

RFVLSI Lab

Tutorial – Performing Model Fitting and Circuit Optimization by CMAES and LSQNONLIN Functions

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Introduction

- ▶ **What is CMAES?**

- ▶ CMAES stands for **C**ovariance **M**atrix **A**daptation **E**volution **S**trategy
- ▶ It solves numerical optimization of non-linear or non-convex continuous optimization problems

- ▶ **What is LSQNONLIN?**

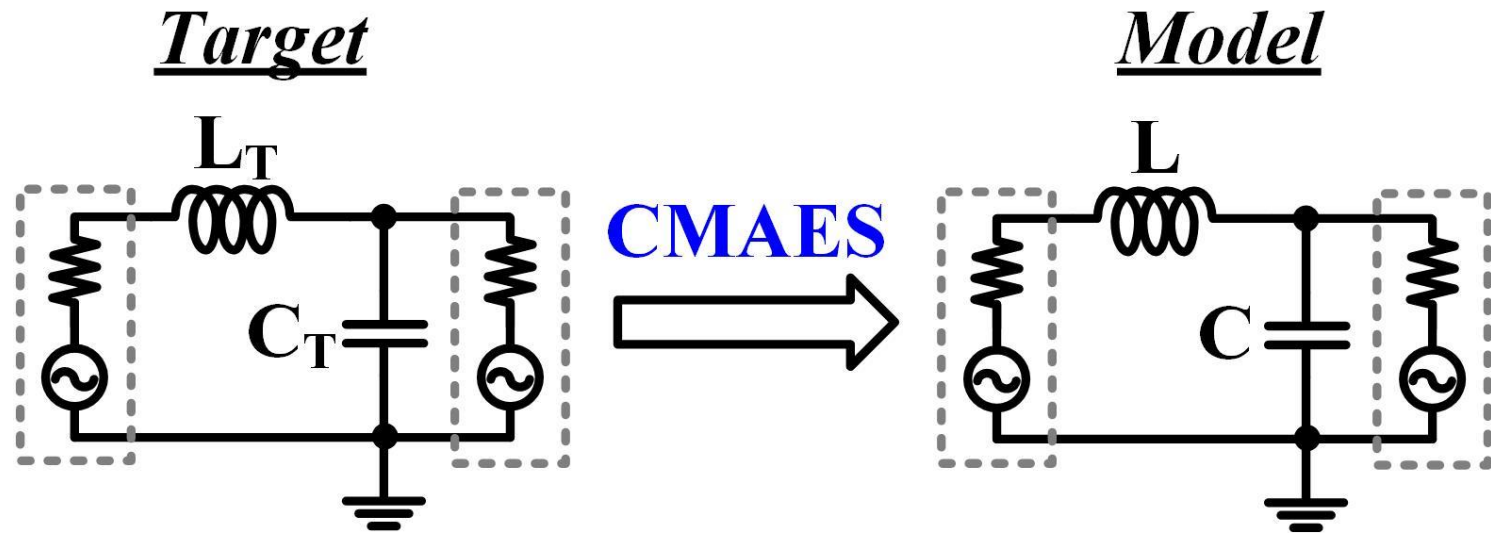
- ▶ LSQNONLIN solves nonlinear least-squares problems

- ▶ **How does these optimizers help?**

- ▶ In circuit design field, CMAES can be used in
 - ▶ **Model Fitting**
 - ▶ **Circuit Optimization**

CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

- ▶ Target is the real network needed to be fitted
 - ▶ Our *Target* has $L_T = 100\text{ pH}$ and $C_T = 250\text{ fF}$
- ▶ By means of CMAES to fit out target
 - ▶ The main goal is to fit the s parameters (SP Simulation)

