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# Spin Chemistry

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# SPIN CHEMISTRY MEETING 2011

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Spin and Magnetic Field Effects in  
Chemistry and Related Phenomena

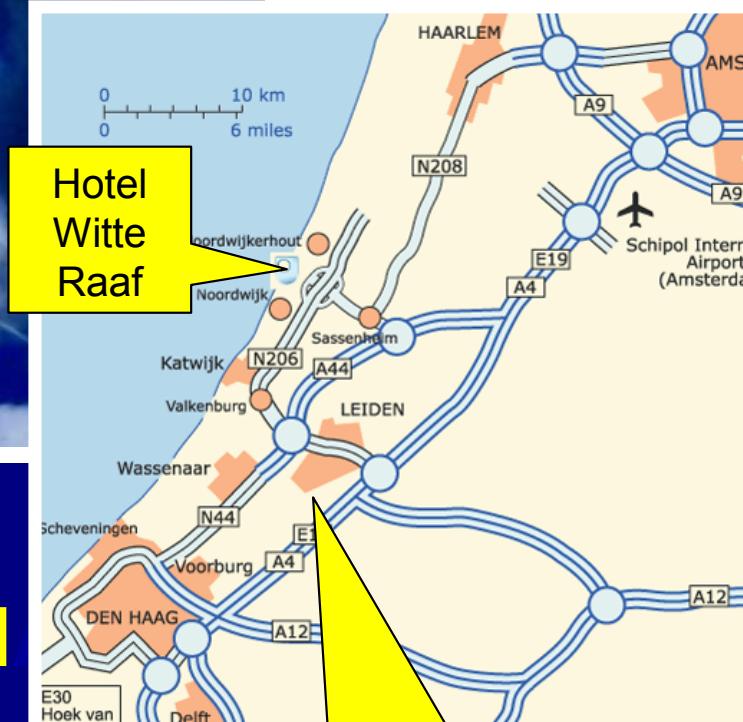
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Noordwijk, The Netherlands

*Lorentz Workshop*

## SPIN-HYPERPOLARIZATION

Lorentz-Center, Leiden, scheduled for 30 Jan. - 3 Feb. 2012.

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# SPIN CHEMISTRY MEETING 2013

Badgastein, Austria

## Overview: Spin Chemistry

Effects of electron and nuclear spins **on the rates and yields  
of chemical processes,**  
in particular those with **radical pairs** as reaction  
intermediates.

# Overview: Spin Chemistry

## Radical pair reactions

- **Spin states**

- singlet ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ ) & triplet ( $\uparrow\uparrow$ )

- **Formation**



- heat, light, ionizing irradiation, ...

- in liquid and solid states

- **Spin-selective reactivity**

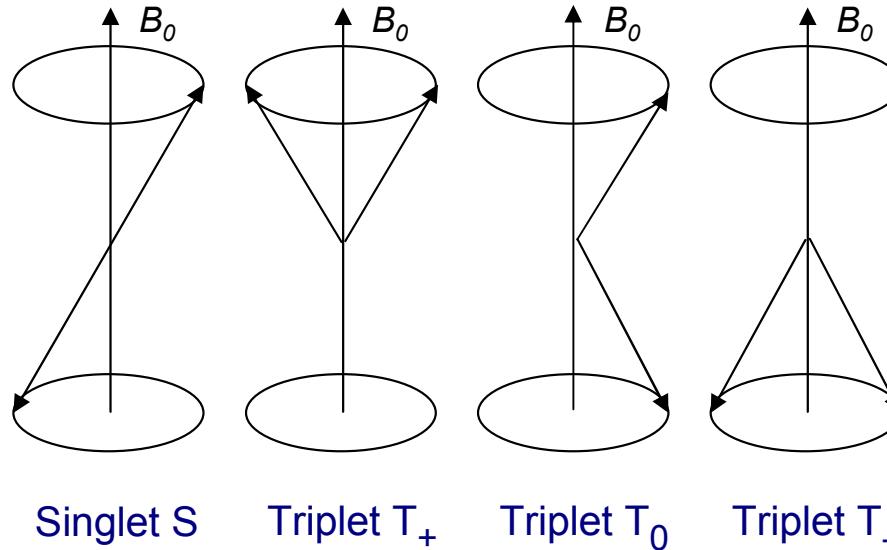
- conservation of spin



# Overview: Spin Chemistry

Four states in vector presentation

$\mathbf{R}_1 \cdot + \mathbf{R}_2 \cdot$  pair: Vector model of electron spin states



Quantum states  $|j,m\rangle$

$ 1,1\rangle$	$\uparrow\uparrow$
$ 1,0\rangle$	$(\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow)/\sqrt{2}$
$ 1,1\rangle$	$\downarrow\downarrow$
$ 0,0\rangle$	$(\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow)/\sqrt{2}$

Three triplet states

One singlet state

# Overview: Spin Chemistry

## Radical pair interactions

- electron-nucleus: hyperfine interactions
  - $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , ...
  - 1-100 MHz
  - anisotropic
- electron-electron: exchange & dipolar interactions
  - < hyperfine interactions when  $r_{ee} > \sim 1.5$  nm
- electron-field: Zeeman interaction
  - 28 MHz per mT for  $g \approx 2$
- $k_{\text{B}} T/h$ :  $6 \times 10^6$  MHz at 300 K

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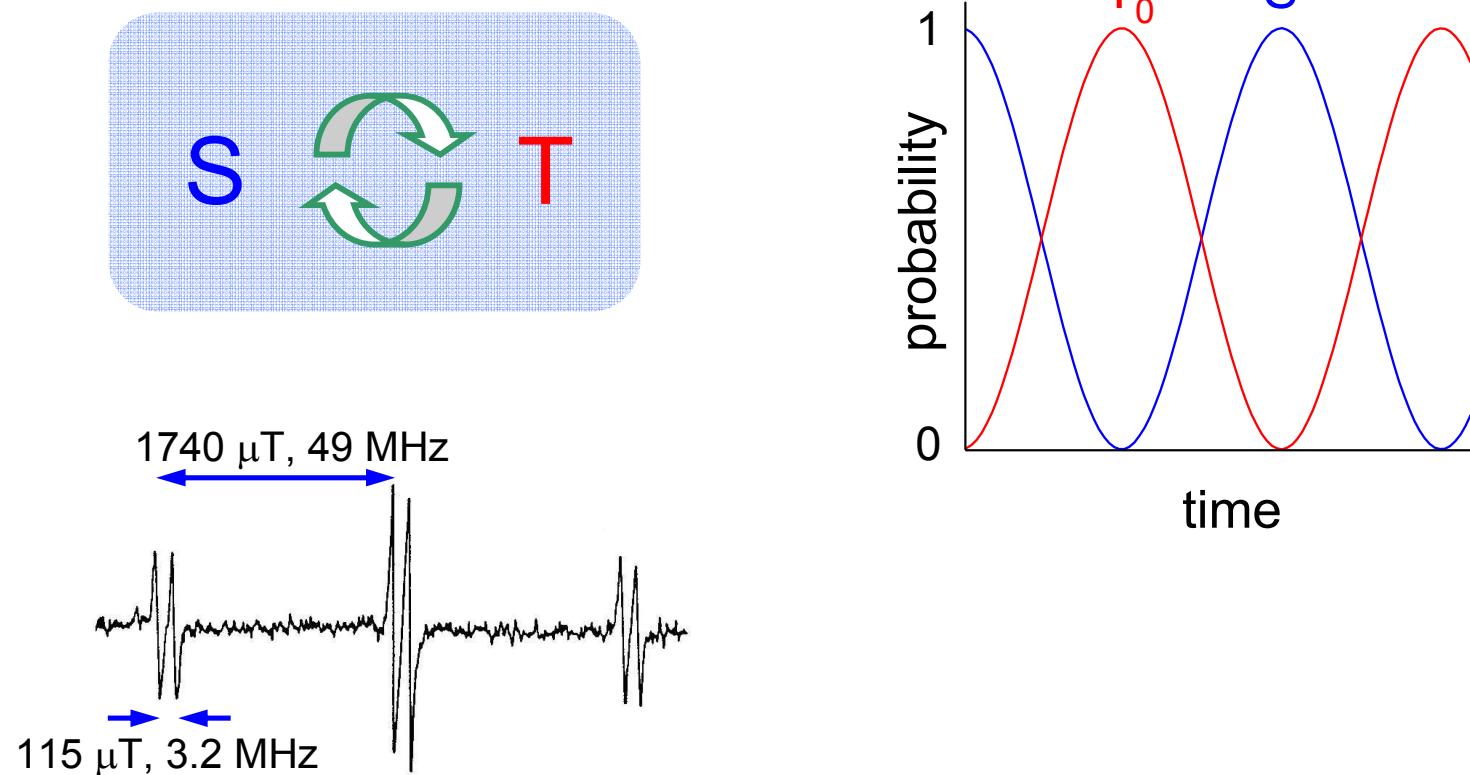
## Radical pair properties

- lifetimes
  - typically 10 ns – 1  $\mu$ s in solution
  - potentially unlimited in solids
- spin relaxation
  - typically 10 ns – 1  $\mu$ s
- spin correlation
  - S and T are normally non-stationary states

# Overview: Spin Chemistry

## Coherent singlet-triplet interconversion

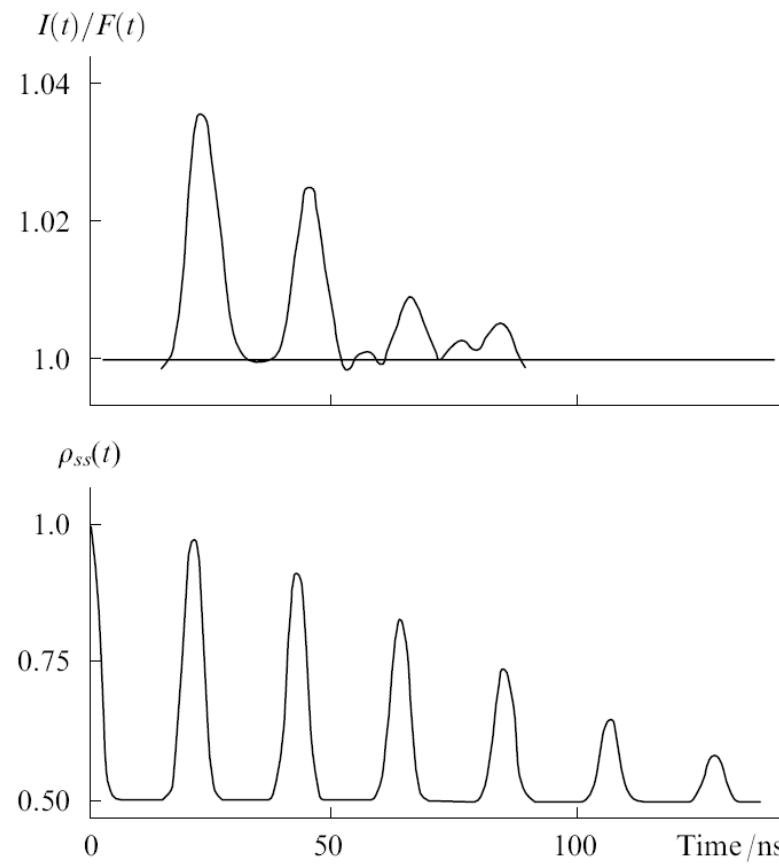
- S and T states are not stationary states
- interconverted by weak magnetic interactions



# Overview: Spin Chemistry

## Quantum beats by hyperfine interactions

$[p\text{-terphenyl-d}_{14}]^{\bullet+} + [\text{tetramethylethylene}]^{\bullet-}$  in *trans*-decalin



0.33 T

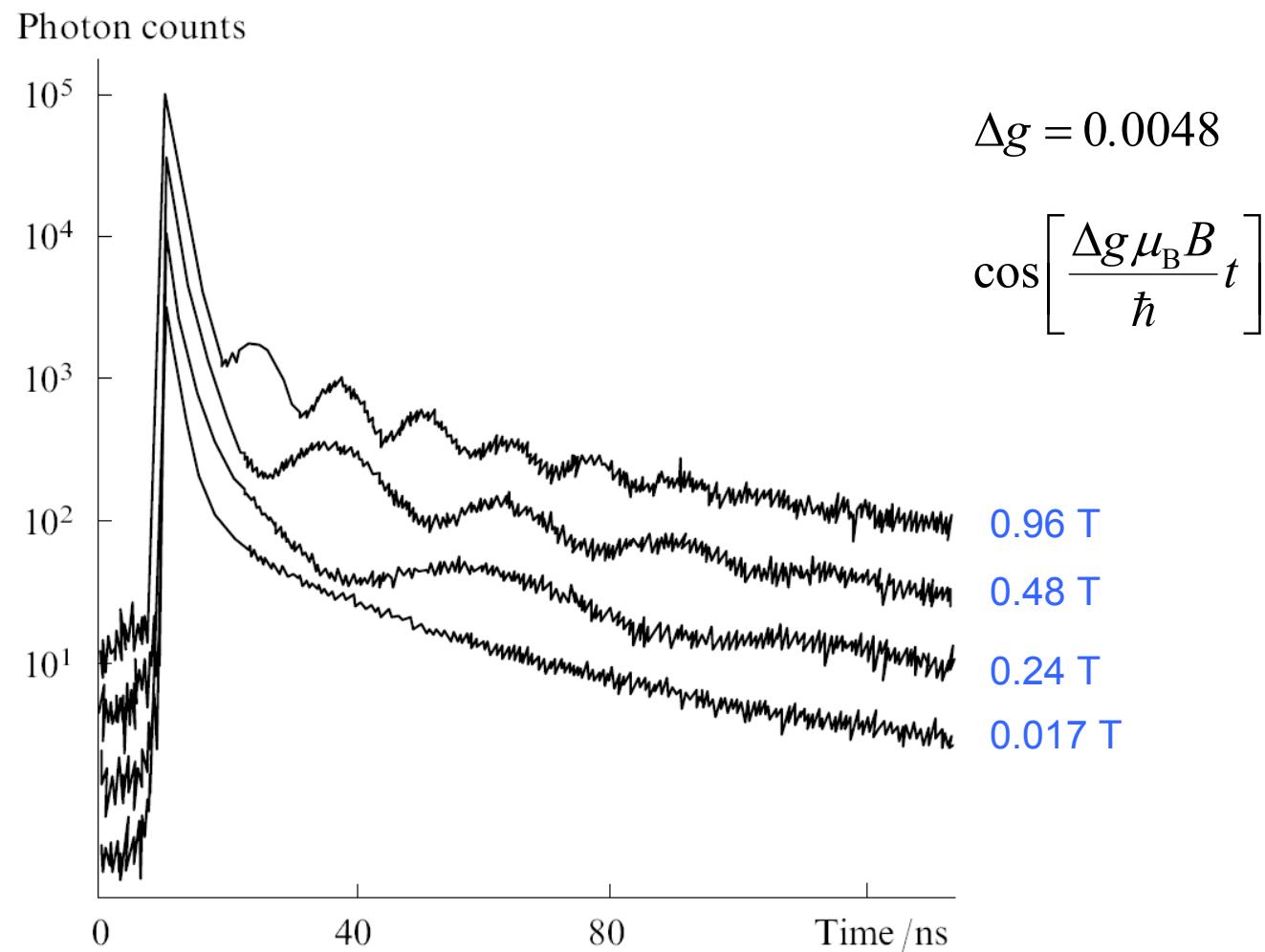
$a = 45.5 \text{ MHz}$

$\cos^{12}(\pi at)$

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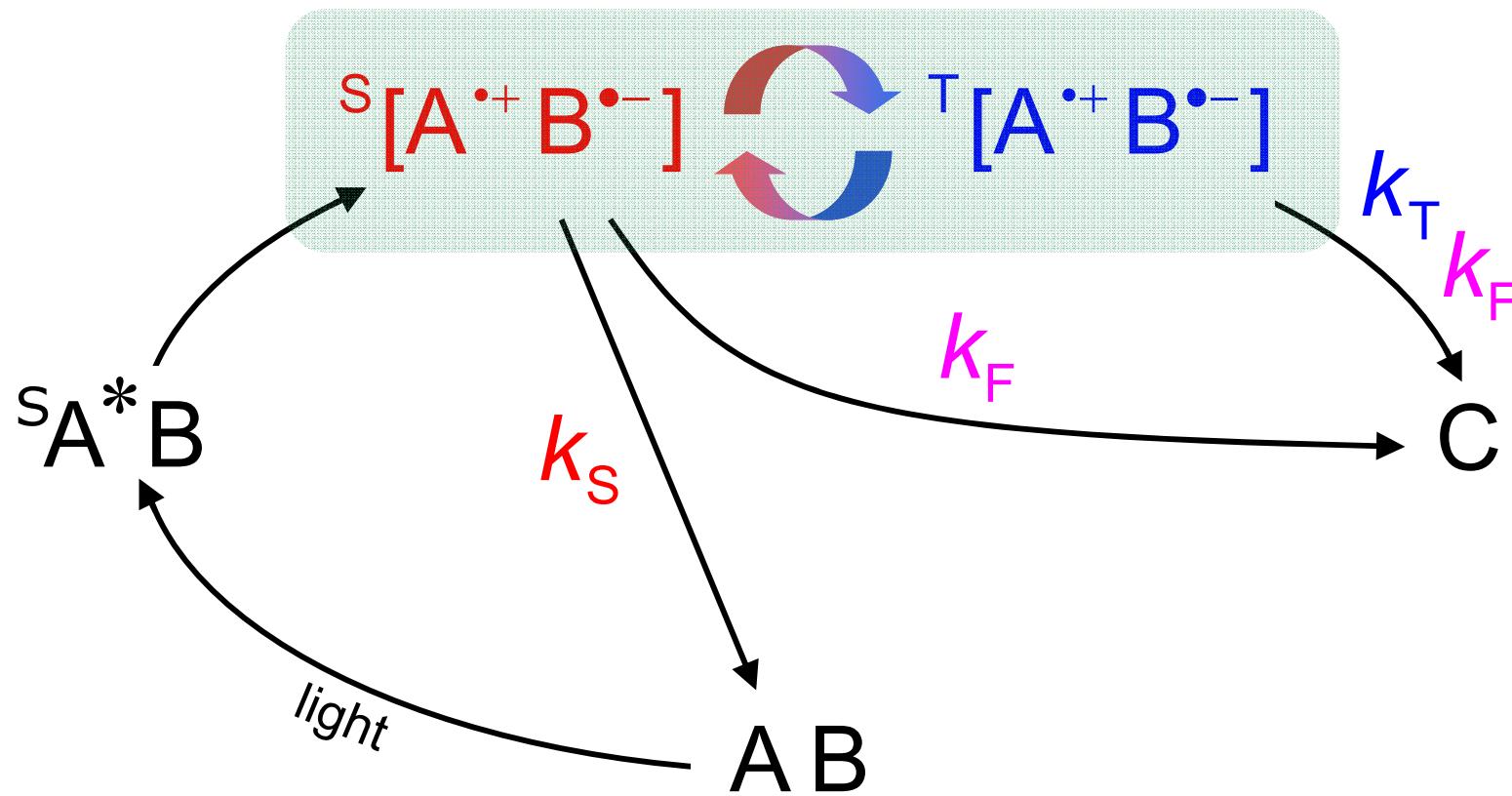
## Quantum beats by Zeeman interactions

