

NMR Discovery Series:

Solid State NMR

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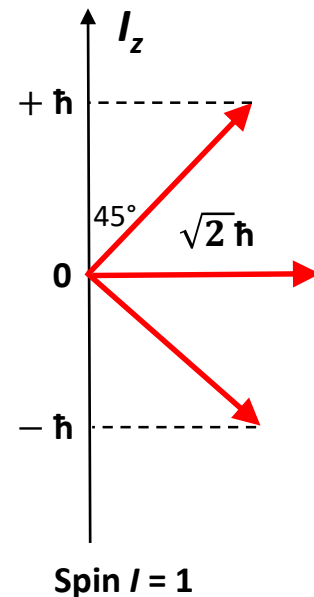
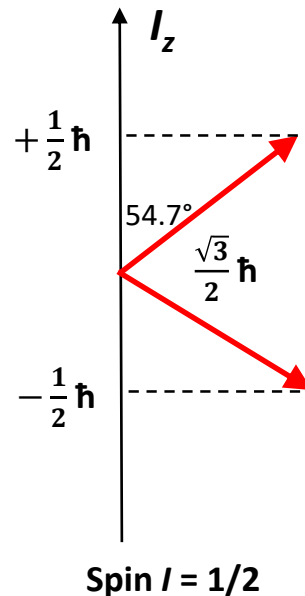
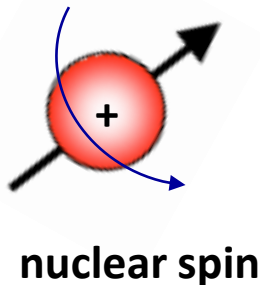
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Solution NMR Basics

Nuclear Spin Angular Momentum

- **Nucleus** has a property called **spin**, an intrinsic property like *mass* and *charge*.
- **Spin** is a form of **Angular Momentum**, but not the classical angular momentum.
- **Spin Angular Momentum** is a vector, with a magnitude of $L = [I(I+1)]^{1/2} \hbar$.
where I is the *spin quantum number*.
- The projection (measurable) of the angular momentum along the **z-axis** is $I_z = m \hbar$.
- m is the *spin projection quantum number*, which takes values $[-I, -I+1, \dots, +I]$.
- Pictorially, spin $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 can be represented as:



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H	IIA	Spin = $\frac{1}{2}$ Spin > $\frac{1}{2}$										IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	He	
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne	
Na	Mg	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VIIIB	VIII B				IB	IIB	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
Fr	Rd	Ac																
			Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu		
			Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr		

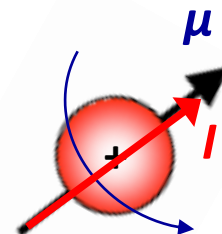
Nuclear Spin (Quantum Number)

- **Nuclear spin I** can take integer or half-integer values.
- For larger nuclei, it is not obvious what the spin should be (Shell Model).
- There are some rules the nuclei do follow with respect to nuclear spin.

Mass Number	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Spin (I)	Examples
Even	Even	Even	0	^{12}C , ^{16}O
	Odd	Odd	1, 2, 3, ...	^2H , ^6Li
Odd	Even	Odd	$\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{5}{2}$, ...	^{13}C , ^{17}O
	Odd	Even	$\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{5}{2}$, ...	^{15}N , ^{19}F

Magnetic Moment and Gyromagnetic Ratio

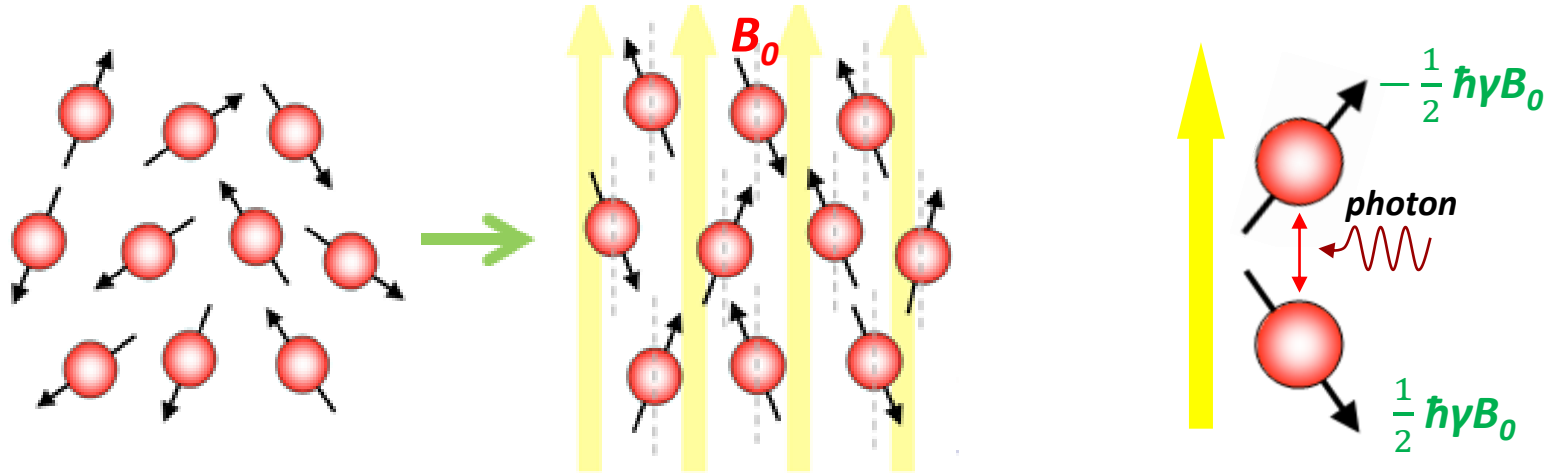
- The spin of a charged particle is associated with a magnetic dipole moment.
- **Nuclear Spin I** is associated with a **Magnetic Moment μ** .
- *Magnetic Moment* is related to the *Nuclear Spin* by $\mu = \gamma I$.
- γ is the **gyromagnetic ratio**. Each nucleus has its specific γ .



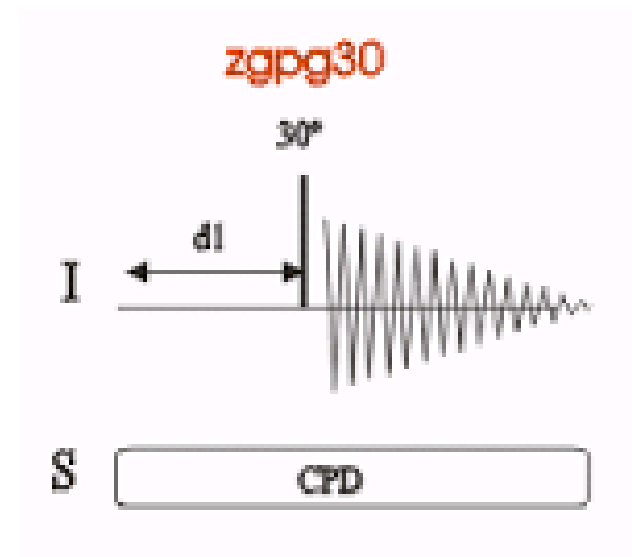
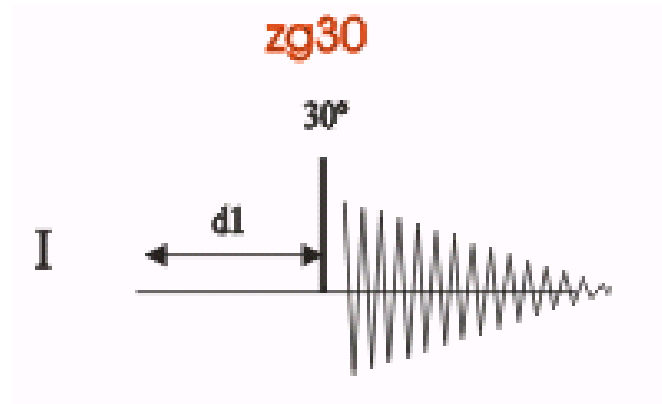
Nuclei	Spin	γ (10^7 rad/T*s)	ν (MHz)	Natural Abundance
^1H	$\frac{1}{2}$	26.7519	500.00	99.985
^2H	1	4.1066	76.75	0.015
^{13}C	$\frac{1}{2}$	6.7283	125.72	1.108
^{15}N	$\frac{1}{2}$	-2.7120	50.66	0.365
^{19}F	$\frac{1}{2}$	25.1810	470.38	100.0
^{31}P	$\frac{1}{2}$	10.8410	202.40	100.0

$$B_0 = 11.74 \text{ T}$$

Nuclear Spin in a Magnetic Field

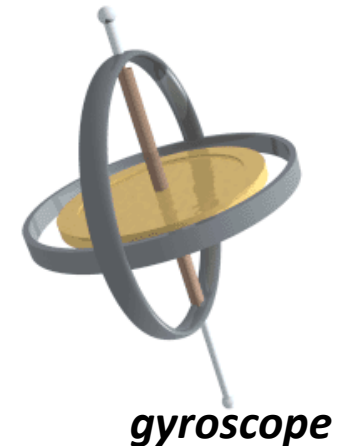
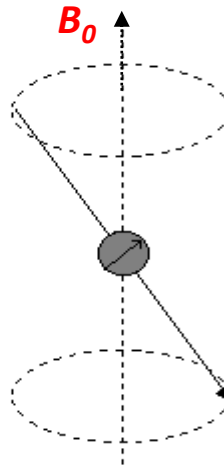
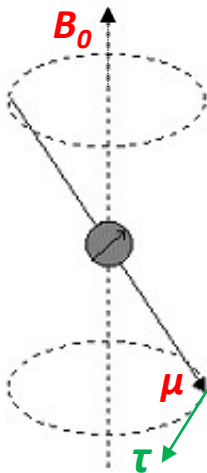


- Nuclear Spins are randomly oriented when no magnetic field is present.
- In a static magnetic field, nuclear spins (like ‘tiny bar magnets’) align up/against according to the applied magnetic field (**Zeeman** Interaction).
- The energy of a particular oriented nuclear spin is $E = -\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0$.
- Along z-axis (measurable), the energy can be expressed as $E = -\mu_z B_0 = -m \hbar \gamma B_0$.
- For spin $\frac{1}{2}$ nuclei, there are **two energy levels**. Photons with proper energy $\Delta E = \hbar \gamma B_0$ (frequency: $\nu = \Delta E/h = \gamma B_0/2\pi$) can excite the spins between the two energy levels. Signal will then be observed when the system returns to equilibrium.



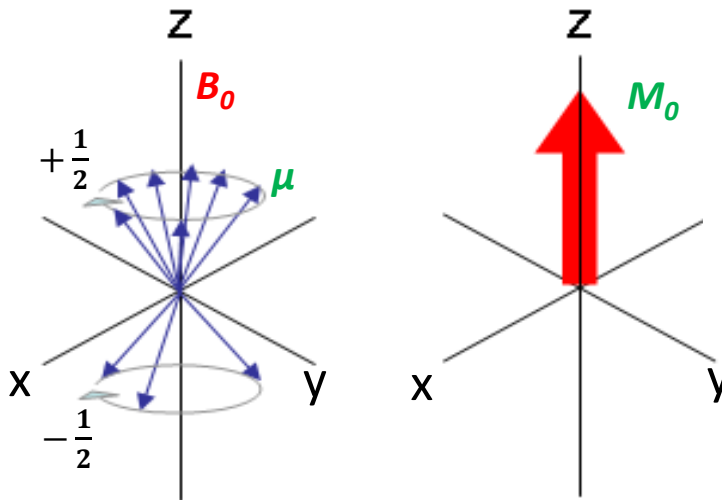
Larmor Precession

- Magnetic Moment in an external magnetic field will experience a **torque**, $\tau = \mu \times B_0$.
- The torque then causes the magnetic moment to precess around the direction of the magnetic field. This is called **Larmor precession**.
- The frequency of precession works out to be $\nu = \gamma B_0 / 2\pi$, the **Larmor frequency**.



Bulk Magnetization

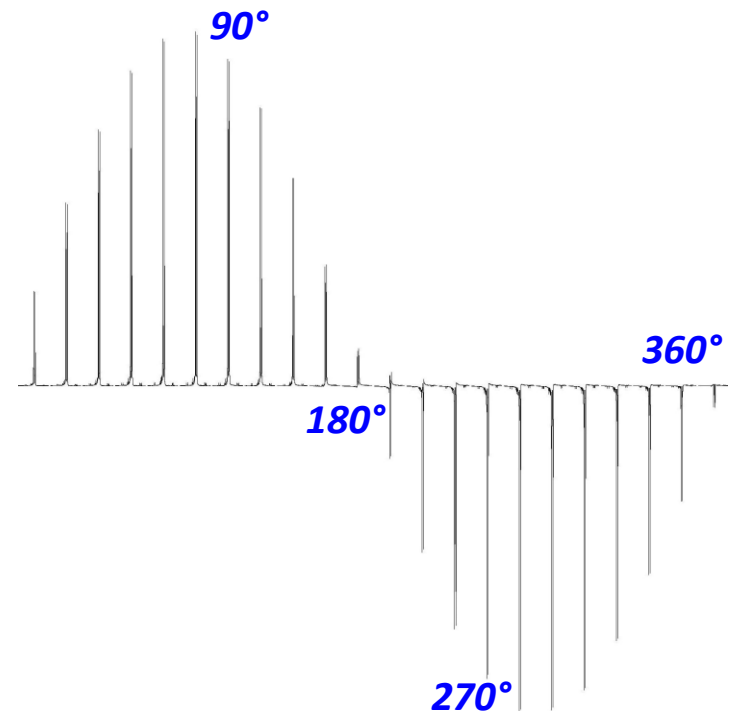
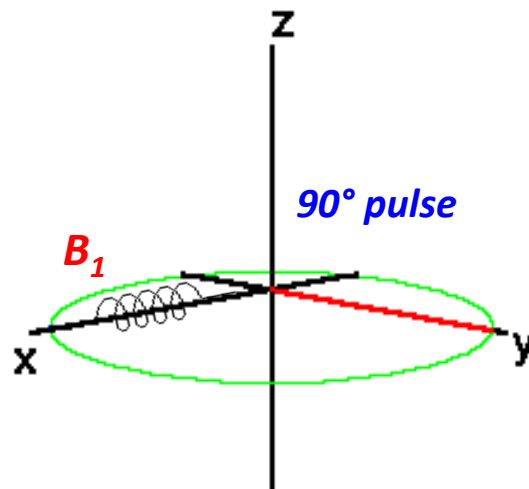
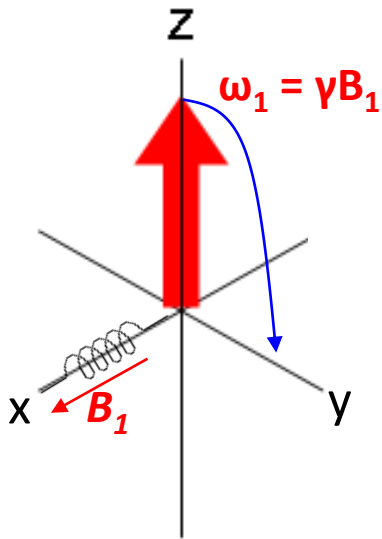
- In a real sample, there is a large number of nuclear spins, precessing at the Larmor frequency when in an external magnetic field.
- Based on *Boltzmann distribution*, there will be slightly more spins spin up (at lower energy state) than those spin down.
- This leads to a net contribution of magnetic moment along the field $\mathbf{B}_0$, called **Magnetization**.



$$M_0 = \mu_0 \frac{N \gamma^2 \hbar^2 I(I+1) B_0}{3kT}$$

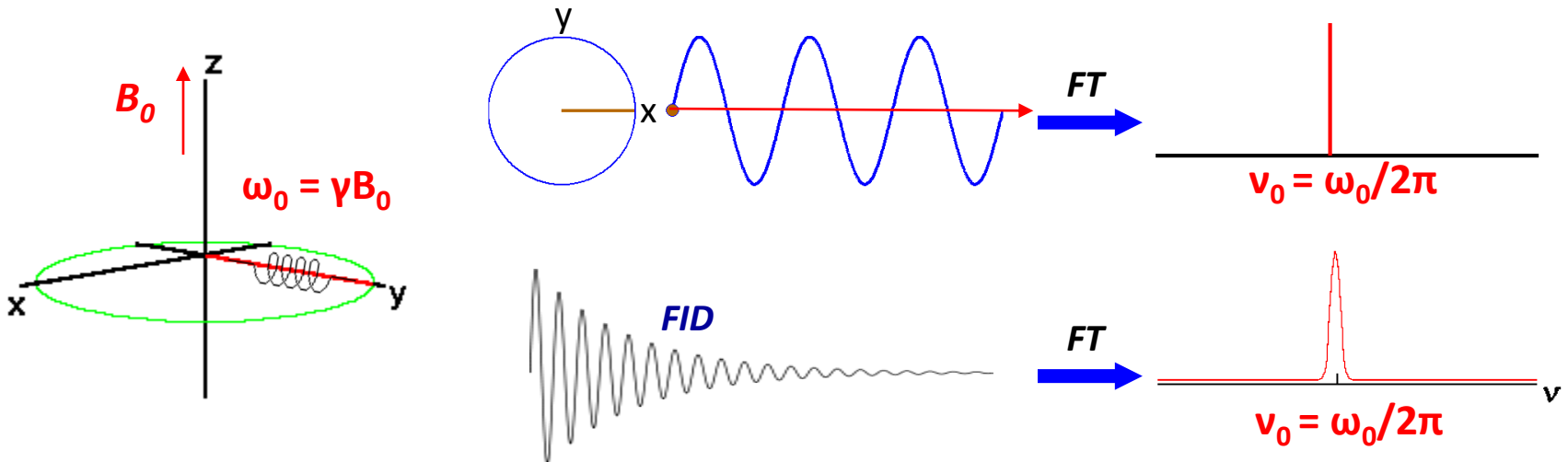
RF Pulse and Flip Angle

- Another magnetic field B_1 is needed and can be produced using an **RF pulse**.
- A B_1 field along x-axis will cause the Magnetization to precess in the yz-plane.
- By controlling the length of the RF pulse, the magnetization can be put in specific places in the yz-plane, eg. along y-axis.
- The angle the magnetization rotated is called Flip Angle, eg. 90° pulse.

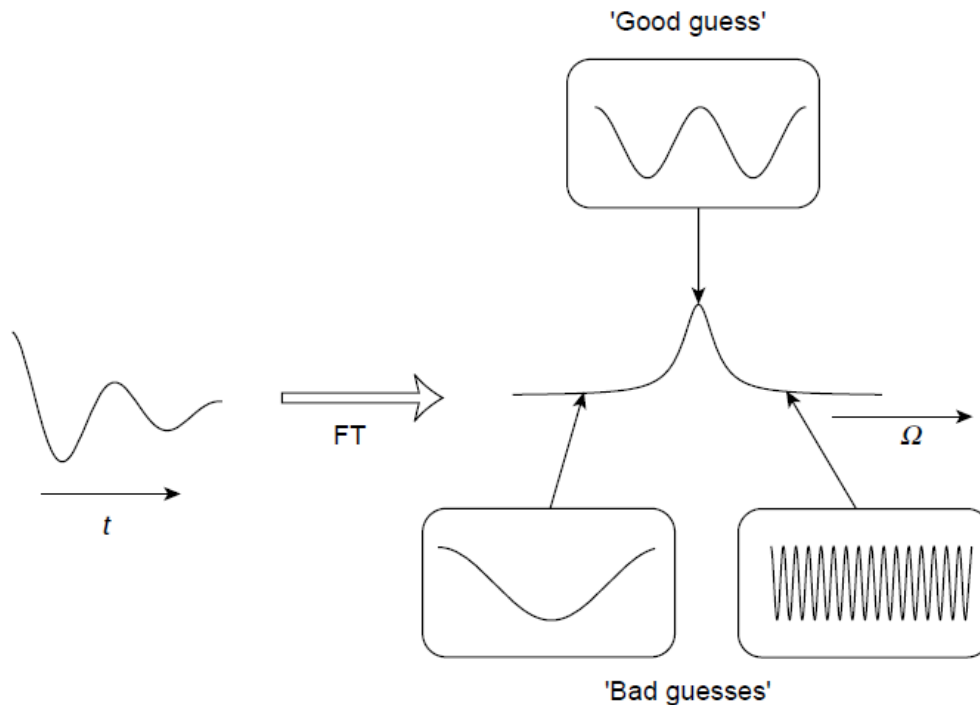
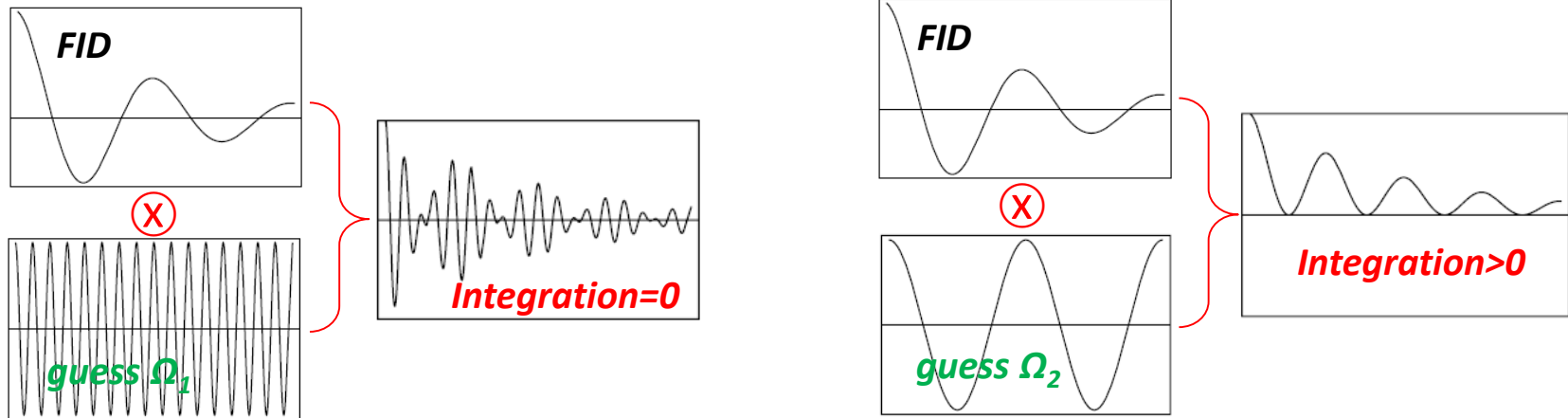


NMR Signal

- After a 90° pulse, the magnetization ends up along y-axis.
- When the RF pulse stops, the B_0 field makes the magnetization to precess on the **xy-plane**. This will induce a current in the coil.
- If detecting along y-axis, a **cosine** wave will be observed. This signal can then be **Fourier Transferred** to give a signal at the precession frequency, Larmor frequency.
- In a real system, the signal becomes weaker (decaying) with time, due to **relaxation**.
- **FID**: Free Induction Decay (Free precession Induced Decaying signal).