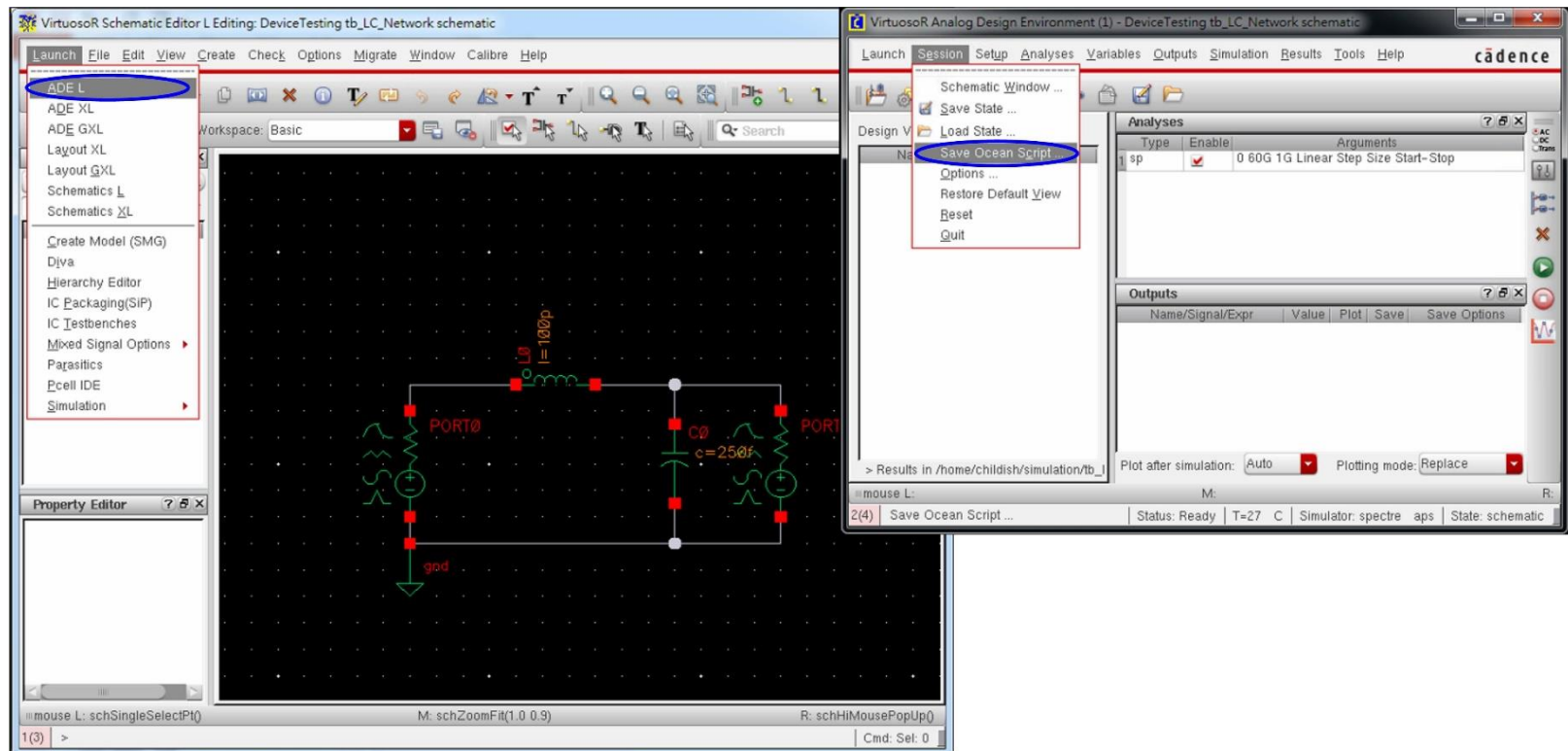


CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

- ▶ Several programs are required in the model fitting flow
- ▶ Two Ocean Scripts
 - ▶ 1. Target (Named as *schematic.ocn*)
 - ▶ *schematic.ocn* outputs the target sp data called *schematic_sp.txt*
 - ▶ 2. Model (Names as *schematic_Fit.ocn*)
 - ▶ *schematic_Fit.ocn* outputs the fitting sp data called *schematic_Fit_sp.txt*
- ▶ Matlab Program
 - ▶ Start SpectreRF simulation on both *schematic.ocn* and *schematic_Fit.ocn*
 - ▶ Calculate the difference between two sp data
 - ▶ The difference is called “*Result*”
 - ▶ CMAES minimizes “*Result*”
 - ▶ Once the task is done, the program returns the fitting values

CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

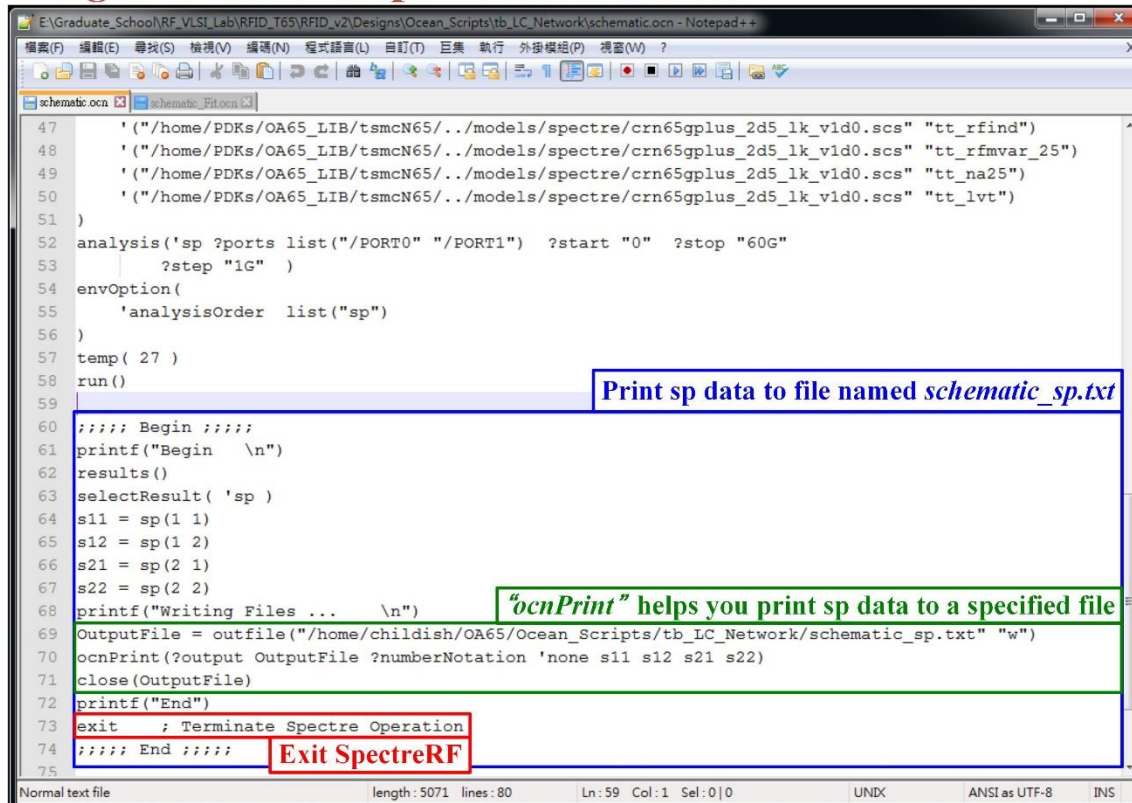
- ▶ **Step 1: Set Target Ocean scripts**
 - ▶ Create schematic ⇒ Click ADE ⇒ Setting simulation environment ⇒ Click Session ⇒ Click Save Ocean Script



CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

- ▶ **Step 1: Set Target Ocean scripts (Cont,)**
- ▶ Add instructions for printing sp data to *schematic_sp.txt*

