



Application an antiphase-to-inphase signal shape conversion to parahydrogen-induced polarization for operando MRI study of a heterogeneous reactor

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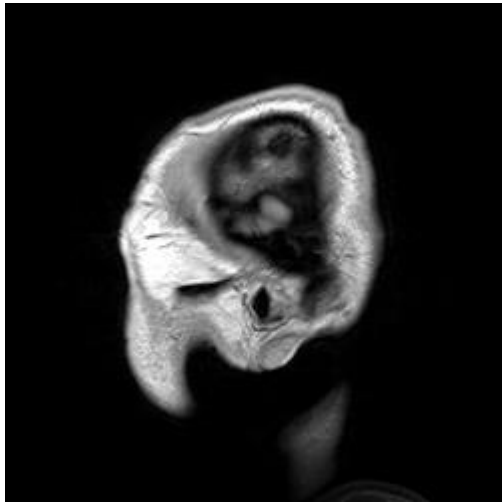
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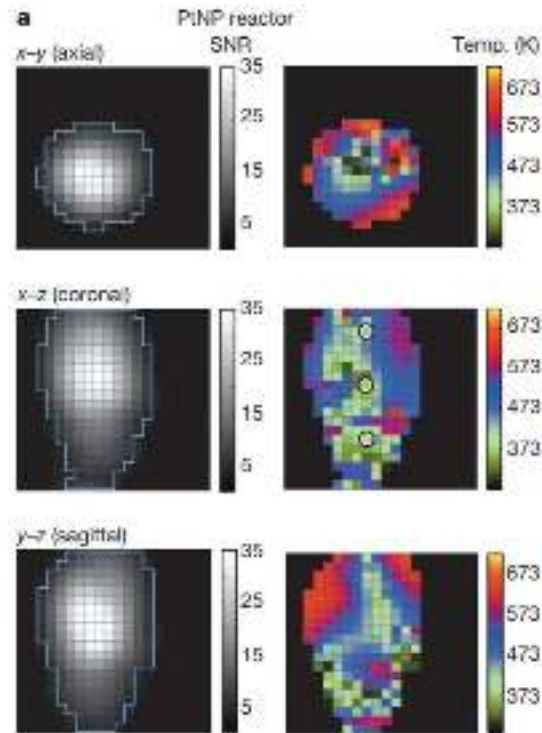
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Relevance

Functional MRI

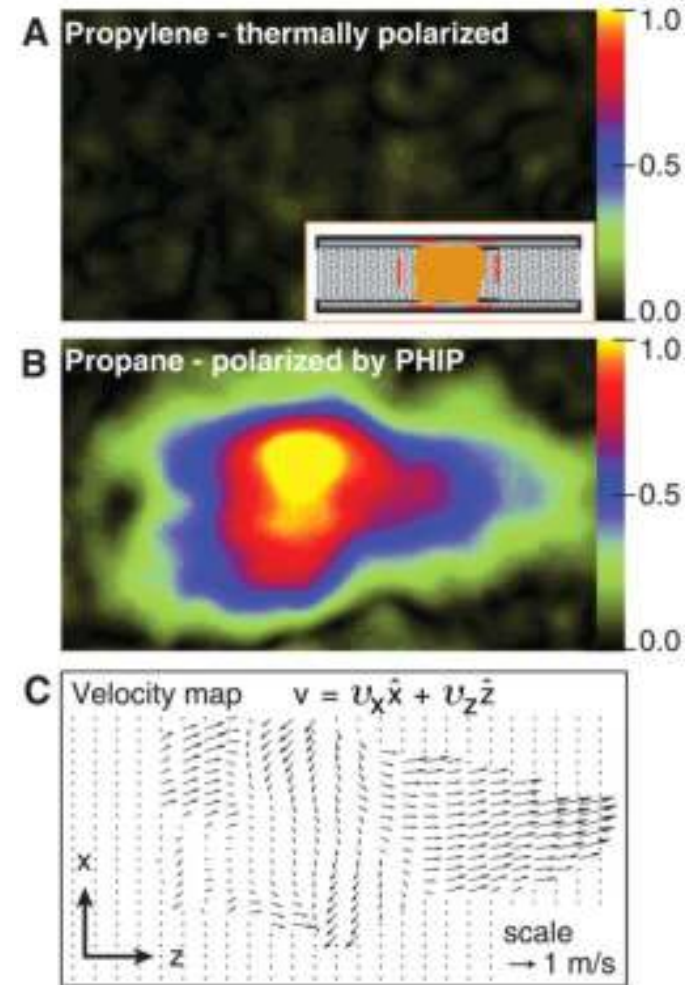


Propane Temperature Distribution Maps in a Heterogeneous Hydrogenation Reactor



Thermal maps of gases in heterogeneous reactions
 N.N. Jarenwattananon, S. Glogler, et al, Nature, 2013
 DOI: 10.1038/nature12568

Packed Propane Catalyst Distribution and Flow Velocity Map

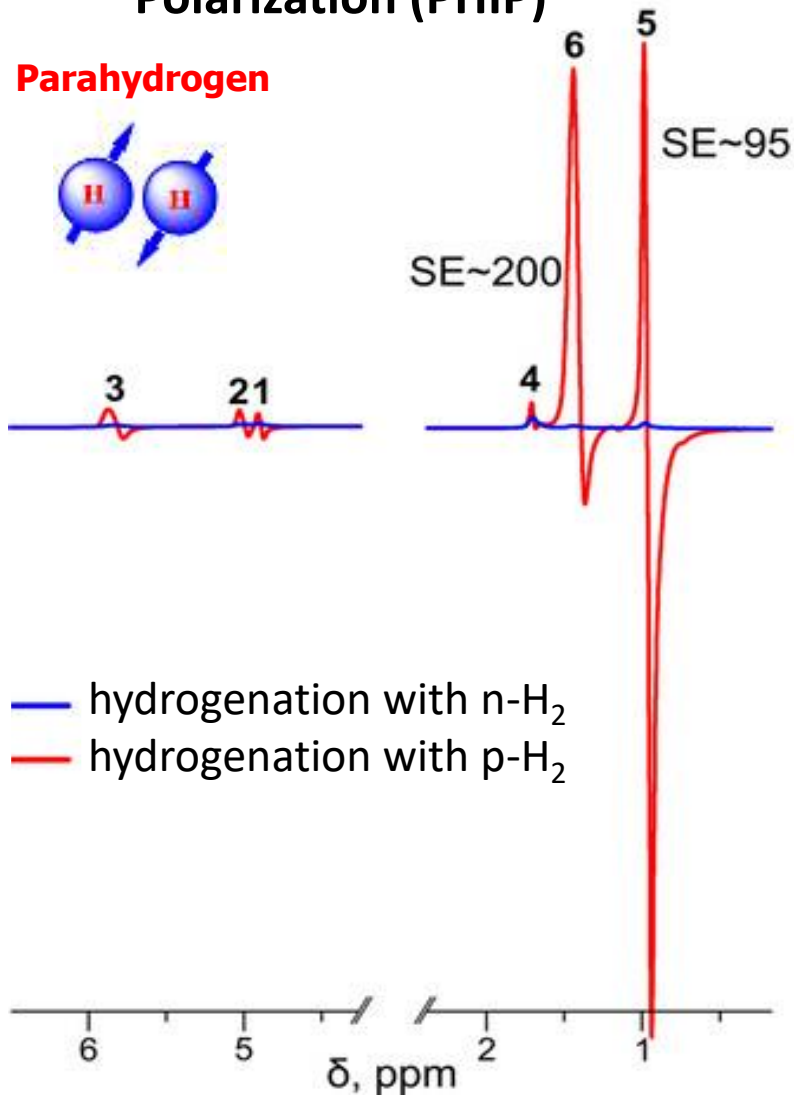
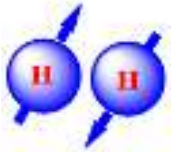


