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Introductory NMR

Lecture 7

Double Resonance Experiments:

- simplify spectra

Homonuclear Decoupling- ¹H NMR Heteronuclear Decoupling- ¹³C NMR

1. Homonuclear Decoupling:

We only see coupling if spins stay oriented:

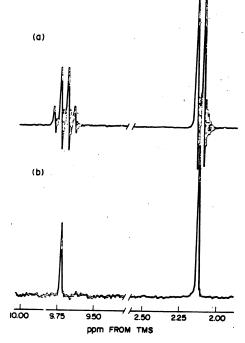
$$\tau_1 = 1/J$$

Decoupling: you shorten τ_1 by applying a second frequency ν_2 adjusted to the exact frequency of the residues to be decoupled.

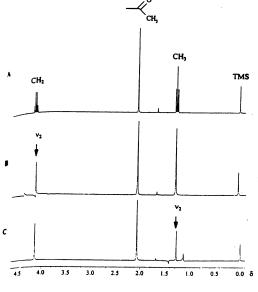
1H transmitter (observe channel using frequency offset O1)

1H decoupler (decoupling channel using frequency offset O2)

Homemulean Decoupling (HD)



The normal (a) and double resonance (b) spectra of acetaldehyde, obserged as a 25% (vol./vol.) solution in CCl₄ at 60 MHz.



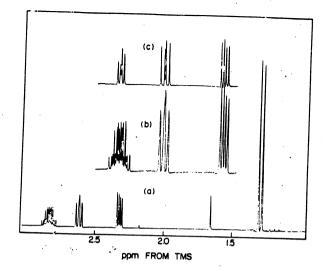
CH₃-C-O-CH₂-CH₃

Figure 5-1.

A: 300 MHz ¹H NMR spectra of ethyl acetate (1).

B: CH₂ protons decoupled.

C: CH₃ protons decoupled.





The double resonance proton spectrum of propylene oxide, observed at 200 MHz in 1% solution in CDCl₃ at 25°C. The doublet at 1.26 ppm corresponds to the methyl group. Protons A, B, and C appear in order of increasing shielding. (The peak at ca. 1.7 ppm is an impurity.) Spectrum (b) is an expansion of (a). In spectrum (c) the methyl protons are irradiated, reducing the multiplet of proton A to a quartet. See text. (P. A. Mirau, unpublished observations.)

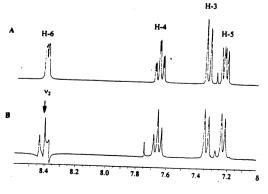
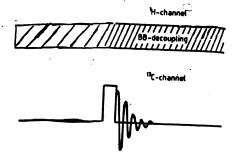




Figure 5-2.
A: 300 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-chloropyridine (2).
B: H-6 decoupled.

2. Heteronuclear Decoupling:

- in ¹³C NMR you get many signals due to ¹J coupling with hydrogen nucleus.
- makes weak signals weaker.
- a) ¹H-Broad-band Decoupling:
 - remove all the proton coupling.



Problems: worry about heating the sample from high B_2 .

- must cover the chemical shift range of all protons.

Solution:

- use composite pulses and complex pulse sequence (MLEV, WALTZ-16)
- Rotate the components of ¹H-¹³C doublets through large precession angles repetitively.

MLEV: 90° (+x), 90° (+x), 90° (-x), 90° (-x) repeated 16 times

WALTZ16: combination of 90°, 180°, and 270° $(\pm x)$, $(\pm y)$ using 36 pulses.

Disadvantage: lose coupling information

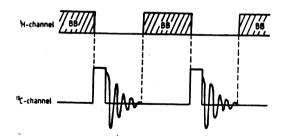
Advantage:

- 1) total intensity is concentrated into one line
- 2) signal is increased over 200% by nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE).
 - proportional to number of protons attached
 - dependent on relaxation properties of molecule.

Net: considerably shorter recording times.

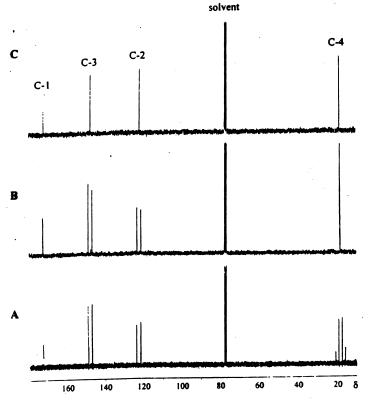
b) Gated decoupling experiment

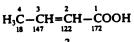
- in Broad-band decoupling you shorten experiment time but lose coupling information.
- in gated decoupling you maintain coupling but also take advantage of most of the NOE enhancement



- during BB decoupling the NOE act on system to establish population ratio and increase intensity of signal.
- once BB decoupling is removed, the indirect spin-spin coupling returns immediately while the population ratios return slowly to equilibrium.
- T_1 relaxation times control this return and they are generally longer then the time to record the data.

Result: retain coupling and most of NOE enhancement of signal.



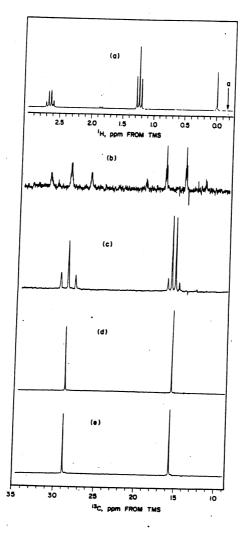


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75.47 MHz ¹³C NMR spectra of crotonic acid (3) in CDCl₃.

A: With C,H couplings, recorded by the gated decoupling technique. B: With selective decoupling of the methyl protons.

