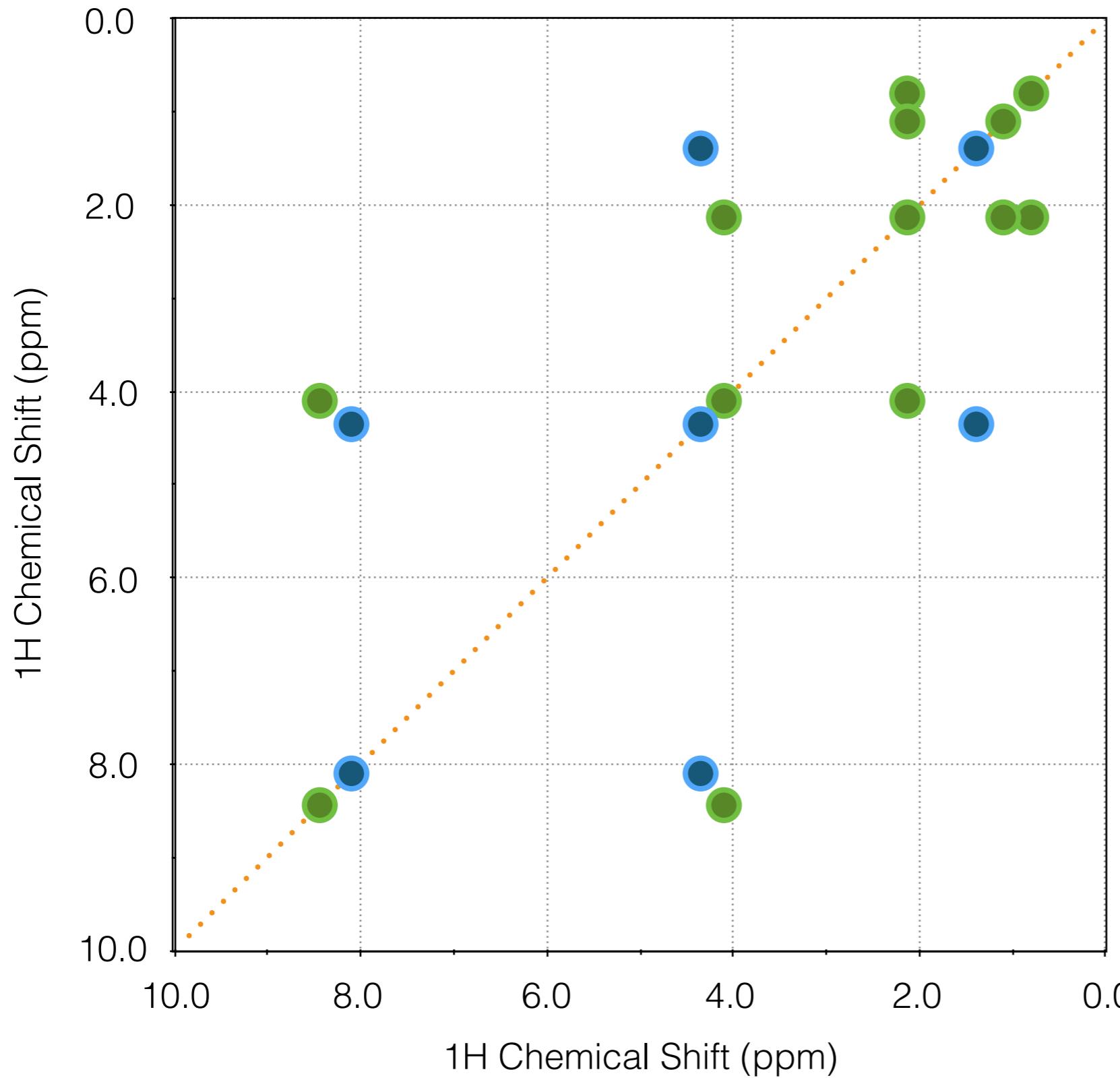


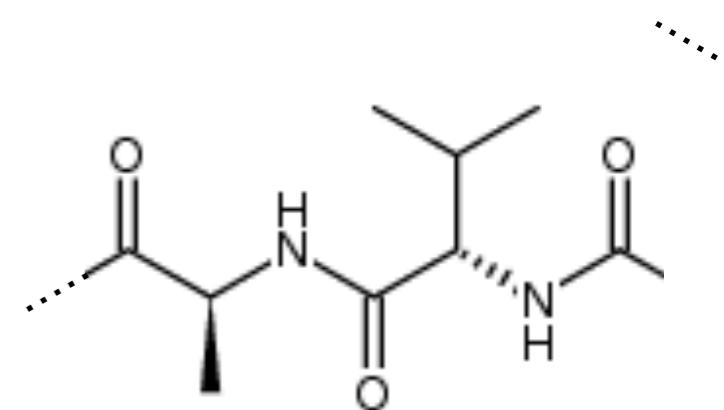
# Summary of Cornerstone 2D NMR Experiments

Name:	Correlation by:
EXSY (NOESY)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ exchange
COSY (DQF-COSY)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ Scalar Couplings (directly coupled spins only)
TOCSY	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ Scalar Couplings (whole spin system)
HSQC / HMQC	$^1\text{H}$ - $X$ $^1\text{J}_{\text{HX}}$ Scalar couplings ( $X = ^{13}\text{C}, ^{15}\text{N}, ^{31}\text{P}, ^{29}\text{Si} \dots$ )

# Summary of Cornerstone 2D NMR Experiments

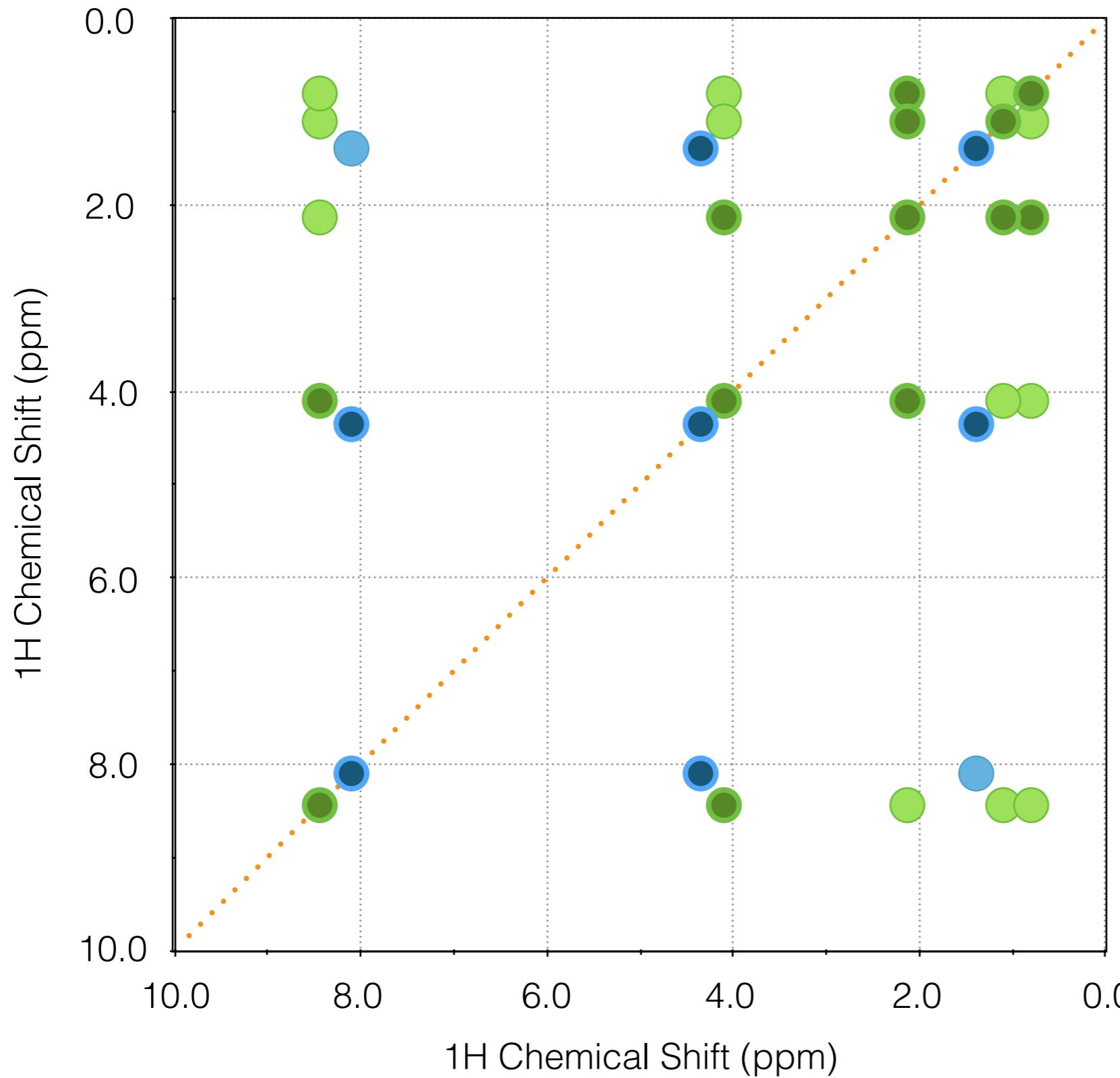


DQF-COSY  
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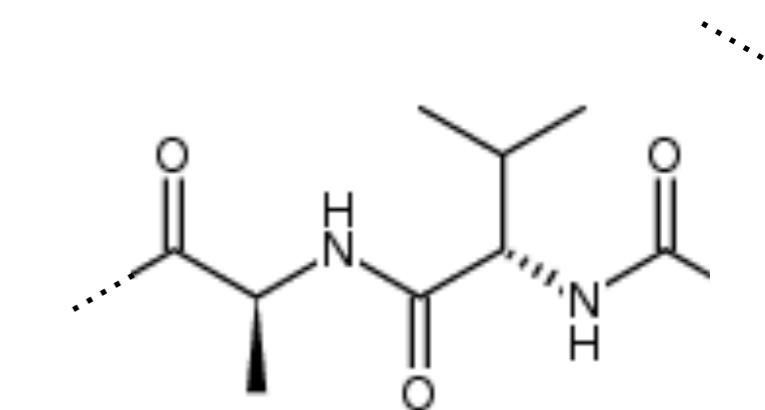


(example of schematic  
connections expected for  
a valine-alanine fragment  
in a protein)

# Summary of Cornerstone 2D NMR Experiments



TOCSY  
(all connections within a  
coupled spin system)



(example of schematic  
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a valine-alanine fragment  
in a protein)

# The Tip of the Iceberg....

TABLE V  
TWO-, THREE-, AND FOUR-DIMENSIONAL NMR EXPERIMENTS

Experiment class <sup>a</sup> (X = C or N)	Experiment <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
$(t_1, t_2) = (\text{H}, \text{H})$	COSY	(1)
	RELAY	(2)
	HOHAHA-TOCSY	(3)
	NOESY	(4)
	ROESY	(5)
	DEPT-HMQC	(23)
	DEPT-HMQC filtered TOCSY	(23)
	HOHAHA-NOESY	(6)
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{H}, \text{H}, \text{H})$	HMQC	(7)
$(t_1, t_2) = (\text{X}, \text{H})$	HSQC	(8)
	CT-HSQC	(9)
	HSMQC	(10)
	HMBC	(11)
	HETERO-RELAY	(12)
	HETERO-NOE	(13)
	H-X EXCSY	(14)
$(t_1, t_2) = (\text{C}, \text{C})$	CC-DQC	(15, 16)
	CC-COSY	(16)
	XX-EXCSY	(14)
$(t_1, t_2) = (\text{N}, \text{C})$	CN-MBC	(17)
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{H}, \text{X}, \text{H})/(\text{X}, \text{H}, \text{H})$	NOESY-HMQC	(18)
	HOHAHA-HMQC	(19)
	SE-TOCSY-HSQC	(20)
	SE-HSQC-TOCSY	(20)
	SE-NOESY-HMQC	(20)
	SE-NOESY-HSQC	(20)
	HMQC-TOCSY	(21)
	<sup>15</sup> N-TOCSY-NOESY	(22)
	<sup>15</sup> N-NOESY-TOCSY	(22)
	DEPT-TOCSY	(23)
	HMQC-COSY (gradient)	(24)
	NOESY-HMQC (gradient)	(25)
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{H}, \text{C}, \text{H})$	HCCH-COSY	(26)
	CT-HCCH-COSY	(27)
	HCCH-TOCSY	(26)
	HCCH-TOCSY (gradient)	(28)
	H(CA)CO-TOCSY	(29)
	H(CA)CO-COSY	(29)
	(HCA)CO-CBHB	(29)
	HA[CAN]HN	(30)

TABLE V (continued)

Experiment class <sup>a</sup> (X = C or N)	Experiment <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{C}, \text{C}, \text{H})$	HCACO	(31)
	CT-HCACO	(32)
	C TOCSY-REVINEPT	(33)
	H(N)CACO	(34)
	<sup>13</sup> C- <sup>13</sup> C correlations	(35)
	CBCACOHA (gradient)	(36)
	CBCACOHA-TOCSY	(37)
	HNCO	(31)
	CT-HNCO	(38)
	HNCA	(31, 39)
	CT-HNCA	(38)
	HN(CO)CA	(40, 41)
	CT-HN(CO)CA	(38)
	CT-HN(CA)CO	(42)
	HNCO (gradient)	(43)
	HCA(CO)N	(31)
	CT-HCA(CO)N	(32, 44)
	CBCA(CO)NH	(45)
	HNCACB	(46)
	HC(CO)NH-TOCSY	(47)
	HC(C)NH-TOCSY	(48)
	HA(CA)NNH	(49)
	HN(CA)HA-GLY	(50)
	HBHA(CO)NH	(51)
	H(CCO)NH-TOCSY	(47)
	HN(CA)NNH	(52)
	HA[CAN]HN	(30)
	<sup>15</sup> N/ <sup>15</sup> N edited <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(53)
	HN(CA)NNH	(52)
	HN(CA)HA	(54)
	HN(COCA)HA	(55)
	<sup>13</sup> C/ <sup>15</sup> N-edited <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(56)
	HNCAHA	(57)
	HN(CO)CAHA	(57)
	HCANNH	(58)
	HCC(CO)NNH	(59)
	<sup>13</sup> C/ <sup>13</sup> C-edited <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(60)
	<sup>13</sup> C/ <sup>13</sup> C <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(61)
	(gradient)	
	HCACON	(62)
	HCCH-TOCSY	(63)
	HN(COCA)NH	(64)

<sup>a</sup> Pulse sequences are organized by the nuclei that are operative in the various acquisition periods. The number of time domains ( $t_i$  values) establishes the dimensionality of the (continued)

# The Tip of the Iceberg....

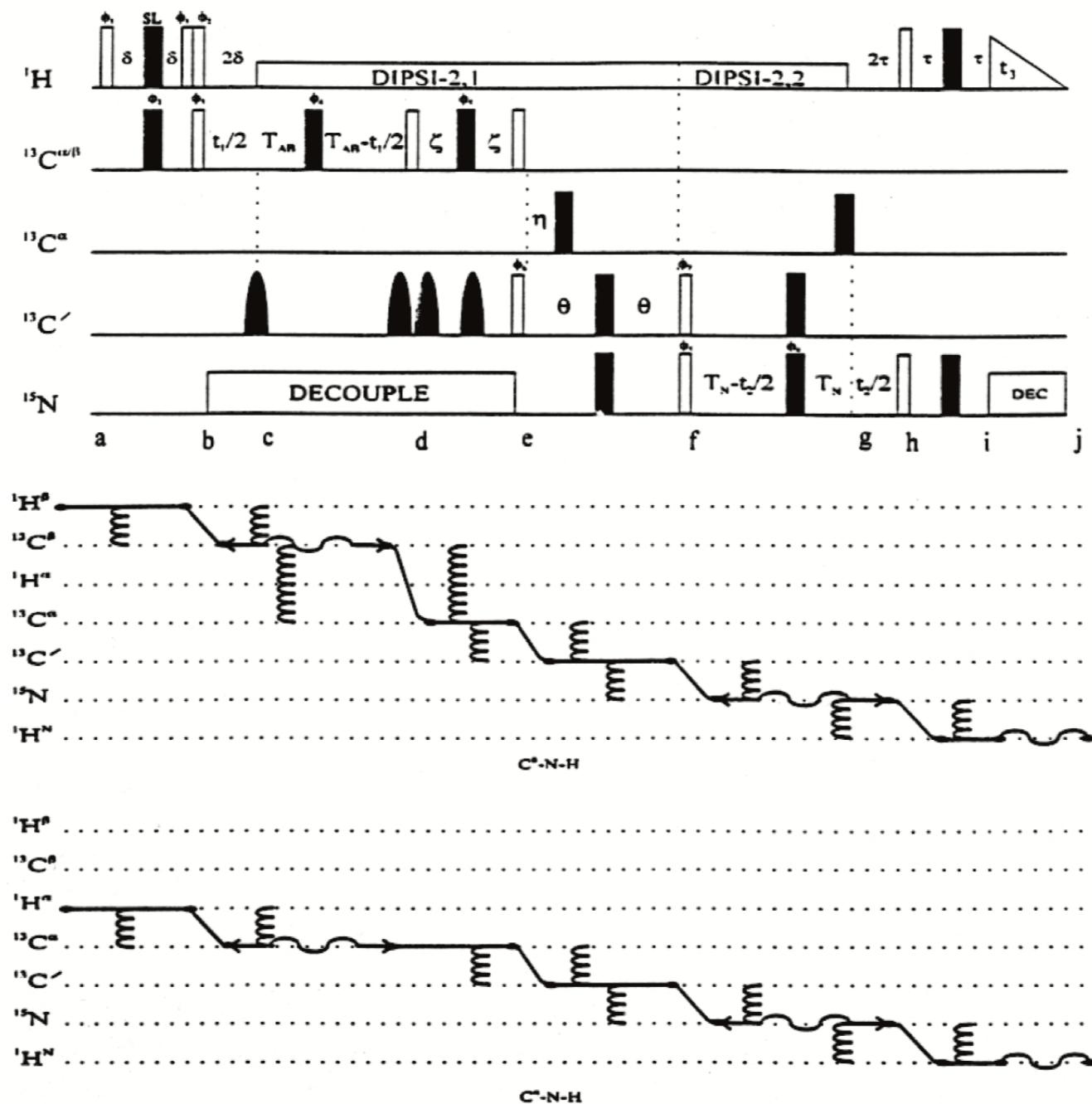


FIG. 14. Pulse sequence and CFN for 3D-CBCA(CO)NH.<sup>11</sup> The pulses and phases have the same convention described in Fig. 12. For values of the delays, consult the original work. The second and third selective (rounded) carbonyl pulses and the phase labeled  $\phi_7$  serve to remove nonresonant phase distortions (Section III.C). The CFN is best shown as two separate experiments, one originating from <sup>1</sup>H<sup>β</sup> and the second originating from <sup>1</sup>H<sup>α</sup>.

# Advanced NMR & Imaging

Week 10: Relaxation & Structure Determination

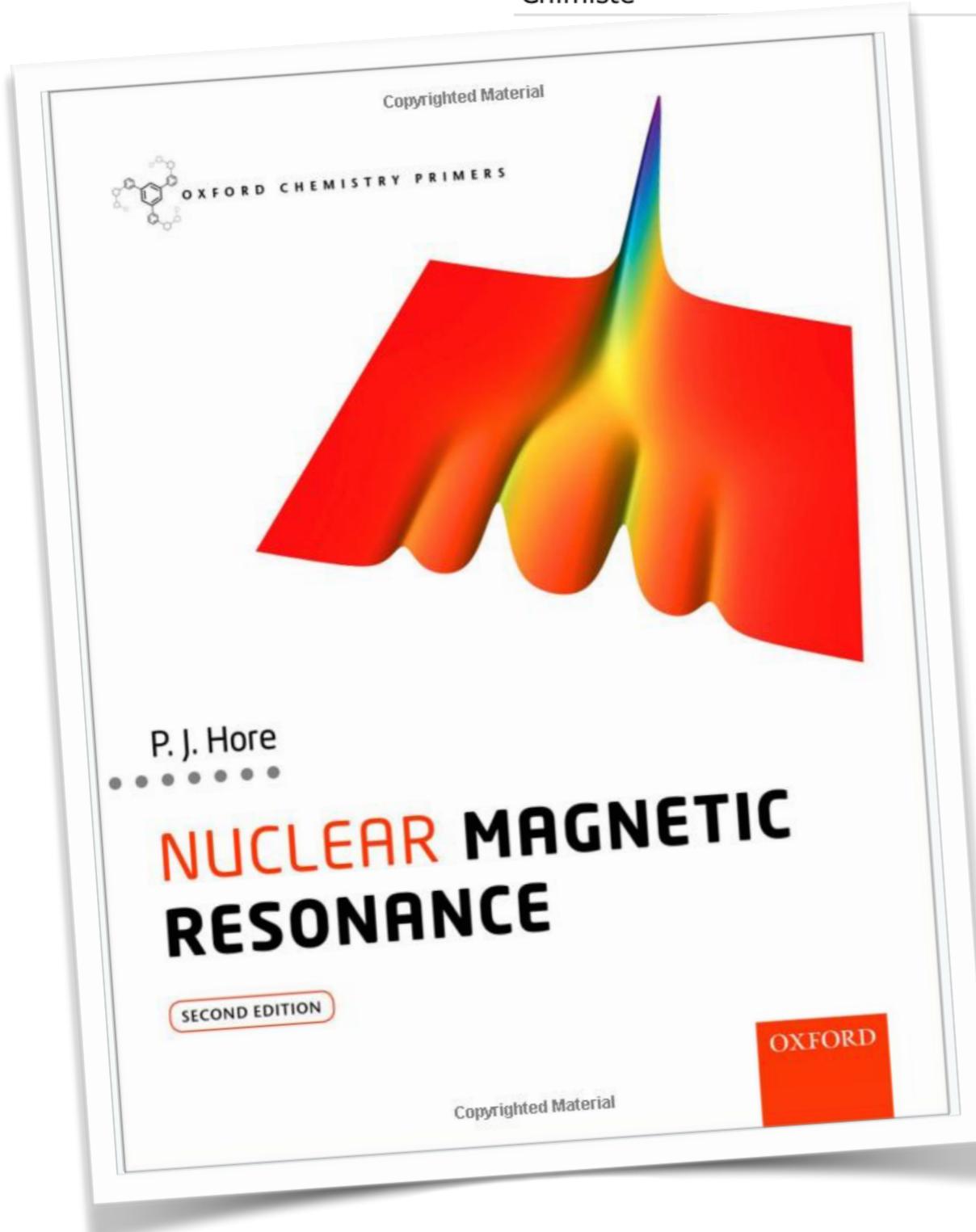
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## Advanced NMR and imaging

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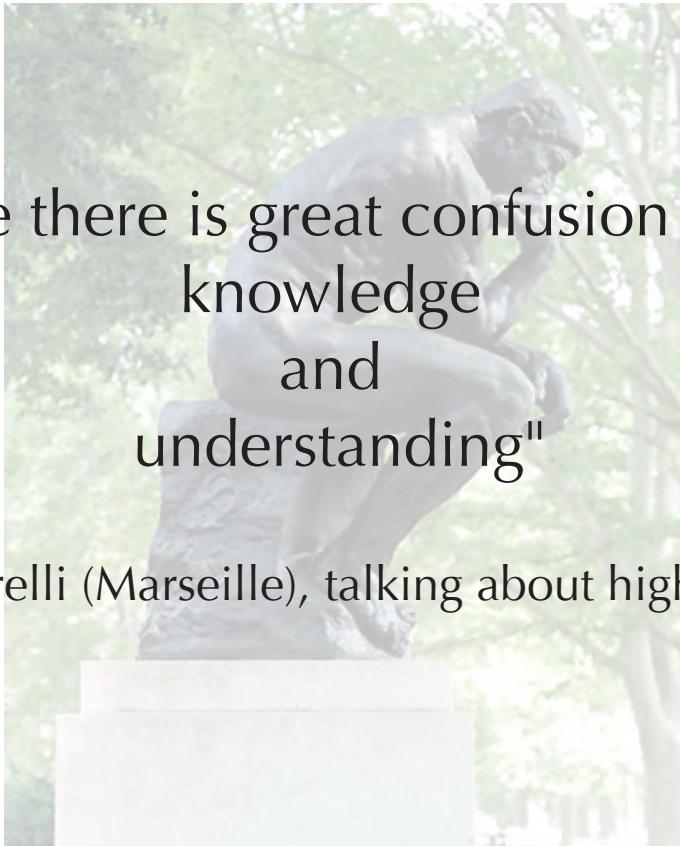


# Objectives

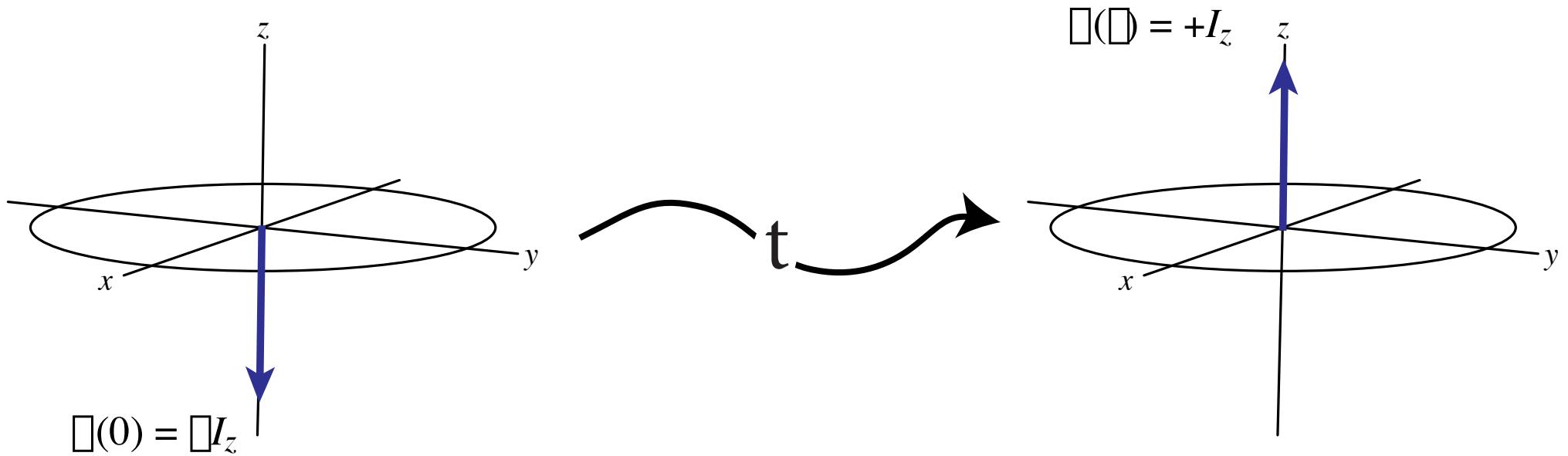
- Learn how nuclear magnetism returns to equilibrium.
- Know the approach the describing the process microscopically.
- Relate this to molecular properties.

