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- Aujourd'hui à l'IGBMC de Strasbourg (9 ans)
 - après Gif-sur-Yvette (10 ans) et Montpellier (15 ans)
 - chimie-orga peptides protéines IDP
- Intérets:
 - IDP PolyProlines Récepteur Androgène
- Méthodes
 - RMN méthodologie - processing
 - FT-MS *depuis peu* 2D FT-ICR - processing - top-down
 - processing / analyse depuis toujours
 Analyse de Fourier
 Compressed Sensing
 Analyse statistique





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NMR Principles from observation to structural information

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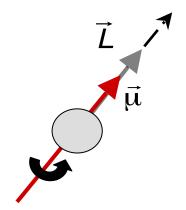








 Spectroscopy of the magnetic properties of the nuclei of atoms



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spin $\frac{1}{2}$

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- Spectroscopy of the magnetic properties of the nuclei of atoms
 - Some atom nucleus have a spin≠0
 - spin $\frac{1}{2}$ = the proton ▶ 1H
 - spin 1 low abund. ▶ 2H
 - \blacktriangleright ¹³C spin $\frac{1}{2}$ low abund.
 - \blacktriangleright ¹⁵N spin $\frac{1}{2}$ low abund.
- What is the spin ???
 - appears as the solution of the Dirac equation
 - Schrödinger + Relativity
 - an intrinsic property of particules (and black holes)
 - as the mass or the charge
 - carries a momentum

μ

magnetic momentum - angular momentum

$$\left(\beta mc^2 + \sum_{k=1}^3 \alpha_k p_k c\right) \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t}$$

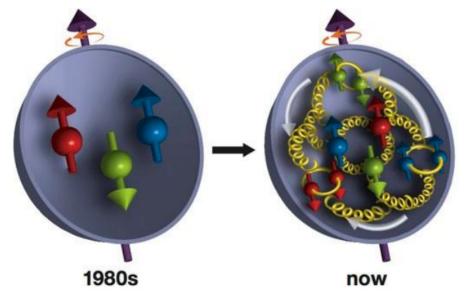
the most interesting

to the biologist

• Spectroscopy of the magnetic properties of the nuclei of atoms

How Did The Proton Get Its Spin?

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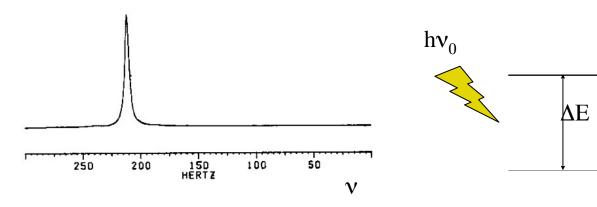
In the 1980s, scientists discovered that a proton's three valance quarks (red, green, blue) account for only a fraction of the proton's overall spin. More recent measurements have revealed that gluons (yellow corkscrews) contribute as much as or possibly more than the quarks. Photo courtesy of Brookhaven National Laboratory

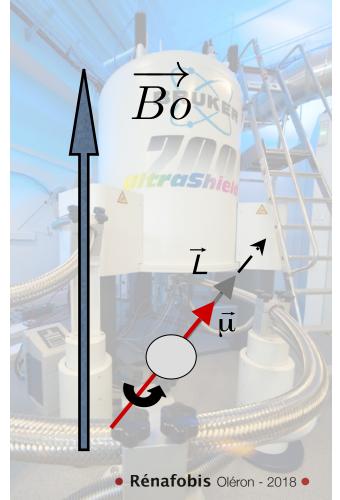
https://www.rdmag.com/news/2017/04/how-did-proton-get-its-spin

- Spectroscopy of the magnetic properties of the nuclei of atoms
 - In presence of a strong magnetic field Bo, a spin n presents 2n+1 different energy states, so a spin $\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2$ states

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- Energy difference ΔE
 - determines the transition frequency
 - is proportional to Bo





• Spectroscopy of the magnetic properties of the nuclei of atoms

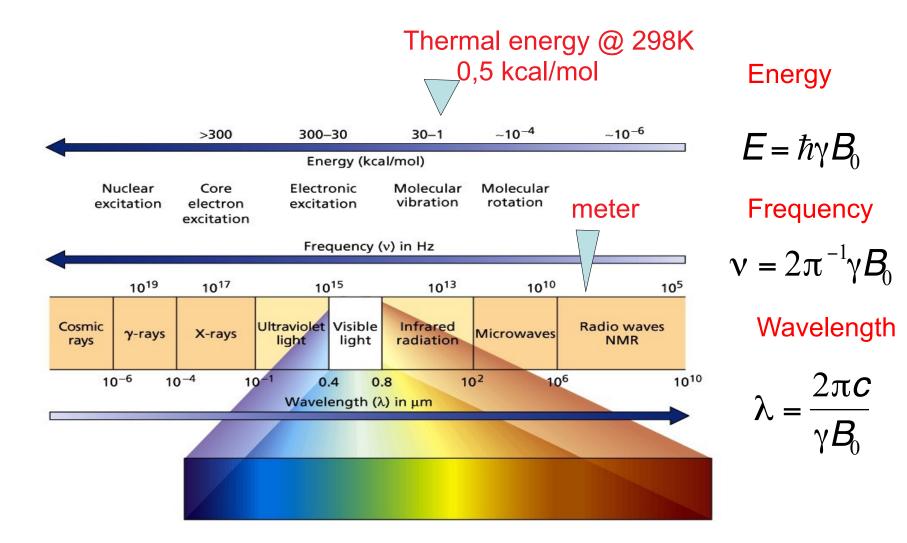
$$E = \hbar \nu \qquad \nu = \gamma |Bo|$$

- with γ depending on nucleus type
 - ¹H spin ¹/₂
 ²H spin 1 low abund.
 ¹³C spin ¹/₂ low abund.
 ¹⁵N spin ¹/₂ low abund.
 80 MHz

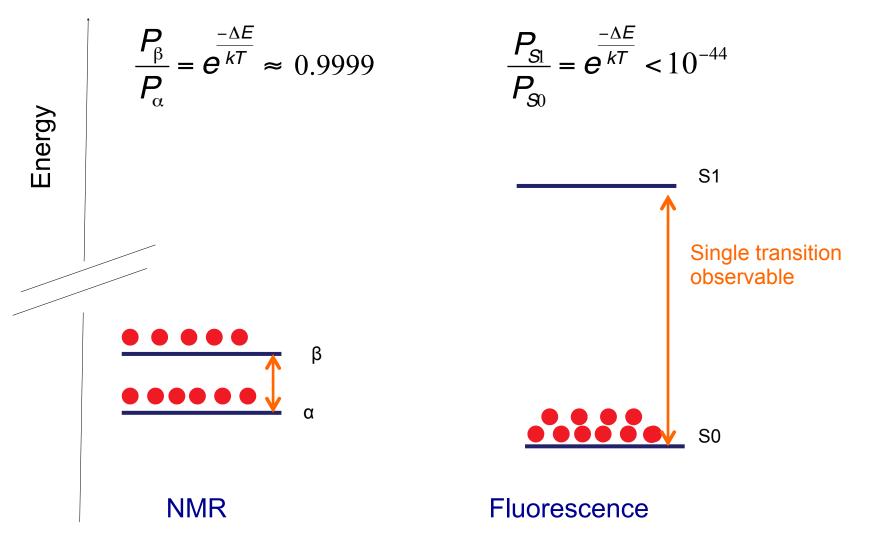
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NMR is a very low energy spectroscopy

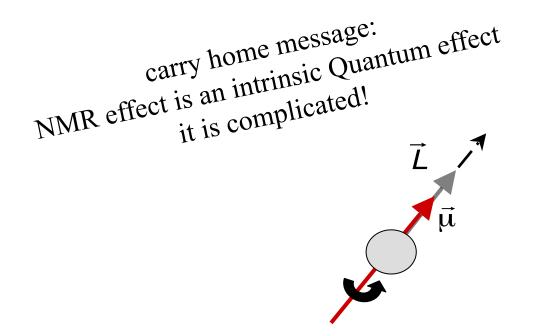


<u>Low-energy = low sensitivity</u>

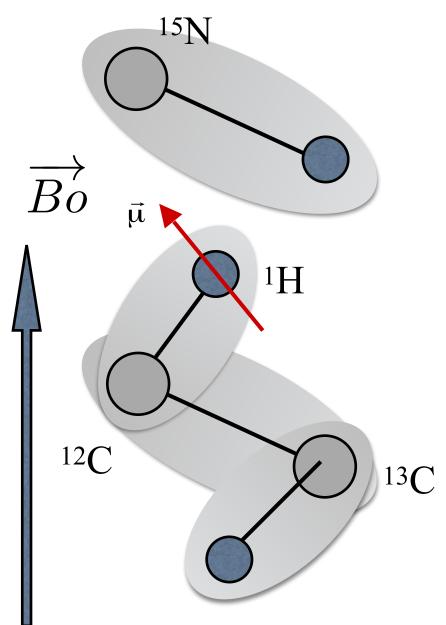


From B Kieffer

- Spectroscopy of the magnetic properties of the nuclei of atoms
- The Quantum Resonance
 - phase coherence of the wave functions of the different particules
- observed / used in
 - LASERS
 - Quantum Computers
 - NMR
- characterized by
 - strange quantum effects
 - coherence transfers
 - decoherence limits life time
 - enhanced sensitivity



Spins in the Field...



- nuclear spins interact with
 - other nuclear spins
 - molecular orbitals
 - Iocal
 - nearby
 - electronic spins
 - ...
- act as perfect spies
 - no impact on molecular phenomenon
- and perfect reporters
 - will react to anything

Spins in the Field...

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- In NMR EVERYTHING is rotating
 - in physical space
 - in quantum space
 - rotating in a rotating frame
 ⇒ Precession
- + ALL interactions are depending strongly on orientation
 - molecular axis vs Bo
 - spin-spin axis vs Bo
 ⇒ Tensor algebra

Phenomenon

- Chemical-Shift
 - resonance frequency
- Spin-Spin interaction
 - many effects J, D, RDC, NOE...
- Relaxation
 - *decoherence* of the quantum states
 - TWO main effects decoherence of resonance: loss of signal: T₂ return to initial steady state: recovery: T₁

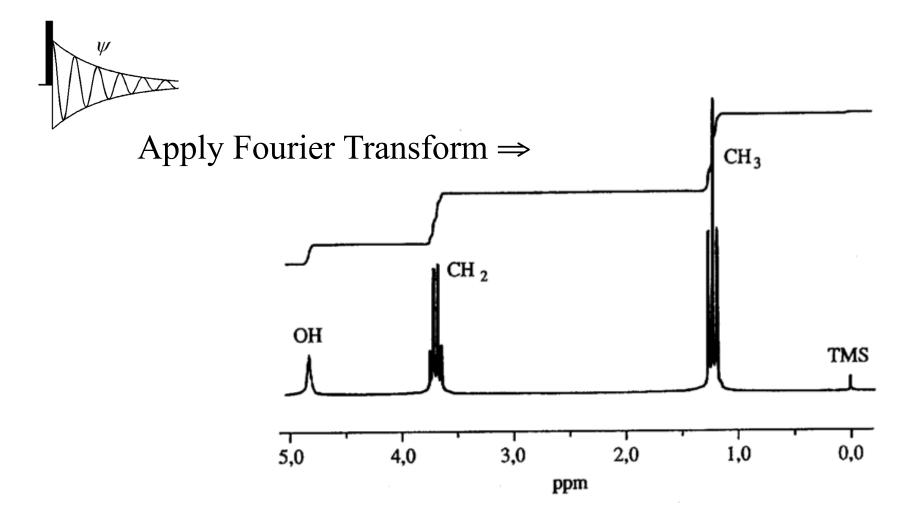
Measure by impulse response

The NMR observables...on a simple molecule

• Ethanol ¹H spectrum

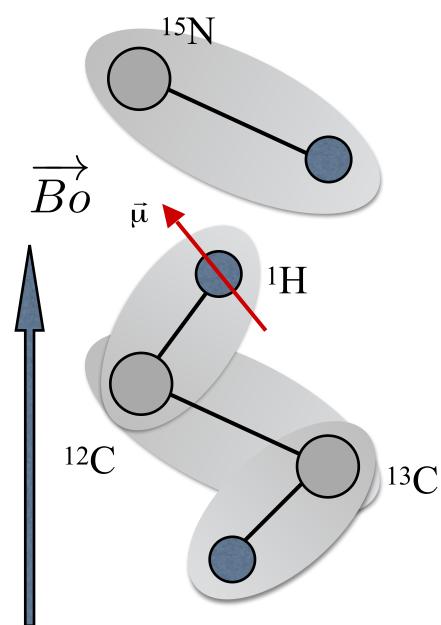
HO-CH₂-CH₃

Record spin impulse response aka resonance



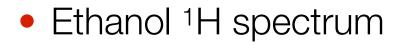
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Chemical Shift

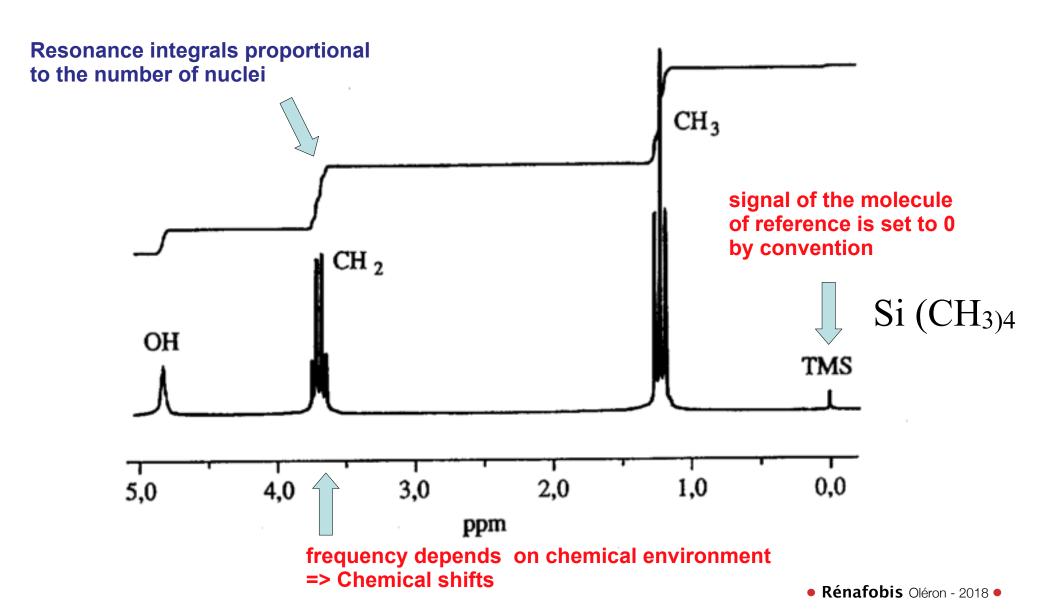


- CS depends strongly on molecular orientation vs Bo
- in liquids all values are averaged
 - only mean value is observed
 - in solids \Rightarrow wide lines
- isotropic CS is affected by shielding of the orbitals
 ⇒ chemical shift
- effect proportional to Bo
 ⇒ ratio (ppm) indep. of Bo

