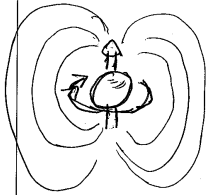


CLASSICAL DESCRIPTION OF MR

→ ODD # PROTONS / NEUTRONS have Nuclear spin  
ANGULAR MOMENTUM



INTRINSIC SPIN PROPERTY!  
MORE CH. 4

INTRINSIC MAGNETIC MOMENT

→ SPINNING MAGNETIC DIPOLES

→ BIOLOGICAL TISSUE MOSTLY  $^1\text{H}$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
SOMETIMES  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{23}\text{Na}$  exotic

→ MR IS ABOUT INTERACTIONS WITH  
THREE FIELDS:

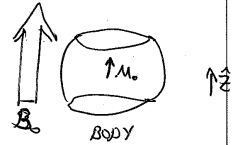
$B_0$  - MAIN FIELD  
⇒ POLARIZATION

$B_1$  - RF FIELD  
⇒ SIGNAL PRODUCTION / RECEPTION

$G$  - GRADIENT FIELDS  
⇒ SPATIAL ENCODING

$B_0$  - MAIN FIELD

→ PRODUCES POLARIZATION  
OF SAMPLE  $M_0$



→ SPINS EXHIBIT RESONANCE  
AT LARMOR FREQUENCY

$$\omega = \gamma B_0$$

↑ Gyromagnetic Ratio

$\gamma$  DEPENDS ON NUCLEUS  
FOR PROTONS:

$$\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} = 4.257 \text{ MHz/G}$$

$$\gamma = 2\pi 4.257 \text{ kHz/G}$$

WORTH REMEMBERING!

OTHERS:  $^{23}\text{Na}$   $\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} = 1.127 \text{ MHz/G}$

$^{13}\text{C}$   $\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} = 1.071 \text{ MHz/G}$

$^{15}\text{N}$   $\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} = -0.43 \text{ MHz/G}$  Negative!

TYPICAL  $B_0$ 'S

0.1 T	4.2 MHz	VERY LOW!
0.5 T	21 MHz	LOW (Permanent Magnet)
1 T	42 MHz	MILD (superconducting)
1.5 T	63 MHz	"HIGH" Diagnostic
3 T	126 MHz	"HIGH" fMRI Neuro
4 T	170 MHz	RARE (Decommissioned @ Berkeley)
7/9.4 T		VERY HIGH Research ONLY!

FOR SPECTRAL/SPATIAL LOCALIZATION

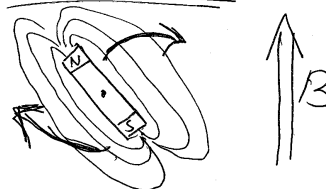
WE REQUIRE HOMOGENEITY

$$\Delta B_0 \sim \text{ppm} \quad 40 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ FOV}$$

$$64 \text{ Hz @ 1.5 T}$$

PRETTY REMARKABLE!

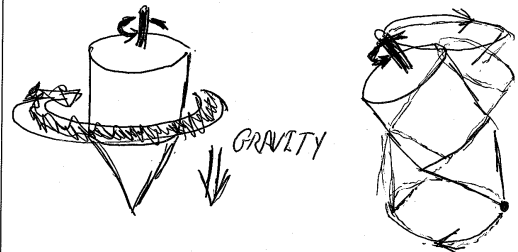
WHY RESONANCE?



→ TORQUE, BUT NO RESONANCE.

→ MISSING BAR MAGNET IS MISSING  
ANGULAR MOMENTUM.

LIKE A SPINNING TOP!



B<sub>1</sub>-RF FIELD

CANT DIRECTLY DETECT M.

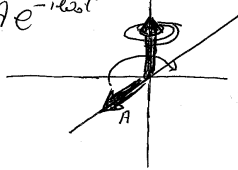
WHY? HUGE FIELD!

RESONANCE IS THE BIG DEAL...

B<sub>0</sub> IS DC SPIN RESONANCE ⇒ DETECTION!

