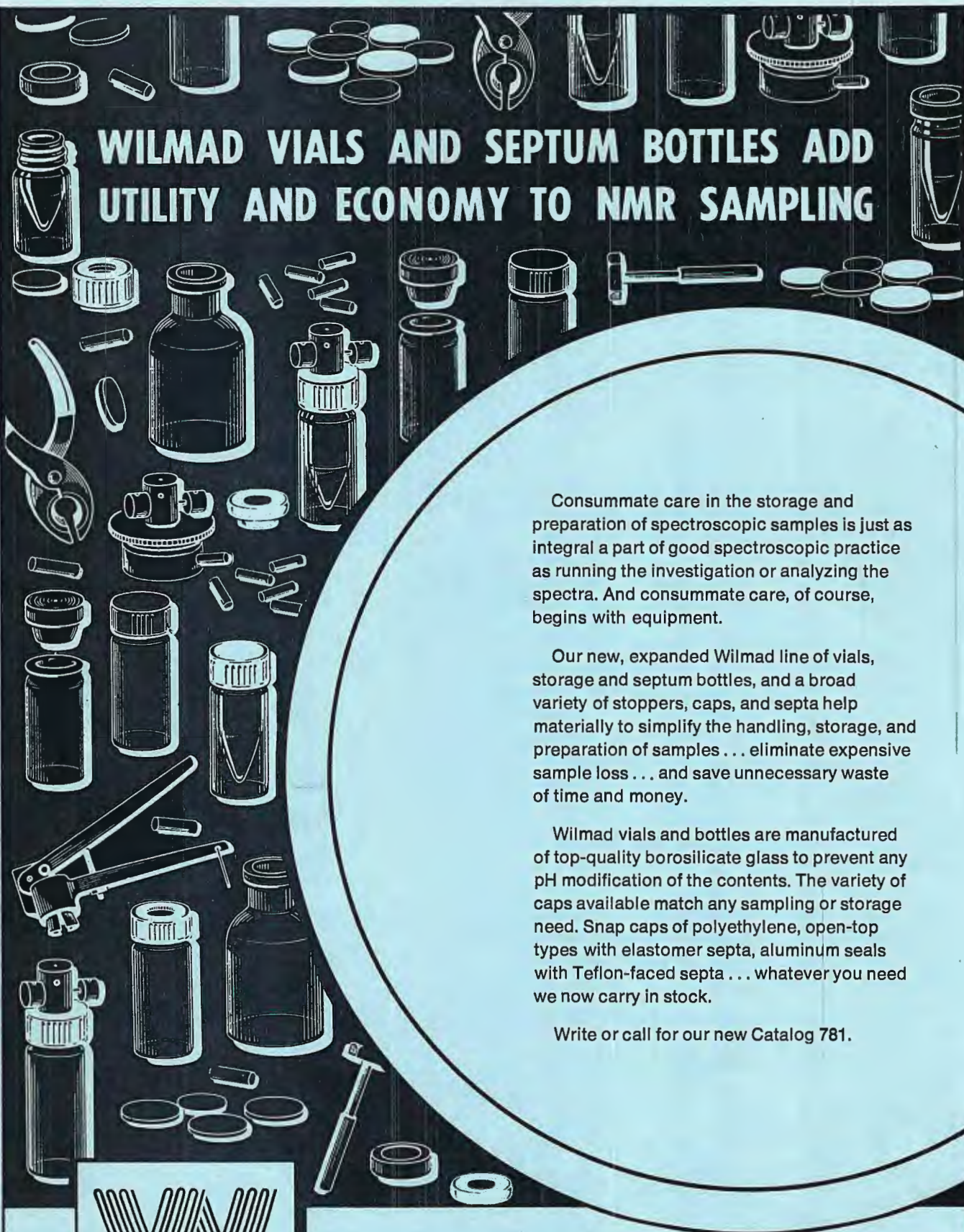


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VARIATION WHEN SETTING THE MAGIC ANGLE
USING A QUADRUPOLEAR NUCLIDE

Dear Barry:

I just received our second issue of the TAMU NMR Newsletter. It has a lot of interesting material, and I wish we had participated earlier.

We recently installed a JEOL FX-60QS spectrometer, and I was greatly interested in Gary Maciel's contribution concerning the use of the Br-79 resonance in KBr to set the magic angle for C-13 measurements. Fortunately, I can use this method since the instrument has a 50 kHz spectral width. Since the lowest frequency of this spectrometer is 15.00 MHz, this spectral width enables me to observe Br-79, even though the resonance is not centered. The method works very well on the FX-60QS.

While adjusting the spinner through the magic angle and carefully plotting the Br-79 central peak, I made a curious observation which I haven't been able to explain. The line width appears to be at a maximum at the magic angle, and the peak intensity is at a minimum. This is shown below:

<u>Angle (degrees)</u>	<u>Peak Height (relative)</u>	<u>Line Width (Hz)</u>
55.61	130	80.1
55.32	123	84.0
55.03	117	93.1
54.74	103	110.3
54.45	112	93.2
54.16	119	83.5
53.87	122	80.5

The KBr was from Mallinckrodt, infrared grade. It was mixed with hexamethyl benzene.

It would be interesting to explain this observation so as to be able to understand spectral parameters of MAS of quadrupolar nuclei. I am sure that we will see many effects from quadrupolar nuclei which do not show up for spin - $\frac{1}{2}$ nuclei.

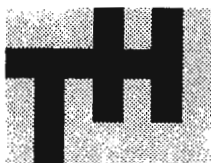
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Don

D. E. Woessner

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The 6th European Experimental NMR Conference will be held in Haute-Nendaz, Switzerland, from September 14th to 17th, 1982. As is usual for these meetings, the emphasis will be on new techniques rather than on applications of nuclear magnetic resonance. The scientific programme will consist of talks by invited speakers covering the fields of spin imaging, two-dimensional spectroscopy, relaxation studies, new instrumental techniques, applications to medicine and biology and high resolution NMR in the solid-state. There will also be poster sessions and a scientific instrument exhibition. Bursaries are available to help students participate in the meeting. The Chairman is Professor Dieter Ziessow, Technical University of Berlin. Haute-Nendaz is a mountain village above the town of Sion which in turn is served by frequent trains from Geneva.



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Onderwerp

Dear professor Shapiro,

The use of DNP for fast coal characterization with ^{13}C NMR

Besides a.o. protons and ^{13}C atoms coal contains a lot of radicals, typically 10^{19} per gram. It is well-known that in solids containing radicals the nuclear polarization can be enhanced by irradiating near the larmor frequency of the electrons. This is due to the Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP) effect (1). Indeed in coal a considerable proton enhancement has been observed (2). It is also known that the ^{13}C spectrum of a coal can be used for coal characterization, as the observed aromaticity depends on the coal rank. However, usually the measuring time of such a spectrum is rather long, an hour or more. The implication of DNP opens the possibility of fast coal characterization. This can be achieved in two ways:

- (i) by firstly enhancing the proton polarization and then transferring this polarization towards the ^{13}C spin species via Cross-Polarization (CP);
- (ii) by enhancing the ^{13}C signal directly, and measuring the ^{13}C spectrum via a standard FID experiment.

Fig. 1a shows the ^{13}C spectrum of a low volatile bituminous coal, as obtained with the normal CP method. Fig. 1b shows the same experiment, but now the proton polarization is enhanced by a factor 20

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using DNP. We see that in 18 sec. now a same signal-to-noise ratio is obtained as in the more than three hours it took to measure the CP spectrum without DNP! Fig. 1c shows the directly enhanced ^{13}C spectrum using a DNP-FID experiment. Here only 2 scans are needed to obtain an appreciable signal-to-noise ratio; we estimated the ^{13}C enhancement factor to be about 200. However, a disadvantage of the latter method is that the spectrum is distorted; comparing fig. 1c with fig. 1a and 1b, we see that the aliphatic part of the signal is suppressed. This is probably due to the fact that the radicals are in the aromatic region of the coal, and $^{13}\text{C} - ^{13}\text{C}$ spin diffusion is not capable of transferring the polarization enhancement into the aliphatic region. Nevertheless, a fast coal characterization becomes feasible now, especially with the DNP-CP method, and also investigations of the coal structure with variable matching times experiments etc. become less time-consuming. Moreover, DNP can also be used in other solids by implanting them with radicals. Finally, if wanted the DNP-CP experiments can be combined with magic angle spinning.

Publications about the various results and the experimental set-up are in preparation.

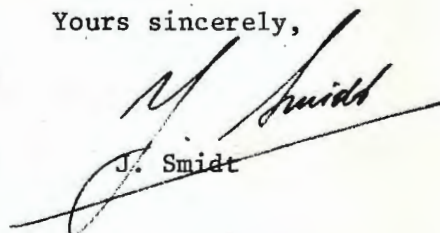


R.A. Wind



M.J. Duijvestijn

Yours sincerely,



J. Smidt

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FIG. 1. ^{13}C SPECTRA OF A LOW VOL. BIT. COAL, 15% Y.M.

