

Input signal synthesis for open-loop multiple-input/multiple-output testing



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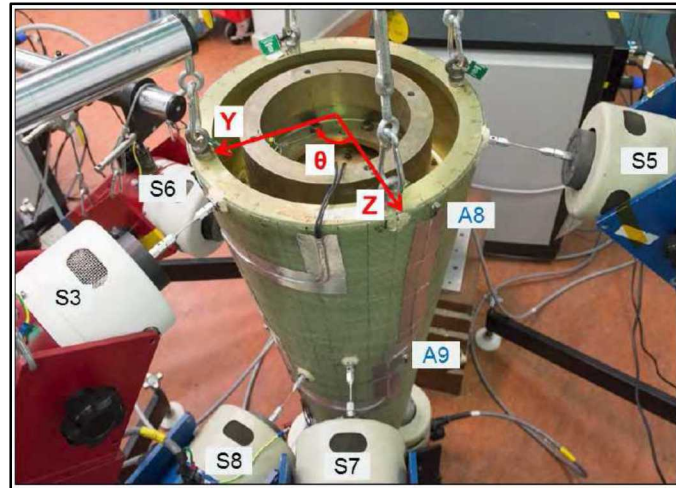
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Modifying Control Algorithms Can Improve MIMO, Multi-Shaker Testing

*Multi-Shaker Vibration Tests
Multiple, small shakers & MIMO control*



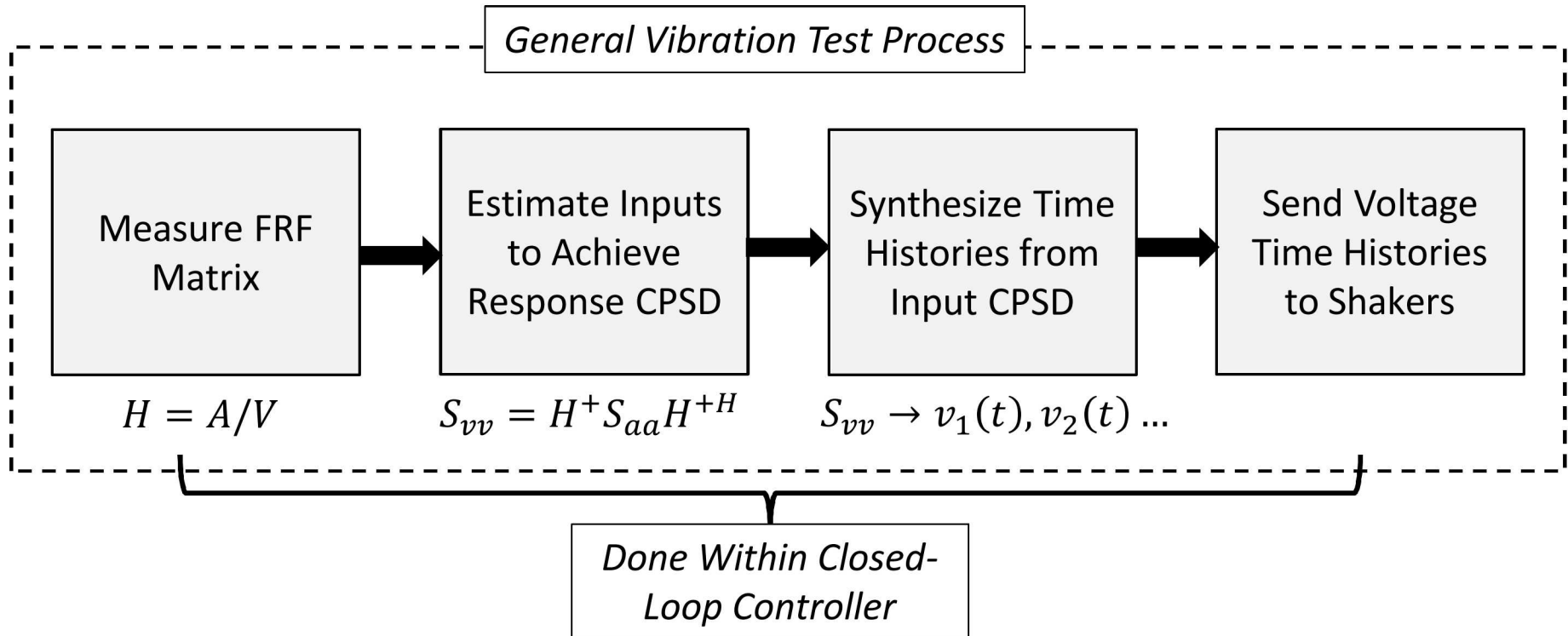
Mayes & Rohe, 2016



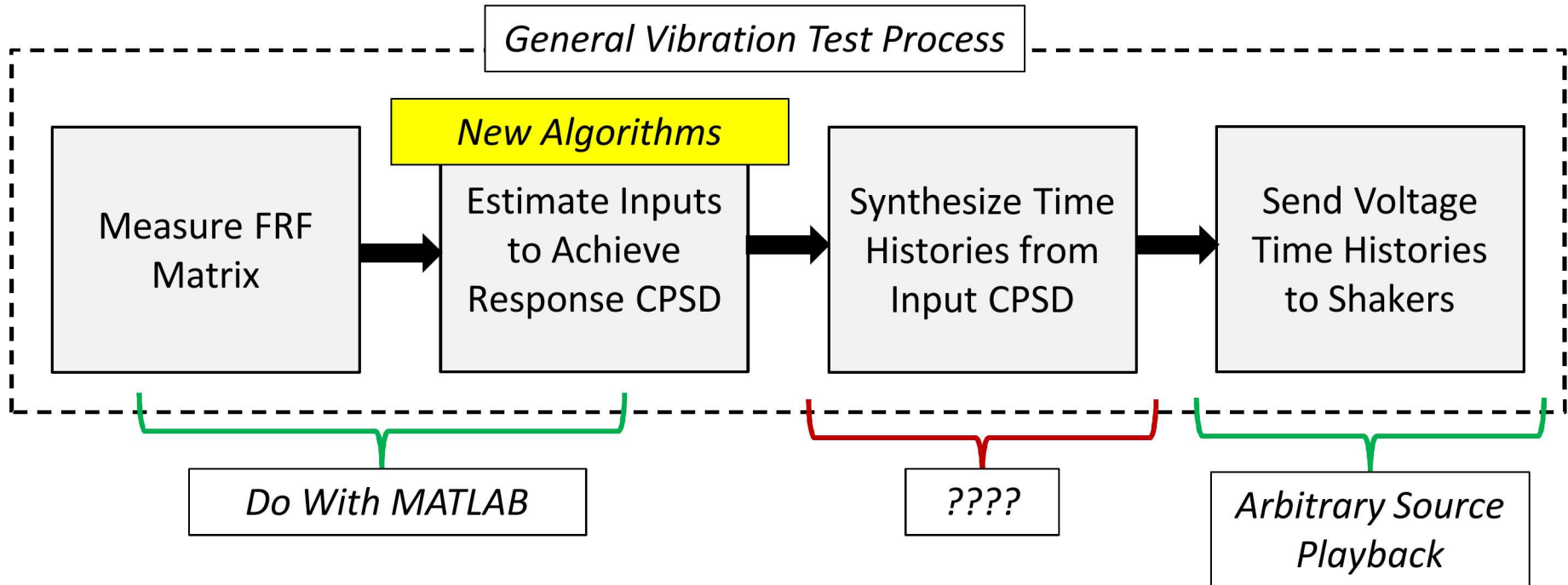
Daborn, 2017

- *They observed that how you control, estimate inputs matters quite a bit to accuracy & input levels*

