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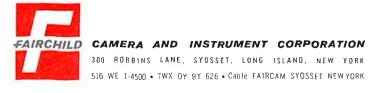
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February 1, 1963

Dr. B. L. Shapiro Mellon Institute Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Barry:

During the past year, we have had considerable trouble finding solvents which would permit high resolution studies of polymethine dyes, both cyanines and merocyanines. These dyes are so insoluble in most solvents that it was impossible to perform the desired investigations. We have synthesized two solvents which permit one to obtain at least 0.1M solutions of polymethine dyes. The solvents may be of use to other people; we are therefore including details of their preparation.

Tetrafluorodichloroacetone Deutero-hydrate: (CF2Cl2CO (D2O)2.5

Ice cold D_2O was added dropwise to the ketone, the temperature being held below 25°C. The lower-boiling materials were stripped off at atmospheric pressure and the residue was distilled at 106.5-107.5°C. The final product is quite viscous.

Hexafluoroacetone Deutero-hydrate: (CF₃)₂CO·D₂O

The gaseous ketone was very slowly bubbled through deuterium oxide, the temperature being held between 5° to 10°C, until no further weight pick up was noted. The low-boiling materials were stripped off and the residue retained as a product. This compound melts at room temperature.

The halogenated acetones were obtained from the General Chemical Division of the Allied Chemical Company.

The acetones alone are not able to dissolve the dyes. The deuterohydrates are the good solvents. We plan to prepare the hydrates and study the bonding by looking at both the proton and fluorine resonance.

Sincerely yours,

James E. LuValle

January 21, 1963

Dr. B. L. Shapiro, Mellon Institute, 440 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 13, Penn., U.S.A.

Dear Barry,

While studying the reactions of aliphatic nitro anions we came across some unusual proton resonance results which might be of interest to MELLONMR readers. Methazonic acid, O2NCH2CHNOH, may be prepared by reaction of nitromethane with base, acidification and recrystallization from an appropriate organic solvent. The proton resonance spectrum of a freshly prepared acetone solution has a single peak at 8.90 p.p.m. to low field of acetone due to the oxime proton, a triplet centered at 5.08 p.p.m. due to the -CH and a doublet at 3.35 due to the -CH2 with J=4.6 cycles/sec. With time a second similar group of peaks appear at 8.78, 5.56, and 3.17 with J=6.0 cycles. At equilibrium? (two weeks later) the high field doublet and low field triplet i.e. the syn isomer are more intense (1.29:1.00). These results may be explained by syn-anti isomerism about the carbon-nitrogen bond of the oxime. From previous work on aldoximes one may assign the initially observed peaks to the anti form.

Since the average coupling constants are different for the two isomers it is likely that there is free rotation about the carbon-carbon bond with different populations in the various conformations for each isomer. Assuming that the proton rather than the oxime group will eclipse the substituent on the second carbon atom the conformations for both isomers are shown, along with the proton dihedral angles and coupling

constants taken from Karplus' calculations.

Conformations B and C are mirror images with a calculated coupling constant of 5.1 cycles/sec. The approximations of exact eclipsing of substituents and no effect of syn-anti isomerism on coupling constants for the individual conformations certainly introduce some error. However it is likely that the syn isomer is largely in conformations B and C, while the anti isomer is approximately 25% in conformation A. This is consistent with molecular models which show considerable hindrance to conformations B and C of the anti form. Presumably these conformations are stabilized by hydrogen bonding between the oxime and nitro groups, but steric repulsion is great enough in the anti form that some of conformation A is present.

When methazonic acid is dissolved in water no peak is observed which can be attributed to the oxime proton, which presumably exchanges rapidly with the solvent. Two triplets at 2.46 p.p.m. to low field of water, J=4.8 cycles and 2.90 p.p.m., J=6.1 cycles, are observed along with two pair of doublets at 0.67 p.p.m., J=4.9 cycles, and 0.48 p.p.m., J=5.9 cycles. All of these peaks are observed as soon as the methazonic acid is dissolved and its proton resonance spectrum obtained. The intensity ratio in aqueous solution is 2.53:1.00 favoring the low field triplet and high field doublet, i.e. the syn isomer.

The reaction of nitromethane with base in water or methanol yields, after a short time, the methazonate ion. The proton resonance spectrum consists of eight peaks whose spacing and intensity is consistent with two AB pairs. The numbers are $\delta A=3.19$ p.p.m. to low field of water, $\delta B=1.19$ p.p.m., $\delta C = 2.83$ p.p.m., $\delta D = 2.33$ p.p.m., JAB = 9.1 cycles, JCD= 8.7 cycles. This assignment is confirmed by studies of deuterium exchange in aqueous solution which also yields the exchange rates D>B>C>A. We may conclude that syn and O H H OH HO N=C-C=N anti-isomers are present of general formula

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one or both hydrogens on oxygen are ionized or exchanging rapidly with the solvent. To be consistent with methazonic acid protons A and B are assigned to the syn isomer and C and D to the anti isomer. The initial ratio is 1.41:1.00 in favor of the anti isomer while at equilibrium the syn isomer is favored by 2.02:1.00.

Yours truly,

S. Brownstein

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A SELF-ADJUSTING MAGNETIC FIELD CONTROLLER FOR THE A-60

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A self-adjusting magnetic field controller has been built for a Varian Model A-60 Analytical High Resolution NMR Spectrometer. The design is a direct adaptation to this instrument of a magnetic field controller described by E. B. Baker and L. W. Burd.

 $^{
m l}$ E. B. Baker and L. W. Burd, Rev. Sci. Instr., February, 1963.

This controller was designed by Parke Brown and built by Rex Thorpe.

