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Adiabatic approach to polarize ^{15}N nuclei with SABRE at high magnetic fields

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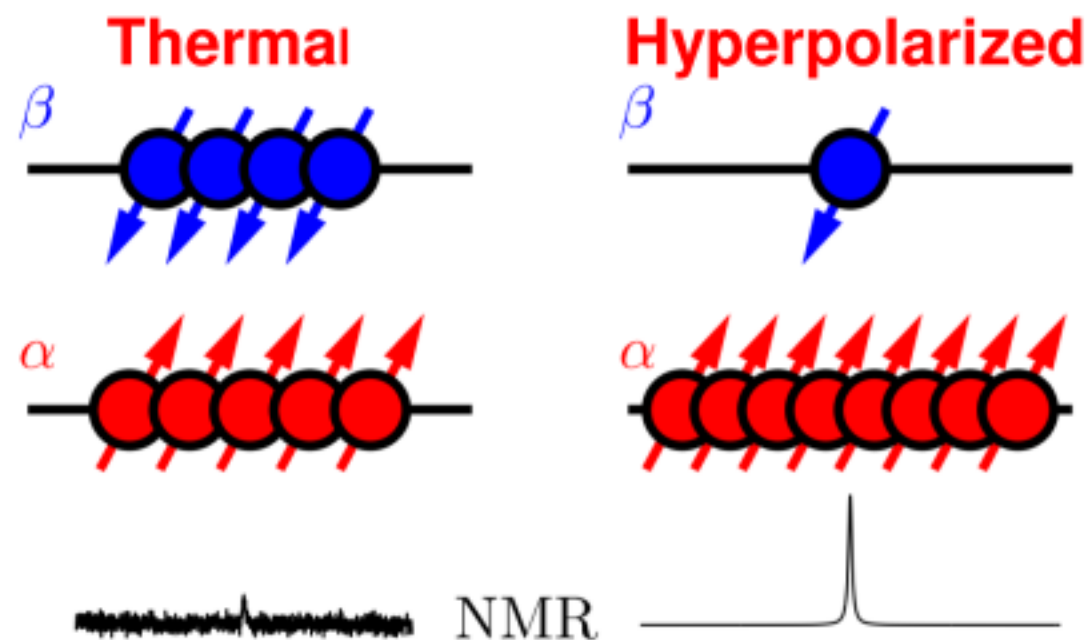
Hyperpolarization in NMR

Low sensitivity of NMR methods:

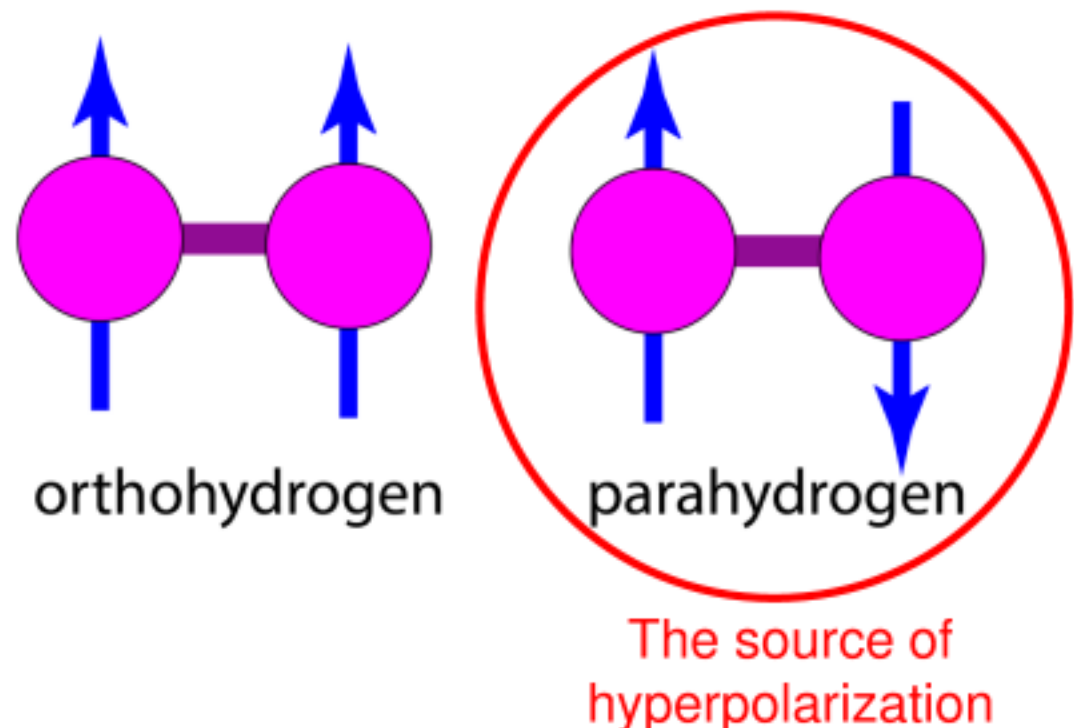
$$p_{eq} = \frac{p_{\alpha} - p_{\beta}}{p_{\alpha} + p_{\beta}} \approx \frac{\hbar\gamma_N B_0}{2k_B T} \ll 1$$

For protons at $B_0 = 15 \text{ T}, T = 300 \text{ K}$

$$p_{eq} \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$$



Para-hydrogen Induced Polarization (PHIP)



PHIP and SABRE

Para-hydrogen Induced Polarization (PHIP) \longrightarrow Hydrogenation of the substrate

Signal Amplification by Reversible Exchange (SABRE) \longrightarrow **No hydrogenation**

Polarization transfer complex

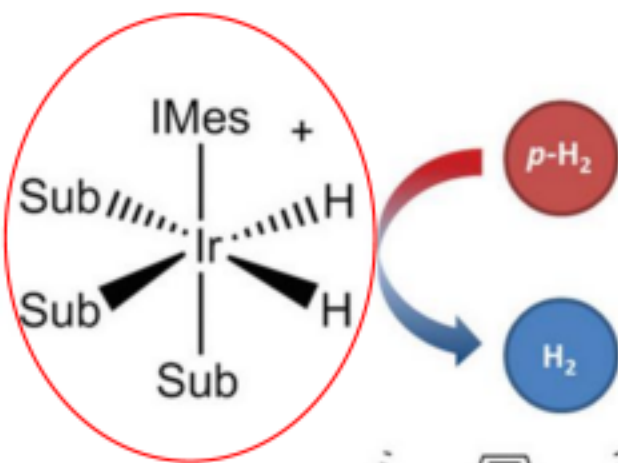
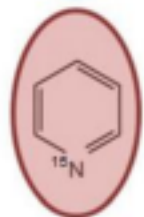
SABRE

($\delta\nu \cong J$ – strong coupling condition)

Unpolarised
free substrate



Hyperpolarised
free substrate



For ^{15}N works at $B_0 \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-7}$ T



Special experimental setup is required



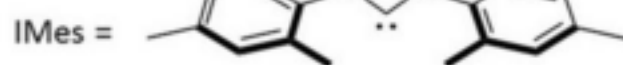
High-field RF-SABRE



No extra equipment



Complicated experimental optimization

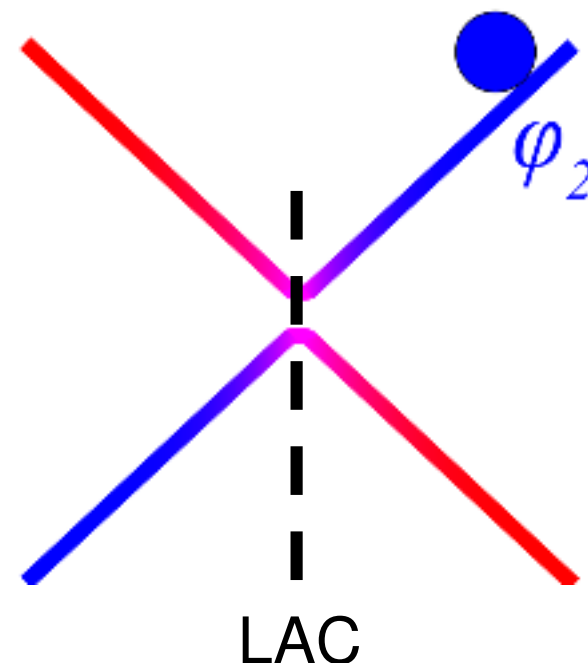
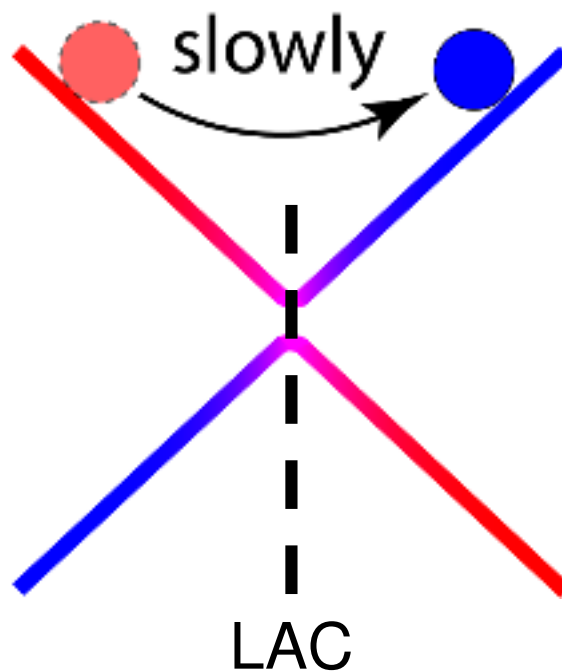
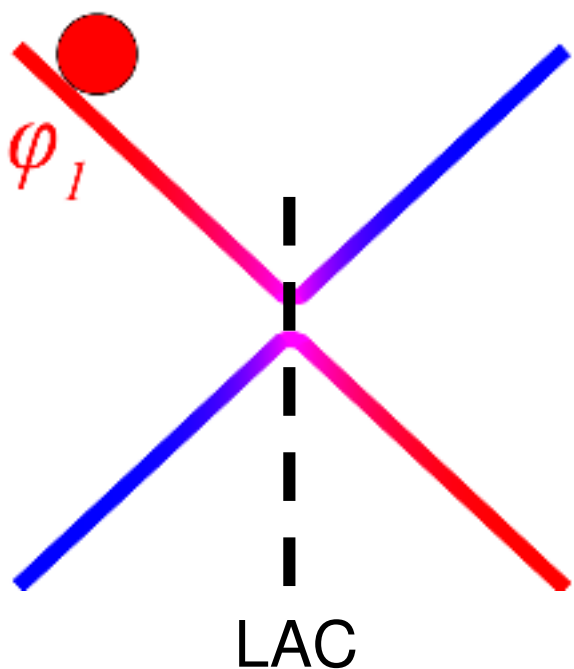


Strong coupling condition is fulfilled artificially in rotating reference frame (RF-pulses)

Level anti-crossing (LAC)

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{V}$$
$$\langle \varphi_1 | \hat{V} | \varphi_2 \rangle \neq 0$$

