

NMR course at the FMP:
NMR of organic compounds and
small biomolecules

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AG Solution NMR

The program

Peptides

Sequence specific assignment (1)

Homonuclear experiments

Sequence specific assignment (2)

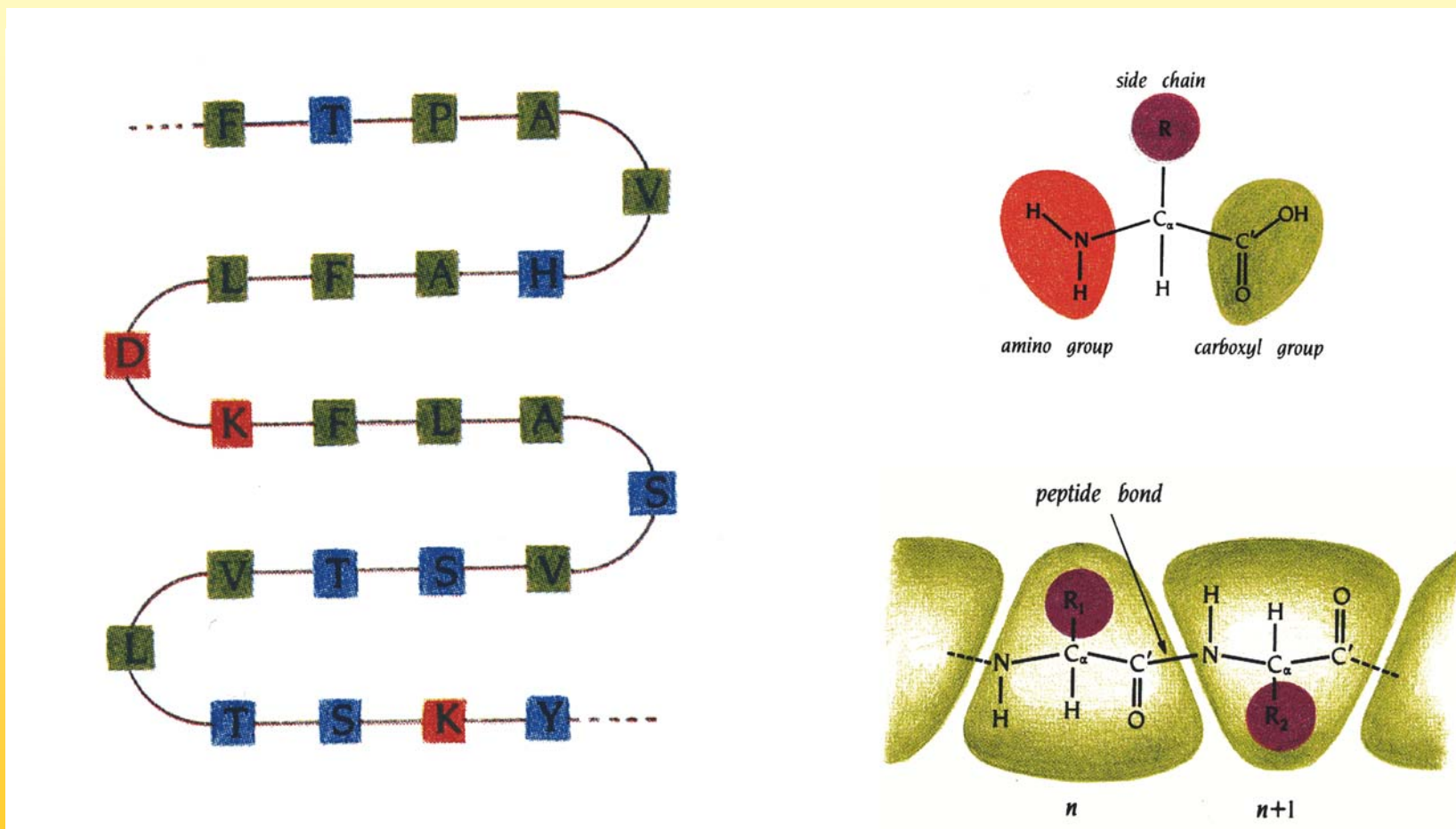
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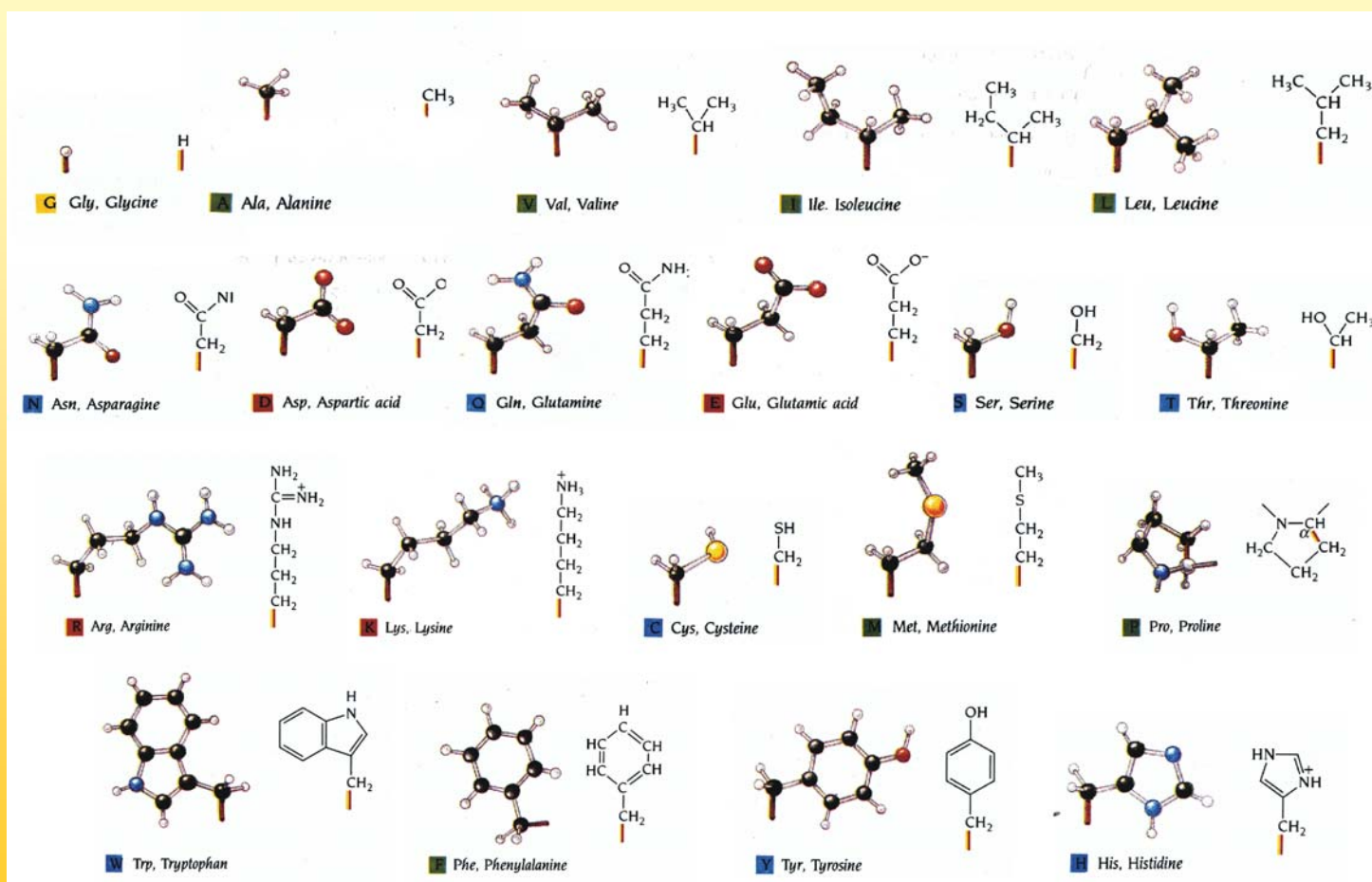
Peptides

Primary structure



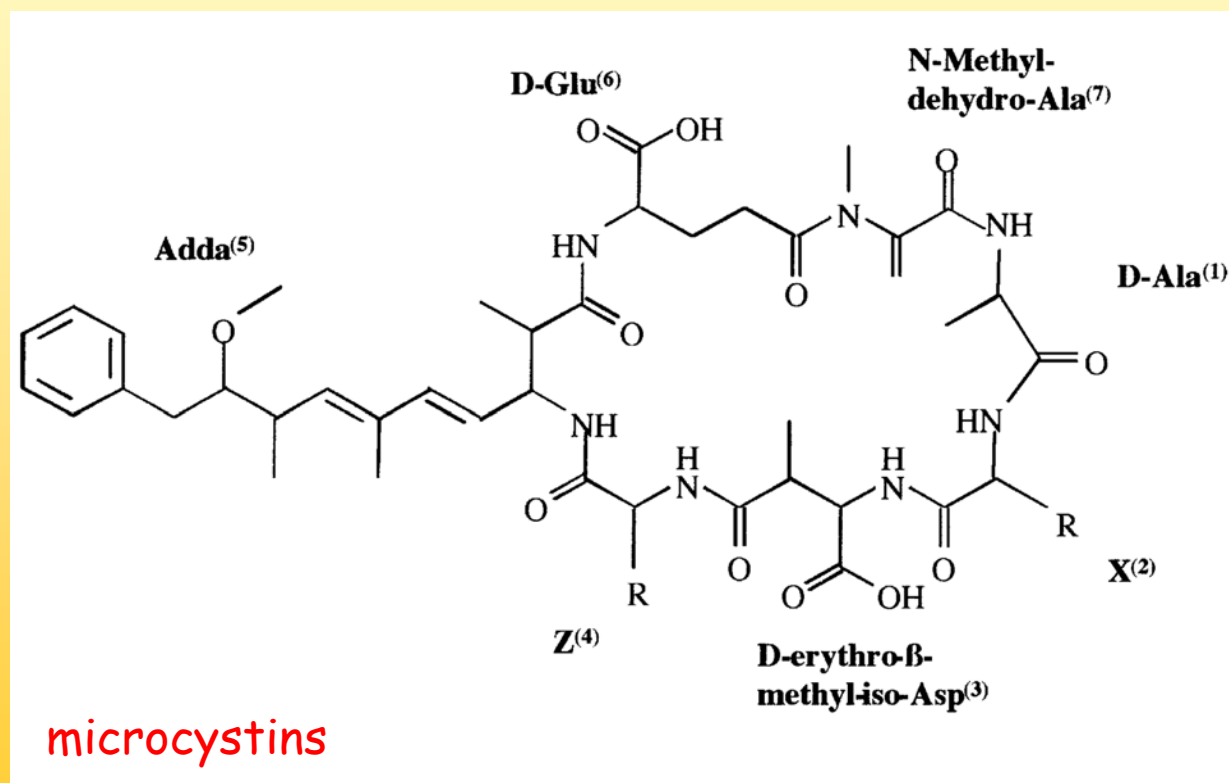
Peptides

20 proteinogenic amino acids



Peptides

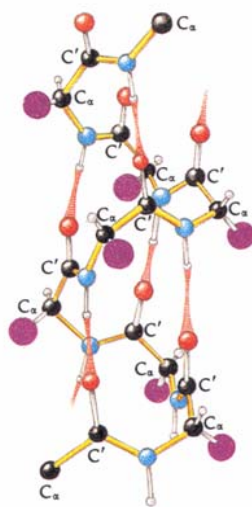
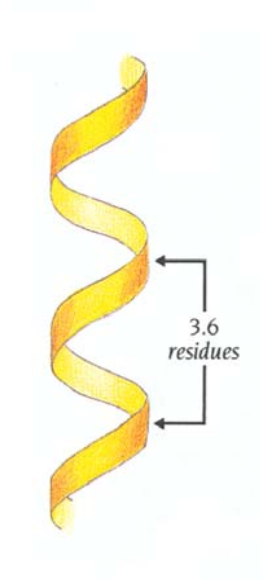
In natural products many other amino acids are possible



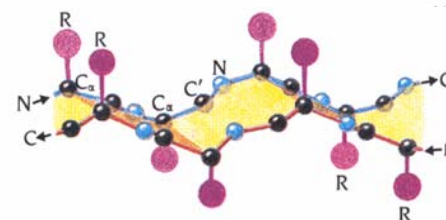
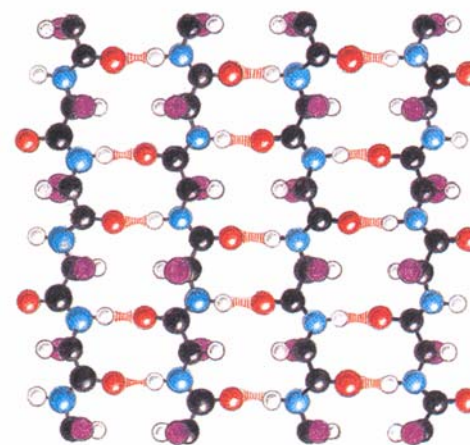
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secondary structure

α -helix

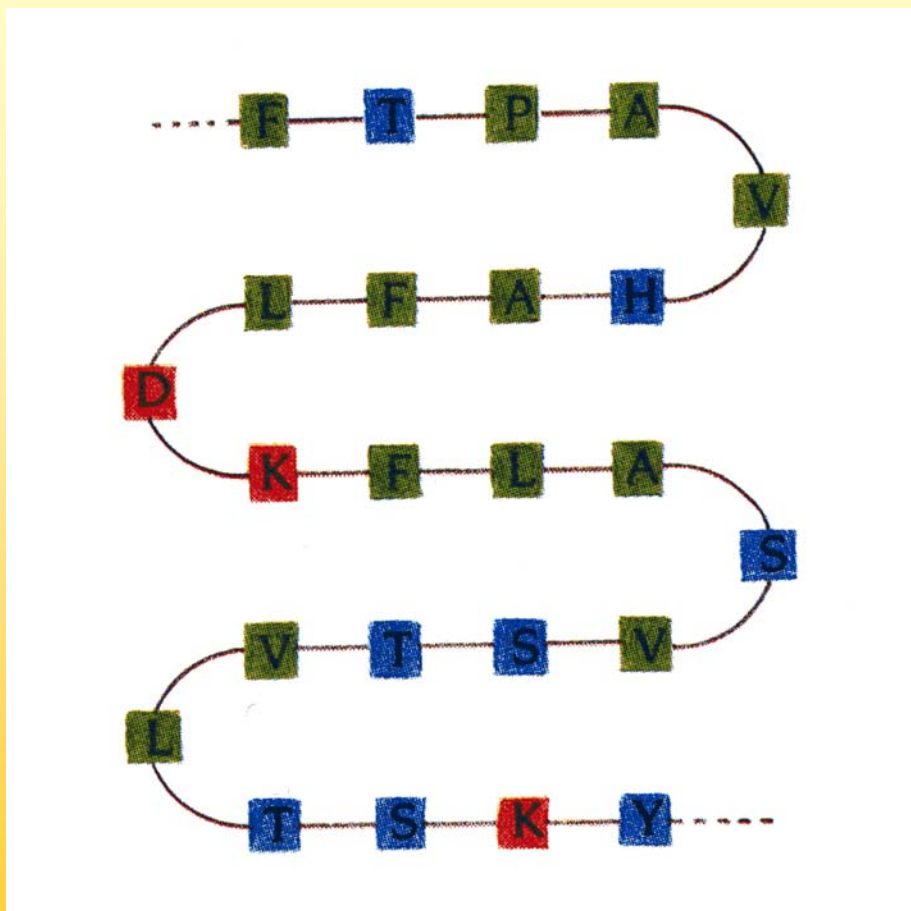


β -sheet



NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

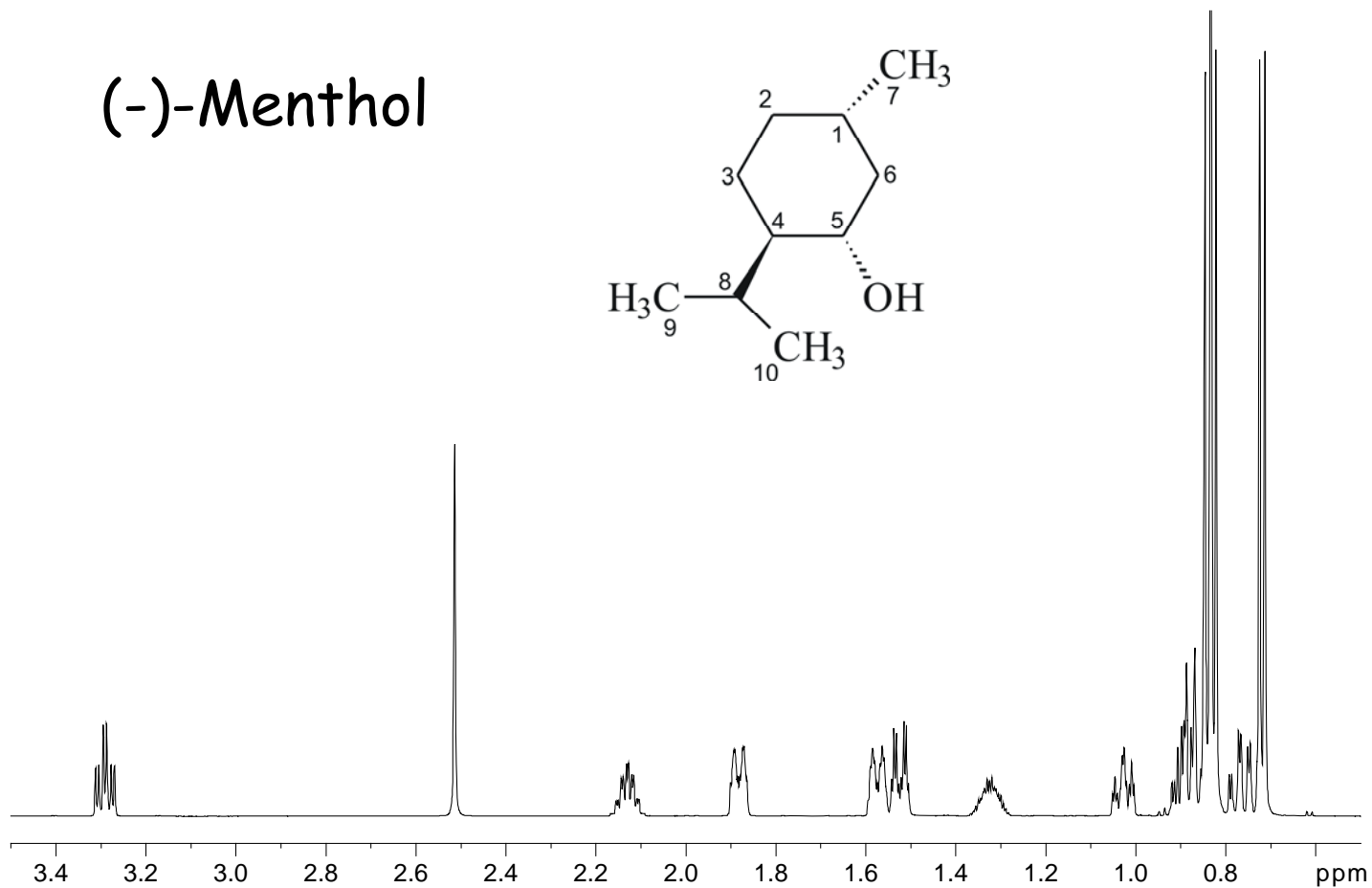
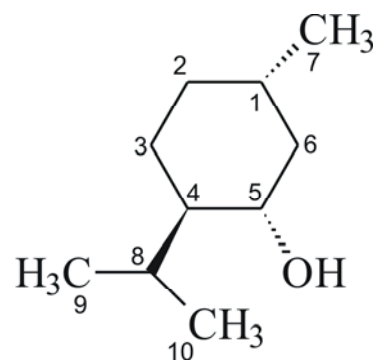
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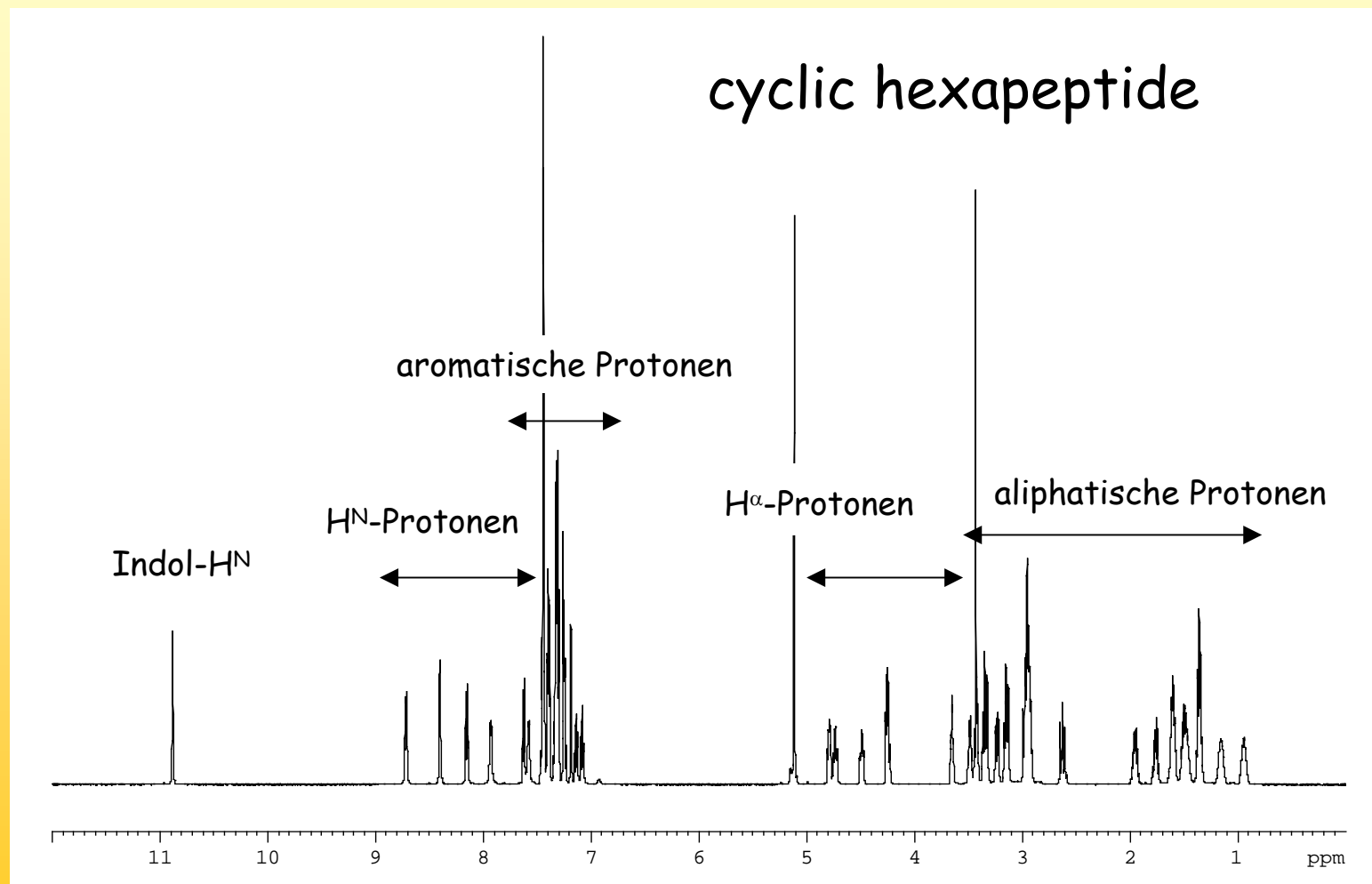
The major problem of protein NMR results from the fact that proteins are polymers, i.e. the repetition of almost identical subunits

NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

(-)-Menthol

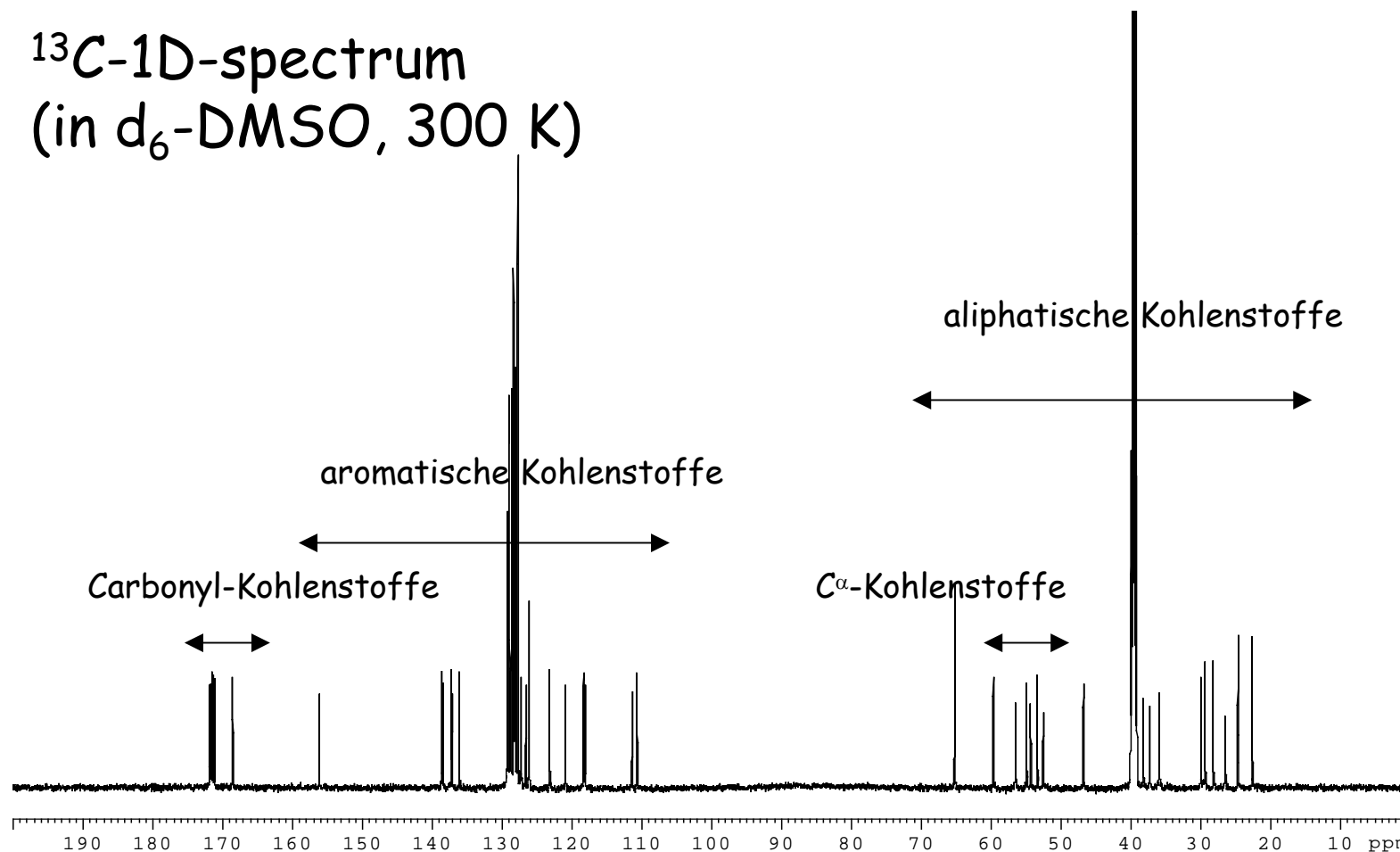


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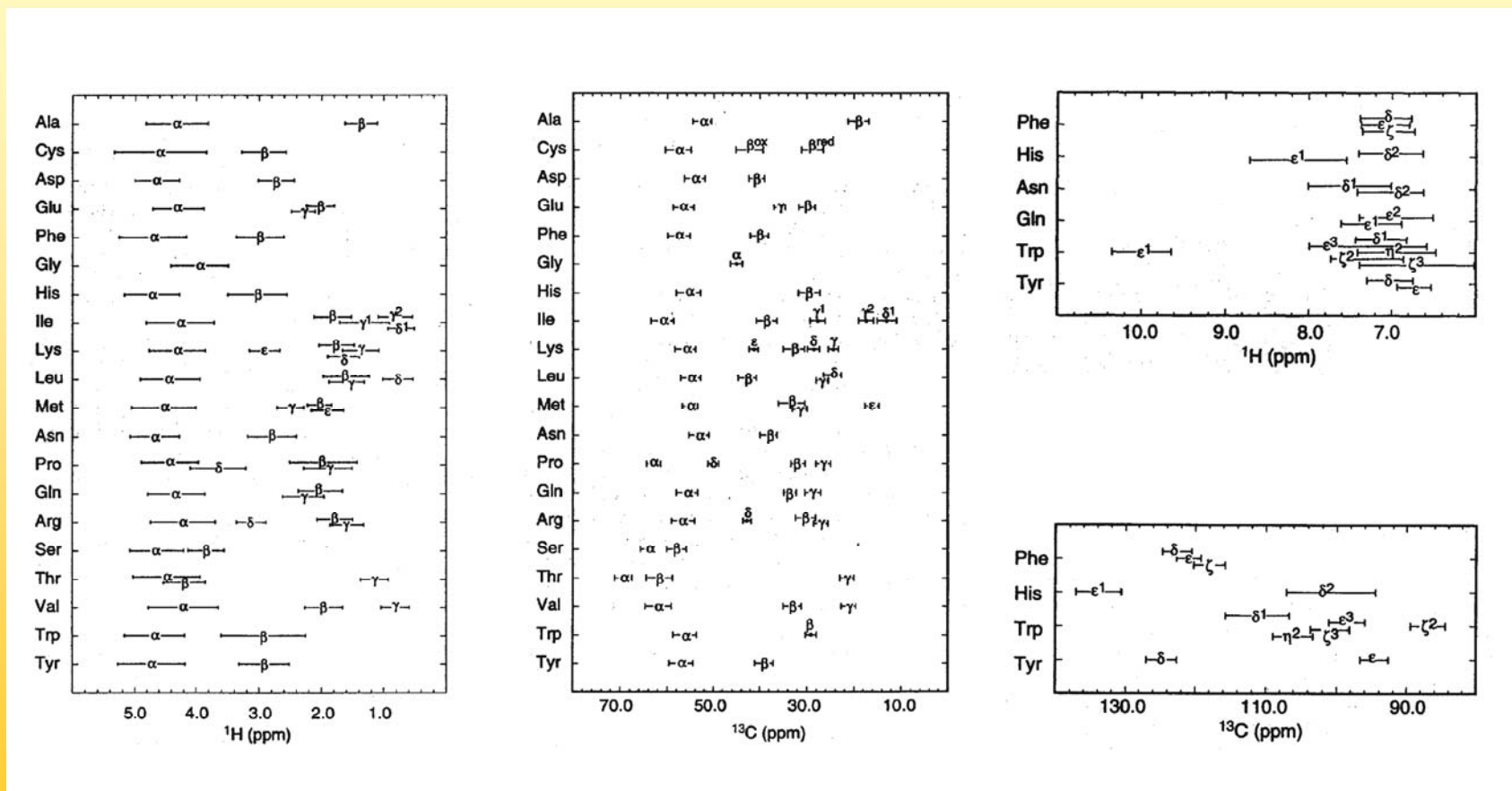
NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

^{13}C -1D-spectrum
(in d_6 -DMSO, 300 K)



NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

For proton and carbon there are „random coil“ chemical shifts



Sequence specific assignment

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The solution of the assignment problem is the
sequence-specific assignment

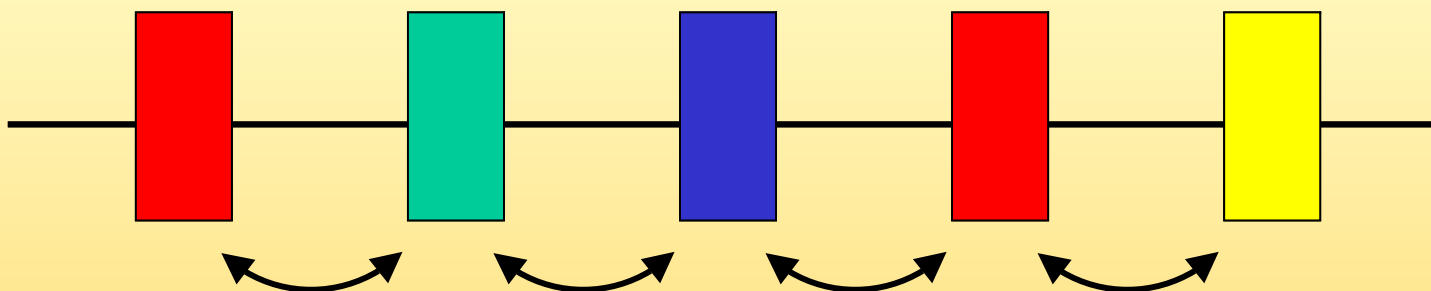
The following strategies exist:

Based on homonuclear spectra (**COSY, TOCSY, NOESY**)

Based on heteronuclear spectra in natural abundance
(**HMBC**)

In case of larger proteins labeling with ^{13}C and ^{15}N is necessary and heteronuclear triple resonance experiments (**CBCA(CO)NNH, CBCANNH**) are recorded

Sequence-specific assignment



1. Which amino acid type is present (which color)
2. Which amino acid is next to which (neighborhood)
3. Comparison of subsequences with that of the peptide

Sequence specific assignment

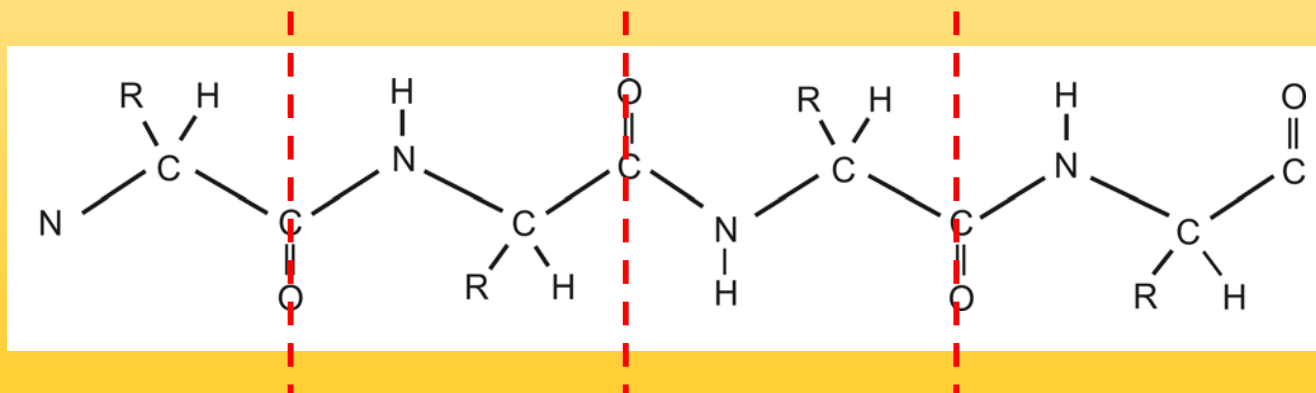
So we need two types of experiments, those that can identify the amino acids type und those that can provide the sequential (neighborhood) information.

In case of small, unlabeled peptides the information on the amino acid type will result from spectra based on homonuclear scalar coupling (COSY, TOCSY)

The information on neighborhood will result from NOEs or heteronuclear scalar coupling

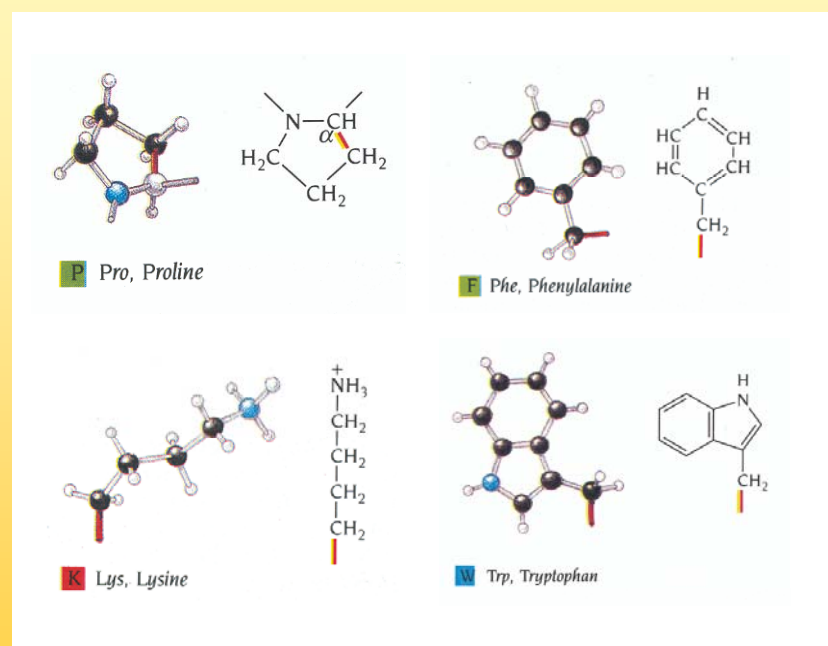
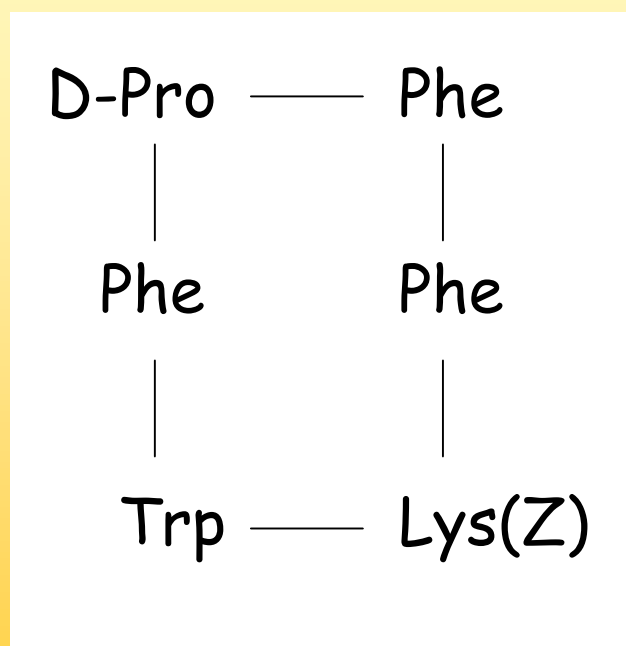
Sequence specific assignment

With respect to homonuclear scalar couplings each amino acid represents a separate set of signals, a spin system, since amino acids are separated by the carbonyl carbon that does not have a proton attached.