Fourier Transform

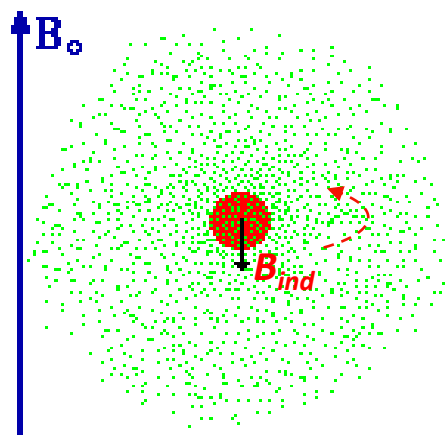


Fourier transform is basically a mathematic method to extract the frequencies and intensities of the sine/cosine waves that 'buried' in the complex FID.

$$S_{\ell}(\Omega) = \int_0^{\infty} s_{\ell}(t) \exp\{-i\Omega t\} dt$$

Chemical Shielding

H nuclei are basically all the same in different molecules →
¹H NMR signals should be all at same frequencies ???



- $\omega = \gamma(B_0 - B_{ind}) = \gamma(B_0 - \sigma B_0) = \gamma B_0(1 - \sigma) = \omega_0(1 - \sigma)$
- σ is characteristic for H in different groups.

	HO—CH ₂ —CH ₃		
ν (11.74 T):	500.0024	500.0018	500.0006 MHz
ν (5.87 T):	250.0012	250.0009	250.0003 MHz
σ :	0.0000262	0.0000274	0.0000298

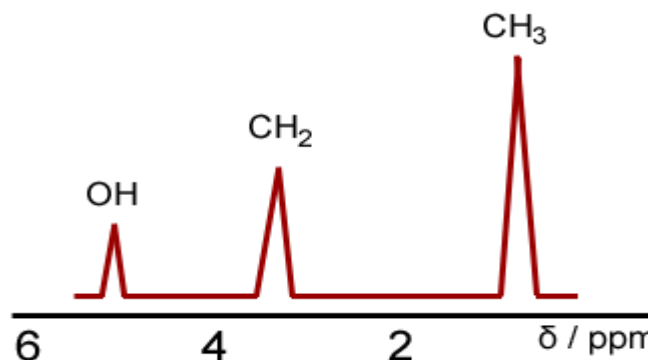
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Chemical shift

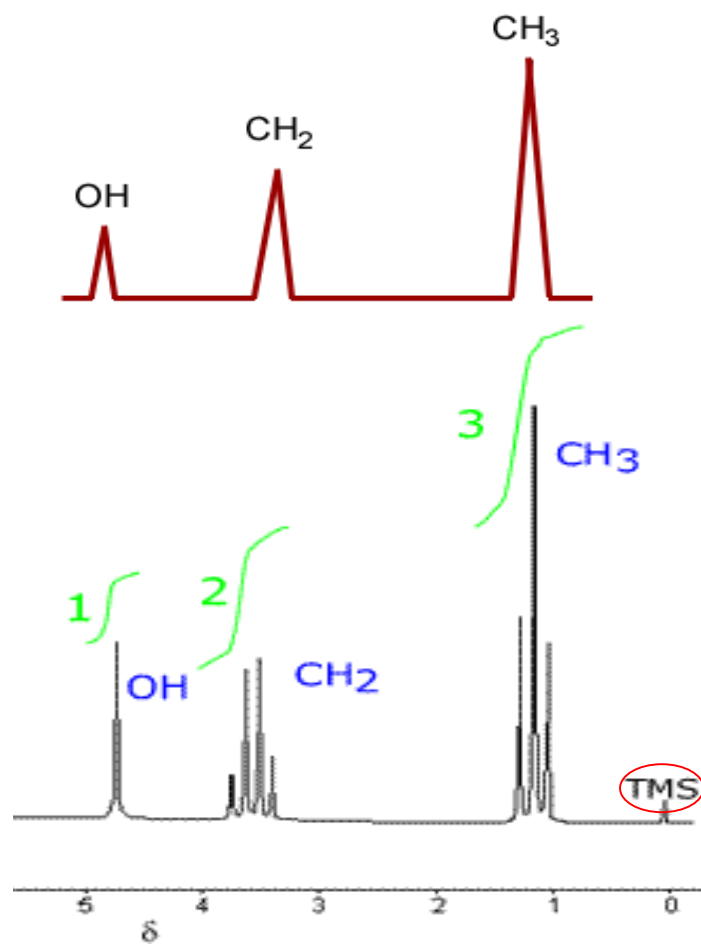
$$\delta = (\nu - \nu_{\text{ref}}) / \nu_0$$

$$\text{where } \nu = \omega / 2\pi$$

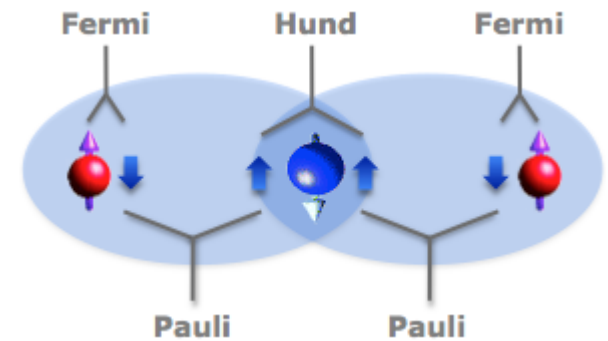
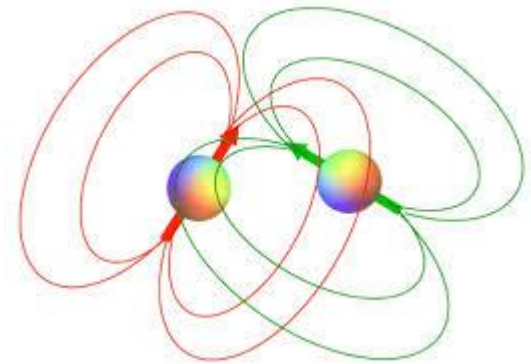
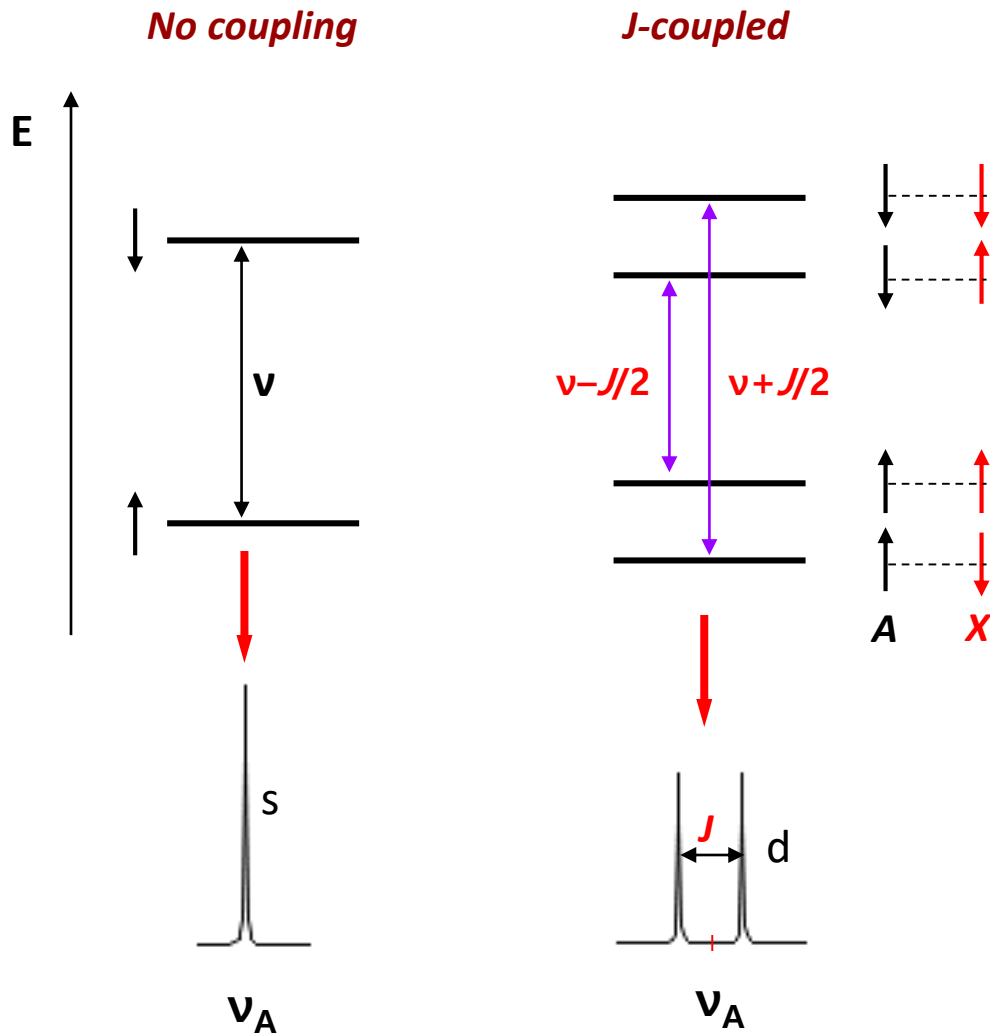


Intensities

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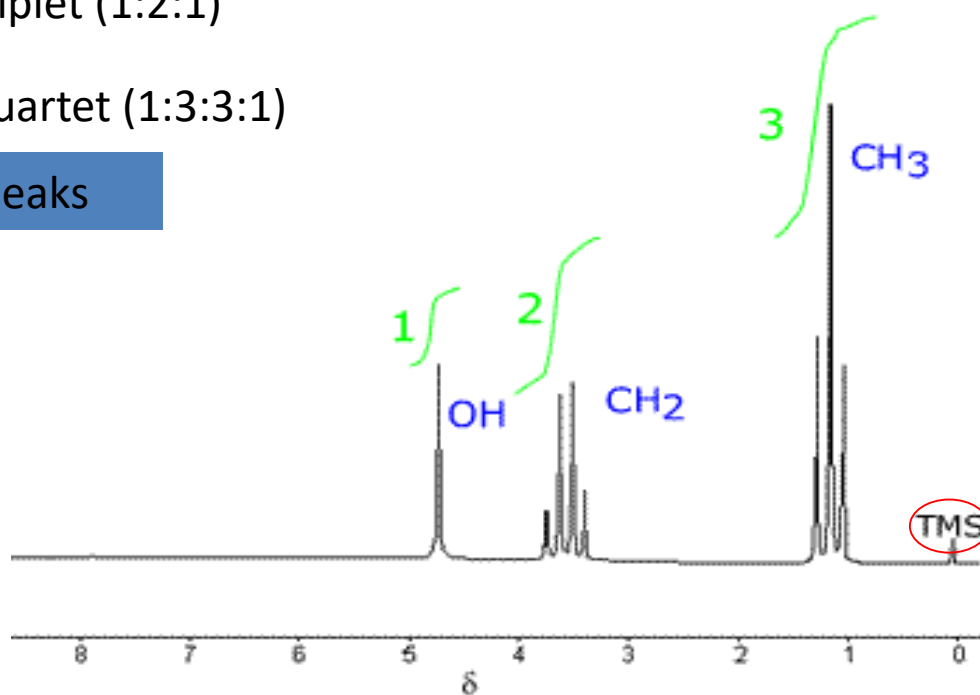
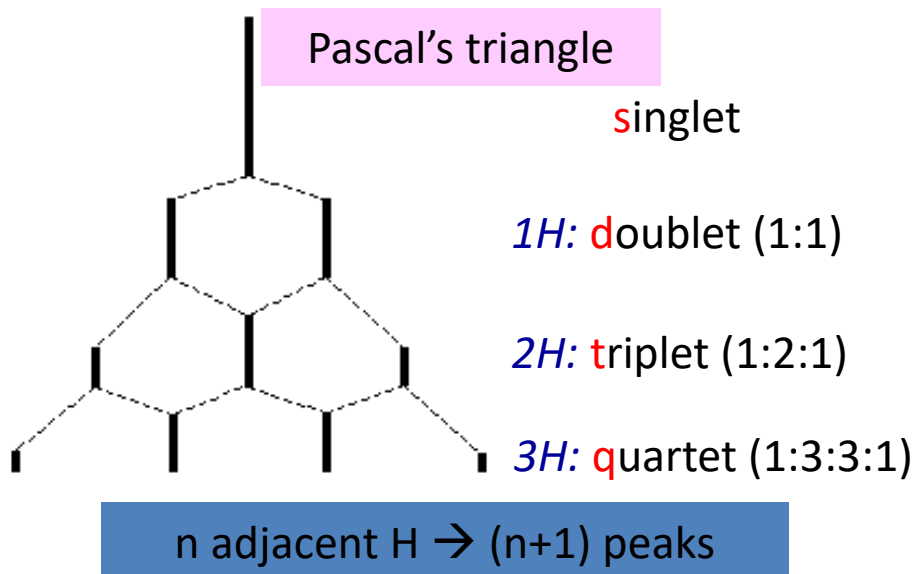


Spin-Spin (J) Coupling (1)

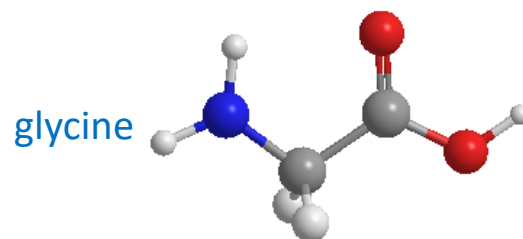


Indirect spin-spin coupling

Spin-Spin (J) Coupling (2)

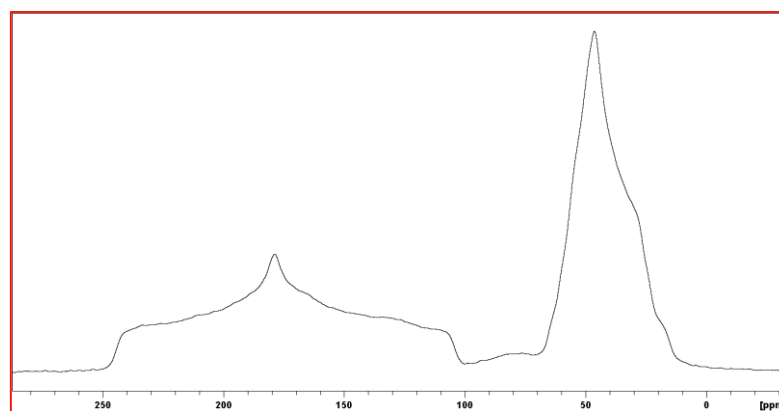
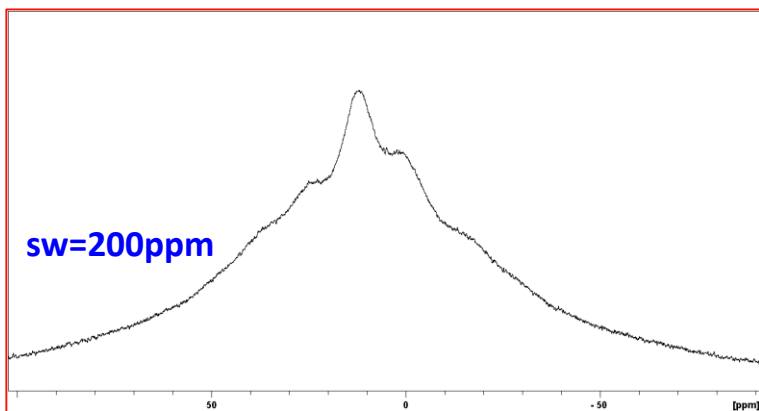
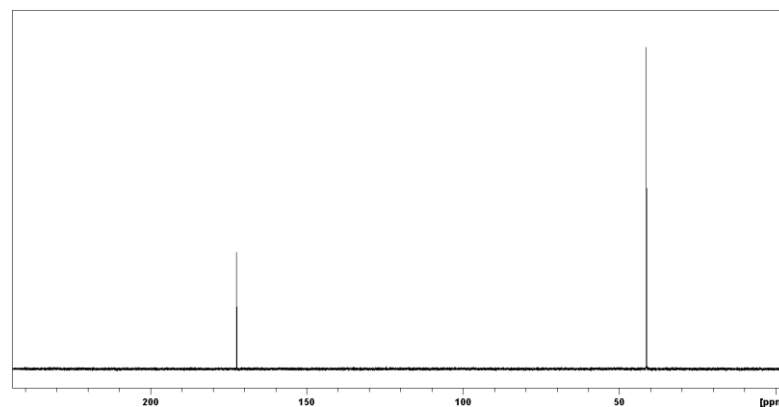
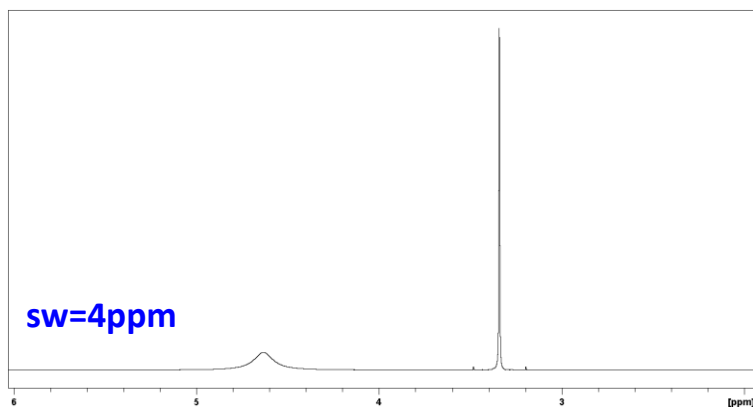


Glycine – ^1H & ^{13}C NMR



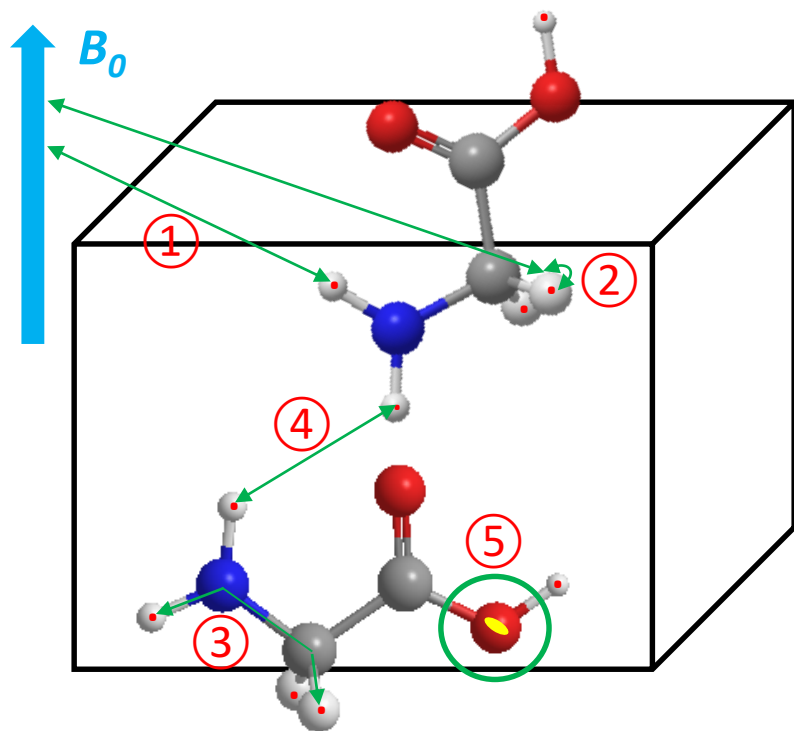
^1H

^{13}C



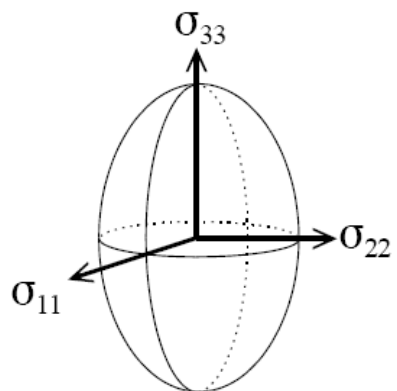
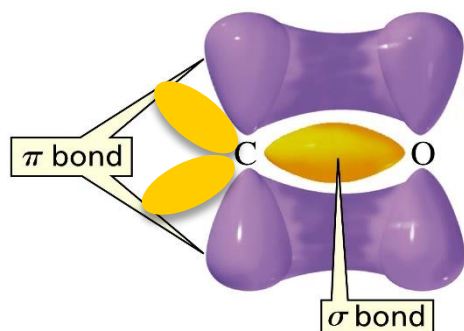
Spin Interactions

