*Adjust the phase delays*

*Take inverse Fourier transform*

# The Frequency Response

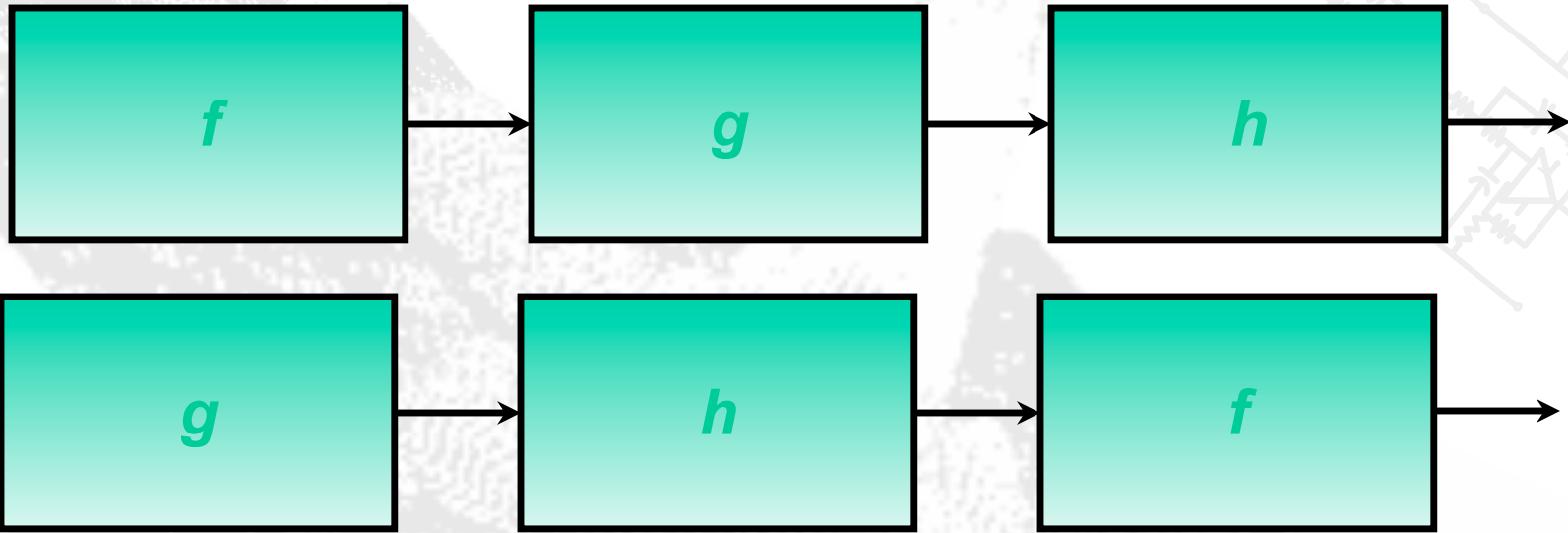
- If  $h(s)$  is known, the frequency response can be determined simply by putting in  $s=i\omega$
- Alternatively a Fourier Transform can be used directly on the signal  $h(t)$

*The frequency response is complex: it contains phase information.*

*“The importance of the Phase response can not be overstated!” – Paraphrased from SAUND paper (June 2004)*

$$y = \frac{du}{dt} \rightarrow h(s) = s \quad y = \int u dt \rightarrow h(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

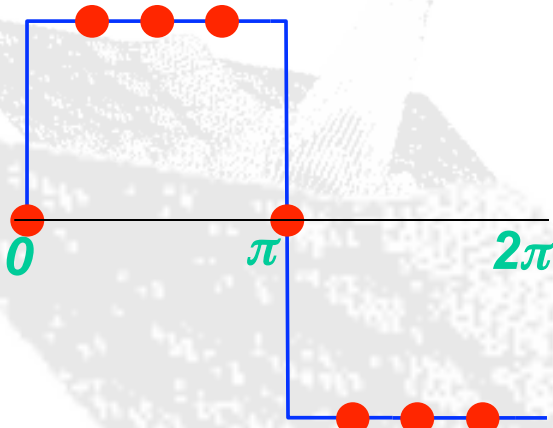
# Order Not important



*For linear systems /processes  
order irrelevant to result but often  
not to Computational speed!*



# DFT Example and FFT



*Sample  $n$  points. Eight for this example but 1024 more typical*

*Multiply by DFT Matrix*

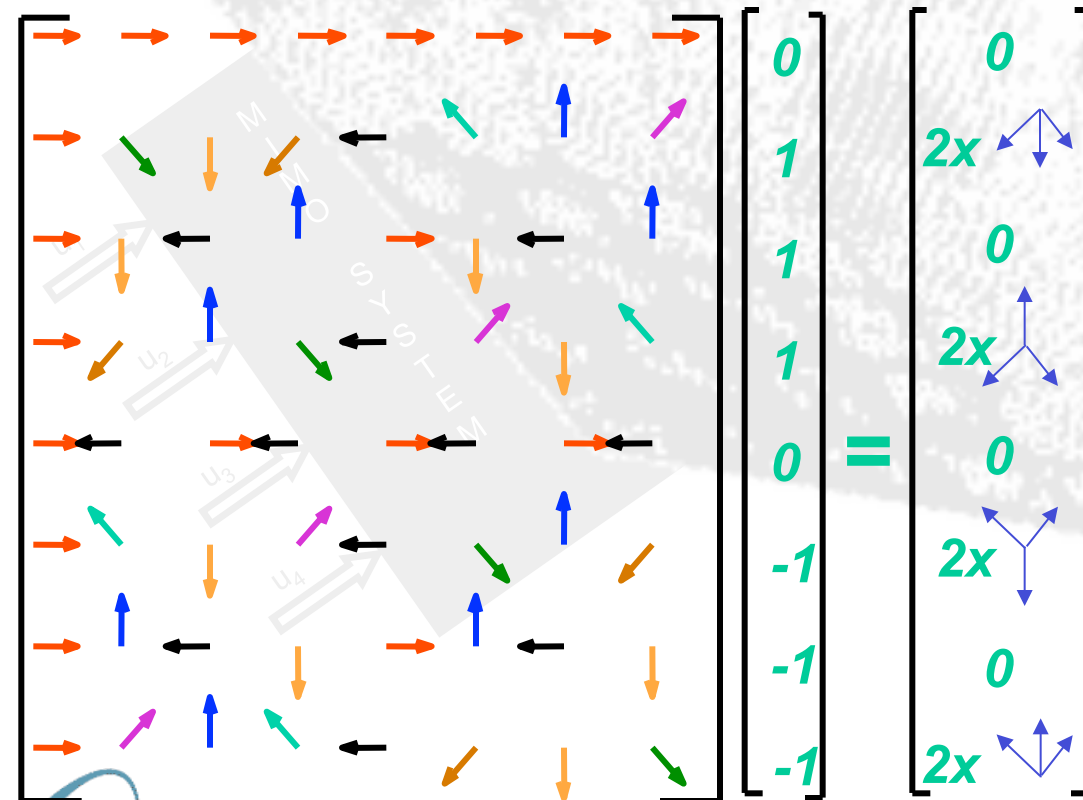
*Cooley and Tukey introduced the first FFT algorithm in 1965*

*Uses redundancy in the multiplies using the "Butterfly"*

*Get  $O(n \log n)$*

*Rather than  $O(n^2)$*

*Latest algorithm FFTW – fastest Fourier transform in the West*





# Autocorrelation

$$R_{xx}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)x(t + \tau)d\tau$$

*When  $\tau = 0$  proportional to the total energy in the signal*

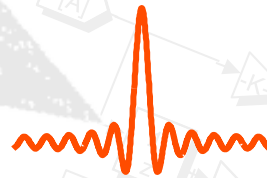
*Looks very like convolution. Indeed identical apart from the sign.*

*Use a filter whose impulse response is a time reversed copy of the original signal*

# Wiener Khinchin Theorem

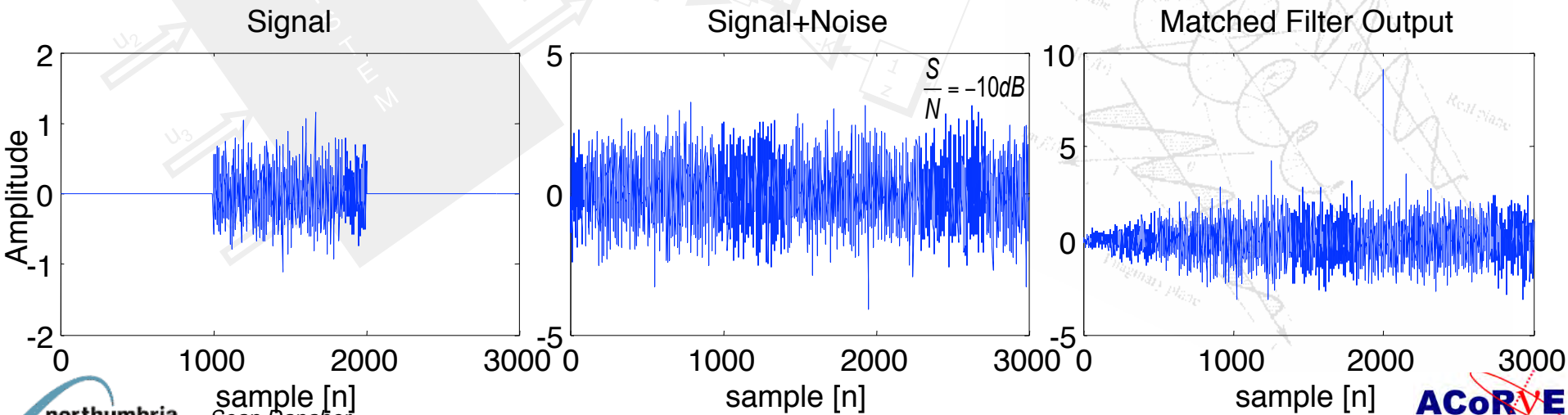
The Autocorrelation function and PSD are Fourier transform pairs

*Chirp -> Top Hat in Frequency domain  
->  $\sin(x)/x$  autocorrelation  
Resolution depends on frequency sweep not pulse duration*



For best resolution we need a signal with an autocorrelation of  $\delta(t)$ .

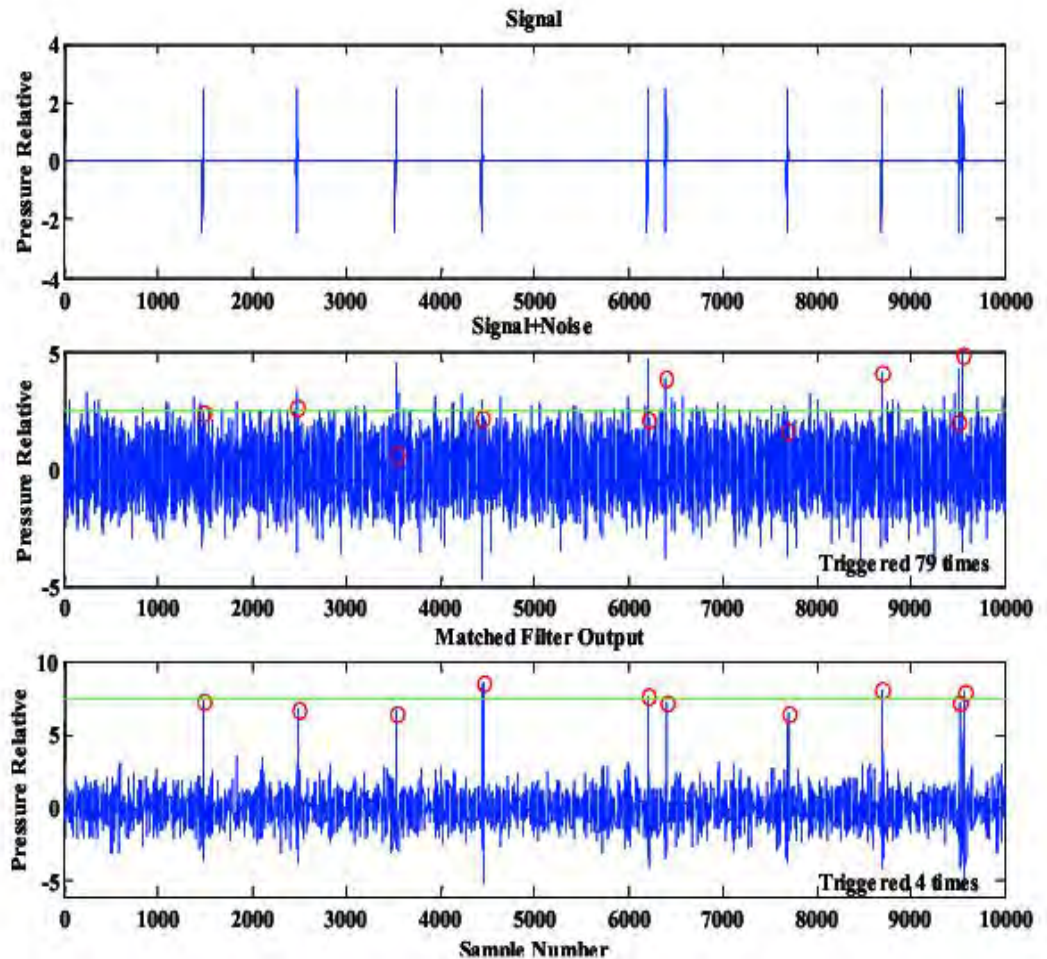
- $\delta(t)$  obviously
- Also White noise



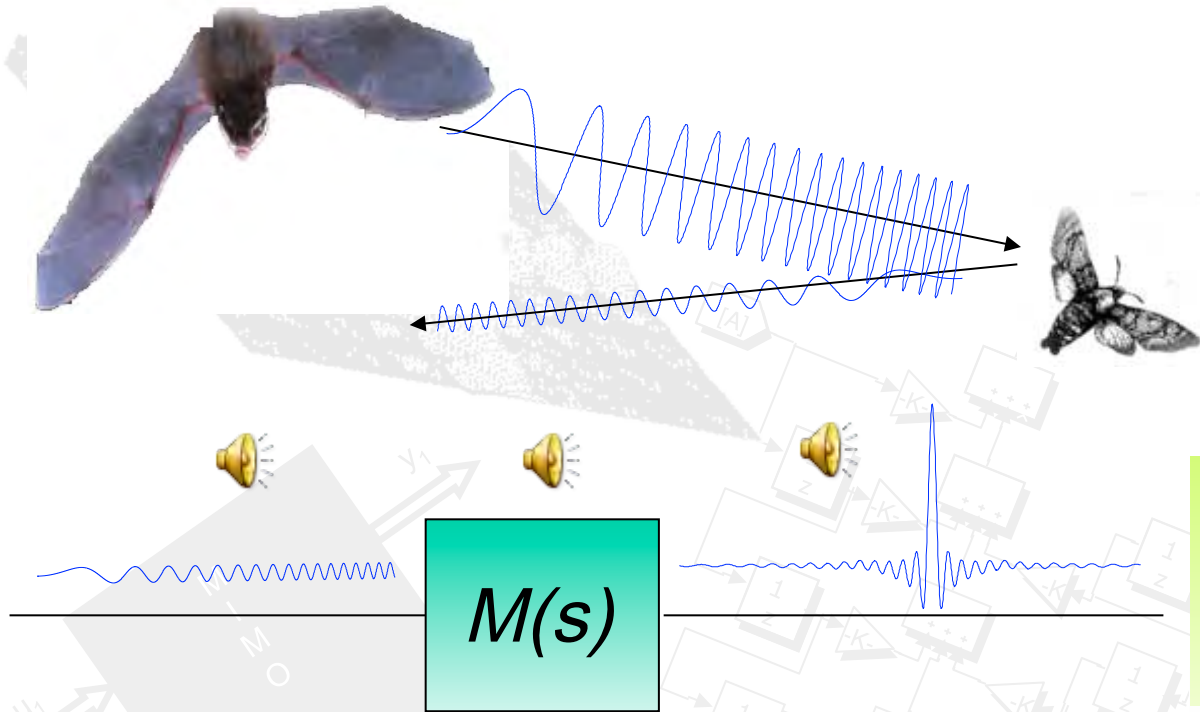
# Matched Filter

*The inverse of an all pole filter is guaranteed to be stable as it is an all zero filter (does not use feedback) This is a pre-whitening filter*

- Provided the Noise is white a matched filter has an impulse response which is that of the time reversed signal.
- If the noise is not white run both the signal and noise through a pre-whitening filter
- Design a filter who's impulse response is the time reversed filtered signal



# Matched Filters



$$E \propto \frac{1}{r^4}$$

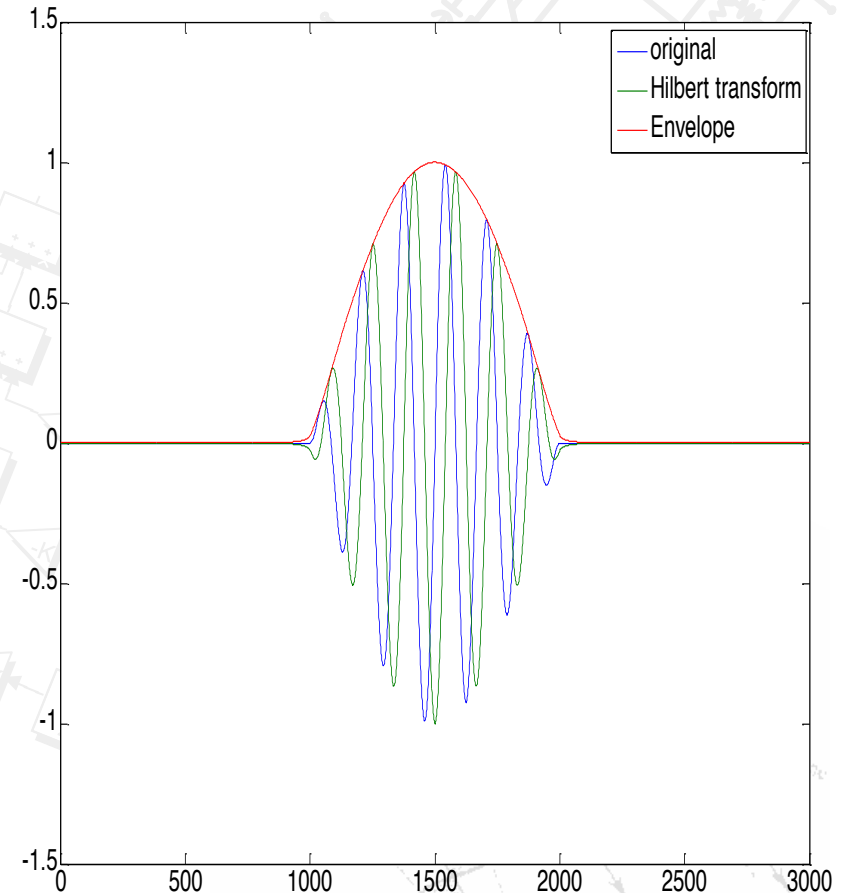
$$\text{Accuracy} \propto \frac{1}{\tau}$$