Target Ocean script schematic.ocn



```
47 '("/home/PDKs/OA65_LIB/tsmcN65/./models/spectre/crn65gplus_2d5_lk_vld0.scs" "tt_rfind")
48 '("/home/PDKs/OA65_LIB/tsmcN65/./models/spectre/crn65gplus_2d5_lk_vld0.scs" "tt_rfmvar_25")
49 '("/home/PDKs/OA65_LIB/tsmcN65/./models/spectre/crn65gplus_2d5_lk_vld0.scs" "tt_na25")
50 '("/home/PDKs/OA65_LIB/tsmcN65/./models/spectre/crn65gplus_2d5_lk_vld0.scs" "tt_lvt")
51 )
52 analysis('sp ?ports list("/PORT0" "/PORT1") ?start "0" ?stop "60G"
53 ?step "1G" )
54 envOption(
55 'analysisOrder list("sp")
56 )
57 temp( 27 )
58 run()
59
60 ;;;; Begin ;;;;
61 printf("Begin \n")
62 results()
63 selectResult( 'sp )
64 s11 = sp(1 1)
65 s12 = sp(1 2)
66 s21 = sp(2 1)
67 s22 = sp(2 2)
68 printf("Writing Files ... \n")
69 OutputFile = outfile("/home/childish/OA65/Ocean_Scripts/tb_IC_Network/schematic_sp.txt" "w")
70 ocnPrint(?output OutputFile ?numberNotation 'none s11 s12 s21 s22)
71 close(OutputFile)
72 printf("End")
73 exit ; Terminate Spectre Operation
74 ;;;; End ;;;;
75
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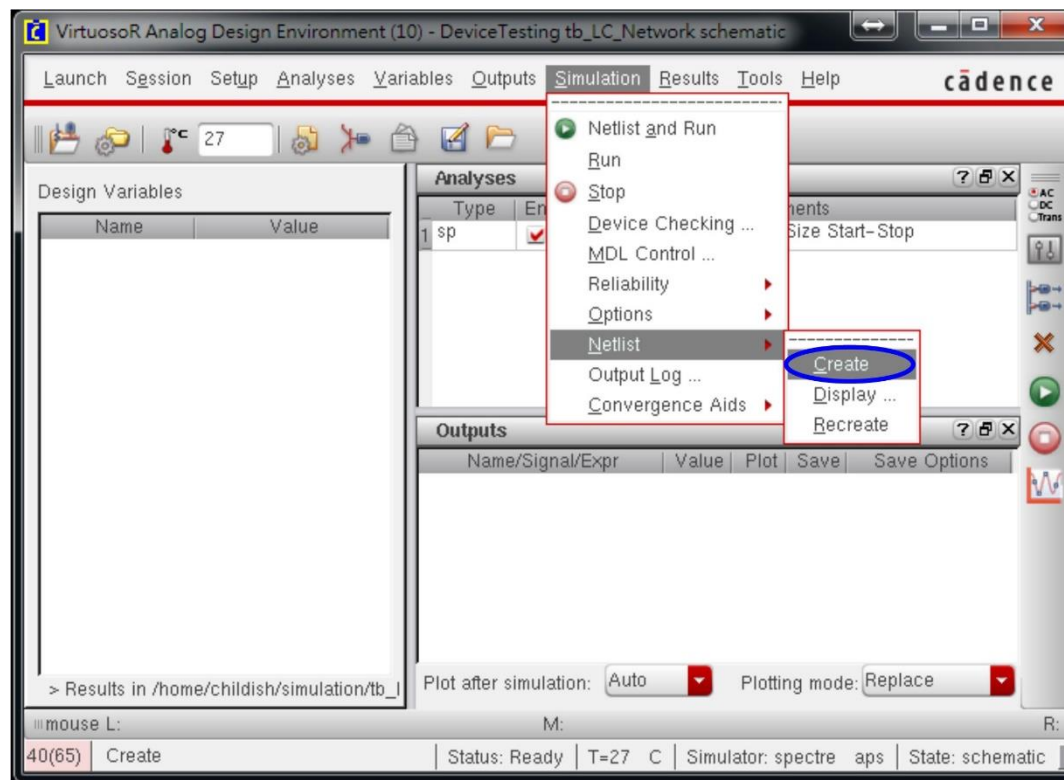
