Inter-Lecture D

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

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- Introduction to NMR Spectroscopy
- Characteristics of a ¹H NMR Spectrum
 - Number of Signals
 - Chemical Shift
 - Integration
 - Multiplicity
- Analyzing a ¹H NMR Spectrum
- ¹³C NMR Spectrum
- DEPT ¹³C NMR Spectroscopy

• Nuclear spin and magnetic moment



• Nuclear spin and nuclear numbers

Atomic Weight	Proton Number	Spin Quantum Number (I)	NMR Signal
even	even	0	no
even	odd	$1,\ 2,\ 3,\dots\ (I\in\mathbb{Z})$	yes
odd	odd / even	$rac{1}{2}, \ rac{3}{2}, \ rac{5}{2}, \ldots \ (I=rac{k}{2}, \ k\in\mathbb{Z})$	yes

• External magnetic field and energy absorption



• Induced magnetic field – diamagnetism



• Magnetic field strength



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- NMR Spectrometers
 - <u>Continues-wave (CW) spectrometers</u>: holding the frequency of rf radiation constant and slowly increasing the magnetic field strength
 - Fourier-transform NMR (FT-NMR): holding the magnetic field constant and irradiating the sample with a short pulse that covers the entire range of relevant rf frequencies

• FT-NMR

- Detecting the free induction decay (FID)
- Using Fourier transform to acquire frequency signal
- Acquiring FID for hundreds of trials, then averaging

Superconducting magnet (cooled by liquid helium)



The radio frequency excitation pulse and resulting NMR signals are sent through cables between the probe coils in the magnet and the computer.

Sample tube spins within the probe coils in the hollow bore at the center of the magnet.

Radio frequency (RF) generator and computer operating console.

Fourier transformation of the signal occurs in the computer.

• Sample preparation



using deuterated solvents to prevent solvent signal





- Characteristics of a ¹H NMR spectrum
 - Location of each signal indicating the electronic environment of the protons giving rise to the signal
 - <u>Area under each signal</u> indicating the number of protons giving rise to the signal
 - <u>Shape of the signal</u> indicating the number of neighboring protons

• Chemical equivalence

- The number of signals in a ¹H NMR spectrum indicates the number of different kinds of protons (protons in different electronic environments)
- Protons that occupy identical electronic environments are called <u>chemically</u> <u>equivalent</u>
- Chemically equivalent protons produce only one signal in ¹H NMR
- Symmetry operation (rotation / reflection) can be used to determine chemical equivalence

• Homotopic protons – *interchangeable by rotational symmetry*



close your eyes...

you cannot determine whether this compound was rotated or not!

• Examples of homotopic protons



• Replacement test for rotational symmetry



if the results are identical compounds, the tested protons are homotopic

• For ethanol... the same?



• Enantiotopic protons – *interchangeable by reflectional symmetry*



• Replacement test for reflectional symmetry



if the results are enantiomers, the tested protons are enantiotopic

• Determine whether two protons are chemically equivalent



• Non-chemically equivalent protons



the replacement test produces diastereomers – diastereotopic

• Practice: determine whether the two protons shown in red are homotopic, enantiotopic, diastereotopic, or simply not related at all.





- Rules that can be used to determine the number of expected signals
 - The three protons of a CH₃ group are always chemically equivalent
 - The two protons of a CH₂ group will generally be chemically equivalent if the compound has no chiral centers; if the compound has a chiral center, then the protons of a CH₂ group will generally not be chemically equivalent
 - Two CH₂ groups will be equivalent to each other (giving four equivalent protons) if the CH₂ groups can be interchanged by either rotation or reflection

• The CH₃ protons – always chemically equivalent



• The CH₂ protons – generally chemically equivalent (for achiral CH₂)



• Symmetrically interchangeable CH₂ groups – chemically equivalent



 Practice: identify the number of signals expected in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the following compound:





resonance – identical



avoid confusing



CH₃ protons – equivalent



achiral CH₂ protons – equivalent



homotopic protons – equivalent



last one – one more signal – totally five signals



• Variable-temperature NMR



- room temperature rapidly flipped one signal
- low temperature (-100 °C) slowly flipped two signals