In this system, deviation from the desired operation (\sim 5.0 kc sideband, as measured by the FREQUENCY meter) causes a corrective change in the field determining circuit (a variable resistor in series with the FIELD adjustment) via a recording potentiometer.

A schematic diagram of the circuit is shown in Figure 1. Components within the dashed line are mounted inside the cabinet of a Brown ELECTRONIK self-adjusting potentiometer. The remaining components are A-60 parts, as labelled, and a toggle switch to stop Brown recorder operation when desired.

Current through the 1 K resistor in series with the FREQUENCY meter develops ~ 5 MV drop at 5 kc (meter half-scale). This is compared with a reference voltage and the difference recorded by the Brown recorder (0-5 millivolts full scale).

The Brown recorder motor also drives a variable resistor (10 turns for full-scale recorder deflection) in series with the FIELD resistor of the A-60. The resulting field change returns the sideband frequency nearly to the starting value. The FIELD control is adjusted occasionally to return the Brown recorder to mid-scale.

Operation of the controller is made necessarily slow to give maximum gain without oscillation. In addition to using a slow recorder motor (12 seconds full scale), the gain of the Brown amplifier is reduced to a point just below oscillation of the controller.

Typical operation of the system is tabulated below. Net long-term gain is ${\sim}10^4$ - thus a magnetic field drift corresponding to 1000 cps would cause a recorded absorption line shift of only 0.1 cps. Gain of the A-60 without automatic field adjustment is ${\sim}300$ (as measured for a sideband frequency change of 240 cps). The automatic field adjustment, then, furnishes control gain of ${\sim}30\text{--}50$.

This system has been very useful for controlling drift of field or RF frequency over periods of a few minutes and longer. It does not correct for unstable operation of the sample positioning and sweep circuits. Maintaining a nearly constant side-band frequency should prevent small shifting of line positions and, especially, base-line drift during integration. Such control has been necessary at times for the A-60 in our laboratory.

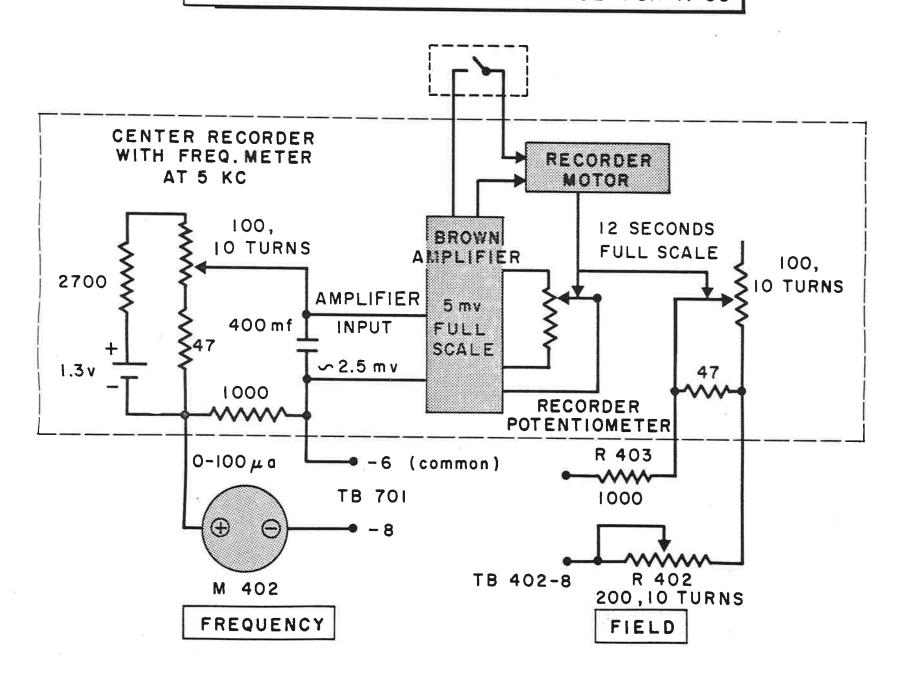
Typical A-60 operation with and without automatic magnetic field adjustment.

Field Controller	FREQ.	Sideband Frequency (±5–10)	Recorded line position (cps)	Brown position	Gain
OFF	5.0	5040	0	50.2	290
OFF	5.2	$527\overline{2}$	+0.90	50.2	
ON	5.0	5040	+0.15	48.2	
ON	5.0	5040	0	55.0	10,000
ON	5.0	''6260'' [*]	+0.12	44.3	
8		(observe 5060)			

^{*}Total increase of 1220 cps in five steps of ca 240 cps each. The sequence, (field controller off-change FIELD control and measure sideband frequency-field controller on), was repeated five times to calibrate the net change in Brown recorder reading.

FIGURE I

SELF-ADJUSTING FIELD CONTROL FOR A-60



DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

January 30, 1963

Dr. B. L. Shapiro, Mellon Institute. 4400 Fifth Avenue. Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

As I am at present doing most of the MMR work in this department br. wilson has suggested that I take over his subscription to LIOWA. For a first contribution I would like to outline some of the work we are doing on spin-spin decoupling.

We have become interested in spin decoupling as a means of simplifying the interpretation of the spectra of complex molecules. Our detector is a slightly modified Freeman type 1 incorporating a 600 c/s tuned circuit which may be switched out as required. To avoid the problem of the two sideband spectra overlapping and perhaps obscuring the region of interest we use two audio oscillators, one operating at the fixed frequency of 600 c/s and providing the sidebands used for recording and the other providing the strong sidebands used for decoupling. The use of a multiple of the line frequency enables us to check for drift in our fixed oscillator by monitoring the 600 c/s - 60 c/s Lissajous figure on an oscilloscope. there cain, no need to disconnect the frequency counter from the variable frequency oscillator at any stage. The V-4300 B spectrometer is operated in the ER Phase Detector-1 setting. A small adjustment to the R-F Reference Phase control must be made when moving from one sideband spectrum to the other.