$[p\text{-terphenyl-d}_{14}]^{\bullet+} + [\text{diphenylsulphide-d}_{10}]^{\bullet-}$  in isoctane



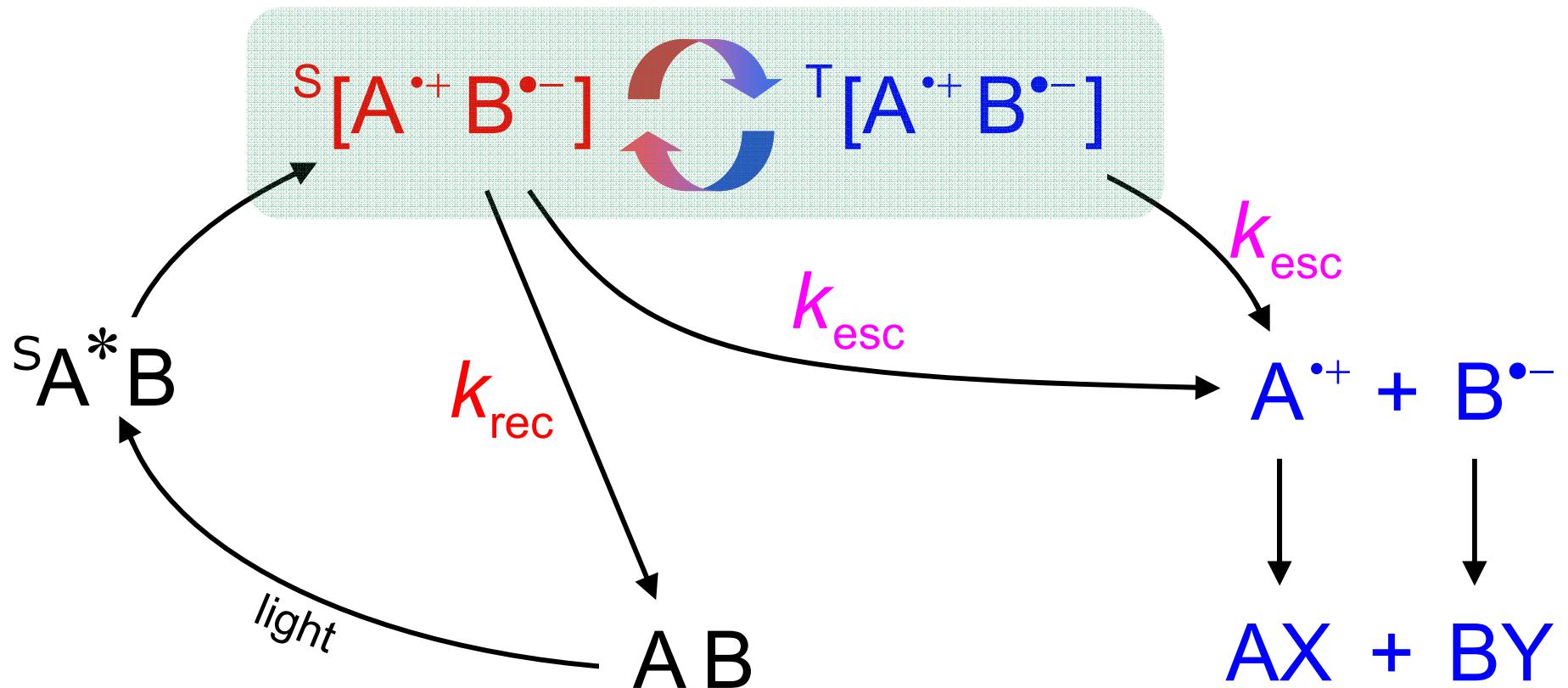
# Overview: Spin Chemistry

Reaction dynamics in solid state



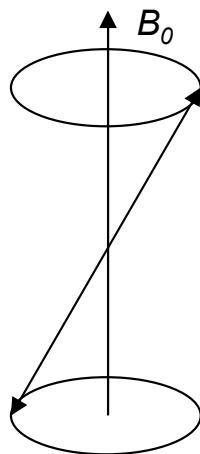
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Reaction dynamics in liquid state

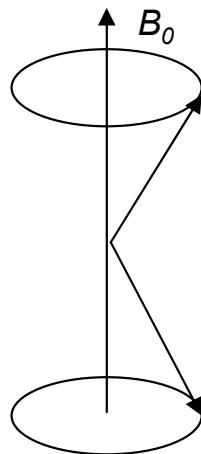


# Overview: Organic Spin Chemistry

Reaction dynamics in liquid state at high fields



Singlet S



Triplet  $T_0$

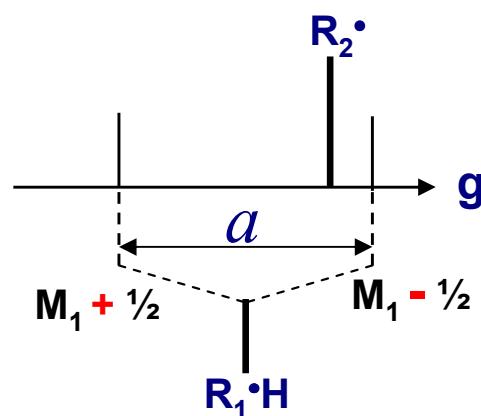
Quantum mechanical ways for **ISC**  $S \rightarrow T_0$ :

1.  $\Delta g$  mechanism:  
difference in electron Larmor precession
2.  $hf$  mechanism:  
hyperfine interaction unpaired  $e^-$ /nucleus

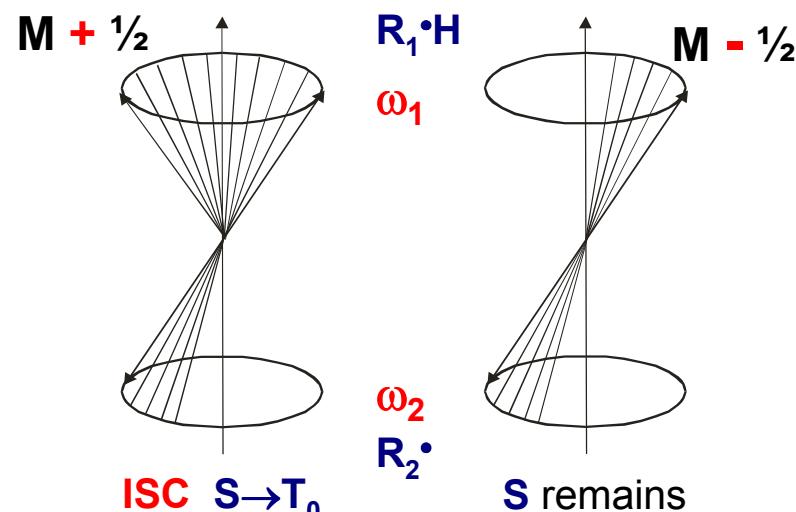
# Overview: Spin Chemistry

Reaction dynamics in liquid state at high fields

EPR spectrum of  $\text{R}_1\cdot\text{H} + \text{R}_2\cdot$  pair:



hyperfine coupling constant  $a$

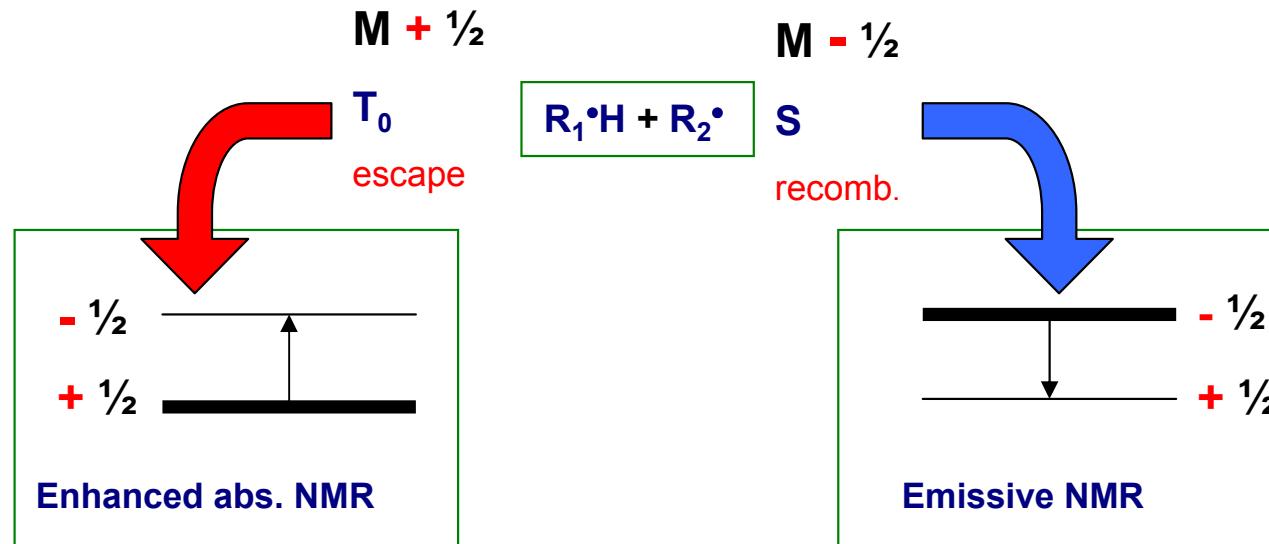


$$\Delta\omega = (g_1 - g_2) \frac{\beta B_0}{h} \pm \frac{1}{2} a_H$$

Nuclear spins control reaction path

# Overview: Spin Chemistry

## The classical Radical-Pair Mechanism (RPM)



- Reaction products **out of Boltzmann** equilibrium
- **Net polarization** observable by NMR, if
  1. different photo-products, or
  2. selective relaxation

Closs GL & Closs LE (1969) J Am Chem Soc 91: 4549-4550.

Kaptein R & Oosterhoff J L (1969) Chem Phys Lett 4: 195-197.

# Overview: Spin Chemistry

## Theoretical description

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}(t) = -i [ \hat{H}(t), \hat{\rho}(t) ]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\rho(t)\rangle = - \left[ i \hat{H} + \hat{K} + \hat{R} + \hat{W} \right] |\rho(t)\rangle$$

$\hat{H}$       hyperfine, Zeeman, exchange, dipolar, quadrupolar ... interactions

$\hat{K}$       kinetics: formation, reaction, electron hopping, ...

$\hat{R}$       spin relaxation: usually *ad hoc* but also e.g. Redfield theory

$\hat{W}$       motion: e.g. translational diffusion

$|\rho(t)\rangle$     may include product states

# Overview: Spin Chemistry

Four fields of spin effects in radical pairs

- 1** Electron spin polarization
- 2** Nuclear spin polarization
- 3** Magnetic field effect
- 4** Magnetic isotope effect

# 1 Electron spin polarization

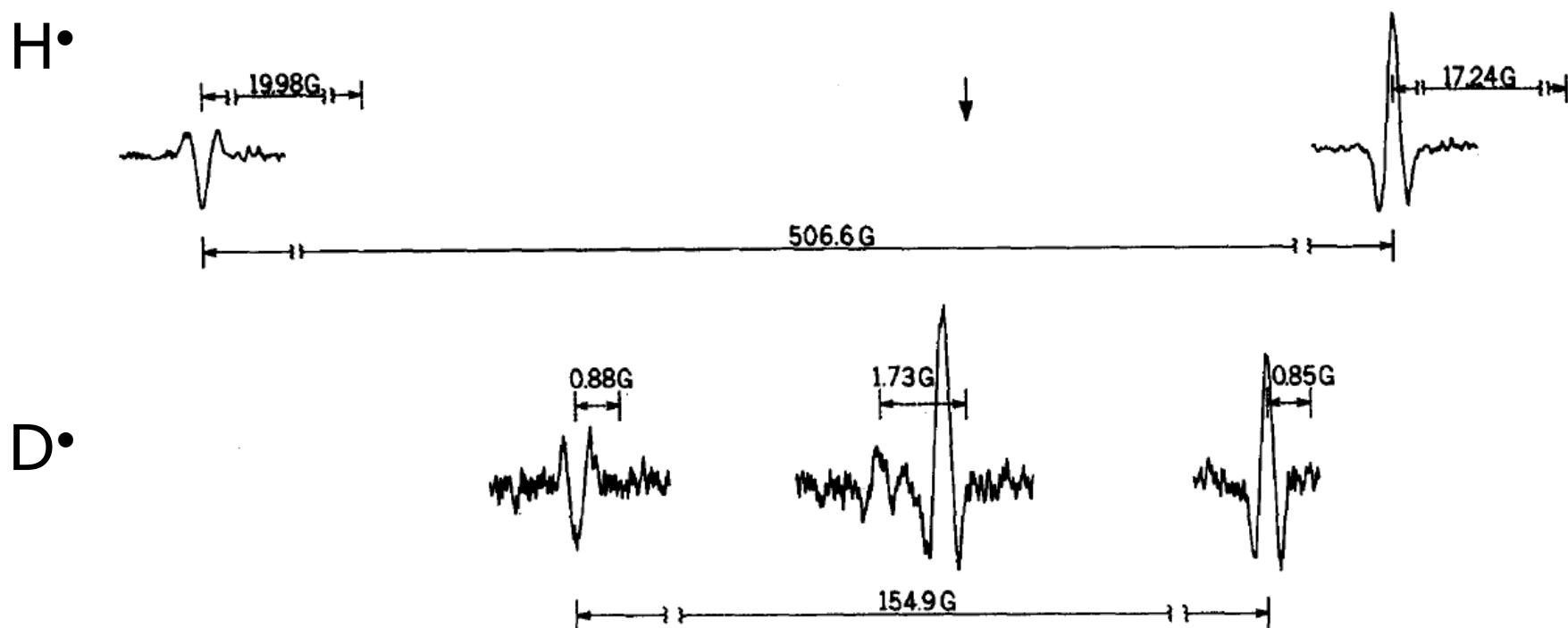
## Chemically induced dynamic electron polarization (CIDEP)

- direct detection of radical pairs, free radicals, triplet states, ... by (time-resolved) EPR spectroscopy
- usually X-band: ~0.3 T, ~9 GHz
- first observation 1963
- Radical Pair Mechanism (RPM), Triplet Mechanism (TM), Radical-Triplet Pair Mechanism, ...
- identification and characterization of transient paramagnetic species
- study kinetics, dynamics, interactions, spin relaxation
- in liquid and solid state
- ESE, ESEEM, ENDOR, ...

# 1 Electron spin polarization

CIDEP: First observation

2.8 MeV electron irradiation; liquid methane, -175 °C

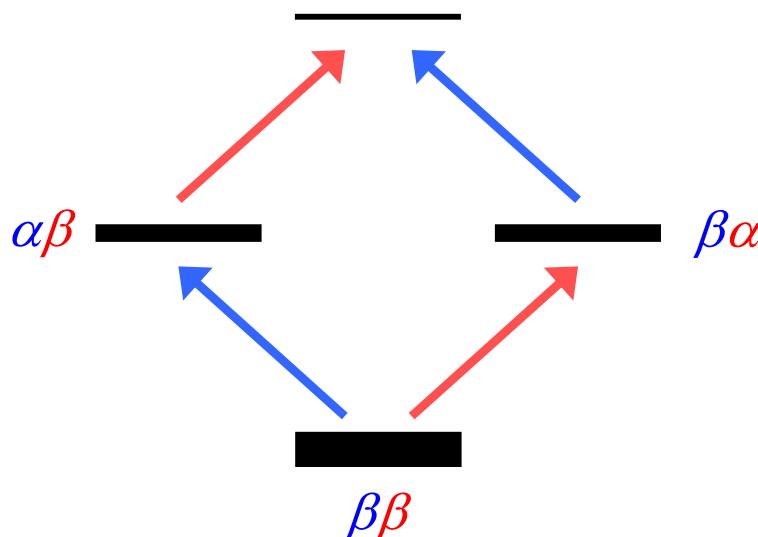


Fessenden & Schuler, *J. Chem. Phys.* (1963)

# 1 Electron spin polarization

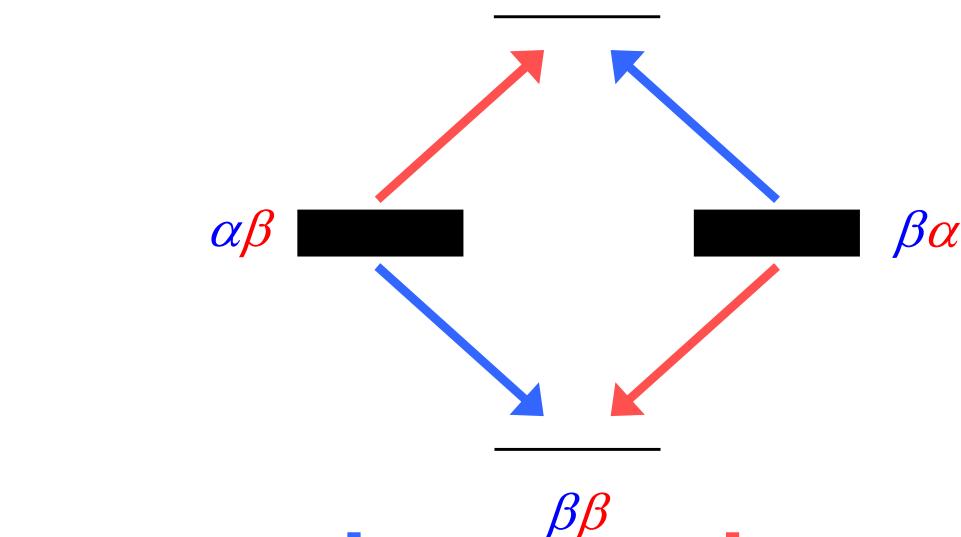
## Spin-correlated radical pair

$$\hat{\rho}(0) \propto \exp\left[-\hat{H} / k_B T\right]$$



Equilibrium

$$\hat{\rho}(0) = |S\rangle\langle S|; \quad |S\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\alpha\beta\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\beta\alpha\rangle$$

