



# Scalable Quantum Control with Semi-Automatic Differentiation

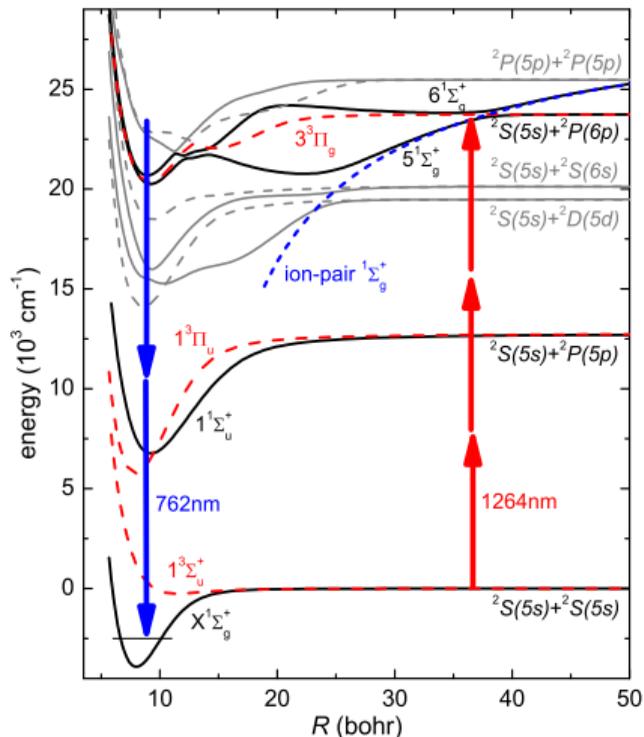
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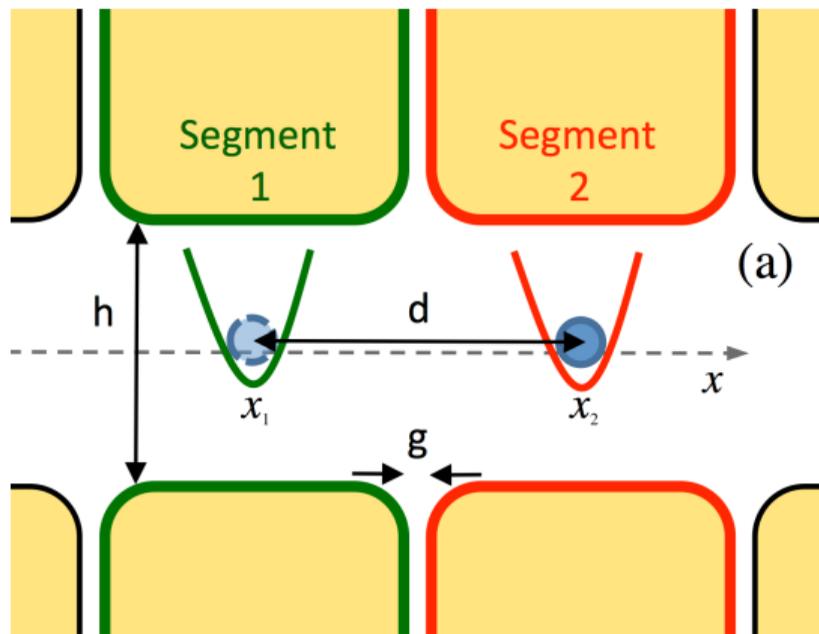
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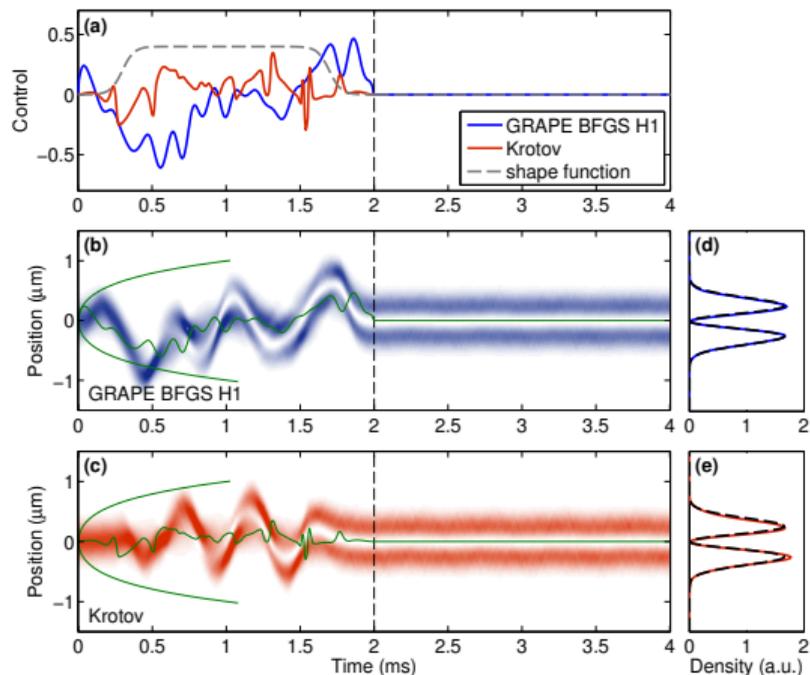
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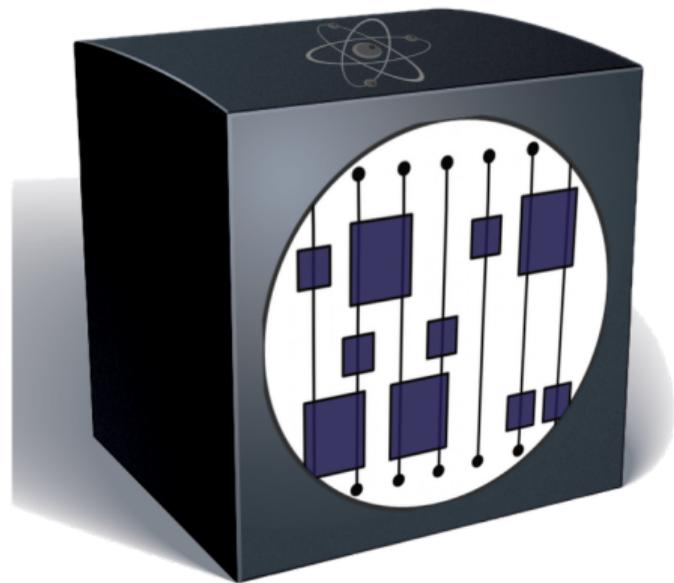
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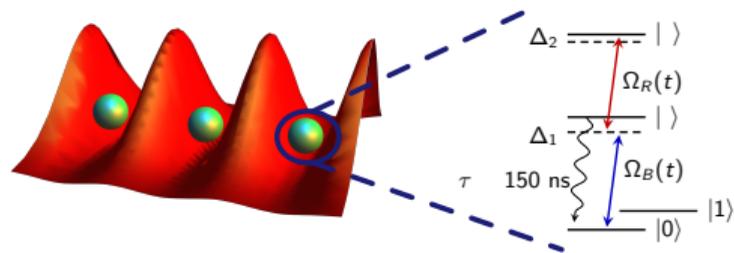
