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# 1. Introduction

The FID Appliance (FID-A) is an open-source software package for simulation of MRS experiments, design and analysis of radiofrequency (RF) pulses, and processing of MRS data. The software is freely available for download (www.github.com/CIC-methods/FID-A).

The FID-A software package consists of four separate toolboxes:

- The Simulation Toolbox for simulation of in vivo MRS experiments,
- The RF-pulse Toolbox, for designing and simulating radiofrequency pulse waveforms,
- The Input-output Toolbox, for reading and writing data between MATLAB and other useful data formats,
- and The Processing toolbox, for processing of in vivo MRS data.

In addition to the toolboxes listed above, FID-A also comes with a library of **Example Run Scripts**, which provide examples of useful "pipelines" for NMR simulation and data processing. The example run scripts each make use of combinations of the various

Data, consisting of actual in vivo and in vitro MRS data in a few different vendor formats, is also provided with the FID-A toolkit, and can be used to test the functionality of some of the Example Run Scripts. Finally, although the FID-A toolbox is primarily MATLAB command-line based, a few graphical user interfaces are also provided to assist with processing tasks in which visual feedback is required, such as manual phasing of spectra, and visual alignment of spectra or sub-spectra prior to subtraction.

The FID-A toolboxes are each described briefly below:

## 1.1. Simulation Toolbox

The FID-A NMR simulation toolbox is based on an implementation of the density matrix formalism, where the evolution of the spin system in a given NMR experiment is described by successive evolutions of the density matrix by time-independent Hamiltonian operators.

The simulation toolbox contains built-in functions for simulating the basic components of an MRS pulse sequence, including excitation (sim\_excite.m), delays (sim\_evolve.m), rotation using ideal (sim\_rotate.m) and shaped (sim\_shapedRF.m) radiofrequency pulses, and signal readout (sim\_readout.m). Using these basic pulse sequence elements, common in vivo MRS pulse sequences are also implemented, including the FID (sim\_onepulse.m), PRESS (sim\_press.m), STEAM (sim\_steam.m) and spin-echo (sim\_spinecho.m) sequences.

Simulation is performed on a given spin-system by specifying the pulse timings and the chemical shifts and coupling constants of

the spin-system of interest. A full set of common metabolite spin-system definitions is provided based on values previously published by Govindaraju et al (NMR Biomed 2000, 13:129-153), Near et al (Magn Reson Med 2013, 70(5):1183-1191 (GABA)) and Choi et al (Magn Reson Med 2014, 72(2):316-323 (Citrate)). Spin system definitions can be found in {FID-

A path}/simulationTools/metabolites/, where {FID-A path} is the path to the root folder of the FID-A software package. metabolite's spin system definition is contained within a structure array. The different elements of the structure array contain the various independent (un-coupled) parts or "Units" of a given metabolite spin-system, and each element of the array has four fields: "name", "shifts", "J", and "scaleFactor". "name" specifies the name of the spin-system Unit. "shifts" is a vector of length N, which contains the chemical shift value (in ppm) for each of the N spins in that Unit. "J" is an N x N matrix specifying the coupling constant (in Hz) between each spin and every other spin in that unit. And "scaleFactor" specifies the amplitude scaling factor that must be applied to The reason for splitting the spin-systems into independent Units is that computation time increases more than linearly with increasing number of spins, and so it is much more computationally efficient to simulate, say two groups of spins with 6 protons each rather than simulating one group of 12 protons. In previous versions of FID-A, the different spinsystem units were defined in separate MATLAB structures, which meant that the user was required to simulate the separate units explicitly and then combine them himself/herself. However, in versions of FID-A from V1.2 onward, all of the required Units for a given metabolite are stored together as separate elements of the spin-system definition structure array. Running a simulation on that spin-system now automatically performs the

simulation on all of the units and combines the correctly. As a result, there is no longer any need for the user to worry about separately simulating the different parts of the spin system. Finally, some spin systems have been reduced in size due to redundancy. For example, scyllo inositol consists of six magnetically equivalent protons, and is therefore most easily simulated as a single proton. In previous versions of FID-A, the user would then have to remember to scale the intensity of Scyllo Inositol simulations by a factor of 6. However, in versions of FID-A from V1.2 onward, the required scaling factor is now stored inside the spin system definition structure array. Running a simulation on that spin-system now automatically results in the correct scaling of the spectrum. As a result, there is no longer any need for the user to worry about scaling the simulation results.

In FID-A simulations, excitation and refocusing RF pulses can be modeled as ideal (instantaneous) rotations, or fully shaped RF waveforms, depending on the user requirements. In the case of shaped RF pulses, phase cycling can be performed to remove unwanted coherences. Furthermore, in the case of a shaped slice selective pulse, a single simulation corresponds to one point in space, which must be specified relative to the centre of the slice selective pulse. In order to simulate the result of a full *in vivo* MRS experiment involving shaped localization pulses, it is necessary to run the simulation over many points in space (with phase cycling), and then combine the results. Function names in the simulation toolbox begin with the prefix "sim\_".

## 1.2. RF Pulse Toolbox

The FID-A RF toolbox enables the creation of basic RF pulse waveforms, and Bloch simulation to determine the resulting excitation/refocusing/inversion profiles, as well as frequency shifting and resampling of rf waveforms. RF pulses are stored in MATLAB structure format, with fields corresponding to the RF waveform, the type of rf pulse (excitation, inversion, refocusing), the time-bandwidth product of the rf pulse, and the time-B1 product. The time-bandwidth product and time-b1 product of the rf pulse are calculated automatically when the rf pulse is initialized using the io\_loadRFwaveform.m function. These values can then be used to calculate the required B1 amplitude to achieve a certain flip angle in bloch simulations (see rf\_blochSim.m) or to calculate the required gradient strength for slice selection (see run\_simMegaPressShaped.m). Function names in the RF-pulse toolbox begin with the prefix "rf\_".

## 1.3. Input-Output Toolbox

The FID-A Input-Output toolbox contains "load" functions to accept MRS data in MRI vendor data formats (Siemens, Agilent, Philips, Bruker, GE), and store them in MATLAB. It also contains "load" functions to accept MRS data from other data processing or analysis software packages (LCModel, jMRUI), and "write" functions to export MRS data back into those formats. Finally, the Input-Output toolbox also contains "load" functions to accept radiofrequency pulse waveforms in MRI vendor data formats (Siemens, Agilent), and "write" functions to export newly designed RF pulses back into vendor formats for use on the scanner. All of the functions in the Input-Output toolbox begin with the prefix "io ".

# 1.4. Processing Toolbox

Once data has been loaded into MATLAB using the FID-A InputOutput toolbox, the data can then be operated on using any of
the over 50 different processing operations, including (but not
limited to) filtering (op\_filter.m), zeropadding (op\_zeropad.m),
time domain truncation (op\_leftshift.m and op\_zerotrim.m),
frequency domain truncation (op\_freqrange.m), eddy current
correction (op\_ecc.m), removal motion corrupted averages
(op\_rmbadaverages.m), retrospective frequency and phase drift
correction (op\_alignAverages.m and op\_alignAverages\_fd.m, Near
et al, Magn Reson Med 2014, DOI: 10.1002/mrm.25094), combination
of multi-element RF coil data (op\_addrcvrs.m and
op\_combineRcvrs.m), and zero- and first-order phase corrections
(op\_addphase.m).

These functions can be nested within one another. For example, to load a spectrum, combine the receivers, combine the averages and then filter the result, can be done using the following single line of code:

```
out=
op_filter(op_averaging(op_addrcvrs(op_loadspec_twix('filename.dat'),1,'w'),5)
;
```

where the argument "5" represents a 5 Hz exponential filter, the argument "'w'" specifies that a weighted coil recombination should be performed, and the argument "1" specifies that the phases and amplitudes of the rf coil channels should be determined using the first point in the time domain.

Function names in the processing toolbox begin with the prefix "op ", which stands for operator.

## 1.5. Example Run Scripts

The {FID-A dir}/exampleRunScripts directory contains a few examples of full MRS data processing pipelines. These include: run specialproc.m, run pressproc.m, and run megapressproc.m. These "pipeline" operations begin with raw MRS data in Siemens .dat format and then process the data in a logical step-by-step fashion to generate fully processed data that is ready to be analyzed using one of the leading MRS analysis software packages (LCModel, jMRUI or Tarquin). Processing steps performed in these pipelines include combination of receive channels (op addrcvrs.m), removal of motion corrupted averages (op rmbadaverages.m), spectral registration of averages (op alignAverages.m), and combination of averages (op averaging.m). Sample MRS data for testing these data processing pipelines are provided with the FID-A toolkit and can be found in the {FID-A dir}/exampleData directory (see Section 1.7 below).

In addition to processing pipelines, the {FID-A\_dir}/exampleRunScripts directory contains some examples of how to run complicated simulations involving pulse sequences with shaped rf pulses (run\_simMegaPressShaped.m, run\_simMegaPressShapedRefoc.m, run\_simMegaPressShapedEdit.m, run\_simMegaPressShapedRefoc.m, run\_simMegaSpecialShaped.m, run\_simSpinEchoShaped.m). Finally, the {FID-A\_dir}/exampleRunScripts directory contains an example script showing how to generate all of the .RAW files necessary to create a basic LCModel basis set (run simExampleBasisSet.m).

## 1.6. Data structure formatting

The FID-A software package is implemented in MATLAB (Natick MA, Within FID-A, simulated or experimental MRS datasets are stored in uniquely formatted data structures that encapsulate all of the data, (in both the time-domain and frequency-domain) as well as the relevant header information in the fields of the structure. By encapsulating data and header information in this way, processing operations have access to all relevant information and thus require as few input arguments as possible. FID-A is unique among MRS processing software tools in that it enables the user to easily and efficiently manage MRS datasets with higher dimensionality (datasets with multiple averages, multiple coils, and multiple subspectra). When multiple averages, coil channels, or subspectra of data are present, they are stored in separate dimensions of a data arrays, and indexed within the header. The FID-A processing operations are designed to automatically recognize the dimensionality of the data based on the header information and perform their operations accordingly. The fields of the MRS data structure are listed and briefly described below:

fids - time domain MRS data.

specs - frequency domain MRS data.

t - vector of time values for plotting in the time domain [s]

- vector of frequency values for plotting in the frequency domain

[mqq]

sz - size of the fids and specs arrays

date - date that the data was acquired or simulated

averages - number of averages in the dataset (possibly altered by

processing)

rawAverages - number of averages in the original dataset (not altered by processing).

- number of subspectra (ISIS, edit on/off, etc) in the dataset subspecs (possibly altered by processing). rawSubspecs - number of subspectra (ISIS, edit on/off, etc) in the original dataset (not altered by processing). - magnetic field strength [Tesla] Во txfrq - Centre frequnecy [MHz]; - linewidth of data (only used for simulated data) [Hz] linewidth - number of spectral points dwelltime - dwell time of the data in the time domain [s] (dwelltime = 1/spectralwidth) sim - type of simulation (ideal vs. shaped pulses), only used for simulated data. - echo time of acquisition [ms], only used for simulated data te - type of sequence used (only used for simulated data). seq - structure specifying which data dimensions are stored along dims which dimensions of the fids/specs arrays. Fields include: - time/frequency dimension (usually this is 1, the first t dimension of the fids/specs array). - for multiple receiver array, this is the dimension of coils the arrayed receiver data (can be 2, 3 or 4). averages - for multiple averages, this is the dimension of the averages (can be 2, 3 or 4). subSpecs - in the case of subtraction data (ISIS, MEGA-PRESS), this is the dimension of the subSpectra (can be 2, 3 or 4). flags - structure specifying what processing operations have already been done on the data. fields include: writtentostruct - Has the dataset been written to a structure (1 or 0) - Have the parameters been retrieved from the gotparams dataset (1 or 0) filtered - Has the dataset been filtered (1 or 0) - Has the dataset been zeropadded (1 or 0) zeropadded freqcorrected - Has the dataset been frequency corrected (1 or 0) phasecorrected - Has the dataset been phase corrected (1 or 0) averaged - Have the averages been combined (1 or 0) addedrcvrs - Have the rcvr channels been combined (1 or 0). - Have the subspecs been subtracted (1 or 0) Subtracted Writtentotext - Has the data been written to text file (1 or 0) Downsampled - has the data been resampled to a different

spectral resolution (1 or 0)

avgNormalized - Has the data been amplitude scaled following

combination of the averages (1 or 0)

isISIS - Does the dataset contain ISIS subspectra (1 or 0)

RF pulses are also stored in uniquely formatted data structures. Each RF pulse structure stores the rf waveform as well as information about the rf pulse type (excitation, refocusing or inversion), the time-bandwidth product, and the time-B1 product. The fields of the RF pulse structure are listed and briefly described below:

waveform - an n x 3 array, where n is the number of points in the rf pulse, the first column (:,1) contains the rf pulse phase, the second column (:,2) contains the absolute rf amplitude, and the third column (:,3) contains the duration of each time step (normally this is a vector of ones, but not necessarily).

- The type of RF pulse. Options are 'exc' for an excitation pulse, 'inv' for an inversion pulse, and 'ref' for a refocusing pulse.

twl - The product of the duration of the rf pulse [s] and the wlmax of the rf pulse [Hz].

- The product of the duration of the rf pulse [s] and the bandwidth of the rf pulse [Hz]

## 1.7. Example Data

The FID-A toolkit comes with examples of raw MRS data from a few different scanner vendors (Bruker, GE and Siemens), and a few different pulse sequences (PRESS, MEGA-PRESS and SPECIAL). These datasets can be processed using some of scripts provided in the {FID-A\_dir}/exampleRunScripts directory. These are relatively large files that could not be stored normally in the GitHub repository due to GitHub's native file size limitations.

Therefore, in order to download these data, you must first download and install the "Large File Storage" (LFS) extension to GitHub, which can be found here: (https://git-lfs.github.com). Without this extension, a clone or download of the FID-A repository will result in a {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData directory that is empty. However, after you've downloaded and installed the LFS extension, then re-cloning or downloading the FID-A repository should result in a {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData folder that correctly contains the required example data. For more information on how to use the exampleRunScripts to test this example data, please see Chapter 8.

Below is a brief summary of all of the functions in the FID-A Software package. The same information can be obtained by typing 'help functionName" at the MATLAB command line:

# 2. Simulation Tools

## 2.1. sim dAdd.m

## 2.2. sim Hamiltonian.m

```
USAGE:
[H,d] = sim Hamiltonian(sys,Bfield);
```

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Creates the nxn Hamiltonian matrix for a spin system which can then be used in other functions to simulate NMR experiments.

#### INPUTS:

sys = spin system definition structure.
Bfield = magnetic field strength (Tesla).

#### OUTPUTS:

= n x n Hamiltonian matrix for spin system.

d = Equilibrium density matrix.

## 2.3. sim evolve.m

#### USAGE:

d\_out = sim\_evolve(d\_in,H,t)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates free evolution of the spin system under the effects of chemical shift and scalar coupling.

#### INPUTS:

d\_in = input density matrix structure.
H = Hamiltonian operator structure.
t = duration of evolution (s)

#### OUTPUTS:

d\_out = output density matrix following free evolution.

## 2.4. sim\_excite.m

#### **USAGE:**

d out = sim excite(d in,H,axis,anglein)

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function simulates the effect of an ideal (instantaneous) excitation pulse on the density matrix. Used in simulation tools.

#### INPUTS:

d\_in = input density matrix structure.
H = Hamiltonian operator structure.
axis = Axis of rotation ('x' or 'y');

anglein = Flip angle of excitation (degrees). Optional. Default=90. If anglein is a scalar, then the same flip angle is applied to all spins in the spin system. If anglein is a cell array of scalars, each part of the spin system will have the same flip angle applied to each of the spins in that part. Finally, if anglein is a cell array of vectors, then a unique flip angle can be applied to every spin in each part of the spin system. In this case, the length of the vectors in the cell array must be equal to the number of spins in the corresponding part of the spin system.

#### OUTPUTS:

d out = output density matrix following excitation pulse.

## 2.5. sim\_excite\_arbPh.m

```
USAGE:
```

d\_out = sim\_excite\_arbPh(d\_in,H,phase,anglein)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of an ideal (instantaneous) excitation pulse on the density matrix. Used in simulation tools. The phase of the excitation pulse can be arbitrarily chosen. To achieve an arbitrary phase, this code executes a rotation about z by an angle of -phi (the rf pulse phase), then executes a rotation about x by an angle of "anglein" the flip angle of the excitation pulse), and then executes a rotation back about z by an angle of phi.

### INPUTS:

d in = input density matrix structure. H = Hamiltonian operator structure.

= Phase of rotation in degrees (ie. 0='x', 90='y', etc); phase

anglein = Flip angle of excitation (degrees). Optional. Default=90. If

anglein is a scalar, then the same flip angle is applied to all spins in the spin system. If anglein is a cell array of scalars, each part of the spin system will have the same flip angle applied to each of the spins in that part. Finally, if anglein is a cell array of vectors, then a unique flip angle can be applied to every spin in each part of the spin system. In this case, the length of the vectors in the cell array must be equal to the number of spins

in the corresponding part of the spin system.

#### OUTPUTS:

d out = output density matrix following excitation pulse.

## 2.6. sim\_gradSpoil.m

d out = sim gradSpoil(d in,H,gradVect,posVect,dur)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of a rectangular spoiler gradient with a given amplitude, direction and duration.

## INPUTS:

d in = input density matrix structure. = Hamiltonian operator structure.

gradVect = Vector of spoiler gradient amplitudes [Gx Gy Gz] in G/cm.

posVect = Position vector of spins of interest [x y z] in cm.

dur = Duration of the gradient pulse in ms.

## OUTPUTS:

d out = output density matrix following spoiler gradient.

## 2.7. sim laser.m

#### **USAGE:**

out = sim laser(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,TE)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates an ideal LASER experiment with total echo time "TE", and six equally spaced echoes. The function calls the function 'sim\_Hamiltonian.m' which produces the free evolution Hamiltonian and rotation Hamiltonians for the specified spin system.

#### INPUTS:

n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

sys = spin system definition structure

TE = Echo time in [s]

#### OUTPUTS:

out = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using LASER
 sequence.

## 2.8. sim lcmrawbasis.m

#### USAGE:

[RF,out]=sim\_lcmrawbasis(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,metab,tau1,tau2,addref,makeraW,seq)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Generate an LCModel .RAW file to be used as an individual metabolite basis spectrum in an LCModel basis set. The relevant characteristics of the acquisition can be specified (pulse sequence, number of points, spectral width, etc)

#### INPUTS:

n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

taul = first echo time in [s] (if seq='st' or 'l', taul = TE)

tau2 = second echo time in [s]. (Used in Press, but not used in SE or

LASER. If seq='st', tau2=TM).

addref = add reference at 0ppm (for use in LCModel makebasis) ['y' or 'n']

makeraw = make output file for lcmodel ['y' or 'n']

seq = pulse sequence ['se' for Spin Echo, 'p' for Press, 'st' for

Steam, or 'l' for LASER]

metab = one of the following choices

'H2O' = Water
'Ala' = Alanine
'Asp' = Aspartate
'PCh' = PhosphoCholine

'Cr' = Creatine

'PCr' = PhosphoCreatine

'GABA' = Gamma-aminobutyric acid (kaiser)

'Gln' = Glutamine

'Glu' = Glutamate
'GSH' = Glutathione
'Gly' = Glycine
'Ins' = Myo-inositol

'Lac' = Lactate
'NAA' = N-acetyl aspartate
'Scyllo' = Scyllo-inositol

'Tau' = Taurine

'Asc' = Ascorbate (Vitamin C)
'bHB' = beta-Hydroxybutyrate
'bHG' = beta-Hydroxyglutarate

'Glc' = Glucose

'NAAG' = N-acetyl aspartyl glutamate 'GPC' = Glycero-phosphocholine 'PE' = Phosphoryl ethanolamine

'Ser' = Serine

#### OUTPUTS:

RF = not used.

out = Simulated basis spectrum in FID-A structure format.