Print sp data to file named *schematic_sp.txt*

"ocnPrint" helps you print sp data to a specified file

Exit SpectreRF

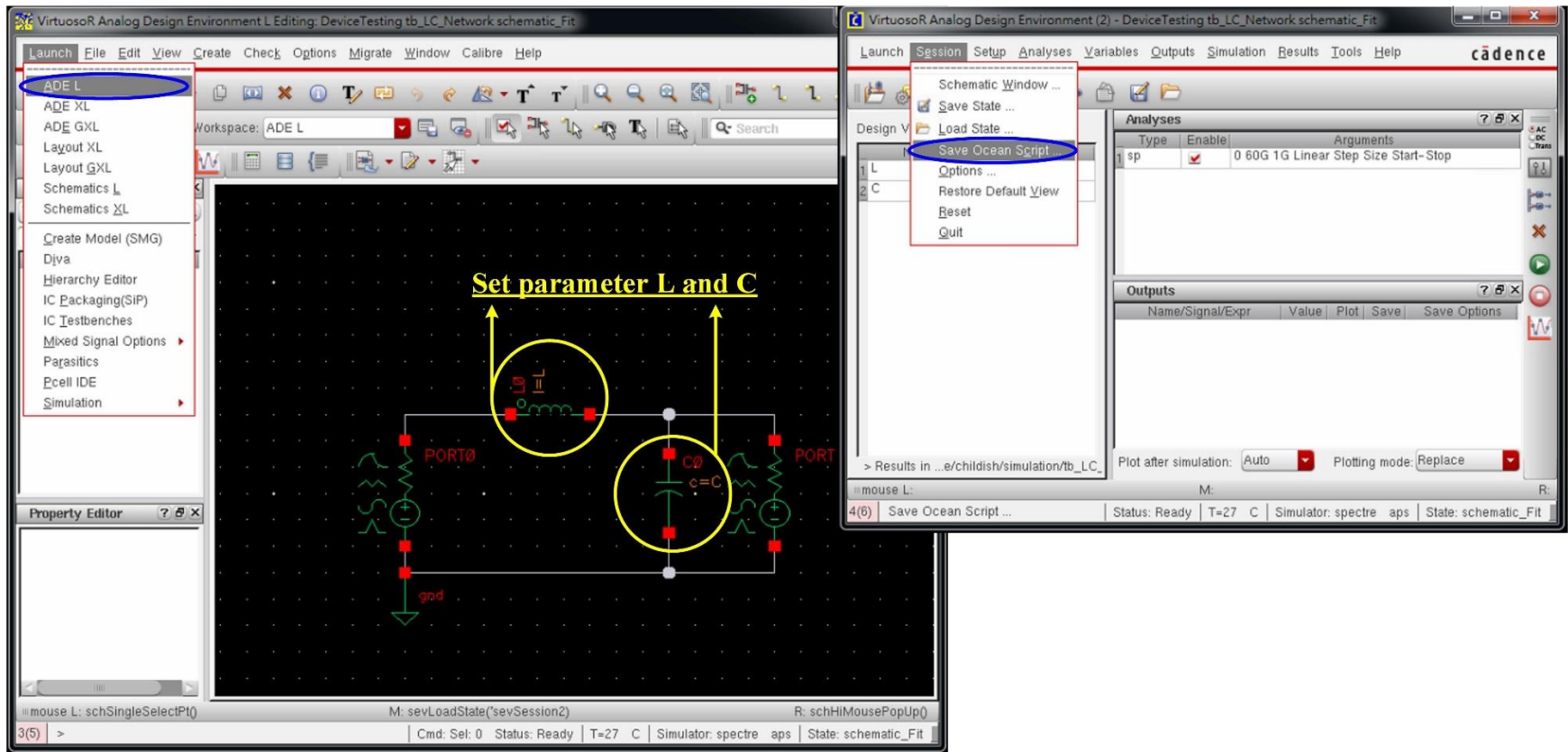
CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

- ▶ **Step 2: Create Target Netlist**
 - ▶ Schematic ⇒ Click ADE ⇒ Setting simulation environment ⇒ Click Simulation ⇒ Click Netlist ⇒ Click Create



CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

- ▶ **Step 3: Set Model Ocean scripts**
 - ▶ Set parameters and save Ocean scripts



► **Step 3: Set Model Ocean scripts (*Cont.*)**

- Model Ocean script schematic Fit.ocn*

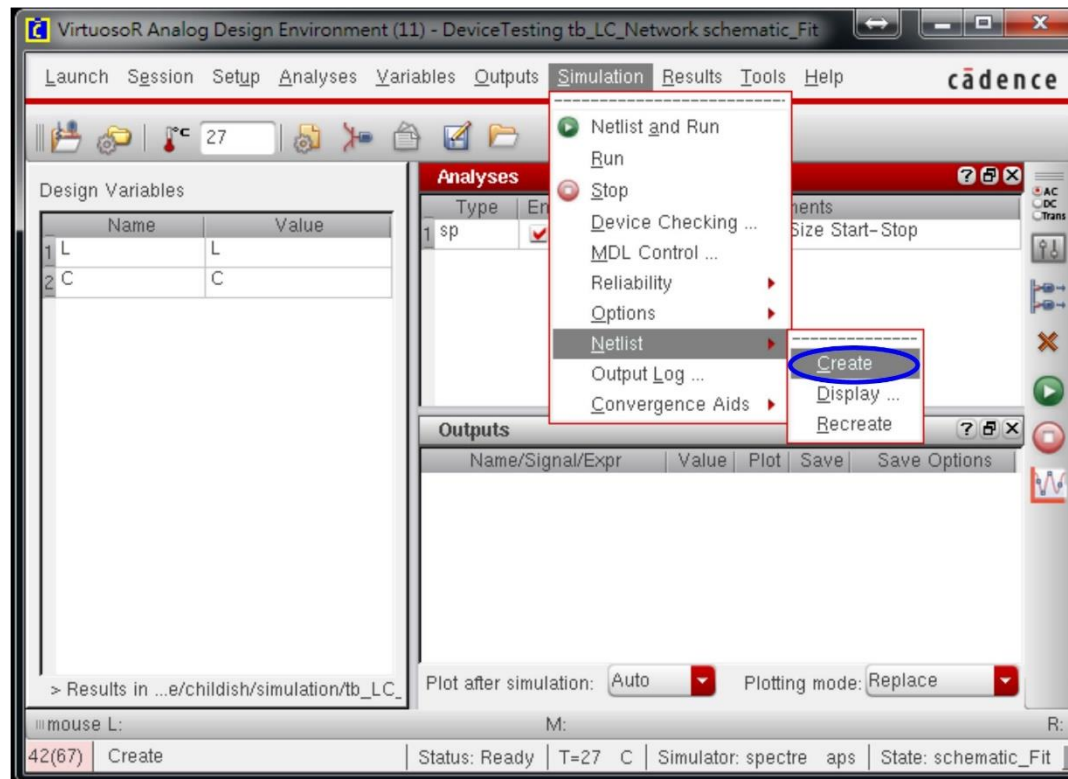
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CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

► Step 4: Create Model Netlist

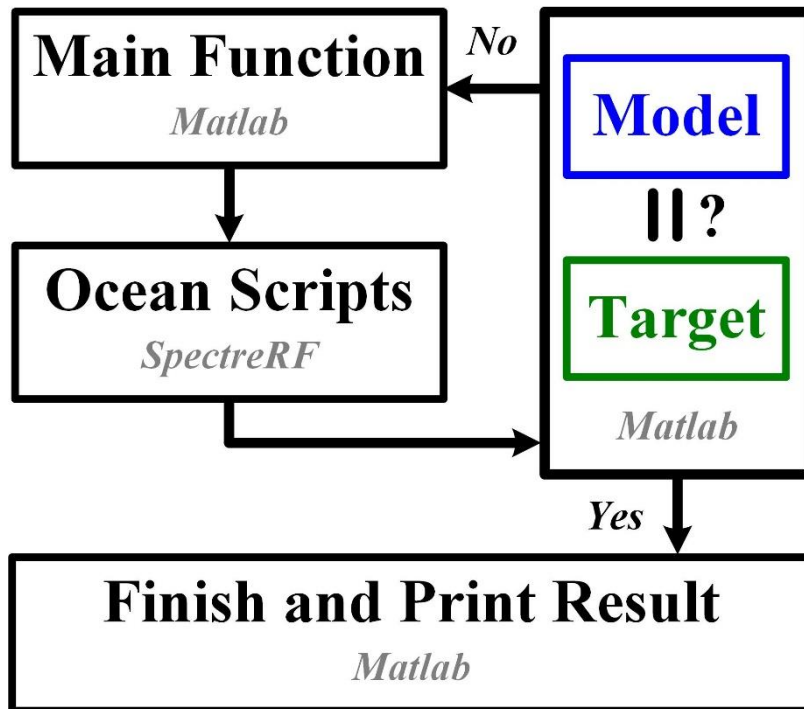
- Schematic ⇒ Click ADE ⇒ Setting simulation environment ⇒ Click Simulation ⇒ Click Netlist ⇒ Click Create



CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

► Step 5: Matlab Program

Model Fitting Flow Chart



Main Function: *Main_LC_Model_Fitting.m*

