#### SSSC Discovery Series NMR3

# **Pulse Sequences and Programming**

**Topics:** 

- 1. Pulse sequences
  - simple <sup>1</sup>H 1D experiment
  - <sup>13</sup>C experiment
  - pulse building blocks: spin echo, bird, composite
  - APT experiment
  - Solvent suppression
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  - HMQC experiment
- 2. Pulse programs
  - Bruker pulse programming language and applications
  - Simple phase programming
  - Macros ... make the computer work for you!
  - Bruker automation programming and ...
- **no** quantum mechanics!



# **The Simple <sup>1</sup>H 1D Experiment**



Equilibrium magnetisation

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#### **The Simple <sup>1</sup>H 1D Experiment**



# **The Simple <sup>13</sup>C 1D Experiment**



Equilibrium magnetisation

|        |                               | The | e Simple <sup>13</sup> C 1D Expe | riment                     | Current Da<br>NAME<br>EXFND<br>PAGCND | ata Parameters<br>100mgSoAc<br>2<br>1   |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| E<br>C | 169.925<br>169.724<br>169.337 |     |                                  | 20.471<br>20.388<br>20.388 | Date_<br>Time<br>INSTRUM              | isition Parameters<br>20020121<br>14.13<br>spect<br>5 mm PA8B0 8B-<br>2909<br>65536<br>CDC13<br>8<br>4<br>30030.029 Hz<br>0.458222 Hz<br>1.0912244 sec<br>1149.4<br>16.650 usec<br>6.00 usec<br>300.00 K<br>3.0000000 sec<br>0.0300000 sec<br>0.00002000 sec  |
|        |                               |     |                                  |                            | NUC1<br>P1<br>F1<br>SF01<br>          | CHANNEL f1 ======<br>13C<br>5.10 usec<br>-1.00 dB<br>125.7954618 MHz<br>CHANNEL f2<br>waltz16<br>1H<br>70.00 usec<br>-1.00 dB<br>14.00 dB<br>14.00 dB<br>14.00 dB<br>500.2320009 MHz<br>essing parameters<br>32768<br>125.7829854 MHz<br>EN<br>0<br>0.30 Hz<br>0<br>1.00<br>ot parameters<br>20.00 cm<br>10.00 cm<br>25209.17 Hz<br>-1.962 pm<br>-246.75 Hz<br>10.11898 pm/cm |
| ppm    |                               | 150 | 100 50                           |                            | HZCM                                  | 1272.79602 Hz/cm  |

#### шdd

#### Pulse Clusters Heteronuclear Coupled Spin Echo

<sup>1</sup>H 
$$(\pi/2)_{-x}$$
 —  $\tau$  —  $\pi_{-x}$  —  $\tau$  —  $(\pi/2)_{-x}$ 

For an off-resonance pulse, <sup>1</sup>H coupled to <sup>13</sup>C (a doublet in this case):



No matter what the chemical shift or the value of  $\tau$ , the vector ends up in the same spot. This is a 'building block' of many nmr pulse sequences .. used to get rid of chemical shift effects. The two coupling vectors are said to 'refocus' along the -y axis.

#### Pulse Clusters Homonuclear Coupled Spin Echo

<sup>1</sup>H 
$$(\pi/2)_{-x}$$
 —  $\tau$  —  $\pi_{-x}$  —  $\tau$  —  $(\pi/2)_{-x}$ 

For an off-resonance pulse, <sup>1</sup>H coupled to <sup>1</sup>H (a doublet in this case):



In this case the spin labels are swapped after the  $\pi$  pulse. The chemical shift ends up along the -y axis as in the heteronuclear spin echo case but the coupling vectors do not refocus.

# **Pulse Clusters Composite pulses**



#### Pulse Clusters Composite pulses

Composite 180° pulses to cancel offset effects:

90°(x)180°(y)90°(x)

90°(x)200°(y)80°(-y)200°(y)90°(x)

Composite pulses to remove phase distortion:

 $385^{\circ}(x)320^{\circ}(-x)25^{\circ}(x)$  (composite 90° pulse)

336°(x)246°(-x)10°(y)74°(-y)10°(y)246°(-x)360°(x) (composite 180° pulse)



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# Pulse Clusters BIRD pulses (Bilinear Rotation and Decoupling)