## 2.9. sim make2DSimPlot.m

#### USAGE:

sim make2DSimPlot(in,ppmmin,ppmmax)

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function takes the output of a spatially resolved simulation, and plots the array of spectra on a single figure. The input should be a cell array where each element of the cell array is a simulated spectrum from one spatial position in the spatially resolved simulation. Each element of the array is also in FID-A data structure format. By including the optional input argument ppmmin and ppmmax, only a the corresponding range of each spectrum will be plotted.

#### INPUTS:

in = input cell array of simulated spectra from a spatially resolved

simulation

ppmmin = lower limit of ppm range to plot [ppm]
ppmmax = upper limit of ppm range to plot [ppm]

## OUTPUTS:

none

## 2.10. sim megapress.m

## **USAGE:**

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Simulate the MEGA-PRESS sequence with instantaneous localization and editing pulses. Provides the ability to specify the flip angle of each refocusing pulse and editing pulse on each spin in the spin system.

```
INPUTS:
         = number of points in fid/spectrum
n
         = desired spectral width in [Hz]
SW
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]
linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]
         = spin system definition structure
taus
         = pulse sequence timing vector:
             = time in [ms] from 90 to 1st 180
  taus(1)
             = time in [ms] from 1st 180 to 1st edit pulse
  taus(2)
             = time in [ms] from 1st edit pulse to 2nd 180
  taus(3)
             = time in [ms] from 2nd 180 to 2nd edit pulse
  taus(4)
  taus(5)
             = time in [ms] from 2nd edit pulse to ADC
refoclFlip= array of refocl flip angles for each spin in system
refoc2Flip= array of refoc2 flip angles for each spin in system
editFlip = array of editing flip angles for each spin in system
OUTPUTS:
          = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using MEGA-PRESS
out
            sequence.
```

## 2.11. sim megapress shaped.m

#### **USAGE:**

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the MEGA-PRESS sequence with shaped localization pulses and shaped editing pulses. Enables choice of the timings of all of the rf pulses as well as the choice of the phase of both the editing pulse and the refocusing pulses. This allows phase cycling of the editing and refocusing pulses by repeating simulations with different editing pulse phases, which is necessary to remove phase artefacts from the editing pulses. For the editing pulses, an eight step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where by the first editing pulse is cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the second editing pulse is cycled by 0,90,180, and 270 degrees, and all phase cycles should be added together to remove unwanted coherences. For the refocusing pulses, a four step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where both refocusing pulses are phase cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the phase are combined in the following way:

```
signal = ([0 90] - [0 0]) + ([90 0] - [90 90]);
```

where, in [X Y], X is the phase of the first refocusing pulse and Y is the phase of the second refocusing pulse

Note that this code only simulates one subspectrum at a time (edit-on or edit-off). The difference spectrum can be obtained by simulating one of each, and then subtracting.

#### INPUTS:

n = number of points in fid/spectrum

```
= desired spectral width in [Hz]
        = main magnetic field strength in [T]
Bfield
linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]
           = time in [ms] from 90 to 1st 180
taus(1)
           = time in [ms] from 1st 180 to 1st edit pulse
taus(2)
taus(3)
           = time in [ms] from 1st edit pulse to 2nd 180
           = time in [ms] from 2nd 180 to 2nd edit pulse
taus(4)
taus(5)
           = time in [ms] from 2nd edit pulse to ADC
           FOR MEGA-PRESS on SIEMENS SYSTEM:
           taus=[4.545,12.7025,21.7975,12.7025,17.2526];
           = Metabolite spin system definition structure;
sys
editPulse = RF pulse definition structure for editing pulses (obtain using
             'io loadRFwaveform.m')
          = duration of editing pulse in [ms];
editTp
editPh1
          = the phase of the first editing pulse in [degrees];
editPh2
          = the phase of the second editing pulse in [degrees];
refPulse = RF pulse definition structure for refoc pulses (obtain using
             'io loadRFwaveform.m')
          = duration of refocusing pulse in [ms]
refTp
          = gradient strength for first selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gx
           = gradient strength for second selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gy
          = position offset in x-direction (corresponding to first
dx
           refocusing pulse) [cm]
          = position offset in y-direction (corresponding to second
dy
           refocusing pulse) [cm]
          = the phase of the first refocusing pulse in [degrees];
refPh1
refPh2
          = the phase of the second refocusing pulse in [degrees];
OUTPUTS:
          = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using MEGA-PRESS
out
            sequence.
```

# 2.12. sim megapress shapedEdit.m

#### **USAGE:**

## **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the MEGA-PRESS sequence with instantaneous localization pulses and shaped editing pulses. Enables choice of the timings of all of the rf pulses as well as the choice of the phase of the editing pulse. This allows phase cycling of the editing pulses by repeating simulations with different editing pulse phases, which is necessary to remove phase artefacts from the editing pulses. For the editing pulses, an eight step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where by the first editing pulse is cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the second editing pulse is cycled by 0,90,180, and 270 degrees, and all phase cycles should be added together to remove unwanted coherences.

Note that this code only simulates one subspectrum at a time (edit-on or edit-off). The difference spectrum can be obtained by simulating one of each, and then subtracting.

## INPUTS:

```
n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
```

```
= main magnetic field strength in [T]
linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]
           = time in [ms] from 90 to 1st 180
taus(1)
            = time in [ms] from 1st 180 to 1st edit pulse
taus(2)
            = time in [ms] from 1st edit pulse to 2n\bar{d} 180
taus(3)
taus(4)
            = time in [ms] from 2nd 180 to 2nd edit pulse
            = time in [ms] from 2nd edit pulse to ADC
taus(5)
            FOR MEGA-PRESS on SIEMENS SYSTEM:
           taus=[4.545,12.7025,21.7975,12.7025,17.2526];
           = Metabolite spin system definition structure;
sys
editPulse = RF pulse definition structure for editing pulses (obtain using
             'io loadRFwaveform.m')
           = duration of editing pulse in [ms];
editTp
           = the phase of the first editing pulse in [degrees];
editPh1
editPh2
          = the phase of the second editing pulse in [degrees];
centreFreq = the centre frequency of the experiment in [ppm];
OUTPUTS:
out
          = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using MEGA-PRESS
            sequence.
```

## 2.13. sim\_megapress\_shapedRefoc.m

#### **USAGE:**

sim\_megapress\_shapedRefoc(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,taus,sys,editFlip,refPulse,re
fTp,Gx,Gy,dx,dy,refPh1,refPh2)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the MEGA-PRESS sequence with shaped localization pulses and instantaneous editing pulses. Enables choice of the timings of all of the rf pulses as well as the choice of the phase of both the editing pulse and the refocusing pulses. This allows phase cycling of the editing and refocusing pulses by repeating simulations with different editing pulse phases, which is necessary to remove phase artefacts from the editing pulses. For the editing pulses, an eight step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where by the first editing pulse is cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the second editing pulse is cycled by 0,90,180, and 270 degrees, and all phase cycles should be added together to remove unwanted coherences. For the refocusing pulses, a four step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where both refocusing pulses are phase cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the phase are combined in the following way:

```
signal = ([0 90] - [0 0]) + ([90 0] - [90 90]);
```

where, in [X Y], X is the phase of the first refocusing pulse and Y is the phase of the second refocusing pulse

Note that this code only simulates one subspectrum at a time (edit-on or edit-off). The difference spectrum can be obtained by simulating one of each, and then subtracting.

## INPUTS:

```
n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]
```

```
linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]
            = time in [ms] from 90 to 1st 180
taus(1)
            = time in [ms] from 1st 180 to 1st edit pulse
taus(2)
            = time in [ms] from 1st edit pulse to 2nd 180
taus(3)
            = time in [ms] from 2nd 180 to 2nd edit pulse
taus(4)
taus(5)
            = time in [ms] from 2nd edit pulse to ADC
              FOR MEGA-PRESS on SIEMENS SYSTEM:
              taus=[4.545,12.7025,21.7975,12.7025,17.2526];
           = Metabolite spin system definition structure;
editFlip
           = vector of editing flip angles in [degrees] at chemical shifts
              corresponding to 'shifts'.
           = RF pulse definition structure for refoc pulses (obtain using
refPulse
             'io loadRFwaveform.m')
           = duration of refocusing pulse in [ms]
refTp
           = gradient strength for first selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gx
           = gradient strength for second selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gy
dx
           = position offset in x-direction (corresponding to first
              refocusing pulse) [cm]
dy
           = position offset in y-direction (corresponding to second
              refocusing pulse) [cm]
refPh1
           = the phase of the first refocusing pulse in [degrees];
          = the phase of the second refocusing pulse in [degrees];
refPh2
OUTPUTS:
          = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using MEGA-PRESS
out
               sequence.
```

## 2.14. sim megaspecial shaped.m

## **USAGE:**

## DESCRIPTION:

This function simulates the MEGA-SPECIAL sequence with a shaped localization pulse and shaped editing pulses. Enables choice of the timings of all of the rf pulses as well as the choice of the phase of both the editing pulses and the refocusing pulse. This allows phase cycling of the editing and refocusing pulses by repeating simulations with different editing pulse phases, which is necessary to remove phase artefacts from the editing pulses. For the editing pulses, an eight step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where by the first editing pulse is cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the second editing pulse is cycled by 0,90,180, and 270 degrees, and all phase cycles should be added together to remove unwanted coherences. For the refocusing pulse, a two step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where the refocusing pulses is phase cycled by 0 and 90 degrees, and the two phase cycles are subtracted from each other.

Note that this code only simulates one subspectrum at a time (edit-on or edit-off). The difference spectrum can be obtained by simulating one of each, and then subtracting.

## INPUTS:

```
n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]
```

```
linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]
           = time in [ms] from 90 to 1st edit pulse
taus(1)
           = time in [ms] from 1st edit pulse to the 180
taus(2)
           = time in [ms] from the 180 pulse to 2nd edit pulse
taus(3)
          = time in [ms] from 2nd edit pulse to ADC
taus(4)
          = Metabolite spin system definition structure;
sys
editPulse = Editing pulse shape structure
editTp = duration of editing pulse in [ms];
editPh1
         = the phase of the first editing pulse in [degrees];
editPh2
          = the phase of the second editing pulse in [degrees];
          = RF pulse definition structure for refoc pulse (obtain using
refPulse
             'io loadRFwaveform.m')
          = duration of refocusing pulse in [ms]
refTp
          = gradient strength for selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gx
dx
          = position offset in x-direction (corresponding to refocusing
           pulse) [cm]
refPh
          = the phase of the refocusing pulse in [degrees];
OUTPUTS:
         = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using MEGA-SPECIAL
out
             sequence.
```

#### 2.15. sim onepulse.m

#### **USAGE:**

out=sim\_onepulse(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates a pulse-acquire experiment with an ideal (instantaneous) excitation pulse and an assumed lorentzian lineshape. The function calls the function 'sim\_Hamiltonian' which produces the free evolution Hamiltonian for the specified number of spins, J and shifts.

## INPUTS:

= number of points in fid/spectrum = desired spectral width in [Hz] = main magnetic field strength in [T] Bfield

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

= spin system definition structure sys

# OUTPUTS:

= simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using pulseout. acquire sequence.

#### 2.16. sim onepulse arbPh.m

## **USAGE:**

out=sim onepulse arbPh(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,ph)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates a pulse-acquire experiment with an ideal (instantaneous) excitation pulse and an assumed lorentzian lineshape. The function calls the function 'sim\_Hamiltonian' which produces the free

evolution Hamiltonian for the specified number of spins, J and shifts. This function enables an excitation pulse with an arbitrary phase.

#### INPUTS:

= number of points in fid/spectrum n = desired spectral width in [Hz] SW = main magnetic field strength in [T] Bfield

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

= spin system definition structure sys = excitation pulse phase (in degrees) ph

OUTPUTS:

= simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using out.

pulse-acquire sequence.

#### 2.17. sim\_onepulse\_shaped.m

#### **USAGE:**

out = sim\_onepulse\_shaped(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,RF,tp,phCyc,dfdx,G)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of a frequency selective or slice selective excitation, followed immediately by the acquisition window. This is mainly an exercise to see if I can get slice selective excitation working.

Note that when simulating a frequency selective pulse, it is okay to specify only 8 arguments (no gradient needs to be specified). If the 9th argument, G, is specified and is non-zero, then a slice selective pulse is assumed.

## INPUTS:

= number of points in fid/spectrum = desired spectral width in [Hz] SW = main magnetic field strength in [T] Bfield

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

sys = spin system definition structure

RF= RF pulse definition structure (obtain using

'io loadRFwaveform.m')

= RF pulse duration in [ms] tp

= Phase of excitation rf pulse in [degrees]. phCyc

= if simulating a frequency selective pulse, this argument should dfdx be the frequency offset [Hz]. If simulating a slice selective

pulse, this argument should be the position offset [cm].

= gradient strength for slice-selective pulse [G/cm];

## OUTPUTS:

G

= simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using pulseout acquire sequence.

#### 2.18. sim press.m

#### **IISAGE**:

out = sim press(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,tau1,tau2)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates an ideal PRESS experiment with first echo time "tau1" and a second echo time of "tau2". The function calls the function 'sim Hamiltonian.m' which produces the free evolution Hamiltonian and rotation Hamiltonians for the specified spin system.

#### INPUTS:

= number of points in fid/spectrum n = desired spectral width in [Hz] SW Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

= spin system definition structure sys

= Echo time in [s] of first press Spin Echo tau1 = Echo time in [s] of second press Spin Echo tau2

OUTPUTS:

out = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using PRESS

sequence.

#### 2.19. sim press shaped.m

#### **USAGE:**

out = sim press shaped(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,tau1,tau2,RF,tp,dx,dy,Gx, Gy,phCyc1,phCyc2,flipAngle)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the PRESS experiment. The excitation is simulated as an instantaneous rotation, and the refocusing pulse is simulated as a shaped rotation.

This code enables the choice of the phase of the refocusing pulses. This enables phase cycling of the refocusing pulses by repeating simulations with different editing pulse phases, which is necessary to remove phase artefacts from the editing pulses. A four step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where both refocusing pulses are phase cycled by 0 and 90  $\,$ degrees, and the phase are combined in the following way:

```
signal = ([0 90] - [0 0]) + ([90 0] - [90 90]);
```

where, in [X Y], X is the phase of the first refocusing pulse and Y is the phase of the second refocusing pulse

Finally, this code simulates the spectrum at a given point in space (x,y), given the values of the slice selection gradients (Gx, and Gy). The pulse waveform is assumed to be the same for both refocusing pulses. In order to fully simulate the MEGA-PRESS experiment, you have to run this simulation many times at various points in space (x,y), and then add together the resulting spectra.

#### INPUTS:

tau2

= number of points in fid/spectrum = desired spectral width in [Hz] Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T] linewidth = linewidth in [Hz] = spin system definition structure sys = echo time 1 in [ms]. tau1

= echo time 2 in [ms].

```
RF
          = RF pulse definition structure for refoc pulses (obtain using
            'io loadRFwaveform.m')
          = RF pulse duration in [ms]
tp
         = position offset in x-direction (corresponding to first refocusing
dx
            pulse) [cm]
          = position offset in y-direction (corresponding to second
dy
           refocusing pulse) [cm]
          = gradient strength for first selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gx
         = gradient strength for second selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]
Gy
phCycl
         = initial phase of the first refocusing pulse in [degrees];
         = initial phase of the second refocusing pulse in [degrees];
phCycl2
flipAngle = flip angle of refocusing pulses [degrees] (Optional. Default =
           180 deg)
OUTPUTS:
out
          = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using PRESS
            sequence.
```

#### 2.20. sim readout.m

#### USAGE:

[out,d out] = sim readout(d in,H,n,sw,linewidth,rcvPhase,shape)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates an ADC readout of the transverse magnetization during the free evolution of the spin system under the effects of chemical shift and scalar coupling.

```
INPUTS:
```

```
d in
         = input density matrix structure.
Η
         = Hamiltonian operator structure.
         = number of readout points
n
         = spectral width [Hz]
linewidth = full width at half maximum of spectral peaks [Hz]
rcvPhase = receiver phase [degrees]. Optional. Default = 0 (corresponds to
           x'-axis readout);
          = line broadening function. Optional,
shape
               'L' = lorentzian (default)
               'G' = gaussian
               'LG' = Lorentz-Gauss (50% mixture)
OUTPUTS:
```

= simulated spectrum resulting from readout. out = output density matrix following readout. d out

#### 2.21. sim\_rotate.m

d\_out = sim\_rotate(d\_in,H,anglein,axis)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of an ideal (instantaneous) rotation on the density matrix. Used in simulation tools.

INPUTS:

d\_in = input density matrix structure.

H = Hamiltonian operator structure.

anglein = RF pulse flip angle (degrees). If anglein is a scalar, then the same flip angle is applied to all spins in the spin system. If anglein is a cell array of scalars, each part of the spin system will have the same flip angle applied to each of the spins in that part. Finally, if anglein is a cell array of vectors, then a unique flip angle can be applied to every spin in each part of the spin system. In this case, the length of the vectors in the cell array must be equal to the number of spins in the corresponding part of the spin system.

= Axis of rotation ('x', 'y' or 'z'); (A z-rotation technically doesn't correspond to an rf pulse rotation, but it is included here anyway).

OUTPUTS:

axis

d\_out = output density matrix following rf rotation.

## 2.22. sim rotate arbPh.m

**USAGE:** 

d\_out = sim\_rotate\_arbPh(d\_in,H,anglein,ph)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of an ideal (instantaneous) rotation on the density matrix. Used in simulation tools. The phase of the rf pulse can be arbitrarily chosen. To achieve an arbitrary phase, this code executes a rotation about z by an angle of -phi (the rf pulse phase), then executes a rotation about x by an angle of "angle" (the flip angle of the pulse), and then executes a rotation back about z by an angle of phi.

INPUTS:

anglein

d\_in = input density matrix structure.

H = Hamiltonian operator structure.

= RF pulse flip angle (degrees). If anglein is a scalar, then the same flip angle is applied to all spins in the spin system. If anglein is a cell array of scalars, each part of the spin system will have the same flip angle applied to each of the spins in that part. Finally, if anglein is a cell array of vectors, then a unique flip angle can be applied to every spin in each part of the spin system. In this case, the length of the vectors in the cell array must be equal to the number of spins in the corresponding part of the spin system.

ph = Phase of rotation (in degrees; ie. 0='x', 90='y');

OUTPUTS:

d\_out = output density matrix following rf rotation.

## 2.23. sim shapedRF.m

**USAGE:** 

d\_out = sim\_shapedRF(d\_in,H,RFstruct,Tp,flipAngle,phase,dfdx,grad)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of a shaped rf pulse on the density matrix. The temporal shape of the refocusing pulses is modelled as a series of N instantaneous rotations about the effective RF field, where N is the number of time points in the RF waveform. The instantaneous effective RF field can be an arbitrary vector, and can be represented in polar coordinates as B(Beff,alpha,zeta), where Beff is the magnitude field, alpha is the polar angle (the angle between the transverse plane and the effective B field), and zeta is the azimuthal angle, which is given by the phase of the RF). Rotation about the effective B-field is achieved by a composite rotation: Rotate about Y by -alpha, rotate about Z by -zeta, then rotate about X by 2\*pi\*gamma\*Beff\*dt, then rotate back about Z by zeta and back about Y by alpha.

#### INPUTS:

Тp

d in = input density matrix structure. Η = Hamiltonian operator structure.

RF= Radiofrequency pulse. This can be the filename of a Siemens .pta

file, or an RF pulse definition structure (obtained using

io loadRFwaveform.m) = Pulse duration in [ms];

flipAngle = RF pulse flip angle [degrees].

= Phase of RF pulse [degrees]. Optional. Default = 0 (x'-axis.
90 degress corresponds to +y' axis) phase

dfdx = if simulating a frequency selective pulse, this argument

should be the frequency offset [Hz] (Optional. Default = 0 Hz).

If simulating a slice selective pulse, this argument should

be the position offset [cm].

= Gradient strength [G/cm]. Optional (for slice selective pulses grad

only).

#### OUTPUTS:

d out = output density matrix following shaped RF pulse.

#### 2.24. sim spinecho.m

out = sim spinecho(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,tau)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates a spin-echo experiment with instantaneous RF pulses.

#### INPUTS:

= number of points in fid/spectrum n = desired spectral width in [Hz] sw Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

= spin system definition structure sys

= echo time in [s] tau

## OUTPUTS:

= simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using spin-echo out

sequence.

# 2.25. sim spinecho shaped.m

#### **USAGE:**

sim spinecho shaped(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,TE,RF,Tp,qrad,pos,ph)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates a localized spin-echo sequence with a shaped refocusing pulse. It enables choice of the echo-time as well as the choice of the phase refocusing pulse. This allows phase cycling of the refocusing pulses by repeating simulations with different pulse phases, which is necessary to remove unwanted coherences from outside the volume of interest. For the refocusing pulse, a two step phase cycling scheme is typically sufficient, where the refocusing pulse is phase cycled by 0 and 90 degrees the phase are combined by subtraction.

#### INPUTS:

n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

sys = Metabolite spin system definition structure;

TE = Echo time in [ms]

RF = RF pulse definition structure for refoc pulse (obtain using

'io loadRFwaveform.m');

Tp = duration of refocusing pulse in [ms]

grad = gradient strength for the selective refocusing pulse [G/cm]

pos = position offset in the direction corresponding to the refocusing

pulse [cm]

ph = the phase of the refocusing pulse in [degrees];

#### OUTPUTS:

out = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using spin-echo
 sequence.

# 2.26. sim spinecho xN.m

#### USAGE:

out = sim spinecho(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,tau,Nechoes)

## DESCRIPTION:

This function simulates a multi-echo spin-echo experiment with 'Nechoes' instantaneous RF pulses.

#### INPUTS:

n = number of points in fid/spectrum
sw = desired spectral width in [Hz]
Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

sys = spin system definition structure

tau = echo time in [s]

Nechoes = number of spin echoes (optional. Default = 10);

# OUTPUTS:

= simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using multi-echo out spin-echo sequence.

#### 2.27. sim spoil.m

#### USAGE:

d out = sim spoil(d in,H,angle)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function simulates the effect of a rotation about the z-axis.

#### INPUTS:

d in = input density matrix structure. = Hamiltonian operator structure.

= Spoil angle (degrees). angle

#### OUTPUTS:

d out = output density matrix following z-rotation.

#### 2.28. sim steam.m

#### **USAGE:**

out = sim steam(n,sw,Bfield,linewidth,sys,te,tm)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Simulate the STEAM sequence using ideal (instantaneous) RF pulses. To remove unwanted coherences, a 4 step phase cycle is automatically performed, with the first and third rf pulses being cycled by 0, 90 180, and 270 degrees. THIS CODE IS NOT TESTED. RESULTS MAY NOT BE ACCURATE!!

#### INPUTS:

= number of points in fid/spectrum n = desired spectral width in [Hz] SW Bfield = main magnetic field strength in [T]

linewidth = linewidth in [Hz]

= spin system definition structure sys

= echo time in [s] te = mixing time in [s] tm

## OUTPUTS:

= simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using steam out sequence.

#### 2.29. sim steam gradSim.m

## **IISAGE**:

Script can be run by pressing "run".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function runs the sim\_steam\_spoil function multiple times with different spoiler gradient intensities. The result is a spoiled STEAM sequence.

#### INPUTS:

Initialize the following variables and then click "run":

spinsys = Spin system.
TE = Echo time [s].
TM = Mixing time [s].

N = Number of 'phase cycles'

OUTPUTS:

steam = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using STEAM

sequence.

press = simulated spectrum, in FID-A structure format, using PRESS

sequence (for comparison).

# 3. RF Pulse Tools

## 3.1. rf blochSim.m

#### **USAGE:**

[mv,sc]=rf\_blochSim(RF,tp,fspan,f0,peakB1,ph,M0);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform a bloch simulation of an RF pulse. This code simply runs Martyn Klassen's excellent bloch equation simulator. For more information, see help file for bes.m. (~FID-A/rfPulseTools/mklassenTools/bes.m).

## INPUTS:

RF = RF pulse definition structure

tp = pulse duration in [ms]

## OUTPUTS:

mv = Simulated magnetization vector in three columns (x,y,z) as a

function of frequency.

sc = Frequency scale (in kHz) corresponding to the simulated mv

vectors.

## 3.2. rf dualBand.m

#### USAGE:

[rf,AMPINT]=rf\_dualBand(tp,df,n,bw,ph,shft)

## DESCRIPTION:

Creates an n-point dual banded gaussian inversion RF pulse with duration tp(ms). The first band will be at f=0Hz and the second band will be at df Hz. Bw is the bandwidth of the two selection bands in Hz.

INPUTS:

tp = pulse duration in ms.

df = frequency of 2nd gaussian band [Hz].
n = number of points in rf waveform.

bw = bandwidth of both selection bands [Hz].

ph = phase of the second gaussian.

shft = frequency shift applied to both bands.

OUTPUTS:

rf = Output rf waveform for a dual banded rf pulse, in FID-A rf

pulse structure format.

AMPINT = Calculated amplitude integral (for use in Siemens .pta files).

## 3.3. rf freqshift.m

**USAGE:** 

RF\_shift=rf\_freqshift(RF,Tp,F);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Apply a frequency shift to an RF pulse.

INPUTS:

RF = RF pulse definition structure.
Tp = duration of the rf pulse in [ms].

F = amount that you would like to frequency shift the rf pulse in

[Hz].

OUTPUTS:

RF shift = Output rf pulse following frequency shift.

# 3.4. rf\_gauss.m

**USAGE:** 

[rf,AMPINT]=rf\_gauss(tp,df,n,bw);

DESCRIPTION:

Create an n point gaussian rf waveform. Waveform can be converted in to siemens pta file using rf\_writepta.m or into varian/agilent rf file using io writeRF.m.

INPUTS:

tp = duration of rf pulse in ms.

df = frequency of gaussian pulse in Hz. 0 frequency will

correspond to the reference frequency of the rf transmitter.

n = number of points in the rf waveform.

bw = FWHM of the gaussian inversion profile in the frequency

domain (Hz).

OUTPUTS:

rf = Output rf waveform for gaussian rf pulse, in FID-A rf

pulse structure format.

AMPINT = Calculated amplitude integral (for use in Siemens .pta files).

## 3.5. rf hs.m

#### USAGE:

[RF,FM,mv,sc]=rf hs(outfile,N,n,tbw,Tp,trunc,thk)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function creates any desired HS pulse. N is the number of steps, n is the order of the HS pulse, tbw is the time bandwidth product of the pulse, Tp is the duration of the pulse and thk is the desired thickness of the pulse.

#### INPUTS:

outfile = name of output rf file.

N = Number of points in RF waveform.

n = order of the HS pulse. tbw = Time bandwidth product.

Tp = Duration of the RF pulse (ms).

trunc = Truncation of the amplitude modulation function. thk = thickness of the slice selective pulse (optional).

#### OUTPUTS:

rf = Output rf waveform for a HS pulse, in FID-A rf pulse

structure format.

FM = Frequency modulation waveform (in Hz).

mv = Simulated magnetization vector in three columns (x,y,z)

as a function of frequency.

sc = Frequency scale (in kHz) corresponding to the simulated

mv vectors.

# 3.6. rf\_refocusedComponent.m

## USAGE:

```
[I,ph]=rf refocusedComponent(RF,tp,flipAngle,fspan);
```

## DESCRIPTION:

Calculates the refocused component and refocused phase of an rf pulse. This is done according to the description in Section 5.7.3 of "In vivo NMR Spectroscopy - Principles and Techniques" by Robin A de Graaf. Specifically, the RF pulse is simulated twice: once with the starting magnetization along Mx, and once with the starting magnetization along My. From these, fxx, fxy, fyy and fyx are calculated and fed into the equations for refocused component magnitude (I) and phase (ph). For a plane rotation pulse, the refocused component should be 1 across the slice profile, and the phase should be uniform (or linearly varying) across the slice profile.

## INPUTS:

```
RF = RF pulse definition structure
```

tp = pulse duration in [ms] (optional. Default = 5ms).

flipAngle = flip angle of pulse [degrees] (optional. Default = 180 deg).

fspan = frequency span in [kHz] (optional. Default = 10kHz).

#### OUTPUTS:

I = Refocused component magnitude.
ph = Refocused component phase.

# 3.7. rf resample.m

```
USAGE:
RF_out=rf_resample(RF_in,N);
DESCRIPTION:
Resample the input RF pulse into a new waveform with N discrete points.
INPUTS:
RF in
         = Input RF pulse definition structure
N
         = Number of points in new RF waveform
OUTPUTS:
RF out
         = Output rf waveform following resampling.
3.8. rf sinc.m
[rf,AMPINT]=rf sinc(lobes,n,type);
DESCRIPTION:
Create an n point sinc rf waveform. Waveform can be converted in to siemens
pta file using rf writepta.m or into varian/agilent rf file using
io_writeRF.m.
INPUTS:
lobes
          = Number of lobes in the sinc pulse.
          = number of points in the rf waveform.
n
          = Type of pulse:
type
             Refocusing = 'ref'
              Inversion = 'inv'
              Excitation = 'exc'
OUTPUTS:
           = Output rf waveform for sinc shaped rf pulse, in FID-A rf
rf
            pulse structure format.
AMPINT
          = Calculated amplitude integral (for use in Siemens .pta files).
```

# 4. Input-Output Tools

## 4.1. io loadRFwaveform.m

### USAGE:

[RF struct]=io loadRFwaveform(filename, type, f0);

# DESCRIPTION:

Initialize an RF pulse structure to contain an RF Pulse waveform as well as its accompanying header information. This function finds the time-bandwidth product (tbw) and the time-wl product (twl) of the pulse, and stores this information in the header fields of the output RF structure.

## 4.2. io loadjmrui.m

```
USAGE:
out=io_loadjmrui(filename);

DESCRIPTION:
Load a jMRUI text file into matlab structure format.

INPUTS:
filename = filename of the jMRUI txt file.

OUTPUTS:
out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.
```

# 4.3. io\_loadlcmdetail.m

```
USAGE:
[metabs,corrMatrix]=io_loadlcmdetail(filename);

DESCRIPTION:
This function loads in the "detailed output" of LCModel and returns the matrix of metabolite correlation coefficients.

INPUTS:
filename = Filename of the lcmodel detailed output file.

OUTPUTS:
metabs = A listing of the metabolites included in the correlation coefficients table.
corrMatrix = A matrix of correlation coefficients between metabolites, with indices specified by the 'metabs' variable.
```

## 4.4. io\_loadspec\_GE.m

```
USAGE:
[out,out_w]=io_loadspec_GE(filename,sw,Larmor,subspecs,te,tr);
```

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in GE P file (.dat file) using code adapted from GERead.m, provided as part of the Gannet software package by Richard Edden (gabamrs.blogspot.com).

op\_loadspec\_GE outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to timescale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox. NOTE: Since the Gannet code is geared towards edited GABA MRS data, this code may not be general enough to handle all types of MRS data. Suggestions are most welcome.

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of GE P file to be loaded.

sw = spectral width (Hz)

Larmor = Larmor frequency (Hz/ppm, ie. 127 for 3T)

subspecs = number of subspectra in the data (from spectral editing, ISIS,

etc.)

te = Echo time (ms). Optional. Default is [].

tr = Repetition time (ms). Optional. Default is [].

## OUTPUTS:

## 4.5. io loadspec IMA.m

## **USAGE:**

out=io\_loadspec\_IMA(filename, Bo, spectralwidth, te, tr);

### DESCRIPTION:

Loads a siemens .IMA file into matlab structure format.

## INPUTS:

filename = Filename of Siemens .IMA file to load.

Bo = Field strength (Tesla).

spectralwidth = spectral width of the input spectrum (Hz).
te = Echo time (ms). Optional. Defulat is [].
tr = Repetition time (ms). Optional. Default is [].

# OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

## 4.6. io loadspec bruk.m

### **USAGE:**

[out,ref]=io\_loadspec\_bruk(filename);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in Bruker MRS data (fid.raw, fid.ref).

op\_loadspec\_bruk outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header

fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox.

#### INPUTS:

inDir = Path to the scan number directory that contains the 'pdata' folder.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

ref = The Reference scan data (navigator echoes) in FID-A structure
 format, if applicable.

# 4.7. io\_loadspec\_brukNMR.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,ref]=io loadspec brukNMR(filename);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in Bruker MRS data (fid.raw, fid.ref).

op\_loadspec\_bruk outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox.

## INPUTS:

inDir = Path to the scan number directory that contains the 'pdata' folder.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

ref = The Reference scan data (navigator echoes) in FID-A structure format,
 if applicable.

# 4.8. io\_loadspec\_data.m

### **USAGE:**

[out,out\_w]=io\_loadspec\_data(filename,sw,Larmor,subspecs,te,tr);

## DESCRIPTION:

Reads in philips MRS data (.data and .list files) using code adapted from PhilipsRead\_data.m, provided as part of the Gannet software package by Richard Edden (gabamrs.blogspot.com).

op\_loadspec\_data outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox. NOTE: Since the Gannet code is geared towards edited GABA MRS data, this code may not be general enough to handle all types of MRS data. Suggestions are most welcome.

## INPUTS:

```
filename = filename of Philips .data file to be loaded.
```

sw = spectral width (Hz)

Larmor = Larmor frequency (Hz/ppm, ie. 127 for 3T)

subspecs = number of subspectra in the data (from spectral editing, ISIS,

etc.)

te = echo time (ms). Optional, default is [].

tr = repetition time (ms). Optional, default is [].

OUTPUTS:

## 4.9. io\_loadspec\_irBruk.m

**USAGE:** 

out=io loadspec irBruk(inDir);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in Bruker MRS data (1i and 1r files). Generally with this data, the averages and coil channels have already been combined.

op\_loadspec\_irBruk outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox.

#### INPUTS:

inDir = Path to the scan directory that contains the 'pdata' folder.

## **OUTPUTS:**

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

# 4.10. io\_loadspec\_rda.m

USAGE:

[out]=io loadspec rda(rda filename);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Reads in siemens rda data (.rda file).

op\_loadspec\_rda outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox.

INPUTS:

filename = filename of Siemens rda data to load.

OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

# 4.11. io loadspec sdat.m

#### USAGE:

out=io loadspec sdat(filename, subspecs);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in Philpis MRS data (.spar and .sdat files) using code adapted from PhilipsRead.m, provided as part of the Gannet software package by Richard Edden (gabamrs.blogspot.com).

op\_loadspec\_sdat outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox. NOTE: Since the Gannet code is geared towards edited GABA MRS data, this code may not be general enough to handle all types of MRS data. Suggestions are most welcome.

ALSO: This code is not currently smart enough to parse out all of the relevant information from the header file, such as the number of subspectra. So for now, these details must be passed to the function as input arguments. Help implementing these improvements are most welcome!!

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of Philips sdat file to be loaded.

subspecs = number of subspectra in the data (from spectral editing, ISIS,

etc.)

## OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

## 4.12. io loadspec twix.m

## **USAGE:**

out=io loadspec twix(filename);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in siemens twix raw data (.dat file) using the mapVBVD.m and twix\_map\_obj.m functions from Philipp Ehses (philipp.ehses@tuebingen.mpg.de).

op\_loadspec\_twix outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox.

## INPUTS:

filename = filename of Siemens twix data to load.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

# 4.13. io loadspec varian.m

## USAGE:

out=io loadspec varian(filename);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads in varian .fid data using the readfid.m and readprocpar.m functions from Martyn Klassen (mklassen@robarts.ca).

io\_loadspec\_varian outputs the data in structure format, with fields corresponding to time scale, fids, frequency scale, spectra, and header fields containing information about the acquisition. The resulting matlab structure can be operated on by the other functions in this MRS toolbox.

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of Varian .fid data to load.

OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

# 4.14. io readRF.m

#### USAGE:

[rf]=io readRF(filename)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Read a Varian/Agilent .RF file into matlab. The resulting RF matrix will have 3 columns specifying magnitude, phase, and duration. This function simply calls Martyn Klassen's readrfvnmr.m function.

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of the .RF file to read in.

## OUTPUTS:

rf = Input rf pulse waveform saved as a matlab array with 3 columns (magnitude, phase, duration).

# 4.15. io\_readRFBruk.m

## **USAGE:**

rf=io\_readRFBruk(filename);

# DESCRIPTION:

Read a Bruker RF pulse file into matlab. The resulting RF matrix will have 2 columns specifying magnitude and phase.

## INPUTS:

filename = filename of the .pta file to read in.

## OUTPUTS:

rf = Input rf pulse waveform saved as a matlab array with 2 columns (magnitude and phase).

# 4.16. io readRFtxt.m

## **USAGE:**

[rf,info]=io\_readRFtxt(filename)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Read an RF pulse in basic .txt format into matlab. The text file should contain two columns of data, with the first column specifying the magnitude (arbitrary units) and the second column specifying the phase (in degrees) of the RF waveform. If a third column exists, it will be the timestep waveform. The resulting RF matrix will have 3 columns specifying phase, magnitude and timestep.

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of the .txt file to read in.

OUTPUTS:

rf = Input rf pulse waveform saved as a matlab array with 3

columns (phase, magnitude, duration).

info = Empty. Not required.

# 4.17. io\_readjmrui.m

#### **USAGE:**

out=io readjmrui(filename);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads jMRUI .txt format into a Nx2 MATLAB array where the 2 rows are the time-domain and frequency domain data, respectively.

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of jMRUI .txt file.

OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

# 4.18. io\_readlcmcoord.m

## **USAGE:**

out = io\_readlcmcoord(filename, metab)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads a LCModel .coord file and extracts the desired part.

## INPUTS:

filename = filename of the LCModel .coord file.

part = Which metabolite fit to extract from the .coord file - The abbreviated metabolite name should be given (ie.

'Cr', 'PCr', 'Glu', 'GABA', etc.)

## OUTPUTS:

out = Desired metabolite component in simplified FID-A structure
format.

# 4.19. io\_readlcmcoord\_getBackground.m

```
USAGE:
```

out = io readlcmcoord getBackground(filename,part)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads a LCModel .coord file and extracts the desired part.

#### INPUTS:

filename = filename of the LCModel .coord file.

= Which part of the .coord file to extract - 'bg' extracts the part LCModel baseline signal, 'sp' extracts the spectrum, and

'fit' extracts the fit.

## OUTPUTS:

= Desired background component in simplified FID-A structure out format.

#### 4.20. io readlcmraw.m

#### **USAGE:**

out=io readlcmraw(filename, type);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads LCModel raw data format into the FID-A data structure format in MATLAB.

### INPUTS:

= filename of LCModel raw file. filename type = type of LCModel raw file:

rda' - .raw file generated from Siemens RDA file

'dat' - .raw file generated by FID-A using io\_writelcm. 'sim' - .raw file generated from FID-A simulated data. 'raw' - not sure about this one.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Input dataset in FID-A structure format.