```
% /home/childish/OA65/Ocean_Scripts/tb_LC_Network/Main_LC_Model_Fitting.m
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- 1.0 + + 1.1 x

1 % This program executes the model fitting by minimizing the s-parameter
2 % difference between the target and the model. The work is done by cmaes
3 % function which finds the minimum value returned by the user-defined
4 % function. A simple LC network model fitting case is carried out.
5 %%% Begin: Main %%%
6 clear;
7 display('Begin: Main');
8
9 %%% Begin: Generate sp data from the Target (schematic.ocn) %%%
10 Spectre = unix('ocean -restore /home/childish/OA65/Ocean_Scripts/tb_LC_Network/schematic.ocn'); % Run SpectreRF
11 while (Spectre~=0)
12 end
13 schematic_sp = 'schematic_sp.txt'; % Input File
14 schematic_sp_arranged = 'schematic_sp_arranged.txt'; % Output File
15 schematic_sp_result = Func_File_Arrangement(schematic_sp, schematic_sp_arranged); % File Arrangement Function
16 %%% End: Generate sp data from the Target (schematic.ocn) %%%
17
18 %%% Begin: Optimization %%%
19 %%% Begin: Define input variables and their bounds %%%
20 LowerBound = [0.5;1]; % Define Input Bounds
21 UpperBound = [2;3]; % Initial Guessed Input
22 InputVar = [1;1.3]; % Initial Guessed Input
23 sigma = ((UpperBound - LowerBound)*(1/3));
24 opts.LBounds = LowerBound;
25 opts.UBounds = UpperBound;
26 opts.MaxIter = 20;
27 opts.DispModulo = 10;
28 %%% End: Define input variables and their bounds %%%
29
30 %%% Begin: cmaes %%%
31 %%% cmaes finds the minimum value returned by 'Func_LC_Model_Fitting' %%%
32 tic;
33 [XMIN FMIN COUNTVAL STOPFLAG OUT BESTEVR] = cmaes('Func_LC_Model_Fitting', InputVar, sigma, opts); % Compute execution time
34 t = toc; % Compute execution time
35 %%% End: cmaes %%%
36 %%% End: Optimization %%%
37
38 disp('XMIN = ');
39 disp(XMIN);
40 disp('FMIN = ');
41 disp(FMIN);
42 disp('COUNTVAL = ');
43 disp(COUNTVAL);
44 disp('Time to compute = ');
45 disp(t);
46
47 %%% Begin: Print Result Data %%%
48 Result = fopen('Result.txt','w');
49 fprintf(Result, 'XMIN = %f \n\n', XMIN); % XMIN = Final Parameter values
50 fprintf(Result, 'FMIN = %f \n\n', FMIN); % FMIN = Error to real network
51 fprintf(Result, 'COUNTVAL = %f \n\n', COUNTVAL);
52 fprintf(Result, 'Computation Time = %e \n\n', t);
53 fclose(Result);
54 %%% End: Print Result Data %%%
55
56 display('End: Main');
57 %%% End: Main %%%
```

Simulate the Target sp data

Define Input Bounds

Initial Guessed Input

User Defined Function

CMAES

Run Model Fitting

Print Result to Result.txt

CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

► Step 5: Matlab Program (Cont,)

Func_LC_Model_Fitting.m

```
1 % This function computes the difference between model and the target
2 % "Result" (Type: Number) = Difference between model and the target
3 % "InputVar" (Type: Array) = Input variables for the SpectreRF simulation
4 % "Target" (Type: Array) = Model S parameters
5 function Result = Func_LC_Model_Fitting(InputVar)
6
7
8 %%% Begin: Arrange file and generate array (Target) %%%
9 schematic_sp = 'schematic_sp.txt'; % Input File
10 schematic_sp_arranged = 'schematic_sp_arranged.txt'; % Output File
11 schematic_sp_result = Func_File_Arrangement(schematic_sp, schematic_sp_arranged); % File Arrangement Function
12 %%% End: Arrange file and generate array (Target) %%%
13
14 %%% Begin: Assign input values to input file for SpectreRF simulation %%%
15 L = round(InputVar(1)*10)/10*100*1e-12; % Unit: H
16 C = round(InputVar(2)*10)/10*100*1e-15; % Unit: F
17 schematic_Fit_InputVar = fopen('schematic_Fit_InputVar.txt', 'w+');
18 if schematic_Fit_InputVar ~= -1
19     fprintf(schematic_Fit_InputVar, 'L \t %e \n', L); % Assign value to input variables
20     fprintf(schematic_Fit_InputVar, 'C \t %e \n', C); % "%e" is the scientific notation
21 end
22 fclose(schematic_Fit_InputVar);
23 %%% End: Assign input values to input file for SpectreRF simulation %%%
24
25 %%% Begin: Generate sp data from the model fitting (schematic_Fit.ocn) %%%
26 Spectre = unix('ocean -restore /home/childish/OA65/Ocean_Scripts/tb_LC_Network/schematic_Fit.ocn'); % Run SpectreRF
27 while (Spectre~=0)
28 end
29 %%% Begin: Arrange file and generate array (Model Fitting) %%%
30 schematic_Fit_sp = 'schematic_Fit_sp.txt'; % Input File
31 schematic_Fit_sp_arranged = 'schematic_Fit_sp_arranged.txt'; % Output File
32 schematic_Fit_sp_result = Func_File_Arrangement(schematic_Fit_sp, schematic_Fit_sp_arranged); % File Arrangement Function
33 %%% End: Arrange file and generate array (Model Fitting) %%%
34 %%% End: Generate sp data from the model fitting (schematic_Fit.ocn) %%%
35
36 %%% Begin: sp data computation %%%
37 Indicator = abs(schematic_sp_result - schematic_Fit_sp_result); % Take positive value (Type: Array)
38 Result = sum(Indicator(:)); % Sum all elements (Type: Number)
39 %%% End: sp data computation %%%
40 display(Result);
41 end
```

This function compares the sp data difference between the real network and the model

The difference result is then returned back to CMAES

Then, CMAES generates another input values to this function

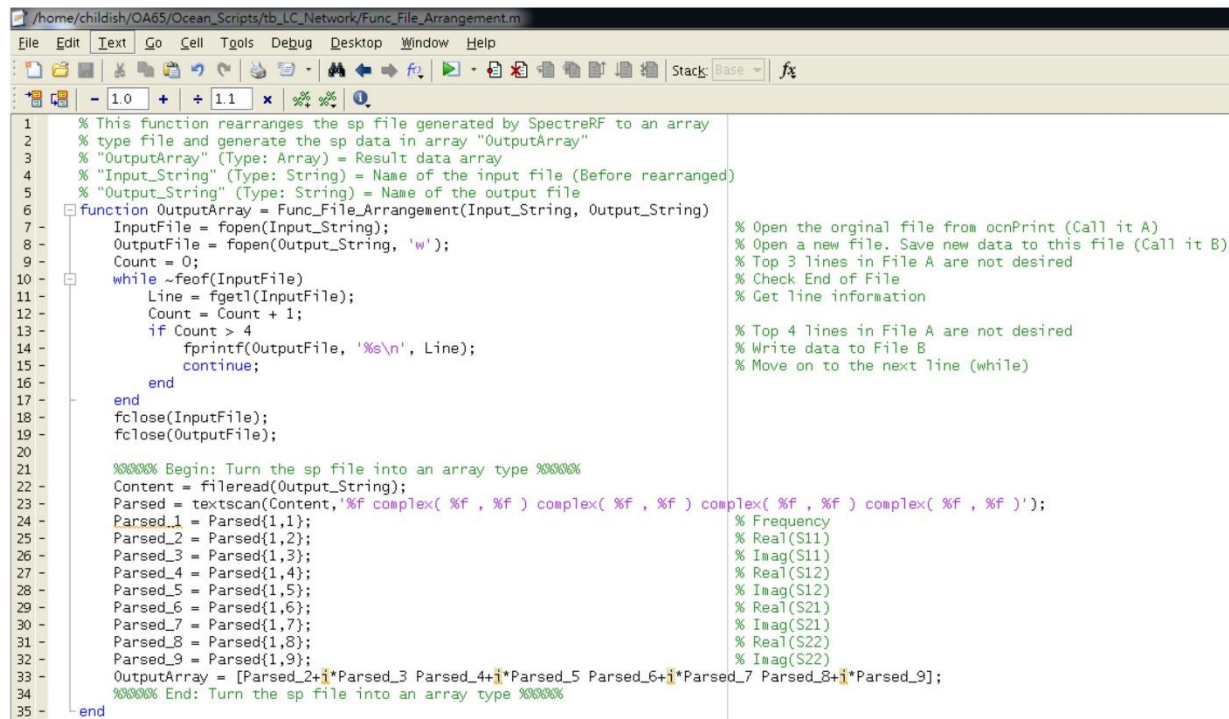
And so on...

CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

► Step 5: Matlab Program (Cont,)

- This function turns sp data into an array so that we can easily manipulate the data

Func_File_Arrangement.m



