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This document describes the physical data layout of Delta NMR Data Files version 1.2.

This document may be used to translate Delta NMR data into other formats. This document is NOT sufficient to translate other formats into Delta NMR format. There are various semantic and alignment issues which are not discussed here.

The data file is divided into these sections, in this order: Header Section History Section List Section Parameter Section Data Section Context Section Annotation Section

The History, Context, and Annotation sections are beyond the scope of this document and are not discussed.

The data file begins with the Header at file offset 0. All fields in the header are always Big Endian format. The offsets for the other sections are stored in the Header. The History and List sections are always stored in big endian format. The Parameter, Data, Context, and Annotation sections may be stored in either big or little endian formats, according to the Endian header field.

Header Section

Each line begins with the name of a header field, followed by its offset from the beginning of the file, its size in bytes, and its type. Detailed descriptions of each field follow.

The file supports up to 8 dimensions, so each field which is listed "per axis" is an array of 8 elements. All comments that refer to Name[n] are referring to the nth element of the array (starting from 1) corresponding to axis n.

Field Name	Offset	Size	Туре
File_Identifier	0	8	String
Endian	8	1	Enum
Major_Version	9	1	Unsigned
Minor_Version	10	2	Unsigned
Data_Dimension_Number	12	1	Unsigned
Data_Dimension_Exist	13	1	1-Bit Boolean per axis
Data_Type	14	2/8	Enum (2-Bits)
Data_Format	14	6/8	Enum (6-Bits)
Instrument	15	1	Enum
Translate	16	8	1-Byte Unsigned per axis
Data_Axis_Type	24	8	1-Byte Enum per axis

Data_Units	32	16	2-Byte Unit Structure per axis	
Title	48	124	String	
Data_Axis_Ranged	172	4	4-Bit Enum per axis	
Data_Points	176	32	4-Byte Unsigned per axis	
Data_Offset_Start	208	32	4-Byte Unsigned per axis	
Data_Offset_Stop	240	32	4-Byte Unsigned per axis	
Data_Axis_Start	272	64	Double per axis	
Data_Axis_Stop	336	64	Double per axis	
Creation_Time	400	4	Time Structure	
Revision_Time	404	4	Time Structure	
Node_Name	408	16	String	
Site	424	128	String	
Author	552	128	String	
Comment	680	128	String	
Data_Axis_Titles	808	256	32-Byte String per axis	
Base_Freq	1064	64	Double per Axis	
Zero_Point	1128		Double per Axis	
Reversed	1192	8	1-Bit Boolean per axis	
reserved	1200	3		
Annotation_Ok		•	1-Bit boolean	
reserved	1203 7/8	rest	of byte	
History_Used	1204	4	Unsigned	
History_Length	1208	4	Unsigned	
Param_Start	1212	4	Unsigned	
Param_Length	1216	4	Unsigned	
List_Start	1220	32	4-Byte Unsigned per axis	
List_Length	1252	32	4-Byte Unsigned per axis	
Data_Start	1284	4	Unsigned	
Data_Length	1288	8	Unsigned	
Context Start	1296	8	Unsigned	
Context Length	1304	4	Unsigned	
Annote Start	1308	8	Unsigned	
Annote Length	1316	4	Unsigned	
Total Size	1320	8	Unsigned	
Unit Location	1328	8	1-Byte Unsigned per axis	
Extended Units	1336	24	2 12-Byte Unit Structures	
File_Identifier offset 0 size 8 type String This is used as a file type identifier. The possible values and their meanings: "JEOL.NMR" Normal Delta NMR file "RMN.LOEJ" File was not properly closed, data may be lost or inconsistent				
Endian offset 8 size 1 type Enum The byte order of the Parameter, Data, Context, and Annotation sections. Does not apply to Header, History, or List sections, which are always big endian. 0 = Big Endian 1 = Little Endian				
Major_Version offset 9 size 1 type Unsigned The major version number of this file format. This value must be 1.				
Minor_Version	offset	10	size 2 type Unsigned	

