

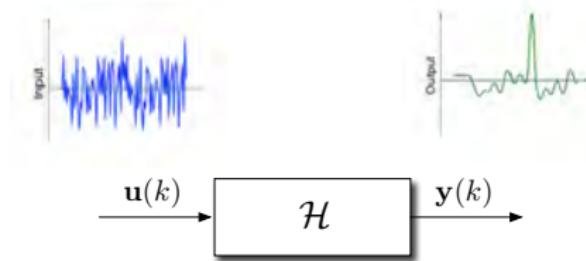
Towards reliable implementation of Digital Filters in Fixed-Point arithmetic

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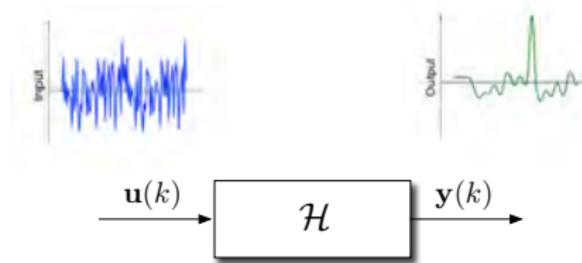
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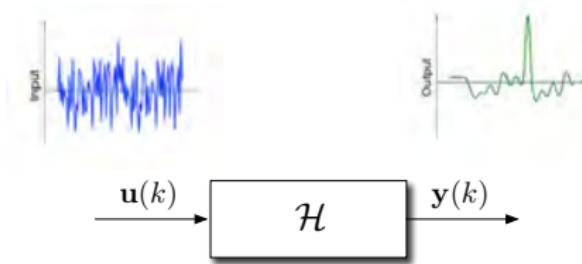


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- Hardware or Software target
- Implementation in Fixed-Point Arithmetic

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LTI filters

Let $\mathcal{H} := (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D})$ be a LTI filter:

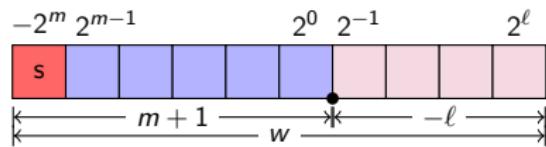
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The filter \mathcal{H} is considered Bounded Input Bounded Output stable iff

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) < 1$$

The input $\mathbf{u}(k)$ is considered bounded by $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$.

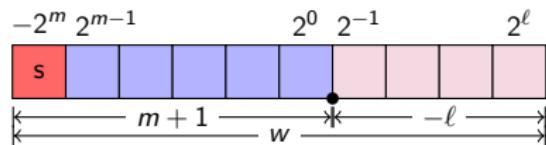
Two's complement Fixed-Point arithmetic



$$y = -2^m y_m + \sum_{i=\ell}^{m-1} 2^i y_i$$

- Wordlength: w
- Most Significant Bit position: m
- Least Significant Bit position: $\ell := m - w + 1$

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- $y(k) \in \mathbb{R}$
- wordlength w bits
- minimal Fixed-Point Format (FPF) is the least m :

$$\forall k, \quad y(k) \in [-2^m; 2^m - 2^{m-w+1}]$$

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Unsatisfactory process!

Non-exhaustive simulations, using a floating-point simulation as reference
→ no guarantees on the implementation

