

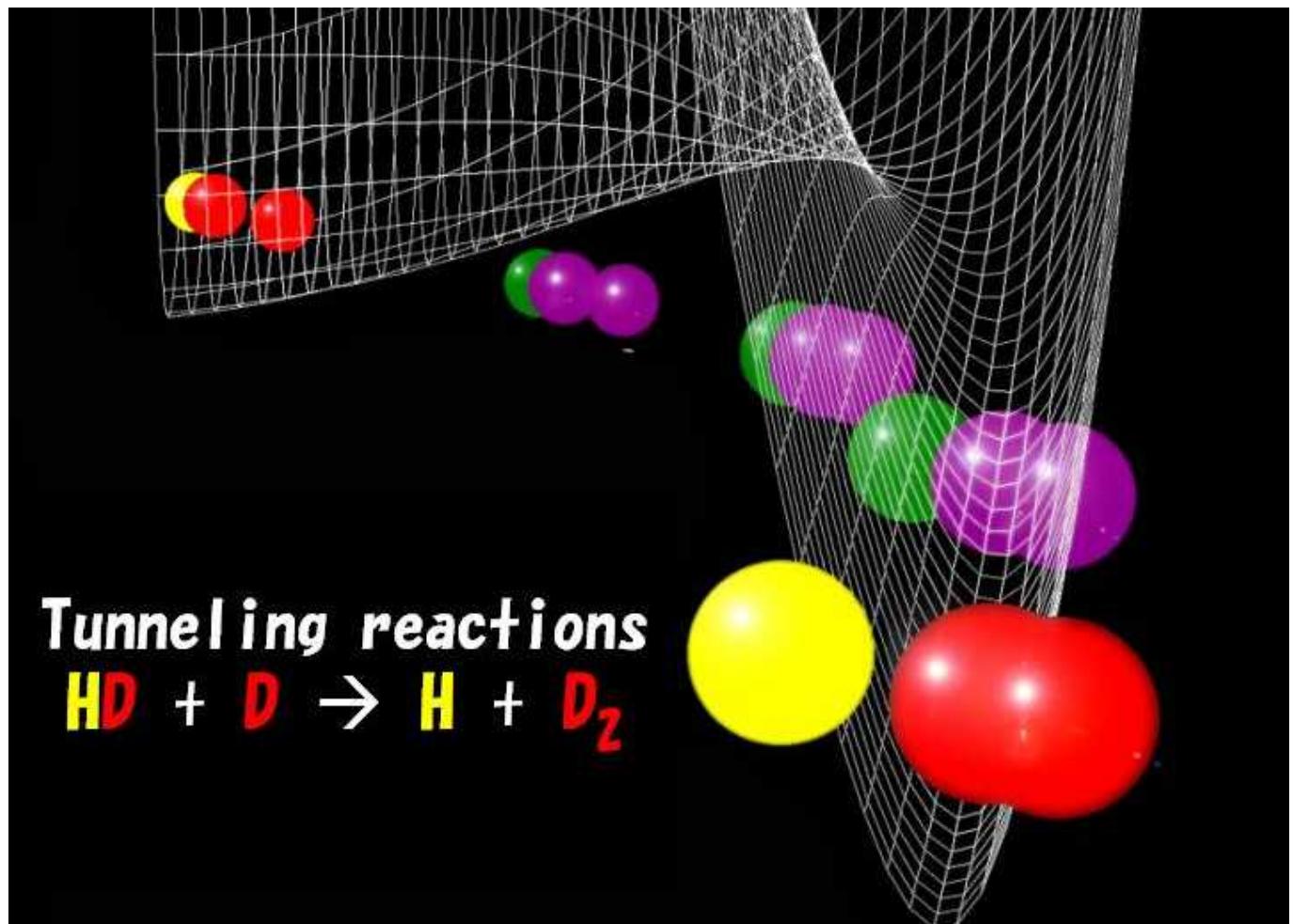
# X-band ESR study of radicals and their spin relaxation in solid hydrogens

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(old name: Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute(JAERI))

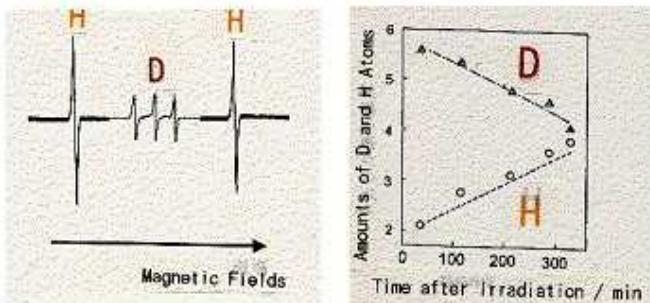
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# ESR study in $\gamma$ -ray irradiated solid HD



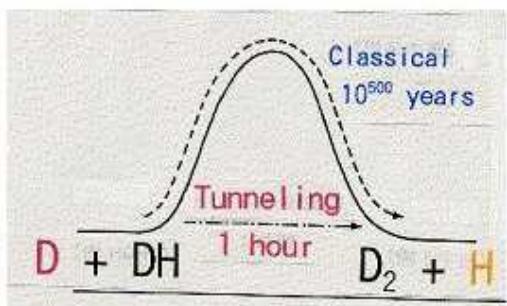
Tunneling reactions  
in solid hydrogen



Local environment  
Energy dissipation



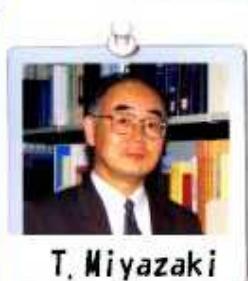
ESR spectroscopy  
Spin-relaxation



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Nagoya and JAEA (JAERI)

1980's



Japan-Soviet  
joint seminars

Russian group

I. I. Lukashevich  
V. Shevtsov  
E. B. Gordon  
Y. Kagan et. al.

Closed on 1990's

1995



1999  
V. Shevtsov

2002  
E. B. Gordon

2003

2005

Now, I'm the best person who covers these studies!

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## DYNAMIC POLARIZATION OF PROTONS AND DEUTERONS IN SOLID DEUTERIUM HYDRIDE\*

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*DNP aided by H*

$$P_H = 3 \%$$

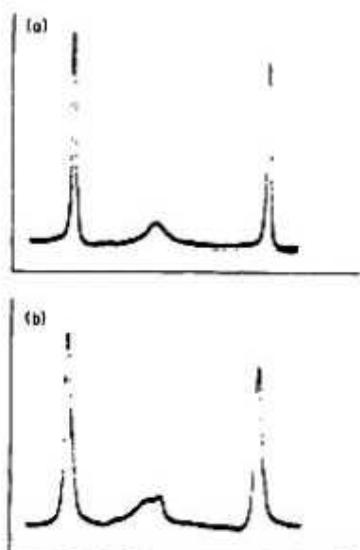


Fig. 3. EPR spectrum of an irradiated solid HD sample prepared from gas containing  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  O<sub>2</sub> impurity. (a) 4.2 K, (b) 1.2 K. The two narrow resonances are ascribed to H-atoms trapped in the HD lattice and the broad central resonance is ascribed to the residual O<sub>2</sub>D. The centers of the H-atom resonances are separated by 504 G.

