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# Subspectral Editing with a Multiple Quantum Trap of $IS_n$ Spin Systems by Using Product Operator Theory

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Product operator theory was often used to describe analytically multi-pulse NMR experiments for weakly coupled spin systems. In this study first we introduce the descriptions of subspectral editing with a multiple quantum trap NMR spectra for  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$  with  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems by using product operator formalism. These theoretical investigations lead us to form the general expressions for the intensities of the spin  $-1/2$  nuclei coupled to the nuclei with spin  $\geq 5/2$ . The obtained results can be used for the spectral editing in both liquid-state and solid-state NMR experiments. Furthermore, in order to satisfy the obtained analytical expressions for signal intensities we add the presentation of analytical description of subspectral editing with a multiple quantum trap sequence for weakly coupled  $IS$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 7/2$ ) spin system.

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## 1. Introduction

Subspectral editing using a multiple quantum trap (namely SEMUT sequence) has been proposed as an alternative method for subspectral editing of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra [1]. This pulse sequence has mainly two advantages. Firstly, it contains fewer pulses than polarization technique distortionless enhancement po-

larization transfer (DEPT) and SEMUT sequence includes quaternaries for the determination of proton multiplicities in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR while DEPT can produce only CH,  $\text{CH}_2$ , and  $\text{CH}_3$  subspectra [2]. Secondly, it is most convenient experiment to be analyzed by using product operator theory as a simple quantum mechanical method [3, 4]. In this framework recently, SEMUT sequence has been described analytically for weakly coupled  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 1$  and  $3/2$  with  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems by using product operator formalism [5, 6].

On the other hand, it is a well known fact that approximately 74% of NMR active nuclei in the periodic table have a spin greater than  $1/2$ . For this reason a somewhat unusual two-spin system involving a spin  $S = 5/2$  (or  $\geq 5/2$ ) could be interesting for some spectral editing experiments in particular when one considers the solid-state analogue of the SEMUT experiment [7].

In the present work first we introduce the analytical descriptions of SEMUT sequence for weakly coupled  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$  with  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems by using product operator theory. Furthermore, we resume the similar results for weakly coupled  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S \geq 1/2$ ;  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems in Table which includes the earlier obtained results for  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 1/2$  and  $3/2$ ;  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems in the mentioned pulse sequence. Later we present the description of SEMUT sequence for another weakly coupled spin system  $IS$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 7/2$ ) in Appendix for the purpose of confirming the signal intensity in formed Table.

## 2. The evolutions of product operators under spin–spin coupling Hamiltonian for $IS_n$ ( $I = 1/2$ , $S = 5/2$ ) spin system and application to SEMUT sequence

For the analysis of multipulse experiments by using product operator formalism when a spin  $I = 1/2$  is coupled to a spin  $S = 5/2$ , under scalar coupling it is convenient to consider the decomposition of  $I = 1/2$  spin multiplicity into in-phase and anti-phase coherence with the inner and outer transitions of multiplet [4, 8–10]. This leads us to consider the operators  $I_x$ ,  $I_y$ ,  $I_x S_z$  and  $I_y S_z$  as some of the product operators for  $IS$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ) spin system. By considering the Hausdorff formula for the evolutions of the mentioned product operators under spin–spin coupling Hamiltonian a shorthand notation can be obtained as follows [9]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_x \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} & I_x E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) + \frac{2}{5} I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
 & + I_x E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) + \frac{2}{3} I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
 & + I_x E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) + 2 I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt), \tag{1a}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_y \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) - \frac{2}{5} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) - \frac{2}{3} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) - 2 I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt), \tag{1b}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_x S_z \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) + \frac{5}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
& + I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) + \frac{3}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
& + I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) + \frac{1}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt), \tag{1c}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_y S_z \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) - \frac{5}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) - \frac{3}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) - \frac{1}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt), \tag{1d}
\end{aligned}$$

We used these expressions for the analytical description of SEMUT sequence within the framework of product operator formalism. SEMUT sequence is shown in Fig. 1. The numbers labelled in Fig. 1 indicate all single stages of the density matrix operators in SEMUT pulse sequences.

