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EFFECTS OF FINITE PULSE WIDTHS ON ECHO SIGNALS IN HETERONUCLEAR SPIN SYSTEMS

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Introduction

The effects of the finite RF pulse width on the free induction decay (FID) and the solid-echo signal in solids with only one nuclear species (homonuclear spin systems) were discussed in [1-4]. It was shown that the FID after the hard 90^{0} RF pulse with the finite amplitude and duration (t₁) has its origin at the centre of RF pulse (t₁/2). It was shown also that due to the dipole-dipole interactions during the RF pulses the maximum of solid-echo signal was observed at $t_{c} = 2\tau + t_{2} - t_{1}/2$.

The main purpose of this work is the analysis the influence of the finite pulse width on the FID and solid-echo signals in solids with two nuclear species (heteronuclear spin systems).

Results and discussion

Using the formalism described in [3 - 5] we obtained the following expression for the FID signal in homonuclear spin system

$$G(t) = G_0(t-t_1) F_0(t_1/2) + M_{211} G_1(t-t_1) F_1(t_1/2) + \dots , \qquad (1)$$

where

$$G_0(t) = \text{Tr}\{\exp(-iH_{\text{int}}t) I_X \exp(iH_{\text{int}}t) I_X\}/\text{Tr}(I_X^2)$$
(2)

is the FID signal after hard delta 90^{0} pulse.

Hint is the interaction Hamiltonian of nuclear spin system

$$H = H_{II} + II_{SS} + H_{IS} . (3)$$

Here H_{II} is the secular dipolar Hamiltonian of the I-spins

$$H_{II} = \sum_{(i>j)} D_{ij} (2I_{iZ}I_{jZ} - I_{iX}I_{jX} - I_{iY}I_{jY}) , \qquad (4)$$

H_{SS} is the secular dipolar Hamiltonian of the S-spins

$$H_{SS} = \sum_{(k>1)} B_{ij} (2S_{kZ}S_{iZ} - S_{kX}S_{iX} - S_{kY}S_{iY}) . \tag{5}$$

H_{IS} is the interaction Hamiltonian of I and S spins

$$H_{IS} = \sum_{(i,k)} C_{ik} I_{iZ} S_{kZ}$$
 (6)

In Eq.(1) M_{2II} is homonuclear contribution to the second moment M_2

$$M_2 = M_{2II} + M_{2IS} , (7)$$

where M_{2IS} is the heteronuclear contribution to M_2 .

In Eq.(1) the function $F_0(t)$ has the form

$$F_0(t) = \text{Tr}\{\exp(-iH_{II}t) I_X \exp(iH_{II}t) I_X\} / \text{Tr}(I_X^2) . \tag{8}$$

This function is the FID signal which would be observed if H_{IS} = 0.

In Eq.(1) the functions $G_1(t)$ and $F_1(t)$ are

$$G_1(t) = -(i/M_2) dG_0(t)/dt$$
, (9)

$$F_1(t) = -(i/M_{2II}) dF_0(t)/dt$$
 (10)

If $H_{IS}=0$ we have homonuclear spin system. For this case the function $F_0(t)$ is equal to the function $G_0(t)$ and from Eq.(1) we obtain the well known result [1 - 3]

$$\begin{split} G(t) &= G_0(t-t_1) \; G_0(t_1/2) + M_2 \; G_1(t-t_1) \; G_1(t_1/2) + \ldots \approx \\ &\approx G_0(t-t_1/2) \; \; . \end{split} \label{eq:G0}$$

At the short times t and t_1 the good approximations for functions $G_0(t)$ and $F_0(t)$ are

$$G_0(t) = 1 - (M_2/2) t^2 + \dots$$
 (12)

$$F_0(t) = 1 - (M_{211}/2) t^2 + \dots$$
 (13)

Using Eqs.(12), (13) and Eqs.(9), (10) from Eq.(1) we obtain

$$G(t) = 1 - (M_{2II}/2) (t - t_1/2)^2 - (M_{2IS}/2) (t - t_1)^2 + \dots$$
 (14)

From Eq.(14) it follows that the origin (maximum) of the FID signal is observed at

$$t_0 = (t_1/2) (1 + M_{2IS}/M_2)$$
 (15)

So heteronuclear dipolar interactions lead to the shift of the FID's origin from the time $t_0=t_1/2(Eq.(11))$.

