## Optimal Control of Spin Dynamics

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Nobel Prizes:
1952: Edward Purcell, Felix Bloch (Physics)
1991: Richard Ernst (Chemistry)
2002: Kurt Wüthrich (Chemistry)
2003: Paul Lauterbur, Peter Mansfield (Medicine)

## Optimal Control in Spin Systems

physical limits of spin dynamics
spectroscopy
quantum computing

local spin manipulation and imaging



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Pure state $\quad|\Psi\rangle$
Density operator $\quad \rho=\overline{|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|}$

## Energy levels

1 spin 1/2
2 spins $1 / 2$
N spins 1/2


## $2^{N}$ <br> energy levels

## How do you measure an NMR signal?

superconducting magnet incl. probe

(with rf coil)

computer for spectrometer control and data processing



$\mathrm{H}_{0}$


## Control Parameters $\quad u_{k}(t)$


$\mathrm{H}_{\mathbf{0}}+\sum_{\mathrm{k}} \mathrm{u}_{\mathrm{k}}(\mathrm{t}) \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{k}}$


Resonance frequencies at 14 Tesla:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad 600 \mathrm{MHz}$
$\begin{array}{lr}{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} & 60 \mathrm{MHz} \\ { }^{13} \mathrm{C} & 150 \mathrm{MHz}\end{array}$



## Ribonuclease 40 MHz

M. Saunders et al.
J.Amer.Chem.Soc. 1957, 79, 3289

Lysozyme 900 MHz
frequency dispersion: 10 kHz

## Two-dimensional NMR







## Performance of conventional composite pulses for broadband (robust) excitation


(excitation efficiency: 98\%, max. rf amplitude: 10 kHz , no rf inhomogeneity)

## 3D HNCO / HNCA



## Relaxation rates k increase with molecular weight

## Transfer Efficiency $\quad I_{x} \rightarrow 2 I_{z} S_{y}$



Transformation of the Density Operator


Generation of Unitary Operators


## NMR Quantum Computing

## INPUT

CALCULATION
OUTPUT
prepare
initial state
apply
quantum-algorithm


Cory, Fahmy, Havel (1996) Gershenfeld, Chuang (1997)


## Implemented Test Functions for Thermal Deutsch Jozsa Algorithm

constant function: $\quad f(\vec{x})=0$

$$
f^{\prime}(\vec{x})=f(\vec{x}) \cdot \overline{x_{4}}=0
$$

balanced function: $f(\vec{x})=x_{2} \oplus x_{3} \cdot x_{5}$

$$
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$$


A. F. Fahmy, R. Marx, W. Bermel, S.J.G., Phys. Rev. A 78, 022317 (2008)

## Scheme for the implementation of the function

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## Time-optimal implementation of the quantum Fourier transform ?



Saito et al. (2000) quant-ph/0001113

Blais (2001)
PRA 64, 022312

## Steam Engine



## Steam Engine


,"The theory of its operation
is rudimentary and attempts to improve its performance are still made in an almost haphazard way."

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## REFLEXIONS

 SUR la
## PUISSANCE MOTRICE

## DU FEU

## SUR LES MACHINES

PROPRES A DÉVELOPPER CETTE PUISSANCE.

Par S. CaRNOT,
ancien ílìve de l'école polytechnique.

A PARIS,
CHEZ BACHELIER, LIBRAIRE, QUAi des augustins, ${ }^{0} .55$.

$$
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$$

## Optimal Control of Spin Systems



## Optimal Control Theory

Spin Physics




# Optimal control in NMR: band-selective excitation and inversion 

S. Conolly, D. Nishimura, A. Macovski, Optimal control solutions to the magnetic resonance selective excitation problem, IEEE Trans. Med. Imaging MI-5 (1986) 106-115.
J. Mao, T.H. Mareci, K.N. Scott, E.R. Andrew, Selective inversion radiofrequency pulses by optimal control, J. Magn. Reson. 70 (1986) 310-318.
D. Rosenfeld, Y. Zur, Design of adiabatic selective pulses using optimal control theory, Magn. Reson. Med. 36 (1996) 401-409.