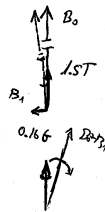
- SAMPLE RESONATES AT  $\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$
- APPLY ROTATING RF FIELD AT  $\omega_1 = \gamma B_1$  IN THE TRANSVERSE PLANE

$B_1(t) = A e^{-i\omega_1 t}$



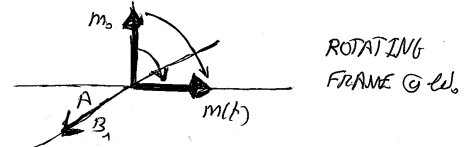
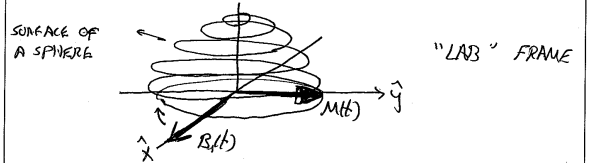
AT TIME  $t=0$

AT TIME  $t = \frac{1}{\omega_1}$



HAS TO BE ON RESONANCE TO DO SOMETHING

ILLUSTRATE BY ROTATING A STRING



→ IN ROTATING FRAME: PRECESSION ABOUT B<sub>1</sub>

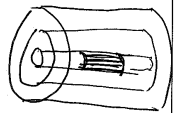
$\omega_e = \gamma B_1 = 4.257 \cdot 0.16 = 0.68 \text{ kHz}$   
 $0.367 \text{ ms } 90^\circ \Rightarrow 13000 \text{ ROTATIONS}$

TYPICAL B<sub>1</sub>'S 0.14-0.35G

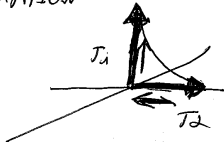
DURATION 1-3 ms LONG TIME AT 14MHz

PEAK POWER  $\mu\text{KW}$ !

HEATING FROM THIS (SAR)



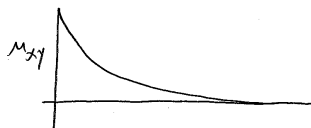
→ MAGNETIZATION EXHIBITS RELAXATION:



T<sub>1</sub> ~ LONGITUDAL  $100 \rightarrow 2000 \text{ ms}$  in Tissue

T<sub>2</sub> ~ TRANSVERSE  $10 \rightarrow 300$

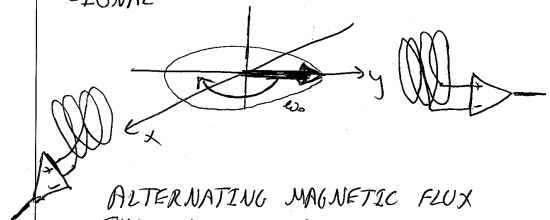
MAIN SOURCE OF TISSUE CONTRAST (MORE LATER)



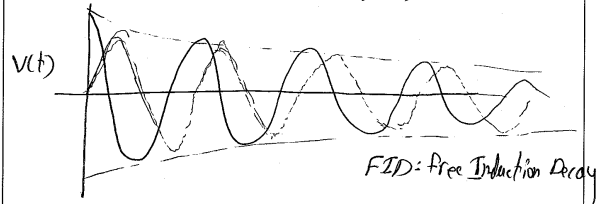
T<sub>2</sub> < T<sub>1</sub> ALWAYS

B<sub>1</sub> RECEPTION

ONCE EXCITED, WE CAN PICK UP SIGNAL



ALTERNATING MAGNETIC FLUX THROUGH LOOP PRODUCES EMF (FARADAYS LAW  $\mathcal{E} = \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$ )



THIS IS WHAT CHEMISTS USE

CHEMICAL SHIFT ~ 1PPM WWT B<sub>0</sub> FLATTER.

→ Body → TINY OSCILLATORS  
 MRI: IMAGE OSCILLATORS

G - GRADIENT FIELDS

SPATIAL LOCALIZATION

$B_1$  HAS POOR LOCALIZATION  $\lambda @ 64 \text{ MHz} \sim 4.7 \text{ mm}$  in space

INSTEAD, CODE POSITION IN FREQUENCY

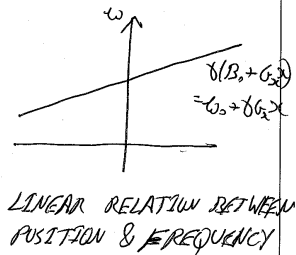
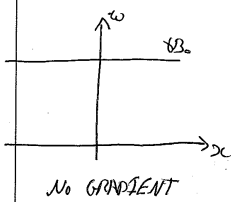
$$\omega(x) = \gamma(B_0 + G_x x)$$

