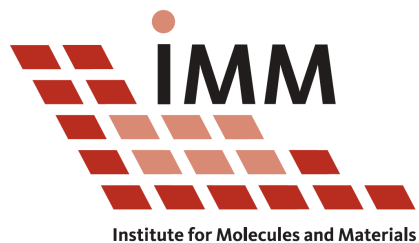


High-Field Solid-State NMR: The Tools and Their Application in Materials Research



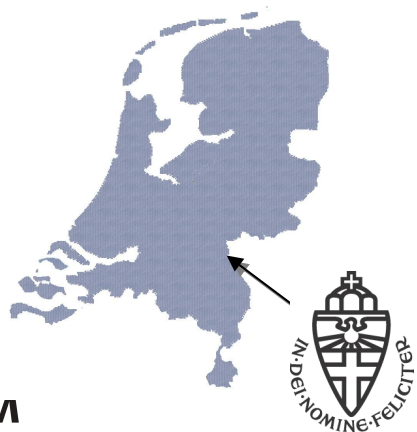
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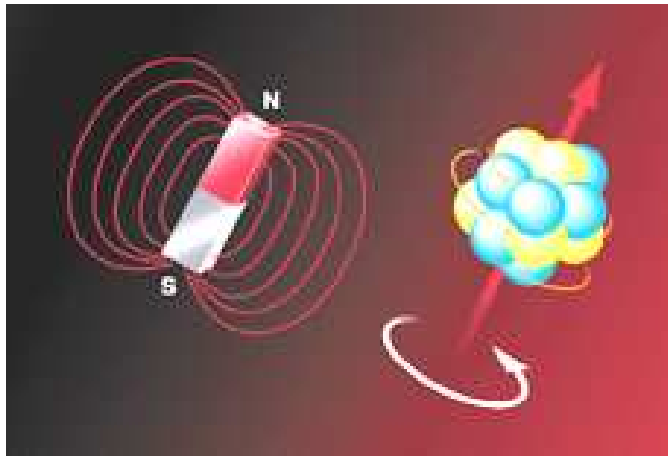
Outline

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 - Polarization Enhancement Techniques
 - Mechanical Detection of Magnetic Resonance

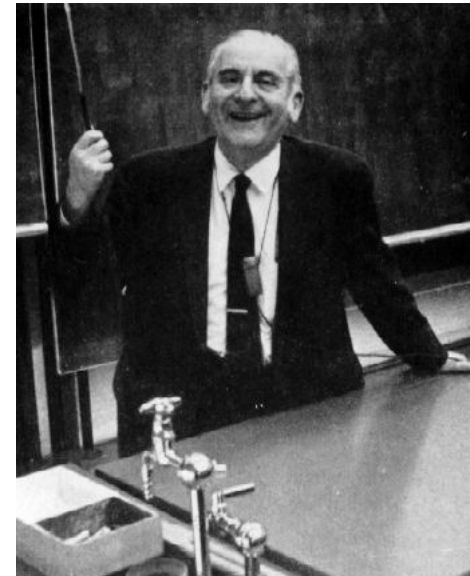
Nijmegen Science Faculty & Goudsmit Pavilion for NMR Research



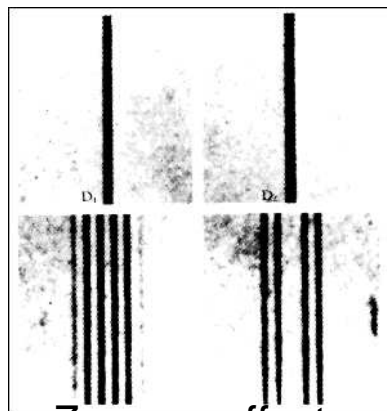
The Concept of Spin



Goudsmit en Uhlenbeck 1925: Electrons have an intrinsic magnetic moment caused by the rotation of the electron



Goudsmit - Pauli - Stern 1926: nuclear spin



Zeeman effect



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Nuclear Spin Hamiltonian

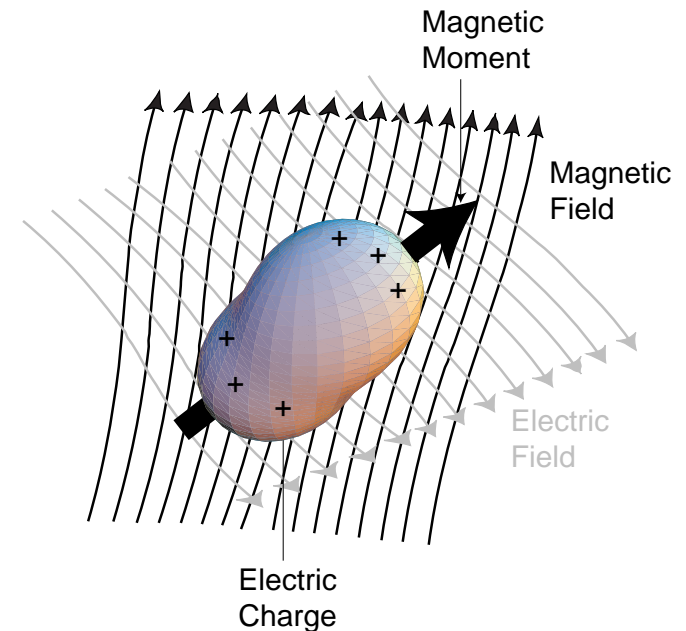
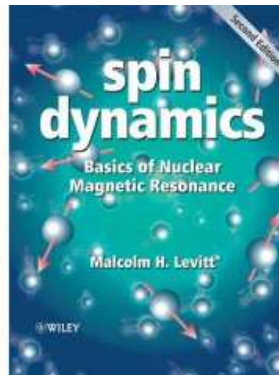
- Quantum state of the entire sample is fully described by a wave function $|\psi_{full}\rangle$

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\psi_{full}(t)\rangle = -i\hat{H}_{full} |\psi_{full}(t)\rangle$$

- Effects of rapidly moving electrons is blurred out, their “average” effect is contained in the spin Hamiltonian:

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\psi_{spin}(t)\rangle = -i\hat{H}_{spin} |\psi_{spin}(t)\rangle$$

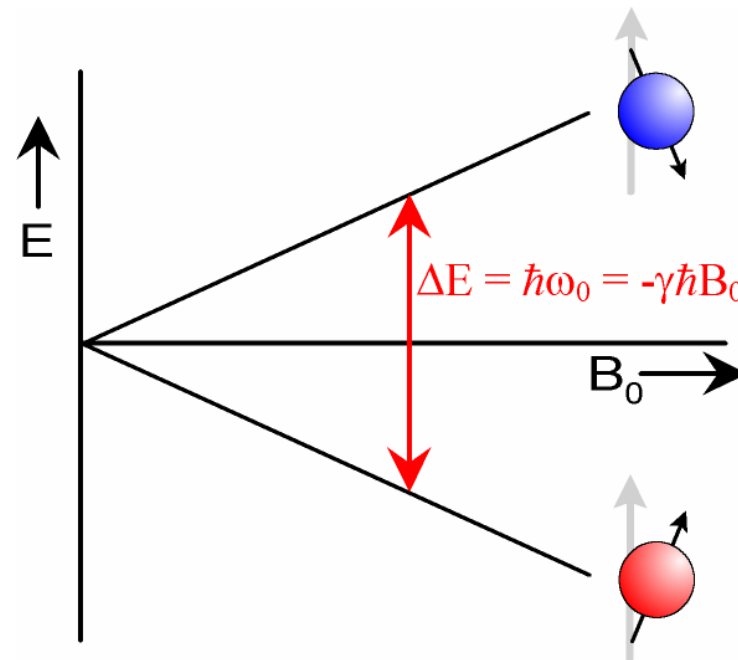
Study Malcolm H. Levitt
Spin Dynamics, Wiley, 2001



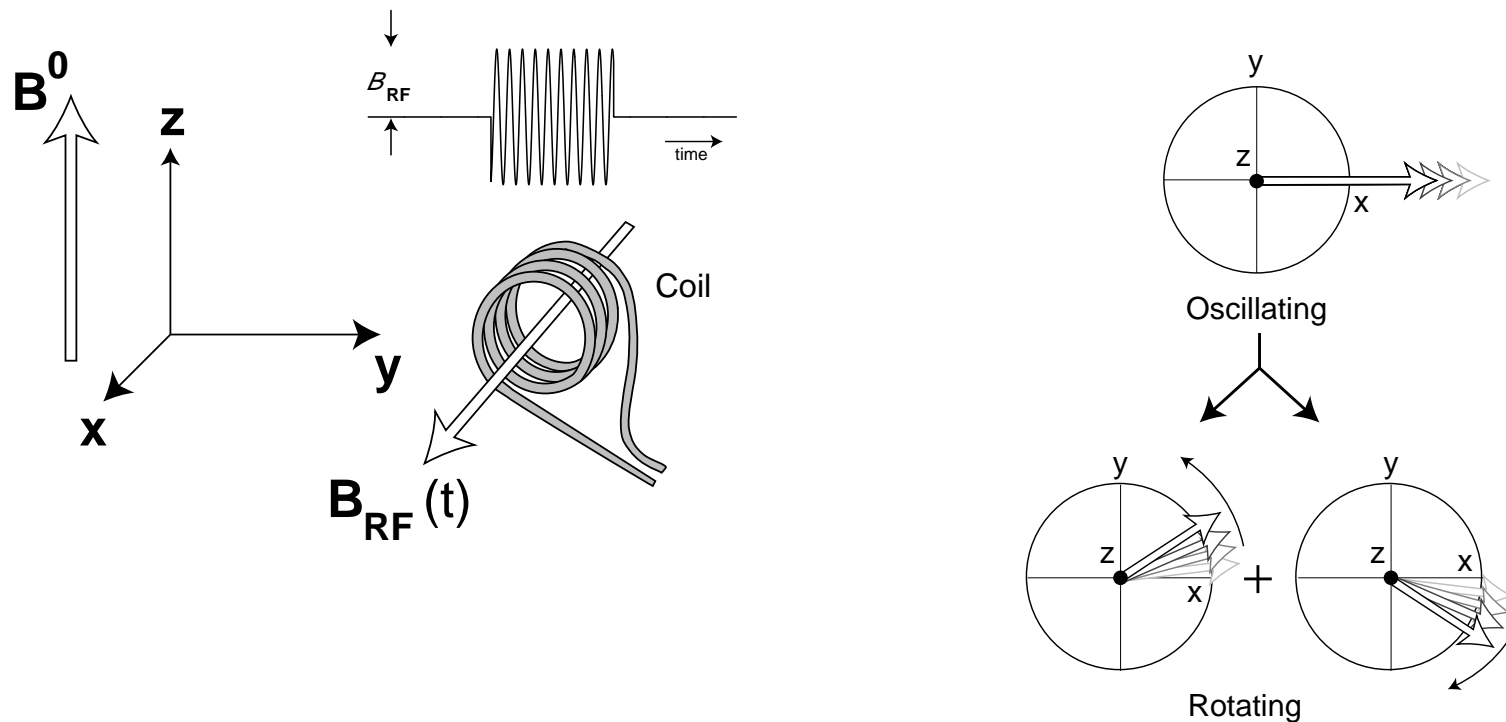
Nuclear Zeeman Interaction

- Spin interacts with external magnetic field:

$$\hat{H}_{Zeeman}^j = -\hat{\mu}_j \cdot \vec{B} = -\gamma_j \hat{I}_j \vec{B} \xrightarrow{B_0 // z} \hat{H}_{Zeeman}^j = -\gamma_j \hat{I}_{j,z} B_0$$



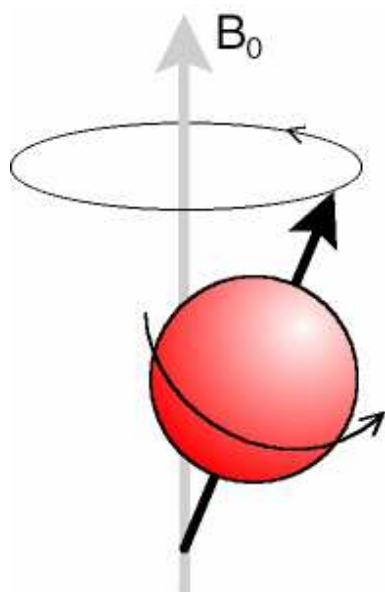
Transverse RF field



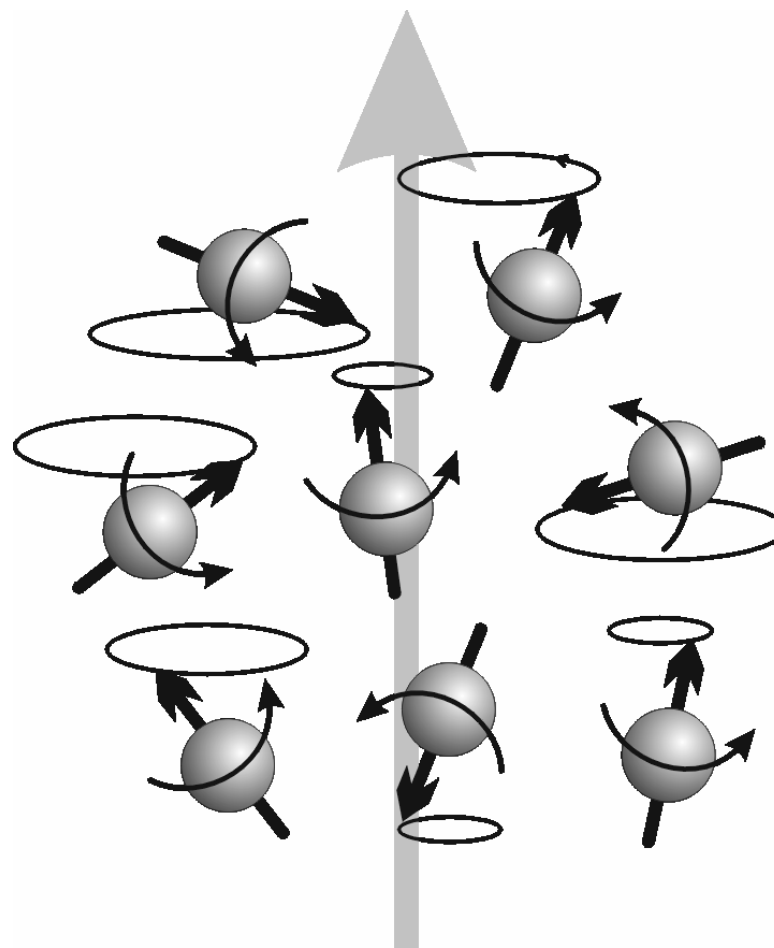
$$\hat{H}_{RF}^j = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_j B_1 \{ \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi_p) \hat{I}_{j,x} + \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi_p) \hat{I}_{j,y} \}$$

$$\text{nutaton frequency } \omega_{nut} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_j B_1$$

Precession in the Magnetic Field

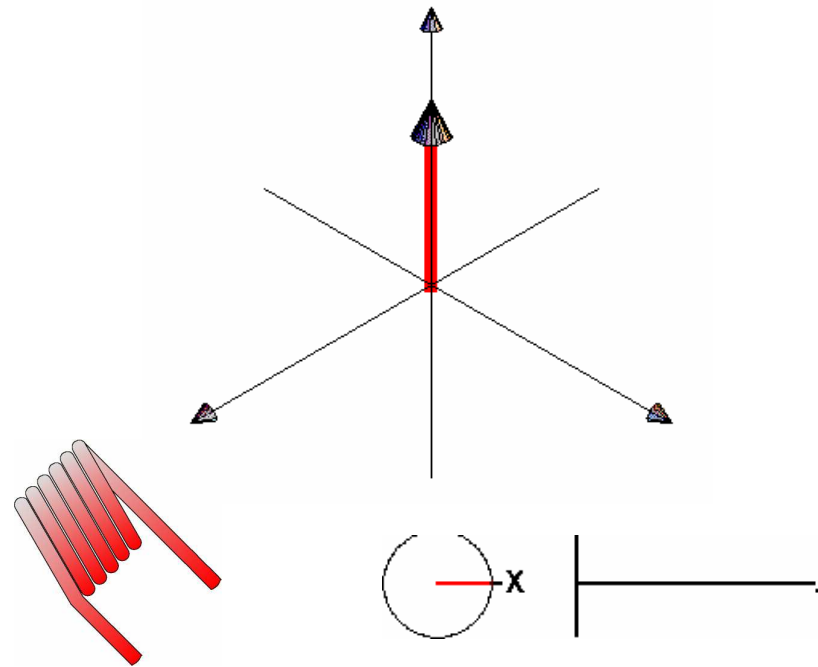
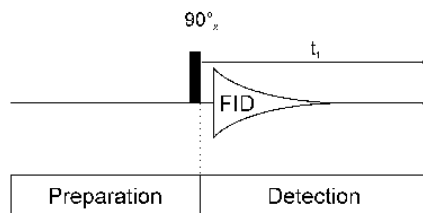


Larmor
precession
frequency

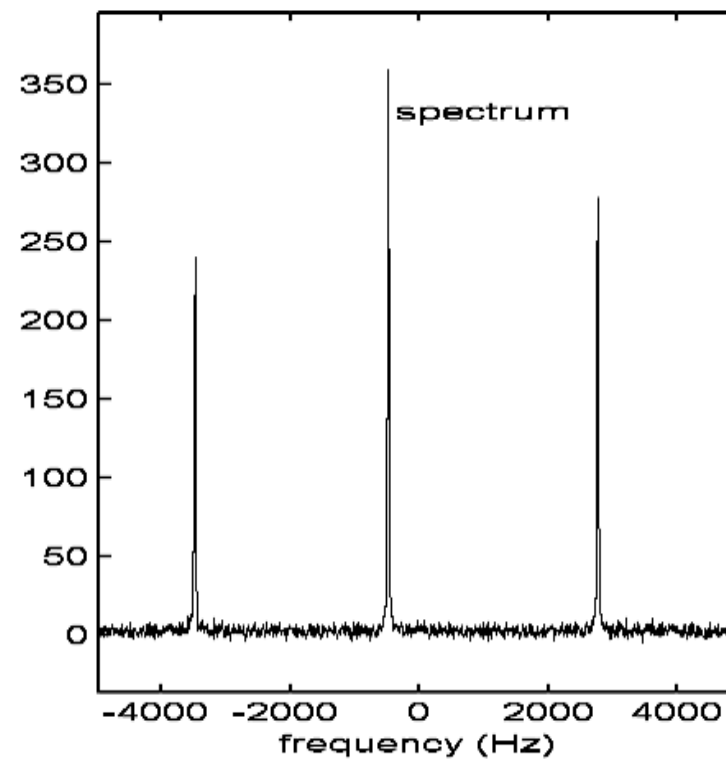
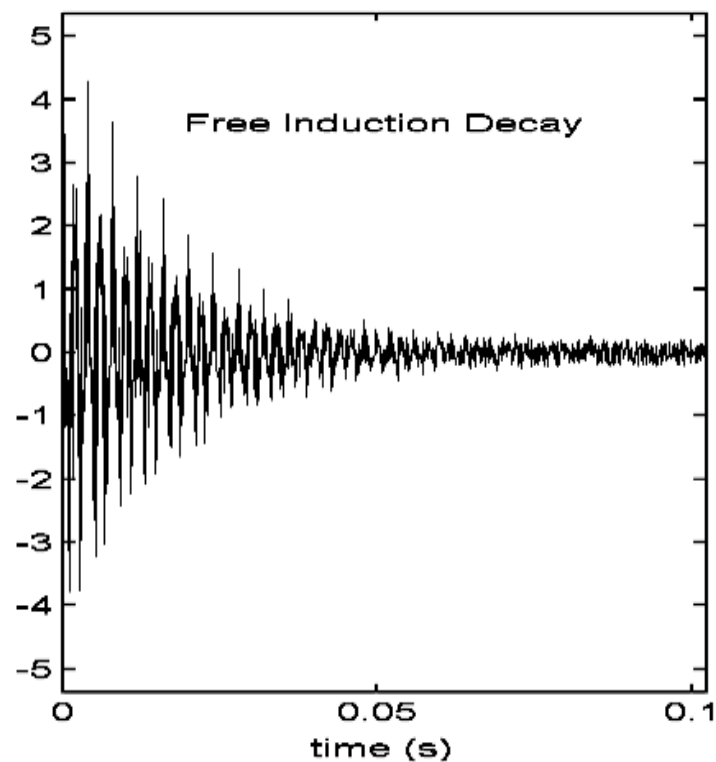


The basic NMR experiment as viewed from the rotating frame

- The magnetization is tipped over by a rf-pulse. The precession of the magnetization in the field induces a voltage in the receiver coil.



From Free Induction Decay to Spectrum



Fourier Transform

Chemical Shift

diamagnetism

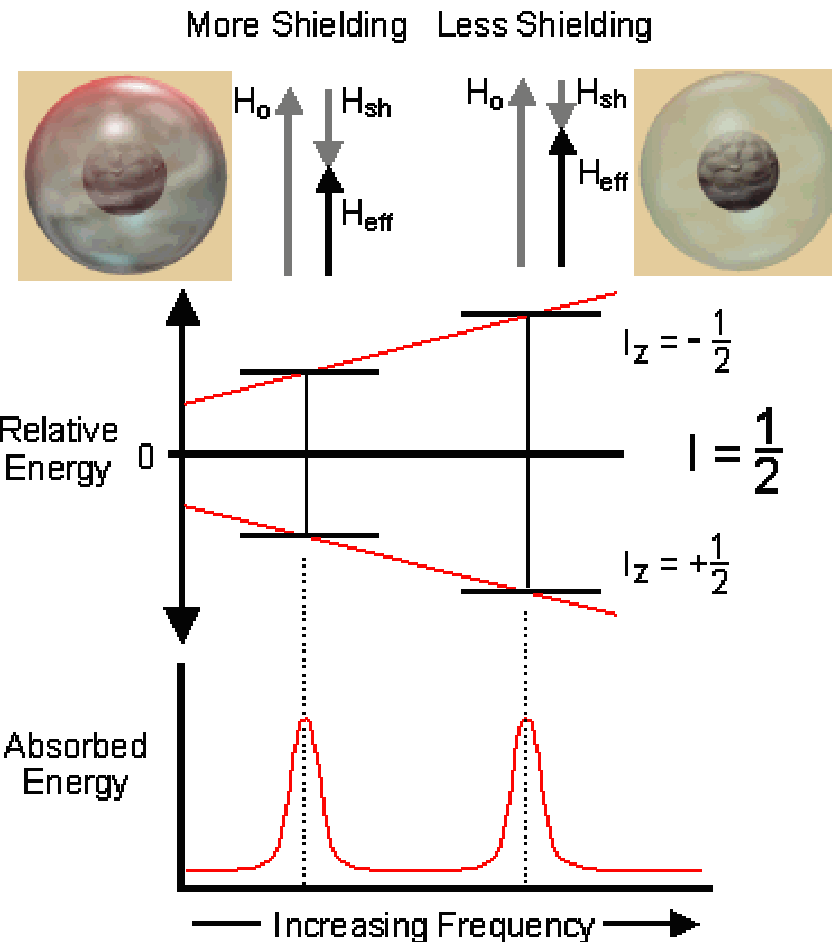


HFML Nijmegen

$$\vec{B}_{j,loc} = B_0 + \vec{B}_{j,induced}$$

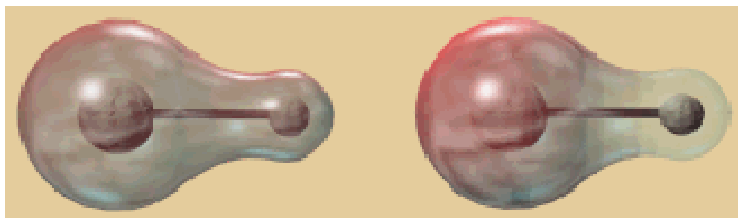
$$\vec{B}_{j,induced} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{j,xx} & \delta_{j,xy} & \delta_{j,xz} \\ \delta_{j,yx} & \delta_{j,yy} & \delta_{j,yz} \\ \delta_{j,zx} & \delta_{j,zy} & \delta_{j,zz} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ B_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

secular approximation : $\hat{H}_{CS}^j \cong -\gamma_j B_0 \delta_{j,zz}(\theta) \hat{I}_{j,z}$



Ethanol: CH₃CH₂OH

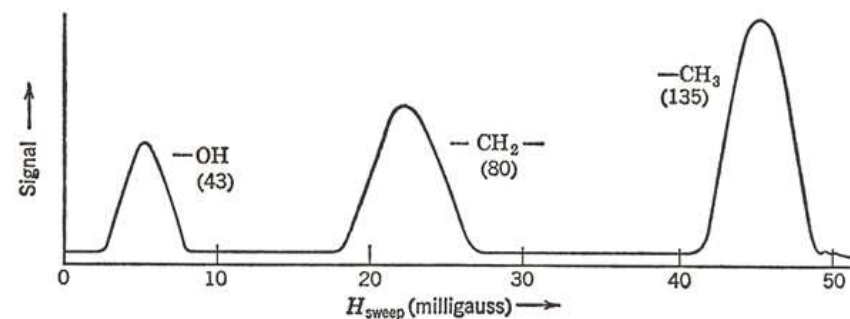
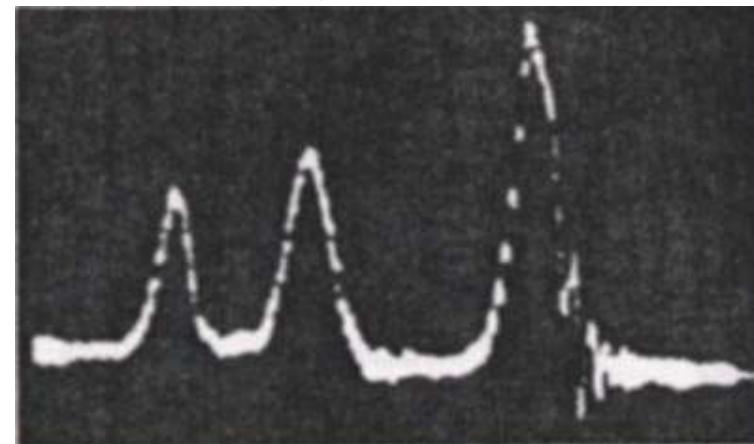
Packard, Stanford 1951



In isotropic liquids motionally averaged chemical shift :

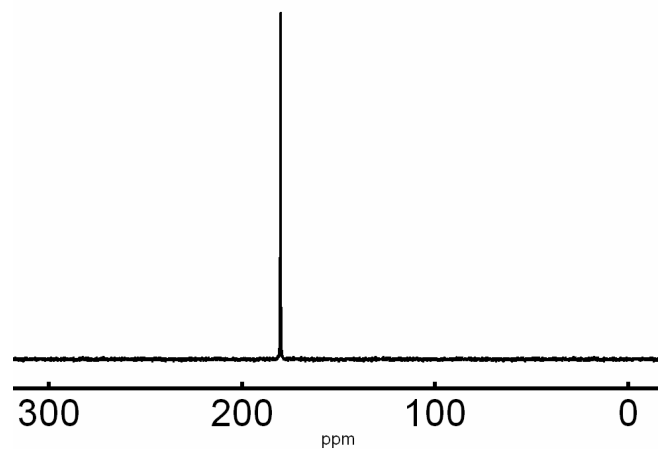
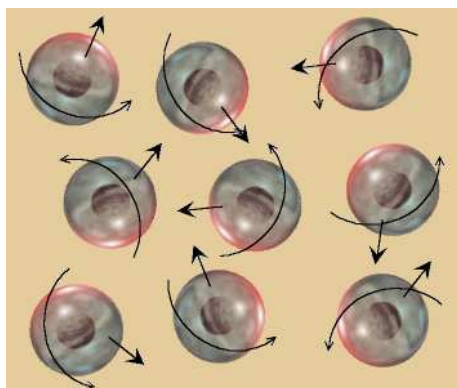
$$\hat{H}_{CS,iso}^j \cong -\gamma_j B_0 \delta_{j,iso} \hat{I}_{j,z}$$

$$\delta_{j,iso} = \frac{1}{3} (\delta_{j,xx} + \delta_{j,yy} + \delta_{j,zz})$$

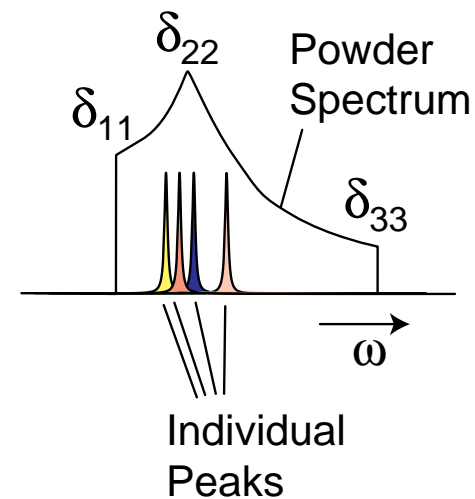
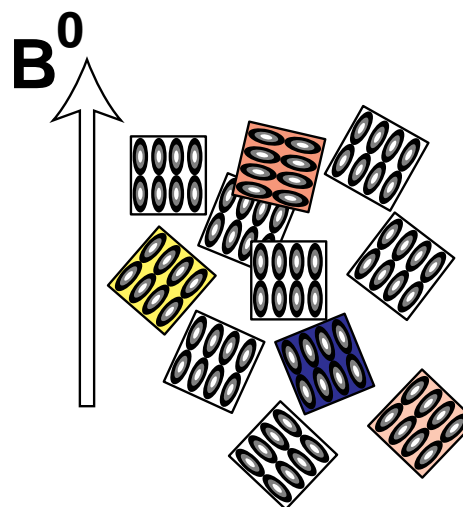
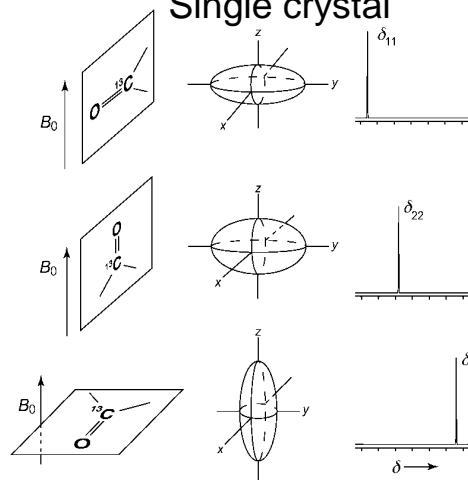


Anisotropic Interactions

Liquid: rotational and translational motions



Single crystal



What Information Can NMR Give

Site Identification

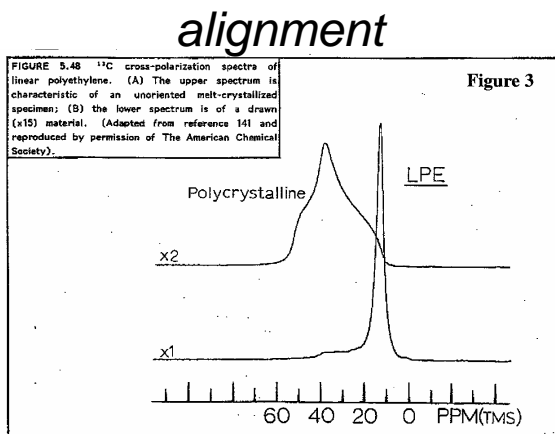
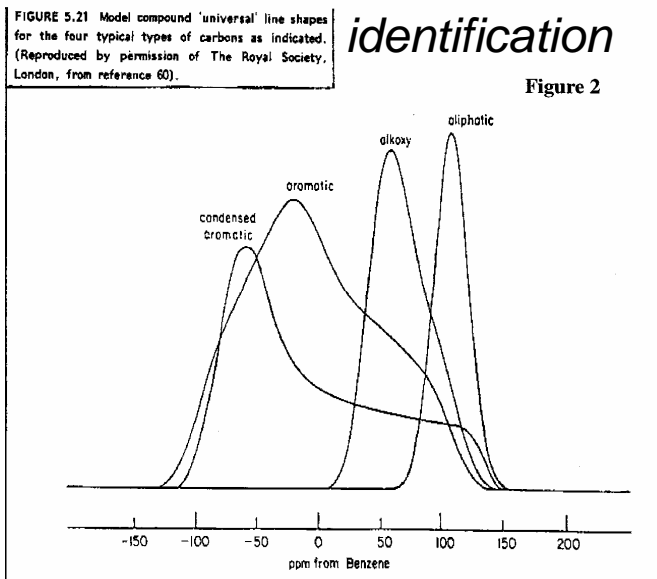
- *Chemical Shift*

- ☞ Identification of structural building blocks (^1H , ^{13}C).
- ☞ Coordination of ^{27}Al , $^{69,71}\text{Ga}$, ^{29}Si etc).
- ☞ Hydrogen bonding (^1H , ^{15}N , ^{17}O)
- ☞ Majority of periodic table is accessible

- *Knight shifts, Fermi-contact shifts etc (Lecture Berthier).*

- ☞ Li-ions in paramagnetic battery materials

Anisotropic ^{13}C interactions



Molecular motions

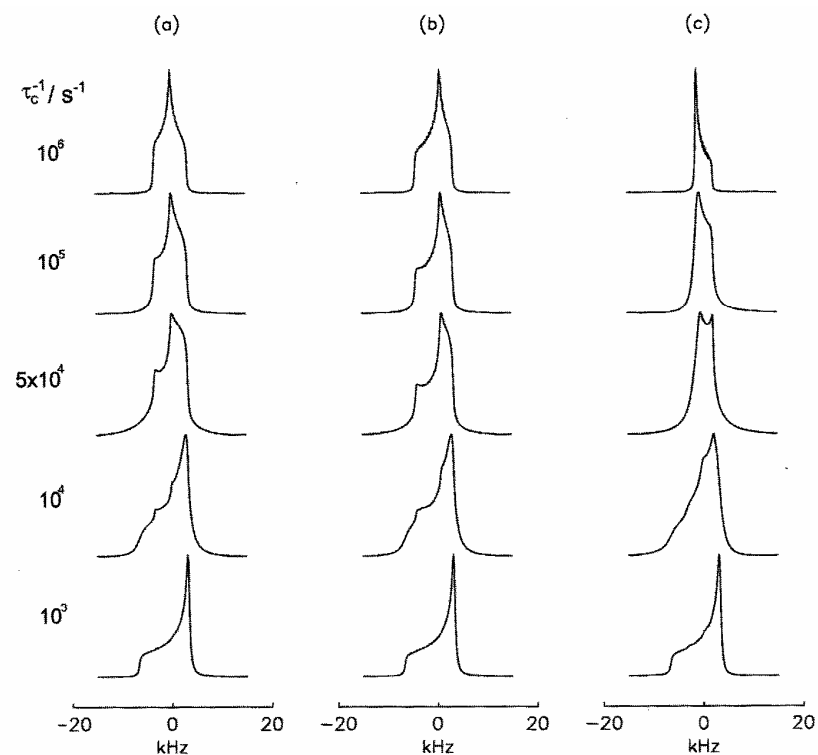
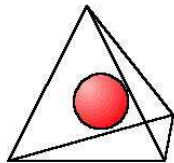


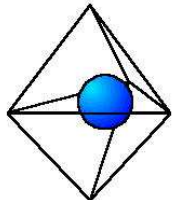
Fig. 6.5 Some chemical shift anisotropy lineshapes under conditions of molecular motion. Three different models of molecular motion are considered: (a) two-site hopping, chemical shift tensor principal z-axis reorientates by 109.5° ; (b) two-site hopping, chemical shift tensor principal z-axis reorientates by 120° and (c) three-site hopping about a rotation axis orientated at 70.5° to the chemical shift tensor principal z-axis in each site. In all cases, the chemical shift tensor is axially symmetric and the populations of each site are equal. The τ_c^{-1} (Ω) for each case are given with the spectra. The Π matrices used in the calculations

Site Identification

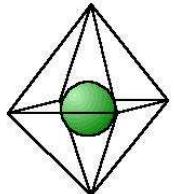
^{27}Al NMR of oxides



4-fold coordinated Al:
80 - 40 ppm

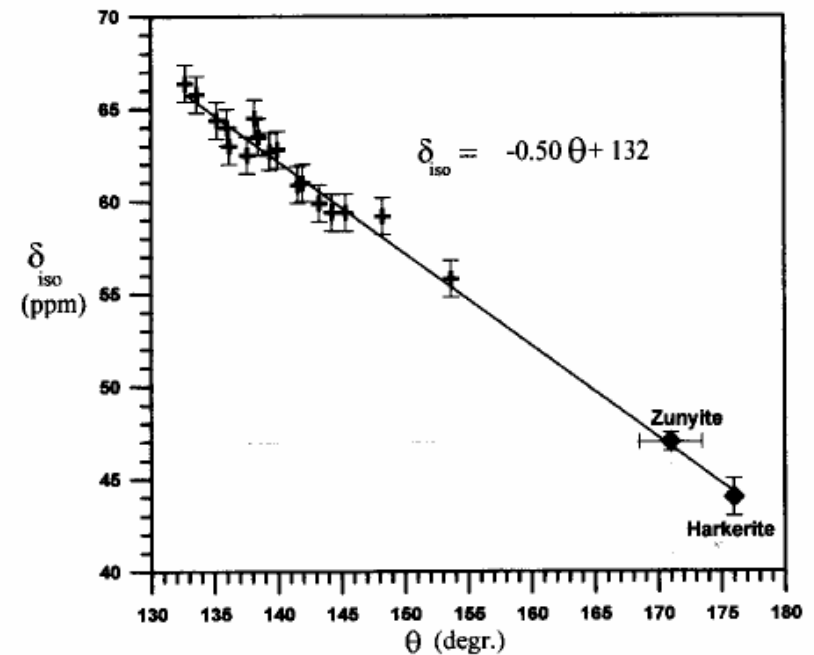


5-fold coordinated Al:
40 - 20 ppm



6-fold coordinated Al:
20 - -10 ppm

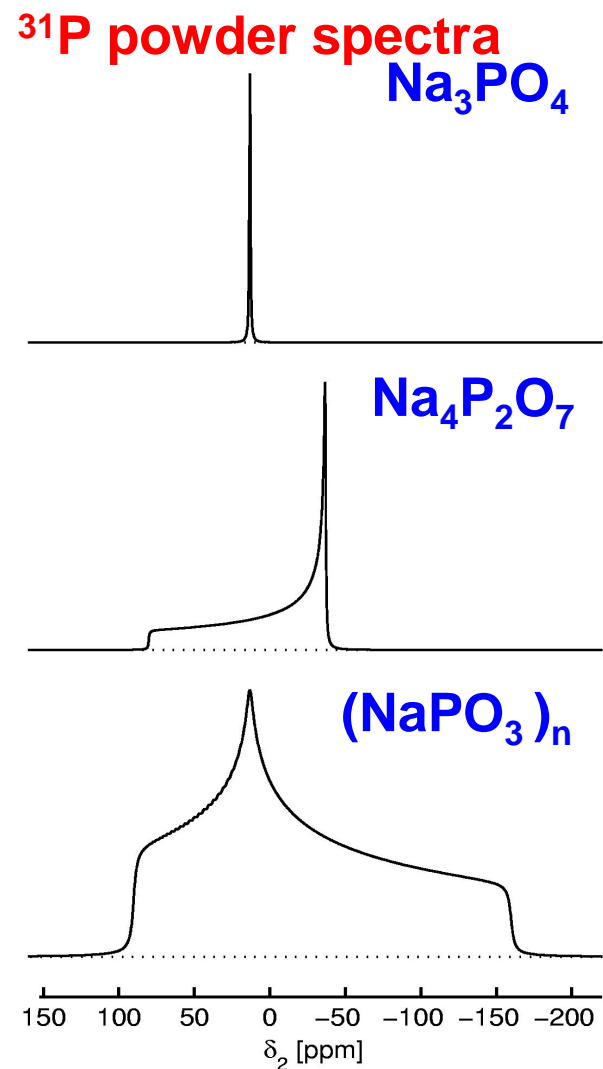
δ_{CS} Tetrahedral Al-O-Si
in aluminosilicates



Anisotropic Interactions

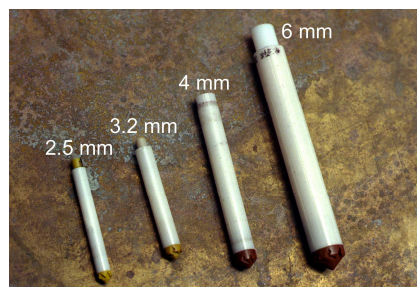
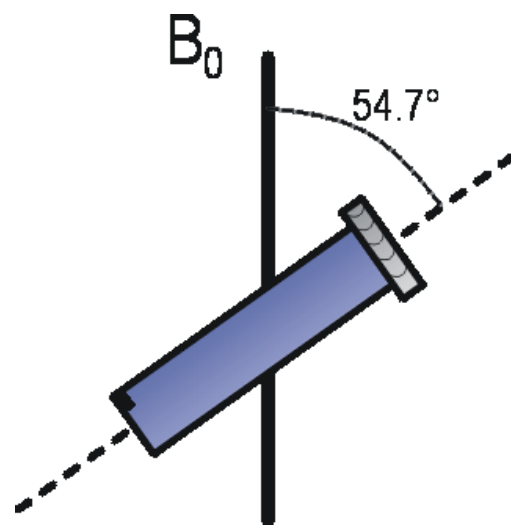
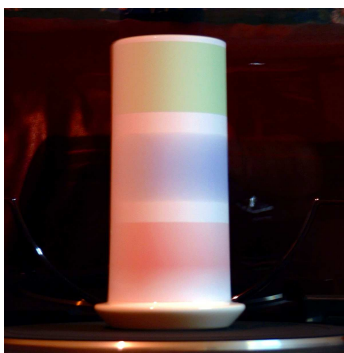
- ☹ Broad lines
- ☺ Structural information
- ☺ study dynamics
- ☺ **Manipulation in ordinary and spin space**

- ✂ use adequate tools

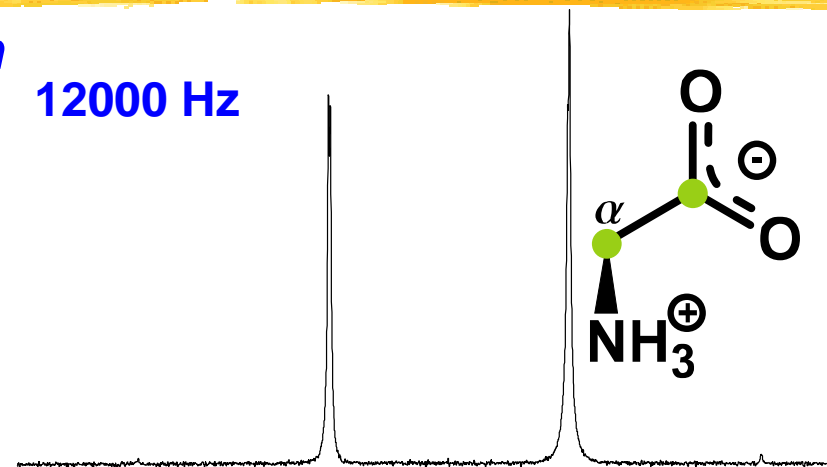


Tool: Magic-Angle Spinning

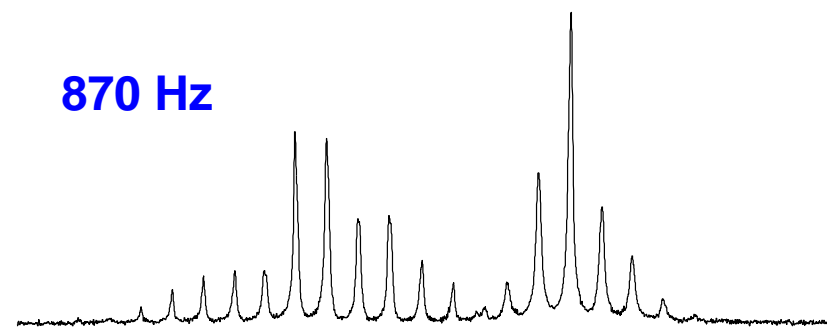
Averaging of anisotropic interactions in ordinary coordinate space.



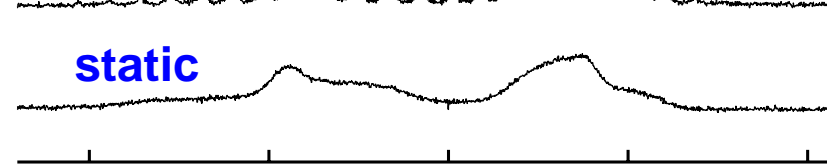
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870 Hz

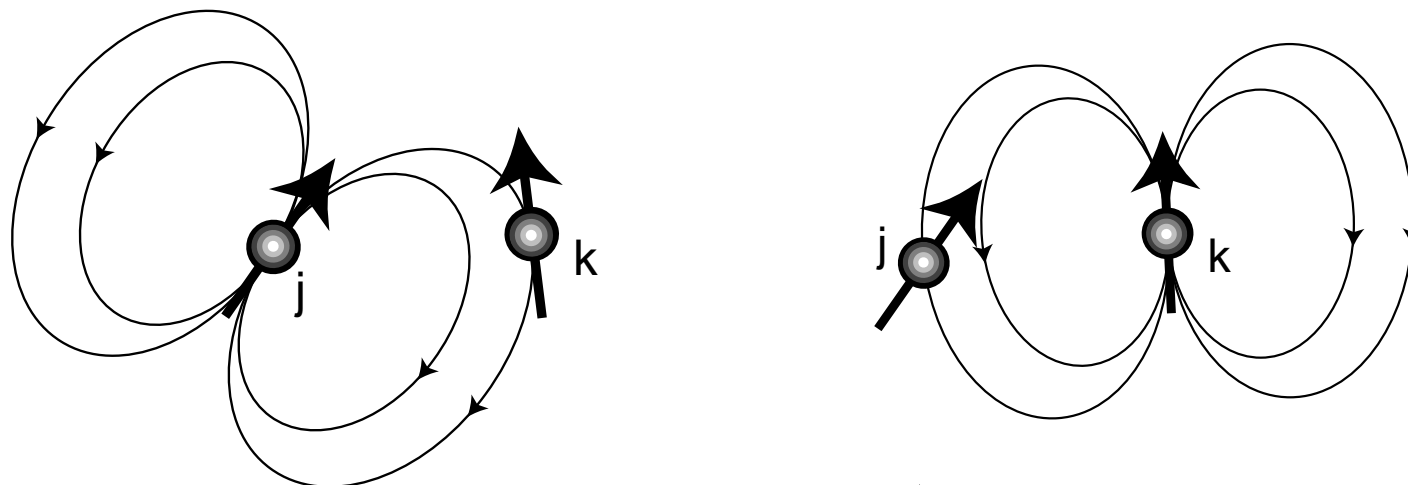


static



-10 -5 0 5 10
 $\omega/2\pi$ [kHz]

Direct dipole-dipole interactions



$$\hat{H}_{DD}^{jk} = b_{jk} \left(3(\hat{I}_j \cdot e_{jk})(\hat{I}_k \cdot e_{jk}) - \hat{I}_j \cdot \hat{I}_k \right)$$

e_{jk} is the unit vector connecting spin j and k

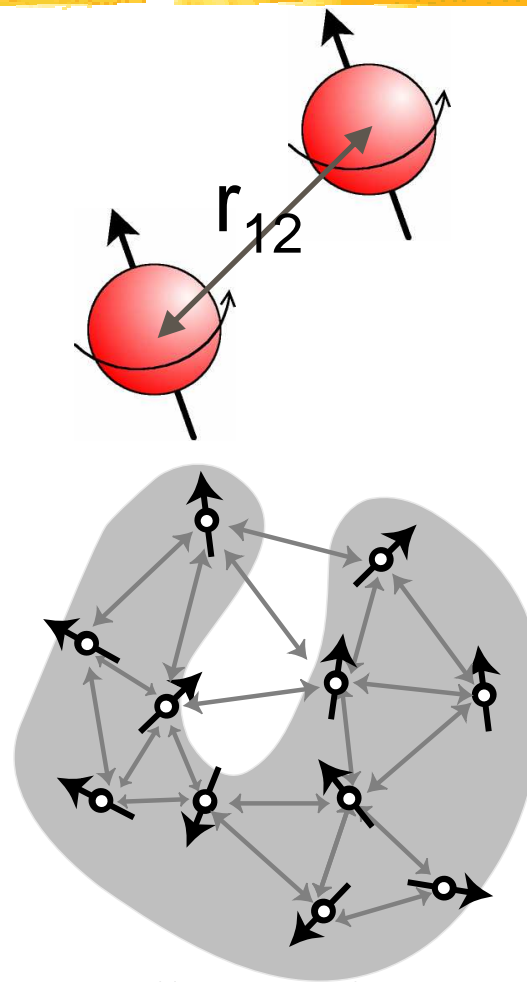
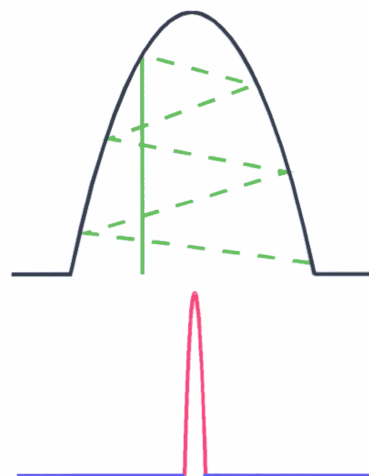
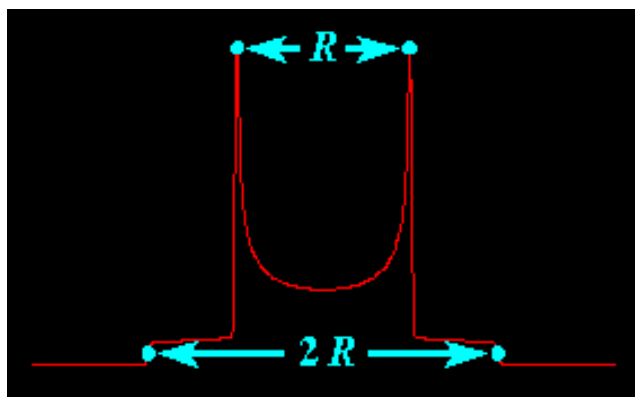
secular approximation :

$$\text{homonuclear : } \hat{H}_{DD}^{jk}(\theta_{jk}) = b_{jk} \left(3 \cos^2(\theta_{jk}) - 1 \right) \left(3\hat{I}_{jz} \hat{I}_{kz} - \hat{I}_j \cdot \hat{I}_k \right)$$

$$\text{heteronuclear : } \hat{H}_{DD}^{jk}(\theta_{jk}) = b_{jk} \left(3 \cos^2(\theta_{jk}) - 1 \right) \left(2\hat{I}_{jz} \hat{I}_{kz} \right)$$

Anisotropic Dipolar Interaction

Pake doublet



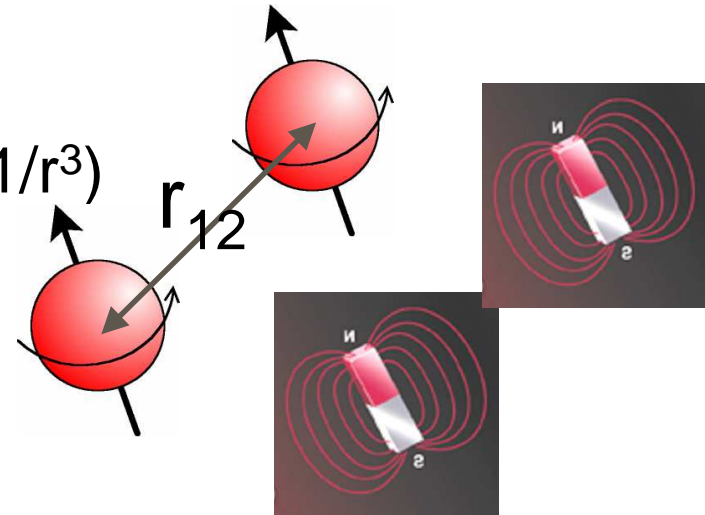
For abundant spins MAS is only effective if spinning speed significantly exceeds the line width

What Information Can NMR Give

Intersite correlations

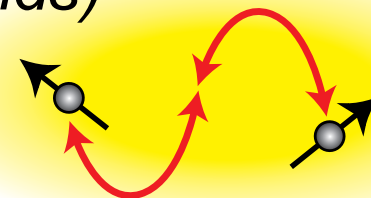
- *Dipolar Interactions (through space)*

- ☞ Spatial proximity of nuclei ($\sim 1/r^3$)
- ☞ Homonuclear
- ☞ Heteronuclear



- *J-couplings (mediated through chemical bonds)*

- ☞ Existence of chemical bonds.

