

Réseau National de Formation en Biologie Structurale Intégrative

Contributions de la RMN à la biologie structurale : Approches multi-échelles spatiales et temporelles



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NMR - Spatial and Time scales are highly intermingled

\diamond "Small" proteins can give very bad spectra

o and difficult medium size proteins (conformationnal and chemical exchange) (Arf1/Arf6)

\diamond "Large" proteins can give beautiful spectra

²H, ILV ¹³CH₃ labeling ...
Evolution of spectrometers, ...
Depends on the question ... complete structural analysis? HSQC ¹⁵N, ¹³C ... 10uM
"easy" large proteins (CPR, Proteasome) – IDPs

\diamond Looking at small systems bound to very large systems

Small ligands : using the free forms to investigate the bound states (GPCR, drugs, ...)
 Disordered regions remain observable
 Specific NMR experiments to analyze interactions implying large systems (DEST/CEST)

\diamond Investigating folding/recognition processes

- Characterize intermediate folding states -> protein physico chemistry, sequence/stability/ dynamics/structure
- \circ Disorder->order transitions

Investigating excited states ... Kay, Wright, Kalodimos



Relaxation times T1 and T2



Modulation temporelle de: (1) l'interaction dipolaire ${}^{15}N-1H$ (2) l'anisotropie du déplacement chimique.

Effets d'autorelaxation R_1 relax relax

- Longitudinal relaxation time constant TI characterizes the time it takes to the spin system to return to equilibrium.
- \diamond It determines the interscan delay
- TI depends on the magnetic field strength B0, the type of spin, the state of neighboring spins, the size of the molecule, the local dynamics of the system, the temperature, etc.
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« Size » and lifetime of the signal T2



Pervushin, K. Riek, R., Wider, G. and Wütrich, K(**1997**) Attenuated T2 relaxation by mutual cancellation of dipole–dipole coupling and chemical shift anisotropy indicates an avenue to NMR structures of very large biological macromolecules in solution. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S.A. 94, 12366–12371

« Size » and lifetime of the signal T2



• MW < 5 kDa Homonuclear assignment (TOCSY,NOESY)

• 5 kDa < MW < 10 kDa Heteronuclear assignment: ¹⁵N

10 kDa < MW < 20 kDa
 Heteronuclear triple resonance assignment : ¹⁵N, ¹³C

• 20 kDa < MW

Heteronuclear triple resonance assignment : ¹⁵N, ¹³C, ²H (*E.coli* BL21+++)



The signal loss is exponential while the size of the molecule increases

 $\gamma_H / \gamma_D = 6.5...$ Relaxation gain !!!!



RDCs by NMR

Orientational information in an anisotropic medium

Liquid crystal Media



Steric Interactions:

Alcohol mixture, gels, cellulose crystallites

Electrostatic Interactions:

Phage (Pf1), purple membranes, bicelles

♦ Isotropic medium :

scalar coupling = J

 \diamond Anisotropic medium :

apparent splitting of the doublet $= J + D_{IS}$

=> Dipolar Interactions non averaged to zero

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Geometrical dependency of RDCs :
D_{IS} = -S \frac{\mu_0 \hbar}{8\pi^2} \frac{\gamma_I \gamma_S}{\langle r_{IS}^3 \rangle} \left\{ A_a \left( 3\cos^2 \theta - 1 \right) + \frac{3}{2} A_r \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right\}
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Alignment tensor

Restricted reorientation



Alignment Media





In addition alignment can also be achieved without medium by intrinsic or artificially coupled **paramagnetic groups**

Electrostatic Interactions:

- Filamentous phage PfI or other rodlike viruses (fd,TMV)
- ♦ DNA nanotubes, crystalline phase G-tetrad DNA
- Bicelles consisting of various charged lipids (addition of CHAPSO, CTAB)

Steric Interactions :

Bicelles with uncharged lipids (DMPC/DHPC)
 Compressed or stretched polyacrylamid Gels
 Lamellar phases consisting of ether/alcohol mixtures ("Otting media")





Alignment Degree



Quadrupolar splitting (ΔD) of the 5% of D₂O used to lock the spectrometer

 ΔD is proportional to the concentration of the alignment medium and the degree of alignment of the molecule (around 10⁻³-10⁻⁴)

Backbone couplings

HNCO-type experiments ¹D_{NH}, ²D_{COH}, ¹D_{COCA}, ¹D_{CACB}, ¹D_{CON} et ²D_{CAHN}



Motif chiral

A2yy

1 vecteur

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| RDC mesuré | Distance internucléaire effective (Å) | Facteur de normalisation par rapport à NH |
|--|--|--|
| ¹ D _{NH} | 1.04 | 1 |
| ² D _{COHN} | 2.05 | 0.300 |
| ¹ D _{CaCO} et ¹ D _{CaC5} | 1.53 | 0.198 |
| ¹ D _{CON} | 1.33 | 0.120 |
| ¹ D _{CaHa} | 1.12 | 2.08 |
| ¹ D _{CH3} ¹ | 1.11 | 0.628 |

RDCs Measurement





Spectroscopie Accordéon

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Séparation des deux pics du doublets dans deux spectres en utilisant un filtre DIPSA P Brutscher (2001) JMR, 151, 332.

RDC = (J+D)_{anisotrope} - **J**_{isotrope}



Applications RDCs on Folded Biomolecules

Theophylline-Binding RNA ¹³C-¹H RDCs



N. Sibille et al. J Am Chem Soc 123: 12135-46, 2001



Sulfite Reductase FMN domain

N. Sibille *et al.* Biochemistry, 2002 N. Sibille *et al.* Biochemistry 44:9086-95, 2005

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« Size » and lifetime of the signal T l





Playing with TI : BEST experiments (Lescop et al, J. Magn. Reson. (2007) 187, 163) BEST-type experiments Band-SelectiveExcitationShort-Transient Experiments





- + Local Rotational fluctuation timescale + density of relaxation sources
 - + conformational/chemical exchange

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« Size » and exchange

- \diamond Processes that are on the spectral timescale (μ s-ms range) affect the appearance of the spectra
- \diamond These processes generally correspond to conformational /chemical exchange
- \diamond The effects on spectra depend on the relative values of k_{ex}= $\Delta \omega/2$ (τ_{ex} = 2/ $\Delta \omega$)
- \diamond One talk of slow or fast exchange at the chemical shift timescale







 $egin{array}{ccc} k_1 \ A &\rightleftharpoons \ \omega_A & k_{-1} \end{array}$ Exchange ⇒ Broadening DA=D8 R24=R28=55-1 $K_d = k_1/k_{-1} = p_B/p_A$ $= 1/\tau_{ex} = k_1 + k_{-1} = k_1/p_B = k_{-1}/p_A$ Δv=200Hz Exchange regime: $k_{ex}/\Delta v$ \diamond "Fast" exchange : $\Delta \omega \ll k_{ex}$ \Rightarrow One peak at $\omega = p_A \cdot \omega_A + p_B \cdot \omega_B$ 500 $\Rightarrow R_{ex} \propto B_0^2$ 50 \diamond "Intermediate" exchange : $\Delta \omega \simeq k_{ex}$ 5.0 One or several broadened peaks 1.5 $\Rightarrow R_{ex} \propto B_0$ 0.5 \diamond "Slow" exchange : $\Delta \omega \gg k_{ex}$ 0.05 Several peaks \Rightarrow R_{ex} independent of B₀ $\Rightarrow R_{ex}(B) \rightarrow k_{BA} = p_A.kex;$ $\Rightarrow R_{ex}(A) \rightarrow k_{AB} = p_B k_{ex}$ 0 -150 -100 -50 100 B 50 150 0



« Size » and exchange



 $p_A \gg p_B \Rightarrow R_e x(B) \gg R_{ex}(A)$ The minor peak can be undetectable even in a slow exchange regime.

Experiments to characterize thermodynamics, kinetics and structural parameters of the exchange when only one peaks is observed ?



« Size » and exchange

- transiently formed and marginally populated (less than a few per cent of the total number of molecules) cannot be individually characterized by most biophysical tools.
- Present the atomic-level model of the 'invisible', excited state obtained using a combined strategy of relaxation-dispersion NMR and CS- Rosetta model building
- rationalizes the observation that T4 lysozyme mutant binding to its hydrophobis ligand occurs only via the ground state



Guillaume Bouvignies, Pramodh Vallurupalli, D. Flemming Hansen, Bruno E. Correia, Oliver Lange, Alaji Bah, Robert M. Vernon, Frederick W. Dahlquist, David Baker & Lewis E. Kay (2011) NATURE 447, 111







What is an IDP ?

- \diamond IDPs lack stable tertiary and/or secondary structure
- Very specific amino-acid sequences... Rich in non-structuring residues and depleted in hydrophobic residues
- \diamond IDPs are more common in eukaryotes than in bacteria and archaea: Probably linked with their major biological complexity.
- Up to ~30-50% of genome in eukaryotic cells is predicted to code for natively disordered fragments (more that 30 residue fragments)
- \diamond Ordered and disordered proteins are associated to distinct biological functions
- \diamond Possibility to interact with several partners. Hubs in the interactome
- \diamond Involved in cancer, cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases

| | Amino Acid composition | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----|------|--|
| Tau Size · 441 amino acids | | # | % | |
| | Gly | 49 | 11.4 | |
| | Ser | 45 | 10.2 | |
| 5 aa = 50% !!! | Lys | 44 | 10.0 | |
| Reputation : unstructured | Pro | 43 | 9.8 | |
| | Ala | 34 | 7.7 | |

Disorder and Biological Activity

Processes linked with ORDER

keywords

GMP biosynthesis Amino-acid biosynthesis Transport Electron transport Lipid A biosynthesis Aromatic hydrocarbons catabolism Glycolysis Purine biosynthesis Pyrimidine biosynthesis Carbohydrate metabolism Branched-chain amino acid biosynthesis Lipopolysaccharide biosynthesis Sugar transport Antibiotic resistance Lipid synthesis Tricarboxylic acid cycle Arginine biosynthesis Ion transport Rhamnose metabolism Peptidoglycan synthesis

Both Ordered and Disordered regions are associated with distinct functions

Disordered Proteins complement the functions of ordered protein regions

Processes linked with DISORDER

keywords

Differentiation Transcription Transcription regulation Spermatogenesis DNA condensation Cell cycle mRNA processing mRNA splicing Mitosis Apoptosis Protein transport Meiosis Cell division Ubl conjugation pathway What signaling pathway Neurogenesis Chromosome partition Ribosome biogenesis Chondrogenesis Growth regulation

- ♦ Up to 80% of proteins involved in cancer are (partly) Unstructured: p53, BRCAL...
- \diamond Unfolded regions are targets for chemical modifications, PPI, and alternative splicing
- \diamond Misfolding, fibrillation... are often linked to disorder: Prions, Aβ, Tau, α-synuclein (?)

Xie et al. J Prot Res 2007, 6, 1882.



Historical Background

The « Golden rule » of proteins...

SEQUENCE => 3D STRUCTURE => FUNCTION

• plasticity of proteins around a defined 3D structure

The « lock and key » concept

• SEQUENCE => ONE 3D STRUCTURE => FUNCTION

• Fisher (1884) : enzyme and glucoside have to fit to each other to exert a chemical effect

• Mirsky and Pauling (1936) : specific properties of native proteins, uniquely defined conf

• Structures of proteins by X-Ray Cristallography (1960 ->) :

The « induced fit » concept

SEQUENCE => ONE MEAN 3D STRUCTURE => localized motions => Selection of

"the" productive conformation for FUNCTION. Adaptation to a partner

- Karush (1950) : "configurational adaptibitily"
- Koshland (1958) : "induced fit"
- Plasticity of proteins around a well defined 3D-structure
- Switch between several well defined structures (multi-domain proteins, allosteric motions)

Functional disorder in proteins

• SEQUENCE => DISORDERED STATE => Folding upon interaction to a target

- Missing electron density in X Ray structures (1978)
- Flexibility shown by NMR. Relation between motions and NMR spin relaxation (1960)
- Fully unfolded functional proteins revealed by NMR (Kriwacki et al 1996 PNAS)

The Importance of Being Unfolded

- \diamond Increased interaction surface area
- ♦ Accessible to post-translational modifications
- \diamond Structural adaptability to interact with several targets



 Fine tuning of the thermodynamic properties of the complex



ID Regions restrict the space sampled by folded domains in multidomain proteins



Structural Characterization of IDPs

- Is our protein an IDP ?
- Conformational Nature of the Unfolded state
- Is there some degree of structuration. Where and which kind?
 Linked to recognition events
- Are there long-range contacts in the protein ?
 Size properties of the ensemble. Highly relevant in Multidomain Proteins
- Are there structural changes upon environmental or chemical modifications?
 Effect of Post-translational Modifications
- ♦ Time-scale of protein motions
- How the recognition process of the natural partners takes place?

Flexible Proteins, a Challenge for Structural Biology



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AVERAGED

CS, RDCs, J-couplings, NOEs, PREs SAXS, Hydrodynamic data, EPR



♦ The ensemble is underdetermined

Cross-validation or simplification of the structural model are required

Structural content of the ensemble depends on the information (experimental data) introduced...

Residue-specific data

local conformation

Overall data ► size and shape

Is our protein an IDP

- Bioinformatics
 Identification of disordered/ordered regions
- Biophysical characterization: CD, FTIR, FRET, hydrodynamics
 Partial Information
- Small-Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS)/Small-Angle neutron Scattering (SANS)
 Averaged Intensity profiles...
 Qualitative Interpretation of averaged R_g and Kratky Plots
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)
 Ensemble averaged observables: CS, J-Couplings and RDCs
 Dynamic dependent Parameters: Relaxation Rates and PREs
- X-ray Crystallography
 Structure determination in the bound form

Is there some degree of structuration?

Where and which kind ?

Linked to functional events



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Microscopie Electronique

Neuronal protein involved in tubulin polymerization into microtubules

Tau aggregation \rightarrow Alzheimer disease

UGSF – Lille – Equipe Lippens
BioInformatics



seven predictors: PrDOS (Ishida and Kinoshita, 2007), DISOPRED2 (Ward *et al.*, 2004), DisEMBL (Linding *et al.*, 2003), DISPROT (VSL2P) (Peng *et al.*, 2006), DISpro (Cheng *et al.*, 2005), IUpred (Dosztanyi *et al.*, 2005b) and POODLE-S (Shimizu *et al.*, 2007)

"DisProt: the Database of Disordered Proteins" Nucleic Acids Res. 2007 Jan;35 (Database issue):D786-93. Epub 2006 Dec 1.

Circular Dichroism





- random coil polymer : broad minimum at 195-200 nm
- less pronounced minimum at 200 nm suggesting a reduced random coil contribution
 - Low level of secondary structure $\theta_{220}/\theta_{200}$

- \Rightarrow positive (p -> p*) at 192 nm
- \diamond negative (p -> p*) at 209 nm
- \diamond negative (n -> p*) at 222 nm
- negative at 218 nm (p -> p*)
- \diamond positive at 196 nm (n -> p*)

♦ positive at 212 nm (p -> p*)
♦ negative at 195 nm (n -> p*)

SAXS/SANS

Qualitative interpretation of averaged Intensity Profiles

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R_g, Molecular Weight



Mass Density

ID-Structure Maximum Distance

- folded
- unfolded
- folded and unfolded

NMR





Peptide mapping

Tau protein peptide mapping

T231 peptide : KKVAVVR TPPKSPSSAK

Non labeled, 5mM in 300ml Regular TXI probe : 1.5 days Cryoprobe : 4 hours

Assign peptide with TOCSY/NOESY

Random coil = samples identical phase space as the aa in small peptide



Specific labeling

Tau protein pairwise assignment ¹⁵N Lys



N. Sibille et al. Biochemistry 45(41):12560-72, 2006

¹H-¹⁵N-HSQC of the specifically [U-¹³C, Lys-¹⁵N] labeled Tau sample

Are there Structural changes upon chemical modifications ?

Effect of Post-translational Modifications

Even with recombinant kinases, mass spectrometry and immunodetection are not evident for determining the full phosphorylation pattern in a qualitative and quantitative manner.

- \diamond MS: highly charged phospho-peptide
- Immunodetection by antibodies is equally limited by the requirement of a comprehensive antibody library against all possible epitopes and by the absence of a fully phosphorylated standard for every combination of sites in order to quantify the level of phosphorylation



NMR is Qualitative and Quantitative

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What sites? and to what extent?

→ In vitro phosphorylation by recombinant kinases: Identification and quantification



Kinetic of Phosphorylation

cAMP protein dependant kinase PKA

PKA from Prof. Langer/Schwalbe, Frankfurt, Germany

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Landrieu I, Lacosse L, Leroy A, Wieruszeski JM, Trivelli X, Sillen A, N. Sibille, Schwalbe H, Saxena K, Langer T, Lippens G. NMR analysis of a Tau phosphorylation pattern. J Am Chem Soc 128:3575-83, 2006



Phosphorylation and physiological function

PKA phosphorylation (pSer214): modulation of tau binding to MTs and dynamic of tubulin polymerization



PKA enzymatic reaction of 15 min

> G. Lippens, A. Sillen, I. Landrieu, L. Amniai, N. Sibille, P. Barbier, A. Leroy, X. Hanoulle, J.-M. Wieruszeski. Tau Aggregation in Alzheimer's Disease. What Role for Phosphorylation? Prion 1:1, 21-25, 2007

RDC in Disordered States



- protéines destructurées \Rightarrow couplages négatifs le long de la chaîne primaire.
- RDC de plus grande amplitude ⇒ structure plus étendue que le reste de la protéine destructurée
- RDC négatifs \Rightarrow vecteurs NH \perp à l'axe z du tenseur d'alignement (B₀), soit une structure en feuillet b
- changement de signe soudain des RDC \Rightarrow boucle ou β -turn ou des hélices α (Louhivouri et al, 2004)

RDC in Disordered States

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Landrieu I, Leroy A, Smet-Nocca C, Huvent I, Amniai L, Hamdane M, Sibille N, Buée L, Wieruszeski JM, Lippens G. (2010) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy of the neuronal Tau protein: normal func-tion and implication in Alzheimer's disease. Mini-review Biochem Soc Trans. 38(4):1006-11.

Phosphorylation and pathological role

Phospho-epitope AT180 (pT231, pSer235): ability of Tau to bind MTs and its inability to polymerize tubuline



FRET of acrylodan-labeled Tau

(Ex. 420 nm, Em. 480 nm microtubules, I μM) (Preuss et al. 1997 ; Goode et al. 1997)

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Light Scat. Ex. 350 nm, Em. 363 nm Turbidité de 5.1 µM de tubuline/1.7 µM de Tau ou pTau à 37 °C Glycérol 3.4 M, NaPi 20 mM, MgCl2 10 mM, EGTA 1 mM, pH 6.48, 0.01 mM GTP

Are there Structural changes upon chemical modifications ?

> NMR characterization



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R3

306 PHF6 324





Dynamic dependant parameters

• Paramagnetic Relaxation Enhancement (PRE)

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• Cysteines Proxylation

• **PROXYL** : (1-oxy-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-Dpyrroline-3-methyl)-iodoacetamine)





Reagent I

NO* (paramagnetic)
+VitC = NO (diamagnetic)



• Use of a unique sample

Effective radius ~20 Å



Is there some transient long range structuration?

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Marco D. Mukrasch, Stefan Bibow, Jegannath Korukottu, Sadasivam Jeganathan, Jacek Biernat, Christian Griesinger, Eckhard Mandelkow, Markus Zweckstetter* (2009) Structural Polymorphism of 441-Residue Tau at Single Residue Resolution PLoS Biology, 7(2), 399



Phosphorylation and internal dynamic



Philippe Barthe, Christian Roumestand, Marc J. Canova, Laurnt Kremer, Corinne Hurand, Virginie Molle and Martin Cohen-Gonsaud, "Dynamic and Structural Characterization of a Bacterial FHA Protein Reveals a New Autoinhibition Mechanism". Structure 17, 568-578 (2009).

To X-Ray Crystallography

Structure determination of the bound form



Delimitate the bound region to the partner







Rapport des intensités des spectres HSQC de Tau libre en solution et de Tau intégré dans les fibres PHF

Sillen et al., Chembiochem 2005



Aggregation and drug design





NMR experiments adapted for
 physiological condition of Tau aggregation
 *in vitro a*ggregation kinetic with anti
 aggregative drugs

HA-N experiments for the backbone assignment of intrinsically disordered neuronal Tau proteins at physiological temperature

p15^{PAF} a PCNA-Binding Protein

- ✓ a 12 kDa nuclear protein that acts as a regulator of DNA repair
- It binds PCNA (DNA clamp) through its conserved PIP-BOX
- is over-expressed in several types of human cancer
- Targeted for degradation by the ubiquitin ligase APC through its conserved KEN-BOX.



Col. Francisco Blanco (CIC-BioGune-Bilbao)



p15^{PAF} is an IDP ... but not everywhere



- ✓ Disorder prediction is consistent with p15 being largely unstructured, with the exception of residues of the highly conserved PIP-box motif.
- ✓ p15 shows several relatively short T₂ values, that correspond to sequences with reduced predicted disorder.



Bernado & Blackledge Nature 2010 Bernado et al. PNAS 2005

Disordered but, according to the RDCs, it presents several sites with partial structuration

FM Random Coil model helps in identifying the nature of the structural elements observed





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Residue number



pI5^{PAF} is an IDP with partial Structuration at Interaction Sites



De Biasio A, Ibáñez de Opakua A, Cordeiro TN, Villate M, Merino N, Sibille N, Lelli M, Diercks T, Bernadó P, Blanco FJ. <u>p1 5PAF is an intrinsically disordered protein with nonrandom structural preferences at sites of interaction with</u> <u>other proteins.</u> Biophys J. 2014 Feb 18;106(4):865-74

Interaction of p15^{PAF} with PCNA



✓ Mapping of p15 binding on PCNA by NMR

PCNA front-side



PCNA back-side



De Biasio et al. Nature Comm. 2015

Crystallographic Structure of p15^{PAF} with PCNA



PDB:4D2G





How motions are « visible » in NMR ?






Highly Flexible Proteins Team



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NMR steps of a Structural Biology Study

