

Lecture 7: Chemical shift, one-pulse experiment

General strategy

1. Define $\hat{\rho}$ at $t = 0$

2. Describe evolution of $\hat{\rho}$ using the relevant Hamiltonians
usually several steps

3. Calculate the expectation value of the measured quantity
(magnetization components in the x, y plane) as $\langle M_+ \rangle = \langle M_x + iM_y \rangle = \mathcal{N} \text{Tr} \{ \hat{\rho} \hat{M}_+ \}$

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Operator of measured quantity

$$M_+ = M_x + iM_y$$

$$\hat{M}_+ = \mathcal{N}\gamma(\hat{I}_x + i\hat{I}_y) = \mathcal{N}\gamma\hat{I}_+$$

$$\hat{M}_+ = \mathcal{N}\gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Hamiltonian of static field \vec{B}_0

$$\hat{H}_{0,\text{lab}} = -\gamma B_0 \hat{I}_z$$

Hamiltonian of the radio-frequency field \vec{B}_1

Phase = 0 (x):

$$\hat{H}_{1,\text{rot}} = (-\gamma B_0 - \omega_{\text{rot}}) \hat{I}_z - \gamma B_1 \hat{I}_x = \Omega \hat{I}_z + \omega_1 \hat{I}_x$$

Phase = $\pi/2$ (y):

$$\hat{H}_{1,\text{rot}} = (-\gamma B_0 - \omega_{\text{rot}}) \hat{I}_z - \gamma B_1 \hat{I}_y = \Omega \hat{I}_z + \omega_1 \hat{I}_y$$

Chemical shift Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_\delta &= -\gamma(\hat{I}_x B_{e,x} + \hat{I}_y B_{e,y} + \hat{I}_z B_{e,z}) = -\gamma \begin{pmatrix} \hat{I}_x & \hat{I}_y & \hat{I}_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{e,x} \\ B_{e,y} \\ B_{e,z} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\gamma \begin{pmatrix} \hat{I}_x & \hat{I}_y & \hat{I}_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{xx} & \delta_{xy} & \delta_{xz} \\ \delta_{yx} & \delta_{yy} & \delta_{yz} \\ \delta_{zx} & \delta_{zy} & \delta_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{0,x} \\ B_{0,y} \\ B_{0,z} \end{pmatrix} = -\gamma \hat{\vec{I}} \cdot \underline{\delta} \cdot \vec{B}_0\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{0,\text{lab}} + \hat{H}_{\delta,i} + \hat{H}_{\delta,a} + \hat{H}_{\delta,r}$$

Chemical shift Hamiltonian

Isotropic component (independent of orientation):

$$\hat{H}_{\delta,i} = -\gamma B_0 \delta_i (\hat{I}_z)$$

Anisotropic (axially symmetric) component (depends on ϑ, φ):

$$\hat{H}_{\delta,a} = -\gamma B_0 \delta_a (3 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi \hat{I}_x + 3 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi \hat{I}_y + (3 \cos^2 \vartheta - 1) \hat{I}_z)$$

Rhombic (asymmetric) component (depends on ϑ, φ, χ):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\delta,r} = -\gamma B_0 \delta_r (& (-\cos 2\chi \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi + \sin 2\chi \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi) \hat{I}_x + \\ & (-\cos 2\chi \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi - \sin 2\chi \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi) \hat{I}_y + \\ & ((\cos 2\chi \sin^2 \vartheta) \hat{I}_z) \end{aligned}$$

Secular approximation

Molecular motions do not resonate with the precession frequency $-\gamma B_0$

$\Rightarrow B_{e,x}\hat{I}_x$ and $B_{e,y}\hat{I}_y$ oscillate rapidly with frequency close to $-\gamma B_0$

$\vec{B}_0 \gg \vec{B}_e \Rightarrow$ much faster oscillations than precession about $B_{e,x}$, $B_{e,y}$
effectively average to zero on timescale longer than $1/(\gamma B_0)$ (\sim ns)

\Rightarrow Terms with $B_{e,x}\hat{I}_x$ and $B_{e,y}\hat{I}_y$ can be neglected on timescales $>$ ns

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma\hbar\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} B_0 + B_{e,z} & B_{e,x} - iB_{e,y} \\ B_{e,x} + iB_{e,y} & -(B_0 + B_{e,z}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Averaging in isotropic solvent