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Note: These techniques are not new – Smallwood presented them in the late 1970's
This is an exploration in what affects the resulting signals

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- Tone and broadband signals

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- Premise:
 - Have some desired signal auto-power spectral density (APSD)
 - Want to generate a time history which has that desired APSD
 - Can do in the time domain, but more efficient in frequency domain
- What's the challenge?
 - APSDs do not have phase, so cannot simply use IDFT
- Approach:
 1. Convert the APSD to linear spectrum magnitude
 2. Pick a random phase to generate a realization of a complex linear spectrum
 3. Take the IDFT to generate the time history

$$G_{vv} \rightarrow v(t)$$

$$v(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(X_v)$$
$$X_v = ?$$

1. Linear Spectrum
Magnitude

$$|X_v| = \sqrt{G_{vv}/df}$$

2. Random Phase

$$\psi = U(0, 2\pi)$$
$$X_v = |X_v|e^{j\psi}$$

3. Inverse Fourier
Transform

$$v(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(X_v)$$

- 2 Methods for Generating Random Phase for the Linear Spectrum:
 - Method 1: Generate 2 Gaussian random variables, one for the real part, A , & one for the imaginary part, B
 - Method 2: Generate 1 Uniformly distributed random variable, ψ , for the phase
- Do at each frequency line to generate the broadband linear spectrum
 - New random variables for each frequency line

Method 1:

$$X_k = \alpha_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (A_k + jB_k)$$

Method 2:

$$X_k = \alpha_k e^{j\psi_k}$$

Comparison of Random Process Methods

- Generate multiple pure-tone signals (realizations) with Method 1 and Method 2

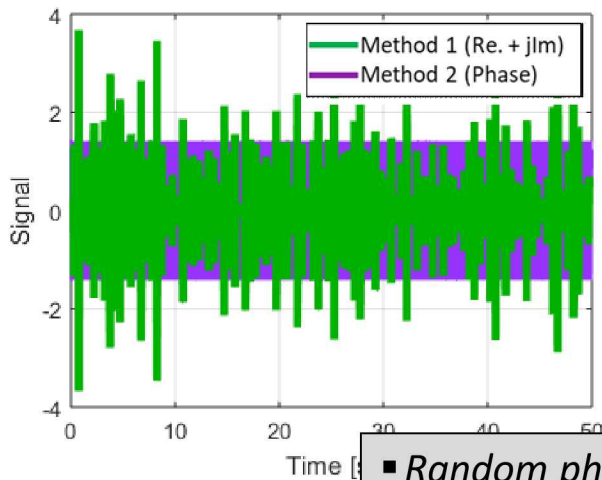
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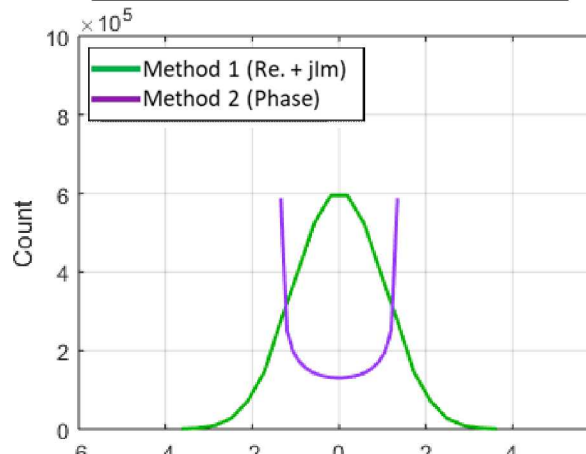
Method 2:

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Time Histories (100 Realizations)



Histogram of Signal Values



Variance & Peak Values

Method	Variance	Peak
Method 1	1.100	3.67
Method 2	1.000	1.41

- Random phase gives constant amplitude
- Random real & imaginary gives variations in the amplitudes, normal distribution of signal values
- With sufficient averages, both provide desired variance

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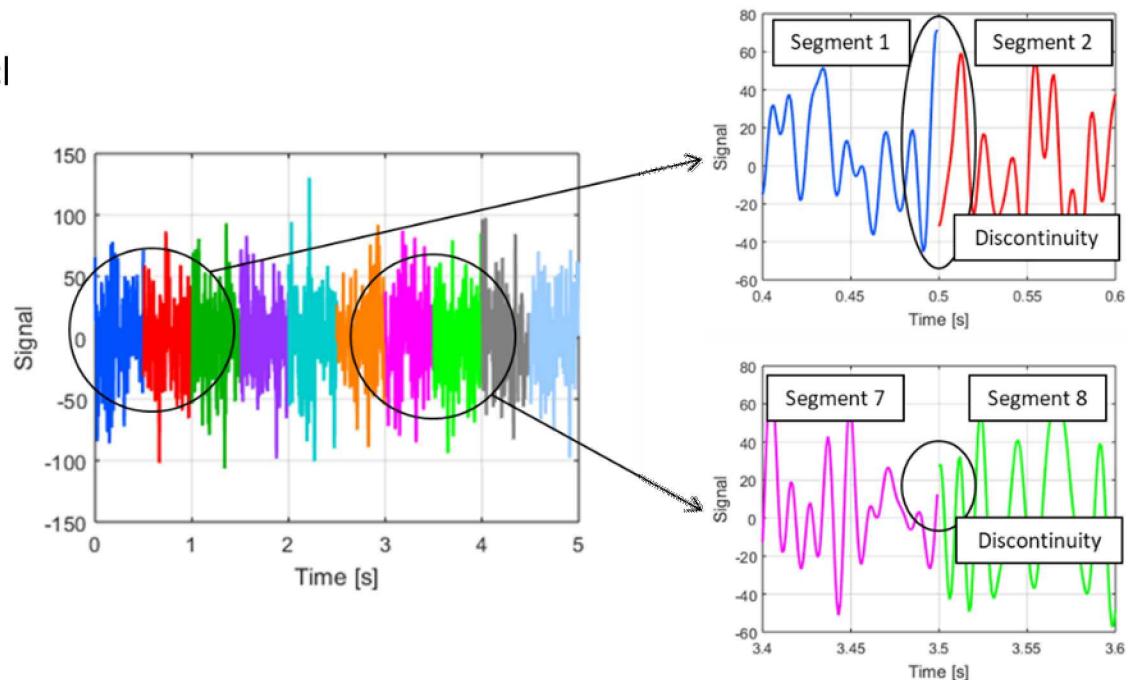
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Generating Smooth, Long-Duration Signals

