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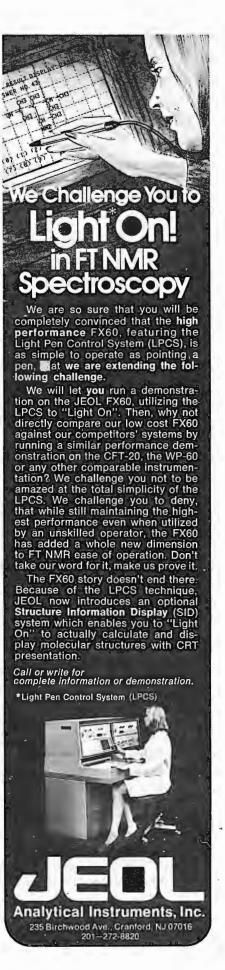
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Dear Barry:

#### HYPOTHESIS TESTING AND THE SHIFT REAGENT PROBLEM: QUERIES!

Bill Bearden and I have been concerned recently about hypothesis testing in the lanthanide shift reagents versus structure business. We have concluded there may be some pitfalls that have gone unrecognized. We are soliciting opinions from the Newsletter readers about the following possible points of contention.

In the event we compare two rather different arrays (such as the borneol-lanthanide and the isoborneol-lanthanide pairs) with a single set of shift data the hypothesis that "one substrate better represents the experimental one than the other substrate does" can be tested by the R-factor ratio using a level of hypothesis of one and entering the appropriate table provided by Walter Hamilton. In general we find that pairs of stereoisomers tested in this way usually lead to an unambigious conclusion.

Now a second set hypothesis test involves the statistical differentiation between the lanthanide-substrate array reported by Worker A and the corresponding lanthanide-substrate array (for the same L-S pair) as reported by Worker B. In the ridiculous extreme, Worker A will have selected a different, but reasonable, set of internal coordinates for his substrate than Worker B and each of them will have used slightly different workups for the induced shift. This leaves us with the problem of comparing World War II battleships with 17th century chastity belts or its equivalent. We can get things on a common basis by assuring that both workers used the same internal coordinates for the substrate and permit different computational models for the matching of identical sets of shift data. In this event, the two workers might still get different lanthanide locations relative to the substrate because of differences in the computer code or in the assumptions from which the algorithm was built. When it happens that two L-S structures are reported, then we read that one structure is "better" than the other. In terms of hypothesis testing one can make the null hypothesis that the two lanthanide substrate arrays are indistinguishable. The level of this hypothesis would be four because we are saying that the X,Y, and Z coordinates for the lanthanide and the scale factor relating to the observed calculated have been adjusted, and one set of four parameters are better than the other set of four parameters. Having recognized this we can then determine the degrees of freedom in the system, look in Walter Hamilton's table under the appropriate dimensionality of the hypothesis and abstract a confidence level for the R-factor ratio as reported. This added worry about dimensionality makes most of the reported L-S arrays equivalent at confidence levels of 50-75 percent.

We have also worried some about the degrees of freedom in a typical simulation of the pseudocontact shift by computation. In most cases there are at least four adjustable parameters involved in the problem. We feel that we should have eight or nine observable before even reasonably precise descriptions about the L-S array can be written. We will report on the pragmatic counting of the degrees of freedom at the ENC and hope to have a manuscript about the problem ready the next month or two.

In summary, we have found that external comparisons, that is, of two stereo isomers frequently indicates which one of that pair is the better description for the substrate being studied. In the internal comparison, that is, mapping the results obtained for the same lanthanide substrate pair by two different workers there is only a modest chance for a statistically significant difference in the two L-S arrays.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Professor Shapiro:

#### Deuterium Incorporation Sites by <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>2</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H} Difference Spectroscopy

As a continuation of an earlier study in detecting and quantifying in vivo incorporation of <sup>2</sup>H from deuterated ethanol in bile acids of the rat, we have developed a form of difference spectroscopy which should be of widespread applicability in problems involving biosynthetic pathways or organic reaction mechanisms.

The method is simply to subtract  $^{13}$ C $^{1}$ H $^{1}$ spectra from  $^{13}$ C $^{2}$ H,  $^{1}$ H $^{1}$ spectra of the same sample taken under otherwise identical conditions, where the brackets imply complete noise decoupling of the indicated nuclei. This is accomplished by alternately stepping a frequency synthesizer generating the  $^{2}$ H frequency, between the center of the  $^{2}$ H spectrum and 10 KHz away, and accumulating these spectra in different computer memory locations. After adequate S/N has been achieved, the two accumulations are subtracted and the result Fourier transformed. One of the two original spectra may be separately transformed, and the comparison of this spectrum with the difference spectrum affords very precise  $^{13}$ C -  $^{2}$ H isotope shifts.

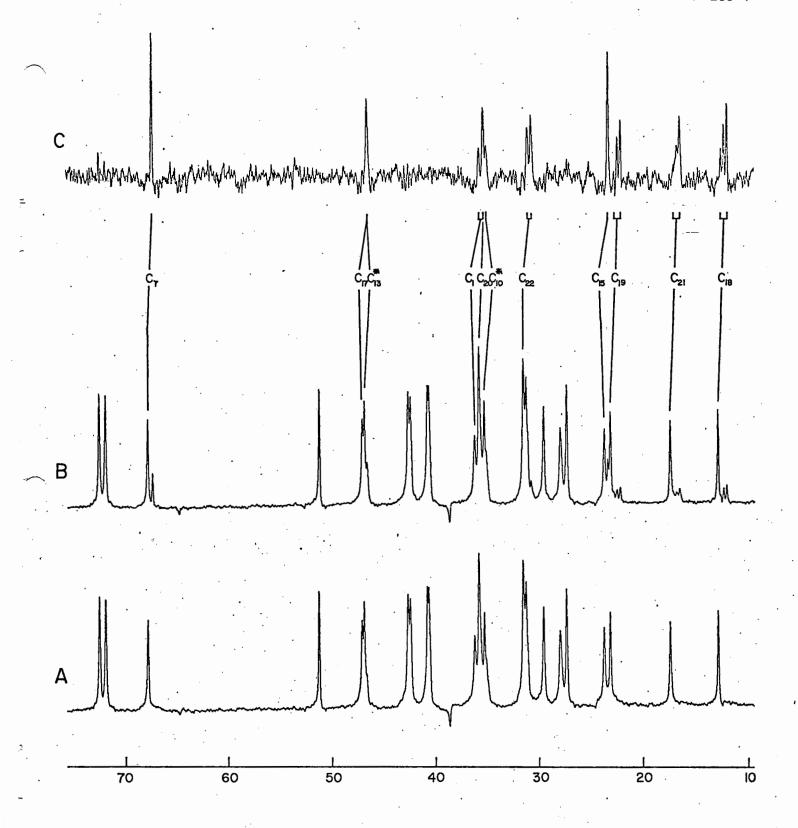
The results are typified by the accompanying spectra of methyl cholate isolated from rats which were administered  $[2,2,2^{-2}H_3]$  ethanol. The particular sites and relative extent of  $^2H$  incorporation along the steroid skeleton are quite evident. Also, since isotope shifts are approximately additive, the relative extent of mono- and di-deuterium incorporation in methylene groups  $C_1$  and  $C_{22}$ , and mono-, di-, and tri-deuterium incorporation in methyl groups  $C_{18}$ ,  $C_{19}$  and  $C_{21}$  are seen, although such comparisons must be considered cautiously since complete deuteration would cause substantial nuclear Overhauser and  $T_1$  changes.