*Need a very high peak power or Signal Processing*

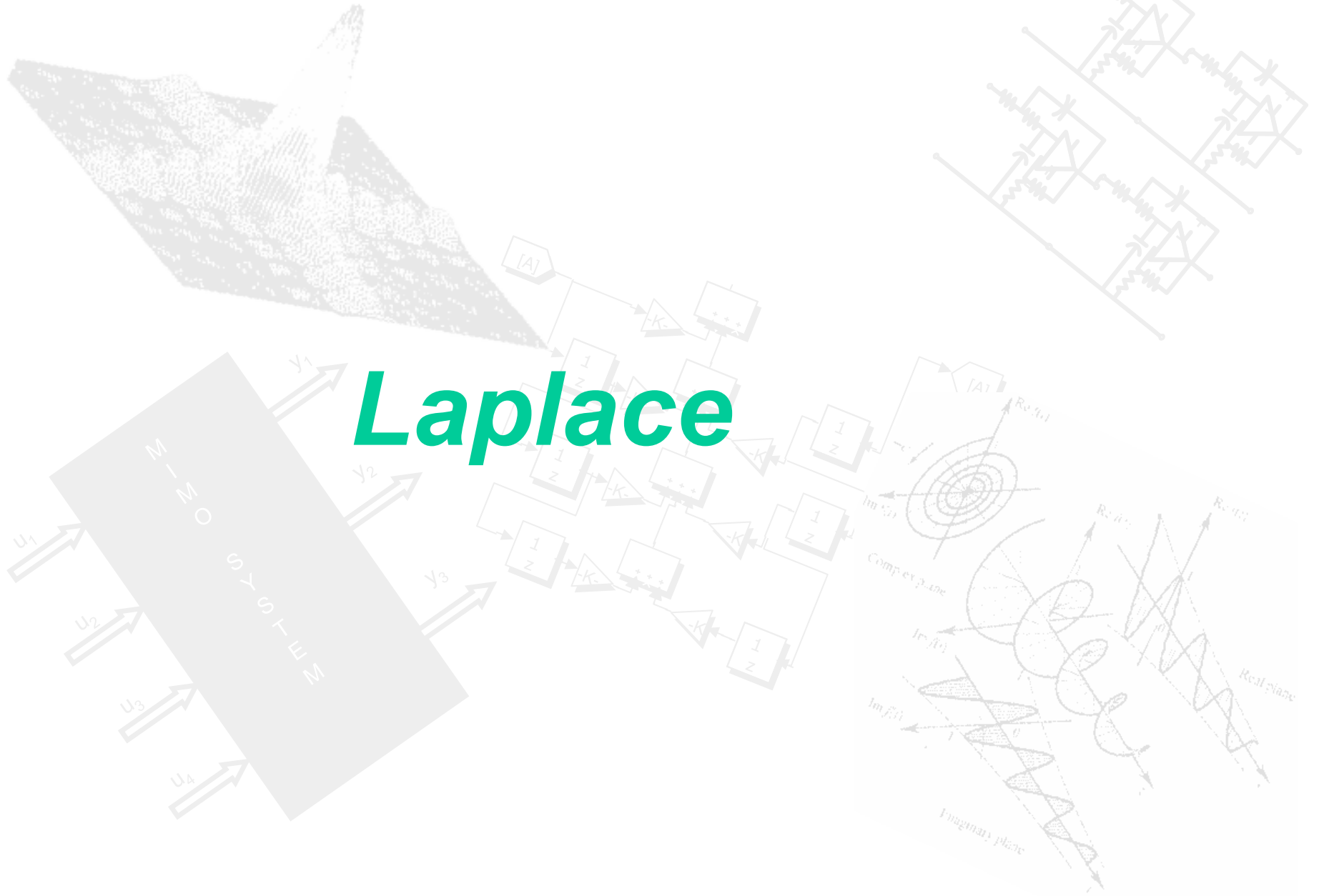
*The frequency response matches that of the signal  
The phase response is adjusted to slow the transit of the frequencies which arrive first so the signal “bunches up”*

# The Hilbert Transform

- **Converts Sine to Cosine**
- **Useful for Envelope detection**
- **Use a FFT to convert to frequency domain**
- **Multiply by  $j$  ( $i$ )**
- **IFFT**



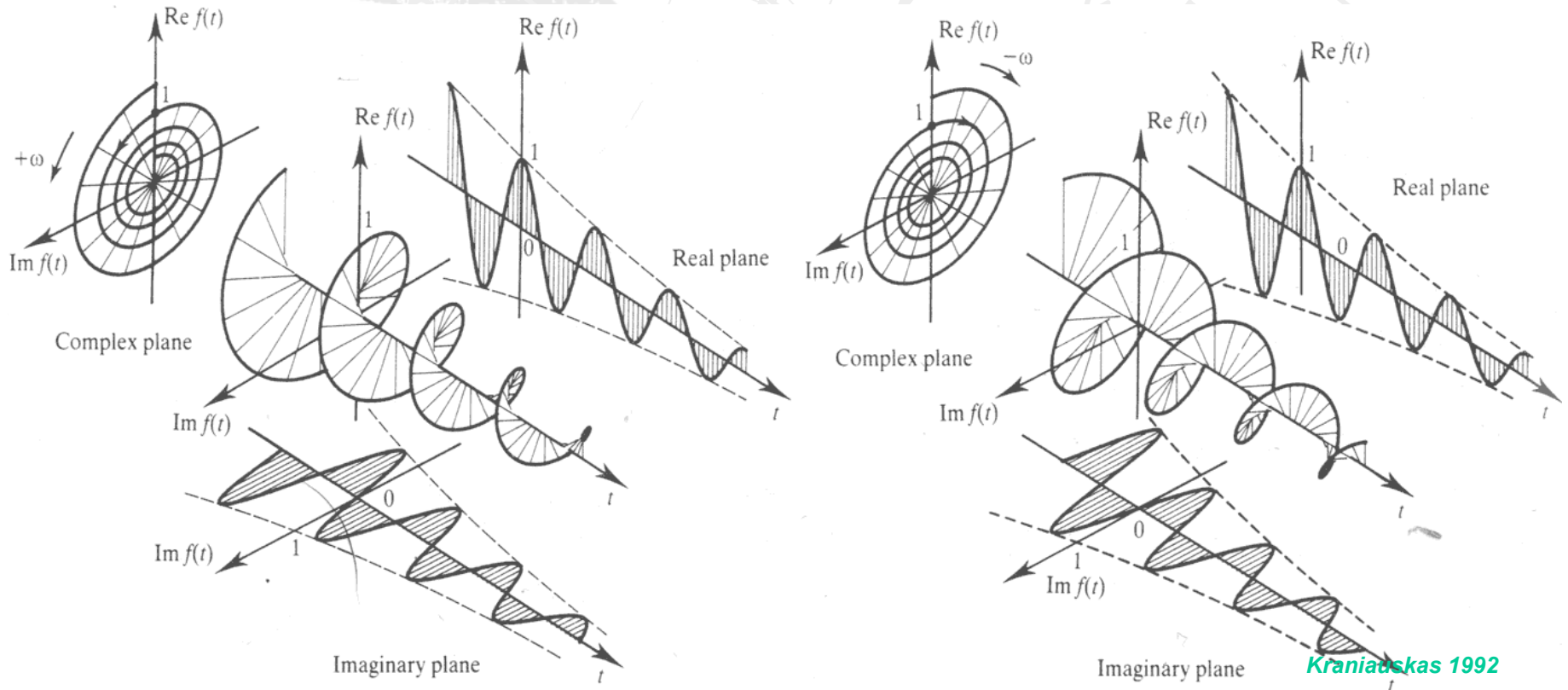
# Laplace





# The Complex Signal

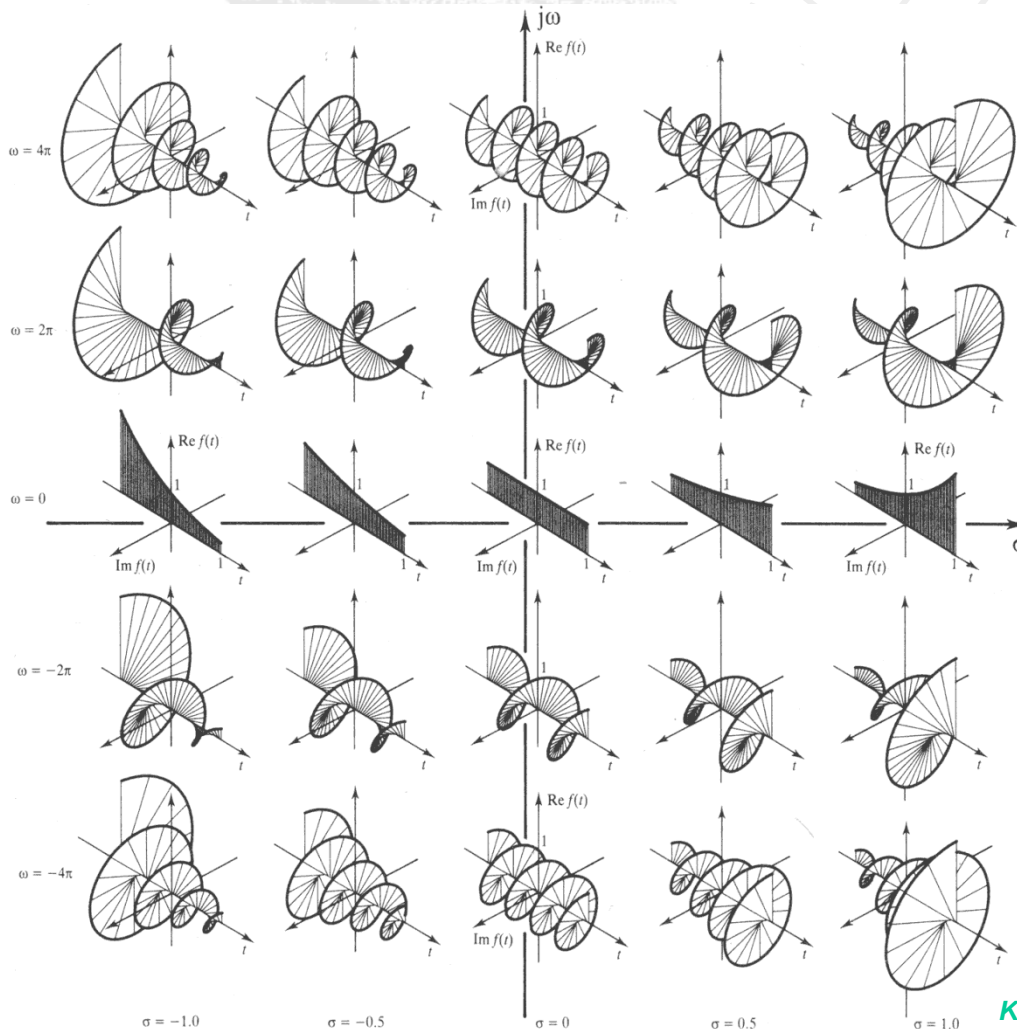
*The signal  $e^{st}$  can be generalised to  $s = \sigma + i\omega$   
this includes decaying and growing exponential  
etc.*



# Continuous Systems

$$a_n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + \dots + a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y = b_m \frac{d^m u}{dt^m} + \dots + b_2 \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} + b_1 \frac{du}{dt} + b_0 u$$

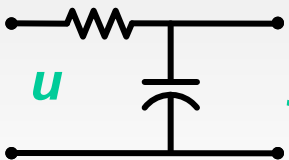
$$h(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + \dots + b_2 s^2 + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + \dots + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0}$$



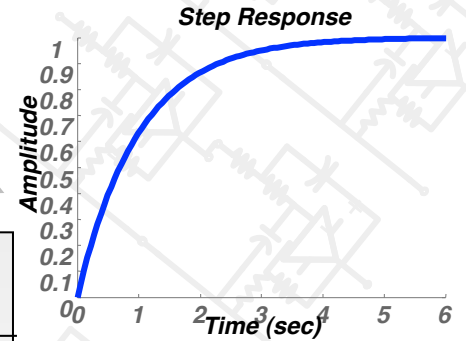
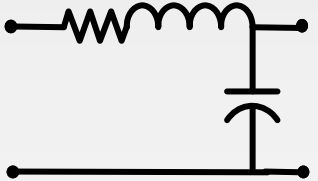
**If we can represent the system in terms of a differential equation then we can write  $h(s)$  straight down**  
**Graphically we represent this by a complex surface on the  $s$ -plane**



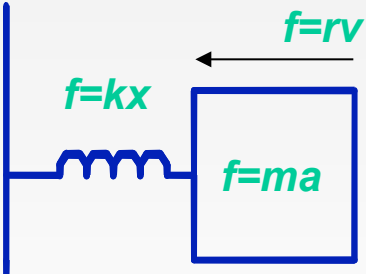
# Some simple Transfer Functions



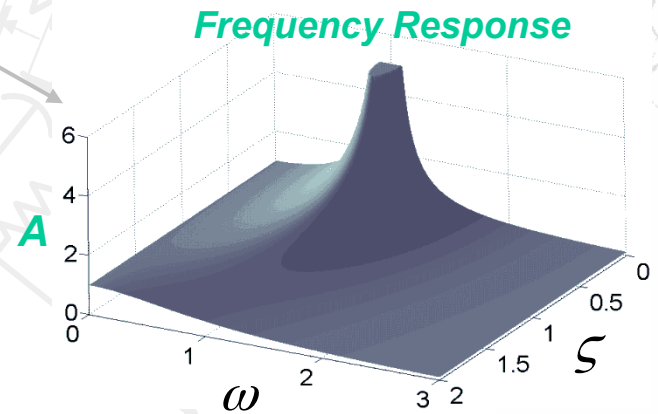
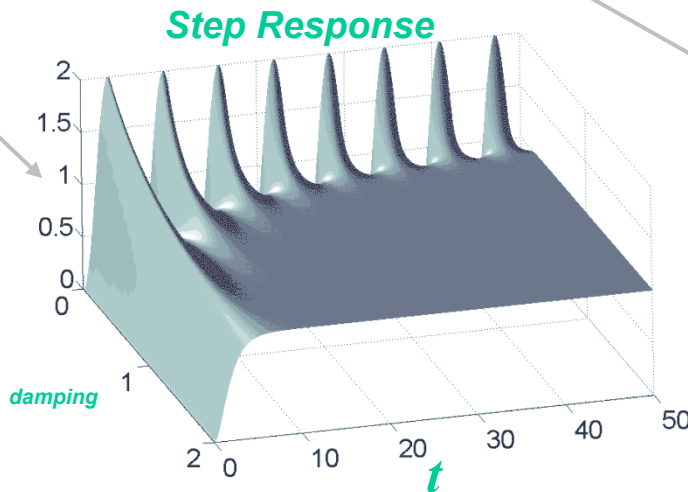
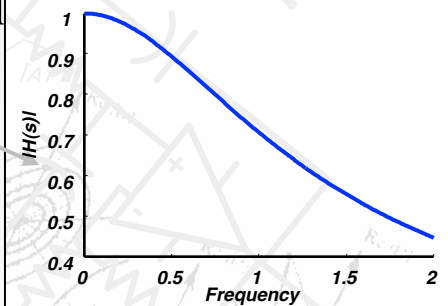
$RC \frac{dy}{dt} + y = u \quad h(s) = \frac{1}{RCs + 1}$

$LC \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + RC \frac{dy}{dt} + y = u \quad h(s) = \frac{1}{LCs^2 + RCs + 1}$



$m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + r \frac{dy}{dt} + ky = u \quad h(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + rs + k}$



# Poles and Zeros

$$h(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + \dots + b_2 s^2 + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + \dots + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0}$$

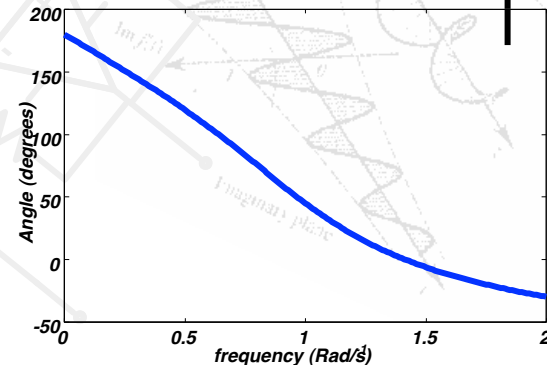
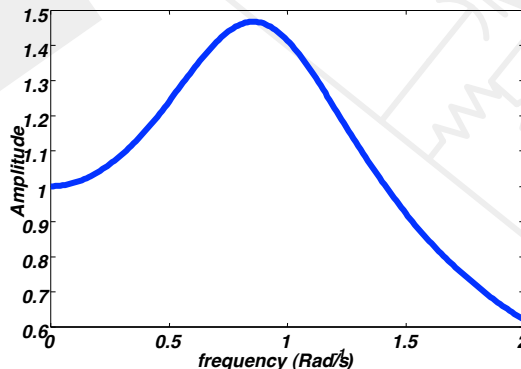
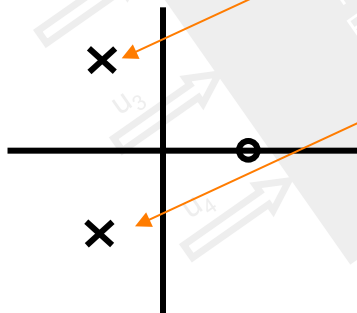
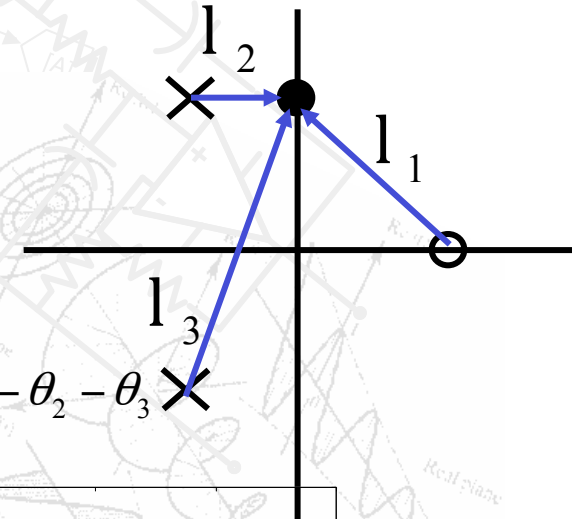
$$= \frac{(s - z_m)(s - z_{m-1}) \dots (s - z_1)}{(s - p_n)(s - p_{n-1}) \dots (s - p_1)}$$

$$= (s - z_m)(s - z_{m-1}) \dots (s - z_1) \frac{1}{(s - p_n)} \frac{1}{(s - p_{n-1})} \dots \frac{1}{(s - p_1)}$$

$$h(s) = \frac{s - 1}{s^2 + s + 1} = \frac{s - 1}{(s - (-0.5 + 0.866i))(s - (-0.5 - 0.866i))}$$