Spin Interaction Overview



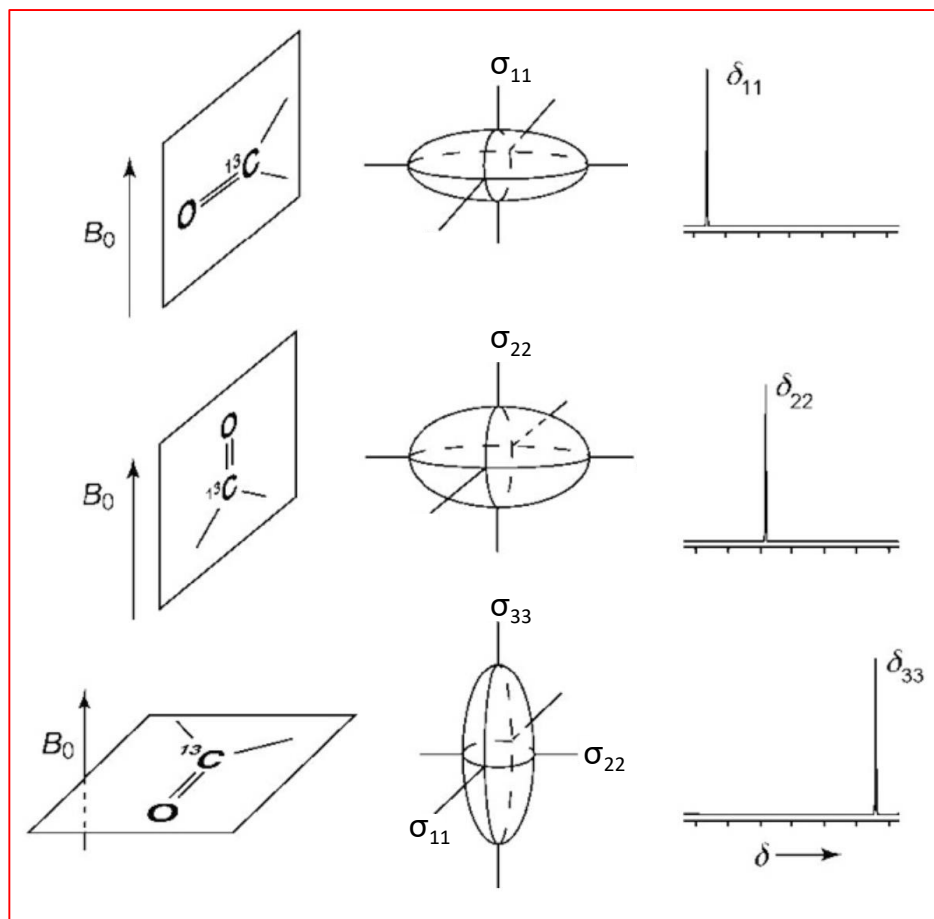
	Interaction	Origin
①	Zeeman	Spin – Field B_0
②	Shielding	Spin – Field B_e
③	J-coupling	Spin – Spin
④	Dipolar	Spin – Spin
⑤	Quadrupolar	Spin – e-Field

Chemical Shielding Anisotropy (1)

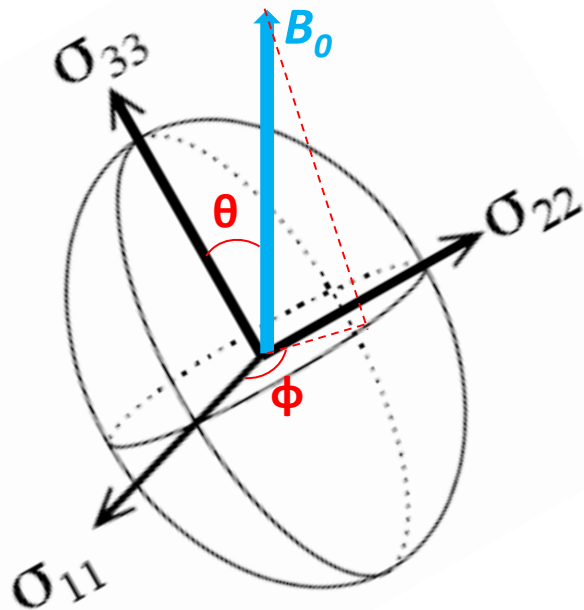


$$\sigma^{\text{PAS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

CSA Tensor



Chemical Shielding Anisotropy (2)



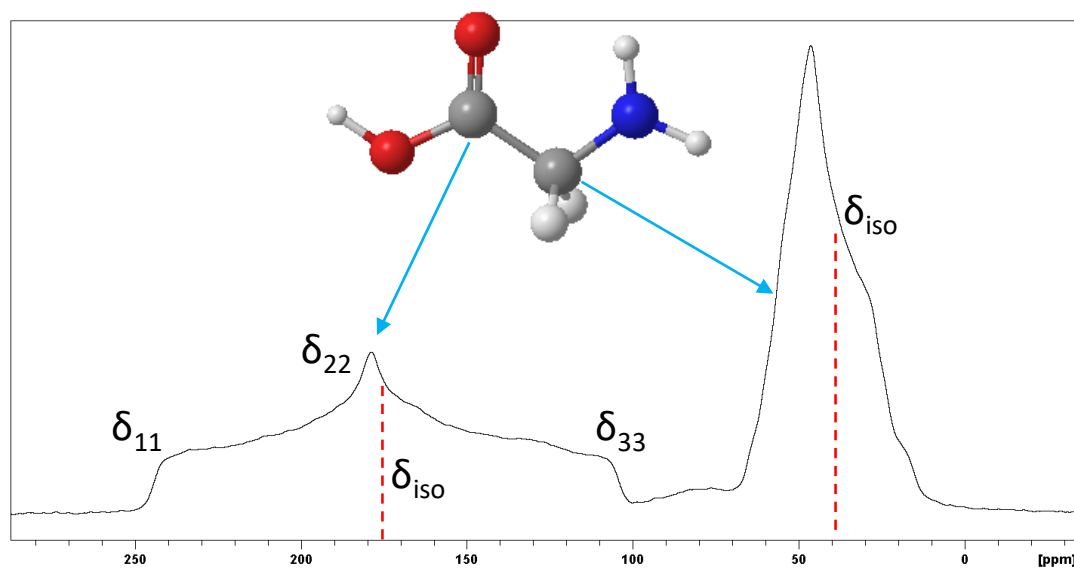
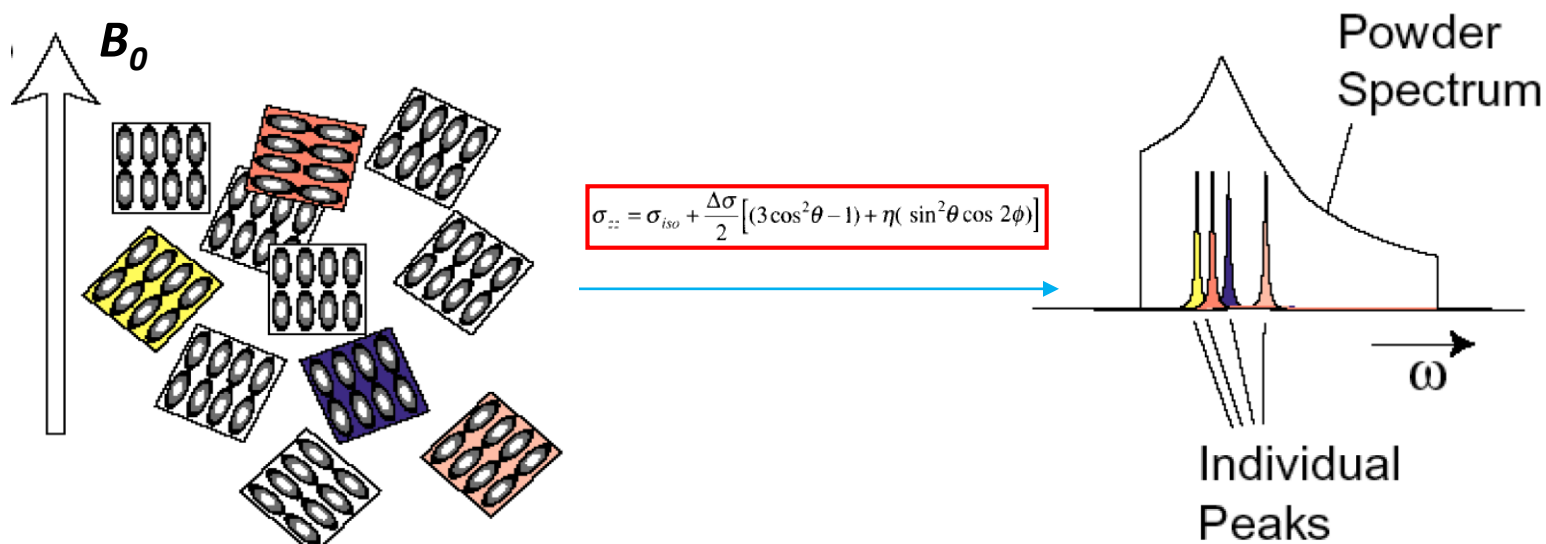
$$\sigma_{zz} = \sigma_{iso} + \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2} \left[(3\cos^2\theta - 1) + \eta(\sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi) \right]$$

$$\sigma_{iso} = (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22} + \sigma_{33}) / 3$$

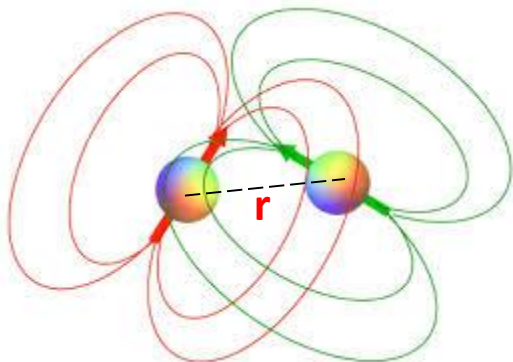
$$\Delta\sigma = \sigma_{33} - \sigma_{iso}$$

$$\eta = (\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22}) / \Delta\sigma$$

Chemical Shielding Anisotropy (3)



Dipolar Interaction (1)



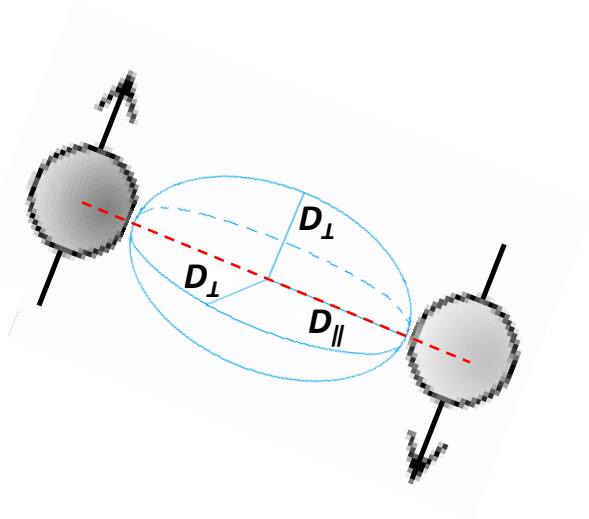
Dipolar-dipolar coupling constant

$$R^{DD} = \frac{\mu_0 \hbar}{4\pi} \frac{\gamma_I \gamma_S}{r^3}$$

Dipolar-dipolar coupling examples

Nuclei	Function group	Distance (Å)	Dipolar (kHz)
H—H	CH ₂ and CH ₃	1.6	29
	H-C-C-H	2.3	10
C—H	C-H	1.0	30
	C-C-H	2.0	4

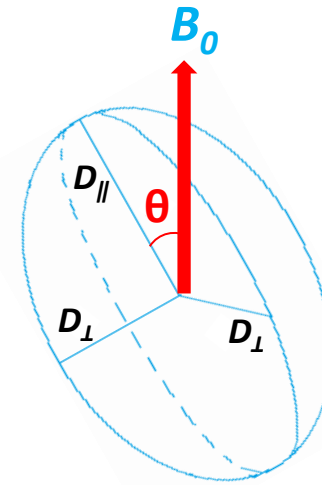
Dipolar Interaction (2)



$$\mathbf{D}^{\text{PAS}} = \begin{pmatrix} D_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -D_{\parallel} \end{pmatrix}$$

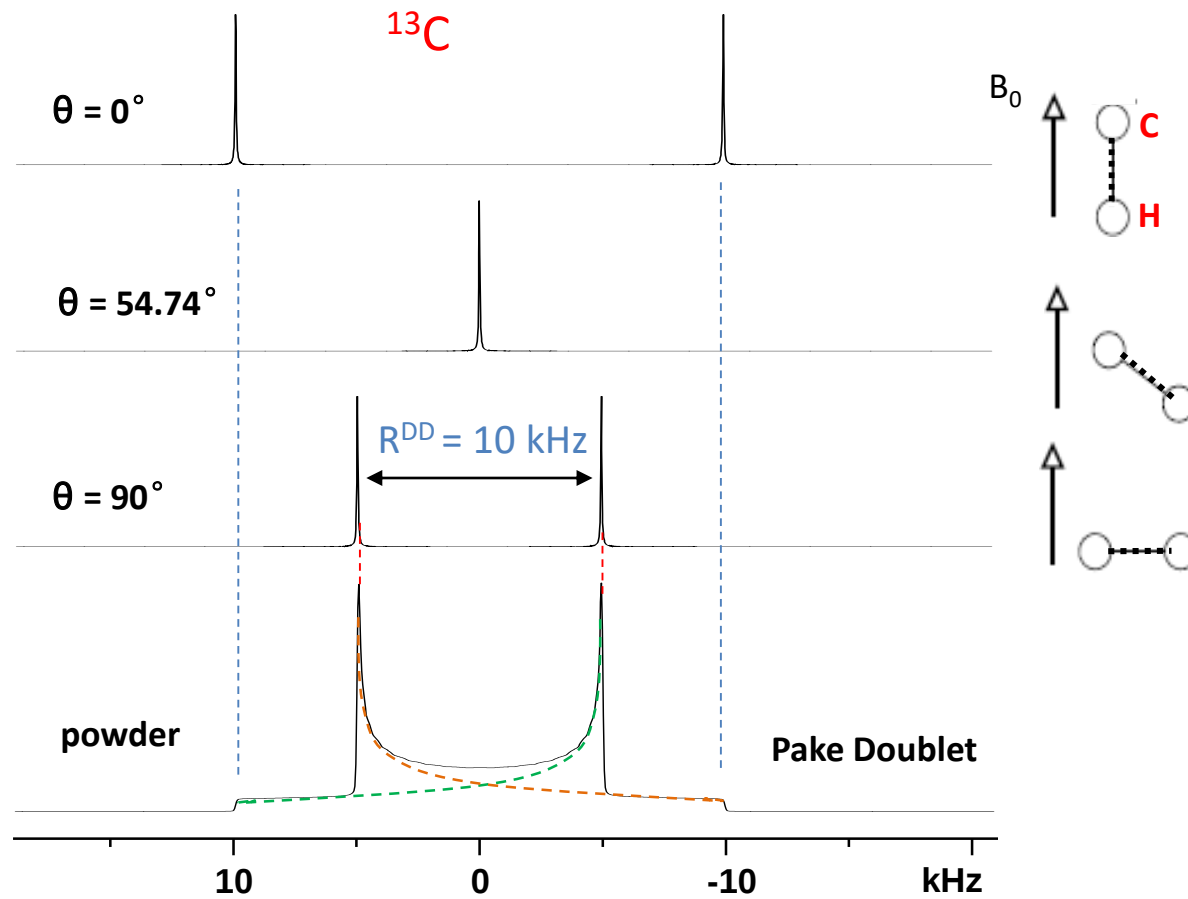
$$D_{\parallel} = R^{\text{DD}}$$

$$D_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2} R^{\text{DD}}$$



$$R^{\text{DD}} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)/2$$

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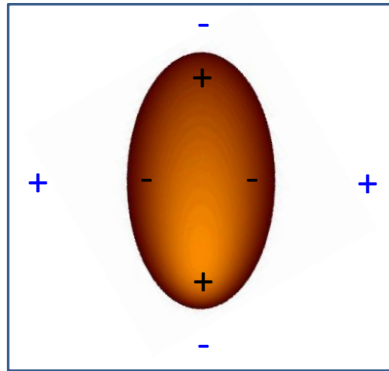


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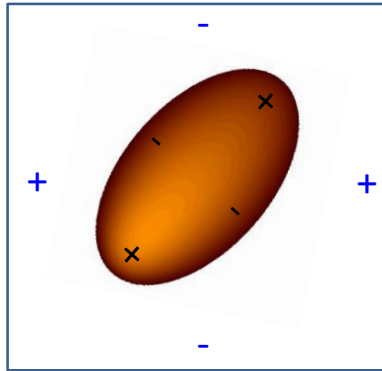
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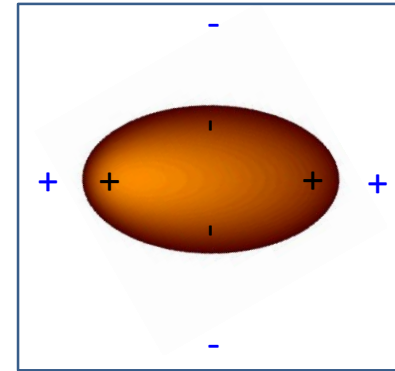
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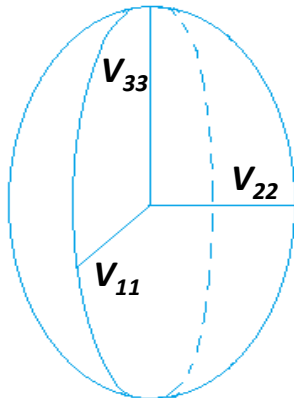
low energy



mid energy



high energy



EFG tensor

$$C_Q = \frac{eQ \cdot V_{33}}{h}$$

Q : nuclear quadrupole moment,
unit: per m².

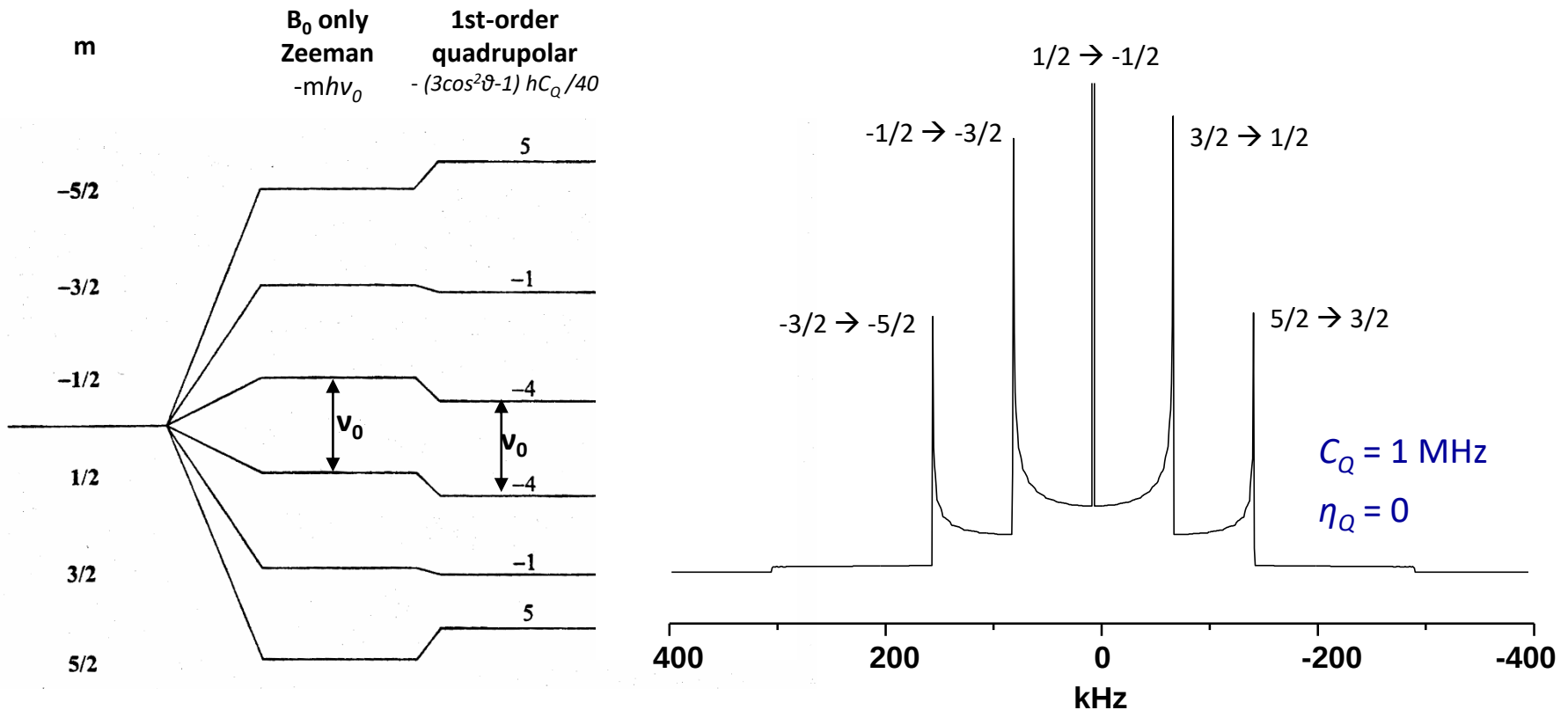
$$\eta_Q = \frac{V_{11} - V_{22}}{V_{33}}$$

V_{33} : electric field gradient,
unit: volts/m².