• Chemical shift (δ) – referencing to tetramethylsilane (TMS)



$$\delta = \frac{\text{observed shift from TMS in hertz}}{\text{operating frequency of the instrument in hertz}}$$

Chemical shift – a constant regardless of the operating frequency

 $\delta = \frac{\text{observed shift from TMS in hertz}}{\text{operating frequency of the instrument in hertz}}$

$$\delta = \frac{2181 \text{ Hz}}{300 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}} = 7.27 \times 10^{-6}$$

300 MHz NMR (absorbing at 2181 Hz)

$$\delta = \frac{436 \text{ Hz}}{60 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}} = 7.27 \times 10^{-6}$$

60 MHz NMR (absorbing at 436 Hz)

• Upfield and downfield



• Factors that affect chemical shift: inductive effects



• Electronegativity and deshielding effect



• The inductive effect tapers off drastically with distance


• Benchmark values for common protons



• Predicting chemical shift from neighboring functional groups

FUNCTIONAL GROUP	EFFECT ON ALPHA PROTONS	EXAMPLE
Oxygen of an alcohol or ether	+2.5	HO HHH HH HH HH HH HH HH HH HH HH HH HH
Oxygen of an ester	+3	Methylene group $(CH_2) = 1.2 \text{ ppm}$ Next to oxygen $= +3.0 \text{ ppm}$ 4.2 ppm Actual chemical shift $= 4.1 \text{ ppm}$
Carbonyl group (C=O) All carbonyl groups, including ketones, aldehydes, esters, etc.	+1	Methylene group (CH ₂) = 1.2 ppm Next to carbonyl group = +1.0 ppm 2.2 ppm Actual chemical shift = 2.4 ppm

 Practice: predict the chemical shifts for the signals in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the following compound:







• Factors that affect chemical shift: anisotropic effects



diamagnetic anisotropy

• Aromatic protons and anisotropic effects



• Anisotropic effects of [14] annulene



• Chemical shifts for protons in different electronic environments

TYPE OF PROTON		CHEMICAL SHIFT (δ)	TYPE OF PROTON		CHEMICAL SHIFT (δ)
Methyl	R—C H₃	~0.9	Alkyl halide	H R−C−X R	2–4
Methylene	CH2	~1.2	Alcohol	R-O-H	2–5
Methine	— — сн 	~ 1.7	Vinylic	H	4.5–6.5
Allylic	H	~2	Aryl	H	6.5–8
Alkynyl	R— — H	~2.5	Aldehyde	R H	~10
Aromatic methyl	CH3	~2.5	Carboxylic acid	R O H	~12

• Integration: relative number of protons



• Step curve representation



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• Integration **ONLY** shows relative numbers!



two signals, ratio of 1 : 3 (12 protons in total)

• The impact of symmetry on integration



3-Pentanone



ratio of 2 : 3 (actually 4 protons and 6 protons)

Practice: a compound with the molecular formula C₅H₁₀O₂ has the ¹H NMR spectrum show below. Determine the number of protons giving rise to each signal.



$$\frac{6.33}{6.33} = 1 \qquad \qquad \frac{19.4}{6.33} = 3.06 \qquad \qquad \frac{37.9}{6.33} = 5.99$$



 $C_5H_{10}O_2 - 10$ protons - 1, 3, 6 for each peak (exact values)

• Multiplicity



• Coupling: magnetic effects of neighboring protons



spin-spin splitting / coupling

• Two neighboring protons for H_a



Three possible electronic environments produced by the H_b protons

H_a appears as a triplet





• <u>The *n* + 1 rule: one more multiplicity for *n* protons</u>

NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS	MULTIPLICITY	RELATIVE INTENSITIES OF INDIVIDUAL PEAKS
0	Singlet	1
1	Doublet	1:1
2	Triplet	1:2:1
3	Quartet	1:3:3:1
4	Quintet	1:4:6:4:1
5	Sextet	1:5:10:10:5:1
6	Septet	1:6:15:20:15:6:1
		(Pascal's Triangle)