↑ gradient in x

⊛ CHANGE IN Z COMPONENT W/ X

$$G_x = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x}$$

(  $B_x, B_y$  DO NOT MATTER MUCH IN HIGH FIELD )



TYPICAL #

$$G = 1-10 \text{ G/cm}$$

$$= 10-100 \text{ mT/m}$$

$$= 4.2-42 \text{ kHz/cm}$$

GRADIENT WAVEFORMS IN AUDIO RANGE

$$SR = 15 \text{ G/cm/ms}$$

SAFETY CONCERN IS  $\frac{dB}{dt}$

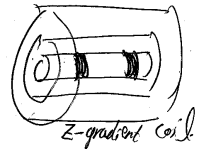
$$\left( \frac{d(G_x(t))}{dt} \right) x$$

PERIPHERAL NERVE STIMULATION

BIG AMPS: 1200 VOLTS  
200 AMPS

GRADIENTS DO NOT SATISFY MAXWELL EQN.

NOT AN ISSUE IN HIGH FIELD



$B_1$  - RF FIELD

± 10% ACCURACY

→ MAGNETIZATION PRECESSES AROUND ROTATING FIELD AND IS TIPPED AWAY

→ VERY SMALL FIELD ⊙ (MAX 0.35[G])

→ RESONANCE IS ESSENTIAL

EASY TO DESCRIBE IN ROTATING FRAME.

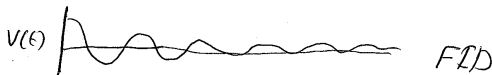
RELAXATION

→ LONGITUDINAL  $T_1$

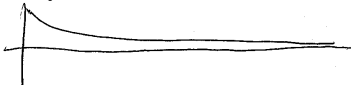
→ TRANSVERSE  $T_2$

RECEPTION

(A) EMF  $E = \frac{dB}{dt}$



demodulation



⊛ ±10% ACCURACY LEADS TO DIFFERENT FLIPS IN SPACE



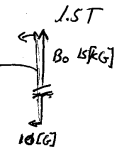
GRADIENT FIELDS

ENCODE POSITION ONTO FREQUENCY

$$G_x = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

( SMALL COEXISTANT FIELDS  $B_x, B_y$  DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PRECESSION SINCE  $\ll B_0$  AND NOT OSCILLATING )

HIGH FIELD:



ASSUME  $\frac{dB}{dt}$

$$\Delta\phi = 0.0338^\circ$$

$$\|B_0 \hat{z} + B_x \hat{x}\| = 15000 \cdot 0.0333 \Rightarrow \Delta\phi = 14 \text{ Hz}$$

~~NOT AN ISSUE IN HIGH FIELD~~

$$\text{FOR } G_x \sim 1 \frac{\text{G}}{\text{cm}} \Rightarrow 0.42 \frac{\text{kHz}}{\text{mm}} = \frac{420 \text{ Hz}}{1 \text{ mm}}$$

SHIFT OF 0.02 [mm]

FOR ACCURACY OF 1mm NEED

$$\frac{\Delta B_0}{B_0} \approx \frac{0.42}{63,000 \text{ Hz}} \sim 6.5 \text{ PPM} \quad \text{USUALLY APPROX}$$

$$\text{WITH } G = \frac{46}{\text{cm}} \sim 26 \text{ PPM}$$

GRADIENT FIELDS

$\pm \alpha x$

ENCODE POSITION ONTO FREQUENCY

$$G_x = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x}$$

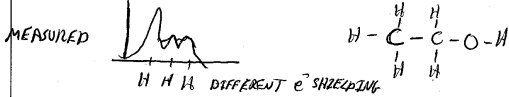
(SMALL CONCOMITANT FIELDS  $B_x, B_y$  DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PRESSION ABOUT  $B_0$  - NOT OSCILLATING)

ANECDOTE

1973 Lauterbur

"Zeugmatography" - clever!

PAUL SOMEWHAT LAZY (AKA EFFICIENT) YOUNG PROF AT STONY BROOK CHEMISTRY. LOTS OF MEASUREMENTS!

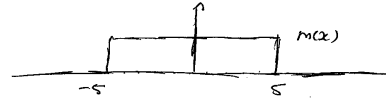


TO SPEED THINGS UP, HE PUT 2 TEST TUBES AND ADDED LINEAR GRADIENT



HE REALIZED THIS WAS IMAGING!

