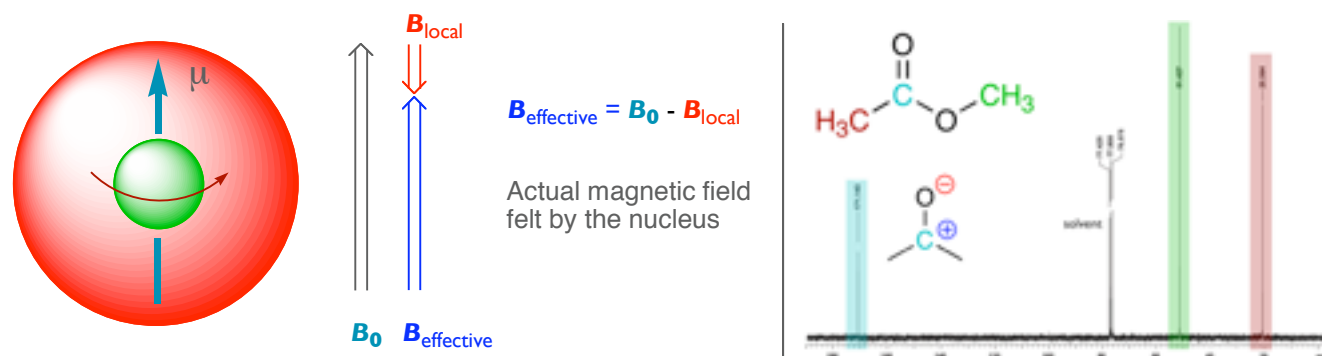


Chapter 13 - Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

Chemical Shielding

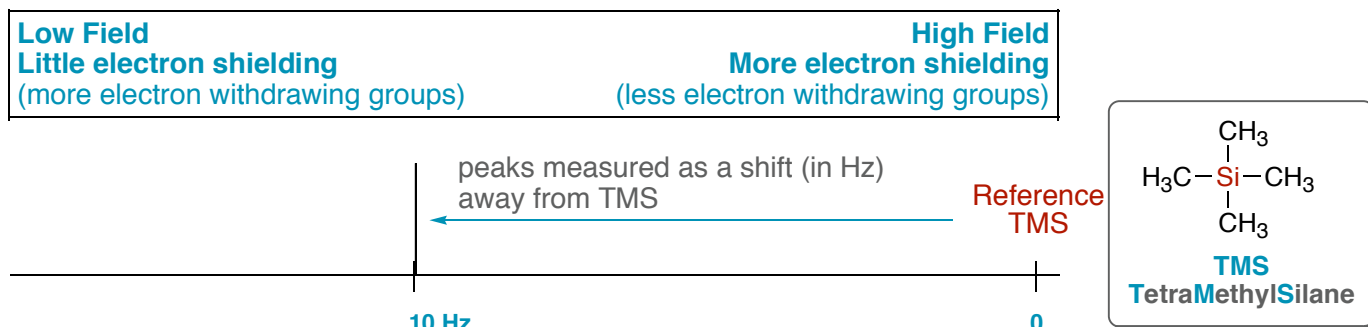
Slight changes in this energy occur depending on the electronic environment around the nucleus. So, in ^{13}C NMR, different carbons (with different groups attached) will resonate at slightly different frequencies giving rise to separate peaks in the spectrum. The same is true for ^1H NMR. For example, methyl acetate carbon NMR spectrum shows three different carbons - the most shielded by electrons occurs further to the right and the least shielded (most deshielded) lies on the left end of the spectrum.



Chemical Shift and the NMR Scale

On the NMR, the peaks associated with different nuclei are measured relative to a standard molecule. For ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, this standard is Tetramethylsilane (TMS). This standard is set as 0 on the spectrum. Peaks from our analyte are measured as a **Chemical Shift** (in Hz) away from the standard.

NMR Spectrum



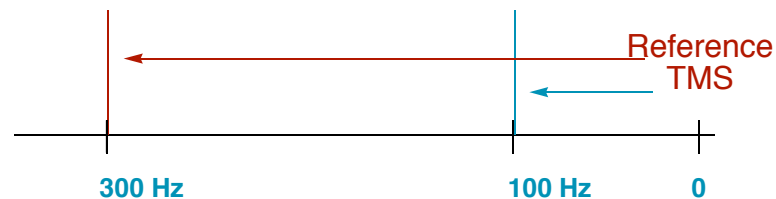
Different spectrometers would show the same peak at different chemical shifts. Thus, the scale is normalized to remove the instrument frequency dependence. The scale (ppm - part per million) is one millionth of the particular instrument frequency.

$$\delta = \text{ppm} = \frac{\text{Chemical Shift from TMS (Hz)}}{\text{Spectrometer Frequency (MHz)}}$$

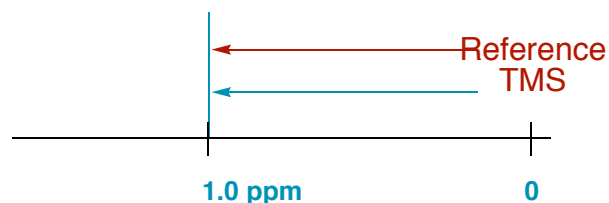
$$\frac{100 \text{ Hz}}{100 \text{ MHz}} = 1.0 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\frac{300 \text{ Hz}}{300 \text{ MHz}} = 1.0 \text{ ppm}$$

100 MHz NMR
300 MHz NMR



100 MHz NMR
300 MHz NMR



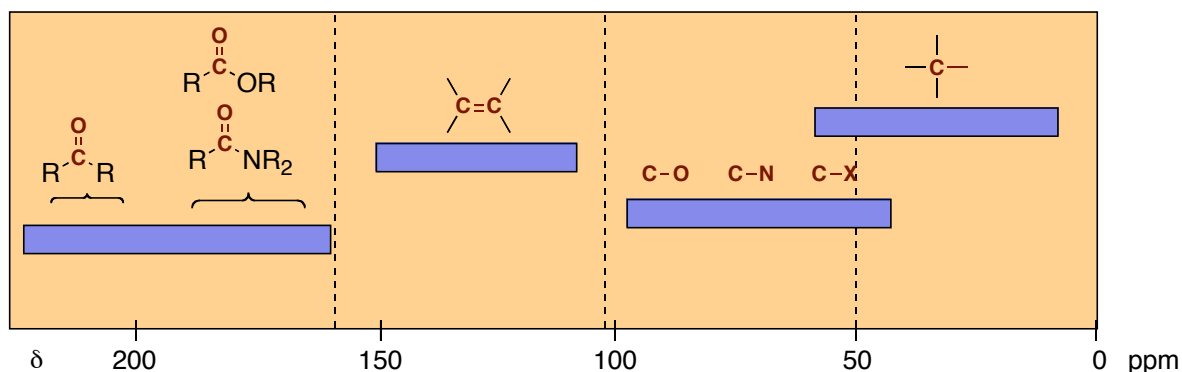
¹³C NMR Spectroscopy

Carbon 13 makes up 1.1% of all naturally occurring carbon isotopes.

¹³C NMR is most important for providing the number of *different* carbons, and some information about functional groups.

The ¹³C NMR scale spans the range of about 0-200. Most shielded (alkanes) show up on the right. As electronegative substituents are added, that shifts the resonances to the right. The alkene region is very distinct as is the carbonyl region (most deshielded).

¹³C NMR



Carbons which are related by symmetry (mirror plane) are chemically equivalent and show up as one peak.