- Premise:
 - Generally, sampling parameters result in a time history that is too short to be used for an entire vibration test
 - Need to generate multiple signals & put them together
- What's the challenge?
 - Each signal does not start & end at the same point – get a jump discontinuity
- Approach:
 - Apply a window to smooth each
 - Overlap & Add

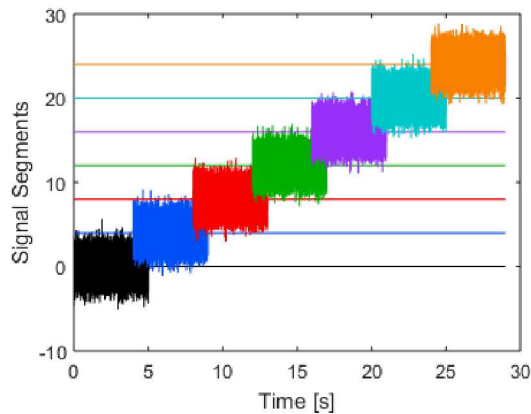
$$T_p = \frac{1}{df}$$



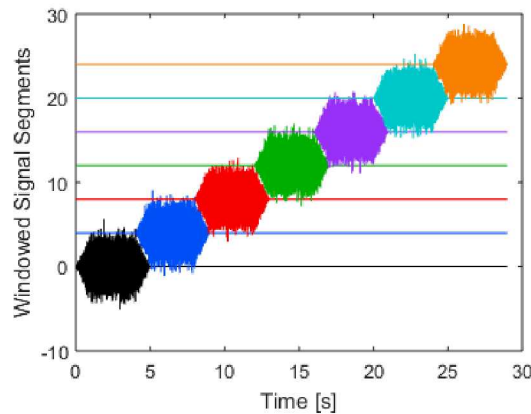
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■ Constant-Overlap & Add (COLA)

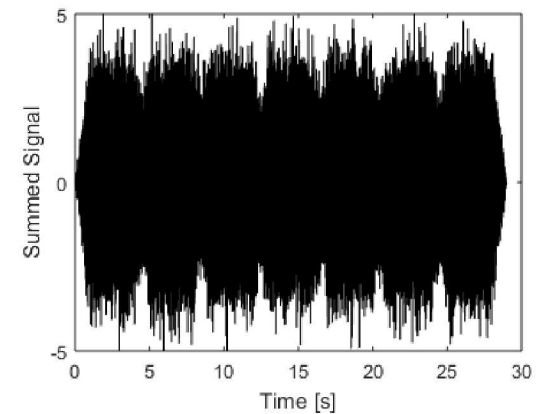
1. Generate Multiple Signals (Realizations) & Overlap in Time



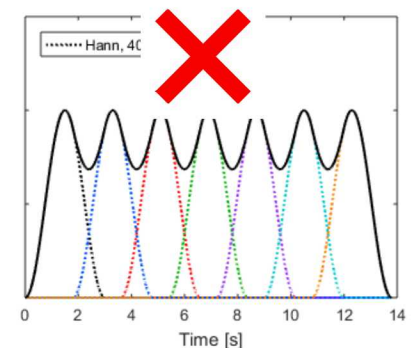
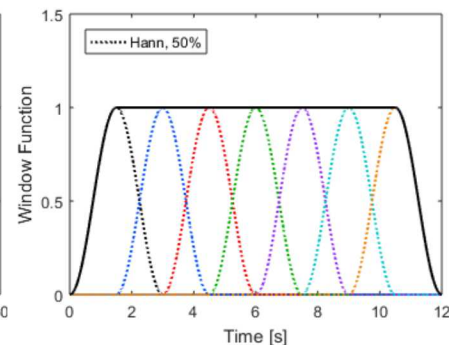
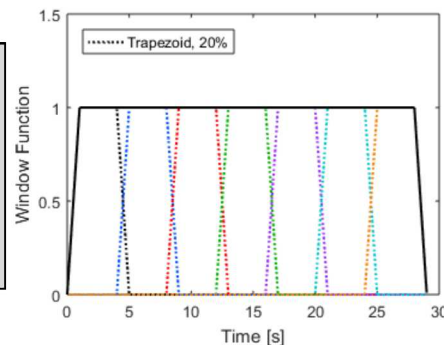
2. Window Each Signal to Taper the Ends to Zero



3. Add All Signals Together to Form a Long, Single Signal

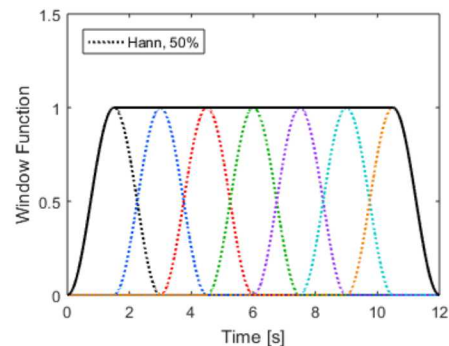


Note: Amount of Overlap Depends on the Window Type (Hann, Trap, Tukey, etc.)
Objective is to Achieve Sum of Windows Equal to One

