

# NMR Spectroscopic ‘maps’:

A tool for exploring mixtures



Let's discuss!

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# Applications of NMR spectroscopy to analysing mixtures

## Targeted

Aim: identify (and quantify) defined set of metabolites

## Metabolomics

Metaboloic profiles of entire contents of cells within the test sample (e.g. biofluids, bacterial cells, plant material...)

## Untargeted

Aim: compare entire profiles



Have you had experience with any other applications?

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## Metabonomics in Toxicology: A Review

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## Environmental metabolomics: a critical review and future perspectives

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## Recent applications of NMR spectroscopy in plant metabolomics

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## Next-generation metabolomics in lung cancer treatment and precision medicine: mini-review

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## The Emerging Field of Quantitative Biomarker Discovery in Critical Illness

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## A Review of Applications of Metabolomics in Cancer

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## NMR metabolomics and drug discovery

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## Metabolomics Reviewed: A New “Omics” Platform Technology for Biology and Implications for Natural Products Research

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Metabolic classification of South American *Ilex* species by NMR-based metabolomics

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## Secondary Metabolome Variability and Inducible Chemical Defenses in the Mediterranean Sponge *Aplysina cavernicola*

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## Metabolomic analysis in food science: a review

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Metabolomic analyses have been generally classified as targeted or untargeted (Fig. 1). Targeted analyses focus on a specific group of intended metabolites with most cases requiring identification and quantification of as many metabolites within the group (Ramautar, Demirci, & Jong, 2006). Targeted analyses are important for assessing the behavior of a specific group of compounds in the sample under determined conditions. Targeted metabolomics typically requires higher level of purification and a selective extraction of metabolites. In contrast, untargeted (a.k.a. comprehensive) metabolomics focuses on the detection of as many groups of metabolites as possible to obtain patterns or fingerprints without necessarily identifying nor quantifying a specific compound(s) (Monton & Soga, 2007). Untar-

