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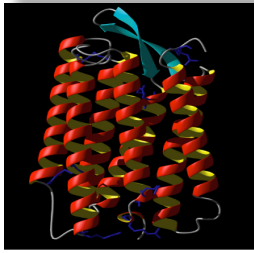
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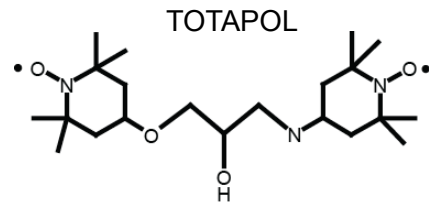
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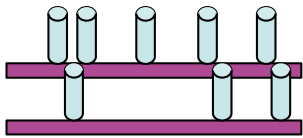
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# Sample Preparation



Cryoprotectant (e.g. glycerol)



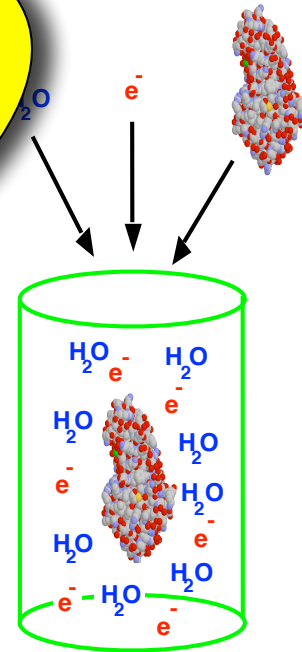
Purple membrane

**“DNP Juice”**  
 $d_8$ -glycerol/ $D_2O$ / $H_2O$   
 60:30:10

Cryoprotected sample

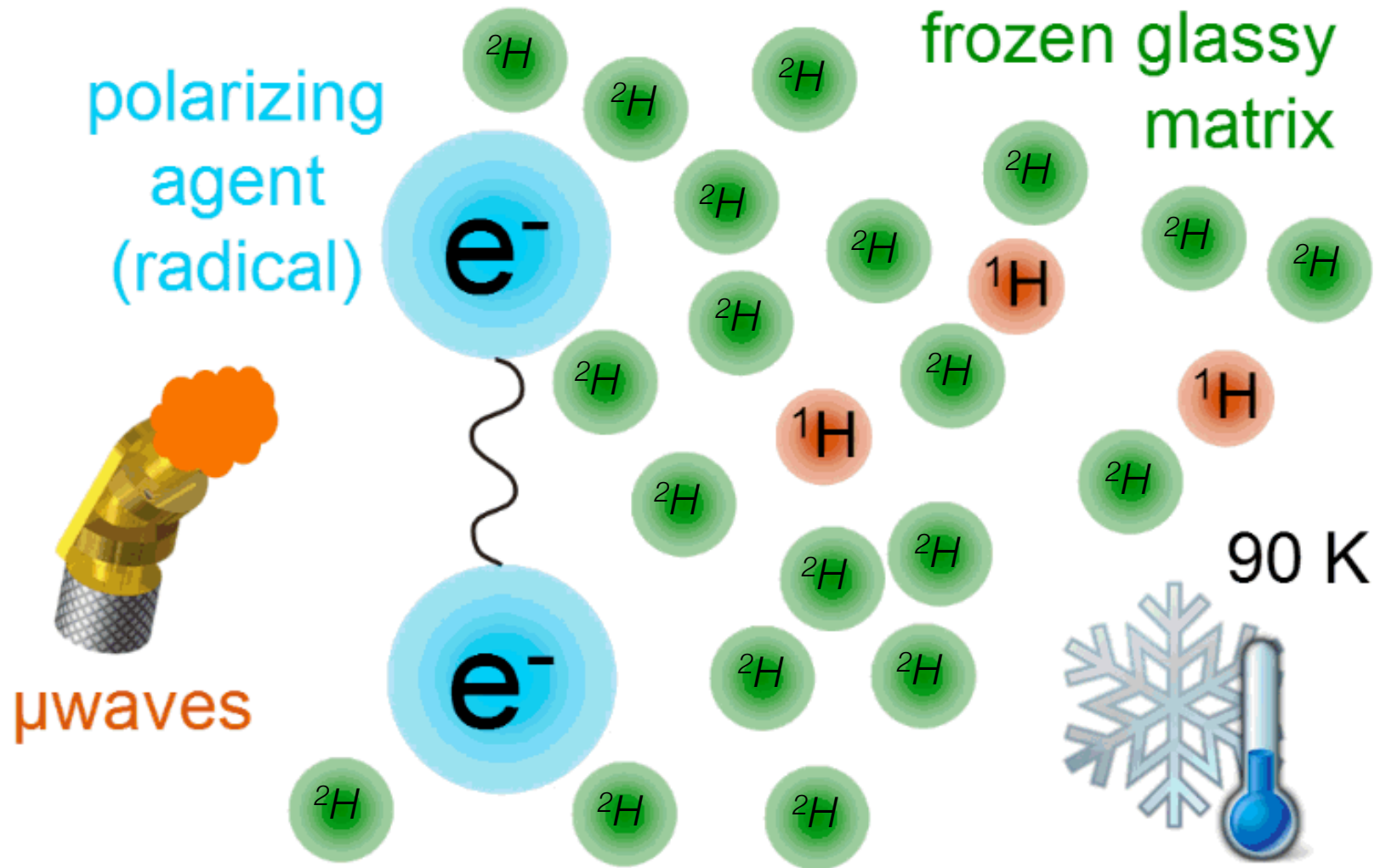
bacteriorhodopsin

Sedimented Proteins



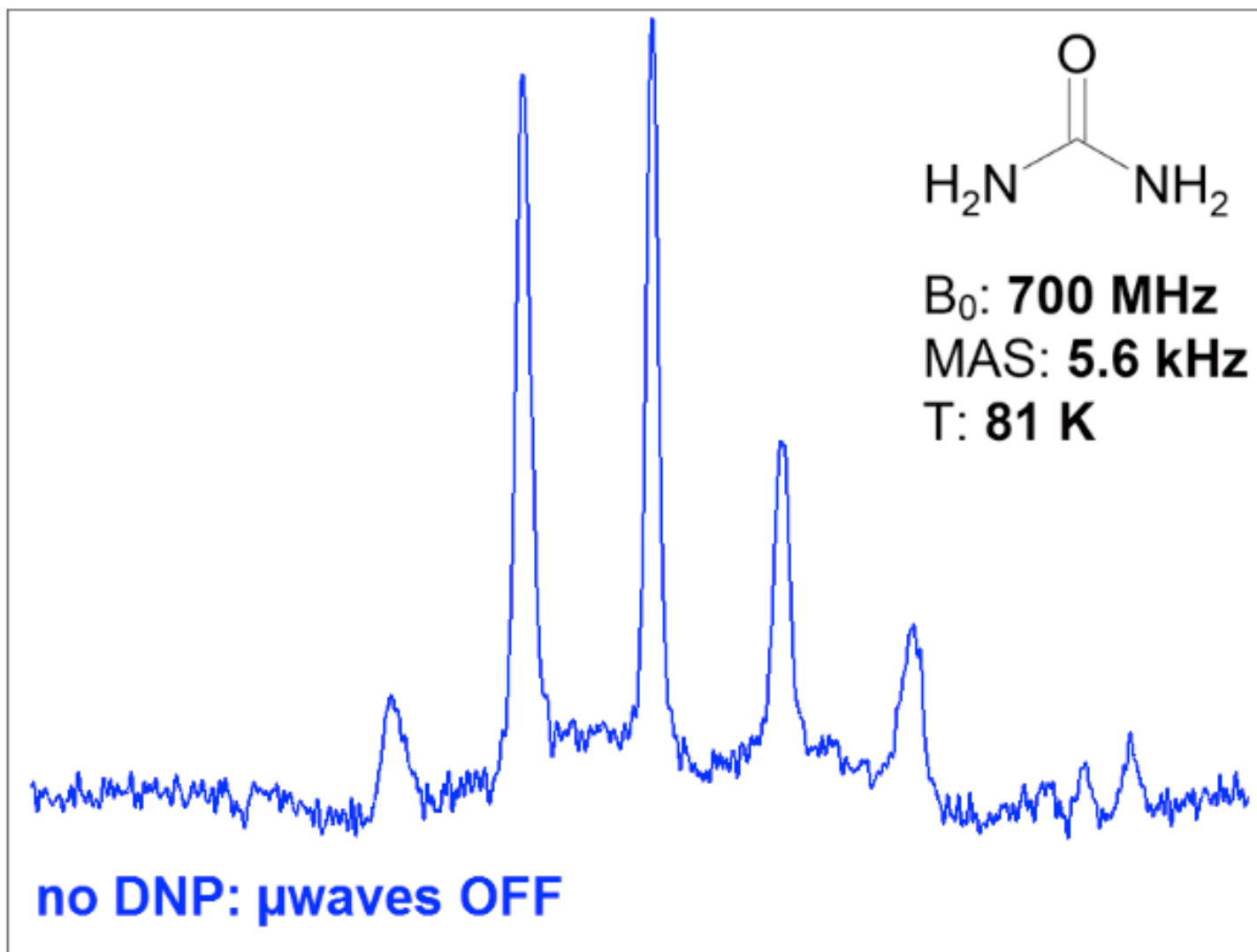
- TOTAPOL is soluble in water and stable
- Cryoprotection is critical to minimize inhomogeneous broadening
- Polarization diffuses throughout the macromolecule

