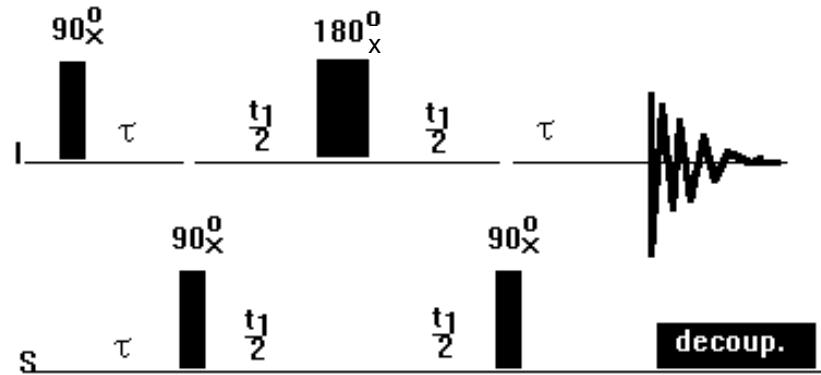


# HMQC = Heteronuclear Multiple-Quantum Coherence

The pulse sequence:

(e.g.  $^1\text{H}$ ) I:  $90^\circ_x$  ---  $\tau$  ---  $1/2t_1$  ---  $180^\circ_x$  ---  $1/2t_1$  ---  $\tau$  ---  $t_2$   
 (e.g.  $^{13}\text{C}, ^{15}\text{N}$ ) S:  $90^\circ_x$    $90^\circ_x$    $90^\circ_x$

Consider:  $\Omega_I$ ,  $\Omega_S$  and  $J_{IS}$



$\sigma[\text{eq.}]$

$$\hat{H} = \pi/2 (\hat{I}_x)$$

$\sigma[0]$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{I}_z(\Omega_I\tau)$$

$$\hat{H} = 2\hat{I}_z\check{S}_z(J_{IS}\pi\tau)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{I}_z \\ \downarrow 90^\circ_x \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} -\mathbf{I}_y \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$-\mathbf{I}_y \cos(\Omega_I\tau) + \mathbf{I}_x \sin(\Omega_I\tau)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &-\mathbf{I}_y \cos(\Omega_I\tau) \cos(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\ &\quad + 2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\ &+\mathbf{I}_x \sin(\Omega_I\tau) \cos(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\ &\quad + 2\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\mathbf{I}_y \cos(\Omega_I \tau) \cos(\pi J_{IS} \tau) + 2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I \tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau) \\
 & + \mathbf{I}_x \sin(\Omega_I \tau) \cos(\pi J_{IS} \tau) + 2\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I \tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\tau$  is set to to maximize the coherence transfer during the forthcoming steps:

- what is on  $-\mathbf{I}_y$  and  $+\mathbf{I}_x$  is the residual part (this **should be minimized**)
- what is on  $\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z$  and  $\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_z$  will be transferred (this part **should be maximized**):

Thus, if  $\tau = 1/(2J_{IS})$ , then  $\sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau) = 1$  and  $\cos(\pi J_{IS} \tau) = 0$ !

$$+2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I \tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau) + 2\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I \tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau)$$

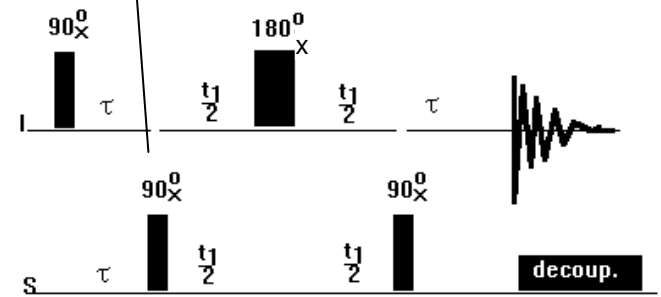
$$\hat{H} = \pi/2 (S_x)$$

$\downarrow 90^\circ_x$

$$-2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_y \cos(\Omega_I \tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau) - 2\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_y \sin(\Omega_I \tau) \sin(\pi J_{IS} \tau)$$

Both  $-2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_y$  and  $-2\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_y$  are mixtures of heteronuclear zero- and double-quantum coherences. (Unlike for DQF-COSY and NOESY, here we use both terms.)

