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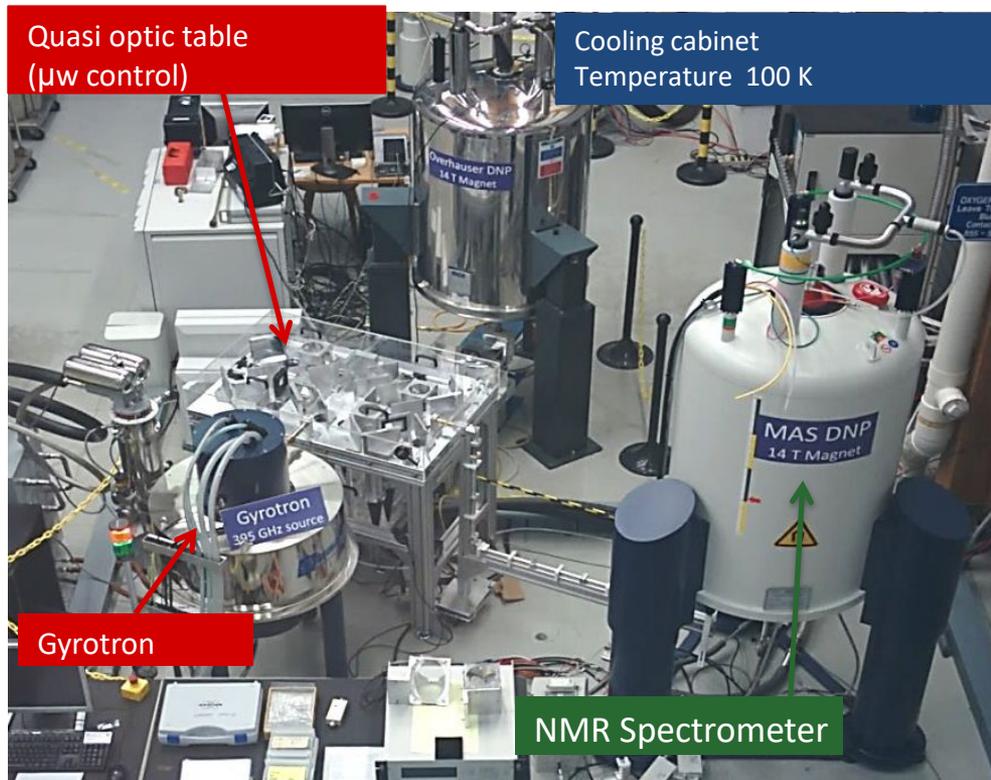


Introduction to Dynamic Nuclear Polarization
Concept/History/Applications
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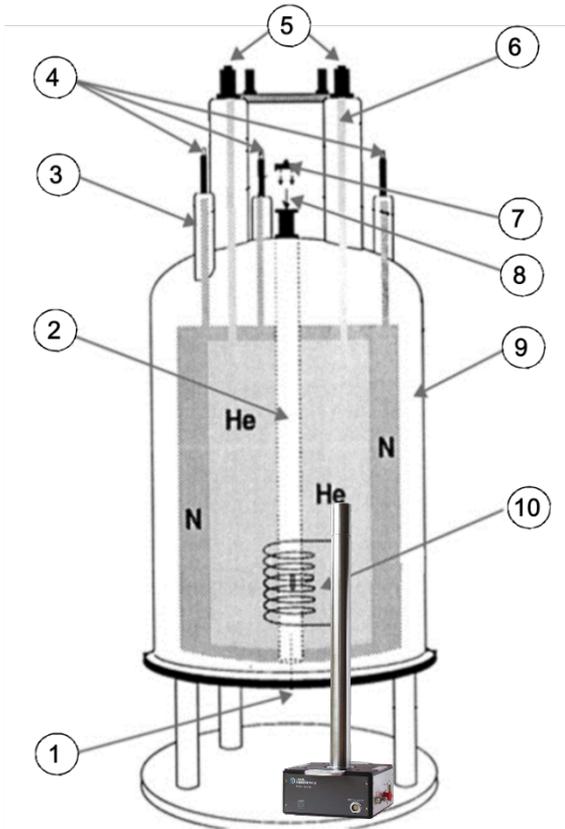
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600 MHz MAS-DNP system in Tallahassee: User
Program 08/16

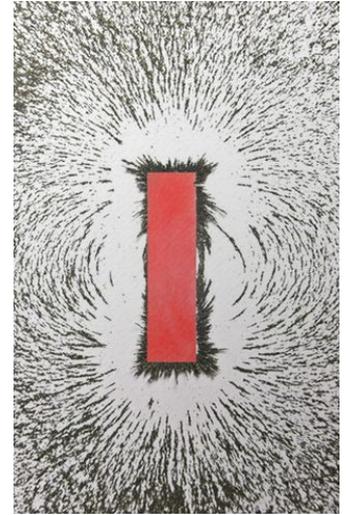
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NMR in a nutshell

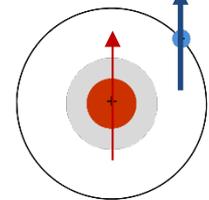


Big coil: creates the magnetic field

B_0



Hydrogen Atom

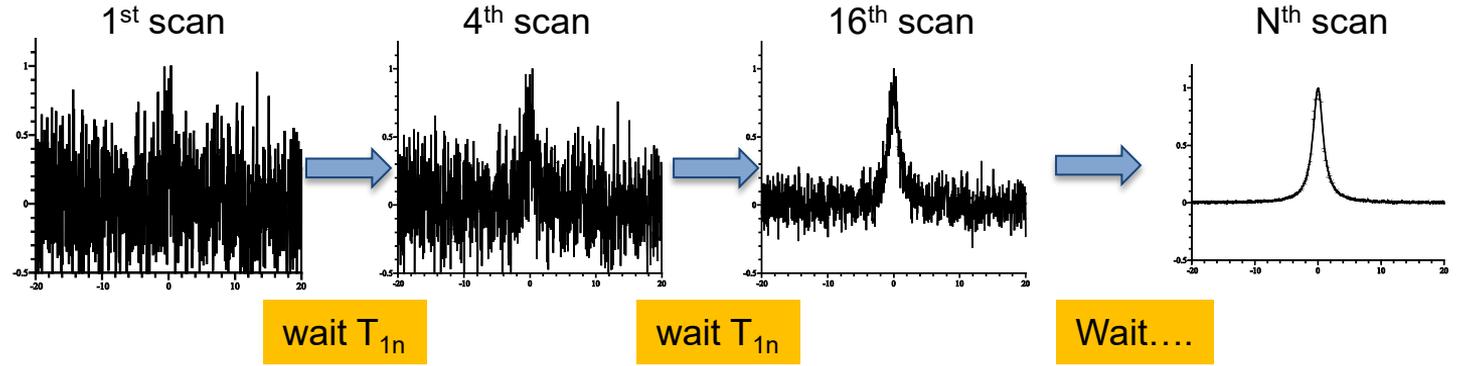
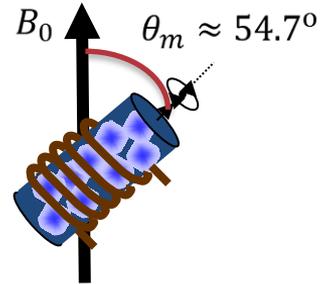


Proton spin = weak magnet

Probe: contains the sample and the detection setup

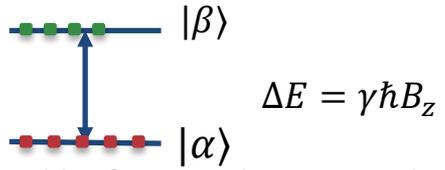
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance issues

- Nuclear magnetic resonance
 - High resolution even in solid state: Magic Angle Spinning (MAS)
 - structural information: material application
 - One chemical site = one resonance
 - Ease to manipulate spins
 - Low signal to noise:
 - Scan averaging for better signal/noise ratio
 - Complex study impossible at low natural abundance or surface
 - DNP Development



Nuclear and Electron Magnetic Resonance

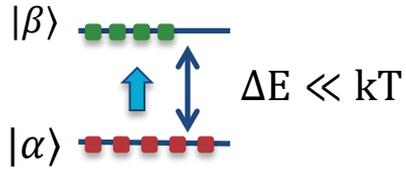
- Spin under magnetic field



At thermal equilibrium, $k_B T \sim 6.25$ THz at RT

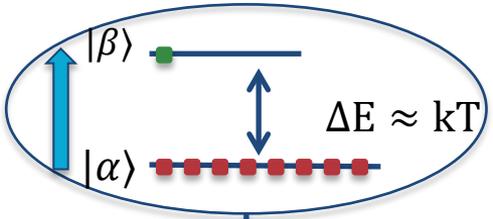
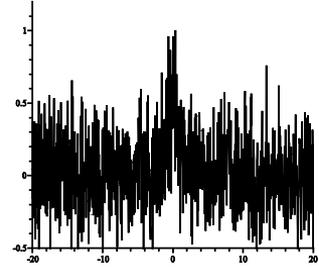
$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\frac{\hat{H}_z}{k_B T}}, \quad \text{and} \quad P = \frac{N_{|\alpha\rangle} - N_{|\beta\rangle}}{N_{|\alpha\rangle} + N_{|\beta\rangle}} = \frac{e^{\frac{\Delta E}{2k_B T}} - e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{2k_B T}}}{e^{\frac{\Delta E}{2k_B T}} + e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{2k_B T}}}$$

- Assembly of spins: polarization and relaxation



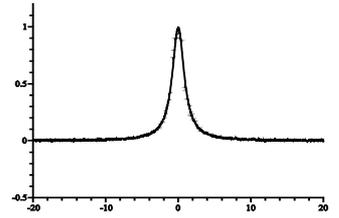
Weak Polarization
→ NMR

Majority of NMR experiments
→ low NMR signal
+ slow relaxation towards equilibrium (T_{1n})



Strong Polarization →
optics, low Temp EPR

Routine condition in high field EPR
at low temperature
Fast relaxation toward equilibrium
(T_{1e})



Dynamic Nuclear Polarization:
combining EPR sensitivity with NMR exceptional resolution

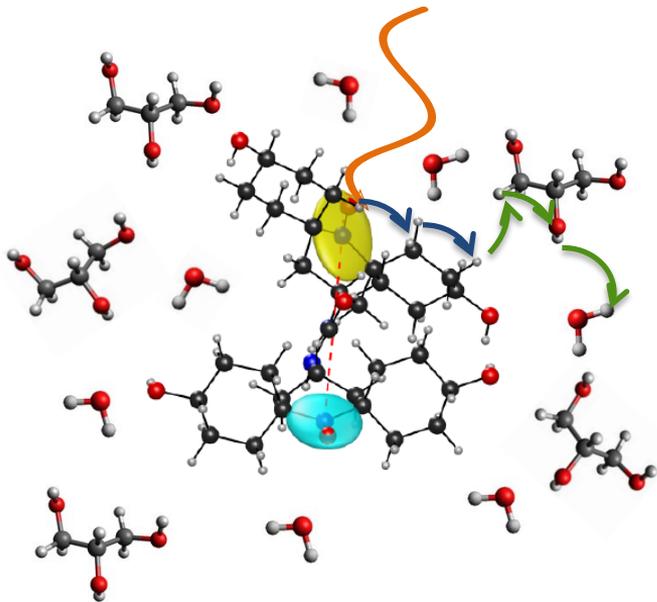
How does DNP “works*”

