About this part of the module: *Topics to be covered.*

- 1. "¹H -Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy;
- 2. Introduction, the nature of NMR absorption, chemical shifts and factors affecting them, information obtained from NMR spectra, more complex spin-spin splitting patterns, application of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy;
- 3. ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy: introduction and characteristics, DEPT $13C$ - NMR spectroscopy.

Lecture Contents:

- *1. Introduction to NMR,*
- *2. The nature of NMR absorption,*
- *3. Chemical shifts and factors affecting them,*
- *4. Information obtained from NMR spectra,*
- *5. More complex spin-spin splitting patterns,*
- *6. Application of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy;*
- *7. Solving selected problems.*
- *8. introduction to ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy.*
- *9. Characteristics of ¹³C- NMR spectroscopy.*
- *10. DEPT (45, 90, and 135) ¹³C- NMR spectroscopy.*

Introduction

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy is a powerful analytical technique used to characterize organic molecules by identifying carbon-hydrogen frameworks within molecules.

sample⁻

tube

superconducting magnet

NMR console

workstation

NMR spectrum

In the NMR probe, the sample is rotated in a magnetic field and irradiated with a
short pulse of RF radiation.

An NMR spectrometer:

- \checkmark The sample is dissolved in a solvent, usually CDCl₃ (deuterochloroform), and placed in a magnetic field.
- \checkmark A radiofrequency generator then irradiates the sample with a short pulse of radiation, causing resonance.
- \checkmark When the nuclei fall back to their lower energy state, the detector measures the energy released, and a spectrum is recorded.
- \checkmark The superconducting magnets in modern NMR spectrometers have coils that are cooled in liquid helium and conduct electricity with essentially no resistance.

An Introduction to NMR Spectroscopy

Two common types of NMR spectroscopy are used to characterize organic structure:

- *1. ¹H NMR is used to determine the type and number of H atoms in a molecule;*
- *2. ¹³C NMR is used to determine the type of carbon atoms in the molecule.* Natural Abundance:
	- ¹H 99.9%
	- $13C$ 1.1%
	- ¹²C 98.9% (not NMR active)
- Only nuclei that contain odd mass numbers (such as ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ³¹P) or odd atomic numbers (such as ²H and ¹⁴N) give rise to NMR signals.
- The source of energy in NMR is radio waves which have long wavelengths, and thus low energy and frequency.
- nuclear spins of some elements, including 1H and 13C. When low-energy radio waves interact with a molecule, they can change the **13/03/2018**

Theory of NMR phenomena

When a charged particle such as a proton spins on its axis, it creates a magnetic field. Thus, the nucleus can be considered to be a tiny bar magnet.

(a)Normally the nuclear magnetic fields are randomly oriented (b)When placed in an external magnetic field (**B^o**), the nuclear magnetic field can either be aligned with the external magnetic or oppose the external magnetic field:

More nuclei are oriented with the applied field because this arrangement is lower in energy.

The energy difference between these two states is very small (<0.1 cal). Energy difference between aligned and opposed to the external magnetic field (B_o) is generally small and is dependent upon B_o Applied EM radiation (radio waves) causes the nuclei to absorb energy and thus the spin flips and the nuclei are said to be in *resonance* with B_0

resonance, measured in hertz (Hz), or megahertz (MHz) — $(1 MHz = 10⁶ Hz)$.

The frequency needed for resonance and the applied magnetic field strength are proportionally related:

$V \alpha B_0$

The stronger the magnetic field, the larger the energy difference between the two nuclear spin states, and the higher the v needed for resonance.

Difference in energy between the two states is given by:

 $\Delta E = \gamma \ln B_o / 2\pi$, $\Delta E = \hbar v$ *Therefore, v* = $\gamma B_o / 2\pi$

where:

B^o =external magnetic field h = Planck's constant γ= gyromagnetic ratio

Protons in different environments absorb at slightly different frequencies, so they are distinguishable by NMR. The frequency at which a particular proton absorbs is determined by its *electronic environment*.

The size of the magnetic field generated by the electrons around a proton determines where it absorbs.

The nucleus "feels" B_0 only.

A proton surrounded by electron density

The induced field *decreases* the strength of the magnetic field "felt" by the nucleus.

В,

This nucleus is shielded.

A proton in a molecule is *shielded* to a very small extent by its electron cloud, the density of which varies with the chemical environment.

The variation gives rise to differences in *chemical shift* positions; this ability to discriminate among the individual absorptions describes high resolution NMR spectrometry.

The *chemical shift* of the x axis gives the position of an NMR signal, measured in **ppm**, according to the following equation:

For instance, the proposed chemical shift of particular proton is 4ppm then the observed chemical shift (in Hz) downfield from TMS in 300MHz and 600MHz NMR spectrometry will be 1200Hz and 2400Hz respectively. *(Hint: utilize the previous formula)*

Modern NMR spectrometers use a constant magnetic field strength B_0 , and then a narrow range of frequencies is applied to achieve the resonance of all protons.

The difference in absorption position of particular proton from absorption position of reference proton is called the chemical shift of a particular proton.

The most generally useful reference compound is tetramethylsilane (TMS). CH_3

 $CH₃$ -

-Si—

 CH_{3}

Advantages of TMS:

- *1. Chemically inert.*
- *2. Symmetrical.*
- *3. Volatile.*
- *4. Soluble in most organic solvents.*
- *5. Gives single, intense, and sharp peak.*

How can you explain the shielding attribute of the TMS protons? Hint: **use the electronegativity features of atoms.**

<http://www.ptable.com/#Property/Electronegativity> (shown in the next slide)

Thus, the protons in different chemical environments have different chemical shifts.

Conversely, the protons in the same chemical environments have the same chemical shifts.

H.W:

Do the following methylene groups have the same or different chemical environments?

- 1. $ClCH₂CH₂OH$
- 2. $ClCH_2CH_2Cl$
- 3. $CH₃CH₂CH₂OH$
- 4. $CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₃CH₃$

Examples of shielding and de-shielding

- CH₃CH₂CI

H_aH_b
- $BrCH_2CH_2F$
 A A
 H _a H _b

 $\begin{array}{cc}\n\text{CICH}_2\text{CHCl}_2\\
\uparrow & \uparrow\\ H_a & H_b\n\end{array}$

- The H_b protons are **deshielded** because they are closer to the electronegative Cl atom, so they absorb **downfield** from H_a .
- Because F is more electronegative than Br, the H_b protons are more **deshielded** than the H_a protons and absorb farther **downfield.**
- The larger number of electronegative Cl atoms (two versus one) deshields H_b more than H_a , so it absorbs **downfield** from H_a .