

# Choosing the proper NMR experiment

A walkthrough of the available experiments at the Leuven Chem&Tech Liquid NMR Core Facilities.

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### Choosing an experiment

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### **Icon-NMR Codes**

Icon-NMR Code	Meaning	Icon-NMR Code	Meaning
30	Using a 30 degree flip angle	PH	Acquisition for phase-sensitive spectra
PR	With presaturation	LR	Optimized for long-range coupling
GP	Using gradient pulses	ED	With multiplicity-editing
LD	Using <u>l</u> ow power CPD <u>d</u> ecoupling	ET	Acquisition for phase-sensitive spectra using <u>echo/antiecho-TPPI method</u>
PG	Using power-gated decoupling	SI	With sensitivity-improvement
GD	Using gated-decoupling	ADIA	Using adiabatic pulses
IG	Using inverse-gated decoupling	LP	With low-pass J-filter
SP	Using <u>s</u> haped <u>p</u> ulses	L3	With <u>three</u> -fold <u>low-pass</u> <i>J</i> -filter
PP	Using <u>purge</u> <u>pulses</u>	ND	With no decoupling during acquisition
QF	Acquisition for magnitude mode ( <u>qf</u> ) spectra	LOCK	Using <sup>2</sup> H lock channel (for <sup>2</sup> H acquisition)
DF	Using a <u>d</u> ouble-quantum <u>f</u> ilter	X{Y}	X-observed experiment with Y-decoupling during acquisition

### Icon-NMR Codes – examples

Icon-NMR Name	Meaning				
1D 1H (30)	1D <sup>1</sup> H exp. with a <u>30</u> degree flip angle [zg30]				
1D 1H (GPPRLD)	1D <sup>1</sup> H exp. with gradient pulses, presaturation and low-power CPD decoupling [noesygpprId]				
1D 13C{1H} (PG30)	1D <sup>1</sup> H-decoupled <sup>13</sup> C exp. with <u>power-gated</u> decoupling and a <u>30</u> degree flip angle [zgpg30]				
1D 19F{1H} (IG)	1D <sup>1</sup> H-decoupled <sup>19</sup> F exp. with <u>inverse-gated decoupling</u> [zgfhigqn.2]				
2D 1H-1H COSY (GPPPQF)	2D <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H COSY exp. with gradient pulses and purge pulses, which acquires data for magnitude mode ( <u>of</u> ) spectra [cosygpppqf]				
2D 1H-13C HSQC-DEPT (EDETGPSISP2.2ADIA)	2D <sup>1</sup> H- <sup>13</sup> C HSQC-DEPT exp. with multiplicity- <u>ed</u> iting, phase- sensitive acquisition using <u>e</u> cho/antiecho- <u>T</u> PPI method, <u>g</u> radient <u>pulses</u> , <u>sensitivity improvement</u> , <u>shaped pulses</u> and <u>adia</u> batic pulses [hsqcedetgpsisp2.2]				

#### **Icon-NMR Codes**

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1D experiments

# 1D experiments

1D experiment times per nucleus (h)



On the Bruker Avance III HD 400 over the past 75 days.

# <sup>13</sup>C experiments

- Available 1D <sup>13</sup>C-detected experiments
  - Regular experiments
    - 1D 13C{1H} (PG30) [zgpg30]
    - 1D 13C (GD30) [zggd30]
    - 1D 13C{1H} (IG30) [zgig30]
  - Multiplicity-edited experiments due to 180° phase shifts ("peaks are up or down")
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT135 (SP) [deptsp135]
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT90 (SP) [deptsp90]
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT45 (SP) [deptsp45]
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPTQ135 (GPSP) [deptqgpsp]
    - 1D 13C{1H} APT [jmod]

### <sup>13</sup>C experiments – Decoupling



- Saturating <sup>1</sup>H during acquisition time (AQ) of <sup>13</sup>C experiment causes C-H multiplets to collapse into singlets
- $\Rightarrow$  Spectrum becomes simplified
- $\Rightarrow$  Higher SINO, as singlet area should remain equal to multiplet area