$H_0 = 1.4094 \text{ T}$

$f_{\text{oc}} = 15.0887 \text{ MHz}$

$f_{\text{oh}} = 60.000 \text{ MHz}$

matching time = 0.9 ms

matching field = 50 kHz

acq. time = 5 ms

recycle delay = 0.6 sec

number of scans = 20,000

measuring time = 3.3 hrs

1a. CP

same conditions as 1a.

$f_{\text{oe}} = 39.43 \text{ GHz}$

esr power = 8 W

number of scans = 30

measuring time = 18 sec

1b. DNP-CP

$H_0 = 1.4082 \text{ T}$

$f_{\text{oc}} = 15.0762 \text{ MHz}$

$f_{\text{oh}} = 59.950 \text{ MHz}$

$f_{\text{oe}} = 39.43 \text{ GHz}$

esr power = 8 W

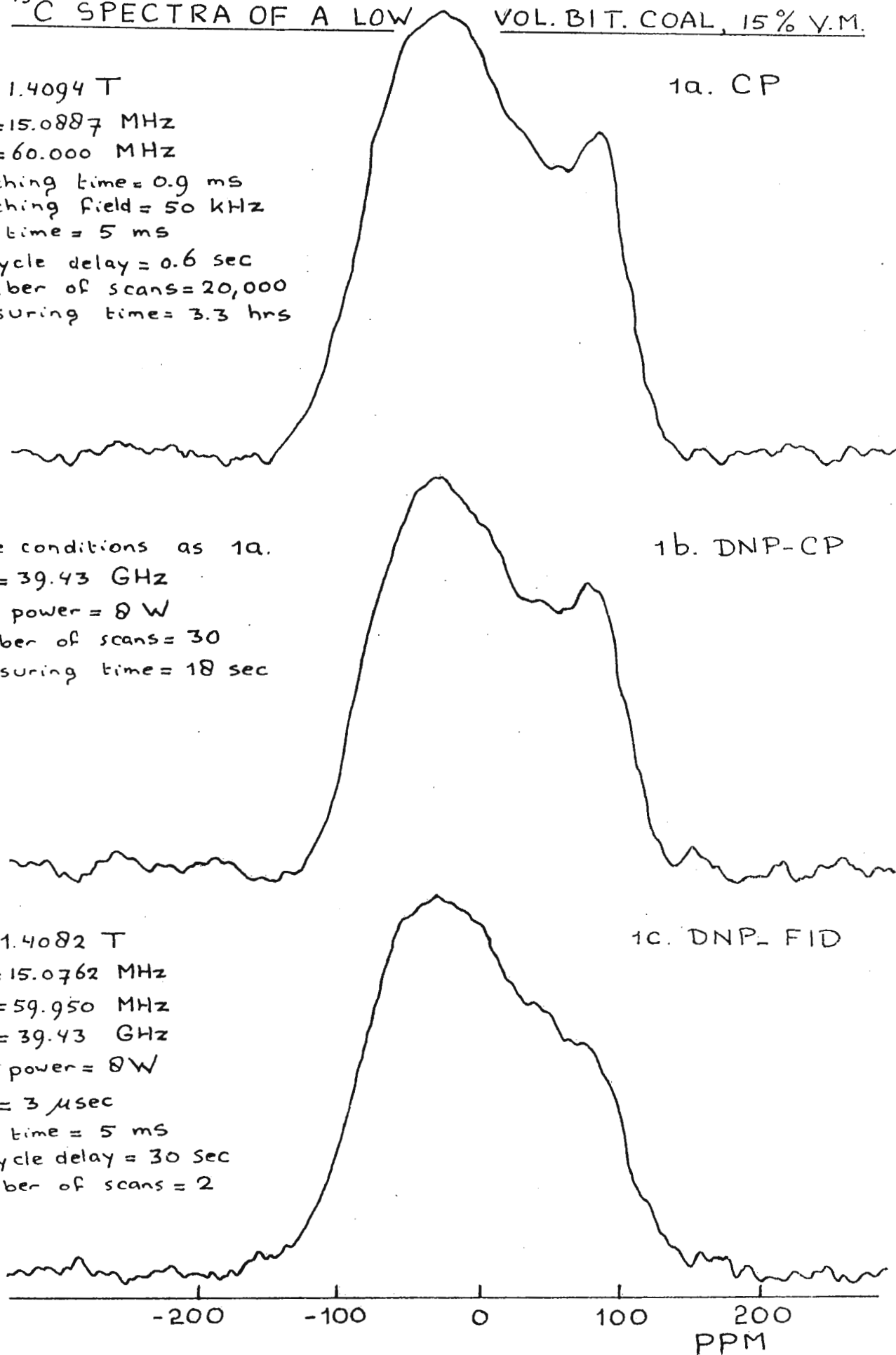
$\tau_{90} = 3 \mu\text{sec}$

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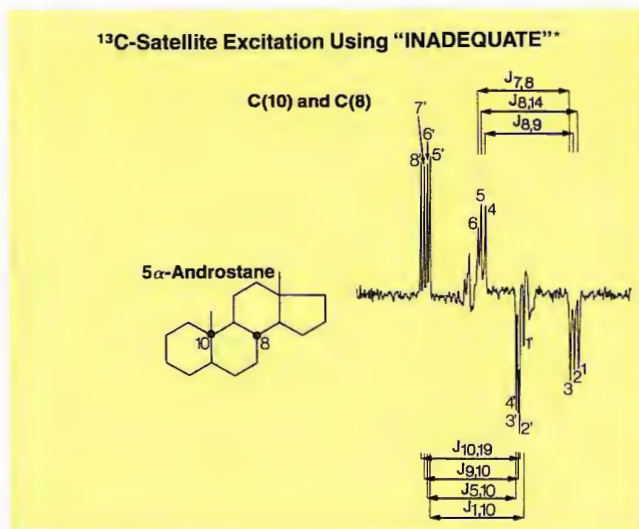
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1c. DNP-FID

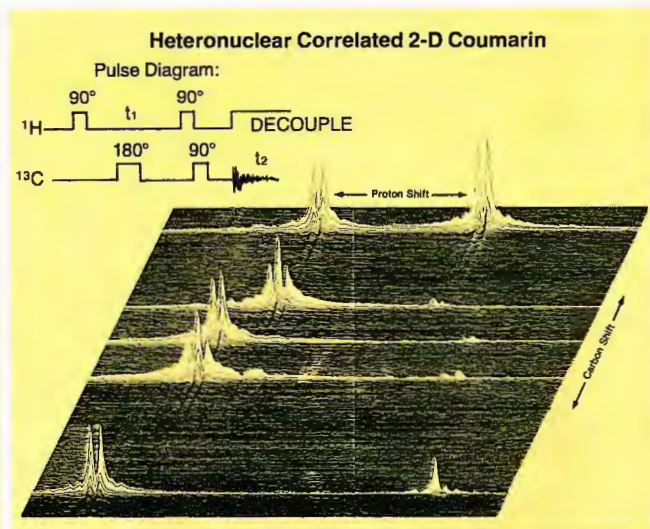


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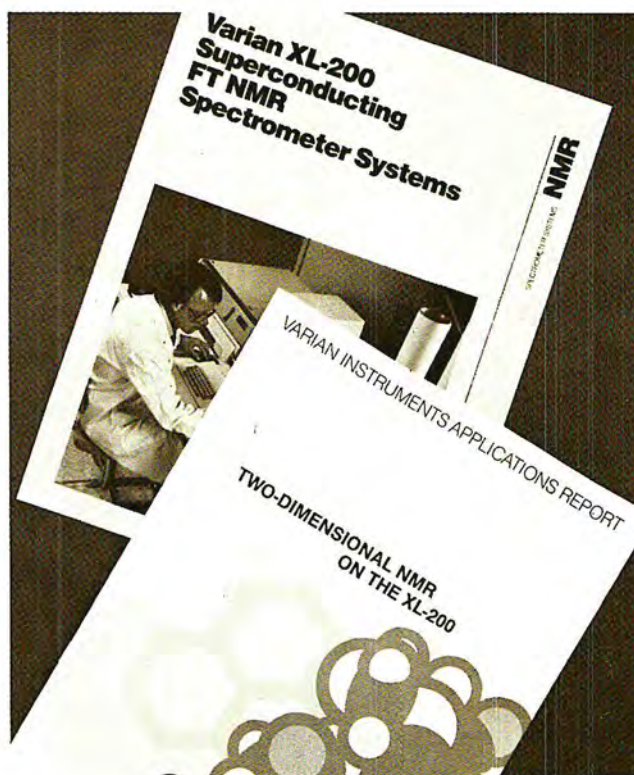
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Isomers of N-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-
3-chloro-4-chloromethyl-2-pyrrolidone

Dear Barry:

The proton NMR spectrum of N-phenyl-2-pyrrolidone, was analyzed by Raisanen et al (Suomen Kemistilehti, 44, 354 (1971)). They reported that the cis vicinal coupling, ($J_{3,4}$)cis (8.8 Hz), is larger than the trans vicinal coupling, ($J_{3,4}$)trans (6.7 and 7.6 Hz). We have studied the proton and carbon NMR spectra of the cis and trans isomers of N-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl-3-chloro-4-chloromethyl-2-pyrrolidone. The vicinal H-H coupling constants were found to be 8.7 and 6.0 Hz. Based on Raisanen's studies, we would assign the 8.7 Hz coupling to the cis isomer and 6.0 Hz coupling to the trans isomer.