Spin decrupling has been successfully applied in the course of some work on matural products related to totarol being carried out with Er. R. J. Semble of the University of Auckland, New Zealand. These compounds have five methyl groups, two of which are present in an isopropyl group. The other nethyls, being situated on tertiary carbon atoms, show no fine structure. In certain cases there was an ambiguity in sorting out the isopropyl muthyl doublet from the other methyl peaks when the methyl line spacines were compared with those in the isopropyl methins multiplet. This ambiguity was readily resolved by irradiating the methine proton at the appropriate frequencies and noting which two methyl penks collapsed to a single line. Mention of one such example will appear shortly in a paper on the chemistry of the podocarpaceae in Tetrahedron.

We have also used the technique in work on some natural products of unknown constitution. In the spectrum of one such compound under investigation by Dr. S. R. Davis of the University of Auckland the fine structure due to several independent spin systems overlapped to such an extent that the separate systems could not be identified. Spin decoupling was used to determine the chemical shifts of the protons involved in coucling, the correct frequencies being found by guesswork plus a certain amount of trial and srror. From relative areas it was

possible to estimate the number of protons in each spin system. This work will be reported in detail when some further chemical work has been completed.

In our recent investigation into the structure of actinamine 2, a hydrolysis product of the antibiotic actinospectacin, we were faced with the analysis of an AB2X2 system for the A and B chemical shifts and Jag. Strong irradiation of the X protons simplified the problem to the analysis of an AB2 system. The accuracy obtainable proved adequate for the solution of the structural problem.

¹ R. Freeman, Mol. Phys., 3, 435 (1960).

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Yours sincerely.

A Use of NMR for Inorganic Structural Proof

Muclear magnetic resonance proved a convenient means of determining the ratio of coordinated NH_3 to NH_4 ⁺ in a series of zinc salts.

The resonance position of the NH₄+ ion was determined from solutions of ammonium chloride in dimethylsulfoxide. The position is substantially invariant over a reasonable concentration range of 5-10% by weight. The NH₃ resonance was determined from a solution of Zn(NH₃)₂Cl₂. It was verified that exchange of protons between charged and uncharged nitrogen was rapid by adding ammonium chloride to solutions of the zinc diammine chloride. Only a single sharp resonance was observed at a position between those of the charged and uncharged nitrogen protons.

The empirical formula of a compound obtained during the course of this work corresponded to the structure Zn(NH₃)₂Cl₂·NH₄Cl. Assuming rapid exchange between 6 uncharged nitrogen and 4 charged nitrogen sites with equal residence times in each, an average resonance position of 292 cps is expected. A dimethylsulfoxide solution of the compound showed a single sharp resonance band at 295 cps. This observation confirms the ratio for a 1:1 double salt of zinc diammine chloride and ammonium chloride.

Observed Resonance Positions (Dimethylsulfoxide Solutions)

NH ₄ C1 (5%) (10%)	453 cps at 60 mc. 453
Zn(NH _S) ₂ Cl ₂	184
$Zn(NH_3)_2Cl_2 + NH_4Cl$	269
$Zn(NH_3)_2Cl_2\cdot NH_4Cl$	295
Zn(NH ₃) ₂ Cl ₂ ·NH ₄ Cl + NH ₄ Cl	335

Dr. Walter Greizerstein and Dr. Keith S. McCallum

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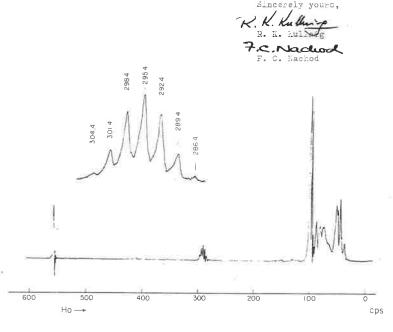
Dr. B. L. Shapiro Mellon Institute 4400 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Shapiro:

As it is fashionable to report on long-range coupling, we are pleased to subjit a criticularly pretty select which we observed in the NMR spectrum of 2-butyl-2-ethyl-5-methyl-5,4-hexadienal shown in the accompanying figure. The J value for the spin coupling between the allenic proton and the termin 1 methyl groups (5 bonds) is 5 c.p.s.

The details of this work, covering also another allene, will be rejorted in greater detail in J. Phys. Chem.

With best regards



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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

February 5, 1963

Dr. Bernard L. Shapiro Mellon Institute 4400 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Dear Dr. Shapiro:

I wish to report a case where the use of n_*m_*r helped resolve a rather knotty problem in the determination of the structure of an organic molecule.

The structure of the product formed when cyclopentadiene condenses with two moles of acetone has never been clearly elucidated in the literature. The material is formed as a by-product during the formation of dimethylfulvene, and since we had occasion to prepare rather large amounts of the latter we also set out to look at the structure of the by-product.

Chemical degradation, infrared spectrum, and mechanistic intuition suggested structure I as most likely. The n.m.r., however, is not consistent with I.