# Pulse Clusters TANGO pulses (Testing for Adjacent Nuclei with a Gyration Operator)

<sup>1</sup>H 135°(-x)  $\tau$  — 180°(-x) —  $\tau$  — 45°(-x)

<sup>13</sup>C — 180°(x) — —

 $\tau = 1/(2^{1}J)_{CH}$ 



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# Pulse Clusters TANGO pulses





 $\tau = 1/J$ 

#### For a singlet (quaternary carbon) assuming an on-resonance pulse:



For a doublet (CH), on-resonance pulse:



For a triplet (CH<sub>2</sub>), on-resonance pulse:



For a doublet (CH), off-resonance pulse:



|  |                     |  |                              |                         | СН                                      |  | CH <sub>3</sub>   | NAME<br>EXPNO<br>PRODNO<br>F2 - ACQU<br>Date_<br>Time<br>INSTRUM | Jata Parameters<br>test<br>2<br>1<br>Jisition Parameters<br>20070220<br>9.32<br>spect<br>5 mn TXI 1H-13<br>jmod<br>66536<br>CCC13<br>74<br>4<br>30030.029 Hz<br>0.45H222 Hz<br>1.0912410 sec<br>16384<br>16.650 usec<br>6.00 usec<br>295.8 K<br>145.0000000 sec<br>0.00898655 sec<br>0.00007783 sec<br>0.0000000 sec<br>0.0050000 sec |
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|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | P1<br>p2   | 14.00 usec<br>28.00 usec  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | PL1  | -3.00 dB  |
|  | _                   |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | SF01   | 125.8206594 MHz   |
|  | C                   |  |                              |                         | l l                                     |  |   |  | CHANNEL f2 =======  |
|  | Ŭ                   |  |                              |                         |   | •  |   | CPOPRG2  | waltz16   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | NUC2   | 18  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   | H <sub>2</sub>   |   | PCP02<br>PL2   | 80.00 usec<br>0.50 dB   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   | 1 <sub>2</sub>   |   | PL12   | 18.14 08  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   | 2  |   | SF02   | 500.3320013 MHz   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | F2 - Pror  | cessing parameters  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | SI   | 32768   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | SF   | 125.8080790 MHz   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | NDN<br>558   | EM  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | LB   | 3.00 Hz   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | GB   | ٥   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | PC   | 1.40  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | 1D NMR n   | lot parameters  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | CX   | 20.00 cm  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | CY   | 12.50 CM  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | F1P<br>F1  | 215.000 ppm<br>27048.74 Hz  |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | F2P  | - <u>5</u> .000 ppm   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | F2   | -629.04 Hz  |
| ppm 200                                  | 175                 | 150  | 125                          | 100                     | 75                                      | 50   | 25  | O PPNDM<br>HZCN  | 11.00000 ррт/ст<br>1383.88892 Hz/ст   |
|  |                     |  |                              |                         |   |  |   | HZUM   | 1303.00092 HZ/CM  |

# **Solvent Suppression**

Presaturation:



During the relaxation delay a long, low-power pulse is issued at the solvent frequency causing saturation of the solvent resonance and considerably reducing its signal amplitude. Since the low power pulse is relatively long its exitation bandwidth is very narrow and excites only the solvent resonance.

Not a good choice when exchangeble protons are to be observed.

# **Solvent Suppression**

Watergate (WATER suppression by GrAdient Tailored Exitation:



An example of a class of pulse clusters called binomials ... in this case 3,9,19,19,9,3

# **Solvent Suppression**



This is simply two Watergates in a row. The advantage of doing this experiment is that baseline distortion is much reduced.

The DEPT Experiment (Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer)



Must use quantum mechanically derived *product operators* to analyse this pulse sequence.

### The COSY Experiment (Correlation Spectroscopy)

<sup>1</sup>H 
$$\pi/2 - t_1 - \pi/2$$

This deceptively simple pulse sequence cannot be analysed using the vector model ... quantum mechanical methods must be used.

 $t_1$  is a variable time interval. Multiple experiments are done, acquiring data that differ only by the variable time interval,  $t_1$ .

### The HETCOR Experiment (Heteronuclear Correlation Spectroscopy)



 $t_1$  – variable time delay  $t - 1/(2J_{CH})$ 

<sup>13</sup>C detected .. not used any more .. HMQC or HSQC more sensitive.

## The HMQC Experiment (Heteronuclear Multiple Quantum Coherence)



This is a so-called 'inverse detected' experiment. Instead of recording the signal from the <sup>13</sup>C nuclei, the <sup>1</sup>H signal is acquired. Maximum sensitivity achieved using an inverse probe.