The carbon shifts for the chloromethyl groups are 43.06 (Isomer having vicinal H-H coupling of 8.7 Hz) and 41.83 ppm (Isomer having vicinal H-H coupling of 6.0 Hz). This implies that the chloromethyl group resonates at lower field when it is cis to chlorine than trans to chlorine. However, from the low temperature carbon-13 NMR spectrum of chloro-cyclohexane, Suttotin and Sergeyev (JACS, 97, 1080 (1975)) reported that the steric γ shift for chlorine ($\delta_{eq} - \delta_{ax}$) is +6.5 ppm. Further work is now in progress to study the γ steric shifts in pyrrolidones.

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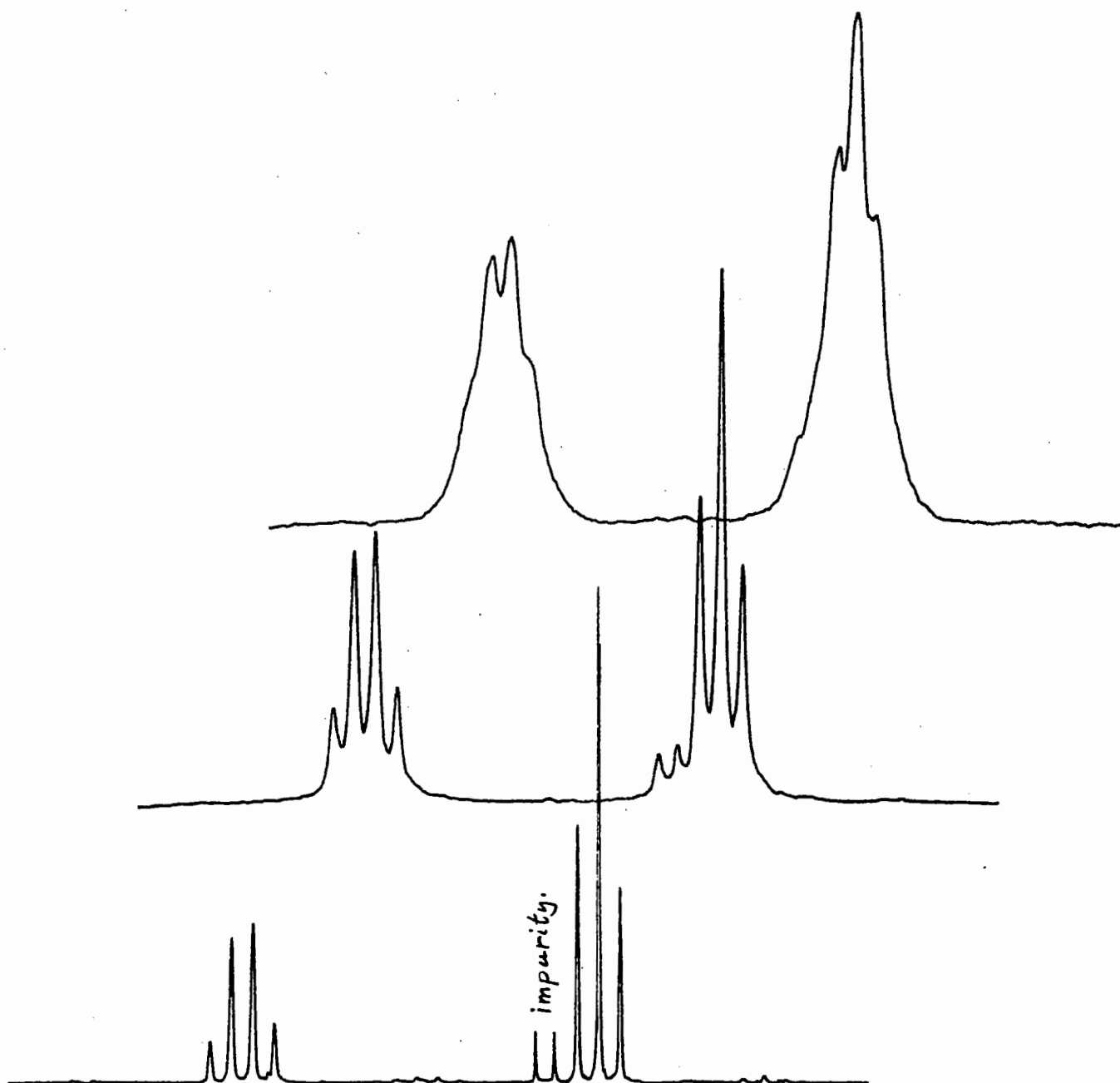
Dear Professor Shapiro

A New Angle on Spinning

We have recently designed an apparatus to allow us to perform titrations inside the n.m.r. tube on our old Bruker HX-90 which will also be applicable for use on our Bruker WM-360. As it is necessary to mix the titrant into the solution and as it would also be nice to spin the sample at the same time, we came up with the idea of not spinning the tube in the usual manner but spinning the solution using a paddle made from a glass capillary tube suspended concentrically and held outside the receiver coil. The capillary has a turbine fixed to it above the n.m.r. cap (through which it passes) and the turbine is rotated using a glass nozzle attached to the conventional spinner air/N₂ supply and fixed to the normal probe housing. A typical result is shown in the attached figure. The top trace is ethyl benzene at 90 MHz, non-spinning, the centre trace arises from spinning the solution and the lowest trace from spinning the whole assembly including the tube. The result is more than adequate for titration studies and it is possible to spot one other advantage. Because the solution is not being rotated in a circular fashion there is no single modulation frequency and thus negligible spinning sidebands. This is more magic than magic-angle spinning! Further details are available from the undersigned.

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Dear Dr. Shapiro

^{61}Ni NMR Study of Some d^{10} Nickel Complexes.

In order to help establish the ranges of ^{61}Ni NMR chemical shifts, coupling constants, relaxation times and natural line widths, we have undertaken a program aimed at assessing the viability of natural abundance ^{61}Ni NMR as a structural probe. Our initial studies involve a series of d^{10} , tetrahedral NiL_4 complexes which yielded the following chemical shift data.

$\text{Ni}(\text{PF}_3)_4$	-929.1 ppm
$\text{Ni}[(\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3)_4]$	-742.2 ppm
$\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OEt})_3]_4$	-703.0 ppm
$\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$	0 ppm
$\text{Ni}(\text{PCl}_3)_4$	266.9 ppm

Figure 1 clearly shows the phosphorus and fluorine coupling in $\text{Ni}(\text{PF}_3)_4$. A fuller account will appear in J. Mag. Res. shortly.