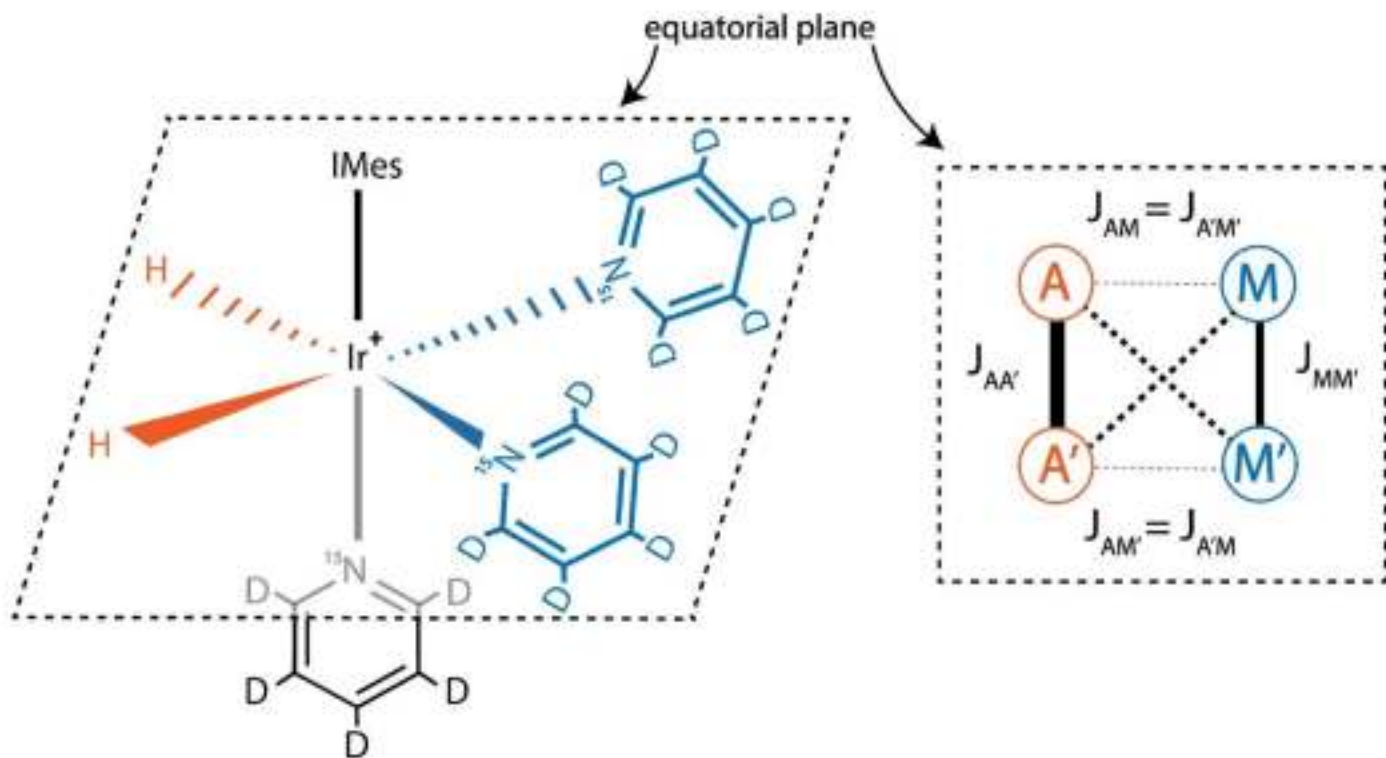
Quantum states $|\varphi_1\rangle, |\varphi_2\rangle$ tend to cross, but due to the perturbation \hat{V} the degeneracy is lifted and the crossing is avoided (LAC)



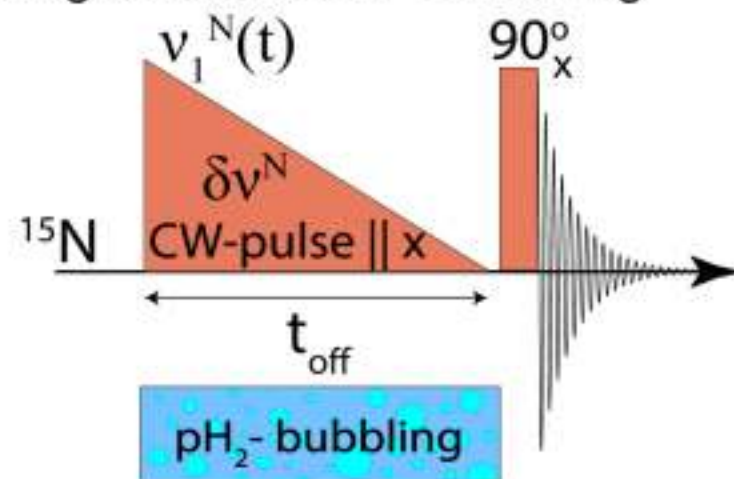
Adiabatic passage through level anti-crossing (Landau-Zener problem)

Populations exchange between the states $|\varphi_1\rangle, |\varphi_2\rangle$

High-field RF-SABRE



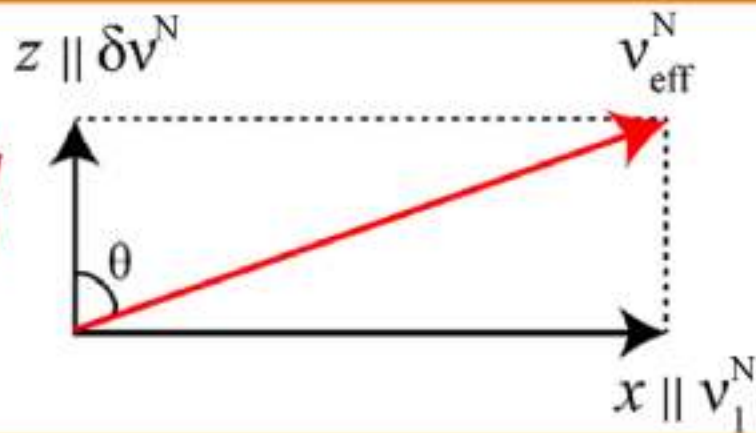
The simplest variant of the high-field SABRE using adiabatic RF-switching



$v_1^N(t)$ - adiabatic RF-pulse amplitude

$\delta v^N = \nu^N - \nu_{rf}^N$ - resonance offset

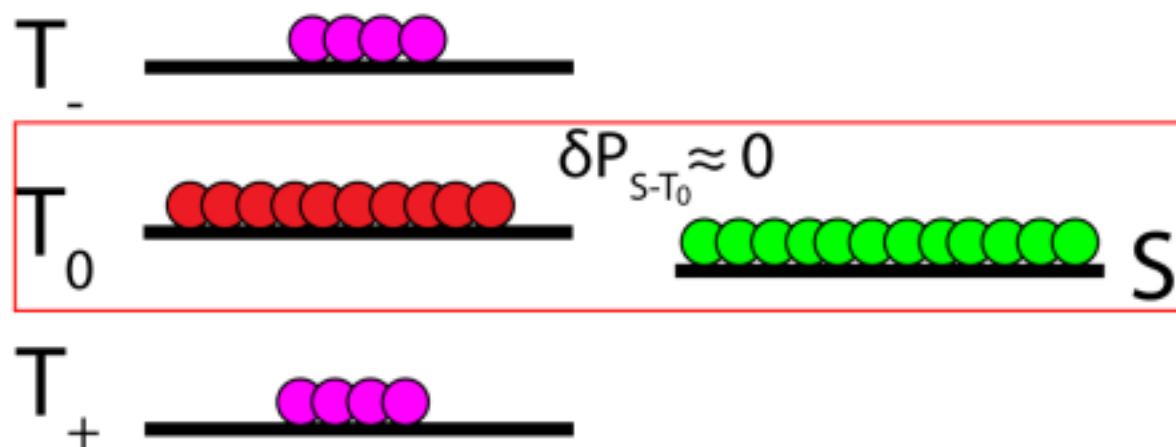
δP_{S-T_0} in molecular hydrogen is converted into ^{15}N nuclei magnetization along the effective field in the rotating reference frame



Amplitude modulation of the CW-pulse provides adiabatic LAC passage

High-field RF-SABRE

✗ In a real SABRE-system, effective $S - T_0$ mixing takes place in molecular hydrogen

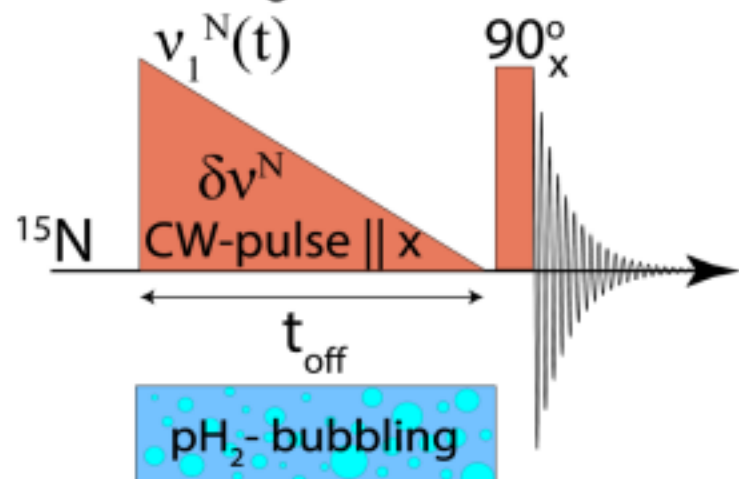


$$\hat{\rho}_S = \frac{1}{4} \hat{E} - (\hat{I}_1 \hat{I}_2)$$

↓ Conversion
In H_2

$$\hat{\rho}_{ZZ} = \frac{1}{4} \hat{E} - \hat{I}_{1z} \hat{I}_{2z}$$

✗ There is no generation of SABRE-polarization at high field, because $\delta P_{S-T_0} \approx 0$

