



QuantumControl.jl: A modern framework for quantum optimal control

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A Julia Framework for Quantum Optimal Control.

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The [JuliaQuantumControl](#) organization collects packages implementing a comprehensive collection of methods of open-loop quantum optimal control.

[Quantum optimal control theory](#) attempts to steer a quantum system in some desired way by finding optimal control parameters or control fields inside the system Hamiltonian or Liouvillian. Typical control tasks are the preparation of a specific quantum state or the realization of a logical gate in a quantum computer. Thus, quantum control theory is a critical part of realizing quantum technologies, at the lowest level. Numerical methods of *open-loop* quantum control (methods that do not involve measurement feedback from a physical quantum device) such as [Krotov's method](#) and [GRAPE](#) address the control problem by [simulating the dynamics of the system](#) and then iteratively improving the value of a functional that encodes the desired outcome.

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QuantumPropagators.jl	Mar 2023 v0.4.2			Simulate the time evolution of quantum systems (docs)
QuantumControlBase.jl	Mar 2023 v0.8.1			Shared methods and data structures (docs)
QuantumGradientGenerators.jl	Feb 2023 v0.1.1			Dynamic Gradients for Quantum Control (docs)
Krotov.jl	Mar 2023 v0.5.2			Krotov's method of optimal control (docs)
GRAPE.jl	Mar 2023 v0.5.3			Gradient Ascent Pulse Engineering method (docs)
TwoQubitWeylChamber.jl	Mar 2023 v0.1.1			Optimizing two-qubit gates in the Weyl chamber (docs)
QuantumCitations.jl	Mar 2023 v0.2.1			Documenter plugin for BibTeX citations and references (docs)
QuantumControlTestUtils.jl	Mar 2023 v0.1.3			Tools for testing and benchmarking (docs)
QuantumControl.jl	Mar 2023 v0.6.2			Framework for Quantum Dynamics and Control (docs)

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Julia



Fast

Julia was designed from the beginning for [high performance](#). Julia programs compile to efficient native code for [multiple platforms](#) via LLVM.

Composable

Julia uses [multiple dispatch](#) as a paradigm, making it easy to express many object-oriented and [functional](#) programming patterns. The talk on the [Unreasonable Effectiveness of Multiple Dispatch](#) explains why it works so well.

Julia in a Nutshell

Dynamic

Julia is [dynamically typed](#), feels like a scripting language, and has good support for [interactive use](#).

General

Julia provides [asynchronous I/O](#), [metaprogramming](#), [debugging](#), [logging](#), [profiling](#), a [package manager](#), and more. One can build entire [Applications](#) and [Microservices](#) in Julia.

Reproducible

[Reproducible environments](#) make it possible to recreate the same Julia environment every time, across platforms, with [pre-built binaries](#).

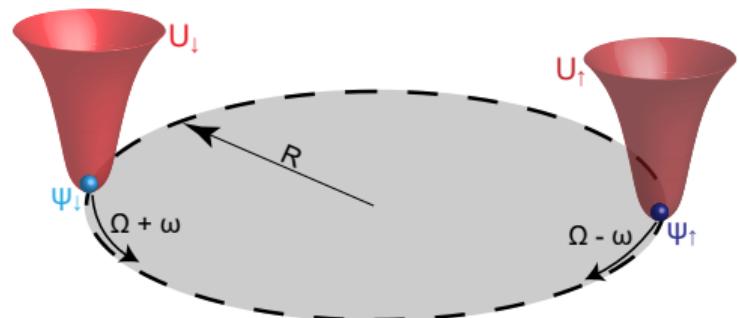
Open source

Julia is an open source project with over 1,000 contributors. It is made available under the [MIT license](#). The [source code](#) is available on GitHub.

