



UNESCO/IUPAC Postgraduate Course in Polymer Science

Lecture:

Solid-state NMR spectroscopy of polymers

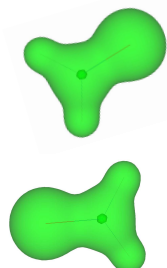
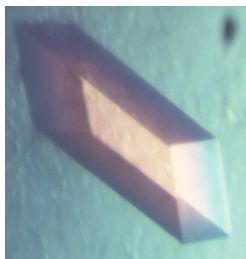
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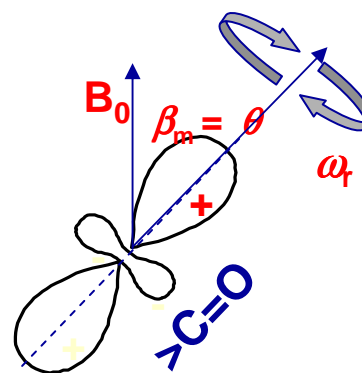
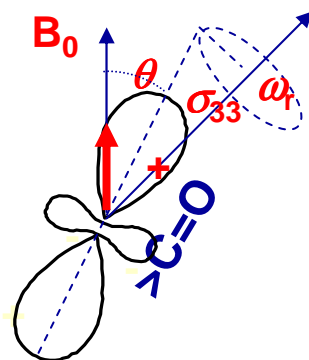
Solid-state NMR spectroscopy



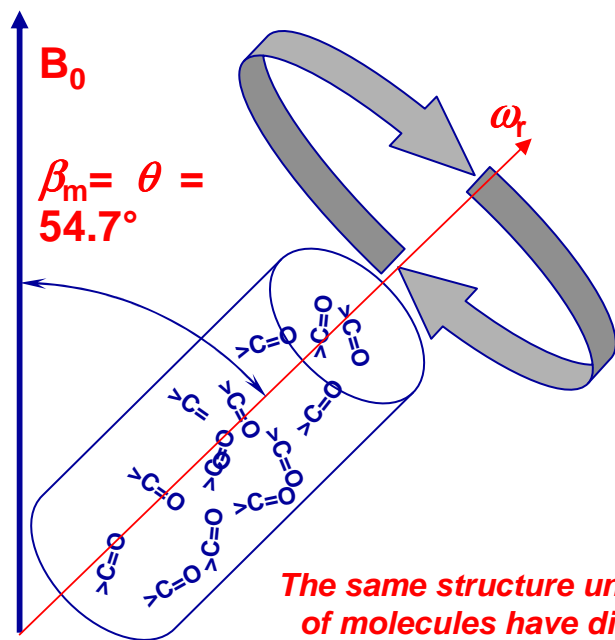
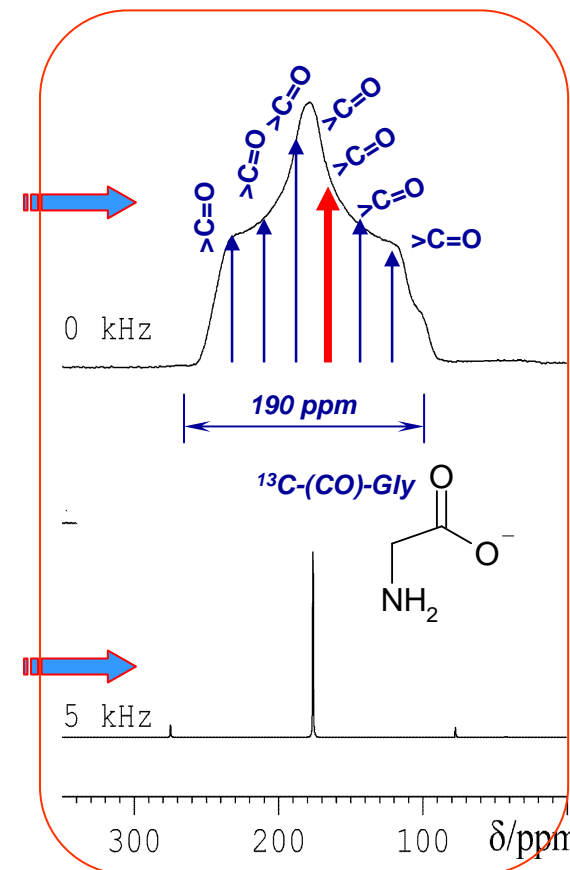
Distribution of electrons is not symmetrical and is not motionally averaged

Static sample
Anisotropy interactions dominate

Limited mobility



Chemical shift anisotropy



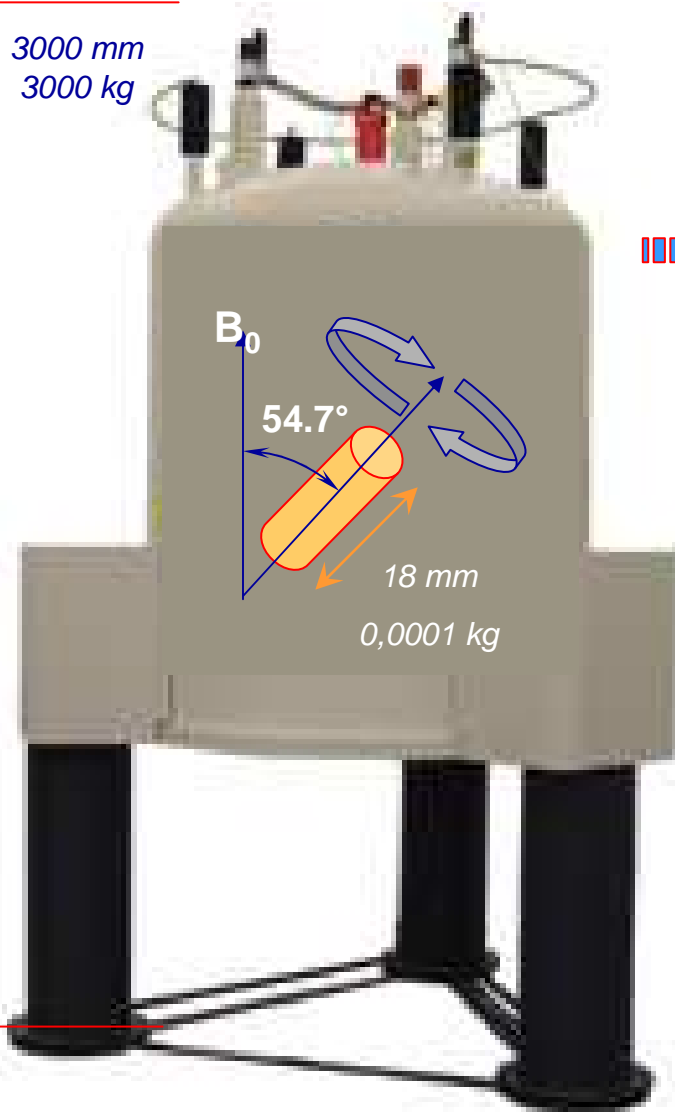
The same structure units in a collection of molecules have different chemical shifts – there is no equivalence as it was in solution.

Magic Angle Spinning (MAS)

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Mechanical uniaxial rotation of a sample

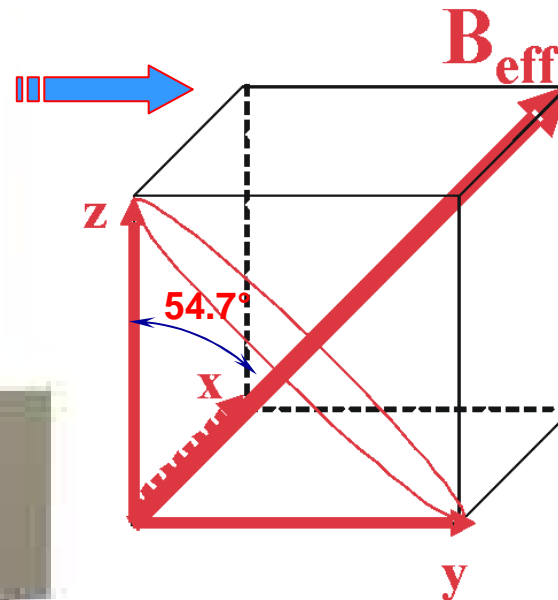
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3000 kg



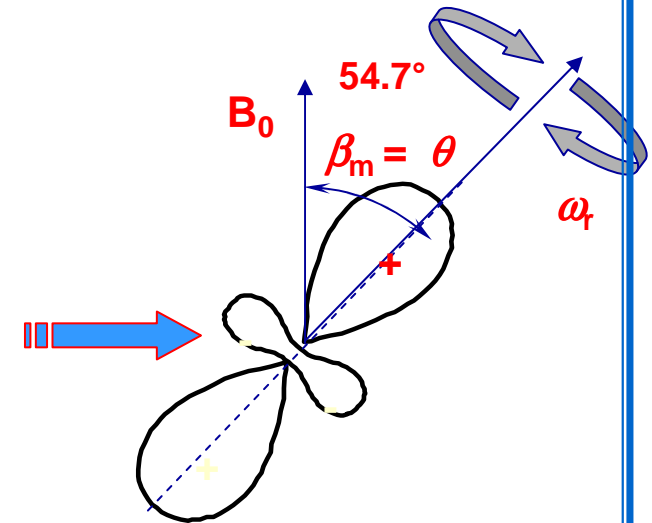
2.5 mm (<35kHz)

4mm (<20kHz)

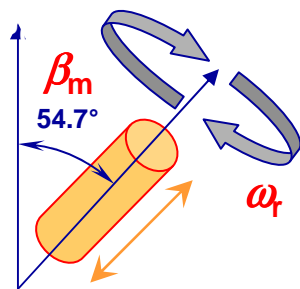
7mm (<7kHz)



Implementation of
cubic symmetry to
a molecular
system

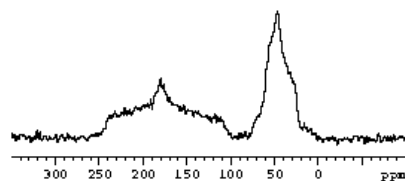


Solid state NMR spectra

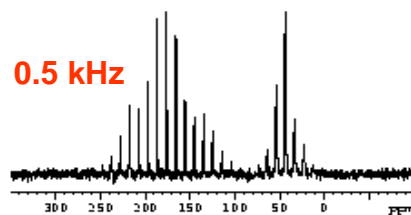


Increasing frequency of MAS

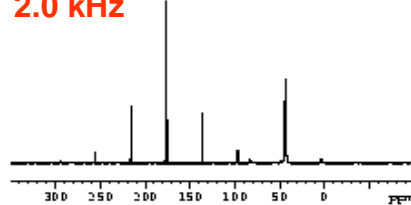
0 kHz ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR



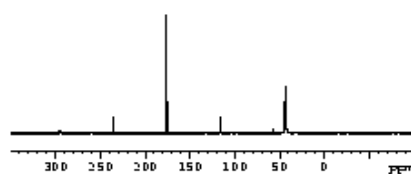
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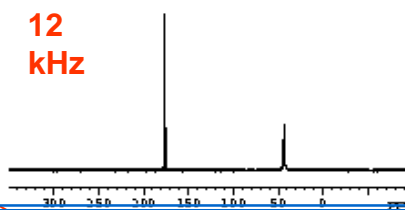
2.0 kHz



3.0 kHz

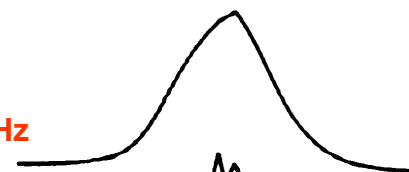


12 kHz



^1H MAS NMR

0 kHz



5 kHz



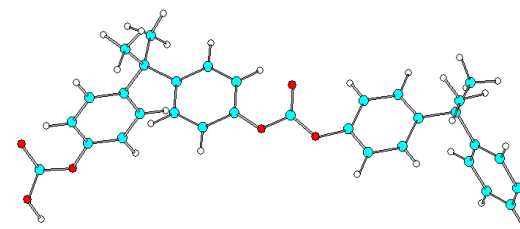
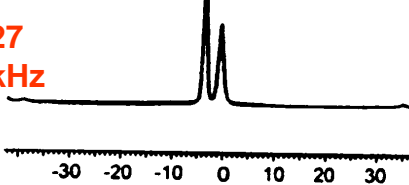
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15 kHz