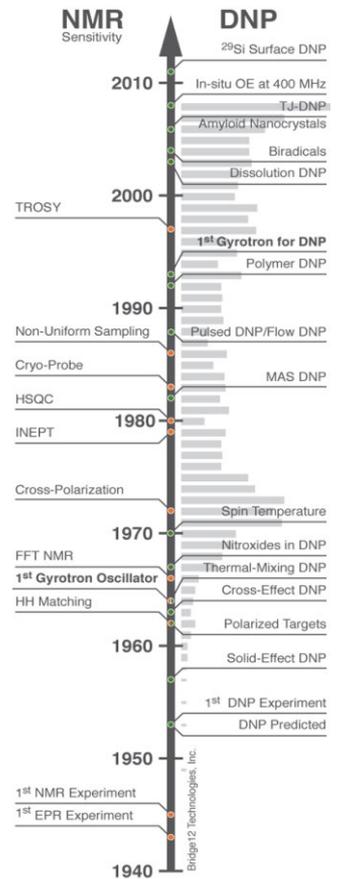
- * I will only focus on [^1H]

Microwave perturbs the radical polarization

Nuclear hyperpolarization is generated on local [^1H] and transferred to the surroundings

Then transferred to the surroundings





- EPR: first experiment, then NMR
- Dynamic Nuclear polarization:
 - 1953: theoretical prediction by Overhauser [1] ~ 10 y later
 - Experimental demonstration by Carver and Slichter [2]
- First applications:
 - Polarization of targets for particle physics
 - Study fundamental mechanistic effect (Abragam, Goldman, Hwang, Borghini...)
- Development of DNP for NMR applications
 - From 1985 to now.

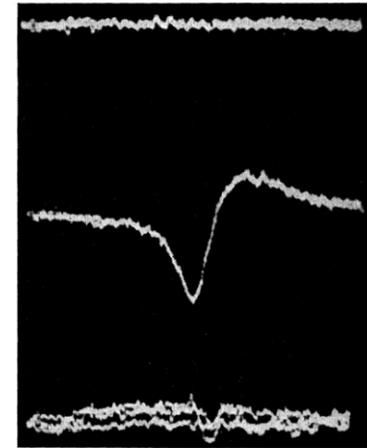


FIG. 1. Oscilloscope pictures of 50-ke/sec nuclear resonance absorption at static magnetic field. Field excursion 0.2 gauss. Top line: Li³ resonance (lost in noise). Middle line: Li³ resonance enhanced by electron saturation. Bottom line: Proton resonance in glycerin sample.

(1) Overhauser, A. W. *Phys. Rev.* **1953**, *92*, 411.
 (2) Carver, T. R.; Slichter, C. P. *Phys. Rev.* **1953**, *92*, 212.

Beginning of MAS-DNP

- First MAS-DNP

- Wind, R. A.; Duijvestijn, M. J.; van der Lugt, C.; Manenschijn, A.; Vriend, J. *Prog. Nucl. Magn. Reson. Spectrosc.* **1985**, *17*, 33.

- Conditions:

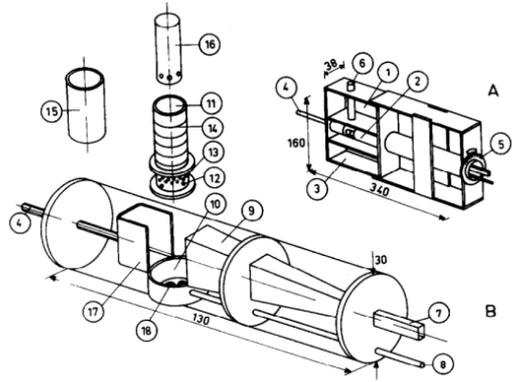
- Room temperature
- 1.4 T electro-magnet (60 MHz, 40 GHz)
- Microwave source → Klystron
- First MAS-DNP system @3 kHz spinning frequency

- Aim

- Study ¹³C in coal samples
- **Sensitivity is low + coal has unpaired (intrinsic radicals) electrons → DNP!**
- **Note: low enhancements ~12**

- Other Applications

- Study decomposition of Poly-Acetylene



R. A. Wind, M. J. Duijvestijn and J. Vriend, 1985, 56, 713–716.

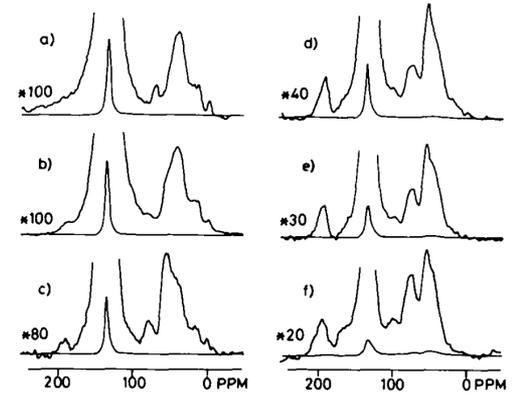
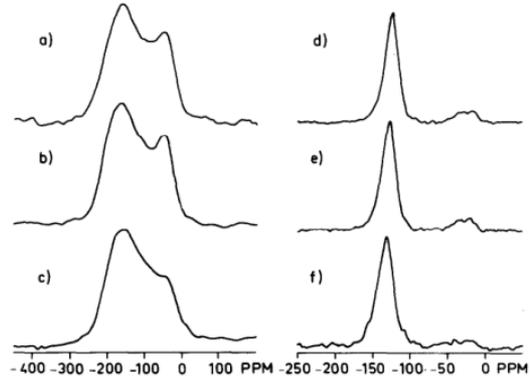


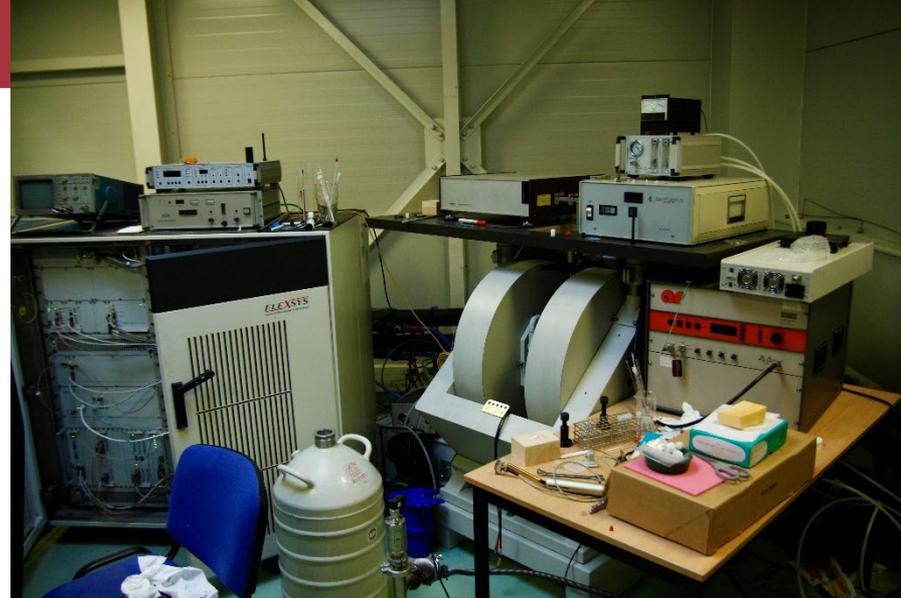
Fig. 1. ¹³C NMR spectra obtained via DNP-CPMAS at different times after the rotor filling. a: 0.5 h; b: 13 h; c: 51 h; d: 98 h; e: 169 h; f: 4 months. The scale is given in ppm below TMS. The numbers denote the amplification factor of the spectrum. The signals without amplification are displayed in such a way that the integral is constant for all measurements. The following experimental conditions were used: match time = 1 ms; match field = 45 kHz; acquisition time = 26 ms; ¹H decoupling field = 70 kHz; recycle delay = 0.3 s; number of scans = 10,000 (a and b), 20,000 (c, d and e) and 30,000 (f); a Lorentzian broadening of 30 Hz is applied.

FIG. 14. ¹³C spectra of a low volatile bituminous coal (20% volatile matter, 90.2% C, 4.6% H, 3.8% O (dmf)) obtained via different methods. (a) via CP. Match time = 0.9 msec; acquisition time = 5 msec; match field = proton decoupling field = 50 KHz; number of scans = 90,000; recycle delay = 0.6 sec. A Lorentzian broadening of 200 Hz is applied. (b) via DNP-CP. Proton enhancement = 29; number of scans = 200. Other parameters as in (a). (c) via DNP-FID. Carbon enhancement = 200; duration of 2 pulse = 6 μsec; acquisition time = 5 msec; proton decoupling field = 50 KHz; number of scans = 8; recycle delay = 60 sec; Lorentzian broadening = 200 Hz; (d) via CPMAS. Spinning frequency = 3.5 KHz; acquisition time = 15 msec; number of scans = 72,000; no broadening is used. Other parameters as in (a). (e) via DNP-CPMAS. Proton enhancement = 12; number of scans = 500. Other parameters as in (d). (f) via DNP-FIDMAS. Carbon enhancement = 150; spinning frequency = 3.5 KHz; acquisition time = 15 msec; number of scans = 4; recycle delay = 60 sec. Other parameters as in (c).