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & \hat{H} = \hat{I}_z(\Omega_I[1/2t_1]) \text{ and } S_z(\Omega_S[1/2t_1]) \\
 & \hat{H} = 2\hat{I}_z \check{S}_z (J_{IS} \pi[1/2t_1]) \\
 & \hat{H} = \pi \hat{I}_x \\
 & \hat{H} = \hat{I}_z(\Omega_I[1/2t_1]) \text{ and } S_z(\Omega_S[1/2t_1]) \\
 & \hat{H} = 2\hat{I}_z \check{S}_z (J_{IS} \pi[1/2t_1])
 \end{aligned} \right.$$



„hetero” echo

The latter Hamiltonians are of a refocusing module; " ----1/2t<sub>1</sub> ---- 180°<sub>x</sub> ----1/2t<sub>1</sub> ---- ",  
 During a „heteronuclear echo” the heteronuclear coupling (**JS**) doesn't evolve and chemical shift doesn't evolve.

Furthermore, S<sub>z</sub>(Ω<sub>S</sub>[1/2t<sub>1</sub>]) followed by S<sub>z</sub>(Ω<sub>S</sub>[1/2t<sub>1</sub>]) is equal to S<sub>z</sub>(Ω<sub>S</sub>t<sub>1</sub>).

Thus, the simplify Hem is composed of 2 terms only:

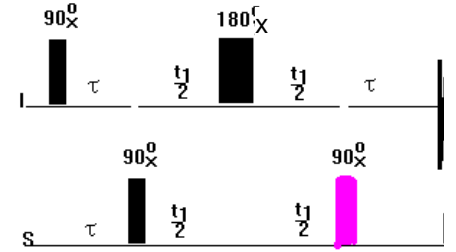
- $\hat{H} = \pi\hat{I}_x$  and
- $\hat{H} = S_z(\Omega_S t_1)$  applied consecutively.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \hat{H} = \pi\hat{I}_x & \begin{array}{c} -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_y \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\ \downarrow 180^\circ_x \end{array} & -2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_y \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\
 \hat{H} = S_z(\Omega_S t_1) & \begin{array}{c} -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_y \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\ \downarrow \end{array} & +2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_y \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \\
 & & -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_y \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) + 2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_x \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1) \\
 & & + 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_y \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) - 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_x \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1)
 \end{array}$$

*memo:* These 4 terms are all **h**eteronuclear **m**ultiple **q**uantum **c**oherences (HMQC)

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_y \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) + 2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_x \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1) \\
& + 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_y \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) - 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_x \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{H} = \pi/2 (S_x) \quad \downarrow 90^\circ_x$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) + 2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_x \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1) \\
& + 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) - 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_x \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1)
\end{aligned}$$

*memo 1:*  $+2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_x \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1)$  and  $-2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_x \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\sin(\Omega_S t_1)$  terms will not be observable at the end.

*memo 2:*  $-2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)$  and  $+2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)$  are single quantum coherences on spin I. (both observables)

$$\hat{H} = \hat{I}_z(\Omega_I\tau) \quad \begin{array}{l} -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) \\ +2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1) \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\cos(\Omega_I\tau) \\
& \quad -2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\sin(\Omega_I\tau) \\
& \quad +2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\cos(\Omega_I\tau) \\
& -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\sin(\Omega_I\tau)
\end{aligned}$$

*memo 1:*

$$-2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\sin(\Omega_I\tau) + 2\mathbf{I}_y\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\cos(\Omega_I\tau) = 0$$