The spectrometer is a Varian XL-100 fitted with an external <sup>7</sup>Li lock and <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C - double tuning network, and quadrature detection and capillary sample bulb arrangement. The quadrature "glitch" at the spectrum center seems to arise from the use of non-deuterated solvents (in this case pyridine) for single-scan homogeneity tuning.

D. M. Wilson

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Spectra of selectively  $^2\text{H-enriched}$  methyl cholate (upfield region). A:  $^{13}\text{C}_{1}^{14}\text{H}_{3}^{1}$  spectrum; B:  $^{13}\text{C}_{1}^{2}\text{H}_{3}^{1}$  spectrum; C: difference spectrum, with connections to assigned protonated peaks in the B spectrum. Asterisks denote carbon sites which are not deuterated, but appear because of geminal coupling to methyl deuterons. The abscissa is in ppm downfield from TMS.

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#### INCREASED SPECTRAL WIDTHS ON THE XL-100!

Dear Barry,

In a previous letter (1), we announced our endeavours to study biological membranes using deuterium NMR of specifically labelled probe molecules and we mentioned experimental difficulty due to the limited spectral range of our XL-100 spectrometer in pulse Fourier transform mode. We have since carried out modifications to the instrument which have overcome many of the factors limiting the spectral width and other XL-100 owners may be interested in hearing about them. The following comments pertain to the XL-100-15 spectrometer and 620L computer with the Mk. I interface.

- i) The software-controlled acquisition process imposes a maximum acquisition rate of about 24 KHz which limits the spectral width to 12 KHz. At faster acquisition rates, the digitized free induction decay will contain insufficient information and numerous "glitches" appear in the transformed spectrum. This difficulty was overcome by eliminating the software acquisition process and converting the computer to direct memory access (DMA) by the insertion of three circuit boards between the A/D converter and the computer memory, Fig. 1. The "active ingredient" is the buffer interlace controller (BIC) which routes the digitized FID from the A/D converter directly into the computer memory. The BIC is interfaced with the A/D converter and computer memory by the two DMA controller boards. The acquisition rate is then limited only by the maximum speed of the A/D converter, ca. 90 KHz for the Mk. I hardware. A new acquisition program was written to control the operation of the BIC and the signal averaging process. Simple wiring changes were made in the computer back plane to set the BIC device address and in the A/D converter to defeat the standard maximum speed free running mode and return control to the external clock frequency which is determined by the spectral width.
- ii) The presence of hardware filters in the receiver chain also restricts the spectral window. The "audio" filter normally selected by the computer to match the spectral width must have greater bandwidth than the maximum of 10 KHz provided by the manufacturers. However, Varian has made provision for the connection of an external filter which may then be selected by the front-panel control. Frequency Device's four-pole Butterworth low-pass active filters were found to be satisfactory.

The 10.700 MHz crystal filter in the receiver i.f. strip has a normal bandwidth of 30 KHz. The r.f. carrier is normally centred in this window and the spectral width is thus limited to 15 KHz on either side of the carrier. This restriction may be overcome in two ways: the filter bandwidth may be increased to 60 KHz, or the centre frequency of the window

may be moved by 15 KHz whilst maintaining the 30 KHz bandwidth. We chose to use the latter method, which has the advantage of eliminating folded noise (with a gain of  $\sqrt{2}$  in the signal-to-noise ratio) but with the possible disadvantage of restricting observation to one side of the carrier. We have installed a Tyco crystal filter with a centre frequency of 10.715 MHz and bandwidth of 30 KHz which provides a 30 KHz spectral window at the high-field side of the carrier and satisfies our requirements for the observation of the high-field half of a symmetrical spectrum containing large quadrupole splittings.

iii) The increased spectral width places a greater demand on the ability of the available r.f. power bandwidth to excite the spins. We have found that utilization of a Varian V-4420 High Power Pulse Amplifier tuned to 15.4 MHz for deuterium satisfies the power requirement for spectral widths up to (at least) our present maximum of 30 KHz.

Further improvement in spectral width would necessitate removal of the 40.96 KHz field modulation and utilization of a time-shared lock channel. A quadrature (dual-phase) detector could be used to advantage in the observation of wide but asymmetric spectra of, for example, liquid crystals, since both sides of the carrier would then be observed simultaneously (2,3).

As an example of the success of the above instrumental changes, Figure 2 illustrates the 20 KHz wide high-field half of the symmetric <sup>2</sup>H spectrum of perdeuteriodecanoic acid in a lyotropic liquid crystal (4) at 30°C. The narrow line at the arbitrary zero frequency is due to a small amount of isotropic phase and HOD. All other lines are due to decanoic acid in the homogeneously oriented liquid crystal phase. The spectrum is correctly phased and free of glitches across its entire span.

We wish to thank the scientific and engineering staff of Varian Associates for their invaluable help and advice with this project.