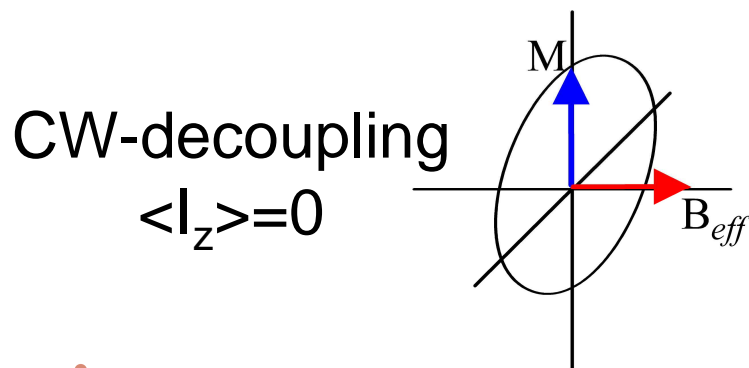


- *Hyperfine interactions (coupling to electron spin > Lecture Berthier).*

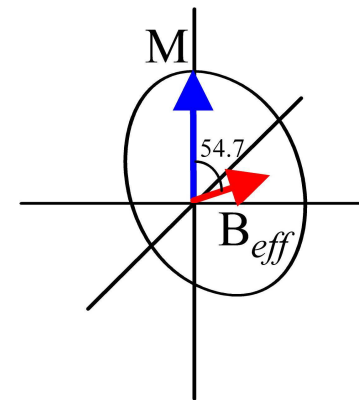
Tool: Radio Frequency Irradiation

👍 Heteronuclear decoupling of nuclei by CW-irradiation with resonant RF waves. Pulsed alternatives TPPI, XiX etc.

👍 Homonuclear decoupling by CW irradiation at the magic angle (Lee-Goldburg decoupling). Pulsed alternatives: WAHUHA, MREV-8, FSLG, Dumbo etc.

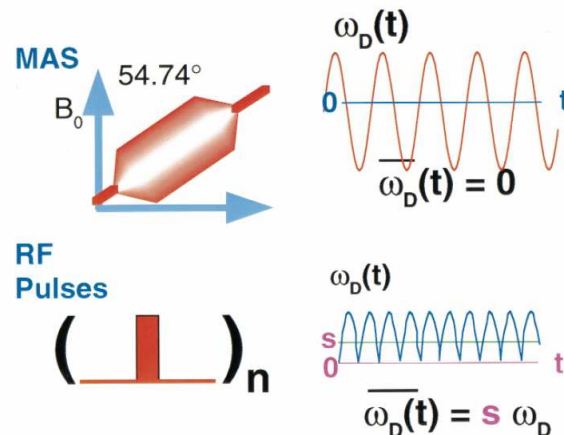


LG-decoupling
 $\langle 3I_{j,z}I_{k,z} - I_j I_k \rangle = 0$
 $\langle I_z \rangle = 1/\sqrt{3} I_z$



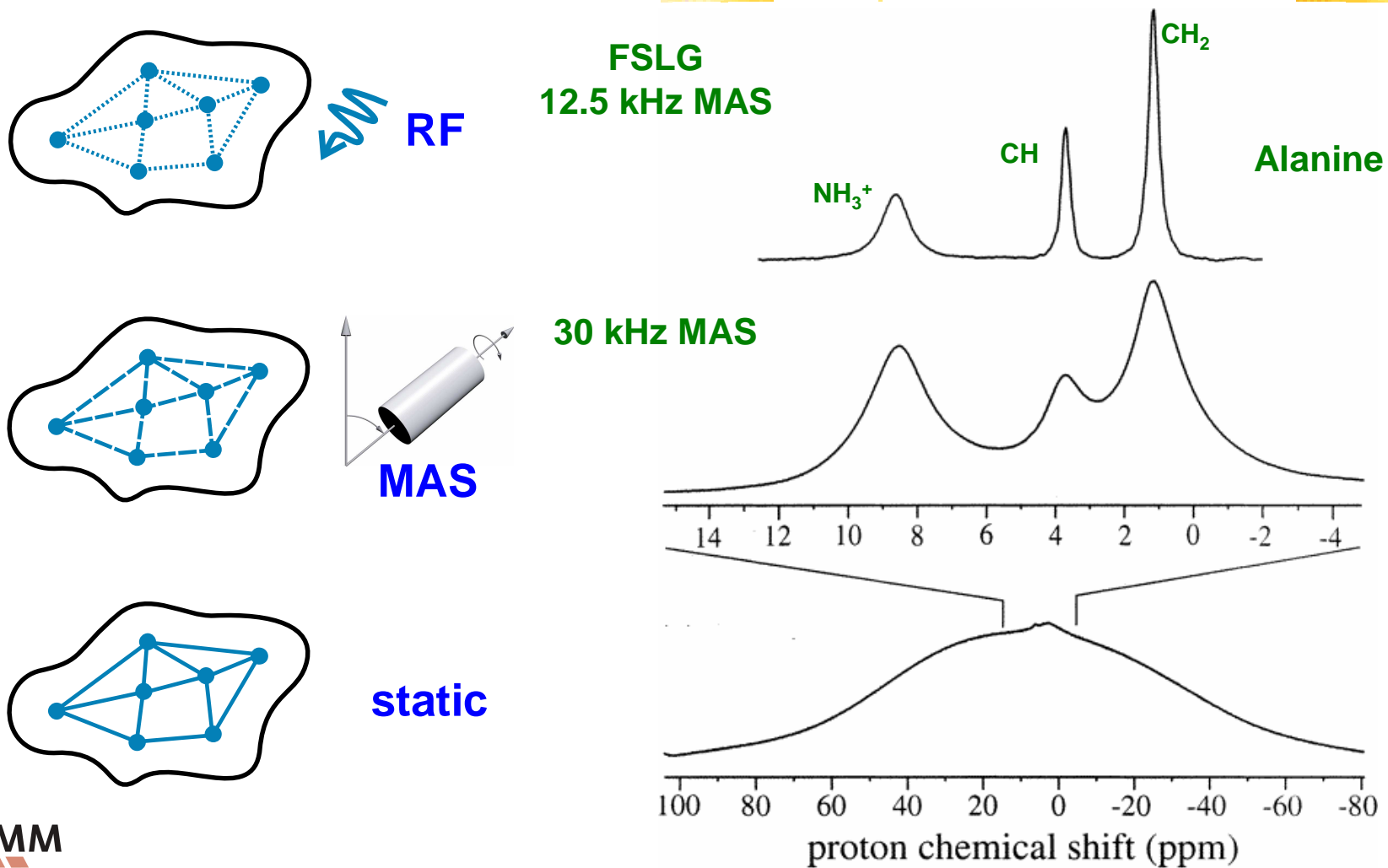
Combining Tools

- 👍 Combined Rotational and Multiple Pulse Decoupling
- 👍 Recoupling of dipolar interactions using radio-frequency sequences synchronized with sample spinning and matched rf-field strength.



- 👍 Transfer of coherence of coupled nuclei

^1H Spectroscopy



Combining Tools

^{13}C Single Pulse Excitation

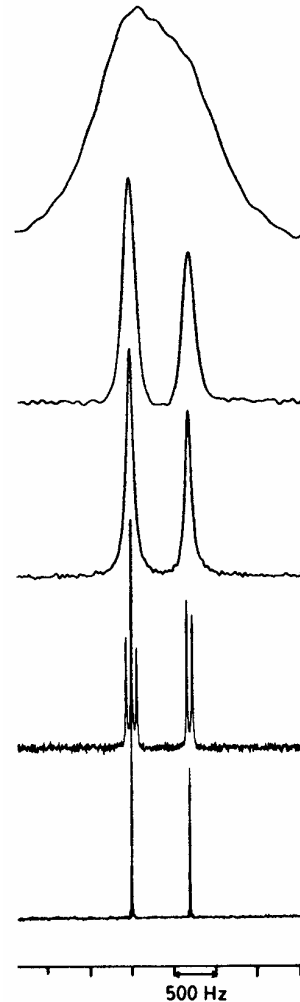
+ ^1H CW Decoupling

+ Magic Angle Spinning

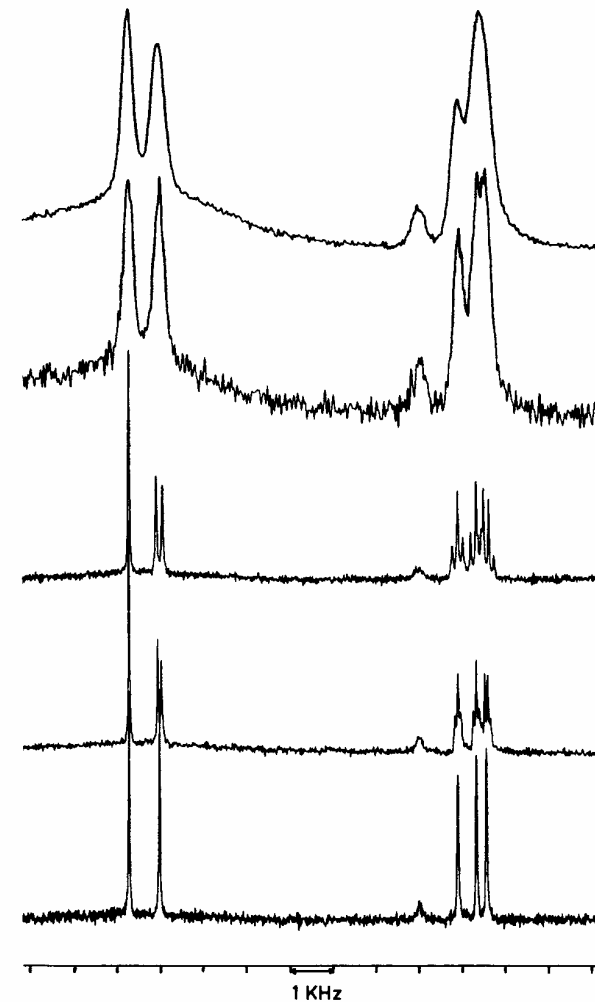
+ MAS + ^1H LG decoupling

+ MAS + ^1H CW decoupling

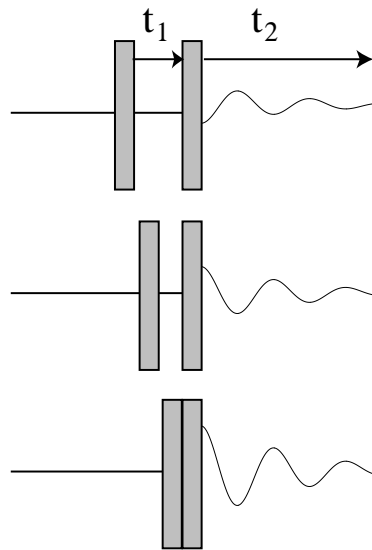
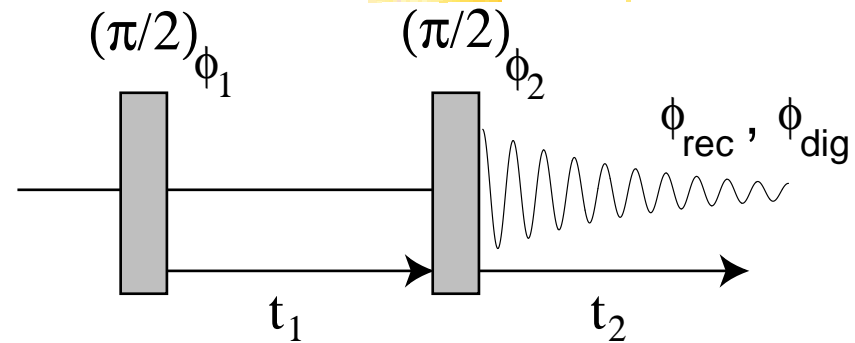
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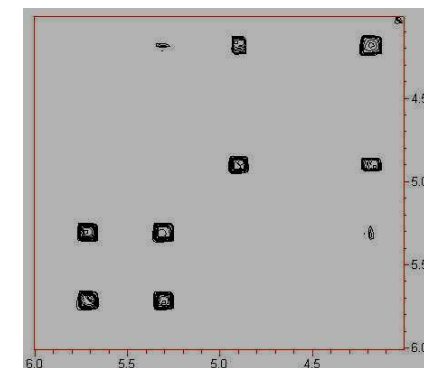
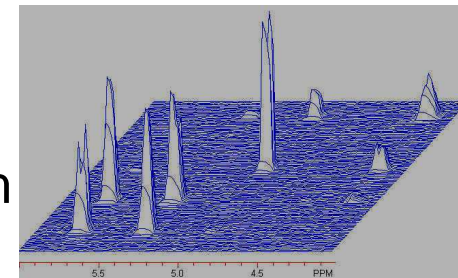
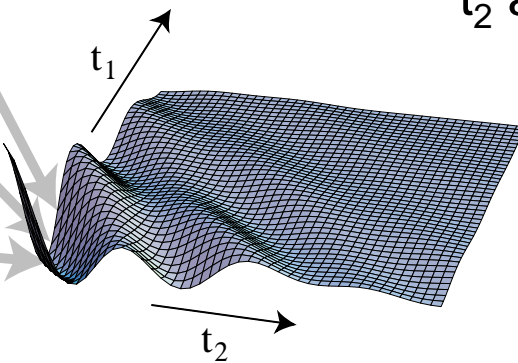
Natural Rubber



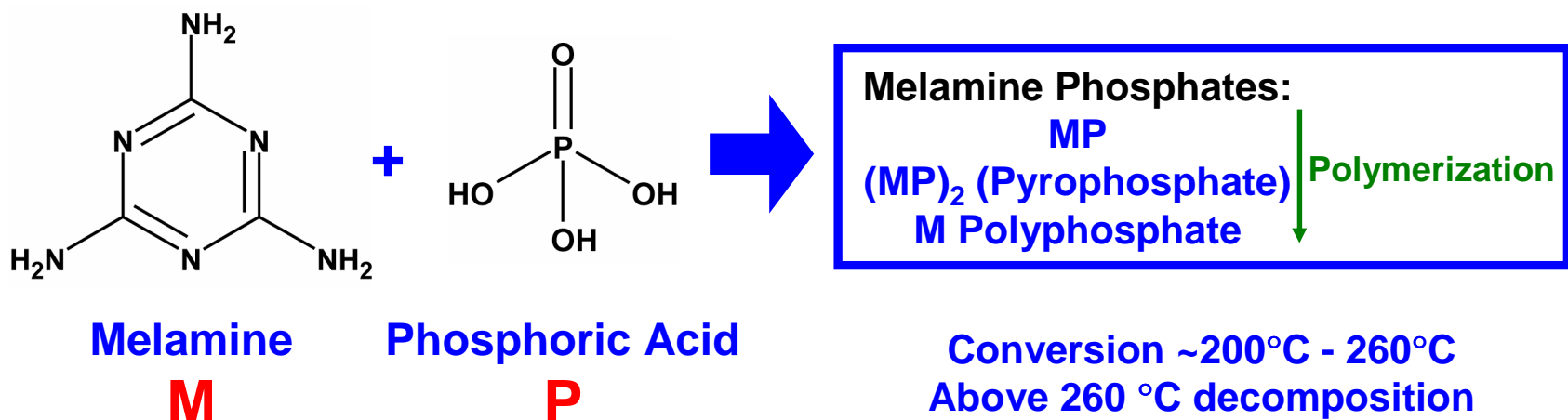
Two-dimensional NMR



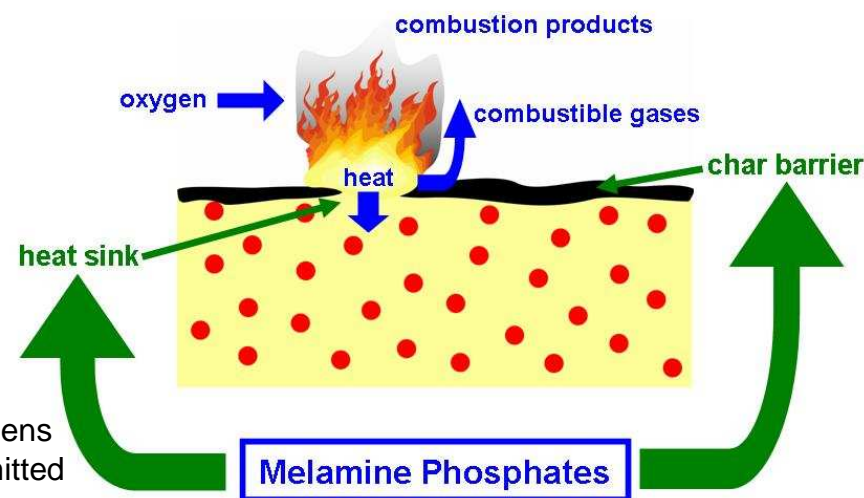
Fourier Transform
 t_2 and t_1



Case Study: Environment-Friendly Condensed Phase Flame Retardants



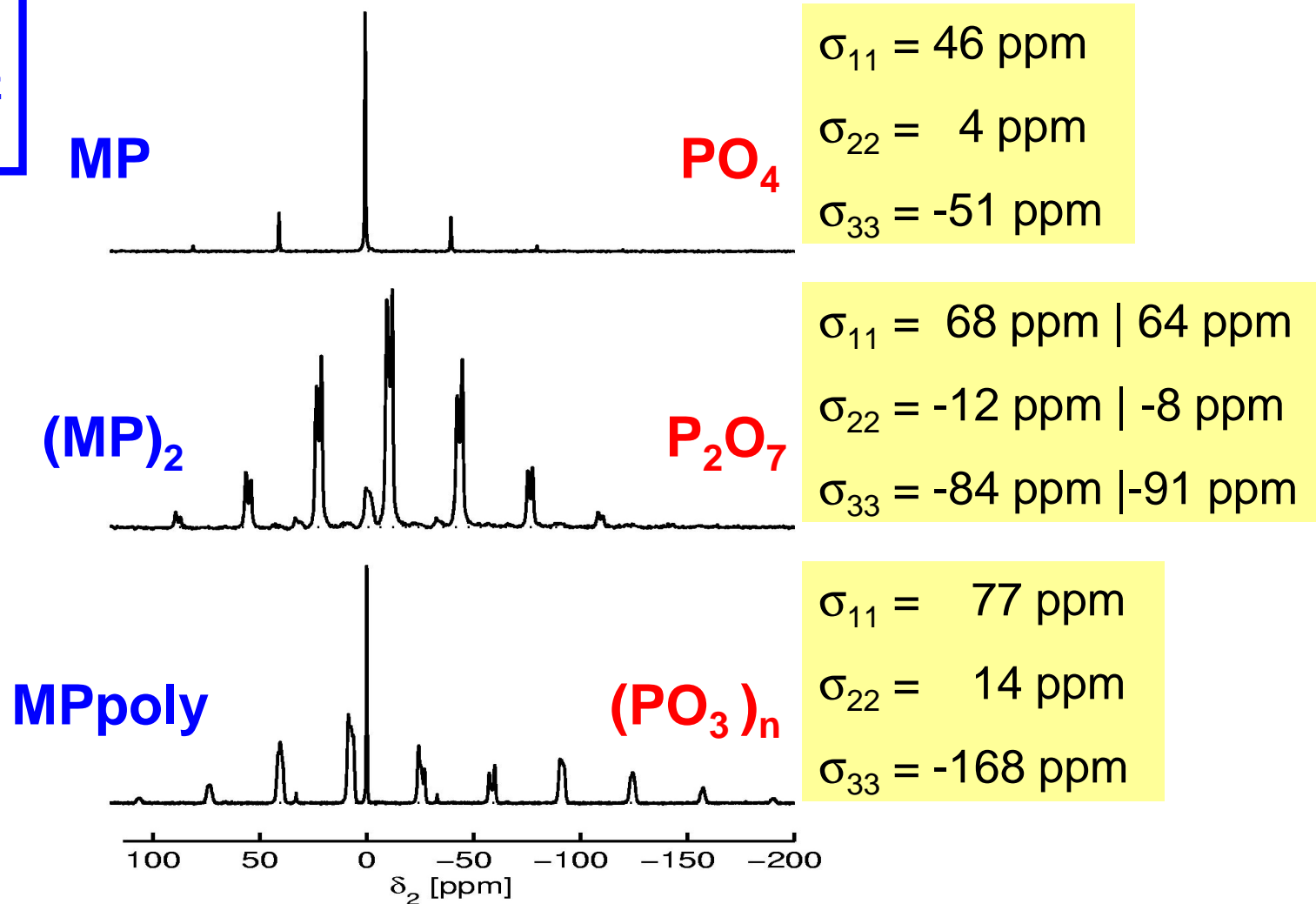
Crystal structures unknown
Polymerization process unknown
FR Mechanism unknown



Site ID

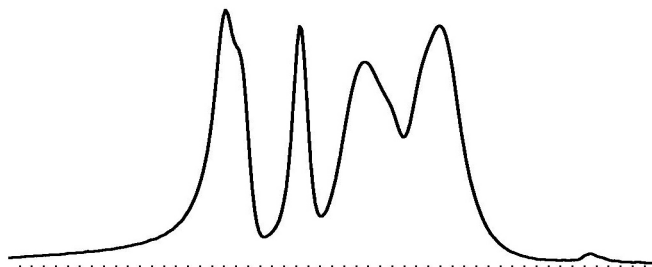
with added *anisotropic* information

^{31}P Spectra
 $\omega_r/2\pi = 12$ kHz
 $B_0 = 7.1$ T

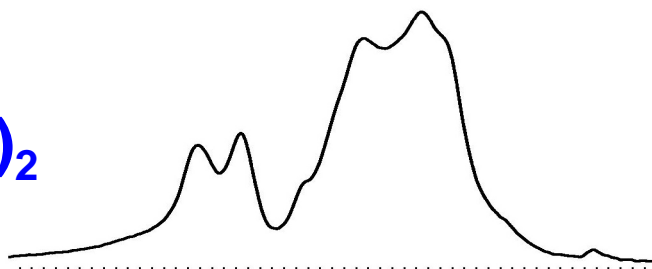


1D ^1H Spectra at 18.8 T

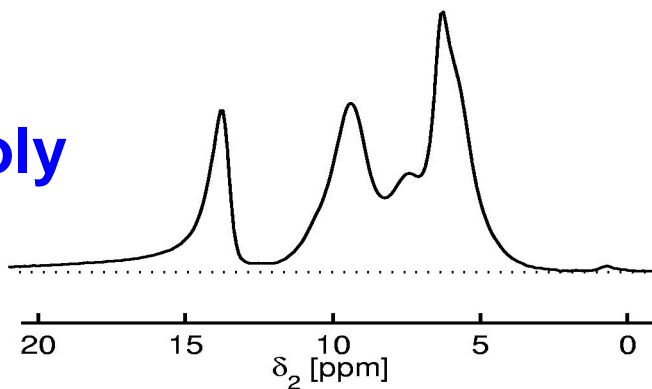
MP



(MP)₂



MPpoly

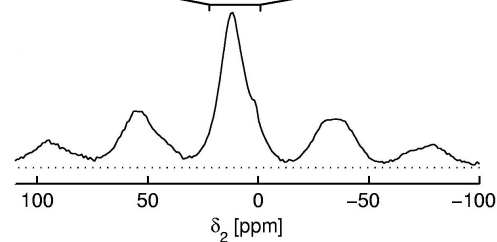
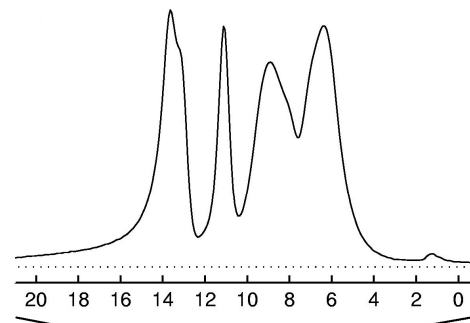


