## What is SEED?

- SEED is an international standard for the exchange of digital seismological data
- SEED was designed for use by the earthquake research community, primarily for the exchange between institutions of unprocessed earth motion data
- SEED is a format for digital data measured at one point in space and at equal intervals of time.

## **SEED history**

< 1985: IDA, GDSN, .....

1985: IASPEI Commision on Practice ⇒ working group on

digital data exchange ⇒ FDSN (International

**Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks)** 

1987: FDSN draft standard (USGS)

1988: official release (version 2.0)

(document by Halbert, Buland and Hutt)

1990: version 2.1 (indexing, improved cross references)

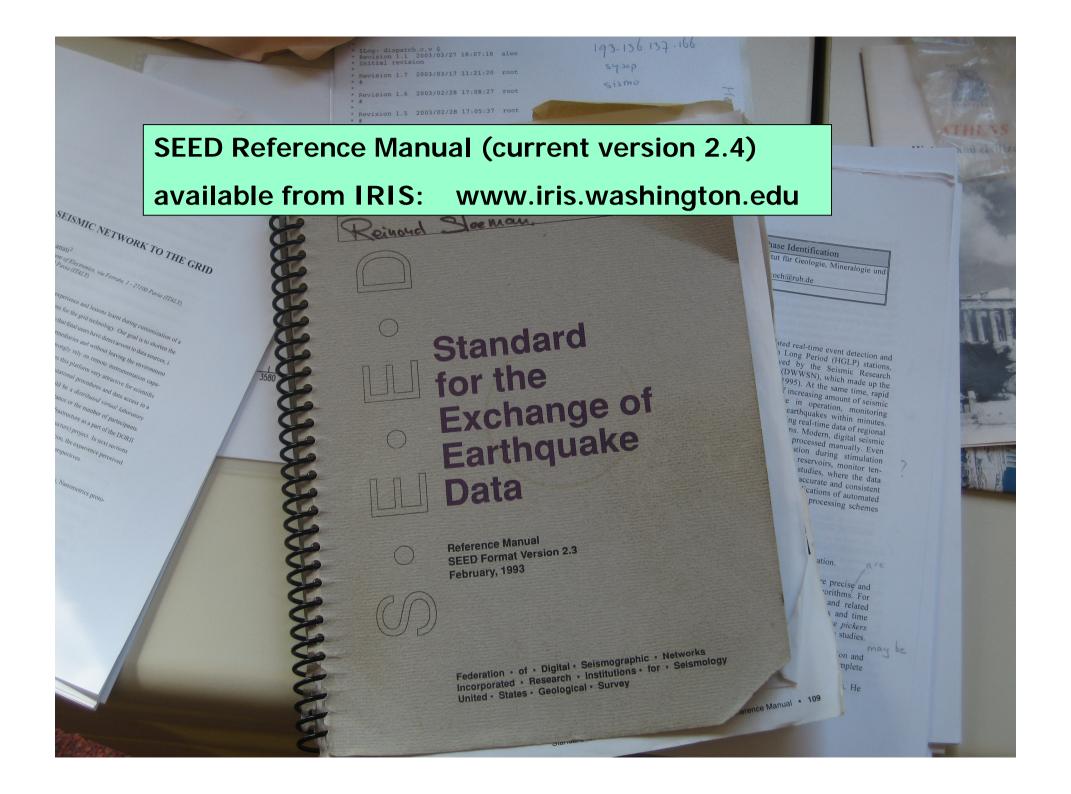
1991: version 2.2 (dataless SEED)

1992: version 2.3 (mini-SEED, FDSN network code)

