

NMR Spectroscopy: The basics

Pre-lesson assignment – textbook page 512-514

FIRST watch the video tutorial on NMR Spectroscopy

Define the following Key Terms

- Chemical Shift
- Nuclear Spin

Make notes on the basics of NMR Spectroscopy

1. Explain why ^1H and ^{13}C have nuclear spin, but ^{12}C does not.
2. In an NMR spectrometer, nuclei can be aligned with or against the magnetic field.
 - a. What kind of radiation is used to align the nuclei against the field?
 - b. What happens to the nuclei when they are put into this higher energy state?
 - c. Why is the magnet so strong?
3. Give one medical use of NMR spectroscopy.
4. What is the standard additive to a sample that shows a peak at $\delta=0\text{ppm}$? What is its purpose?
5. Give two structures that will affect the chemical shift of an atom.
6. Explain why deuterated solvents such as CDCl_3 are used instead of CHCl_3