

Probes: 4mm HXY probe H13694; 4mm HX H13892

Rotor: HR with zirconia cap

Samples: $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, KBr and $\text{Sm}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$

Variable temperature calibration

I started with $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ on 4mm HXY probe H13694 and I measured the change of ^{207}Pb chemical shift with temperature. A very linear behaviour has been obtained however the slope of 1.05ppm/K is quite different from the slopes reported in the literature (between 0.7 and 0.775 ppm/K).

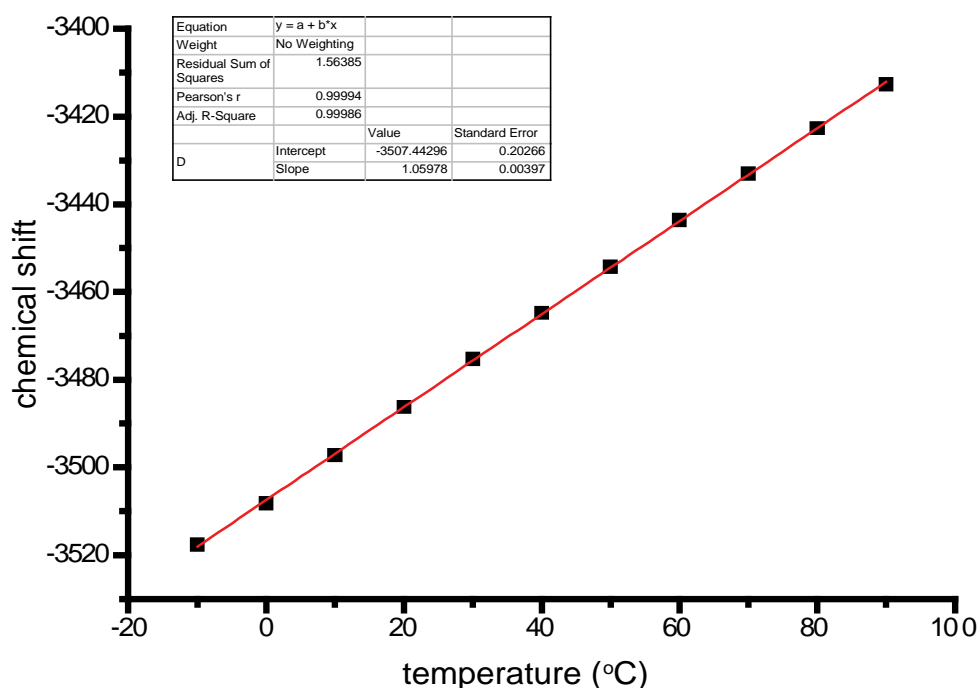


Figure 1 Chemical shift change of ^{207}Pb $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ with temperature

A calibration that brings the slope to a value between 0.7 and 0.775 means a temperature correction as large as 30°C (instead of 90 °C temperature indicated by Bruker the real temperature is 120°C). I was not ready to accept such a big difference between the shown temperature and the real temperature and for this reason on the 4mm HXY probe H13694 I measured the changes of chemical shift with temperature in KBr and $\text{Sm}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$ and on the 4mm HX H13892 probe I measured $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ and $\text{Sm}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$. The data obtained are summarized in the figure 2 and 3 below. I also used a regular multimeter to check the temperature on the two 4mm probes and the results are shown in the table below.

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Temperature indicated by Bruker	Temperature measured with a multimeter	Temperature indicated by Bruker	Temperature measured with a multimeter
10.3	6.8	10.4	6
20.7	20.2	20.3	19.3
50	57	49.8	55.2
79.6	90	79.5	91