# DNP in a Nonconducting Solid



- ◆ Requires microwaves and generally cryogenic temperatures

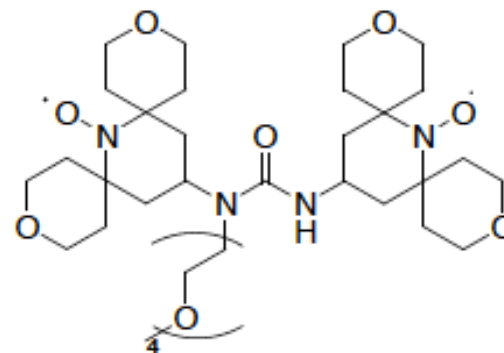
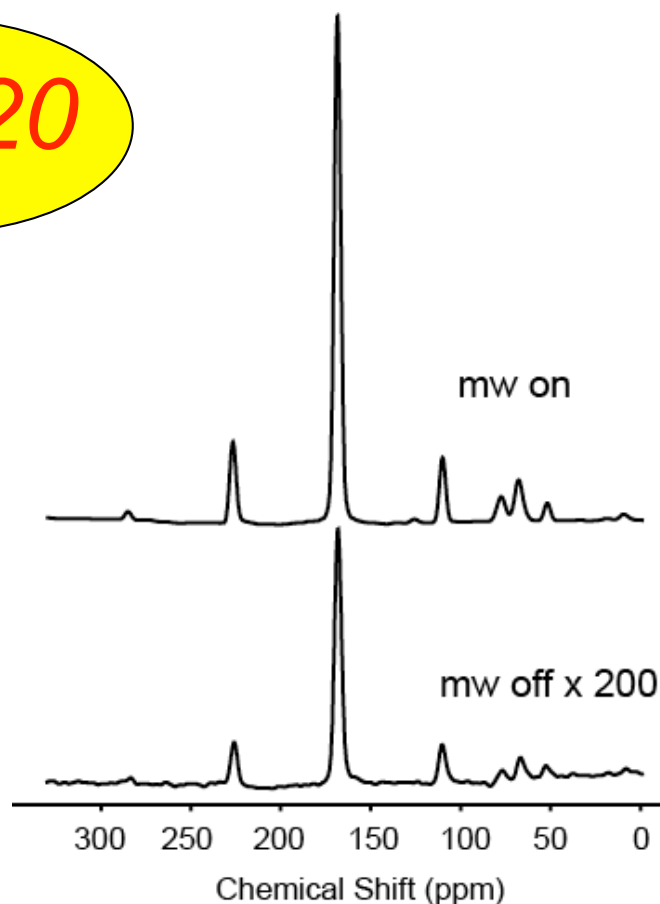
# DNP Sensitivity Enhancement



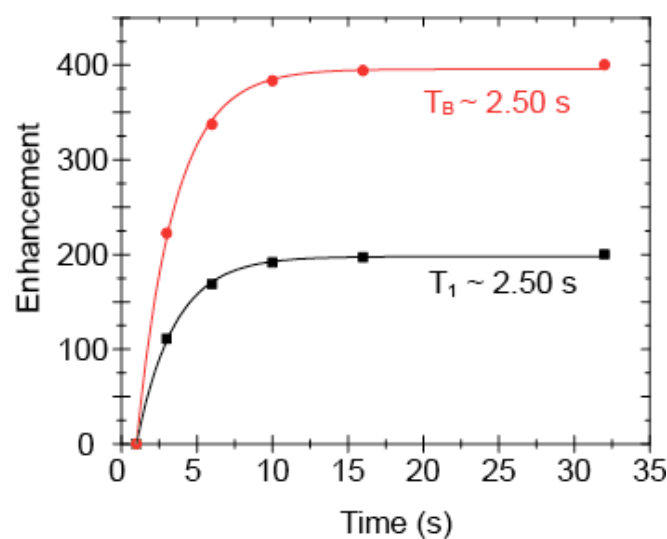
◆  $\epsilon = 40$ : DNP – 1 Day; no DNP – 4.38 years

*AMUPol Biradical*  
*Paul Tordo and Co.*  
*Aix Marseille Universite*

$\epsilon = 420$



35 MHz  
 $e^-e^-$   
 coupling



◆  $\epsilon = 420$ : DNP – 1 Day; no DNP – 483 years !

1M- $^{13}\text{C}$ -urea / 10 mM radical 60/30/10 (v/v/v)  
 380 MHz / 250 GHz - mw ~ 12 W  
 T=78 K,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  CPMAS, 5.5 kHz

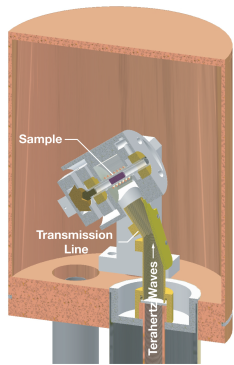
*Qing Zhe Ni*

# Components of a DNP System



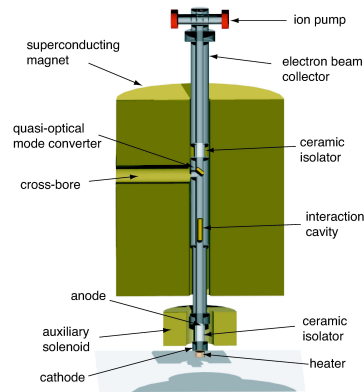
## DNP Components

Probe



Barnes, et al. (2009)

Gyrotron



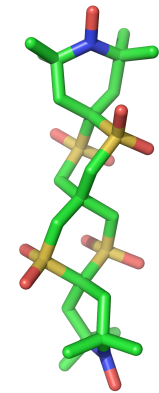
Bajaj, et al. (2007)  
Joye, et al., (2006)

Transmission Line



Woskow, et al. (2005)

Polarizing Agents



Song, et al. (2006)  
Matsuki, et al. (2009)

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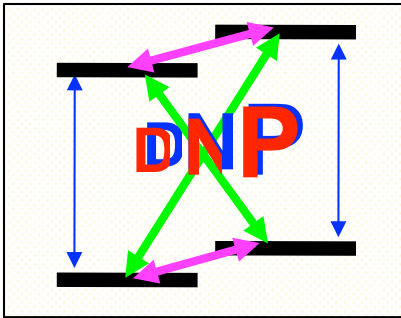
# Frequency Calibration

- NMR frequencies ---
  - generally refer to  $^1\text{H}$  frequencies
  - 42.577 MHz/Tesla
- EPR frequencies ---
  - dealing with  $g=2$  electrons
  - 28.0 GHz/Tesla

$$\left(\frac{\gamma_e}{\gamma_H}\right) = \left(\frac{2800}{42.577}\right) = 657$$

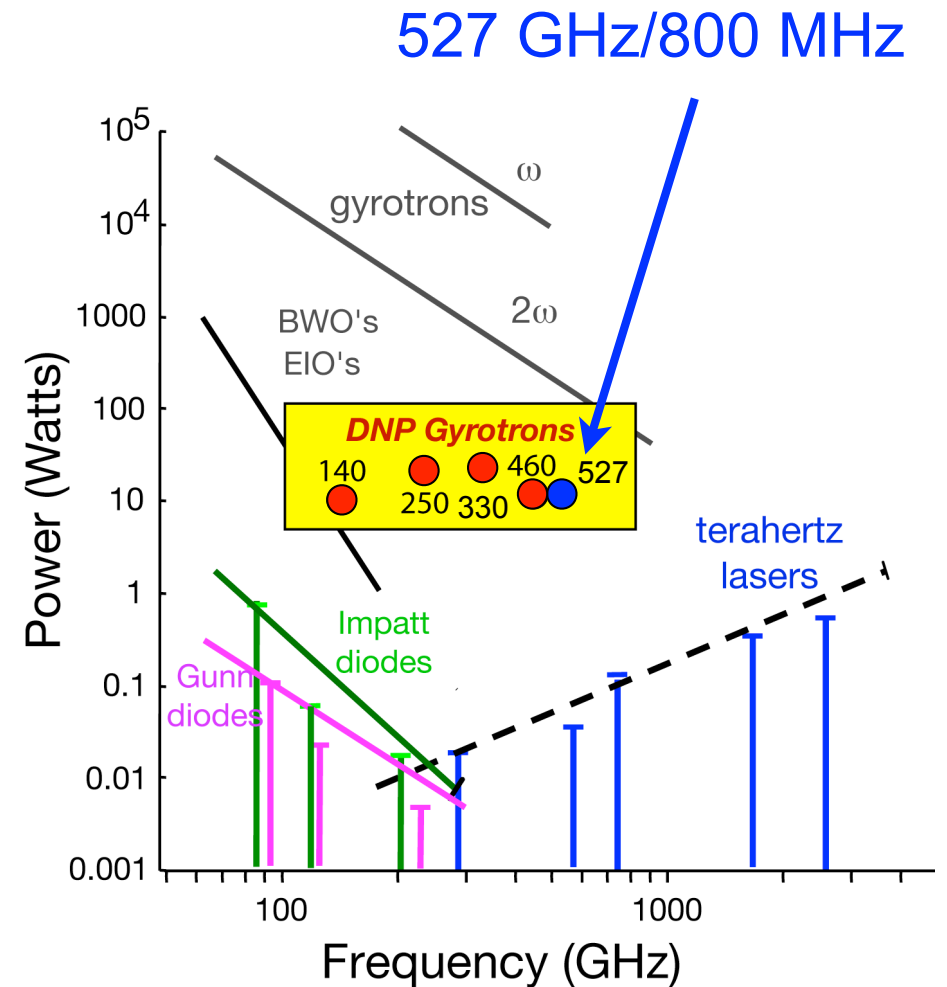
Magnetic Field (Tesla)	$^1\text{H}$ NMR Frequency (MHz)	$g=2$ EPR Frequency (GHz)
5	211	140
8.93	380	250
14.09	600	395
16.44	700	460
18.79	800	527
>28.18	>1200	>790



