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## Abstract

Within five years of the first experimental demonstration of NMR, an effect of fluid flow on the NMR signal had been observed. Flow measurement work using NMR has continued from that time through to the present. Over the past few years many investigators in the field of medical NMR imaging have pursued the measurement of blood flow.

The work in this thesis describes an approach to *in vivo* blood flow measurement using NMR imaging. The technique developed relies on the difference in the phase of the NMR signal from moving and non-moving magnetization. The change in the phase is linear with motion velocity. It can be uniquely specified by keeping the effective areas of the magnetic field gradient pulses the same on either side of a 180 degree RF pulse in a spin echo two dimensional Fourier transform imaging sequence. Constant velocity flow normal to the imaged slice was considered. All flow measurement experiments utilized gravity pressure driven tap water flowing through a simple phantom.

Difficulties with the implementation of a pulse sequence that could measure high flow rates (between 100 and 150 cm s<sup>-1</sup>) led to the investigation of the effect of motion on an image. Mathematical models are presented describing the effect of constant and variable velocity flow on the two dimensional complex data set from whence images are derived. Some aspects of these models were verified by a computer simulation based on the Bloch equation. From these investigations and imaging experiments it was found that the factor limiting the flow measurement range was the slice selection gradient pulse sequence. Flow normal to the slice produces large shifts in phase when strong slice selection gradients are used. Based on the

mathematical description mentioned above and the work of van Dijk (1984) and O'Donnell (1985), a gradient pulse scheme to compensate for this effect was developed.

The resulting flow measurement imaging method is, in principle, capable of measuring flow rates well beyond those found physiologically, although only flow rates up to  $15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  were actually measured experimentally. Experiments have verified the linearity of the relationship between image phase and flow velocity, and the short-term accuracy of the measurement technique. However, fluctuations over longer periods of time in the measured phase for a given flow rate have restricted the implementation of this technique. Recent work has indicated that changes in the effective gradient strength (i.e., how the spins react to a given gradient pulse) over time produce these variations, but this work is, as of yet, inconclusive.

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## Symbols and Abbreviations

$b_{\text{local}}$	local magnetic field at a nuclear site
$\mathbf{B}$	sum of the static magnetic field and the magnetic field gradient
$B_0$	static magnetic field
$\Delta B_0$	magnetic field inhomogeneity
$B(t)$	time varying magnetic field
$B_R, B_L$	counter-rotating magnetic field components
$B_1, B_1(t)$	radio frequency varying magnetic field
$B_{\text{eff}}$	effective magnetic field
$d(t)$	windowed sampling function along x direction
$d(G_y)$	windowed sampling function along y direction
$E$	energy
$\Delta E$	change in energy
EMF	electromotive force
$E_x(t)$	apodization function in x direction
$E_y(G_y)$	apodization function in y direction
$f_x$	frequency variable in x direction
$f_y$	frequency variable in y direction
$F_I$	imaginary part of NMR signal
$F_R$	real part of NMR signal
$F_z$	frequency of flow velocity fluctuation
FID	free induction decay
$G_r$	linear magnetic field gradient along r

$G_x, G_y, G_z$	magnetic field gradient along the x, y, z directions
$\Delta G$	increment in a gradient from scan to scan
$G_z \text{ comp.}$	
$G_z \text{ compensation}$	absolute amplitude of either balanced gradient pulse lobe between the 90° and 180° RF pulses
$g(t)$	an arbitrary function of time
$G(f)$	the Fourier transform of $g(t)$
$h$	Planck's constant
$\hat{l}$	angular momentum operator
$i, j, k$	cartesian coordinate system unit vectors
$J(\omega)$	spectral density function at angular frequency $\omega$
$J_m$	$m$ th order Bessel function of the first kind
$k$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Boltzmann's constant</li> <li>ii) sample index</li> </ul>
$k_x$	x direction spatial frequency coordinate
$k_y$	y direction spatial frequency coordinate
$m$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) magnetic quantum number</li> <li>ii) an elemental magnetization</li> <li>iii) number of shifted points</li> </ul>
$M$	laboratory reference frame net magnetization
$M$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) laboratory reference frame net magnetization</li> <li>ii) rotating reference frame net magnetization</li> </ul>
$M_x, M_y, M_z$	the components of $M$
$M_{xy}$	the magnitude of the transverse component of $M$
$n_\alpha$	population of nuclei in lower energy state
$n_\beta$	population of nuclei in upper energy state

N	number of samples
$N_x$	number of samples in the x direction
$N_y$	i) number of samples in the y direction ii) number of scans in an imaging experiment
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
P	spin angular momentum magnitude
$P_z$	measureable component of P along the z direction
$P_{\text{free}}$	proportion of water in free state
$P_{\text{bound}}$	proportion of water in bound state
$P(x,y)$	transverse magnetization at (x,y) in the slice
PSF	point spread function
QPSD	quadrature phase sensitive detection
$\mathbf{r}$	position vector
rect	rectangular window function
RF	radiofrequency
sinc, sinc(x)	$\sin(x)/x$ function
$s(k_x, k_y)$	signal from slice in spatial frequency domain
SW	slice width ( in cm )
SBW	slice bandwidth ( i.e., bandwidth of shaped RF magnetic field pulse in Hz )
T	i) Tesla ii) absolute temperature iii) sample period, time between samples
$T_1$	longitudinal relaxation time constant
$T_2$	transverse relaxation time constant
$T_2^*$	total dephasing time constant for transverse magnetization

$T_R$	time interval between scans
$t_p$	duration of a gradient pulse
$t_w$	duration of RF magnetic field pulse
$t_x$	total signal sampling time
$\Delta t$	time between samples
$\Delta t, \Delta t_z$	separation of gradient pulses in time
$t_{90}, t_{180}$	duration of 90 and 180 degree RF pulses
$v_x, v_y, v_z$	velocity components along x, y and z
$V$	flow velocity
$V_{avg}$	average flow velocity
$V_{peak}$	peak flow velocity
2DFT	two dimensional Fourier transform
$\alpha$	lower spin energy state
$\beta$	upper spin energy state
$\gamma$	gyromagnetic ratio
$\Gamma(n)$	gamma function
$\delta(x)$	delta function
$\zeta$	independent variable of a function
$\mu$	magnetic moment
$\mu$	viscosity
$\nu$	frequency encoding direction variable

$\xi$	i) elemental magnetization index ii) dependent variable of a function
$\rho$	i) density ii) subscript to indicate rotating frame
$\rho(x,y)$	spin density at $(x,y)$ in the slice
$\tau_c$	correlation time for molecular motion
$\phi$	phase encoding direction variable
$\omega_0$	Larmor frequency
$\omega$	angular velocity
$F$	Fourier transform operator
$f$	frequency variable
$\times$	cross product operator
$\otimes$	convolution operator
$\dagger$	an ideal sampling function of infinite extent
*	multiplication operator
	i) between vectors - dot product operator ii) multiplication operator

## 1. Introduction

The discovery of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance ( NMR ) in 1946 by Bloch et al. ( 1946a, 1946b, 1946c ) and Purcell et al. ( 1946 ) was soon followed by the observation of the effect of fluid flow on the NMR signal. Suryan ( 1951 ) reported that the amplitude of the signal from fluids flowing in a tube through the RF coil first increased and later decreased with increasing flow velocity. The initial increase was due to the replacement of partially saturated spins by spins strongly magnetized upstream of the coil, giving a stronger signal. As the velocity increased, the upstream spins spent less time in the magnet and were, as a result, not as strongly magnetized, therefore giving a weaker signal.

Hahn ( 1950 ) observed that motion in a liquid resulted in a decreased spin echo signal amplitude. This was further elucidated by Carr and Purcell ( 1954 ) in their study of the dependence of spin echo amplitude and phase on motion along a magnetic field gradient. They showed that the phase of successive echoes generated by a multi-echo pulse sequence was shifted by an amount proportional to the magnetic field strength and the echo number. These shifts cancelled on the even-numbered echoes. The result was a lower detected echo amplitude for the odd-numbered echoes.

These early investigations showed that the observed effect of flow on the NMR signal depended on the particular experiment performed. The sequence of radiofrequency ( RF ) and gradient magnetic field pulses applied to the sample uniquely determines the nature of the signal from both the static and flowing material. Investigators have used this to advantage by designing pulse sequences that differentiate the signal components of the moving magnetization from those of the spatially static magnetization.

From this work came three non-imaging flow measurement techniques. Singer, in 1959, presented work on blood flow in mouse tails. The measurements were based on changes in the NMR signal amplitude and in the longitudinal magnetization relaxation rate due to flowing blood. At this time Singer also gave the theory for "time-of-flight" measurements. A bolus of spins is irradiated by an upstream coil. At a known distance downstream the bolus is detected by a second coil and, from a measure of the time elapsed between the initial irradiation and the detection, the average velocity may be determined. Hahn (1960) proposed using pulsed magnetic field gradients to produce phase shifts in spin echoes proportional to the velocity of motion along the gradient direction. Later workers applied these techniques and combinations thereof to observe and measure the effects of motion in biological and non-biological systems (Stejskal, 1965; Arnold and Burkhart, 1965; Packer, 1969; Grover and Singer, 1971; Hayward et al., 1972; Garroway, 1974).

The development of medical NMR imaging in the early 1970s (Lauterbur, 1973; Mansfield and Grannell, 1973) added the ability to encode spatial information to the field of in vivo biological NMR research. In addition to the ability to display anatomical information, NMR imaging also provides knowledge of the NMR visible spin density and the relaxation times  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

The observation of blood flow effects in images by Hinshaw et al. (1977) followed closely the inception of the imaging technique. Since that time researchers have sought to correlate the effects of blood flow on images with blood flow volumes, velocities and blood flow patterns. It was again found, as noted earlier, that the effect of flow on the NMR signal depends on the imaging pulse sequence used (Axel, 1984). For example, Singer and

Crooks ( 1983 ) used a selective saturation pulse followed by a variable delay and a conventional imaging sequence to correlate the loss in signal due to blood flow rate. Others ( van Dijk, 1984; Bryant et al., 1984; O'Donnell, 1985 ) have used methods based on acquired phase shifts due to flow in spin echoes. The phase of the signal in the region of blood flow is compared to the phase of the signal from the surrounding stationary tissue, and the difference in phase is correlated with flow velocity. Bradley et al. ( 1984 ) have suggested an implementation of the time-of-flight method using multiple slices to trace the course and velocity of flowing blood. A similar approach used by Deimling et al. ( 1986 ) uses a refocussing pulse that is spatially independent of the slice selection pulse in a spin echo sequence to measure the distance blood has flowed since the initial excitation. Another technique ( Mueller et al., 1986 ) quantifies flow in multi-echo images by analyzing the effects of flow on measured  $T_2$  values. In each case, a measure of vessel area allows the calculation of flow volume.

From work based on the effect of blood flow on spin echo phase, Wedeen ( 1985 ) developed a subtraction method to provide projective images of blood vessels or NMR angiography. Two phase sensitive images are made, each at different times during the cardiac cycle. The effect of blood flow is different in each and when one is subtracted from the other, an image showing the region of blood flow results.

To date, interest in the study of the effects of motion on medical NMR images has concentrated on the study of the hemodynamics of the human cardiovascular system. If NMR flow imaging can measure velocity, volume and patterns of blood flow, it could be used to assess tissue and organ perfusion, patency of vascular grafts, and for detection of intraarterial plaque ( Feinberg et al., 1985 ). NMR flow measurement techniques offer many

advantages over existing methods. Images, and hence flow measurements, can be made non-invasively through any section of the body. There is no need to subject patients to procedures such as catheterization or radio opaque dye injection or to ionizing radiation. The risks involved with procedures such as coronary and cerebral angiography are not present in the NMR technique.

The project set forth for this thesis was the implementation of a NMR flow imaging technique on the medium bore animal unit of the University of Alberta In-Vivo NMR Facility. Techniques current in the literature were reviewed and it was thought that methods based on the generation of phase differences by flowing liquid held the most promise. Dependence of the signal from flowing material on a single NMR signal parameter and the ability to measure flow rates over a large range in a single imaging experiment were two key factors in the favour of the phase technique. In particular, the work of van Dijk ( 1984 ), Bryant et al. ( 1984 ), and O'Donnell ( 1985 ) was assessed. Their techniques rely on the influence of flow on the phase of spin echoes. The phase of the signal from the flowing blood is uniquely modified without affecting the phase of the signal from non-moving tissue.

Initial attempts to implement flow imaging were hampered by physical limitations of the spectrometer and interactions of the magnetic system during the imaging experiment. The manner in which the magnetization in the slice interacts with the pulse sequence and with the environment presented by the spectrometer is complex. For example, the dependence of the phase of the static-tissue signal on the slice defining and readout gradients for a particular pulse sequence must be considered when the sequence is designed and calibrated. Magnetic fields caused by eddy currents generated in the cryostat tubing by the switching of these gradient pulses can also affect the

phase of the signal. These may be minimized, but not removed. Since the direction of flow was taken to be orthogonal to the imaging plane, the slice defining and rephasing gradient pulses affect the phase of the signal from the flowing liquid. The degree to which the phase is altered depends upon the amplitudes, durations and temporal locations of these gradient pulses.

On the medium bore unit it was found that a slice defining gradient pulse followed immediately by a gradient pulse in the opposite direction (to rephase the spins) caused artifacts in the images generated by a spin echo experiment. Placing the rephasing gradient pulse after the first 180 degree radiofrequency magnetic field pulse corrected this problem. However, this placement of the rephasing gradient pulse produced large phase shifts for even slow moving spins.

To aid in the investigation of these problems and some of the corrective procedures, a computer simulation program based on the Bloch equations was developed. The results of simulations and phantom experiments using the spectrometer helped to establish a RF and gradient pulse sequence that is capable of measuring physiologically significant flow rates for flow normal to the imaging slice.

During these investigations, phantoms to simulate blood flow were constructed. These consisted of flexible and glass tubes through which tap water flowed. Due to the low viscosity of water with respect to blood, flow rates lower than the peak flow rates found physiologically had to be used in order to maintain laminar flow. As flow rates approach ranges that correspond to highly turbulent flow patterns, many velocity components are present at any given location across the flow profile ( Bradley et al., 1984 ). Since the phase is proportional to the velocity, the phase at any given location in a region of flow in an image becomes ill-defined with turbulent

flow. Accurate flow measurements were possible only when laminar flow was maintained.

The final stage of the project involved the evaluation of the current implementation of a flow imaging sequence in terms of accuracy, precision, range, and ease of operation.

## 2. Simple Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Theory and Two Dimensional Fourier Transform Imaging

### 2.1 Simple Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Theory

With any treatment of a complex experiment, such as Nuclear Magnetic Resonance ( NMR ) flow imaging, it is necessary to provide some background material. A complete treatment of the NMR phenomenon and NMR imaging is quite beyond the scope of this thesis. Other sources can provide much greater detail ( Abragam, 1961; Slichter, 1963; Mansfield and Morris, 1982; Harris, 1983 ). However, a relatively simple overview of the NMR phenomenon will allow an understanding of the later work involving imaging.

Nuclei which possess angular momenta and magnetic moments will, when placed in a magnetic field, distribute themselves amongst discrete energy levels. Transitions of the nuclei between one level and the next can be induced by the application of electromagnetic radiation and give rise to the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance phenomenon. A proper description of this phenomenon requires quantum mechanics. However, since the classical equation describing the motion of a magnetic moment in a magnetic field is of the same form as the quantum mechanical equation describing the expectation value of a magnetic moment in a magnetic field, many properties of NMR may be explained classically ( Slichter, 1963 ). Thus, this introduction to NMR phenomena will begin with a simple quantum mechanical description of the energy levels in a nuclear spin system, and then proceed with a classical treatment of magnetization.

A nucleus with unpaired nucleons possesses a net angular momentum  $|h/(2\pi)$  and, as a result, has a net magnetic moment,  $\mu$ , collinear with it.  $\mathbf{I}$  is the angular momentum operator and  $I$  the spin quantum number or spin of the nucleus.  $I$  may be an integer or a half-integer. Planck's constant is  $h$ . The spin angular momenta and the orbital angular momenta of the individual nucleons combine vectorially to give the observed resultant angular momentum for the nuclear species. The contribution of the orbital angular momenta is determined by the distribution of the nucleons in their orbital energy levels. In the nuclear ground state, the filling of these levels depends on the number of nucleons present in the nucleus, or, in other words, the particular nuclear species. The total angular momentum of any isolated particle can not have any arbitrary magnitude. It can assume only discrete values and is therefore said to be quantized. The magnitude of the spin angular momentum is given by

$$P = \frac{h}{2\pi} \sqrt{I(I+1)}$$

2.1)

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The measurable components of  $|h/(2\pi)$  in a direction defined by an interacting magnetic field, say along  $z$ , are given by the magnetic quantum number,  $m$ , in the equation

$$P_z = \frac{h}{2\pi} m$$

2.2)



Quantum mechanics shows that the allowed values of  $m$  are

$$m = l, l-1, l-2, \dots, -l.$$

In a similar fashion, the observed magnetic moment  $\mu$  is dependent on the particular nuclear species. This is because the relationship between the magnetic moment vectors and the angular momentum vectors is not the same for the two cases of spin and orbit. Thus, two nuclear species with the same  $|l\hbar/(2\pi)$  will not have the same magnetic moment. The measurable component of a magnetic moment is defined to be that component parallel to a measurable component of the angular momentum vector. Thus, the observable nuclear magnetic moment,  $\mu$ , is given by

$$\mu = \gamma \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} l$$

2.3)

where  $\gamma$  is the gyromagnetic ratio ( radians seconds<sup>-1</sup> Tesla<sup>-1</sup> ) and, following the argument given in the previous paragraphs,  $\gamma$  is unique for each nuclear species. Such nuclei, in a static magnetic field  $B_0$ , are allowed energies corresponding to

$$E = -\gamma \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} B_0 m \quad m = l, l-1, \dots, -l$$

2.4)

For a spin  $l = 1/2$ , there are two discrete energy states. Therefore, the energy difference between these two states is

$$\Delta E = \gamma \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} B_0 1/2 - (-\gamma \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} B_0 1/2) = \gamma \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} B_0$$

2.5)

A simple model suggests that transitions of the spins between these states can be brought about through the application of electromagnetic radiation of angular frequency  $\omega_0$  that satisfies the Bohr frequency condition of

$$\Delta E = \frac{h}{2\pi} \omega_0$$

2.6)

From equations 2.5) and 2.6) it is seen that

$$\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$$

2.7)

Equation 2.7) is a statement of the resonance condition.  $\omega_0$ , the resonance frequency, is called the Larmor frequency. Electromagnetic energy applied at this frequency will cause a transition of spins between the lower and upper energy states. For the rest of this thesis, only nuclei with spin  $I = 1/2$  will be considered. In addition, following convention, the lower energy state is defined as  $\alpha$  and the upper energy state as  $\beta$ .

In a static magnetic field the relative spin populations in these two states are governed by the amount of thermal energy available in the external environment. Since energy exchange between the nuclear spin system and the external environment is a thermally balanced process, the spin populations follow a Boltzmann distribution. Letting  $n_\alpha$  be the population of nuclei in the lower energy state and  $n_\beta$  the population in the upper state, the ratio of the final equilibrium populations is given by

$$\frac{n_\alpha}{n_\beta} = e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{kT}} = e^{-\gamma \frac{h}{2\pi kT} B_0}$$

2.8)

where  $k$  is Boltzmann's constant and  $T$  is the absolute temperature. At room temperatures this ratio is very nearly one. For example, considering hydrogen nuclei, which have a spin  $I = 1/2$  and a gyromagnetic ratio of  $\gamma = 2\pi \cdot 100 \cdot 10^6 / 2.35$  ( radians seconds $^{-1}$  Tesla $^{-1}$  ), in a magnetic field of  $B_0 = 2.35$  Tesla and at a temperature of  $T = 300K$ , equation 2.8) yields  $n_\alpha/n_\beta = 1.000016$ . If there were 2 000 000 nuclei in the upper energy level,  $\beta$ , then there would be 2 000 032 nuclei in the lower energy level,  $\alpha$ . This difference yields a very small, but detectable, net magnetization parallel to  $B_0$ .

While a simple model for spin transitions between energy levels has been useful in introducing simple resonance, it is not a complete description of the NMR phenomenon. The behaviour of the nuclear magnetization at frequencies other than the Larmor frequency indicates that discrete transitions between stationary energy states is not an appropriate model for NMR. It is still necessary that the applied electromagnetic radiation meet the resonance condition exactly for a complete inversion of the nuclear spin populations. However, at frequencies other than the Larmor frequency the probability of finding a spin in a state different from that in which it started is always less than one, but not always zero. The probability of finding a spin in the higher energy state,  $\beta$ , is a smoothly varying  $\sin^2$  function of the time it is irradiated and also dependent on a shape function relating the frequency

of the applied electromagnetic radiation with the Larmor frequency

( Abragam, 1961 ).

The energy level treatment of the NMR phenomenon yields information only about components of  $\mu$  in the direction of  $B_0$ . The fact that there are finite expectation values for components of  $\mu$  orthogonal to  $B_0$  ( Slichter, 1963 ) suggests that a better model would consider the NMR system in terms of the magnetization. Therefore, from this point on, the classical form of the equations of motion of a magnetic moment will be utilized. As stated before, this approach is adequate in the context of this thesis. A reconciliation of the classical and quantum mechanical forms of the equations of motion may be found in Slichter ( 1963 ).

Classically, the motion of a magnetic moment,  $\mu$ , is given by the equation for the torque exerted on the moment by a magnetic field  $B_0$ . The torque exerted on the moment is equated with the rate of change of angular momentum giving

$$d\left(\frac{h}{2\pi} I\right)/dt = \mu \times B_0 = \mu B_0 \sin \theta$$

Since  $\mu = \gamma h/(2\pi) I$  ( equation 2.3 ),

$$d\mu/dt = \mu \times (\gamma B_0) \quad 2.9)$$

The changes in  $\mu$  in time are defined by the cross product of  $\mu$  and the magnetic field  $B_0$  and are, therefore, perpendicular to both  $\mu$  and  $B_0$ . This results in a precession of  $\mu$  about  $B_0$  in a cone of half angle  $\theta$ . This is the angle between the moment and  $B_0$  ( Figure 2.1 ).

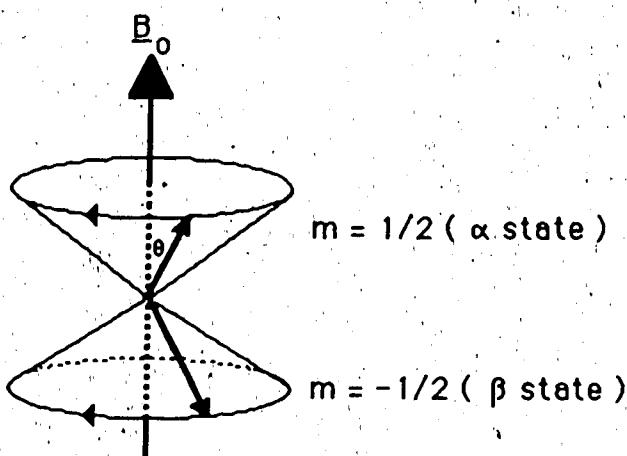


Figure 2.1

The precession of the magnetic moment about  $B_0$  according to equation 2.9):

The direction of precession is anti-clockwise when viewed along  $B_0$  and is taken to be positive for a positive gyromagnetic ratio ( $\gamma$ ).

At this time it is useful to change from considering the changes in time for one spin to the changes in time for an ensemble of spins. The vector quantity  $M$  is referred to as the net magnetization and is given by

$$M = \sum_i \mu_i \quad 2.10)$$

which is the vector sum of a large number of identical nuclear magnetic moments over a unit volume. In thermal equilibrium there is an excess of nuclei in the lower energy state or  $\alpha$  state. Since nuclear magnetic moments in this state are oriented parallel to  $B_0$ , the net magnetization,  $M$ , at thermal equilibrium will be parallel to  $B_0$ . If the interactions among the spins of this ensemble can be neglected, equation 2.9) can be written

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \times (\gamma B_0) \quad 2.11)$$

This magnetization vector will undergo changes in orientation and magnitude due to various magnetic field perturbations. The torque exerted on the magnetization causes it to precess at a rate

$$\omega_0 = \gamma B_0 \quad 2.12)$$

which is the same frequency as that needed to induce a change in the spin populations between the two energy states. The direction of this precession is the same as that for the individual spins that compose  $\underline{M}$ .

## 2.2 The Rotating Frame of Reference

At this point it is useful to change frames of reference from the fixed, or laboratory frame, in which the magnetization precesses about  $B_0$  at a rate  $\omega_0$ , to a frame rotating in the same direction as the magnetization and near or at  $\omega_0$ . This simplifies the analysis of the motion of the magnetization in the presence of magnetic fields additional to  $B_0$ . Since this frame rotates about the direction of  $B_0$ , the static field vector still appears constant in time. However, if the frame rotates at exactly  $\omega_0$ , then the magnetization components orthogonal to  $B_0$  also appear to be fixed with respect to the rotating axes.

The mathematical argument proceeds as follows (Farrar and Becker, 1971). Consider the magnetization as a vector function of time,  $\underline{M}(t)$ , separated into components along a set of right-handed cartesian coordinates. That is,

$$\underline{M}(t) = i M_x(t) + j M_y(t) + k M_z(t) \quad 2.13)$$

where  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$  are orthogonal unit vectors which can at most rotate with an instantaneous angular velocity of  $\omega$ . This rotation is written

$$\partial i / \partial t = \omega \times i, \partial j / \partial t = \omega \times j, \partial k / \partial t = \omega \times k. \quad 2.14)$$

The time derivative of  $\underline{M}(t)$  is then

$$\begin{aligned} d\underline{M} / dt &= i \partial M_x / \partial t + M_x \partial i / \partial t + j \partial M_y / \partial t + M_y \partial j / \partial t \\ &\quad + k \partial M_z / \partial t + M_z \partial k / \partial t \\ &= i \partial M_x / \partial t + j \partial M_y / \partial t + k \partial M_z / \partial t \\ &\quad + \omega \times (i M_x + j M_y + k M_z) \\ &= \partial \underline{M} / \partial t + \omega \times \underline{M} \end{aligned} \quad 2.15)$$

The term  $\partial \underline{M} / \partial t$  represents the time rate of change of  $\underline{M}$  with respect to the coordinate system  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$ . Combining equations 2.11) and 2.15) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \underline{M} / \partial t + \omega \times \underline{M} &= \underline{M} \times (\gamma B_0) \\ \partial \underline{M} / \partial t &= \underline{M} \times \gamma (B_0 + \omega / \gamma) \end{aligned} \quad 2.16)$$

The term  $B_0 + \omega / \gamma$  can be thought of as the effective magnetic field,  $B_{\text{eff}}$ . Equation 2.16) states that in the rotating frame of reference,  $\underline{M}$  will precess about  $B_{\text{eff}}$  at a rate given by  $\gamma B_{\text{eff}}$ . This is analogous to the precession of  $\underline{M}$  about  $B_0$  in the laboratory frame of reference.  $\omega$  can be defined so that the reference frame rotates near or at the Larmor frequency. If this new frame of reference is to rotate in the same sense and at the same rate,  $\omega_0$ , as the precession of the magnetization,  $\omega$  is set to  $-\gamma B_0 k$ . This

gives  $B_{\text{eff}} = 0$  and  $\partial M / \partial t = 0$ . In other words,  $M$  remains fixed with respect to  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$ , and these axes rotate at  $\omega = -\gamma B_0 k$  with respect to the laboratory frame of reference.

### 2.3 Effect of Alternating Magnetic Fields

Up to this point, only a static magnetic field has been considered. As mentioned before, the application of electromagnetic radiation at or near the Larmor frequency will cause a change in the spin energy level populations. The component of this radiation that induces such a change is the time varying magnetic field. This field, given by  $B(t) = i2B_1(t)\cos\omega t$ , may be considered to comprise two rotating components, each of amplitude  $B_1$ , one rotating clockwise; the other anti-clockwise. That is,

$$B(t) = i2B_1(t)\cos\omega t = B_R + B_L$$

$$B_R = B_1(i\cos\omega t + j\sin\omega t) \quad 2.17$$

$$B_L = B_1(i\cos\omega t - j\sin\omega t) \quad 2.18)$$

One component will rotate in the same sense as the precession of the magnetization and the other in the opposite sense. Near resonance, the counter-rotating component can be ignored. Furthermore, since  $B_R$  can be obtained by changing the direction of rotation of  $B_L$  from  $\omega$  to  $-\omega$ , there is no loss in generality if only  $B_R$  is considered. With this in mind, the rotating magnetic field can be written as

$$B_1(t) = B_1(i\cos\omega t + j\sin\omega t) \quad 2.19)$$

Now, including both  $B_1(t)$  and  $B_0 = B_0 k$ , equation 2.11 becomes

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \times \gamma [B_0 + B_1(t)] \quad 2.20$$

which is the equation of motion of magnetization in the laboratory frame of reference. Transforming to the rotating frame of reference, and arbitrarily taking the x axis of this frame to be along  $B_1$ , equation 2.20) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M}{\partial t} &= M \times [\kappa (\omega + \gamma B_0) + i \gamma B_1] \\ &= M \times \gamma B_{\text{eff}} \end{aligned} \quad 2.21$$

where

$$B_{\text{eff}} = \kappa (B_0 + \omega/\gamma) + i B_1 \quad 2.22$$

From equation 2.21) it is seen that in the rotating frame the magnetization experiences an effective magnetic field,  $B_{\text{eff}}$ . The magnetization will precess in a cone of half angle  $\theta$  about the direction of  $B_{\text{eff}}$  at an angular frequency  $\gamma B_{\text{eff}}$  (Figure 2.2), where  $\theta$  is given by the following equation

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} [B_1 / (B_0 + \omega/\gamma)] \quad 2.23$$

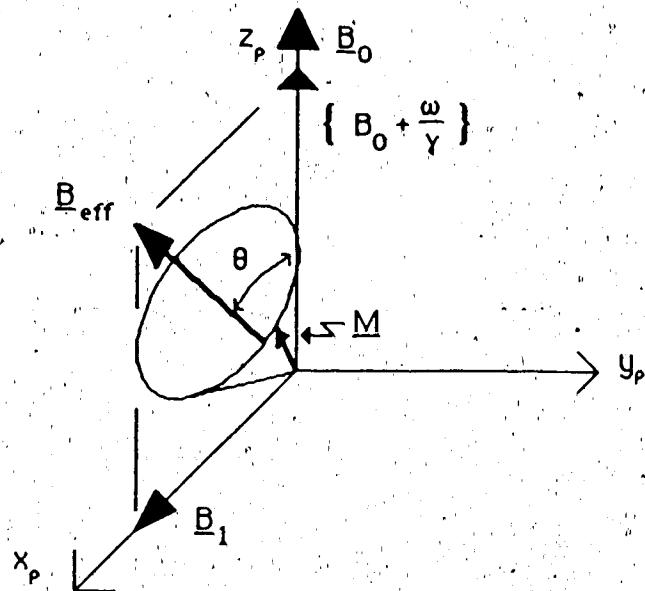


Figure 2.2

The effective magnetic field and the precession of the magnetization about it in the rotating frame. The subscript p refers to the rotating frame of reference.

Note that there is no net absorption of energy from  $B_1$ , but rather an alternate receiving and returning of energy as the magnetization tilts away from and then back to  $B_0$ . If the resonance condition is met exactly (i.e., the frequency of the electromagnetic radiation is  $\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$ ), then  $B_{\text{eff}} = 1 B_1$ . Magnetization that is initially parallel to  $B_0$  will then precess in the  $y$ - $z$  plane of the rotating frame. That is, the torque exerted on the magnetization by  $B_1$  along the  $x$  axis will cause it to precess in a plane perpendicular to the direction of  $B_1$ . The angle through which the magnetization will precess in the  $y$ - $z$  plane is governed by the duration of the  $B_1$  field. Designating this time as  $t_w$ , the magnetization is seen to rotate through an angle of  $\theta = \gamma B_1 t_w$ . A pulse of duration  $t_w$  such that  $\theta = \pi$  would simply invert the magnetization. This is known as a "π" or "180 degree" pulse. Likewise, a pulse of duration  $t_w$  such that  $\theta = \pi/2$  is known as a "π/2" or "90 degree" pulse.

The radio frequency electromagnetic radiation is known as " RF ". So, following a 90 degree RF pulse applied along the positive x axis ( i.e.,  $B_1$  is along the x axis of the rotating frame ), the magnetization,  $M$ , would remain along the y axis of the rotating frame. Hence, it would precess in the laboratory frame, normal to the static field  $B_0$  ( Figure 2.3 ).

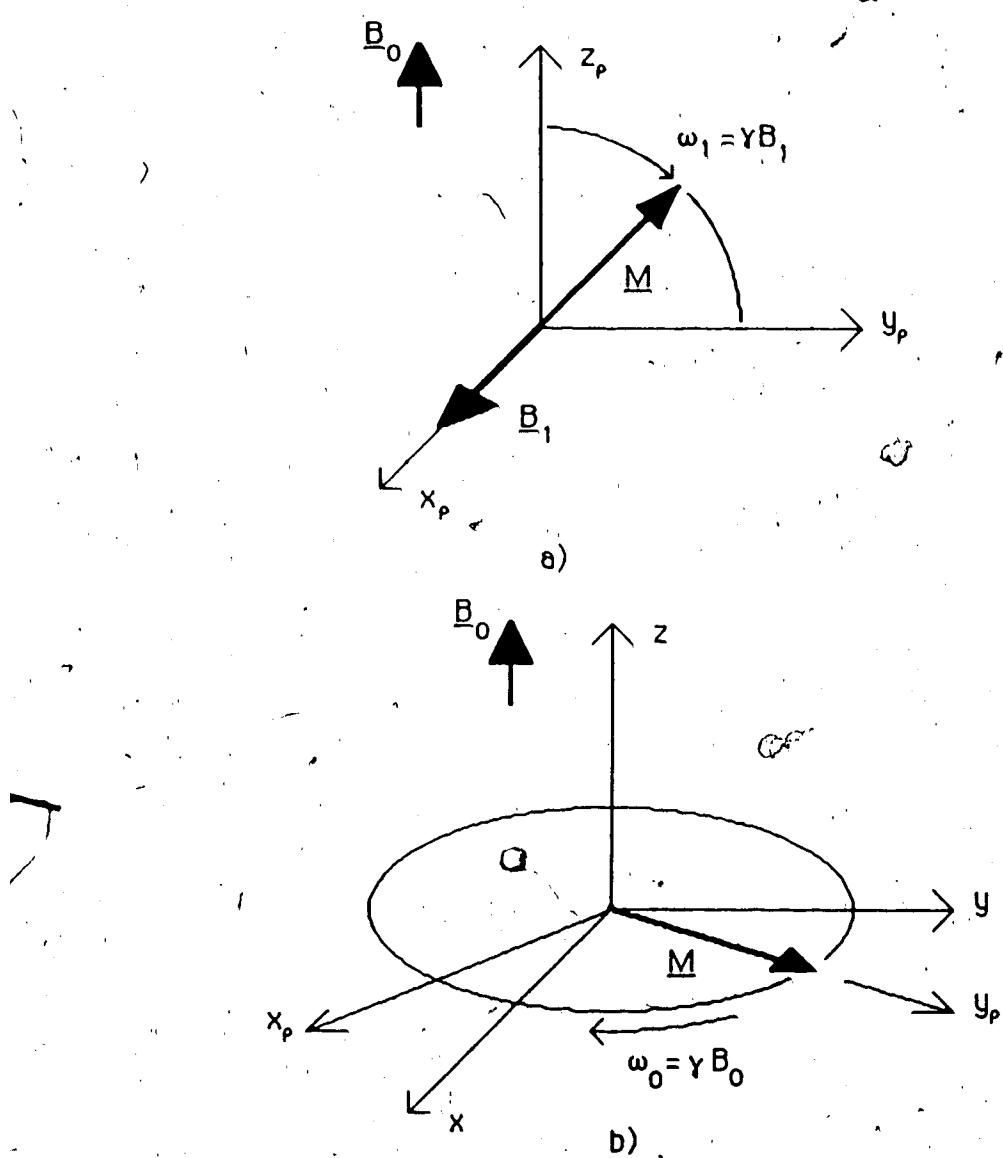


Figure 2.3

- a) An on-resonance ( $\omega = \omega_0$ )  $90^\circ$  pulse along the  $x$  axis in the rotating frame and its effect on the magnetization.  
 b) Precession of the magnetization in the laboratory frame with only the static field,  $B_0$ , present. In a frame rotating at  $\omega_0$ ,  $M$  appears static.

## 2.4 Detection of the NMR Signal

Faraday's law of induction states that the induced electromotive force, EMF, in a circuit is proportional to the rate at which the magnetic flux through the circuit is changing. As mentioned earlier, any net component of the magnetization in a plane orthogonal to  $B_0$  will precess in the laboratory frame of reference about the direction of  $B_0$ . If a coil of conducting wire is placed so that its axis lies in this plane, there will be a change of the flux through this coil with time as the magnetization precesses (Figure 2.4). Hence an EMF will be induced in the coil. If the coil is a closed circuit, a measurable current will flow. This is the origin of the measured NMR signal.

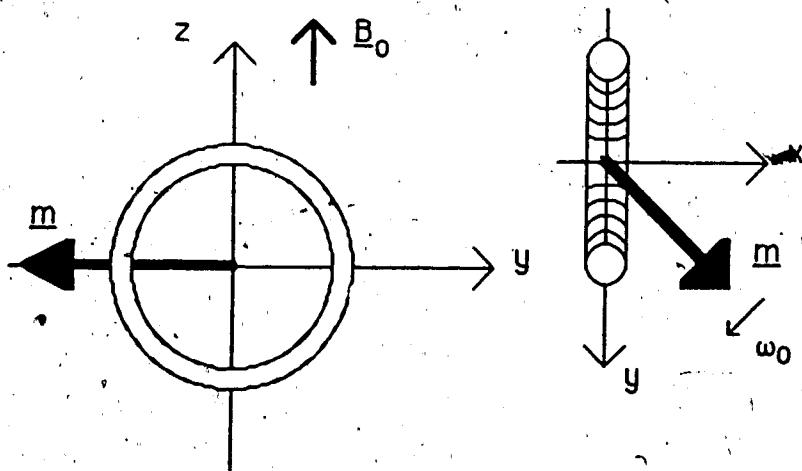


Figure 2.4      The changing magnetic flux through a coil due to the precession of the magnetization.

Since the changing magnetic flux is due to a precessing magnetization, the induced EMF, and hence the NMR signal, will be sinusoidal in nature. If the spins comprising the magnetization did not

interact with anything and were in a perfectly homogeneous static magnetic field, the NMR signal would last indefinitely. In reality, however, the interactions of the spins with themselves and with their environment causes a decay of the signal. Inhomogeneities in the magnetic field cause differing local magnetic fields at the sites of the elemental magnetizations. Hence, there can be different precessional rates for these magnetizations and, as a result, sinusoidal signals of different frequencies detected. The observed decaying sinusoids are termed a "free induction decay", or FID. The acquired time domain signal is usually analyzed in the frequency domain. A Fourier transformation of the FID yields the frequency domain spectrum of the signal.

For example, if the sinusoidal signal of frequency  $f$  from a single magnetization in a homogeneous magnetic field did not decay, the Fourier transform of it would yield a delta function at  $+f$  and  $-f$ . The multiplication of this sinusoidal signal with a decay envelope, say a decaying exponential, yields, after the Fourier transformation, a delta function at  $+f$  and  $-f$  convolved with the Fourier transform of a decaying exponential, which is a Lorentzian envelope. The width of the Lorentzian envelope depends on the rate of the exponential decay. Since the convolution of a delta function with any other waveform yields only the waveform, it is seen that the Fourier transform of a single frequency, exponentially decaying FID is a pair of Lorentzian envelopes at  $+f$  and  $-f$ .

Normally, the NMR signal is detected in quadrature. That is, the components of the magnetization which are in-phase and out-of-phase with the reference electromagnetic radiation are both simultaneously recorded. The components of the signal at frequencies above and below  $\omega_0$  are spread in a finite band about  $\omega_0$  in the frequency domain. Normally this band is

shifted to be centred about  $2\omega_0$  and 0 radians per second by multiplying the signal from the detection coil by a reference frequency at  $\omega_0$ . This signal is then low pass filtered to retain only the components about 0 radians per second. This scheme results in a complex data point for each sample and, after a complex Fourier transformation, real and imaginary components in a frequency spectrum about  $\omega = 0$ . This frequency spectrum can be considered in terms of a real and an imaginary spectrum or in terms of a magnitude ( $[ \text{real}^2 + \text{imaginary}^2 ]^{1/2}$ ) spectrum and a phase ( $\theta = \arctan[ \text{imaginary}/\text{real} ]$ ) spectrum. This technique is known as Quadrature Phase Sensitive Detection ( QPSD ).

## 2.5 Relaxation Processes: $T_1$ and $T_2$

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### 2.5.1 Longitudinal Relaxation

The re-establishment of the Boltzmann population distribution amongst the stationary spin energy states in a static magnetic field,  $B_0 = B_0 K$ , following a disruption of this population is known as longitudinal relaxation. It is called longitudinal relaxation because the recovery of the magnetization is parallel to  $B_0$ . For example, a change in the thermal equilibrium spin energy state populations will result when electromagnetic radiation at the Larmor frequency is applied. There will be a net absorption of energy as nuclei change from the lower energy state to the upper state.

Once the electromagnetic radiation is removed, the re-establishment of thermal equilibrium requires a net number of transitions of nuclei from the upper to the lower energy state. These nuclei give up energy in this process. Hence, there must be some other system to which the nuclei are coupled .

which will accept this energy. This system is the thermal environment of the nuclei and is referred to as the "lattice" (regardless of whether it is in a solid, liquid, or gaseous state). The exchange of energy between the lattice and the spin system has led to the term "spin-lattice relaxation".

The change in time of a spin energy state population ( $n_\alpha$  or  $n_\beta$ ) can be written as a first order rate equation that includes terms giving the probability of a spin transition from one energy state to another. It can be shown (Slichter, 1963) that this equation leads to the differential equation

$$\frac{dM_z(t)}{dt} = K[M_0 - M_z(t)] \quad 2.24)$$

which describes the re-establishment of the magnetization parallel to  $B_0$ .

The solution of equation 2.24) is

$$M_z(t) = M_0 + Ae^{-kt} \quad 2.25)$$

where A is a constant of integration. The term k is conventionally defined in terms of a characteristic relaxation time  $T_1$  (i.e.,  $T_1 = 1/k$ ). For example, if an initially unmagnetized sample is placed in a magnetic field, the magnetization process is described by an exponential rise to the thermal equilibrium magnetization along z,  $M_0$ . In this case the above equation would be

$$M_z(t) = M_0(1 - e^{-t/T_1}) \quad 2.26)$$

As stated earlier, transitions of the spins between spin energy levels can only be induced by time varying magnetic fields. All mechanisms for

longitudinal relaxation involve the modulation in time of the local magnetic field at a nuclear site. For example, this modulation can be due to the thermal motion of other nuclei. As with the application of radio frequency electromagnetic radiation, the frequency at which these transitions occur is the Larmor frequency,  $\omega_0$ .

The rate at which the local magnetic fields are modulated is related to the spectral density function,  $J(\omega)$ , of the thermally generated motion of the nuclei. For a stationary random process,  $J(\omega)$  can be expressed as a Debye spectral density,

$$J(\omega) = \frac{\tau_c}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_c^2} \quad 2.27)$$

where  $\tau_c$  is known as the correlation time.  $\tau_c$  can be thought of as the "average" time between changes in the direction of motion for a molecule. The rate of change in molecular motion depends on the value of  $\tau_c$ ; if  $\tau_c$  is short, the change in motion is rapid, if it is long, the change is slow. A nucleus possessing a magnetic moment in a moving molecule will act to modulate the local magnetic field in time. Hence  $\tau_c$  is related to the frequency of the local magnetic field modulation. It can be shown (Abragam, 1961) that longitudinal relaxation is most efficient when the product  $\omega_0 \tau_c$  is approximately equal to 0.62. This statement implies that the relaxation becomes more efficient as the frequency of motion "tunes" in with the resonant frequency.

### 2.5.2 Transverse Relaxation

The process which describes the time variation of the components of the magnetization in a plane normal to the direction of  $B_0$ , the so called transverse plane, is referred to as transverse relaxation. Some authors refer to this as "spin-spin relaxation".

If the field  $B_0$  were perfectly static and homogeneous and the spins within the sample did not interact, then all the components of the magnetization would experience only  $B_0$ . The transverse components of the magnetization would precess at the Larmor frequency,  $\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$ , indefinitely (Figure 2.5). This would mean that the magnitude of  $M_{xy}$ , the transverse magnetization, would stay constant in time and, hence, so would the signal induced in the detection coil.

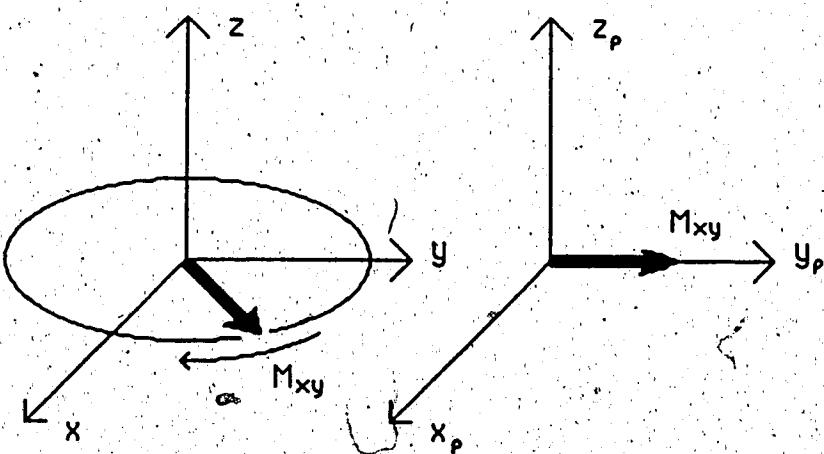


Figure 2.5

The laboratory frame precession of the transverse plane component of the magnetization for the case where the spins in the magnetization all experience the same magnetic field. In the rotating frame (subscript p) the magnetization appears static.

This is, however, not the case. Each nucleus in the sample experiences the main field  $B_0$  plus a local magnetic field contribution due to other nuclear magnetic moments in the immediate vicinity and to electronic hyperfine interactions. These local fields, designated here by a small  $b$ , vary with the local structural environment, the temperature and the rate of motion of the neighbouring spins. As a result, the precession frequencies of the spins comprising the magnetization will be

$$\omega_i = \omega_0 \pm \gamma b_{i\text{local}} \quad 2.28)$$

where  $i$  refers to the  $i$ th spin in the magnetization vector. A distribution of local magnetic fields within the magnetization volume will lead to a distribution of precessional frequencies. That is, some spins will precess at  $\omega_0$ , some will precess at frequencies less than  $\omega_0$ , and some will precess at frequencies higher than  $\omega_0$ . When viewed in a frame rotating at  $\omega_0$ , the components of the magnetization will be seen to "fan out" or dephase with time. In this frame, components in a field less than  $B_0$  will precess negatively while those in a field greater than  $B_0$  will precess in a positive direction. In time, the magnetization will completely dephase, i.e., there will be no net magnetization vector in the transverse plane. This process differs from longitudinal relaxation in that there is no energy exchange between nuclei and the lattice. In liquid systems transverse relaxation can be modelled with the first order rate equation

$$dM_{xy}(t)/dt = -k M_{xy} \quad 2.29)$$

The solution of this equation gives an exponential decay term;  $e^{-kt}$ . Again,  $k$  is taken to be related to a characteristic time,  $T_2$  ( $T_2 = 1/k$ ). This decay process modulates the sinusoidal NMR signal to give the characteristic decay as seen in the free induction decay.

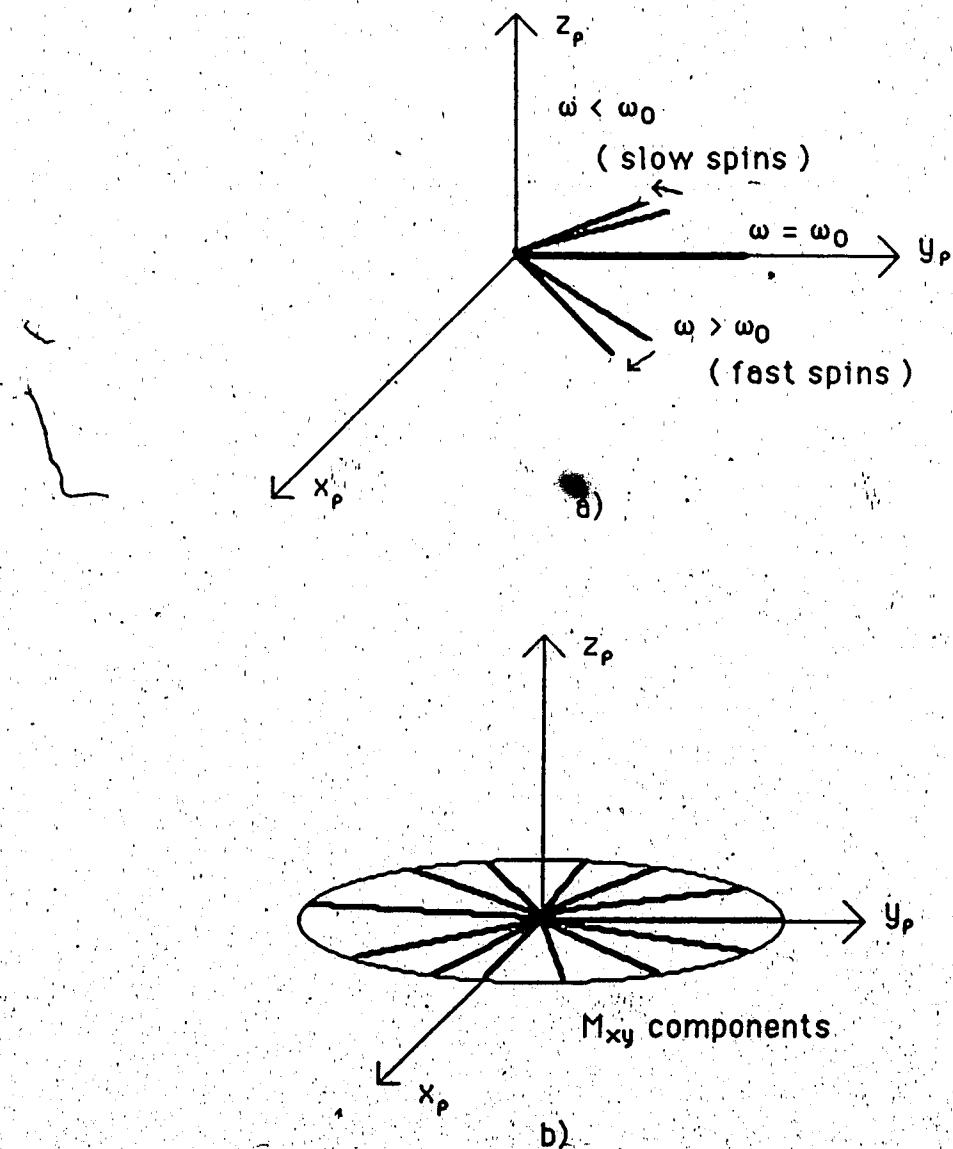


Figure 2.6

- a) Components of the magnetization in the transverse plane beginning to dephase in the rotating frame.
- b) Eventually (after  $\sim 4 T_2$ ) the magnetization is completely dephased.

In rigid environments ( e.g. crystals ) the local magnetic fields produced by the interaction of the spins are very large (  $\approx 10^{-4}$  Tesla ) and hence, transverse relaxation is very rapid (  $T_2$  is short, on the order of tens of microseconds ). In biological samples, the spins are much more mobile and the local fields time average to smaller values (  $10^{-7}$  Tesla or less ). This gives a much longer transverse relaxation time ( on the order of tens of milliseconds ). As with longitudinal relaxation, the efficiency of the relaxation is related to the rate of motion.

### 2.5.3 The Two-Site-Rapid-Exchange Model of Relaxation in Biological Systems

The two magnetization relaxation processes described modify the NMR signal and are, therefore, important parameters giving information about the sample ( Mansfield and Morris, 1982 ).

An important model that describes the effect of relaxation for protons ( spin  $I = 1/2$  ) in water molecules in tissue is the two-site-rapid-exchange model ( Zimmerman and Brittin, 1957 ). It is based on the assumption that water in tissue exists in two environments or phases. Water may be free ( unassociated with other molecules ), in which case it has the NMR properties ( namely  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  ) similar to a water solution of cellular salts; or it may be " bound " to or " associated " with a macromolecule ( for instance, through hydrogen bonds ).

As mentioned before, the interaction of the spins with local magnetic fields leading to longitudinal and transverse relaxation, depends upon molecular motion at the Larmor frequency,  $\omega_0$ . Free protons move very rapidly and have a small motional component at  $\omega_0$ . Hence, their relaxation

processes are inefficient. The macromolecules move much more slowly and have a larger motional component at  $\omega_0$ . The relaxation of protons associated with these molecules is therefore more efficient. The other factor affecting the observed relaxation rate is the exchange of water molecules between the two phases. The water molecules exchange rapidly between the unassociated or free state and the associated or macromolecule bound state. The observed relaxation rate is a weighted average of the relaxation rates for both states and can be modelled by

$$\frac{1}{T_{\text{obs}}} = P_{\text{free}} \cdot \frac{1}{T_{\text{free}}} + P_{\text{bound}} \cdot \frac{1}{T_{\text{bound}}} \quad (2.30)$$

where  $T$  refers to the time constant of the particular relaxation process (longitudinal or transverse).  $P_{\text{free}}$  and  $P_{\text{bound}}$  refer to that proportion of water in the free and bound states respectively.

## 2.6 Bloch Equations

To this point the classical equations have been developed to include the motion of the magnetization in a static magnetic field, the effect of alternating magnetic fields and the relaxation processes characterized by the time constants  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . In 1946 Felix Bloch (1946c) proposed a set of simple equations based on phenomenological arguments that have for the most part in the case of liquid samples, correctly described the properties of the magnetization in magnetic fields. The equations were justified heuristically as follows.

First, it has been shown that the equation of motion of magnetization in a static, homogeneous magnetic field is given by equation 2.11).

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \times \gamma B_0$$

Second, the recovery of the magnetization to its thermal equilibrium value,  $M_z = M_0$ . In a static magnetic field  $B_0$  can often be described with good accuracy by the equation

$$\frac{dM_z}{dt} = (M_0 - M_z)/T_1 \quad 2.31)$$

where  $T_1$  is referred to as the longitudinal relaxation time.

Third, the decay of the signal induced by transverse components of the magnetization (components normal to the static field,  $B_0$ ) can often be expressed by the equations

$$\frac{dM_x}{dt} = -M_x/T_2, \quad \frac{dM_y}{dt} = -M_y/T_2 \quad 2.32)$$

Note that this is just a decomposition of equation 2.29).

Bloch assumed that in the presence of an applied magnetic field (the sum of the static and time varying fields) the motion due to relaxation could be superposed on the motion of the free spins. This led to the equation

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \times \gamma B - (M_{xi} + M_{yi})/T_2 + (M_0 - M_z)k/T_1.$$

2.33)

known as the Bloch Equation, where  $i, j$  and  $k$  are the unit vectors of the laboratory frame of reference. This equation decomposes into a set of three

equations for each of the x, y and z components of the magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$ .

Limited to the work described in this thesis (as only liquid systems are considered), these equations accurately describe the interaction of the macroscopic magnetization with static and time varying magnetic fields.

## 2.7 Spin Echoes

In section 2.5, modulation of the local magnetic field experienced by a nucleus was said to be due to the thermally generated motion of other nuclear magnetic moments. This modulation of local magnetic fields causes dephasing of the transverse magnetization components or, transverse relaxation. Since thermally generated motion is a random process, the fluctuations of the local magnetic fields in time are also random. A random process cannot be reversed, hence transverse relaxation is an irreversible process.