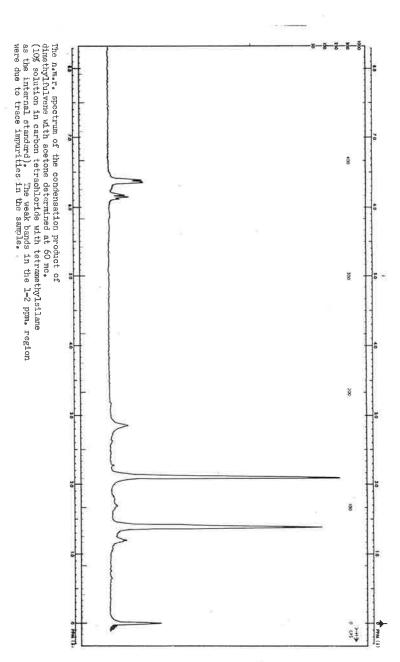
The areas for the two sets of methyl groups are equal and twice as large as the total area for the ring-Hs. Furthermore, the latter are split into two bands with areas in the ratio of 2:1. Most reasonably the structure corresponds to II, which can be readily rationalized as a rearranged product of I (the reaction is carried out in the presence of a strong base).

Simple motive lar orbital calculations of the charge distribution in the dimethylfulveryl union and delocalization energies of I and II suggest that I is the kinetically first formed product which subsequently rearranges to the thermodynamically more stable II.

Yours sincerely,

William, 3 Smith

William B. Smith Professor of Chemistry



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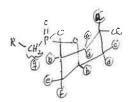
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February 7, 1953

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Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Although we just started with Mellonmr, we trust we can enter this to be applied toward the first required contribution. We have recently completed the structure proof of three bicyclic phosphonates. Specifically, the stereochemistry of 3-benzyl-7-chloro-2,4-dioxa-3-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane,3-oxide[I] was substantiated in part by NMR analysis on the A-60.



R=C₆H₅

The methylene protons [g] were observed as a doublet at 6.83 [J=22 cps] with the model compound, dimethyl benzylphosphanate displaying a doublet at 6.75τ [J=21.7 cps].

Proton "a" was revealed as the predicted nine line spectra, although it was not well resolved at 60 Mc but was cleanly observed at 100 Mc. Where R=1-naphthyl, the nine lines were plainly visible at 60 Mc. The peak center in R=C_aH_5 was at 5.3 τ [Jaa=12.1 cps; Jae=5.1 cps]. Tertiary protons "b" occurred as a doublet centered at 5.22 τ [J=17.5 cps]. Protons "c" "d" "e" and "f" were somewhat observed at 60 Mc and required

Dr. B. L. Shapiro February 7, 1963 Page 2

the resolution of the 100 Mc instrument. That conformational homogeneity is present in $R=C_0H_{\rm B}$ is implied by the nine lines displayed by proton "a". Recently, the spectrum of trans-4-t-butylnitrocyclohexane. [A. C. Huitric and W. F. Trager, J. Org. Chem., 27, 1926 [1962]] was reported at 50 Mc. In this system, believed to be conformationally homogeneous, the axial proton geminal to the nitro group also displayed a nine line spectra. We plan to publish our results soon.

Very truly yours,

K. D. Berlin
Assistant Professor

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Strasbourg, le February 6, 1963

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Méthylphosphonates d'alcoyle et de méthyle

Cher Dr Shapiro,

l) Les méthylphosphonates de divers alcools $\frac{1}{2}$ donnent, avec le diazométhane, des esters méthyliques $\frac{2}{2}$.

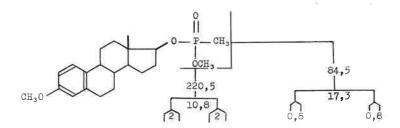
Dans ces derniers produits, le méthyle lié à l'oxygène résonne à env. 220cps du TNS (à 60Mc). Il donne un doublet (J = 10,7 - llcps) par couplage avec P^{34} . En outre, dans les cas où R est asymétrique et encombré au voisinage du groupe étudié, on observe un dédoublement secondaire ΔS de 0 à 2,6cps, suivant le degré d'encombrement. Le Tableau I montre quelques exemples parmi ceux que nous avons rencontrés. Nous attribuons cet effet à une rotation gênée.

Le méthyle lié au phosphore résonne vers 85cps. Il donne un double (J=17 -18cps) par couplage avec P^{51} . En outre, un dédoublement secondaire ΔS de 0,8cps apparait dans le spectre du produit $\underline{3}$. Ce dédoublement est absent quand le cycle A n'est pas aromatique.

Tableau I

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{OCH}_{3} \\ \text{CH}_{3} - \begin{array}{c} P \\ P \\ \end{array} \\ \text{O} \\ \\ \text{CH}_{3} - \begin{array}{c} P \\ P \\ \end{array} \\ \text{O} \\ \\ \text{OCH}_{3} \\ \\ \\ \text{OCH}_{4} \\ \\ \text{OCH}_{5} \\ \\$$

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0 (GDR)	e (cns)	Ma (cha)
221,5	11	0
223	10,8	1,7
220,5	10,7	0,6
216,5	10,7	2,3
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220,5	10,8	2
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Nous ne savons pas interpréter ce second phénomène.

2) Nous poursuivons l'étude systématique des spectres de RMN des Triterpènes. Nous pourrions peut-être aider ceux de vos lecteurs qui disposeraient de Triterpènes de structure inconnue, dans les séries du lupane et du dammarane (publiées), et dans les autres séries classiques (à l'étude).

3) We have a problem of ethics: Quotation from MellonMR is loathed, except as 'Private Communication'. How would you refer to one of your own letters, if it were the only available evidence of priority (and if you wished to claim that priority)?