# <sup>13</sup>C experiments – Decoupling





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(a) <sup>13</sup>C is boosted by 3 <sup>1</sup>H's. (b) <sup>13</sup>C is boosted by 1 <sup>1</sup>H.
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- Saturating <sup>1</sup>H during relaxation delay (d1) of <sup>13</sup>C experiment causes NOE to build up. This NOE will enhance <sup>13</sup>C signals according to number of <sup>1</sup>H nuclei close to (attached to) the <sup>13</sup>C's.
- $\Rightarrow$  <sup>13</sup>C intensity is boosted according to number of <sup>1</sup>H's close to (~ attached to) the <sup>13</sup>C atom
- $\Rightarrow$  NOE-enhanced spectra must NOT be integrated ( $\Rightarrow$  no quantification!!)

# <sup>13</sup>C experiments – PG, GD and IG







#### Power-Gated decoupling (1D 13C{1H} (PG30))

- Singlets (decoupling during AQ)
- ✓ Highest SINO (NOE enhancement + decoupling during AQ)
- × Not quantifiable (NOE enhancement)
- ✓ Fast

#### Gated Decoupling (1D 13C (GD30))

- Multiplets (no decoupling during AQ)
- × Lowest SINO (only NOE enhancement)
- × Not quantifiable (NOE enhancement)
- × Slow

#### Inverse-Gated decoupling (1D 13C{1H} (IG30))

- Singlets
- × Lower SINO (only decoupling during AQ)
- ✓ Quantifiable (no NOE enhancement)
- Intermediate time

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    - 1D 13C (GD30) [zggd30]
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  - Multiplicity-edited experiments due to 180° phase shifts ("peaks are up or down")
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT135 (SP) [deptsp135]
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT90 (SP) [deptsp90]
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT45 (SP) [deptsp45]
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPTQ135 (GPSP) [deptqgpsp]
    - 1D 13C{1H} APT [jmod]

# <sup>13</sup>C experiments – DEPT

- DEPT experiments
  - More sensitive than regular <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} (zgpg30) experiment for protonated carbons
  - Automation
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT135 (SP) [deptsp135]
      - CH & CH<sub>3</sub> positive, CH<sub>2</sub> negative, no C<sub>q</sub>
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT90 (SP) [deptsp90]
      - CH only
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPT45 (SP) [deptsp45]
      - CH, CH<sub>2</sub> & CH<sub>3</sub> positive, no C<sub>q</sub>



# <sup>13</sup>C experiments – DEPTQ and APT

- DEPTQ
  - More / less sensitive than regular <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} (zgpg30) experiment for protonated / quaternary carbons, resp.
  - Automation
    - 1D 13C{1H} DEPTQ135 (GPSP) [deptqgpsp]
      - CH & CH<sub>3</sub> positive, CH<sub>2</sub> & C<sub>q</sub> negative
- APT
  - Less sensitive than regular <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} (zgpg30) experiment
  - Automation
    - 1D 13C{1H} APT [jmod]
      - CH & CH<sub>3</sub> positive, CH<sub>2</sub> & C<sub>q</sub> negative



#### Reminder

- SINO increases with  $\sqrt{NS!}$
- To double the SINO, four times more scans need to be recorded







2D experiments

# 2D acquisition





# 2D acquisition



### Parameters in 2D

- Most important parameters in 2D experiments include
  - NS: the number of scans per slice
  - TD: number of data points recorded (in both dimensions)
  - AQ: acquisition time (in both dimensions, sec)
  - SW: spectral width (in both dimensions, ppm)
  - O1P: carrier frequency = middle of the spectrum (in both dimensions, ppm)
- As for 1D spectra,
  - <u>Resolution</u> is determined by TD (or AQ)
  - <u>SINO</u> is determined by NS\*





### Obtaining better 2D data – more NS?

- Need for high NS in 1D (for indirect nucleus) does <u>not</u> presuppose need for high NS in 2D!
- As for 1D, recording NS more scans, increases SINO with  $\sqrt{NS}$
- Increasing number of slices in 2D (= TD(F1) = 1TD) increases resolution in F1 (vertical) dimension, but also
  - More resolution = narrower lines = higher signal (narrower signal with same integration area = higher signal) ⇒ higher SINO\*
  - Amount of overall signal in 2D matrix increases  $\Rightarrow$  higher SINO
- Optimal values for most applications are already set in Icon-NMR for each experiment! Don't just start adjusting parameters at random!