"In France there is great confusion between  
knowledge  
and  
understanding"

Prof. S. Caldarelli (Marseille), talking about higher education.



# Nuclear Spin Relaxation



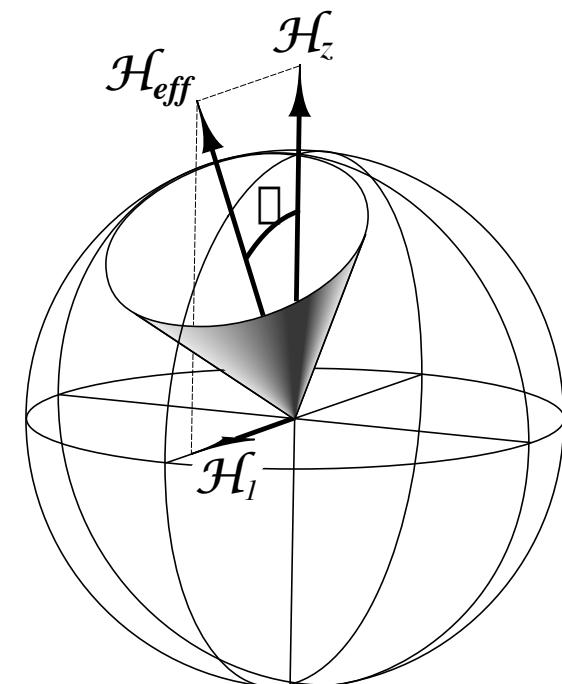
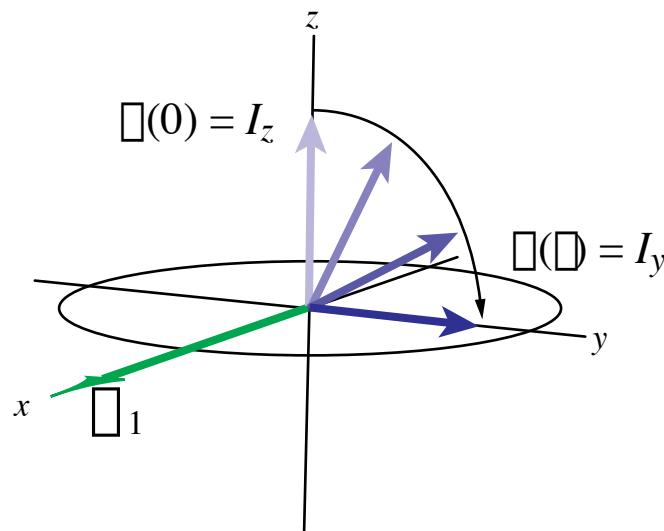
how does the system move from the non equilibrium state back to equilibrium?

# Nuclear Spin Relaxation

Relaxation (the return to equilibrium) is induced by fluctuating magnetic fields that induce transitions.

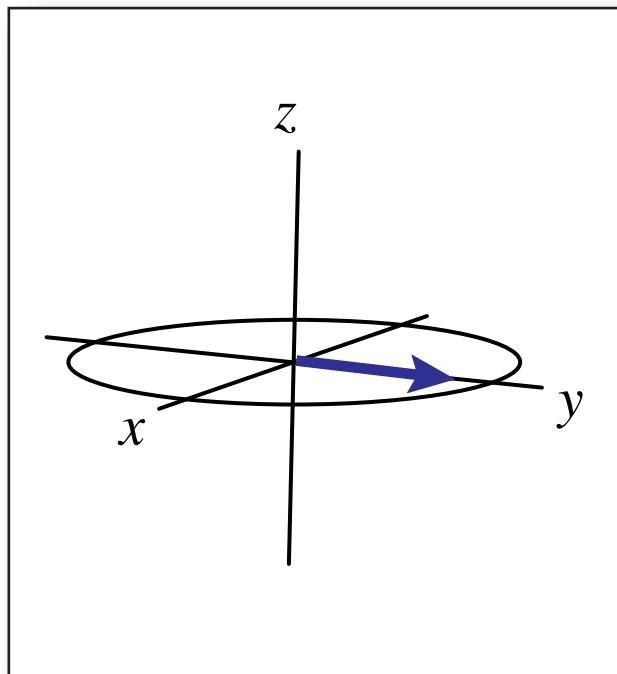
These fields can induce rotations around the  $z$ -axis, or around the  $x, y$  axes.

If the fields were coherent (i.e. the same everywhere in the sample) they would induce rotations of the bulk magnetization (e.g. a pulse). Coherent fields are treated using normal density matrix theory.

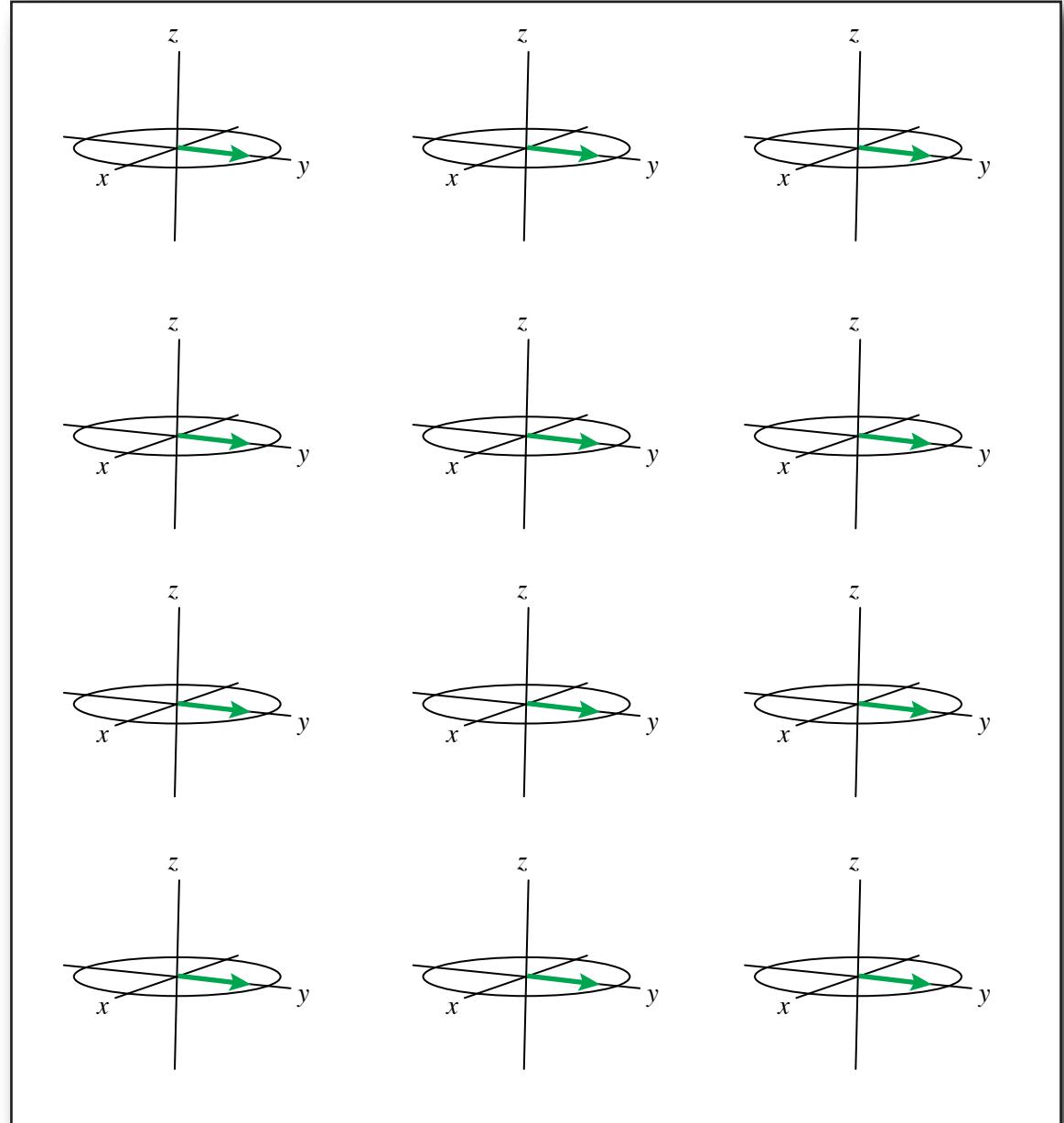


# Nuclear Spin Relaxation

If the fields are not coherent (e.g. different parts of the ensemble experience different fields) they will lead to a *loss of coherence*.



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# Loss of Coherence

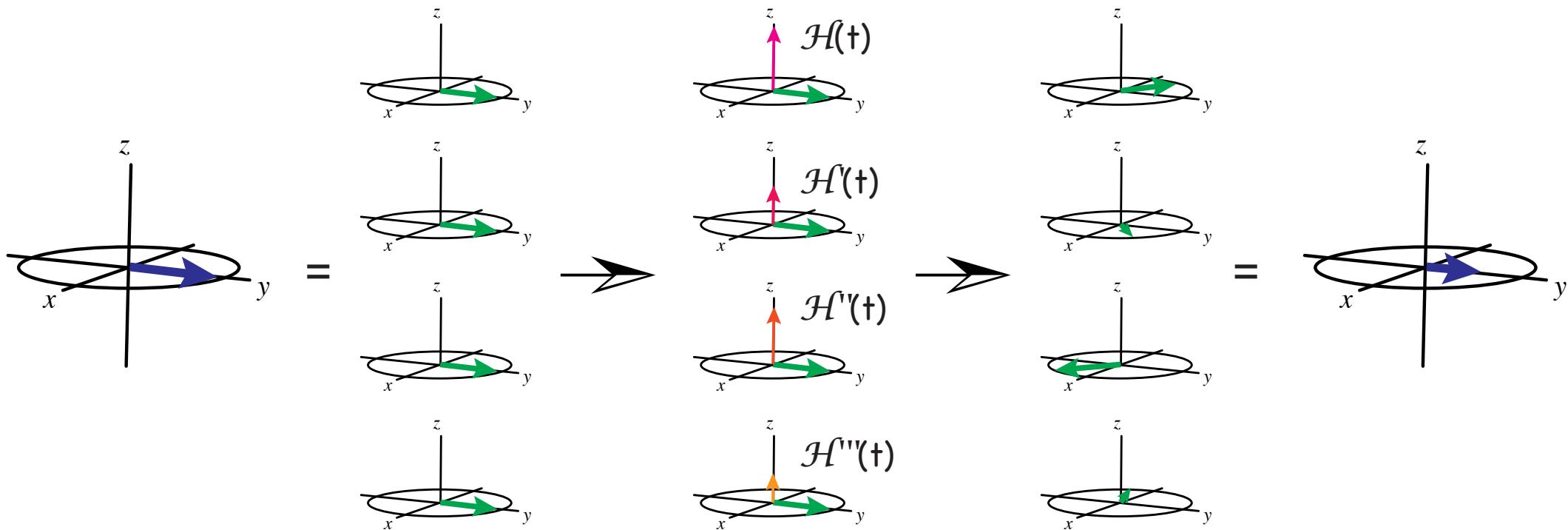
## *Dephasing in the Ensemble*

random uncorrelated

□(0)

## longitudinal fields

$$\square(t)$$



Note that in this picture, each micro-element of the ensemble undergoes a perfectly coherent unitary rotation. Simply because these rotations are different for each element, the macroscopic ensemble loses coherence.  
(there is no magic)

# Nuclear Spin Relaxation

If the fields are not coherent (e.g. different parts of the ensemble experience different fields) they will lead to *a loss of coherence*.

For example, an incoherent rotation around the  $z$  axis will lead to dephasing. This is transverse relaxation. It is caused by fields with a modulation frequency around 0. (They do not change the total energy of the system: "spin-spin relaxation")

Incoherent rotations around the  $x,y$  axis will change the value of the  $z$ -component of the magnetization. They are caused by fields with a modulation frequency around the Larmor frequency. (They change the total energy of the system: "spin-lattice relaxation").

*How can we describe the effect of incoherent fields on the system?*

*What generates the incoherent fields?*

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice: *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

Consider a spin system with a Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_1(t)$$

The equation of motion is, as always:

$$\frac{d\mathbb{D}}{dt} = \square i \left[ (\mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_1(t)), \mathbb{D} \right] \quad (1)$$

However, the task of calculating the evolution of the density matrix when part of the Hamiltonian is random obviously requires a special treatment.

**(1) Isolate the effect of the spin-lattice coupling through the use of an interaction representation:**

$$Q = \exp(-i\mathcal{H}_0 t) Q \exp(+i\mathcal{H}_0 t)$$

which yields for one part of the ensemble:

$$\frac{d\mathbb{D}(t)}{dt} = \square i \left[ (\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \square \mathcal{H}_0), \mathbb{D}(t) \right] = \square i \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t), \mathbb{D}(t) \right]$$

we take the average over all identical molecules in the sample, which is equivalent to a time-average for one molecule, indicated by a bar:

$$\frac{d\mathbb{D}(t)}{dt} = \square i \left[ \overline{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t)}, \mathbb{D}(t) \right] \quad (2)$$

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

$$\frac{d\langle \rangle(t)}{dt} = \langle i \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t), \langle \rangle(t) \right] \rangle \quad (2)$$

**(2) The evolution of the density matrix produced by a small rapidly varying effective Hamiltonian is slow.** Starting from  $\langle \rangle(0)$  we can calculate its form at time  $t$  through a second order expansion:

$$\langle \rangle(t) = \langle \rangle(0) + i \int_0^t \overline{\left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t'), \langle \rangle(0) \right]} dt + \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \overline{\left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t'') \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t'), \langle \rangle(0) \right] \right]} \quad (3)$$

**(3) Since the spin-lattice coupling has zero average the first term vanishes. Limiting to 2<sup>nd</sup> order is valid only if  $t$  is such that  $\langle \rangle(t) \approx \langle \rangle(0)$ .**

Also we must replace  $\langle \rangle(0)$  by  $\langle \rangle(0) \langle \rangle_{eq}$  to account for the finite temperature of the lattice (system does not relax back to zero polarisation):

$$\langle \rangle(t) \langle \rangle(0) = \langle \rangle(0) \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \overline{\left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t'') \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t'), \langle \rangle(0) \langle \rangle_{eq} \right] \right]} \quad (4)$$

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

$$\langle \langle(t) \rangle \rangle(0) = \langle \langle \int_0^t \int_0^{t'} \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t') \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t) \langle \langle \mathcal{H}_1(t) \rangle \rangle(0) \rangle \rangle_{eq} \rangle \rangle \quad (4)$$

**(4) The perturbing Hamiltonian is a sum of terms each of which is the product of a spin operator by a random function of time.** In the interaction representation the various spin operators oscillate at different frequencies. For *simplicity* we assume that there is just one operator for each frequency:

$$\mathcal{H}_1(t) = \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} F_{\alpha}(t)$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{V}_{\alpha}(t) = \exp(i\omega_{\alpha} t) V_{\alpha}.$$

The random functions have zero average, and since they are *stationary random functions*:

$$\overline{F_{\alpha}(t) F_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(t')} = G_{\alpha\alpha}(t - t')$$

and thus equation (4) becomes

$$\langle \langle(t) \rangle \rangle(0) = \sum_{\alpha} \left[ V_{\alpha}, \left[ V_{\alpha}^{\dagger}, \langle \langle(0) \rangle \rangle_{eq} \right] \right] \int_0^t \int_0^{t'} G_{\alpha\alpha}(t - t') \exp\left\{i(\omega_{\alpha} t - \omega_{\alpha} t')\right\} dt dt' \quad (5)$$

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

$$\langle \langle(t) \rangle \rangle(0) = \langle \langle \int_0^t \int_0^{t'} \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t') \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t) \langle \langle \mathcal{H}_1(t) \rangle \rangle_{eq} \rangle \rangle \quad (4)$$

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(random) time dependence of the interaction

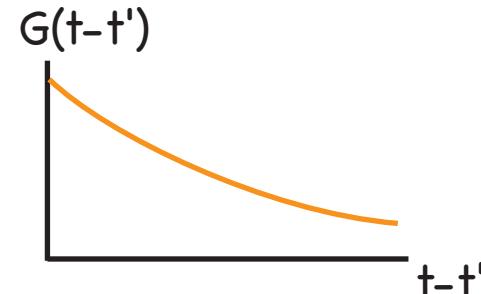
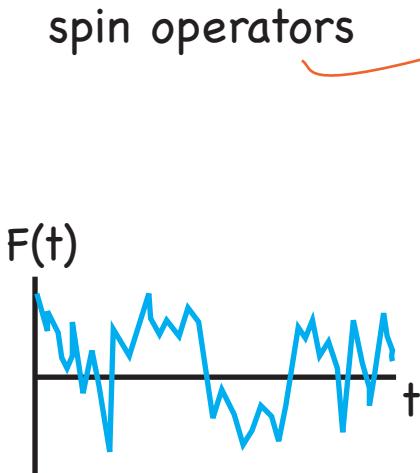
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# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice: *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

$$\Pi(t)\Pi(0) = \Pi \left[ V, \left[ V^\dagger, \Pi(0) \Pi_{eq} \right] \right] \int_0^t dt \int_0^{t'} dt' G_{\Pi} (t, t') \exp\{i(\Pi t - \Pi t')\}. \quad (5)$$

(5) We now make a *secular approximation* that the contribution to the evolution of  $\Pi(0)$  of terms with  $\omega_a \neq \omega_b$  ( $\omega \neq \omega$ ) can be neglected. We also introduce a change of variables  $\omega = t\Pi t$  and we obtain for the double integral:

$$\int_0^t dt \int_0^{t'} dt' \Pi \dots = \int_0^t (t\Pi) G_{\Pi} (\omega) \exp\{i\omega t\} d\omega$$

We now make a *physical approximation* that  $\tau_c$ , the decay time of the autocorrelation function  $G_{\Pi}(\omega)$  is much shorter than the timescale of evolution of  $\Pi$ . Thus we can choose a time  $t \gg \tau_c$  and still short enough for the change in  $\Pi$  to be small. We have then

$$\int_0^t dt \int_0^{t'} dt' \Pi \dots \approx t \int_0^t G_{\Pi} (\omega) \exp\{i\omega t\} d\omega$$

or, defining a *spectral density function*,

$$\int_0^t dt \int_0^{t'} dt' \Pi \dots \approx t J_{\Pi} (\omega).$$

Since  $\Pi(t)\Pi(0)$  is small, we have approximately  $\frac{\Pi(t)\Pi(0)}{t} \ll \frac{d\Pi}{dt}$  and equation (5) becomes

$$\frac{d\Pi}{dt} = \Pi \left[ V, \left[ V^\dagger, (\Pi \Pi_{eq}) \right] \right] J_{\Pi} (\omega) \quad (6)$$

**THIS IS THE REDFIELD-ABRAGAM MASTER EQUATION FOR THE EVOLUTION OF THE DENSITY MATRIX UNDER THE EFFECT OF A RANDOM PERTURBATION.**

It is valid on a coarse grained time scale, that is over time intervals several times larger than  $\tau_c$ .

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

$$\Pi(t)\Pi(0) = \Pi \left[ V, [V^\dagger, \Pi(0) \Pi_{eq}] \right] \int_0^t dt \int_0^t d\omega G_{\omega\omega}([t, t]) \exp\{i(\omega t - \omega_0 t)\}. \quad (5)$$

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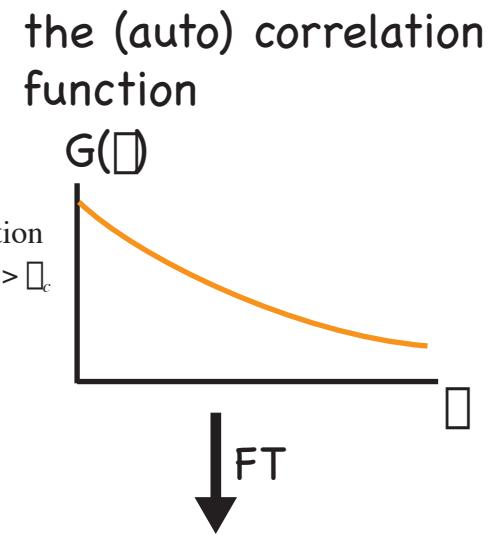
the double commutator

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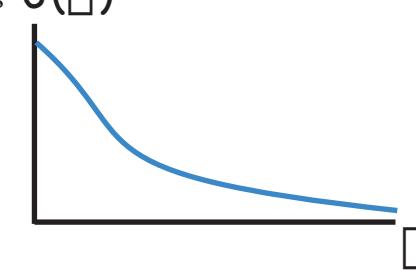
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the spectral density function  $J(\omega)$



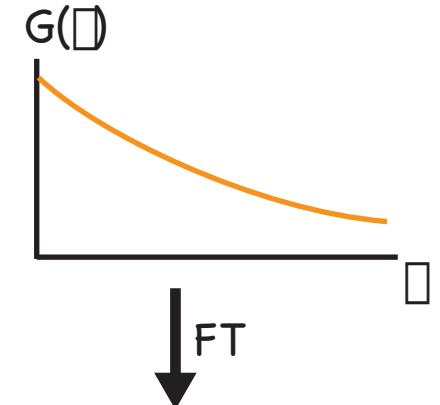
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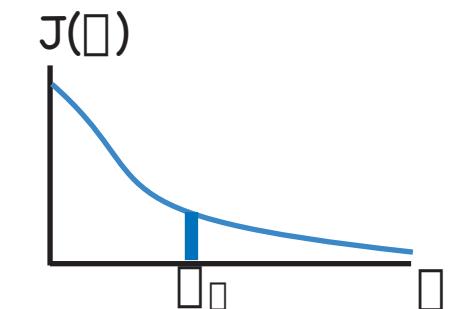
$$\frac{d\langle \rangle}{dt} = \langle \rangle \left[ V_\omega, \left[ V_\omega^\dagger, \left( \langle \rangle \langle \rangle_{eq} \right) \right] \right] J_\omega(\omega_\omega)$$

the double commutator:  
the dynamics of the density matrix induced  
by the fluctuations depend on the operator  
form of the perturbing Hamiltonian

the (auto) correlation  
function



the spectral  
density function



the value of  $J_\omega(\omega_\omega)$  gives the size  
of the field generated by the  
random fluctuations at the relevant  
frequency (e.g. 0,  $\omega_0$ ,  $2\omega_0$ )

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

The evolution in the interaction representation of a physical variable  $Q$  is given by

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle Q \rangle = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_m J_m(m) \left\{ \langle [Q, V_m], V_m^\dagger \rangle - \langle [Q, V_m], V_m^\dagger \rangle_{eq} \right\} \right] \quad (7)$$

### EXAMPLE: LONGITUDINAL RELAXATION OF IDENTICAL SPINS

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = \mathbb{E}_0 I_z$$

The spin-lattice Hamiltonian is of the form

$$\mathcal{H}_1(t) = \sum_m V_m F_m(t)$$

where we have  $[I_z, V_m] = m V_m$  so that  $\tilde{V}_m(t) = \exp(im\mathbb{E}_0 t) V_m$ . Equation (7) applied to  $Q = I_z$  yields

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle I_z \rangle = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_m J_m(m) \left\{ \langle [I_z, V_m], V_m^\dagger \rangle - \langle [I_z, V_m], V_m^\dagger \rangle_{eq} \right\} \right].$$

We can evaluate the trace and obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle I_z \rangle = \mathbb{E} \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \langle I_z \rangle - \langle I_z \rangle_{eq} \right),$$

with

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \mathbb{E} \sum_m m^2 \frac{\text{Tr}(V_m V_m^\dagger)}{\text{Tr}(I_z^2)} J_m(m) \quad (8)$$

# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \sum_m m^2 \frac{\text{Tr}(V_m V_m^\dagger)}{\text{Tr}(I_z^2)} J_m(m\omega_0). \quad (8)$$

we often find that correlation functions are exponential,

$$\overline{F_m(t)F_m(t+\omega)} = \overline{|F_m|^2} \exp(-\omega\omega_c/\omega_c)$$

so that

$$J_m(\omega) = \overline{|F_m|^2} \sum_0 \exp(-\omega\omega_c/\omega_c) \exp(i\omega\omega) d\omega$$

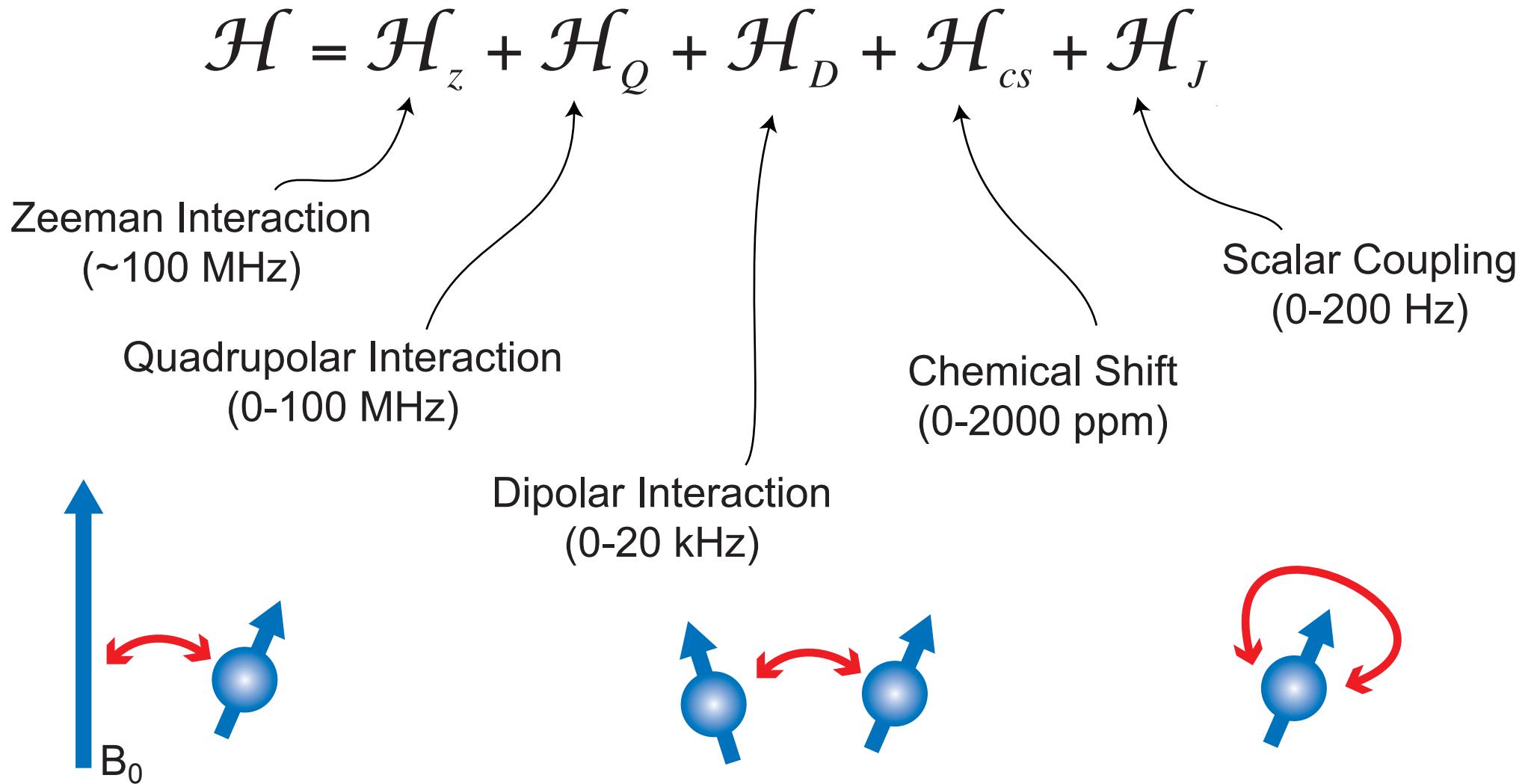
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which is complex. The imaginary part is compensated by the term  $J_{\text{Im}}(\omega)$ , so we retain only the real part, ensuring that  $T_1$  is real, as befits a longitudinal relaxation rate.

# The NMR Hamiltonian: The Key to the Spectrum

*Reminder:*

$$\mathbb{U}(t) = \exp(-i\mathcal{H}t)\mathbb{U}(0)\exp(+i\mathcal{H}t).$$



# NMR interactions are anisotropic

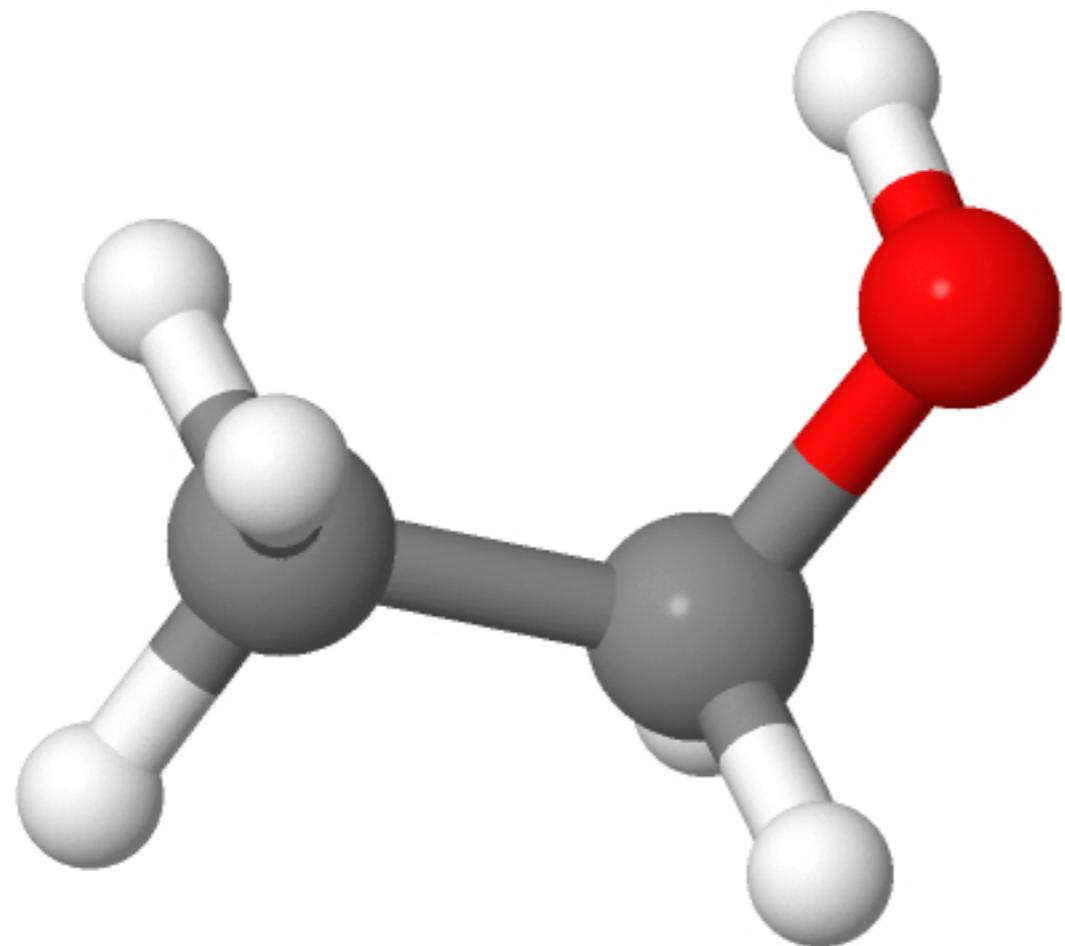
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The chemical shift can be thought of as the shielding of the nucleus from the external magnetic field by the electrons.

***The magnetic field is a vector quantity*** (the magnetic field has a well defined direction).  
 The electronic distribution around the nucleus is highly ***anisotropic***.

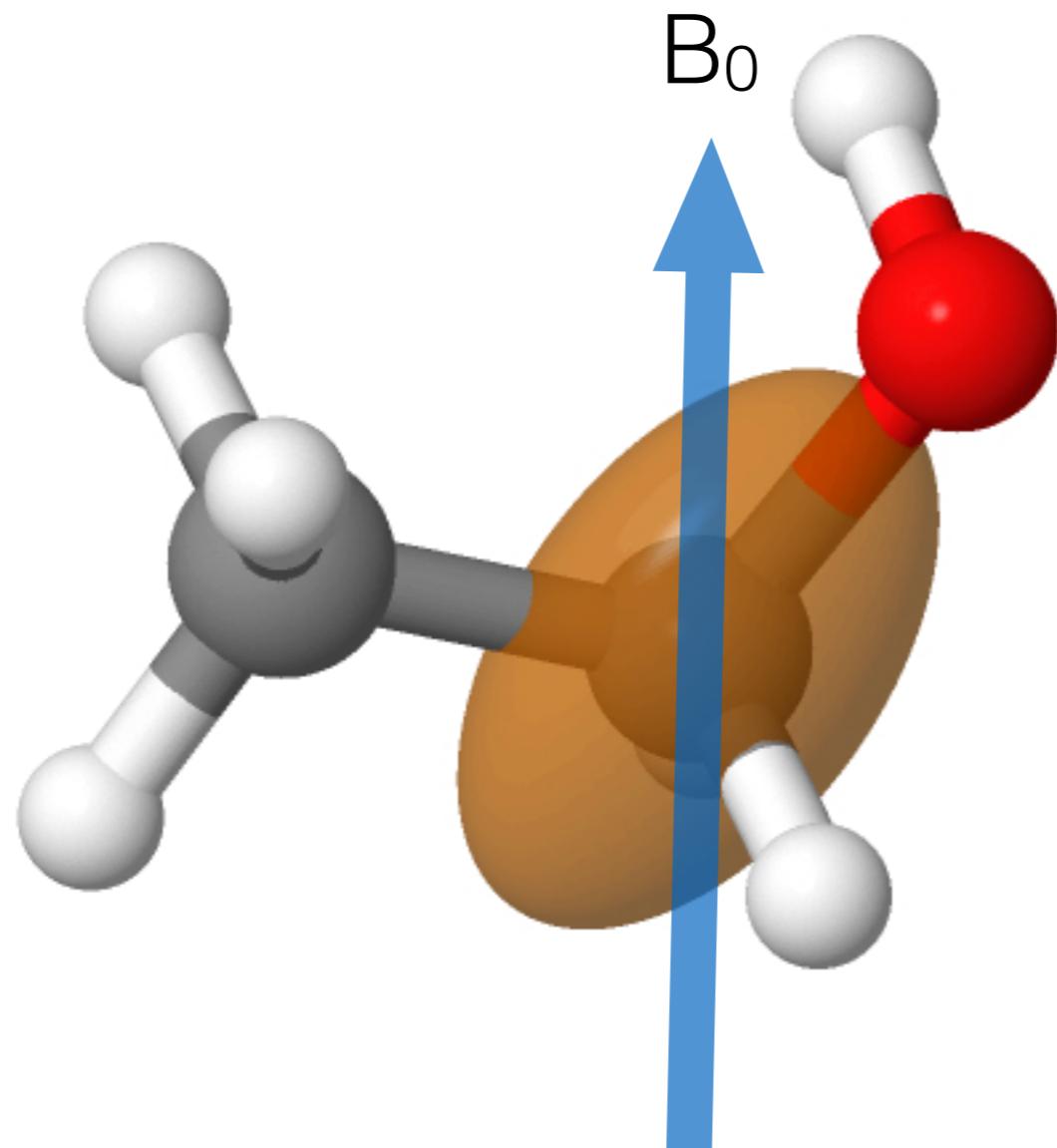
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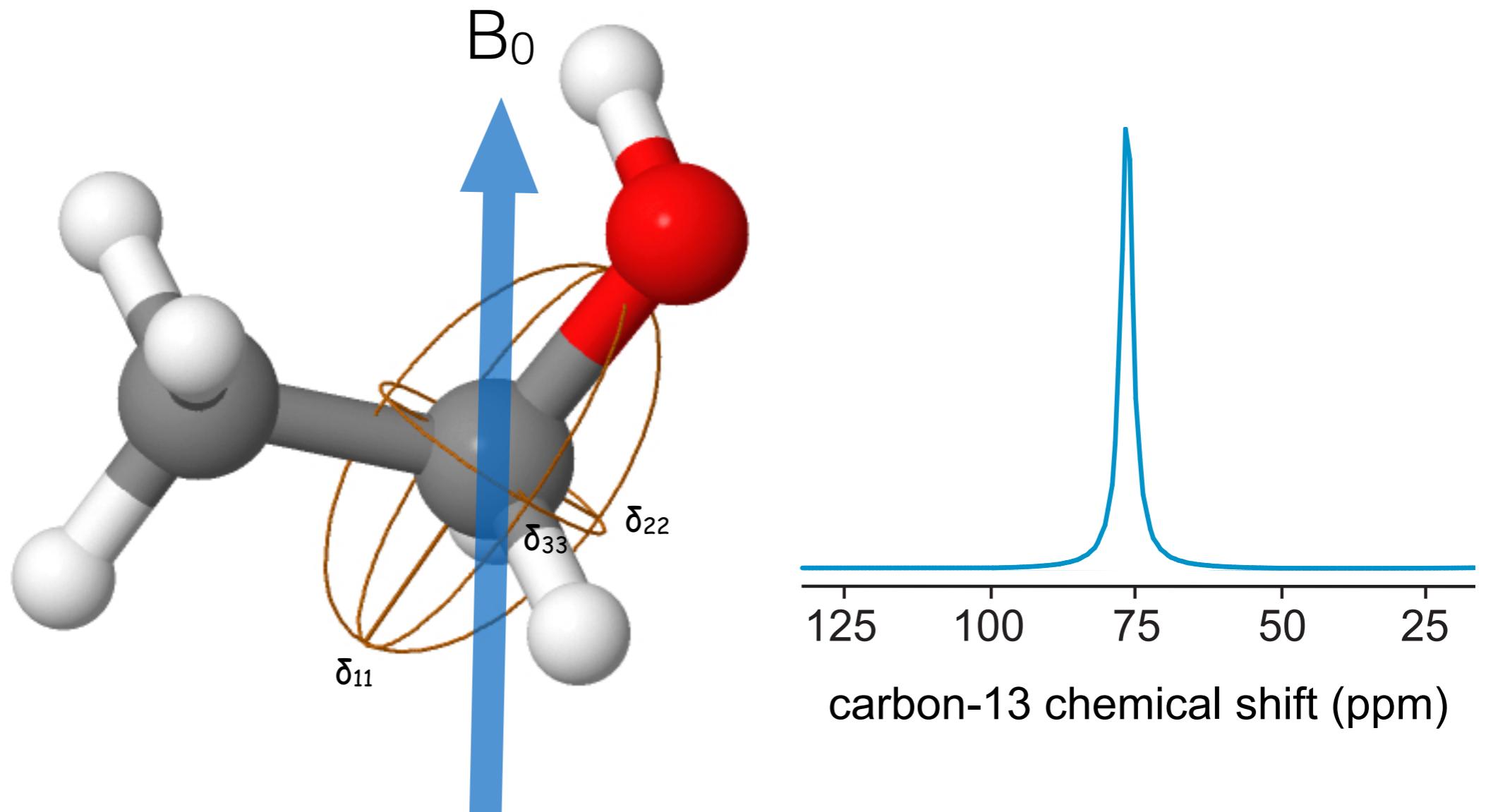
Here we show the chemical shift tensor as an ellipsoid superimposed on the molecular structure.

The shift tensor is fixed in the molecular frame.

Reminder: Shielding ( $\sigma$ ) is related to chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) by:  
$$\delta \propto (1 - \sigma)$$