**Like all polynomials the transfer function can be factorised**  
**Zeros are roots of the Numerator**  
**Poles are Roots of the Denominator**

$$|h(s)| = \frac{l_1}{l_2 l_3}, \angle h(s) = \theta_1 - \theta_2 - \theta_3$$



# Filter Design

Design Low pass Filter with cut off frequency of  $\omega=1$ . Transform to type:

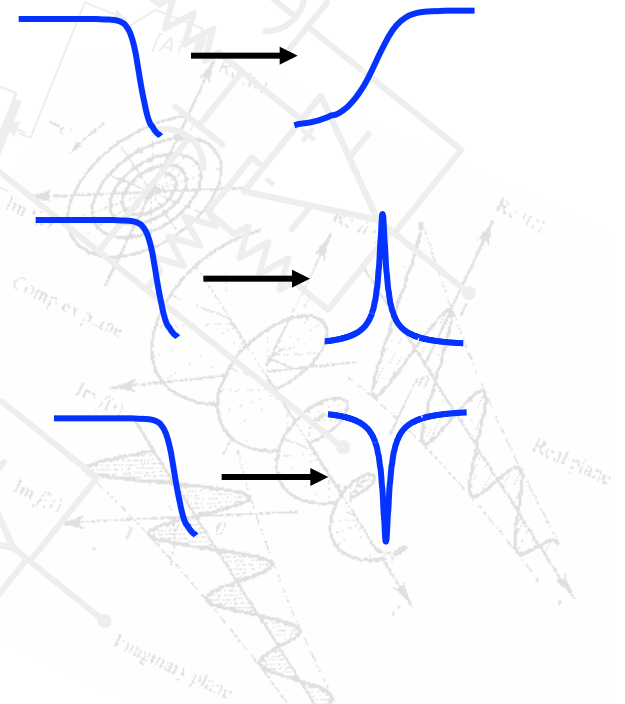
Frequency Scaling:

$$s \rightarrow \frac{s}{\omega_0}$$

Low pass to high pass:  $s \rightarrow \frac{\omega_0}{s}$

Low pass to band pass  $s \rightarrow \frac{\omega_0^2}{B\omega_s} \left( \left( \frac{s}{\omega_0} \right)^2 + 1 \right)$

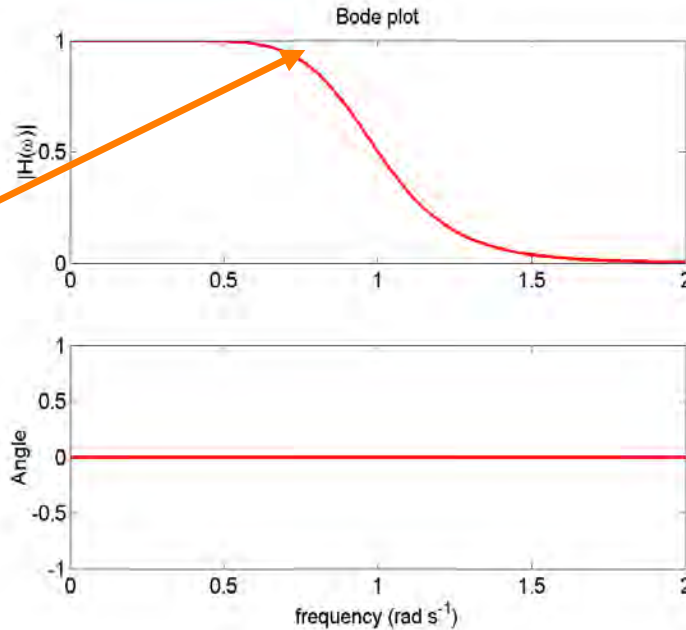
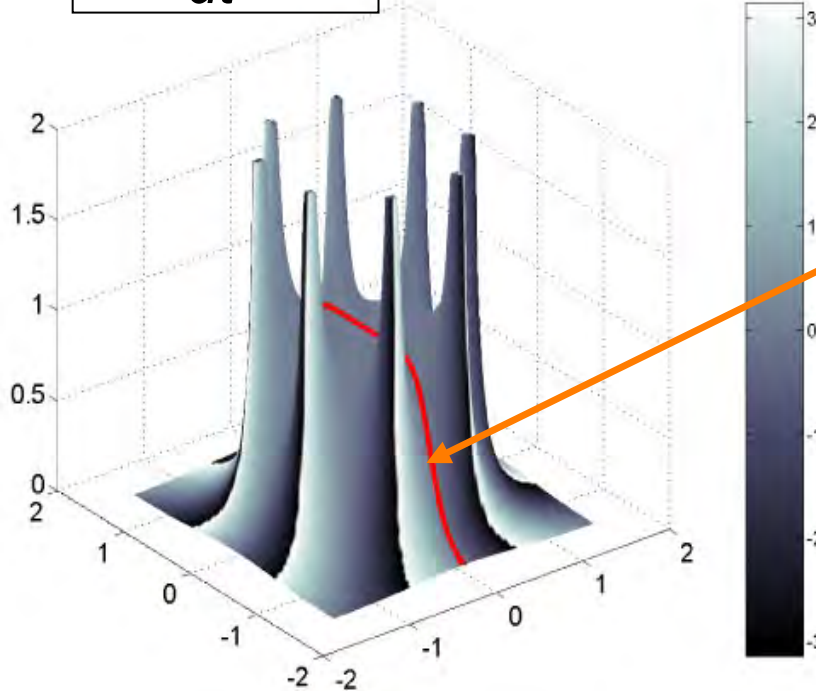
Low pass to band stop  $s \rightarrow \frac{B\omega_s}{\omega_0^2} \left( \left( \frac{s}{\omega_0} \right)^2 + 1 \right)^{-1}$



$$y + \frac{d^8 y}{dt^2} = u$$

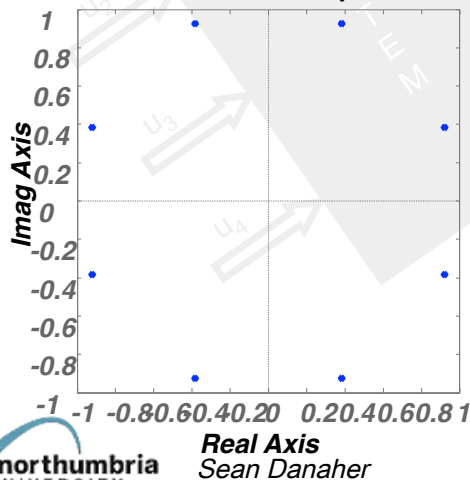
A perfect filter?

$$h(s) = \frac{1}{s^8 + 1}$$

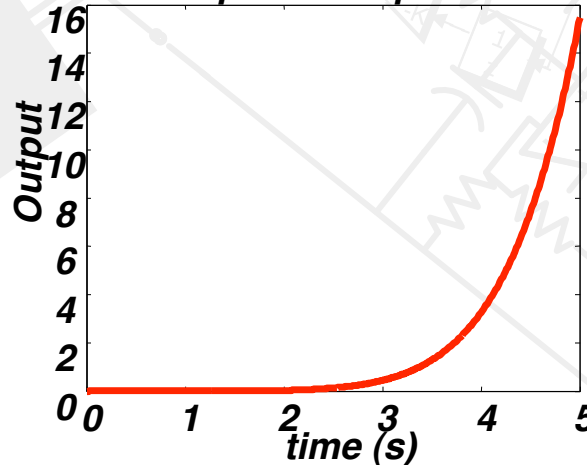


Frequency response determined by running along the  $j\omega$  axis

Pole-Zero Map

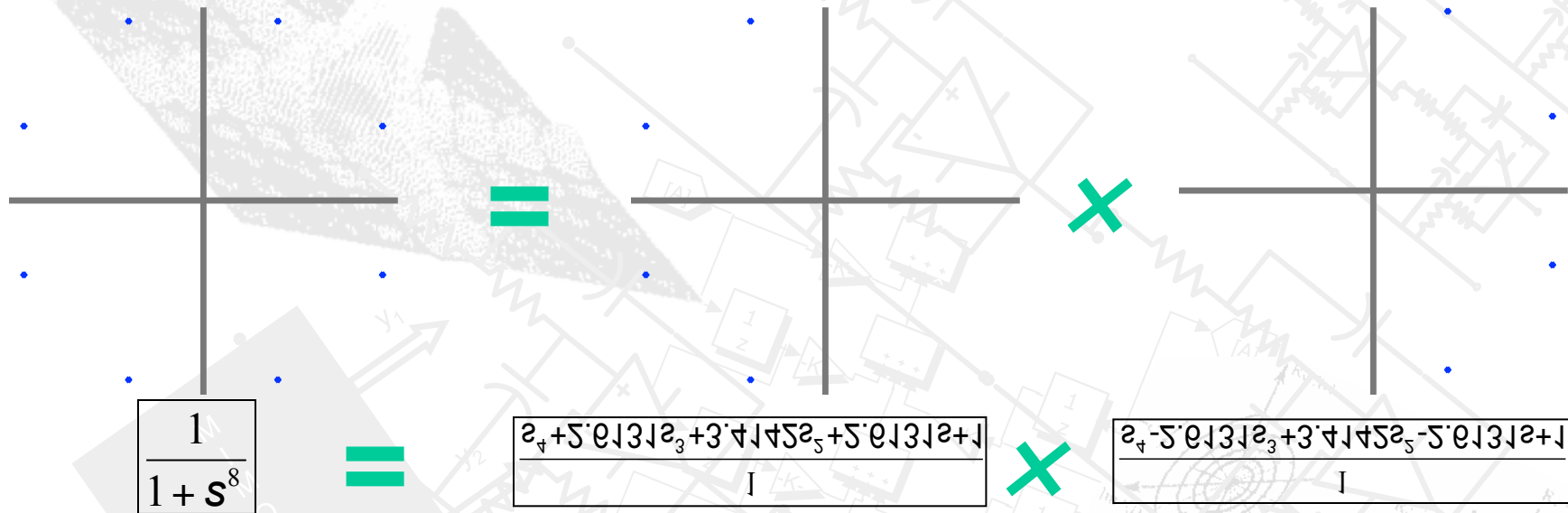


Impulse Response



Perfect Phase Response But unstable due to poles on LHS of S-Plane

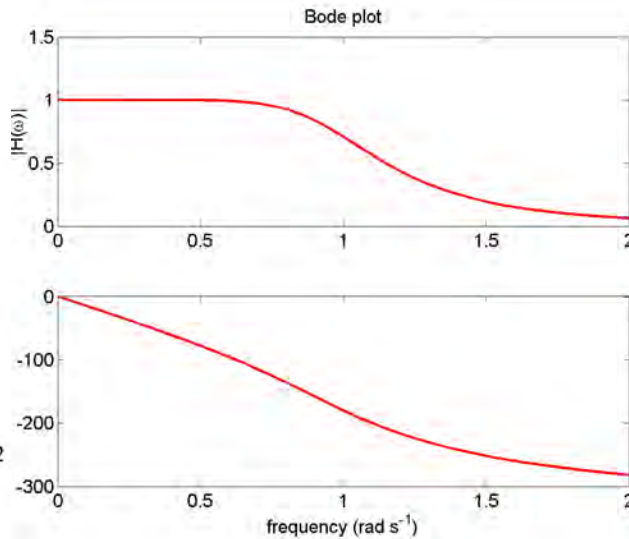
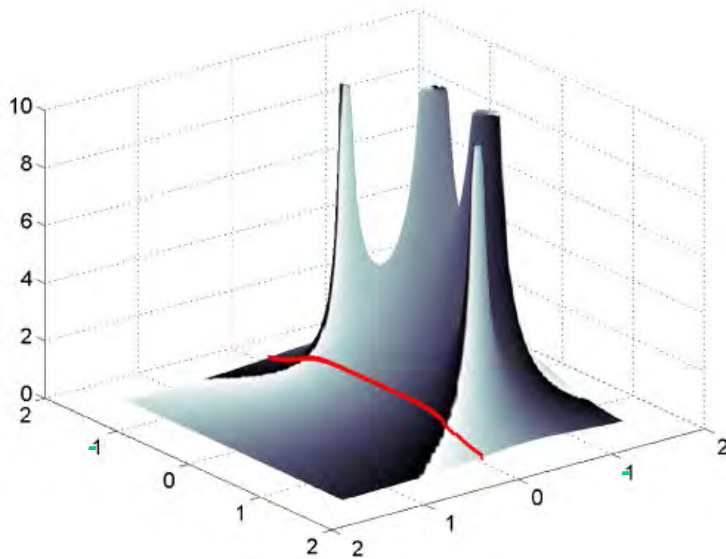
# Stability Comes at a Cost



$$\frac{1}{1+s^8}$$

$$\frac{s^4 + 5.0131e_3 + 3.4145e_5 + 5.0131e_7 + 1}{1}$$

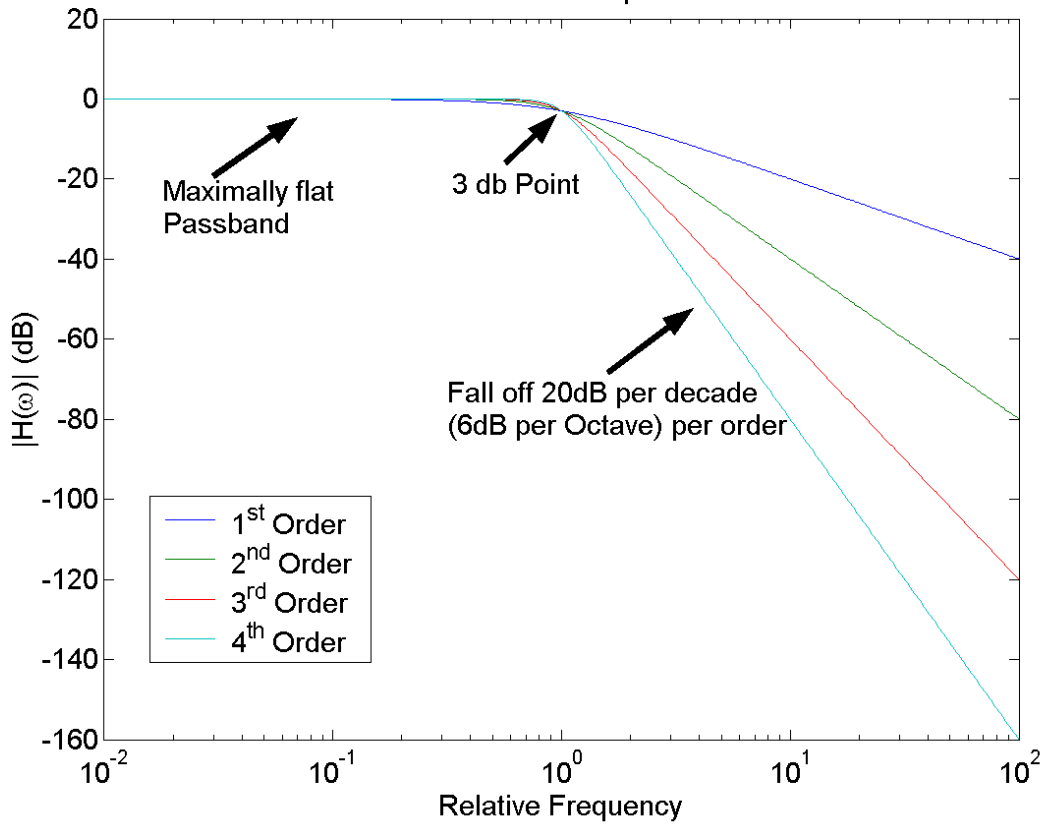
$$\frac{s^4 - 5.0131e_3 + 3.4145e_5 - 5.0131e_7 + 1}{1}$$