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Flexibility

Rotating Tractor Interferometer



B. Dash *et al.* "Rotation sensing using tractor atom interferometry" (in preparation)

$$\hat{H}_{\pm} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2mR^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\theta^2} + V_0 \cos [m(\theta + \phi_{\pm}(t))]$$

typically: $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \epsilon(t)\hat{H}_1$
with control $\epsilon(t)$

here: $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}(\theta \pm \phi(t))$
with control $\phi(t)$

Multiple Dispatch for $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}(\theta \pm \phi(t))$

```

Default

struct SplitOperator{TT,TV}
    T::TT
    V::TV
    to_p!::Function # coord to momentum
    to_x!::Function # momentum to coord
    function SplitOperator(T, V, to_p!, to_x!)
        T::Union{Nothing,Diagonal{Float64,Vector{Float64}}}
        V::Union{Nothing,Diagonal{Float64,Vector{Float64}}}
        # ishermitian depends on these type-asserts
        new{typeof(T),typeof(V)}(T, V, to_p!, to_x!)
    end
end
include/rotating_tai.jl

function LinearAlgebra.mul!(C, A::SplitOperator, B, α, β)
    # |C⟩ = β |C⟩ + α Ĥ |B⟩ = (β |C⟩ + α Ī |B⟩) + α Ĝ |B⟩
    mul!(C, A.V, B, α, β)
    A.to_p!(B)
    A.to_p!(C)
    mul!(C, A.T, B, α, true)
    A.to_x!(B)
    A.to_x!(C)
    return C
end

```

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Arbitrary Functionals

Quantum Gate Concurrence: Max concurrence of $\hat{U}|\Psi\rangle$ for separable input state $|\Psi\rangle$

Given two-qubit gate \hat{U} with $U_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | \Psi_j(T) \rangle$ for $|\phi_i\rangle = |00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle$

$$1 \quad \tilde{U} = (\hat{\sigma}_y \otimes \hat{\sigma}_y) \hat{U} (\hat{\sigma}_y \otimes \hat{\sigma}_y)$$

$$2 \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 \propto \text{eigvals}(\hat{U}\tilde{U}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad J_T(\hat{U}) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - C(\hat{U})) + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}\text{tr}[\hat{U}\hat{U}^\dagger]}_{\text{unitarity}}\right)$$

$$3 \quad C(\hat{U}) = \max |\sin(c_{1,2,3} \pm c_{3,1,2})|$$

Childs *et al.* Phys. Rev. A 68, 052311 (2003)

Not analytic!

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Semi-automatic differentiation: Calculate $\frac{\partial J_T}{\partial \langle \Psi_k(T) |}$ via automatic differentiation.

⇒ automatic gradients for **arbitrary functionals** with **no numerical overhead** compared to analytical gradients

Goerz *et al.* Quantum 6, 871 (2022)