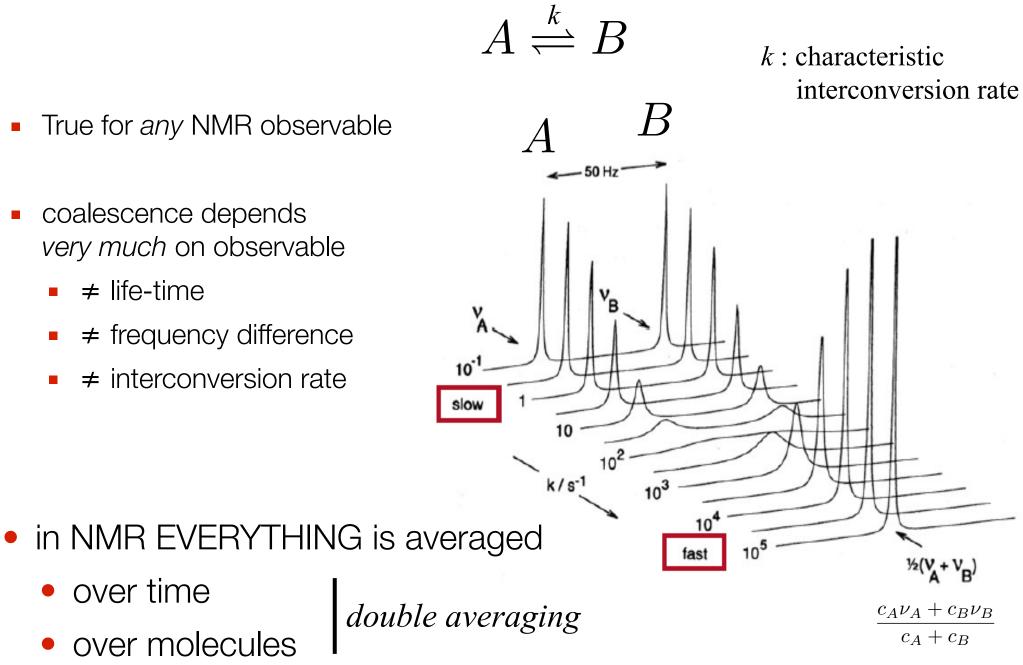
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HO-CH₂-CH₃



Averaging properties of NMR



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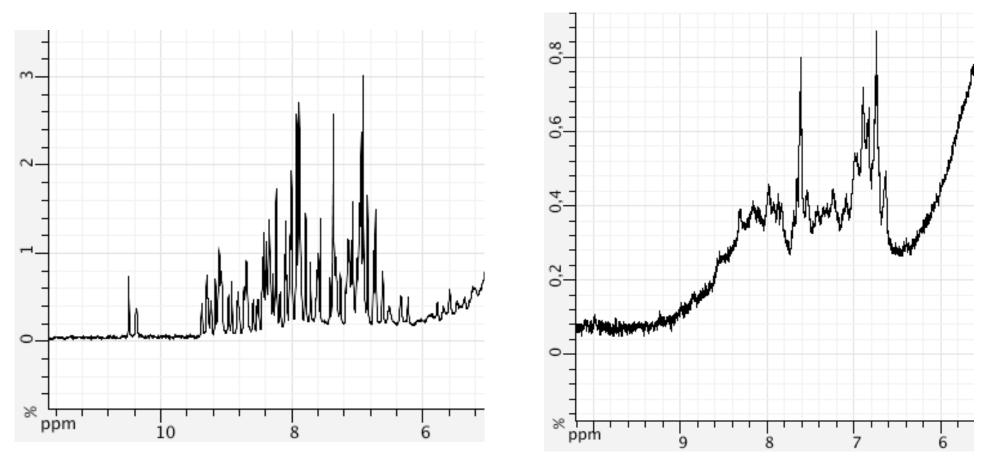
Chemical Shift

1/2 (V + V)

 \overrightarrow{Bo}

- In liquids during the measure, the molecules *tumble* and take successively the CS value of each orientation
- if *tumbling* is fast (small molecules) a sharp line is observed at mean CS value
- if *tumbling* is not so fast, the lines widen
- if in **solid** all CS appear \Rightarrow wide lines

effect of molecular size

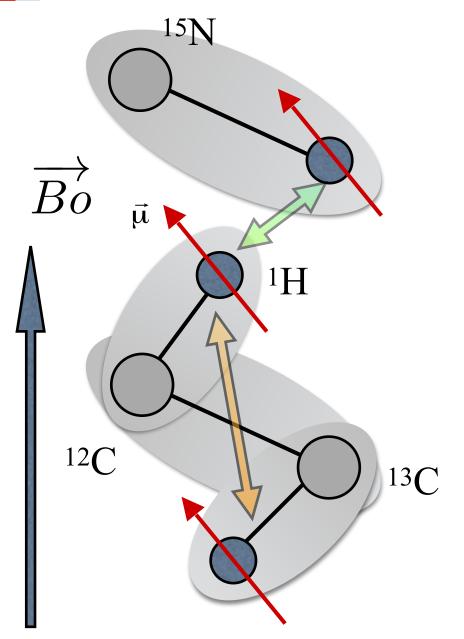


GB1 (~6 kDa)

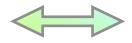
LBD RXR Dimer (~50 kDa)

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Spin-Spin interactions



Dipolar coupling D

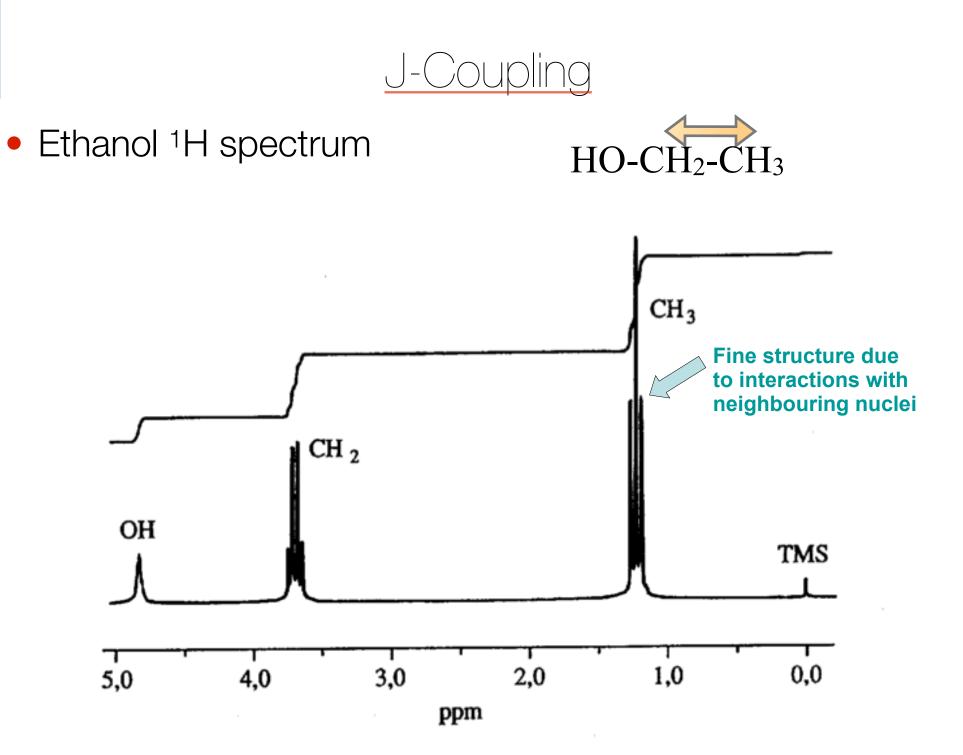


- Through space
- depends on distance
 - and of course on orientation
- averaged to zero in isotropic liquids
- relaxation effect

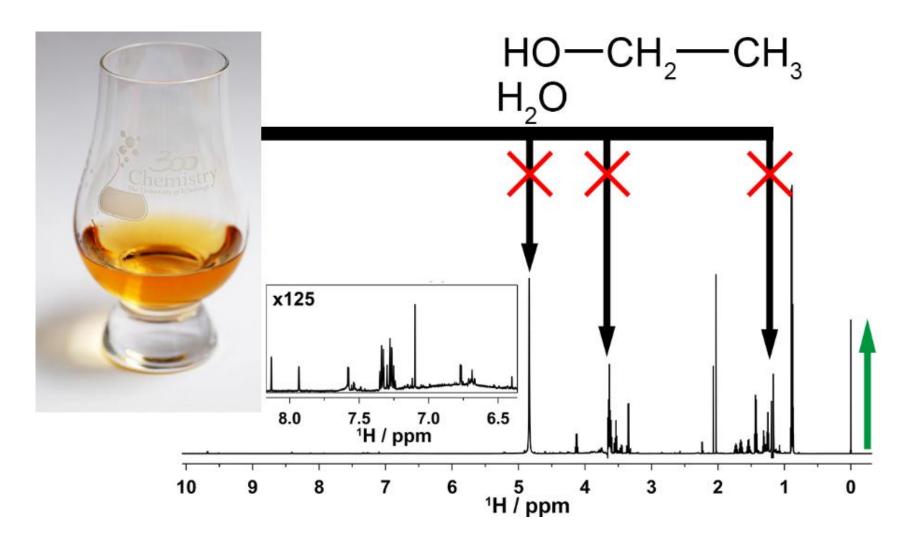
Scalar coupling J



- isotropic part of D
- mediated by molecular orbitals
- depends on molecular topology
 - and also on diedral angles

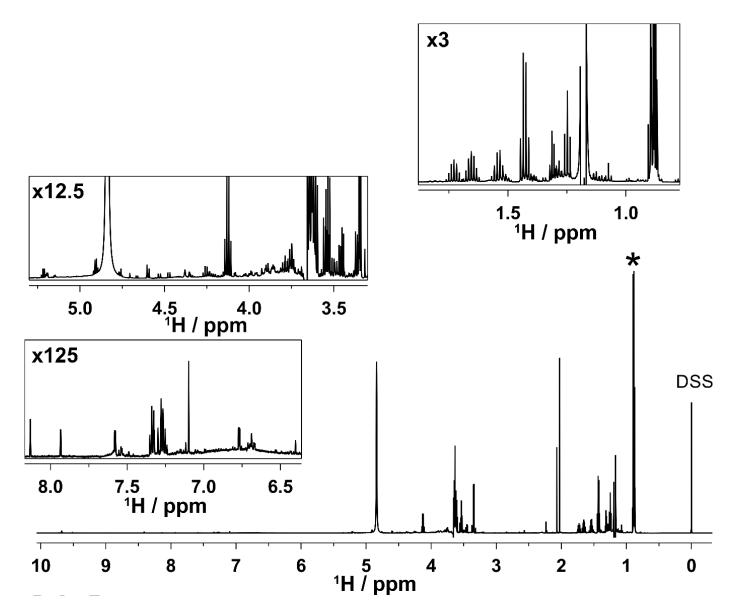


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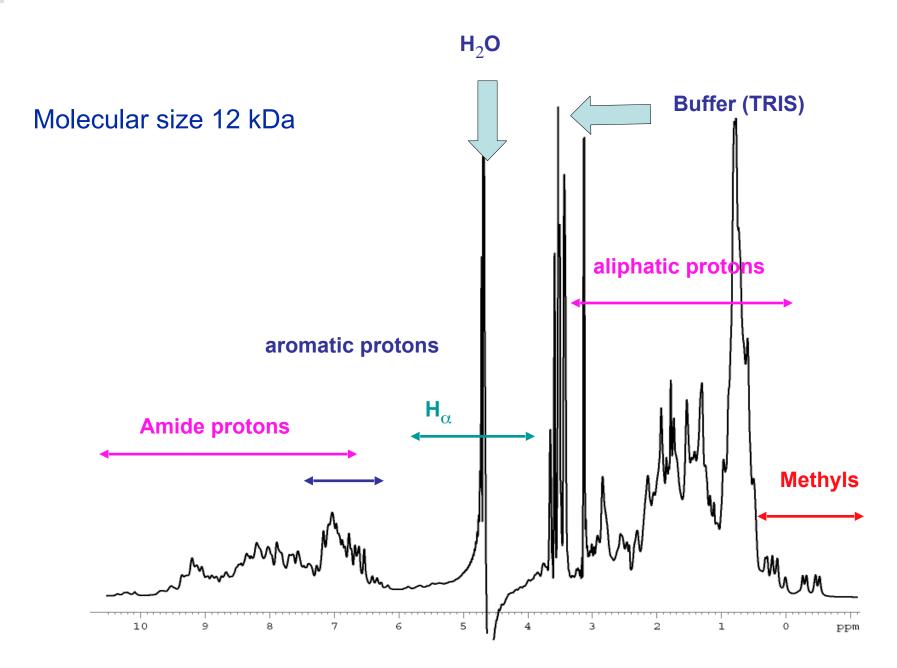
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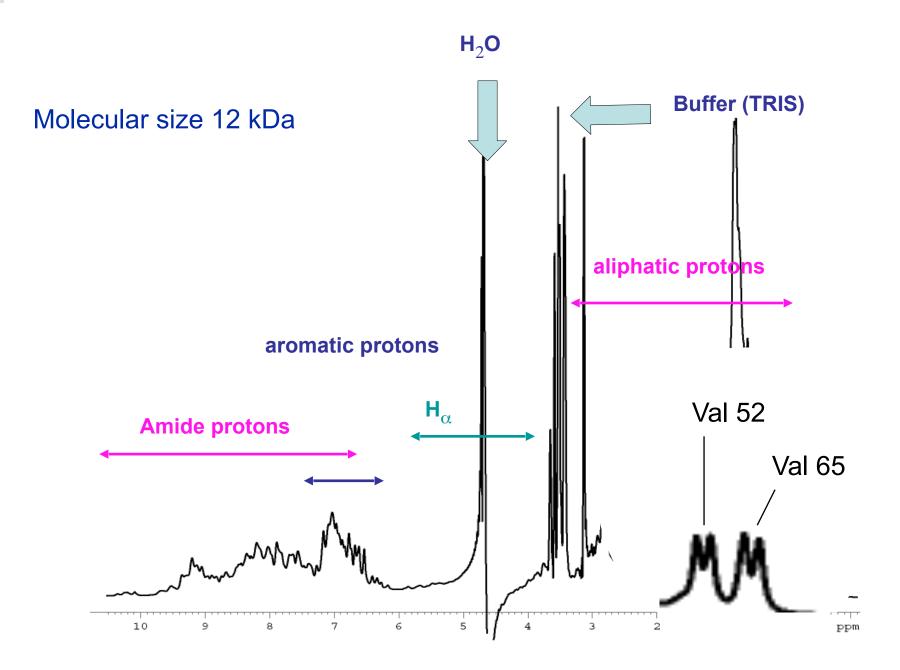


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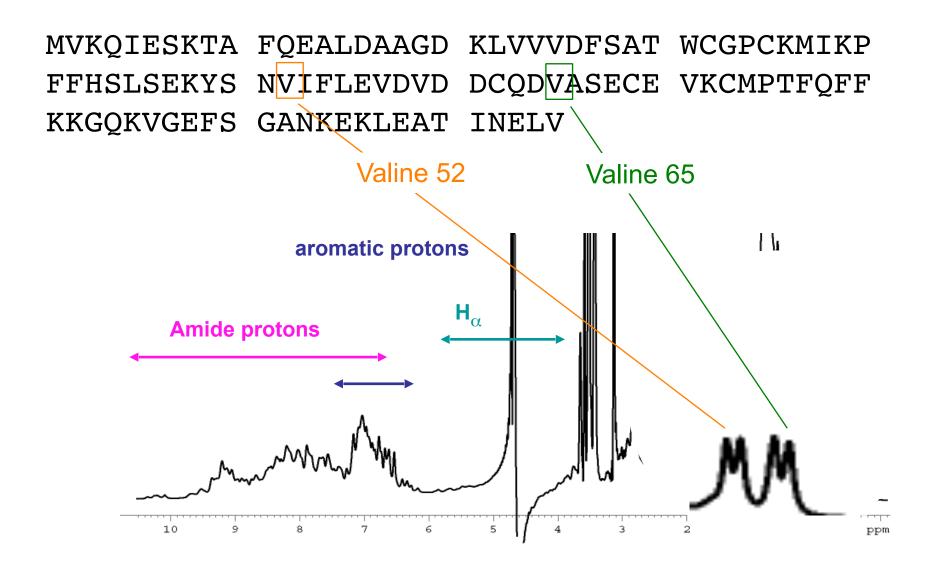
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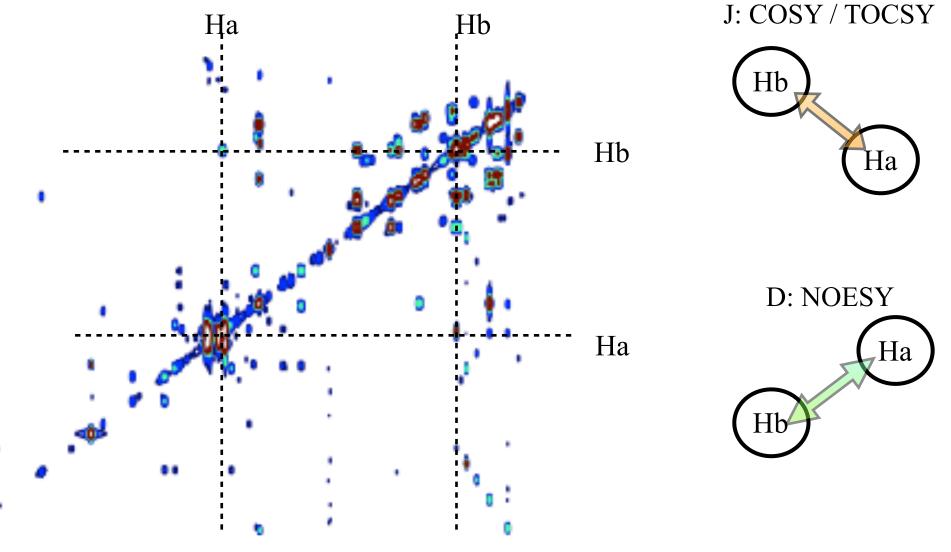