**System now stable but a rapidly varying phase response BUTTERWORTH**

# Butterworth Filter

Butterworth Response

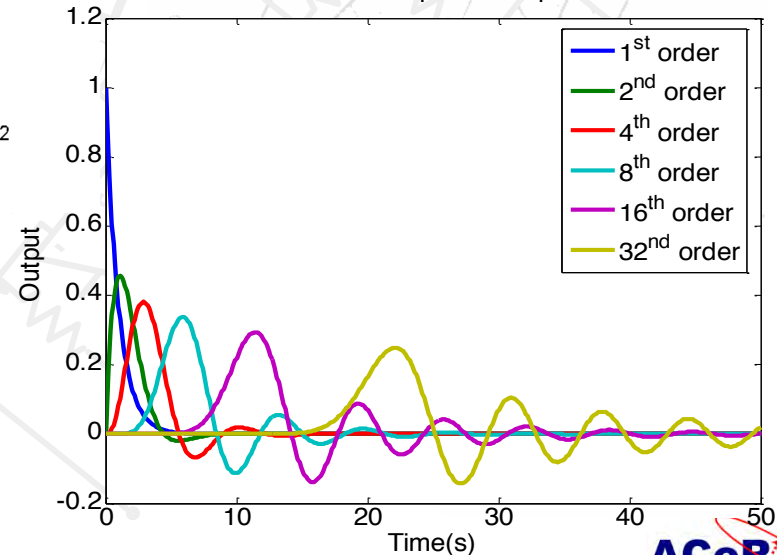


1930s

$$|H(\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^{2n}}}$$

**Stable  
Good Frequency  
Response**

Butterworth Impulse Response



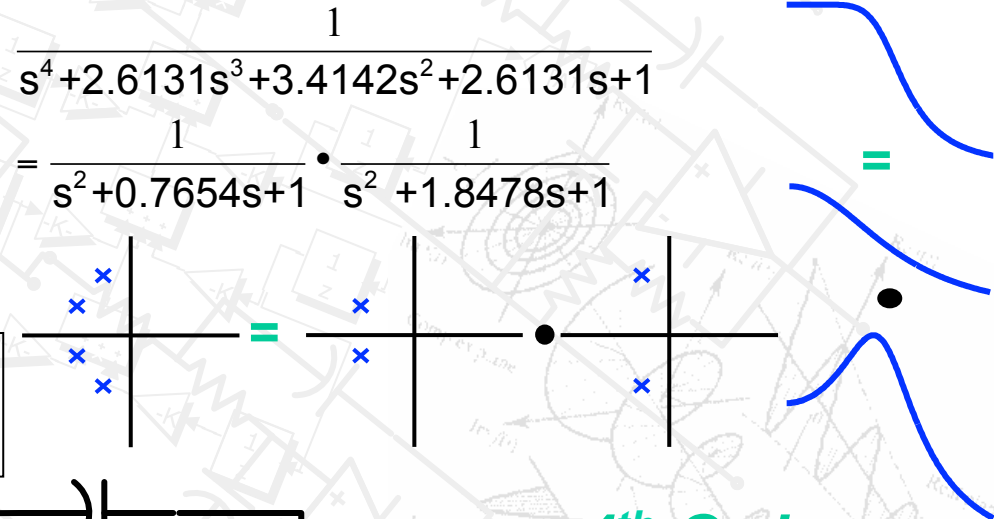
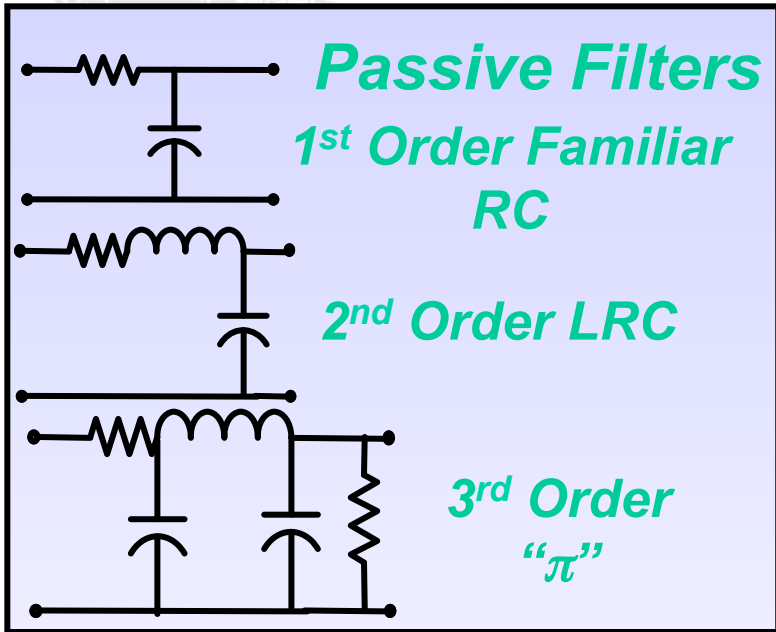
**Note Impulse response**

- Output Delay
- Oscillation

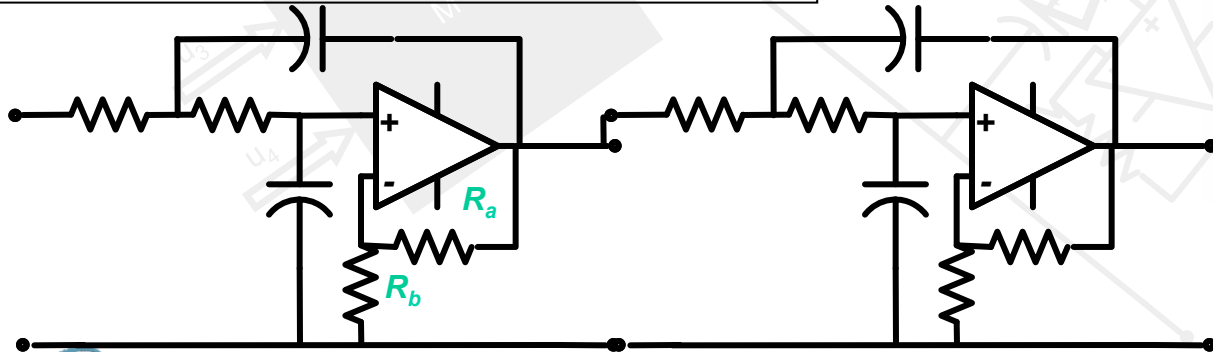


# Implementation

At acoustic frequencies easiest to use op-amps. Expensive to make high precision lossless inductors



$$|h(s)| = \frac{A_{DC}}{s^2 + (3 - A_{DC})s + 1}, \quad A_{DC} = 1 + \frac{R_a}{R_b}$$

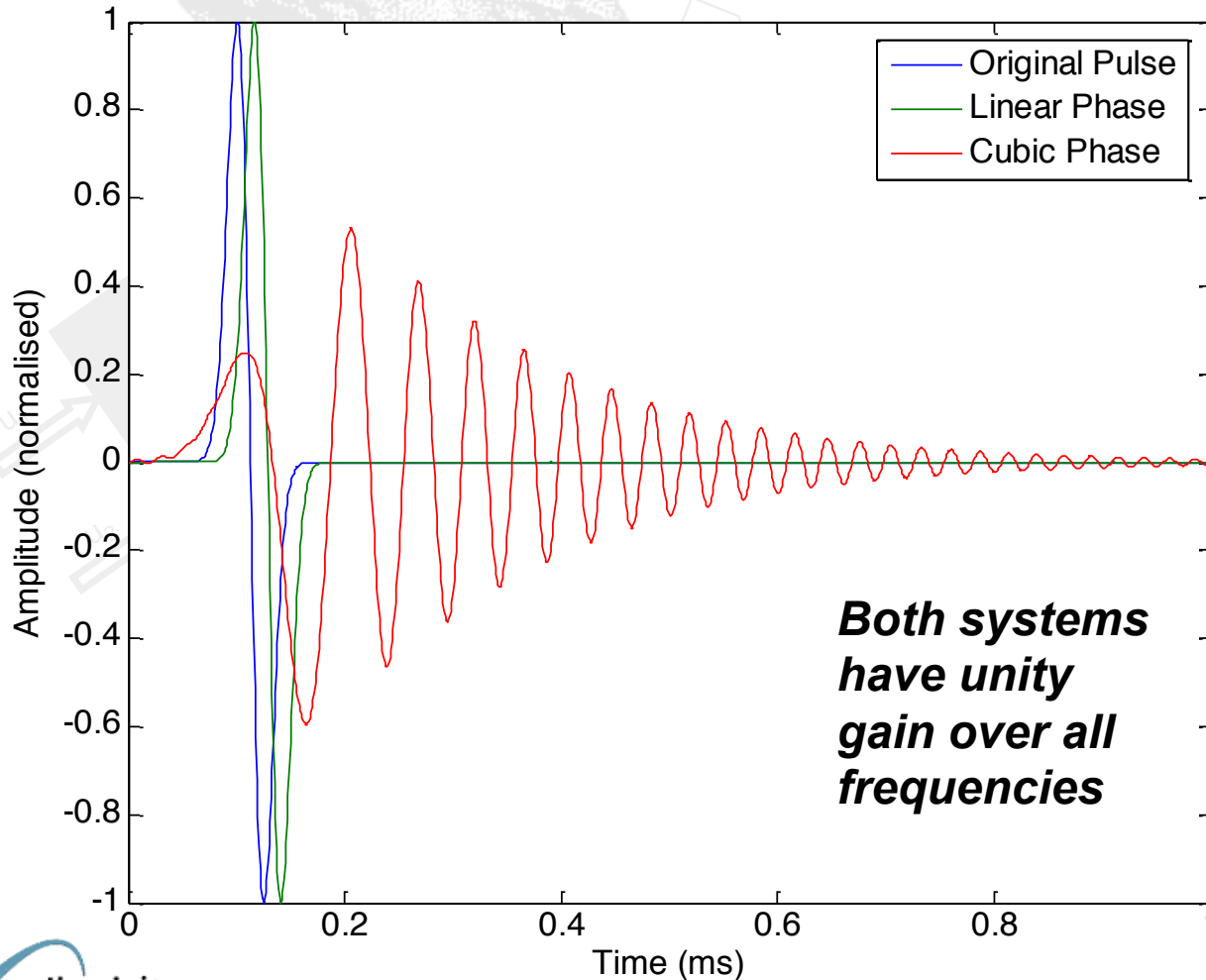


4<sup>th</sup> Order Butterworth active with 2 second order sections

# The importance of linear Phase

***Will a bipolar acoustic pulse give a bipolar electrical pulse?***

Importance of Linear Phase



*Provided the phase response of the hydrophone/amplifier/filter system is linear over the region of interest then the pulse is simply delayed. If the phase response is non linear then distortion will occur.*

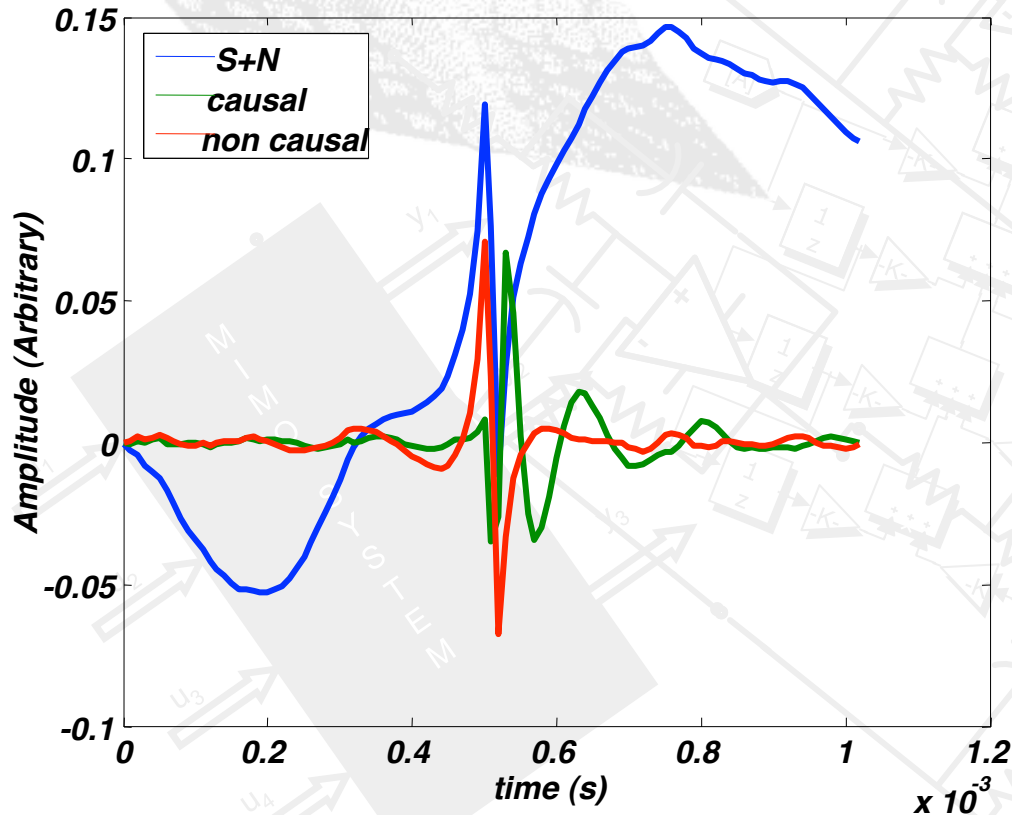
*A linear phase response gives a constant group delay this is analogous to group velocity in continuous systems*

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\omega} \equiv \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$



# Recovering Phase information

e.g. RonaData

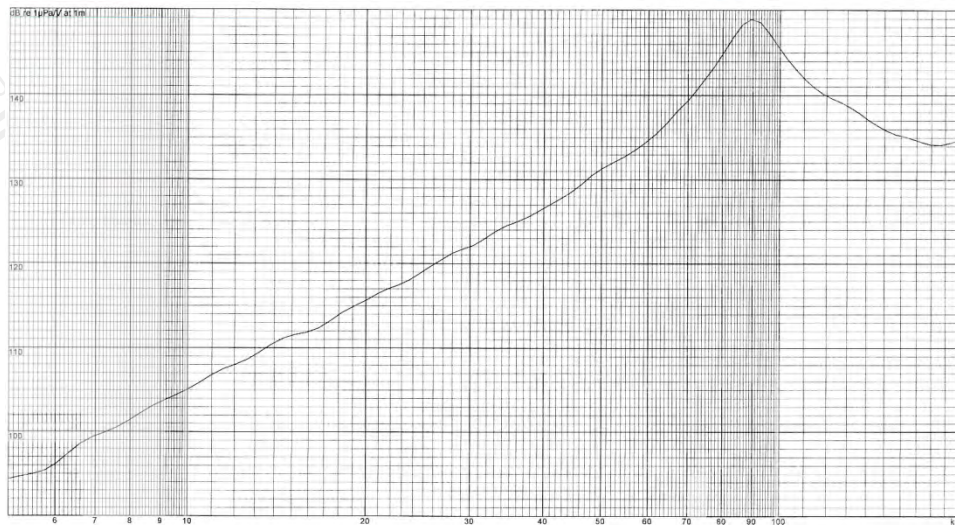
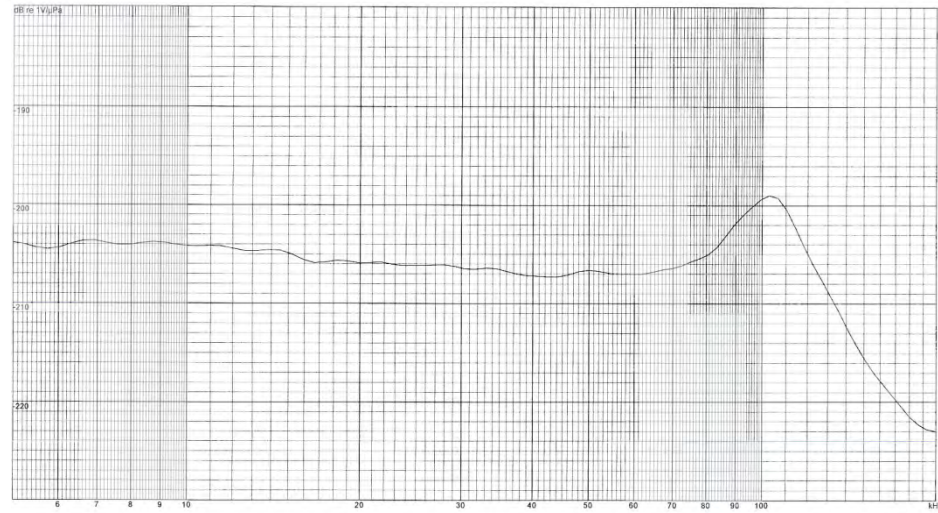


*It is trivial to design digital filters which have a constant group delay  $d\phi/d\omega$  and hence no phase distortion*

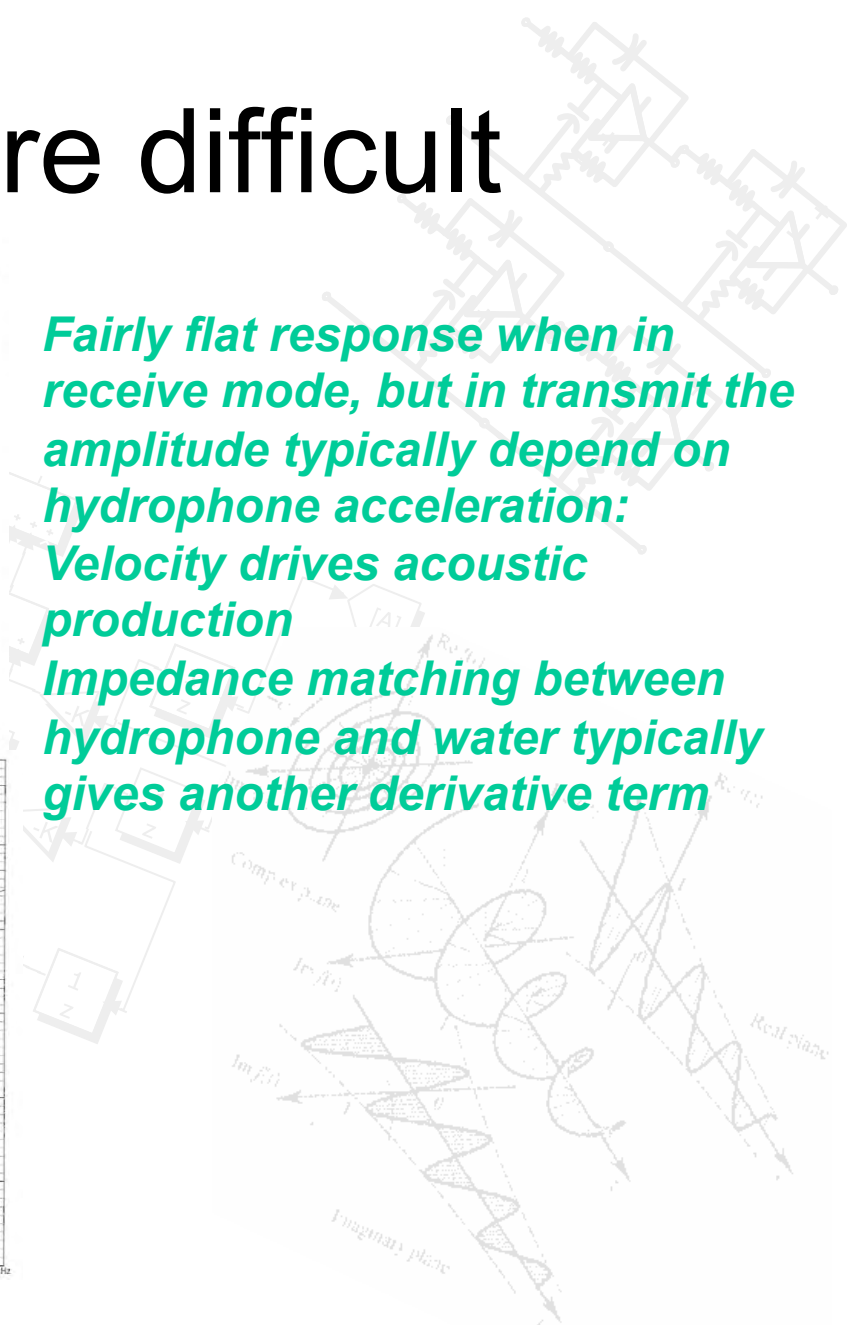
*If however we know the filter response e.g. Butterworth we can run the data through the filter backwards.*

*This increases the order of the filter by a factor of 2*

# transmit more difficult



*Fairly flat response when in receive mode, but in transmit the amplitude typically depend on hydrophone acceleration: Velocity drives acoustic production  
Impedance matching between hydrophone and water typically gives another derivative term*