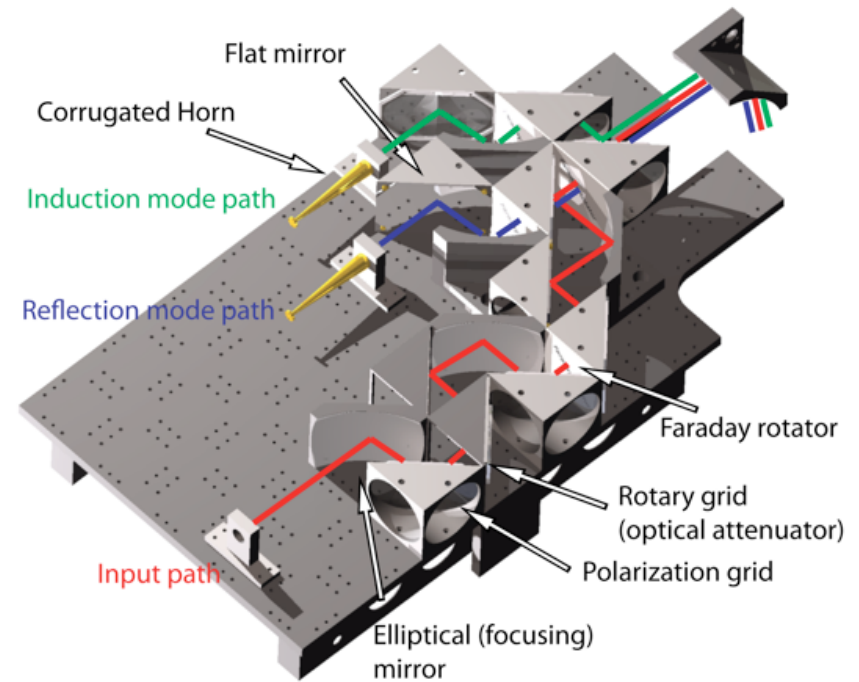
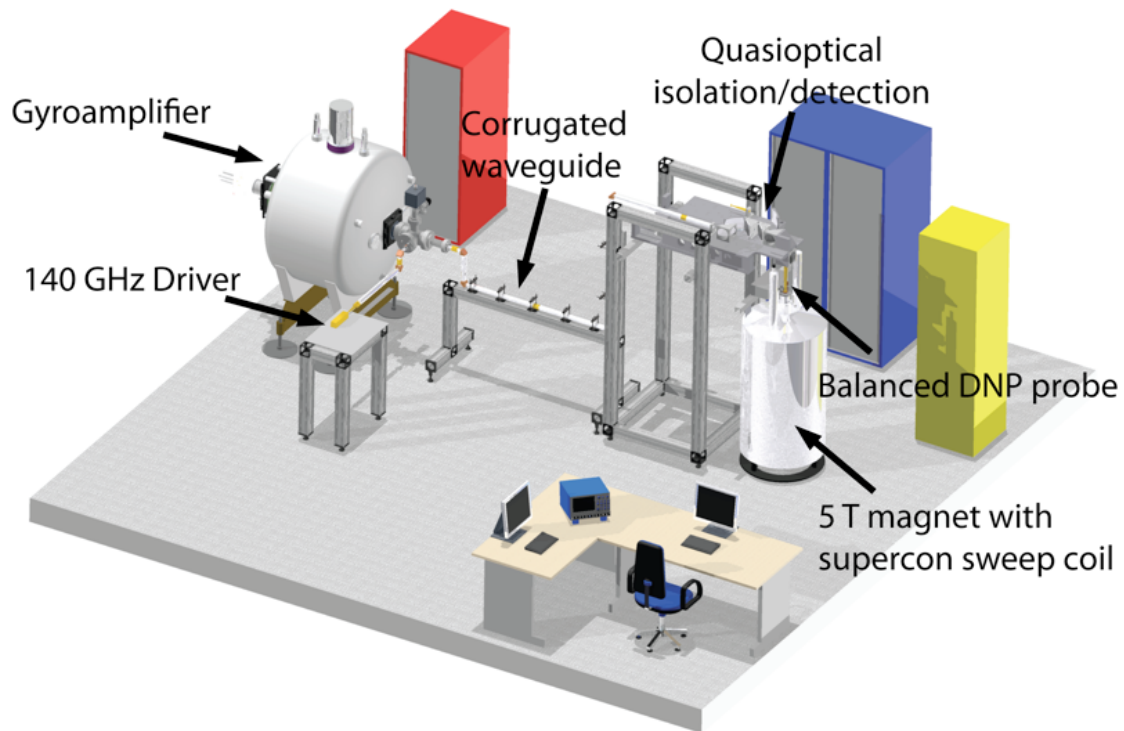


## High Frequency Microwave Sources for Dynamic Nuclear Polarization

- Gyrotrons provide 10-100 watts of CW power
- Long lifetimes -- no slow wave structure
- Frequency coverage up to 1 THz
- Diodes -- short lifetimes and low output power
- Commercial availability -- presently up to 800 MHz /527 GHz !
- **900 MHz /573 GHz ordered by EPFL !**

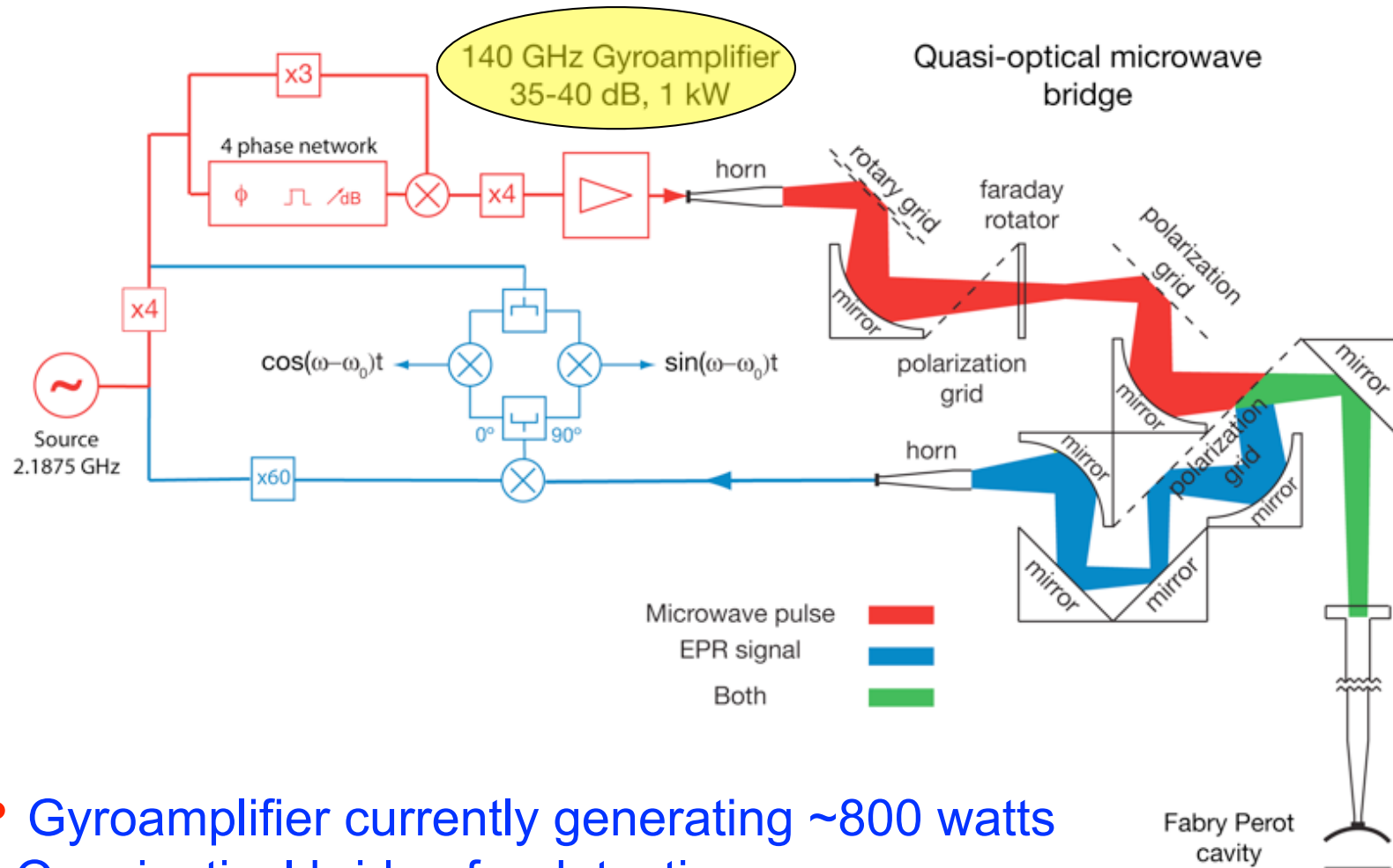


# *Time Domain DNP Spectrometer (of the future)*



- Gyroamplifier, corrugated waveguide, NMR and EPR consoles
- Quasi-optic network --  $\lambda \sim 2.14$  mm (140 GHz) to 0.57 mm (527 GHz)
- Ernst and coworkers -- time domain NMR !

