

# **NMR Training Course**

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## quantitative NMR



#### Quantitative analysis by chromatography and NMR



#### **Case study**

#### Figure 1 Comparison of Commercial Carminic Acid Reagents (results)



Cochineal extract:

A red pigment obtained by drying scale insects (superfamily Coccoidea) and extracting with water or ethanol. The main component is carminic acid.

No SI- traceable reference material for quantitative analysis exists

Grade	Maker	Catalog purity	qNMR purity(%) : as potassium salt trihydrate	
(Reagent)	А	>70%(HPLC)	25.3%	
(Reagent)	В	>95% (Spectrophotometric)	92.9%	
(Reagent)	С	Not listed	81.1%	
(Reagent)	D	Not listed	80.8%	
(Reagent)	E	95%	91.6%	
(Reagent)	F	70~90%	86.5%	
l'II use A	Mr.	A Analyte	Ms. B Correction can be applied	

https://www.jeol.co.jp/en/products/nmr/qnmr\_nl/qnmr\_issue007.html

## Traceability

#### Figure 2 Future Image of Quantitative Analysis of Organic Compounds







Measurement results can be traced back to a reference standard (usually, a national standard material) through an unbroken chain of calibrations.

https://www.jeol.co.jp/en/products/nmr/qnmr\_nl/qnmr\_issue007.html https://www.jeol.co.jp/en/products/nmr/qnmr\_nl/qnmr\_issue005.html https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/MA/fr/applications/analyticalchemistry/calibration-qualification-and-validation

### What is involved in qNMR?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VYE-W28VYg

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#### Quantitative analysis by NMR spectroscopy

**Relative quantification** 



Absolute quantification



Q: What is the **ratio** between signal A and signal B in my sample?

Signals A and B may represent two signals in one compound or two signals in two compounds Q: What is the **concentration/amount** of analyte?

Standard compound of known concentration/amount is added

#### **Relative quantification in NMR spectroscopy**

The proportionality between the integral intensity *I* and the number of protons *N* under quantitative conditions:

$$\frac{I_{\rm i}}{I_{\rm j}} = \frac{N_{\rm i}}{N_{\rm j}}$$

I: Integral intensity

N: Number of protons

<sup>1</sup>H spectrum of ethanol



#### **Absolute quantification in NMR spectroscopy**



• qNMR does not use reference substance identical with analyte

qNMR can measure concentration in mole and determine purity as mass fraction



- proper operation
- SI-traceable reference substance (CRM)

#### qNMR methods using internal and external standard



#### **Internal vs external quantification**



#### Accurate and precise weighing

To ensure high accuracy and precision, the analyte and standard are weighed on an ultra–microbalance. The definition of minimum sample weight ( $W_{min}$ ) has been adopted from the United States Pharmacopeia (USP). Three samples are prepared for qNMR measurement and measured in triplicates.

> 1 mg

1 mL



Ultra-microbalance Mettler Toledo XP2U

Analyte:	
Standard:	
Solvent:	



A substance in an aluminum weighing boat in a vial > 1 mg

## **Choice of internal standard**

Stable and soluble in the solvent
 No signal overlaps with signals of the analyte and solvent
 No interactions with the analyte and solvent
 High and assured purity (CRM)



Information and CRMs:

https://labchem-wako.fujifilm.com/europe/category/00622.html https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/MA/fr/applications/analyticalchemistry/calibration-qualification-and-validation

## Weighing internal standard



#### $W_{\rm min} = \sigma \times 2000$

- W<sub>min</sub>: Minimum Weight
  - σ: Standard deviation calculated with ten repeated measurements



#### Measurement example of Minimum Weight

Type of balance	Minimum Weight (W <sub>min</sub> )
Semi-micro balance (readability: 0.01 mg)	13.9 mg
Micro balance (readability: 0.001 mg)	2.8 mg
Ultra-micro balance (readability: 0.0001 mg)	0.2 mg

#### https://labchem-wako.fujifilm.com/europe/category/00622.html

#### **Volume measurements**

#### Generally pipettes are less precise than analytical balances Consider liquids viscosity, temperature, interactions with pipette Manual vs electronic, air displacement vs positive displacement, etc.

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Cat. No.	Volume Range (calibration)	Volume Range (functional‡)	Increments	Accuracy (%)†	Precision (%)†	Color Code
46200000	1–10µL, micro	0.5–10µL	0.01µL	3.5 to 1.0±	3.0 to 0.5	Pink
46200100	1–10µL	0.510µL	0.01µL	7.0 to 1.0±	6.0 to 0.5	Yellow
46200200	5-50µL, micro	2.5-50µL	0.1µL	3.0 to 0.8±	2.5 to 0.3	Turquoise
46200300	550µL	2.550µL	0.1µL	3.0 to 0.8±	2.5 to 0.3	Yellow
46200400	10–100µL	5-100µL	0.1µL	3.0 to 0.8±	1.0 to 0.2	Yellow
46200500	30300µL	15300µL	1µL	3.0 to 0.6±	0.7 to 0.2	Orange
46200600	1001000µL	501000µL	1µL	3.0 to 0.6±	0.6 to 0.2	Blue
46200700	0.55mL	0.255mL	0.01mL	3.0 to 0.6±	0.8 to 0.2	Green
46200800	1-10mL	0.5-10mL	0.01mL	3.0 to 0.6±	0.8 to 0.2	Red

†Factory calibration limits achieved under strictly controlled conditions (ISO 8655)

The Functional volume range indicates the volume range that the pipette can cover in the Stepper, Sequential Stepper and Sequential Aspirate functions.







https://gb.gilson.com/pub/media/docs/GuideToPipettingE.pdf

https://handling-solutions.eppendorf.com/liquid-handling/faqs/

https://www.eppendorf.com/MY-en/liquid-guide/

https://www.artel.co/learning\_center/in-the-lab-pipettes/

https://doi.org/10.3390/en11102567

https://www.pipettipfinder.com/Topics/Why-We-Dont-List-Pipettor-Accuracy.aspx

https://www.integra-biosciences.com/china/en/blog/article/everything-you-need-know-about-pipettes

#### qNMR measurement



## **Conditions used in qNMR measurement**

The acquisition parameters have been optimized to obtain accurate quantitative information from <sup>1</sup>H spectrum

Parameter	Value	
Pulse flip angle	90°	
Digital resolution	< 0.25 Hz	
Repetition time	> 60 sec (7* <i>T</i> <sub>1</sub> )	
Acquisition time	> 3 sec (>5* <i>T</i> <sub>2</sub> )	
Number of scans	SNR>150 (<1%error)	
Dummy scans	2	
Spinning	OFF	
<sup>13</sup> C decoupling	(ON)	

#### SNR



Fig. 4. S/N and its influence to the uncertainty of qNMR. Dotted line represents an uncertainty level of 1% relative.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpba.2005.01.043

#### SNR

- LOD: Limit of Detection is 3:1 for every signal from the molecule!
- LOQ: Limit of Quantification depends on confidence level of results

S/N	Relative Measurement Uncertainty in %*
30	10
60	3
150	1
400	0.5
1200	0.1
10000	0.07
20000	0.05

http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.1.1244.3689

#### Pulse flip angle and relaxation time



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# Integration under semi-quantitative and quantitative conditions



## Spinning side bands

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of chloroform spinning at 5 Hz



## 13C broadband decoupling



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## Resolution



- 1s acquisition time does not provide enough resolution to resolve multiplets
- Integrals are less accurate due to this loss of information
- It can be compensated with additional zero-filling, but this may not resolve additional signals beyond 2x zero-filling
- At least 4[s] acquisition time is needed

#### Data processing and analysis

Accurate and precise qNMR analysis requires:

- 3 repetitions per each sample
- Each peak defined by several points (zero filling)
- Adequate phase and baseline correction
- Accurate integration with sufficient width and with the same margins for each region (e.g.50Hz), peak deconvolution will be necessary for overlapped peaks
- Appropriate calculation of concentration/purity of analyte

#### **Other nuclei**

Spectral windows can be very broad for nuclei other than <sup>1</sup>H, consider the effects of:

- Receiver (ECZ is linear, older consoles not so much)
- Tuning (physical limitation, qNMR may require retuning at different offsets)
- Excitation profile (1[us], <2% error across 160kHz)
- Background signal (Deconvolution, LP, tube material, Depth pulse sequence,...)
- T<sub>1</sub>(<sup>109</sup>Ag in AgNO<sub>3</sub> is ~10min), relaxation agents reduce it
- 19F: <u>https://doi.org/10.1002/cmr.a.21422</u>