## Review on metabolomics for food authentication

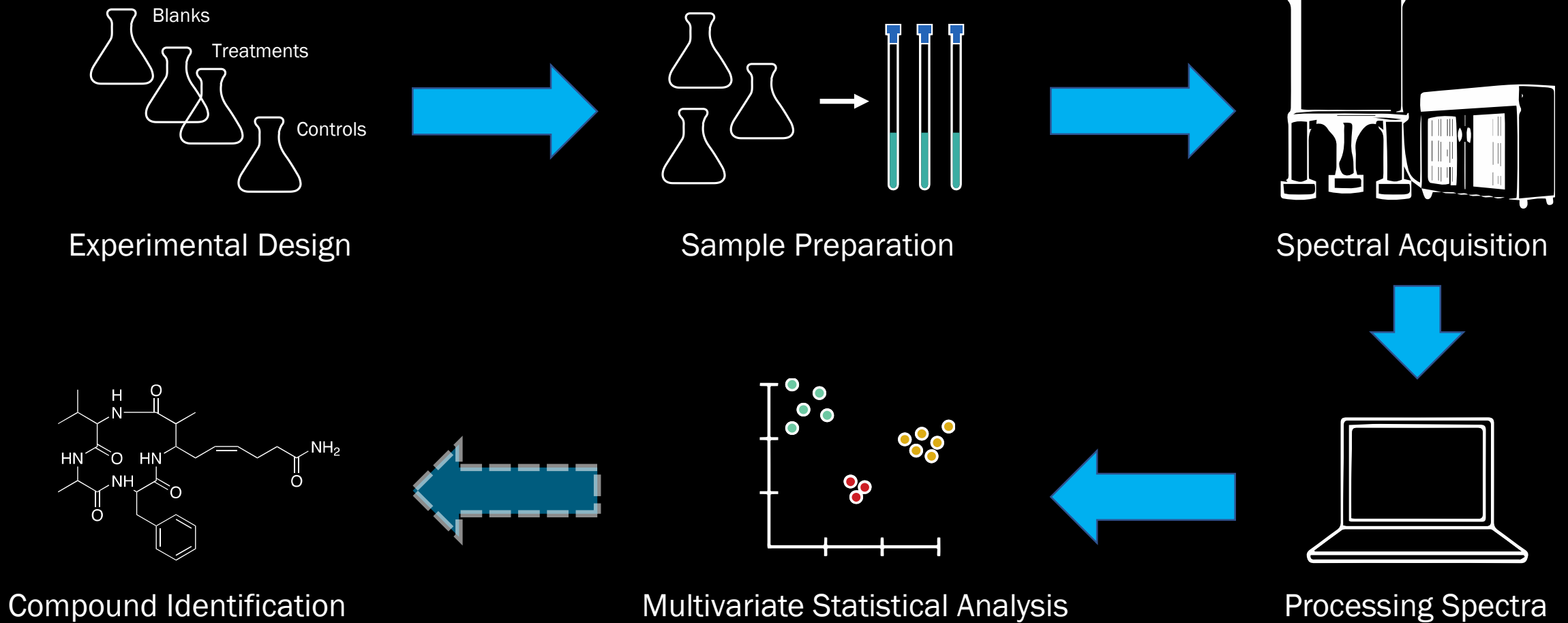
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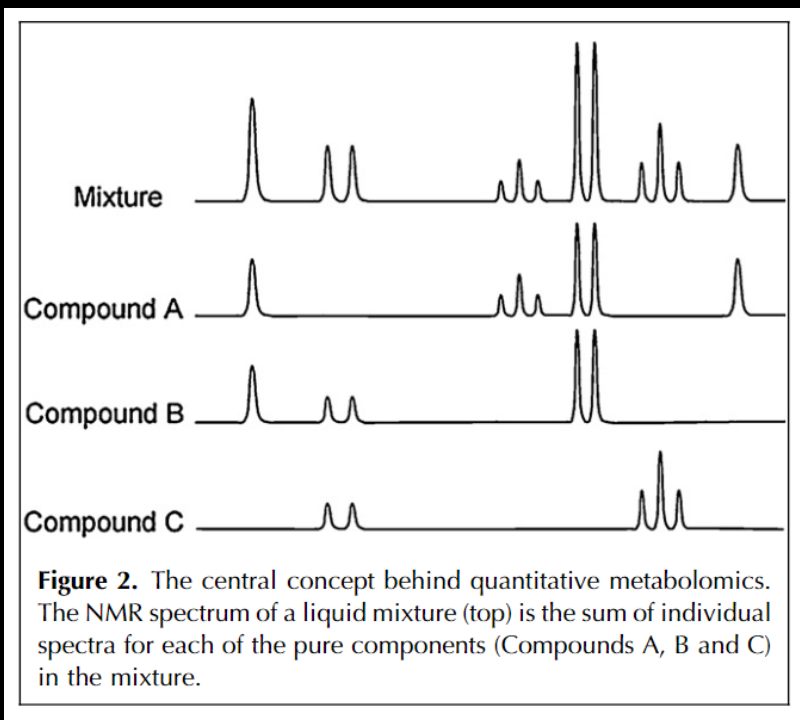
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# Common Approach/Workflow

