

## 3.15 NMR spectroscopy

### Different types of NMR

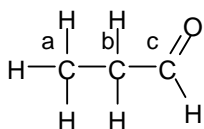
There are two main types of NMR

- $C^{13}$  NMR
- H (proton) NMR

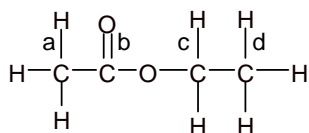
There is only around 1%  $C^{13}$  in organic molecules but modern NMR machines are sensitive enough to give a full spectra for  $C^{13}$   
The  $C^{13}$  spectra is a simpler spectrum than the H NMR

#### Equivalent Carbon atoms.

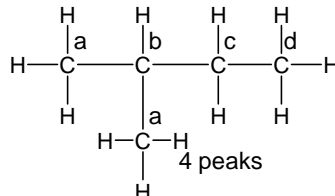
In a  $C^{13}$  NMR spectrum, there is one signal (peak) for each **set of equivalent C atoms**.



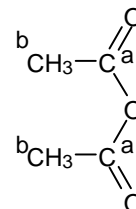
3 peaks



4 peaks

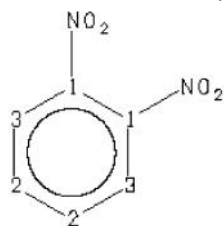


4 peaks

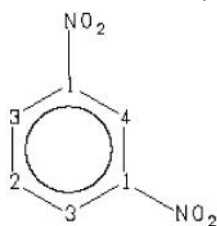


2 peaks

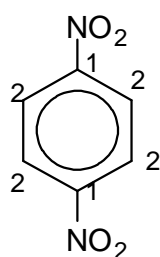
1,2 dinitrobenzene    1,3 dinitrobenzene    1,4 dinitrobenzene



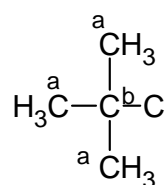
3 peaks



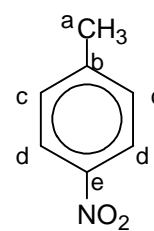
4 peaks



2 peaks



2 peaks

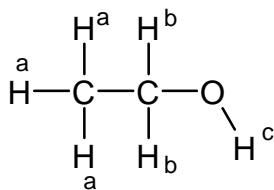


5 peaks

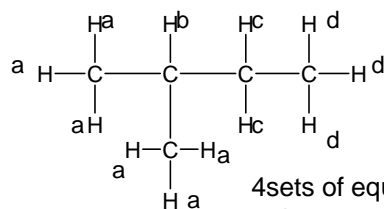
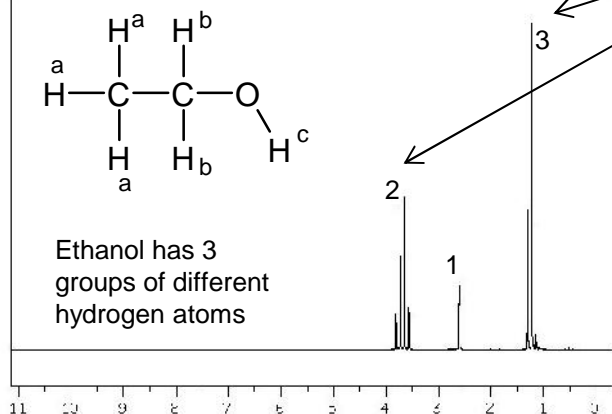
#### Equivalent Hydrogen atoms.

In an H NMR spectrum, there is one signal for each set of equivalent H atoms.

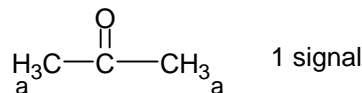
In addition the **intensity (integration value)** of each signal is proportional to the **number of equivalent H atoms** it represents.



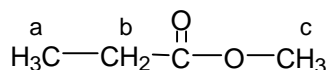
Ethanol has 3 groups of different hydrogen atoms



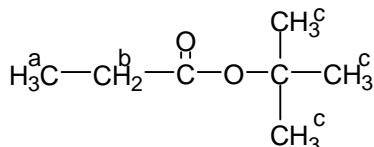
4 sets of equivalent H's:  
ratio 6:1:2:3



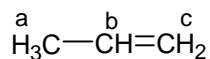
1 signal



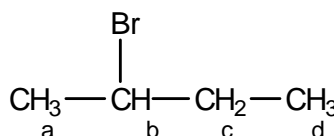
3 sets of equivalent H's: ratio 3:2:3



3 sets of equivalent H's: ratio 3:2:9



3 sets of equivalent H's: ratio 3:1:2



4 sets of equivalent H's: ratio 3:1:2:3

## Solvents

Samples are dissolved in solvents without any  $^1\text{H}$  atoms, e.g.  $\text{CCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

This means that in the H NMR the solvent will not give any peaks

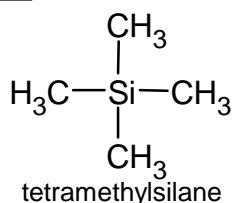
The same solvent is used in  $\text{C}^{13}$  NMR and in this case there will be one peak due to the solvent that will appear on the spectrum. However, it is known where this peak is so it can be ignored. In the exam it is likely this peak will not occur on the spectra.

## Calibration and shift

A small amount of TMS (tetramethylsilane) is added to the sample to calibrate the spectrum

TMS is used because:

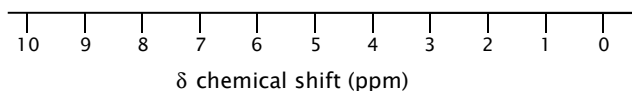
- its signal is away from all the others
- it only gives one signal
- it is non-toxic
- it is inert
- it has a low boiling point and so can be removed from sample easily



The same calibration compound is used for both H and C NMR

The spectra are recorded on a scale known as the chemical shift ( $\delta$ ), which is how much the field has shifted away from the field for TMS..

The  $\delta$  is a measure in parts per million (ppm) is a relative scale of how far the frequency of the proton signal has shifted away from that for TMS.

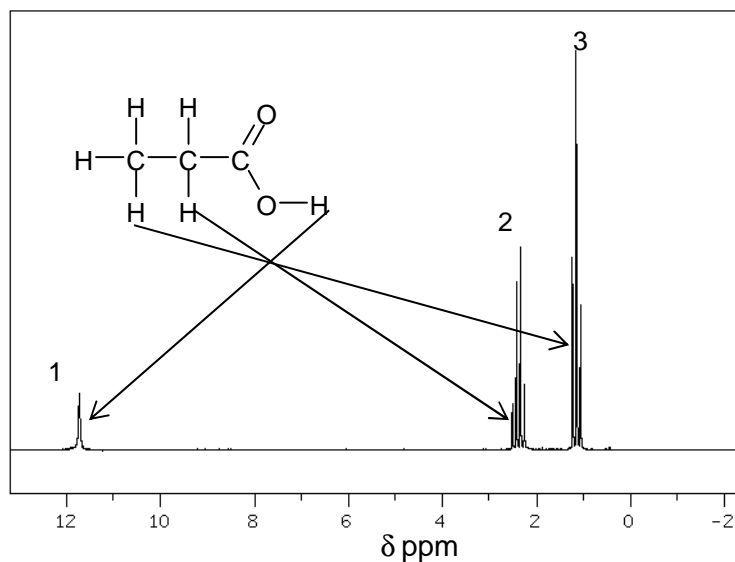
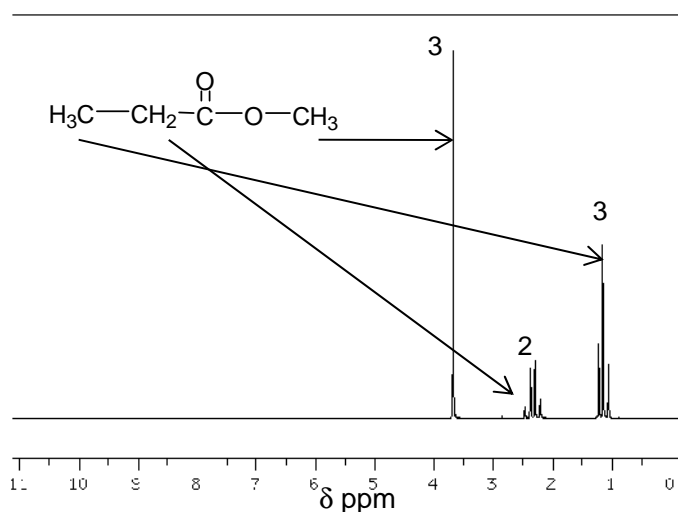