Homonuclear experiments

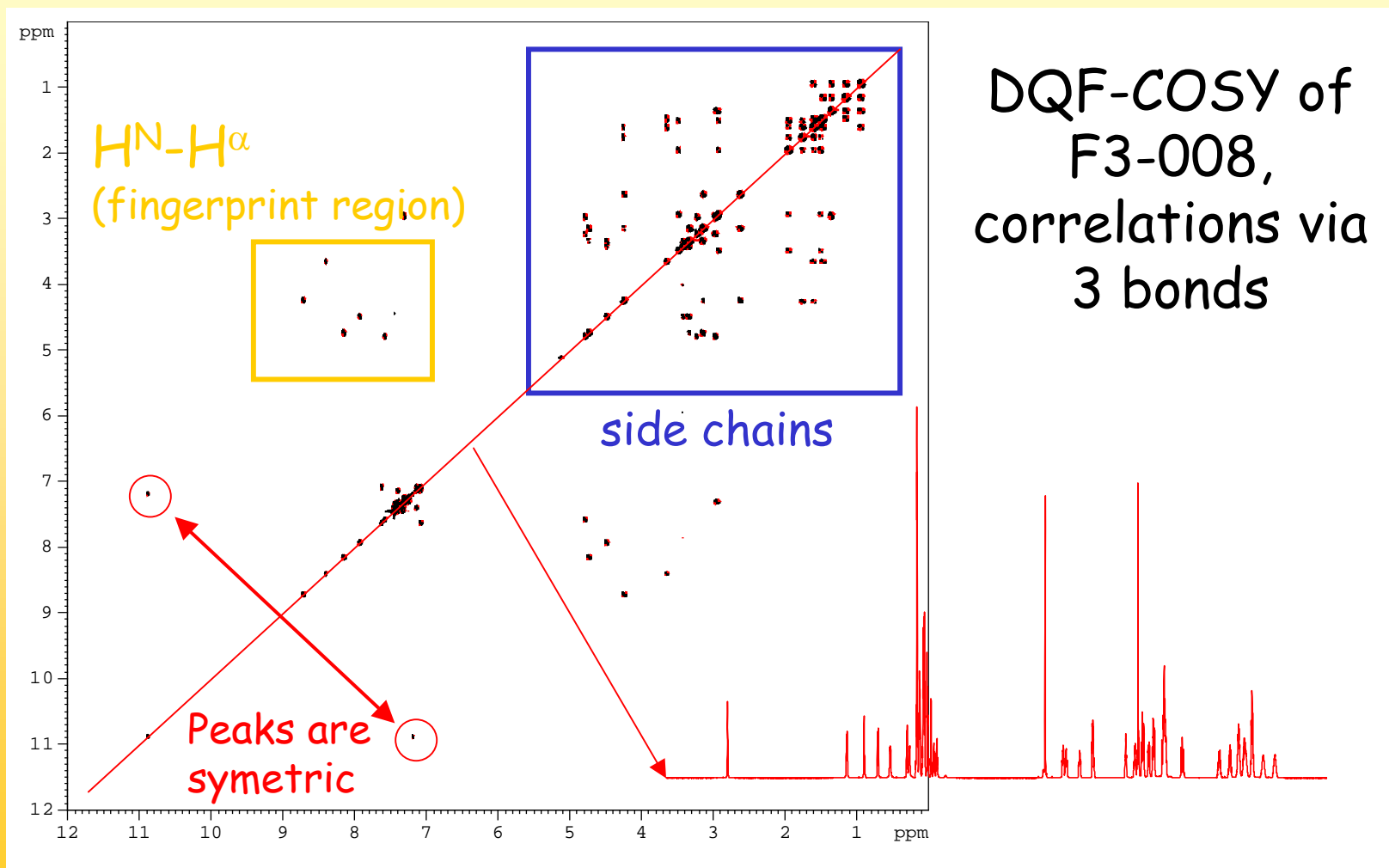
Our example peptide

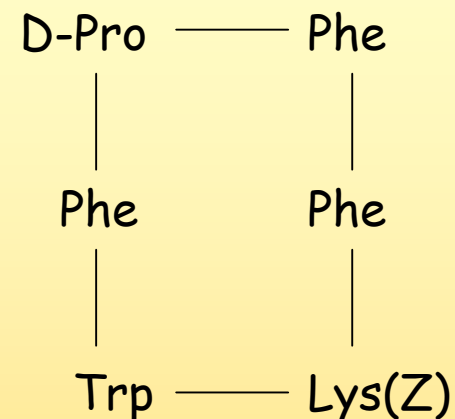
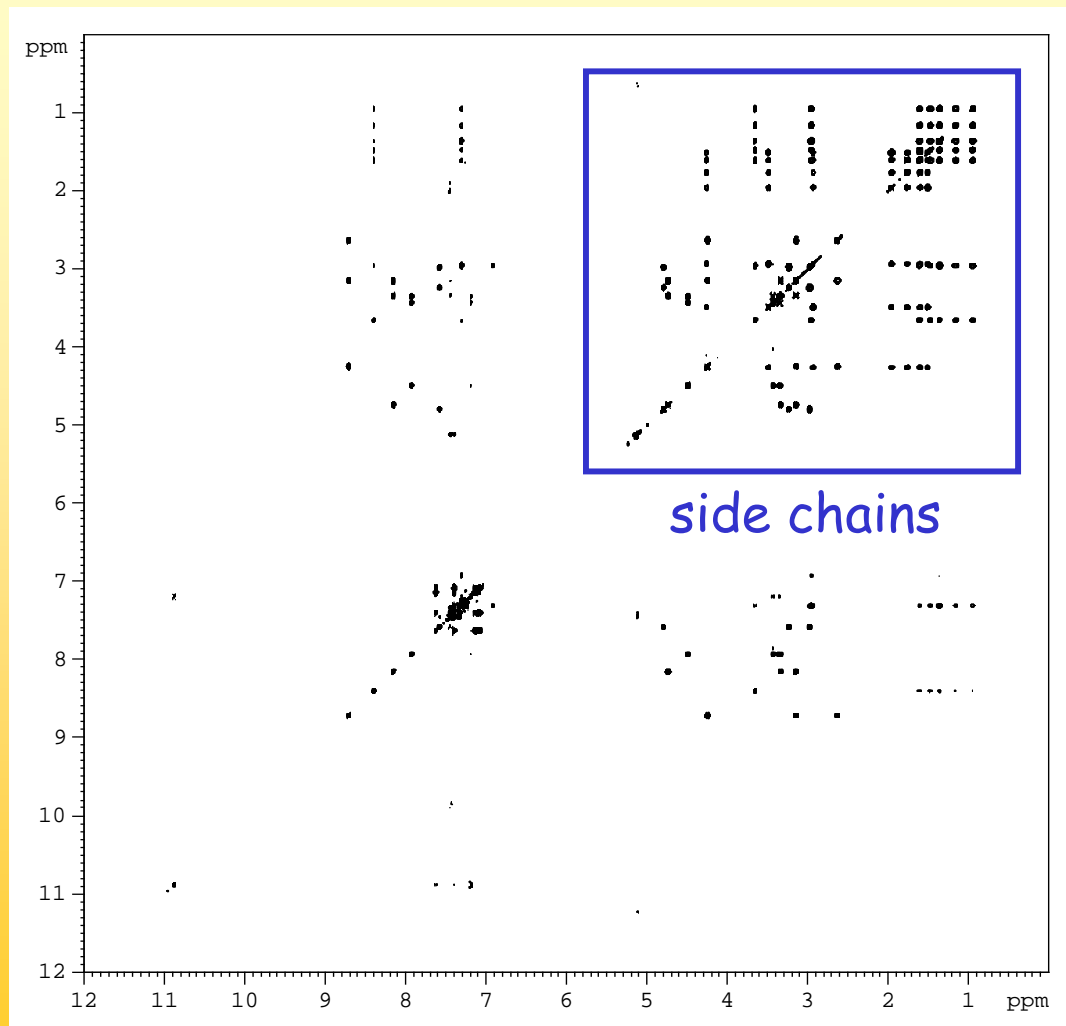


F3-008: *cyc*-(dP-F-F-K(Z)-W-F)

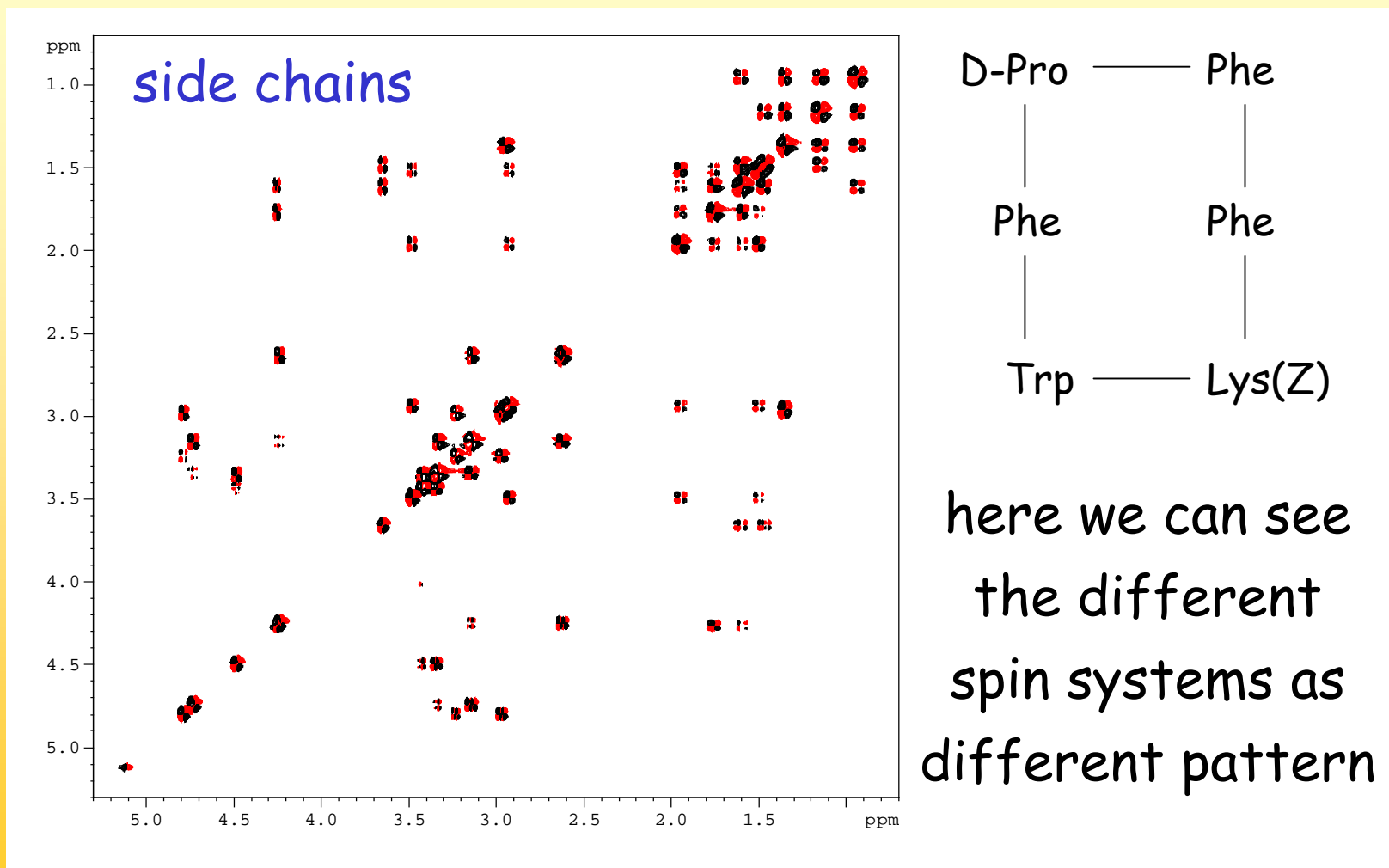
Homonuclear experiments

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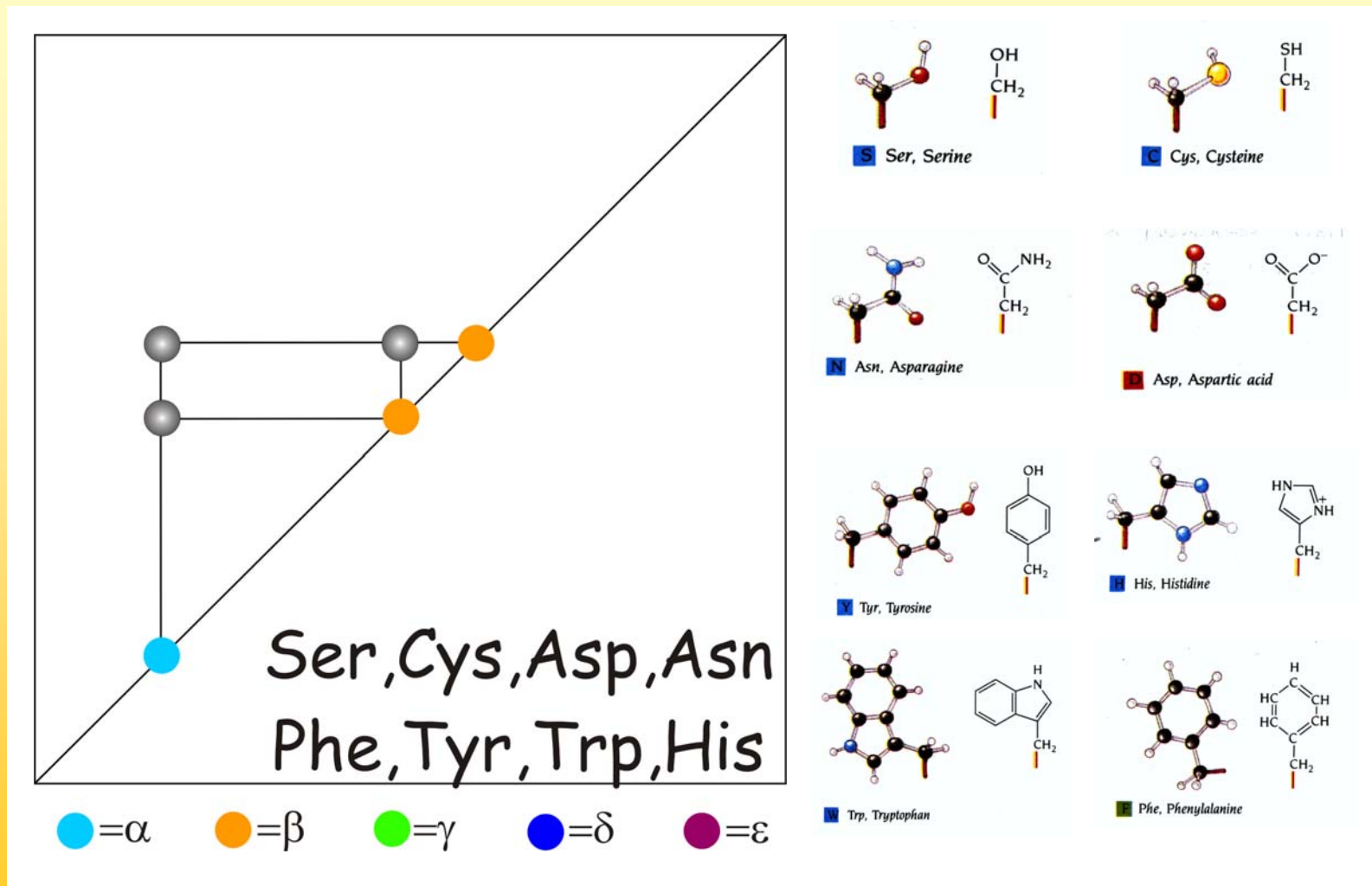


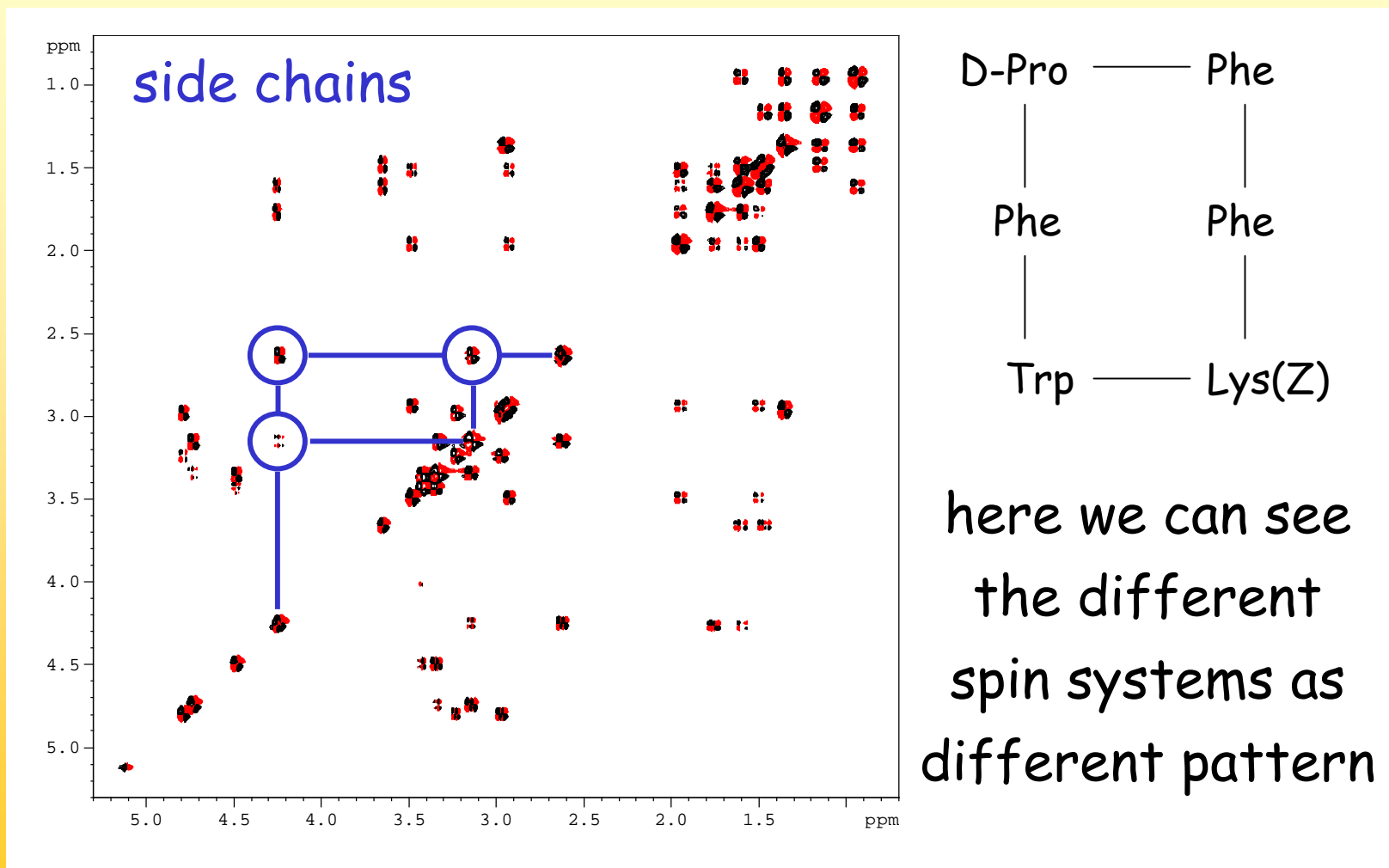
In einem TOCSY mit langer Mischzeit sind bei jedem Signal das ganze Spinsystem zu sehen



