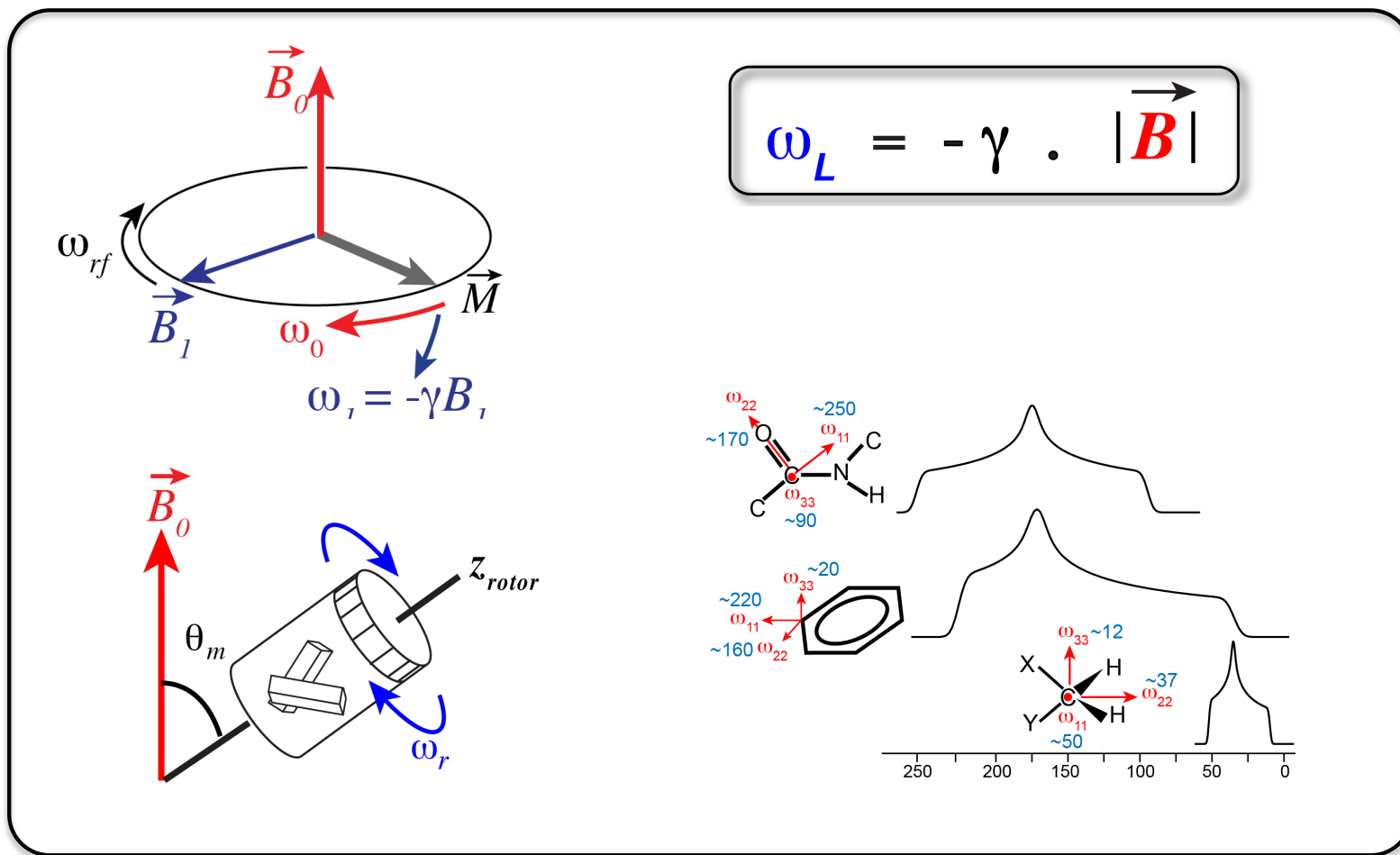


# Basic Theory of Solid-State NMR

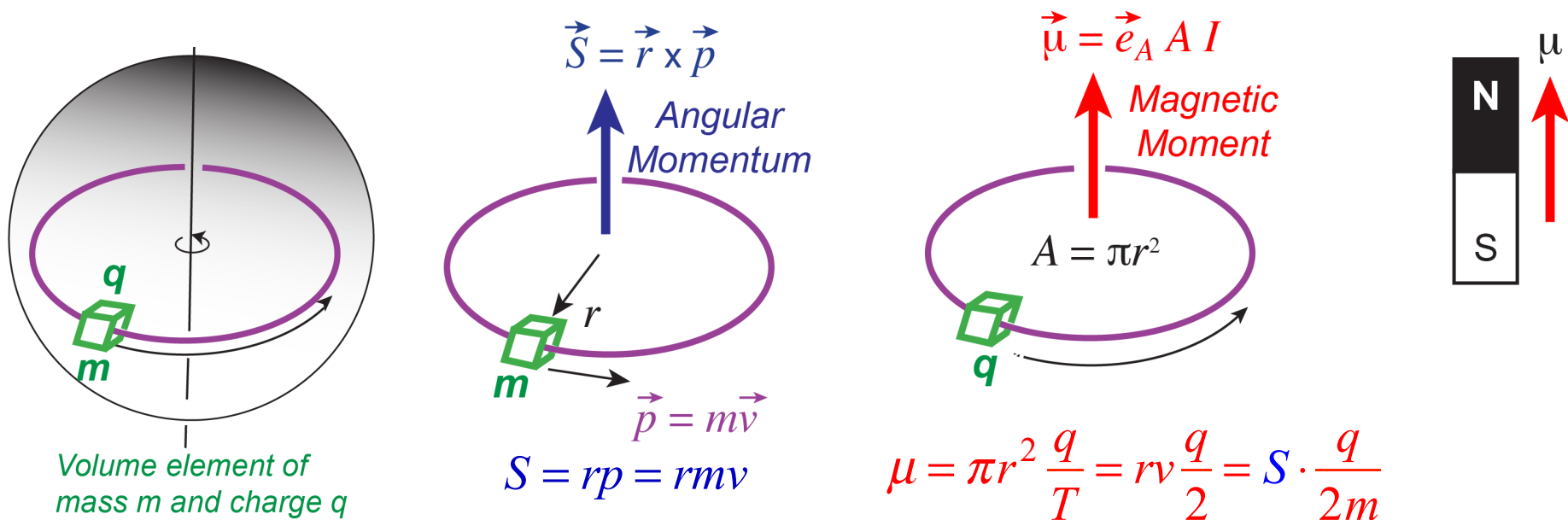


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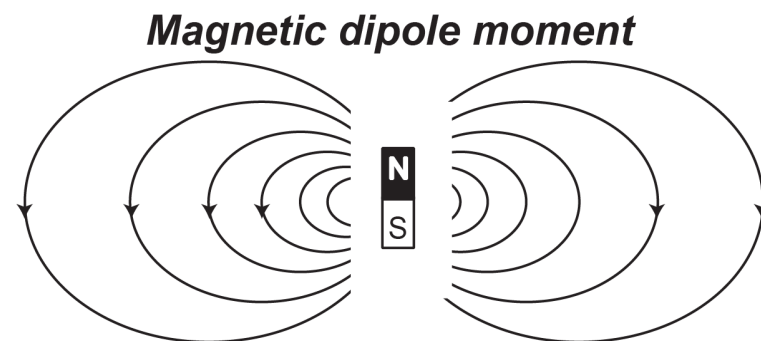
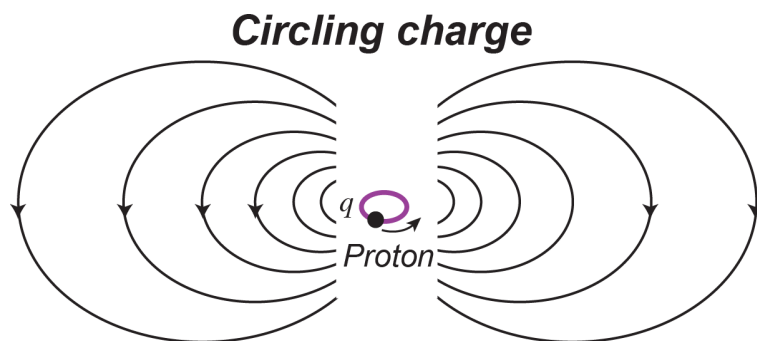
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# Magnetic Dipole Moment From Nuclear Spins



$$\vec{\mu} = \gamma \vec{S}$$

$$\gamma_N = g_N \frac{e}{2m_p}$$



- **Energy** of a magnetic dipole in a B field:  $E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$
- **Torque** on a magnetic dipole in a B field:  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$

# Precession of the Magnetic Moment Around B

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{\tau} &= \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} \\ \vec{\tau} &= \frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{d\vec{\mu}}{dt} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{\mu}}{dt} = \gamma \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

(Recall linear motion:  $\vec{F} = d\vec{p}/dt$ )