Can only use quantum mechanics to understand this pulse sequence.

Bruker spectrometers run pulse programs in the pulse programmer located in the console. The pulse programmer is actually a specialized computer which is built to allow very high speed switching of power levels and accurate timing of pulse lengths and delays.

The source code (that is, the human readable code) for the program is located on the workstation and can be edited there, if need be. Once the program is edited it is compiled on the workstation and the binary code is sent to the pulse programmer for execution. So, when an experiment is being run the pulse program is not actually executing on the workstation but rather in the console.

- π/2 τ  $\bigwedge$  $^{1}\mathsf{H}$ 

 $\tau$  – relaxation delay

;zg ;avance-version (02/05/31) ;1D sequence

#include <Avance.incl>

| 1  | ze                    | ;zero the memory               |
|----|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2  | d1                    | ;relaxation delay time         |
|    | p1 ph1                | ;pulse, phase from ph1 list    |
|    | go=2 ph31             | ;acquire data, phase from list |
|    | 30m mc #0 to 2 F0(zd) | ;write to disk                 |
| ex | kit                   |                                |

ph1=0 2 2 0 1 3 3 1 ;pulse phase program ph31=0 2 2 0 1 3 3 1 ;receiver phase program

;pl1 : f1 channel - power level for pulse (default)
;p1 : f1 channel - high power pulse
;d1 : relaxation delay; 1-5 \* T1
;NS: 1 \* n, total number of scans: NS \* TD0

This part gives some information about how to set up the experiment



;jmod ;avance-version (02/05/31) ;J-modulated spin-echo for X-nuclei coupled to H-1 to determine ; number of attached protons

#include <Avance.incl> #include <Delay.incl>

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"p2=p1*2"
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"d20=1s/(cnst2*cnst11)"
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| 1 ze                  |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 30m pl12:f2           | ;set power level for decoupler                 |
| 2 d1                  |  |
| 4u do:f2              | ;decoupler off                                 |
| pl phl                | ;carbon 90° pulse phase ph1                    |
| d20                   | ;1/2J delay time                               |
| (p2 ph2):f1           | ;carbon 180° pulse on transmitter (f1) phase 2 |
| d20 cpd2:f2           | ;1/2J delay time, turn on 1H decoupler         |
| go=2 ph31             | ;acquire data phase 31, loop back to 2         |
| 30m mc #0 to 2 F0(zd) | ;save data to disk                             |
| d20 do:f2             | ;decoupler off                                 |
| exit                  | ;finish  |
| ph1=00001111222       | 2 3 3 3 3                                      |
| ph2=02131320132       |  |
| ph31=0 0 2 2 1 1 3 3  |  |

;pl1 : f1 channel - power level for pulse (default) ;pl12: f2 channel - power level for CPD/BB decoupling ;p1 : f1 channel - 90 degree high power pulse ;p2 : f1 channel - 180 degree high power pulse ;d1 : relaxation delay; 1-5 \* T1 ;d20: 1/(J(XH)) X, XH2 positive, XH, XH3 negative ; 1/(2J(XH)) X only ;cnst2: = J(XH) ;cnst11: = 1 X, XH2 positive, XH, XH3 negative ; 2 X only ;NS: 4 \* n, total number of scans: NS \* TD0 ;DS: 4 ;cpd2: decoupling according to sequence defined by cpdprg2

;pcpd2: f2 channel - 90 degree pulse for decoupling sequence



Low power cw pulse

;zgpr ;avance-version (02/05/31) ;1D sequence with f1 presaturation

#include <Avance.incl>

"d12=20u"

#### 1 ze

2 d12 pl9:f1;short delay, set transmitter power level to pl9d1 cw:f1 ph29;relaxation delay, cw decouple pulse on transmitter channel4u do:f1;short delay, turn off decouple pulsesd12 pl1:f1;short delay, set transmitter power levelp1 ph1;high power transmitter pulsego=2 ph31;acquire data30m mc #0 to 2 F0(zd);save data

ph1=0 2 2 0 1 3 3 1 ph29=0 ph31=0 2 2 0 1 3 3 1

;pl1 : f1 channel - power level for pulse (default) ;pl9 : f1 channel - power level for presaturation ;p1 : f1 channel - 90 degree high power pulse ;d1 : relaxation delay; 1-5 \* T1 ;d12: delay for power switching [20 usec] ;NS: 1 \* n, total number of scans: NS \* TD0