NMR Imaging of Catalytic Hydrogenation in Microreactors with the Use of para-Hydrogen
 L.S. Bouchard, S. R. Burt, et al, Science, 2008
 DOI: 10.1126/science.1151787

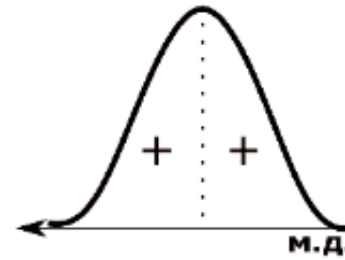
Low sensitivity problem

Parahydrogen-Induced Polarization (PHIP)

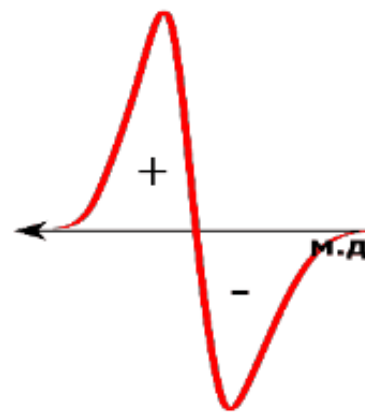
Parahydrogen



MRI with using PHIP



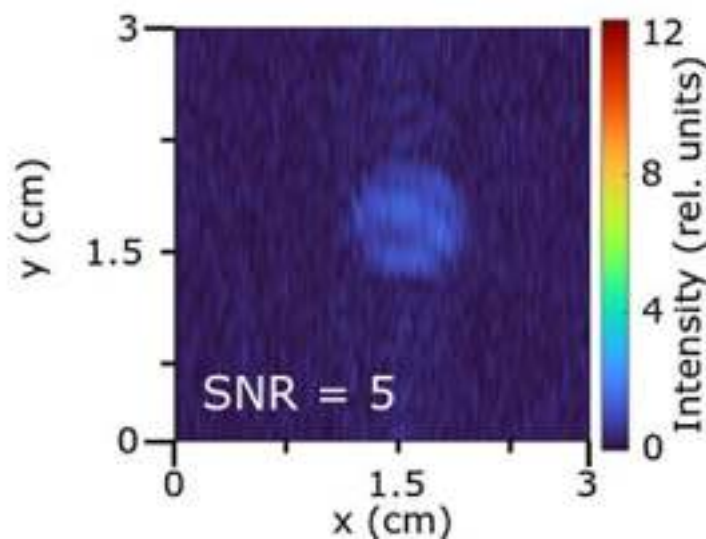
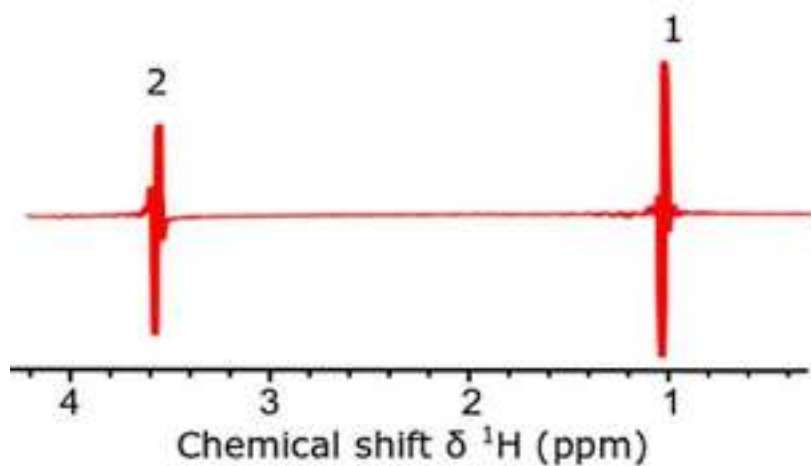
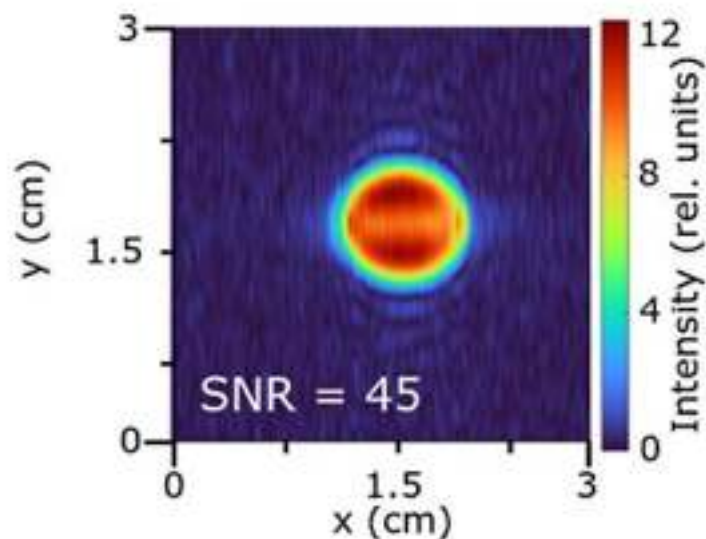
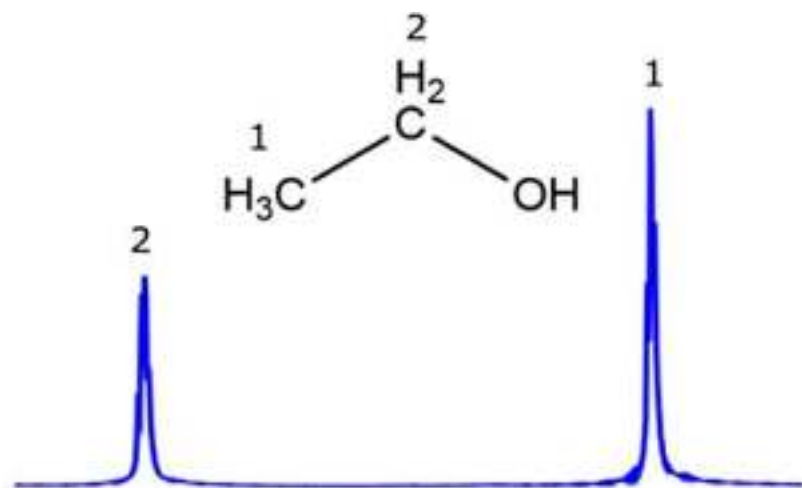
Signal intensity per pixel



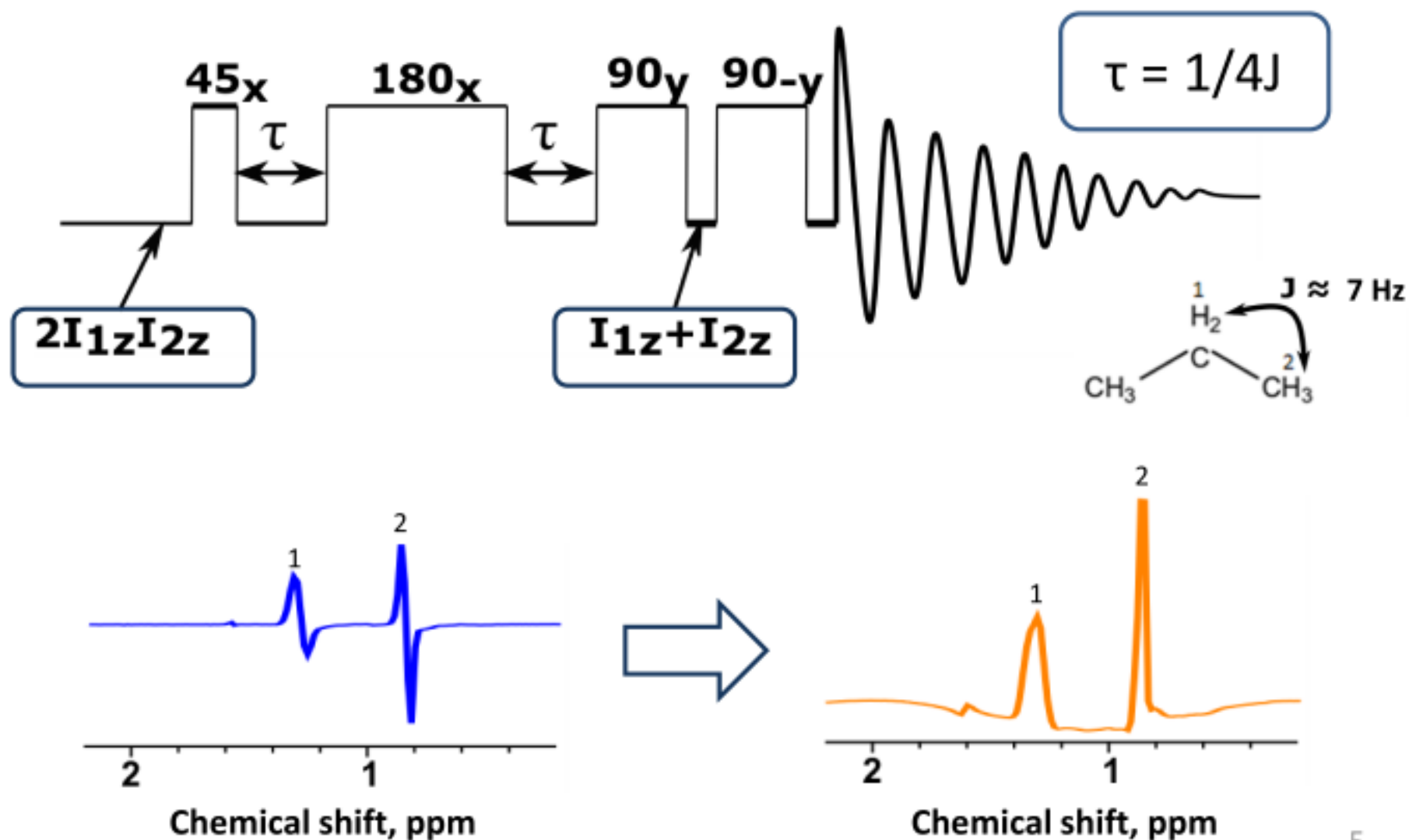
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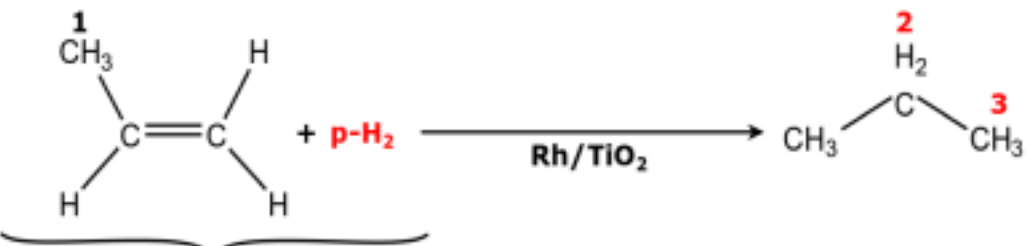
Effect of the antiphase signal on the MRI

10% C₂H₅OH + D₂O

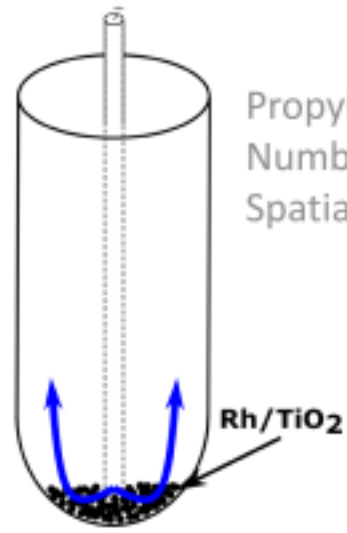


Conversion of antiphase signals

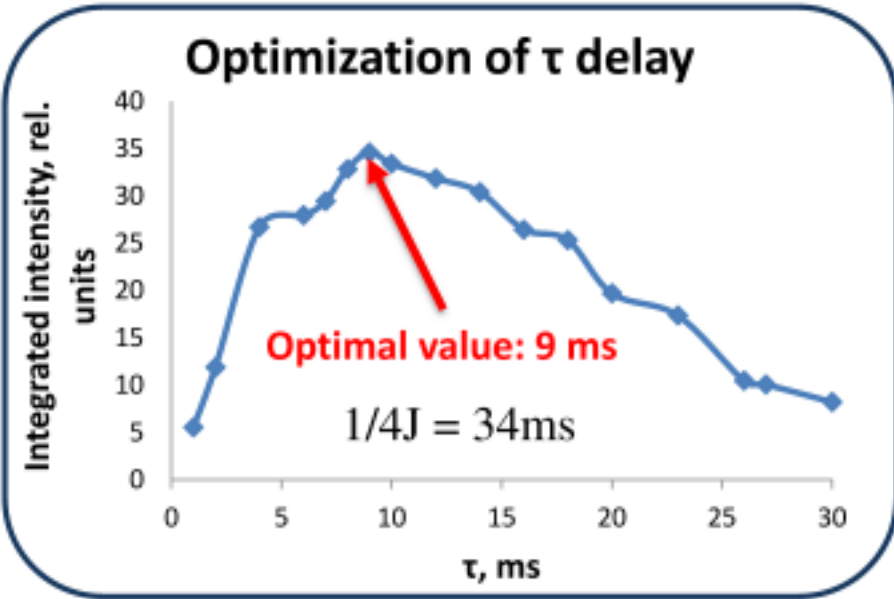
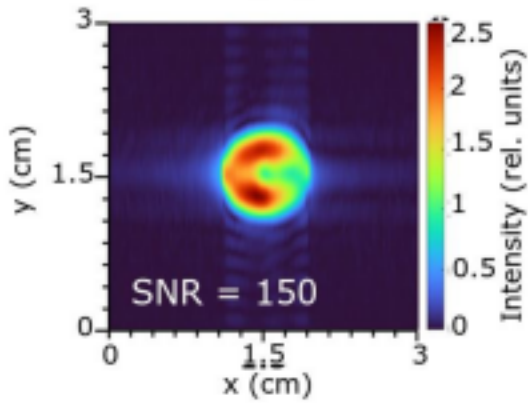
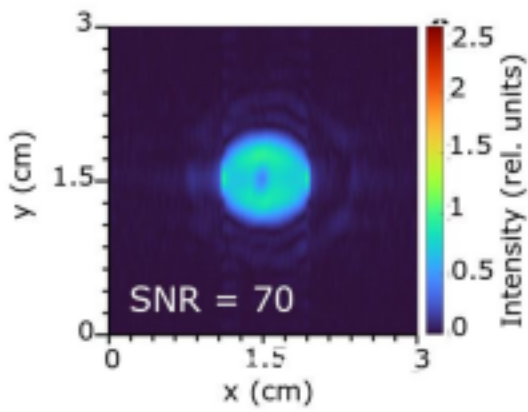