```
1 % This function rearranges the sp file generated by SpectreRF to an array
2 % type file and generate the sp data in array "OutputArray"
3 % "OutputArray" (Type: Array) = Result data array
4 % "Input_String" (Type: String) = Name of the input file (Before rearranged)
5 % "Output_String" (Type: String) = Name of the output file
6 function OutputArray = Func_File_Arrangement(Input_String, Output_String)
7     InputFile = fopen(Input_String);
8     OutputFile = fopen(Output_String, 'w');
9     Count = 0;
10    while ~feof(InputFile)
11        Line = fgetl(InputFile);
12        Count = Count + 1;
13        if Count > 4
14            fprintf(OutputFile, '%s\n', Line);
15            continue;
16        end
17    end
18    fclose(InputFile);
19    fclose(OutputFile);
20
21    %%%%% Begin: Turn the sp file into an array type %%%%%
22    Content = fileread(Output_String);
23    Parsed = textscan(Content, '%f complex( %f , %f ) complex( %f , %f ) complex( %f , %f )');
24    Parsed_1 = Parsed{1,1};
25    Parsed_2 = Parsed{1,2};
26    Parsed_3 = Parsed{1,3};
27    Parsed_4 = Parsed{1,4};
28    Parsed_5 = Parsed{1,5};
29    Parsed_6 = Parsed{1,6};
30    Parsed_7 = Parsed{1,7};
31    Parsed_8 = Parsed{1,8};
32    Parsed_9 = Parsed{1,9};
33    OutputArray = [Parsed_2+1i*Parsed_3 Parsed_4+1i*Parsed_5 Parsed_6+1i*Parsed_7 Parsed_8+1i*Parsed_9];
34    %%%%% End: Turn the sp file into an array type %%%%%
35 end
```

CMAES – LC Network Model Fitting

► Step 6: Check *Result.txt*

- After the program is complete, check the *Result.txt* file
- Use the modeled values to run sp simulation and confirm the correctness

Model Fitting Complete!!

```
#Fevals:  f(returned x) |   bestever.f   | stopflag (saved to variablescmaes.mat)
122: 0.000000000000e+00 | 0.000000000000e+00 | maxiter
mean solution: +1.0e+00 +2.4e+00
std deviation: 4.3e-02 6.9e-02
use plotcmaesdat.m for plotting the output at
XMIN =
    1.0331
    2.4617

FMIN =
    0

COUNTEVAL =
    122

Time to compute =
    1.7037e+03

End: Main
fx >>
```

Result.txt File

u1o must not be zero)

XMIN = 1.033127 → **L_{Fit} = 103.3127 pH**

XMIN = 2.461736 → **C_{Fit} = 246.1736 fF**

FMIN = 0.000000 → **Error**

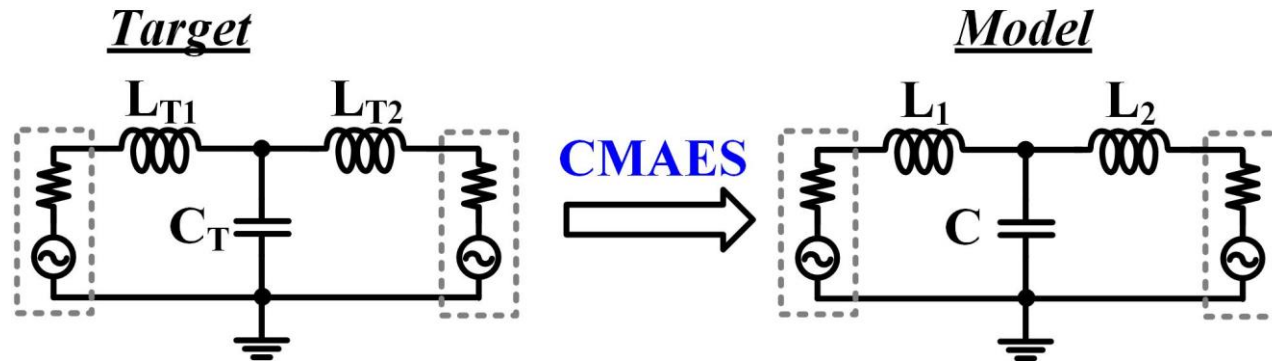
COUNTEVAL = 122.000000 → **Number of iterations**

Computation Time = 1.703651e+03 → **Computation Time**

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CMAES – LCL Network Model Fitting

- ▶ Flow is the same as the previous example except for adjusting the input variable information (LC \Rightarrow LCL)
- ▶ Out *Target* has $L_{T1} = L_{T2} = 3.19 \text{ nH}$ and $C_T = 14 \text{ pF}$



▶ Model Fitting Result:

- ▶ $L_1 = 3.181857 \text{ nH}$
- ▶ $L_2 = 3.325407 \text{ nH}$
- ▶ $C = 13.905317 \text{ pH}$

Model Fitting Complete!!

