

Acquiring and processing a ¹H NMR spectrum on the Bruker ARX-300

Things in **bold** should be typed on the command line

Things underlined are buttons on the left-hand side panel of XwinNMR.

Things *italicized* are buttons on the BSMS keyboard.

- 1. Insert sample**

If the lock is turned on (LED lit or blinking) , press *Lock On/Off* to turn lock off
If the spinner is on (LED lit or blinking), press *Spin On/Off* to stop the spinner
Press *Lift On/Off* to eject the standard
Put your sample in the spinner, position it with the depth gauge, and place it in the bore
Press *Lift On/Off* to insert your sample
Press *Spin On/Off* to turn on the spinner
- 2. Set up acquisition parameters**

edc
Enter a NAME for the experiment. Don't use special characters (\\$@#'^/ etc.). Use _ or – instead of white space.
Set the EXPNO (experiment number)
Click SAVE
rpar 1h_std all reads standard 1H parameters
- 3. Lock**

If the lock display window is not open: **lockdisp**
lopoi and select your solvent from the list
Press *Lock On/Off* on BSMS
Press *Lock Gain* and set it at 120 ± 5
Press *Lock Power* and adjust value to bring the lock level to the upper third of the lock display window
- 4. Shim**

Press *Lock Phase* and adjust for maximum lock response
Press *Z* and adjust for maximum lock response
Press *Z2* and adjust for maximum lock response
Iterate between *Z* and *Z2* until the signal reaches maximum
Press *Standby*
- 5. Acquire FID**

rga automatic receiver gain adjustment
ns to change number of scans, if desired
zg zero file and go
- 6. Window function & Fourier transform**

Wait for acquisition to finish
efp apply standard window function and FT
- 7. Phase**

Click the <> button to display the whole spectrum
Click the PHASE button to the left of the spectrum window (If you don't see a PHASE button click RETURN first)
Click the *2 button until details of the baseline are clear
Click BIGGEST
Click & Hold PH0
Drag the mouse up (or down) to adjust the phase of the tallest peak
Click & Hold PH1

Drag the mouse up (or down) to adjust the phase of all other peaks
Click RETURN → Save and Return

8. Reference

Zoom in on the reference peak (Left click, middle click, middle click, left click)
Click CALIBRATE
Set the cursor on top of the reference peak
Middle click and enter the reference value

9. Peak Pick

Click UTILITIES
Click MI and click OK if you get a pop-up window
Move the mouse up or down to position the blue line. Anything below the line will not be peak picked
Click RETURN

10. Baseline correct

abs Don't use abs after integration!

11. Integrate

Click the INTEGRATE button to the left of the spectral window
Click inside the spectral display
Middle click to start an integral region
Middle click to close an integral region
Move around the spectrum using the \leq and \geq buttons
Zoom in and out using the \leq and \geq buttons
Repeat until all peaks are integrated
Click RETURN → Save and Return

12. Plot

Click UTILITIES
Click CY and set the blue line slightly above the tallest peak you want plotted.
Left click and enter 10 as the height of the peak.
Click RETURN
Click DPI
Enter values for upper and lower plot limits

plot

To print expansion plots:

Zoom in on the desired region
Adjust CY as above, if desired
Click the PLOT button

13. Eject sample

Press *Lock On/Off* to turn lock off
Press *Spin On/Off* to stop the spinner
Press *Lift On/Off* to eject your sample
Put the standard in the spinner and place it in the bore of the magnet
Press *Lift On/Off* to insert the standard