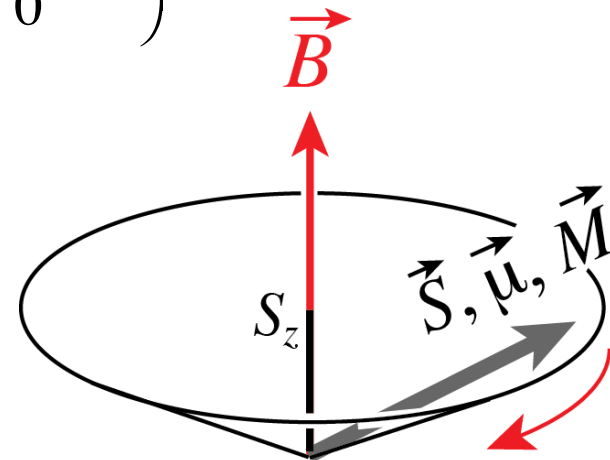
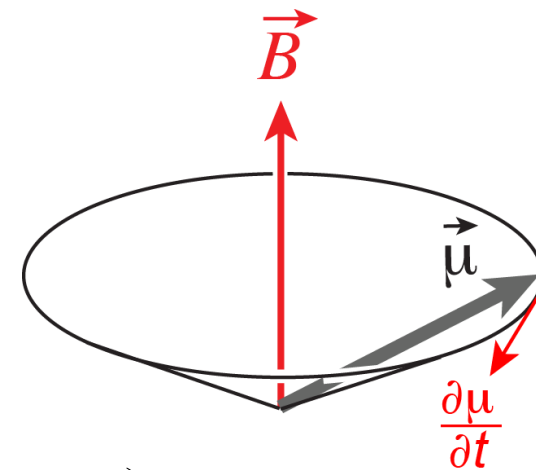
Bloch eqn

$$\vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \mu_x & \mu_y & \mu_z \\ 0 & 0 & B_0 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} d\mu_x/dt \\ d\mu_y/dt \\ d\mu_z/dt \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} \mu_y B_0 \\ -\mu_x B_0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \mu_y B_0 - \vec{j} \mu_x B_0 + \vec{k} \cdot 0$$

Solution of the Bloch eqn, for  $\mu(0)$  in the  $x$ - $z$  plane:

$$\begin{cases} \mu_x(t) = \mu_x(0) \cos \omega t \\ \mu_y(t) = \mu_x(0) \sin \omega t \\ \mu_z(t) = \mu_z(0) \end{cases}$$



Larmor frequency  $\omega = -\gamma B$

The precessing  $M$  generates a voltage in the sample coil, which is detected.

# Fields, Frequencies, Energies & RF Irradiation

$$\vec{B}_0$$

$$\omega_0 = -\gamma |\vec{B}_0| = 2\pi\nu_0$$

$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}_0$$

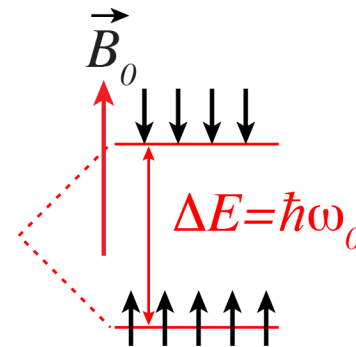
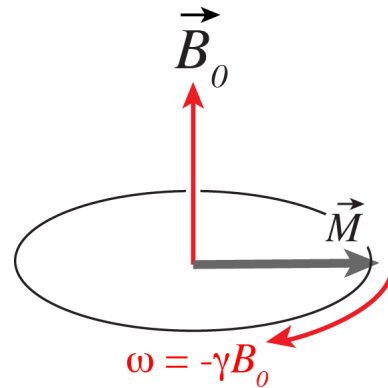
$$B_0 = 18.8 \text{ Tesla}$$

$$^1\text{H Larmor frequency:}$$

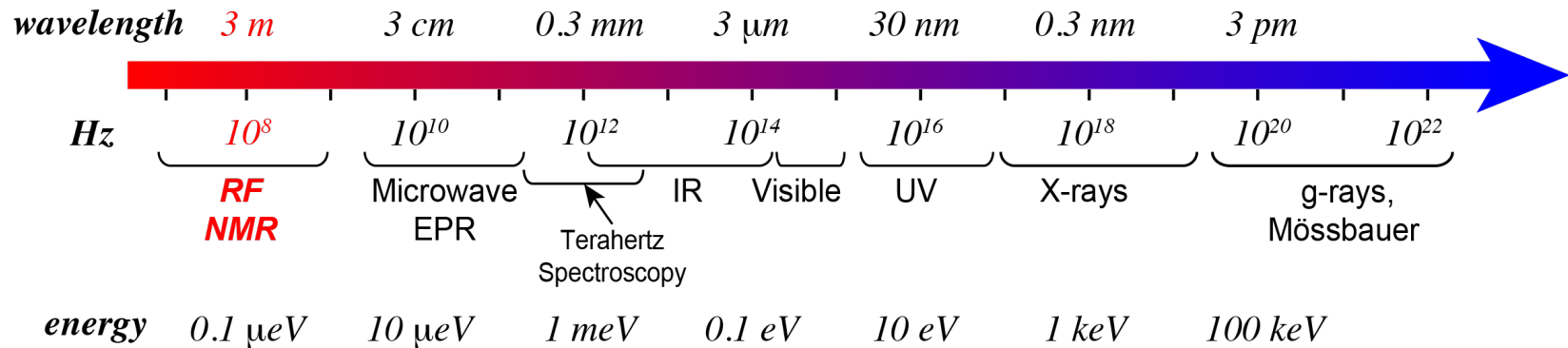
$$\omega_0 = -2\pi \cdot 800 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\Delta E = \hbar\omega_0$$

Energy splitting



Precession frequency = transition frequency



Apply weak EM irradiation @ Larmor frequency: Radiofrequency pulses

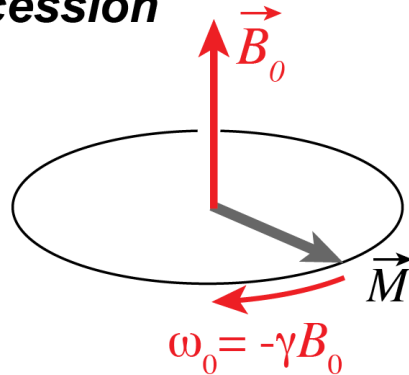
# Resonance, the Rotating Frame, and RF Pulses

Lab frame

Rotating frame,  
On resonance

Rotating frame,  
Off resonance

**Free precession**



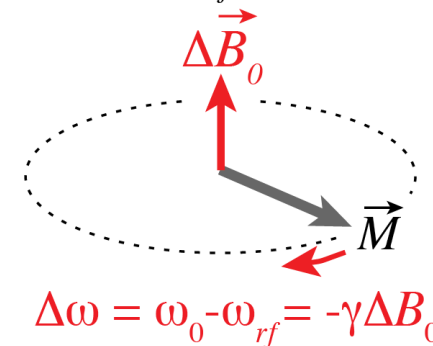
*"riding on the carousel"*

$$\omega_{rf} = \omega_0$$

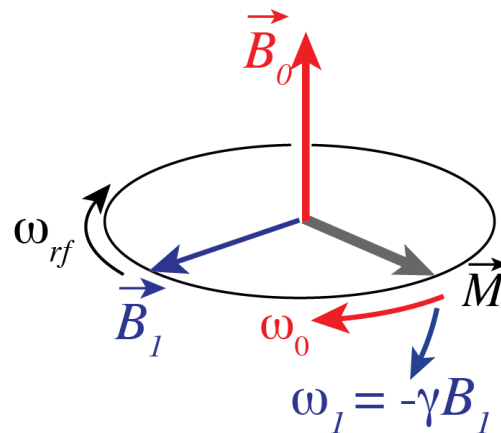


*"riding too slow/fast"*

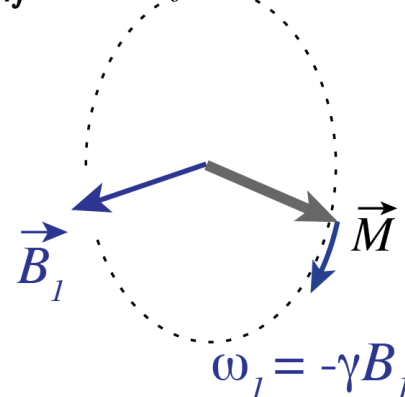
$$\omega_{rf} \neq \omega_0$$



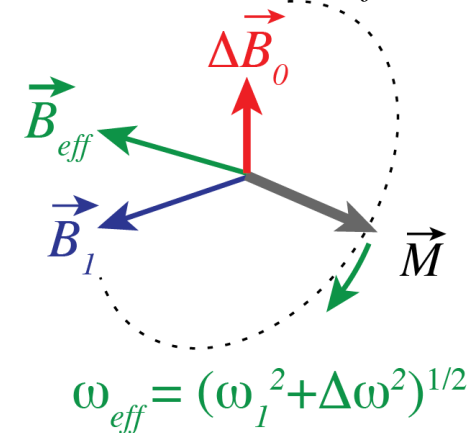
**With rf pulse on:  $\gamma B_1 \cos(\omega_{rf} t)$**