27 kHz



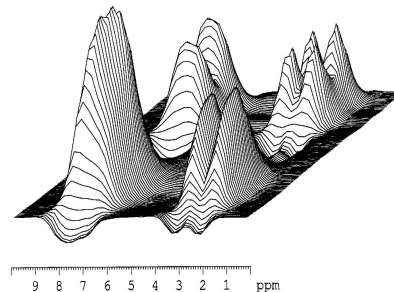
Solid state NMR spectroscopy

1. NMR – a probe to electronic surrounding of specific nucleus
2. High selectivity
3. Structure and dynamics (distances 0.1-0.7 nm)
4. Crystalline, microcrystalline and amorphous substances
5. Complementary to XRD

XRD

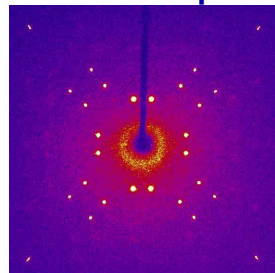


^1H - ^1H correlation spectrum



Interatomic distances

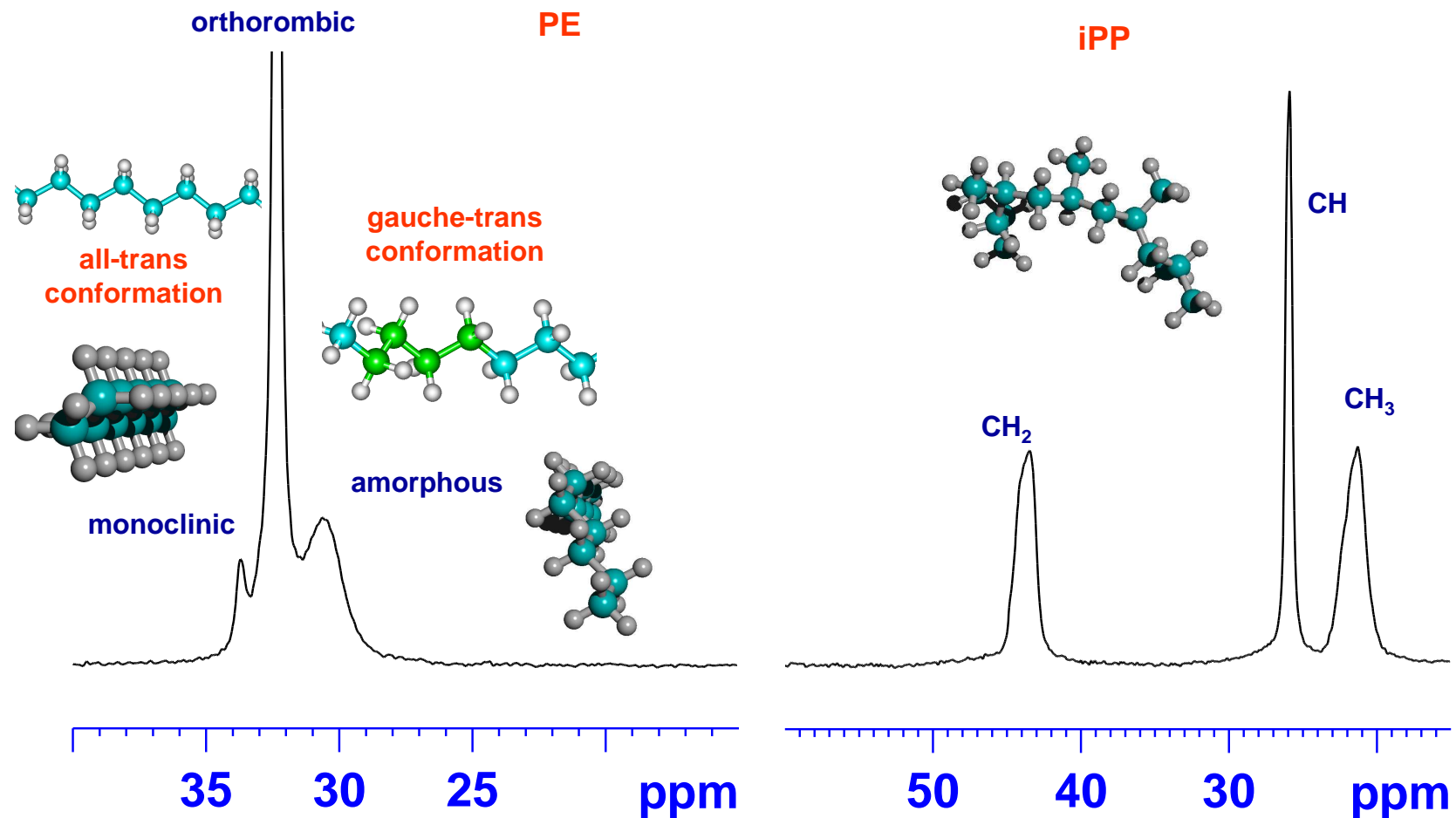
Diffraction spots



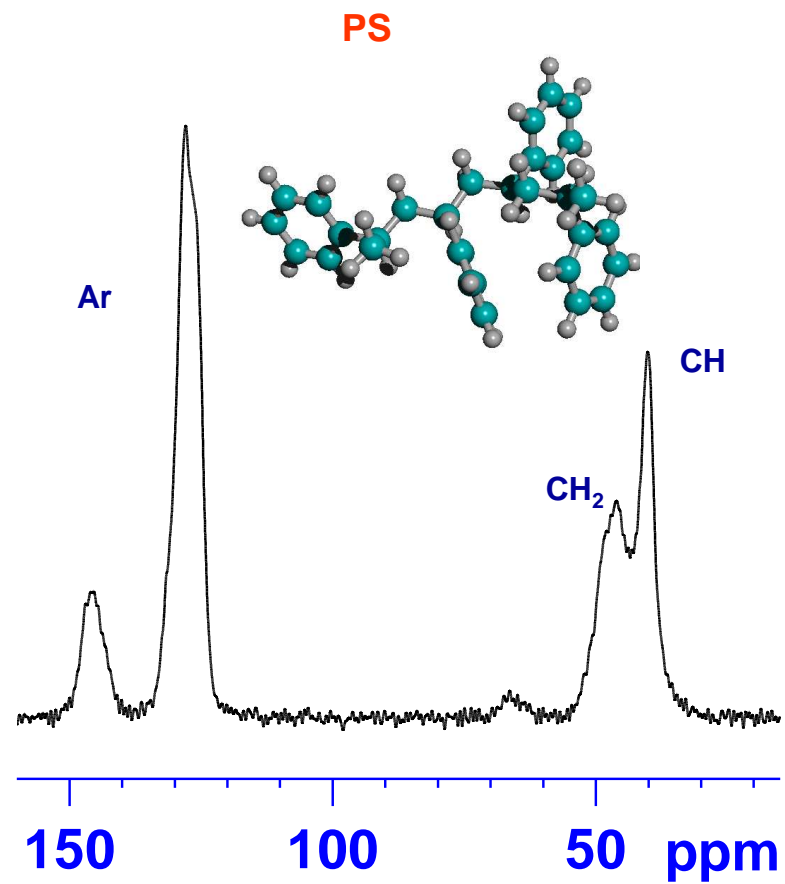
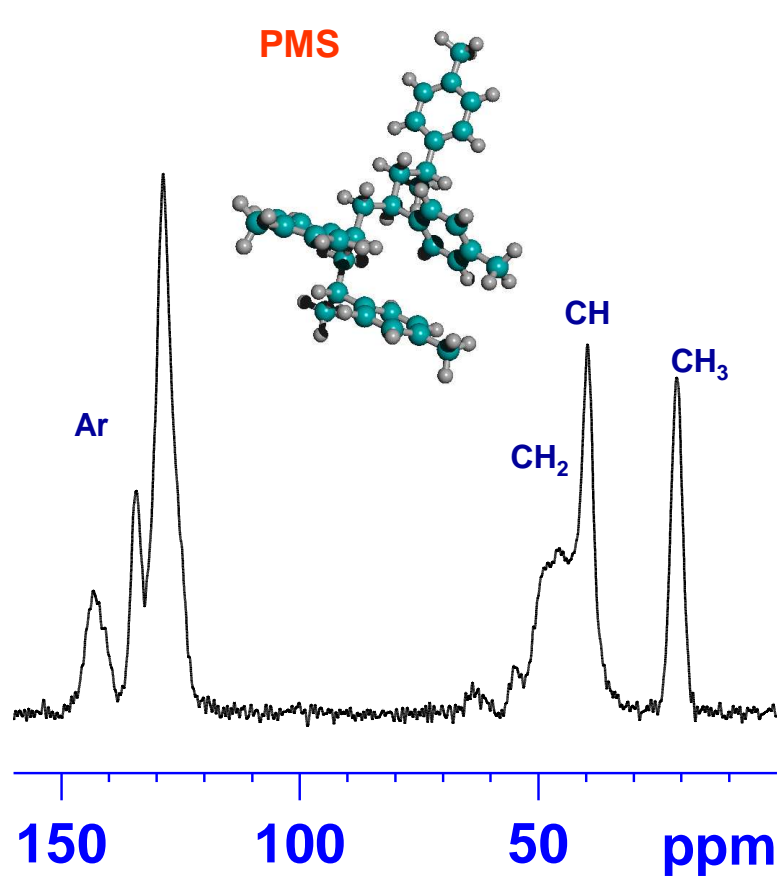
NMR