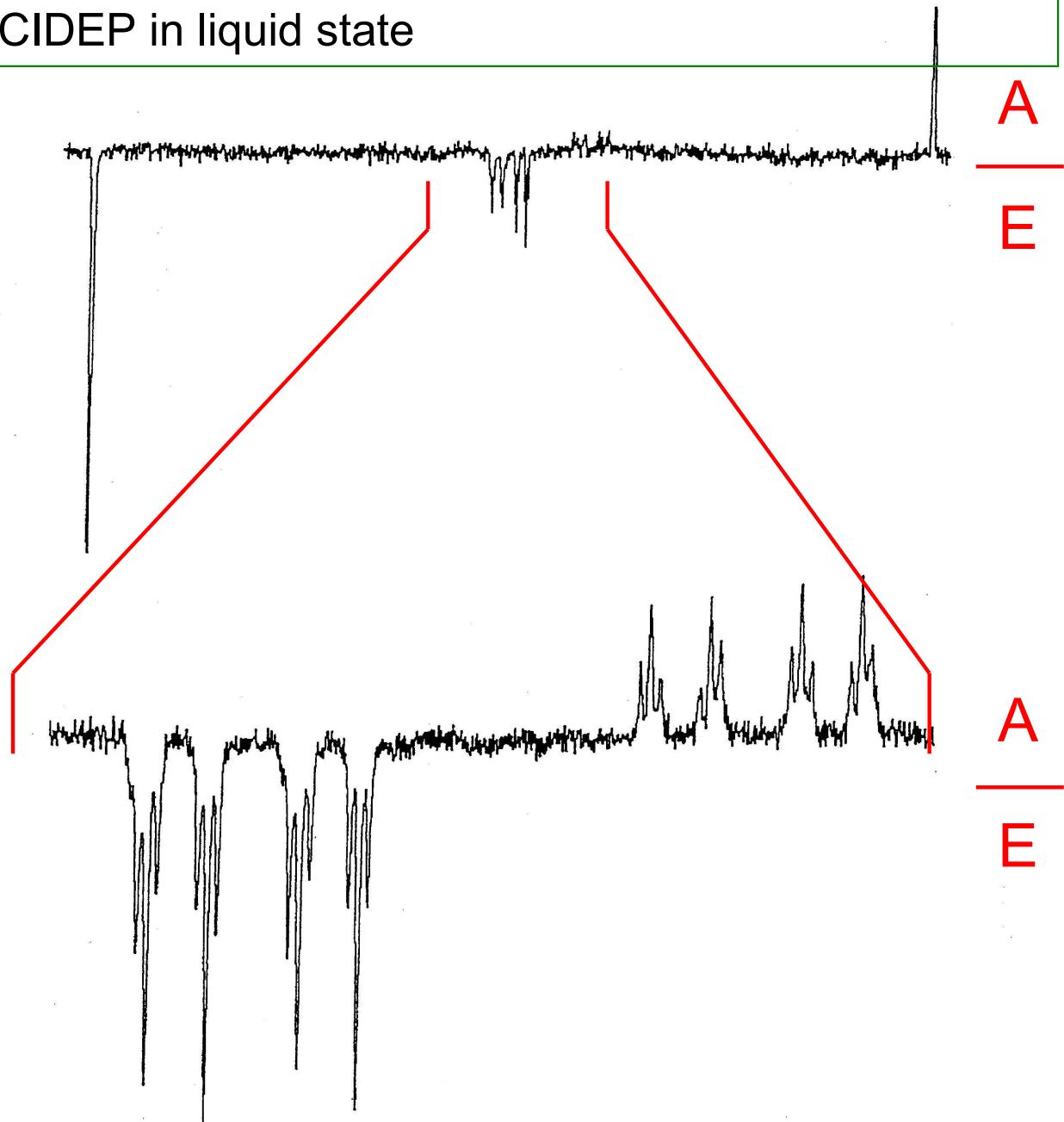
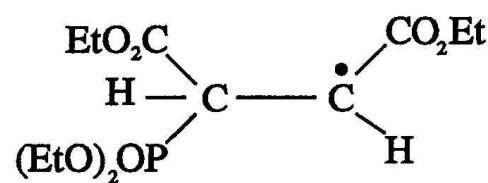


EPR

Spin-polarized

# 1 Electron spin polarization

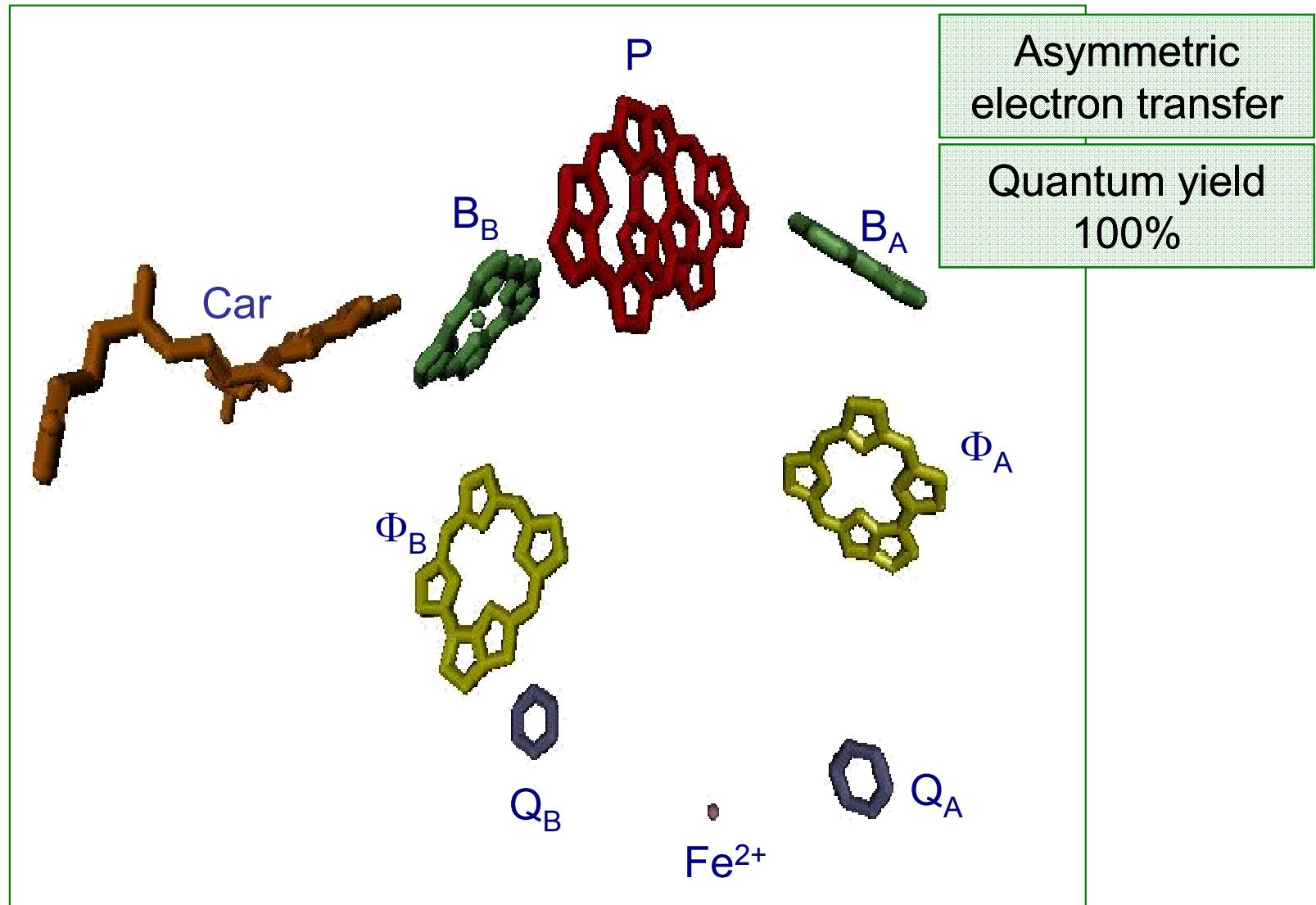
CIDEP in liquid state



McLauchlan & Simpson, *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. II* (1990)

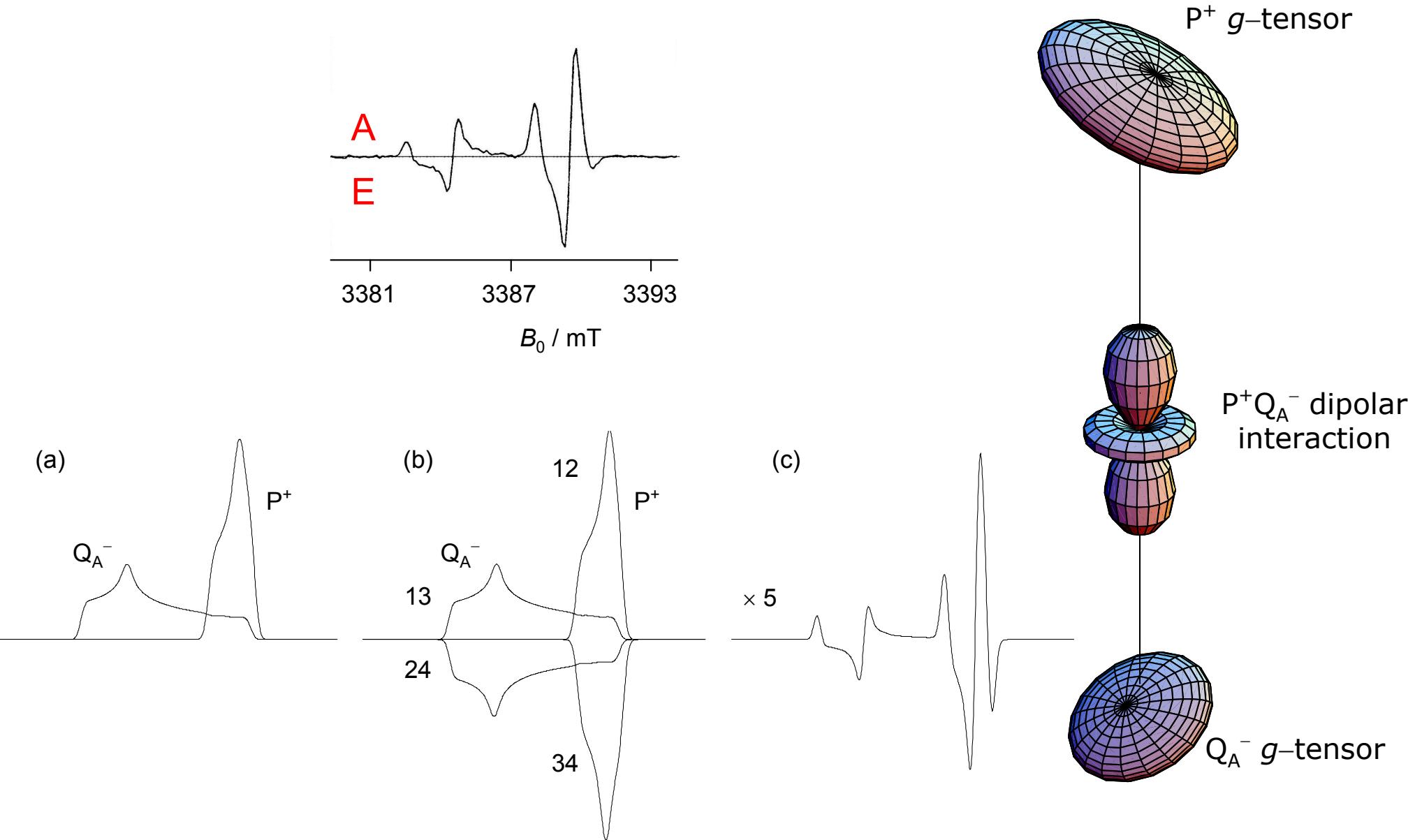
# 1 Electron spin polarization

The photosynthetic reaction center (RC) of *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*



# 1 Electron spin polarization

## Photosynthetic radical pairs



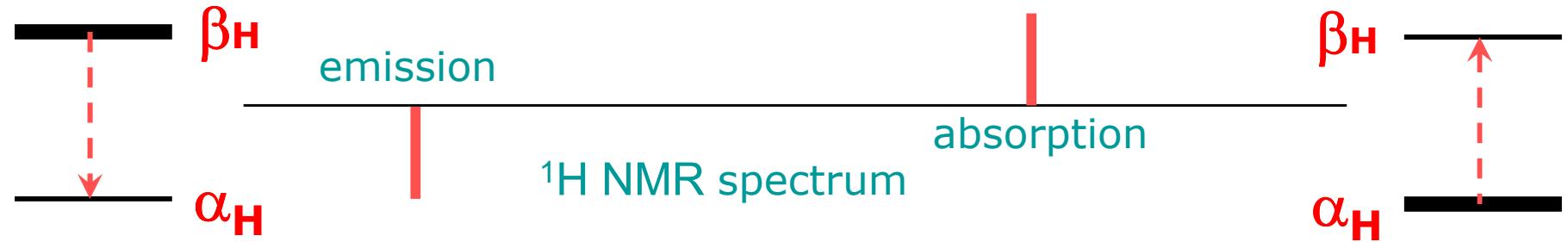
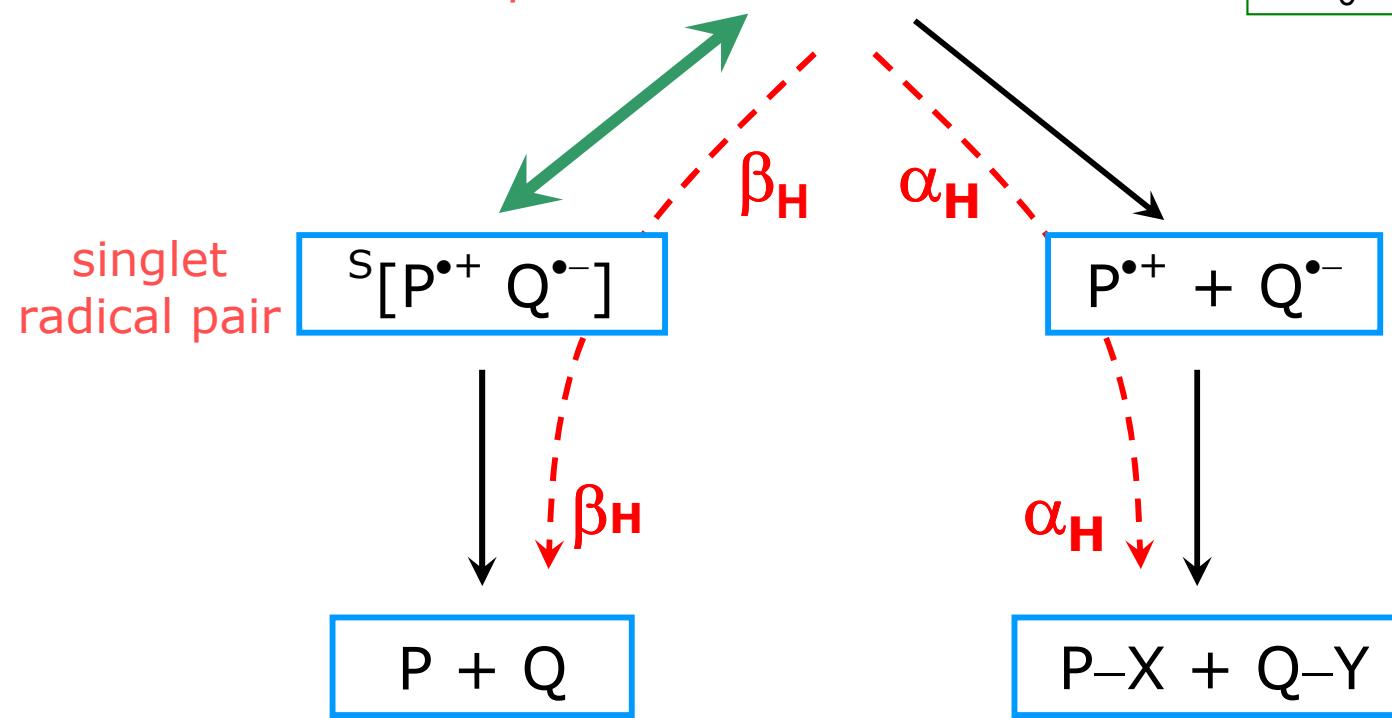
## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

### Chemically induced dynamic nuclear polarization (CIDNP)

- indirect detection of radical pairs, free radicals, triplet states ... by (time-resolved) NMR spectroscopy
- mostly  $^1\text{H}$ , but also  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , ...
- first observation 1967 (Bargon & Fischer)
- Radical Pair Mechanism 1969 (Closs & Kaptein), spin relaxation, ...
- identification and characterization of transient paramagnetic species
- study kinetics, dynamics, interactions, spin relaxation, protein structure
- mostly in liquid state

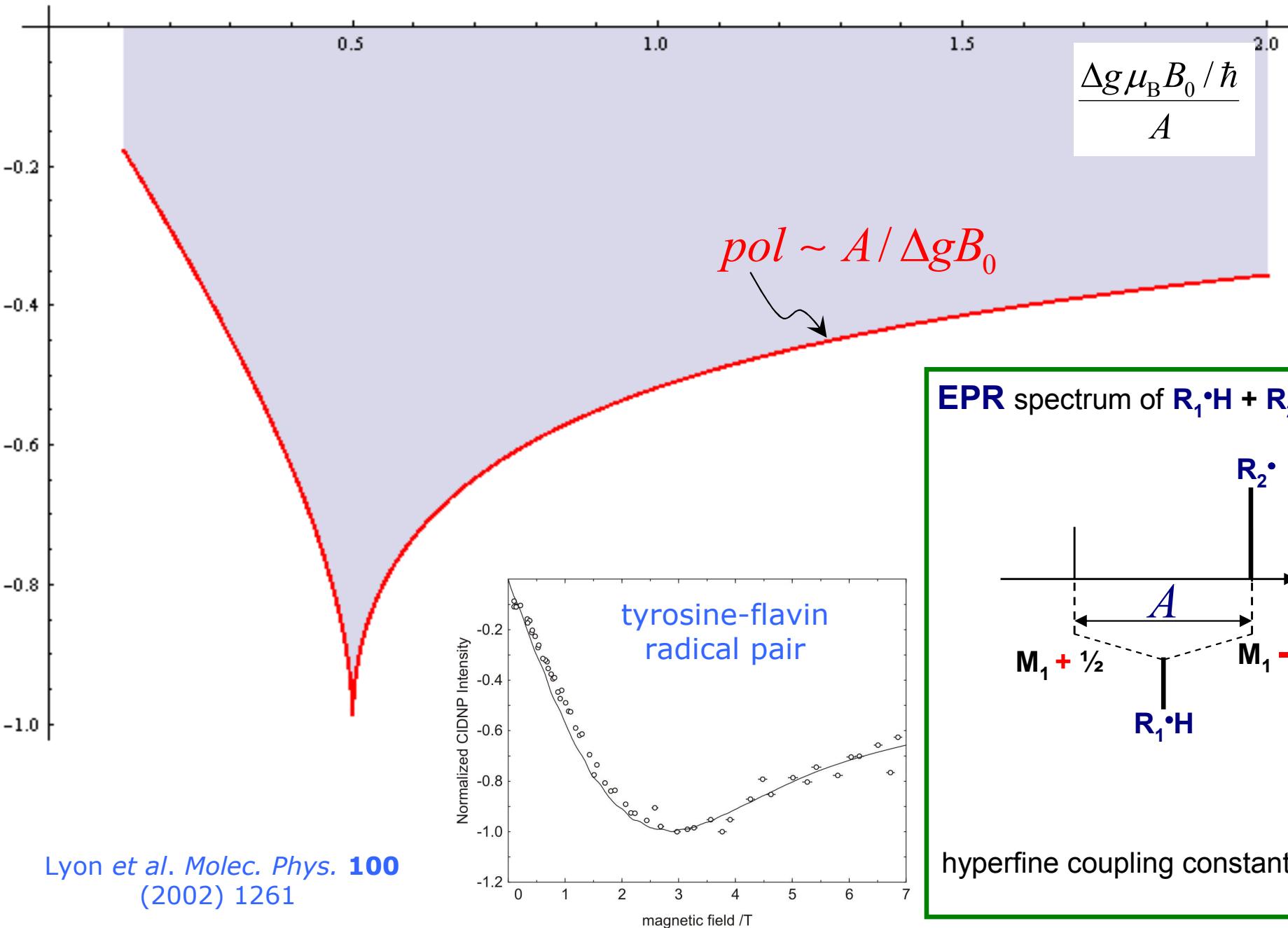
## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