## Relaxation times for two samples

Material	T <sub>1</sub> at 4.2 K		T <sub>1</sub> at 1.2 K	
	Low field resonance	High field resonance	Low field resonance	High field resonance
Purified HD	95 ms	95 ms	-	-
Purified HD and $3 \times 10^{-3}$ O <sub>2</sub>	0.14 ms	0.14 ms	0.25 ms	0.29 ms

*Optimize parameters!*  
 • H-atom concentration  
 • Add O<sub>2</sub> for relaxation

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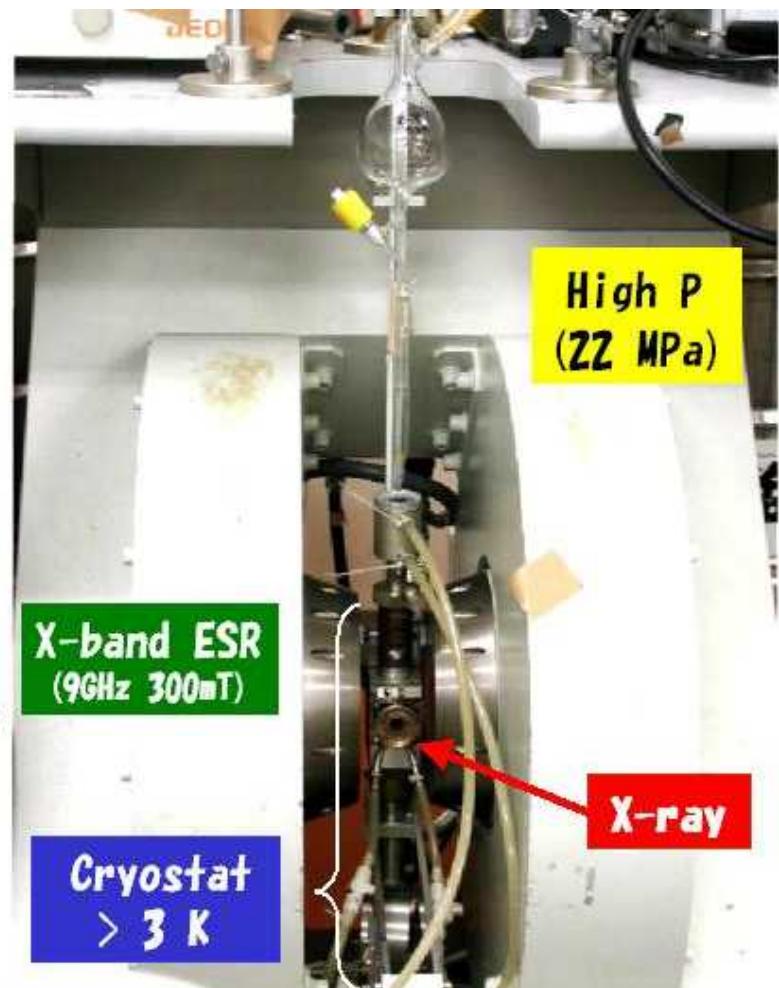
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# Experiments at JAEA (JAERI)

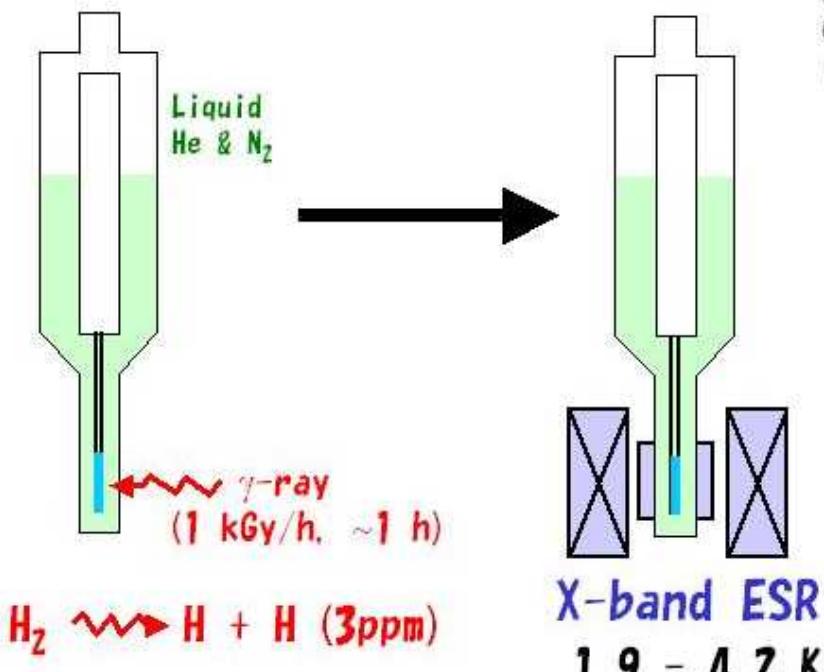
mainly by Me

$n\text{-H}_2$   
 $HD$  ( $n\text{-H}_2:3\%$ ,  $n\text{-D}_2:2\%$ )  
 $n\text{-D}_2$   
 $p\text{-H}_2$  ( $o\text{-H}_2:0, 2\%$ )

$H_2 \xrightarrow{x\text{-ray}} H + H$  (0.1 ppm)

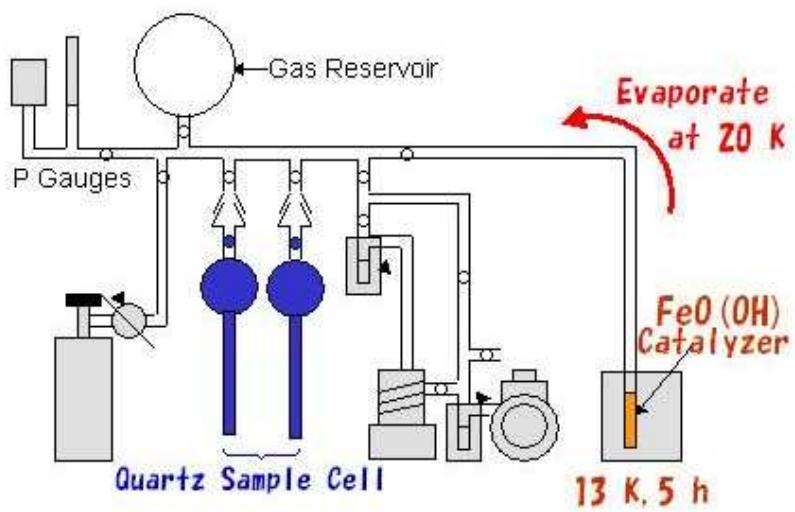


# Experiments at Nagoya (Miyazaki's lab.)

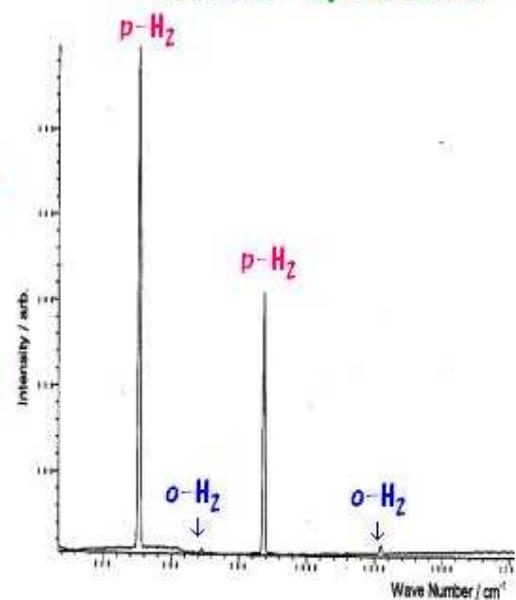


# Preparation of para-H<sub>2</sub>

## • Glass vacuum line



## • Raman Spectrum



**p-H<sub>2</sub> gas (99.8 %) is produced**

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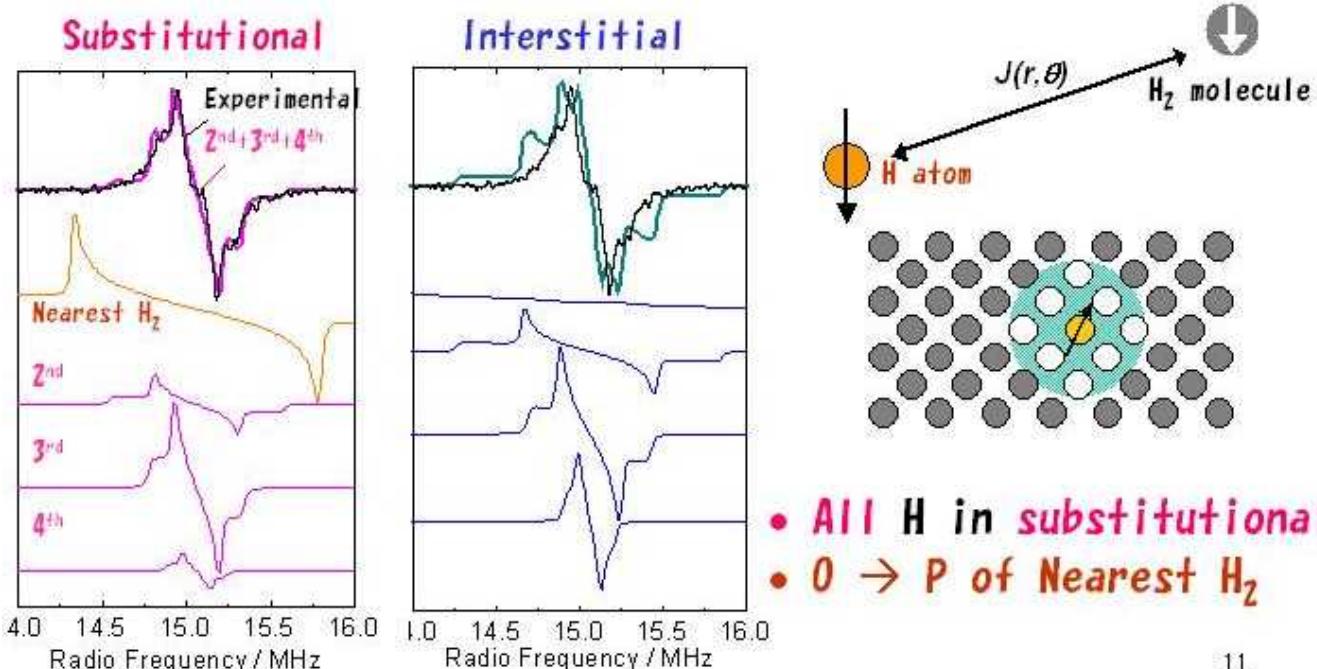
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# ENDOR study of H atoms in solid H<sub>2</sub>