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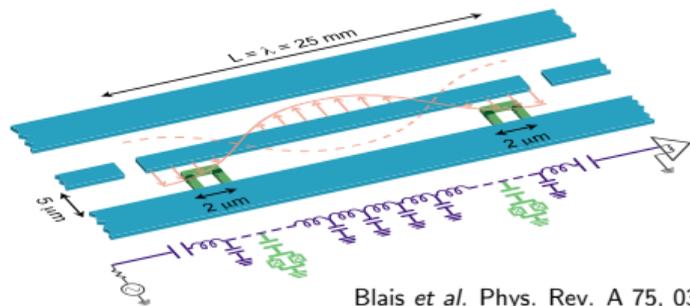
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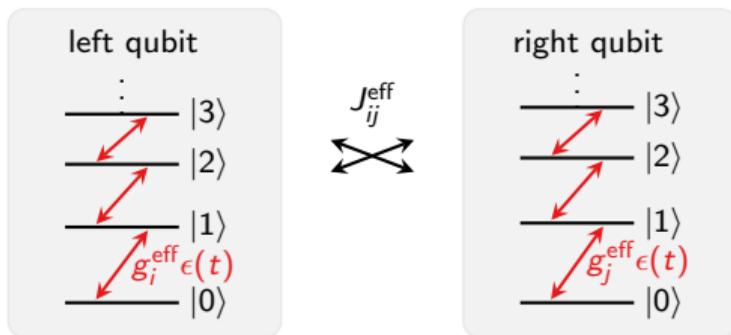
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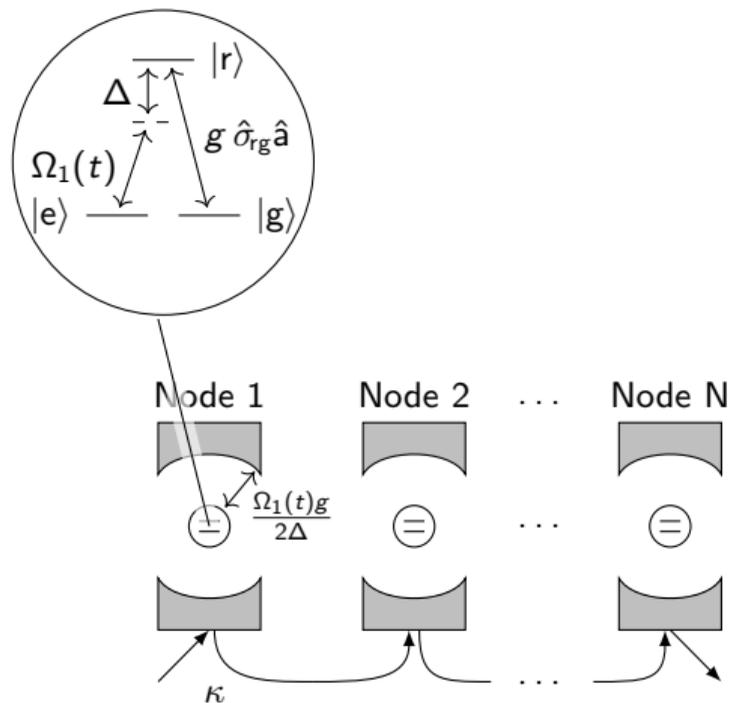
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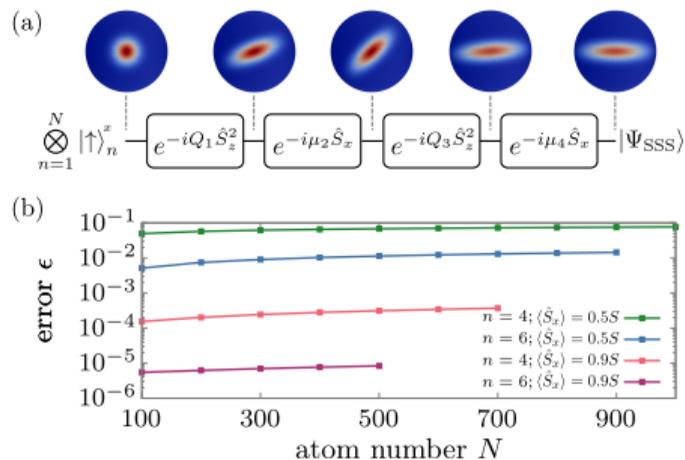
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- Entanglement in quantum networks