Radical Pair Mechanism  
 $ST_0$  mixing



## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

### Field dependence of CIDNP



## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

Kaptein rules: Sign of CIDNP

$$\Gamma_n(i) = \mu \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \Delta g \cdot A_i$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + A \\ - E \end{array} \right. \quad \text{net effect}$$

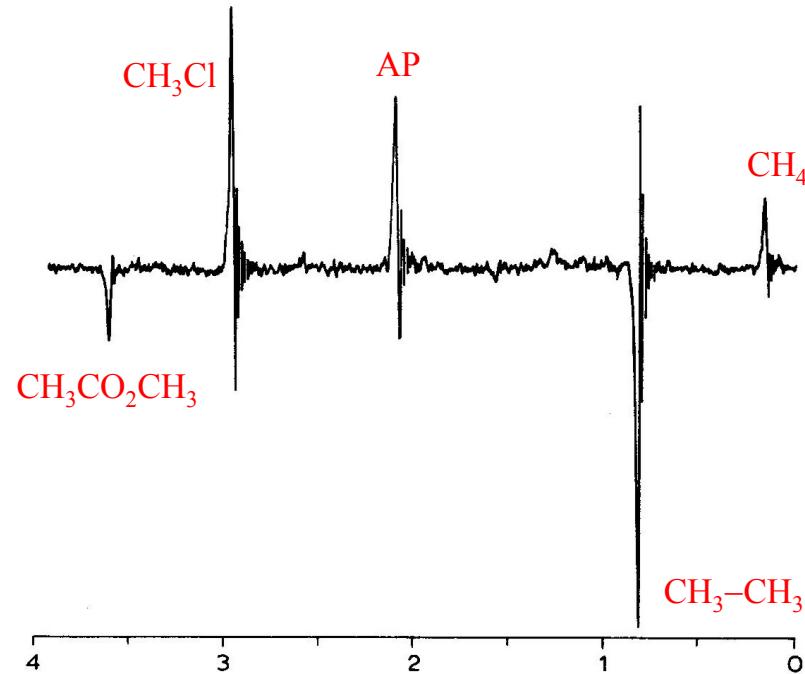
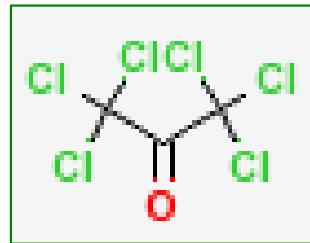
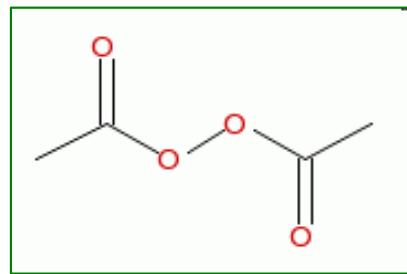
$\mu$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + T \text{ precursor and F-pairs} \\ - S \text{ precursor} \end{array} \right.$

$\varepsilon$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \text{recombination products} \\ - \text{escape products} \end{array} \right.$

## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

### CIDNP: Early observation

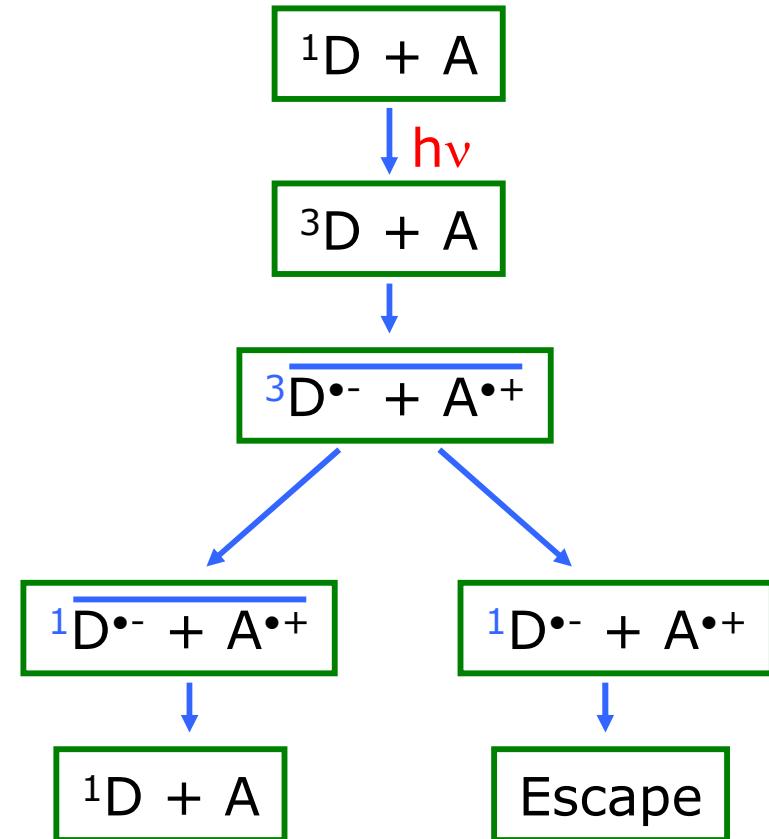
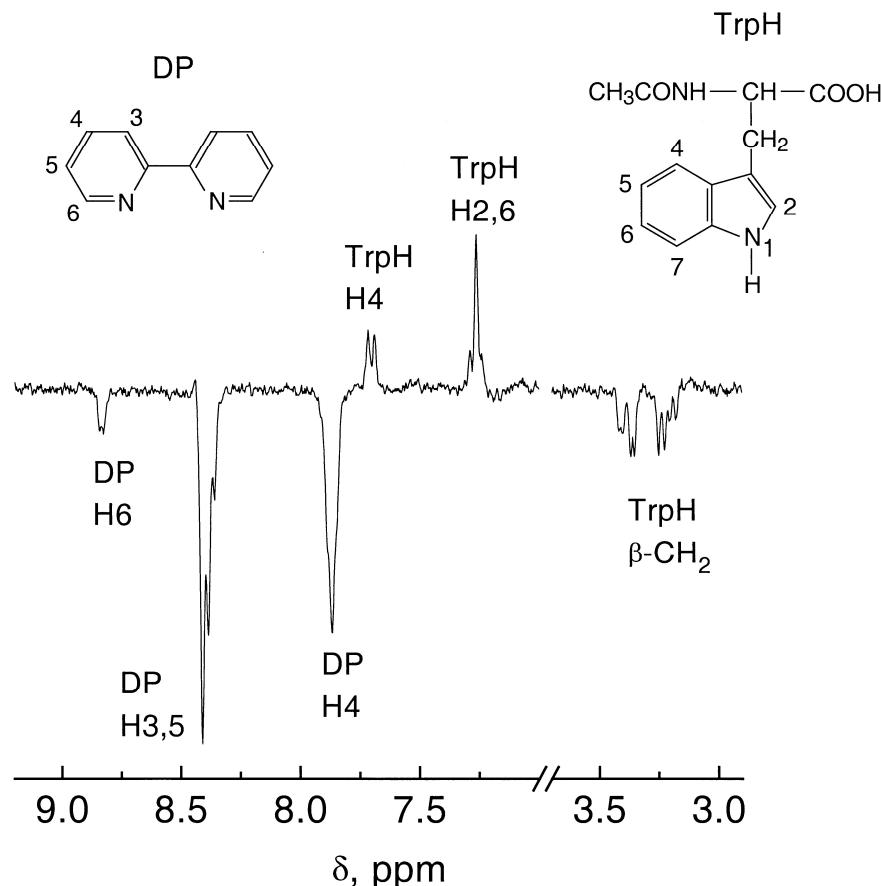
Thermal decomposition of acetyl peroxide (AP) in hexachloroacetone



Kaptein, PhD thesis, Leiden University (1971)

## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

### Chemically induced dynamic nuclear polarization (CIDNP)

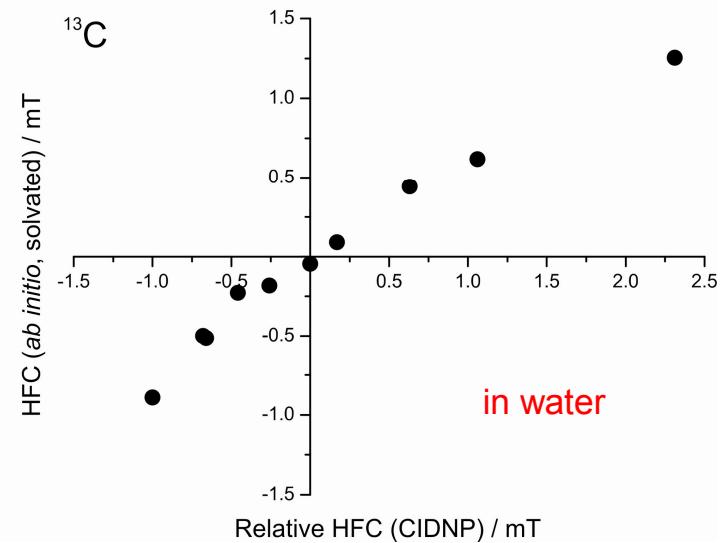
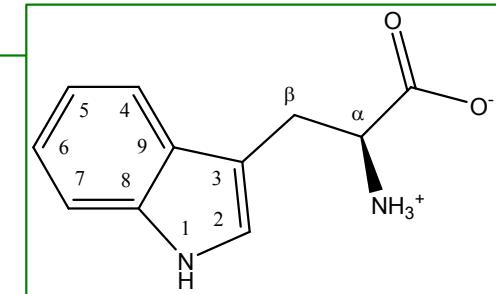
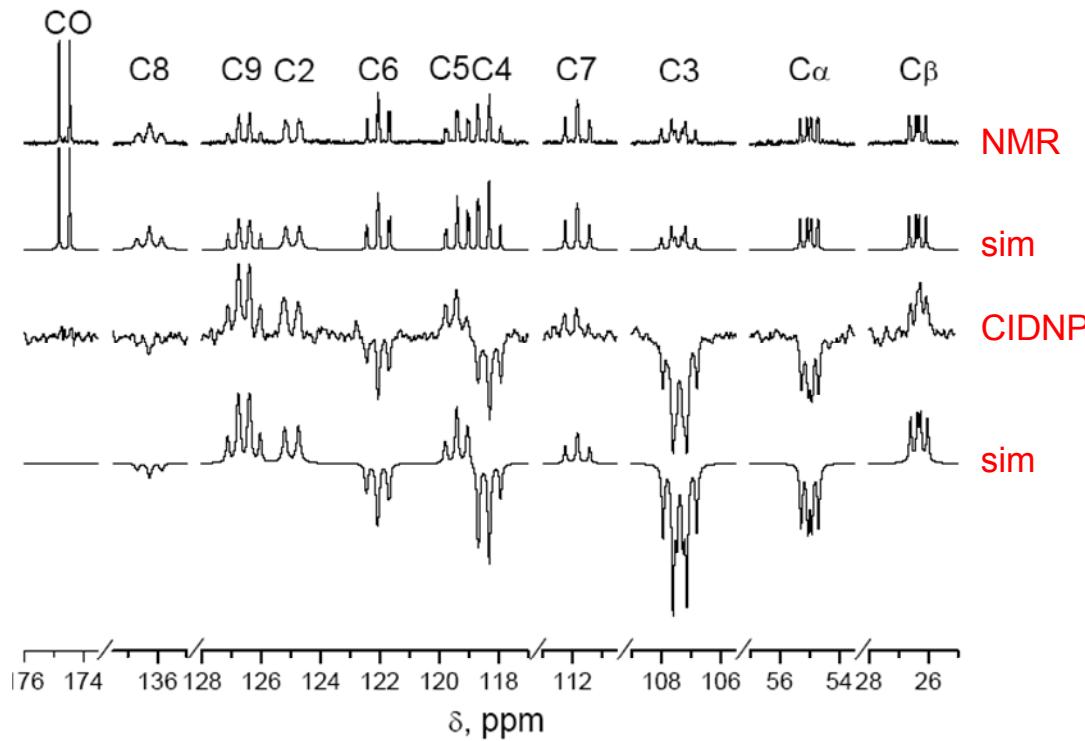


CIDNP spectrum, obtained during the irradiation of  $4.4 \times 10^{-4}$  M DP and  $1.6 \times 10^{-3}$  M TrpH solution.

Yuri P. Tsentalovich; Olga B. Morozova; Alexandra V. Yurkovskaya; P. J. Hore; *J. Phys. Chem. A* **1999**, *103*, 5362-5368.

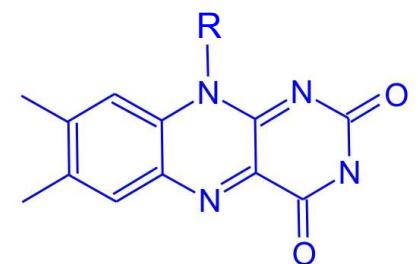
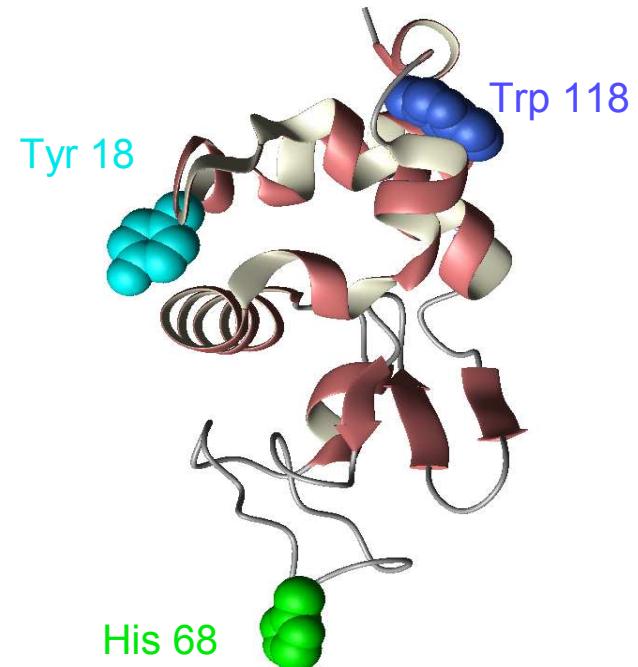
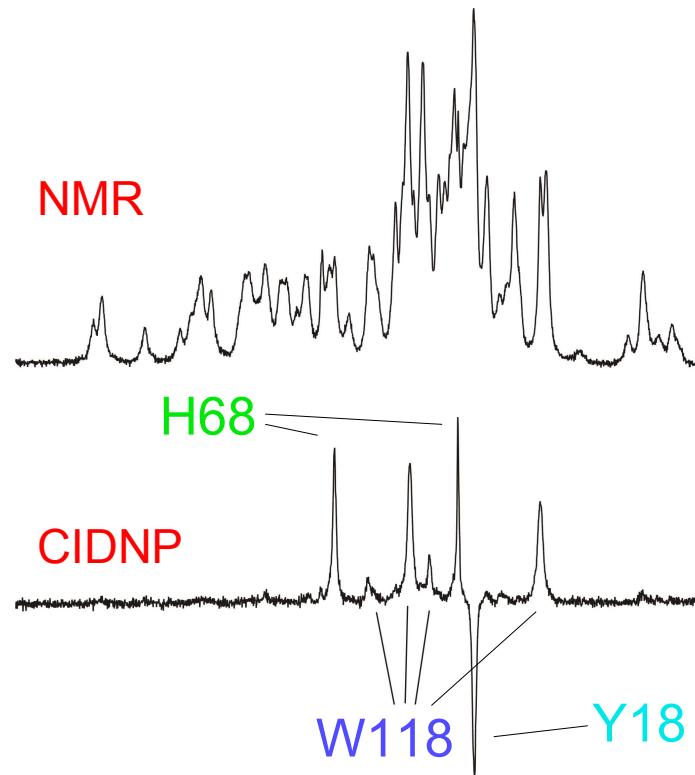
## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

### $^{13}\text{C}$ CIDNP on tryptophan



## 2 Nuclear spin polarization

$^1\text{H}$  photo-CIDNP on proteins



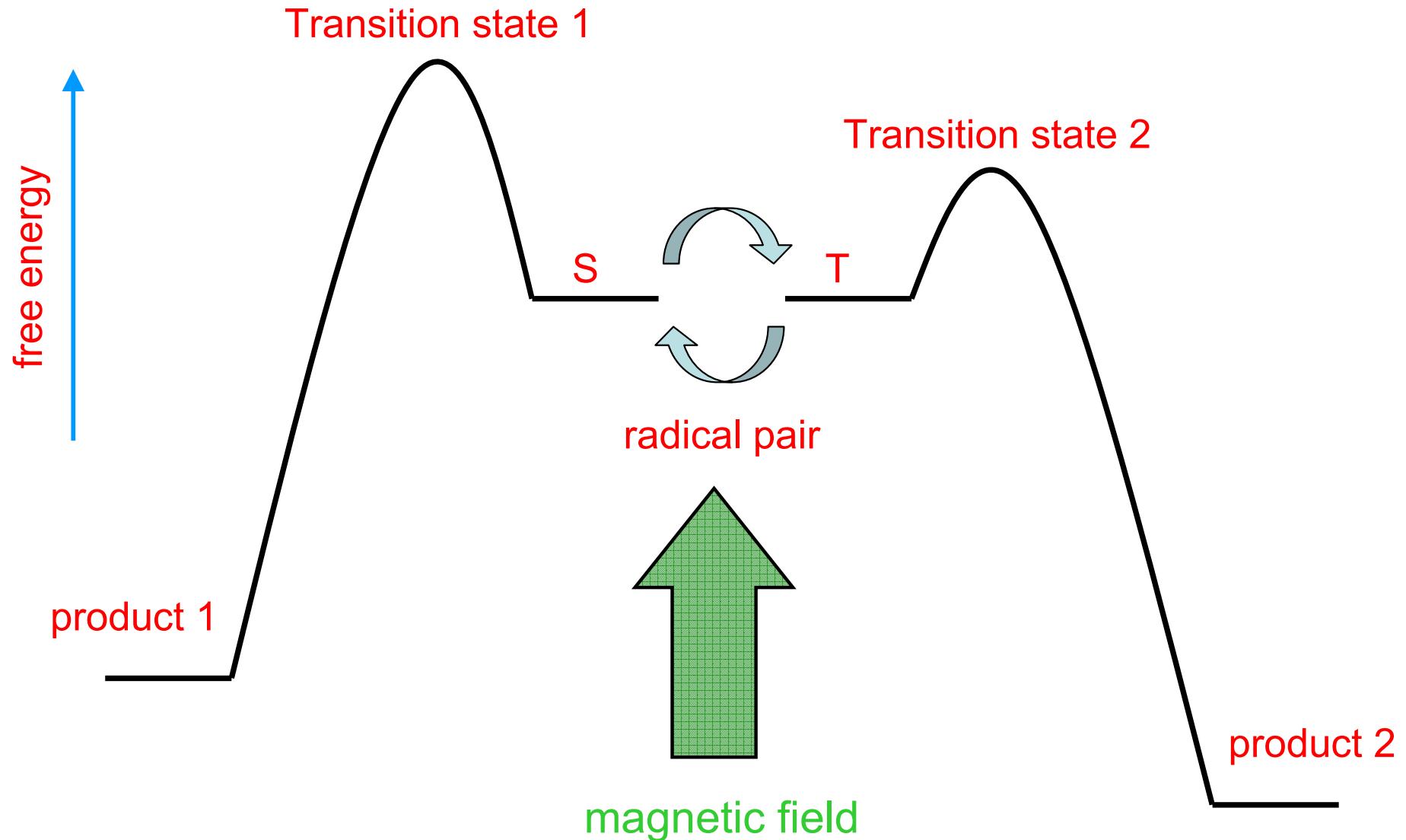
Mok, Nagashima, Day, Hore and Dobson, *PNAS* (2005)