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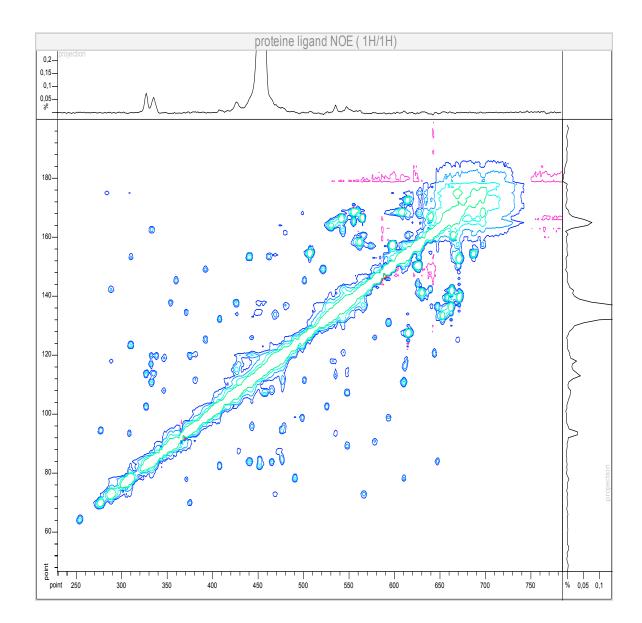




 using spin-spin interaction to transfer coherence from one spin to another



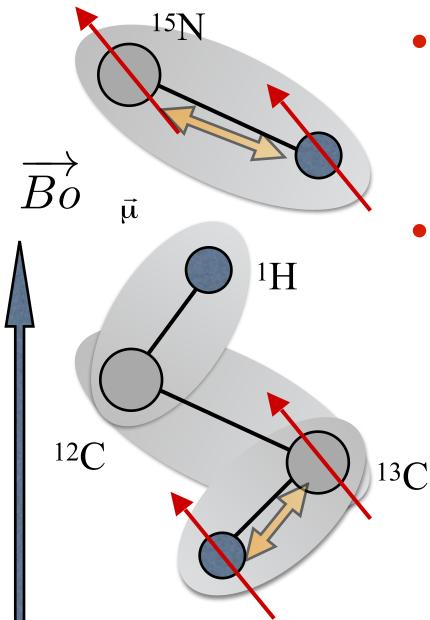
2D experiment - NOESY



Each correlation corresponds to a spatial proximity.

Here amide protons proximity (for instance i-i+3 and i-i+4 in α -helices)

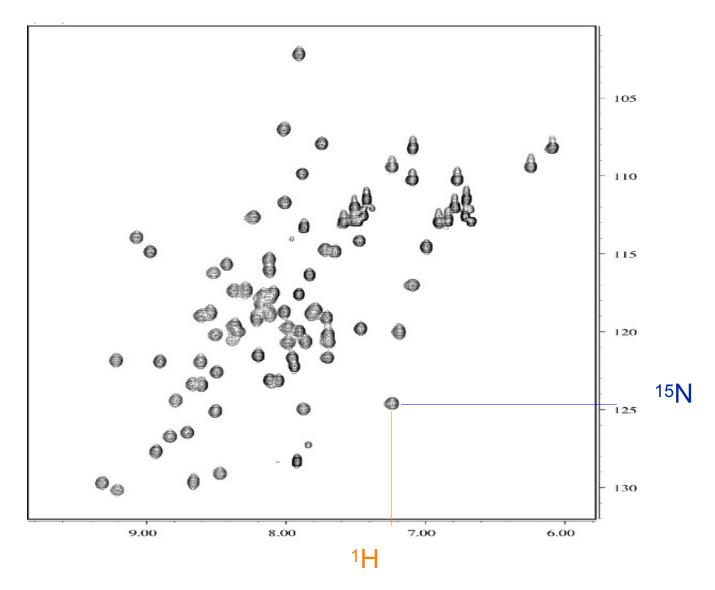
Heteronuclear interactions



- HSQC
 - Heteronuclear Single Quantum Corr.
 - 1 bound ¹³C-¹H or ¹⁵N-¹H
- Requires isotopic labelling (*usually*)
 - *E.coli* in minimum media
 - (¹⁵N cheaper than ¹³C)

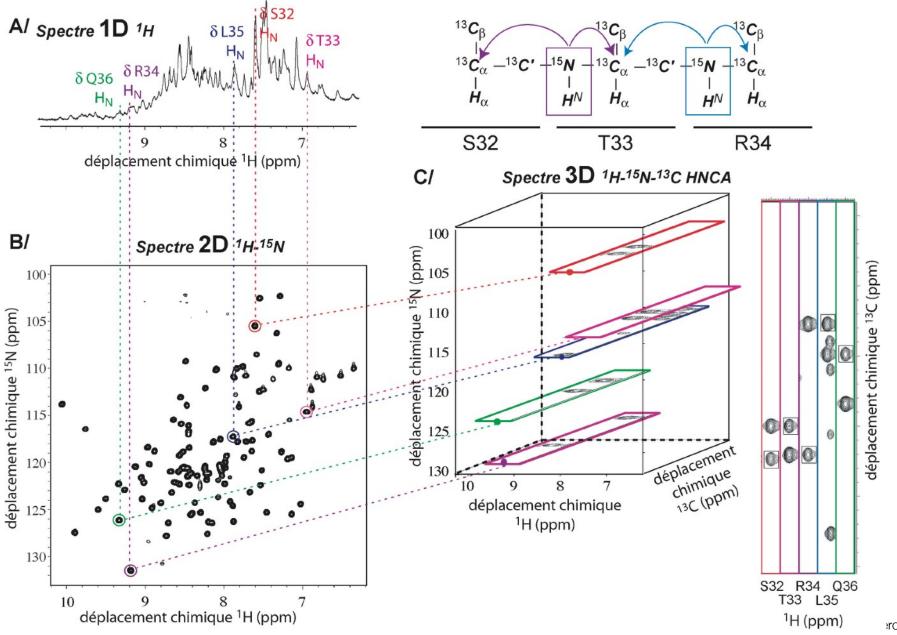


• here ¹H-¹⁵N HSQC



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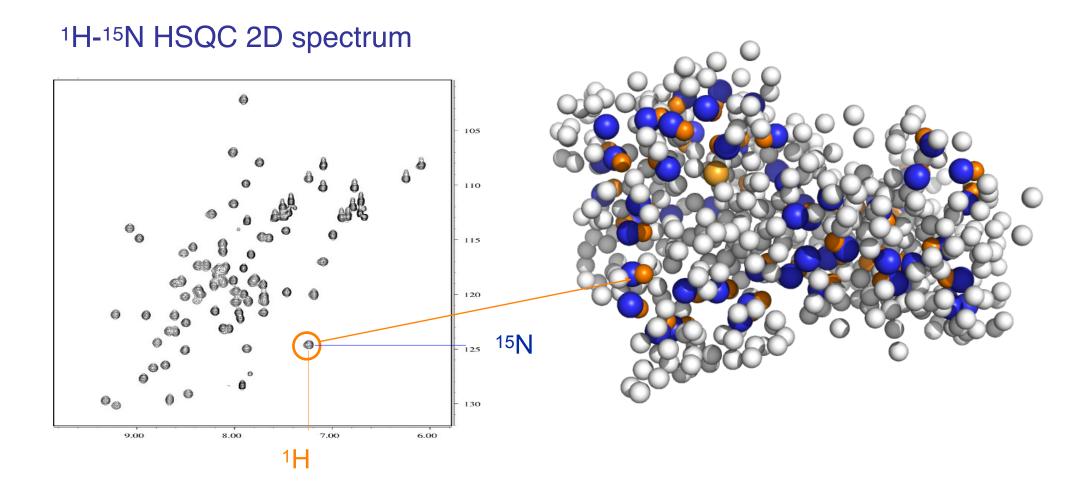
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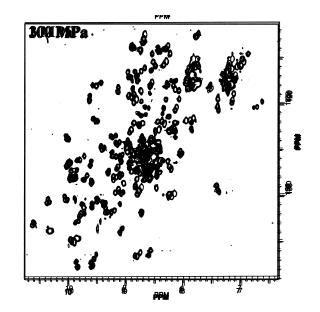
Isotopic labeling

Partial view => a tool to address the complexity of protein NMR spectra

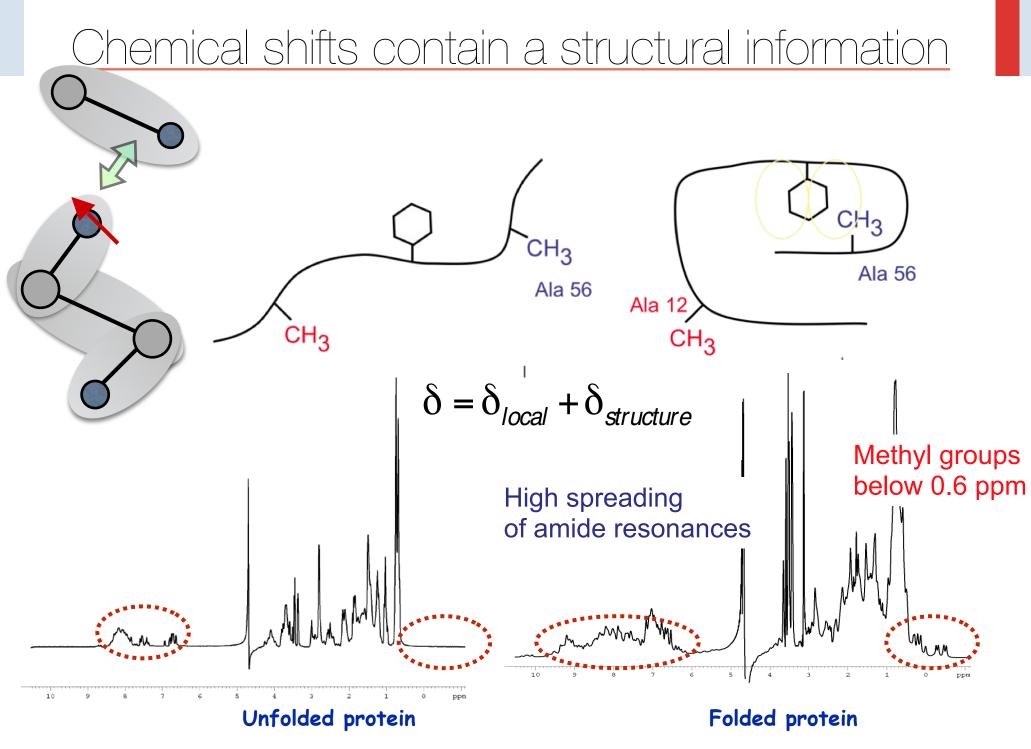


CS is sensitive to protein conformation

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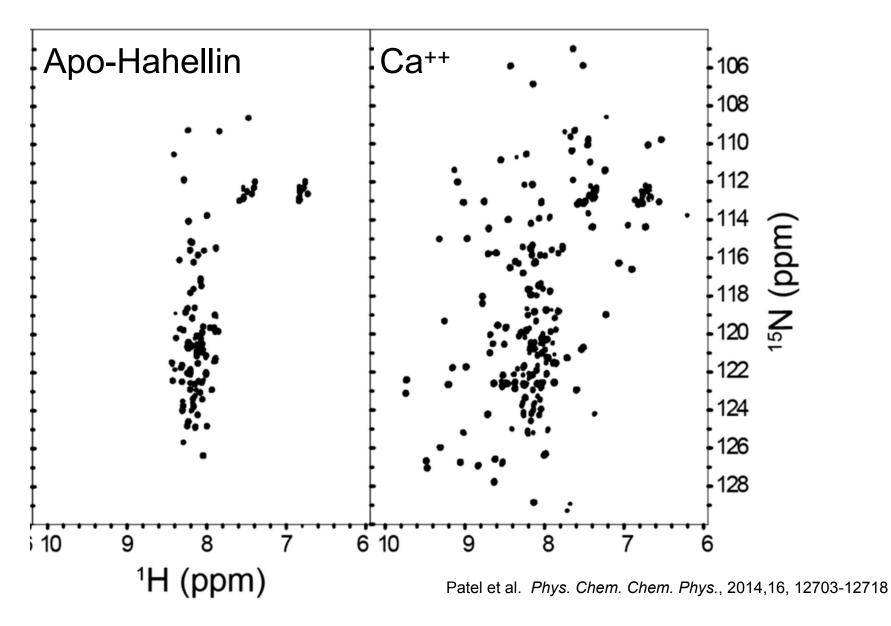


complete protein denaturation



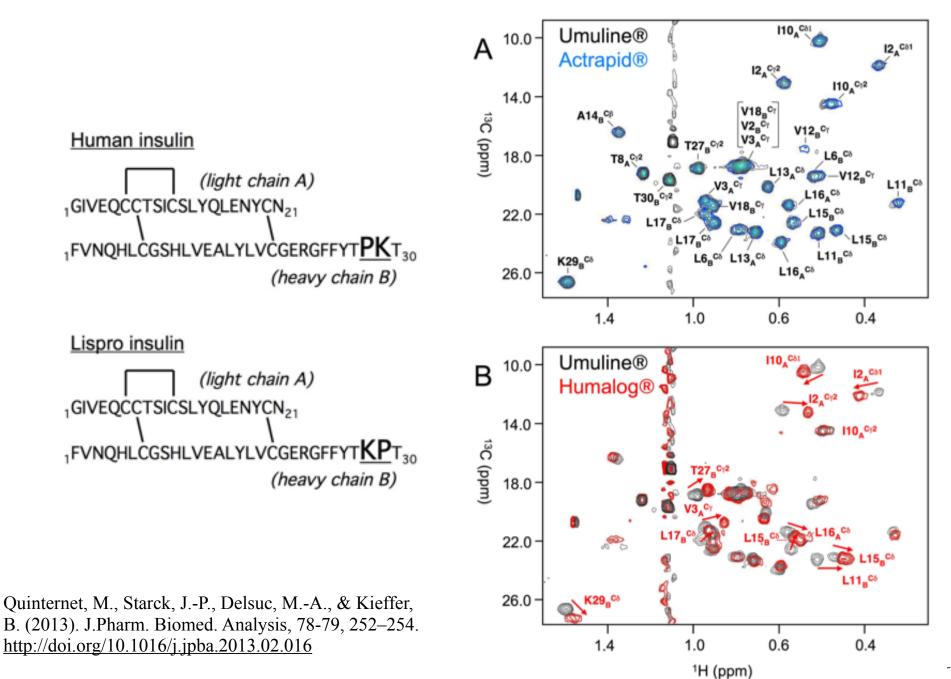
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Specific methods for IDP



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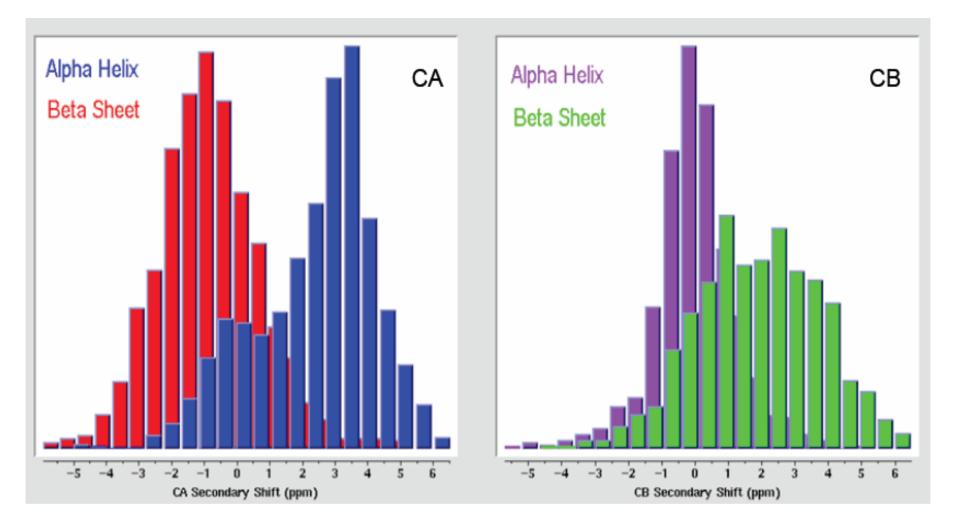
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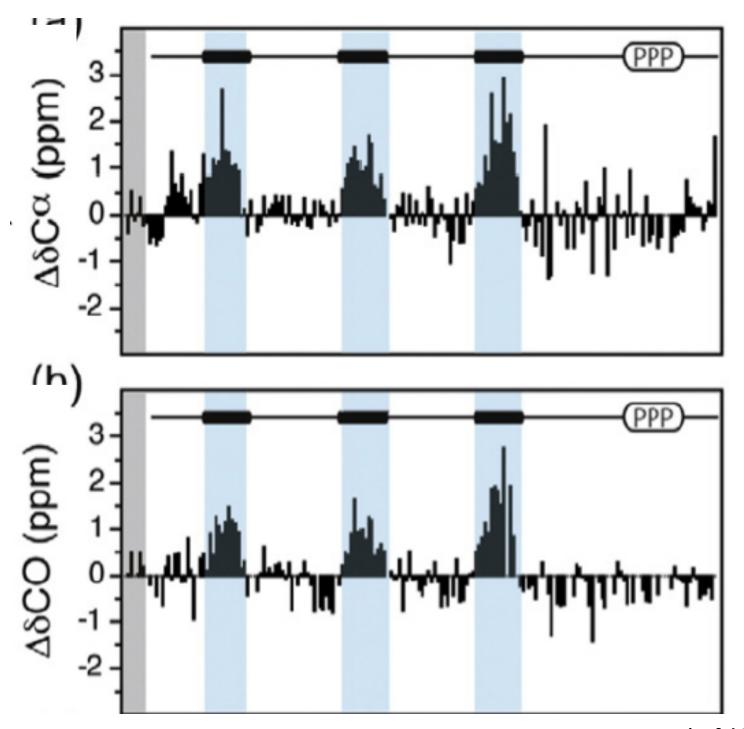


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CS of backbone provide structure information

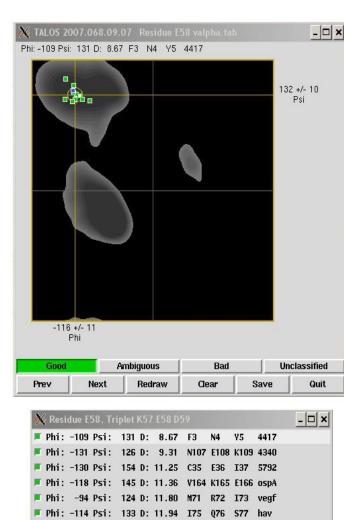






CS interpretation as ϕ - ψ angles

Talos+: http//:spin.niddk.nih.gov/NMRPipe



Phi: -116 Psi: 126 D: 13.09 T102 E103 F104 apo_lfabp

📕 Phi: -118 Psi: 135 D: 13.25 E58 I59 I60 gyraseB

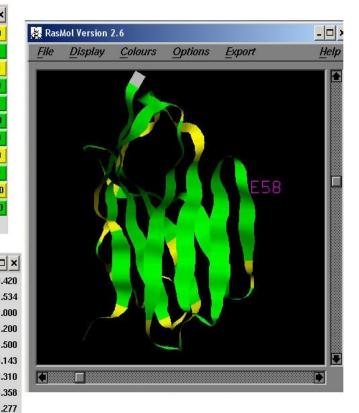
Average

📕 Phi: -120 Psi: 123 D: 13.10 L117 E118 M119 5579

Phi: -105 Psi: 126 D: 13.39 T55 I56 Y57 4267

□ Phi: -116 Psi: 132 D: 11.72

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L21	N22	c23	S24	Y25	E26	N27	S28	A29	F30
D31	Y32	F33	P34	W35	Y36	Q37	Q38	F39	P40
G41	E42	G43	P44	A45	L46	L47	148	S49	150
L51	S52	V53	S54	N55	K56	K57	155	D59	G60
R61	F62	T63	164	F65	F66	N67	K68	R69	E70
K71	K72	L73	S74	L75	H76	177	A78	D79	S80
Q81	P82	G83	D84	S85	A86	T87	Y88	F89	c90
A91	A92	S93	A94	S95	F96	G97	D98	N99	S100
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CA(i-1)								-1	



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HA(i-1)		0.143			
HN(i)		0.310			
N(i)		3.358			
CO(i)		-1.277			
CA(i)		-0.450			
CB(i)		3.113			
HA(i)		0.670			
HN(i+1)		0.730			
N(i+1)		3.059			
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CA(i+1)		-0.200			
CB(i+1)		2.640			
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Full structure calculations: CS ROSETTA

Consistent blind protein structure generation from NMR chemical shift data

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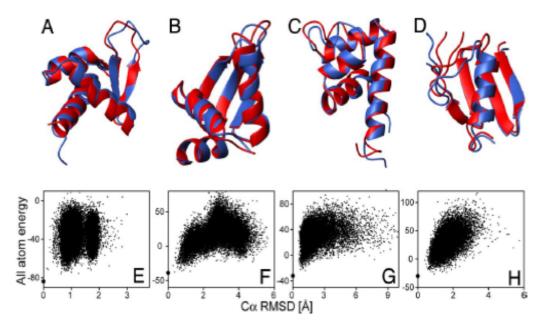
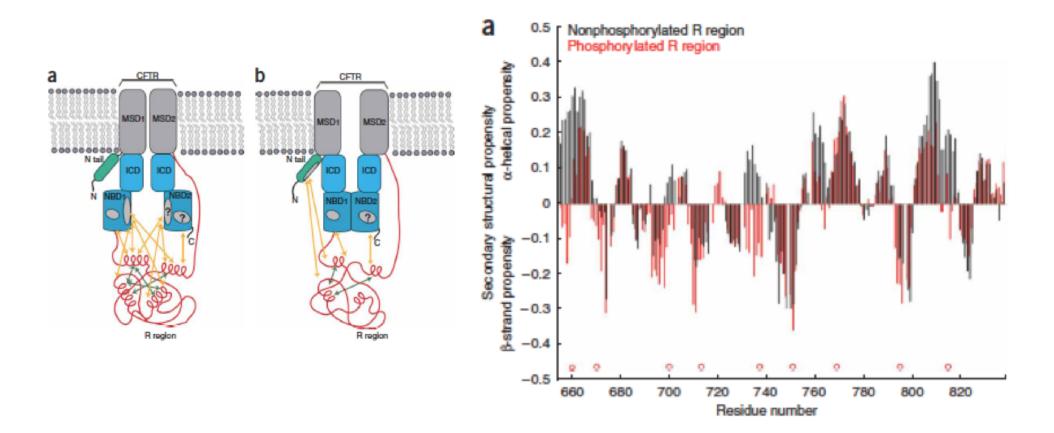


Fig. 4. Results from blind CS-ROSETTA structure generation for four structural genomics targets (Table 2). The remaining five are in SI Fig. 12. (A–D) Superposition of lowest-energy CS-ROSETTA models (red) with experimental NMR structures (blue), with superposition optimized for ordered residues, as defined in the footnote to SI Table 5. (E–H) Plots of rescored (Eq. 1) ROSETTA all-atom energy versus C^a rmsd relative to the lowest-energy model (bold dot on vertical axis). (A and E) StR82. (B and F) RpT7. (C and G) VfR117. (D and H) NeT4.

Local structure propensity from chemical shifts analysis

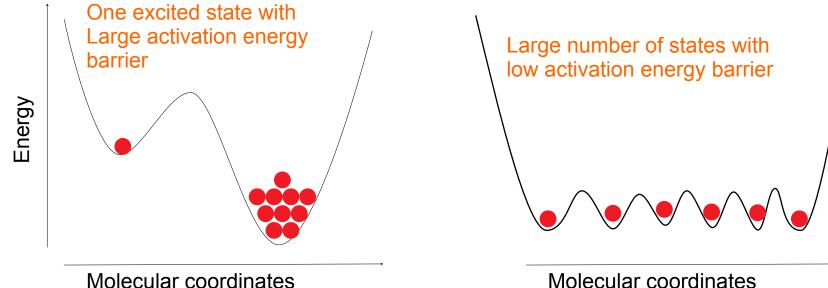


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arge number of molecules

Molecules will be distributed between the different states available for the observed molecular system



Molecular coordinates

• NMR observables will result from an average over all these states

sensitive to all interactions

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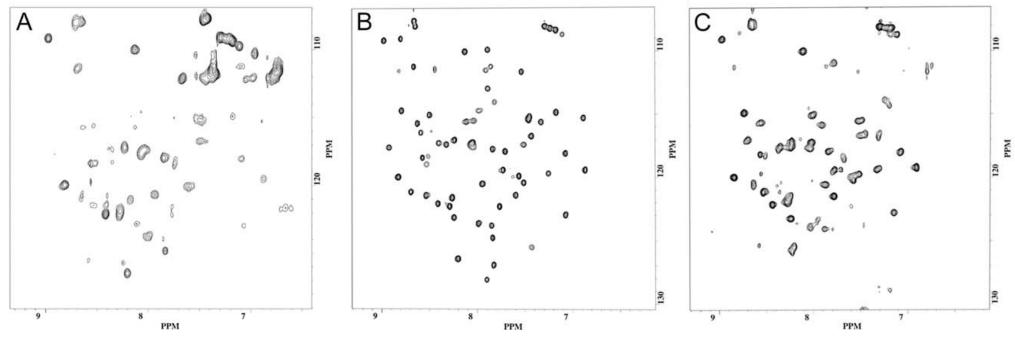
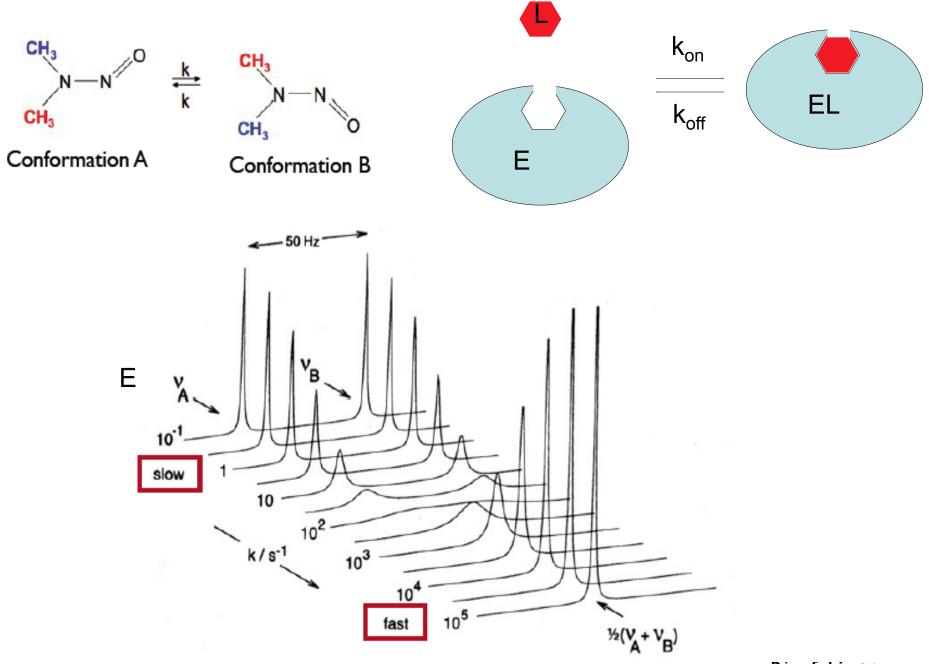
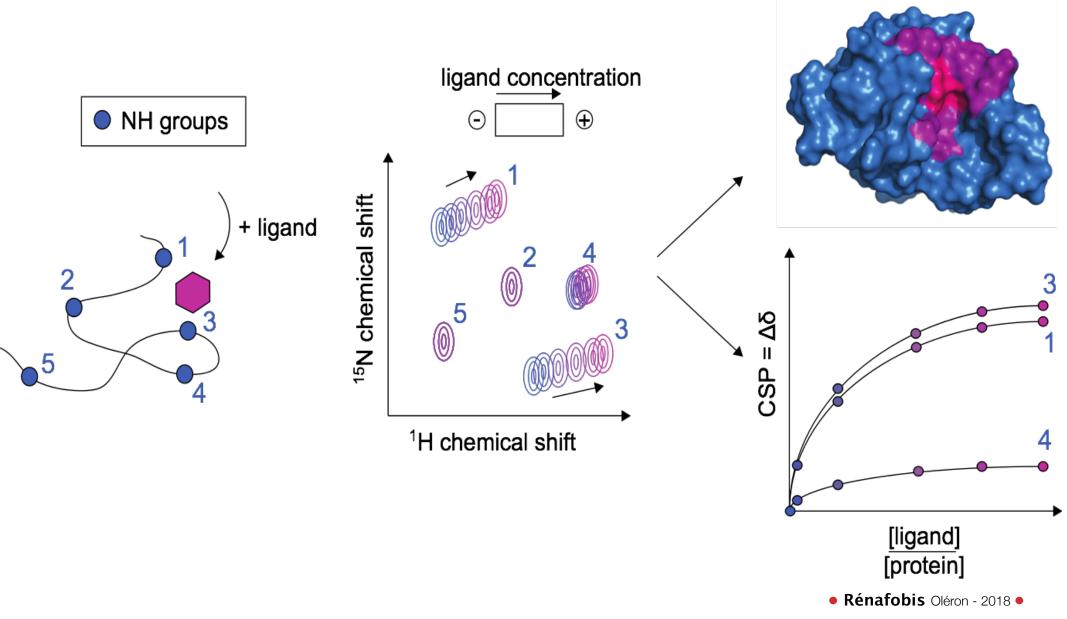


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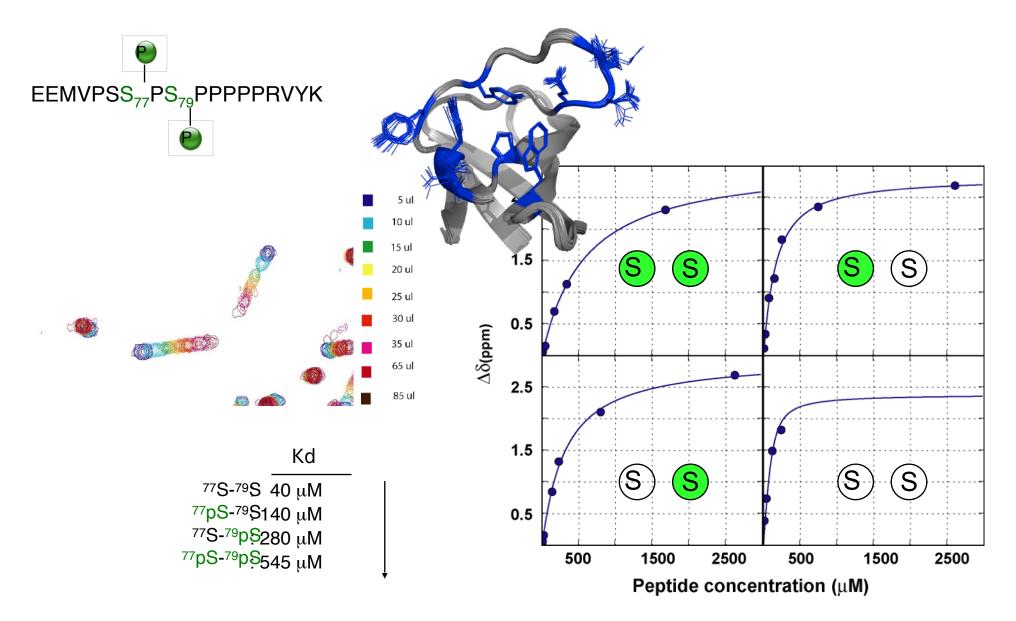
Chemical shift averaging



