

# How To

## Use NEF to import and export CcpNmr data

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data_project_1

save_nef_nmr_meta_data
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.sf_category      nef_nmr_meta_data
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.sf_framecode     nef_nmr_meta_data
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  _nef_nmr_meta_data.format_version   1.1
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.program_name      AnalysisAssign
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.program_version   3.1.0
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.creation_date     2022-11-24T01:38:01.267301
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.uuid              AnalysisAssign-2022-11-24T01:38:01.267301-962017545
  _nef_nmr_meta_data.coordinate_file_name .
save_

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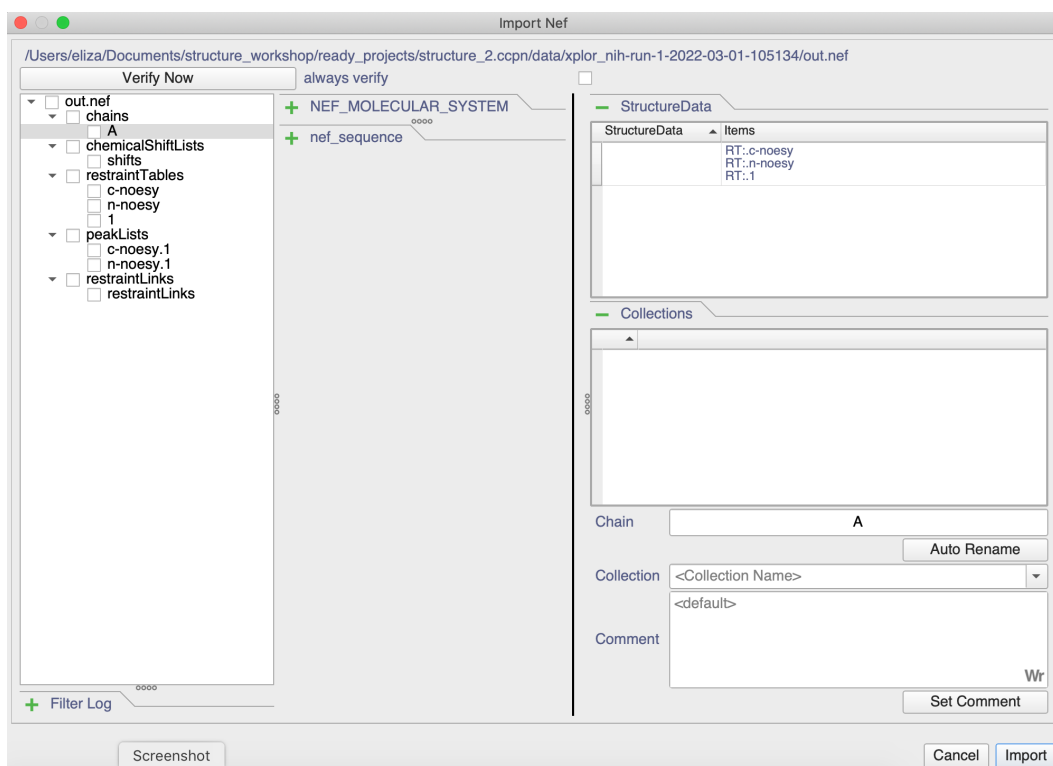
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  _nef_sequence.sequence_code
  _nef_sequence.residue_name
  _nef_sequence.linking
  _nef_sequence.residue_variant
  _nef_sequence.cis_peptide

  1 A 3 ASN start . .
  2 A 4 MET middle . .
  3 A 5 LYS middle . .
  4 A 6 LEU middle . .
  5 A 57 GLY middle . .
  6 A 58 GLN middle . .
stop_
save_

save_nef_chemical_shift_list_default
  _nef_chemical_shift_list.sf_category  nef_chemical_shift_list
  _nef_chemical_shift_list.sf_framecode nef_chemical_shift_list_default

loop_
  _nef_chemical_shift.chain_code
  _nef_chemical_shift.sequence_code
  _nef_chemical_shift.residue_name
  _nef_chemical_shift.atom_name
  _nef_chemical_shift.value
  _nef_chemical_shift.value_uncertainty
  _nef_chemical_shift.element
  _nef_chemical_shift.isotope_number

  A 3 ASN H 8.142210567 . H 1
  A 3 ASN N 114.2228732 . N 15
  A 4 MET H 8.474162011 . H 1
  A 4 MET N 120.4981187 . N 15
  A 5 LYS H 8.34699653 . H 1
  A 5 LYS N 121.4128882 . N 15
  A 6 LEU H 8.487866533 . H 1
  A 6 LEU N 124.721835 . N 15
  A 7 GLY H 8.288431248 . H 1
stop_
save_
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# Introduction

This How-To will guide you through the action of using the NMR Exchange Format, NEF, to move data from one CcpNmr project to another. This is only a practical example and not the main purpose of NEF, for documentation and other usages please visit:

<https://github.com/NMRExchangeFormat/NEF>.

