



^{13}C -urea in pure Canadian maple syrup

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Why is this your favorite spectrum?

Pure Canadian maple syrup...will it polarize? Why yes! Not only does it polarize, it's also a fantastic glassing agent that can be used to facilitate the polarization of solid DNP agents such as ^{13}C -urea. As a stereotypical Canadian, there is indeed a collection of maple syrup (various grades) on my shelf of NMR references.

Comments: The maple syrup freezes as a glass at cryogenic temperatures, allowing close contact between uniformly distributed ^{13}C -urea and trityl radical for efficient dynamic nuclear polarization (DNP). Upon dissolution in hot water, the T_1 of ^{13}C -urea was shorter than expected, suggesting a trace presence of paramagnetic maple goodness.