Solid state NMR spectra

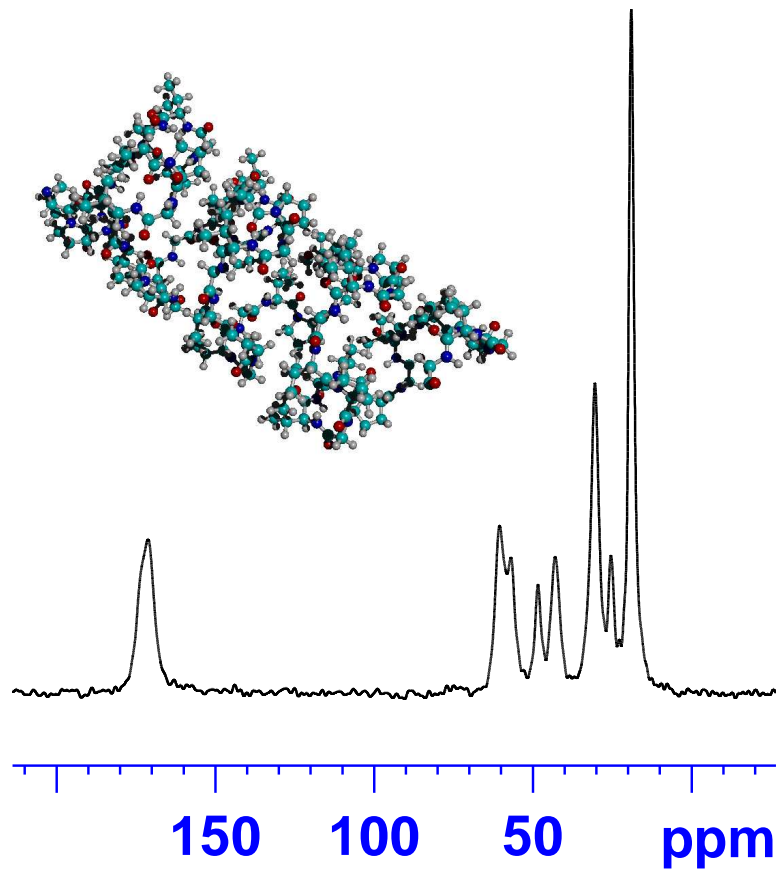


Solid state NMR spectra

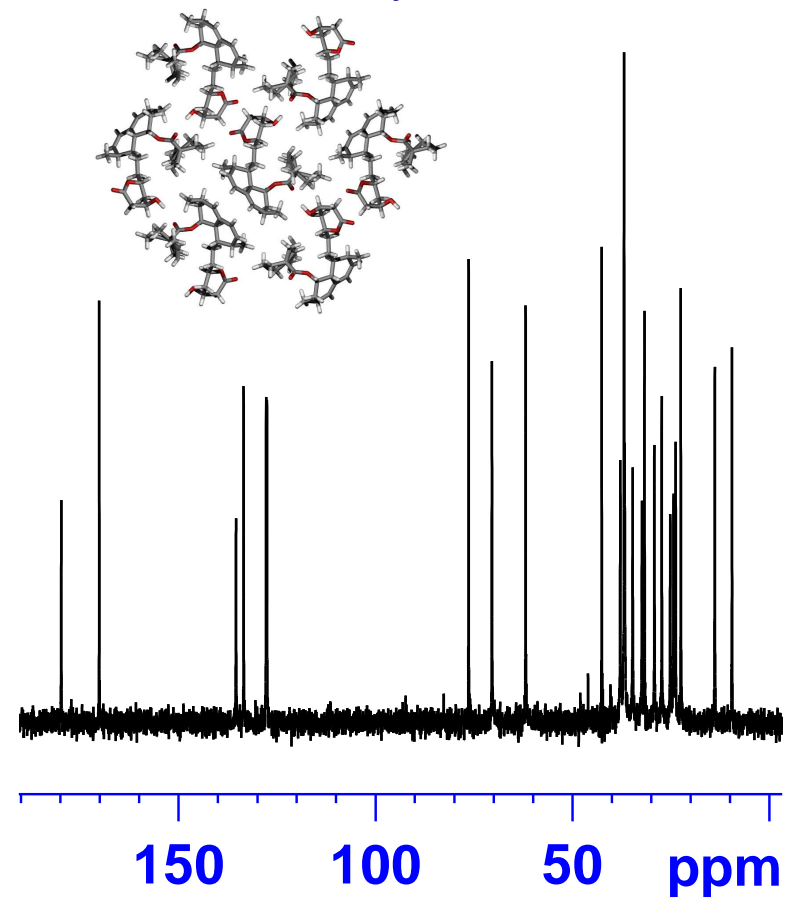


Solid state NMR spectra

Elastin
amorphous



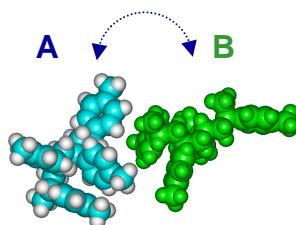
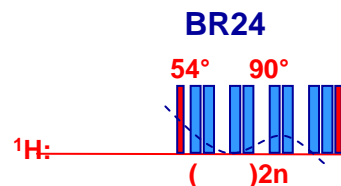
Simvastatin
crystalline



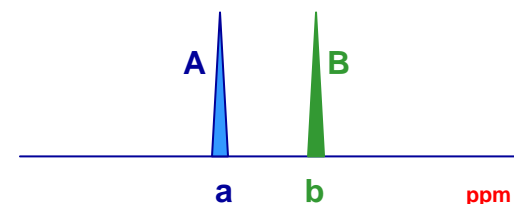
Two-dimensional spectroscopy

A two-component system

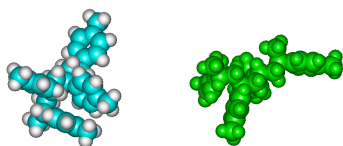
1D ^1H MAS NMR pulse sequence



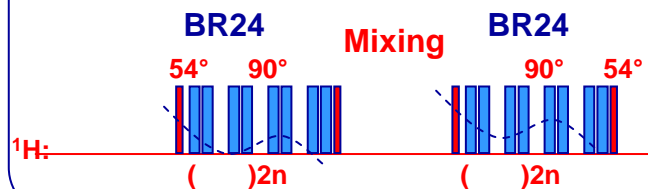
1D ^1H MAS NMR spectrum



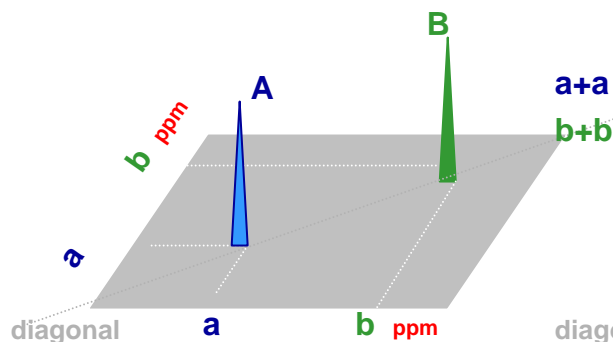
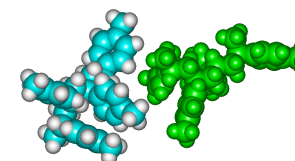
Spatially separated with distance larger than $5 A$



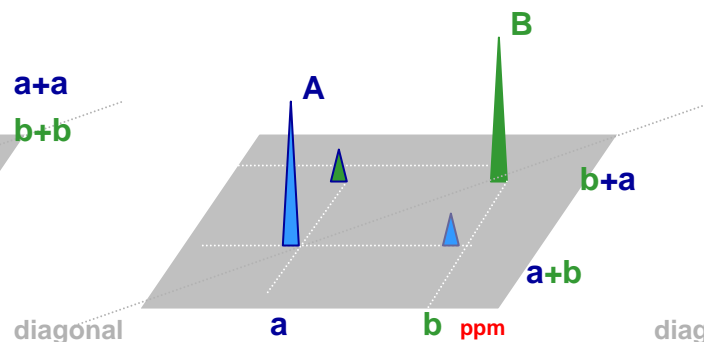
2D ^1H MAS NMR pulse sequence



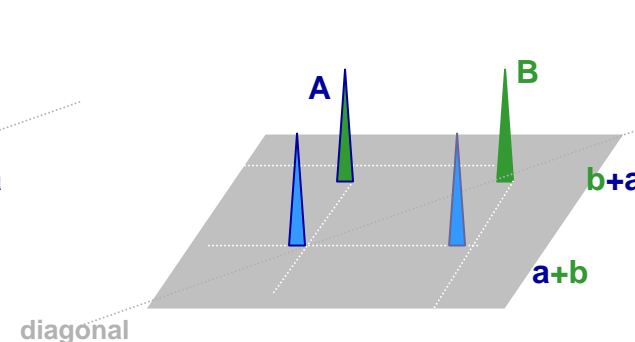
Both components well mixed



Only diagonal signals are detected – no polarization transfer occurs



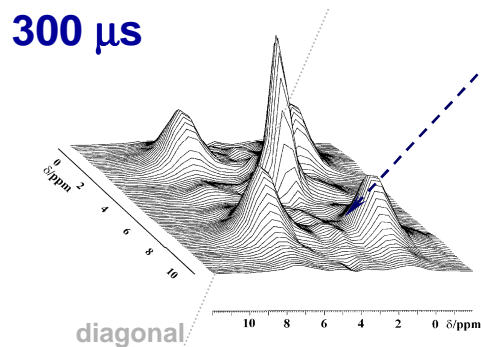
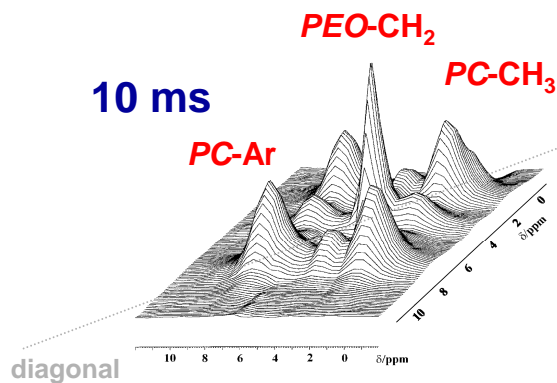
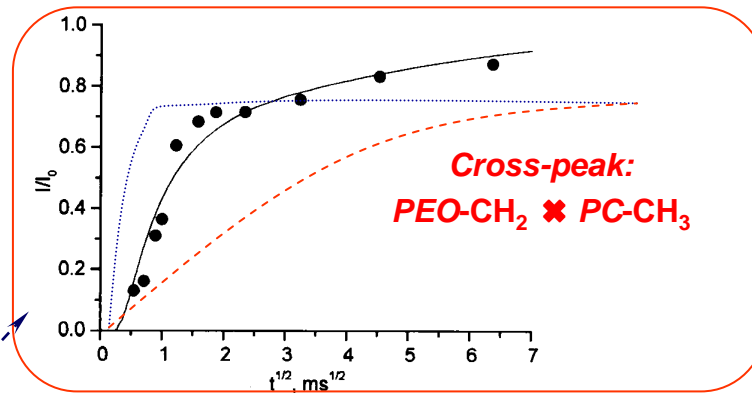
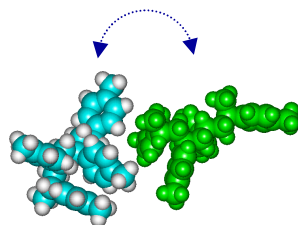
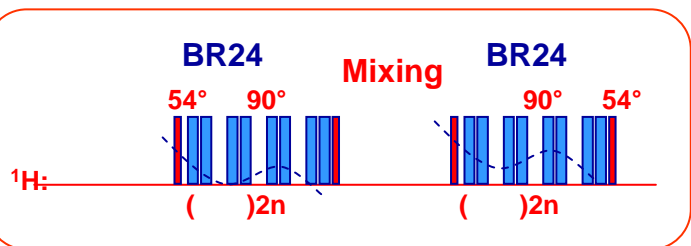
Weak off-diagonal signals are detected – small portion of polarization was transferred from A to B



Strong off-diagonal signals are detected – polarization was completely transferred from A to B

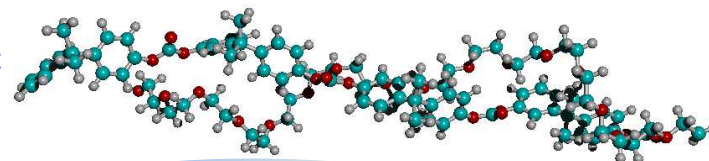
Determination of the Domain Size

Polymer blend
Polycarbonate – Polyethyleneoxide (PC-PEO)



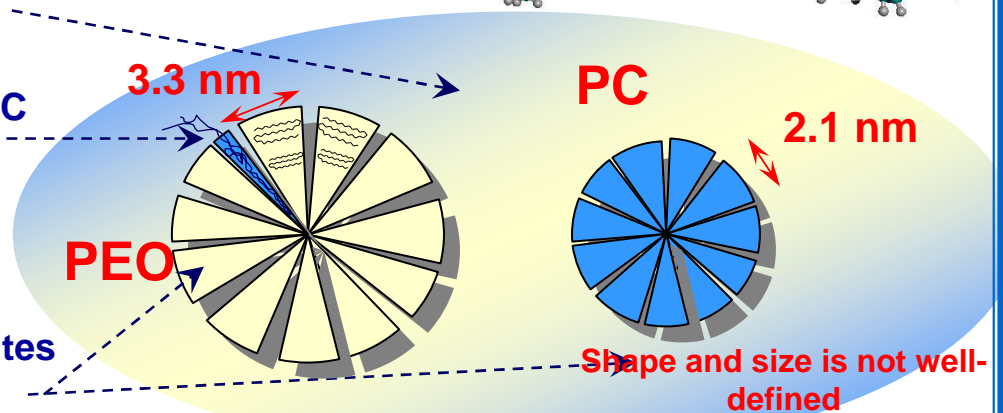
Fast process, nm				Slow process, nm		
d_{PEO}	d_{PC}	d_{int}	d_{long}	d_{PEO}	d_{PC}	d_{long}
0.2	0.4	0.8	1.4	3.3	2.1	5.4