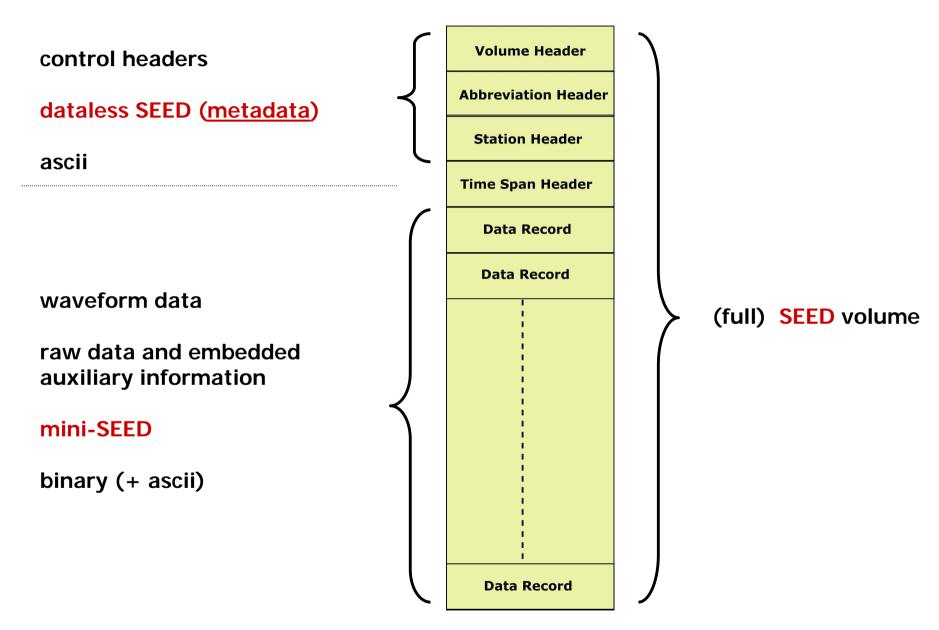
2004: version 2.4 (data quality type code)

## **SEED** in practice

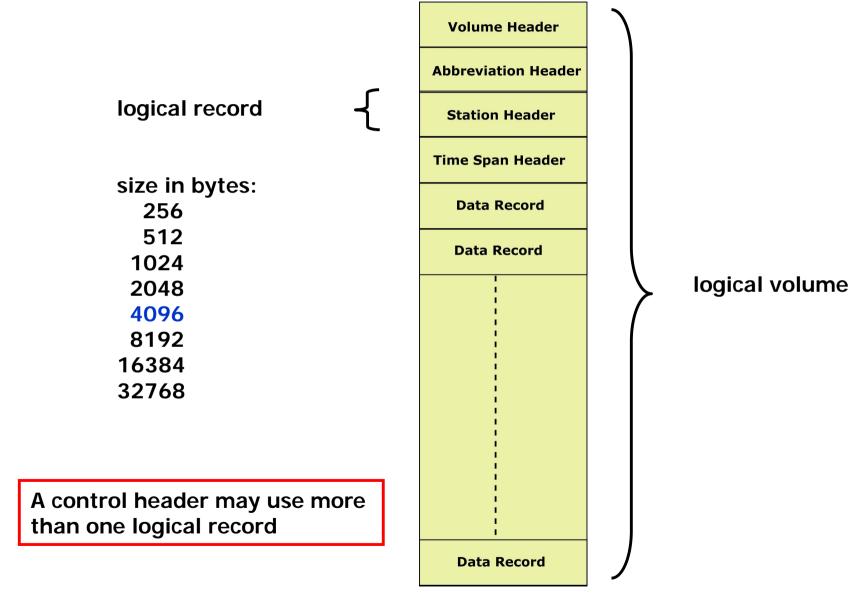
- recordings of digital time-series data (seismic waveforms)
- exchange of waveform data (real-time, archive)
- archiving of digital waveform data (global to local)
- storage of meta-data (information about the data,
   e.g. station information, sensor)
- end user (analysis software)
- not for non-time 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) but never used;
   IASPEI Seismic Format (ISF)



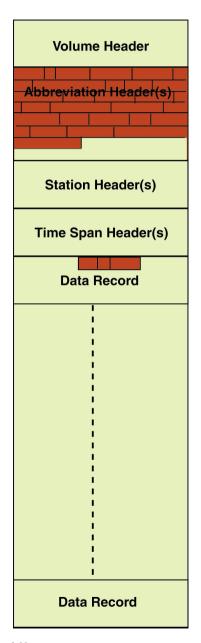
#### Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data (SEED): structure