^1H Spectra

MAS

$\omega_r/2\pi = 49$ kHz

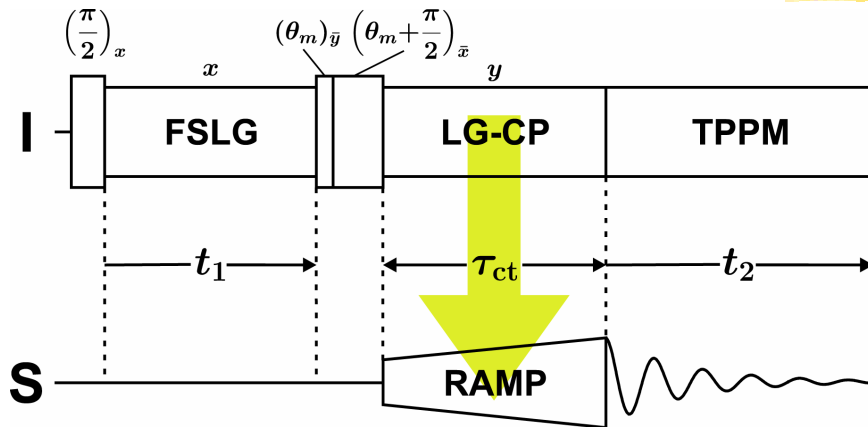
$B_0 = 18.8$ T



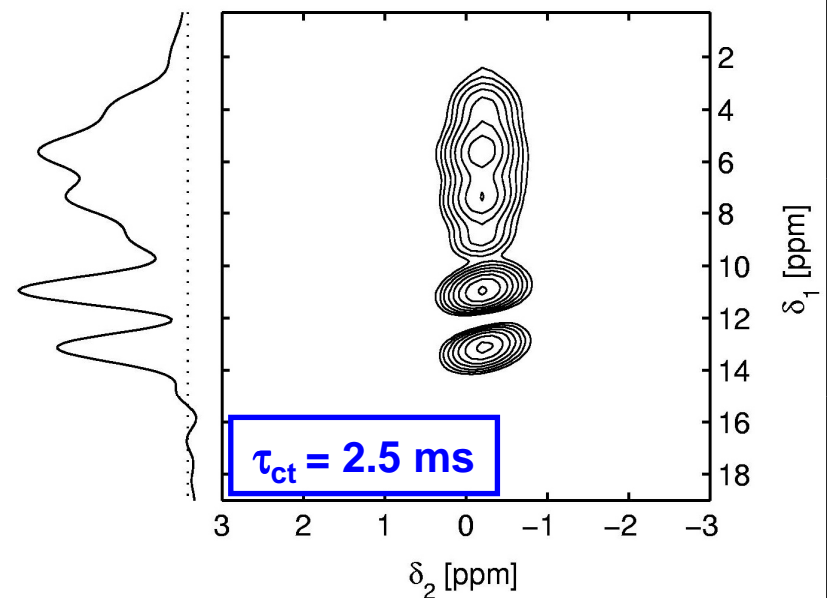
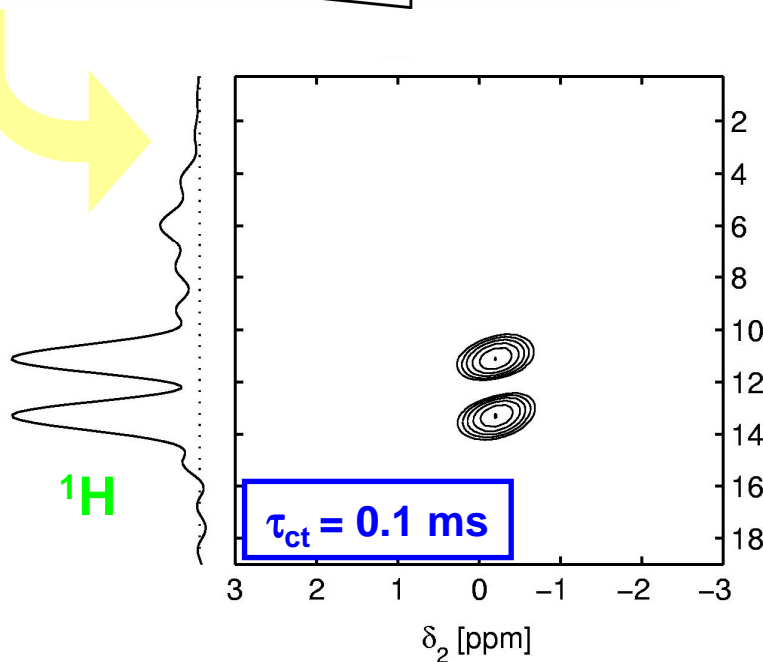
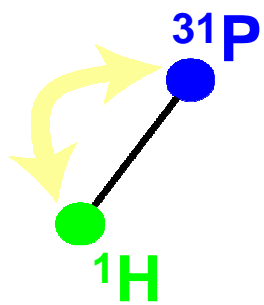
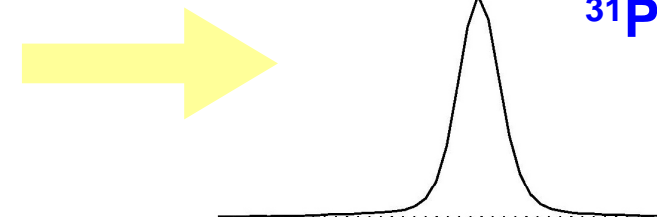
$\omega_r/2\pi = 12$ kHz

$B_0 = 7.1$ T

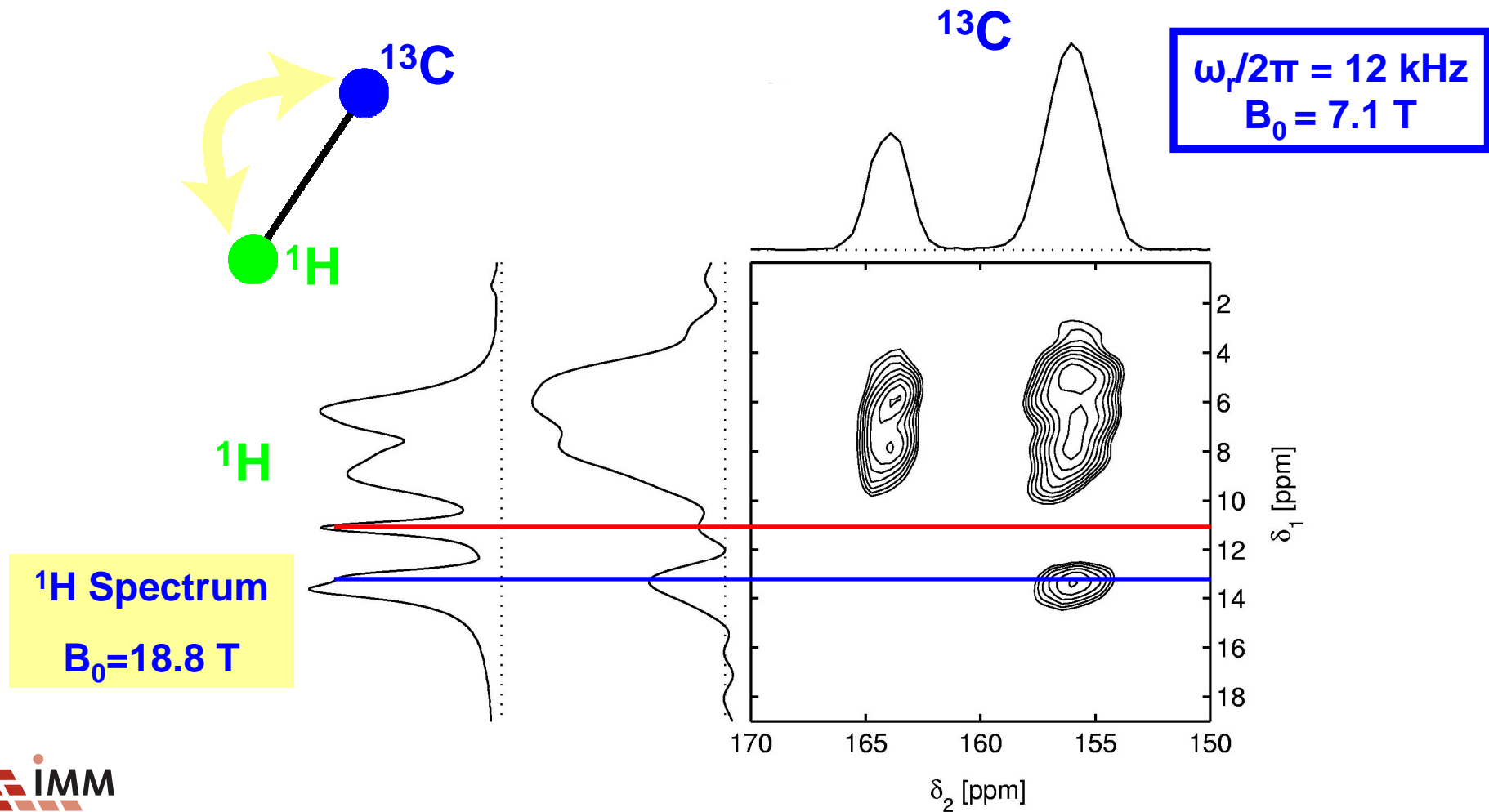
Heteronuclear Correlation ^1H - ^{31}P



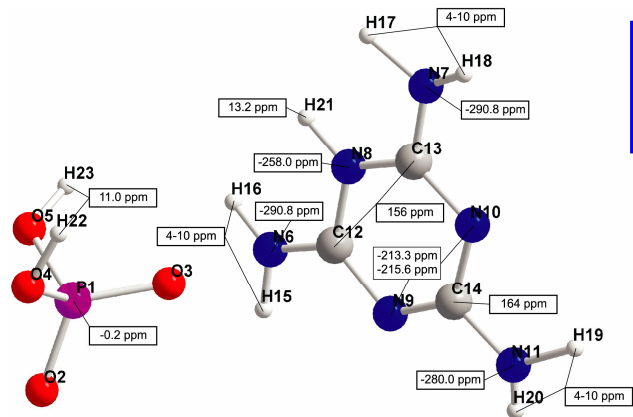
MP
 $\omega_r/2\pi = 12 \text{ kHz}$



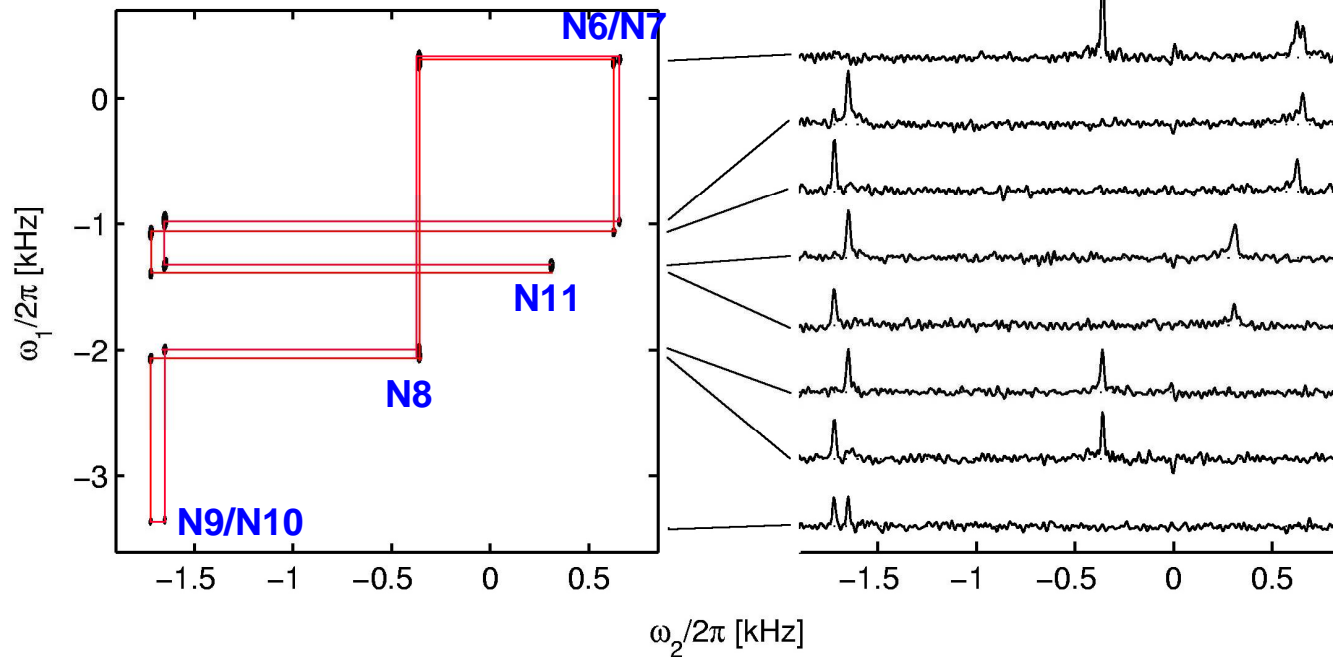
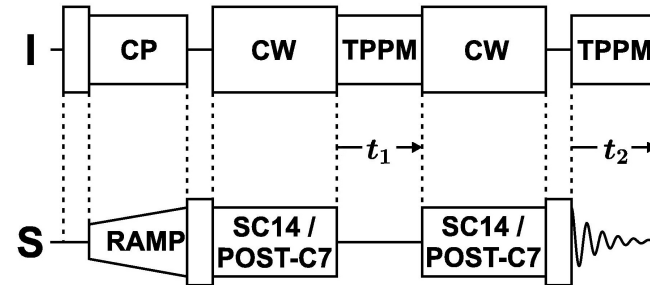
Heteronuclear Correlation ^1H - ^{13}C



Homonuclear: ^{15}N - ^{15}N in MP



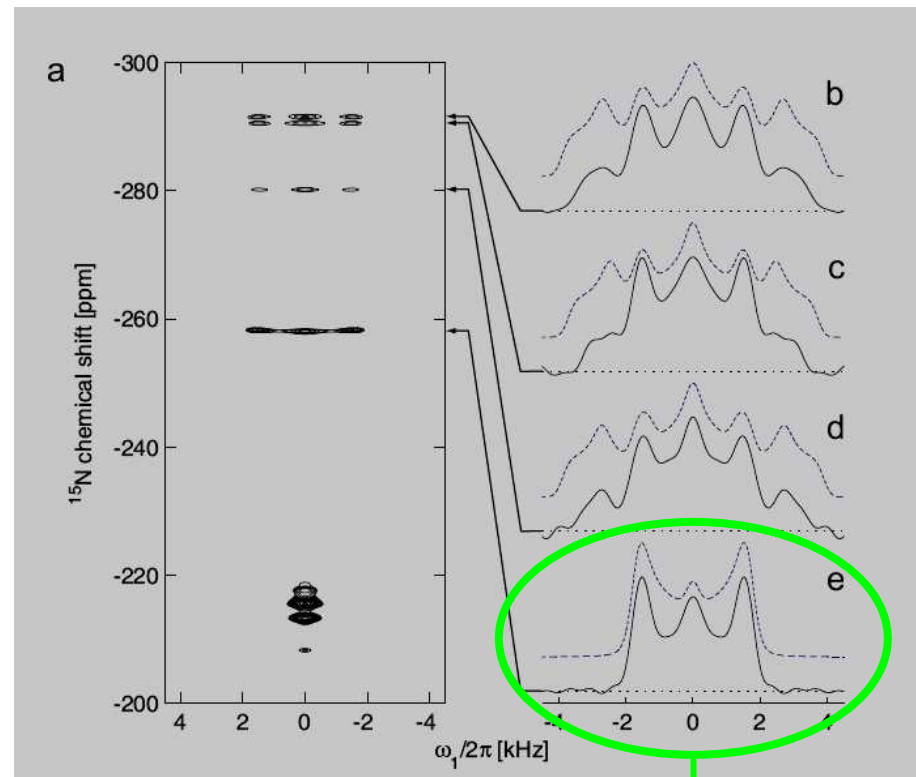
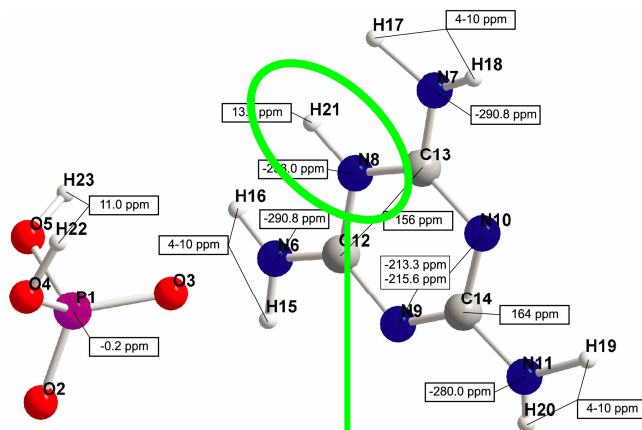
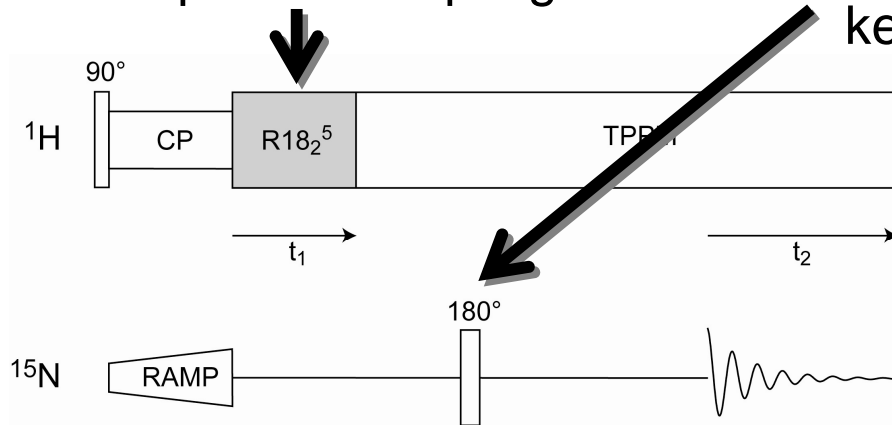
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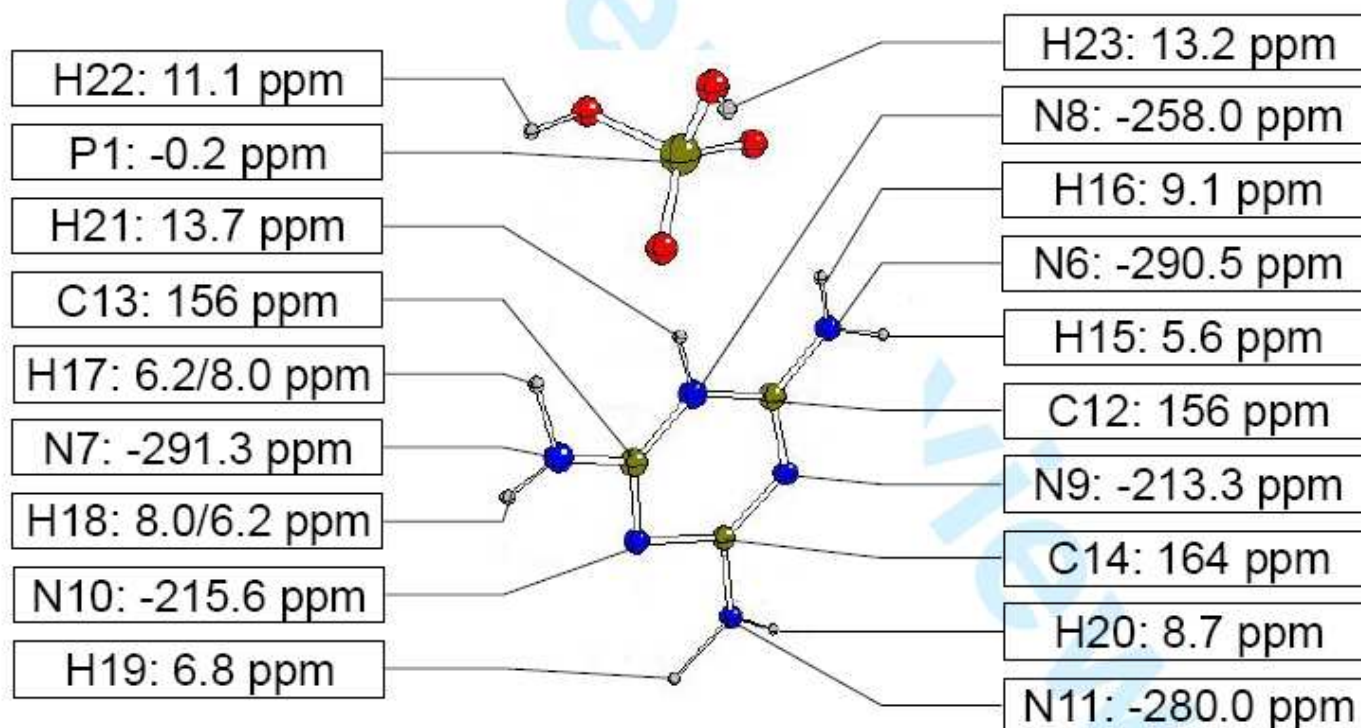
^{15}N - ^1H distance measurements

Dipolar recoupling

Echo: refocus ^{15}N chemical shift,
keep ^{15}N - ^1H dipolar interaction



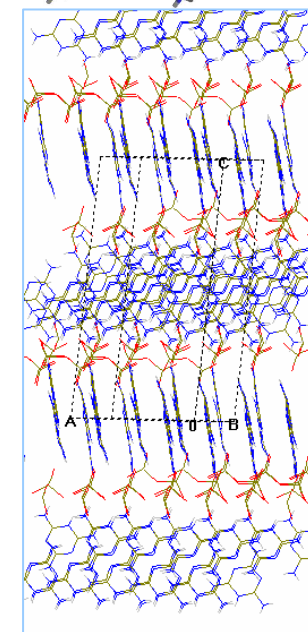
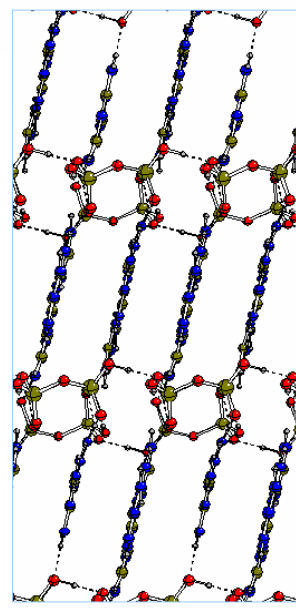
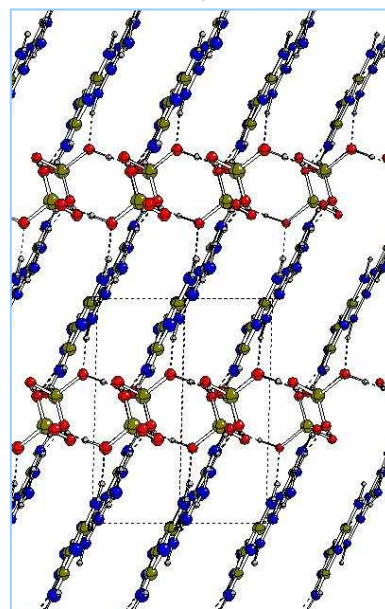
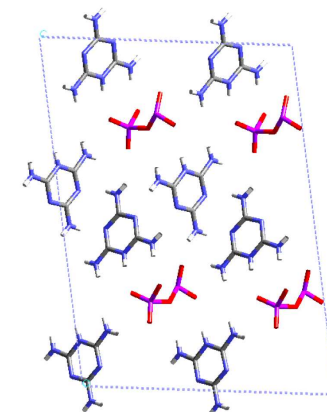
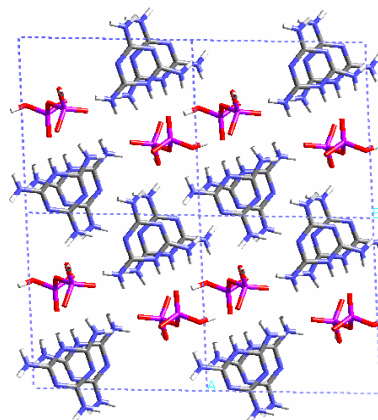
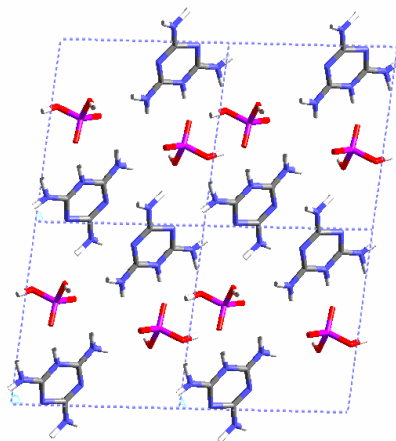
MP: Assignment



Hydrogen Bonding & π - π Stacking

Combined NMR
and X-ray Powder
Diffraction

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and H. Schenk
Univ. Of Amsterdam

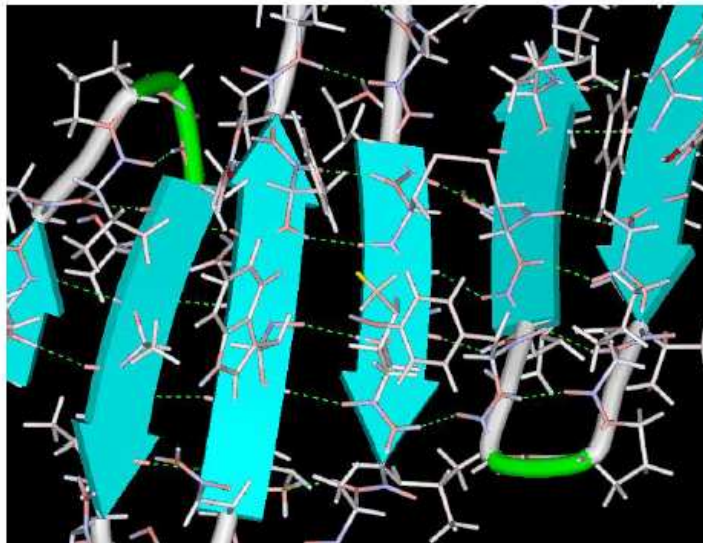


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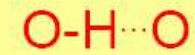
MPyro

MPpoly

Hydrogen bonding in biological molecules



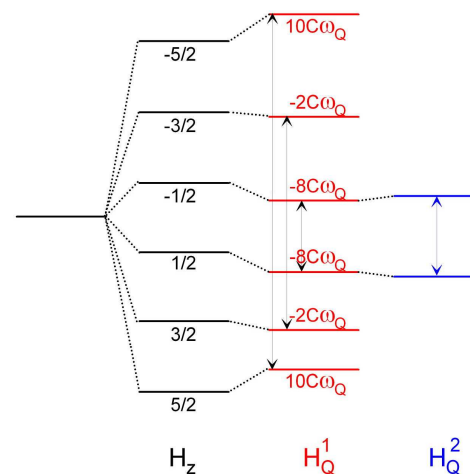
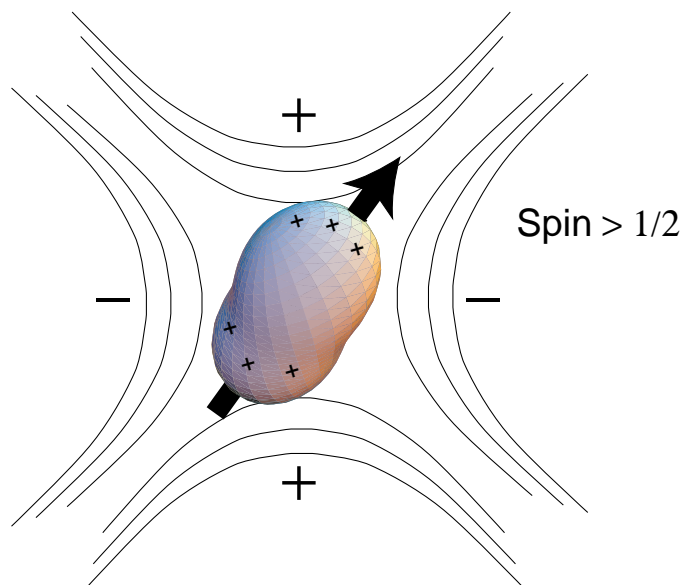
Proteins and Peptides