#### 4.21. io\_readlcmraw\_basis.m

## **USAGE:**

out=io readlcmraw basis(filename);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads entire LCModel .basis file into multiple FID-A data structures in MATLAB.

## INPUTS:

= filename of LCModel .basis file. filename

## OUTPUTS:

= Input basis set saved as a structure in which each field is out an individual metabolite basis spectrum in FID-A structure

format.

## 4.22. io readlcmraw dotraw.m

## USAGE:

out=io\_readlcmraw\_dotraw(filename);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads LCModel .RAW model spectrum file into the FID-A data structure format in MATLAB.

### INPUTS:

filename = filename of LCModel raw file.

#### OUTPUTS:

out = Input metabolite basis spectrum in FID-A structure format.

# 4.23. io\_readlcmtab.m

## **USAGE:**

out = io\_readlcmtab(filename)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Reads a LCModel .table output file and stores the metabolite concentrations into a matlab structure array.

## INPUTS:

filename = filename of the LCModel .table file.

## OUTPUTS:

# 4.24. io readpta.m

## **USAGE:**

[rf,info]=io readpta(filename)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Read a Siemens .pta file into matlab. The resulting RF matrix will have 2 columns specifying magnitude and phase.

## INPUTS:

filename = filename of the .pta file to read in.

### OUTPUTS:

rf = Input rf pulse waveform saved as a matlab array with 2

columns (magnitude and phase).

info = Not used.

# 4.25. io\_writeRF.m

## USAGE:

RF=io\_writeRF(rf,outfile);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Write a matlab RF pulse structure (containing 3 x N waveform array field with rf.waveform(1,:)= phase, rf.waveform(2,:)=amplitude, and <math>rf.waveform(3,:)=timestep), to a varian/agilent format .RF file.

## INPUTS:

rf = matlab RF pulse.

outfile = name of the output .RF file to be written.

#### OUTPUTS:

RF = Same as input. Not used. The primary output of this function is a text file in Varian/Agilent .RF format.

# 4.26. io writejmrui.m

## **USAGE:**

RF=io writejmrui(in,outfile);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Takes MRS data in matlab structure format and writes it to a text file that can be read by jMRUI.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.
outfile = Desired filename of output text file.

## OUTPUTS:

RF = Same as input. Not used. The primary output of this function is a text file in jMRUI txt format.

# 4.27. io writelcm.m

## **USAGE:**

RF=io writelcm(in,outfile,te);

## DESCRIPTION:

Takes MRS data in matlab structure format and writes it to a text file that can be read by LCModel.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.
outfile = Desired filename of output text file.
te = Echo time of acquisition (in ms).

## OUTPUTS:

RF = Same as input. Not used. The primary output of this function is a text file in LCModel raw format.

# 4.28. io\_writelcmraw.m

```
USAGE:
```

RF=io writelcmraw(data struct,outfile,metab);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Take a simulated metabolite basis spectrum in matlab structure format, and output it into LCModel RAW format to be used in an LCModel basis spectrum.

### INPUTS:

data struct = simulated metabolite basis spectrum in matlab structure

format.

outfile = name of the output .RAW file.

metab = Abbreviated name of the metabolite (ie. 'Cr', 'Glu',

etc.)

**OUTPUTS:** 

RF = Same as input. Not used. The primary output of this

function is a text file in LCModel raw format.

# 4.29. io\_writepta.m

#### **USAGE:**

RF=io writepta(rf,outfile);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Write a matlab RF pulse structure (containing N x 3 waveform array field with rf.waveform(:,1)= phase, rf.waveform(:,2)=amplitude, and rf.waveform(:,3)=timestep), to a siemens format .pta file.

## INPUTS:

rf = matlab RF pulse.

outfile = name of the output .pta file to be written.

OUTPUTS:

RF = Same as input. Not used. The primary output of this

function is a text file in Siemens .pta format.

# 5. Processing Tools

# 5.1. addphase.m

## **USAGE:**

PhasedSpecs=addphase(specs,AddedPhase);

## DESCRIPTION:

Add equal amount of complex phase to each point of a vector. This function operates on a vector (fid or spectrum), not on a FID-A data structure. For a phase shifting function that operates on a FID-A data structure, see 'op\_addphase.m'.

## INPUTS:

specs = Input vector.

AddedPhase = Amount of phase (degrees) to add.

## OUTPUTS:

PhasedSpecs = Output vector (0th order phased version of the input).

## 5.2. addphase1.m

#### **USAGE:**

PhasedSpecs=addphase1(specs,ppm,timeShift,ppm0,B0);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Add first order phase to a spectrum (added phase is linearly dependent on frequency). This function operates on a vector (fid or spectrum), not on a FID-A data structure. For a phase shifting function that operates on a FID-A data structure, see 'op addphase.m'.

## INPUTS:

specs = input vector

ppm = frequency scale (ppm) corresponding to the specs vector timeShift = This defines the amount of 1st order phase shift by

specifying the equivalent horizontal shift (in seconds) in the

time domain.

ppm0 = The frequency "origin" (ppm) of the 1st order phase shift.

(this frequency will undergo 0 phase shift).

B0 = The main magnetic field strength (needed since ppm depends on

B0)

### **OUTPUTS:**

PhasedSpecs = Output vector (1st order phased version of the input).

## 5.3. op\_ISIScombine.m

## **USAGE:**

out=op ISIScombine(in,addInd);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Combine dimensions corresponding to ISIS on/off acquisitions to produce fully localized MRS volumes. Mostly used for MEGA-SPECIAL data to combine the ISIS subspectra but not the Edit-on/edit-off subspectra.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

addInd = (optional) If add==1, then row indices [1 2] and [3 4] will be added. Otherwise, row indices [1 2] and [3 4] will

be subtracted.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Output following combination of ISIS subspectra.

## 5.4. op addNoise.m

### USAGE:

[out, noise] = op addNoise(in, sdnoise, noise);

```
DESCRIPTION:
```

Add noise to a spectrum (useful for generating simulated data). Normally distributed random noise is added to both the real and imaginary parts of the data. Real and imaginary noise parts are uncorrelated.

## INPUTS:

in = Input data in matlab structure format.

sdnoise = Standard deviation of the random noise to be added in the time

domain.

noise = (optional) Specific noise kernel to be added (if specified,

sdnoise variable is ignored).

OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset with noise added. noise = The noise vector that was added.

## 5.5. op addScans.m

#### **USAGE:**

out=op\_addScans(in1,in2,subtract);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Add or subtract two scans together.

#### INPUTS:

in1 = First spectrum to add (in matlab structure format)

in2 = Second spectrum to add (also in matlab structure format).

subtract = (optional). Add or subtract? (0 = add, 1=subtract).

Default=0;

## OUTPUTS:

out = Result of adding inputs in1 and in2.

## 5.6. op addphase.m

## **USAGE:**

out=op addphase(in,ph0,ph1,ppm0,suppressPlot);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

add zero and first order phase to a spectrum.

## INPUTS:

in = input spectrum in matlab structure format

ppm0 = (optional) frequency reference point. Default = 4.65; suppressPlot = (optional) Boolian to suppress plots. Default = 0;

## OUTPUTS:

out = Phase adjusted output spectrum.

# 5.7. op addphaseSubspec.m **USAGE:** out=op addphaseSubspec(in,ph); **DESCRIPTION:** Add zero order phase to one of the subspectra in a dataset. For example, the edit-on spectrum of a mega-press acquisition. INPUTS: = Input spectrum in matlab structure format. = Phase (in degrees) to add to the second subspectrum. OUTPUTS: = Output dataset with phase adjusted subspectrum. 5.8. op addrcvrs.m **USAGE:** [out,fids presum,specs presum,ph,sig]=op\_addrcvrs(in,point,mode,coilcombos); Perform weighted coil recombination for MRS data acquired with a receiver coil array. INPUTS: = input spectrum in matlab structure format. in = point of fid to use for phase estimation (optional. Default = point 1); = Method for estimating the coil weights and phases (optional. mode Default = 'w'). -'w' performs amplitude weighting of channels based on the

maximum signal of each coil channel.

-'h' performs amplitude weighting of channels based on the maximum signal of each coil channel divided by the square of the noise in each coil channel (as described by Hall et al.

Neuroimage 2014).

coilcombos = The predetermined coil weights and phases and amplitudes as

generated by the op getcoilcombos.m function. If this argument is provided, the 'point', and 'mode', argument

will be ignored. (optional. Default = []).

## OUTPUTS:

= Output dataset with coil channels combined. out

= Input data with coil channels in phase (time domain). fids presum specs\_presum = Input data with coil channels in phase (frequency domain).

= Vector of applied coil phases (in degrees). ph

sig = Vector of coil weights.

## 5.9. op alignAllScans.m

```
[out,ph,frq]=op alignAllScans(in,tmax,ref,mode);
```

```
DESCRIPTION:
Use spectral registration to align many separate scans;
INPUTS:
          = cell array of inputs (spectra all to be registered)
in
          = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for registration.
tmax
ref
          = Align to what? (optional)
                 'f' - Align to the first input? (default)
                 'a' - Align to average of inputs.
          = (optional)'f' - Frequency align only
mode
                 'p' - Phase align only
                 'fp or pf' - Frequency and phase align (default)
OUTPUTS:
          = Cell array of multiple datasets after alignment.
out
ph
          = Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.
frq
          = Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.
5.10.
            op alignAllScans fd.m
USAGE:
[out,ph,frq]=op alignAllScans fd(in,fmin,fmax,tmax,ref,mode);
DESCRIPTION:
Use spectral registration to align many separate scans. In this version only
a limited frequncy range is used for fitting;
INPUTS:
in
          = cell array of inputs (spectra all to be registered)
fmin
          = Minimum frequency for spectral alignment (ppm).
fmax
          = Maximum frequency for spectral alignment (ppm).
          = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for registration.
tmax
          = Align to what? (optional)
ref
                 'f' - Align to the first input? (default)
                 'a' - Align to average of inputs.
          = (optional)'f' - Frequency align only
mode
                 'p' - Phase align only
```

## OUTPUTS:

out = Cell array of multiple datasets after alignment.

ph = Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.

frg = Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.

'fp or pf' - Frequency and phase align (default)

## 5.11. op alignAverages.m

### USAGE

[out,fs,phs]=op alignAverages(in,tmax,avg,ref);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform spectral registration in the time domain to correct frequency and phase drifts. As described in Near et al. Frequency and phase drift correction of magnetic resonance spectroscopy data by spectral registration in the time domain. Magn Reson Med 2015; 73(1):44-50.

June 15th 2017: Made the tmax and avg arguments optional. If tmax is not specified, the value is determined automatically by finding the time at which the SNR of the FID drops permanently below 5. This idea was suggested by Mark Mikkelsen. Thanks Mark!!

#### INPUTS:

in = Input data structure.

tmax = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for alignment. (Optional.

Default is the time at which SNR drops below 5)

med = Align averages to the median of the averages? ('y','n', 'a', or

'r'). (Optional. Default = 'n'). If you select 'n', all averages will be aligned to a single average. The average chosen

as the reference average will be the one with the lowest 'unlikeness' metric (see 'op\_rmbadaverages.m'). If select 'y',

all averages will be alinged to the median of the averages. If you select 'a', all averages will be aligned to the average of the averages. If you select 'r', all averages will be aligned to an

externally provided reference spectrum.

ref = An externally provided reference spectrum that you would like to

align everything to (Required only if med = 'r').

#### OUTPUTS:

out = Output following alignment of averages.

fs = Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.
phs = Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.

# 5.12. op\_alignAverages\_fd.m

### USAGE:

[out,fs,phs]=op\_alignAverages\_fd(in,minppm,maxppm,tmax,avg,ref);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform time-domain spectral registration using a limited range of frequencies to correct frequency and phase drifts. As described in Near et al. Frequency and phase drift correction of magnetic resonance spectroscopy data by spectral registration in the time domain. Magn Reson Med 2015; 73(1):44-50.

## INPUTS:

in = Input data structure.

Minppm = Minimum of frequency range (ppm).
Maxppm = Maximum of frequency range (ppm).

tmax = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for alignment.

med = Align averages to the median of the averages? ('y','n', 'a' or

'r'). If you select 'n', all averages will be aligned to a single average. The average chosen as the reference average will be the

one with the lowest 'unlikeness' metric (see

'op\_rmbadaverages.m'). If you select 'y', all averages will be aligned to the median of the averages. If you select 'a', all averages will be aligned to the average of the averages. If you select 'r', all averages will be aligned to an externally provided

reference spectrum.

ref = An externally provided reference spectrum that you would like to

align everything to (Required only if med = 'r').

```
OUTPUTS:
         = Output following alignment of averages.
out
         = Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.
fs
         = Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.
phs
5.13.
           op alignISIS.m
USAGE:
[out,fs,phs]=op alignISIS(in,tmax,initPars);
DESCRIPTION:
Apply spectral registration to align ISIS subspectra prior to subtraction.
This is intended to be used prior to averaging, so that the alignment can be
performed independently for each average.
INPUTS:
in
         = Input data structure.
t.max
         = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for alignment.
initPars = (Optional) Initial fit parameters [freq(Hz), phase(degrees)].
           Default=[0,0];
OUTPUTS:
         = Output following alignment of ISIS subspectra.
out
fs
         = Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.
phs
         = Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.
5.14.
           op alignMPSubspecs.m
USAGE:
[out,fs,phs]=op alignMPSubspecs(in,initPars);
DESCRIPTION:
Apply spectral registration to align MEGA-PRESS subspectra prior to
subtraction. This function is designed to minimize subtraction artefacts
from choline, and residual water. This is intended to be used after
averaging.
INPUTS:
         = Input data structure.
           = (Optional) Initial fit parameters [freq(Hz), phase(degrees)].
initPars
           Default=[0,0];
```

## 5.15. op alignMPSubspecs fd.m

### USAGE:

OUTPUTS:

out

fs

phs

[out,fs,phs]=op alignMPSubspecs fd(in,minppm,maxppm,initPars);

= Output following alignment of MEGA-PRESS subspectra.

= Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.

= Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.

```
DESCRIPTION:
Apply spectral registration to align MEGA-PRESS subspectra prior to
subtraction. This function is designed to minimize subtraction artefacts
from choline, and residual water. This is intended to be used after
averaging.
INPUTS:
         = Input data structure.
in
minppm
         = Minimum of frequency range (ppm).
         = Maximum of frequency range (ppm).
maxppm
           = (Optional) Initial fit parameters [freq(Hz), phase(degrees)].
initPars
           Default=[0,0];
OUTPUTS:
         = Output following alignment of MEGA-PRESS subspectra.
out
fs
         = Vector of frequency shifts (in Hz) used for alignment.
phs
         = Vector of phase shifts (in degrees) used for alignment.
5.16.
           op alignScans.m
USAGE:
[out,ph,frq]=op alignScans(in,in1,tmax,mode);
DESCRIPTION:
Use spectral registration to align two separate scans (align in to in1);
INPUTS:
         = input (spectrum to be registered)
in
in1
         = base (spectrum that the input is to be registered to).
tmax
         = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for registration.
          = (optional)'f' - Frequency align only
mode
                 'p' - Phase align only
                 'fp or pf' - Frequency and phase align (default)
OUTPUTS:
         = Output following alignment of input (in) to the base spectrum.
         = Phase shift (in degrees) used for alignment.
ph
frq
         = Frequency shift (in Hz) used for alignment.
5.17.
           op_alignScans_fd.m
USAGE:
[out,ph,frq]=op_alignScans_fd(in,in1,fmin,fmax,tmax,mode);
DESCRIPTION:
Use spectral registration on a limited frequency range to align two separate
MRS datasets (align in to in1);
INPUTS:
     = input (spectrum to be registered to the base)
in
     = base (spectrum that the input is to be registered to).
fmin = Minimum frequency for spectral alignment (ppm).
```

fmax = Maximum frequency for spectral alignment (ppm).

tmax = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for registration.

```
mode = (optional)'f' - Frequency align only
                  p' - Phase align only
                 'fp or pf' - Frequency and phase align (default)
OUTPUTS:
     = Output following alignment of input (in1) to base.
ph
      = Phase shift (in degrees) used for alignment.
     = Frequency shift (in Hz) used for alignment.
frq
5.18.
            op alignrcvrs.m
USAGE:
[out,ph,sig]=op alignrcvrs(in,point,mode,coilcombos);
DESCRIPTION:
phase align the receiver channels without combining them.
INPUTS:
              = input spectrum in matlab structure format.
in
point
              = Index of point in time domain to use for phase reference.
                (optional. Default = 1);
              = Method for estimating the coil weights and phases (optional.
mode
                Default = 'w').
                -'w' performs amplitude weighting of channels based on the
                maximum signal of each coil channel.
                -'h' performs amplitude weighting of channels based on the
                maximum signal of each coil channel divided by the square of
                the noise in each coil channel (as described by Hall et al.
                Neuroimage 2014).
coilcombos = (optional) The predetermined coil phases and amplitudes as
                generated by the op getcoilcombos.m function. If this
                argument is provided, the 'point', and 'mode', arguments
                will be ignored.
OUTPUTS:
              = Output following alignment of rf channels.
             = Vector of coil phases (in degrees) used for alignment.
ph
             = Vector of coil weights.
siq
5.19.
            op_ampScale.m
USAGE:
out=op ampScale(in,A);
DESCRIPTION:
Scale the amplitude of a spectrum by factor A.
INPUTS:
     = input data in matlab structure format
      = Amplitude scaling factor.
```

= Output following amplitude scaling.

out

#### 5.20. op arsos.m

```
USAGE:
out=op arsos(in,domain);
DESCRIPTION:
Perform all rank statistic order filter (see Slotboom J et al, Meas Sci
Technol. 20 (2009)). This effectively rank-orders the data along the
averages dimension. This can be done in either the time domain (default) or
the frequency domain.
INPUTS:
      = input data in matlab structure format.
domain = time domain ('t', (default)) or frequency domain ('f').
OUTPUTS:
      = Output following arsos filtering.
out
```

#### 5.21. op\_autophase.m

## **USAGE:**

[out,phaseShift]=op\_autophase(in,ppmmin,ppmmax,ph,dimNum);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Search for the peak located between ppmmin and ppmmax, and then phase the spectrum so that that peak reaches the desired phase.

```
INPUTS:
          = input data in matlab structure format.
          = minimum of ppm search range.
ppmmin
         = maximum of ppm search range.
ppmmax
          = desired phase value in degrees [optional. Default=0].
ph
          = which subSpec dimension to use for phasing? [Only for use in
dimNum
            data with multiple subSpectra].
OUTPUTS:
          = Output following automatic phasing.
phaseShift = The phase shift (in degrees) that was applied.
```

#### 5.22. op averaging.m

```
USAGE:
out=op averaging(in);
```

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Combine the averages in a scan by adding the averages together and then dividing by the number of averages.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

## **OUTPUTS:**

# 5.23. op combineRcvrs.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,outw,out\_presum,outw\_presum,weights]=op\_combineRcvrs(in,inw);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform weighted coil recombination on both water suppressed and water unsuppressed MRS data acquired with a receiver coil array.

#### INPUTS:

#### OUTPUTS:

out = Water suppressed output following combination of RF channels.

outw = Water unsuppressed output following combination of RF

channels.

out presum = Water suppressed output with RF channels aligned but not

combined.

outw presum = Water unsuppressed output with RF channels aligned but not

combined.

weights = Structure containing the coil weights and phases that were

applied.

# 5.24. op combinesubspecs.m

## USAGE:

out=op combinesubspecs(in,mode);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Combine the subspectra in an acquisition either by addition or subtraction.

# INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

mode = -"diff" adds the subspectra together (this is counter intuitive,

but the reason is that many "difference editing" sequences use phase cycling of the readout ADC to achieve "subtraction by addition".

-"summ" performs a subtraction of the subspectra.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Output following combination of subspectra.

## 5.25. op complexConj.m

## **USAGE:**

out=op\_complexConj(in)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

```
take the complex conjugate of the data;
INPUTS:
in = Input data in matlab structure format.
OUTPUTS:
out = Output following conjugation.
```

# 5.26. op concatAverages.m

#### USAGE:

out=op concatAverages(in1,in2);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Concatenate two scans along the averages dimension. Two scans with 50 averages each will now look like a single scan with 100 averages. For looping, it is possible to enter a blank structure as the first input. In this case, the function will simply return the second input.

#### INPUTS:

```
in1 = first input in matlab structure format.
in2 = second input in matlab structure format.
```

## **OUTPUTS:**

out = Output following concatenation of inputs along the averages dimension.

# 5.27. op concatFreq.m

## **USAGE:**

out=op concatFreq(in1,in2);

## DESCRIPTION:

Concatenate two scans along the averages dimension. Two scans with 50 averages each will now look like a single scan with 100 averages.

## INPUTS:

```
in1 = first input in matlab structure format.
in2 = second input in matlab structure format.
```

# OUTPUTS:

out = Output following concatenation of inputs along the averages
 dimension.

# 5.28. op\_concatSubspecs.m

## **USAGE:**

out=op\_concatSubspecs(in1,in2);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Concatenate two scans along the subspecs dimension. Two scans with 50 averages each will now look like a single scan with 100 averages.

#### INPUTS:

in1 = first input in matlab structure format.
in2 = second input in matlab structure format.

## **OUTPUTS:**

out = Output following concatenation along the subspecs dimension.

## 5.29. op creFit.m

#### USAGE:

parsFit=op\_creFit(in,ph0,ph1);

## DESCRIPTION:

Perform a Lorentzian lineshape fit to the creatine resonance in a brain proton MRS dataset.

## INPUTS:

```
in = input data in matlab structure format.
ph0 = zero order phase to add to the input data.
ph1 = 1st order phase to add to the input data.
```

# OUTPUTS:

# 5.30. op dccorr.m

## **USAGE:**

out=op dccorr(in,mode,var1);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Do a DC Correction on the data. This method is a frequency domain operation.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

```
OUTPUTS:
```

out = Output following DC correction.

## 5.31. op downsamp.m

#### USAGE:

out=op downsamp(in,dsFactor);

DESCRIPTION: Change the time domain sampling rate of a spectrum by a factor of 'dsFactor'. Nearest neighbour interpolation is performed by default.

#### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

dsFactor = factor by which to divide the sampling rate of the fid.

OUTPUTS:

# 5.32. op\_ecc.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,outw]=op ecc(in,inw);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform an eddy current correction by estimating any non-linearity in the phase of the water unsuppressed data in the time domain and applying the appropriate correction to both the water suppressed and water unsuppressed data.

## INPUTS:

in = water suppressed input data in matlab structure format.
inw = water unsuppressed input data in matlab structure format.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Water suppressed output following eddy current correction
outw = Water unsuppressed output following eddy current correction

# 5.33. op fddccorr.m

### **USAGE:**

out=op\_fddccorr(in,npts);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Correct and DC offset in the frequency domain. This is equivalent to a vertical shift in the frequency domain. The required vertical shift is calculated by taking the average of the first and last "NPTS" points in the frequency domain. This requires that those points are in the noise floor.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

npts = number of points at both edges of the frequency domain that will

be used for estimation of the DC offset of the spectrum.

#### **OUTPUTS:**

out = Output following time-domain DC offset correction.

## 5.34. op filter.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,lor]=op\_filter(in,lb);

## DESCRIPTION:

Perform line broadening by multiplying the time domain signal by an exponential decay function.

#### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

lb = line broadening factor in Hz.

## **OUTPUTS:**

out = Output following alignment of averages.

lor = Exponential (time domain) filter envelope that was applied.

# 5.35. op\_freqAlignAverages.m

## **USAGE:**

[out,fs]=op freqAlignAverages(in,tmax,avg,initPars);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform spectral registration in the time domain using only frequency adjustment (no phase adjustment).

## INPUTS:

in = Input data structure.

tmax = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for alignment. avg = Align averages to the average of the averages? (y or n)

initPars = (Optional) Initial fit parameters [freq(Hz), phase(degrees)].

Default=[0,0];

## OUTPUTS:

out = Output following alignment of averages.

fs = Vector of frequencies (in Hz) used for alignment.

## 5.36. op freqAlignAverages fd.m

### USAGE:

[out,fs]=op freqAlignAverages fd(in,minppm,maxppm,tmax,avg,initPars);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform time-domain spectral registration using a limited range of frequencies and using only frequency adjustment (no phase adjustment).

## INPUTS:

```
= Input data structure.
in
          = Minimum of frequency range (ppm).
minppm
          = Maximum of frequency range (ppm).
maxppm
          = Maximum time (s) in time domain to use for alignment.
tmax
          = Align averages to the average of the averages? (y or n)
avg
           = (Optional) Initial fit parameters [freq(Hz), phase(degrees)].
initPars
           Default=[0,0];
OUTPUTS:
          = Output following alignment of averages.
out
          = Vector of frequencies (in Hz) used for alignment.
fs
5.37.
           op fregrange.m
out=op_freqrange(in,ppmmin,ppmmax);
DESCRIPTION:
Output only a specified frequency range of the input spectrum.
INPUTS:
          = input data in matlab structure format.
in
ppmmin
          = minimum extent of frequency range in ppm.
ppmmax
          = maximum extent of frequency range in ppm.
OUTPUTS:
          = Output following frequency range selection.
out
5.38.
           op_freqshift.m
USAGE:
out=op freqshift(in,f);
DESCRIPTION:
Apply a frequency shift to the input spectrum by 'f' Hz.
INPUTS:
      = input data in matlab structure format.
in
f
      = frequency shift to apply (in Hz).
      = Output following frequency shift.
out
5.39.
           op freqshiftSubspec.m
out=op freqshiftSubspec(in,f);
```

Apply a frequency shift to only one of the sub-spectra in a dataset. This is used to minimize subtraction artefacts from MEGA PRESS data, for instance.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

# 5.40. op gaussianPeak.m

```
USAGE:
```

out=op\_gaussianPeak(n,sw,Bo,lw,ppm0,amp);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Generate a noiseless spectrum containing a single gaussian peak with desired parameters (frequency, amplitude, linewidth, etc.).

#### INPUTS:

```
n = Number of points in spectrum.
sw = spectral width of spectrum (Hz).
Bo = Magnetic field strength (Tesla).
lw = Linewidth of gaussian peak (Hz).
ppm0 = Frequency of gaussian peak (ppm).
amp = Amplitude of gaussian peak.
```

### OUTPUTS:

out = Gaussian lineshape peak in FID-A structure format

# 5.41. op getLW.m

### **USAGE:**

[FWHM]=op getLW(in,Refppmmin,Refppmmax,zpfactor);

# DESCRIPTION:

Estimates the linewidth of a reference peak in the spectrum. By default, the reference peak is water, between 4.4 and 5.0 ppm. Two methods are used to estimate the linewidth: 1. FWHM is measured by simply taking the full width at half max of the reference peak. 2. The FWHM is measured by fitting the reference peak to a lorentzian lineshape and determine the FWHM of the best fit. The output FWHM is given by the average of these two measures.

```
INPUTS:
```

## OUTPUTS:

FWHM = Estimated linewidth of the input spectrum (in Hz).

## 5.42. op getPeakHeight.m

**USAGE:** 

[h]=op\_getPeakHeight(in,NAAppmmin,NAAppmmax);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Find the height of a peak in a spectrum.

INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format

NAAppmmin = min of frequency range in which to search for peak.

(Optional. Default = 1.8 ppm (for NAA));

NAAppmmax = max of frequency range in which to search for peak.

(Optional. Default = 2.2 ppm (for NAA));

**OUTPUTS:** 

h = Peak amplitude of the desired peak.

# 5.43. op\_getSNR.m

**USAGE:** 

[SNR]=op\_getSNR(in,NAAppmmin,NAAppmmax,noiseppmmin,noiseppmmax);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Find the SNR of the NAA peak in a spectrum.

INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format

NAAppmmin = min of frequency range in which to search for NAA peak.

(Optional. Default = 1.8 ppm);

NAAppmmax = max of frequency range in which to search for NAA peak.

(Optional. Default = 2.2 ppm);

noiseppmmin = min of frequency range in which to measure noise.

(Optional. Default = -2 ppm);

noiseppmmax = max of frequency range in which to measure noise.

(Optional. Default = 0 ppm);

OUTPUTS:

SNR = Estimated SNR of the input spectrum.

## 5.44. op getcoilcombos.m

**USAGE:** 

coilcombos=op getcoilcombos(file or struct,point,mode);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This function finds the relative coil phases and amplitudes. Coil phases are found by determining the phase and amplitude of the "pointth" point in the time domain.

INPUTS:

the program will read in the data corresponding to that filename. If the input is a structure, it will

operate on that structure.

point = The index of the datapoint in the fid that is used for determination of signal intensity and phase.

(Optional. Default = 1).

mode = Method for estimating the coil weights and phases

(optional. Default = 'w').

-'w' performs amplitude weighting of channels based on

the maximum signal of each coil channel.

-'h' performs amplitude weighting of channels based on the maximum signal of each coil channel divided by the square of the noise in each coil channel (as described by

Hall et al. Neuroimage 2014).

OUTPUTS:

coilcombos = Structure containing the calculated coil weights and

phases.

# 5.45. op\_getcoilcombos\_specReg.m

**USAGE:** 

coilcombos=op\_getcoilcombos\_specReg(file\_or\_struct,tmin,tmax,point);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This funciton finds the relative coil phases and amplitudes. Coil phases are found by fitting in the time domain. (In the original op\_getcoilcombos, the phases were determined simply by observation of the pointth point in the time domain). The "Base" receiver channel is Determined as the one with the highest signal (all other coil channels will be registered to that channel.

## INPUTS:

that structure.

tmax = The latest timepoint in the fid to be used for

spectral registration. (Optional. Default=0.2 sec);
= The index of the datapoint in the fid that is used

for determination of Signal intensity. (Optional. Default

= 1);

OUTPUTS:

point

coilcombos = Structure containing the calculated coil weights and

phases.

# 5.46. op integrate.m

### IISAGE :

[int]=op\_integrate(in,ppmmin,ppmmax,mode);

```
DESCRIPTION:
```

Basic peak integration over a specified frequency range. By default, this function integrates under the real part of the curve, but it can also be made to integrate the imaginary part or the magnitude part by changing the "mode" parameter.

# 5.47. op\_leftshift.m

```
USAGE:
out=op_leftshift(in,ls);

DESCRIPTION:
Remove leading data points from the fid to get rid of 1st order phase errors.

INPUTS:
in = input data in matlab strucure format.
ls = number of points to remove from the beginning of the fid.

OUTPUTS:
out = Output following left shifting.
```

# 5.48. op\_lorentz.m

y=op lorentz(pars,ppm);

**USAGE:** 

```
DESCRIPTION:
Generate a parametrized lorentzian peak.
This function is fed into fitting tools to enable fitting of peaks using
lorentzian lineshapes.
INPUTS:
           = The parameters of the Lorentizan function. This is a five
pars
             element vector consisting of the following fields:
             [ Amplitude,
               FWHM, (In Hz)
               Centre Freq, (In ppm)
               baseline offset, (in Amplitude units)
               Phase shift]; (in degrees)
           = frequency axis vector (in ppm);
ppm
OUTPUTS:
```

## 5.49. op lorentz linbas.m

```
USAGE:
y=op_lorentz_linbas(pars,ppm);
DESCRIPTION:
Generate a parametrized lorentzian peak with a linearly sloping baseline.
This function is fed into fitting tools to enable fitting of peaks using
lorentzian lineshapes.
INPUTS:
pars
           = The parameters of the Lorentizan function. This is a six
            element vector consisting of the following fields:
            [ Amplitude,
              FWHM, (In Hz)
              Centre Freq,
                           (In ppm)
              baseline slope, (in Amplitude units per ppm)
              baseline offset, (in Amplitude units)
              Phase shift]; (in degrees)
           = frequency axis vector (in ppm);
ppm
OUTPUTS:
           = Output vector specifying a lorentzian lineshape.
У
5.50.
            op_lorentzianPeak.m
USAGE:
out=op lorentzianPeak(n,sw,Bo,lw,ppm0,amp);
DESCRIPTION:
Generate a noiseless spectrum containing a single lorentzian peak with
desired parameters (frequency, amplitude, linewidth, etc.).
INPUTS:
      = Number of points in spectrum.
n
      = spectral width of spectrum (Hz).
SW
      = Magnetic field strength (Tesla).
Во
      = Linewidth of gaussian peak (Hz).
lw
      = Frequency of gaussian peak (ppm).
0mqq
      = Amplitude of gaussian peak.
amp
OUTPUTS:
      = Lorentzian lineshape peak in FID-A structure format.
```

## 5.51. op makeFregDrift.m

```
USAGE:
[out,fDrift]=op_makeFreqDrift(in,totalDrift,noise);
DESCRIPTION:
```

Add frequency drift to a dataset containing multiple averages. This is generally used to generate simulated datasets with phase drift.

## INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

totalDrift = total amount of frequency drift (in Hz) to add over the whole scan. If totalDrift is a scalar, then a constant slope of drift will be added. If totalDrift is a vector or matrix with dimensions equal to the dimensions of the input data, then this

vector specifies the drift applied to each average.

noise = the standard deviation of noise to add to the frequency drift

function.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset with frequency drift added.

fDrift = Vector of frequency drift values that were added (in Hz).

## 5.52. op makePhaseDrift.m

## **USAGE:**

[out,phDrift]=op makePhaseDrift(in,totalDrift,noise);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Add phase drift to a dataset containing multiple averages. This is generally used to generate simulated datasets with phase drift.

### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

totalDrift = total amount of phase drift (in degrees) to add over the whole scan. If totalDrift is a scalar, then a constant slope of drift will be added. If totalDrift is a vector or matrix with dimensions equal to the dimensions of the input data, then this

vector specifies the drift applied to each average.

noise = the standard deviation of noise to add to the phase drift

function.

## OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset with phase drift added.

phDrift = Vector of phase drift values that were added (in degrees).

## 5.53. op matchLW.m

### USAGE:

[out,lb,k]=op\_matchLW(in,ref,ppmmin,ppmmax,tmax,mode);

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Line-broaden the input spectrum (in) to match the linewidth of the reference spectrum (ref). A spectral similarity metric, similar to the one used in 'op\_rmbadaverages.m' is used as the stopping criterion. The script allows the choice of a spectral range (ppmmin and ppmmax) over which to compute the similarity measure (it is done in the time domain). Finally, a 'mode' parameter allows the choice of different apodization functions (lorentzian, gaussian or voigt).

```
INPUTS:
      = input (spectrum to be registered to the reference)
in
      = reference (spectrum that the input is to be broadened to match).
ref
ppmmin = Minimum frequency for spectral alignment (ppm).
ppmmax = Maximum frequency for spectral alignment (ppm).
      = Maximum time in the time domain over which to compute similarity
tmax
      = Apodization function to use (optional)
mode
                    'l' - lorentzian
                    'g' - gaussian
                    'lg' - mixture of lorentizan and gaussian
OUTPUTS:
out = Output following broadening of input (in1) to reference.
      = Line broadening factor (in Hz) that was used.
      = Proportion of lorentzian to gaussian broadening that was used.
5.54.
           op median.m
USAGE:
out=op median(in);
DESCRIPTION:
Combine the averages in a scan by calculating the median of all averages.
INPUTS:
     = input data in matlab structure format.
in
OUTPUTS:
    = Output dataset following median calculation.
out
5.55.
            op movef0.m
USAGE:
out=op_movef0(in,f);
DESCRIPTION:
Change the centre frequency of the input spectrum by 'f' Hz.
      = input data in matlab structure format.
in
f
      = frequency shift to apply (in Hz).
OUTPUTS:
      = Output dataset following f0 shift.
out
5.56.
           op peakFit.m
USAGE:
```

[fit,parsFit,residual]=op\_peakFit(in,ppmmin,ppmmax,parsGuess);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform a Voigt lineshape fit to a prominent singlet resonance within the provided ppm window of a proton MRS dataset.

## INPUTS:

phase [degrees])

OUTPUTS:

fit = Voigt lineshape fit in simplified FID-A structure format.

parsFit = Fit parameters (same format as parsGuess).

residual = The fit residual in simplified FID-A structure format.

## 5.57. op phaseAlignAverages.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,phs]=op\_phaseAlignAverages(in,Npts,avg,weighting)

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform time-domain spectral registration using only phase adjustment (no frequency adjustment). This is rarely used.

## INPUTS:

in = Input data structure.

Npts = Number of points in time domain to use for alignment.

avg = Align averages to the average of the averages ('y'), or the

first average in the series ('n');

weighting = (Optional) Apply less weight to the later points of the fid?

OUTPUTS:

out = Output following alignment of averages.

phs = Vector of phases (in Degrees) used for alignment.

# 5.58. op\_phaseAlignAverages\_fd.m

## **USAGE:**

[out,phs]=op\_phaseAlignAverages\_fd(in,minppm,maxppm,Npts,avg,weighting)

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Perform time-domain spectral registration using a limited range of frequencies and using only phase adjustment (no frequency adjustment). This is rarely used.

## INPUTS:

in = Input data structure.

minppm = Minimum of frequency range (ppm).
maxppm = Maximum of frequency range (ppm).

Npts = Number of points in time domain to use for alignment.

```
= Align averages to the average of the averages ('y'), or the
avg
             first average in the series ('n');
weighting = (Optional) Apply less weight to the later points of the fid?
OUTPUTS:
           = Output following alignment of averages.
out.
           = Vector of phases (in degrees) used for alignment.
phs
5.59.
            op plotfid.m
USAGE:
out=op plotfid(in,tmax,xlab,ylab,tit);
DESCRIPTION:
Plot the spectrum in the time domain.
INPUTS:
in
       = input data in matlab structure format. This argument can be a
         MATLAB structure (formatted according to the FID-A structure
         format), or it can be a cell array, where the elements of each cell
         are FID-A structures. In the latter case, each spectrum in the
         structure will be plotted, with the option of a vertical offset.
tmax
       = upper limit of time scale to plot in seconds (optional. Default =
         max(in.t)).
xlab
       = Label for the x-axis (optional.
                                           Default = 'Time (sec)');
       = label for the y-axis (optional. Default = 'FID Amplitude (arb
ylab
         units)');
tit
       = label for the title of the plot (optional. Default = '');
OUTPUTS:
       = Figure handle.
out
5.60.
            op_plotspec.m
USAGE:
out=op_plotspec(in,ppmmin,ppmmax,xlab,ylab,tit);
DESCRIPTION:
Plot the MR spectrum in the frequency domain.
INPUTS:
       = input data in matlab structure format. This argument can be a
in
         MATLAB structure (formatted according to the FID-A structure
         format), or it can be a cell array, where the elements of each cell
         are FID-A structures. In the latter case, each spectrum in the
         structure will be plotted, with the option of a vertical offset.
ppmmin = lower limit of ppm scale to plot (optional. Default = 0.2 ppm).
ppmmax = upper limit of ppm scale to plot (optional. Default = 5.2 ppm).
xlab = Label for the x-axis (optional. Default = 'Frequency (ppm)');
       = label for the y-axis (optional. Default = '');
ylab
tit
       = label for the title of the plot (optional. Default = '');
OUTPUTS:
      = Figure handle.
out
```

### 5.61. op ppmref.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,frqshift]=op\_ppmref(in,ppmmin,ppmmax,ppmrefval,dimNum);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Search for the peak located between ppmmin and ppmmax, and then give that peak a new ppm reference value.

#### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

ppmmin = minimum of ppm search range.
ppmmax = maximum of ppm search range.
ppmrefval = new reference ppm value.

dimNum = which subspectrum to used for referencing (optional).

#### OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset following frequency shift.

frqshift = Frequency shift applied (in Hz).

## 5.62. op\_relyTest.m

#### **USAGE:**

out = op\_relyTest(in);

### DESCRIPTION:

Perform reliability testing on a dataset with multiple averages, as described in Slotboom J et al, Meas Sci Technol 20 (2009). This involves calculating the skewness (3rd standard moment) and kurtosis (4th standard moment) of any dataset along the "averages" dimension. The output structure contains skewness and kurtosis vectors (as a function of t), as well as the mean of the absolute values skewness and kurtosis for all timepoints where the average FID SNR is greater than 2.

### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

#### OUTPUTS:

out = Structure containing skewness and kurtosis indices for reliability
 testing.

### 5.63. op removeWater.m

#### USAGE:

out=op removeWater(out,wlim,Kinit,M,plot bool);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This function removes the water signal from MRS data using HSVD method described by H. BARKHUIJSEN et al. 1987.

### INPUTS:

in = MRS data structure used by FID-a toolkit. Data should be pre-processed, for example by out = run\_pressproc(filename) wlim = This is the frequency limits of the water peak to be fitted in ppm. (default = [4.4 5]= The number of frequency components in the data model This Kinit parameter might have to be played with. (default is 20). = M is the integer number of columns in the henkel matrix. Note: L M is the number of rows and L+M=N where N is the number of data points. For best results 0.5<=L/M<=2. (default M= .75\*length. plot bool = if 1, water fit is plotted (default =1) OUTPUTS: = New spectrum without the water peak in the as a FID-A structure out. = The number of frequency components used to fit the data. K

## 5.64. op\_rmNworstaverages.m

#### USAGE:

[out, metric, badAverages] = op rmNworstaverages(in,n);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Removes motion corrupted averages from a dataset containing multiple averages. The N most badly motion corrupted averages are discarded.

#### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format
n = number of bad averages to remove

### OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset following removal of motion corrupted averages.

metric = Vector of unlikeness metrics corresponding to all input

averages.

badAverages = Indices of the averages that were removed.

### 5.65. op rmbadaverages.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,metric,badAverages]=op\_rmbadaverages(in,nsd,domain);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Removes motion corrupted averages from a dataset containing multiple averages. Bad averages are identified by calculating a 'likeness' metric for each average. This is done by subtracting each average from the median of the averages, and then calculating the root mean squared of this difference spectrum. Averages whose likeness metrics are greater than 'nsd' above the mean are discarded.

#### INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format

nsd = number of standard deviations to use a rejection threshold

domain = domain in which to perform calculations ('t' or 'f')

### OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset following removal of motion corrupted averages.

metric = Vector of unlikeness metrics corresponding to all input

averages.

badAverages = Indices of the averages that were removed.

### 5.66. op rmworstaverage.m

**USAGE:** 

[out,metric,badAverages]=op rmworstaverage(in);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Removes motion corrupted averages from a dataset containing multiple averages. The most badly motion corrupted average is discarded.

INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format

OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset following removal of the most motion corrupted

average.

metric = Vector of unlikeness metrics corresponding to all input

averages.

badAverages = Indices of the averages that were removed.

## 5.67. op subtractScans.m

**USAGE:** 

out=op\_subtractScans(in1,in2);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Subtract input 2 from input 1;

INPUTS:

OUTPUTS:

out = Output dataset following subtraction of in2 from in1.

### 5.68. op takeaverages.m

**USAGE:** 

out=op\_takeaverages(in,index);

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Extract the averages with indices corresponding to the 'index' input array.

INPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format.

OUTPUTS:

#### 5.69. op takeextras.m

```
USAGE:
out=op takeextras(in,index);
DESCRIPTION:
Extract the extras with indices corresponding to the 'index' input array.
      = input data in matlab structure format.
index = vector indicating the indices of the extras to extract.
OUTPUTS:
      = Output dataset consisting of extras extracted from the input.
out
```

#### 5.70. op\_takesubspec.m

```
USAGE:
out=op takesubspec(in,index);
DESCRIPTION:
Extract the subspectra with indices corresponding to the 'index' input array.
INPUTS:
      = input data in matlab structure format.
index = vector indicating the indices of the subspectra you would like to
         extract.
OUTPUTS:
       = Output dataset consisting of subspectra indices extracted from the
         input.
```

#### 5.71. op timerange.m

```
out=op_timerange(in,tmin,tmax);
DESCRIPTION:
Output only a specified frequency range of the input spectrum.
INPUTS:
          = input data in matlab structure format.
in
tmin
          = minimum extent of frequency range in ppm.
          = maximum extent of frequency range in ppm.
tmax
OUTPUTS:
          = Output dataset following truncation in the time domain.
out
```

```
5.72.
           op unfilter.m
USAGE:
out=op unfilter(in,lb);
DESCRIPTION:
Multiply the fid by an inverted exponential decay function to undo the
effects of filtering.
INPUTS:
      = input data in matlab structure format.
in
lb
      = line narrowing factor (Hz).
OUTPUTS:
      = Output dataset following application of inverted exponential filter.
out
5.73.
           op zeropad.m
USAGE:
out=op zeropad(in,zpFactor);
DESCRIPTION:
Apply zeropadding (a.k.a. zero-filling) to MRS data.
INPUTS:
          = input data in matlab structure format.
in
          = the factor by which the number of points in the fid will be
zpFactor
            increased. ie. if zpFactor =2, then the number of zeros added
            to the end of the fid will be equal to the number of points in
            the original spectrum.
OUTPUTS:
          = Output dataset following zeropadding.
out
5.74.
           op zerotrim.m
```

```
out=op_zerotrim(in,numPointsToTrim);
DESCRIPTION:
Remove zeros (or even non-zero data points) from the end of the fid.
INPUTS:
                  = input data in matlab structure format.
numPointsToTrim
                  = The number of points to trim from the end of the fid.
OUTPUTS:
out
                  = Output dataset following truncation in time domain.
```

# 6. Example Run Scripts

The FID-A software package contains a library of example run scripts which are located in the {FID-A DIR}/exampleRunScripts These are intended to provide the user with examples of useful "pipelines" for NMR simulation and data processing. In the case of NMR simulation pipelines, the provided example run scripts involve spatially resolved simulations for experiments with shaped localization pulses, or examples of how to generate a simple LCModel basis set. In the case of MRS data processing, the provided example run scripts demonstrate all of the necessary steps for a full processing pipeline, from importing the raw data into matlab, combining RF coil channels, removing motion corrupted averages, spectral registration to remove frequency and phase drift, signal averaging and phase correction, and exporting the final processed data into a format that is readable by one of the leading analysis software packages. Some of these example processing scripts may be useable in their existing form for routine data processing of MRS data. Others may need to be modified to suit the user's specific needs. All of the example run scripts make use of the various functions in within the FID-A toolboxes.

## 6.1. run\_getLWandSNR.m

```
USAGE:
[ FWHM,SNR ] = run_getLWandSNR(in);
```

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Calculate the linewidth and SNR of a spectrum. This function calculates the Linewidth by measuring the FWHM of the unsuppressed water peak. SNR is calculated by measuring the height of the NAA peak and comparing this to the standard deviation of the noise in a signal-free region of the spectrum. SNR is measured four separate times using four different noise regions and the average of those four measurements is reported.

#### TNPUTS:

in = input data in matlab structure format

### OUTPUTS:

FWHM = Linewidth (full width at half maximum, in [Hz]) of the water peak. SNR = Signal to noise ratio of the NAA peak.

### 6.2. run make2DSimPlot.m

#### USAGE:

```
[]=run make2DSimPlot(in,ppmmin,ppmmax,plotDiff)
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function takes the output of a spatially resolved simulation, and plots the array of spectra on a single figure. The input should be a cell array

where the grid of elements of the cell array are simulated spectra from a corresponding grid of spatial positions in the spatially resolved simulation. Each element of the cell array is also in FID-A data struture format. By including the optional input argument ppmmin and ppmmax, only a the corresponding range of each spectrum will be plotted.

#### INPUTS:

in = input cell array of simulated spectra from a spatially resolved

simulation

ppmmin = lower limit of ppm range to plot [ppm]
ppmmax = upper limit of ppm range to plot [ppm]

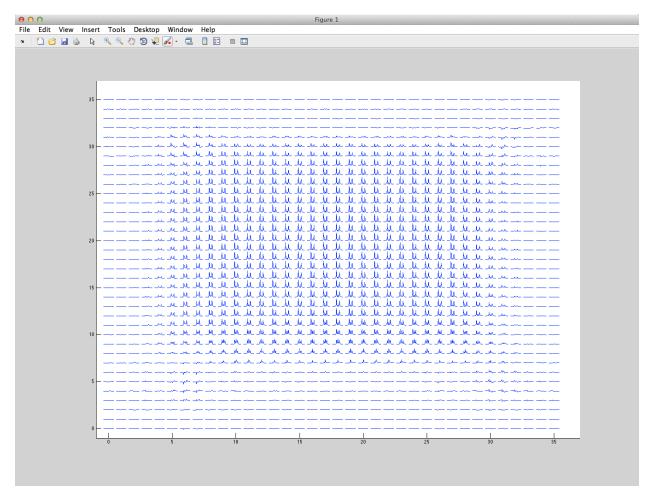


Figure 1: The output of run\_make2DSimPlot, which shows simulated, spatially resolved MEGA-PRESS difference spectra of the GABA spin system. This simulation was generated using run\_simMegaPressShaped, and it incorporates the shaped editing and refocusing pulses. Only the 3ppm GABA resonance is shown.

## 6.3. run\_megapressproc.m

### **USAGE:**

[out1\_diff,out1\_sum,out1,outw,coilcombos]=run\_megapressproc(filestring,coilcombos,avgAlignDomain,alignSS);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Processing script for Siemens MEGA-PRESS MRS data in .dat format (twix raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, manual alignment of edit-on and edit-off spectra, and leftshifting.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the directory containing the water suppressed .dat file. Water unsuppressed .dat

file should be contained in [filestring '\_w/'];
= (Optional). A structure obtained by running the

default.

avgAlignDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a

limited frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

alignSS = (Optional)

 ${\tt O}\,-\,{\tt Do}\,$  not align the edit-on and edit-off subspectra

(default).

2 - Perform manual alignment of edit-on and edit-off

subspectra.

OUTPUTS:

out1 diff = Fully processed difference spectrum.

out1 sum = Fully processed sum spectrum.

out1 = Fully processed edit-on and edit-off subspectra.

outw = Fully processed water unsuppressed spectrum.

coilcombos = Estimated coil weights and phases.

### 6.4. run megapressproc GEauto.m

### USAGE:

[diffSpec,sumSpec,subSpec1,subSpec2,outw]=run\_megapressproc\_GEauto(filestring,coilcombos,avgAlignDomain,alignSS);

### DESCRIPTION:

Fully automated processing script for GE MEGA-PRESS MRS data in P-file format (GE raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, manual alignment of edit-on and edit-off spectra, and leftshifting. This pipeline requires no user interaction. This function automatically generates an html report to describe the results of each processing step.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the P file.

coilcombos = (Optional). A structure obtained by running the

op\_getcoilcombos function. This allows the user to specify the coil phases and amplitudes as an input, rather calculating these from the input data by default.

avgAlignDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a

limited frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

alignSS = (Optional)