In this How-To you will export the chain, chemical shift list and peak list from one project and import it to another using a NEF file. You can download example data for this How-To from our website at

<https://ccpn.ac.uk/support/tutorials/#nef>.

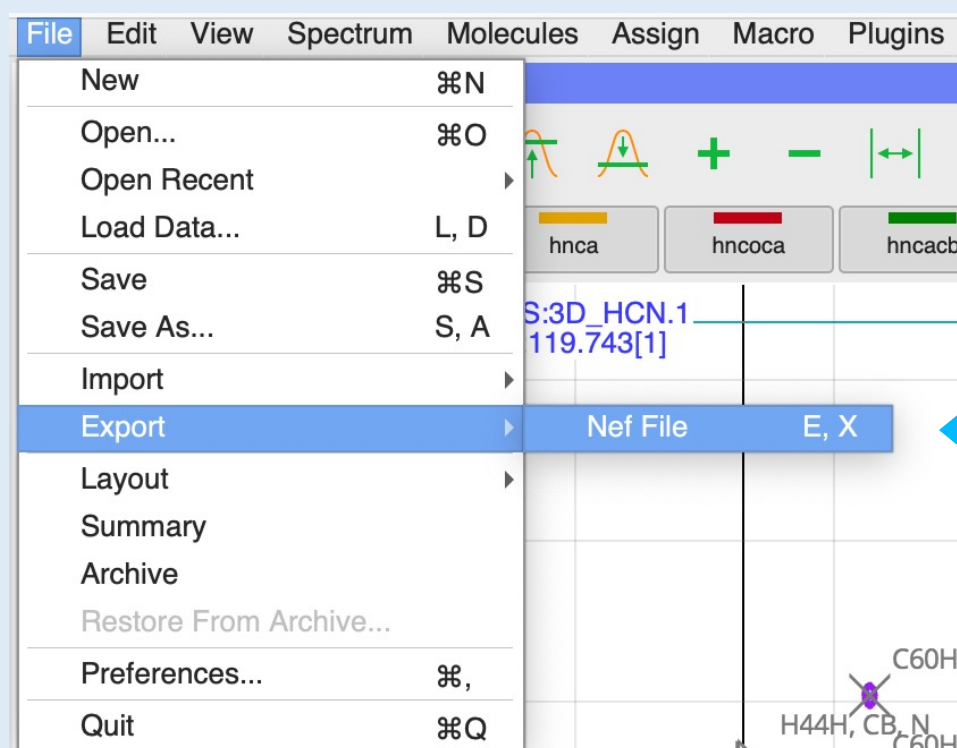
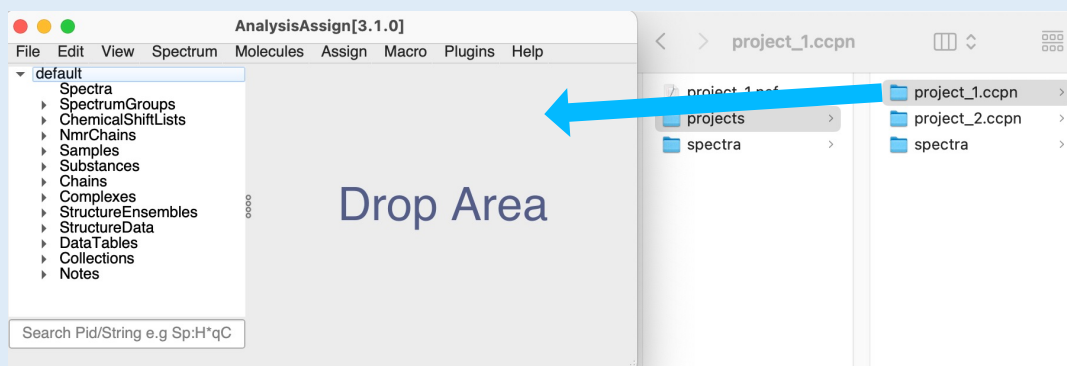
## Start CcpNmr Analysis V3

