

MRI

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Chap 1

Bloch equations and main principles

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The Bloch equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma(\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B})$$

The magnetic moment \mathbf{M} rotates around the static \mathbf{B} -field at the Larmor frequency

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Larmor equation

$$\omega_0 \text{ (rad/s)} = \gamma \text{ (rad/s/Tesla)} \times B_0 \text{ (Tesla)}$$

$\gamma_{\text{hydrogen}} = 2.68 * 10^8 \text{ rad/s/Tesla}$

$$f_L \text{ (MHz)} = \gamma \text{ (MHz/Tesla)} \times B_0 \text{ (Tesla)}$$

$\gamma_{\text{hydrogen}} = 42.58 \text{ MHz/Tesla}$

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Rotating frame of reference

Laboratory frame

Rotating frame

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Flipping away the Magnetization from its equilibrium

In MRI, short RF pulses are used to change the direction of the magnetization \mathbf{M}

To get \mathbf{M} to rotate around x or y axis, A linearly polarized magnetic field \mathbf{B}_1 is used during short time (pulse) to get \mathbf{M} to rotate around \mathbf{B}_1 axis

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Nuclear Induction

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The magnetic resonance of nuclei in normal matter will result in a nuclear paramagnetic relaxation phenomenon which can be observed by measuring the change in the absorption coefficient of the medium as it passes through a rotating magnetic field. If the field is rotated at right angles to the coherent field, a forced precession of the field will occur, and the absorption coefficient will change periodically with the frequency of the field. This then results a component of the absorption coefficient which is proportional to the square of the frequency. The absorption coefficient under normal laboratory conditions has no noticeable dispersion. In Section 4 the theory of the absorption coefficient is given, and the dispersion of the absorption coefficient is discussed. These modifications are described which originate from normal fields and have避开了

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THIS method of magnetic resonance has been successfully applied to measure the magnetic moment of the neutron¹ and of various nuclei.² The method is based on the observation of the precession, caused by resonance, of the magnetic moments of nuclei in a uniform magnetic field. In its application to molecular nuclei, the method consists in passing a molecular beam in an alternating magnetic field ω used as a source of energy for the excitation of nuclear transitions. This method of detection has proven to be very sensitive, and it is also very rapid. At the same time, that the connection between molecular beams and nuclear transitions is not yet fully understood. The question arises, in particular, whether nuclear transitions could not be detected by other methods, such as the Raman effect, and applied to matter of ordinary density?

Another method of detecting nuclear transitions taken by Gerber and Bross³ whose arrangement was similar to that of the present work, was absorption by a slight change in frequency of an electric oscillator. The method of absorption does not seem to be applicable directly to radiofrequency fields which are so small that

¹ L. I. Schiff, Phys. Rev., 51, 511 (1937).

² W. Gordis and F. Bloch, Phys. Rev., 70, 461 (1946).

³ E. Gerber and H. Bross, Z. Phys., 119, 1 (1942).

they can only a slight disturbance of the spin orientation; it was carried out with LCI and RF at low temperatures, and it was suggested that the method could be applied to normal matter if the fact that the nuclei had not found the orientation, correspondingly.

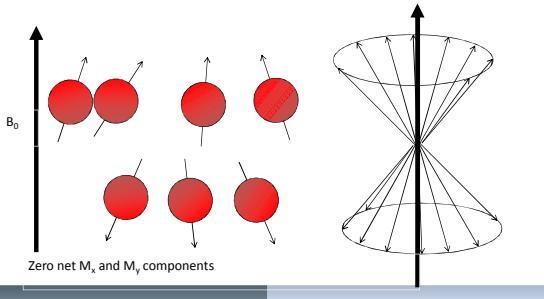
In this first succeeded experiments to detect magnetic resonance by electromagnetic waves, the method was developed independently in the physics laboratories of Harvard and Princeton universities. The work of Purcell and his collaborators is very closely connected with the present work. The main difference being that resonance absorption manifested itself in the change of the absorption coefficient, and it presupposes, likewise, the necessity of only slightly changing the frequency, and it presupposes, likewise, the necessity of only slightly changing the frequency.

The consideration upon our work was stimulated by the work of Purcell and his associates, but the two experiments, probably, are not directly comparable. The reason is that in the present case the radiofrequency field is deliberately chosen large enough so as to produce resonance changes large enough so as to measure the nuclear moments. In the present place, this is done by the absorption of the nuclear reaction upon the driving circuit, but by directly observing the absorption coefficient as it is a real, due to the presence of the nuclear moments around the incident field and in a direction

Detailed description of Figure 1: This is a line graph with two axes. The vertical axis is labeled 'MEASURED/EPECTED FREQUENCY' and has major tick marks at 0, 1.0, and 2.0. The horizontal axis is labeled 'COUNTS PER SECOND' and has major tick marks at 0, 200, 400, 600, 800, and 1000. A solid black curve starts at the point (0, 1.0) and curves upwards. It rises very steeply initially, then levels off as it approaches the value of 1.0 on the y-axis. A horizontal dashed line is drawn across the graph at the y-value of 1.0. The curve crosses this dashed line at approximately 200 counts per second.