## H NMR shift


The  $\delta$  depends on what other atoms/groups are near the H – more electronegative groups gives a greater shift.

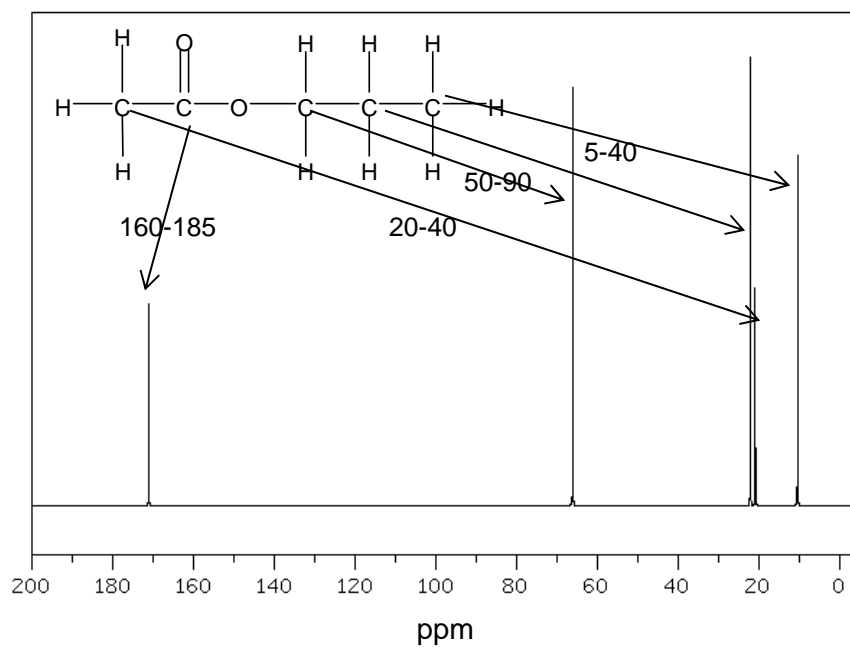
$^1\text{H}$  n.m.r. chemical shift data

Type of proton	$\delta/\text{ppm}$
ROH	0.5–5.0
RCH <sub>3</sub>	0.7–1.2
RNH <sub>2</sub>	1.0–4.5
R <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	1.2–1.4
R <sub>3</sub> CH	1.4–1.6
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{C}- \\    \quad   \\ \text{O} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	2.1–2.6
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ \text{R}-\text{O}-\text{C}- \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	3.1–3.9
RCH <sub>2</sub> Cl or Br	3.1–4.2
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}- \\    \quad   \\ \text{O} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	3.7–4.1
$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	4.5–6.0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\    \\ \text{R}-\text{C} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	9.0–10.0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\    \\ \text{R}-\text{C} \\   \\ \text{O}-\text{H} \end{array}$	10.0–12.0



<sup>13</sup>C n.m.r. chemical shift data

Type of carbon	$\delta/\text{ppm}$
$\begin{array}{c}   &   \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\   &   \end{array}$	5-40
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{Cl or Br} \\   \end{array}$	10-70
$\begin{array}{c}   &   \\ \text{R}-\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\    &   \\ \text{O} & \end{array}$	20-50
$\begin{array}{c}   & / \\ \text{R}-\text{C} & - & \text{N} \\   & \backslash \end{array}$	25-60
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ -\text{C}-\text{O}- \\   \end{array}$ alcohols, ethers or esters	50-90
$\begin{array}{c} \diagup & \diagdown \\ \text{C} & = & \text{C} \\ \diagdown & \diagup \end{array}$	90-150
$\text{R}-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$	110-125
	110-160
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ \text{R}-\text{C}- \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$ esters or acids	160-185
$\begin{array}{c}   \\ \text{R}-\text{C}- \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$ aldehydes or ketones	190-220