Sincerely

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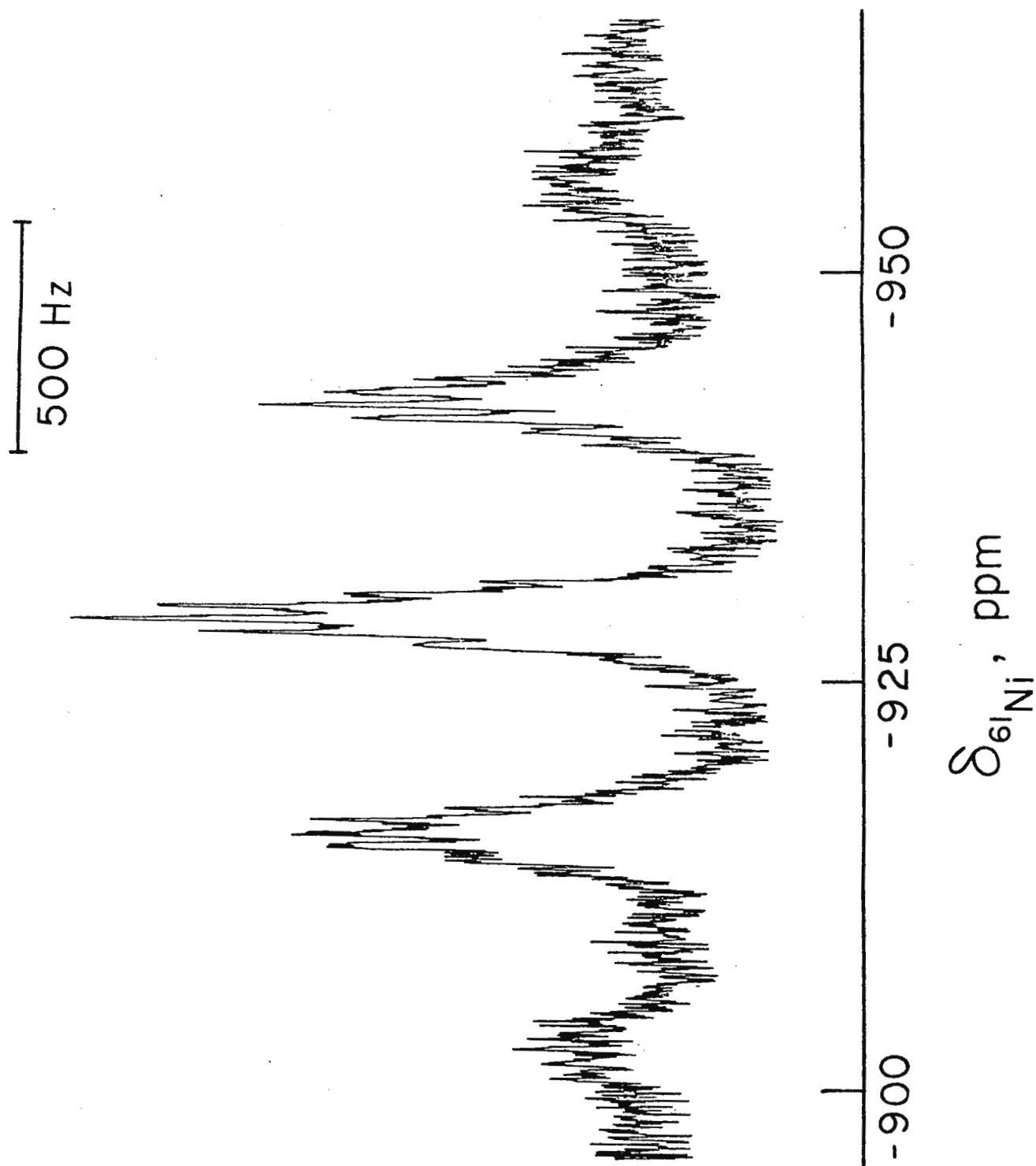
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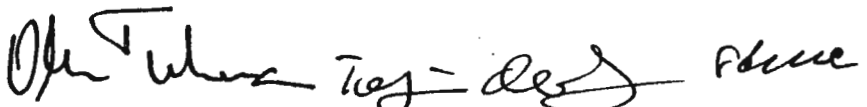
Title: Our new toy, a Nicolet 360.

Dear Barry,

In response to your reminder we have the following to report.

Firstly, we have recently acquired a Nicolet 360 WB spectrometer which is actually a 361.7 MHz machine. Of course for us, who have been used to work with the old-fashioned XL-100 or our home-built 6 Tesla spectrometer with a very simple program, the Nicolet software is just like a dream (or sometimes a nightmare). The spectrometer has mostly behaved quite well and as a simple example we want to show a few proton difference spectra from heart troponin C. The spectra are differences between samples containing various amounts of calcium ions as indicated in the Figure. The fact that the spectrum does not change to any significant degree between 3 and 4 equivalents of calcium is in agreement with other measurements showing that the heart troponin C does not bind more than 3 equivalents of calcium. Secondly, it might be of interest to other Nicolet owners that we have built our own low frequency probes for this spectrometer with horizontally arranged non-spinning samples. The resolution allowed by this probe is not overwhelming but as can be seen from Figure 2 it is more than adequate for our studies of quadrupolar ions like ^{39}K , ^{25}Mg or ^{43}Ca .

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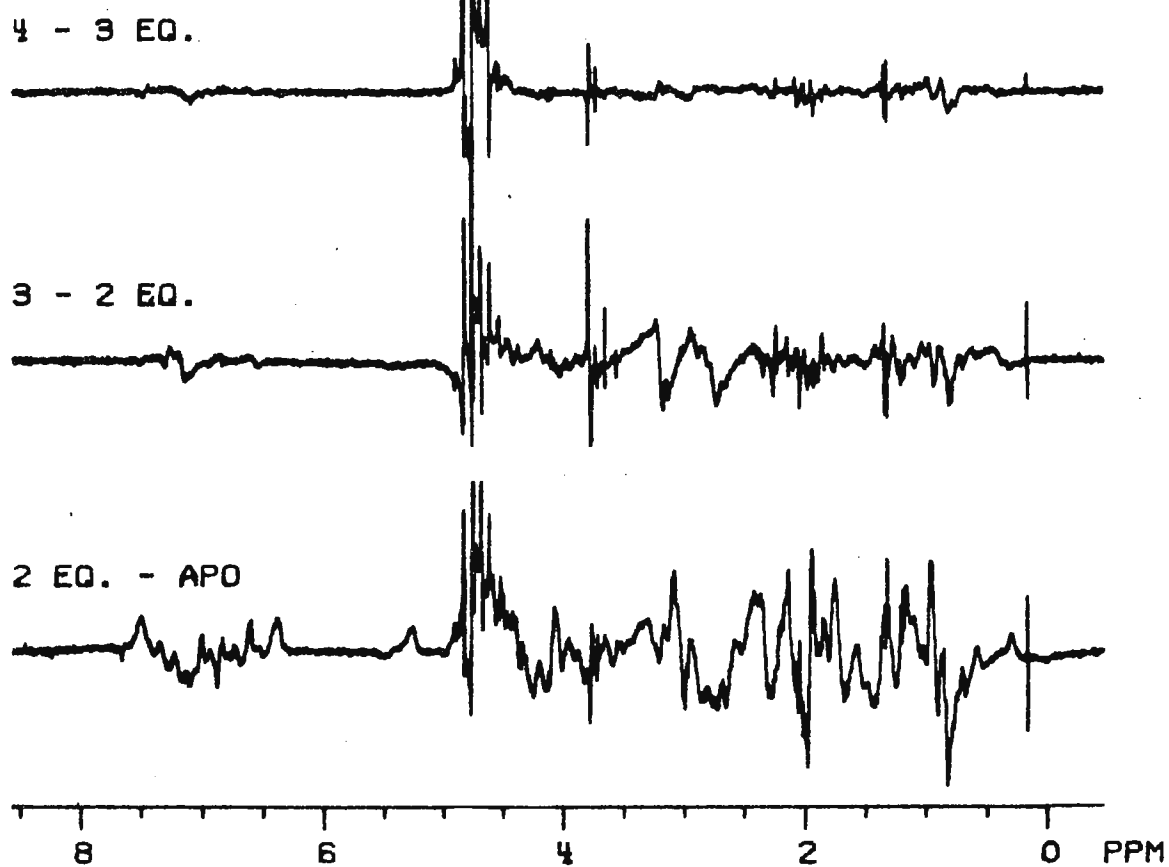
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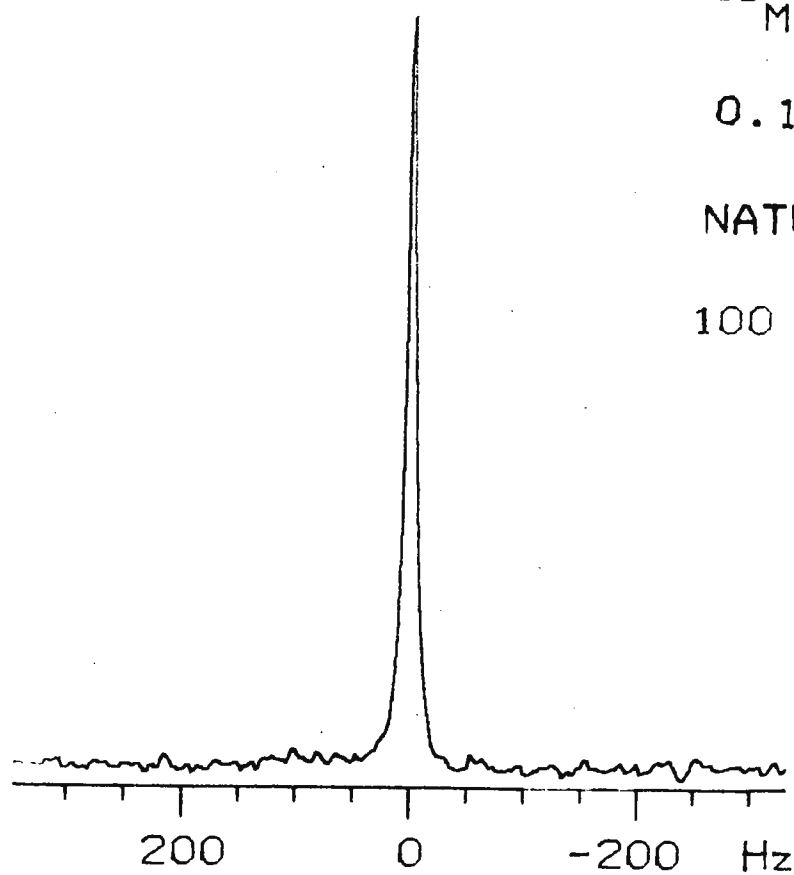


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Dear Barry:

Oh Constancy, thy name is J! Inept INEPT!

