

# Absolute Frequency Calculations in VNMR

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sfrq - spectrometer frequency, accurate to all decimal places  
VNMR displays a truncated list, but all places can be observed by:

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spcfreq                                or something like  
write('line3', '%20.9f', sfrq)
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dfrq - is handled similar to sfrq

These parameters can be used in calculations (in macros) without concern; complete accuracy is carried throughout.

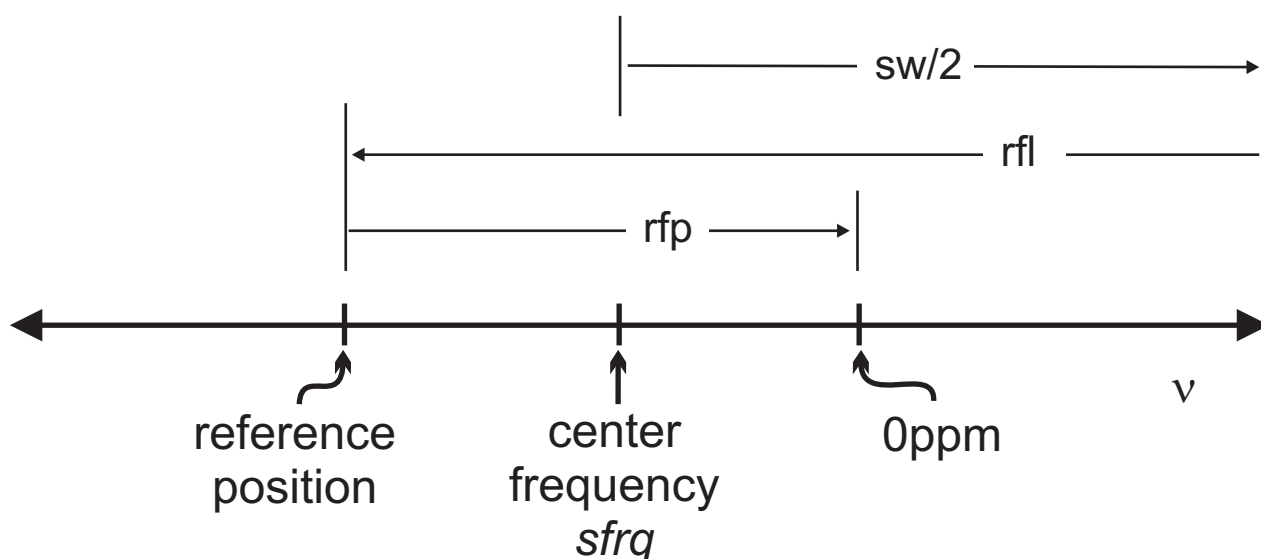
tof - a parameter that makes changing sfrq simple  
tof has no other value or property: change it by +105 Hz, and sfrq will increase by 105 Hz. tof is therefore not involved in absolute frequency calculations.

rfl - the frequency from the right edge of the spectrum to the reference line (as described by rfp)

rfp - the frequency of the reference position to 0 ppm; e.g., if use residual water as reference at 4.7ppm (not recommended)  
 $rfp = 4.7p = 2821 \text{ Hz (@}600.13\text{MHz)}$

So, absolute frequency of 0 ppm line would always be:

$$\text{absfrq} = \text{sfrq} * 1e6 - \text{sw}/2 + \text{rfl} - \text{rfp}$$



Varian introduced two new parameters in vnmr6.1c:

reffrq - most of the time,  $\text{reffrq} \equiv \text{absfrq}$  from the previous page

refpos - almost always set =0 (easiest if rfp is also =0)

The indirect dimension in a 2D spectrum follows directly from the previous discussions:

homo2d (e.g., gcosy):  $\text{reffrq1} = \text{reffrq}$ ,  $\text{rf11} = \text{rf1}$ , etc. assuming squared axes have been used.

hetero2d (e.g., hsqc):  $\text{reffrq1} = \text{dfrq} * 1\text{e6} - \text{sw1}/2 + \text{rf11} - \text{rfp1}$

I (cgf) do not recommend the use of the **setref** macro, except for initial setup purposes. The macro is very hard to read, and is obtuse in some equations used.

I (cgf) also do not recommend the use of the vnmr command **setfrq**, as it involves calculations that Varian does not document sufficiently to really understand. I have replaced incidences of its use in macros in the UW-Chem facility (e.g., in go\_HSQCAD).