*memo 2:*

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\cos(\Omega_I\tau) - 2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\Omega_I\tau)\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)\sin(\Omega_I\tau) = \\
& -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)[\cos^2(\Omega_I\tau) + \sin^2(\Omega_I\tau)] = -2\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{S}_z \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau)\cos(\Omega_S t_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the remaining signal term is:

$$\hat{H} = 2\hat{I}_z \check{S}_z(J_{IS}\pi\tau) \quad \begin{array}{c} -2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \\ \downarrow \\ -2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \cos(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \quad -\mathbf{I}_y \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) \end{array}$$

as mentioned previously if  $\tau = 1/(2J_{IS})$  then  $\sin(\pi J_{IS}\tau) = 1$  and  $\cos(\pi J_{IS}\tau) = 0$

Therefore before ACQ the only term is that of  $-\mathbf{I}_y \cos(\Omega_S t_1)$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{I}_z(\Omega_I[t_2]) \text{ and } S_z(\Omega_S[t_2]) \quad \downarrow$$

$$\hat{H} = 2\hat{I}_z \check{S}_z(J_{IS}\pi[t_2])$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -\mathbf{I}_y \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \cos(\Omega_I t_2) \cos(\pi J_{IS} t_2) \\ +2\mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \cos(\Omega_I t_2) \sin(\pi J_{IS} t_2) \\ +\mathbf{I}_x \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \sin(\Omega_I t_2) \cos(\pi J_{IS} t_2) \\ +2\mathbf{I}_y \mathbf{S}_z \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \sin(\Omega_I t_2) \sin(\pi J_{IS} t_2) \end{array}$$

memo 1: put the receiver on x

therefore only the single x term remains :  $+I_x \cos(\Omega_S t_1) \sin(\Omega_I t_2) \cos(\pi J_{IS} t_2)$

memo 2:  $\sin(A) \cos(B) = 1/2 [\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)]$

therefore

$$-1/2 I_x \cos(\Omega_S t_1) [+ \sin\{(\Omega_I + \pi J_{IS}) t_2\} + \sin\{(\Omega_I - \pi J_{IS}) t_2\}]$$