```
#Fevals: f(returned x) | bestever.f | stopFlag (saved to variablcmaes.mat)
142: 3.83143246255e+00 | 2.37577240417e+00
mean solution: +1.4e+01 +3.2e+00 +3.3e+00
std deviation: 3.0e-01 8.4e-02 1.1e-01
use plotcmaesdat.a for plotting the output at a
XMIN =
13.9053
3.1819
3.3254
FMIN =
3.8314
COUNTEVAL =
142
Time to compute =
2.1997e+03
End: Main
%>>
```

Result.txt File

XMIN = 13.905317 $\rightarrow C_{Fit} = 13.905317 \text{ pH}$
XMIN = 3.181857 $\rightarrow L_{1Fit} = 3.181857 \text{ nH}$
XMIN = 3.325407 $\rightarrow L_{2Fit} = 3.325407 \text{ nH}$
FMIN = 3.831432 \rightarrow Error
COUNTEVAL = 142.000000 \rightarrow Number of iterations
Computation Time = 2.199656e+03 \rightarrow Computation Time

CMAES – Supplement

- ▶ **How to apply CMAES to other applications?**
 - ▶ CMAES needs an user-defined function, for instance
 - ▶ $Result = Func_Example(InputVar)$
 - ▶ *InputVar* is an array which contains your input information
 - ▶ *Result* is a number which is returned to CMAES
 - ▶ CMAES targets on minimizing *Result*
- ▶ **For example, if one would like to maximize the efficiency of a rectifier**
 - ▶ Set $Result = -Efficiency = -\left(\frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}}\right)$
 - ▶ CMAES minimizes this *Result* so that the best efficiency can be found

Different Optimizers

- ▶ For Example, using LSQNONLIN

- ▶ TolX

- ▶ Termination tolerance on XMIN (Cannot be too small)

- ▶ TolFun

- ▶ Termination tolerance on the function value

- ▶ DiffMinChange

- ▶ Minimum change in variables (Cannot be too small)

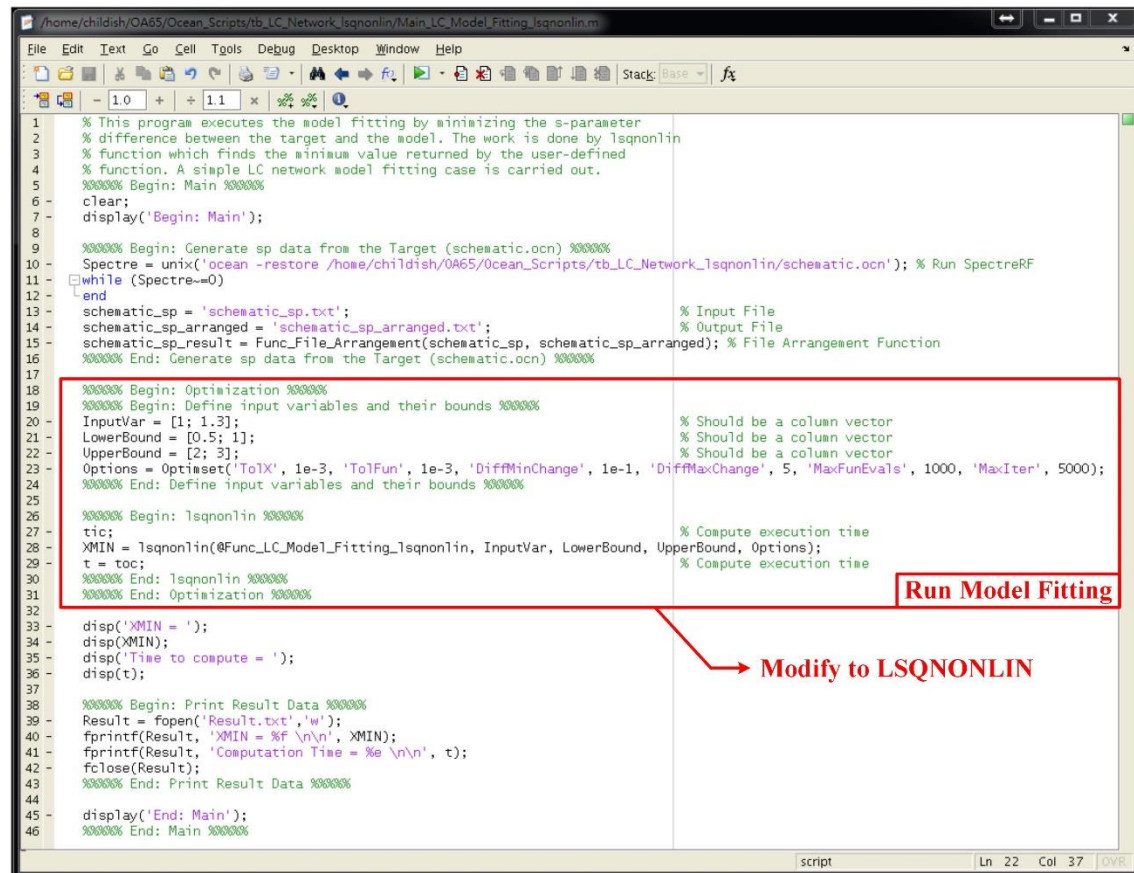
- ▶ MaxFunEvals

- ▶ Maximum function evaluations

- ▶ MaxIter

- ▶ Maximum iterations

Main Function: *Main_LC_Model_Fitting.m*



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1 % This program executes the model fitting by minimizing the s-parameter
2 % difference between the target and the model. The work is done by lsqnonlin
3 % function which finds the minimum value returned by the user-defined
4 % function. A simple LC network model fitting case is carried out.
5 %%% Begin: Main %%%
6 clear;
7 display('Begin: Main');
8
9 %%% Begin: Generate sp data from the Target (schematic.ocn) %%%
10 Spectre = unix('ocean -restore /home/childish/OA65/Ocean_Scripts/tb_LC_Network_Isqnonlin/schematic.ocn'); % Run SpectreRF
11 while (Spectre~=0)
12 end
13 schematic_sp = 'schematic_sp.txt'; % Input File
14 schematic_sp_arranged = 'schematic_sp_arranged.txt'; % Output File
15 schematic_sp_result = Func_File_Arrangement(schematic_sp, schematic_sp_arranged); % File Arrangement Function
16 %%% End: Generate sp data from the Target (schematic.ocn) %%%
17
18 %%% Begin: Optimization %%%
19 %%% Begin: Define input variables and their bounds %%%
20 InputVar = [1; 1.3]; % Should be a column vector
21 LowerBound = [0.5; 1]; % Should be a column vector
22 UpperBound = [2; 3]; % Should be a column vector
23 Options = optimset('TolX', 1e-3, 'TolFun', 1e-3, 'DiffMinChange', 1e-1, 'DiffMaxChange', 5, 'MaxFunEvals', 1000, 'MaxIter', 5000);
24 %%% End: Define input variables and their bounds %%%
25
26 %%% Begin: lsqnonlin %%%
27 tic;
28 XMIN = lsqnonlin(@Func_LC_Model_Fitting_Isqnonlin, InputVar, LowerBound, UpperBound, Options); % Compute execution time
29 t = toc; % Compute execution time
30 %%% End: lsqnonlin %%%
31 %%% End: Optimization %%%
32
33 disp('XMIN = ');
34 disp(XMIN);
35 disp('Time to compute = ');
36 disp(t);
37
38 %%% Begin: Print Result Data %%%
39 Result = fopen('Result.txt', 'w');
40 fprintf(Result, 'XMIN = %f \n\n', XMIN);
41 fprintf(Result, 'Computation Time = %e \n\n', t);
42 fclose(Result);
43 %%% End: Print Result Data %%%
44
45 display('End: Main');
46 %%% End: Main %%%
```