Goerz, Jacobs. Qu. Sci. Technol. 3, 045005 (2018)

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Carrasco *et al*, Phys. Rev. Applied 17, 064050 (2022)

- Photoassociation
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- Quantum gates
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  - Superconducting qubits
- Entanglement in quantum networks
- Spin-squeezed states

# Quantum Control Problem

## “Pulse-level” control

- Bunch of states:  $\{|\Psi_k(t)\rangle\}$ 
  - e.g. two-qubit gate:  $|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle$
- Hamiltonian(s) with control fields:  $\hat{H}_k(\{\epsilon_l(t)\}) \rightarrow$  time propagation
  - assume piecewise-constant:  $\epsilon_{ln}$  for  $n$ 'th time interval of  $l$ 'th control

## Functional

$$J(\{\epsilon_{nl}\}) = J_T(\{|\Psi_k(T)\rangle\}) + \int_0^T g_a(\{\epsilon_l(t)\}, t) dt + \int_0^T g_b(\{|\Psi_k(t)\rangle\}, t) dt$$

## Gradient-based “open loop” optimization

$$(\nabla J)_{ln} \equiv \frac{\partial J}{\partial \epsilon_{ln}} \Rightarrow \text{L-BFGS-B}$$

# Scalability

Driving cutting-edge quantum technology with optimal control?

- Bigger (open) systems — hard numerics
- More flexibility — better functionals, novel methods

# Efficient Quantum Control

1984

**An accurate and efficient scheme for propagating the time dependent Schrödinger equation**

1986

**Coherent pulse sequence induced control of selectivity of reactions:  
Exact quantum mechanical calculations**

1988

*J. Phys. Chem.* **1988**, 92, 2087–2100

2087

**Time-Dependent Quantum-Mechanical Methods for Molecular Dynamics**

1992

*J. Phys. A: Math. Gen.* **25** (1992) 1283–1307. Printed in the UK

**Solution of the time-dependent Liouville–von Neumann**

1994

*Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem.* **1994**, 45: 145–78

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PROPAGATION METHODS FOR  
QUANTUM MOLECULAR  
DYNAMICS

*Ronnie Kosloff*

## Efficient Quantum Control

- Get your data structures right
  - grid representation (FFT), sparsity
- Get your propagation right
  - polynomial expansions, in-place BLAS
- Set up simultaneous “objectives” via states
  - parallelization

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quantum dynamics and control

## About QDYN

QDYN is a Fortran 95 library and collection of utilities for the simulation of quantum dynamics and optimal control with a focus on both efficiency and precision. Its core features include



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# Automatic Differentiation (AD)

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **95**, 042318 (2017)

## Speedup for quantum optimal control from automatic differentiation based on graphics processing units

Nelson Leung,<sup>1,\*</sup> Mohamed Abdelhafez,<sup>1</sup> Jens Koch,<sup>2</sup> and David Schuster<sup>1</sup>

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **99**, 052327 (2019)

## Gradient-based optimal control of open quantum systems using quantum trajectories and automatic differentiation

Mohamed Abdelhafez,<sup>1,\*</sup> David I. Schuster,<sup>1</sup> and Jens Koch<sup>2</sup>

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **101**, 022321 (2020)

## Universal gates for protected superconducting qubits using optimal control

Mohamed Abdelhafez <sup>1</sup> Brian Baker <sup>2</sup> András Gyenis <sup>3</sup> Pranav Mundada <sup>3</sup> Andrew A. Houck,<sup>3</sup>  
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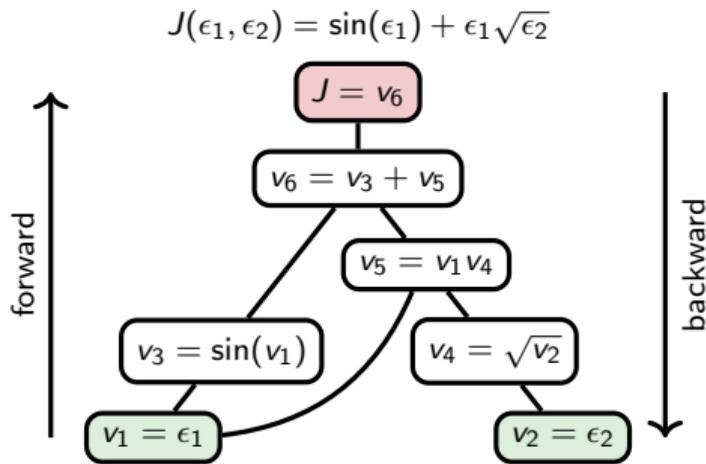
## backward-mode “adjoint”