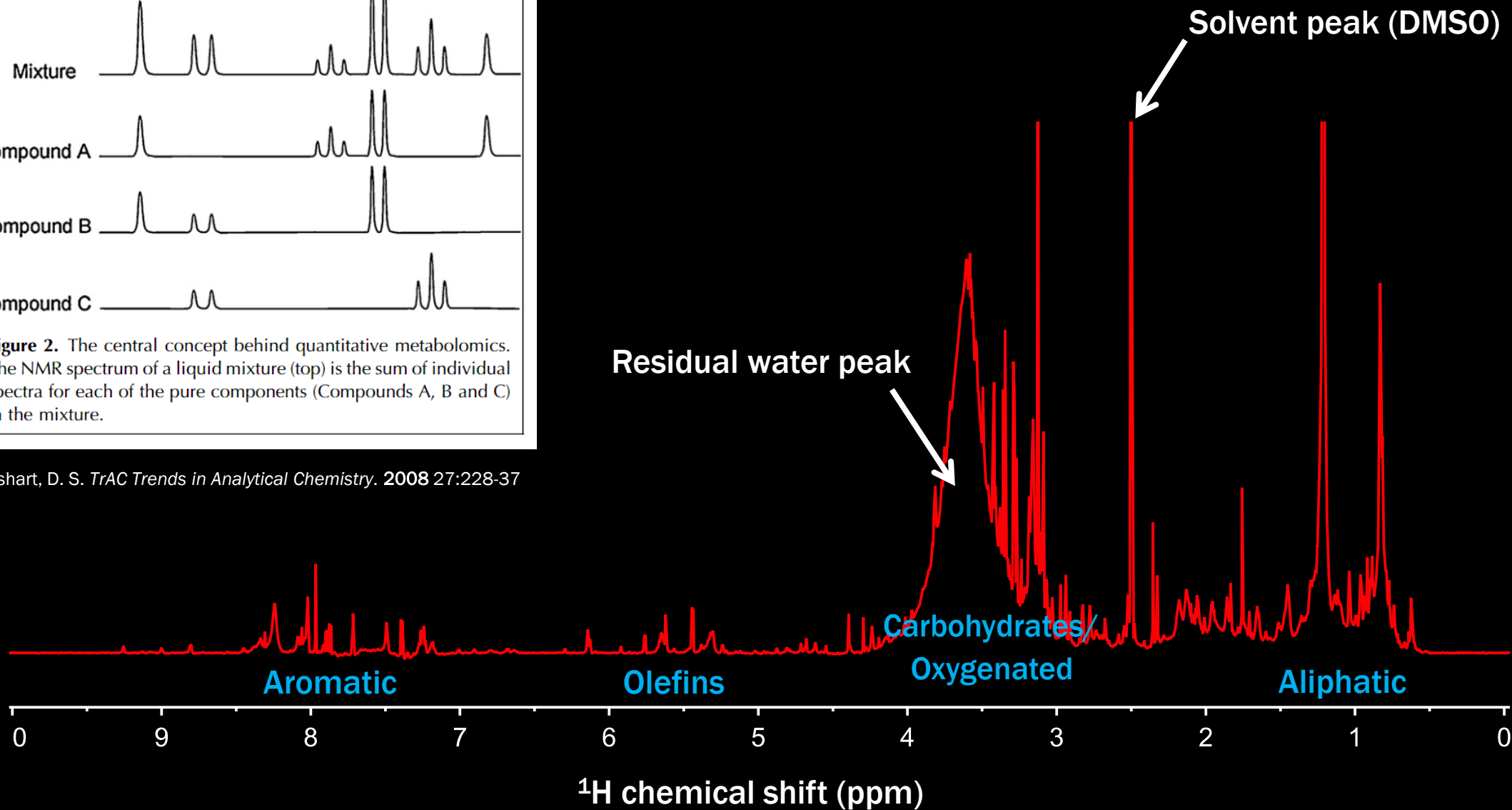


## What are things to consider at each step?

# 1D Proton NMR



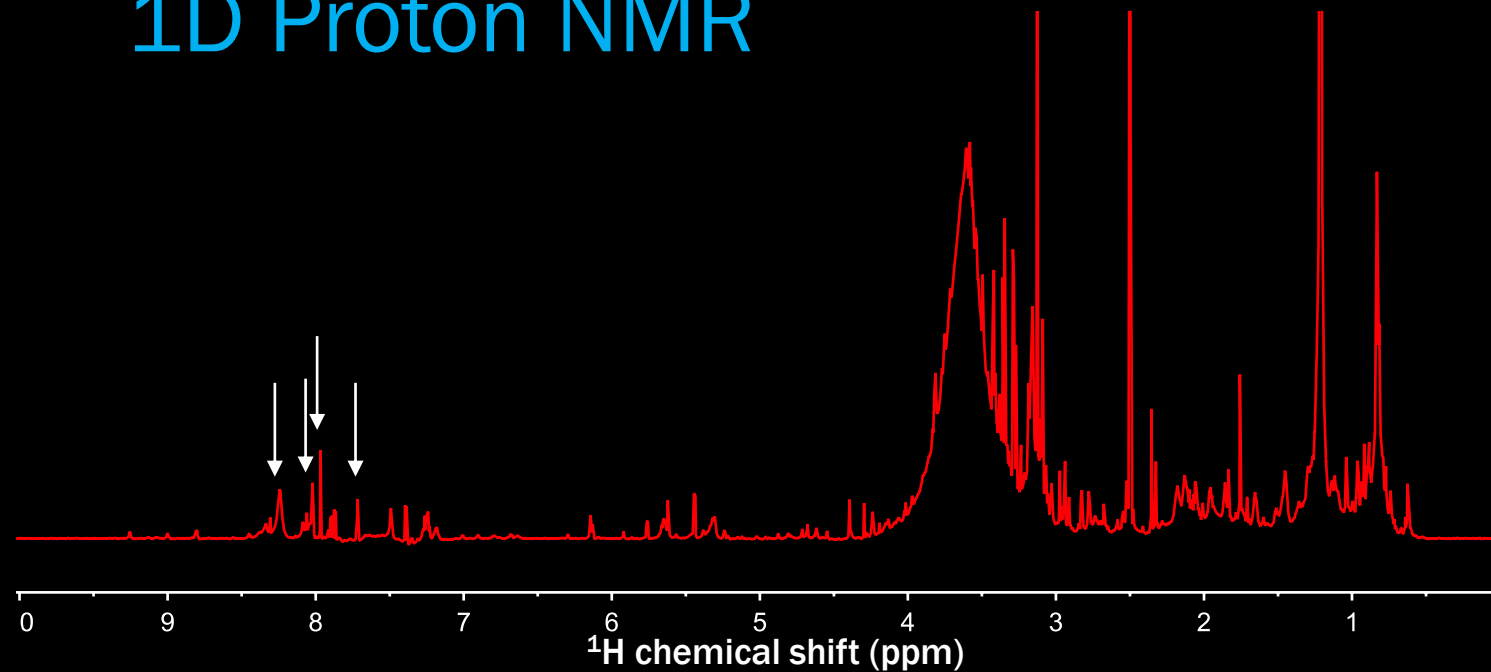
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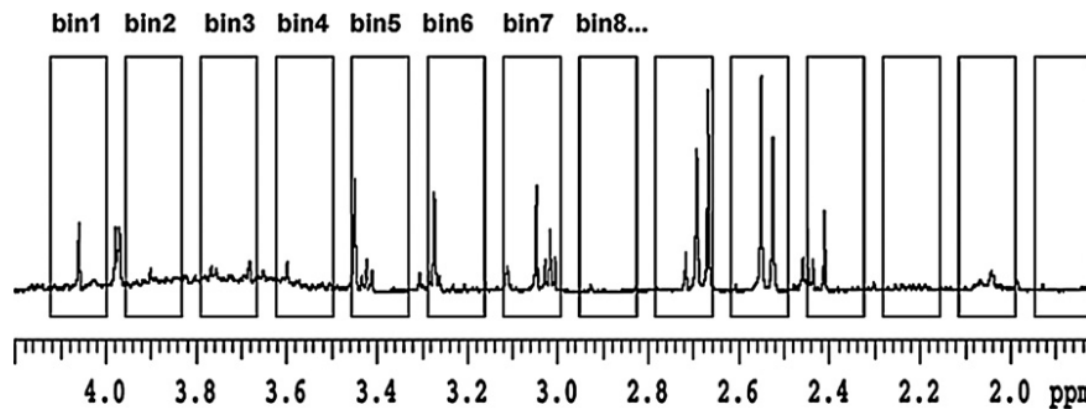
# 1D Proton NMR

How to process the spectra?

Individual peak picking



‘Binning’



**Figure 1.** An example of how an NMR spectrum would be binned or partitioned prior to analysis by principal component analysis (PCA) or other chemometric methods.

# 1D Proton NMR

## Benefits:

- 1D  $^1\text{H}$  NMR can be quantitative
- Binning enables rapid and reproducible results

## Challenges:

- 1D spectra can still result in overlapping signals
- Complex samples results in complex spectra
- Multiple peaks belong to the same compound