Run Model Fitting

Modify to LSQNONLIN

Different Optimizers

- ▶ LSQNONLIN asks for results in vector or matrix form
- ▶ LSQNONLIN also minimize the *Result*
- ▶ From CMAES to LSQNONLIN, one only has to modify the code in the red part

Func_LC_Model_Fitting.m

```
1 % This function computes the difference between model and the target
2 % "Result" (Type: Array) = Difference between model and the target for each frequency
3 % "InputVar" (Type: Array) = Input variables for the SpectreRF simulation
4 % "Target" (Type: Array) = Model S parameters
5 function Result = Func_LC_Model_Fitting_Isqnonlin(InputVar)
6
7 % Begin: Arrange file and generate array (Target) %
8 schematic_sp = 'schematic_sp.txt'; % Input File
9 schematic_sp_arranged = 'schematic_sp_arranged.txt'; % Output File
10 schematic_sp_result = Func_File_Arrangement(schematic_sp, schematic_sp_arranged); % File Arrangement Function
11 % End: Arrange file and generate array (Target) %
12
13 % Begin: Assign input values to input file for SpectreRF simulation %
14 L = round(InputVar(1)*10)/10*100*1e-12; % Unit: H
15 C = round(InputVar(2)*10)/10*100*1e-15; % Unit: F
16 schematic_Fit_InputVar = fopen('schematic_Fit_InputVar.txt', 'w+');
17 if schematic_Fit_InputVar ~= -1
18     fprintf(schematic_Fit_InputVar, 'L \t %e \n', L); % Assign value to input variables
19     fprintf(schematic_Fit_InputVar, 'C \t %e \n', C); % "%e" is the scientific notation
20 end
21 fclose(schematic_Fit_InputVar);
22 % End: Assign input values to input file for SpectreRF simulation %
23
24 % Begin: Generate sp data from the model fitting (schematic_Fit.ocn) %
25 Spectre = unix('ocean -restore /home/childish/OA65/Ocean_Scripts/tb_LC_Network_Isqnonlin/schematic_Fit.ocn'); % Run SpectreRF
26 while (Spectre==0)
27 end
28 % Begin: Arrange file and generate array (Model Fitting) %
29 schematic_Fit_sp = 'schematic_Fit_sp.txt'; % Input File
30 schematic_Fit_sp_arranged = 'schematic_Fit_sp_arranged.txt'; % Output File
31 schematic_Fit_sp_result = Func_File_Arrangement(schematic_Fit_sp, schematic_Fit_sp_arranged); % File Arrangement Function
32 % End: Arrange file and generate array (Model Fitting) %
33 % End: Generate sp data from the model fitting (schematic_Fit.ocn) %
34
35 % Begin: sp data computation %
36 Result = abs(schematic_sp_result - schematic_Fit_sp_result); % Take positive value (Type: Array)
37 % End: sp data computation %
38 display(Result);
39
40 % Begin: Print the model error value %
41 Error = sum(Result(:));
42 Result_Error = fopen('Error.txt', 'w+');
43 if schematic_Fit_InputVar ~= -1
44     fprintf(Result_Error, 'Error: %f \n', Error);
45 end
46 % End: Print the model error value %
47
48 end
```

Get difference between target and model

LSQNONLIN requires the returned values in the vector or matrix form

Different Optimizers

► Notes for using LSQNONLIN

- Be careful in choosing the parameters in *Optimset*, they influence a lot in the overall computation time and in whether the program converges or not
- LSQNONLIN is a suitable function in the model fitting case
- Guessed value influences the computation time a lot when using LSQNONLIN optimizer as proven below:

LSQNONLIN	Case 1	Case 2
Target	LC Network Fitting: (100, 250) in the unit of (pH , fF)	
Guessed Value	(100, 130)	(80, 220)
Lower Bound	(50, 100)	(50, 100)
Upper Bound	(200, 300)	(200, 300)
Result	(102.61, 249.88)	(98.00, 248.03)
Computation Time	4.28 minutes	2.4 minutes

Performance Comparison

▶ LC network fitting using CMAES and LSQNONLIN

	CMAES	LSQNONLIN
Target	(100, 250) in the unit of (pH , fF)	
Guessed Value	(100, 130)	(100, 130)
Lower Bound	(50, 100)	(50, 100)
Upper Bound	(200, 300)	(200, 300)
Result	(102.78, 247.89)	(102.61, 249.88)
Computation Time	29.38 minutes	4.28 minutes

▶ For the model fitting task, using LSQNONLIN is much more efficient as proven here

Performance Comparison

► LCL network fitting using CMAES and LSQNONLIN

	CMAES	LSQNONLIN
Target	(14, 3.19, 3.19) in the unit of (pF , nH , nH)	
Guessed Value	(10, 3, 3)	(10, 3, 3)
Lower Bound	(5, 1, 1)	(5, 1, 1)
Upper Bound	(20, 5, 5)	(20, 5, 5)
Result	(13.9053, 3.1819, 3.3254)	(14.0211, 3.2262, 3.2263)
Computation Time	37.06 minutes	8.15 minutes

► For the model fitting task, using LSQNONLIN is much more efficient as proven here