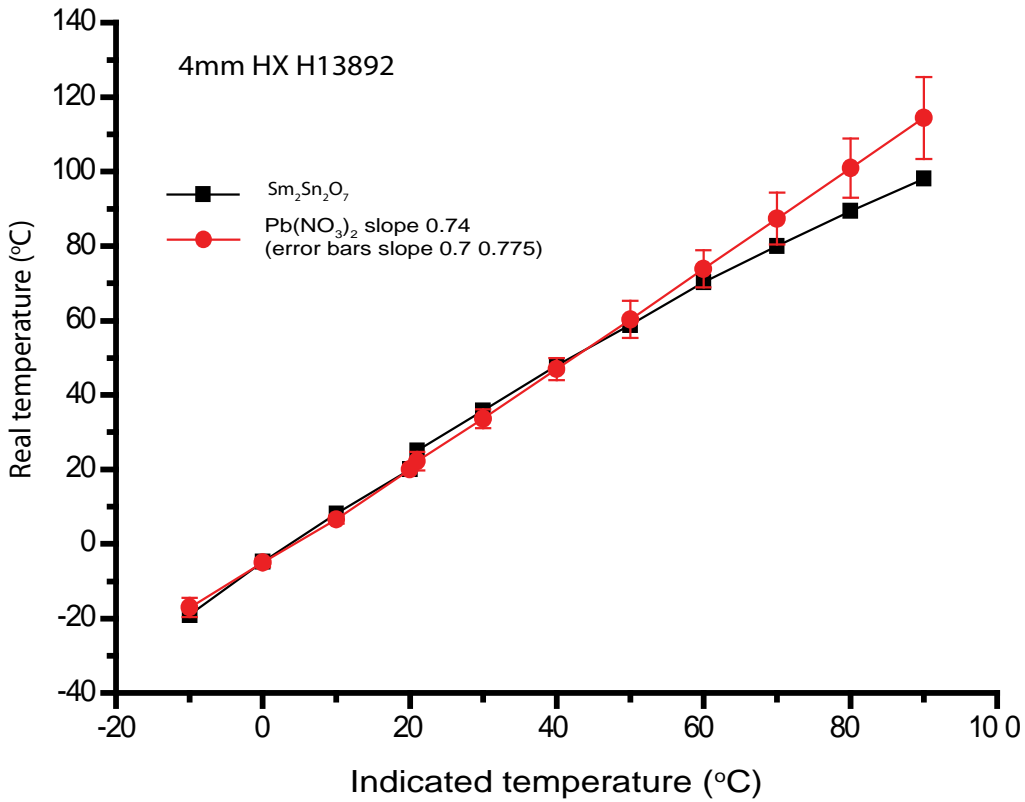


Figure 2. Temperature calibration probe 4mm HX H13892

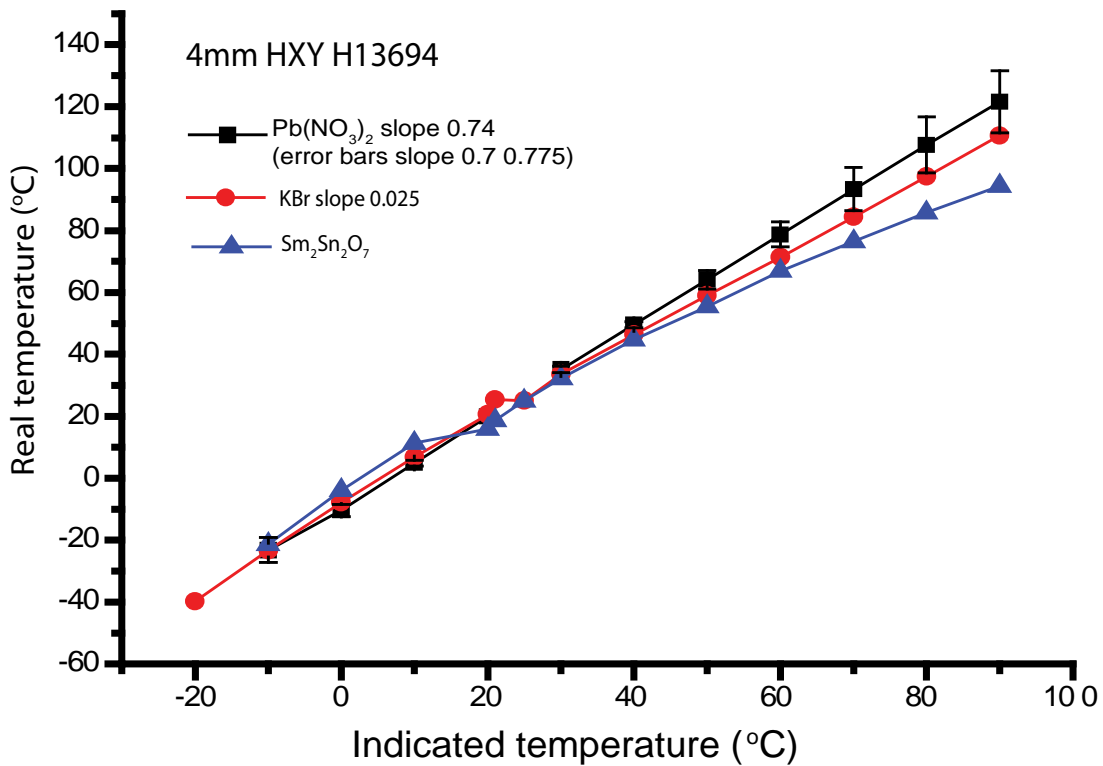