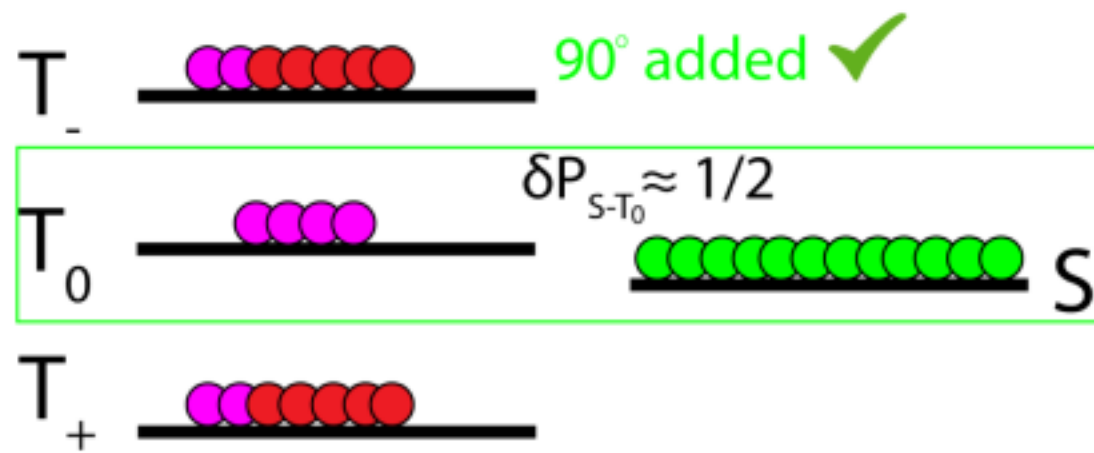
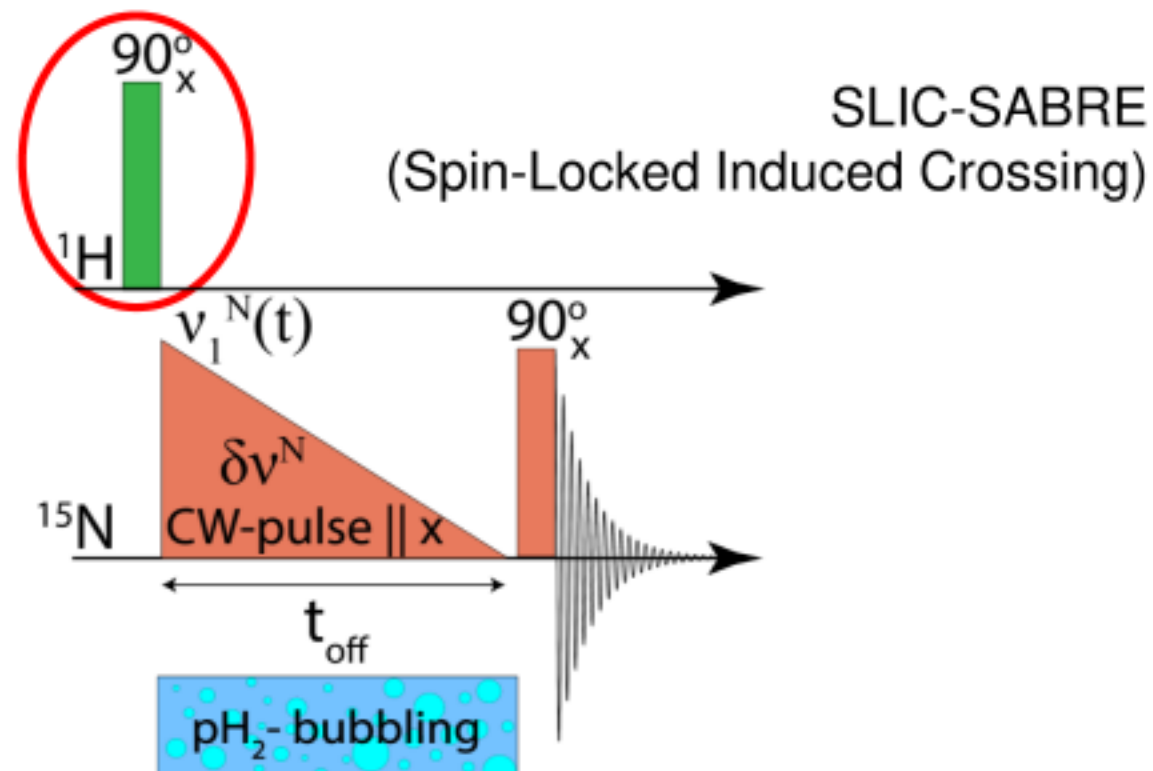
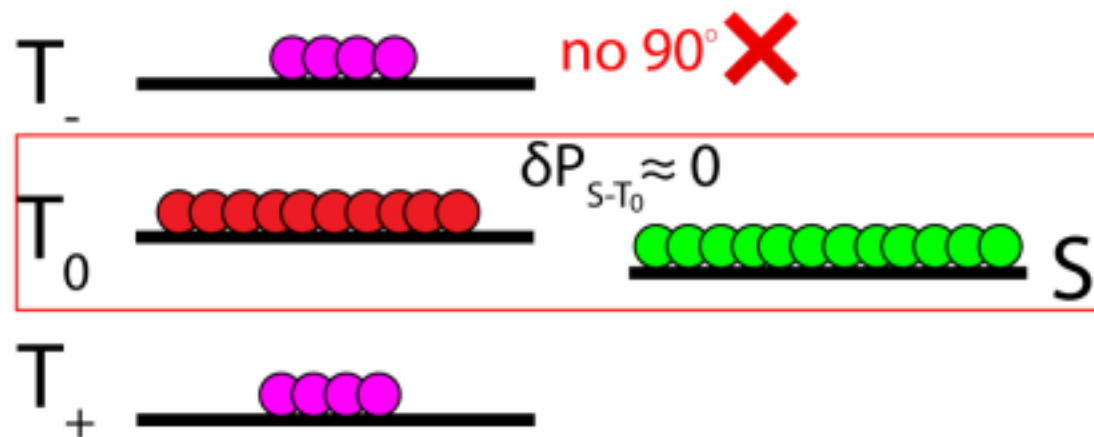
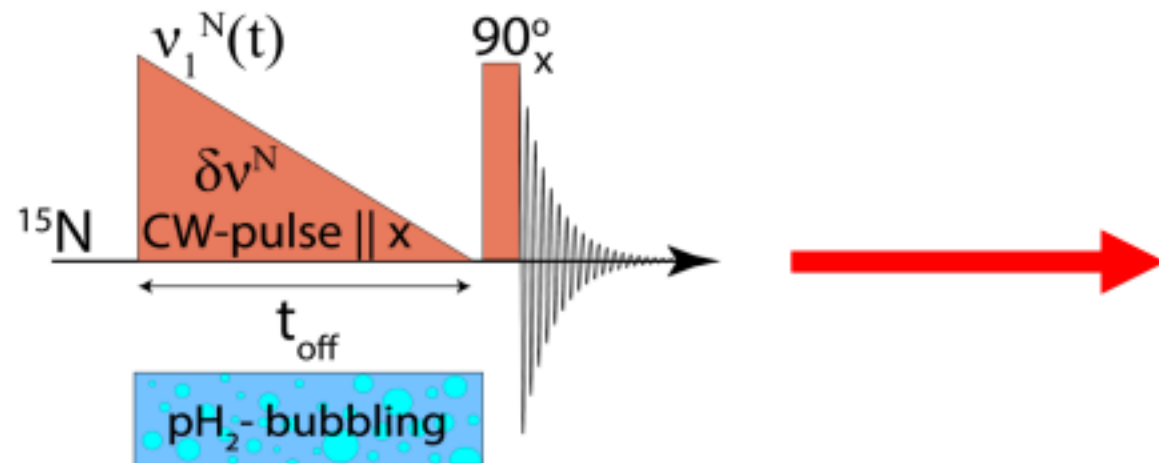


Single-frequency pulse sequence becomes completely ineffective

High-field RF-SABRE

How to make the pulse sequence effective once again?

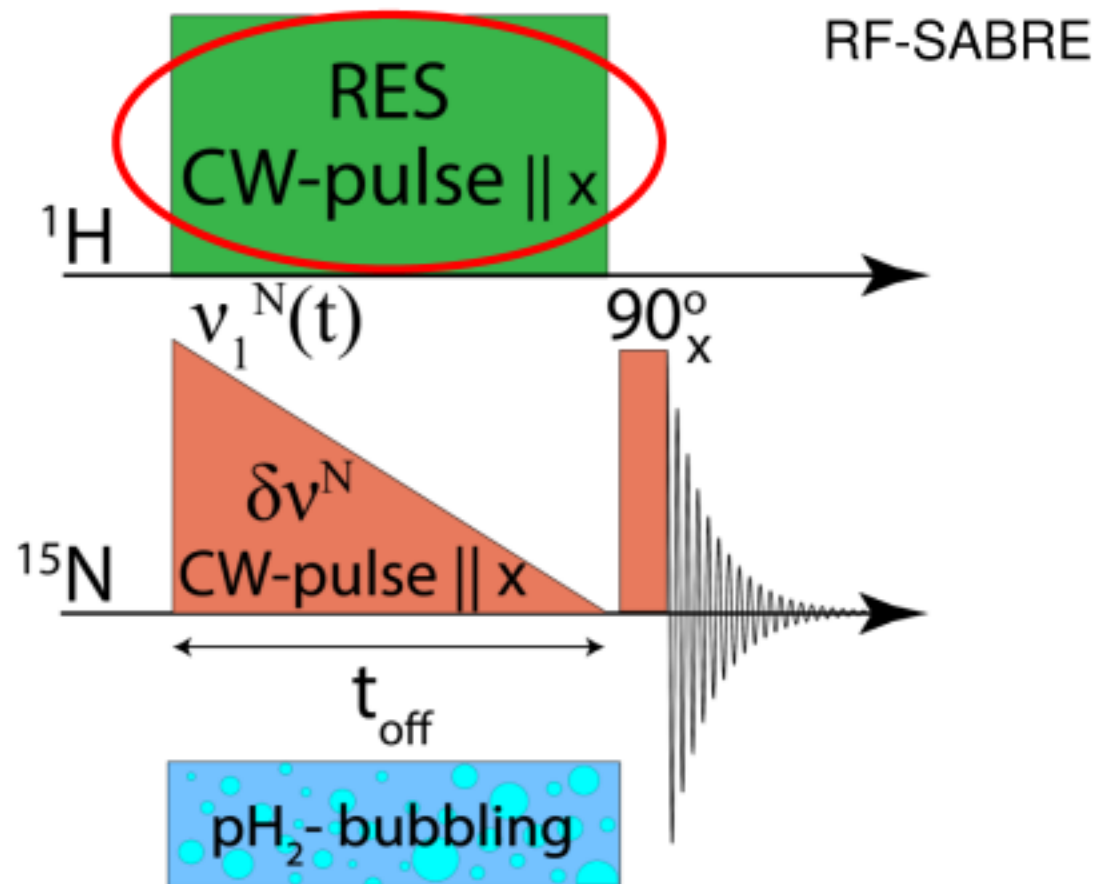
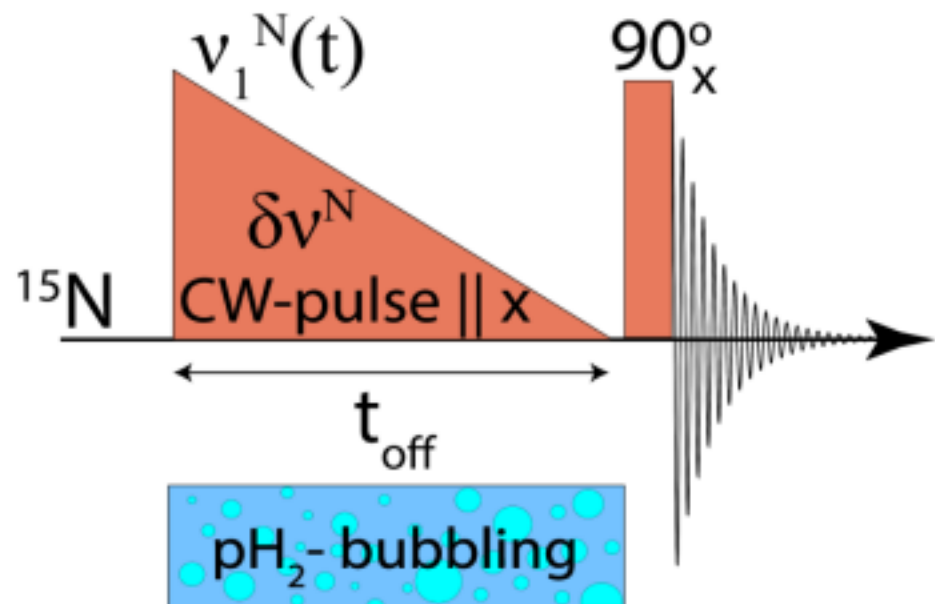
1) The first variant



High-field RF-SABRE

How to make the pulse sequence effective once again?

