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TO: HIPPO reprocessing file  
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SUBJECT: Filtered vertical wind variable WIF

This script applies a high-pass filter to the vertical wind variable WIC and produces a new variable WIF. Another new variable called WIX is included and is set to either WIC or WIF, the former when it appears adequate and the latter when filtering leads to enough improvement to make WIF a better choice for vertical-wind variable.

This memo is for the HIPPO-5 project, flight rf02, for which the variable WIX is set to WIF. The following shows the very simple R statements that implement a 3rd-order high-pass Butterworth filter, after some protection against missing values in the original data. The result is a new variable WIF, plotted below.

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CutoffFreq <- 600 * Rate      ## Rate is defined above,  
                             ## 1 or 25 for std or high-rate file  
d <- zoo::na.approx (as.vector(Data$WIC), maxgap=100*Rate, na.rm = FALSE)  
d[is.na(d)] <- 0  
Data$WIF <- Data$WIC - signal::filtfilt( signal::butter (3, 1/CutoffFreq), d)  
plotWAC(Data[, c("Time", "WIC", "WIF")])  
title(sprintf("Project %s Flight %s", Project, Flight))
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The existing data file is then copied to a new file named [oldName]F.nc, and two variables are added to that file along with appropriate variable attributes:

- WIF, which is WIC after high-pass filtering
- WIX, which is either WIC or WIF depending on which appears to be better. The default is WIF.

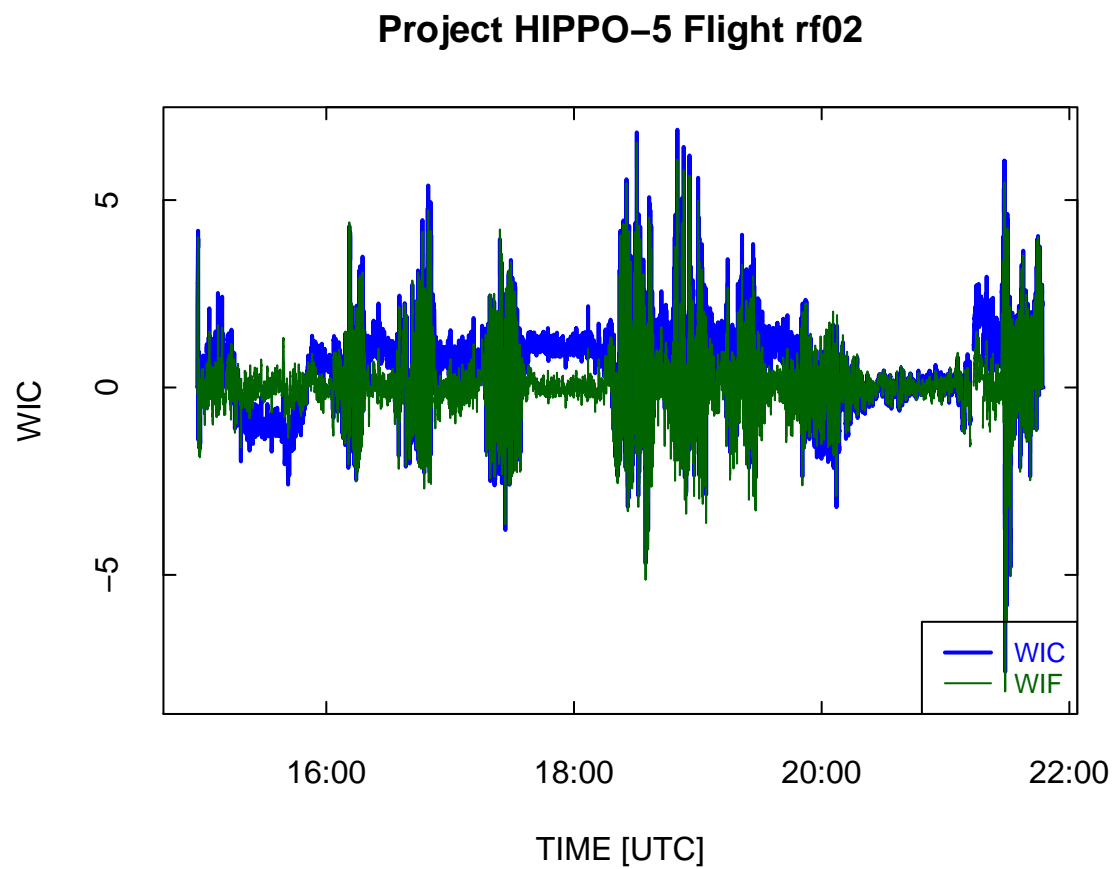


Figure 1: Comparison of unfiltered and filtered values for the vertical wind.

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Reproducibility:

PROJECT: FilterForWIC  
ARCHIVE PACKAGE: FilterForWIC.zip  
CONTAINS: attachment list below  
PROGRAM: FilterForWIC.Rnw  
ORIGINAL DATA: /scr/raf\_data/HIPPO-5/rf02.nc  
WORKFLOW: WorkflowFilterForWIC.pdf  
GIT: <https://github.com/WilliamCooper/Reprocessing/blob/master/FilterForWIC.zip>

Attachments: FilterForWIC.Rnw  
FilterForWIC.pdf  
DGF.dot  
FilterForWIC.Rdata  
WorkflowFilterForWIC.pdf  
SessionInfo