(Electron-Nuclear spin DOuble Resonance)

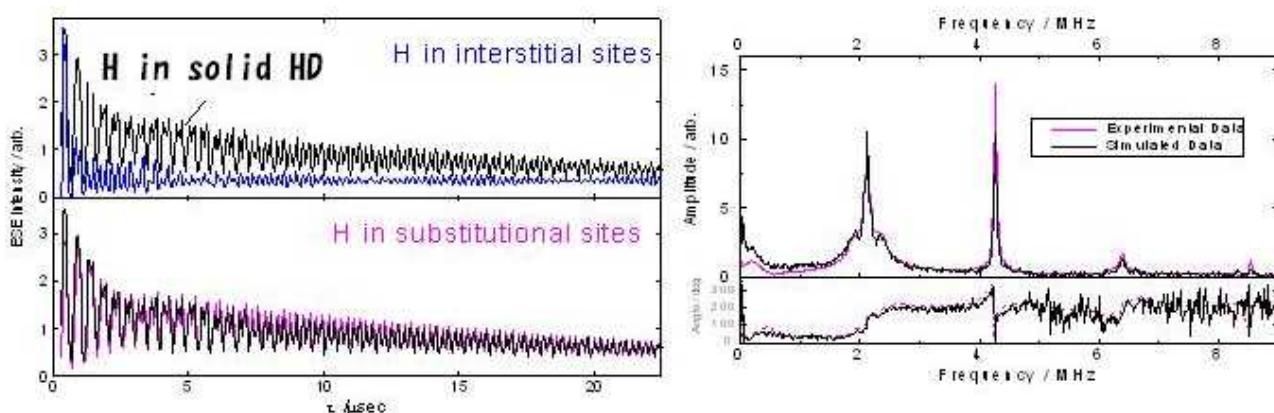
T. Kumada, et al., Chem. Phys. Lett. 288, 755-759 (1998)



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## Electron Spin Echo of H in HD and D<sub>2</sub>

T. Kumada, et al., J. Chem. Phys. 111, 10974-10978 (1999).

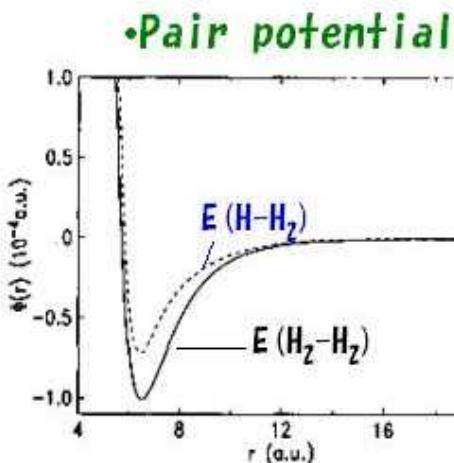


All H and D atoms are also in substitutional sites of solid HD and D<sub>2</sub>

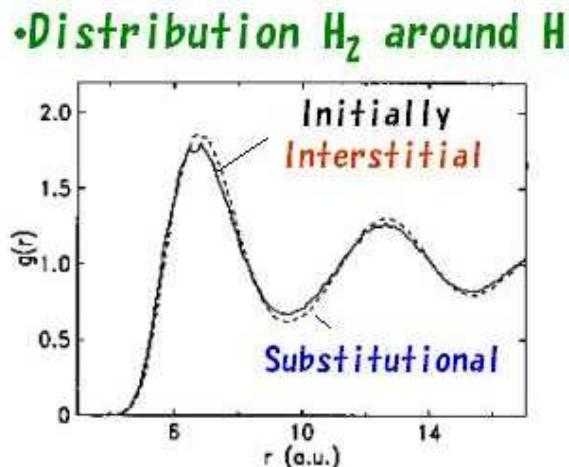
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# Monte-Carlo study of H atoms in solid H<sub>2</sub>

D. Li and V. Voth, JCP 100, 1785 (1994)



H atoms are more stable in substitutional sites



Interstitial → Substitutional  
(Self-annealing effect)

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- ESR linewidth
  - Trapping sites are homogeneous
  - No anisotropy in H atom
  - Very slow spin-lattice relaxation
  - Superhyperfine interaction → Yes!**
- ESR spin flip-flop satellite line
 

Narrow enough for Solid Effect

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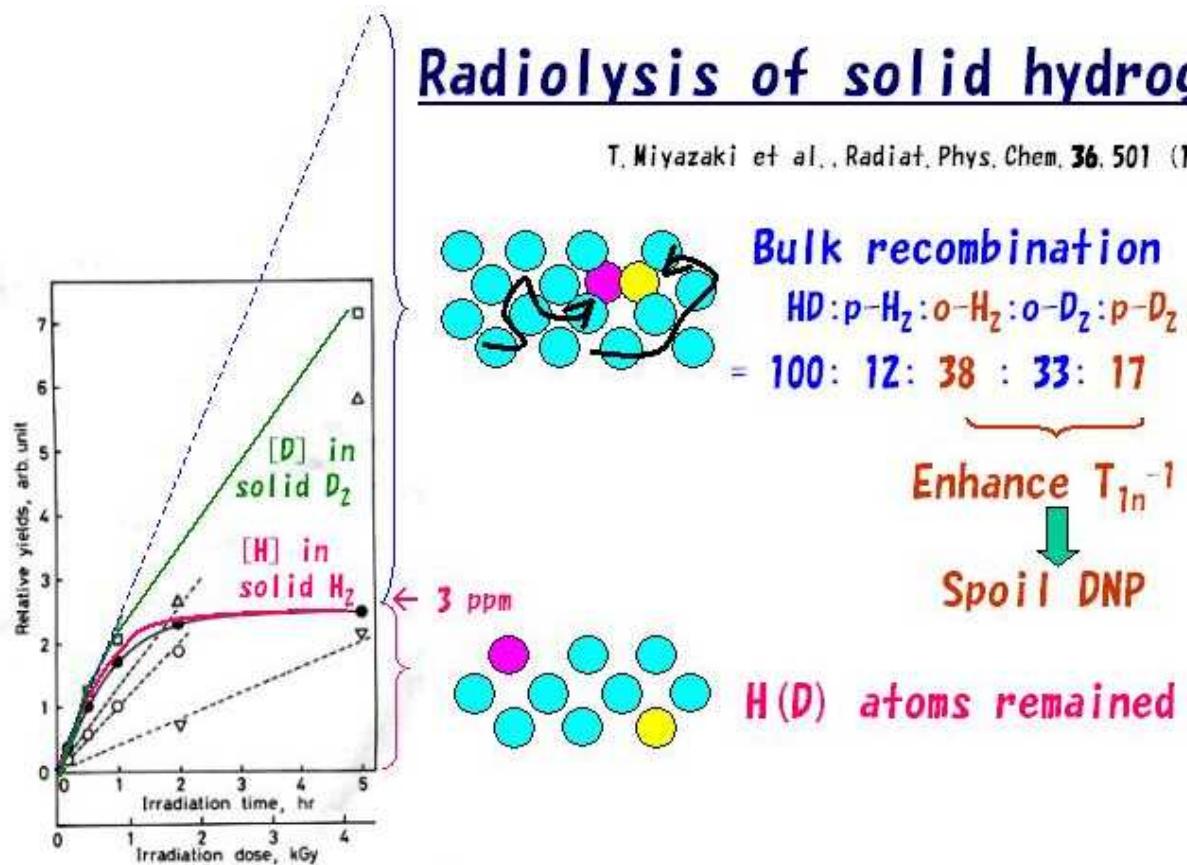
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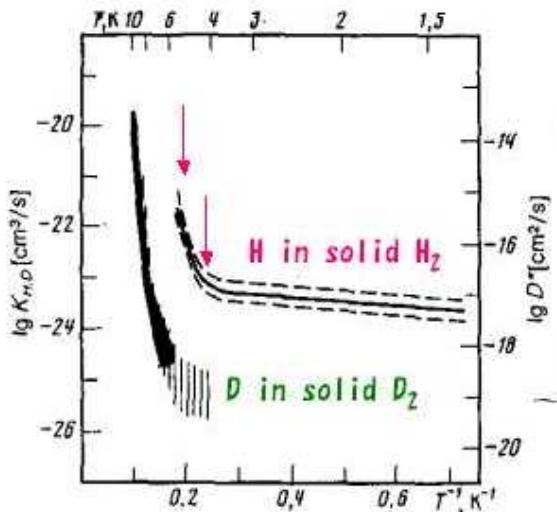
# Radiolysis of solid hydrogens