# State Space Analysis

*MIMO systems*

*Mode 1 Mixed Mechanical/electrical models etc  
Matrix Based Method*

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}$$

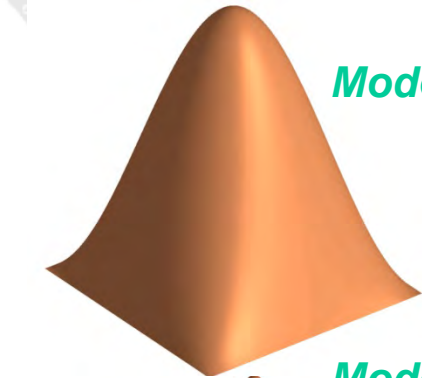
$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_k \end{pmatrix}$$

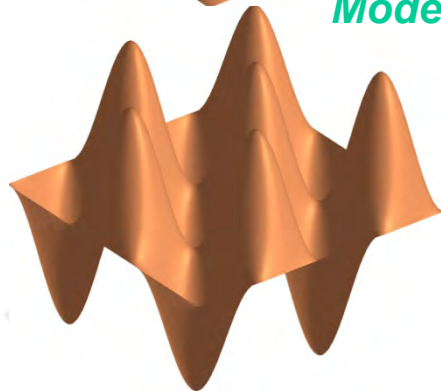
*All modern control  
algorithms use SS  
methods.*

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{D} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_k \end{pmatrix}$$

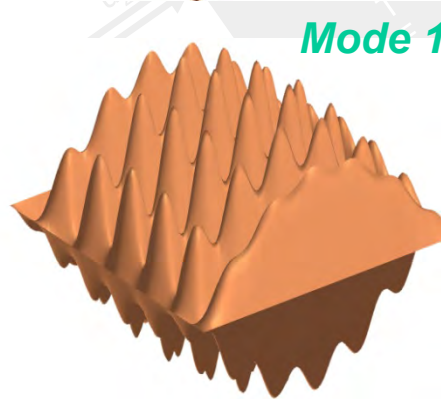
*Pictured 20000 state  
simulation of a square membrane:  
(100x100 masses 2 states x and v)  
A Matrix 400x10<sup>6</sup> elements*



*Mode 1*

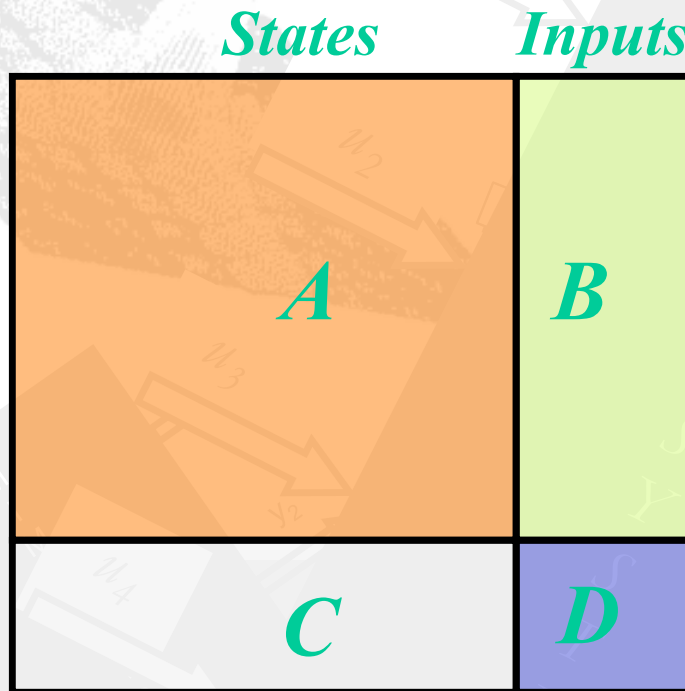


*Mode 14*



*Mode 100*

# SS Implementation



*States are degrees of freedom of the system.  
Things that store energy*

- *Capacitor Voltages*
- *Inductor currents*
- *Positions and Velocities of masses*

*A is of size States × States  
B is of size States × Inputs  
C is of size Outputs × States  
D is of size Outputs × Inputs*

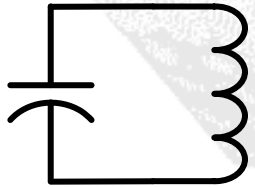
if  $x = V_c \Rightarrow I_c = C \frac{dV}{dt} = C\dot{x}$

if  $x = I_L \Rightarrow V_L = L \frac{di}{dt} = L\dot{x}$

if  $x = \text{position} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \text{velocity}$

if  $x = \text{velocity} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \text{acceleration}$

# Simple Example LC



$$I_c = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} \quad V_L = (-)L \frac{dI_L}{dt}$$

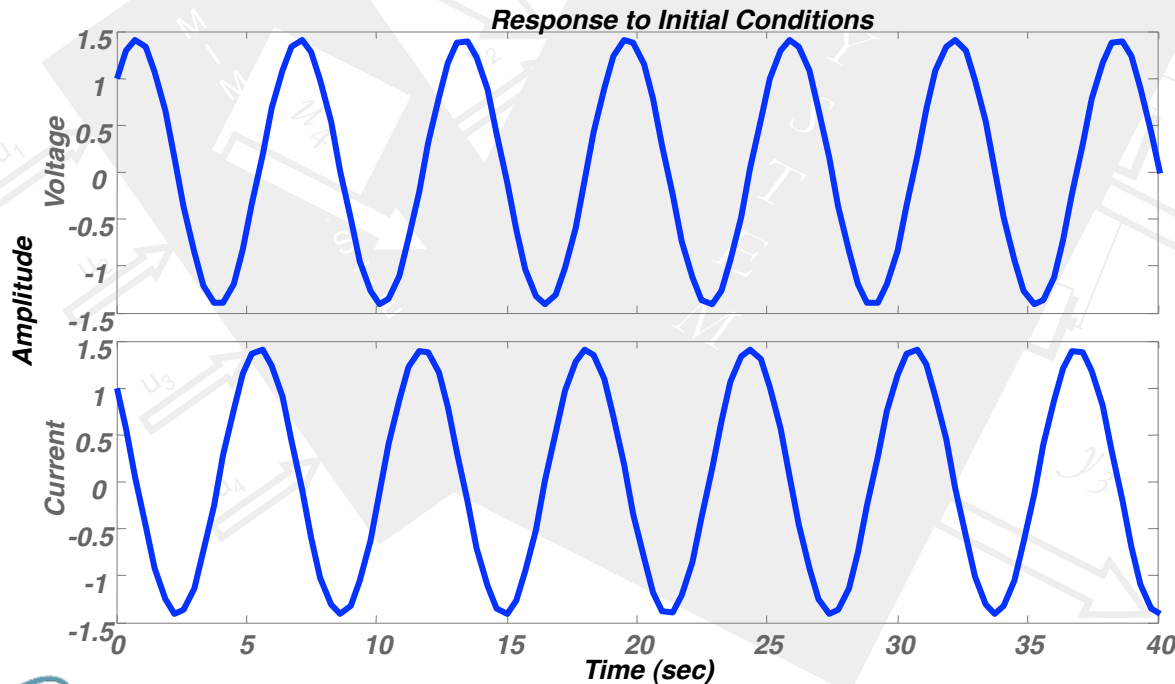
$$V_L = V_c \quad I_L = -I_c$$

$$x_1 = V_c \quad C \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad y_1 = x_1$$

$$x_2 = I_L \quad L \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 \quad y_2 = x_2$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{C} \\ -\frac{1}{L} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



*Maths simple to implement  
Example shows the behaviour with an initial 1V on the Capacitor (1F) and 1A flowing through the inductor (1H)*



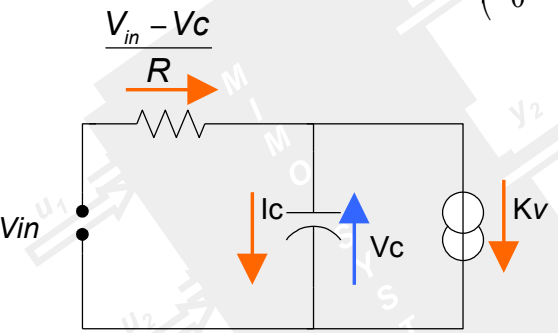
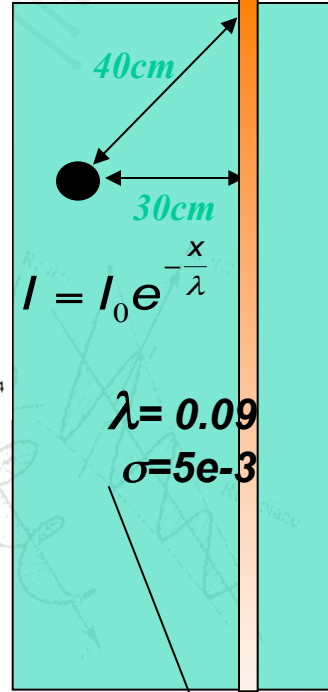
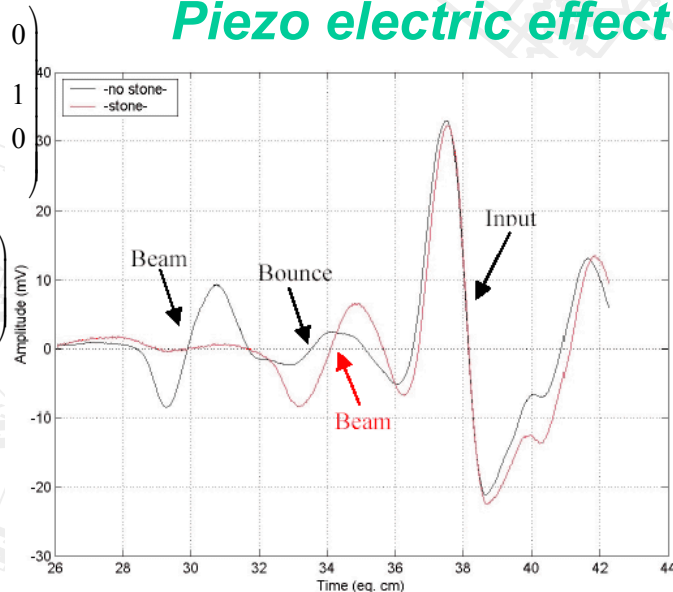
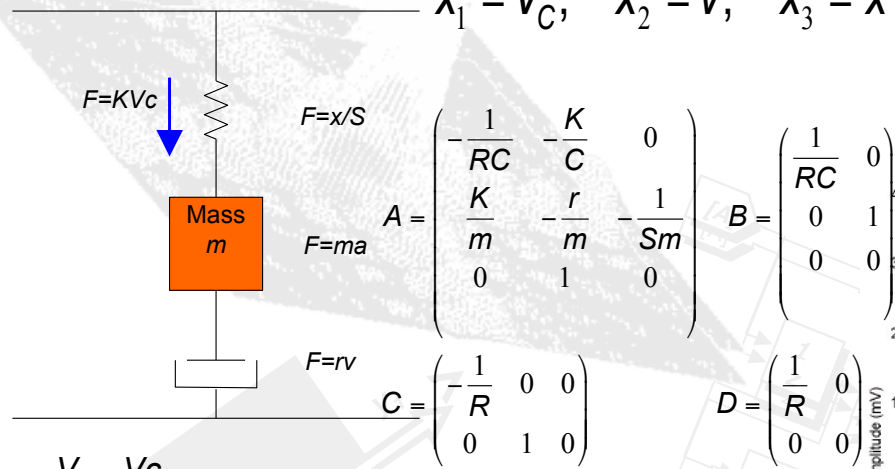
# Simple Hydrophone Model



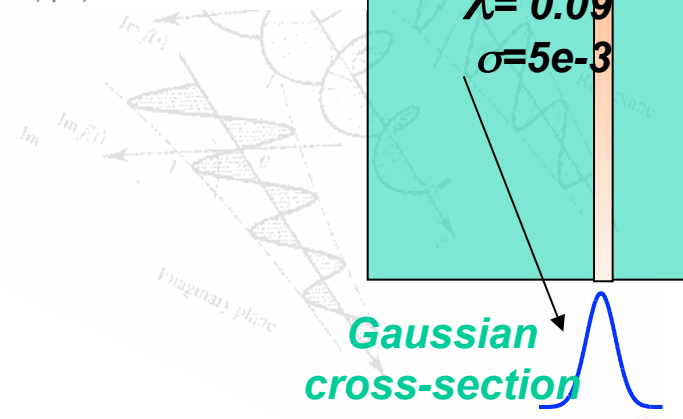
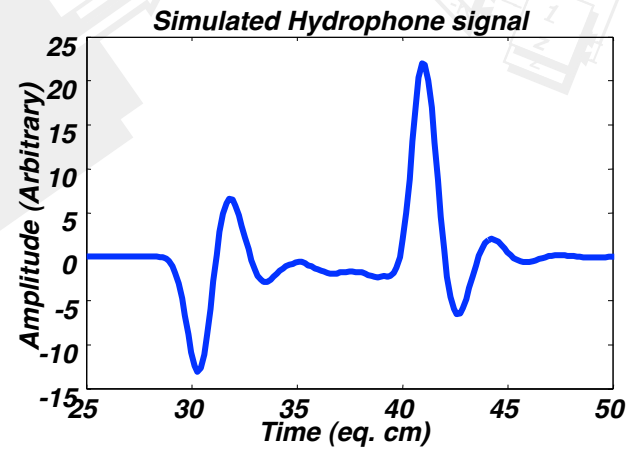
$$X_1 = V_C, \quad X_2 = V, \quad X_3 = X$$

*Heart of Hydrophone  
Piezo electric crystal  
Piezo electric effect*

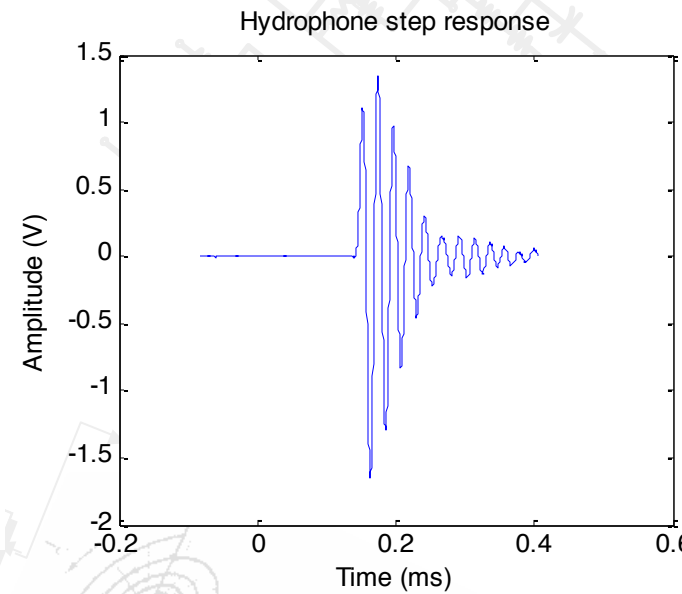
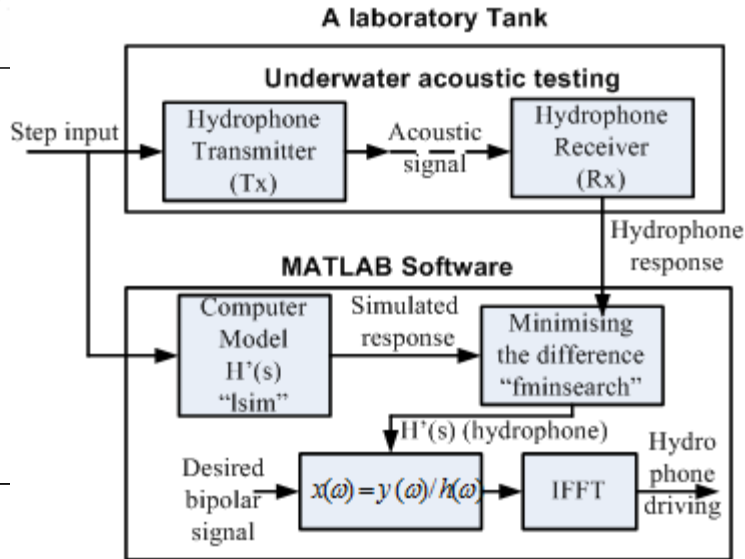
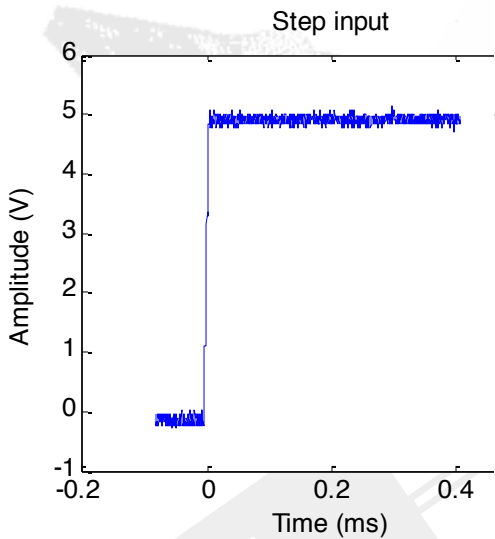
*Omni works  
in  
breathing  
mode*



