Lecture 12: Strong coupling

Strong coupling

$$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2, \quad \omega_{0,1} \approx \omega_{0,2}, \quad \Omega_1 \approx \Omega_2$$

Secular approximation not applicable:

 $\mathscr{H} = +\omega_{0,1}\mathscr{I}_{1z} + \omega_{0,2}\mathscr{I}_{2z} + \pi J \left(2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2z} + 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2x} + 2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2y} \right)$

 \mathscr{I}_{1z} and \mathscr{I}_{2z} do not commute with $2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2x}$ and $2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2y}$:

$$\begin{split} [\mathscr{I}_{1z}, 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2x}] &= 2[\mathscr{I}_{1z}, \mathscr{I}_{1x}]\mathscr{I}_{2x} = \mathsf{i}2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2x} \\ [\mathscr{I}_{1z}, 2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2y}] &= 2[\mathscr{I}_{1z}, \mathscr{I}_{1y}]\mathscr{I}_{2y} = -\mathsf{i}2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2y} \\ [\mathscr{I}_{2z}, 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2x}] &= 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}[\mathscr{I}_{2z}, \mathscr{I}_{2x}] = \mathsf{i}2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2y} \\ [\mathscr{I}_{2z}, 2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2y}] &= 2\mathscr{I}_{1y}[\mathscr{I}_{2z}, \mathscr{I}_{2y}] = -\mathsf{i}2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2x} \end{split}$$

Effects of $2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2x}$, $2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2y}$ and \mathscr{I}_{1z} , \mathscr{I}_{2z} cannot be analyzed separately in any order

Strong coupling

 $\mathscr{H} = +\omega_{0,1}\mathscr{I}_{1z} + \omega_{0,2}\mathscr{I}_{2z} + \pi J \left(2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2z} + 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2x} + 2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2y} \right)$

Hamiltonian not diagonal:

$$\mathscr{H} = \frac{\pi}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma + J & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta - J & 2J & 0 \\ 0 & 2J & -\Delta - J & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\Sigma + J \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = (\omega_{0,1} + \omega_{0,2})/\pi$$
$$\Delta = (\omega_{0,1} - \omega_{0,2})/\pi$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

NOT stationary states (eigenfunctions of *#*)

New basis \Rightarrow diagonalized Hamiltonian



 $\Delta = (\omega_{0,1} - \omega_{0,2})/\pi$



stationary states (eigenfunctions of \mathscr{H}')

Diagonalized Hamiltonian

$$\mathscr{H}' = \frac{\pi}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma + J & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\Delta^2 + 4J^2} - J & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{\Delta + 4J^2} - J & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\Sigma + J \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\omega_{0,1}'}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\omega_{0,1}'}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \pi J \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathscr{H}' = \omega'_{0,1}\mathscr{I}_{1z} + \omega'_{0,2}\mathscr{I}_{2z} + \pi J \cdot 2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2z}$$
$$\omega'_{0,1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\omega_{0,1} + \omega_{0,2} + \sqrt{(\omega_{0,1} - \omega_{0,2})^2 + 4\pi^2 J^2} \right)$$
$$\omega'_{0,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\omega_{0,1} + \omega_{0,2} - \sqrt{(\omega_{0,1} - \omega_{0,2})^2 + 4\pi^2 J^2} \right)$$

$\widehat{\rho}$ and \widehat{M}_+ in the new basis

$$\begin{split} \mathscr{I}'_{1y} + \mathscr{I}'_{2y} &= c_{\xi}(\mathscr{I}_{1y} + \mathscr{I}_{2y}) + s_{\xi}(2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2y} - 2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2z}) \\ \mathscr{I}'_{1x} + \mathscr{I}'_{2x} &= c_{\xi}(\mathscr{I}_{1x} + \mathscr{I}_{2x}) + s_{\xi}(2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2x} - 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2z}) \\ \mathscr{I}'_{1+} + \mathscr{I}'_{2+} &= c_{\xi}(\mathscr{I}_{1x} + \mathscr{I}_{2x} + i\mathscr{I}_{1y} + i\mathscr{I}_{2y}) \\ &+ s_{\xi}(2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2x} - 2\mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2z} + i2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2y} - i2\mathscr{I}_{1y}\mathscr{I}_{2z}) \end{split}$$

Signal of a strongly coupled pair



 $\operatorname{Tr}\left\{\frac{2}{\kappa}\widehat{\rho}_{1}^{\prime}(t)\mathscr{I}_{1+}^{\prime}\right\}$ Contrib. $+ ic_{\xi}^{2}c_{1}'c_{J} - ic_{\xi}s_{\xi}s_{1}'s_{J} \\ + is_{\xi}^{2}c_{1}'c_{J} - ic_{\xi}s_{\xi}s_{1}'s_{J} \\ + is_{\xi}c_{1}'c_{J} - ic_{\xi}s_{\xi}s_{1}'s_{J} \\ \end{bmatrix} = i\left(c_{1}'c_{J} - \frac{2J}{\sqrt{4J^{2} + \Delta^{2}}}s_{1}'s_{J}\right)$ \mathscr{I}_1y $2\mathcal{I}_{1y}\mathcal{I}_{2z}$ $- c_{\xi}^{2} s_{1}' c_{J} - c_{\xi} s_{\xi} c_{1}' s_{J} \\ - s_{\xi}^{2} s_{1}' c_{J} - c_{\xi} s_{\xi} c_{1}' s_{J} \\ + - \left(s_{1}' c_{J} + \frac{2J}{\sqrt{4J^{2} + \Delta^{2}}} c_{1}' s_{J} \right)$ \mathscr{I}_{1x} $2\mathcal{I}_{1u}\mathcal{I}_{2z}$