| ;hmbcgpndqf<br>;HMBC<br>#include <avance.incl><br/>#include <grad.incl></grad.incl></avance.incl>  | <sup>13</sup> C  | 90°   | 90°       | _   |
|--|--|---|-----------|---|
| "p2=p1*2"  | <sup>1</sup> H d6  | d0 d16 d1   | 16 d0 d16 | $\Lambda$ $\Lambda$ $\Lambda$ $\Lambda$ $\Lambda$ |
| "d0=3u"  | 90°  | 180°  |           |   |
| "d6=1s/(cnst13*2)"   | Gradient pulses  |   | 3         | _   |
| <pre>1 ze<br/>2 d1<br/>3 p1 ph1<br/>d6<br/>p3:f2 ph3<br/>d0<br/>50u UNBLKGRAD<br/>p16:gp1<br/>d16<br/>p2 ph2<br/>50u<br/>p16:gp2<br/>d16<br/>d0<br/>p3:f2 ph4<br/>4u<br/>p16:gp3<br/>d16<br/>4u BLKGRAD<br/>go=2 ph31<br/>d1 mc #0 to 2 F1QF(id0)<br/>exit</pre> | ;90° f2 channel high<br>;variable delay<br>;turn on gradient ar<br>;gradient pulse 1<br>;delay for recovery<br>;180° f1 channel pu<br>;50 usec delay<br>;gradient pulse 2<br>;delay for recovery<br>;variable delay<br>;90° f2 channel high<br>;4 usec delay<br>;gradient pulse 3<br>;delay for recovery<br>;4 usec delay, turn<br>;data acquisition | of long-range couplings<br>power pulse<br>mplifier<br>from grad pulse<br>llse<br>from grad pulse<br>h power pulse |           |   |

ph2=0 0 2 2 ph3=0.2ph4=00002222 ph31=0 2 0 2 2 0 2 0 ;pl1 : f1 channel - power level for pulse (default) ;pl2 : f2 channel - power level for pulse (default) ;p1 : f1 channel - 90 degree high power pulse ;p2 : f1 channel - 180 degree high power pulse ;p3 : f2 channel - 90 degree high power pulse ;p16: homospoil/gradient pulse ;d0 : incremented delay (2D) [3 usec] ;d1 : relaxation delay; 1-5 \* T1 ;d6 : delay for evolution of long range couplings ;d16: delay for homospoil/gradient recovery ;cnst13: = J(XH) long range (in0: 1/(2 \* SW(X)) = DW(X)):nd0: 2 :NS: 2 \* n :DS: 16 ;td1: number of experiments ;FnMODE: QF ;use gradient ratio: qp 1 : qp 2 : qp 3 50: 30: 40.1 for C-13 70: 30: 50.1 for N-15 ;for z-only gradients: ;gpz1: 50% for C-13, 70% for N-15 ;qpz2: 30% ;gpz3: 40.1% for C-13, 50.1% for N-15 ;use gradient files: ;gpnam1: SINE.100 ;gpnam2: SINE.100

;gpnam3: SINE.100

ph1=0

#### **Phase Programming**

When using quadrature detection, two receivers are used. If they do not provide identical signals then there will be artifacts introduced into the spectrum. A dc offset will result in a 'peak' at the center of the spectrum and if the detectors are other than exactly 90° out of phase this will result in 'ghost' peaks mirrored through the center of the spectrum.

Use of a phase program will help to get rid of these unwanted artifacts. Actually, phase programming is much more general than this .. it is used to select wanted peaks and suppress unwanted peaks for a particular pulse sequence. The peak selection rules are, for the most part, complex and require at least a rudimentary understanding of the quantum mechanics of nmr spectroscopy so we will look only at the very simplest of phase programs here.

The CYCLOPS phase program is x, y, -x, -y for pulses and x, y, -x, -y for the receiver phase. The opposite phases, say x and -x, will act to cancel any dc offset effects and receiver phase effects. If you watch the acquistion of fid's you can see the effect of the phase program as sequential fid's are accumulated. The fid's move up and down ... this is the dc offsets being cancelled.