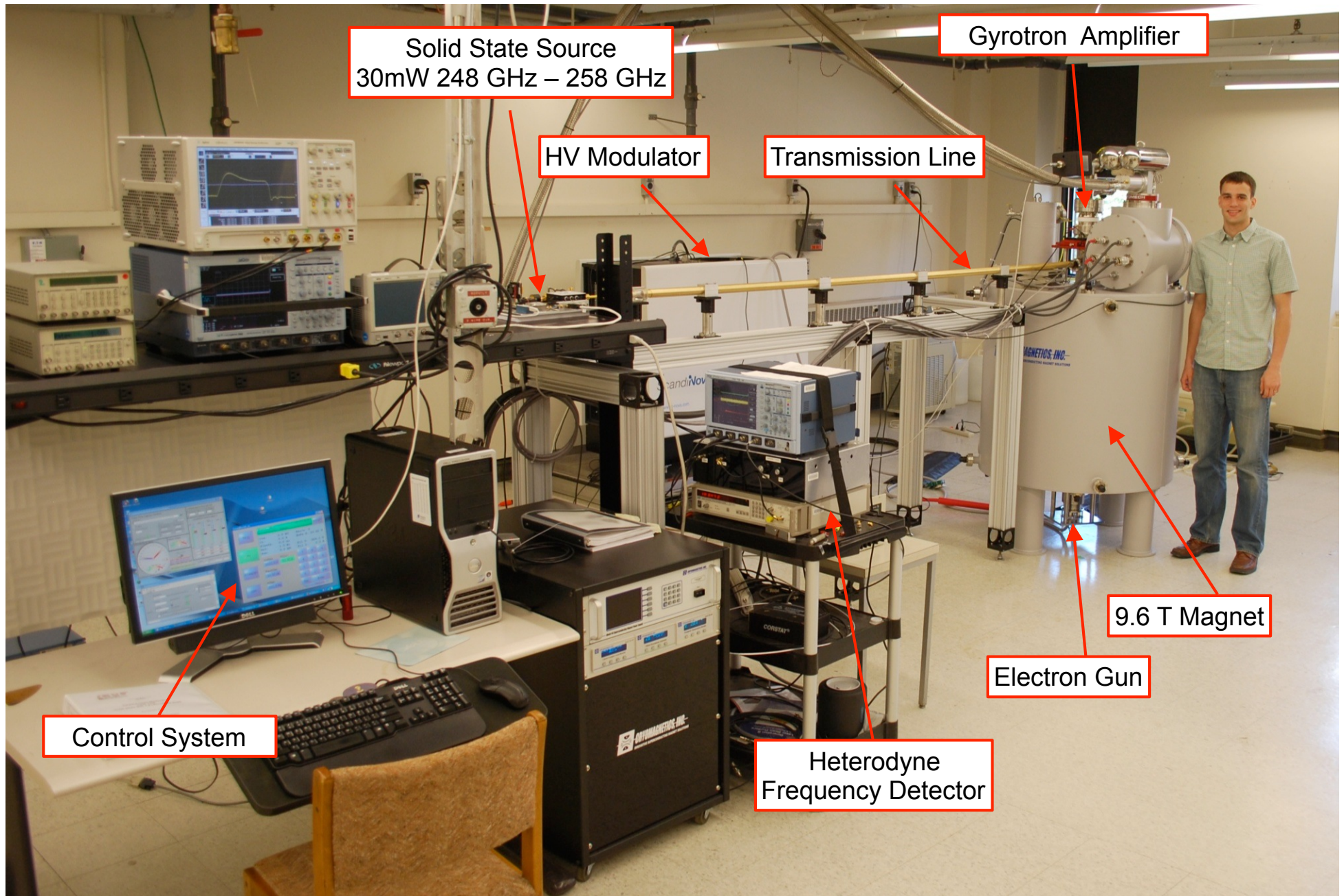
# 140 GHz Pulsed DNP Spectrometer Gyro-Amplifier



- Gyroamplifier currently generating ~800 watts
- Quasioptical bridge for detection
- Time domain DNP -- no field dependence
- Experimental flexibility

Andy Smith and Bjoern Corzilius

# 250 GHz Amplifier for Pulsed DNP



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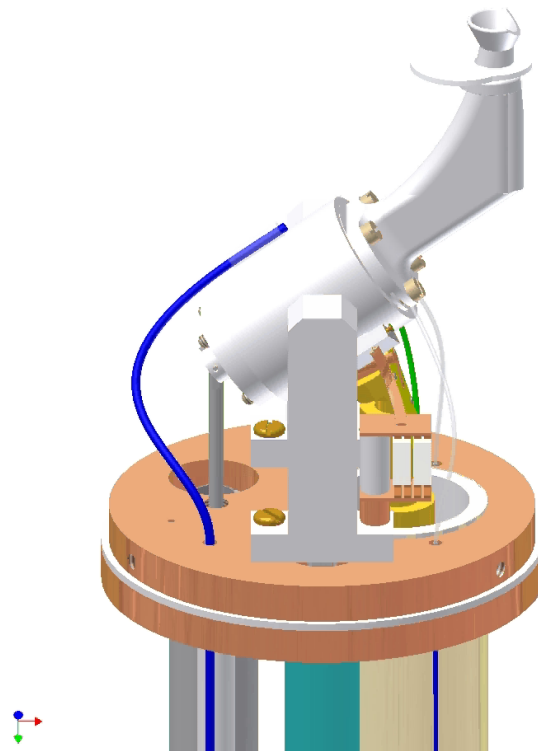
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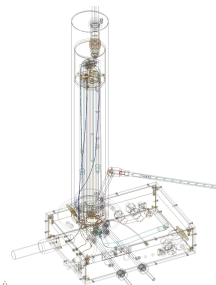
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# Quadruple Resonance DNP/MAS Probe w/ Optical Irradiation of the Sample



Barnes, et. al. JMR (2009)

- Quadruple resonance --  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ , and  $e^-$
- *Routine* low temperature spinning at 85-90 K,  $\omega_r/2\pi \sim 10$  kHz
- Optical irradiation (532/650 nm) of samples to generate photochemical intermediates



# Cambridge Instruments DNP Cryogenic MAS Probe

Challenges for cryogenic sample exchange:

- Magic angle adjustment
- Limited space
- Seals at low temperature
- Physical restrictions under the magnet
- Prevent damage to rotor