Yours sincerely,

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MELLON INSTITUTE

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18 February 1963

Professor G. Ourisson Université de Strasbourg Institut de Chimie 2, rue Goethe Strasbourg, France

Dear Professor Ourisson:

Thank you for your MELLONMR contribution of February 6. In reply to your "problem of ethics", I am afraid that I have very little help to offer. Quotation of MELLONMR by name is, of course, not permitted. I can therefore see no way to use MELLONNR as an evidence of priority, other than the rather devious and probably impracticable method of having some friend of yours quote these results for you in a paper of his as a "Private Communication". I am sure that if you have a need for a priority claim which will itself not appear in public print that we can arrange to provide the appropriate person(s) with evidence supporting your claim. We would, of course, be receptive to any solutions to your problem which you might have in mind.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard L. Shapiro

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Dear Dr. Shapiro:

I thought I had better catchup, before receiving a reminder from you which is due any time now, by sending my first contribution since I left Emory eight months ago.

I would like to make some comments and supporting remarks on Friedel and Retcofsky's observations (MELLON-M-R No. 52) concerning the methyl substitution effects on the C13 chemical shifts in ethylenic systems. They have observed in Car systems, when the proton is replaced by a methyl group the $\beta \! - \! C^{\mbox{\scriptsize 1}\mbox{\scriptsize 3}}$ resonance shifts to higher field while the α - c^{13} resonance shifts to lower field. Some time ago we studied the methyl substitution effects on the proton chemical shifts in ethylene, substituted ethylenes, and some heterocyclic systems with ethylenic bonds 1,2,3. We have found that in ethylenic systems when a proton is replaced by a methyl group the $\beta\mbox{-protons}$ shift to higher field to the extent of 0.30 to 0.42 ppm while the α -proton shifts to lower field by about 0.45 ppm. We have attributed the β -proton shifts towards upfield as due to negative charge on the β -carbon atom arising as a result of electron release by the methyl group either by hyperconjugative or inductive mechanism (it does not make any difference what the mechanism is since the result observed by NMR is the same in any case). Recently

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we have also estimated the C-C bond anisotropy effects on the proton shifts in methanes 4. Applying this value for the C-C bond anisotropy which is about -0.8 to -1.0 ppm in methanes and ethanes, I calculated the anisotropy effect of C-C bond on the lpha-proton in propylene as about -0.5 ppm. This anisotropy is of the same order as the observed low-field shift of the α -proton in these systems. In addition to this anisotropy it is plausible to think that by inductive or hyperconjugative mechanism the methyl group releases electrons and this charge will polarize the $\mathcal{T}I$ -bond. As a result the α -carbon atom has a small net positive charge. The magnitude of this charge is very hard to estimate (at least for me). Applying the results of Fraenkel et al. 5 and those of Spiesecke and Schneider who obtained a shift of +160 ppm for c13 for a unit negative charge localized on the carbon and a shift of only +10 ppm for the hydrogen on the same carbon (it is the ratio of these shifts which is important in this connection) to the proton shifts we have observed, I have calculated an expected shift of +4.8 to +6.8 ppm for β-carbon and about -7.2 ppm for α -carbon. These values are in excellent agreement with the experimental values obtained by Friedel and Retcofsky (MELLON-M-R No. 52).

Actually we wanted to measure the ${\cal C}^{13}$ shifts in all the systems we have studied and see if this kind of correspondence exists. But we did not have necessary equipment to do ${\cal C}^{13}$ work. Now that Friedel and Retcofsky have done it, this clears my doubt about our proton studies.

Hope this will rescue me from being dropped from your mailing list.

Sincerely,

G.S. Reddy

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February 13, 1963

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Dear Dr. Shapiro:

With the help of FREQUINT IV computer program, we have been interpreting the olefinic splitting patterns of some unsubstituted cycloolefins. Among others the J's for the vinylic protons appear in the pattern, and we are confident of their values.

They are, for cyclopentene; 5.1 cps cyclohexene; 8.8 cycloheptene; 10.8 cis-cyclooctene; 10.3 cis-cyclodecene; 10.8 trans-cyclodecene; 15.1.

The spectra were obtained on an A60 console using a DP60 power supply and magnet (all Varian Associates); no solvent was used; and the upper limit of error seems to be ±0.2 cps.

These are six spin systems and when the appropriate number of J's are given to the computer, 53 lines are obtained. Thirty-eight of these are due to long range coupling between the four allylic protons, but fortunately this second order effect mainly causes just line-broadening of the 15 lines from first order considerations.

We greatly appreciate Dr. Bothner-By furnishing FREQUINT IV, which we changed for use on a 7090. Thanks are given to the Computer Centers of both the Illinois Institute of Technology and the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology for cooperation and help.

We are looking forward to being on the mailing list of MELLONMR.

Sincerely.

and Harvey Kriloff

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Dear Dr. Shapiro,

We are very sorry for the delay in sending you the following two comments:

- 1) Hoffmann and Gronowitz have pointed out 1) that in substituted pyrroles the sum of the coupling constants J_{25} and J_{34} deviates from our own value found for pyrrole 2. Since the appearance of our paper 3 we have reinvestigated the spectrum, using the additional information from C satellites. We obtained J_{23} and J_{24} and J_{24} are 3.2.2.3. tained J_{25} =2.1 and J_{34} = 3.7 cps. These values are close to the average values given for substituted pyrroles .
- 2) In the course of our investigations on $^{\rm A}_2{}^{\rm B}_2$ spectra we have calculated a big number of theoretical spectra, 192 of which have been plotted. In this collection we have used 32 different sets of coupling constants (listed below) and 6 different chemical shifts (∞ , 100,60,20,10 and 2 cps). The plots allow for graphical interpolation and for the immediate assignement of lines in a corresponding experimental spectrum. The collection may be used in addition to the A₂B₂-spectra given by Corio and Wiberg, which are limited to the following cases: L=O (J_AB⁻¹/_AB); or two identical J'S.