#### Fluorine excitation (hard pulse in a ECZ-S 400)



## 13C qNMR setup

- Quantitative 13C measurements are time-consuming
- It is thus important to optimize the total measurement time. Measure the T1s of your signals, at least once for the type of compounds studied.
- Use saturation recovery sat\_recovery\_dec.jxp, this experiment, unlike inversion recovery, does not need a very long relaxation delay (which cannot be set correctly unless you already know an estimate of the T1s)
  - Use as many scans to get an SNR of 50 in 13C
  - Set relaxation\_delay to 1[s]
  - Set x\_sat\_time to 0.04[s] and x\_sat\_atn to xatn + 10[dB]
    - Ensure this is typed correctly, otherwise probe may be destroyed
  - Array tau\_interval, e.g. y\_acq {10[s], 0.2[s], 0.5[s], 1[s], 2[s], 5[s], 10[s], 40[s]}
  - Use curve analysis Sat. Recovery fitting (or decay analysis processing) to evaluate T1s
- Use 5 times the longest T1 as the repetition time (relaxation\_delay+x\_acq\_time) of the 13C qNMR experiment
  - Or focus only on a signal of the compound of interest, one with the shortest t1 and strong intensity (more carbons)



xatn

xatn + 10[dB

79[dB]

40.0[ms]

89[dB]

x\_atn

x\_sat\_time

x\_sat\_atn

#### 13C qNMR setup, scans

- Achieving enough SNR to achieve uncertainty criteria can be the most challenging aspect of 13C qNMR
- Depending on the application we can settle with an SNR around 50, but ideally SNR should reach 150. There is no major gain by increasing the SNR beyond this, without taking great care of other parameters
- As a rule of thumb, if no signals are discernible after 4 scans, acquiring a quantitative spectrum is not feasible with that sample concentration/probe
- SNR scaling up with the number of scans:

SNR	Scans
10	4
40	64
160	1024
640	16384

SNR	Scans
5	4
20	64
80	1024
320	16384

SNR	Scans
2	4
8	64
32	1024
128	16384

SNR	Uncertainty in %
30	10
60	3
150	1
400	0.5
1200	0.1

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#### 13C qNMR (menthol 30%) scans



#### 13C qNMR setup, relaxation delay

Magnetization recovers as per the following equation

$$M_z = M_0 [1-(1-\cosartheta)e^{\,\overline{T_1}}\,]$$

- There is no major gain by increasing the repetition time beyond 5 T1, without taking great care of other parameters
- Uncertainty as per pulse width and repetition time:

Uncertainty in %	Repetition time for 90 deg (T1 times)	Repetition time for 60 deg (T1 times)	Repetition time for 30 deg (T1 times)
10	2.3	1.6	0.3
5	3.0	2.3	1.0
1	4.6	3.9	2.6
0.5	5.3	4.6	3.3
0.1	6.9	6.2	4.9

### **13C qNMR (menthol 30%) relaxation delay**



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## 13C qNMR setup, pulse width

There are different considerations when choosing the pulse flip angle / pulse width:

- Excitation profile for <1% error
  - <5.5us @ 400MHz
  - <4.3us @ 500MHz
  - <3.6us @ 600MHz
- SNR per unit time when using the optimum repetition time for target uncertainty level (sine flip angle/ rep. time)

Uncertainty in %	SNR/time for 90 deg	SNR/time for 60 deg	SNR/time for 30 deg
10	1.00	1.24	3.94
5	0.77	0.87	1.17
1	0.50	0.51	0.44
0.5	0.43	0.43	0.35
0.1	0.33	0.32	0.24

• Reproducibility for external quantitation

#### 13C qNMR setup, excitation profile



### 13C qNMR (menthol 30%) pulse width



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## 13C qNMR setup, decoupling