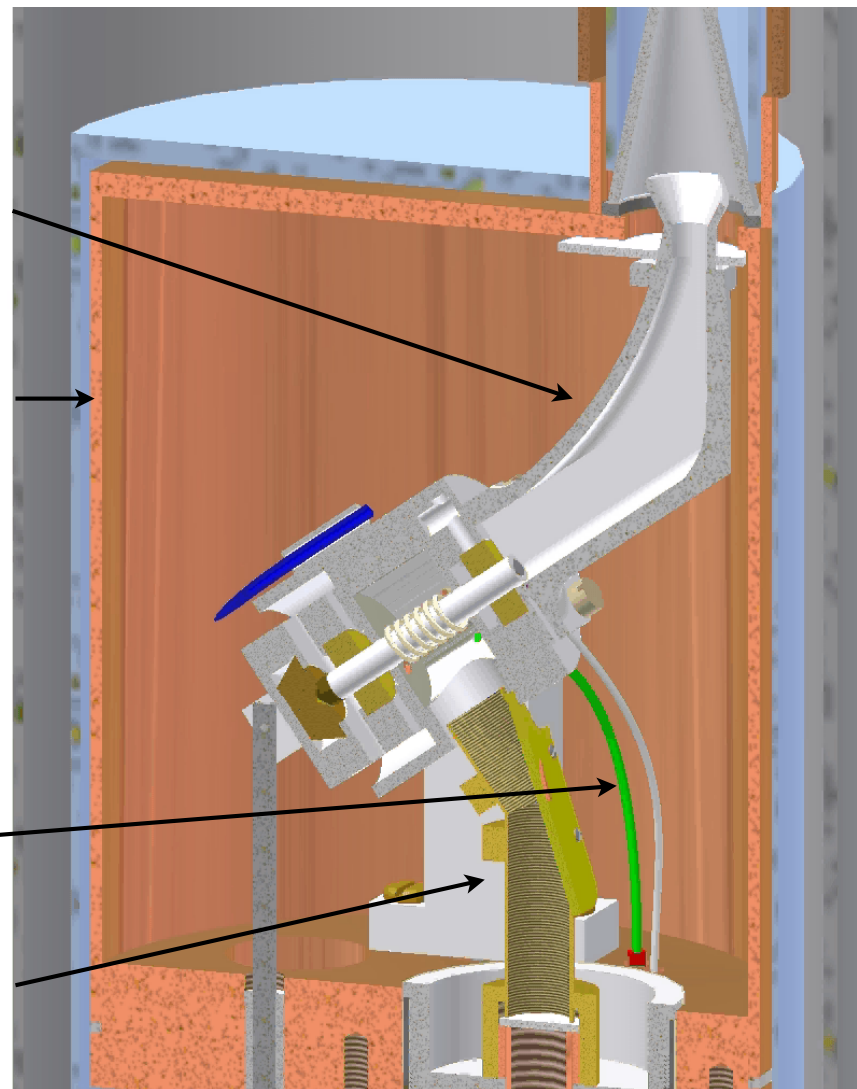
*Alexander Barnes*

Sample eject

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Optic fiber

Waveguide



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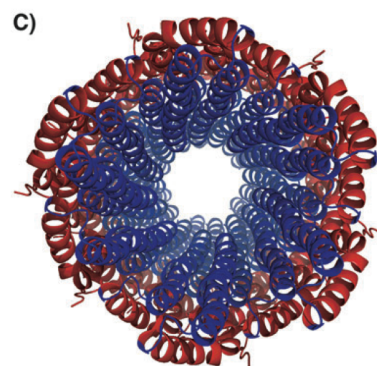
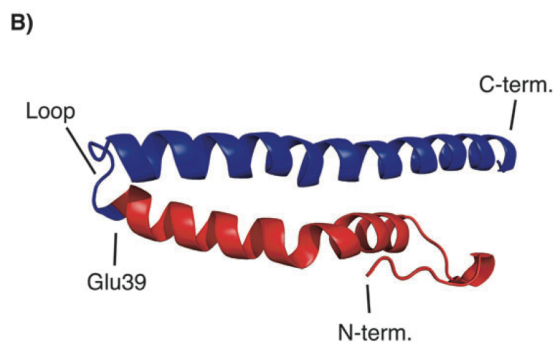
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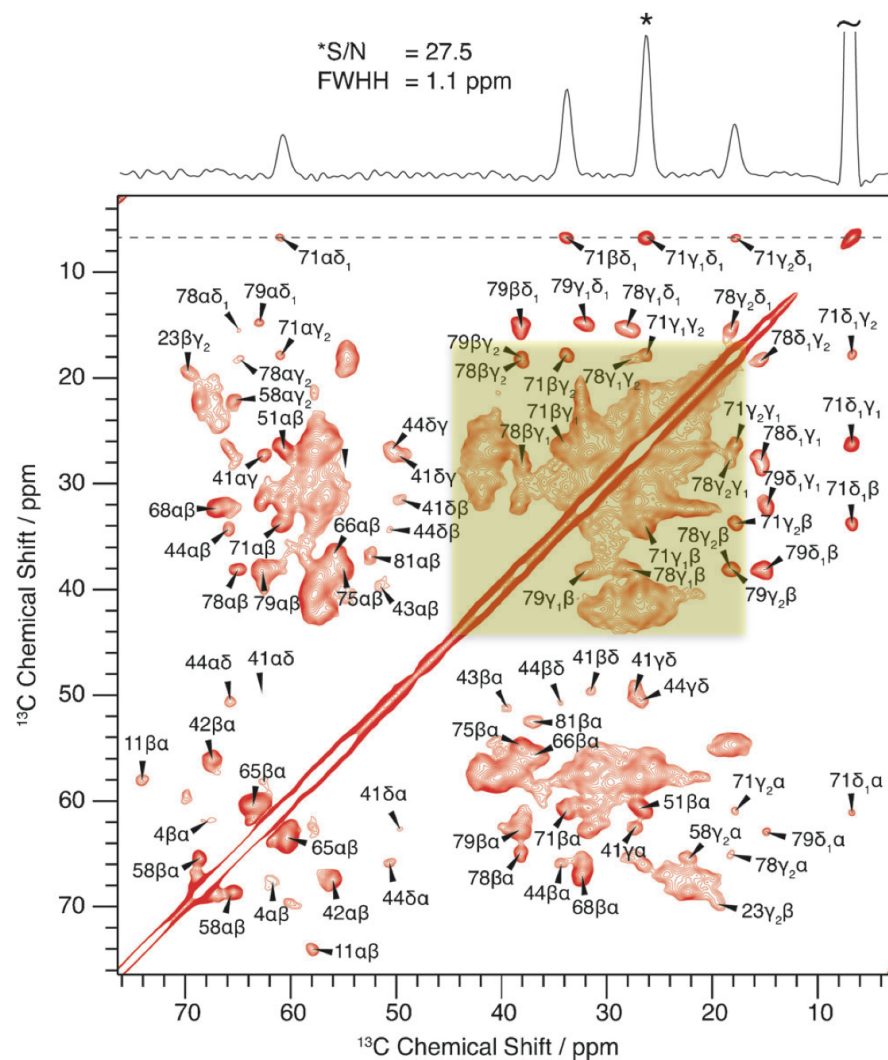


# Adam Lange's Needles

## MxiH Protein in T3SS Needles

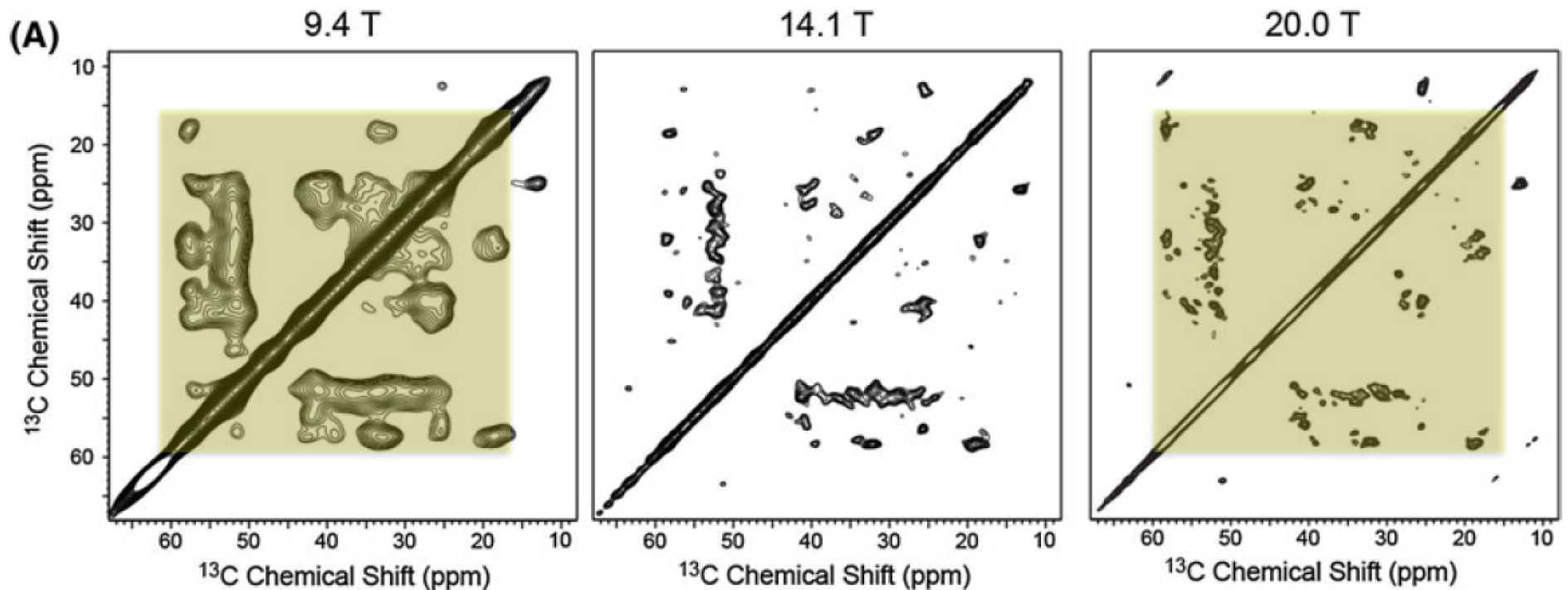


- 600 MHz/395 GHz
- $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  -PDSD,  $\epsilon=20$
- Resolution of  $\sim 1$  ppm
- 3D NCC spectra



