

Simulations of Powder Spectra using SimFonia

General considerations



Use Powder option only if no molecular motion is present: Powder and Glass Spectra

The calculation algorithm is based on the perturbation theory:

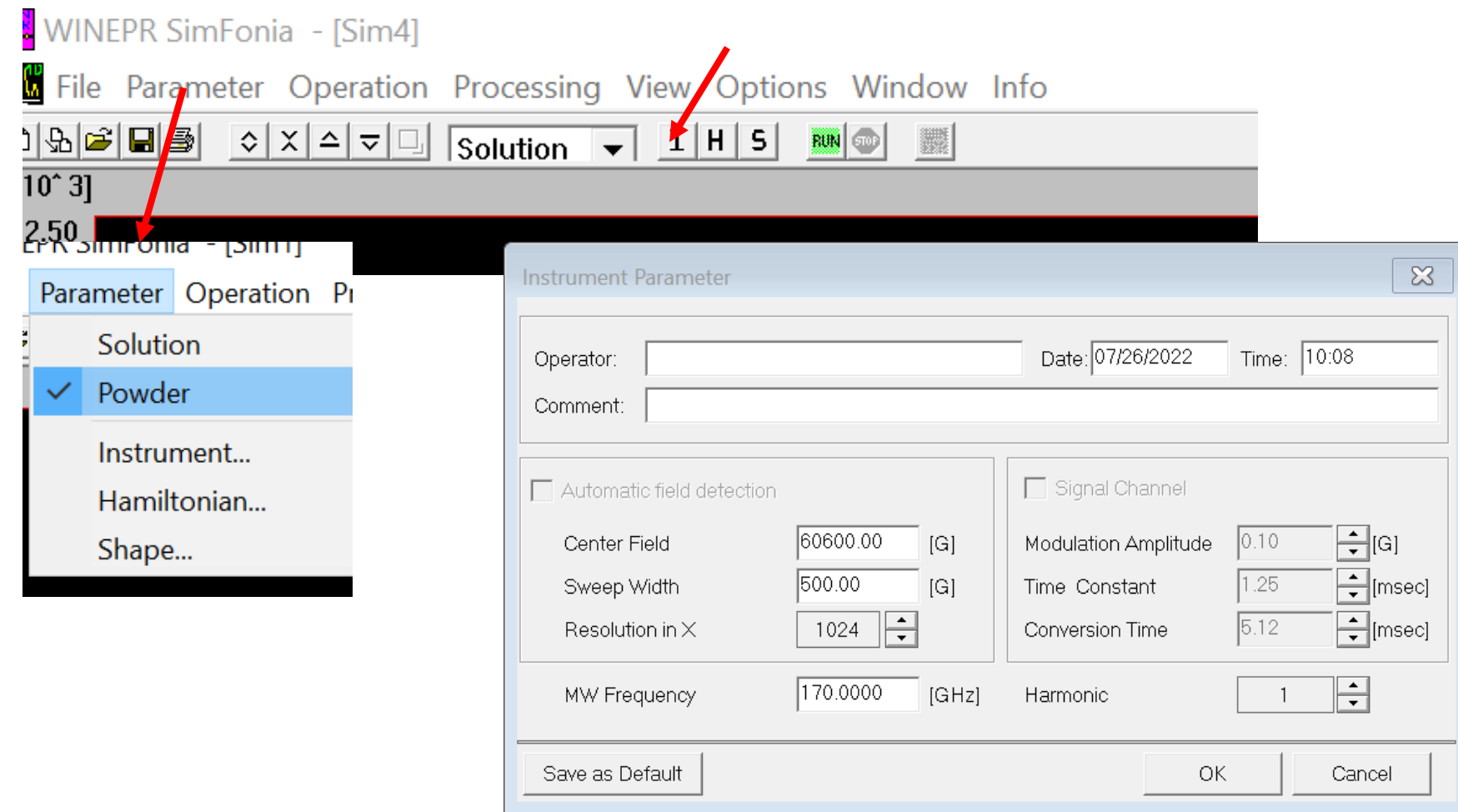
- Use 'higher order' option if large hyperfine splitting are present (e.g Mn^{2+} , VO^{2+})

Only allowed transitions are simulated – no forbidden transitions

The Powder simulation program simulate spectra for electron spin 1/2 to spin 7/2. For spins greater than 1/2, D and E zero-field splitting terms are implemented.

No limitations on nuclear spin

Starting a simulation, Instrument parameters



The screenshot displays the Bruker software interface for starting a simulation. The main window title is "WINEPR SimFonia - [Sim4]". The menu bar includes "File", "Parameter", "Operation", "Processing", "View", "Options", "Window", and "Info". The toolbar contains icons for file operations, a "Solution" dropdown, and buttons for "I", "H", "S", "RUN", and "STOP". A red arrow points to the "I" button in the toolbar. Another red arrow points to the "Parameter" menu item in the menu bar. The "Parameter" menu is open, showing options: "Solution", "Powder" (selected with a checkmark), "Instrument...", "Hamiltonian...", and "Shape...".

The "Instrument Parameter" dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Operator: [] Date: 07/26/2022 Time: 10:08
- Comment: []
- Automatic field detection
- Signal Channel
- Center Field: 60600.00 [G]
- Sweep Width: 500.00 [G]
- Resolution in X: 1024 []
- Modulation Amplitude: 0.10 [G]
- Time Constant: 1.25 [msec]
- Conversion Time: 5.12 [msec]
- MW Frequency: 170.0000 [GHz]
- Harmonic: 1 []

Buttons at the bottom: Save as Default, OK, Cancel.

Starting a simulation, Hamiltonian parameters

Hamiltonian Parameters

Nucleus

Units: Gauss 1

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|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|
| A(x,x) | 0.00 | P(x,x) | 0.00 | g(x,x) | 0.00 |
| A(x,y) | 0.00 | P(x,y) | 0.00 | g(x,y) | 0.00 |
| A(x,z) | 0.00 | P(x,z) | 0.00 | g(x,z) | 0.00 |
| A(y,y) | 0.00 | P(y,y) | 0.00 | g(y,y) | 0.00 |
| A(y,z) | 0.00 | P(y,z) | 0.00 | g(y,z) | 0.00 |
| A(z,z) | 0.00 | P(z,z) | 0.00 | g(z,z) | 0.00 |

Second Order # of Nuclei: 0 Spin: 0

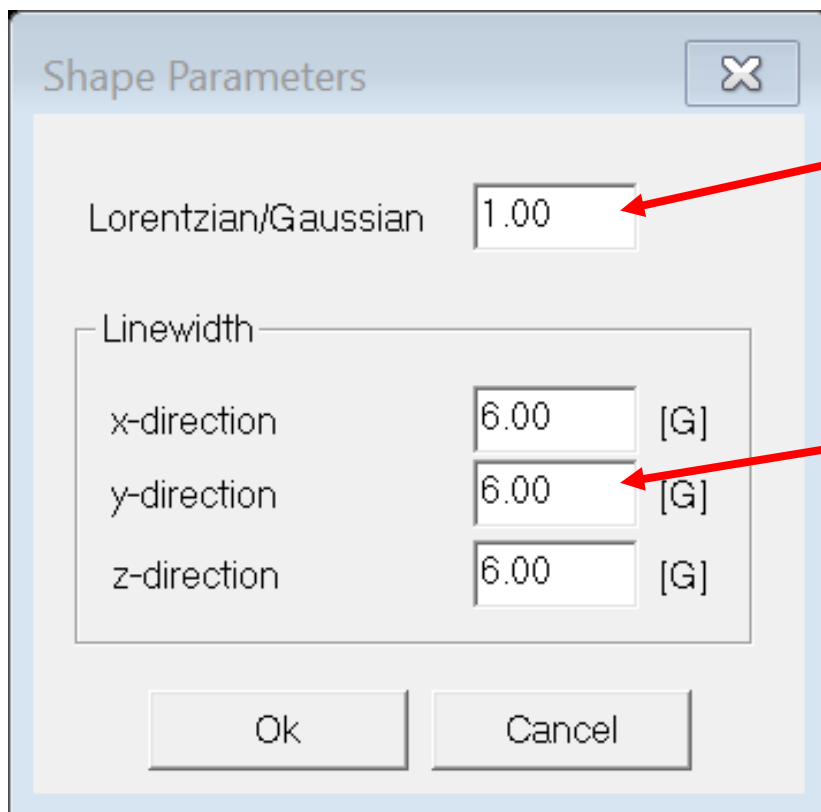
Electron

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|------|----------|------|------|
| g(x) | 2.002320 | Spin | 1/2 |
| g(y) | 2.002320 | D | 0.00 |
| g(z) | 2.002320 | E | 0.00 |

Number of Theta: 10
Number of Phi: 1

OK Cancel

Starting a simulation, Shape parameters



The image shows a software dialog box titled "Shape Parameters". It contains a "Lorentzian/Gaussian" parameter set to 1.00. Below this is a "Linewidth" section with three input fields for "x-direction", "y-direction", and "z-direction", each set to 6.00 [G]. At the bottom are "Ok" and "Cancel" buttons. A red arrow points from the explanatory text to the "Lorentzian/Gaussian" input field, and another red arrow points from the "Anisotropic line width:" text to the "y-direction" input field.