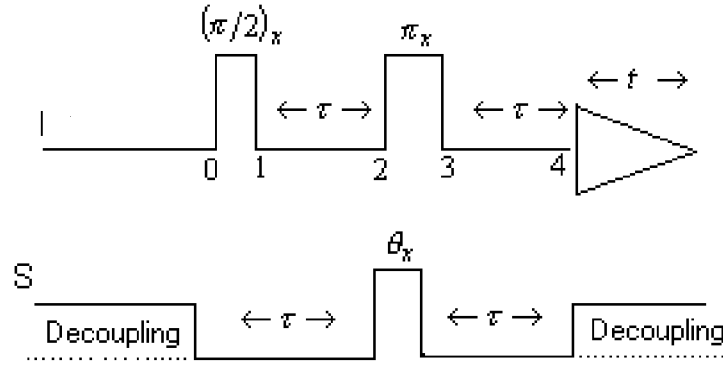


Fig. 1. SEMUT pulse sequence ( $\tau = 1/(2J)$ ).

For  $IS$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ) weakly coupled spin system the density matrix operators are as follows: in equilibrium state we have  $\sigma_0 = I_z$  and after the first pulse  $\sigma_1 = -I_y$ . During  $\tau$  interval, the density matrix operator is

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_2 = & -I_y E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) C_{5J} + \frac{2}{5} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) S_{5J} \\
& - I_y E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) C_{3J} + \frac{2}{5} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) S_{3J} \\
& - I_y E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) C_J + \frac{2}{5} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) S_J,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{nJ} = \cos(n\pi J\tau)$  and  $S_{nJ} = \sin(n\pi J\tau)$ . For  $\tau = 1/(2J)$  we take the values  $C_J = C_{3J} = C_{5J} = 0$  and  $S_J = S_{5J} = 1$ ,  $S_{3J} = -1$  and thus  $\sigma_2$  becomes

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{2}{5}I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2}) - \frac{2}{3}I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}) + 2I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}). \quad (2)$$

Then, after the applications of  $(180^\circ)_x$  and  $(\theta)_x$  pulses we obtain

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{2}{5}I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2})C_\theta - \frac{2}{3}I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2})C_\theta + 2I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2})C_\theta, \quad (3)$$

where  $C_\theta = \cos\theta$ . During  $\tau$  evolution time, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z} \sigma_4, \\ \sigma_4 &= \frac{2}{5}I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2})C_\theta C_{5J} + I_y E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2})C_\theta S_{5J} \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{3}I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2})C_\theta C_{3J} - I_y E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2})C_\theta S_{3J} \\ &\quad + 2I_x S_z E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2})C_\theta C_J + I_y E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2})C_\theta S_J. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By taking the values  $C_J = C_{3J} = C_{5J} = 0$ ,  $S_J = S_{5J} = 1$  and  $S_{3J} = -1$  for  $\tau = 1/(2J)$  we get

$$\sigma_4 = I_y E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2})C_\theta + I_y E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2})C_\theta + I_y E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2})C_\theta. \quad (5)$$

During  $\tau$  between stages 3 and 4 in Fig. 1, relaxation and effect of chemical shift Hamiltonian on the evolutions of product operators can be disregarded. But during detection time,  $t$ , the chemical shift effect exists. As a matter of fact, the calculation can be stopped at point four because of the density operator at this point. On the other hand, the signal is detected from  $y$ -axis and since the contributions to the observable signals becomes only including  $I_y$  product operator terms, the magnetization is proportional to  $\langle I_y \rangle$ , that is,

$$M_y(t) \sim \langle I_y \rangle = \text{Tr}[I_y \sigma_4]. \quad (6)$$

For  $IS$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ) spin system by substituting Eq. (7) into Eq. (8) we have the coefficients

$$\text{Tr}[I_y I_y E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2})] = \text{Tr}[I_y I_y E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2})] = \text{Tr}[I_y I_y E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2})] = 1. \quad (7)$$