In principle, the chemical shift is magnetic-field dependent (1,2), as is the atomic hyperfine constant (3). Although it is normally assumed that J is independent of the magnetic field, one might imagine a distortion of a molecule in a large magnetic field, causing a change in J; or, say, a partial alignment of the solvent or solute molecules (4) leading to an alteration of the solvent dependence of J.

Rudy Sabastian prepared a (degassed) ca/mol% solution of CHCl_2F in C_6D_6 and a ca 11 mol% solution of 2,4,6-tribromiodobenzene in C_6D_6 . On one of his trips to Guelph, Rod Wasylishen measured $^2\text{J}(\text{H},\text{F})$ as 53.33 Hz in the first compound at 400MHz and $^1\text{J}(\text{H},^{13}\text{C})$ as 175.11 Hz in the second. Kirk Marat found, at 90MHz, that these couplings are 53.33 and 175.11 Hz, respectively (same samples, of course). Perhaps one should try this experiment on a very large J... .

In another experiment at 23.63 MHz, Kirk Marat and Richard Veregin recorded the ^{13}C -4 triplet of 4-chloro-3,5-dinitrobenzotrifluoride: $\text{J}(\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C})$ is ca 8Hz and we ignore coupling to ^{19}F . Weak and constant irradiation of one ^1H peak yields what looks like an INEPT ^{13}C spectrum: the central peak vanishes, the outside peaks (one inverted) are up in intensity by a factor of ca5. As Ray Freeman once said, "people are tickling more and more and enjoying it less and less." Help!

Technically and otherwise yours,


Ted Schaefer.

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Re: The Flip Angle Effect in the Determination of the Sign for
 $^1J(^{15}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N})$ Using SPT

Dear Barry,

After working with supercooling of some aqueous solutions (TAMU NMR 277-47) (1) in hot South Carolina last summer, I am now back to normal temperatures in the cold winter of Scandinavia. Recently one of my students, Theo Berkhoudt, completed some nice ^{15}N NMR work on the determination of the sign of the one-bond $^{15}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N}$ coupling constant in ^{15}N doubly-enriched 1-phenylpyrazole, 1, using $^{15}\text{N}-\{^1\text{H}\}$ selective population transfer (SPT) (2). Although there has been quite some interests in semi-empirical calculations of $^{15}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N}$ coupling constants (3), we are aware of only one experimental report on the sign of such couplings. In nitrous oxide (N_2O) a negative sign is claimed for $^1J(^{15}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N})$ ($= -9.16$ Hz) based on liquid crystal NMR techniques (4).

Whenever a nonselective "read" pulse is applied to homonuclear spin systems at nonequilibrium states, the so-called "flip angle effect" must be considered in order to interpret the intensities of the individual transitions. In the present $^{15}\text{N}-\{^1\text{H}\}$ SPT experiments for 1, nonequilibrium states are created by the ^1H SPT π -pulses. Thus, the flip angle effect becomes important for the determination of the relative signs of coupling constants as described recently (5). The accompanying figure depicts some $^{15}\text{N}_2$ spectra with the SPT π -pulse applied at the two H3 transitions at highest frequency and using various flip angles for the ^{15}N "read" pulse. For a 90° flip angle (Figure c) no relative sign information for the $^{15}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N}$ cou-

pling constant is obtained (5). However, the spectra determined with flip angles of 60° (Figure b) and 120° (Figure d) show (5) that $^1K(^{15}\text{N1}-^{15}\text{N2}) \times ^3K(^{15}\text{N1}-\text{H3}) < 0$ and $^3K(^{15}\text{N2}-\text{H4}) \times ^3K(\text{H3}-\text{H4}) > 0$; therefore, $^1J(^{15}\text{N}-^{15}\text{N}) < 0$ ($= -12.85$ Hz), since $^3J(^{15}\text{N1}-\text{H3}) < 0$ is determined from other experiments. Preprints on a brief report of this work are available.

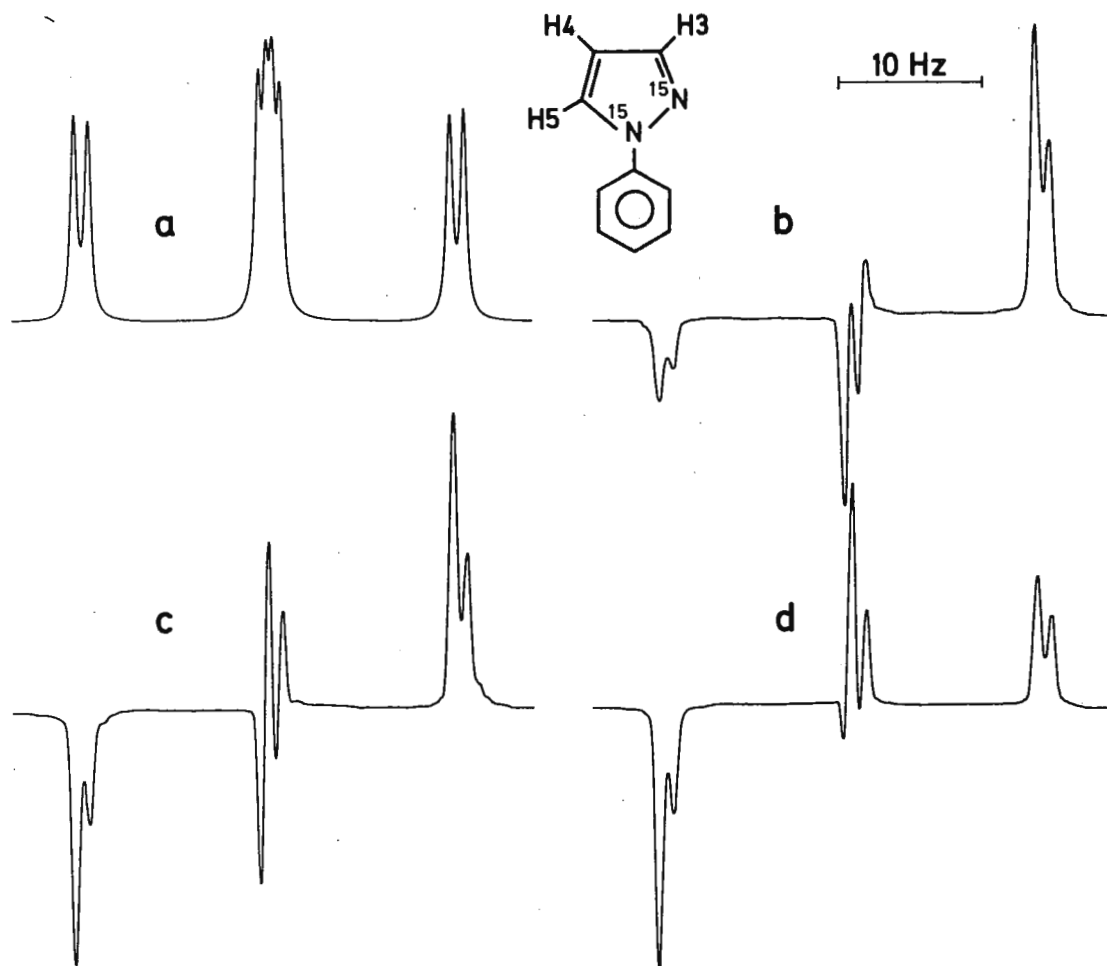


Figure. (a) Simulated proton coupled ^{15}N NMR spectrum for the $^{15}\text{N2}$ nitrogen in 1-phenyl- $^{15}\text{N}_2$ -pyrazole. (b-d) Experimental $^{15}\text{N2}-\{\text{H3}\}$ SPT π -pulse spectra all obtained with the same π -pulse irradiation frequency (at the two H3 transitions at highest frequency) but with flip angles of 60° (figure b), 90° (figure c), and 120° (figure d) for the ^{15}N "read" pulse.

Sincerely,

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Re: Low Concentrations by NMR

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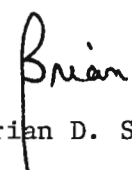
NMR methods are often criticized in comparison with other techniques used in biochemistry because of its low sensitivity. We feel (as do many others I'm sure) that this is a bit of a bum rap. We have been studying the occupancy by ytterbium of the two metal binding sites on the calcium binding protein parvalbumin using ^1H NMR. The shifted resonances at 15.4 and 14.8 ppm are diagnostic for the two sites and there was some possibility that aggregation at high protein concentrations ($1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$) was influencing the relative occupancies. In the enclosed figure we go down to $17 \times 10^{-6}\text{M}$ with no change in relative intensities. The spectra were run on a Bruker HXS-270 spectrum; the 17 μM spectrum used a 10 mm tube, NA-360,000, TT=20.5 hrs.