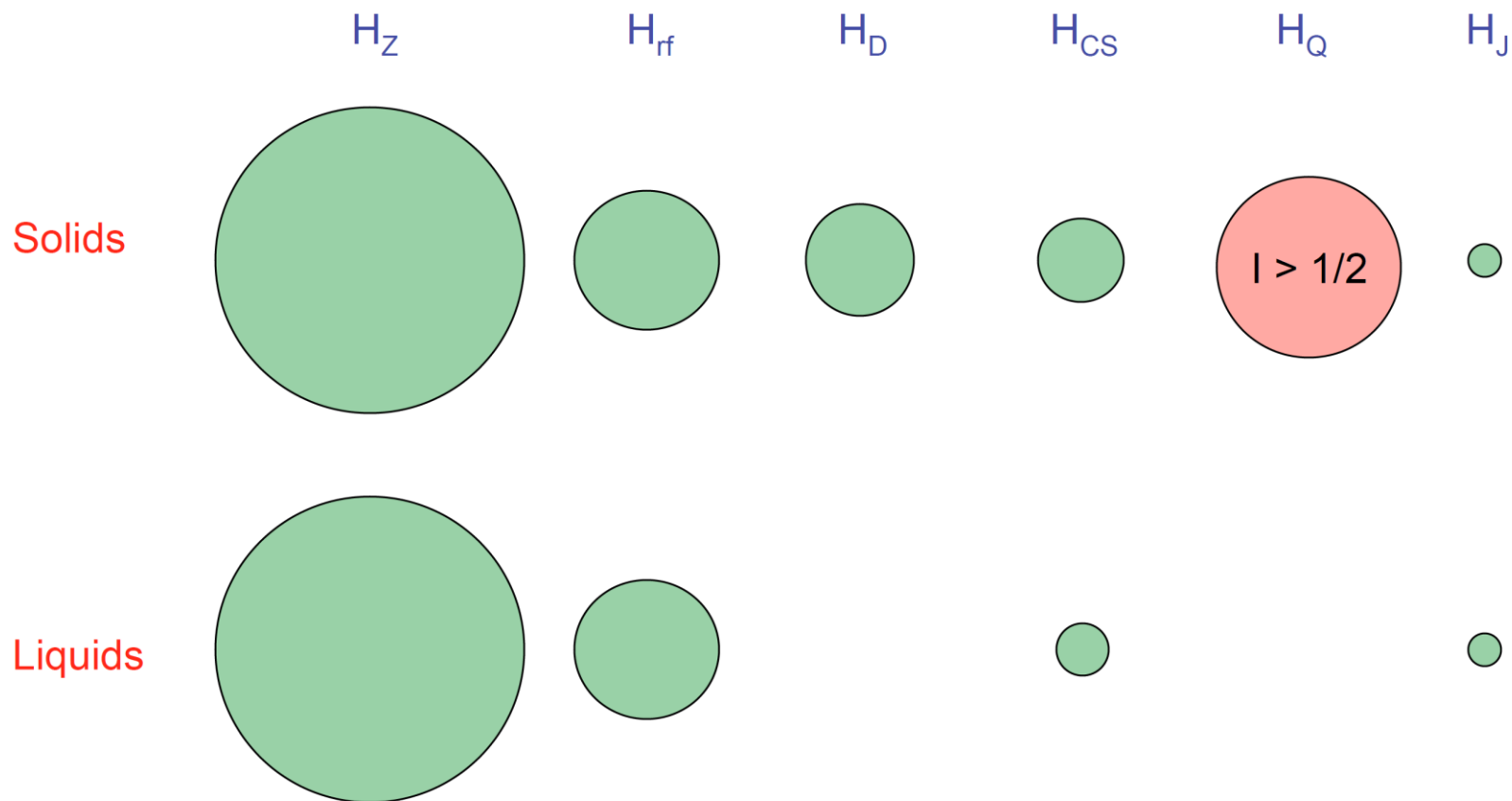
Quadrupolar Interaction (3)

1st-order quadrupolar interaction

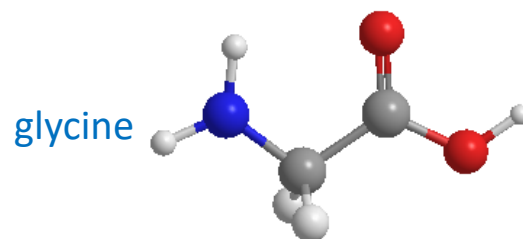
$$H_Q^{(1)} = (v_Q/4) [I_z^2 - I(I+1)/3] [3\cos^2\theta - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \eta_Q \sin^2\theta \cos 2\varphi] \quad v_Q = 6\pi C_Q / [2I(2I-1)]$$



Solid vs. Solution NMR

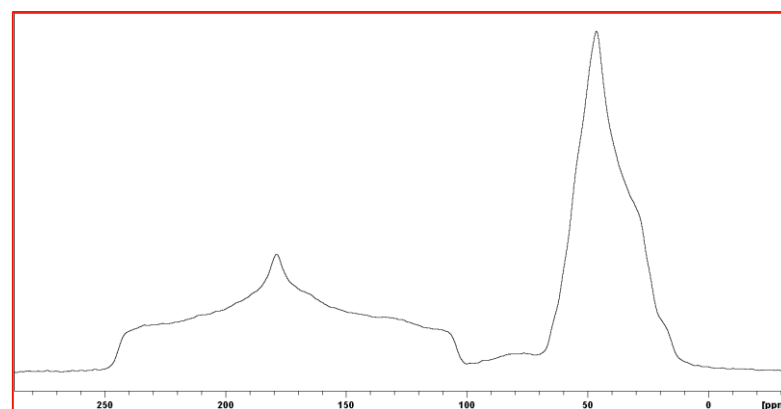
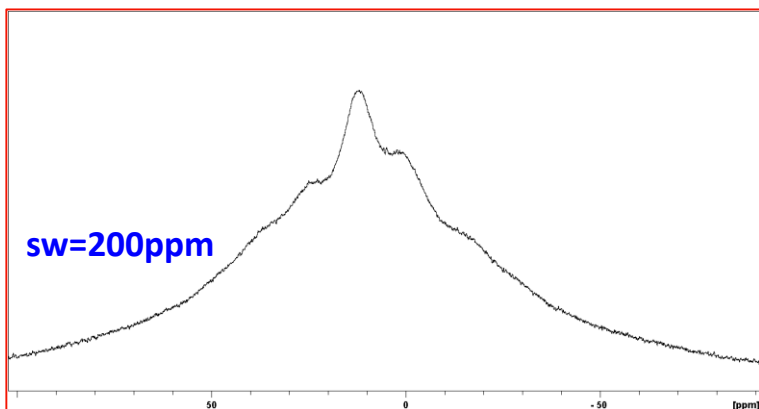
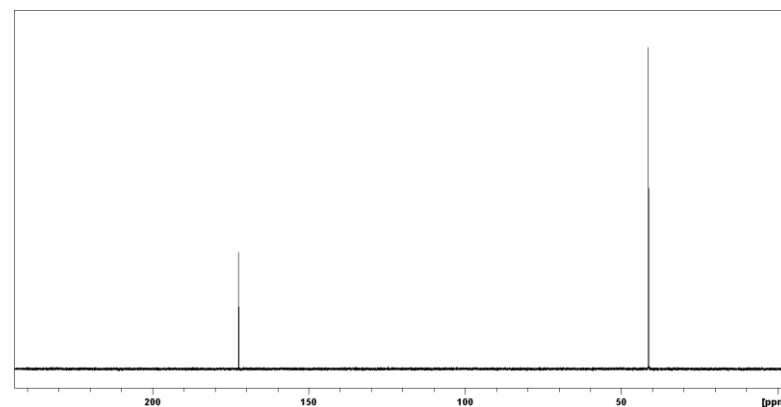
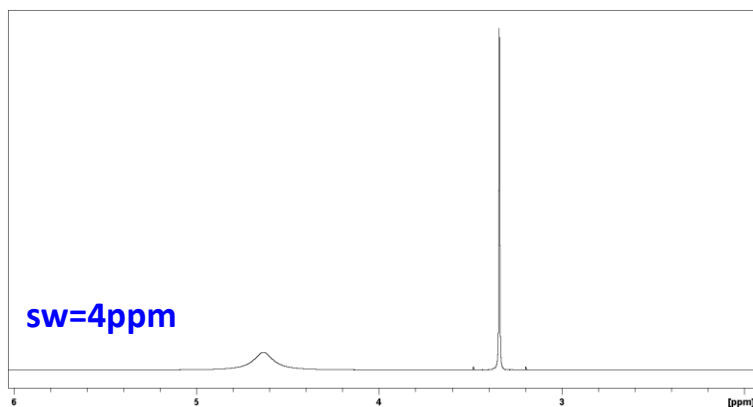


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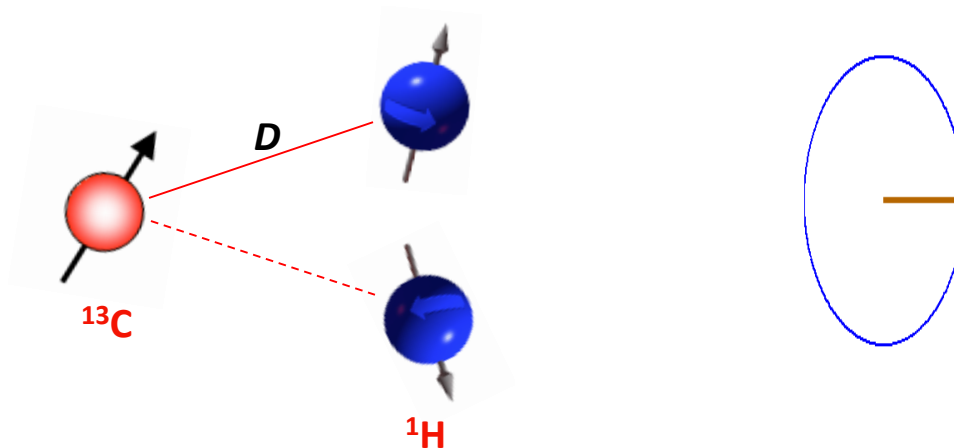
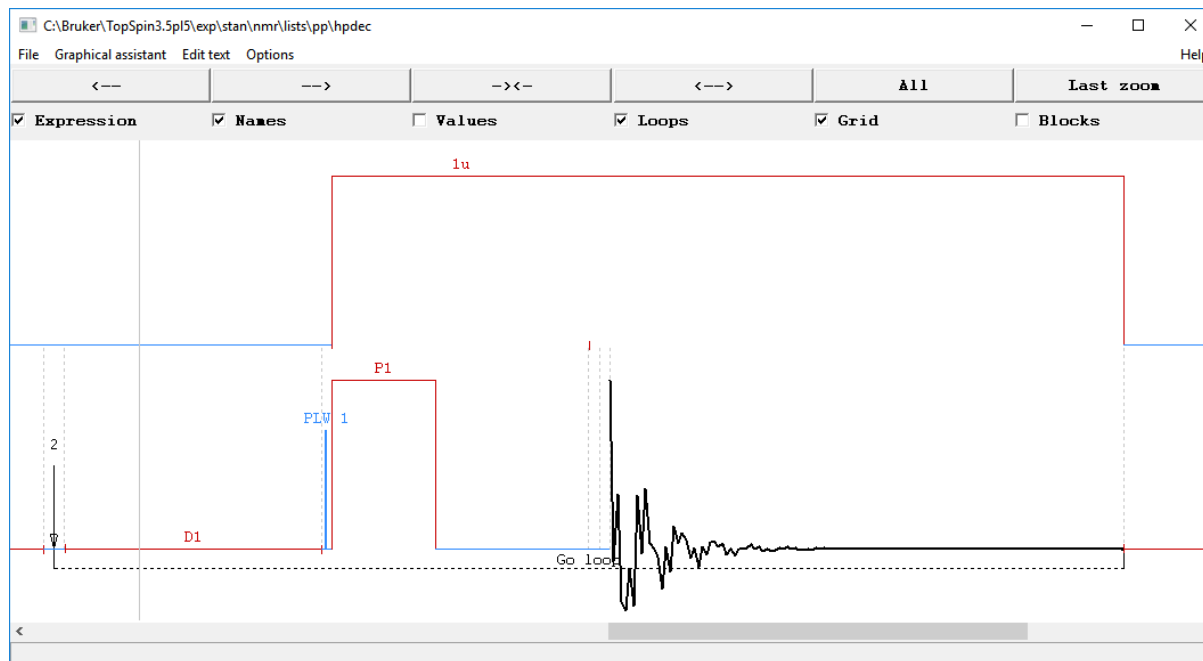
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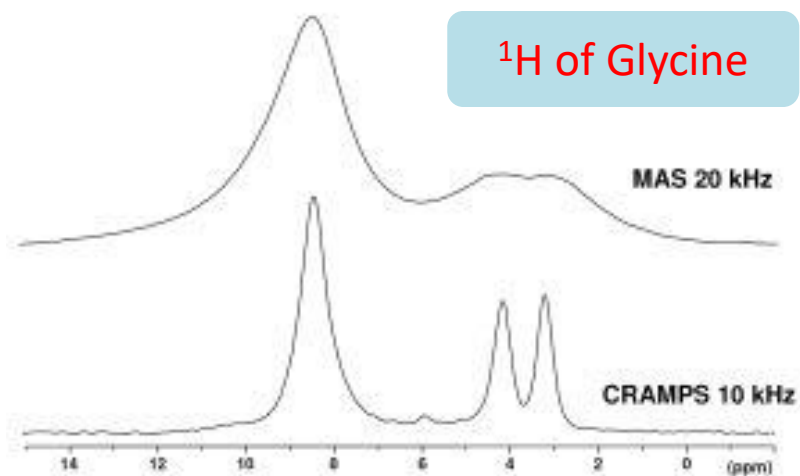
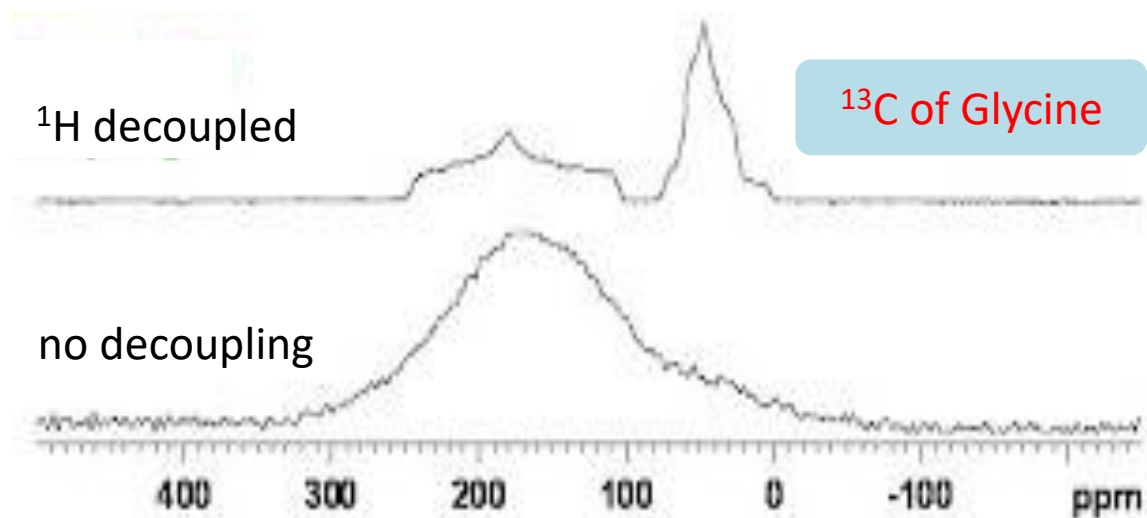


SSNMR Techniques

High Power Decoupling (1)



High Power Decoupling (2)



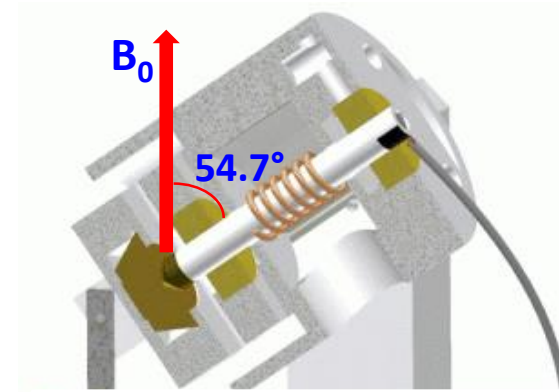
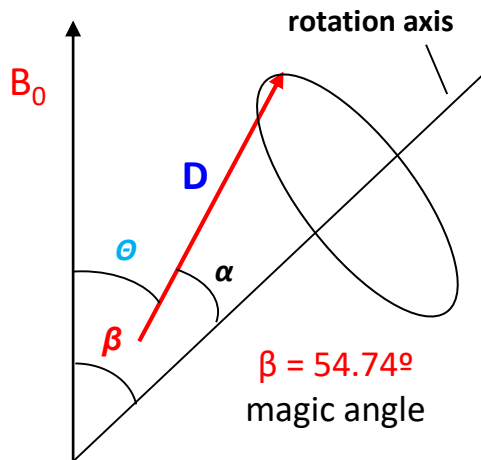
Magic Angle Spinning (MAS) (1)

$$\sigma_{zz} = \sigma_{iso} + \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2} \left[(3\cos^2\theta - 1) + \eta(\sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi) \right]$$

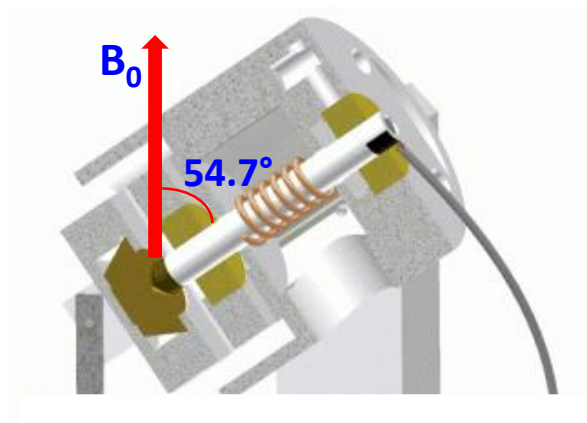
$$R^{DD} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)/2$$

$$H_Q^{(1)} = (v_Q/4) [I_z^2 - I(I+1)/3] [3\cos^2\theta - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \eta_Q \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi]$$

$$\langle 3\cos^2\theta - 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2\alpha - 1) (3\cos^2\beta - 1) + \frac{3}{2} [\sin 2\alpha \sin 2\beta \cos \omega_r t + \sin^2\alpha \sin^2\beta \cos 2\omega_r t]$$



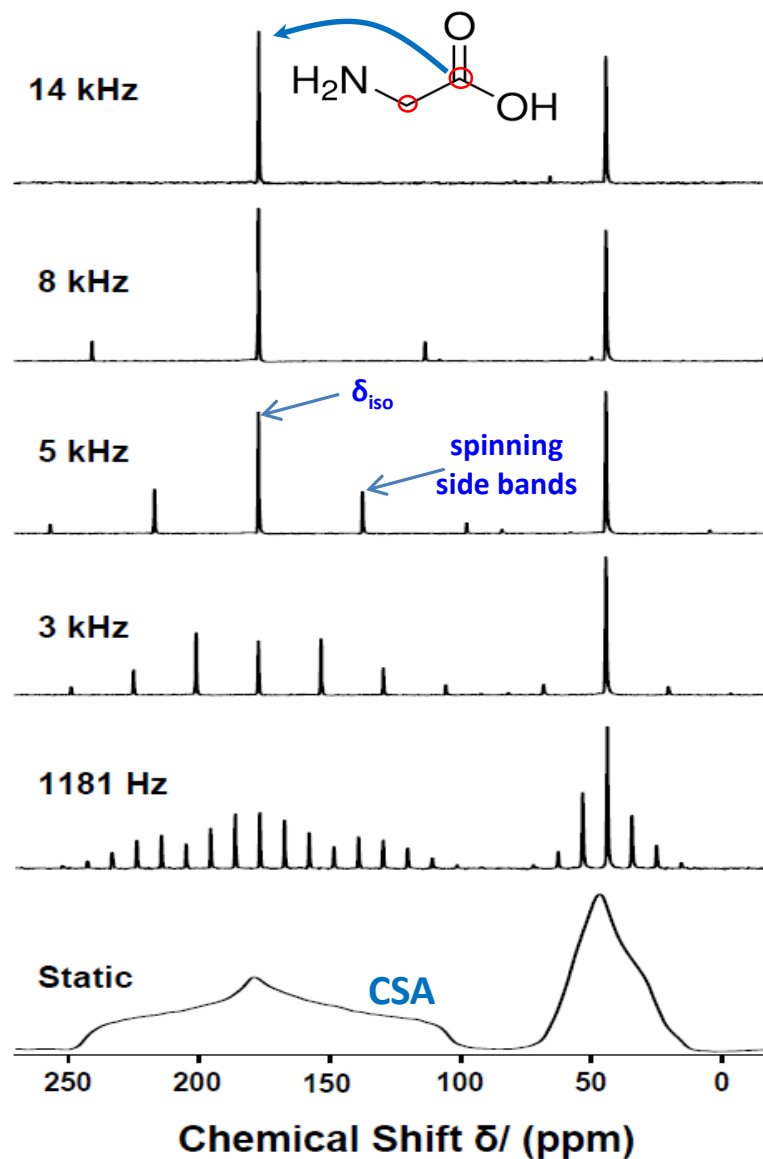
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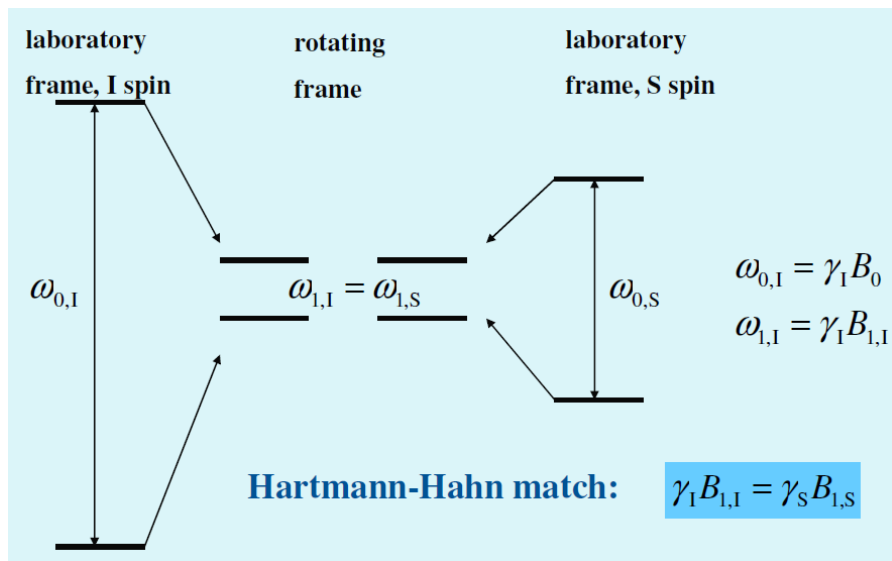
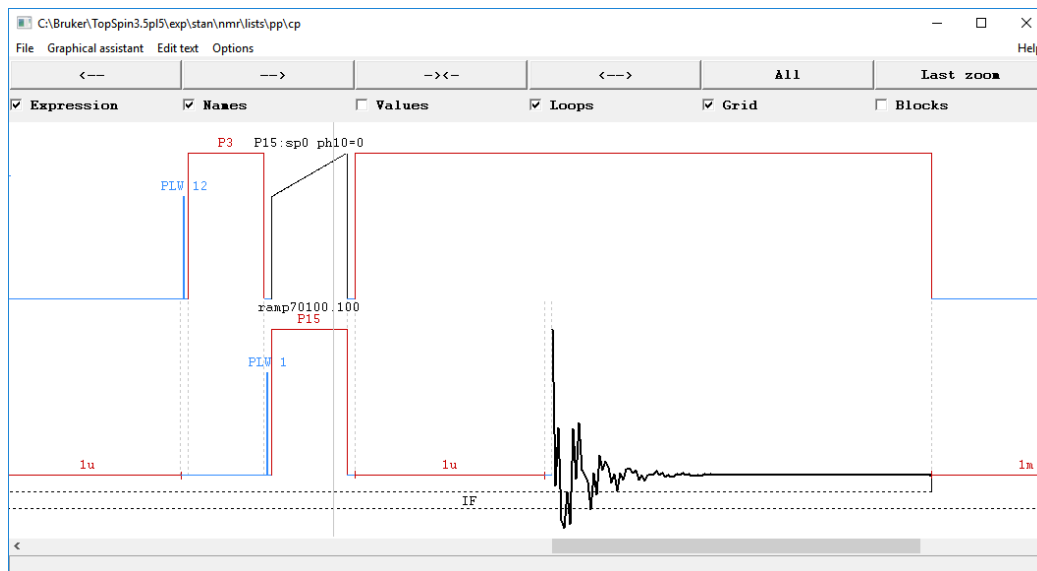
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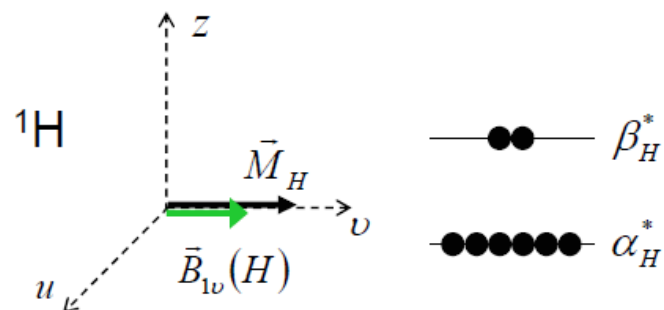