## **Macro Programming**

Macros are basically simple shortcuts for doing repetitive tasks withing Xwinnmr. If there is a series of commands that you type regularly you can put them into a macro and simply type the name of the macro. For example, one often types 'ef', 'apk', 'abs' in that order to Fourier transform, phase correct and baseline correct the spectrum. These can easily be put into a macro called 'proc' (or anything that you want) and then simply typing 'proc' will execute the commands.

To edit a macro type 'edmac' and either select an existing macro to edit or give a new name for a new macro. Be a bit careful that you don't give the macro the name of an already existing command. For example, you would not want to call your new macro 'ef' since this is the internal Fourier transform command.

The creative programmer can use these macros to advantage and make the computer work for her.

Pulse programs are compiled and run in the pulse programmer which directly controls the low level operation of the nmr hardware.

Automation programs are compiled and run in the workstation and are capable of higher level functions such as opening windows on the workstation screen and interacting with the operator. These are very powerful programs capable of automating many tasks. If you can think of something that you want to automate .. it can probably be done. Examples of automation programs:

- multizg: for running a series of two or more experiments unattended
- multi\_zgvt: for running a series of experiments at different temperatures
- setproj: for setting reasonable projection files for 2D experiments rather than using edg
- paropt: for optimizing an acquisition parameter
- multiefp: for performing the same fourier transform and phase correction on a series of experiments

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| ****           | multizg<br>********           | 18.05.2000 */<br>*********************************                                 | **/       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| *<br>*<br>**** | Short Descrip<br>Performs mul |  | */        |
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| *              | executed as t                 |  | */        |
| *              |                               | eriment time is estimated and printed out.   | */        |
| *              |                               | of experiments to be performed can be  | */        |
| *              | specified on t                | he command line :  | */        |
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| *              | Author(s) :                   | */   |           |
| *<br>*         | Name                          | : Rainer Kerssebaum */<br>: Bruker Analytik */                                     |           |
| *              | Organisation<br>Email         | : Bruker Analytik */<br>: rainer.kerssebaum@bruker.de                              | */        |
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| *              | eng                           | 000327 switch ZGSAFETY off if on */  |           |
| *              | eng                           | 000518 PathSystemTemp instead o  | f /tmp    |
| ****           | ******                        | ******   |           |
|                |                               |  |           |

char \*envpnt, tmpfile[PATH\_MAX]; int startExpno; int expTime, zgsafety; static void PrintExpTime();

GETCURDATA;

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startExpno = expno;
if (strlen(cmd) == 0)
{
  i1 = 10:
  GETINT("Enter number of experiments : ",i1);
}
else
{
  if (1 != sscanf(cmd, "%d", &i1))
  {
       STOPMSG("illegal input");
  }
}
expTime = 0;
TIMES(i1)
  SETCURDATA;
  expTime += CalcExpTime() + 4;
  IEXPNO;
END
DEXPNO;
PrintExpTime(expTime, i1);
(void) sprintf (tmpfile,"%s/expt",PathSystemTemp());
(void) remove (tmpfile);
/* Turn zg safety off if on. Turn it back on at the end. */
envpnt = getenv("UXNMR SAFETY");
zgsafety = 0;
if(envpnt != NULL)
{
 if(strcmp(envpnt, "on") == 0)
 {
  zgsafety = 1;
  CPR exec("env set UXNMR SAFETY=off", WAIT TERM);
 }
}
expno = startExpno;
SETCURDATA;
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TIMES(i1)

(void) sprintf(text,"running experiment # %d",loopcount1+1); Show\_status(text); sleep(4); ZG; IEXPNO; END DEXPNO;

if(zgsafety == 1)
 CPR\_exec("env set UXNMR\_SAFETY=on", WAIT\_TERM);

QUITMSG("--- multizg finished ---");

### **Projects**

The Jmodulation experiment is usually done this way:



 $\tau = 1/J$ 

We will alter the pulse program to do it this way to get exactly the same result.



## **Projects**

The HMBC pulse program as supplied by Bruker will not do solvent suppression. We want to do an HMBC experiment on sucrose dissolved in  $D_20$ . If we use the 'canned' pulse program supplied by Bruker there will be a large solvent ridge in the 2D spectrum and our sucrose peaks will be very small. Solvent suppression should reduce the size of the solvent peak and allow us to increase the receiver gain which will give much better cross peaks in the spectrum.

The technique is to cut-and-paste the presaturation portion of a regular 1D presaturation pulse program into the HMBC pulse program and run the experiment.

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