

Condensed Matter

Pulsed Nuclear
Magnetic Resonance

Lab logo: *pNMR*

- Response of **magnetic nuclei** in a **uniform magnetic field** and subjected to a **time-dependent continuous radio frequency (RF) magnetic field** tuned through **resonance**

- **First observed by Bloch and Purcell independently in 1946**



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1952



Felix Bloch



**Edward Mills
Purcell**

- NMR is observed in certain nuclei, in our case the **proton**, with both a magnetic moment (μ) and an angular momentum (J)

$$\mu = \gamma J \quad \gamma: \text{gyromagnetic ratio}$$

$$J = \hbar I \quad I: \text{intrinsic spin of proton}$$

- In an **external uniform field B_0** in the **z-direction**, magnetic energy of nucleus U :

$$U = -\mu \cdot B_0 = -\gamma J \cdot B_0 = -\gamma \hbar I \cdot B_0 = -\gamma \hbar I_z B_0$$

- Developed by Erwin Hahn in 1950 (UIUC)
- Using RF pulses with same frequency as the Larmor precession frequency for a **specific duration** to flip the sample magnetization to a **desired angle** from the equilibrium z-direction



Erwin Hahn
1921-2016

PHYSICAL REVIEW

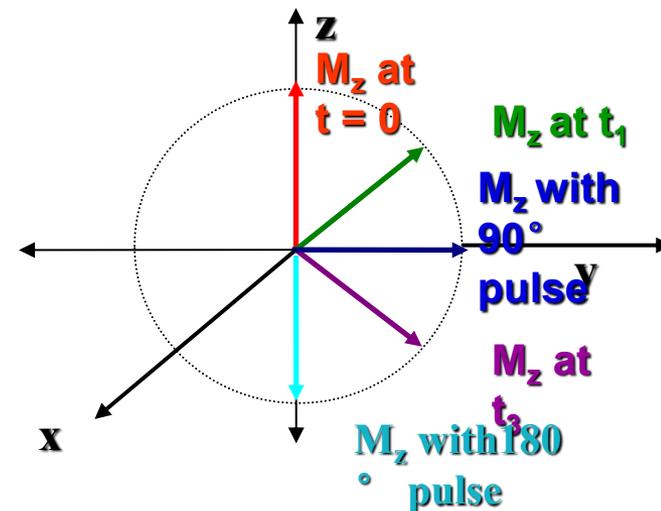