Using chemical shifts to study molecular interactions

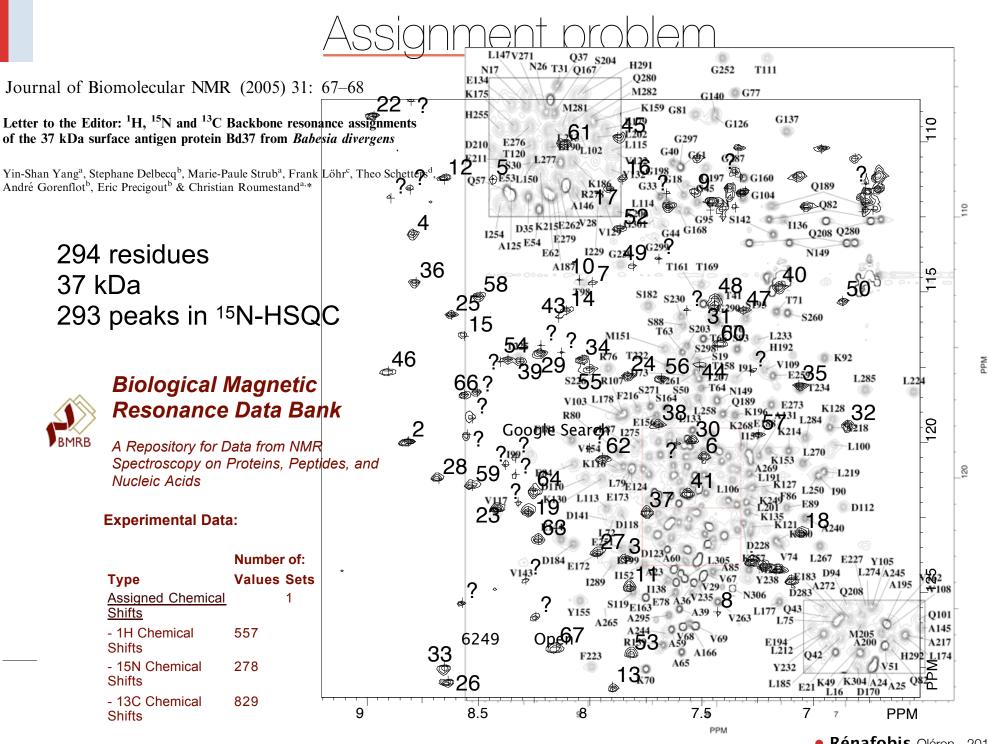


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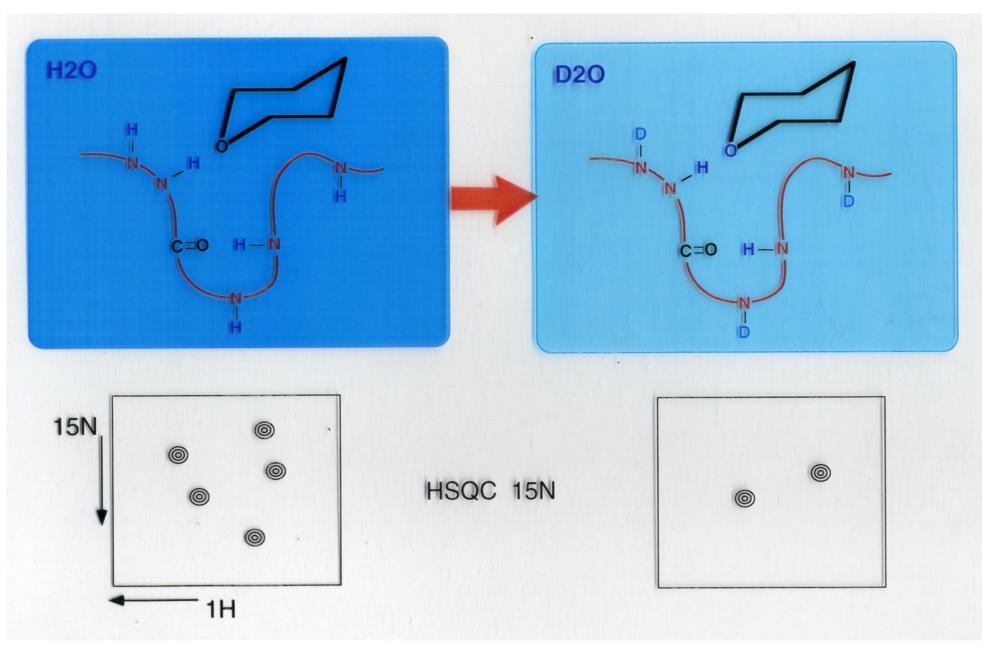
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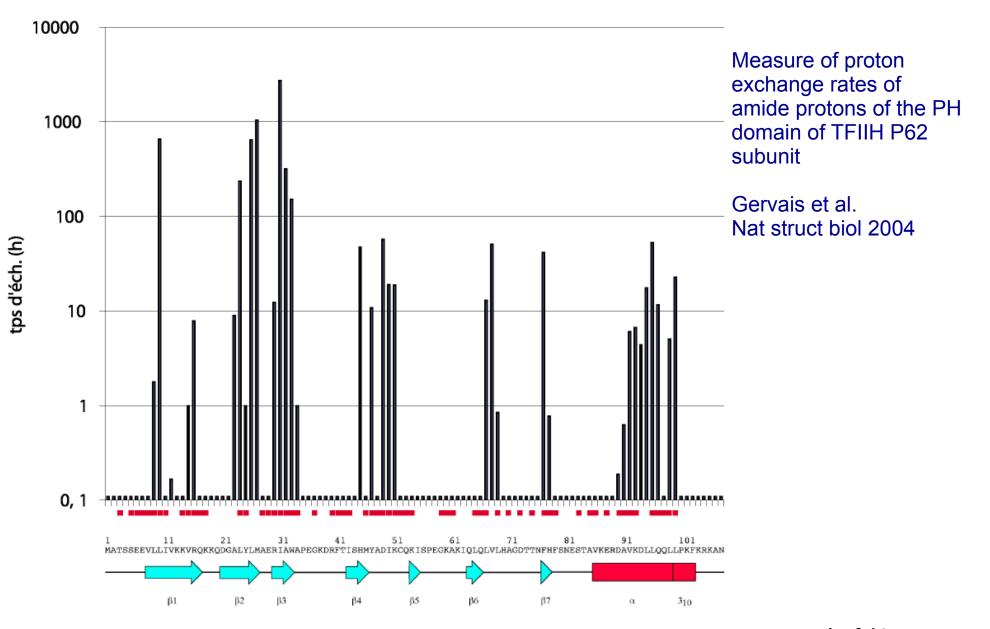
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Real-time solvent exchange kinetic experiment



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The exchangeable protons



3D Structure Determination

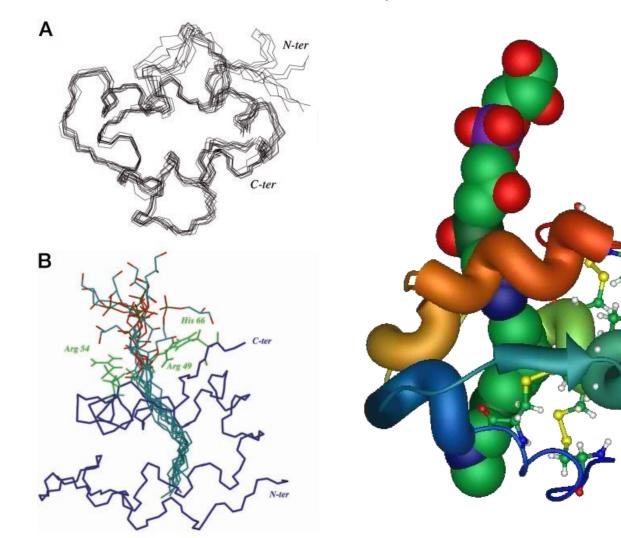
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from NOE measures, \Rightarrow local proximities

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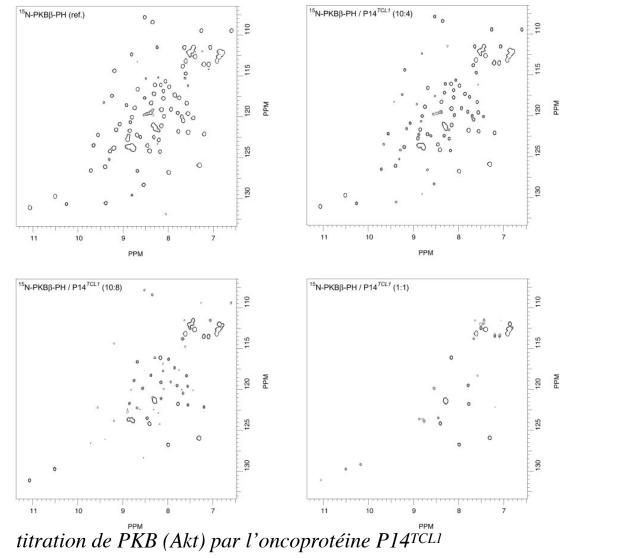


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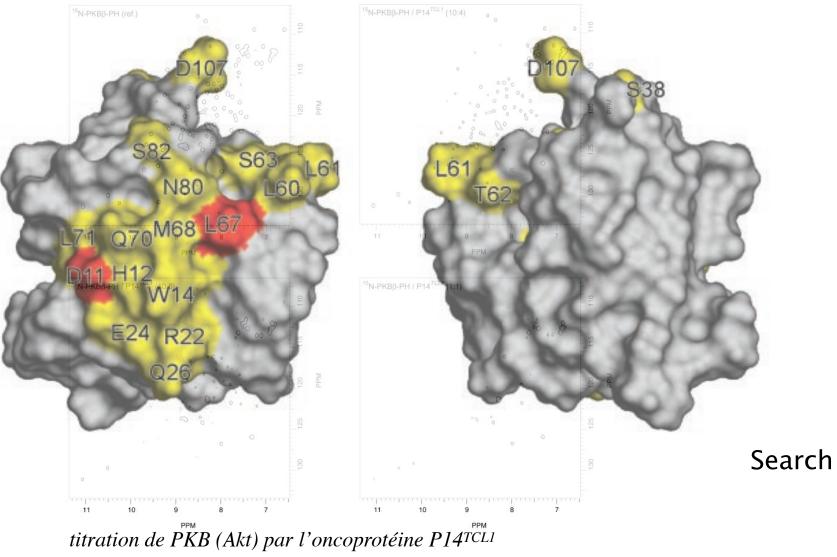
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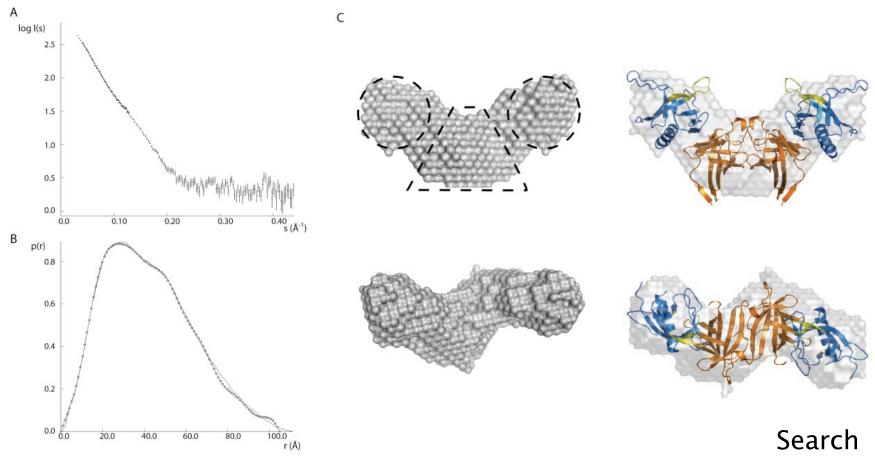
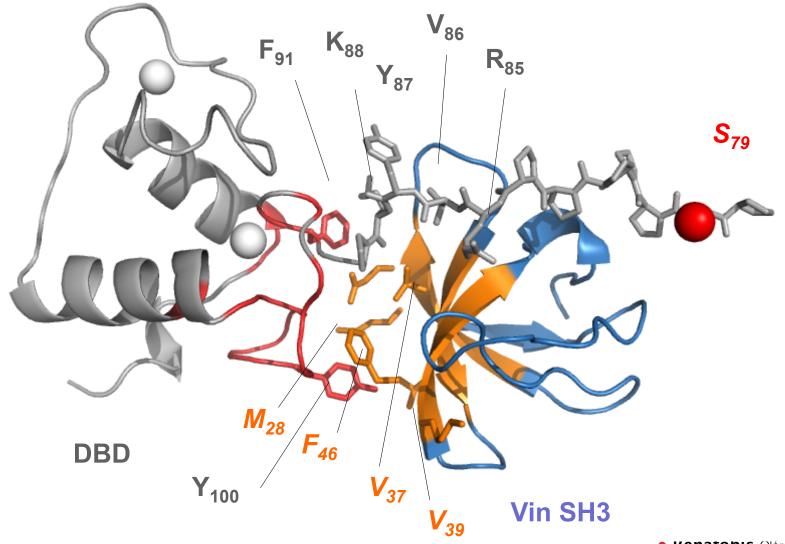


FIG. 6. SAXS analysis of the PKB β -PH·p14^{TCL1} complex. A, experimental scattering data. Error bars are indicated by vertical lines. B, pair distribution function p(r) for the PKB β -PH·p14^{TCL1} complex. Open circles, experimental curve; solid line, calculated curve for a typical *ab initio* model. C, side and top views of the molecular envelope of the PKB β -PH·p14^{TCL1} complex obtained by averaging 10 individual *ab initio* models. Proposed position of PKB β -PH domains (circles) and the p14^{TCL1} dimer (trapeze) within the SAXS envelope are indicated in the side view.