Mok, Kuhn, Goez, Day, Lin, Andersen & Hore, *Nature* (2007)

## 3 Magnetic field effects

- static or time-dependent magnetic fields or both
- usually detect paramagnetic intermediates or reaction products by (time-resolved) optical spectroscopy
- first observation 1972
- $< 50 \mu\text{T}$  to  $> 20 \text{ T}$
- mechanisms: hyperfine,  $\Delta g$ , spin relaxation, ...
- usually  $< 100\%$  change in reaction yields, radical lifetimes, ...
- study kinetics, dynamics, interactions, spin relaxation, ...
- in liquid or solid states

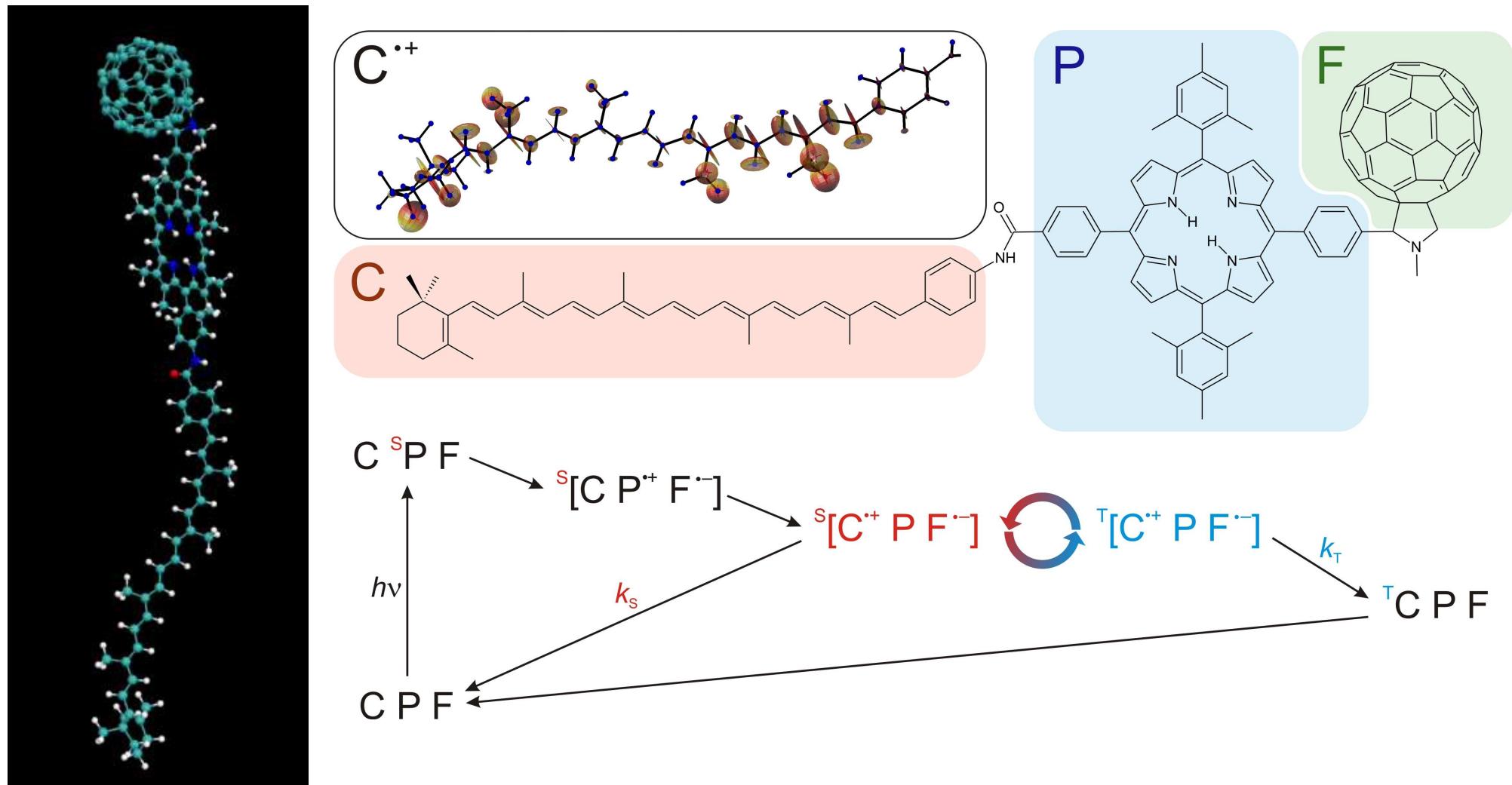
### 3 Radical pair magnetic field effects



$$\Delta E(\text{magnetic field}) \ll k_B T$$

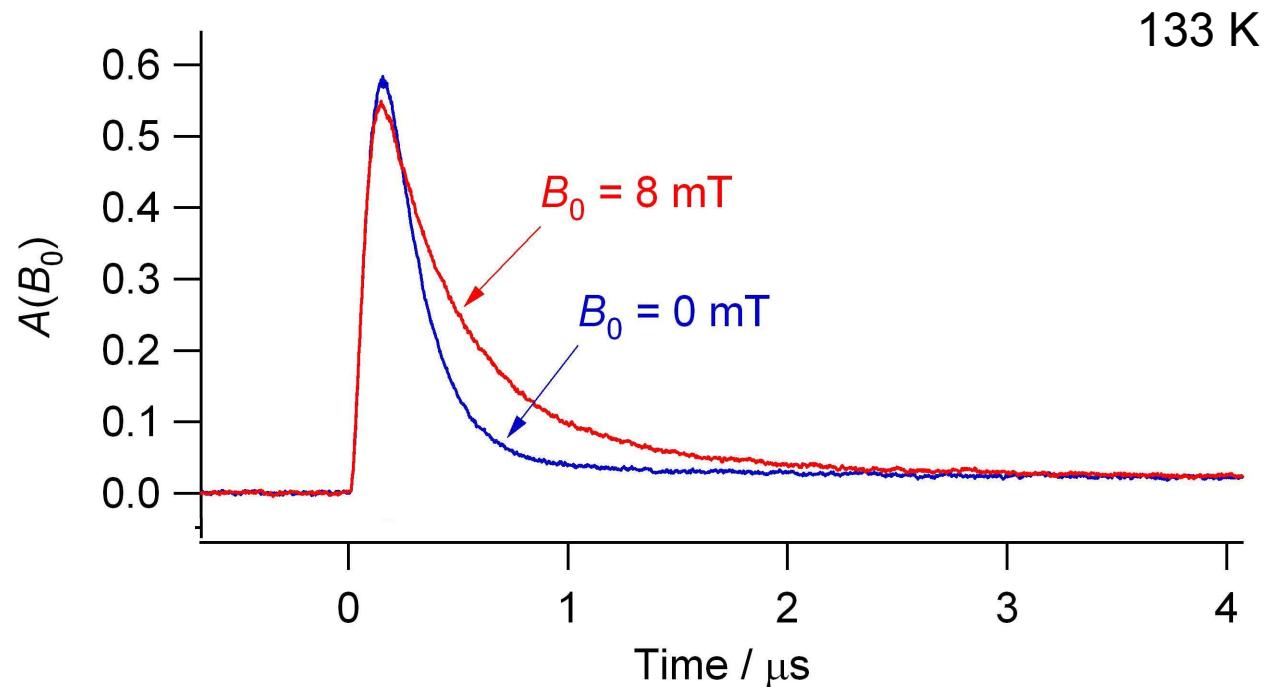
### 3 Magnetic field effects

#### Carotenoid-porphyrin-fullerene triad



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Carotenoid-porphyrin-fullerene triad

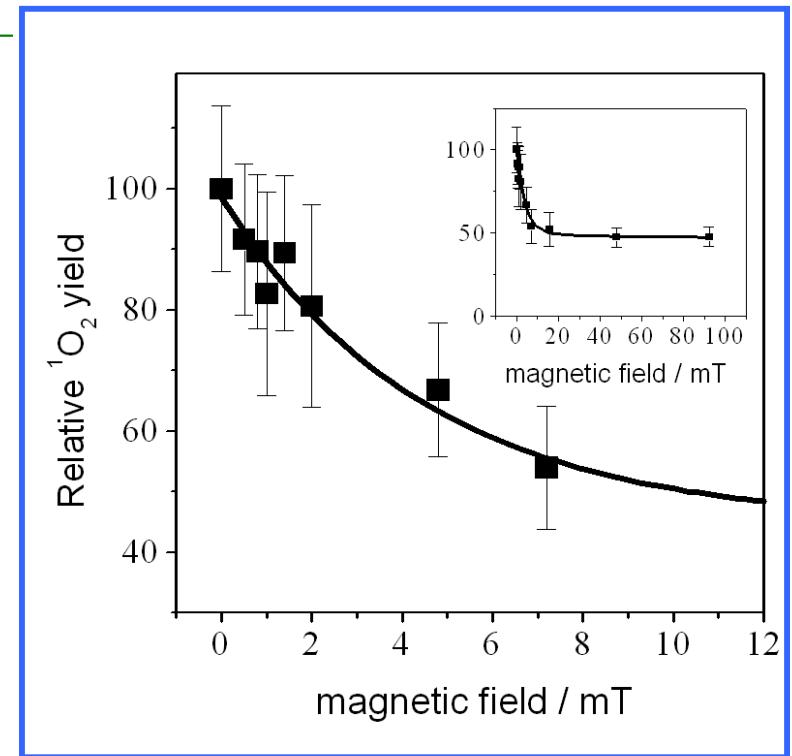
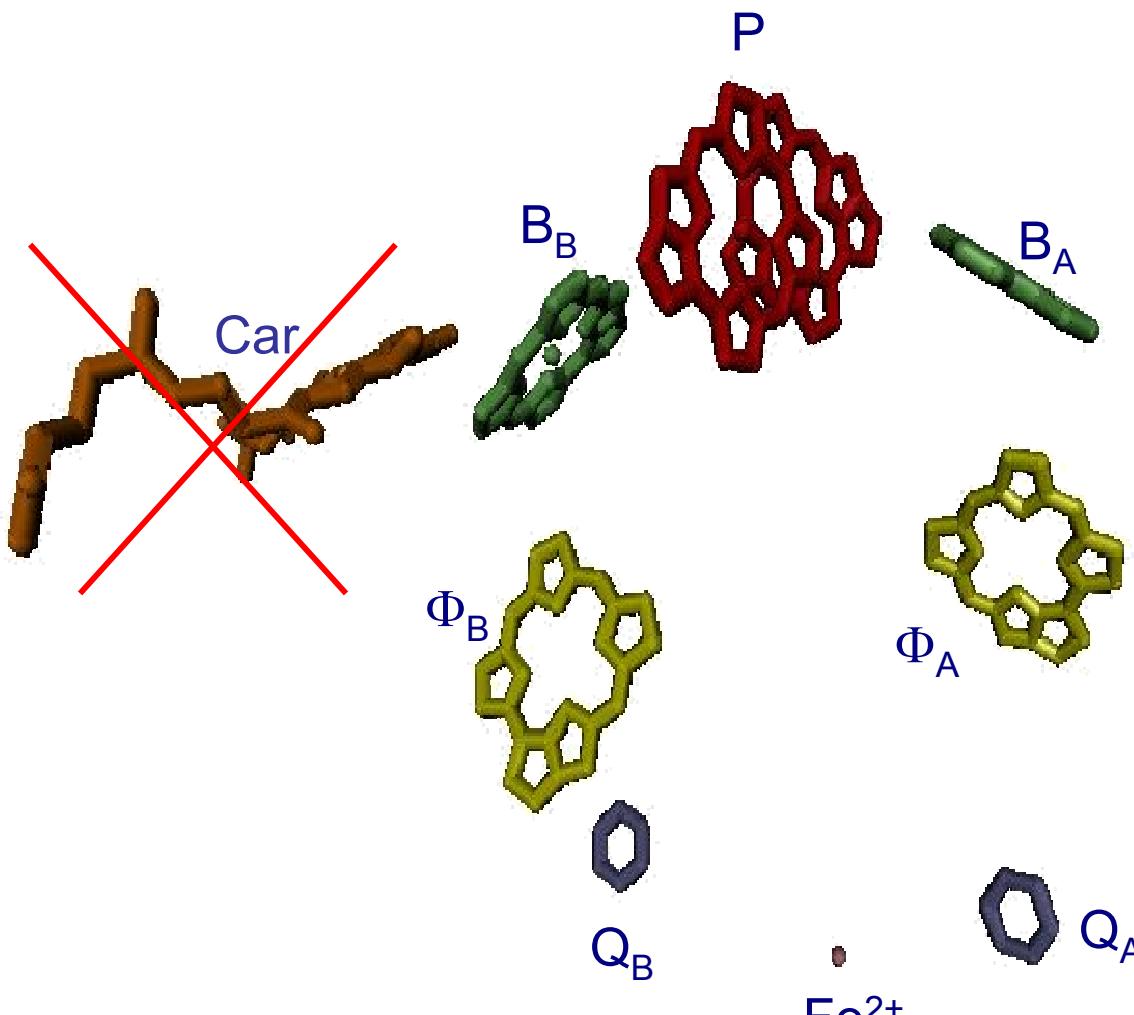


Lifetime of radical pair doubles (190 ns → 380 ns)  
in a 8 mT magnetic field.

Maeda, Henbest, Cintolesi, Kuprov, Rodgers, Liddell, Gust, Timmel & Hore, *Nature* (2008)

### 3 Magnetic field effects

#### Singlet oxygen yield



## 4 Magnetic isotope effects

- no magnetic field required
- first observation 1976
- distinct from mass isotope effect

Reviews:

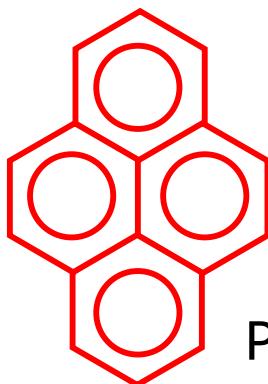
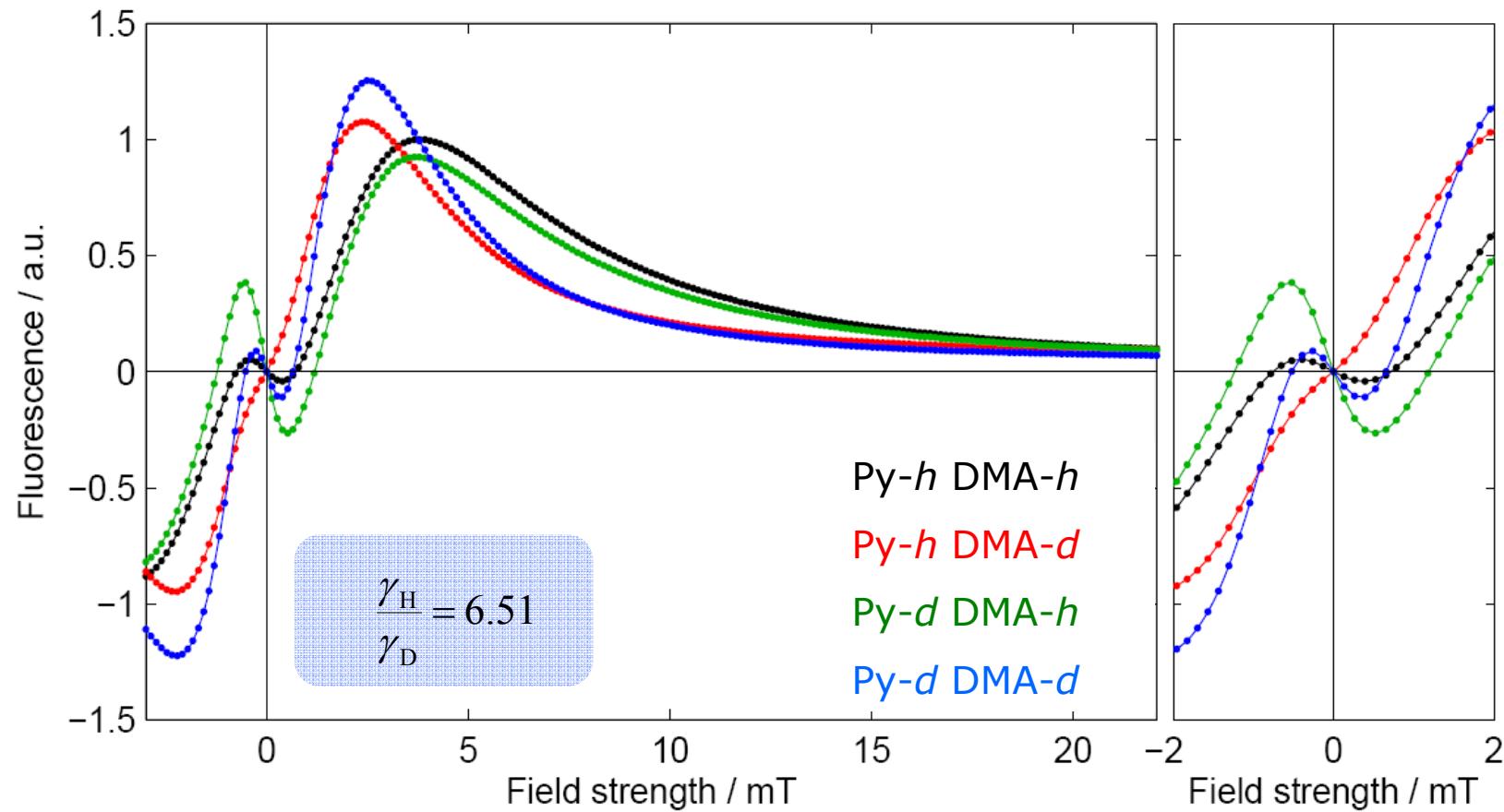
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B. Brocklehurst (1997) Int. J. Radiat. Biol. 72, 587-597,