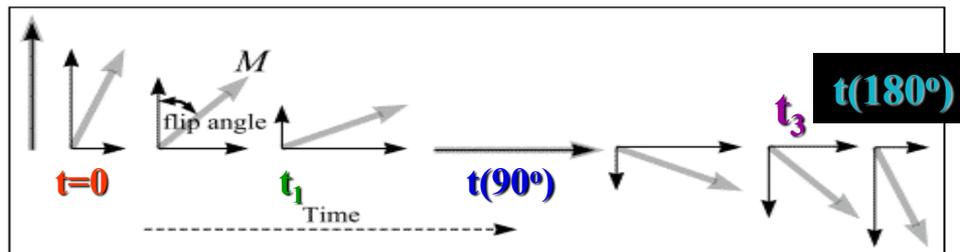
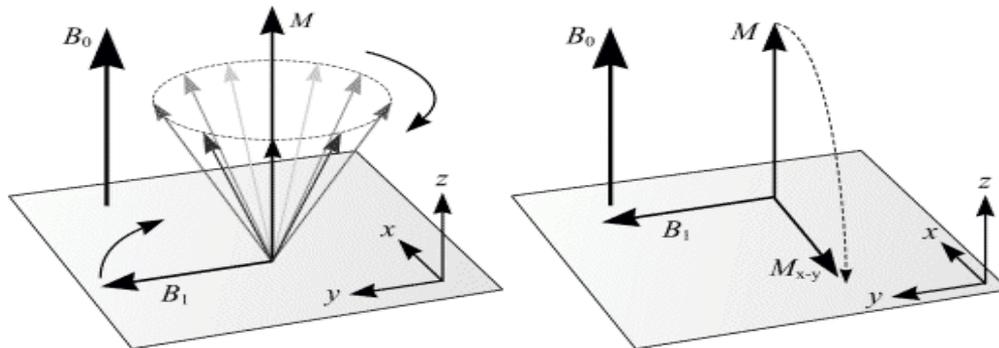
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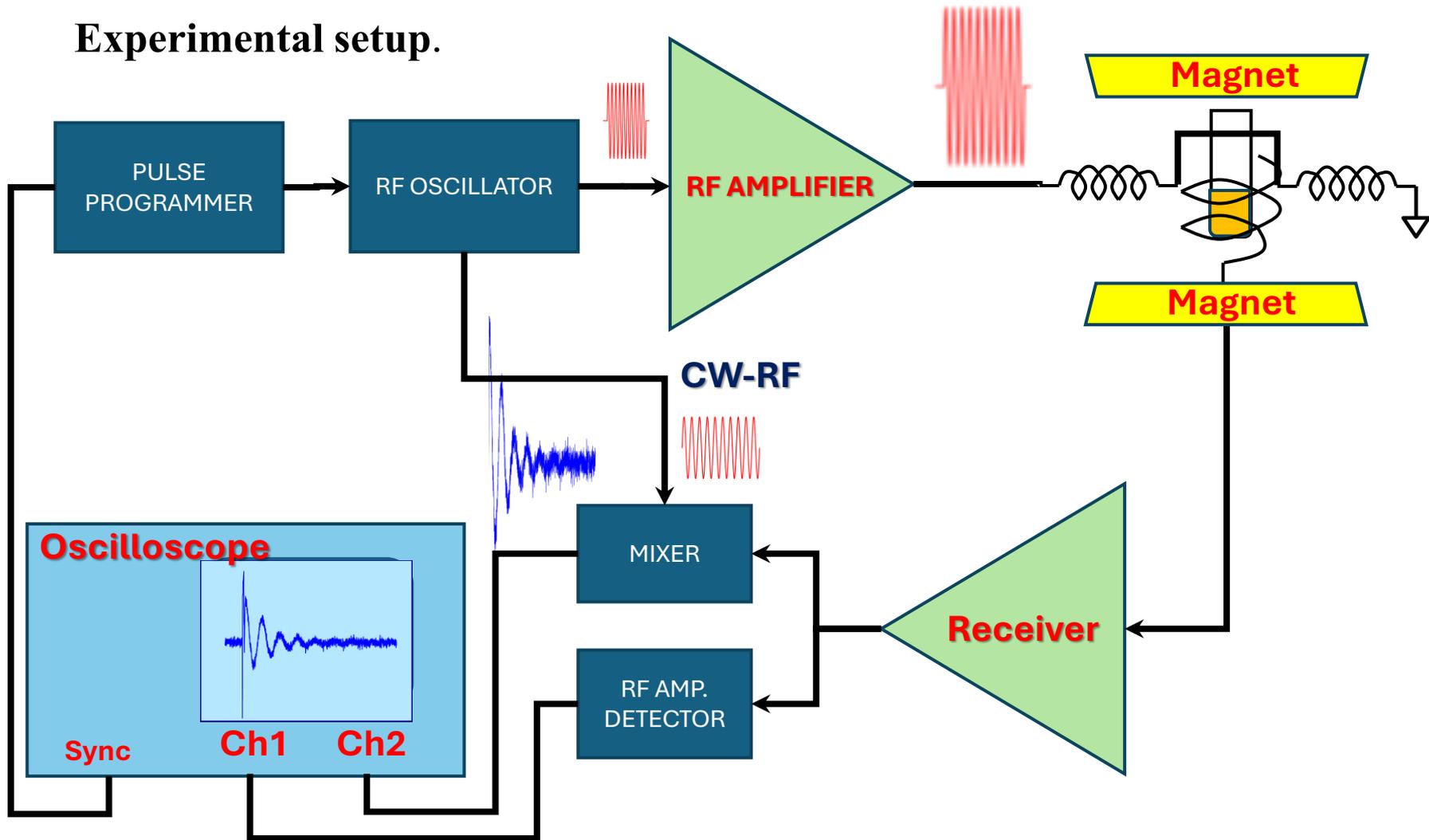
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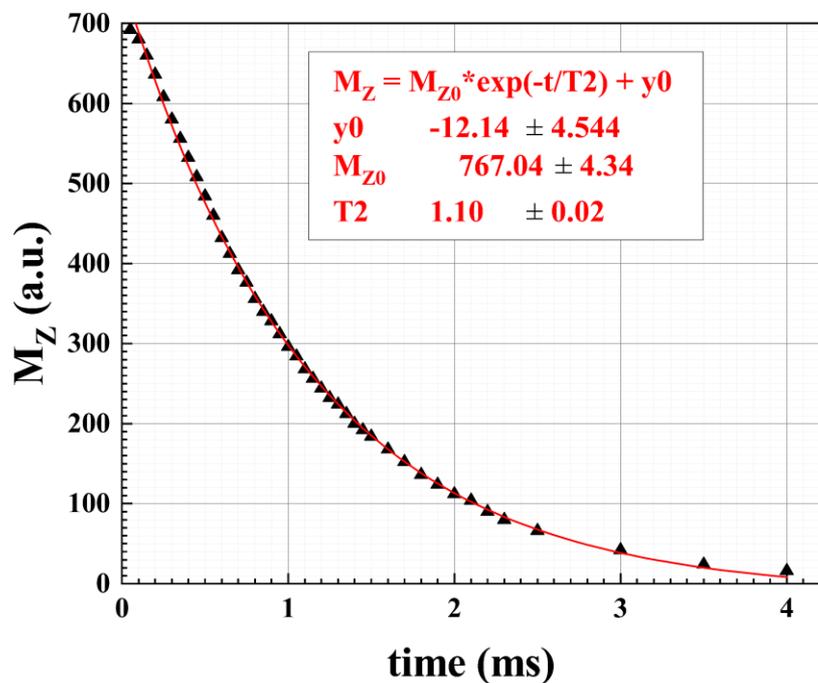
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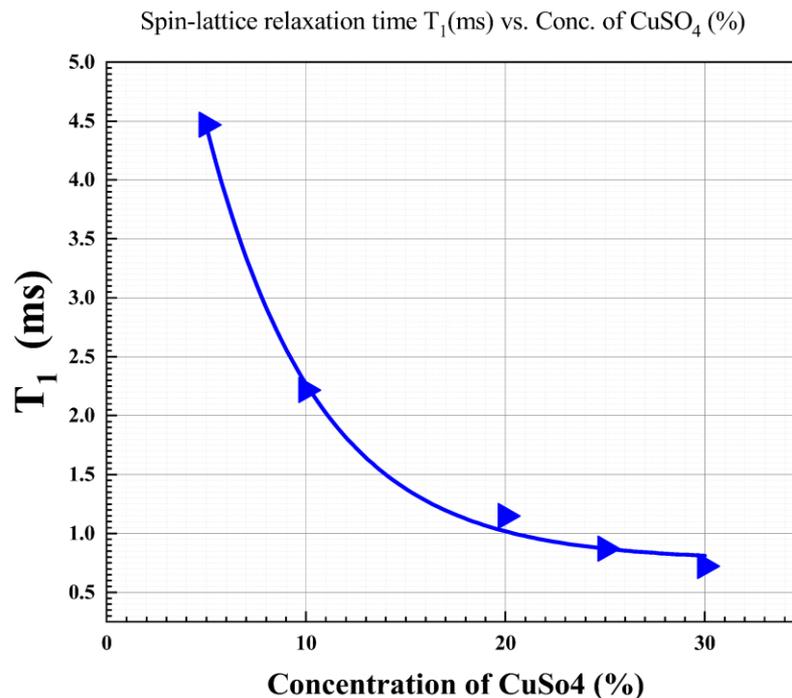
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Experimental setup.





Amplitude of magnetization decay vs. delay time of pulses to find T_1 for CuSO_4 (10%)



Spin-lattice relaxation time T_1 (ms) vs. Conc. of CuSO_4 (%)