$$\bar{v}_j \equiv \frac{\partial J}{\partial v_j}$$

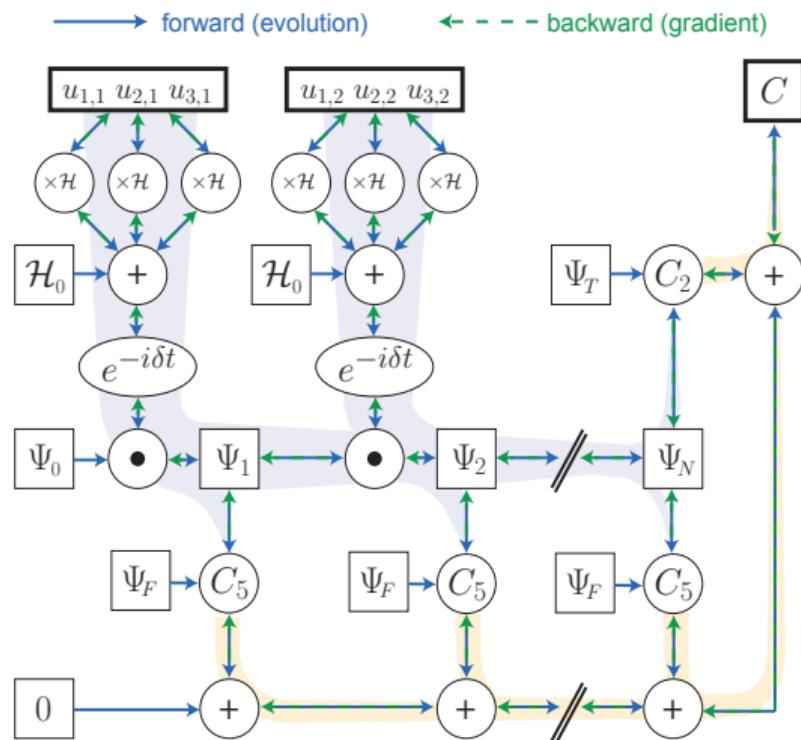
$$= \sum_i \bar{v}_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial v_j}$$

sum over all  $v_i$

which depend on  $v_j$



## Automatic Differentiation (AD)

Fig. 2 in Leung *et al.* Phys. Rev. A 95, 042318 (2017)

## AD Advantages

- Arbitrary functionals

$\mu$	Cost-function contribution	$C_\mu(\mathbf{u})$
1	Target-gate infidelity	$1 -  \text{tr}(K_T^\dagger K_N)/D ^2$
2	Target-state infidelity	$1 -  \langle \Psi_T   \Psi_N \rangle ^2$
3	Control amplitudes	$ \mathbf{u} ^2$
4	Control variations	$\sum_{j,k}  u_{k,j} - u_{k,j-1} ^2$
5	Occupation of forbidden state	$\sum_j  \langle \Psi_F   \Psi_j \rangle ^2$
6	Evolution time (target gate)	$1 - \frac{1}{N} \sum_j  \text{tr}(K_T^\dagger K_j)/D ^2$
7	Evolution time (target state)	$1 - \frac{1}{N} \sum_j  \langle \Psi_T   \Psi_j \rangle ^2$

Table 1 in Leung *et al.* Phys. Rev. A 95, 042318 (2017)

- Arbitrary equations of motion

e.g., quantum trajectories — Abdelhafez *et al.* Phys. Rev. A 99, 052327 (2019)

- GPU support

## Entanglement Measures

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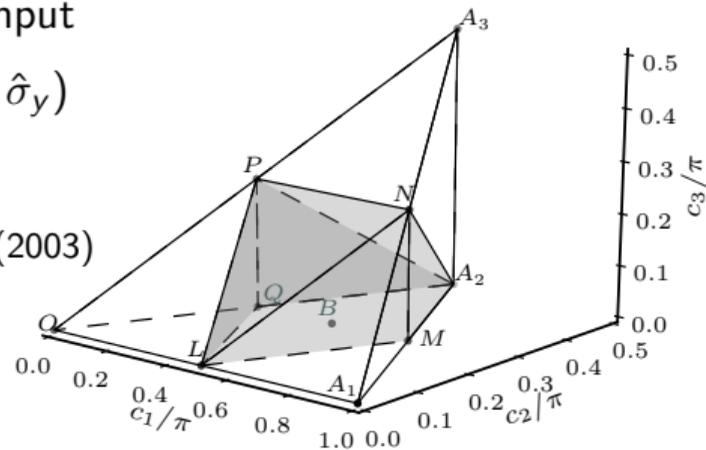
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### Perfect Entanglers Functional