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## 4 Magnetic isotope effects

Magnetic field effects reaction yields



Magnetic responses of radical pairs are sensitive to deuteration

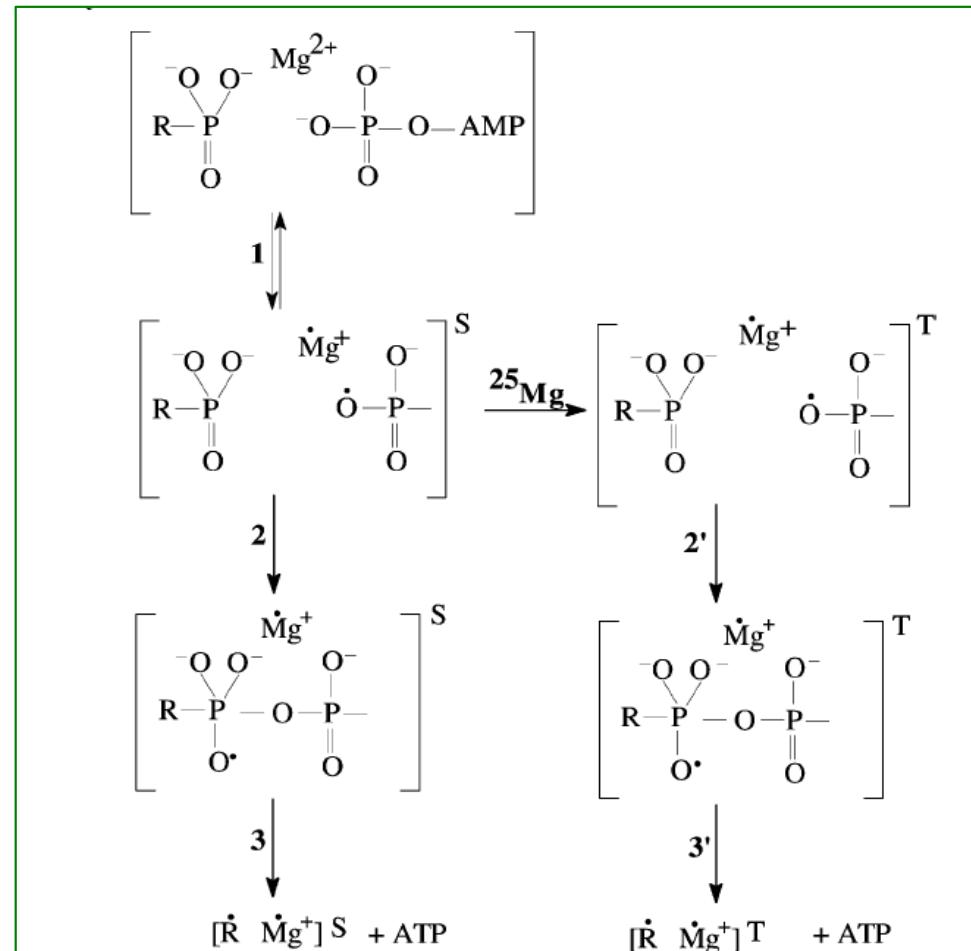
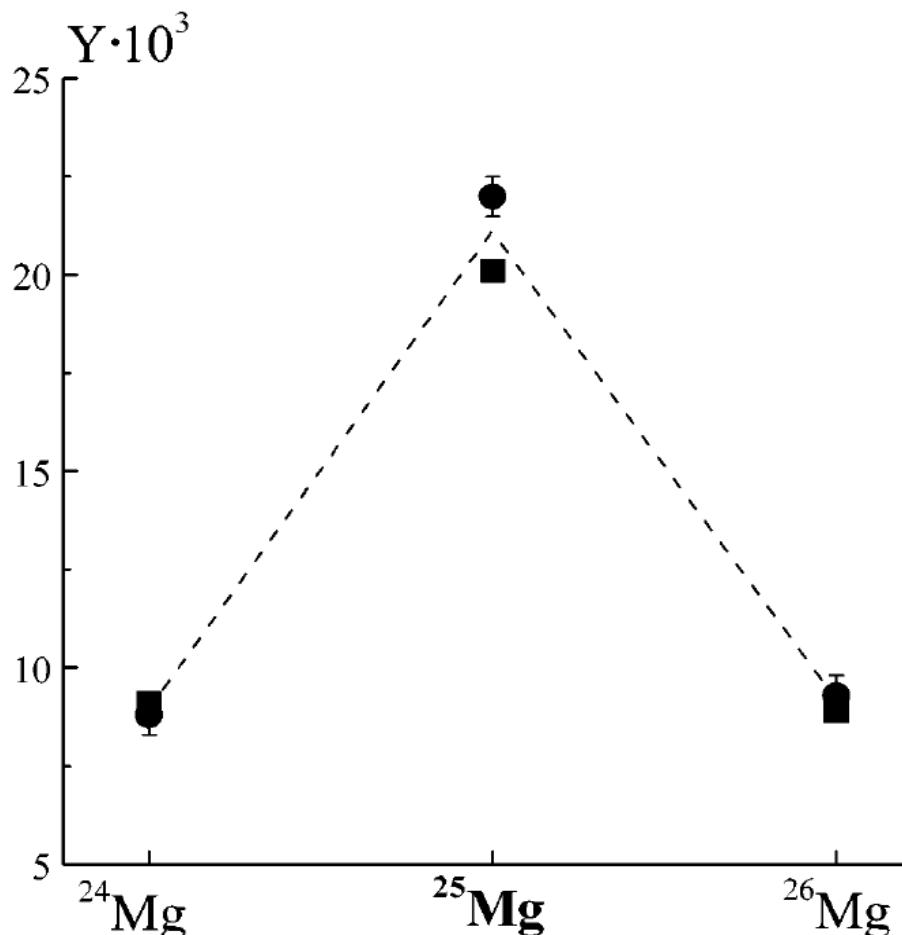
Rodgers, Norman, Henbest, Timmel & Hore, JACS (2007)

## 4 Magnetic isotope effects

### Magnesium MIE

Rate of ATP synthesis by mitochondrial phosphocreatine kinase

$^{24}\text{Mg}$  ( $I = 0$ );  $^{25}\text{Mg}$  ( $I = 5/2$ );  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  ( $I = 0$ )



# Overview: Spin Chemistry

Two hot fields

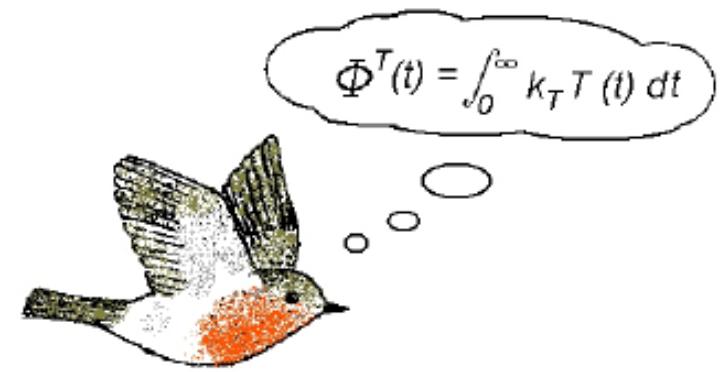
- 1** Bird orientation
- 2** Natural photosynthesis

# 1 Cryptochrome as magnetoreceptor?

Migratory birds seem to have up to three systems for orientation:

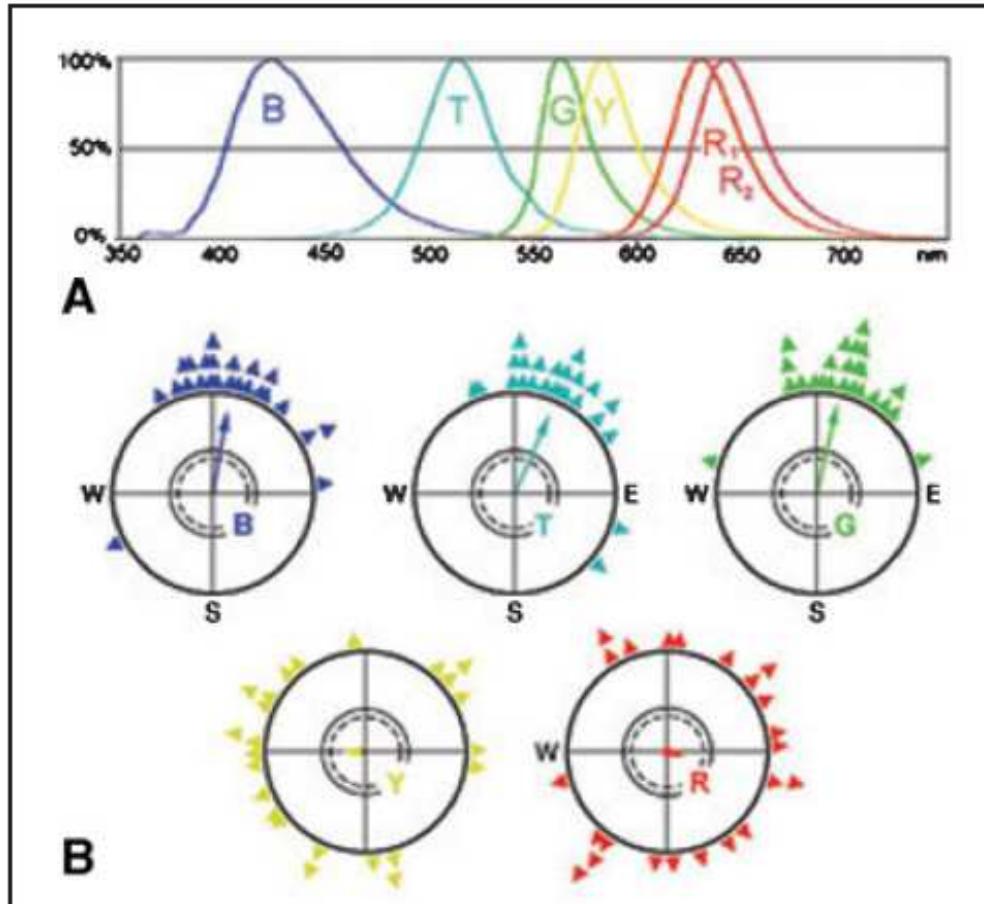
- 1. Blue-green light-dependent compass** in the right eye.
- 2. Magnetite-based receptors** in the upper beak.
- 3. Orientation on sun and stars.**

It has been postulated that the primary process underlying magnetoreception of compass information in birds is a *radical pair mechanism*: **Cryptochromes** are discussed as molecules forming the radical pairs.



- Möller, A., Sagasser, S., Wiltschko, W. & Schierwater, B. (2004): *Naturwissenschaften* 91, 585-588  
Ritz T., Adem S. & Schulten K. (2000): *Biophys. J.* 78, 707-718  
Ritz T., Thalau P., Phillips, J., Wiltschko R., Wiltschko W. (2004): *Nature* 429, 177-180  
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# 1 Cryptochrome as magnetoreceptor?



Blue-green light-dependent orientation of migratory birds.



European robin

Orientation behavior of birds under monochromatic lights produced by light-emitting diodes (LEDs) of various wavelengths with the peakwavelength indicated.

A: Spectra of the LEDs producing the test lights.

B: Orientation of European robins in spring.

Wiltschko, R., Wiltschko, W. (2006) Magnetoreception, *BioEssays* 28, 157-68.

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Fluctuating magnetic field can disturb bird orientation

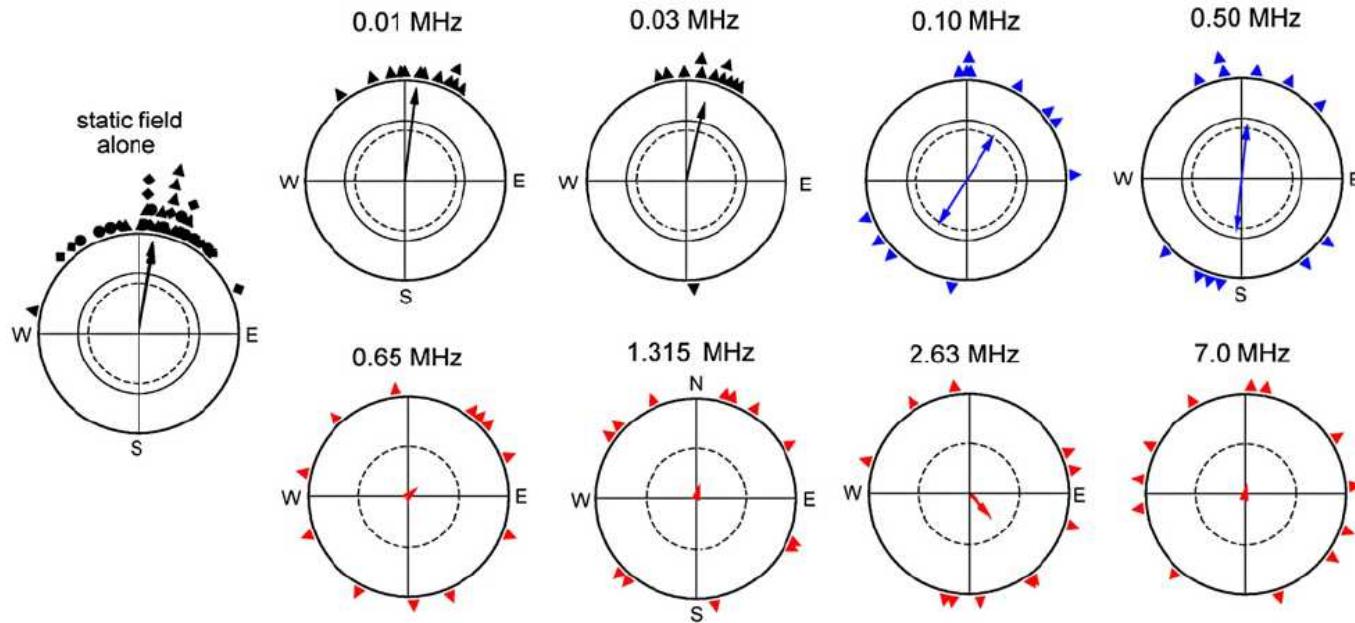


FIGURE 2 Orientation behavior of European robins in the local geomagnetic field: effects of added 480 nT oscillating fields of various frequencies. The symbols at the periphery of the circles mark the mean headings of the test birds based on three recordings each; the arrows represent the corresponding mean vectors. For the static field, the data from different years are given by different symbols; the three mean vectors almost coincide. The two inner circles are the 5% (*dotted*) and 1% significance limits of the Rayleigh test (17).

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A Radical Pair Mechanism may indicate magnetic directions for birds.

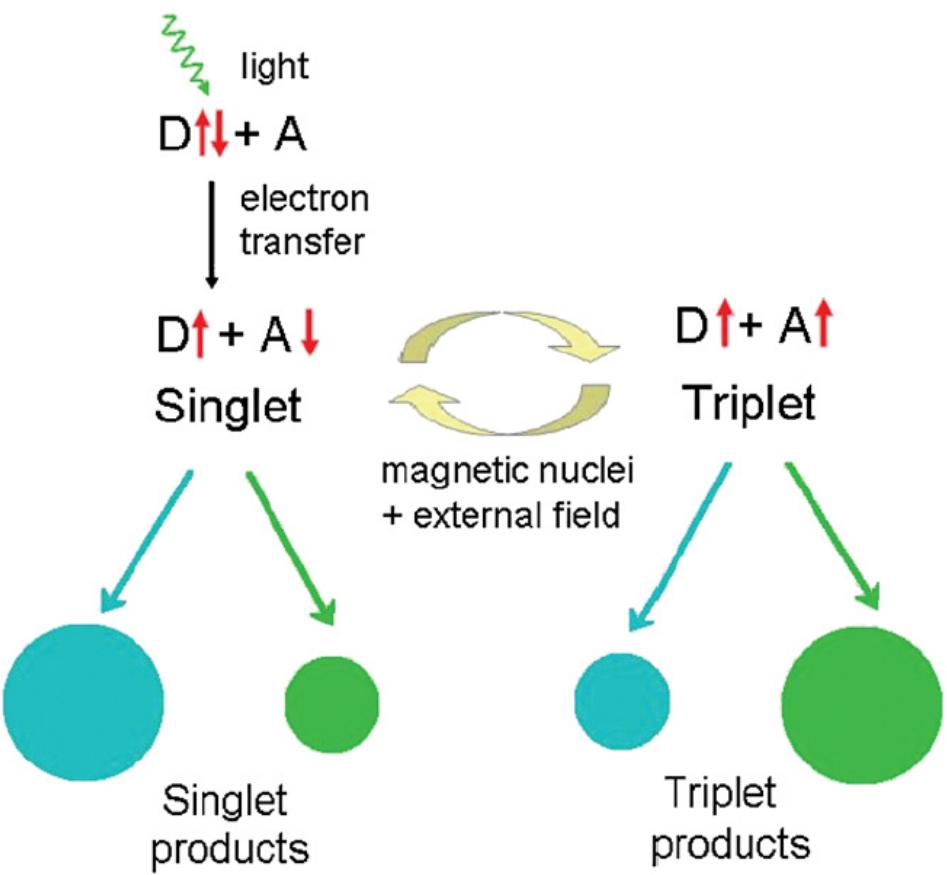
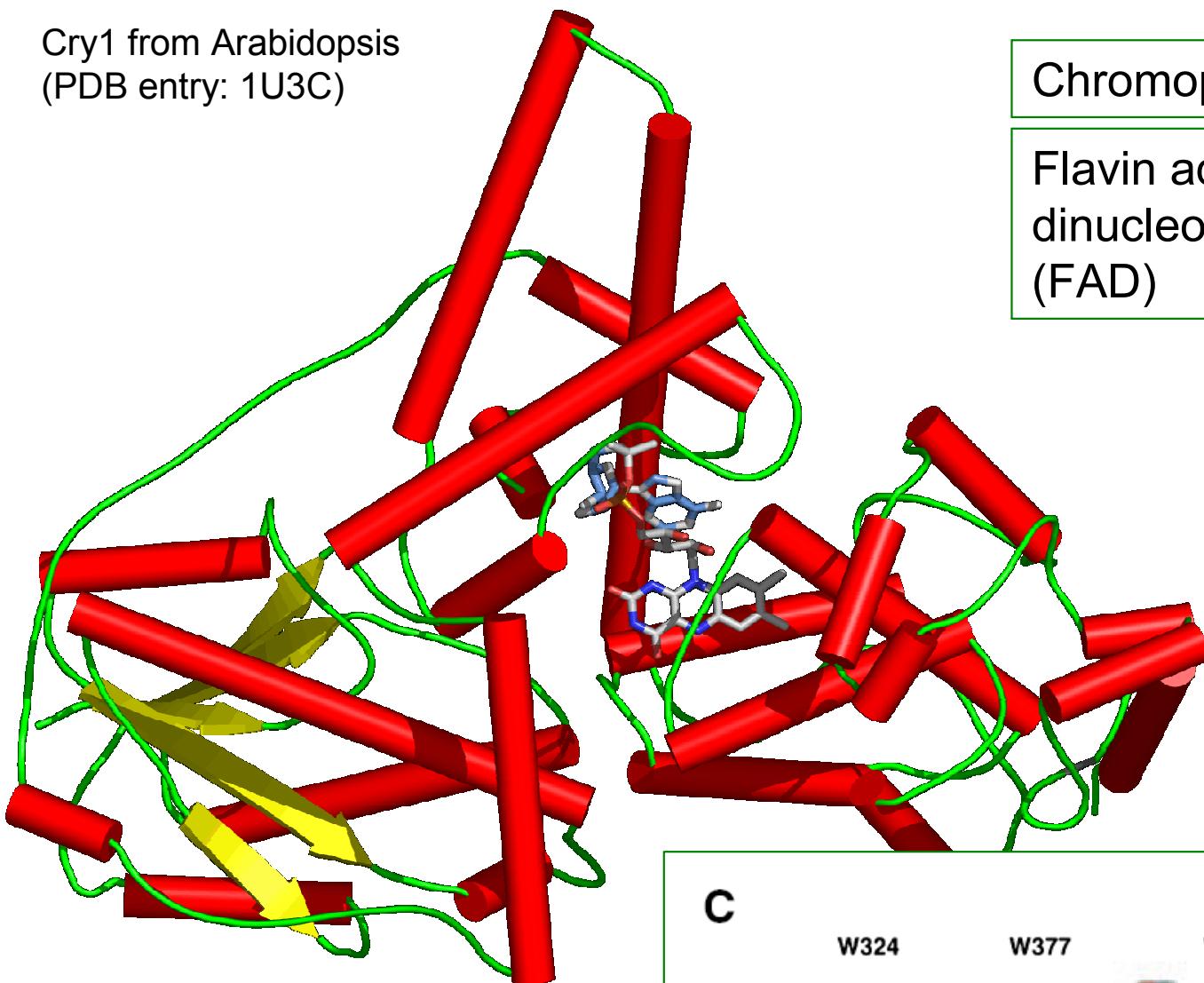