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

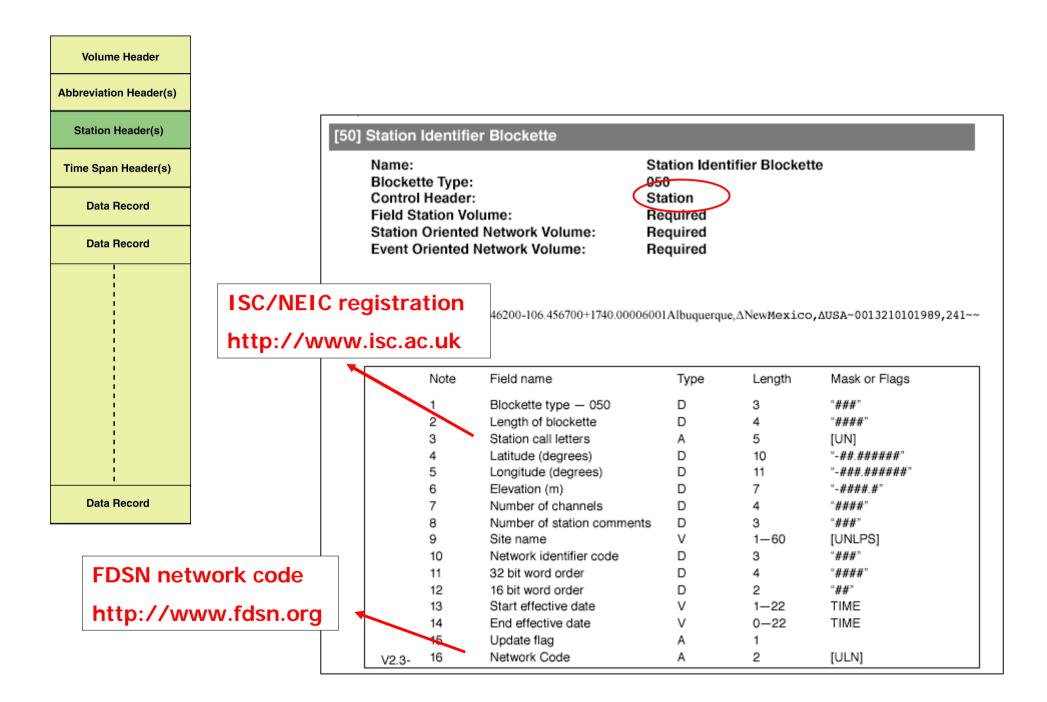


#### Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data (SEED): blockettes



#### 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)



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

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

Response (Poles & Zeros) Blockette Name: Blockette Type: 053 Control Header: Station

Field Station Volume:

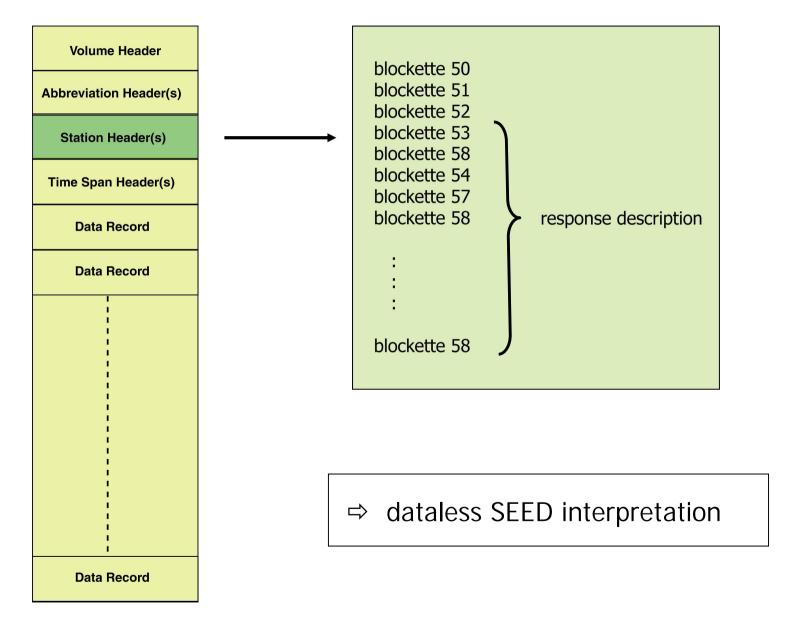
Some Response Required Some Response Required Station Oriented Network Volume: Some Response Required **Event Oriented Network Volume:** 