No orientation of the molecule is preferred

⇒ all values of χ are equally probable and independent of ϑ

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\cos 2\chi} = 0$$

$$a_x = \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi$$

$$a_y = \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi$$

$$a_z = \cos \vartheta$$

$$a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \overline{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \overline{3a_z^2 - 1} = \overline{(3 \cos^2 \vartheta - 1)} = 0$$

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Hamiltonian without radio waves (\vec{B}_0, δ_i)

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Thermal equilibrium as the initial state

Classically, $\mathcal{E}_j = -\vec{\mu}_j \cdot \vec{B}_0 = -\mu B_0 \cos \vartheta_j = -\mu_{z,j} B_0$

Boltzmann: $P(\vartheta) = e^{-\mathcal{E}(\vartheta)/k_B T} \approx 1 - \mathcal{E}(\vartheta)/k_B T$ for $\mathcal{E}(\vartheta) \ll k_B T$

Quantum mechanically, \mathcal{E} is eigenvalue of $\hat{H} = -\gamma B_0(1 + \delta_i)\hat{I}_z \approx -\gamma B_0\hat{I}_z$

$$\hat{\rho}^{\text{eq}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{4k_B T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{4k_B T} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\gamma B_0 \hbar}{4k_B T} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{I}_t + \kappa \mathcal{I}_z$$

Mixed state: The two-dimensional density matrix does **not** imply that all magnetic moments are in one of two eigenstates!

Relaxation due to chemical shift anisotropy

Bloch - Wangsness - Redfield semiclassical theory

(spin magnetic moments classically, molecular environment classically)

$$R_1 = \frac{3}{4}b^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}J(\omega_0) + \frac{1}{2}J(-\omega_0) \right) \approx \frac{3}{4}b^2 J(\omega_0)$$

$$R_2 = b^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}J(0) + \frac{3}{8}J(\omega_0) \right) \approx R_0 + \frac{1}{2}R_1.$$

Same equations as derived classically

One pulse experiment

HOMEWORK: Section 7.8

Conclusions

Density matrix evolves as

$$\hat{\rho}(t) \propto (\mathcal{I}_x \cos(\Omega t + \phi) + \mathcal{I}_y \sin(\Omega t + \phi) + \text{terms orthogonal to } \mathcal{I}_+),$$

Magnetization rotates during signal acquisition as

$$\langle M_+ \rangle = |M_+| e^{-R_2 t} e^{i\Omega t} = |M_+| e^{-R_2 t} e^{i\phi} (\cos(\Omega t) + i \sin(\Omega t))$$