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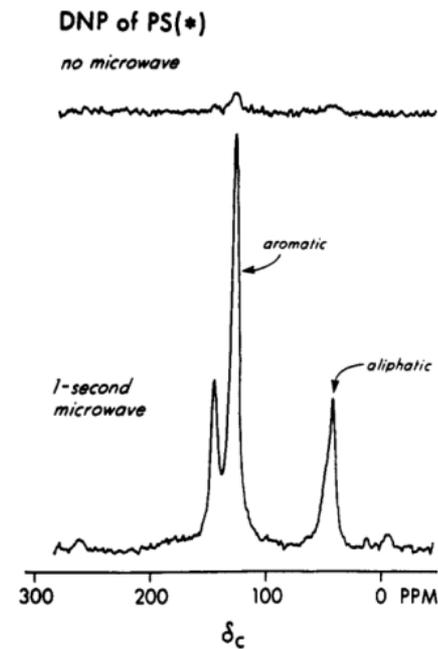
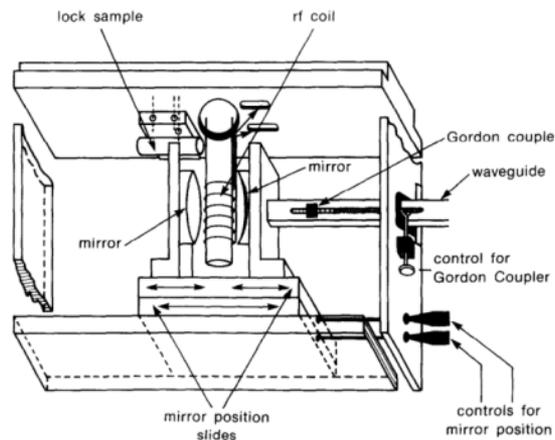
- Other groups: Yannoni and Schafer

- Similar setups:
 - 1.4T ($^1\text{H} = 60 \text{ MHz}$, $e = 40 \text{ GHz}$)
- Variations on the way the mw is handled
 - Transverse irradiation + Fabry Perrot resonator (Yannoni)
- Longitudinal irradiation (Schaeffer)

(1) Singel, D. J.; Seidel, H.; Kendrick, R. D.; Yannoni, C. S. *J. Magn. Reson.* 1989, 81, 145.
(2) Afeworki, M.; Vega, S.; Schaefer, J. *Macromolecules* 1992, 25, 4100.

- Applications: Material Science

- Electron spin's source:
 - doping with BDPA
 - intrinsic radicals: islands of polyacetylene embedded in a matrix of polyethylene.
- Some Results
 - Interface Polycarbonate/Poly-Styrene



High-Field Breakthrough

- Griffin and Temkin's: 1993 [1]
 - Supra-conductive magnet \rightarrow 5 T
 - mw source: Gyrotron MASER @140 GHz
 - Sample: BDPA Polystyrene

- Path towards modern MAS-DNP
 - 1995: frozen solution and static condition [2]
Tempo+Glycerol/H₂O mixture
 - 1997 First "bio" application under MAS [3]

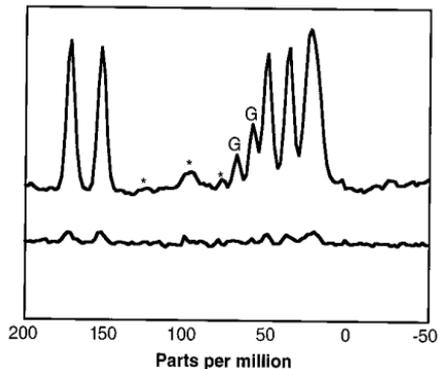


Fig. 2. DNP-CP ¹³C solid-state MAS (3.0 kHz spin rate) spectra of fully ¹³C-¹⁵N-labeled L-Arg (30 mg/ml Arg and 40 mM 4-amino-TEMPO in 60:40 water-glycerol) at 55 K. The peaks labeled with an asterisk correspond to rotational sidebands and those labeled G correspond to the natural abundance ¹³C glycerol peaks. Microwave irradiation (139.60 GHz) was performed for 15 s with \sim 1 W at the sample. Sixteen acquisitions were averaged with a 1-s recycle delay. The bottom spectrum was recorded under identical conditions with no microwave power. The magnetic field was set to maximize the positive enhancement, which is approximately 20.

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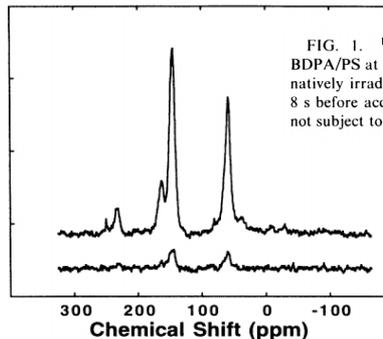


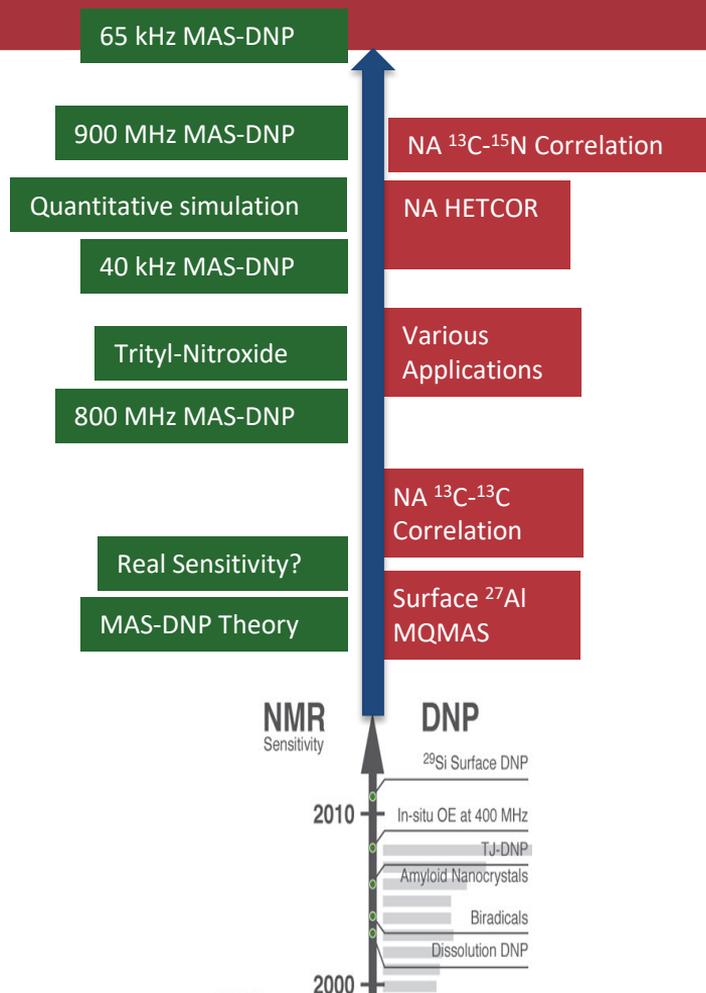
FIG. 1. ¹³C cross-polarization MAS spectrum of (2%) BDPA/PS at 5 T and room temperature. The sample was alternatively irradiated with 139.6 GHz microwaves at $\omega_c - \omega_H$ for 8 s before acquisition of the DNP enhanced spectrum (top), or not subject to microwave irradiation (bottom).

- (2) Gerfen, G. J.; Becerra, L. R.; Hall, D. A.; Griffin, R. G.; Temkin, R. J.; Singel, D. J. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1995**, *102*, 9494.
(3) Hall, D. A.; Maus, D. C.; Gerfen, G. J.; Inati, S. J.; Becerra, L. R.; Dahlquist, F. W.; Griffin, R. G. *Science* **1997**, *276*, 930.

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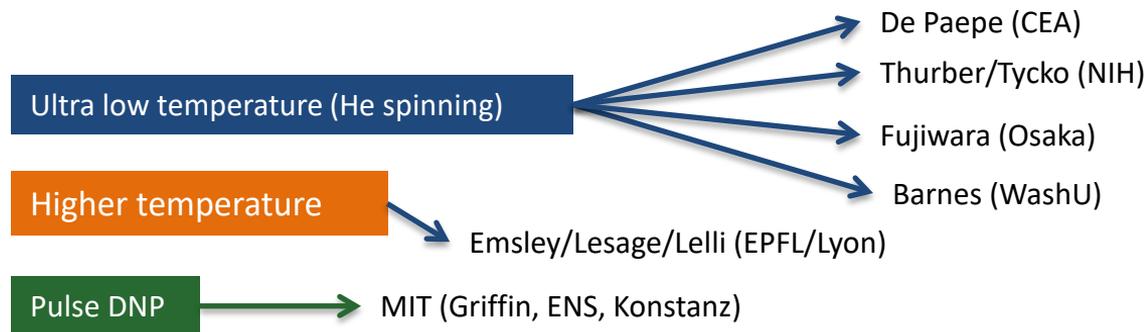
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 - 2004 biradicals
 - ***2009: First Bruker 400 MHz/263 GHz commercial system.***

Many developments since



Dynamic Nuclear Polarization... today

- Growing community
 - About 25 instruments installed since 2010
 - More to be installed...
- Extremely active field
 - Lot of credit to R.G. Griffin/Temkin (bringing MAS to high-field and modern methods)
 - Initial/continuous material applications work by:
 - G. Bodenhausen, O. Lafon
 - L. Emsley, M. Pruski, G. De Paepe's groups (I hope I'm not forgetting anyone)
 - Lot of ongoing instrument development (some examples)



Dynamic Nuclear Polarization... today

- Commercial MAS-DNP spectrometer (M. Rosay/R.G. Griffin)

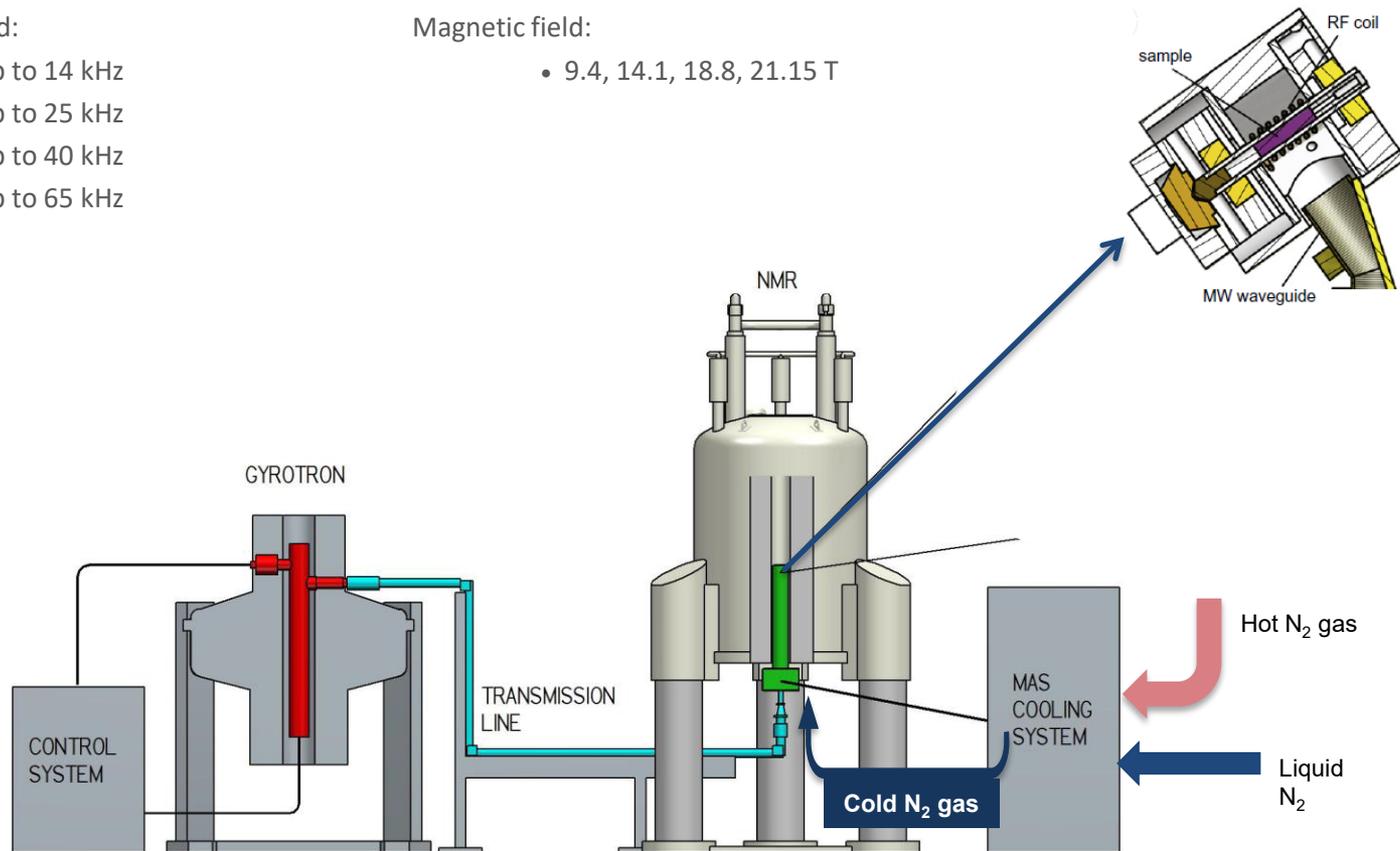
- Sample temperature from 100 K to RT

- Spinning speed:

- 3.2 mm → up to 14 kHz
- 1.9 mm → up to 25 kHz
- 1.3 mm → up to 40 kHz
- 0.7 mm → up to 65 kHz

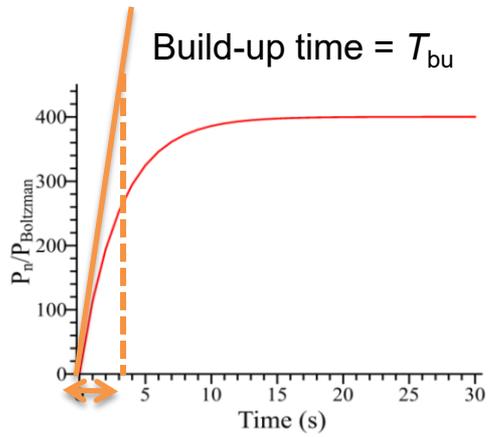
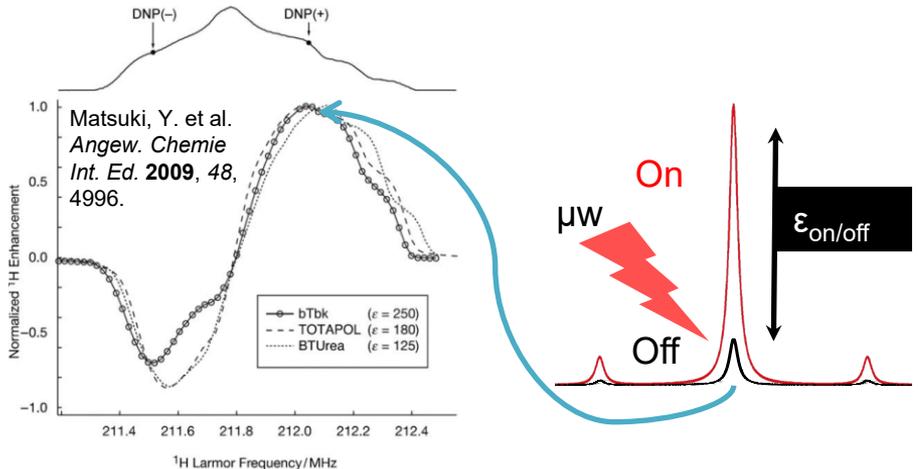
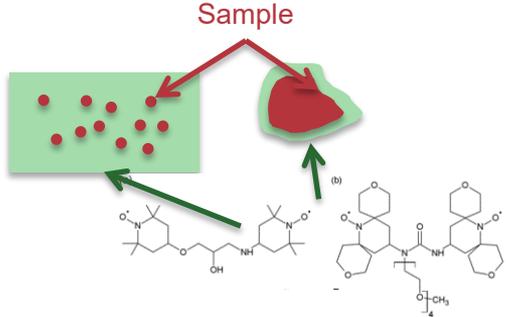
Magnetic field:

- 9.4, 14.1, 18.8, 21.15 T



MAS-DNP Experiment

- MAS-DNP Routine setup
 - Paramagnetic center + uw + target → NMR signal enhancement
 - Radical in glass forming solvent or impregnation
 - Glycerol/water,
 - DMSO/Water,
 - TCE
 - Electrons polarization source
 - biradical = bis-nitroxide TOTAPOL, AMUPol, bTbK, Tekpol...



First biological applications: microcrystals and Amyloids

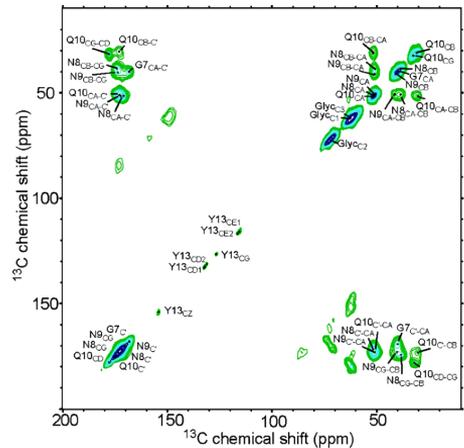
- ^{13}C - ^{13}C isotopically enriched, Amyloids

P. C. A. van der Wel, K.-N. Hu, J. Lewandowski and R. G. Griffin, Dynamic Nuclear Polarization of Amyloidogenic Peptide Nanocrystals: GNNQNY, a Core Segment of the Yeast Prion Protein Sup35p, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2006, 128, 10840–10846.

Aim: demonstrate application of DNP to amyloids

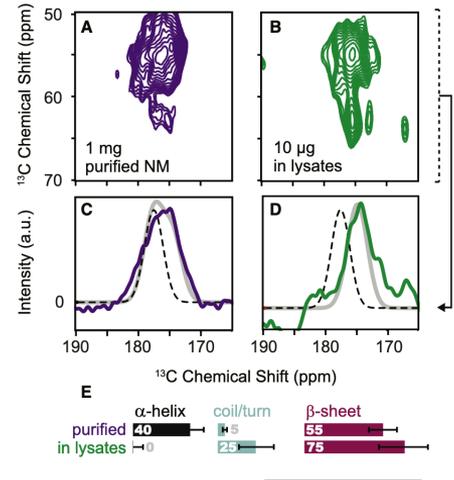
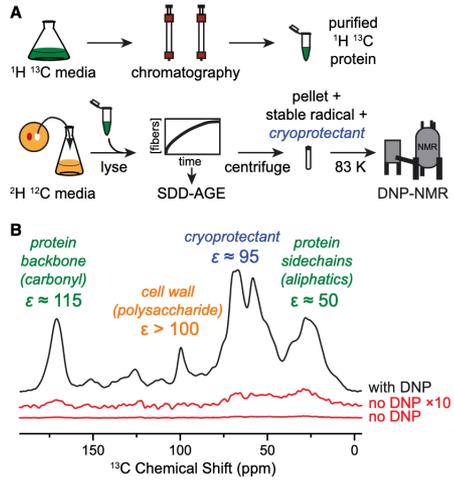
Challenge: demonstrate applicability of DNP to bio relevant question

Sample: GNNQNY nanocrystallites
Biradical:Totapol + d8-glycerol/d2o/H2O



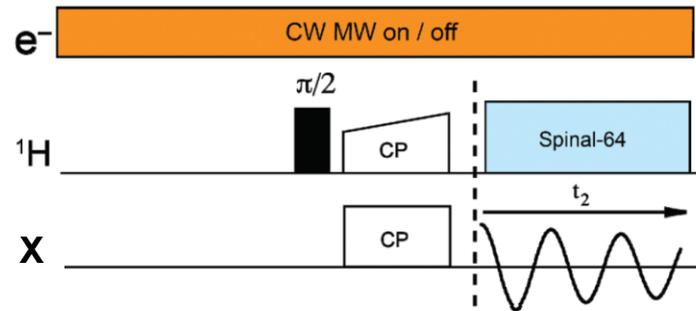
- Application in-cell (2015)

K. K. Frederick, V. K. Michaelis, B. Corzilius, T.-C. Ong, A. C. Jacavone, R. G. Griffin and S. Lindquist, Sensitivity-Enhanced NMR Reveals Alterations in Protein Structure by Cellular Milieus, *Cell*, 2015, 163, 620–628.



Surface Enhanced DNP

- Initial application for DNP
 - Aim: detect surface properties
 - Still widely used (also called DNP-SENS)
- Method:
 - Polarize protons → CP transfer to target
 - Work with Natural Abundance isotopes
 - Use « Impregnation methods »
- First targets (2010 – 2014)



¹³C Molecule grafted on functionalized materials

²⁷Al Catalytic properties

²⁹Si on nanostructured materials

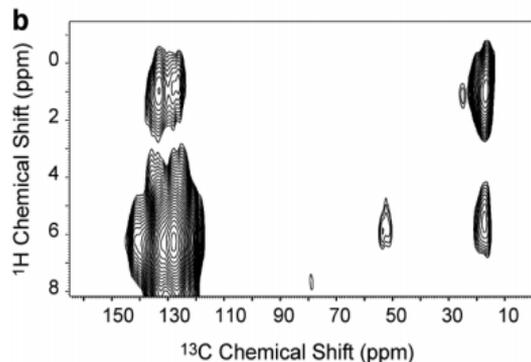
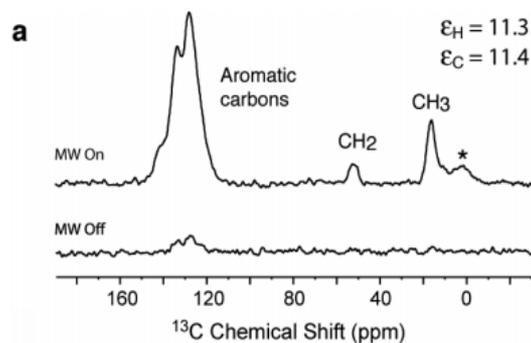
Not talking about bio applications

Surface Enhanced DNP (^{13}C)

• Emsley + Bodenhausen 2010

Pioneer Meso-Porous application:
Detection of natural abundance
surface signal Phenol grafted on mesoporous silica (6 nm pores)

Lesage, A.; Lelli, M.; Gajan, D.; Caporini, M. A.; Vitzthum, V.; Miéville, P.; Alauzun, J.; Roussey, A.; Thieuleux, C.; Mehdi, A.; Bodenhausen, G.; Coperet, C.; Emsley, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 15459.