usually b53 - b58

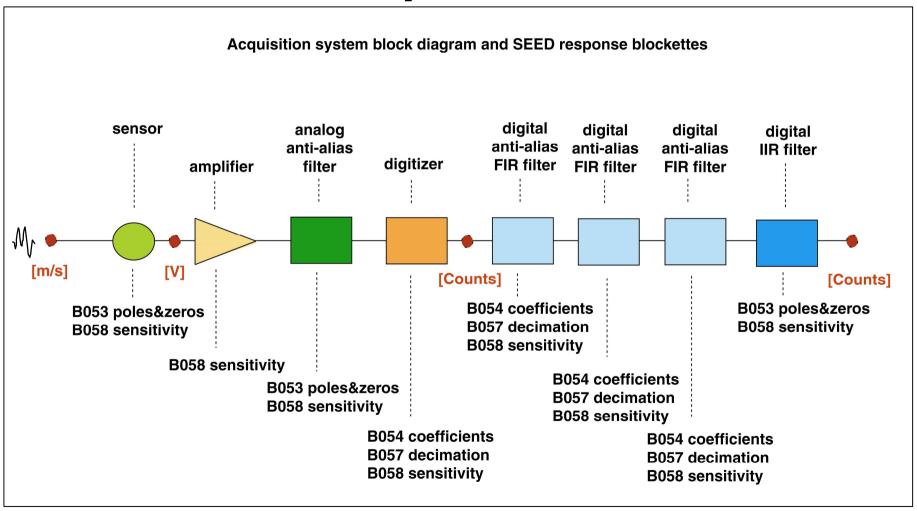
Use this blockette for the analog stages of filter systems and for infinite impulse response (IIR) digital filters. Digital filters usually have a Decimation Blockette [57] following, and most stages have a Sensitivity/Gain Blockette [58] following. The stage sequence takes into account the fact that 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	D	3	"###"	
REPEAT fields 10 — 13 for the Number of complex 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	"###"	
	REPEAT fields 15 18 for the Number of complex poles:				
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-##"	

### SEED: metadata and system response



# Comprehensive Metadata SEED Representation



```
B050F03
                                             Station:
                                                         BOSA
                                   B050F16
                                             Network:
                                   B052F03
                                             Location:
                                   B052F04
                                             Channel:
                                   B052F22
                                             Start date: 2002,308,00:00:00
                                   B052F23
                                             End date: 2599,365,23:59:59
                                                         Response (Poles and Zeros)
                                                            GT BOSA 00 BHZ
                                                         11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599
                                   B053F03
                                             Transfer function type:
                                   B053F04
                                             Stage sequence number:
                                   B053F05
                                             Response in units lookup:
                                                                               M/S - Velocity in Meters Per Second
                                   B053F06
                                             Response out units lookup:
                                                                               V - Volts
                                   B053F07
                                             A0 normalization factor:
                                                                                +1.08711E+05
                                   B053F08
                                             Normalization frequency:
                                                                                +1.00000E+00
                                   B053F09
                                             Number of zeroes:
                                             Number of poles:
RESP file
                                                                             real error
                                                                                         imag error
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                                                             real error
                                                                                         imag error
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                                                      0E+01 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
readable representation of dataless SEED
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                                                      0E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
output of: rdseed -R
                                                           <del>cnamer sensi</del>tivity/Gain
                                                            GT BOSA 00 BHZ
                                                         11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599
                                   B058F03
                                             Stage sequence number:
                                   B058F04
                                             Sensitivity:
                                                                                +2.95820E+04
                                             Frequency of sensitivity:
                                   B058F05
                                                                               +1.00000E+00
                                             Number of calibrations:
                                   B058F06
```

## Stage 1 = Sensor

In this case, KS-54000 Borehole in Boshof, South Africa

Goes from M/S ground Motion to Volts

```
B050F03
                        BOSA
            Station:
B050F16
           Network:
                        GT
B052F03
           Location:
B052F04
            Channel:
            Start date: 2002,308,00:00:00
B052F23
            End date:
                        2599,365,23:59:59
                       Response (Poles and Zeros)
                           GT BOSA 00 BHZ
                        11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599
B053F03
            Transfer function type:
B053F04
            Stage sequence number:
B053F05
            Response in units lookup:
                                                  M/S - Velocity in Meters Per Second
B053F06
            Response out units lookup:
                                                  V - Volts
B053F07
            A0 normalization factor:
                                                  +1.08711E+05
B053F08
            Normalization frequency:
                                                  +1.00000E+00
B053F09
            Number of zeroes:
B053F14
           Number of poles:
              Complex zeroes:
                                             real error
              i real
                                                           imag error
B053F10-13
                +0.00000E+00
                              +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
B053F10-13
                +0.0000E+00 +0.00000E+00
                                            +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
B053F10-13
                  #0.00000E+00
                               +0.00000E+00
                                            +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
              complex poles:
              i real
                               imag
                                             real error
                                                           imag error
              0 -1.00850E+02 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
              1 -2.23000E+01 +2.41000E+01 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
              2 -2.23000E+01 -2.41000E+01
                                            +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
B053F15-18
              3 -1.50000E-02 +0.00000E+00
                                            +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00
               4 -3.00000E-02 +0.00000E+00
                                            +0.00000E+00
B053F15-18
                 -8.00000E-02 +0.00000E+00
                         Channel Sensitivity/Gain
                           GT BOSA 00 BHZ
                        11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599
B058F03
            Stage sequence number:
B058F04
            Sensitivity:
                                                  +2.95820E+04
B058F05
            Frequency of sensitivity:
                                                  +1.00000E+00
            Number of calibrations:
B058F06
```

