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## **A PRODUCT OPERATOR THEORY OF 2D DEPT J-RESOLVED NMR SPECTROSCOPY FOR $IS_n$ SPIN SYSTEM ( $I=1/2, S=1$ )**

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### **ABSTRACT**

By using the product operator technique, analytical description of multipulse NMR experiments can be made. 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy is obtained by combining DEPT and 2D J-resolved NMR spectroscopy. In this study, the analytical description of heteronuclear 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for a weakly coupled  $IS_n$  ( $I=1/2, S=1, n=1,2,3$ ) spin system is presented and experimental suggestions for  $^{13}\text{C}$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy of deuterated molecules have been made.

### **INTRODUCTION**

There exists a variety of multipulse NMR experiments for spectral assignments of complex molecules. In order to analyze these pulse experiments applied to large spin systems, a quantum mechanical approach has to be used. In analytical description of multipulse 1D and 2D NMR experiments for a weakly

coupled spin systems, product operator formalism can be used [1–10]. Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer (DEPT) and 2D J-resolved NMR techniques are widely used for spectral assignments of complex molecules. By using DEPT NMR experiment,  $^{13}\text{C}$  signals of C, CD,  $\text{CD}_2$  and  $\text{CD}_3$  groups can be identified. In order to resolve the chemical shift and spin–spin coupling parameters along the two different axes heteronuclear 2D J-resolved NMR spectroscopy is used. Sometimes, spectral assignments of 2D J-resolved NMR spectra become too difficult, due to the complex overlapping spectra. In order to solve this problem, 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy, which is the combination of DEPT and 2D J-resolved NMR spectroscopy techniques, is used [11]. The product operator description of 2D J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for a weakly coupled  $IS_n$  spin system ( $I=1/2$ ,  $S=1$ ) has been reported elsewhere [12]. In this study, the product operator technique is used for analytical description of heteronuclear 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for a weakly coupled  $IS_n$  spin system ( $I=1/2$ ,  $S=1$ ) and experimental suggestions for  $^{13}\text{C}$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy of deuterated molecules were made. This will probably be the first application of product operator theory to 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for this system.

## THEORY

Time dependency of the density matrix is given as [6]

$$\sigma(t) = \exp(-iHt)\sigma(0)\exp(iHt). \quad (1)$$

Where  $H$  is time independent total Hamiltonian consists of r.f. pulse, chemical shift and spin-spin coupling Hamiltonians, and  $\sigma(0)$  is the density matrix at  $t=0$ . After employing the Hausdorff formula [6]

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-iHt)A\exp(iHt) = & A - (it)[H, A] + \frac{(it)^2}{2!}[H, [H, A]] \\ & - \frac{(it)^3}{3!}[H, [H, [H, A]]] + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

r.f pulse, chemical shift and spin-spin coupling evolution of product operators can easily be obtained [4,6]. The details on the evolution of product operators under the r.f. pulse, chemical shift and spin-spin coupling Hamiltonians can be found elsewhere [4,6,12]. At any time during the experiment, the ensemble averaged expectation value of the spin angular momentum, e.g. for  $I_y$ , is given as

$$\langle I_y \rangle = \text{Tr}(I_y \sigma(t)). \quad (3)$$

Where  $\sigma(t)$  is the density matrix operator calculated from Eq.(1) at any time. As  $\langle I_y \rangle$  is proportional to the magnitude of the y magnetization, it represents the signal detected on y axis.

### ANALYTICAL DESCRIPTION OF 2D DEPT J-RESOLVED NMR

In order to describe the multi-pulse NMR experiment in product operator technique, it is necessary to obtain the  $\text{Tr}(I_y O)$  values of observable product operators indicated by  $O$ . For  $IS_n$  spin system ( $I=1/2$ ,  $S=1$ ,  $n=1,2,3$ ),  $\text{Tr}(I_y O)$  values for some of the observable product operators were calculated by using a computer program and they are given in Table 1.

In the following, the pulse sequence, illustrated in Fig.1, is used for an analytical description of 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for  $IS_n$  spin system ( $I=1/2$ ,  $S=1$ ). As seen in Fig.1, the density matrix operator at each stage of the experiment is labeled with numbers.