Apple and Linux users by using the terminal command: *bin/assign*

Windows users by double-clicking on the *assign.bat* file

NMRbox users by using the terminal command *analysisassign*

## Open project\_1.ccpn

Shortcut  
EX

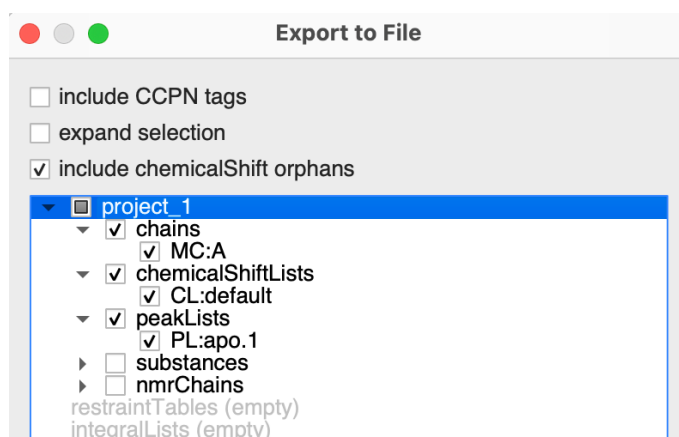
## 1A Open the project containing the data you want to export

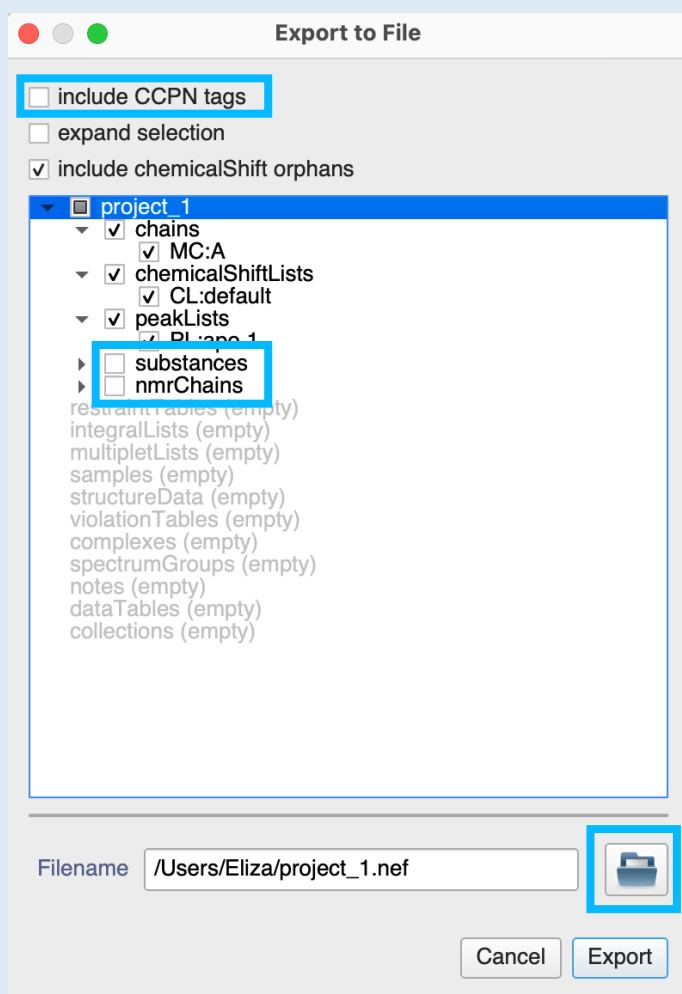
- Open the project **project\_1.ccpn** in the **projects** folder of the data provided.
- Open the NEF export popup:

**Main Menu → File → Export → Nef File** (or shortcut **EX**)

The NEF exporter dialog will appear.