2D MRI of propane



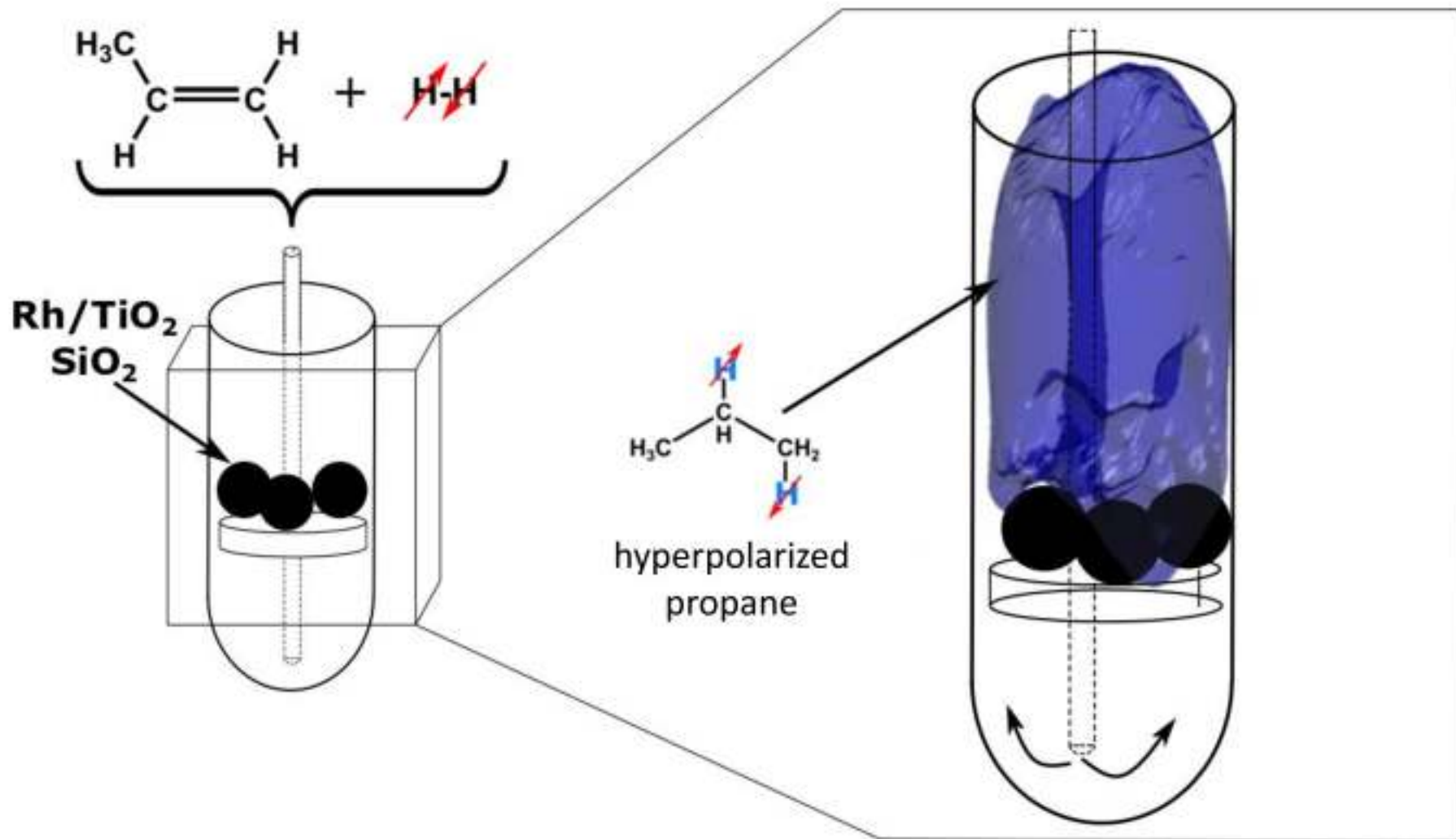
Propylene: parahydrogen = 1:4
 Number of averages: 128
 Spatial resolution:
 0.006x0.194 cm²/pixel



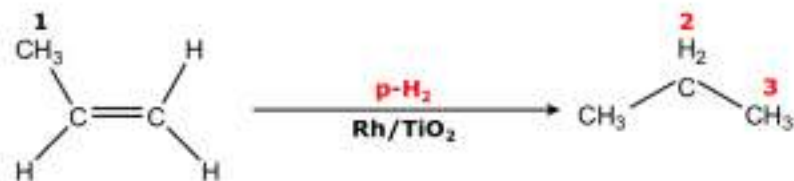
SNR is 2 times more!

3D MRI of propane

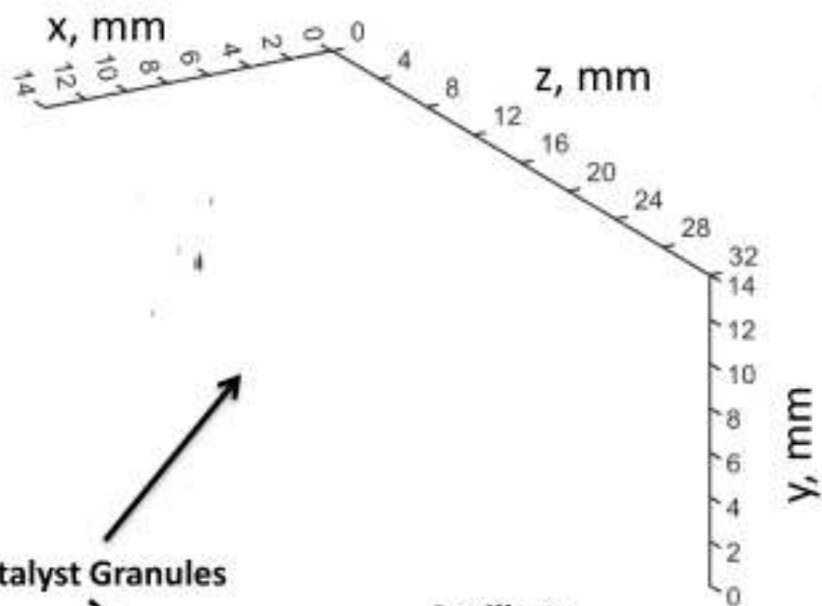
Reaction conditions:
1 atm, 25°C



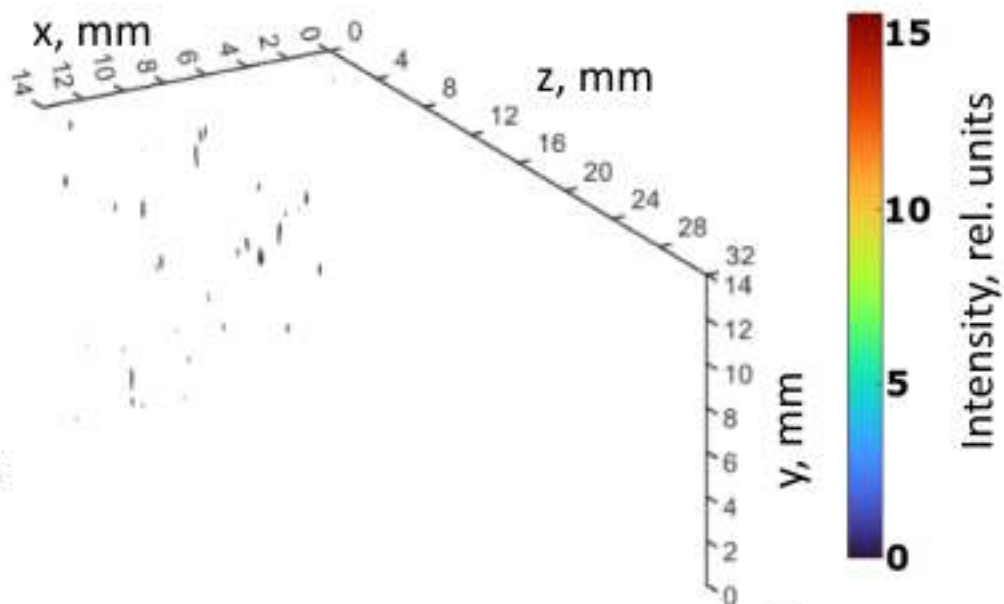
3D MRI of propane



Inphase



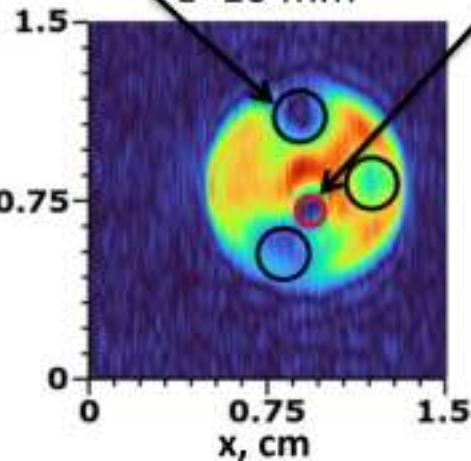
Antiphase



Catalyst Granules

z=10 mm

Capillary



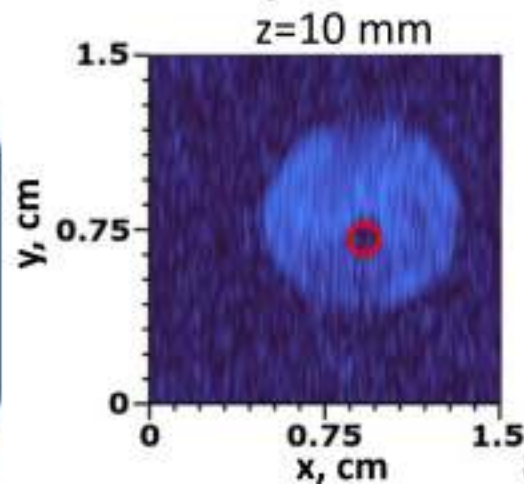
SNR is 10 times greater in layer 17!

Spatial resolution:

$1 \times 0.061 \times 0.97 \text{ mm}^3/\text{pixel}$

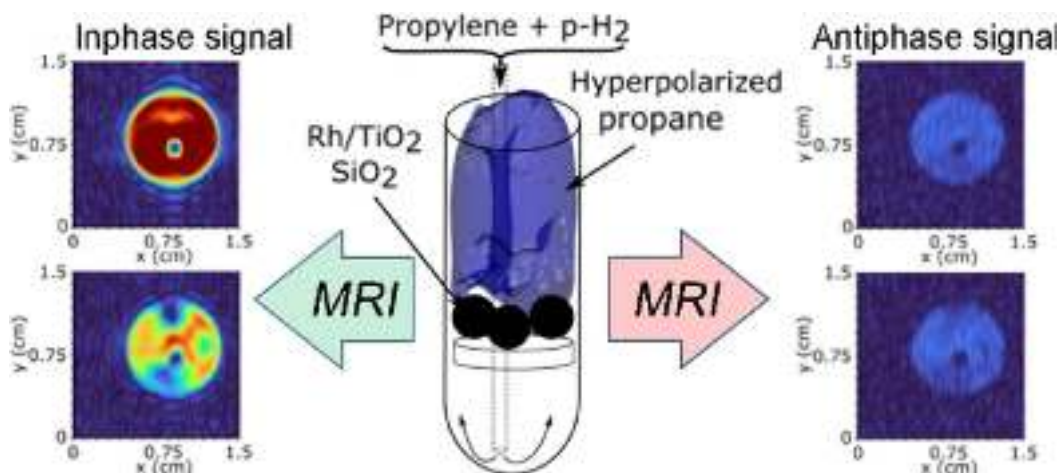
Number of averages: 16

Propylene : parahydrogen = 1 : 4



Conclusions:

- it was shown the necessity of converting the antiphase signal of PHIP experiments in a strong magnetic field into an in-phase form in MRI experiments for the most effective use of the high signal intensity obtained due to hyperpolarization for visualizing the products of the heterogeneous hydrogenation reaction in the gas phase;
- it was first time demonstrated that the combined use of the PHIP method in a strong magnetic field and a pulse sequence that converts an antiphase NMR signal into an in-phase one makes it possible to visualize the position of heterogeneous catalyst granules inside a model reactor in a gas-phase hydrogenation reaction by MRI.



Getting the Most out of Parahydrogen-Induced Signal Enhancement for MRI of Reacting Heterogeneous Systems

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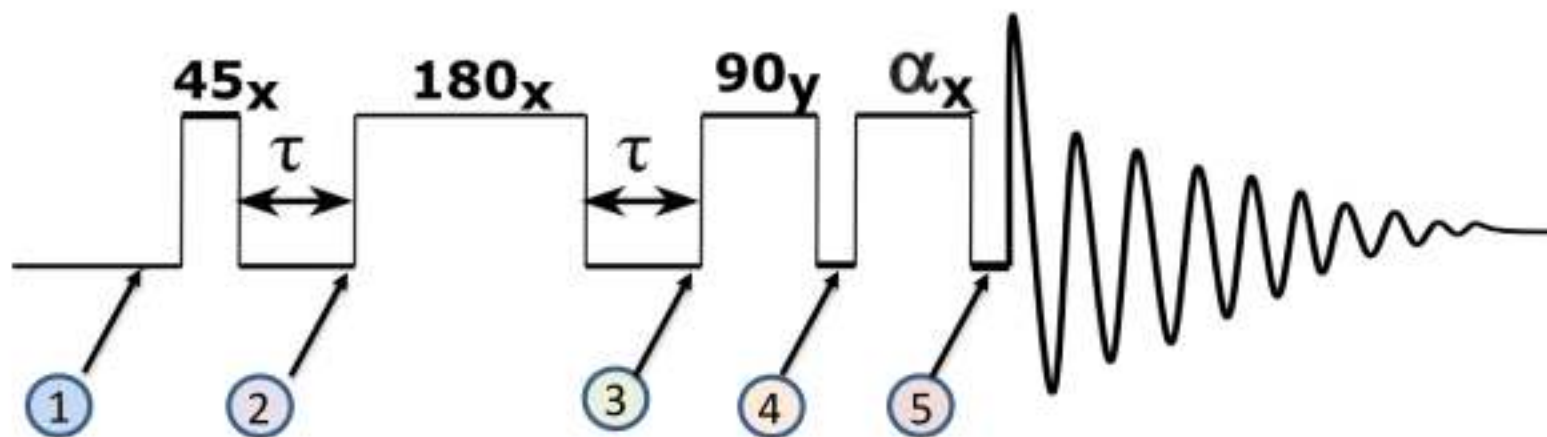
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Thank you for your attention!

Additional slides

Conversion of antiphase signals



① $2\hat{I}_z\hat{S}_z \xrightarrow{(45^\circ)\hat{I}_x; (45^\circ)\hat{S}_x} -\hat{I}_y\hat{S}_z - \hat{I}_z\hat{S}_y + \hat{I}_z\hat{S}_z + \hat{I}_y\hat{S}_y;$ non-observable terms

$-\hat{I}_y\hat{S}_z - \hat{I}_z\hat{S}_y \xrightarrow{(2\pi/\tau)\hat{I}_z\hat{S}_z} \xrightarrow{(180^\circ)\hat{I}_x; (180^\circ)\hat{S}_x} \xrightarrow{(2\pi/\tau)\hat{I}_z\hat{S}_z} (\hat{I}_y\hat{S}_z - \hat{I}_z\hat{S}_y) \cos(2\pi/\tau) + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{I}_x + \hat{S}_x) \sin(2\pi/\tau).$

③

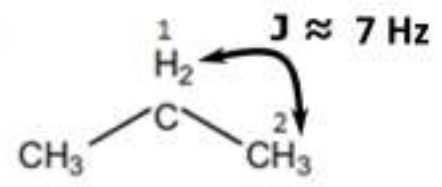
$\cos(2\pi/\tau) = 0 \Rightarrow \tau = 1/4J$

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{I}_x + \hat{S}_x) \xrightarrow{(90^\circ)\hat{I}_y; (90^\circ)\hat{S}_y} \frac{1}{2}(-\hat{I}_z - \hat{S}_z)$