Cross Polarization (CP) (1)

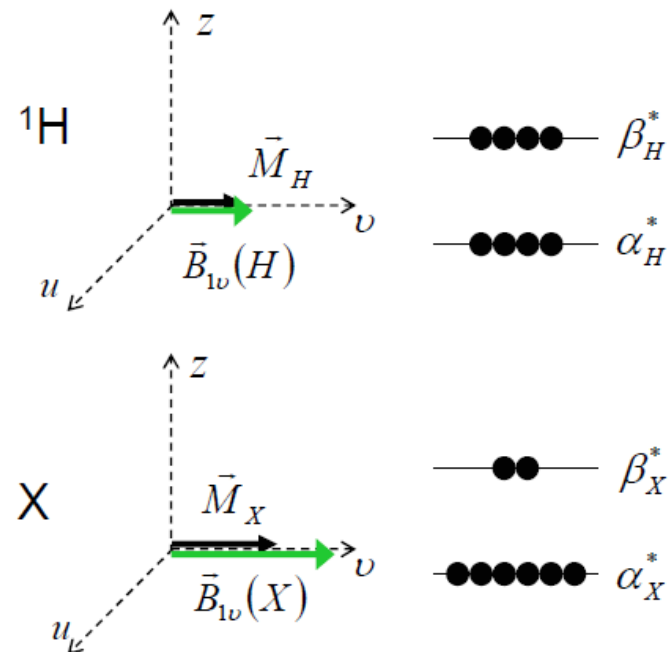


Cross Polarization (CP) (2)

in the beginning of
 ^1H and X contact pulses



at the end of
 ^1H and X contact pulses



Cross Polarization (CP) (3)

- Signal enhancement by polarization transfer:

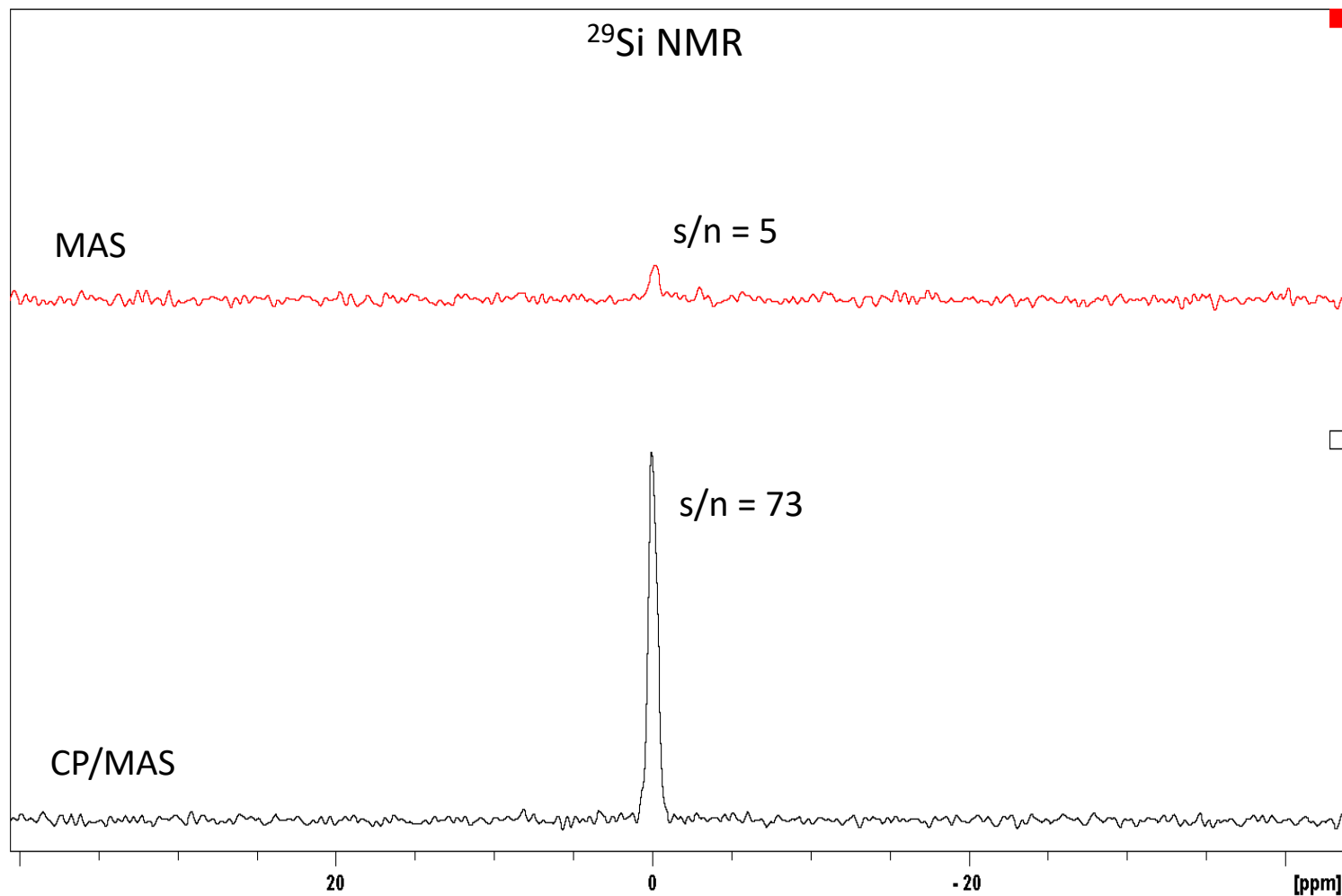
$$\frac{\gamma_I}{\gamma_S} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{N_S}{N_I}$$

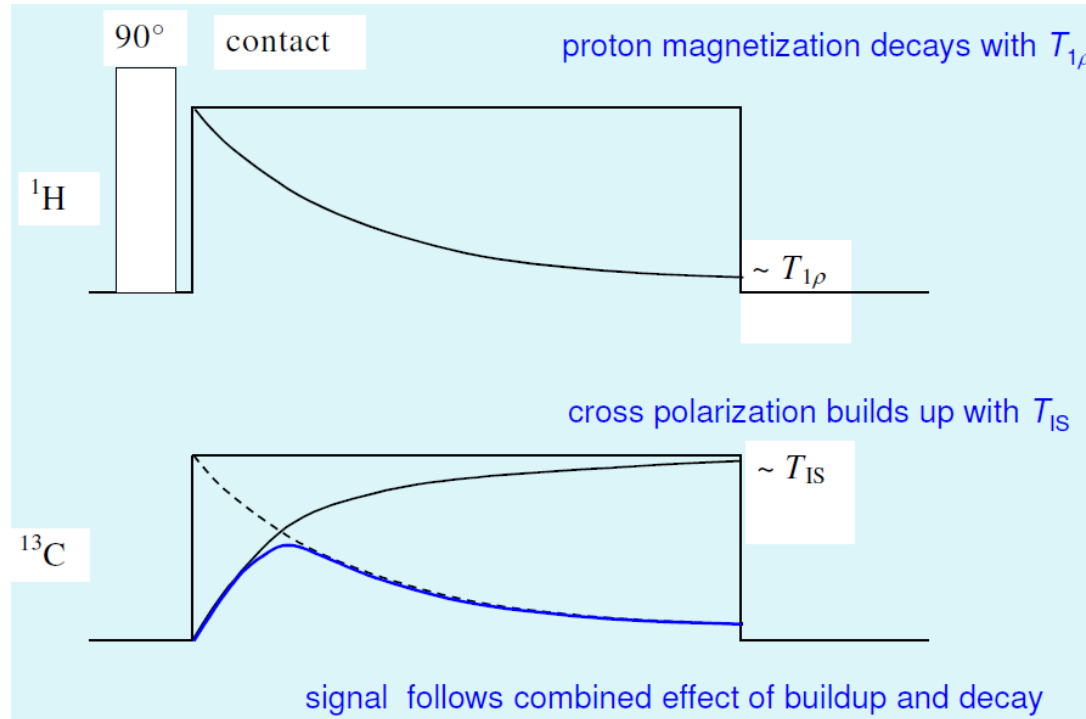
Nucleus	N.A.	Max enhancement factor
¹³ C	1.11%	4
¹⁵ N	0.37%	10
²⁹ Si	4.70%	5
³¹ P	100%	2.5

- Faster repetition: recycle delay $\sim 1.25 T_1(^1\text{H})$

Cross Polarization (CP) (4)



Cross Polarization (CP) (5)



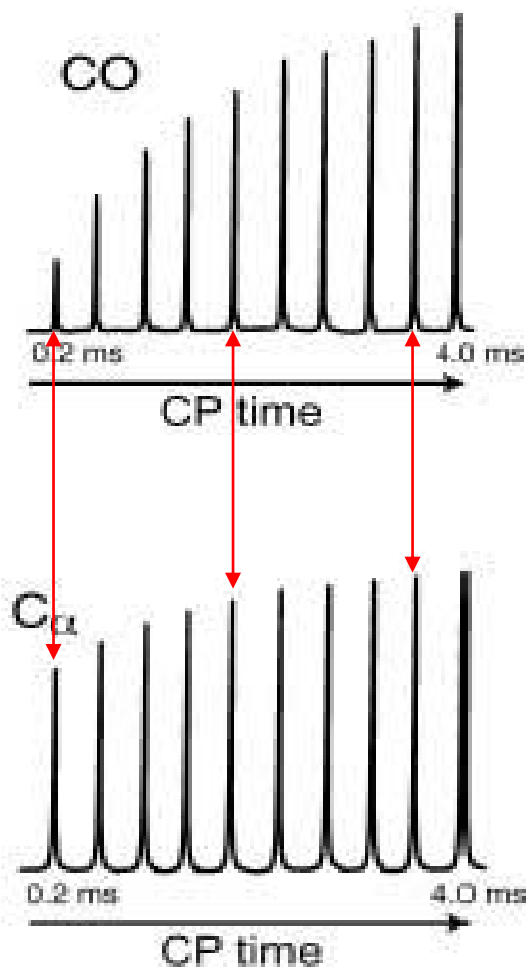
$$I(t) = I_0(1 - T_{IS}/T_{1\rho}^I)^{-1}[\exp(-t/T_{1\rho}^I) - \exp(-t/T_{IS})]$$

$$\frac{1}{T_{IS}} = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \frac{M_{2,IS}}{\sqrt{M_{2,H}}}$$

Second Moments, reflect the strength of **dipolar interactions**.

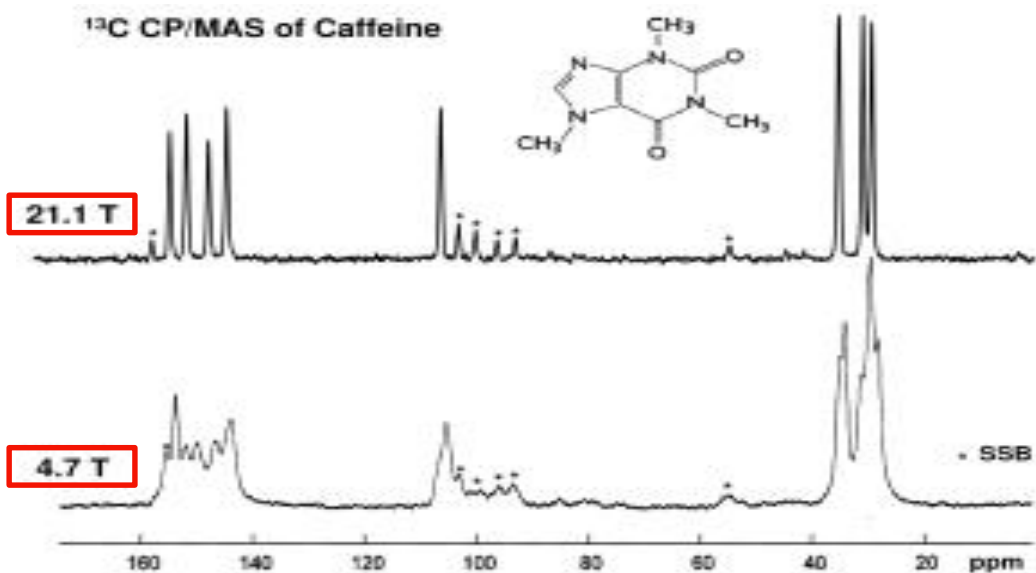
Cross Polarization (CP) (6)

- **Note:** signal intensities can not be used for quantitation.

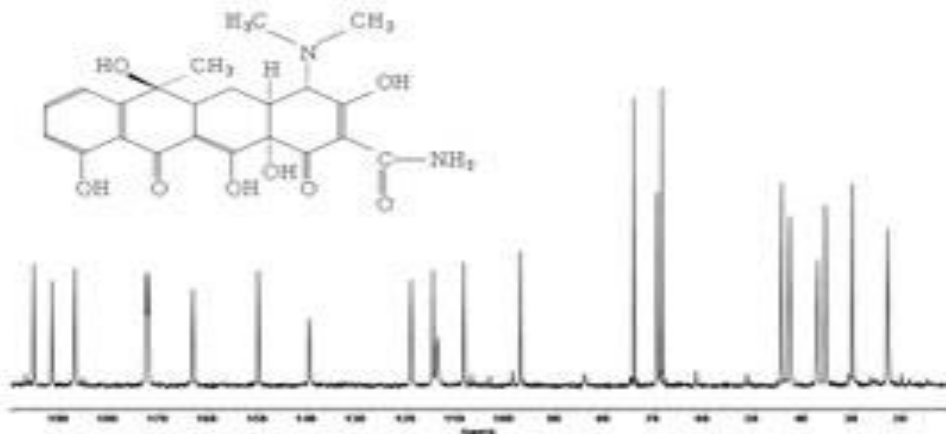


CP + MAS + Decoupling

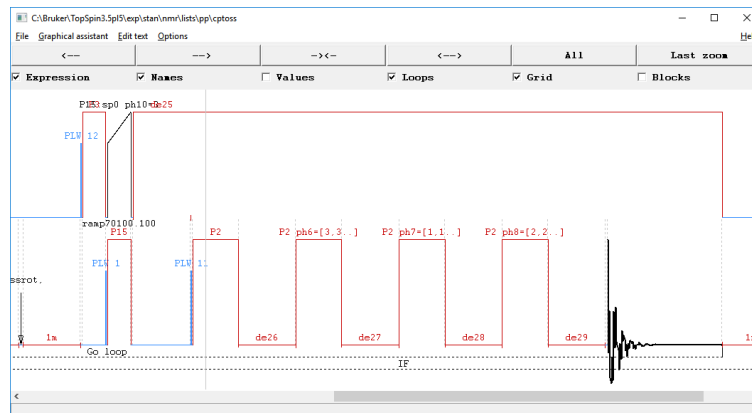
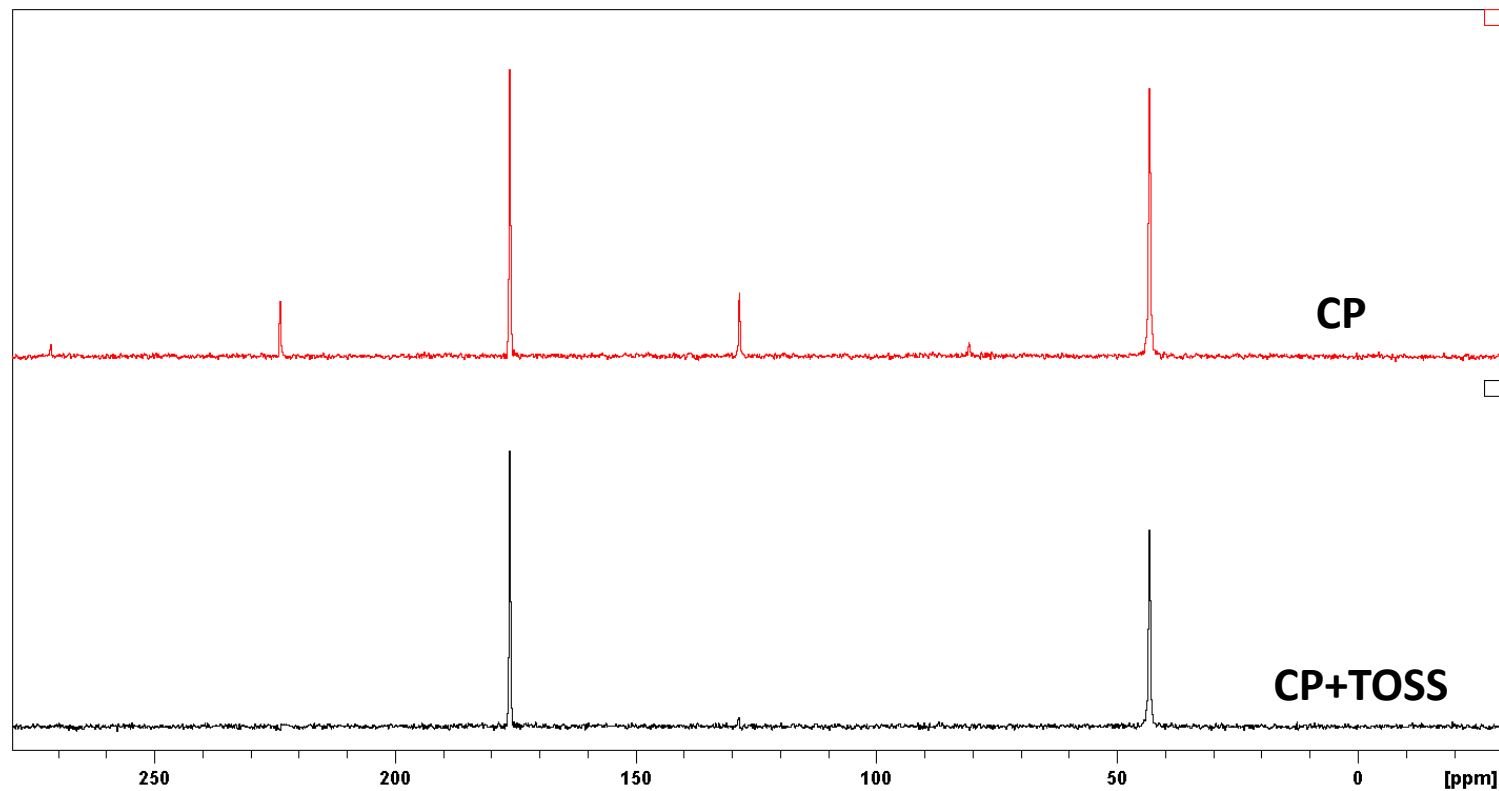
¹³C NMR



