#### **Title Page**

Title (1 pts)

## The NMR of My Enemy is My Friend

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Two Hypotheses (4 pts)

In general, it is believed that the magnitude of the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  value plots will correlate to the amount of hydrogen atoms present. This implies that the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  value plots for light mineral oil will show the steepest slopes, and will decrease in order from heavy mineral oil to water to water w/ FeCl<sub>3</sub>. This is believed because NMR tends to affect only hydrogen atoms. The molecular makeup of both mineral oils consist of hydrocarbons, but heavy mineral oil tends to have more cyclic hydrocarbons, while light mineral oil tends to have more linear hydrocarbons. Cyclic hydrocarbons tend to have less hydrogens than linear carbons (for example, 12 hydrogens in cyclohexane vs 14 hydrogens in hexane). Likewise, water w/ FeCl<sub>3</sub> will remain unchanged compared to water, as FeCl<sub>3</sub> is not detected in NMR spectroscopy.

It is also believed that the samples with more hydrogen atoms will show longer  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  relaxation times. This is considered in thinking about how a higher density of hydrogen atoms would correspond to more magnetic moments present in the molecules and would result in a longer time for more amounts of these atoms to fully relax.

Abstract (5 pts)

This experiment was performed in order to get a greater insight into how atoms react when introduced into a magnetic field. In general, atoms tend to try and align their spin to be parallel to the magnetic field. There are many other forces, such as intermolecular interference, that can make this alignment take much longer to accomplish. Likewise, removing the samples from the magnetic field would mean that the other forces would cause the relaxation of the atomic spin to take longer.

In this experiment, four different samples were introduced to a magnetic field inside of a TeachSpin PSA-2 pulsed NMR instrument, in the hopes of determining the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  relaxation values for each of the samples. In the end, it was determined that water with FeCl<sub>3</sub> had the highest  $T_1$  relaxation time, followed by water, then followed by light mineral oil, leaving heavy mineral oil with the lowest  $T_1$  relaxation time. For  $T_2$ , water should the longest relaxation time, followed by light mineral oil, followed then by water with FeCl<sub>3</sub>, leaving heavy mineral oil with the shorter  $T_2$  relaxation time.

## Results (35 pts)

In the experimental procedure, a total of eight plots were constructed from the values received from the TeachSpin PS2-A. There are four plots for the  $T_1$  magnetization values and four for the  $T_2$  magnetization values, one for each of the samples used. For the sake of organization, only the plots and calculations for the Light Mineral Oil sample will be included in the results section. All other samples' plots are included in the **Supporting Data** section.

For each of the runs, an  $M_{eq}$  value is also found by determining the time where the signal peak reaches a maximum magnitude. This  $M_{eq}$  value is necessary to calculate the  $T_1$  value for each of the samples. The  $T_1$  values are detailed in **Table 1**.

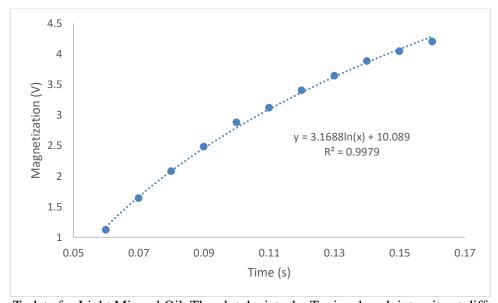


Figure  $1 - T_1$  data for Light Mineral Oil. The plot depicts the  $T_1$  signal peak intensity at different times.

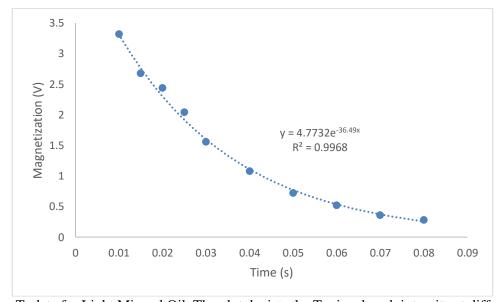
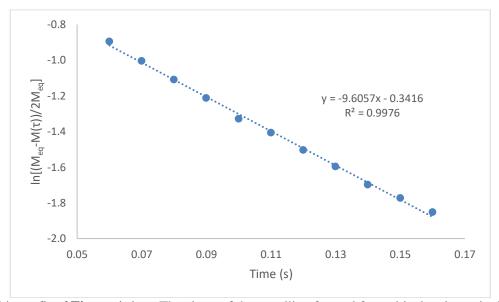


Figure  $2 - T_2$  data for Light Mineral Oil. The plot depicts the  $T_2$  signal peak intensity at different times.

