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# Optimising an Echo with Feedback Control

### optimal control with Bruker SpinJet-AWG



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### Numerical Optimisation What should I optimise?







- We always minimise a number (or minimise the negative of a number maximising).
- This number can be created in any way it is only a metric (although it can have a physical significance).
- Minimising many variables can be equivalent to minimising the sum of those elements (usually with normalisation i.e an average).
- Usually, we minimise this metric as the output of a function.
- These functions can be "physics" or even "a black-box machine".
- Essentially we can treat any well behaved functions as a "black-box" - with only inputs and outputs seen by the optimisation algorithm.
- Analytically, the overlap between two states can be maximised: (desired state|current state).

### **Optimal** Control

#### Gradient assisted pulse engineering (GRAPE)



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► Propagator over a time slice:  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_n = \exp\left[-i\left(\hat{H}_0 + \sum_k c_n^{(k)}\hat{H}_k\right)\Delta t\right]$ 

• Optimality conditions,  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial c_k(t)} = 0$  at a minimum.

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### Optimising an Experiment

Using PulseSPEL variables

- matlab function forms the objective function of an optimisation algorithm
- python scripts are invoked by matlab, using data saved by matlab
- commands sent to modify PulseSPEL files from python a script
- send new PulseSPEL variables to experiment and run the experiment with another python script
- ▶ read the signal produced from these new variables
- Simple, 2-pulse echo experiment.
- Aim to find an optimised echo.
- Maximise the area under the real part of the echo signal.
- Vary the time between pulses, τ.



```
; FT-EPR package
: PulseSPEL variable
: definitions & conventions
begin defs
; Variables ; Comments:
p0 = 16; 90 pulse length
p1 = 32 ; 180 pulse length
p4 = 100 ; laser trigger
d0 = 400 : Acquisition delay
d1 = 260 : tau
aa0 = 13 ; amplitude
aa1 = 20 :
ap11 = 0 ; phase pulse 1
ap12 = 180;
ap13 = 90 :
ap14 = 270 ;
ap21 = 0; phase pulse 2
ap22 = 180;
ap23 = 90 :
ap24 = 270 ;
as0 = 0 ; AWG pulse shapes
as1 = 83 ;
end defs
```

## Optimising an Echo I



## Optimising an Echo II





- ▶ Newton based methods have good convergence properties, but all need a gradient.
- ▶ Gradient-free optimisation can make an estimate of the gradient through finite differences but this is usually expensive with little or no gains from an inexact gradient.
- Simplex methods find better points at each iterate but convergence is not guaranteed.
- Simplex methods do not work well with bounds.
- ▶ Most optimisation methods work on smooth function.
- Optimising an integer variable digitises the surface, potentially creating false stationary points.

### Arbitrary Waveform Generator (AWG)

- ▶ The AWG can shape the phase and amplitude of a pulse.
- ▶ Used in many optimisation models to send shaped pulses to the experiment.
- ▶ Chirped pulses and Wurst pulses are successful examples.
- ▶ The sent shaped pulse may not be exactly what the experiment sees may need to create a response function.



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### Optimising an Echo

### Using a Shaped Waveform

- ▶ Simple, 2-pulse echo experiment.
- Aim to find an optimised echo.
- Maximise the area under the real part of the echo signal.
- Vary the shape of the soft  $\pi$ -pulse.
- Many pulses take a long time to optimise (as opposed to a chirped pulse which have only 3 or 4 variables to optimise)





### Optimising an Echo III



### Optimising an Signal Shape



- Another measure to optimise could be the shape of the signal.
- Requires a reference shape, that which we would like the signal to mimic.
- Any information that can be mathematically extracted from the signal can be optimised (better optimisation if normalised).



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