## Unitary Quantum Evolution (no Relaxation)



## Quantum Evolution in Presence of Relaxation

transfer amplitude a

transfer time $\boldsymbol{\tau}$

## Time-Optimal Control of Two-Spin Systems

Strong-Pulse Limit: $\quad H_{r f} \gg H_{C} \quad$ (2 time scales)

Cartan Decomposition
Characterization of ALL unitary operators that can be created in time T

Derivation of - time-optimal transfer function (TOP curve)

- minimum time for maximum transfer
- pulse sequence

Khaneja, Brockett, Glaser (2001)
Khaneja, Kramer, Glaser (2005)

Maximum transfer efficiency $\eta^{*}(t)$ and minimum time $t_{\text {min }}$ for complete transfer

| Transfer | $\eta^{*}(t)$ | $t_{\text {min }}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $I_{x} \rightarrow S_{x}$ | $\sin ^{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{2} C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|\right) t\right)$ | $C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|\right)$ |
| $I^{-} \rightarrow S^{-}$ | $\sin (\pi C a) \sin (\pi C b)$ | $\frac{2}{3} C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|\right)$ |
| $I_{x} \rightarrow 2 I_{z} S_{x}$ | $\sin \left(\pi C\left\|\mu_{3}\right\| t\right)$ | $2 C\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|$ |
| $I^{-} \rightarrow 2 I_{z} S^{-}$ | $\max _{x} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} C\left\{\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|-\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|+x\right\} t\right) \cos (\pi C t x)$ | $C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|-\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|\right)$ |
| $I_{x} S_{\beta} \rightarrow I_{\beta} S_{x}$ | $\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|\right) t\right)$ | $C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|\right)$ |
| $I^{-} S_{\beta} \rightarrow I_{\beta} S^{-}$ | $\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|\right) t\right)$ | $C\left(\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|+\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|\right)$ |

Note: $I^{-}=I_{x}-\mathrm{i} I_{y}$ and $I_{\beta}=\frac{\mathbf{1}}{2}-I_{z}$. For the transfer $I^{-} \rightarrow S^{-}$, the optimal values of $a$ and $b$ are completely characterized by the two conditions $a+2 b=\left(\left|\mu_{3}\right|+\left|\mu_{2}\right|+\left|\mu_{1}\right|\right) t$ and $\tan (\pi C a)=2 \tan (\pi C b)$.

## TOP (time-optimal pulse) curves for dipolar coupling

$$
\left(\mu_{1}, \mu_{2}, \mu_{3}\right)=(-1 / 2,-1 / 2,1)
$$



$$
-I_{x} \rightarrow s_{x}
$$



Khaneja, Kramer, Glaser (2004)

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$$
=\begin{array}{ll}
-\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{x}} & \rightarrow \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{x}} \\
\mathrm{I}^{-} & \rightarrow \mathrm{S}^{-} \\
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{x}} & \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{z}} \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{x}} \\
\mathrm{I}^{-} & \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{z}} \mathrm{~S}^{-} \\
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{~S}_{\beta} \rightarrow \mathrm{I}_{\beta} \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{x}}
\end{array}
$$

Khaneja, Kramer, Glaser (2004)

## Optimal

sequence
of
effective Hamiltonians

| $\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|$ | $\mid \mu_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|$ |
| $\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{2}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{3}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|$ | $\left\|\mu_{1}\right\|$ |

Pulse sequences
$\mathrm{I}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{S}^{-}$


Khaneja, Kramer, Glaser (2004)

## Time-Optimal Simulation of Trilinear Coupling Terms


given:

$$
H=2 \pi J\left(l_{1 z} I_{2 z}+l_{2 z} I_{3 z}\right)
$$ desired:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U=\exp \left\{-i \kappa 2 \pi I_{1 z} I_{2 z} I_{3 z}\right\} \\
& H_{\text {eff }}=2 \pi J_{\text {eff }}\left(l_{1 z} I_{2 z} I_{3 z}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$