<b>Table 1</b> – M <sub>eq</sub> Values for Each Sample		
Sample	$T_1 M_{eq} (V)$	
Light Mineral Oil	6.12	

Heavy Mineral Oil	5.96
Water	1.42
Water w/ FeCl <sub>3</sub>	9.30

Ideally, each of the plots should follow a trend corresponding to different equations for the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  signal-time plots. The  $T_1$  plots should mimic the equation  $M(\tau) = M_{eq} \left(1 - 2e^{\frac{-\tau}{T_1}}\right)$  and the  $T_2$  plots should mimic the equation  $M_{x,y}(2\tau) = M_{eq}e^{\frac{-2\tau}{T_2}}$ . By transforming these equations into the forms shown in **Calculations [1]** and [2], the plots will be converted into a linear form, with the slope of both plots being equivalent to  $\frac{-1}{T_x}$ . As with the experimental plots, only the data for the Light Mineral Oil readings will be included here. All other samples' data will be shown in the **Supporting Data** section.



**Figure 3** – Linear fit of **Figure 1** data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_1$ .

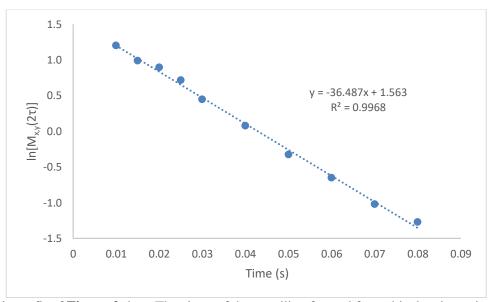


Figure 4 – Linear fit of Figure 2 data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to -1/T<sub>2</sub>.

The values for the slope and the uncertainty of the slope are found by using the LINEST function with the data plots. The table below details the slope and their uncertainties for all of the samples.

<b>Table 2</b> – Slope Values for Linear T <sub>1</sub> and T <sub>2</sub> Data Plots		
Sample	T <sub>1</sub> Plot Slope and Uncertainty (s <sup>-1</sup> )	T <sub>2</sub> Plot Slope and Uncertainty (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Light Mineral Oil	$-9.61 \pm 0.2$	$-36.5 \pm 0.7$
Heavy Mineral Oil	$-13.5 \pm 0.6$	-50.3 ± 1
Water	$-0.725 \pm 0.01$	$-12.3 \pm 0.4$
Water w/FeCl <sub>3</sub>	$-0.109 \pm 0.00005$	$-42.2 \pm 0.9$

Considering that the slopes for each of these plots equate to either  $-1/T_1$  or  $-1/T_2$  depending on the plot, **Calculations [3]** and **{3}** can be used to determine the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  values for each sample, as well as these values' uncertainties. The results from these calculations are shown below.

<b>Table 3</b> – $T_1$ and $T_2$ values for each sample		
Sample	$T_1(s)[3]{3}$	$T_2(s)[3]{3}$
Light Mineral Oil	$0.104 \pm 0.002$	$0.0274 \pm 0.0006$
Heavy Mineral Oil	$0.0741 \pm 0.003$	$0.0199 \pm 0.0004$
Water	$1.38 \pm 0.03$	$0.0812 \pm 0.003$
Water w/FeCl <sub>3</sub>	$9.20 \pm 0.003$	$0.0237 \pm 0.0005$

# Sample Calculations (15 pts)

$$\frac{-\tau}{T_{1}} = \ln \left[ \frac{M_{eq} - M(\tau)}{2M_{eq}} \right] 
\langle \frac{-\tau}{T_{1}} \rangle_{LMO} = \ln \left[ \frac{6.12 \text{ V} - 1.12 \text{ V}}{2 \cdot 6.12 \text{ V}} \right] = -0.895$$
[2]
$$\frac{-2\tau}{T_{2}} + \ln \left[ M_{eq} \right] = \ln \left[ M_{x,y}(2\tau) \right] 
\langle \frac{-2\tau}{T_{2}} + \ln \left[ M_{eq} \right] \rangle_{LMO} = \ln[3.32 \text{ V}] = 1.20$$
[3]
$$T = \frac{-1}{m}$$

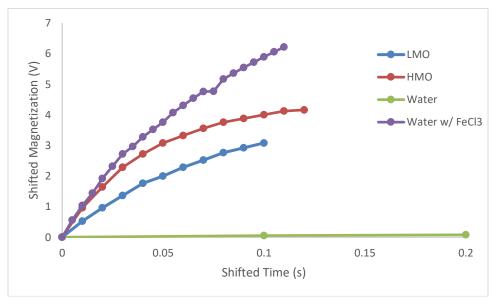
$$T_{1_{LMO}} = \frac{-1}{-9.61 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 0.104 \text{ s}$$
{3}
$$\delta T = \left| \frac{\delta m \cdot T}{m} \right|$$

$$\delta T_{1_{LMO}} = \left| \frac{0.158 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 0.104 \text{ s}}{-9.61 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right| = 0.002 \text{ s}$$