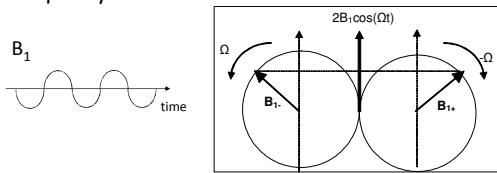
Counts Per Second	Measured/Epected Frequency
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200	1.05
400	1.02
600	1.01
800	1.005
1000	1.002

Baseline, no phase coherence in transverse (X,Y) plane

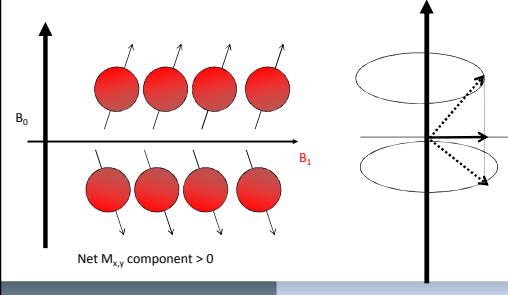


Rotation

The magnetic field due to the RF pulse, B_1 , is generated by two circularly polarized fields with opposing direction of rotation with angular frequency $\pm \omega$

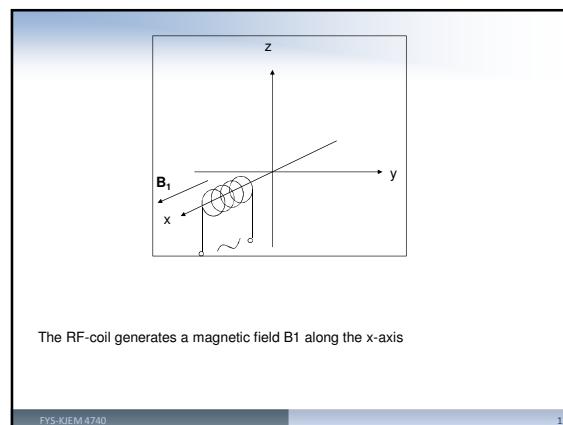
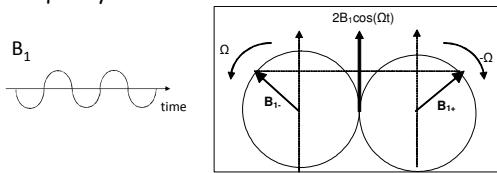


Additional B1-field induces phase coherence in transverse (X,Y) plane

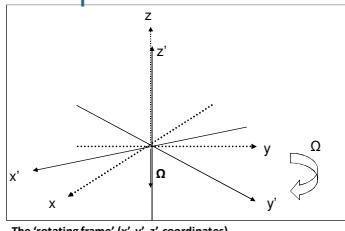


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Bloch equation



$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} \quad \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{B}_1 + \Omega/\gamma \quad \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\Omega \end{bmatrix}$$

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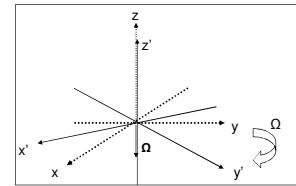
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RF-eksitasjon med Larmor frekvens (rotating frame)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\Omega = \gamma \mathbf{B}_0$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{B}_1$$

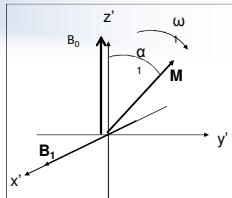


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Using Matrix formalism

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_{1x} \\ 0 & -B_{1x} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\omega_1 = -\gamma B_1$$

Using the boundary conditions $M_y = M_y(0)$ and $M_z = M_z(0)$ at $t=0$, we get

$$\mathbf{M}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\omega_1 t) & \sin(\omega_1 t) \\ 0 & -\sin(\omega_1 t) & \cos(\omega_1 t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_x(0) \\ M_y(0) \\ M_z(0) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{M}_0$$

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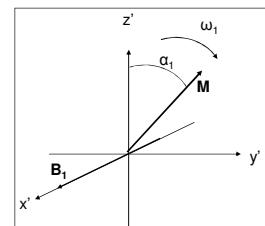
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RF pulse

$$\omega_1 = -\gamma B_1$$

RF pulse duration is proportional to the wanted flip angle, α .

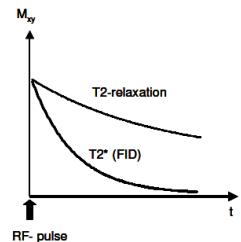
$$t_{B_1} = \alpha / \gamma B_1$$



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Relaxation



$$\frac{dM_x}{dt} = -\frac{M_x}{T_2}$$

$$\frac{dM_y}{dt} = -\frac{M_y}{T_2}$$

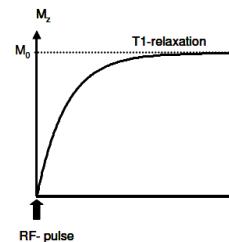
$$\frac{1}{T_{2*}} = \frac{1}{T_2} + \gamma \Delta B_0$$

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Relaxation



$$\frac{dM_z}{dt} = -\frac{M_z - M_0}{T_1}$$

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Relaxation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B}_{eff} - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{T_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{T_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{T_1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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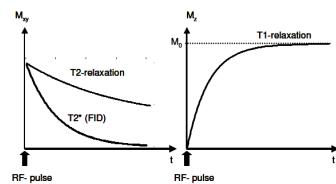
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Condition: relaxation during RF excitation is neglected

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_0)$$

$$M_z(t) = M_0 [1 - \exp(-t/T_1)] + M_z(0) \exp(-t/T_1)$$

$$M_{xy}(t) = M_{xy}(0) \exp(-t/T_2)$$



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Summary with excitation and relaxation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B}_{eff} - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}_0)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/T_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/T_2 & \gamma B_{1x} \\ 0 & -\gamma B_{1x} & -1/T_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_0/T_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Chap. 2