unimportant phase shift which is empirically corrected

Fourier transform gives a complex signal proportional to

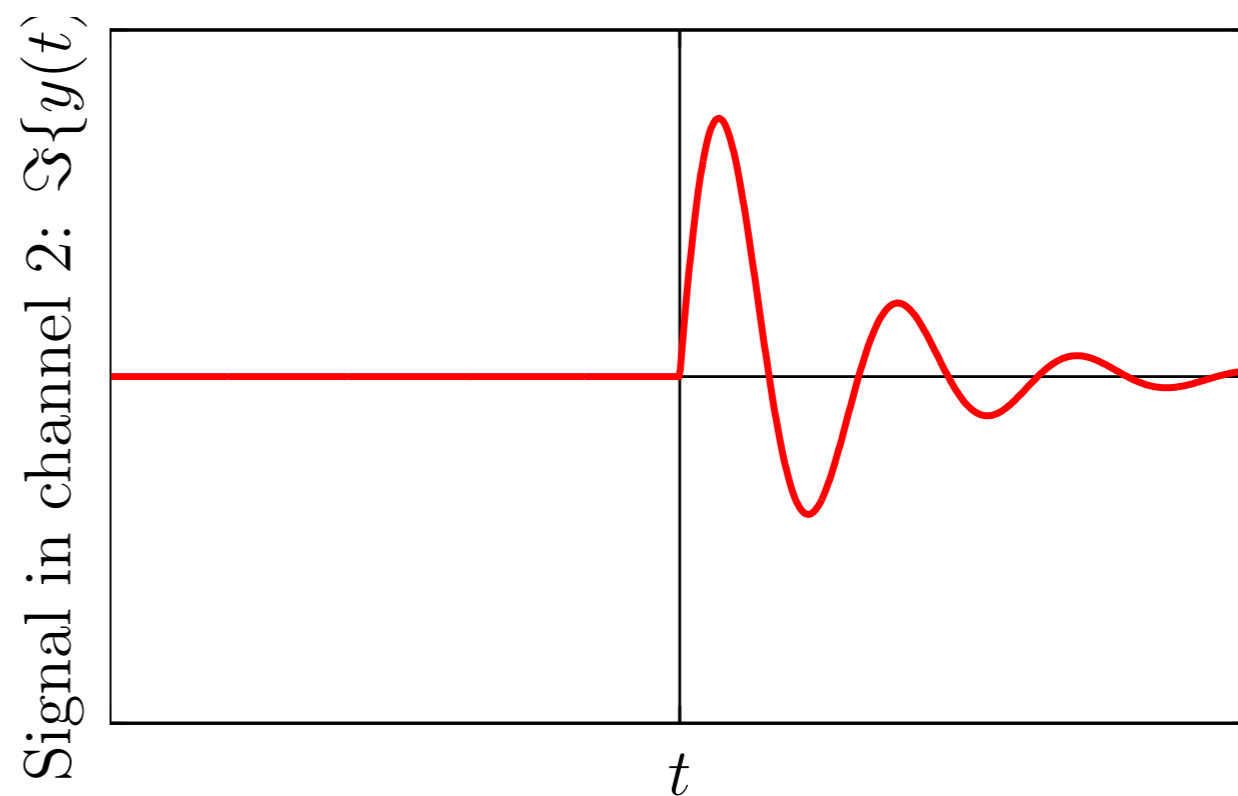
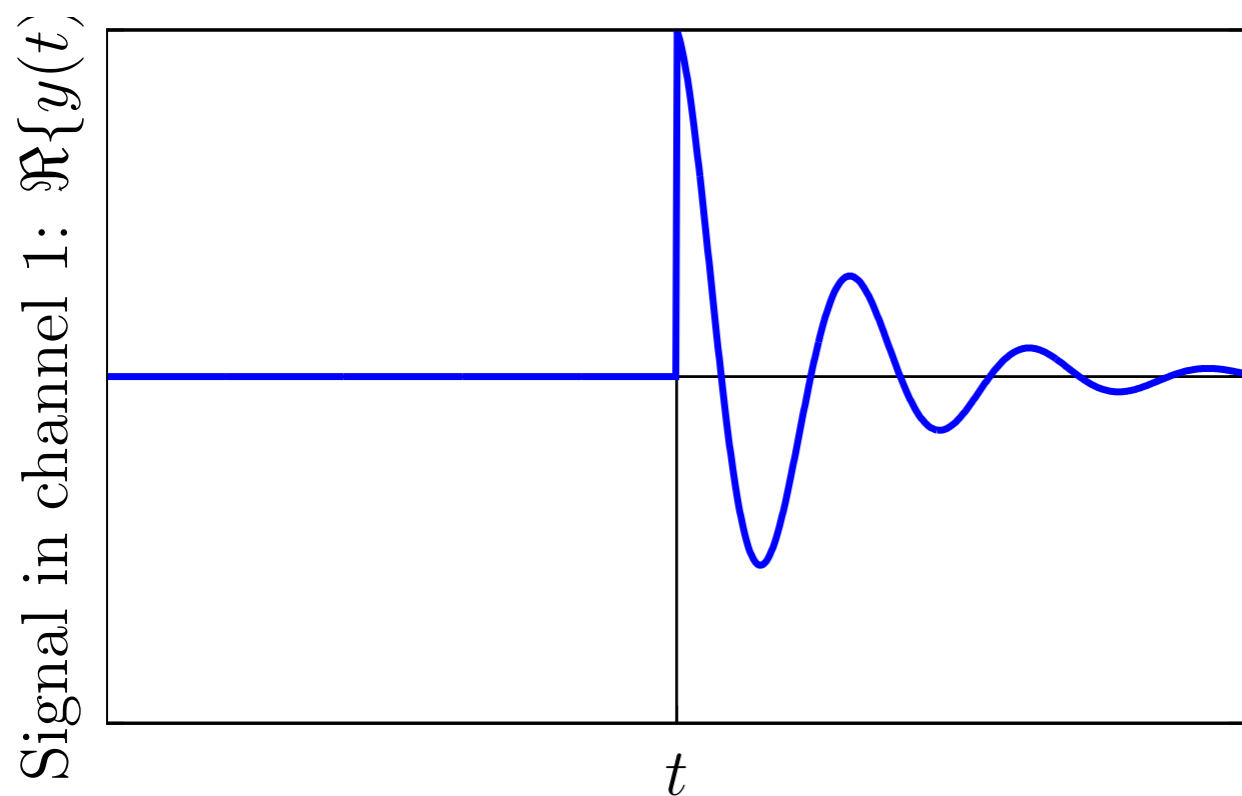
$$\frac{\mathcal{N} \gamma^2 \hbar^2 B_0}{4k_B T} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega)^2} - i \frac{\omega - \Omega}{R_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega)^2} \right)$$