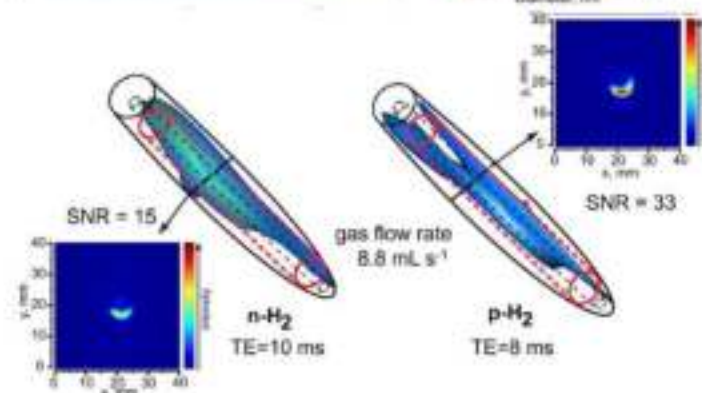
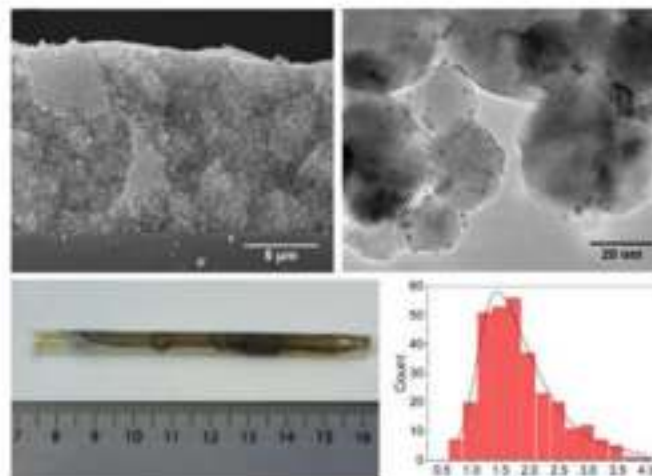
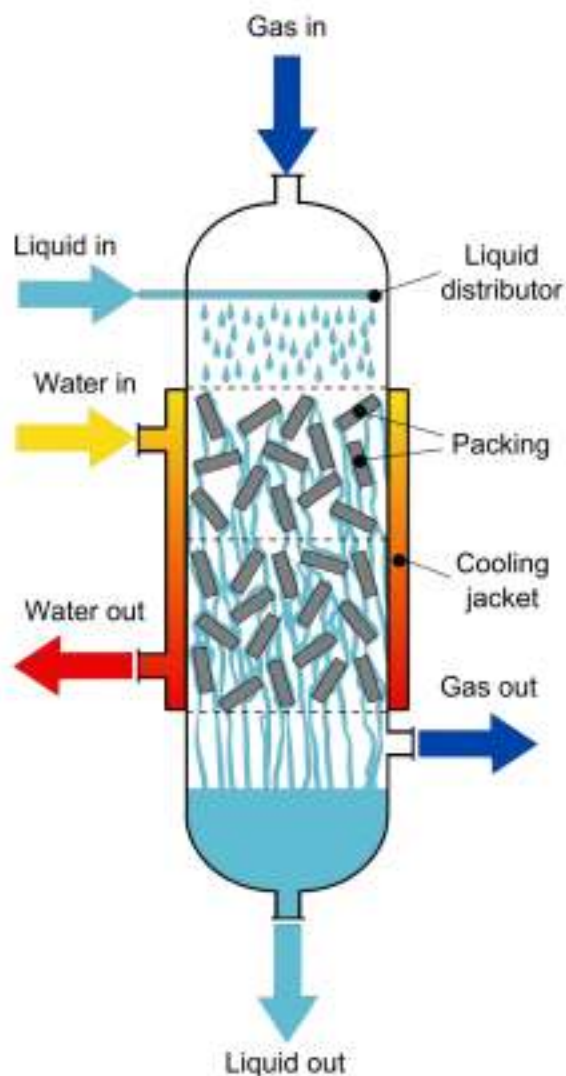
④

$\xrightarrow{(\alpha^\circ)\hat{I}_x; (\alpha^\circ)\hat{S}_x} \frac{1}{2}(-\hat{I}_z - \hat{S}_z) \cos(\alpha) + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{I}_y + \hat{S}_y) \sin(\alpha)$

⑤



MRI compatible catalytic reactors



K. V. Kovtunov *et al.*, "Robust In Situ Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Heterogeneous Catalytic Hydrogenation with and without Hyperpolarization," *ChemCatChem*, vol. 11, no. 3, pp. 969–973, 2019.

Hyperpolarization techniques

Thermally equilibrium population:

$$\frac{N_{\alpha} - N_{\beta}}{N_{\alpha} + N_{\beta}} \approx 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$$

Spin-Exchange Optical Pumping (SEOP)

- Complex and expensive equipment
- Low reactivity of hyperpolarized gases

Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP)

- Complex and expensive equipment
- The need to introduce a paramagnetic substance into the sample

Signal Amplification By Reversible Exchange (SABRE)

- No change structure of matter

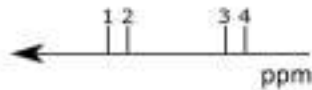
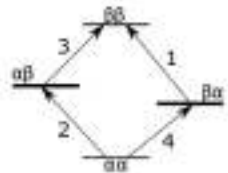
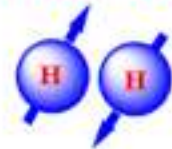
Parahydrogen Induced Polarization (PHIP)

- Polarization transfer from parahydrogen nuclei to during catalytic hydrogenation
- Doesn't require complicated and expensive equipment

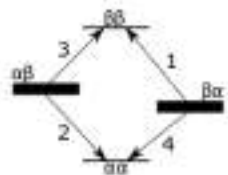
Parahydrogen Induced Polarization (PHIP)

- $I=0$ for para- H_2 and thus it is NMR **inactive!** (i.e. it's an A_2 spin system)
- Need magnetically inequivalent H's, use a chemical reaction (AX spin system)

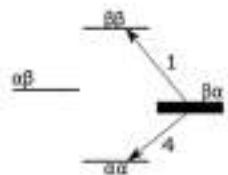
Parahydrogen



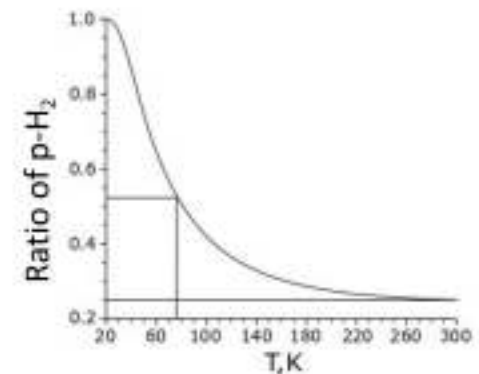
Hydrogenation with normal hydrogen



PASADENA
 $(|\gamma\Delta\delta B_0| \gg |2\pi J|)$



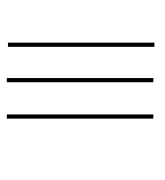
ALTADENA
 $(|\gamma\Delta\delta B_0| < |2\pi J|)$



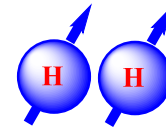
Parahydrogen


$$|T_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|T_{-1}\rangle + |T_{+1}\rangle \right)$$

$$|T_{-1}\rangle = |\beta\beta\rangle$$

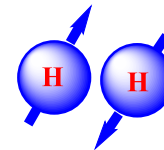
$$|T_{+1}\rangle = |\alpha\alpha\rangle$$


Triplet state → orthohydrogen

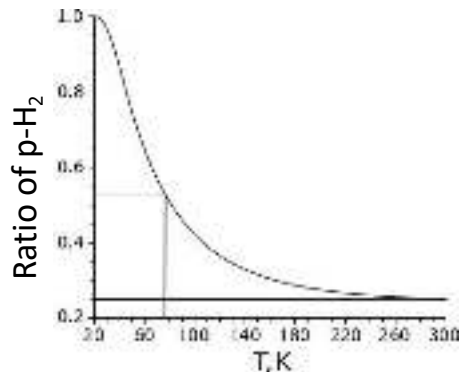


$$|S_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\alpha\beta\rangle - |\beta\alpha\rangle \right)$$