- Expand the **chains**, **chemicalShiftLists** and **peakLists** branches





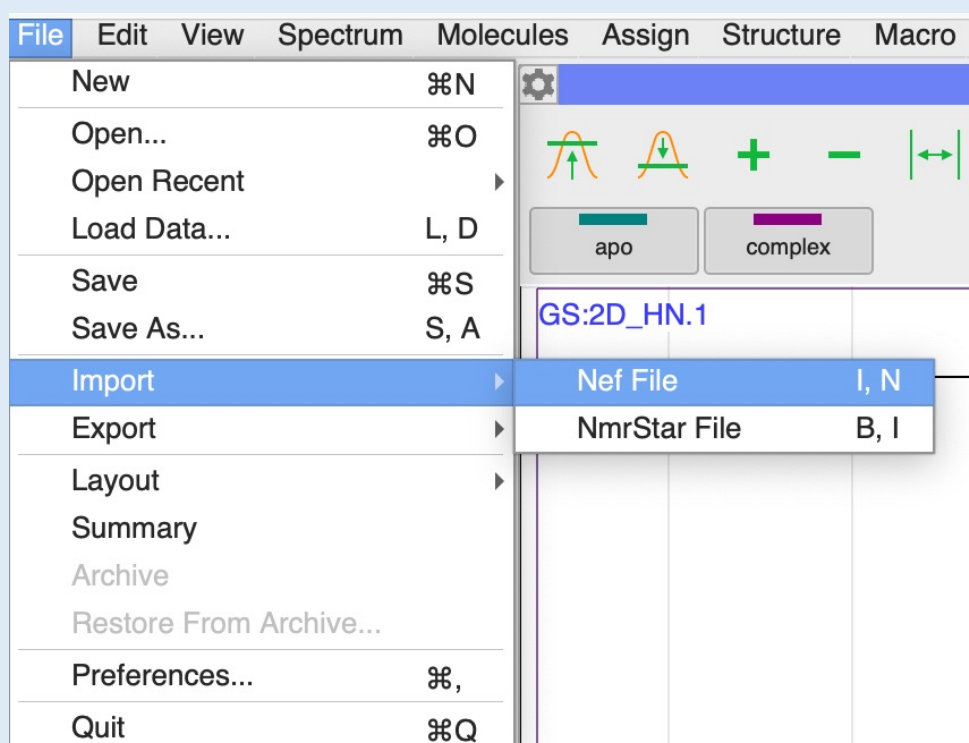
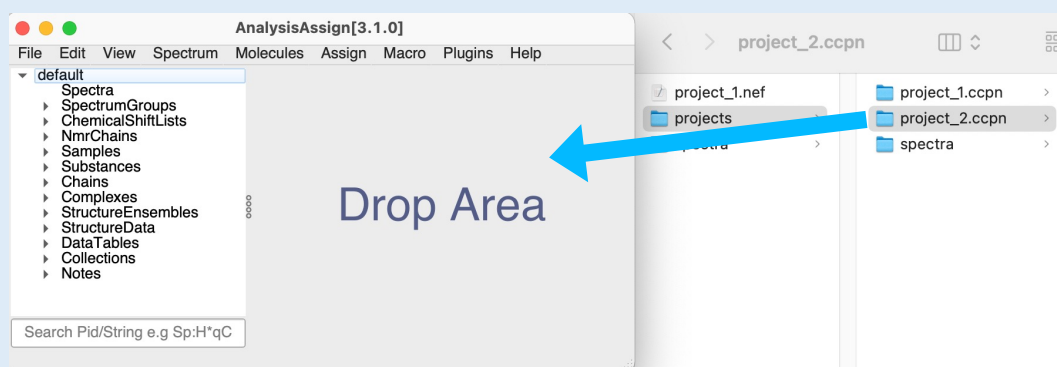
## 1<sub>B</sub> Select exporting options

Elements not listed in the project are grayed out and not available for selection. We will export a Chain, ChemicalShiftList and PeakList (peak positions and heights/volumes) without the spectra.

- Deselect **Include CCPN tags**
- Select
  - chains: **MC:A**
  - chemicalShiftLists: **CL:default**
  - peakLists: **PL:apo.1**
- Deselect **substances and nmrChains**
- Click on the folder icon to select the path where you want to save the NEF file.
- Click **Export**

*Note:* If you wish to export actual spectra (data locations), with all their display properties, you should select **Include CCPN tags**.

## Open project\_2.ccpn

Shortcut  
IN

## 1C Import to a target project

- Open the project **project\_2.ccpn**
- Open the NEF import popup with  
**Main Menu → File → Import → Import Nef File** (or shortcut **IN**)

A new File Dialog will appear.