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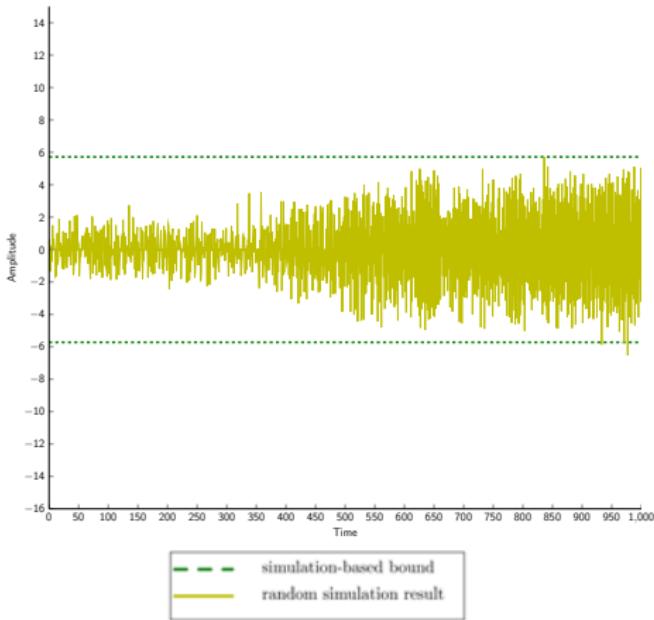
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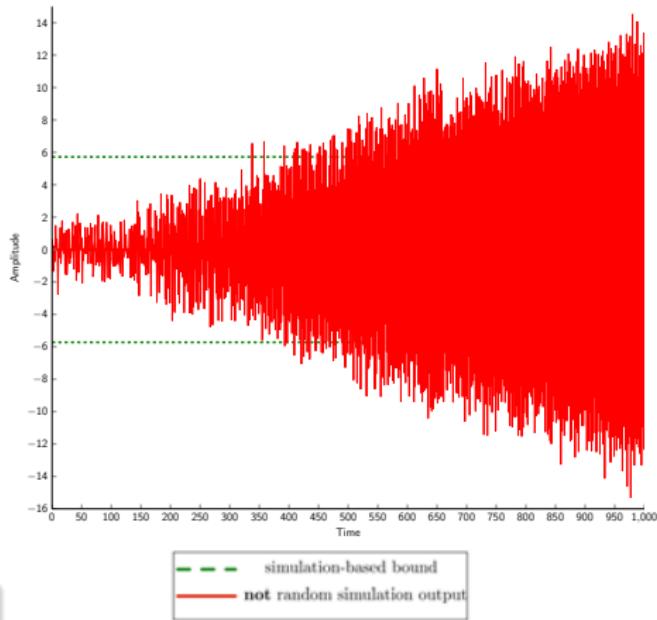
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Simulation-based approach is not rigorous. What to do?

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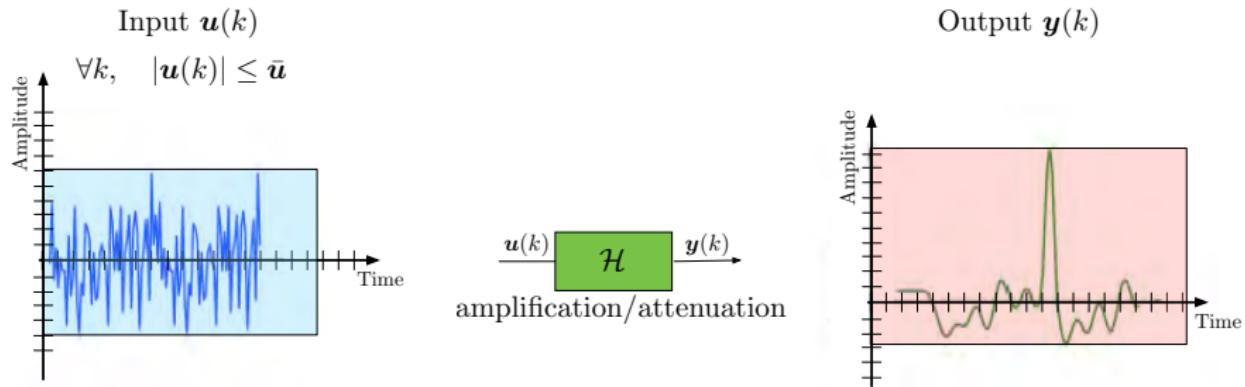
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- 1) determine analytically the output interval of all variables
- 2) analyze propagation of the error in filter implementation and determine the Fixed-point formats

