Biomolecular NMR 2014

- Biomolecular NMR short history ~ 1985 first protein structure
- Compared to X-ray ~ 1953 first protein structure
- Today ~ 11 % of structures in the PDB (10,287) come via NMR – higher for nucleic acids
- Unique structural applications weak associations, partially structured, membrane associations, in-cell observation
- Diverse applications: drug screening, metabolic monitoring, in vivo imaging
- NMR is still an evolving science



NMR Recognition

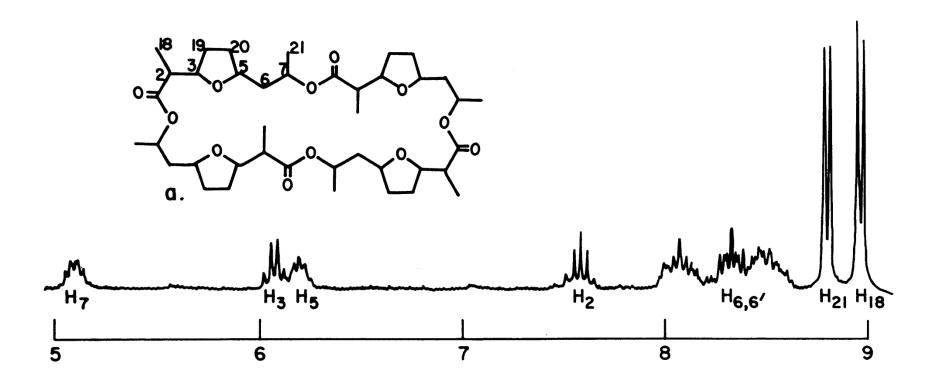
- 1944 Isidor Isaac Rabi Nobel Prize in Physics
 - -"for his resonance method for recording the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei"
- 1952 Felix Bloch and Edward Mills Purcell Nobel Prize in Physics
 - -"for their development of new methods for nuclear magnetic precision measurements and discoveries in connection therewith"
- 1991 Richard Ernst Nobel Prize in Chemistry
 - -"for his contributions to the development of the methodology of high resolution nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy"
- 2002 Kurt Wuthrich Nobel Prize in Chemistry
 - -"for his development of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy for determining the three-dimensional structure of biological macromolecules in solution"
- 2003 Paul Lauterbur and Sir Peter Mansfield Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine
 - -"for their discoveries concerning magnetic resonance imaging"

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~1965
Superconducting
Magnets Boosted
Field Strength
Required a Lot of
Care And
Feeding



High Field (220 MHz), but Still 1D CW NMR

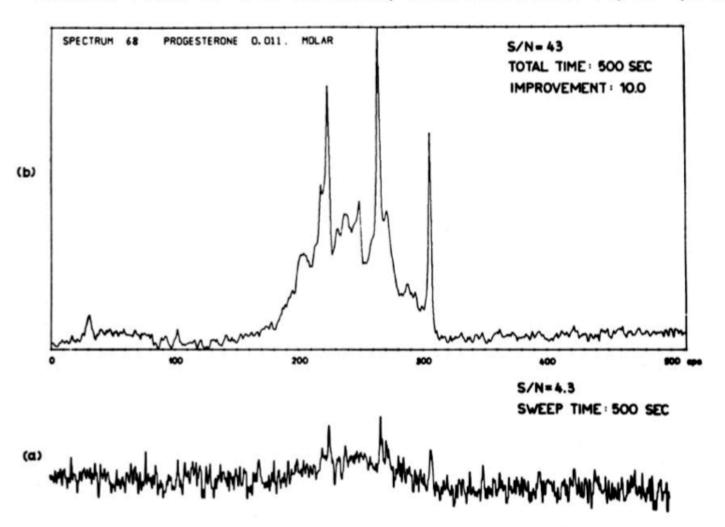


~1970 Richard Ernst Introduced Multidimensional Pulse FT Methods



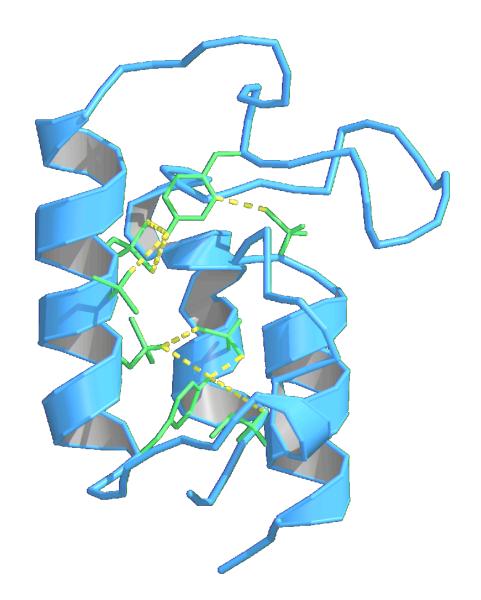
PULSED FOURIER TRANSFORM NMR

Richard Ernst & Wes Anderson, Rev. Sci. Instr. 37, 93 (1966)