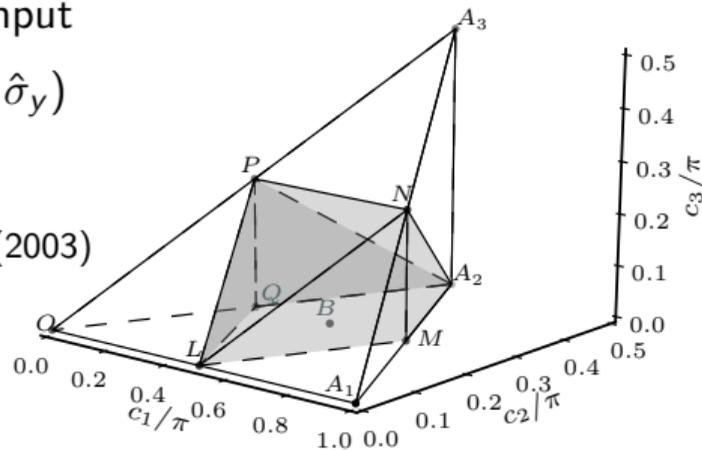
Find a two-qubit gate with maximum entangling power

$$F_{PE} = \left( \frac{1}{\det U_B} \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} (\text{tr}^2[U_B^T U_B] - \text{tr}[U_B^T U_B U_B^T U_B]) \right) \left( \frac{1}{16} \text{Re}^2[\text{tr}[U_B^T U_B]] \right) +$$

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$U_B$ : projection into logical subspace, in Bell basis



Watts *et al.* Phys. Rev. A 91, 062306 (2015)

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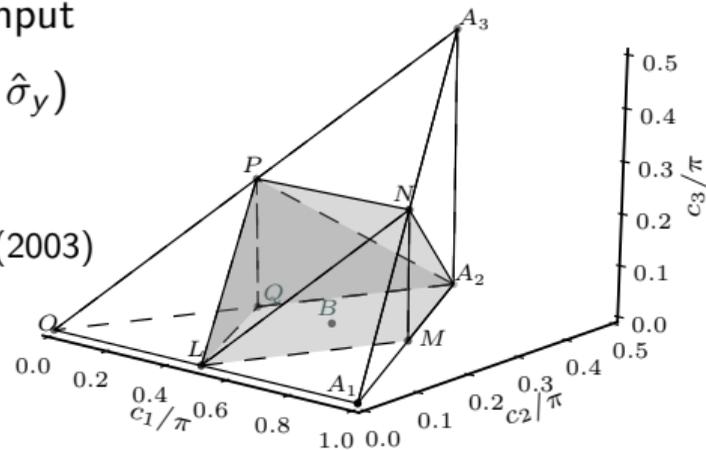
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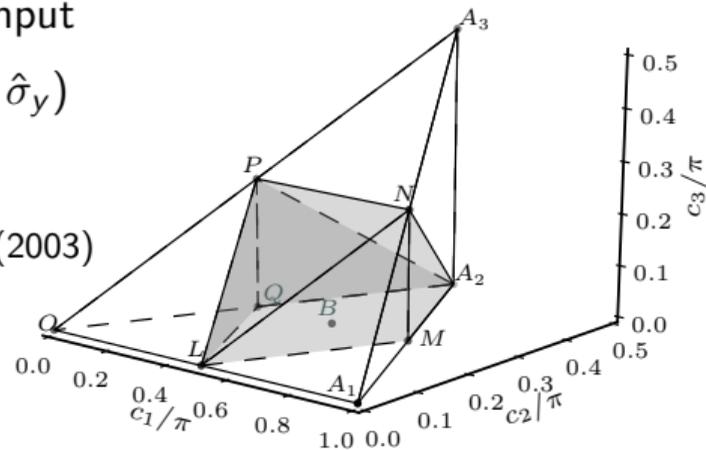
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### Quantum Fisher Information

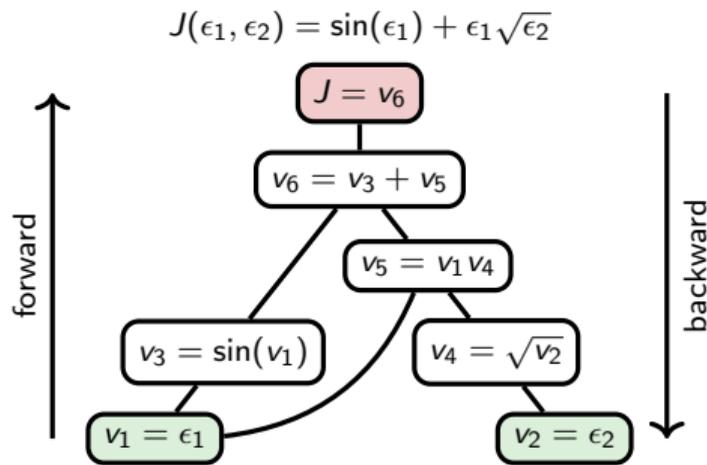
$$F(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{2(p_i - p_j)^2}{p_i + p_j} \left| \langle \phi_i | \hat{S}_z | \phi_j \rangle \right|^2$$

where  $p_i$ ,  $|\phi_i\rangle$  are eigenvalues / eigenstates of  $\hat{\rho}$

— Ma *et al.* Phys. Rep. 509, 89 (2011)

## AD Compromises

- 1 Numerical scaling
  - AD memory overhead
  - computational overhead (at least on CPU)
- 2 Framework limitations
  - Complex numbers?
  - In-place operations?
  - Double-precision?
- 3 Code reuse
  - Re-implement propagation methods?
  - Re-use existing GRAPE implementation?