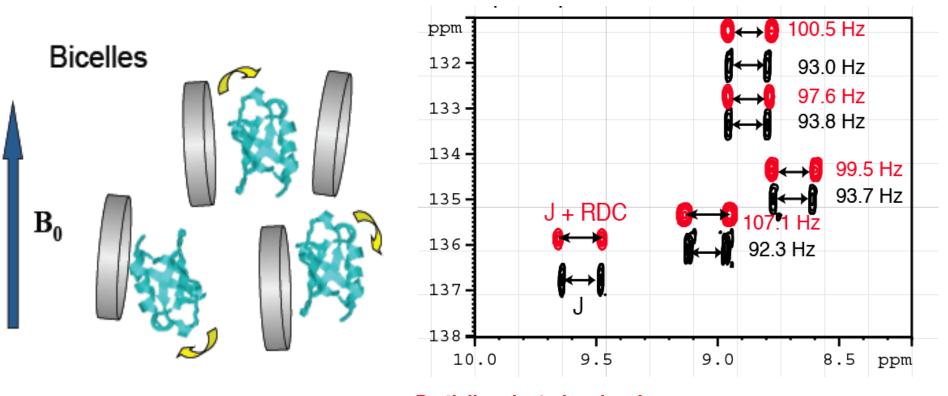
Protein-Protein interaction

3D model of the Vin SH3.3 / RARy DBD complex using HADDOCK



Residual dipolar couplings (RDC)

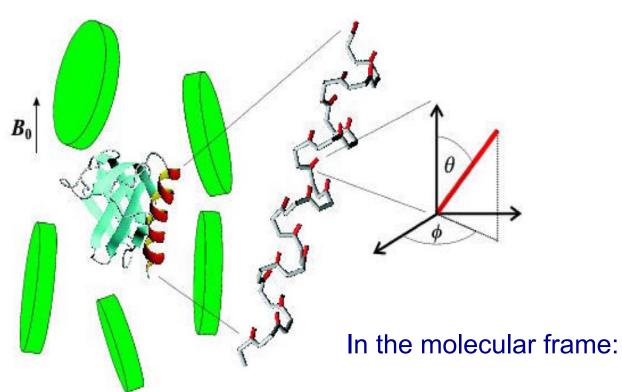
- Principle: the sample is diluted in an anisotropic medium
- This introduces a very small biais in the molecular orientations
- That leads to dipolar couplings that depends on the orientation of the internuclei vectors of the molecules



Partially oriented molecule

Isotropic phase

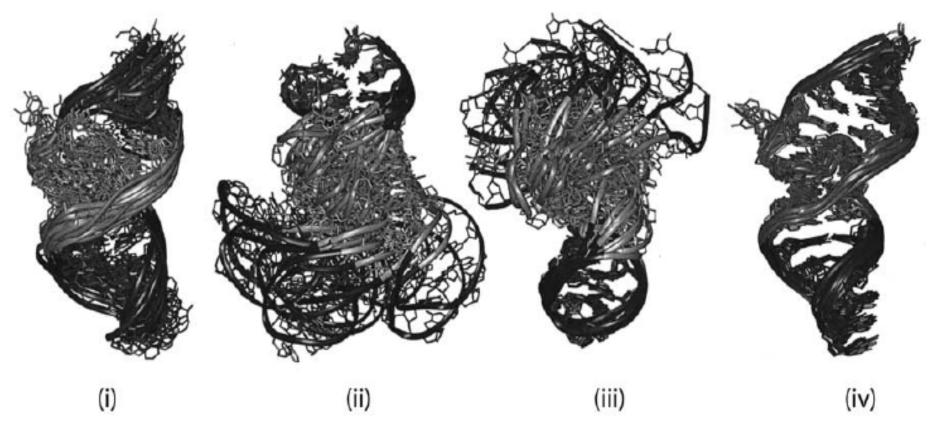
Modeling RDC data



$$RDC = D_a \left\{ \left(3\cos^2\theta - 1 \right) + \frac{3}{2} R\sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi \right\}$$

At least 5 RDC values are needed to define the molecular frame

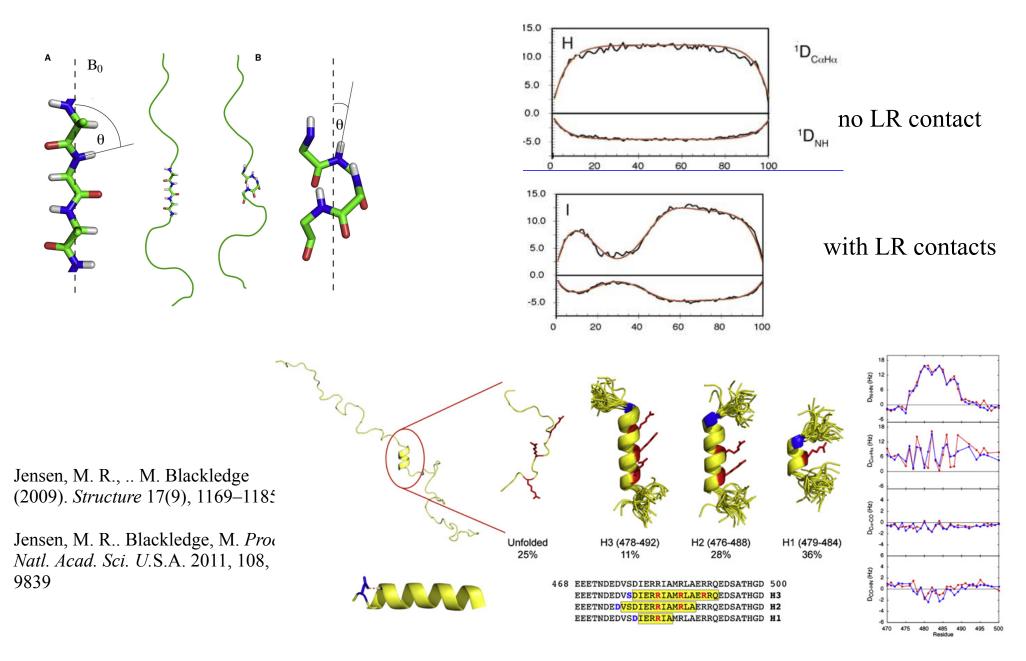
Application of RDC to RNA structure



Calculation of the structure of the theophylline-binding RNA aptamer using ¹³C–¹H residual dipolar couplings and restrained molecular dynamics.

by adding the angular dependance : (non local) to NOE constraints (local)





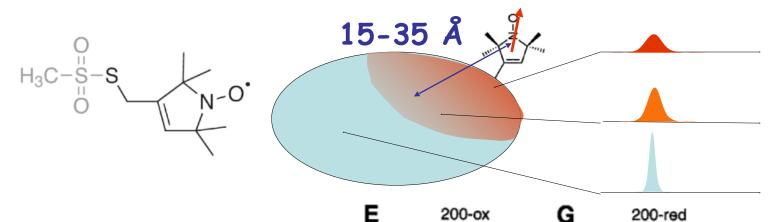
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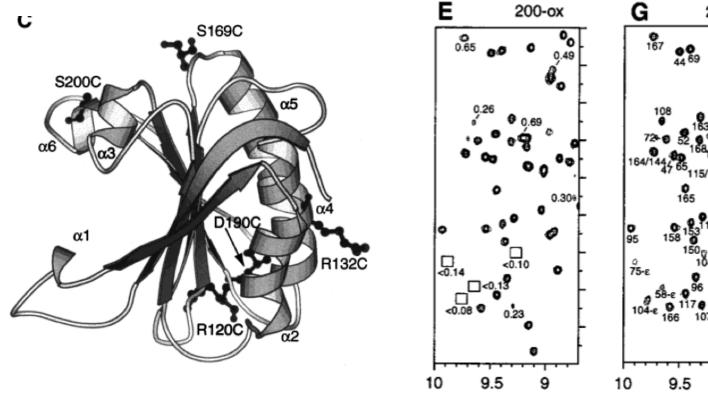
Paramagnetic Relaxation Enhancement

- The presence of an electronic spin in the vicinity of nuclear spins increases their relaxation rates
- If the electronic spin is characterized by an isotropic g tensor, the effect depends only on the distance between the nucleus and electronic spins

$$R_{2}^{PRE} = \frac{1}{15} \left(\frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi} \right)^{2} \gamma_{I}^{2} g^{2} \mu_{B}^{2} S(S+1) \left(\frac{1}{r_{IS}^{6}} \right) \left\{ 4\tau_{c} + \frac{3\tau_{c}}{1 + (\omega_{I}\tau_{c})^{2}} \right\}$$
$$R_{1}^{PRE} = \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi} \right)^{2} \gamma_{I}^{2} g^{2} \mu_{B}^{2} S(S+1) \left(\frac{1}{r_{IS}^{6}} \right) \left\{ \frac{\tau_{c}}{1 + (\omega_{I}\tau_{c})^{2}} \right\}$$

Introducing spin label to protein surface





Battiste et Wagner Biochemistry V39, p5355 (2000)

114

-116

118

120

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126

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-130

(mqq) N⁵¹

210

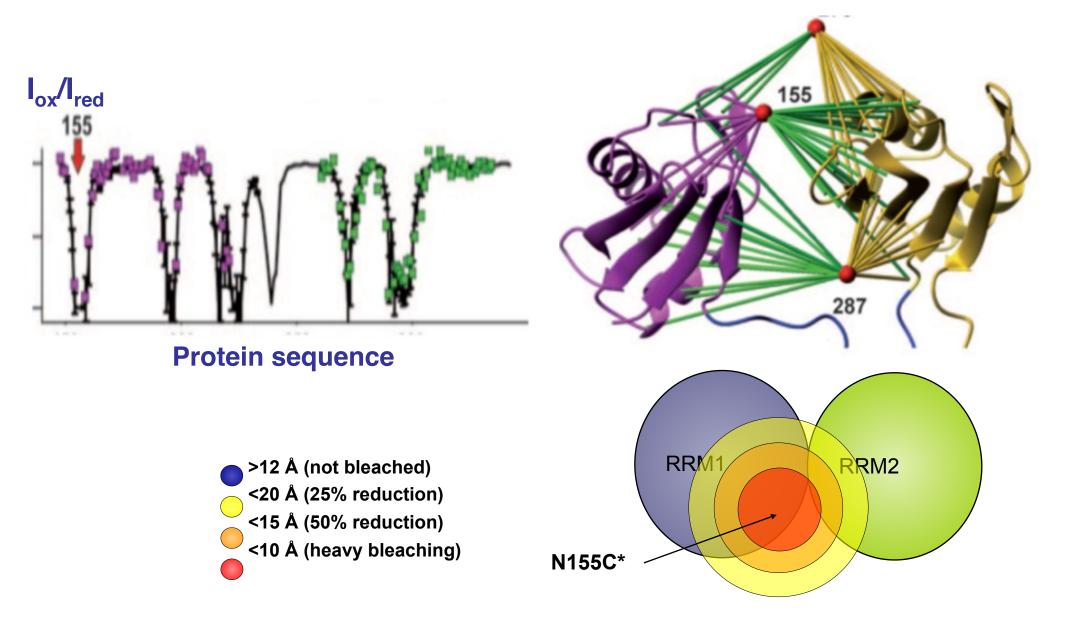
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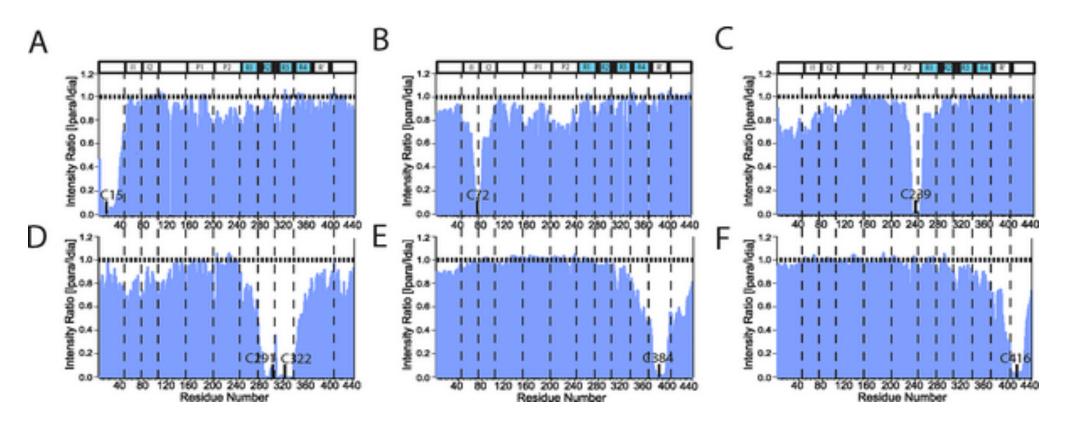
Application to multiple domain proteins



from Bernt Simon M Sattler EMBL Heidelberg, Angew. Chem., 2010, 122(11), 2011 - 2014

Applied to IDP (Tau)

Figure 7. PRE of Amide Protons in Spin-Labelled Tau

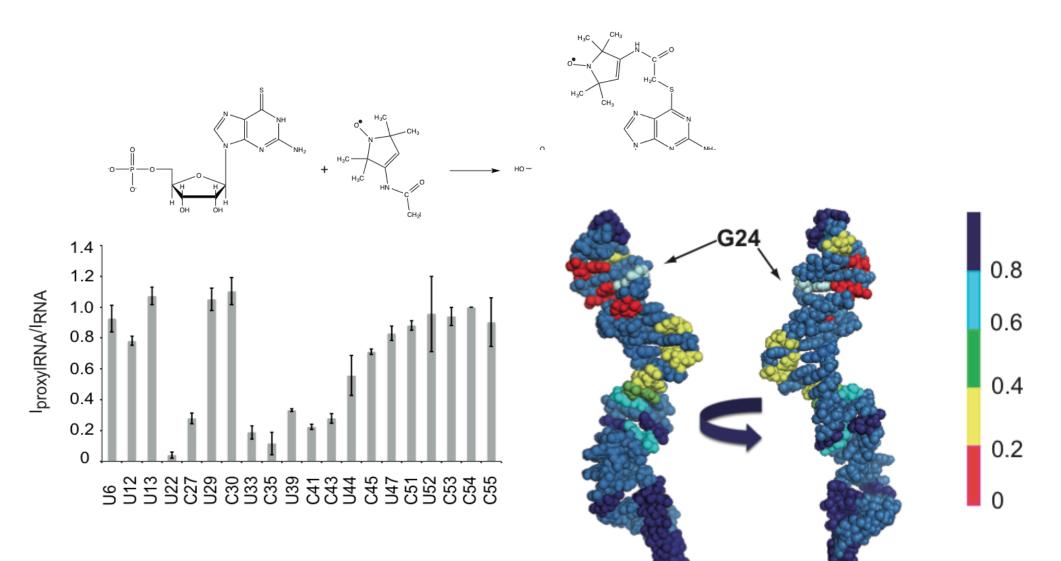


Mukrasch MD, Bibow S, Korukottu J, Jeganathan S, et al. (2009) Structural Polymorphism of 441-Residue Tau at Single Residue Resolution. PLoS Biol 7(2): e1000034. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1000034 http://www.plosbiology.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pbio.1000034



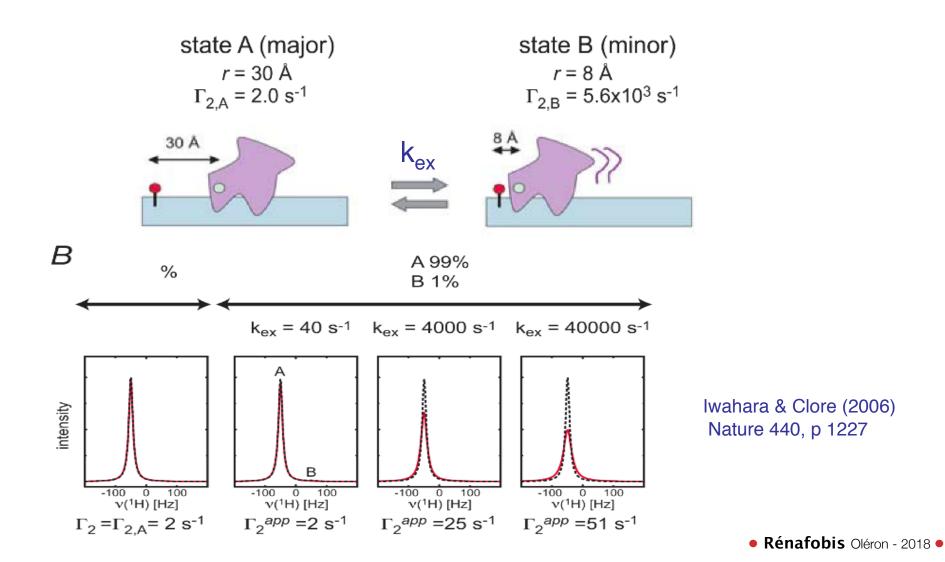


Lebars I.*, Vileno B., Bourbigot S., Turek P., Wolff P. & Kieffer B. (2014) "A fully enzymatic method for site-directed spin-labeling of long RNA", *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 42(15), e117,



PRE based amplification of low population states

 Due to the r⁻⁶ distance dependance of the PRE, small distances in low populated states may be revealed



Phenomenon

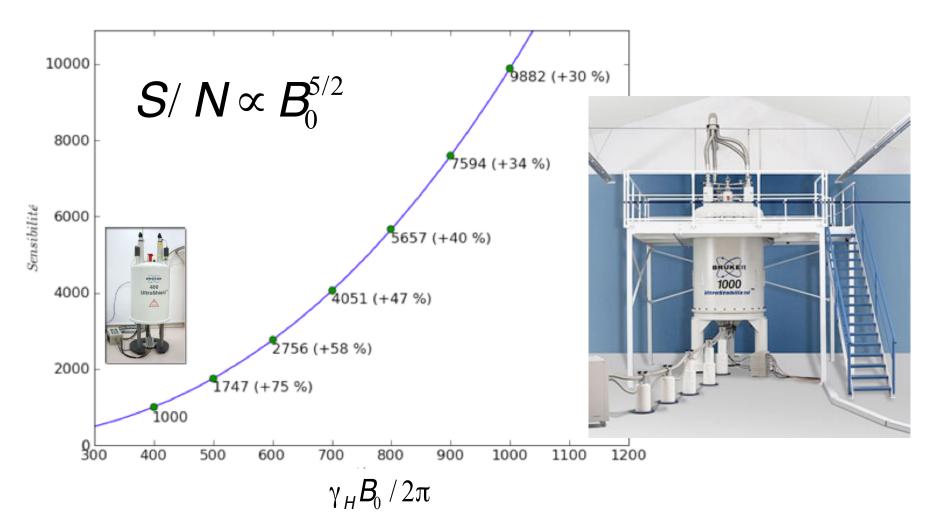
- Chemical-Shift \equiv position in the spectrum
- Spin-Spin coupling
 - "Dipolar" coupling depends on spin-spin geometry
 - "Scalar" coupling depends on electronic orbital
- Relaxation
 - decoherence of the quantum states
- NOE
 - relaxation due to spin-spin \Rightarrow information on atomic distances
- RDC: Reduced Dipolar Coupling
 - information on angular geometry
- PRE: Paramagnetic Relaxation Experiment
 - relaxation due to electronic spin-spin ⇒ information on molecular contacts

final remarks

- sensitivity aspects
- protein size aspects
- signal aspects
- more than structure