However, dephasing can also occur because of other field inhomogeneities. One such cause of field inhomogeneity is the application of magnetic field gradients. These gradients vary the strength of  $B_0$  in space by supplying an additional magnetic field component (Figure 2.7). As a result of this generated inhomogeneity, the precession frequency varies in the direction of the gradient. Inhomogeneities can also be caused by imperfect magnet and coil construction, eddy currents generated in the cryostat by pulsed magnetic fields, etc. These inhomogeneities add to the local magnetic fields experienced by the spins. This increases the rate of dephasing of the transverse magnetization and hence, the observed rate of the transverse relaxation. This increased rate of decay is characterized by a

time constant  $T_2^*$ , which includes contributions from the true transverse relaxation process and from magnetic field inhomogeneity. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{T_2^*} = \frac{1}{T_2} + \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\Delta B_0}{2}$$

2.34)

where  $\Delta B_0$  is the magnetic field inhomogeneity. (Note that  $T_2^* \leq T_2$ ).

Unless  $T_2$  is much less than  $4\pi/(\gamma\Delta B_0)$ , the decay time  $T_2^*$  cannot be used as a measure of transverse relaxation.

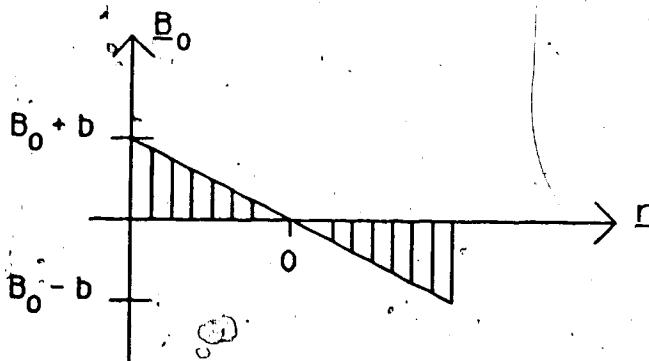


Figure 2.7

The purposeful reduction of  $B_0$  by a linear magnetic field gradient.  $b$  is the additional magnetic field component at some location along a direction given by  $t$ .

Hahn (1950) proposed a method, which he called the spin echo method, that overcomes this inhomogeneity problem. One variation of this method (Meiboom and Gill, 1958) can be written as  $90^\circ + x - \tau - 180^\circ + y - \tau$ -echo, which reads as a 90 degree RF pulse along the  $x_p$  axis ( $p$  stands for rotating frame) followed by a delay  $\tau$ , then a 180 degree pulse along the  $y_p$  axis followed by a second delay of  $\tau$ , and then the spin echo (Figure 2.8).

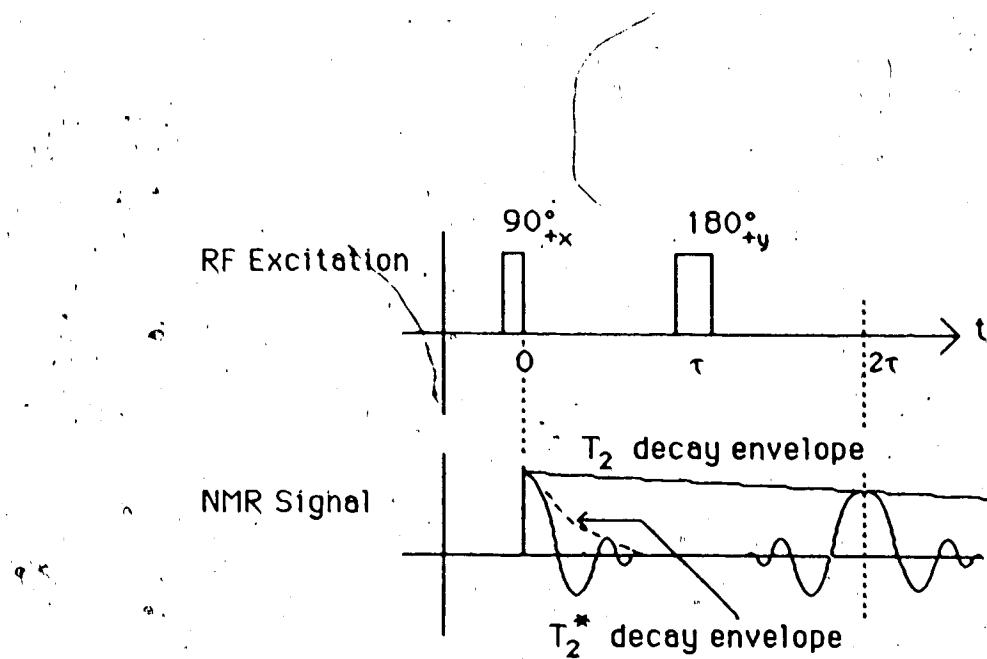


Figure 2.8      A spin echo pulse sequence and the detected signal.

During the first  $\tau$  delay the spins dephase as illustrated in Figure 2.6a). The application of a 180 degree pulse along the  $y_p$  axis rotates the spins 180 degrees about  $y_p$  (Figure 2.9a). the spins continue to precess in the same direction and will, after another  $\tau$  seconds, refocus along the  $y_p$  axis (Figures 2.9b and 2.9c). The rotation of these alternately dephasing and rephasing transverse magnetization components in the laboratory frame results in an induced EMF. This signal will decay for  $\tau$  seconds after the initial 90 degree pulse and then regrow to a maximum, or spin echo,  $\tau$  seconds after the 180 degree pulse. Further spin echoes can be generated by applying additional 180 degree pulses, each separated by  $2\tau$ . A limit to the number of spin echoes that can be induced in this manner is imposed by the irreversible, or true  $T_2$  decay process. The amplitudes of successive echoes will decrease according to true transverse relaxation. Thus,  $T_2$  can be determined from a plot of echo amplitude as a function of  $\tau$ .

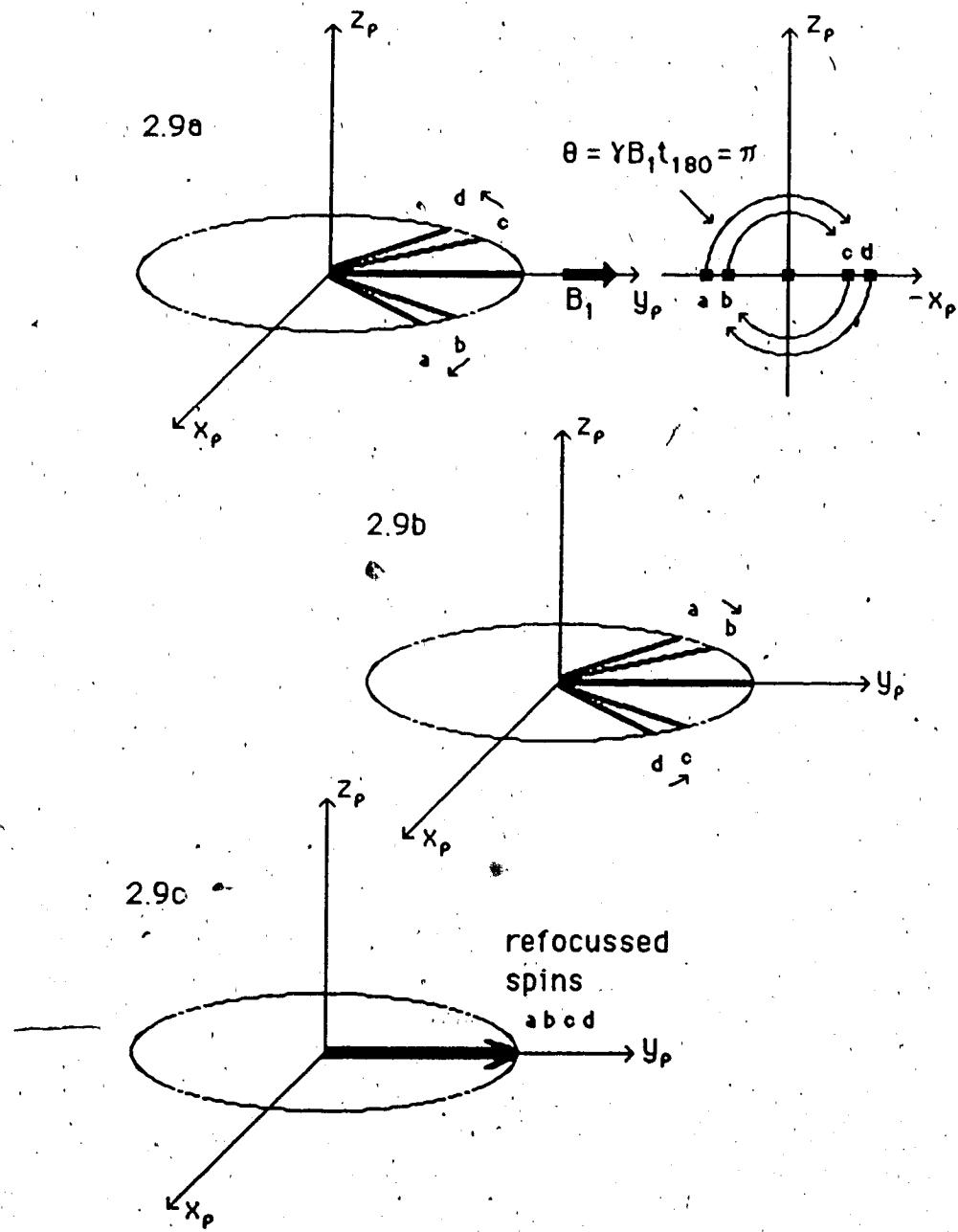


Figure 2.9

- a) The rotation of the components of  $M_{xy}$  about the  $y_p$  axis by the  $180^\circ +y$  pulse. b) The rephasing of the components during the second delay  $\tau$ . c) The completely rephased transverse magnetization.

This measurement is accurate as long as the sample is of homogeneous composition and there is no molecular diffusion. A heterogeneous sample will give a  $T_2$  value that is a weighted sum of the  $T_2$  values of the individual molecular species. Molecular diffusion causes nuclei comprising the transverse magnetization to move from one part of the inhomogeneous magnetic field to another, and hence causes additional dephasing. As diffusion is a random process, the dephasing due to this process cannot be reversed. Thus the amplitudes of the echoes will be reduced.

## 2.8 Two Dimensional Fourier Transform Imaging

The objectives in any NMR imaging technique are to measure NMR parameters, such as the NMR visible spin density and  $T_1$  or  $T_2$ , as a function of their spatial coordinates. In a heterogeneous sample these parameters vary within the sample volume. Since the only signal available is that arising from the precession of the magnetization in the sample, the way to measure the NMR parameters at different spatial locations is to uniquely specify the rate of magnetization precession for a given location. This is done by superimposing a static linear gradient onto the static magnetic field so that the magnetization at different parts of the sample precesses at different frequencies. Through this, the spatial displacements in the sample are related to frequency displacements. The linear gradients modify the strength of the static magnetic field,  $B_0$ , along a given direction. The field experienced by the magnetization in isochromatic planes normal to the gradient direction is given by

$$\mathbf{B}' = \mathbf{B}_0 + (\mathbf{G}_r \cdot \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k}$$

2.35)

The magnetic field gradient,  $G_r$ , has the components

$$G_x = \partial B_z / \partial x, G_y = \partial B_z / \partial y, G_z = \partial B_z / \partial z \quad 2.36)$$

Thus,

$$G_r = (G_x i + G_y j + G_z k) \quad 2.37)$$

The position vector  $r$  has its origin at the centre or zero point of the gradient (where only  $B_0$  is present). The dot product in equation 2.35) gives, for a specific  $r$  value, the contribution to  $B_0$  in a plane normal to  $r$  (i.e., a plane where  $G_r \cdot r$  equals a constant). In this plane, magnetization components normal to  $B_0$  will precess at

$$\omega(r) = \gamma (B_0 + G_r \cdot r) \quad 2.38)$$

For example, if, after a 90 degree pulse has been applied to the whole sample, a linear gradient is established in the direction of the laboratory frame x axis, then the FID acquired will be comprised of sinusoids at each of the resonant frequencies defined by the gradient within the sample. If the acquired signal is Fourier transformed, a projection of the NMR visible spin density for each of the isochromatic planes normal to the gradient direction onto that direction results (Figure 2.10).

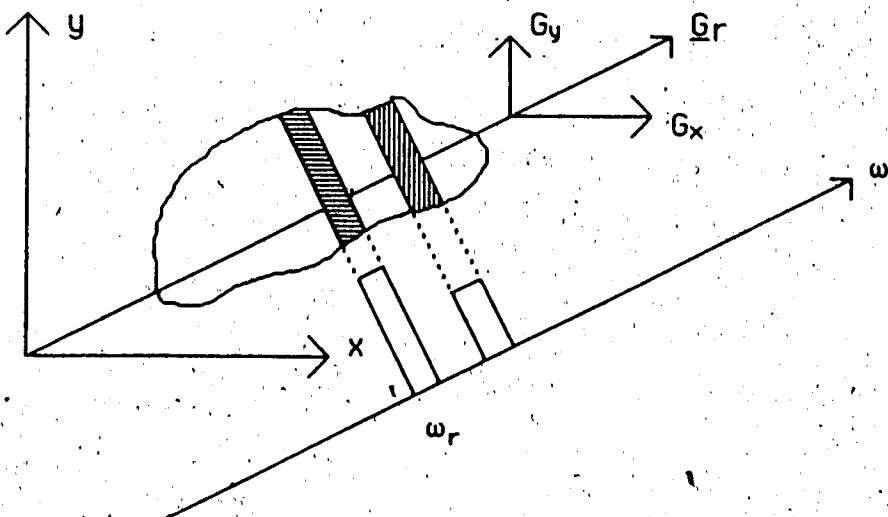


Figure 2.10

The projection of two arbitrary spin distributions in a sample in a magnetic field gradient  $G_r$  onto a frequency axis parallel to  $G_r$ .

Various imaging techniques, such as Image Reconstruction by Projection (IRP) and Echo-planar imaging, are based on this "projection" scheme. As indicated by the title of this section, this thesis is concerned with Two Dimensional Fourier Transform (2DFT) image reconstruction as proposed by Kumar, Welti and Ernst (1975).

Since the images that are generated are two dimensional representations of finite sections or slices through the sample, the logical starting point in an imaging discussion would be with an explanation of slice selection. However, for the time being, assume that a slice has already been defined in which the magnetization lies in the transverse plane (normal to  $B_0$ ). It will be easier to backtrack later and explain the slice definition process. A consequence of a finite slice thickness is that, although images are shown as two dimensional arrays of pixels, each pixel actually

represents a volume element, or voxel. The voxel volume is given by the area of the pixel in the image multiplied by the slice thickness.

For the following discussion the rotating frame of reference will be used unless otherwise noted. Axes referring to the rotating frame will have the subscript p.

After the slice defining sequence, the magnetization in the slice will be parallel to the  $y_p$  axis. During the resultant FID (detected in the laboratory frame of reference), two orthogonal linear magnetic field gradients (henceforth known as gradients) are applied sequentially as illustrated in

Figure 2.11.

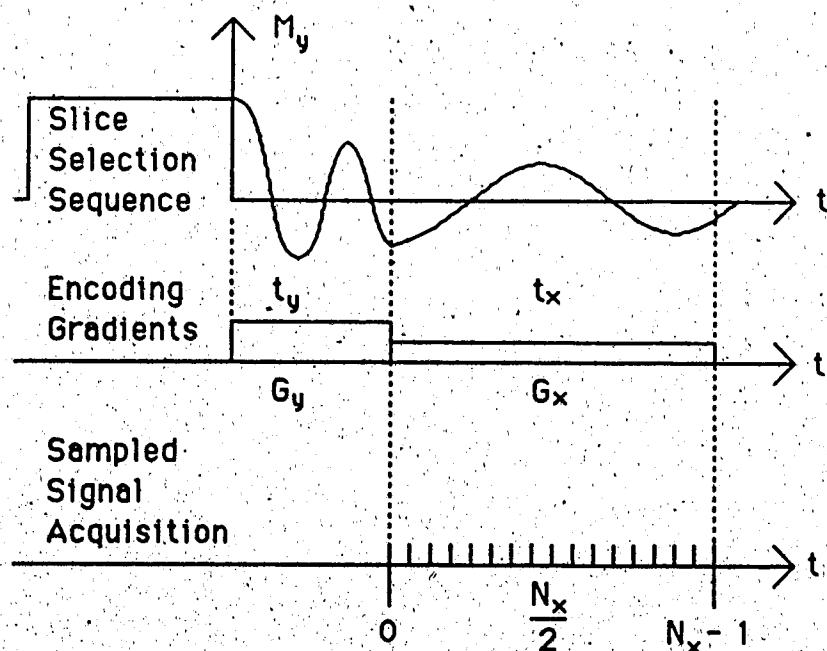


Figure 2.11      A possible sequence of gradient pulses used in 2DFT imaging.

The gradient "pulse",  $G_y$ , encodes the orthogonal cartesian coordinate, y, into the NMR signal by governing the phase of the signal at

the start of the next gradient pulse,  $G_x$ . To illustrate this encoding ( and following arguments ), consider two elemental magnetizations, each of magnitude  $m_0$ , placed in the laboratory frame of reference x-y plane as seen in Figure 2.12.

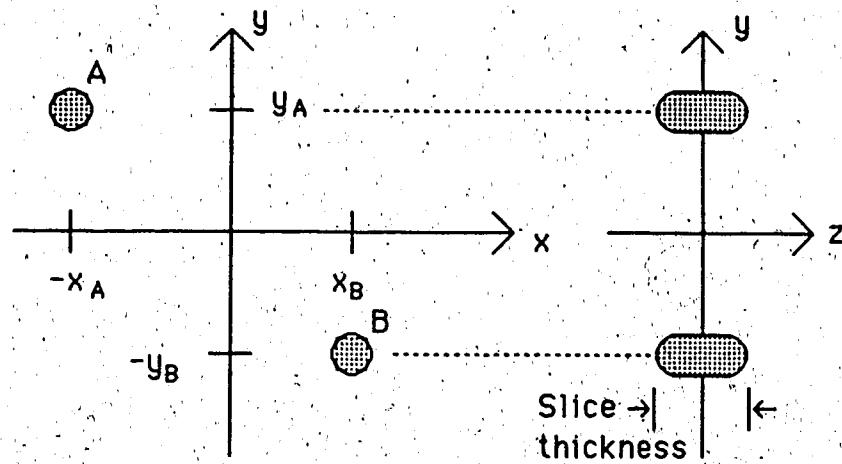


Figure 2.12      Two elemental magnetizations.

Under the influence of  $G_y$  the precessional frequencies for the elemental magnetizations in the laboratory frame are given by

$$\omega_A = \gamma (B_0 + G_y y_A) \quad 2.39)$$

$$\omega_B = \gamma (B_0 - G_y y_B) \quad 2.40)$$

In the rotating frame

$$\omega_{Ap} = \gamma G_y y_A \quad 2.41)$$

$$\omega_{Bp} = -\gamma G_y y_B \quad 2.42)$$

The angle between the magnetizations and the  $y_p$  axis at the end of the  $G_y$  encoding period would be

$$\theta_A = \gamma G_y y_A t_y \quad 2.43)$$

$$\theta_B = -\gamma G_y y_B t_y \quad 2.44)$$

The components of the magnetizations in the rotating frame after the time  $t_y$  are

$$m_y A = m_0 \cos \theta_A \quad 2.45)$$

$$m_x A = m_0 \sin \theta_A \quad 2.46)$$

$$m_y B = m_0 \cos \theta_B \quad 2.47)$$

$$m_x B = m_0 \sin \theta_B \quad 2.28)$$

This is referred to as the "phase encoding" step in the sequence.

After  $t_y$  seconds the phase encoding gradient,  $G_y$ , is switched off and replaced by the  $G_x$  gradient. The purpose of  $G_x$  is to encode the  $x$  spatial cartesian coordinate into the NMR signal. It governs the elemental magnetization rotation frequencies and hence, the frequencies of the sinusoids of the detected signal. This signal, acquired using discrete samples during the time  $t_x$ , is Fourier transformed and, as mentioned before, the resulting frequency components can be related to the distribution of spins in isochromatic planes normal to, in this case, the  $x$  direction.

Returning to the elemental magnetizations (Figure 2.12), it can be seen that under the influence of  $G_x$ , the rotating frame components of the magnetizations become

$$m_y A = m_0 \cos[\theta_A - \gamma G_x x_A(t - t_y)] \quad 2.49)$$

$$m_x A = m_0 \sin[\theta_A - \gamma G_x x_A(t - t_y)] \quad 2.50)$$

$$m_y B = m_0 \cos[\theta_B + \gamma G_x x_B(t - t_y)] \quad 2.51)$$

$$m_x B = m_0 \sin[\theta_B + \gamma G_x x_B(t - t_y)] \quad 2.52)$$

Quadrature Phase Sensitive Detection yields both components of the signal from each elemental magnetization. Since the recorded signal is shifted to be centred about  $\omega = 0$ , it is thought of as a signal detected in the rotating frame of reference. That is,

$$x_p \text{ component} = m_x A + m_x B = F_R$$

$$y_p \text{ component} = m_y A + m_y B = F_I$$

where  $F_R$  is defined as the real part of the NMR signal and  $F_I$  as the imaginary part. The total signal is given by  $F = F_R + iF_I$ . The complex Fourier transform of this signal yields, after some algebraic manipulations, terms such as

$$m_0 \xi \cos \theta_\xi \delta(\omega \pm \gamma G_x x_\xi) \quad 2.53)$$

$$im_0 \xi \sin \theta_\xi \delta(\omega \pm \gamma G_x x_\xi) \quad 2.54)$$

where  $\xi$  is either A or B (the elemental magnetization index) and  $\tau = (t - t_y)$ .

The real part of the frequency spectrum of the signal from the two elemental magnetizations is shown in Figure 2.13. In the real part of the frequency spectrum, the magnitude of each component is governed by the  $\cos \theta_\xi$  term in equation 2.53). Likewise, the magnitudes of the components in the

imaginary part of the spectrum are governed by the  $\sin\theta_\xi$  term in equation

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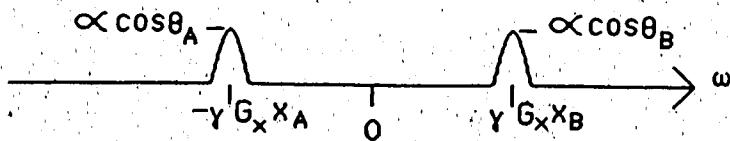


Figure 2.13

The real part of the frequency spectrum from one phase encoded scan. The component amplitudes are proportional to the  $\cos\theta_\xi$  term in equation 2.53).

This is a projection of complex values for the spin densities of each elemental magnetization, as governed by the phase encoding gradient, onto the frequency encoding direction axis, in this case the x axis. In order to complete the two dimensional NMR data set, a sequence of FIDs must be acquired which will specify the position of the magnetization in the phase encoding or y direction. This is accomplished by varying either the time,  $t_y$ , or the gradient strength,  $G_y$ , for each FID generated. This will give different phase angles, as defined in equations 2.43) and 2.44), for each FID. The result, after each FID has been Fourier transformed, will be a complex data matrix, the real part of which is shown in Figure 2.14.

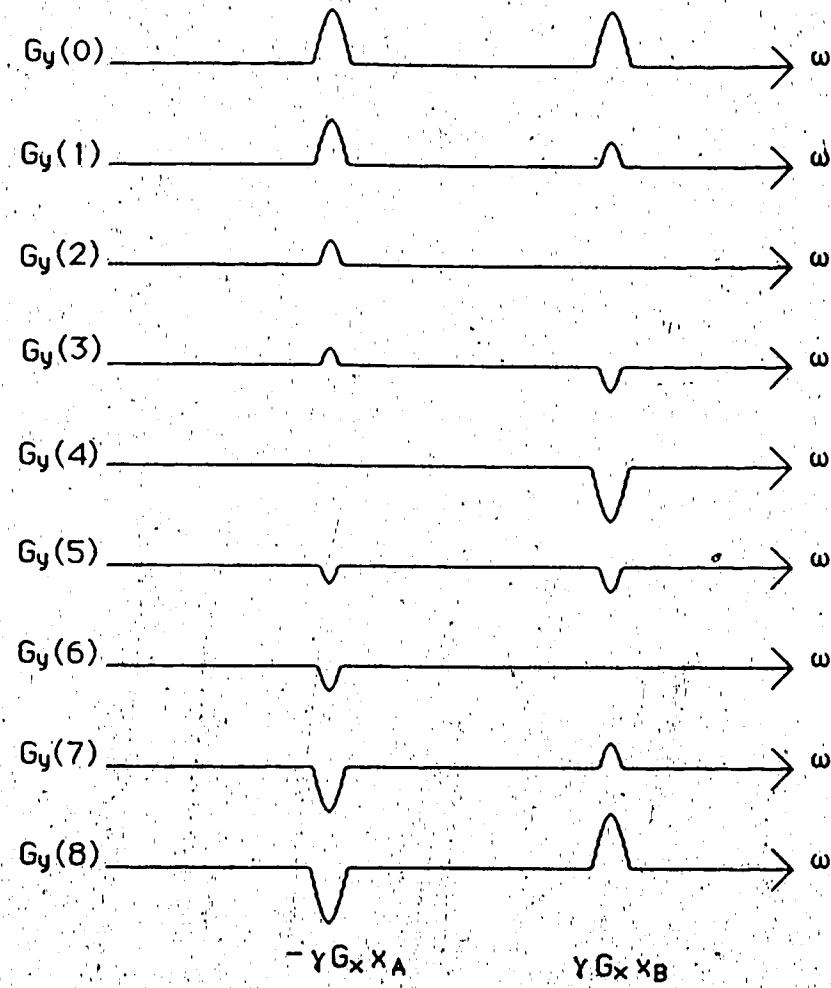


Figure 2.14

An array of the real part of the frequency domain data following the first Fourier transformation of the acquired time domain data. The rows are indexed by the value of the phase encoding gradient  $G_y(i)$  where  

$$G_y(i) = (i - N_y/2)\Delta G; i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N_y - 1.$$

In this matrix (Figure 2.14) the  $x$  coordinate of each elemental magnetization is clearly specified. It can be seen that the amplitudes of the signal at  $x$  coordinates vary sinusoidally from one row or scan to the next.

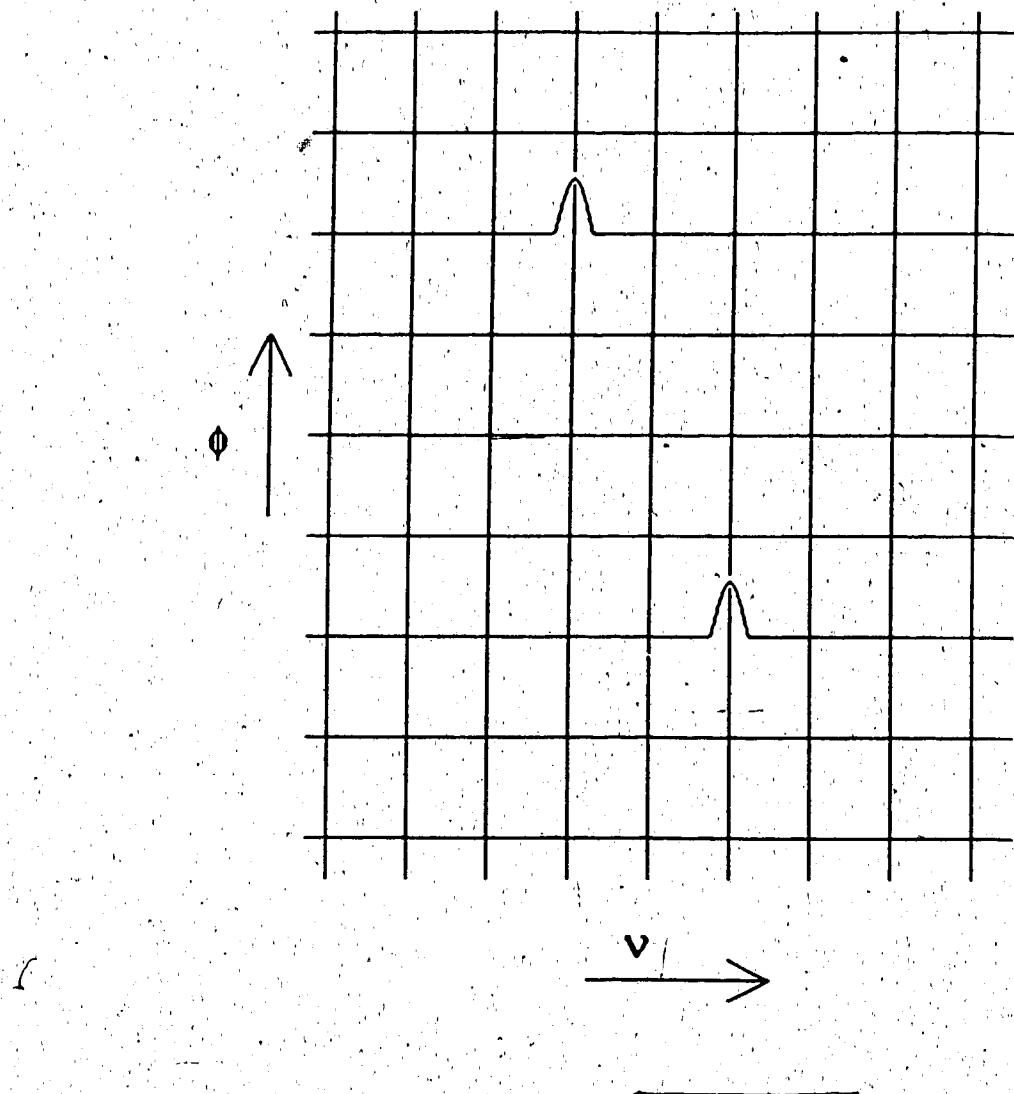


Figure 2.15

The real part of the two dimensional complex Fourier transform of the original time domain data set. Converting the signal amplitudes into pixel intensities gives an image of the two elemental magnetizations. In this figure,  $\phi$  stands for the phase encoding direction and  $v$  for the frequency encoding direction.

The frequency of the sinusoidal change in the amplitudes of the finite components at each  $x$  coordinate is dependent on the strength of the phase encoding gradient pulse in time at the  $y$  location corresponding to each elemental magnetization. That is, the frequency in the phase encoding

direction depends upon how rapidly the term  $\theta_\xi$  (equations 2.53) and 2.54) changes from scan to scan. If the data are complex Fourier transformed in the vertical direction, the position of the magnetizations in the phase encoding or y direction is specified (remember the amount of phase encoded is proportional to the location of the magnetization in the phase encoding gradient). In this Fourier transform in the vertical direction, the real part of each scan line spectrum in Figure 2.14 will give the frequency of each elemental magnetization along the phase-encoding direction and the imaginary part of the scan line spectrum will indicate the sign of the frequency. Thus the locations of the elemental magnetizations will be specified in the phase encoding direction. The final result is a two dimensional complex data matrix representing the complex two dimensional frequency spectrum of the data acquired over  $N_y$  scans. The non-zero components of this matrix can be related to the spatial locations of the elemental magnetizations by using equations 2.41 through 2.44). Images can be generated from this matrix that represent the modulus of the spectral components ( $[m_{x\xi}^2 + m_{y\xi}^2]^{1/2}$ ), or that represent the real or imaginary components ( $m_{x\xi}$  or  $m_{y\xi}$ ), or that represent the phase ( $\theta = \arctan[m_{y\xi}/m_{x\xi}]$ ). This is done by taking the components or calculated quantities desired and converting them to pixel intensities.

## 2.9 Slice Definition

This section returns to the problem of defining the plane or slice within the sample from which the image is to be obtained. The assumption in section 2.8 was that the magnetization within such a slice was rotated by a 90 degree RF pulse onto the y axis of the rotating frame and that the

magnetization outside the slice was left undisturbed, i.e., in thermal equilibrium.

To accomplish this a linear magnetic field gradient is applied in the direction normal to the desired slice. The magnetization in isochromatic planes normal to the direction of this gradient will experience the same magnetic field. Hence, the spins in the slice of interest will have a unique Larmor frequency with respect to spins elsewhere in the sample. Irradiating the sample only at the frequency specific to that slice will rotate the spins in that slice only. However, application of a radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation pulse at one frequency, or even a narrow band of frequencies, is not simple.

It has been shown that the approximate shape of the slice can be obtained through Fourier transform analysis of the time domain RF pulse (Locher, 1980). This analysis is approximate because the NMR interaction is non-linear. That is, linear signals input to the system (the pulse sequence) elicit a non-linear output. Fourier transform analysis of the input and output signals of a system presupposes a linear relationship between the two signals (i.e., a linear transfer function). Thus, such an analysis of a NMR experiment, which is non-linear, can be only, at best, approximate. A better approach considers the behaviour of the magnetization components in the sample under the irradiating sequence (Mansfield et al., 1979; Locher, 1980).

In section 2.3, which dealt with the effect of alternating magnetic fields, it was seen that in the rotating frame the magnetization will precess about an effective magnetic field,  $B_{eff}$ , comprising the RF time varying magnetic field,  $B_1$ , and the static magnetic component in the direction of  $B_0$ . Remember that when the RF field was exactly on resonance,  $B_{eff}$  was

simply  $B_1$  and the magnetization precessed about  $B_1$ . To account for a magnetic field gradient, equation 2.22) must be modified to

$$\underline{B}_{\text{eff}} = k(B_0 + \underline{G}_r \cdot \underline{I} + \omega/\gamma) + iB_1 \quad 2.55)$$

- where  $\underline{G}_r$  is the magnetic field gradient vector along the position vector  $\underline{r}$ . In this case  $r$  is thought of as the distance from the centre of the gradient. (where only the field  $B_0$  is present) along the gradient direction to the centre of the desired slice. Hence, to satisfy the resonance condition at the centre of the slice,  $\omega$  must be equal to  $\gamma(B_0 + \underline{G}_r \cdot \underline{r})$ . Conversely,  $\omega$  may be set to  $\gamma B_0$ , the frequency of the rotating frame of reference, in which case  $|\underline{B}_{\text{eff}}(\underline{r})|$  is  $[B_1^2 + (\underline{G}_r \cdot \underline{r})^2]^{1/2}$  (see Figure 2.16).

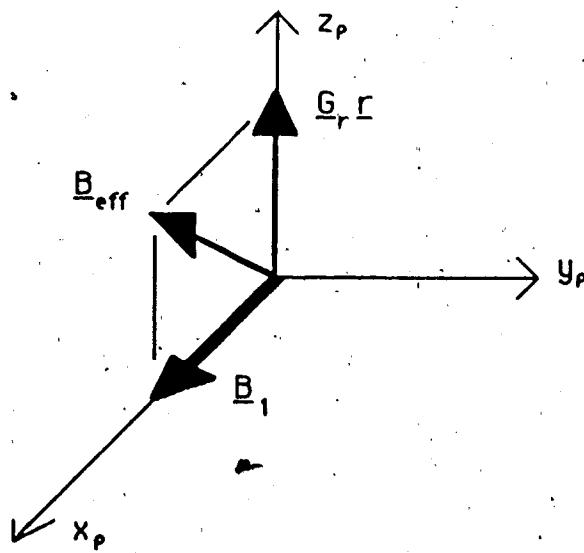


Figure 2.16 Effective magnetic field in the rotating frame if  $\omega = \omega_0 = \gamma B_0$ .

It's easy to see that if  $B_1 \gg |G_r \cdot r|$  for all  $r$ , then  $B_{\text{eff}}(r) \approx B_1$  for all  $r$ . This means that all the spins in the sample will experience the same  $B_{\text{eff}}$  and will, for a given RF pulse, rotate the same amount in the  $y$ - $z$  plane. Thus, all the spins within the sample will be equally excited. Conversely, if  $0 < B_1 \ll |G_r \cdot r|_{r>>0}$ , then  $B_{\text{eff}}(r)$  will vary markedly along the direction of  $r$ . Only those spins in planes near  $r = 0$  will experience  $B_{\text{eff}}(r) = B_1$ . These spins will interact strongly with  $B_{\text{eff}}$  and, for a 90 degree pulse, be rotated into the  $x$ - $y$  plane. Spins far from  $r = 0$  will experience a  $B_{\text{eff}}$  that is almost parallel to  $B_0$  and will not rotate from  $B_0$  at all. The intermediate case of  $B_1 \approx |G_r \cdot r|$  gives a  $B_{\text{eff}}$  that is parallel neither to the  $z$  nor to the  $x$  axis. The magnetization in planes where this is true will have components along all three axes. Such a case is often termed an "off-resonance" effect, i.e., the reacting spins away from  $r = 0$  are "off resonance" with respect to the frequency of irradiation. Figure 2.17 illustrates the above discussed effects as seen after a rectangularly modulated 90 degree RF pulse.

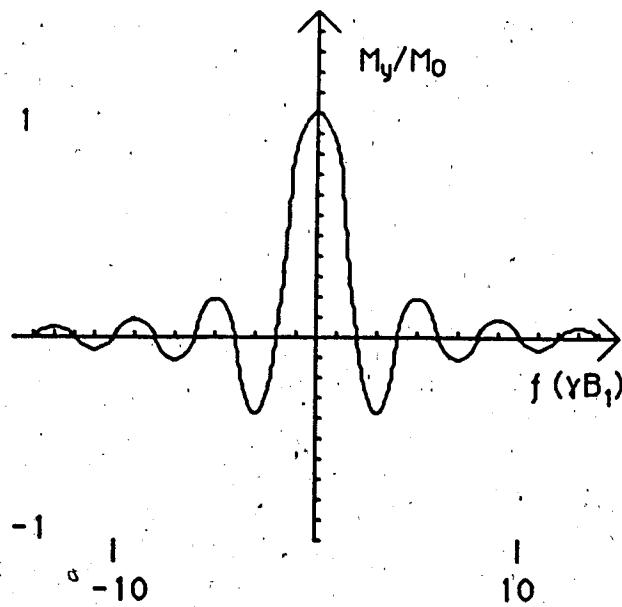


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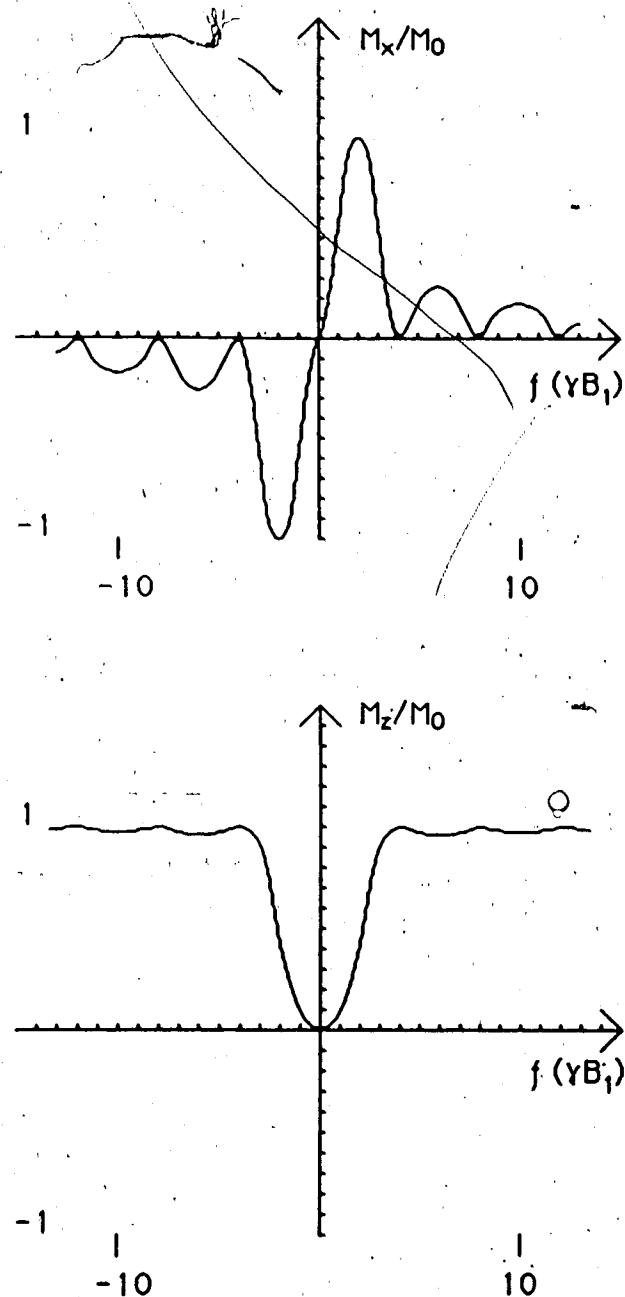


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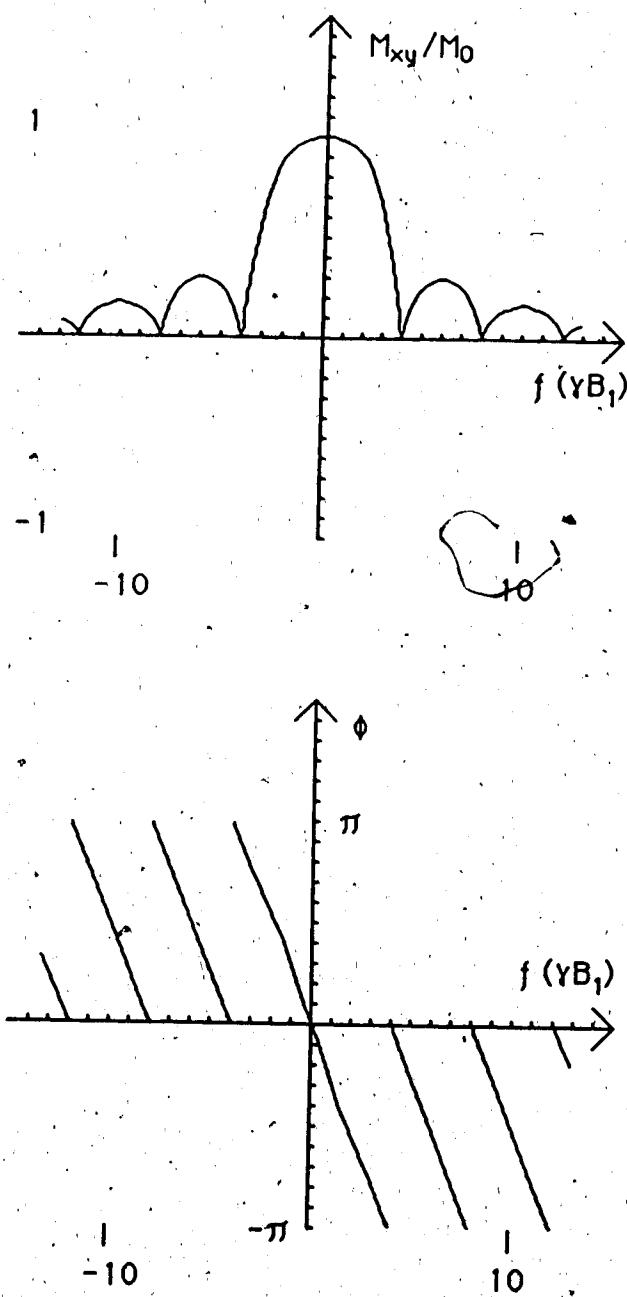


Figure 2.17

Components of the magnetization after a rectangular  $90^\circ$  RF pulse.  $M_{xy} = [M_x^2 + M_y^2]^{1/2}$  and  $\tan\theta = -M_x/M_y$ . The curves show the dependence on the off resonance frequency,  $f$ , after quadrature phase sensitive detection. These plots are reproduced from computer simulation results as presented by Locher (1980).

Notice that the initial phase of the magnetization components in the x-y plane is distributed over  $2\pi$ . The signal resulting from the vector sum of these components would be much smaller than the magnitude summation of these components. Notice also that the central lobe of the  $M_{xy}/M_0$  plot, defining the slice in the sample, is not sharply defined and that there are appreciable  $M_{xy}$  components outside the slice that would contribute to the observed signal. It is clear that these phase distributions and "side lobes" must be corrected.

The resemblance of the  $M_y/M_0$  plot to the Fourier transform of a rectangular time domain pulse led to the speculation that a more suitable time domain pulse shape would be the Fourier transform of a square distribution of frequency components in the frequency domain. The Fourier transform of such a distribution yields a time domain  $\sin(x)/x$ , or sinc(x) pulse. Since such a pulse is infinite in time, it must be windowed by some other function. This function is usually chosen so as to maintain as square a distribution of frequency domain components as possible. Locher (1980) showed the results of computer simulations for a Gaussian windowed sinc-shaped RF pulse. The result, for a RF pulse less than or equal to 90 degrees, was a much better defined slice profile with reduced side lobes. The phase of the transverse magnetization components was still distributed over  $2\pi$ . The application of a gradient pulse in the opposite direction and of the same magnitude as time equal to half of the 90 degree pulse duration following the shaped 90 degree RF pulse (Figure 2.18) would rephase these components (Sutherland and Hutchison, 1975). The result would be a large net magnetization vector along the y axis of the rotating frame. However, due to the aforesaid interaction of the effective magnetic field with off-resonance spins, pulse angles greater than 90 degrees resulted in non-

uniform distributions of spin excitation in the slice and spin excitation away from the slice. Another suitable time domain RF pulse shape, for pulses of 90 degrees and less, is a Gaussian envelope ( Sutherland and Hutchison, 1975 ).

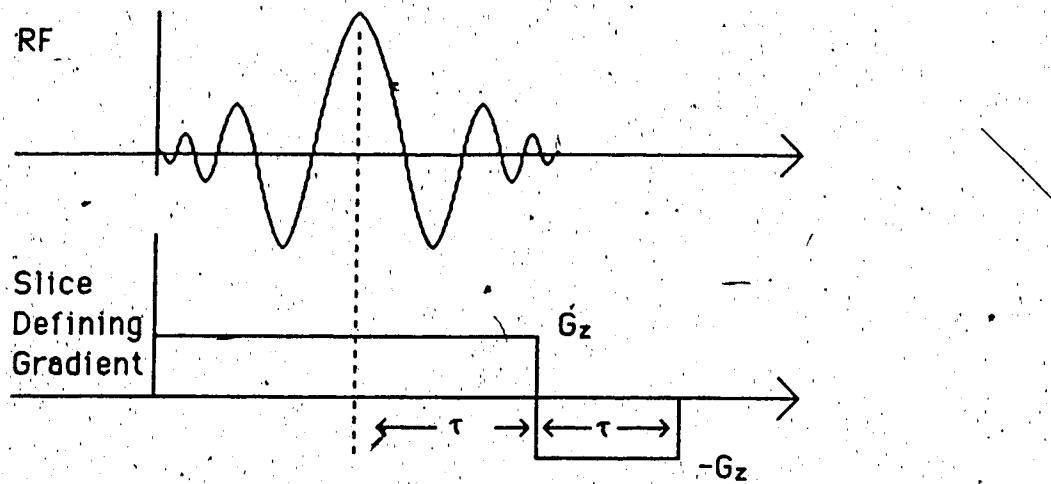


Figure 2.18      A slice defining sequence.

## 2.10 A Mathematical Development of the Two Dimensional Fourier Transform Imaging Technique

To complete this treatment of 2DFT NMR imaging, the mathematical equation describing the 2DFT reconstruction as given by Wood and Henkelman ( 1985 ) is presented.

The imaging sequence they present, which is the basic sequence for the flow imaging technique presented later, utilizes spin echoes ( Figure 2.19 ). The analysis of the gradient and RF pulse sequence is the same as that presented by Kumar et al. ( 1975 ) for a gradient modulated

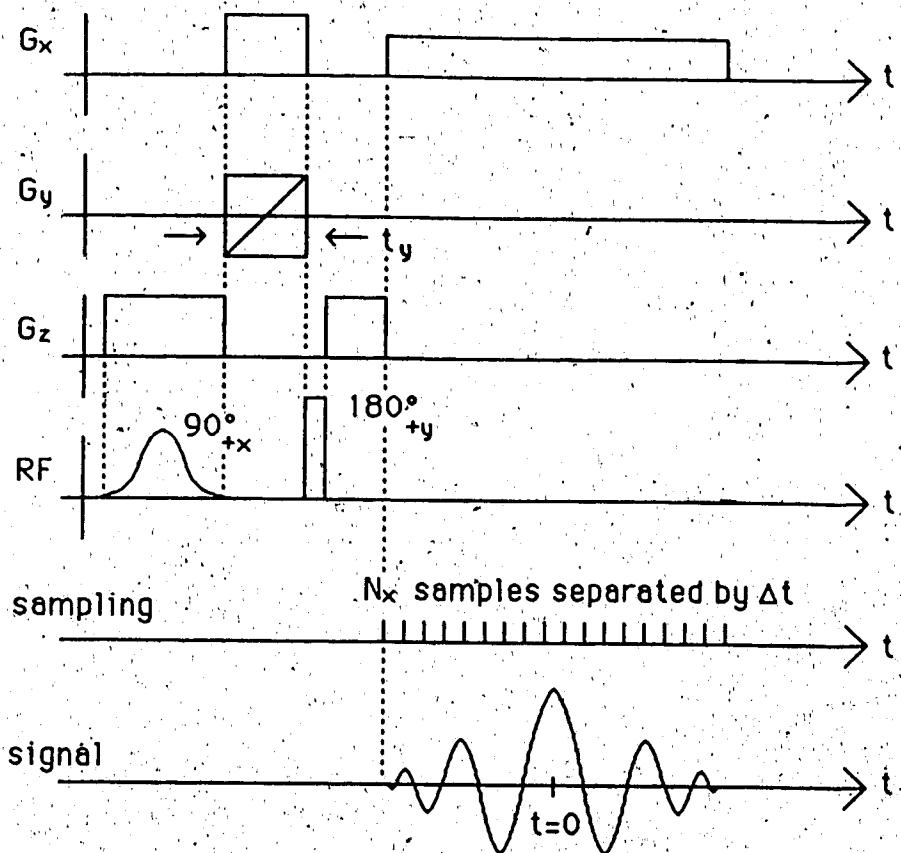


Figure 2.19      Gradient and RF pulse timing diagram.

FID. The spin echo may be considered as a time-reversed FID followed immediately by another FID, forward in time. The only difference, as far as the mathematical analysis is concerned, between the gradient modulated FID technique and that using spin echoes is the temporal location of the phase encoding gradient. A change from the sequence as presented by Wood and Henkelman, but one that does not affect this analysis, is in the temporal position of the slice "re-phasing" gradient pulse. The rephasing gradient pulse is applied after the 180 degree RF pulse. It is the same amplitude and in the same direction as the gradient pulse applied during the

90 degree RF pulse, and is half the duration of the 90 degree RF pulse. This slice selection scheme is equivalent to that illustrated in Figure 2.18 since the 180 degree RF pulse acts to invert the sign of the phase of the transverse magnetization: For example, if a component of the transverse magnetization had a phase of  $+\xi$  (with respect to the  $y_p$  axis) sometime after a 90 degree RF pulse applied along  $x_p$ , it would have a phase of  $-\xi$  immediately following a 180 degree RF pulse along  $y_p$ .

Figure 2.19 shows the pulse sequence used to acquire one phase encoded signal. In this case the amplitude of the phase encoding gradient pulse is varied from one signal acquisition to the next. Each echo is sampled  $N_x$  times at a rate of  $1/\Delta t$ . The sequence is repeated  $N_y$  times with a delay of  $T_R$  seconds between each acquisition. It is assumed that  $T_R$  is long enough to ensure that complete recovery to equilibrium occurs. Therefore, the effect of longitudinal relaxation is ignored in this analysis. The phase encoding, or  $y$  gradient is incremented monotonically  $N_y$  times in steps of  $\Delta G$ , starting from  $[1 - N_y/2]\Delta G$ . In practical implementations, the phase of the RF pulses (i.e., the orientation of the alternating magnetic field vector,  $B_1$ , in the rotating frame) is manipulated to suppress zero offsets and to cancel FIDs following non-selective 180 degree RF pulses. In this analysis it is assumed that only one signal is recorded per phase encoding gradient step: The magnetization at any given ( $x,y$ ) location in the sample is modelled as a delta function which emits a sinusoidal signal. The spin echo is the sum of the sinusoidal signals emitted by the isochromatic magnetizations in the slice modified by an apodization function,  $E_x(t)$ . The narrow frequency bandwidth 90 degree RF magnetic field pulse (illustrated in Figure 2.19), in the presence of a slice defining gradient along the  $z$  axis, rotates the magnetization in a narrow slice by 90 degrees onto the  $y_p$  axis. The 180

degree pulse is non-selective, i.e., it rotates all the magnetizations in the sample by 180 degrees. Magnetization outside the slice remains either parallel or anti-parallel to the main field,  $B_0$ , throughout the experiment and, thus, does not contribute to the signal acquired. The amplitude of the first  $G_x$  gradient pulse is adjusted so that the centre of the echo occurs at sample point  $N_x/2$ . This is defined as the time origin for the analysis.

The phase of the signal for a magnetization at position  $(x,y)$  is then given as

$$\theta(t, G_y) = \gamma (G_x x t - G_y y t_y) \quad 2.56)$$

The signal is detected using Quadrature Phase Sensitive Detection at a reference frequency equal to the Larmor frequency ( $\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$ ). The data set for one image is composed of  $N_y$  complex spin echo signals, each with different amounts of phase encoding and modified by another apodization function in the  $y$  direction,  $E_y(G_y)$ . The complete expression is

$$s(t, G_y) = \{ M_0 E_x(t) E_y(G_y) \exp[i\theta(t, G_y)] d(t) d(G_y) \} \otimes_t \hat{\square} [t/(N_x \Delta t)] \otimes_{G_y} \hat{\square} [G_y/(N_y \Delta G)] \quad 2.57)$$

where

$$d(t) = \hat{\square} [t/\Delta t] \text{ rect}[t/(N_x \Delta t)] \quad 2.58)$$

$$d(G_y) = \hat{\square} [G_y/\Delta G] \text{ rect}[G_y/(N_y \Delta G)] \quad 2.59)$$

$$\hat{\mathbb{I}}\left[\frac{x}{\Delta x}\right] = \Delta x \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - k\Delta x) \quad \text{the sampling function}$$

2.60)

$$\text{rect}\left[\frac{x}{N\Delta x}\right] = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq \frac{-N\Delta x}{2}, \\ 1 & \frac{-N\Delta x}{2} < x \leq \frac{N\Delta x}{2}, \\ 0 & \frac{N\Delta x}{2} < x \end{cases}$$

2.61)

and  $M_0$  is the magnitude of the transverse magnetization at  $t = 0$ .

Convolution is denoted by  $\otimes$  and the domain is indicated by a subscript.

Using the fact that the Fourier transform kernel is separable and convolution in the time domain is the same as multiplication in the frequency domain, and vice versa, two one-dimensional Fourier transforms with respect to the variables  $t$  and  $G_y$  in equation 2.57) may be taken, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}\{\mathbb{F}[s(t, G_y)]\} &= [\mathbb{F}\{\mathbb{F}\{M_0 \exp[i\theta(t, G_y)]\}\}] \\ &\otimes_{fx} \mathbb{F}[E_x(t)] \otimes_{fy} \mathbb{F}[E_y(G_y)] \\ &\otimes_{fx} \mathbb{F}[d(t)] \otimes_{fy} \mathbb{F}[d(G_y)] \\ &\star \hat{\mathbb{I}}(N_x \Delta t f_x) \hat{\mathbb{I}}(N_y \Delta G f_y) \end{aligned} \quad 2.62)$$

where  $\mathbb{F}$  is defined as the Fourier transform operator and

$$f_x = (\gamma/2\pi) G_x x \quad 2.63)$$

$$f_y = -(\gamma/2\pi) t_y y \quad 2.64)$$

Since the signal originates from a delta function at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , the phase term in equation 2.56) is simple and gives for the first factor in equation 2.62)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{F}\{ M_0 \exp[i\theta(t, G_y)] \}) &= M_0 \delta[f_x - (\gamma/2\pi)G_x x_0] \\ &\quad \delta[f_y + (\gamma/2\pi)t_y y_0] \\ &\quad 2.65) \end{aligned}$$

Remembering that the spin echo is considered to be a time-reversed FID followed by a mirrored FID,  $E_x(t)$  is seen to be a decaying exponential envelope. Thus,  $\mathbb{F}[E_x(t)]$  is a Lorentzian envelope. Wood and Henkelman (1985) state that there is no apodization in the  $G_y$  direction. There is no apodization since it is assumed that return to thermal equilibrium occurs between each scan. Thus  $E_y(G_y)$  is always equal to one and  $\mathbb{F}[E_y(G_y)]$  is a delta function at  $f_y = 0$ . The multiplication of  $d(t)$  and  $d(G_y)$  by a rectangle in the time domain is the same as the convolution of the Fourier transforms of these terms with a sinc function in the frequency domain. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}[d(t)] &= N_x^2 (\Delta t)^3 \uparrow (\Delta t f_x) \\ &\otimes_{lx} \text{sinc}(N_x \Delta t f_x) \quad 2.66) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{sinc}(x)$  is defined as  $\sin(\pi x)/(\pi x)$ . Applying equations 2.63) and 2.64) to the Fourier transformed signal in equation 2.62) provides the point spread function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PSF}(x,y) = & K [ P(x,y) \otimes_x \mathbb{F}[ E_x(t) ] \otimes_y \mathbb{F}[ E_y(t) ] \\ & \otimes_x D(x) \otimes_y D(y) ]^* \\ & \hat{\prod} [ N_x \Delta t (\gamma/2\pi) G_x x ]^* \\ & \hat{\prod} [ N_y t_y \Delta G (\gamma/2\pi) y ] \end{aligned} \quad 2.67)$$

where  $P(x,y) = M_0 \delta[x - x_0] \delta[y - y_0]$  2.68)

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) = & \hat{\prod} [ \Delta t (\gamma/2\pi) G_x x ] \\ & \otimes_x \text{sinc}[ N_x \Delta t (\gamma/2\pi) G_x x ] \end{aligned} \quad 2.69)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(y) = & \hat{\prod} [ \Delta G (\gamma/2\pi) t_y y ] \\ & \otimes_y \text{sinc}[ N_y t_y \Delta G (\gamma/2\pi) y ] \end{aligned} \quad 2.70)$$

$K$  represents the arbitrary constants in the equation. Note that  $P(x,y)$  represents the transverse magnetization at a point  $(x,y)$  while all the other terms broaden the distribution. These distributions are a function of the pulse sequence and, for a given set of pulse sequence parameters, are sample independent (that is, neglecting such effects as the magnetic susceptibility of the sample, inhomogeneities, electronic drift and noise, etc.).