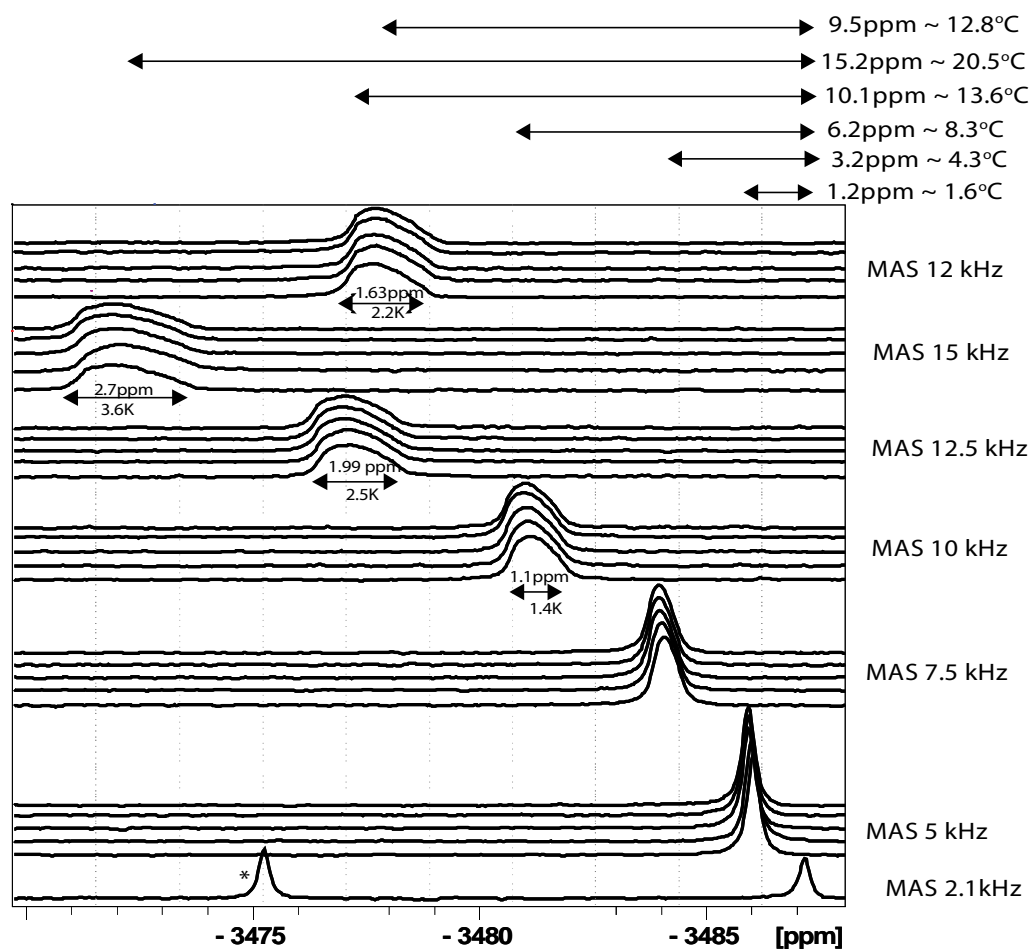
Figure 3. Temperature calibration probe 4mm HXY H13694