2) The second variant



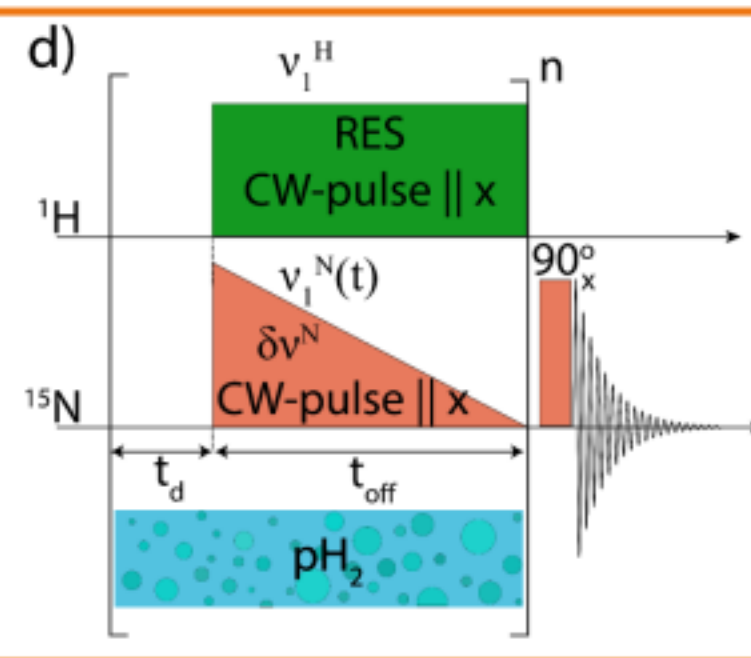
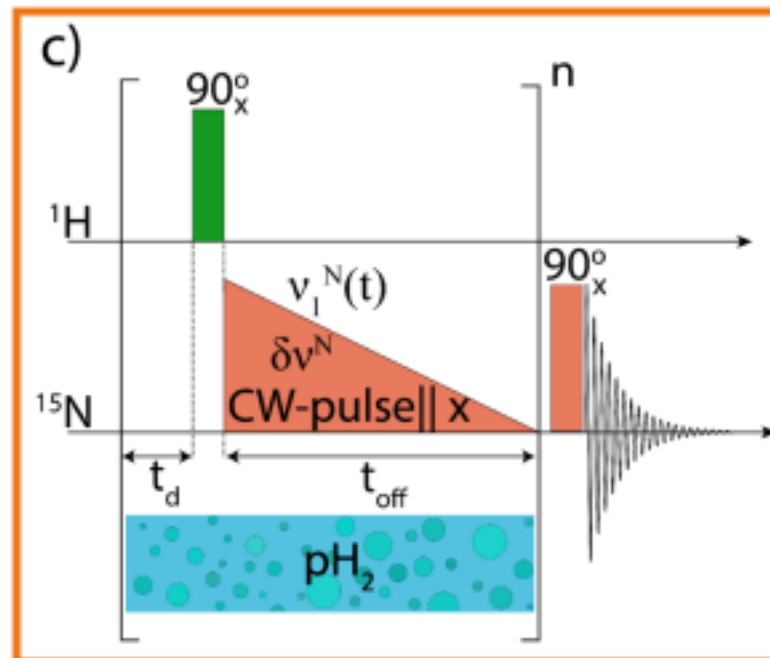
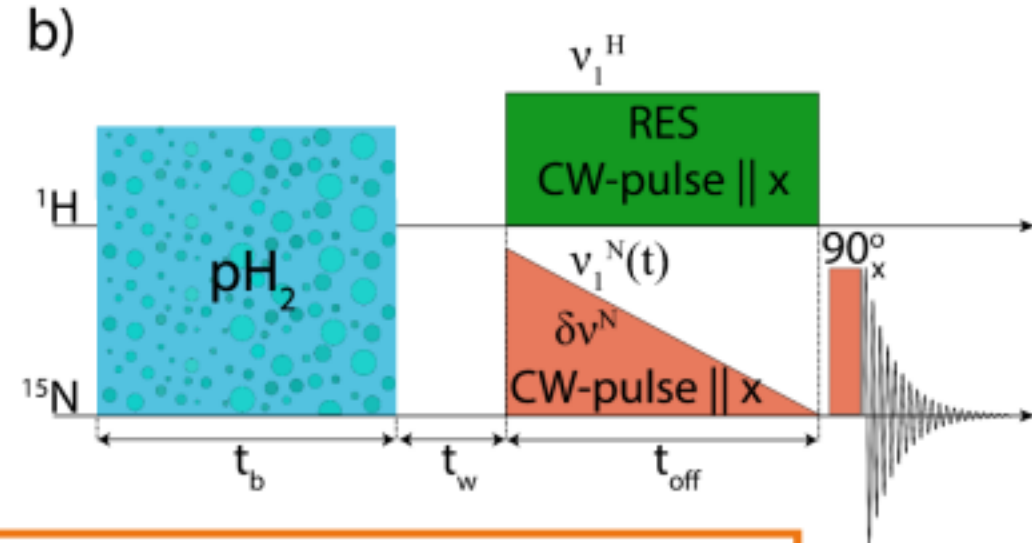
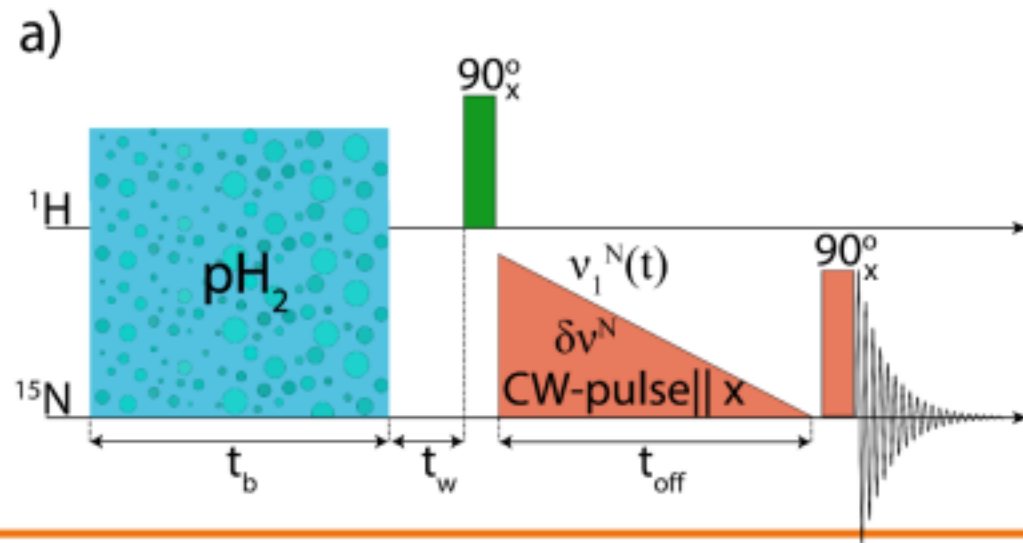
✗ Single-frequency pulse sequence is ineffective

✓ $\delta P_{S-T_{\pm}}$ in molecular hydrogen is converted into magnetization
LAC condition: $\nu_1^{\text{N}}(t) \approx \nu_1^{\text{H}}$

High-field SABRE pulse sequences

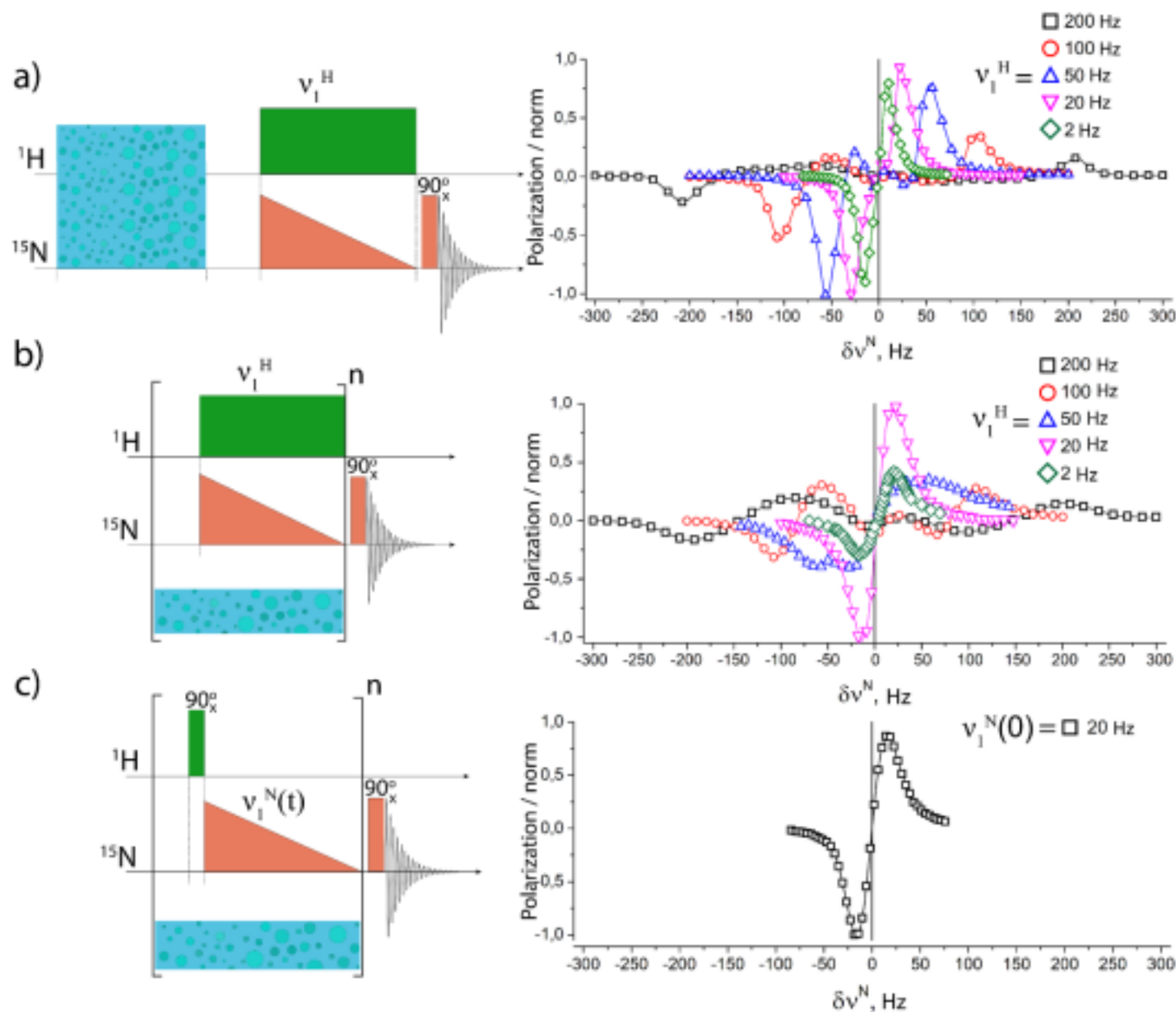
SLIC-SABRE

RF-SABRE



Accumulation of heteronuclear polarization due to their long T_1 - relaxation time

RF-SABRE and SLIC-SABRE with linear RF-amplitude switching profile



$v_1^{\text{H}} = 20 \text{ Hz}$ – optimal value for RF-SABRE

[Catalyst] = 2 mM,
 [Substrate] = 70 mM.
 Other parameters:
 a) $t_{\text{off}} = 1 \text{ s}$,
 $t_b = 20 \text{ s}$, $t_w = 0.5 \text{ s}$
 b), c) $t_{\text{off}} = 50 \text{ ms}$,
 $t_d = 500 \text{ ms}$, $n = 50$;

RF-amplitude switching profile calculation

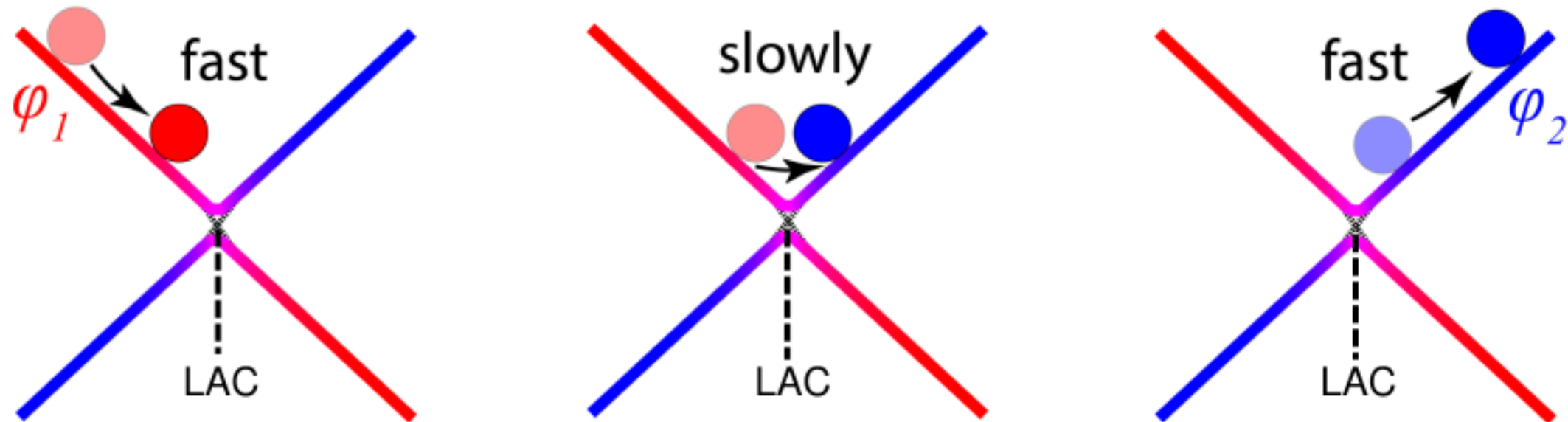
Linear RF-amplitude switch profile is not always optimal for effective generation of nuclear polarization



RF-amplitude switch profile calculation



The main idea – **slow** RF-amplitude switch **near the LAC region**, and fast switch outside the LAC-region



1) Spin dynamics in a «static» SABRE-complex

RF-amplitude switching profile calculation

1) The first way – Constant Adiabaticity Profiles (CAP) calculation

$$\xi_{ij} = \left| \frac{\langle i | \frac{d}{dt} | j \rangle}{(E_i - E_j)} \right| = \left| \frac{\langle i | \frac{d}{dt} \hat{H} | j \rangle}{(E_i - E_j)^2} \right|$$

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i \neq j} \xi_{ij}^2} = \xi_0 \ll 1 = \text{const}$$