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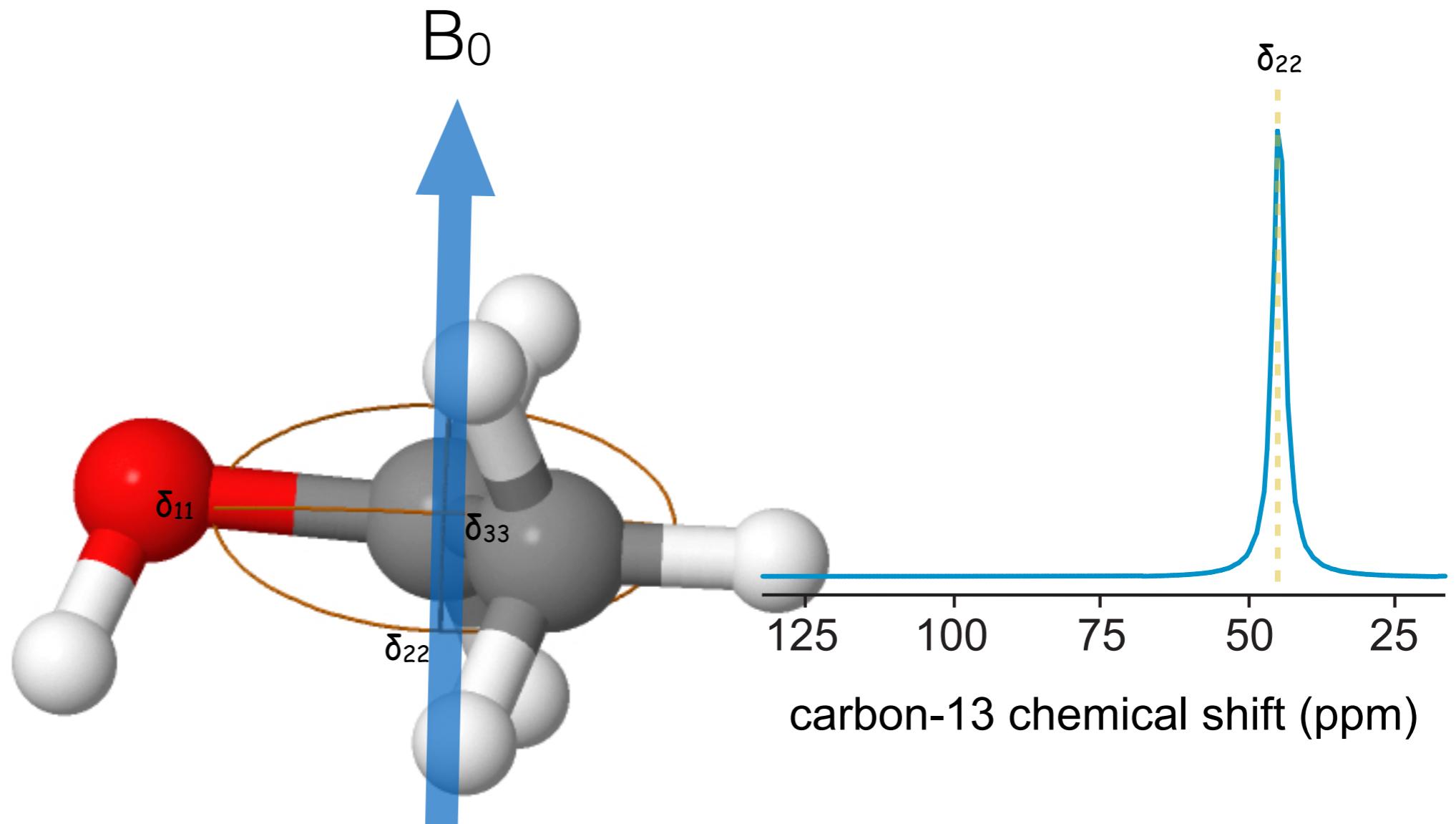
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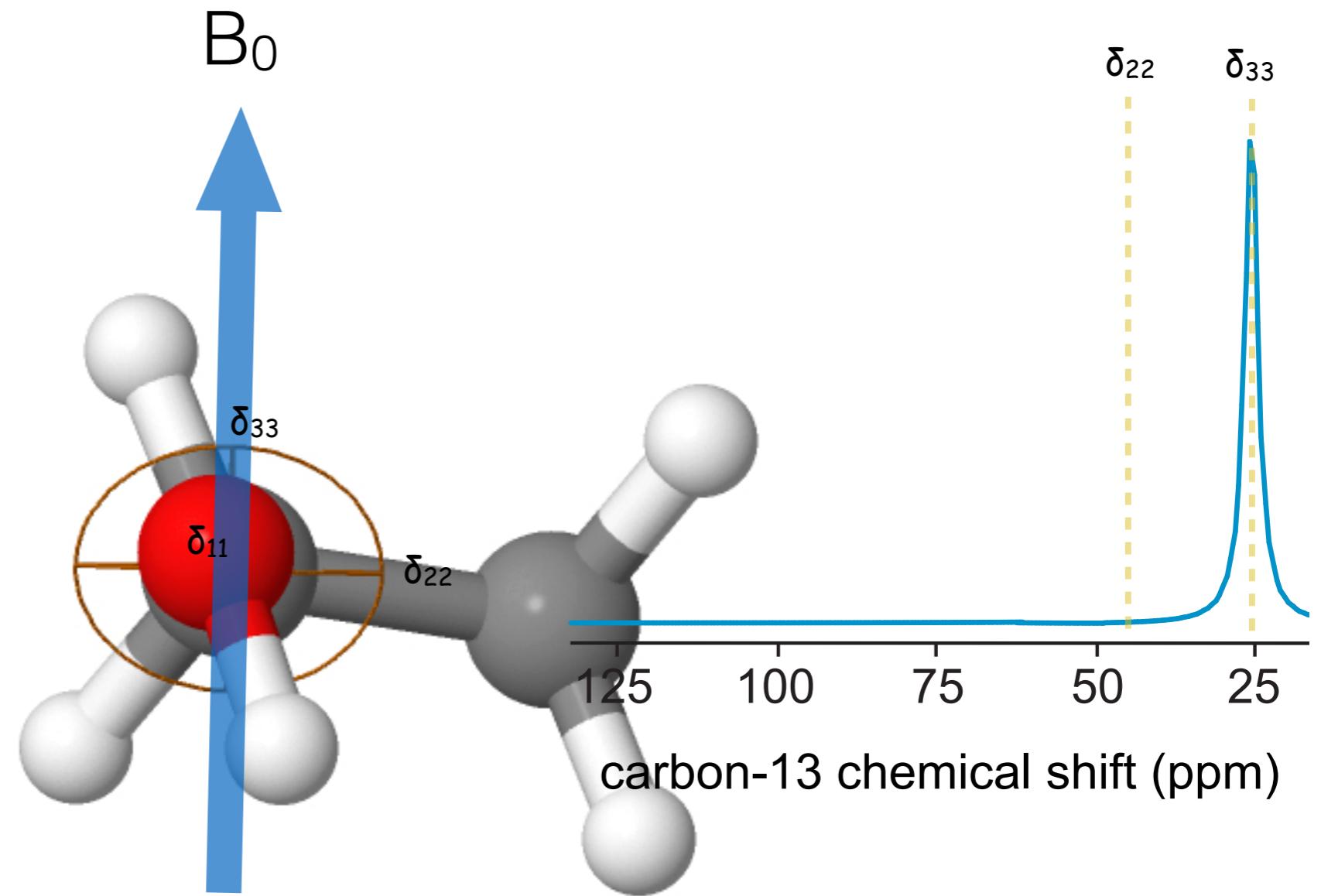
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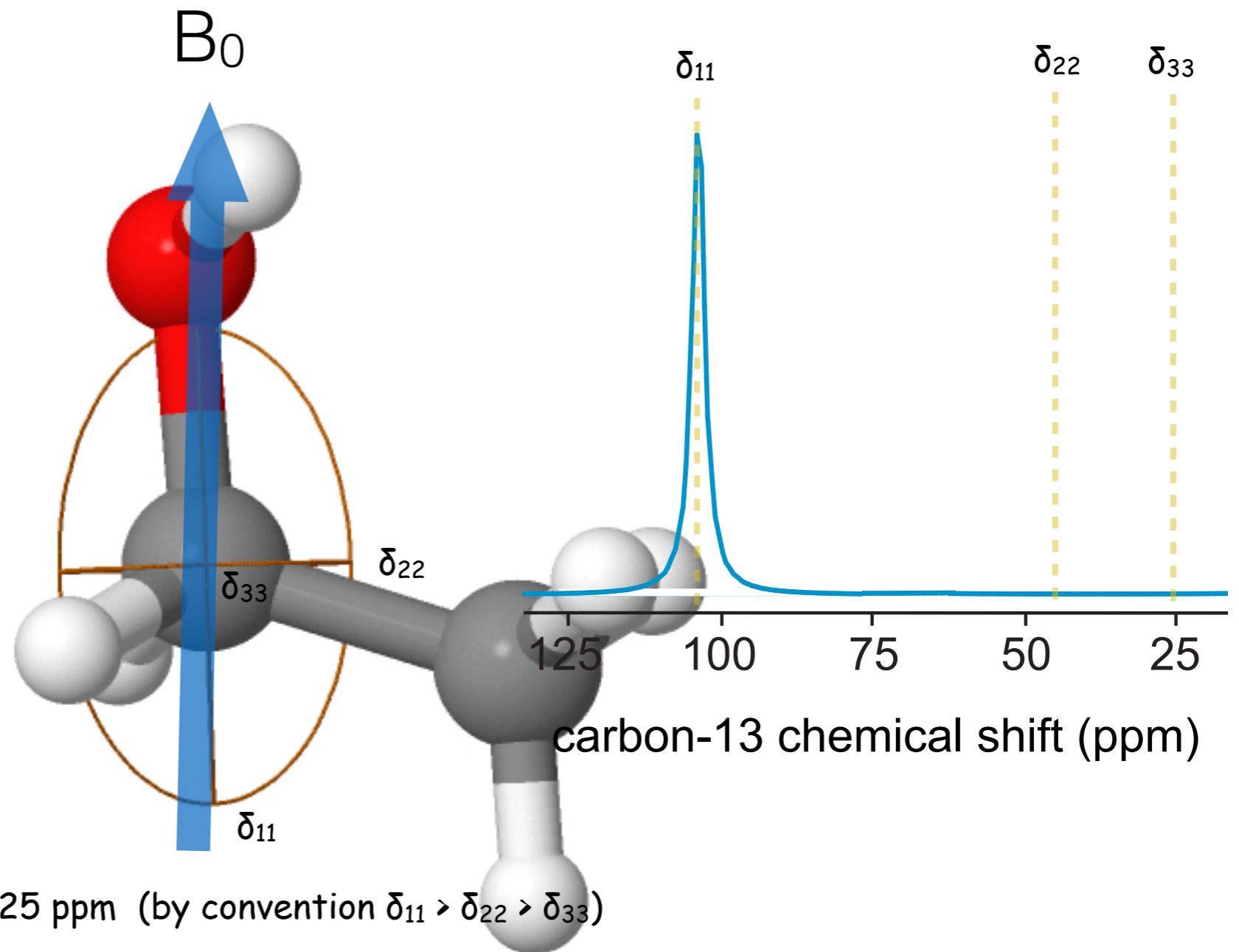
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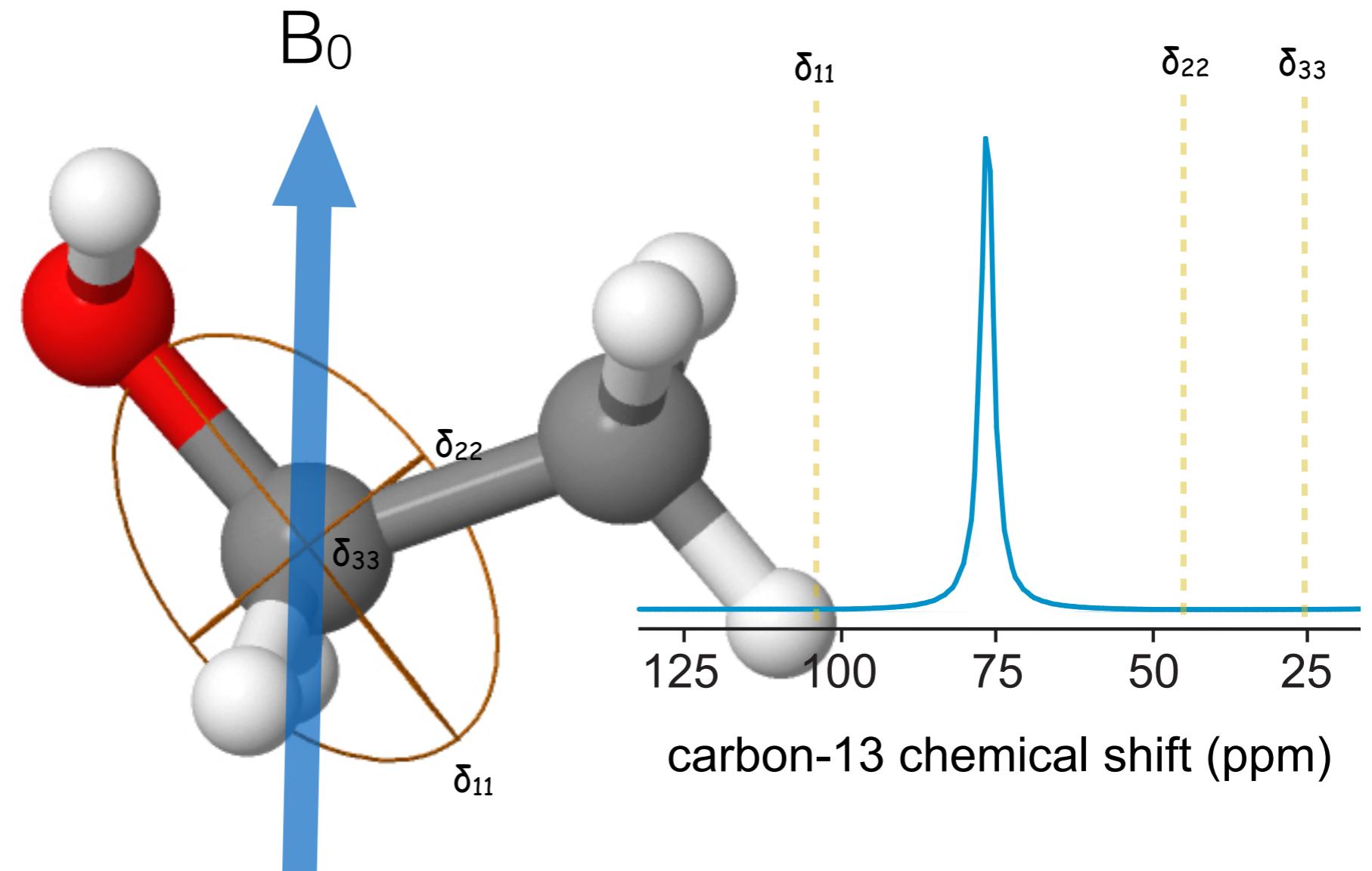
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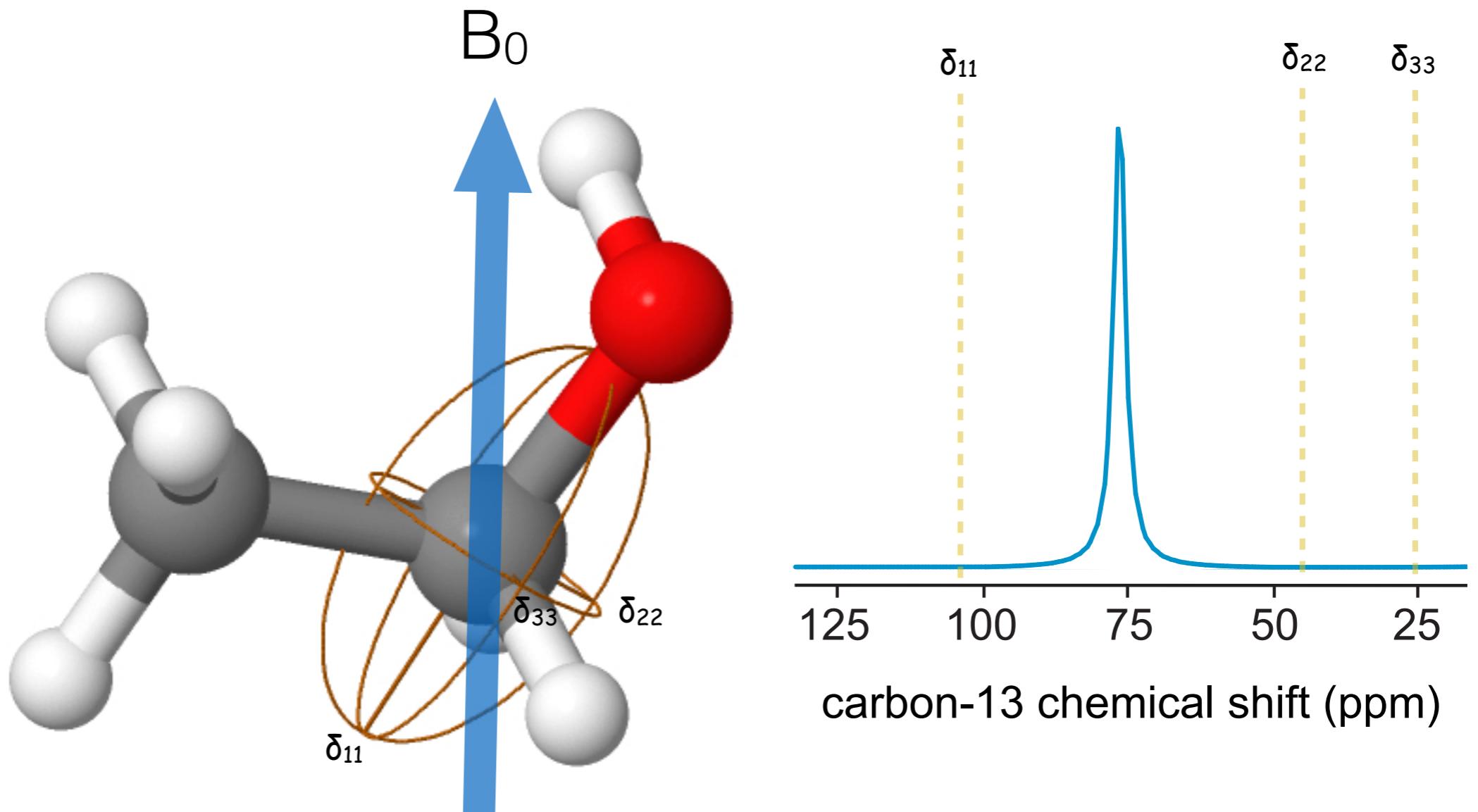
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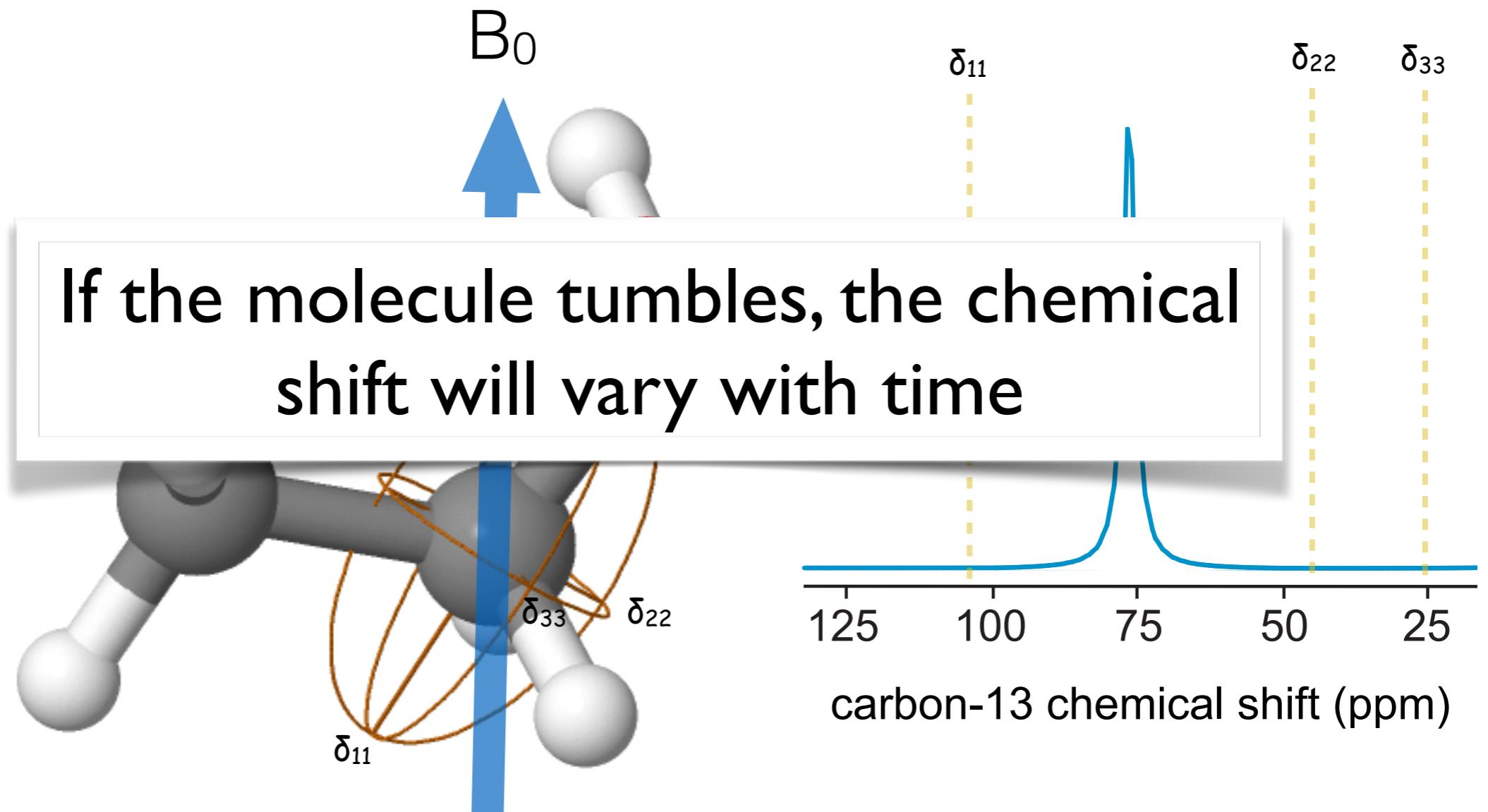
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# The Dipolar Interaction

The classical interaction energy  $E$  between two magnetic moments  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  is

$$E = \left( \frac{\mu_1 \cdot \mu_2}{r^3} - \frac{3(\mu_1 \cdot \mathbf{r})(\mu_2 \cdot \mathbf{r})}{r^5} \right) \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}$$

and the corresponding spin Hamiltonian is therefore

$$\mathcal{H}_D = \frac{\mu_0 \hbar^2 \gamma_1 \gamma_2}{4\pi r_{12}^3} \left( I_1 \cdot I_2 - \frac{3(I_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_{12})(I_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_{12})}{r_{12}^2} \right)$$

We will now do something strange, because we know that subsequently the dipolar interaction, like the chemical shift, will be truncated by  $\mathcal{H}_0$ . We expand  $\mathcal{H}_D$  into a series of *orientationally dependent* terms, called the dipolar alphabet:

$$\mathcal{H}_D = \frac{\mu_0 \hbar^2 \gamma_1 \gamma_2}{4\pi r^3} (A + B + C + D + E + F)$$

where

$$A = I_{1z} I_{2z} (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta)$$

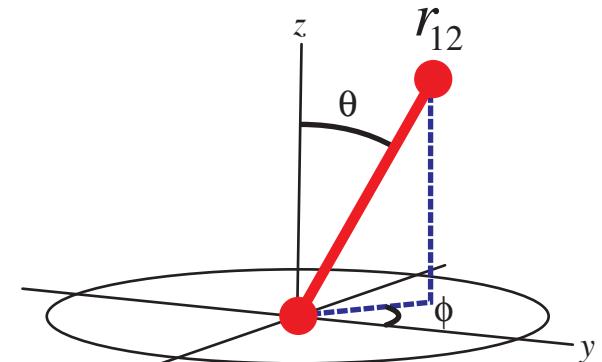
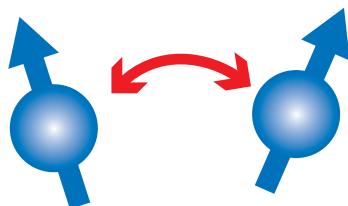
$$B = -\frac{1}{4} (I_1^+ I_2^- + I_1^- I_2^+) (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$C = -\frac{3}{2} (I_1^+ I_{2z} + I_{1z} I_2^+) \sin \theta \cos \theta \exp(-i\phi)$$

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# Quantum Spins in a Classical Lattice:

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

We have described the longitudinal relaxation rate in the presence of some arbitrary fluctuating fields. We immediately see that it is dependent on the correlation time of the fluctuation (i.e. molecular tumbling rate). To see this in detail we must specify the interactions. It will come as no surprise that the fluctuating interaction is usually the dipolar interaction.

$$\mathcal{H}_D = \bigcup_m T_{2m} R_{2m}$$

Thus, with  $V_m = \frac{\mu^2 h}{r^3} T_{2m}$  and  $F_m = R_{2m}$ , we obtain with equation (8)

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{\mu^2 h}{r^3} \frac{1}{8} (2 (J_1(\mu_0) + 4 J_2(2\mu_0)))$$

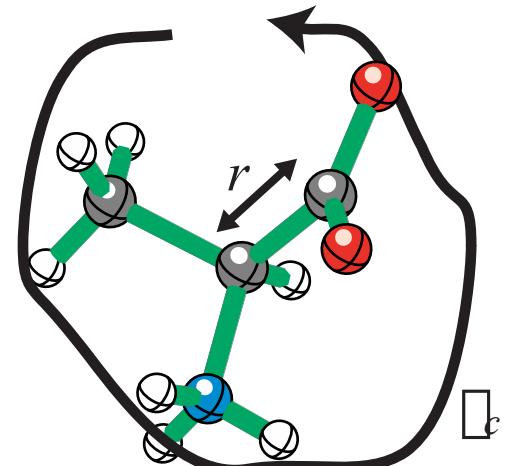
Rotational Brownian motion leads to exponential correlation functions,

$$\overline{|R_{2m}^2|} \exp(-\mu_0^2/\mu_c) = \frac{6}{5} \exp(-\mu_0^2/\mu_c)$$

so according to equation (9) we find that the relaxation rate is

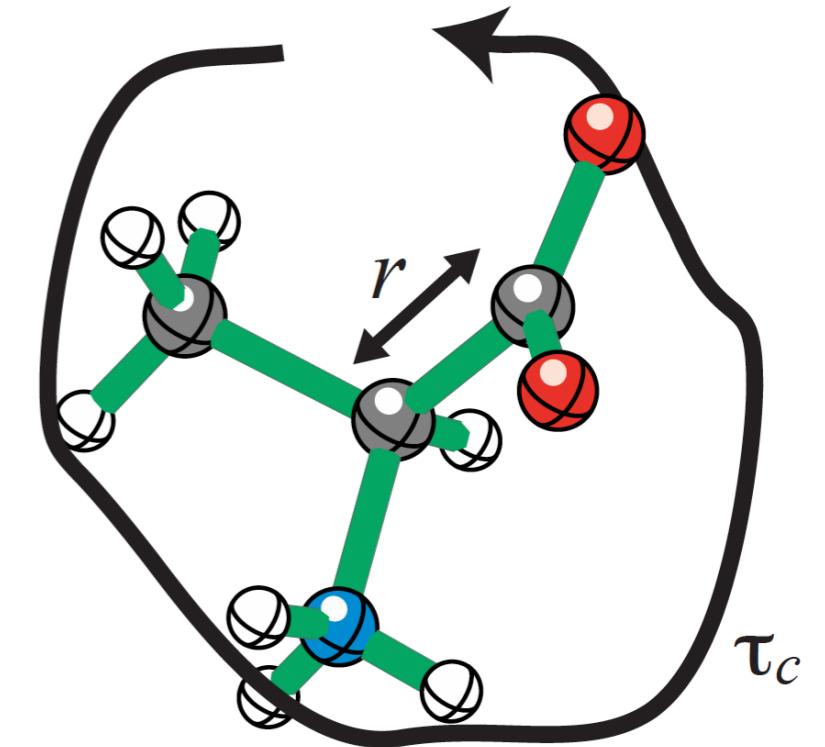
$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{3 \mu^4 h^2}{10 r^6} \frac{1}{1 + \mu_0^2 \mu_c^2} + \frac{4}{1 + 4 \mu_0^2 \mu_c^2}$$

It depends on internuclear distance and the *details* of molecular motion.



# Relaxation in a Nutshell

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{3}{10} \left( \frac{\gamma^4 h^2}{r^6} \right) \tau_c \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \omega_0^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{4}{1 + 4\omega_0^2 \tau_c^2} \right\}$$



- Using second order perturbation theory, ***Longitudinal & Transverse relaxation rates can be related exactly to internuclear distances and molecular dynamics***
- The example here is  $T_1$  relaxation by the dipolar coupling between two identical spins undergoing rotational Brownian motion

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### SUMMARY OF THE FORMALISM

What we have outlined is **Redfield theory**, which was first cast in operator form by Abragam.

The **Redfield Apporximations** that we made in the derivation are:

- (a) It is possible to neglect the correlation between  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t)$  and  $\mathbb{D}(0)$ . This allows the averaging over the ensemble  $\mathbb{D}_i[\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(t), \mathbb{D}(0)]$
- (b) It is possible to replace  $\mathbb{D}(0)$  by  $\mathbb{D}(t)$  on the r.h.s.
- (c) It is possible to extend the upper limit of the integral to infinity.
- (d) It is possible to neglect all higher order terms in the expansion.

All these approximations are valid if  $\sqrt{|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1|^2 \mathbb{D}_c^2}$  is a very small number.

**Thus it is valid for short correlation times (i.e. rapid molecular motions)**

# Cross Relaxation Between Unlike Spins

## *The Abragam formulation of the Redfield Approach*

### EXAMPLE 2: DIPOLEAR RELAXATION OF TWO UNLIKE SPINS

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \gamma_I I_z + \gamma_S S_z$$

If there is a large difference in Larmor frequencies, the definition of the  $V_{\pm}$  leads to a splitting up of the terms in the dipolar Hamiltonian

$$T_{20} = A + B + B[$$

$$T_{2,\pm 1} = C_{\pm 1}^I + C_{\pm 1}^S$$

and in the interaction representation (a doubly rotating frame)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}(t) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} I_z S_z \\ \tilde{B}(t) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} I_+ S_- \exp\{i(\gamma_I - \gamma_S)t\} \\ \tilde{B}^\dagger(t) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} I_- S_+ \exp\{-i(\gamma_I - \gamma_S)t\} \\ \tilde{C}_{\pm 1}^I(t) &= \frac{1}{2} I_\pm S_z \exp(\pm i\gamma_I t) \\ \tilde{C}_{\pm 1}^S(t) &= \pm \frac{1}{2} I_z S_\pm \exp(\pm i\gamma_I t)\end{aligned}$$

whereas the other terms remain unaltered

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The magnetization exchange rate is determined by the rotational correlation time of the molecule & the inter-nuclear distance

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# Conclusions I

- Motion of nuclear spins is always induced by magnetic fields.
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- Transverse (i.e. resonant) random fields induce transverse & longitudinal relaxation.

# Conclusions II

- The motion of an ensemble of spins experiencing random fields can be described by a second order perturbation approach that yields the Redfield equation of motion. (Under certain approximations.)
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- Dipolar relaxation is usually the dominant mechanism for spin  $I = 1/2$  in diamagnetic liquids.

# Structure



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaHHgEoa2c8>

# Objectives

- Discover how distances can be measured experimentally using the  $nOe$  with steady-state or transient experiments.
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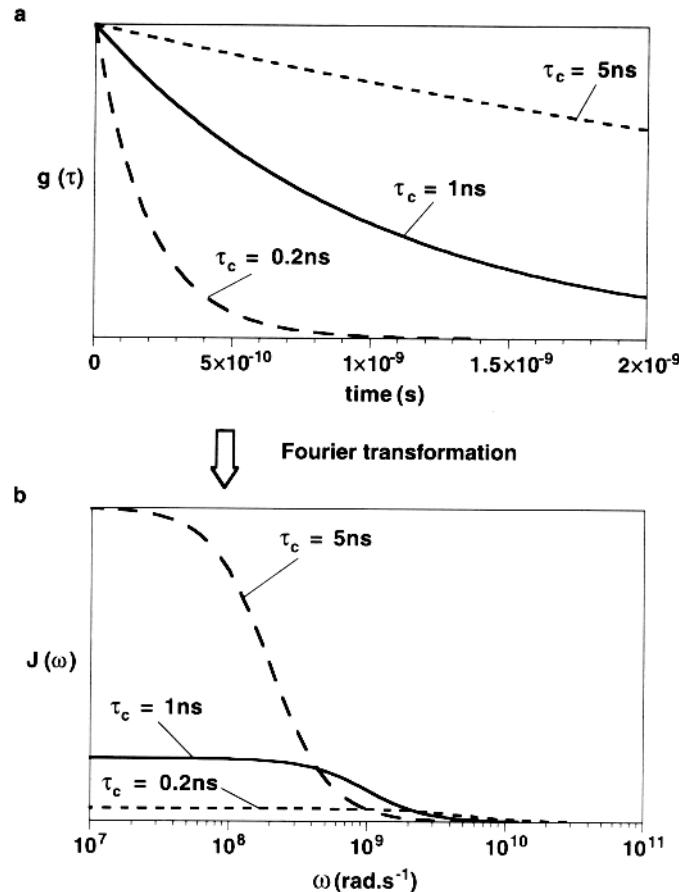
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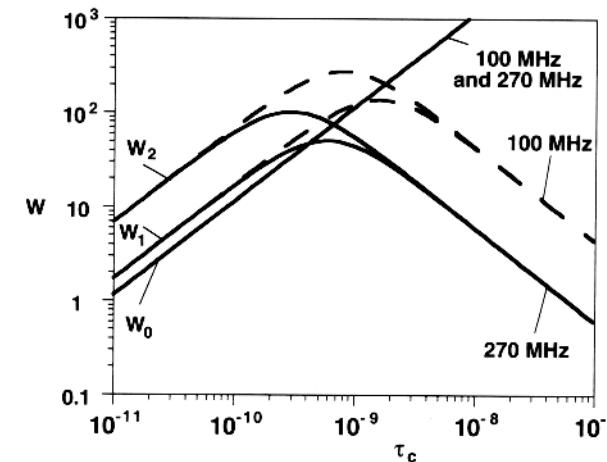
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# Dependence of Relaxation on Correlation Times



**Figure 2.3.** Exponentially decaying correlation functions  $g(\tau)$  (panel a) are converted into Lorentzian spectral density functions  $J(\omega)$  (panel b) by Fourier transformation. (Note the log scale in panel b.) The functions  $g(\tau)$  have decay constants of  $1/\tau_c$ .  $\tau_c$  values of 0.2 ns, 1 ns and 5 ns have been used to illustrate the behavior expected for short, intermediate, and long values of  $\tau_c$  respectively. The area under the curve of  $J(\omega)$  is the same in all these cases (although it appears otherwise because of the log scale for frequency).