Temperature change during spinning

MAS (kHz)	²⁰⁷ Pb(NO ₃) ₂ shift (ppm)	Change in temperature* (°C)	Line width	Temperature gradient* (°C)
2.1			Less than 0.7ppm	
5	1.2	1.6	Less than 0.7ppm	
7.5	3.2	4.3	Less than 0.7ppm	
10	6.2	8.37	1.1	1.4
12.5	10.1	13.64	1.99	2.5
15	15.2	20.54	2.7	3.6
12	9.5	12.83	1.63	2.2

* Change in temperature is calculated as the change in chemical shift (ppm) compared with position at 2.1 kHz divided by 0.74

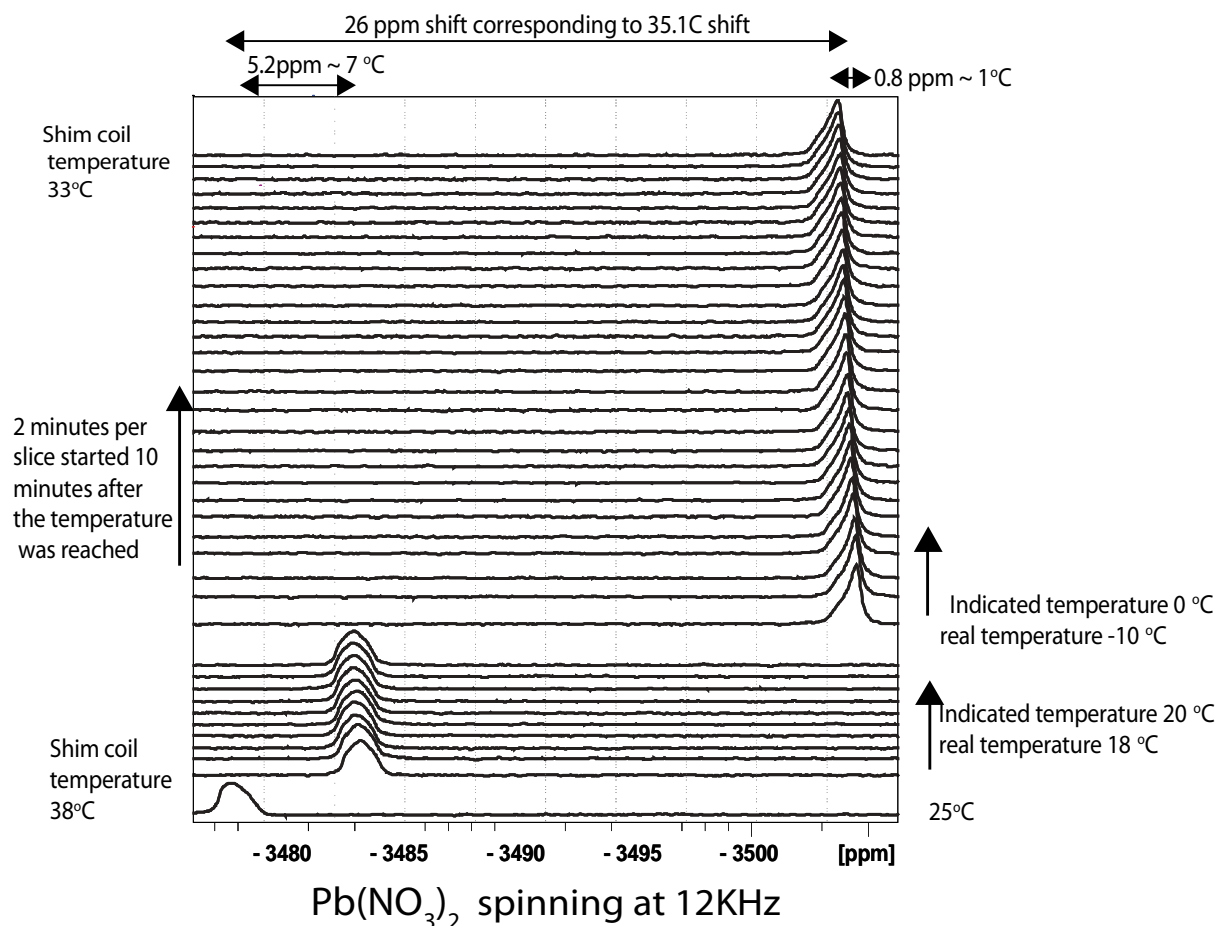
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* spinning side band