### 3. Flow Measurements Using NMR Imaging

Blood flow in the vascular network of humans is of considerable interest for medical diagnosis and has been the subject of research since

William Harvey ( 1578 - 1657 ) published De Motu Cordis in 1628 ( McDonald, 1974 ). More recent research has made use of NMR imaging techniques to quantify blood flow parameters ( Axel, 1984 ).

Initial efforts were based on the effects observed in modulus images of blood flowing in vessels within the slice and intersecting the slice. The details of these effects depend on the imaging sequence used and on the magnitude of the flow. For example, when a spin echo sequence using selective excitation and selective refocussing pulses is used, the amplitude of the spin echo will first increase with increasing flow rate due to the replacement of partially saturated spins by more strongly magnetized spins from upstream of the imaging volume. The degree of saturation, and hence the degree of signal gain, is dependent on the repetition time and the rate of longitudinal relaxation. At higher flow velocities there is a decrease in the signal because the spins " washout " of the selective refocussing region, i.e., not all of the initially excited spins are still in the slice when the selective 180 degree RF pulse is applied. The signal also decreases due to the dephasing effects of motion along imaging magnetic field gradients.

( Arnold and Burkhart, 1965; Crooks et al., 1984 ). Axel ( 1984 ) demonstrated spin echo amplitude flow measurement techniques which used selective and non-selective refocussing pulses. He correlated modulus image pixel amplitudes with flow velocity using arguments similar to those above.

A different approach, known as the time-of-flight method, measures flow velocity by means of the measurement of the distance travelled by a group of spins in a known time. One such method observes the change in modulus images due to flow in images downstream from a selected image in a multi-slice imaging sequence ( Bradley et al., 1984 ). A second method, used by Deimling et al. ( 1986 ), applies a selective refocussing pulse at a known distance downstream from the selective excitation pulse location. The signal detected depends on the volume of selected spins that flows into the refocussing area or slice in the time between the excitation and refocussing pulses. This information is used to calculate the flow velocity.

Other researchers have approached fluid flow velocity characterization by examining how the phase of the recorded signal is affected by flow. As stated before, the signal from an elemental magnetization moving along the direction of an applied magnetic field gradient acquires a phase shift with respect to the signal from non-moving magnetizations. Van Dijk ( 1984 ), Bryant et al. ( 1984 ) and O'Donnell ( 1985 ) have used pulsed gradient sequences which do not affect the phase of the signal from stationary magnetizations, but that alter the phase of the signal from moving magnetizations in simple proportion to the velocity.

Early in the course of this project it was decided to use this last approach and pursue the method of phase encoding the signal of the flowing material. Phase encoding offers the advantage of relating a single property of the NMR signal to the flow rate. Factors, such as longitudinal and transverse relaxation, that affect the amplitude of the signal do not affect its phase. Since the phase of the NMR signal can be calculated using the classical model of the NMR phenomenon, it was felt that an understanding of the theory for flow measurements using phase encoding and a practical

implementation would be straightforward. At the time, the dependence of signal phase on physical parameters of the spectrometer and magnetic system interactions was not fully understood or appreciated, so it is perhaps better at this point to provide some information on factors affecting the phase of the NMR signal before developing the theory of flow rate measurement by phase encoding.

### 3.1 The Phase of the NMR Signal

Changes in the phase of the signal from any elemental magnetization can be due to intentional manipulations of the applied magnetic field, such as the application of gradients in an imaging experiment, or can be the result of non-intentional interactions in the magnetic system, or can be the result of physical limitations in the NMR instrument itself.

An initial theoretical examination of the effect of non-uniform penetration of the RF magnetic field into the sample was made by Bottomley and Andrew (1978). This work describes how the RF magnetic field amplitude, its phase shift and power deposition vary with penetration depth in tissue models and suggests that, at high resonant frequencies ( $> 30\text{MHz}$ ), changes in the amplitude and phase of the RF magnetic field in the sample would be significant enough to cause distortions of the image. However, later work by Bottomley et al. (1981; 1985) and Glover et al. (1985) demonstrates that these effects are not as severe as were first thought. Interestingly enough, work in this area since Bottomley and Andrew's paper has concentrated on only power deposition in tissue. To date the question of RF magnetic field phase changes within a sample, and the subsequent effect on the NMR signal recorded, is unresolved.

Norris ( 1985 ) showed that unwanted magnetic field gradients, which are inseparable from the imaging gradients, cause errors in phase images. These gradients produce magnetic field components in the direction of  $B_0$  that vary quadratically in the direction of their associated linear imaging magnetic field gradient. These unwanted gradients are a direct consequence of Maxwell's equations. In the case of the 2DFT spin echo imaging sequence, the amplitudes of the frequency encoding gradient pulses are not varied from one scan to the next. Hence the concomitant magnetic field gradient and the associated phase error is constant for each scan. However, the error due to the magnetic field gradient concomitant with the phase encoding gradient varies as the strength of the phase encoding gradient between scans. This leads to an appreciable change in the phase across a Fourier transformed scan line from one scan to the next. The effect will depend on the particular gradient pulse sequence and has not been investigated on the University of Alberta medium bore NMR unit.

The switching of magnetic field gradients induces eddy currents in the cryostat whose magnetic fields die away exponentially ( Bendall, 1986 ). These additional magnetic fields can last tens of milliseconds. For example, an eddy current producing a magnetic field gradient in the z direction of  $50 \times 10^{-9}$  Tesla cm $^{-1}$  of 20 milliseconds duration would produce a phase change ( or phase gradient ) of 0.267 radians cm $^{-1}$ . These eddy currents can be compensated for electronically and through post-signal acquisition software processing, but it is very difficult to eliminate them completely.

Imperfections or physical limitations of the coils used to generate the RF and gradient magnetic fields can directly or indirectly influence the phase of the magnetization represented in images. For example, a gradient which varies linearly along any given line parallel to a cartesian axis can also vary

radially within planes normal to that axis. This is illustrated in Figure 3.1. While this particular problem does not directly result in a phase error, it does restrict the method of gradient spin rephasing employed after a selective excitation sequence. This in turn affects the phase of magnetization moving along the slice gradient direction (refer to the section in Chapter 6 concerning slice selection).

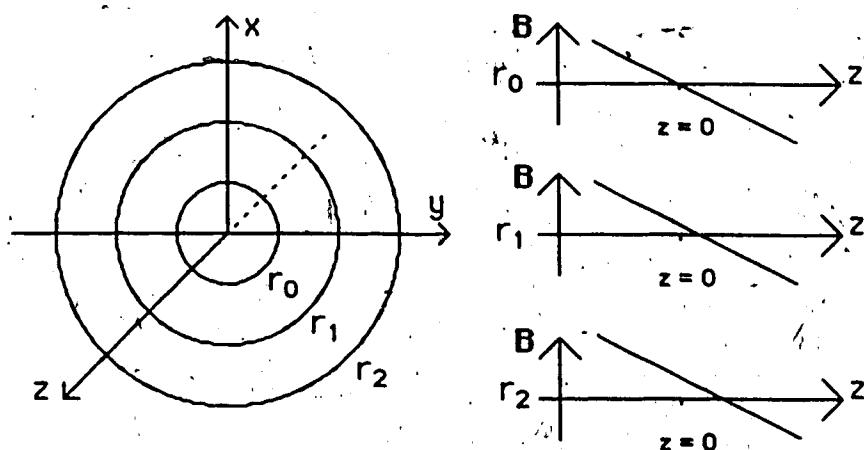


Figure 3:1

The radial dependence of a linear magnetic field gradient along the z axis. For each radius, the strength of the gradient magnetic field along z is plotted on the right.

These unwanted magnetic field interactions, inhomogeneities and distortions produce variations in phase images derived from two dimensional complex data sets. This complicates the analysis of phase dependent parameters in NMR experiments.

The pulse program sequence and its method of implementation plays a very important role in determining the phase of the NMR signal. As mentioned, phase variation across the image can be generated by the changes in the phase encoding gradient strength from one scan to the next. Such phase errors are manifest in the phase encoding direction of the

image. A source of phase error in the frequency encoding direction of the image is in the sampling of the NMR signal. Consider a spin echo imaging sequence similar to that in Figure 2.19 with the time origin at the centre of the sampling window. Let the NMR signal, the spin echo, be given by a function  $g(t)$ . The spin dephasing gradient pulse along the  $x$  axis between the 90 degree and 180 degree RF pulses can be varied in strength or duration to shift the position of the spin echo in the sampling window. A perfectly centred spin echo can be viewed as an even function in time. The complex Fourier transform of an even function results in a non-zero real frequency spectrum and a zero imaginary frequency spectrum. The phase spectrum is zero, hence, there is no phase shift. Fourier transform theory relates the position of  $g(t)$  in time with the phase of the frequency spectrum through the "time-delay" theorem. This theorem for a continuous Fourier transform is given by the Fourier transform operation pair

$$g(t-a) \Leftrightarrow e^{-i2\pi fa} G(f) \quad 3.1$$

where  $G(f)$  is the Fourier transform of  $g(t)$ . The term  $e^{-i2\pi fa}$  is simply the phase for a given spectral component. Usually the spin echo is discretely sampled in a set time interval about the time origin (as described in section 2.10). The equivalent discrete Fourier transform operation pair is

$$g(kT-mT) \Leftrightarrow G \left( \frac{n}{NT} \right) e^{-j\frac{2\pi m}{N}}$$

3.2)

where

 $T$  is the sample period $k$  is the sample number $N$  is the total number of samples $m$  is the number of time shifted sample points

It is clear that the term  $e^{-j\frac{2\pi m}{N}}$  will give phase shifts in  $m$  multiples of  $2\pi$  across the discrete frequency spectrum. In the final image this will show up as linear phase shifts of  $2\pi$  in the frequency encoding direction that are periodic with  $m$ .

Now, if the dephasing gradient pulse used to centre the echo were continuously adjustable, the continuous spin echo signal could be perfectly centred and this phase error eliminated. However, the gradient units in today's NMR imaging systems are controlled and set digitally. Thus, the strength of applied gradients is varied discretely. Using this system it is only possible to consistently eliminate the discrete time shift for the spin echo.

There can still be a small, continuous time shift of the signal. This leads to overall phase variations of less than  $2\pi$  across the frequency spectrum.

These shifts will vary from sample to sample due to differences in the sample volume and magnetic susceptibility. This has importance in the later discussion (Chapter 6) concerning the analysis of the phase images showing flow.

The use of linear magnetic field gradients to phase encode the NMR signal uniquely has been demonstrated in section 2.10. The phase of the

signal in a 2DFT imaging experiment is given by equation 2.56). In a more general form, the phase of the signal (with respect to the frequency of detection; see section 2.4) from the magnetization in an isochromatic plane normal to the gradient direction is

$$\theta_r = \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \gamma G_r(t) \cdot I(t) dt \quad 3.3)$$

where  $G_r(t)$  is the time dependent gradient function (Figure 3.2) and  $I(t)$  gives the time dependent location of the magnetization along  $r$ . Hereafter the phase of the signal with respect to the frequency of detection will be referred to as simply the phase of the signal.  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are points in time with respect to the time origin whose difference is the duration of the pulse:

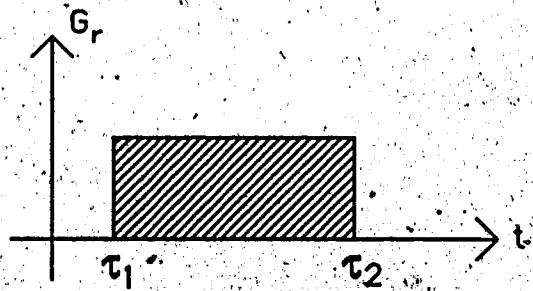


Figure 3.2 An ideal magnetic field gradient pulse.

For the case of a stationary magnetization at  $r$  and a rectangular gradient pulse, this equation reduces to

$$\phi_r = \gamma G_r I (\tau_2 - \tau_1) \quad 3.4)$$

This is a very optimistic appraisal of the effect of a pulsed gradient. In reality, perfectly rectangular pulses cannot be generated. There is always a finite rise and fall time for the edges of the gradient pulse and a settling time before the gradient is static in time. The shape and duration of these edges and the settling times are governed by the method of gradient pulse generation ( i.e., by the transfer function of the particular electronic circuits used ). Thus, the exact shape of the gradient pulse is difficult to determine. The rise, fall and settling times place a lower limit on the minimum gradient duration. These factors restrict equation 3.4) to being only an approximation.

All the factors mentioned in the previous paragraphs contribute to the phase of the recorded NMR signal and of the eventual two dimensional complex image. Phase errors caused by such things as switched-gradient induced eddy currents and gradient asymmetry, have not been investigated in any detail in the work described this thesis. Much more theoretical work and experimental investigation is required to fully understand the cause of these errors. For instance, gradient generated eddy currents and imperfectly generated rectangular gradient pulses have been cited as sources for phase errors, yet no experimental evidence exists to distinguish the phase error generated by one source from that generated by the other.

For the work described in what follows, an empirical approach to the problem of phase errors was taken. Pulse programs that produced minimal phase errors in a phase image were developed through trial and error. Some effort was made to understand the problems associated with sequences that on paper worked, but that could not be effectively implemented. The final flow measurement pulse sequence implemented evolved from these investigations and the flow encoding theory to follow.

### 3.2 The Effect of Motion on a Two Dimensional Fourier Transform Image

Equation 3.3) gives the rotating frame relationship between the phase of an elemental magnetization in a magnetic field gradient and the position of that magnetization. If the position of the magnetization is time dependent during the gradient pulse, the phase acquired will be different from that which would have been acquired had the magnetization remained spatially static. This is the principle upon which van Dijk (1984), Bryant et al. (1984) and O'Donnell (1985), drawing on the work of Hahn (1960), have based their flow measurement imaging techniques. Their experimental work, and the work in this thesis, is restricted primarily to flow along the axis normal to the slice.

This section begins with a mathematical analysis of motion along all three cartesian axis based on the work of Deimling et al. (1986). Later, only motion normal to the slice will be analyzed. Based on this analysis and the aforementioned authors' work in flow measurements, a flow imaging sequence is defined in Chapter 6.

In the following analysis off resonance effects are ignored as well as longitudinal relaxation. It is assumed that the stationary magnetization is refocussed perfectly by the second  $G_z$  gradient pulse (Figure 3.3). The equations for the motion in the sample are

$$x(t) = x + v_x t \quad 3.5)$$

$$y(t) = y + v_y t \quad 3.6)$$

$$z(t) = z + v_z t \quad 3.7)$$

That is, some elemental magnetizations in the sample have velocity components along one or more of the laboratory frame axis. The signal from the slice in the spatial frequency domain can be written as

$$s(k_x, k_y) = \iint p(x, y) \exp(i\phi) dx dy \quad 3.8$$

where  $p(x, y)$  is the spin density at  $(x, y)$  in the slice

$\phi$  is the phase of the signal from magnetization at  $(x, y)$

$k_x$  is  $\gamma G_x(t - t_p)$ , the spatial frequency coordinate in the x direction

$k_y$  is  $-\gamma G_y t_p$ , the spatial frequency coordinate in the y direction

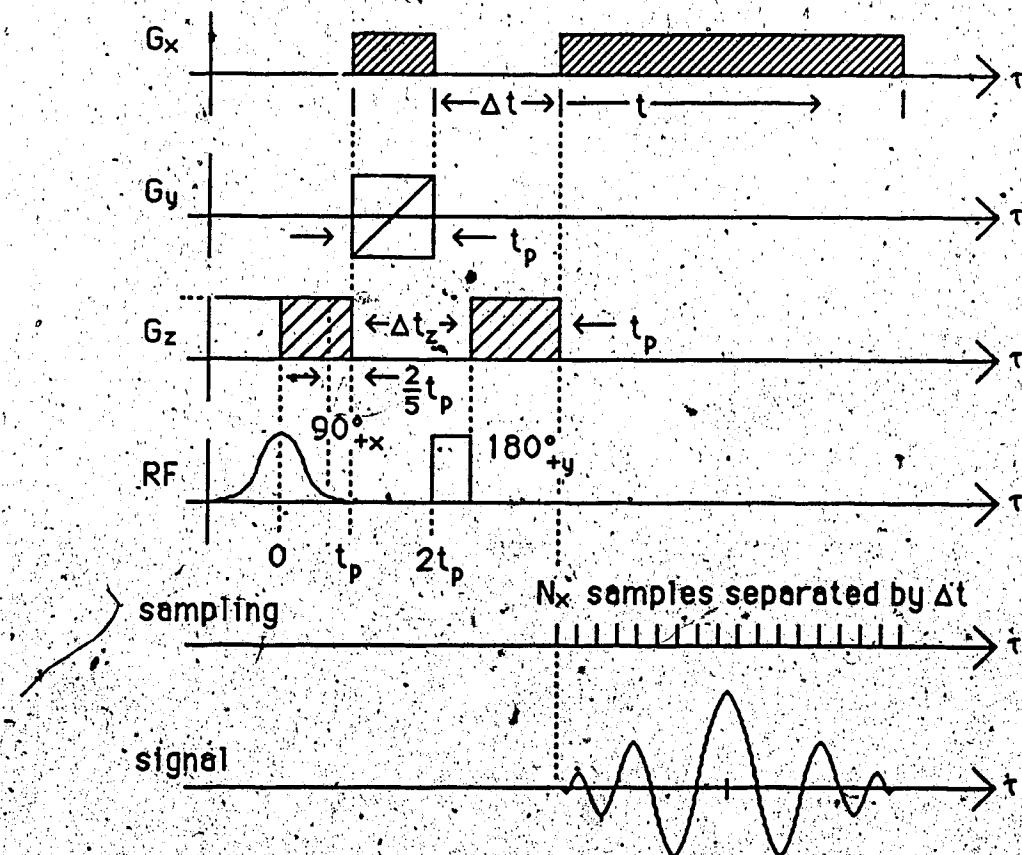


Figure 3.3

A typical spin echo pulse program.

$k_x$  and  $k_y$  are, after some algebraic manipulations, the same terms as seen in equation 2.56). Deimling et al. (1986) consider only the terms involving motion along the  $x$  and  $y$  axes of the laboratory frame. The change in the phase term,  $\phi$ , in equation 3.8) due to motion along the  $z$  axis is not easily quantified analytically. The problem lies with motion along the  $z$  axis during the time which the slice selective, shaped, 90 degree RF pulse and the slice gradient along the  $z$  axis are applied. Moving spins experience a change in the RF and gradient magnetic field amplitudes in time. This effect was simulated on a computer (see section 4.6.3). It was found that the change in the phase of the moving spins was equivalent to the phase change that stationary spins would experience during a gradient pulse of the same amplitude and in the same direction as the slice selection gradient, but only one fifth as long as the 90 degree RF pulse (or two fifths as long as the spin rephasing gradient pulse). Thus, using equations 3.3), 3.5), 3.6), 3.7), and the factor of two fifths mentioned above,  $\phi$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(t) = & -\gamma \int_{t_p}^{2t_p} (G_x x + G_x v_x \tau + G_y y + G_y v_y \tau) dt \\
 & - \gamma \int_0^{t_p} G_z z d\tau - \gamma \int_0^{\frac{3}{5}t_p} (G_z v_z \tau) d\tau \\
 & + \gamma \int_{2t_p + \Delta t}^{t_p + \Delta t + t_p} G_x (x + v_x \tau) d\tau + \gamma \int_{t_p + \Delta t}^{t_p + \Delta t + t_p} G_z (z + v_z \tau) d\tau
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9)$$

Note that the time origin has been shifted in this analysis from that which was used in section 2.10. Since only the phase is considered here, this time shift is not important. Equation 3.9) reduces to ( see Appendix A )

$$\begin{aligned}\phi = & xk_x + yk_y + v_x k_x (3t_p + \Delta t) + v_x \gamma G_x (t_p^2 + \Delta t t_p) + v_y k_y \frac{3}{2} t_p \\ & + \frac{v_x k_x^2}{2\gamma G_x} + \gamma G_z \frac{v_z}{2} \left( \frac{59}{25} t_p^2 + 2t_p \Delta t_z \right)\end{aligned}\quad 3.10)$$

Using equation 3.10) as the phase term in equation 3.8) and taking the two dimensional Fourier transform yields terms similar to those of equation 2.67) ( that is, a mapping of the elemental magnetizations in two dimensions ) plus additional terms due to motion. The velocity terms linear with  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  cause a linear shift of the image data points that correspond to points in the object with velocity components in the  $x$  or  $y$  directions respectively. Considering  $x$  and  $y$  velocity components that are approximately the same in magnitude, the  $v_x k_x (3t_p + \Delta t)$  term, that is, motion along the readout or frequency encoding direction, will dominate this effect since it has a large time multiplicand. For example, for a velocity of  $v_x = 50$  cm/s and typical pulsed magnetic field gradient amplitudes and durations, the shift in an image derived from the first echo would be about 9 mm. The velocity term quadratic with  $k_x$  will cause a slight blurring along the  $x$  direction due to convolution of the data points with a sinc-like function. The two terms in equation 3.10) that are functions of neither  $k_x$  nor  $k_y$  modify the phase of the data points where there is velocity component along either the  $x$  or  $z$  directions in the object.

Van Dijk (1984), Bryant et al. (1984) and O'Donnell (1985) have based their pulse sequences for flow quantification on such phase effects. The objective of their method was to uniquely differentiate moving or flowing tissue from non-moving tissue. The work in this thesis will concentrate on motion due to blood flow in large vessels perpendicular to the imaging plane, i.e., along the z direction.

All three authors begin with the naïve assumption that immediately after the slice selection sequence of a spin echo sequence, the phase of all moving and stationary magnetizations is zero. This is not completely true as the previous development has shown (see equation 3.10), but it does help illustrate the following argument. This assumption, plus the fact that only motion along z is considered, reduces equation 3.10 to

$$\phi_0 = xk_x + yk_y \quad 3.11)$$

This equation has no dependence on motion along the z direction. To induce a change in the phase due to motion another gradient pulse applied along z can be added to the sequence. If the position of the magnetization is given by equation 3.7), then the phase contribution due to motion would be

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_z &= \gamma \int_0^T G_z(z + v_z t) dt \\ &= \gamma G_z \left( z\tau + \frac{v_z}{2} \tau^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad 3.12)$$

Notice that the stationary magnetization also acquires a phase offset. To remove this, a term  $-z\tau$  is needed. This is added by applying a second consecutive gradient pulse along  $z$  such that the area of the two pulses over time is zero (see Figure 3.4).

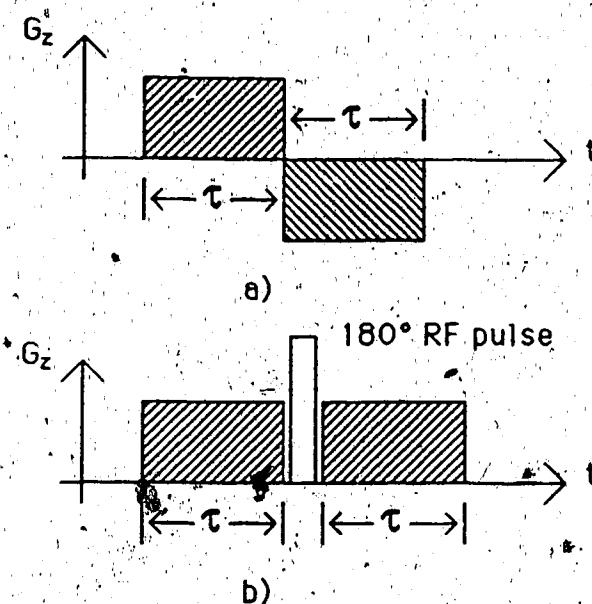


Figure 3.4      Balanced gradient pulses.

The gradient pulse set in Figure 3.4 b) can be effectively considered to be continuous if it is assumed that  $\tau > t_{180^\circ} = \pi/(\gamma B_1)$ . Such gradient pulse sets are referred to as "balanced gradients". Equation 3.12) now becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_z &= \gamma \int_0^{2\tau} G_z(z + v_z t) dt - \gamma \int_\tau^{2\tau} G_z(z + v_z t) dt \\ &= \gamma G_z \left( z\tau + \frac{v_z}{2} \tau^2 - z\tau - \frac{3v_z}{2} \tau^2 \right) \\ &= -\gamma G_z v_z \tau^2\end{aligned}$$

3.13)

Notice that the term for the non-moving magnetization is gone and that only a phase term proportional to velocity remains. Thus, any region of the object in the imaging plane with constant velocity components along the z axis will produce a change in the phase of the image pixels at those points. This change in phase can be measured and correlated to the motional velocity using equation 3.13). The sign of the phase change will depend on the direction of the motion along z and the temporal order of the motion encoding pulses (i.e., whether the positive lobe of the balanced gradient pulse set occurs before the negative lobe or after. See Figure 3.4). At the time of image reconstruction a phase image is generated by taking the arctangent of the imaginary component divided by the real component of each complex point in the image ( $\theta = \arctan[\text{imaginary}/\text{real}]$ ).

A problem that is common to any cyclic function is that of aliasing. In this case, phase changes that are multiples of  $\pi$  are indistinguishable from those within a  $\pm\pi$  range about zero. This restricts the maximum velocity that can be measured using a single balanced gradient pulse. The balanced gradient pulse must be defined so that the phase encoded for the maximum velocity component likely to be present is between  $\pm\pi$ . This leads to a problem with very low velocities. The phase change at these rates may be indiscernible from fluctuations in phase due to noise and the aforementioned phase error sources.

The earlier assumption that the phase of the signal is zero immediately after the slice definition sequence is of course invalid. To the contrary, for flow along the slice gradient direction, the phase acquired will be quite large because of the duration and magnitude of typical slice definition sequence gradients. At the University of Alberta medium bore

NMR unit, the slice defining sequence used resembles the sequence shown in Figure 3.3. This sequence produces, for even low flow rates, a substantial phase offset at the onset of the spin echo. The term responsible for this, given in equation 3.10), is  $v_z G_z (\{59/50\} t_p^2 + t_p \Delta t_z)$ . However, placing a balanced gradient pulse between the 90 degree pulse and the 180 degree pulse in the sequence can reduce or eliminate this offset ( see Chapter 6 ). Setting the right hand side of equation 3.13) equal to the above term gives an estimate of the magnitude of the balanced gradient pulse needed. That is,

$$G_z \left( \frac{59}{50} t_p^2 + t_p \Delta t_z \right) = G_{z_{\text{compensation}}} \tau^2 \quad 3.14)$$

This is a rough estimate since the shape of the gradient pulses is in reality not rectangular. However, experimental results ( see Chapter 6 ) have shown that equation 3.14) is a good first order approximation.

### 3.3 The Effect of Pulsatile Flow

Up to this point it has been assumed that the velocity of the movement or flow has been constant. Physiologically, this is rarely true. Pulsatile motion of the blood in arteries can generate velocities from 0 cm/s to peaks of 150 cm/s ( in the centre of the ascending aorta during systole ) ( McDonald, 1974 ). The upper thorax is the region of highest blood flow velocities. The measurement of arterial blood flow using NMR imaging, or for that matter, any upper thorax NMR imaging application, is possible only using cardiac

gating. Even with gating there would be acceleration components of flow present. Gating would ensure that the motion was at least the same for each scan of the imaging sequence. Cardiac gating was not available at the time of this project, so constant flow, as would be found in some veins, was concentrated on.

The effect of pulsatile flow on an image has been mathematically investigated in Appendix B. In short, it can be said that constant velocity motion along the axis normal to the imaging plane affects only the phase of the pixels in the image representing the region of motion in the object. If, however, the velocity fluctuates in time due to pulsatile motion or flow turbulence, artifacts are generated in the phase and magnitude images in a band in the phase encoding direction which is the width of the region in the object where the fluctuating motion is present.

This analysis has implications in the quantification of NMR parameters in images. Such artifacts, which affect the modulus or magnetization density image, can lead to incorrect measurement of such quantities as  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . In this thesis, artifacts in phase images due to fluctuating velocity help to indicate a non-constant velocity condition. This is important since the work in this thesis has been based on the assumption of constant flow velocity.

## 4. Computer Simulation of NMR Experiments

### 4.1 Background

Computer simulations in various forms have been finding widespread application in the modelling of NMR phenomena and experiments. For applications of NMR in medicine and biochemistry, these simulations are invariably based on the phenomenological Bloch equations. The flexibility of numerical solutions of these equations via computer simulation has been demonstrated by several authors (Locher, 1980; Constantinesco et al., 1984; Wood and Henkelman, 1985; Brandes and Kearns, 1986; Summers et al., 1986). Applications have ranged from selective irradiation simulations (Locher, 1980; Brandes and Kearns, 1986) to full scale imaging experiments (Summers et al., 1986). The computer simulation discussed in this chapter fits somewhere in the middle.

The initial impetus behind this simulation was a desire to understand basic NMR phenomena, such as the interaction of the magnetization with RF magnetic fields and magnetic field gradients. This led, eventually, to experiments involving the effects of motion during a NMR experiment on the acquired signal phase.

From the outset the simulation was written to follow as closely as possible the sequence of events in a typical NMR experiment. These events or steps are, in broad terms,

- 1) The definition of the pulse sequence, the sequence of scans and the object.
- 2) The start of a scan.

- 3) The acquisition of the NMR signal and the temporary storage of the signal ( if desired, permanent storage of the signal ).
- 4) The end of the scan.
- 5) If necessary, return to step 2).
- 6) The processing of the NMR signal data set. Usually this involves a one or two dimensional Fourier transformation of the data set.
- 7) End of the experiment.
- 8) Post-processing of the data:

This simulation was left purposefully open ended. By this it is meant that the program is easily reconfigured to run different experiments. New modules simulating parameters not yet included in the package are easily added. With moderate changes to the modules, the dimension of the object may be changed.

#### 4.2 Simulation Methodology

The simulation package consists of modules that control either program flow or NMR phenomena modelling. These modules can be arranged to mimic a pulse program and are invoked from a main control program. This allows the module library to stand apart from the main program. Only the modules required for a particular experiment are linked with the main program, thus saving program code and run time code space. All interations are modelled in the rotating reference frame.

The object is modelled as point source magnetizations in a rectangular three dimensional cartesian coordinate system. For each point

values of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are specified. In the current system, the magnetic fields  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  are perfectly homogeneous and static over the time which they are applied. The object space can be reduced in dimensionality or size through moderate program modification. Thus a two or one dimensional object is possible. This is desirable in that it reduces the total running time of the experiment.

The duration of some events, e.g. RF pulses, is specified at the time of the module call and controlled by the module. Other event durations, such as gradient pulse durations, are controlled by the main program. Multi-scan experiments are accomplished by having the main program loop through the module sequence.

Many events can be modelled using an iterative solution of the Bloch equations ( see Appendix C ) or by an explicit solution. For example, transverse relaxation is modelled by an iterative solution of the Bloch equations which includes a transverse relaxation term or by using the relation  $M(t) = M_0 e^{-t/T_2}$ , where  $M(t)$  is the transverse magnetization magnitude in time and  $M_0$  is the transverse magnetization at  $t=0$ . Whatever the method of solution, program control is based on "slices" of time or discrete time steps. The size of these steps depends on the method of solution for a given parameter model.

All data acquisition is done by ideal sampling. Sampling can involve saving the entire state of the object space or saving a vector sum of the magnetization components ( $M_x, M_y, M_z$ ) over the entire object space. During the sampling operation the simulation is static, i.e., sampling is done instantaneously. Saving the data in this way is analogous to the Quadrature Phase Sensitive Detection ( QPSD ) method mentioned in section 2.4. If a FID or spin echo is to be recorded, an acquisition module is invoked which

records the vector sum of all the magnetizations at regular intervals for a set number of samples.

Data processing during the simulation is limited to fast Fourier transformation of an acquired signal. The result of this operation can be saved by the main program for later analysis outside the simulation.

After the "scan" sequence of modules has been executed by the main program, the simulation is terminated by halting the program.

### 4.3 Module Functional Descriptions

A description of the purpose and action of the modules is given. The modules are grouped according to function. The module listings appear in Appendix D.

#### 4.3.1 Pulse Program and Bloch Equations Modules

##### DM\_DT\_PLUSX

This module solves the Bloch equations in the rotating frame of reference using a fourth order Runge Kutta iterative method. The RF magnetic field is considered to be along the positive x axis of the rotating frame. The location of the magnetization in space and the time interval over which to solve the equations are passed to the module. The form of the Bloch equations and the Runge Kutta method of solution are given in Appendix C.

DM_DT_MINUSX	The same as above except that the RF magnetic field is oriented along the negative x axis of the rotating frame.
DM_DT_PLUSY	The same as above except that the RF magnetic field is oriented along the positive y axis of the rotating frame.
DM_DT_MINUSY	The same as above except that the RF magnetic field is oriented along the negative y axis of the rotating frame.
INIT_MAGNETIZATION	This module specifies the object magnetization, $T_1$ and $T_2$ value distributions. It is usually invoked at the beginning of the experiment.
CLEAR_GRADIENTS	This module zeros the gradient values over the entire object space.
GRADIENT	This module sets a specific gradient using a passed gradient direction (x, y or z) and passed maximum and minimum values of the gradient at either end of the object along that direction. The gradient is set to vary linearly over the sample.  New values are added to previous gradient values at each point in the object space. Therefore, it is important to consider previous invocations of this module. Old gradient values may still remain.  This is much like the method of gradient specification on the spectrometer. The gradient values for all three directions must be specified at every gradient switching point. Coupled with the

CLEAR\_GRADIENTS module, these modules effectively control gradient pulses in the simulation.

**NO\_RF\_NO\_GRADIENTS** This module models the magnetic system when no RF or gradient magnetic fields are present. Only relaxation processes are considered. Each magnetization in the object is adjusted by calculating the assumed exponential decay for each magnetization component over the duration passed to the module.

**NO\_RF\_GRADIENTS\_ON** This module models the change in the magnetic system under the influence of a linear magnetic field gradient. The time interval passed to the module is broken up into discrete steps. For each step, the DM\_DT\_PLUSX module is invoked for each point in the object space to solve the change in the magnetization. The orientation of the RF magnetic field matters not as it is set to zero. Since the iterative solution of the Bloch equations is used, relaxation effects are implicitly accounted for.

**NO\_RF\_GRADIENTS\_ON\_IDEAL** This module models the change in the magnetic system under the influence of a linear magnetic field gradient. The total precession of the magnetizations over the time interval passed to the module is calculated trigonometrically. Each magnetization is adjusted

accordingly. In this case relaxation is calculated explicitly.

#### HARD\_PULSE

A rectangularly modulated RF pulse is modelled using the iterative solution of the Bloch equations.

For the time duration and the tip angle passed, the amplitude of the RF magnetic field is calculated and then set. The time duration is broken into discrete steps if necessary and, based on the direction passed, the appropriate DM\_DT ( $\pm x, \pm y$ ) module is invoked at each step for each magnetization in the object space. At the end of the module execution the RF field is set to zero.

#### HARD\_90\_X\_IDEAL

The magnetization components in the y-z plane of the rotating frame are explicitly rotated 90 degrees counter-clockwise when looking along the x axis.

The rotation is done trigonometrically. Again, relaxation is adjusted explicitly.

#### HARD\_180\_Y\_IDEAL

The magnetization components in the x-z plane of the rotating frame are explicitly rotated 180 degrees counter-clockwise when looking along the y axis. The rotation is done trigonometrically.

Again, relaxation is adjusted explicitly.

#### SOFT\_PULSE

A shaped (i.e., other than a rectangular envelope) RF magnetic field pulse is modelled by this module. The orientation of the RF magnetic field, the duration of the pulse, a vector

of points specifying the shape and magnitude of the pulse and the size of the vector are passed to the module. The time duration is broken into as many intervals as there are shaped pulse points in the vector. The RF magnetic field amplitude is set to the value specified in the vector for the duration of the time interval corresponding to that vector point. Then, if necessary, the time interval is divided into subintervals short enough to accurately model the change in the magnetizations using the appropriate DM\_DT module as indicated by the passed field direction ( $\pm x$ ,  $\pm y$ ). After the shaped pulse has been applied, the RF magnetic field amplitude is set to zero.

This module calculates the amplitudes specified in the shaped pulse vector for a 90 degree gaussian shaped RF pulse. The number of points to be used for the pulse and the duration of the pulse are passed. The amplitudes are set by iteratively solving for the condition specified by Sutherland and Hutchinson ( 1975 ). They state that the effective area under the gaussian pulse shape envelope must equal  $\pi/(2\gamma)$ .

GSINC

The same as above except that the pulse shape is a gaussian windowed sinc pulse as specified by Locher ( 1980 ).

GAUSS

HSINC                    The same as above except that the pulse shape is  
                          a Hanning windowed sinc pulse.

GAUSS180

GSINC180

HSINC180

The same as the correspondingly labeled  
modules above except that pulse area condition is  
 $\pi/\gamma$ . Hence these are 180 degree pulses.

#### 4.3.2 Signal Acquisition

ACQUIRE\_SIGNAL

This module is used to record a sampled  
waveform over a set duration for a specified  
number of points. The time duration is divided into  
intervals. Over each interval the module  
NO\_RF\_GRADIENTS\_ON is invoked. Hence the  
signal can be acquired under the influence of a  
gradient. At the end of each interval separate  
sums of the x and y magnetization components  
over the entire object space are stored as a  
complex number ( $\Sigma M_x + j\Sigma M_y$ ). This number is  
pushed onto a stack which is passed back to the  
main program for later processing.

ACQUIRE\_SIGNAL\_IDEAL      The same as above except that  
                                  NO\_RF\_GRADIENTS\_ON\_IDEAL is invoked  
                                  instead.

### 4.3.3 Data Manipulations

INIT\_STACK

This module initializes the stack before the invocation of an acquire module.

PUSH

This module pushes complex data onto the top of the stack..

PULL

This module removes data from the top of the stack.

FFT1,FFT2

This module performs a one dimensional complex Fourier transform ( FT ) operation. The complex data must be passed in two vectors, one containing the real part of the complex numbers and the other containing the imaginary part.

Invocation of FFT1 prepares the routine for the calculation. Invocation of FFT2 performs the FT. The results are left in the original data vectors and the input data is destroyed. Note that it is up to the programmer to normalize the results by the number of passed points ( 1/N ).

### 4.3.4 Program Constants

Program constants and data structures are specified at the beginning of each module and at the beginning of the main program. Parameters and structures that are likely to change from one experiment to the next are specified outside the

modules and the main program. They are included through the use of the VAX-FORTRAN "INCLUDE" statement in the source code. This looks for the appropriate file of parameter and data structure definitions and places that code inline with the source code at compile time. For example, the statement, INCLUDE "BLOCHD1D.FOR", would place the contents of BLOCHD1D.FOR inline with the source code at the point the INCLUDE statement appears. This scheme ensures that changes in the data structures and program parameters are automatically applied to all modules affected, thereby easing program modification and maintenance.

#### 4.4 Simulation Constraints and Limitations

The limiting factor determining the usefulness of the simulation is the time it takes to run. As has probably already been realized, the so called "ideal" modules were included to reduce running time. The maximum time slice for an invocation of the DM\_DT series of modules cannot really be lengthened without causing unacceptable errors. A factor closely related to the total run time is the size of the object. Even experiments involving small objects can take many hours to run. For example, all the experiments described in this chapter utilize a one dimensional sample. Due to the

nature of the experiments, no additional information could be obtained for larger objects.

As mentioned earlier, the magnetic fields in the simulation are assumed to be homogeneous and static. This could be changed by including matrix elements corresponding to points in the object space that model inhomogeneity, field drift and other imperfections. These elements would be included in any calculations involving the magnetic field.

The Bloch equations used in this simulation model only the interaction of the magnetization with the magnetic fields  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  and the effects of longitudinal and transverse relaxation. Additional terms could be added to the Bloch equations to model such things as diffusion (Torrey, 1956). This, of course, would involve reworking the transformation presented in Appendix C.

#### 4.5 Simulation Testing

In general, any numerical solution to a problem produces errors associated with the method of solution and the computational methods. Since this simulation has been implemented in FORTRAN on a digital computer (Digital Corp. VAX-11/750), round-off errors are present in many of the computations. Round-off error occurs because the representation of real numbers is only approximate due to the finite size of the computer word and the use of the binary number system. Thus, many calculations involve approximate representations of the actual numbers. The results of these calculations may be used repeatedly, thus propagating the error. However, due to the variability of the misrepresentation of real numbers and the unpredictability of the sequence of calculations from one experiment to the

next, a quantitative measure of the overall error in the simulation due to round-off is not easy.

The main source of error in the simulation is in the modules which utilize the fourth order Runge Kutta method to solve the rotating frame Bloch equations. This solution, as specified in Appendix C, involves several iterations per time interval. The maximum simulated time interval allowed is 100 microseconds and the number of iterations is 128, therefore, in a typical NMR experiment of 100 milliseconds, there can be many intervals. It is easy to see that the bulk of the computations are made by these modules. Hence round-off errors will be most prevalent in these modules.

The error associated with the fourth order Runge Kutta method itself is of the order  $h^4$  ( Burden et al., 1981 ), where  $h$  is equal to the interval width divided by the number of iterations ( see Appendix C ). For example, if the interval were 100 microseconds and the number of iterations is 64, then  $h^4$  is  $\approx 6 \cdot 10^{-24}$  seconds.

Unfortunately, the quantitative contributions of the methodological and round-off errors to the total error in the simulation are not known. In any case, as mentioned, the variability of the experiments simulated makes it difficult to judge the errors.

The above discussion had consequences in the initial testing of the simulation. To test the correctness and the accuracy of the four modules employing the Runge Kutta method, the effect of 90 degree RF magnetic field pulses on a small object in thermal equilibrium was simulated. Ten point source magnetizations along the z axis were initialized to have a magnetization value at  $t=0$  of  $M(0) = kM_0$ .  $M_0$  was arbitrarily chosen to be 100.0. After the application of a 90 degree RF pulse along, say, the x axis of the rotating frame, the magnetizations should be  $M(t_{90}) = jM_0$ . In the ideal

situation there should be no magnetization components along either the x or z axis. The two variables available in the simulation in this test were the time interval size, which is also the duration of the 90 degree RF pulse, and the number of iterations used by the Runge Kutta method. These were varied until an acceptable error in the magnetization components after the 90 degree pulse was arrived at (i.e., until an acceptable minimum  $M_z$  value was found). Some results of this test are tabulated in Table 4.1. This test resulted in an empirical choice of the maximum time interval and the number of iterations used by the Runge Kutta method (i.e., a maximum time interval of 100  $\mu$ S and 128 iterations).

90° pulse duration	Number of Runge Kutta iterations for a minimum $M_z$	$M_x$	$M_y$	$M_z$
100mS	64	0.000	91.293	7.563
10mS	64	0.000	99.075	0.792
1mS	64	0.000	99.907	0.0795
— 100 $\mu$ S	128	0.000	99.991	0.00795
10 $\mu$ S	64	0.000	99.999	0.000794
1 $\mu$ S	128	0.000	99.999	0.0000776
100nS	256	0.000	99.999	0.00000596
10nS	64	0.000	100.00	-0.00000073
1nS	64	0.000	100.00	-0.00000144

Table 4.1 Some iteration and time slice efficiency comparisons.

After setting the number of iterations and the maximum time interval, it remained to test the gradient modules and off-resonance effects.

Reproduction of the off-resonance effects described in the first part of Locher's paper (1980) was deemed to be a suitable test. Locher simulated the effect of a rectangularly modulated 90 degree RF pulse in the

presence of a linear gradient. The simulated object was placed in a strong magnetic field  $B_0$ . A RF magnetic field,  $B_1$ , was applied for a duration  $\tau$  along the x axis of the rotating frame. Throughout the application of the RF pulse a linear magnetic field gradient in the direction of  $B_0$  was present. By examining the effective magnetic field experienced by the magnetization in the rotating frame, Locher derived the following expressions for the magnetization components at the point in time at which the RF pulse ended.

These were

$$\frac{M_y}{M_0} = \sin(\theta g)/g \quad 4.1)$$

$$\frac{M_x}{M_0} = f[1 - \cos(\theta g)]/g^2 \quad 4.2)$$

$$\frac{M_z}{M_0} = [f^2 + \cos(\theta g)]/g^2 \quad 4.3)$$

where

$$f = (B_0 - \omega/\gamma)/B_1$$

$$g = (1 + f^2)^{1/2}$$

$\theta$  is the flip angle at  $f = 0$  and  $f$  is the spin resonance frequency in units of  $B_1\gamma/(2\pi)$ .  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  are the rotating frame components of the magnetization. The thermal equilibrium magnetization magnitude is  $M_0$ .

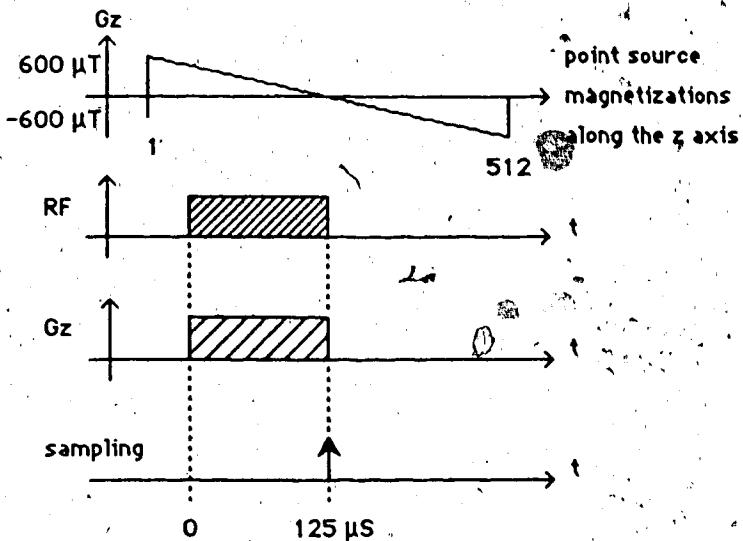
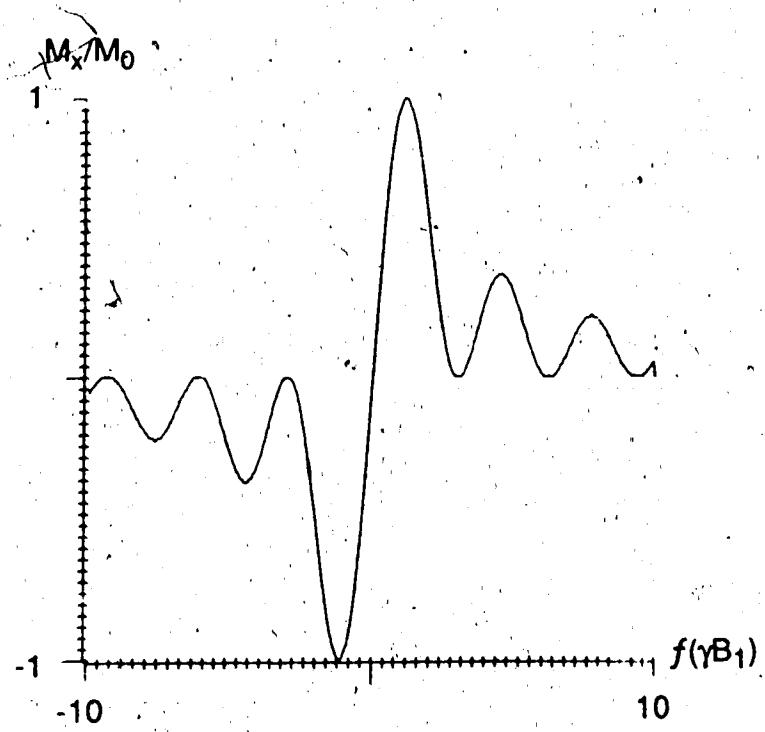


Figure 4.1 The pulse program used as a model for the simulation experiment.

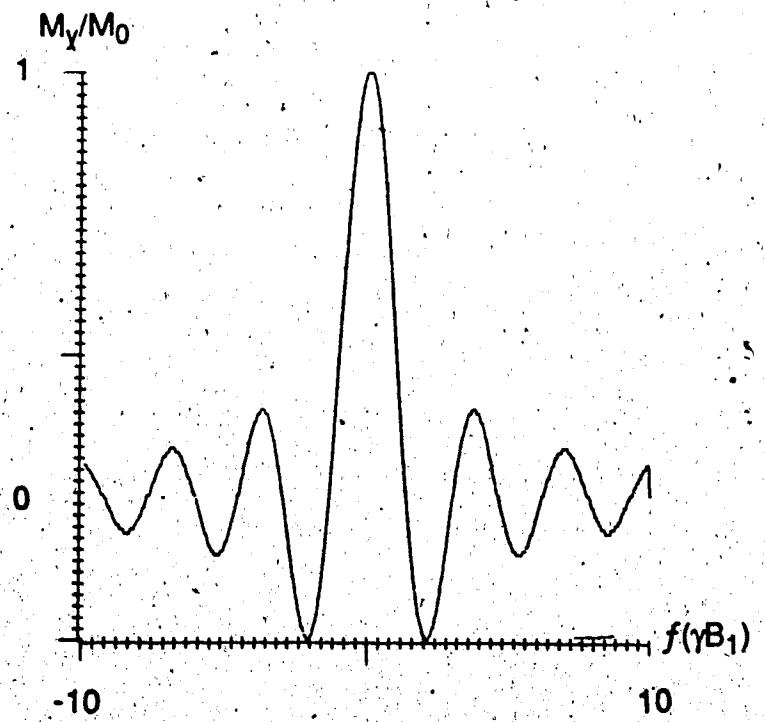
The object used in the simulation consisted of 512 point source magnetizations along the z axis. A gradient of 2.34375 microTesla per point was established along the z axis. A rectangular 90 degree RF pulse of 125 microseconds duration was applied to this system and the magnetization components of each point were recorded as soon as it ended. The sequence is given in the pulse program in figure 4.1.

The results of the simulation are plotted in figures 4.2 through 4.6. Data points from the computer simulation were compared with the exact values given by the above equations (calculated by the computer program in Appendix E). For a randomly selected set of twelve point source magnetizations, the largest average absolute error in any of the magnetization components,  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$ , was 0.386. The equilibrium magnetization value was 100.

These experiments were the extent of the simulation testing. Time did not allow for more extensive testing.



**Figure 4.2** The dependence of  $M_x$  on spin resonance frequency.



**Figure 4.3** The dependence of  $M_y$  on spin resonance frequency.

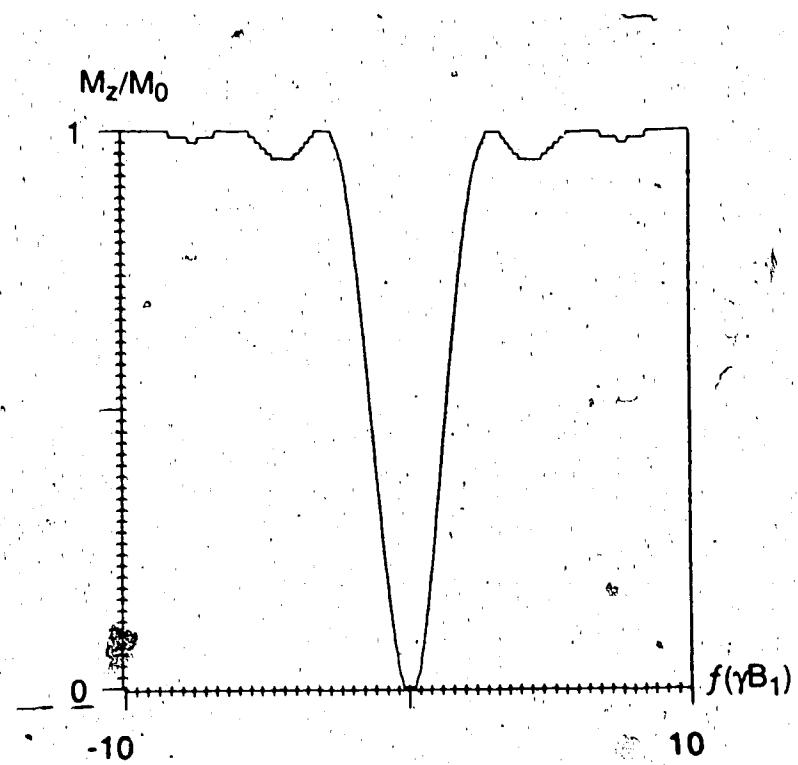


Figure 4.4 The dependence of  $M_z$  on spin resonance frequency.

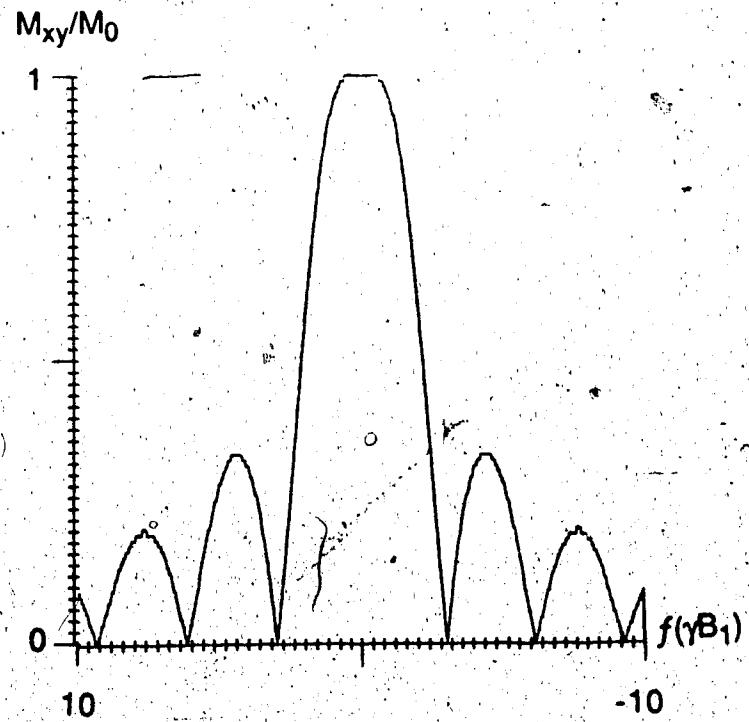


Figure 4.5 The dependence of  $M_{xy}$  on spin resonance frequency,  
where  $M_{xy} = (M_x^2 + M_y^2)^{1/2}$ .