T. Miyazaki et al., Radiat. Phys. Chem. **36**, 501 (1990)



High yields of H  $\longleftrightarrow$  Less bulk recombination

<b>J=1</b>	<b>Ortho-H<sub>2</sub></b> $I = 1$ (75 %)	<b>Para-D<sub>2</sub></b> $I = 1$ (33 %)
<b>J=0</b>	<b>Para-H<sub>2</sub></b> $I = 0$ (25 %)	<b>HD</b> $I_H=1/2, I_D=1$ (100 %)



How about higher dose rate?

Heating by  $\gamma$ -rays

Enhance Bulk recombination

A. S. Iskovskikh et al., JETP 64, 1085 (1986)

Nagoya: H in HD : 5 ppm

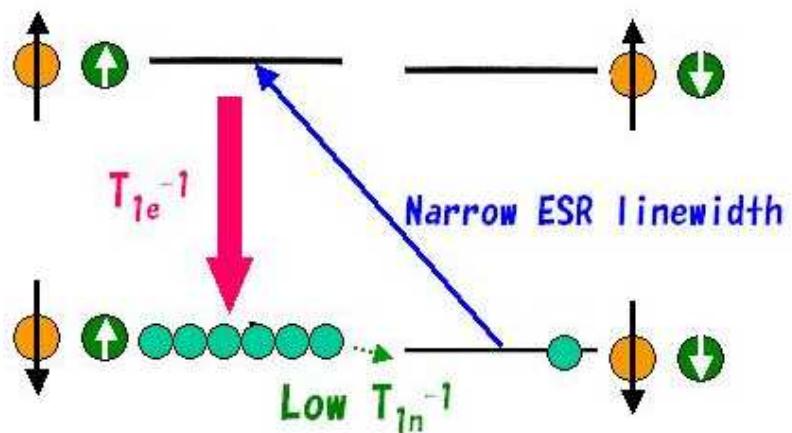
Solem : H in HD : 100 ppm

Collins: H in HD: 300 ppm with o-H<sub>2</sub> and p-D<sub>2</sub> at ~3 %

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5. Spin relaxation



We need **high  $T_{1e}^{-1}$**  and **low  $T_{1n}^{-1}$**

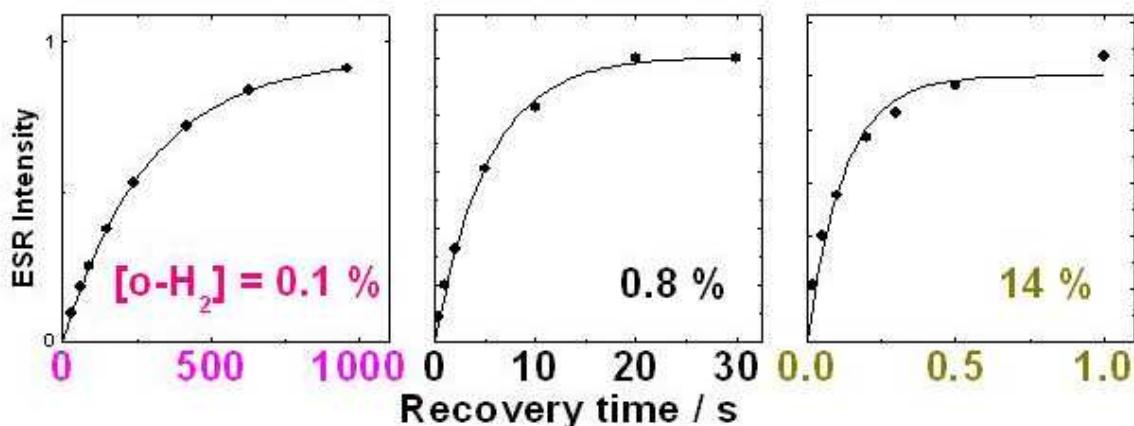
**Lower  $T_{1n}^{-1}$  in highly purified HD**

**How about  $T_{1e}^{-1}$  in this case?**

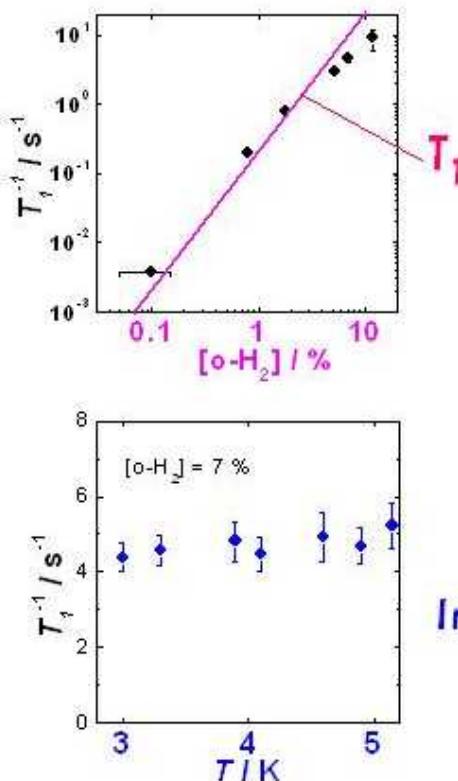
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## $T_{1e}$ in solid p-H<sub>2</sub>