$\omega_{rf} = \omega_0$



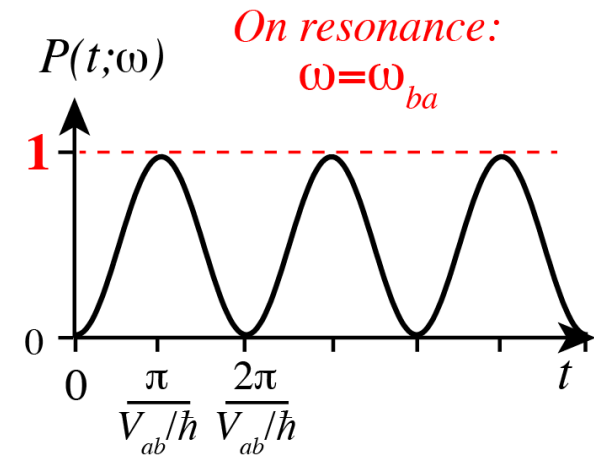
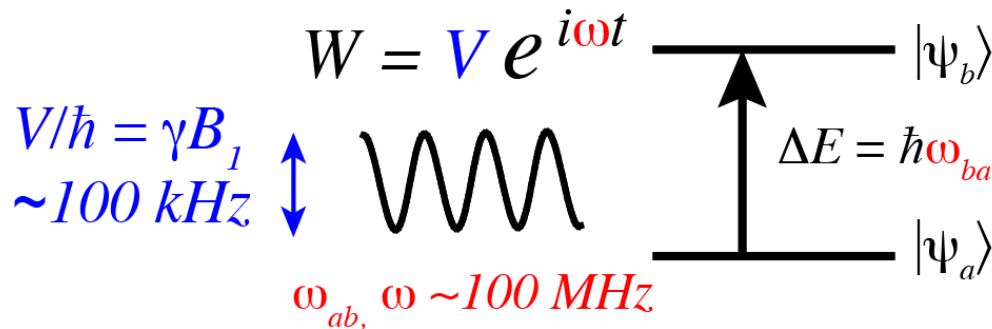
$\omega_{rf} \neq \omega_0$



$$\frac{\omega_{rf}}{2\pi} \sim 50 - 1000 \text{ MHz}, \quad \frac{\omega_1}{2\pi} \sim 50 - 100 \text{ kHz}$$

# Resonance: Maximizing Transition Probability

Apply EM irradiation  $V (= \hbar\gamma B_1) \ll \Delta E (= \hbar\gamma B_0)$



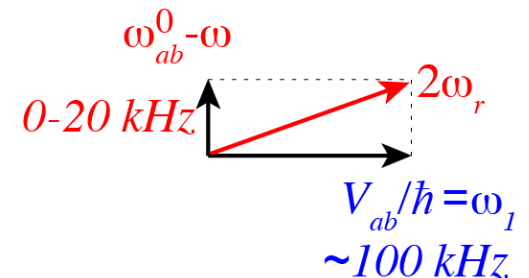
Complete transition ( $P_{ab}=1$ ) can be achieved even when the applied field strength  $V_{ba} = \hbar\omega_1 \ll \hbar\omega_0$ .

$$P_{ab}(t) = \frac{|V_{ba}|^2}{4\hbar^2} \frac{\sin^2 \omega_r t}{\omega_r^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \omega_{ab} \\ &= \sin^2 \omega_r t \end{aligned}$$

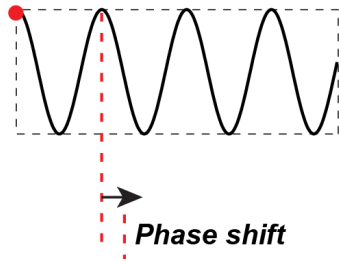
*Rabi frequency:*

$$\omega_r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\omega_{ba}^0 - \omega)^2 + |V_{ab}|^2 / \hbar^2}$$

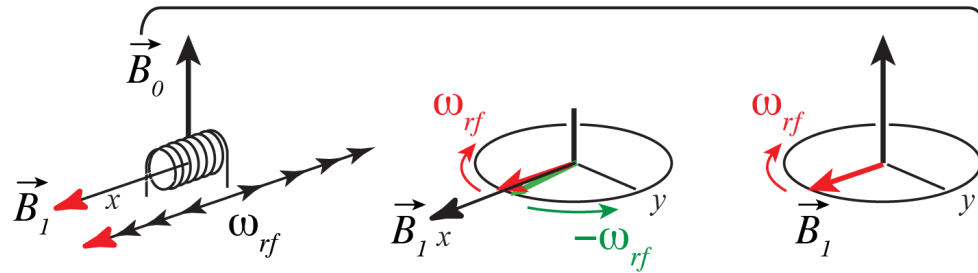


# The Phase of RF Pulses

**x pulse**

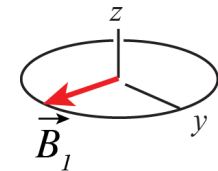


*In the lab frame*



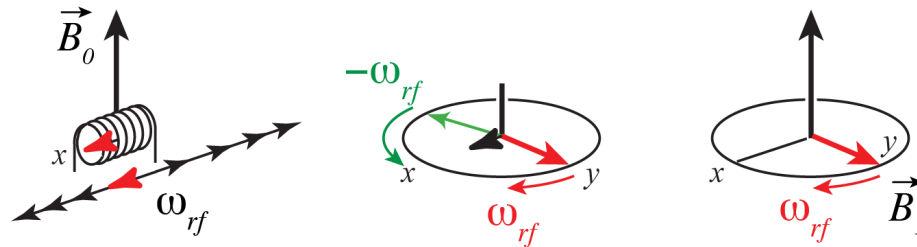
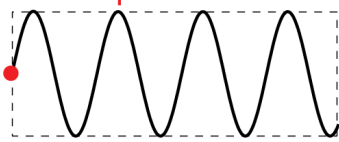
*In the rotating frame*

**x-pulse**

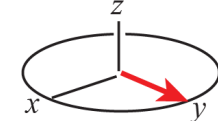


$$\vec{B}_1^{Lab}(t) = B_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_{rf} t \\ \sin \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_{rf} t \\ -\sin \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{B}_1^{Lab}(t) = \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_{rf} t \\ -\sin \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{B}_1^{rot}(t) = \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**y pulse**



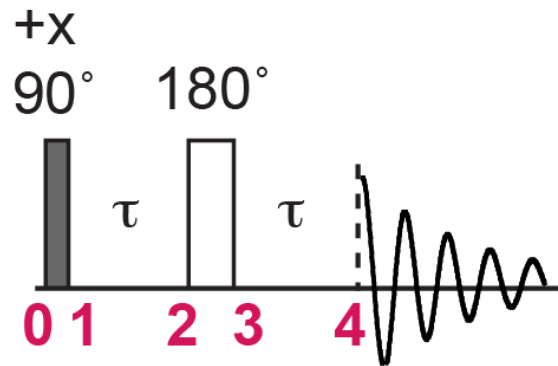
**y-pulse**



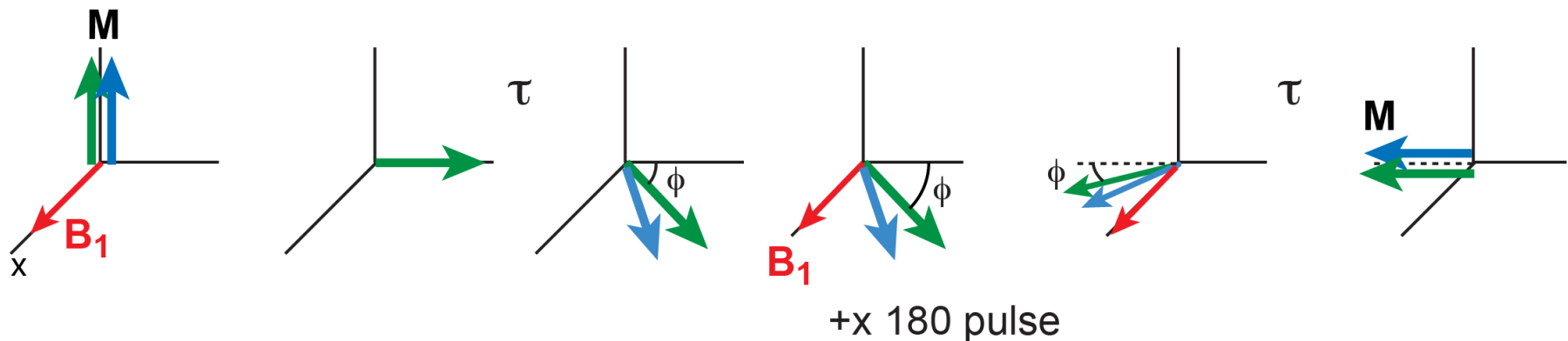
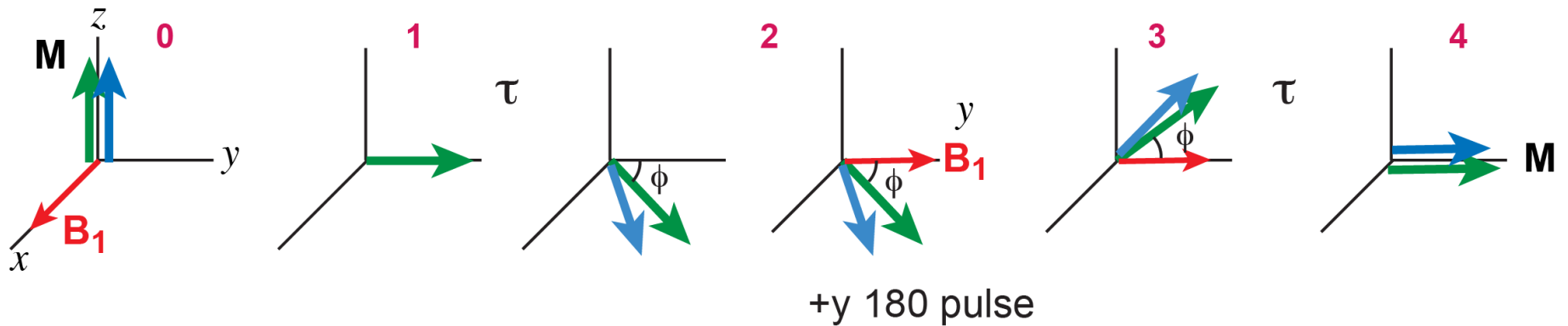
$$\vec{B}_1^{Lab}(t) = B_1 \begin{pmatrix} \sin \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \omega_{rf} t \\ -\cos \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \omega_{rf} t \\ \cos \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{B}_1^{Lab}(t) = \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \omega_{rf} t \\ \cos \omega_{rf} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{B}_1^{rot}(t) = \frac{B_1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Change in **phase** of  $B_1(t)$  by  $90^\circ$  in the **lab frame** corresponds to a change in **direction** of  $B_1$  in the **rotating frame** (e.g. from x to y)
- Pulse **phase** can also change due to **frequency** change: PMLG = FSLG.

# Effects of RF Pulses: Spin Echo & Vector Model



- Precession at different frequencies in the rotating frame.
- Effect of rf pulses: left-hand rule.





# A Central Equation: Local Fields & Frequencies

$$\omega_L = -\gamma \cdot |\vec{B}|$$

Resonance  
frequency

Magnetic  
field at the  
nucleus

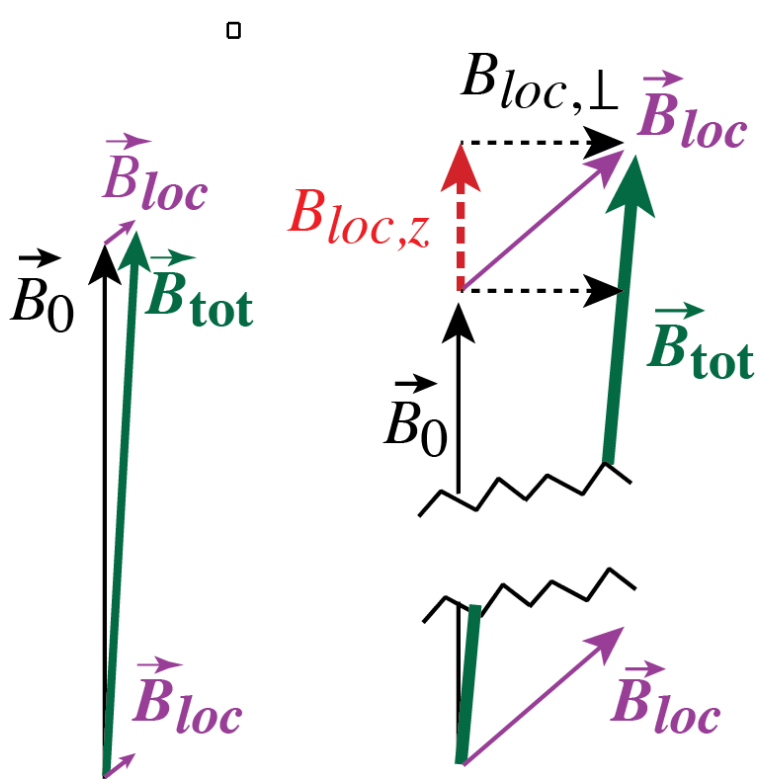
*Probe local  
magnetic fields  
at the nucleus*

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + \vec{B}_{\text{electrons}} + \vec{B}_{X,\text{dipole}}$$

*superconducting magnet*      *chemical shift (bonding)*      *fields of other magnetic dipoles,  $\sim 1/r^3$*

- Local fields from electrons & other nuclei are much weaker than the Zeeman field ...

# Truncation of Weak Interactions by Zeeman Interaction



$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{B}_{tot}| &= |\vec{B}_0 + \vec{B}_{loc}| = \sqrt{(B_0 + B_{loc,||})^2 + B_{loc,\perp}^2} \\
 &= (B_0 + B_{loc,||}) \sqrt{1 + \frac{B_{loc,\perp}^2}{(B_0 + B_{loc,||})^2}} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Taylor expansion}}{=} (B_0 + B_{loc,||}) \left[ 1 + \frac{B_{loc,\perp}^2}{2(B_0 + B_{loc,||})^2} + \dots \right] \\
 &\approx B_0 + B_{loc,||}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{\frac{B_{loc,\perp}^2}{2(B_0 + B_{loc,||})^2}}_{\ll 1}$

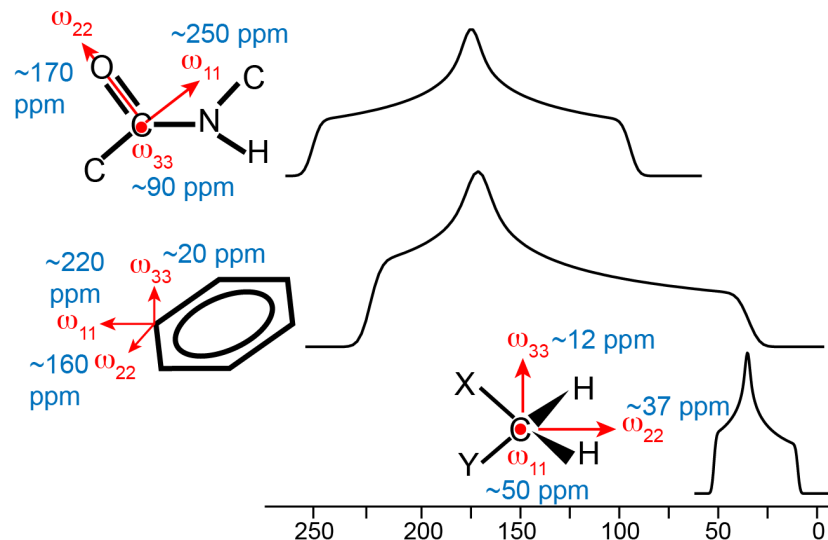
$$\omega_L \approx -\gamma (B_0 + B_{loc,||}) = \omega_0 + \omega_{loc,||}$$

# Nuclear Spin Interactions: Hamiltonians

$$\hat{H}_{Zeeman} = -\gamma \hat{I}_z B_0$$

*chemical shielding tensor*

$$\hat{H}_{CS} = \gamma \hat{I} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}_0$$



$$\hat{H}_D = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \sum_j \sum_k \gamma_j \gamma_k \frac{3 \left( \hat{I}^j \cdot \vec{r}_{jk} / r_{jk} \right) \left( \hat{I}^k \cdot \vec{r}_{jk} / r_{jk} \right) - \hat{I}^j \cdot \hat{I}^k}{r_{jk}^3}$$

*electric quadrupole moment*

$$\hat{H}_Q = \frac{eQ}{2I(2I-1)\hbar} \hat{I} \cdot \mathbf{V} \cdot \hat{I}$$

*electric field gradient tensor*



Hamiltonians expressed in frequency units.