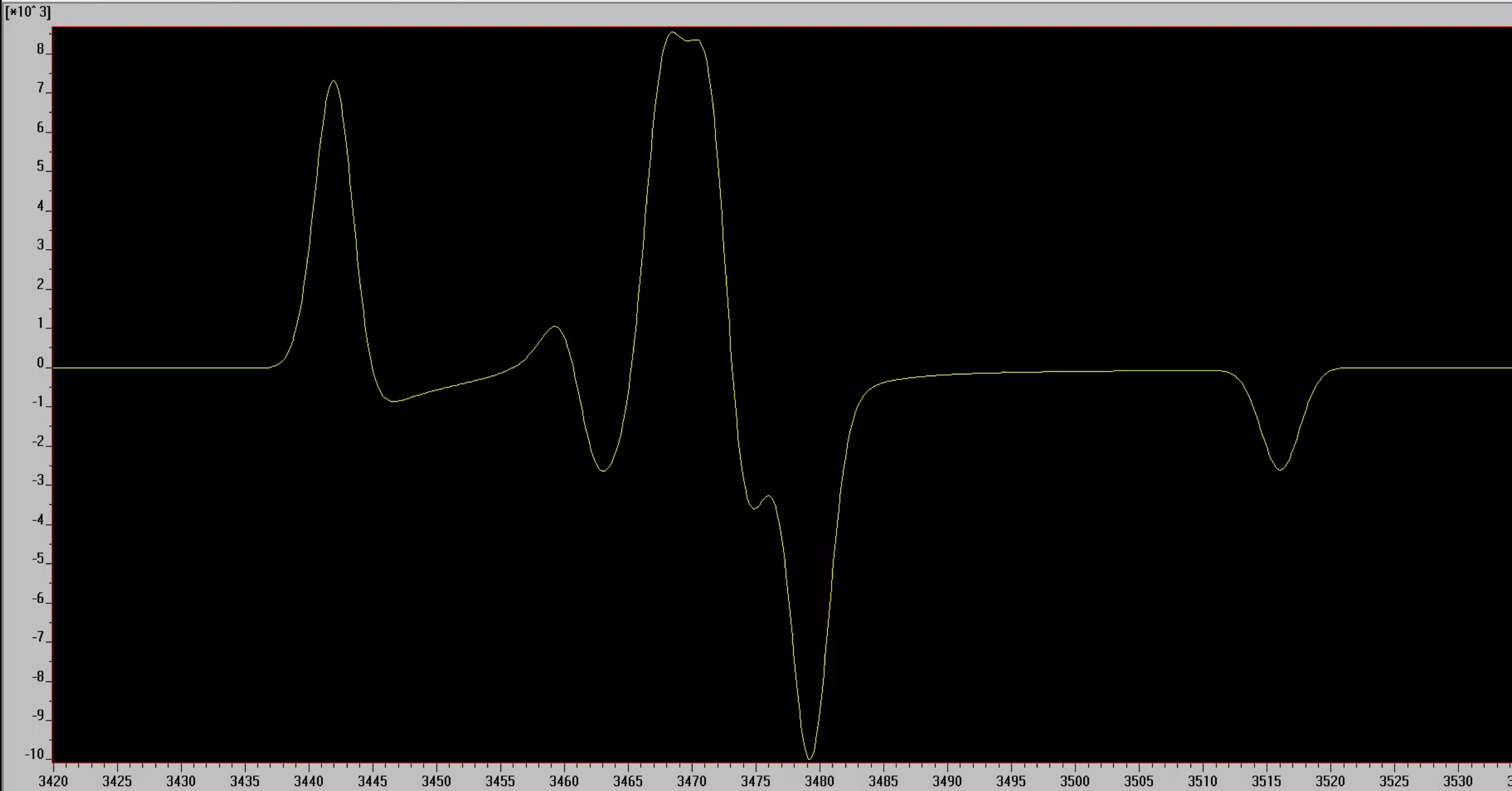
Line Shape Parameter: 0 =Lorentzian, 1 – Gaussian

Any value α in between is a Voigt line shape with a fraction of Gaussian equal α and fraction of Lorentzian equal $(1 - \alpha)$

Anisotropic line width:

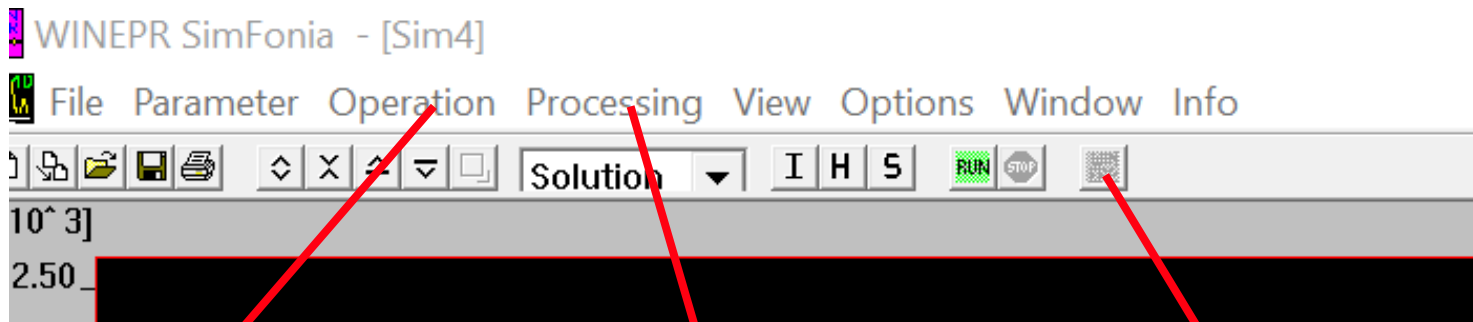
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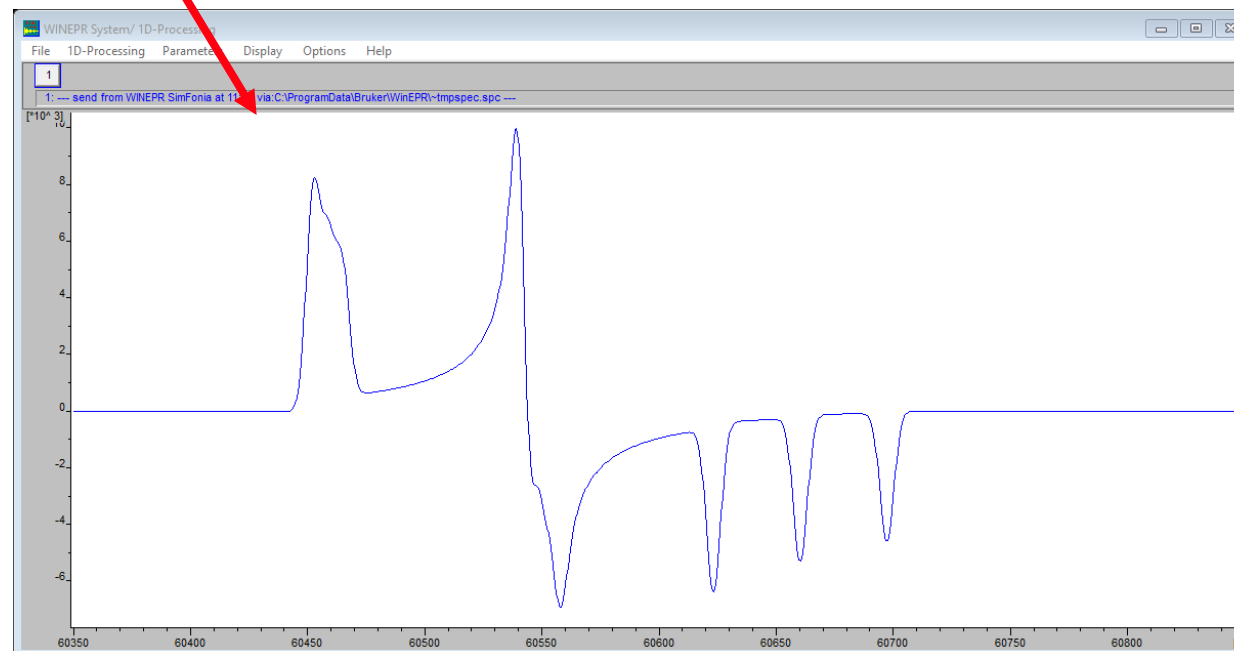
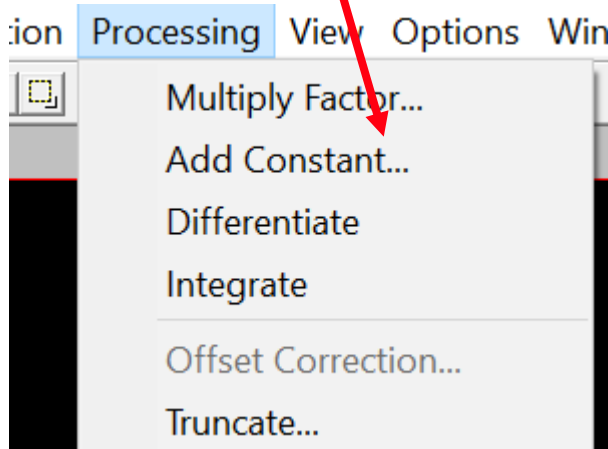
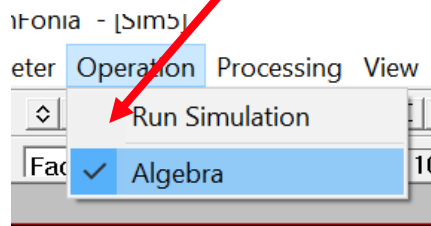


Simulation done!