FIGURE 1 Schematic of the radical-pair mechanism. Light-induced electron transfer from a donor molecule D to an acceptor molecule A creates a radical pair, that is, two molecules each with an unpaired electron spin (*up* and *down* arrows next to D and A). Singlet and triplet states, defined by the relative orientation of the electron spins, interconvert due to the combined effects of internal and external magnetic fields. Singlet and triplet radical pairs decay into singlet and triplet products respectively, with relative yields indicated by the sizes of the circles. The relative yields of singlet and triplet products depend on the orientation of the external magnetic field with respect to that of the radicals. The arrows and circles at the bottom of the diagram symbolize pathways of product formation and reaction yields for two different orientations.

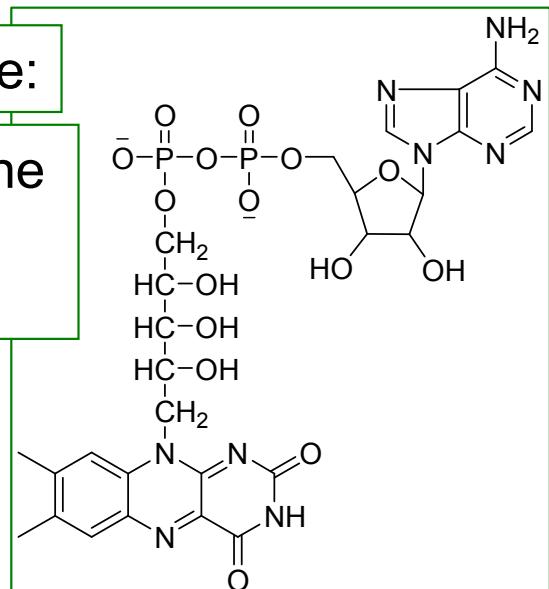
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Cry1 from Arabidopsis  
(PDB entry: 1U3C)

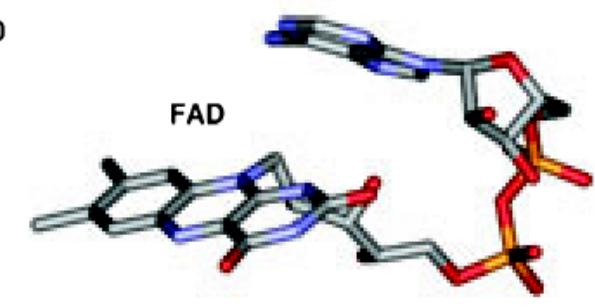
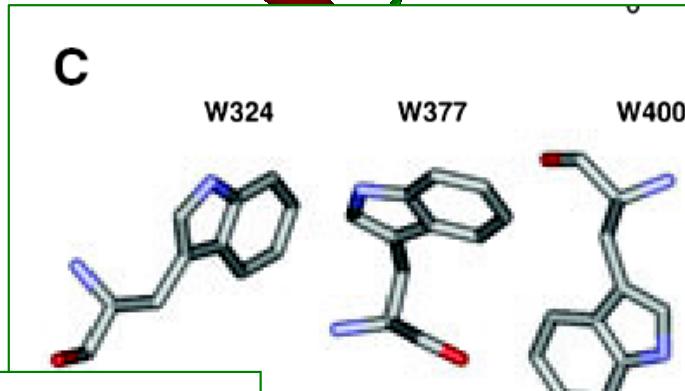


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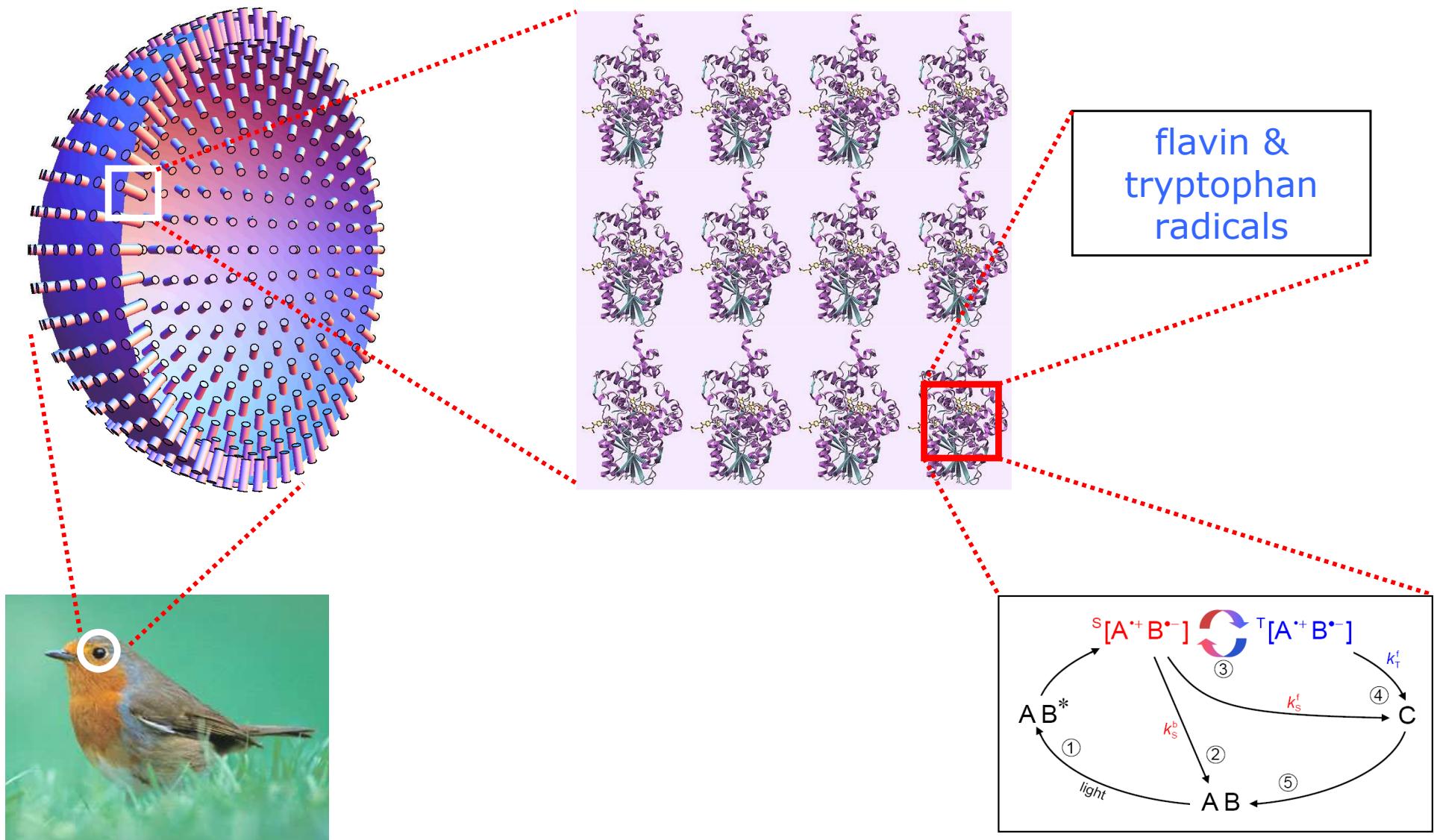
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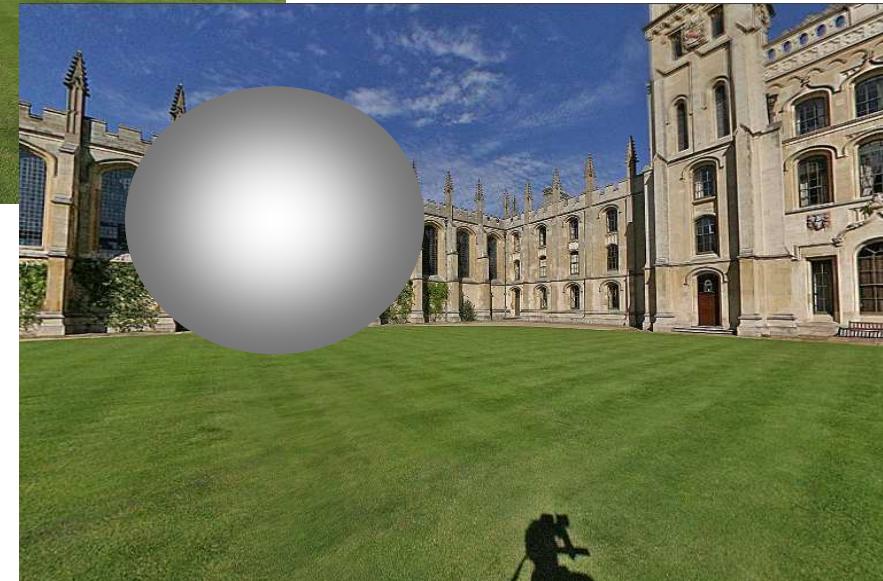
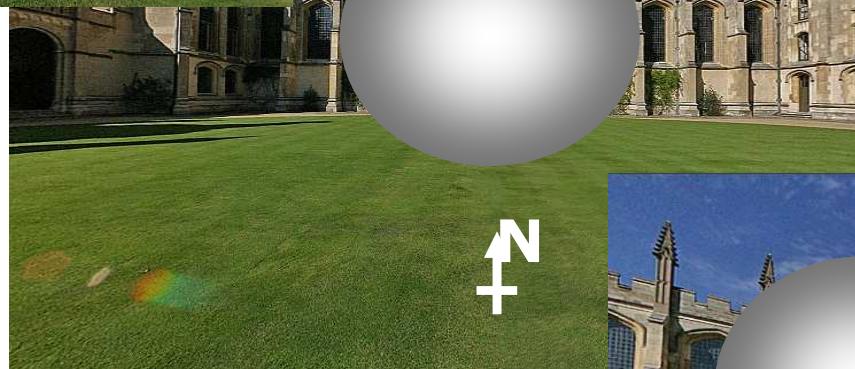
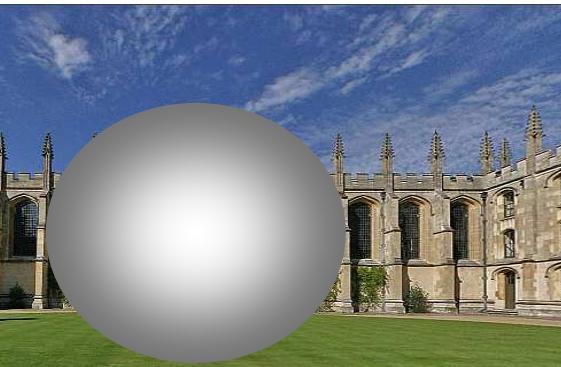
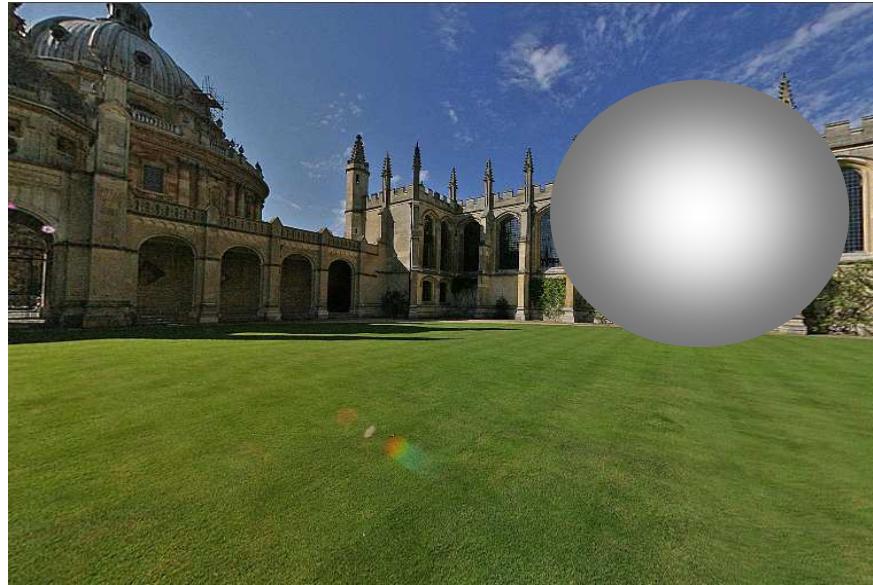
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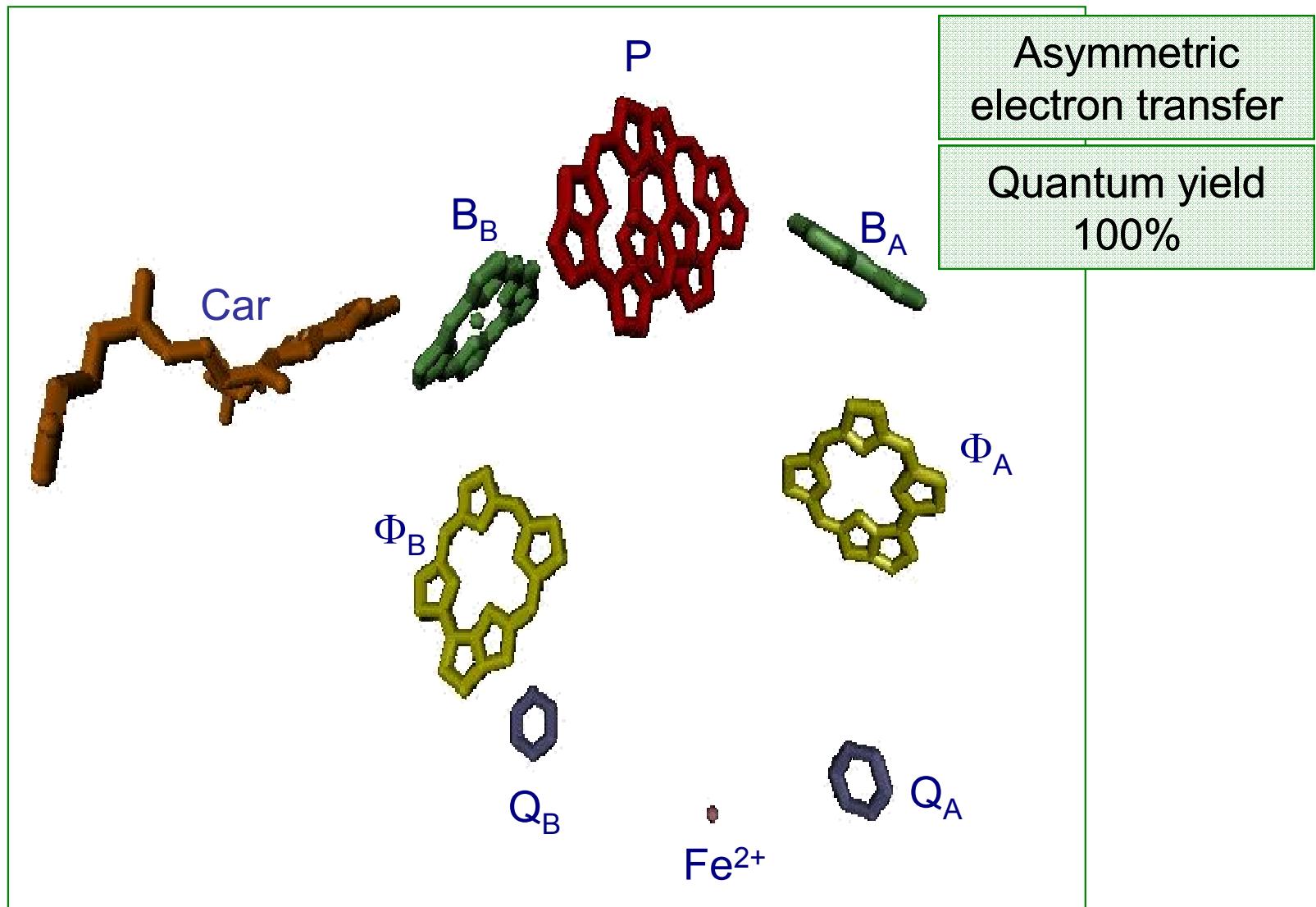
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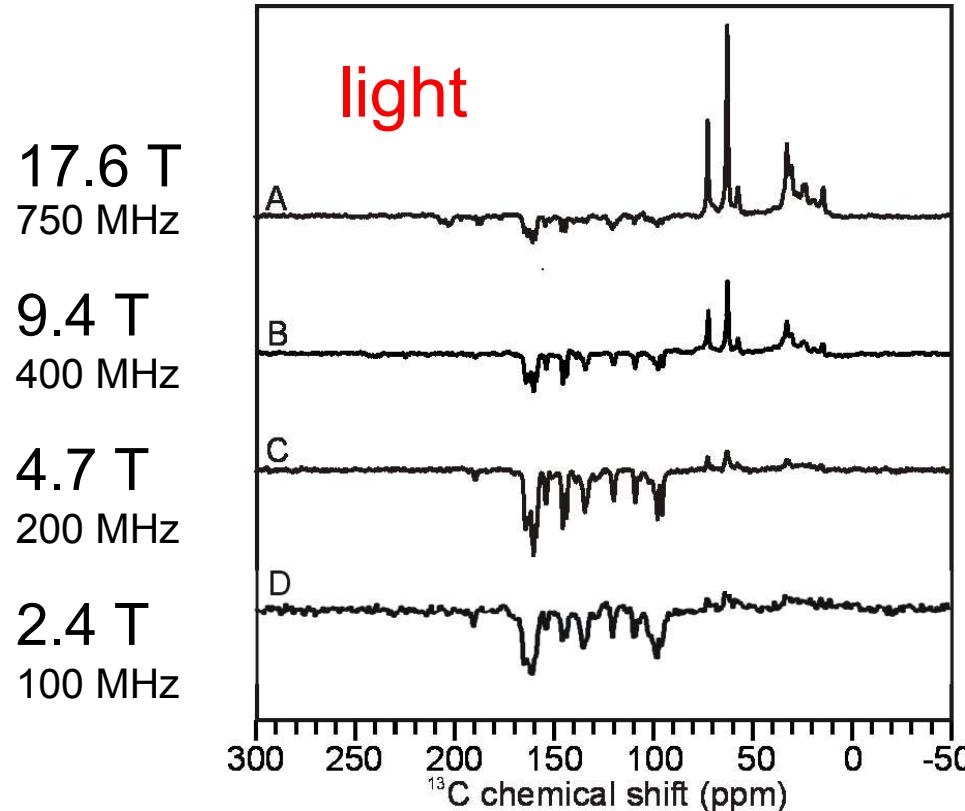
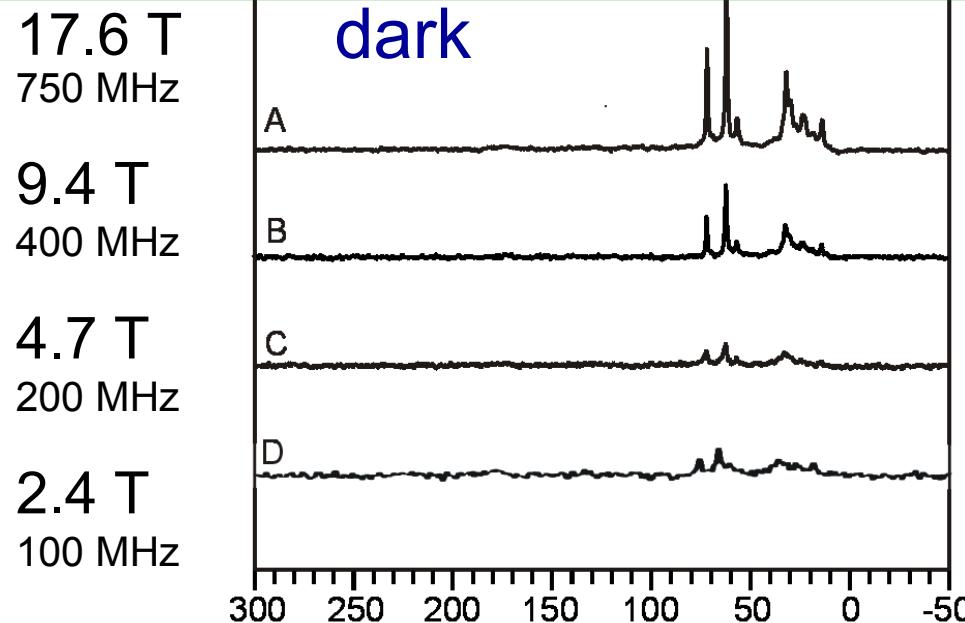
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Factor ~80