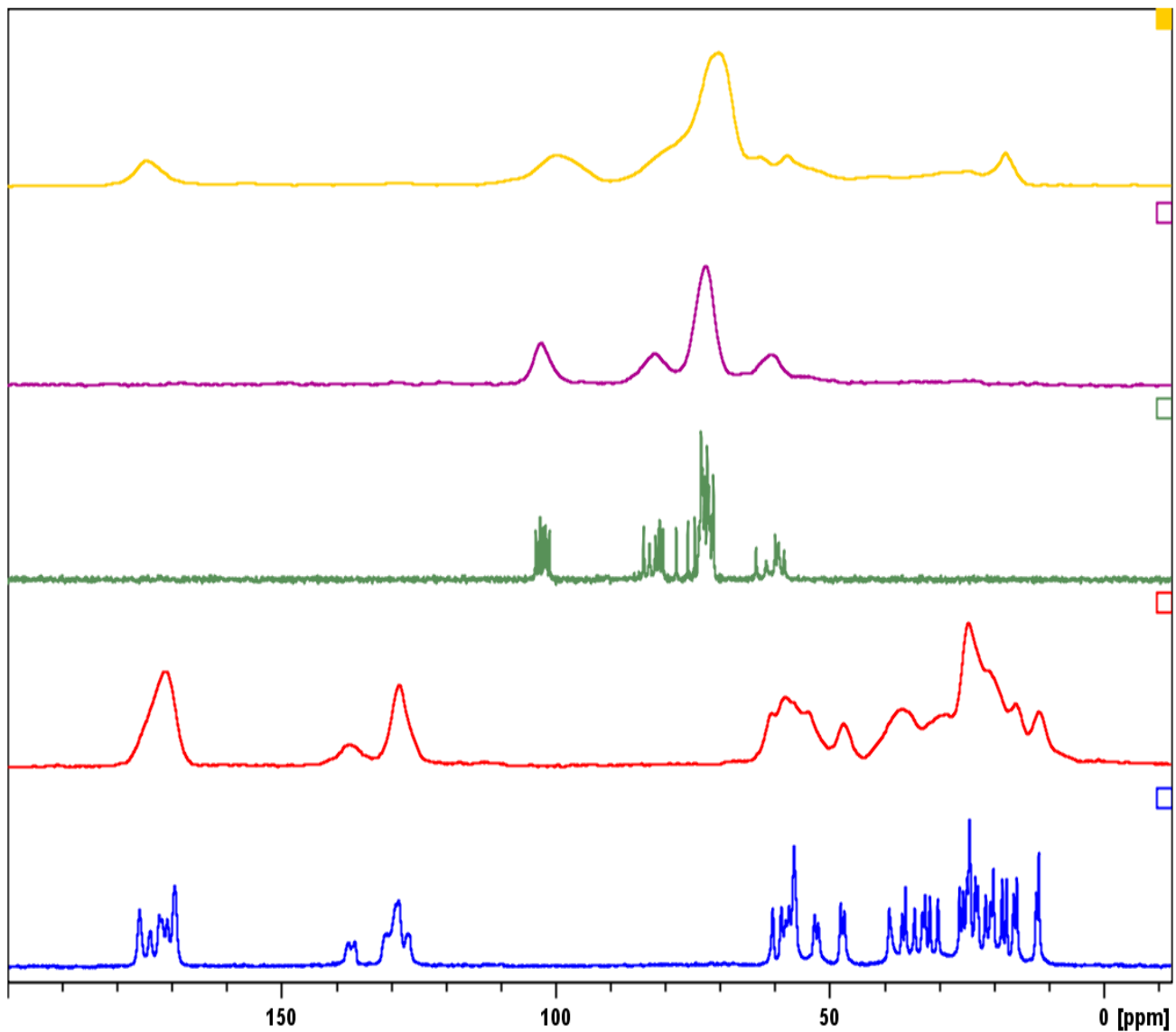
¹³C CP/MAS of Tetracycline hydrochloride (21.1 T, MAS 20 kHz)



CP + TOSS

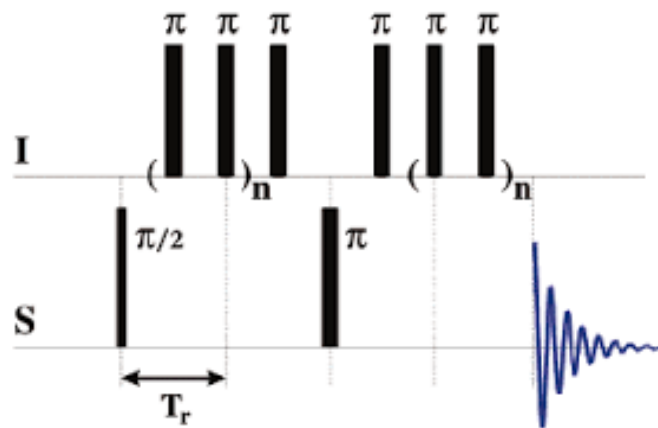


CP + MAS + TOSS + Decoupling

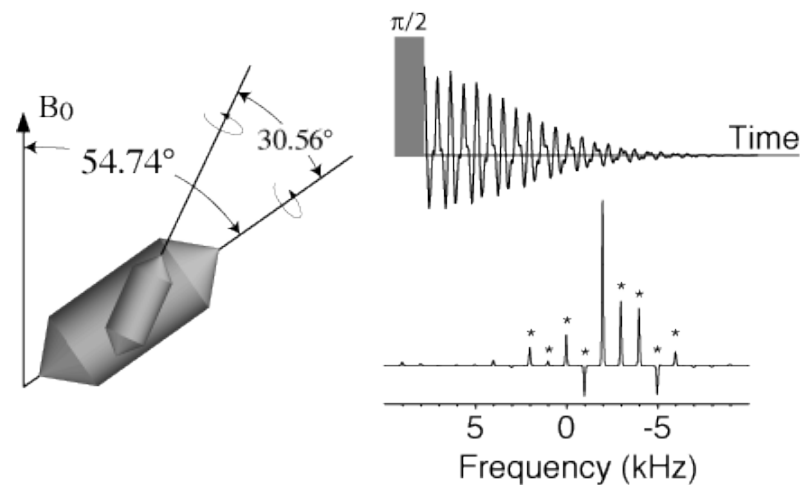


Other SSNMR Techniques

- Dipolar recoupling: REDOR, TRAPDOR.
- 2D: ^1H - ^{13}C HETCOR, ^{13}C - ^{13}C RFDR/PDSD, ^1H - ^1H CRAMPS.
- ^2H : static wideline.
- Quadrupolar nuclei: MQ-MAS, VAS, DOR.



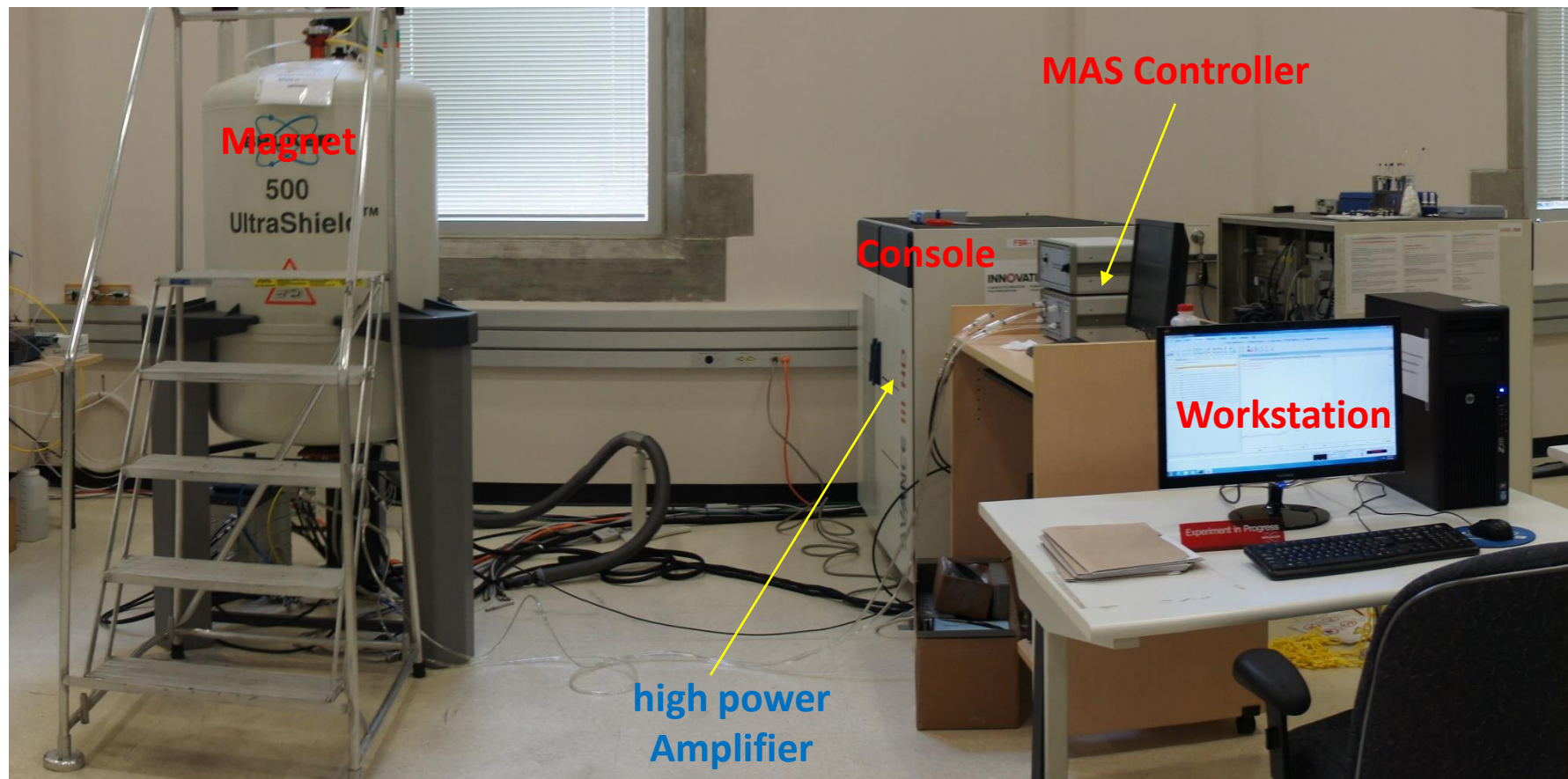
REDOR



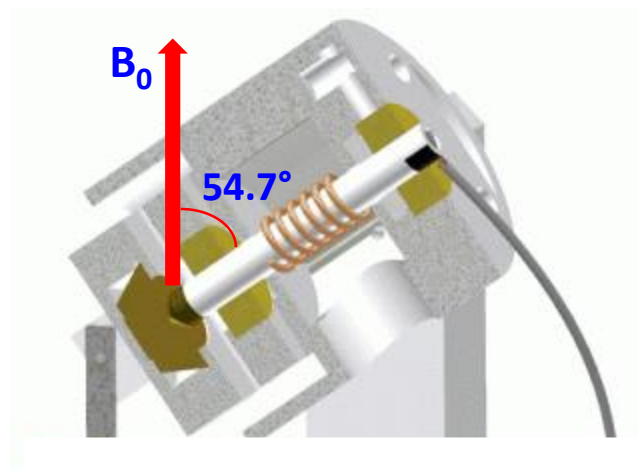
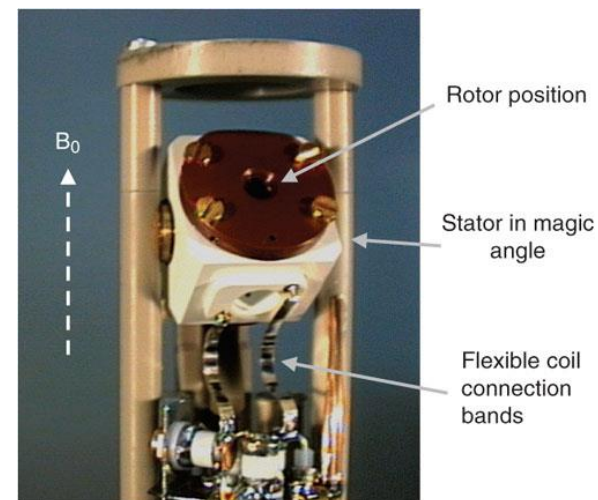
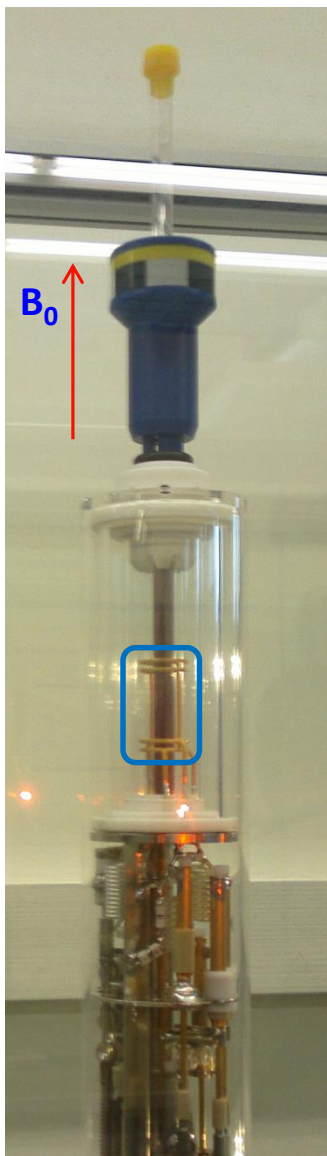
DOR

SSNMR Hardware

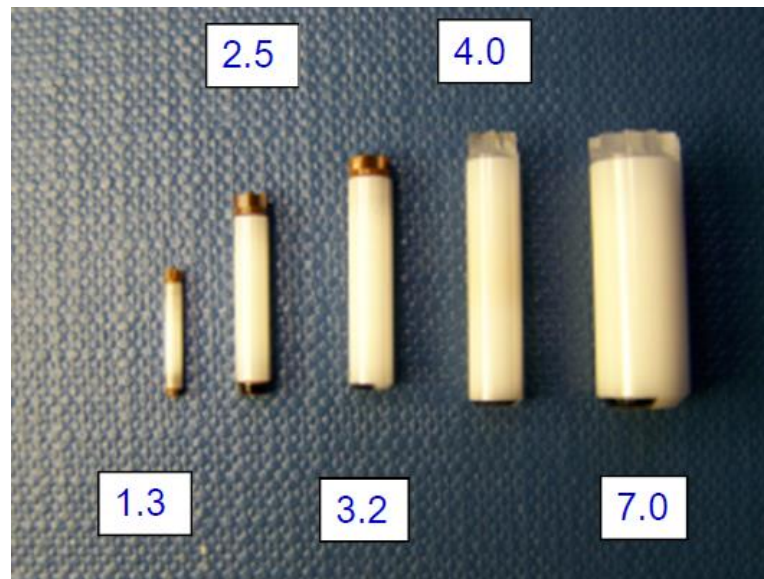
NMR Spectrometer



CPMAS Probe



MAS Stator and Rotors

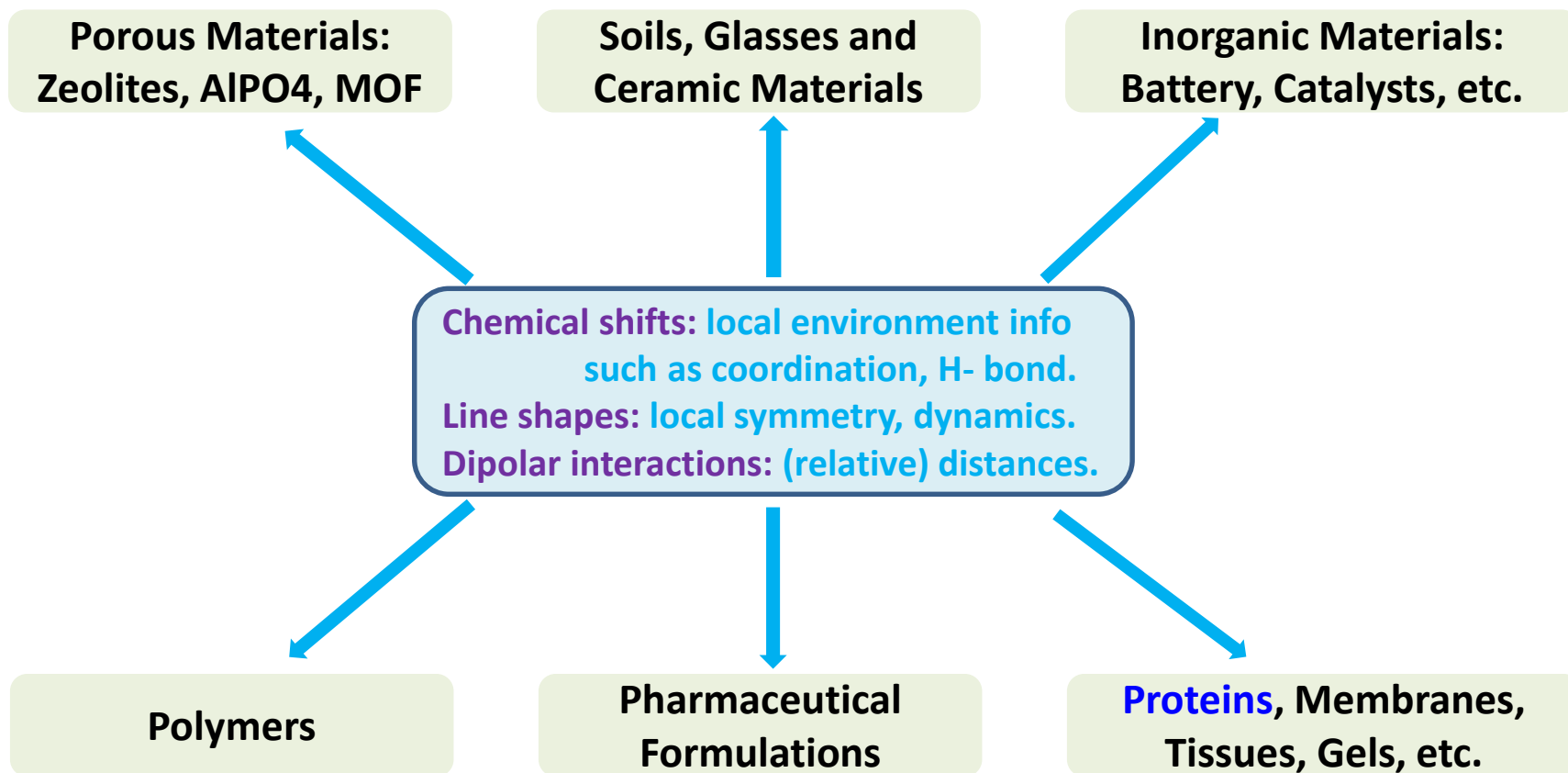


Rotor size (mm)	1.3	2.5	3.2	4.0	7.0
Max Spinning (kHz)	67	35	24	15	7
Sample Volume (μL)	--	11	30	71	240

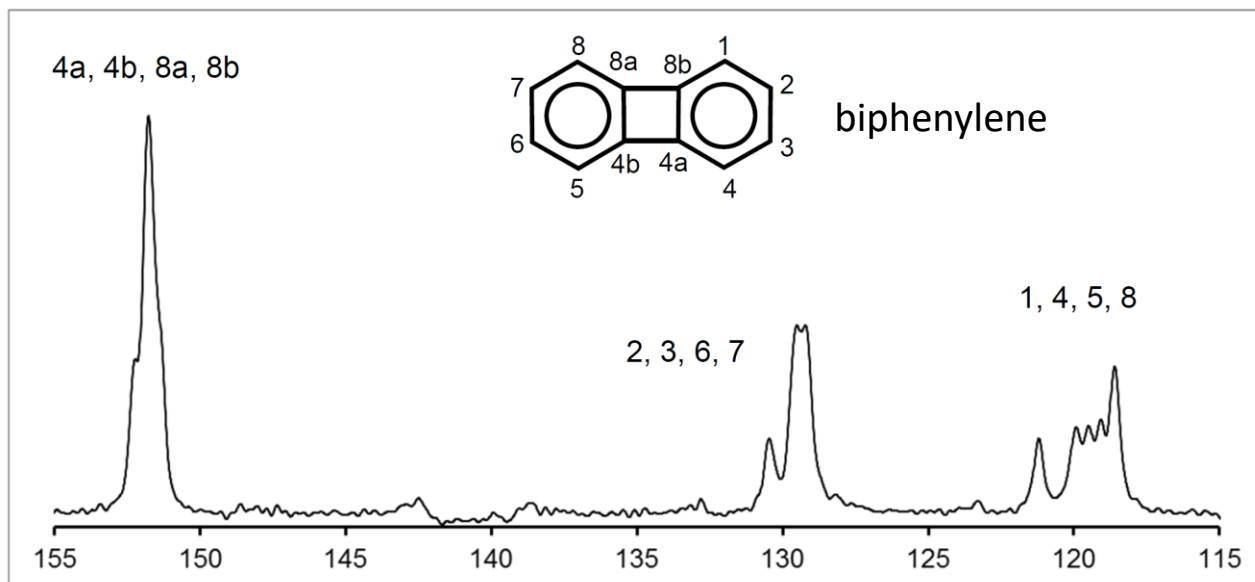
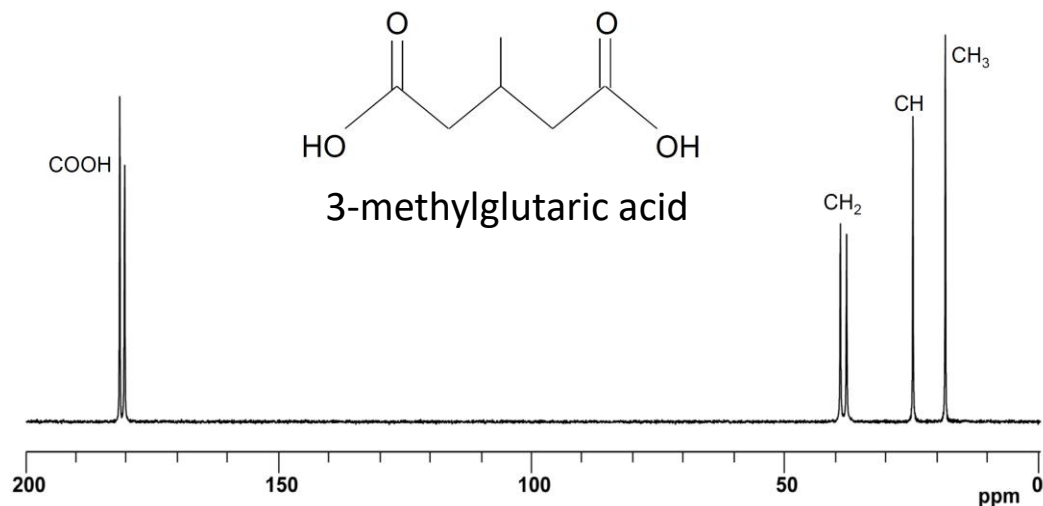