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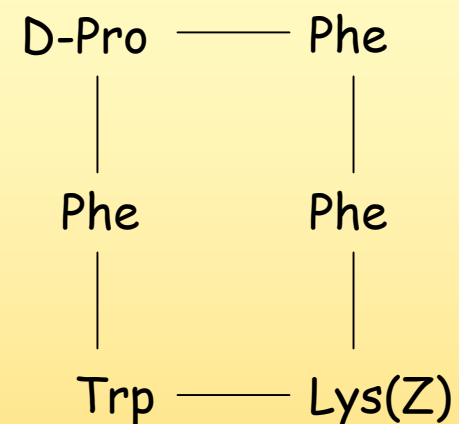
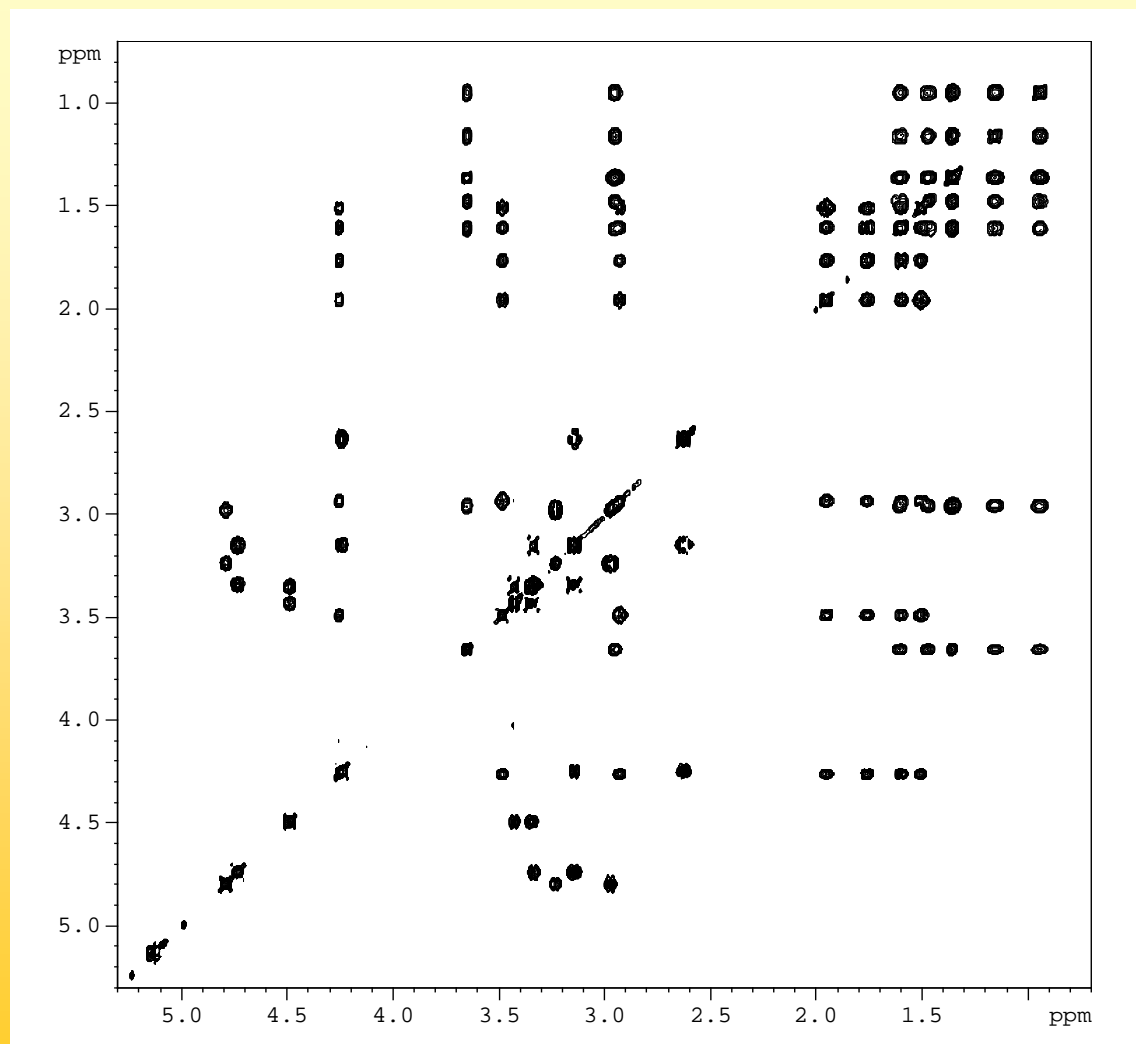
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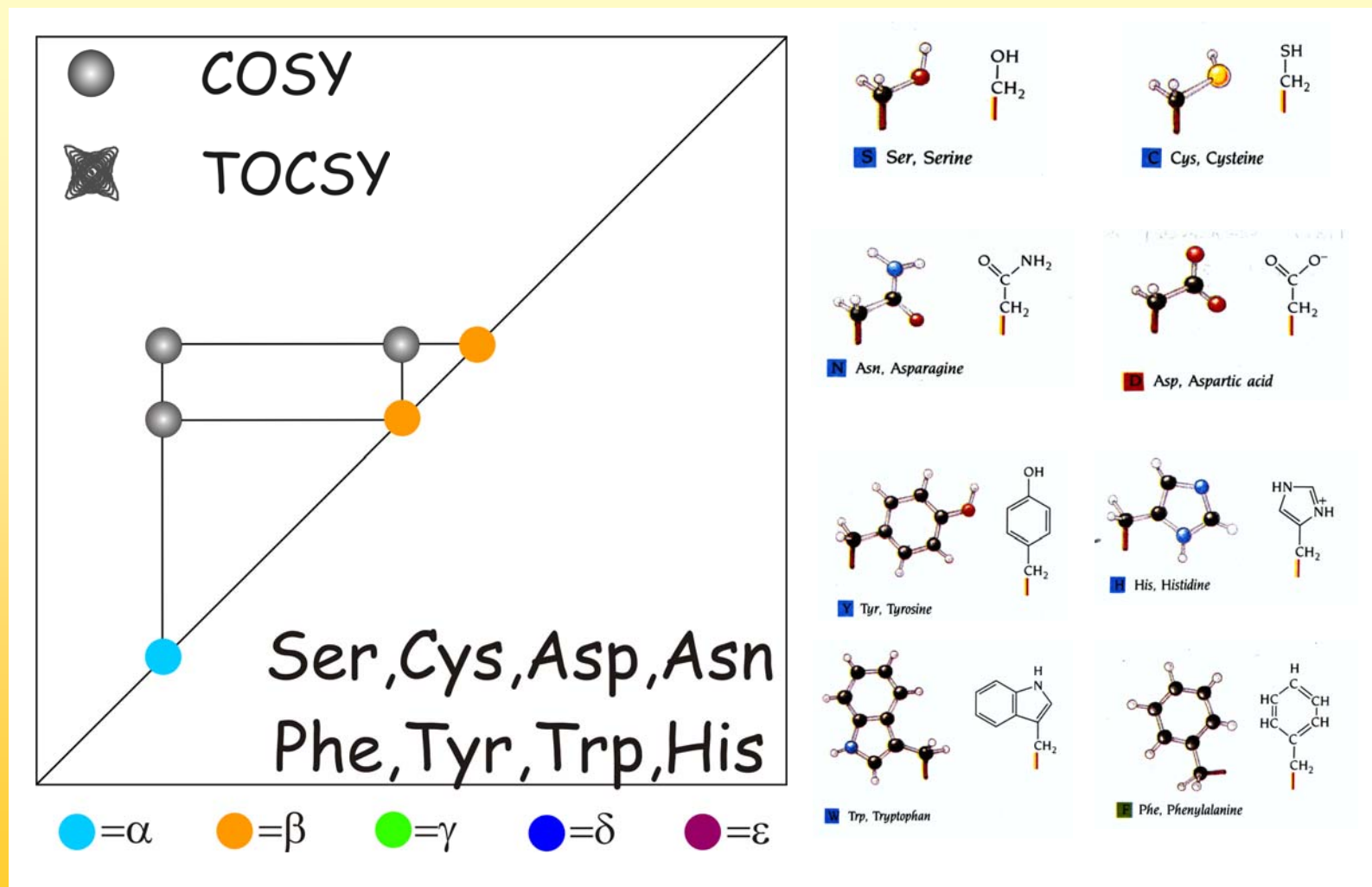
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In the TOCSY
the pattern is
slightly
different

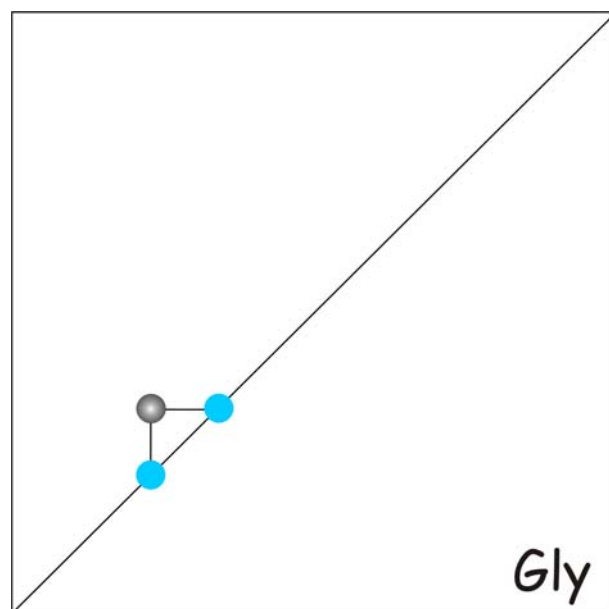
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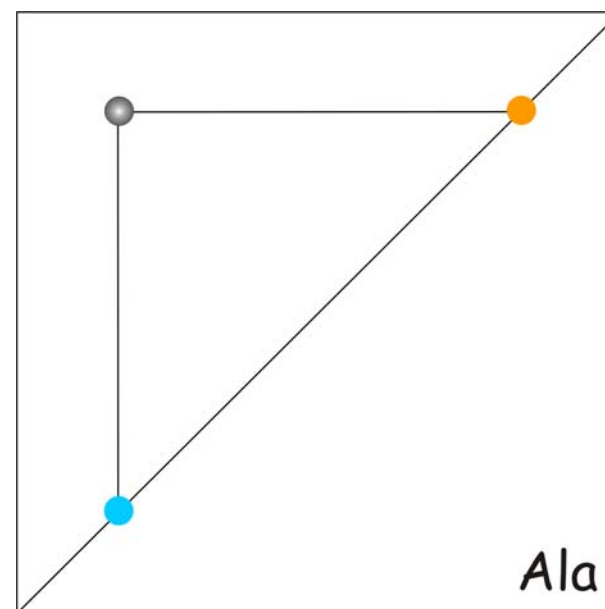


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COSY

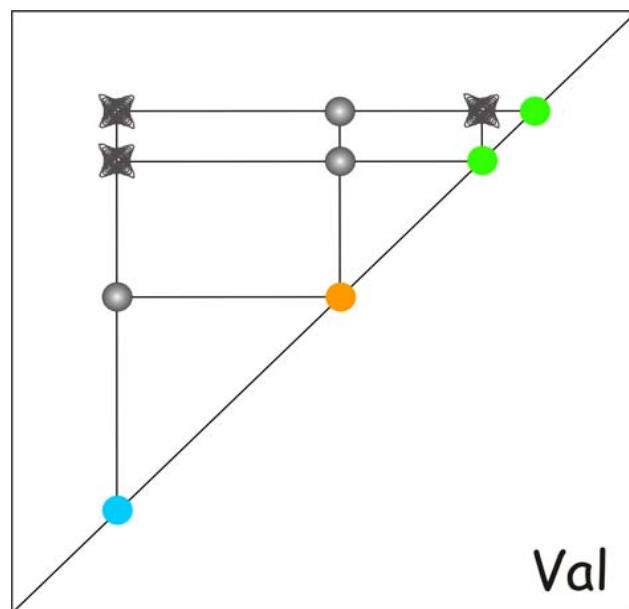
TOCSY



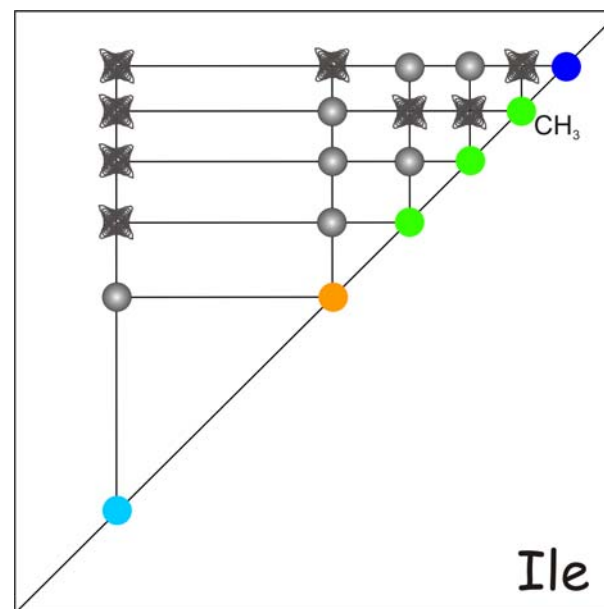
A Ala, Alanine

Homonuclear experiments

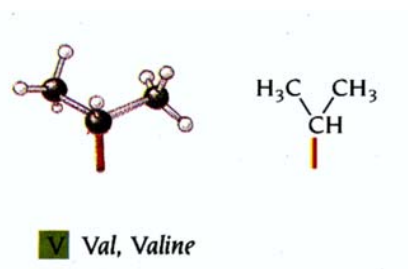
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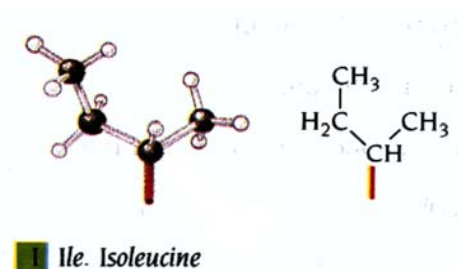
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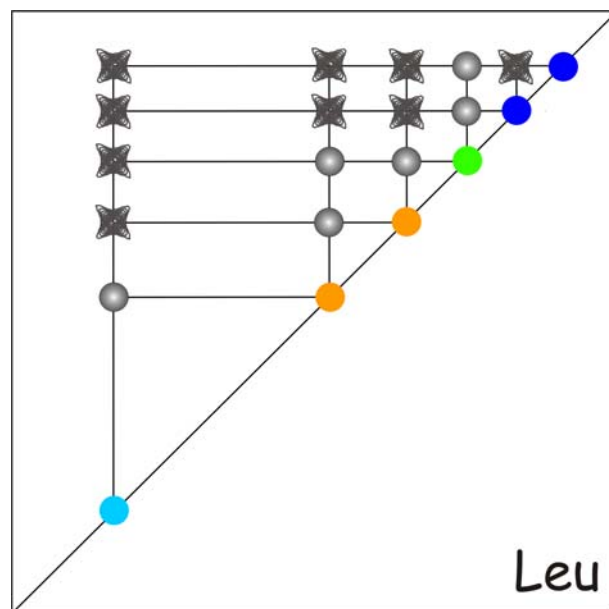


COSY
TOCSY

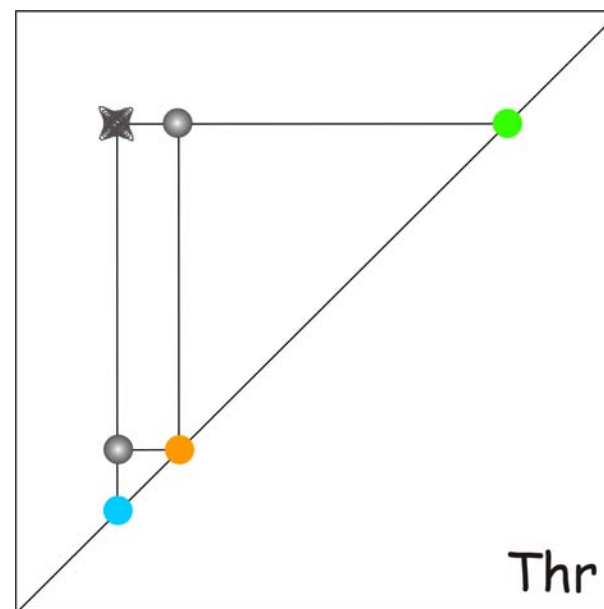


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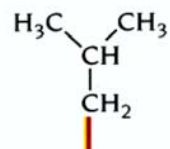
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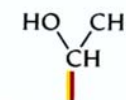
L Leu, Leucine