Thus we obtain

$$\langle I_y \rangle (IS) = 3C_\theta. \quad (8)$$

For  $IS_2$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ) spin systems by following the same calculations steps we obtain the observable signal as

$$\langle I_y \rangle (IS_2) = 18C_\theta^2. \quad (9)$$

In a similar way, for  $IS_3$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ) spin system the observable signal becomes

$$\langle I_y \rangle (IS_3) = 4 \times 27C_\theta^3. \quad (10)$$

### 3. Discussion and conclusions

Considering Eqs. (8)–(10) we can study the dependencies of observable signal intensities on the pulse angle  $\theta$  (Fig. 2). In Fig. 2 the unnormalized values are used and if we denote the  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ) spin systems as  $XY_n$  (for instance,  $X = {}^{13}\text{C}$ ), the relative intensities of  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  SEMUT NMR spectra can be observed separately for every single group. In the case of  $\theta = 90^\circ$  or  $270^\circ$  only quaternary carbons are observed. From Fig. 2 it is easily seen that the relative intensities for  $\text{CY}$ ,  $\text{CY}_2$ , and  $\text{CY}_3$  groups are the same at the angle  $180^\circ$ .

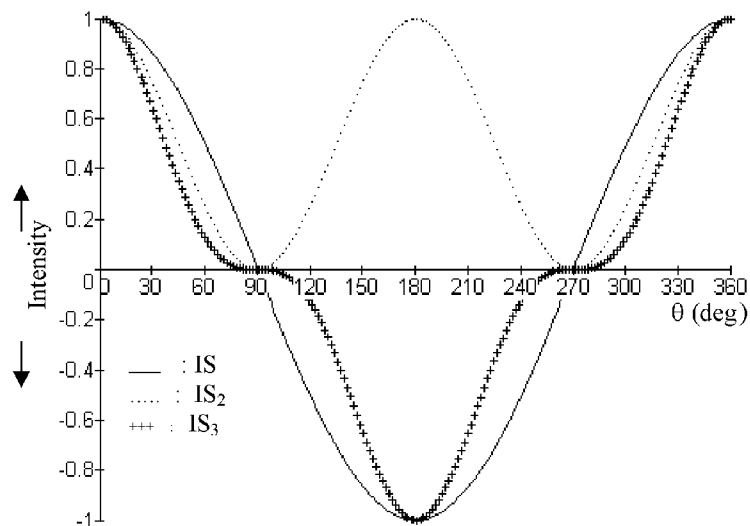


Fig. 2. The plot of the signal intensities as a function of the pulse angle  $\theta$ .

On the other hand, the obtained intensity values exhibit a significant proportionality to the results of weakly coupled  $IS$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 1/2$  and  $3/2$ ;  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems by using product operator formalism in the subspectral editing  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR SEMUT spectra [1, 6]. Based on this proportionality, the intensities of the observable signals for weakly coupled half-integer spin systems are listed in Table.

From Table, we can derive an expression between the total signal intensities and the dimensions in the matrix representations of  $S$  spin operators as

$$I = n \left( \frac{N}{2} \right)^n \cos^n \theta \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2 \quad (11)$$

and

$$I = (n + 1) \left( \frac{N}{2} \right)^n \cos^n \theta \quad \text{for } n = 3, \quad (12)$$

where  $N$  is the dimension of the matrix representation of  $S$  spin operator.

TABLE

The obtained signal intensities in the analytical descriptions of SEMUT sequence by using product operator theory for weakly coupled  $IS_n$  ( $I = 1/2$ ,  $S = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, 7/2$ , and  $9/2$ ;  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) spin systems.