Further processing

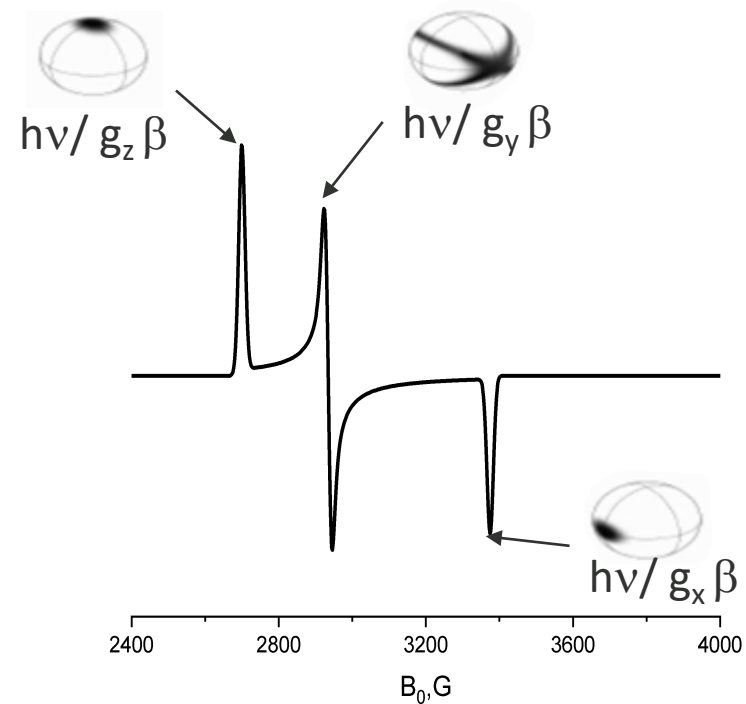
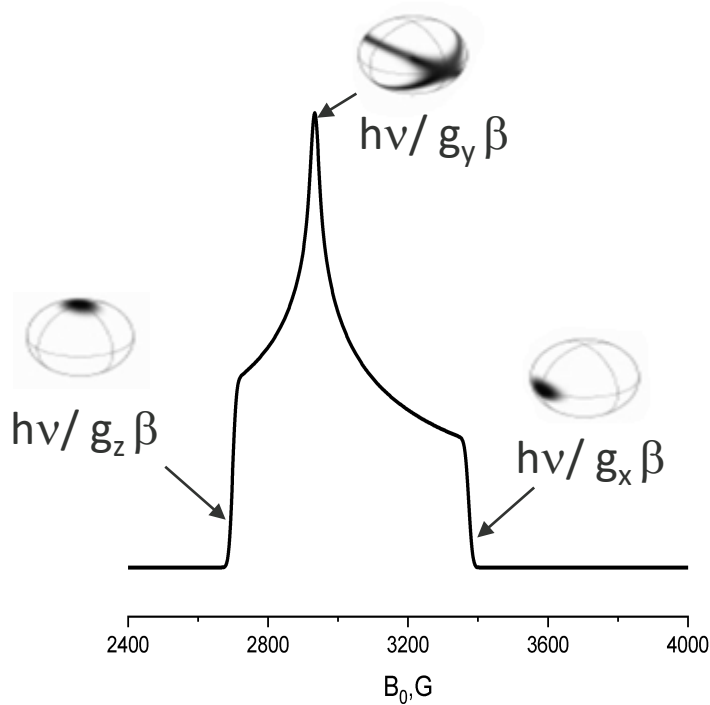


Sending to WinEpr



The number of θ and φ orientations

$$B_{\theta}^{res} = \frac{h\nu}{g_{eff}\beta} = \frac{h\nu}{\beta} [g_x^2 \cos^2\theta \cos^2\varphi + g_y^2 \sin^2\theta \cos^2\varphi + g_z^2 \sin^2\varphi]^{-1/2} \quad g_x < g_y < g_z$$



Two angles for summation: θ and φ . $(\#\theta) \times (\#\varphi)$ individual lines

To make a smooth line in the simulation we should sum enough of the orientations corresponding to these angles.

Choosing θ and ϕ values

θ and/or ϕ are too small – distortions and artifacts in spectra

θ and/or ϕ are too large – the calculation may take time

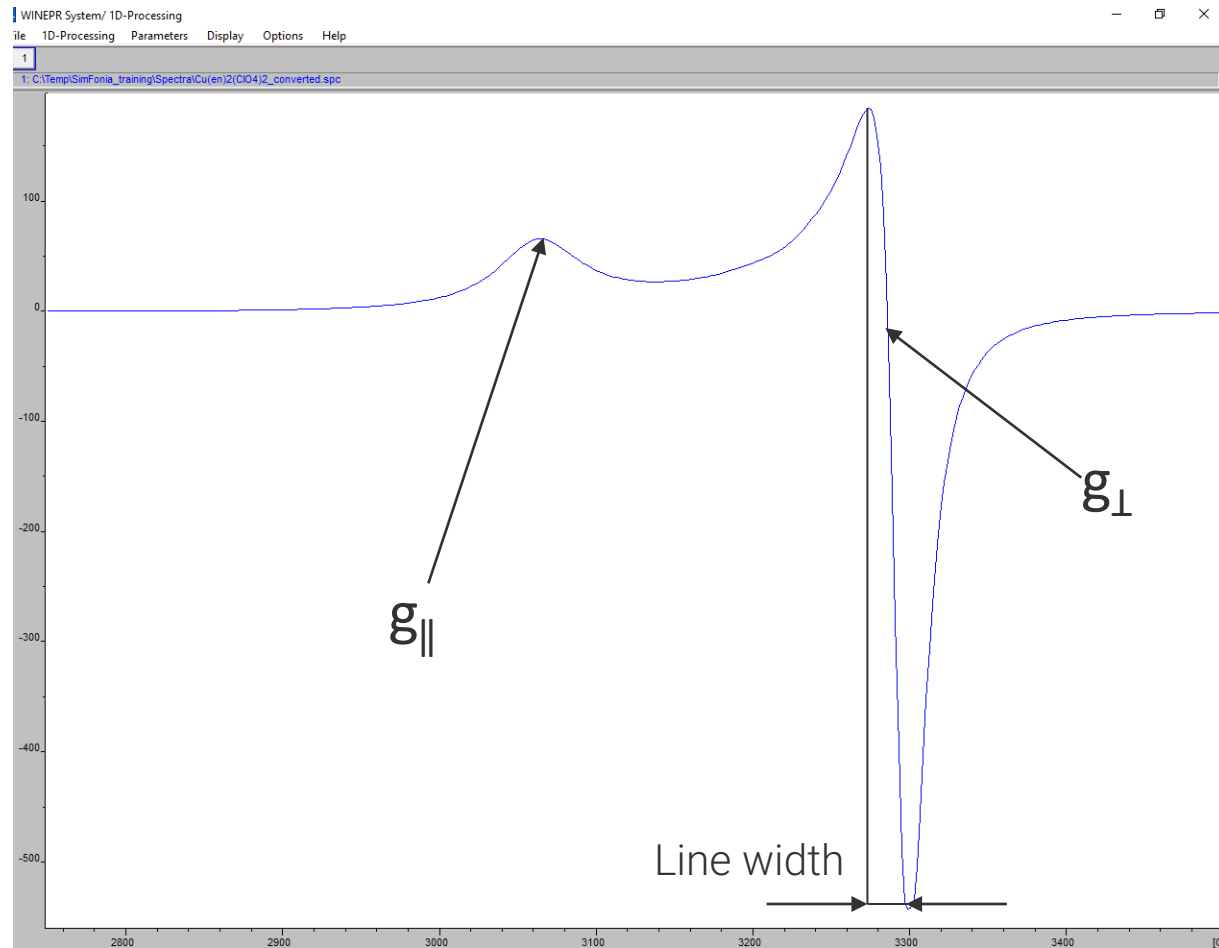
! *The ultimate criterion for sufficient # θ and # ϕ is the absence of line shape changes with an increase in these numbers.*

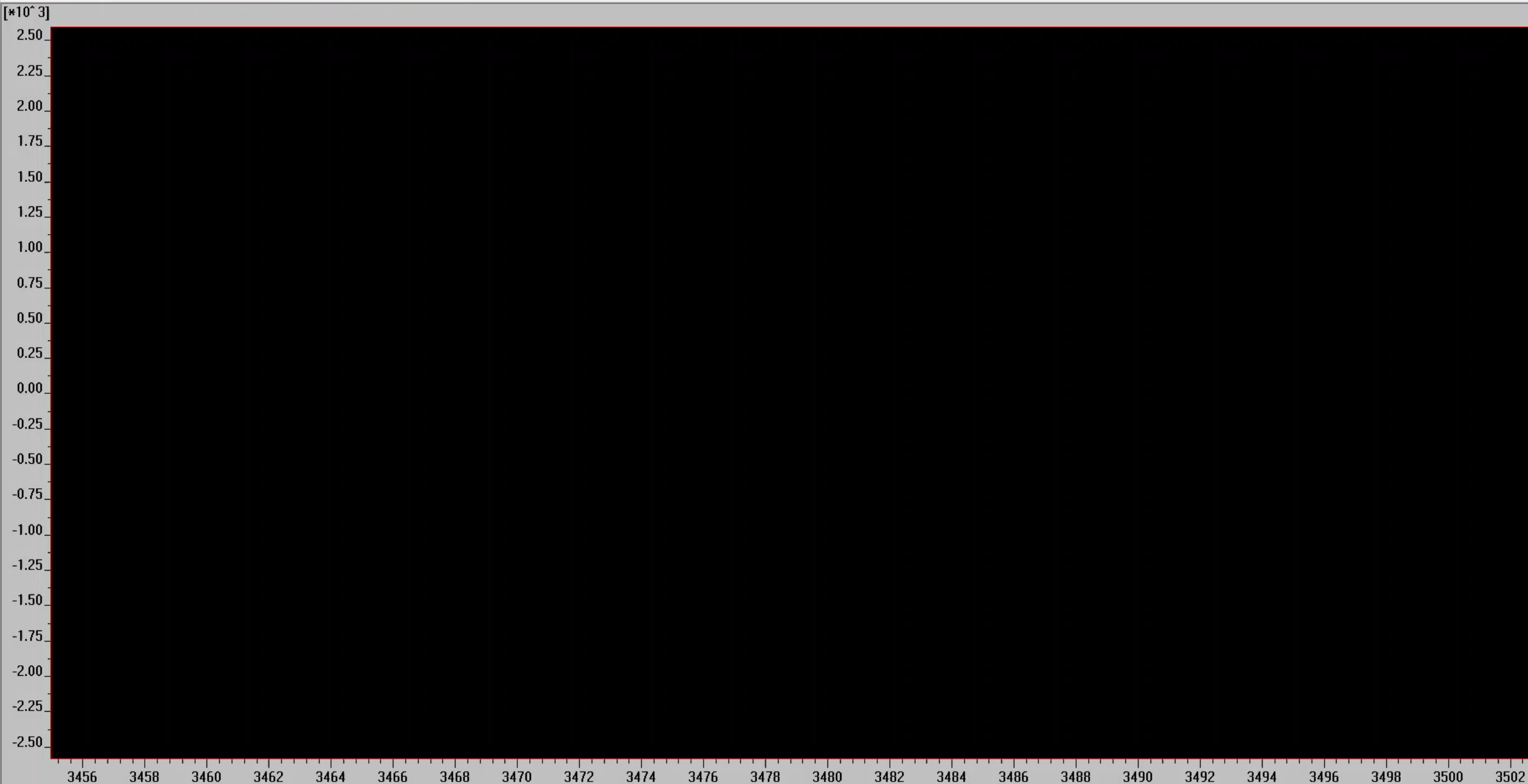
There are some rules to keep θ and ϕ values right and the computation time low:

- The ϕ value can be set lower for symmetric or nearly symmetric g- and A-matrices.
- For an axially symmetric g-factor the parallel axis should always be the z axis. Set $g_z = g_{\parallel}$ and $A_z = A_{\parallel}$. In this case we can set the number of $\phi = 1$.
- The narrower the lines and the more resolved is the spectrum, the more θ and ϕ values we need

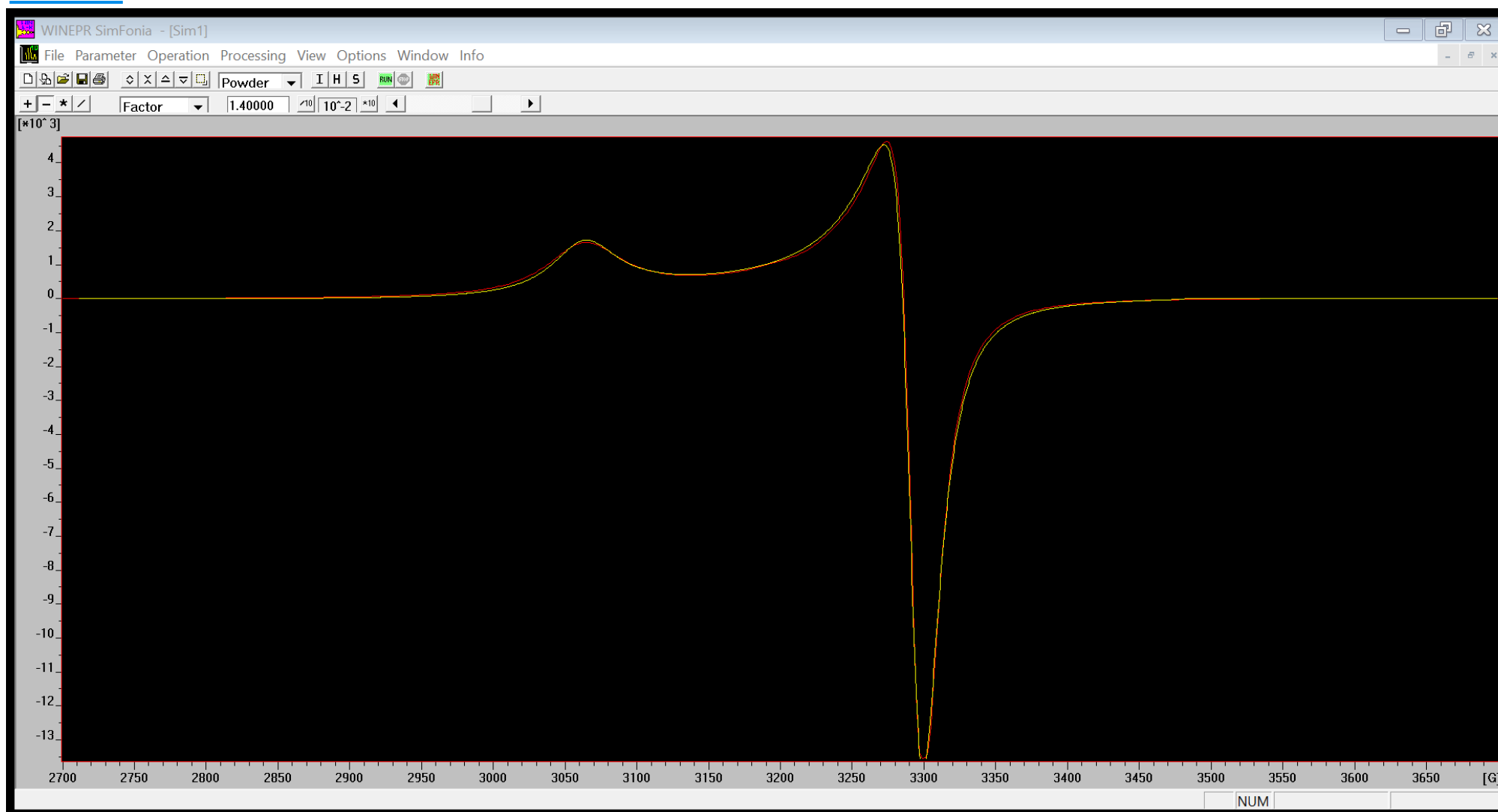
Simulating an experimental spectrum: $\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2(\text{ClO}_4)_2$

The line shape is defined by the g-factor anisotropy. An Axially Symmetric g-Factor with $g_{\parallel} > g_{\perp}$.