Temperature stability

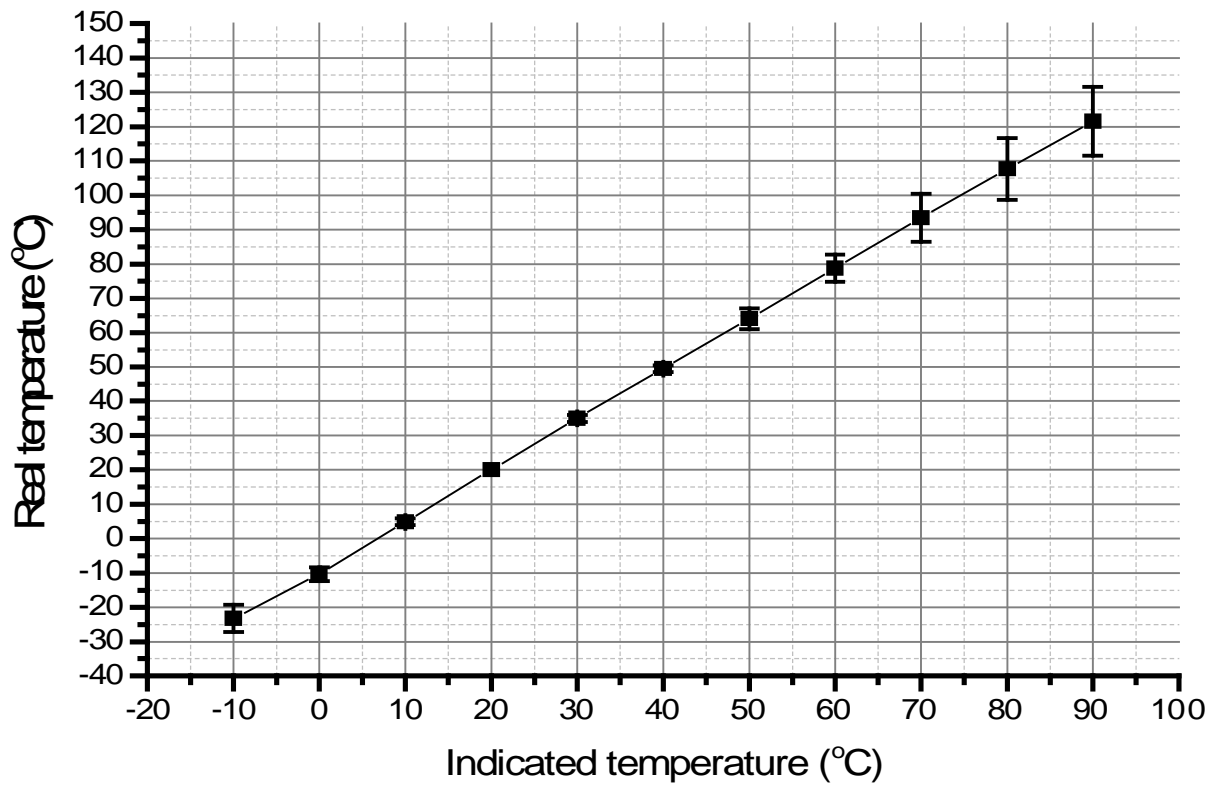
The metal holding the probe and the shim coils changes temperature gradually and therefore there will be a temperature drift that can last several hours. I started at 25°C with the shim temperature 38°C. I dropped the temperature to 0°C (indicated by Bruker) after 1 hour the shim coil temperature dropped to 33°C and the temperature of the sample changed by 1°C.



Conclusions

The users will receive two graphs shown below, and they will be informed about the long time required by the shim-stack temperature to reach thermal equilibrium with the VT gas flow. The users who perform VT measurements below -10°C will be asked to check the temperature of the shim-stack with 'coiltemp' command and stop their experiments if the shim coil temperature goes below -5°C.

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