**Figure 2.5.** Variation of dipolar transition probabilities  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ , and  $W_0$  with  $\tau_c$ , shown for spectrometer frequencies of 100 and 270 MHz. Calculated for a pair of protons 1 Å apart. Adapted from ref. 8.

Longitudinal relaxation times go through a minimum at  $\omega_0/\tau_c \sim 1.1$

Transverse relaxation times decrease with increasing correlation times.

# Steady-State nOe

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Consider the case where we continuously irradiate one of the spins ( $S$ ), so as to saturate its transitions. The steady state that results ( $dI_z/dt = 0$ ) is:

$$(I_z - I_z^0) = \frac{\sigma}{\rho_I} (S_z^0)$$

From which we can determine the maximum theoretical enhancement for a two-spin system:

$$\eta_{max} = \frac{\gamma_I}{\gamma_S} \frac{\sigma}{\rho_I}$$

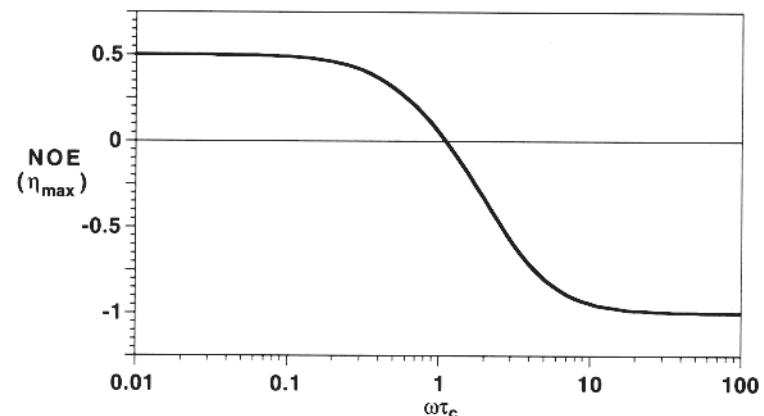


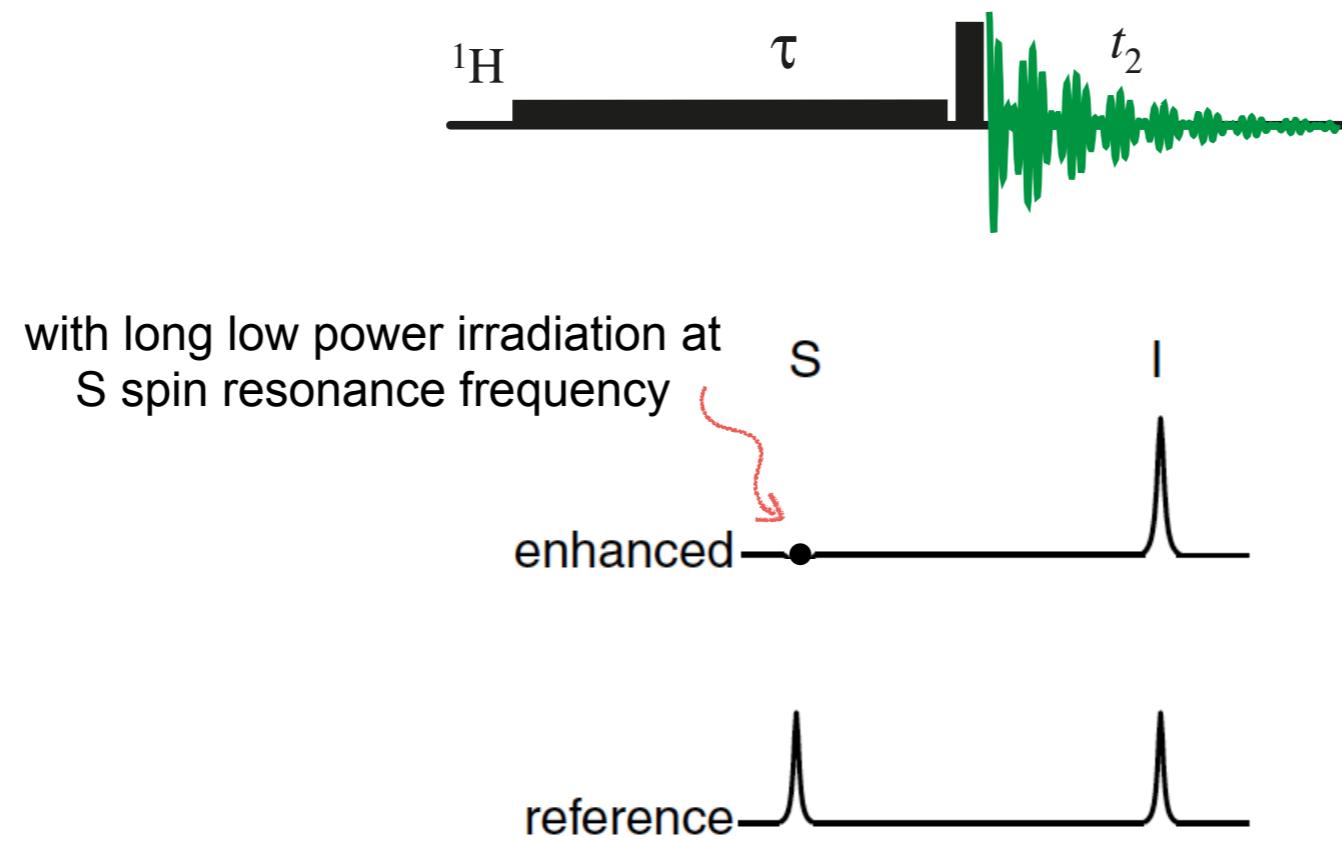
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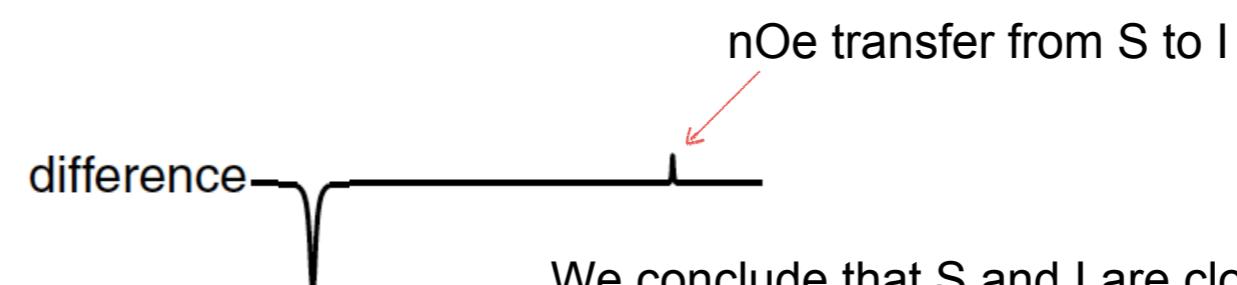
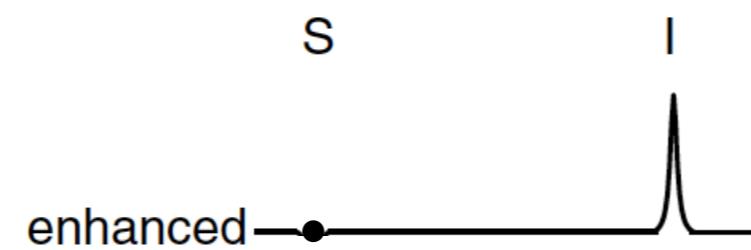


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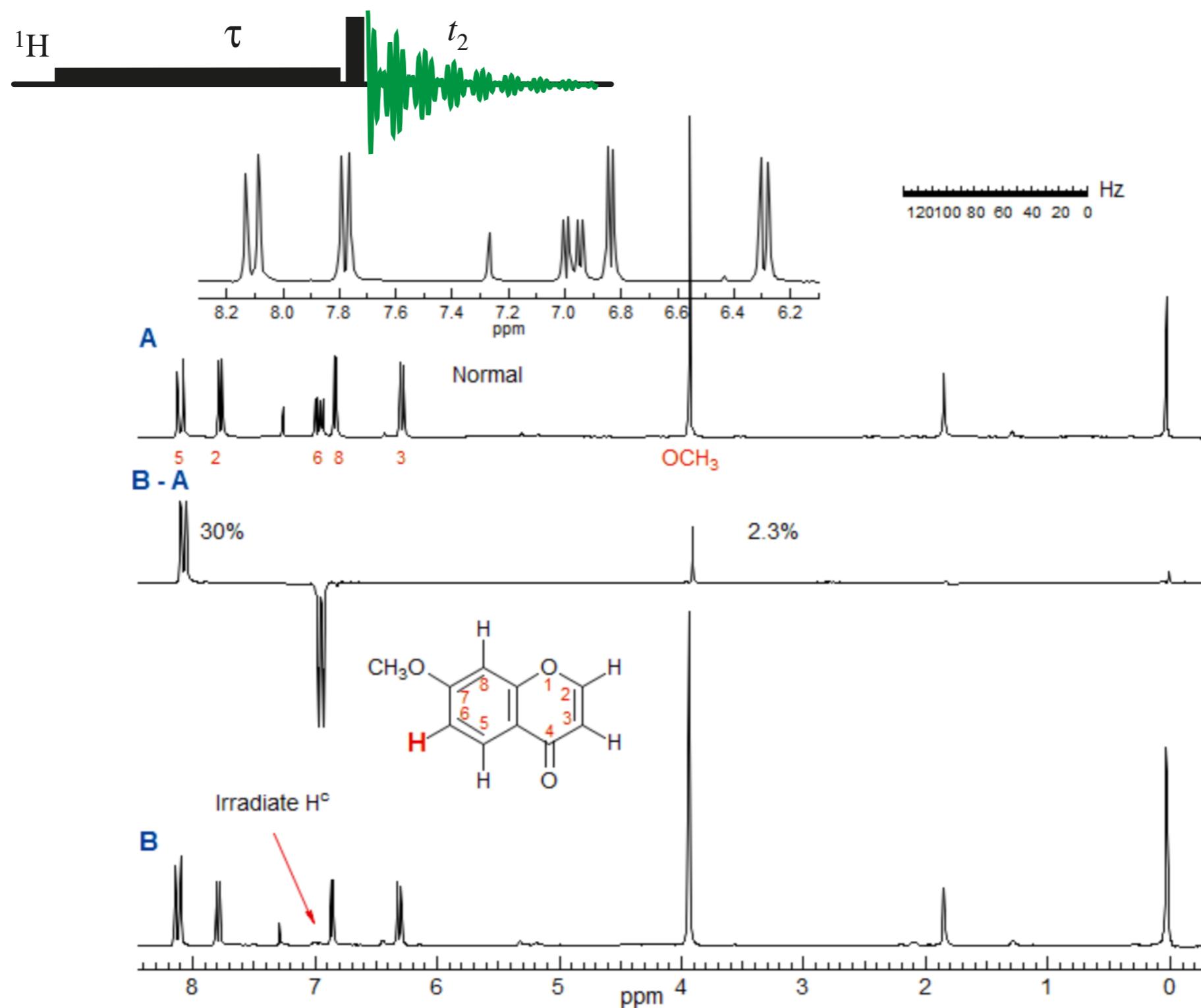
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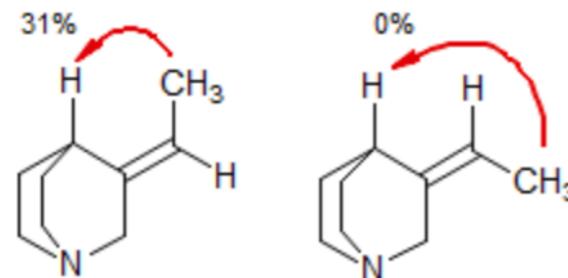
We conclude that S and I are close in space  
(typically  $<5\text{\AA}$ )

w/wo long low power irradiation at  
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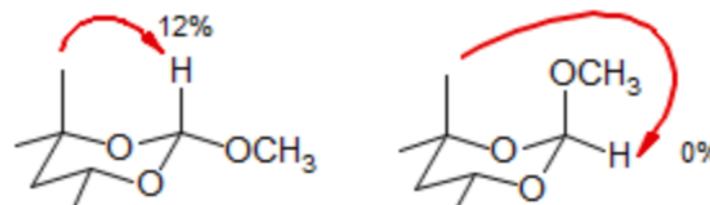
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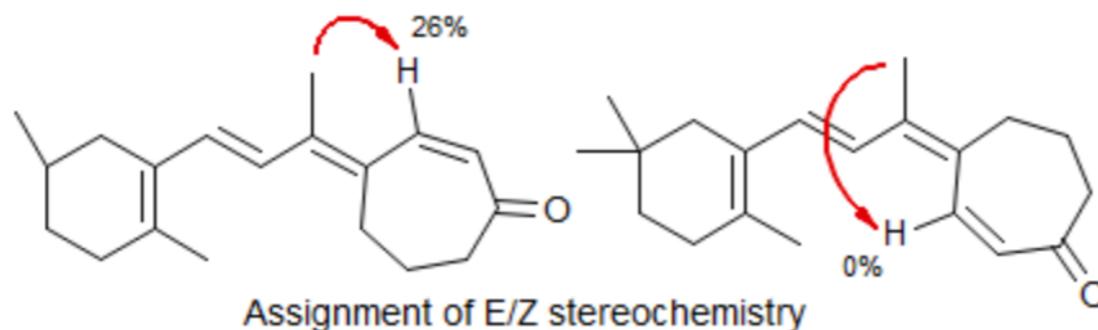
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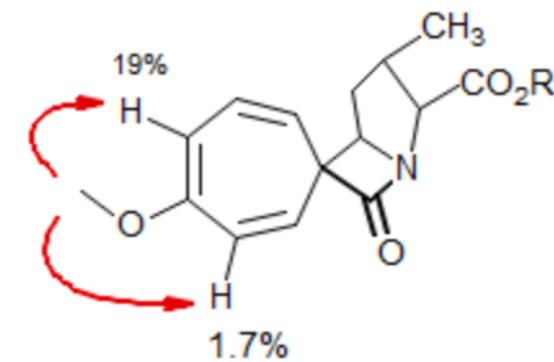
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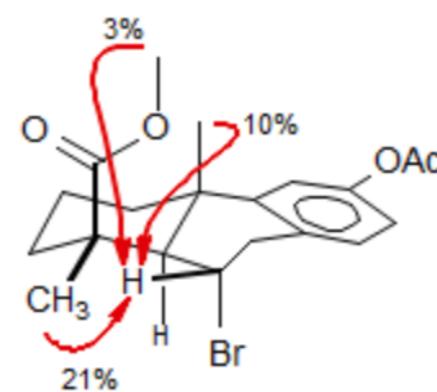
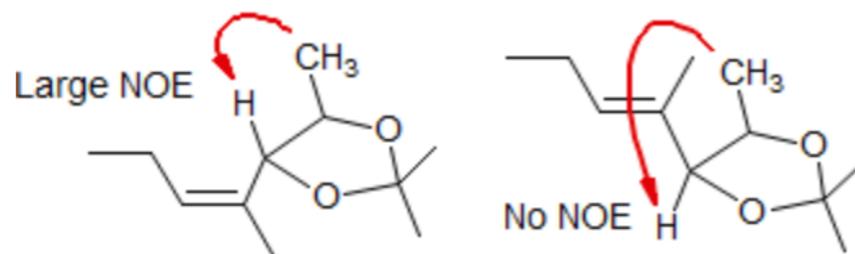
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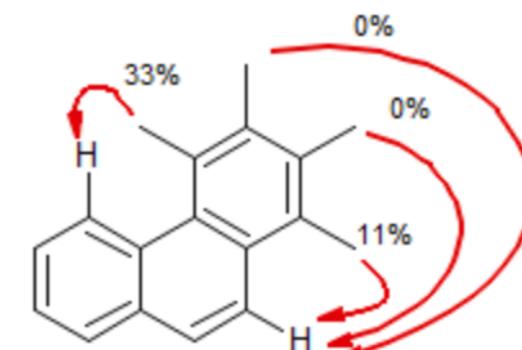
Assignment of E/Z stereochemistry



Conformational analysis:  
estimated 8:1 ratio of conformers  
from rate of NOE buildup  
*Chem. Comm.* **1981**, 22, 4029



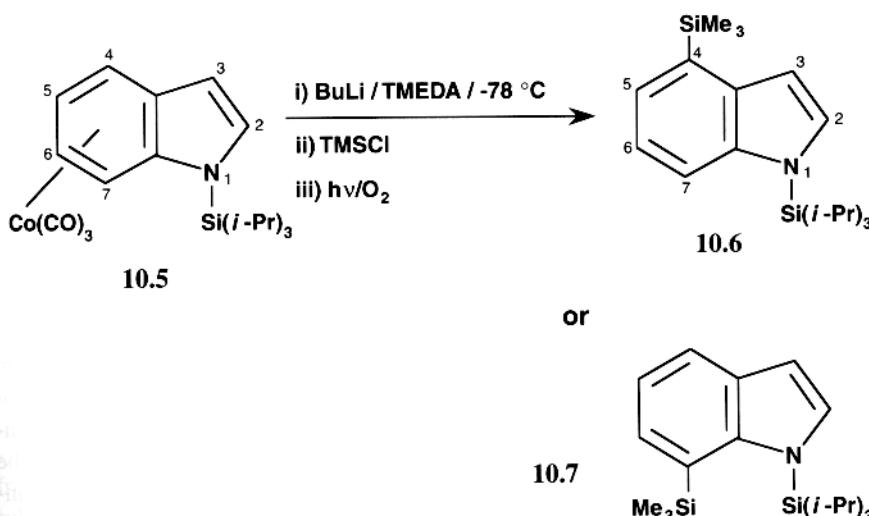
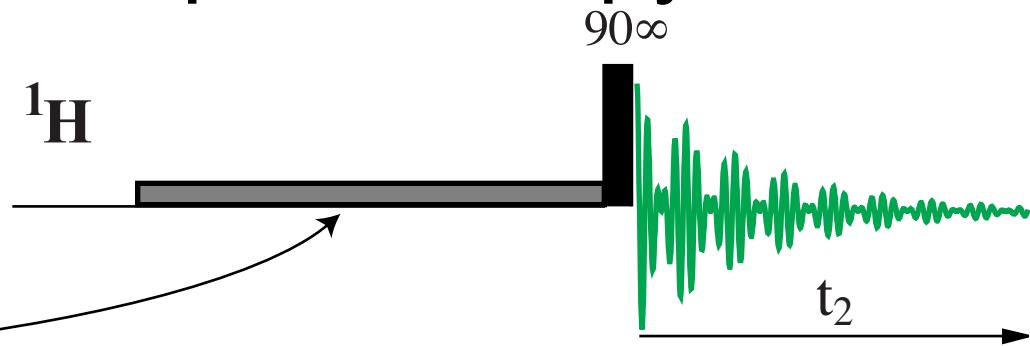
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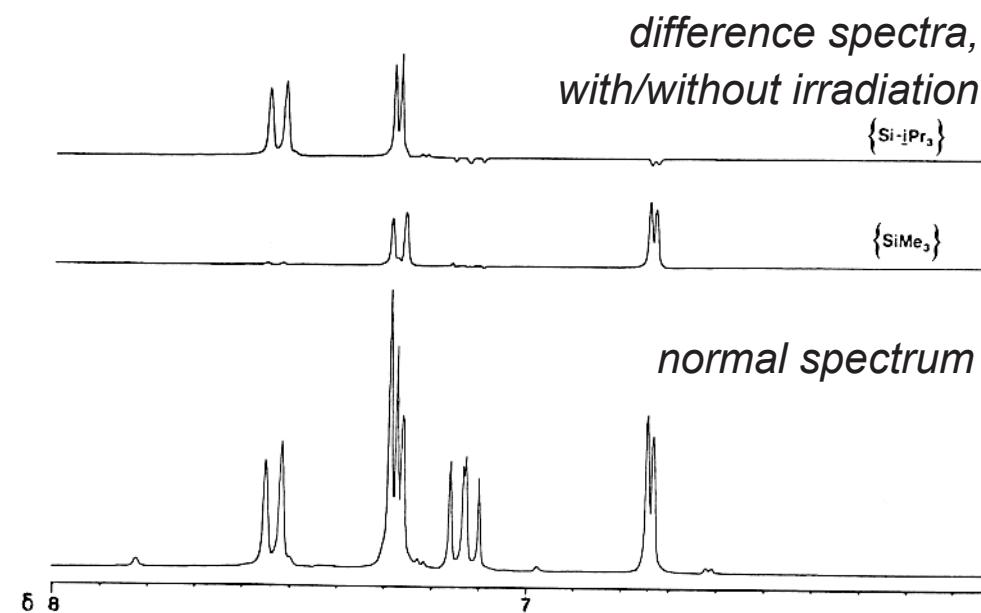
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# Steady-State nOe: nOe Difference Spectroscopy

long (seconds), very low power  
continuous irradiation at the exact  
resonance frequency of one spin



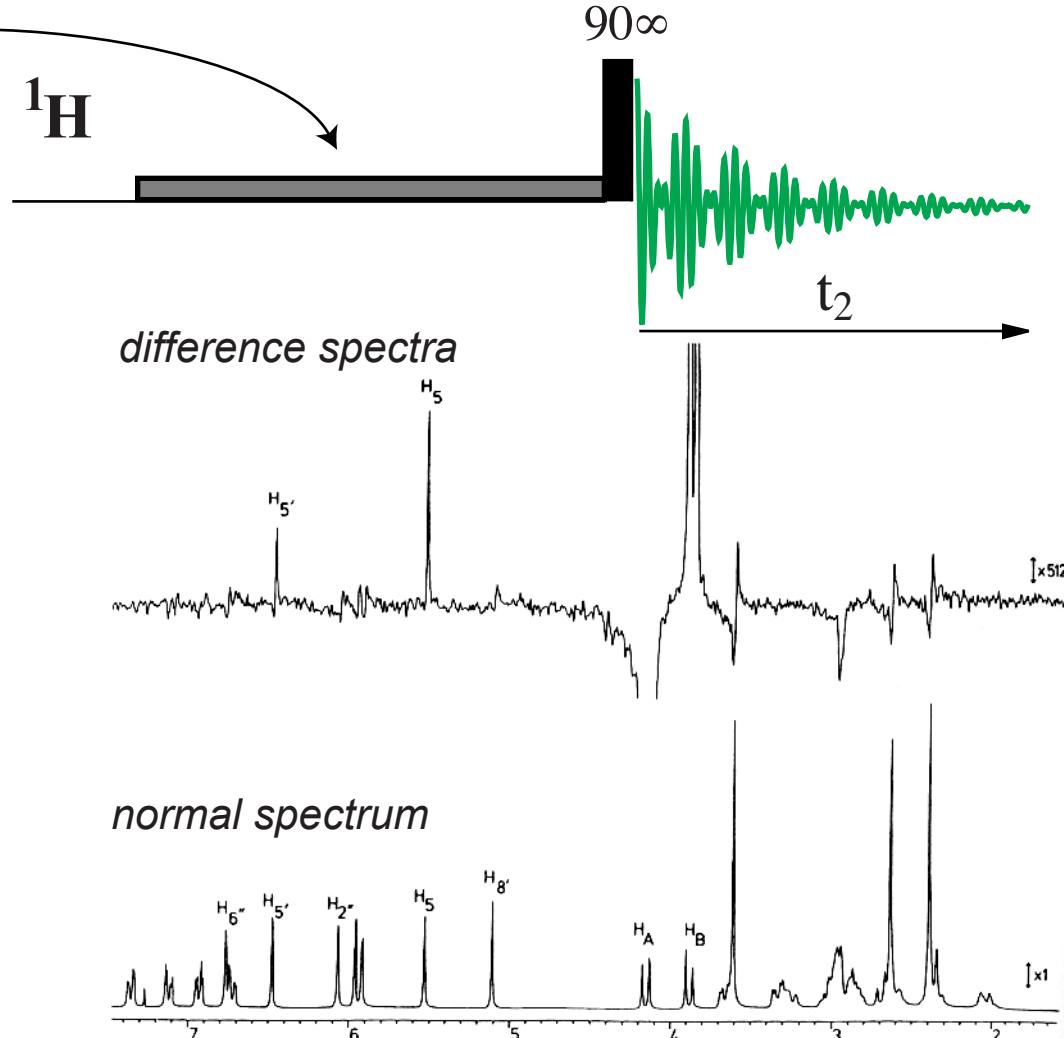
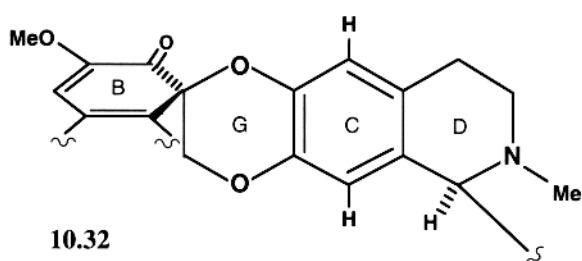
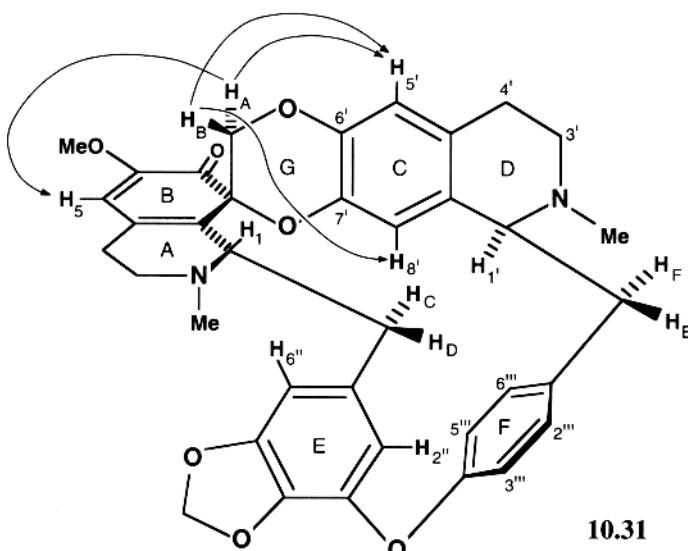
Scheme 10.1



**Figure 10.2.** NOE difference spectra (aromatic region only) of *N*-triisopropylsilyl-4-trimethylsilylindole **10.6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , recorded at 250 MHz (preirradiation 5 s). These enhancements clearly demonstrate that the TMS group is present at the 4 position of the indole rather than the 7 position. Reproduced with permission from ref. 61.