COSY
TOCSY

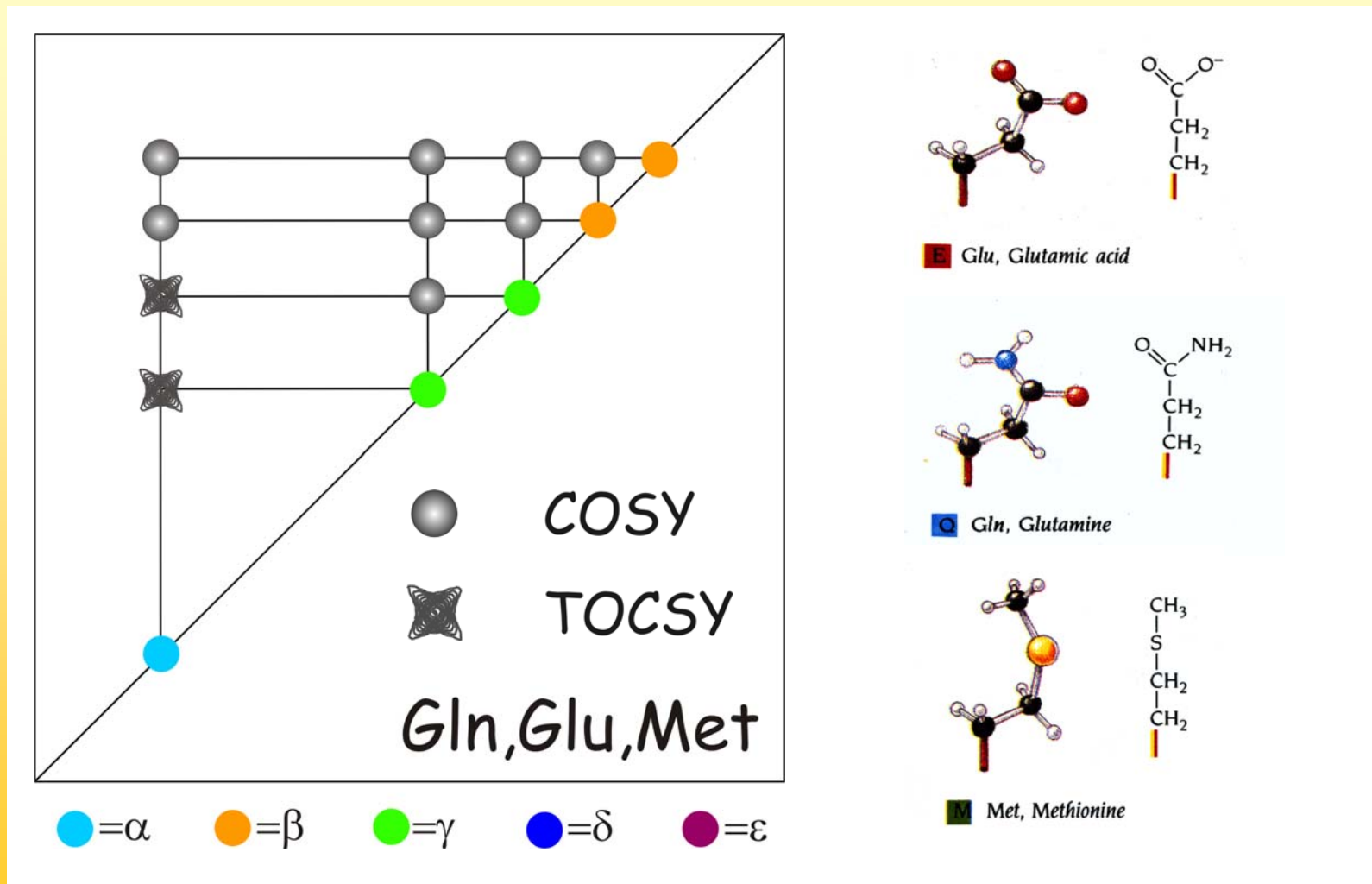


T Thr, Threonine



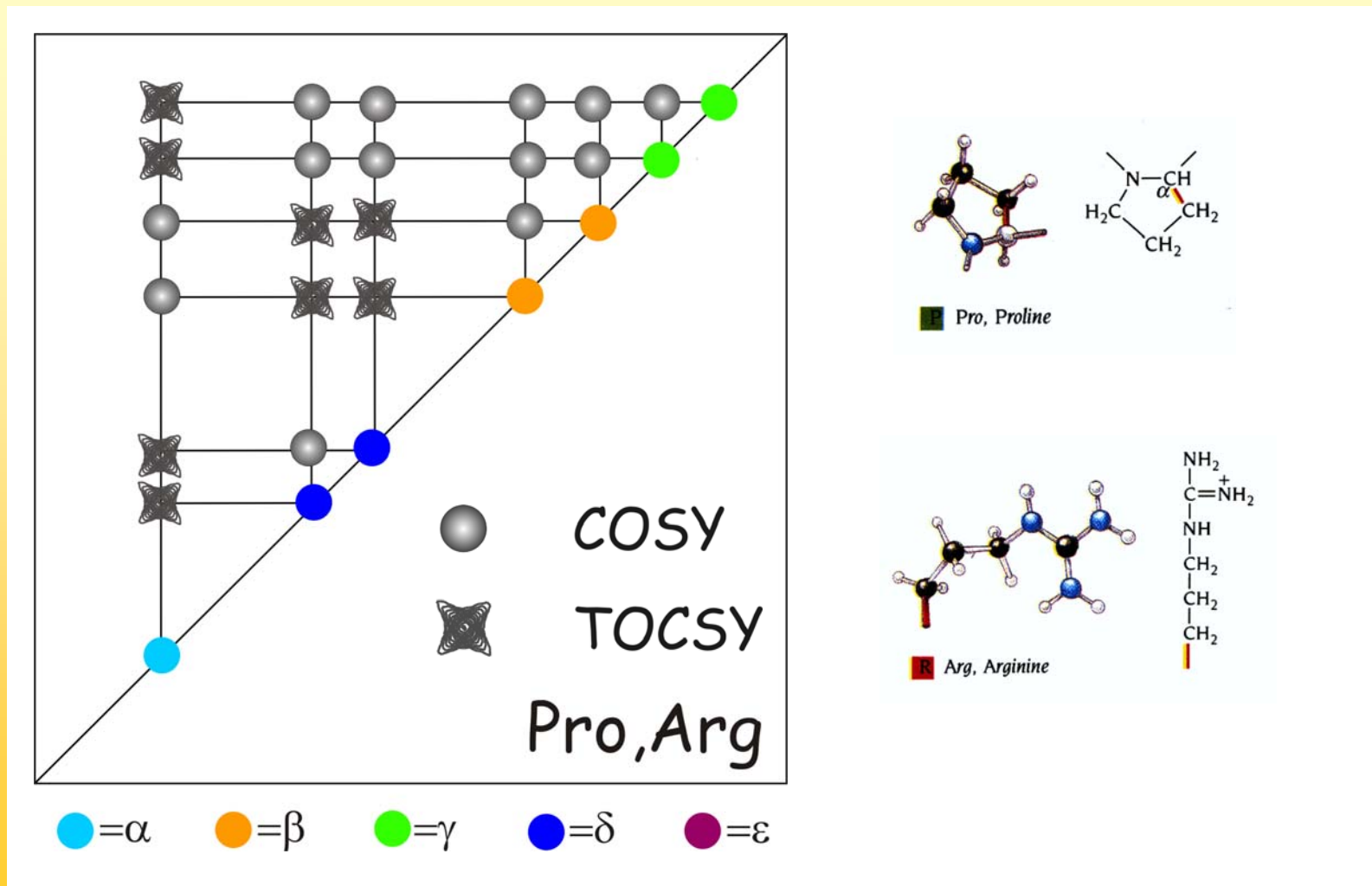
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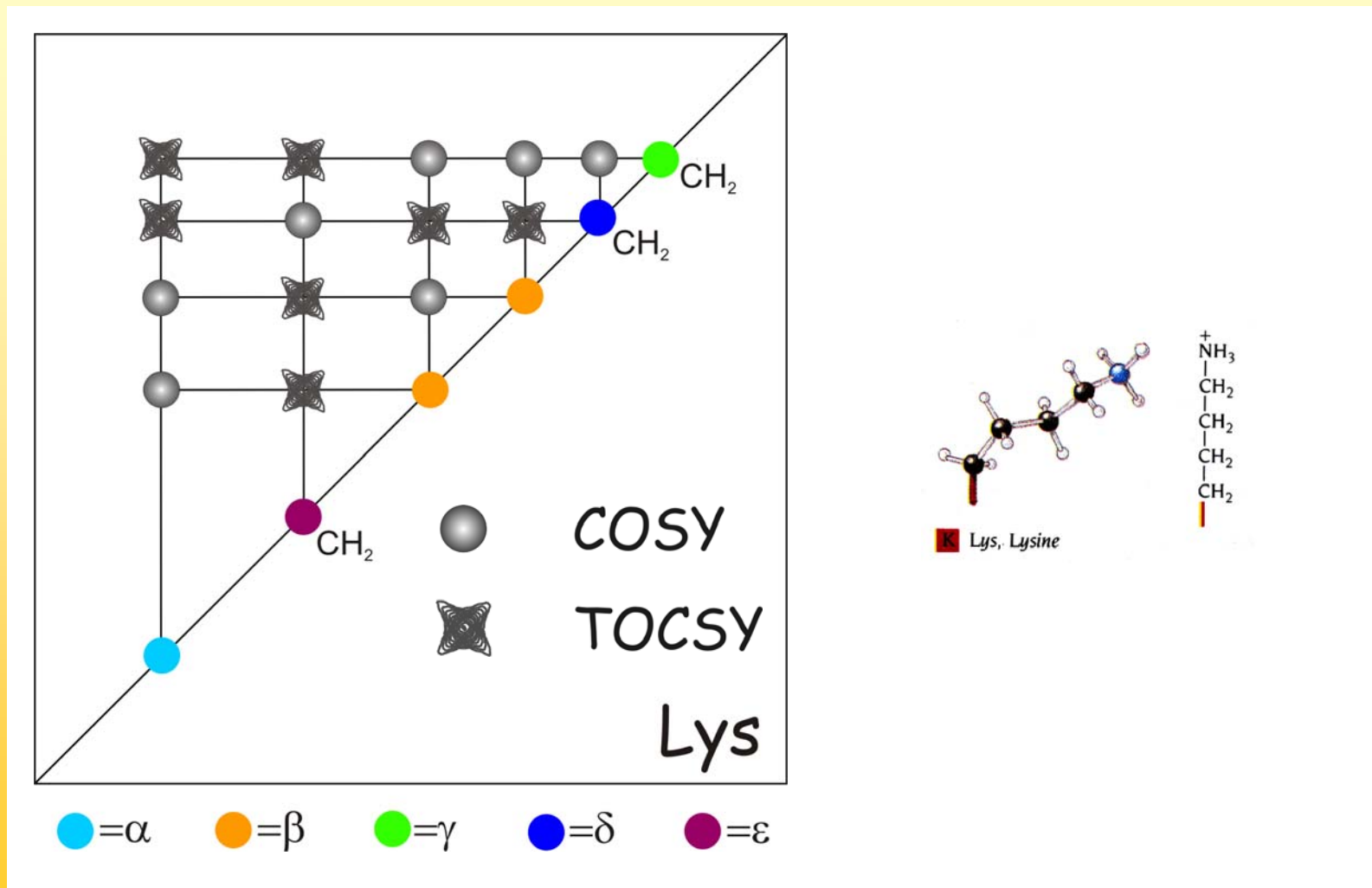
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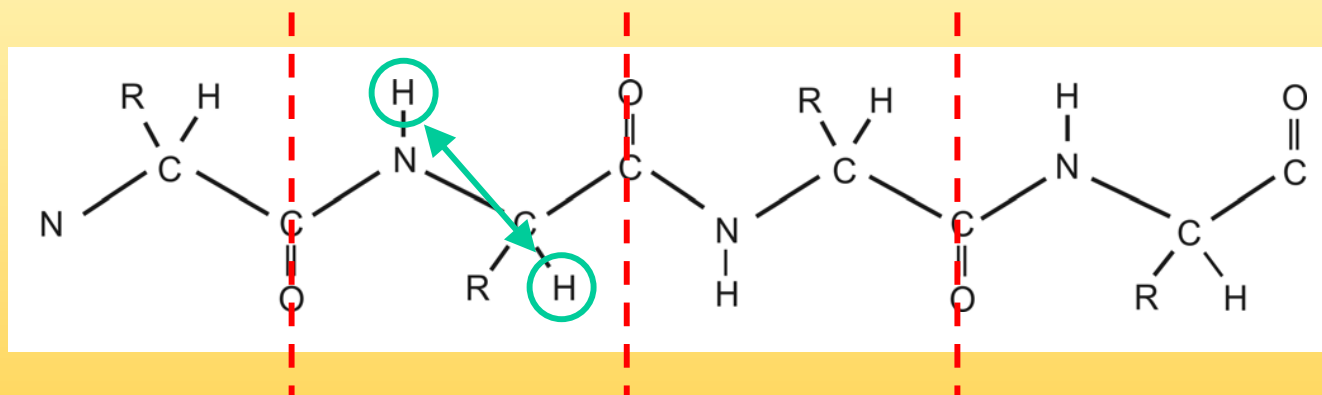
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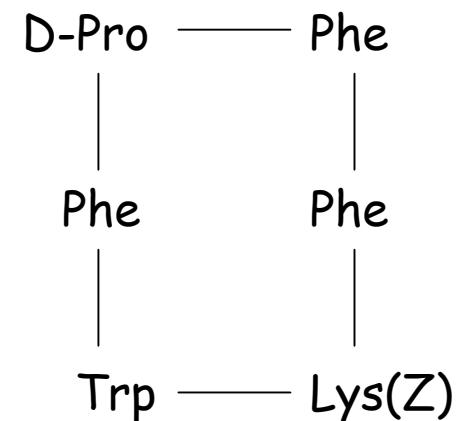
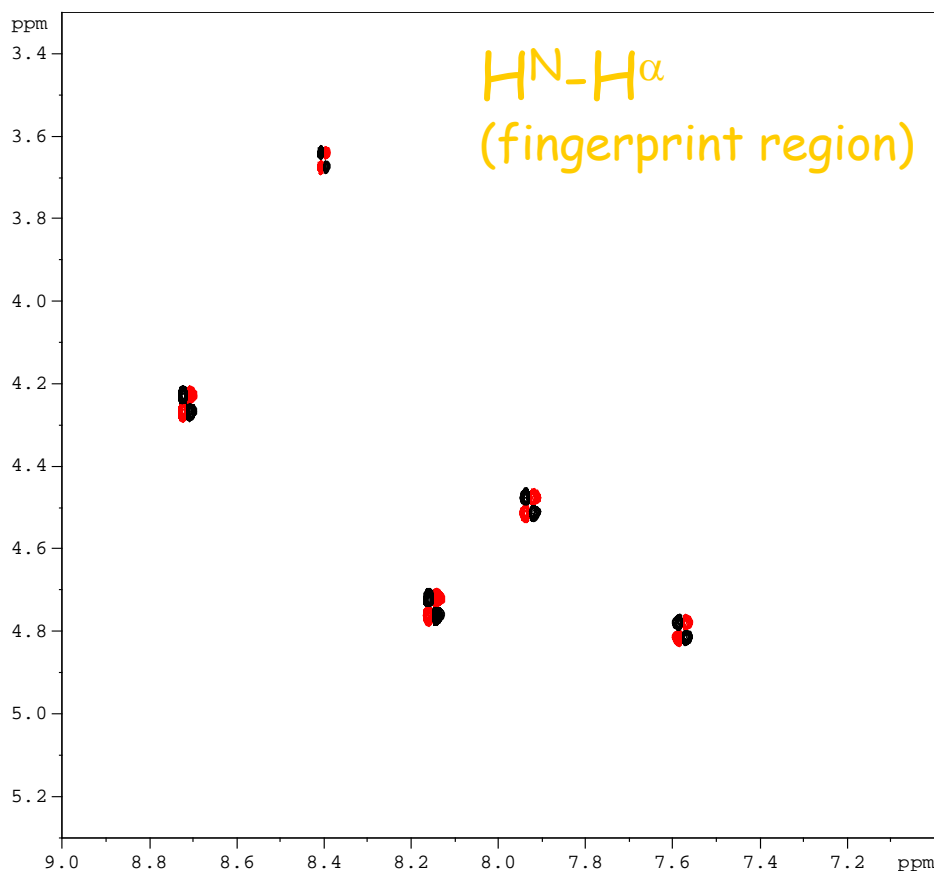
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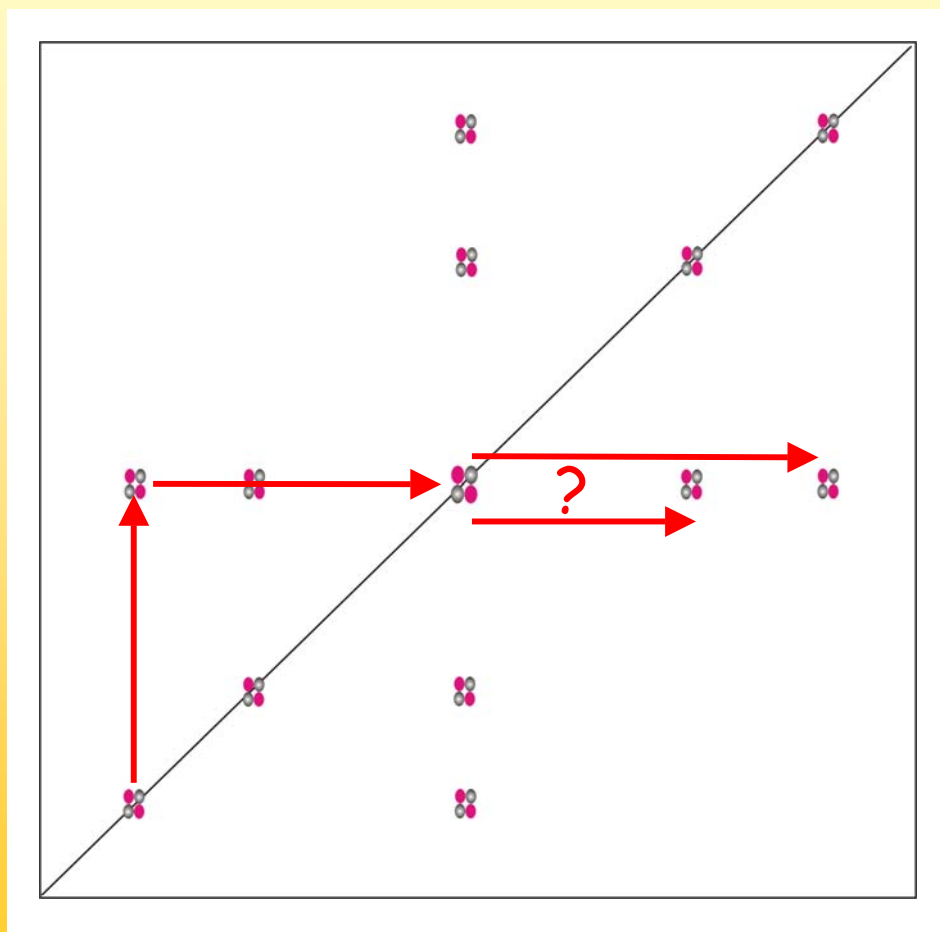


The amide resonances are connected to the side chain via the H^N-H^α correlation

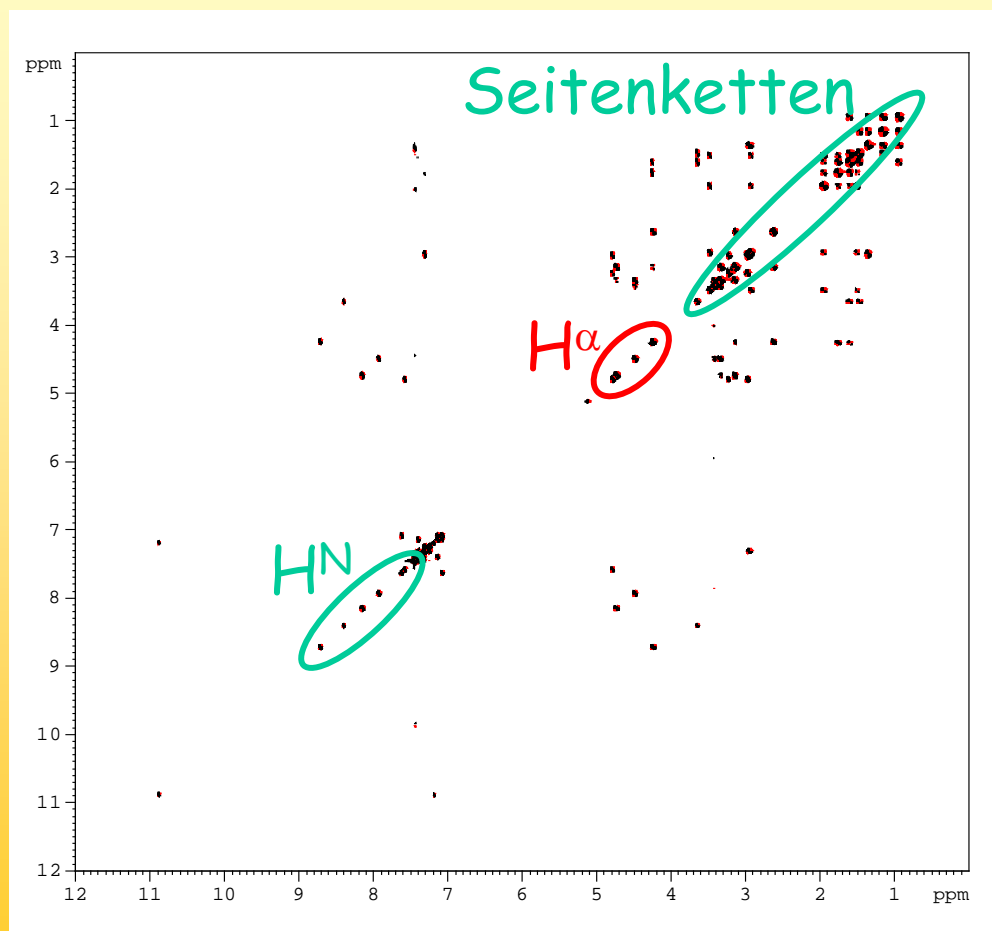




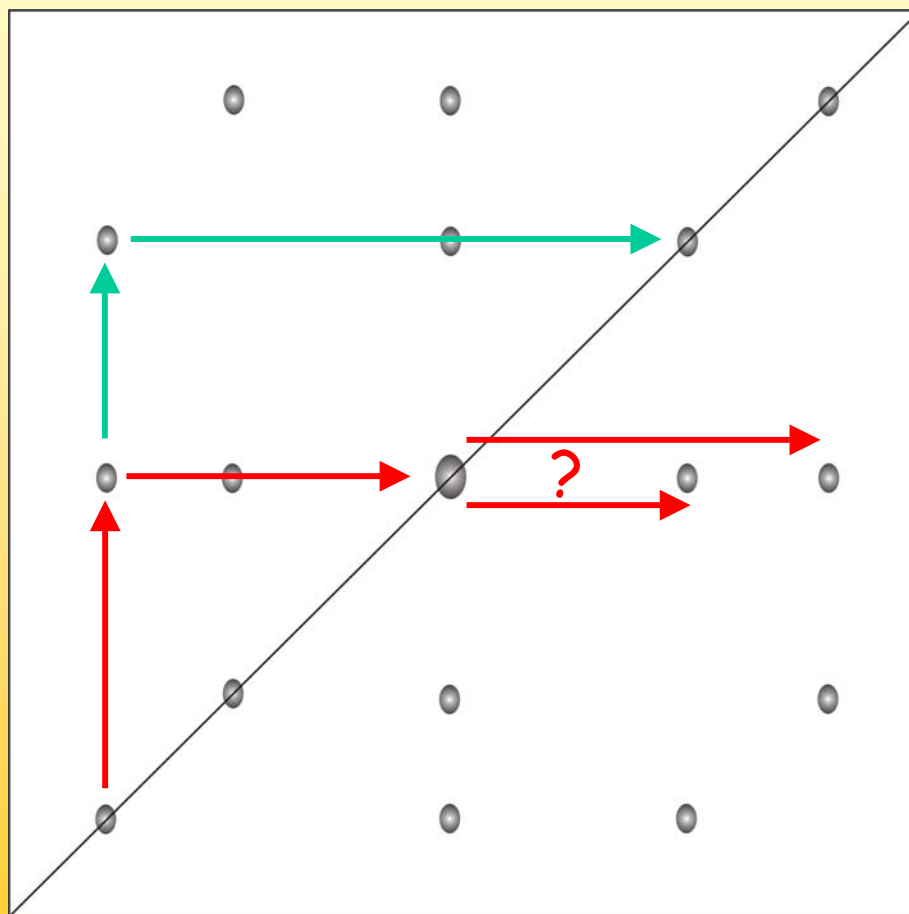
5 H^N-H^α peaks can be expected since Pro does not have an amide proton