# Finding your way in the 2D space

- Most common 2D experiments
  - HSQC
    - ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-13}\text{C} {}^{1}J_{CH}$  heteronuclear bond correlations
    - "<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C that are directly attached"
  - HMBC
    - ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-13}\text{C} {}^{2-3}J_{CH}$  heteronuclear bond correlations
    - "<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C that are 2 to 3 bonds separated"
  - COSY
    - <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H homonuclear bond correlations
    - "Two (or more) <sup>1</sup>H's that couple with each other"  $H_{N}$
  - NOESY
    - <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H correlations through space (< 5 Å) and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H exchange (chemical or rotational)
    - "<sup>1</sup>H's that are close in space or exchange with one another"





### HSQC

#### 2D 1H-13C HSQC-DEPT (EDETGPSISP2.2ADIA)

- Very sensitive experiment (here even sensitivity-improved!!)
- Typical NS = 1-4 (1\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128
- Multiplicity-edited = also DEPT information in cross peaks (positive/negative)
- <sup>13</sup>C-decoupled (no multiplicities visible in cross peaks)
- Use this for routine experiments

#### 2D 1H-13C HSQC (ETGPSP.3)\*

- Less sensitive
- Typical NS = 2-8 (1\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128
- Not multiplicity-edited
- <sup>13</sup>C-decoupled (no multiplicities visible in cross peaks)
- For <sup>13</sup>C-labeled molecules!
- Do not use this for routine experiments



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43 Experiment: HSQC (EDETGPSISP2.2ADIA).





- Important!
  - The acquisition time in the direct dimension (AQ) must <u>NEVER</u> be higher than 0.2 sec, so be very careful when changing AQ (or TD)!!
  - Due to <sup>13</sup>C-decoupling during the acquisition time (AQ), the probe would overheat and be destroyed after a few scans!
  - HSQC experiments with AQ > 0.2 sec will automatically be aborted







#### 2D 1H-13C HMBC (GPLPNDQF)

- More sensitive
- Magnitude mode
- Typical NS = 2-4 (2\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128
- Not decoupled
- 1-fold J-filter: more HSQC residuals
- Meant to obtain high SINO spectra

#### 2D 1H-13C HMBC (ETGPL3ND)

- Somewhat less sensitive
- Phase sensitive
- Typical NS = 2-8 (2\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128-256
- Not decoupled
- 3-fold J-filter: less to no HSQC residuals
- Meant to obtain high-res spectra

#### HMBC

Sample: 4.7 mg galanthamine in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (33 mM)



galanthamine







# COSY

2D 1H-1H COSY (GPPPQF)

- Regular COSY
- Magnitude mode
- Highly sensitive
- Typical NS = 1-2 (1\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128
- Lot of overlap with diagonal
- Meant to obtain high SINO spectra

#### 2D 1H-1H DQF-COSY (GPDFPHPP)

- DQF-COSY
- Phase-sensitive
- Somewhat less sensitive
- Typical NS = 2-4 (1\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128-256
- Less overlap with diagonal
- Meant to obtain high-res spectra

2D 1H-1H LR-COSY (GPLRPPQF)

- LR-COSY
- Magnitude mode
- Less sensitive
- Typical NS = 2-8 (1\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128
- Meant to visualize longrange <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H couplings via d6 =  $\frac{1}{2J}$  (0.1-0.4 sec)







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#### • 2D 1H-1H NOESY (GPPHPP)