Polysaccharides

^{17}O is a quadrupolar $I=5/2$ nucleus

Quadrupolar Interaction

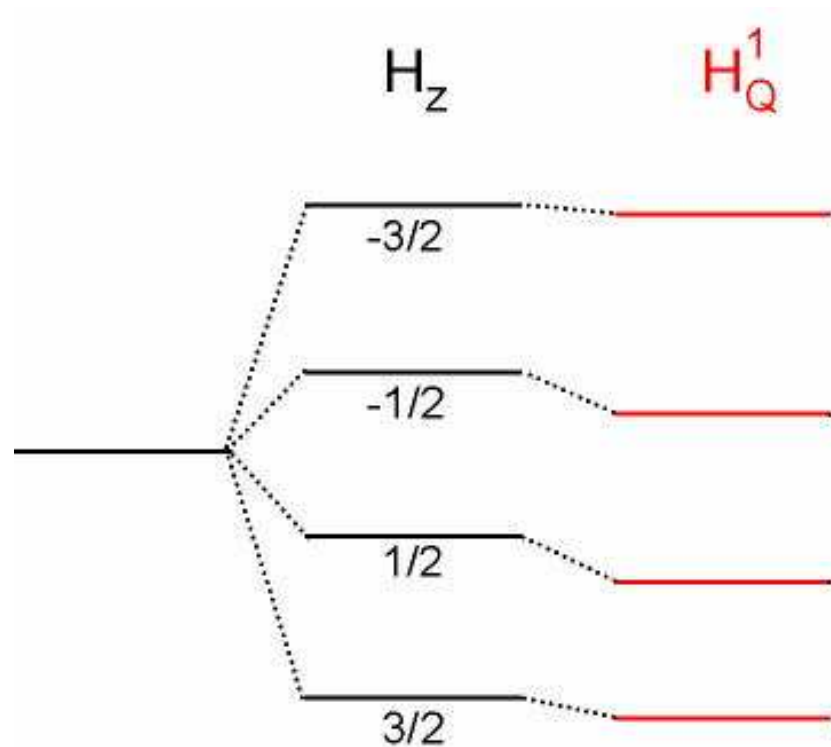
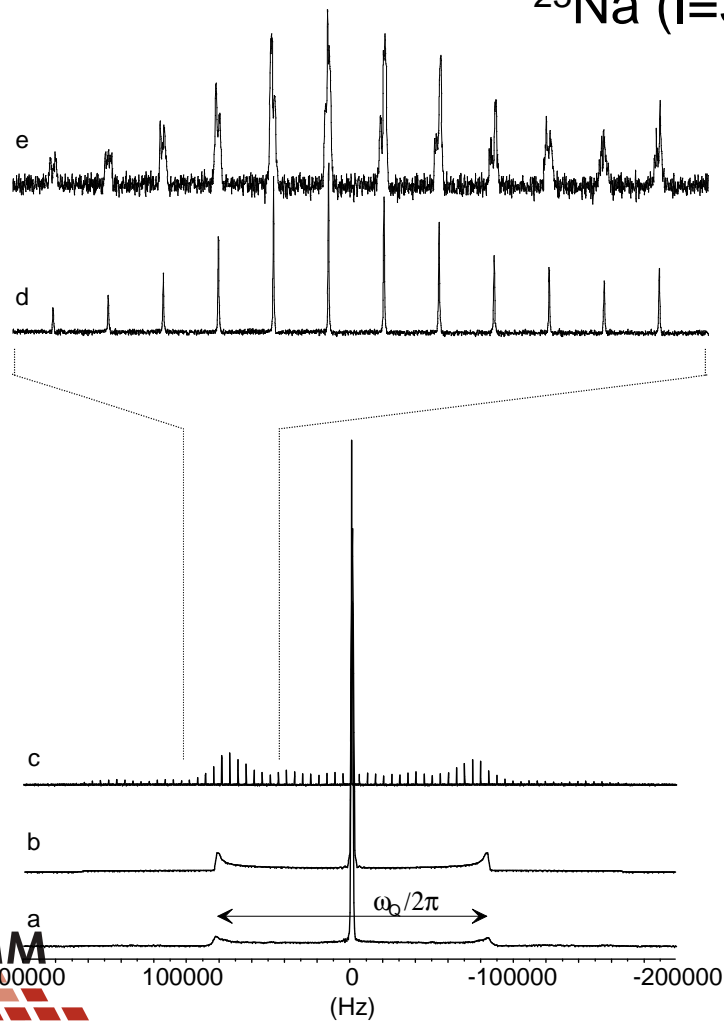


secular approximation : $\hat{H}_Q^j(\theta) = \omega_{j,Q} \left(3\hat{I}_{jz}^2 - \hat{I}_j \cdot \hat{I}_j \right)$

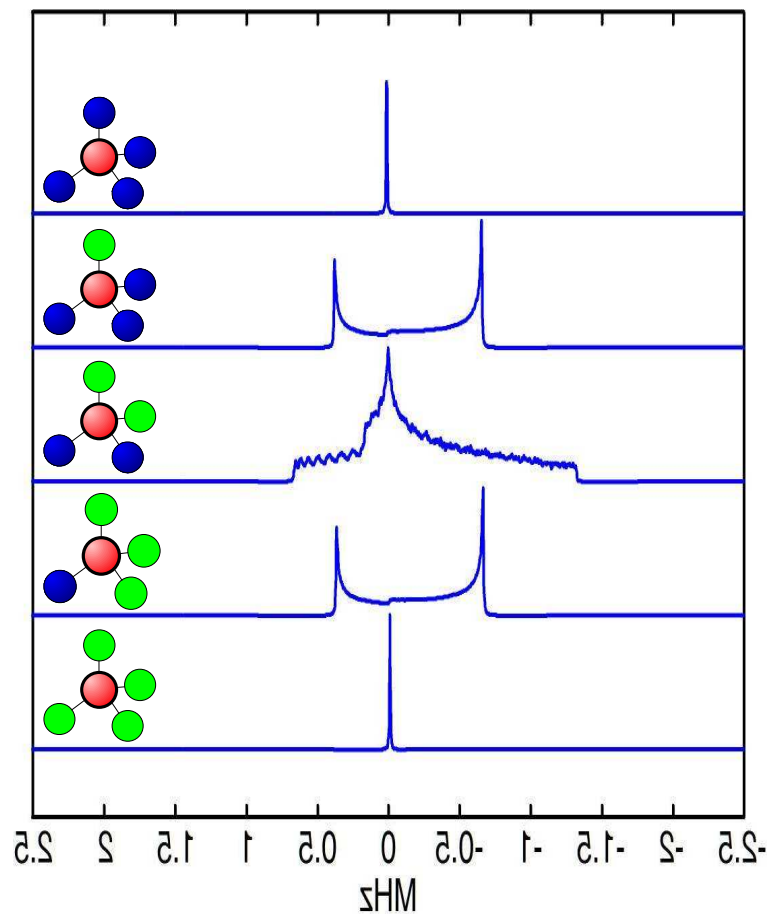
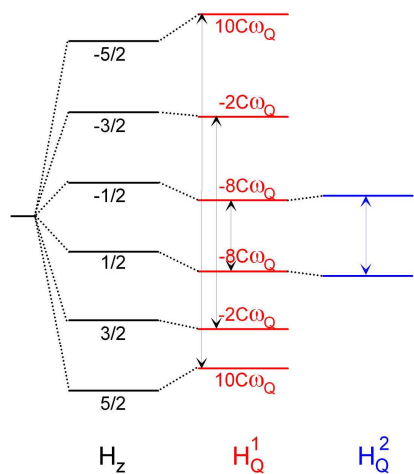
with $\omega_{j,Q}(\theta) = \frac{3eQ_j}{4I_j(2I_j-1)} V_{j,ZZ}(\theta)$

First order quadrupolar interaction

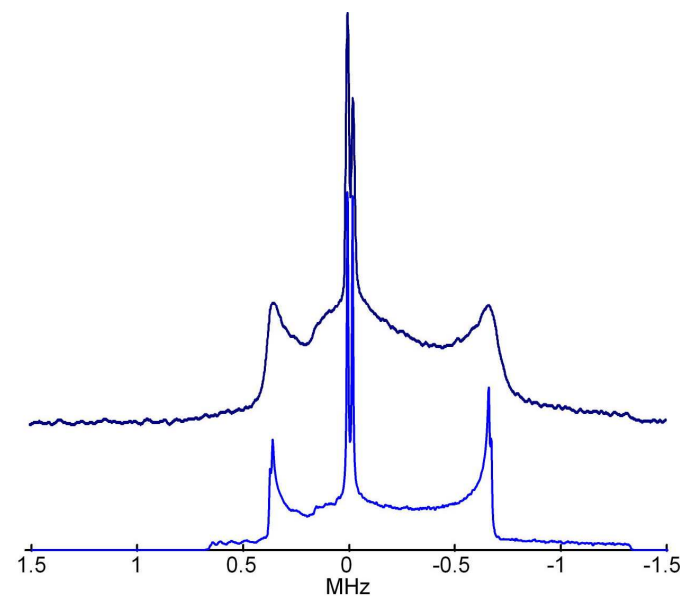
^{23}Na ($I=3/2$) in NaNO_3



Second order quadrupolar interaction

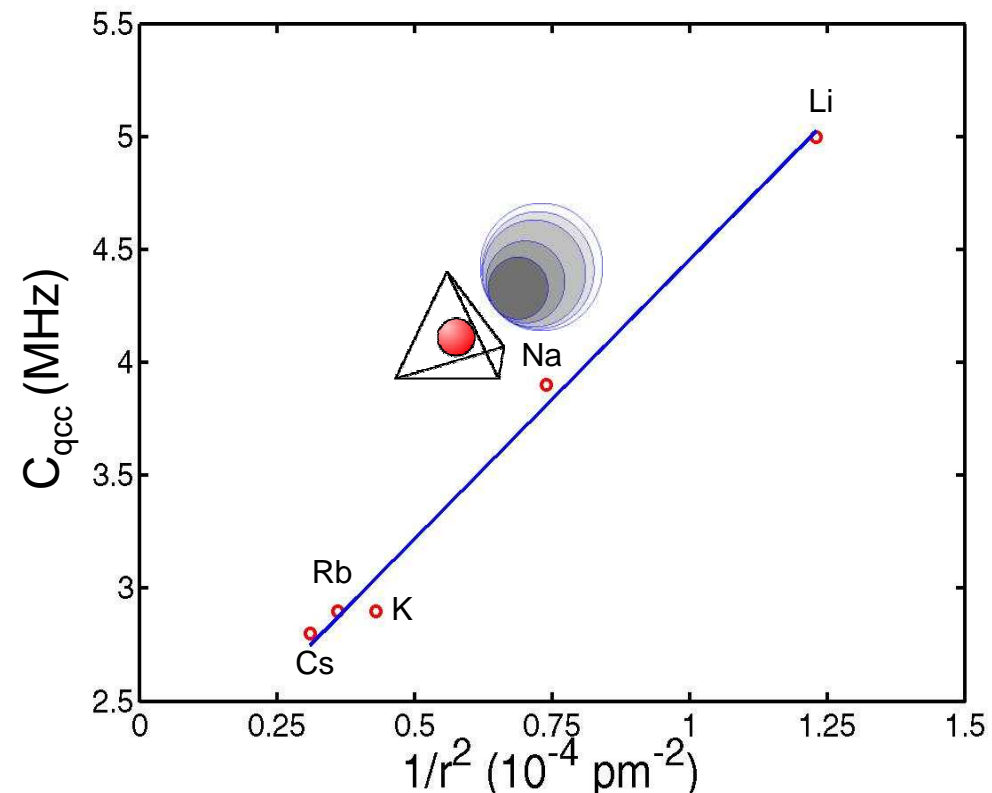
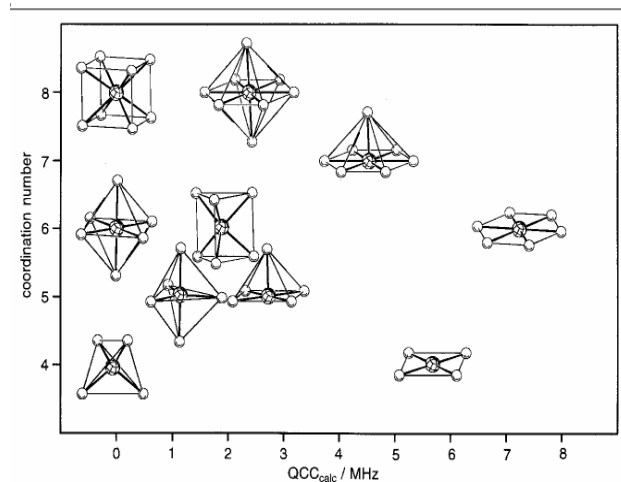


^{75}As NMR @ 18.8T
 $\text{Al}_{0.47}\text{Ga}_{0.53}\text{As}$

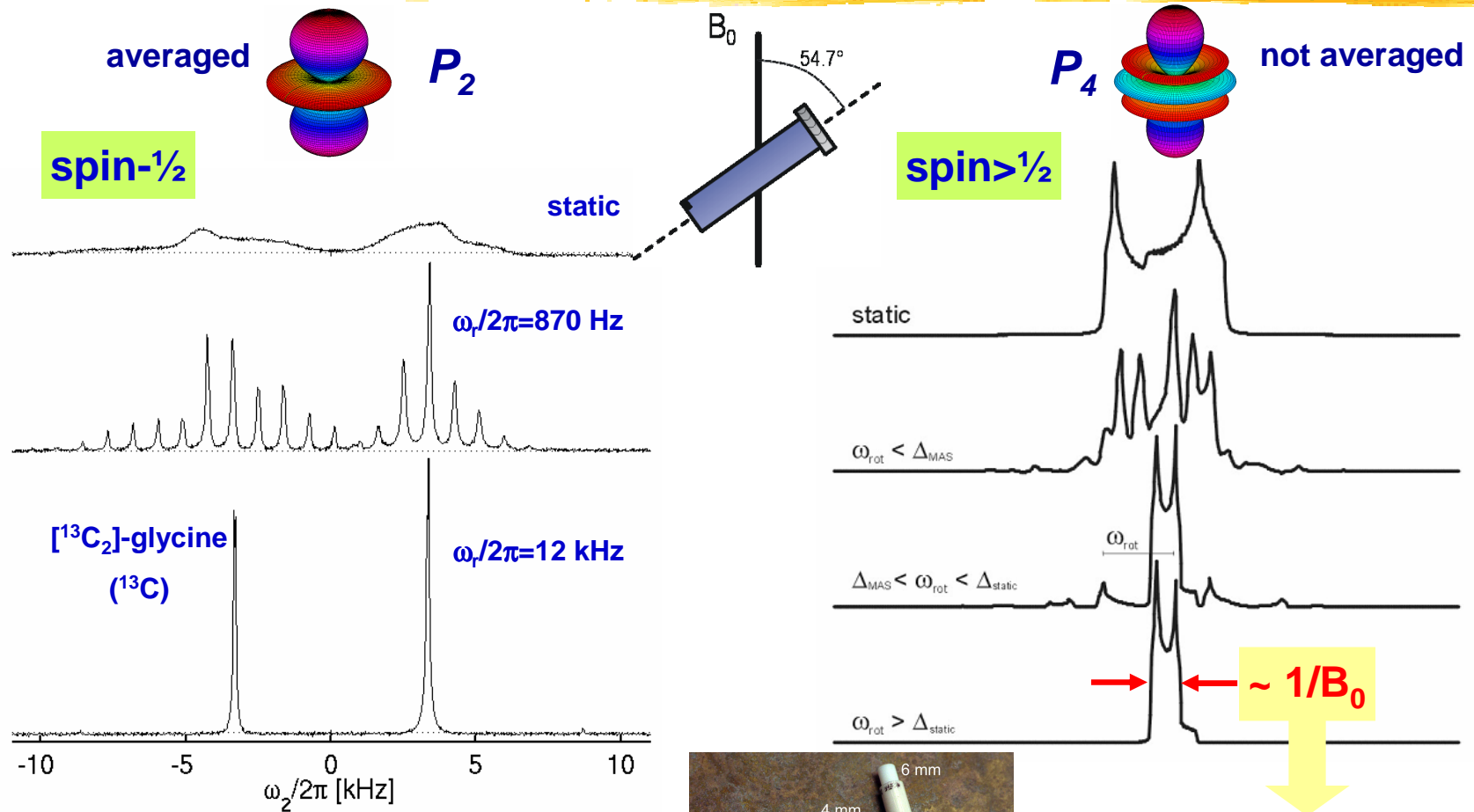


As Coordinations in
 AlGaAs

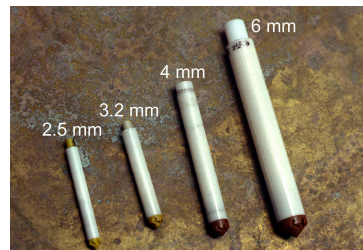
Quadrupolar Interaction: Site Symmetry



Tool: Magic Angle Spinning

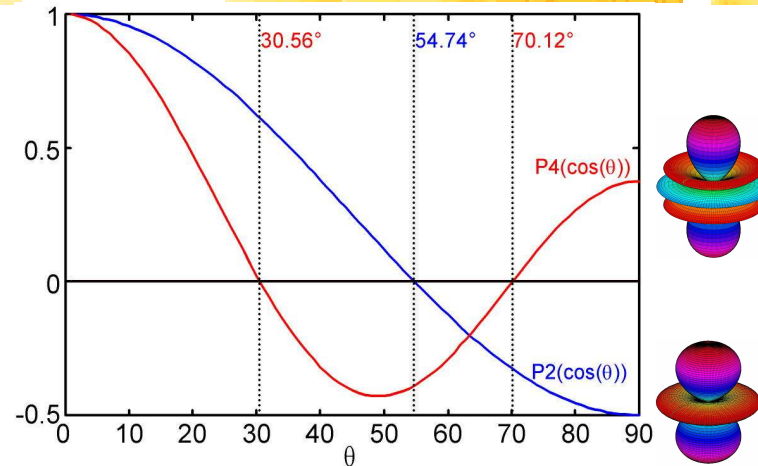


fast magic-angle spinning

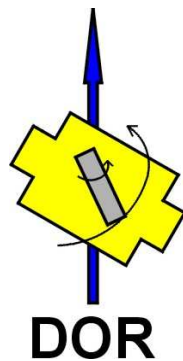


Use high fields !

Tools: Double Rotation (DOR) Dynamic Angle Spinning (DAS)

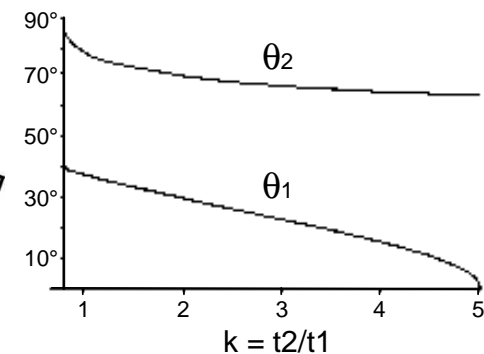
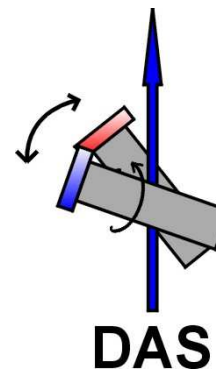


$$v_{m,-m} = C_0(I, m) \cdot v_0 + C_2(I, m) \cdot v_2(\alpha, \beta) \cdot \underline{P_2(\cos(\theta))} + C_4(I, m) \cdot v_4(\alpha, \beta) \cdot \underline{P_4(\cos(\theta))}$$



Mechanically
involved

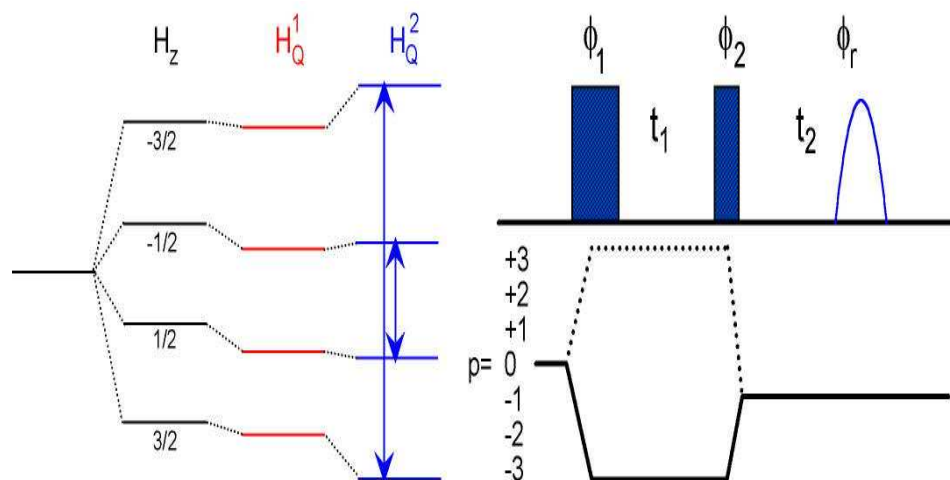
Dedicated
Hardware needed



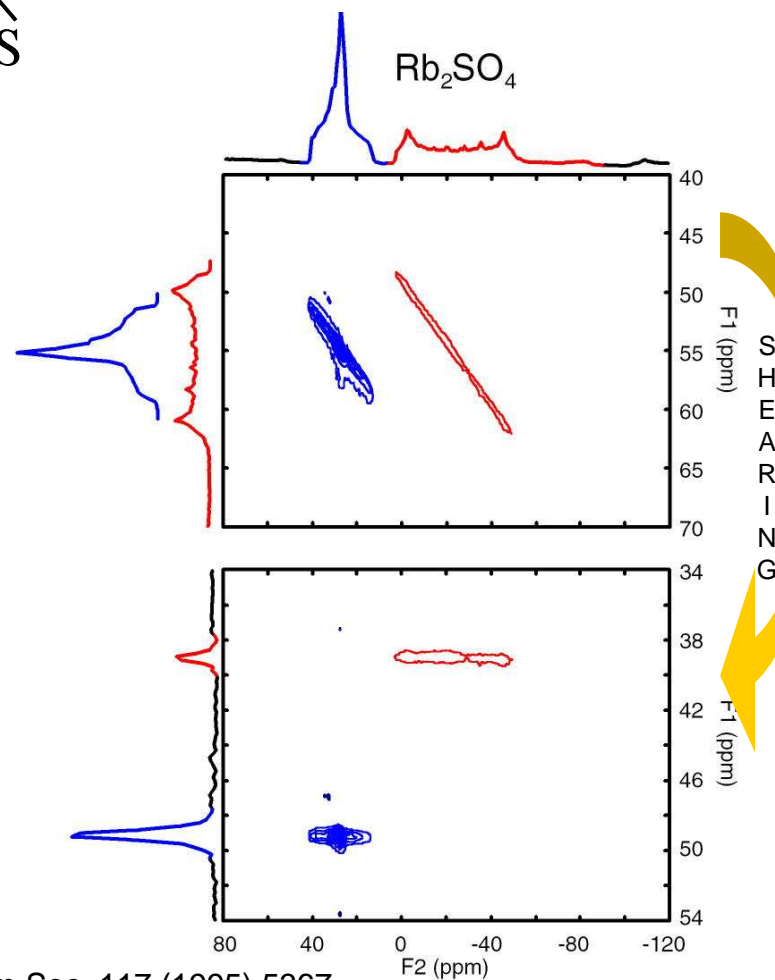
Multiple-Quantum MAS

$$\nu_{m,-m} = C_0(I, m) \cdot \nu_0 + C_2(I, m) \cdot \nu_2(\alpha, \beta) \cdot P_2(\cos(\theta)) + C_4(I, m) \cdot \nu_4(\alpha, \beta) \cdot P_4(\cos(\theta))$$

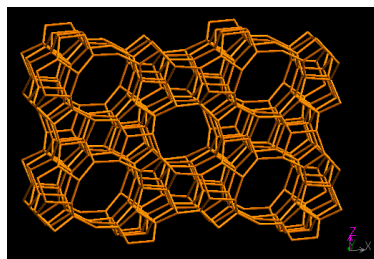
~~MAS~~



Sensitivity issue (multiple-quantum excitation and conversion)