Best regards,

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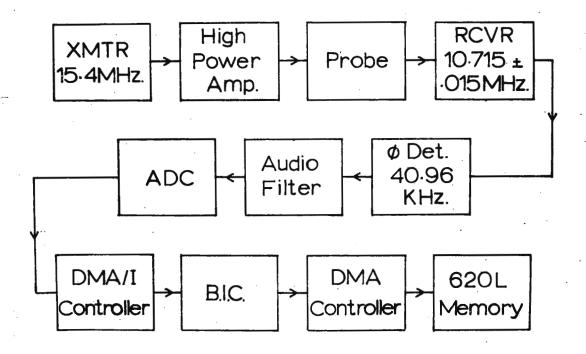


Figure 1. Block diagram of modified XL-100.

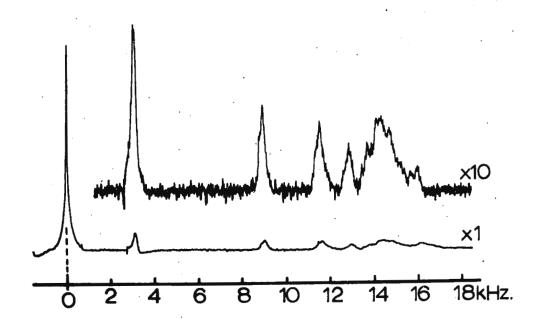


Figure 2. 15.4 MHz <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectrum of perdeuteriodecanoic acid (4.3%) in a lyotropic liquid crystal at 30°C; ca. 5000 transients.

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Dear Barry:

"Multiple Forms of p-Trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonylchymotrypsin"

We have previously shown that trifluoromethyl-substituted benzenesulfonyl fluorides inactivate the enzyme o-chymotrypsin, presumably by reaction with the serine-195 residue at the active site. When the trifluoromethyl group is at the para position of the benzenesulfonyl moiety, the derivatized enzyme can be regarded as an analog of tosylchymotrypsin; an x-ray structure is available for the latter protein. We have been examining the fluorine-19 magnetic resonance spectra of the trifluoromethyl-containing enzymes hoping to obtain insight into the structure of these molecules in solution.

Through the kindness of Dr. Mike Maddox at Syntex we have obtained some preliminary high-resolution fluorine spectra using a Bruker WH-90. Some typical results are presented in Figure 1. At low pH there are present two types of trifluoromethyl signals, one much broader than the other. Above pH 5, the high-field signal is much sharper but it is not yet known that the broad high-field signal found at low pH titrates smoothly into this sharp resonance. The spectral changes observed are reversible with pH so that irreversible denaturation or the presence of impurities are not likely explanations of these observations. Moreover, when the enzyme is denatured either by treatment with 10% sodium dodecylsulfate or by heating above  $40^{\circ}$ , the two peaks in the spectrum of the modified enzyme are replaced by a single sharp peak at 12.7 ppm ( $R_2 \approx 1.2~{\rm sec}^{-1}$ ).

Our results thus strongly suggest that at least two conformational isomers are present at the active site of this enzyme. There have been indications from studies of spin-labelled acylchymotrypsins that several conformers are present but the congruence of these results to our own is not yet clear. Needless to say we are exploring these and related systems more fully, particularly with regard to the nature of the pH transition observed.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Gerig

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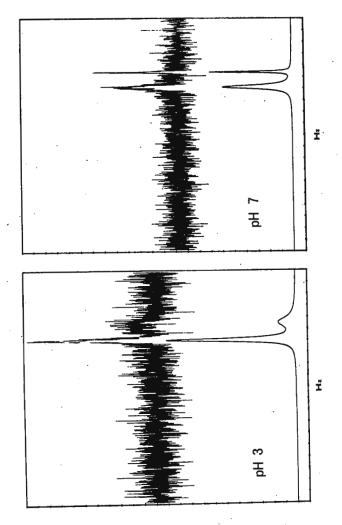
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Dear Barry:

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We have found what appears to be a long term solution in the substitution of a fixed capacitor for the variable trap capacitor. We use a Vitramon high current capacitor, type VY81, rated 2000 vac. Others may be suitable.

The variable trap capacitor is removed from a properly tuned trap circuit and its value measured. We use a Boonton R-X Meter tuned to 100 Mhz. A fixed capacitor having a similar measured capacitance is substituted in the circuit and the standing wave ratio measured. Some trial and error selection of values may be necessary due to lead capacitance, etc.

This modification has been in service for several weeks with no measurable drift in standing wave ratio, at a proton power level of 15-20 watts.

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Dear Barry:

We would like to describe briefly three relatively straight forward modifications to our JEOL PS-100P/EC-100 FT nmr system which may be of interest to other PS-100, FT users.

The simplest of these enables triple resonance studies to be performed using the JEOL homonuclear decoupling accessory in conjunction with the SD-HC heteronuclear decoupler. Instead of driving the heteronuclear decoupler in the usual fashion, one employs the PS-100 r.f. oscillator unit normally used for c.w. operation. The left hand oscillator's output can be conveniently picked-up at CN 2 on the connection box at the front of the magnet base. The level attenuator on the c.w. r.f. unit can be used to set the correct oscillator voltage. Homonuclear decoupling is done in the usual manner. We have successfully performed <sup>1</sup>H- (<sup>11</sup>B)- (<sup>1</sup>H) experiments using this set up. Any nucleus one has the hardware to do homonuclear decoupling with the JEOL system has the potential for triple resonance studies. We would like to thank JEOL for their cooperation.

Secondly we have modified the standard JEOL digital pulse programmer to do a  $180^{\circ}$ -t- $90^{\circ}$  pulse sequence so that now t can be accurately set to a lower limit of  $10^{-5}$  instead of the standard  $10^{-3}$  sec. This modification was designed and modified by Mr. Chris Conte of Optimal Technology, Inc. It requires only the addition of a spst switch and minor rewiring of the standard JEOL "interval" PC board. After careful checking with a 100 MHz oscilliscope, no significant error could be detected in the t values as set by the digital pulse programmer. The use of the JEOL Auto  $T_1$  program is not affected by this modification; but the  $T_1$  value as determined by the computer is off by either one or two orders of magnitude! One must also set C35 and C100-C120 in the JEOL software either one or two orders of magnitude larger than the t values being used. This modification is necessary to accurately determine  $T_1$  values less than 10 milliseconds.