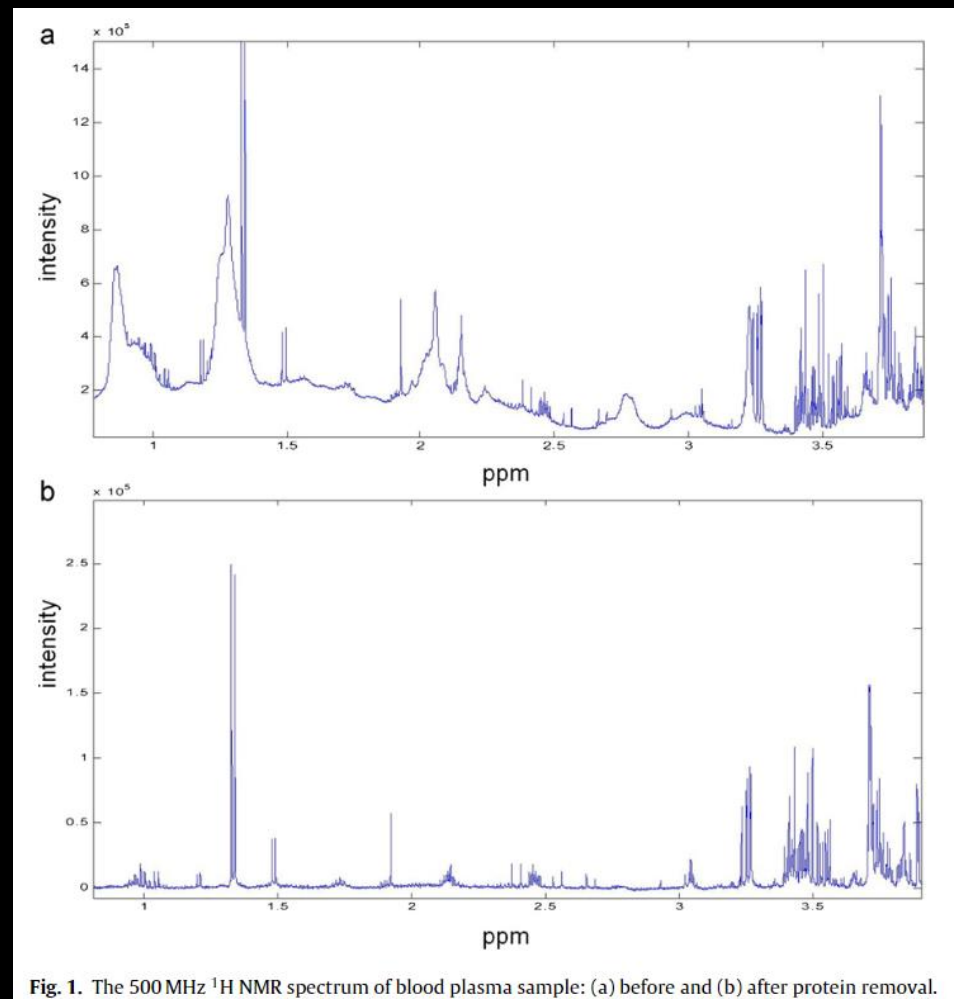


Fig. 1. The 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of blood plasma sample: (a) before and (b) after protein removal.



Think of any other possible benefits or challenges?

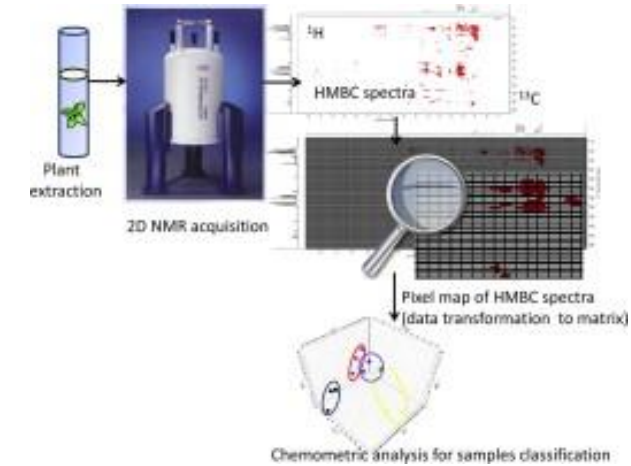
# 2D NMR Approaches to Metabolomics/Profiling

## Benefits:

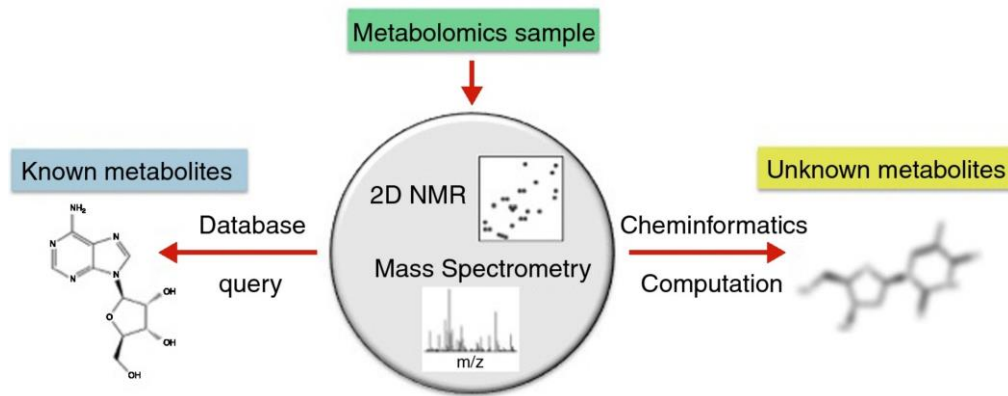
- Separate signals over second dimension
- Range of different 2D experiments available