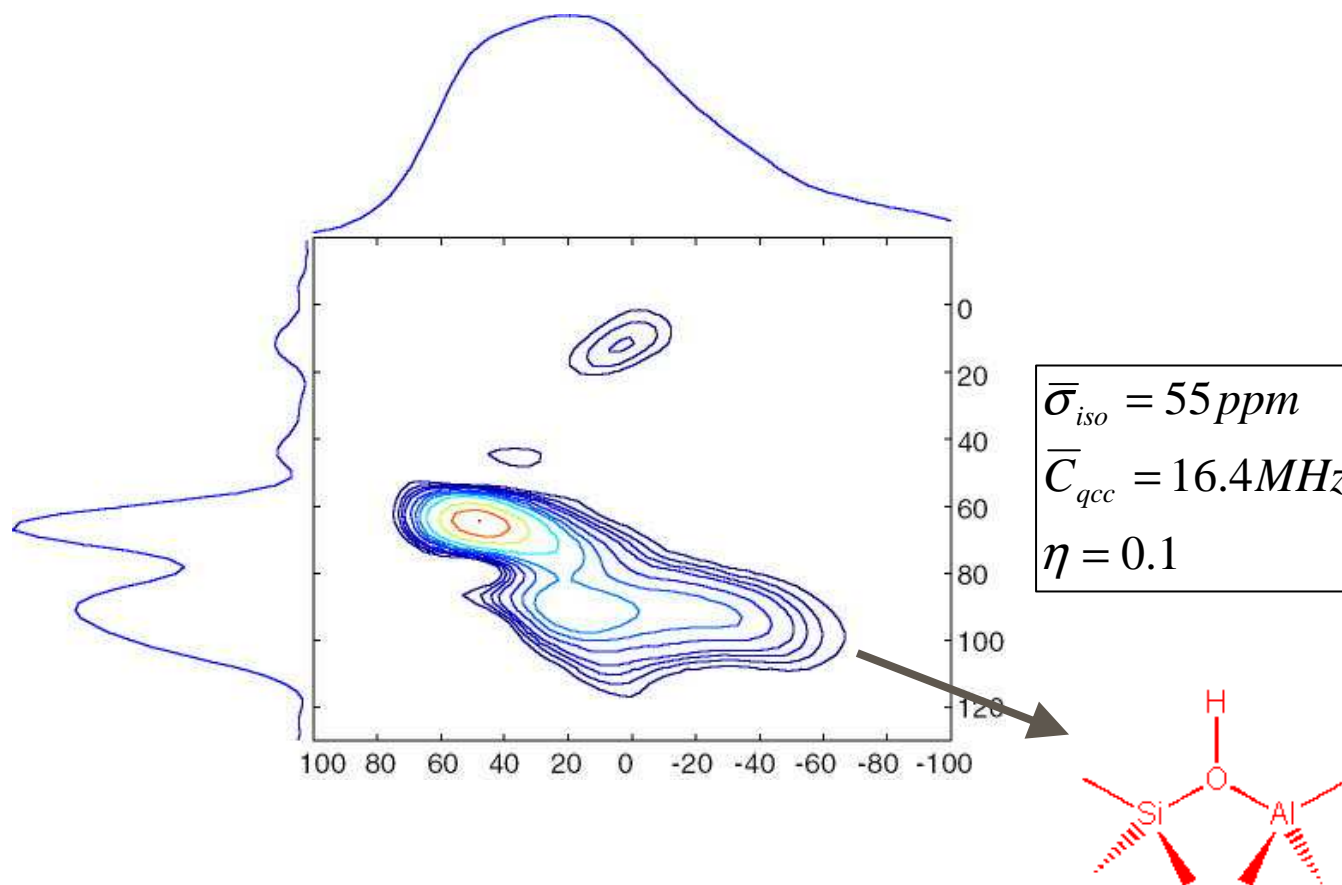


Dehydrated H-ZSM5



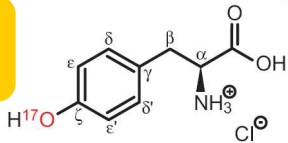
- ✓ High Field (14.1 T)
- ✓ Fast MAS (27 kHz)
- ✓ MQ→1Q DFS conversion

^{27}Al MQMAS

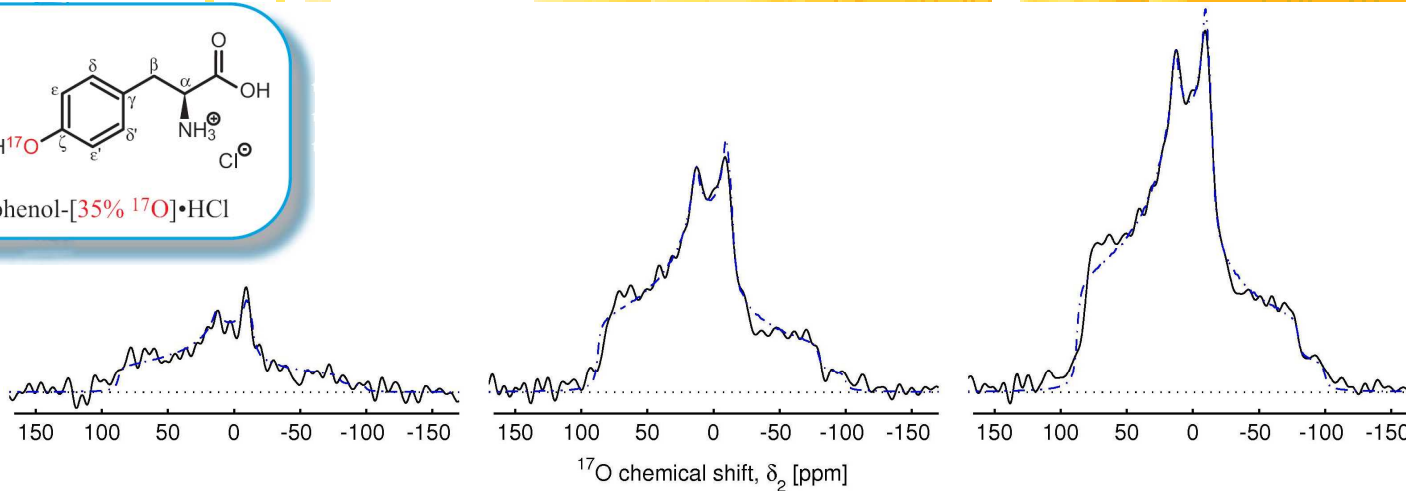


rDFS ^{17}O MAS NMR

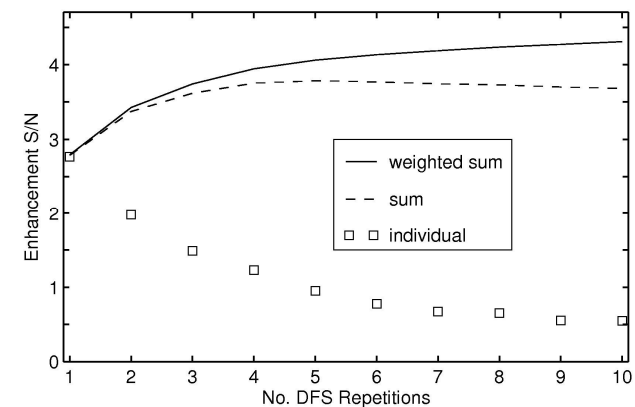
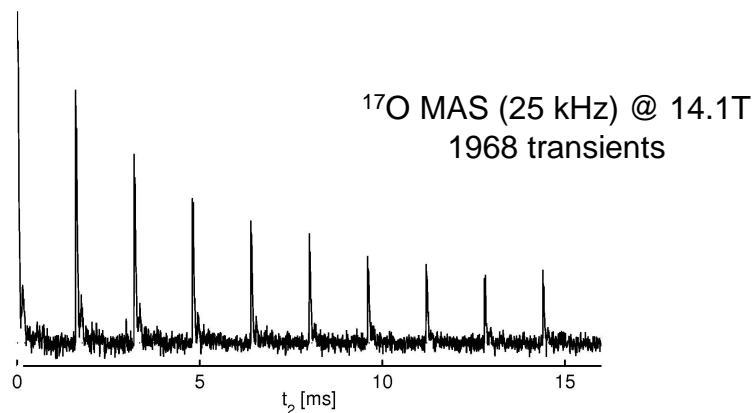
Experiments:
 $\delta_{\text{iso}} = 87$ ppm
 $C_{\text{OCC}} = 8.52$ MHz
 $\eta = 0.74$



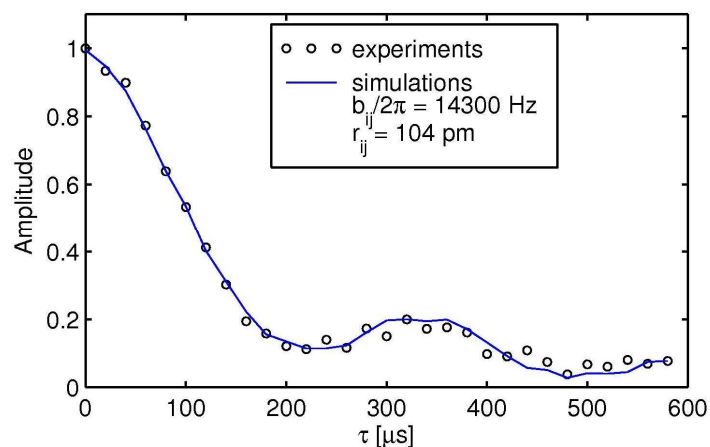
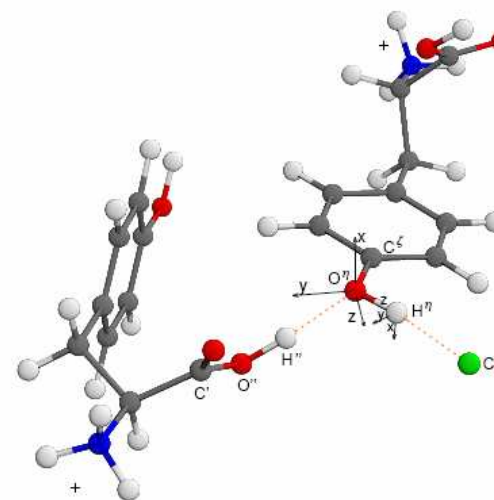
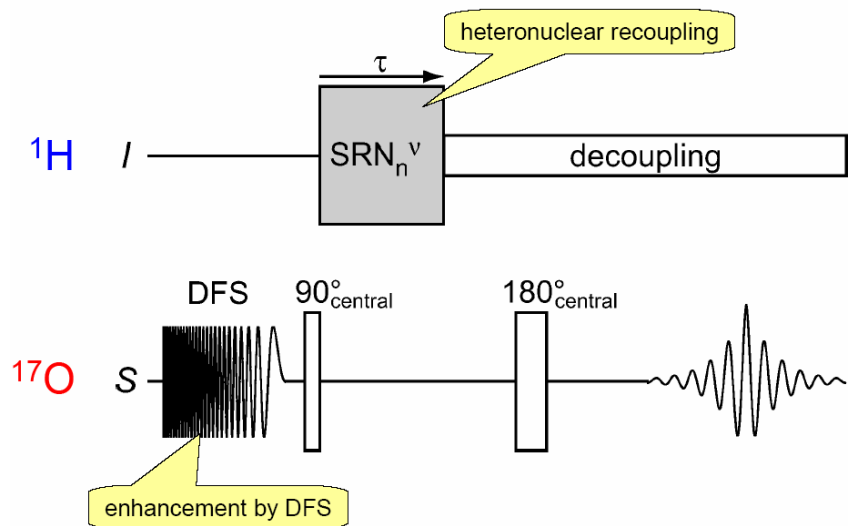
L-tyrosine-phenol-[35% ^{17}O]•HCl



^{17}O challenging because of low γ and large C_Q
~4.3 S/N Enhancement for biologically relevant material



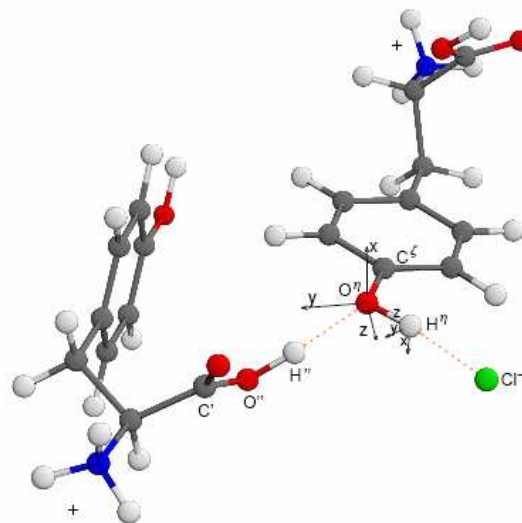
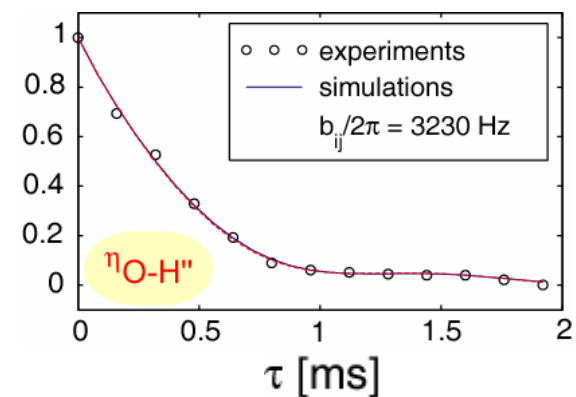
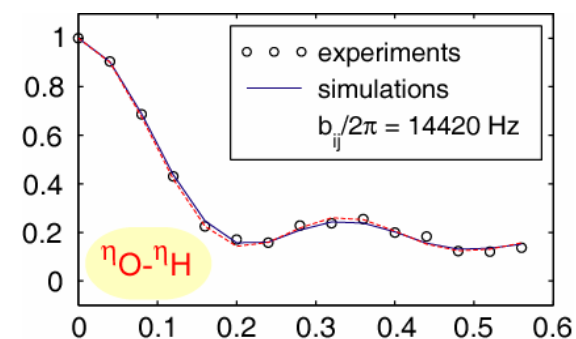
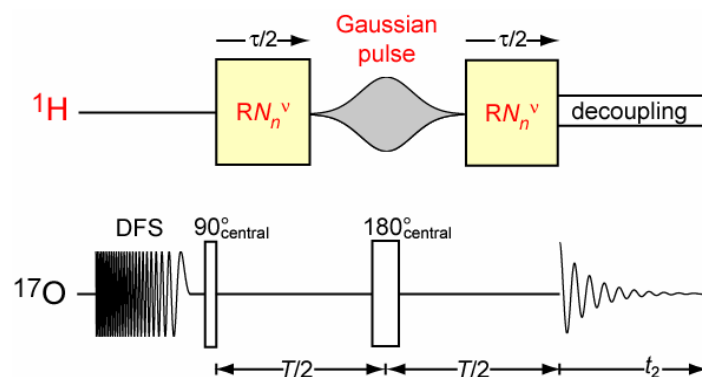
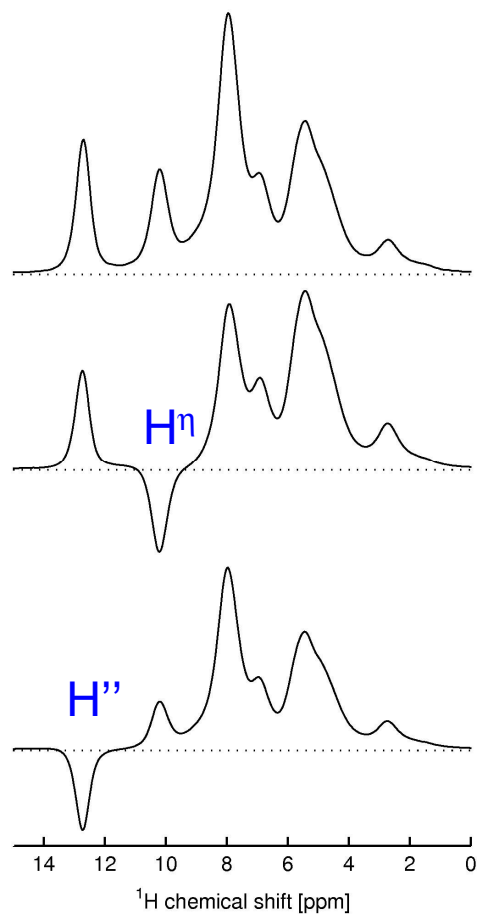
Heteronuclear Recoupling: ^{17}O - ^1H distance measurement



r_{OH} distance 104 pm is within 5% of the distance determined by neutron diffraction (99 pm).

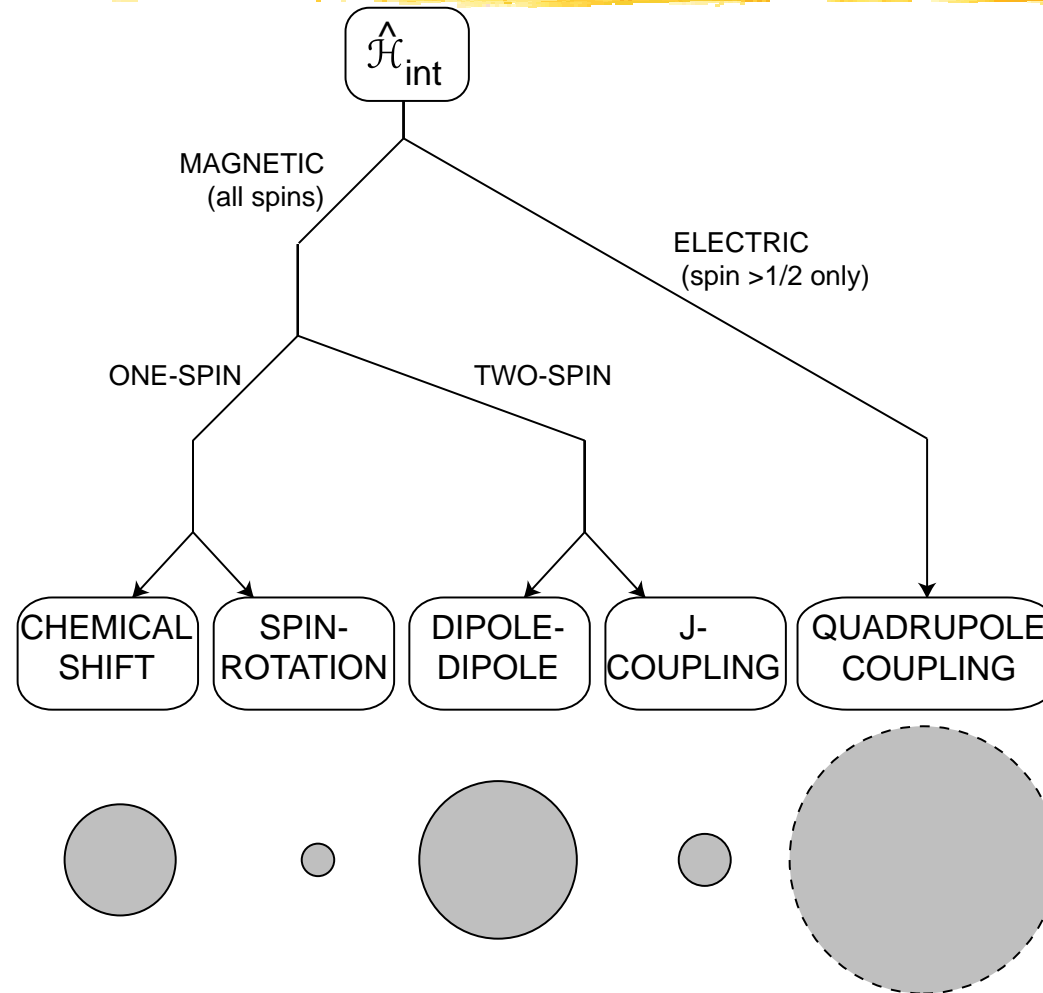
O-H libration slightly averages dipolar interaction.

Heteronuclear Recoupling: ^{17}O - ^1H distance measurement



$r_{\text{O}-\text{H}^{\eta}}$ distance 161 pm

Summary of Internal Hamiltonians



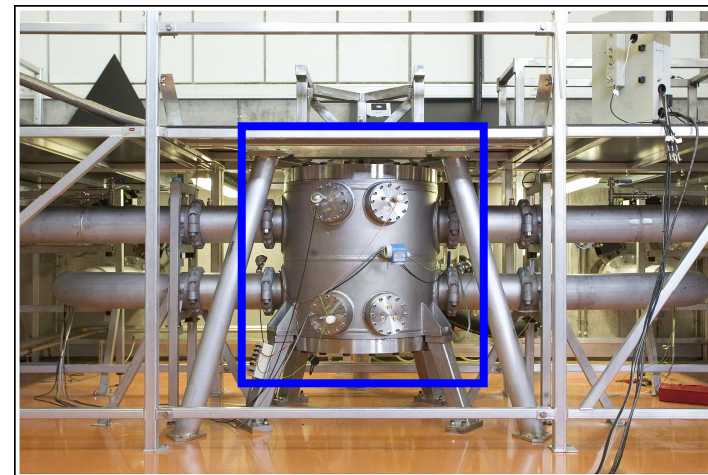
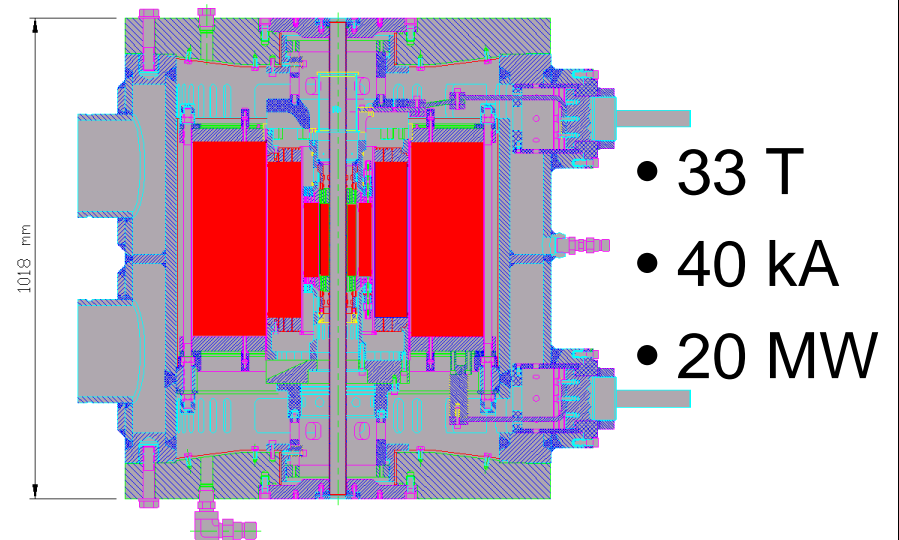
Conclusions

- Solid state NMR is a powerful analysis technique
 - Probes microscopic interactions (1-100Å)
 - Study structure and dynamics
 - Works in crystalline, partly disordered and amorphous compounds
 - Non-destructive technique needing no special sample preparation
- Novel methodological developments will open new applications in advanced materials science

Sensitivity enhancement is driving methodological developments

Options for signal enhancement:	Potential gain
• <i>Double B_0</i>	3
• Cryo-cooled rf coils	3
• <i>Population transfer in coupled or quadrupolar spin systems</i>	2-5
• <i>Low temperature MAS</i>	10
• <i>Microcoil detection</i>	100
• Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP)	10^3
• Optical polarization (ODMR / OPMR)	10^4
• Hyper polarized Xe, He, Kr	10^4
• Para-Hydrogen	10^4
• <i>Force detection</i>	10^3-10^6

SSNMR Beyond 1 GHz



Opportunities and Problems

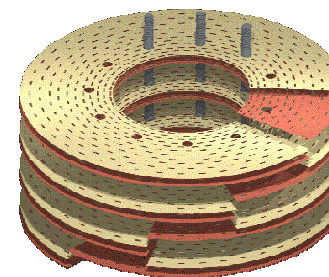
Opportunities

- Sensitivity ($\sim B^{7/4}$)
- Resolution ($\sim B - B^2$)
- High speed (proton) MAS
- Quadrupolar nuclei

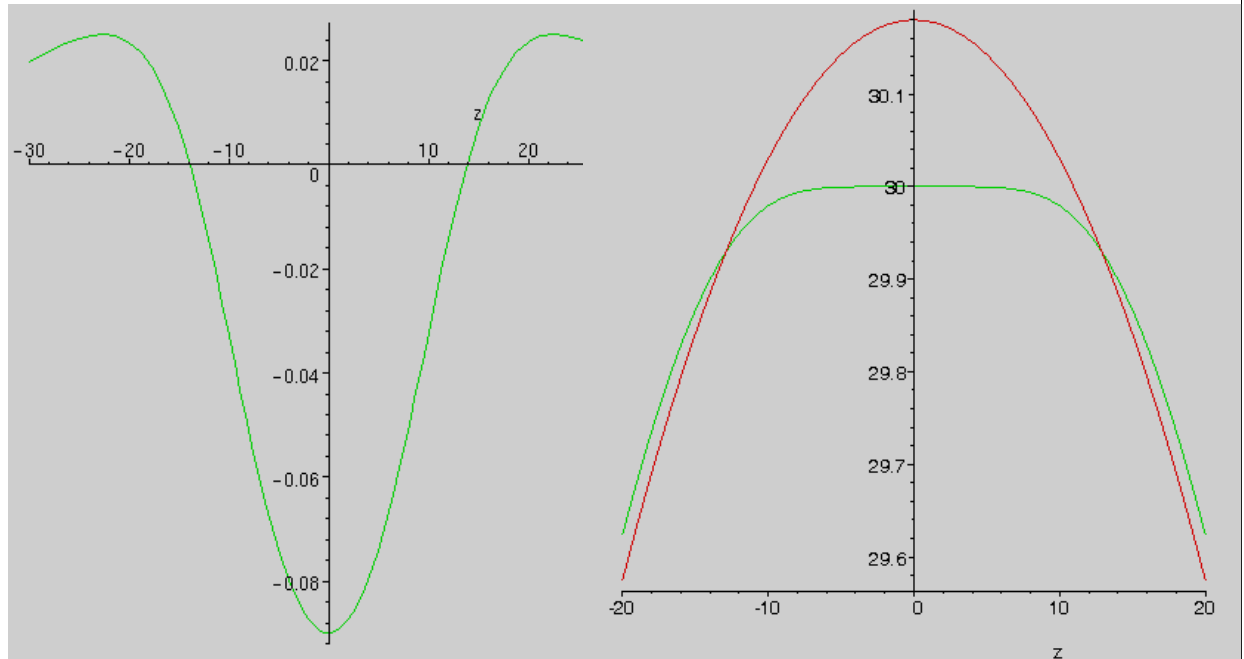
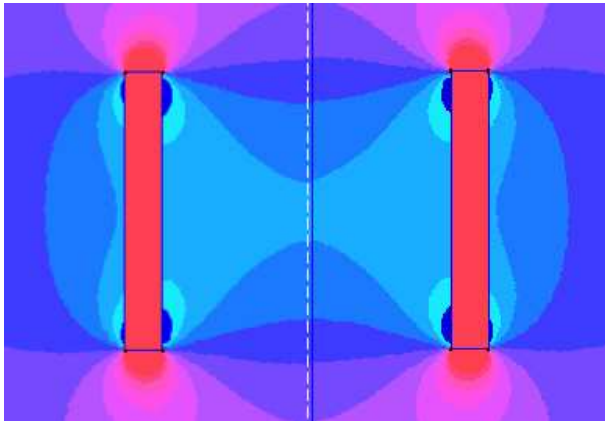
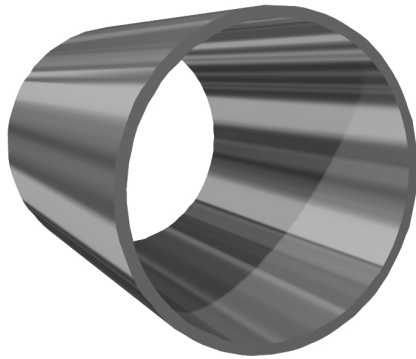
Problems