Amorphous phase PEO-PC
intimately mixed



Amorphous PC
inside PEO
spherulites

Crystallites

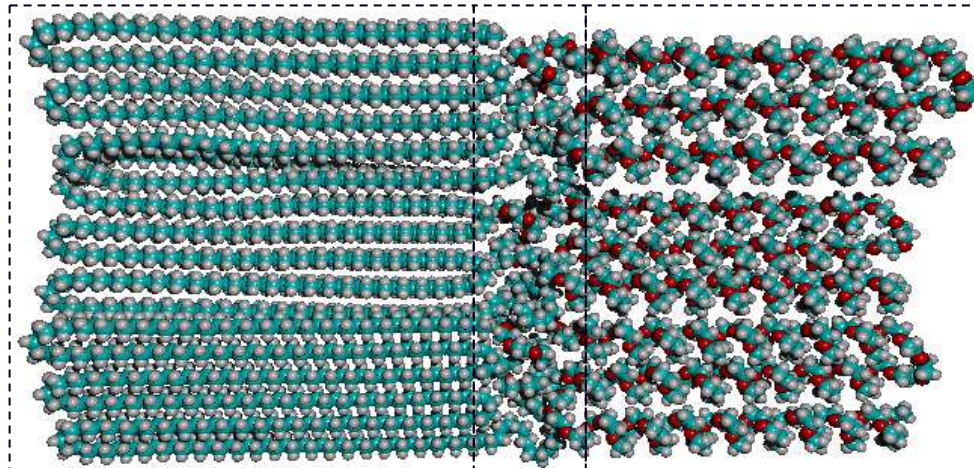


Determination of the Domain Size

Block copolymer
Polyethyleneoxide-Polyethylene
PEO-PE

$X_n = 170$
6.5 nm

$X_n = 110$
5.5 nm

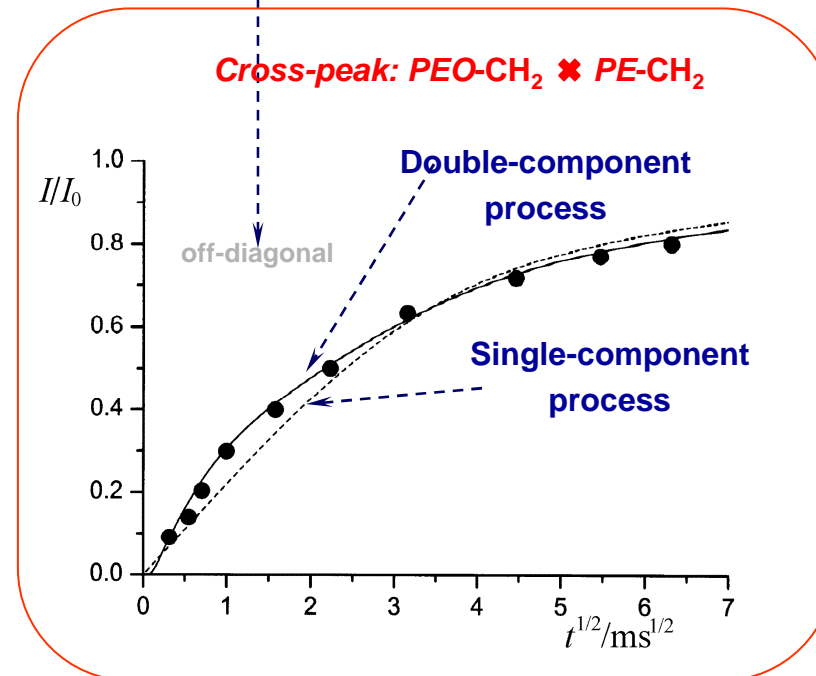
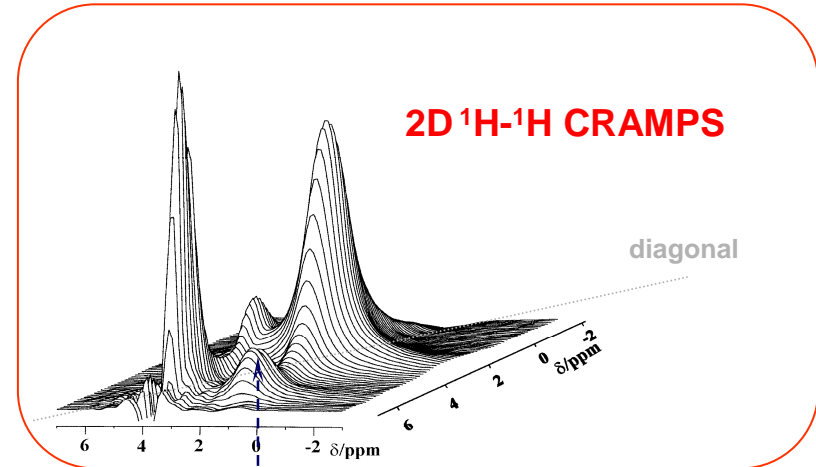


Crystalline
PE

1.0-0.5 nm

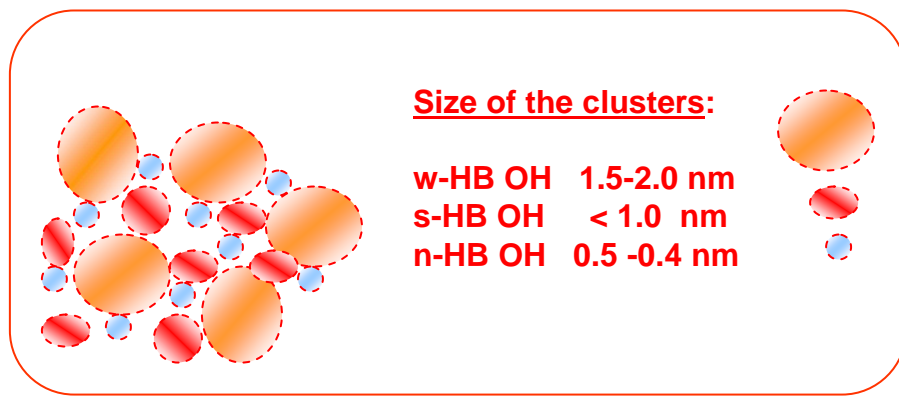
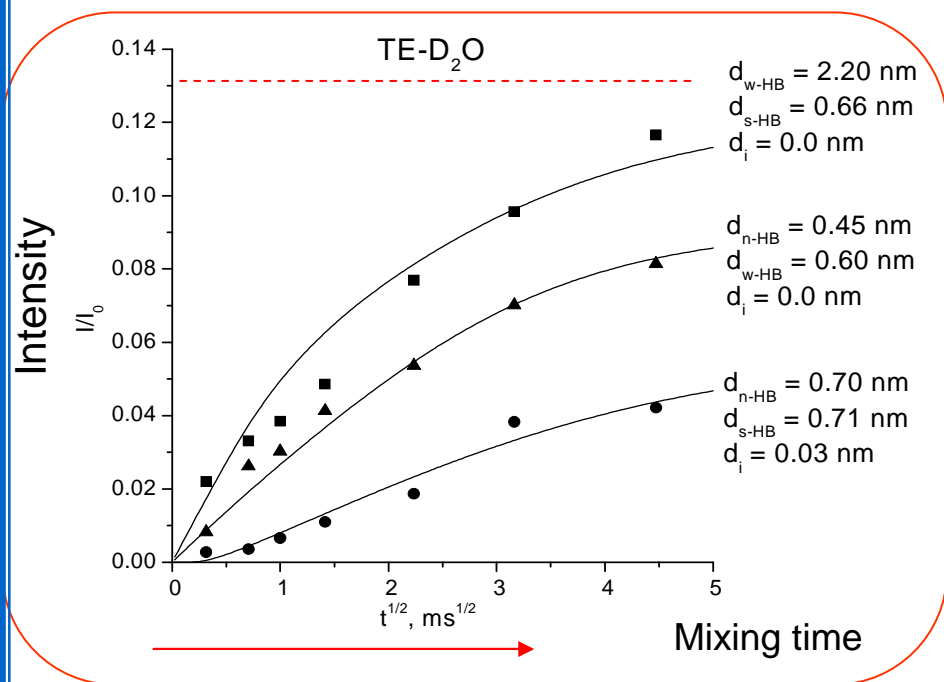
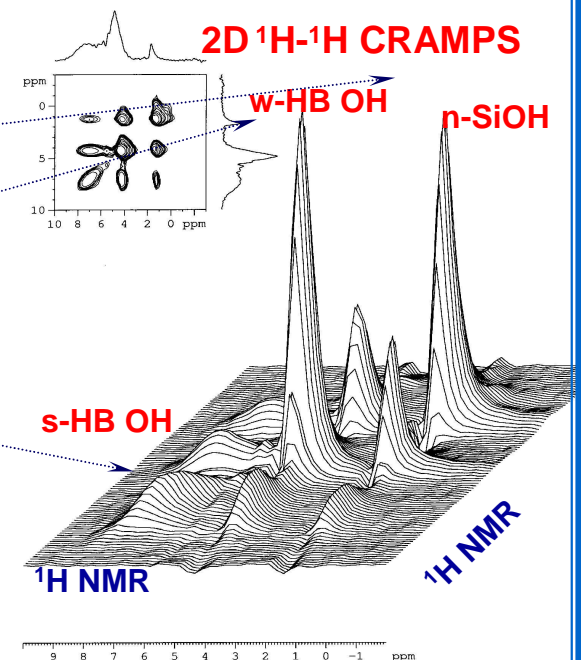
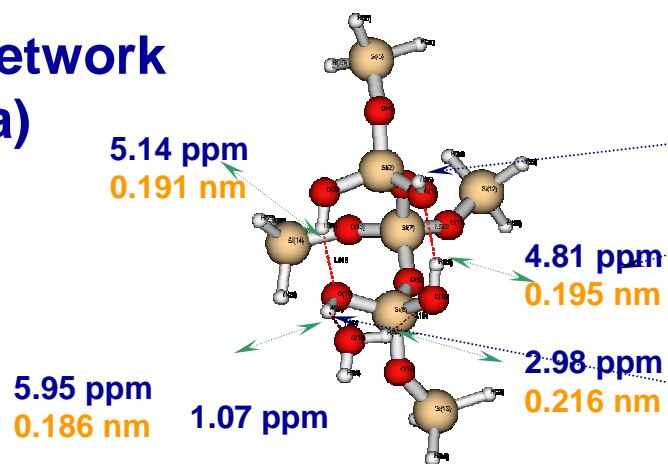
Crystalline
PEO

Amorphous interface
of PE-PEO

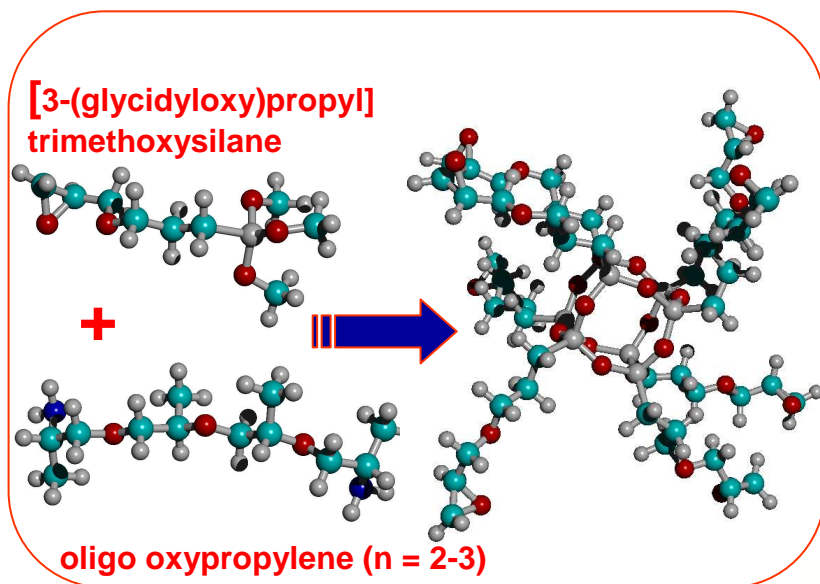


Clustering of Surface Hydroxyls

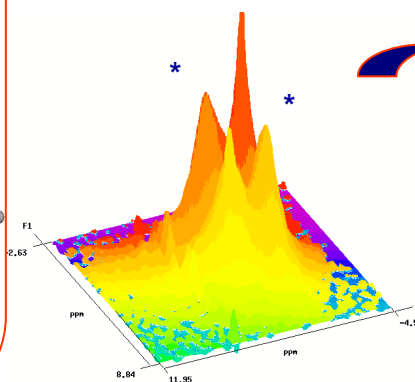
Siloxane network
(silica)