Slice-Selective RF excitation
Image formation

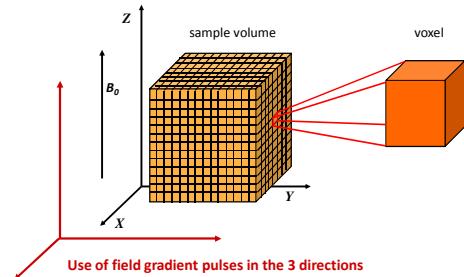
Slice Selective RF pulse

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Gradients → coding in space

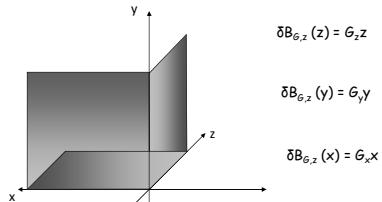


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Magnetic Field Gradients

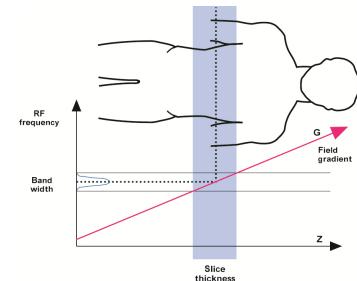


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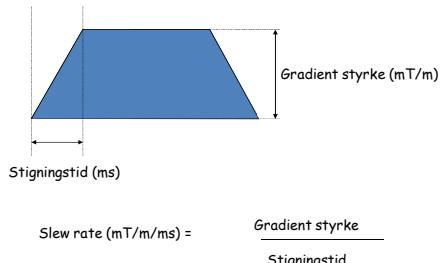
Principles of Slice Selection



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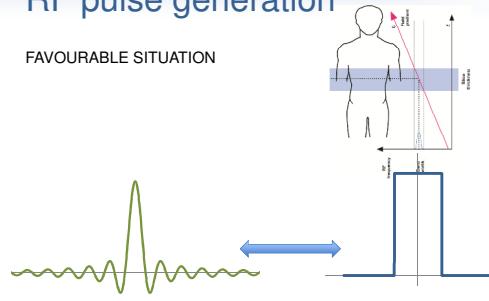
Magnetfelt gradient



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RF pulse generation

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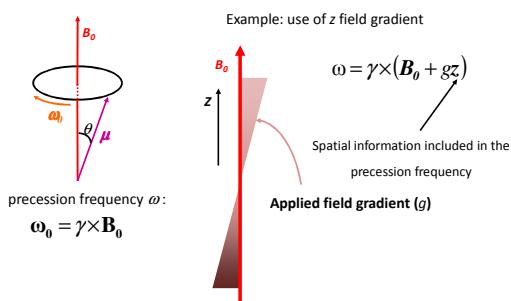


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Effect of Magnetic Field Gradient



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Slice selective RF excitation

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{B}_1 + \frac{\Omega}{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \\ B_0 + G_z z_i - \frac{\Omega}{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

If we set: $\Omega = \gamma(B_0 + G_z z_i)$, then the effective field at $z=z_i$ becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Slice-selective excitation @ } z=z_i$$

What would happen if $B_0 + G_z z_i - \Omega/\gamma \gg B_1$??

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All effects together: excitation, precession and relaxation

$$\Omega = \omega_L ; B_{\text{eff}} = B_{ix}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/T_2 & \gamma\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r} & 0 \\ -\gamma\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r} & -1/T_2 & \gamma B_{ix} \\ 0 & -\gamma B_{ix} & -1/T_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_0/T_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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All effects together: excitation, precession and relaxation

Transverse (M_{xy}) relaxation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/T_2 & \gamma\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r} & 0 \\ -\gamma\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r} & -1/T_2 & \gamma B_{ix} \\ 0 & -\gamma B_{ix} & -1/T_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_0/T_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Excitation around x-axis

Precession around z-axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_0/T_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Transverse magnetization, M_{xy} , Relaxation and precession

$$M_T = M_x + jM_y$$

derive!

$$B_{ix}=0$$

$$M_T = M_T(0) \exp\left(-j\mathbf{r} \cdot \int \mathbf{G}(t) dt\right) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{T_2}\right)$$

Longitudinal magnetization, M_z

derive!

$$M_z(t) = M_0 \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{T_1}\right) \right] + M_z(0) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{T_1}\right) \quad \text{As we have seen before}$$

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Transverse Magnetization, M_{xy} , Excitation and Precession

$$M_T = M_x + jM_y$$

$$T_2=\infty$$

Condition: $M_z \approx M_0$ (How can this be achieved?)

$$\frac{dM_T}{dt} = -j\gamma(\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r})M_T + j\gamma B_i M_0$$

General Solution:

$$M_T = A(t) \exp\left(-j\mathbf{r} \cdot \int_t^T \mathbf{G}(t') dt'\right)$$

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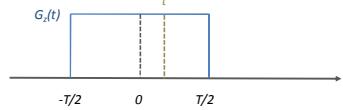
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Transversal magnetisering, M_{xy} , Eksitasjon og presesjon

$$T_2=\infty$$

Dersom vi sier at RF puls starter ved $-T/2$ og varer i T sek:

$$M_T(T/2, \mathbf{r}) = j\gamma M_0 \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} B_i(t) \exp\left(-j\mathbf{r} \cdot \int_t^{T/2} \mathbf{G}(t') dt'\right) dt$$

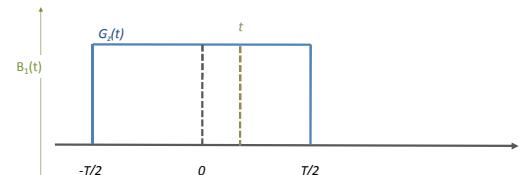


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For a constant gradient along the z-axis: $G(t) = G_z$



$$M_T(T/2, z) = j\gamma M_0 \exp(-j\gamma G_z T/2) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} B_i(t) \exp(j\gamma G_z t) dt$$

Phase dispersion

Fourier transform of the B_1 "envelope" (green shape)

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For a constant gradient along the z-axis: $G(t) = G_z$

$$M_T(T/2, z) = j\gamma M_0 \exp(-j\gamma G_z T/2) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} B_1(t) \exp(j\gamma G_z t) dt$$