Signal

$$\hat{\rho}(t) \propto (\mathcal{I}_x \cos(\Omega t + \phi) + \mathcal{I}_y \sin(\Omega t + \phi) + \text{terms orthogonal to } \mathcal{I}_+),$$

cosine modulation of \mathcal{I}_x = real component of signal

sine modulation of \mathcal{I}_y = imaginary component of signal

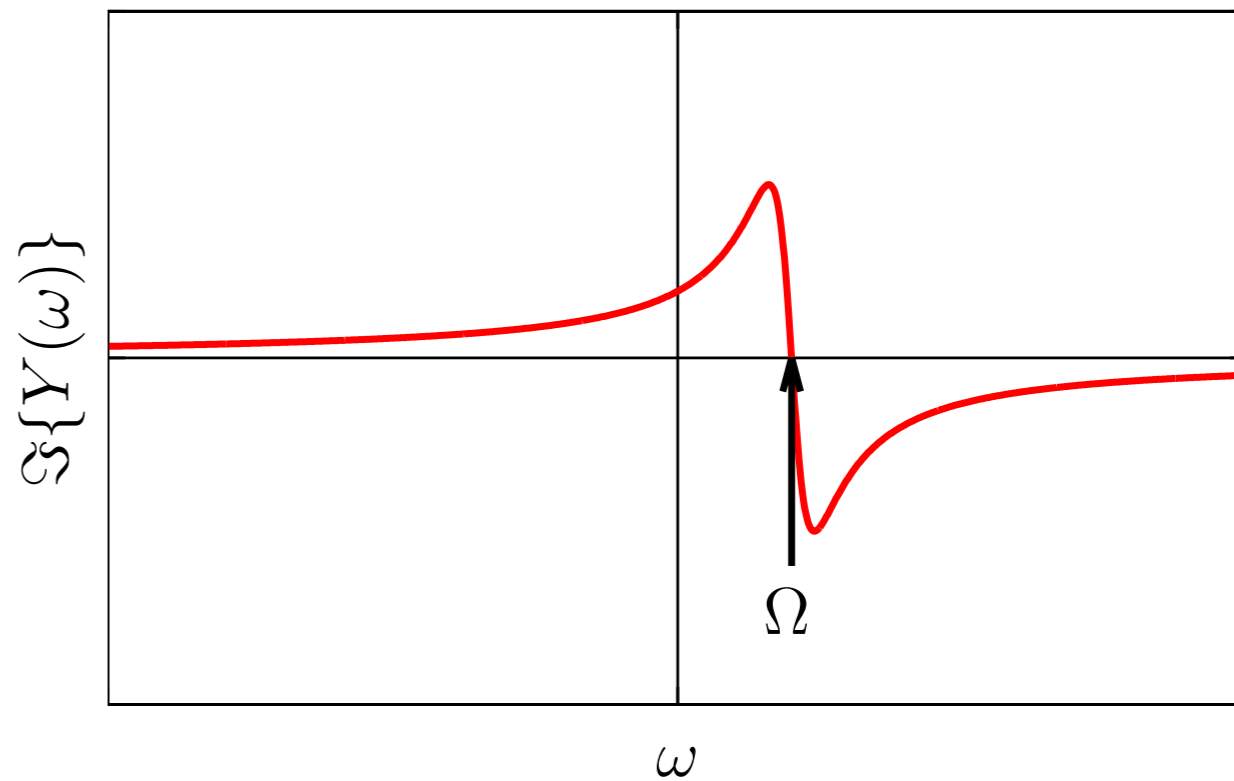
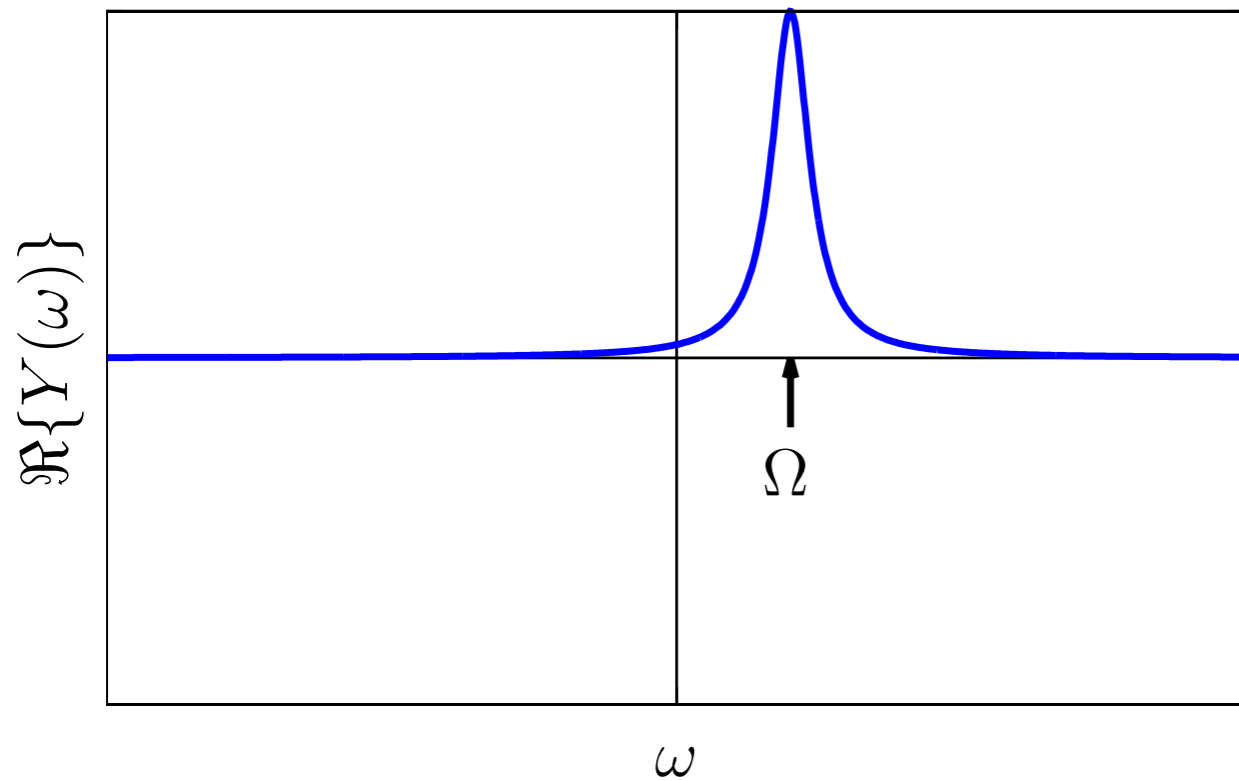


