# Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Part 2 Number of Signals, Chemical Shift, Coupling and Integration

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#### **Number of Signals and Chemical Shift**

Equivalent hydrogens have the same chemical shift.

Hydrogens/protons in different environments will show different chemical shifts. In the NMR below: "a" protons are most shielded and "c" protons are most deshielded)





#### **Intensity of Signals - Integration**

- The area under each peak is proportional to the number of protons.
- Shown by integral trace.



## **Spin-Spin Splitting (Coupling)**

- Signal splitting occurs when there are unequivalent protons (therefore have a different chemical shift) on the neighboring carbons.
- Signal splitting for a proton is neighboring proton +1.
- This has to do with the alignment of the protons to the magnetic field.



#### **More on Coupling**

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### **The** *N* **+ 1 Rule**

If a signal is split by *N* equivalent protons, it is split into *N* + 1 peaks.

Relative Peak Intensities of Symmetric Multiplets		
Number of Equivalent Protons Causing Splitting	Number of Peaks (multiplicity)	Area Ratios (Pascal's triangle)
0	1 (singlet)	1
1	2(doublet)	1 1
2	3 (triplet)	1 2 1
3	4 (quartet)	1 3 3 1
4	5 (quintet)	1 4 6 4 1
5	6 (sextet)	1 5 10 10 5 1
6	7 (septet)	1 6 15 20 15 6 1

#### **Range of Magnetic Coupling**

- Equivalent protons do not split each other.
- Protons bonded to the same carbon will split each other <u>only</u> if they are not equivalent.
- Protons on adjacent carbons normally will couple.
- Protons separated by four or more bonds will not couple.

#### No coupling between Hs because of electronegative O in the middle.



### **Splitting for Ethyl Groups**



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#### Problem



## **Coupling Constants and Values**

- Distance between the peaks of multiplet.
- Measured in Hz.
- Not dependent on strength of the external field.
- Multiplets with the same coupling constants may come from adjacent groups of protons that split each other.



## **Coupling Constant Values**



<sup>a</sup>The value of 7 Hz in an alkyl group is averaged for rapid rotation about the carbon–carbon bond. If rotation is hindered by a ring or bulky groups, other splitting constants may be observed. Copyright © 2005 Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc.

## **Coupling Constants...contd**

 Different for different compounds – depends on the environment of the protons.



## **Complex Splitting**



- Signals may be split by adjacent protons, different from each other, with different coupling constants.
- Example: H<sup>a</sup> of styrene which is split by an adjacent H *trans* to it (J = 17 Hz) and an adjacent H *cis* to it (J = 11 Hz).





H-NMR Spectroscopy

## **Spectrum for Styrene**



### **Some Nonequivalent Protons**

- Usually, two protons on the same C are equivalent and do not split each other.
- If the replacement of each of the protons of a -CH<sub>2</sub> group with an imaginary "Z" gives stereoisomers, then the protons are non-equivalent and will split each other.



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 $H^{c}$ 

 $CH_3$ 

d<sub>H</sub>

H-

<sup>a</sup>H-

Hb

H<sup>a</sup>

OH<sup>a</sup>

Hp



## **Hydroxyl Proton**

- Ultrapure samples of ethanol show splitting.
- Ethanol with a small amount of acidic or basic impurities will not show splitting.

#### **N-H Proton**

- Moderate rate of exchange.
- Peak may be broad.



### **Identifying the O-H or N-H Peak**

- Chemical shift will depend on concentration and solvent.
- To verify that a particular peak is due to O-H or N-H, shake the sample with  $D_2O$ .
- Deuterium will exchange with the O-H or N-H protons.
- On a second NMR spectrum the peak will be absent, or much less intense.



60 MHz NMR

300 MHz NMR



## **Key Concepts**

- Chemical shifts
- Integration
- Coupling
- Interpret a NMR
- Predict NMR for a compound