These resonances are broad, but have correspondingly short T_1 's. Floating point arithmetic was not necessary until we went to concentrations lower than 17 μM like 9 μM . The limiting factor in these studies is baseline distortions.

Best regards,

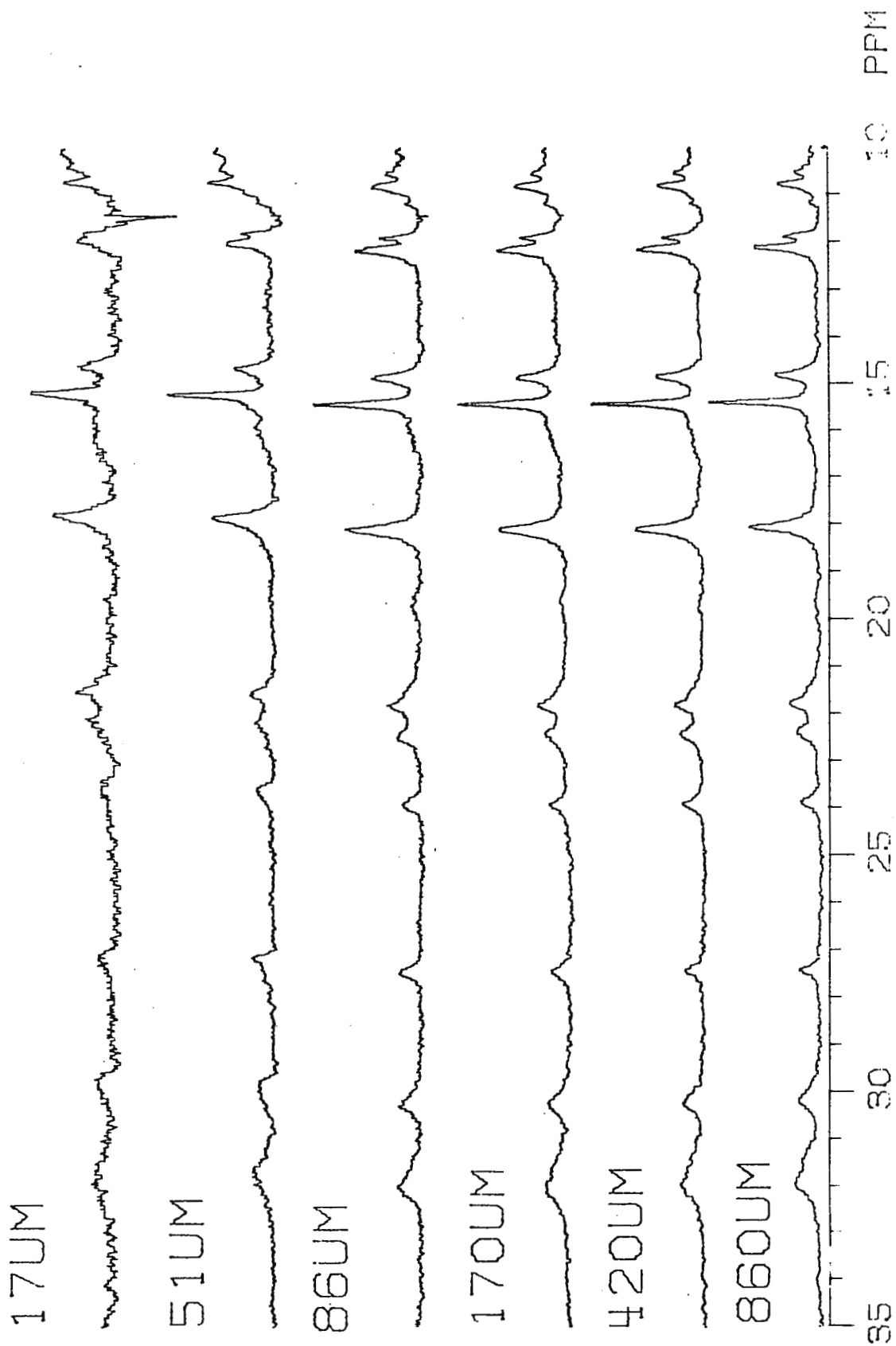
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Dear Professor Shapiro,

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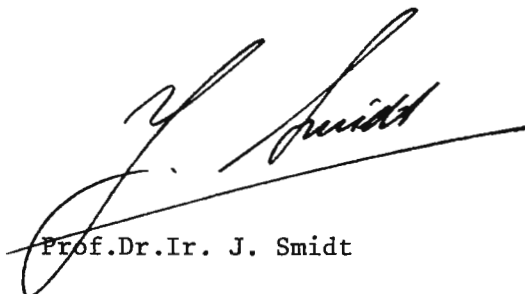
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"Post-doctoral Position Available"

Dear Barry:

A position is available in April 1982 to work on NMR and ESR studies of E. coli membrane proteins. The project is a collaborative one with Professor Masayori Inouye of the Department of Biochemistry, and involves isotopic, chemical and spin labelling as well as spectroscopic studies on solutions, membrane preparations, and intact bacteria. Interested candidates should contact me or Professor Inouye, submitting a curriculum vitae and arranging for two letters of recommendation.

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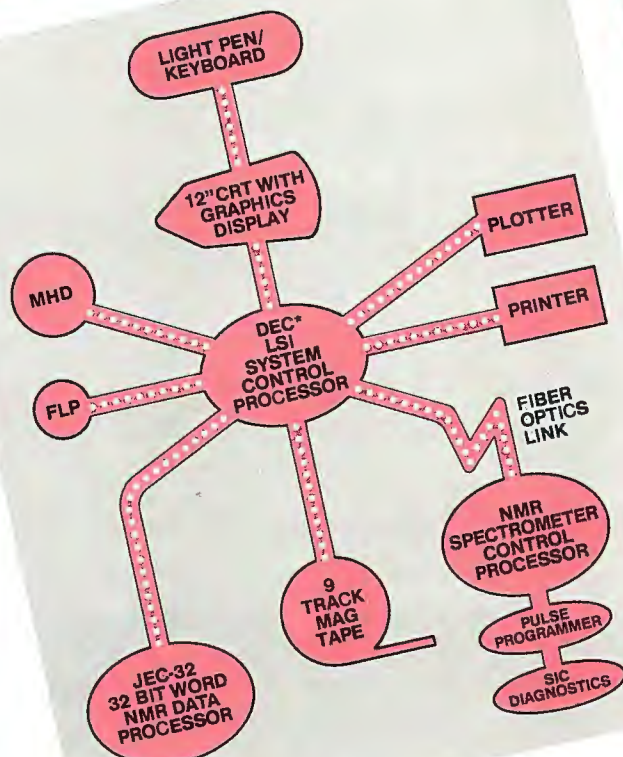
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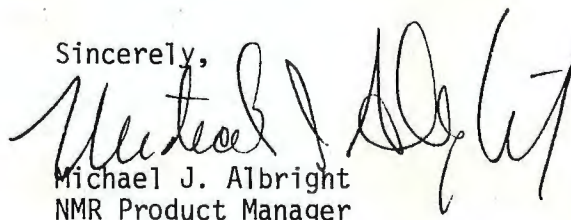
Dear Barry:

We are currently looking for a chemist who understands instrumentation, such as NMR, and who cannot afford his own home computer to do all those "neat" things a chemist would like to do.

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Dear Professor Shapiro,

Applications of ^{195}Pt n.m.r.

We are very pleased with the performance of our JEOL FX90Q on ^{195}Pt which is fortunate since our chemical work centres on this element. Our maximum frequency range is 50k Hz but we usually use 40k Hz (just over 2 000 ppm). When necessary the range is increased by acquiring a set of spectra with automatically incremented observation frequencies. Using 8K points the acquisition time is ca. 0.12s or 30,000 pulses in an hour. Despite this rate, the relaxation of all but the most symmetric molecules is fast enough for 90° pulses to be used. We reference the spectra via the ^2D lock signal so that for our spectrometer $\nu(^{195}\text{Pt}) = 21.4 \text{ MHz}$ corresponds to 19.175 263 MHz for a ^2D frequency of 13.754 839 MHz set on CD_2Cl_2 .