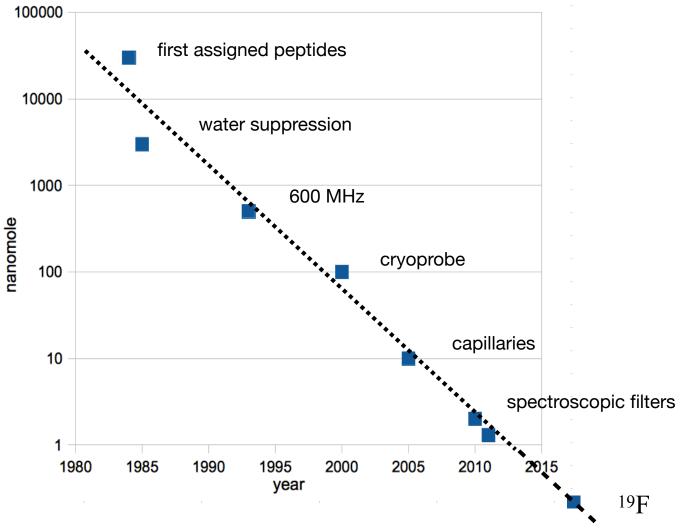
Recent advance in NMR instruments

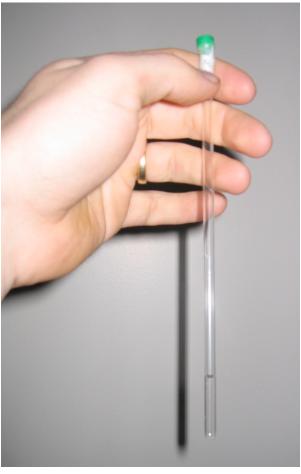
The Signal/Noise ratio depends on the applied magnetic field



Sensiticity increase over my carrier

Protein quantity ~ Moore law /2 every 2 years /1000 in 20 years





Strategy related to size

• tiny proteins

M < 6 kD

- very easy to study
- peptides !
- small proteins

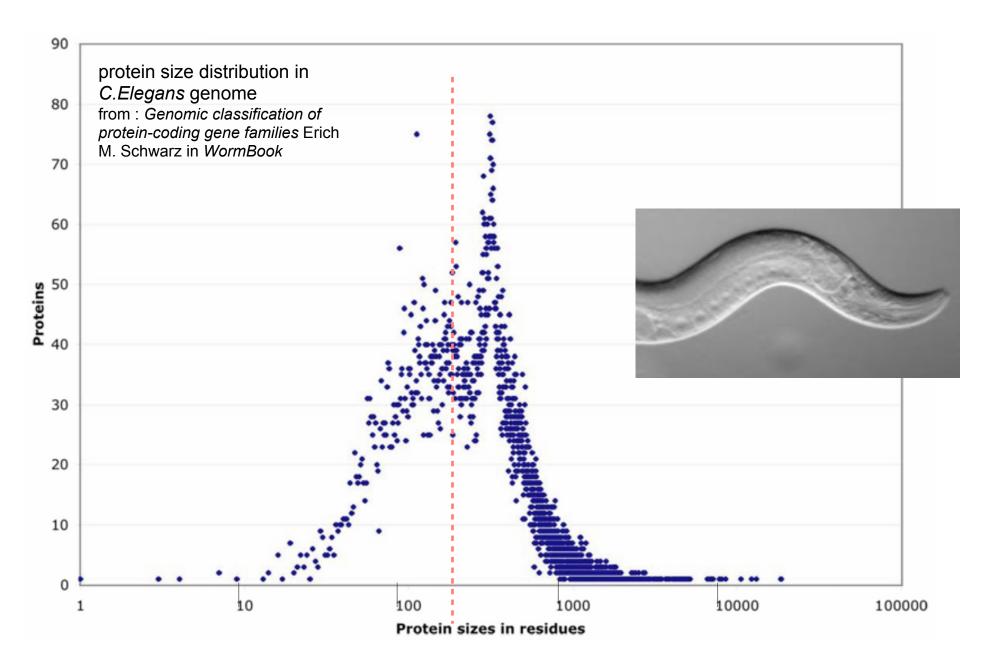
M < 12-15 kD

M < 40 kD

- easy -
- ¹⁵N labelling might be enough
- larger proteins
 - ▶ ¹⁵N and ¹³C required ²H to be considered
- very large proteins
 M > 50 kD
 - ²H labelling and ¹⁵N / ¹³C labelled specific incorporation
- beware of "hidden" oligomers

Glutathion-S-Transferase 2x50kD Insuline : 6x6kD

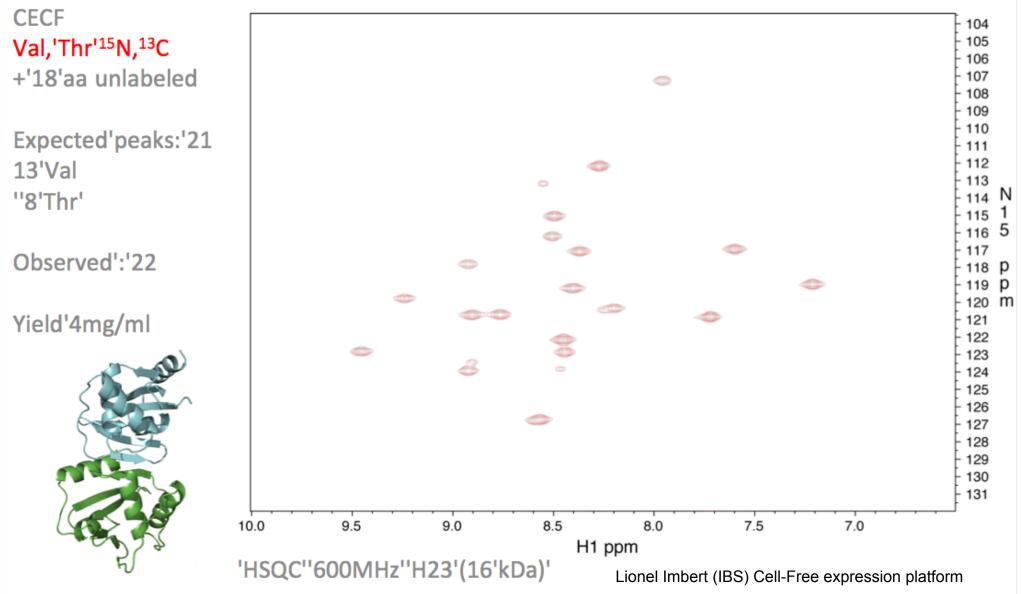
Distribution de taille



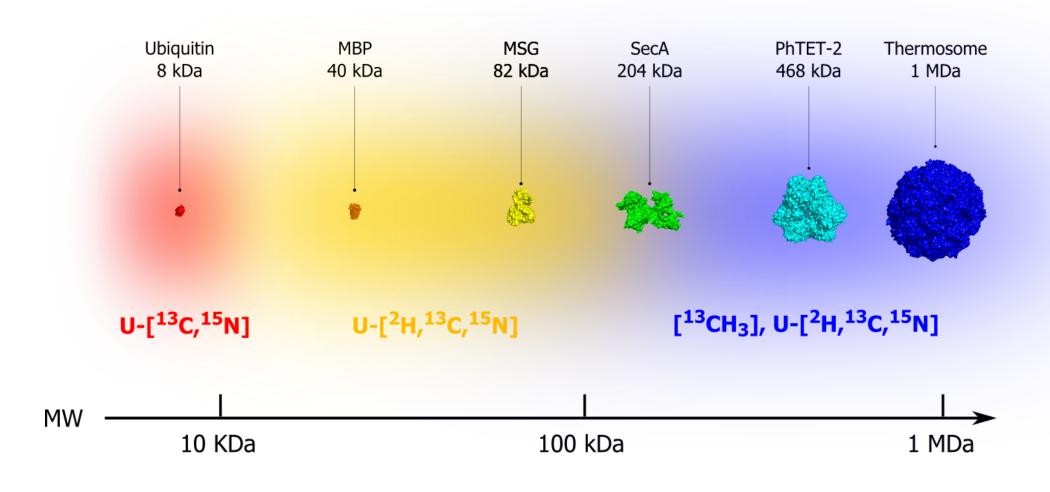
Overview of cell free isotopic labeling



Specific'amino'acids'labeling



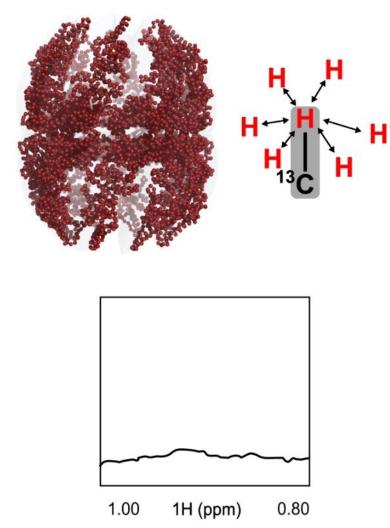
Is NMR spectroscopy only limited to small molecules?



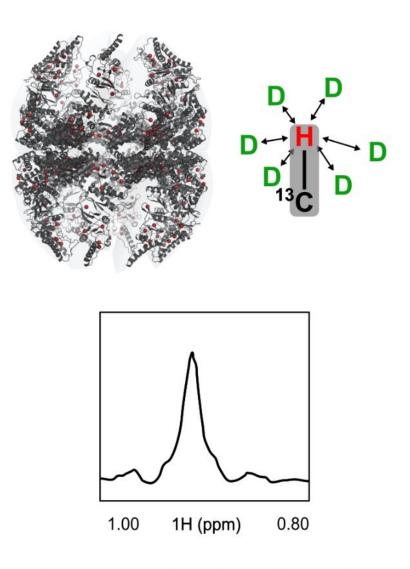
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Solution NMR Spectroscopy Specific protonation of methyl groups

Uniformely [¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁵N]



Methyl groups

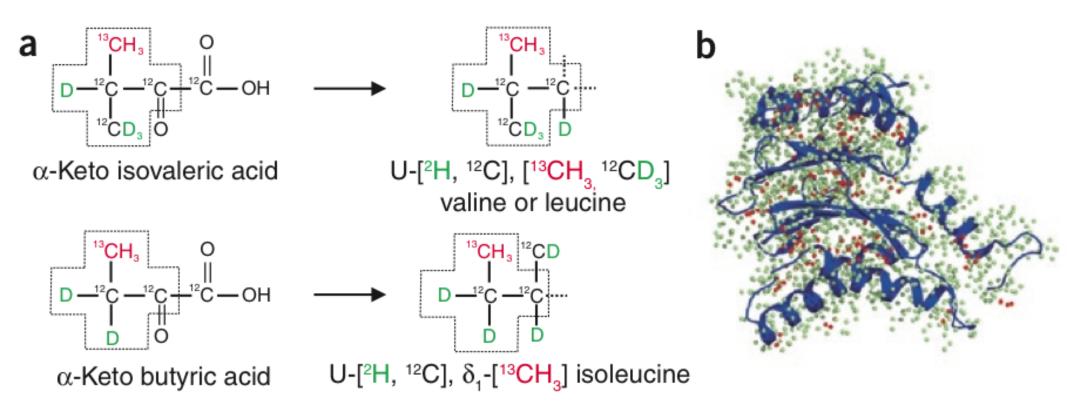


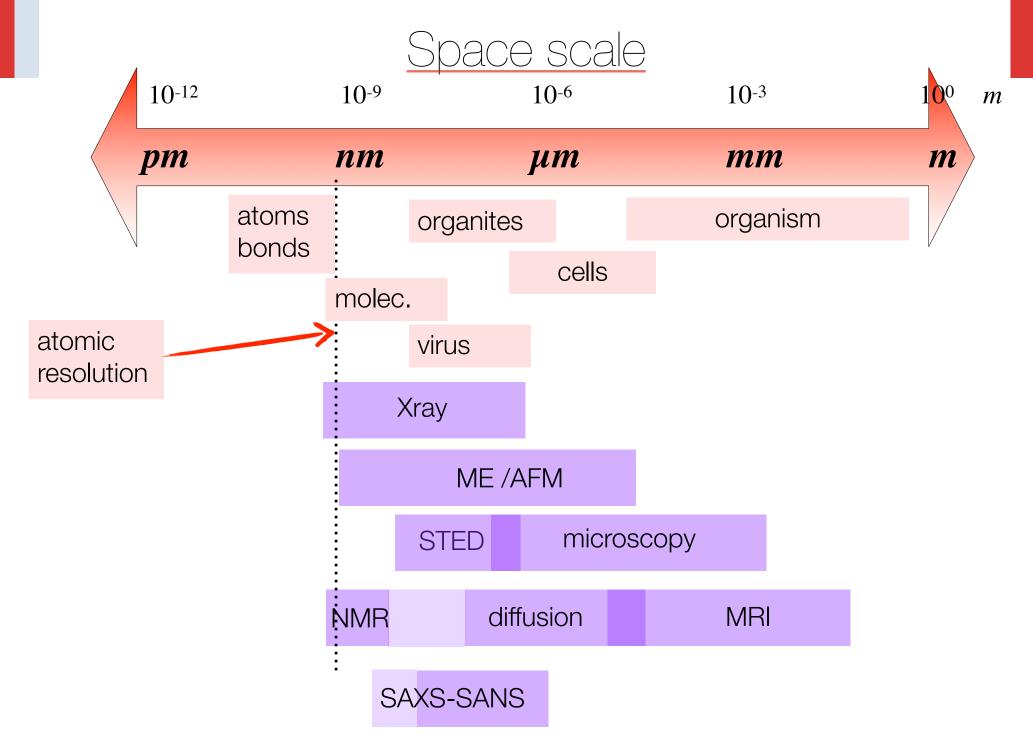
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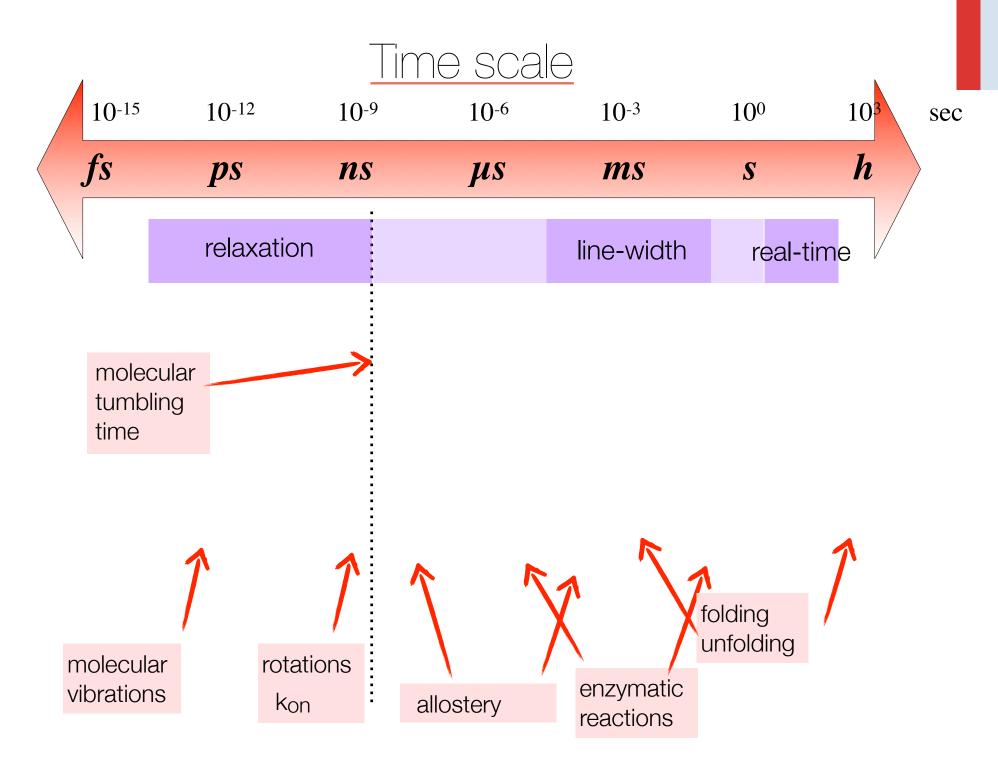
Solution NMR of supramolecular complexes: providing new insights into function