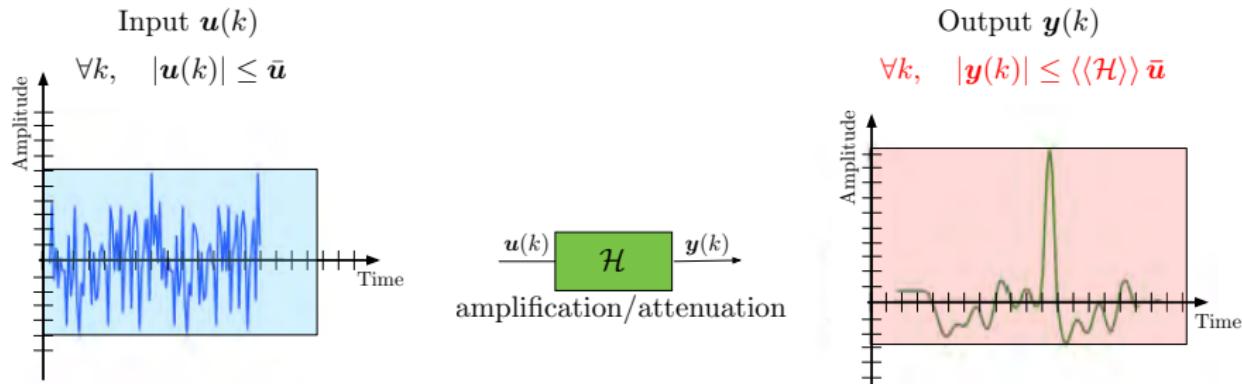
Deducing the output interval²

²A.V. et al., "Reliable Evaluation of the Worst-Case Peak Gain Matrix in Multiple Precision", ARITH22, 2015

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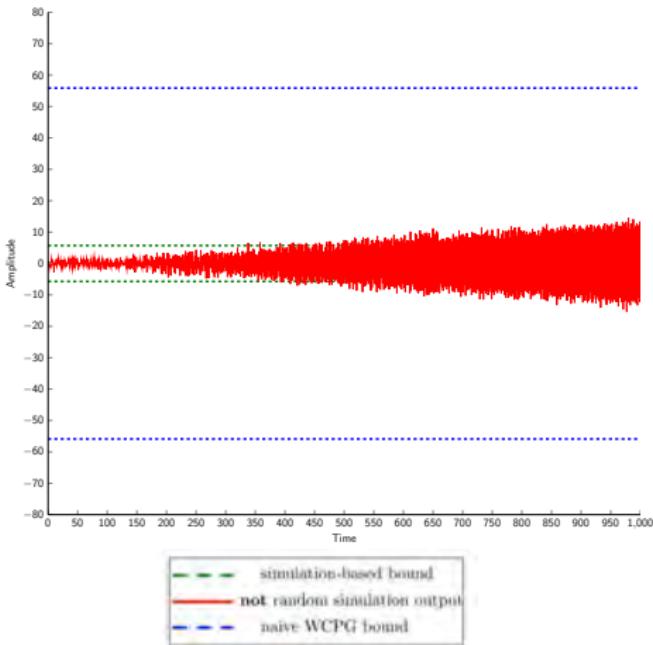
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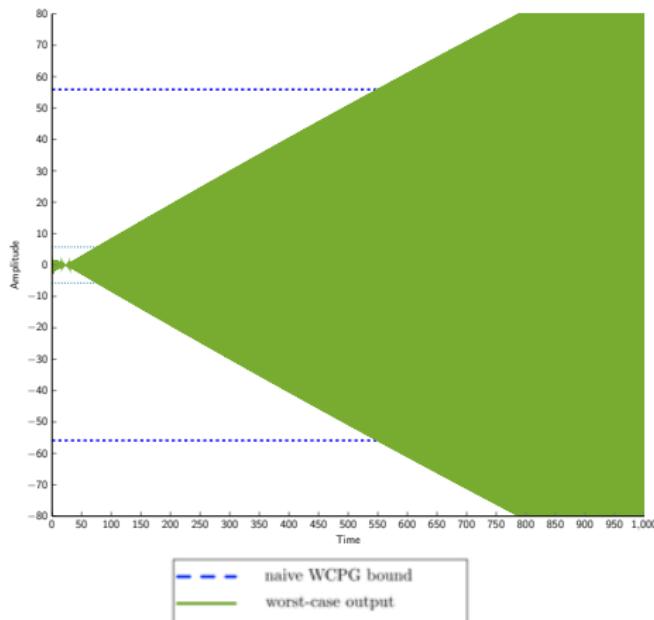
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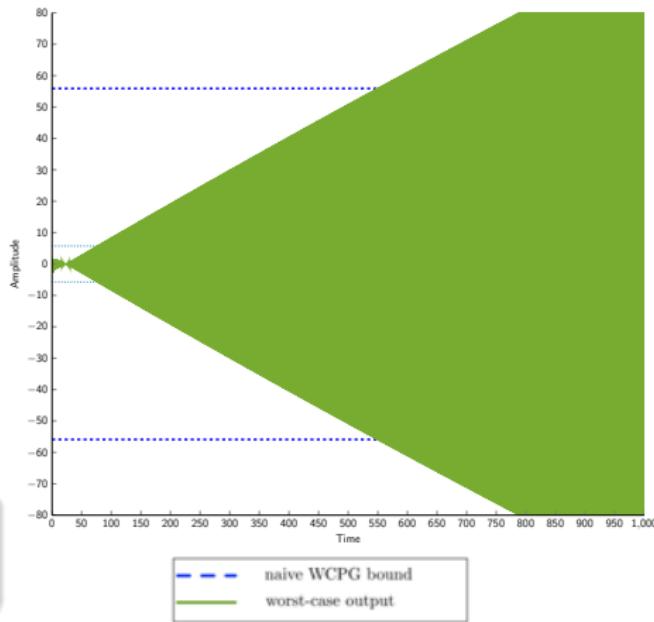
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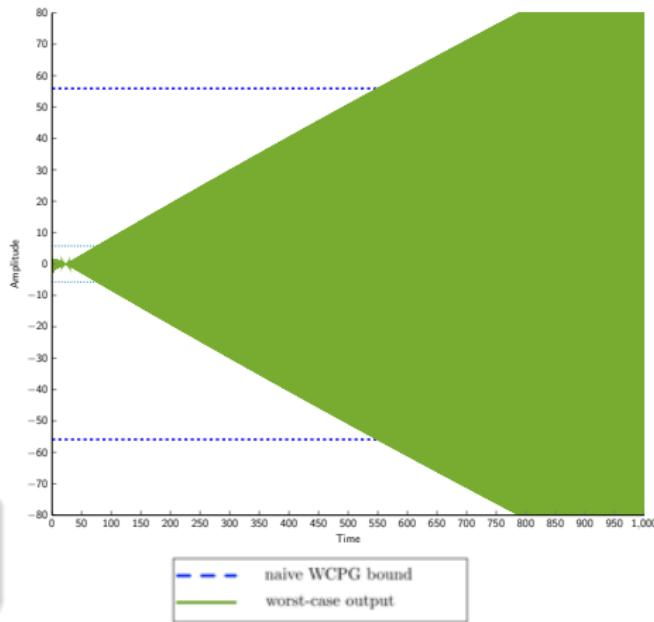
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How to compute the WCPG matrix **reliably**?