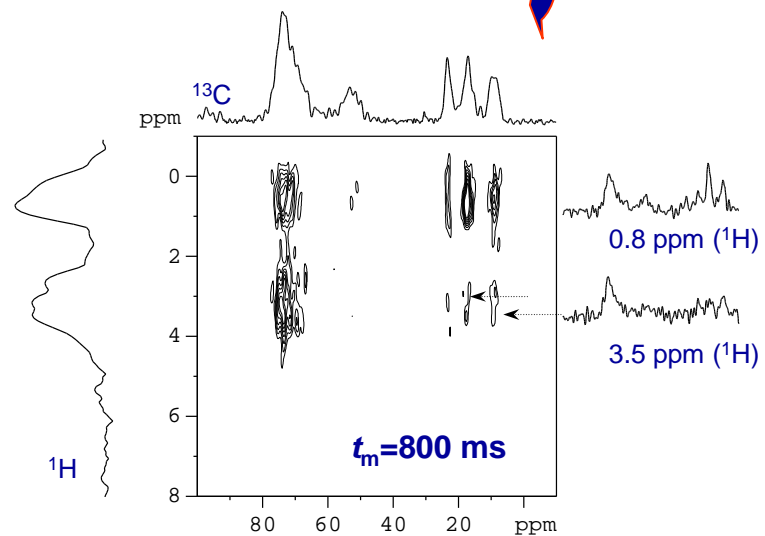
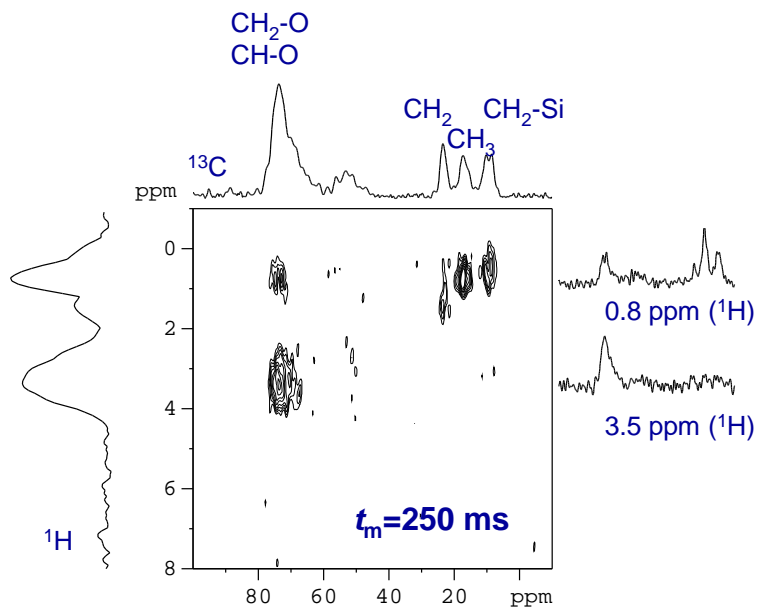
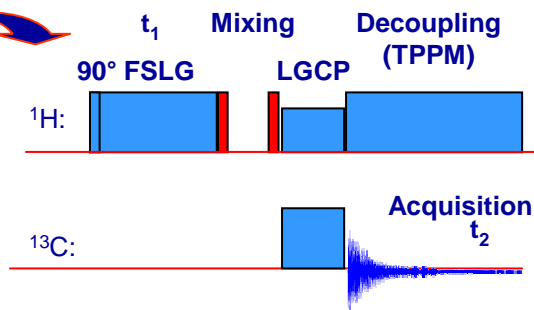
Self-organization in Epoxy-Siloxanes



2D ^1H - ^1H CRAMPS



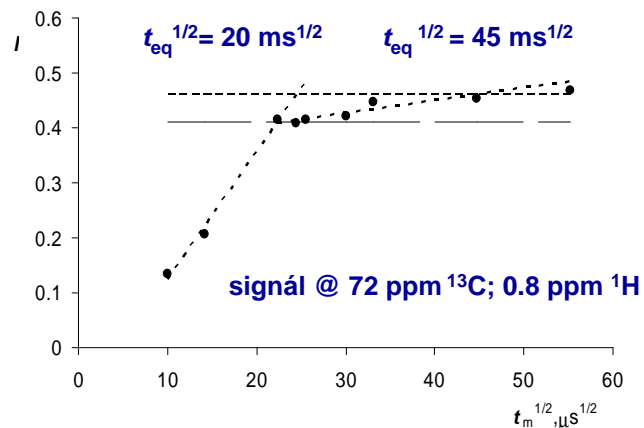
^1H - ^{13}C FSLG HETCOR



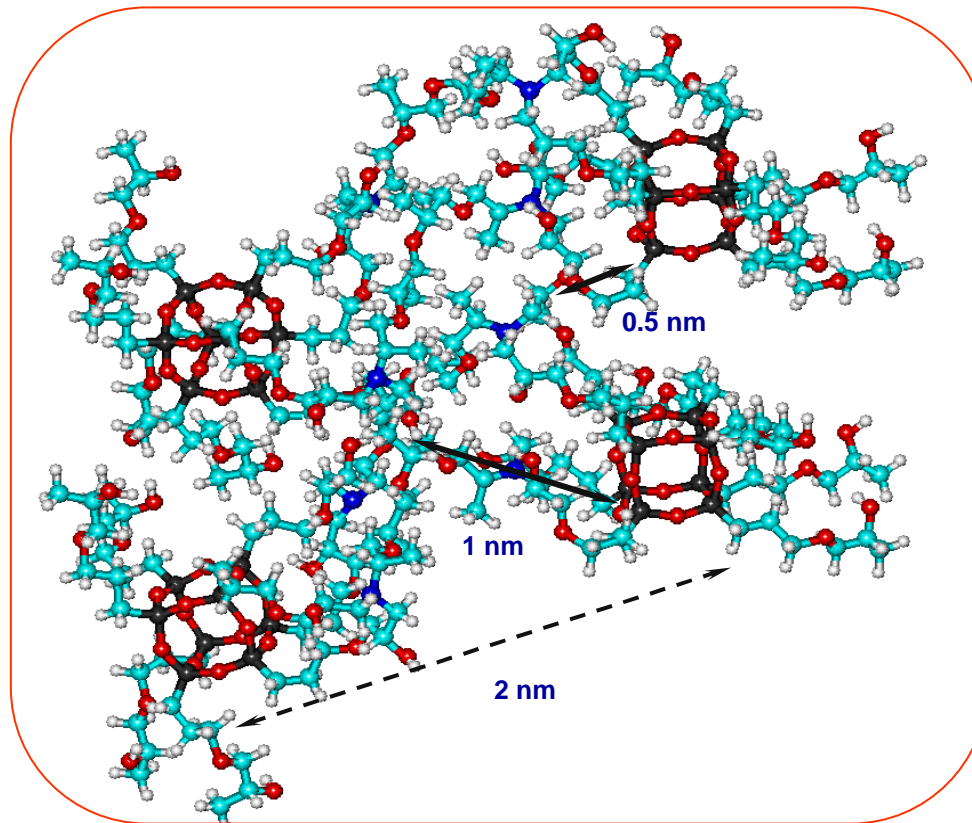
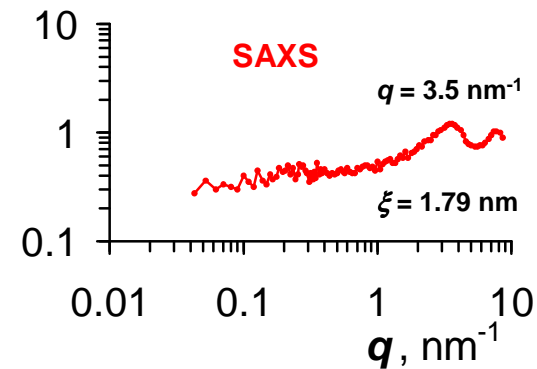
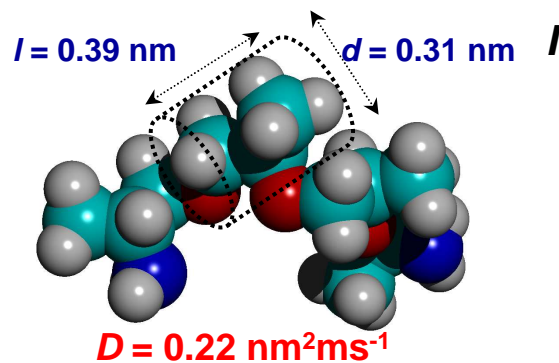
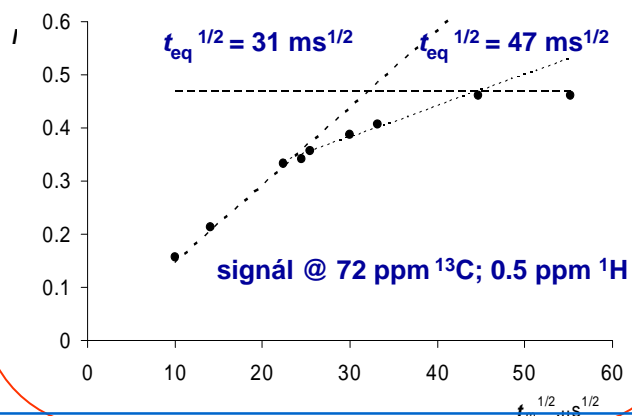
Self-organization in Epoxy-Siloxanes

^1H - ^{13}C FSLG HETCOR

Correlation signal: H (CH_3) x C ($\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$)



Correlation signal: C ($\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$) x H ($\text{CH}_2\text{-Si}$)



¹H-X interatomic distance

At natural isotopic abundance information about interatomic distance can be derived from ¹H-¹H and ¹H-¹³C dipolar couplings

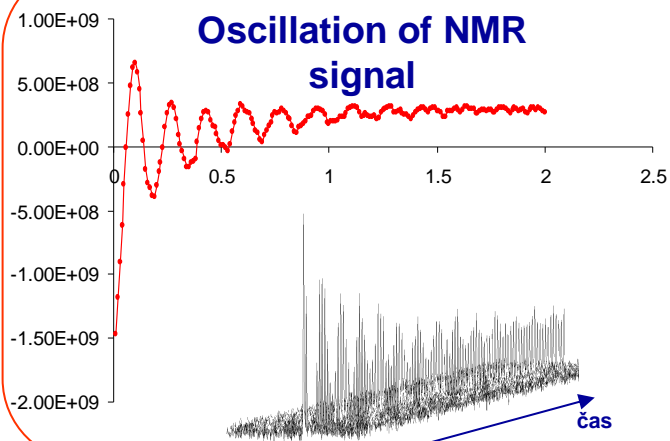
$$\hat{H}_D^{IS} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \frac{\gamma_I \gamma_S}{r_{I,S}^3} \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2 \theta - 1) 2\hat{I}_z \hat{S}_z$$

¹H-¹³C dipolar interaction

$$r_{CH} = a \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\hat{H}_D^{II} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hbar \frac{\gamma^2}{r_{1,2}^3} \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2 \theta - 1) (3\hat{I}_{1z} \hat{I}_{2z} - \hat{\mathbf{I}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{I}}_2)$$