Tseng, Somaroo, Sharf, Knill, Laflamme, Havel, Cory, Phys. Rev. A 61, 012302 (2000) Khaneja, Glaser, Brockett, Phys. Rev. A 65, 032301 (2002)

## Pulse Sequences ("zzz")

conventional

geodesic


Khaneja, Glaser, Brockett, Phys. Rev. A 65, 032301 (2002)

## Geodesics on a sphere



Euklidian metric

$$
(d x)^{2}+(d y)^{2}+(d z)^{2}
$$

"quantum gate design metric"

$$
\frac{(\mathrm{dx})^{2}+(\mathrm{dz})^{2}}{\mathrm{y}^{2}}
$$

Khaneja et al., Phys. Rev. A 75, 012322 (2007).

## Pulse sequence for creating $U_{13}=\exp \left\{-i \pi I_{12} I_{3 z}\right\}$


$\theta=180^{\circ}-\alpha=31.4^{\circ}$, weak pulse amplitude: 0.52 J

Khaneja et al., Phys. Rev. A 75, 012322 (2007)

TABLE I. Duration $\tau_{C}$ of various implementations of the $\operatorname{CNOT}(1,3)$ gate.

| Pulse sequence | $\tau_{C}\left(\right.$ units of $\left.J^{-1}\right)$ | Relative duration (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sequence 1 (C1) | 3.5 | 100 |
| Sequence 2 (C2) | 2.5 | 71.4 |
| Sequence 3 (C3) | 2.0 | 57.1 |
| Sequence 4 (C4) | 1.866 | 53.3 |
| Sequence 5 (C5) | 1.253 | 38.8 |

D. Collins, K. W. Kim, W. C. Holton, H. Sierzputowska-Gracz, and E. O. Stejskal, Phys. Rev. A 62, 022304 (2000).
(C3, C4, C5) Khaneja et al., Phys. Rev. A 75, 012322 (2007)

## Experimental model system



## Experimental Demonstration $U_{13}$



Khaneja et al., Phys. Rev. A 75, 012322 (2007)

$$
\mathcal{U}_{13}=\exp \left\{-i \frac{\pi}{2} 2 I_{1 z} I_{3 z}\right\}
$$

$\rho_{A}=I_{1 x}$

$$
\rho_{B}=2 I_{1 y} I_{3 z}
$$



Khaneja et al., Phys. Rev. A 75, 012322 (2007)

## Experimental demonstration of $\operatorname{CNOT}(1,3)$



Khaneja et al., Phys. Rev. A 75, 012322 (2007)



Dipol-Dipol Relaxation in the Spin-Diffusion Limit

$$
\dot{\rho}=\pi J\left[-i 2 I_{z} S_{z}, \rho\right]+\pi \mathrm{k}\left[2 I_{z} S_{z},\left[2 I_{z} S_{z}, \rho\right]\right]
$$

$$
\xi=k / J
$$

$$
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{x}} \xrightarrow{?} 2 \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{y}} \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{z}}
$$

## Conventional transfer (INEPT)

Morris, Freeman, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 101,760 (1979)

## Conventional transfer (INEPT)

$$
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{x}} \cdots \stackrel{J}{\mathrm{~J},} 2 \mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{y}} \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{z}}
$$

## Relaxation-optimized transfer (ROPE)



Khaneja, Reiss, Luy, Glaser, J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)

## ROPE Trajectory



Optimal transfer efficiency $\eta=\sqrt{1+\xi^{2}}-\xi \quad \xi=k / J$

Khaneja et al., J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)

## ROPE Pulse Sequence



Khaneja et al., J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)

## Transfer-Efficiency



Khaneja et al., J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)

## Gain (ROPE/INEPT)



Khaneja et al., J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)