Computing the Worst-Case Peak Gain

Problem: compute the Worst-Case Peak Gain with arbitrary precision.

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle\rangle = |\mathbf{D}| + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B} \right|$$

- Deduce reliable lower bound on truncation order
- Once the sum is truncated, evaluate it in multiple precision

Truncation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}| \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\textcolor{red}{N}} |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}|$$

Truncation

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}| - \sum_{k=0}^{\textcolor{red}{N}} |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}| \right| \leq \varepsilon_1$$

Compute an approximate lower bound on truncation order N such that the truncation error is smaller than ε_1 .

Lower bound on truncation order N

$$N \geq \left\lceil \frac{\log \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\|\mathbf{M}\|_{\min}}}{\log \rho(\mathbf{A})} \right\rceil, \quad \text{with } \mathbf{M} := \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{|\mathbf{R}_l|}{1 - |\lambda_l|} \frac{|\lambda_l|}{\rho(\mathbf{A})}$$

where

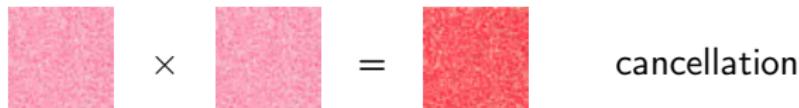
λ – eigenvalues of matrix \mathbf{A}

\mathbf{R}_l – l^{th} residue matrix computed out of $\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}, \lambda$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}|$$

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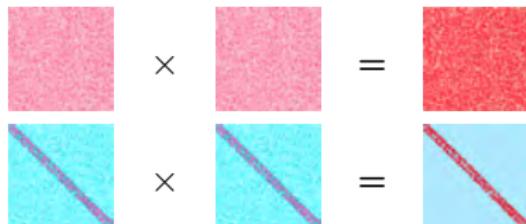
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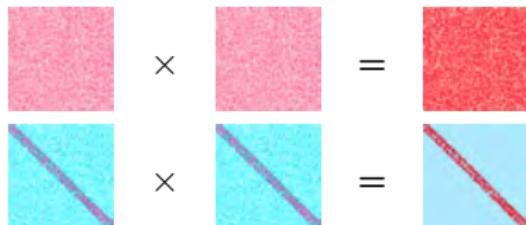
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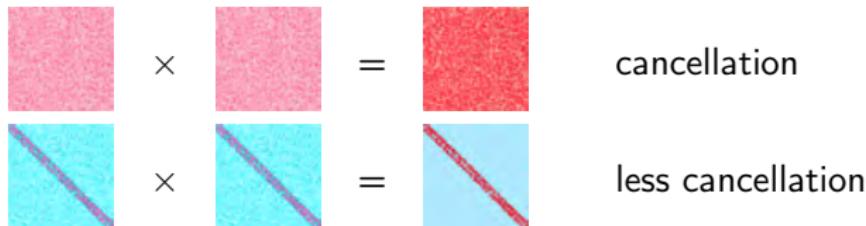