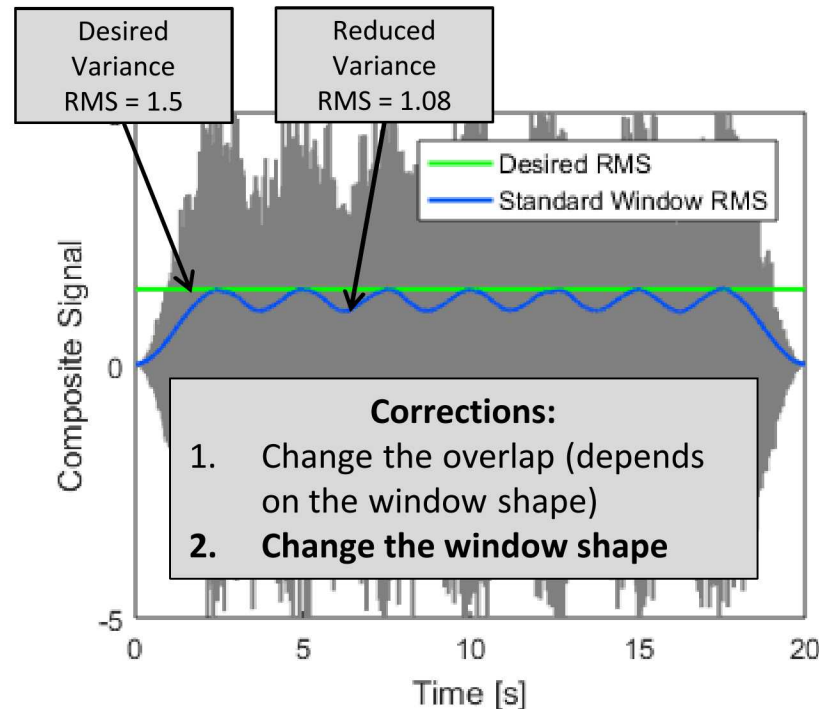


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- Typical overlap is not sufficient to achieve constant variance with random signals
- The summed window amplitude is 1, but the composite random signal has obvious variance deviations in the overlap region



Window: Hann with 50% Overlap



Determine how to change the window shape by looking at the variance of the composite signal

- Total signal = sum of two windowed signals:

$$x_{total} = wx_1 + wx_2$$

- Variance of the total signal:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum x_{total}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum (wx_1 + wx_2)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum (w^2 x_1^2 + w^2 x_2^2 + 2w^2 x_1 x_2)$$

- Variance of each individual signal is σ_0^2 :

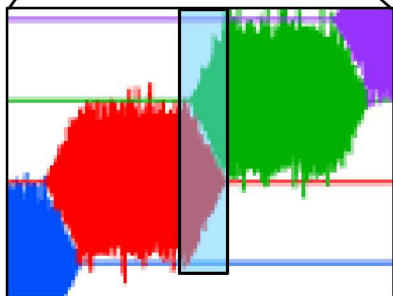
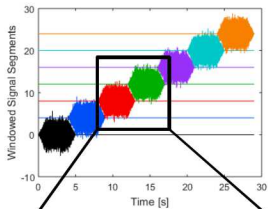
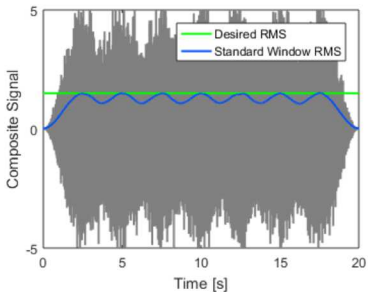
$$\sigma^2 = w^2 \sigma_0^2 + w^2 \sigma_0^2 + 2w^2 \frac{1}{N} \sum x_1 x_2 = w^2 \sigma_0^2 + w^2 \sigma_0^2$$

- See that the sum of the window functions squared must equal one:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= w^2 \sigma_0^2 + w^2 \sigma_0^2 = \sigma_0^2 (w^2 + w^2) \\ (w^2 + w^2) &= 1 \text{ instead of } w + w = 1 \end{aligned}$$

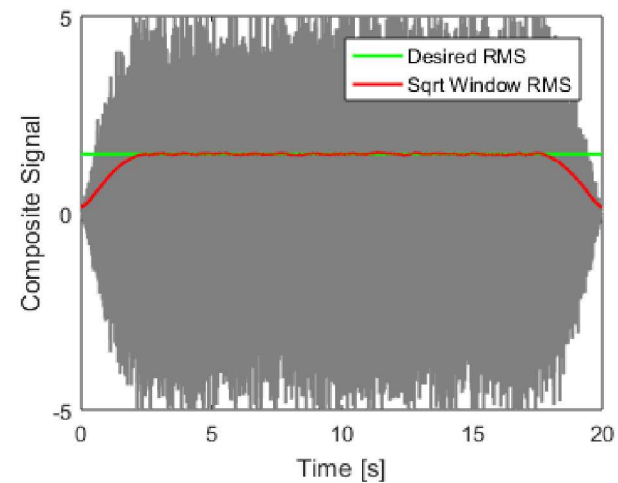
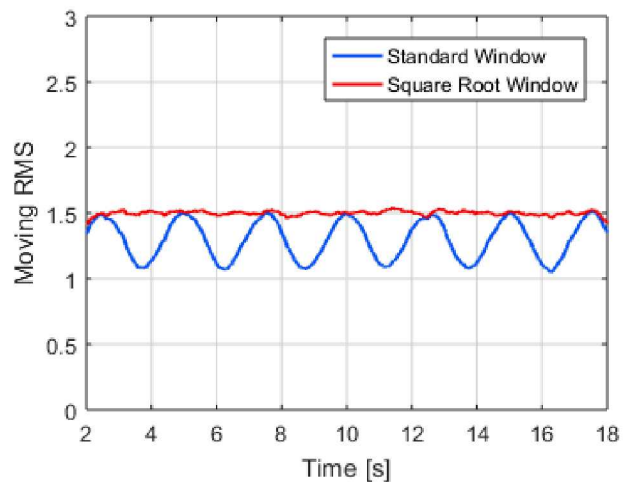
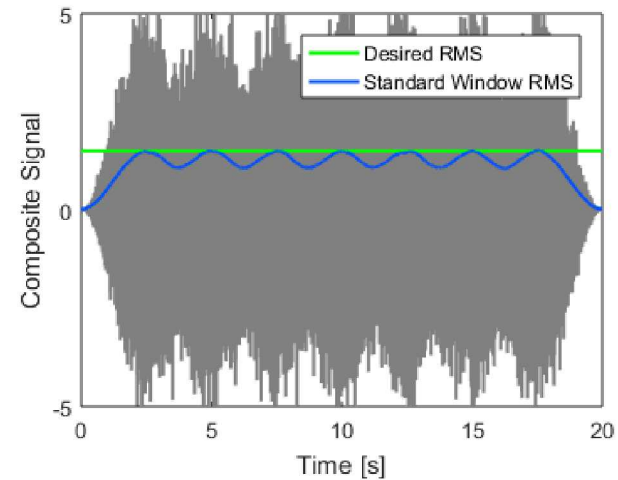
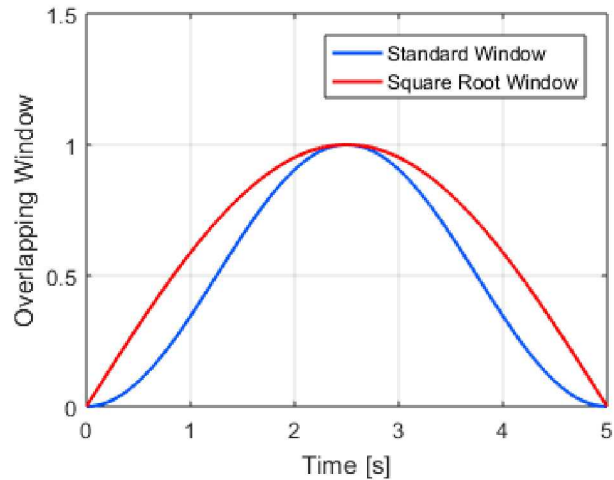
- Thus, the window functions should be the square root of the native window:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{w} &= \sqrt{w} \\ \hat{w}^2 + \hat{w}^2 &= w + w = 1 \\ x_{total} &= \hat{w}x_1 + \hat{w}x_2 \end{aligned}$$