# Bernd's A $\beta$ 1-40

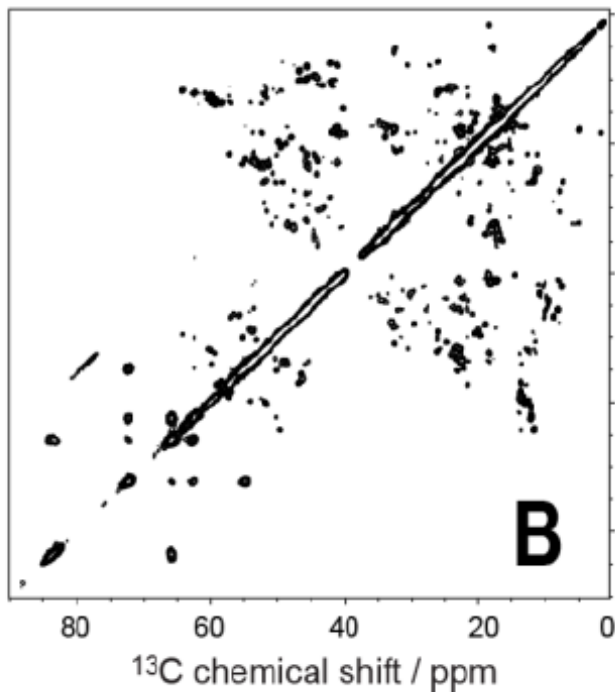
## 400, 600 and 850 MHz



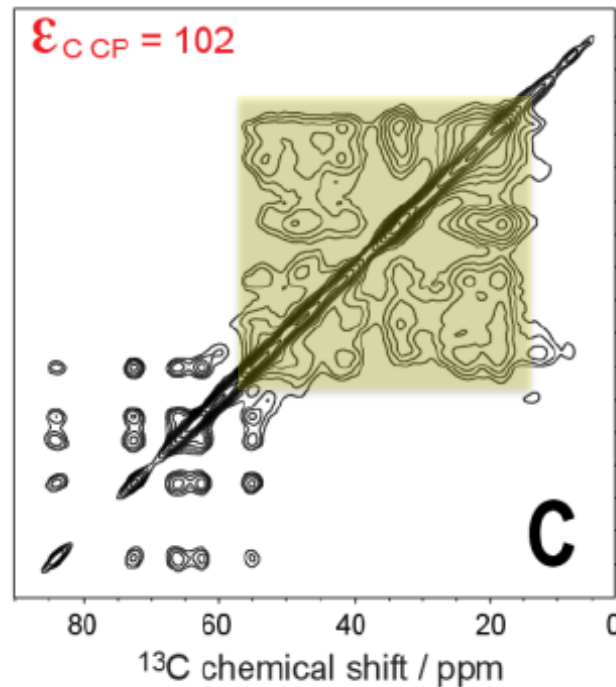
- *Resolution increases at higher fields !*

# Anne, Guido and Lyndon's Virus Particle 400 and 800 MHz

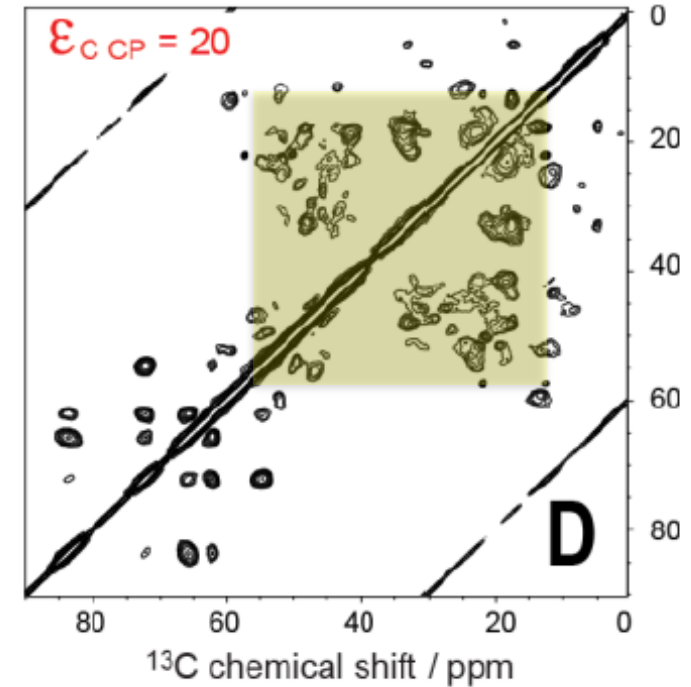
Conventional NMR @ 800 MHz



DNP NMR @ 400 MHz



DNP NMR @ 800 MHz



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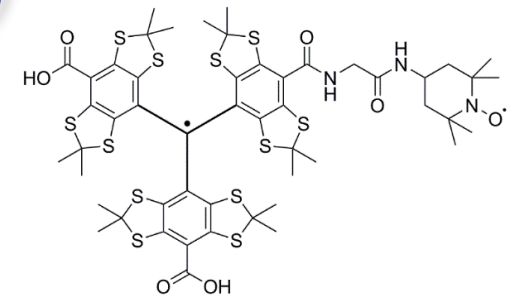
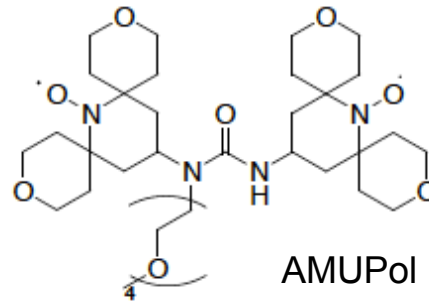
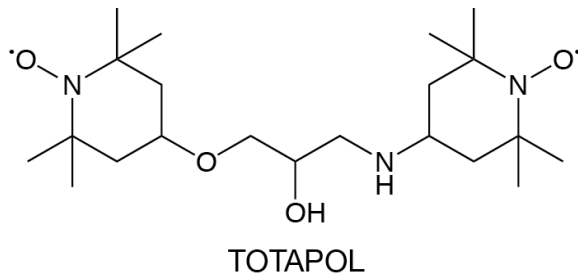
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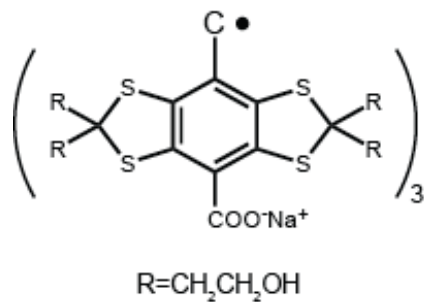
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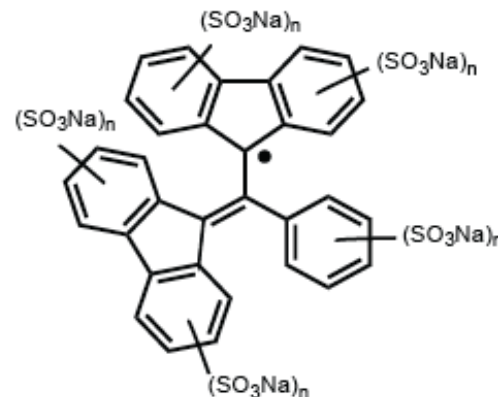


TEMTriPol

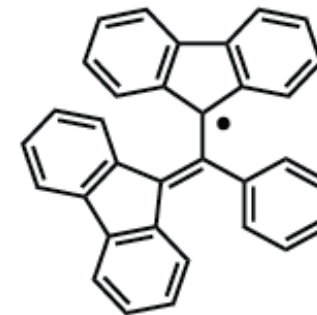
Monoradicals -- Solid and Overhauser Effect --  $\Delta=25-60$  MHz



trityl (OX063)

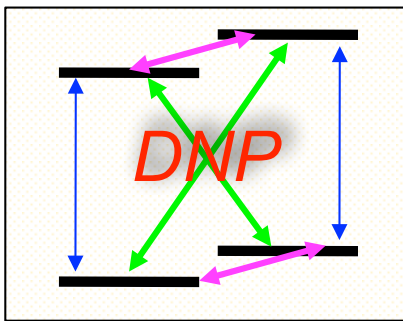


SA-BDPA



BDPA





# Cross Effect DNP

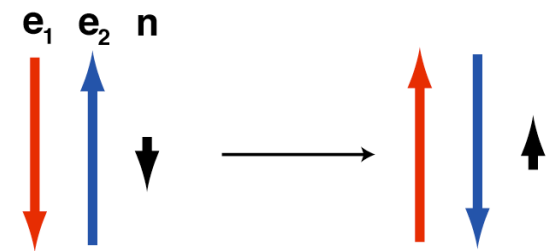
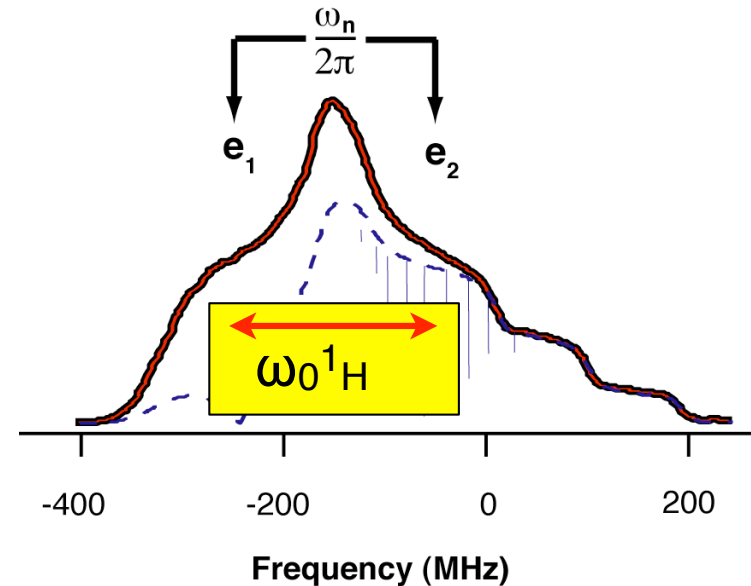
- Inhomogeneously broadened EPR spectrum so that

$$\Delta > \omega_{0l} > \delta$$

$$600 \text{ MHz} > 211 \text{ MHz} > 5 \text{ MHz}$$

- CE is a three spin processes involving a coupled electron spin system -- flip two electrons and a nuclear spin.
- CE is inefficient since only a fraction of the spins in a powder have the *correct distance and relative orientations* to contribute to DNP !

