

Liquid-state NMR in the School of Chemistry @ Edinburgh

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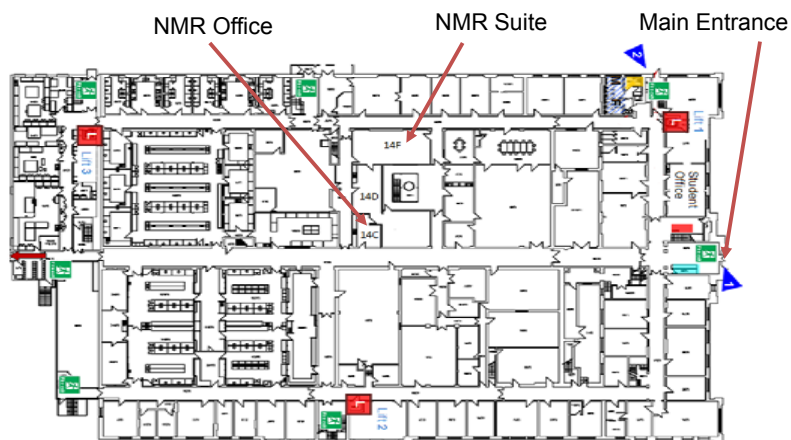


Liquid-state, high-resolution NMR



- NMR spectroscopy is a powerful analytical technique used in every day research across the whole of chemistry.
- It is a non-destructive method
- NMR provides information on molecular dynamics, conformational behaviour, molecular sizes etc..

Where are we?



NMR at Edinburgh is 51 years old!