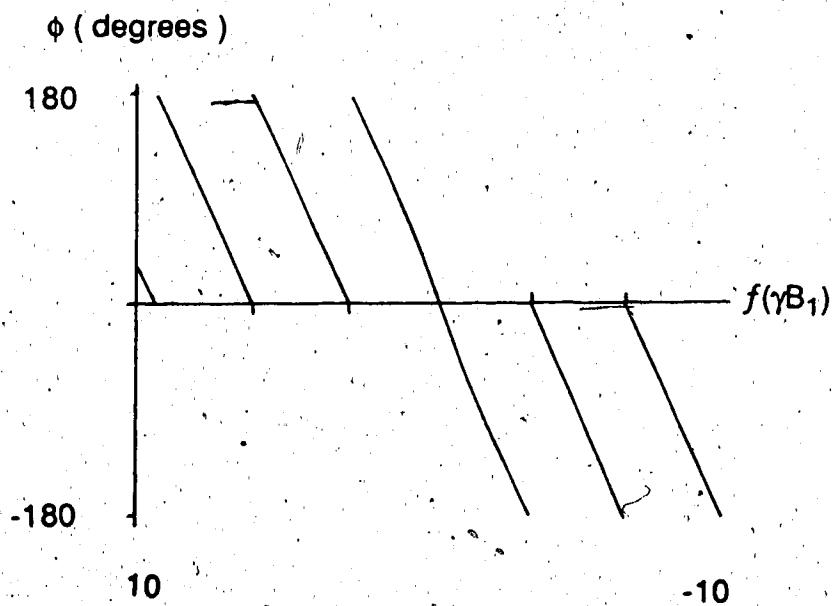


Figure 4.6

The dependence of the transverse magnetization phase on spin resonance frequency. The phase is given by

$$\tan\phi = -M_x/M_y$$

#### 4.6 Flow Experiment Simulations

The results of the computer simulation experiments presented in this section were used to investigate aspects of flow measurement theory as presented in Chapter 3. The first two experiments simulated the effect of balanced gradient pulses on the phase of the NMR signal from magnetization moving at a constant velocity. The third experiment simulated the effect on the phase of the spins of constant velocity motion along the direction of a gradient during a Gaussian shaped 90 degree RF magnetic field pulse.

The object in all three experiments was comprised of 512 point source magnetizations along the z axis. Motion was generated by shifting the modelled magnetizations by one position in the data structure at regular intervals in the experiment. Velocity was defined as the total number of data structure locations or points through which the modelled magnetizations were to be moved divided by the total time in the experiment over which motion was present. This gave units of points per second. The time between successive shifts of the points was given by the reciprocal of the velocity (i.e., seconds per point moved). To accomplish the shift of the magnetizations the modules used in the experiment had to be modified. Each module kept track of the time elapsed in the experiment since the onset of motion. When a multiple of the time between point shifts was reached, a separate module to shift the points was called.

#### 4.6.1 Experiment I

The effect of balanced gradient pulses on the phase of the NMR signal arising from moving magnetization was simulated. The pulse sequence used as a model is shown in Figure 4.7. The rectangularly shaped 90 degree RF magnetic field pulse was used to uniformly excite the magnetization. That is, each point source magnetization was rotated from its thermal equilibrium orientation, along the z axis, through 90 degrees onto the y axis of the rotating frame.

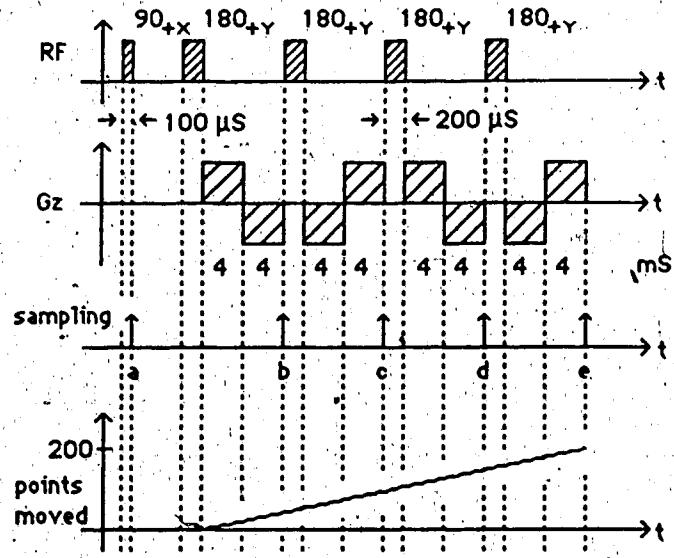


Figure 4.7      The pulse program modelled in experiment I.

Notice that the point source magnetizations were stationary during the 90 degree pulse. This excluded interactions between the moving magnetization and the 90 degree pulse allowing for clearer observation of the effect of the balanced gradient pulses. Each gradient pulse was of magnitude  $761.953 \cdot 10^{-12}$  Tesla/point. Data sampling (points a

through e ) was instantaneous, i.e., no experimental time passed while data points were being recorded. Each data point consisted of the x, y and z components of a particular point source magnetization. Data points were recorded for all the magnetizations. From this data the phase of the overall transverse magnetization with respect to the y axis of the rotating frame was calculated ( i.e.,  $\phi = \tan^{-1}[M_x/M_y]$  ). The results for each sample point are given in Table 4.2.

Sample point	Measured Phase	Absolute Phase Change
a	0.00	-
b	1.17	1.17
c	-2.38	1.21
d	3.01	0.63
e	-4.30	1.29
Average phase change per sample =		1.07

Table 4.2 Results from experiment I.

It must be remembered that the 180 degree RF pulses act to invert the sign of the signal phase. Using the above simulation parameters and equation 3.13), the change in the phase of the NMR signal due to a balanced gradient pulse is

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= \gamma G_z v_z \tau^2 \\ &= \frac{2\pi \cdot 100 \cdot 10^6}{2.35} \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} \cdot 761.953 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot \frac{200}{32.6 \cdot 10^{-3}} \cdot 16 \cdot 10^{-6} \\ &= 1.145 \text{ degrees}\end{aligned}$$

The simulated phase changes compare favourably with this result. The differences between the two results can be possibly explained by the method of motion generation in the simulation (i.e., the interval between shifts was not exact. Also, as can be seen in Figure 4.2, the motion was not continuous, but stepped.). Round-off errors also played a part. For example, the values of the magnetization components were real in the simulation, but were rounded to the nearest integer when sampled and stored.

#### 4.6.2 Experiment II

This experiment was the same as the first experiment except for the method of magnetization excitation. The effect of a more realistic "slice-definition" sequence on the phase of the NMR signal from moving magnetization was simulated.

The 90 degree RF magnetic field pulse in this experiment was Gaussian shaped and of 7.68 milliseconds duration. During the RF pulse there was a linear magnetic field gradient of  $232.061 \cdot 10^{-9}$  T/point along the z axis. Immediately following this RF pulse the magnetic field gradient was reversed in direction and left on for an additional 3.84 milliseconds. At this point in time the magnetizations were spread over an angle of approximately 20 degrees about the y axis of the rotating frame, giving a net magnetization along this axis. Following this "slice-definition" sequence the pulse sequence is the same as that shown in Figure 4.7 following the rectangular 90 degree RF pulse. The pulse sequence modelled in this experiment is shown in Figure 4.8. Once again balanced gradient pulses along the z axis

were used to alter the phase of the NMR signal between 180 degree RF pulses.

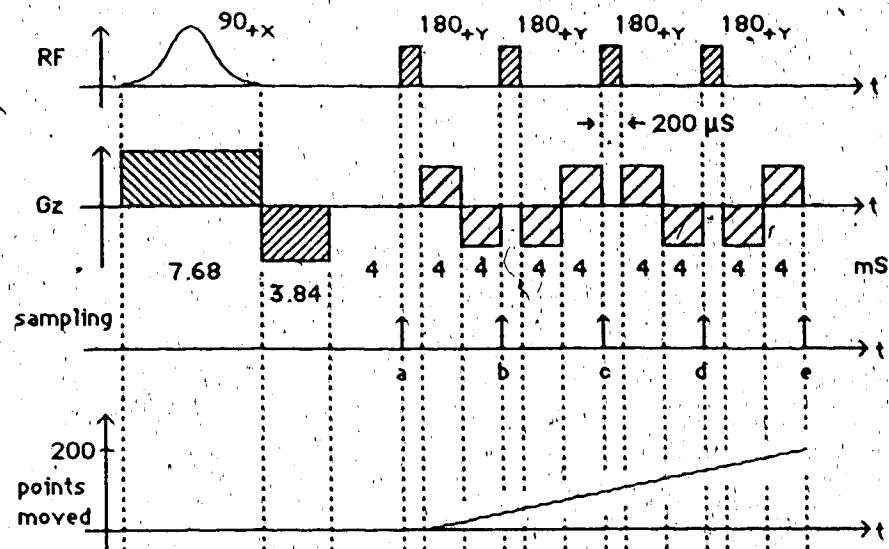


Figure 4.8 The pulse program modelled in experiment II.

Sample point	Measured Phase	Absolute Phase Change
a	7.52	-
b	-6.36	1.16
c	-5.24	1.12
d	-4.05	1.19
e	2.99	1.06
Average phase change per sample =		1.13

Table 4.3 Results from experiment II.

Notice the small phase shift at sample point a. This is due to incomplete refocussing of the spins by the 3.84 ms z gradient pulse. This is probably due to round-off errors and the method of soft pulse generation. The theoretical change in the phase of the signal after each balanced gradient pulse is the same as that given in experiment I. The phase of the magnetization in the simulated experiment was taken to be the average of the point source magnetization phases over all transverse magnetization components greater than 1% of the thermal equilibrium magnetization value. The results of the experiment are given in Table 4.3. The simulated results are in good agreement with the theoretical calculations. Any differences can be explained by errors in the motion simulation and data sampling and storage as considered in experiment I.

#### 4.6.3 Experiment III

In this last experiment the effect of motion on the phase of the spins during a Gaussian 90 degree RF magnetic field pulse in the presence of a linear magnetic field gradient was simulated. The purpose of this experiment was to investigate the change in the phase of the spins moving along a slice gradient during a shaped 90 degree RF pulse. The pulse sequence used as a model for this experiment is illustrated in Figure 4.9. The magnitude of both gradient pulses was  $232.06 \cdot 10^{-9}$  Tesla/point. This experiment was done in two stages. In the first stage motion as shown in Figure 4.9 was modelled. After the RF pulse was finished, the motion was removed. A rephasing gradient pulse was then applied to correct for the expected dephasing of the transverse magnetization components. At this point in the experiment the phases of the transverse components were recorded for any component

greater than 1% of the thermal equilibrium magnetization value. In the second stage no motion was modelled. This experiment, after the refocusing pulse was applied, gave the phase distribution of the spins positionally static along the z axis. The results of the second stage (the phase distribution along z) were subtracted from the results of the first stage on a per point basis. This gave the difference due to motion in the phase acquired by spins moving during the RF pulse. These values were averaged giving the phase of the effective transverse magnetization with respect to the y axis of the rotating frame.

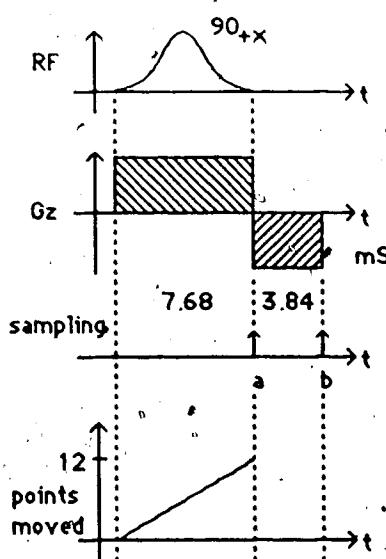


Figure 4.9

The pulse sequence modelled in experiment III.

In the case of no motion the average phase at sample point b should be zero. The phase recorded when motion was present was 13.62 degrees. Using equation 3.13) and parameters from Figure 4.8, i.e., a gradient pulse of  $232.06 \cdot 10^{-9}$  Tesla/point, this phase corresponds to a gradient pulse of

$$\tau^2 = \frac{\phi}{\gamma G_z v_z}$$

$$\tau = \sqrt{\frac{\phi}{\gamma G_z v_z}}$$

$$= 1.56 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ seconds.}$$

This result is approximately two fifths of the length of the rephasing gradient pulse. It is this factor that appears in the slice or z direction phase term in the analysis of the effect of motion on 2DFT reconstructed images in chapter 3 and Appendix A.

#### 4.7 Conclusions and Suggestions for Improvements

As an investigative tool, the simulation package has proved to be very instructive. Not only has it provided a good understanding of NMR phenomena at the Bloch equation level, but it has shed light on the relationship between NMR signal phase and magnetization movement.

Naturally, flow simulations are but one possible application for this package. Others include selective RF pulse design, the study of the effect of pulse sequences on the measurement of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , investigations into the origins of imaging artifacts, and so on.

The simulation package, as it stands, is meant for low level applications. By this it is meant that only users with a good understanding of pulse program design and execution on the spectrometer can properly utilize the package. The physical functions simulated by the various modules need to be understood before a user can use the modules to emulate a pulse program. For example, to "create" a slice selective pulse sequence, the

user must be aware of the relationships between shaped RF pulse duration and pulse frequency bandwidth, between tip angle and the RF pulse area, and between gradients and the Larmor frequency of the modelled magnetizations. This limits the number of potential users of the simulation.

To alleviate this restriction, the level of simulation abstraction could be raised. Writing a pseudo-pulse program compiler, similar to the compiler in place on the spectrometer, would remove the need for users to explicitly write a series of simulation module calls to emulate a pulse program.

Protocols for such things as slice selection and readout gradient strength definition could be developed. These are only a few suggestions. As more people make use of the package, shortcomings will become apparent and at that time improvements could be made.

The largest problem with the simulation is the computer time required to run an experiment. At this time it is safe to say that only one dimensional experiments should be run. Even these can take many hours to finish.

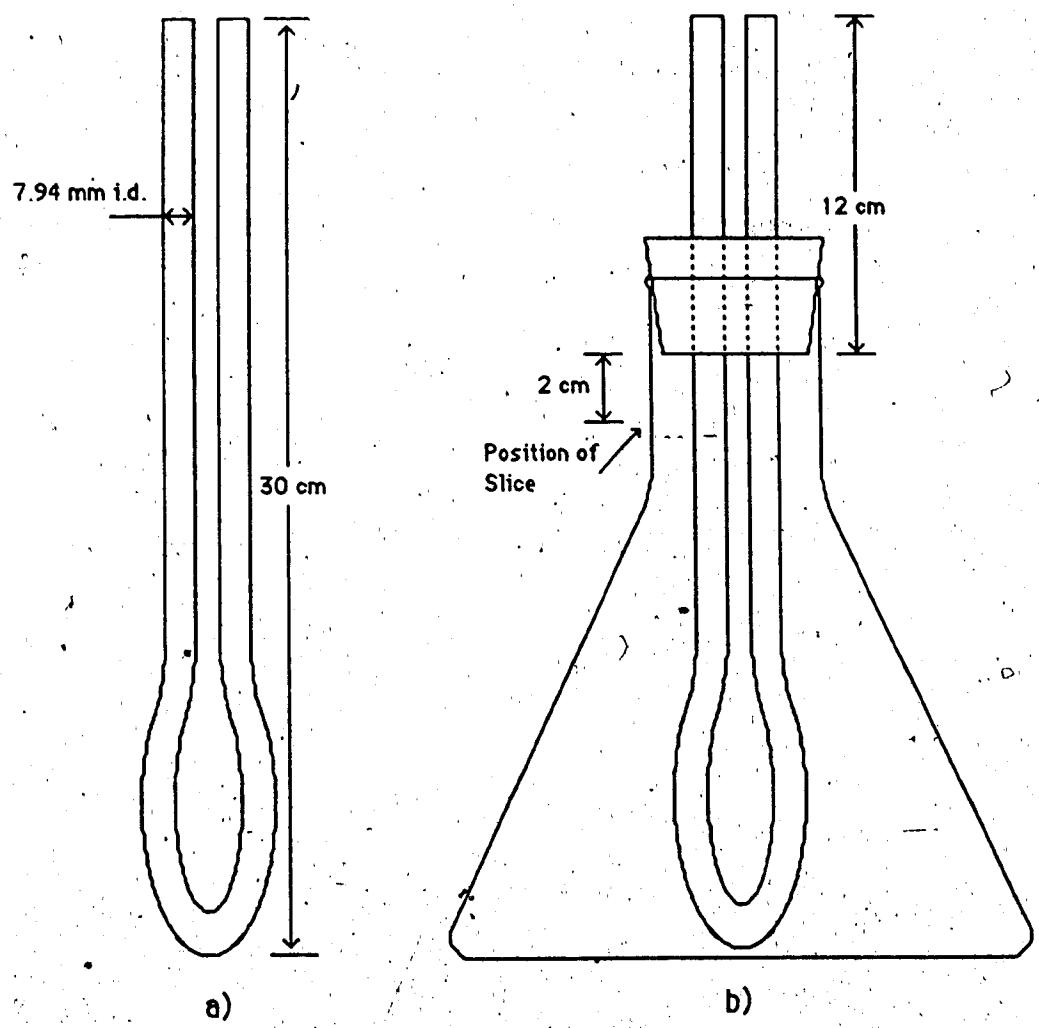
Perhaps a restructuring of the package away from the current coordinate system would enable it to be run using the array processor. This would mean leaving the philosophy of spectrometer emulation. As long as a user makes use of the so-called "IDEAL" modules whenever possible, the simulation run time can be kept to a reasonable amount.

## 5. Methods

### 5.1 The Flow Phantom

In all flow measurement experiments, tap water flowing anti-parallel in two glass tubes was used. Although the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  values of tap water were not measured, it is safe to say that both values are long ( $T_1 > 2$  seconds and  $T_2 > 200$  milliseconds). Tap water was an acceptable substitute for blood since only the phase of the signal was examined. It was not necessary to model blood viscosity, relaxation rates and other such parameters, since they do not affect the phase of the NMR signal. Anti-parallel flow was accomplished by bending a single glass tube of 7.94 mm inside diameter into a U-shape (Figure 5.1a). The ends of the "U-tube" were pushed through a two-hole rubber stopper and the entire assembly seated in a one litre Erlenmeyer flask filled with tap water (Figure 5.1b). The Erlenmeyer flask served as a support for the U-tube and as a containment vessel for the non-flowing water. The "bottom" of the U-tube almost touched the bottom of the flask. The ends of the U-tube extended 12 cm past the bottom of the rubber stopper (Figure 5.1b). Two lengths of flexible tubing, approximately 3 m., were pushed over each end of the U-tube.

In an experiment, the flask was secured horizontally in a perspex tray and the entire assembly positioned in the magnet bore such that the image slice would be 2 cm from the bottom of the stopper and inside the flask. One flexible tube was connected to a 20 litre reservoir positioned 1 metre above the level of the flask and the other tube was run into a collecting bucket. Flow was regulated by a Hofstader clamp attached to the flexible tube downstream



**Figure 5.1**      **The flow phantom.**

of the flask. The volume of water flow over time was measured using a graduated cylinder (200 ml) and a stop watch. The average flow rate was calculated using the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rate} \left( \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \right) &= \frac{\text{flow volume over time} \left( \frac{\text{ml}}{\text{s}} \right)}{\text{cross-sectional area of tube} \left( \text{cm}^2 \right)} \\ &= \frac{\text{flow volume over time} \left( \frac{\text{ml}}{\text{s}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{\text{ml}} \right)}{\pi \left( \frac{0.794}{2} \right)^2 \text{cm}^2} \end{aligned}$$

5.1)

The average error in the measurement of the flow rate over the course of an imaging experiment was estimated to be less than 4%.

In all experiments constant flow velocities were maintained. Constant flow is characterized by steady laminar flow (Rouse, 1978). Laminar flow in radially symmetric tubes has a parabolic velocity profile of

$$V = 2 V_{\text{avg}} (1 - b^2/r^2) \quad 5.2)$$

where  $V_{\text{avg}}$  is the average flow rate as given in equation 5.1),  $r$  is the radius of the tube and  $b$  is the radial distance from the tube axis. It is easily seen that at the centre of the tube, where  $b=0$ , the velocity will be  $2V_{\text{avg}}$ . In well-established laminar flow all the velocity components across the velocity profile are constant in time. As the flow rate increases, flow becomes turbulent and these components begin to fluctuate in time. The onset of

turbulence can be roughly predicted using the Reynolds number,  $Re$ , which is defined as

$$Re = \frac{\rho V_{avg} D}{\mu} \quad 5.3)$$

where  $D$  is the tube diameter,  $\mu$  is the viscosity of the liquid and  $\rho$  its density.

The period of laminar flow is described in McDonald (1974) as falling into three regimes. In the first regime there is completely undisturbed flow with streamlines (laminae) running parallel with the tube walls. At higher velocities (higher Reynolds numbers) these streams begin to exhibit a wavy motion. This is the second regime. As velocity increases and the third regime is entered, these oscillations grow and vortices begin to form at any borders in the tube (e.g., where the tube is spliced or bent or leaves the reservoir) and are carried down the tube. As vortices become larger and more frequent, this regime merges into turbulent flow. A Reynolds number of 1600 is usually ascribed to the onset of the third regime and 2000 to the onset of turbulent flow. Hence, to ensure flow within the second regime, flow rates were kept such that the Reynolds number was almost always less than 800. For a tube of 0.794 cm i.d. and room temperature water, this corresponded to

$$\begin{aligned} V_{avg} &\leq \frac{Re \mu_{H_2O}}{\rho_{H_2O} D} \\ &\leq \frac{800 \cdot 0.01 \text{ gm cm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}}{1 \text{ gm cm}^{-3} \cdot 0.794 \text{ cm}} \\ &\leq 10 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

## 5.2 NMR Imaging Techniques

All NMR measurements were made with a Bruker CXP spectrometer and a 40 cm horizontal bore superconducting magnet operating at 2.35 Tesla. A 100 MHz ( $\gamma$  is 100.19 MHz/2.35 Tesla for protons) slotted resonator imaging coil was used to transmit radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation to the sample and to detect NMR signals from the sample. Signals were sampled at 41.67 kHz. The time between scans was always 1 second. The delay between the 90° RF pulse and the spin echo was 34.538 ms. In all imaging experiments four echoes were generated and acquired. Two averages were taken for each multi-echo set.

A typical imaging experiment begins with the placement of the object in the magnet bore. The point in the sample corresponding to the centre of the desired imaging slice is positioned 57.3 cm from the front plate of the magnet. This corresponds to the region of greatest magnetic field homogeneity. A standard spectrometer preparation protocol or command file which allows the user to prepare the spectrometer for an experiment (i.e., tune and match the imaging coil, shim the static magnetic field, set the 90 and 180 degree RF pulses, etc.) is then invoked from the console. At the end of this sequence the experiment to be run is chosen from a software menu. In the case of flow measurements, the IMFL (IMaging of FLow) command file is invoked (Appendix F). This file reads in the necessary values of various spectrometer parameters. At the completion of IMFL, the user is prompted to invoke the IMFLPL (IMaging of FLow, pulse Program Load, Appendix G) command file. The flow measurement pulse program is read in and a routine to interactively adjust the amplitude of the Gaussian shaped 90 degree RF pulse is started. This is a standard procedure whereby

all gradient switching is disabled, a gradient constant in time is established along the direction normal to the slice ( in most cases along the z axis ) and the pulse program is run. The result is a spin echo signal from the magnetization within the slice. The gain of the shaped RF pulse is adjusted until an optimum echo amplitude is attained. IMFLPL differs from the usual pulse program loading routine in that the user is allowed to specify the strength of the time-constant z gradient. At the completion of IMFLPL the user is requested to select a gradient set ( x, y and z gradient files ) to be used in generating the image data. For a transverse image ( i.e., a slice normal to the z direction ), each x and y gradient set defines an imaging " magnification " factor. That is, the strengths of the gradients are set such that an object of a given diameter will occupy a certain width in the image.

For example, consider a spin echo imaging sequence using a readout, or x, gradient of  $48.96 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla cm $^{-1}$  during the acquisition period. As mentioned, the spin echo is sampled at 41.67 kHz. Recalling the Nyquist criteria, this sampling rate corresponds to a spectral window of 20.83 kHz. In section 2.8 it was shown that a linear magnetic field gradient gave a linear variation in Larmor frequency along the gradient direction. Thus, the readout gradient corresponds to a  $2083 \text{ Hz cm}^{-1}$  change along the x axis. It is clear that the sampling window corresponds to a width of  $20.83 \text{ kHz} / 2083 \text{ Hz cm}^{-1} = 10 \text{ cm}$ . Thus, the width of the imaging slice in the x direction must be less than 10 cm in order that the slice be completely within the image ( at least in the readout direction ).

After the gradient set is established, the command file IMFLG ( IMaging of FLow, Go, Appendix H ) is invoked in order to set the attenuation of the acquired signal and to check the " profile " of the image. A profile is simply the Fourier transformation of a spin echo acquired with no

phase encoding. The result is a projection of the spin density in isochromatic planes normal to the frequency encoding, or readout, direction onto the frequency encoding axis.

At the completion of the IMFLG command file there is an optional step. If this is the beginning of an imaging session, it is wise to ensure that the echo is centred in the sampling window (refer to section 3.1). This is done by invoking IMFLTR ( IMaging of FLow echo TRim. Appendix I ). In this routine, the readout direction dephasing gradient pulse amplitude is adjusted to centre the echo. Each time the gradient pulse is altered, a scan is made with no phase encoding gradient on. The spin-echo acquired is Fourier transformed to give a complex profile. The phase at each point across this profile is summed and assigned to a variable, 1PHZ (Bruker notation). Ideally 1PHZ should be zero. Practically, any absolute sum less than 100 is acceptable.

The final step in the imaging experiment is the invocation of IMFL1 ( IMaging of FLow, 128 phase encoding steps. Appendix J ) which queries the user for a data file name and then proceeds with the imaging experiment.

### 5.3 Image Reconstruction and Data Analysis

All image reconstruction and data analysis was done using Digital Corp. VAX 11/750 computers. The generation of phase images requires the full two dimensional complex Fourier transformed image data set. The image reconstruction facility the Bruker provides will only produce modulus images, hence a separate reconstruction program had to be developed and implemented. Time domain data (the spin echoes from  $N_y$  scans) are transferred from the CXP via a parallel link to the VAX. The user has then the

option of running a phase correction program or else proceeding directly with the reconstruction program.

The phase correction program, PHASCOR ( Appendix K ), allows the user to visually inspect the frequency domain phase of the spin echo. The user can correct for discrete shifts in time of the spin echo ( refer to section 3.1 ) by specifying the number of sample points to move the echo left or right in the sample window. These corrections are saved in a file for use by the reconstruction program.

The reconstruction program, RECO ( Appendix L ), reads the raw time domain data file into main memory, shifts the echoes in their sample windows if requested, and passes the data to an array processor ( Computer Design and Applications Inc., MSR 3000 ). The array processor performs the complex two dimensional Fourier transformation and passes the resultant complex data set back to RECO. The complex data is stored in a file which is used by the image generation program.

Both PHASCOR and RECO have routines to " unscramble " the data from the 24 bit Bruker word format to the VAX 32 bit word format. The basic subroutines in both programs ( Appendices K and L ) were written by Dan Gheorghiu of the Department of Applied Sciences in Medicine. These routines make use of either the array processor or, if it is busy, the VAX.

The final step in image reconstruction, the generation of images, is performed by the program IMGMAKE ( Appendix M ). This program queries the user for information about the experiment and that information is saved in " header " data blocks. These blocks are written at the beginning of each image file. Next the user specifies the type of image desired, the choices being, real, imaginary, modulus, or phase ( as defined in section 2.8 ). The " raw " complex data file ( generated by RECO ) is then read in and

the images are calculated and saved to disk. This completes the image reconstruction step.

The program PHASME (Appendix N) facilitates the measurement of the average phase in rectangular areas defined by the user within the image. The images are displayed on a graphics monitor and the regions of interest are outlined by the user with a track ball accessory. For multi-echo images or multi-image sets that show the same position of the subject it is necessary only to define the regions of interest in the first image. The information about these regions is saved and, as successive images are read in and displayed by PHASME, the region information is recalled and the same regions of interest are defined for the current image. Results of these measurements are saved to a file for later output to a print device.

As an example, consider four images made of the U-tube phantom (section 5.1) and that it was not moved between the image acquisitions. A typical image is represented in Figure 5.2.

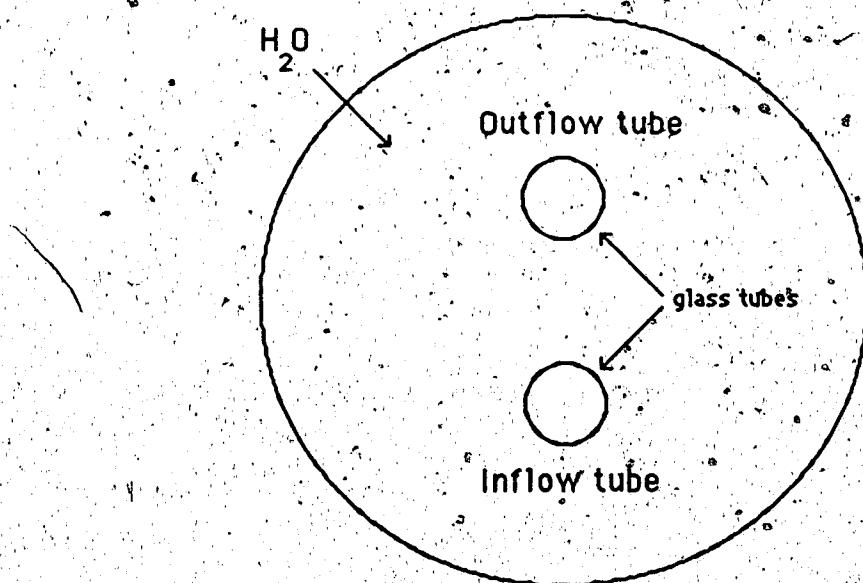


Figure 5.2

A sketch of a typical image of the U-tube phantom.

The objective of the flow measurement experiment is to measure the difference in phase between the non-moving water in the flask and the flowing water in the tubes. Hence regions within the flask and within the tubes must be defined. One arrangement of regions is illustrated in Figure 5.3. The average of the values in regions one through four inclusive is taken to be the average phase around the outflow tube. This value subtracted from the measured phase in region five gives the difference in phase between the static water and water flowing in the outflow tube. The same can be done for the inflow tube. In all flow measurement experiments reported in Chapter 6, regions 5 and 10 were very small ( $2 \times 2$  pixels) and in the centre of the tubes. This corresponded to the region of peak flow velocity ( see section 5.1 ). These measurements are repeated automatically for each of the remaining three images subsequently read in by PHASME.

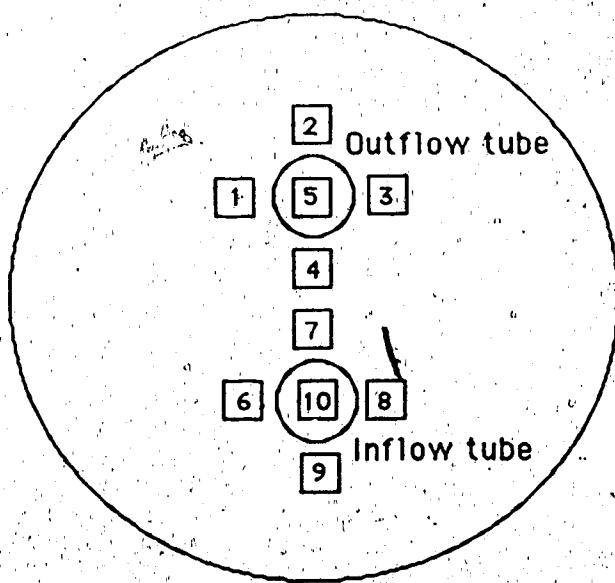


Figure 5.3

A set of region definitions used to measure the average phase of the static water around a tube and the phase of the water flowing in the tube.

## 6. Results and Discussion

As mentioned in the Introduction, the purpose of this project was to understand the factors affecting the phase of 2DFT images generated by spin echo pulse programs. After an initial failure to measure fluid flow in a phantom and the realization that there were indeed significant obstacles to overcome, the pursuit of a flow measurement technique became a series of "learning" experiments. Each experiment has provided information about how the phase of the NMR signal behaves in a NMR experiment. From what was learned, progress has been made towards a method that utilizes the difference between the phase of the signal from non-moving spins and the phase of moving spins as a measure of the fluid velocity (refer to section 3.2).

In an attempt to structure the results obtained over the past two years, the chapter has been subdivided into sections that deal with distinct, yet inter-related aspects of the flow measurement technique development. In all the NMR images presented in this chapter, the frequency encoding axis is vertical and the phase encoding axis is horizontal. The usual pixel size was 0.3 mm in the phase-encoding direction by 0.4 mm in the frequency encoding direction.

### 6.1 Phase Variations

Preliminary attempts at implementing an imaging pulse program revealed unacceptable (i.e., greater than 20 degrees) variations in phase across an image of non-moving water (Figure 6.1). These variations were manifest predominately in the frequency, or x, direction. The variation in the

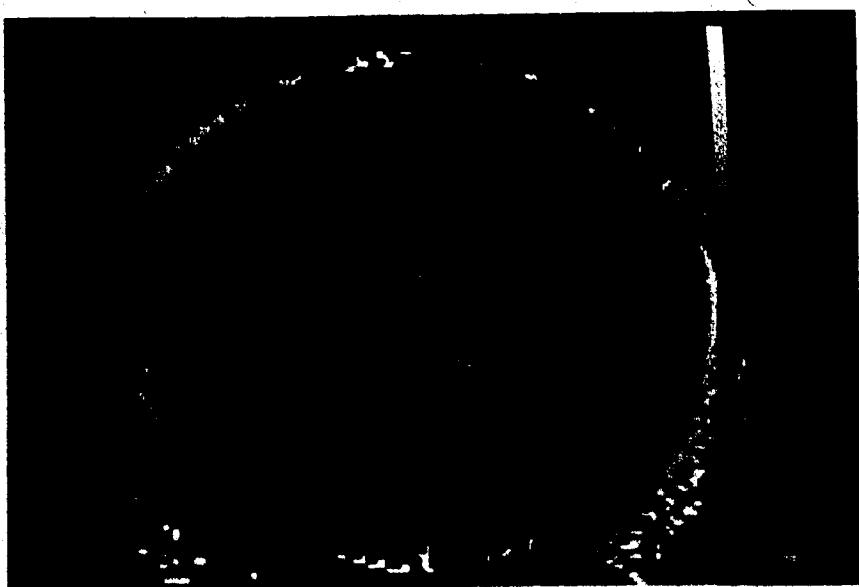


Figure 6.1

A phase image showing smooth variations along the frequency or x axis (vertical) and the phase or y axis (horizontal) encoding directions. On the grey scale, phase varies linearly between  $\pi$  (white) and  $-\pi$  (black).

phase encoding, or  $y$ , direction was not as large, but still apparent ( Figures 6.2a and 6.2b, respectively ). This suggested that these variations were related to the frequency and phase encoding gradient pulses of the imaging pulse program. Since, for a given imaging sequence, the number and size of the phase encoding gradient pulses are fixed, only the effect of the frequency, or readout, gradient pulses on the phase of the image could be examined. Inspection of a typical spin echo imaging pulse program ( e.g., Figure 2.19 ) reveals that the dephasing of the spins by the  $x$  gradient pulse between the 90 and the 180 degree RF pulses must be reversed by the readout gradient pulse that follows the 180 degree pulse in order that a spin echo be formed. By adjusting the area ( duration multiplied by the amplitude ) of the first gradient pulse, the spin echo may be shifted in the sampling window. If the centre of the spin echo is not at the centre of the sampling window, it is said to be shifted in time ( the time origin being at the centre of the sampling window ). A shift of the spin echo signal in the time domain results in, after the Fourier transformation of the signal, a non-zero phase distribution in the frequency domain ( see section 3.1 ). The frequency encoding gradient pulses do not vary from scan to scan in the imaging sequence, therefore, any time shift of the spin echo will be present in each scan. The result in the final image will be a linear variation in phase across the image along the frequency encoding direction. An image from a badly time-shifted spin echo is shown in Figure 6.3a, and an image from the spin echo centred in the sampling window is shown in Figure 6.3b. Notice that there remains a small variation in phase along the frequency encoding direction in Figure 6.3b due to the non-continuous nature of the gradient pulse amplitude generation ( refer to section 3.1 ).



Figure 6.2

a) A profile of the variation in phase along the frequency encoding direction. The dependent axis of the graph gives measured pixel intensities. The range is [0,32767] with 0 representing  $-\pi$  and 32767 representing  $\pi$ .

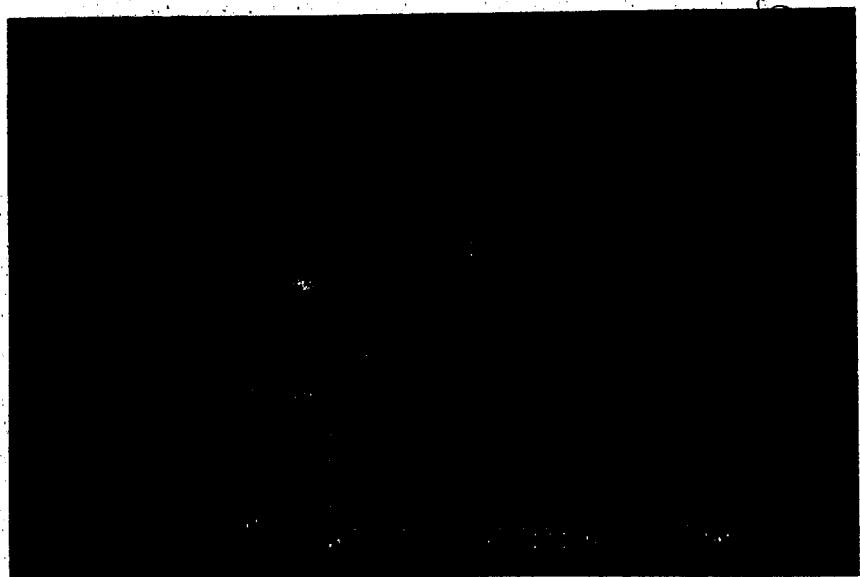


Figure 6.2

b) A profile of the variation in phase along the phase encoding direction.

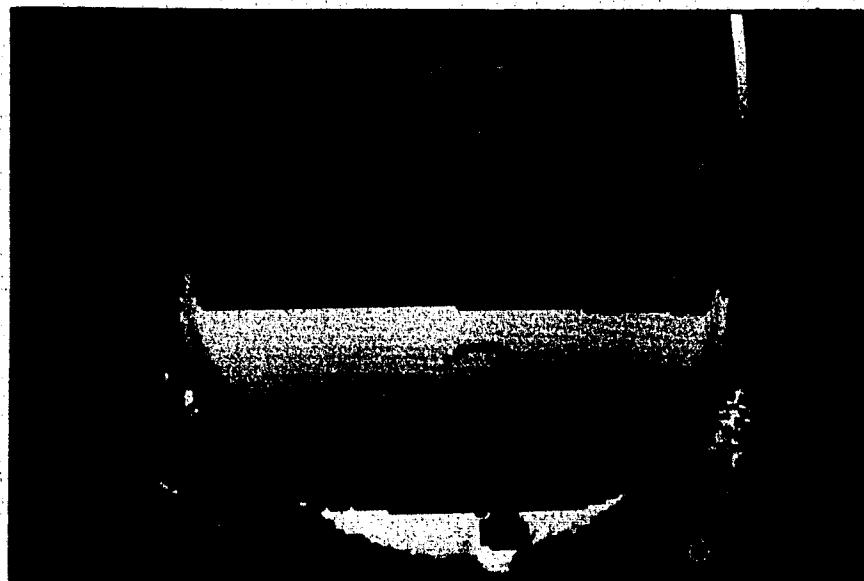


Figure 6.3

a) The effect of a badly mis-centred spin echo on the phase of an image (the frequency encoding direction is vertical).

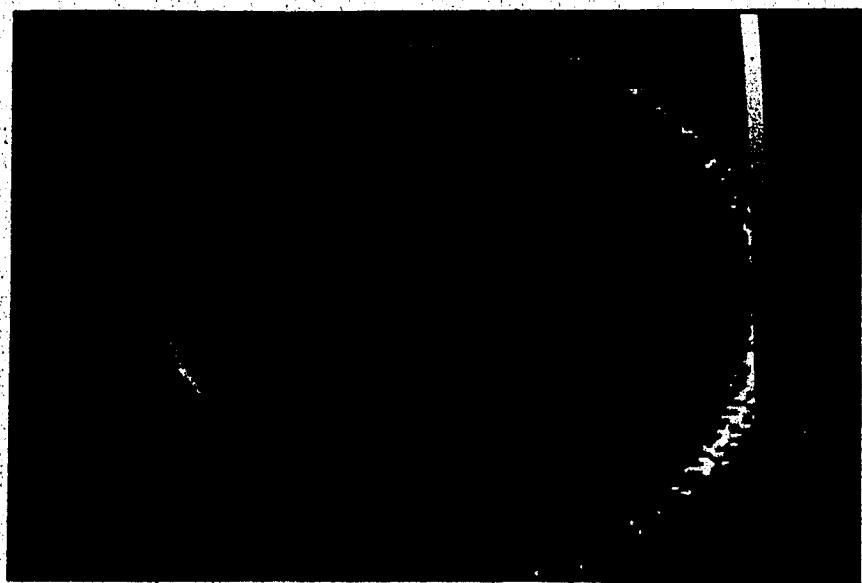


Figure 6.3

b) The appearance of a phase image when the spin echo is centred in the sampling window.

As a result of these investigations, a routine to interactively centre the spin echo in the sampling window was later developed and made a part of the imaging preparation sequence ( see section 5.2, the command file IMFLTR ). After the correction for the phase error in the frequency encoding direction as caused by discrete shifts in time of the spin echo ( see section 3.1 ), there still remained small, smooth phase variations in both directions across the image. The effect of these variations in the measurement of the phase change due to flow in the image ( see analysis method in section 5.3 ) was unknown. It was felt that, if these variations were severe enough, a method of phase correction such as suggested by O'Donnell ( 1985 ) could be implemented. O'Donnell's technique produces two phase images, one phase sensitive to flow and one not. Both images show the same phase, for non-moving spins. Hence, when one is compared to the other, only the difference in phase from the flowing spins remains. The non-moving spin phases cancel. If, on the other hand, the variations in phase that remained were not detrimental, only one image need be produced, thus saving time.

In addition to the "image-wide" variations in phase that were investigated, phase variations near the glass tubes and the glass walls of the flask were observed. These are probably due to a change in the local magnetic field resulting from the difference in the magnetic susceptibilities of water, glass and air. An imaging experiment demonstrating the severity of this "susceptibility artifact" was performed using a glass tube mounted in a flat perspex slab ( Figure 6.4 ). An image was made with the tube in the x-y plane and in the centre of the slice. At the interface between the perspex and the glass the static magnetic field was altered to the extent that the hydrogen nuclei in that region were off resonance and not rotated 90 degrees by the selective 90 degree RF pulse. This is shown by the lack of signal in the

central portion of the modulus image in Figure 6.5a. When the slice was shifted (by shifting the RF transmitter frequency) 3 mm past the tube, a second image revealed the shifted central portion of the water in the tube (Figure 6.5b).

There is no correcting for this artifact as any material will cause a change in the magnetic field. Thus, all measurements of the image phase had to be made far from the tube and the flask boundaries.

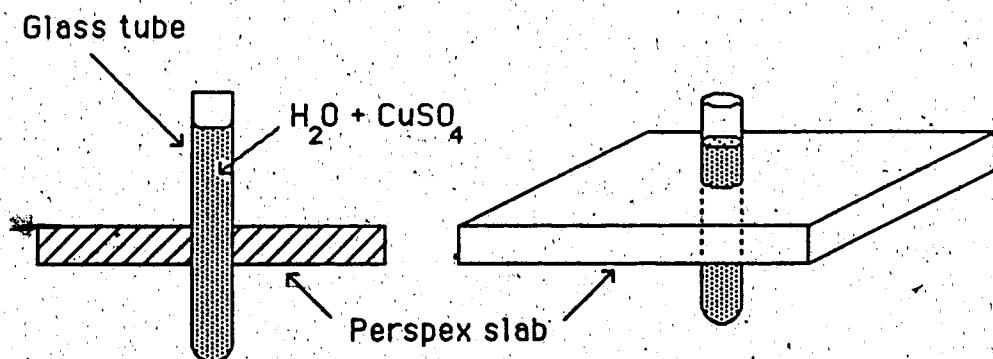


Figure 6.4

A glass tube, 4 mm i.d., of  $CuSO_4$  doped water supported in a perspex slab.

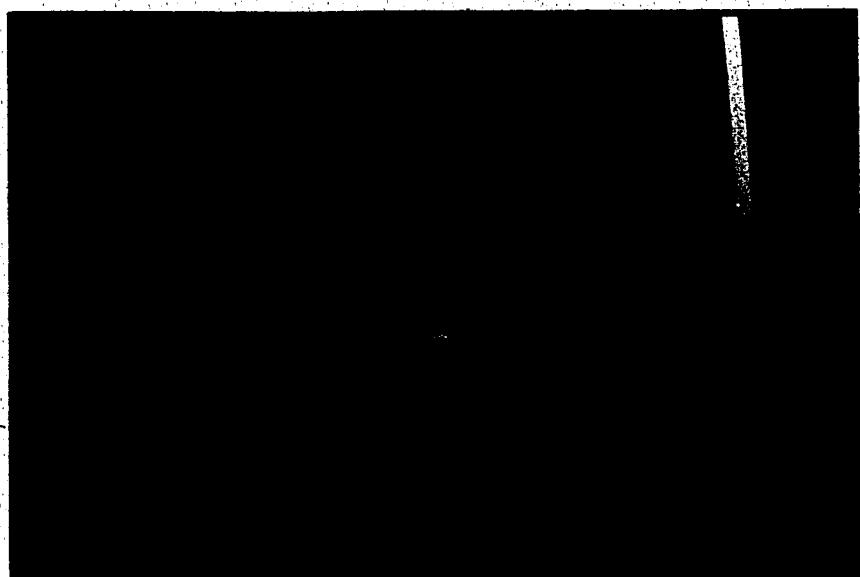


Figure 6.5

a) A modulus image of the tube centred in the imaging slice. On the grey scale, black is the lowest, or zero signal intensity and white is the highest.

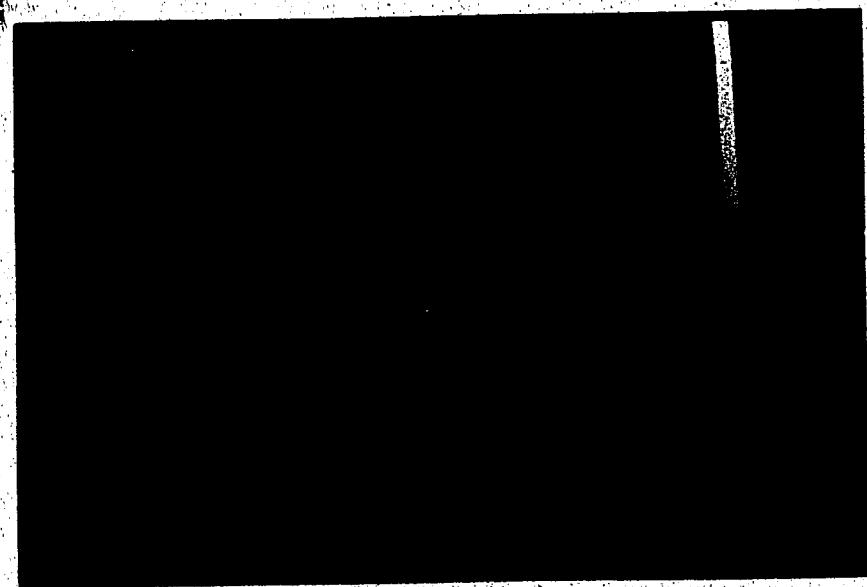


Figure 6.5

b) A modulus image of the slice now shifted 3 mm from the centre of the tube. The "missing" water is now excited by the 90° RF pulse.

## 6.2 Dependence of Flow Measurement Range on Slice Selection Sequences

Having established a method to remove the largest variation in the phase of an image, i.e., variations in the frequency encoding direction due to spin echo mis-centring, flow induced phase differences were re-examined. At this time it was decided to concentrate on single-echo spin echo images. The pulse program at that time corresponded to the one shown in Figure 6.6. Gradient amplitude values are given for only the z direction magnetic field gradient pulses since flow was in that direction only (recall that x and y direction gradients will affect the phase of the signal only when there are flow components in those directions. See section 3.2).

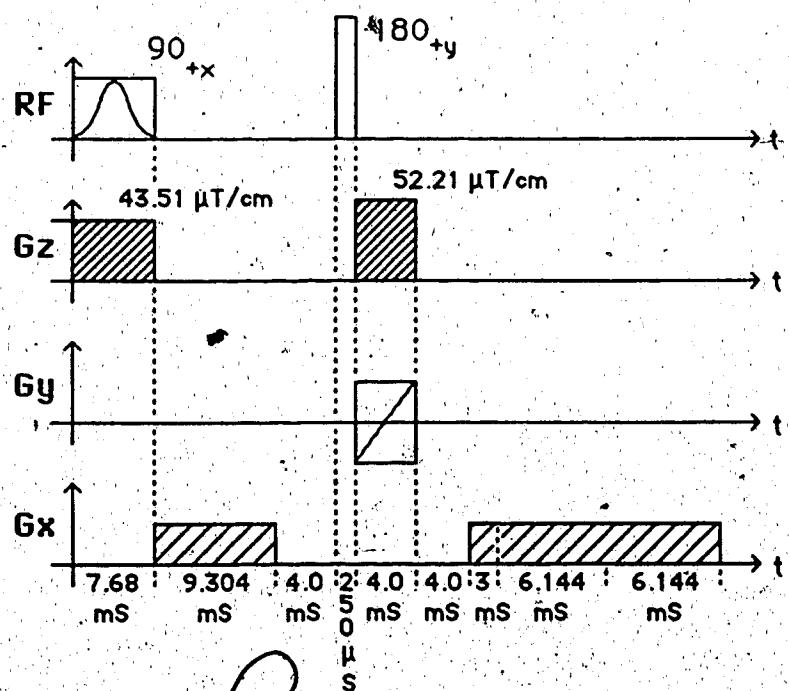


Figure 6.6

A pulse program used to study the effect of the slice selection sequence on the phase of the NMR signal from flowing liquid.

There are no special flow phase-encoding gradient pulses in this pulse program. It was desired to investigate the effect of the slice selection sequence on the signal phase from flowing spins.

An experiment began with the set up of the U-tube flow phantom (section 5.1) and preparation of the spectrometer (including execution of the spin echo centring routine, IMFLTR). Then, for a series of different flow rates, phase images were acquired. Measurements were made of the difference between the phase of the flowing fluid region (inside the tubes) and the phase of the non-flowing fluid for each image generated. These phase angles were plotted against their corresponding flow rates and this data was fitted to a straight line. Again, it should be noted that the region measured in the tubes corresponded to the region of peak flow rate (i.e., small regions in the very centre of the tube where  $b$ , in equation 5.2, is very small and, therefore,  $V \approx 2V_{avg}$ ).

The slope values calculated from these initial experiments were between 25 and 30 degrees per  $\text{cm s}^{-1}$ . If physiological flow rates were to be measured (0 to  $150 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ), then these slopes were clearly too large. That is, it would take a flow rate of only  $6 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  to reach the limit, 180 degrees, of the phase encoding range (after 180 degrees the phase would "wrap" and start increasing from -180 degrees).

It was recognized that the source of this large phase shift at low velocities was the slice defining gradient pulse sequence. It was known that the phase shift due to constant flow is proportional to the strength of the gradient (equation 3.13). This suggested lowering the amplitudes of the slice selection gradient pulses. However, lowering the strength of the slice defining gradient means that a thicker slice will be selected (i.e., changing  $G_r$  in equation 2.55 changes  $B_{eff}$ ). Refer to the discussion in section 2.9. In

an animal or a human there are only a few vessels that run straight for any great distance. The thicker the slice is, the less likely that a vessel will run perpendicular to the slice for the entire width of the slice. If the vessel is not perpendicular to the slice, then the assumption of flow with velocity components only along the z axis is no longer valid. Thus, there had to be some trade-off between slice thickness and flow velocity phase encoding. A simple two part experiment was devised to measure slice thicknesses at various z direction magnetic field gradient strengths. In the first part, two spheres of 5 mm diameter were filled with water and centred 4 cm apart along the z axis of the magnet. A z gradient was turned on and allowed to "settle". Then the samples were irradiated by a 90 degree pulse and the resulting FID recorded. Following Fourier transformation of the FID, the separation in Hz of the signals from each sphere was measured. Multiplying this quantity by  $2\pi/\gamma$  and dividing by 4 cm gave the strength of the gradient for that particular gradient setting in Tesla per cm. The Bruker CXP spectrometer gradient strengths are related to an integer variable which has the domain [-1800, 1800] and which is referred to as the "gradient IOD" value.

After several measurements at various IOD values (e.g., -500, -300, -100, 0, 100, ...), a scalar factor was found relating gradient strength to IOD value. This factor was  $87,0205 \cdot 10^{-9}$  Tesla cm<sup>-1</sup> IOD<sup>-1</sup>. For example, an IOD value of 500 is equivalent to a gradient strength of  $43.51 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The second part of this experiment measured the frequency bandwidth of the slice selective 90 degree RF pulse. A flask 10 cm in diameter, filled with water, was placed in the magnet and irradiated by the following spin echo pulse sequence; selective  $90^\circ_{+x} - \tau_1 - 180^\circ_{+y} - \tau_2 -$  acquire (spin echo). The selective 90 degree RF pulse was Gaussian in

shape and 7.68 milliseconds long. The non-selective 180 degree RF pulse was rectangular and 250 microseconds long.  $\tau_1$  was 13.304 milliseconds and  $\tau_2$  was 11.000 milliseconds. The signal was sampled every 24 microseconds giving an effective spectral resolution of 41 Hz. During the entire sequence a gradient in the z direction was present, but its value is unimportant in this experiment. After the acquired spin echo signal was Fourier transformed, the half-height width of the resulting "slice profile" (refer to section 2.8) was measured. It was found to be 492 Hz or about 500 Hz. This was taken to be the width,  $S_{BW}$ , in Hz of the slice. Over this frequency band the magnetization is considered to be rotated 90 degrees by a 90 degree RF pulse.

From the results in part one and two an equation is easily derived for the slice thickness. Slice width, SW, in cm is given by

$$SW = \frac{2\pi S_{BW}}{\gamma G_z}$$

6.1)

where  $G_z$  is the z direction magnetic field gradient strength in Tesla cm<sup>-1</sup>. Slice widths for various  $G_z$  values are given in Table 6.1. From Table 6.1 it is seen that the early flow measurement experiments were done using a slice selection gradient strength ( $43.51 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla cm<sup>-1</sup>) that resulted in a 3 mm slice. It was felt that a slice of up to 15 mm could be used in flow measurement experiments looking at flow in large vessels ( $> 3$  mm). Use of slice thicknesses from 10 to even 20 mm is common in the large bore clinical NMR imaging systems of today.

IOD value	$G_z$ (Tesla cm $^{-1}$ )	Slice width (cm)
10	$870.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	13.5
50	$4.35 \cdot 10^{-6}$	2.7
90	$7.83 \cdot 10^{-6}$	1.5
135	$11.75 \cdot 10^{-6}$	1.0
270	$23.49 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.5
500	$43.51 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.27

Table 6.1      Slice thicknesses for various gradient settings and a Gaussian shaped 90 degree RF pulse of 7.68 ms duration.

However, repeating the earlier flow measurement spin echo imaging experiments and phase analysis, it was found that a gradient strength of  $7.83 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla cm $^{-1}$  still gave a slope of 6.5 degrees per cm s $^{-1}$ . This was still unacceptable as the maximum flow rate measureable was only  $180/6.5 = 27$  cm s $^{-1}$ .

Having reached an upper limit on the thickness of the slice, it was decided to try and change the slice selection sequence itself. The delay between the slice selection gradient pulse during the selective RF irradiation and the slice refocussing gradient pulse after the 180 degree RF pulse was recognized as being a factor contributing to the phase encoded for moving spins. This delay allows flowing transverse magnetization to move along the z direction to a position of much different magentic field strength by the time the refocussing gradient pulse is applied. The magnetization then precesses at a much different rate than when the selective RF pulse ended. This difference in rate is manifest in the phase of the signal. The way to eliminate this delay is to apply the refocussing gradient pulse immediately after the selective RF pulse, but in the direction opposite to that of the slice selection

gradient pulse. This scheme was discussed in section 2.9 and illustrated in Figure 2.18.