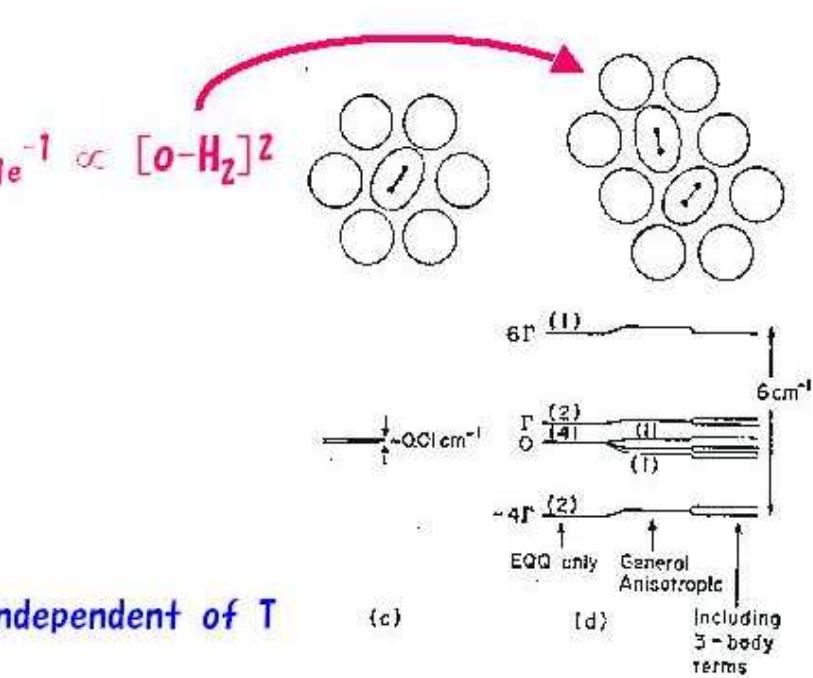
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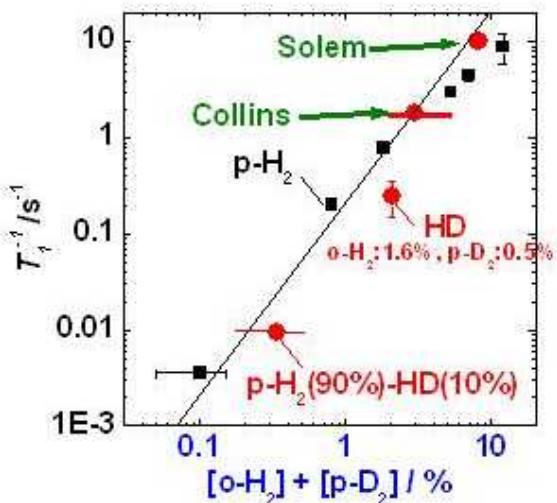
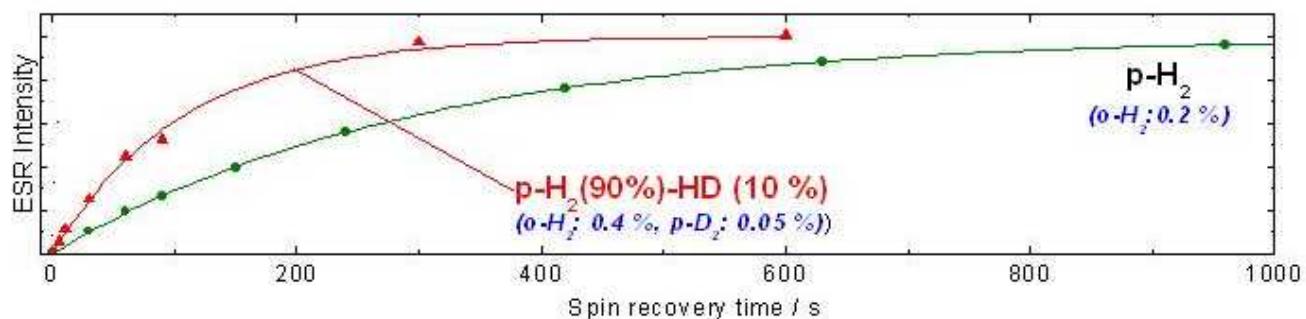
Independent of T



Zeeman energy ( $0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )  $\rightarrow$  q-q int. of  $o\text{-H}_2$  pair ( $< 6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

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## $T_{1e}$ in solid HD



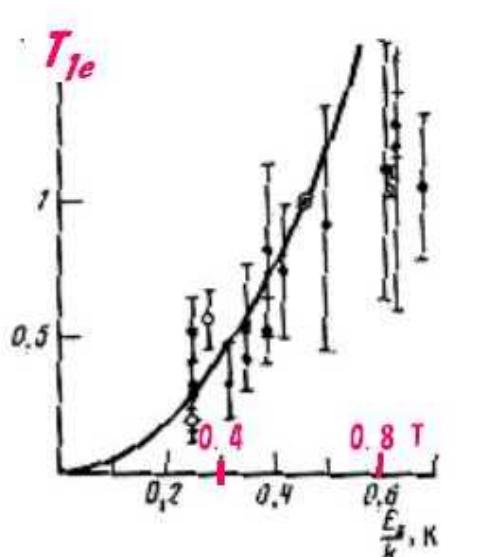
$T_{1e}$  depends only on  $[o\text{-H}_2] + [p\text{-D}_2]$   
Whether p-H<sub>2</sub> or HD does not matter!

$T_{1e} \rightarrow 10^3 \text{ s in highly purified HD}$

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## $T_{1e}$ (H) at DNP condition

A. S. Iskovskikh et al., JETP 64, 1085 (1986)



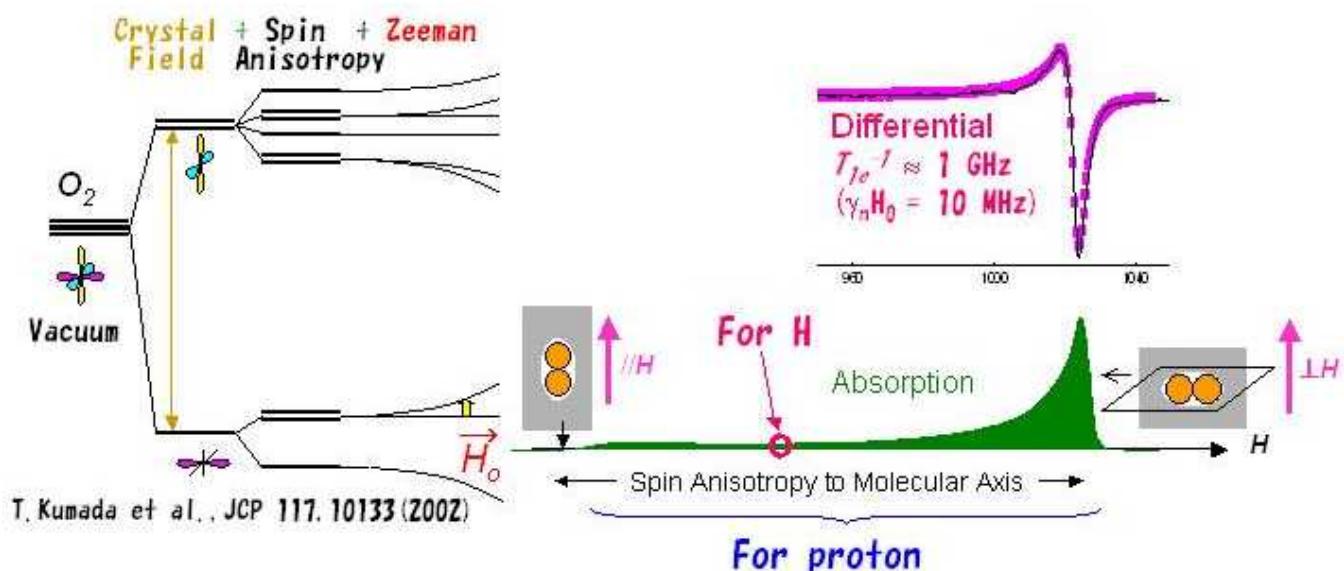
$T_{1e}$  increases with  $H_0$

$T_{1e}$  is independent of [H] (Not shown)

$T_{1e} \gg 10^3$  s at DNP condition

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Solem added O<sub>2</sub>,  $T_{1e}(H) = 100$  ms  $\rightarrow 0.1$  ms

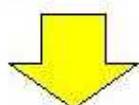


O<sub>2</sub> enhance both  $T_{1e}^{-1}(H)$  and  $T_{In}^{-1}$   $\rightarrow$  Spoil DNP

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## Summary on DNP with H atom

1. Trapping sites      Excellent
2. Linewidth              Excellent
3. Radiolysis              By-product  $\text{o-H}_2$  and  $\text{p-D}_2$
4. Spin relaxation       $T_{1e} \gg 1000$  s in purified HD



DNP in highly purified HD is impossible!

Only “poor” polarization with “poor” purity

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# How about $\text{CH}_3$ ?