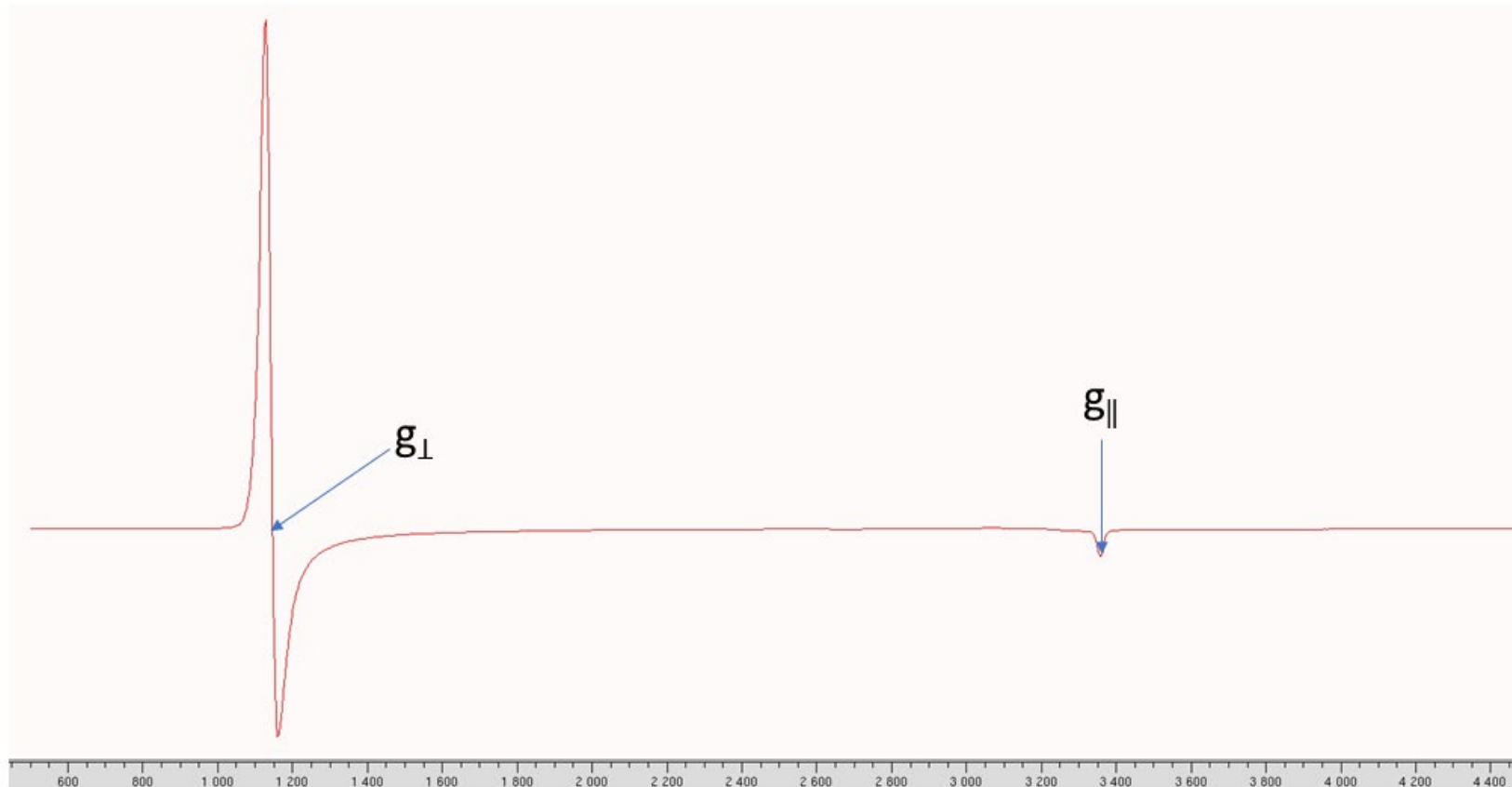


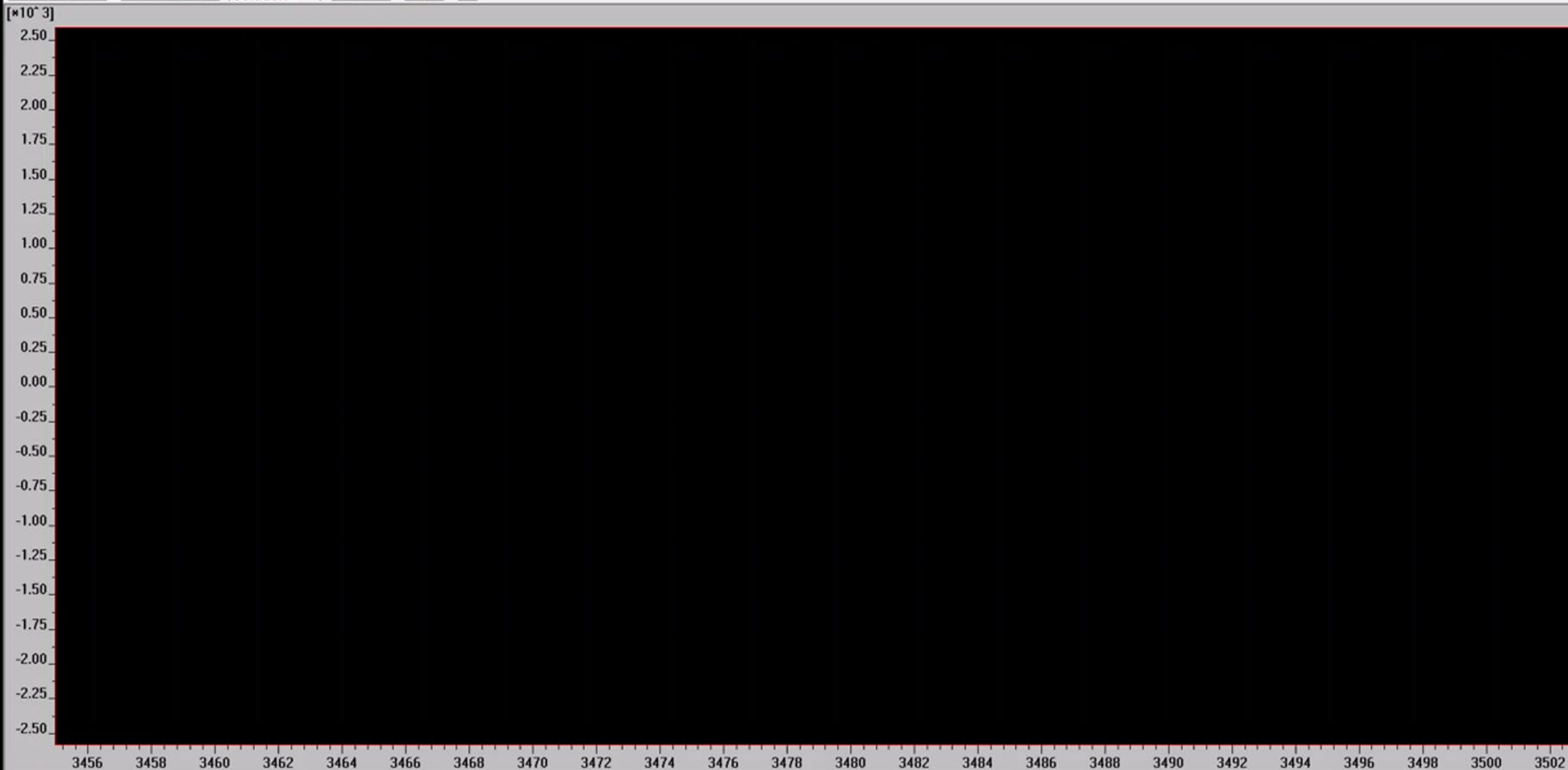
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Iron cofactor in myoglobin

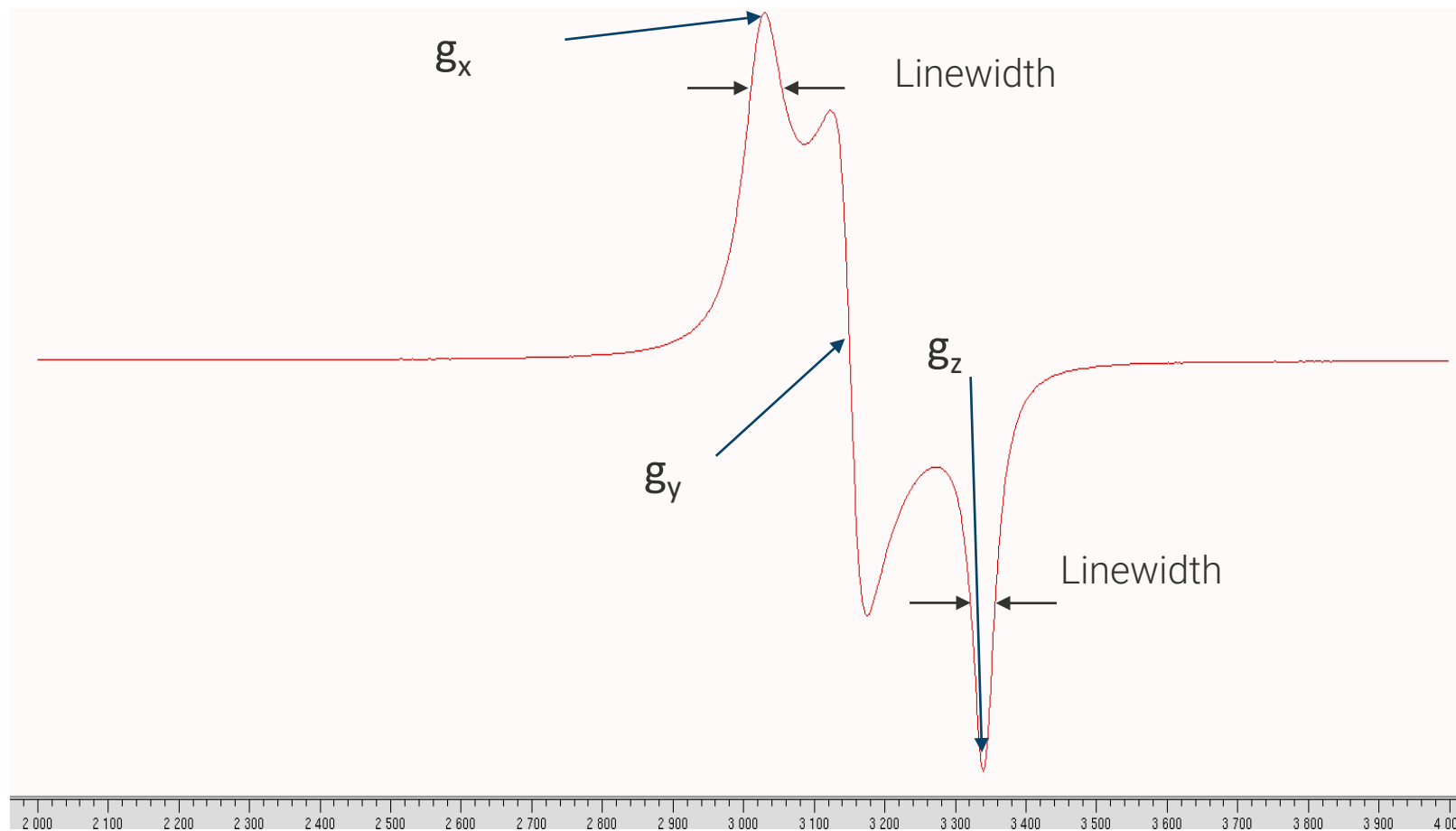
An axially symmetric g-factor with $g_{\parallel} < g_{\perp}$ and a very large difference between these values





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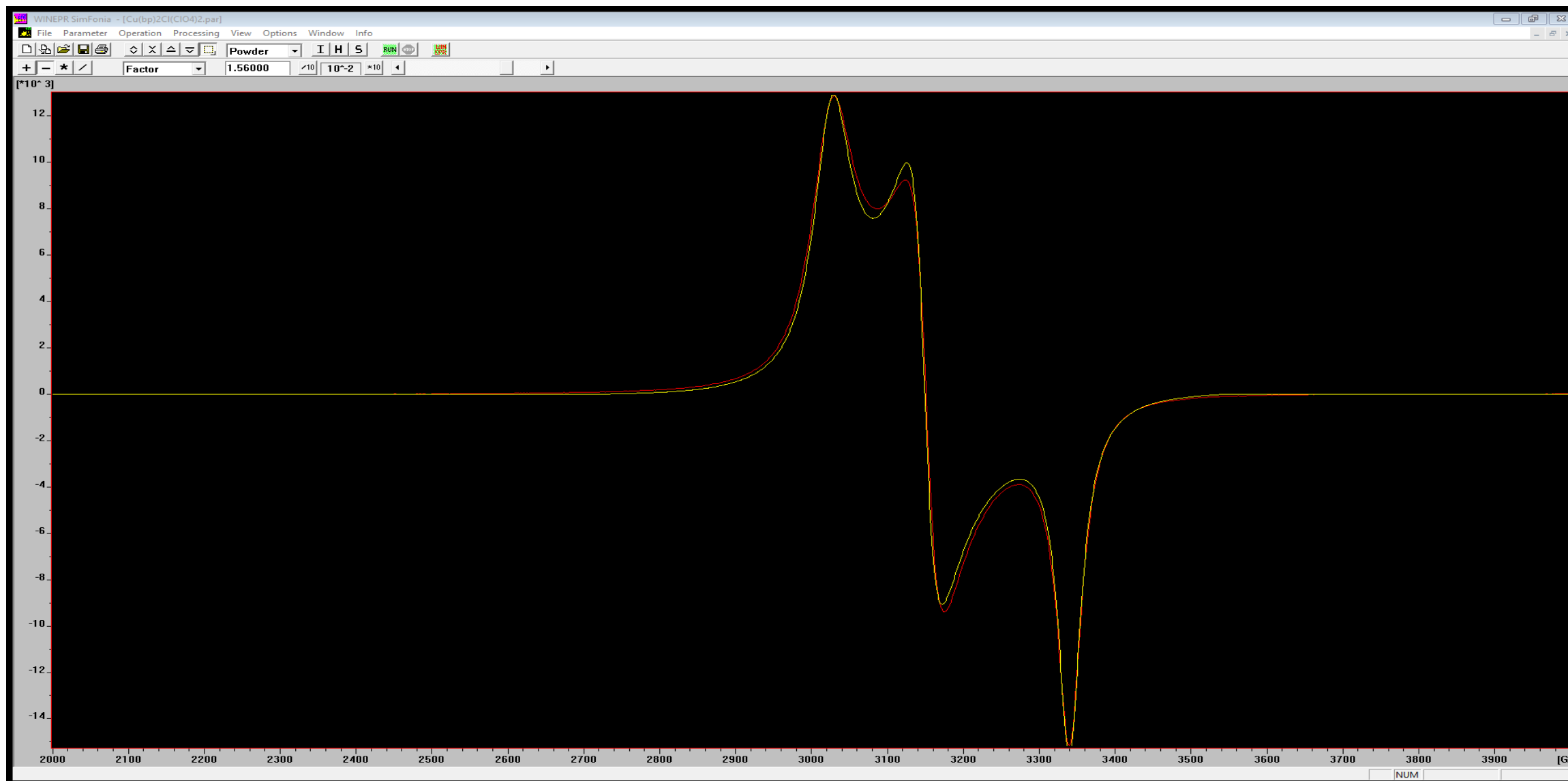
Cu(bp)₂(ClO₄)₂. A Rhombically Symmetric g-Factor