The minor version number of this file format. This value must be 2. Data Dimension Number offset 12 size 1 type Unsigned The number of dimensions of data in this file. Valid range is 1 to 8. Data Dimension Exist offset 13 size 1 type 1-Bit Boolean per axis An array of Booleans indicating which dimensions exist. bits 7 to 0 correspond to axes x, y, z, a, b, c, d, e NOTE: These do not refer to the physical layout of the file, only to the displayed layout. (i.e. if only bits 6,5 are set, this refers to a 2-D file displayed in the y and z dimensions, the files format may be greater that 2-D) Data Type offset 14 size 2/8 type Enum The data_type will most often be 0 (64Bits) for all data files. Newer systems may choose 1 (32Bits) for data areas larger than 0.5GB 0 = 64Bit Float 1 = 32Bit Float 2 = Reserved3 = ReservedData Format offset 14 size 6/8 type Enum The physical layout of data in the file. See Data Section below for information on what each of these means for the data layout. 1 = One D2 = Two D3 = Three D4 = Four D5 = Five D6 = Six D7 =Seven D 8 = Eight D9 - 11 are not for NMR data formats 12 = Small Two D 13 = Small_Three_D 14 = Small Four D Instrument offset 15 size 1 type Enum The type of instrument/software this data was originally obtained from. 0 = NONE1 = GSX2 = ALPHA3 = ECLIPSE 4 = MASS SPEC 5 = COMPILER 6 = OTHER NMR 7 = UNKNOWN8 = GEMINI 9 = UNITY 10 = ASPECT11 = UX12 = FELIX13 = LAMBDA14 = GE 128015 = GE OMEGA

- 16 = CHEMAGNETICS
- 17 = CDFF
- 18 = GALACTIC
- 19 = TRIAD
- 20 = GENERIC_NMR
- 21 = GAMMA
- $22 = JCAMP_DX$
- 23 = AMX
- 24 = DMX
- 25 = ECA
- 26 = ALICE
- 27 = NMR PIPE
- 28 = SIMPSON

Translate offset 16 size 8 type 1-Byte Unsigneds
An array of 8 values that translates from the display dimensions in
Data_Dimension_Exist to the internal dimensions of the file. (i.e.
values of {3,1,2,4,5,6,7,8} means the axis displayed in X is stored
in axis 3, the y axis is stored in axis 1, the z axis in axis 2).
A raw unprocessed file should always have values of {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}
Valid range for each element is 1 to 8.

- IMPORTANT: All the following fields which are arrays of 8 elements refer to the internal layout of the axes NOT the displayed axes. Internal layouts always use contiguous dimensions starting with axis 1.
- Data_Axis_Type offset 24 size 8 type 1-Byte Enum per axis An array of 8 enumerations. Each element indicates the type of data for that axis. These values interact with Data_Format to determine data layout in the Data Section. 0 = None
 - Axis is not used.
 - 1 = Real
 - Axis has real data only, no imaginary.
 - 2 = TPPI
 - 3 = Complex
 - Axis has complex data.
 - 4 = Real Complex

Axis should be accessed as complex when it is the major axis, accessed as real otherwise. This is only valid when all axes in use have this setting.

5 = Envelope

Behaves the same way as a Real_Complex dimension but the data has different meaning. Instead of being treated as real and imaginary parts of a complex number, the data should be treated as minimum and maximum parts of a projection. This is used for the data that results from an envelope projection.

Data_Units offset 32 size 16 type 2-Byte Unit per axis An array of 8 SI units. Each element is the SI unit to be applied to the ruler for that axis. The format of each unit: Prefix offset 0 bits 7..4 4-Bit Signed Enum The SI prefix. -8 = Yotta -7 = Zetta

-6 = Exa-5 = Pecta -4 = Tera-3 = Giga-2 = Mega-1 = Kilo0 = None1 = Milli 2 = Micro3 = Nano 4 = Pico5 = Femto6 = Atto7 = Zepto Power offset 0 bits 3..0 4-Bit Integer The power of the unit. This is signed, so -1 is 1/unit. 0 is only valid if unit is None. offset 1 1-Byte Enum Base The SI base unit (with some extensions). 0 = None1 = Abundance2 = Ampere3 = Candela 4 = Celsius5 = Coulomb6 = Degree7 = Electronvolt 8 = Farad 9 = Sievert 10 = Gram11 = Gray12 = Henry13 = Hertz14 = Kelvin 15 = Joule 16 = Liter17 = Lumen18 = Lux19 = Meter20 = Mole21 = Newton22 = Ohm23 = Pascal24 = Percent25 = Point26 = Ppm27 = Radian28 = Second29 = Siemens30 = Steradian 31 = Tesla 32 = Volt33 = Watt34 = Weber35 = Decibel