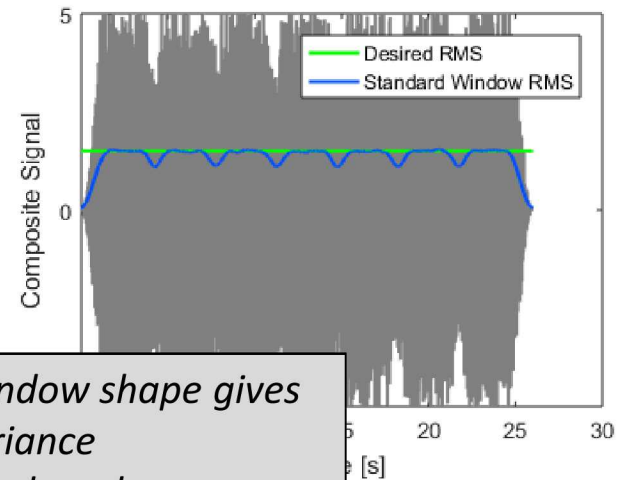
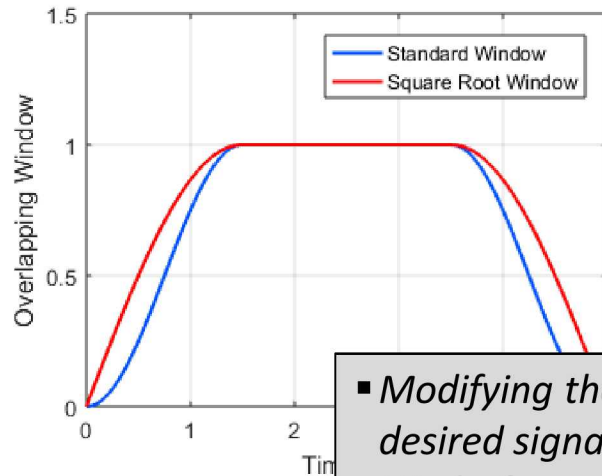
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Example: Hann Window

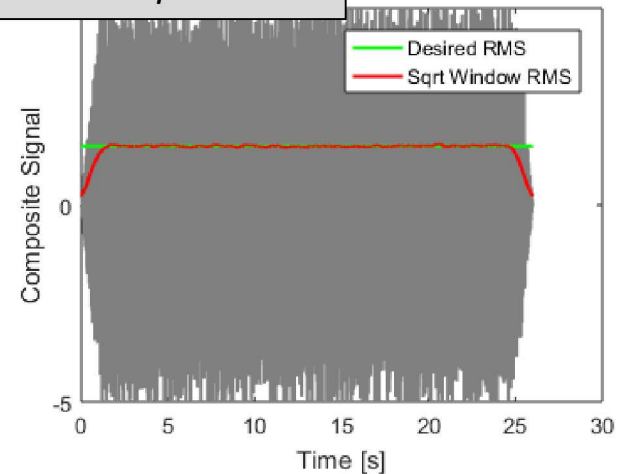
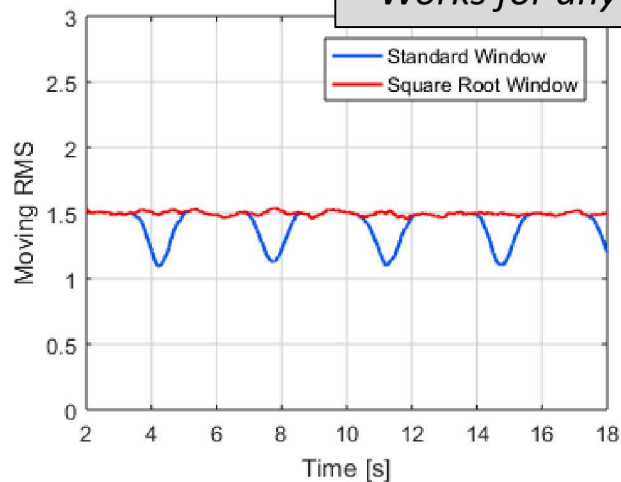


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Example: Tukey Window



- *Modifying the window shape gives desired signal variance*
- *Works for any window shape*



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- Premise:
 - In MIMO problems, the inputs are often correlated
 - Synthesized time signals must reflect this desired correlation, along with the amplitude
- What's the challenge?
 - How do you enforce correlation on multiple time signals?

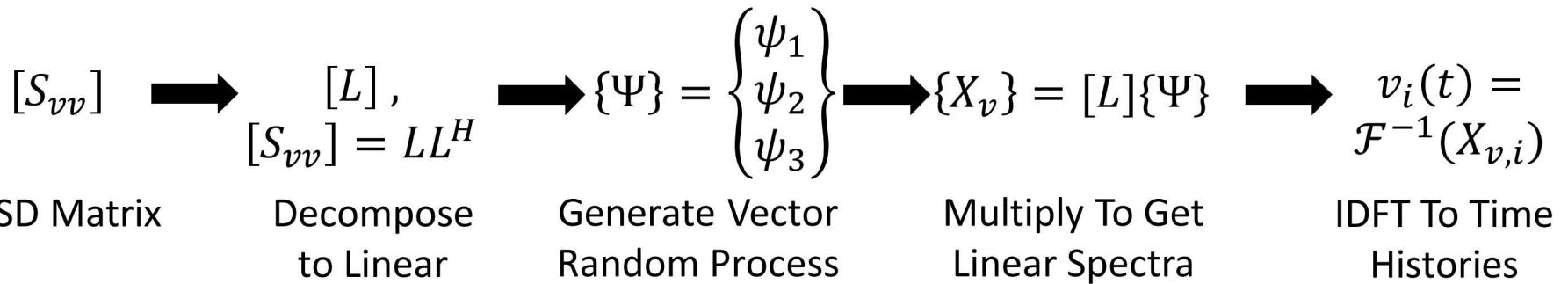
$$\begin{aligned} S_{aa} &= HS_{vv}H^H \\ S_{vv} &= H^+ S_{aa} H^{+H} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{vv} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & \cdots & S_{1N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{N1} & \cdots & S_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$