# Truncated Hamiltonians: Keep the Operators that Commute with the Zeeman Interaction

$$\hat{H}_{Zeeman} = \omega_0 \cdot \hat{I}_z \gg H_{CS,D,Q}$$

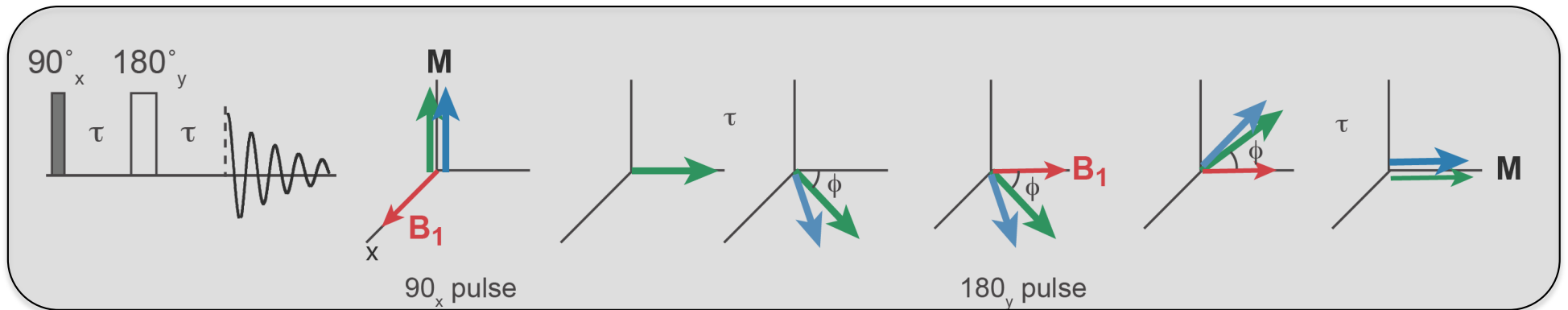
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{H}_{CS} = \gamma \sigma_{zz}^{Lab} B_0 \cdot \hat{I}_z = \left[ \sigma_{iso} \omega_0 + \frac{1}{2} \delta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi) \right] \cdot \hat{I}_z \\ \hat{H}_{D,IS} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \frac{\gamma_I \gamma_S}{r^3} \frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \cdot 2 \hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z \\ \hat{H}_{D,II} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \sum_j \sum_k \frac{\gamma^2}{r_{jk}^3} \frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_{jk} - 1) \cdot \left( 3 \hat{I}_z^j \hat{I}_z^k - \hat{I}^j \cdot \hat{I}^k \right) \\ \hat{H}_Q = \frac{eQ}{2I(2I-1)\hbar} V_{zz}^{Lab} \left( 3 \hat{I}_z \hat{I}_z - \hat{I} \cdot \hat{I} \right), \text{ where } V_{zz}^{Lab} = \frac{1}{2} e q (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\hat{H}_{Local} = \underbrace{\left[ \omega_{iso} + \omega_{aniso}(\theta, \phi) \right]}_{\downarrow} \cdot \underbrace{\left( Spin Part \right)}_{\downarrow}$$

*spatial part, affected by MAS  
& sample alignment*

*Affected by  
rf pulses*

# Describing Pulse Sequences For Coupled Spin Systems



The vector model cannot conveniently describe

- how dipolar & J interactions change the magnetization;
- complex multiple-pulse sequences.

*Need to use **density operators**.*

# Pure Spin States and Spin Operators

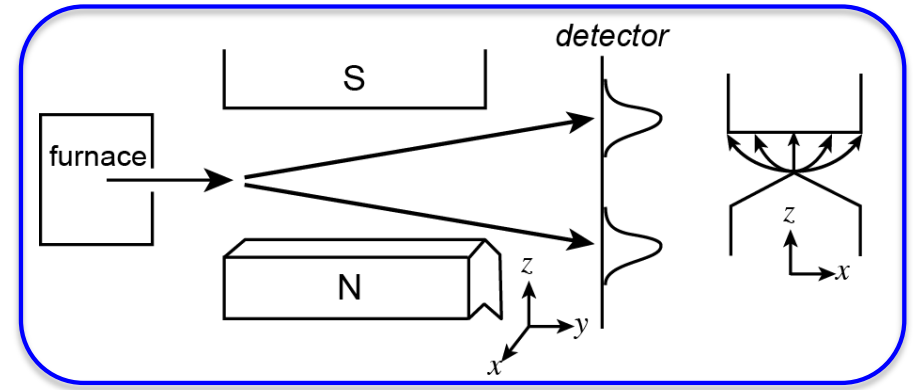
## Spin states

- Spin AM is quantized (proved by the *Stern-Gerlach expt*). Spin-1/2 nuclei have 2 basis states:  $|\uparrow\rangle$  and  $|\downarrow\rangle$ .
- In a suitably chosen basis, the above *states* are represented by vectors:

$$|\uparrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\downarrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- A *pure* spin state is a linear superposition of the basis states:

$$|\psi\rangle = C_+|\uparrow\rangle + C_-|\downarrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} C_+ \\ C_- \end{pmatrix}$$



## Spin operators

- are QM observables with eigenvalue eqns:  $\hat{I}_z|\pm z\rangle = \pm\frac{1}{2}|\pm z\rangle$ ,  $\hat{I}_x|\pm x\rangle = \pm\frac{1}{2}|\pm x\rangle$ , etc.

- follow commutation rules:**

$$\text{Commutator: } [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$$

$$[\hat{I}_x, \hat{I}_y] = i\hat{I}_z, \quad [\hat{I}_y, \hat{I}_z] = i\hat{I}_x, \quad [\hat{I}_z, \hat{I}_x] = i\hat{I}_y$$

- are rep'ed by 2 x 2 matrices (Pauli matrices) for spin-1/2 nuclei:

$$\hat{I}_x \hat{=} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{I}_y \hat{=} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{I}_z \hat{=} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{I}_x^2 = \hat{I}_y^2 = \hat{I}_z^2 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \hat{1}$$

# A Mixture of Spins: Density Operator

- A statistical ensemble of spins can only be described by a density operator:

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_k p_k |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k| = \sum_k p_k \begin{pmatrix} c_+ \\ c_- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_+^* & c_-^* \end{pmatrix} = \sum_k p_k \begin{pmatrix} c_+ c_+^* & c_+ c_-^* \\ c_- c_+^* & c_- c_-^* \end{pmatrix}$$

- At thermal equilibrium:

$$\hat{\rho}_{eq} = \frac{e^{-\hat{H}/kT}}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\hat{H}/kT})} \approx \frac{1}{2I+1} \left( \hat{1} - \frac{\hat{H}}{kT} \right) \longrightarrow \hat{\rho}'_{eq} \approx \frac{1}{2I+1} \left( \frac{\hbar\gamma B_0}{kT} \hat{I}_z \right) \propto \hat{I}_z$$

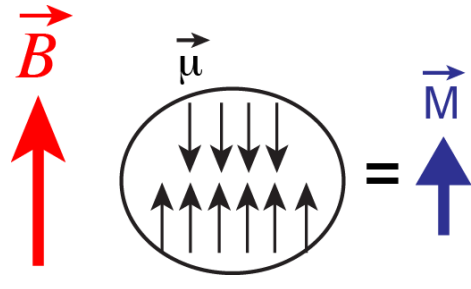
Trace, sum of diagonal       $\hbar\omega_0 \ll kT$       Dropped: commutes with all operators

- Average value of an observable A:

$$\langle A \rangle \equiv \overline{\langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle} = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{A})$$

- The observable in NMR is the magnetization...

- **Magnetization:** the sum of all magnetic dipole moments:



$$\vec{M} = \gamma \langle \hat{I} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \hat{I}_x \rangle \\ \langle \hat{I}_y \rangle \\ \langle \hat{I}_z \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{I}_x) \\ \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{I}_y) \\ \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{I}_z) \end{pmatrix}$$

- The only non-zero traces are:  $\text{Tr}(\hat{I}_x^2)$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\hat{I}_y^2)$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\hat{I}_z^2)$
- So the x, y magnetization are **non-0 only when  $\rho$  contains  $I_x$  and  $I_y$  terms:**

e.g. for  $\hat{\rho} = \cos \omega t \cdot \hat{I}_x + \sin \omega t \cdot \hat{I}_y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{I}_x \pm i \hat{I}_y \rangle &= \text{Tr} \left( \left( \cos \omega t \cdot \hat{I}_x + \sin \omega t \cdot \hat{I}_y \right) \left( \hat{I}_x \pm i \hat{I}_y \right) \right) = \cos \omega t \pm i \sin \omega t \\ &= e^{\pm i \omega t} = f(t) \end{aligned}$$

When the density operator contains  $I_x$ ,  $I_y$  terms, then x and y magnetization can be observed.



# Time Evolution of the Density Operator

$$|\psi(0)\rangle \xrightarrow{\hat{H}} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

*Schrödinger* eqn

$$i\hbar \frac{d|\psi\rangle}{dt} = \hat{H}|\psi\rangle$$

$$\rho(0) \xrightarrow[\text{dipolar couplings, etc}]{\text{rf pulses, chem shifts}} \rho(t)$$

*von Neumann* eqn

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = -i[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}]$$



- If  $H$  and  $\rho$  commute, then  $\rho$  does not change with time (e.g.  $S_z$  magnetization is not affected by  $I_z S_z$  dipolar coupling).
- If  $H$  is time-independent, then the formal solution to the von Neumann eqn is:  

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}t} \hat{\rho}(0) e^{i\hat{H}t} = \hat{U}(t) \hat{\rho}(0) \hat{U}^{-1}(t), \text{ where } U(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}t} \text{ is the propagator.}$$
- More useful solution: (obtained by Taylor-expanding the above exponential operators)

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = \hat{\rho}(0) \cos \omega t + \frac{[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)]}{i\omega} \sin \omega t,$$

$$\text{provided } [\hat{H}, [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)]] = \omega^2 \hat{\rho}(0)$$

# Evolution of $\rho$ Under Two-Spin Dipolar Coupling

Let  $\hat{\rho}(0) = \hat{I}_x$ ,  $\hat{H}_{IS} = \omega_{IS} 2\hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z$

$\hat{\rho}(0) \xrightarrow{H_{IS}} \hat{\rho}(t)?$

$\hat{\rho}(t) = \hat{\rho}(0) \cos \omega t + \frac{[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)]}{i\omega} \sin \omega t$ , provided  $[\hat{H}, [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)]] = \omega^2 \hat{\rho}(0)$