**C<sup>13</sup> NMR shift**

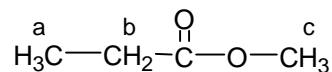
## Spin-Spin coupling in H Nmr

In high resolution H NMR each signal in the spectrum can be split into further lines due to inequivalent H's on neighbouring C atoms.

Splitting of peak = number of inequivalent H's on neighbouring C atoms + 1

signal	singlet	doublet	triplet	quartet
appearance				
Split number of peaks	1	2	3	4
number of neighbouring inequivalent H atoms	0	1	2	3
relative size		1:1	1:2:1	1:3:3:1

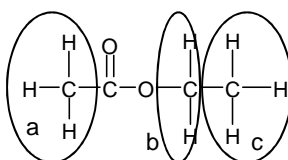
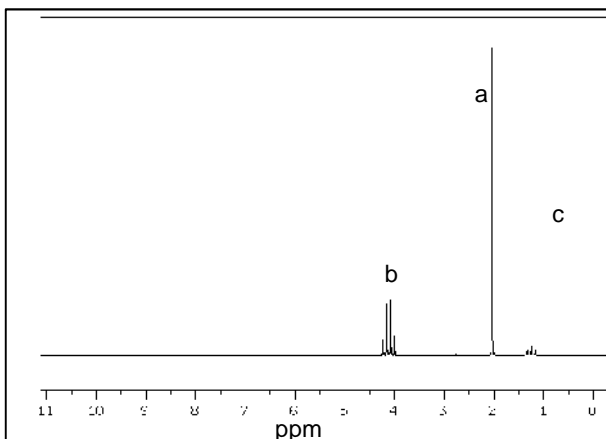
Nuclei in identical chemical environments do not show coupling amongst themselves!



The peak due to group **a** will be a **triplet** as it is next to **b** (a carbon with 2 H's)

The peak due to group **b** will be a **quartet** as it is next to **a** (a carbon with 3H's)

The peak due to group **c** will be a **singlet** as it is next to a carbon with no H's)



The peak due to group **a** will be a **singlet** as it is next to a carbon with 0 H's  
Shift 2.1-2.6  
Integration trace 3

The peak due to group **c** will be a **triplet** as it is next to a carbon with 2 H's  
Shift 0.7-1.2  
Integration trace 3

The peak due to group **b** will be a **quartet** as it is next to a carbon with 3 H's  
Shift 3.7 -4.1  
Integration trace 2

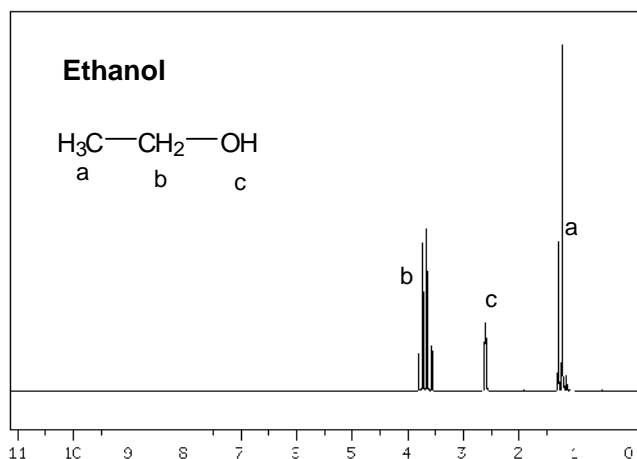
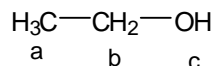
Hydrogens bonded to a Nitrogen or Oxygen usually do not couple with other protons and appear as singlets on the NMR spectra

The peak due to group **a** will be a **triplet** as it is next to a carbon with 2 H's  
Shift 0.7-1.2  
Integration trace 3