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$$\mathbf{A}^k \approx \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{T}^k \times \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

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$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^N |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}| - \sum_{k=0}^N |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{B}| \right| \leq \varepsilon_2$$

Given matrix \mathbf{V} compute \mathbf{T} such that the error of substitution of the product $\mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1}$ instead of \mathbf{A}^k is less than ε_2 .

Further steps

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^N |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}| - \sum_{k=0}^N |\mathbf{C} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{B}| \right| \leq \varepsilon_2$$

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We can determine the output interval of a filter with arbitrary precision.

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We computed WCPG with $\varepsilon = 2^{-64}$:

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Simulation	-	5.72
Naive WCPG	1 000	55.91
Our WCPG	352 158	772.04

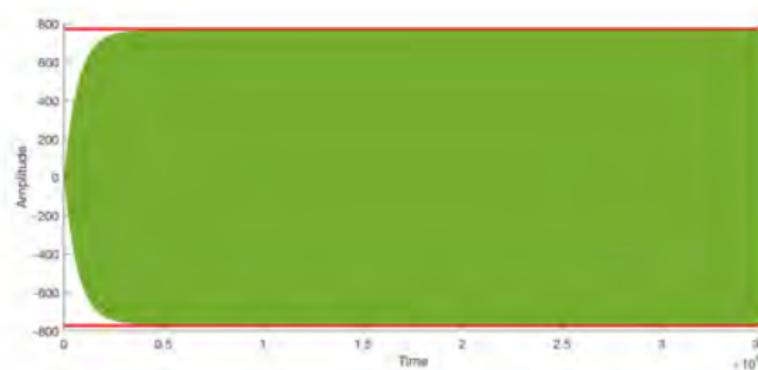


Figure: Output $y(k)$ reaches a ε -neighborhood of \bar{y} .

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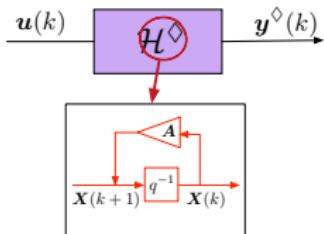
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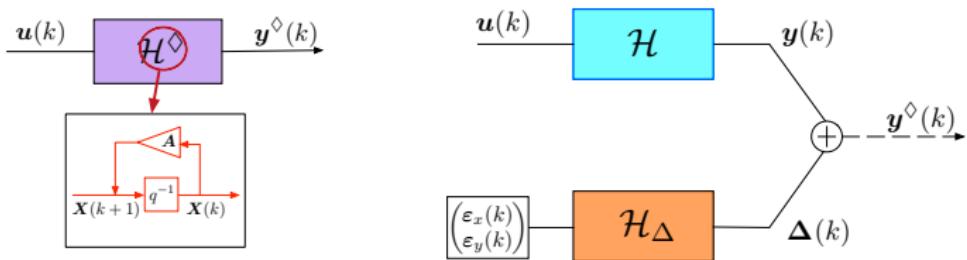
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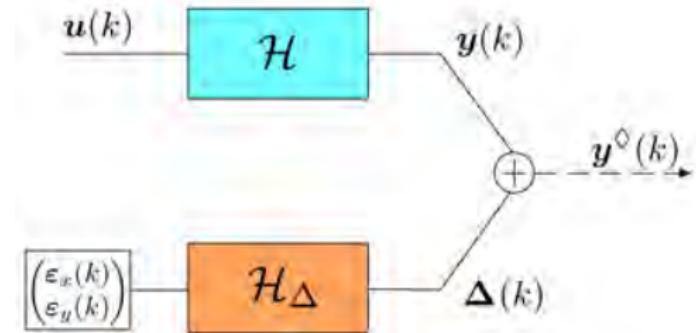
$$\mathcal{H}^\diamond \left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \mathbf{x}^\diamond(k+1) & = & \diamond_{\mathbf{m}_x}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^\diamond(k) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(k)) + \varepsilon_x(k) \\ \mathbf{y}^\diamond(k) & = & \diamond_{\mathbf{m}_y}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}^\diamond(k) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(k)) + \varepsilon_y(k) \end{array} \right.$$