Singlet state → parahydrogen



Normal hydrogen: 75% ortho-H₂ : 25% para-H₂

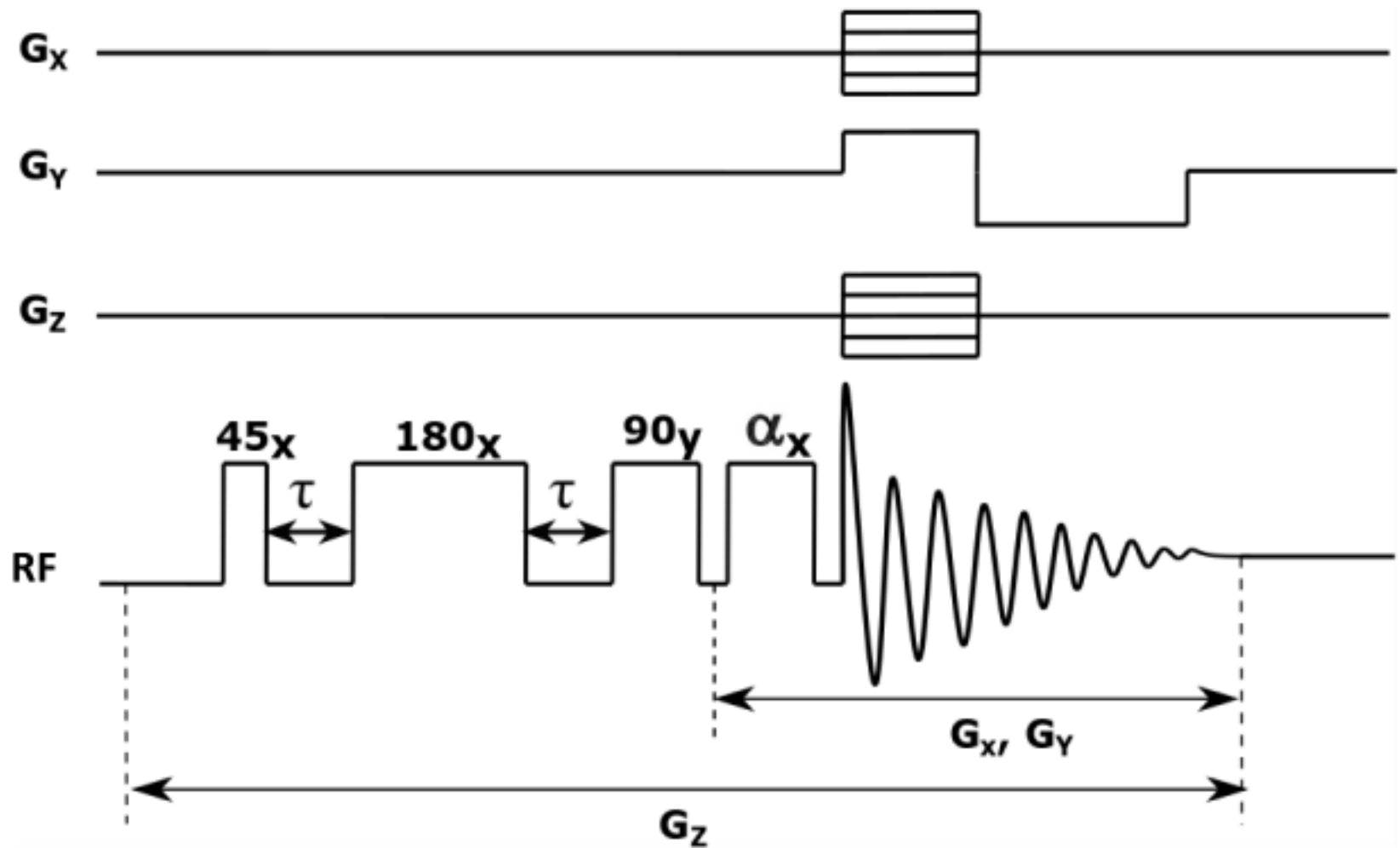


$$\frac{N_{ortho}(T)}{N_{para}(T)} = \frac{3 \sum_{j=1,3,\dots} (2j+1) e^{-j(j+1)\theta_{rot}/T}}{1 \sum_{j=0,2,\dots} (2j+1) e^{-j(j+1)\theta_{rot}/T}}$$

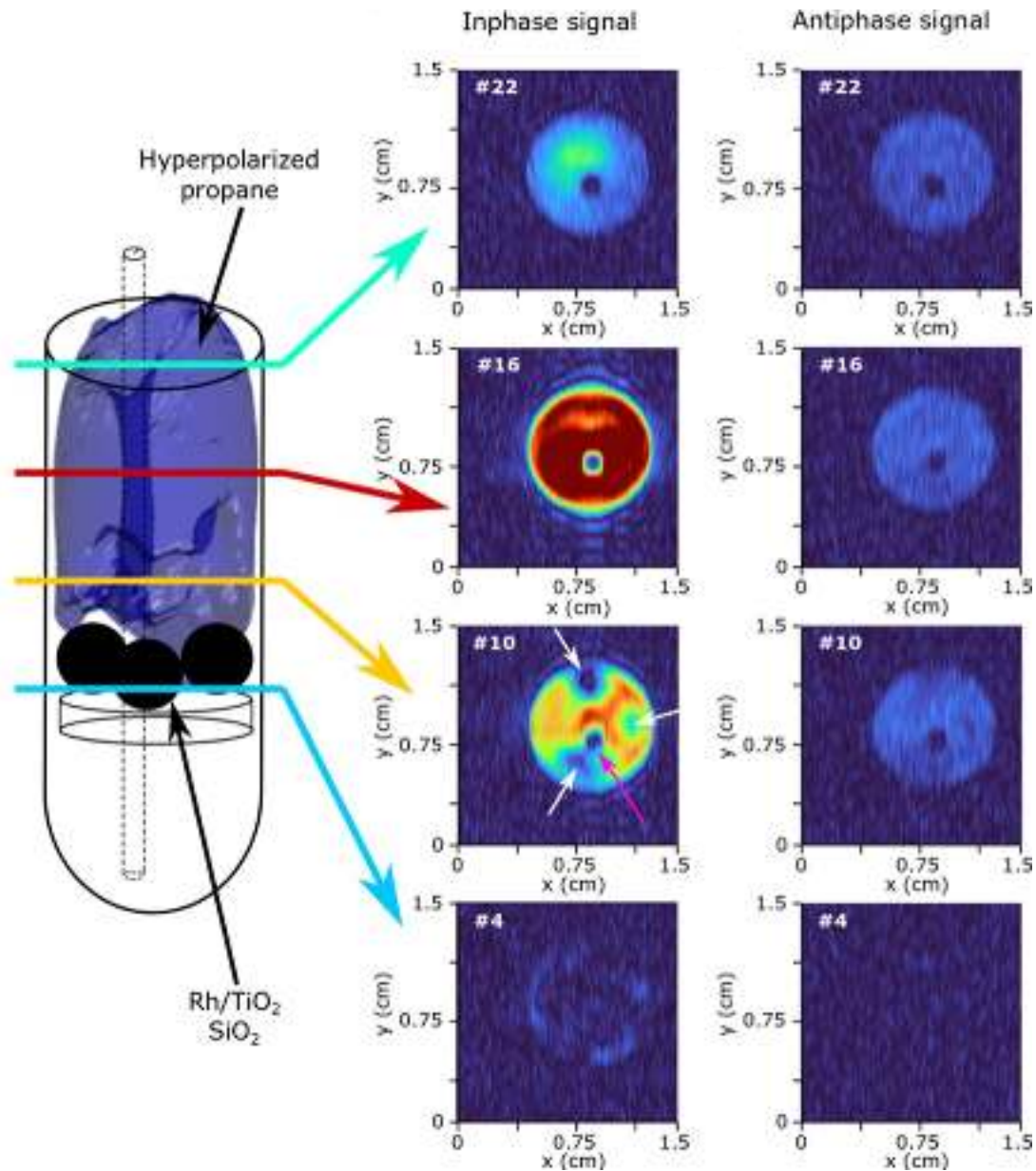
Parahydrogen enrichment

- low temperature 77K → 50% ortho : 50% para
- a suitable catalyst (FeOOH , charcoal..)
- Can be stored at RT without back conversion for a long time