Of course, many spectra consist solely of singlets which may be confused with external interference etc. Much more interesting patterns arise when other spin-active nuclei are present and this can include ^{195}Pt in dimeric species. To evaluate $^1\text{J}(\text{PtPt})$ in the symmetric dimers $[\text{Pt}_2\text{X}_4(\text{CO})_2]^{2-}$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ or Br) and $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2(\text{CO})_2]$ we prepared samples with ca. 75 % ^{13}C enriched CO. We had to compromise between spectra broadened at room temperature because of CO exchange and broadening at low temperatures because of increased relaxation. The cyclopentadienyl complex gave the most detailed spectrum which is shown in Figure 1. The 'inner lines' (marked *) of the $[\text{AX}]_2$ spin system ($^{13}\text{C}-^{195}\text{Pt}-^{195}\text{Pt}-^{13}\text{C}$) give a value of $9\,400 \pm 70 \text{ Hz}$ for $^1\text{J}(\text{PtPt})$ and a further, less accurate value can be obtained from the $[\text{ABX}]$ system ($^{13}\text{C}-^{195}\text{Pt}-^{195}\text{Pt}$ - marked o). As can be seen there is a significant isotope shift (0.8 ppm to high frequency for ^{195}Pt bound to ^{12}C compared to ^{13}C). Figure 2 illustrates an easier way to get values of $\text{J}(\text{PtPt})$. Replacement of a chloride ligand on one end of $[\text{Pt}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{CO})_2]^{2-}$ by iodide renders the Pt nuclei inequivalent and an 'AB' pattern due to $\text{J}(\text{PtPt})$ results. (I am afraid that infrared was necessary to show that the heavier halide goes opposite the Pt-Pt bond).

In fact the observation of Pt-Pt coupling can be a useful aid when investigating the reactions of dimeric platinum complexes. Thus after reacting $[\text{Pt}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{CO})_2]^{2-}$ with one PPh_3 ligand, the ^{195}Pt spectrum shows two doublets with Pt-Pt coupling between them confirming the structure:-

$\delta(^{195}\text{Pt})$	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \qquad \qquad \text{O} \\ \qquad \qquad \\ \text{Cl} - \text{Pt} - \text{Pt} - \text{PPh}_3 \\ \qquad \qquad \\ \text{Cl} \qquad \qquad \text{Cl} \end{array} $	$^1\text{J}(\text{PtPt})$	1 914 Hz
A 800 ppm		$^1\text{J}(\text{PtP})$	2 334 Hz
B 347 ppm		$^2\text{J}(\text{PtP})$	1 123 Hz

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 1. ^{195}Pt n.m.r. spectrum of $\text{Pt}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2(\text{CO})_2$ at -80°C .

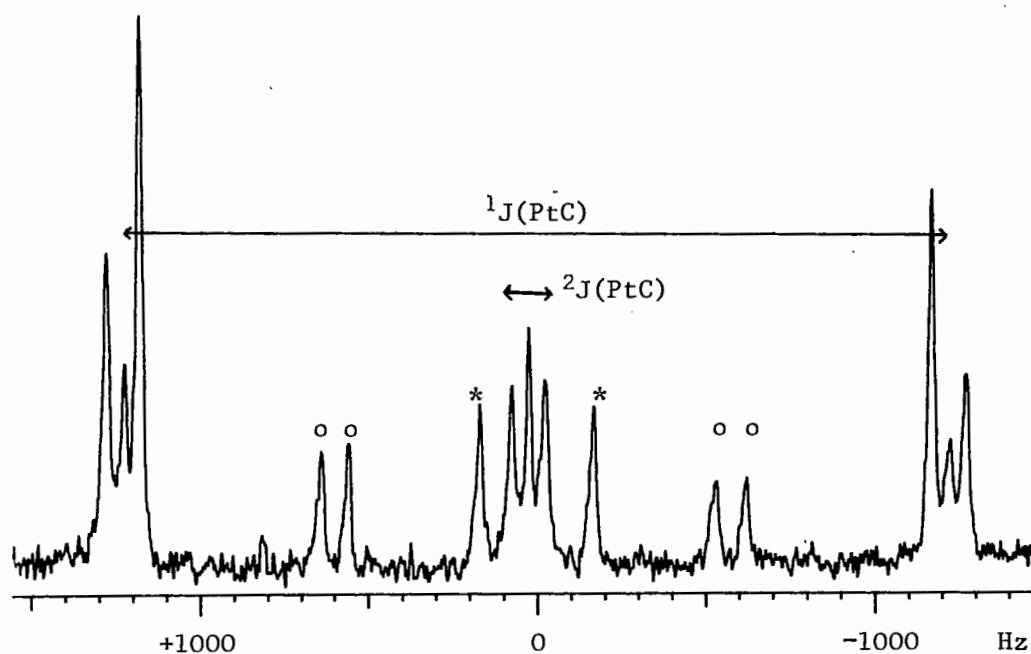
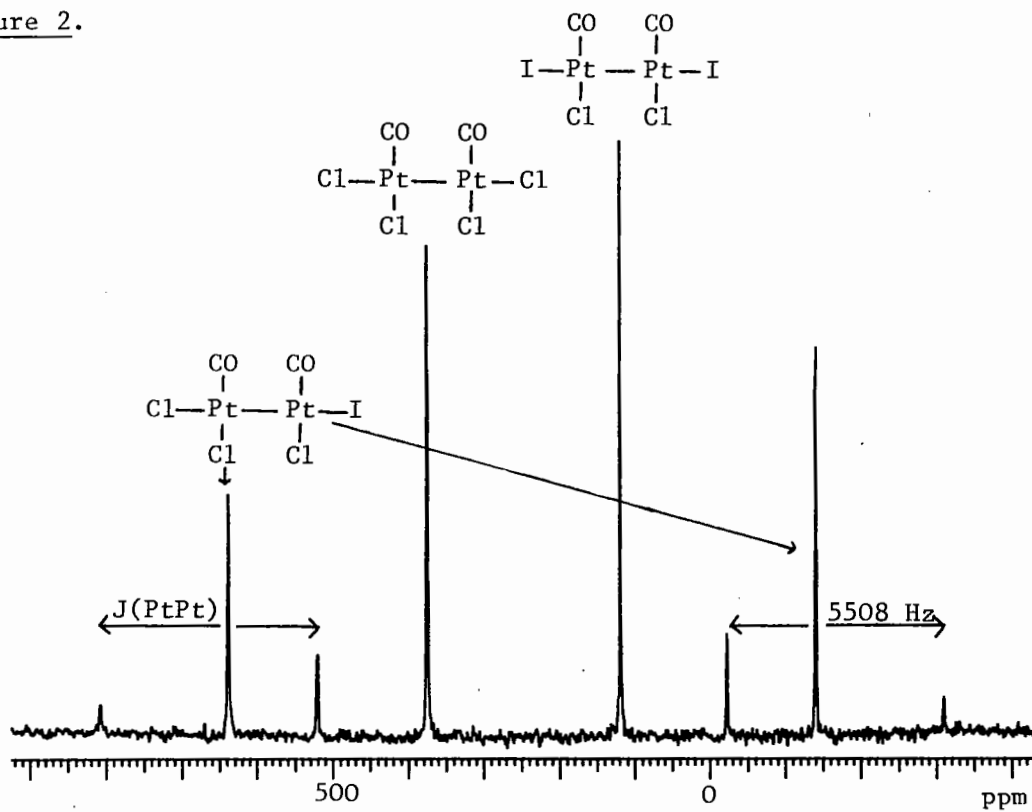


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"Computer Determination of Signal - to - Noise"

Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Before the widespread availability of computers, the only means of determining the signal-to-noise ratio of NMR data was by graphical methods. The following equation has been the standard way of measuring S/N from a plot of the data.

$$\text{Graphical S/N} = (S/N_{pp}) * 2.5$$

where S - peak intensity

N_{pp} - the peak-to-peak amplitude of a chosen segment of the baseline noise

2.5 - factor by which N_{pp} is divided to approximate RMS noise.

The S/N values determined in the above manner have a high degree of uncertainty due to both subjective 1) and statistical²⁾ factors. Computer calculated values are inherently more precise in that the root-mean-square noise is calculated directly from the digitized data.

$$\text{RMS noise} = \frac{(\sum \delta_i^2)^{1/2}}{n-1}$$

where n - number of data points

δ_i - deviation of the baseline point from zero.

However, the problem is that the RMS S/N value is approximately twice the graphically determined value for the same spectrum. This difference stems from the fact that for FT NMR, in which the noise distribution is Gaussian³, the peak-to-peak noise is roughly 5 times the RMS noise.⁴

The 2.5 factor is appropriate for a Rayleigh distribution which is more descriptive of noise generated by a CW spectrometer.³

As a result, it seems to us that S/N values reported in the literature should also state how those values were determined in order to remove all ambiguity.

In our DISNMR program, the RMS S/N value is divided by two. The printout states this explicitly.

RMS (S/N) *.5 =

Sincerely,

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HELICAL METHIONINE OLIGOPEPTIDES

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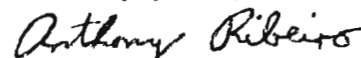
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Trifluoroethanol (TFE) has been shown by circular dichroism (CD) to be a helix-supporting medium for oligopeptides (1,2). It has been one of our interests to substantiate these CD studies using NMR techniques. We have previously discussed NMR studies for the methionine oligomer series, t -Boc-(L-Met)_n-OMe (3). Blocked homo-oligopeptide esters however present serious solubility and aggregation problems (4). This has led to the attachment of oligomers to macromolecular, solubilizing polyethylene glycols (PEG) in the liquid phase method of peptide synthesis (5).