- Intrinsic homogeneity ($\sim 10^{-3}/\text{cm}$)
- Temporal stability ($\sim 10^{-5}$)
 - power supply
 - temperature and flux changes
- Operation time

- Ferro-shims
- High speed MAS
- Reference deconvolution
- Follow-B



Field profile of a uniformly magnetized cylinder

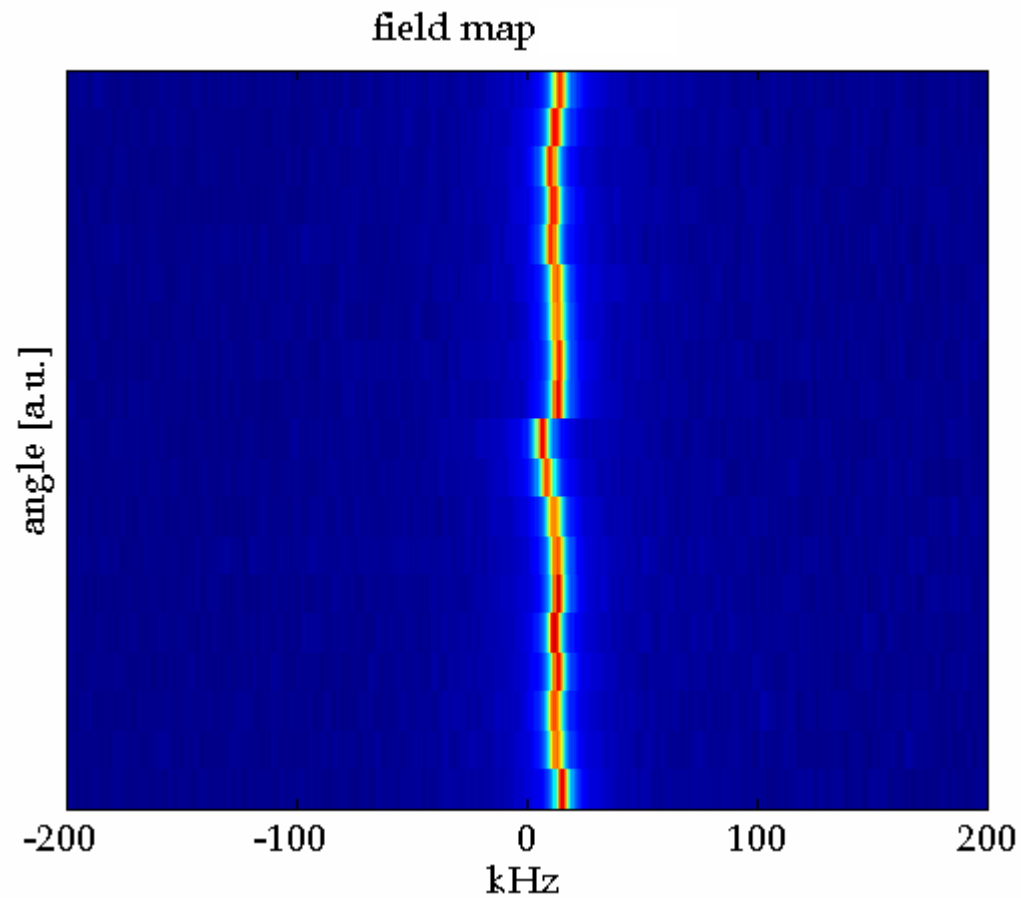


Field profile
Ferroshim

Magnet field
profile **before** and
after Ferroshim

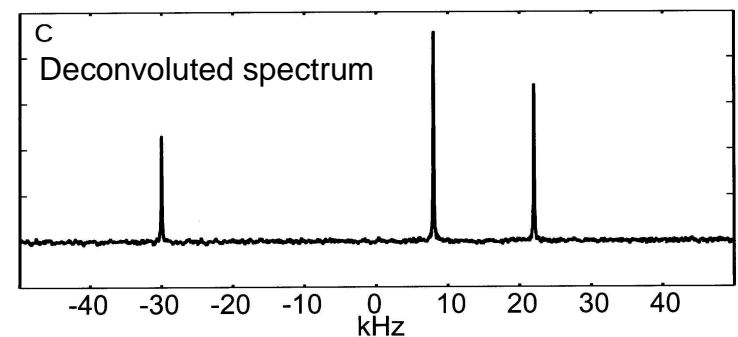
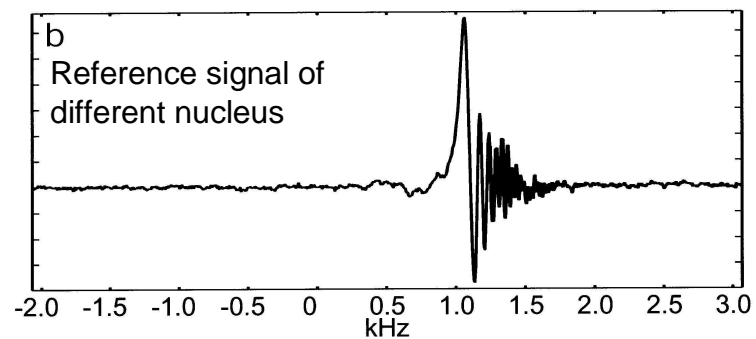
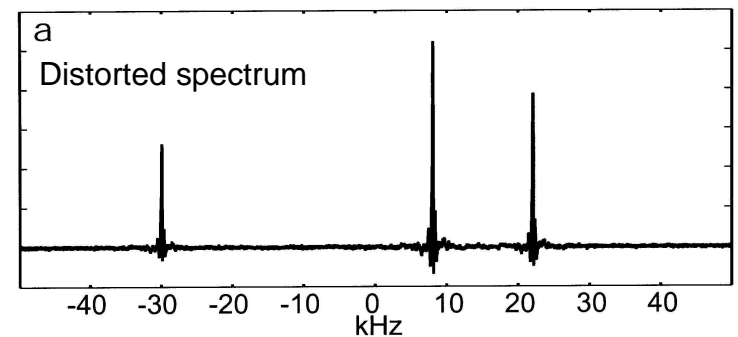
***Shifting the shim off-axis allows reduction of radial gradients
Magic Angle Spinning averages residual gradients***

Field map with ferroshim



Reference Deconvolution

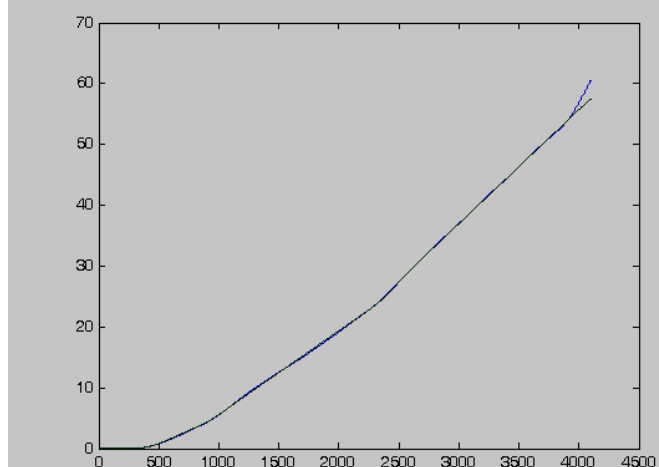
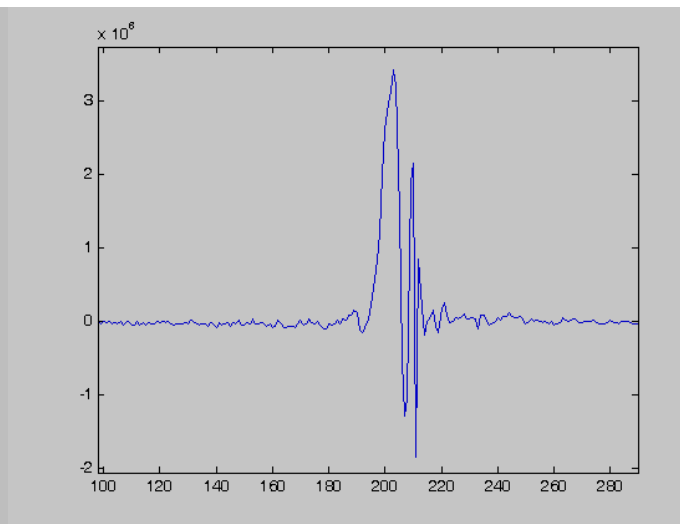
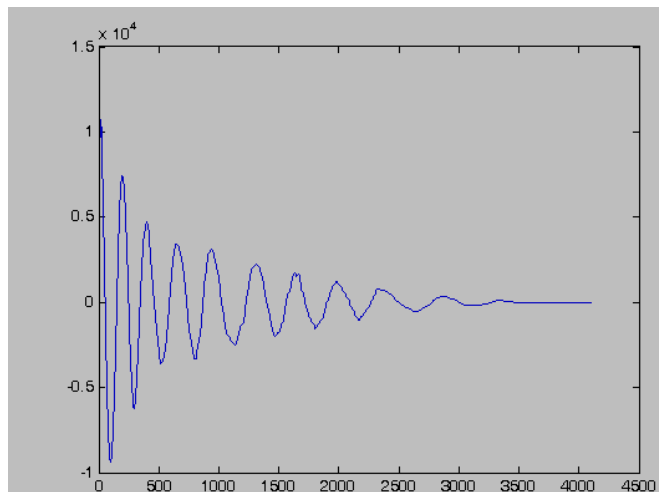
$$c(t) = \left(\frac{S_{\text{ideal-ref}}(t) \times W(t)}{S_{\text{exp-ref}}(t)} \right)^{\frac{\gamma_I}{\gamma_S}}$$
$$S_c(\omega) = \text{FT}[S_{\text{exp}}(t) \times c(t)]$$



Morris, Barjat and Horne, PNMR 31 (1997) 197-257.

Metz, Lam and Webb, Concepts Magn. Reson. 12 (2000) 21-42.

Reference Deconvolution



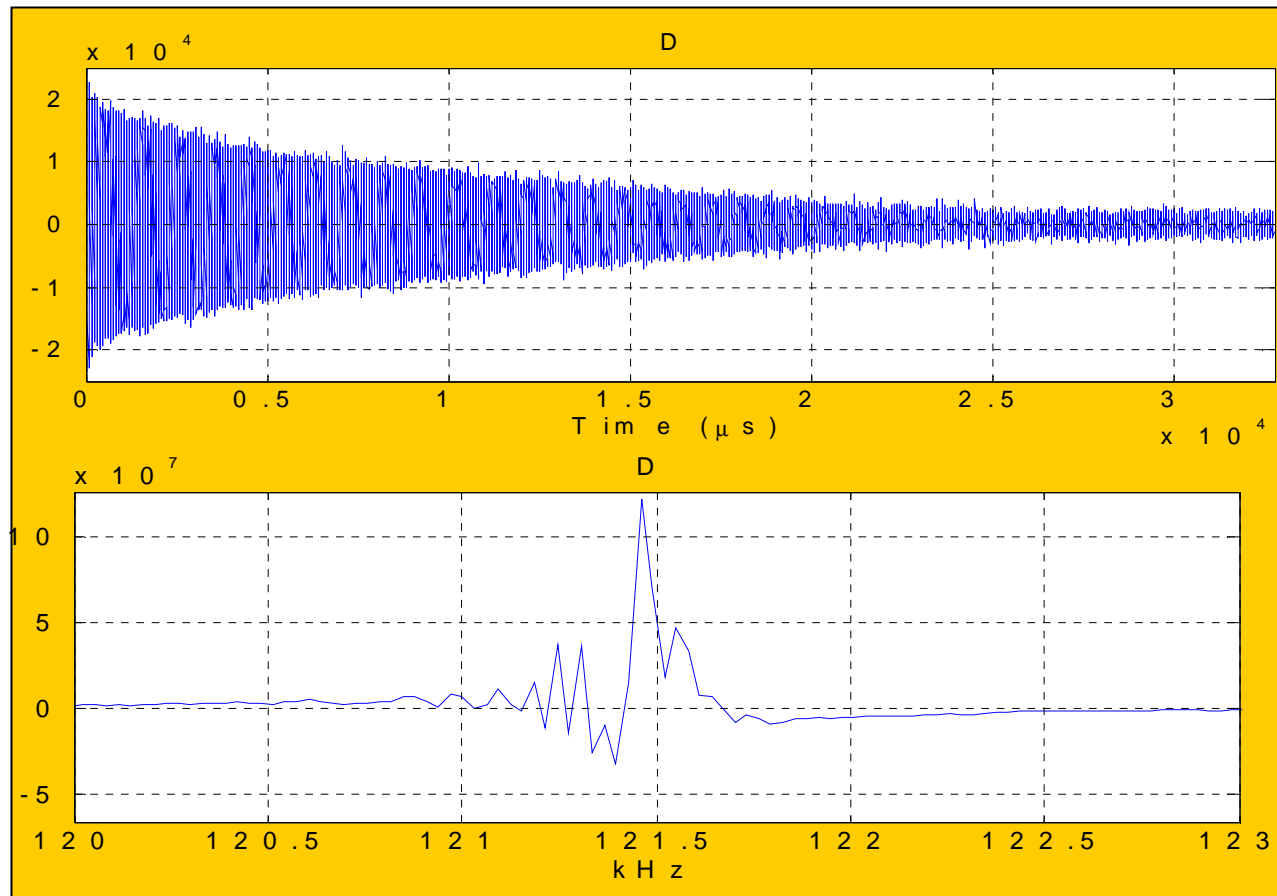
- Discrete field steps
- MAS: resolution is stability limited
- Fourier spectrum distorted (chirp)
- Length of FID determines resolution

Triple-tuned MAS probe ^2D reference channel

Jan van Bentum
Ernst van Eck
Jan van Os

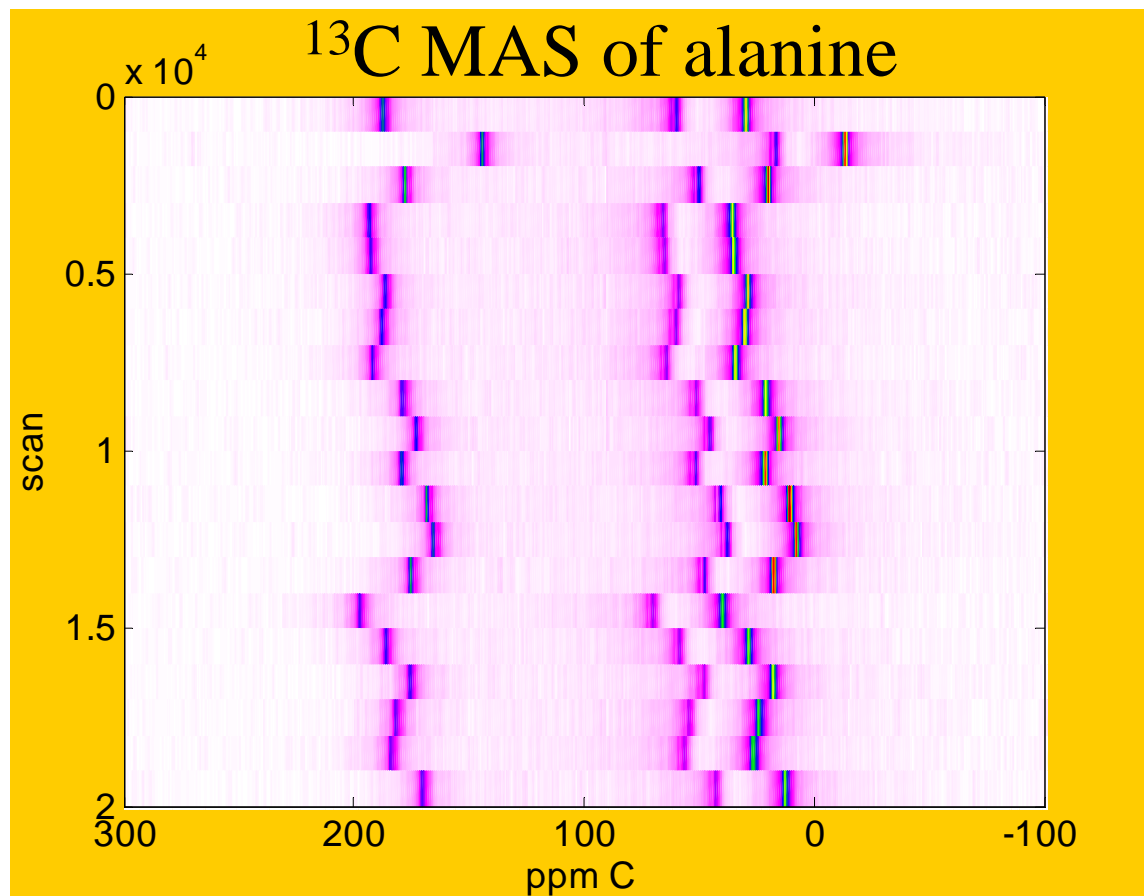


Probe technology:
Ago Samoson



ND_4Cl reference signal lasts 30 - 50 msec,
i.e. intrinsic homogeneity of about 0.15 ppm.

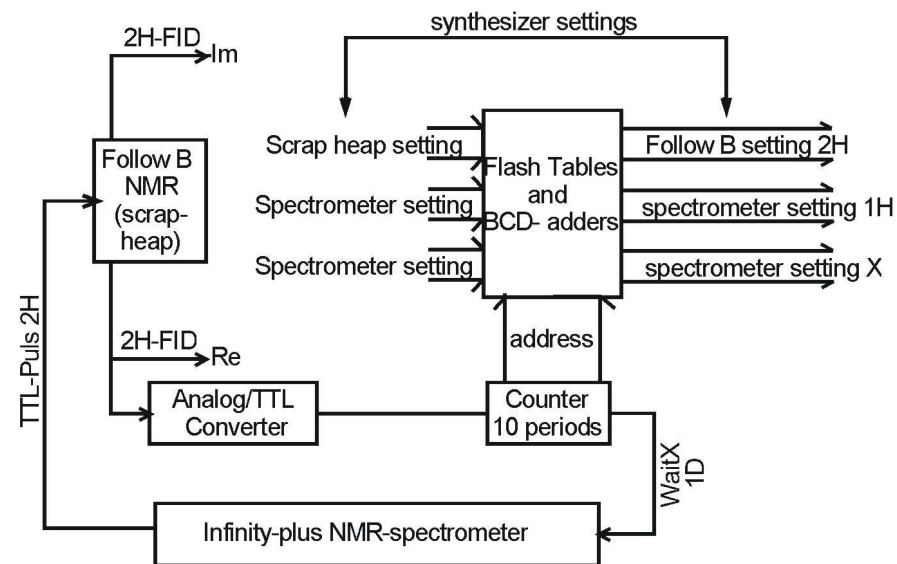
Field Stability



Field stability 10-50 ppm on ^{13}C

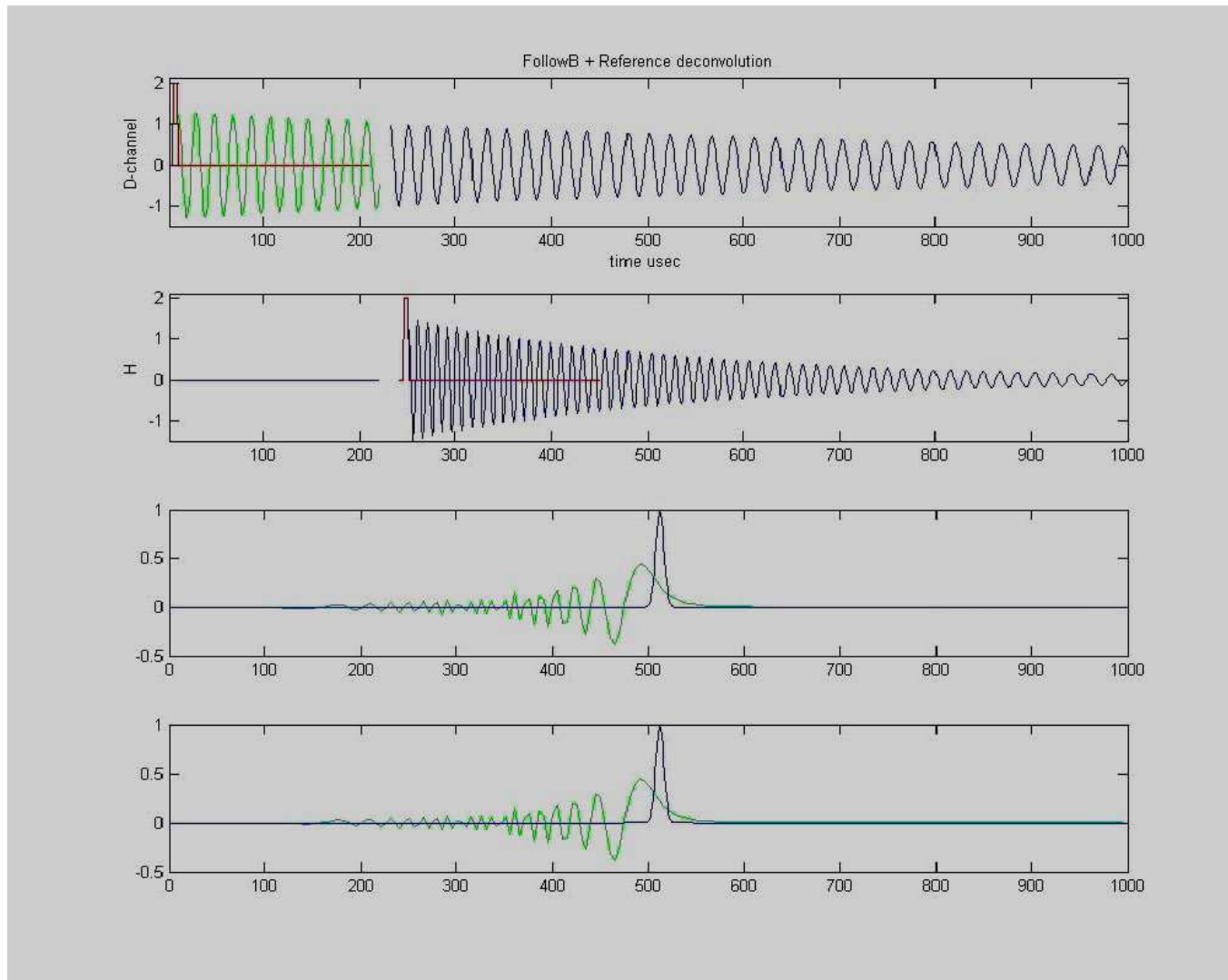
© Follow B option

Blockdiagram Follow-B 1D



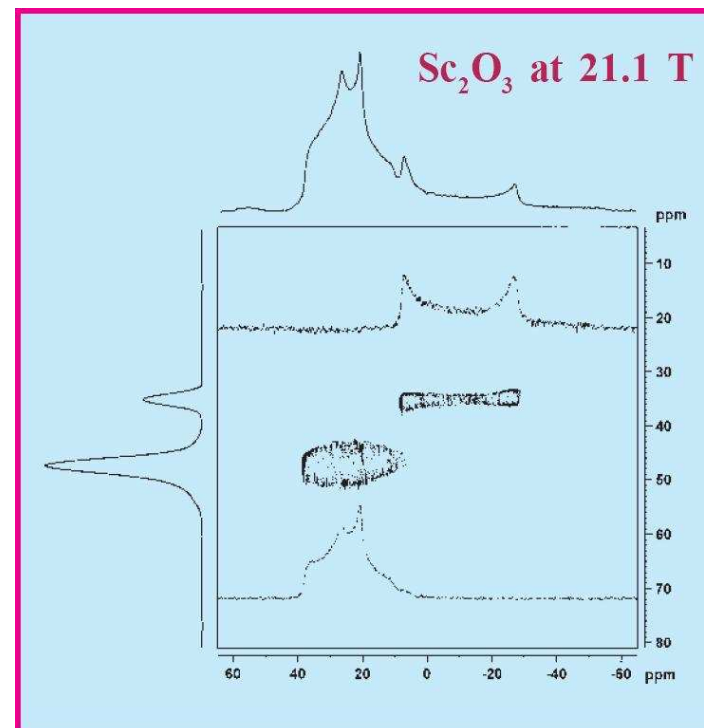
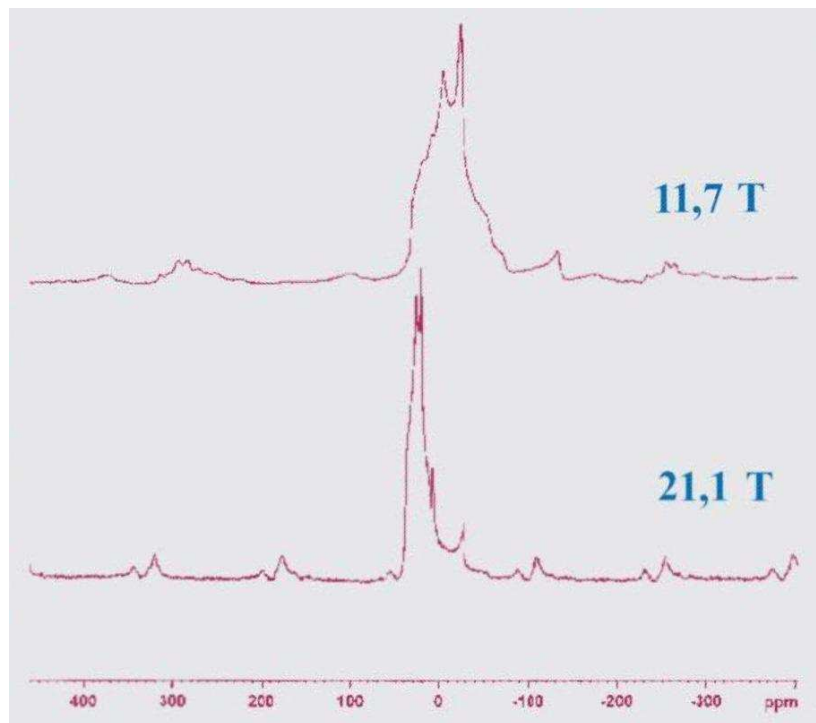
- Use first 200 μ sec of reference FID to determine field
- Reset spectrometer frequencies
- Use remaining part of ref-FID for deconvolution

Follow B + reference deconvolution



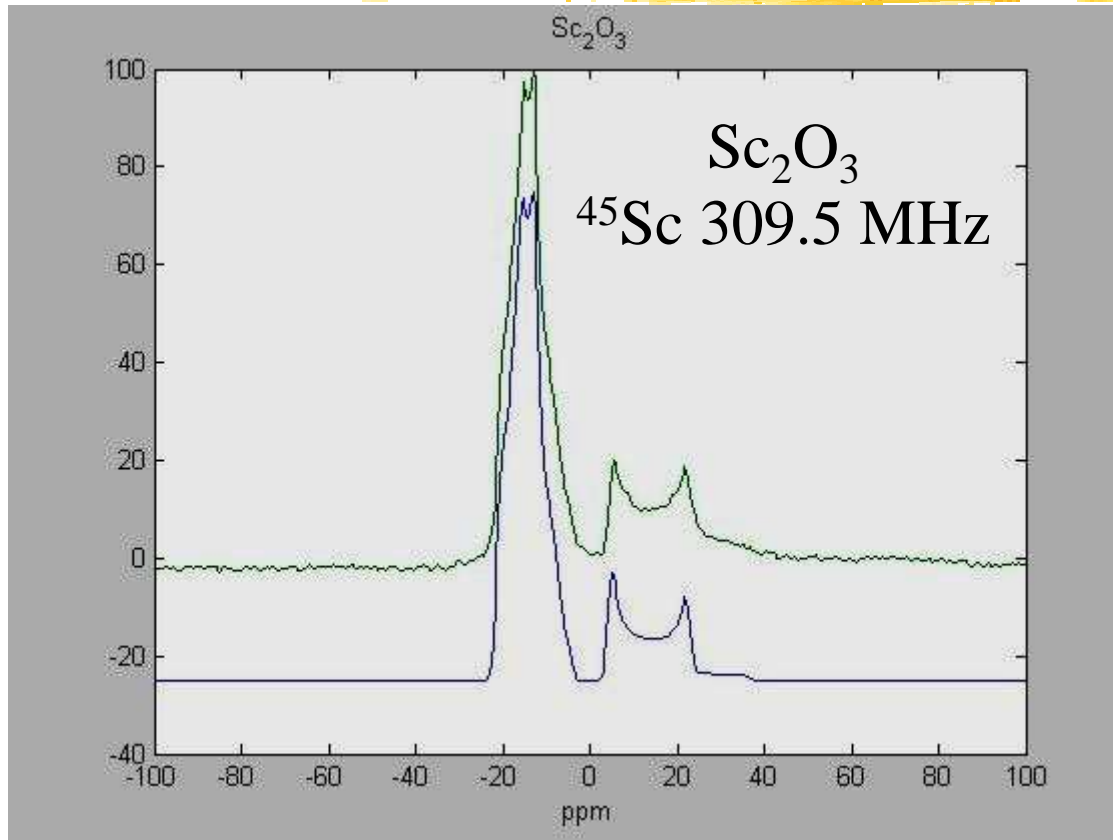
Bruker News and Events

AVANCE 900, first results



At 21.1 T separation of the two Sc sites is nearly achieved...