36 = Dalton37 = Thompson<-- Treated as None, but never displayed 38 = Ugeneric 39 = LPercent <-- Treated as percent for display, but different for comparison 40 = PPT<-- Parts per trillion (Private, do not use) 41 = PPB<-- Parts per billion (Private, do not use) 42 = IndexTitle offset 48 size 124 type String The title to be displayed. The string is null terminated except when all bytes are used. This is in UTF-8 encoding for newer files, but older files may contain ASCII.BEL encoding for non Latin characters. This is true for all Strings in the file. Data Axis Ranged offset 172 size 4 type 4-Bit Enum per axis An array of 8 enumerations. Axis 1 is the high nibble of byte 0, axis 2 is the low nibble of byte 0, etc. 0 = RangedThe ruler for the axis ranges from Data Axis Start[n] to Data Axis Stop[n] with a step function of (Data Axis Stop[n] - Data Axis Start[n]) / (Data Offset Stop[n] - Data Offset Start[n]) 1 = Listed (deprecated) The ruler for the axis is a list of doubles stored in the List Section. Values in the ruler may be anything. 2 = SparseThe ruler for the axis is a list of doubles stored in the List Section. Values in the rulers must be strictly monotonically increasing or decreasing. 3 = ListedThe ruler for the axis is a list of doubles stored in the List Section. Values in the rulers do not fit definition of Sparse. offset 176 size 32 Data Points type 4-Byte Unsigned per axis An array of 8 unsigned integers. Each element indicates how many data points are STORED for each axis. Some of this range may not be valid. Data Offset Start[n] and Data Offset Stop[n] indicate the valid range of data. A value of 1 indicates the axis is not used. Valid values for this depend on the Data Format. e.q. if Data Points[1] = 512 Data Offset Start[1] = 5 Data Offset Stop[1] = 500, then one vector of data has 512 data points but the first 5 points and last 11 points are not valid data. Data Offset Start offset 208 size 32 type 4-Byte Unsigned per axis An array of 8 unsigned integers. Each element indicates the offset where valid data begins for that axis. The valid range is 0 to Data_Offset_Stop[n]. Data Offset Stop type 4-Byte Unsigned per axis offset 240 size 32 An array of 8 unsigned integers. Each element indicates the offset where valid data ends for that axis. The valid range is Data Offset Start[n] to Data points[n] - 1. Data Axis Start offset 272 size 64 type Double per axis An array of 8 doubles. Each element is the first value of the

ruler (corresponding to Data_Offset_Start[n]). Data Axis Stop offset 336 size 64 type Double per axis An array of 8 doubles. Each element is the last value of the ruler (corresponding to Data Offset Stop[n]). Creation Time offset 400 size 4 type Time Structure The creation time of the original data file. Uses JEOL universal time format. The Time Structure contains: Vear offset 0 bits 31..25 7-Bit Unsigned The Year is offset by 1990 (value 0 is the year 1990). Month offset 0 bits 24..21 4-Bit Unsigned Month is 1 to 12. Day offset 0 bits 20..16 5-Bit Unsigned Day is 1 to 31. Day Fraction offset 2 2-Byte Unsigned Day Fraction is the 1/65535 part of the day. Multiply this value by 86400/65535 (=1.318379) to get seconds since midnight. NOTE: Because the fields do not fall on byte boundaries, you can not just swap the bytes to read this on a Little Endian machine. Revision Time offset 404 size 4 type Time Structure The time of last change to the data portion of the file. Uses JEOL universal time format (see description in Creation Time). Node Name offset 408 size 16 type String The name of the computer on which the file was collected / converted. The string is null terminated except when all bytes are used. Site offset 424 size 128 type String The physical site where the file was collected / converted. The string is null terminated except when all bytes are used. Author offset 552 size 128 type String The author / owner of the file. The string is null terminated except when all bytes are used. Comment offset 680 size 128 type String The comment to be display. The string is null terminated except when all bytes are used.