Fig. 1 shows the backbone NH resonances for a blocked methionine oligomer series attached to PEG — t -Boc-(L-Met)_n-NH-PEG. These spectra were obtained despite three strong proton lines — two from solvent TFE and one from PEG (M_r 6,000). Six nonequivalent NH resonances are seen for the pentamer and seven for the hexamer. Increase of chain length from 6 to 7 was shown by CD to result in a transition from a disordered to a helical structure (2). By NMR this transition leads to a 1:1:3:1:1:1 envelope. Further elongation of chain length to the octamer gives a 2:1:2:1:1:1:1 envelope.

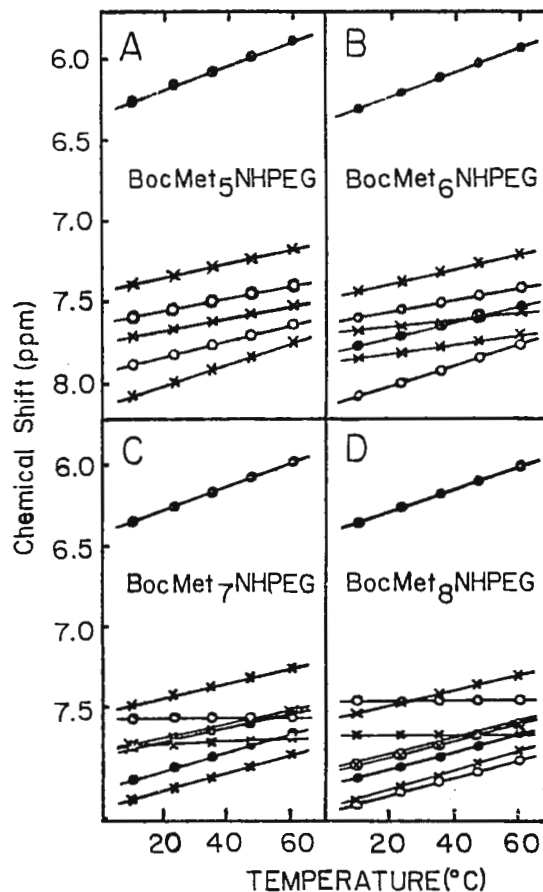
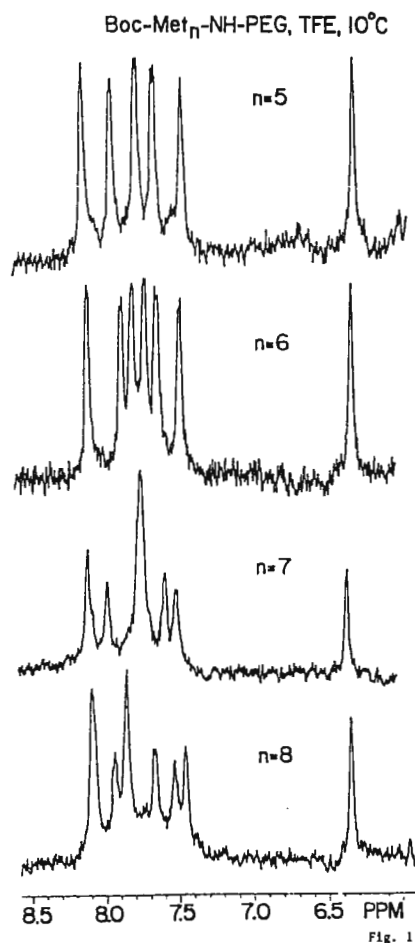
The singly resolved NH resonances of the PEG-bound pentamer and hexamer shift monotonically upfield with temperature (Fig. 2). However, at the heptamer and octamer, two NH resonances are seen to show little shift changes over the same temperature range. In fact, the temperature coefficients for these two NH resonances are 3-10 times lower than those reported for the intramolecularly hydrogen-bonded NH resonances of the cyclic alamichrome and gramicidin peptides (6,7). To my knowledge, they are the lowest NH temperature coefficients yet noted for a linear peptide in TFE.

Sincerely yours,



Anthony Ribeiro

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To fellow-readers in the UK or elsewhere: I should be grateful to hear from anyone who has a V4331A or similar probe and inserts for a Varian 4300B wideline NMR spectrometer.

Thank you!

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Yours sincerely,

Jean L. Delayre

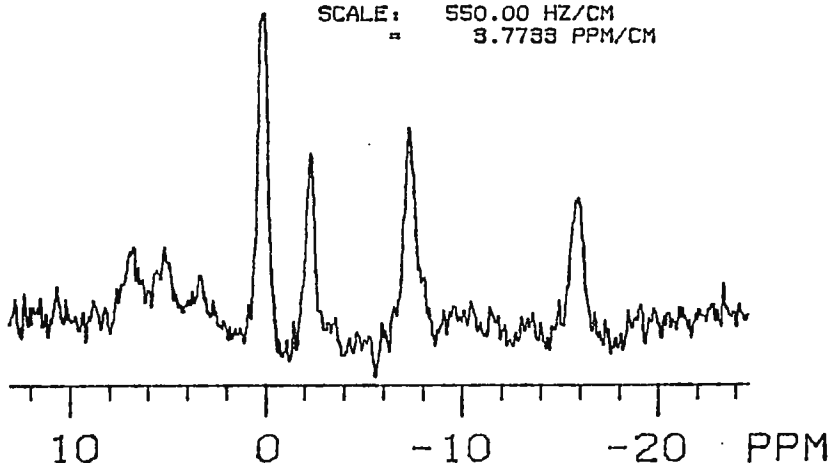
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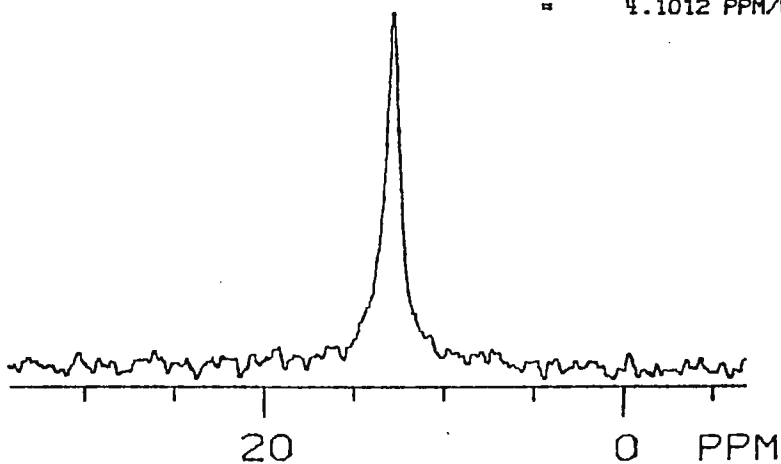
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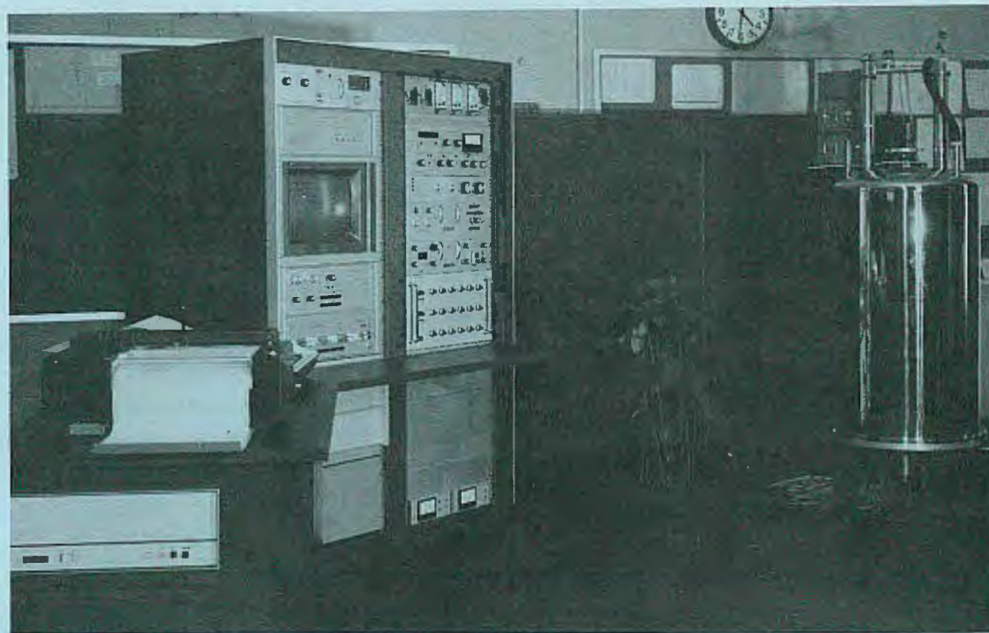
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