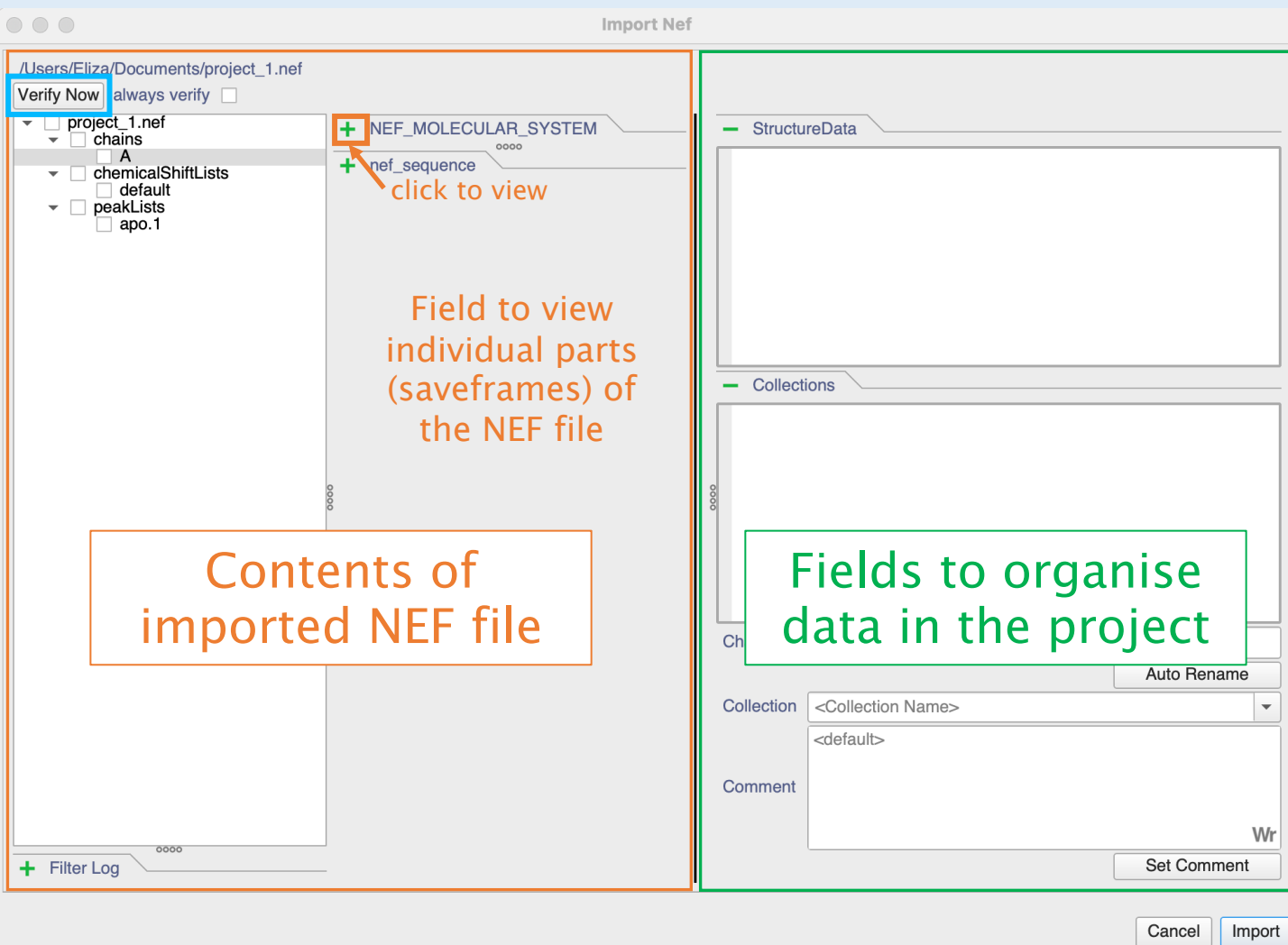
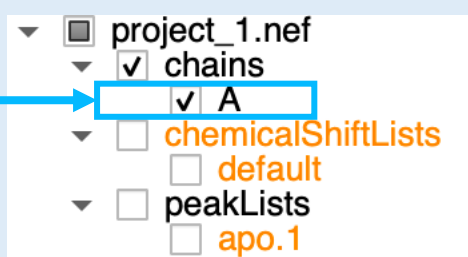
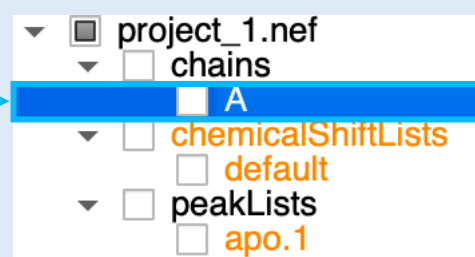
- Select the previously saved NEF file
- Click **Open** to continue

A new popup will ask if you want to **Import** your NEF file or load it as a **New project**.

- Click **Import**

The **Import Nef** popup will open.