- Data_Axis_Titles offset 808 size 256 type 32-Byte String per axis An array of 8 32-Byte strings. Each element is the title to be displayed for that axis. The string is null terminated except when all bytes are used.
- Base_Freq offset 1064 size 64 type Double per axis An array of 8 doubles. Each element is the base spectrometer frequency for that axis in Megahertz. This value is used for hertz <--> ppm unit conversion.

- Zero_Point offset 1128 size 64 type Double per axis An array of 8 doubles. Each element stores the location of 0 on the ruler when in hertz. It is stored as a fraction of the total vector length with a bias of 0.5. i.e. A value of 0 means that ruler value 0 is exactly halfway between the endpoints, a value of -0.5 means that ruler value 0 is exactly on the first data point.
- Reversed offset 1192 size 8 type 1-Bit Boolean per axis An array 8 booleans. Each element indicates whether the data was collected in a reverse method (True = NType, False = PType). This should only ever be set on data which has not been Fourier transformed.
- Annotation_Ok offset 1203 size 1/8 type 1-Bit Boolean True if the annotation database has been verified.
- History_Used offset 1204 size 4 type Unsigned The length of the History Section (the amount of space that is actually used). The History Section starts immediately following the Header at offset 1360.
- History_Length offset 1208 size 4 type Unsigned Total amount of space allocated for the History Section. The History Section starts immediately following the Header at offset 1360.
- Param_Start offset 1212 size 4 type Unsigned The offset from the beginning of the file where the Parameter Section is stored.
- Param_Length offset 1216 size 4 type Unsigned The length of the Parameter Section. The value is 0 if no Parameter Section is present.
- List_Start offset 1220 size 32 type 4-Byte Unsigned per axis An array of 8 unsigned integers. Each element is the offset from the beginning of the file where the ruler list for that axis is stored (if it exists). The list is an array of doubles which must have the same number of elements as Data_Points[n]. Data_Offset_Start[n] and Data Offset Stop[n] apply just as they do for a data vector.
- List_Length offset 1252 size 32 type 4-Byte Unsigned per axis An array of 8 unsigned integers. Each element is the length in bytes of the ruler list for that axis. This value should either be 0 if no list is present, or 8 * Data_Points[n].
- Data_Start offset 1284 size 4 type Unsigned The offset from the beginning of the file where the Data Section is stored.
- Data_Length offset 1288 size 8 type Unsigned The length of the Data Section. The value is 0 if no Data Section is present.
- Context_Start offset 1296 size 8 type Unsigned The offset from the beginning of the file where the Context Section

is stored.

- Context_Length offset 1304 size 4 type Unsigned The length of the Context Section. The value is 0 if no Context Section is present. Annote Start offset 1308 size 8 type Unsigned
- The offset from the beginning of the file where the Annotation Section is stored.
- Annote_Length offset 1316 size 4 type Unsigned The length of the Annotation Section. The value is 0 if no Annotation Section is present.
- Total_Size offset 1320 size 8 type Unsigned The total length of the file. This value must be less than or equal to the actual length of the file.
- Unit_Location offset 1328 size 8 type 1-Byte Unsigned per axis An array of 8 values, one for each axis. If non-zero indicates which of the 2 Compound_Units to use for this axis. Only 2 axes can have compound units.
- Compound_Units offset 1336 size 24 type 12-Byte Compound Unit Structure An array of 2 12-byte unit structures. Each Compound Unit consists of:
 - Unit_Scaler offset 0 size 2 Integer The units are multiplied by 10**Unit_Scaler if this value is not 0. i.e. Megahertz can be stored as either unit:megahertz,scaler:0 or as unit:hertz,scaler:6. Whenever possible this value should be 0.
 - Units offset 4 size 10 5 2-Byte Unit Structures An array of 5 Structures. Each element is a Unit structure. See header field Data_Unit for the definition of this structure. There are 5 of these so that compound units may be expressed.

Parameter Section

The Parameter Section starts at the offset specified by the Parameter_Start header field. The Parameter Section contains the settings of the spectrometer and the experiment that were used to collect the data. This section is optional.

There is a small header on this section which consists of these fields. The offset is relative to the start of the Parameter Section.