SSNMR Applications

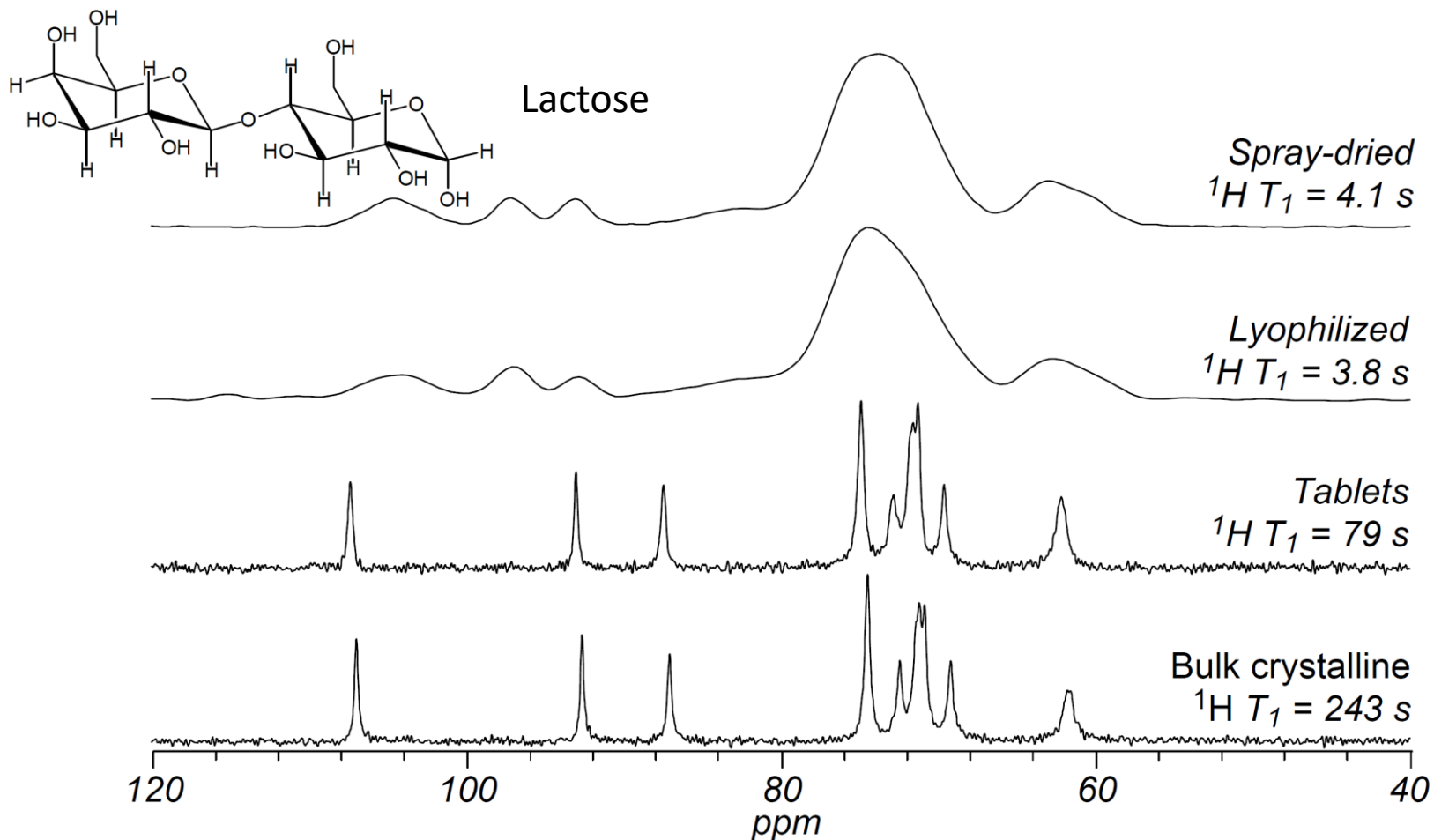
Solid State NMR Applications



SS-NMR Applications – Site Identification (^{13}C)

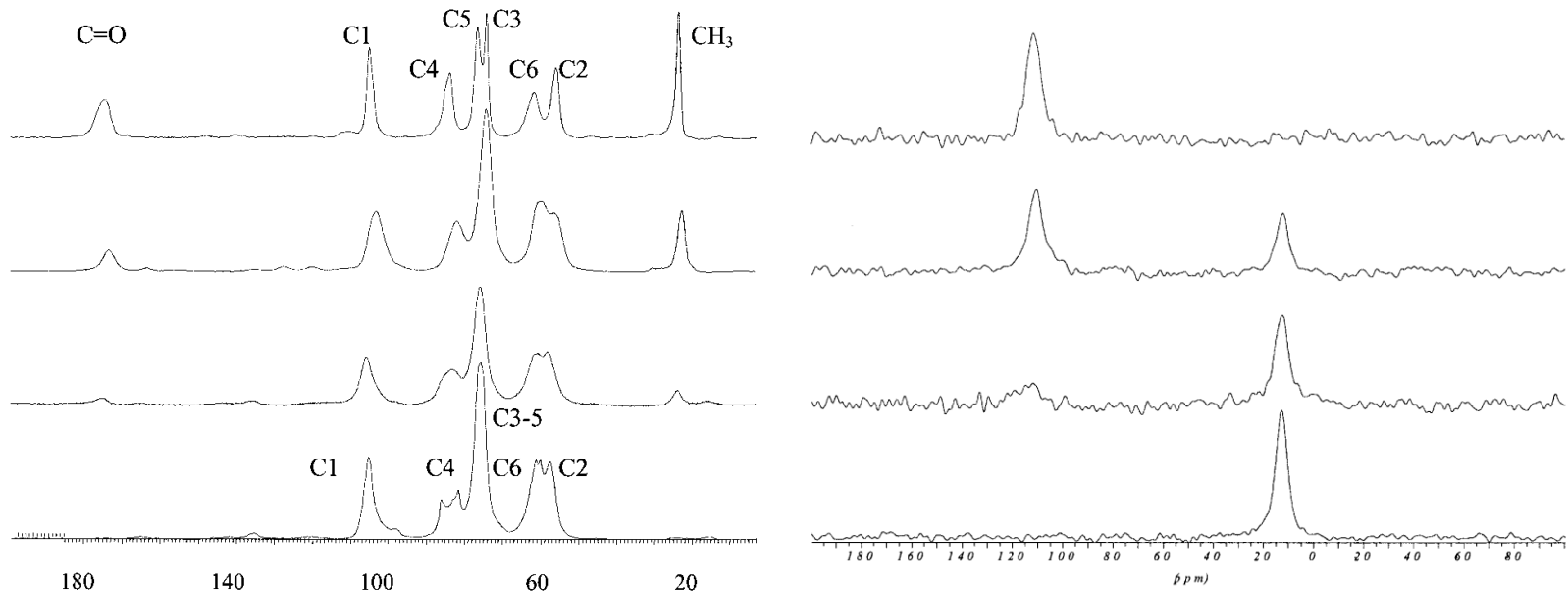
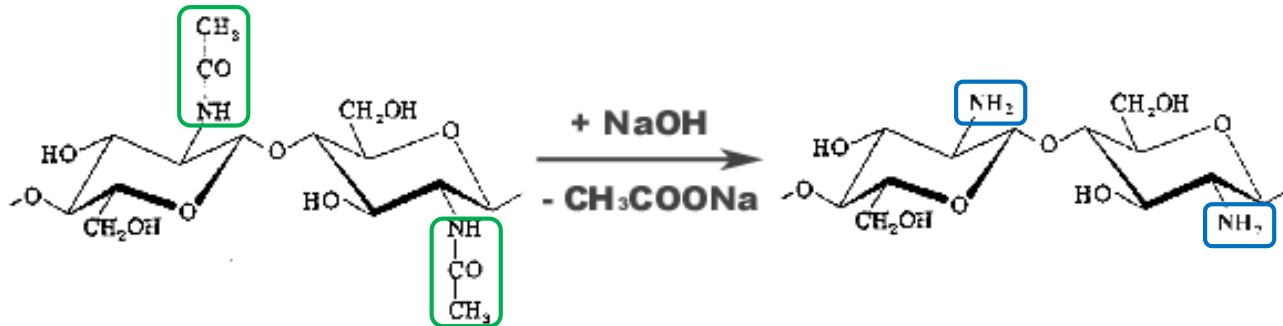


SS-NMR Applications – Crystalline vs Amorphous

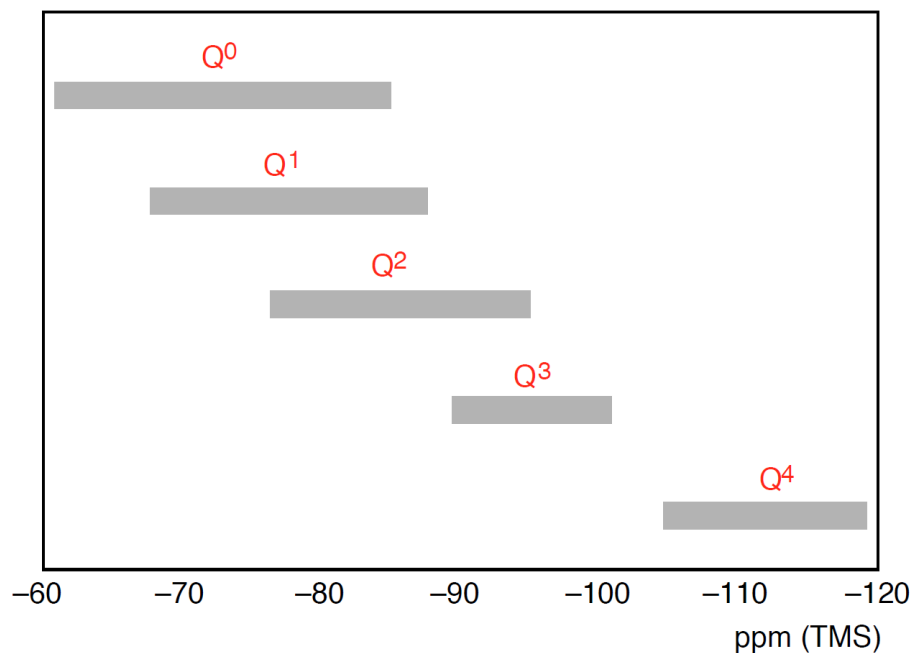
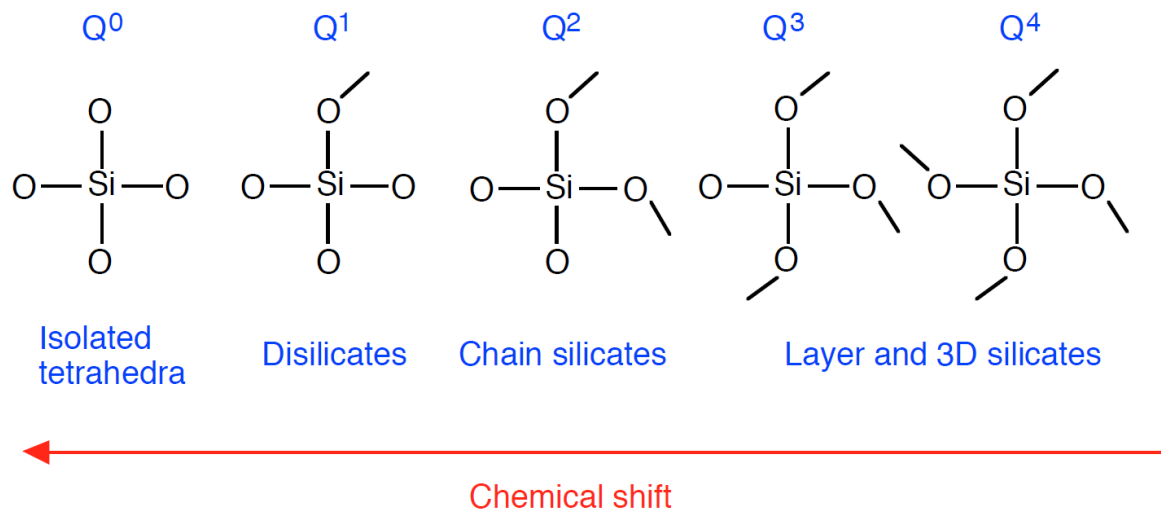


SS-NMR Applications – Biopolymers

Chitin deacetylase to Chitosan

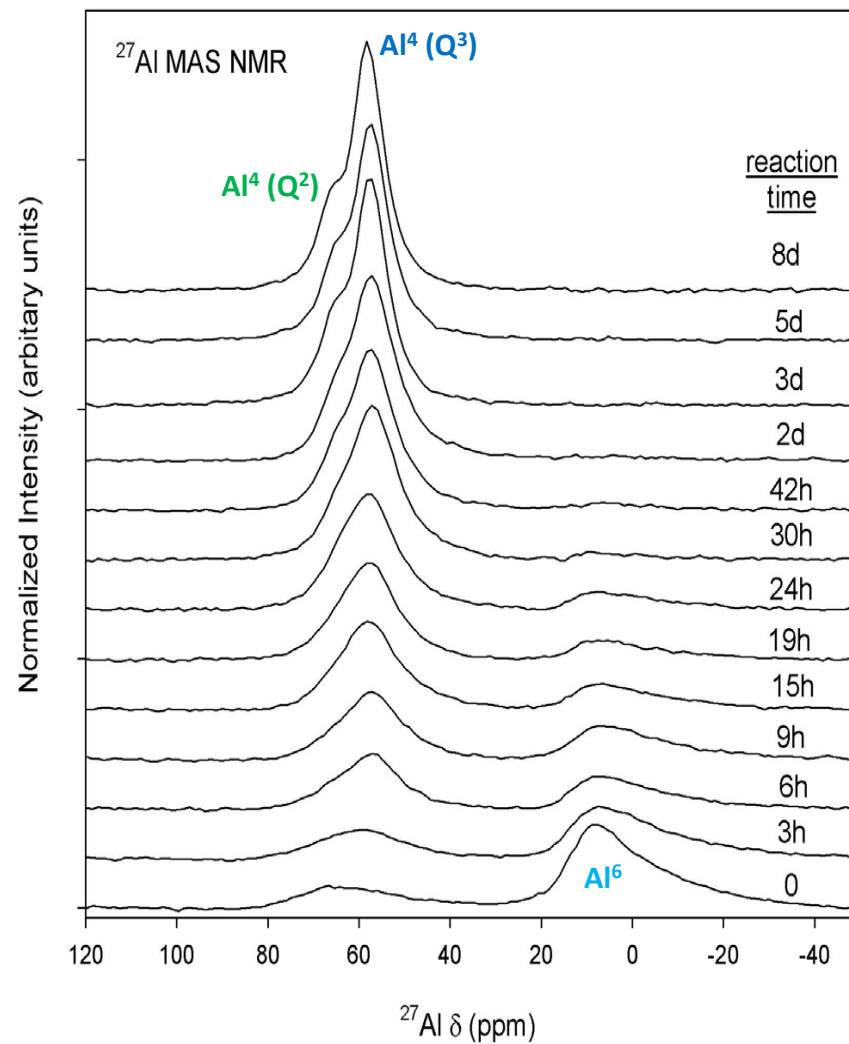
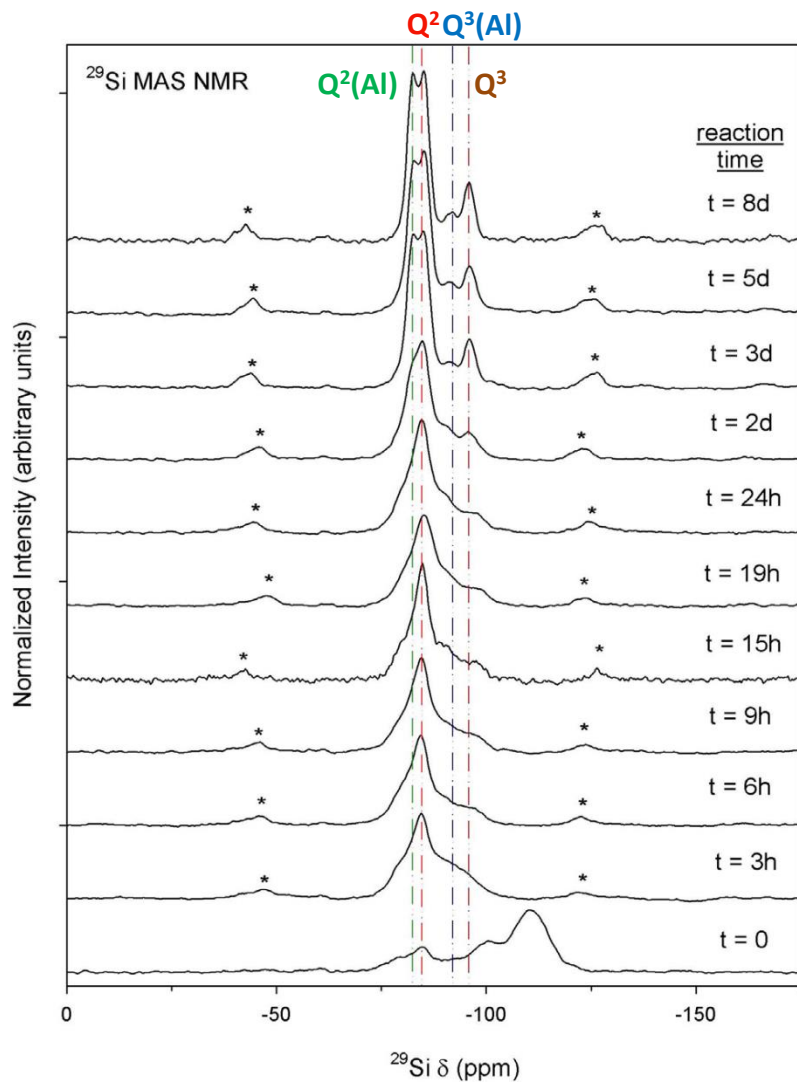


SS-NMR Applications – Porous Materials (^{29}Si)



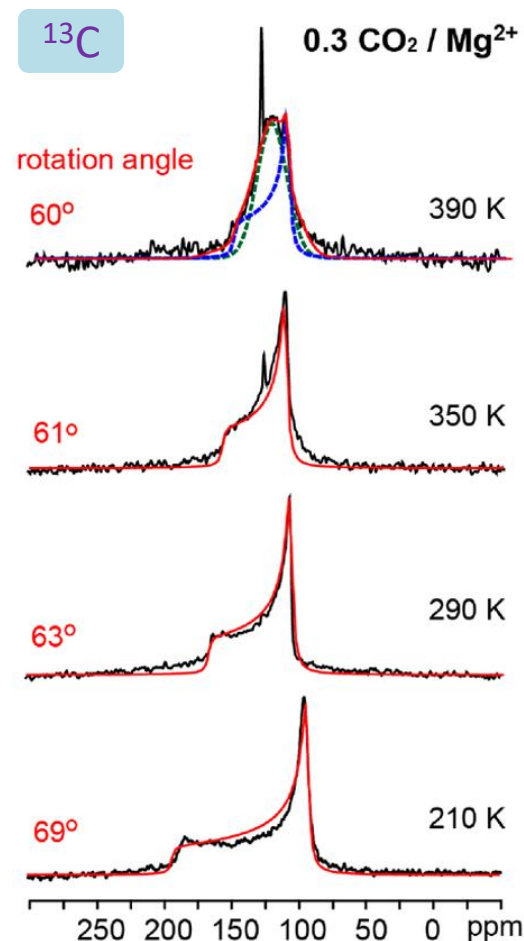
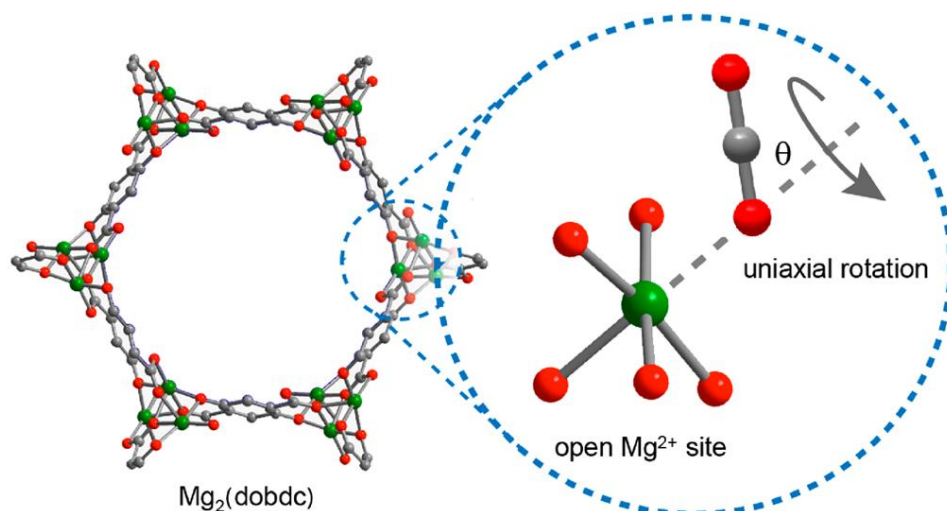
SS-NMR Applications – Monitoring Reactions

Amorphous SiO_2 & Al_2O_3 + ... $\rightarrow$ mineral 'Tobermorite'



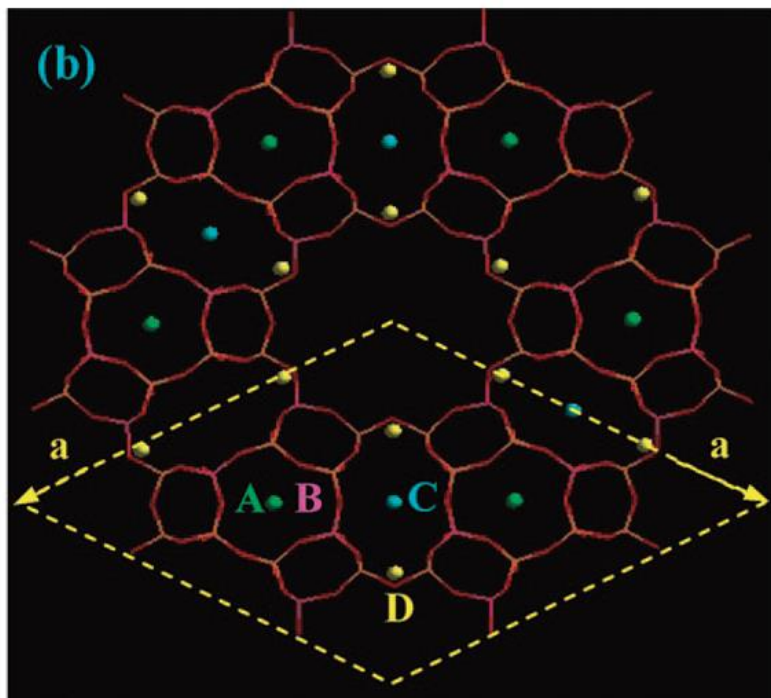
SS-NMR Applications – Host-Guest Interaction

$^{13}\text{CO}_2$ captures in $\text{Mg}_2(\text{dobdc})$,
a MOF with 1.1 nm channels.

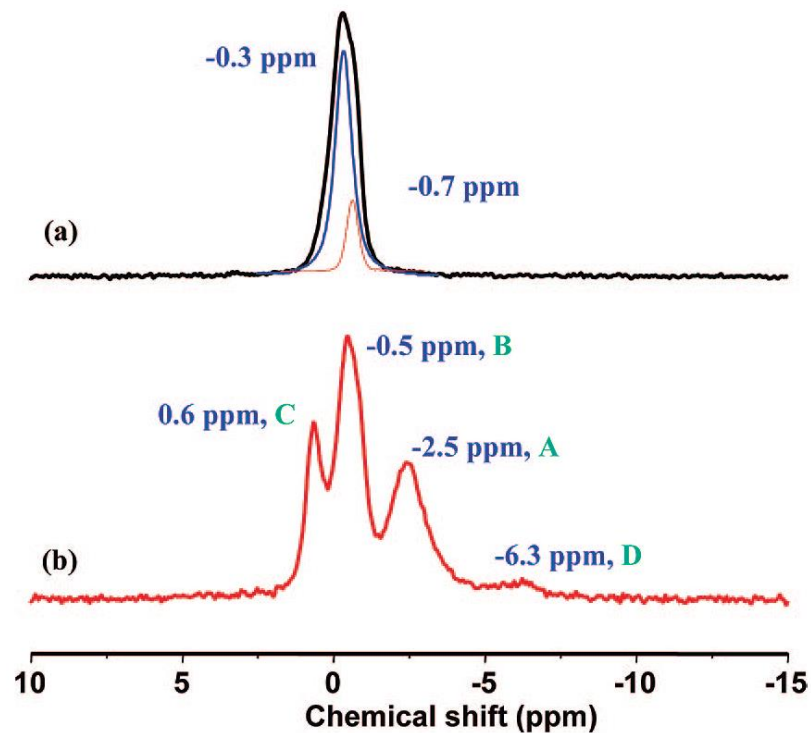


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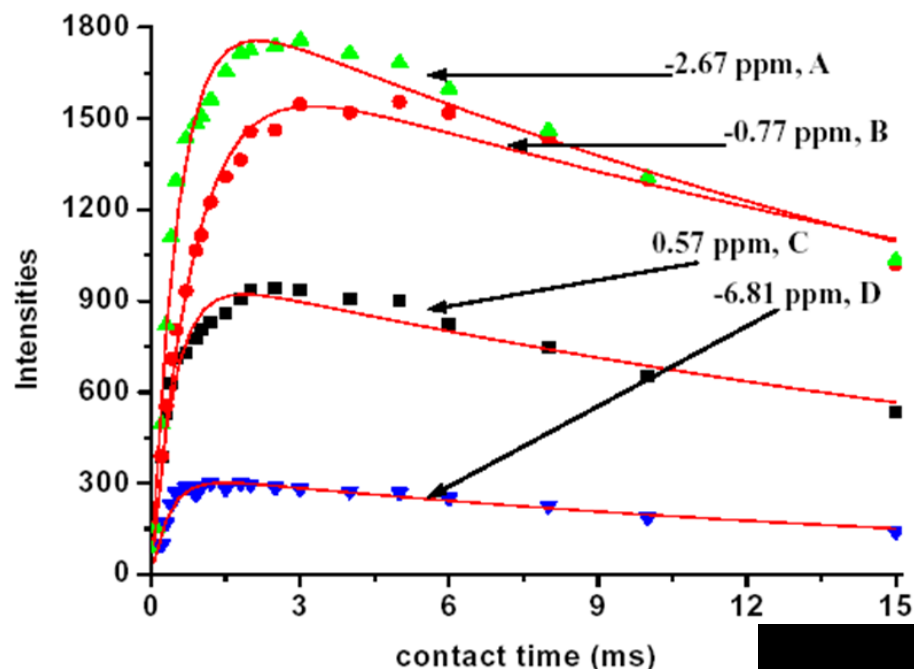
Zeolite LiK-L



Toluene Adsorption: ^7Li MAS

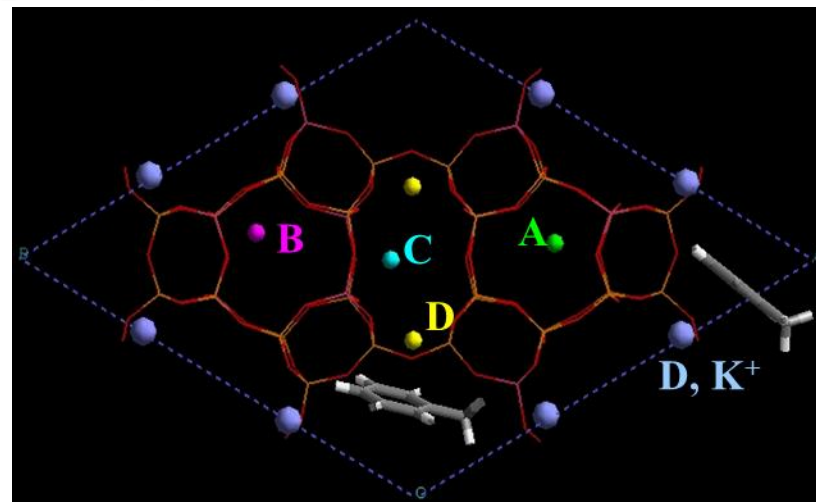


SS-NMR Applications – Relative Distances

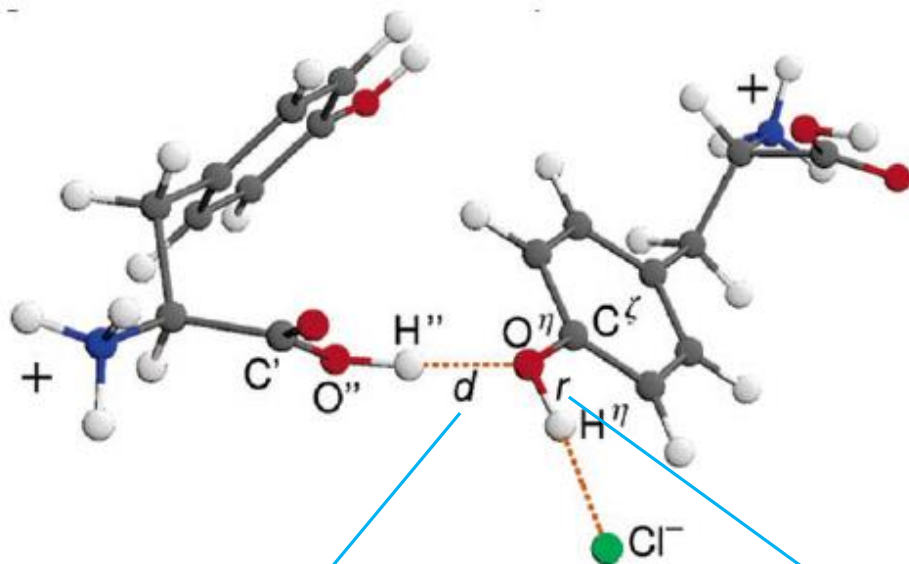


Li ⁺ sites	T _{CP} (ms)
A	0.60
B	0.97
C	0.50
D	0.41

- Dipolar coupling strength:
D > C > A > B
- Approximate distances (units: Å)
between cation and ring proton:
D (2.7) < C (6.6) < A (7.0) < B (10.3)

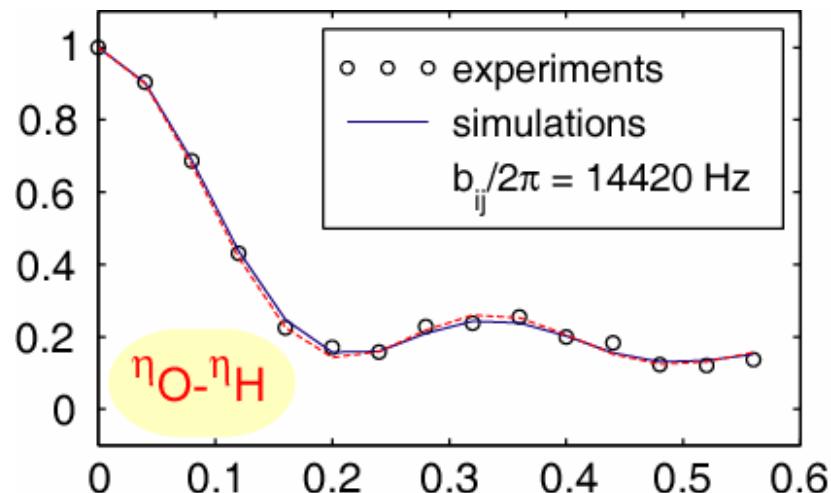
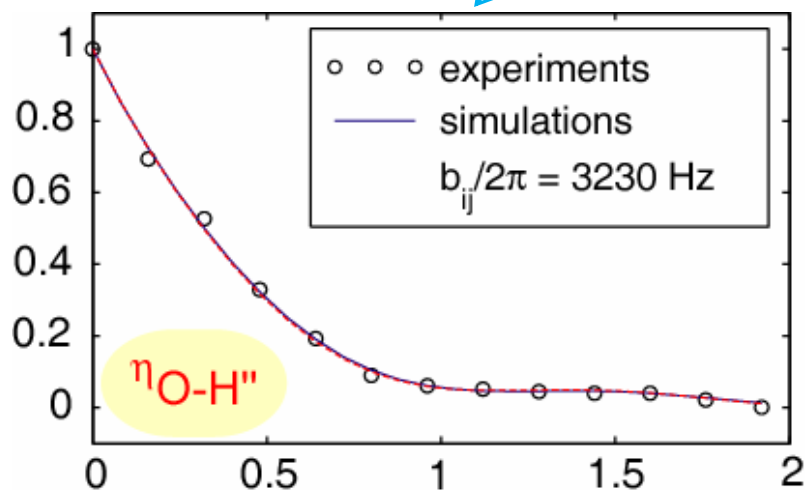


SS-NMR Applications – Measure Distances

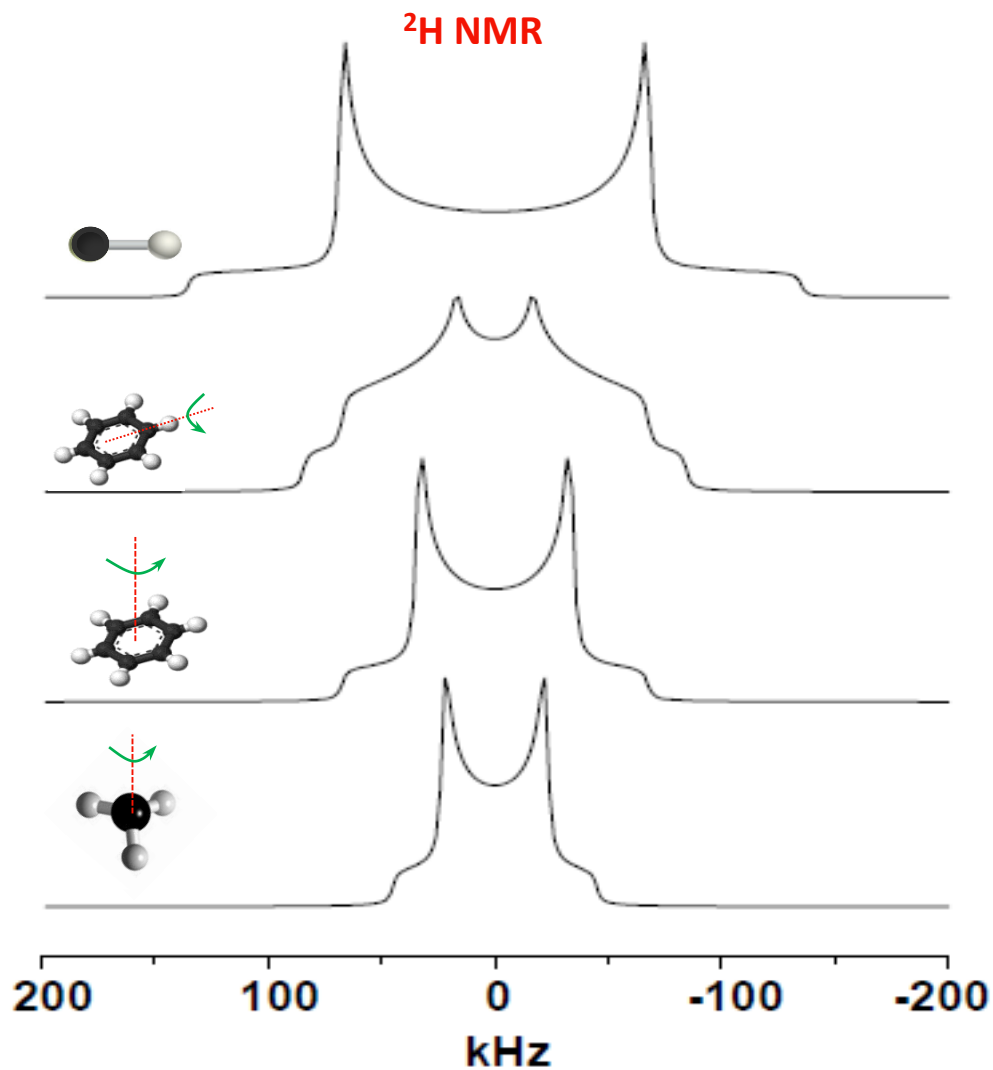


[η - ^{17}O]L-Tyrosine·HCl
@ 800 MHz, 50 kHz

	r (Å)	d (Å)
NMR	1.03	1.71
neutron	0.99	1.61



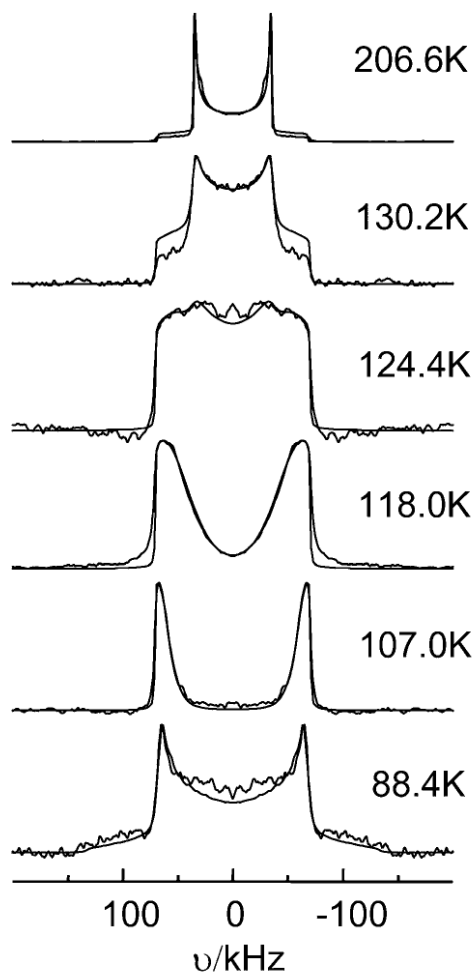
Solid NMR Applications – Dynamics (1)



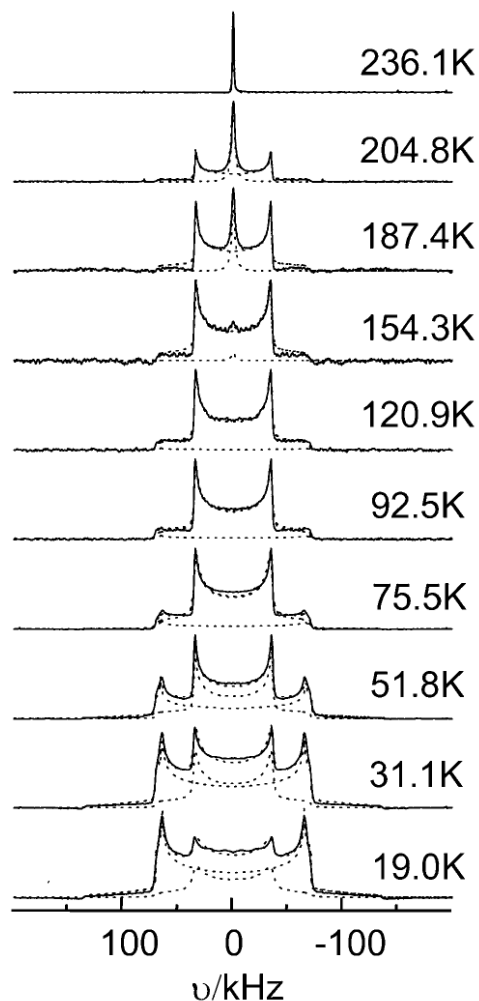
Solid NMR Applications – Dynamics (2)

^2H NMR

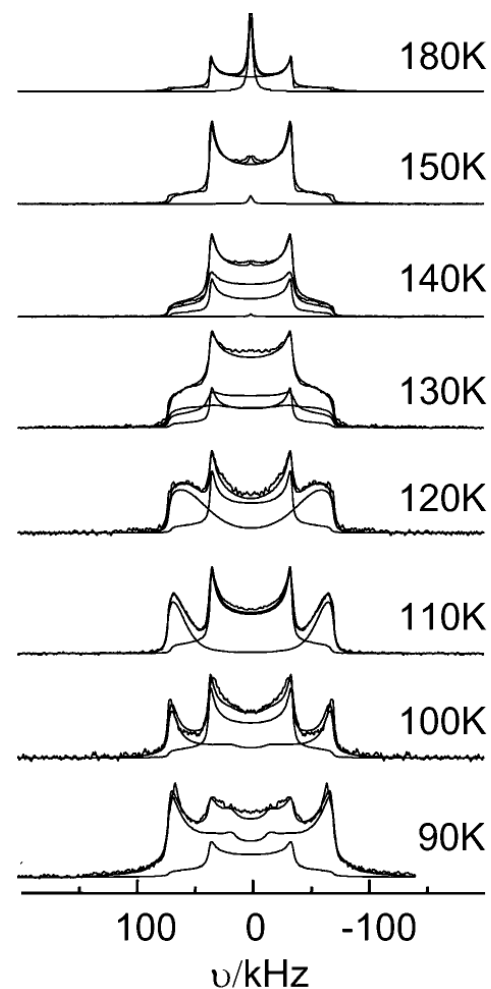
Benzene-d₆



Benzene in SBA-15



Benzene in MCF



Our SS-NMR Capability

- **Probe:** 4-mm CP/MAS Probe
- **MAS rate:** max 18 kHz
- **Nuclei:** ^{15}N , ^2H , ^{29}Si , ^{13}C , ^{27}Al , ^{31}P / ^{19}F , ^1H
 ^{65}Cu , ^{91}Zr , ^{61}Ni , ^{95}Mo , ^{183}W .
- **Experiments:** Static, MAS, CPMAS
- **Sample Size:** 60 – 160 μL
- **Sample Form:** powder, gel, etc.

Summary

- *Solution NMR Basics*
- *Spin Interactions: σ , J , D , Q .*
- *SSNMR Techniques: Decoupling, MAS, CP.*
- *SSNMR Hardware: CP/MAS probe.*
- *SSNMR Applications*

NMR Reading Materials

Books:

1. Understanding NMR Spectroscopy, Second Edition, by [James Keeler](#).
2. Spin Dynamics: Basics of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, by [Malcolm H. Levitt](#).
3. Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy Principles and Applications, by [Melinda J. Duer](#).
4. NMR Crystallography, by [Robin K. Harris](#), [Roderick E. Wasylshen](#), [Melinda J. Duer](#).
5. Multinuclear Solid-State NMR of Inorganic Materials, by [K. MacKenzie](#), [M. Smith](#).
6. Essential Mathematics for NMR and MRI Spectroscopists, by [Keith Brown](#).
7. <https://www.cis.rit.edu/htbooks/nmr/>, by [Dr. Joseph Hornak](#).

Videos:

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2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A502rWNKZyl>, by [Dr. James Keeler](#) (Queensland).
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJbBcCdqvIA&t=16s>, by [Prof. Malcolm Levitt](#) (Southampton, solid state NMR).