Example: Gate Concurrence Maximization

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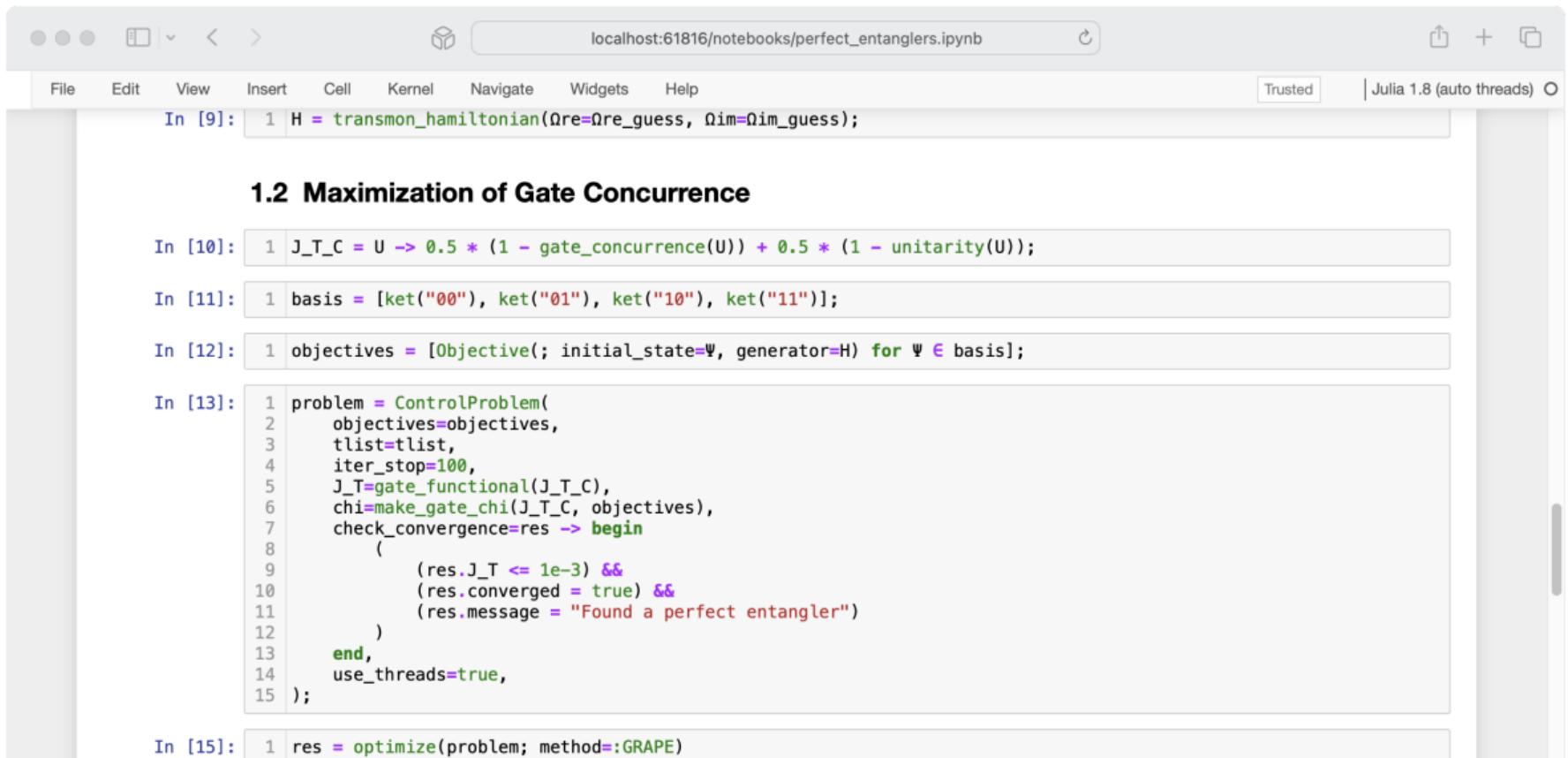
8
9 tlist, Ωre_guess, Ωim_guess = guess_amplitudes();

In [8]:
1 function transmon_hamiltonian();
2   Ωre, Ωim, N=N, ω₁=4.380GHz, ω₂=4.614GHz, wd=4.498GHz, α₁=-210MHz,
3   α₂=-215MHz, J=3MHz, λ=1.03,
4 )
5   1 = SparseMatrixCSC{ComplexF64,Int64}(sparse(I, N, N))
6   b̂₁ = spdiags(1 => complex.(sqrt.(collect(1:N-1)))) * 1
7   b̂₂ = 1 ⊗ spdiags(1 => complex.(sqrt.(collect(1:N-1))))
8   b̂₁⁺ = sparse(b̂₁'); b̂₂⁺ = sparse(b̂₂')
9   ĥ₁ = sparse(b̂₁' * b̂₁); ĥ₂ = sparse(b̂₂' * b̂₂)
10  ĥ₁² = sparse(ĥ₁ * ĥ₁); ĥ₂² = sparse(ĥ₂ * ĥ₂)
11  b̂₁⁻b̂₂ = sparse(b̂₁' * b̂₂); b̂₁⁻b̂₂⁺ = sparse(b̂₁ * b̂₂')
12
13  ŷ₁ = ω₁ - wd; ŷ₂ = ω₂ - wd
14
15  ĥ₀ = sparse(
16    (ŷ₁ - α₁ / 2) * ĥ₁ +
17    (α₁ / 2) * ĥ₁² +
18    (ŷ₂ - α₂ / 2) * ĥ₂ +
19    (α₂ / 2) * ĥ₂² +
20    J * (b̂₁⁻b̂₂ + b̂₁⁻b̂₂⁺)
21  )
22  ĥ₁ᵣᵉ = sparse((1 / 2) * (b̂₁ + b̂₁⁺ + λ * b̂₂ + λ * b̂₂⁺))
23  ĥ₁ᵢᵐ = sparse((i / 2) * (b̂₁⁺ - b̂₁ + λ * b̂₂⁺ - λ * b̂₂))
24  return hamiltonian(ĥ₀, (ĥ₁ᵣᵉ, Ωre), (ĥ₁ᵢᵐ, Ωim))
25 end;

```