- The 1H decoupling is an important source of error
  - NOE effects are negligible with no decoupling during the long relaxation delay
- The decoupling modulation used affects both the effective bandwidth and artifacts. WALTZ generally provides spectra with low level of artifacts
- WALTZ64 is the default decoupling in Delta, no significant differences observed with WALTZ65 (available with Delta 6.0)
- Default decoupling pulse width insufficient to achieve 1% uncertainty. Set irr\_pwidth to irr\_pwidth\_default/1.5 to improve the effective bandwidth
  - Ensure that irr\_atn\_dec is at least 18[dB] higher that the power level for the square pulse for Proton in the probe tool. Otherwise probe may be damaged
  - Approximately equivalent to 85us @ 400MHz, 67us @ 500MHz, 55us @ 600MHz
- Adiabatic decoupling could potentially provide better results (<u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmr.2006.11.007</u>), but this has not been observed in our measurements and no other publication has been found using it
- Bilevel decoupling could help reduce the decoupling power requirements for higher field systems (<u>https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.analchem.0c03753</u>), this has not been tested yet in our measurements

#### 13C qNMR (menthol 30%) decoupling bandwidth



WALTZ bandwidth ~ 2\* 90 pulse power

(85us@400, 67us@500, 55us@600 to get pulse power covering 150% of bandwidth)

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#### 13C qNMR (menthol 30%) decoupling offset



#### 13C qNMR (menthol 30%) adiabatic decoupling



The homonuclear couplings are known to interfere with the decoupling process and can seriously compromise the quality of the spectra Complete homonuclear decoupling is achieved only if the sweep bandwidth is twice the chemical shift difference between spins A and X https://doi.org/10.1016/S0076-6879(02)38216-8

## **Decoupling sidebands**

The sidebands in all cases apart from the spectrum acquired under WALTZ decoupling conditions completely override the signal of a minor impurity (~3%) at 2.24 ppm



The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of HP(=O)(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> indicates the resultant sidebands with decoupling of <sup>1</sup>H by (a) CPD decoupling using WALTZ (PW, 60  $\mu$ s; PL, 10 dB; , 1.33 Hz; DB, 10 kHz; SDB, 5 kHz); (b) CPD decoupling using GARP (PW, 60  $\mu$ s; PL, 9.4 dB; , 1.35 Hz; DB, 19 kHz; SDB, 7 kHz); (c) MPF decoupling (PW, 1 ms; PL, 11.3 dB; , 1.32 Hz; DB, 28 kHz; SDB, 7 kHz); (d) APD using CHIRP (PW, 1 ms; PL, 5.8 dB; , 1.47 Hz; DB, 44 kHz; SDB, 15 kHz); and (e) the same as (a) but with higher amplification to highlight the sidebands. The signal of a minor impurity (~3%) at 2.24 ppm is indicated with an asterisk. Note: all spectra within this figure, and similarly for spectra within the following figures, have been acquired with the same number of scans and receiver gain and processed in exactly the same way with identical line broadening and amplification unless explicitly stated otherwise. Legend: PW, pulse width (length); PL, power level; , linewidth (width at half-height); DB, decoupling bandwidth; and SDB, sideband decoupling bandwidth. https://doi.org/10.1155/2014/289638

#### 13C qNMR setup, alternatives

- There are a number of experiments claiming to be better alternatives for 13C NMR quantitation
- These can be useful to compare samples of the same type, but due to the relaxation delays during the pulse sequences and the signal dependency on 1H coupling these are not inherently quantitative experiments
- QPOMMIE has been tried to evaluate whether quantification is possible

#### **Q-POMMIE**



### 13C qNMR setup, processing

- Use a matched filter to maximize SNR (exponential line broadening equal to peak linewidth
- For cold probes, FID prediction (blip\_cld) may be needed, typically two predicted points are sufficient to obtain flat baselines
- Set at least 2 times zero filling
- Baseline noise is typically considerable
  - The default Delta integration does a local baseline correction, where the baseline is considered to be at the edges of the integral. This leads to substantial error when integrating spectra with low SNR
  - Reset the slope and offset when integrating spectra with low SNR, like 13C spectra.
  - The default behavior can be changed in menu Options>Preferences, Geometry tab: Adjust Integral Slope/Offset
  - Use the simplest possible baseline correction (such as polynomial order 3)
  - Alternatively increase the number of points averaged to more than 11. The default behavior can be changed in menu Options>Preferences, Geometry tab: Integral Averaging Points. This is less accurate than zero slope and offset