Sample:
Radical = TOTAPOL
Solvent = $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Field 9.4T

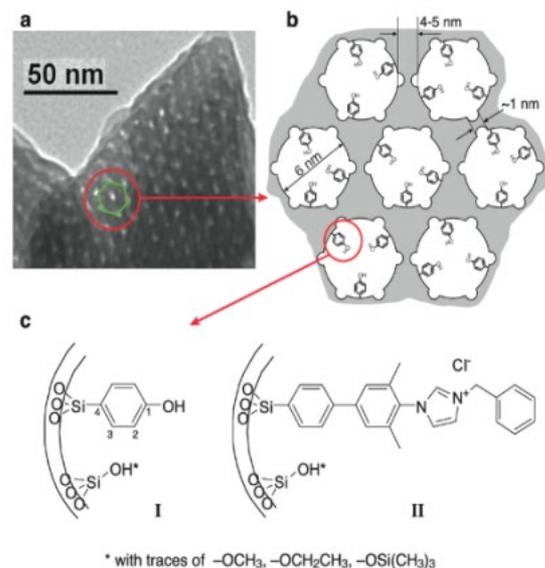


Figure 1. (a) Transmission electronic microscopy image of the nanoporous silica material. (b) Schematic representation of the pore [mesopores (6 nm diameter) are shown as circles and micropores (<1 nm diameter) as small half-circles] and channel network with phenol functionalities. The shaded gray area represents the silica bulk. (c) Different covalently incorporated aromatic substrates.

Surface Enhanced DNP (^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{29}Si)

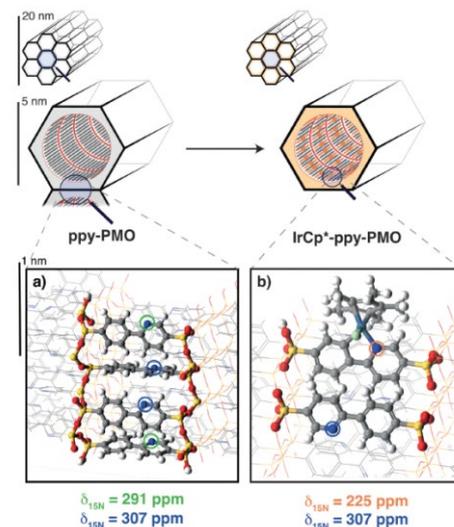
• Surface analysis

Grüning, W. R.; Rossini, A. J.; Zagdoun, A.; Gajan, D.; Lesage, A.; Emsley, L.; Copéret, C. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 2013, 15 (32), 13270.

Aim: Confirm functionalization + structure

Challenge: perform Surface ^{15}N , ^{13}C and ^{29}Si analysis (HETCOR)

Sample: Periodic mesoporous organosilicates
Radical = bCTbK – Solvent = TCE



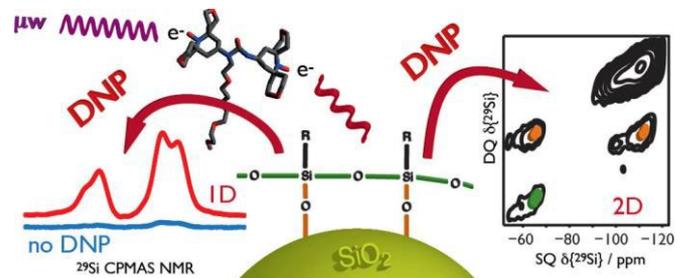
• Silicon-Silicon correlations

Lee, D.; Monin, G.; Duong, N. T.; Lopez, I. Z.; Bardet, M.; Mareau, V.; Gonon, L.; De Paëpe, G. J. *Am. Chem. Soc.* 2014, 136 (39), 13781–13788.

Aim: Reveal the condensation mechanism

Challenge: perform 2D ^{29}Si - ^{29}Si Correlation at natural abundance (SR26/Refocused INADEQUATE)

Sample: Polyethylsiloxane functionalized NPs
Radical = AMUPol – Solvent = DMSO/ H_2O



Surface Enhanced DNP (^{27}Al)

• γ Alumina

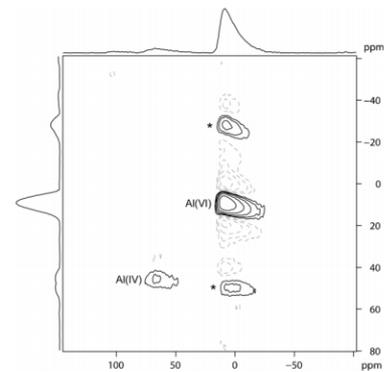
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Aim: Determine local symmetries of ^{27}Al

Challenge: run MQ MAS in less than a week (50 h)

Sample: γ alumina

Radical = TOTAPOL – Solvent = $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$



• Mesoporous Alumina

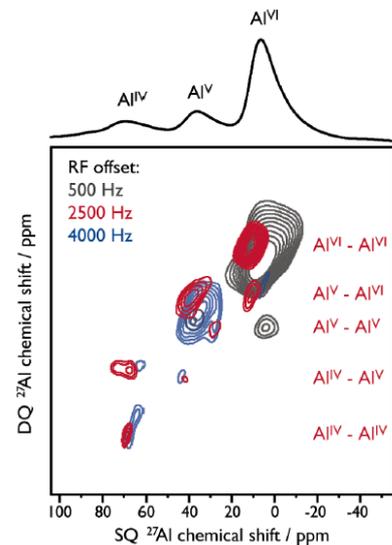
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Aim: determine local symmetries of ^{27}Al and connectivity

Challenge: run MQ MAS in a human time-scale (here 4h)

Sample: mesoporous alumina

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Functionalized Metal-Organic Frameworks

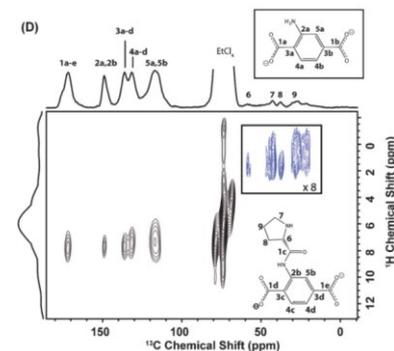
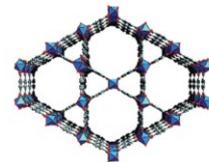
• MOF's

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Aim: demonstrate applicability of DNP to MOFs

Challenge: enhance signals in the pores (HETCOR)

Sample: N-functionalized MOFs
Radical = bTbK – Solvent = TCE



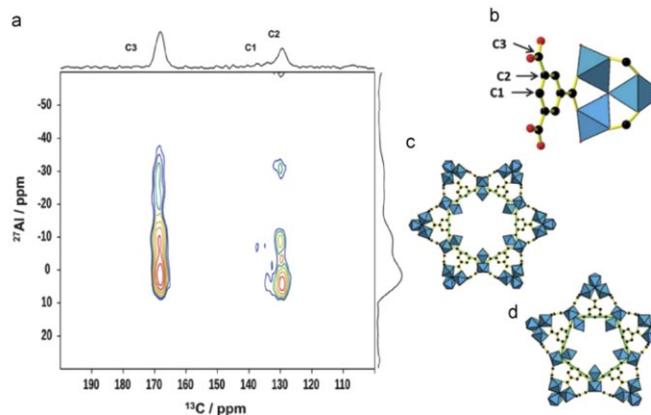
• ^{27}Al - ^{13}C correlations

Pourpoint, F.; Thankamony, A. S. L.; Volkringer, C.; Loiseau, T.; Trébosc, J.; Aussenac, F.; Carnevale, D.; Bodenhausen, G.; Vezin, H.; Lafon, O.; Amoureux, J.-P. *Chem. Commun.* 2014, 50 (8), 933–935.

Aim: demonstrate applicability of DNP to MOFs

Challenge: Probe Al-C connectivity/proximity (HETCOR)

Sample: metal-organic framework MIL-100(Al) Radical = TOTAPOL – Solvent = H_2O



Other Material Applications

• Nano/mesoparticles

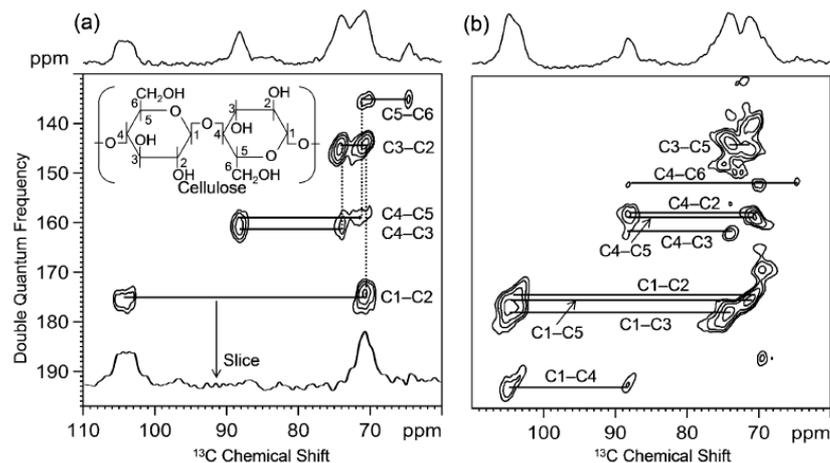
Takahashi, H.; Lee, D.; Dubois, L.; Bardet, M.; Hediger, S.; De Paëpe, G. *Angew. Chemie Int. Ed.* 2012, 51 (47), 11766–11769.

Aim: demonstrate Natural Abundance ^{13}C - ^{13}C correlation

Challenge: run Refocused Inadequate and POST-C7 in less than 20 minutes each

Sample: microcrystalline cellulose

Radical = TOTAPOL – Solvent = Matrix free

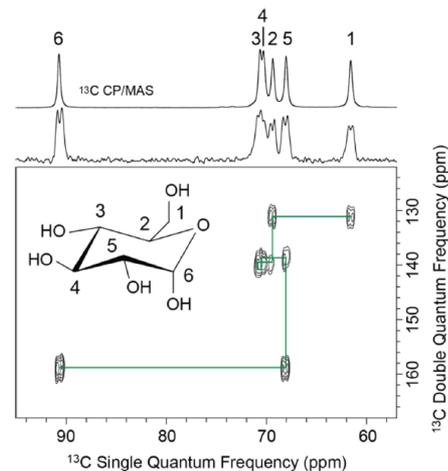


Rossini, A. J.; Zagdoun, A.; Hegner, F.; Schwarzwälder, M.; Gajan, D.; Copéret, C.; Lesage, A.; Emsley, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012, 134 (40), 16899–16908.