Spin system	Coefficients	$S = 1/2^a$	$S = 3/2^b$	$S = 5/2$	$S = 7/2$	$S = 9/2$
$IS$	$\cos \theta$	1	2(=1.2)	3(=1.3)	4(=1.4)	5(=1.5)
$IS_2$	$\cos^2 \theta$	2	8(=2.2 <sup>2</sup> )	18(=2.3 <sup>2</sup> )	32(=2.4 <sup>2</sup> )	50(=2.5 <sup>2</sup> )
$IS_3$	$\cos^3 \theta$	4	32(=4.2 <sup>3</sup> )	108(=4.3 <sup>3</sup> )	256(=4.4 <sup>3</sup> )	500(=4.5 <sup>3</sup> )

<sup>a</sup>Taken from Ref. [1] and <sup>b</sup>taken from Ref. [6].

As the conclusion we can express that although the spin systems involving the spin  $S \geq 5/2$  are rather unusual for the spectral editing experiments the product operator formalism became a crucial method to describe analytically multidimensional and multipulse sequences for scalar coupled spin systems in both solvent and dilute-solids NMR.

### Appendix

#### The analytical description of SEMUT sequence for weakly coupled $IS$ ( $I = 1/2$ , $S = 7/2$ ) spin system by using product operator theory

According to the decomposition mentioned in Sec. 1, the unitary matrix representation of  $S = 7/2$  spin operator can be written as

$$E_s = E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) + E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) + E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) + E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}), \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where

$$E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Thus the product operator  $I_x$  can be defined as

$$\begin{aligned} I_x &= I_x \otimes E_s \\ &= I_x \otimes E_s(\pm\frac{7}{2}) + I_x \otimes E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2}) + I_x \otimes E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}) + I_x \otimes E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

In order to express the evolutions of operator  $I_x$  under spin-spin coupling Hamiltonian,  $H_J = 2\pi J I_z S_z$ , we should use the Hausdorff formula and the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} S_z^n E_s(\pm\frac{7}{2}) &= \frac{49}{4} S_z^{n-2} E_s(\pm\frac{7}{2}), & n \geq 2, \\ S_z^n E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2}) &= \frac{25}{4} S_z^{n-2} E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2}), & n \geq 2, \\ S_z^n E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}) &= \frac{9}{4} S_z^{n-2} E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}), & n \geq 2, \\ S_z^n E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{1}{4} S_z^{n-2} E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}), & n \geq 2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_x &\xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_x E_s(\pm\frac{7}{2}) \cos(7\pi J t) + \frac{2}{7} I_y S_z E_s(\pm\frac{7}{2}) \sin(7\pi J t) \\ &+ I_x E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi J t) + \frac{2}{5} I_y S_z E_s(\pm\frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi J t) \\ &+ I_x E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi J t) + \frac{2}{3} I_y S_z E_s(\pm\frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi J t) \\ &+ I_x E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi J t) + 2 I_y S_z E_s(\pm\frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi J t), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5a})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_y \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) \cos(7\pi Jt) - \frac{2}{7} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) \sin(7\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) - \frac{2}{5} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) - \frac{2}{3} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) - 2 I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt), \tag{A.5b}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_x S_z \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) \cos(7\pi Jt) + \frac{7}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) \sin(7\pi Jt) \\
& + I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) + \frac{5}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
& + I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) + \frac{3}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
& + I_x S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) + \frac{1}{2} I_y E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt), \tag{A.5c}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_y S_z \xrightarrow{2\pi J I_z S_z t} I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) \cos(7\pi Jt) - \frac{7}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{7}{2}) \sin(7\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \cos(5\pi Jt) - \frac{5}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{5}{2}) \sin(5\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \cos(3\pi Jt) - \frac{3}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{3}{2}) \sin(3\pi Jt) \\
& + I_y S_z E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \cos(\pi Jt) - \frac{1}{2} I_x E_s(\pm \frac{1}{2}) \sin(\pi Jt). \tag{A.5d}
\end{aligned}$$

By following the same procedure within the text we obtain the observable signal as

$$\langle I_y \rangle (IS) = 4C_\theta. \tag{A.6}$$

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