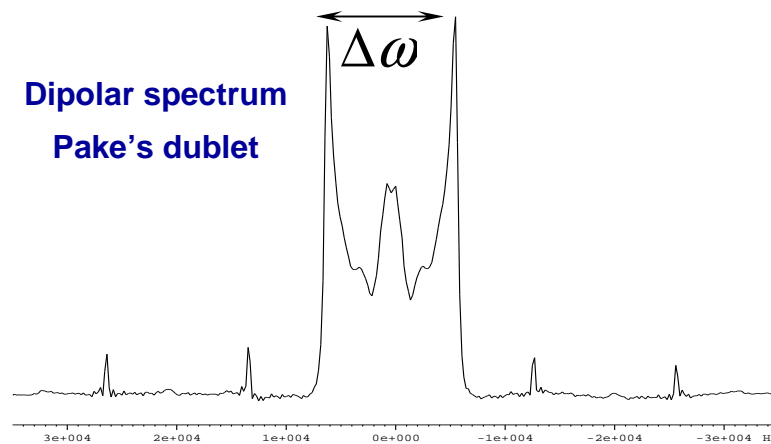
¹H-¹H dipolar interaction



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- ¹H-¹H
- ¹H-¹³C
- ¹H-¹⁵N
- ¹H-¹⁹F
- ¹H-²⁹Si
- ¹H-³¹P
- ¹H-¹¹⁹Sn



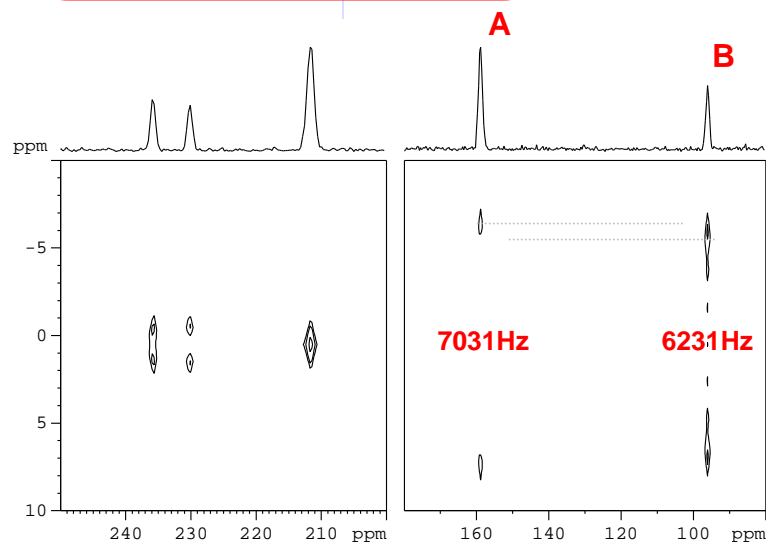
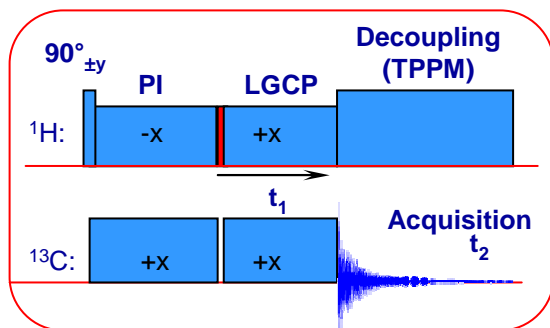
Refinement of position of hydrogen atoms

Measurement of ^1H - ^{15}N dipolar couplings

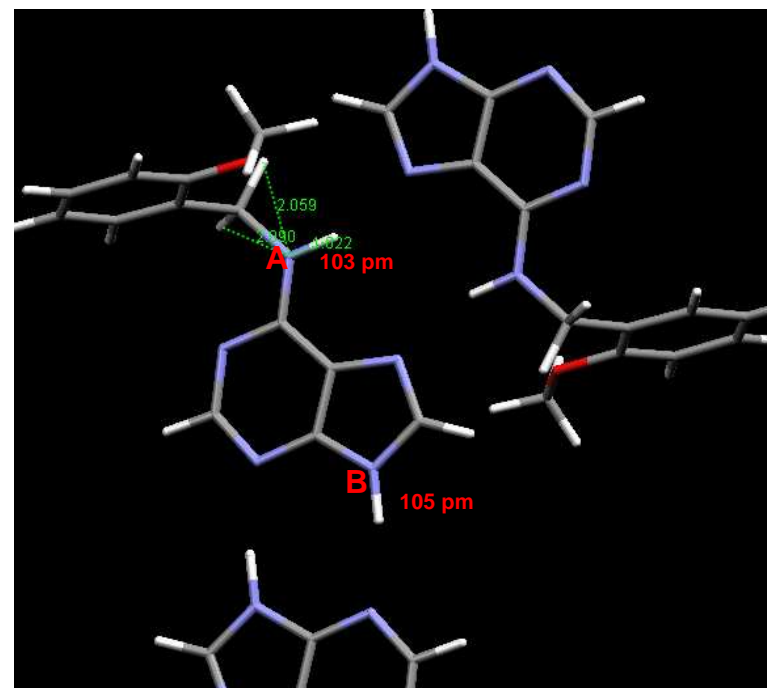
Selective only for one-bond interaction

Suitable for measurement of N...H distances in hydrogen bonds

$$\omega_d = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\gamma_{1H} \gamma_{15N}}{(r_{1,2})^3}$$



DFT optimized structure

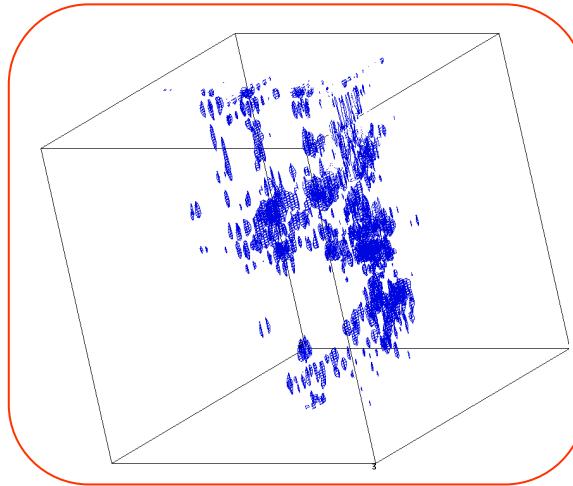
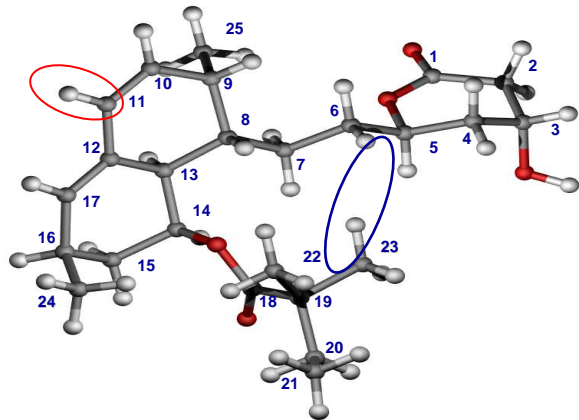


Method	NH(A)	NH(B)
DFT calculation	103 pm	105 pm
NMR experiment	101 ± 1 pm	106 ± 1 pm

3D structure: ^1H - ^{13}C interatomic distance

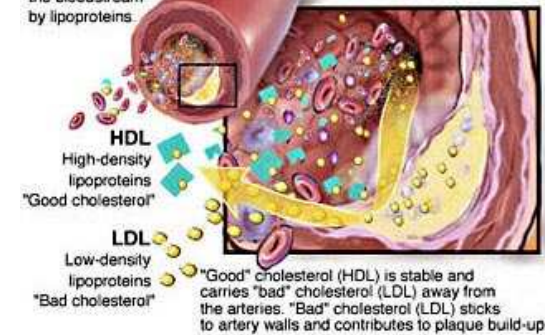
Inhibitor of 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzym A (HMG-CoA) reductase

Simvastatin

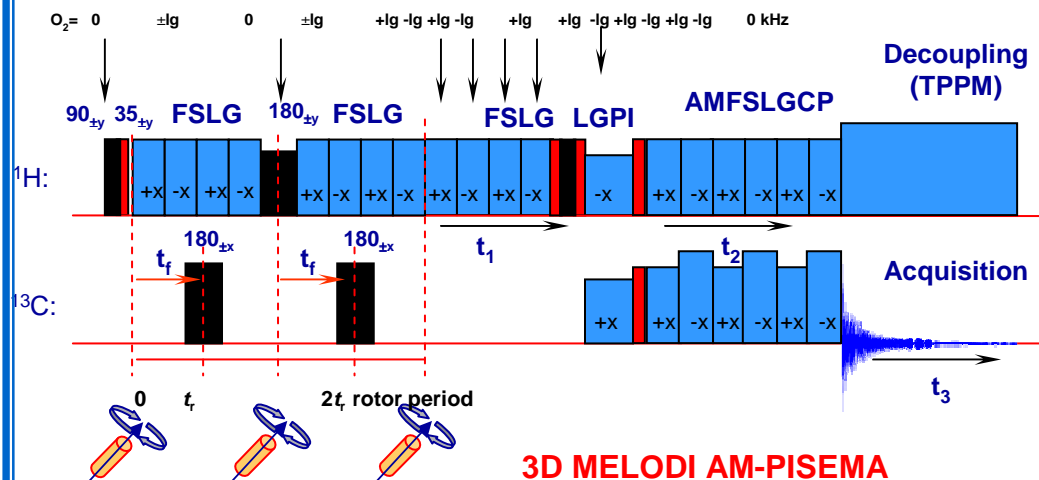


Cholesterol

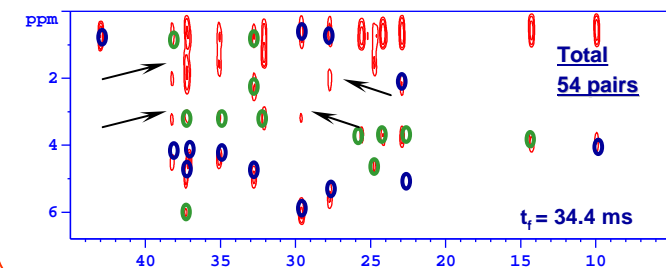
Cholesterol is a waxy fat carried through the bloodstream by lipoproteins.