Such a slice selection sequence was implemented. However, this sequence would not produce acceptable images, i.e., severe artifacts were produced in both the phase and the modulus images. Since the only changes were in the temporal location and direction of the refocussing gradient pulse, the problem was related to this gradient pulse. Three experiments were run to try and shed some light on the problem.

In the first experiment the linearity of the z direction magnetic field gradient was checked. Eleven tubes of 4 mm inside diameter were filled with water and placed at 1 cm intervals along the z axis at the radial centre of the magnet. The centre tube was positioned at 57.3 cm from the front plate of the magnet. A simple spin echo pulse sequence,  $90^\circ_{+x} - \tau_1 - 180^\circ_{+y} - \tau_2 -$  acquire(spin echo), was used. A gradient was applied during the acquisition period causing the magnetization in each tube to precess at a frequency proportional to the strength of the magnetic field at that spatial location. When the acquired spin echo was Fourier transformed, the result was eleven separate peaks in the frequency spectrum whose separation in frequency depended on the strength and linearity of the magnetic field gradient. This experiment was performed for IOD values of -500, -250, 250, and 500. The objective was to determine the linearity of the magnetic field gradients along the positive and negative z directions and to see whether or not they had a common null point (i.e., the point in the magnetic field where only  $B_0$  is present).

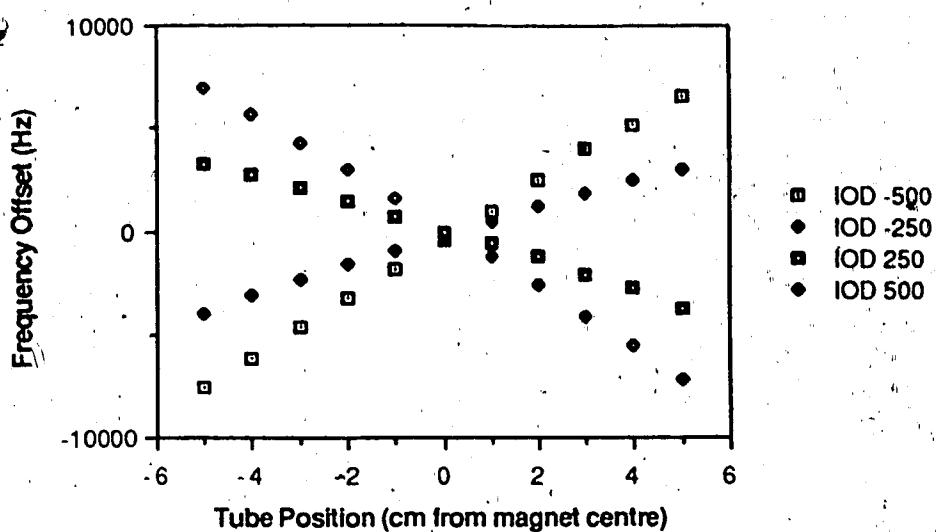


Figure 6.7

Results of the z direction gradient linearity experiment. An IOD value of 250 corresponds to a gradient of  $21.76 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla/cm. An IOD value of 500 corresponds to a gradient of  $43.51 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla/cm. The sign of the IOD value indicates the z direction of the gradient.

The results are plotted in Figure 6.7. It shows good magnetic field gradient linearity for both z direction gradients and that they have a common null point.

The next experiment tested the radial symmetry of the z direction magnetic field gradient. A disk phantom of diameter 8 cm and thickness 3 mm was constructed. The phantom was positioned at the centre of the magnet such that it was perpendicular to the z direction. It was fixed to a piece of styrofoam about 5 cm thick which was in turn fixed to a perspex disk. This perspex disk fit snugly inside the bore of the imaging coil. To the other side of the perspex disk a long rod was affixed so that the entire assembly could be shifted along the bore of the magnet. This arrangement is illustrated in Figure 6.8.

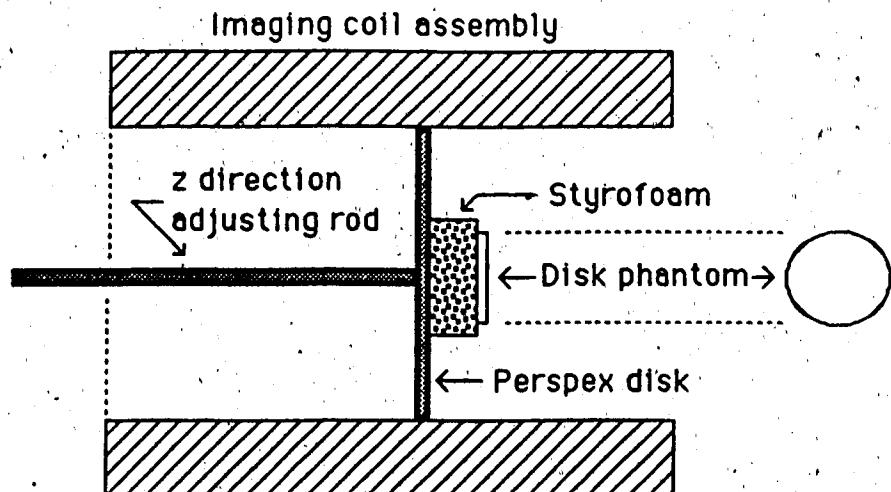


Figure 6.8 The experimental setup of the 3 mm thick disk phantom.

The styrofoam, being mostly air, minimized the effect of the magnetic susceptibility of the perspex disk on the magnetic field near the disk phantom.

The disk phantom was filled with copper sulfate doped water ( $< 5\text{mM}$ ) and positioned at 57.3 cm from the front plate of the magnet. Images, using a standard spin echo imaging sequence, were generated at 56.7, 57.0, 57.3, 57.6, 57.9, and 58.2 cm from the front plate. Some results are shown in Figure 6.9.

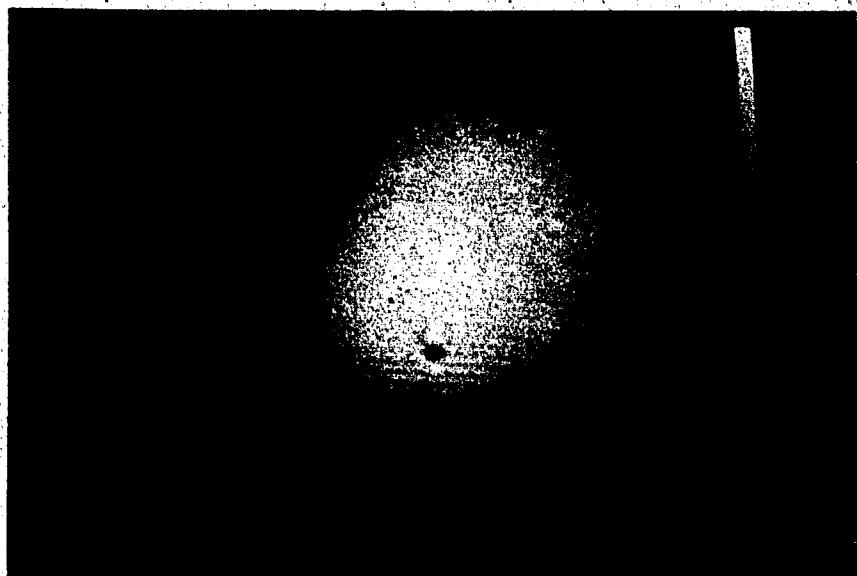


Figure 6.9

a) A modulus image of the disk phantom at 57.0 cm from the front plate of the magnet.

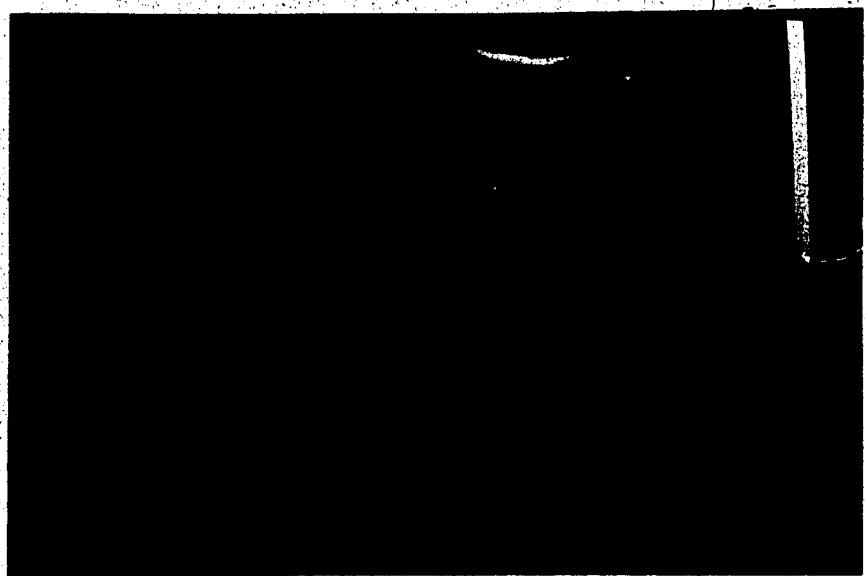


Figure 6.9

b) A modulus image of the disk phantom at 57.3 cm from the front plate of the magnet.

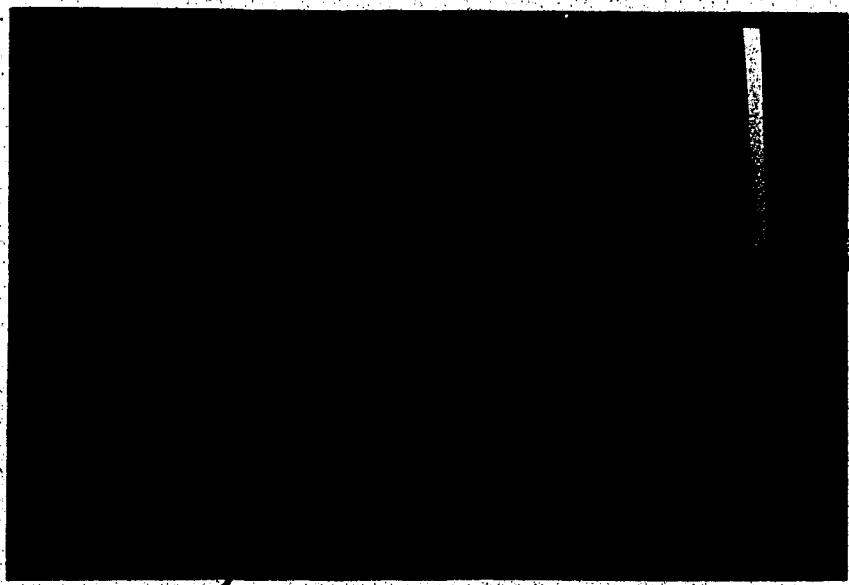


Figure 6.9

c) A modulus image of the disk phantom at 57.6 cm from the front plate of the magnet.

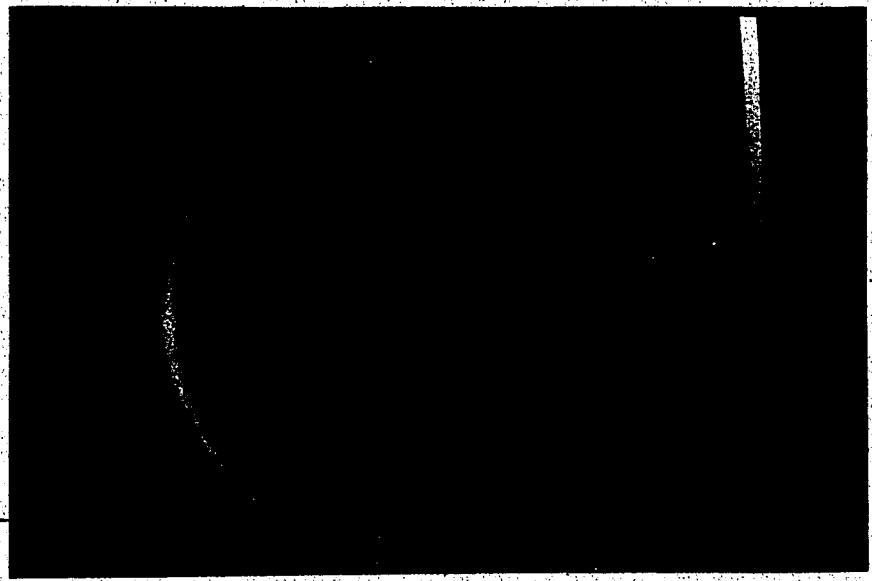


Figure 6.9

d) A modulus image of the disk phantom at 57.9 cm from the front plate of the magnet.

Since the selective 90 degree RF pulse was Gaussian shaped, a Gaussian shaped distribution along the z direction of tip angles would be expected across the slice. The intensity of the NMR signal would be greatest for a 90 degree tip angle and decrease with decreasing tip angle. Thus, the less intense regions in Figure 6.9 reflect tip angles less than 90 degrees.

The regions of greatest signal intensity can be seen to "move" radially from image to image. Since each image represents a different position along the z axis, the movement of the high intensity signal regions traces the 90 degree tip angle positions in space. In other words, there is a radial dependence of the z direction magnetic field gradient. Application of a gradient along the z direction can be thought to produce curved iso-magnetic field surfaces, the centres of which are normal to the z axis. The result, in a "three dimensional object", would be the selection of a curved slice as illustrated in Figure 6.10.

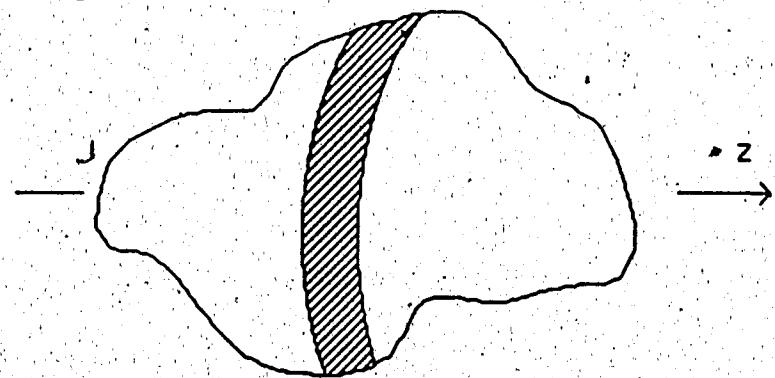


Figure 6.10      A curved slice that is the result of the radial dependence of the z direction magnetic field gradient.

When the direction of the magnetic field gradient is reversed, this radial dependence inverts, i.e., the iso-magnetic field surfaces are curved in the opposite direction. If a gradient pulse in the opposite direction is used,

the result would be similar to superimposing the two oppositely curved surfaces (Figure 6.11)

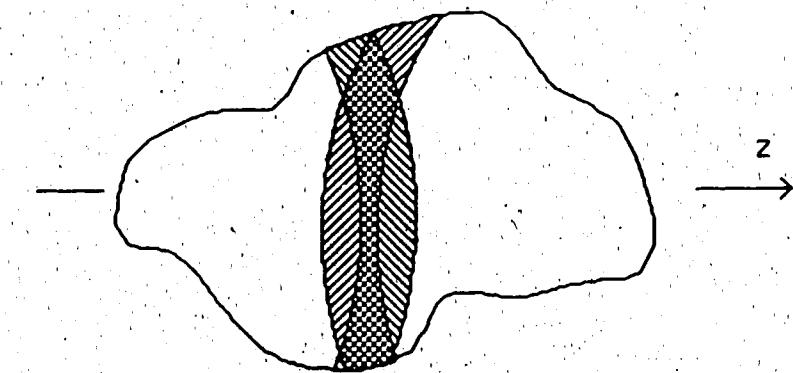


Figure 6.11

A visualization of the effect of a slice selection gradient pulse along one direction and a slice refocussing gradient pulse along the opposite direction. Only the spins in the double hatched areas will come close to refocussing.

Only the volume indicated by the double hatching would be properly refocussed. This would most likely produce distortions in the image seen as regions of diminished signal.

The third experiment involved the measurement of the magnetic field gradients produced by eddy currents in the cryostat that are induced by gradient switching. The experimental procedure for gradient pulses along the z direction was as follows. Two 15 mm spheres of water were placed 4 cm either side of the centre of the magnet (57.3 cm from the front plate) along the z axis. The pulse program consisted of a set of gradient pulses followed by a delay  $\tau$ , then a 90 degree RF pulse and the acquisition of the FID. Eddy currents generated in the cryostat will result in a small magnetic field gradient which changes the effective magnetic field at each sphere. If this gradient were zero, the FID would consist of only one frequency component and its frequency spectrum would contain only one peak. If the gradient is not zero, the FID would consist of two frequency components and

the spectrum would contain two peaks whose separation would depend on the strength of the gradient. Four different gradient pulse sets were tested. The separation of the spectral peaks from the two spheres is plotted for each gradient pulse set as a function of the delay time  $\tau$ . The four gradient pulse sets are labeled  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\zeta$  and are illustrated in Figure 6.12.

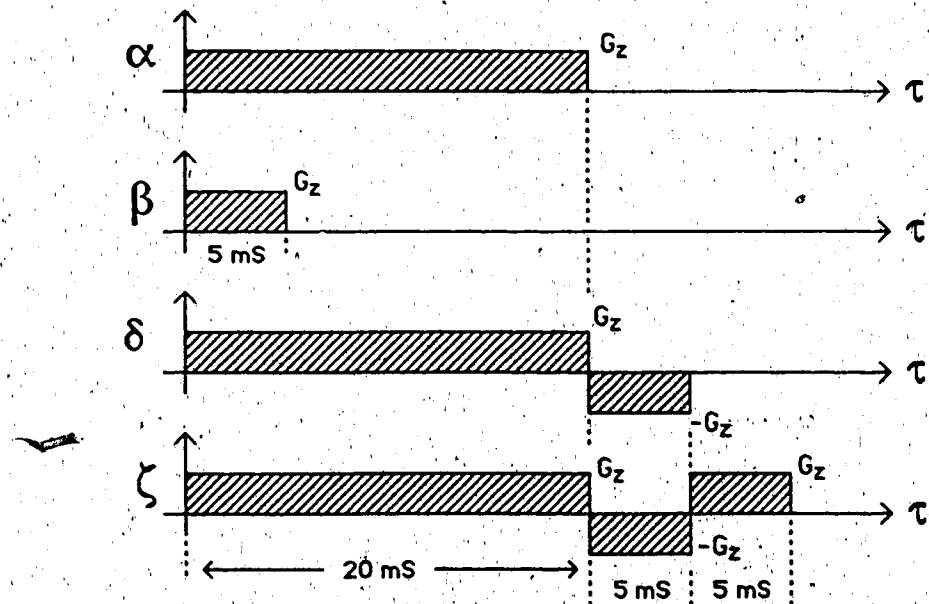


Figure 6.12 The four gradient pulse sets. All gradient amplitudes are  $43.51 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Tesla cm}^{-1}$  and the pulses are along the positive or negative z axis as indicated.

The change in the Larmor frequencies of the spheres after a gradient pulse set is plotted in Figure 6.13. In each case it is clear that the magnetic field is not static until a very long time (in terms of an imaging sequence) after the gradient pulse is zero. If a typical frequency encoding gradient strength of  $2000 \text{ Hz cm}^{-1}$  ( $47 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Tesla cm}^{-1}$ ) is considered, the values depicted in Figure 6.13 represent an error of about 1%. However, it must be remembered that these eddy current-generated magnetic field gradients are present for a long time. Thus, they can produce a large cumulative phase error.

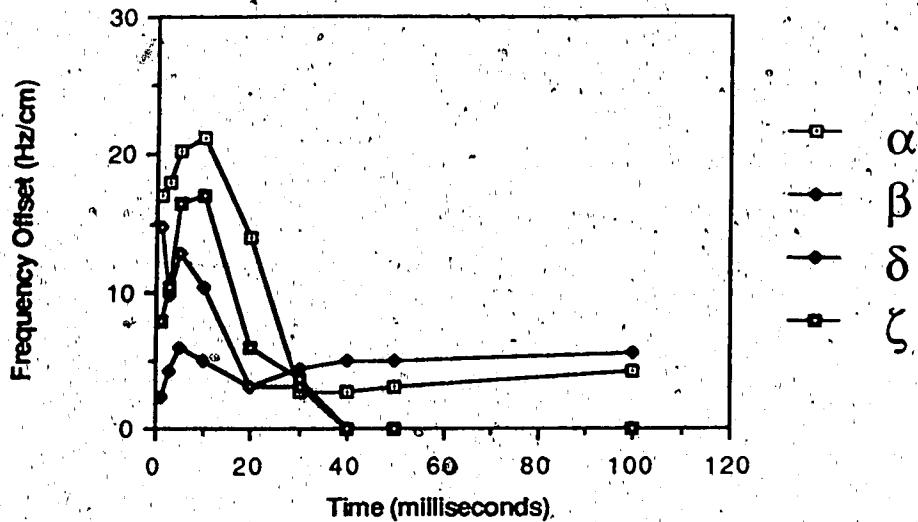


Figure 6.13

A plot, for each of the four gradient pulse sets, of the magnetic field gradient in Hz/cm between the two spheres over time. The time origin is at the end of the gradient pulse set

In summing up the three experiments, it is clear that the first experiment shows that the axial linearity of the z-direction magnetic field gradient is very good. Thus axial non-linearity is not a contributing factor to the aforementioned poor image quality. The other two experiments do, however, show some serious problems. The radial dependence of the magnetic field gradient will be difficult to correct. Perhaps thin strips of metal could be used to "shim" this magnetic field gradient without disturbing the other magnetic field gradients and the homogeneity of the main magnetic field. Pulsed gradient induced eddy currents can be minimized by proper adjustment of the gradient pulse envelope characteristics. That is, proper adjustment of the rise and fall times of the pulse edges and perhaps also the shape of the pulse envelope.

The observed magnetic field gradients generated by eddy currents in the cryostat do not necessarily have a great effect on the slice selection process. This statement is supported by the fact that the magnetic field gradient generated by pulse set  $\delta$  is clearly lower in magnitude over time than that generated by pulse set  $\alpha$  (see Figures 6.12 and 6.13). Pulse set  $\delta$  mimics the slice selection gradient pulse set that resulted in image artifacts. However, these eddy current-generated magnetic fields, and similar fields generated by the switching of the x and y direction magnetic field gradients, can cause errors in phase images by producing unwanted phase encoding during the imaging experiment.

The demonstrated radial asymmetry of the z direction magnetic field gradient, on the other hand, provides a strong argument against using a slice selection gradient pulse followed immediately by a slice refocussing gradient pulse in the opposite direction. As illustrated in Figure 6.11, there will be improper refocussing of the spins. Further work will be required to quantify, explain and compensate for this refocussing problem.

Further imaging pulse sequence tests showed that a return to a slice selection sequence with the slice refocussing pulse after the 180 degree RF pulse removed the previous image artifacts.

### 6.3 Flow Velocity Measurements

Having to return to the "old" slice defining gradient pulse sequence (the slice refocussing gradient pulse after the 180 degree RF pulse) meant that some other method had to be found to compensate for the large phase angles encoded for flow by the slice selection gradients. At this time a closer look was taken at the theory behind phase encoding due to constant velocity

motion ( section 3.2 ). This resulted in the inclusion of a compensating " balanced " gradient pulse set between the 90 and 180 degree RF pulses. This balanced gradient pulse set compensates for or removes much of the phase encoding of the moving magnetization incurred by the slice-selection gradient pulse sequence ( refer to equations 3.13 and 3.14 ). The final form of the flow measurement pulse program is shown in Figure 6.14.

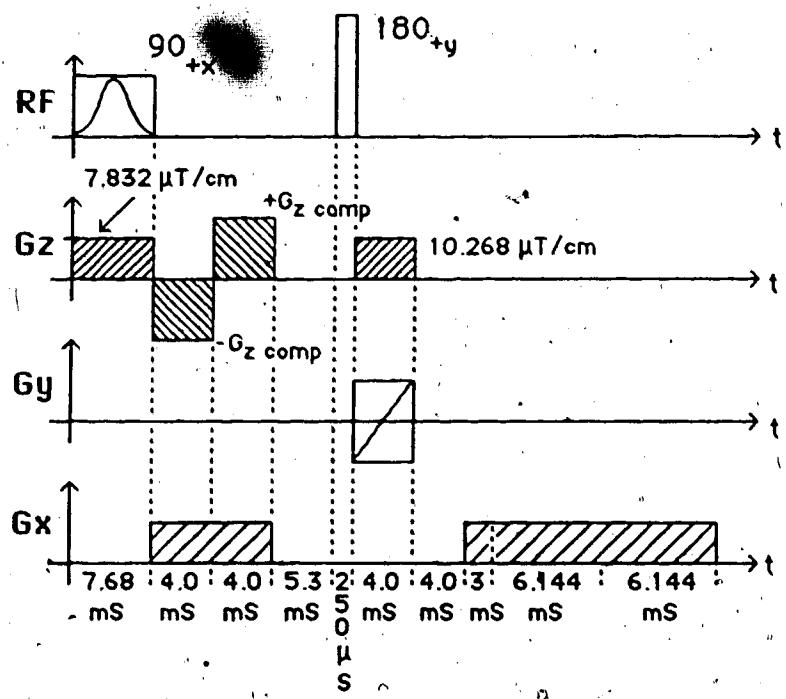


Figure 6.14

The final flow measurement pulse program. The amplitudes of the x and y gradient pulses are dependent on the " magnification " factor desired. The value of  $G_z \text{ comp}$  depends on the range of flow rates to be measured.

Referring to the end of section 3.2, the phase of magnetization moving along the z axis should be given by

$$\phi = \gamma G_z v_z \left( \frac{59}{50} t_p^2 + t_p \Delta t_z \right) - \gamma G_z \text{ comp} v_z t_p^2$$

6.2)

where, from Figure 6.14,  $t_p$  is 4 milliseconds and  $G_z$  is  $10.268 \cdot 10^{-6}$  Tesla cm<sup>-1</sup>.

To check the validity of this "flow phase compensation" scheme, an experiment was performed as follows. The U-tube phantom was set up and the spectrometer prepared for imaging using the flow measurement pulse program with the compensating balanced gradient set installed. The spin echo was centred in the sampling interval using IMFLTR. A constant flow was established through the U-tube phantom. Image data was acquired for several IOD values of  $G_z$  comp (Figure 6.14). These images were reconstructed and the phase of the signal from the flowing water measured. The measured values were normalized to the flow rate during the experiment (see Table 6.2) and are plotted in Figure 6.15.

Image	Gradient (IOD)	Flow rate (cm/s)	Measured phase (degrees)	Phase divided by flow rate (degrees s cm <sup>-1</sup> )
A	0	5.1	-55.1	-10.8
B	50	5.1	-45.9	-9.0
C	100	5.1	-43.4	-8.5
D	300	5.3	-8.5	-1.6
E	400	6.2	3.8	0.7
F	500	5.1	19.5	3.8
G	600	5.0	36.8	7.4

Table 6.2      Results of the slice selection gradient flow phase compensation test.

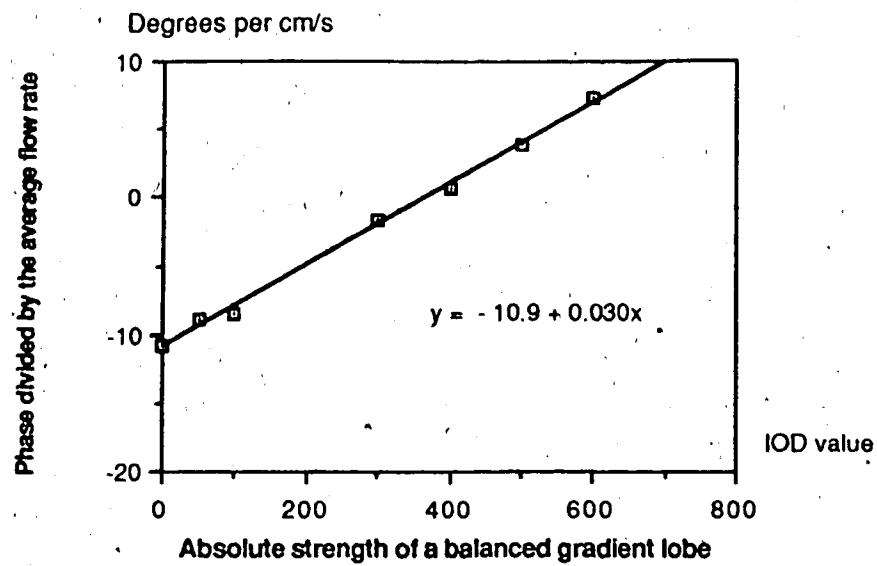


Figure 6.15

The effect of different flow compensating gradient pulse amplitudes (in IOD values of one lobe of the gradient set, the other is the same magnitude and in the opposite direction) on the encoded phase per  $\text{cm s}^{-1}$ .

The slope of the least squares fitted line is  $0.030 \pm 0.0011$  degrees  $\text{s cm}^{-1} \text{IOD}^{-1}$ . The intercept of  $-10.9 \pm 0.4$  degrees  $\text{s cm}^{-1}$  is in good agreement with that which should be encoded at zero flow compensating gradient.

Using equation 3.10) and values from Figure 6.14, this would be

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\phi}{v_z} &= \gamma G_z \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{59}{25} t_p^2 + 2t_p \Delta t_z \right) \\
 &= \gamma 10.26 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{59}{25} 16 \cdot 10^{-6} + 108.43 \cdot 10^{-6} \right) \\
 &= 0.20 \text{ radians } \text{s cm}^{-1} \text{ or } 11.49 \text{ degrees } \text{s cm}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of determination is 0.9967. However, for IOD values greater than 500 distortions in the phase and modulus images began to appear.

This is not a problem since any flow rate of physiological interest can be measured using compensating gradients in the range of  $0 \leq \text{IOD} \leq 400$ .

Using an IOD value of 400 for the balanced gradient pulse set and the values shown in Figure 6.14 for the slice defining gradient pulses, trials were conducted to determine the precision of the phase measurement for flowing and non-flowing liquid. The flow was set to a constant rate and a set of six images were made. Following reconstruction, the phase of the water flowing through the inlet tube was measured for each image. The average phase of the water surrounding the inlet tube was measured as well as the phase of the flowing water in the inlet tube. The former value was subtracted from the latter and the result called the phase of the flowing water. Typical results are tabulated in Table 6.3.

Image	Flow rate (cm/s)	Measured phase (degrees)	Phase for a flow rate normalized to 9.0 cm/s (degrees)	Average phase of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ around the inlet tube (degrees)
A	10.8	-6.5	-5.4	5.5
B	9.7	-5.2	-4.8	5.3
C	9.0	-5.1	-5.1	6.5
D	8.5	-3.6	-3.8	9.5
E	8.1	-1.9	-2.1	8.3
F	7.6	-1.5	-1.8	7.3
$v_{avg} = 9.0$ $\pm 1.2 \text{ cm/s}$		$\phi_{flow} = -3.8$ $\pm 1.6 \text{ degrees}$	$\phi_{stat} = 7.1$ $\pm 1.6 \text{ degrees}$	

Table 6.3

Results from test of flow measurement precision.

The precision of the phase measurement for both flowing and non-flowing water is within  $\pm 2$  degrees.

At first glance the precision does not appear to be satisfactory since the measured phase values for flow are so low (i.e., a variation of 2

degrees in 5 degrees gives a 40% error). However, it must be remembered that this flow phase compensating balanced gradient set was chosen to allow encoding of flow rates up to  $150 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$ . Blood, having a higher viscosity than water, will maintain laminar flow at much higher flow rates ( McDonald, 1974 ). At flow rates of  $120 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  the phase encoded would be about 50 degrees. A variation of 2 degrees at that rate gives an error of 4%. The fact that the variation in the measurement of the phase for static water is about the same as the variation in the phase measurement for flowing water suggests the error in the flow measurement ( section 5.1 ) is not a significant factor in the overall phase measurement error.

It is interesting to note the almost linear decrease in the measured phase for flowing water from image to image. The data is presented in chronological order with each image in the sequence requiring about 6 minutes to acquire. This decrease will be examined towards the end of the chapter.

The next step, after the precision of the phase measurement was found, was to find the accuracy of the flow measurements. A compensating balanced gradient set of IOD 400 was used. Images for several different flow rates were generated, reconstructed and the phase of the water flowing in the inlet tube measured. The measurement results and the least squares linearly fitted data are presented in Table 6.4 and plotted in Figure 6.16. A profile across the inlet tube ( Figure 6.17 ) shows the laminar flow distribution. Confidence intervals of 95% were calculated using a Student's t distribution for the straight line parameters. These parameters

Flow rate (cm/s) calculated	Measured phase (degrees)	Phase calculated for fitted line (degrees)	Measured phase minus the calculated phase (degrees)
0	-2.3	-1.7	-0.6
3.9	-19.2	-80.3	1.1
4.7	-24.5	-24.1	-0.4
4.8	-25.0	-24.6	-0.4
5.9	-29.4	-29.8	0.4
6.2	-30.2	-31.3	1.1
6.7	-30.8	-33.7	2.7
6.7	-32.1	-33.7	1.6
7.2	-32.9	-36.1	3.0
9.6	-54.3	-47.5	-6.8
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13.0	-57.6	-63.8	6.2

Table 6.4 Results of flow measurement accuracy test.

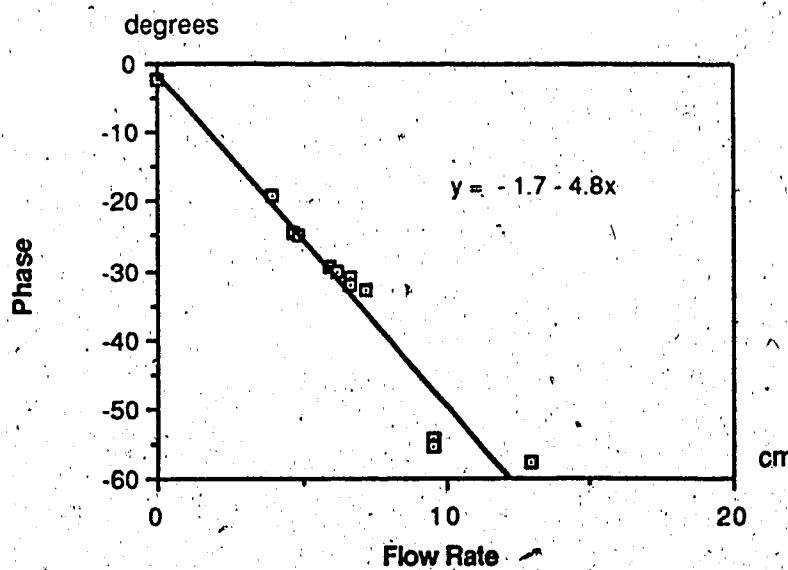
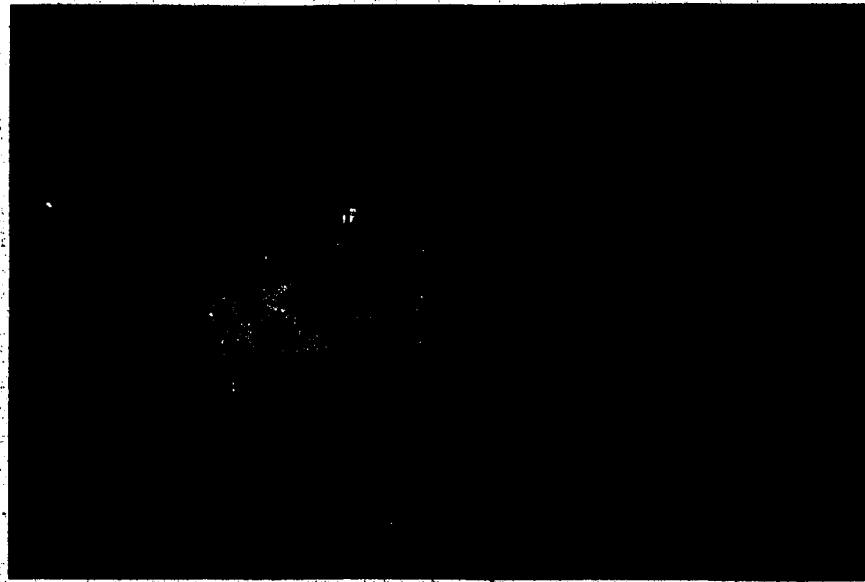


Figure 6.16

The relationship between flow velocity and the measured phase for a compensating gradient pulse amplitude of IOD = 400 in the pulse program shown in Figure 6.14.



**Figure 6.17** A profile across the inlet tube showing the laminar flow velocity distribution.

and their associated intervals are: a slope of  $-4.8 \pm 0.4$  degrees  $s\ cm^{-1}$  and an intercept of  $-1.7 \pm 2.6$  degrees. The coefficient of determination is 0.941 and the variance is 16.85. The expected value for the intercept ( zero degrees phase difference for a flow of zero  $cm\ s^{-1}$ ) falls within the interval about the calculated intercept. However, the confidence interval about the value of the slope is quite large at  $\pm 7\%$ . Examination of the measured phase points and the fitted data points in Table 6.4 reveals that the differences increase steadily with flow rate. This is most certainly the factor determining the uncertainty in the slope. This increase in the differences could be due to the onset of turbulent flow in the inlet tube. In section 5.1 it was said that flow rates in all experiments were almost always kept below  $10\ cm\ s^{-1}$ , well below the Reynolds number of 1600. However, due to the nature of the phantom construction and its operation, this condition may not have been sufficient. For example, no measurements were made for the outlet tube. This is because there was a sharp bend at the base of the U-tube which caused turbulent flow patterns ( non-laminar ) visible in the phase images. During the course of an imaging session air bubbles would form inside the tubes, gradually restricting the flow and in some cases, when they formed near the imaging slice location, causing turbulent flow. At the juncture of the glass and flexible tubes there was a sharp glass edge ( the flexible tubing was pushed over the glass tube ) at which vortices could form and be carried downstream into the imaging slice. Naturally, these problems would be aggravated at higher flow rates.

A final possibility is the gradual decrease of drift in the measured phase for a given flow rate as witnessed earlier. This problem is discussed more fully at the end of this section.

The question of precision and accuracy should be placed into a physiological perspective. Ultrasonic Doppler Flow meters have been used extensively in the past few years to measure blood flow. Uematsu et al. (1983) report an error in the measurement of blood flow of about 5% using an ultrasonic volume flow meter. Their paper then goes on to describe the variability of common carotid blood flow in normal volunteers on an "intrasession" (within one sitting) and an "intersession" (week to week) basis. They found that the standard deviation of a repeated intrasession measurement was 3.8%. This means that repeated measurements of the flow through the carotid could give readings within plus or minus 7.6% (two standard deviations). The standard deviation of the intersession measurement was 10.6%. This may seem large, but, as Uematsu et al. go on to state, it is within the normal flow rate of  $6 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$  to  $11 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$ . Recalling that the error in the slope of the flow measurement curve in Figure 6.16 is  $\pm 7\%$ , a simple calculation will indicate its seriousness. Assuming the worst possible case, that of a 14% error in the slope, consider a flow of  $8.0 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$  through the carotid of a human aged 21 to 40 with a mean diameter of 7.2 mm (Uematsu et al., 1983). The average flow velocity would be  $19.65 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  (this analysis assumes that some form of cardiac synchronization has been implemented). An error of 14% in the NMR imaging flow measurement of this flow would indicate a "flow rate" from  $16.9 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  to  $22.4 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  or a "flow volume" of  $6.88 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$  to  $9.12 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$ . These values are still within the reported range of normal flow volumes for that age group of  $7.99 \pm 1.5 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$ , albeit not by much.

At this point a short investigation of the effect of turbulent flow on an image was made. Based on the work of Wood and Henkelman (1985), a model was developed to explain the appearance of artifacts once flow

becomes turbulent or pulsatile ( refer to section 3.3 and Appendix B ). A simple experiment using the U-tube flow phantom was performed. Flow images were generated at average flow rates in the range of  $3 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  to  $6 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  and  $9.71 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  to  $27 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ . Figure 6.18a shows a phase image with flow at  $3.8 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  ( $\text{Re} \approx 300$ ) which is definitely constant and laminar. In Figure 6.18b the flow rate had been increased to  $26.1 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  ( $\text{Re} \approx 2000$ ), the supposed onset of turbulent flow. The artifacts are visible in the phase encoding direction in a band the width of the tubes as predicted by section 3.3. The artifacts on either side of the outlet tube in Figure 6.18a are probably due to the previously mentioned bend at the base of the U-tube. The fact that they are equally spaced and well defined suggests that this bend produces a simple rhythmic pulsation in the flow in the outlet tube.

The final question addressed in this project was that of reproducibility. This would determine the overall flow measurement procedure. If the results from phantom tests were constant from week to week or month to month, then the flow measurement technique would need to be calibrated a few times a year. However, if the slopes of the calibration curves ( slope in  $\text{degrees s cm}^{-1}$  ) varied from day to day or week to week, then the flow measurement experimental procedure would have to be modified to include a calibration step.

This question was approached in two stages. The first stage looked at the variations in the slope over a short period of time( hours ). The second stage examined the change in the slope over a period of days.

The first stage of experiments proceeded as follows. Two separate flow measurement experiments were run in one day. In each experiment a constant flow rate of about  $5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  was established through the U-tube phantom. Six images were generated in each experiment at this flow rate,

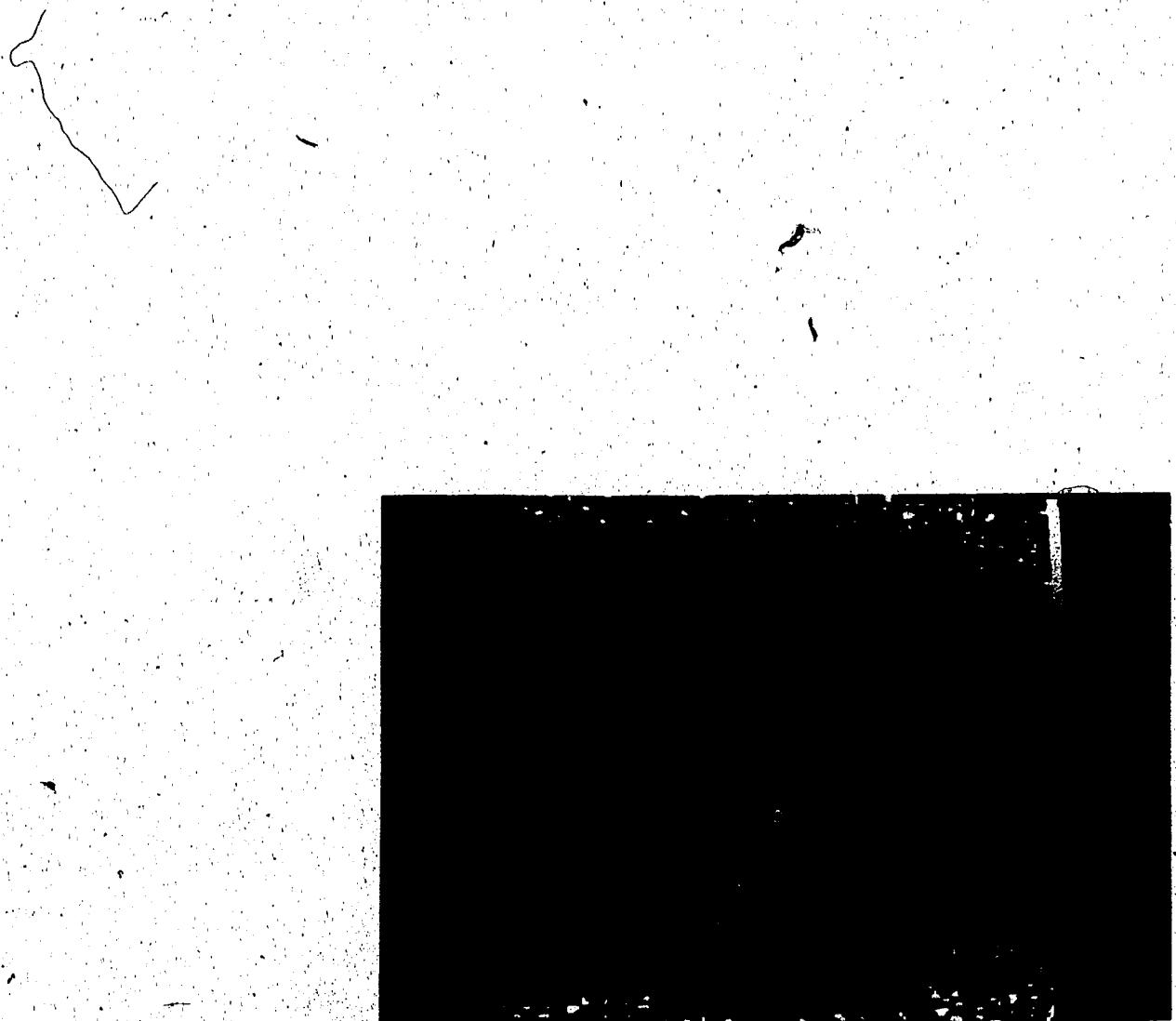


Figure 6.18

a) A phase image showing slow (3.8 cm/s) laminar flow. The artifacts on either side of the upper, outflow tube, are due to turbulence generated by the sharp bend at the base of the U-tube.



Figure 6.18

b) A phase image of the same phantom showing a high flow rate ( 26.1 cm/s ) and turbulence in both tubes. The artifacts along the phase encoding direction are due to the variability of the flow velocity components during the imaging experiment.

each image requiring about 7 minutes to acquire. The total time for one, six image experiment, was about one hour. The two six-image experiments were separated in time ( a few hours ) during which the spectrometer was left on. This was repeated on two separate days using a different  $G_z$  balanced gradient set each day. The resulting image data were reconstructed and the phase of the water flowing through the inlet tube measured.

The measured phases were normalized to the average flow rate of the day's experiment. The results have been plotted in Figure 6.19. It is clear in both plots, i.e., for both days, that there is a drift over time of the measured phase for a given flow rate.

The second stage of the test involved the measurement of the phase encoded by a given flow rate over a period of days. Since this last stage has taken place near the end of the project, it was decided to use values measured over the previous month ( September, 1986 ). A set of phase values were chosen such that the flow rates at which they were measured averaged to  $4.8 \pm 0.5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ . The phase values were normalized to this average flow rate. These measurements are taken from different days, with several points being measured in each day. The result of this is shown in Figure 6.20.

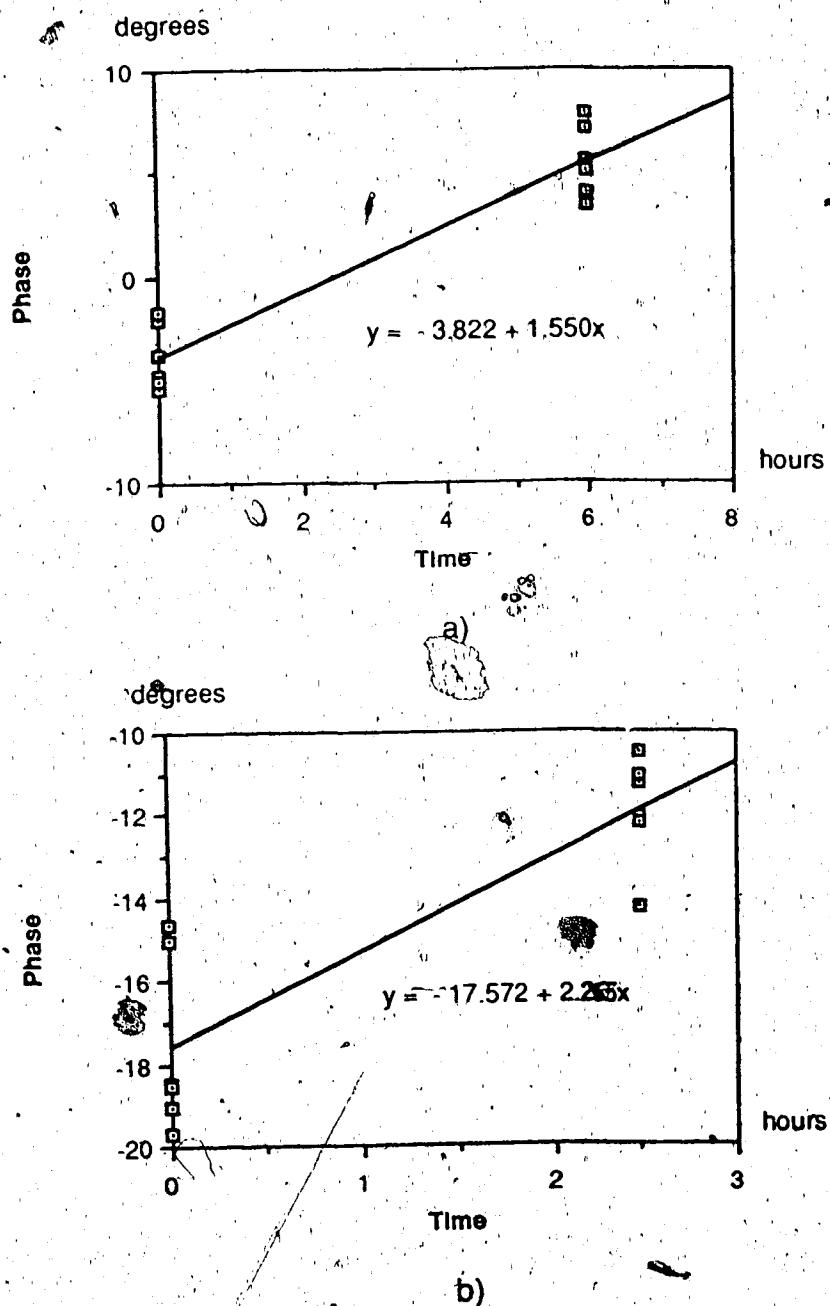


Figure 6.19

a) The change in the measured phase on day zero (average flow rate =  $4.5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ) over time. The flow compensating gradient pulse amplitude was IOD = 400.

b) The change in the measured phase on day five (average flow rate =  $5.6 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ) over time. The flow compensating gradient pulse amplitude was IOD = 200.

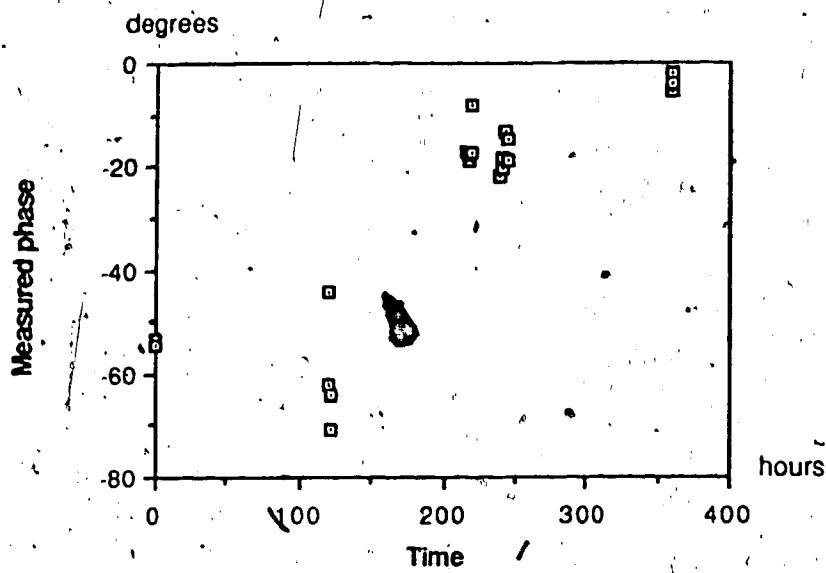


Figure 6.20

The change in the measured phase (average flow rate is  $4.8 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ) over several days. The flow compensating gradient pulse set amplitude was IOD = 400.

As evidenced by Figure 6.20, the phase measured for a more or less constant flow rate changes by a large amount over a relatively short period of time. Yet, over this period of time, flow calibration curves, that is, straight line fits of phase data for different flow rates, still yielded coefficients of determination of 0.94 and better within a given day. This indicated that the performance of the flow measurement system over a short period of time is linear.

The fluctuation of the phase encoded by a given flow rate over a period of time as shown in Figure 6.20 implies that, while the technique is relatively stable over a short time (hours), it is not stable over a longer time (day to day). The cause (or causes) behind this fluctuation have

not been found, but some variables have been eliminated. Variations in the measured phase due to phantom set up procedures and spectrometer initialization (i.e., preparation of the spectrometer for imaging) have been demonstrated to be not greater than the "normal" phase measurement error of 2%.

In light of this "drift" in the measured phase for a particular flow rate, a second experiment measuring the effect of different balanced gradient sets between the 90 and 180 degrees RF pulses was performed. Again, a constant flow rate was established and the spectrometer prepared to image. Images were generated for several different balanced gradient IOD values and the phase of the flowing water measured in each. These values were normalized by the average flow rate ( $5.1 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ) and then plotted against the balanced gradient strength (Figure 6.21). The slope of the curve was found to be  $0.030 \pm 0.0033 \text{ degrees s cm}^{-1} \text{ IOD}^{-1}$  and the intercept was  $-15.7 \pm 1.1 \text{ degrees s cm}^{-1}$ . The coefficient of determination was 0.973. The slopes of the curves in Figures 6.15 and 6.21 can be seen to be statistically the same, but the intercepts are markedly different. This implies that the effective strength of the z direction magnetic field gradient pulses (slice selection and flow compensation) changed over the seven days separating the two experiments. This could be a physical change in the strength of the gradient magnetic field along z or some other change in the magnetic system that affects how the spins respond to the z direction magnetic field gradient.

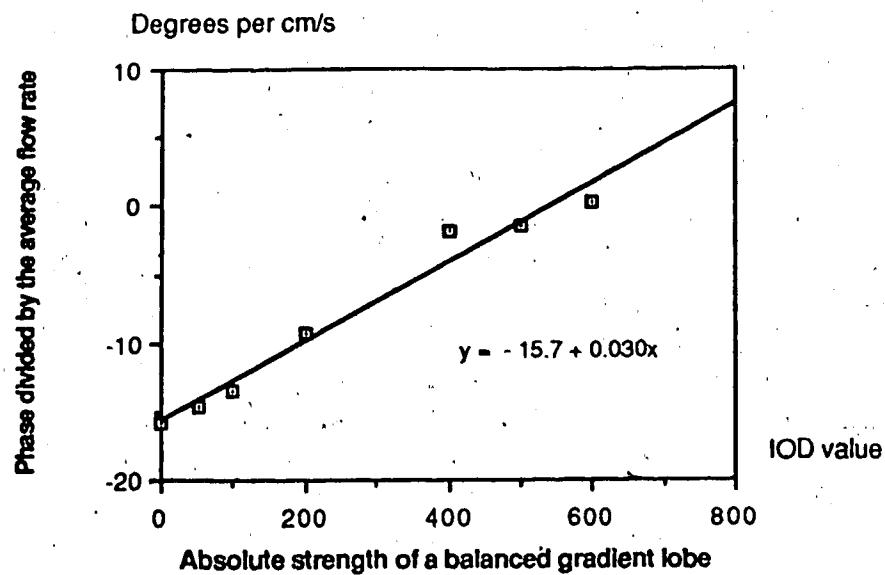


Figure 6.21 Results of the second experiment investigating the effect of different flow compensating gradient pulse amplitudes (in IOD values) on the phase encoded. Notice the "drift" downwards of the intercept value in comparison with Figure 6.15.

In any case it is certain that more experiments must be performed to establish the trend of this "drift". Since phase is cyclic, this drift cannot be linear. These experiments must necessarily take place at weekly intervals over a period of months, which precludes any further work as far as this project is concerned.

#### 6.4 A Suggested Experimental Method for Flow Velocity Measurement and Further Experiments

The fact that the phase measured for a given flow rate changes over time suggests that the technique must be calibrated before or during a set of measurements on an animal or a human. The experiment would begin with the estimation of the peak flow velocity likely to be measured. Then a z direction gradient set (slice selection and flow compensation gradient set) that would properly encode the anticipated peak flow rate would be chosen. Since the drift in the phase measured for a given velocity can be as great as 0.4 degrees per  $\text{cm s}^{-1}$  per hour, a method of flow rate calibration *during* the experiment would have to exist. One possibility is the inclusion of a straight tube in the bore of the magnet with the subject. Very constant flow would be maintained through the tube during the flow measurement experiment.

Since, over a short time, the relationship between phase and flow velocity is very linear, measurement of the phase of the flow in the tube divided by the flow velocity should give the slope of the calibration curve from which flow velocity values could be found based on phase measurements from the image of the subject. It is also crucial that the spin echo be centred in its sampling window for each new subject. This, as mentioned earlier, is easily done using IMFLTR.

Further investigations into the nature of the "phase drift" should concentrate on the change in the effect of the z direction gradient pulses over time. In addition to the experiment that was repeated at the end of section 6.3, a second, more direct experiment could be pursued. It would involve the measurement of the slice encoding gradient strength over a period of weeks. Two small spheres of water would be fixed a set distance either side

of the centre of the magnet along the z axis. A z direction gradient would be established ( same strength, as defined in software, each week ). The spheres would be irradiated by a short 90 degree RF pulse and the resulting FID acquired. Analysis of the frequency spectrum of the FID would give the separation of the two spheres in Hz. This separation could be monitored from week to week to give an accurate measure of the change in the effective gradient strength. This, in conjunction with the previously mentioned experiment, should provide some "clues as to the cause of the measured phase drift.

## 7. Conclusions

This thesis has endeavored to present the work done on fluid flow measurement over the past two years at the medium bore animal NMR unit of the University of Alberta. These two years represent a stepwise theoretical and experimental progression in the understanding and investigation of flow measurement using NMR imaging. This progression is reflected in the organization of the thesis and, specifically, in the structure of Chapter 6.

In pursuit of a technique that would allow the measurement of physiologically significant blood flow rates, many insights, some new, have been made concerning NMR imaging. Early work involving analysis of the phase errors across a spin echo generated image of stationary water revealed the dependence of the phase on the temporal position of the spin echo. This was followed by an investigation of the slice defining sequence that led, eventually, to the discovery of the radial dependence of the slice defining magnetic field gradient. This was not expected and resulted in a change in the flow measurement technique implementation. Other "side" investigations, such as magnetic susceptibility visualization experiments and gradient induced eddy current measurements have yielded results not only useful in this thesis, but useful to the animal unit as a whole.

The choice of a flow measurement technique relying on the change in the phase of the NMR signal from magnetization that moves during the imaging experiment required that a mathematical analysis be made of the phase of the NMR signal in such an experiment. This analysis provided a clear understanding of how the phase would change for constant velocity motion along any of the three imaging axes. It lead to the implementation of

flow compensating gradient pulses in the pulse program and was the basis for a new model describing image artifacts due to periodic and non-constant velocity motion.

Considering the aforementioned mathematical analysis of image phase, there exists the possibility of signal phase manipulation by including "special" gradient pulses in imaging pulse programs. In principle, any factor that adversely affects the signal phase, such as motion due to regular breathing, could be eliminated or uniquely specified as desired.

These insights have led to an increased understanding of the NMR imaging experiment and should provide useful information for future work in flow measurement and other imaging techniques.

The flow measurement technique developed in this project has been demonstrated to function over a short period of time. Changes due to flow in the phase of a region in an image can be measured with good precision. However, there is a serious problem with flow measurement variability over a long term. The inclusion of a flow phantom with the subject in the bore of the magnet is an interim solution to this problem. It may not always be possible or desirable to do this. The investigation of the variability of the flow phase measurement is but another stage in the project, albeit a stage that follows the work in this thesis. There is also room for improvement in the calibration method (by calibration it is meant the measurement of the phase for accurately known flow rates to establish the slope and the intercept of the phase versus flow rate curve). It would be desirable to minimize the variation in the flow through a phantom during an experiment. This would be especially important during flow measurement imaging of a living subject.

The gravity pressure flow setup would have to be replaced by a constant volume, non-pulsatile flow pump. In addition, it would make sense to

replace tap water by something with viscosity similar to blood so that laminar flow could be maintained at higher flow rates.

A consideration for further *in vivo* work is the effective minimum vessel diameter for which the technique will yield accurate results. Throughout the project a phantom with tubes of large diameter has been used. Such large regular cross sections would not be present in the image of a living subject.

Vessel cross sections in NMR are not usually circular, thus some method will have to be developed to define an irregularly shaped region of interest and then measure the phase within it. This is similar to the problem in bone density Computed Tomography of defining the extent of the cortical bone in a cross sectional image of a limb.

Even in its current state, the flow measurement technique implemented in this thesis could provide useful *in vivo* blood flow information. This technique offers advantages over other techniques, such as Ultrasonic Doppler methods, in its ability to see deep within the body and "past" bone structure. However, if measurements are to be made on arteries or in the region of the heart, cardiac synchronization must be included in the flow measurement imaging experiment. It is interesting to note that, although medically related NMR publications are full of papers describing phantom flow measurements and preliminary *in vivo* results, there are no papers in which extensive *in vivo* blood flow measurement studies have been made. This suggests that there is either insufficient interest in the technique or that other researchers are encountering difficulties similar to the ones mentioned here. Nevertheless, the demonstrated precision and short term accuracy of the phase encoding technique does provide incentive for further development work.

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## Appendix A

In this appendix equation 3.9) is solved and cast into a form that gives the spatial frequency dependent terms. Equation 3.9) is

$$\theta = -\gamma \int_{t_p}^{2t_p} (G_x x + G_x v_x \tau + G_y y + G_y v_y \tau) d\tau - \gamma \int_0^{t_p} G_z z d\tau - \gamma \int_{\frac{3}{5}t_p}^{t_p} G_z v_z \tau d\tau$$

$$+ \gamma \int_{2t_p + \Delta t}^{2t_p + \Delta t + 1} G_x (x + v_x \tau) d\tau + \gamma \int_{t_p + \Delta t_2}^{t_p + \Delta t_2 + t_p} G_z (z + v_z \tau) d\tau$$

Ans)

Breaking this equation into three components yields

$$\phi = \phi_x + \phi_y + \phi_z \quad (A.2)$$

Solving for  $\phi_x$  gives

$$\phi_x = -\gamma G_x \left[ x t_p + \frac{3v_x^2 t_p^2}{2} \right] + \gamma G_x \left[ x t + \frac{v_x}{2} \left\{ (2t_p + \Delta t + 1)^2 - (2t_p + \Delta t)^2 \right\} \right]$$

$$= -\gamma G_x \left[ x t_p + \frac{3v_x^2 t_p^2}{2} \right] + \gamma G_x \left[ x t + \frac{v_x}{2} \left\{ 4t_p t + 2\Delta t t + \Delta t^2 \right\} \right]$$

(A.3)

Defining  $k_x = \gamma G_x(t - t_p)$  and rearranging terms gives

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_x &= \gamma G_x x(t - t_p) + \gamma G_x v_x / 2 [4t_p t + 2\Delta t t + t^2 - 3t_p^2] \\ &= x k_x + \frac{\gamma^2 G_x^2 v_x}{2\gamma G_x} (t - t_p)^2 + \gamma G_x \frac{v_x}{2} (6t_p t + 2\Delta t t - 4t_p^2) \\ &= x k_x + \frac{v_x k_x^2}{2\gamma G_x} + v_x k_x (3t_p + \Delta t) + v_x \gamma G_x (t_p^2 + \Delta t t_p)\end{aligned}$$

A.4)

Likewise, using  $k_y = -\gamma G_y t_p$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_y &= -\gamma G_y \left[ y t_p + \frac{3v_y}{2} t_p^2 \right] \\ &= y k_y + v_y k_y \frac{3}{2} t_p\end{aligned}$$

A.5)

Finally, for the last term

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_z &= -\gamma G_z \left[ z t_p + \frac{v_z}{2} \frac{16}{25} t_p^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \gamma G_z \left[ z t_p + \frac{v_z}{2} \left\{ (2t_p + \Delta t_z)^2 - (t_p + \Delta t_z)^2 \right\} \right] \\ &= \gamma G_z \frac{v_z}{2} \left[ \frac{59}{25} t_p^2 + 2t_p \Delta t_z \right]\end{aligned}$$

A.6)

Summing these three terms yields the final expression for the phase of the signal

$$\phi = \phi_x + \phi_y + \phi_z$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= xk_x + yk_y + v_x k_x (3t_p + \Delta t) + v_x \gamma G_x (t_p^2 + \Delta t t_p) + v_y k \frac{3}{2} t_p \\
 &\quad + \frac{v_x k_x^2}{2\gamma G_x} + \gamma G_z \frac{v_z}{2} \left( \frac{59}{25} t_p^2 + 2t_p \Delta t_z \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

A.7)

## Appendix B

In this appendix the effect on an image by non-constant velocity motion is derived. The two dimensional Fourier transform image technique is considered. The paper by Wood and Henkelman (1985) upon which the following analysis is based, considers artifacts in images that are a result of the periodic motion of breathing. Simple point source magnetization phantoms which oscillated along one of the three laboratory frame axes were used theoretically and experimentally. Their position was a sinusoidal function of time. Likewise, pulsatile flow will be modelled here as a point source magnetization, moving in a straight line, whose velocity varies sinusoidally with time. In this case, the equation describing the position of the magnetization in time along the z axis is

$$z(t) = z_0 + v_z [1 + \sin(2\pi F_z t)] \quad B.1$$

$F_z$  is the frequency of the velocity fluctuation. This model is not completely accurate, but it will suffice to illustrate the argument here.

It is assumed in this development that the time over which the first gradient pulse along the slice or z direction ( $G_z$  pulse) affects the phase of the signal is two fifths the duration of the second, refocussing  $G_z$  pulse (see section 4.6.3 or equation 3.10). Recalling the mathematical development of the 2DFT experiment in section 2.10, but now including a term for phase encoded by movement along the z axis, the phase of the signal for the first echo is found to be a combination of equations B.1 and 2.56). That is,

$$\phi(t, G_y) = \gamma \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_x t - G_y t_y \\ + G_z v_z [1 + \sin(2\pi F_z T + \theta_z)] \left[ \frac{59}{50} t_p^2 + t_p \Delta t_z \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

B.2)

The first two terms eventually lead to the expression  $M_0 \delta(x-x_0) \delta(y-y_0)$  in the point spread function as defined in section 2.10. This is the magnitude of the signal at some  $(x,y)$ .  $\theta_z$  in the third term represents the offset phase at  $t=0$ . If it is assumed that the velocity is constant over the sampling period,  $N_x \Delta t$ , then the velocity expression is a function of the repetition time. That is, it varies from scan to scan. Therefore,  $T = G_y / \Delta G T_R$ , where  $T_R$  is the time between scans (Recall from section 2.10 that the phase encoding gradient begins at  $-(N_y/2)\Delta G$ . Therefore the time origin for this analysis is at the centre scan of the experiment). Dropping, for now, the  $x$  and  $y$  terms in equation B.2) and remembering that  $t_p$  and  $\Delta t_z$  are fixed in duration over the course of the imaging experiment,  $\phi(t, G_y)$  can be modified to be

$$\phi(t, G_y) = \psi [1 + \sin(2\pi F_z T_R G_y / \Delta G + \theta_z)] \quad B.3)$$

$$\psi = \gamma G_z v_z \left( \frac{59}{50} t_p^2 + t_p \Delta t_z \right)$$

Using the identity ( Abramowitz and Stegun, 1964 ),

$$\exp(i k \sin \theta) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i m \theta) J_m(k)$$

where  $J_m$  is the  $m$ th order Bessel function of the first kind, equation B.3), the exponential term in equation 2.65) becomes

$$\exp\left[i\phi(t, G_y)\right] = \exp(i\psi) \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(im\theta_z) J_m(\psi) \delta(f_y - mF_z \frac{T_R}{\Delta G})$$

Including the  $x$  and  $y$  terms previously left out gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{F}\{M_0 \exp[i\phi(t, G_y)]\}) &= \\ &\quad \left[ M_0 \delta(f_x - \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} G_x x_0) \delta(f_y + \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} t_y y_0) \right] \\ &\quad \otimes_{f_y} \left[ \exp(i\psi) \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(im\theta_z) \mathbb{F}[J_m(\psi)] \delta(f_y - mF_z \frac{T_R}{\Delta G}) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{B.4}$$

In terms of the spatial coordinates of the transverse magnetization (as given in section 2.10)

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y) &= K[M_0 \delta(x - x_0) \delta(y - y_0)] \\ &\quad \otimes_y \left[ \exp(i\psi) \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(im\theta_z) \mathbb{F}[J_m(\psi)] \delta(y - my_G) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{B.5}$$

$$y_G = 2\pi F_z \frac{T_R}{\gamma \Delta G t_y}$$

$$J_m(\psi) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r \left(\frac{\psi}{2}\right)^{m+2r}}{r! \Gamma(m+r+1)}$$

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-x} dx$$

In equation B.5), the terms  $\exp(i\psi)$ ,  $\exp(im\theta_z)$ , and  $\mathcal{F}[J_m(\psi)]$  govern the magnitude and phase of the artifact. The term  $\delta(y - my_G)$  determines the position of the artifact in the phase encoding direction. The spacing,  $y_G$ , is a function of the frequency,  $F_z$ , of the fluctuating velocity. In this simple model of pulsatile flow there would be only one value of  $y_G$ , and only one set of artifacts with occurrences every  $y_G$  in the phase encoding direction. In reality there would be a distribution of fluctuating velocity components that depended on the nature of the motion. These would give a distribution of  $y_G$  values and, as a result, artifacts at many different spacings in the final two dimensional image complex data set and subsequent images (see Chapter 6).

Note that, if there are no varying velocity components, i.e.,  $v_z$  is constant, then the  $\delta(y - my_G)$  term would not be present. All that would remain is the phase term  $\exp(i\psi)$ . This is consistent with the argument earlier in section 3.2.

## Appendix C

In this appendix the Bloch equation is transformed into the rotating frame of reference. An iterative Runge Kutta solution to the equation in this reference frame is presented. Equation 2.33) gives the form of the Bloch equation in the laboratory frame of reference. It is usual to consider NMR experiments in the rotating frame of reference. The equations describing the motion of the magnetization are much simplified in this reference frame. The basis for the following mathematical development can be found in Mansfield and Morris (1982).

The magnetic field,  $\mathbf{B}$ , in the equation is given by

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{k}\mathbf{B}_0' + \mathbf{B}_1(t) \quad \text{C.1}$$

where

$$\mathbf{B}_0' = \mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{G}_r \mathbf{r}$$

$\mathbf{B}_0$  is the magnitude of the main, static magnetic field and  $\mathbf{G}_r$  is a linear magnetic field gradient vector.  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector.  $\mathbf{B}_1(t)$  is a radio frequency (RF) magnetic field rotating with angular frequency  $\omega$  near or at the Larmor frequency, and has the form

$$\mathbf{B}_1(t) = [B_1 \cos \omega t - j B_1 \sin \omega t] \quad \text{C.2}$$

This is equivalent to  $\mathbf{B}_1$  oriented along the x axis of the rotating frame. All other terms in equation 2.33) are as defined in Chapter 2. Remembering that

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k},$$

where the vertical bars represent the determinant of the matrix, the Bloch equations in the laboratory frame of reference can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM}{dt} = M & \begin{bmatrix} -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_0 & -\gamma B_1 \sin \omega t \\ \gamma B_0 & -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_1 \cos \omega t \\ \gamma B_1 \sin \omega t & \gamma B_1 \cos \omega t & -1/T_1 \end{bmatrix} + M_0/T_1 \\ & = M \mathcal{R} + M_0/T_1 \end{aligned} \quad (C.3)$$

where  $M = [iM_x \ iM_y \ kM_z]$ , a row vector representation of  $M$ .

The transformation to the rotating frame begins with examination of the motion of the rotating frame axes in the laboratory frame of reference (see Figures C.1 and C.2). The matrix to translate from the laboratory frame to the rotating frame is

$$U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & \sin \omega t & 0 \\ -\sin \omega t & \cos \omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (C.4)$$

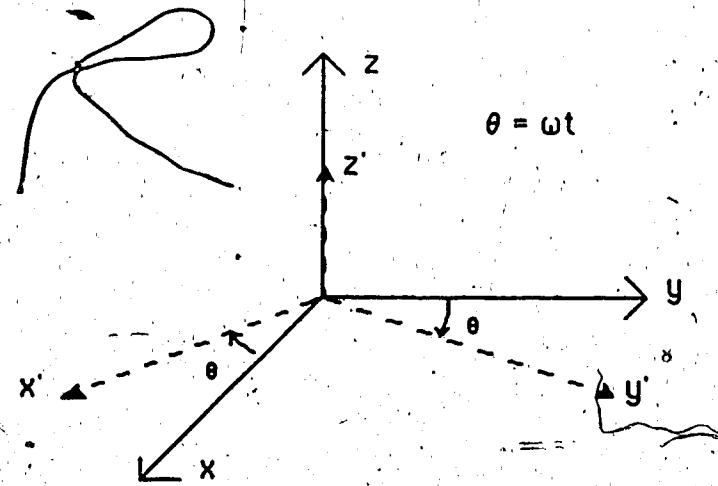


Figure C.1

A set of cartesian axes ( $x' y' z'$ ) rotating about the laboratory frame of reference.

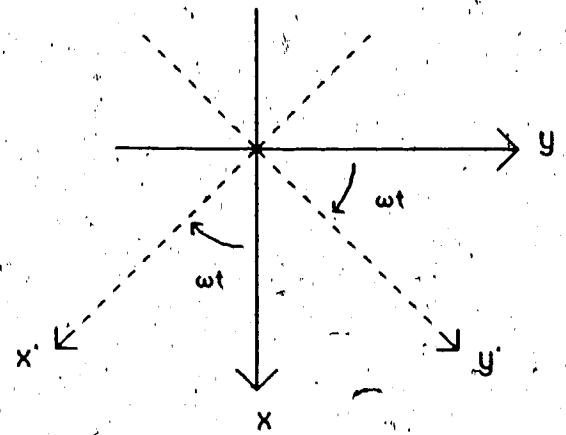


Figure C.2

The rotating frame axes ( $x'$   $y'$ ) with respect to the laboratory frame axes. The translation matrix  $U^{-1}$  relates the rotating axes to the laboratory frame axes.

Equation C.3) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (\frac{dM}{dt})U^{-1} &= M \mathcal{R} U^{-1} + M_0 U^{-1}/T_1 \\ &= M U^{-1} U \mathcal{R} U^{-1} + M_0 U^{-1}/T_1 \end{aligned} \quad C.5)$$

The change in time of the magnetization in the rotating frame is  $d(M U^{-1})/dt$ .

Remembering the chain rule of differentiation,

$$\frac{d(M U^{-1})}{dt} = \frac{dM}{dt} U^{-1} + M \frac{dU^{-1}}{dt}$$

equation C.5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(M U^{-1})}{dt} &= M U^{-1} U \mathcal{R} U^{-1} + M \frac{dU^{-1}}{dt} + \frac{M_0 U^{-1}}{T_1} \\ &= M U^{-1} \left\{ U \mathcal{R} U^{-1} + U \frac{dU^{-1}}{dt} \right\} + \frac{M_0 U^{-1}}{T_1} \end{aligned}$$

C.7)

Using  $\bar{M}$  as the rotating frame magnetization vector ( $\bar{M} U^{-1}$ ) and  $M_0$  as the rotating frame thermal equilibrium magnetization vector, equation C.7) is written as

$$\frac{d\bar{M}}{dt} = \bar{M} R + \frac{M_0}{T_1} \quad (C.8)$$

where

$$R = U \Re U^{-1} + U \frac{dU^{-1}}{dt}$$

The inverse matrix,  $U$ , of  $U^{-1}$  is given by

$$U = \text{cofactor}[U^{-1}] / |U^{-1}|$$

$$\text{cofactor}[U^{-1}] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\omega t & -\sin\omega t & 0 \\ \sin\omega t & \cos\omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos^2\omega t + \sin^2\omega t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|U^{-1}| = \cos^2\omega t + \sin^2\omega t = 1$$

Thus,

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\omega t & -\sin\omega t & 0 \\ \sin\omega t & \cos\omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for the first term of R in equation C.8)

$$\begin{aligned} U \mathfrak{R} U^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\omega t & -\sin\omega t & 0 \\ \sin\omega t & \cos\omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_0' & \gamma B_1 \sin\omega t \\ \gamma B_0' & -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_1 \cos\omega t \\ \gamma B_1 \sin\omega t & \gamma B_1 \cos\omega t & -1/T_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\omega t & \sin\omega t & 0 \\ -\sin\omega t & \cos\omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_0' & 0 \\ \gamma B_0' & -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_1 \\ 0 & \gamma B_1 & -1/T_1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The second term of R is

$$\begin{aligned} U \frac{dU^{-1}}{dt} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\omega t & -\sin\omega t & 0 \\ \sin\omega t & \cos\omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\omega \sin\omega t & \omega \cos\omega t & 0 \\ -\omega \cos\omega t & -\omega \sin\omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega & 0 \\ -\omega & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Using the results from above, equation C.8) is now

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \begin{bmatrix} -1/T_2 & -\gamma B_0 + \omega & 0 \\ \gamma B_0 - \omega & -1/T_2 & \gamma B_1 \\ 0 & \gamma B_1 & -1/T_1 \end{bmatrix} + M_0/T_1$$

Letting

$$\Delta\omega = \gamma B_0 - \omega$$

$$\omega_1 = \gamma B_1$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \begin{bmatrix} -1/T_2 & -\Delta\omega & 0 \\ \Delta\omega & -1/T_2 & -\omega_1 \\ 0 & \omega_1 & -1/T_1 \end{bmatrix} + M_0/T_1$$

Thus, for  $B_1$  oriented along the positive x axis of the rotating frame, the

Bloch equations in the rotating frame are

$$\frac{dM_x}{dt} = \Delta\omega M_y - M_x/T_2$$

$$\frac{dM_y}{dt} = -\Delta\omega M_x + \omega_1 M_z - M_y/T_2$$

$$\frac{dM_z}{dt} = -\omega_1 M_y + (M_0 - M_z)/T_1 \quad C.9$$

In a similar fashion, the equations with the  $B_1$  field along the negative x axis and the positive and negative y axes of the rotating frame can be derived. All that need be changed is the orientation of  $B_1$  at  $t=0$  in equation C.2) (i.e., at  $t=0$  it is along  $-j$ ,  $j$  or  $-i$ ). The equations in C.9) are seen to be a system of three first order first degree differential equations. There are many different numerical methods to solve this type of equation, but only the fourth order Runge Kutta method will be considered here (Burden et al., 1981).

Runge Kutta techniques are based on expansions of the Taylor series with the number of Taylor series terms reflected in the order of the particular technique. Defining  $\xi_i$  as the dependent variable and  $\zeta_j$  as the independent variable of the  $i$ th differential equation of  $m$  equations, the technique proceeds as follows. The region from the initial value point,  $a$ , to the point of the desired solution,  $b$ , is divided into  $n$  subintervals. Over each subinterval in the region, the following iteration is performed  $j = 1$  to  $n$  times,

$$\xi_{i,j+1} = \xi_{i,j} + (1/6)(k_{1,i} + 2k_{2,i} + 2k_{3,i} + k_{4,i}) \quad \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad C.10$$

where

$$k_{1,i} = f_i(\zeta_j, \xi_{1,j}, \xi_{2,j}, \dots, \xi_{m,j})h \quad \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$k_{2,i} = f_i(\zeta_j + 1/2h, \xi_{1,j} + 1/2k_{1,1}, \xi_{2,j} + 1/2k_{1,2}, \dots, \xi_{m,j} + 1/2k_{1,m})h \quad \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$k_{3,i} = f_i(\zeta_j + 1/2h, \xi_{1,j} + 1/2k_{2,1}, \xi_{2,j} + 1/2k_{2,2}, \dots, \xi_{m,j} + 1/2k_{2,m})h \quad \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$k_{4,i} = f_i(\zeta_j + h, \xi_{1,j} + k_{3,1}, \xi_{2,j} + k_{3,2}, \dots, \xi_{m,j} + k_{3,m})h \quad \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$h = (b - a)/n \quad C.11)$$

The error in this technique over the region is on the order of  $h^4$ .

(Burden et al., 1981). For the system of equations C.9), the fourth order Runge Kutta solution for one time slice  $\tau$  would be

$$h = \tau/n$$

$$k_{1,x} = (\Delta\omega\xi_{y,j} - \xi_{x,j}/T_2)h$$

$$k_{1,y} = (-\Delta\omega\xi_{x,j} + \omega_1\xi_{z,j} - \xi_{y,j}/T_2)h$$

$$k_{1,z} = (-\omega_1\xi_{y,j} + (M_0 - \xi_{z,j})/T_1)h$$

$$k_{2,x} = (\Delta\omega(\xi_{y,j} + .5k_{1,y}) - (\xi_{x,j} + .5k_{1,x})/T_2)h$$

$$k_{2,y} = (-\Delta\omega(\xi_{x,j} + .5k_{1,x}) + \omega_1(\xi_{z,j} + .5k_{1,z}) - (\xi_{y,j} + .5k_{1,y})/T_2)h$$

$$k_{2,z} = (-\omega_1(\xi_{y,j} + .5k_{1,y}) + (M_0 - \xi_{z,j} - .5k_{1,z})/T_1)h$$

$$k_{3,x} = (\Delta\omega(\xi_{y,j} + .5k_{2,y}) - (\xi_{x,j} + .5k_{2,x})/T_2)h$$

$$k_{3,y} = (-\Delta\omega(\xi_{x,j} + .5k_{2,x}) + \omega_1(\xi_{z,j} + .5k_{2,z}) - (\xi_{y,j} + .5k_{2,y})/T_2)h$$

$$k_{3,z} = (-\omega_1(\xi_{y,j} + .5k_{2,y}) + (M_0 - \xi_{z,j} - .5k_{2,z})/T_1)h$$

$$k_{4,x} = (\Delta\omega(\xi_{y,j} + k_{3,y}) - (\xi_{x,j} + k_{3,x})/T_2)h$$

$$k_{4,y} = (-\Delta\omega(\xi_{x,j} + k_{3,x}) + \omega_1(\xi_{z,j} + k_{3,z}) - (\xi_{y,j} + k_{3,y})/T_2)h$$

$$k_{4,z} = (-\omega_1(\xi_{y,j} + k_{3,y}) + (M_0 - \xi_{z,j} - k_{3,z})/T_1)h$$

$$\xi_{x,j+1} = \xi_{x,j} + (1/6)(k_{1,x} + 2k_{2,x} + 2k_{3,x} + k_{4,x})$$

$$\xi_{y,j+1} = \xi_{y,j} + (1/6)(k_{1,y} + 2k_{2,y} + 2k_{3,y} + k_{4,y})$$

$$\xi_{z,j+1} = \xi_{z,j} + (1/6)(k_{1,z} + 2k_{2,z} + 2k_{3,z} + k_{4,z})$$

The initial conditions would be

$$\xi_{x,1} = M_x$$

$$\xi_{y,1} = M_y$$

$$\xi_{z,1} = M_z$$

Following  $n$  iterations,

$$M_x = \xi_{x,n}$$

$$M_y = \xi_{y,n}$$

$$M_z = \xi_{z,n}$$

would give the values of  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$   $\tau$  seconds later.

The form of the programmed solution varies slightly from this in an effort to reduce the number of computations and hence, overall simulation running time.

Appendix D

A listing of the simulation package modules plus two "INCLUDE" modules, BLOCHD1D.FOR and BLOCKSTK.FOR, at the end.

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C          to take in the Runge Kutta approximation.
C
C
C
C
C      XDIM
C      YDIM
C      ZDIM      ----> integer values corresponding to the dimensions
C                  of the spin array in the experiment ( see
C                  entry for M array above )
C
C 4th order Runge Kutta routine to calculate dMX/dt
C
C      INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C
C loop through the array
C
C      DO Z = 1,ZDIM
C
C          ZMX = M(Z,1)
C          ZMY = M(Z,2)
C          ZMZ = M(Z,3)
C          T1 = T1A(Z)
C          T2 = T2A(Z)
C          ZW = TINC/FLOAT(N)
C
C 4th order Runge Kutta routine to calculate dMX/dt, dMY/dt, dMZ/dt
C
C          ZDEL_OMEGA = GAMMA*GRAD(Z)
C          ZOMEGA1 = H1 * GAMMA
C          DO I = 1, N
C
C do the K1s
C
C          ZK1X = (ZDEL_OMEGA*ZMY - ZMX/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK1Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*ZMX + ZOMEGA1*ZMZ - ZMY/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK1Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*ZMY + (M0 - ZMZ)/T1 )*ZW
C
C do the K2s
C
C          ZK2X = (ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+.5*ZK1Y) - (ZMX+.5*ZK1X)/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK2Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMX+.5*ZK1X)
C                  + ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+.5*ZK1Z) - (ZMY+.5*ZK1Y)/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK2Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*(ZMY+.5*ZK1Y)
C                  + (M0 - ZMZ -.5*ZK1Z)/T1 )*ZW
C
C do the K3s
C
C          ZK3X = (ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+.5*ZK2Y) - (ZMX+.5*ZK2X)/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK3Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMX+.5*ZK2X)
C                  + ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+.5*ZK2Z) - (ZMY+.5*ZK2Y)/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK3Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*(ZMY+.5*ZK2Y)
C                  + (M0 - ZMZ -.5*ZK2Z)/T1 )*ZW
C
C do the K4s
C
C          ZK4X = (ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+ZK3Y) - (ZMX+ZK3X)/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK4Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMX+ZK3X)
C                  + ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+ZK3Z) - (ZMY+ZK3Y)/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK4Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*(ZMY+ZK3Y)
C                  + (M0 - ZMZ - ZK3Z)/T1 )*ZW
C
C and finally the next approximation
C

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ZMX = ZMX + 1./6.* (ZK1X+ZK2X+ZK2X+ZK3X+ZK3X+ZK4X)
ZMY = ZMY + 1./6.* (ZK1Y+ZK2Y+ZK2Y+ZK3Y+ZK3Y+ZK4Y)
ZMZ = ZMZ + 1./6.* (ZK1Z+ZK2Z+ZK2Z+ZK3Z+ZK3Z+ZK4Z)
END DO

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C

C set the array values back

$$\begin{aligned}M(Z,1) &= ZMX \\M(Z,2) &= ZMY \\M(Z,3) &= ZMZ\end{aligned}$$

C  
END DO IZ LOOP

C  
RETURN  
END

END

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c

**SUBROUTINE DM DT MINUSX**

C A routine based on Mansfield and Morris's solution of the Bloch equations.

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C' These equations are solved for the RF field applied along the negative x-axis in the rotating frame.

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A Runge Kutta (4th order) solution is used. It can be found in most books on numerical analysis.

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## C Global Variables ( as found in BLOCHD1D.FOR ):

C

M ----> a  $N+1$  dimensional array of magnetization components in  $N$  space. The first  $N$  indices correspond to the coordinates of the 'spin' in space. The last index indicates the directional vector, i.e.

$M(x,y,z,d)$  represents 'spin' x,y,z and component d of the spin.  
 $d = 1$  is the x component

The bounds on the N indices are declared  
in CLOUDS.F90

**GRAD**      ----> a N dimensional array of magnetic field gradient values. The N indices define the point value of the gradient ( along the z-axis of course ) at the corresponding N-space location in array M.

H1  $\rightarrow$  a real value for the current H1 ( or B1 ) field

**GAMMA**      ----> a real constant that is set to the gyromagnetic ratio for the spin species.

**T1A**       $\rightarrow$  a N dimensional array containing the T1 values for the corresponding magnetization vectors in array M.

**T2A**       $\rightarrow$  a N dimensional array containing the T2 values for the corresponding magnetization vectors in array M.

```

C TINC      ----> is a real value for the incremental time step
C N         ----> is an integer value for the number of steps
C          to take in the Runge Kutta approximation.
C
C
C
C XDIM
C YDIM
C ZDIM      ----> Integer values corresponding to the dimensions
C          of the spin array in the experiment ( see
C          entry for M array above )
C
C 4th order Runge Kutta routine to calculate dMX/dt
C
C INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C
C loop through the array
C
C DO Z = 1,ZDIM
C
C     ZMX = M(Z,1)
C     ZMY = M(Z,2)
C     ZMZ = M(Z,3)
C
C     T1 = T1A(Z)
C     T2 = T2A(Z)
C     ZW = TINC/FLOAT(N)
C
C 4th order Runge Kutta routine to calculate dMX/dt, d/MY/dt, dMZ/dt
C
C     ZDEL_OMEGA = GAMMA*GRAD(Z)
C     ZOMEGA1 = H1 * GAMMA
C     DO I = 1, N
C
C do the K1s
C
C     ZK1X = ( ZDEL_OMEGA*ZMY - ZMX/T2 )*ZW
C     ZK1Y = ( -1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*ZMX - ZOMEGA1*ZMZ - ZMY/T2 )*ZW
C     ZK1Z = ( ZOMEGA1*ZMY + (M0 - ZMZ)/T1 )*ZW
C
C do the K2s
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C     ZK2X = ( ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+.5*ZK1Y) - (ZMX+.5*ZK1X)/T2 )*ZW
C     ZK2Y = ( -1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMX+.5*ZK1X)
C           - ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+.5*ZK1Z) - (ZMY+.5*ZK1Y)/T2 )*ZW
C     ZK2Z = ( ZOMEGA1*(ZMY+.5*ZK1Y)
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C           - ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+ZK3Z) - (ZMY+ZK3Y)/T2 )*ZW
C     ZK4Z = ( ZOMEGA1*(ZMY+ZK3Y)
C           + (M0 - ZMZ - ZK3Z)/T1 )*ZW

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C      T2A      ----> a N dimensional array containing the T2
C      values for the corresponding magnetization
C      vectors in array M.
C
C      TINC     ----> is a real value for the incremental time step
C
C      N        ----> is an integer value for the number of steps
C      to take in the Runge Kutta approximation.
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C          ZK1Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*ZMX - ZMY/T2 )*ZW
C          ZK1Z = ( ZOMEGA1*ZMX + (M0 - ZMZ)/T1 )*ZW
C
C          C do the K2s
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C          ZK2X = ( ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+.5*ZK1Y)
C                     - ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+.5*ZK1Z) - (ZMX+.5*ZK1X)/T2 )*ZW
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C          ZK3Z = ( ZOMEGA1*(ZMX+.5*ZK2X)
C                     + (M0 - ZMZ -.5*ZK2Z)/T1 )*ZW
C
C          C do the K4s
C
C          ZK4X = ( ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+ZK3Y)

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C   ZK1Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*ZMX + (M0 - ZMZ)/T1)*ZW
C
C do the K2s
C
C   ZK2X = (ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+5.*ZK1Y)
C          + ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+5.*ZK1Z) - (ZMX+5.*ZK1X)/T2)*ZW
C   ZK2Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMX+5.*ZK1X) - (ZMY+5.*ZK1Y)/T2)*ZW
C   ZK2Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*(ZMX+5.*ZK1X)
C          + (M0 - ZMZ - 5.*ZK1Z)/T1)*ZW
C
C do the K3s
C
C   ZK3X = (ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMY+5.*ZK2Y)
C          + ZOMEGA1*(ZMZ+5.*ZK2Z) - (ZMX+5.*ZK2X)/T2)*ZW
C   ZK3Y = (-1.*ZDEL_OMEGA*(ZMX+5.*ZK2X) - (ZMY+5.*ZK2Y)/T2)*ZW
C   ZK3Z = (-1.*ZOMEGA1*(ZMX+5.*ZK2X)
C          + (M0 - ZMZ - 5.*ZK2Z)/T1)*ZW

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C      correspond to the coordinates of the 'spin'
C      in space. The last index indicates the
C      directional vector, i.e.
C      M(x,y,z,d) represents 'spin' x,y,z and
C      component d of the spin.
C      d = 1 is the x component
C      -2   y
C      -3   z
C
C      The bounds on the N indices are declared
C      in BLOCHD1D.FOR
C
C
C      XDIM
C      YDIM
C      ZDIM      ----> integer values corresponding to the dimensions
C                  of the spin array in the experiment ( see
C                  entry for M array above )
C
C      INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C
C      ZPI = 3.1415926
C
C      DO Z = 1,ZDIM
C          T1 = T1A(Z)
C          T2 = T2A(Z)
C
C      determine the future value of Mz TINC seconds from now.
C
C      M(Z,3) = M(Z,3) - (M(Z,3)-M0) *
C           1             ( 1 - EXP(-TINC/T1) )
C
C      now find what the component in the xy plane will be in TINC seconds
C
C      ZM_XY = SQRT( M(Z,1)**2 + M(Z,2)**2 )
C      IF (ABS(M(Z,2)).LE.1.E-28) THEN
C          IF(M(Z,1).NE.0.0) THEN
C              ZTHETA = 3.14159265 / 2.0 * M(Z,1)/ABS(M(Z,1))
C          ELSE
C              ZTHETA = 3.14159265 / 2.0
C          END IF
C
C      ELSE
C          ZTHETA = ATAN( M(Z,1)/M(Z,2) )
C          IF(M(Z,2).LT.0.0.AND.M(Z,1).LT.0.0) THEN
C              ZTHETA = ZTHETA - ZPI
C          END IF
C          IF(M(Z,2).LT.0.0.AND.M(Z,1).GT.0.0) THEN
C              ZTHETA = ZTHETA + ZPI
C          END IF
C      ENDIF
C      ZDEL_OMEGA = GAMMA*GRAD(Z)
C
C      C for Mx
C
C      M(Z,1) = ZM_XY * SIN( ZDEL_OMEGA*TINC + ZTHETA ) *
C           1             EXP(-TINC/T2)
C
C      C for My
C
C      M(Z,2) = ZM_XY * COS( ZDEL_OMEGA*TINC + ZTHETA ) *
C           1             EXP(-TINC/T2)
C
C      END DO
C

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$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -3 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \swarrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} y \\ z \end{array}$$

The bounds on the N indices are declared  
in BLOCHD1D.FOR

O XDIM  
C YDIM  
C ZDIM  
C C C C ----> Integer values corresponding to the dimensions  
C C C C of the spin array in the experiment ( see  
C C C C entry for Marray above )

INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'

DO Z = 1,ZDIM  
T1 = T1A(Z)  
T2 = T2A(Z)

C. determine the future value of Mz TINC seconds from now.

$$M(Z,3) = M(Z,3) \cdot (M(Z,3) \cdot M_0) \cdot (1 - \exp(-TINC/T1))$$

C now find what the component in the xy plane will be in TINC seconds

```

ZM_XY = SQRT( M(Z,1)**2 + M(Z,2)**2 )
IF (ABS(M(Z,2)).LE.1.E-28) THEN
  IF(M(Z,1).NE.0.0) THEN
    ZTHETA = 3.14159265 / 2.0 * M(Z,1)
  ELSE
    ZTHETA = 3.14159265 / 2.0
  END IF
ELSE
  ZTHETA = ATAN( M(Z,1)/M(Z,2) )
ENDIF

```

C  
C for Mx

$$M(Z,1) = ZM \cdot XY \cdot \sin(Z\theta) \cdot \exp(-TINC/T2)$$

C  
C for My

$$M(Z,2) = ZM \cdot XY \cdot \cos(Z\text{THETA}) \cdot \exp(-TINC/T2)$$

C

END DO :

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T = T +

RETURN  
END

END

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C

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C  
C

C This routine uses again the BLOCH equations as solved for the situation  
C of no r.f. energy being input to the system.

C

C The array of spins is sampled "N" times over a period "TINC". The samples are stored as complex points ( ala quadrature sensitive detection ) and

```

C In the following format;
C           real == y-axis magnetization component
C           imag == x-axis
C The results from one call are pushed onto a stack and should be placed
C in the final array TIME_DATA at the end of the simulated experiment.
C
C     Passed variables:
C
C     ZDWELL      ----> a real value for the sampling period
C
C     Global variables:
C
C     T           ----> a real value for the time elapse in the pulse
C                   program ( or experiment if you like ). 
C
C     TINC        ----> a real value for the time the spins are to
C                   be allowed to precess under a gradient.
C
C     M           ----> a N+1 dimensional array of magnetization
C                   components in N space. The first N indices
C                   correspond to the coordinates of the 'spin'
C                   in space. The last index indicates the
C                   directional vector, i.e.
C                   M(x,y,z,d) represents 'spin' x,y,z and
C                   component d of the spin.
C                   d = 1 is the x component
C                   - 2   y
C                   - 3   z
C
C     The bounds on the N indices are declared
C     in BLOCHD1D.FOR
C
C
C     XDIM
C     YDIM
C     ZDIM      ----> Integer values corresponding to the dimensions
C                   of the spin array in the experiment ( see
C
C     INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C     INCLUDE 'BLOCHSTK.FOR'
C
C     C save the value of TINC
C
C     ZTINC = TINC
C     ZDEL_TINC = ZDWELL
C     ZT = 0.0
C     NUM_PUSHES = 0
C     NPHASE = ZTINC/ZDWELL
C
C     C reset TINC for calls to NO_RF_GRADIENTS_ON
C
C     TINC = ZDWELL
C
C     CALL INIT_STACK
C
C     DO WHILE(ZT.LT.ZTINC)
C         ZT = ZT + ZDEL_TINC
C         CALL NO_RF_GRADIENTS_ON
C
C     C now get the real and imaginary data
C
C     ZREAL = 0.0
C     ZIMAG = 0.0

```





C This is a routine to set the gradients. It should be invoked for each  
 C of the three directions of gradients at each gradient step in the pulse  
 C program. So the gradient array, 'GRAD', should be cleared at each step  
 C before the new gradient values are set. This is because the gradient  
 C steps are added to the current gradient value!

C Passed Variables:

C DIRECTION ----> a single character value indicating the  
 C direction of the gradient  
 C START ----> a real value for the starting value of the  
 C gradient at the edge as given in DIRECTION  
 C END ----> a real value for the finishing value of the  
 C gradient at the far edge as given in DIRECTION

C Global Variables ( as found in BLOCHD1D.FOR ):

C GRAD ----> a three dimensional array of magnetic field  
 C gradient values. The three indices (x,y,z)  
 C define the point value of the gradient  
 C ( along the z-axis of course ) at the  
 C corresponding (x,y,z) location in array M.  
 C M ----> a N+1 dimensional array of magnetization  
 C components in N space. The first N indices  
 C correspond to the coordinates of the 'spin'  
 C in space. The last index indicates the  
 C directional vector. i.e.  
 C      M(x,y,z,d) represents 'spin' x,y,z and  
 C      component d of the spin.  
 C      d = 1 is the x component  
 C      - 2    y    - - -  
 C      - 3    z    - - -

C The bounds on the N indices are declared  
 C in BLOCHD1D.FOR

C XDIM  
 C YDIM  
 C ZDIM ----> integer values corresponding to the dimensions

INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'  
 CHARACTER\*1 DIRECTION  
 REAL\*4 START, END

C check for gradient out of bounds where the 'bounds' are as "defined"  
 C on the BRUKER spectrometer

```
IF(DIRECTION.EQ.'Z'.AND.ZDIM.GT.1) THEN
  ZSTEP = (START-END)/FLOAT(ZDIM-1)
  ZTEMP = START
  DO IZ=1,ZDIM
    GRAD(IZ) = GRAD(IZ) + ZTEMP
    ZTEMP = ZTEMP - ZSTEP
  END DO
ELSE
  TYPE *, 'GRADIENT ERROR. A illegal gradient specification'
  TYPE *, 'was given. Bye bye...'
  STOP
```











```

C
C a routine to apply a square shaped rf pulse along the x-axis long enough
C to tip the spins through 90 degrees via trigonometric calculations.
C
C      Passed Variables:
C
C      ZTIME90          ----> a real value for the duration of the RF pulse
C
C      INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C
C      ZPI = 3.1415926
C
C      DO Z = 1,ZDIM
C          T1 = T1A(Z)
C          T2 = T2A(Z)
C
C      C now find what the component in the yz plane will be in ZTIME90 seconds
C
C      ZM_YZ = SQRT( M(Z,3)**2 + M(Z,2)**2 )
C      IF (ABS(M(Z,2)).LE.1.E-28) THEN
C          IF(M(Z,3).NE.0.0) THEN
C              ZTHETA = 3.14159265 / 2.0 * M(Z,3)/ABS(M(Z,3))
C          ELSE
C              ZTHETA = 3.14159265 / 2.0
C          END IF
C      ELSE
C          ZTHETA = ATAN( M(Z,3)/M(Z,2) )
C          IF(M(Z,2).LT.0.0.AND.M(Z,3).LT.0.0) THEN
C              ZTHETA = ZTHETA + ZPI
C          END IF
C          IF(M(Z,3).LT.0.0.AND.M(Z,2).GT.0.0) THEN
C              ZTHETA = ZTHETA - ZPI
C          END IF
C      ENDIF
C
C      C rotate the angle 90 degrees ( from Z to Y II )
C
C      ZTHETA = ZTHETA - ZPI/2.0
C
C      C and reset MZ and MY ( and let MX decay a little )
C
C      C for Mx
C
C      M(Z,1) = M(Z,1)*EXP(-ZTIME90/T2)
C
C      C for My
C
C      M(Z,2) = ZM_YZ * COS( ZTHETA ) *
C                  1                   EXP(-ZTIME90/T2)
C
C      C for Mz
C
C      M(Z,3) = ZM_YZ * SIN( ZTHETA )
C      M(Z,3) = M(Z,3) - (M(Z,3)-M0) *
C                  1                   (1-EXP(-ZTIME90/T1))
C
C      END DO
C
C      ZTIME = T + ZTIME90
C
C      C adjust the time
C
C      T = ZTIME
C      H1 = 0.0

```

190 degree pulse time









```

C rf pulse into the H1_VECT vector.
C
C Parameters passed:
C
C ZTIME      ----> a real value for the duration of the pulse
C
C H1_VECT      ----> a real vector of points in the shaped pulse
C
C NSTEPS      ----> an integer value of the number of points in
C                   H1_VECT to use to approximate the pulse
C
C INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C REAL*8 H1_VECT(4096),ENV(1024)
C INTEGER*4 NSTEPS
C
C find the area ( crudely ) under the curve for the number of steps passed
C
C ZTIME = FLOAT(NSTEPS)*7.5E-6           !seconds
C ZPI = 3.1415926
C ZTWOPI = 2.*ZPI
C ZPI2 = ZPI/2,
C ZD = 95./64.
C Z2D2 = 2.*ZD**2
C ZB1_TW = ZPI2/GAMMA
C FUDGE = 1.2
C FINC = 5.E-6
C H = 8.0/(FLOAT(NSTEPS))
C ZH = ZTIME/FLOAT(NSTEPS)
C
C calc envelope
C
C X0 = -4.0
C DO I = 1, NSTEPS
C     IF(X0.EQ.0.0) THEN
C         ZSINC = 1.0
C     ELSE
C         ZSINC = SIN(ZTWOPI*X0)/(ZTWOPI*X0)
C     END IF
C     ZWINDOW = .5*(1+COS(ZPI*X0/4.0))
C     ENV(I) = ZWINDOW*ZSINC
C     X0 = X0 + H
C END DO
C
C SUM = 0.0
C DO WHILE(ABS(1.-ABS(SUM/ZB1_TW)).GE.1.0E-5)
C     IF(SUM.LT.ZB1_TW) THEN
C         FINC = FINC*2.0
C         OLDFUDGE = FUDGE
C         FUDGE = FUDGE + FINC
C     ELSE
C         FINC = FINC*0.499998
C         FUDGE = (FUDGE + OLDFUDGE)/2.0
C     END IF
C     GFACTOR = ZB1_TW*FUDGE
C     SUM = 0.0
C     DO I = 1, NSTEPS
C         Y0 = ENV(I)*ZH*GFACTOR
C         SUM = SUM + Y0
C     END DO
C END DO
C
C DO I = 1, NSTEPS
C     H1_VECT(I) = ENV(I)*GFACTOR
C END DO

```









## The INCLUDE files.

The first include file, BLOCHDID.FOR, is used throughout the simulation package. The second file, BLOCHSTK.FOR, is used in the data sampling routines.

## A Sample pulse program.

This program is based on some SPARS ( spatially resolved spectroscopy ) experiments that Dr. Chris Hanstock has been working on.



```

C     Block #1
C     ++++++
C     CHARACTER*80      x axis label string
C     CHARACTER*80      y axis label string
C     REAL*4            xmax
C     REAL*4            xmin
C     REAL*4            ymax
C     REAL*4            ymin
C     CHARACTER*80      title of plot
C     INTEGER*4          size of plot; i.e. the number of x y pairs
C
C     Block #2
C     ++++++
C
C     INTEGER*2          x1
C     INTEGER*2          y1
C     INTEGER*2          x2
C     INTEGER*2          y2
C     INTEGER*2          x3
C     INTEGER*2          y3
C     INTEGER*2          x4
C
C           and so on...
C
C     Parameters passed
C     ++++++
C
C     INBUF      ----> real*4 vector of Y data points
C
C     FILENAME2   ----> character*40 file name
C
C     NUMPOINTS  ----> integer*4 giving the number of plot points
C
C
C     INCLUDE 'BLOCHD1D.FOR'
C     INTEGER*4 NUMPOINTS
C     INTEGER*2 OUTBUF(65536), READBUF(256)
C     REAL*4 XMAX,XMIN,YMAX,YMIN; INBUF(65536)
C     CHARACTER*80 XLABEL,YLABEL,TITLE
C
C     CHARACTER*40 FILENAME, FILENAME2
C     BYTE FILE(40)
C     EQUIVALENCE( FILE(1), FILENAME )
C
C     Twiddle filenames
C
C     FILENAME = FILENAME2
C     I = 40
C     DO WHILE(I.NE.1)
C       IF(FILE(I).NE.' ') THEN
C         ILEN = I
C         I = 2
C       END IF
C       I = I - 1
C     END DO
C     FILE(ILEN+1) = ':'
C     FILE(ILEN+2) = 'P'
C     FILE(ILEN+3) = 'L'
C     FILE(ILEN+4) = 'T'
C     OPEN( UNIT=2, FILE=FILENAME, TYPE='NEW',
C           FORM='UNFORMATTED',ERR=999 )
C

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```

CALL 'CLEAR_GRADIENTS'
C
C 180 along plus y axis
C
CALL HARD_PULSE('+Y', 250.E-6, 180.)
C
C set up refocussing gradient and acquire a spin echo
C
C the acquisition data structure must be initialized first
C
CALL INIT_STACK
C
ZGZ = 118.815E-6/2.
CALL GRADIENT('Z', ZGZ, -1, 'ZGZ')
TINC = 12.8E-3
ZDWELL = 25.E-6
CALL ACQUIRE_SIGNAL(ZDWELL)
C
C do the FT right now so that everything can be output later on.
C
DO KS = 1, 512           ! THE NUMBER OF SAMPLE POINTS
  XR(KS) = REAL(ACQ_BUFFER(KS))
  XI(KS) = AIMAG(ACQ_BUFFER(KS))
END DO
CALL FFT1(512)
CALL FFT2
C
C scale the frequency domain results.
C
DO I = 1, 512
  XR(I) = XR(I)/512
  XI(I) = XI(I)/512
END DO
C
C can flip about the centre axis
C
DO I = 1, 128
  J = 257 - I
  ZRTEMP = XR(I)
  XR(I) = XR(J)
  XR(J) = ZRTEMP
  ZITEMP = XI(I)
  XI(I) = XI(J)
  XI(J) = ZITEMP
END DO
DO I = 257, 384
  J = 513 - I + 256
  ZRTEMP = XR(I)
  XR(I) = XR(J)
  XR(J) = ZRTEMP
  ZITEMP = XI(I)
  XI(I) = XI(J)
  XI(J) = ZITEMP
END DO
C
C now the FFTed results are in XI and XR
C
C now place time domain data into the BUFFER and plot it
C
C The real time data
C
DO I = 1, 512
  BUFFER(I) = REAL(ACQ_BUFFER(I))
END DO

```

```

      FILENAME = 'SPARSRT'
      CALL PLOT_ACQ_DAT(FILENAME, BUFFER, 512)
C
C The Imaginary time data
C
      DO I = 1, 512
        BUFFER(I) = AIMAG(ACQ_BUFFER(I))
      END DO
      FILENAME = 'SPARSIT'
      CALL PLOT_ACQ_DAT(FILENAME, BUFFER, 512)
C
C The modulus time data
C
      DO I = 1, 512
        BUFFER(I) = CABS(ACQ_BUFFER(I))
      END DO
      FILENAME = 'SPARSMT'
      CALL PLOT_ACQ_DAT(FILENAME, BUFFER, 512)
C
C save the frequency domain data in plot files
C
C The real freq data
C
      DO I = 1, 512
        BUFFER(I) = XR(I)
      END DO
      FILENAME = 'SPARSRF'
      CALL PLOT_ACQ_DAT(FILENAME, BUFFER, 512)
C
C The Imaginary freq data
C
      DO I = 1, 512
        BUFFER(I) = XI(I)
      END DO
      FILENAME = 'SPARSIF'
      CALL PLOT_ACQ_DAT(FILENAME, BUFFER, 512)
C
C The modulus freq data
C
      DO I = 1, 512
        BUFFER(I) = SQRT(XI(I)*XI(I) + XR(I)*XR(I))
      END DO
      FILENAME = 'SPARSMP'
      CALL PLOT_ACQ_DAT(FILENAME, BUFFER, 512)
C
C STOP
C
999  TYPE *,*** Error opening plot file'
      STOP
C
234  FORMAT(' X ',G14.7,' Y ',G14.7,' Z ',G14.7)
900  FORMAT(' THE COMPLEX DATA POINTS ',/)
909  FORMAT(' ',I4,7X,G14.7,4X,I,G14.7,/)
919  FORMAT(' THE FFTed RESULTS')
1000 FORMAT(A)
      END

```

Appendix E

This is a listing of the program used to check the results of the experiment simulating a square 90 RF pulse with a gradient along the z axis. The equations were taken from a paper on selective RF pulse simulations (Locher, 1980).

```

ZMY = MY
ZMX = -1.*MX
IF(MY.LE.1.E-20.AND.MY.GE.-1.E-20) ZMY = 1.E-20
PHI_MXY = ATAN(ZMX/ZMY)
IF(ZMY.LT.0.0.AND.ZMX.LT.0.0) PHI_MXY = PHI_MXY - ZPI
IF(ZMY.LT.0.0.AND.ZMX.GT.0.0) PHI_MXY = PHI_MXY + ZPI
PHI_MXY = PHI_MXY * 180/ZPI
WRITE(6,505) IPT, MX, MY, MZ, PHI_MXY
ANS2 = ''
DO WHILE(ANS2.NE.'Y'.AND.ANS2.NE.'N')
    WRITE(6,506)
    READ(5,1000) ANS2
END DO
END DO
ANS1 = ''
DO WHILE(ANS1.NE.'Y'.AND.ANS1.NE.'N')
    WRITE(6,507)
    READ(5,1000) ANS1
END DO
END DO
STOP
500 FORMAT(/,' Enter a tip angle in degrees : ',$:)
501 FORMAT(/,' Enter the time the RF pulse is applied in secs : ',$:)
502 FORMAT(/,' Enter the number of points along the z direction : ',$:)
503 FORMAT(/,' Enter Gz value at point 1 and Gz value at point N : ',$:)
504 FORMAT(/,' Enter the point of interest : ',$:)
505 FORMAT(/,' POINT ',I3,' MX = ',G14.7,' MY = ',G14.7,' MZ = ',G14.7,
           1      ' PHI = ',G14.7)
506 FORMAT(/,' Another point ( Y or N ) ? : ',$:)
507 FORMAT(/,' Another set of parameters ( Y or N ) ? : ',$:)
C
1000 FORMAT(A)
END

```

## Appendix F

The command file IMFL ( IMaging of FLow ).

----- FILE: IMFL

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```
1@DF@RF2@DF@RF3@DF@RF
1$TRT,-1,2$TRT,-1,3$TRT,-1,
1RMEM,20,2RMEM,34,3RMEM,4
1RJ FTHP,AI,0,FL FQLIST,@CTL,RES SHIMVAL,RA
2RJ IMGEFLJ,AI,0,FL FQLIST,@CTL,RES SHIMVAL,RA
3RJ SETUP,AI,0,FL FQLIST,@CTL,RES SHIMVAL,RA
3@DN2@DN1@DN
1RE FTHP,001,AU IMGEO1,3AU IMGEO1
2RE IMFL,001,REP.,AU IMGEO1
RPF,QPF,,AP..
DW,24,AQ,
@P
```

START ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIONS:

IMFLPL

FLOW BY PHASE

COMP.: GRAD

@

## Appendix G

The command file IMFLPL ( IMaging of FLow, pulse Program Load).