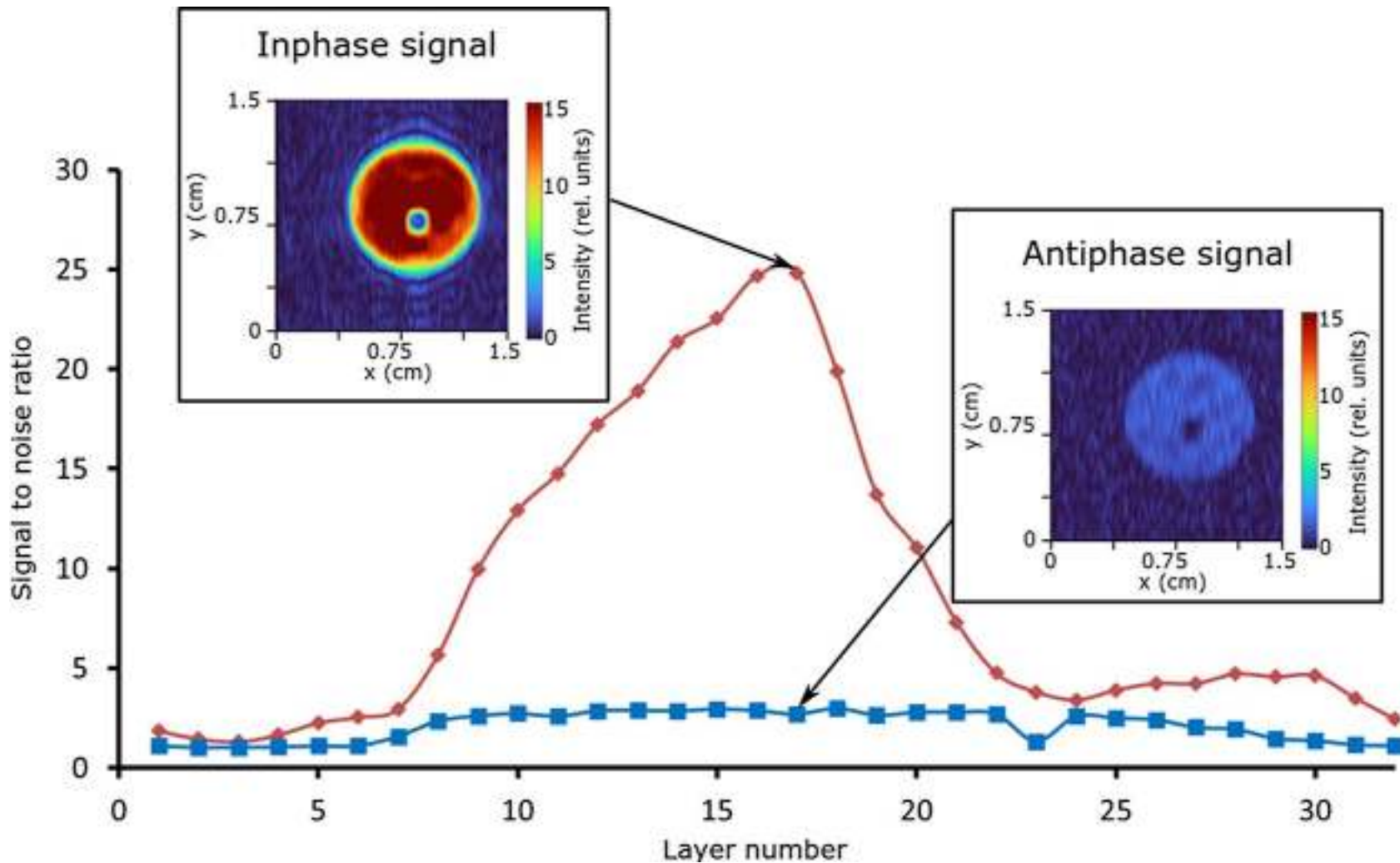
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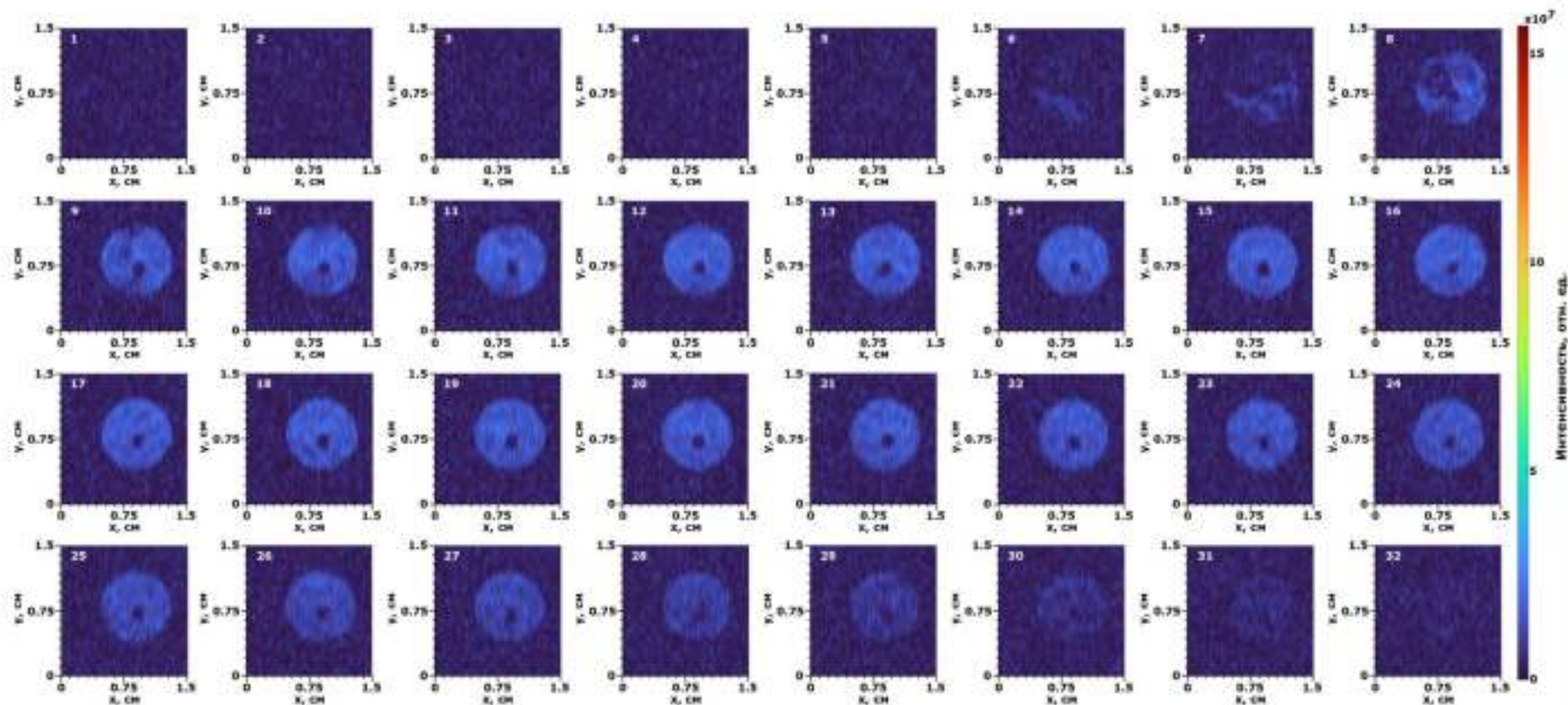
3D MRI of hyperpolarization propane



Dependence of the SNR on the layer number of the 3D MR image



Slices of a 3D ^1H MR image of hyperpolarized propane obtained without a pulse sequence converting an antiphase signal to inphase form



Slices of a 3D ^1H MR image of hyperpolarized propane obtained with a pulse sequence converting an antiphase signal to inphase form