Remco Sprangers, Algirdas Velyvis & Lewis E Kay

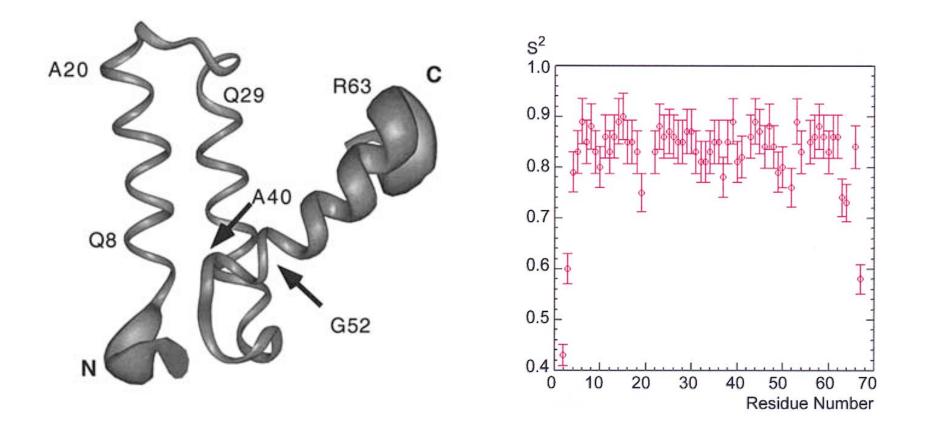
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dynamic measurements



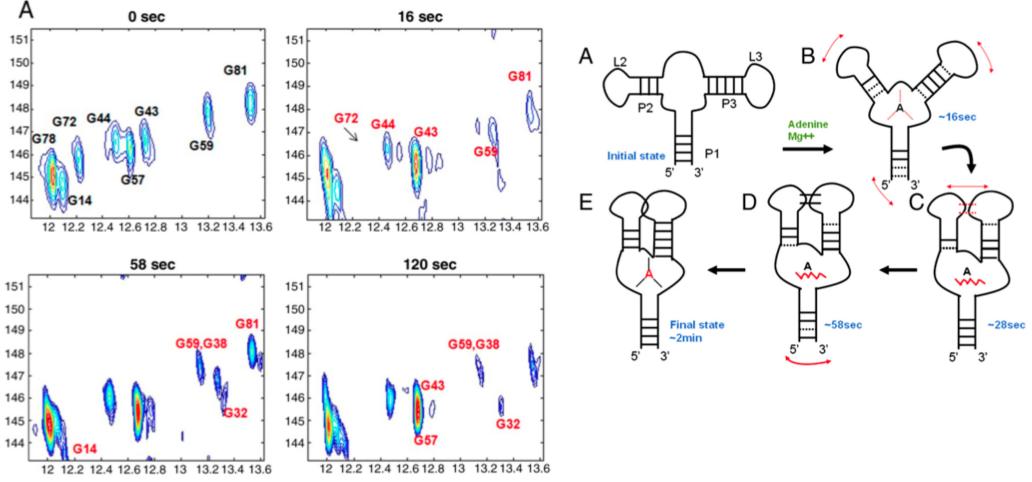
Déméné, H., Ducat, T., Barthe, P., Delsuc, M.-A., & Roumestand, C. (2002). Structure refinement of flexible proteins using dipolar couplings: application to the protein p8MTCP1. Journal of Biomolecular NMR, 22(1), 47–56.

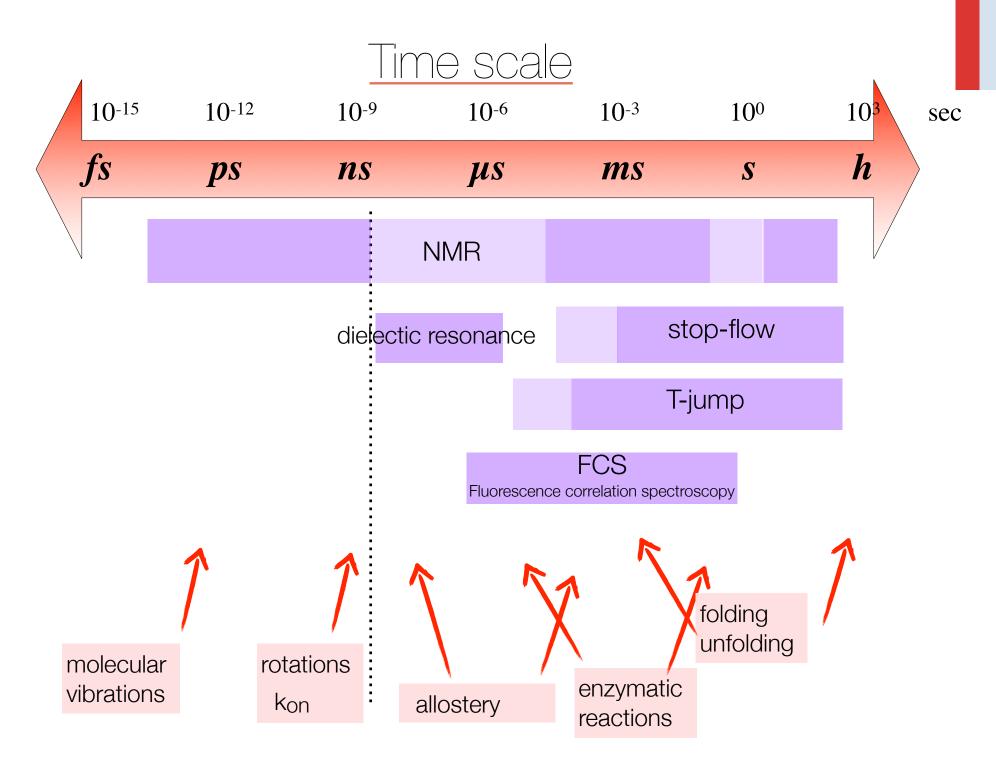
Application: Real-time follow-up of a folding

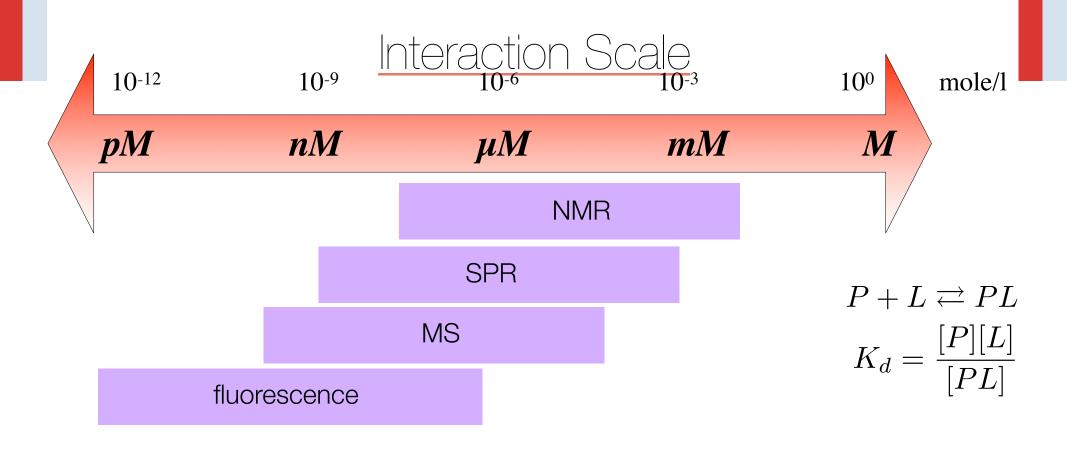
Real-time multidimensional NMR follows RNA folding with second resolution

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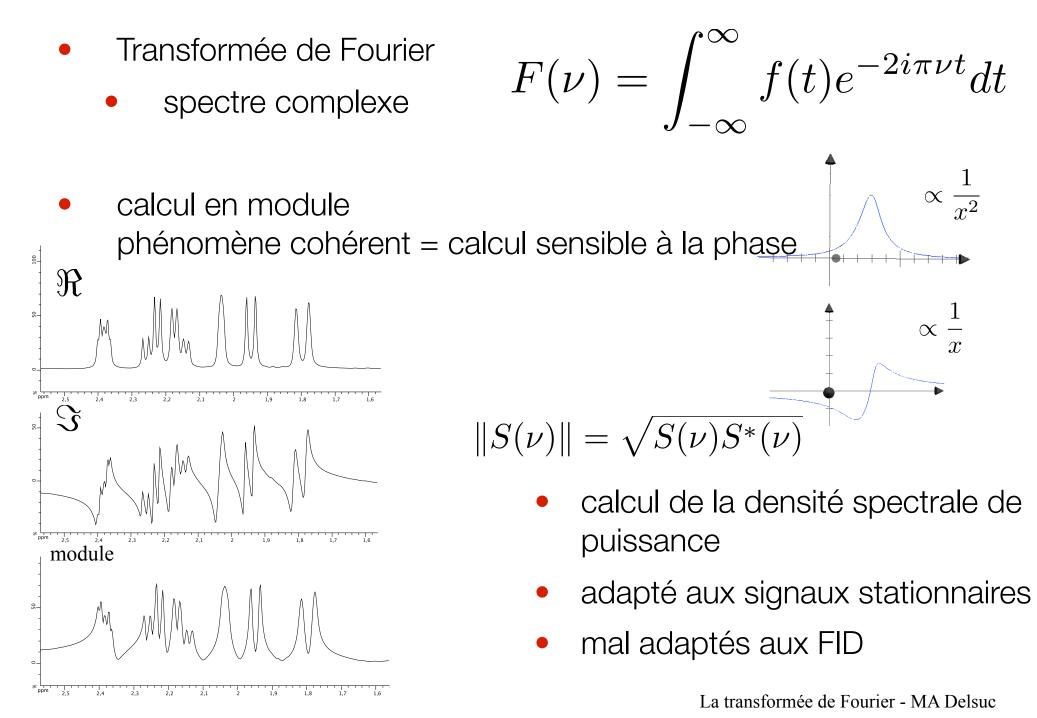






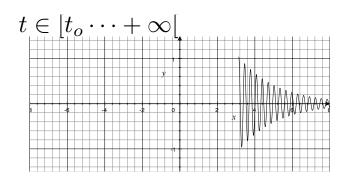
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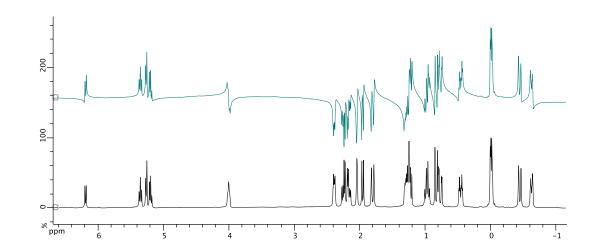
aspect signal



quelques remarques (2)

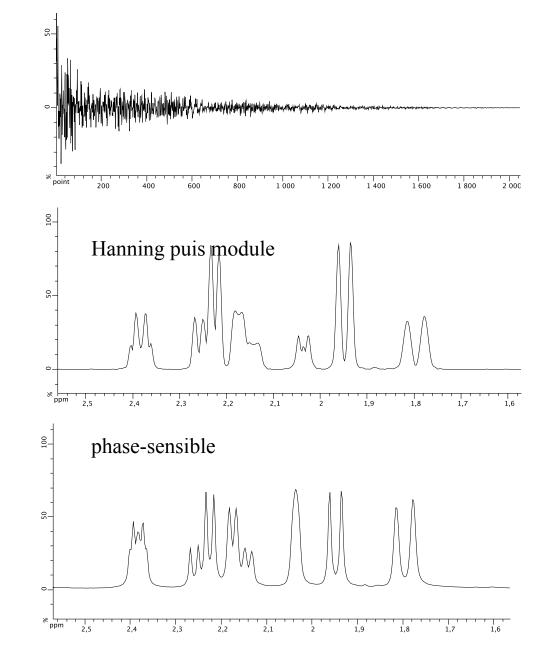
- Erreur sur to
 - => convolution du spectre pæ $^{i\nu t_o}$
 - rotation de la phase proportionnel à la fréquence
 - correction de phase





Mise en œuvre (2)

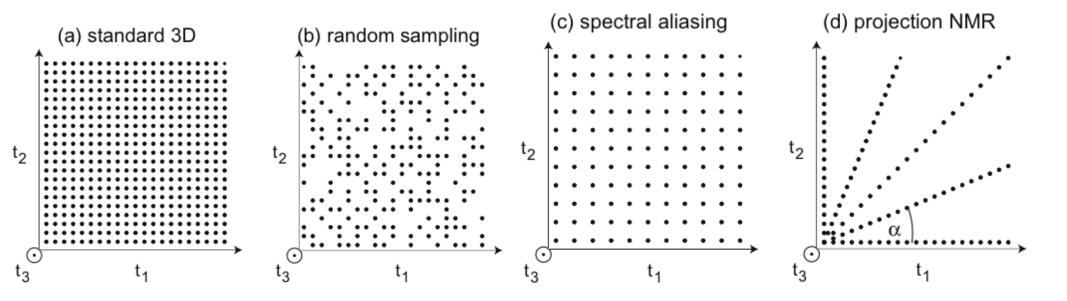
- Apodisation
 multiplier les données par une fenêtre pour améliorer le spectre
 y
 Hanning Hamming Blackmann Lacrizos x
 - artefacts
 - forte de perte de signal dans certains cas
 - modification du signal mesuré !



La transformée de Fourier - MA Delsuc

Working on sampling methods

- FFT : Fast Fourier Transform
- $n\log n$ vs n^2
- The use of FFT imposes a linear sampling
- Non Uniform Sampling (NUS) are currently being developed allowing considerable gain of time



P Schanda Progress NMR Spect. 2009



- Study of Intrinsically Disordered Proteins (IDP)
- Study of Molecular Recognition fundamental mechanisms
- Description of Protein and Nucleic Acid excited states
- Visualizing Large complexe's motions
- Monitoring protein's states within the cell

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Characterization and molecular basis of the oligomeric structure of HIV-1 Nef protein

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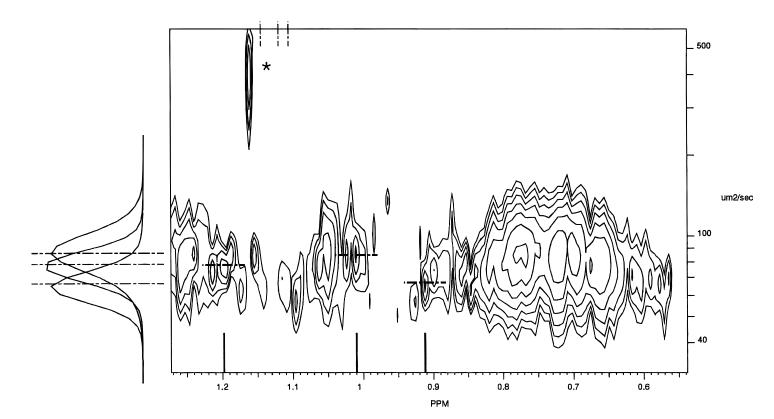


Fig. 4. Analysis of the oligometric state based on NMR DOSY data: the methyl region of the DOSY spectrum of $Nef_{\Delta 1-56,\Delta 206}$ at 140 μ M is shown. Three columns have been extracted at 0.91, 1.01, and 1.20 ppm and are reported to the left. The corresponding diffusion coefficients, materialized by hatched axes, are 66, 84, and 77 mm²/s, respectively. The star indicates an impurity, with a much faster diffusion coefficient.