**We don't have to compromise!**

# Semi-Automatic Differentiation

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## Quantum Optimal Control via Semi-Automatic Differentiation

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We develop a framework of “semi-automatic differentiation” that combines existing gradient-based methods of quantum optimal control with automatic differentiation. The approach allows to optimize practically any computable functional and is implemented in two open source Julia packages, `GRAPE.jl` and `Krotov.jl`, part of the `QuantumControl.jl` framework. Our method is based on formally rewriting the optimization functional in terms of propagated states, overlaps with target states, or quantum gates. An analytical application of the chain rule then allows to separate the time propagation and the evaluation of the functional when calculating the gradient. The former can be evaluated with great efficiency via a modified GRAPE scheme. The latter is evaluated with automatic differenti-

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## Semi-Automatic Differentiation

$$J(\{\epsilon_{ne}\}) = J_T(\{\psi_u(\tau)\}) + \dots$$

$$\nabla J = \frac{\partial J_T}{\partial \epsilon_{ne}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J_T}{\partial \epsilon_{ne}} = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \sum_u \underbrace{\frac{\partial J_T}{\partial \langle \chi_u(\tau) |}}_{\langle \chi_u(\tau) |} \cdot \frac{\partial |\psi_u(\tau)\rangle}{\epsilon_{ne}} \right]; \quad |\chi_u(\tau)\rangle = \frac{\partial J_T}{\partial \langle \psi_u(\tau) |}$$

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \sum_x \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_{ne}} \langle \chi_x(\tau) | \psi_x(\tau) \rangle \right]$$

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## Semi-Automatic Differentiation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_{ne}} \langle \chi_n(\tau) | \hat{U}_n \dots \hat{U}_1 | \chi_n(0) \rangle \quad ; \quad \hat{U}_n = e^{-i \hat{H}_n \tau}$$

$$= \underbrace{\langle \chi_n(\tau) | \hat{U}_n \dots \hat{U}_{n+1}}_{bw} \frac{\partial \hat{U}_n}{\partial \epsilon_{ne}} \underbrace{\hat{U}_{n-1} \dots \hat{U}_1 | \chi_n(0) \rangle}_{fw}$$

$$|\chi_n(\tau)\rangle = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_\tau}{\partial \langle \chi_n(\tau) |}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_\tau(\hat{A})$$

$$\hat{A}_{i,n} = \langle \phi_i | \chi_n \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_\tau}{\partial \langle \chi_n(\tau) |} = \sum_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_\tau}{\partial u_{i,n}} |\phi_i\rangle$$