with

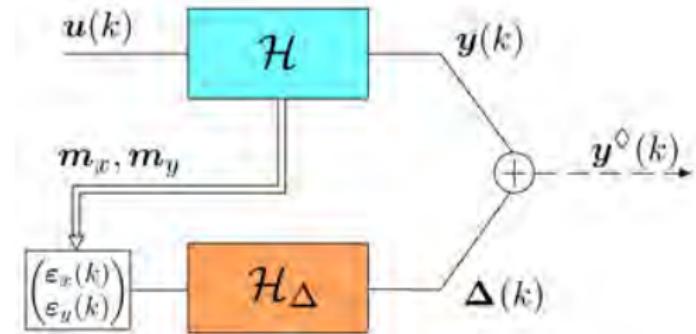
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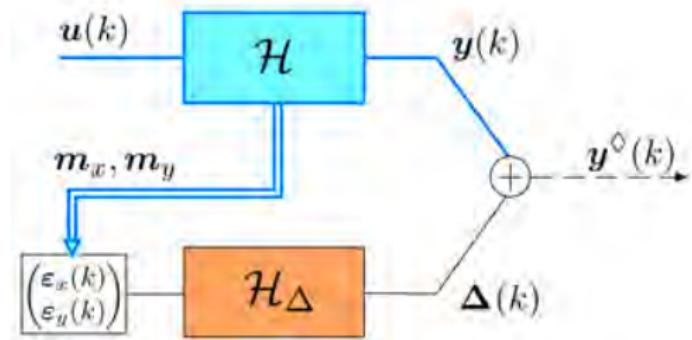
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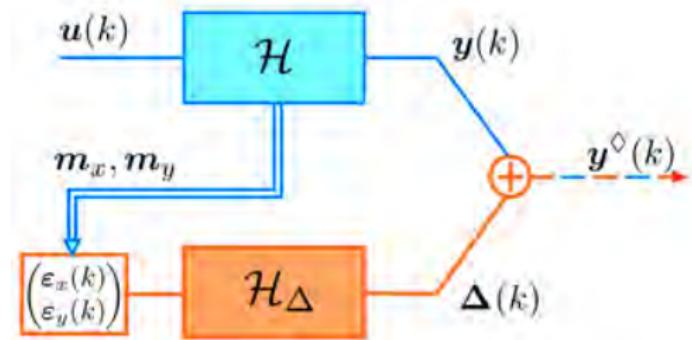


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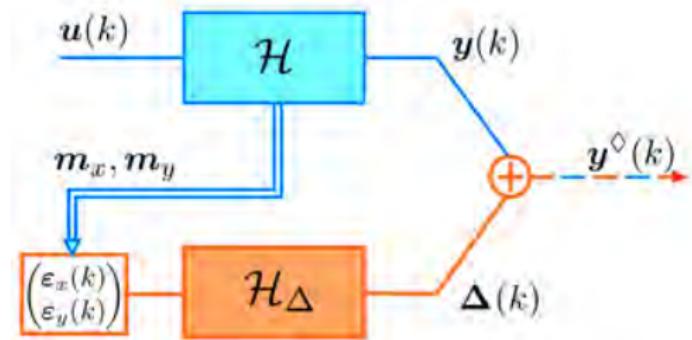
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otherwise $\mathbf{m}_{y_i} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_{y_i} + 1$ and go to Step 2.

Example (continued)

Our random 5th order Butterworth:
5 states, 1 input, 1 output.

- $\bar{u} = 1$
- $\rho(\mathbf{A}) = 1 - 1.44 \times 10^{-4}$
- wordlengths set to 7 bits

	states					output
	$x_1(k)$	$x_2(k)$	$x_3(k)$	$x_4(k)$	$x_5(k)$	$y(k)$
Matlab	8	9	9	9	8	7
Our approach	11	12	12	12	11	11

Table: Resulting MSB positions

Conclusion and Perspectives

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- Proposed a new completely rigorous approach for the Fixed-Point implementation of linear digital filters
- Provided reliable evaluation of the WCPG measure
- Applied the WCPG measure to determine the Fixed-Point Formats that guarantee no overflow

Perspectives:

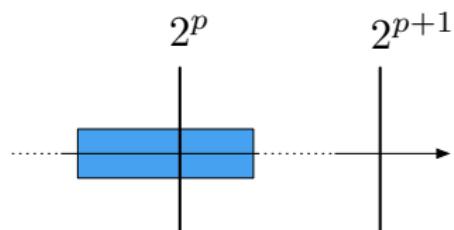
- Solve the off-by-one problem for the MSBs
- Accuracy of the algorithms for the design of IIR filters
 - ~~> develop approaches to take the quantization error into account
- Formalize proofs in a Formal Proof Checker

Thank you!

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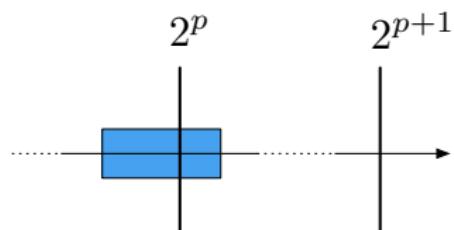


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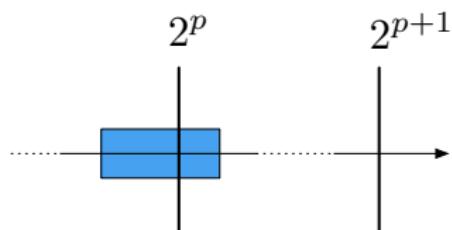


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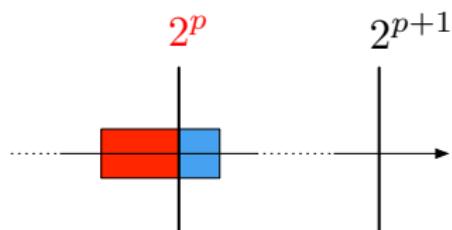
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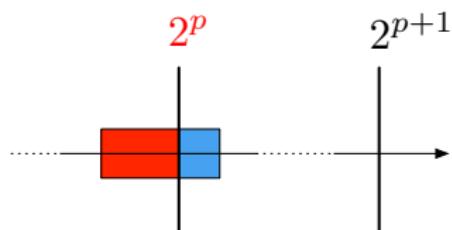
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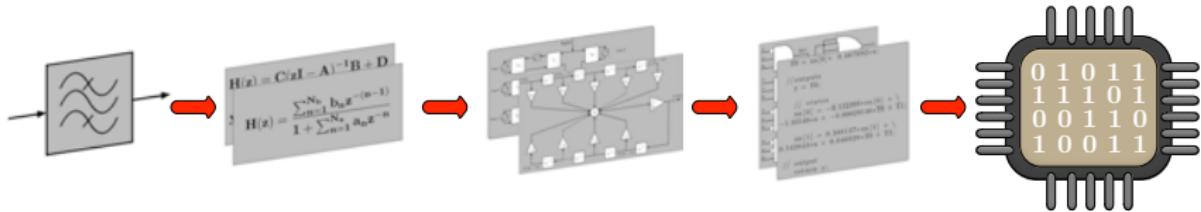
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Technique: SMT? integer linear programming? LLL?

Context: implementation of LTI filters



- Transfer function generation
 - ! Coefficient quantization
- Algorithm choice: State-space, Direct Form I, Direct Form II, ...
 - ! Large variety of structures with no common quality criteria
- Software or Hardware implementation
 - ! Constraints: power consumption, area, error, speed, etc.
 - ! Computational errors due to finite-precision implementation

Filter-to-code generator

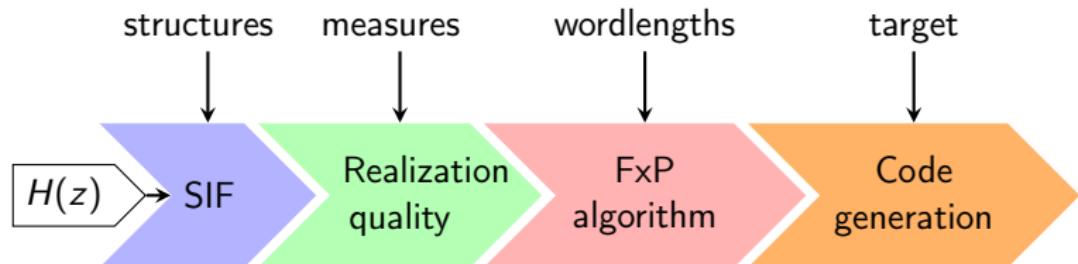


Figure: Automatic filter generator flow.