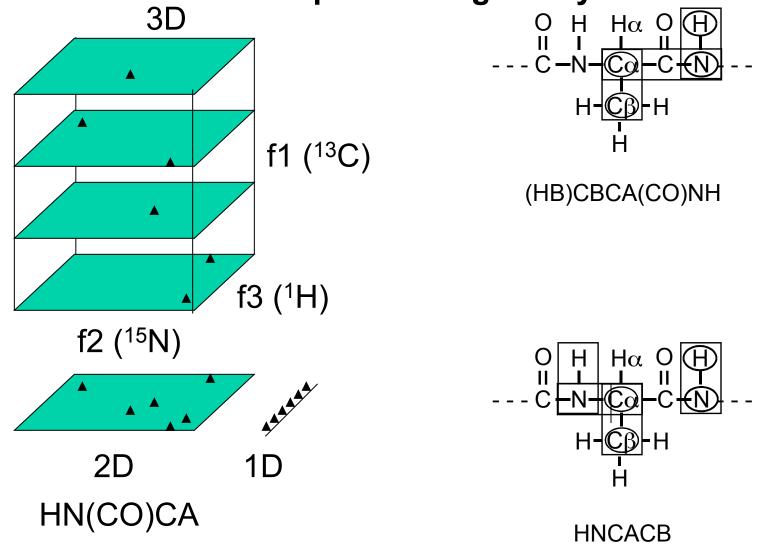


Fourier transform (top) and conventional spectra of 0.011 M progesterone showing sensitivity enhancement by a factor ten

~1982 Kurt Wüthrich: 2D ¹H-¹H NMR: ~10 kDa Protein assign resonances, collect NOE's, calculate structure

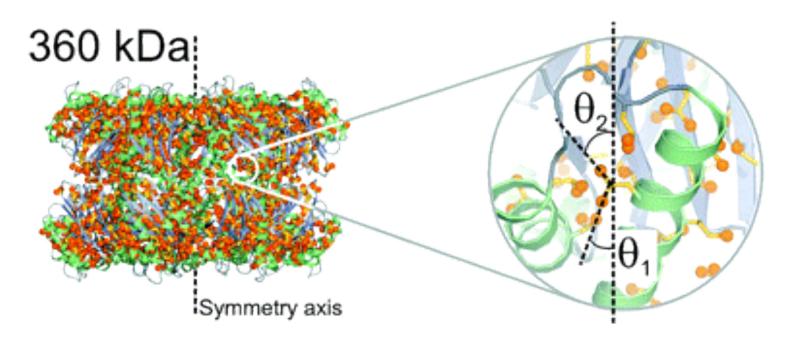


Extension to 3D: Through-bond Correlations in Peptides Isotope Labeling is Key



Ikura, M.; Kay, L. E.; Bax, A., (1990) Biochemistry 29:4659-4667

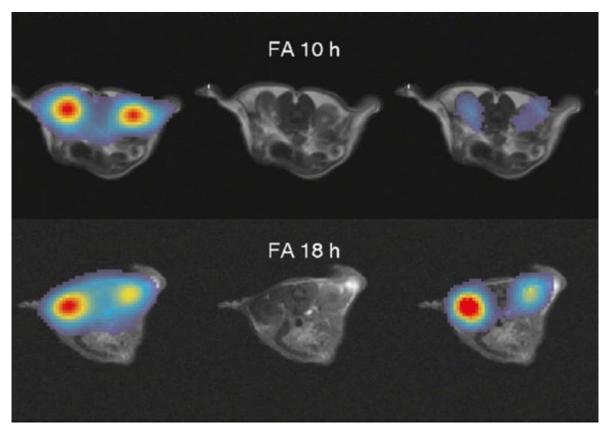
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NMR Spectroscopy + MRI Monitors Metabolism in vivo



Example: Fumaric acid to malic acid conversion indicates onset of acute tubular necrosis of the mouse kidney. Images are 10 and 18 hrs after folic acid induced nephropathy. Left and right images based on signals of carboxyl resonances of fumaric and malic acid respectively.

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NMR is widely applicable to structure and function of biomolecules

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