```
{\tt 0} - Do not align the edit-on and edit-off subspectra (default).
```

2 - Perform manual alignment of edit-on and edit-off subspectra.

OUTPUTS:

diffSpec = Fully processed difference spectrum.

sumSpec = Fully processed sum spectrum.

subSpec1 = Fully processed MEGA-PRESS subspectrum #1.
subSpec2 = Fully processed MEGA-PRESS subspectrum #2.
outw = Fully processed water unsuppressed spectrum.

### 6.5. run megapressproc auto.m

#### **USAGE:**

[diffSpec,sumSpec,subSpec1,subSpec2]=run\_megapressproc\_auto(filestring,coilco
mbos,avgAlignDomain,alignSS);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Fully automated processing script for Siemens MEGA-PRESS MRS data in .dat format (twix raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, manual alignment of edit-on and edit-off spectra, and leftshifting. This pipeline requires no user interaction. This function automatically generates an html report to describe the results of each processing step.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the directory containing the water suppressed .dat file. Water unsuppressed .dat

file should be contained in [filestring '\_w/'];

coilcombos = (Optional). A structure obtained by running the op\_getcoilcombos function. This allows the user to specify the coil phases and amplitudes as an input, rather calculating these from the input data by

default.

avgAlignDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a

limited frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

alignSS = (Optional)

0 - Do not align the edit-on and edit-off subspectra

(default).

2 - Perform manual alignment of edit-on and edit-off

subspectra.

OUTPUTS:

diffSpec = Fully processed difference spectrum.

sumSpec = Fully processed sum spectrum.

subSpec1 = Fully processed MEGA-PRESS subspectrum #1.
subSpec2 = Fully processed MEGA-PRESS subspectrum #2.

### 6.6. run pressproc.m

**USAGE:** 

[out,out\_w,out\_noproc,out\_w\_noproc]=run\_pressproc(filestring,aaDomain,tmaxin,iterin);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Processing script for Siemens PRESS MRS data in .dat format (twix raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the directory containing the

water suppressed .dat file. Water unsuppressed .dat file

should be contained in [filestring '\_w/'];

aaDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a limited

frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

tmaxin = (Optional). Duration (in sec.) of the time domain signal

used in the spectral registration (drift correction).

Default is 0.2 sec.

iterin = (Optional). Maximum number of allowed iterations for the

spectral registration to converge. Default is 20.

#### **OUTPUTS:**

out = Fully processed, water suppressed output spectrum.

out w = Fully processed, water unsuppressed output spectrum.

out\_noproc = Water suppressed output spectrum without pre-processing (No

bad-averages removal, no frequency drift correction).

out\_w\_noproc = Water unsuppressed output spectrum without pre-

processing.

### 6.7. run pressproc brukAuto.m

### **USAGE:**

[out,out\_w,out\_noproc,out\_w\_noproc]=run\_pressproc\_brukAuto(filestring, filestringw,aaDomain,tmaxin,iterin);

### DESCRIPTION:

Fully automated processing script for Bruker PRESS MRS data in fid.raw format (raw data). Processing steps include removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, leftshifting and auto-phasing. This pipeline requires no user interaction. This function automatically generates an html report to describe the results of each processing step.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the directory containing

the water suppressed fid.raw file.

filestringw = String variable for the name of the directory containing

the water unsuppressed fid.raw file.

aaDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a limited

frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

tmaxin = (Optional). Duration (in sec.) of the time domain signal

used in the spectral registration (drift correction).

Default is 0.2 sec.

iterin = (Optional). Maximum number of allowed iterations for the

spectral registration to converge. Default is 20.

**OUTPUTS:** 

out\_noproc = Water suppressed output spectrum without pre-

processing (No bad-averages removal, no frequency drift

correction).

out\_w\_noproc = Water unsuppressed output spectrum without pre-

processing.

## 6.8. run pressproc\_GEauto.m

#### USAGE:

[out,out\_w,out\_noproc,out\_w\_noproc]=run\_pressproc\_GEauto(filestring,aaDomain,tmaxin,iterin);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Fully automated processing script for GE PRESS MRS data in p-file format (GE raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting. This pipeline requires no user interaction. This function automatically generates an html report to describe the results of each processing step.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the p-file the water

suppressed data;

aaDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a limited

frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

tmaxin = (Optional). Duration (in sec.) of the time domain signal

used in the spectral registration (drift correction).

Default is 0.2 sec.

iterin = (Optional). Maximum number of allowed iterations for the

spectral registration to converge. Default is 20.

### OUTPUTS:

out\_noproc = Water suppressed output spectrum without pre-processing (No

bad-averages removal, no frequency drift correction).

out\_w\_noproc = Water unsuppressed output spectrum without pre-processing.

### 6.9. run pressproc auto.m

### USAGE:

[out,out\_w,out\_noproc,out\_w\_noproc]=run\_pressproc\_auto(filestring,aaDomain,tm
axin,iterin);

### DESCRIPTION:

Fully automated processing script for Siemens PRESS MRS data in .dat format (twix raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting. This pipeline

requires no user interaction. This function automatically generates an html report to describe the results of each processing step.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the directory containing the water suppressed .dat file. Water unsuppressed .dat file

should be contained in [filestring '\_w/'];

aaDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a limited

frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

tmaxin = (Optional). Duration (in sec.) of the time domain signal

used in the spectral registration (drift correction).

Default is 0.2 sec.

iterin = (Optional). Maximum number of allowed iterations for the

spectral registration to converge. Default is 20.

#### OUTPUTS:

out\_noproc = Water suppressed output spectrum without pre-processing (No

bad-averages removal, no frequency drift correction).

out w noproc = Water unsuppressed output spectrum without pre-processing.

### 6.10. run simExampleBasisSet.m

#### **USAGE:**

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Script to generate simulated basis spectra for all metabolites of interest in the human brain. The script will generate an LCModel format .RAW file for each metabolite basis spectrum, which can then be passed into LCModel's "makebasis" function to generate a complete LCModel basis set.

### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the following parameters as desired and then click run:

lb = linewidth (Hz)

np = Spectral points
sw = Spectral width (Hz)

Bo = Magnetic Field Strength (Tesla)

tel = First PRESS echo time, or SPECIAL echo time (s)

te2 = Second PRESS echo time (if applicable) (s).

seq = Pulse sequence ('se'= SPECIAL, 'p'=press, 'st'=steam);
ref = Add reference peak at 0ppm (used in LCModel, y or n);

### OUTPUTS:

H2O = Simulated water spectrum
Ala = Simulated alanine spectrum
Asp = Simulated aspartate spectrum

PCh = Simulated phosphocholine spectrum

Cr = Simulated creatine spectrum PCr = Simulated phosphochreatine spectrum

GABA = Simulated GABA spectrum
Gln = Simulated glutamine spectrum

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= Simulated glutamate spectrum
Glu
GSH
         = Simulated glutathione spectrum
         = Simulated glycine spectrum
Gly
Ins
         = Simulated myo-inositol spectrum
         = Simulated Lactate spectrum
Lac
NAA
         = Simulated NAA spectrum
Scyllo = Simulated scyllo-inositol spectrum
         = Simulated taurine spectrum
Tau
         = Simulated ascorbate spectrum
         = Simulated beta-hydroxybutyrate spectrum
bHB
bHG
         = Simulated 2-hydroxyglutyrate spectrum
         = Simulated glucose spectrum
Glc
         = Simulated N-acetylaspartylglutamate spectrum
NAAG
         = Simulated glycerophosphocholine spectrum
GPC
PE
         = Simulated phosphoethanolamine spectrum
Ser
         = Simulated serine spectrum
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#### 6.11. run simMegaExTEShaped.m

#### **IISAGE**:

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates an ExTE-MEGA-PRESS experiment with fully shaped editing and refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of both the editing and refocusing pulses is performed. Simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the GABA signal. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. As a result of the phase cycling and spatially resolved simulations, this code takes a long time to run. Therefore, the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox (parfor loop) was used to accelerate the siumulations. Accelration is currently performed in the direction of the slice selective pulse along the x-direction, but this can be changed. Up to a factor of 12 acceleration can be achieved using this approach. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click "run":

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform. = name of editing pulse waveform. editWaveform editOnFreq = frequency of edit on pulse[ppm] = frequency of edit off pulse[ppm] editOffFreq = duration of refocusing pulses[ms] refTp = duration of editing pulses[ms] editTp = Magnetic field strength in [T] Bfield Npts = number of spectral points

= spectral width [Hz] SW

= magnetic field strength [Tesla] Bfield

= linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz] ٦w = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm] thkX

spinSys = spin system to simulate

editPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st editing pulse

[degrees]

editPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd editing pulse

[degrees]

refPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refocusing pulse

[degrees]

refPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refocusing pulse

[degrees]

OUTPUTS:

outON posxy = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outOFF posxy = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outDIFF posxy = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outON = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, summed over

all positions.

outOFF = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, summed over

all positions.

outDIFF = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, summed

over all positions.

### 6.12. run simMegaPressShaped.m

### **USAGE:**

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a MEGA-PRESS experiment with fully shaped editing and refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of both the editing and refocusing pulses is performed. Simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the GABA signal. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. As a result of the phase cycling and spatially resolved simulations, this code takes a long time to run. Therefore, the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox (parfor loop) was used to accelerate the siumulations. Accelration is currently performed in the direction of the slice selective pulse along the x-direction, but this can be changed. Up to a factor of 12 acceleration can be achieved using this approach. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click "run":

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform.
editWaveform = name of editing pulse waveform.
editOnFreq = frequency of edit on pulse[ppm]

editOffFreq = frequency of edit off pulse[ppm]
refTp = duration of refocusing pulses[ms]
editTp = duration of editing pulses[ms]
Bfield = Magnetic field strength in [T]
Npts = number of spectral points

sw = spectral width [Hz]

Bfield = magnetic field strength [Tesla]

lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]
thkX = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm]
thkY = slice thickness of y refocusing pulse [cm]
fovX = full simulation FOV in the x direction [cm]
fovY = full simulation FOV in the y direction [cm]

nX = number of spatial grid points to simulate in x-direction Y = number of spatial grid points to simulate in y-direction

taus = vector of pulse sequence timings [ms]

spinSys = spin system to simulate

editPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st editing pulse [deg] editPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd editing pulse [deg] refPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refoc pulse [deg] refPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refoc pulse [deg]

OUTPUTS:

outON posxy = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outOFF\_posxy = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outDIFF posxy = Simulated MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outON = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, summed over all

positions.

outOFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, summed over all

positions.

outDIFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, summed over all

positions.

### 6.13. run simMegaPressShaped fast.m

### USAGE:

[outDIFF,outOFF,outON]=run simMegaPressShaped fast(spinSys);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a MEGA-PRESS experiment with fully shaped editing and refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of both the editing and refocusing pulses is performed. Simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the GABA signal. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. To achieve faster perfomance compared to the original 'run\_simPressShaped.m' function, this code uses the method described by Yan Zhang et al. Med Phys 2017;44(8): 4169-78. Some additional accelration is currently performed by parallelization of the x- and y- spatial for loops. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

### INPUTS:

To run this script, there is technically only one input argument: = spin system to simulate spinSys

However, the user should also edit the following parameters as desired before running the function:

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform. = name of editing pulse waveform. editWaveform = frequency of edit on pulse[ppm] = frequency of edit off pulse[ppm] editOnFreq editOffFreq = duration of refocusing pulses[ms] refTp = duration of editing pulses[ms] editTp = Magnetic field strength in [T] Bfield = number of spectral points Npts

= spectral width [Hz] sw

= magnetic field strength [Tesla] Bfield

lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz] thkX = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm] thkY = slice thickness of y refocusing pulse [cm] fovX = full simulation FOV in the x direction [cm] fovY = full simulation FOV in the y direction [cm]

nX = number of spatial grid points to simulate in x-direction = number of spatial grid points to simulate in y-direction nΥ

= vector of pulse sequence timings [ms] taus

spinSys

= vector of pulse sequence thirtings [ms]
= spin system to simulate
= vector of phase cycling steps for 1st editing pulse [deg]
= vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd editing pulse [deg]
= vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refoc pulse [deg] spinSys editPhCyc1 editPhCyc2 refPhCyc1 refPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refoc pulse [deg]

OUTPUTS:

= Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, summed over all outON

positions.

outOFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, summed over all

positions.

= Simulated MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, summed over all outDIFF

positions.

#### 6.14. run simMegaPressShapedEdit.m

#### **USAGE:**

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a MEGA-PRESS experiment with fully shaped editing pulses. Phase cycling of editing pulses is performed, and summation across phase cycles is performed.

#### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click "run":

editWaveform = name of editing pulse waveform. editOnFreq = frequency of edit on pulse[ppm] = frequency of edit off pulse[ppm] editOffFreq editTp = duration of editing pulses[ms]

Npts = number of spectral points

sw = spectral width [Hz]

Bfield = magnetic field strength [Tesla]
lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]

lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]
taus = vector of pulse sequence timings [ms]

spinSys = spin system to simulate

editPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st editing pulse

[degrees]

editPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd editing pulse

[degrees]

OUTPUTS:

outON = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum.

outOFF = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum.
outDIFF = Simulated ExTE-MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum.

### 6.15. run simMegaPressShapedRefoc.m

#### USAGE:

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a MEGA-PRESS experiment with fully shaped refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of the refocusing pulses is performed and simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the GABA signal. Summation across spatial positions is performed. As a result of the phase cycling and spatially resolved simulations, this code takes a long time to run. Therefore, the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox (parfor loop) is used to accelerate the siumulations. Acceleration is currently performed in the direction of the slice selective pulse along the x-direction, but this can be changed. Up to a factor of 12 acceleration can be achieved using this approach. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

#### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click "run":

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform.
refTp = duration of refocusing pulses[ms]

Npts = number of spectral points

sw = spectral width [Hz]

Bfield = magnetic field strength [Tesla]

lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]

thkX = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm]

thkY = slice thickness of y refocusing pulse [cm]

x = vector of X positions to simulate [cm]

y = vector of y positions to simulate [cm]

taus = vector of pulse sequence timings [ms]

spinSys = spin system to simulate

editFlipON = Cell array of edit-ON pulse flip angles for each spin

in each part of the spin system.

editFlipOFF = Cell array of edit-OFF pulse flip angles for each

spin in each part of the spin system.

refPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refocusing pulse [degrees]

refPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refocusing

pulse [degrees]

OUTPUTS:

outON posxy = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outOFF posxy = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outDIFF posxy = Simulated MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outON = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, summed over all

positions.

outOFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, summed over all

positions.

outDIFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, summed over all

positions.

### 6.16. run simMegaPressShapedRefoc fast.m

#### **USAGE:**

[outDIFF,outOFF,outON]=run simMegaPressShapedRefoc fast(spinSys);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a MEGA-PRESS experiment with fully shaped refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of the refocusing pulses is performed and simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the GABA signal. Summation across spatial positions is performed. To achieve faster perfomance compared to the original 'run\_simPressShapedRefoc.m' function, this code uses the method described by Yan Zhang et al. Med Phys 2017;44(8): 4169-78. Some additional accelration is currently performed by parallelization of the x- and y- spatial for loops. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X", where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

#### INPUTS:

To run this script, there is technically only one input argument: spinSys = spin system to simulate

However, the user should also edit the following parameters as desired before running the function:

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform.

refTp = duration of refocusing pulses[ms]

Npts = number of spectral points

sw = spectral width [Hz]

Bfield = magnetic field strength [Tesla]

lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]
thkX = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm]
thkY = slice thickness of y refocusing pulse [cm]
fovX = full simulation FOV in the x direction [cm]
fovY = full simulation FOV in the y direction [cm]

= number of spatial grid points to simulate in x direction nX = number of spatial grid points to simulate in y-direction nΥ

= vector of pulse sequence timings [ms] taus

spinSys = spin system to simulate

= cell array containing the vectors of edit-ON pulse flip editFlipON angles for each spin in each part of the spin system.

= cell array containing the vectors of edit-OFF pulse flip editFlipOFF angles for each spin in each part of the spin system.

refPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refoc pulse [deg] refPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refoc pulse [deg]

OUTPUTS:

= Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-ON spectrum, summed over all outON

positions.

outOFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS edit-OFF spectrum, summed over all

positions.

outDIFF = Simulated MEGA-PRESS difference spectrum, summed over

all positions.

#### 6.17. run simMegaSpecialShaped.m

#### **USAGE:**

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a MEGA-SPECIAL experiment with fully shaped editing and refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of both the editing and refocusing pulses is performed. Furthermore, simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the GABA signal. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. As a result of the phase cycling and spatially resolved simulations, this code takes a long time to run. Therefore, the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox (parfor loop) was used to accelerate the siumulations. Accelration is performed in the direction of the slice selective pulse (along the xdirection). Up to a factor of 12 acceleration can be achieved using this approach. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click "run":

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform. = name of editing pulse waveform. editWaveform editOnFreq = frequency of edit on pulse[ppm] = frequency of edit off pulse[ppm] editOffFreq = duration of refocusing pulses[ms] refTp = duration of editing pulses[ms] editTp

= Magnetic field strength in [T] Bfield Npts = number of spectral points

= spectral width [Hz] SW

Bfield

= magnetic field strength [Tesla]
= linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz] lw = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm] thkX

x = vector of X positions to simulate [cm]
taus = vector of pulse sequence timings [ms]

spinSys = spin system to simulate

editPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st editing pulse

[degrees]

editPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd editing pulse

[degrees]

refPhCyc = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refocusing pulse

[degrees]

**OUTPUTS:** 

outON posx = Simulated MEGA-SPECIAL edit-ON spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outOFF posx = Simulated MEGA-SPECIAL edit-OFF spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outDIFF\_posx = Simulated MEGA-SPECIAL difference spectrum, spatially

resolved.

outON = Simulated MEGA-SPECIAL edit-ON spectrum, summed over

all positions.

outOFF = Simulated MEGA-SPECIAL edit-OFF spectrum, summed over

all positions.

outDIFF = Simulated MEGA-SPECIAL difference spectrum, summed over

all positions.

## 6.18. run simPressShaped.m

#### **USAGE:**

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a PRESS experiment with fully shaped refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of refocusing pulses is performed. Furthermore, simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the metabolite signal. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. As a result of the phase cycling and spatially resolved simulations, this code takes a long time to run. Therefore, the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox (parfor loop) was used to accelerate the simulations. Acceleration is currently performed in the direction of the slice selective pulse along the x-direction, but this can be changed. Up to a factor of 12 acceleration can be achieved using this approach. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

#### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click

"run":

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform.
refTp = duration of refocusing pulses[ms]
Bfield = Magnetic field strength in [T]
Npts = number of spectral points

sw = spectral width [Hz]

Bfield = magnetic field strength [Tesla]

lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]

thkX = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm] = slice thickness of y refocusing pulse [cm] thkY = full simulation FOV in the x direction [cm] fovX = full simulation FOV in the y direction [cm] fovY = number of spatial grid points to simulate in x-direction nX nY = number of spatial grid points to simulate in y-direction = vector of pulse sequence timings [ms] taus = spin system to simulate spinSys refPhCyc1 = vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refocusing pulse [degrees] = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refocusing pulse refPhCyc2 [degrees] OUTPUTS: = Simulation results, spatially resolved. out posxy = Simulation results, summed over all space.

## 6.19. run\_simPressShaped\_fast.m

#### **USAGE:**

out=run simPressShaped fast(spinSys);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a PRESS experiment with fully shaped refocusing pulses. Phase cycling of refocusing pulses is performed. Furthermore, simulations are run at various locations in space to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the metabolite signal. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. To achieve faster perfomance compared to the original 'run\_simPressShaped.m' function, this code uses the method described by Yan Zhang et al. Med Phys 2017;44(8): 4169-78. Some additional acceleration is currently performed using parfor loops in both x and y directions. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

#### INPUTS:

To run this script, there is technically only one input argument: spinSys = spin system to simulate

However, the user should also edit the following parameters as desired before running the function:

refocWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform.
refTp = duration of refocusing pulses[ms]
Bfield = Magnetic field strength in [T]
Npts = number of spectral points

sw = spectral width [Hz]

Bfield = magnetic field strength [Tesla]
lw = linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz]
thkX = slice thickness of x refocusing pulse [cm]
thkY = slice thickness of y refocusing pulse [cm]
fovX = full simulation FOV in the x direction [cm]
fovY = full simulation FOV in the y direction [cm]

nX = number of spatial grid points to simulate in x-direction nY = number of spatial grid points to simulate in y-direction

taus = vector of pulse sequence timings [ms]

= vector of phase cycling steps for 1st refoc pulse [deg] refPhCyc1 refPhCyc2 = vector of phase cycling steps for 2nd refoc pulse [deg]

OUTPUTS:

= Simulation results, summed over all space. out

#### 6.20. run simSpinEchoShaped.m

#### USAGE:

This script is run simply by editing the input parameters and then clicking "Run".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This script simulates a localized spin-echo experiment with a fully shaped refocusing pulse. Phase cycling of the refocusing pulse is performed. Furthermore, simulations are run at various locations in space (1-D) to account for the within-voxel spatial variation of the metabolite signal due to J-evolution. Summation across phase cycles and spatial positions is performed. As a result of the phase cycling and spatially resolved simulations, this code takes a long time to run. Therefore, the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox (parfor loop) was used to accelerate the siumulations. Accelration is performed in the direction of the slice selective refocusing pulse. Up to a factor of 12 acceleration can be achieved using this approach. To enable the use of the MATLAB parallel computing toolbox, initialize the multiple worked nodes using "matlabpool size X" where "X" is the number of available processing nodes. If the parallel processing toolbox is not available, then replace the "parfor" loop with a "for" loop.

### INPUTS:

To run this script, edit the parameters below as desired and then click

"run":

RFWaveform = name of refocusing pulse waveform. = duration of refocusing pulses[ms] Тp Bfield = Magnetic field strength in [T] Npts = number of spectral points

SW = spectral width [Hz]

= linewidth of the output spectrum [Hz] lw = slice thickness of refocusing pulse [cm] thk = vector of positions to simulate [cm] pos

= Echo-Time [ms] ΤE

= spin system to simulate spinSys

= vector of phase cycling steps for refocusing pulse PhCyc

[degrees]

OUTPUTS:

= Simulation results, spatially resolved. out pos = Simulation results, summed over all space.

#### 6.21. run specialproc.m

[out,out w,out noproc,out w noproc]=run specialproc(filestring,aaDomain,tmaxi n, iterin);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Processing script for Siemens SPECIAL MRS data in .dat format (twix raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting.

#### INPUTS:

filestring = String variable for the name of the directory containing the water suppressed .dat file. Water unsuppressed .dat file

should be contained in [filestring 'w/'];

aaDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a limited

frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

tmaxin = (Optional). Duration (in sec.) of the time domain signal

used in the spectral registration (drift correction).

Default is 0.2 sec.

iterin = (Optional). Maximum number of allowed iterations for the

spectral registration to converge. Default is 20.

#### OUTPUTS:

out = Fully processed, water suppressed output spectrum.
out\_w = Fully processed, water unsuppressed output spectrum.

out noproc = Water suppressed output spectrum without pre-processing (No

bad-averages removal, no frequency drift correction).

out\_w\_noproc = Water unsuppressed output spectrum without pre-processing.

## 6.22. run specialproc auto.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out,out\_w,out\_noproc,out\_w\_noproc]=run\_specialproc\_auto(filestring,aaDomain,tmaxin,iterin);

#### DESCRIPTION:

Processing script for Siemens SPECIAL MRS data in .dat format (twix raw data). Includes combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting.

#### INPUTS:

aaDomain = (Optional) Perform the spectral registration (drift

correction) using the full spectrum ('t'), or only a limited

frequency range ('f'). Default is 'f'.

tmaxin = (Optional). Duration (in sec.) of the time domain signal

used in the spectral registration (drift correction).

Default is 0.2 sec.

iterin = (Optional). Maximum number of allowed iterations for the

spectral registration to converge. Default is 20.

### OUTPUTS:

out\_noproc = Water suppressed output spectrum without pre-processing (No

bad-averages removal, no frequency drift correction).

out\_w\_noproc = Water unsuppressed output spectrum without pre-processing.

### 6.23. run\_specialproc\_fmrs.m

#### **USAGE:**

[out\_stimOFF,out\_stimON,out\_w]=run\_specialproc\_fmrs(filestring,blockDesign,le adingAvgsToRmv);

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Processing script for functional MRS data acquired using the SPECIAL MRS sequence. This script accepts data in Siemens .dat format (twix raw data). Processing steps include combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting. Also includes prior knowledge of the stimulation paradigm (given by the 'blockDesign' vector) and returns the averaged stimulus OFF and simulus ON spectra.

#### INPUTS:

blockDesign = This is a vector of positive and negative even integers that make up the ON/OFF block design. Each integer represents the number of sequential averages in a block. Positive integers refer to ON blocks, and negative integers refer to OFF blocks. For example, for a block design consisting of 30 OFF averages followed by 20 ON averages followed by 10 OFF averages, the blockDesign

vector would be: [-30 20 -10];

integer. (optional. Default=0);

#### OUTPUTS:

out stimOFF = Fully processed water suppressed spectrum from the sum

of the stimulus OFF periods.

out stimON = Fully processed water suppressed spectrum from the sum

of the stimulus ON periods.

out\_w = Fully processed, water unsuppressed output spectrum.

## 6.24. run specialproc fmrs slidingWindow.m

#### USAGE:

[out1,out w]=run specialproc fmrs slidingWindow(filestring,windowSize);

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Processing script for functional MRS data acquired using the SPECIAL MRS sequence. This script accepts data in Siemens .dat format (twix raw data). Processing steps include combination of reciever channels, removal of bad averages, frequency drift correction, and leftshifting. This code generates a 'sliding window timecourse' of MR spectra by combining the averages within a small window given by the windowSize argument, and then sliding the window by 1 average and combining again. Each summed window is output as an LCModel text file to be analyzed in LCModel. As a result, this function generates many text output files.

INPUTS: filestring

= String variable for the name of the directory containing the water suppressed .dat file. Water unsuppressed .dat file should be contained in [filestring '\_w/'];

windowSize

= This is an integer that specifies the number of averages that are stored within the sliding window. It is recommended to choose a window size that is divisible by the number of phase cycles so that the window does not contain any partial phase cycles.

OUTPUTS:

out1 = The first sliding window spectrum (the others are written

to LCModel format).

out\_w = Fully processed, water unsuppressed output spectrum.

# 7. Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs)

Although the FID-A software package is primarily a MATLAB command-line software application, it does contain a three GUI based tools to enable visual manipulation of MR spectra. The three GUI based tools are called DiffTool, SpecTool and subSpecTool, and they can be found in the {FID-A\_DIR}/processingTools/SpecTool/ Directory. A brief description of each tool is given below:

### 7.1. DiffTool

The DiffTool Gui is used to visualize at the difference between two spectra, while interactively controlling the relative frequency, phase (0<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> order), amplitude, and DC offset between them. This tool is useful to enable subtraction of two spectra whilst minimizing subtraction errors due to frequency and phase shifts, etc. The DiffTool GUI is called in the following way:

DiffTool(in1, in2, ppmmin, ppmmax);

Where in1 and in2 are the two spectra to be subtracted, and ppmmin and ppmmax are the minimum and maximum frequencies over which to display the result. The DiffTool GUI is shown in Figure 2, below.

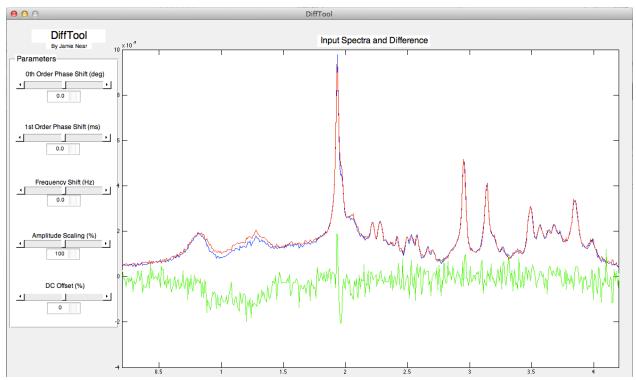


Figure 2: The DiffTool GUI.

## 7.2. SpecTool

The SpecTool GUI is enables adjustment of the  $0^{\rm th}$  and  $1^{\rm st}$  order phase of the spectrum, while providing real-time visual feedback of both the time-domain and frequency-domain signals. The SpecTool GUI is called in the following way:

SpecTool(in,tmax,ppmmin,ppmmax);

Where in is the input spectrum, tmax is the maximum time over which to display the result in the time domain, and ppmmin and ppmmax are the minimum and maximum frequencies over which to display the result in the frequency domain. The SpecTool GUI is shown in Figure 3 below.

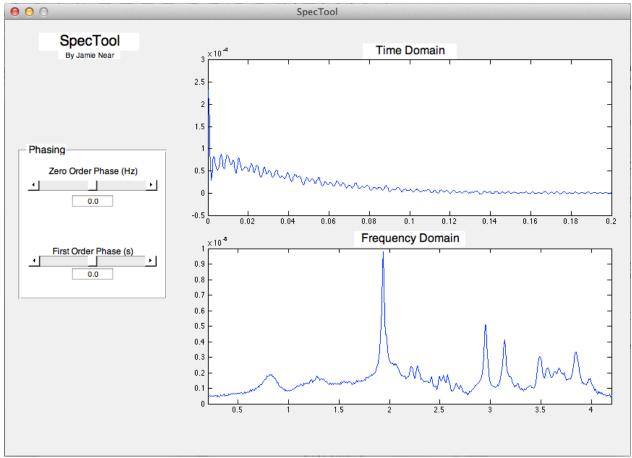


Figure 3: The SpecTool GUI.

### 7.3. subSpecTool

The subSpecTool GUI is used to visualize at the difference between two subspectra of an edited MRS scan, while interactively controlling the relative frequency and phase (0th order only), between them. This tool is useful to enable subtraction of two subspectra whilst minimizing subtraction

errors due to frequency and phase shifts, etc. The subSpecTool GUI is called in the following way:

```
subSpecTool(in,ppmmin,ppmmax);
```

Where in is the input spectrum, and ppmmin and ppmmax are the minimum and maximum frequencies over which to display the result in the frequency domain. The subSpecTool GUI is shown in Figure 4 below.

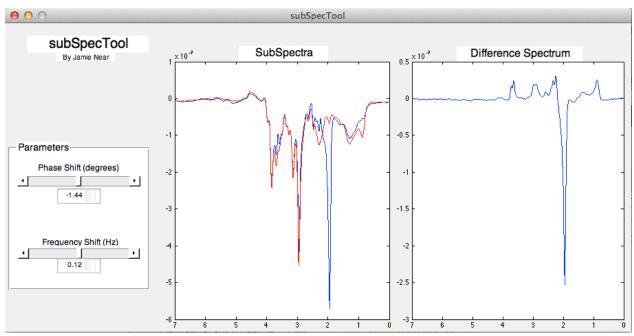


Figure 4: The subSpecTool GUI.

# 8. Processing the Example Data

As mentioned above, the FID-A toolkit comes with examples of raw MRS data (both *in vivo* and *in vitro*) from a few different scanner vendors (Bruker, GE and Siemens), and a few different pulse sequences (PRESS, MEGA-PRESS and SPECIAL). These datasets can be processed using some of scripts provided in the {FID-A\_dir}/exampleRunScripts directory. Please note that the

Example Data are contained in relatively large files that could not be stored normally in the GitHub repository due to GitHub's native file size limitations. Therefore, in order to download these data, you must first download and install the "Large File Storage" (LFS) extension to GitHub, which can be found here: (https://git-lfs.github.com). Without this extension, a clone or download of the FID-A repository will result in a {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData directory that is empty. However, after you've downloaded and installed the LFS extension, then recloning or downloading the FID-A repository should result in a {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData folder that correctly contains the required example data. Below are some quick examples of how to use the ExampleRunScripts to process the Example Data provided.

## 8.1. Processing GE PRESS data

The {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/GE/sampleO1\_press directory contains a P file from a PRESS MRS scan in a brain tissue mimicking phantom on a 3 Tesla GE MRI scanner. As is commonplace with GE datasets, both the water suppressed and water unsuppressed data are contained within the same file. This dataset can be processed using the 'run pressproc GEauto.m' script as follows:

1. Open MATLAB and add the FID-A repository to your path
 using:

addpath(genpath('Enter full path to FID A directory'));

2. Inside MATLAB, navigate to the {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/GE/sampleO1\_press/press directory. Note that this folder contains the desired P file, which is called 'P17920.7'. 3. Run the example Run script 'run\_pressproc\_GEauto.m' by
typing the following:

```
[out,out w]=run pressproc GEauto('P17920.7');
```

The script should run to completion within about 10 seconds with no user input, and two new structures (out and out\_w) should appear in your workspace. These are the fully processed water suppressed (out) and water unsuppressed datasets (out\_w). You can plot the resulting spectra using:

```
op_plotspec(out);
and
op_plotspec(out_w);
```

In addition to these outputs, the script should also generate a new folder called "report" in which you will find an HTML file (report.html, Figure 5) that summarizes the results of the various stages of the processing pipeline. This should be viewable using any standard HTML viewer or internet browser.

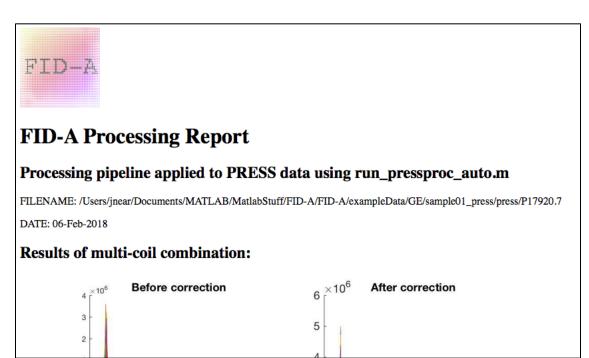


Figure 5: The report file generated by run pressproc\_GEauto.

Finally, you will also notice that in the working directory, two new files are generated: "P17920.7\_lcm" and "P17920.7\_w\_lcm". These are the processed water suppressed and water unsuppressed data files, respectively, in LCModel raw format. These files can be imported immediately for analysis in LCModel or Tarquin.

### 8.2. Processing GE MEGA-PRESS data

The {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/GE/sample02\_megapress directory contains a P file from a GABA-edited MEGA-PRESS MRS scan in a brain tissue mimicking phantom on a 3 Tesla GE MRI scanner.

Once again, both the water suppressed and water unsuppressed data are contained within the same file. This dataset can be processed using the 'run\_megapressproc\_GEauto.m' script as follows (this time assuming that MATLAB is already open and that FID-A is already on your path):

- 1. Navigate into the {FID A\_dir}/exampleData/GE/sampleO2\_megapress/megapress
   directory. Note that this directory contains a GE P file
   called '21504.7'.
- 2. Run the example Run script 'run\_megapressproc\_GEauto.m' by
  typing the following:

```
[diff,sum,on,off,out_w]=run_megapressproc_GEauto('P21504.7');
```

Again, the script should run to completion within about 10 seconds with no user input. This time, five new structures (diff, sum, on, off and out\_w) should appear in your workspace. These are the fully processed difference spectrum (diff) sum spectrum (sum), edit-on spectrum (on), edit-off spectrum (off) and water unsuppressed spectrum (out\_w). You can plot the resulting spectra using:

```
op_plotspec({diff,sum,on,off},0.2,4.2);
legend('diff','sum','on','off');
and
op_plotspec(out_w,3.5,5.5);
```

Note that there is no edited peak in the difference spectrum at 3.0 ppm, because the phantom that we used does not contain GABA (See Figure 6. oops!!). Also note that the 'sum' spectrum is out of phase. This can be fixed with a simple phasing operation such as 'op\_autophase.m' or 'op\_addphase.m'. Like before, this script also generates a new folder called "report" in which you will find an HTML file (report.html) that summarizes the results of the various stages of the processing pipeline. This should be viewable using any standard HTML viewer or internet browser.

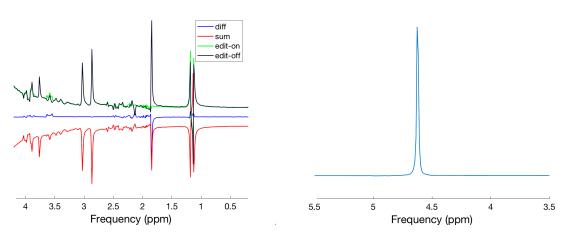


Figure 6: Example GE MEGA-PRESS data, processed using 'run megapressproc GEauto.m'.

Finally, you will again notice that in the working directory, four new files are generated: "P21504.7\_diff\_lcm", "P21504.7\_editON\_lcm", "P21504.7\_editOFF\_lcm" and "P17920.7\_w\_lcm". These are the processed spectra in LCModel raw format, which can be imported immediately for analysis in LCModel or Tarquin.

### 8.3. Processing Siemens MEGA-PRESS data

The {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/Siemens/sampleO1\_megapress directory contains two subfolders: one called "megapress", which contains an *in vivo* GABA-edited MEGA-PRESS MRS scan, and one called "megapress\_w", which contains corresponding water unsuppressed data acquired from the same region of interest. Both are from the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex of a healthy human volunteer 3 Tesla Siemens MRI scanner. This dataset can be processed using the 'run\_megapressproc\_auto.m' script as follows (this time assuming that you have already opened MATLAB and that {FID-A dir} is already on your path):

- 1. Inside MATLAB, navigate to the {FID A\_dir}/exampleData/Siemens/sampleO1\_megapress directory.
   Note that this folder contains two directories: one called
   "megapress" and one called "megapress\_w". The former
   contains the Siemens raw twix file (in .dat format)
   corresponding to the water suppressed MEGA-PRESS scan,
   while the latter contains the corresponding water
   unsuppressed data in the same format. In order for
   "run\_megapressproc\_auto.m" to work properly, the water
   suppressed and water unsuppressed .dat files must be stored
   in separate folders, and the folder names must differ only
   by the '\_w' extension at the end of the water unsuppressed
   folder name.
- 2. From the sample01\_megapress directory, run the example Run script 'run megapressproc auto.m' by typing the following:

```
[diff,sum,on,off]=run megapressproc auto('megapress');
```

Note that the argument to the 'run\_megapressproc\_auto' function, 'megapress', is the name of the directory where the water suppressed data is kept. Now, the script should run to completion within about one minute with no user input. This time, four new structures (diff, sum, on, and off) should appear in your workspace. These are the fully processed difference spectrum (diff) sum spectrum (sum), edit-on spectrum (on), and edit-off spectrum (off). You can plot the resulting spectra using:

```
op_plotspec({diff,sum,on,off},0.2,4.2);
```

This time note the presence of the GABA peak in the difference spectrum at 3.0 ppm, since this data was collected in

a healthy human brain (See Figure 7). Like before, this script also generates a new folder called "report" in which you will find an HTML file (report.html) that summarizes the results of the various stages of the processing pipeline. This should be viewable using any standard HTML viewer or internet browser.

Finally, you will again notice that in the 'megapress' directory, three new files are generated: "megapress\_diff\_lcm", "megapress\_editON\_lcm", and "megapress\_editOFF\_lcm", while in the 'megapress\_w' directory, one new file ("megapress\_w\_lcm") is generated. These are the processed spectra in LCModel raw format, which can be imported immediately for analysis in LCModel or Tarquin.

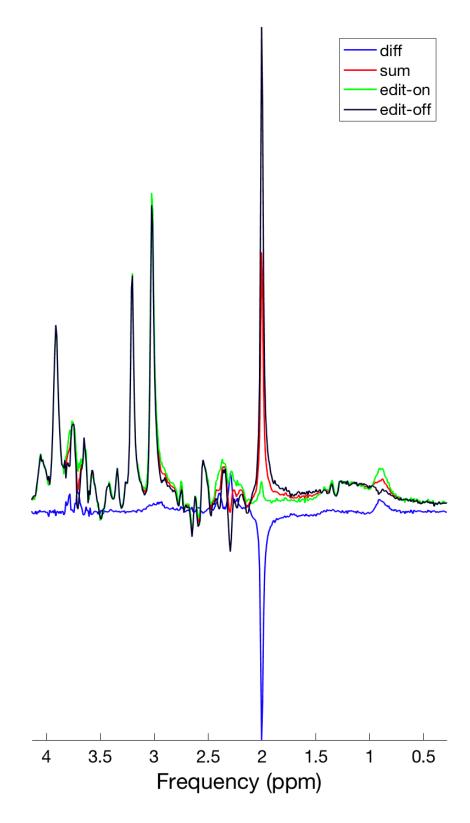


Figure 7: Example Siemens MEGA-PRESS data, processed using  $run\_megapressproc\_auto.m \ . \\$ 

## 8.4. Processing Siemens SPECIAL data

The {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/Siemens/sampleO2\_special directory contains two subfolders: one called "special", which contains an *in vivo* short-TE SPECIAL MRS scan, and one called "special\_w", which contains corresponding water unsuppressed data acquired from the same region of interest. Both are from the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex of a healthy human volunteer 3 Tesla Siemens MRI scanner. This dataset can be processed using the 'run\_specialproc\_auto.m' script as follows (this time assuming that you have already opened MATLAB and that {FID-A\_dir} is already on your path):

- 1. Inside MATLAB, navigate to the {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/Siemens/sampleO2\_special directory.
  Note that this folder contains two directories: one called "special" and one called "special\_w". The former contains the Siemens raw twix file (in .dat format) corresponding to the water suppressed SPECIAL scan, while the latter contains the corresponding water unsuppressed data in the same format. In order for "run\_specialproc\_auto.m" to work properly, the water suppressed and water unsuppressed .dat files must be stored in separate folders, and the folder names must differ only by the '\_w' extension at the end of the water unsuppressed folder name.
- 2. From the sample01\_special directory, run the example Run script 'run\_specialproc\_auto.m' by typing the following:

[out,out w]=run specialproc auto('special');

Note that the argument to the 'run\_special\_auto' function, 'special', is the name of the directory where the water suppressed data is kept. Now, the script should run to completion within about one minute with no user input. This time, two new structures (out, and out\_w) should appear in your workspace. These are the fully processed water suppressed spectrum (out), and water unsuppressed spectrum (out\_w). You can plot the resulting spectra using:

```
op_plotspec(out,0.2,4.2);
and
op plotspec(out w,3.5,5.5);
```

Figure 8 shows the results of the above plot commands. The plot of the water suppressed data shows the metabolite peaks, while the plot of the water unsuppressed data shows the water peak. Like before, this script also generates a new folder called "report" in which you will find an HTML file (report.html) that summarizes the results of the various stages of the processing pipeline. This should be viewable using any standard HTML viewer or internet browser.

Finally, you will again notice that in the 'special' directory, one new file is generated ("special\_lcm"), while in the 'special\_w' directory, one new file ("special\_w\_lcm") is generated. These are the processed spectra in LCModel raw format, which can be imported immediately for analysis in LCModel or Tarquin.

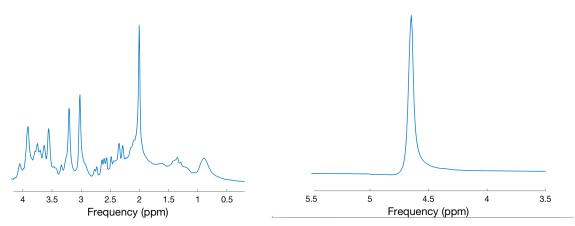


Figure 8: Example Siemens SPECIAL data, processed using run specialproc auto.m .

### 8.5. Processing Bruker PRESS data

1. Inside MATLAB, navigate to the {FID-

The {FID-A\_dir}/exampleData/Bruker/sampleO1\_press directory contains two subfolders: one called "press", which contains an in vivo short-TE PRESS MRS scan, and one called "press\_w", which contains corresponding water unsuppressed data acquired from the same region of interest. Both are from the dorsal hippocampus of a healthy rat on a 7 Tesla Bruker 70/30 MRI scanner. This dataset can be processed using the 'run\_pressproc\_brukAuto.m' script as follows (this time assuming that you have already opened MATLAB and that {FID-A\_dir} is already on your path):

A\_dir}/exampleData/Bruker/sampleO1\_press directory. Note that this folder contains two directories: one called "press" and one called "press\_w". The former contains the Bruker raw data files corresponding to the water suppressed PRESS scan, while the latter contains the corresponding

water unsuppressed data in the same format. In order for "run pressproc brukAuto.m" to work properly, the water

suppressed and water unsuppressed data must be stored in separate folders, and the folder names must differ only by the '\_w' extension at the end of the water unsuppressed folder name. A couple extra things to note here: A) The Bruker PRESS acquisition was set up so that the individual averages were stored separately (not the default setting). B) After scanning, the Bruker scanner saves each scan by default in a numbered directory whose number corresponds to the order of the scans in a given study. Here, we have taken the numbered directories corresponding to the water suppressed and water unsuppressed PRESS data and re-named them 'press' and 'press\_w', respectively.

2. From the sample01\_press directory, run the example Run script 'run press brukAuto.m' by typing the following:

```
[out,out_w]=run_press_brukAuto('press','press_w');
```

Note that the arguments to the 'run\_pressproc\_brukAuto' function, 'press', and 'press\_w', are the names of the directories where the water suppressed data are kept. Now, the script should run to completion within about one minute with no user input. This time, two new structures (out, and out\_w) should appear in your workspace. These are the fully processed water suppressed spectrum (out), and water unsuppressed spectrum (out w). You can plot the resulting spectra using:

```
op_plotspec(out,0.2,4.2,'Frequency','Signal Amplitude');
and
op plotspec(out w,3.5,5.5,'Frequency','Signal Amplitude');
```

Figure 9 shows the results of the above plot commands. The plot of the water suppressed data shows the metabolite peaks, while the plot of the water unsuppressed data shows the water peak. Note this time that by specifying the y- axis labels in op\_plotspec (5th argument), we are now shown the signal intensity values on the y-axis. Like before, this script also generates a new folder called "report" in which you will find an HTML file (report.html) that summarizes the results of the various stages of the processing pipeline. This should be viewable using any standard HTML viewer or internet browser.

Finally, you will again notice that in the 'press' directory, two new directories are generated ("press" and "press\_w"). These directories contain the processed water suppressed ("press\_lcm") and water unsuppressed ("press\_w\_lcm") spectra, respectively, in LCModel raw format, which can be imported immediately for analysis in LCModel or Tarquin.

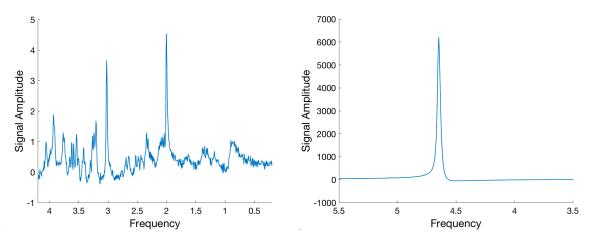


Figure 9: Example Bruker PRESS data, processed using run\_pressproc\_brukAuto.m .