$$r_{CH} = a \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

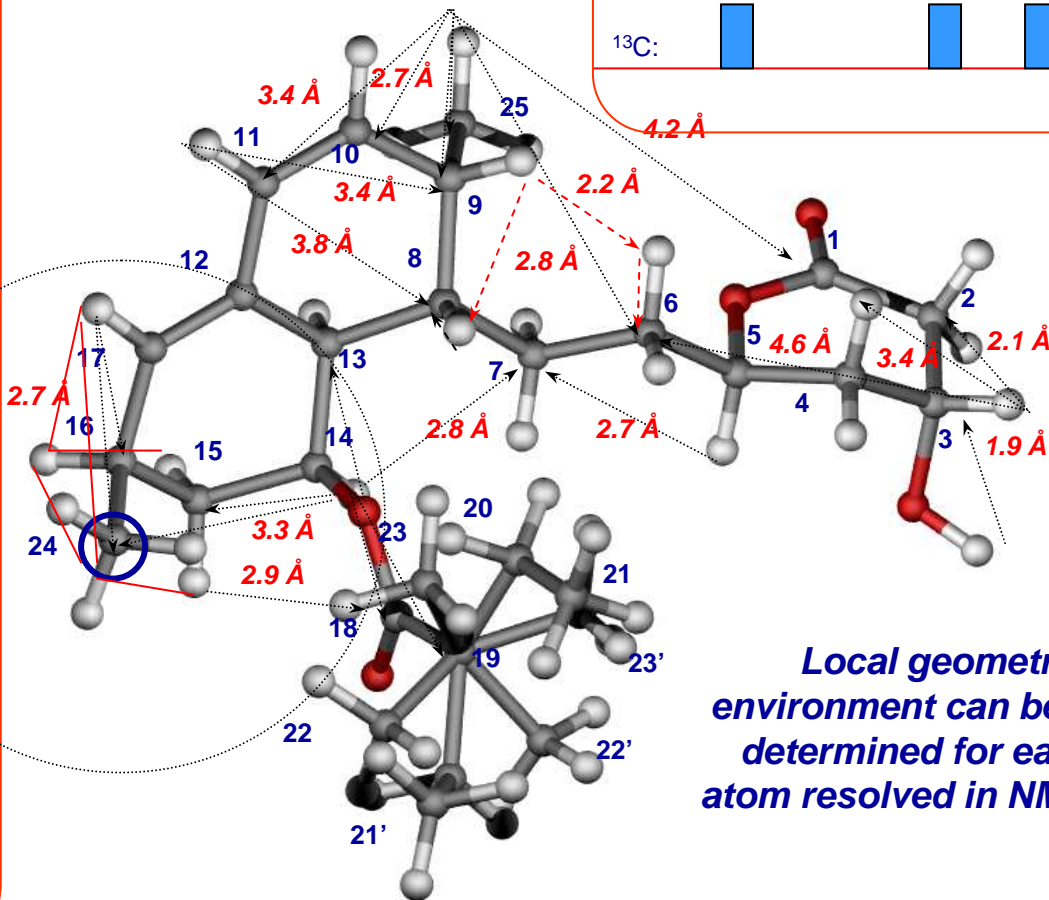
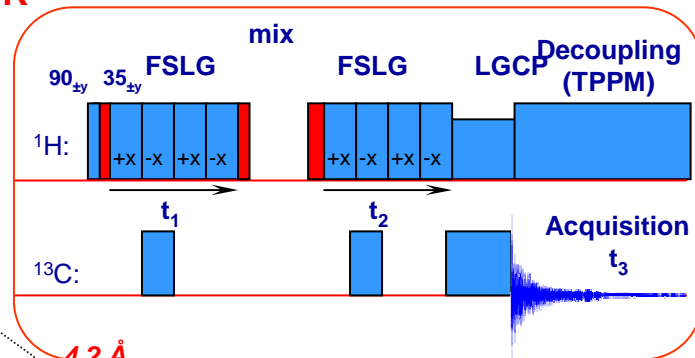
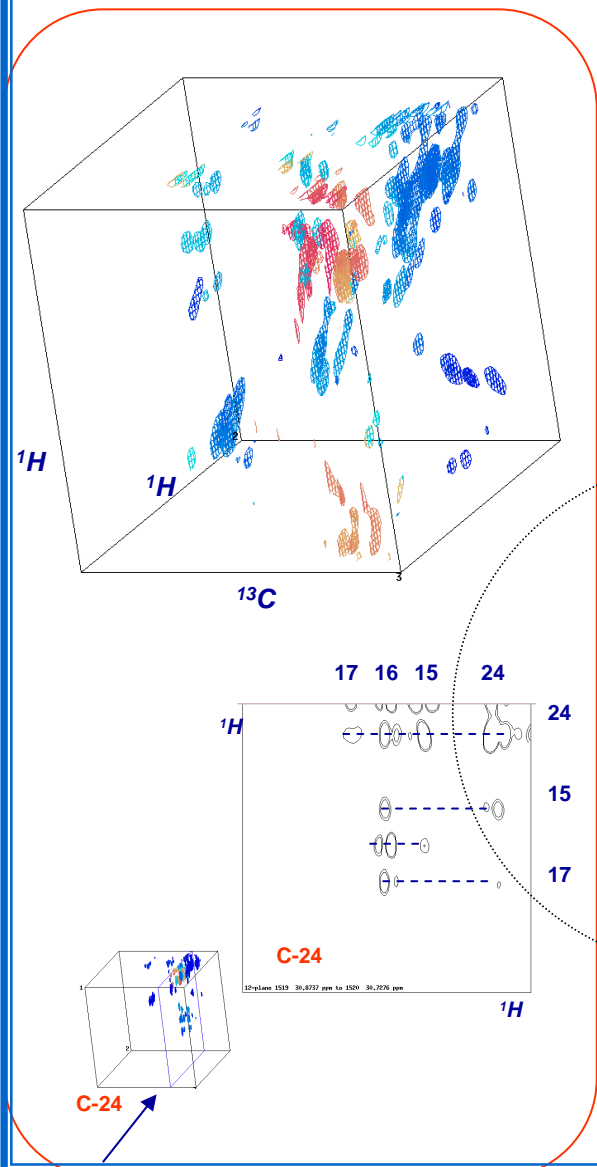


Detection of long-range ^1H - ^{13}C coherences



3D structure: ^1H - ^1H interatomic distance

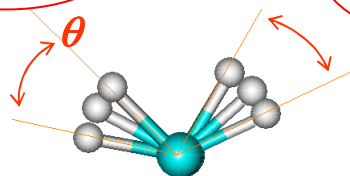
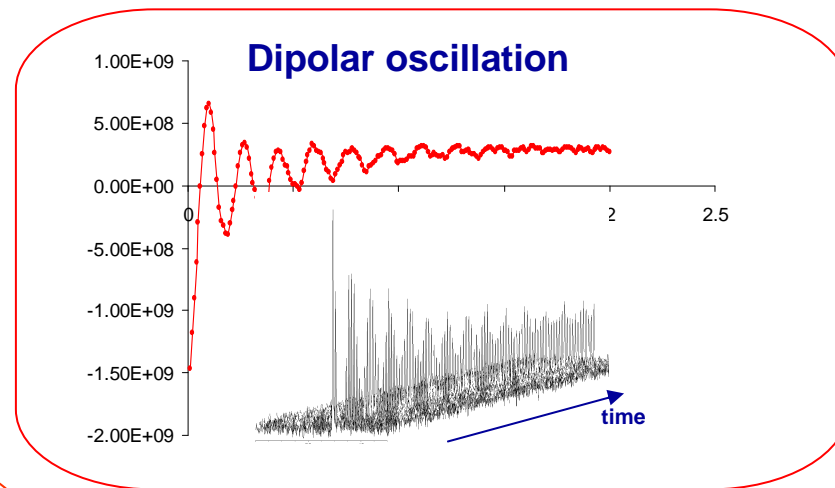
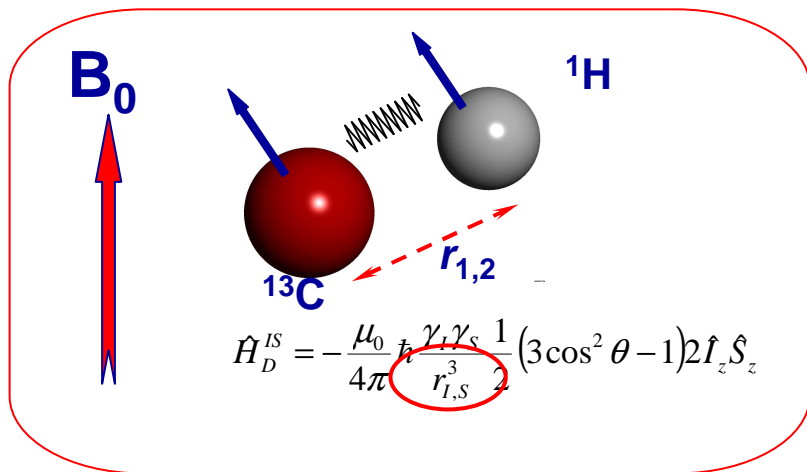
Simvastatin – 3D ^1H - ^1H - ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR



Local geometry of ^1H environment can be selectively determined for each carbon atom resolved in NMR spectrum

(1S,3R,7S,8S,8aR)-8-{2-[(2R,4R)-4-hydroxy-oxo-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]ethyl}-3,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,7,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1-yl 2,2-dimethylbutanoate

^1H - ^{13}C dipolar couplings (motional averaging)



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Motion on the cone

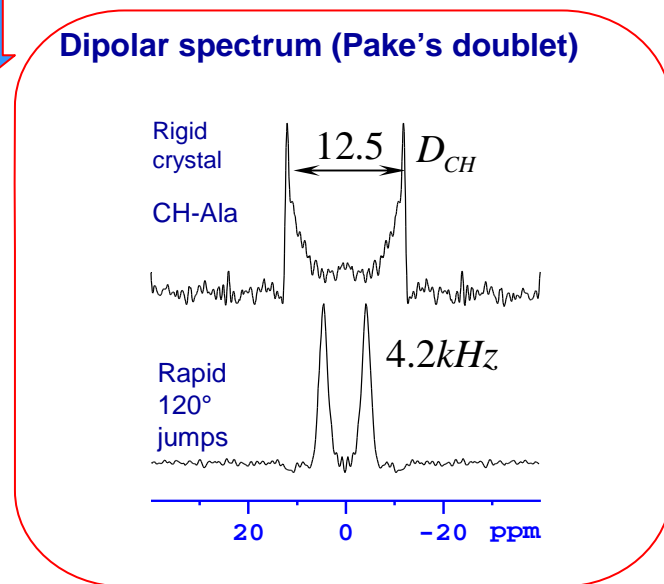
$$S_{CH} = \left[\cos\theta \left(\frac{1 + \cos\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

Uniaxial rotational diffusion motion

$$S_{CH} = 1 - \frac{3}{2} \langle \theta^2 \rangle$$

Order parameter

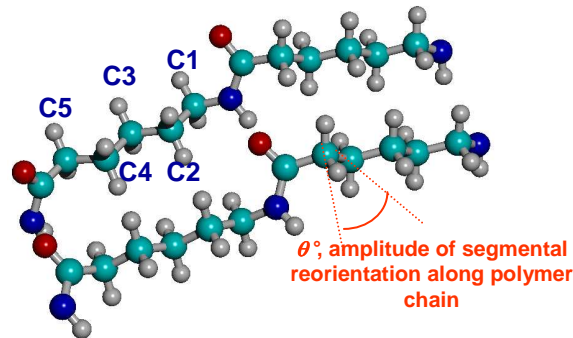
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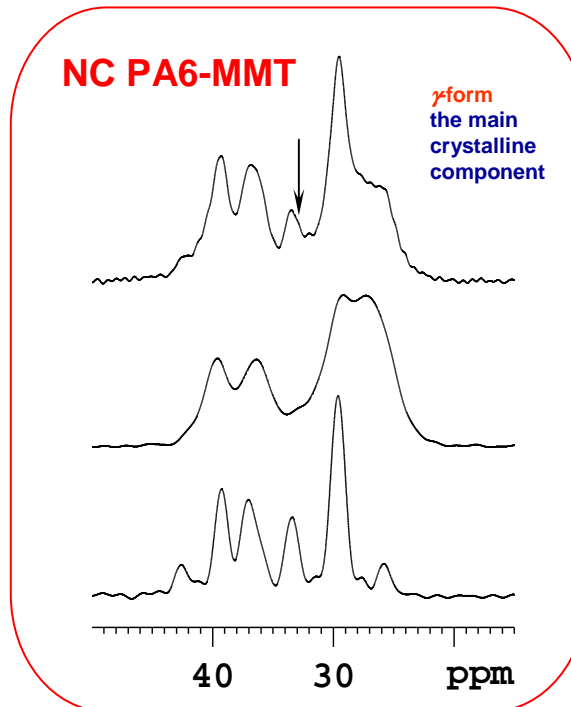
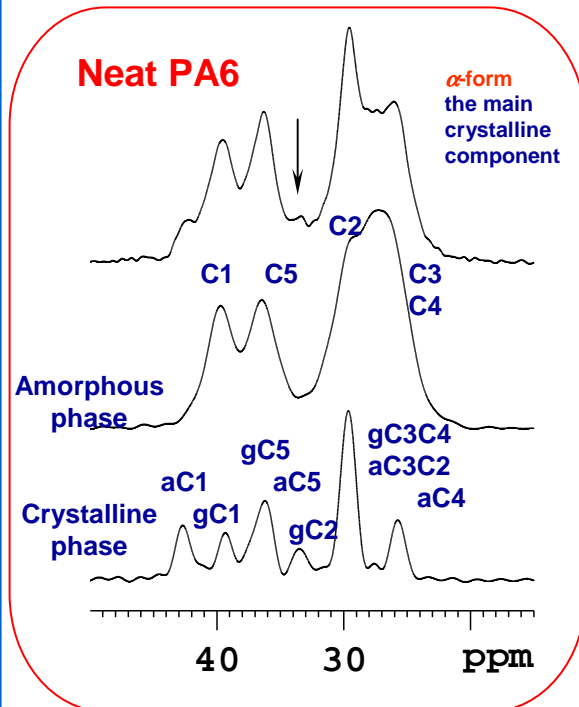
Amplitudes of segmental reorientations

- 1) Semicrystalline system
- 2) α -form, γ -form and amorphous phase
- 3) Segmental dynamics in amorphous phase
- 4) Phase-selective experiments