## Nef importer

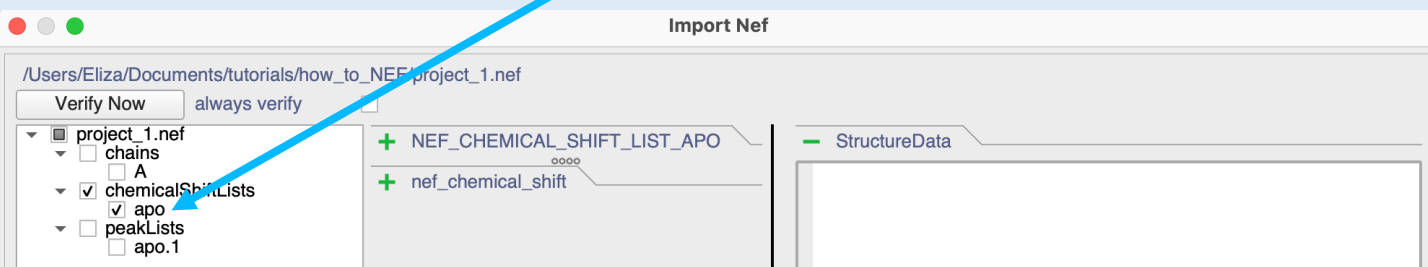
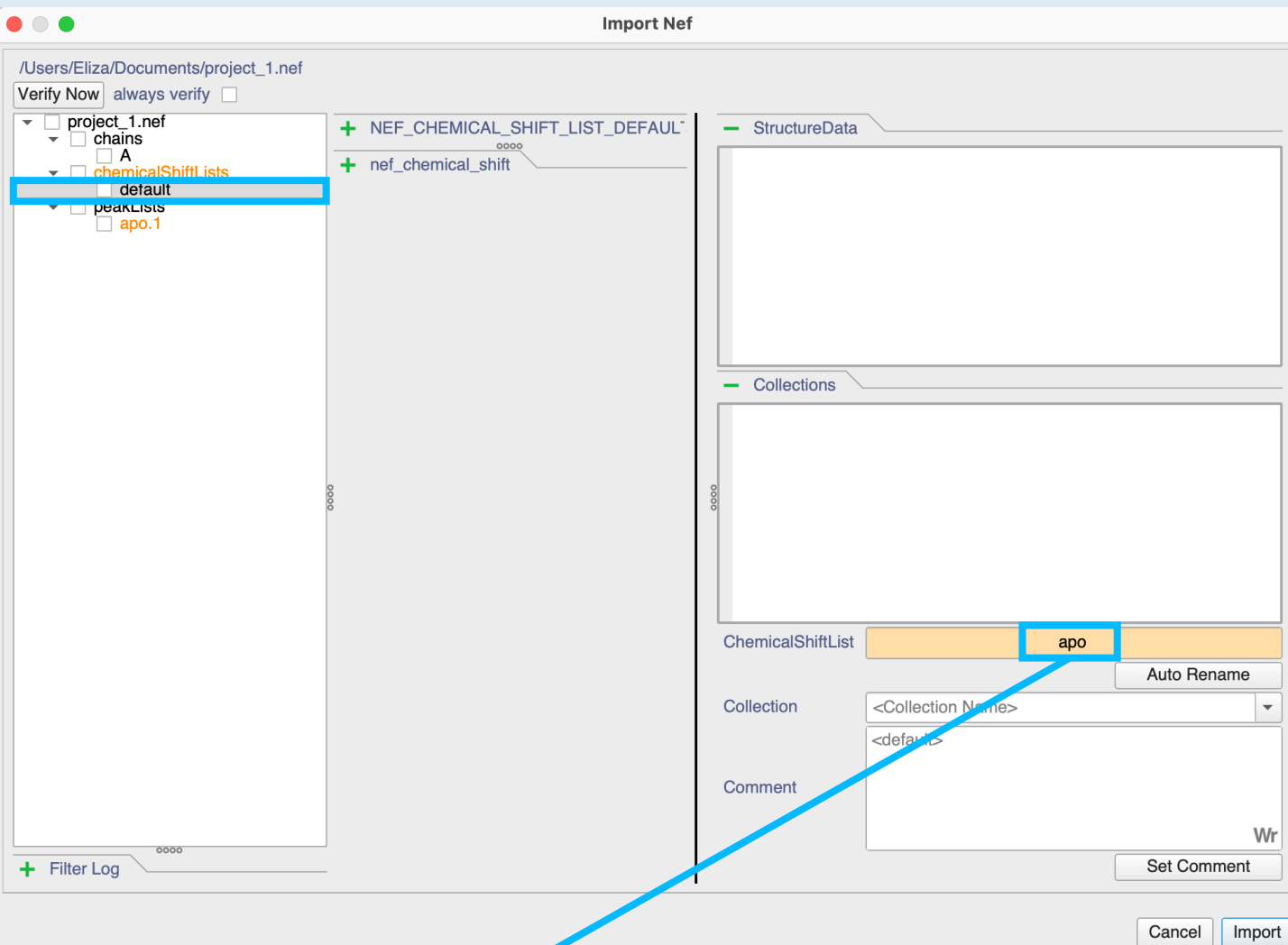
Ticked  
for  
importSelected  
for  
edit

## 1D View incoming data from NEF file

- Click **Verify Now**

You will see that some elements are now coloured in orange, this indicates that objects with that name already exist in the project and their name must be changed before being adding to the project.