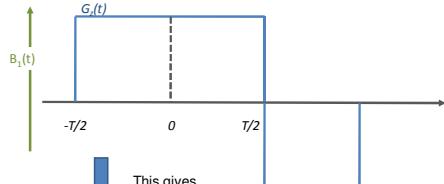
Slice profile = Fourier transform of $B_1(t)$
The phase of $M_T(z)$ in the x-y plane is a function of z

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Elimination of the phase dispersion in x-y plane use of an extra gradient of opposite polarity and half the length: $-G_z$



$$M_T(T, z) = jM_0 \int_{-k_T}^{k_T} \frac{B_1(k)}{G_z} \exp(jkz) dk$$

$$k = \gamma G_z t \text{ and } k_T = \gamma G_z T/2.$$

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We wish to have a 'block' excitation: $M_T(z) = M_0 \sin(\alpha)$ between $-d/2$ og $d/2$ og $M_T=0$ resten



Find the $B_1(t)$ profile from the Fourier integral:

Develop at home!

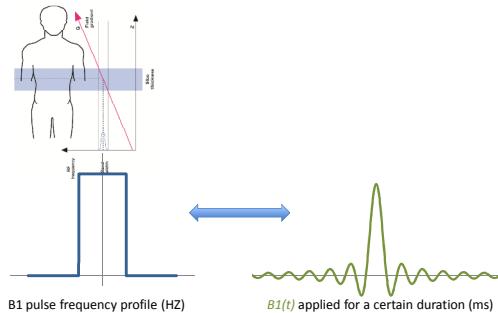
$$B_1(t) = G_z \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp(j\gamma G_z t \cdot z) dz = G_z d \cdot \frac{\sin(j\gamma G_z t \cdot d/2)}{\gamma G_z t \cdot d/2}$$

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RF pulse generation

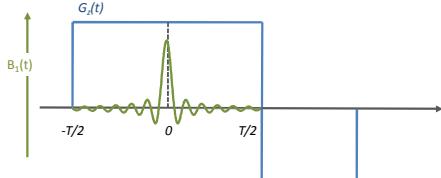


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Slice selective RF excitation

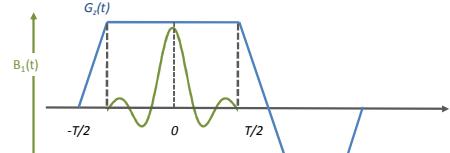


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... in practice



Gradient can not be perfectly rectangular (Hardware limitations)
Slew rate = Gradient strength / Time to reach the strength
Slew rate (mT/m/ms)

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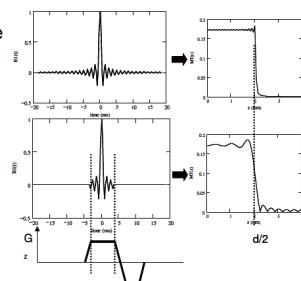
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B1(t) and truncation

B1(t) duration can not be too long

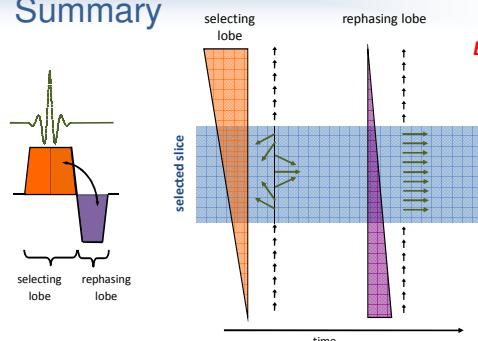
→ The shape is "truncated" as a compromise between duration and achieved RF pulse at the cost of the "slice profile"



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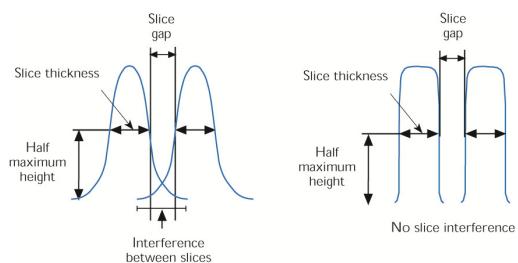
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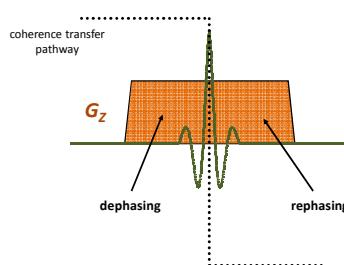
Slice profile & "cross-talk"



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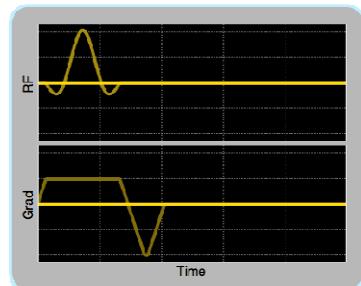
Slice selective 180° inversion RF pulse



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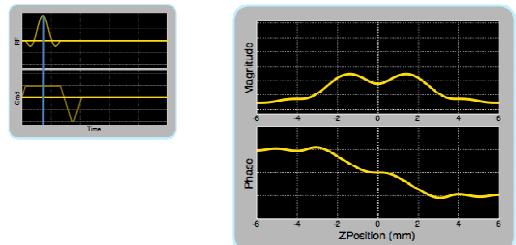
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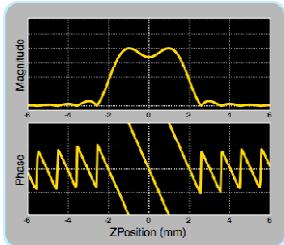
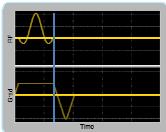
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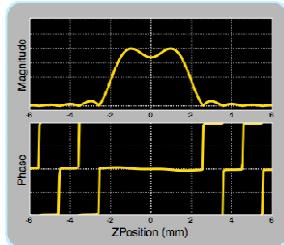
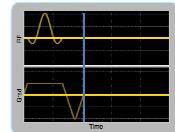
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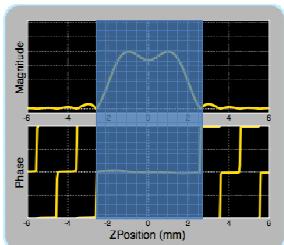
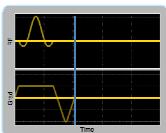
Slice Selection