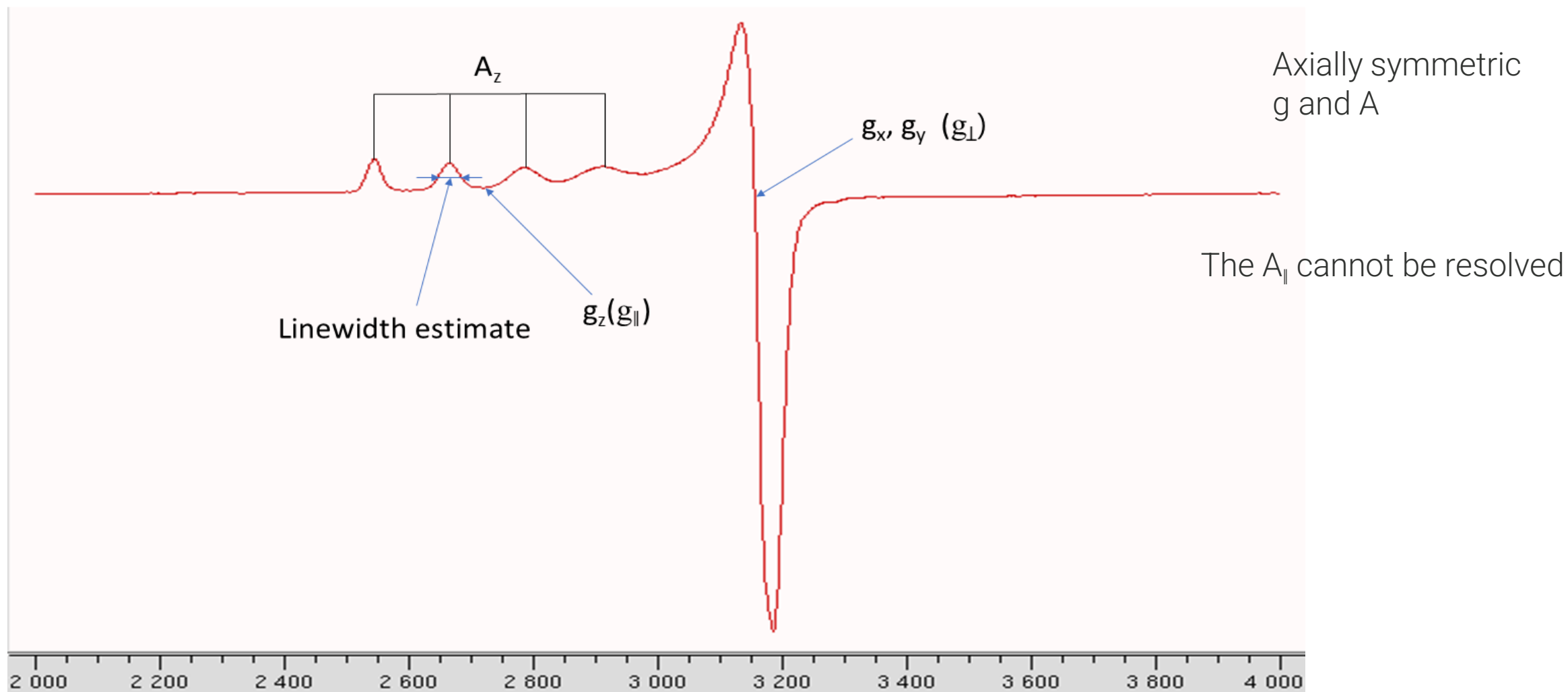


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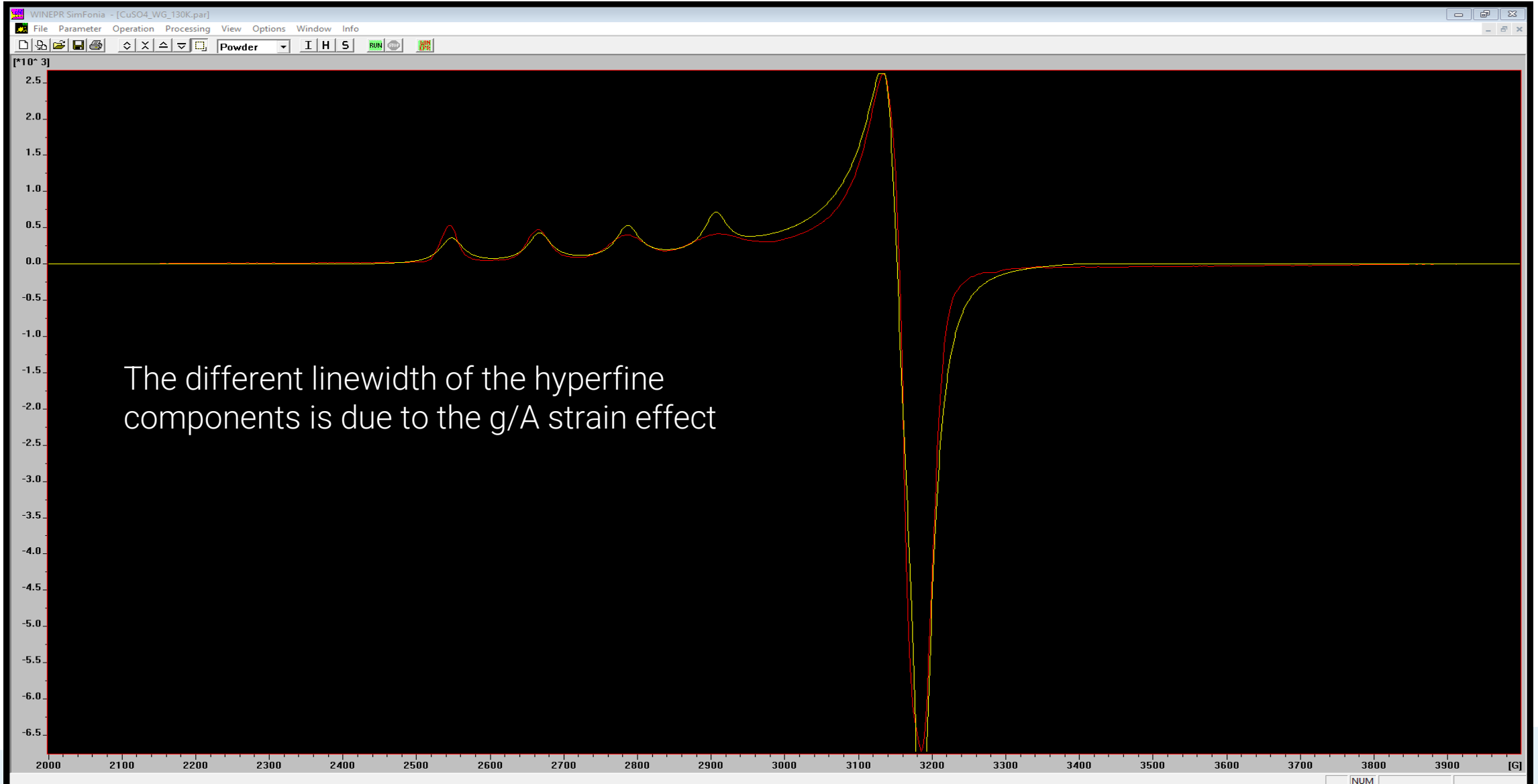
Copper sulfate in frozen water/glycerol