Lastly Optimal Technology has designed and constructed a  $T_1$  PC board for the digital pulse programmer which allows the generation of a  $T_1$  sequence  $180^{\circ}$ -t- $90^{\circ}$ /x where x = 6, 9, 12, 18 or 36. This board has been used in conjunction with eliminating "Ernst Effects" (1) which can cause non-linear  $T_1$  plots. These studies are presently underway. Another possible application for this type of pulse sequence could be PRFT(2) experiments in systems where conditions would allow a sampling pulse of less than  $90^{\circ}$  to yield more efficient signal averaging.

Bill Hutton would be glad to share the details of these modifications with any interested parties.

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Sincerely,

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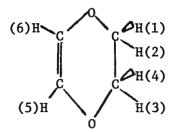
April 17, 1975

Dr. B. L. Shapiro
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Dear Barry:

NMR Studies of p-Dioxene

We have recently completed NMR studies of p-dioxene



oriented in two different lyotropic mesophases, one being that based on sodium decyl sulfate and the other on potassium laurate. In addition, <sup>13</sup>C-H satellite and C-13 high-resolution spectra were also analyzed for the molecule in an isotropic medium.

The data in ordered media permit the determination of the interesting ring "twist" angle of this non-planar structure as  $27.8^{\circ}$  and  $28.5^{\circ}$ , respectively, for the two mesophases used. By comparison a low-temperature NMR value of  $26.8^{\circ}$ , a microwave value of  $29.9^{\circ}$  and a thermotropic value of  $29.1^{\circ}$  have been reported elsewhere. Extended Huckel calculations carried out here predict the most stable form to correspond to a twist angle of  $31^{\circ}$ .

The accompanying table lists the liquid crystal parameters obtained by us in both of the phases used.

Sincerely,

Stepken A. Spearman

J. H. Goldstein Professor of Chemistry

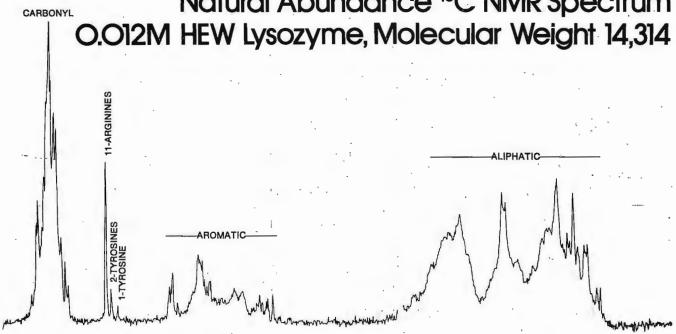
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Liquid Crystal and Orientation Parameters for p-Dioxene

	KL		DS			
$\omega_1 - \omega_5^a$	173.	173.82 <u>+</u> 0.08		172.36+0.11		
$J_{13} = J_{24}^{b}$	5.	.79 <u>+</u> 0.23	5.61	<u>+</u> 0.11		
J <sub>14</sub> = J <sub>23</sub>	2.	.09 <u>+</u> 0.14	2.20	<u>+</u> 0.02		
	Experimental Value	Calculated Value	Experimental Value	Calculated Value		
$D_{12} = D_{34}$	-208.94 <u>+</u> 0.19	-208.80	-188.13 <u>+</u> 0.09	-187:98		
D <sub>13</sub> = D <sub>24</sub>	20.56+0.09	21.93	5.76 <u>+</u> 0.03	7.16		
$D_{14} = D_{23}$	- 41.56 <u>+</u> 0.14	- 41.53	- 61.54 <u>+</u> 0.05	- 61.48		
D <sub>15</sub> =D <sub>25</sub> =D <sub>36</sub> =D <sub>46</sub>	16.93+0.38	15.69	18.08+0.10	16.90		
D <sub>16</sub> =D <sub>26</sub> =D <sub>35</sub> =D <sub>45</sub>	16.91 <u>+</u> 0.36	19.51	23.14+0.10	25.82		
<sup>D</sup> 56	215.01 <u>+</u> 0.08	214.89	193.21+0.11	193.06		
		KIL	DS			
$c_{3z}^{2}-r^{2}$	-0.014318 <u>+</u> 0.000031		-0.017608 <u>+</u> 0	.000024		
$C_{x}^{2}-y^{2}$	0.04389	4 <u>+</u> 0.000026	0.042175 <u>+</u> 0.000025			
C <sub>xy</sub>	-0.00922	-0.009222 <u>+</u> 0.000067		-0.012701 <u>+</u> 0.000037		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$  All values in Hz. Reported values are the averages and standard deviations of six spectra.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm b}$  Other  ${\rm J}^{}_{\rm ij}$  values were held constant during the final iterations.



Proton-decoupled natural abundance <sup>13</sup>C spectrum of hen egg white lysozyme in 0.15M NaCl in 9:1 H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O, pH 4.0, 45°C. Recorded with a TT-14 system<sup>1</sup> at 15.08 MHz using a 20 mm sample tube; 37,107 90° pulses; 4096 time-domain points; and 1.165 Hz digital line broadening. This spectrum demonstrates that in a small protein, single carbon resonances such as the one assigned above to C<sup>5</sup> in a single tyrosine residue, can be observed after only five hours of signal averaging with use of the 20 mm sample technology developed at Indiana University by Dr. Adam Alleghand <sup>23</sup> technology developed at Indiana University by Dr. Adam Allerhand.2,3

Sample run at the University of Chicago, courtesy of Dr. Philip Keim, Pritzker School of Medicine.
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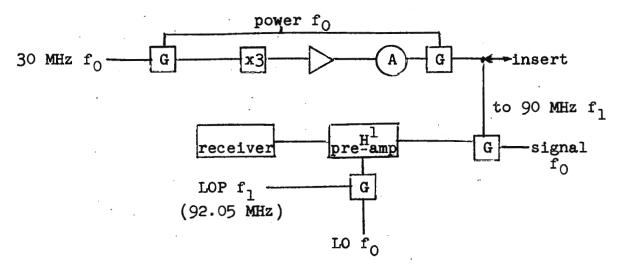
PULSE-MODE PROTON LOCK FOR OLDER BRUKER HX90E'S

We have recently devised a simple means of operating our older Bruker HX90E in a pulse-mode, single coil, proton-locked configuration in order to observe deuterium. Only one piece of equipment is needed for the lock conversion, namely, a  $\rm H^1, F^{19}/X$  stabilization box.