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# Experiment

• Sample

pH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>I (0.06%)

• Deposition rate

4 mmol / 1 h

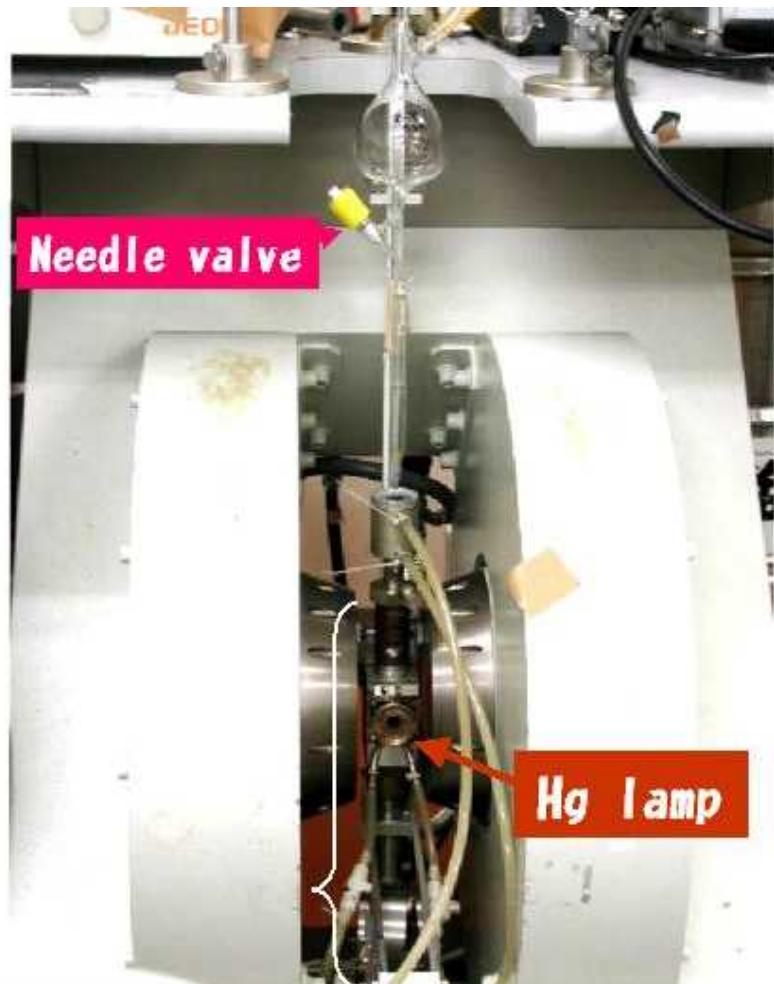
• UV illumination

Mercury lamp 10 min



• CH<sub>3</sub> produced in p-H<sub>2</sub>

≈ 10 ppm (0.001 %)



## 1000 ppm isolated in solid p-H<sub>2</sub>

M. E. Fajardo and S. Tam, JCP108, 4237 (1998)

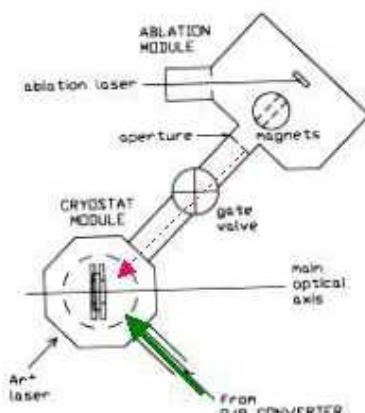
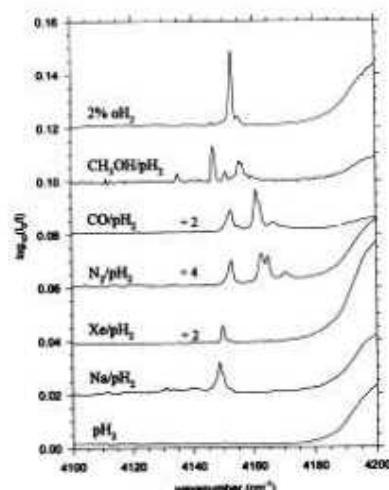


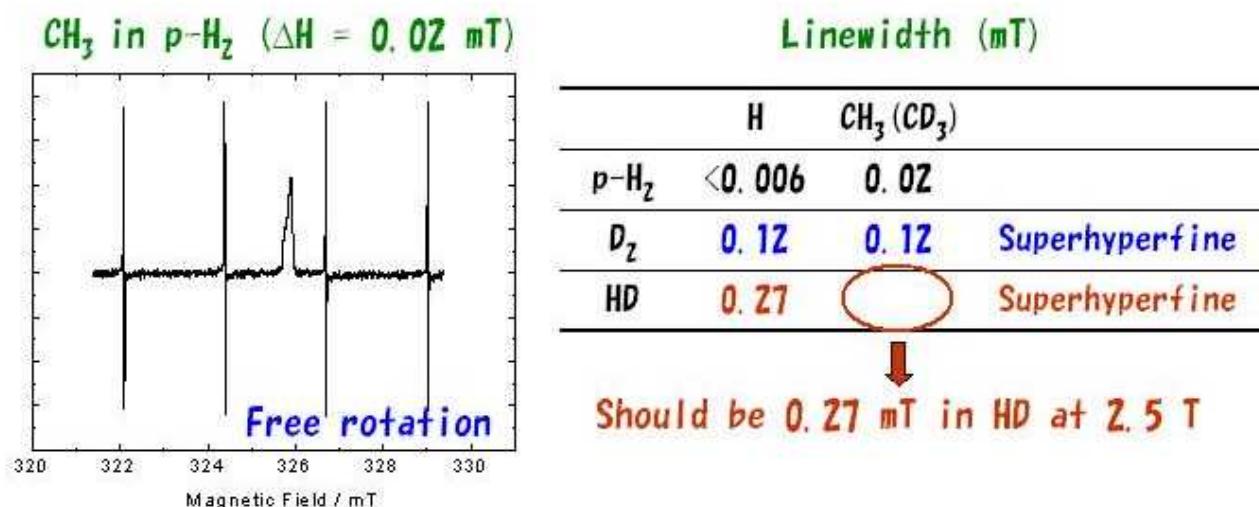
FIG. 1. Experimental diagram.



Deposition on cold substrate at 2 K for IR study

1. [guest] = 1000 ppm,
2. Millimeter thick,
3. Optically transparent.

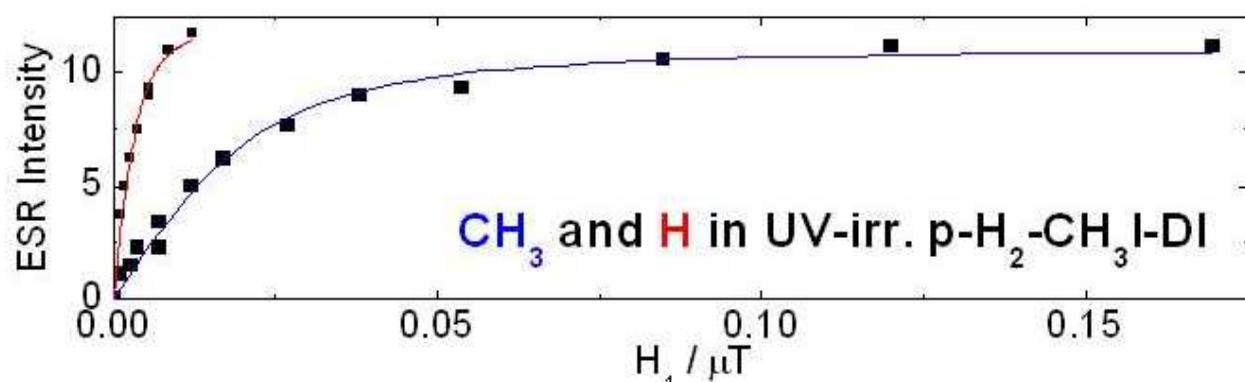
# Linewidth of $\text{CH}_3$ in solid HD



Narrow enough for solid effect !

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# Microwave power saturation of $\text{CH}_3$ in solid $p\text{-H}_2$



$0.2 \text{ ms} < T_{1e}(\text{CH}_3) < 10 \text{ ms}, \quad T_{1e}(H) \approx 5 \text{ s}$

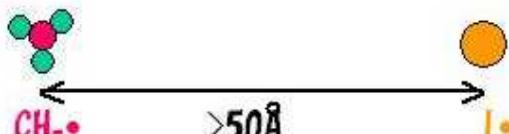
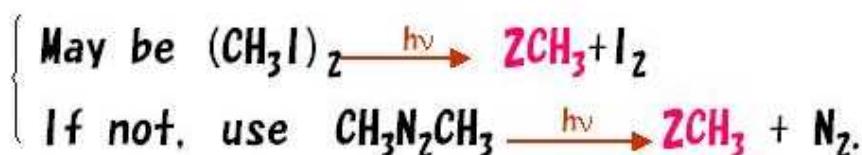
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## • Promising

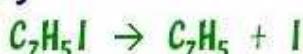
- High yields with mercury lamp
- No  $o\text{-H}_2$ ,  $p\text{-D}_2$

## • Check points

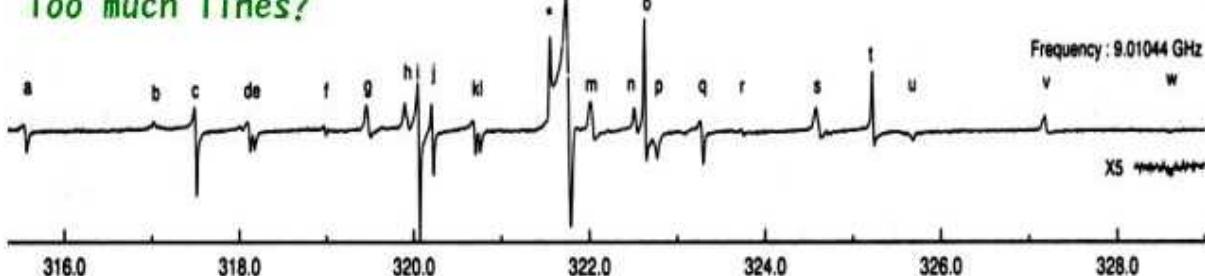
- I atoms → enhance  $T_{Jn^{-1}}$



## • $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$



Too much lines?