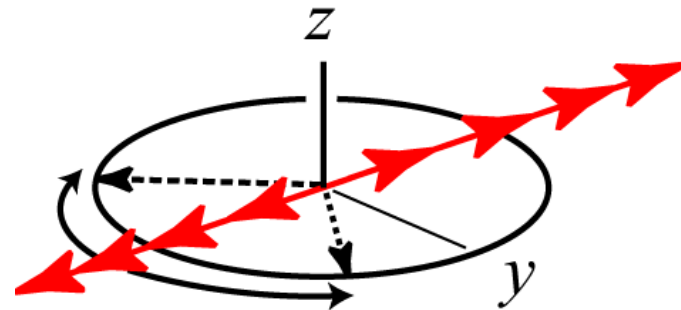
$[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)] = [\omega_{IS} 2\hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z, \hat{I}_x] = \omega_{IS} 2[\hat{I}_z, \hat{I}_x] \hat{S}_z = \omega_{IS} \cdot 2i\hat{I}_y \hat{S}_z$

$[\hat{H}, [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)]] = [\omega_{IS} 2\hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z, \omega_{IS} \cdot 2i\hat{I}_y \hat{S}_z] = \omega_{IS}^2 4i[\hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z, \hat{I}_y \hat{S}_z] = \omega_{IS}^2 4i[\hat{I}_z, \hat{I}_y] \hat{S}_z^2$   
 $= \omega_{IS}^2 i(-i\hat{I}_x) = \omega_{IS}^2 \hat{I}_x$

Thus,  $[\hat{H}, [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}(0)]] = \omega^2 \hat{\rho}(0)$  is satisfied, with  $\omega = \omega_{IS}$

$\hat{\rho}(t) = \hat{I}_x \cos \omega t + 2\hat{I}_y \hat{S}_z \sin \omega t$

↑ Detected as x-magn.      ↑ unobservable.



# Spatial Part of Spin Hamiltonians: Orientation Dependence

The nuclear spin Hamiltonians are truncated to:

$$\hat{H}_{CS} = \left[ \omega_{iso} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \left( 3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right) \right] \cdot \hat{I}_z$$

$$\hat{H}_{D,IS} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \frac{\gamma_I \gamma_S}{r^3} \frac{1}{2} \left( 3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \right) \cdot 2 \hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z$$

$$\hat{H}_{D,II} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \sum_j \sum_k \frac{\gamma^2}{r_{jk}^3} \frac{1}{2} \left( 3 \cos^2 \theta_{jk} - 1 \right) \cdot \left( 3 \hat{I}_z^j \hat{S}_z^k - \hat{I}^j \cdot \hat{I}^k \right)$$

$$\hat{H}_Q = \frac{eQeq}{2I(2I-1)\hbar} \frac{1}{2} \left( 3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right) \left( 3 \hat{I}_z \hat{I}_z - \hat{I} \cdot \hat{I} \right)$$

$$\hat{H}_{Local} = \underbrace{\left[ \omega_{iso} + \omega_{aniso}(\theta, \phi) \right]}_{\substack{\text{spatial part, affected by MAS} \\ \& \text{sample alignment}}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \text{Spin Part} \right)}_{\substack{\text{Affected by} \\ \text{rf pulses}}}$$

# Orientation Dependence of NMR Frequencies

$$\hat{H}_{CS} = \gamma \hat{I} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}_0 \Rightarrow \left[ \omega_{iso} + \frac{1}{2} \delta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi) \right] \cdot \hat{I}_z$$

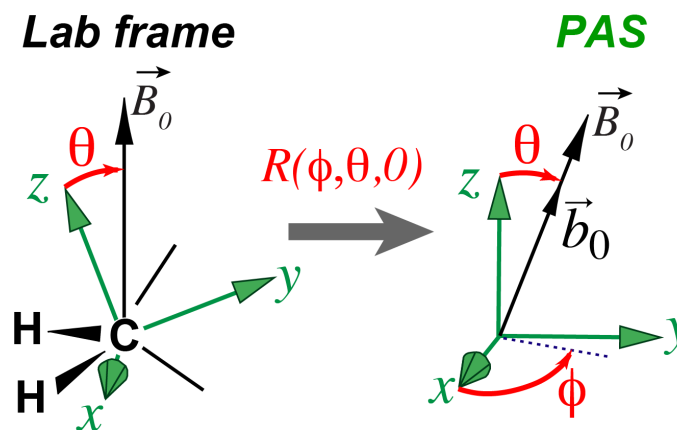
$$\hat{H}_{CS} = \gamma \hat{I} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}_0 = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} I_x & I_y & I_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx}^{Lab} & \sigma_{xy}^{Lab} & \sigma_{xz}^{Lab} \\ \sigma_{yx}^{Lab} & \sigma_{yy}^{Lab} & \sigma_{yz}^{Lab} \\ \sigma_{zx}^{Lab} & \sigma_{yz}^{Lab} & \sigma_{zz}^{Lab} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ B_0 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{truncation}}{=} \gamma I_z \sigma_{zz}^{Lab} B_0$$

$$= \gamma I_z B_0 \begin{pmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \sigma_{zz}^{Lab} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma I_z B_0 \cdot \left( \vec{b}_0^T \vec{\sigma} \vec{b}_0 \right)^{\text{any frame}}$$

*bilinear, invariant with coordinate change*

Choose the **principal axis system (PAS)** where the CS tensor is diagonal

$$\vec{\sigma}^{PAS} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx}^{PAS} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{yy}^{PAS} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{zz}^{PAS} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\vec{b}_0 = (\sin\theta \cos\phi \quad \sin\theta \sin\phi \quad \cos\theta)$$

# Chemical Shift Anisotropy

$$\hat{H}_{CS} = \gamma I_z B_0 \cdot \left( \vec{b}_0^T \quad \vec{\sigma} \quad \vec{b}_0 \right)^{PAS}$$

$$= (\cos\phi \sin\theta, \sin\phi \sin\theta, \cos\theta) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{xx}^{PAS} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_{yy}^{PAS} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_{zz}^{PAS} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi \sin\theta \\ \sin\phi \sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} I_z$$

Principal values:  $\omega_{ii}^{PAS} = \omega_0 \sigma_{ii}^{PAS}$

$$= \left( \omega_{xx}^{PAS} \cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta + \omega_{yy}^{PAS} \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta + \omega_{zz}^{PAS} \cos^2 \theta \right) \cdot I_z$$

Isotropic shift :  $\omega_{iso} \equiv \frac{1}{3} (\omega_{xx} + \omega_{yy} + \omega_{zz})$

Anisotropy parameter :  $\delta \equiv \omega_{zz}^{PAS} - \omega_{iso}$

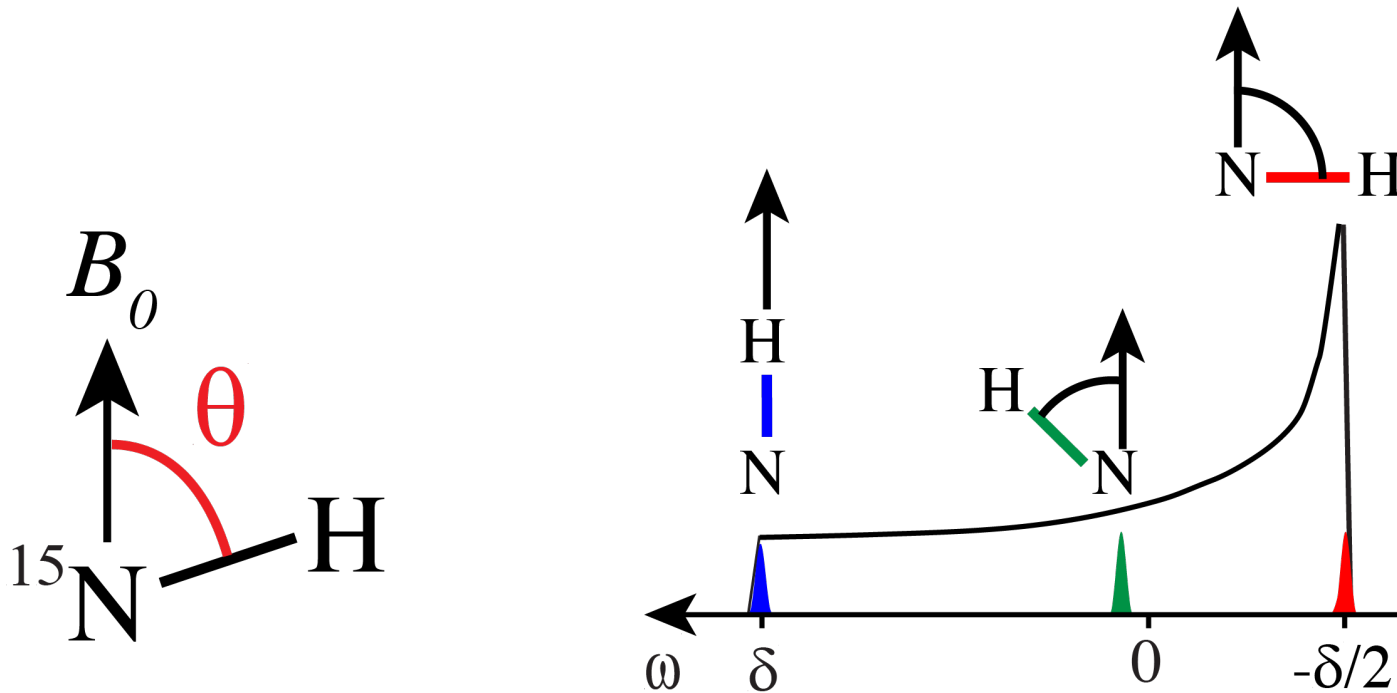
Asymmetry parameter :  $\eta \equiv \frac{\omega_{yy} - \omega_{xx}}{\omega_{zz} - \omega_{iso}}$