The pulse program PHAS.PC, the gradient generation file IMFLG.EXE, and the pulse program execution file IMGEGOO are also included.

----- FILE: IMFLPL

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@DF

2

SW,20833,AQ,,  
RP PHAS,D11,.8S,C2,1

D11 - TR

C2 - NUMBER OF ECHOES  
NI,1,NA,1,BSI,512WAQ,,  
FL FQLIST,@CTLAU IMGE01

ADJUST SOFT PULSE

2REG SLZ

GZ,M,2,GPHSZM.021

@P

CHOOSE A GRADIENT STRENGTH

GPHSZM.021	==>	IOD = 500
GPHSZM.022	==>	IOD = 220
GPHSZM.023	==>	IOD = 147
GPHSZM.024	==>	IOD = 100

@

GZ...@G

@P

ADJUST CHANNEL 1 (ESC)

@

2AZ,NE,1000,SI,512WAQ,,

@DN@RN@CTY

AU IMGE00,@W@S

@CTY

REG IMGEMTR,@DF

SET GRADIENTS UP

GX,,GPHMERXC.021,GY,,GPHMEPYC.121,GZ,,GPHMESZC.021

@P

START ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIONS  
AFTER READING IN THE PROPER GRADIENTS.  
AND WRG IMGEMTR:

GX GPHMERXC.02%

GY GPHMEPYC.12%

GZ GPHMESZC.02#

% = 1 0 ZOOM  
2 1

\* = 1 128 GRAD. STEPS

# = 1	IOD = 500
2	IOD = 220
3	IOD = 147
4	IOD = 90

5 IOD - 54

NEXT, START EXECUTION IMFLG  
@

---- FILE: IMGEGOO

```
O1EN
O1
STRT 0
SI 512W
VDS 9
1      GOD
       DISP
IN 1
STPP
EXIT
```

---- FILE: PHAS.PC

SINGLE SLICE MULTI ECHO FLOW BY PHASE

C2 = NUMBER OF ECHOES  
D11 = TR (REPETITION TIME)

START.

\*\*\*\* ADD SWEEP

```
20M [XT+X] <CNG>
LOOP 1024 TIMES
  3.75U [F1+X XT-X XT+Y XAD]
  3.75U [F1+X XT-X XT+Y]
END LOOP
3M [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
2M [XT+X] <CNG>
2M
1304U [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
LOOP C2 TIMES
3M
250U [F1-Y]
2M [XT+X] <CNG>
2M
3M [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
3M [XT+X] <CNG TCHKS>
AQ [STA]
2M [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
3M [XT+X] <CNG>
2M
END LOOP
1M [XT+X] <CNG>
D11
```

;) ;SLICE GRAD  
;) ;SHAPED PULSE  
;) ;(+X)  
;) ;FREQUENCY ENCODING  
;) ;DEPHASING GRAD ON  
;) ;BALANCED FLOW COMP ON  
;) ;FREQ AND COMP GRAD OFF  
;) ;ALL GRADS OFF  
;) ;180 (-Y)  
;) ;Z GRAD REFOCUSING  
;) ;AND PHASE ENCODING ON  
;) ;ALL GRADS OFF  
;) ;READOUT ON, TIMING CHECK  
;) ;START ACQUISITION.  
;) ;FREQ COMP FOR NEXT ECHO.  
;) ;ALL GRADS OFF  
;) ;STOP POINT  
;) ;TR

\*\*\*\* SUBTRACT SWEEP

```
20M [XT+X] <CNG>
LOOP 1024 TIMES
  3.75U [F1+X XT-X XT+Y XAD]
  3.75U [F1+X XT-X XT+Y]
```

;) ;SLICE GRAD  
;) ;SHAPED PULSE  
;) ;(+X)

```

END LOOP
3M [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
2M [XT+X] <CNG>
2M
1304U [XT+X]<CNG>
1M
LOOP C2 TIMES
3M
250U [F1-Y]
2M [XT+X] <CNG>
2M
3M [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
3M [XT+X] <CNG TCHK>
AQ [STA]
2M [XT+X] <CNG>
1M
3M [XT+X] <CNG>
2M
END LOOP
1M [XT+X] <CNG>
D11.
GOTO START

```

STOP POINT

## ----- FILE: IMFLG.EXE

```

@DF
; X-GRADIENT FOR SW - 20.83 KHZ
; 1. ZOOM
DEFG GPHMERXC.021
4
F,0,F,-681,F,0,F,0
5
F,0,F,0,F,-317,F,-200,F,0
1,F,0

; 1.5 ZOOM
DEFG GPHMERXC.022
4
F,0,F,-970,F,0,F,0
5
F,0,F,0,F,-476,F,-158,F,0
1,F,0

; 2. ZOOM
DEFG GPHMERXC.023
4
F,0,F,-1228,F,0,F,0
5
F,0,F,0,F,-616,F,-270,F,0
1,F,0

; Y-GRADIENT FOR 128 STEPS
; 1. ZOOM
DEFG GPHMEPYC.021
5

```

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,R,256,-4,0

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

; 1.5 ZOOM

DEFG GPHMEPYC.022

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,R,384,-6,0

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

; 2. ZOOM

DEFG GPHMEPYC.023

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,R,512,-6,0

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

Z GRADIENT

GOOD SLICE PAIRS ARE:

500,600 GIVING 2.73MM SLICE

400,???

300,???

270,??? 5MM SLICE

135,??? 10MM SLICE

90,118 15MM SLICE

68,??? 20MM SLICE

54,71 25MM SLICE

DEFG GPHMESZC.021

5

F,500,F,-400,F,400,F,0,F,600

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

DEFG GPHMESZC.022

5

F,220,F,-400,F,400,F,0,F,280

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

DEFG GPHMESZC.023

5

F,147,F,-400,F,400,F,0,F,190

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

DEFG GPHMESZC.024

5

F,90,F,-400,F,400,F,0,F,118

5

F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0

0

DEFG GPHMESZC.025

234

5  
F,54,F,-400,F,400,F,0,F,71  
5  
F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0,F,0  
0  
@DN

## Appendix H

The command file IMFLG ( IMaging of FLow, Go ) plus the pulse program execution file IMGEMGO.

----- FILE: IMFLG

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@P

ENTER THE NUMBER OF ECHOES ( 1,2,4,8 )

@

@\$T2

@DF

REG IMGEMTR

GY,.ZERO.001

BSI,512W

RECO,1,128,@\$P2,1,1,1,-1,0,1

NE,4,D-,D11,.5S,NI,@\$P2,NA,2,C2,@\$P2

FL FQLIST,@CTL

@DN@RN

AU IMGEMGO,AP,,AU

@P

SPECIFY REPETITION TIME ( IN S )

( TERMINATE WITH "S" FOLLOWED BY "RET" ) @@

D11@G,

@P

ENTER THE NUMBER OF SCANS TO CHECK THE PROFILES

<RET>

@

@\$T1

NE,@\$P1

AI,0,AI,1,ZE

AU

@P

CHECK ECHO POSITIONS

( 256, 512, 1280, 1792, 2304, 2816, 3328, 3840 )

<RET>

@

EP@G

@P

PROFILE OF FIRST ECHO

@

SI,512W

STRT,0,BC,FT,MC,@W@DF

STRT,512W,BC,FT,MC

STRT,1KBC,FT,MC

STRT,1536WBC,FT,MC

@CTY

AI,0,NE,128

@P

TO ACQUIRE IMAGE START EXECUTION:

IMFL1 128 GRADIENT STEPS  
@  
STRT,0,SI,2

----- FILE: IMGEMGO

TF  
VDS 10  
O1EN  
STRT0  
LG  
SI 1B  
1 GOR  
DISP  
IN 1  
STPP  
RA  
O1DI  
O1  
SI 1N  
EXIT

## Appendix I

The command file IMFLTR ( IMaging of FLow, gradient TRim ) and its associated support files.

----- FILE: IMFLTR

2

@P

WHICH GRADIENT TO USE FOR SLICE ?

GX, GY, GZ, OR <RET> FOR NONE: @@\$T6  
EXE IMFLTRR

----- FILE: IMFLTRR

2

@P

TO QUIT TYPE Q AT END FOLLOWED BY CNTL K.  
IF EXIT OTHER THAN THIS IMGETR.001 IS LOST  
FROM DISK. REWRITE IT FROM JOB TO DISK (WR).

@

@P

WHICH POINT TO BE TRIMMED?

READ DIRECTION (X,Y,Z): @@\$T4

NOW GO AND GET THE READOUT GRADIENT STRENGTH

@P

ENTER THE READOUT GRADIENT STRENGTH  
(I.E., THE ACQUISITION GRADIENT )

@

CHECK IF FILE THERE

TSTF IMFLTR@\$P4,ED,IMFLTR@\$P4.....@G@EQ,EXE IMFLTRG

@P

SORRY, THAT GRADIENT CANNOT YET BE  
USED AS A READOUT GRADIENT...  
BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

@

----- FILE: IMFLTRG

2

GET THE GRADIENT PULSE TO TRIM

@P

CHOOSE A READOUT DIRECTION GRADIENT PULSE  
TO ADJUST

FIRST READ DEPHASING: R1  
2ND ECHO READ COMP: R2  
3RD ECHO READ COMP: R3

8TH ECHO READ COMP: R8

INPUT: @@\$T5

NE,4  
TSTF IMFLT@\$P5@\$P4,EXE IMFLT@\$P5@\$P4,  
@P

KANADISCHE IDIOT

@

----- FILE: IMFLTR1X

RECO,1,128,1,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,1,NI,1  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....,@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR2X

RECO,1,128,2,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,2,NI,2  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....,@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR3X

RECO,1,128,3,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,3,NI,3  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....,@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR4X

RECO,1,128,4,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,4,NI,4  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....,@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR5X

RECO,1,128,5,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,5,NI,5

GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR6X

RECO,1,128,6,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,8,NI,6  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR7X

RECO,1,128,7,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,7,NI,7  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTR8X

RECO,1,128,8,1,1,1,-1,0,1  
C2,8,NI,8  
GX,DGY,DGZ,D  
G@\$P4,PGPHRTRIM.001  
ED,IMFLTRX,.....@G@EQ  
EXE IMFLTRX

----- FILE: IMFLTRX

2@DF@RF  
; X-GRADIENT FOR SW - 25 KHZ

; 2. ZOOM  
DEL GPHRTRIM.001  
DEFG GPHRTRIM.001  
4,F,0,F  
-970  
F,0,F,0  
5  
F,0,F,0,F  
-476  
F  
-159  
F,0  
1,F,0  
2SI,4,ZE  
TSTS,@\$P6,GZ,GZ,P,GPHMESZC.024  
TSTS,@\$P6,GY,GY,P,GPHMESZC.024  
TSTS,@\$P6,GX,GX,P,GPHMESZC.024  
@DN@RN2AU IMGEMGO  
@DF@RF  
AI,1  
2SI,512W  
TSTS,@\$P5,R1,STRT,0  
TSTS,@\$P5,R2,STRT,512W

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TSTS,@\$P5,R3,STRJ,1  
TSTS,@\$P5,R4,STRT,1536W  
TSTS,@\$P5,R5,STRT,2  
TSTS,@\$P5,R6,STRT,2560W  
TSTS,@\$P5,R7,STRT,3  
TSTS,@\$P5,R8,STRT,3584W

2EBO,SRV,FT,APK

@DN@RN  
@P

FIND THE MINIMUM ABSOLUTE VALUE OF "1PHZ"

@  
@DBTY,@DB@RF@P

TRY ANOTHER VALUE	TYPE
QUIT	Q

INPUT: @@\$T9

TSTS,@\$P9,T,EXE IMFLT@\$P5@\$P4.  
2EXE,IMPLTRG

## Appendix J

The command file IMFL1 ( IMaging of FLow, 128 phase encoding steps ) and the imaging execution file IMGEMI1.

----- FILE: IMFL1

```
@DF  
NE,128  
REG IMGEMTR  
@P  
    ENTER THE FILENAME ( NO EXTENSION )  
    ( TERMINATE WITH A <RET> )  
@  
@$T3  
@DN  
AU IMGEMI1,@$P3  
FL FQZERO.001,@CTL  
AU RECO,@$P3
```

----- FILE: IMGEMI1

```
; AUTOMATION FOR 2DFT IMAGING: HIGH POSER VERSION  
;  
; MULTI ECHOS      128 GRADIENT STEPS  
TF  
O1EN  
VDS 9  
LG  
STRT 0  
SI 1N  
WR #1 CR=128  
SI 1A  
10    GOD  
     LO 10 TIMES 6  
SI 1N  
1    TOGL  
    SI 1A  
    GOR  
    SI 1N  
    WR #1 IB NW  
IN 1  
STPP  
RA  
SI 1B  
EXIT
```

## **Appendix K**

## The phase correction program PHASCOR.

```

CHARACTER*1 SAMPLE,ALREADY
LOGICAL*1 MATTYP,INNAM(60),ACCNAM(15),TMPNAM(60)
COMMON /CC/ NFLG,NBLOCK,NFREQ,NPHASE,MATTYP,NECHO
COMMON /BB/ BUFF,N_BLK,M_BLK,SAMPLE,ALREADY
DATA ACCNAM/'S','T','E','V','E','N','A','S',
      1 'P','E','C','T,'/
```

C-----

```

100  TYPE 100
     FORMAT('0** IMAGE PHASE CORRECTION PROGRAM ')
C-----
```

C Read file names

C-----

```

1   TYPE 102
102  FORMAT(1X,/'$Enter input file name of the raw data file: ')
     DO 3 I=1,60
3   TMPNAM(I)=0
     ACCEPT 104,TMPNAM
104  FORMAT(60A1)
     IF(TMPNAM(1).EQ.' ') STOP
```

C-----

```

1   IFLG=0
DO 4 I=1,60
IF(TMPNAM(I).EQ.'.' OR TMPNAM(I).EQ.' ') IFLG=-1
4   CONTINUE
IF(IFLG.NE.0) THEN
    DO 5 I=1,60
5   INNAM(I)=TMPNAM(I)
ELSE
    DO 7 I=1,15
7   INNAM(I)=ACCNAM(I)
    DO 9 I=16,60
9   IM=I-15
    INNAM(I)=TMPNAM(IM)
END IF
```

TYPE 111,INNAM

```

111  FORMAT(' ',60A)
     DO 10 I=60,1,-1
IF(INNAM(I).NE.' ') GO TO 12
10   INNAM(I)=0
```

C-----

```

12   OPEN(UNIT=1,FILE=INNAM,ACCESS='DIRECT',
      STATUS='OLD',RECL=128,ASSOCIATEVARIABLE=N_BLK,ERR=900)
```

C-----

```

14   TYPE 106
106  FORMAT(1X,/'$Enter number of frequency points (64,
      1 '128 or 256): ')
     ACCEPT *,NFREQ
IF(NFREQ.NE.64.AND.NFREQ.NE.128.AND.NFREQ.NE.256)
1   GO TO 14
```

C-----

```

16   TYPE 107
107  FORMAT(1X,/'$Enter number of phase points (64,
      1 '128 or 256): ')
     ACCEPT *,NPHASE
IF(NPHASE.NE.64.AND.NPHASE.NE.128.AND.NPHASE.NE.256)
1   GO TO 16
```

C-----

```

17   TYPE *,'$Enter the number of echos ( 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 ):'
     ACCEPT *,NECHO
IF(NECHO.NE.1.AND.NECHO.NE.2.AND.NECHO.NE.4) THEN
    IF(NECHO.NE.8.AND.NECHO.NE.16) GOTO 17
END IF
```

C-----



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```

IF(ALREADY.NE.'Y' AND ALREADY.NE.'N') GOTO 92
C
C
OPEN(UNIT=4,FILE='[STEVEN.ASPECT]DUMDUM.TP1',
1      ACCESS='DIRECT',STATUS='OLD',RECL=128,
2      ASSOCIATE VARIABLE=M_BLK,ERR=930)
101  CONTINUE
IF(ALREADY.EQ.'Y') THEN
  TYPE *, Sample mode ( M or Q )
  READ(5,1000) SAMPLE
  IF(SAMPLE.NE.'M' AND SAMPLE.NE.'Q') GOTO 101
  CLOSE(UNIT=1)
  RETURN
END IF

C-----.
C
C check out the first block for acquisition parameters, namely SEQ or SIM
C sampling
C
C
GET THE FILE SIZE IN BYTES AND TRANSFER HEADER BLOCK AS IT IS.
C   1 LONG WORD = FILE_SIZE/3
C   648 BYTES (216 ASPECT_WORDS) USER INFO
C
C
N_BLK=1          !BLOCK VARIABLE OF INPUT BUFFER
M_BLK=1          !BLOCK VARIABLE OF OUTPUT BUFFER
C
READ(1:N_BLK) (LONG_BUFFER(I),I=1,512)
READ(1:N_BLK) (LONG_BUFFER(I),I=513,1024)
FILE_SIZE=F_SIZE*3

C
C
OUT_128=1        !OUTPUT BUFFER COUNTER
OUT_BUFFER4(1)=FILE_SIZE
L=0              !BYTE COUNTER OF DATUS
J=0              !POINTS EVEN DATUS

C
D
TYPE *,FILE_SIZE-,FILE_SIZE
C
DO 110 N_BYTES=5,664
C
L=1+JMOD(L,3)    !INCREMENT BYTE PTR OF DATUS
STACK(L)=LONG_BUFFER(N_BYTES)    !COPY UP TO 3 BYTES
IF(L.EQ.3) THEN
  J=1+JMOD(J,2)    !INCREMENT EVEN PTR OF DATA
  IF(J.EQ.2) THEN  !EVEN DATUS NEEDS SWAPING
    TEMP=STACK(1) !PERMUTE 3 BYTE DATUS
    STACK(1)=STACK(2)
    STACK(2)=STACK(3)
    STACK(3)=TEMP
  ENDIF
  STACK(4)=0
C
C
CHECK IF OUTPUT_BUFFER IS FULL
C
OUT_128=1+JMOD(OUT_128,128) !OUTPUT COUNTER INCREMENT
OUT_BUFFER4(OUT_128)=STACK4
IF(OUT_128.EQ.128) THEN
  TYPE *,M_BLK= ,M_BLK
  WRITE(4|M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
  IF(SAMP_MODE) THEN
    ACQ_FLAG=ACQ_MASK AND OUT_BUFFER4(45)
    SAMP_MODE=.FALSE.
  ENDIF
ENDIF

```

```

        END IF
    ENDIF
C
C
110 CONTINUE
C
IF(OUT_128.NE.128) THEN
    OUT_128 = OUT_128 +1
    DO J=OUT_128,128
        OUT_BUFFER4(J)=0
    ENDDO
    WRITE(4'M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
ENDIF
C
C find out what type of sampling was used
C
IF(ACQ_FLAG.EQ.'000000C0'X) THEN
    TYPE *,'The data is sampled simultaneously'
    SAMPLE = 'M'
ELSE
    TYPE *,'The data is sampled sequentially'
    SAMPLE = 'Q'
ENDIF
C
C Call MSP, if not busy !
C
CALL MSATT_UNS(0,ISTATUS)    !copy after Fipak's MSATT
                             (returns MSP status)
D
TYPE *,'ISTATUS=:',ISTATUS
IF(ISTATUS.EQ.SS$_NORMAL) THEN
    ASP_FILE_SIZE = FILE_SIZE/3
    CALL UNSCRAM_WITH_MSP
    IF(MSP_ERR.NE.1) GOTO 80
ENDIF
C
C
MSP busy, let's do it on VAX
C
C
CONVERT THE REST OF DATA
#ASP_WORDS=#VAX_LONG_WORDS
C
IN_512=0                      ! INPUT BUFFER COUNTER
OUT_128=0                      ! OUTPUT BUFFER COUNTER
L=0                            ! BYTE COUNTER OF DATUS
J=0                            ! POINTS EVEN DATUS
C
DO 10 N_BYTES=1,FILE_SIZE
C
    IN_512=1+JMOD(IN_512,512)
    IF(IN_512.EQ.1) READ(1'N_BLK) (IN_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
D
    TYPE *,'N_BLK=:',N_BLK
    L=1+JMOD(L,3)                  ! INCREMENT BYTE PTR OF DATUS
    STACK(L)=IN_BUFFER(IN_512)      ! COPY UP TO 3 BYTES
    IF(L.EQ.3) THEN
        J=1+JMOD(J,2)              ! INCREMENT EVEN PTR OF DATA
        IF(J.EQ.2) THEN            ! EVEN DATUS NEEDS SWAPING
            TEMP=STACK(1)          ! PERMUTE 3 BYTE DATUS
            STACK(1)=STACK(2)
            STACK(2)=STACK(3)
            STACK(3)=TEMP
        ENDIF
        IF(STACK(3).LT.0) THEN   ! TAKE CARE OF SIGN

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```

        STACK(4)--1
    ELSE   STACK(4)=0
    ENDIF

C      CHECK IF OUTPUT_BUFFER IS FULL
C
C      OUT_128=1+JMOD(OUT_128,128) ! OUTPUT COUNTER INCREMENT
C      OUT_BUFFER4(OUT_128)=STACK4
C      IF(OUT_128.EQ.128) THEN
D          TYPE *'M_BLK='M_BLK
          WRITE(4'M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
    ENDIF

C      ENDIF

C      CONTINUE

C      WRITE THE LAST BLOCK IF ANY

C      130 IF(OUT_128.NE.128) THEN
D          TYPE *'LAST M_BLK='M_BLK
          WRITE(4'M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
    ENDIF

C      NOW CLOSE ALL FILES AND EXIT.

C      80 CLOSE(UNIT=1)

C      TYPE *'OUT OF UNSCRAM'
C      RETURN

1000 FORMAT(A)

C-----  

C Error routines  

C-----  

930  CONTINUE
    OPEN(UNIT=4,FILE='STEVEN.ASPECT]DUMDUM.TP1',
    1      ACCESS='DIRECT',STATUS='NEW',RECL=128,
    2      ASSOCIATE VARIABLE=M_BLK,ERR=931)
    GOTO 101

931  TYPE 932
932  FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Unable to open file DUMDUM.TP1')
    GOTO 999

C
950  TYPE 952
952  FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error reading input image file')
    GOTO 999

985  TYPE 987
987  FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error writing file DUMDUM.TP1')
    GOTO 999

C
999  CLOSE(UNIT=1)
    CLOSE(UNIT=2)
    CLOSE(UNIT=3)
    CLOSE(UNIT=4)
    STOP
    END

C-----  

C      SUBROUTINE UNSCRAM_WITH_MSP
C
C      Subroutine assumes that the header block has been copied !

```

C For more detail see MSP array processor manual and/or talk  
 C with system manager  
 C  
 C Dan G.  
 C  
 C  
 C

```

    INTEGER*4 IN CHANNEL,OUT CHANNEL,ASP_FILE_SIZE
    INTEGER*4 MSP_REG(16)
    INTEGER*4 MSP_DRAM / 400000'X/
    INTEGER*4 MSP_PROGRAM / C01400'X/
    INTEGER*4 MSP_START / C0140C'X/
    INTEGER*4 BUFFER(128)
    INTEGER*4 ICHANNEL

    COMMON /MODE/ IMODE,ICODE,MSP_ERR
    COMMON /UNSC/ IN_CHANNEL,OUT_CHANNEL,ASP_FILE_SIZE

    TYPE *,IMODE,IMODE
    IMODE_OLD=IMODE

    CALL MSCLR          ICLEAR MSP
    IF(IWAIT('MSCLR'),NE.0)GO TO 92
    CALL ENBDMA         IENABLE DMA

    Load mini_program

    ICHANNEL=3
    CALL ASSIGN(ICHANNEL,'DISK$USER:[STEVEN.ASPECT]JUNSCMISAL.EXE')
    NBLKS=3
    NBYTES=512
    CALL VMNLOAD(ICHANNEL,MSP_PROGRAM,NBLKS,NBYTES)      ILOAD MINI
PROGRAM
    IF(IWAIT('MNLOAD'),NE.0)GO TO 92
    CALL CLOSE(ICHANNEL)

    CALL PSWBSH('1X')           IDisable FPP interrupt
    IF(IWAIT('PSWBSH'),NE.0)GO TO 92

    N_BLK = 3
    M_BLK = 3
    N_DATA = 0                 Igeneral data_counter
    N_MAX_MSP='20000'X          IMSP_memory capacity
    MSP_REG(11)=MSP_DRAM        IR2 <= unsc_data_address
    MSP_REG(16)=MSP_DRAM + '2000'X IR2 <= sc_data_address

    DO WHILE(N_DATA.LT.ASP_FILE_SIZE)
      N_DATA_MSP = ASP_FILE_SIZE - N_DATA
      IF(N_DATA_MSP.GT.N_MAX_MSP) N_DATA_MSP = N_MAX_MSP

    Read input file and put data into MSP

    N_LOOP=0
    N_MSP=0
    MSP_ADDR=MSP_DRAM + '2000'X      Istart loading here
    TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
    IMODE=3
    FORMAT('A12')

    DO WHILE(N_MSP.LT.N_DATA_MSP)
      READ(IN_CHANNEL,N_BLK,ERR=100) BUFFER
      CALL VPUT(BUFFER,MSP_ADDR,4,128)
      MSP_ADDR=MSP_ADDR+512
      N_LOOP=N_LOOP+1
      N_MSP=(512*N_LOOP)/3
  
```

```

CD      TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR,N_BLK,N_LOOP,N_MSP
N_BLK = N_BLK + 1
IF      (IWAIT('BUFFER').NE.0) GO TO 92
ENDDO
D      TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
D      IMODE=IMODE_OLD
C      Load MSP registers with "unscrambling" parameters
C
C      CALL MSCLR          ICLEAR MSP
IF(IWAIT('MSCLR').NE.0)GO TO 92
CALL PSWBSH('1X')           IDisable FPP interrupt
IF(IWAIT('PSWBSH').NE.0)GO TO 92
C
MSP_REG(13) = N_DATA_MSP   IR4 <- counter
TYPE 85,MSP_REG(11),MSP_REG(13),MSP_REG(16)
C
CALL  MSWRTE('9400'X,MSP_REG)          IR2,R4,R7
IF      (IWAIT('WR9400').NE.0)GO TO 92
D2000  CONTINUE             latter break
C
CALL  VMNSTRT (MSP_START)
IF      (IWAIT('STUNSC').NE.0)GO TO 92
C      Retrieve unscrambled_data from MSP into output_file
C
M_MSP = 0
MSP_ADDR= MSP_DRAM
TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
IMODE=3
DO WHILE(M_MSP .LT. N_DATA_MSP)
    CALL  VGET(BUFFER,MSP_ADDR,4,128)
    M_MSP = M_MSP + 128
    IF(IWAIT('BUFFER').NE.0)GO TO 92
C
    IF(M_MSP .GT. N_DATA_MSP) THEN ! zero filling in last
        M_FILL_ZERO=1+MOD(N_DATA_MSP,128)
        DO JJ=M_FILL_ZERO,128 ! block ,following data.
            BUFFER(JJ)=0
        ENDDO
    ENDIF
    WRITE (OUT_CHANNEL'M_BLK,ERR=110) BUFFER
    M_BLK = M_BLK +1
    MSP_ADDR= MSP_ADDR +512
ENDDO
TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
IMODE=IMODE_OLD
C
N_DATA = N_DATA + N_DATA_MSP
ENDDO IN_DATA loop
C
92    CALL MSDET
RETURN
C
100   TYPE *,"" ERROR reading input_file "
GOTO 92
C
110   TYPE *,"" ERROR writing output_file "
GOTO 92
C
END
CC.....

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## SUBROUTINE MSATT\_UNS (LUN,ISTATUS)

C  
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## MSATT - Attach MSP-3000 to task

C This subroutine attaches the MSP-3000 to the task for  
C exclusive use. No other user may attach it while it is  
C in use.

C Version 0.0

15-Feb-83 Peter Kapinos

C First Release

C IMPLICIT NONE

C INCLUDE '\$\$SDEF'  
C INCLUDE '\$\$IODEF'  
C INTEGER\*4 LUN,ISTATUS  
C INTEGER\*4 SERVICE\_STATUS  
C INTEGER\*4 SYS\$ASSIGN  
C INTEGER\*4 SYS\$SETEF  
C INTEGER\*4 FINAL\_IO\_STATUS  
C INTEGER\*4 SYS\$QIOW  
C INTEGER\*4 IO\$\_ALTDMA  
C INTEGER\*4 BITS\_TO\_SET  
C INTEGER\*4 BITS\_TO\_CLEAR  
C CHARACTER\*5 M3K\_NAME  
C LOGICAL\*1 FPP\_SAFE  
C INTEGER\*2 IOSB(4)  
C INTEGER\*4 EVENT\_FLAG,M3K\_CHANNEL

C COMMON /QIO\_ARGUMENTS/ EVENT\_FLAG,M3K\_CHANNEL,IOSB  
C COMMON /SAFE\_MODE/ FPP\_SAFE

C Establish the MSP-3000 device name for the assign

C PARAMETER (M3K\_NAME = 'CDA0:')

C Equate MSP-3000 \$QIO function code with existing DEC function code

C PARAMETER (IO\$\_ALTDMA = IO\$\_ACCESS)  
C PARAMETER (BITS\_TO\_SET = 0)  
C PARAMETER (BITS\_TO\_CLEAR = 'FFFFFFFX')

C Start of executable code

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C Establish the event flag number for all system services

C EVENT\_FLAG = 32

C Default mode at attach is safe

C FPP\_SAFE = TRUE.  
C Set the event flag so the first MSWAIT works correctly  
C SERVICE\_STATUS = SYS\$SETEF (%VAL(EVENT\_FLAG))  
C Error handling Section  
C Check SERVICE\_STATUS to see if call and arguments were accepted by VMS.  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS.EQ. SS\$\_WASSET) GO TO 400  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS.EQ. SS\$\_WASCLR) GO TO 400  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS.NE. SS\$\_NORMAL) THEN  
C CALL BLANK (1)  
C WRITE (5,310) SERVICE\_STATUS  
310 FORMAT (' MSATT SETEF Failed with code = ',I9)  
C This error is serious so exit from image  
C CALL EXIT (SERVICE\_STATUS)  
C ISTATUS=SERVICE\_STATUS  
C RETURN  
C END IF  
C Assign the MSP-3000 to this task  
C 400 SERVICE\_STATUS = SYS\$ASSIGN ( M3K\_NAME,M3K\_CHANNEL..)  
C Error handling Section  
C Check SERVICE\_STATUS to see if call and arguments were accepted by VMS.  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS.NE. SS\$\_NORMAL) THEN  
C CALL BLANK (1)  
C WRITE (5,410) SERVICE\_STATUS  
410 FORMAT (' MSATT Assign Failed with code = ',I9)  
C This error is serious so exit from image  
C CALL EXIT (SERVICE\_STATUS)  
C ISTATUS=SERVICE\_STATUS  
C RETURN  
C END IF  
C Issue QIO to clear the ALTDMA mask stored in the UCB  
C SERVICE\_STATUS = SYS\$QIOW ( %VAL(EVENT\_FLAG), %VAL(M3K\_CHANNEL),  
C %VAL (IO\$\_ALTDMA),IOSB...  
C %VAL (BITS\_TO\_SET),  
C %VAL (BITS\_TO\_CLEAR),...)  
C Error handling Section  
C Check SERVICE\_STATUS to see if call and arguments were accepted by VMS.  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS.NE. SS\$\_NORMAL) THEN



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COMPLEX ZTEMPC(256),ZTEMC
REAL ZTEMPC(512)
CHARACTER*32 ANSWER
CHARACTER*1 SAMPLE,ALREADY,NEXT,FINE_TUNE

C
C EQUIVALENCE (ZTEMPC(1),ZTEMPC(1))
EQUIVALENCE (BUFFI(1),BUFFW(1),BUFFR(1),BUFFC(1))

C
C COMMON /BB/ BUFFW,N_BLK,M_BLK,SAMPLE,ALREADY
COMMON /CC/ NFLG,NBLOCK,NFREQ,NPHASE,MATTYP,NECHO
COMMON /FFTARR/ XR,XI

C process NECHO echos from the DUMDUM file
C
DO NE = 1, NECHO
  TYPE *, 'ECHO - ',NE
C----- C Zero virtual array
C----- DO I = 1, 512
  ZTEMPC(I) = 0.0
END DO

C----- DO 12 J=1,NFLG
  DO 10 I=1,NFLG
10   ZMAT(I,J)=CMPLX(0.0,0.0)
12   CONTINUE
C----- C Read file into virtual array. Remember that the echos are centred
C in the array.
C Note that if there is zero filling, the zeros are placed at
C the beginning and end of the matrix.
C----- NFR=NFREQ/64
NPHHA=NPHASE/2
NFRHA=NFREQ/2
NFLHA=NFLG/2
M_BLK=(NE-NFR+3)
M_BSTEP=NFR-NECHO
C----- DO JJ=1,NPHASE
  M_BLKOLD=M_BLK
  IF(NPHASE.EQ.NFLG) THEN
    JPH=JJ
  ELSE
    JPH=JJ+NFLHA-NPHHA
  END IF
C----- DO KK=1,NFR
  READ(4,M_BLK,ERR=980) BUFFI
C----- DO I=1,128
    BUFFR(I)=REAL(BUFFI(I)) ! Convert from INT*4 to REAL*4
  END DO
C----- DO I=1,64
    IFR=((KK-1)*64)+I
    ZMAT(JPH,IFR)=BUFFC(I)
  END DO
C----- END DO
  M_BLK=M_BLKOLD+M_BSTEP

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!Remember 3 info blocks

!Write data to row of ZMAT



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END DO
XR(NFLG) = XRTEMP
XI(NFLG) = XITEMP
END DO
ELSE                                lshift right
DO I = 1,ISHIFT
    XRTEMP = XR(NFLG)
    XITEMP = XI(NFLG)
    DO J = NFLG,2,-1
        XR(J) = XR(J-1)
        XI(J) = XI(J-1)
    END DO
    XR(1) = XRTEMP
    XI(1) = XITEMP
END DO
END IF
END IF

C
C check the sampling technique
C
IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'Q') THEN
C
C*****+
C see J.A. Lunt's famous 'Sampling Data the Bruker Way' for an explanation
C of what goes on when the data is sequentially sampled.
C*****+
C
C negate every other complex point in the scan
C
DO I = 2,NFLG,2
    XR(I) = XR(I)*-1.0
    XI(I) = XI(I)*-1.0
END DO

C
C now treat all the points as real. Each imaginary point is considered
C to fall between the corresponding real point and the next real point
C
J = 1
DO I = 1,NFLG
    XPHAS(J) = XR(I)
    XPHAS(J+1) = XI(I)
    J = J + 2
END DO
DO I = 1,NFLG*2
    XR(I) = XPHAS(I)
    XI(I) = 0.0
END DO

C
C and do a real fold about the centre of the frequency data
C This means a reversal of real and the old imaginary points about the
C centre of the time domain data
C
DO I = 1,NFLG*2/4
    ZTT = XR(I)
    XR(I) = XR(NFLG*2/2+1-I)
    XR(NFLG*2/2+1-I) = ZTT
END DO
J = 1
DO I = NFLG*2/2+1,NFLG*2/4*3
    ZTT = XR(I)
    XR(I) = XR(NFLG*2+1-J)
    XR(NFLG*2+1-J) = ZTT
    J = J + 1
END DO

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END IF
C-----
C Perform 2dft
C-----
IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'Q') THEN
  NFLG = NFLG*2
  CALL FFT1(NFLG)
  XNORM=1.0/NFLG           ! Normalization factor
ELSE
  CALL FFT1(NFLG)          ! Setup fft routine
  XNORM=1.0/NFLG           ! Normalization factor
ENDIF
C
CALL FFT2
IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'Q') NFLG = NFLG/2
IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'M') THEN
  DO I=1,NFLHA             ! Reorder frequency terms
    IP=I+NFLHA
    DUM=XR(I)
    XR(I)=XR(IP)
    XR(IP)=DUM
    DUM=XI(I)
    XI(I)=XI(IP)
    XI(IP)=DUM
  END DO
C
DO I=1,NFLHA              ! and flip about x axis
  IP=NFLG+1-I
  DUM=XR(I)
  XR(I)=XR(IP)
  XR(IP)=DUM
  DUM=XI(I)
  XI(I)=XI(IP)
  XI(IP)=DUM
END DO
END IF
C
C find the max and min magnitude in the spectrum
C-----
XMAX = -1.E33
XMIN = 1.E33
DO I= 1,NFLG
  XT = SQRT(XR(I)*XR(I) + XI(I)*XI(I))
  IF(XT.LT.XMIN) XMIN = XT
  IF(XT.GT.XMAX) XMAX = XT
END DO
C
C-----
C now we can calculate the phase spectrum
C
C After the first time through the user is allowed to twiddle the
C phase spectrum.
C A phase correction term A + B'i is subtracted from each point I in
C the spectrum
C   A = zero order term (constant)
C   B = first order term ( degrees / point )
C
C **** Note; in the current implementation the zero order term, A, is
C     fixed in magnitude ( i.e., A = 0 )
C-----

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ZPHASE_AVG = 0.0
ZPI = 3.1415926
C
C
ZSLOPE = 0.0
ZDELTA_SLOPE = ZSLOPE/FLOAT(NFLG)
ZNOISE = 0.05*(XMAX - XMIN)
XMAXP = -1.E33
XMINP = 1.E33
ZPHASESUM = 0.0
IF(NE/2*2.EQ.NE) THEN
  ZFACT = -1.0
ELSE
  ZFACT = 1.0
END IF
TYPE *, 'the current echo is ',NE
TYPE *, 'the current ZFACT is ',ZFACT
TYPE *, 'Enter a multiplicative factor ( 1.0 OR -1.0 )'
ACCEPT *ZFACT
DO I=1,NFLG
  XT = SQRT(XR(I)*XR(I) + XI(I)*XI(I))
  IF(ABS(XT).LT.ZNOISE) THEN
    XPHAS(I) = 0.0
  ELSE
    XR(I) = XR(I)*ZFACT
    XI(I) = XI(I)*ZFACT
    IF(XR(I).LE.1.E-20.AND.XR(I).GE.-1.E-20) XR(I)=1.0E-20
    TEMP = ATAN( XI(I)/XR(I) )  
I find the phase angle
    IF(XR(I).LT.0.0.AND.XI(I).LT.0.0) TEMP=TEMP-ZPI
    IF(XR(I).LT.0.0.AND.XI(I).GT.0.0) TEMP=TEMP+ZPI
    IF(TEMP.GT.XMAXP) XMAXP=TEMP
    IF(TEMP.LT.XMINP) XMINP=TEMP
    XPHAS(I) = TEMP - ZDELTA_SLOPE*FLOAT(I) - ZPHASE_AVG
  END IF
  ZPHASESUM = ZPHASESUM + XPHAS(I)
END DO
ZPHASE_AVG = ZPHASESUM/FLOAT(NFLG)
DO I = 1, NFLG
  XMAG(I) = SQRT( XR(I)*XR(I) + XI(I)*XI(I) )
END DO
C
C plot this junk so the phase can be seen
C
TYPE *, 'MIN MAX PHASE = ',XMINP,XMAXP
CALL PLOT( NFLG, XPHAS, XR, XI, XMAG )
C
234  CONTINUE
TYPE *, 'Enter Y to have another look at this echo'
TYPE *, 'or N to proceed to the next echo'
READ(5,1000)NEXT
IF(NEXT.NE.'Y'.AND.NEXT.NE.'N') GOTO 234
END DO
C
C save the shift value for this echo
C
345  TYPE ''
CONTINUE
WRITE(6,999) ISHIFT
READ(5,1000) NEXT
IF(NEXT.NE.'Y'.AND.NEXT.NE.'N') GOTO 345
IF(NEXT.EQ.'Y') THEN
  NSHIFT(NE) = ISHIFT
  NMUL(NE) = INT(ZFACT)
ELSE

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TYPE *,'Enter the correct shift for this echo'
ACCEPT *ISHIFT
NSHIFT(NE) = ISHIFT
NMULT(NE) = INT(ZFACT)
END IF
C-----END DO                                I end of echo loop.
C-----C Echo the shift factors to the screen as a check
C-----C
C-----WRITE(6,998)
DO I = 1,NECHO
    WRITE(6,997)I,NSHIFT(I),NMULT(I)
END DO
C-----C Open unit 7 and write out the shift array and multiplicative array
C so that RECO can use it
C-----C
OPEN(UNIT=7,FILE='STEVEN,ASPECTSHIFTS.REC',FORM='UNFORMATTED',
      1           STATUS='UNKNOWN',ERR=931)
WRITE(7) NSHIFT,NMULT
C-----CLOSE (UNIT=4)
CLOSE (UNIT=7)
C-----RETURN
C-----CONTINUE
931   TYPE *,'Unable to open the SHIFTS file. Ack ! Pfffft..'
STOP
997   FORMAT(' ',I2,9X,I4,10X,I4)
998   FORMAT(' ECHO SHIFT FACTOR MULT FACTOR',
      1   /+++++ ++++++++ ++++++++/)
999   FORMAT(' The current shift factor is',I3,' Keep it, Y or N')
1000  FORMAT(A)
980   CONTINUE
TYPE *,'Error opening raw data file. Bye bye....'
STOP
END
C-----C-----SUBROUTINE FFT1(NN)
C-----C-----C SUBROUTINE TO CALCULATE A FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM (FFT).
C-----C-----C THIS PROGRAM IS TAKEN FROM BRIGHAMM, E.O.: THE FAST FOURIER
C-----C-----C TRANSFORM, 164, PRENTICE-HALL INC., 1974.
C-----C-----IMPLICIT INTEGER*4 (I-N)
REAL*4 XR(512),XI(512),CC(512),SS(512)
INTEGER*4 JP(512,16),JBITR(512)
COMMON /FFTARP/ XR,XI
DATA PI/3.14159265/
C-----IF(NN.LE.0.OR.NN.GT.512) GO TO 200
DUM1=FLOAT(NN)
DUM1=ALOG(DUM1)
DUM2=ALOG(2.0)
DUM2=DUM1/DUM2
NU=NINT(DUM2)
N=2**NU
IF(N.NE.NN) GO TO 200
CON=2.0*PI/N
C-----
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C SETUP SINE AND COSINE VALUES.
C-----  

DO 12 NU1P1=1,NU  

NU1=NU1P1-1  

DO 10 KP1=1,N  

K=KP1-1  

JP(KP1,NU1P1)=(K/2**NU1)+1  

10 CONTINUE  

12 CONTINUE  

C-----  

DO 14 JP1=1,N  

J=JP1-1  

JBITR(JP1)=IBITR(J,NU)  

ARG=CON*FLOAT(JBITR(JP1))  

CC(JP1)=COS(ARG)  

SS(JP1)=SIN(ARG)  

14 CONTINUE  

*RETURN  

C-----  

C-----  

ENTRY FFT2  

N2=N/2  

NU1=NU-1  

K=0  

DO 100 L=1,NU  

102 DO 101 I=1,N2  

*KR1=K+1  

NU1P1=NU1+1  

JP1=JP(KP1,NU1P1)  

C=CC(JP1)  

S=SS(JP1)  

K1=K+1  

K1N2=K1+N2  

TREAL=XR(K1N2)*C+XI(K1N2)*S  

TIMAG=XI(K1N2)*C-XR(K1N2)*S  

XR(K1N2)=XR(K1)-TREAL  

XI(K1N2)=XI(K1)-TIMAG  

XR(K1)=XR(K1)+TREAL  

XI(K1)=XI(K1)+TIMAG  

101 K=K+1  

K=K+N2  

IF(K.LT.N) GO TO 102  

K=0  

NU1=NU1-1  

100 N2=N2/2  

DO 103 K=1,N  

I=JBITR(K+1)  

IF(I.LE.K) GO TO 103  

TREAL=XR(K)  

XR(K)=XR(I)  

XR(I)=TREAL  

TIMAG=XI(K)  

XI(K)=XI(I)  

XI(I)=TIMAG  

103 CONTINUE  

*RETURN  

C-----  

C ERROR ROUTINE  

C-----  

200 TYPE 202  

202 FORMAT('0*** FFT SUBROUTINE ERROR - ILLEGAL "N" VALUE ***')  

STOP  

END  

C-----  


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    END DO
    SCALE = (XMAX - XMIN)/(2**15-1)
    DO NI = 1,SIZE
        BUFFER(NI) = INT(R(NI)/SCALE)
    END DO
    ELSE IF(PLT.EQ.'M') THEN
        DO NI=1,SIZE
            IF(M(NI).LT.XMIN) XMIN = M(NI)
            IF(M(NI).GT.XMAX) XMAX = M(NI)
        END DO
        SCALE = (XMAX - XMIN)/(2**15-1)
        DO NI = 1,SIZE
            BUFFER(NI) = INT(M(NI)/SCALE)
        END DO
    ELSE
        DO NI = 1,SIZE
            IF(I(NI).LT.XMIN) XMIN = I(NI)
            IF(I(NI).GT.XMAX) XMAX = I(NI)
        END DO
        SCALE = (XMAX - XMIN)/(2**15-1)
        DO NI = 1,SIZE
            BUFFER(NI) = INT(I(NI)/SCALE)
        END DO
    END IF
    IF(ANS.NE.'O') THEN
        C
        C find the MIN MAX for the x and y coords
        C
        MIN_Y = 2147483647
        MAX_Y = -2147483647
        DO NI = 1,SIZE
            IF(BUFFER(NI).LT.MIN_Y) MIN_Y = BUFFER(NI)
            IF(BUFFER(NI).GT.MAX_Y) MAX_Y = BUFFER(NI)
        END DO
        C
        C calculate where the axis ( zeroed ) should go
        C
        C x axis crossing
        C
        IF(MIN_Y.LT.0.AND.MAX_Y.GT.0) THEN
            IXSTART = INT(FLOAT(MAX_Y)/FLOAT(ABS(MIN_Y)+MAX_Y) * 400.)
            IF(IXSTART.LE.0) IXSTART = 0
        ELSE IF(MAX_Y.LE.0) THEN
            IXSTART = 0
        ELSE IF(MIN_Y.GE.0.AND:MAX_Y.GE.0) THEN
            IXSTART = 400
        ELSE IF(MIN_Y.LE.0.AND.MAX_Y.LT.0) THEN
            IXSTART = 0
        END IF
        C
        C y axis crossing
        C
        IYSTART = 0
    END IF
    C
    C plot the axis -
    C
    IF(ANS.EQ.'O') THEN
        CALL REENTER_REGIS
        IF(COLOR.LT.'3') THEN
            COLBYTE = COLBYTE + 1
        END IF
    END IF
    C

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IF(ANS.EQ.'N'.OR.ANS.EQ.' ') THEN
  CALL ENTER_REGIS
  CALL FOREGROUND('3')
  STRING = 'MAX_Y'
  CALL NTEXT(STRING,MAX_Y,10,30)
  STRING = 'MIN_Y'
  CALL NTEXT(STRING,MIN_Y,10,50)
  CALL ABS_POSITION(0,0)
  STRING = 'NUMBER OF POINTS'
  CALL NTEXT(STRING,SIZE,10,70)
END IF
CALL FOREGROUND('1')
CALL ABS_POSITION(0,ISTART)
CALL VEC_POINT(799,0)
CALL ABS_POSITION(ISTART,0)
CALL VEC_POINT(0,400)

C
C now scale the points in the y-direction
C
SCALE = FLOAT(MAX_Y-MIN_Y)/400.0
IF(SCALE.EQ.0.0) SCALE = 1.0
DO NI = 1, SIZE
  BUFFER(NI) = INT(FLOAT(BUFFER(NI)-MIN_Y)/SCALE)
END DO

C
C after this the numbers should all be positive and, for the x points
C between 0 and 799, for the y points between 0 and 400...
C
C
C now plot that sucker.
C
CALL FOREGROUND(COLOR)
X = 1
Y = -1*(BUFFER(1) - 400)
CALL ABS_POSITION(X,Y)
CALL STRT_SEQ
CALL VEC_POINT(0,0)
OLD_Y = Y
OLD_X = X
INCX = 1
ISIZE = SIZE
IF(SIZE.LT.390) THEN
  INCX = 2
  ISIZE = SIZE * 2
END IF
X = INCX
DO NI = 1, SIZE
  Y = (-1*(BUFFER(NI) - 400) - OLD_Y)
  OLD_Y = -1*(BUFFER(NI) - 400)
  CALL POINT_ADD(X,Y)
END DO
CALL END_SEQ
CALL ABS_POSITION(0,0)

C
CLOSE(2)
C
C ask for some info
C
ISTAT = LIB$SET_SCROLL(ISTART_LINE,IEND_LINE)
WRITE(6,1001)
WRITE(6,1002)
30 READ(5,1000) ANS
IF(ANS.NE.'P'.AND.ANS.NE.'D') GOTO 30
IF(ANS.EQ.'P') THEN

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ISTART_LINE = 1
ISTAT = LIB$SET_SCROLL(ISTART_LINE, IEND_LINE)
TYPE *'BYE BYE'
RETURN
ELSE
  TYPE *'O(verlay) file or N(ew dog)?'
  READ(5,1000) ANS
  GOTO 500
END IF
C
CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
C ERRORS
CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
C
999  TYPE *'Bad file. Plot aborted...'
      RETURN
1000 FORMAT(A)
1001 FORMAT(' Enter a "P" to Piss off')
1002 FORMAT(' or a "D" for a new Dog '$)
      END
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## **Appendix L**

## The raw image data reconstruction program RECO.

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3   TMPNAM(I)=0
104  ACCEPT 104,TMPNAM
      FORMAT(60A1)
      IF(TMPNAM(1).EQ.' ') STOP
C
      IFLG=0
      DO 4 I=1,60
      IF(TMPNAM(I).EQ.'1'.OR.TMPNAM(I).EQ.'W') IFLG=-1
      CONTINUE
      IF(IFLG.NE.0) THEN
          DO 5 I=1,60
          INNAM(I)=TMPNAM(I)
      ELSE
          DO 7 I=1,15
          INNAM(I)=ACCNAM(I)
          DO 9 I=16,60
              IM=I-15
              INNAM(I)=TMPNAM(IM)
      END IF
      TYPE 111,INNAM
      111  FORMAT(' ',60A)
      DO 10 I=60,1,-1
      IF(INNAM(I).NE.' ') GO TO 14
      INNAM(I)=0
C
C
14  TYPE 106
106  FORMAT(1X,'$Enter number of frequency points (64, '
     1 '128 or 256): ')
     ACCEPT *NFREQ
     IF(NFREQ.NE.64.AND.NFREQ.NE.128.AND.NFREQ.NE.256)
     1 GO TO 14
C
16  TYPE 107
107  FORMAT(1X,'$Enter number of phase points (64, '
     1 '128 or 256): ')
     ACCEPT *NPHASE
     IF(NPHASE.NE.64.AND.NPHASE.NE.128.AND.NPHASE.NE.256)
     1 GO TO 16
C
18  TYPE 108
108  FORMAT(1X,'$Enter number of echos(1, 4, 8, 16): ')
     ACCEPT *NECHO
     IF(NECHO.LE.0.OR.NECHO.GT.16) GOTO 18
C
     IF(NPHASE.GT.NFREQ) GO TO 910
     NFLG=NFREQ
     IF(NFLG.EQ.64) THEN
         NBLOCK=16
         MATTYP='4'
     ELSE IF(NFLG.EQ.128) THEN
         NBLOCK=64
         MATTYP='6'
     ELSE
         NBLOCK=256
         MATTYP='8'
     ENDIF
C
C
C Read input file, sort data from INTEGER*3 to INTEGER*4
C (ie. from Aspect to VAX/PDP format), and write to temporary output
C file (unit = 4). Close input file (unit = 1).
C

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C Modified for use in 2dfft reconstruction routine 'phas2dap'.  
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CC  
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C  
C Modified to use the array processor  
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## IMPLICIT INTEGER\*4 (A-Z)

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BYTE            IN_BUFFER(512)
BYTE            STACK(4),TEMP
BYTE            LONG_BUFFER(1024)
INTEGER*4       OUT_BUFFER4(128),IN_BUFFER4(128),BUFF(128)
INTEGER*4       IN_CHANNEL,OUT_CHANNEL,ASP_FILE_SIZE, F_SIZE
C
INTEGER*4 ACQ_FLAG,ACQ_MASK,NECHO
LOGICAL*1 MATTYP,SAMP_MODE
CHARACTER*1 YES,SAMPLE,ALREADY,ANSWER
C
COMMON /BB/ BUFF,N_BLK,M_BLK,SAMPLE,NECHO,ALREADY
COMMON /CC/ NFLG,NBLOCK,NREQ,NPHASE,MATTYP,ANSWER
COMMON /MODE/ IMODE, ICODE, MSP_ERR
COMMON /UNSC/    IN_CHANNEL,OUT_CHANNEL,ASP_FILE_SIZE
C
EQUIVALENCE (STACK,STACK4)
EQUIVALENCE (IN_BUFFER,IN_BUFFER4)
EQUIVALENCE (LONG_BUFFER,F_SIZE)
C
BYTE            STRING(4)/27,['6','n']
BYTE            BELL/7/
BYTE            REPORT(20)
INTEGER*2       IOSB(4)
INTEGER*4       SYS$ASSIGN,SYSSQIO,SYSSWAITFR
INTEGER*4       TERMIN_MASK, FUNC_CODE
C
INCLUDE         '$IODEF'
INCLUDE         '$SSDEF'
C
DATA            IMODE/3/
DATA ACQ_MASK/000000C0'X/
SAMP_MODE = TRUE
IN_CHANNEL = 1
OUT_CHANNEL = 4
C
C
C check to see if this has already been done
C
IF(ALREADY.NE.'Y'.AND.ALREADY.NE.'N') THEN
TYPE *, 'Oops, I do not remember being unscrambled or do I? ...'
TYPE *, 'bye...'
STOP
END IF
C
C
OPEN(UNIT=4,FILE='STEVEN.ASPECTIDUMDUM.TP1',
1            ACCESS=DIRECT,STATUS='OLD',RECL=128,
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2      ASSOCIATE VARIABLE - M_BLK,ERR-930)
101    CONTINUE
      IF(ALREADY,EQ,'Y') THEN
        TYPE ''Sample mode ( M or Q )'
        READ(5,1000) SAMPLE
        IF(SAMPLE,NE,'M',AND,SAMPLE,NE,'Q') GOTO 101
        CLOSE(UNIT=1)
        RETURN
      END IF
C-----
C----- C check out the first block for acquisition parameters, namely SEQ or SIM
C----- C sampling
C----- C----- GET THE FILE_SIZE IN BYTES AND TRANSFER HEADER BLOCK AS IT IS.
C----- C----- 1 LONG_WORD = FILE_SIZE/3
C----- C----- 648 BYTES (216 ASPECT_WORDS) USER INFO
C----- C----- N_BLK-1           ! BLOCK VARIABLE OF INPUT BUFFER
C----- C----- M_BLK-1           ! BLOCK VARIABLE OF OUTPUT BUFFER
C----- C----- READ(1'N_BLK) (LONG_BUFFER(I),I=1,512)
C----- C----- READ(1'N_BLK) (LONG_BUFFER(I),I=513,1024)
C----- C----- FILE_SIZE=F_SIZE*3
C----- C----- OUT_128-1          ! OUTPUT BUFFER COUNTER
C----- C----- OUT_BUFFER4(1)=FILE_SIZE
C----- C----- L=0                ! BYTE COUNTER OF DATUS
C----- C----- J=0                ! POINTS EVEN DATUS
C----- D----- TYPE ''FILE_SIZE'',FILE_SIZE
C----- C----- DO 110 N_BYTES=5,664
C----- C----- L=1+JMOD(L,3)       ! INCREMENT BYTE PTR OF DATUS
C----- C----- STACK(L)=LONG_BUFFER(N_BYTES)   ! COPY UP TO 3 BYTES
C----- C----- IF(L,EQ,3) THEN
C----- C-----   J=1+JMOD(J,2)       ! INCREMENT EVEN PTR OF DATA
C----- C-----   IF(J,EQ,2) THEN   ! EVEN DATUS NEEDS SWAPING
C----- C-----     TEMP=STACK(1) ! PERMUTE 3 BYTE DATUS
C----- C-----     STACK(1)=STACK(2)
C----- C-----     STACK(2)=STACK(3)
C----- C-----     STACK(3)=TEMP
C----- C----- ENDIF
C----- C----- STACK(4)=0
C----- C----- CHECK IF OUTPUT_BUFFER IS FULL
C----- C----- OUT_128=1+JMOD(OUT_128,128) ! OUTPUT COUNTER INCREMENT
C----- C----- OUT_BUFFER4(OUT_128)=STACK4
C----- C----- IF(OUT_128,EQ,128) THEN
C----- D-----   TYPE ''M_BLK'',M_BLK
C----- D-----   WRITE(4'M_BLK')(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
C----- D-----   IF(SAMP_MODE) THEN
C----- D-----     ACQ_FLAG = ACQ_MASK.AND.OUT_BUFFER4(45)
C----- D-----     SAMP_MODE = .FALSE.
C----- D-----   END IF
C----- C----- ENDIF
C----- C----- ENDIF