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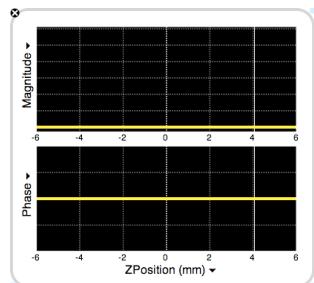
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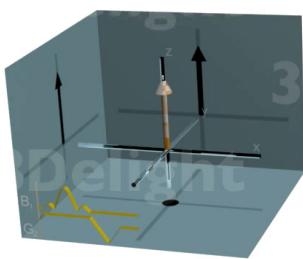


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RF excitation

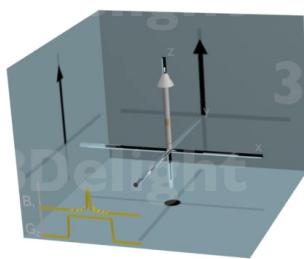


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RF inversion



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Exercise

- We want a slice excitation with a given slice thickness of 3mm and a gradient strength of 10mT/m. We Assume the use of a sinc pulse shape for $B_1(t)$.
- Find the half-width duration of the $B_1(t)$ envelope (shape)
- Now, having this $B_1(t)$ envelope, find the intensity of B_1 (μT) to get a 90 degree RF pulse.

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Image formation principles

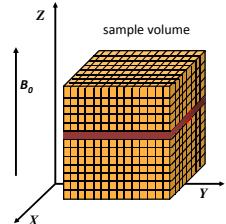
and digital sampling

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Gradients → coding in space

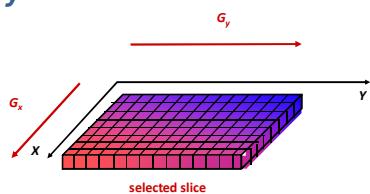


Slice selective excitation: done!

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Linear combination of gradients x and y

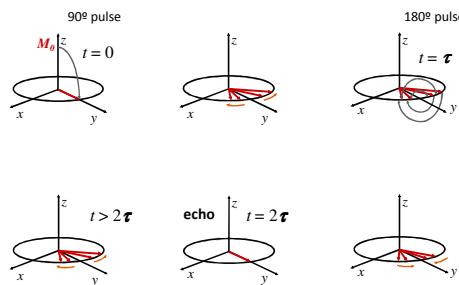


The precession of the spins depends on the field gradients

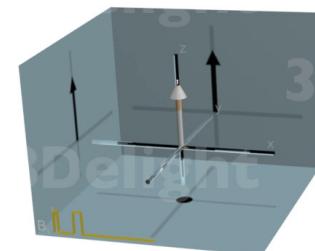
G_x , G_y

the precession depends on the position

Reminder: spin-echo experiment



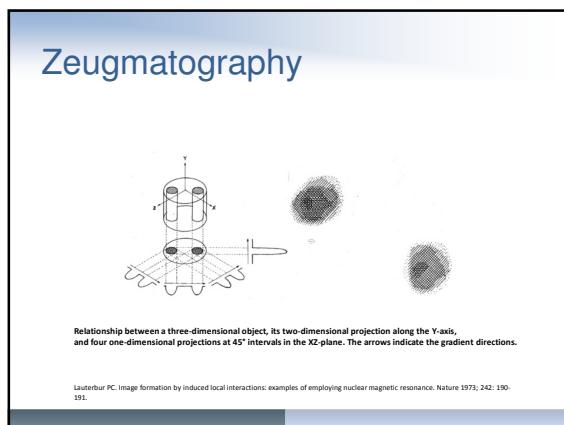
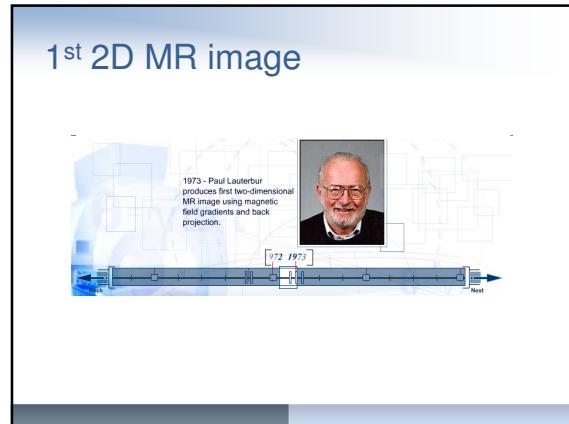
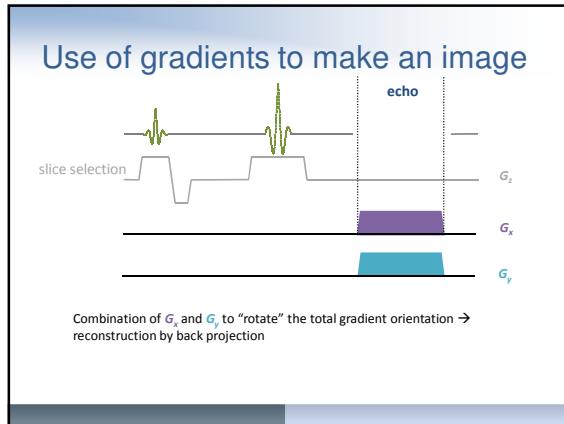
SE magnetization evolution



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Nature Editor letter to Paul C. Lauterbur

"With regret I am returning your manuscript which we feel is **not sufficiently wide significance** for inclusion in *Nature*. This action should not in any way be regarded as an adverse criticism of your work, nor even an indication of editorial policies on studies in this field. A choice must inevitably be made from the many contributions received; it is not even possible to accommodate all those manuscripts which are recommended for publication by referees."