$\sigma_0$  is the density matrix operator at thermal equilibrium and for  $IS$  spin system  $\sigma_0 = S_z$ . The pulse sequence in Fig.1 obviously leads to the following density matrices for each labeled point:

$$\sigma_1 = -S_y, \quad \sigma_2 = 2S_x I_z. \quad (4)$$

Here it is assumed that during  $\tau$  and  $t_1$  between pulses, relaxation and evolution under chemical shift do not exists. Therefore,

$$\sigma_3 = 2S_2 (I_x S_z^2 - I_x S_x^2). \quad (5)$$

TABLE 1

The results of the  $Tr(I_yO)$  calculations for some of the observable product operators ( $i=x,z$ ;  $j=x,z$  and  $k=x,z$ ) in  $IS_n$  spin system ( $I=1/2$ ,  $S=1$ ,  $n=1,2,3$ ).

| Spin System | Product Operator ( $O$ )                                     | $Tr(I_yO)$ |
|-------------|--|------------|
| $IS$        | $I_y$  | $3/2$      |
|             | $I_y S_i^2$  | $1$        |
| $IS_2$      | $I_y$  | $9/2$      |
|             | $I_y(S_{1i}^2+S_{2j}^2)$                                     | $6$        |
|             | $I_y S_{1i}^2 S_{2j}^2$                                      | $2$        |
| $IS_3$      | $I_y$  | $27/2$     |
|             | $I_y(S_{1i}^2+S_{2j}^2+S_{3k}^2)$                            | $27$       |
|             | $I_y(S_{1i}^2 S_{2j}^2+S_{1i}^2 S_{3k}^2+S_{2j}^2 S_{3k}^2)$ | $18$       |
|             | $I_y S_{1i}^2 S_{2j}^2 S_{3k}^2$                             | $4$        |

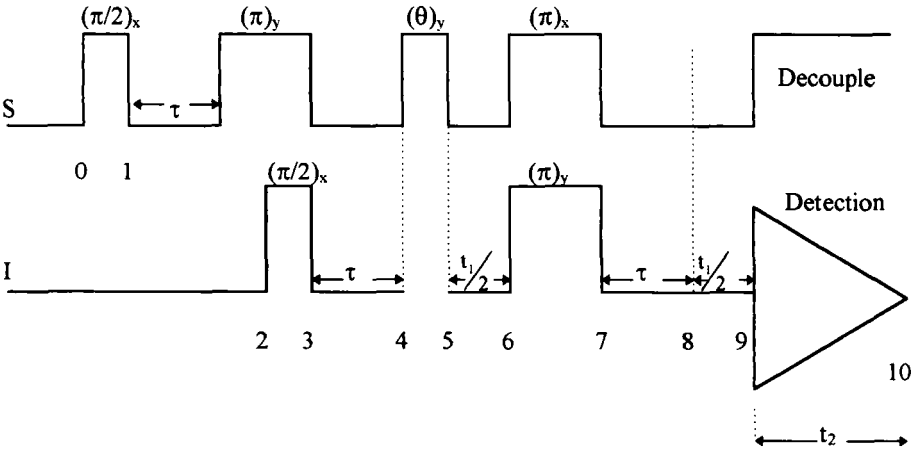


Figure 1. The pulse sequence for 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy.

Furthermore, under the chemical shift evolution during  $t_2$ , the density matrix becomes

$$\sigma_{I0} = 2S_{2\theta}(I_x C_I + I_y S_I)[1/2(C_I - 1)S_z^2 + S_x^2]. \quad (6)$$

In this and in the following equations,  $C_I = \cos \Omega_I t_2$ ,  $S_I = \sin \Omega_I t_2$ ,  $S_{nI} = \sin(n2\pi J t_I)$ ,  $C_{nI} = \cos(n2\pi J t_I)$  and  $S_{n\theta} = \sin n\theta$ . In the case of on y axis detection, magnetization along y axis is proportional to  $\langle I_y \rangle$  and

$$M_y(t_1, t_2) \propto \langle I_y \rangle = \text{Tr}(I_y \sigma_{I0}). \quad (7)$$

Then, we obtained

$$\langle I_y \rangle = S_{2\theta}(1 + C_I)S_I. \quad (8)$$

This equation shows that 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR signal for  $IS$  spin system depends on  $\sin 2\theta$  and for  $\theta = 45^\circ$  it gives signals at  $(J, \Omega_I)$ ,  $(\Omega_I)$  ( $-J, \Omega_I$ ) with an intensity distribution of (1,2,1) which is consistent with the study reported elsewhere [13].