In a DQF-COSY only correlations via 3 bonds are visible, this leads to ambiguity in case of overlap



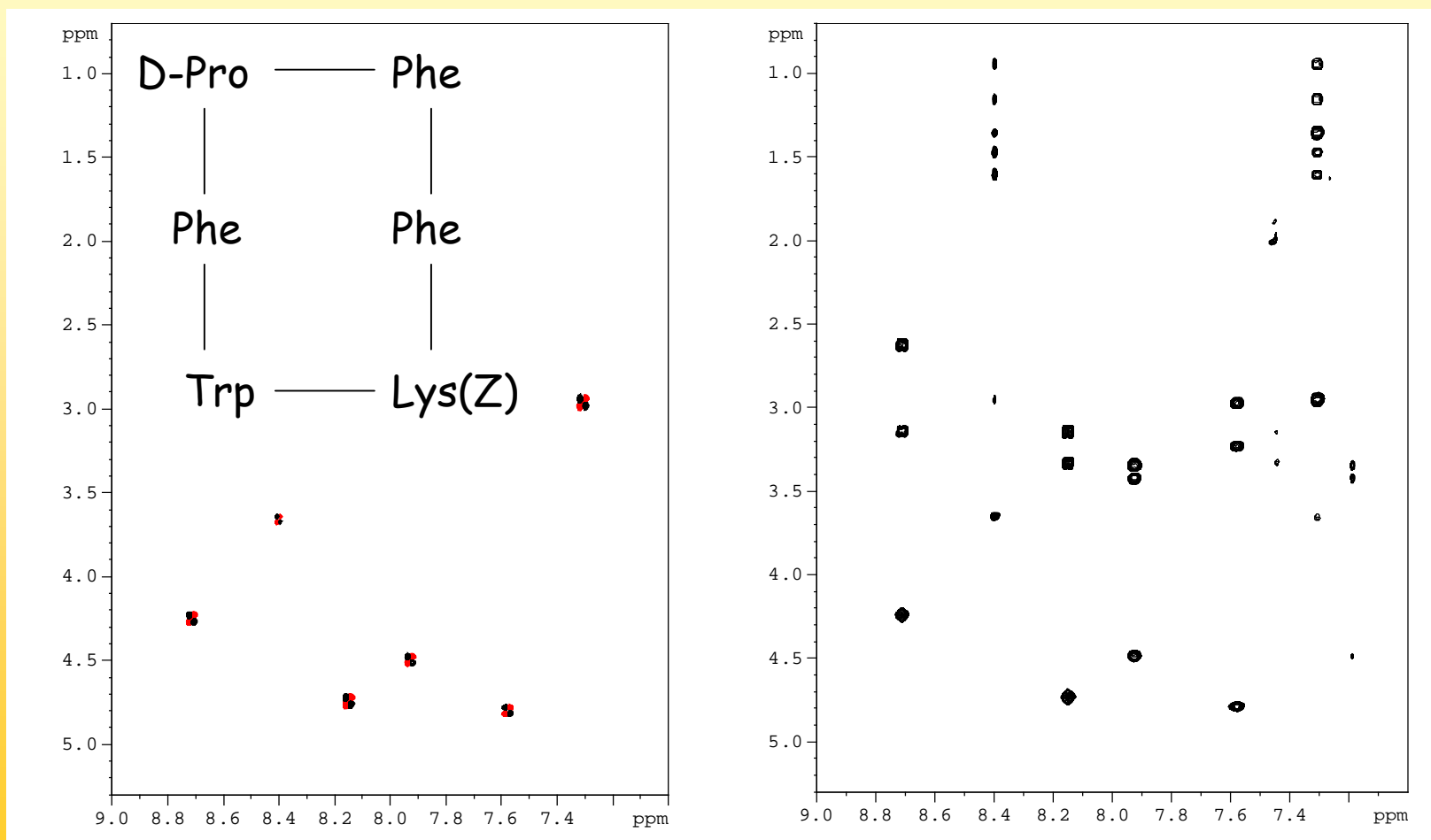
Since peptides exhibit very similar H^{α} shifts, this problem does indeed arise



This ambiguity can
be resolved in the
TOCSY
experiment,
Either in the side
chain region....

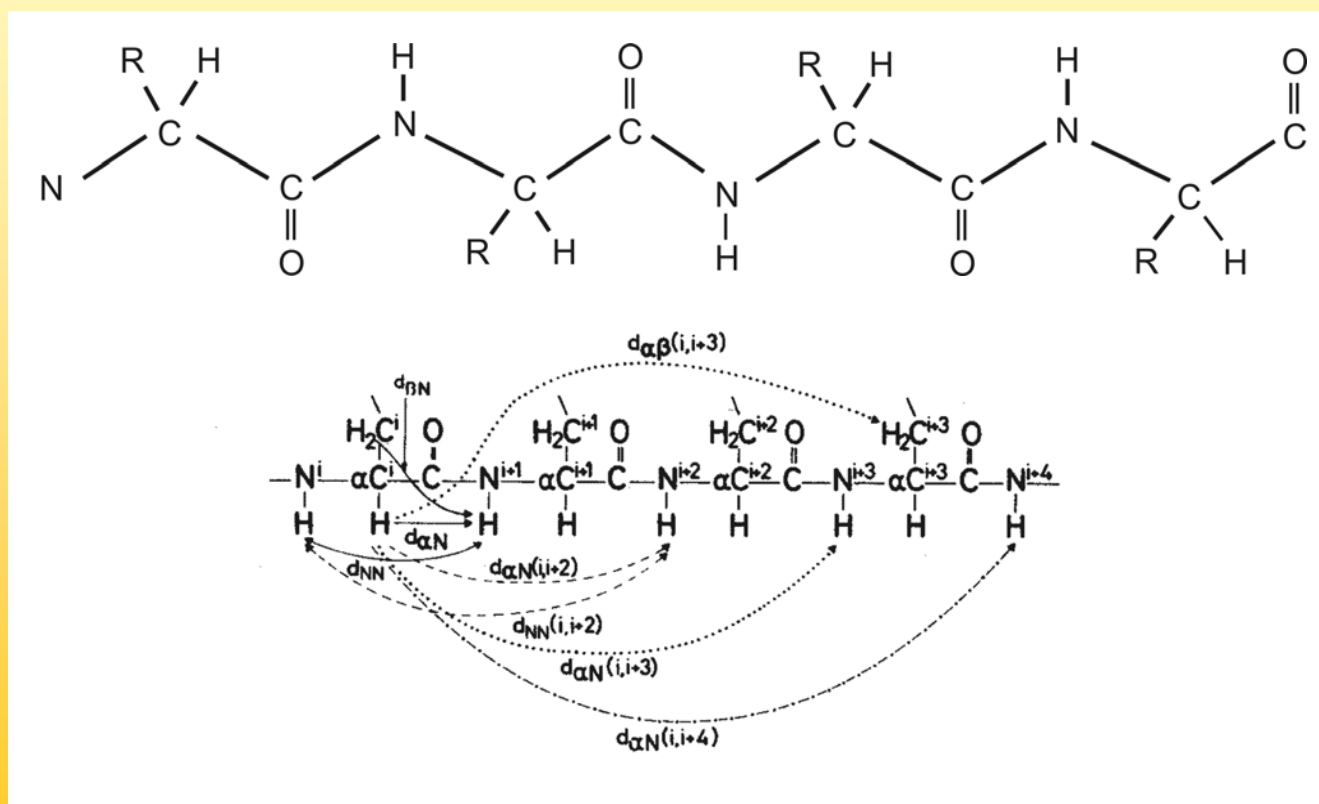
Homonuclear experiments

.....or in the H^N -region



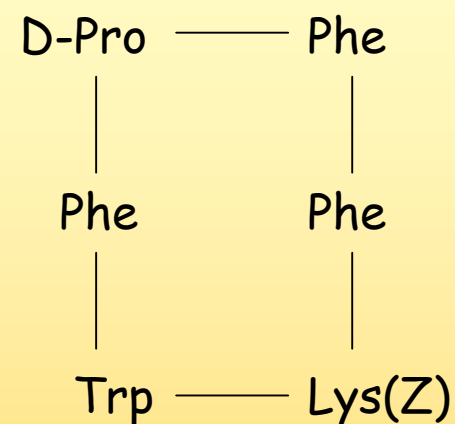
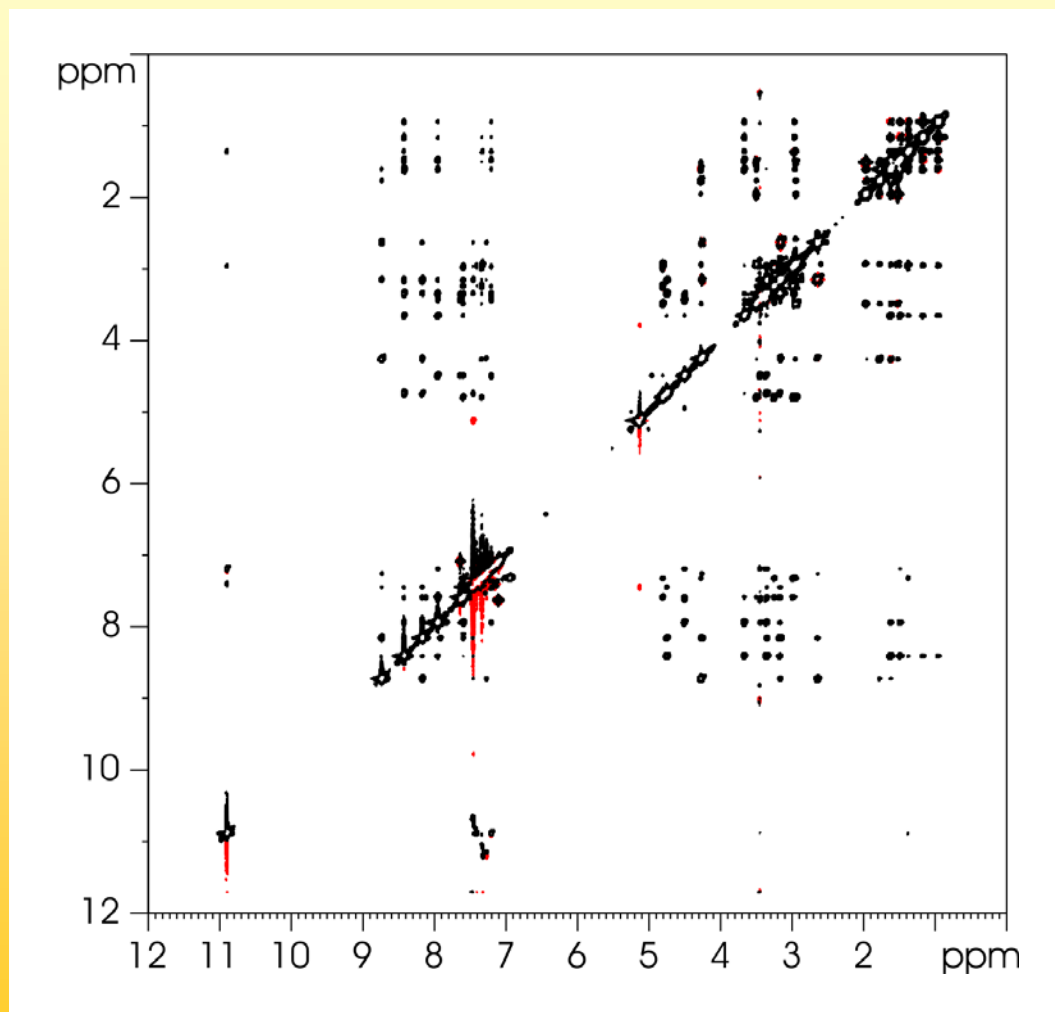
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For the sequential connection the distances along the peptide backbone are important



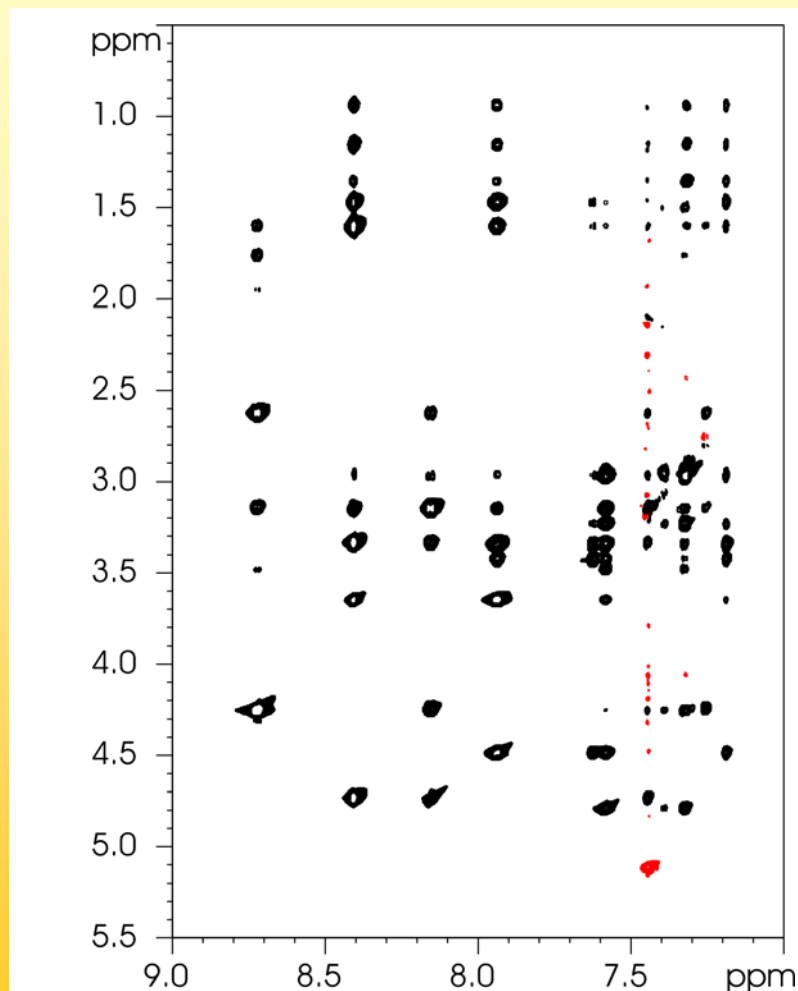
Homonuclear experiments

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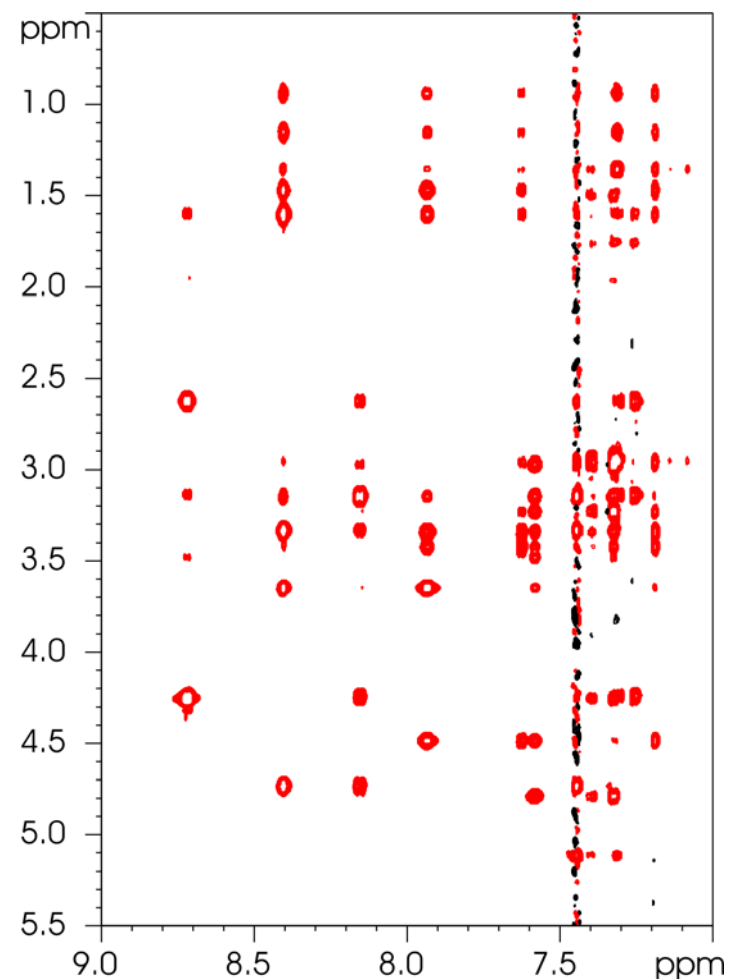


We can find those
distances in the
NOESY (or
ROESY)

NOESY

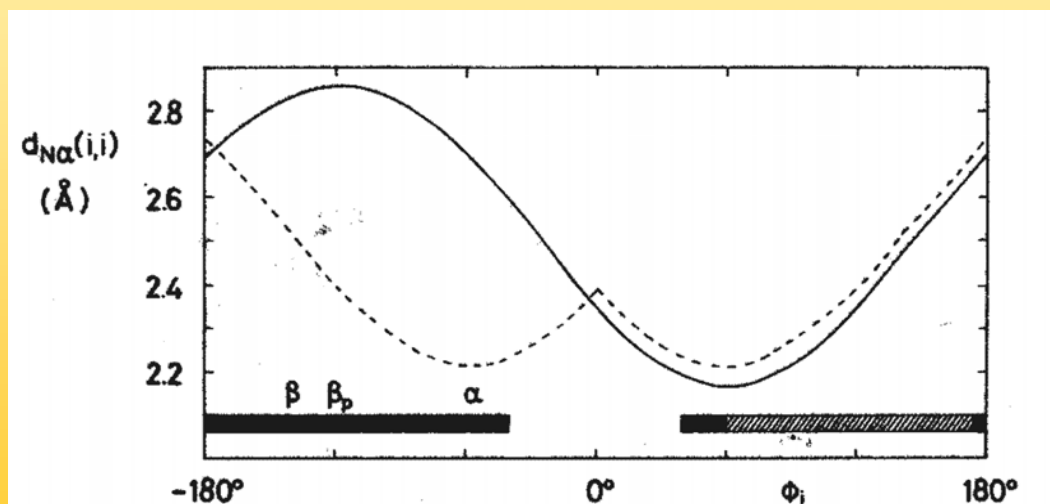
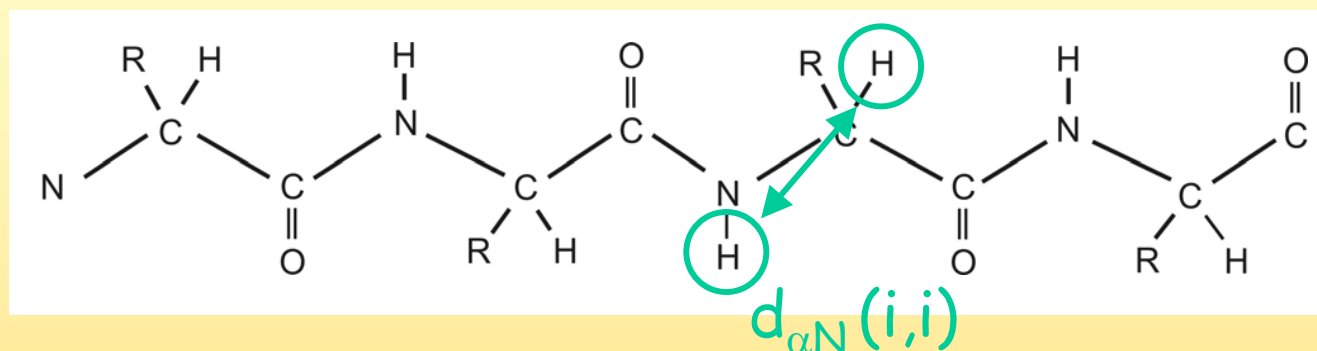