## Zero-filling and line-broadening

- 1-time zero filling is needed (2 times zerofill in Delta definition)
- Zero-filling further will improve results when integrating peaks with different linewidths\*

 Further zero-filling also increases the importance of noise integral affecting quantification precision



\* Different papers reach different conclusions (inconclusive results from this dataset) <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmr.2006.06.026</u> <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/0022-2364(89)90115-7</u> <u>https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.analchem.1c00407</u> <u>https://doi.org/10.1039/C3AY26106A parameters choice may lead to better results with no zero-fillingtions for Innovation JECL</u>

#### Line-broadening



## **Integral regions**

- Increasing integral regions improves accuracy, as we integrate a wider region of the peak, but it decreases precision due to the integrating more noise region.
- For lower SNR data integral regions should be smaller

"While an increase in the integration range results in improved accuracy, the precision decreases because the variance of the integral of white Gaussian noise is a Wiener process and thus increases linearly with range."



https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.analchem.1c00407 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VYE-W28VYg

#### So the smaller the integral region the better?



- Smaller integral region : higher precision, lower accuracy
- Note that the absolute value of an integral is not important, we compare the integral of the analyte of interest with the reference integral
- Both analyte peak and reference peak must therefore have similar linewidths to improve accuracy (consider different integral width if different linewidths)

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• Line broadening attenuates linewidth differences

#### Integral regions width



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#### qNMR in Delta







Molarity : C' = C \* I'/I \* H/H' \* T'/T \* d'/d Purity : P' = C' \* M' / (100 \* V')

No.	Position	Group	Integral(I')	Protons(H')	Molarity(C')	Purity(P')	Avg. Calc.		JD
1	1.932[ppm]		37.07[abn]	3	21.81[mmol/L]	98.39[%]			
2	6.626[ppm]		24.98[abn]	2	22.05[mmol/L]	99.48[%]			
3	7.287[ppm]		24.89[abn]	2	21.96[mmol/L]	99.10[%]			
4	9.078[ppm]		8.33[abn]	1	14.70[mmol/L]	66.32[%]			
5	9.583[ppm]		11.55[abn]	1	20.39[mmol/L]	91.99[%]			
Supports internal and external standard methods									
	Gain Scale 19.8 Avg. Molarity 21.94[mmol/L] Avg. Purity 98.99[%]								

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Integral Value(I) 91.07[abn]		x_pulse(d)	5.9[us]	
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Protons(H) 15		average factor(A)	1	
Weight(m)	[mg]	normalize factor(N)	1	
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Volume Conc.(V) m/(10*L)	[%(w/v)]			
Purity(P)	[%]			
Molarity(C) 48.5	[mmol/L]			
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## Input for standard

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Alternative Input for standard for purity calculation



#### Automated Calculation for Sample data

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1 4.102[ppm] 8.08[abn] 1	◆ 100.05[mmol/L]	
2 5.277[ppm] 16.17[abn] 2	◆ 100.18[mmol/L]	
3 5.493[ppm] 16.18[abn] 2	◆ 100.21[mmol/L]	
Gain Scale	e 20 Avg. Molarity Avg. Purity	

Setting number of protons

#### Resources

1) Our qNMR webpage has access to several resources: <u>https://www.jeol.co.jp/en/products/nmr/qnmr\_index.html</u> including a note on traceability for qNMR: <u>https://www.jeol.co.jp/en/applications/detail/1171.html</u>

2) The Japanese legislation describing the methodology for this: <u>https://filex.jeol.com/filex/153668483730426/qNMR\_Japanese\_Pharmacopeia\_english.pdf</u>

3) Chapter "Analytical Standards Purity Determination Using Quantitative Nuclear Magnetic Resonance", available from:

https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-10-3421-3\_20

which you can preview from:

https://books.google.ie/books?id=VIxkDgAAQBAJ&pg=PA275&lpg=PA275&dq=doi:10.1007/978-981-10-3421-

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4) Chapter "Applications of Quantitative 1H NMR in Food- Related Analysis" <u>http://www.eurekaselect.com/141180/chapter/applications-of-quantitative-1h-nmr-in-food--</u> <u>related-analysi</u> Solutions for Innovation JEOL

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