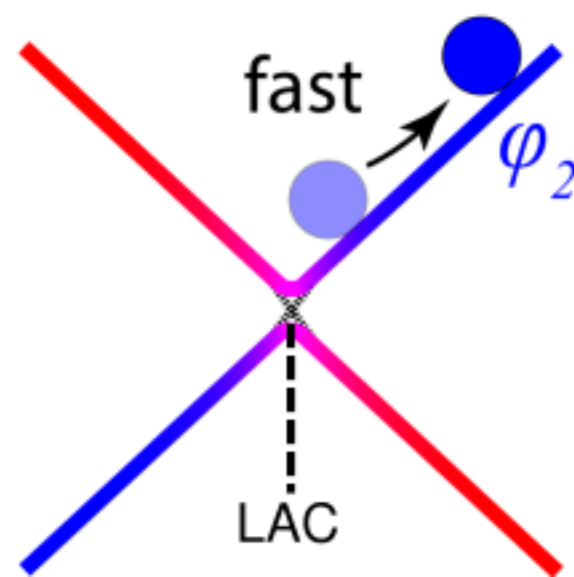
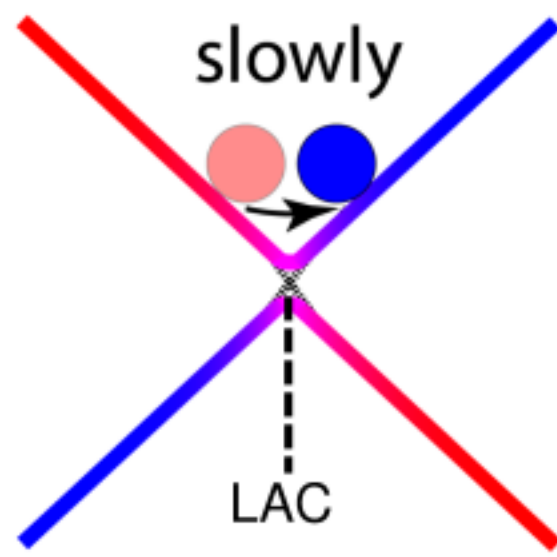
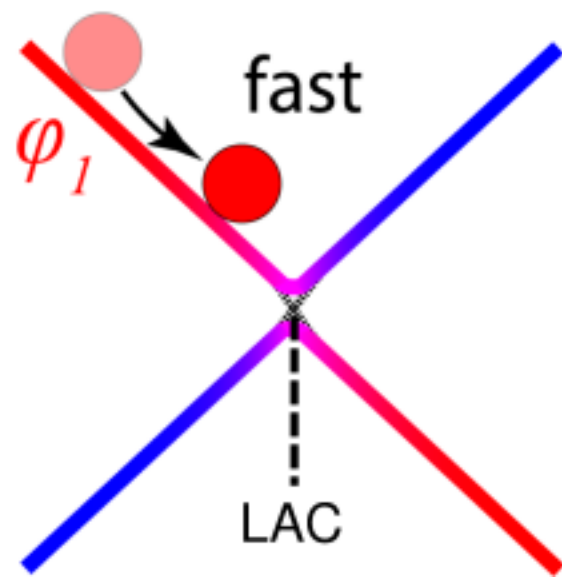
✗ In this approach we don't take into account SABRE chemical dynamics

$$\frac{d}{dt} v_1^N(t) = -\xi_0 \left\{ \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{|\langle i | (\hat{I}_{Nx} + \hat{I}_{N'x}) | j \rangle|^2}{(E_i - E_j)^4} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

with initial condition (RF-SABRE):

$$v_1^N(0) = v_1^H + 10 \text{ Hz}$$

Solve the equation in the AA'XX' symmetry group basis (to avoid Level-Crossing)

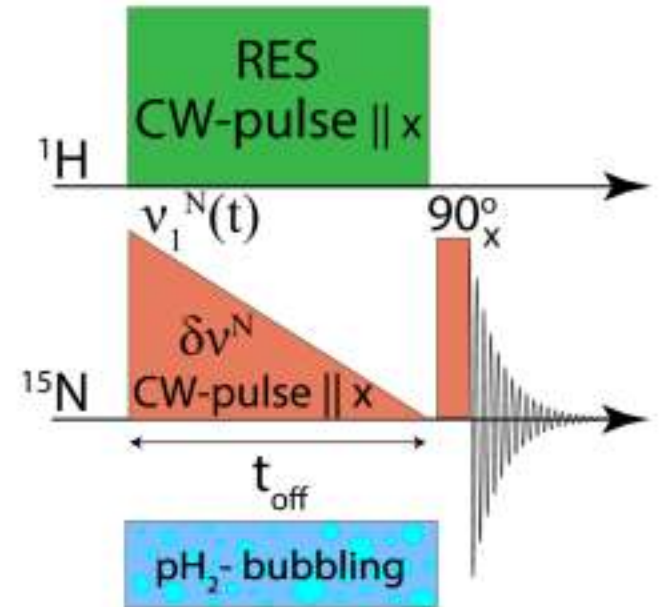
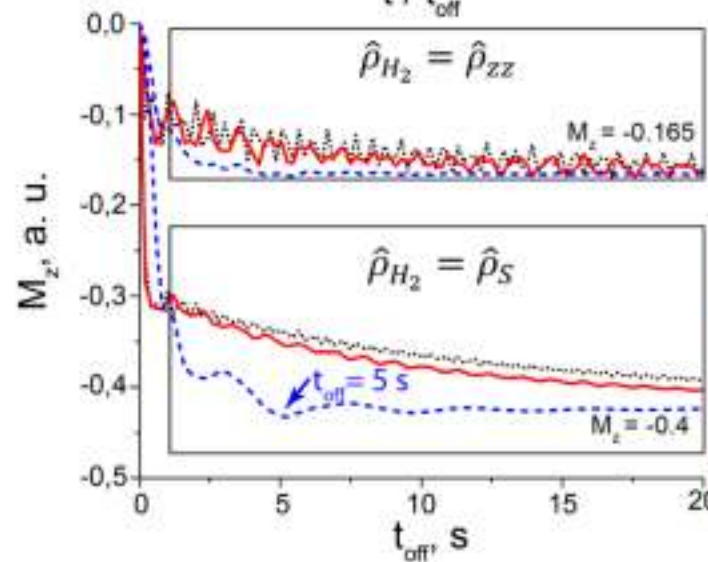
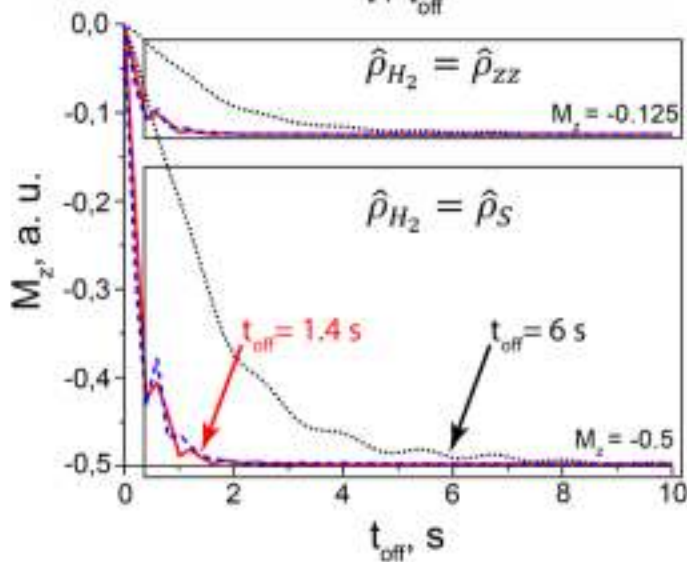
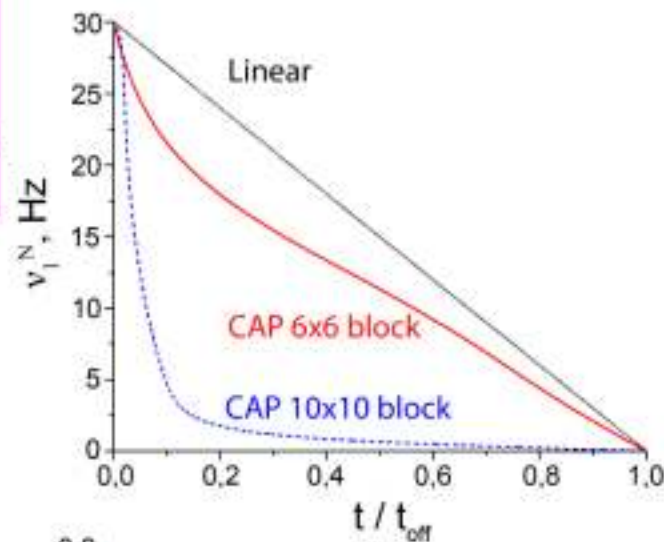
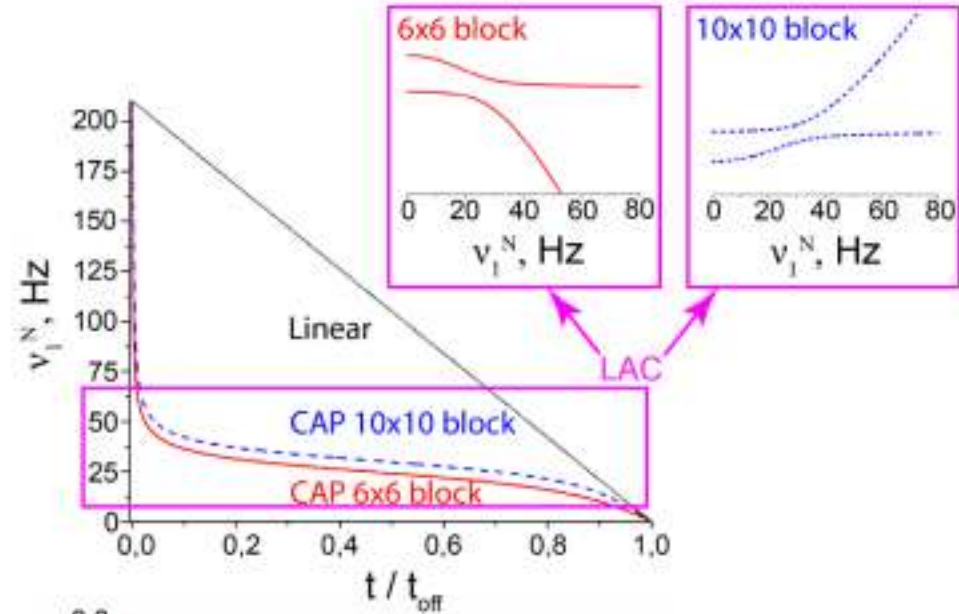


1) Spin dynamics in a «static» SABRE-complex

CAP calculation

$\nu_1^H = 200 \text{ Hz}$

$\nu_1^H = 20 \text{ Hz}$



$$\hat{\rho}_S = \frac{1}{4} \hat{E} - (\hat{I}_1 \hat{I}_2)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{ZZ} = \frac{1}{4} \hat{E} - \hat{I}_{1z} \hat{I}_{2z}$$

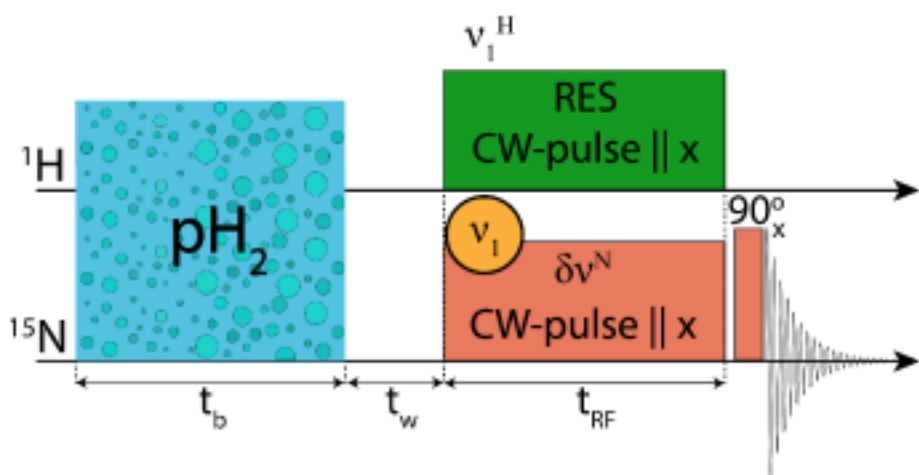
In experiment we are limited by the lifetime of the SABRE complex and T_1 -relaxation time