Field Name	Offset	Size	Туре
Parameter_Size	0	4	Unsigned
Low_Index	4	4	Unsigned
High_Index	8	4	Unsigned
Total Size	12	4	Unsigned

- Parameter_Size offset 0 size 4 type Unsigned The size in bytes of one parameter. The value should be 64.
- Low_Index offset 4 size 4 type Unsigned The low array index. The value should be 0.
- High_Index offset 8 size 4 type Unsigned The high array index. The number of parameters is High_Index + 1.
- Total_Size offset 12 size 4 type Unsigned The total size of all parameters, not including this header. The value should be (High Index + 1) * 64

Immediately following the parameter header at offset 16 is an array of parameters.

Each parameter consists of these fields. The offset is relative to the start of each parameter.

Field Name	Offset	Size	Туре
Class	0	4	Class Structure
Unit_Scaler	4	2	Integer
Units	6	10	5 2-Byte Unit Structures
Value	16	16	Union
Value_Type	32	4	Enumeration
Name	36	28	String

- Class offset 0 size 4 type Class Structure This is an internal structure used for spectrometer control. Not documented here.
- Unit_Scaler offset 4 size 2 type Integer The units are multiplied by 10**Unit_Scaler if this value is not 0. i.e. Megahertz can be stored as either unit:megahertz,scaler:0 or as unit:hertz,scaler:6. Whenever possible this value should be 0.
- Units offset 6 size 10 type 5 2-Byte Unit Structures An array of 5 Structures. Each element is a Unit structure. See header field Data_Unit for the definition of this structure. There are 5 of these so that compound units may be expressed.

Value offset 16 size 16 type Union The type of this field and the exact size depends on the value of Value_Type. These are the definitions for each Value_Type value. The byte order of the value is determined by the Endian header field. String A 16-Byte string which is padded with spaces. Integer A 4-Byte integer. Float An 8-Byte double. Complex 2 8-Byte doubles, the real value first (offset 16) followed by the

imaginary value (offset 24). Infinity A 4-Byte enumeration. 1 = Negative Infinity 2 = Minus One 3 = Zero4 = Positive One5 = Positive Infinity Value_Type offset 32 size 4 type Enumeration 0 = String1 = Integer2 = Float3 = Complex4 = InfinityName offset 36 size 28 type String This is the parameter name. The strings are padded with spaces to the full length. There is an optional extended parameter store in the context section which encodes name value pairs in a streaming format. Data Section _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ The exact format of the Data Section is determined by both the Data Format and Data Axis Type header fields. All data is stored as doubles with the

This section is divided into multiple sections, one for each double of a (hyper)complex value. The number of sections is therefore determined by the Data Axis Type header field.

In general the number of sections is 2**number of complex dims.

The length of each section is simply all the Data_Points multiplied together times 8 bytes.

The format of each section is determined by the Data_Format header field. In specific the format is described as a row major order nD array of row major order nD arrays of doubles. Each format has a fixed size submatrix of doubles, with the number of those submatrices determined by the number of Data_Points. As a result Data_Points[n] must be a multiple of the edge length of that format's specific submatrix.

The submatrix size for each format is given below.

Endian header field determining the byte order.

Data_Format	Submatrix Edge	Total	Submatrix Points
One_D	8	8	(8**1)
Two_D	32	1024	(32**2)
Three_D	8	512	(8**3)
Four_D	8	4096	(8**4)
Five_D	4	1024	(4**5)