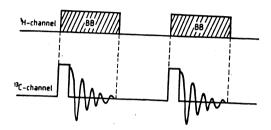
C: With ¹H broad-band (BB) decoupling.



Spectra showing various modes of ¹³C-{¹H} decoupling. (a) 200 MHz proton spectrum of ethylbenzene, observed at 25°C using a 1% solution in CDCl₃ (1 scan); (b) 50.3 MHz ¹³C spectrum of the same solution as in (a), without proton decoupling (60 scans); (c) off-resonance ¹³C spectrum as in (b) but with proton decoupling at the frequency indicated by the arrow in spectrum (a) (150 scans). Spectrum (d) shows the result of employing noise modulated proton decoupling; in (e) an essentially identical result is obtained using MLEV decoupling (see text) but with only 1/5 of the power. Both (d) and (e) represent 60 scans. (F. C. Schilling, unpublished observations.)

Inverse Gated Decoupling- eliminated coupling and does not allow NOE enhancement.

- only apply BB-decoupling during pulse and recording.



C) ¹H Off Resonance Decoupling-

- use normal pulse technique on ¹³C and simultaneously irradiate all of the ¹H resonances but with an intensity such that not all the C,H couplings are removed.
- usually see only one-bond couplings.

What determines the extent of decoupling?

- 1) Magnitude of the C,H coupling constant.
- 2) interval between the resonance frequency v1 of the proton to be decoupled and the decoupler frequency v_2 (v_1 v_2 = Δv)
- 3) The amplitude of B₂ at the frequency of the ¹H signal

$$Jred = J \Delta v / \gamma B_2$$

- spectra only give qualitative information.
- can help in assignment
- time is longer than BB decoupling but shorter than non-decoupled.

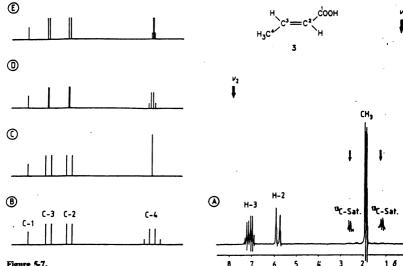


Figure 5-7.

A: 90 MHz 1H NMR spectrum of crotonic acid (3).

B to E: 13C NMR stick spectra of 3; B: without C,H decoupling;

C: selective 'H decoupling of the methyl protons;

D: H off-resonance decoupling, with decoupling frequency ν_2 at the left-hand end of the proton spectrum (at $\delta \approx 8$, shown by a thick arrow above spectrum A);

E: as in D, but with decoupling frequency v_2 at right-hand end of proton spectrum (at $\delta \approx 1$).

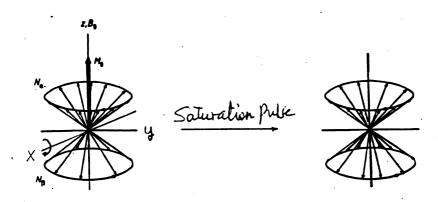
d) Selective heteronuclear decoupling

- used for assignment purposes.
- signals are often separated by 125 Hz so must have sufficient decoupling power.
- works well when signals are well separated.
- not that routine.

Suppression of Solvent Signal:

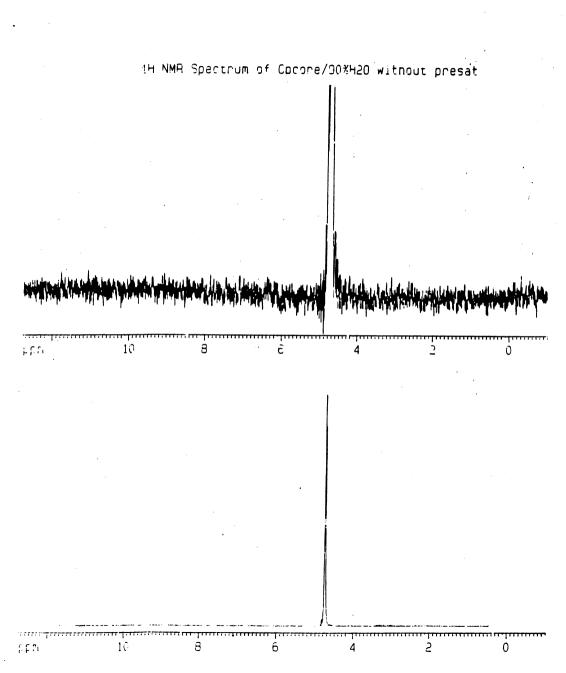
- samples run in water are a problem.
- water signal varies with temperature.
- irradiating the signal during recording and signal is reduced do to saturation.
- turn off decoupler right before recording and you will still get suppression due to different relaxation times of protons in the sample; water signals remain saturated.

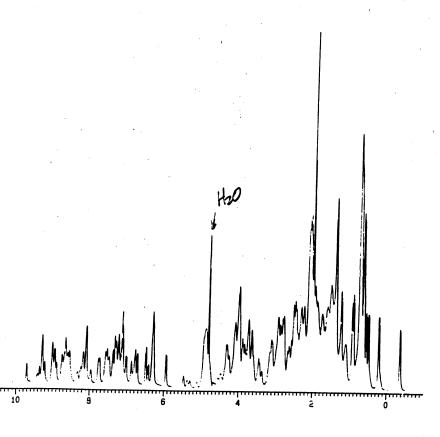




Saturation Pulse - low power, long pulse (narrow frequency band). 90 pulse - high power, short pulse (wide frequency band). Carrier frequency (spectrometer frequency, SF) - must be on the solvent resonance.

Acquisition - AQ should be shorter than presaturation time.





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