Stationary value of magnetization for CAP's is reached at $t_{\text{off}} \leq T_1$

2) Spin dynamics taking into account chemical exchange

RF-amplitude switch profile calculation

2) The second way – extract RF-amplitude switch profile from experimental data and calculations which take into account chemical dynamics

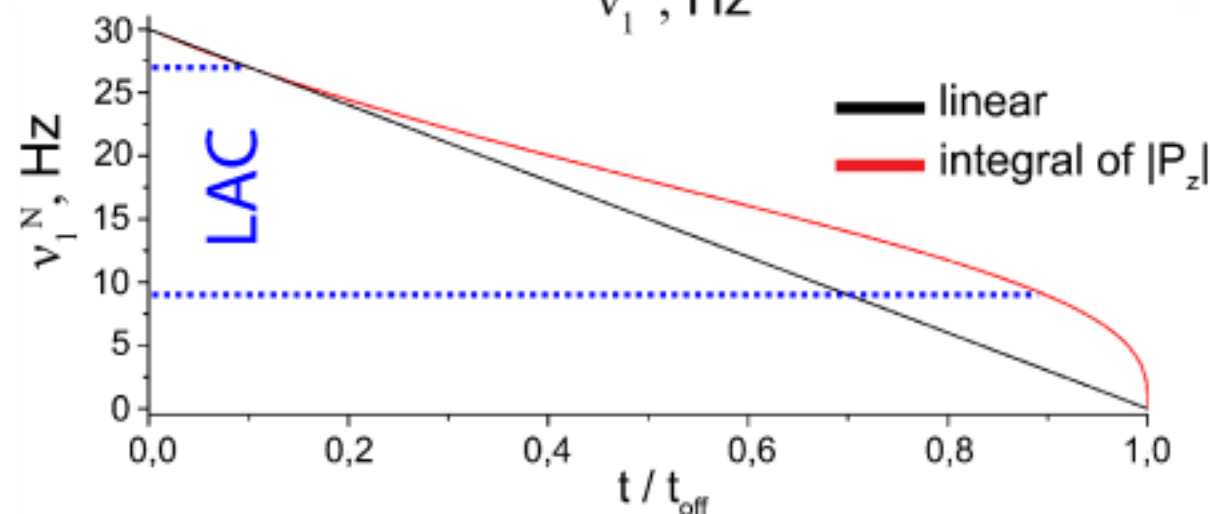
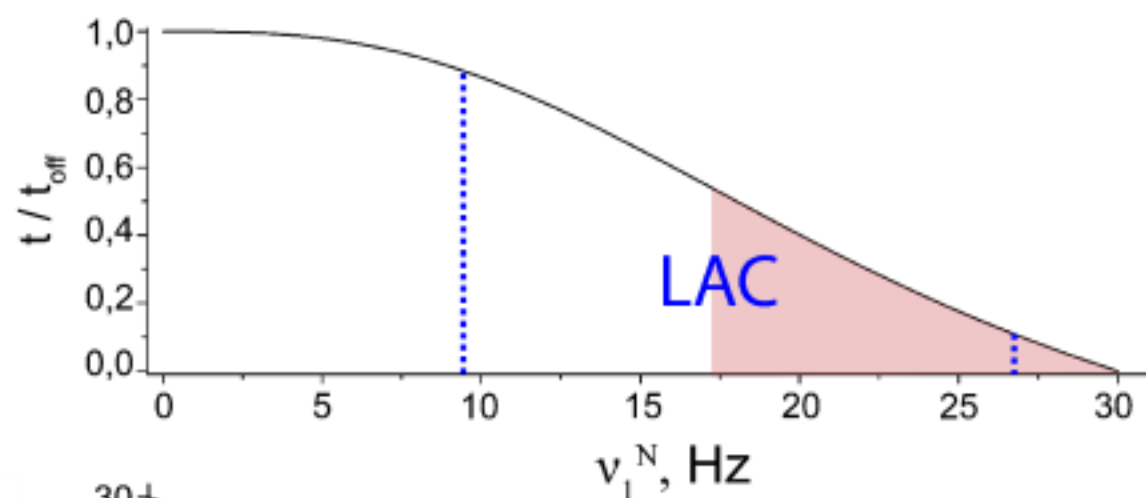


Assumption:

$$\frac{t}{t_{off}}(v_1^N) = A \int_{v_1^N}^{v_1^N(0)} |P_z(v_1)| dv_1$$

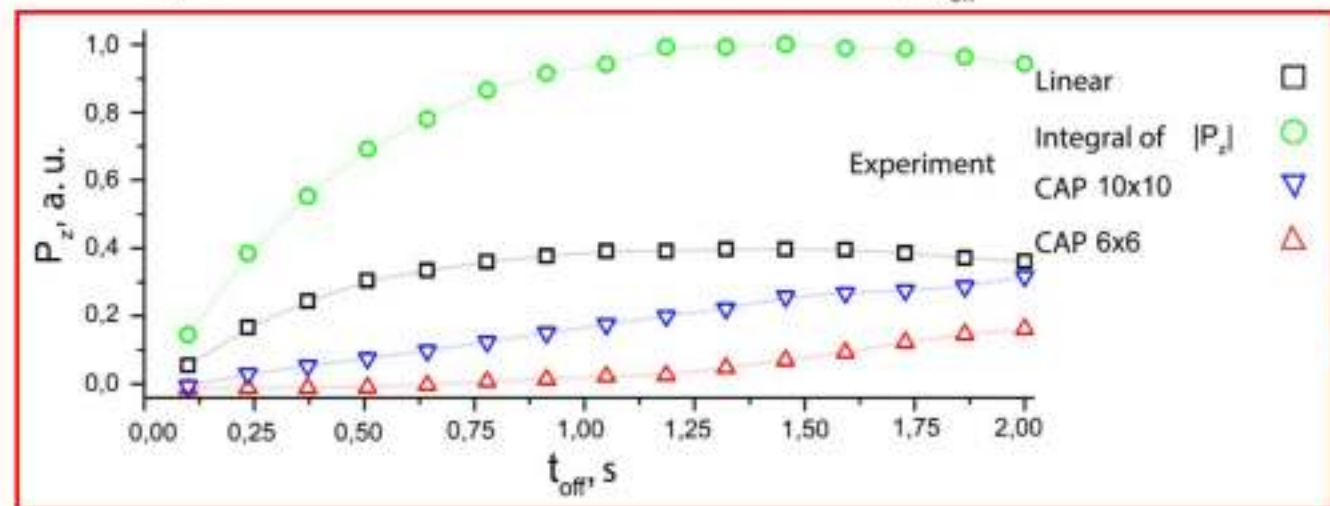
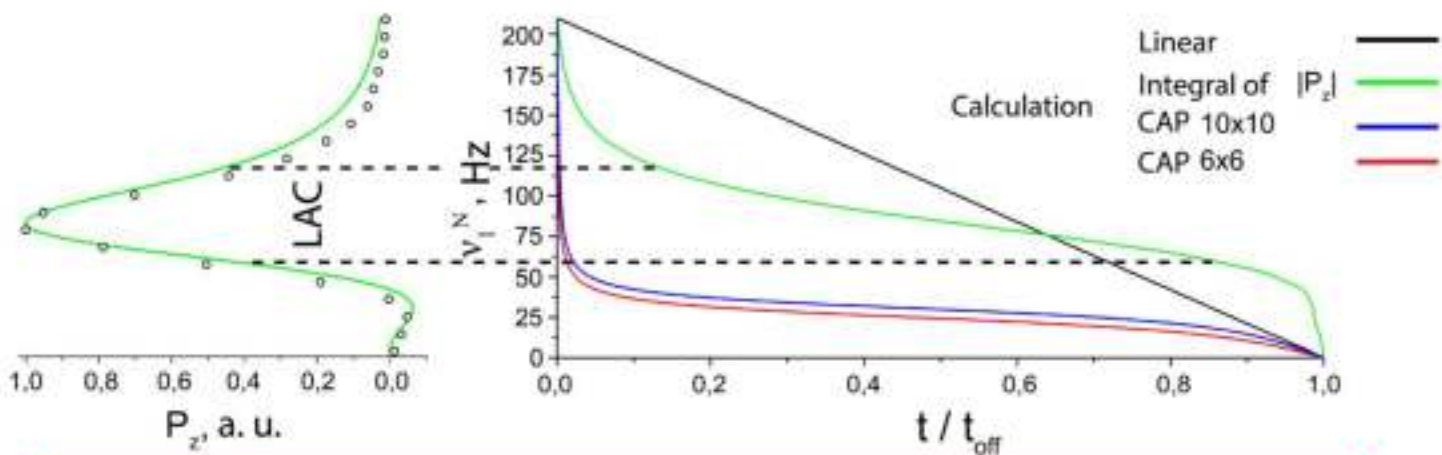
Normalization constant

Here we use RF-pulses with constant amplitude (scanning)

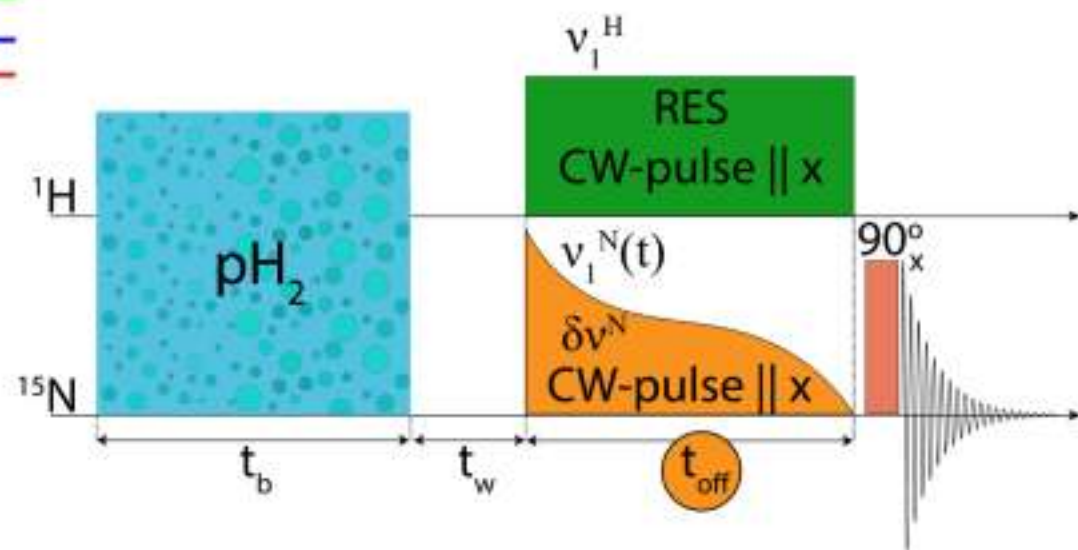


2) Spin dynamics taking into account chemical exchange RF-SABRE experiments with different switching profiles

