

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

NMR I

Physical Basis

Ref 9 : (1, 2), 3, 4; 8th ed.

9.: (1), 2, (3), 4; 9th ed.

Also: lab website:
Handbook/Spectroscopy/¹HNMR

Prob HMWK #2

Adv Rdg 9 : 6, 7; 8th ed.

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General

nmr happens in nucleus of atom

affected by

- surrounding valence e⁻'s
- neighboring nuclei

∴ provides info. on

- molecular structure (3D arrangement)
- e⁻ distribution
- chem. bonding

currently, most important analytical tool
in Org. Chem.

Physical Basis

Generally,

- nuclei in atoms are spinning
(*"nuclear spin"*)
- spinning causes "magnetic moment"
- nuclei behave like little bar magnets

Exception

if (# of p's) and (# of n's) are both even ,
then nucleus has no nmr !

Practice

isotope	# of p's	# of n's	nmr active ?
¹² C	6	6	no
¹ H	1	0	yes
² H	1	1	yes
¹³ C	6	7	yes
¹⁶ O	8	8	no

this course: ¹H only !!
"PMR"

Nuclear Spin

^1H atom can have

2 different nuclear spin states (m_I)

$$m_I = +\frac{1}{2} \quad (\uparrow, \alpha)$$

$$m_I = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\downarrow, \beta)$$



α



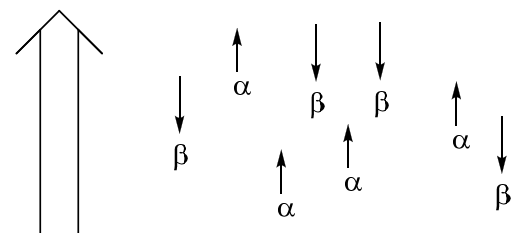
β

states α and β have same energy
in absence of mag. field

Effect of External Mag. Field

- put sample inside a magnet
- now states α and β have different energy
- magnet must be very strong
for this effect to be observable

Illustration



external
mag. field
(B_0)

α parallel to B_0

β antiparallel to B_0

$$E_\beta > E_\alpha$$

$$\Delta E = E_\beta - E_\alpha$$

effect

- transition $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ possible

if sample is irradiated w/ EMR

that satisfies $\Delta E = h\nu$ (Planck's Equⁿ)

- now absorption of energy occurs
- i.e., resonance condition exists

Magnitude of ΔE

depends on

strength of **external** mag. field, B_0 ;

actually, proportional to B_0

B_0 measured in gauss (G) or

tesla (T)

(1 T = 10^4 G)

current technology uses

1.4 T ————— 14 T (..... 20 T)

magnitude ...

$$\Delta E = \text{const.} \times B_0$$

$$= \gamma \frac{h}{2\pi} B_0$$

γ , "gyromagnetic ratio",

“nucleus specific”,

determined by experiment

$$\text{e.g. } {}^1\text{H} : \gamma = 26.8 \times 10^7 \text{ T}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$${}^{13}\text{C} : \gamma = 6.7 \times 10^7 \text{ T}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Practice

“PMR” ; $B_0 = 1.41 \text{ T}$; $\Delta E = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E &= 26.8 \times 10^7 \text{ T}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \times \\ &\quad \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}}{2\pi} \times 1.41 \text{ T} \\ &= 3.98 \times 10^{-26} \text{ J for 1 transition} \end{aligned}$$

on mole basis, multiply by N_A

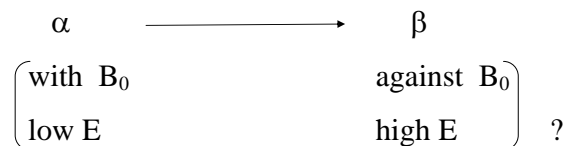
$$\begin{aligned} &\times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \\ &= 2.40 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J / mol} \\ &= 2.40 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kJ / mol} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore very small, indeed

(compare w/ ΔE of chem. rxns, $\approx 100 \text{ kJ / mol}$)

Resonance Frequency, ν_{res}

EMR required to cause



Ans. : $\Delta E, \nu$ related by Planck

$$\Delta E = h\nu$$

$$\nu = \frac{\Delta E}{h}$$

$$= \gamma \frac{h}{2\pi} B_0 \frac{1}{h} = \gamma \frac{B_0}{2\pi}$$

Previous example cont^d :

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= \frac{3.98 \times 10^{-26} \text{ J}}{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}} = 6.00 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1} = 60.0 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz} \\ &= 60 \text{ MHz,} \end{aligned}$$

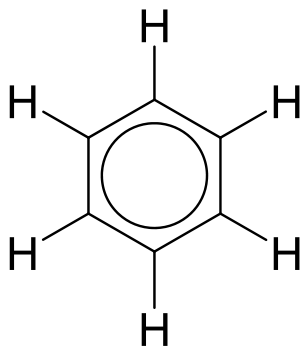
i.e., range of FM radiowaves;

therefore often called **radiofrequency**

Appⁿ to Org. Chem.

compd = assembly of nuclear magnets.

e.g.

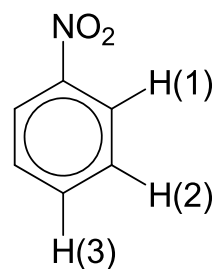


- any one H could be in α or β state
- any α could be “flipped” to β
w/ proper radiofrequency
(= “resonance frequency”)

“Clincher”

- NMR would be of little use
if all H's absorbed (“resonated”) at same ν
- differences in “chem. environment”,
i.e., in local e^- density &
presence of neighboring atoms, esp. H's
have an effect

Ex.



H(1), H(2), H(3) are different,
 \therefore resonate (absorb) at different ν values