```
In [9]: 1 H = transmon_hamiltonian(Ωre=Ωre_guess, Ωim=Ωim_guess);
```

Example: Gate Concurrence Maximization



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following details:

- Header:** localhost:61816/notebooks/perfect_entanglers.ipynb
- Toolbar:** File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Navigate, Widgets, Help, Trusted, Julia 1.8 (auto threads)
- In [9]:**

```
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- Section Header:**

1.2 Maximization of Gate Concurrence
- In [10]:**

```
1 J_T_C = U -> 0.5 * (1 - gate_concurrence(U)) + 0.5 * (1 - unitarity(U));
```
- In [11]:**

```
1 basis = [ket("00"), ket("01"), ket("10"), ket("11")];
```
- In [12]:**

```
1 objectives = [Objective(; initial_state=Ψ, generator=H) for Ψ ∈ basis];
```
- In [13]:**

```
1 problem = ControlProblem(
2     objectives=objectives,
3     tlist=tlist,
4     iter_stop=100,
5     J_T=gate_functional(J_T_C),
6     chi=make_gate_chi(J_T_C, objectives),
7     check_convergence=res -> begin
8         (
9             (res.J_T <= 1e-3) &&
10            (res.converged = true) &&
11            (res.message = "Found a perfect entangler")
12        )
13    end,
14    use_threads=true,
15 );
```
- In [15]:**

```
1 res = optimize(problem; method=:GRAPE)
```