Challenge: determine local ^{13}C connectivity's (refocused Inadequate) \rightarrow 16 h

Sample: microcrystalline cellulose

Radical = bCTbk – Solvent = TBE

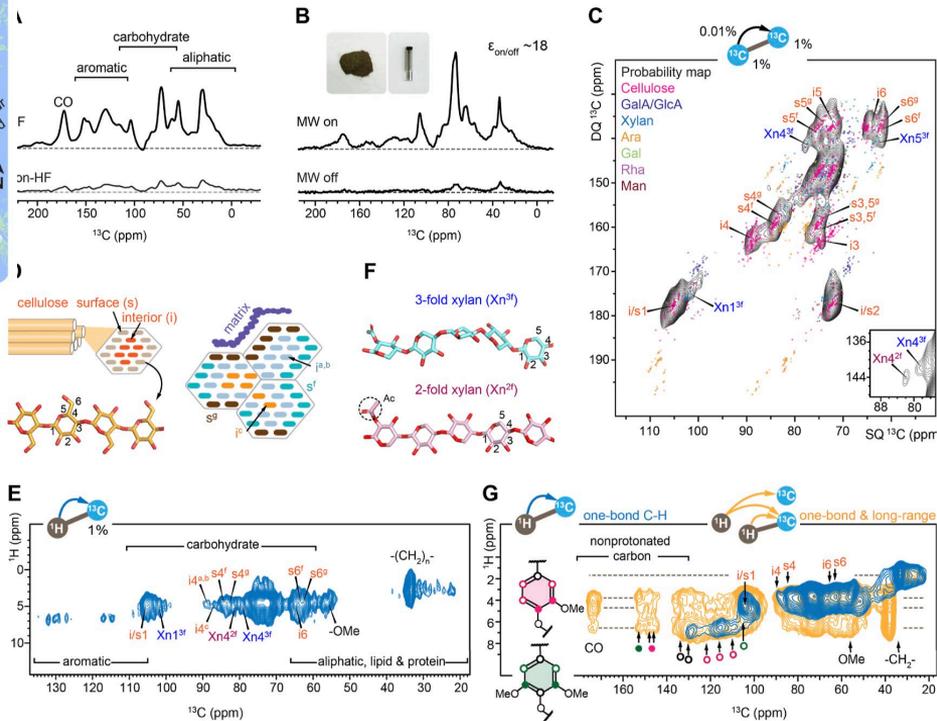


Modern applications

- Modern and real samples ^{13}C - ^{13}C
 - Tuo Wang (LSU then MSU)
 - Lots of applications on carbohydrates
 - Cell-wall, wood/rice/bamboo, soil



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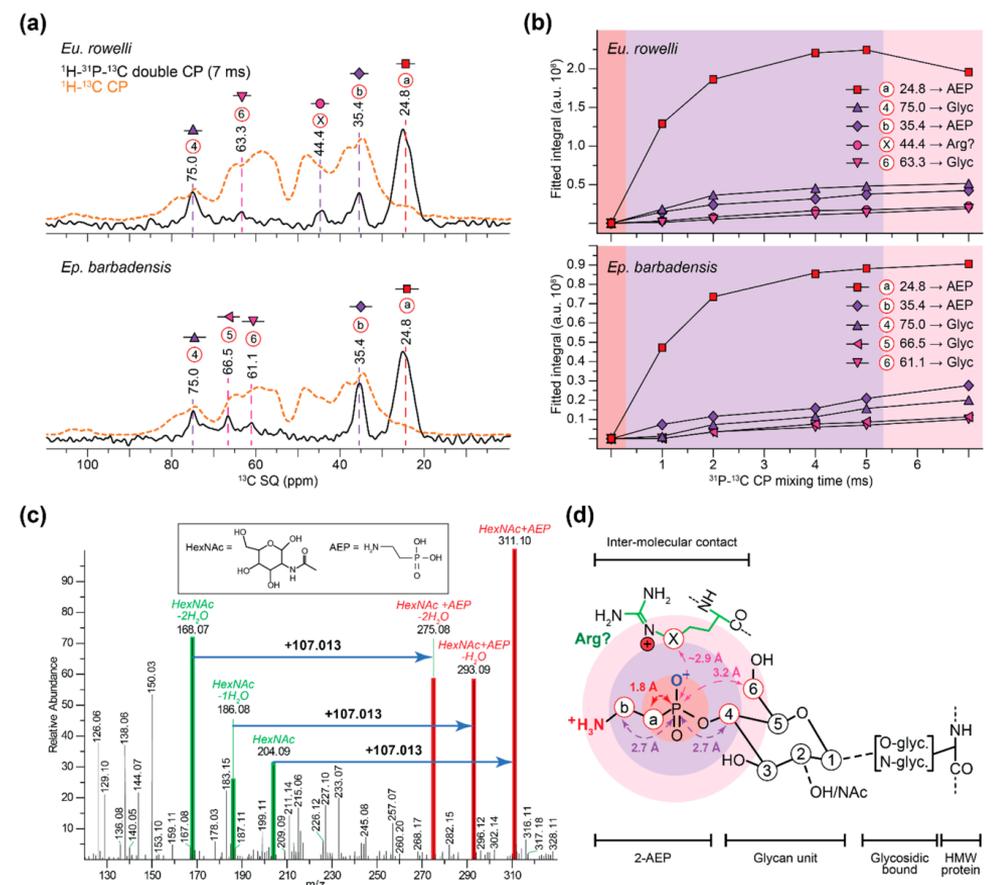
Relatively hard

- ^{13}C - ^{31}P correlation at NA

- Detection of phosphonate in velvet worm slime
- Regular double CP
- AsymPol-POK (in glycerol/water)



A. Poulhazan, A. Baer, G. Daliaho, F. Mentink-Vigier, A. A. Arnold, D. C. Browne, L. Hering, S. Archer-Hartmann, L. E. Pepi, P. Azadi, S. Schmidt, G. Mayer, I. Marcotte and M. J. Harrington, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2023, 145, 20749–20754.



Very challenging examples

• Natural abundance ^{13}C - ^{15}N

A. N. Smith, K. Märker, T. Piretra, J. C. Boatz, I. Matlahov, R. Kodali, S. Hediger, P. C. A. van der Wel and G. De Paëpe, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2018, 140, 14576–14580.

Aim: collect Natural Abundance ^{13}C - ^{15}N correlation
For polyQ

Challenge: run NA ^{13}C - ^{15}N TEDOR

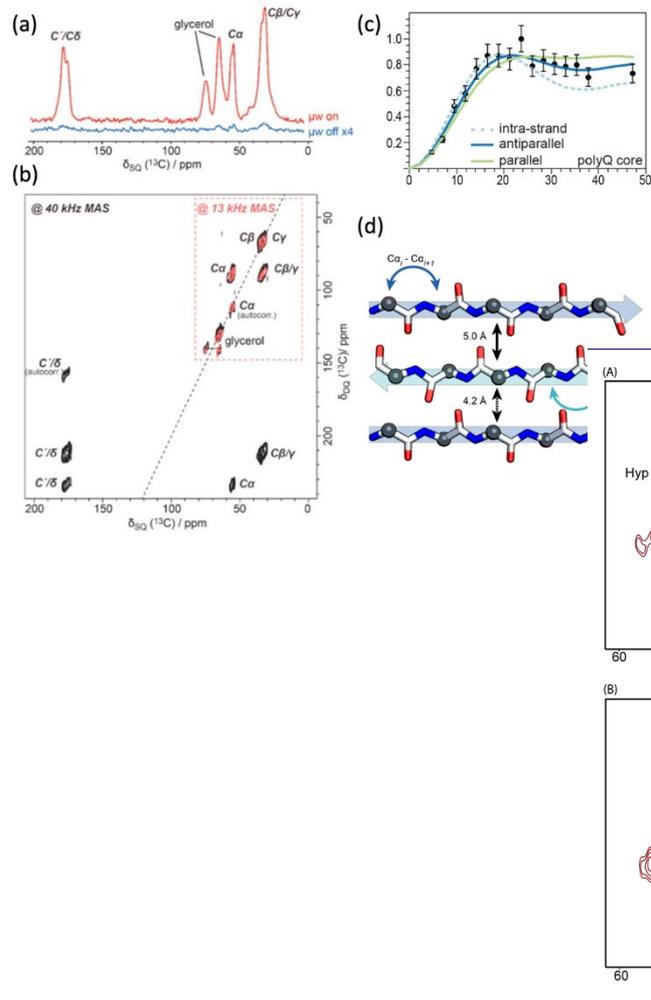
Sample: PolyQ
Radical = AMUPol, sedimented

N. Dwivedi, B. Patra, F. Mentink-Vigier, S. Wi and N. Sinha, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2024, 146, 23663–23668.

Aim: collect Natural Abundance ^{13}C - ^{15}N correlation

Challenge: run NA ^{13}C - ^{15}N TEDOR

Sample: Bone and cartilages
Radical = AsymPol-POK, water



Other Material Applications

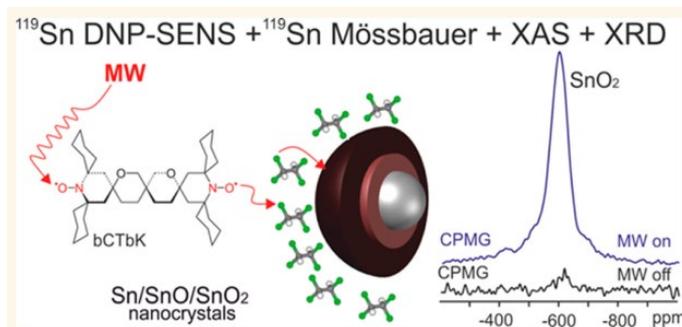
• Tin

Protesescu, L.; Rossini, A. J.; Kriegner, D.; Valla, M.; de Kergommeaux, A.; Walter, M.; Kravchyk, K. V.; Nachttegaal, M.; Stangl, J.; Malaman, B.; Reiss, P.; Lesage, A.; Emsley, L.; Copéret, C.; Kovalenko, M. V. ACS Nano 2014, 8, 2639.

Aim: study Ligand-Capped Sn/SnO_x Nanoparticles

Challenge: detect ¹¹⁹Sn surface signals

Sample: Ligand-Capped Sn/SnO_x Nanoparticles
Radical = bCTbK – Solvent = TCE



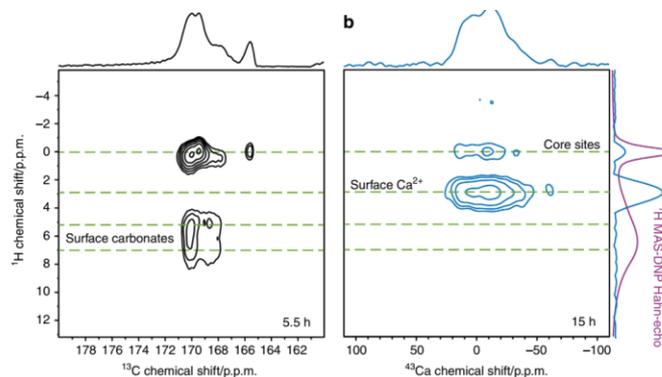
• ⁴³Ca

Lee, D.; Leroy, C.; Crevant, C.; Bonhomme-Coury, L.; Babonneau, F.; Laurencin, D.; Bonhomme, C.; De Paëpe, G. Nat. Commun. 2017, 8, 14104.