Perkin-Elmer

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance



Perkin Elmer R-10 NMR spectrometer

- 60 MHz persistent magnet
- CW mode

Installed in January 1964
Dr. Peter Schwarz

1969 – 2004 Dr. Ian Sadler
Mr. John Millar

David Reed, John Parkinson, Paul Barlow, Peter Sadler

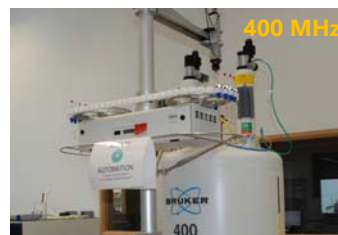
NMR Facility in 2017



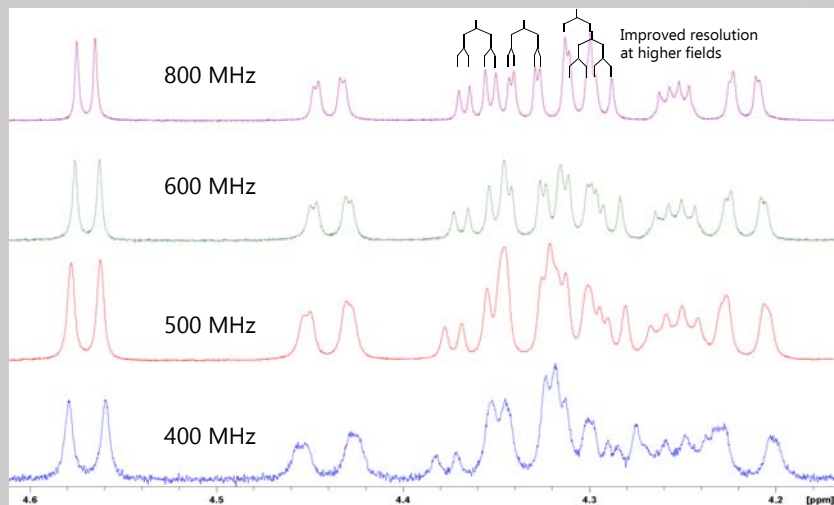
2800 MHz NMR Facility



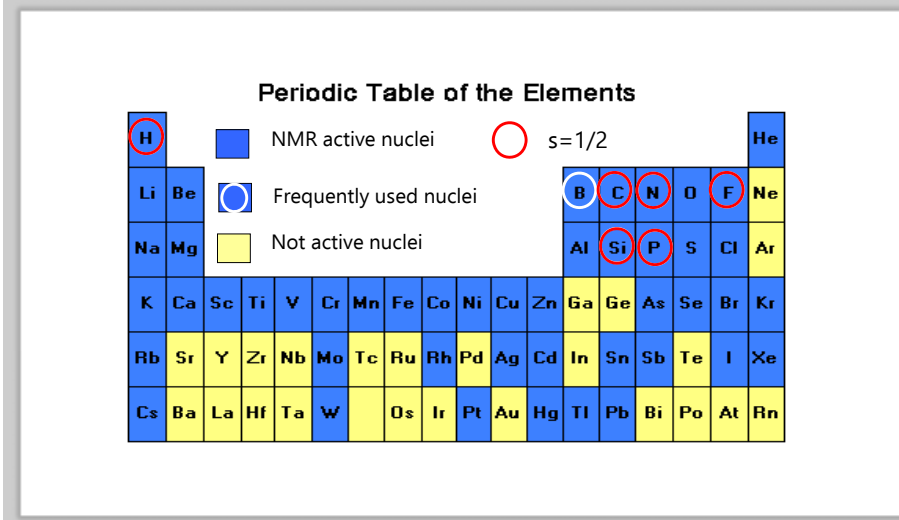
Automation is the key



Why do we need higher magnetic fields?



NMR active nuclei



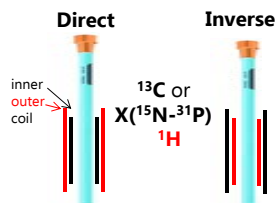
Sensitivity of NMR

$$\frac{S}{N} \propto n \gamma_e \gamma_d^{3/2} B_0^{3/2} t^{1/2}$$

n – number of spins (concentration)
 γ_e – gyromagnetic ratio of excited spins
 γ_d – gyromagnetic ratio of detected spins
 B_0 – external magnetic field
 t – experimental time

B_0 / MHz	400	500	600	800
Rel. sensitivity	1	1.4	1.8	2.8

- Other factors:
1. Coil geometry (direct vs inverse)
 2. BB vs dedicated coils



3. Temperature of the coil

Coil temp/ K	298	80	25
Rel. sensitivity	1	2	4

4. Design of NMR experiments

Excited nucleus	Detected nucleus	NMR experiment	Relative sensitivity
^{13}C	^{13}C	1D ^{13}C spectrum (NOE)	1
^1H	^{13}C	DEPT, HETCOR	2
^1H	^1H	2D HSQC, HMBC	16

Spectrometer and sample requirements

Magnet

Spectrometer console

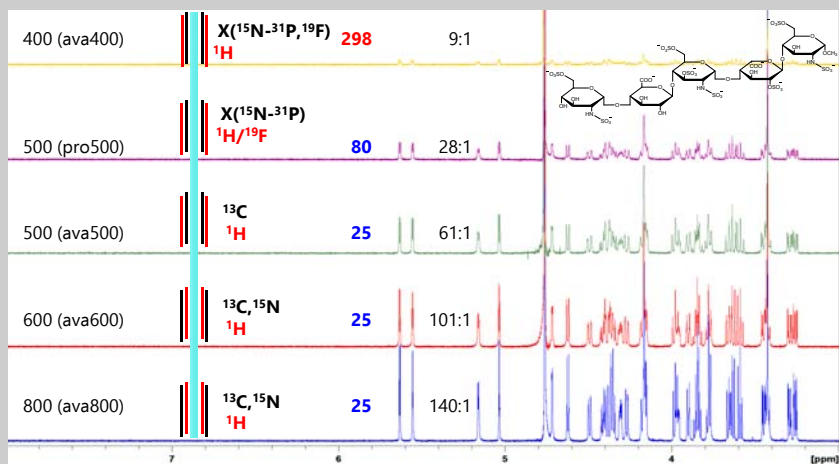
Cryoprobe

Sample

- Soluble in 550 - 600 μL (water, organic solvents)
- Tens of milligrams
- Chosen for NMR spectrometer

¹H sensitivity

¹H frequency /MHz Probe geometry Coil temp /K Signal-to-noise (NS = 1, anomeric) 1.4 mg of Fondaparinux, M_w=1726.77 g/mol (1.5 mM)