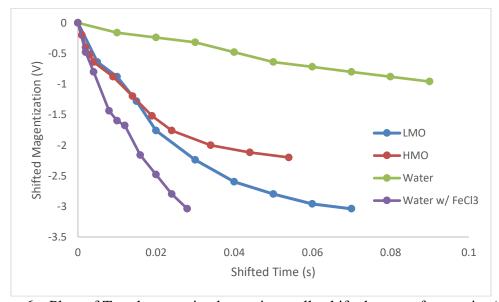
## Discussion, 1 (min) - 2 (max) pages, single spaced (35 pts)

As stated in the hypothesis section, it was believed that steepness of the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  value curves (**Figures 1-2, Supporting Data 1-2, 5-6, 9-10**) would correspond to the hydrogen atom densities in the sample. Likewise, it was proposed that light mineral oil would show the steepest plots, followed by heavy mineral oil, and then water, and then water with FeCl<sub>3</sub>. Looking at the figures alone, there is no real way to guarantee whether or not this hypothesis was prove true, as each of these plots have different time periods that the magnetizations were measured at. In order to get a better understanding of the steepness of the curves, the plots were shifted to all start at the same arbitrary point. (0 s, 0 V) This was done simply by

subtracting every data point by the samples' respective initial value for both the x and y axis. The resulting plots elaborate the steepness of the curves in an easier to interpret way.



**Figure 5** – Plots of  $T_1$  values received experimentally shifted to start from point (0,0).



**Figure 6** – Plots of  $T_2$  values received experimentally shifted to start from point (0,0).

Both plots show that Water  $w/FeCl_3$  had the steepest change in magnetization, followed by light mineral oil, followed by heavy mineral oil, followed by water. This concludes that the hypothesis of NMR being only related to hydrogen content is false. In reality, all atoms have a magnetic moment. It can be believed that  $FeCl_3$  offers a drastic shift to the overall magnetic moment of the sample.

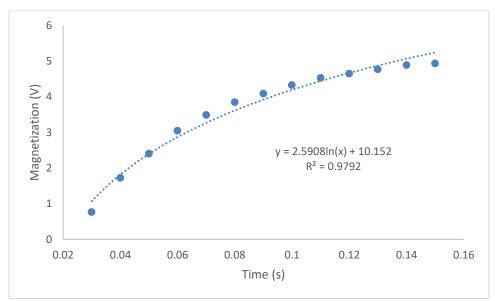
It was also believed that molecules with more hydrogens would show longer relaxation times for both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . This was also proven to be false, as shown in **Table 3**. Instead it was found that water w/ FeCl<sub>3</sub> had the longest  $T_1$  relaxation time, while water had the longest  $T_2$  relaxation time.

The inaccuracy of these claims come from where the energy was being considered. In the hypothesis, topics and definitions were focused more on the magnetic properties of the samples. Instead, it is much easier to focus on

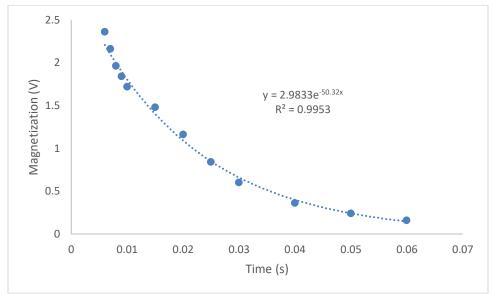
the physical motion of the atoms. Likewise, instead of focusing on the contents of hydrogen in the samples, it is better to focus on the overall size of the molecules in the sample. In the NMR system, the individual protons in the sample are forced to align to the magnetic field present in the instrument. In general, larger molecules require more energy to move the molecules around. Larger molecules imply more atoms, which imply more protons. This explains why water has the longest  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  relaxation times. Water molecules are very small, which mean less magnetic work is needed to get the protons to align with the magnetic field. With larger, more complex molecules like the alkanes in light mineral oil and heavy mineral oil, much more work is needed to get the protons to align with the magnetic field. Water w/ FeCl $_3$  is an exception for this case.