## • $\text{N}^{(4S)}$



By-product: O atom and  $\text{N}(\pm 3/2) \leftrightarrow \text{N}(\pm 1/2)$

## • $\text{NH}_2$

Not observed in UV-illuminated  $\text{NH}_3$  in solid  $\text{H}_2$  → Why?

See "Photochemistry of small molecules" H. Okabe, Wiley 1978

# Conclusion for DNP of solid HD

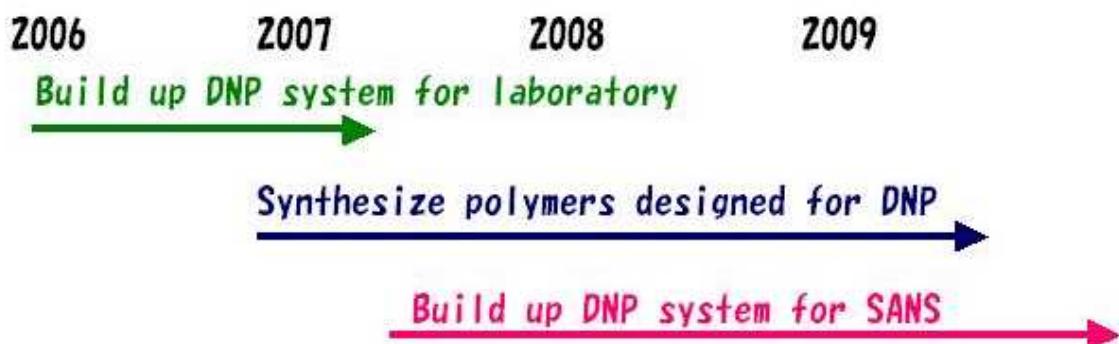
- Use  $\text{CH}_3$  instead of H atom
- Arrange set up for isolation of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$
- Use  $\text{CH}_3\text{N}_2\text{CH}_3$  and so on, if I atoms spoil DNP
- Use other photoproducts, if  $T_{1e}(\text{CH}_3)$  is still long

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# Goal of our study

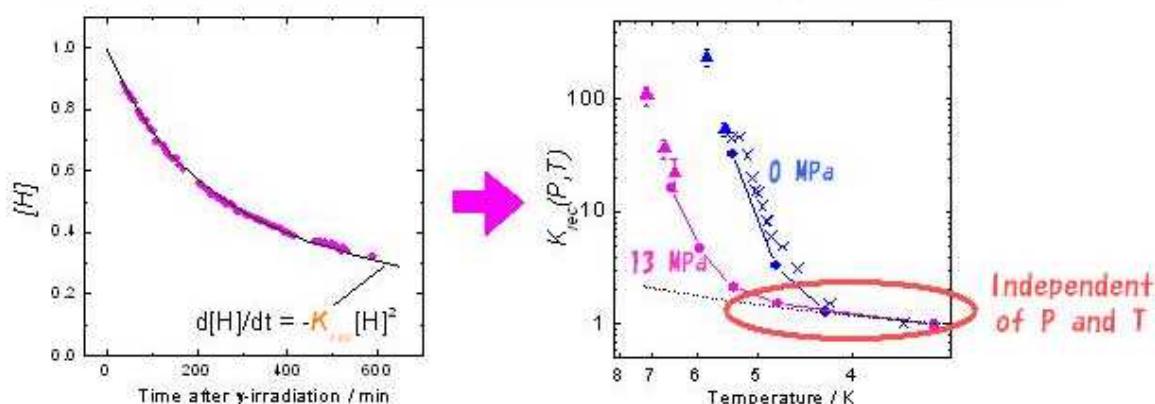
Determination of mesoscale structure  
Of polymers using DNP and SANS



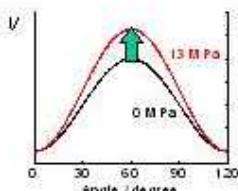
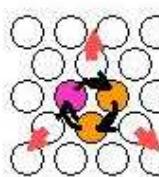
Contact me if you are interested in our project!

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## Tunneling diffusion by $H + H_2 \rightarrow H_2 + H$



★ physical exchange model  
 $D(13 \text{ MPa}) \ll D(0 \text{ MPa}) \rightarrow \text{No}$

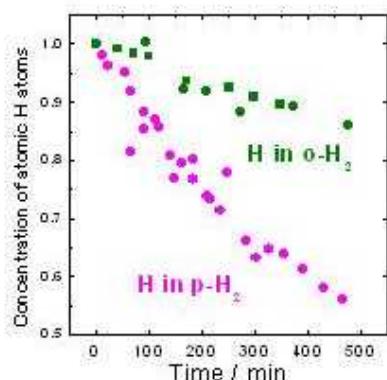


★  $H + H_2 \rightarrow H_2 + H$ ,  
 $k(13 \text{ MPa}) = k(0 \text{ MPa}) \rightarrow \text{Yes}$  (e.g. No P effect on  $D + DH \rightarrow D_2 + H$ )

H atoms in solid  $H_2$  diffuse by the  $H + H_2$  tunneling reaction below 4 K

## Effect of surrounding environment on $H + H_2 \rightarrow H_2^+ + H$

- Decay of H atoms in solid  $H_2$



- Tunneling reaction
  - in solid n- $H_2$
  - in solid p- $H_2$

We should know the local environment around reactants.

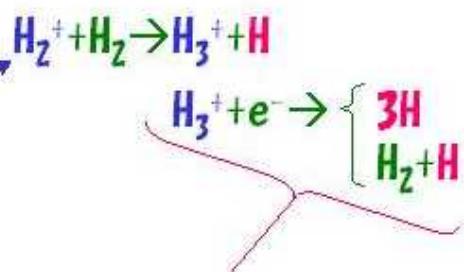
T. Kumada et al, J. Low Temp. Phys. 122, 265–278 (2001)  
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## Radiolysis of gaseous $H_2$

P. C. Souers, Hydrogen properties for fusion energy, Univ. California (1986)

CALCULATED RADIATION DAMAGE EVENTS IN  $H_2$  GAS BOMBARDED WITH ONE 16 fJ (100 keV) ELECTRON THAT LOSES ALL ITS ENERGY

Processes	Products	Number of events	Ion pairs
Ionization	$H_2^+ + e^-$	2377	0.87
	$H^+ + e^- + H$	341	0.12
	$2(H^+ + e^-)$	14	0.01
Excitation	$H_2^* \rightarrow H_2 + h\nu$	1788	1.00
	$H_2^* \rightarrow 2H$	740	
	$H_2^* \rightarrow H^* + H$	614	1.16
	$H_2^* \rightarrow 2H^*$	28	
Atom production (sum from above)		3105	1.14

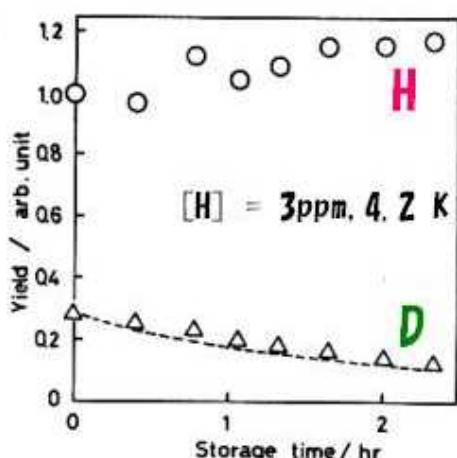


NOTE: There is no further reaction or recombination of the radiation damage products.