Correlated Inputs

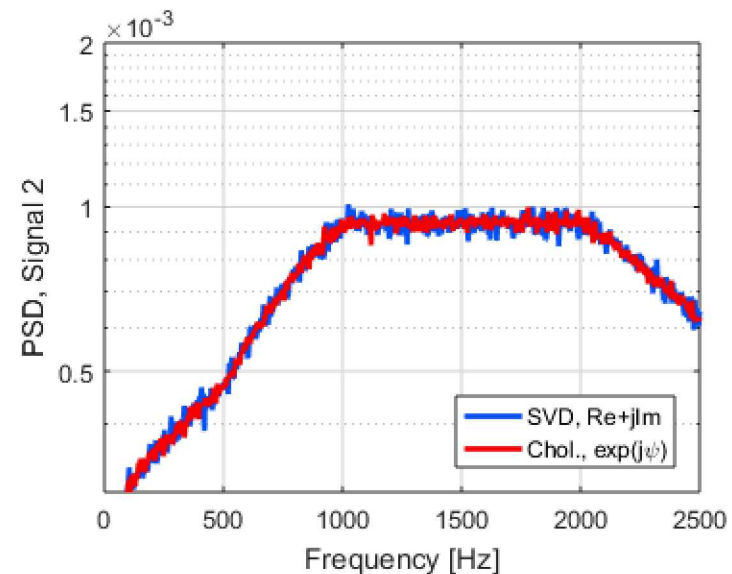
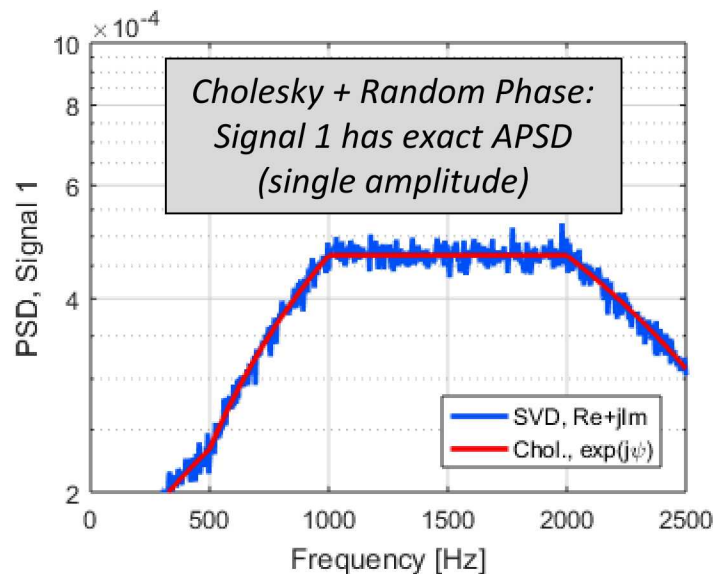
Synthesis of Multiply-Correlated Signals



- Start with desired voltage CPSD: $S_{vv} = H^+ S_{aa} H^{+H}$
- Matrix Decomposition:
 - Convert CPSD from power domain to linear domain (matrix square root)
 - Cholesky Decomposition: $[S_{vv}] = [L][L^H]$ (lower triangular matrix)
 - Singular Value Decomposition: $[S_{vv}] = [U][S][V]^H \rightarrow [L] = [U][S]^{\frac{1}{2}}[V]^H$
- Vector Random Process:
 - Vector of random variables (random phase or random real & imaginary parts), one for each signal
- Multiplying the $[L]$ matrix by the vector random process generates a realization of the multiply-correlated linear spectra, $\{X_v\}$

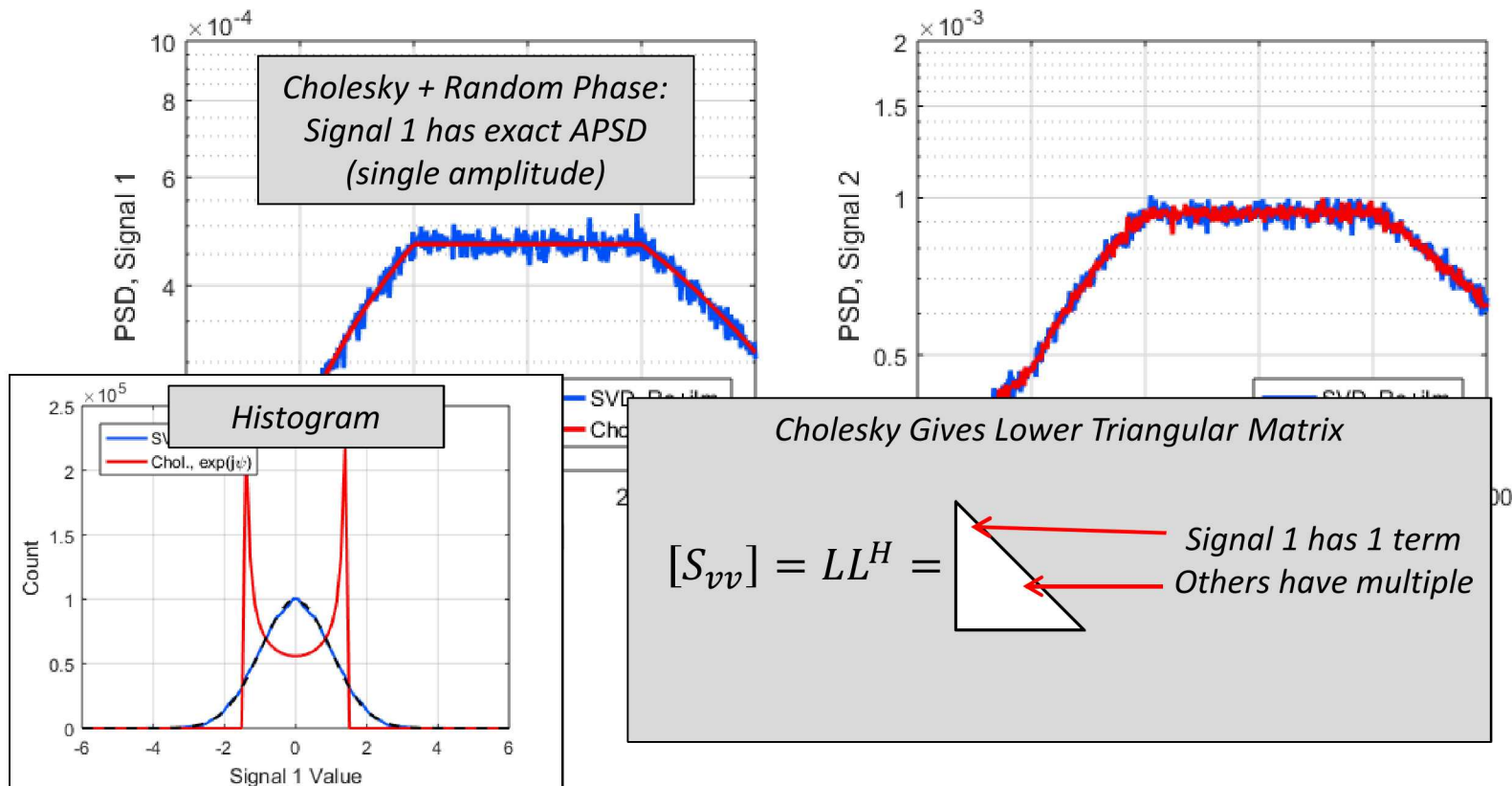
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 - 4 signals, coherence of 0.25, phase of $\pi/4$ for all frequency lines. 100 averages



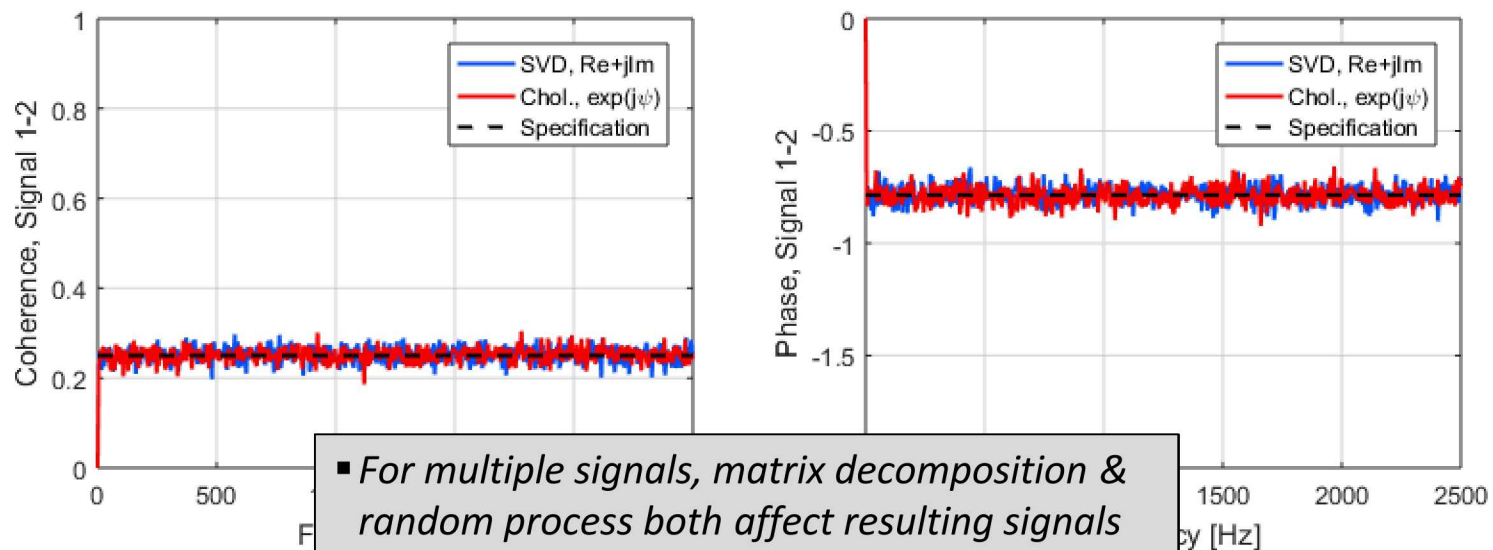
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- For multiple signals, matrix decomposition & random process both affect resulting signals
- On average, signals match the desired APSD, coherence and phase

Conclusions:

Generating multiply-correlated signals for MIMO testing

**Goal: Enable the Use of New MIMO Control Algorithms
for Multi-Shaker Vibration Testing**

1. Synthesis of Single Time Signal from APSD

- Not deterministic – use random sampling
- One average, signals represent desired APSD
- Random process matters – real & imaginary vs. phase

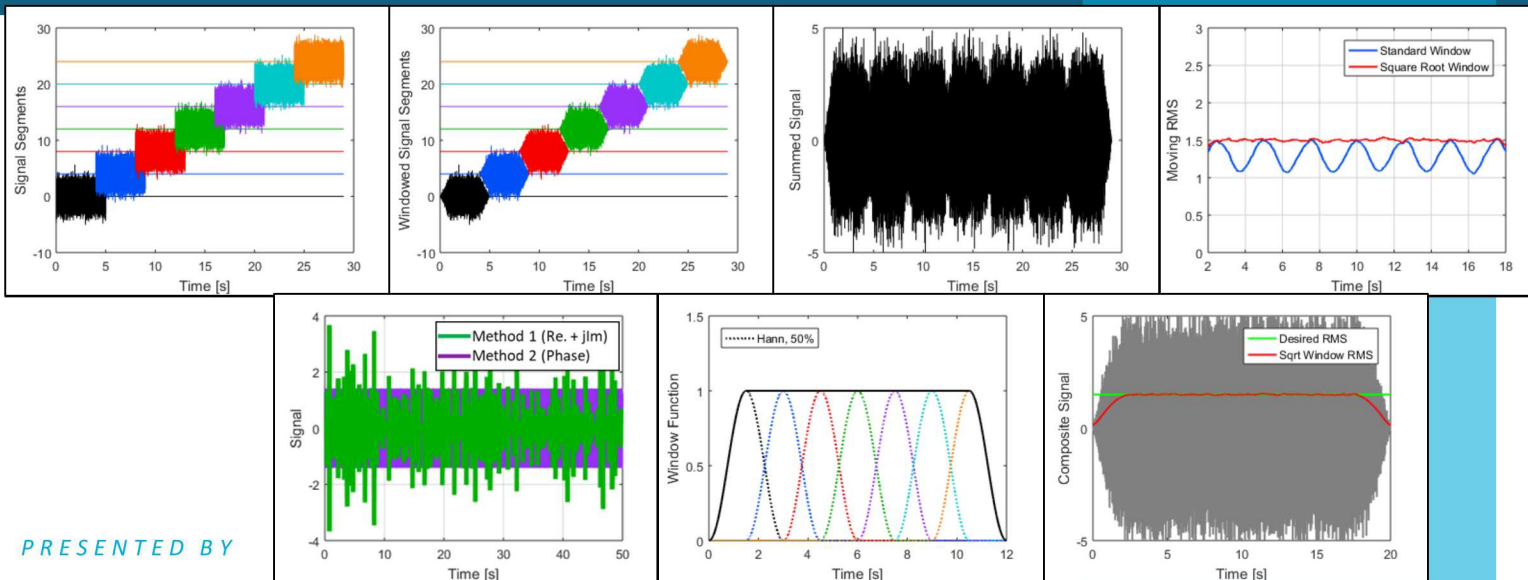
2. Generating Smooth, Long-Duration Signals