**For  $IS_2$  spin system,**

$$\sigma_0 = S_{Iz} + S_{2z} \quad (9)$$

By using the same pulse sequence, we obtain

$$\langle I_y \rangle = 4(S_{2\theta} + S_{4\theta})\left(\frac{3}{2} + 2C_J + C_{2J}\right)S_I. \quad (10)$$

Where  $C_{2J} = \cos(4\pi J t_I)$ . As seen from this equation 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR signal for  $IS_2$  spin system depends on  $(\sin 2\theta + \sin 4\theta)$ .

By using the same procedure for  $IS_3$  spin system, we obtain

$$\langle I_y \rangle = 2(2S_{2\theta} + 2S_{4\theta} + S_{6\theta})\left(\frac{7}{2} + 6C_J + 3C_{2J} + C_{3J}\right)S_I. \quad (11)$$

This equation represents the FID signal of  $IS_3$  spin system at any angle.

## EXPERIMENTAL SUGGESTIONS

$\text{Tr}(I_y \sigma_{I0})$  values for  $IS$ ,  $IS_2$  and  $IS_3$  spin systems represent the FID signals of  $^{13}\text{C}$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for CD,  $\text{CD}_2$  and  $\text{CD}_3$  groups,

respectively. By adding the  $Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})$  values of all these three groups, total  $Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})$  value can be found as:

$$\begin{aligned} [Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot} = & S_{2\theta} (I + C_J)S_I + 4(S_{2\theta} + S_{4\theta}) \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2C_J + C_{2J}\right)S_I \\ & + 2(2S_{2\theta} + 2S_{4\theta} + S_{6\theta}) \left(\frac{7}{2} + 6C_J + 3C_{2J} + C_{3J}\right)S_I. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

This corresponds to total FID signal for all three groups. At  $\theta=60^\circ$  the relative intensity for CD is nonzero, but for both  $CD_2$  and  $CD_3$  it is zero. Therefore, FID taken at  $\theta=60^\circ$  will give the spectrum for only CD groups. In order to have complete separation of  $^{13}C$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectrum into CD,  $CD_2$  and  $CD_3$  subspectra FID signals should be taken at  $\theta=27^\circ$ ,  $\theta=60^\circ$  and  $\theta=74^\circ$  and their combinations should be made as following:

$$I_{CD} = [Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(60^\circ) \quad (13)$$

$$I_{CD_2} = [Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(27^\circ) + a[Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(60^\circ) - b[Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(74^\circ) \quad (14)$$

$$I_{CD_3} = [Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(27^\circ) - c[Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(60^\circ) + d[Tr(I_y\sigma_{I0})]_{tot}(74^\circ). \quad (15)$$

Where  $a=8.19$ ,  $b=14.91$ ,  $c=3.85$  and  $d=4.77$ . These values were found here and some of them are different from those reported for DEPT NMR elsewhere [13]. After these combinations, the theoretical representations of FID signals for CD,  $CD_2$  and  $CD_3$  groups are obtained as:

$$I_{CD} \propto (I + C_J)S_I \quad (16)$$

$$I_{CD_2} \propto \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2C_J + C_{2J}\right)S_I \quad (17)$$

$$I_{CD_3} \propto \left(\frac{7}{2} + 6C_J + 3C_{2J} + C_{3J}\right)S_I. \quad (18)$$

These theoretical combinations can be applied to  $^{13}C$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR experiments of deuterated molecules. And therefore CD,  $CD_2$  and  $CD_3$  groups can be easily identified.

In conclusion, product operator description of 2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy for  $IS_n$  ( $I=1/2$ ,  $S=1$ ,  $n=1,2,3$ ) spin system is presented. Theoretical representations of  $^{13}C$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectra of CD,  $CD_2$  and  $CD_3$

groups were separately obtained and experimental suggestions for  $^{13}\text{C}$  2D DEPT J-resolved NMR spectroscopy of deuterated molecules were made.

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