## Nef importer



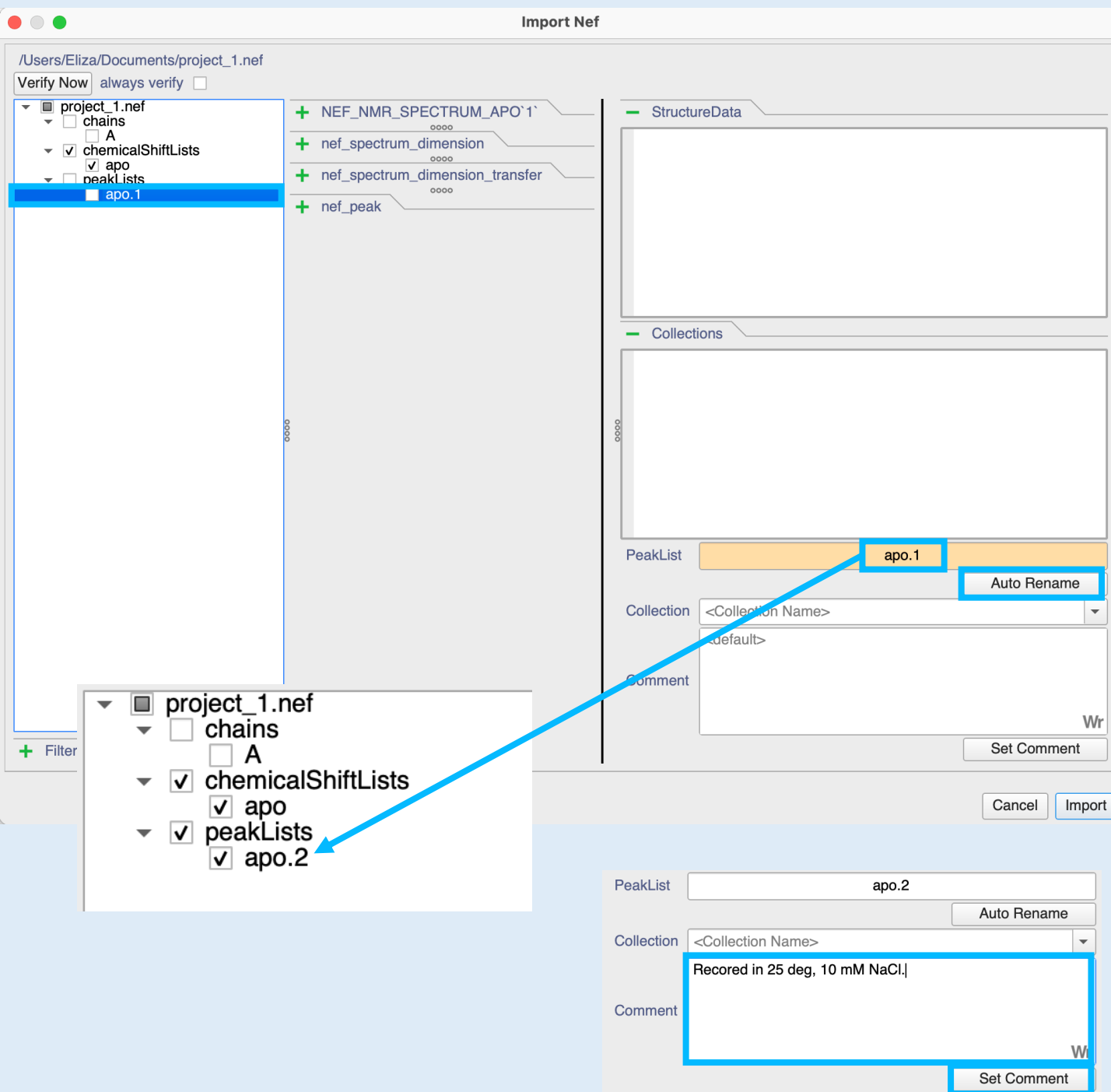
# 1<sub>E</sub> Rename incoming items of data

- Click on the **default** chemicalShiftList on the left-hand side to select it for editing. It will appear in the right-hand side where it can be re-name, e.g. to **apo**. Press **Enter** to confirm the change. This will update the name on the left-hand side

The chemicalShiftList has been now ticked automatically. If a name is edited, the software assumes this element is supposed to be imported into the project.

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## Nef importer



## continued... Rename incoming items of data

- Click on the **apo.1** peakList on the left-hand side to select it for editing. It will appear on the right-hand side.
- Click on the **Auto Rename** button.