The proton lock configuration is diagramed below. The gating frequencies are derived from the time sharing unit from

the appropriate outputs as shown on the diagram.

It is desirable to use the regular deuterium lock relay network in the receiver section that is ordinarily energized by the H<sup>2</sup> switch on the transmitter panel. In order to allow that network to operate without getting interfering deuterium frequencies from the deuterium lock section it is necessary to inactivate the reference D and signal D relays of the relay board. That is accomplished by disconnecting pin 11 of the relay board and leading 20v from the adjacent power supply via the red lead formerly attached to pin 11 through existing connections to the remainder of the relay network. The 90 MHz button on the transmitter panel is depressed and lock is accomplished by shimming on the first upper side band (center band is still present) and locking in the usual way.



We would be happy to add further details for anyone interested in having them.

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Solvent Effects in <sup>29</sup>Si NMR

Dear Barry:

We have found solvent shifts of up to 10ppm in the <sup>29</sup>Si nmr of silanols and some silylamines upon changing the solvent from chloroform to triethylamine. The upfield shift has been found to correlate with the electron pair donor ability of the solvent, as measured by Gutmann's "donor number".

The results for HO  $-\frac{\text{CH}_3}{\text{CH}_3}$  Show the effect is greatest at the

terminal silicon, with the effect sharply decreasing at the  $\rm D_2$  units, and decreasing further for the central  $\rm D_3$  units. This is consistent with an interaction of the type

at the end of the chain leading to progressively smaller effects within the chain. The magnitude of the shift decreases for the less acidic silylamines; nonetheless, changes of 1.5-3ppm were observed for amines with protons available for hydrogen bonding to the basic solvent. A plot of  $\delta_{29Si}$  vs donor number for a series of silanols and one silylamine is shown in Figure 1. The scale in parentheses (-28 to -38) corresponds to the shifts for (Ph) Si(OH)2. In the titration of the D<sub>6</sub>-diol (neat sample) with DMSO (Figure 2), a plateau is reached at a mole ratio of 2:1 DMSO/D<sub>6</sub>-diol, corresponding to the interaction of one solvent molecule at each end of the chain.

A complete discussion of these results will be reported shortly.

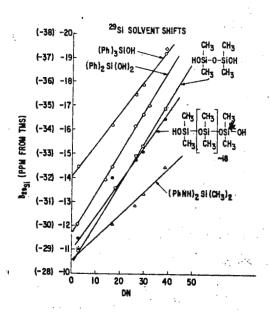
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TITRATION OF De DIOL WITH DMSO (PPM FROM TMS) MOLE FRACTION OF DMSO

FIGURE 1

FIGURE 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> V. Gutman, <u>Chem. and Ind.</u>, <u>1971</u>, 102.



April 29, 1975

Professor B. L. Shapiro Department of Chemistry Texas A&M University College Station, Texas 77843

Dear Barry:

Title: Useful Old Equipment

About a year ago we took inventory of what seemed to be obsolete NMR equipment in the department. Following is a list of the major items:

- 1 9 year old HA-60
- 3 year old V-4415 probe
- V-4311 R.F. unit (F19) 1
- V-4360 power supply 1.
- F.T. conversion for HA-100 (1970) includes: 620I computer 8K pulse unit . proton decoupler

The parts were assembled to produce a C13 F.T. system with F19 external lock. Since the V-4415 probe was available, we used it, but a V-4331 could also be used. The first decent spectrum was just run, and our 90% ethylbenzene is about 35 to 1. Our future plans include converting receiver to solid state and adding a decoupler filter, which should give us about 50 to 1 sensitivity.

The idea here is nothing new, but perhaps it will inspire some of our less fortunate colleagues to make use of what is available. In our case, we have an XL-100, but the time must be divided among 15 research groups. Our home-made system will be used to run preliminary samples as well as for training new students.

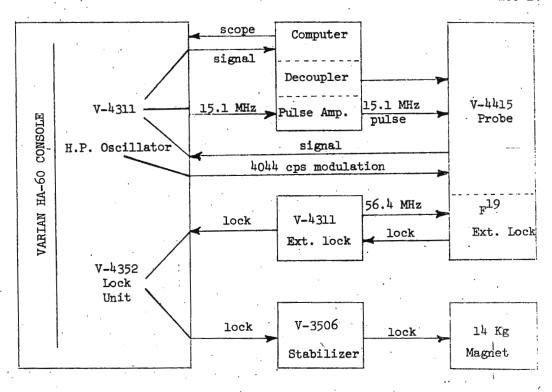
Attached is a block diagram and a copy of our spectrum.

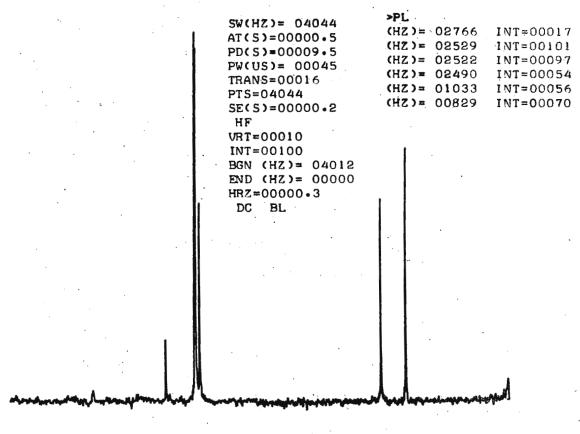
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Dear Barry:

#### $^{13}$ C medium shifts of $^{13}$ CH<sub>4</sub> in natural abundance

We have recently completed a first series of measurements on the  $^{1}\mathrm{H}$  and  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  of non-enriched CH4 in the gas phase as function of density. Pressures of about 6 - 60 atm were used, the lower limit being set by the large accumulation times required (about 24 hrs for the 6 atm sample). The sample tube was 5 mm OD equipped with a Teflon valve (essentially the Mohanty-Bernstein design (1)). The sample tube contained a capillary with hexafluoroacetone 1.6 D<sub>2</sub>O, allowing locking on  $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  and providing a  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  reference at the same time. (In our HX-90 the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  and  $^{14}\mathrm{H}/^{19}\mathrm{F}$  oscillators are independent so that there are long-term relative frequency drifts between  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  and  $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ ). The measured proton frequencies allowed us also to use selective proton decoupling in the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  spectra (without the decoupling a nice 1:4:6:4:1 quintet was observed, proving that the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  signal was due to CH4). Due to the low decoupling power, no sample heating occurs; the probe temperature was constant at 22°C. Both the  $^{1}\mathrm{H}$  and the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  shifts were found to be proportional to  $\rho$ ; therefore,  $\sigma_{\mathrm{m}} = \sigma_{\mathrm{1}}/\mathrm{V_{\mathrm{m}}} = \rho \sigma_{\mathrm{1}}/\mathrm{M}$ . The medium shift in this case is composed of a bulk susceptibility term  $\sigma_{\mathrm{b}}$  and a Van der Waals term  $\sigma_{\mathrm{w}}$ . Using the binary collision model (2) one has

$$(\sigma_1)_w = \frac{-\pi NB\alpha_2 I_2 H_6(y)}{r_o^3 y^4}$$

which then allows the extraction of the B parameter. Based on  $(\sigma_1)_b = -36.4$  ppm cm<sup>3</sup>/mole, our results are as follows:

nucleus of CH <sub>4</sub>	(° <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>m</sub> ppm cm <sup>3</sup> /mole	(σ <sub>1</sub> ) ppm cm <sup>3</sup> /mole	B x 10 <sup>18</sup> esu	
LH	-42.6 ± 1.6	-6.1 ± 1.6	0.57 ± 0.15	
13 <sub>C</sub>	-275.6 ± 13.2	-239 ± 13	22.4 ± 1.2	

The results for protons of  $\mathrm{CH_4}$  are very close to literature values (e.g. B values of 0.53 (1), 0.52 (2) and 0.71 (3)). The result indicates that Van der Waals shifts in  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  are about 40x larger than in proton NMR. Gas-to-liquid medium shifts of  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  of even non-polar solutes may therefore be expected to range between 2.5 and 30 ppm. If this prediction is borne out (such experiments are presently underway in our laboratory), it would mean that there is no advantage left for internal referencing in  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR and that as a consequence  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  shifts should be referenced externally.

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With best regards,

Frans H. A. Rummens

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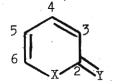
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22. APR 1975

Dear Prof. Shapiro,

#### LONG-RANGE J(C,H) IN SULPHUR CONTAINING 2-PYRONES

In our last contribution (TAMUNN 190-37) we reported a full set of long-range J(C,H) for 2-pyrone (1).



I 
$$X = 0$$
  $Y = 0$ 
II  $X = 0$   $Y = S$ 
III  $X = S$   $Y = S$ 

We have now obtained single-resonance <sup>13</sup>C spectra for the two related compounds II and III. These, unlike I, are solids and the enormous concentrations required for very high resolution work could not be achieved. Consequently couplings to C-2 were not studied and only couplings >2 Hz were observed. These are shown in the table with the relevant data for I.

	<sup>3</sup> c <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<sup>3</sup> с <sub>4</sub> н <sub>6</sub>	<sup>3</sup> с <sub>5</sub> н <sub>3</sub>	<sup>2</sup> с <sub>5</sub> н <sub>6</sub>	$^{3}c_{6}H_{4}$	<sup>2</sup> c <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
I.	6.8	7,8	7.9	8.5	7.6	7.6
II	6.8 6.3	7.0	8.5	5.5	.7.7	5.2
III	6.8	8.5	8.1	>2	7.5	4.0

The  $^3$ J(C,H) are fairly constant but do show some indication of a regular variation down the series –  $^3$ J(C $_3$ ,H $_5$ ) and  $^3$ J(C $_4$ 3H $_6$ ) decrease from I to II and then increase from II to III whereas the other two  $^3$ J(C,H) behave in the opposite fashion.  $^2$ J(C,H) are shown by only C $_5$  and C $_6$  in I and II, and by just C $_6$  in III.  $^2$ J(C $_5$ ,H $_6$ ), therefore, shows the well documented variation with substituent electronegativity found for monosubstituted ethylenes and related compounds.  $^2$  Variation in  $^2$ J(C $_5$ ,H $_5$ ) can be compared with that of the analogous couplings in furan (11.0Hz) and thiophen (4.7 Hz).

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Yours sincerely

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May 2, 1975

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#### Dear Barry:

Recently Ben Shoulders mentioned to me that formyl and acetyl groups were bad actors with regard to substituent additivity rules and C-13 chemical shifts in aromatic systems. It seemed of interest to see how they would perform in the  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ , and Q regression equations with which we have had some success previously (see J. Phys. Chem., 74, 812 (1970) and J. Magn. Resonance, 7, 364 (1972). The  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  in this case are the field and inductive parameters of Swain and Lupton.

Unfortunately none of these three parameters had been determined for the formyl group. By using the regression equations for each of three carbons in a series of monosubstituted benzenes and the chemical shift data for the comparable carbons in benzaldehyde one can write three equations in three unknowns et voila  $\mathcal{F} = 0.759$ ,  $\mathcal{K} = 0.279$  and Q = 2.40. Since  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are known for acetyl it is simple to take the C-13 data for acetophenone and get Q = 2.34. These numbers have now been tested in several systems and seem to work well.

For instance applied to the data for ten vinyl compounds (Org. Magna Resonance, 6, 413 (1974)) one obtains a three parameter multiple regression equation for each carbon with correlation coefficients and average deviations, as shown.

	$^{\mathrm{c}}_{lpha}$	$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{g}}$
r	.983	. 994
Aver. dev (ppm)	3.2	1.4
Shift range (ppm)	68	<b>57</b>

The predicated and (experimental) values are:

CH <sub>2</sub> =	СН СНО	CH <sub>2</sub> =	CHCOCH <sub>3</sub>
59.3	56.7	62.2	58.9
(56.1)	(55.1)	(64.2)	(56.0)

ref. CS2

Of course, this is a little unfair since the regression equations included these points. However, the eight point regression equations such as one would have used to predict the shifts above give almost the same numbers.

Another case - just to make the point - is offered by the 3-X-furans (Gronowitz, et al., Chemica S ripta, 1974). Substituent chemical shifts were used here to fit nine compounds.