- $(\theta, \phi)$ : orientations of the molecules in the sample: powder, oriented, single crystal...
- $(\delta, \eta)$ : electronic environment at the nuclear spin  $\rightarrow$  structure info.

$$\omega(\theta, \phi; \delta, \eta) = \frac{\delta}{2} \left( 3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right) + \omega_{iso}$$

# NMR Frequencies are Orientation-Dependent

$$\omega(\theta, \phi; \delta, \eta) = \frac{\delta}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 - \eta \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi) + \omega_{iso}$$



Orientation dependence allows the measurement of:

- **Helix orientation** in lipid bilayers;
- Changes in bond orientation due to **motion**;
- **Torsion angles**, i.e. relative orientation of molecular segments.

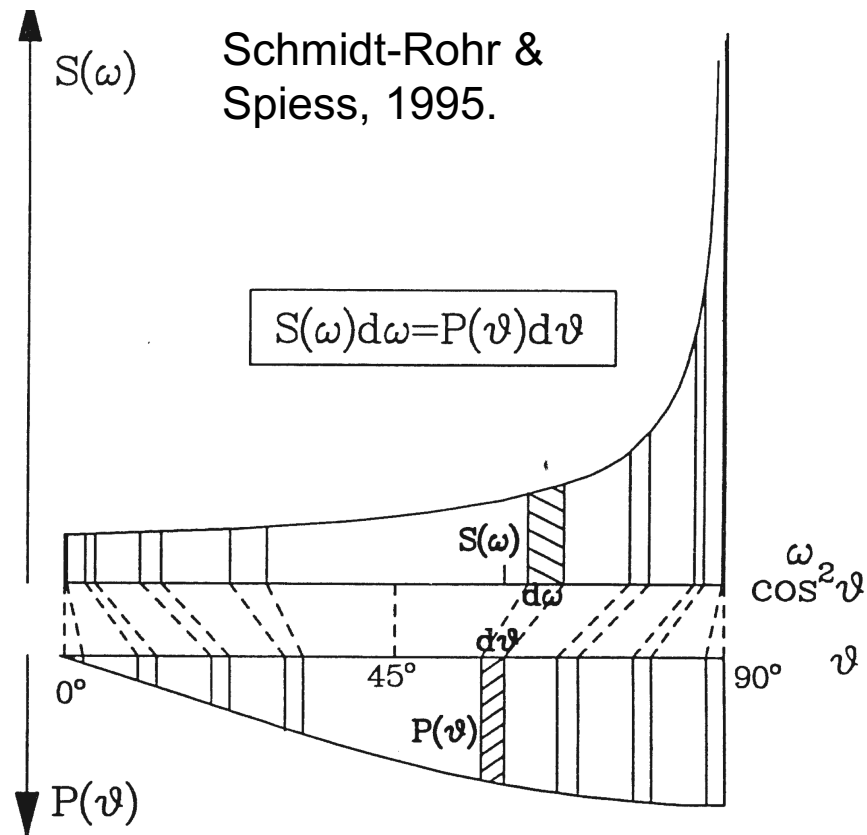
# Static Powder Patterns

Static NMR spectra reflect the orientation distribution of the molecules.

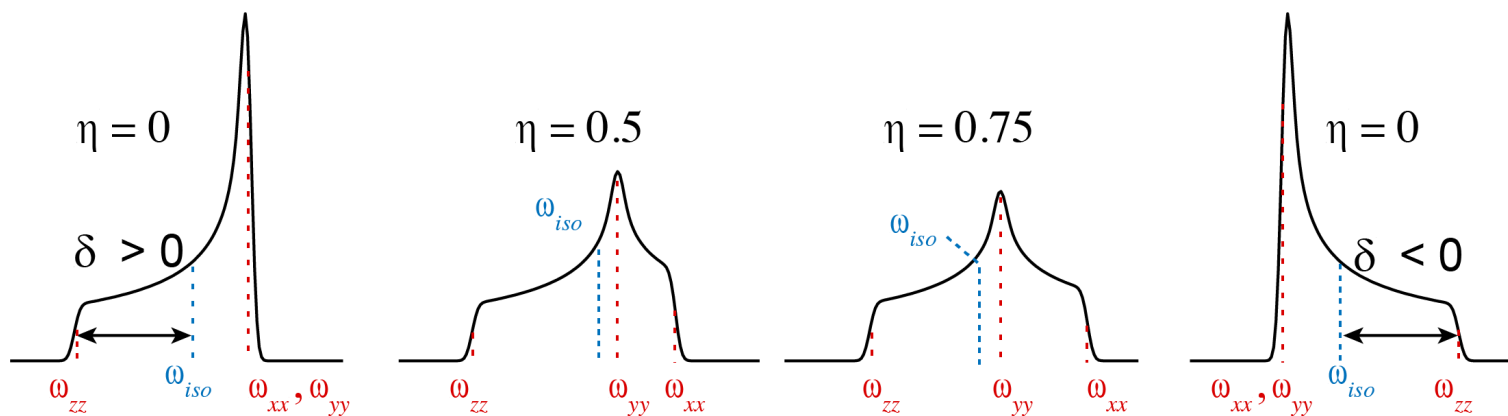
$$\text{For } \eta=0, \quad \omega(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \delta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) + \omega_{iso}$$

$$P(\theta) |d\theta| = S(\omega) |d\omega|, \quad \text{and } P(\theta) = \sin \theta$$

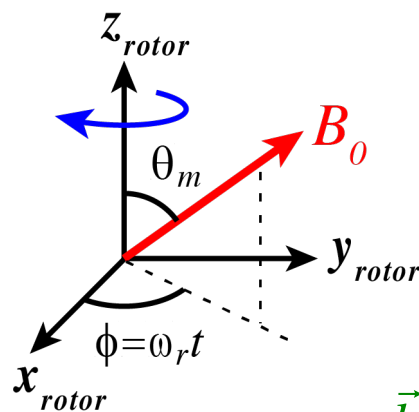
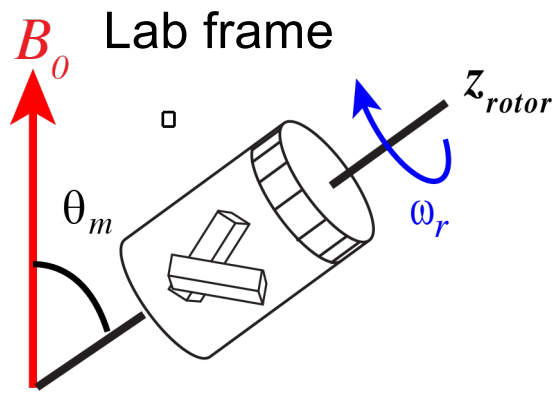
$$\Rightarrow S(\omega) = P(\theta) \left| \frac{d\theta}{d\omega} \right| = \frac{1}{(6\delta(\omega + \delta/2))^{1/2}}$$



3 principal values: directly read off from maximum and step positions.



# Spinning the Sample: $\hat{H}_{Local}(t) = \omega(t) \cdot (\text{Spin Part})$



$$\vec{b}_0^{Rotor} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta_m \cos \omega_r t \\ \sin \theta_m \sin \omega_r t \\ \cos \theta_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_{CS}(\theta, \phi(t)) = \omega_0 \cdot (\vec{b}_0^T \vec{\sigma} \vec{b}_0)^{Rotor}$$

$$= (\sin \theta_m \cos \omega_r t, \sin \theta_m \sin \omega_r t, \cos \theta_m) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{xx}^{rotor} & \omega_{xy}^{rotor} & \omega_{xz}^{rotor} \\ \omega_{yx}^{rotor} & \omega_{yy}^{rotor} & \omega_{yz}^{rotor} \\ \omega_{zx}^{rotor} & \omega_{zy}^{rotor} & \omega_{zz}^{rotor} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta_m \cos \omega_r t \\ \sin \theta_m \sin \omega_r t \\ \cos \theta_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \omega_{iso} + \frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_m - 1) (\omega_{zz}^{rotor} - \omega_{iso}) - (\omega_{yy}^{rotor} - \omega_{xx}^{rotor}) \sin^2 \theta_m \cos 2\omega_r t \\ + \omega_{xy}^{rotor} \sin^2 \theta_m \sin 2\omega_r t + \omega_{xz}^{rotor} \sin 2\theta_m \cos \omega_r t + \omega_{yz}^{rotor} \sin 2\theta_m \cos \omega_r t$$

$$\theta_m = 54.7^\circ: \frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_m - 1) = 0 \quad \theta_m \neq 54.7^\circ: \text{OMAS, SAS, DAS...}$$