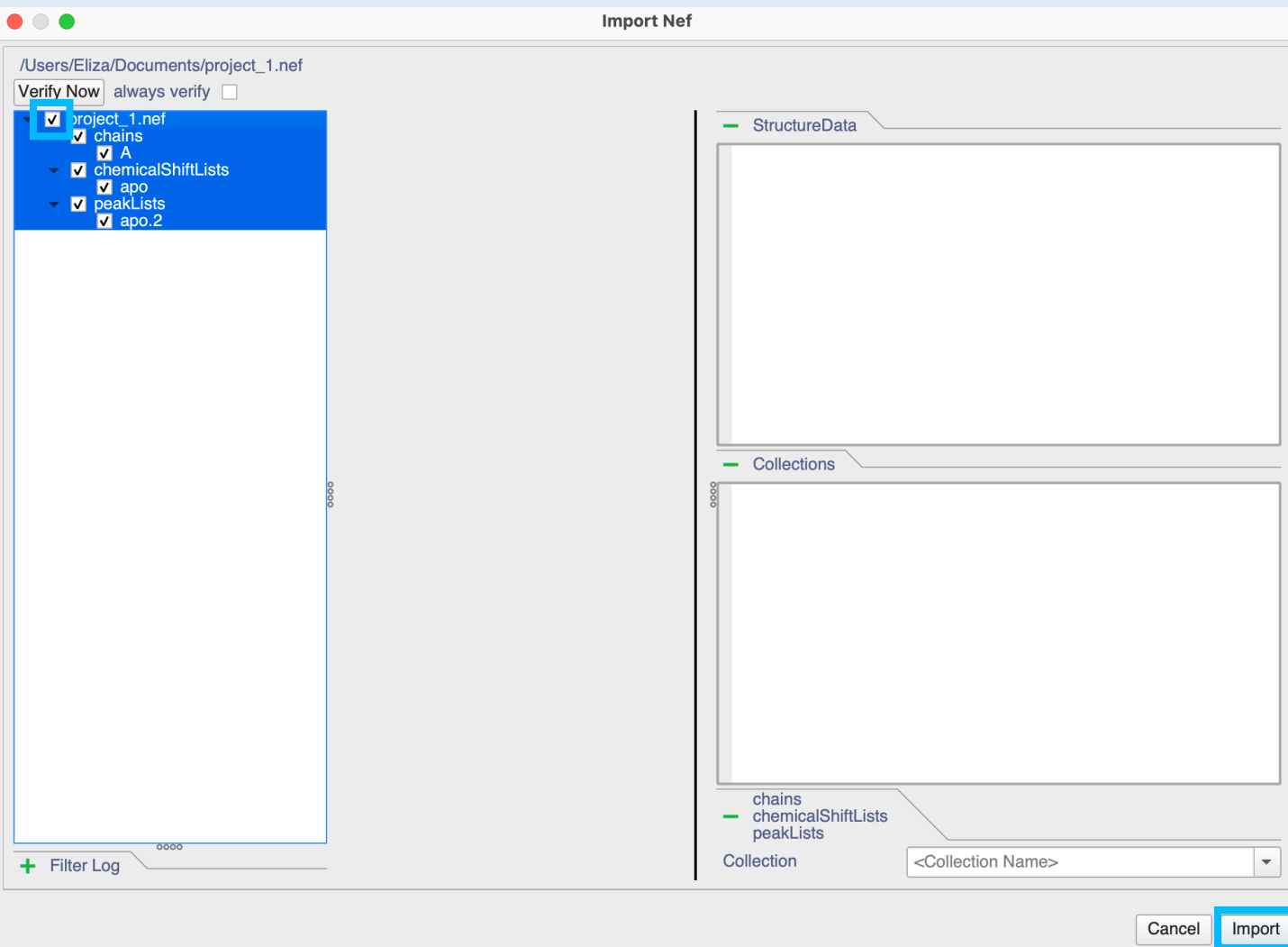
This will change the peak list serial on the left-hand side and will tick the peak list automatically.

You can add a comment to any of the item of data you want to import when it is selected for editing:

- Type some text in the **Comment** box and click **Set Comment** to confirm.



## Nef importer

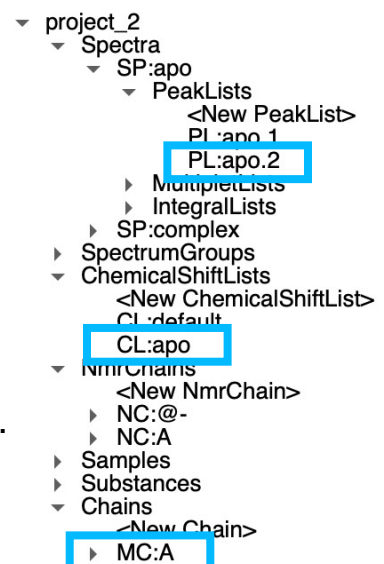


## 1<sub>F</sub> Import and inspect imported data

- Tick the box next to the **project\_1.nef** to select the contents of an entire NEF file to be imported into your project.
- Click **Import**.

The newly imported items of data will appear in the sidebar.

Note that when you import a PeakList, then any PeakLabels (NmrAtoms) which are missing, will be automatically created and added to the project.



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