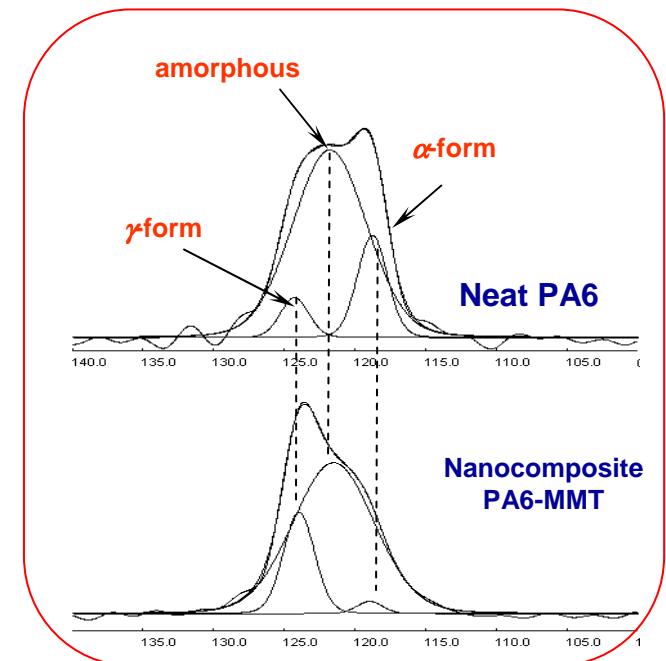
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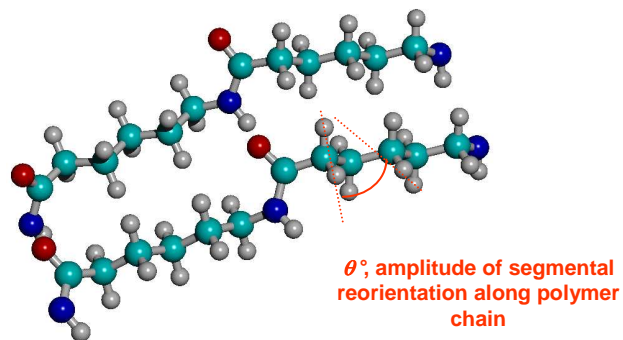
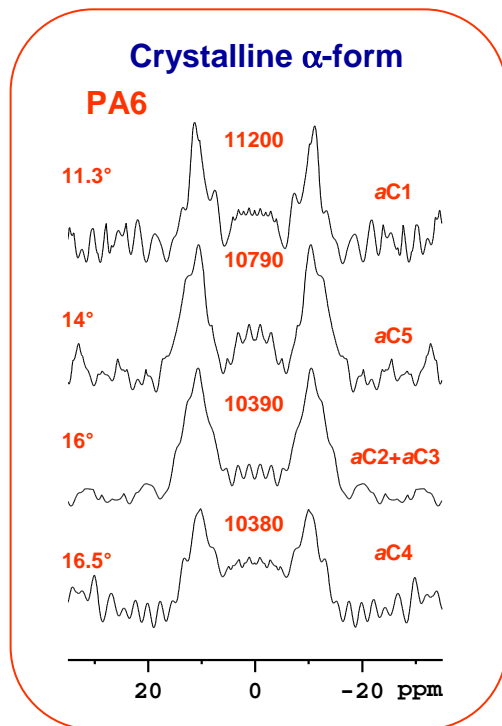
Standard ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR spectrum



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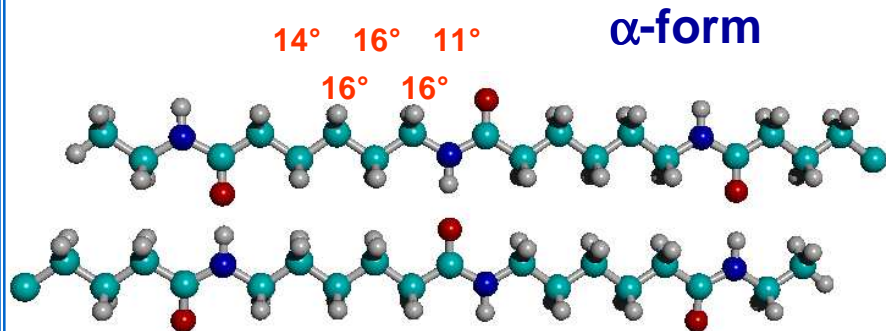
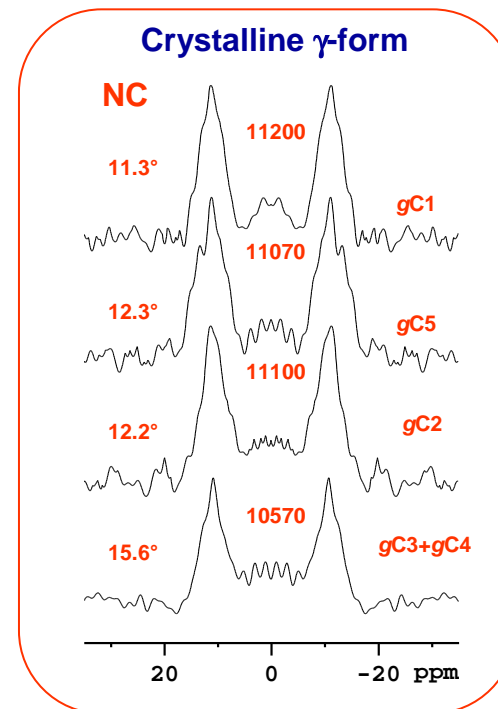


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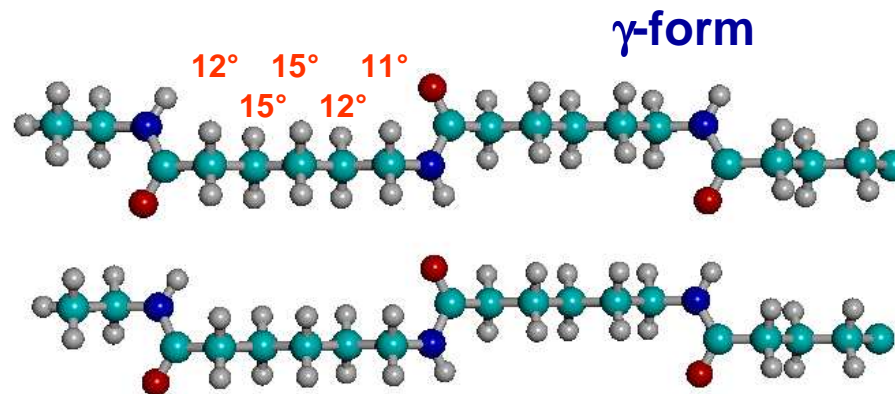


Relation between order parameter and amplitude of uniaxial rotation motion

$$S_{CH} = 1 - \frac{3}{2} \langle \theta^2 \rangle$$

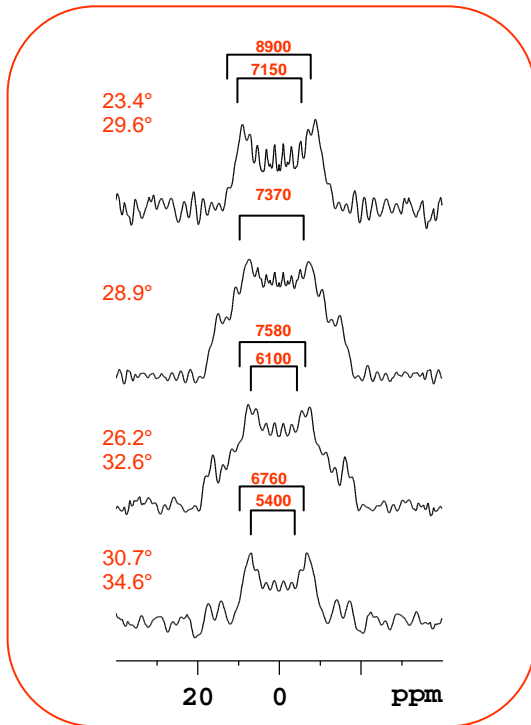


Crystalline α -form,
antiparallel orientation

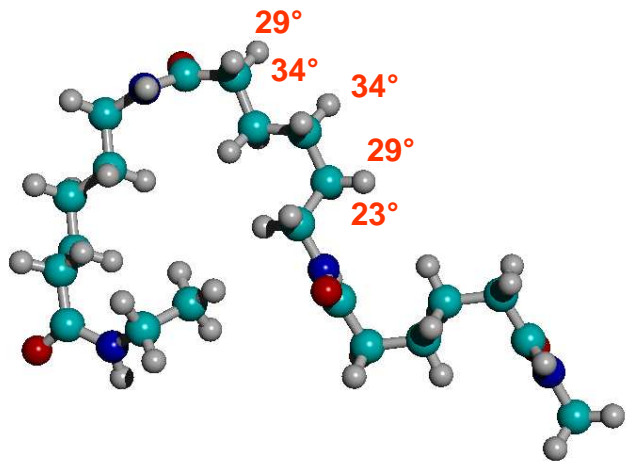
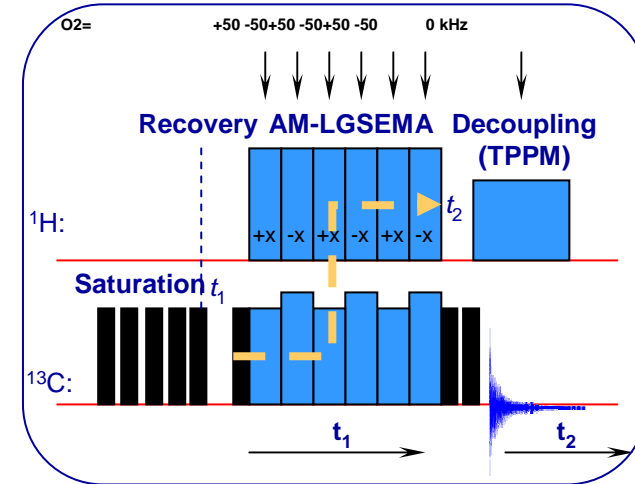
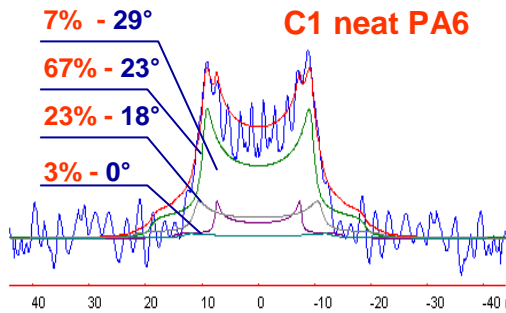


crystalline γ -form,
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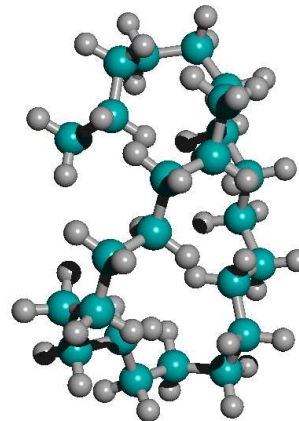
Amplitudes of segmental reorientations



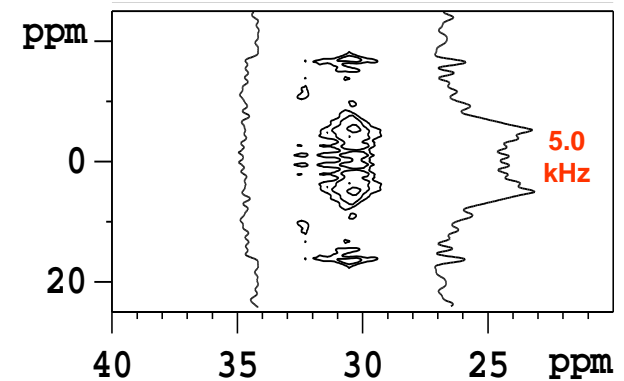
Determination of fractions of polymer chains with variable motional amplitudes.



36° - rotational diffusion
58° - motion on the cone



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