Factor ~800

Factor ~10000

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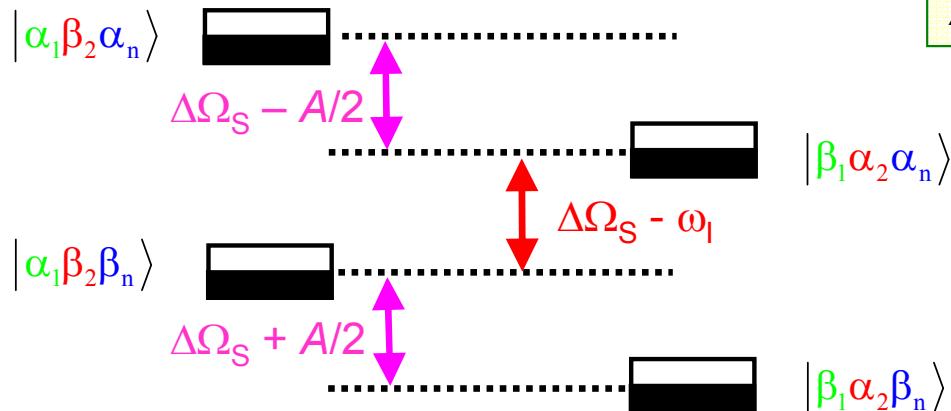
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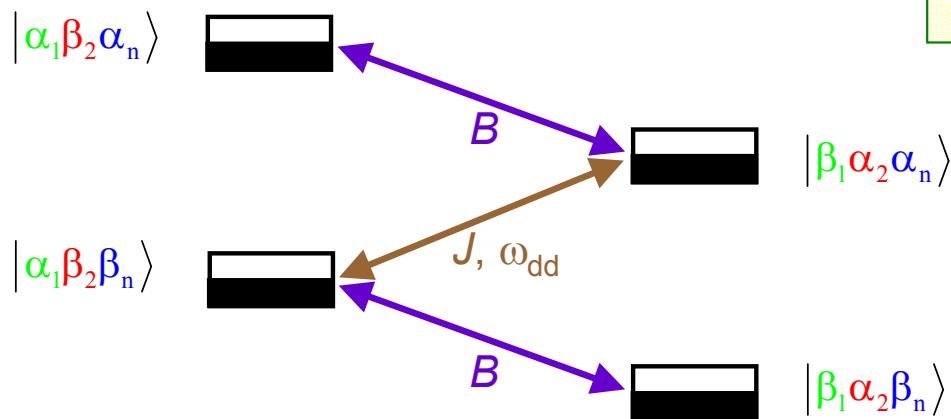


$\Delta\Omega_S$  = Difference in electron Zeeman frequency

$\omega_l$  = Nuclear Zeeman frequency

$A$  = Secular part of the hyperfine interaction

#### Mixing terms

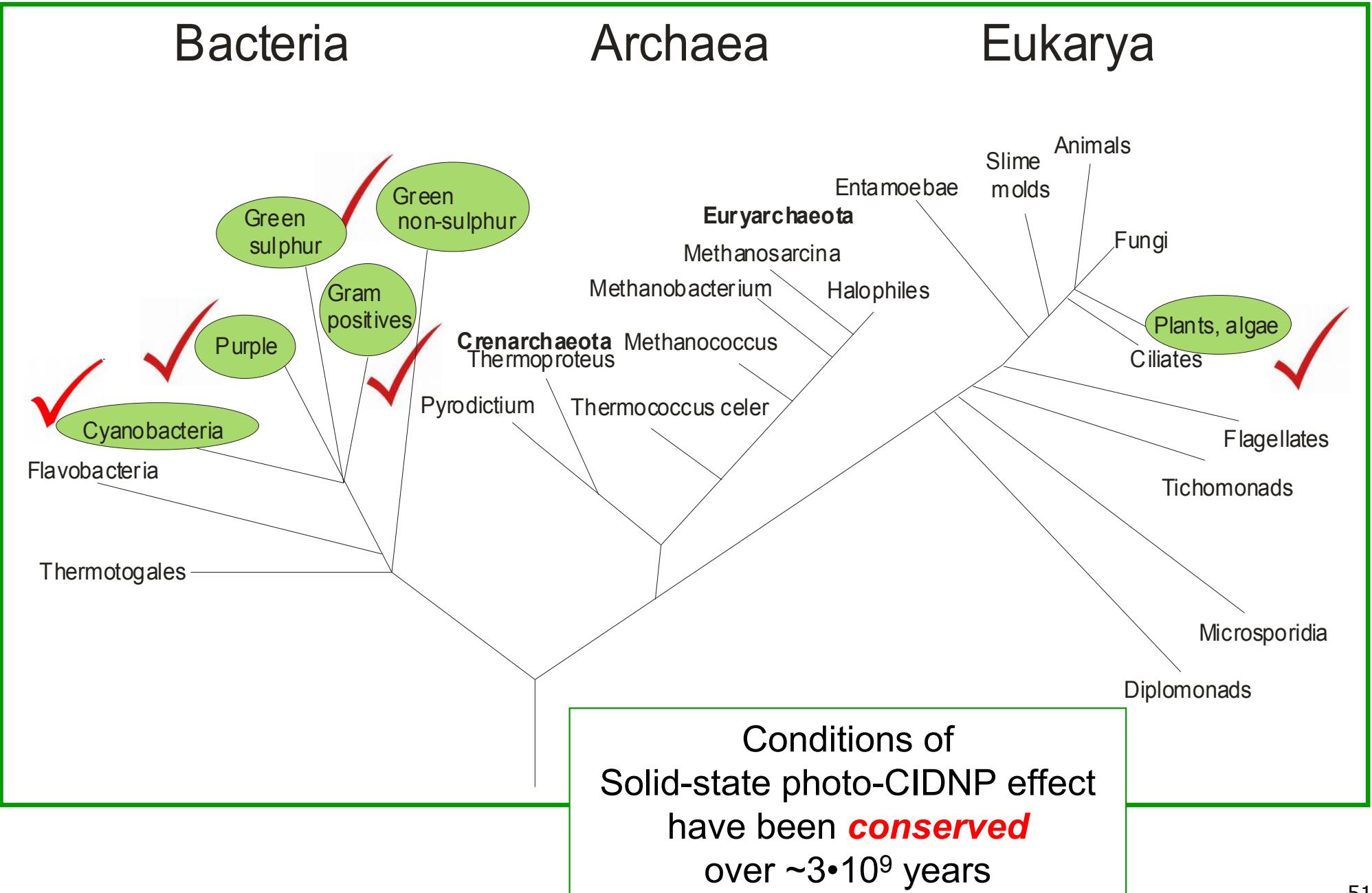


$J$  = Electron-electron spin coupling

$\omega_{dd}$  = Electron-electron dipolar coupling

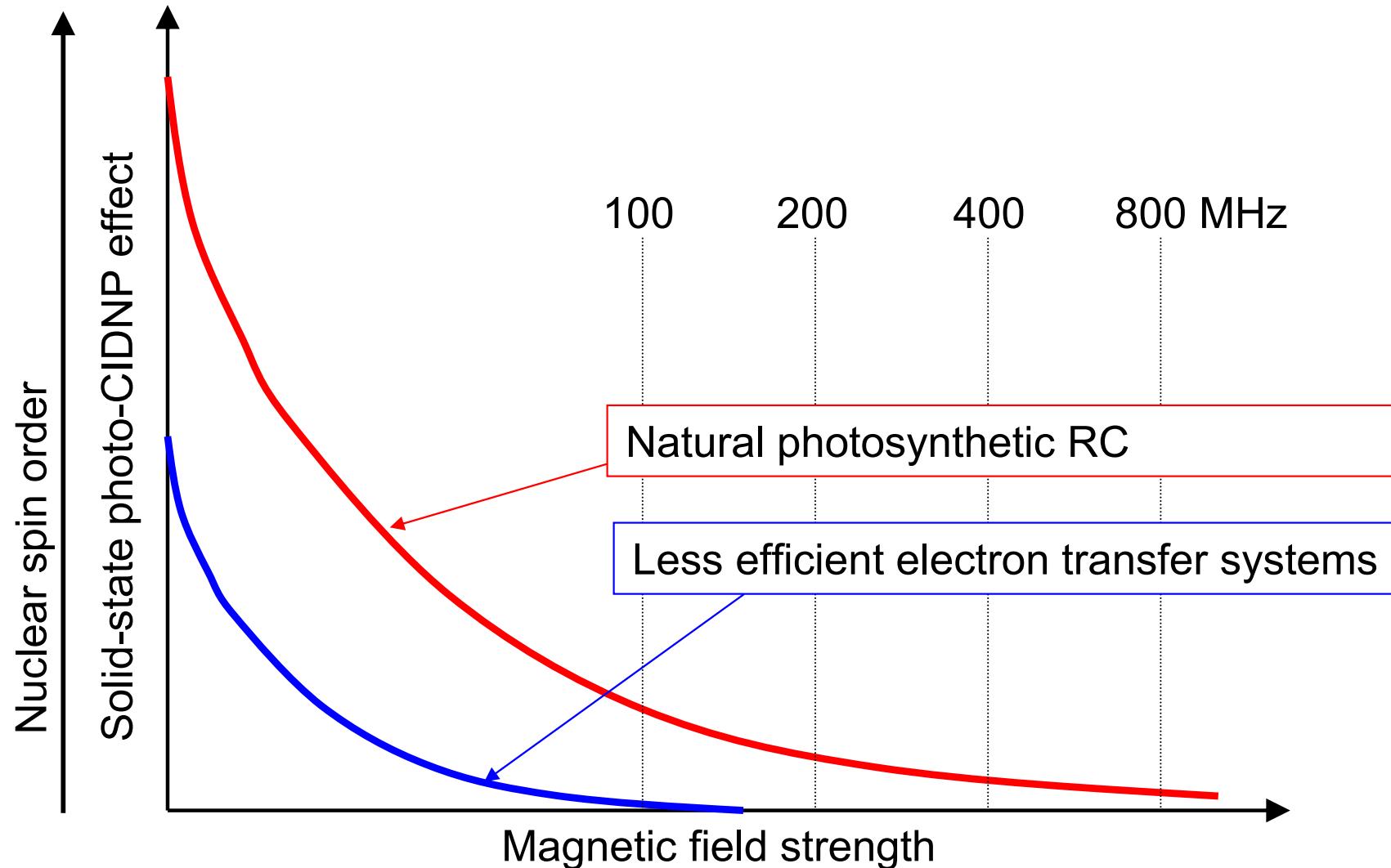
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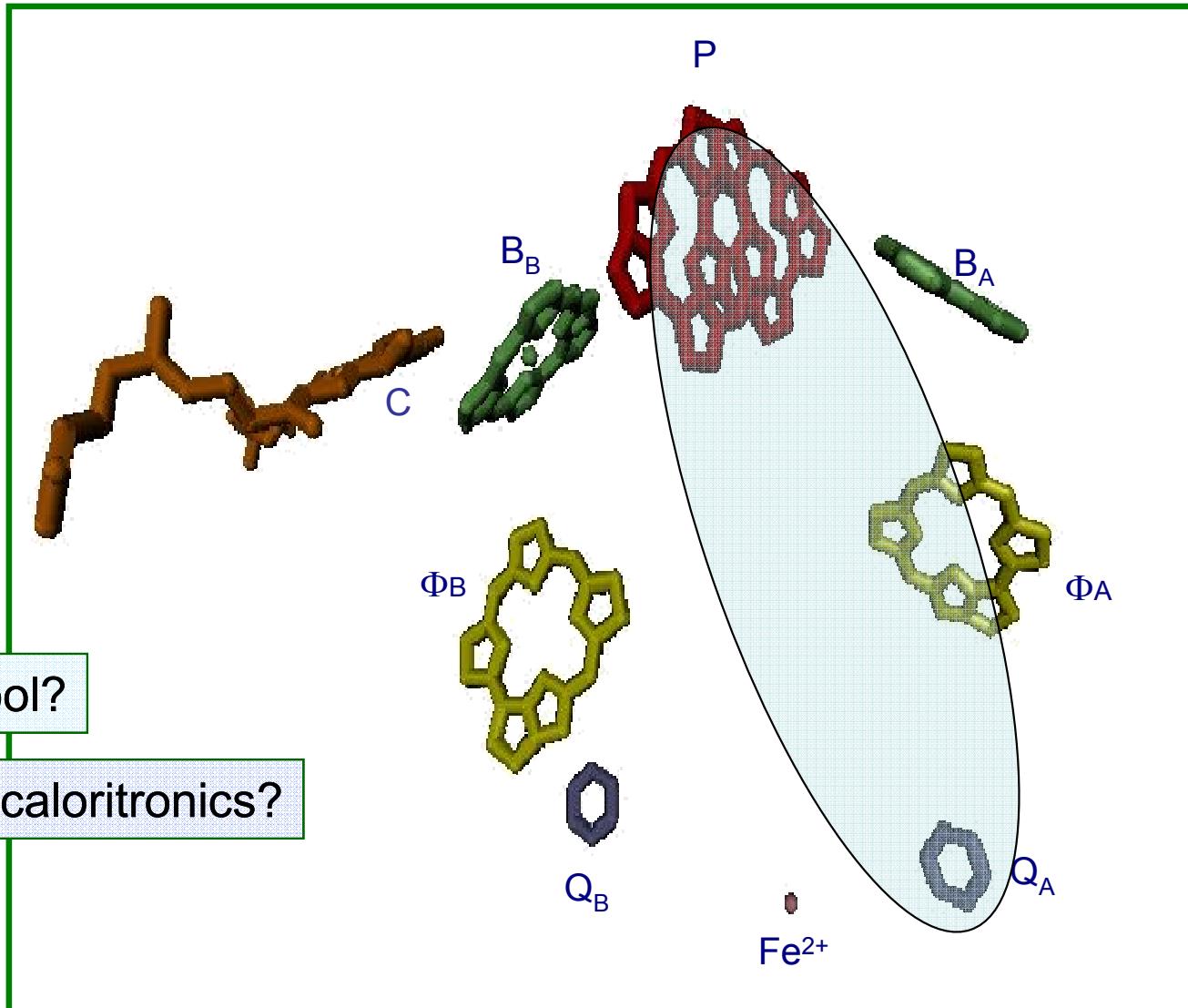
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Possible correlation between solid-state photo-CIDNP effect and efficiency of electron transfer



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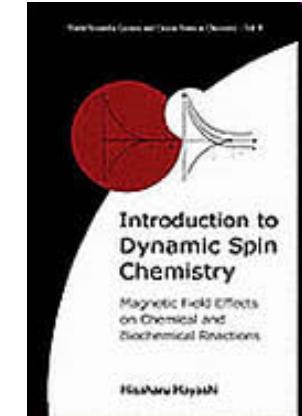
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