Example: Gate Concurrence Maximization

In [15]:

```
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```

iter.	J_T	∇J_T	ΔJ_T	FG(F)	secs
0	1.57e-01	1.42e-01	n/a	1(0)	0.5
1	1.46e-01	3.18e-01	-1.05e-02	1(0)	0.2
2	1.30e-01	2.86e-01	-1.61e-02	1(0)	0.2
3	8.10e-02	2.10e-01	-4.91e-02	2(0)	0.4
4	7.66e-02	3.79e-01	-4.41e-03	1(0)	0.3
5	4.89e-02	1.87e-01	-2.77e-02	1(0)	0.2
6	2.64e-02	2.11e-01	-2.25e-02	1(0)	0.2
7	7.54e-03	1.09e-01	-1.89e-02	1(0)	0.2
8	5.86e-03	1.98e-01	-1.68e-03	1(0)	0.2
9	3.00e-03	4.01e-02	-2.87e-03	1(0)	0.2
10	2.71e-03	2.72e-02	-2.88e-04	1(0)	0.2
11	2.21e-03	2.82e-02	-5.01e-04	1(0)	0.3
12	1.42e-03	2.46e-02	-7.84e-04	1(0)	0.2
13	3.24e-04	2.83e-02	-1.10e-03	1(0)	0.2

Out[15]: GRAPE Optimization Result