$$\omega_{2e^-} - \omega_{1e^-} = \omega_n$$

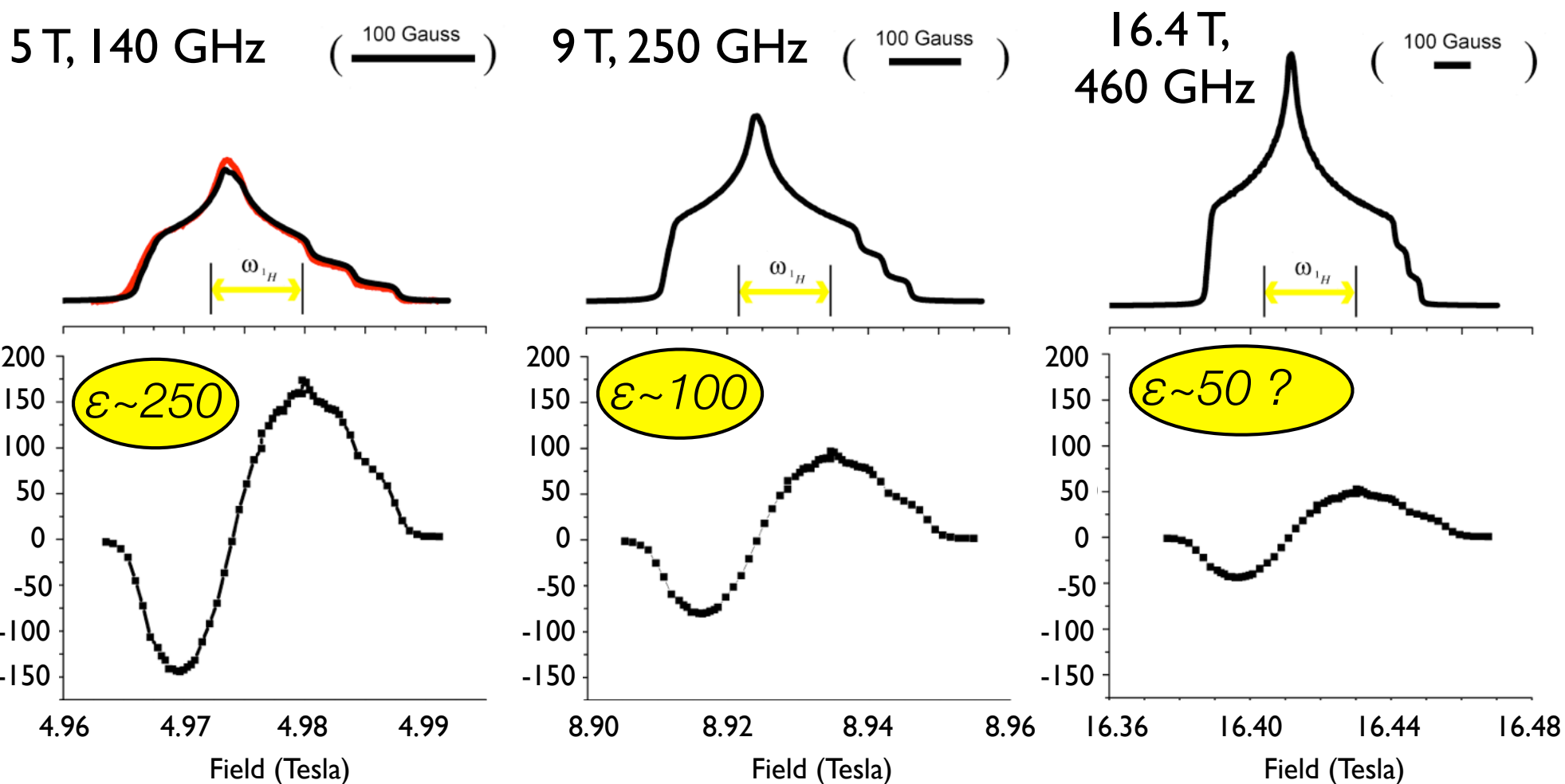


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Kan Hu, Ph.D. 2007

# DNP Field Profiles and Cross Effect Scaling

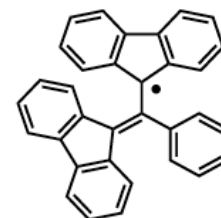
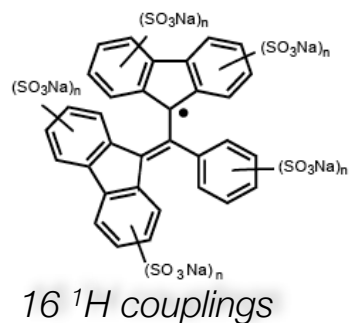
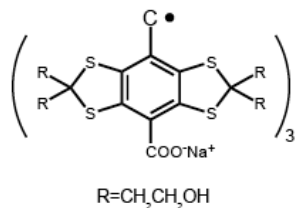


- Field profile reflects the shape of the EPR spectrum
- Lower enhancements at higher field ( $1/\omega_0$ )

Hu, et al., *J. Chem. Physics* **128**, 052302 (2008)  
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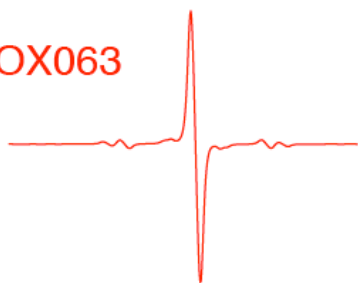
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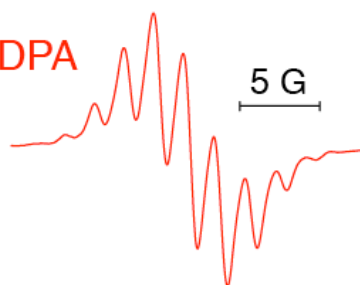
9 GHz EPR spectra

Trityl-OX063

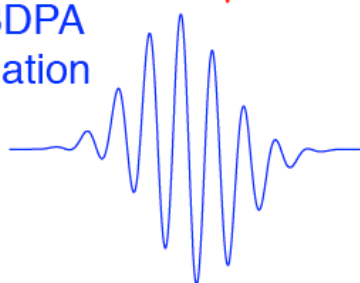


No  $^1\text{H}$  couplings

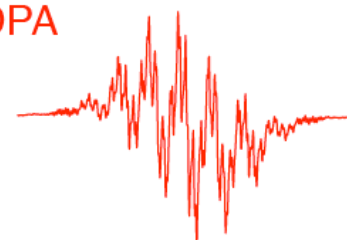
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SA-BDPA Simulation