Paul C. Lauterbur answered:
"Several of my colleagues have suggested that the style of the manuscript was too dry and spare, and that the more exuberant prose style of the grant application would have been more appropriate. If you should agree, after reconsideration, that the substance meets your standards,... I would be willing to incorporate some of the material below in the revised manuscript..."

Nature answered short and positive:
"would it be possible to modify the manuscript so as to make the applications more clear?"

From last Chap.: definition of k variable

$$B_1(t) = G_z \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \exp(j\gamma G_z t \cdot z) dz = G_z d \cdot \frac{\sin(\gamma G_z t \cdot d / 2)}{\gamma G_z t \cdot d / 2}$$

This equation can be simplified by introducing the following notation

$$k = \gamma G_z t \quad \text{in general, this can be written} \quad \mathbf{k} = \gamma \int_0^t \mathbf{G}(\tau) d\tau = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_1(t) = G_z d \cdot \frac{\sin(k \cdot d / 2)}{k \cdot d / 2}$$

k notation

Use of k notation is VERY IMPORTANT in MRI, we will see why...

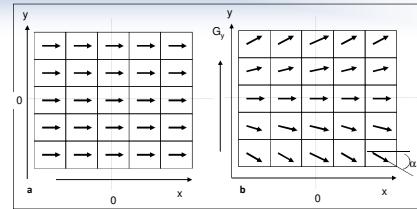
$$\mathbf{k} = \gamma \int_0^t \mathbf{G}(\tau) d\tau = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Phase effect given by a gradient pulse (e.g. y direction)

$$\alpha(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\gamma \int_0^t G_y(t) \cdot \mathbf{r} \cdot d\tau$$

From Bloch's equation, the Transverse magnetization is then given by (Assume negligible relaxation here):

$$M_{xy} = M_T(\mathbf{r}, t) = M_T(\mathbf{r}, 0) \cdot \exp \left(-j \gamma \int_0^t G_y(t) \mathbf{r} d\tau \right)$$



The phase angle of the transverse magnetization vector before (a) and after (b) the application of a magnetic field gradient in the y-direction.

$$\mathbf{k} = \gamma \int_0^t \mathbf{G}(\tau) d\tau = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix} \quad M_T(t) = \iint_{\text{slice}} \rho(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \exp(-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

MR signal = integral of transverse magnetization over entire volume

$$M_T(t) \propto S(t) \propto \iiint \rho(\mathbf{r}) \exp \left(-j \gamma \int_0^t G_y(t) \mathbf{r} d\tau \right) d\mathbf{r}$$

NB: Fourier transform

$$F(k) = \iiint_R f(\mathbf{r}) \exp(-jk\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \quad \text{Fourier transform from } k \text{ space to geometric "space" of a continuous function } f(\mathbf{r})$$

$$S(t) \propto \iiint_R \rho(\mathbf{r}) \exp \left(-j \gamma \int_0^t G(t) \mathbf{r} d\tau \right) d\mathbf{r}$$

k -space

$$\mathbf{k} = \gamma \int_0^t \mathbf{G}(\tau) d\tau = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Limiting discussion to a slice (2D – xy plane), magnetization distribution is given by the 2-dimensional Fourier transform of the spin distribution across the slice

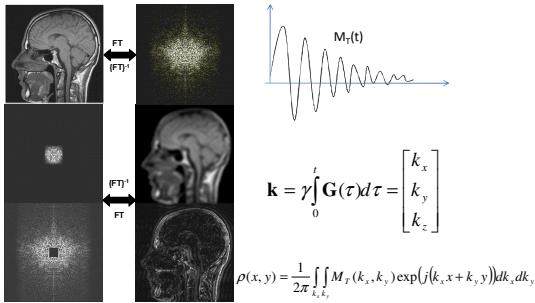
$$M_T(t) = \iint_{\text{slice}} \rho(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \exp(-j\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is obtained from the inverse Fourier transform of $M_T(t)$ under the influence of a known gradient configuration

$$\rho(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{k_x} \int_{k_y} M_T(k_x, k_y) \exp(j(k_x x + k_y y)) dk_x dk_y$$

k-space = visualization of the distribution of spatial frequencies in the image.
k-space = Fourier transform of the MR image.

k -space illustrations



Reminder: Fourier... and frequencies



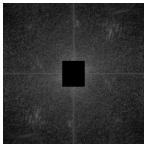
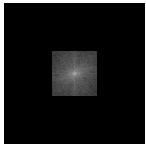
Low and high frequencies



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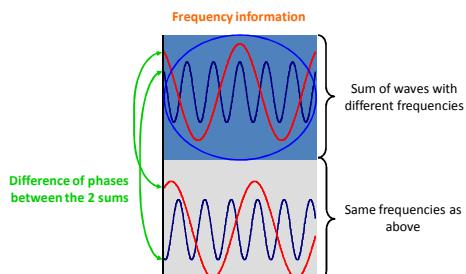
Introduction to k-space image sampling

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What describes waves (signal)