- Phase-sensitive
- Somewhat less sensitive
- Typical NS = 2-8 (2\*n)
- Typical TD(F1) = 128
- Two types of information in one spectrum\*
  - Cross peaks with opposite phase (= color) of diagonal peaks
    - <sup>1</sup>H's that are close in space (< 5 Å)
  - Cross peaks with same phase (= color) as diagonal peaks
    - Chemical exchange
    - Rotational exchange







• Traditional acquisition (uniform sampling): collect all TD(F1) slices in indirect dimension, FT in both dimensions



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 NUS = Non-Uniform Sampling acquisition: collect random fraction of TD(F1) slices in indirect dimension, reconstruct the missing slices and FT in both dimensions

![](_page_40_Figure_2.jpeg)

Raw data with 8 slices recorded.

Reconstructed raw data with 32 slices (8 recorded, 24 calculated).

![](_page_40_Picture_5.jpeg)

 NUS = Non-Uniform Sampling acquisition: collect random fraction of TD(F1) slices in indirect dimension, reconstruct the missing slices and FT in both dimensions

![](_page_41_Figure_2.jpeg)

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- Advantages of NUS
  - Higher resolution in F1 in same amount of time, or
  - Same resolution in F1 in much less time
- Example
  - TD(F1) = 1024 with 25 % NUS: only 256 slices (25 %) will really be recorded and 768 additional slices will be calculated during reconstruction. The reconstructed raw data contain 1024 data points.

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- Acquisition in Icon-NMR
  - Select appropriate 2D experiment
  - Set FNTYPE = 2 (standard 0 = traditional acquisition, 2 = NUS acquisition)
  - Set NUSAMOUNT = <desired percentage of NUS sampling>
    - Percentage (0-100)
    - Amount of NUS sampling
    - Fraction of TD(F1) that will really be recorded

1TD	128		Size of fid (F1)
2TD	2048		Size of fid (F2)
DS	16		Number of dummy scans
NS	4		Number of scans
1SW	220	[ppm]	Spectral width (F1)
2SW	12.9882	[ppm]	Spectral width (F2)
AQ	0.197018	[sec]	Acquisition time
O1P	6.300	[ppm]	Transmitter frequency offset
D1	1.5	[sec]	Delay for T1 (1-5 * T1)
D6	0		Delay for evolution of long-range coupling (LR-COSY, 1/(2J))
D8	0		Mixing time
FNTYPE	0		nD acquisition mode (= 0 for traditional; = 2 for NUS)
NUSAMOUNT	50		Amount of sparse sampling
OK			

![](_page_47_Picture_9.jpeg)

- Processing
  - Regular processing can be used
  - No license needed for basic 2D NUS processing (≥ TopSpin 3.5pl7)
  - TopSpin will display warning, saying you have no license for NUS processing, so the standard settings will be used (Compressed Sensing (CS) algorithm via Iterative Soft Thresholding (IST)). Just click OK.

![](_page_48_Picture_5.jpeg)

- Processing
  - If spectrum is <u>phase-sensitive</u>, no phasing can be performed immediately after NUS processing, as imaginary parts of 2D processed data (2ir, 2ii) are not saved after NUS reconstruction.
  - To solve this problem: use Hilbert transform in F2 (**xht2**) to recalculate imaginary data
  - Now phasing is possible
  - Hilbert transform is necessary before phasing after Fourier transform

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8	Cannot phase rows, imaginary part 2ir is missing
	Close Details

![](_page_49_Picture_7.jpeg)

- When can I use NUS?
  - Sufficient SINO
  - Small to medium dynamic range of peaks
    - Large dynamic range can result in artifacts when undersampling
    - Don't forget to take impurities into consideration!
  - $\Rightarrow$  HSQC of pure compound: definitely!
  - $\Rightarrow$  NOESY of mixture: more challenging
- How many FIDs should I record?

  - NUSPOINTS =  $\frac{\frac{NUSAMOUNT}{100} * TD(F1)}{2}$
  - NUSPOINTS should be ≥ number of peaks in the spectrum (again, don't forget to take peaks from impurities into consideration!)

Thank you

![](_page_51_Picture_1.jpeg)