## Stage 2 = Datalogger

Response (Coefficients) GT BOSA 00 BHZ 11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599 B054F03 Transfer function type: B054F04 Stage sequence number: → V - Volts Response in units lookup: B054F05 COUNTS - Digital Counts B054F06 Response out units lookup: Volts are converted B054F07 Number of numerators: B054F10 Number of denominators: To counts Decimation GT BOSA 00 BHZ 11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599 B057F03 Stage sequence number: B057F04 Input sample rate (HZ): B057F05 Decimation factor: 00004 B057F06 Decimation offset: 00000 Estimated delay (seconds): +0.0000E+00
Correction applied (seconds): +0.0000E+00 B057F07 B057F08 Channel Sensitivity/Gain GT BOSA 00 BHZ 11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599 B058F03 Stage sequence number: +2.62151E+05 B058F04 Sensitivity: +0.00000E+00 B058F05 Frequency of sensitivity: B058F06 Number of calibrations:

# Stage 3 = Digital FIR filter and decimation

Transfer function type:

Stage sequence number:

B054F03

B054F04

B054F05 Response in units lookup: B054F06 Response out units lookup: B054F07 Number of numerators: B054F10 Number of denominators: Numerator coefficients: i coefficient error B054F08-09 0 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00 Transfer function type B054F08-09 1 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 2 +1.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 3 +4.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 4 +1.00000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 5 +2.00000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 6 +3.50000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 7 +5.60000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 8 +8.40000E+01 +0.00000E+00 9 +1.20000E+02 B054F08-09 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 10 +1.61000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 11 +2.04000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 12 +2.46000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 13 +2.84000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 14 +3.15000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 15 +3.36000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 16 +3.44000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 17 +3.36000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 18 +3.15000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 19 +2.84000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 20 +2.46000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 21 +2.04000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 22 +1.61000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 23 +1.20000E+02 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 24 +8.40000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 25 +5.60000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 26 +3.50000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 27 +2.00000E+01 +0.00000E+00 B054F08-09 28 +1.00000E+01 +0.00000E+00

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29 +4.00000E+00

30 +1.00000E+00

31 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00

32 +0.00000E+00 +0.00000E+00

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COUNTS - Digital Counts

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## Reporting Filter Delays & Decimation

```
Decimation
                      GT BOSA 00 BHZ
                     11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599
          Stage sequence number:
B057F03
R057F04
          Input sample rate (HZ):
                                          4.0960E+04
R057F05
          Decimation factor:
                                            00008
        Decimation offset:
B057F06
                                           00000
                                         +4.0260E-04
        Estimated delay (seconds):
B057F07
          Correction applied (seconds): +0.0000E+00
B057F08
                    Channel Sensitivity/Gain
                       GT BOSA
                                 00 BHZ
                     11/04/2002 to 12/31/2599
B058F03
          Stage sequence number:
B058F04
          Sensitivity:
                                         +1.00000E+00
          Frequency of sensitivity:
B058F05
                                +0.00000E+00
          Number of calibrations:
B058F06
```

# Overall Gain (also called Sensivitity)

The very last stage in the response cascade is the overall gain of the whole system, which is the multiple of all stage gains at the same frequency, and called Stage 0

```
#
B058F03 Stage sequence number: 0
B058F04 Sensitivity: +7.75495E+09
B058F05 Frequency of sensitivity: +1.00000E+00
B058F06 Number of calibrations: 0
```