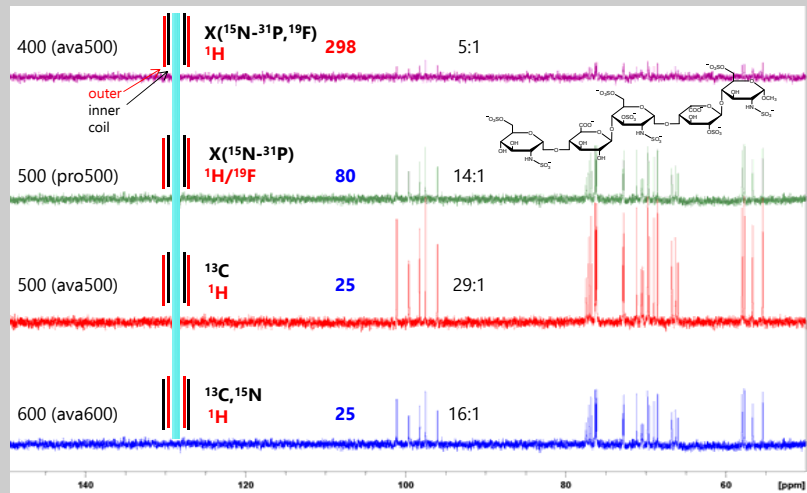


¹⁹F sensitivity



¹³C sensitivity

¹H frequency /MHz Probe geometry Coil temp /K Signal-to-noise (NS=128 anomeric) 14 mg of Fondaparinux, M_w=1726.77 g/mol (15 mM)



NMR Summary

B ₀ (MHz)	Spectrometer	Coil temp	Optimised for	Best for	Sample temp. range /°C
400	ava400	room	¹⁵ N- ³¹ P, ¹⁹ F/ ¹ H	X	-150, +150
500	ava500	He	¹³ C/ ¹ H	¹³ C	0, 55
500	pro500	N ₂	¹⁵ N- ³¹ P/ ¹ H, ¹⁹ F	X, ¹⁹ F	0,135
600	ava600	He	¹ H/ ¹³ C/ ¹⁵ N	¹ H, ¹³ C/ ¹⁵ N HSQC	0, 55
800	Ava800	He	¹ H/ ¹³ C/ ¹⁵ N	¹ H, ¹³ C/ ¹⁵ N HSQC	0, 55

Not covered here:

- HR MAS @ 600 MHz – high-resolution spectra of compounds on solid support

AVA500



MANUAL

BOOKING REQUIRED

AVA400



AUTOMATION

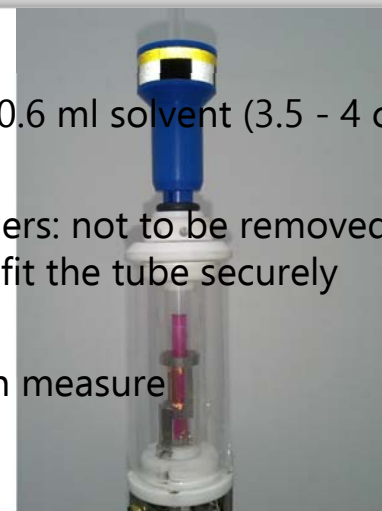
**** DO NOT TOUCH BUTTONS ****

**** IF THE SAMPLE CHANGER IS MOVING ****

- No gloves/lab coats!!
- Safety glasses
- No broken tubes
- Report breakages/spillages



- 0.5 – 0.6 ml solvent (3.5 - 4 cm)
- Spinners: not to be removed from NMR lab, must fit the tube securely
- Depth measure



Website



The screenshot shows the NMR service website interface. At the top, it says "NMR @ the University of Edinburgh" and "NMR service home page". Below this, it displays the spectrometer status for "Wed Sep 6 09:37:01 2017". The page is divided into several sections, each representing a different spectrometer. Each section includes details such as "Automation status", "Day", "Night", "Target status", and "Target brand name". The interface uses color coding (green for active, red for error) to indicate the status of each spectrometer. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links for various NMR services and resources.

Thank you



Updates and information available on university network:

<http://nmr-server.chem.ed.ac.uk>

Sign up for automation training
Sign up for email updates: mnr-updates

In December we will run a data interpretation workshop and a hardware workshop depending on demand. Look out for updates!!