$$\nu_1^H = 200 \text{ Hz}$$

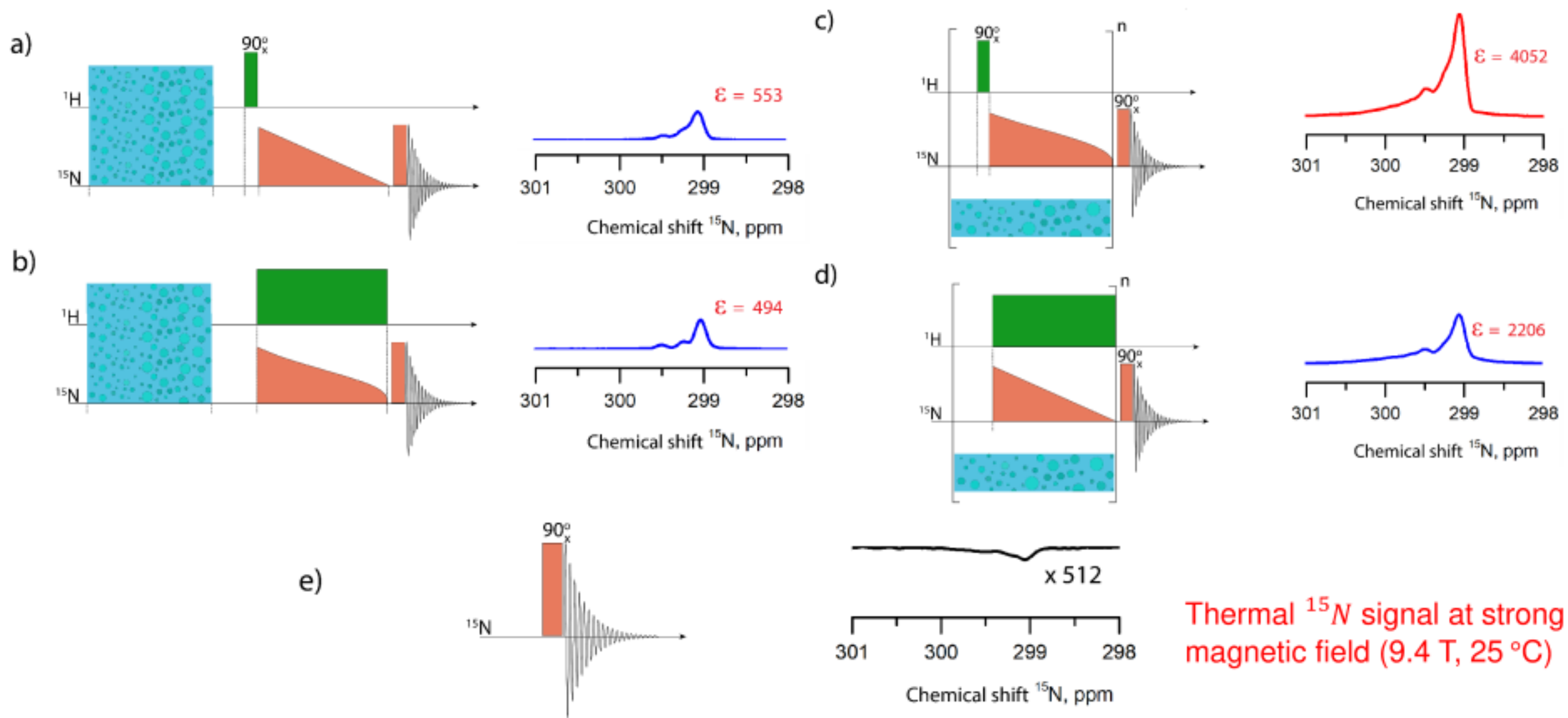


$$\delta\nu^N = -207.7 \text{ Hz}$$



Our profile works 3 times more efficient in comparison with linear profile

Comparison of the pulse sequences



Conclusions

1. The analysis of SABRE pulse sequences in a strong magnetic field based on adiabatic RF-amplitude modulation has been carried out. Various RF-switching profiles have been calculated and tested experimentally. It has been shown that SABRE chemical exchange essentially changes LAC's positions, and an approach to calculating switching-profiles based on LvN equation solution and experimental data has been proposed. For RF-SABRE with $\nu_1^H = 200$ Hz **our profile works 3 times more efficient in comparison with linear profile**
2. It has been shown that after experimental optimization, the biggest signal enhancement was achieved for SABRE with polarization cycles. Maximal enhancement equals 4000 has been achieved for SLIC-SABRE. **Such enhancement factors are comparable with one obtained with ULF for our catalyst and substrate concentrations**

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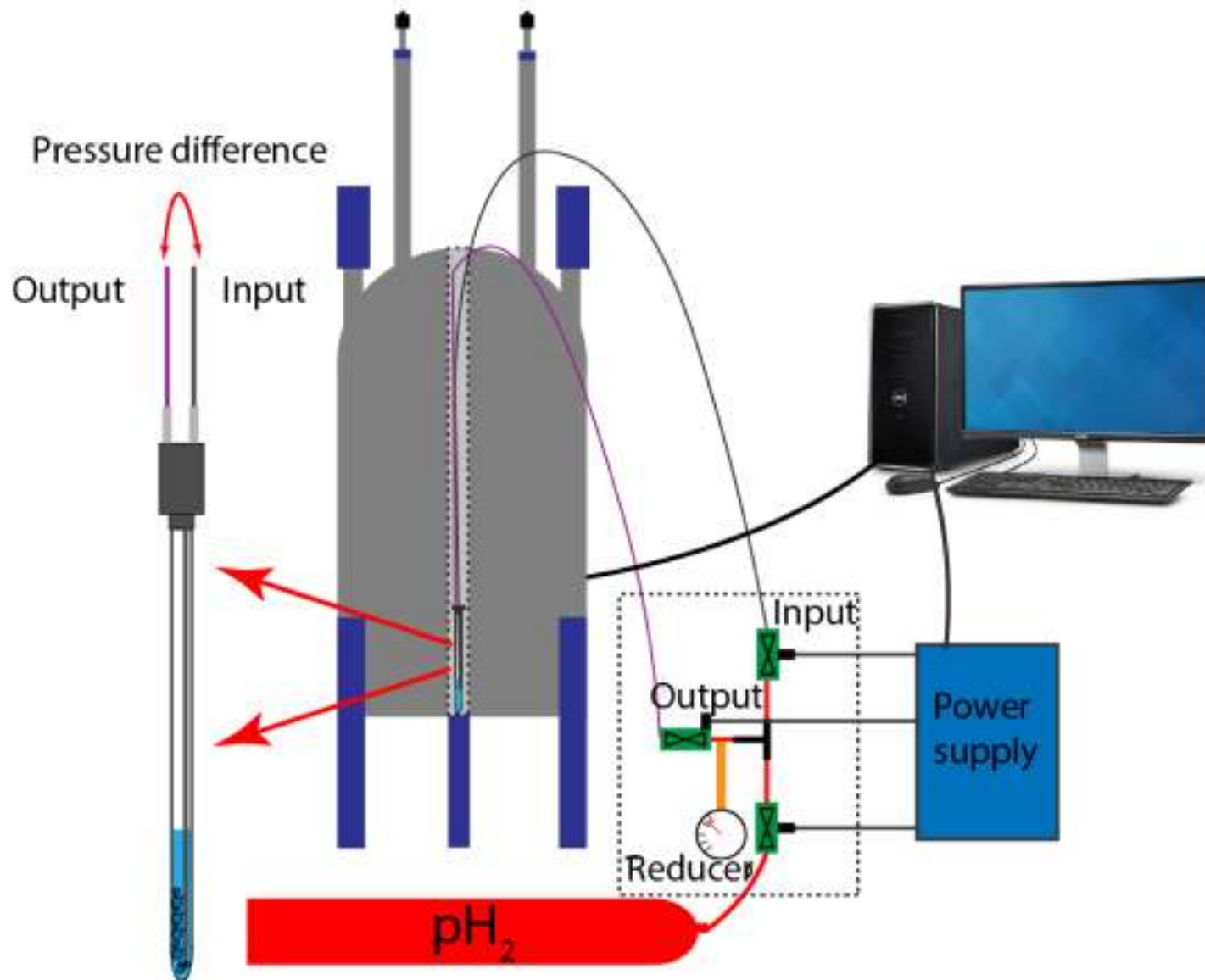
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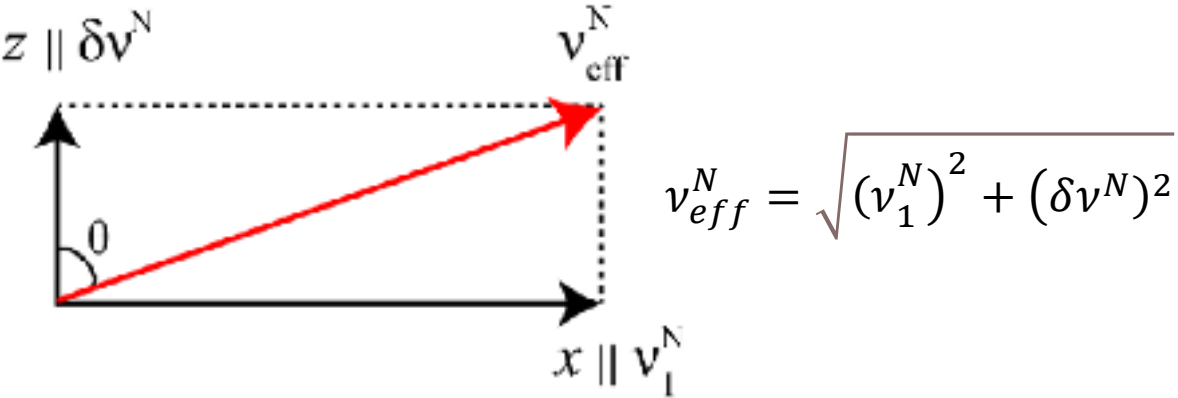
Experimental setup



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SLIC-SABRE and RF-SABRE LAC's

SLIC-SABRE



LAC $|SS\rangle$ and $|T_0T_-\rangle$: $v_{eff}^N = -J_{HH'} - J_{NN'}$

LAC $|ST_+\rangle$ and $|T_0S\rangle$: $v_{eff}^N = -J_{HH'} + J_{NN'}$

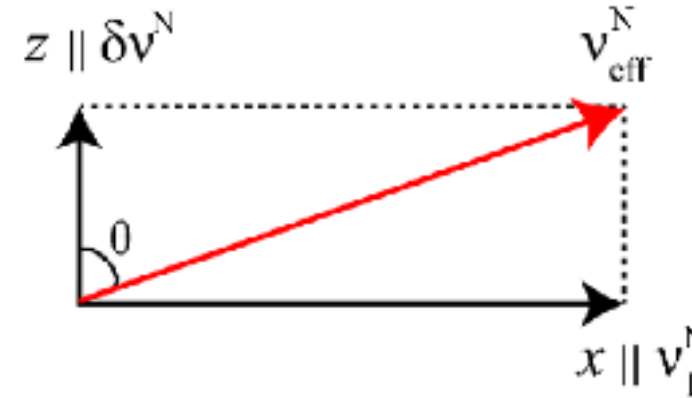
$|SS\rangle, |ST_+\rangle, |ST_0\rangle, |ST_-\rangle \longrightarrow |T_0T_-\rangle, |T_0S\rangle, |ST_0\rangle, |ST_-\rangle$

LAC exchange

Polarization = 0

Polarization = -0.5

RF-SABRE



LAC $|ST_+\rangle$ and $|T_+S\rangle$: $v_{eff}^N = v_1^H - J_{HH'} + J_{NN'}$

LAC $|ST_-\rangle$ and $|T_-S\rangle$: $v_{eff}^N = v_1^H + J_{HH'} - J_{NN'}$

LAC $|SS\rangle$ and $|T_+T_-\rangle$: $v_{eff}^N = v_1^H - J_{HH'} - J_{NN'}$

LAC $|SS\rangle$ and $|T_-T_+\rangle$: $v_{eff}^N = v_1^H + J_{HH'} + J_{NN'}$

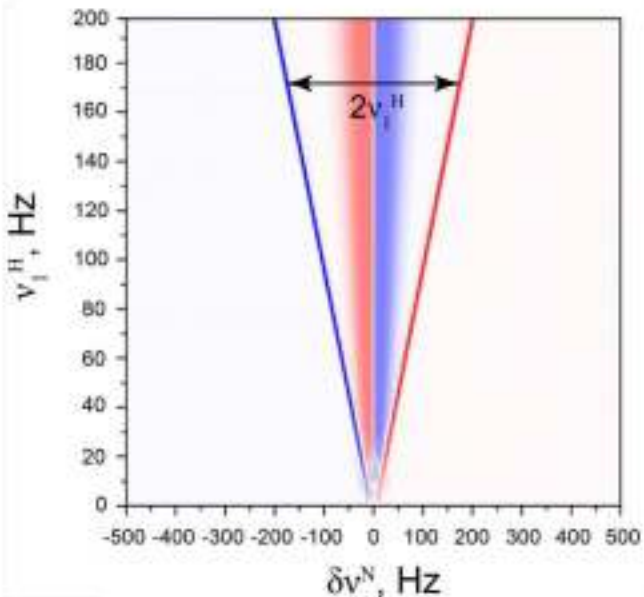
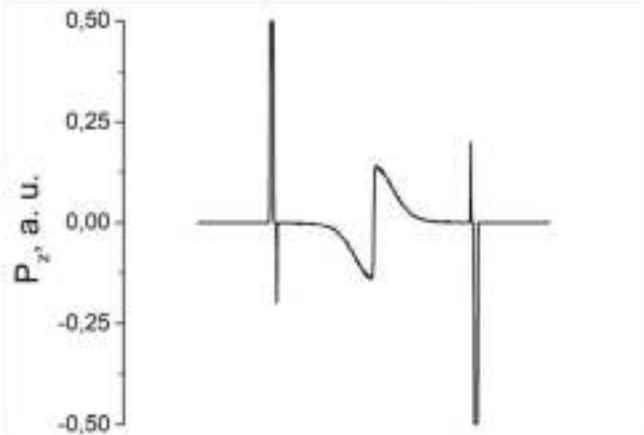
Polarization = ± 0.5

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RF-SABRE magnetization calculation

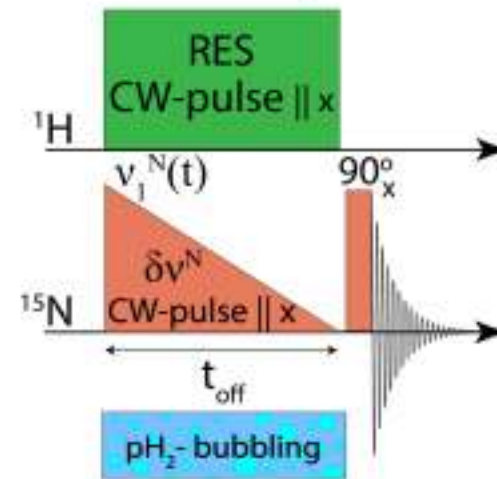
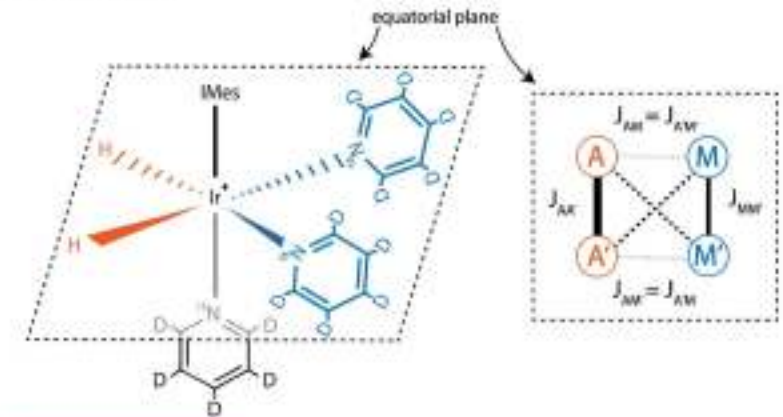
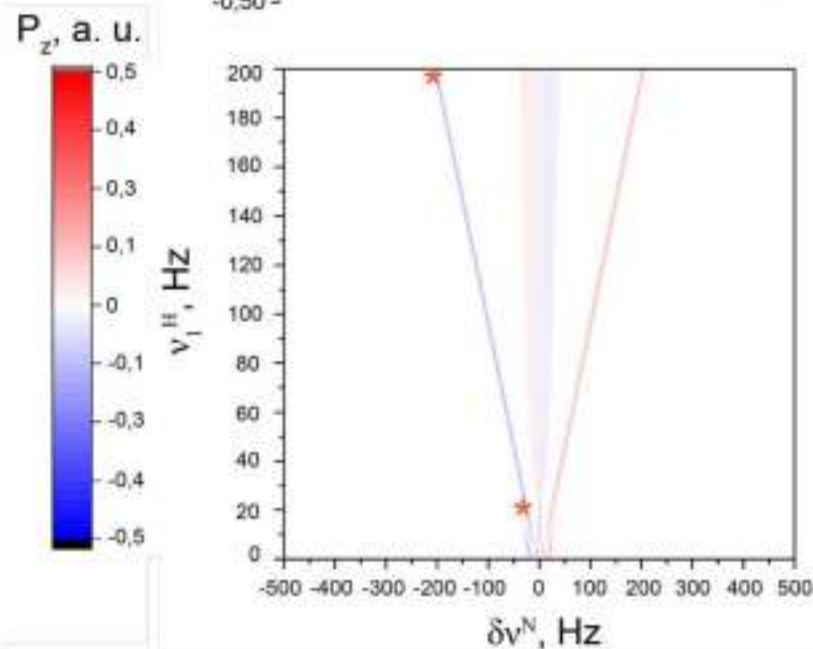
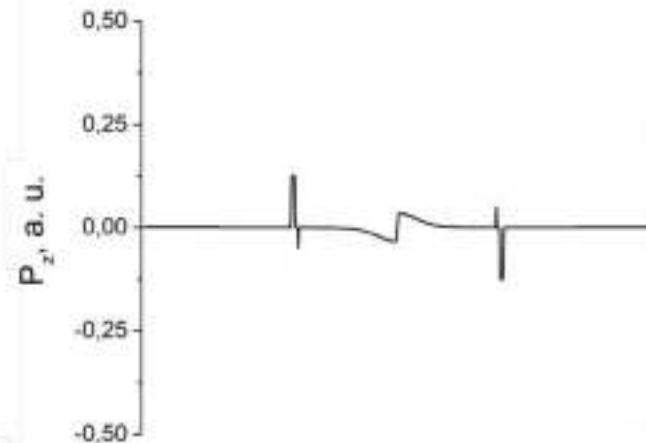
a)

$$\hat{\rho}_{H_2} = \hat{\rho}_S$$



b)

$$\hat{\rho}_{H_2} = \hat{\rho}_{zz}$$



RF-SABRE is still effective in the presence of singlet-triplet conversion in molecular hydrogen

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CAP calculation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \nu_1^N(t) = -\xi_0 \left\{ \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{|\langle i | (\hat{I}_{Nx} + \hat{I}_{N'x}) | j \rangle|^2}{(E_i - E_j)^4} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

with initial condition: $\nu_1^N(0) = \nu_1^H + 10 \text{ Hz}$



We have to avoid LC's in order to calculate CAP correctly (calculation in AA'XX' symmetry group basis)

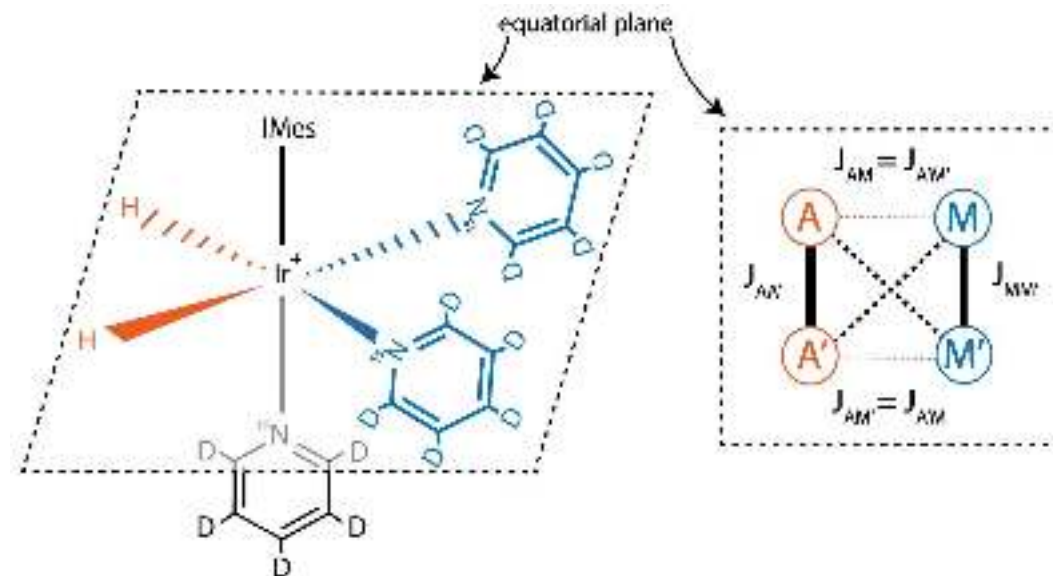
$G_{AA'XX'}$	()	(12)(34)
A	1	1
B	1	-1
Spin representation =	16	4
10A+6B		

A - $\{T_+T_+, T_+T_0, T_+T_-, T_0T_+, T_0T_0, T_0T_-, T_-T_+, T_-T_0, T_-T_-, SS\}$,

B - $\{T_+S, T_0S, T_-S, ST_+, ST_0, ST_-\}$.



Avoid LC's between different irreps



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LvN equations with chemical exchange

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\hat{\rho}_S}{dt} = \hat{L}_S \hat{\rho}_S - W_a \hat{\rho}_S + k_d \text{Tr}_{H_2} \{\hat{\rho}_C\} \\ \frac{d\hat{\rho}_C}{dt} = \hat{L}_C \hat{\rho}_C - k_d \hat{\rho}_C + W_a (\hat{\rho}_S \otimes \hat{\rho}_{H_2}^{Ir}) \end{cases}$$



Integral Encounter Theory equations

$$W_a = k_d \frac{[C]}{[S]} \quad \hat{L}_{C,S} = -i\hat{H}_{C,S} + \hat{R}_{C,S}$$

$$\hat{H}_{C,S} \hat{\rho}_{C,S} = [\hat{H}_{C,S}, \hat{\rho}_{C,S}]$$

$$R_{ij,mn} = \frac{1}{2} \left(2J_{im,jn} - \delta_{jn} \sum_l J_{lm,li} - \delta_{im} \sum_l J_{lj,ln} \right)$$

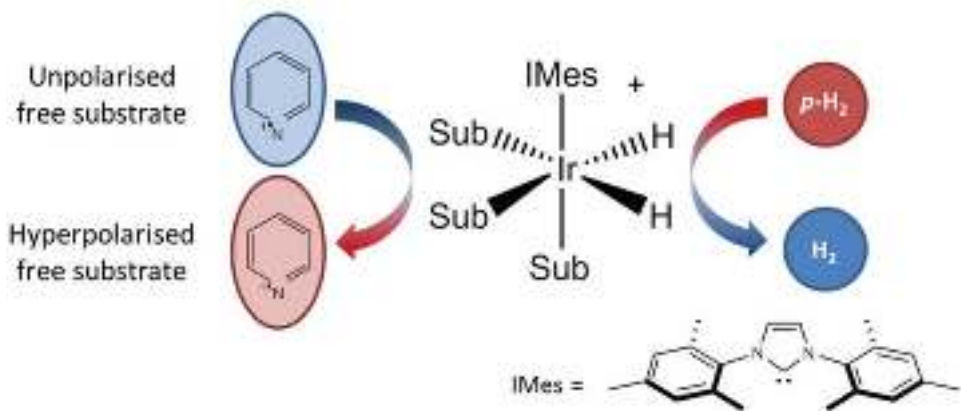


Relaxation superoperator
(extreme narrowing regime)

$$J_{ij,mn} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{q=x,y,z} \frac{1}{T_{1,k}} \langle i | \hat{I}_{kq} | j \rangle \langle n | \hat{I}_{kq} | m \rangle \rightarrow \text{Spectral density}$$

$$\text{Tr}\{\hat{\rho}_C\} = \frac{[C]}{[C]+[S]}, \text{Tr}\{\hat{\rho}_S\} = \frac{[S]}{[C]+[S]} \rightarrow \text{Density matrix normalization}$$

$$T_1^{IrH} = 1 \text{ s}, T_1^{bS} = 3 \text{ s}, T_1^{fS} = 30 \text{ s}$$



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Spin-coupling constants

J_{ij} , Hz	H ₁	H ₂	N ₁	N ₂
H ₁	—	-7	0	-20
H ₂	-7	—	-20	0
N ₁	0	-20	—	-0,4
N ₂	-20	0	-0,4	—
δ , ppm in SABRE complex	-22.8	-22.8	255.15	255.15
δ , ppm free	4.5	4.5	300	300