Systems with large quadrupolar interactions



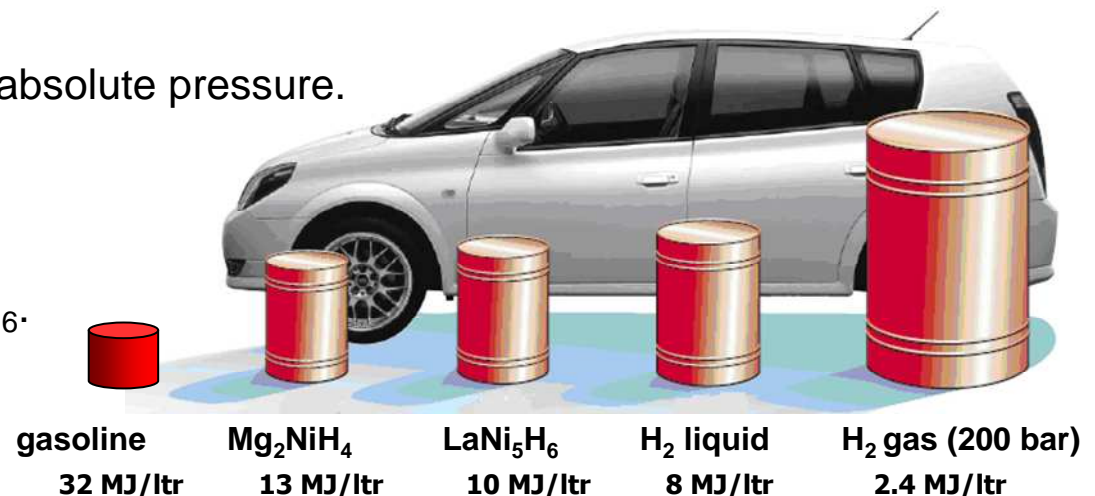
64 scans
MAS 38 kHz
Fixed phase
Averaging
=> follow B
=> Ref. dec.

1: $C_q = 15.4$ MHz $\eta_Q = 0.61$
2: $C_q = 23.4$ MHz $\eta_Q = 0.10$

Intensity ratio
exp 1:2.995
theor 1:3

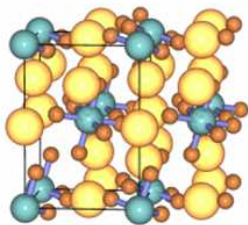
Hydrogen storage

- Important technical issues are weight, volume, discharge/recharge rates, reaction heat, safety and cost
- IEA (International Energy Agency) targets:
 - at least 5-10 wt.%
 - H₂ recoverable at < 80°C
 - Loading/unloading at 1 atm absolute pressure.
- Solid H₂ storage
 - (Complex) Metal hydrides, like NaAlH₄, NaBH₄, LaNi₅H₆.

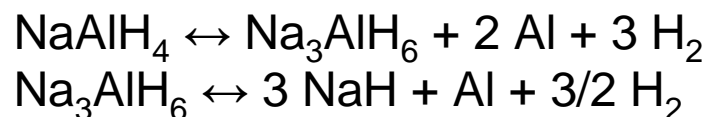
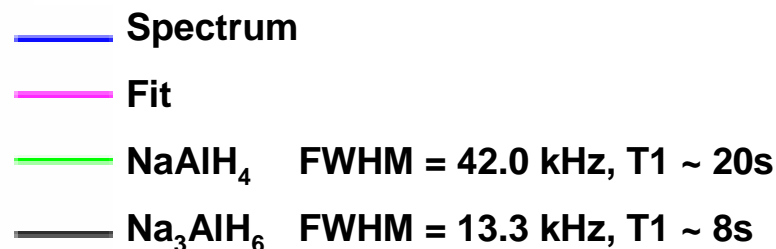
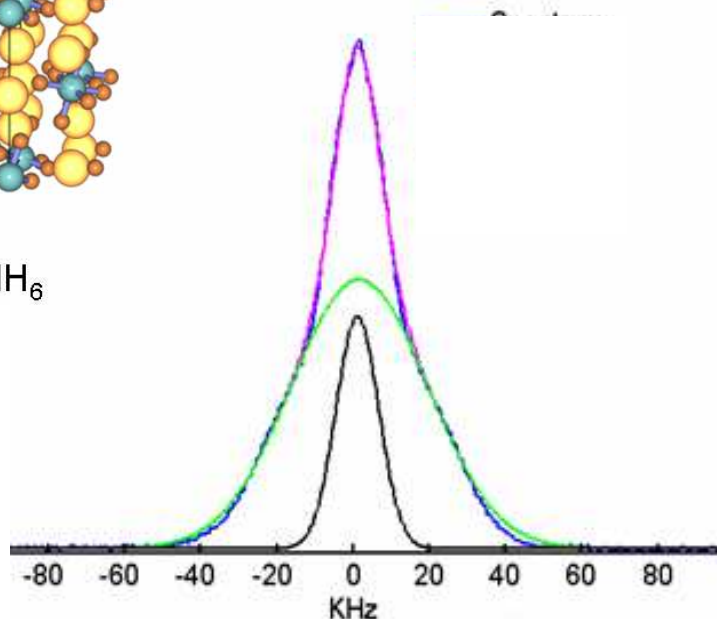


Static ^1H NMR on Ti-doped NaAlH_4

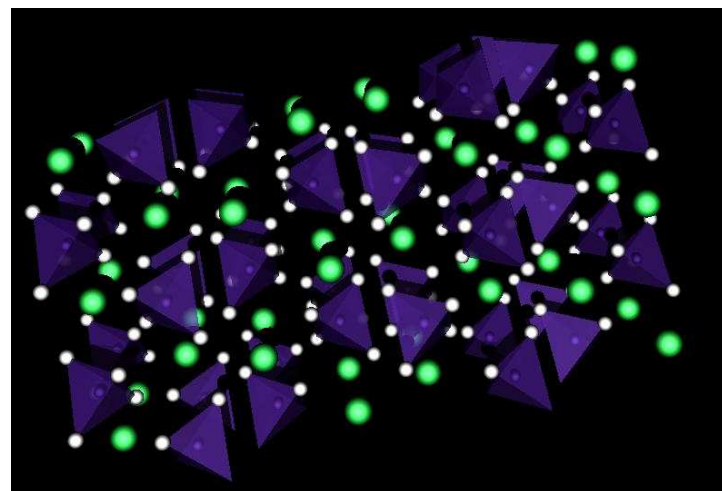
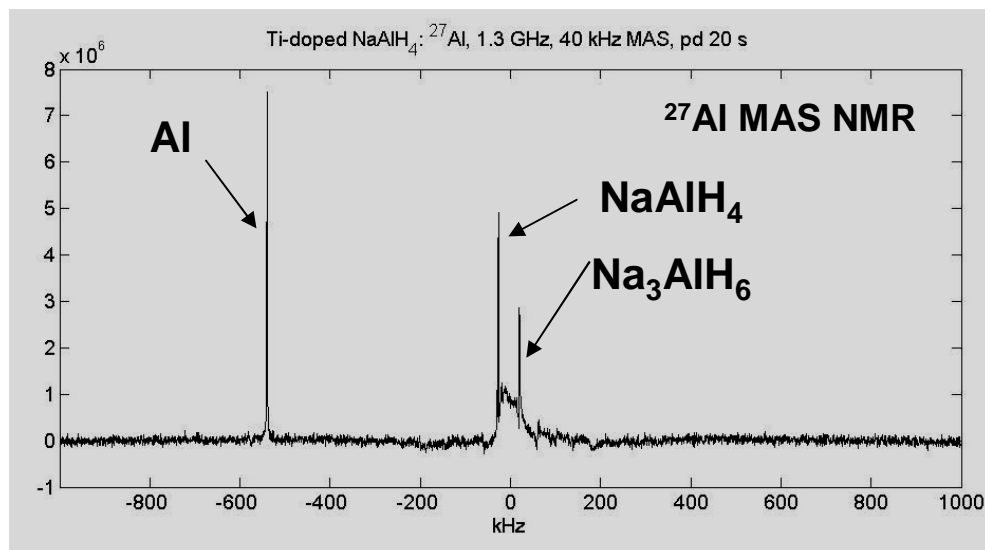
- Partly release of H_2 \rightarrow NaAlH_4 and Na_3AlH_6 are present
- Hahn-Solid-Hahn Echo to avoid spectral distortions
- Two fractions with different relaxation times T_1 and different line widths.
- Na_3AlH_6 : Narrowing of the line shape \rightarrow proton mobility in the crystal \rightarrow fast rotating AlH_6 clusters



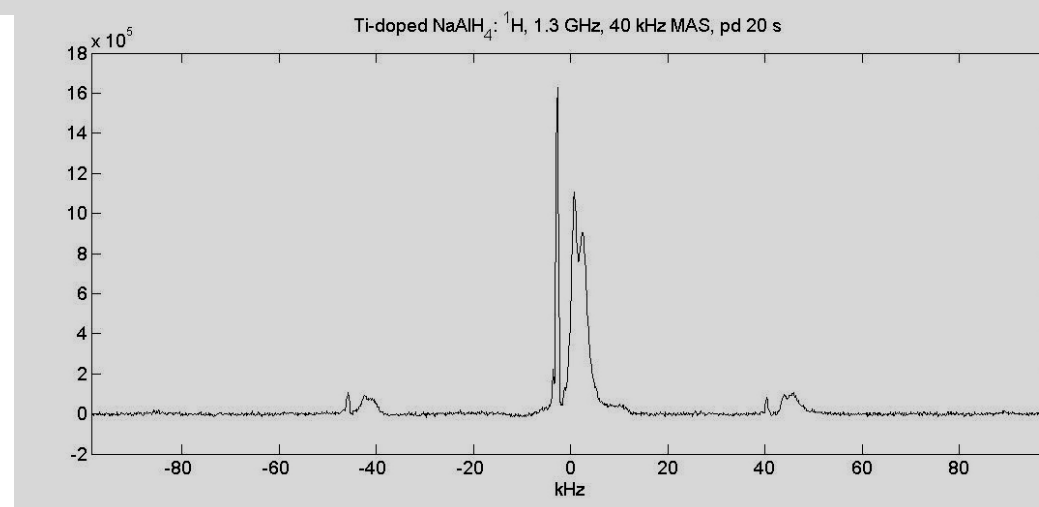
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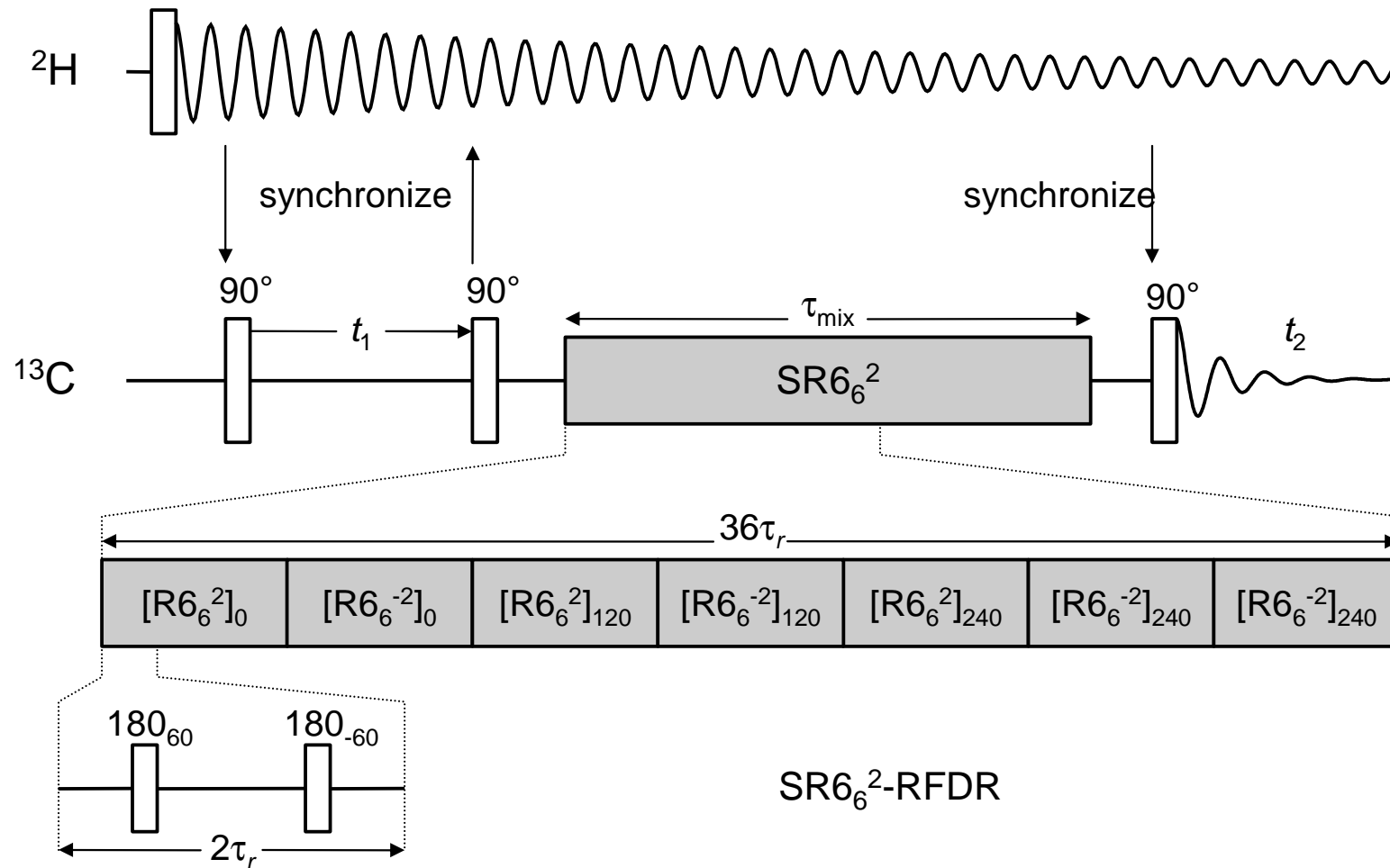
^1H and ^{27}Al high-speed (40 kHz) MAS of Ti-doped Aluminates at 30 T



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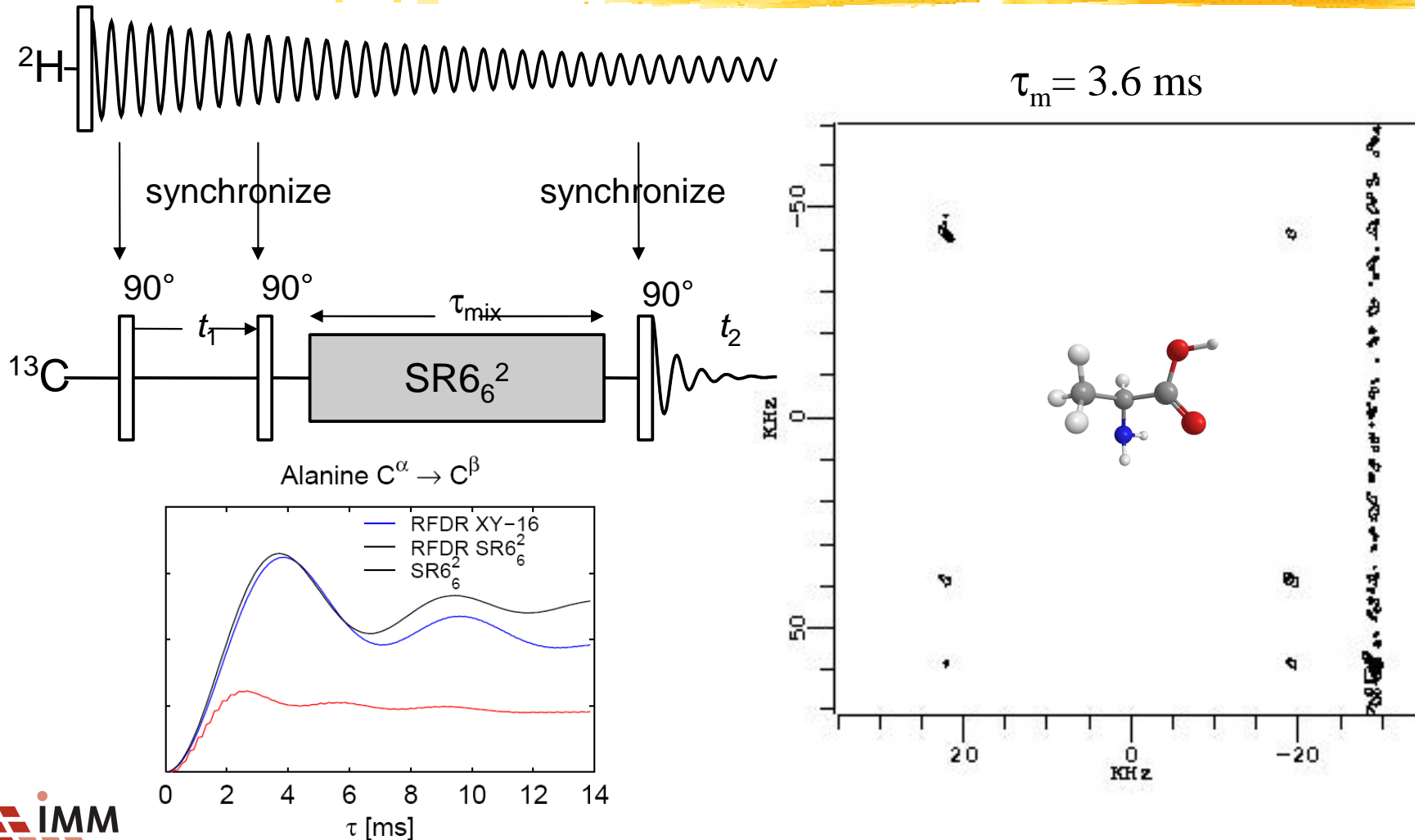


Broadband homonuclear recoupling



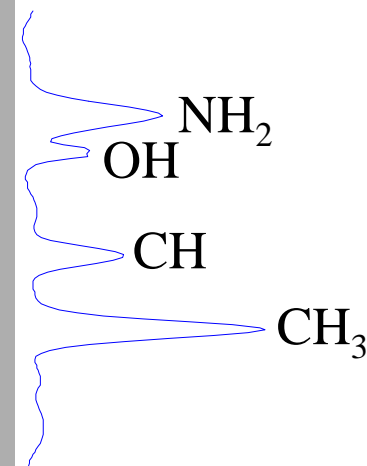
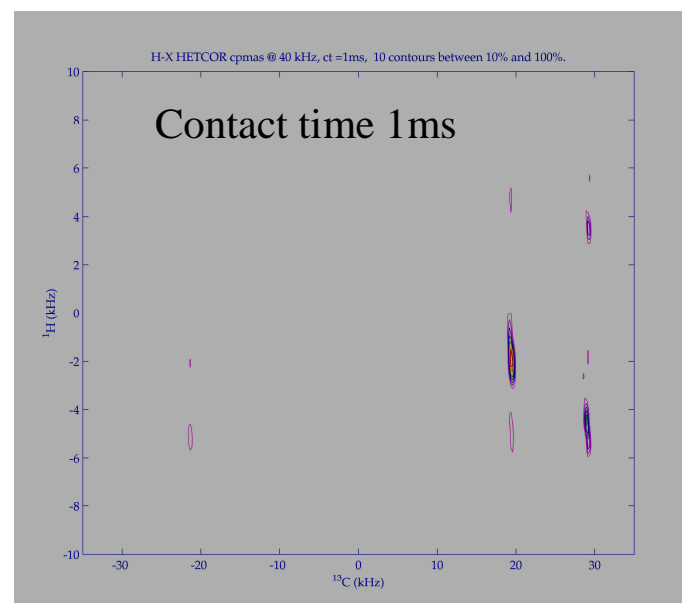
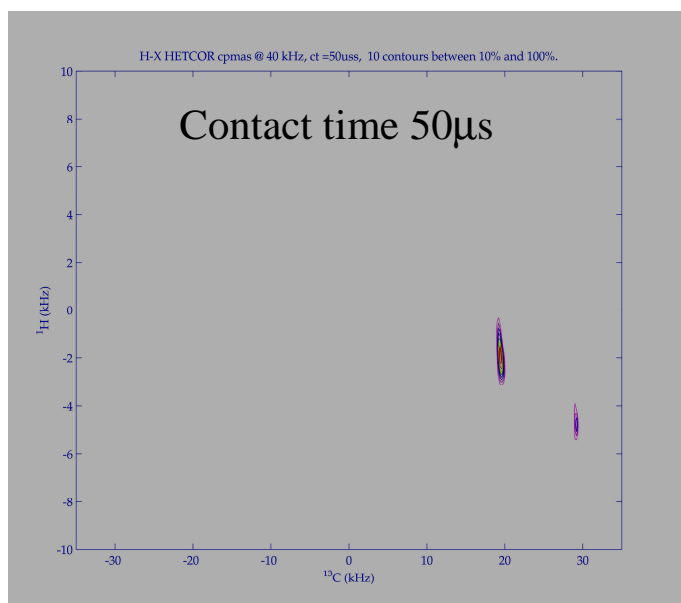
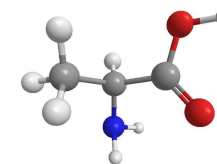
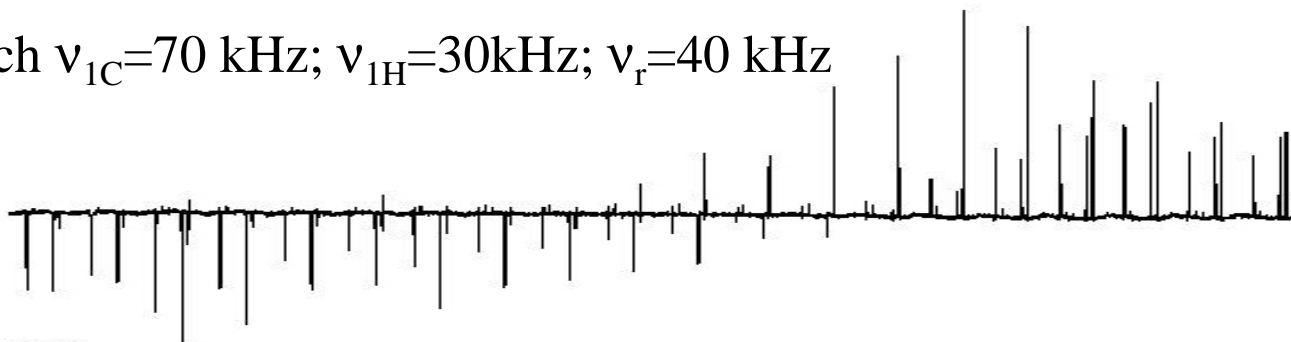
^{13}C - ^{13}C homonuclear correlation

^{13}C labeled L-alanine



^{13}C - ^1H heteronuclear correlation of L-alanine

CP match $\nu_{1\text{C}}=70$ kHz; $\nu_{1\text{H}}=30$ kHz; $\nu_r=40$ kHz



Conclusion High Field NMR

- Using a combination of hardware solutions and NMR tricks, one- and two-dimensional solid-state NMR at 30 Tesla is feasible.
- Quadrupolar systems with either very large or very small quadrupolar interactions
- High resolution proton NMR

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