We have available a limited number of copies (blueprints) and we should be glad to send single sheets or the whole set to those, who are interested. As an example I enclose page 30, containing the spectra typical for symmetrically ortho-disubstituted benzenes. There is a remarkable crossing over of lines h and i and of f and j.(notation explained in $^{\prime}$). Lines m and n are very weak mixed transitions, the distance of which from $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{a}}$ is given in cps, their intensities in powers of ten.

Thank you very much for sending us the most valuable Mellon-newsletters,

Sincerely yours

Bernhard Dischler

Zusammenstellung der in der A,B,-Spektrenkollektion benutzten Kopplungsparameter.

Blatt	12	J ₃₄	J ₁₃	J ₁₄	к	м	N	L	Bemerkung
Nr.	Hz	Hz	Hz	liz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	
1	beliebig		4,0	4,0	beliebig		5,0	8,0	Gruppenkopplung
2	6,0	0,5	7,0	1,0	€,5	5,3	3,0	6,0	
3	6,0	0,5	4,0	3,0	6,5	5,5	7,0	1,0	
4	6,0	0,5	-3,0	-1,0	6,5	5,5	-7,0	ι,ο	
5	6,0	0,5	4,0	1,0	6,5	5,5	5,0	3,0	
6	6,0	0,5	4,0	-1,0	G ,5	5,5	3,0	5,0	
7	6,0	0,3	1,0	-4,0	6,5	5,5	-3,0	5,0	
3	6,0	0,5	1,0	-1,0	6,5	5,5	0	2,0	
9	3,5	2,5	7,0	1,0	5,0	1,0	3,0	5,9	
10	3,5	-2,5	7,0	1,0	1,0	6,0	3,0	6,0	
11	3,5	2,5	4,0	3,0	6,0	1,0	7,0	1,0	
12	3,5	-2,5	4,0	3,0	1,0	6,0	1,0	1,0	
13	3,5	2,5	-3,0	-4,0	6,0	1,0	-7,0	1,0	
14	3,5	-2,5	-3,0	-4,0	1,0	6,0	-7,0	1,⊅	
15	3,5	2,5	4,0	1,0	5,0	1,0	5,0	3,C	
16	3,5	-2,3	4,0	1,0	1,0	6,0	5,0	3,0	
1.7	3,5	2,3	4,0	-1,0	0,0	1,0	3,0	5,0	
18	3,5	-2,5	4.0	-1,C	1,0	6,0	3,0	5,0	
19	3,5	2,5	1,0	-4,0	6,0	1,0	-3,0	5,0	
20	3,3	-2,3	1,0	-4,0	1,0	6,0	-3,0	3,0	
21	3,5	2,5	1,0	-1,·C	6,0	1,0	C	2,0	
22	3,5	-2,5	1,0	-1,0	1,0	6,0	0	2,0	
23	3,5	0,5	7,0	1,0	4,0	3,0	3,0	6,0	
24	3,5	0,5	4,0	3,0	4,0	3,0	7,0	1,0	100
25	3,5	0,5	4,0	-1,0	4,0	3,0	3,0	5,0	
26	0,5	0,5	7,0	1,0	1,0	0	8,0	6,0	
27.	0,5	-o,5	7,0	1,0	0	1,0	8,0	6,0	
28	0,5	0,5	4,0	3,0	1,0	0	7,0	1,0	
29	0,5	-0,5	4,0	3,0	0	1,0	7,0	1,0	
30	7,5	0,5	8,0	1,6	3,0	7,0	9,6	6,4	o-Benzolderivate
31	2,7	2,3	8,5	0,3	5,0	0,4	8,8	8,2	p-Benzolderivate
32	2,5	0,5	3,5	1,5	3,0	2,0	10,0	7,0	4-Pyridine

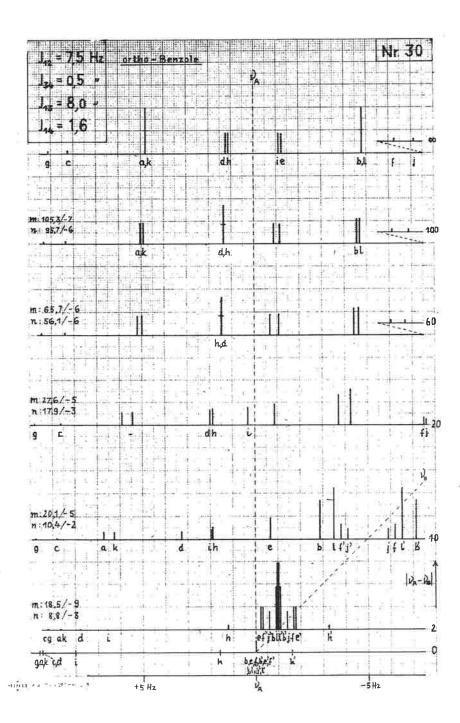
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Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Thank you for your letter calling to my attention the fact that my contribution to MELIONMR is past due. We have not been doing anything very exciting in high resolution NMR but I thought your readers might like to know of some work that we started in broad band nmr.

We are examining spectra of such molecules as trimethoxyboroxine and N-trimethyl borazole which exhibit nuclear quadrupole interactions. In both of these compounds the quadrupole interaction split the central transition, $m=\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{-1}{2}$. A relationship between the derivative maxima eQq/h and the asymmetry parameter $\mathbb T$ has been derived by Silver and Bray where the distance between the maxima is equal to

$$[(eQq/h)^2/192 v_0][25 + 13.7 + 0.56 T^2].$$

Due to the symmetry of trimethoxy boroxine $\mathbb{N}=0$. In this case the B¹¹ resonance was observed at 13.70 Mc/sec and the separation between maxima was .0434. This permits an evaluation of the quadrupole coupling constant (eQq/h of 2.14 Mc/sec. In N-trimethyl borazole $\mathbb{N}\neq 0$ but is expected to be small so eQq/h = 1.71 Mc/sec since the distance between the derivative maxima and v_0 was measured to be .0278 Mc/sec. Using the Townes-Deiley method of analysis, we conclude that N-trimethyl borazole can be represented as 68% double-double structure and 32% single bond.