The reason that water  $w/FeCl_3$  is an exception in the case of the trend for both the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  relaxation times is a result of ionic molecule properties. When ionic molecules are dissolved in water, the individual ions tend to separate and spread out in solution. Since the atoms have spread out, this means that the mobility of the lattice drastically increases, which results in an increase of the  $T_1$  time. Likewise, since the ions separate, the intermolecular interactions decrease, which means  $T_2$  decreases. This change in trend of the  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  values can be used to determine if there are any ions present in the solution. Basically, adding  $FeCl_3$  to water increases the  $T_1$  relaxation time drastically, while  $T_2$  relaxation time decreases drastically, which should be accurate to if other ionic compounds were introduced to water.

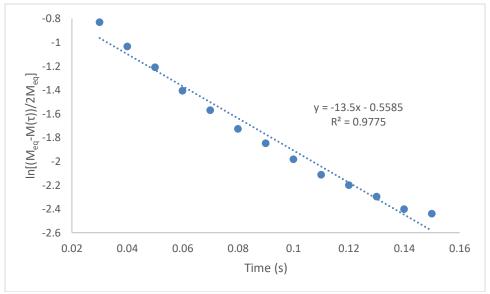
#### **Supporting Data**



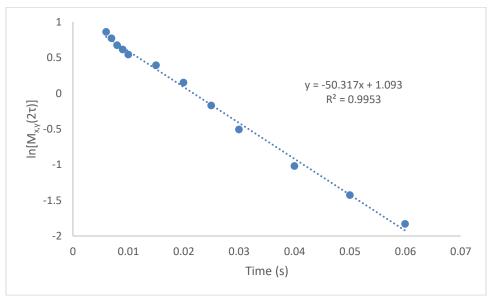
**SD**  $1 - T_1$  data for Heavy Mineral Oil. The plot depicts the  $T_1$  signal peak intensity at different times.



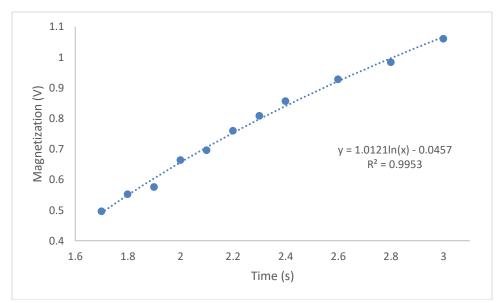
SD  $2 - T_2$  data for Heavy Mineral Oil. The plot depicts the  $T_2$  signal peak intensity at different times.



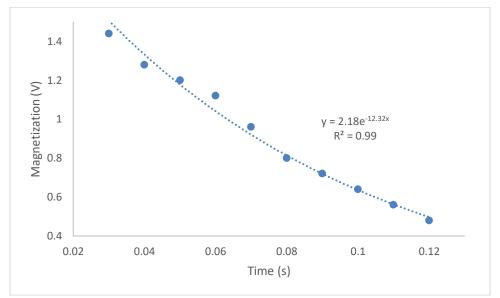
SD 3 – Linear fit of SD 1 data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_1$ .



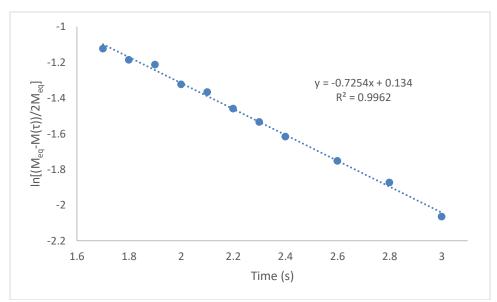
SD 4 – Linear fit of SD 2 data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_2$ .



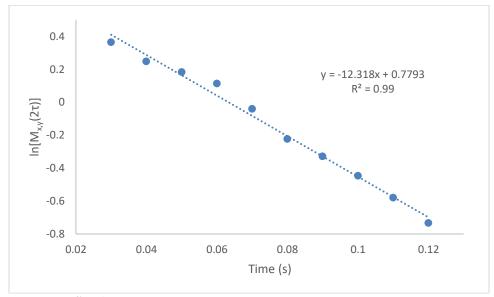
SD 5 –  $T_1$  data for Water. The plot depicts the  $T_1$  signal peak intensity at different times.



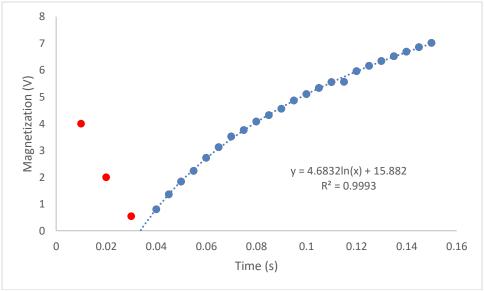
**SD**  $6 - T_2$  data for Water. The plot depicts the  $T_2$  signal peak intensity at different times.