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110    CONTINUE
C
IF(OUT_128.NE.128) THEN
  OUT_128 = OUT_128 +1
  DO J=OUT_128,128
    OUT_BUFFER4(J)=0
  ENDDO
  WRITE(4'M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
ENDIF
C
C find out what type of sampling was used
C
IF(ACQ_FLAG.EQ.'000000C0'X) THEN
  TYPE 'The data is sampled simultaneously'
  SAMPLE = 'M'
ELSE
  TYPE 'The data is sampled sequentially'
  SAMPLE = 'Q'
END IF
C
C Call MSP; if not busy !
C
CALL MSATT_UNS(0,ISTATUS)  !copy after Pipak's MSATT
                           !(returns MSP status)
C
D  TYPE 'ISTATUS'=ISTATUS
IF(ISTATUS.EQ.SS$NORMAL) THEN
  ASP_FILE_SIZE = FILE_SIZE/3
  CALL UNSCRAM_WITH_MSP
  IF(MSP_ERR.NE.1) GOTO 80
ENDIF
C
C MSP busy, let's do it on VAX
C
C
C CONVERT THE REST OF DATA
C
#ASP_WORDS=#VAX_LONG_WORDS ~
C
IN_512=0                      !INPUT BUFFER COUNTER
OUT_128=0                      !OUTPUT BUFFER COUNTER
L=0                            !BYTE COUNTER OF DATUS
J=0                            !POINTS EVEN DATUS
C
DO 10 N_BYTES=1,FILE_SIZE
C
  IN_512=1+JMOD(IN_512,512)
  IF(IN_512.EQ.1) READ(1'N_BLK)(IN_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
D  TYPE 'N_BLK'='N_BLK
  L=1+JMOD(L,3)                !INCREMENT BYTE PTR OF DATUS
  STACK(L)=IN_BUFFER(IN_512)    !COPY UP TO 3 BYTES
  IF(L.EQ.3) THEN
    J=1+JMOD(J,2)              !INCREMENT EVEN PTR OF DATA
    IF(J.EQ.2) THEN            !EVEN DATUS NEEDS SWAPING
      TEMP=STACK(1)            !PERMUTE 3 BYTE DATUS
      STACK(1)=STACK(2)
      STACK(2)=STACK(3)
      STACK(3)=TEMP
    ENDIF
  C
    IF(STACK(3).LT.0) THEN   !TAKE CARE OF SIGN
      STACK(4)--1
    ELSE
      STACK(4)=0
    ENDIF
  C

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C          CHECK IF OUTPUT_BUFFER IS FULL
C
C          OUT_128=1+JMOD(OUT_128,128) ! OUTPUT COUNTER INCREMENT
C          OUT_BUFFER4(OUT_128)=STACK4
C          IF(OUT_128.EQ.128) THEN
D              TYPE *,M_BLK= 'M_BLK
D                  WRITE(4'M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
C          ENDIF
C
C          ENDIF
C
10         CONTINUE
C
C          WRITE THE LAST BLOCK IF ANY
C
130        IF(OUT_128.NE.128) THEN
D              TYPE *,LAST M_BLK= 'M_BLK
D                  WRITE(4'M_BLK)(OUT_BUFFER4(I),I=1,128)
C          ENDIF
C
C          NOW CLOSE ALL FILES AND EXIT.
C
80         CLOSE(UNIT=1)
C
TYPE *, 'OUT OF UNSCRAM'
RETURN
1000       FORMAT(A)
C
C----- Error routines
C
930        CONTINUE
OPEN(UNIT=4,FILE='[STEVEN.ASPECT]DUMDUM.TP1',
      1      ACCESS='DIRECT',STATUS='NEW',RECL=128,
      2      ASSOCIATEVARIABLE=M_BLK,ERR=931)
GOTO 101
931        TYPE 932
932        FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Unable to open file DUMDUM.TP1')
GOTO 999
C
950        TYPE 952
952        FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error reading input image file')
GOTO 999
985        TYPE 987
987        FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error writing file DUMDUM.TP1')
GOTO 999
C
999        CLOSE (UNIT=1)
CLOSE (UNIT=2)
CLOSE (UNIT=3)
CLOSE (UNIT=4)
STOP
END
C
C----- Subroutine UNSCRAM_WITH_MSP
C
C          Subroutine assumes that the header block has been copied !
C          For more detail see MSP array processor manual and/or talk
C          with system manager
C
C          Dan G.
C

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C      INTEGER*4      IN_CHANNEL,OUT_CHANNEL,ASP_FILE_SIZE
C      INTEGER*4      MSP_REG(16)
C      INTEGER*4      MSP_DRAM    / 400000'X/
C      INTEGER*4      MSP_PROGRAM / C01400'X/
C      INTEGER*4      MSP_START   / C0140C'X/
C      INTEGER*4      BUFFER(128)
C      INTEGER*4      ICHANNEL

C      COMMON /MODE/      IMODE,ICODE,MSP_ERR
C      COMMON /UNSC/     IN_CHANNEL,OUT_CHANNEL,ASP_FILE_SIZE

C      TYPE *,IMODE:IMODE
D      IMODE_OLD=IMODE

C      CALL MSCLR          ICLEAR MSP
C      IF(IWAIT('MSCLR'),NE.0)GO TO 92
C      CALL ENBDMA          IENABLE DMA

C      Load mini_program

C      ICHANNEL=3
C      CALL ASSIGN(ICHANNEL,'DISK$USER:[STEVEN.ASPECT]UNSCMISAL.EXE')
C      NBLKS=3
C      NBYTES=512
C      CALL VMNLOAD(ICHANNEL,MSP_PROGRAM,NBLKS,NBYTES)      ILOAD MINI

PROGRAM
C      IF(IWAIT('MNLOAD'),NE.0)GO TO 92
C      CALL CLOSE(ICHANNEL)

C      CALL PSWBSH('1X')           IDisable FPP interrupt
C      IF(IWAIT('PSWBSH'),NE.0)GO TO 92

C      N_BLK = 3
C      M_BLK = 3
C      N_DATA = 0
C      N_MAX_MSP='20000'X          Igeneral data_counter
C      MSP_REG(11)=MSP_DRAM        IMSP_memory capacity
C      MSP_REG(16)=MSP_DRAM + '20000'X  IR2 <- unsr_data_address
C                                         IR2 <- sc_data_address

C      DO WHILE(N_DATA.LT.ASP_FILE_SIZE)
C          N_DATA_MSP = ASP_FILE_SIZE - N_DATA
C          IF(N_DATA_MSP.GT.N_MAX_MSP)N_DATA_MSP = N_MAX_MSP

C      Read input file and put data into MSP

C      N_LOOP=0
C      N_MSP=0
C      MSP_ADDR=MSP_DRAM + '20000'X      Istart loading here
C      TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
D      IMODE=3
D      85
C      FORMAT('4Z12')

C      DO WHILE(N_MSP.LT.N_DATA_MSP)
C          READ(IN_CHANNEL,N_BLK,ERR=100)BUFFER
C          CALL VPUT(BUFFER,MSP_ADDR,4,128)
C          MSP_ADDR=MSP_ADDR+512
C          N_LOOP=N_LOOP+1
C          N_MSP=(512*N_LOOP)/3
C          TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR,N_BLK,N_LOOP,N_MSP
C          N_BLK=N_BLK+1
C          JF ((WAIT('BUFFER')).NE.0) GO TO 92

CD
D      ENDDO
TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR

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D IMODE=IMODE_OLD
C
C Load MSP registers with "unscrambling" parameters
C
C CALL MSCLR          ICLEAR MSP
IF(IWAIT('MSCLR'),NE.0)GO TO 92
CALL PSWBSH('1X')           IDisable FPP interrupt
IF(IWAIT('PSWBSH'),NE.0)GO TO 92
C
MSP_REG(13)=N_DATA_MSP      IR4 <- counter
TYPE 85,MSP_REG(11),MSP_REG(13),MSP_REG(16)
C
CALL MSWRTE('9400'X,MSP_REG)   IR2,R4,R7
IF(IWAIT('WR9400'),NE.0)GO TO 92
D2000 CONTINUE    after break
C
CALL VMNSTRT (MSP_START)
IF(IWAIT('STUNSC'),NE.0)GO TO 92
C
Retrieve unscrambled_data from MSP into output_file
C
M_MSP=0
MSP_ADDR=MSP_DRAM
TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
IMODE=3
DO WHILE(M_MSP.LT.N_DATA_MSP)
CALL VGET(BUFFER,MSP_ADDR,4,128)
M_MSP=M_MSP+128
IF(IWAIT('BUFFER'),NE.0)GO TO 92
C
IF(M_MSP.GT.N_DATA_MSP) THEN ! zero filling in last
M_FILL_ZERO=1+MOD(N_DATA_MSP,128)
DO JJ=M_FILL_ZERO,128 ! block ,following data.
  BUFFER(JJ)=0
ENDDO
ENDIF
C
WRITE (OUT_CHANNEL'M_BLK,ERR=110) BUFFER
M_BLK=M_BLK+1
MSP_ADDR=MSP_ADDR+512
ENDDO
TYPE 85,MSP_ADDR
IMODE=IMODE_OLD
C
N_DATA=N_DATA+N_DATA_MSP
ENDDO ! N_DATA loop
C
92 CALL MSDET
RETURN
C
100 TYPE '*** ERROR reading input_file'
GOTO 92
C
110 TYPE '*** ERROR writing output_file'
GOTO 92
C
END
C
C.....SUBROUTINE MSATT_UNS (LUN,ISTATUS)
C
C Copyright (c) 1982,1983

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### MSATT - Attach MSP-3000 to task

This subroutine attaches the MSP-3000 to the task for exclusive use. No other user may attach it while it is in use.

Version 0.0

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First Release

IMPLICIT

NONE

INCLUDE	'(\$\$SDEF')
INCLUDE	'(\$IODEF')
INTEGER*4	LUN,STATUS
INTEGER*4	SERVICE_STATUS
INTEGER*4	SYS\$ASSIGN
INTEGER*4	SYS\$SETEF
INTEGER*4	FINAL_IO_STATUS
INTEGER*4	SYSSQIOW
INTEGER*4	IO\$_ALTDMA
INTEGER*4	BITS_TO_SET
INTEGER*4	BITS_TO_CLEAR
CHARACTER*5	M3K_NAME
LOGICAL*1	FPP_SAFE
INTEGER*2	IOSB(4)
INTEGER*4	EVENT_FLAG,M3K_CHANNEL

COMMON /QIO\_ARGUMENTS/ EVENT\_FLAG,M3K\_CHANNEL,IOSB  
COMMON /SAFE\_MODE/ FPP\_SAFE

Establish the MSP-3000 device name for the assign

PARAMETER (M3K\_NAME = 'CDA0:')

Equate MSP-3000 \$QIO function code with existing DEC function code

PARAMETER	(IOS_ALTDMA = IO\$_ACCESS)
PARAMETER	(BITS_TO_SET = 0)
PARAMETER	(BITS_TO_CLEAR = FFFFFFFFX)

Start of executable code

Establish the event flag number for all system services

EVENT\_FLAG = 32

Default mode at attach is safe

FPP\_SAFE = .TRUE.

Set the event flag so the first MSWAIT works correctly

C SERVICE\_STATUS = SYS\$SETEF (%VAL(EVENT\_FLAG))  
C  
C Error handling Section  
C  
C Check SERVICE\_STATUS to see if call and arguments were accepted by VMS.  
C  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS .EQ. SS\$\_WASSET) GO TO 400  
C  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS .EQ. SS\$\_WASCLR) GO TO 400  
C  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS .NE. SS\$\_NORMAL) THEN  
C  
C CALL BLANK (1)  
C  
C WRITE (5,310) SERVICE\_STATUS  
310 FORMAT ('MSATT SETEF Failed with code = ',I9)  
C  
C This error is serious so exit from Image  
C  
C CALL EXIT (SERVICE\_STATUS)  
C  
C ISTATUS=SERVICE\_STATUS  
C RETURN  
C END IF  
C  
C Assign the MSP-3000 to this task  
C  
400 SERVICE\_STATUS = SYS\$ASSIGN (M3K\_NAME,M3K\_CHANNEL,)  
C  
C Error handling Section  
C  
C Check SERVICE\_STATUS to see if call and arguments were accepted by VMS.  
C  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS .NE. SS\$\_NORMAL) THEN  
C  
C CALL BLANK (1)  
C  
C WRITE (5,410) SERVICE\_STATUS  
410 FORMAT ('MSATT Assign Failed with code = ',I9)  
C  
C This error is serious so exit from Image  
C  
C CALL EXIT (SERVICE\_STATUS)  
C  
C ISTATUS=SERVICE\_STATUS  
C RETURN  
C END IF  
C  
C Issue QIO to clear the ALTDMA mask stored in the UCB  
C  
C SERVICE\_STATUS = SYS\$QIOW (%VAL(EVENT\_FLAG),%VAL(M3K\_CHANNEL),  
C %VAL(IO\$\_ALTDMA),IOSB,,  
C %VAL(BITS\_TO\_SET),  
C %VAL(BITS\_TO\_CLEAR),,,)  
C  
C Error handling Section  
C  
C Check SERVICE\_STATUS to see if call and arguments were accepted by VMS.  
C  
C IF (SERVICE\_STATUS .NE. SS\$\_NORMAL) THEN  
C  
C CALL BLANK (1)  
C  
C WRITE (5,510) SERVICE\_STATUS



## CHARACTER\*60 RAWSTRING

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C
C EQUIVALENCE (RAWSTRING,RAWDATA(1))
C EQUIVALENCE (ZTEMPC(1),ZTEMPR(1))
C EQUIVALENCE (BUFFI(1),BUFFW(1),BUFFR(1),BUFFC(1))
C
C COMMON /BB/ BUFF,N_BLOCK,M_BLOCK,SAMPLE,NECHO,ALREADY
C COMMON /CC/ NFLG,NBLOCK,NFREQ,NPHASE,MATTYP,ANSWER
C
C copy the parameter passed
C
DO I = 1, 60
  RAWDATA(I) = ISTRING(I)
END DO

C
C Open a file to contain the complex arrays; 1 array per echo
C
DO I = 1,60
  IF(RAWDATA(I).EQ.1) IPERIOD = I
END DO
RAWDATA(IPERIOD+1) = 'R'
RAWDATA(IPERIOD+2) = 'A'
RAWDATA(IPERIOD+3) = 'W'
TYPE *, IN FOURIER, RAWDATA = ',RAWSTRING
OPEN(UNIT=7,FILE=RAWDATA,FORM='UNFORMATTED',STATUS='NEW',ERR=980)

C
C if requested open the file containing the number of points/echo to
C shift the echo in time ( refer to PHASCOR.FOR )
C
CONTINUE
TYPE *, 'Open the file containing shift and phase corrections',
1      'each echo ( Y or N )'
READ(5,1000) SHIF
IF(SHIF.NE.'Y'.AND.SHIF.NE.'N') GOTO 1
IF(SHIF.EQ.'Y') THEN
  OPEN(UNIT=8,FILE=[STEVEN.ASPECT]SHIFTS.REC,STATUS='OLD',
1      FORM='UNFORMATTED',ERR=931)
  READ(8) NSHIFT,NMULT
  CLOSE(UNIT=8)
END IF

C
C process NECHO echos from the dumdum file
C
DO NE = 1, NECHO
C
C Zero virtual array
C
DO I = 1, 512
  ZTEMPR(I) = 0.0
END DO

C
DO 12 J=1,NFLG
  DO 10 I=1,NFLG
    10 ZMAT(I,J)=CMPLX(0.0,0.0)
    12 CONTINUE

C
C Read file into virtual array. Remember that the echos are
C Note that if there is zero filling, the zeros are placed at
C the beginning and end of the matrix.
C
C

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NFR=NFREQ/64
NPHHA=NPHASE/2
NFRHA=NFREQ/2
NFLHA=NFLG/2
M_BLOCK=(NE-1)*NFR+3
M_BSTEP=NFR*NECHO

DO 20 JJ=1,NPHASE
M_BLOCKOLD=M_BLOCK
IF(NPHASE.EQ.NFLG) THEN
JPH=JJ
ELSE
JPH=JJ+NFLHA-NPHHA
END IF

DO 18 KK=1,NFR
READ(4'M_BLOCK,ERR=980) BUFFI
I Convert from INT*4 to REAL*4

DO 14 I=1,128
BUFFR(I)=REAL(BUFFI(I))
I Stuff freq data into cols
I starting at 1 + NFLHA - NPHHA

DO 16 I=1,64
IFR=((KK-1)*64)+I
ZMAT(IFR,JPH)=BUFFC(I)
CONTINUE
CONTINUE
M_BLOCK=M_BLOCKOLD+M_BSTEP
CONTINUE

the number of shifts for the time data / echo has been read in
if the frequency/time data by the indicated shift for that echo

F(SHIF,EQ.'Y') THEN

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C  
C  
C At this point we have the echo data in the array ZMAT  
C  
C Now let's look at the middle + 1 scan in that image.  
G  
C copy it into the real and imaginary arrays used in the FFT  
C  
C for every loop this data array may need to be shifted n points  
C right or left. This shift need be a logical shift

C C 1 2 3 4 NFLG-1 NFLG

C 1.8 C 1111... 111 right logical shift

1. *Alouatta* *seniculus* *seniculus* *seniculus* *seniculus*

→ → →  
C A

**ANSWER** *1. The answer is 100.*

**C**onsequently, the *in vitro* results of the present study indicate that the *in vivo* effect of the drug may be mainly due to its ability to reduce the absorption of glucose from the gut.

**C** The variable ISHIFT indicates the

### C shift the time data

**C** ISHIFT = a negative integer that specifies the number of positions to shift the bits of the value in the variable to the right.

C - a positive " " right

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C  
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**Count the numbers**

C get the number  
C (type integer)

**C**

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ISHIFT = NSHIFT(NE)

C shift the points as indicated by ISHIFT

      IF(ISHIFT.NE.0) THEN
        IF(ISHIFT.LT.0) THEN
          DO I = 1,1'ISHIFT
            DO JJ=1,NPHASE
              IF(NPHASE.EQ.NFLG) THEN
                JPH=JJ
              ELSE
                JPH=JJ+NFLHA-NPHHA
              END IF
              ZTEMP = ZMAT(1,JPH)
              DO II = 1,NFLG-1
                ZMAT(II,JPH) = ZMAT(II+1,JPH)
              END DO
              ZMAT(NFLG,JPH) = ZTEMP
            END DO
          END DO
        ELSE
          DO I = 1,ISHIFT
            DO JJ=1,NPHASE
              IF(NPHASE.EQ.NFLG) THEN
                JPH=JJ
              ELSE
                JPH=JJ+NFLHA-NPHHA
              END IF
              ZTEMP = ZMAT(NFLG,JPH)
              DO II = NFLG,2,-1
                ZMAT(II,JPH) = ZMAT(II-1,JPH)
              END DO
              ZMAT(1,JPH) = ZTEMP
            END DO
          END DO
        END IF
      END IF
      C
      C put the columns into the MSP
      C
        CALL MSATT(0,0)
        CALL MSCLR
        CALL ENBDMA
        APBASE='400000'X
        NFLG8=8*NFLG
        DO J=1,NFLG
          APADDR=APBASE+(J-1)*NFLG8
          CALL WAIT(0)
          DO II = 1, 256
            ZTEMPC(II) = ZMAT(II,J)
          END DO
          CALL VPUT(ZTEMPC(1),APADDR,4,NFLG*2)
        END DO
      C
      C check the sampling technique
      C
        IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'Q') THEN
      C
      C negate every other complex point in the array
      C
        INDEX = 8 * 2
        NPOINTS = NFREQ*NFREQ/2
    
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ARADDR = APBASE + 8
CALL CVNEG(APADDR, INDEX, APADDR, INDEX, NPOINTS)

C
C and do a real fold about the x axis
C
INCAD = 4           ! INCREMENT PER ROW (BYTES/POINT)
NPNTS = NFREQ * 2   ! NUMBER OF REAL POINTS
ATAB1 = APBASE
ATAB2 = APBASE + INCAD*(NPNTS/2 - 1)
ATAB3 = APBASE + INCAD* NPNTS/2
ATAB4 = APBASE + INCAD*(NPNTS - 1)
NQUR = NPNTS/4
NCNT12 = NFREQ
NCNT34 = NFREQ
INDEX = NFREQ * 8

C
DO I = 1, NQUR
    CALL VSWAP(ATAB1, INDEX, ATAB2, INDEX, NCNT12)
    CALL VSWAP(ATAB3, INDEX, ATAB4, INDEX, NCNT34)
C
    ATAB1 = ATAB1 + INCAD
    ATAB2 = ATAB2 - INCAD
    ATAB3 = ATAB3 + INCAD
    ATAB4 = ATAB4 - INCAD
END DO
END IF

C-----Perform 2dft
C-----CALL WAIT(1)
IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'M') THEN
C
C do a 2d complex fft
C
    CALL C2FFT(APBASE,8,NFLG,+1)
ELSE
C
C do a real fft by columns
C
    NFLG8 = NFLG * 8
    DO J = 1,NFLG
        APADDR=APBASE+(J-1)*NFLG8
        CALL RFFT(APADDR, 8, NFLG, +1)
    END DO
C
C complex fft it by rows
C
    INDEX = 8
    IND1 = NFREQ * INDEX
    INCAD = INDEX
    DO J = 1,NFLG
        APADDR= APBASE + (J-1)*INCAD
        CALL CFPT(APADDR,IND1, NFLG, +1 )
    END DO
END IF

C
C do corrections here
C
CCC
C
C if sequential sampling correct for sign change here
C
IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'Q') THEN
C

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```

C multiply every other column by -1
C
    CALL WAIT(2)
    INDEX = NFREQ*8*2
    NPOINTS = NFREQ/2
    DO J = 1,NFREQ
        APADDR = APBASE + (J-1)*8
        CALL CVNEG(APADDR, INDEX, APADDR, INDEX, NPOINTS)
    END DO
    END IF
C
C reorder the phase terms
C
    CALL WAIT(2)
    NCNT12 = NFREQ*2
    ATAB1 = APBASE
    ATAB2 = APBASE + NFLG8*NFREQ/2
    INDEX = 4
    DO J = 1,NFREQ/2
        CALL VSWAP(ATAB1,INDEX,ATAB2,INDEX,NCNT12)
        ATAB1 = ATAB1 + NFLG8
        ATAB2 = ATAB2 + NFLG8
    END DO
C
C check for the change of sign due to echo number ( 180 degree Inversion )
C
    IF(SHIFT.EQ.'Y') THEN
        IF(DMULT(NE).GT.0) THEN
C
C negate every point
C
        CALL WAIT(2)
        INDEX = 8
        NPOINTS = NFREQ*NFREQ
        APADDR = APBASE
        CALL CVNEG(APADDR, INDEX, APADDR, INDEX, NPOINTS)
    END IF
    END IF
C
C Copy array from array processor
C
C
    CALL WAIT(2)
    DO 32 J=1,NFLG
        APADDR = APBASE+(J-1)*NFLG8
        CALL WAIT(2)
        CALL VGET(ZTEMPR(1),APADDR,4,NFLG*2)
        DO II = 1, 256
            ZMAT(J,II) = ZTEMPC(II)
        END DO
    CONTINUE
32
C
C Detach from array processor
C
    CALL WAIT(3)
    CALL MSDET
C
C Reorder frequency and phase terms
C
    IF(SAMPLE.EQ.'M') THEN
        DO 36 J=1,NFLG
        DO 34 I=1,NFLHA
            IP=I+NFLHA
            CDUM=ZMAT(J,I)

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| Reorder frequency terms

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34      ZMAT(J,I)=ZMAT(J,IP)
34      ZMAT(J,IP)=CDUM
34      CONTINUE
C
35      DO 35 I=1,NFLHA
35      IP=NFLG+I-1
35      CDUM=ZMAT(J,I)
35      ZMAT(J,I)=ZMAT(J,IP)
35      ZMAT(J,IP)=CDUM
35      CONTINUE
36      CONTINUE
36      END IF
C
C save this echo on disk ( unformatted )
C
C
C      WRITE(7) ZMAT
C
C
C      ENDDO
C      CLOSE (UNIT=4)
C      CLOSE (UNIT=7)
C
C      RETURN
1000     FORMAT(A)
C
C      ERRORS
C
980      CONTINUE
980      TYPE *,'Error opening raw data file, Bye bye....'
980      STOP
931      CONTINUE
931      TYPE *,'Error opening shifts file, Bye bye....'
931      STOP
931      END
C
C
C      WAIT.FTN
C
C      17-AUG-83
C      MARTIN HOERRMANN
C      BRUKER MEDIZINTECHNIK GMBH
C      7512 RHEINSTETTEN-F., D.
C
C      SUBROUTINE WAIT(!!!) to type error-messages if MSP works bad
C
C
C      EDIT #1          PDP -> VAX           11-MAY-84
C
C      Dr. Richard Hooper
C      Cross Cancer Institute
C      Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA
C
C
C      SUBROUTINE WAIT(!!!)
C
C      INTEGER*4 IERRARR(9)
C
C      CALL MSWAIT(IERR,ICODE)
C      IF(IERR.NE.1) RETURN  IN0 ERROR IF 1

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    IF(ICODE,NE,0,AND,ICODE,NE,5,AND,ICODE,NE,6,AND,ICODE,NE,7)
1      GOTO 20
CALL ERRINF(ICODE,IERARR)    !Get error-information
WRITE(6,10) ICODE,(IERARR(J),J=1,9)
10   FORMAT(' *** MSP-ERROR ***')
     1   'IERR = ',I5/
     2   'NAN-C = ',O14/
     3   'U-C = ',O14/
     4   'O-C = ',O14/
     5   'I-C = ',O14/
     6   'NAN-T = ',O14/
     7   'U-T = ',O14/
     8   'O-T = ',O14/
     9   'I-T = ',O14/
    1   'ERRT = ',O14)
C      !Return too, if FPP-error
20   WRITE(6,102) III,IERR,ICODE  !PRINT MSP ERROR CODE
102  FORMAT(' WAIT> I,IERR,ICODE= ',3I7)
     IF(ICODE,EQ,0) WRITE(6,103)
103  FORMAT(' bad,data?')
     IF(ICODE,EQ,5) WRITE(6,105)
105  FORMAT(' illegal MSP-memory access?')
     IF(ICODE,EQ,6) WRITE(6,106)
106  FORMAT(' MSP-unibus error')
     IF(ICODE,EQ,7) WRITE(6,107)
107  FORMAT(' MSP overheated?')
RETURN
END

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## **Appendix M**

## The image generation program **IMGMAKE**.

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IM-I-15
9   INNAM(I)=TMPNAM(IM)
END IF
111  TYPE 111,INNAM'
      FORMAT(' ',60A)
      DO 10 I=60,1,-1
      IF(INNAM(I).NE.' ') GO TO 14
10   INNAM(I)=0
14   TYPE 106
106  FORMAT(1X,'$Enter number of frequency points (64, '
     1 '128 or 256): ')
     ACCEPT ,NFREQ
     IF(NFREQ.NE.64.AND.NFREQ.NE.128.AND.NFREQ.NE.256)
     1 GO TO 14
C
16   TYPE 107
107  FORMAT(1X,'$Enter number of phase points (64, '
     1 '128 or 256): ')
     ACCEPT ,NPHASE
     IF(NPHASE.NE.64.AND.NPHASE.NE.128.AND.NPHASE.NE.256)
     1 GO TO 16
C
18   TYPE 108
108  FORMAT(1X,'$Enter number of echos(1, 4, 8, 16): ')
     ACCEPT ,NECHO
     IF(NECHO.LE.0.OR.NECHO.GT.16) GOTO 18
C
     IF(NPHASE.GT.NFREQ) GO TO 910
     NFLG=NFREQ
     IF(NFLG.EQ.64) THEN
       NBLOCK=16
       MATTYP='4'
     ELSE IF(NFLG.EQ.128) THEN
       NBLOCK=64
       MATTYP='6'
     ELSE
       NBLOCK=256
       MATTYP='8'
     END IF
C
C Enter study parameters
C
C
205  CONTINUE
     CALL STUDAT 1 Input study parameters
C
C Read .RAW file (unit = 7) into virtual array one echo at a time.
C Calculate the mode of image desired and convert to INTEGER*2.
C then write to output file (unit = 2).
C Finally, close all files.
C
     CALL CALC(INNAM)
C
C
200  CONTINUE
     TYPE *,'Further processing on this file ? (Y or N)'
     ACCEPT 201,ANS
201  FORMAT(A)
     IF(ANS.NE.'Y'.AND.ANS.NE.'N') GOTO 200
     IF(ANS.EQ.'N') THEN
       TYPE 118
       FORMAT('0*** Reconstruction Completed! ***',/)

118  GO TO 1
     ELSE

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OUTNAM(I+2)=OUTFNU(1)  
OUTNAM(I+3)=OUTFNU(2)+NE  
OUTNAM(I+4)=0  
C  
C Open output file.  
C  
OPEN (UNIT=2,FILE=OUTNAM,TYPE='NEW',ACCESS='DIRECT',  
1 RECL=128,INITIALSIZE=NBLOCK+6,ERR=910)  
C  
C Setup and write header block  
C  
DO 20 I=1,256  
20 BUFF(I)=0  
C  
BUFF(1)=1  
BUFF(2)=NBLOCK+6  
BUFFL(7)=MATTYP-'60  
BUFF(6)=1  
BUFF(7)=1  
BUFF(9)=3  
BUFF(10)=4  
BUFF(19)=7  
BUFF(20)=1  
C  
I=176  
DO 22 J=1,16  
K=J+1  
22 BUFFL(K)=PNAM(J)  
BUFFL(193)=COMMA  
BUFFL(194)=SPACE  
I=194  
DO 24 J=1,14  
K=J+1  
24 BUFFL(K)=PNUM(J)  
BUFFL(209)=COMMA  
BUFFL(210)=SPACE  
I=210  
DO 26 J=1,10  
K=J+1  
26 BUFFL(K)=ORGAN(J)  
BUFFL(221)=COMMA  
BUFFL(222)=SPACE  
I=222  
DO 28 J=1,7  
K=J+1  
28 BUFFL(K)=VIEW(J)  
BUFFL(230)=COMMA  
BUFFL(231)=SPACE  
BUFFL(232)='U'  
BUFFL(233)='S'  
DO 30 K=234,236  
30 BUFFL(K)=SPACE  
BUFFL(237)='1'  
BUFFL(238)=''  
BUFFL(239)=MATTYP  
BUFFL(240)=COMMA  
BUFFL(241)=SPACE  
I=241  
DO 32 J=1,9  
K=J+1  
32 BUFFL(K)=STDATE(J)  
BUFFL(251)=COMMA  
BUFFL(252)=SPACE  
BUFFL(253)=''

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BUFFL(254)=X
BUFFL(255)=OUTFNU(1)
BUFFL(256)=OUTFNU(2)

C      WRITE (2'1,ERR=965) BUFF
C
C Open dummy GAMMA-11 header file, modify, and write to
C administration block.
C
TYPE ...
TYPE : 'Echo number',NE
TYPE ...
IF(NFLG.NE.256) THEN
  OPEN (UNIT=3,FILE='STEVEN.ASPECT')DUMDUM.XXX',TYPE='OLD',
  1      ACCESS='DIRECT',RECL=128,ERR=920)
ELSE
  OPEN (UNIT=3,FILE='STEVEN.ASPECT')DUMDUM.256',TYPE='OLD',
  1      ACCESS='DIRECT',RECL=128,ERR=920)
END IF

C      READ (3'1,ERR=970) BUFF
CLOSE (UNIT=3)           ! Close dummy header file
BUFFL(243)=MATTYP
BUFF(98)=NBLOCK

C
I=1
DO 40 J=1,16
K=I+J
40  BUEEL(K)=PNAM(J)
BUFFL(18)=EOS
DO 42 K=19,23
42  BUFFL(K)=0
BUFFL(24)=1
I=24
DO 44 J=1,14
K=I+J
44  BUFFL(K)=PNUM(J)
BUFFL(39)=EOS
BUFFL(96)=1
I=96
DO 46 J=1,10
K=I+J
46  BUFFL(K)=ORGAN(J)
BUFFL(107)=EOS
BUFFL(108)=0
BUFFL(109)=0
BUFFL(110)=1
I=110
DO 48 J=1,7
K=I+J
48  BUFFL(K)=VIEW(J)
BUFFL(118)=EOS
BUFFL(119)=0
BUFFL(53)=1
I=53
DO 50 J=1,8
K=I+J
50  BUFFL(K)=STDATE(J)
BUFFL(62)=EOS

C      WRITE (2'2,ERR=965) BUFF
C
C Write four (4) blank comment blocks
C

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52    DO 52 I=1,256
      BUFF(I)=0
      WRITE (23,ERR=965) BUFF
      WRITE (24,ERR=965) BUFF
      WRITE (25,ERR=965) BUFF
      WRITE (26,ERR=965) BUFF
C
C      RETURN
C
C Error routines
C
910   TYPE 912
912   FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Unable to open output image file')
      GOTO 999
920   TYPE 922
922   FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Unable to open file DUMDUM.XXX')
      GOTO 999
C
965   TYPE 967
967   FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error writing output image file')
      GOTO 999
970   TYPE 972
972   FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error reading file DUMDUM.XXX')
      GOTO 999
1000  FORMAT(A)
C
999   CLOSE (UNIT=1)
      CLOSE (UNIT=2)
      CLOSE (UNIT=3)
      CLOSE (UNIT=4)
      STOP
      END

```

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C
C      SUBROUTINE STUDAT
C
C This subroutine is used to enter study or patient information.
C

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IMPLICIT INTEGER*4 (I-N)
CHARACTER*26 PRPNAM,PRPNUM,PRORGA,PRVIEW,PRSTUD,PROUTF
LOGICAL*1 PNAM(16),PNUM(14),ORGAN(10),VIEW(7),STDATE(9)
LOGICAL*1 OUTFNU(2),ANS
COMMON /AA/ PNAM,PNUM,ORGAN,VIEW,STDATE,OUTFNU
DATA PRPNAM/Study or patient name: /
DATA PRPNUM/Study or patient number: /
DATA PRORGA/Organ: /
DATA PRVIEW/View: /
DATA PRSTUD/Study date: /
DATA PROUTF/Output file number (##): /

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C
C Input initial data
C
TYPE 100
FORMAT('INPUT THE FOLLOWING STUDY DOCUMENTATION',)
100  FORMAT('$',A26)
102  FORMAT(16A1)
103  TYPE 102,PRPNAM
      ACCEPT 103,PNAM
      CALL LOWUPP(PNAM)
      TYPE 102,PRPNUM
      ACCEPT 103,PNUM
      CALL LOWUPP(PNUM)
      TYPE 102,PRORGA

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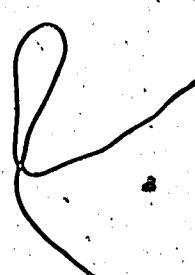
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ACCEPT 103,ORGAN
CALL LOWUPP(ORGAN)
TYPE 102,PRVIEW
ACCEPT 103,VIEW
CALL LOWUPP(VIEW)
TYPE 102,PRSTUD
ACCEPT 103,STDAT
CALL LOWUPP(STDAT)
STDAT(9)=''| Necessary for compatibility with  
IGAMMA-11
TYPE 102,PROUTF
ACCEPT 103,OUTFNU
CALL LOWUPP(OUTFNU)
IF(OUTFNU(1).LT."60.OR.OUTFNU(1).GT."71) THEN
    OUTFNU(1)='0'
    OUTFNU(2)='0'
END IF
IF(OUTFNU(2).LT."60.OR.OUTFNU(2).GT."71) THEN
    OUTFNU(2)=OUTFNU(1)
    OUTFNU(1)='0'
END IF

C
C Verify input and correct any errors
C
10   TYPE 104
104  FORMAT(1X,/, 'VERIFY THE FOLLOWING STUDY PARAMETERS')
105  FORMAT(1X,1A4,1A26,16A1)
    TYPE 105,(1),PRPNAM,PNAME
    TYPE 105,(2),PRPNUM,PNUM
    TYPE 105,(3),PRORGA,ORGAN
    TYPE 105,(4),PRVIEW,VIEW
    TYPE 105,(5),PRSTUD,STDAT
    TYPE 105,(6),PROUTF,OUTFNU
12   TYPE 106
106  FORMAT(1X,/$      Any errors (Y or N)? )
    ACCEPT 103,ANS
    CALL LOWUPP(ANS)
    IF(ANS.NE.'Y'.AND.ANS.NE.'N') GO TO 12
    IF(ANS.EQ.'N') THEN
        TYPE 107
        FORMAT(2X)
        RETURN
    END IF

C
108  TYPE 108
108  FORMAT(1X,/$Which line do you wish to correct? )
    ACCEPT 110,LINE
110  FORMAT(I8)
    IF(LINE.EQ.1) THEN
        TYPE 102,PRPNAM
        ACCEPT 103,PNAME
        CALL LOWUPP(PNAME)
    ELSE IF(LINE.EQ.2) THEN
        TYPE 102,PRPNUM
        ACCEPT 103,PNUM
        CALL LOWUPP(PNUM)
    ELSE IF(LINE.EQ.3) THEN
        TYPE 102,PRORGA
        ACCEPT 103,ORGAN
        CALL LOWUPP(ORGAN)
    ELSE IF(LINE.EQ.4) THEN
        TYPE 102,PRVIEW
        ACCEPT 103,VIEW
        CALL LOWUPP(VIEW)

```





CHARACTER\*1 SAMPLE, MODE, ALREADY

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C
C
EQUIVALENCE (ZTEMPC(1),ZTEMPPR(1))
EQUIVALENCE (BUFFI(1),BUFFW(1),BUFFR(1),BUFFC(1))
C
C
COMMON /BB/ BUFF,N_BLOCK,M_BLOCK,SAMPLE,NECHO,ALREADY
COMMON /CC/ NFLG,NBLOCK,NFREQ,NPHASE,MATTYP,ANSWER
C
C copy parameter passed
C
DO I = 1, 60
  NAME(I) = ISTRING(I)
END DO
C
C get processing mode
C
100  TYPE *'Enter the type of image you want to see:'
TYPE
TYPE *'          R for R(EAL)'
TYPE *'          I for I(MAGINARY)'
TYPE *'          P for P(HASE)'
TYPE *'          M for M(ODULUS)'
TYPE
READ(5,1000) ANSWER
IF(ANS(1).NE.'R'.AND.ANS(1).NE.'I'.AND.
  1 ANS(1).NE.'P'.AND.ANS(1).NE.'M') THEN
  TYPE *'***** Error in input. Try again...'
  GOTO 100
END IF
IF(ANS(1).EQ.'R') ANSWER = 'REAL'
IF(ANS(1).EQ.'I') ANSWER = 'IMAGINARY'
IF(ANS(1).EQ.'P') ANSWER = 'PHASE'
IF(ANS(1).EQ.'M') ANSWER = 'MODULUS'
C
C Open a file to contain the complex arrays; 1 array per echo
C
DO I = 1,60
  IF(NAME(I).EQ.' ') IPERIOD = I
END DO
NAME(IPERIOD+1) = 'R'
NAME(IPERIOD+2) = 'A'
NAME(IPERIOD+3) = 'W'
TYPE *' IN CALC. NAME = ',NSTRING
OPEN(UNIT=7,FILE=NAME,FORM='UNFORMATTED',STATUS='OLD',ERR=900)
C
C process for NECHO echos
C
DO NE = 1,NECHO
C
C Zero virtual array
C
DO I = 1, 512
  ZTEMPPR(I) = 0.0
END DO
C
DO 12 J=1,NFLG
  DO 10 I=1,NFLG
10    ZMAT(I,J)=(0.0,0.0)
12    CONTINUE
C
C get the current echo
C

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READ(7) ZMAT
C
NFR-NFREQ/64.
NPHHA-NPHASE/2
NFRHA-NFREQ/2
NFLHA-NFLG/2
C
XMAX = -1.E28
XMIN = 1.E28
C
C process the image as indicated in ANSWER
C
IF(ANSWER.EQ.'REAL') THEN
DO J=1,NFLG
DO I=1,NFLG
TEMP = REAL(ZMAT(I,J))
IF(TEMP.GT.XMAX) XMAX=TEMP
IF(TEMP.LT.XMIN) XMIN=TEMP
ZMAT(I,J) = CMPLX(TEMP, 0.0)
END DO
END DO
ELSEIF(ANSWER.EQ.'IMAGINARY') THEN
DO J=1,NFLG
DO I=1,NFLG
TEMP = AIMAG(ZMAT(I,J))
IF(TEMP.GT.XMAX) XMAX=TEMP
IF(TEMP.LT.XMIN) XMIN=TEMP
ZMAT(I,J) = CMPLX(TEMP, 0.0)
END DO
END DO
ELSEIF(ANSWER.EQ.'MODULUS') THEN
DO J=1,NFLG
DO I=1,NFLG
TEMP = CABS(ZMAT(I,J))  
I find the modulus
IF(TEMP.GT.XMAX) XMAX=TEMP
IF(TEMP.LT.XMIN) XMIN=TEMP
ZMAT(I,J) = CMPLX(TEMP, 0.0)
END DO
END DO
ELSEIF(ANSWER.EQ.'PHASE') THEN
PI = 3.1415926
DO J=1,NFLG
DO I=1,NFLG
IF(CABS(ZMAT(I,J)).LT.1000.0) THEN
ZMAT(I,J) = CMPLX(0.0, 0.0)
ELSE
TEMP1 = REAL(ZMAT(I,J))
IF(TEMP1.LE.1.E-20.AND.TEMP1.GE.-1.E-20) TEMP1=1.0E-20
TEMP2 = AIMAG(ZMAT(I,J))
TEMP = ATAN(TEMP2/TEMP1)  
I find the phase angle
IF(TEMP1.LT.0.0.AND.TEMP2.LT.0.0) TEMP=TEMP-PI
IF(TEMP1.LT.0.0.AND.TEMP2.GT.0.0) TEMP=TEMP+PI
ZMAT(I,J) = CMPLX(TEMP, 0.0)
END IF
END DO
END DO
ENDIF
C
C
IF(ANSWER.EQ.'PHASE') THEN
XMAX = 3.1415926
XMIN = -1.*XMAX
ENDIF
TYPE *, 'XMIN=' , XMIN, ' XMAX=' , XMAX

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CON32-32767.  
XNORM=CON32/(XMAX-XMIN)  
TYPE 111,XNORM  
111  FORMAT('0Normalization factor = E12.5')  
    DO J=1,NFLG  
        DO I=1,NFLG  
            TEMPBUF(I,J)=INT((REAL(ZMAT(I,J))-XMIN)*XNORM)  
        END DO  
    END DO  
C  
C  
C Write data to output buffer, converting to INTEGER*2  
C In the process, then write to output file.  
C  
    CALL OUTOPN( NE )  
    IREC=6           ! Disk block counter  
    DO J=1,NFLG  
        DO I=NFLG,1,-1  
            ICNT=ICNT+1  
            BUFFW(ICNT)=TEMPBUF(I,J)  
            IF(ICNT.EQ.256) THEN  
                IREC=IREC+1  
                WRITE (2IREC,ERR=965) BUFFW  
                ICNT=0  
            END IF  
        END DO  
    END DO  
    CLOSE(2)  
END DO  
C  
    CLOSE(7)  
    RETURN  
C  
1000  FORMAT(A)  
C  
C  
C Error routines  
C  
965   TYPE 967  
967   FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error writing output image file')  
      GOTO 999  
900   TYPE 982  
982   FORMAT('0** ERROR ** Error reading file DUMDUM.TP1')  
      GOTO 999  
C  
999   CLOSE (UNIT=1)  
      CLOSE (UNIT=2)  
      CLOSE (UNIT=3)  
      CLOSE (UNIT=4)  
      STOP  
    END
```

## **Appendix N**

## The region of interest analysis program PHASME.



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C
DO WHILE (F1(1).EQ.0.AND.F2(1).EQ.0) !!!!!!!!
  CALL GRQWT(1,STATUS)
  CALL GRQRD(1,1,X_CURS(1),Y_CURS(1),ENTER(1),F1(1),F2(1))
  CALL GRQRD(1,2,X_CURS(2),Y_CURS(2),ENTER(2),F1(2),F2(2))
  CALL GRQRD(1,3,X_CURS(3),Y_CURS(3),ENTER(3),F1(3),F2(3))
  CALL GRQRD(1,4,X_CURS(4),Y_CURS(4),ENTER(4),F1(4),F2(4))
END DO !!!!!!!!
NOLDX = X_CURS(1)
NOLDY = Y_CURS(1)
NXPOINT = X_CURS(1)
NYPOINT = Y_CURS(1)
C
C now monitor the cursor position and draw a box interactively
C
  WRITE(6,503)
  WRITE(6,504)
  F1(1) = 0
  F2(1) = 0
  DO WHILE (F1(1).EQ.0.AND.F2(1).EQ.0) !!!!!!!!
    CALL GRQWT(1,STATUS)
    CALL GRQRD(1,1,X_CURS(1),Y_CURS(1),ENTER(1),F1(1),F2(1))
    IF(X_CURS(1).NE.NOLDX.OR.Y_CURS(1).NE.NOLDY) THEN
      CALL GRFER(OVLMSK,OVLMSK,0) !Erase overlay channel
    END IF
    NOLDX = X_CURS(1)
    NOLDY = Y_CURS(1)
    XSTART = NXPOINT
    YSTART = NYPOINT
    XEND = X_CURS(1)
    YEND = YSTART
    CALL GRFVC(OVLMSK,SUBMSK,BCKGND,ZERO_C,XSTART,YSTART,XEND,YEND) !
    XSTART = XEND
    YEND = Y_CURS(1)
    CALL GRFVC(OVLMSK,SUBMSK,BCKGND,ZERO_C,XSTART,YSTART,XEND,YEND) !
    XEND = NXPOINT
    YSTART = YEND
    CALL GRFVC(OVLMSK,SUBMSK,BCKGND,ZERO_C,XSTART,YSTART,XEND,YEND) !
    XSTART = XEND
    YEND = NYPOINT
    CALL GRFVC(OVLMSK,SUBMSK,BCKGND,ZERO_C,XSTART,YSTART,XEND,YEND) !
    CALL GRSBFD
    ZAREA = ABS((NYPOINT-Y_CURS(1))/2)*ABS((NXPOINT-X_CURS(1))/2)
    TYPE "'Current area = ',ZAREA
  END DO !!!!!!!!
C
C now we have the four points defining the box, so save them in BOXES
C
  BOXES(NBOX_NUMBER,1) = NYPOINT
  BOXES(NBOX_NUMBER,2) = NXPOINT
  BOXES(NBOX_NUMBER,3) = Y_CURS(1)
  BOXES(NBOX_NUMBER,4) = X_CURS(1)
C
  IF(NBOX_NUMBER.GE.20) RETURN
  TYPE ''
  TYPE "'Area of this box is = ',ZAREA
  TYPE ''
  TYPE "' Happy with this box ?"
  READ(5,1000) ANSWER
  IF(ANSWER.NE.'Y') GOTO 300
  TYPE "' Another box ( Y or N ) ?"
  CONTINUE
  READ(5,1000) ANSWER
  IF(ANSWER.NE.'Y'.AND.ANSWER.NE.'N') GOTO 400
400

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1 MON, SUBMSK, LINE(20), BCKGND, REPMOD, N(16), REALBF(65536)  
INTEGER\*4 IERR, X, Y, ROW, COL, LOWER, UPPER, X\_INC, Y\_INC,  
1 LENGTH, DBL\_W, DBL\_H, ZERO\_C, XSTART, YSTART, TOP, BOTTOM,  
2 MODE

## C LOGICAL SWITCH

COMMON/GRBUFR/ GR\_LEN, GR\_BUFF  
COMMON/GRVARI/ CHNMSK, OVLMSK, SUBMSK, MON  
COMMON/ARRAY/ REALBF, IMGBUF, SWITCH, ROW, COL, LOWER, UPPER  
DATA GR\_LEN/1024/

C Check mode switch. If equal to 1, then skip the allocation and setup

C of the Grinnell

C IF(MODE EQ 3) GOTO 50

C Allocate a GRINNELL display channel (monitor) to this process. MON

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CALL GBSHARE(CHNMSK OVI MSK MON)

CALL GRSHARE(CH)  
IF (MON LT 0) STOP

C  
C If the color channel was assigned, change the default overlay channel  
C mask from '200'X (blue overlay channel only) to 'E00'X (blue,green and  
C white overlay channels) so that all overlay channels may be erased  
C  
C 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100

C Call GRSIM1 to assign a channel to the GRINNELL  
SMA\_GRSIM1

C CALL GRFER(chnmsk,'FFX,0) !Erase display channel  
CALL GRFER(OVLMsk,OVLMSK,0) !Erase overlay ch

C CALL GRFER(UVLMISK,UVLMISK,0) ;Erase User Array Channel

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C

50 CONTINUE  
C

C Set constants for GRIN  
C

LENGTH = ROW  
ZERO\_C = 1  
X\_INC = 1  
Y\_INC = 0  
DBL\_H = 0  
DBL\_W = 0  
NYSTEP = 1  
IE(ROW LE 256 AND COLLE 256) THEN

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IF(ROW.LE.250.AND.COL.LE.250) THEN  
    DBL_H = 1  
    DBL_W = 1  
    NYSTEP = 2  
    X_INC = 2  
    END IF  
    XSTART = X  
    YSTART = Y
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C Now cycle through the image buffer using the row and col definitions

C to set the size of the image produced

C  
DO 100 J = 1, COL  
K = (J - 1)\*ROW + 1  
CALL GRWDW(IMGBUF(K),XSTART,YSTART,X\_INC,Y\_INC,LENGTH,







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END DO
C
C Get Image filename and open file for unformatted reads
C
DO I = 1,64
FILE(I) =
PFILE(I) =
END DO
TYPE *, 'Enter the filename of the first image in the series'
READ(5,600) FILENAME
C
C find the suffix of the file
C
END = FALSE
ICOLON = 0
IPERIOD = -1
DO I=64,1,-1
IF(FILE(I).NE.'.' .AND.(.NOT.END)) THEN
END = .TRUE.
IEND = I
ENDIF
IF(FILE(I).EQ.':') THEN
IPERIOD = I
ENDIF
IF(FILE(I).EQ':') THEN
ICOLON = I
ENDIF
ENDIF
END DO
IF(IPERIOD.LT.1) GOTO 1001
DO J = 1,IEND
K = ICOLON + J
PFILE(J) = FILE(K)
END DO
PFILE(IPERIOD+1-ICOLON) = 'P'
PFILE(IPERIOD+2-ICOLON) = 'R'
PFILE(IPERIOD+3-ICOLON) = 'T'
C
C Open a print out file for the data
C
TYPE *
TYPE *, 'Printout file is:',PRINTFILE
TYPE *
OPEN(UNIT=7,FILE=PRINTFILE,STATUS='NEW',FORM='FORMATTED')
C
C get the number of files in the series
C
10 CONTINUE
TYPE *, 'Enter the number of files in the series'
ACCEPT *,NUM_FILES
IF(NUM_FILES.GT.100.OR.NUM_FILES.LT.1) THEN
TYPE *, '*** ERROR. NUM_FILES=',NUM_FILES,' too large or small'
GOTO 10
ENDIF
C
C check if images made with hard 180 or soft 180. If soft the phase encoding
C will be the same for each echo... therefore no need to flip the even echos
C about the frequency axis
C
HARD_SOFT = '?'
DO WHILE(HARD_SOFT.NE.'H'.AND.HARD_SOFT.NE.'S')
TYPE *, 'H(ard) or S(oft) 180 pulses'
READ(5,600) HARD_SOFT
END DO
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C
    IF(POINT) THEN
        WRITE(7,701) ROW,COL
701    FORMAT(' Image is ',I4,' X ',I4)
    END IF
C
C read in the image data from the file
C
    DO 1000 B=1,BLKREAD .
    READ(10) BUF256
    DO 900 I=1,256
        IB = ( B - 1 ) * 256 + I
        IMGBUF(IB) = BUF256(I)
900    CONTINUE
1000   CONTINUE
    DO ICOPY = 1,65536
        REALBF(ICOPY) = IMGBUF(ICOPY)
    END DO
C
C close the file
C
    CLOSE(10)
C
C now check to see if the image should be reversed about the frequency axis
C
    IF(.NOT.EVEN_ODD.AND.HARD_SOFT.EQ.'H') THEN
        DO JY = 1, COL
            DO IX = 1, ROW/2-1
                IFLIPX = ROW - IX
                K = ( JY - 1 ) * ROW + IX
                KFLIP = ( JY - 1 ) * ROW + IFLIPX
                IDUM = IMGBUF(K)
                IMGBUF(K) = IMGBUF( KFLIP )
                IMGBUF( KFLIP ) = IDUM
            END DO
        END DO
    END IF
C
C now scale the image to pixel values between 0 and 255
C
    CALL SCALE
C
C display the image on the GRINNELL ( MODE = 1 means setup GRINNELL )
C
    CALL DRAW( 0, 0, IMODE )
C
C check for input of coords
C
    IF(POINT) THEN
C
C get regions of interest
C
        CALL DRAW_BOX
        WRITE(7,501)
501    FORMAT( /; BOX# | AREA | AVERAGE INTENSITY | CALC PHASE)
        WRITE(7,502)
502    FORMAT(-----)
    END IF
C
C calculate the average pixel value in the area of interest
C
    IBOX = 1
    NDATA = BOXES( IBOX, 1 )
    DO WHILE(NDATA.NE.0)

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XSTART = BOXES(IBOX,2)/2
XEND = BOXES(IBOX,4)/2
YSTART = BOXES(IBOX,1)/2
YEND = BOXES(IBOX,3)/2
NXSTEP = 1
NYSTEP = 1
IF(XSTART.GT.XEND) NXSTEP = -1
IF(YSTART.GT.YEND) NYSTEP = -1
AREA = 0.0
SUM = 0.0
C
C see if the image is reversed. If so then read the info from the box
C from the 'other half' of the image, i.e. reverse the read procedure
C
IF(.NOT.EVEN_ODD.AND.HARD_SOFT.EQ.'H') THEN
DO JY = YSTART,YEND,NYSTEP
  DO IX = ROW-XSTART,ROW-XEND,-1*NXSTEP
    K = (JY-1)*ROW+IX
    SUM = SUM + REALBF(K)
    AREA = AREA + 1.0
    ITEMP = ROW-IX
    CALL REPLACE_PIX(ITEMP*2,JY*2)
  END DO
END DO
ELSE
DO JY = YSTART,YEND,NYSTEP
  DO IX = XSTART,XEND,NXSTEP
    K = (JY-1)*ROW+IX
    SUM = SUM + REALBF(K)
    AREA = AREA + 1.0
    CALL REPLACE_PIX(IX*2,JY*2)
  END DO
END DO
ENDIF
AVERAGE = SUM/AREA
PHASE = (32767./2. - AVERAGE)/32767.*360.
CALL GRSBFD
TYPE '' BOX # = ',IBOX
TYPE '' AREA = ',AREA
TYPE '' AVERAGE PIXEL VALUE = ',AVERAGE
TYPE '' AVERAGE PHASE = ',PHASE

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C  
C and in the output file  
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WRITE(7,702) IBOX, AREA, AVERAGE, PHASE
702   FORMAT(I7,' ',G11.5,' ',G14.7,6X,' ',G14.7)
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C  
C and write data to echo intensity storage array  
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ECHO_INTENS(IBOX,IFILES) = AVERAGE
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C  
C increment the box number  
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IBOX = IBOX + 1
NDATA = BOXES(IBOX,1)
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END DO
EVEN_ODD = .NOT.EVEN_ODD
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C  
C now set up the next in the series to be processed  
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IF(FILE(IPERIOD+3).EQ.'9') THEN
  FILE(IPERIOD+2) = FILE(IPERIOD+2) + 1
  FILE(IPERIOD+3) = '0'
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