## Challenges:

- Multiple peaks belong to the same compound
- Acquisition time
- Choice of experiment

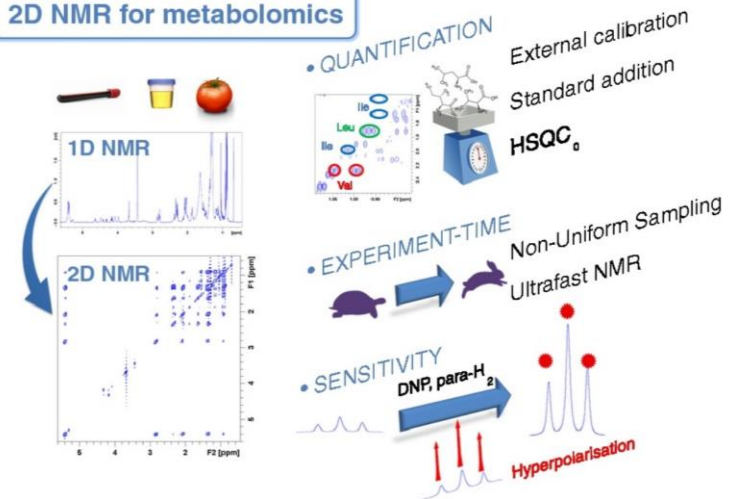


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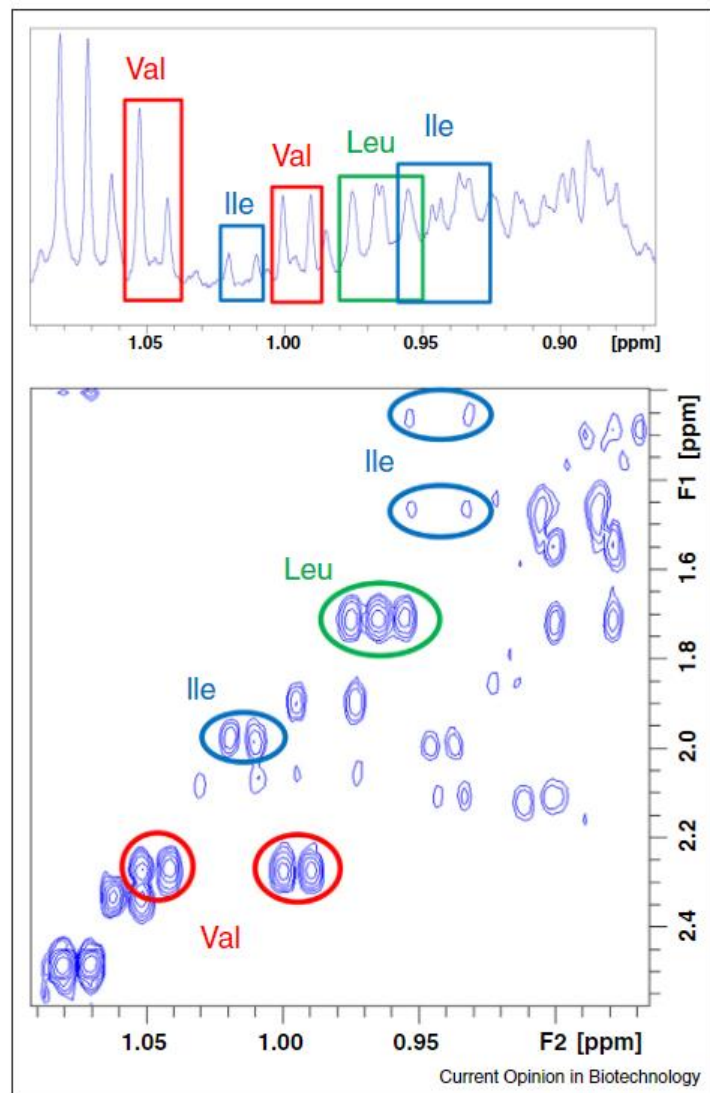
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## 2D NMR for metabolomics



