

Solid-State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

NMR

Overview

- Our solid-state NMR facility is located in the Bernal Institute and houses a Bruker Avance III HD wide-bore 9.4 T ($\nu_0(^1\text{H}) = 400$ MHz) NMR spectrometer capable of three-channel operation.
- The facility is accessible to Bernal staff and students, as well as academic and industrial collaborators in Ireland and internationally.



Figure 1. 9.4 T solid-state NMR magnet, probes, rotor spinning test stations, and sample rotors.

NMR Capabilities

- Capable of producing solution-like NMR spectra of solid materials via magic angle spinning (MAS) with MAS frequencies up to 15 kHz.
- Several MAS probes available, including 4 mm double resonance (H/X), triple resonance (H/X/Y), and 7 mm double resonance (H/X) probes with a collective frequency range from ^{109}Ag to ^{31}P and from ^{19}F to ^1H .
- Variable temperature operation from approx. -40 to $+300$ °C. Sub-ambient temperatures achieved *via* a BCU II pre-chiller unit operating with a dry air supply.
- 5 mm single-channel (X) stationary probe with a frequency range from ^{109}Ag to ^{31}P and variable temperature capabilities up to $+150$ °C.
- 4 mm and 7 mm rotor spinning test stations available.

Research Applications

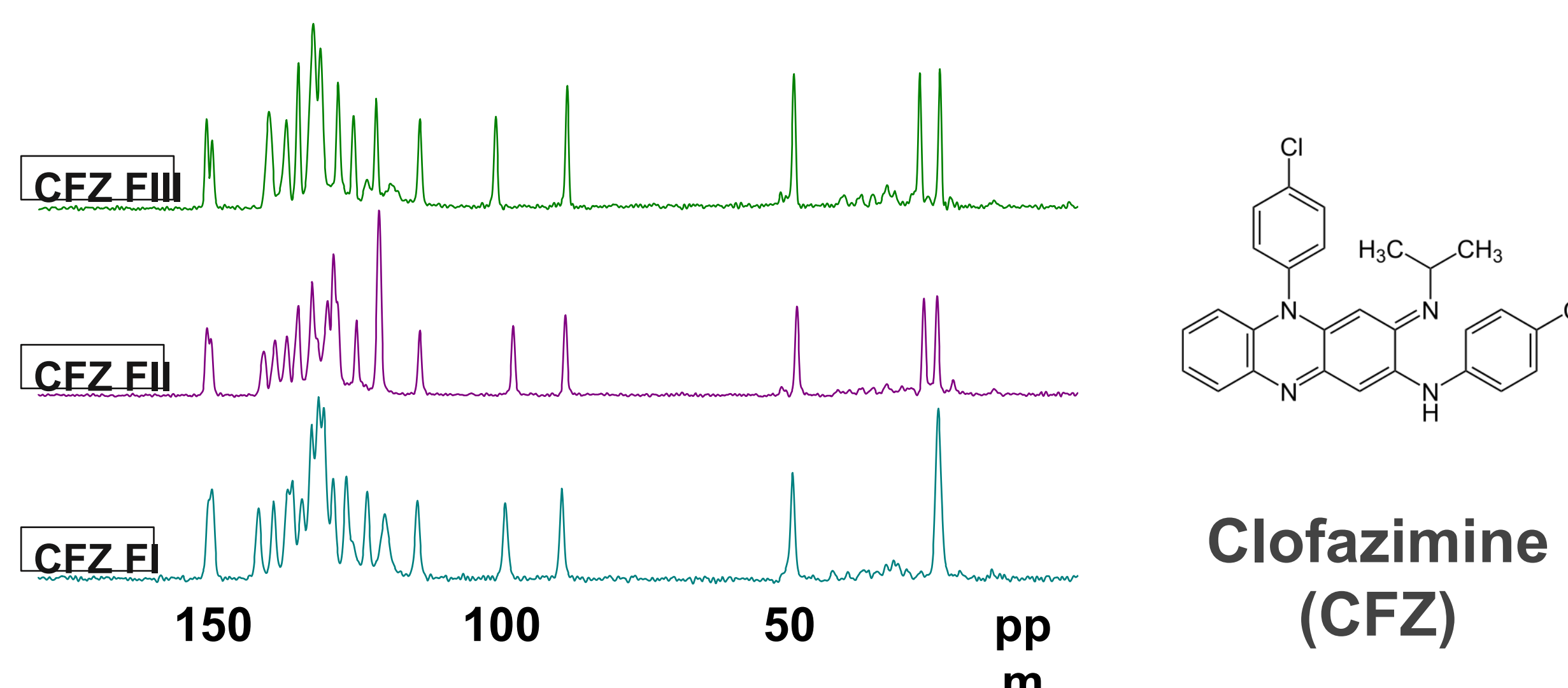


Figure 2. ^{13}C NMR spectra of solid forms I, II, and III of clofazimine acquired at a magnetic field strength of 9.4 T using the cross-polarization pulse sequence.