Signal of a strongly coupled pair

$$\begin{aligned} \Re\{Y(\omega)\} &= \left(1 - \frac{J}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + 4J^2}}\right) \frac{\mathcal{N}\gamma^2 \hbar^2 B_0}{16k_{\rm B}T} \frac{\overline{R}_2}{\overline{R}_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega_1' - \pi J)^2} \\ &+ \left(1 + \frac{J}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + 4J^2}}\right) \frac{\mathcal{N}\gamma^2 \hbar^2 B_0}{16k_{\rm B}T} \frac{\overline{R}_2}{\overline{R}_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega_1' - \pi J)^2} \\ &+ \left(1 + \frac{J}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + 4J^2}}\right) \frac{\mathcal{N}\gamma^2 \hbar^2 B_0}{16k_{\rm B}T} \frac{\overline{R}_2}{\overline{R}_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega_2' + \pi J)^2} \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{J}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + 4J^2}}\right) \frac{\mathcal{N}\gamma^2 \hbar^2 B_0}{16k_{\rm B}T} \frac{\overline{R}_2}{\overline{R}_2^2 + (\omega - \Omega_2' + \pi J)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_1' = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Omega_1 + \Omega_2 + \sqrt{(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)^2 + 4\pi^2 J^2} \right)$$
$$\Omega_2' = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Omega_1 + \Omega_2 - \sqrt{(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)^2 + 4\pi^2 J^2} \right)$$



Strong vs. weak J-coupling

• Centers of doublets shifted from Ω_1 and Ω_1 by $\pm \left(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2 - \sqrt{(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)^2 + 4\pi^2 J^2}\right)/2$

• Intensities of inner/outer peaks increased/decreased by $2\pi J/\sqrt{(\Omega_1-\Omega_2)^2+4\pi^2 J^2}$

• $\sqrt{(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)^2 + 4\pi^2 J^2}$ makes the difference $|\Omega_1 - \Omega_2| \gg 2\pi |J|$ weak











Magnetic equivalence

• $\omega_{0,1} = \omega_{0,2}$ molecular symmetry or accident

•
$$J_{13} = J_{23}, \quad J_{14} = J_{24}, \dots$$

Existence of a plane of symmetry is not sufficient, the plane must bisect the particular pair of nuclei.

Magnetic equivalence: eigenfunctions

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

stationary states (eigenfunctions of \mathscr{H}')

Magnetic equivalence: eigenvalues

$$\hat{I}^{2} = \left(\hat{\vec{I}}_{1} + \hat{\vec{I}}_{2}\right)^{2} = \hat{I}_{1}^{2} + \hat{I}_{2}^{2} + 2\hat{I}_{1x}\hat{I}_{2x} + 2\hat{I}_{1y}\hat{I}_{2y} + 2\hat{I}_{1z}\hat{I}_{2z}$$

$$\mathscr{H}' = (\omega_{0} + \pi J)\mathscr{I}_{1z} + (\omega_{0} - \pi J)\mathscr{I}_{2z} + \pi J \cdot 2\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2z}$$

Eigenfunction	\widehat{I}_1^2	\widehat{I}_2^2	$\widehat{I}^{2\prime}$	\widehat{I}'_{z}	\mathcal{H}'
$ lpha angle\otimes lpha angle$	3 $\hbar^2/4$	3 $\hbar^2/4$	2ħ ²	$+\hbar$	$+\omega_0+\frac{\pi}{2}J$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha\rangle \otimes \beta\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta\rangle \otimes \alpha\rangle$	3ħ²/4	3ħ²/4	2ħ ²	0	$+\frac{\pi}{2}J$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha\rangle \otimes \beta\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta\rangle \otimes \alpha\rangle$	3 $\hbar^2/4$	3 $\hbar^2/4$	0	0	$-\frac{3\pi}{2}J$
$ \beta\rangle \otimes \beta\rangle$	$3\hbar^2/4$	3 $\hbar^2/4$	2ħ ²	$-\hbar$	$-\omega_0 + \frac{\pi}{2}J$

TOCSY (TOtally Correlated SpectroscopY)



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Simple example:





 $\widehat{\rho}(\mathsf{a}) = \frac{1}{4}(\mathscr{I}_t + \kappa \mathscr{I}_{1z} + \kappa \mathscr{I}_{2z} + \kappa \mathscr{I}_{3z})$