ROESY



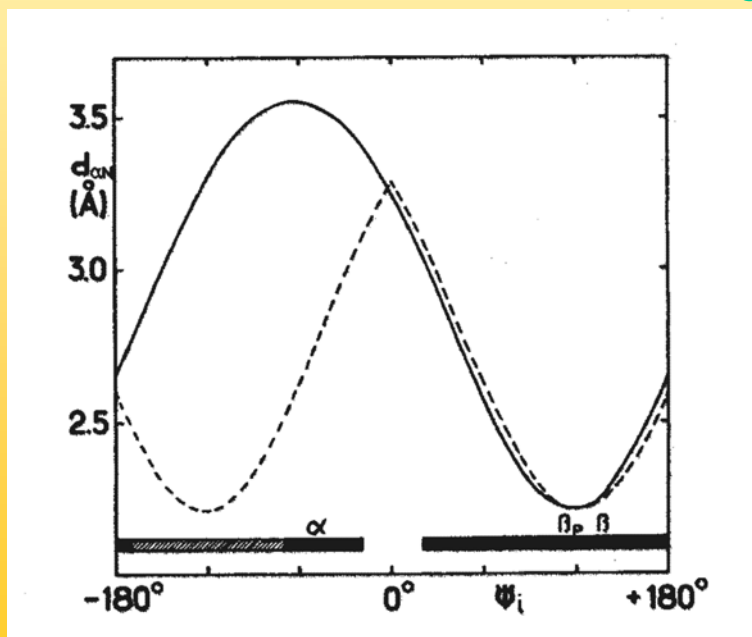
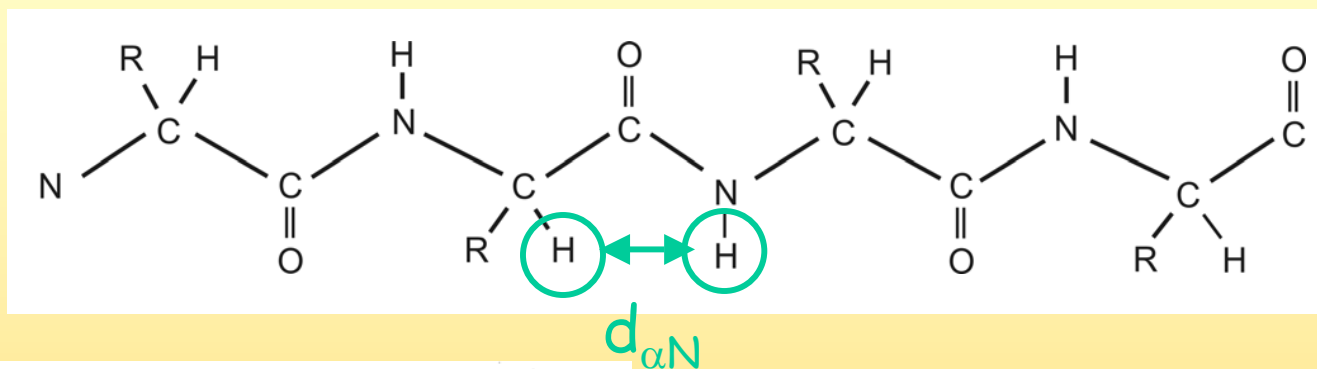
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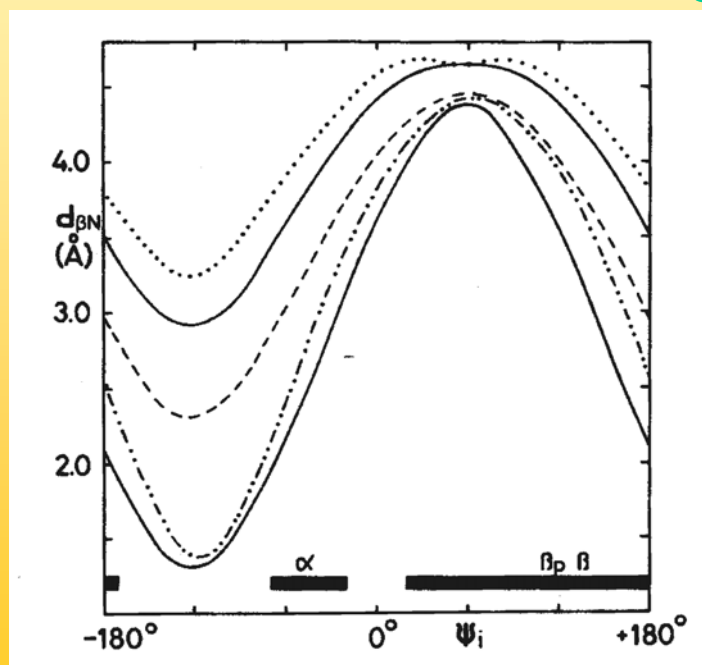
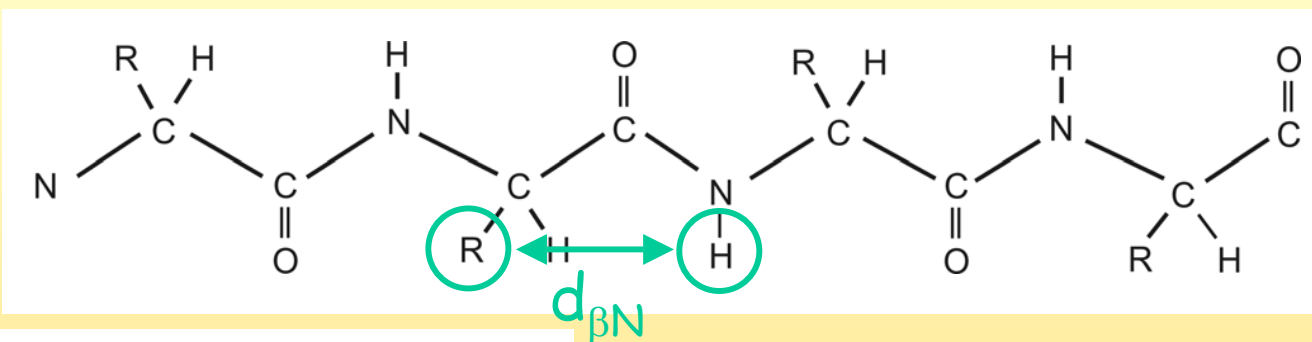
The distance from a H^N to an H^α , $d_{\alpha N}(i,i)$ within one amino acids is always short enough to give rise to an NOE effect

Sequence specific assignment (2)



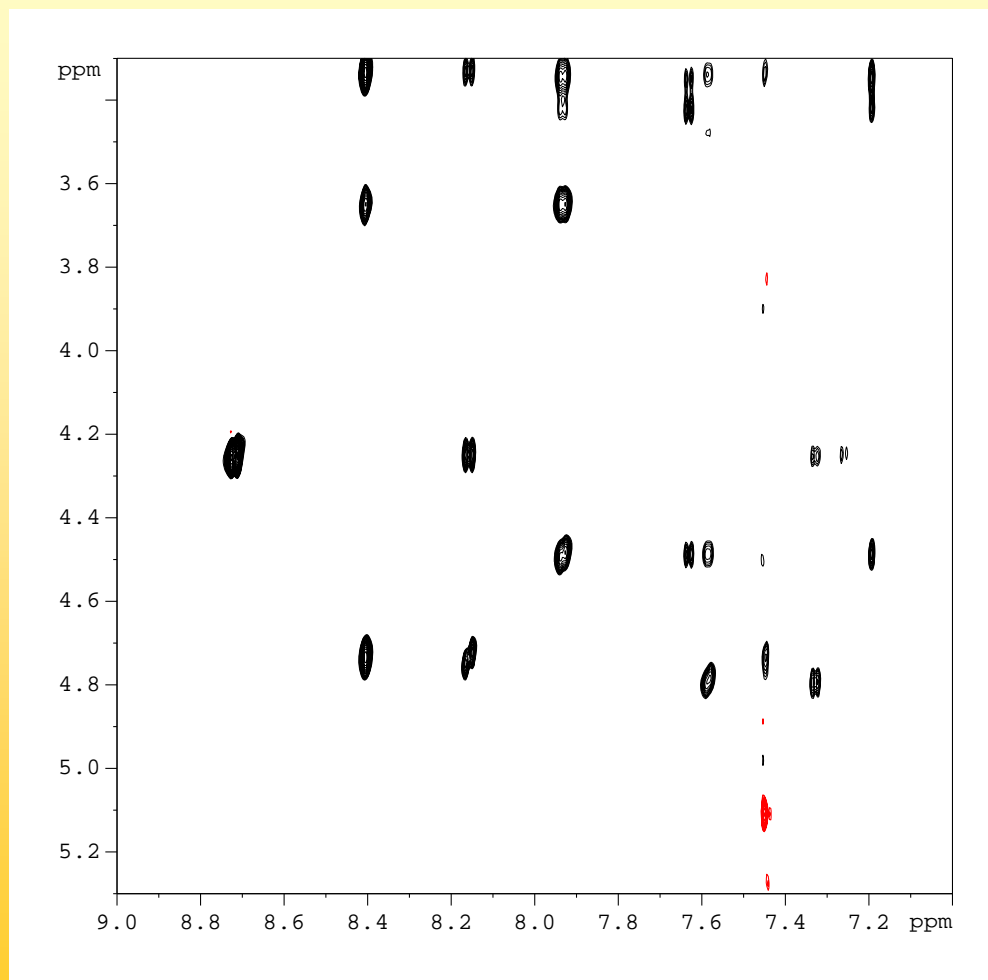
The same is true for the distance from the H^N to the H^α of the amino acids (i-1), $d_{\alpha N}$

Sequence specific assignment (2)



and usually also for the H^N to H^β of aminoacids (i-1), $d_{\beta N}$

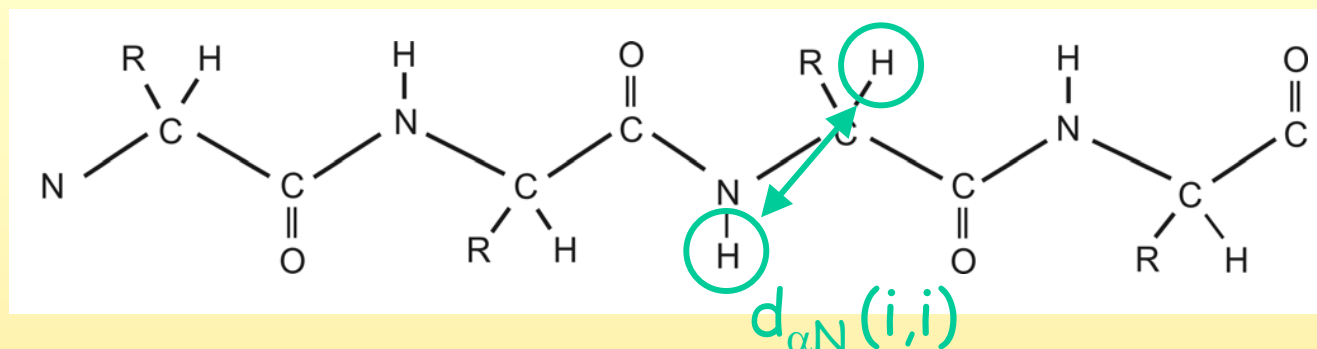
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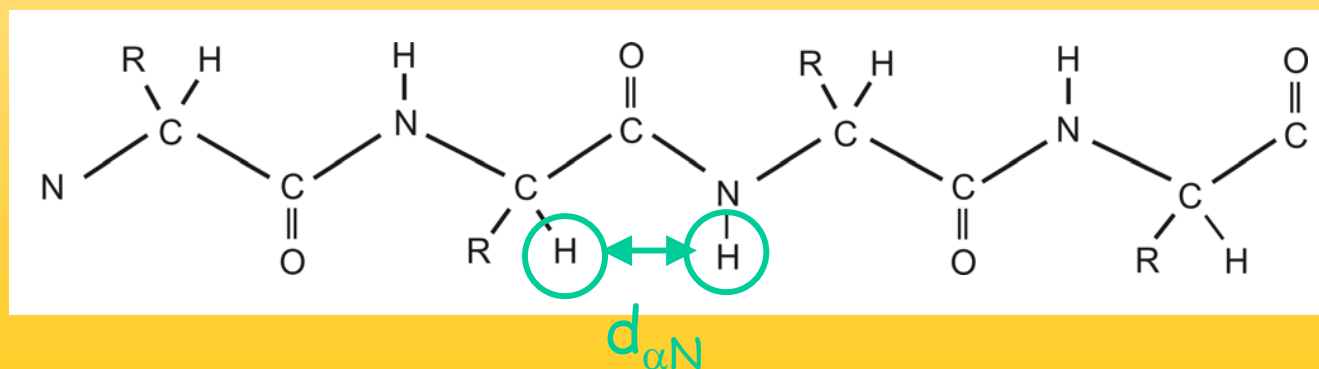
In the fingerprint region of the NOESY there should be at least two peaks for every amide proton, one for $d_{\alpha N(i,i)}$ and one for $d_{\alpha N}$

In addition there are peaks to the side chains and all other protons close in space

Sequence specific assignment (2)

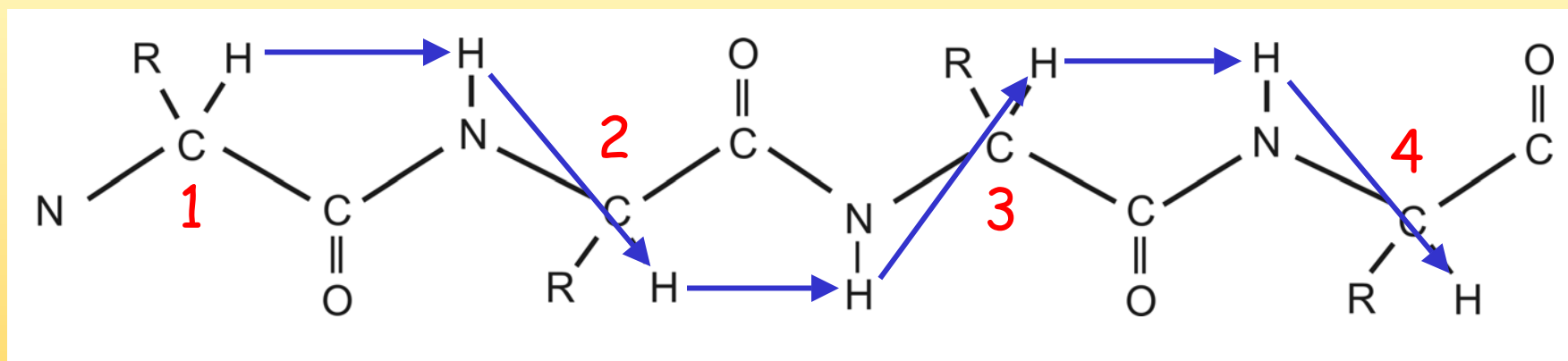


The distance from the H^N to the H^α of the same amino acids, $d_{\alpha\text{N}}(i,i)$, yields a peak that can also be found in the COSY. The distance from the H^N to the H^α of the amino acid (i-1), $d_{\alpha\text{N}}$, yields a peak that can only be found in the NOESY



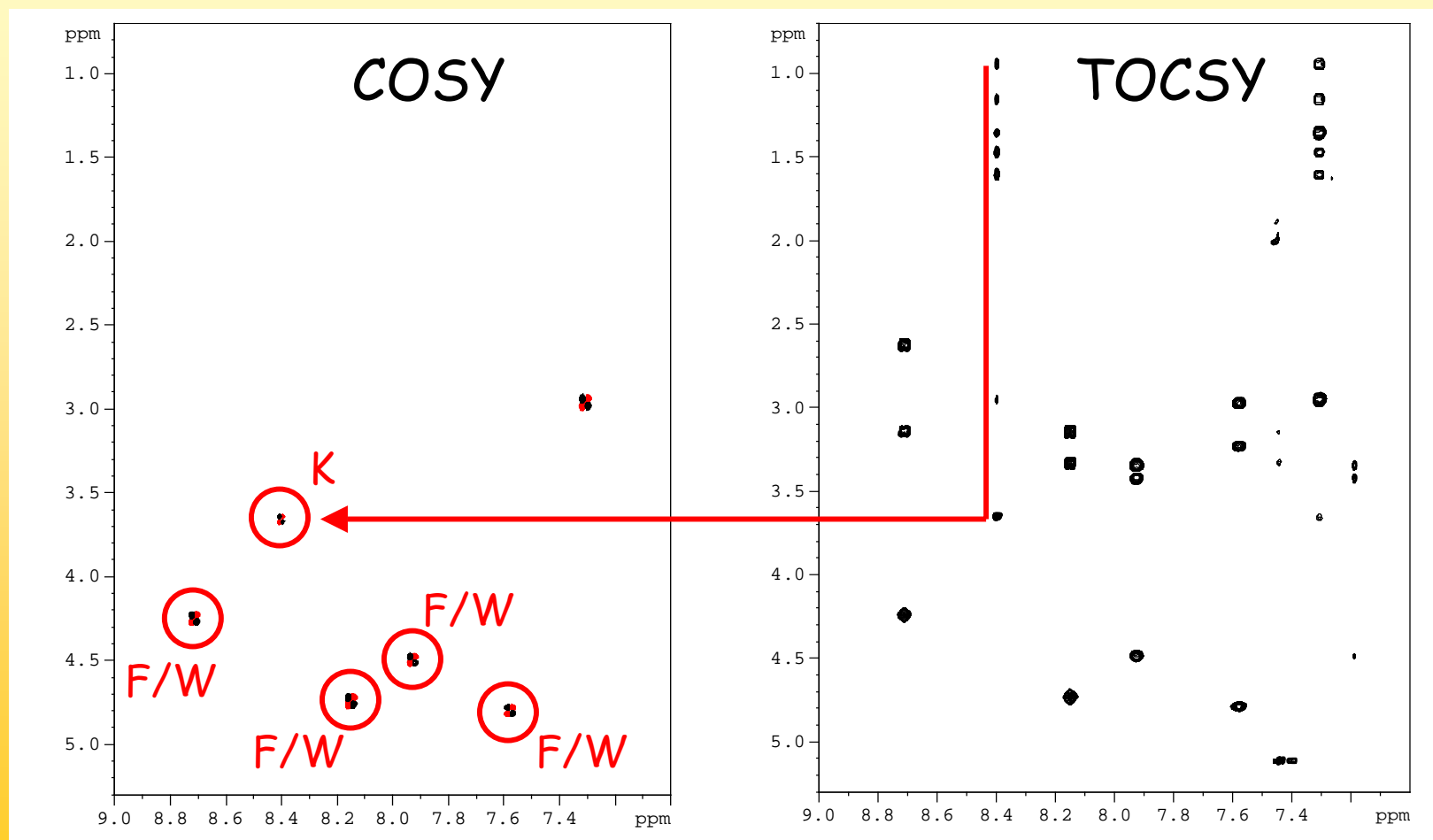
Sequence specific assignment (2)