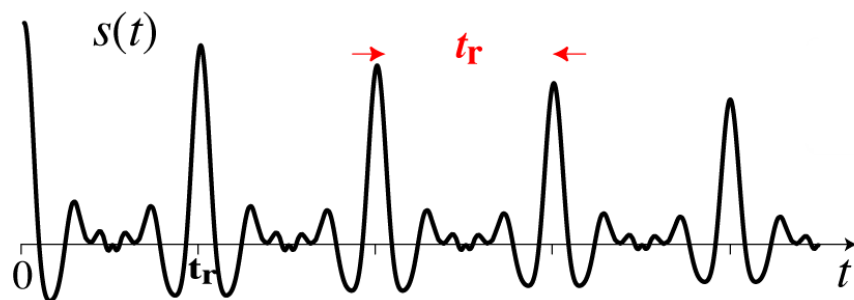


# Periodic Time Signal Under Magic-Angle Spinning

$$\omega_{CS}(\theta_m, \omega_r t) = \omega_{iso} + \cancel{\emptyset} - (\omega_{yy}^{rotor} - \omega_{xx}^{rotor}) \sin^2 \theta_m \cos 2\omega_r t + \omega_{xy}^{rotor} \sin^2 \theta_m \sin 2\omega_r t + \dots$$

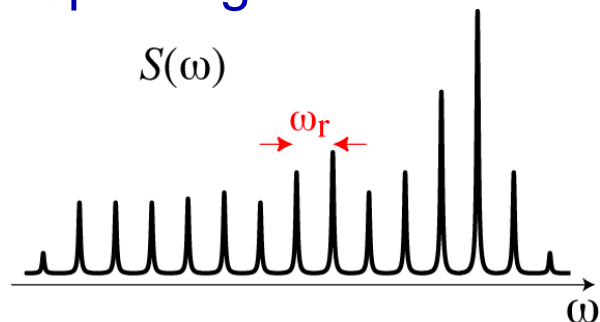
$$\text{At } t = nt_r, \omega_{CS}(\theta_m, \omega_r t) = \omega_{iso} \Rightarrow f(t_r) = e^{i\omega_{iso}t}$$

Rotation echoes



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Spinning sidebands

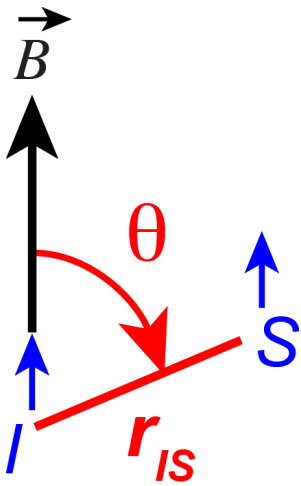


- At all times:  $f(t) = e^{i \int_0^t \omega_{CS}(t') dt'} = e^{i\omega_{iso}t} e^{i \int_0^t \omega_{CSA}(t') dt'}$

- At 60 – 100 kHz MAS:  $\omega_r \gg \omega_{ij}^{rotor}$

$$\int_0^t \omega_{CS}(t') dt' = \omega_{iso}t + \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \frac{\omega_{ij}^{rotor}}{\omega_r} \cos n_{ij} \omega_r t \rightarrow f(t) \approx e^{i\omega_{iso}t}$$

# Dipolar Coupling



$$\vec{D}^{PAS} = \begin{pmatrix} D_{xx}^{PAS} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{yy}^{PAS} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_{zz}^{PAS} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\delta/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\delta/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

- Tensor is along the internuclear vector,  $\eta = 0$ .
- Isotropic component = 0.

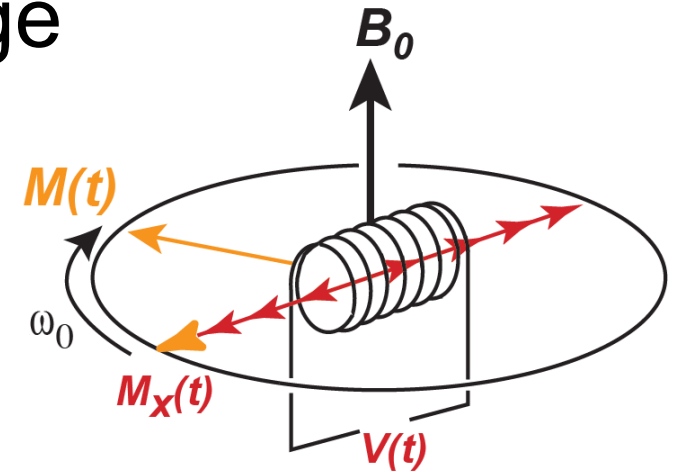
$$\omega_{IS}(\theta; \delta) = \frac{1}{2} \delta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1), \quad \text{where } \delta = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \frac{\gamma_I \gamma_S}{r^3}$$

## Common dipolar coupling constants ( $\delta$ ):

- $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  in  $\text{CH}_2$  groups:  $\sim 1.8 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\sim 32 \text{ kHz}$  (includes 1.5 x for homonuclear)
- $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  single bond:  $1.1 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\sim 23 \text{ kHz}$
- $^{15}\text{N}$ - $^1\text{H}$  single bond:  $1.05 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\sim 10 \text{ kHz}$
- $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  single bond:  $1.54 \text{ \AA}$  (aliphatic),  $\sim 3.1 \text{ kHz}$ ;  $1.4 \text{ \AA}$  (aromatic),  $\sim 4.2 \text{ kHz}$
- $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  bonds in protein backbones:  $\sim 1.5 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $0.9 - 1.0 \text{ kHz}$

# Detecting the NMR Signal - Voltage

The precessing  $M$  induces a voltage in the rf-coil, which is detected.



$$\begin{cases} B_x(t) = \mu_0 M_x(t) = \mu_0 M_0 \sin \omega_L t \\ \text{Magnetic flux: } \phi(t) = \int B(t) dA \end{cases}$$

**Voltage:** 
$$U \equiv -\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\mu_0 \int \frac{dM_x(t)}{dt} dA = -\mu_0 \omega_L M_0 \cos \omega_L t \int dA$$

$$\text{NMR signal} \propto \omega_L M_0 \cos \omega_L t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{S}{N} \propto \frac{\omega_L M_0 \cos \omega_L t}{\sqrt{\omega_L}}$$

$$M_0 = \mu(n_+ - n_-) \propto \mu \cdot \frac{\Delta E}{T} \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_0 = N(\gamma \hbar)^2 B_0 \frac{1}{4kT}$$

$$\Delta E \propto \gamma \hbar B_0$$

$$\frac{S}{N} \propto \frac{\gamma^{5/2} B_0^{3/2}}{T}$$

- NMR time signal if every spin experiences the same B field (a single site):

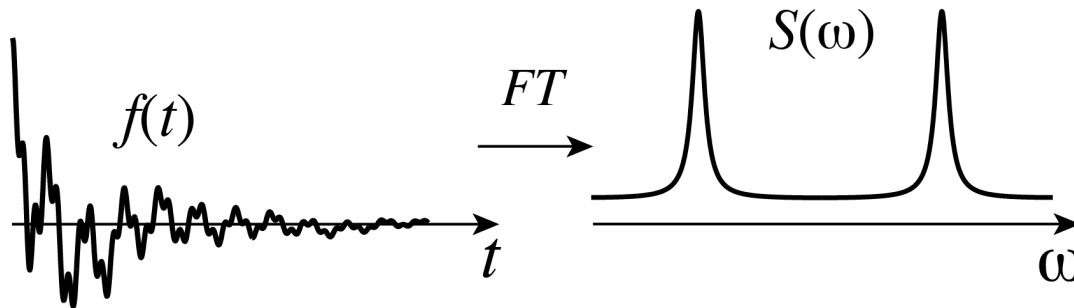
$$f(t) = U(t) \propto \omega_L M_0 \cos \omega_L t$$

# Time Signal & Frequency Spectra of Many Sites: Fourier Transform

- The time signal of **many sites** is a superposition of many frequency components with weighting factors  $S(\omega)$ :

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(\omega) \cos(\omega t) d\omega$$

- Fourier transform of the time signal gives the spectrum  $S(\omega)$  :



$$S(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

Many useful Fourier theorems relate  $f(t)$  and  $S(\omega)$ :

- Inverse width: dwell time = 1/spectral width,  $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 1/\pi T_2$
- Convolution theorem
- Integral theorem
- Symmetry theorem ...

# ***Online resources for basic & advanced ssNMR:***

<http://winterschool.mit.edu/>

[https://spindynamics.org/group/?page\\_id=18](https://spindynamics.org/group/?page_id=18)

## ***Textbooks for ssNMR:***

Schmidt-Rohr and Spiess: Multidimensional Solid-state NMR and Polymers, 1994

Haeberlen: High Resolution NMR in Solids: Selective Averaging, 1976, Adv. Magn. Reson.