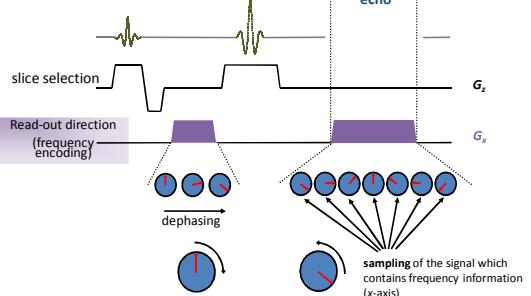


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Spin Echo: freq. encoding

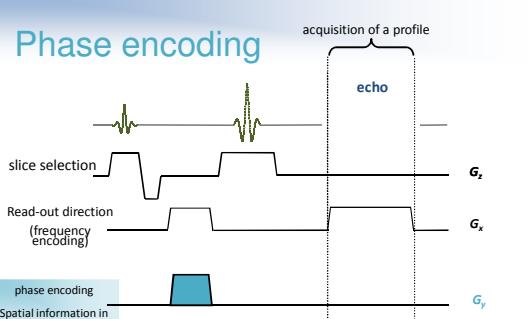


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Phase encoding



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The phase angle of a spin in a slice at a time t is given by:

$$\int_0^t \omega(x, y, t) dt = \gamma G_{yx} ty + \gamma G_x tx$$

Gradient y "on"

Definition of k :

$$k_i = \gamma \int_0^t G_i(t) dt \quad (\text{in the direction } i)$$

The total transverse magnetisation is a function of k_x, k_y and the position in the slice: $M_T(k_x, k_y)$

$$\text{Image reconstruction: } m(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{k_x} \int_{k_y} M_T(k_x, k_y) \exp[i(k_x x + k_y y)] dk_x dk_y$$

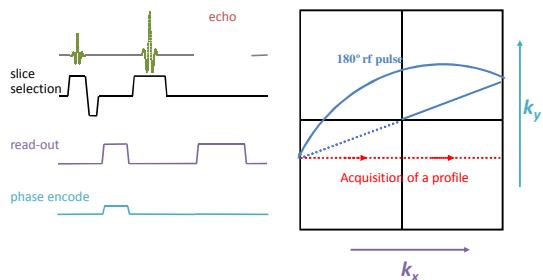
→ 2D Fourier Transform

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Acquisition of one “profile” $\equiv k$ -space line

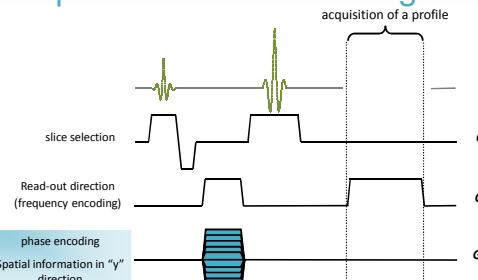


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Repeated Phase encoding

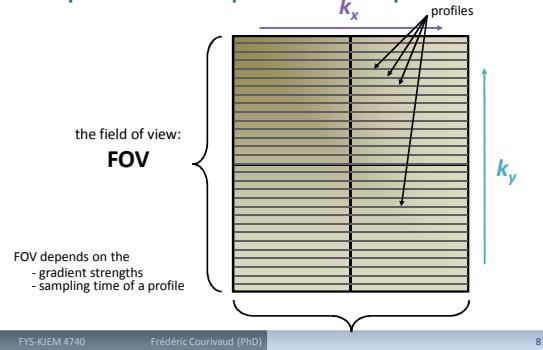


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Repeated acquisition of profiles

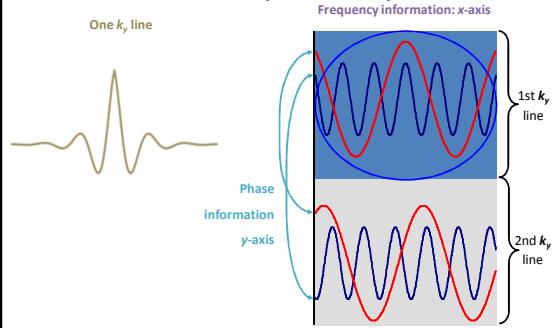


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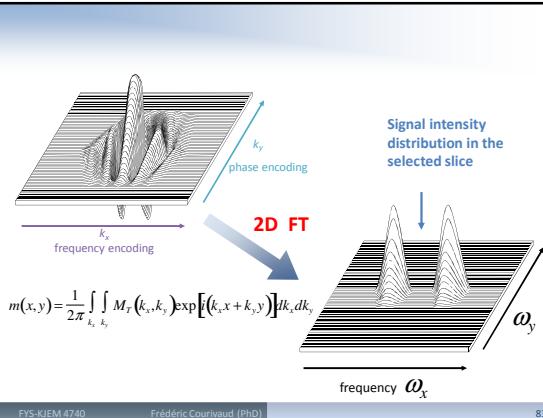
Schematic of k -space acquisition



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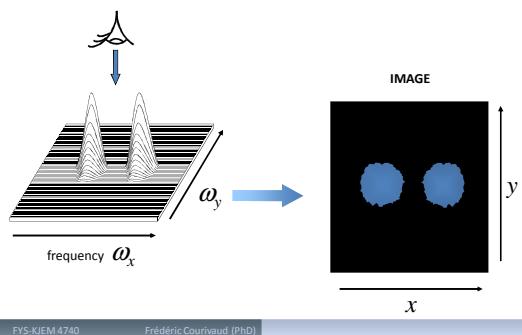