${ }^{13}$ C-Formiate in $92 \% D_{6}$-Glycerol and $8 \% D_{2} O(T=250 K)$

Khaneja et al., J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)


Multiplet of Spin I


## Polarization Transfer in the Presence of Cross-Correlated Relaxation



## Transfer Efficiency $\eta$ for $k_{c} / k_{a}=0.75$


maximum transfer efficiency:

$$
\eta=\sqrt{1+\xi^{2}}-\xi
$$

formal proof (based on principles of optimum control theory): optimal return function $V\left(r_{1}, r_{2}\right)$

Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation

$$
\max _{u_{1}, u_{2}}\left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial r_{1}} \delta r_{1}+\frac{\partial V}{\partial r_{2}} \delta r_{2}\right]=0
$$



Khaneja, Luy, Glaser,
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci (2003)

Representing in-phase and antiphase magnetization vectors $\overrightarrow{r_{1}}$ and $\overrightarrow{r_{2}}$ in a common frame of reference

$$
\overrightarrow{r_{1}}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
\left\langle I_{\mathrm{x}}\right\rangle \\
\left\langle\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{y}}\right\rangle \\
\left\langle I_{\mathrm{z}}\right\rangle
\end{array}\right) \xrightarrow{y}
$$

Optimal trajectory preserves ratio $\frac{l_{2}}{l_{1}}=\eta$ and angle $\gamma$

$$
\overrightarrow{r_{1}}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
\left\langle I_{\mathrm{x}}\right\rangle \\
\left\langle I_{\mathrm{y}}\right\rangle \\
\left\langle I_{\mathrm{z}}\right.
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Optimal pulse shape for $k_{c} / k_{a}=0.75$



## CROP (cross-correlated relaxation optimized pulse)



## Experimental Transfer Functions



Relaxation-optimized heteronuclear transfer of polarization and spin order

- in two-spin systems
without cross-correlated relaxation (ROPE)
with cross-correlated relaxation (CROP)
- in spin chains (SPORTS ROPE)
simple case: no cross-correlated relaxation same transverse relaxation rates, no cross-corr. relaxation
- analytical upper limit for spin order transfer
- only one smoth pulse, approx. Gaussian
- more efficient than concatenated INEPT solutions for general chains


## Challenges for biological applications

- offset compensation
- experimental imperfections
- homonuclear couplings
- branched coupling networks



desired transfer: $A \longrightarrow C$ performance: $\quad\langle\mathrm{C} \mid \rho(\mathrm{T})\rangle$

$$
\rho(0)=A \quad \lambda(T)=C
$$

$$
\mathbf{u}_{k}(\mathrm{t}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{k}}(\mathrm{t})+\varepsilon\left\langle\lambda(\mathrm{t}) \mid\left[-\mathrm{i} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{k}}, \rho(\mathrm{t})\right]\right\rangle
$$

desired propagator: $\quad U_{F}$ performance: $\quad\left|\left\langle U_{F} \mid U(T)\right\rangle\right|^{2}$
$U(0)=1$

$$
P(T)=U_{F}
$$

$$
\mathrm{u}_{\mathrm{k}}(\mathrm{t}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{u}_{\mathrm{k}}(\mathrm{t})+\varepsilon \operatorname{Re}\left\{\left\langle\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{t}) \mid-\mathrm{i} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{k}} \mathrm{U}(\mathrm{t})\right\rangle\langle\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{t}) \mid \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{t})\rangle\right\}
$$

## relaxation-optimized coherence transfer



## ROPE Pulse Sequence (finite time T)



Khaneja et al., J. Magn. Reson.162, 311 (2003)

## ROPE Trajectory (finite time T)



Khaneja, Reiss, Luy, Glaser (2003)

## Numerically optimized ROPE sequences



## Polarization transfer in homonuclear three spin systems


idealized setting: fast, selective pulses (six control amplitudes)

$$
2 \pi \sum_{\mathrm{m}=1}^{3}\left\{u_{\mathrm{mx}}(\mathrm{t}) I_{\mathrm{mx}}+u_{\mathrm{my}}(\mathrm{t}) I_{\mathrm{my}}\right\}
$$

