# Exchange

- Time-scales defined by NMR
- NMR spectrum from slow to fast exchange





# Relevant time-scales for exchange

- *T*<sub>1</sub>-relaxation: s
- $T_2$ -relaxation: ms-s
- PGSE: ms-s (under our control!)
- NMR spectrum: ms

# Dynamic equilibrium



Fractional populations:  $p_A$  and  $p_B$ Resonance frequencies:  $v_A$  and  $v_B$ Exchange rate:  $k = p_A k_A = p_B k_B$ 

# Slow exchange

- $k \ll |v_{\mathsf{A}} v_{\mathsf{B}}|$
- Superposition of sub-spectra



## Fast exchange

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$$k \gg |v_{A} - v_{B}|$$

One peak at weighted average frequency:



### From slow to fast exchange



$$\Delta v_{A} = 6 \text{ Hz}$$
$$\Delta v_{B} = 1 \text{ Hz}$$
$$p_{A}/p_{B} = 2$$
$$\Delta v_{av}?$$

How to explain transition from slow to fast? Why is  $|v_A - v_B|$ important?

## **Complex numbers**



$$z = x + iy = re^{i\theta}$$

real part, ximaginary part, ymagnitude, rphase,  $\theta$ 

#### **Useful relations**



#### Rotation in 2D



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## **Circular motion**



 $\theta = \omega t$ angular frequency,  $\omega$ time, *t* 

$$z = re^{i\omega t}$$
$$x = r\cos(\omega t)$$
$$y = r\sin(\omega t)$$

Sketch  $m_x(t)$ ,  $m_y(t)$ , and  $m_z(t)$  for the magnetization vector below.



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## **Time-dependent frequency**



$$\theta(t) = \int_{0}^{t} \omega(t') dt'$$

 $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  fluctuates with time

(chemical exchange, decoupling, magic-angle spinning, diffusion, imaging ...) 13

# Detection in the rotating frame



 Real and imaginary parts of the signal S correspond to *M<sub>x</sub>* and *M<sub>y</sub>* in the rotating frame

$$S(t) \propto M_x(t) + iM_y(t) = M_{xy} \exp(i\theta)$$

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# One spin packet



random jumps between site A and site B What would the figure below look like in the case of a) fast and b) slow exchange? Make sketches in the figure.  $p_A/p_B = 2$ 



## Intermediate exchange



$$\Delta v_{A} = 6 \text{ Hz}$$
  
 $\Delta v_{B} = 1 \text{ Hz}$   
 $p_{A}/p_{B} = 2$ 

simulation with 1000 spin packets