- Whether splitting occurs...?
 - Equivalent protons do not split each other



Four equivalent protons No splitting

• Splitting is most commonly observed on geminal and vicinal protons





Splitting is generally not observed

 Practice: determine the multiplicity of each signal in the expected ¹H NMR spectrum of the following compound:





• Coupling constant (J value)



J value is ranged 0 to 20 Hz

it is independent of the operating frequency of NMR

• Using stronger magnetic field (higher operating frequency) to avoid overlapping



• Pattern recognition: ethyl group



• Pattern recognition: isopropyl group



• Pattern recognition: *tert*-butyl group



• Summary for common patterns



• Complex splitting



more than one kind of different neighboring protons

the signal for H_b is comprised of 12 peaks (4 \times 3)

• $J_{ab} >> J_{bc}$ – a quartet of triplets



• $J_{bc} >> J_{ab}$ – a triplet of quartets



• Fairly similar values of J_{ab} and J_{bc} – a multiplet



multiplet requires a more detailed analysis

• Almost identical J_{ab} and J_{ac} values – e.g. 1-nitropropane



• Protons that lack observable coupling constants – producing a singlet



• No splitting for aldehydic protons (very small J value)



This J value is often very small
- Drawing the expected ¹H NMR spectrum of a compound
 - Determining the number of signals
 - Predicting chemical shifts
 - Determining the integration values
 - Predicting the multiplicity

• Practice: draw the expected ¹H NMR spectrum of isopropyl acetate.







• Using ¹H NMR spectroscopy to distinguish between compounds



 Practice: how would you use ¹H NMR spectroscopy to distinguish between the following compounds?



Analyzing a ¹H NMR Spectrum



• Detection of impurities in heparin sodium by ¹H NMR



• Analyzing a ¹H NMR Spectrum

- Inspecting the molecular formula (if it is given) and acquiring HDI
- Consider the number of signals and integration of each signal (gives clues about the symmetry of the compound)
- Analyze each signal (chemical shift, integration, and multiplicity) and then draw fragments consistent with each signal
- Assemble the fragments into a molecular structure
- Verify that the proposed structure is consistent with all of the spectral data

 Practice: identify the structure of a compound with the molecular formula C₉H₁₀O that exhibits the following ¹H NMR spectrum:



step.1 calculate the HDI

HDI = 5 (usually an aromatic ring + one other unsaturation degree)

step.2 consider the relative number of H



Analyzing a ¹H NMR Spectrum

step.3 analyze each signals (fragments)







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Proton NMR

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Chemical Shift (ppm)

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step.4 assemble the fragments



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- ¹³C NMR Spectrum
 - Similar principle as ¹H NMR
 - Low abundance & low gyromagnetic ratio low detectability low SNR
 - No integration no relationship between integration & relative ¹³C numbers
 - Broadband decoupling is used to suppress ¹³C ¹H splitting avoiding complex splitting & signal overlapping
 - Off-resonance decoupling can be used to retrieve one-bond couplings



• Chemical Shifts in ¹³C NMR Spectroscopy



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 Practice: predict the number of signals and the location of each signal in a ¹³C NMR spectrum in the following compound:





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- Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer (DEPT) ¹³C NMR
 - Regular broadband-decoupled ¹³C NMR: all signals
 - DEPT-90: only CH group signals appear
 - DEPT-135: CH₃ and CH groups appear as positive signals, CH₂ groups appear as negative signals (pointing down), quaternary carbon atoms do not appear



 Practice: determine the structure of an alcohol with the molecular formula C₄H₁₀O that exhibits the following ¹³C NMR spectra:



DEPT ¹³C NMR Spectroscopy

- HDI = 0, which indicates not rings or π bonds
- Three signals in broadband-decoupled spectrum
- The signal at approximately 69 ppm is a CH₂ group (signal is negative in DEPT-135)
- The signal at approximately 30 ppm is a CH group (signal is positive in all spectra)
- The signal at approximately 19 ppm is a CH_3 group (signal is positive in the broadband-decoupled spectrum, absent in DEPT-90, and positive in DEPT-135)