- Many academic and commercial applications in areas such as pharmaceuticals, biomaterials, modern materials, and energy and environment.
- NMR spectroscopy is used to determine and/or refine the molecular structure and dynamics of both crystalline and amorphous materials, as well as nanomaterials.
- Routinely used to distinguish between solid forms of materials, e.g., solvates, polymorphs.
- Able to characterize materials in the presence of others, e.g., active pharmaceutical ingredients in excipients, as well as characterize molecule-matrix and guest-framework interactions.

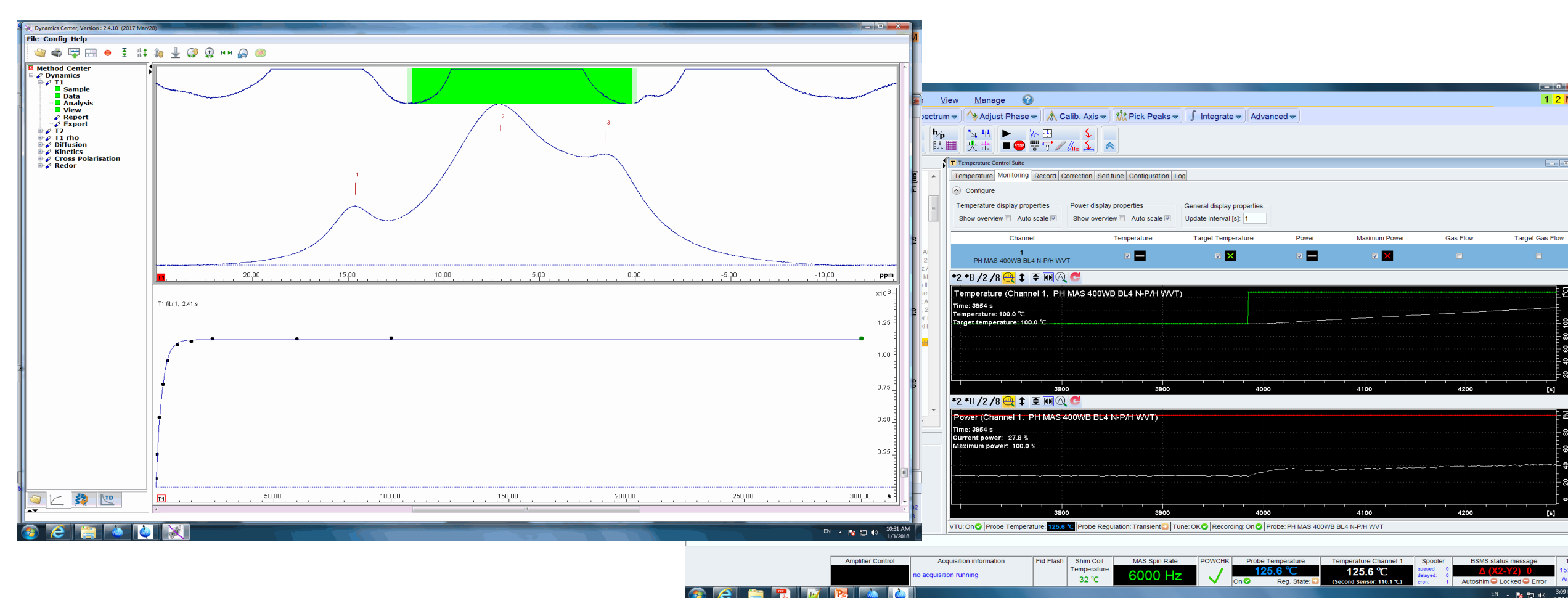


Figure 3. Bruker TopSpin software displaying ^1H T_1 relaxation data and variable temperature experiment monitoring.

Potential Collaborations

- Contract engagement
- Project based
- Innovation partnerships
- IRC Enterprise partnership scheme (PhD & PDF)
- Training seminars/workshops
- Graduate and undergraduate training