The amplitude of the FID signal at $t = t_0$ is

$$G(t_0) = 1 - t_1^2 (M_{2II} M_{2IS}/8 M_2) + \dots$$

Using again the formalism described in [3 - 5] we obtained the following expression for the solid-echo signal $(90^0_Y - \tau - 90^0_X)$ in heteronuclear spin system

$$V(t, \tau) = G_0(t - \tau - t_2) F_0(-t_1/2) G_0(-\tau + t_1) +$$

$$+ M_{211} [G_0(t - \tau - t_2) F_1(-t_1/2) G_1(-\tau + t_1) +$$

$$+ G_1(t - \tau - t_2) F_0(-t_1/2) G_1(-\tau + t_1) +$$

$$+ G_1(t - \tau - t_2) F_1(-t_1/2) G_0(-\tau + t_1)] -$$

$$- M_{21S} G_0(t - \tau - t_2) F_1(-t_1/2) G_1(\tau - t_1) + \dots$$
(16)

Here t_1 and t_2 are the RF pulses widths; the times τ and t are measured from the beginning of the first RF pulse.

If $H_{IS} = 0$ from Eq.(16) we have

$$\begin{split} V(t,\tau) &= G_0(t-\tau-t_2) \ G_0(-t_1/2) \ G_0(-\tau+t_1) \ + \\ &+ M_2 \ [\ G_0(t-\tau-t_2) \ G_1(-t_1/2) \ G_1(-\tau+t_1) \ + \\ &+ G_1(t-\tau-t_2) \ G_0(-t_1/2) \ G_1(-\tau+t_1) \ + \\ &+ G_1(t-\tau-t_2) \ G_1(-t_1/2) \ G_0(-\tau+t_1) \] \ + \dots \ . \end{split}$$

Using the expression [4]

$$\begin{split} G_0(t_1+t_2+t_3) &= G_0(t_1) \ G_0(t_2) \ G_0(t_3) \ + \\ &+ M_2 \ [\ G_0(t_1) \ G_1(t_2) \ G_1(t_3) \ + \\ &+ G_1(t_1) \ G_0(t_2) \ G_1(t_3) \ + G_1(t_1) \ G_0(t_2) \ G_1(t_3) \] \ + \dots \ , \end{split} \tag{18}$$

we obtain from Eq.(17) the known result [4]

$$V(t, \tau) \approx G_0(t - 2\tau - t_2 + t_1/2)$$
 (19)

In the case when $H_{IS} \neq 0$ we again assume that $G_0(t)$ and $F_0(t)$ may be approximate by Eq.(12) and Eq.(13). Using these equations we have from Eq.(16)

$$V(t,\tau) = 1 - (M_{211}/2) (t - 2\tau - t_2 + t_1/2)^2 - (M_{215}/2) [(t - \tau - t_2)^2 + (\tau - t_1)^2] + \dots$$
 (20)

From Eq.(20) it follows that maximum of the solid-echo signal has been observed at

$$t_e = (2\tau + t_2 - t_1/2) - (\tau - t_1/2) (M_{21S}/M_2) . (21)$$

The amplitude of solid-echo signals is

$$V(t_e, \tau) = 1 - (\tau - t_1/2)^2 (M_{2II} M_{2IS}/2M_2) - (M_{2IS}/2) (\tau - t_1)^2 . \tag{22}$$

If $t_1=t_2=0$ (the approximation of the delta RF pulses) from Eq.(21) and Eq.(22) it follows the known results [6].

Eq.(21) and Eq.(22) show that the heteronuclear dipole-dipole interactions induce the attenuation and additional shift of the solid-echo signal amplitude.

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