The above correlations are much better than with  $\mathcal{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  or with Q alone. In these plus several other systems the formyl and acetyl groups appear "well behaved." I'll leave the other systems for another time so as to avoid treading upon the two page rule.

Yours sincerely,

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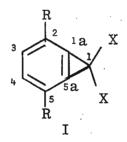
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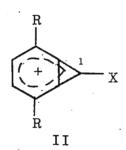
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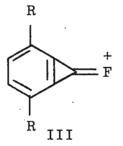
Dear Dr. Shapiro, Large 13C-19F Coupling Constants in Cyclopropabenzenium Cations

Our HA-60-DIGILAB-PDP-15 spectrometer (TAMU 191-2) has continued to run well with very little 'down-time'. We (with U. Flego and R.C. Westcott) have modified the software and the pulse programmer to allow 8K/4K transforms and gated decoupling experiments.

Together with Dr. B. Halton (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) and Drs. P. Müller and U. Burger (University of Geneva, Switzerland) we (with H. Hügel) have obtained both H and 13C spectra of three cyclopropabenzenium cations (II). Although these ions have been postulated as fragments in mass spectrometers and reactive intermediates in solution, it is only recently that their presence has been confirmed by direct observation 1, 2.







a. R=H. X=F

b,  $R=\emptyset$ , X=F

 $c, R=\emptyset, X=C1$ 

Ionisation of the dihalogeno-precursors (I) in fluorosulphonic acid at low temperature, yields clear orange solutions of the cations, II. The  $^{13}\mathrm{C}^{-19}\mathrm{F}$  coupling constants of Ia, b increase from 303, 300 Hz to 474, 461 Hz respectively, which to our knowledge are the largest values of  $^{1}\mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{CF}}$  yet observed.

$^{13}$ C	NMR	Parameters*
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	1	la(5a)	2(5)	3(4)	<sup>1</sup> J <sub>CF</sub>	$^2  m J_{CF}$	3 <sub>JCF</sub>	<sup>4</sup> J <sub>CF</sub>
IIa	148.1	141.1	119.8	158.3	474	2.6	3.8	8.3
IIb	147.2	134.7	130.8	148.7	461	<b>⟨</b> 2	5	. 9
IIc	131.2	150.4	146.4	147.5			•	•

#### \*Chemical shifts from external TMS

The large increase in the magnitude of  $^{1}J_{CF}$  on ionisation is probably due mainly to the increase in the s electron density at both carbon and fluorine atoms due to the positive charge. This is consistent with an increase in  $\pi$  bond character between carbon and fluorine.

We also observed a reduction in the total downfield shifts  $(\Sigma\Delta\delta)$  upon ionisation from the expected value of  $160\text{ppm}^3$  to 103 (Ia) and 81ppm (Ib).

We have interpreted these results as indicative of a significant contribution of resonance structure III, to the hybrid configuration of the cations. This work is to be published in <u>J.Chem.Soc.</u>, <u>Perkin</u> II and preprints are available on request.

Yours sincerely, D. P. Kelly.

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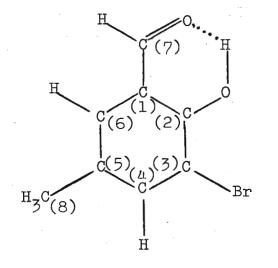
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13<sub>C</sub> - <sup>1</sup>H Coupling in a Salicylaldehyde Derivative - XL-100 Recorder Problems

Dear Barry,

Following your blue reminder, I enclose some results from the analysis of the undecoupled <sup>13</sup>C spectrum of 3-bromo-5-methyl salicylaldehyde (I), as a model probe for the determination of the orientation of an aryl group about an Ar - CH bond, using 3-bond C-H couplings.



(ppm from TMS) CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution

c<sub>1</sub> 110.2

C<sub>2</sub> 155.3

C<sub>3</sub> 120.6

C4 140.1

C<sub>5</sub> 130.3

C<sub>6</sub> 132.7

C<sub>7</sub> 195.6

19.8

<sup>3</sup> J <sub>С7</sub> н <sub>6</sub>	6.2 Hz	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>С<sub>л</sub>н<sub>6</sub> 7.9 Hz</sub>
<sup>3</sup> JC6 <sup>H</sup> 7		<sup>3</sup> Jc <sub>6</sub> H <sub>μ</sub> 7•9 "
$^{3}$ C $_{2}$ H $_{7}$	<u>и</u> •О п	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>C8</sub> H <sub>4</sub> μ•4 "
<sup>3</sup> JC6H8	5.1 "	<sup>3</sup> J <sub>C8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> 4•μ "
<sup>3</sup> J <sub>C4</sub> H <sub>8</sub>		$^{3}$ J $_{\mathrm{C_{2}H_{4}}}$ , $^{3}$ J $_{\mathrm{C_{2}H_{6}}}$ not measured

Assignments were confirmed by selective proton decoupling experiments. It is clear that if the conformation is fixed as shown, trans ( $\emptyset = 180^{\circ}$ ) couplings are significantly larger than cis ( $\emptyset = 0^{\circ}$ ), although electronic factors may be important.

The failure of the bulb in the Gurley Incremental Encoder in the XL-100 recorder, controlling the CW recorder movements, led us to investigate the possibility of avoiding replacement of the whole thing (v £200) by dismantling this complex device and replacing the bulb with one from the tape recorder in our JEOL amino acid analyser (M I L 24367-683 ASI ). This bulb was not quite powerful enough to provide the required signal, without increasing the amplifier gain in the next stage, but the procedure does work and saves considerable expense.

Finally, we have removed much of the noise emanating from our standard teletype by installation of a silencer cover (Exchange Telegraph Co Ltd, London), a worthwhile investment at £115 to keep the laboratory staff reasonably sane!

Yours sincerely

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April 1, 1975

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Title: Conformation of the peptide unit from PMR studies in nematic solvents

I hope the following contribution retains us on the mailing list of the TAMU-NMR News Letter.

The technique of high resolution NMR spectroscopy of molecules dissolved in liquid crystal solvents can be conveniently applied to some systems of biological importance. We wish to apply the method to find out whether the three bonds meeting at the nitrogen atom in a peptide unit lie in a plane or there are non-planar deformations around it. For such a purpose, it is convenient to investigate first monosubstituted amides which are simplest structures containing such a unit. N-methyl formamide and N-methyl acetamide have been investigated.