the following term can be found  $- I_x [+ .. + ..]$  at  $\Omega_I, \Omega_S$

if one sets the phase that  $\cos$  is absorptive (a) in  $t_1$

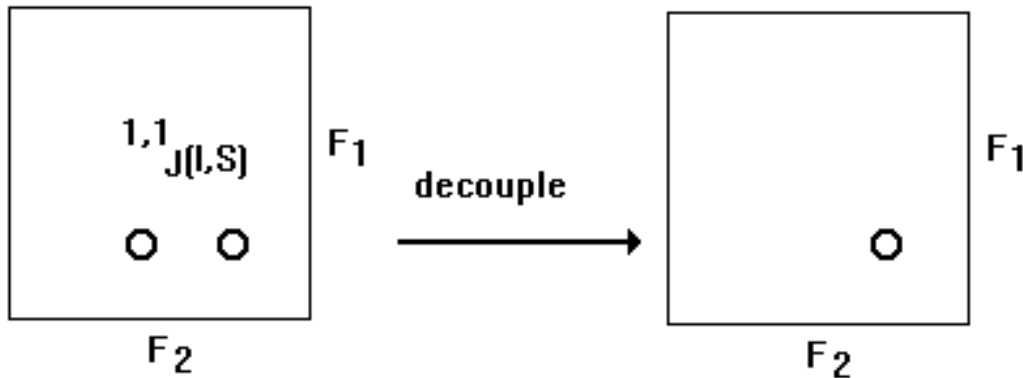
$\sin$  is absorptive (d) in  $t_2$

$$I_x [+ a .. + a ..]$$
 at  $\Omega_I, \Omega_S$

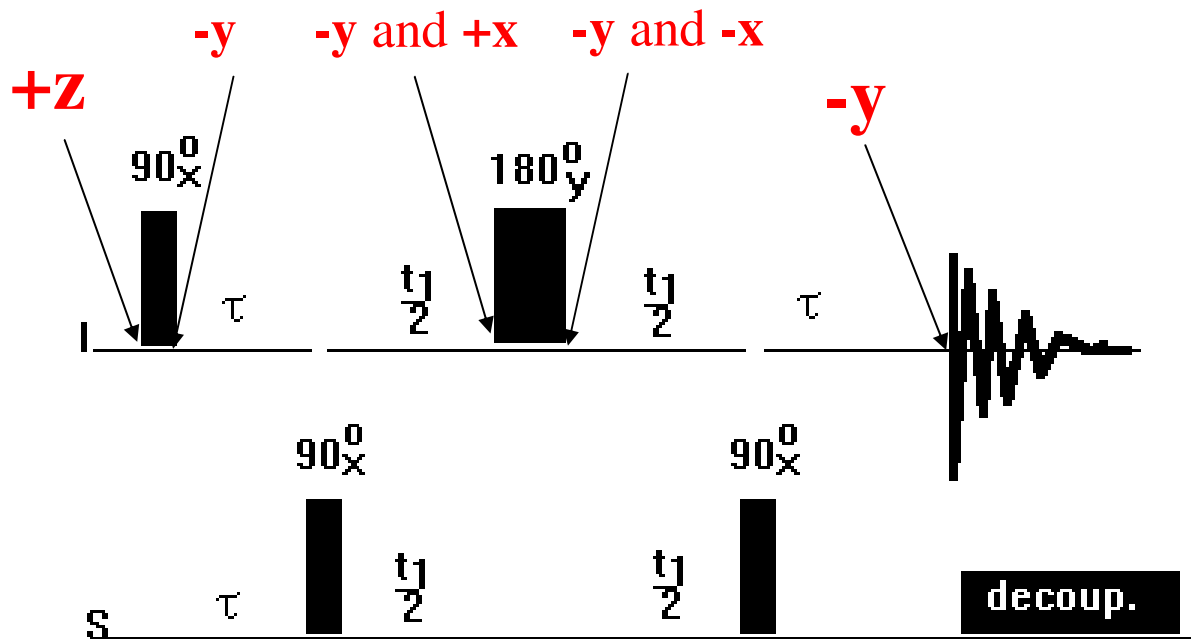
Singlet in F1 and the in phased doublet in F2. ( ${}^1J_{[H,N]} \cong 90$  Hz,  ${}^1J_{[H,C]} \cong 150$  Hz)

if we decouple during  $t_2$  ( $\hat{H} = 2\hat{I}_z \check{S}_z (J_{IS} \pi [t_2])$  is not active) then the spectrum is

$$I_x [+ a ]$$
 at  $\Omega_I, \Omega_S$



## Monitoring bulk $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ along the sequence:



What is happening with the bulk water during the HSQC pulses? If  $\tau + t_1/2 = \Delta$ , then

$$+\mathbf{H}_z \xrightarrow{(90^\circ_x)} -\mathbf{H}_y$$

$$\xrightarrow{-(\mathbf{H}_z(\Omega_H \Delta))} -\mathbf{H}_y \cos(\Omega_H \Delta) + \mathbf{H}_x \sin(\Omega_H \Delta)$$

$$\xrightarrow{-(180^\circ_y)} -\mathbf{H}_y \cos(\Omega_H \Delta) - \mathbf{H}_x \sin(\Omega_H \Delta)$$

$$\xrightarrow{-(\mathbf{H}_z(\Omega_H \Delta))} -\mathbf{H}_y \cos(\Omega_H \Delta) + \mathbf{H}_x \sin(\Omega_H \Delta) - \mathbf{H}_x \sin(\Omega_H \Delta) - \mathbf{H}_y \cos(\Omega_H \Delta) = -\mathbf{H}_y$$

Water before acquisition is aligned along  $-y$ . Thus, most of the water is detected during  $t_2$ . This is a dreadful news.