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Requested Dates: Monday September 5th to Wednesday September 7th

Requested Equipment:

3.2mm HFX probe, shall work with proton, carbon and fluorine platforms, spinning not more than 20Khz. 2.5mm HFX might be required too for the same work but not certain.

Sample Information:

Powdered asphaltene fluorinated with XeF<sub>2</sub>, molecular weight, density varies.

Melting point (should be more than 200°C) and freezing point don't apply as not certain, no major safety concern, might be a little electrostatic

Research Proposal:

<sup>1</sup>H decoupled <sup>19</sup>F NMR (~1 hr)

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<sup>1</sup>H to <sup>13</sup>C CP, with and without <sup>19</sup>F decoupling (~12hrs)

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<sup>1</sup>H to <sup>13</sup>C CP, with double decoupling (~12hrs)

<sup>19</sup>F to <sup>13</sup>C CP, with double decoupling (~12hrs)

Previous Work:

This is the first time I am using these fluorinated samples. Previous work was done on the non-fluorinated variety of the sample. Attaching the parameters and experiments of the previous session below, in the a powerpoint file which has all the parameters and spectra obtained in the last session.

Relevant Literature References:

1) Desando, M. A.; Lahajnar, G.; Ripmeester, J. A.; Ivan, Z. Fuel 1999, 78, 31. The low temperature oxidation of Athabasca oil sand asphaltene observed from <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, and pulsed field gradient spin-echo proton n.m.r. spectra

2) Desando, M. A.; Ripmeester, J. A. Fuel 2002, 81, 1305. Chemical derivatization of Athabasca oil sand asphaltene for analysis of hydroxyl and carboxyl groups via nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy