

Research Center for Molecular Scale Nanoscience

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Research Center for Molecular Scale Nanoscience was established in 2002 with the mission of undertaking comprehensive studies of “Molecular Scale Nanoscience.” The Center consists of one division staffed by full-time researchers (Division of Molecular Nanoscience), two divisions staffed by adjunctive researchers (Divisions of Instrumental Nanoscience and Structural Nanoscience), one division staffed by visiting researchers (Division of Advanced Molecular Science). Their mandates are

- 1) Fabrication of new nanostructures based on molecules
- 2) Systematic studies of unique chemical reactions
- 3) Systematic studies of physical properties of these nanostructures.

The Center administers offers public usage of the advanced ultrahigh magnetic field NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, 920 MHz) spectrometer not only for solution specimens but for solid samples. Since 2004 a number of collaborating researches with the 920 MHz NMR measurements have been examined. Figure shows the apparatus, together with a typical example of the NMR spectra, where one can easily find much better resolving power than that of a standard 500 MHz NMR spectrometer. (1) dynamic structures of biological macromolecules, (2) structure of bioactive natural products, (3) characterization of metal ion complexes and so forth. We will continuously call for the collaborating research applications using the 920MHz NMR spectrometer with a view to use the NMR of a wide scientific tolerance (*e.g.* structural biology, organic chemistry, catalyst chemistry, *etc.*).

Since 2005, NanoForum has been organized, which sup-

ports small international/domestic meetings and seminars related to nanoscience. The Center also conducts the Nanotechnology Network Project of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as a core organization, and provides various kinds of nanotechnology public support programs to Japanese and foreign researchers. This project will be described in the other section in this book.



Figure 1. 920 MHz NMR spectrometer and an example measured using 920 and 500 MHz spectrometers. Much higher resolution in 920 MHz can be clearly seen.

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