The spectrum of N-methyl formamide shows separate lines due to the cis and the trans conformations such that the abundance of the trans form is larger than 90%. In this case 4 different inter-proton dipolar couplings are obtained from the proton spectrum. If the peptide unit is planar these 4 coupling constants by a suitable least square fit provide the 3 independent order parameters required to define the problem when known molecular geometry is used. A self-consistency of the results indicates planarity of the unit. In the present case, it was found that the results critically depend upon whether the methyl group rotates freely about the C-C bond or its rotation is hindered. In this case, the results are consistent with the planar conformation only if the methyl group rotates freely.

We also considered the possibility of an inversion about nitrogen such that the N-H and the N-C bonds are bent below or above the planar conformation by an angle ( $\theta$ ) with equal probability. In such a case also there is an 'effective plane of symmetry' due to rapid inter-conversion between the two conformations. Such calculations indicate that  $\theta$  should be between 6 to 10° depending upon the mode of rotation of the methyl group.

Yours sincerely,

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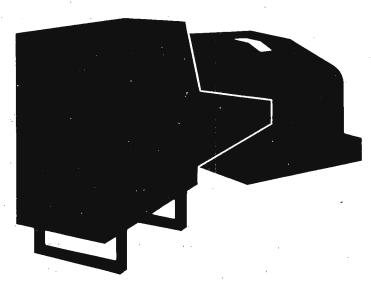
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PMR studies on the state of water in Aplysia nerves and squid giant axons.

Dear Prof. Shapiro,

in collaboration with the Institute of Human Physiology (II C.) - University of Rome and with the Stazione Zoologica (Neurobiology Dept.) - Naples, we have measured proton magnetic resonance linewidths on the water signals of nerves and axons, previously treated with different saline solutions. The measurements were respectively performed on nervous tracts dissected from Aplysia Limacina abdominal ganglia and on giant axons of Loligo Vulgaris.

Nerves or axons, soaked for at least one hour in either the standard or modified Ringer solution, were carefully sucked in teflon tubes of barely larger diameter. The tubes were then tightly inserted in glass capillaries, held by teflon spacers along the axis of a 5-mm NMR cell. Spectra were recorded on a Bruker HF-90 spectrometer; external lock signal was either provided by toluene or hexamethyldisiloxane.

Fritz and Swift (1) as well as Silvidi and Easton (2) have shown that either soaking with Ringer solutions enriched with KCl or electric depolarization, both induced significant line-broadenings on the water signal of different nerves.

In substantial agreement with these Authors, we have observed that the water signal appears actually broadened by more than 50% in Aplysia nerves, and by about 40% in squid giant axons, when the KCl concentration in the Ringer is increased up to 30 times with respect to the standard level. However we have observed that signal line-broadenings can be also induced in the Aplysia nerves by Ca<sup>++</sup> excess (CaCl<sub>2</sub> 20 to 40 mM), as well as by K<sup>+</sup> - free or Na<sup>+</sup>-free (LiCl substituted to NaCl) Ringer solutions. Addition of LiCl caused instead a significant (about 25%) narrowing of the water signal. This effect, also induced by CaCl, failed to be found in RbCl-containing solutions. Conspicuous line-broadenings were also produced by addition of ouabain and tetrodotoxin to soaking Ringer. Analogous studies are in progress also on the squid giant axons.

These preliminary results suggest that linewidth changes of the water resonance are not simply related to the resting membrane potential value. Moreover a considerable contribution to line-broadenings seems to be due to decreased Na<sup>+</sup> effluxes, associated with ATPase partial or total inhibition.

In an attempt to discriminate among the various mechanisms responsi-

ble of the observed water linewidth changes, we are also carrying out parallel studies on various model systems.

Yours sincerely,

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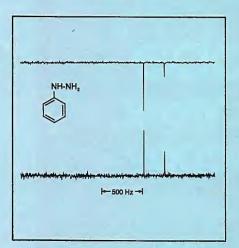
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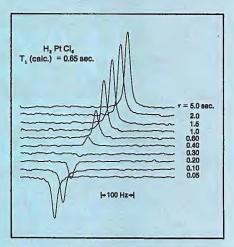
The nucleus observed for this spectrum is  $^{15}$ N, at 10.1 MHz. The upper trace shows 500 transients ( $\alpha=90^{\circ}$ ) of a proton noise-decoupled spectrum of phenylhydrazine in  $C_{o}D_{s}$ . The negative magnetogyric ratio of  $^{15}$ N produces negative NOE, hence the inverted lines in the trace. The lower trace shows 2000 transients of phenylhydrazine ( $\alpha=90^{\circ}$ ); the decoupler was on during acquisition and off during the pulse delay. This technique makes it possible to measure NOE while retaining the advantages of a  $^{1}$ H noise-decoupled spectrum.



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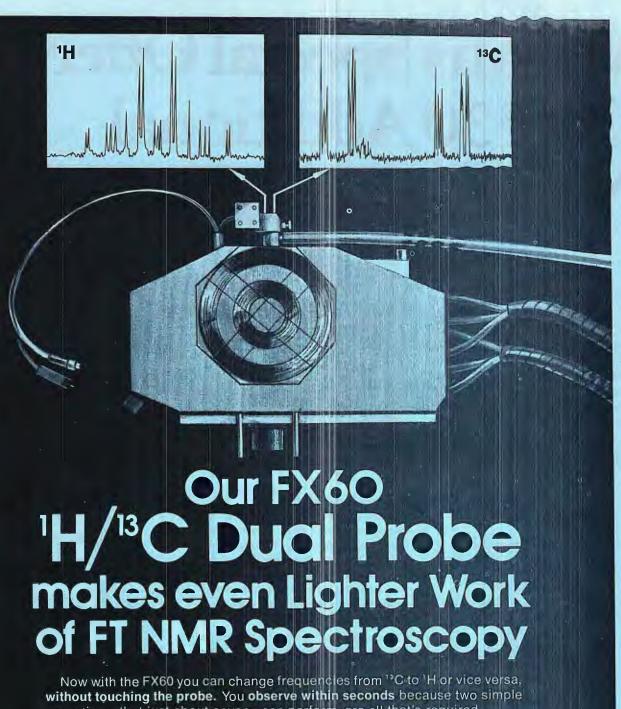
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