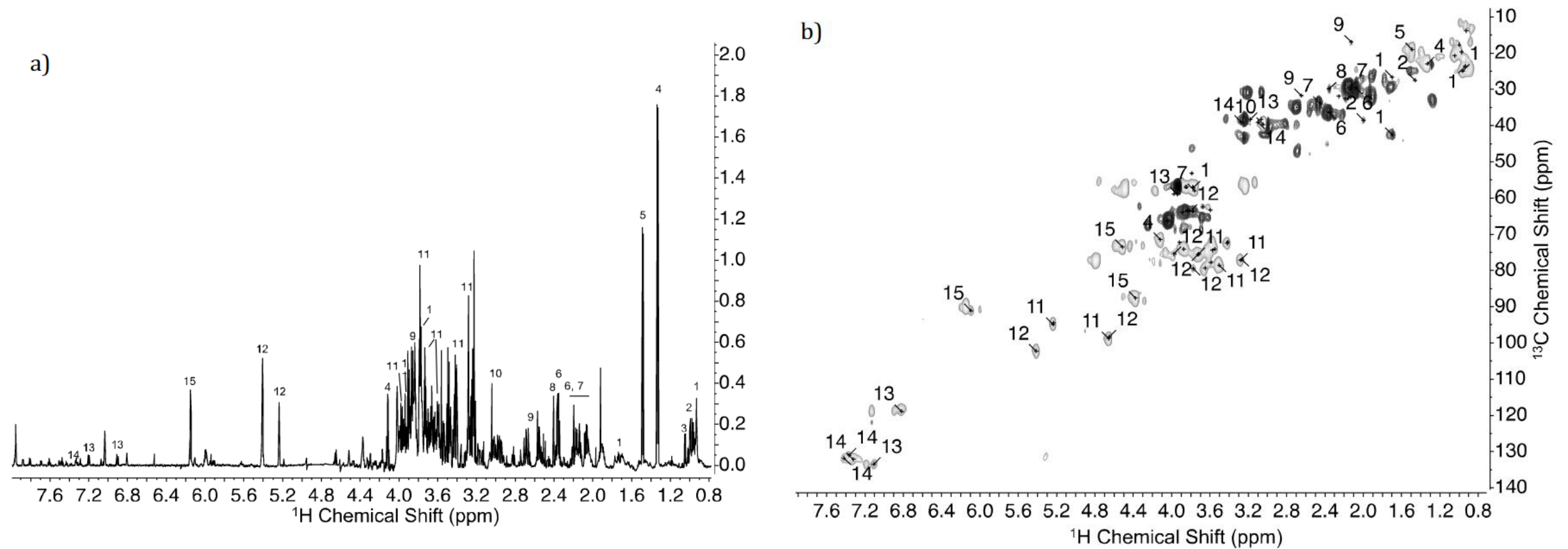
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**Figure 1**

Illustration — in the case of urine — of the separation capabilities of 2D versus 1D NMR for metabolomics. Top: zoom of a  $^1\text{H}$  1D NMR spectrum obtained on a human urine sample at 298 K, with presaturation of the water signal through a 1D-NOESY pulse sequence. The spectrum was acquired with 64 transients on a 700 MHz spectrometer equipped with a cryogenic probe. The signals from the identified metabolites are strongly overlapped, thus making their accurate quantification difficult. Bottom: corresponding zoom of a  $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum for the same sample. The 2D spectrum was acquired with four transients and 300 increments in the indirect dimension, with the same hardware configuration. All the metabolites whose signals were overlapped on the 1D spectrum show at least one well-separated signal on the 2D spectrum, making their quantification possible. Val: Valine; Leu: Leucine; Ile: Isoleucine.



**Fig. 5.** Typical 800 MHz a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra and b) HSQC spectra of liver extracts from striped marsh frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*) tadpoles, with identified metabolites shown. 1 Leucine, 2 Isoleucine, 3 Valine, 4 Lactic acid, 5 Alanine, 6 Glutamate, 7 Glutamine 8 Pyruvic acid, 9 Methionine, 10 Creatine, 11 Glucose, 12 Maltose, 13 Tyrosine, 14 Phenylalanine, 15 Nucleotides.

# Discussion



What are the possible ways to extract *meaningful* data?

- Manually select individual peaks/correlations (..the slow human way)
- Convert entire spectrum into data matrix (artefacts/miss some signals)



Any suggestion of other possible ways to analyses this data?

- Image recognition
- Machine learning
- Other bioinformatic techniques..?

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- [Chenomx](#) – software for NMR mixture analysis
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