Stage 1: analytical filter realization representation (SIF)

Stage 2: filter quality measures

Stage 3: fixed-point algorithm (rigorous approach, computational errors are taken into account, no overflows)

Stage 4: Fixed-Point Code Generator

Numerical example

Example:

- Random filter with 3 states, 1 input, 1 output
- $\bar{u} = 5.125$, wordlengths set to 7 bits

	states			output
	$x_1(k)$	$x_2(k)$	$x_3(k)$	$y(k)$
Step 1	6	7	5	6
Step 2	6	7	6	6
Step 3	6	7	6	6

Table: Evolution of the MSB positions

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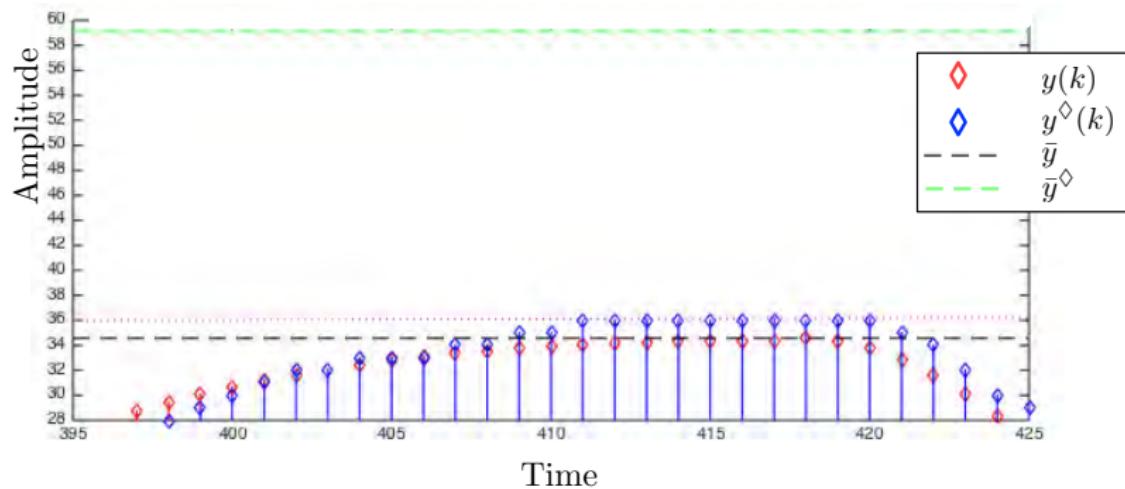


Figure: The exact and quantized outputs of the example.

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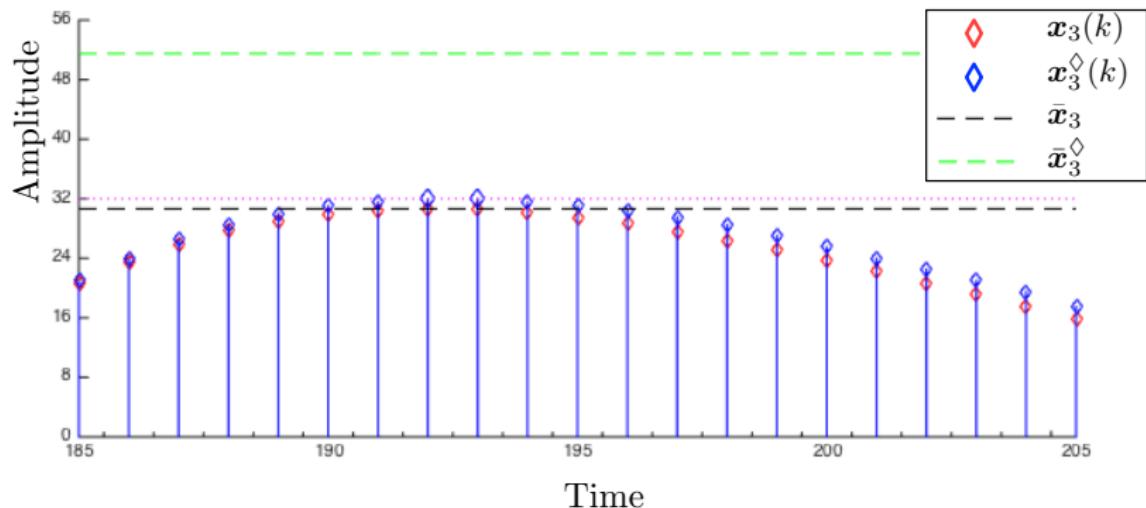


Figure: The exact and quantized third state of the example.

Quantized state passes over to the next binade.