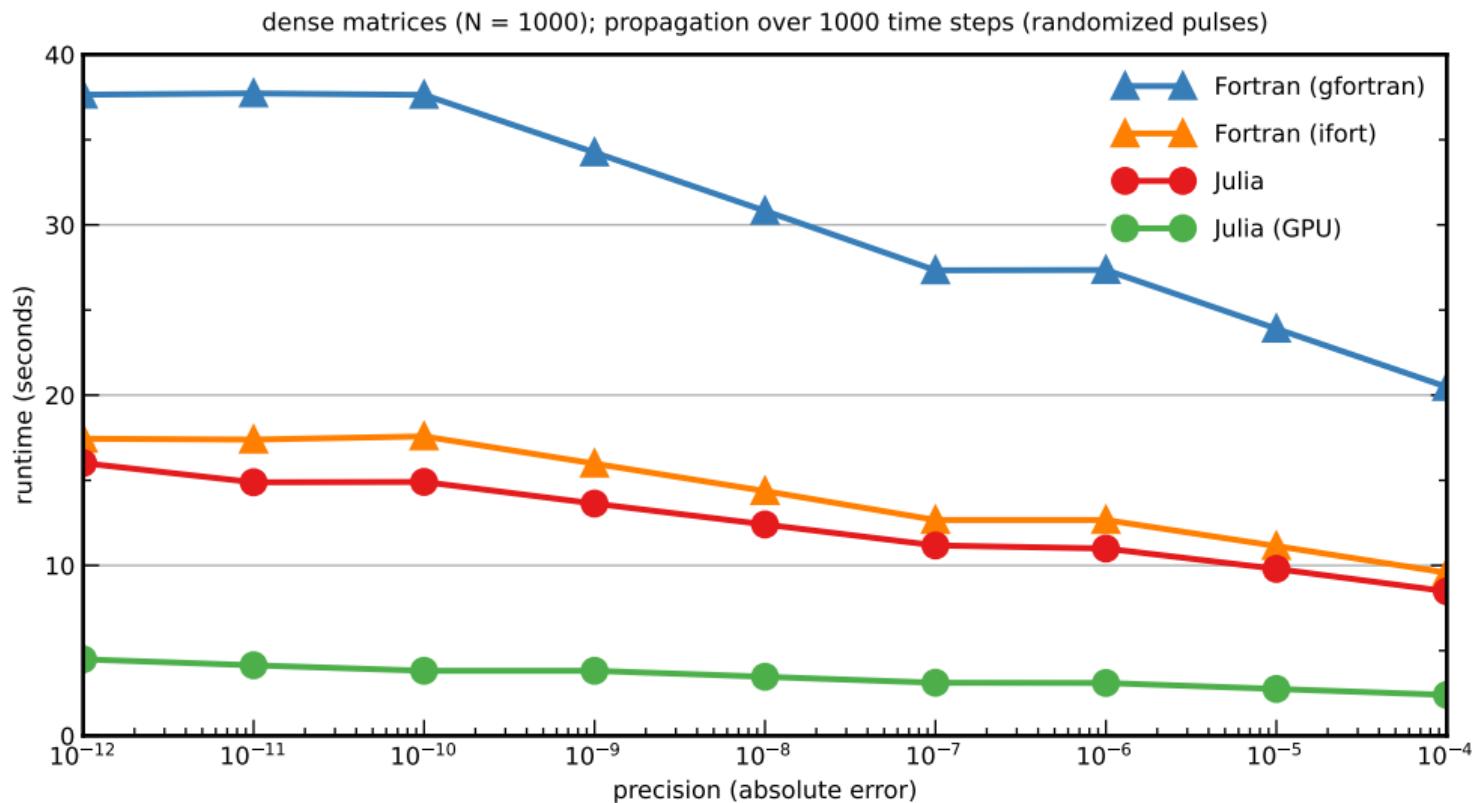
- Started at 2023-03-20T06:30:20.133
- Number of objectives: 4
- Number of iterations: 13
- Number of pure func evals: 0
- Number of func/grad evals: 15
- Value of functional: 3.24322e-04
- Reason for termination: Found a perfect entangler
- Ended at 2023-03-20T06:30:23.979 (3 seconds, 846 milliseconds)

In [16]:

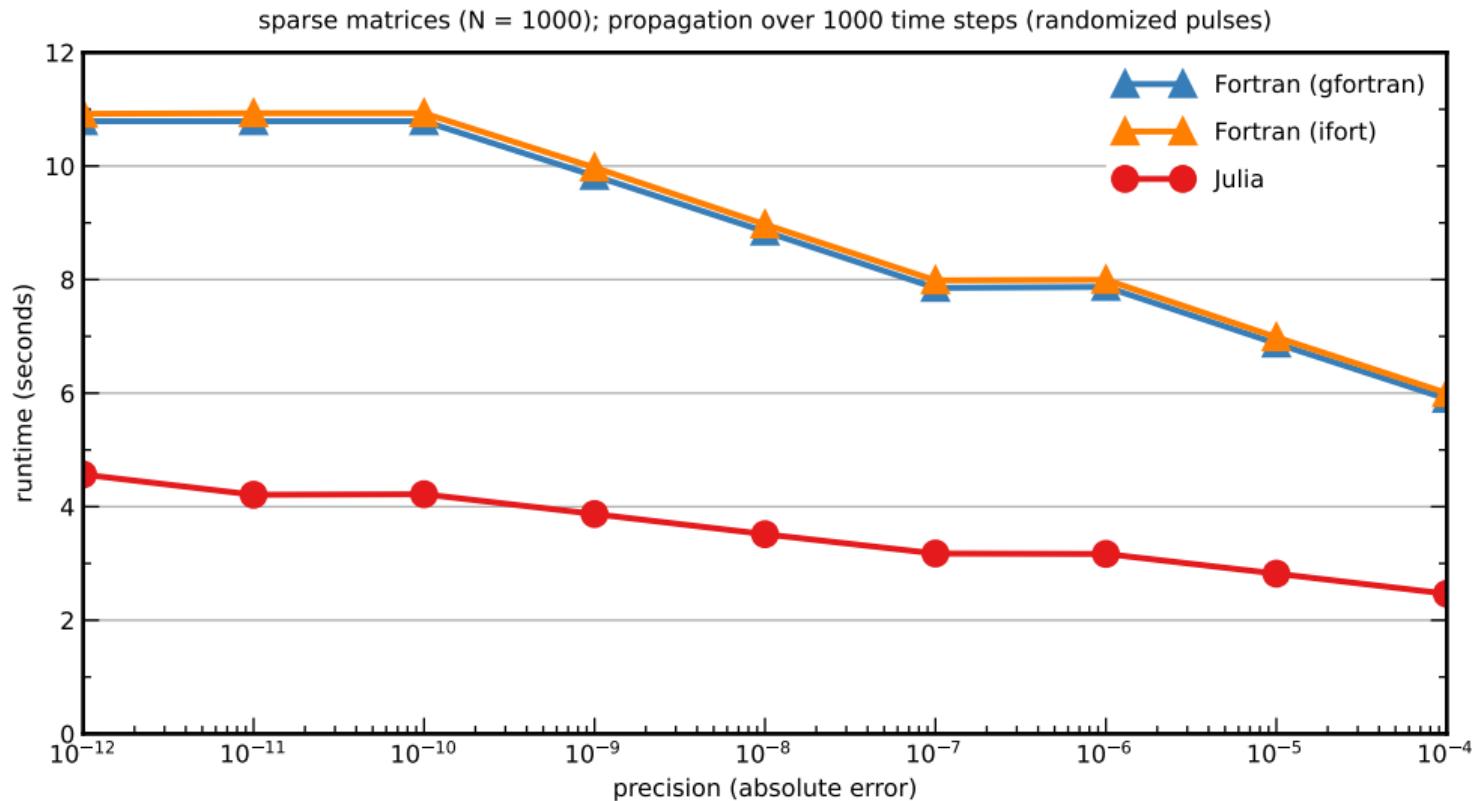
```
1 ε_opt = res.optimized_controls[1] + i * res.optimized_controls[2]
2 Ω_opt = ε_opt .* discretize(Ωre_guess.shape, tlist)
```

Performance

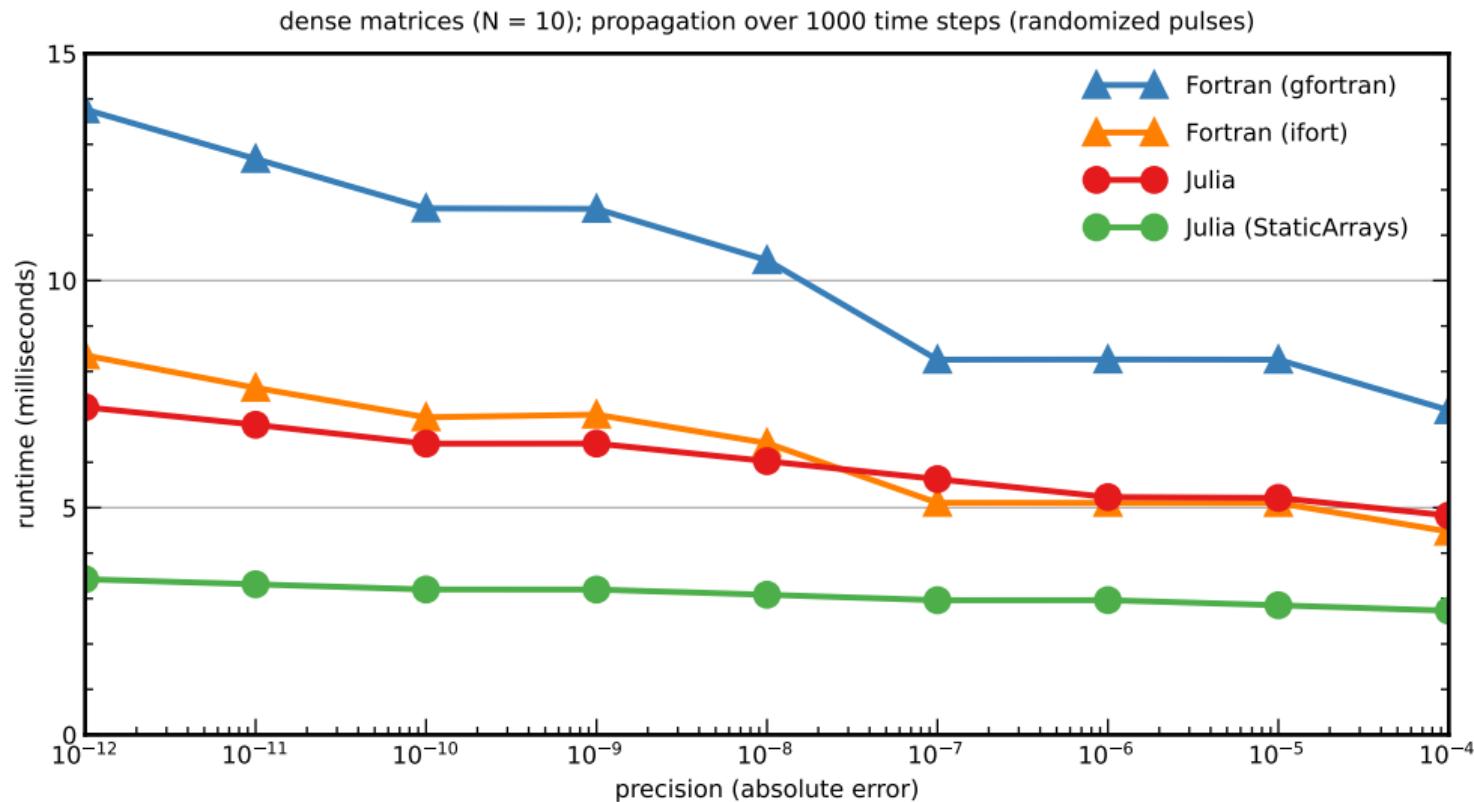
Benchmark for Chebychev Propagator – Large Hilbert Space



Benchmark for Chebychev Propagator – Large Hilbert Space (sparse)



Benchmark for Chebychev Propagator – Small Hilbert Space



Conclusions

<https://github.com/JuliaQuantumControl>

Flexibility:

- Interactive usage (notebooks)
- Use custom project-specific data structures
- Tie into Julia ecosystem (e.g., automatic differentiation, GPU computing)

Performance:

- Out of the Box: match Fortran (ifort + MKL)
- GPU, Sparse Matrices, StaticArrays: beat Fortran ($> 2\times$)

Outlook

<https://github.com/JuliaQuantumControl>

QuantumPropagators.jl

- Support for time-continuous controls (via DifferentialEquations.jl)

QuantumControl.jl

- Optimization methods for analytical pulse shapes (CRAB, GOAT, ...)
- Reinforcement learning

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