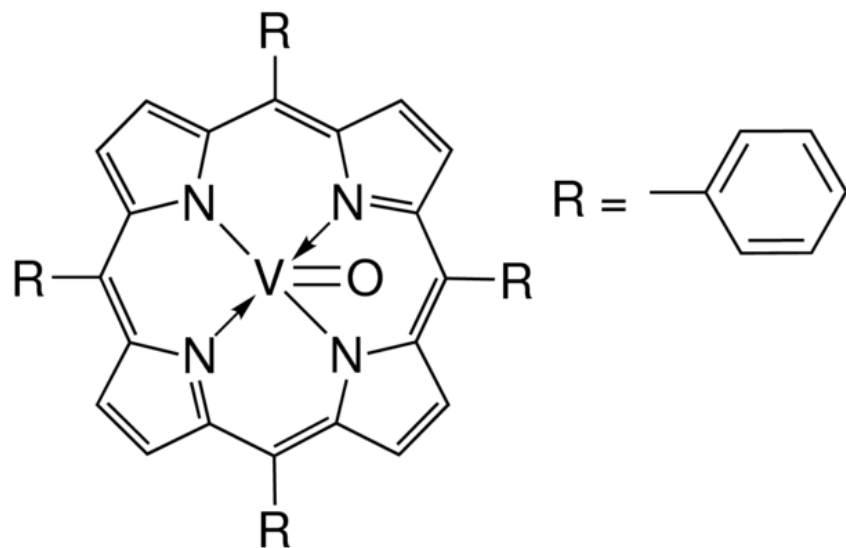
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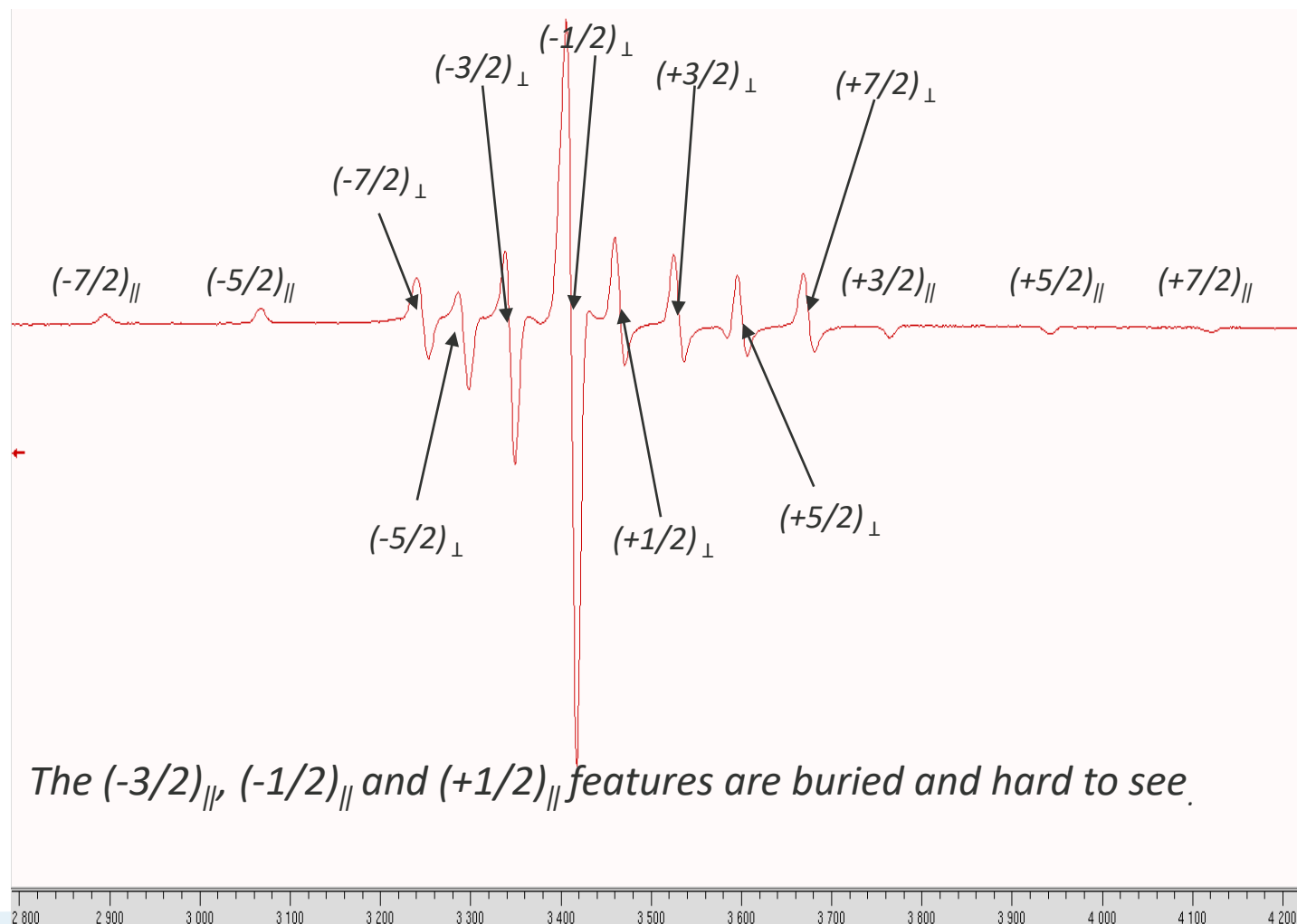
VO-TPP

A complex compound of Vanadyl ion (VO^{2+}) with TPP (5,10,15,20-Tetraphenyl-21H,23H-porphine)



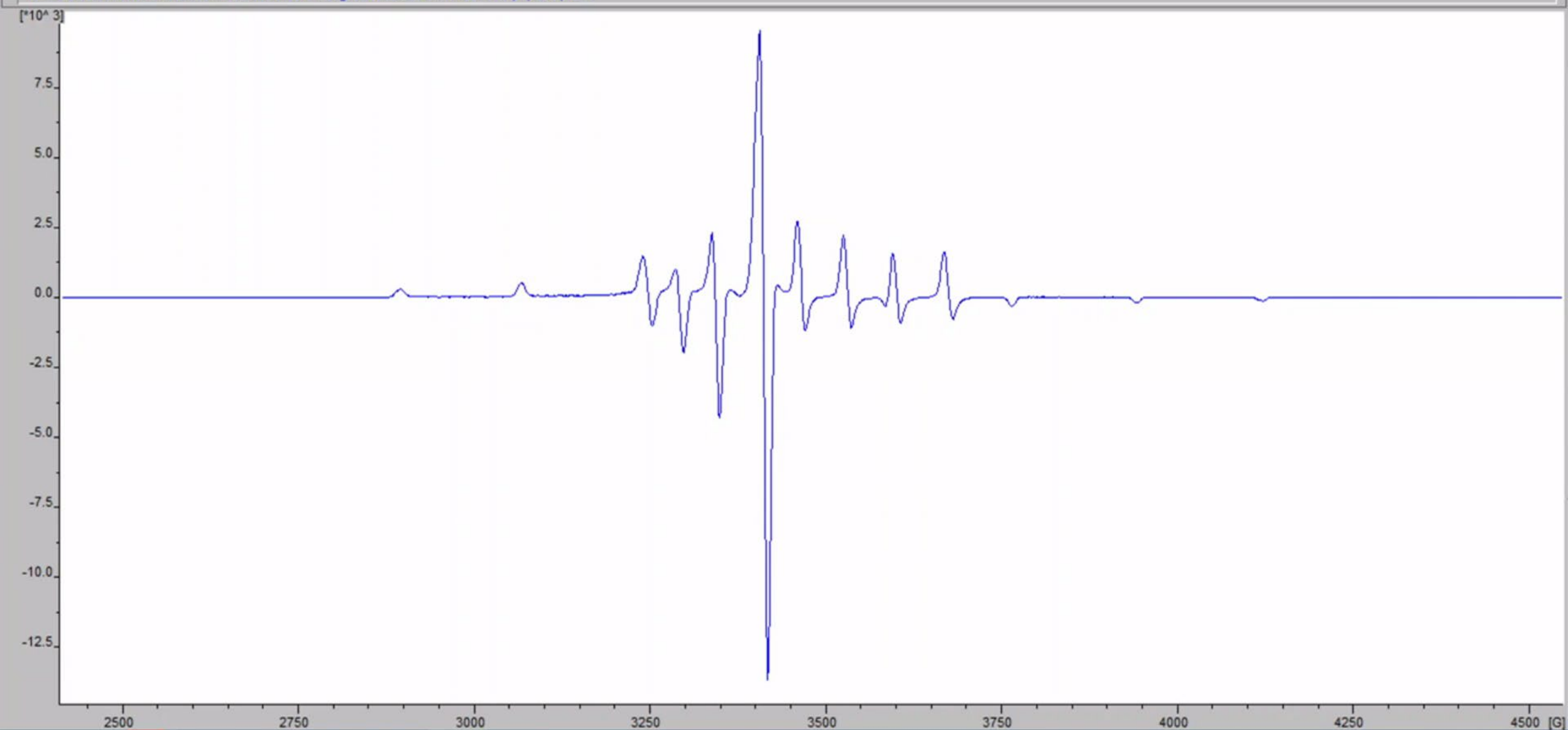
The spectrum is dominated by the hyperfine splitting and the g-factor is nearly isotropic.
Not quite, though!

Vanadium has a nuclear spin of $7/2$ yielding eight hyperfine lines.