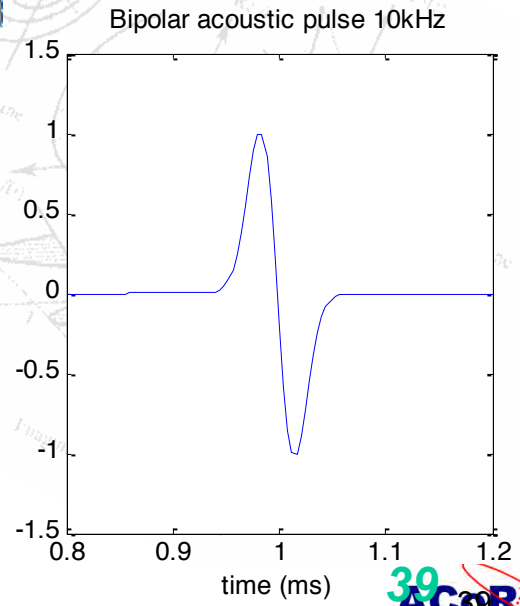
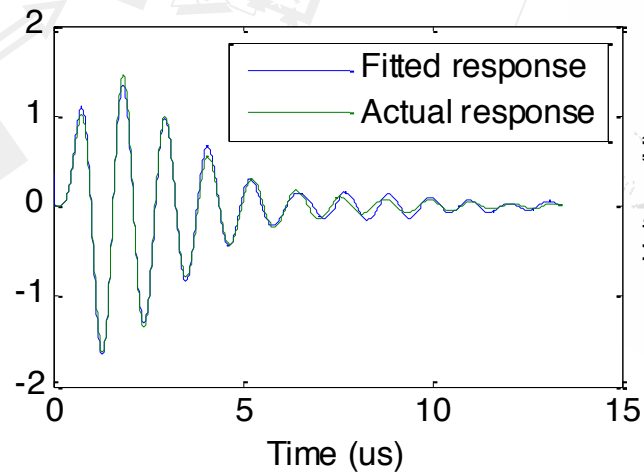
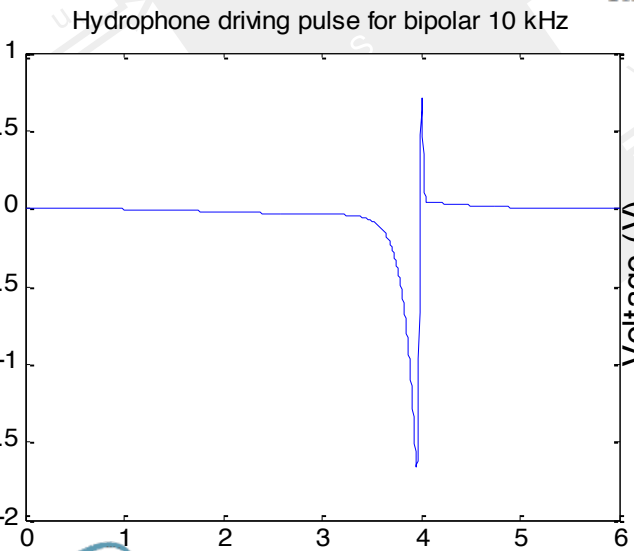
*3<sup>rd</sup> order simulation.  
Do we need higher?*



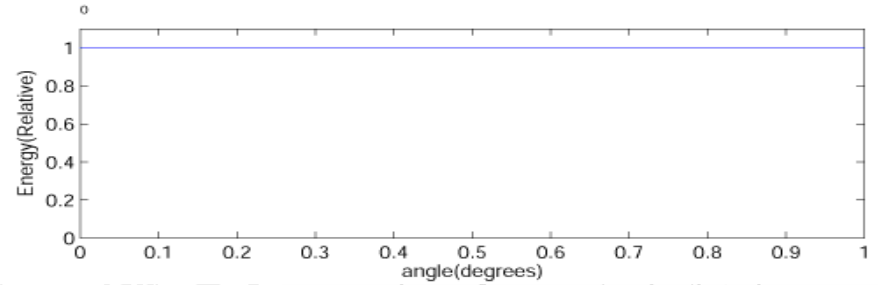
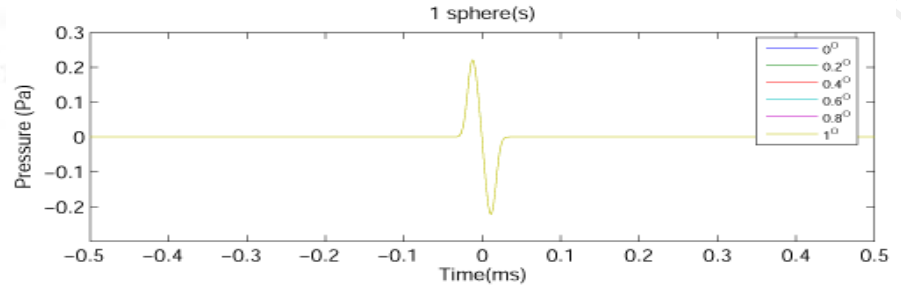
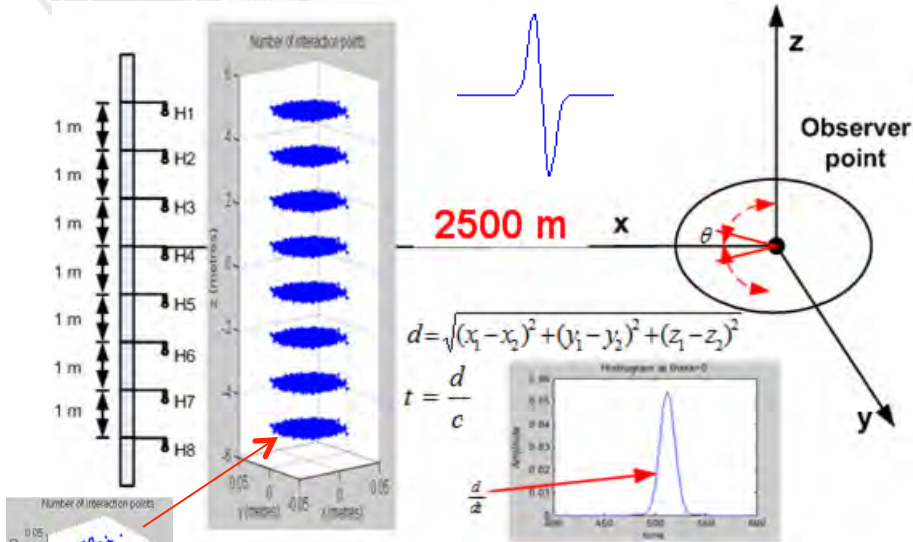
# 5<sup>th</sup> Order Good enough for current hydrophones



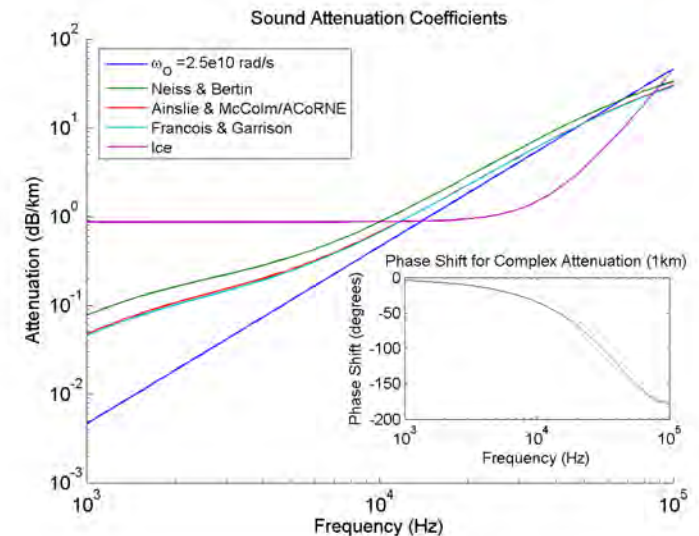
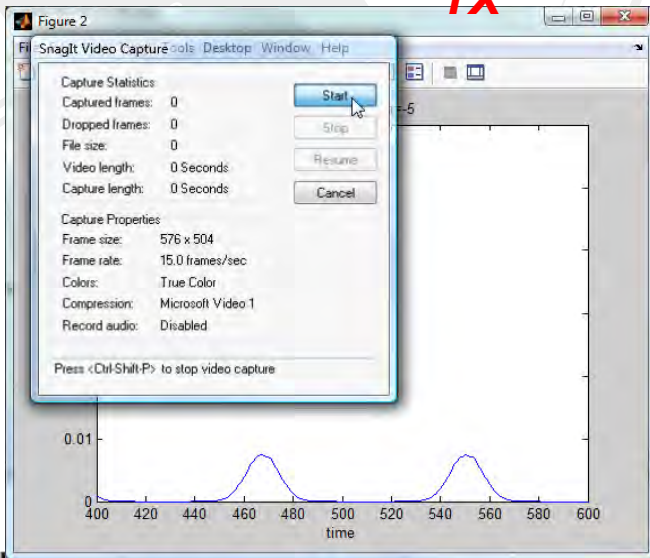
$$H'(s) = \frac{0.7153s^2 - 0.1063s + 0.003833}{0.0122s^5 + 0.04327s^4 + 0.941s^3 + 1.754s^2 + 16.65s + 8.978}$$



# How Many Hydrophones needed for linear array?

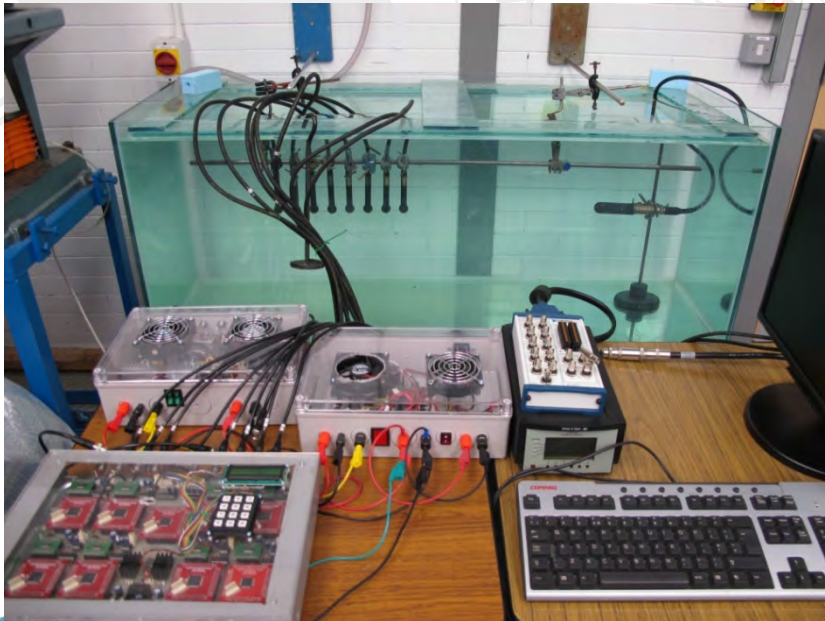
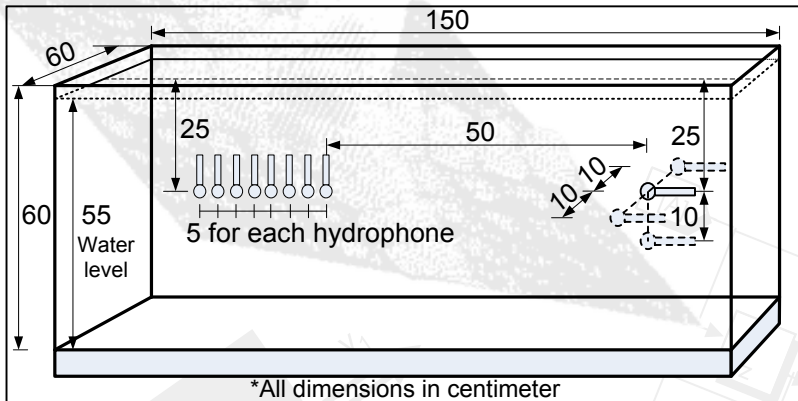


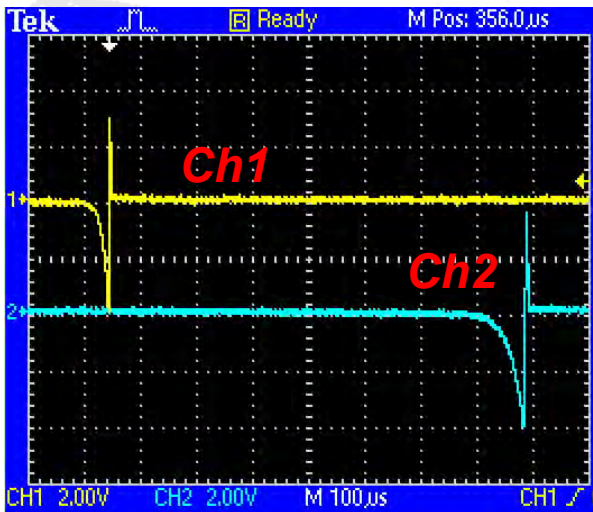
**Simulation of 8 hydrophone a TX**



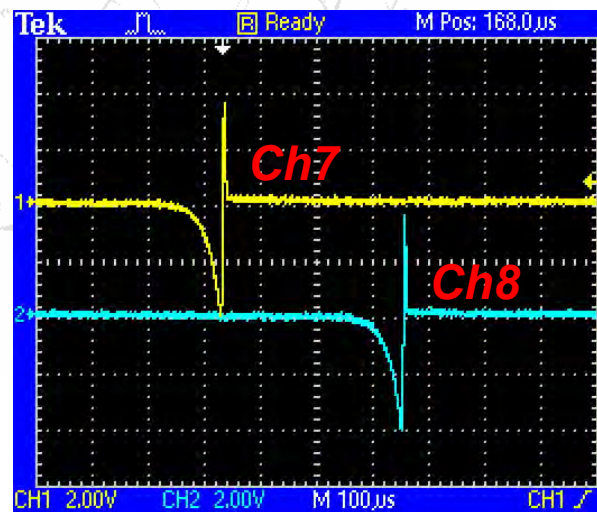
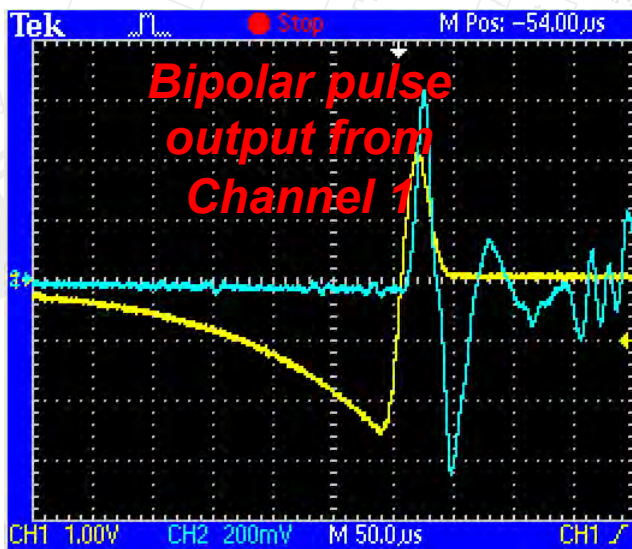
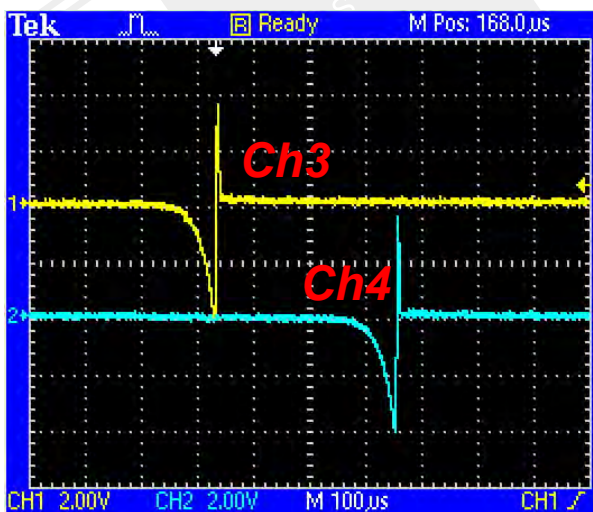
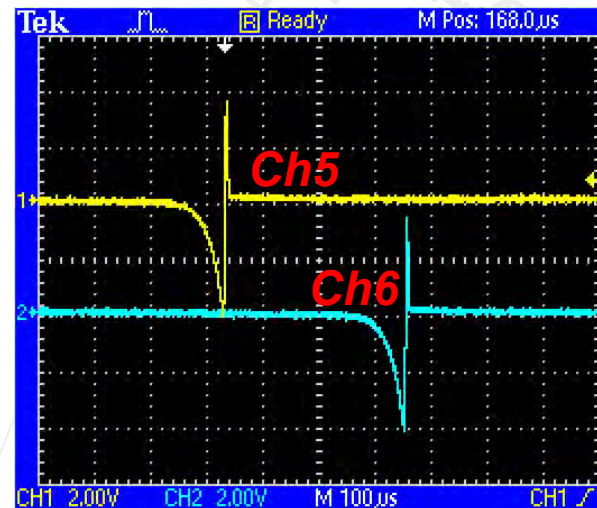
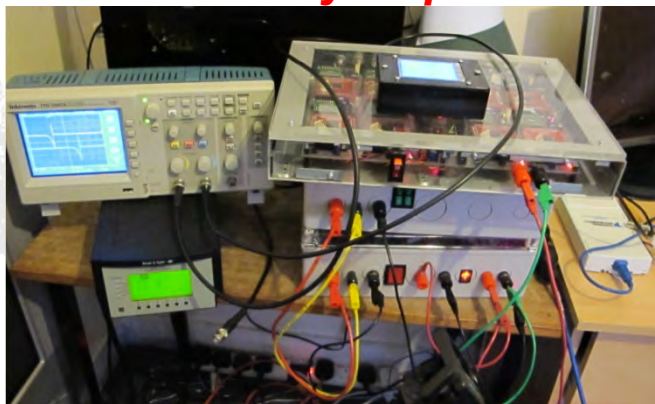


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## 8 Channels hydrophone Tx





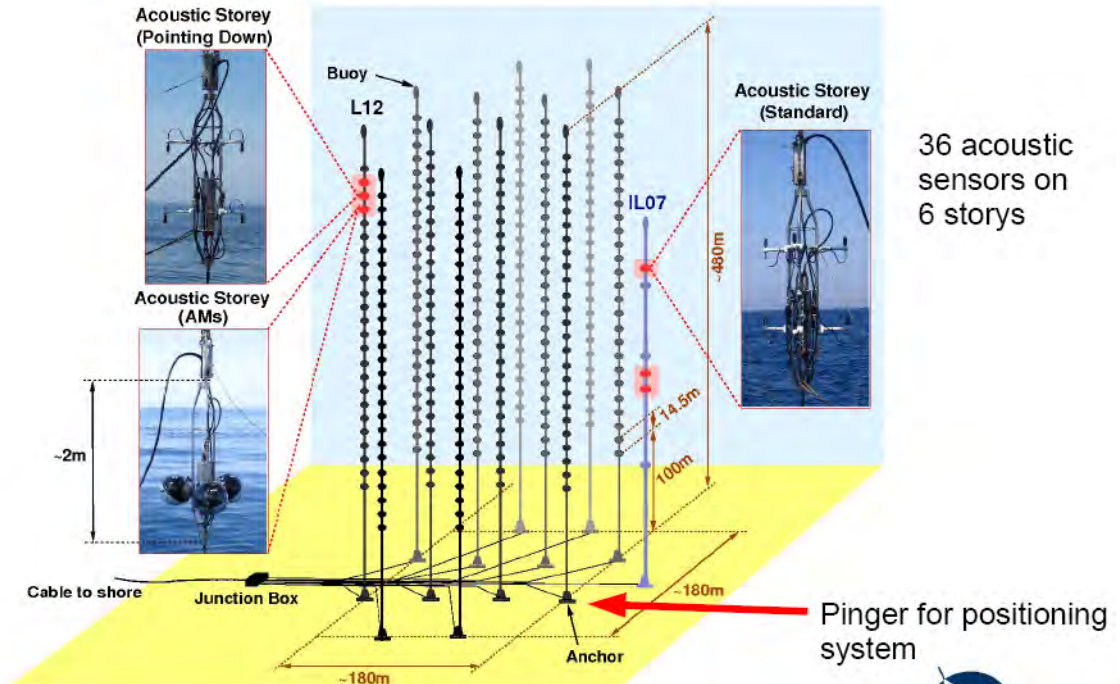
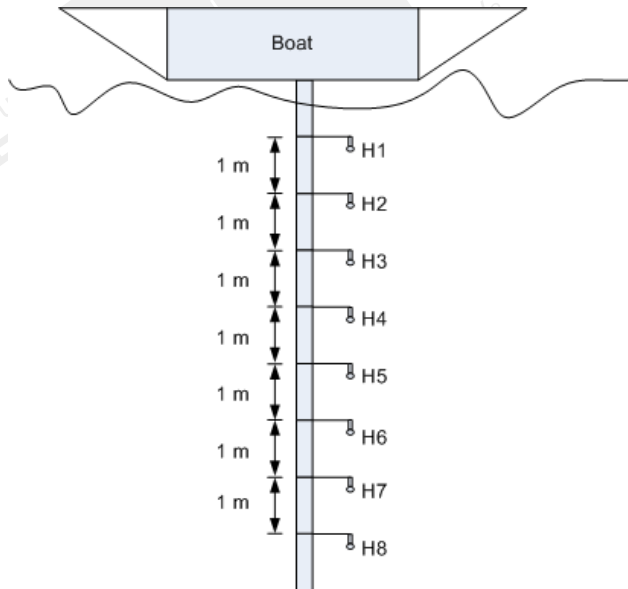
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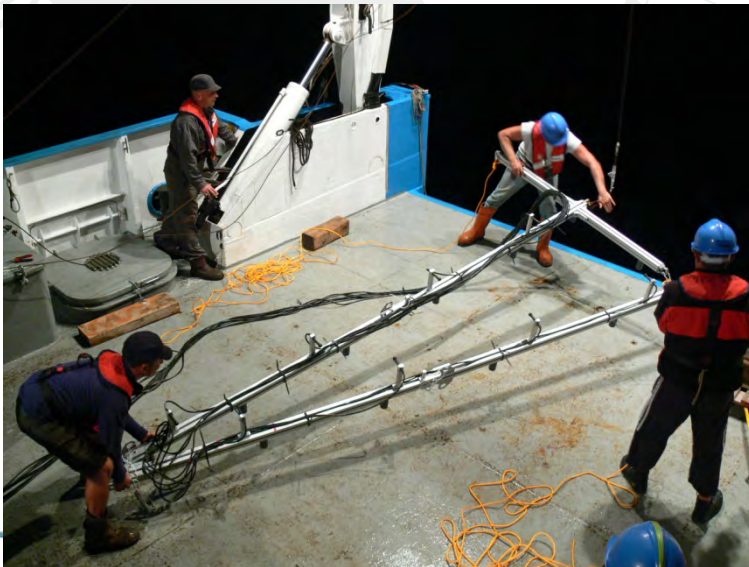
8 channel transmitter module



Deployment at ANTARES  
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## AMADEUS in ANTARES







# Digital Filters



# The Digital Filter

*The digital filter is simple! Based upon sampled sequences*

$$a_0 y[n] + a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] + \dots = b_0 u[n] + b_1 u[n-1] + b_2 u[n-2] + \dots$$

*Negative coefficients => Causal*

**Simple moving average Filter**

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}(x[n] + x[n-1])$$

|    |   |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 10 | → | 5   |
| 2  | → | 6   |
| 6  | → | 4   |
| 5  | → | 5.5 |
| 9  | → | 7   |
| 8  | → | 8.5 |
| 5  | → | 6.5 |
| 0  | → | 2.5 |
| 8  | → | 4   |
| 4  | → | 6   |

**Crude low-pass  
Called FIR or  
MA**

**Perfect Integrator**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 6 | 6  |
| 8 | 14 |
| 9 | 23 |
| 7 | 30 |
| 2 | 32 |
| 4 | 36 |
| 9 | 45 |
| 9 | 54 |
| 4 | 58 |
| 9 | 67 |

$\lambda[u] = \lambda[u-1] + x[u]$

**Called IIR  
or  
AR**



# The Z Transform and Sampled Signals

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

$$\text{if } x = 1, 3, 4 \Rightarrow X(z) = 1 + 3z^{-1} + 4z^{-2}$$

$$\text{if } x = 1, a, a^2, \dots \Rightarrow X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{n=\infty} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$$

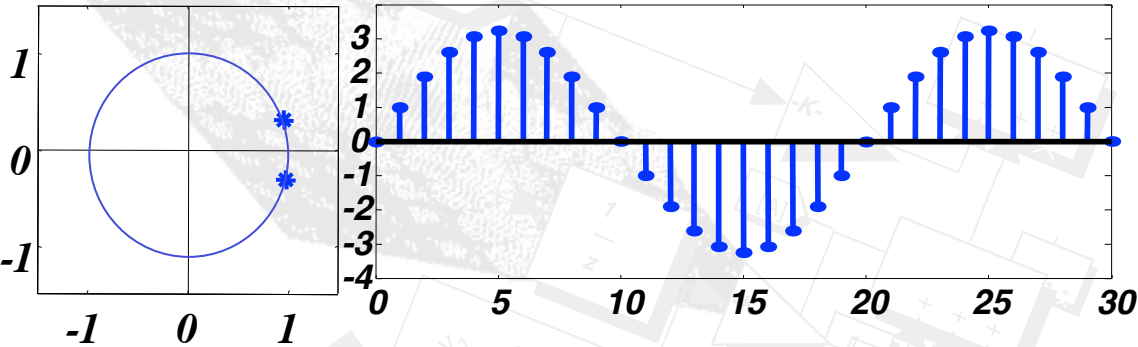
*Geometric sequences are of prime interest because*

$$u(t) = e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow u[t] = e^{i\Omega t} \text{ is a geometric sequence}$$



# A few z transforms

$$\theta = \pi/10, l = 1$$

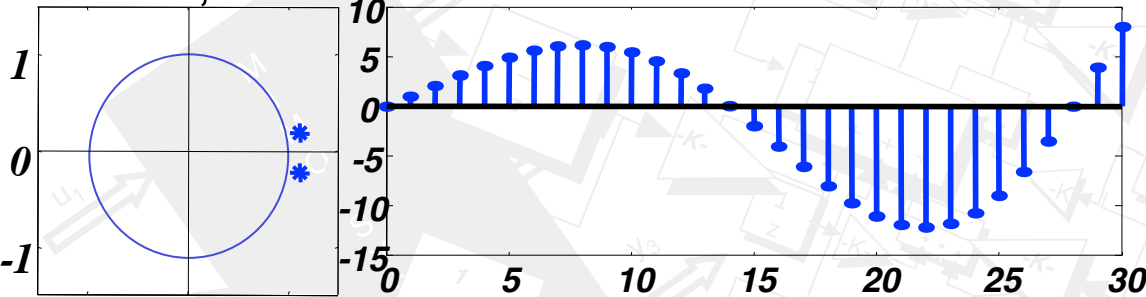


$$h(z) = \frac{1}{z^{-2} - 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right) z^{-1} + 1}$$

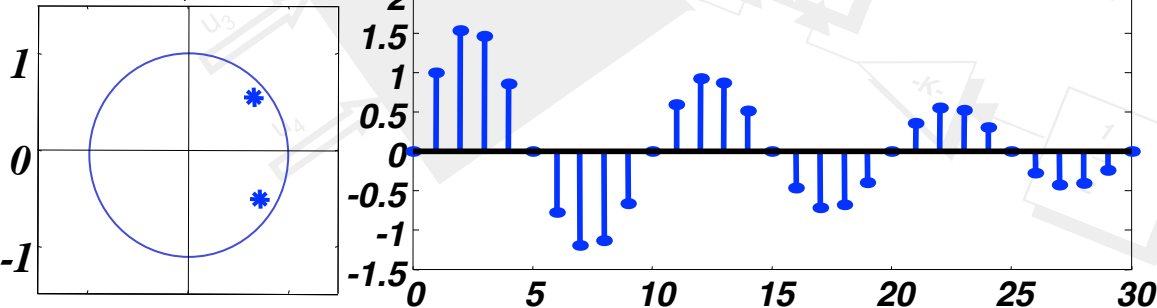
$$y[n] = x[n] + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right) y[n-1] - y[n-2]$$

*Poles must be inside the unit circle for stability*

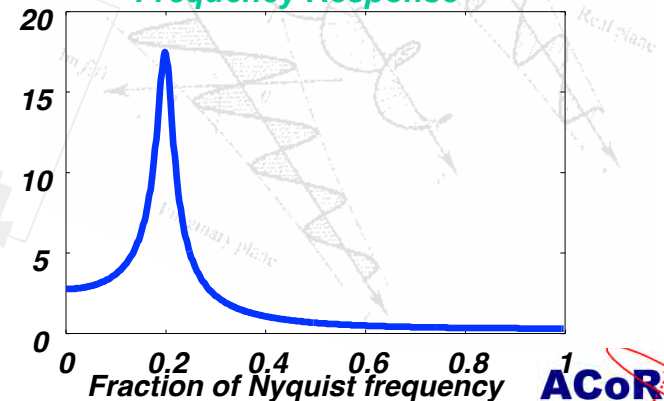
$$\theta = \pi/14, l = 1.05$$



$$\theta = \pi/5, l = 0.95$$



*Frequency Response*



# Simple Transfer Function

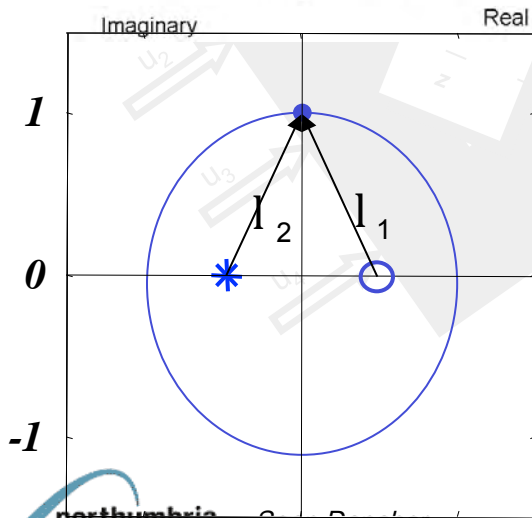
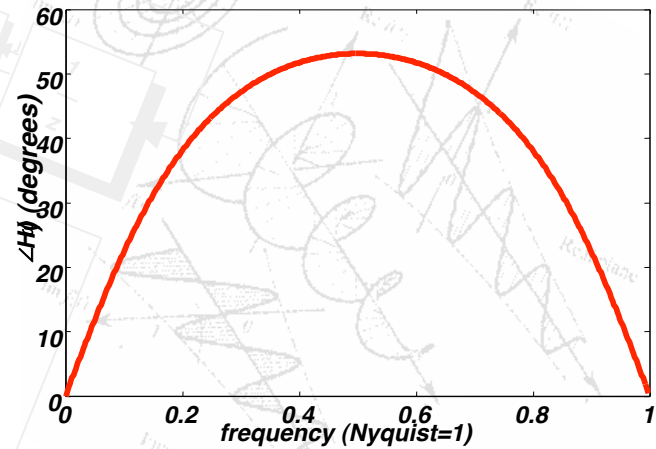
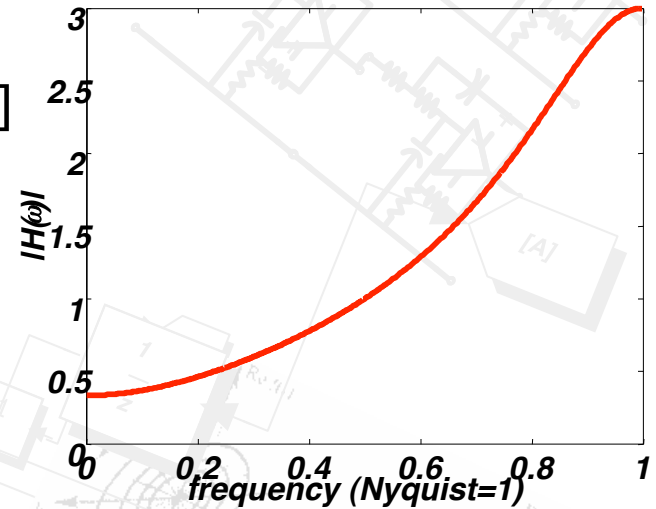
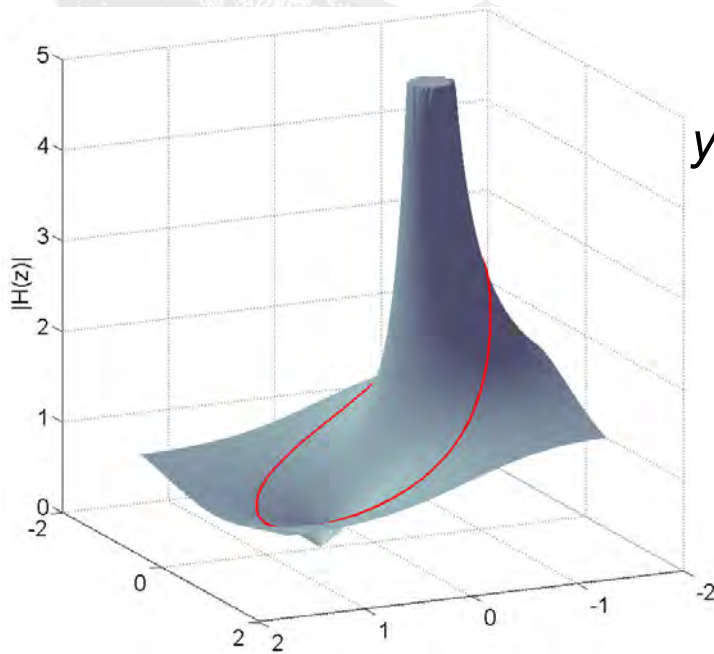
$$h(z) = \frac{z - 0.5}{z + 0.5}$$

$$y[n] = x[n] - 0.5x[n - 1] - 0.5y[n - 1]$$

*Frequency response simply determined by running around the unit circle  $\pi$  Corresponds to the Nyquist Frequency*

$$|H(z)| = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$$

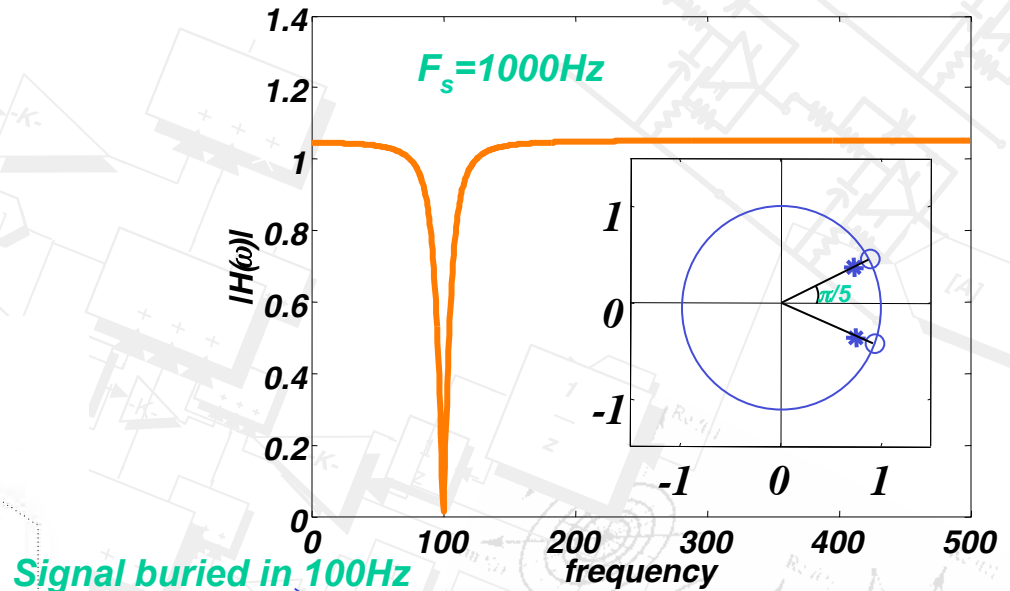
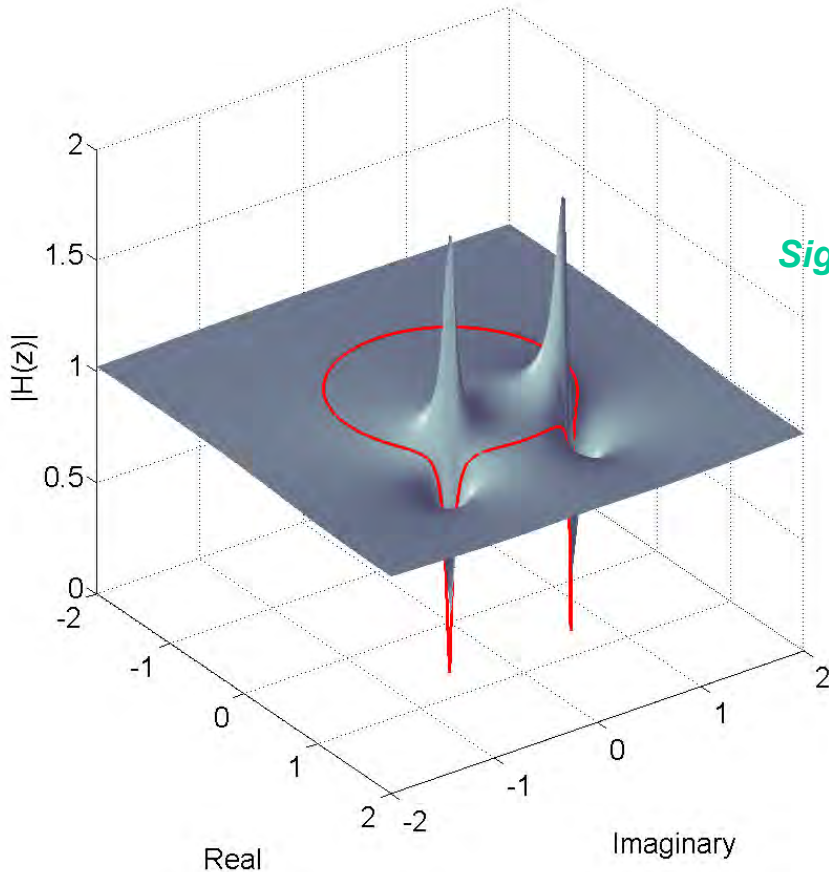
$$\angle H(z) = \angle \theta_1 - \angle \theta_2$$



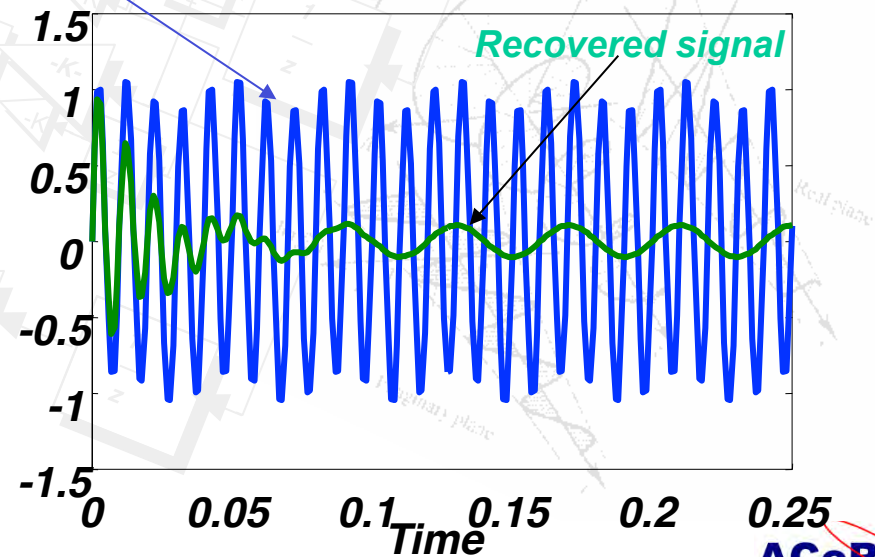
# Notch Filter

$$h(z) = \frac{(z - e^{j\frac{\pi}{5}})(z - e^{-j\frac{\pi}{5}})}{(z - 0.95e^{j\frac{\pi}{5}})(z - 0.95e^{-j\frac{\pi}{5}})}$$

$$y[n] = x[n] - 1.6180x[n-1] + x[n-2] + 1.5371y[n-1] - 0.9025y[n-2]$$

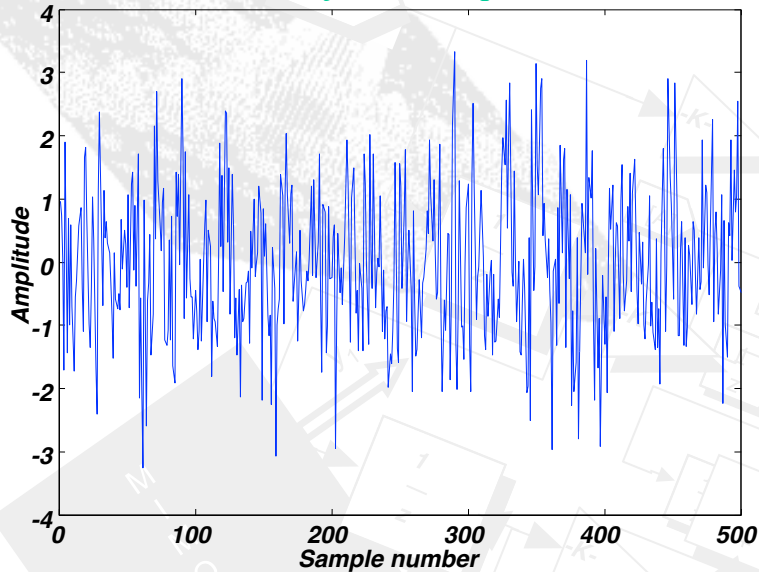


Signal buried in 100Hz



# Spectral Analysis

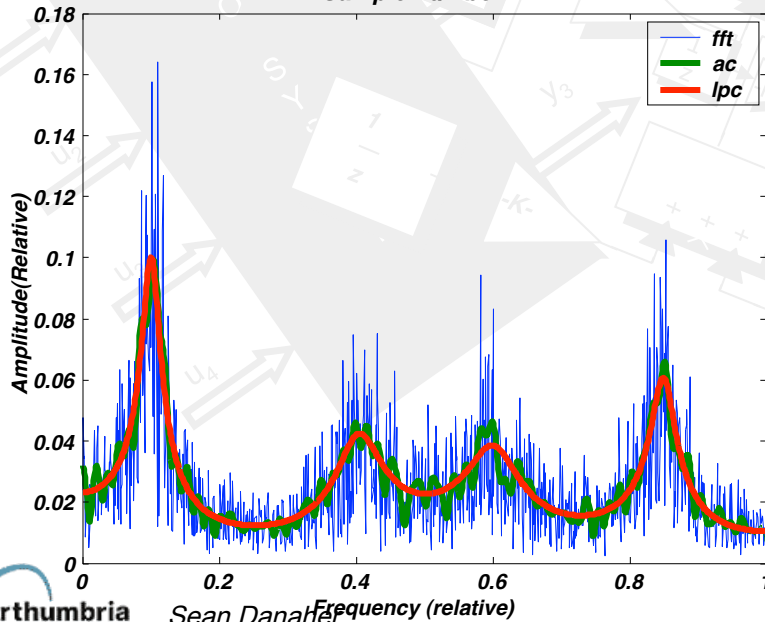
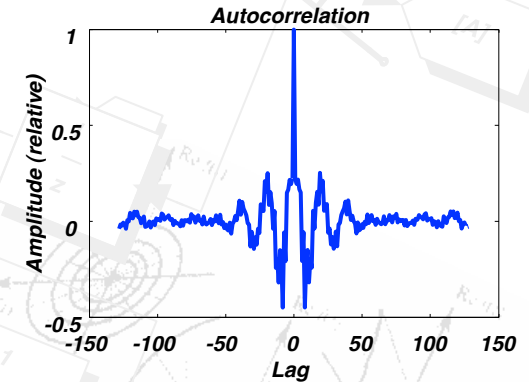
*First 500 of 2048 data points*



*Using the Fourier Transform is seldom the best way to get a spectrum. Normally methods based around*

- *Autocorrelation (AC)*
- *Linear Prediction are used*

*AC method  
Use FT of AC  
To get PSD*



*Linear Prediction*

$$a_0 y[n] + a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] \dots = e[n]$$

*All pole filter driven by white noise. Need to choose the order with care. But can now reproduce the spectrum*

# Compression and feature extraction

*FFT does not compress*

*Often need to extract features in a few parameters*

*DSP people use FIR and IIR filters and system identification*

*Statisticians use MA, AR, ARMA, ARMAX models*

*Human speech compression possibly the most advanced form of signal processing*

*Historically these models are called vocoders*

*Very possibly these techniques can be applied to marine mammals*

*Modern mobile standards such as GSM are based on CELP – Code Excited Linear Prediction*

*The first CELP algorithm around '94 took c 24 hours to code 5 mins of speech*

*Initial development done by the US military for secure communication*

*Rapidly advanced to work in real time. Mobile telephone companies poured a lot of money into algorithm development.*



## Human Speech

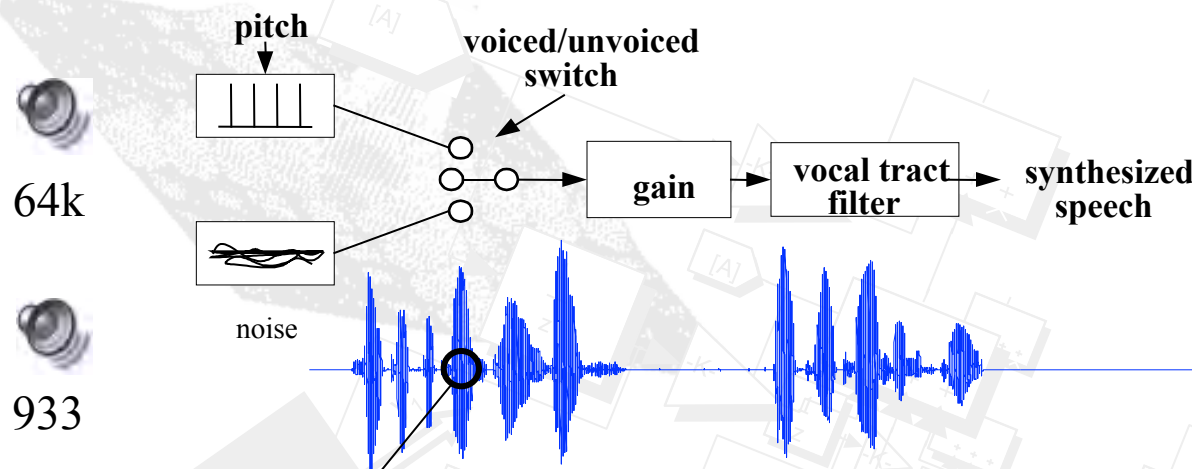
Vocal tract acts like a resonator. There are typically a number of resonances called formants

We solve the equation

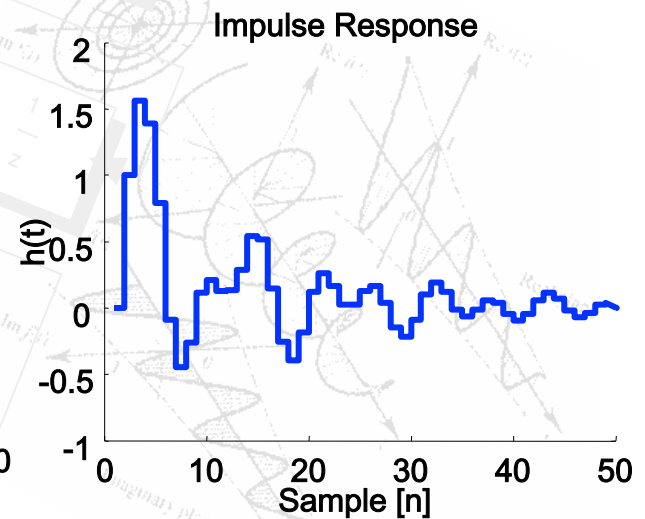
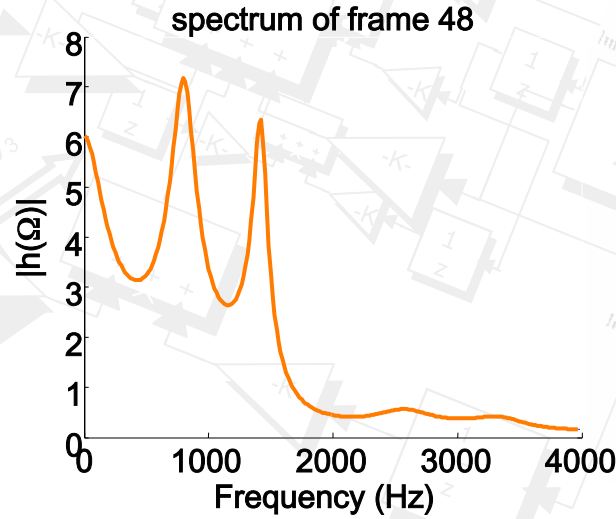
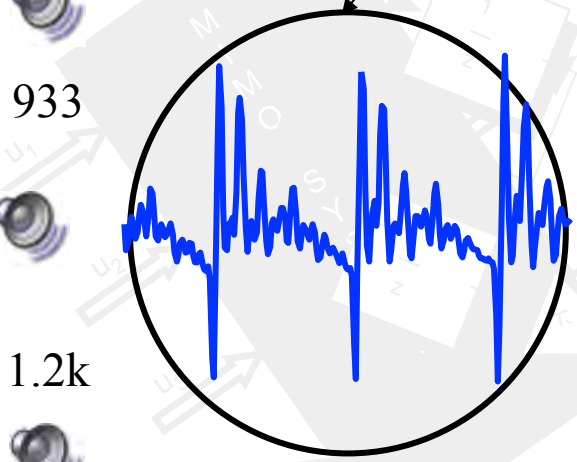
$$y[n] = a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] + a_3 y[n-3] + \dots a_k y[n-k] + e[n]$$

This is an IIR filter, an ARX process or a linear predictor  
LPC10 has 10 coefficients ( $k=10$ )

# Hearing LPC in action



- 8 bit 8kHz
- Split speech into frame 240 samples long
- Use LPC10 to estimate spectrum
- Reconstruct



64k  
933  
933  
1.2k  
2.4k



# SVD



# Singular Value Decomposition



We can get an approximation of the original data by setting the  $L$  values to zero below a certain threshold

Similar techniques are used in statistics CVA, PCA and Factor Analysis

Based on Eigenvector Techniques

Good SVD algorithms exist in ROOT and MATLAB

Decompose the Data matrix into 3 matrices.

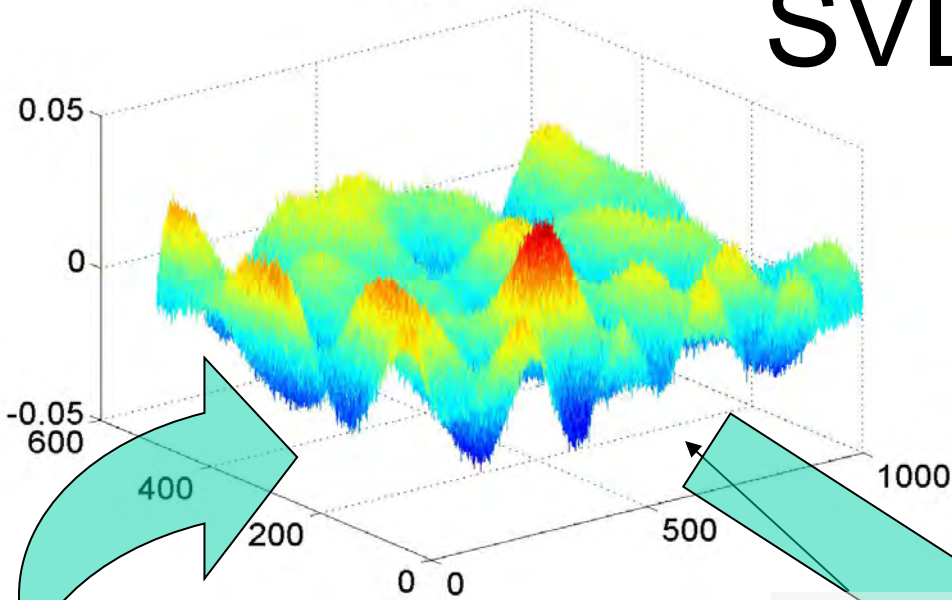
When multiplied we get back the original data.

$W$  and  $V$  are unitary.

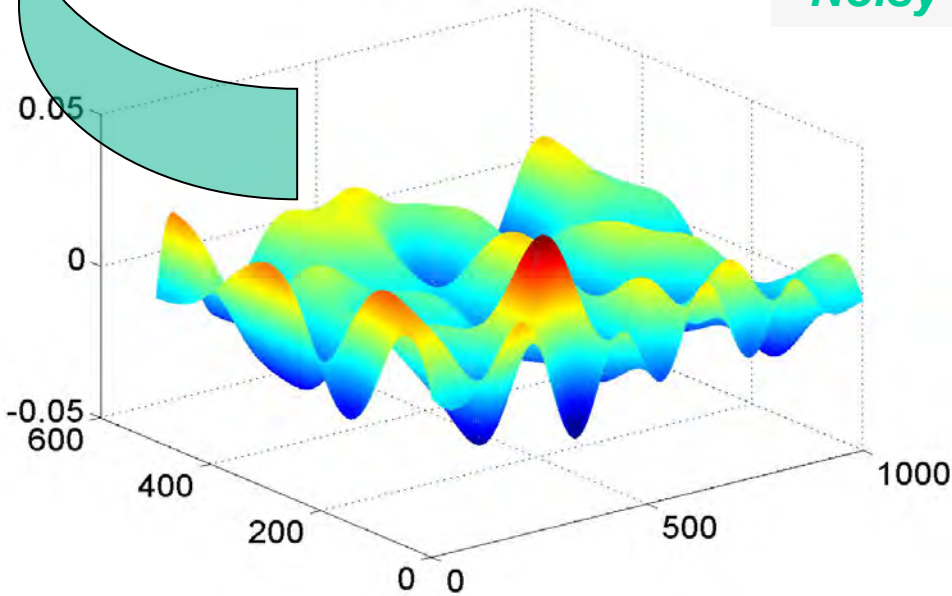
$L$  contains the contribution from each of the eigenvectors in descending order along main diagonal.

# SVD II

Original + Noise



Original Data

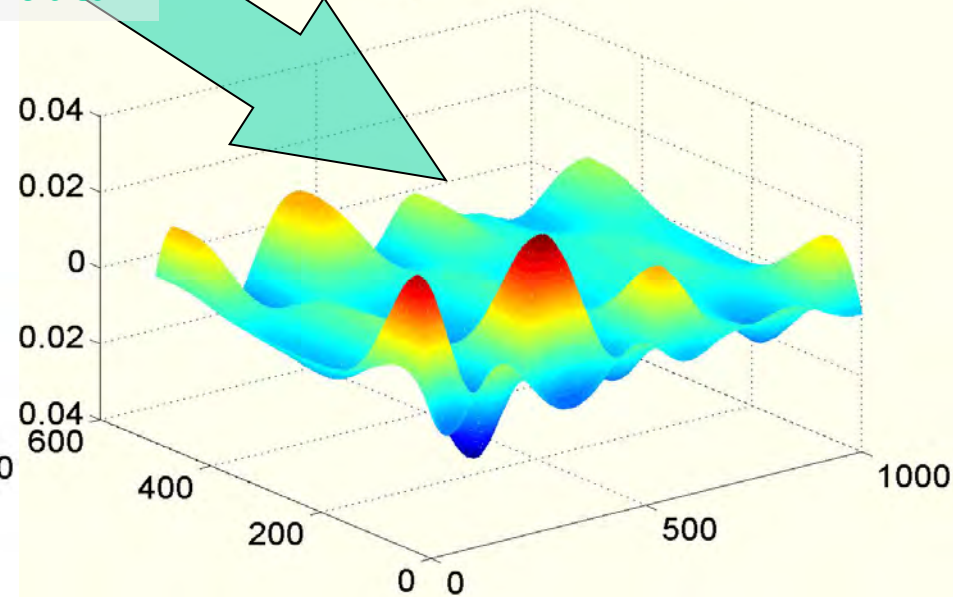


*Somewhere between vector five and seven we get the “Best” representation of the data*

- Better than the observation as noise filtered out*
- Highly compressed (only 1-2% of original size e.g. 6/500x1.5)*
- Have basis vectors for data so can produce “similar” data+++*
- Use it before going to classification or clustering algorithms*

*SVD done on Noisy data*

Eigenvector 1



# Conclusions

- Only Scratched the surface
- Questions