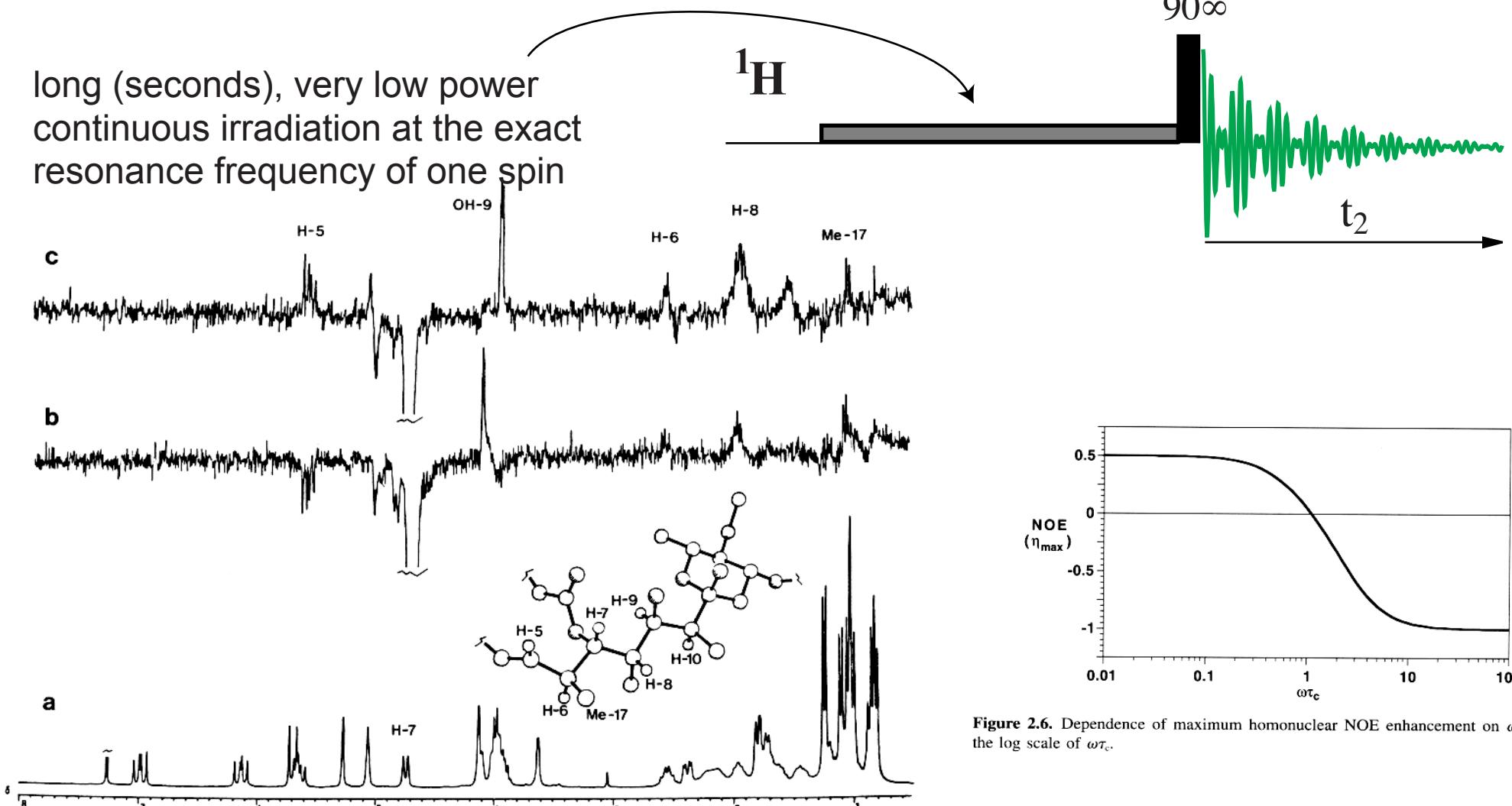
# Steady-State nOe: nOe Difference Spectroscopy

long (seconds), very low power continuous irradiation at the exact resonance frequency of one spin

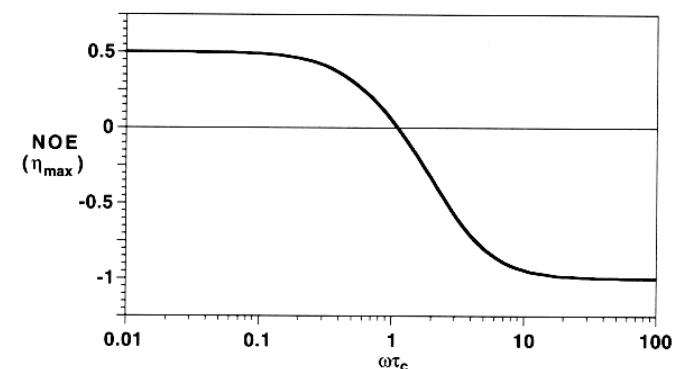


**Figure 10.4.** NOE difference spectra of repanduline **10.31** (0.26 M in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) preirradiating  $\text{H}_\alpha$ ; recorded at 250 MHz (preirradiation 5 s). The spectrum results from the combination of a total of 32,000 transients (8,000 with preirradiation of each line of the  $\text{H}_\alpha$  doublet, and 16,000 controls) acquired over a weekend. The crucial  $\text{H}_5$  ( $\text{H}_\alpha$ ) enhancement of 0.18% shows the correct substitution pattern in ring C to be as in **10.31** rather than **10.32**. See text for further discussion. Reproduced with permission from ref. 24.

# Steady-State nOe: nOe Difference Spectroscopy



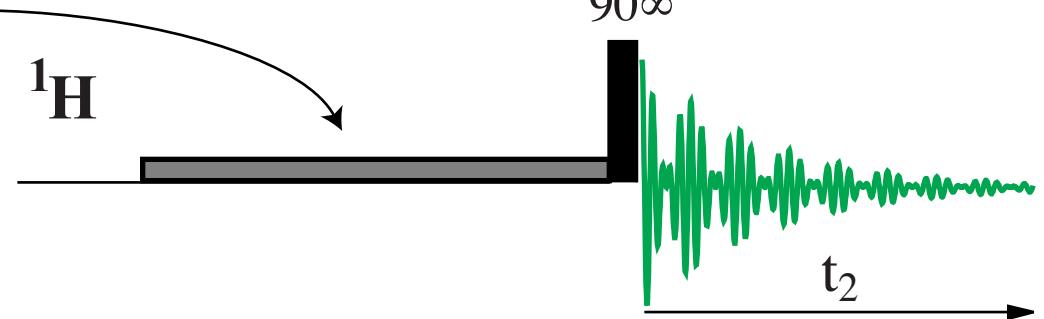
**Figure 3.9.** NOE difference spectra of the macrocyclic antibiotic elaiophylin (7 mg in 0.5 ml  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (b) at 23°C and (c) at 50°C, recorded at 250 MHz. Proton H<sub>7</sub> was the preirradiation target in both cases. The enhancement of H<sub>5</sub> is negative at the lower temperature, because the internuclear vector connecting H<sub>5</sub> and H<sub>7</sub> has a longer correlation time than those corresponding to other enhancements from H<sub>7</sub>. See text for further discussion. Reproduced with permission from ref. 6.



**Figure 2.6.** Dependence of maximum homonuclear NOE enhancement on  $\omega\tau_c$ . Note the log scale of  $\omega\tau_c$ .

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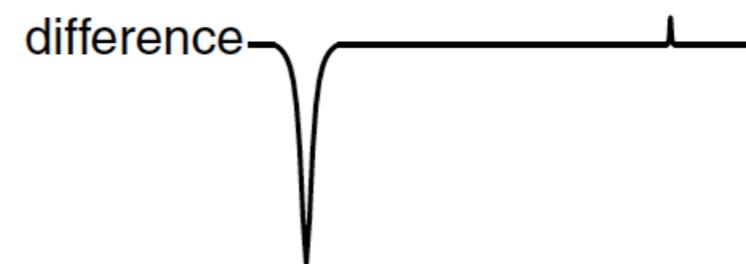
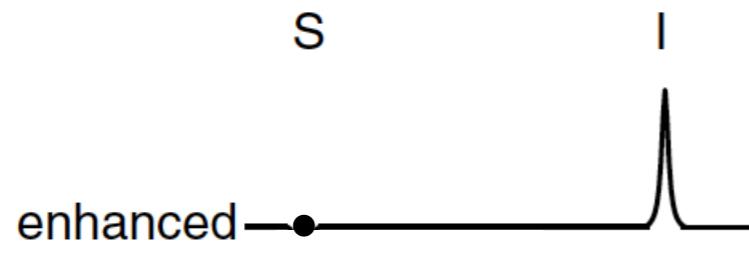
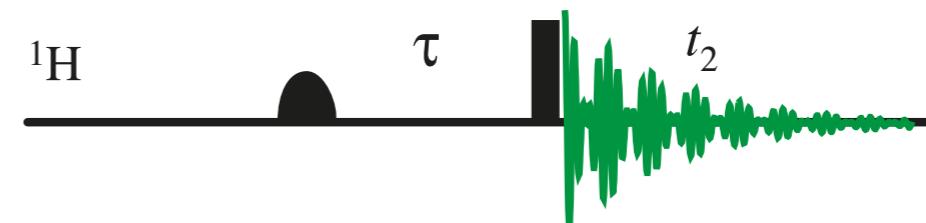


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# Steady-State vs Transient nOe

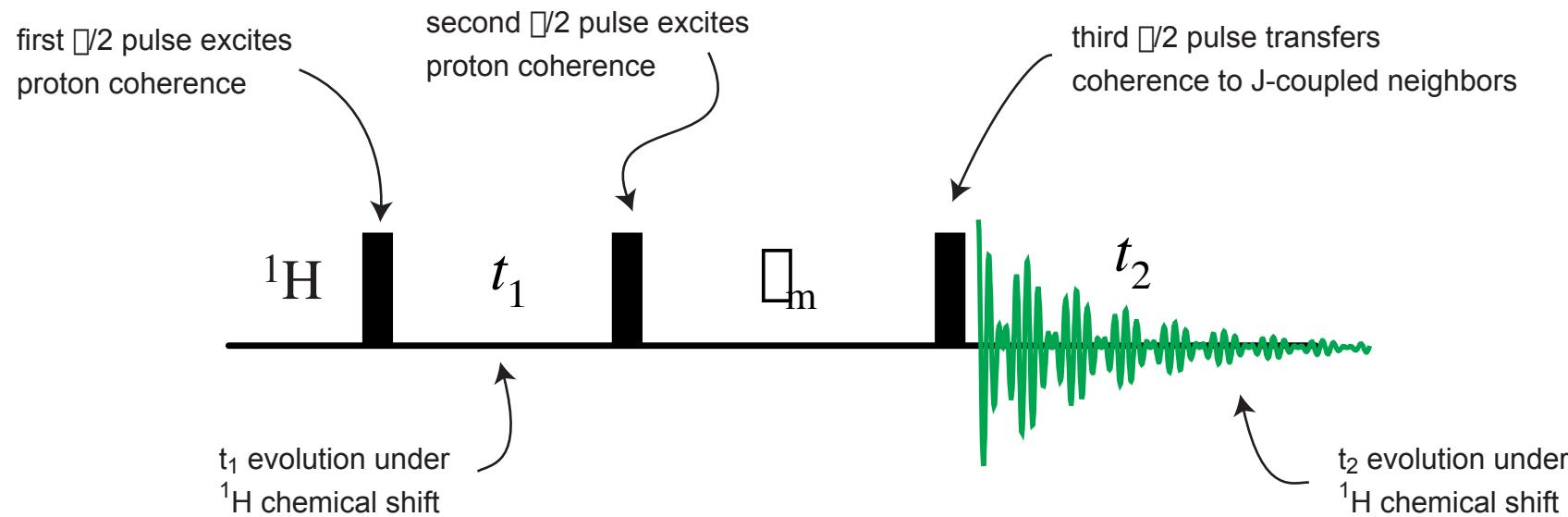


w/wo long low power irradiation at  
S spin resonance frequency

w/wo selective 180° pulse at  
S spin resonance frequency

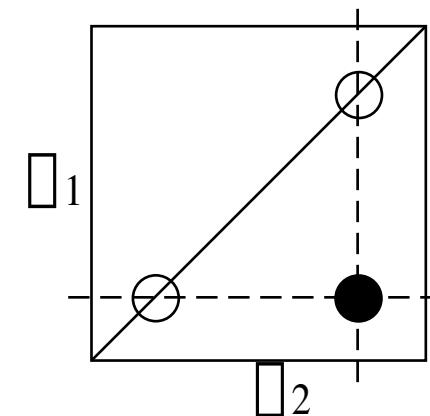
# Cornerstone NMR Experiments: NOESY/EXSY

*(Determining Exchange and Internuclear Distances)*

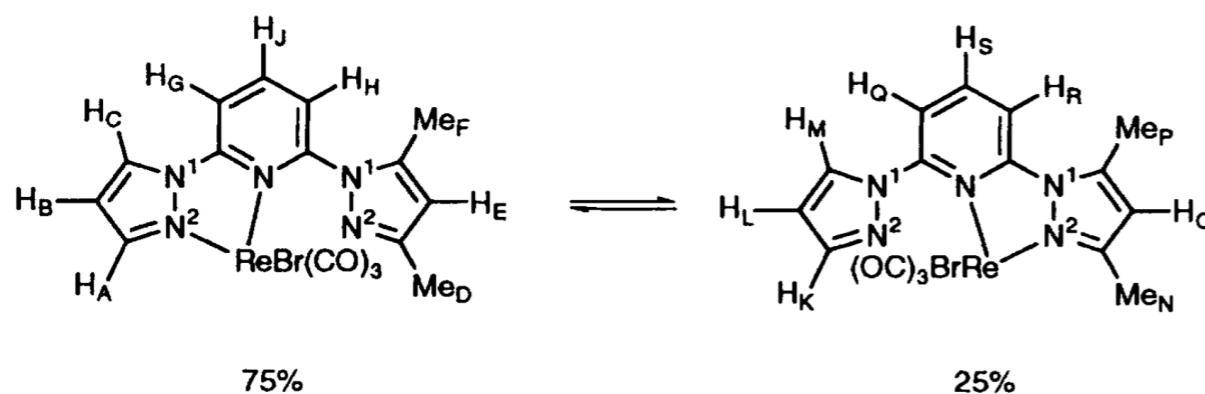
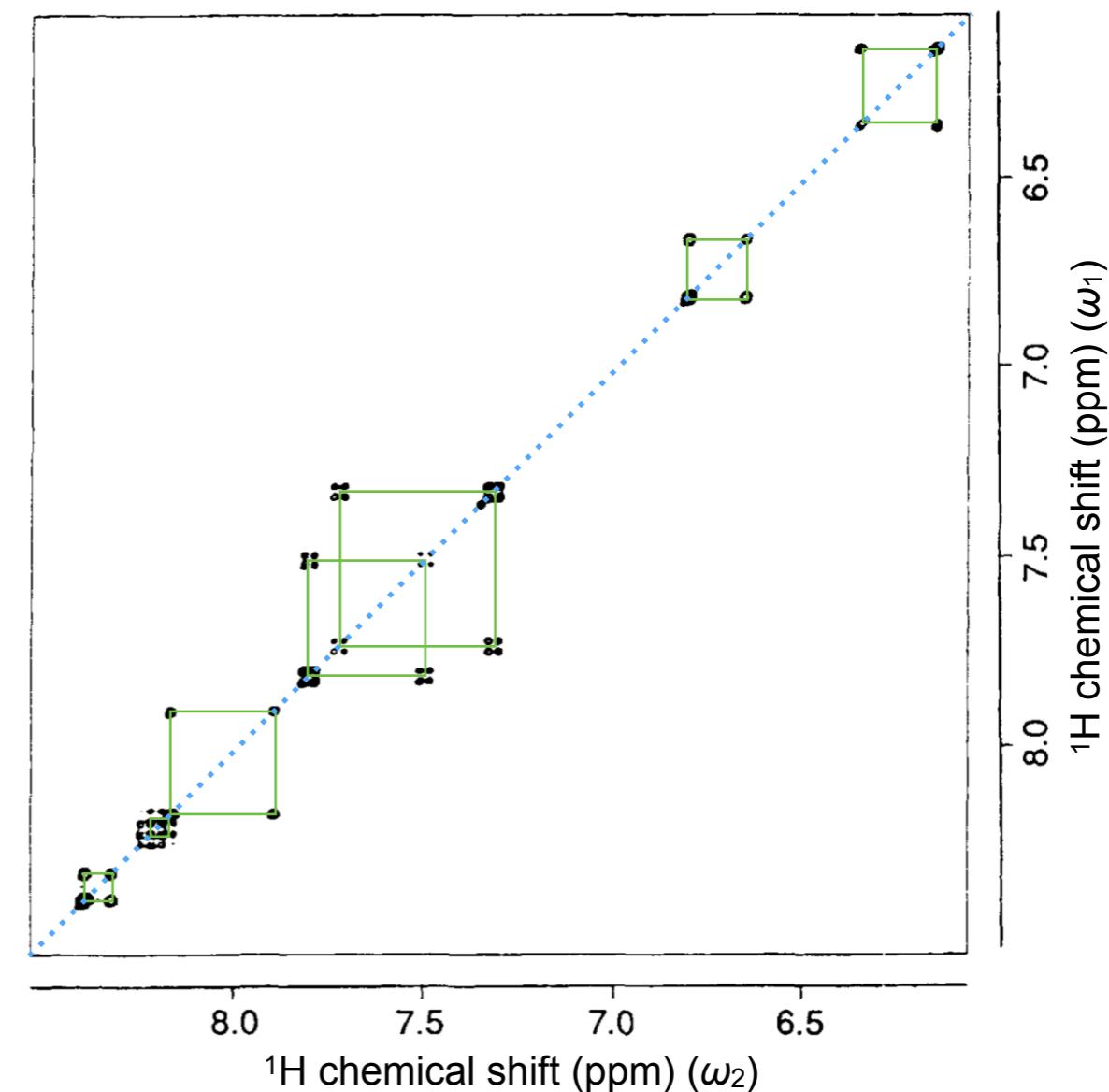
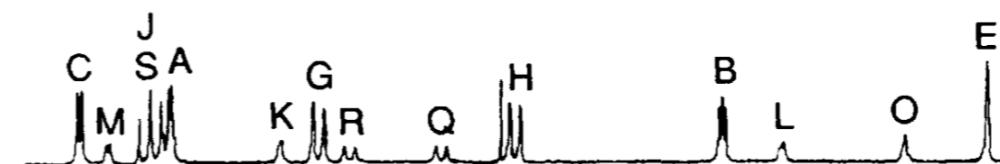
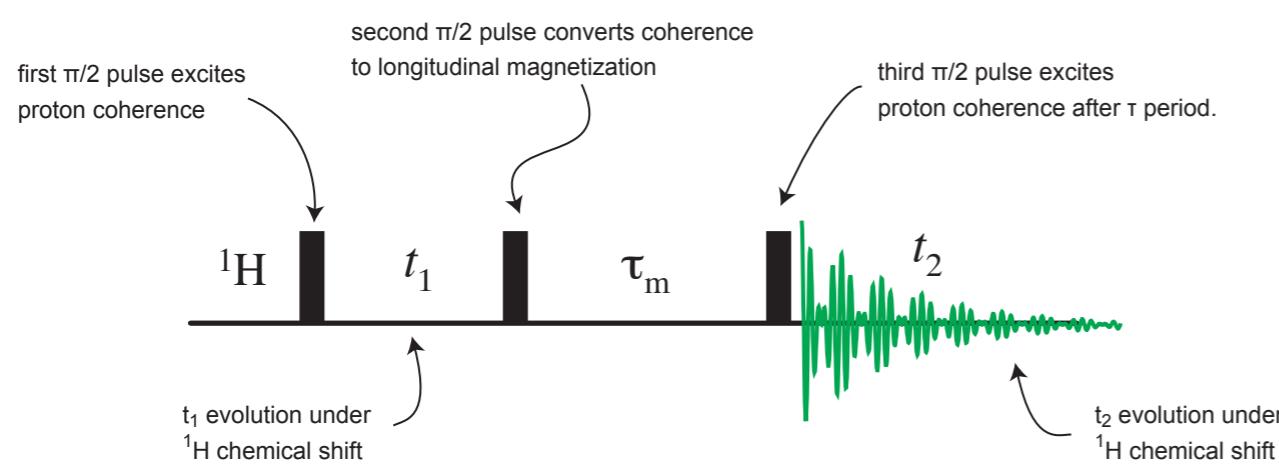


How can we **quantify** the exchange or relaxation processes going on during the mixing time?

Can we determine **internuclear distances** from experimental measures of the nuclear Overhauser effect?



# Two-Dimensional Exchange Spectroscopy (EXSY)



Proton two-dimensional exchange spectrum of the organometallic fluxional compound  $[\text{ReBr}(\text{CO})_3(\text{Me}_2\text{-bppy})]$ , where bppy denotes 2,6-bis(pyrazol-1-yl)pyridine. The mixing interval was  $\tau_m = 0.1$  s. The off-diagonal peaks may be interpreted in terms of an exchange of the metal atom between two pairs of nitrogen binding sites.

Adapted from E. W. Abel, et al., J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans., 1079 (1994).