Aim: study nano-crystalline apatites

Challenge: detect ⁴³Ca at natural abundance and distinguish core from surface Ca

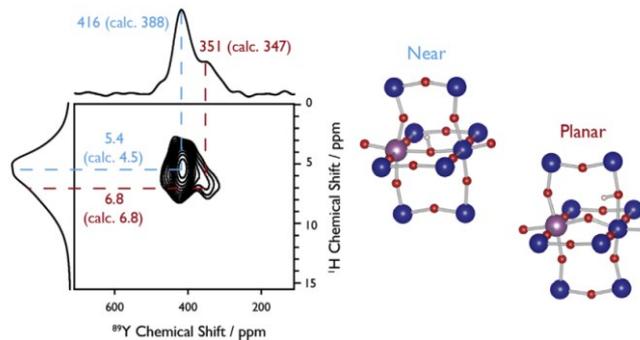
Sample: Carbonated hydroxyapatites
Radical = AMUPol – Solvent = d8-Glycerol/D₂O/H₂O



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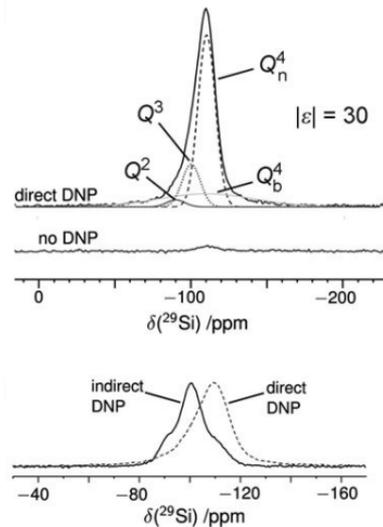
- ^{89}Y

Blanc, F.; Sperrin, L.; Lee, D.; Dervişoğlu, R.; Yamazaki, Y.; Haile, S. M.; De Paëpe, G.; Grey, C. P. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 2014, 5 (14), 2431–2436.



- Direct detection of ^{29}Si

- (1) Lafon, O.; Rosay, M.; Aussenac, F.; Lu, X.; Trébosc, J.; Cristini, O.; Kinowski, C.; Touati, N.; Vezin, H.; Amoureux, J. P. *Angew. Chemie - Int. Ed.* 2011, 50, 8367.
- (2) Akbey, U.; Altin, B.; Linden, A.; Özçelik, S.; Gradzielski, M.; Oschkinat, H. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 2013, 15 (47), 20706–20716.



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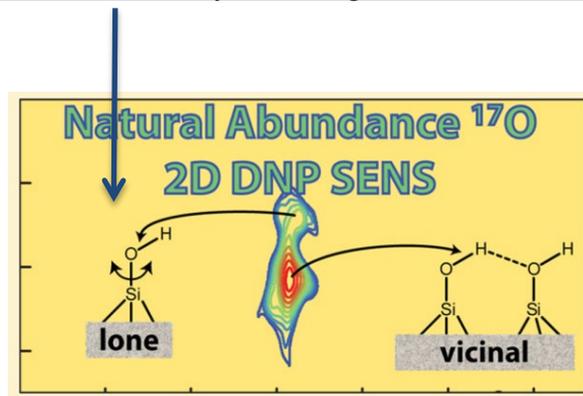
- ^{17}O Particularly difficult isotope:
 - Low natural abundance 0.038%
 - Often large quadrupolar interaction...
 - $^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^{17}\text{O}$ can be very tricky

Aim: study surface structure and

Challenge: detect ^{17}O on surface!

Using PRESTO CP was possible here due to direct H-O bonding

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- (3) Perras, F. A.; Chaudhary, U.; Slowing, I. I.; Pruski, M. *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2016**, *120*, 11535.



- More and more applications to challenging systems
 - ^{13}C - ^{15}N correlations at natural abundance (Märker, K. et al. *Chem. Sci.* **2017**, *8*, 974.)
 - Study of catalyst containing tungstate (Pump, E. et al. *Chem. Sci.* **2016**.)
 - Study of reduced Graphene Oxide (Leskes, M. et al. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2017**, *8*, 1078.)
 - ^{17}O in CeO_2 (Hope, M. A. et al. *Chem. Commun.* **2017**, *53*, 2142.)

Modern MAS-DNP Challenges

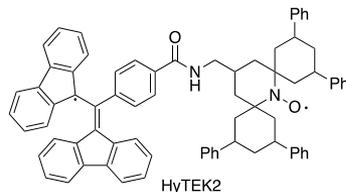
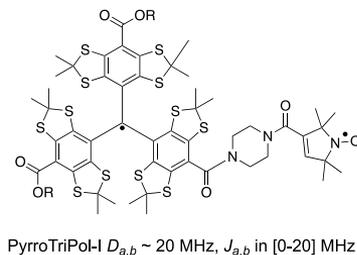
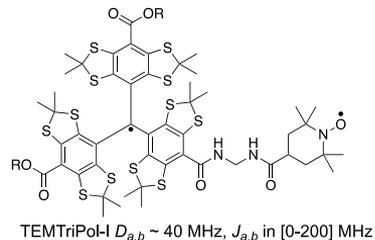
• Solutions?

- Improve the **hardware**:
 - μw sources (Bruker, CPI, VDI, Bridge12, ETH...)
 - probes (Bruker, PhoenixNMR, **Maglab...**)
 - close loop Helium cooling and spinning (Osaka/JEOL, CEA Grenoble)
 - pulsed DNP methods (MIT, Konstanz, ENS...)
- Make better/expand the **polarizing agents**
 - metal centers/intrinsic radicals (Weizmann, Liverpool, Rostock, ISU, EPFL...)
 - different mechanism (AMES, MIT, Northwestern)
 - **improve biradicals (Lyon/EPFL/Marseille, **Maglab/CEA/U. Iceland...**)**

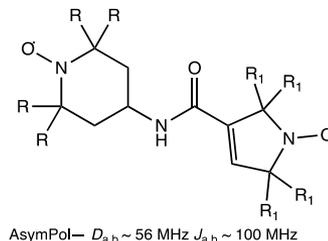
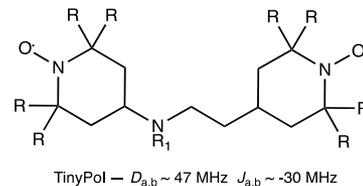
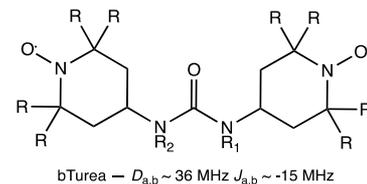
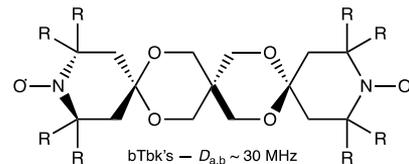
- Which biradical's properties impact most efficiency?
- Sample's properties affect DNP?
- Stereotypical experiments (100 K, modest spinning speed)
- Why some biradicals perform admirably in protonated media?
- Is there an ideal biradical?

- Must be able to make quantitative predictions
- Must obtain physical insights from simulations

Hetero-biradicals



Homo-biradicals



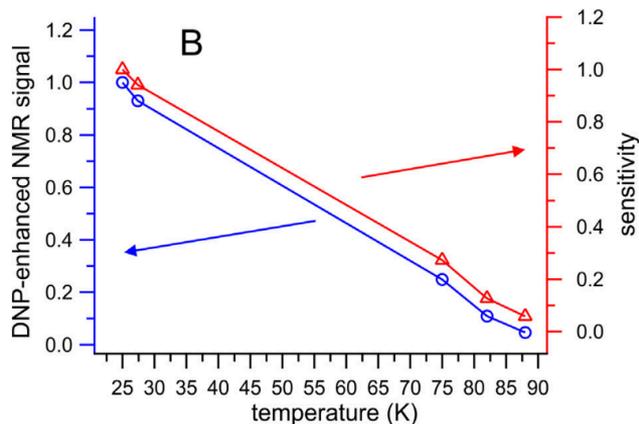
Current state of MAS-DNP

- Three main development

- Expand the range of temperature of DNP
 - Low T DNP:
 - “Easy” if open loop
 - Complex hardware if close loop
 - Lengthening of the relaxation times: electron and nuclear spins → makes DNP more efficient

- Examples of “open loop”

- A. Hackmann, H. Seidel, R. D. Kendrick, P. C. Myhre and C. S. Yannoni, *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* (1969), 1988, **79**, 148–153. → first example but huge LHe consumption
- K. Thurber and R. Tycko, *Journal of Magnetic Resonance*, 2016, **264**, 99–106. → modern approach, much better ~ 1.5 L of LHe/h



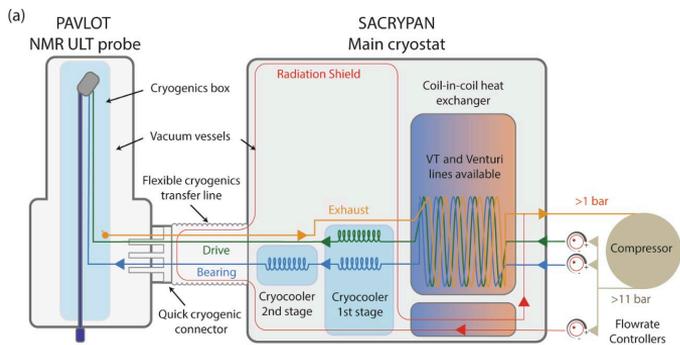
- ~10 SNR gain
 - Possible to use low power mw sources (balances cost)
 - Expensive in the long term, recycling can be difficult.
- Closed loop

The current state of MAS-DNP

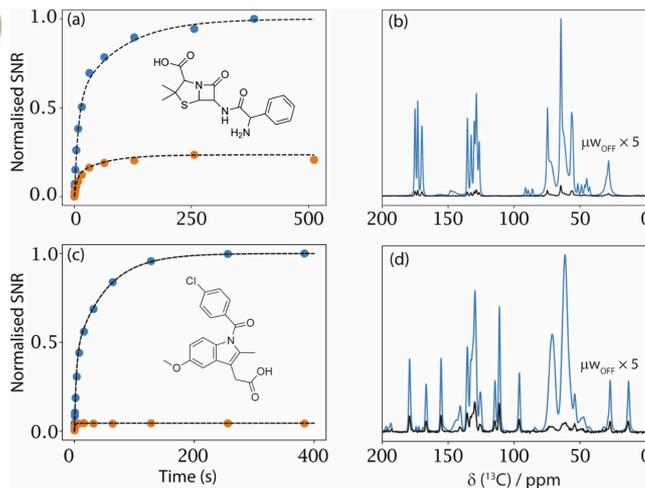
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- Expand the range of temperature of DNP
 - Close loop examples
 - Two groups, De Paëpe (France) and Matsuki (Japan)
 - Complex and expensive, but incredibly efficient

