DD2 NMR/MRI Console
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Existing Functionality

New Requirements

New Capability/Functionality

1.2 GHz Transmitter

1.2 GHz Mixer

New PFE with ProbeID

Customers

VNMRJ 3.1 Software

New DD2
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- Enhancements to all Products
  - 400MR DD2 & NMR/MRI DD2

- Intelligence embedded in the RF transmit path
- Leveraging Agilent Expertise for Design and Manufacturing
- Synergy with the World’s Premier Measurement Company
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- **DD2** is the second-generation DirectDrive Console
- Still a controller on every channel
- Still no hidden timing delays
- New intelligent Transmitter board
- New optimized Mixer/Receiver module
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- New capabilities – 400MR DD2
- *Intelligent* transmitter board
- Redesigned mixer assembly
- High performance lock filter
- Improved pneumatics with high / low temp option
- ProbeID link to physical probe hardware & stored data
- Integrated cryogen monitor
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- New capabilities – DD2
- Intelligent transmitter board
- Redesigned mixer assembly
- Digital phase shifter
- 16-bit phase
- 16-bit amplitude
- 25 ns event time
- 12.5 ns resolution
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Independent processors

PowerPC

SDRAM (Error Correcting) 64 Mb

Flash 32 Mb

Ethernet

RS232

DMA EBC

GPIO IntC

IntC Config

EBC

RF EBC

Optimizer Timing Control

FPGA

Register Decode

Instruction FIFO

RF FIFO & Timer

RF Math

RF Aux

SyncIN

Sync

GPIO

Attn Synth Users
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**Intelligent combined attenuator and transmitter board**

- FPGA technology extended to the RF transmitter
- Processing power applied to the transmit path
- Automatic hardware discovery and identification
- Automatic hardware/firmware configuration & update
- Unique ID to retain manufacturing history
- Field deployable software updates
- Front panel diagnostics
- Correction Tables resident on transmitter board
- Temperature monitoring resident on transmitter board
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Transmitter assembly
Quality NMR requires fast and accurate RF waveforms

- Decreased step size to 25 ns
- Precise 12.5 ns resolution
- Digital Phase Shifter
- 16 bit phase with ~0.0055° resolution
- 16 bit fine amplitude control
- 100 dB attenuation range with 0.5 dB steps
- Waveforms have improved event time with sustained rates
- Full Transmit Chain Linearization
The digital phase shifter provides phase-shifts with the 16-bit \(-0.0055^\circ\) precision and replaces the quadrature hybrid of VnmrS.

The NMR test HS90, a looped 8-pulse \([XYYXXYYX-acq]_n\) windowed multi-pulse sequence is used to evaluate phase shift accuracy. The signal offset of HS90 (vertical) is plotted against (phase setting) over a 42° and a 0.22° range. The plot is linear with uncertainty at the 1-bit level.
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Waveform frequency switching using a phase ramp

A scope picture of a deconvoluted 100 kHz frequency jump with a simultaneous 180° phase shift. The frequency and phase-shift times can be (<25 ns) using DD2.
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FSLG uses the continuous 25 ns steps of the DD2 transmitter

The FSLG Pattern

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\begin{align*}
&\text{phase } = 0 \\
&\quad \text{frequency } = +\omega \\
&\text{phase } = 180 \\
&\quad \text{frequency } = -\omega
\end{align*}
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A scope shot of a deconvoluted FSLG waveform
Quality NMR requires stable, low noise mixer & receiver

- New Mixer Receiver Module
- Latest generation low loss cabling
- Improved RF Immunity
- Specifications optimized to 1.2 GHz
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Mixer clamshell assembly
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- Intelligence embedded in the RF transmit path
- Transmitter and Mixer/Receiver have optimized specifications to 1.2 GHz
- Finer Phase and Amplitude control produce better waveforms
- Transmit channel linearization
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Full Transmit Channel Corrections
Amplitude and Phase Linearization with *Fidelity*

- The *Fidelity* module of VnmrJ3.1 sets up tables to produce a linear relationship between input and output power and phase of the full transmit chain including the system amplifiers.

- *Fidelity* corrects digital input of the transmitter – both coarse and fine power - so that amplifier RF output is proportional to the expected – linear - value.

- All pulses, shaped pulses and waveforms are corrected, independent of the source. Software compression factors for *Pbox*, *BioPack* etc are no longer needed when *Fidelity* is used.

- *Fidelity* corrections are fast and built into the transmitter, so they have no effect on pulse-sequence timing.
Amplitude and Phase Linearization with *Fidelity*

*Fidelity* takes advantage of the intelligence and processing capability of the new DD2 transmitter board.
Even the best linear amplifiers have compression at high power

*Uncorrected output of a standard 100-Watt 1H amplifier at 600 MHz.*
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Fidelity corrects for amplifier compression

*Corrected output of a standard 100-Watt 1H amplifier at 600 MHz using Fidelity input linearization tables.
The new DD2 transmitter has an onboard FPGA with processor and memory for correction tasks. The Fidelity module of VnmrJ3.1 sets up tables to produce a strictly linear relationship between input and output power and phase of the full transmit chain including the system amplifiers.

Fidelity is used here in order to correct for the compression of a typical highband 100-Watt amplifier on a BioSolids 600. This “low-power” system runs a BioMAS probe with 100+ kHz linear decoupling, avoiding the need for the more expensive 800 Watt CMA.
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Linearization is significant for shaped pulses in J-based BioSolids experiments.

Many of the newest BioSolids experiments make use of selective, shaped inversion and refocusing pulses – just as for BioLiquids, linearization means more accurate shapes.

This J-based CTUC COSY of GB1 was courtesy Chad Rienstra, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
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