# Cross Relaxation in a Nutshell

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} I_z \\ S_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_I & \sigma \\ \sigma & \rho_S \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta I_z \\ \Delta S_z \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\rho_I = \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{\gamma_I^2 \gamma_S^2 h^2}{r^6} \right) \tau_c \left\{ \frac{3}{1 + \omega_I^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{1}{1 + (\omega_I - \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{6}{1 + (\omega_I + \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} \right\}$$
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{\gamma_I^2 \gamma_S^2 h^2}{r^6} \right) \tau_c \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + (\omega_I - \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{6}{1 + (\omega_I + \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} \right\}$$

- We predict that dipolar relaxation between different spins will lead to ***magnetisation transfer with a rate that depends on internuclear distances and molecular dynamics***
- This is the nuclear Overhauser effect

# Longitudinal Exchange in EXSY

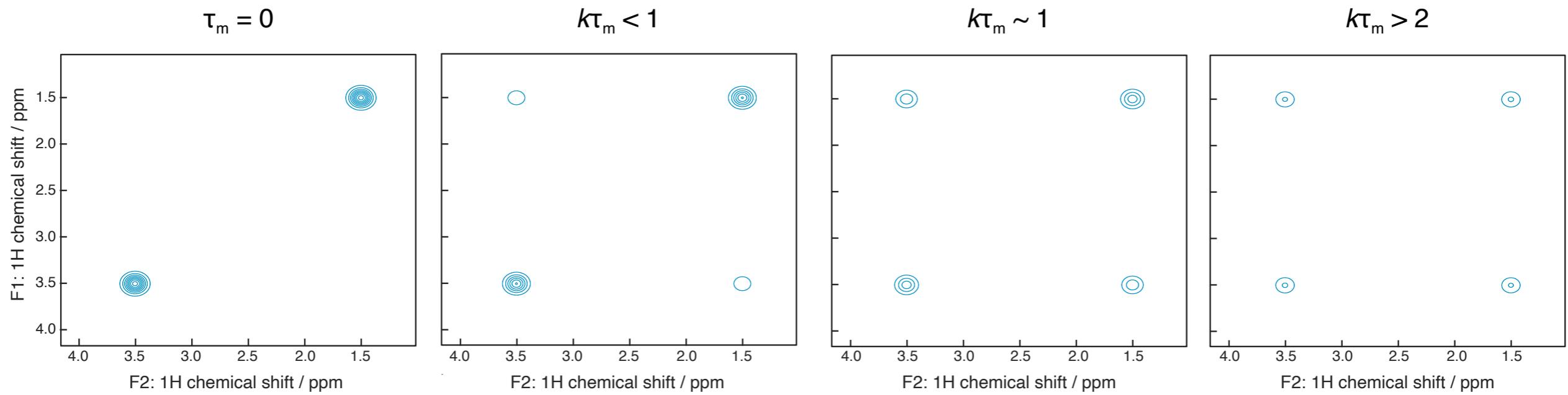
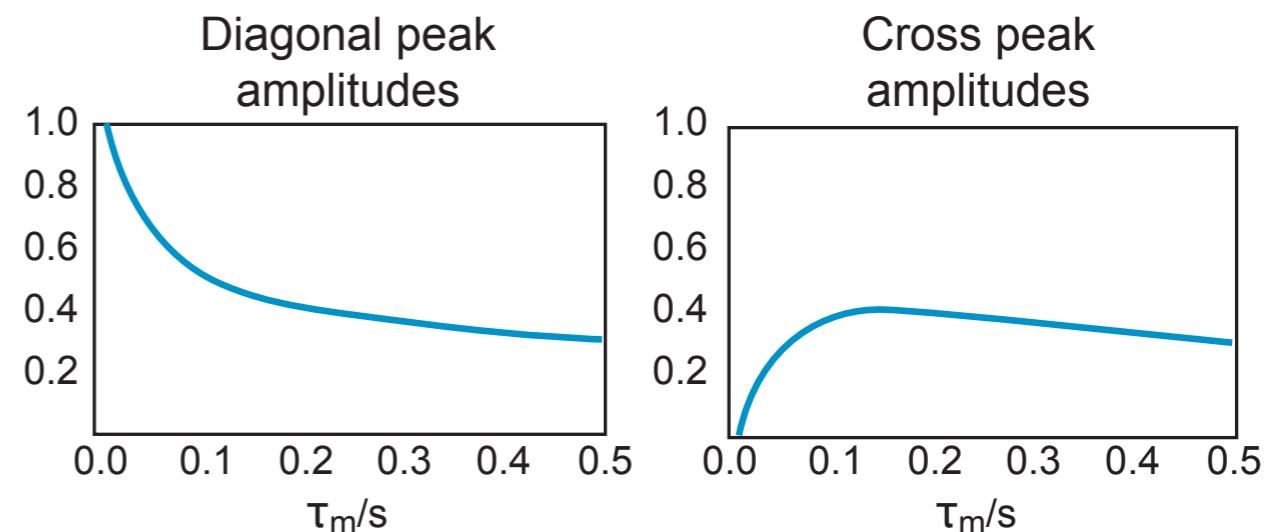
For a 2 spin system, the  $2 \times 2$  dynamic matrix leads to an analytical solution, and for a symmetrical case we obtain:

$$I_{AA}(\tau_m) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \exp\{-2k\tau_m\}] \exp\{-\tau_m/T_1\} M_{A0}$$

$$I_{BB}(\tau_m) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \exp\{-2k\tau_m\}] \exp\{-\tau_m/T_1\} M_{B0}$$

$$I_{AB}(\tau_m) = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \exp\{-2k\tau_m\}] \exp\{-\tau_m/T_1\} M_{B0}$$

$$I_{BA}(\tau_m) = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \exp\{-2k\tau_m\}] \exp\{-\tau_m/T_1\} M_{A0}$$



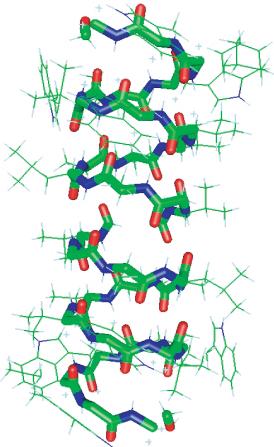
where for magnetization exchange induced by  $nOe$ ,  $k = \sigma$  and  $T_1 = \rho$ .

# Cornerstone NMR Experiments: NOESY

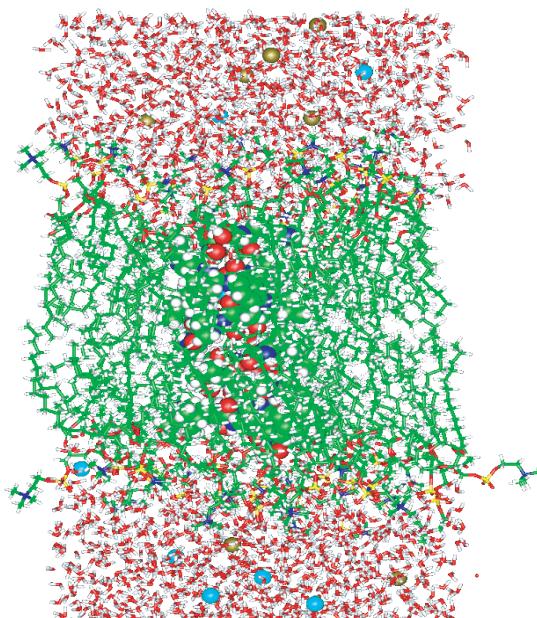
*(Determining Internuclear Distances)*

## NOESY Spectrum of Gramicidin

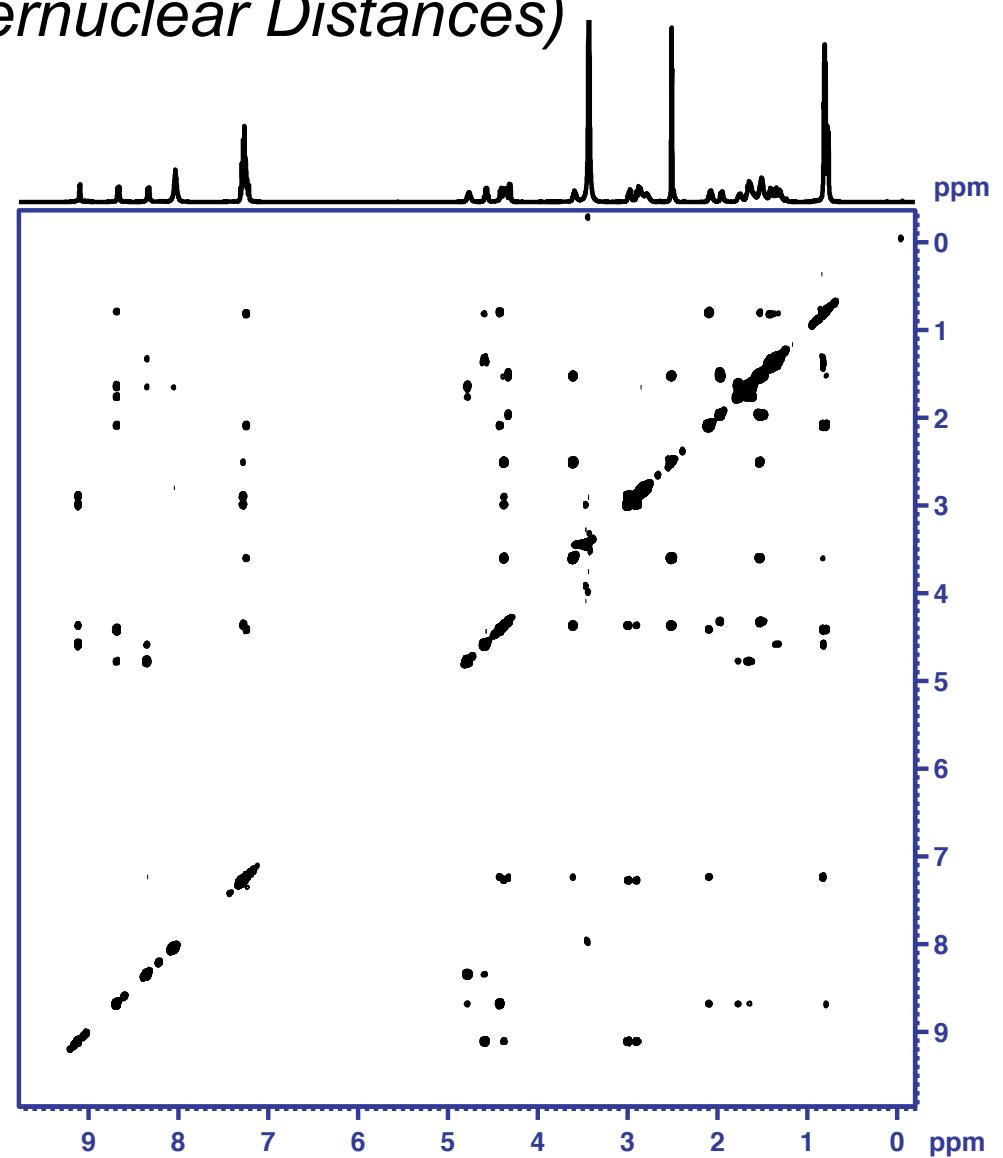
The intensity of the cross peaks is related to the internuclear distance between the two nuclei that are correlated.



Gramicidin A



The whole system



# A Protocol for NMR 3D Structure Determination of Proteins

- 1. Sample Preparation:** Overexpression, isotopic labelling ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^2\text{H}$ ), solubility, folding, stability.....
- 2. Resonance Assignment:** COSY (TOCSY) - HSQC/HMQC - NOESY, higher dimensions.....
- 3. Distance Measurement:** NOESY (+3D variations)
- 4. Structure Determination Using Experimentally Constrained Modelling**
- 5. Dynamic Information from Relaxation Times**

yields a full structural and dynamic model

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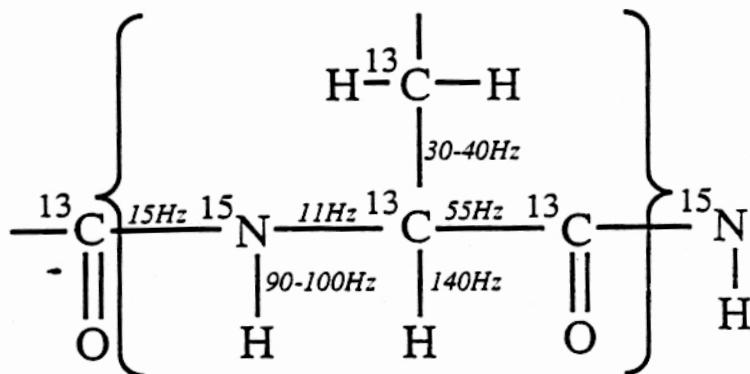


TABLE I  
CORRELATIONS OBSERVED IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL DOUBLE- AND TRIPLE-RESONANCE EXPERIMENTS USED FOR SEQUENTIAL AND SIDE-CHAIN ASSIGNMENTS

Experiment	Correlation	<i>J</i> Coupling <sup>a</sup>
<sup>15</sup> N-edited HOHAHA	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>HN</sub> (~3–11 Hz)
	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>HN</sub> (~3–11 Hz), <sup>3</sup> J <sub>αβ</sub> (~3–11 Hz)
<sup>15</sup> NCA(NH)	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>NC</sub> (~9–13 Hz)
	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>2</sup> J <sub>NC</sub> (~5–10 Hz)
	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>2</sup> J <sub>COH</sub> (~4–7 Hz)
	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>COH</sub> (~8 Hz for trans coupling)
<sup>15</sup> HNHB	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>NH</sub> (~5 Hz for trans coupling)
<sup>15</sup> HNCA	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>NC</sub> (~9–13 Hz)
	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>2</sup> J <sub>NC</sub> (~5–10 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> CBCANH	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>β</sup> / <sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>NC</sub> (~9–13 Hz)
	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>β</sup> / <sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz), <sup>2</sup> J <sub>NC</sub> (~5–10 Hz)
<sup>15</sup> HN(CO)CA	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> CB(CO)NH	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>β</sup> / <sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz)
<sup>15</sup> HBHA(CBCACON)NH	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>β</sup> H/ <sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> C(CO)NH	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>β</sup> (i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz)
<sup>15</sup> H(CCO)NH	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>β</sup> H(i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz)
<sup>15</sup> HNCO	<sup>13</sup> CO(i-1)- <sup>15</sup> N(i)-NH(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> HCACO	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i)- <sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i)- <sup>13</sup> CO(i)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> HCA(CO)N	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> H(i)- <sup>13</sup> C <sup>a</sup> (i)- <sup>15</sup> N(i+1)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>C<sup>a</sup>CO</sub> (~55 Hz), <sup>1</sup> J <sub>NCO</sub> (~15 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> HCCH-COSY	H(j)- <sup>13</sup> C(j)- <sup>13</sup> C(j±1)-H(j±1)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz)
<sup>13</sup> HCCH-TOCSY	H(j)- <sup>13</sup> C(j) ... <sup>13</sup> C(j±n)-H(j±n)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CC</sub> (~30–40 Hz)

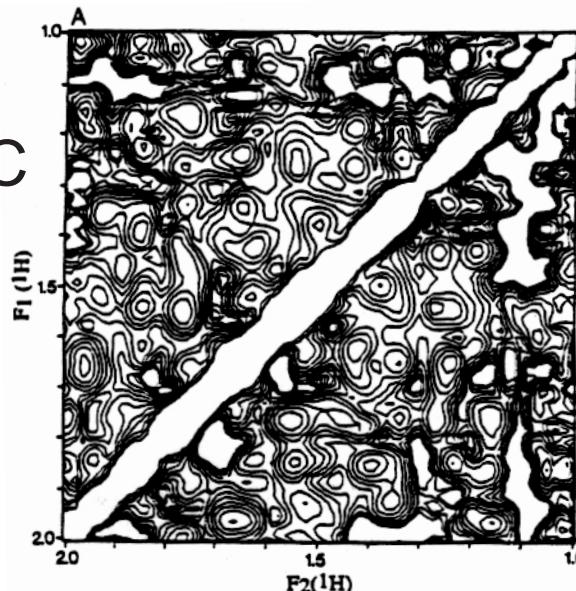
<sup>a</sup> In addition to the couplings indicated, all experiments make use of the <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CH</sub> (~140 Hz) and/or <sup>1</sup>J<sub>NH</sub> (~95 Hz) couplings.

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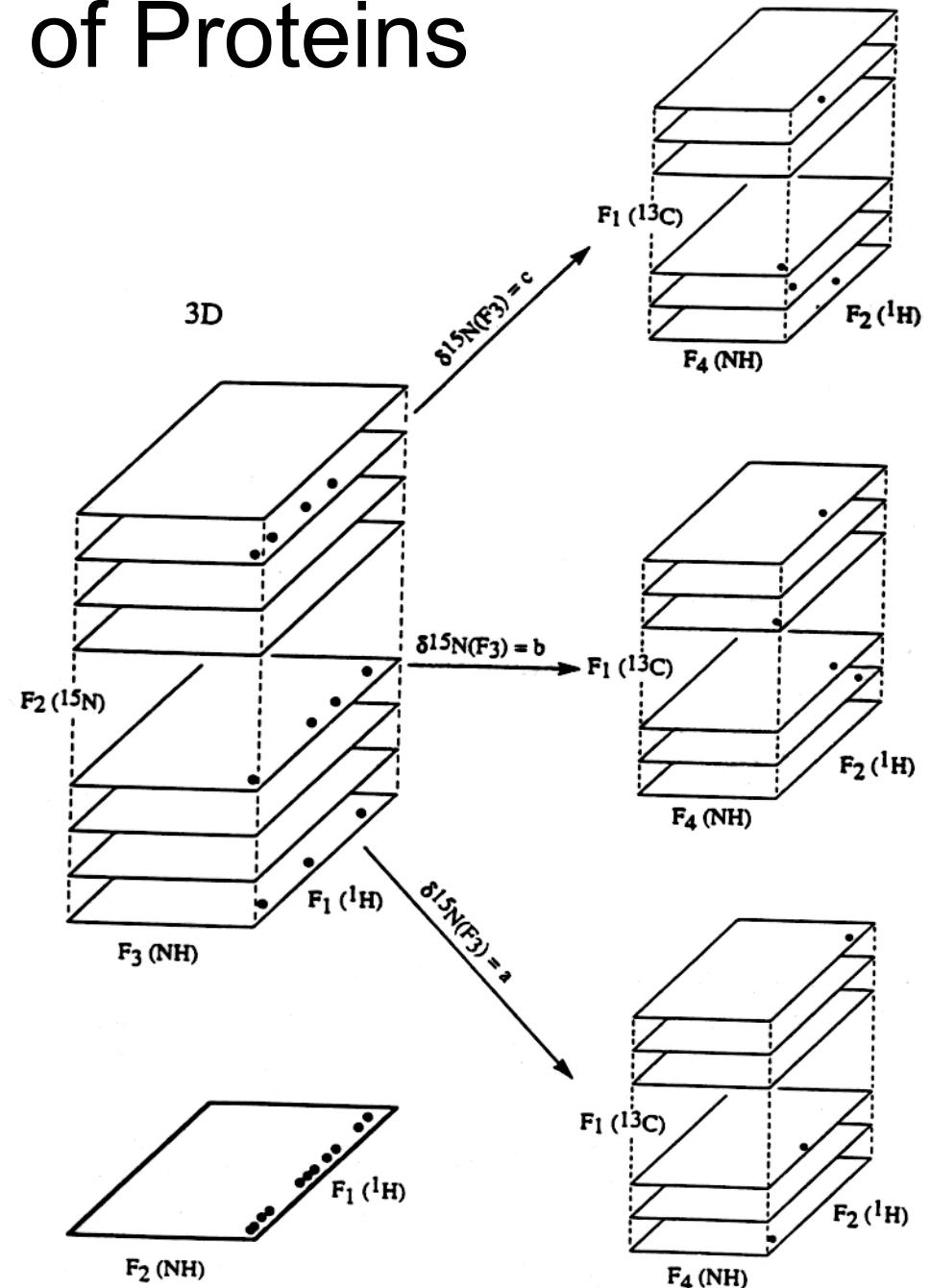
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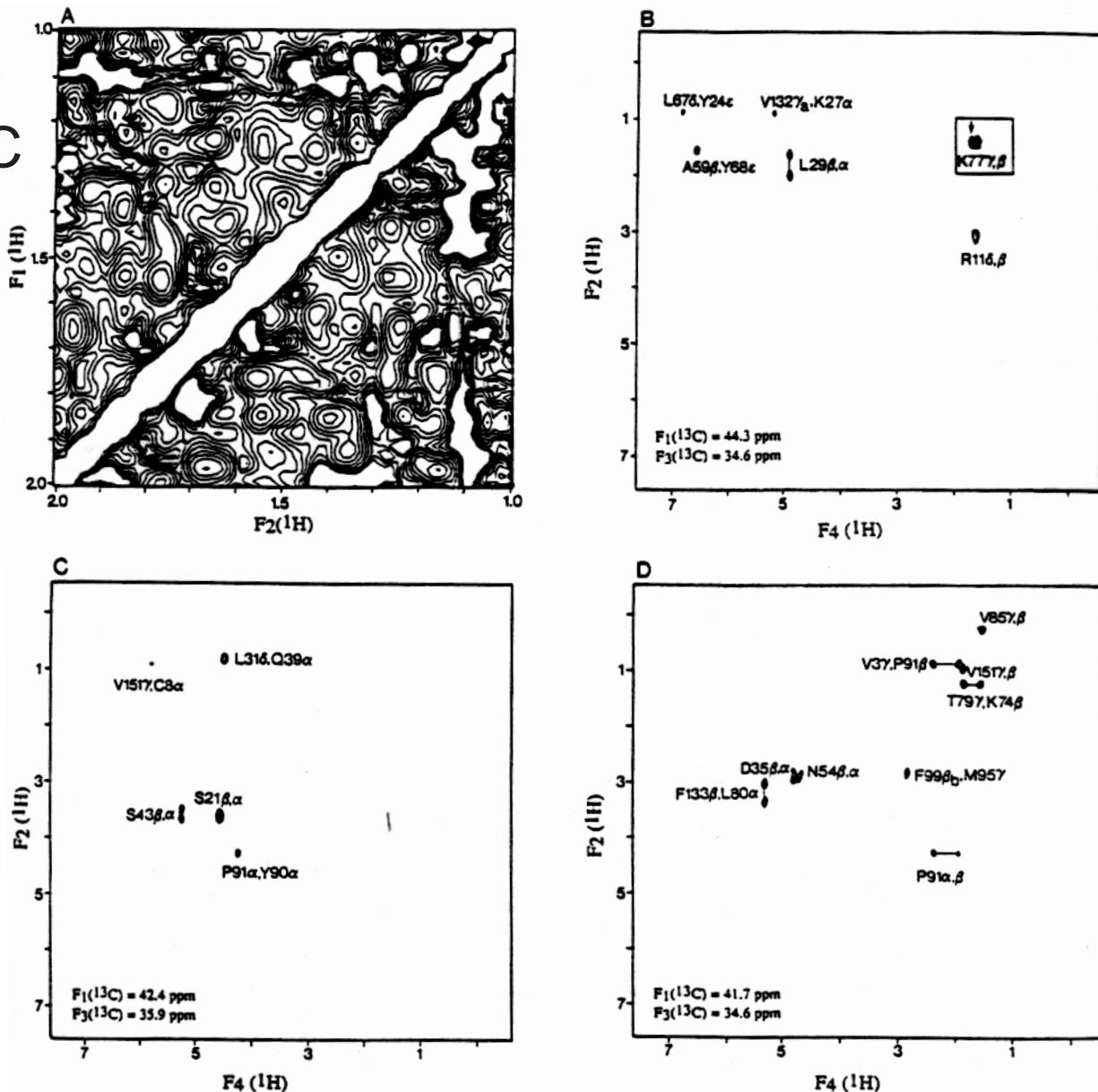
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TECHNIQUES  
TABLE V  
TWO-, THREE-, AND FOUR-DIMENSIONAL NMR EXPERIMENTS

Experiment class <sup>a</sup> (X = C or N)	Experiment <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
$(t_1, t_2) = (\text{H}, \text{H})$	COSY	(1)
	RELAY	(2)
	HOHAHA-TOCSY	(3)
	NOESY	(4)
	ROESY	(5)
	DEPT-HMQC	(23)
	DEPT-HMQC filtered TOCSY	(23)
	HOHAHA-NOESY	(6)
	HMQC	(7)
	HSQC	(8)
	CT-HSQC	(9)
	HSMQC	(10)
	HMBC	(11)
	HETERO-RELAY	(12)
	HETERO-NOE	(13)
	H-X EXCSY	(14)
$(t_1, t_2) = (\text{C}, \text{C})$	CC-DQC	(15, 16)
	CC-COSY	(16)
	XX-EXCSY	(14)
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{N}, \text{C})$	CN-MBC	(17)
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{H}, \text{X}, \text{H})/(\text{X}, \text{H}, \text{H})$	NOESY-HMQC	(18)
	HOHAHA-HMQC	(19)
	SE-TOCSY-HSQC	(20)
	SE-HSQC-TOCSY	(20)
	SE-NOESY-HMQC	(20)
	SE-NOESY-HSQC	(20)
	HMQC-TOCSY	(21)
	<sup>15</sup> N-TOCSY-NOESY	(22)
	<sup>15</sup> N-NOESY-TOCSY	(22)
	DEPT-TOCSY	(23)
	HMQC-COSY (gradient)	(24)
	NOESY-HMQC (gradient)	(25)
	HCCCH-COSY	(26)
	CT-HCCCH-COSY	(27)
	HCCCH-TOCSY	(26)
	HCCCH-TOCSY (gradient)	(28)
	H(CA)CO-TOCSY	(29)
	H(CA)CO-COSY	(29)
	(HCA)CO-CBHB	(29)
	HA(CAN)HN	(30)

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MULTINUCLEAR, MULTIDIMENSIONAL NMR  
TABLE V (continued)

Experiment class <sup>a</sup> (X = C or N)	Experiment <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
$(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (\text{C}, \text{C}, \text{H})$	HCACO	(31)
	CT-HCACO	(32)
	C TOCSY-REVINEPT	(33)
	H(N)CACO	(34)
	<sup>13</sup> C- <sup>13</sup> C correlations	(35)
	CBCACOHA (gradient)	(36)
	CBCACOHA-TOCSY	(37)
	HNCO	(31)
	CT-HNCO	(38)
	HNCA	(31, 39)
	CT-HNCA	(38)
	HNCO(CA)	(40, 41)
	CT-HN(CO)CA	(38)
	CT-HN(CA)CO	(42)
	HNCO (gradient)	(43)
	HC(A)CO)N	(31)
	CT-HC(A)CO)N	(32, 44)
	CBC(A)CO)NH	(45)
	HNCA(CB)	(46)
	HC(CO)NH-TOCSY	(47)
	HC(C)NH-TOCSY	(48)
	HCAC)NNH	(49)
	HNCA)HA-GLY	(50)
	HBHA(CO)NH	(51)
	HC(CO)NH-TOCSY	(47)
	HN(CA)NNH	(52)
	HA(CAN)HN	(30)
	<sup>15</sup> N/ <sup>15</sup> N edited <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(53)
	HN(CA)NNH	(52)
	HNCA)HA	(54)
	HN(COCA)HA	(55)
	<sup>13</sup> C/ <sup>15</sup> N-edited <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(56)
	HNCAHA	(57)
	HNCO(CA)HA	(57)
	HCANNH	(58)
	HCC(CO)NNH	(59)
	<sup>13</sup> C/ <sup>15</sup> C-edited <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(60)
	<sup>13</sup> C/ <sup>15</sup> C <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H NOESY	(61)
	(gradient)	
	HCACON	(62)
	HCCCH-TOCSY	(63)
	HN(COCA)NH	(64)