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 $\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{4}(\mathscr{I}_t - \kappa \mathscr{I}_{1y} - \kappa \mathscr{I}_{2y} - \kappa \mathscr{I}_{3y})$

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TOCSY pulse train applied with 90° (y) phases \Rightarrow

- \mathcal{I}_{1y} , \mathcal{I}_{2y} , \mathcal{I}_{3y} components of the density matrix intact
- operators with \mathscr{I}_{nx} and \mathscr{I}_{nz} rotate "about" the \mathscr{I}_{ny} "axis"
- ullet long rotation randomizes polarization in x and z
- only the \mathscr{I}_{1y} , \mathscr{I}_{2y} , \mathscr{I}_{3y} , "locked" in y, survive
- \bullet only evolution of $\mathscr{I}_{1y},\ \mathscr{I}_{2y},\ \mathscr{I}_{3y}$ can give a signal

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$$\hat{\rho}(c) = \dots - \frac{\kappa}{4} \cos(\Omega_1 t_1) \cos(\pi J_{12} t_1) \mathscr{I}_{1y} - \frac{\kappa}{4} \cos(\Omega_2 t_1) \cos(\pi J_{12} t_1) \cos(\pi J_{23} t_1) \mathscr{I}_{2y} - \frac{\kappa}{4} \cos(\Omega_3 t_1) \cos(\pi J_{23} t_1) \mathscr{I}_{3y}$$

TOCSY MIXING



 $\mathscr{H}_{\text{TOCSY}} = \pi J_{12} (2\mathscr{I}_{1x} \mathscr{I}_{2x} + 2\mathscr{I}_{1y} \mathscr{I}_{2y} + 2\mathscr{I}_{1z} \mathscr{I}_{2z})$ $+ \pi J_{23} (2\mathscr{I}_{2x} \mathscr{I}_{3x} + 2\mathscr{I}_{2y} \mathscr{I}_{3y} + 2\mathscr{I}_{2z} \mathscr{I}_{3z})$

All components of $\mathscr{H}_{\mathsf{TOCSY}}$ commute their effects can be analyzed separately in any order

TOCSY MIXING

- ... but the analysis is not simple for > 2 nuclei
- Commutator relations provide insight:

• $[\mathscr{I}_{1y}, \mathscr{H}_{\mathsf{TOCSY}}] = -2i\pi J_{12}(\mathscr{I}_{1z}\mathscr{I}_{2x} - \mathscr{I}_{1x}\mathscr{I}_{2z}) \neq 0$ \Rightarrow part of \mathscr{I}_{1y} is lost

• $[\mathscr{I}_{1y} + \mathscr{I}_{2y}, \mathscr{H}_{\text{TOCSY}}] = 2i\pi J_{23}(\mathscr{I}_{2x}\mathscr{I}_{3z} - \mathscr{I}_{2z}\mathscr{I}_{3x}) \neq 0$ \Rightarrow the loss of \mathscr{I}_{1y} is not fully regained by \mathscr{I}_{2y}

• $[\mathscr{I}_{1y} + \mathscr{I}_{2y} + \mathscr{I}_{3y}, \mathscr{H}_{TOCSY}] = 0$ \Rightarrow some \mathscr{I}_{3y} must be created to keep $\mathscr{I}_{1y} + \mathscr{I}_{2y} + \mathscr{I}_{3y}$ constant despite $J_{13} = 0!$

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$$\hat{\rho}(d) = -\frac{\kappa}{4} \cos(\Omega_1 t_1) \cos(\pi J_{12} t_1) (a_{11} \mathscr{I}_{1y} + a_{12} \mathscr{I}_{2y} + a_{13} \mathscr{I}_{3y}) - \frac{\kappa}{4} \cos(\Omega_2 t_1) \cos(\pi J_{12} t_1) \cos(\pi J_{23} t_1) \times (a_{21} \mathscr{I}_{1y} + a_{22} \mathscr{I}_{2y} + a_{23} \mathscr{I}_{3y}) - \frac{\kappa}{4} \cos(\Omega_3 t_1) \cos(\pi J_{23} t_1) (a_{31} \mathscr{I}_{1y} + a_{32} \mathscr{I}_{2y} + a_{33} \mathscr{I}_{3y})$$

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Evolution of $\hat{\rho}(t_2)$ analyzed as usually:

$$\frac{\kappa a_{11}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{12}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{2}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{2}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{1}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{1}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{1}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-\overline{R}_{2}t_{2}} \left(e^{-i(\Omega_{3}-\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa a_{13}}{16} e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{1}} \right) e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}} + e^{-i(\Omega_{3}+\pi J_{12})t_{2}}$$

TOCSY spectrum



TOCSY vs. COSY

different structural information

• TOCSY:

cross-peaks correlate all nuclei of a spin system (spin system = network of J-coupled nuclei) whole spin system in one spectrum

• COSY:

cross-peaks correlate only directly coupled nuclei who is whose neighbor

HOMEWORK:

Section 12.4.2

Strong coupling