Radiation energy 100 keV →
 

- 60 keV: H-H dissociation
- 40 keV: The others

# $\tau_{1/2(H)}$ : Lifetime of H in solid HD



T. Miyazaki et al., JCP 93, 3352 (1989)

No decrease in [D] + [H]  
 ↓  
 No recombination within 2 h  
 ↓  
 $\tau_{1/2(H)} > 10^5 \text{ s for } [H] = 3 \text{ ppm}$   
 ↓  
 $\tau_{1/2(H)} \geq 1 \text{ h for } [H] = 100 \text{ ppm}$

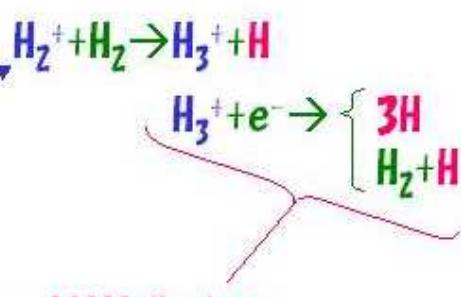
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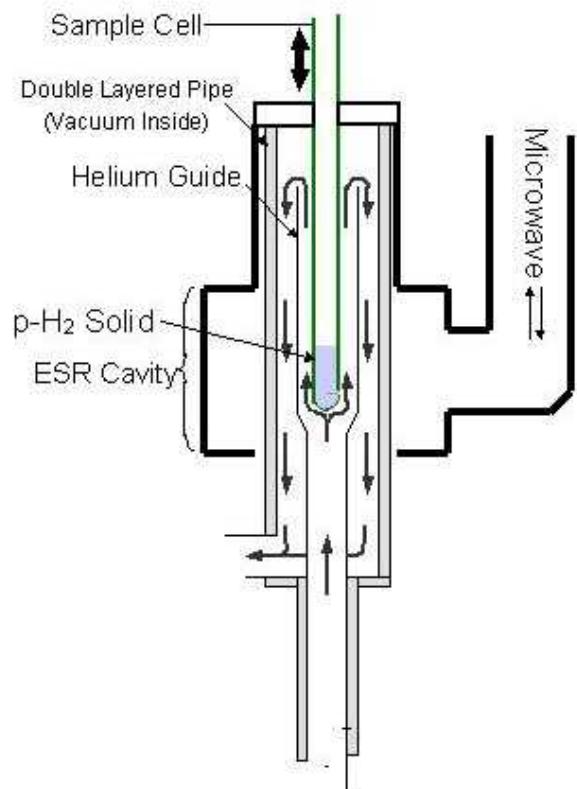
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Excitation	2732		1.00
	H <sub>2</sub> <sup>*</sup> → H <sub>2</sub> + hν	1788	
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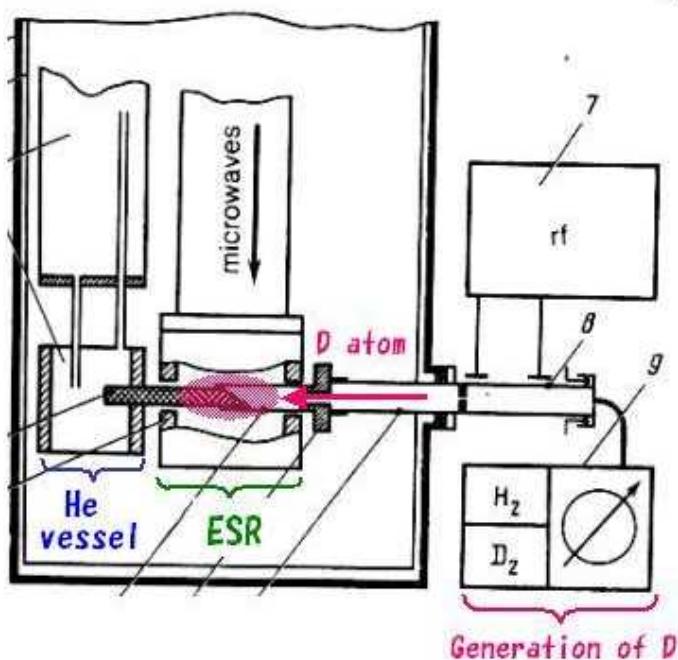
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## D atoms in solid D<sub>2</sub> produced by discharge

I. S. Iskovskikh et al., JETP 64, 1085 (1986)



### Advantage

[D] = 3000 ppm  
in solid D<sub>2</sub>

### Disadvantage

HD → H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>, HD (1:1:2)

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# ESR Linewidth

Solid	Place	Produced by	$\Delta H(4 \text{ K})$	$\Delta H(1 \text{ K})$
HD	Miyazaki	$\gamma$ -ray	0.27	0.27
	Kumada	X-ray	0.27	0.27
		UV	0.28	
$D_2$	Collins	Tritium	0.3	0.3
	Solem	X-ray	1.1	2.0
$D_2$	Miyazaki	$\gamma$ -ray	0.12	0.12
	Kumada	X-ray	0.12	0.27
		UV	0.13	
	Shevtsov	Discharge	0.12	0.12

Solem probably overestimated the width.

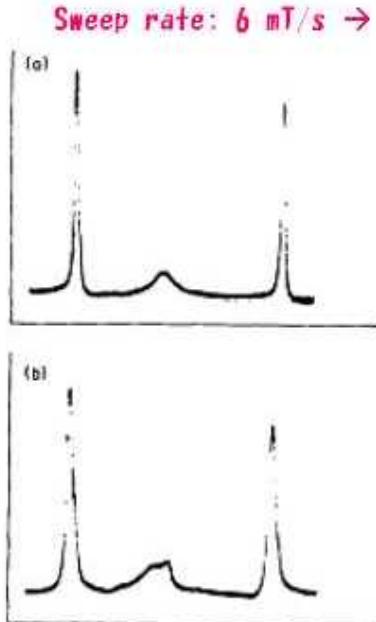
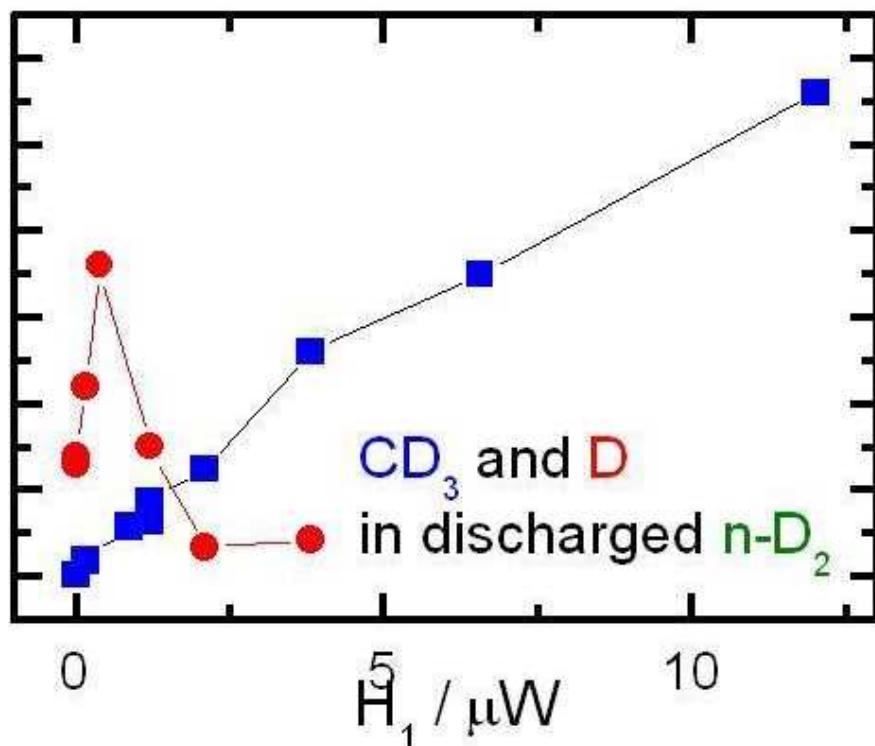


Fig. 3: EPR spectrum of an irradiated solid HD sample prepared from gas containing  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  O<sub>2</sub> impurity. (a) 4.2 K, (b) 1.2 K. The two narrow resonances are ascribed to H-atoms trapped in the HD lattice and the broad central resonance is ascribed to the radical O<sub>2</sub>D. The centers of the H-atom resonances are separated by 364 G.

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