<sup>a</sup> Pulse sequences are organized by the nuclei that are operative in the various acquisition periods. The number of time domains ( $t_i$  values) establishes the dimensionality of the (continued)

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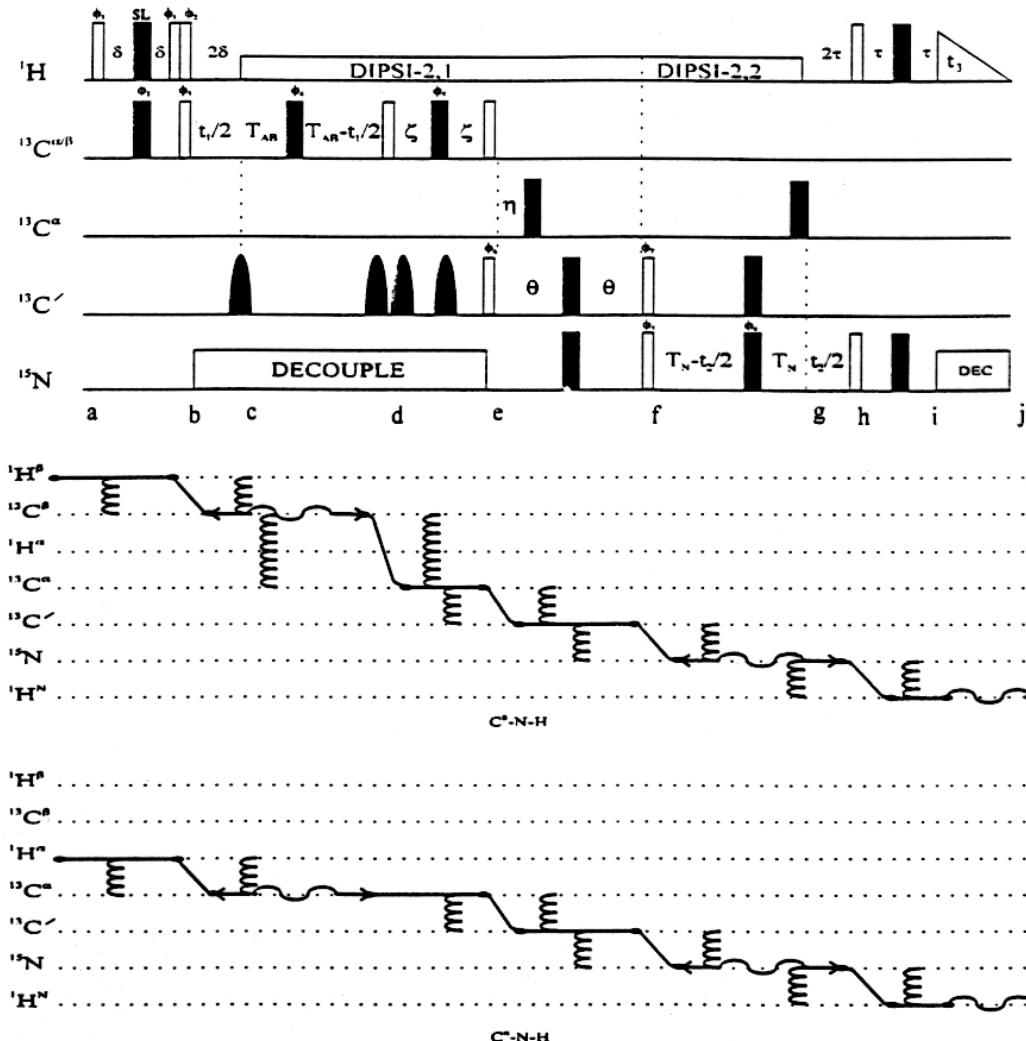


FIG. 14. Pulse sequence and CFN for 3D-CBCA(CO)NH.<sup>11</sup> The pulses and phases have the same convention described in Fig. 12. For values of the delays, consult the original work. The second and third selective (rounded) carbonyl pulses and the phase labeled  $\phi_7$  serve to remove nonresonant phase distortions (Section III,C). The CFN is best shown as two separate experiments, one originating from  $^1\text{H}^\beta$  and the second originating from  $^1\text{H}^\alpha$ .

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## 3. *Distance Measurement*: NOESY (+3D variations)

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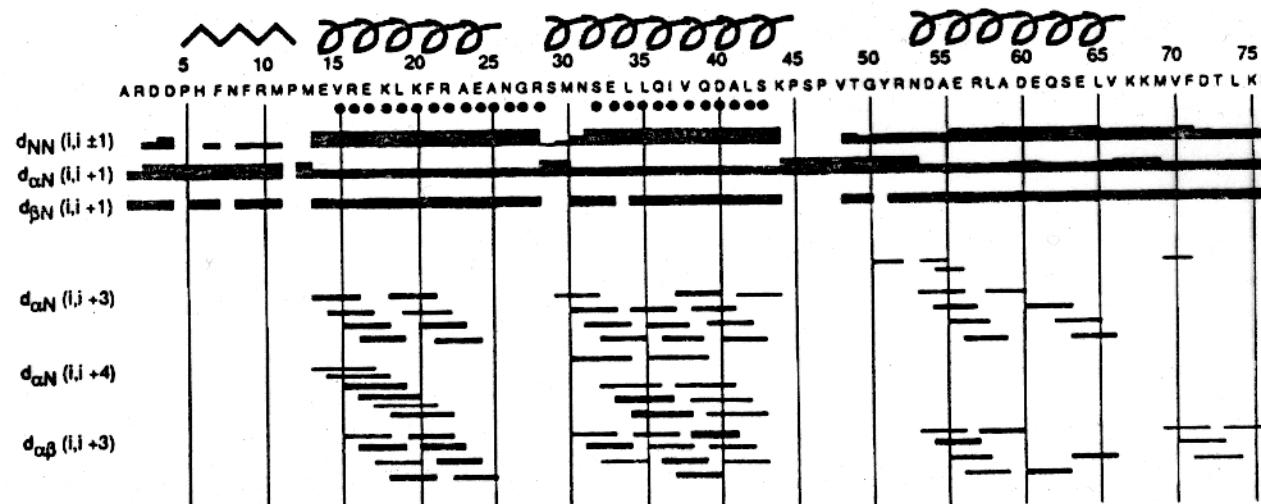


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## 4. Structure Determination Using Experimentally Constrained Modelling

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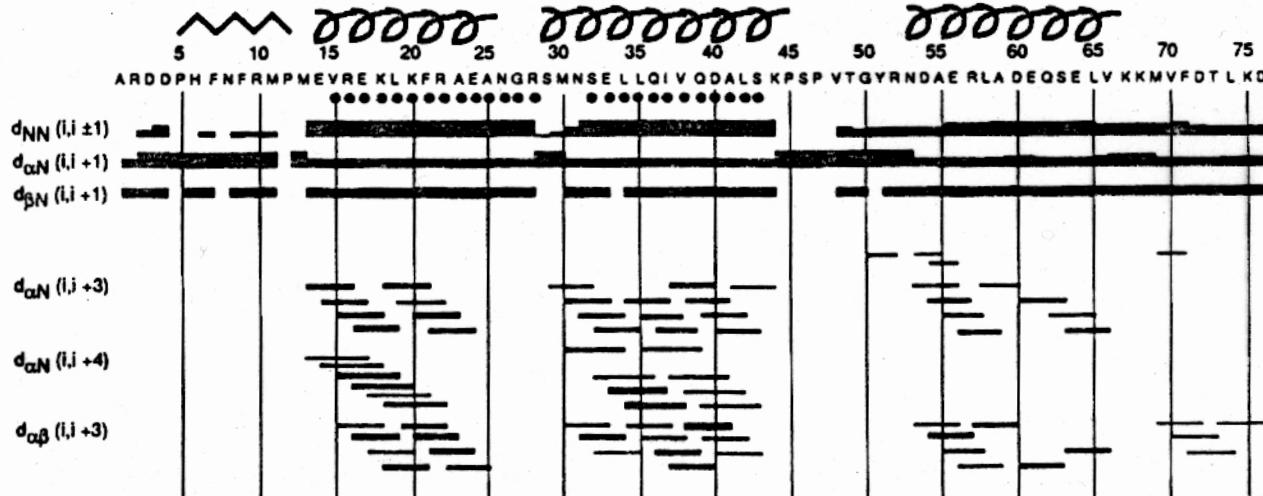
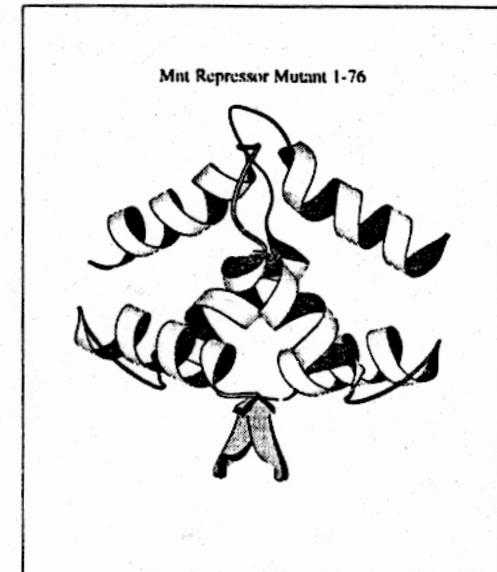
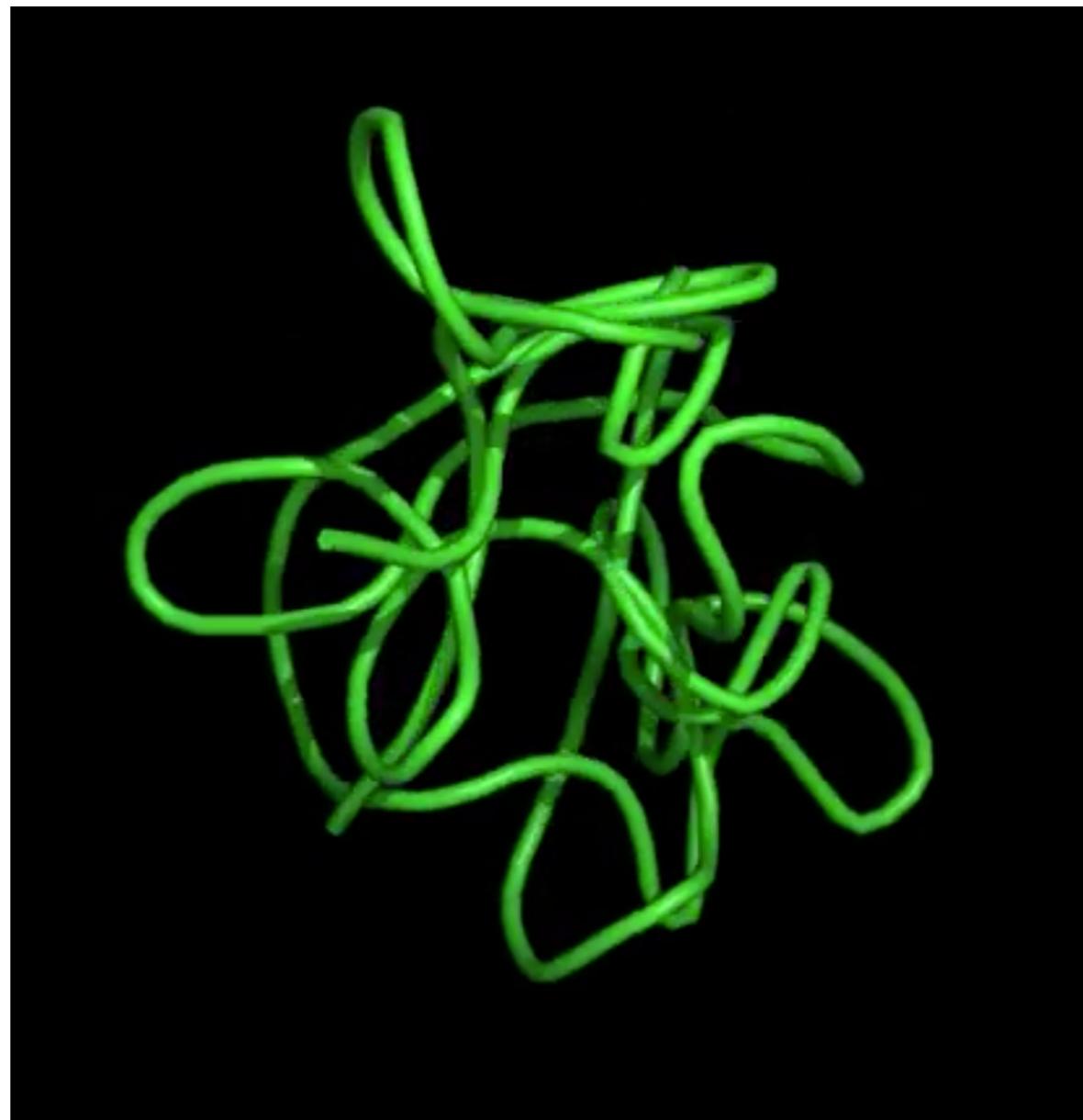


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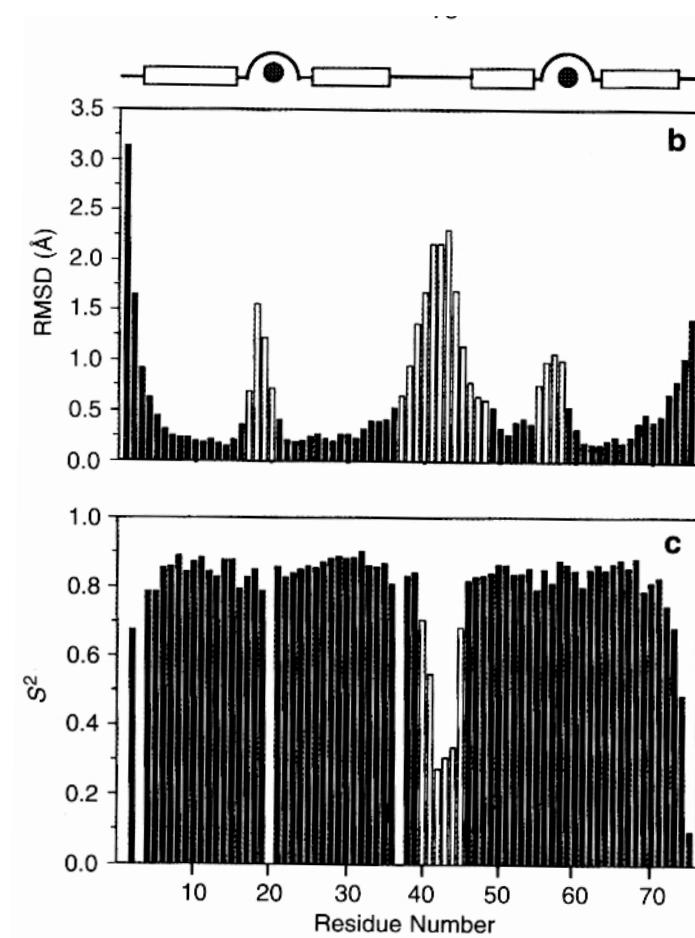
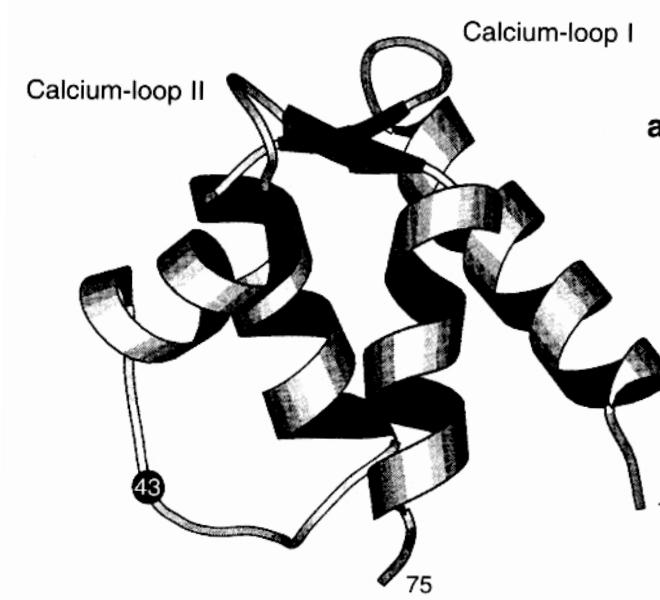
# Restrained Molecular Dynamics



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## 5. Dynamic Information from Relaxation Times



# Conclusions I

- Transverse and longitudinal relaxation rates are directly related to the rotational correlation times and the timescale of motion. *Relaxation rates are direct probes of molecular structure & dynamics.*
- Dipolar relaxation between two inequivalent spins induces cross relaxation: spontaneous exchange of magnetisation between dipolar coupled spins. This is the Overhauser effect. (When the two spins are both nuclear spins, it is the *nuclear Overhauser effect (nOe)*).
- Cross relaxation rates are determined by the ***rate of motion and the internuclear distance*** ( $\sigma_{ij} \propto r_{ij}^{-6}$ ).

# Conclusions II

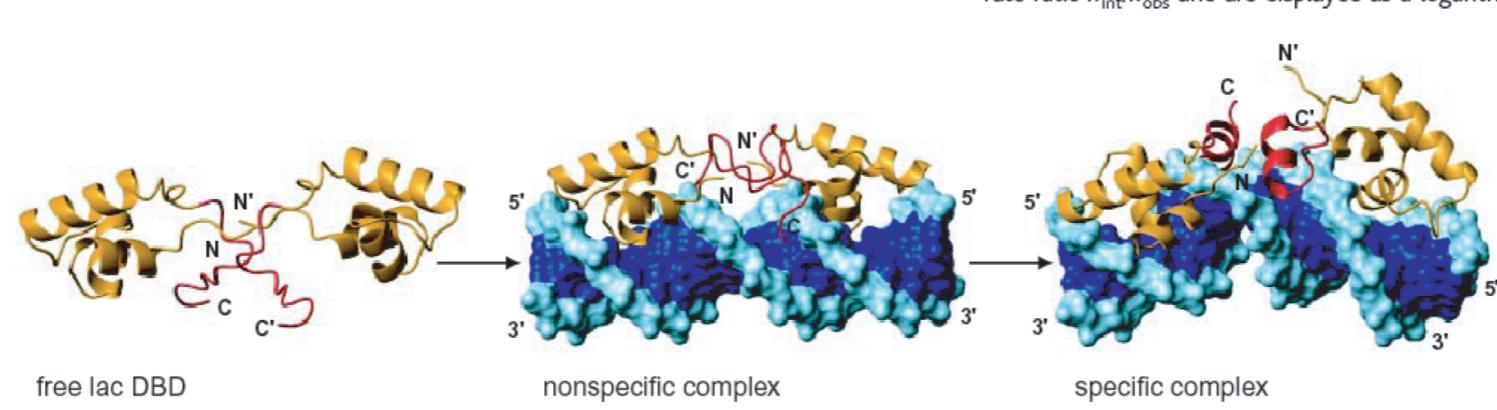
- The size and sign of the nOe effect depends on the motional correlation times.
- Steady-state nOe vary from extrema of +0.5 for fast motions to -1 for slow motions.
- Conformational analysis can be performed with steady-state or transient 1D nOe experiments involving selective saturation or inversion, respectively.
- Multiple nOe can be measured simultaneously in the 2D EXSY experiment
- Pairwise distances can be obtained quantitatively from NOESY spectra using exactly the same analysis as for exchange.
- Full structural & dynamic pictures of proteins can be obtained from a 5 step protocol

# Did You Understand?

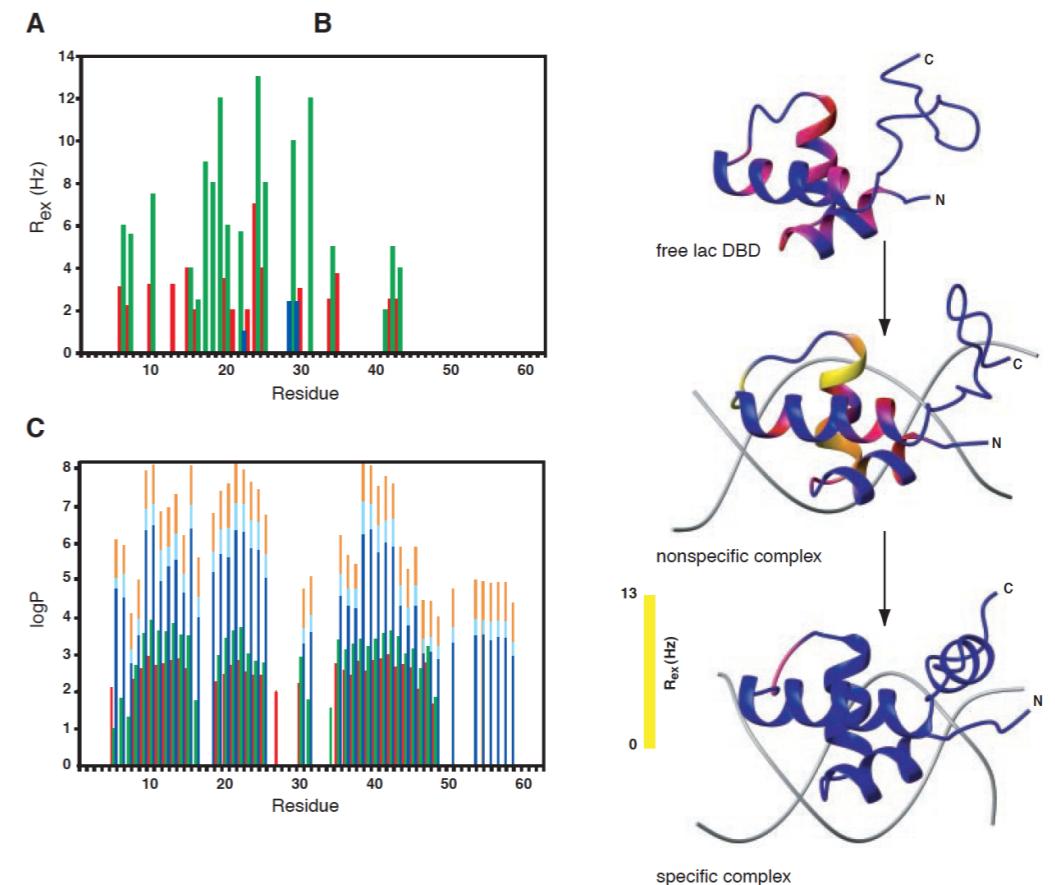
## Structure and Flexibility Adaptation in Nonspecific and Specific Protein-DNA Complexes

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Interaction of regulatory DNA binding proteins with their target sites is usually preceded by binding to nonspecific DNA. This speeds up the search for the target site by several orders of magnitude. We report the solution structure and dynamics of the complex of a dimeric *lac* repressor DNA binding domain with nonspecific DNA. The same set of residues can switch roles from a purely electrostatic interaction with the DNA backbone in the nonspecific complex to a highly specific binding mode with the base pairs of the cognate operator sequence. The protein-DNA interface of the nonspecific complex is flexible on biologically relevant time scales that may assist in the rapid and efficient finding of the target site.



**Fig. 3.** Structural pathway of protein-DNA recognition. The hinge region (residues 50 to 62), which is colored red, remains unstructured in both the free state and the nonspecific complex, whereas it folds up to an  $\alpha$  helix in the specific complex with the natural operator *O*1. In the nonspecific complex, the DNA adopts a canonical B-DNA conformation, whereas in the specific complex it is bent by  $\sim 36^\circ$ .



**Fig. 4.** Dynamic and H-D exchange rates analysis of the dimeric *lac* DBD-DNA interaction. (A) Exchange values,  $R_{\text{ex}}$ , indicating motions on the micro- to millisecond time regime plotted as a function of residue number of the *lac* DBD. Values for the free state, nonspecific, and specific *O*1 complex are shown in red, green, and blue, respectively. Only residues with significant  $R_{\text{ex}}$  values ( $>1$  Hz) are displayed. (B) Color-coded representation of the conformational exchange dynamics alteration along the protein-DNA recognition pathway. (C) Protection factors of the dimeric *lac* DBD plotted as a function of residue number. Values for the free state, nonspecific, natural operators *O*3 and *O*1, and SymL complexes are shown in red, green, blue, cyan, and orange, respectively. Protection factors were calculated from the rate ratio  $k_{\text{int}}/k_{\text{obs}}$  and are displayed as a logarithmic scale.

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