BDPA

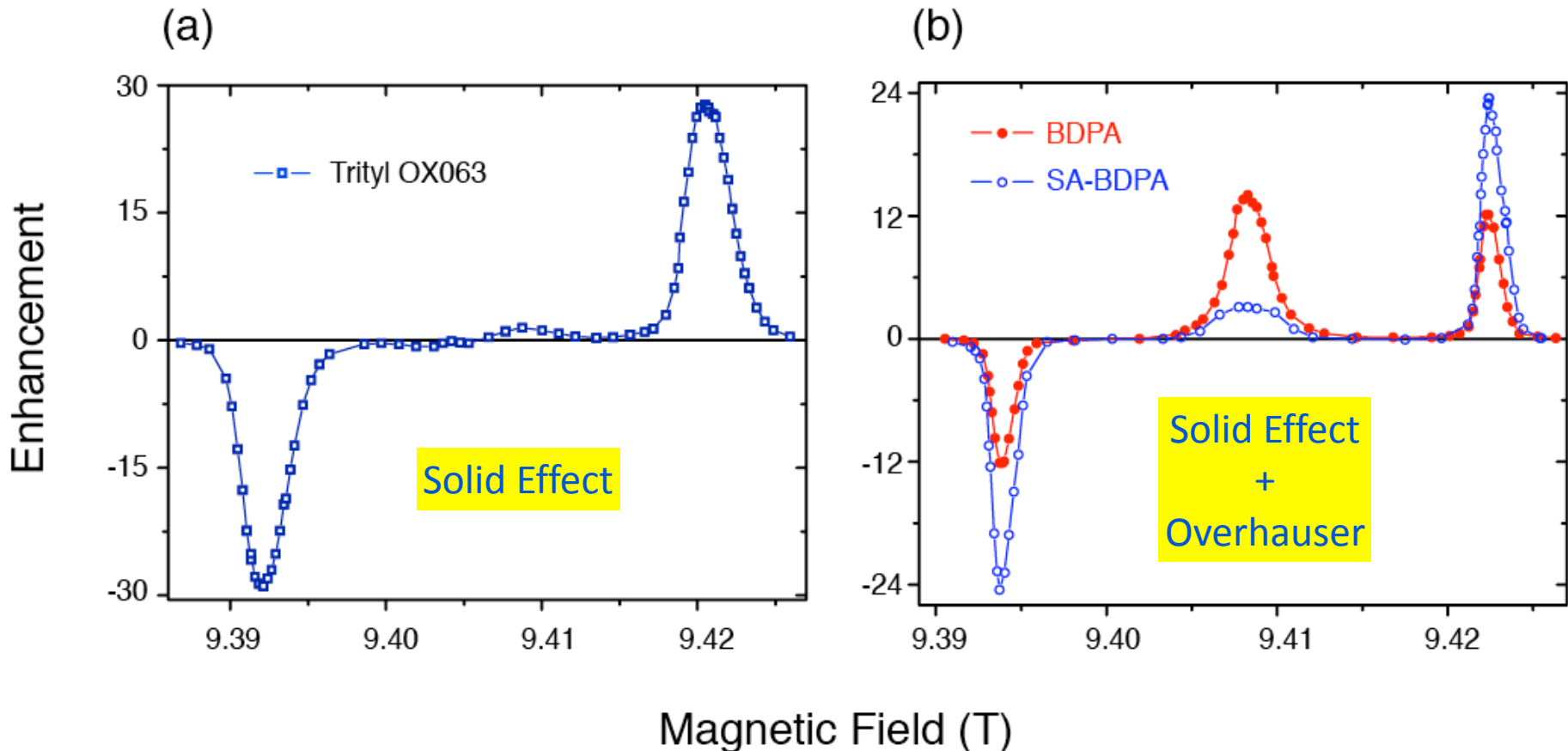


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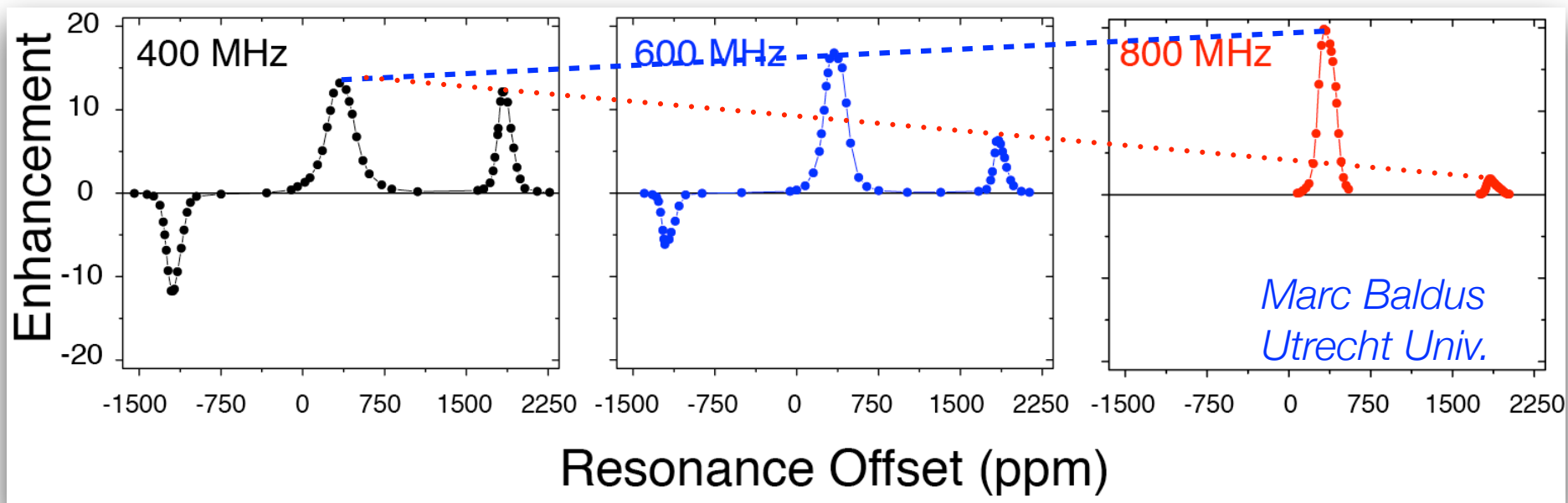


# Solid and Overhauser Effects @ 400 MHz/263 GHz



- Small Overhauser enhancement for SA-BDPA
- Well developed transition for BDPA
- *Field dependence ? Increase or decrease ?*

# Overhauser Effect vs. $\omega_0$

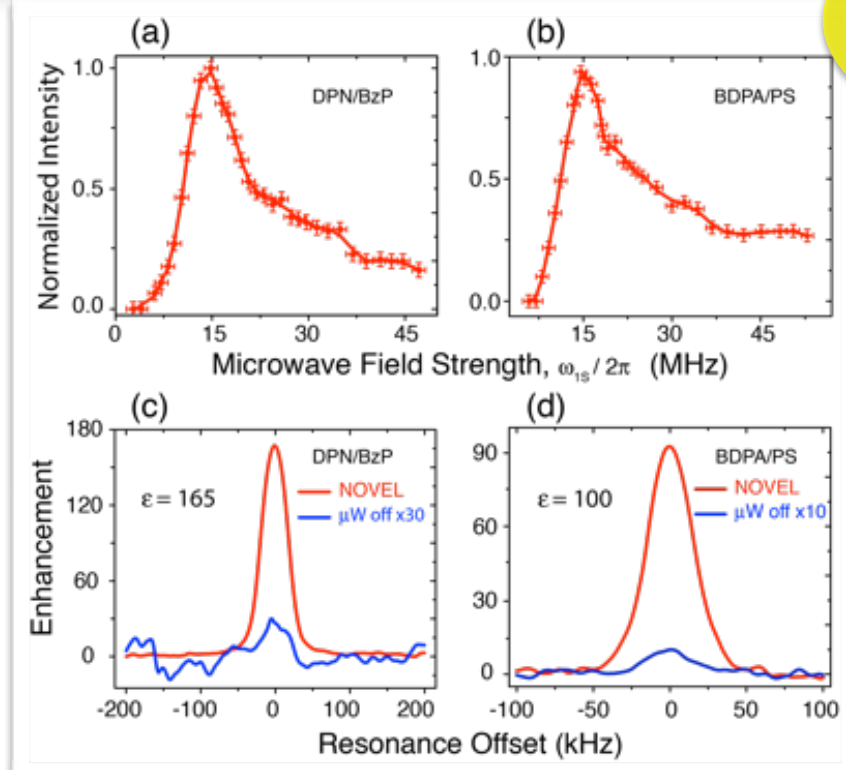
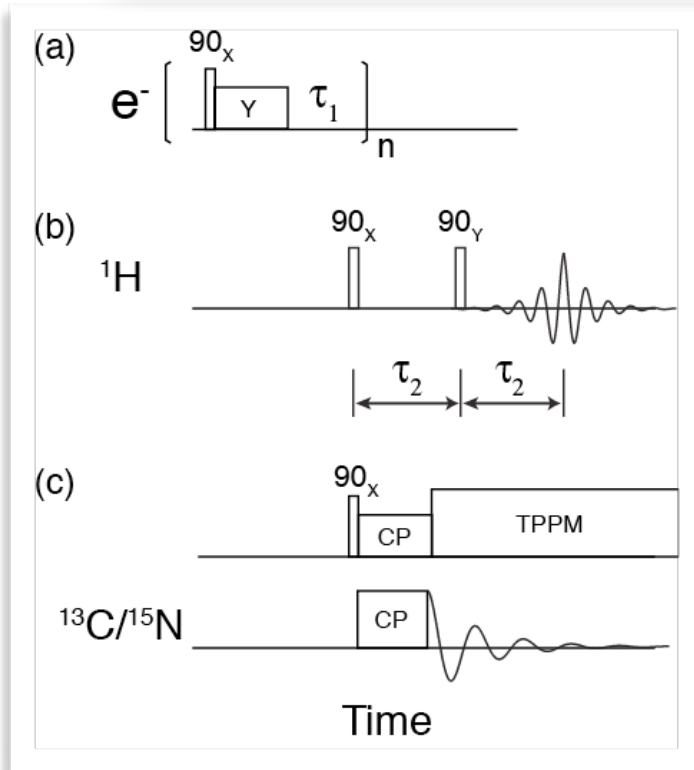


- Overhauser effects commonly scale  $\omega_0^{-n}$
- Solid effect scales  $\epsilon_0 \sim \omega_0^{-2}$
- Overhauser effect scales  $\sim (\epsilon_0 + k'\omega_0)$  [rather than  $\omega_0^{-n}$ ]

# Microwave Field Profiles

## NOVEL - $\omega_{01} = \omega_{1S}$

$\epsilon \sim 300$



- NOVEL matching condition --  $\omega_{01} = \omega_{1S}$
- Lab frame/rotating frame matching -- Z-polarization
- Should not manifest a  $B_0$  dependence !

T=300 K



*Thank you  
for  
your attention!*