We are anxious to extend this work to single crystals of compounds such as ${\rm BI}_3$ but so far have been unsuccessful presumably because of the small quadrupole coupling.

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Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Mr. J. S. Hartman and I have been studying the n. m. r. spectra of various systems to obtain energy barriers to inversion or to restricted rotation. In order to simplify spectra as much as possible,we have made deuterated compounds and examined the proton spectra with double irradiation at the deuterium frequency. An interesting example is that of cycloöctane, which gives a single line at room temperature and a broad three-peaked band (see Fig.) at -135° (vinyl chloride solution). On the other hand massively deuterated cycloöctane (mainly $C_8D_{15}H$), which also gives a single sharp line (on double irradiation) at room temperature, showed two distinct, well separated lines at -135°. The chemical shift between the two types of protons is 18.8 c.p.s. A study of the coalescence of the two lines and of the band-width after coalescence gave an activation energy of 7.7 kcal./mole with Δ S ‡ = 4 e.u. at T (-111.5°) and showed that a single process was taking place. These results are quite different to those obtained by Harris and Sheppard and by Melboom from line-width measurements of cyclooctane.

We intend to carry out similar measurements on other $\,$ systems and in particular on deuterated cyclohexane.

Vours sincerely.

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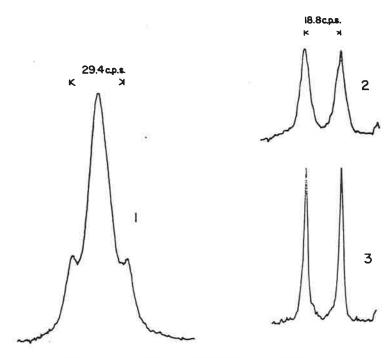


FIG. 1. — CYCLO-OCTANE at -135° (1) $c_8 H_{16}$, (2) $c_8 D_{15} H$, (3) $c_8 D_{15} H$, D decoupled

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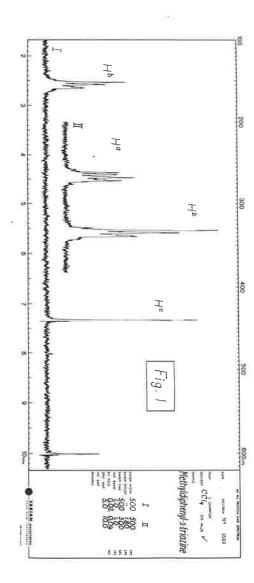
Dear Barry,

Recently we observed some unusual deshielding of aromatic protons in phenylsubstituted s-triazines. Fig. 1 shows the spectra of methyl-diphenyl-s-triazine. The ratio of the peak areas is 4:6:3 $({\tt H}^a:{\tt H}^b:{\tt H}^c)$, indicating the following assignment:

A complete analysis of the shown spectra and further investigation of other substituted triazines is at present under way.

Very truly yours,

H. Günther V. Mini S. Castellano



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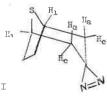
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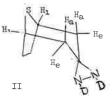
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Dear Barry:





The spectrum of the pictured diazirine,I, is of interest because of the large chemical shift difference between Ha and He (1.56 p.p.m., in CCl₄). The portion of the spectrum attributed to Ha and He approximates the AM portion of an AMN spectrum with Ja,e = -15.1 c.p.s., J_{1,a} = +2.9 c.p.s., and J_{1,e} = +4.0 c.p.s. Chemical shifts (on the τ scale) correspond to 9.31 for He, 7.75 for Ha, and 6.5% for Ha. The protons on the ethylene bridge fall in a narrow band, partially obscuring the Ha multiplet. Coupling between Ha and the ethylene bridge hydrogens is less than 5 c.p.s. Cross-ring coupling constants are negligibly small.

Assignments for $\rm H_2$ and $\rm H_2$ were made on the reasonable assumption that the six-membered ring exists mainly in the chair form, a conformation which places $\rm H_2$ above the plane of the three-membered ring. In this model $\rm H_1$ is within $\rm 5^{\circ}$ of a gauche relationship to $\rm H_2$ and $\rm H_2$, in keeping with the near equality of $\rm J_{1,2}$ and $\rm J_{1,2}$. This small difference in these constants is in the direction expected if $\rm H_2$ is responsible for the signal at 9.31. Confirmation of the assignment is available from a comparison of the spectrum of I and II. $\rm H_2$ is at $\sim 0.8~\rm p.p.m.$ lower field in the saturated analog II than in I. This is the direction of shift predicted for this proton either from qualitative bond anisotropy considerations based on analogy to the carbonyl double bond or ring-current predictions based on observations of effects in carbocyclic analogs of the three-membered diazirine ring.

Relative signs of J's were determined by a method similar to that of Freeman [Nol. Phys., $\frac{1}{2}$, 585 (1961)] through spin-decoupling studies by the Johnson procedure (MELLORMS, No. 13, 1962). The sign of $J_{a,e}$ was taken as negative by analogy with recently published findings of others in systems allowing a comparison of $C^{19}-H$ and geminal H-ii coupling constants.