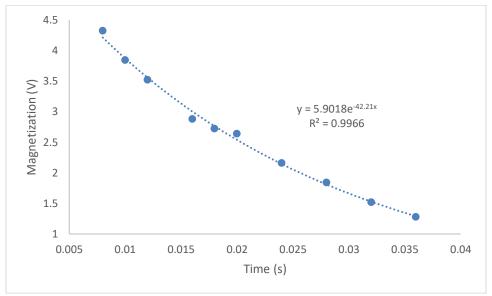
SD 7 – Linear fit of SD 5 data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_1$ .



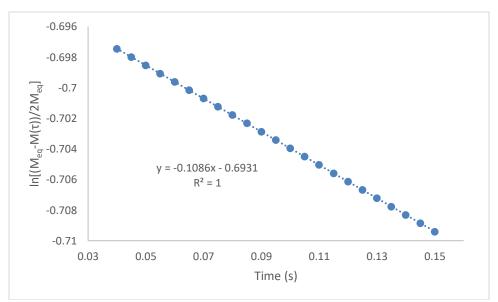
**SD** 8 – Linear fit of **SD** 6 data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_2$ .



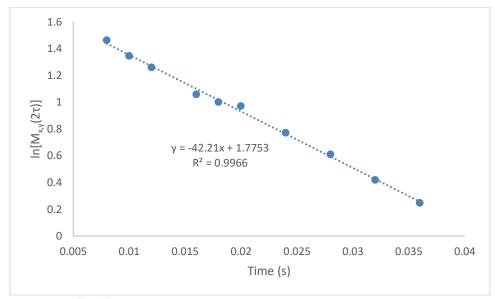
SD 9 –  $T_1$  data for Water w/ FeCl<sub>3</sub>. The plot depicts the  $T_1$  signal peak intensity at different times. The red data points are purposefully left out of the trendline determination, and excluded from the linear fit plot.



**SD 10** –  $T_2$  data for Water w/ FeCl<sub>3</sub>. The plot depicts the  $T_2$  signal peak intensity at different times.



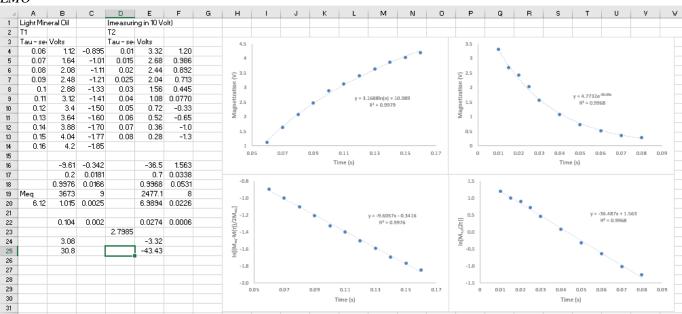
**SD 11** – Linear fit of **SD 9** data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_1$ .



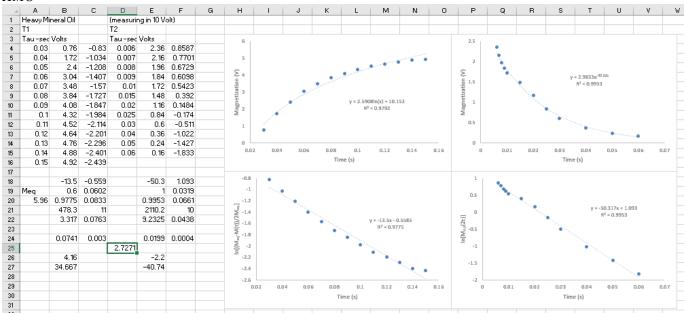
SD 12 – Linear fit of SD 10 data. The slope of the trendline formed from this data is equivalent to  $-1/T_2$ .

## Lab Notebook

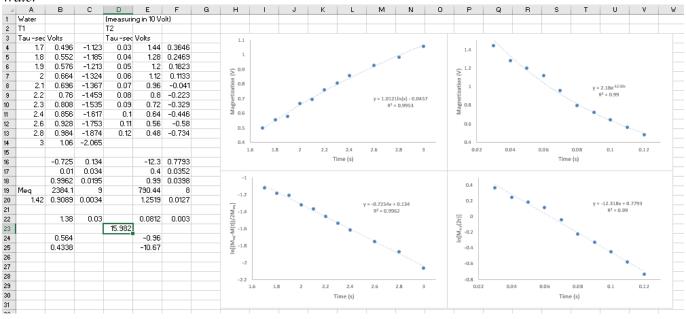




## HMO



#### Water



## Water w/ FeCl<sub>3</sub>