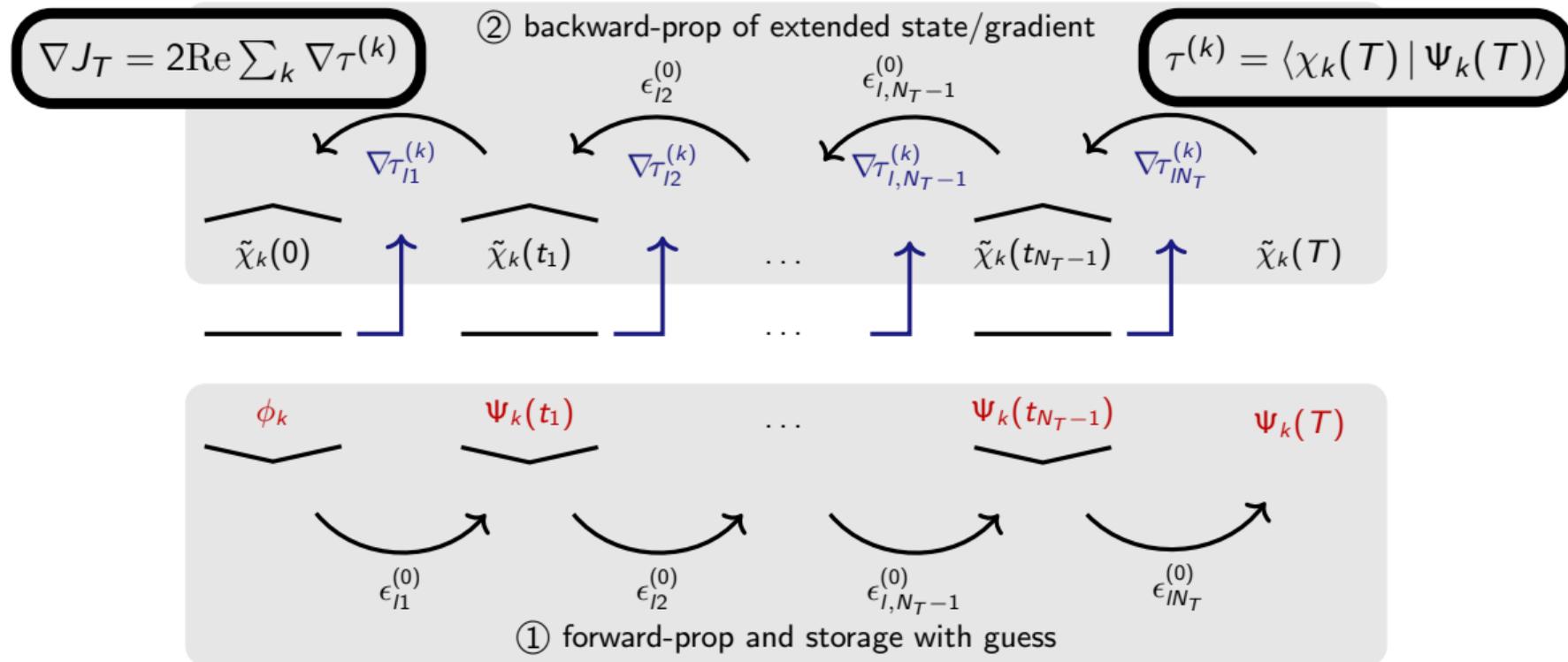
## Gradient of Time Evolution Operator

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \hat{U}_n^\dagger}{\partial \epsilon_{n1}} |\chi_k(t_n)\rangle \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \hat{U}_n^\dagger}{\partial \epsilon_{nL}} |\chi_k(t_n)\rangle \\ \hat{U}_n^\dagger |\chi_k(t_n)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \exp \left[ -i \begin{pmatrix} \hat{H}_n^\dagger & 0 & \dots & 0 & \hat{H}_n^{(1)\dagger} \\ 0 & \hat{H}_n^\dagger & \dots & 0 & \hat{H}_n^{(2)\dagger} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \hat{H}_n^\dagger & \hat{H}_n^{(L)\dagger} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \hat{H}_n^\dagger \end{pmatrix} dt_n \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ |\chi_k(t_n)\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{U}_n = \exp[-i\hat{H}_n dt_n]; \quad \hat{H}_n^{(l)} = \frac{\partial \hat{H}_n}{\partial \epsilon_l(t)}$$

— Goodwin, Kuprov, J. Chem. Phys. 143, 084113 (2015)

## Generalized GRAPE scheme



# GRAPE.jl



GitHub - JuliaQuantumControl/ x +

github.com/JuliaQuantumControl/GRAPE.jl

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## GRAPE.jl

Mar 2022 v0.1.1 docs stable docs dev CI passing codecov 81%

Implementation of (second-order) GRadiant Ascent Pulse Engineering (GRAPE) extended with automatic differentiation. Part of `QuantumControl.jl` and the `JuliaQuantumControl` organization.

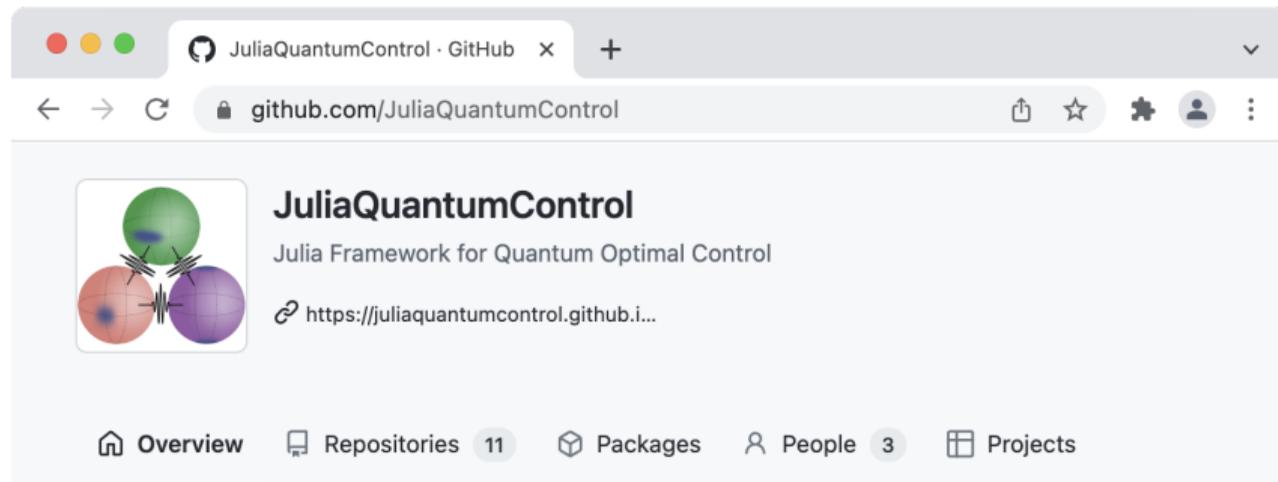
### Installation

For normal usage, the `GRAPE` package should be installed as part of `QuantumControl.jl`:

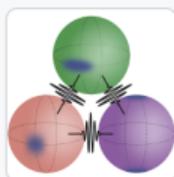
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pkg> add QuantumControl
```



# JuliaQuantumControl



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## JuliaQuantumControl

Julia Framework for Quantum Optimal Control

<https://juliaquantumcontrol.github.io/>

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## A Julia Framework for Quantum Optimal Control.

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

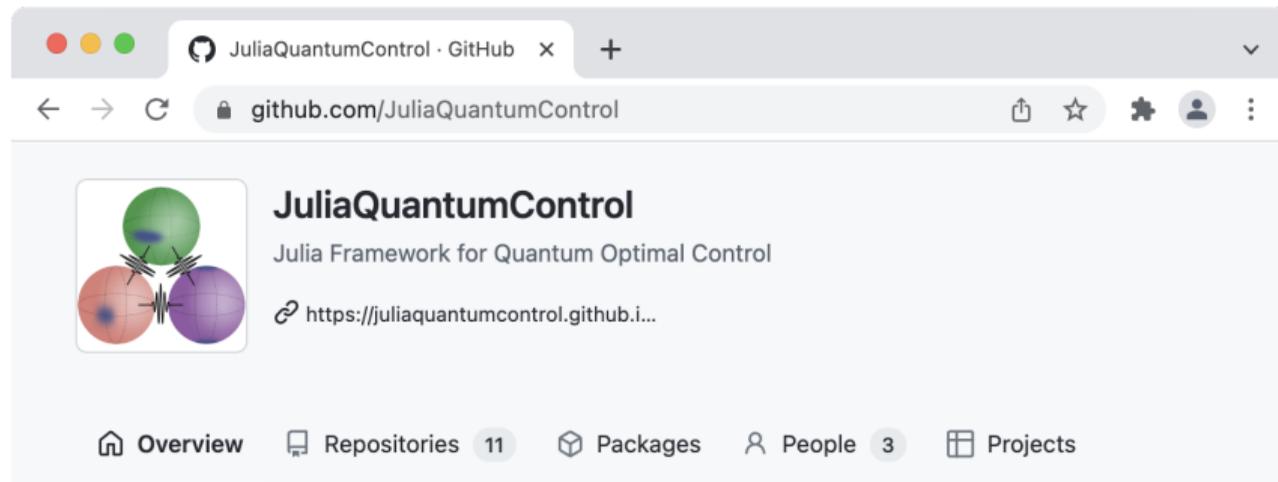


Julia logo consisting of the word "julia" in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with five colored dots (blue, red, green, purple, yellow) arranged in an arc above the letters.



Zygote logo featuring a stylized green and blue shape resembling a yoke or a pair of eyes, followed by the word "Zygote" in a serif font.

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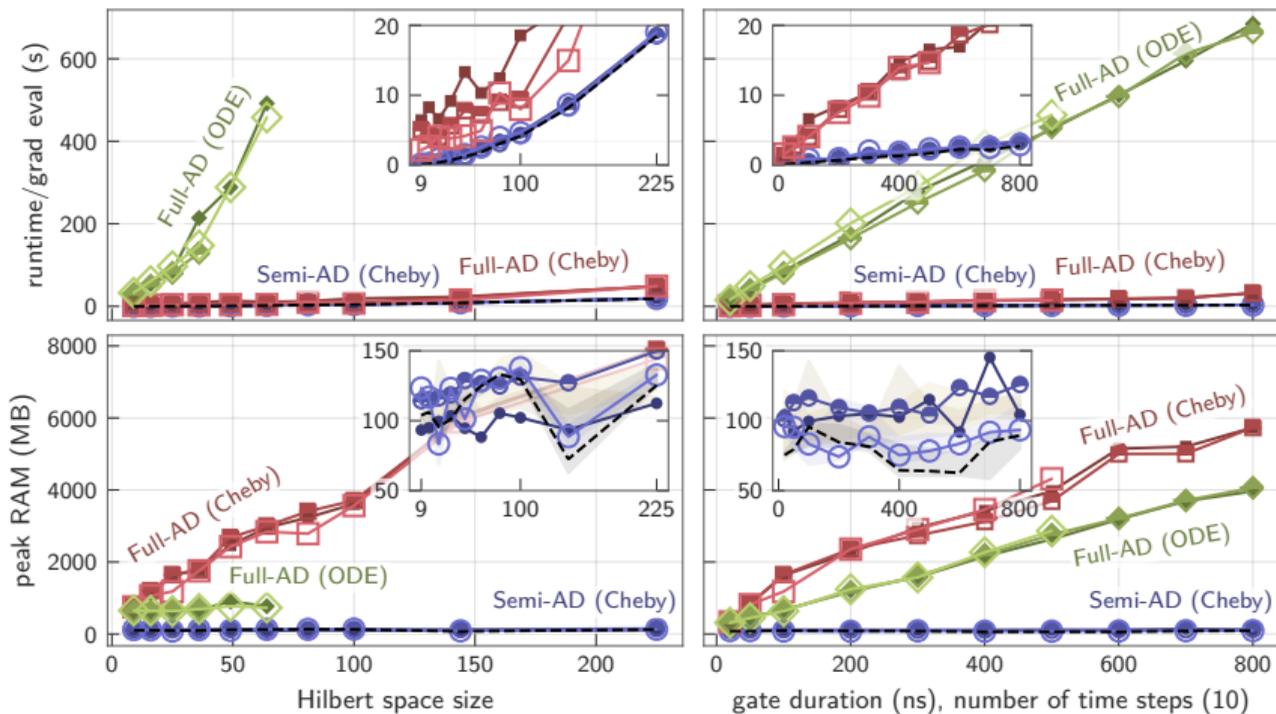
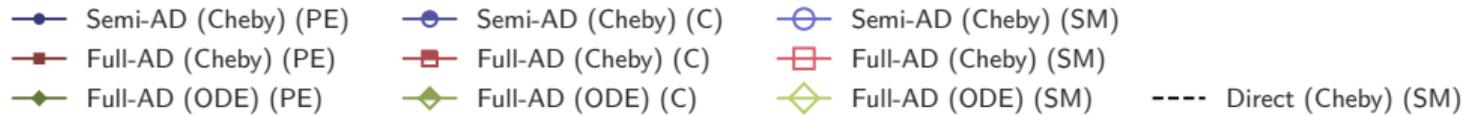
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# Benchmarks



## Conclusion

**AD-enhanced optimal control without compromises!**

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- Use optimal data structures
- Use polynomial in-place propagators
- Use semi-AD implementation of GRAPE
  
- propagation and optimal control are independent
- AD and GPU computing are independent
- Full power of AD with near-zero overhead

**Thank you**