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February 21, 1963

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Dear Barry:

The attached spectra were obtained in connection with proton magnetic resonance studies on stannane and the methylstannanes. A paper has been accepted for publication in J. Am. Chem. Soc. and is to appear sometime in May, however, the figures will not be published there. We are planning to submit them separately to the A.P.I. project 44 collection, but it is likely that six months or more would elapse before these spectra become available through the normal channels. Because of these reasons we think it might be useful to circulate the spectra in MELLONMR, however, we also invite you to exercise an editorial decision on this in case in the eyes of an objective third party this would lead to unnecessary duplication. We understand there are cost factors to be considered, so we will leave the final decision up to you.

Sincerel y yours,

Herbert Kaesz and Neville Flitcroft

(Herb -- A non-editorial comment by the non-editor: I think that this is indeed a very good kind of contribution, both for the timing aspects of it and because these spectra will not actually appear in the formal publication. If there were not to be the time lag you mention, then I would agree with you that it would be unnecessary duplication. In general, let me repeat for you and everyone else's benefit -- we excercise no editorial function, but will simply print anything (within any kind of reason!) submitted. We leave it to the conscience of each contributor whether or not he is being prolix or submitting material which the same readers would see otherwise in the very near future, etc.

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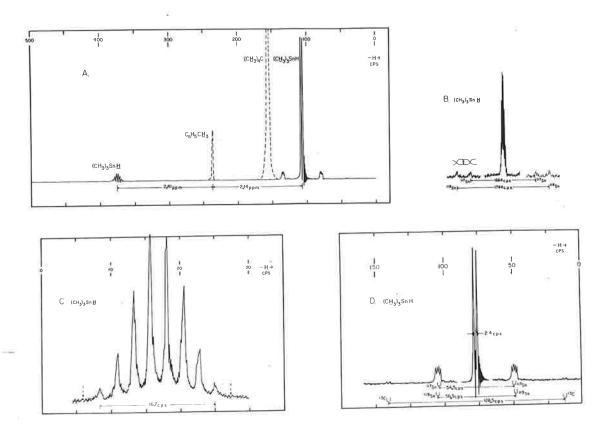


FIGURE 1. Proton magnetic resonance for $(CH_2)_3$ SnH, 60 mc. A. Main features of proton resonances with relative position of solvent (neopentane) and internal standard (methyl protons of toluene); B. Tinbonded proton resonance with 117 Sn and 117 Sn satellites; C. Enlarged scan of tin-bonded proton resonance; D. Enlarged scan of methyl resonance with 119 Sn, 117 Sn and 13 C satellites.

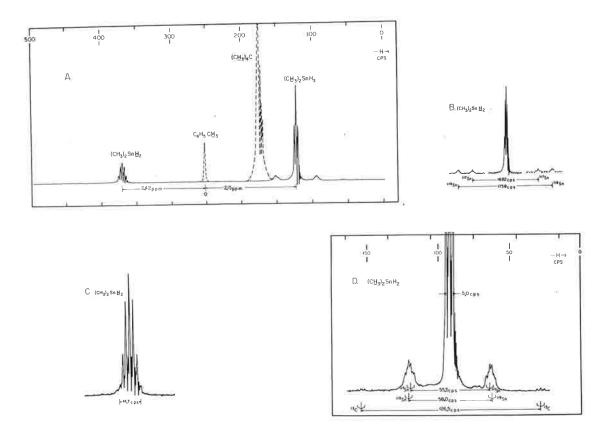


FIGURE 2. Proton magnetic resonance for $(CH_3)_2 SnH_2$, 60 mc. A. Main features of proton resonances with relative position of solvent (neopentane) and internal standard (methyl protons of toluene); B. Tinbonded proton resonance with ^{119}Sn and ^{117}Sn satellites; C. Enlarged scan of tin-bonded proton resonance; D. Enlarged scan of methyl resonance with ^{119}Sn , ^{117}Sn and ^{13}C satellites.

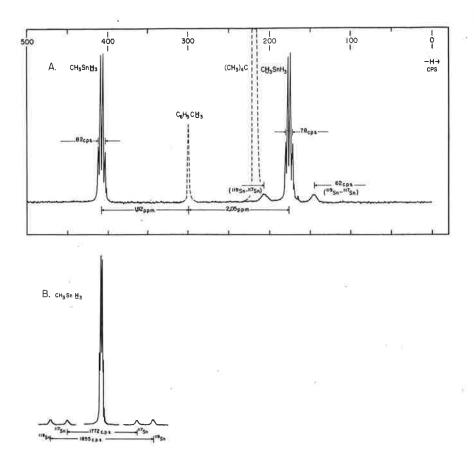


FIGURE 3. Proton magnetic resonance for $\mathrm{CH_3SnH_3}$, 60 mc. A. Main features of proton resonances with relative position of solvent (neopentane) and internal standard (methyl protons of toluene); B. Tinbonded proton resonance with $^{119}\mathrm{Sn}$ and $^{117}\mathrm{Sn}$ satellites.

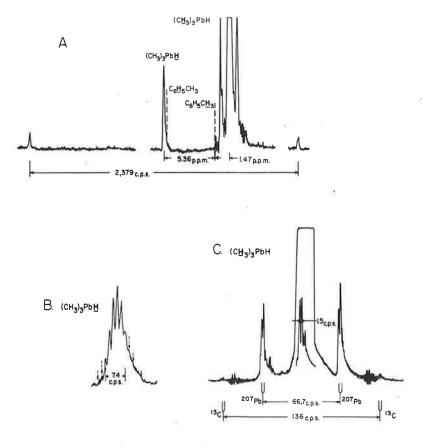


FIGURE 4. Proton magnetic resonance for (CH₂), PbH, 40 mc., -50°C. A. Main features of proton resonances with relative position of internal standard (toluene); B. Enlarged scan of lead-bonded proton resonance; C. Enlarged scan of methyl resonance with 207 Pb and 13 C satellites.

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