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Image generation



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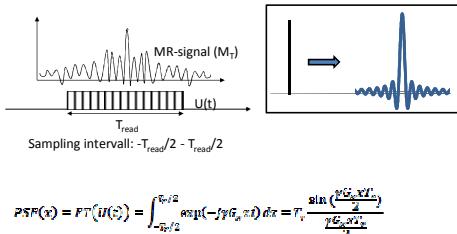
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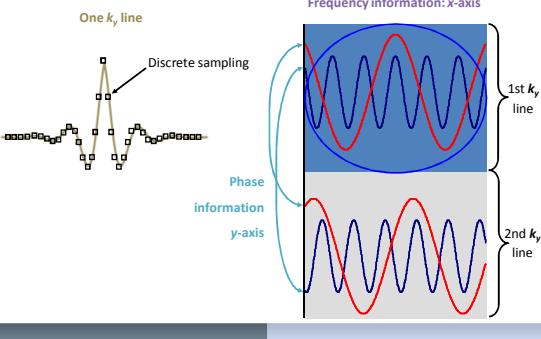
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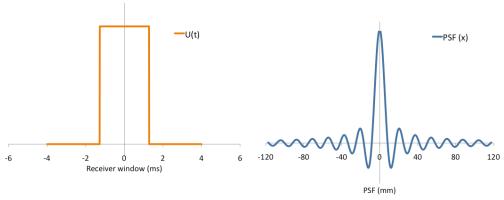
Discrete sampling



Schematic of k-space acquisition



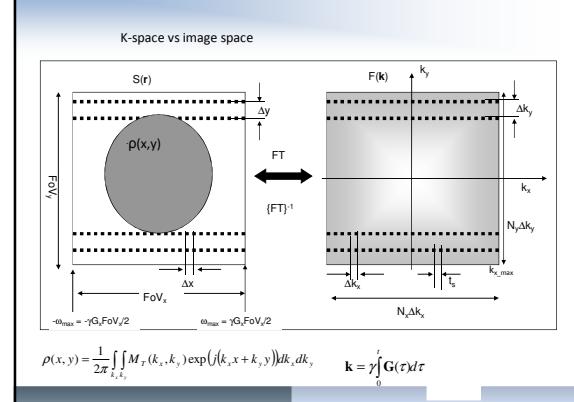
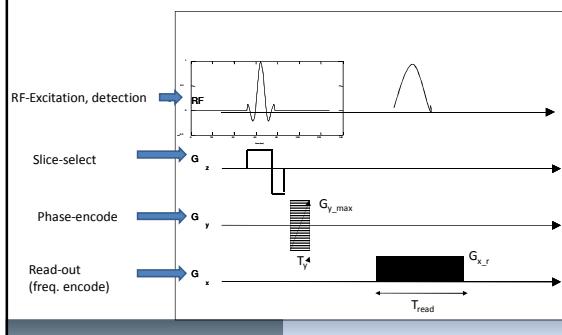
Discrete sampling and PSF



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Pulse sequence



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Resolution (x):

$$\delta x = \frac{2\pi}{\gamma G_x N_x t_s}$$

Maximum frequency in read-out (x) direction

$$\pm \omega_{\max} = \pm \gamma G_x F_o V_x / 2$$

Field of view (x):

$$\lambda_{x,\max} = \frac{2\pi}{k_{x,\min}} = \frac{2\pi}{\gamma G_x t_s} = F_o V_x$$

Min sampling rate (x):

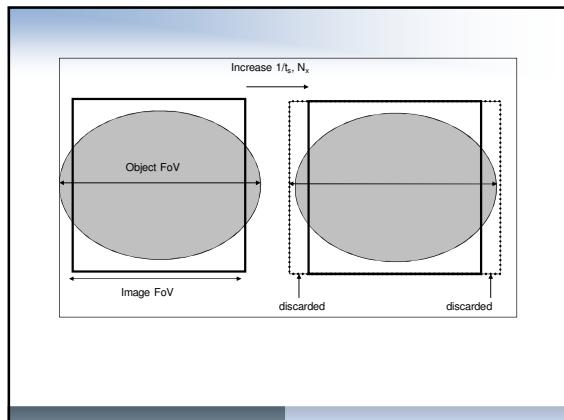
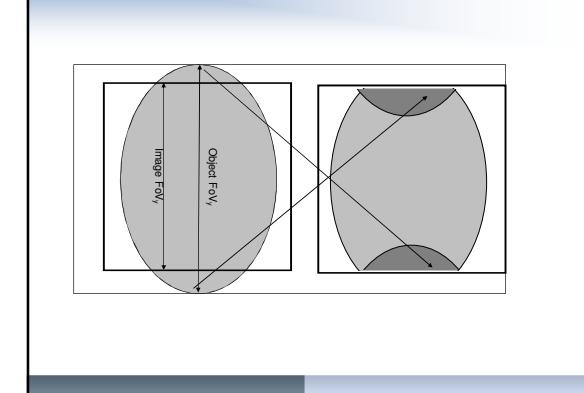
$$1/t_s \geq \gamma G_x F_o V_x / 2\pi$$

Field of view (y):

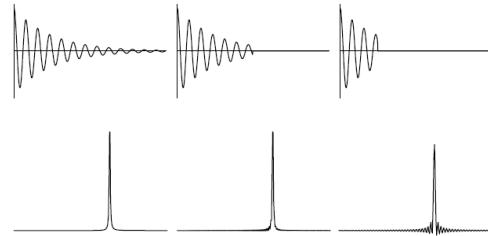
$$\lambda_{y,\max} = F_o V_y = \frac{\pi N_y}{\gamma G_{y,\max} T_y}$$

'Sampling rate' (y):

$$N_y = \gamma G_{y,\max} T_y F_o V_y$$



FFT 1D: Truncation Artefact



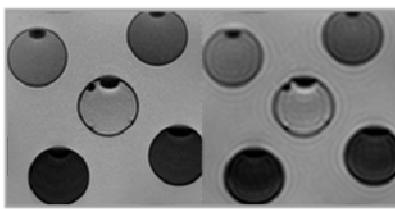
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FFT 2D: Truncation artefact

Ringing- (or truncation) artifacts in regions with high spatial frequencies (edges) in a phantom. The artifacts are more evident in the right image due to a lower matrix ($N=112$, vs $N=256$ in the left image).



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Truncation artifact