$$|M_+| e^{-R_2 t} e^{i\phi} (\cos(\Omega t) + i \sin(\Omega t))$$

Spectrum

After Fourier transformation:

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}\gamma^2\hbar^2 B_0}{4k_B T} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega)^2} - i \frac{\omega - \Omega}{R_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega)^2} \right)$$



Signal-to-noise ratio

$$\text{Signal/noise} = K \frac{\hbar^2 N |\gamma|^{5/2} B_0^{3/2}}{k_B^{3/2} T_{\text{sample}}^{3/2}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1 - e^{-R_2 t_{2,\text{max}}}}{R_2 t_{2,\text{max}}^{1/2}}}_{\text{Relaxation}}$$

Relaxation: $\sim 1/R_2$ for long acquisition time $t_{2,\text{max}}$

$1/R_2 \approx 6D^{\text{rot}}/b^2$ for large rigid spherical molecules

$$6D^{\text{rot}} = \frac{3k_B T}{4\pi r^3 \eta(T)},$$

$1/b^2 = \gamma^{-2} B_0^{-2} \delta_a^{-2}$ for chemical shift anisotropy,

but chemical shift anisotropy is usually not dominant

\Rightarrow High field/high γ **usually** advantageous (exception: $^{13}\text{C}=\text{}$)