The peak due to group **b** will be a **quartet** as it is next to a carbon with 3 H's  
Shift 3.7 -4.1  
Integration trace 2

The peak due to group **c** will be a **singlet** as the Hydrogen is bonded to an oxygen and this does not split  
Shift 0.5-5.0  
Integration trace 1

### Ethanol



## Bringing it all together

### 1. Work out empirical formula

Elemental analysis C 66.63% H 11.18% O 22.19%

C	H	O
66.63/12	11.18/1	22.19/16
=5.5525	=11.18	=1.386875
=4	=8	=1

### 2. Using molecular ion peak m/z value from mass spectrum calculate Molecular formula

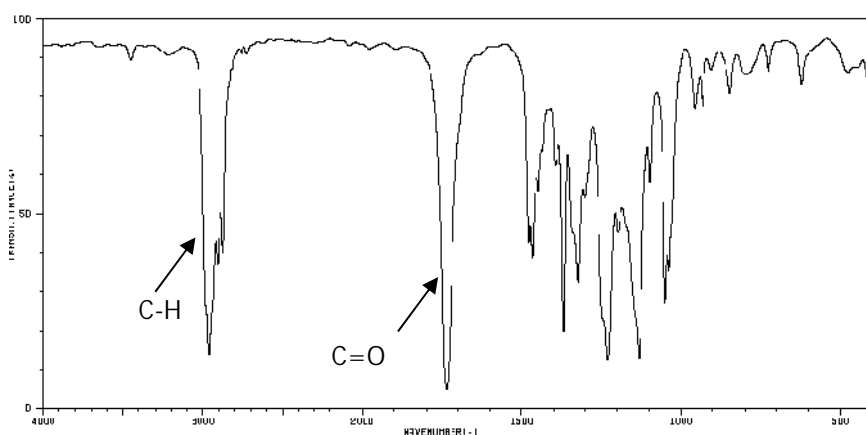
molecular ion peak m/z value= 144

Mr empirical formula  $C_4H_8O = 72$

If Mr molecular formula 144 then compound is  $C_8H_{16}O_2$

### 3. Use IR spectra to identify main bonds/functional group

$C_8H_{16}O_2$  could be an ester, carboxylic acid or combination of alcohol and carbonyl. Look for IR spectra for C=O and O-H bonds

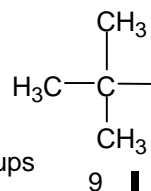


There is a C=O but no O-H absorptions, so must be an ester.

### 4. Use NMR spectra to give details of carbon chain

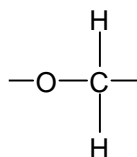
4 peaks – only 4 different environments.

singlet of area 9  
At  $\delta = 0.9$   
Means 3  $CH_3$  groups



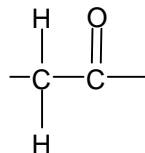
Peak at  $\delta$  4 shows H-C-O

Area 2 suggests  $CH_2$   
Quartet means next to a  $CH_3$

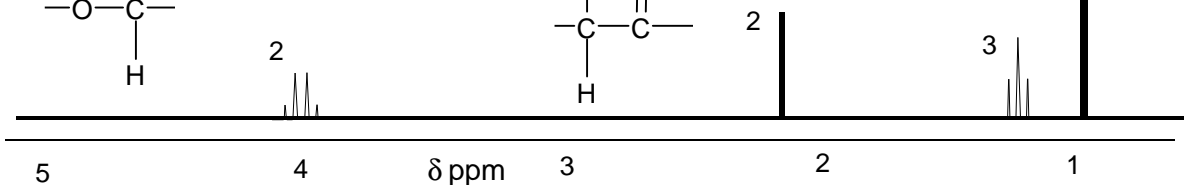


Peak at  $\delta$  2.2 shows H-C=O

Area 2 suggests  $CH_2$   
Singlet means adjacent to C with no hydrogens



Peak at  $\delta$  1.2 shows R- $CH_3$   
Area 3 means  $CH_3$   
Triplet means next to a  $CH_2$



Put all together to give final structure