- Used to concatenate multiple, short signals into longer signal for a test
- COLA smooths the transitions
- Changing to a square-root window function preserves variance

3. Synthesis of Multiply-Correlated Signals

- Procedure is similar to single signals
- Convert from power to linear space with a matrix decomposition (Cholesky or SVD)
- Random process is now a vector with Nsignals terms
- Type of decomposition and random process affects the resultant signals

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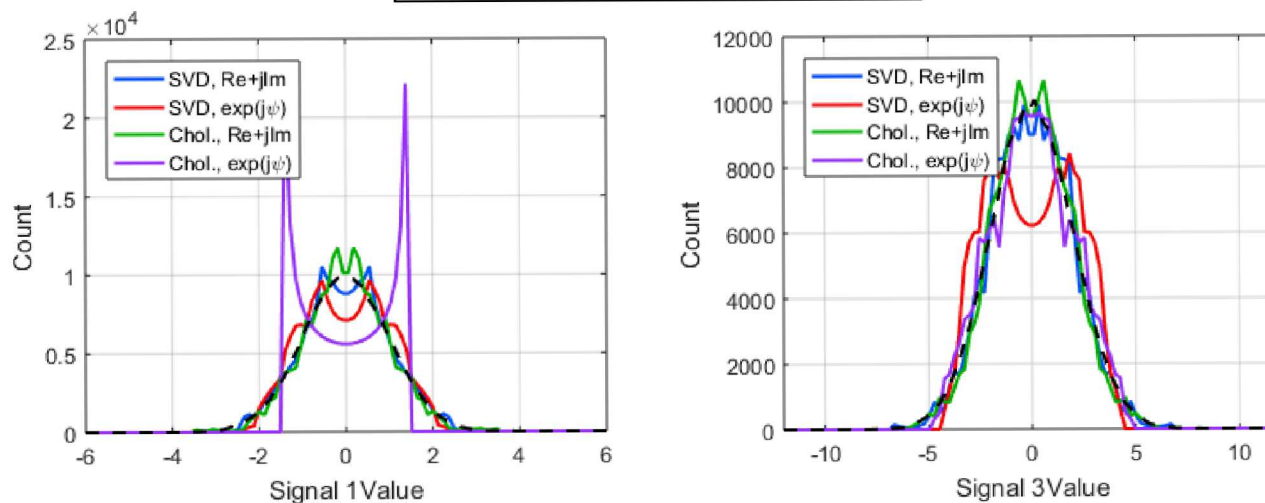
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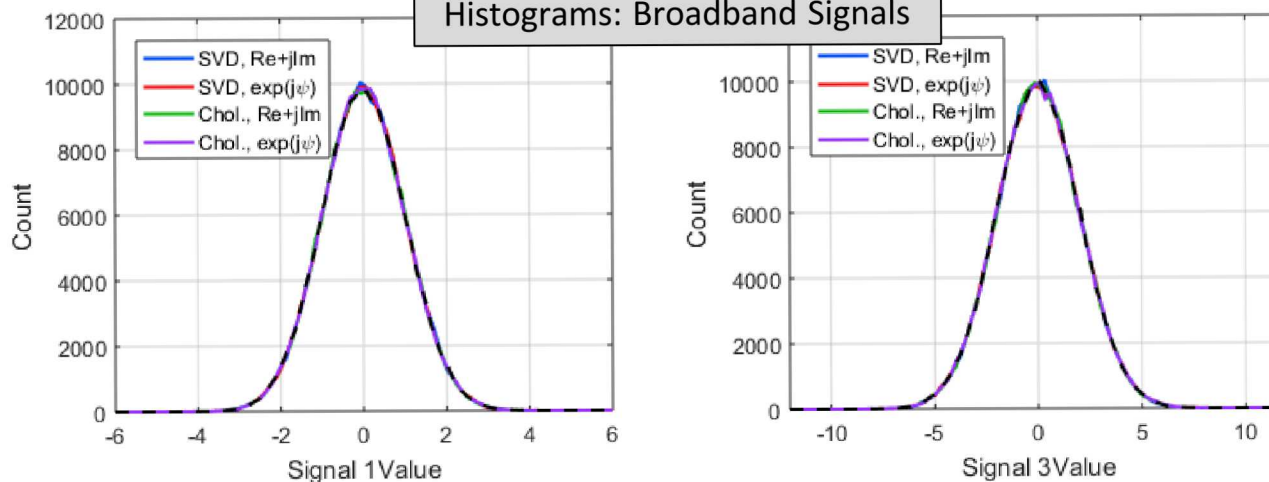


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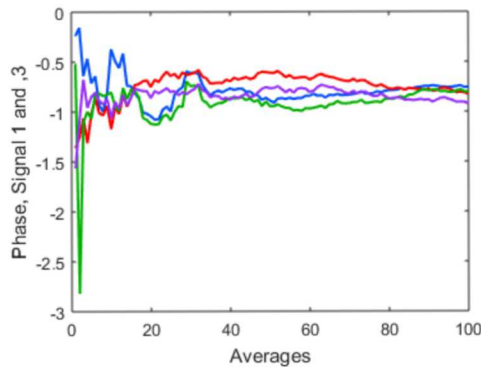
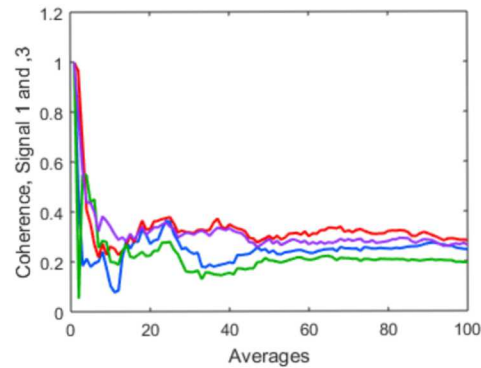
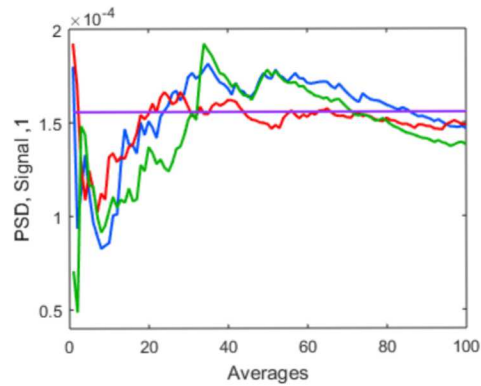
Histograms: Tone Signals



Histograms: Broadband Signals



Backups: Synthesis of Multiply-Correlated Signals



Broadband Signals