EXAMPLE SQUARE RECT



$$s(t) = \int_{-a}^a m(x) e^{-i(\omega_0 + \gamma G_x x)t} dx =$$

$$= e^{-i\omega_0 t} \int_{-a}^a m(x) e^{-i\gamma G_x x t} dx =$$

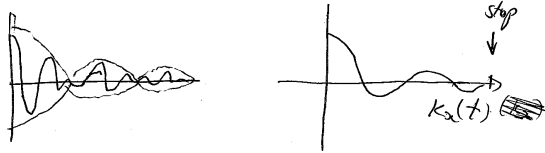
$$= e^{-i\omega_0 t} \int_{-a}^a m(x) e^{-i\gamma G_x x t} dx =$$

$$= e^{-i\omega_0 t} \mathcal{F}\{m(x)\} \Big|_{k_x = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} G_x t}$$

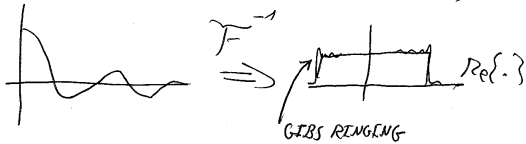
$m(x) = \text{rect}(\cdot)$

$\mathcal{F}\{m(x)\} \sim \text{sinc}(\cdot)$

$s(t) = e^{-i\omega_0 t} \mathcal{F}\{m(x)\} \Big|_{k_x = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} G_x t}$   
 CARRIER      Baseband



INVERSE FT OF BASEBAND SIGNAL GIVES 1D PROJECTION (ALMOST...)



RELEVANT TO SPECIFIC ISSUES: COMPLEX VALUE & DEMODULATION

FOR ANALYSIS IT IS CONVENIENT TO REPRESENT  $M_x, M_y$  AS A COMPLEX NUMBER

RECEIVE SIGNAL (analysis):

$$S_r(t) = A(t) e^{i(\omega_0 t + \phi(t))}$$

$\uparrow$  complex       $\uparrow$  real       $\uparrow$  real

PHYSICAL SIGNAL:

$$S_p(t) = \text{Re}\{S_r(t)\} = A(t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi(t)) =$$

$$\overset{\text{real}}{\Rightarrow} \underbrace{A(t) \cos(\phi(t))}_{I(t)} \cos \omega_0 t + \underbrace{[-A(t) \sin(\phi(t))]}_{Q(t)} \sin \omega_0 t$$

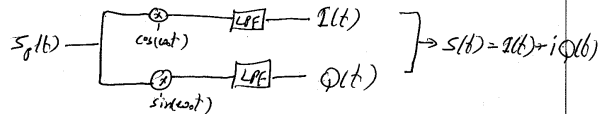
in phase                      quadrature

Baseband SIGNAL (analysis):

$$s(t) = S_r(t) e^{-i\omega_0 t} = A(t) e^{-i\phi(t)} =$$

$$= I(t) + iQ(t)$$

QUADRATURE PHASE-SENSITIVE DETECTION:



$\text{Re}\{S(t)\} \rightarrow M_x$  in Rot Frame

SO FAR

- (1) PLACE SAMPLE IN  $B_0$   
-  $M_z$  DEVELOPS  $\sim ST_1$
- (2) EXCITE USING  $B_1(t)$  TIP AWAY FROM  $\hat{z}$
- (3) INSTANTANEOUS PRECESSION OF  $M_{xy}$   
PICK UP INDUCED EMF IN RF COIL
- (4) ENCODE POSITION IN FREQUENCY USING GRADIENTS  
 $\Rightarrow$  1D PROJECTION

~~(5) HOW DO WE GET AN IMAGE?~~

~~SEVERAL KEY COMPONENTS:~~

- ~~(1) SELECTIVE EXCITATION (dimension reduction)~~
- ~~(2) SPATIAL ENCODING~~

(3) LIMITATIONS:

GRADIENT STRENGTH + DURATION  $\rightarrow$  RESOLUTION  
 $\uparrow$   
limited!

SIGNAL DECAY ( $T_2$ ), FIELD INHOMOGENEITY ( $B_0^h$ )  
DIFFUSION

TYPICAL RES:  $< 1_{mm}$   $\approx$  20 $\mu m$  TO SMALL ANIMAL SCANNERS