## Optimized controls (radio frequency amplitudes)


y amplitude



spin \#1
spin \#2
spin \#3

Neves et al. (2006)

## Transfer efficiency as a function of relative

 coupling constants $J_{13} / J_{12}$ and $J_{23} / J_{12}$

Transfer efficiency as a function of relative coupling constants $J_{13} / J_{12}$ and $J_{23} / J_{12}$


Remark:The conventional (so-called TOCSY) experiment is equivalent to the transfer of energy between three coupled pendulums,
see
R. Marx, S. J. Glaser, "Spins Swing Like Pendulums Do: An Exact Classical Model for TOCSY Transfer in Systems of Three Isotropically Coupled Spins 1/2", J. Magn. Reson. 164, 338-342 (2003).


## Polarization transfer in homonuclear three spin systems

isotropic (Heisenberg) couplings

$$
\sum_{m<n} 2 \pi J_{m n}\left(I_{m x} I_{n x}+I_{m y} I_{n y}+I_{m z} I_{n z}\right)
$$

idealized control: fast, selective pulses (six control amplitudes)

$$
2 \pi \sum_{\mathrm{m}=1}^{3}\left\{u_{\mathrm{mx}}(\mathrm{t}) I_{\mathrm{mx}}+u_{\mathrm{my}}(\mathrm{t}) I_{\mathrm{my}}\right\}
$$

realistic control: non-selective pulses (two control amplitudes)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \qquad 2 \pi u_{x}(\mathrm{t}) \sum_{\mathrm{m}=1}^{3} I_{\mathrm{mx}}+2 \pi u_{y}(\mathrm{t}) \sum_{m=1}^{3} I_{m y} \\
& \text { and (constant) offset terms } 2 \pi \sum_{m=1}^{3} v_{m z} I_{\mathrm{mz}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Homonuclear three spin model system: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ labelled alanine




Conventional TOCSY sequence, e.g. DIPSI-2


Shaka et al. (1988)

Robust phase-modulated polarization transfer sequences:


Neves et al. (2006)


## Low power heteronuclear decoupling

$$
\mathcal{H}(t)=\mathcal{H}_{o f f}^{I}+\mathcal{H}_{o f f}^{S}+\mathcal{H}_{J}^{I S}+\mathcal{H}_{r f}^{S}(t)
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{H}_{o f f}^{I}=2 \pi \nu_{I} I_{z} \\
& \mathcal{H}_{o f f}^{S}=2 \pi \nu_{S} S_{z} \\
& \mathcal{H}_{J}^{I S}=2 \pi J S_{z} I_{z} \\
& \mathcal{H}_{r f}^{S}(t)=2 \pi \epsilon\left\{u_{x}(t) S_{x}+u_{y}(t) S_{y}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Low power heteronuclear decoupling

$$
s_{k}=\left\langle I_{x}\right\rangle\left(T_{k}\right)
$$

$$
S_{0}\left(\epsilon, \nu_{S}\right)=\frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{N} s_{k}\left(\epsilon, \nu_{S}\right) \quad \Phi=\frac{1}{N_{\epsilon} N_{\nu}} \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\epsilon}} \sum_{q=1}^{N_{\nu}} \phi\left(\epsilon^{(p)}, \nu_{S}^{(q)}\right)
$$


J. L. Neves, B. Heitmann, N. Khaneja, S. J. Glaser, submitted (2009)

## Low power heteronuclear decoupling

 nominal rf amplitude: 400 Hz
J. L. Neves, B. Heitmann, N. Khaneja, S. J. Glaser, submitted (2009)

## Low power heteronuclear decoupling

 nominal rf amplitude: 400 HzTRACK-1


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## Low power heteronuclear decoupling

Simulation

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Experiment


## Low power heteronuclear decoupling

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