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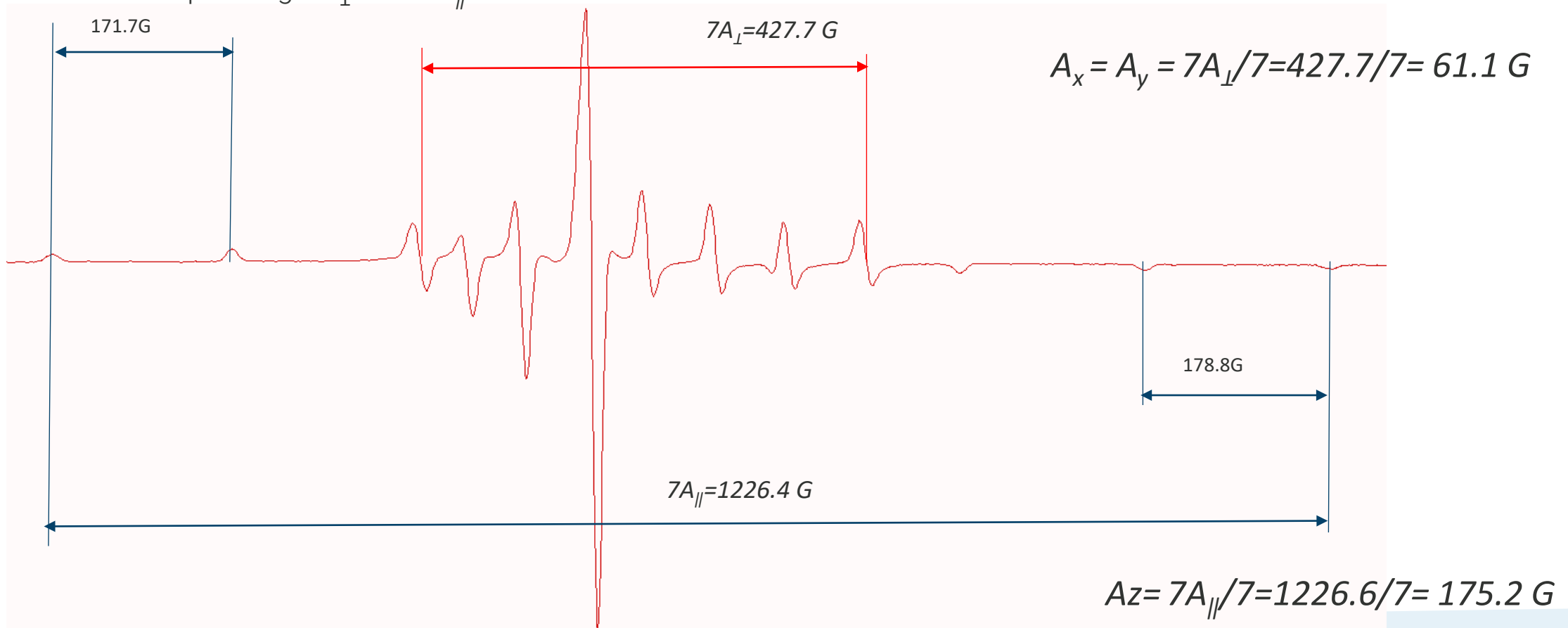
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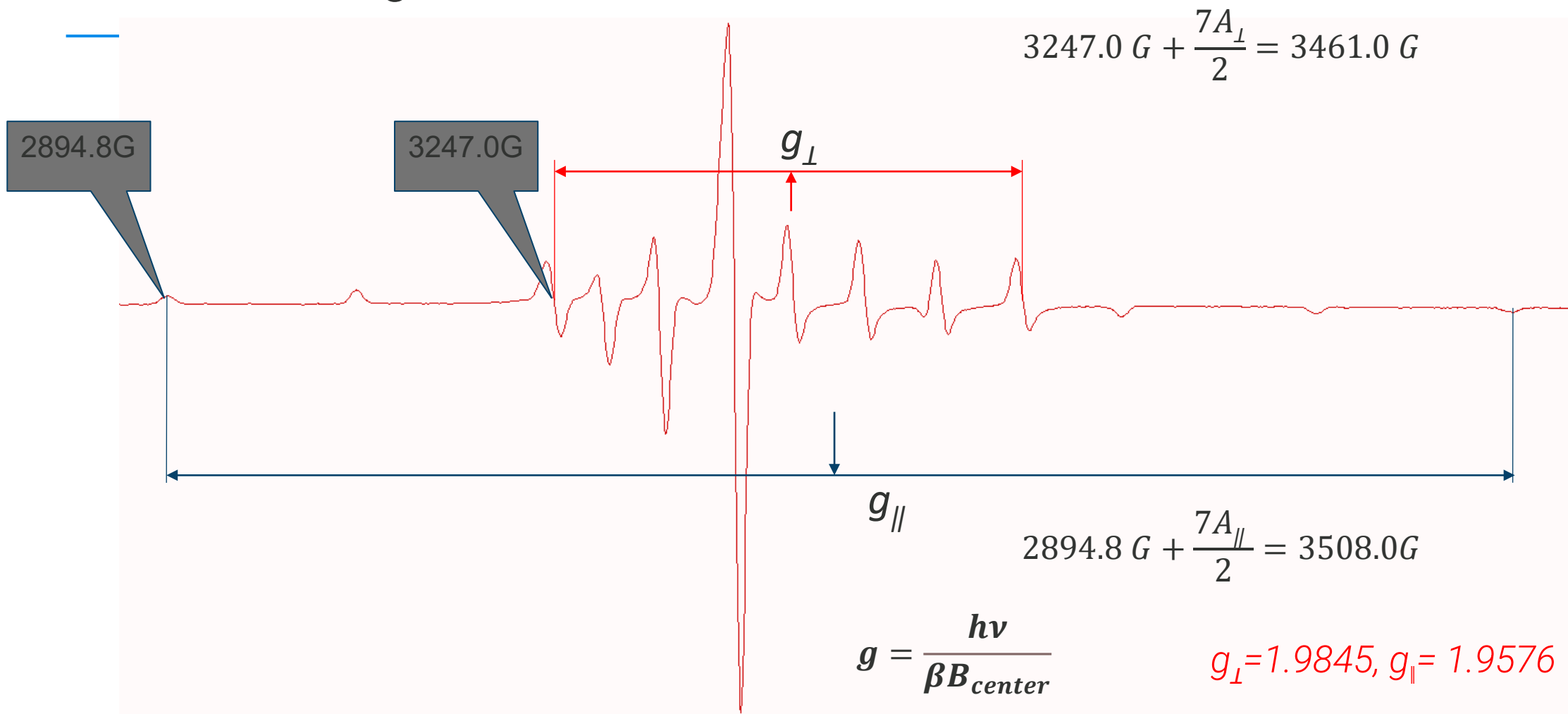
Finding initial values for the hyperfine splitting

The High Field Approximation, $B_0 \gg \text{HFS}$, evidently does not work:

- Using the 2nd order is necessary
- The initial hyperfine splitting values for the simulation still can be estimated as 1/7 of the corresponding $7A_{\perp}$ and $7A_{\parallel}$ distances.



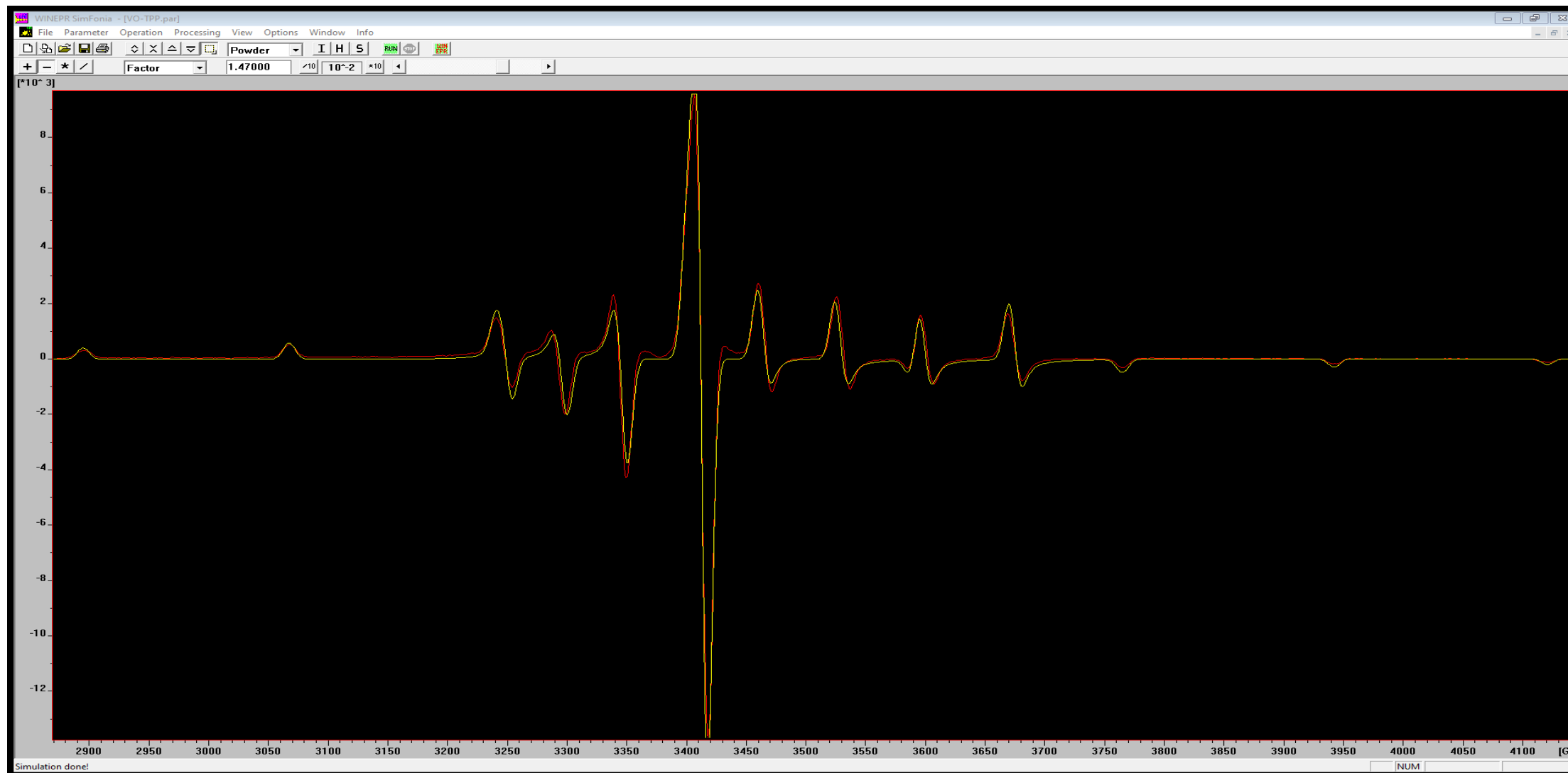
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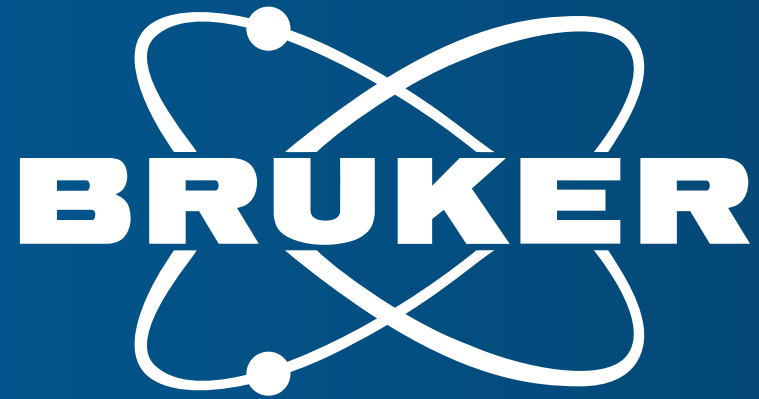




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Any questions?

Thank you!