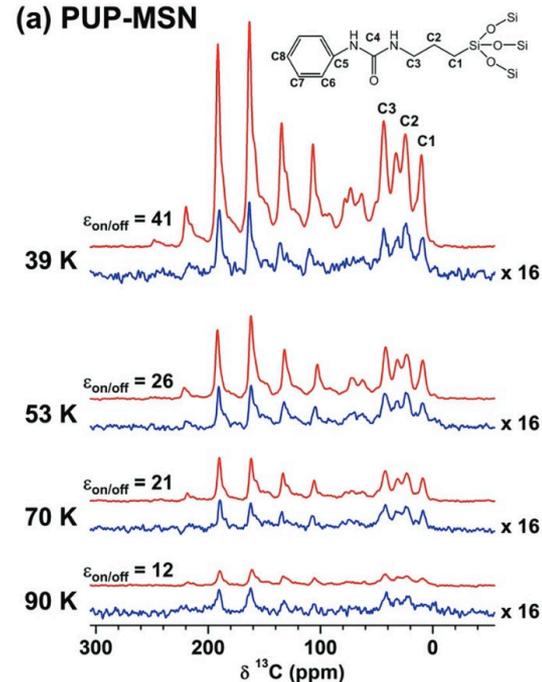
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(a) PUP-MSN



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Spinning speed is limited by speed of sound of the gas

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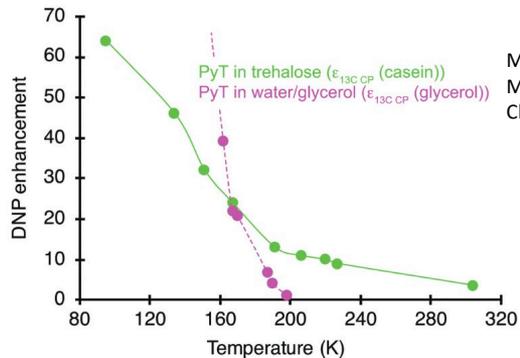
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 - Do higher temperature DNP: why?
 - Access dynamics
 - Spin sample faster, closer to RT capabilities

• Who:

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- Lyon/EPFL/Florence/Marseille: Lesage/Emley/Lelli/Ouari
- Maglab (Faith and I)

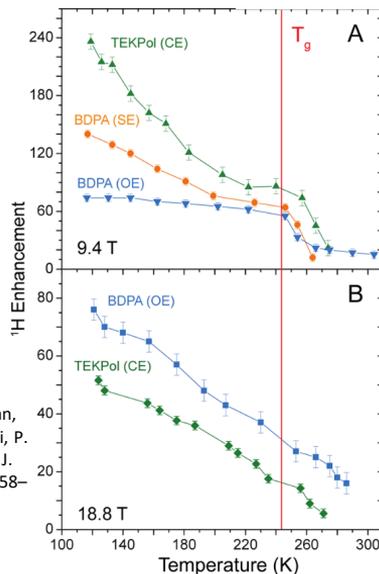
• How:

- Use glass matrices with high T_g
- E.g. Ortho-Terphenyl, Trehalose, or Sorbitol

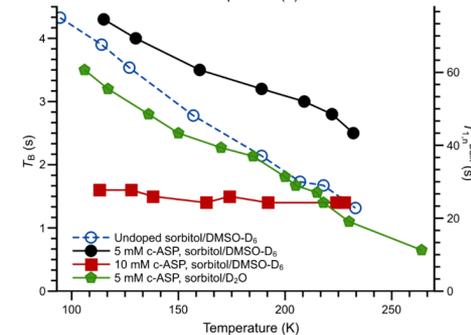
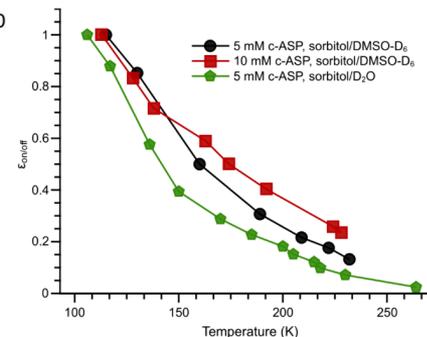
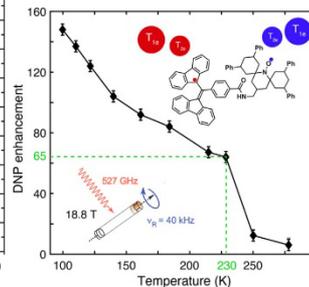


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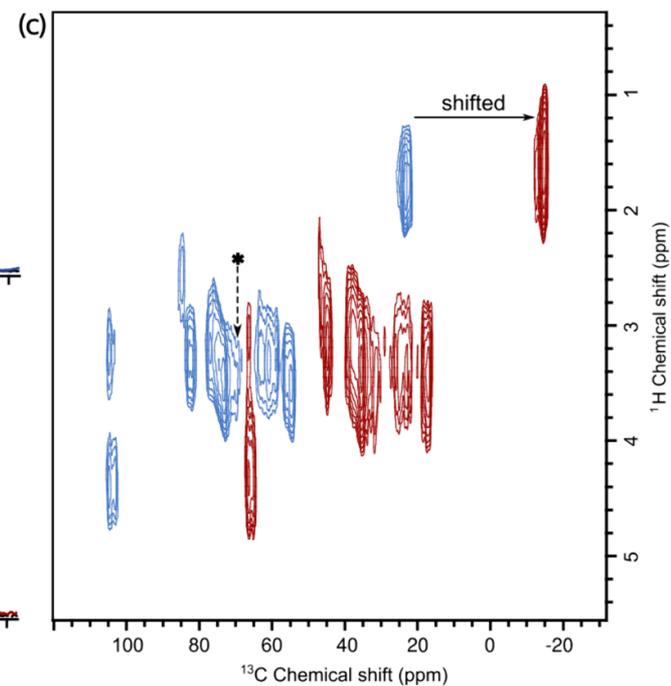
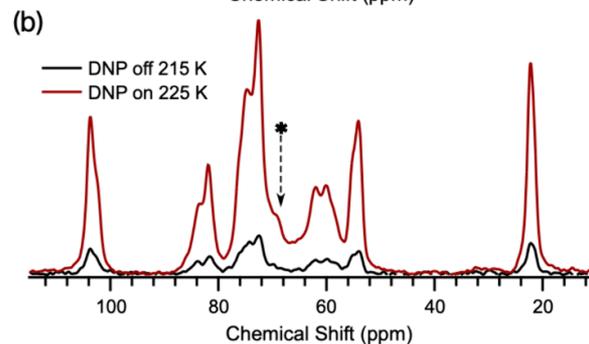
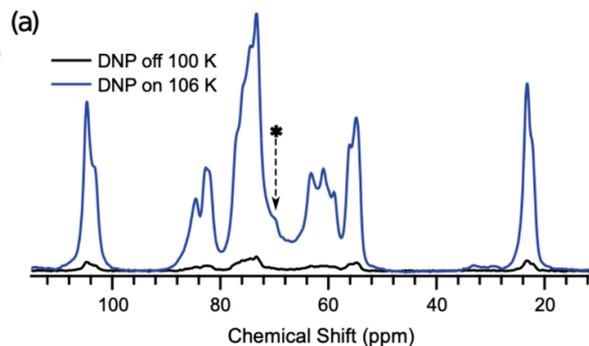
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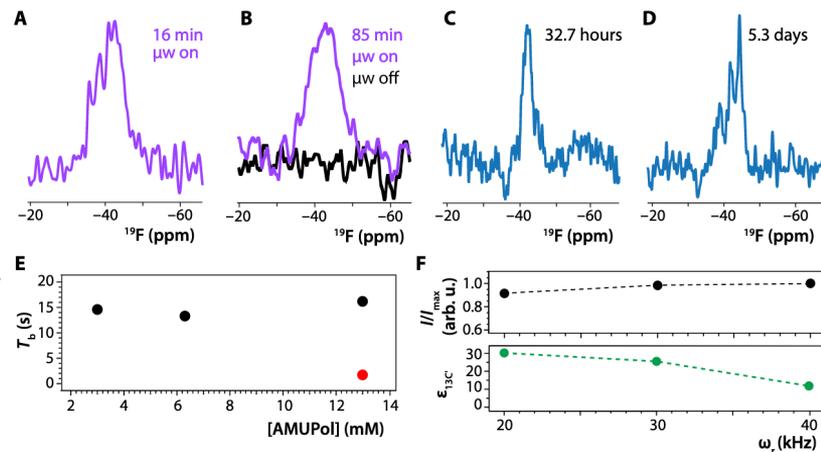
- Use glass matrices with high T_g
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- **We used sorbitol because it has small spectrum overlap**



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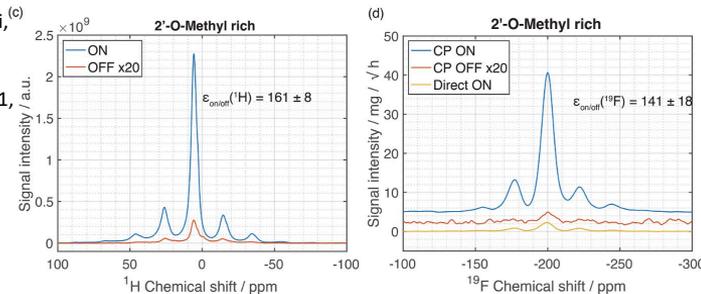
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 - Low temperature
 - High temperature
 - Access new isotopes → probe development
 - Bruker leads the way
 - NHMFL is funded for this
 - JEOL may be working on it
 - CEA Grenoble → for very low temp
 - ^{19}F
 - Very low gamma (e.g. ^{33}S)
 - Develop new protocols
 - Sample preparation
 - New biradicals
 - New mechanisms

K. T. Movellan, W. Zhu, D. Banks, J. Kempf, B. Runge, A. M. Gronenborn and T. Polenova, *Science Advances*, 2024, 10, eadq3115.



Direct ^{19}F DNP

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$^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^{19}\text{F}$ DNP
(likely the future)

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- Promising techniques
 - Combined with MAS and high field → 1993, Griffin – Temkin
 - First commercial setup in 2009 (400 MHz, 9.4 T)
 - MAS-DNP has allowed detection of surface properties with a very high sensitivity
 - Polarize protons, do CP to target nucleus
 - Broad range of applications:
 - Mesoporous Materials
 - MOF's
 - Nano/MesoCrystal
 - Used to enhance commonly studied isotopes
 - C, N, O, Si, Al
 - And more difficult ones Sn, Y, Ca...
 - Natural abundance is possible!
- Challenges
 - Sample preparation may be challenging.
 - Moderate thinking about it
 - Initial tests are easy
 - Further improvement needs some work

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M. Rosay

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