4 Six D 4096 (4**6) 2 Seven D 128 (2**7) Eight D Eight_D 2 Small_Two_D 4 256 (2**8) 16 (4**2) 64 Small Three D 4 (4**3) Small Four D 4 256 (4**4) Examples: 1D Real, 512 points Data Axis Type[1..8] = [Real, None, None, None, None, None, None] number of sections : 1 section format : vector of 512 doubles 1D Complex, 512 points Data Axis Type[1..8] = [Complex,None,None,None,None,None,None] number of sections : 2 (Real, Imaginary) section format : vector of 512 doubles 2D Real, 256 x 64 points Data Points[1..8] = [256, 64, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]Data Axis Type[1..8] = [Real, Real, None, None, None, None, None] = Two D Data Format number of sections : 1 section format : 16 total submatrices laid out 8 x 2 each submatrix is 32 x 32 doubles 2D Complex, 512 x 128 points Data Points[1..8] = [512, 128, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]Data_Axis_Type[1..8] = [Real Complex, Real Complex, None, None, None, None, None, None] Data Format = Two D number of sections : 2 (Real, Imaginary) section format : 64 total submatrices laid out 16 x 4 each submatrix is 32 x 32 doubles 2D Hyper Complex, 256 x 16 points Data Points[1..8] = [256, 16, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]Data_Axis_Type[1..8] = [Complex,Complex,None,None,None,None,None] Data Format = Small Two D number of sections : 4 (RealReal, RealImag, ImagReal, ImagImag) section format : 256 total submatrices laid out 64 x 4 each submatrix is 4 x 4 doubles 3D Hyper Complex, 128 x 64 x 8 points Data_Points[1..8] = [128,64,8,1,1,1,1,1] Data Axis Type[1..8] = [Complex, Complex, Complex, None, None, None, None] = Three D Data Format number of sections : 8 (RRR, RRI, RIR, RII, IRR, IRI, IIR, III) section format : 256 total submatrices laid out 16 x 8 x 1 each submatrix is 8 x 8 x 8 doubles This example shows how the Data Offset fields work with the others. 2D Hyper Complex, 500 x 100 points Data Points[1..8] = [512, 128, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]Data Offset Start[1..8] = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0]Data Offset Stop[1..8] = [499,99,0,0,0,0,0,0]

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= [Complex, Complex, None, None, None, None, None, None]
   Data Axis Type[1..8]
                            = Two D
    Data Format
    number of sections : 4 (RealReal, RealImag, ImagReal, ImagImag)
    section format : 256 total submatrices laid out 64 x 4
                         each submatrix is 32 x 32 doubles
Retrieval of data using this scheme is probably best shown with example code.
Here is the generalized routine for finding a particular data point's offset.
struct File Info
{
    . . .
   uchar translate[8];
   uint offset start[8];
   uint offset_stop[8];
   uint submatrices[8]; /* number of submatrices along each
uint submatrix_edge; /* length of an edge of submatrix */
                             /* number of submatrices along each dim */
   unit submatrix size; /* number of points in submatrix */
    . . .
};
/*
    Given a file and a position, where position[i] is in the range
    0 to (file info.offset stop[i] - file info.offset start[i])
    return the offset of that position from the beginning of each data
    subsection.
*/
uint file offset( struct File Info file info, uint position[] )
   uint i, pos[8], posi;
    /* accumulates point offset within submatrix */
    uint pnt off = 0;
    /* translate to internal dimensions */
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
        pos[file info.translate[i]] = position[i];
    for (i = 7; i \ge 1; i--)
    ł
                = pos[i] + file info.offset start[i];
        posi
       pnt off = (pnt off + posi % file info.submatrix edge) *
file info.submatrix edge;
        sub off = (sub off + posi / file info.submatrix edge) *
file info.submatrices[i-1];
    }
          = pos[0] + file info.offset start[0];
   posi
   pnt off = pnt off + posi % file info.submatrix edge;
    sub_off = sub_off + posi / file_info.submatrix_edge;
   return sizeof (double) * (sub_off * file_info.submatrix_size + pnt_off);}
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$$\Theta(\omega) = \frac{\omega \pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{orders_1} \frac{orders_{i+1}-1}{\prod_{j=i}^{orders_1} factors_j} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \le \omega < \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Orders and factors are lists of space separated integers. So to process digitally filtered data you have to Fourier transform it, apply the above phase, then inverse transform it. The data will then look like a normal FID, with the data decreasing in magnitude from the first point, but there will be an increasing portion of the data near the end of the FID. This region actually corresponds to data at a negative time and care has to be taken when zero filling or applying window functions to treat it properly or artifacts will appear in the spectrum. For example to zero fill the data, the phase shift from the digital filters first has to be reapplied, then the zero filling, and then the phase shift has to be undone.

There is another parameter called digital_filter_status in the data, if it contains a capital P then the phase shift has already been applied to the spectrum and the delayed points are at the end of the FID, a small p indicates that the delay is at the beginning of the FID. You will have to pay attention to this parameter to determine what adjustments are necessary to processing.