After distinguishing the peaks we can do a
"sequential walk"



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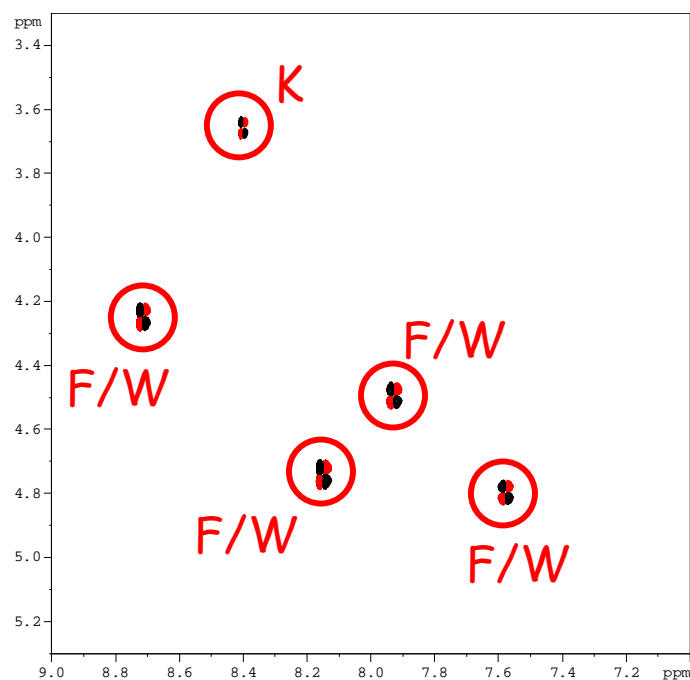
Identification of the amino acids type



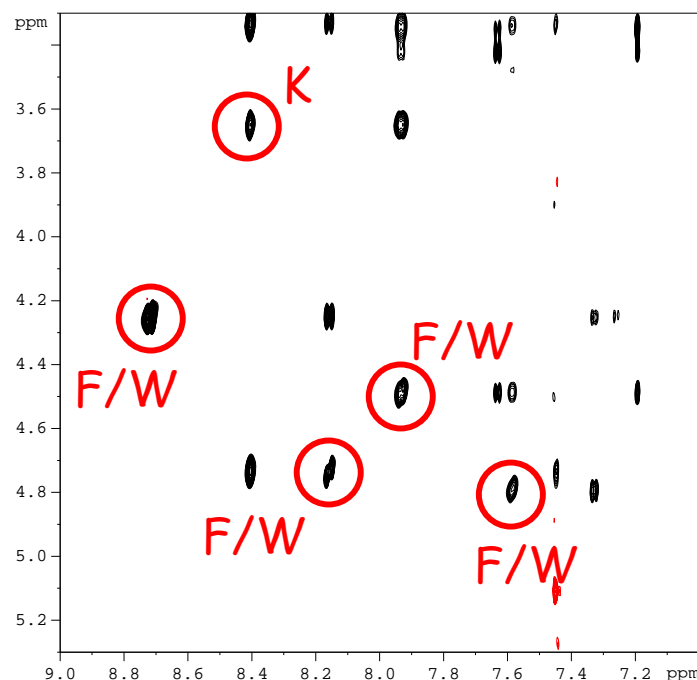
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Transfer of the COSY-Info into a NOESY

COSY

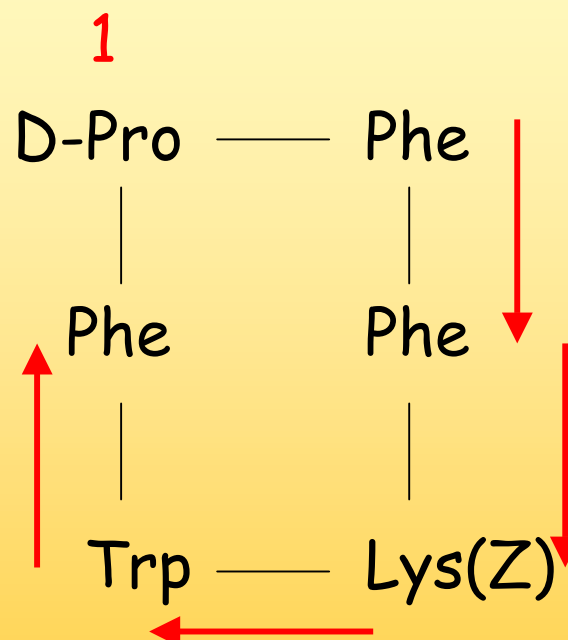
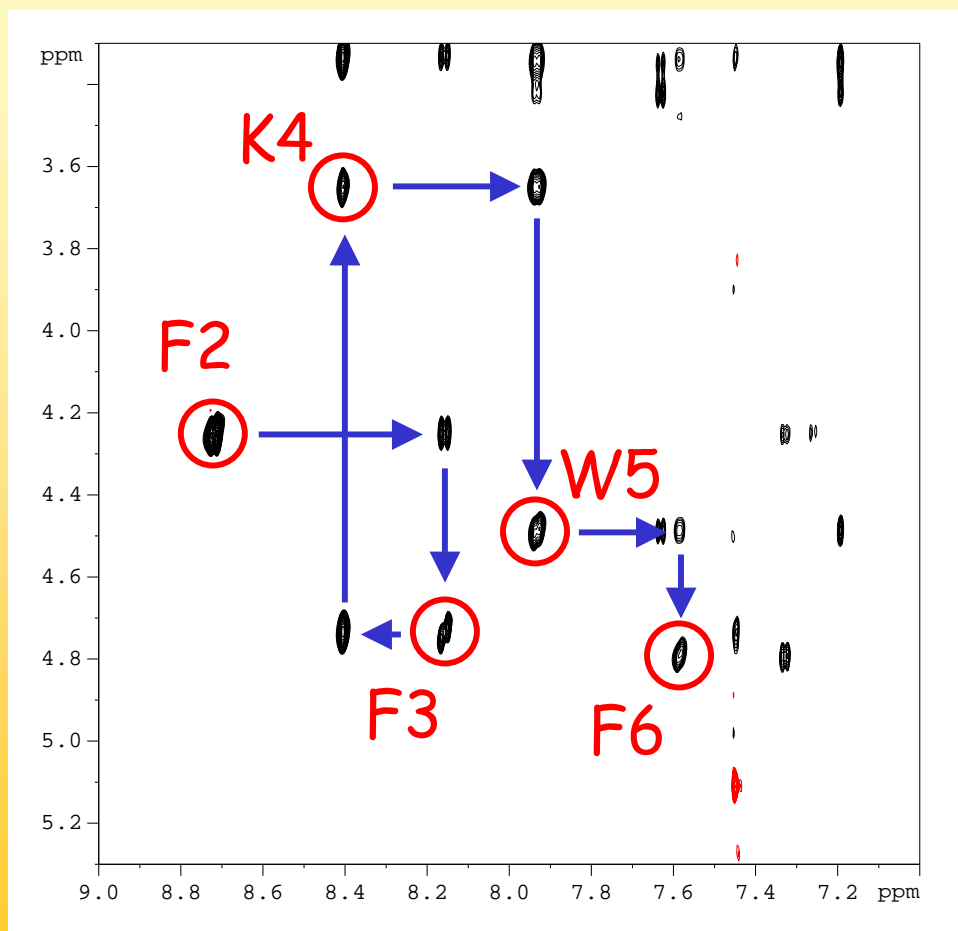


NOESY

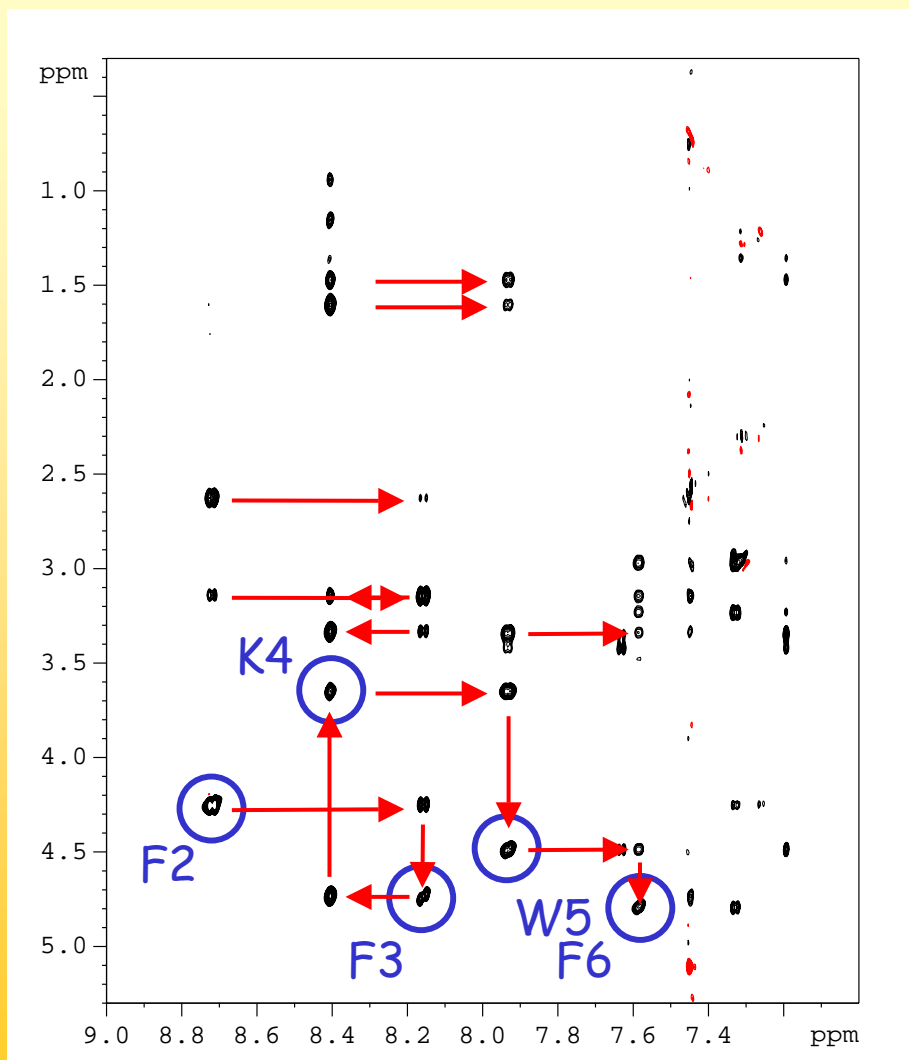


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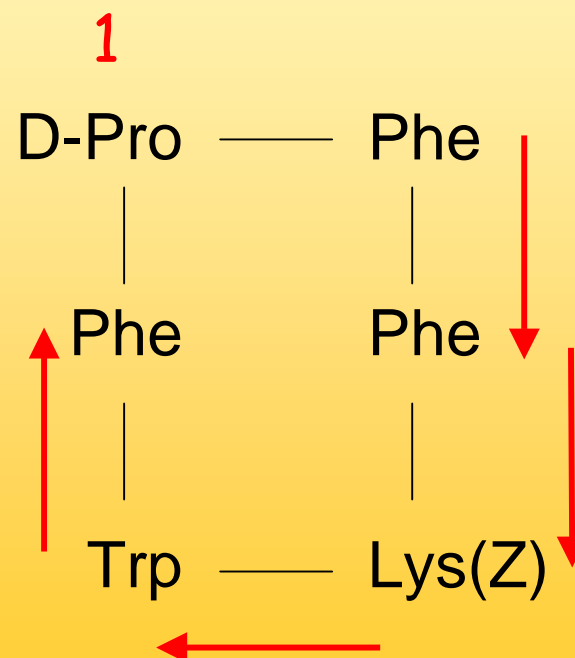
In the spectrum



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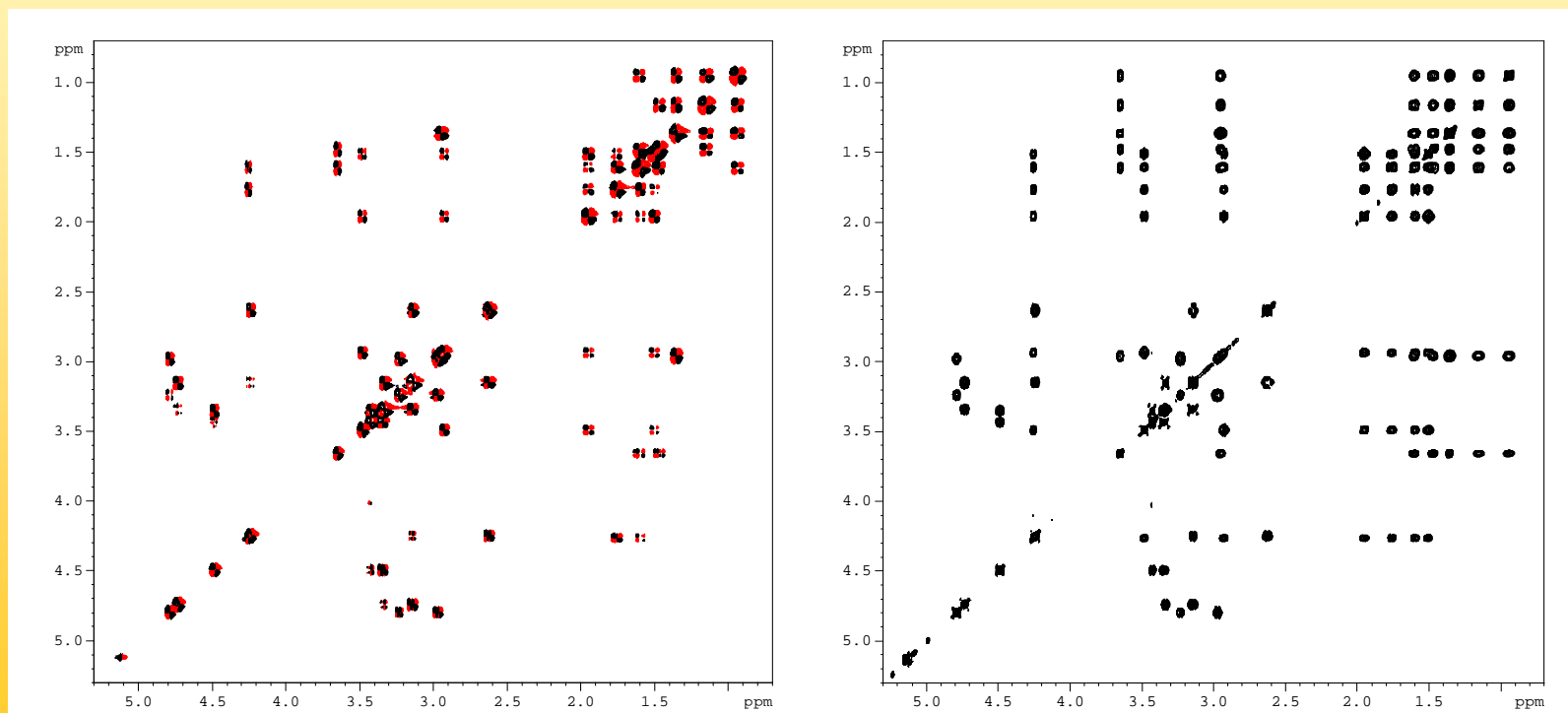


with H^β as additional information assignment is more reliable



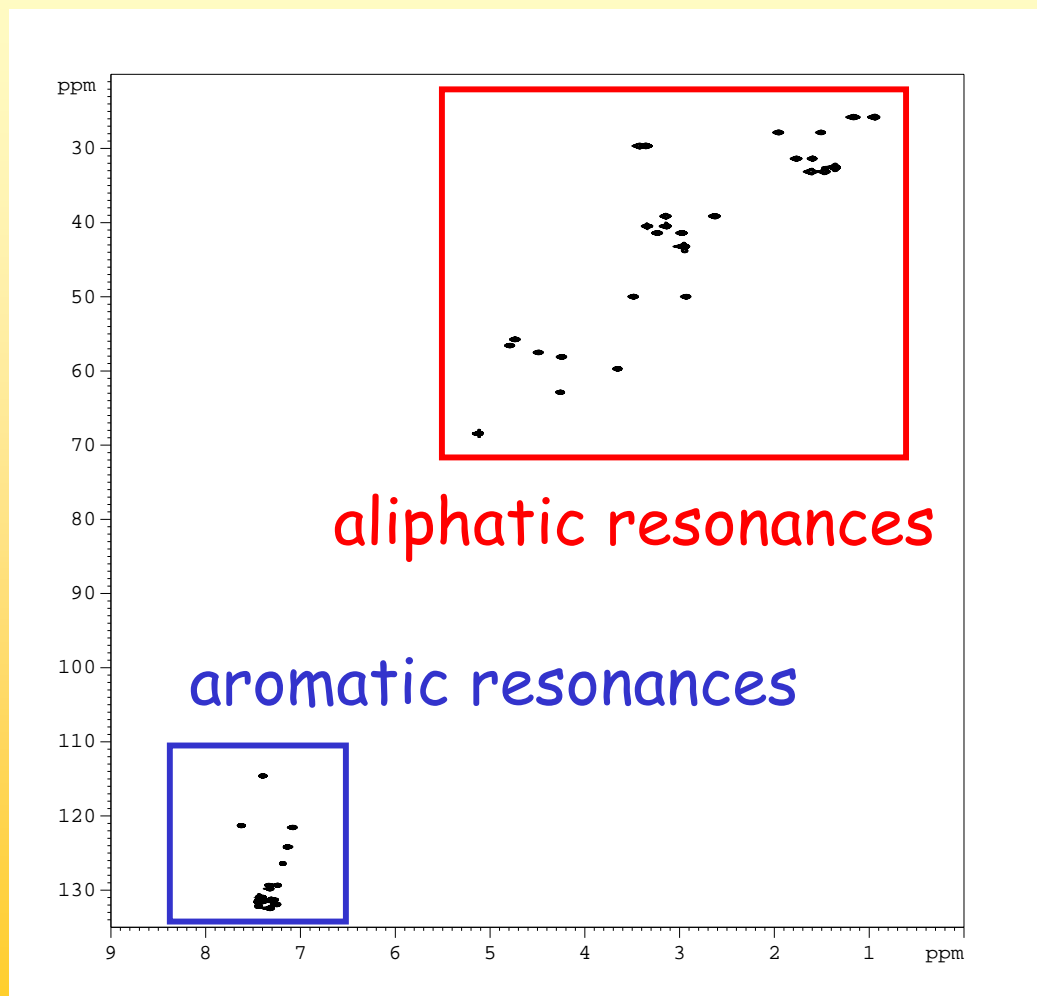
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After having established the assignment of the main chain the assignment can be transferred to the side chain using *COSY* and *TOCSY*

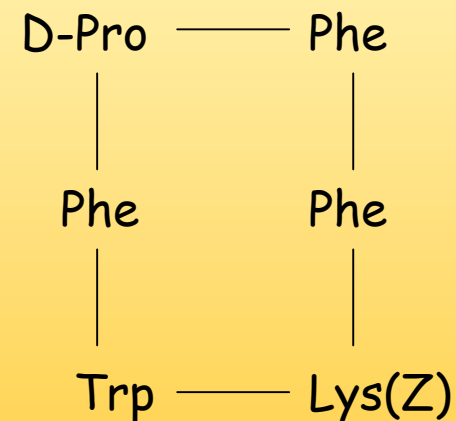


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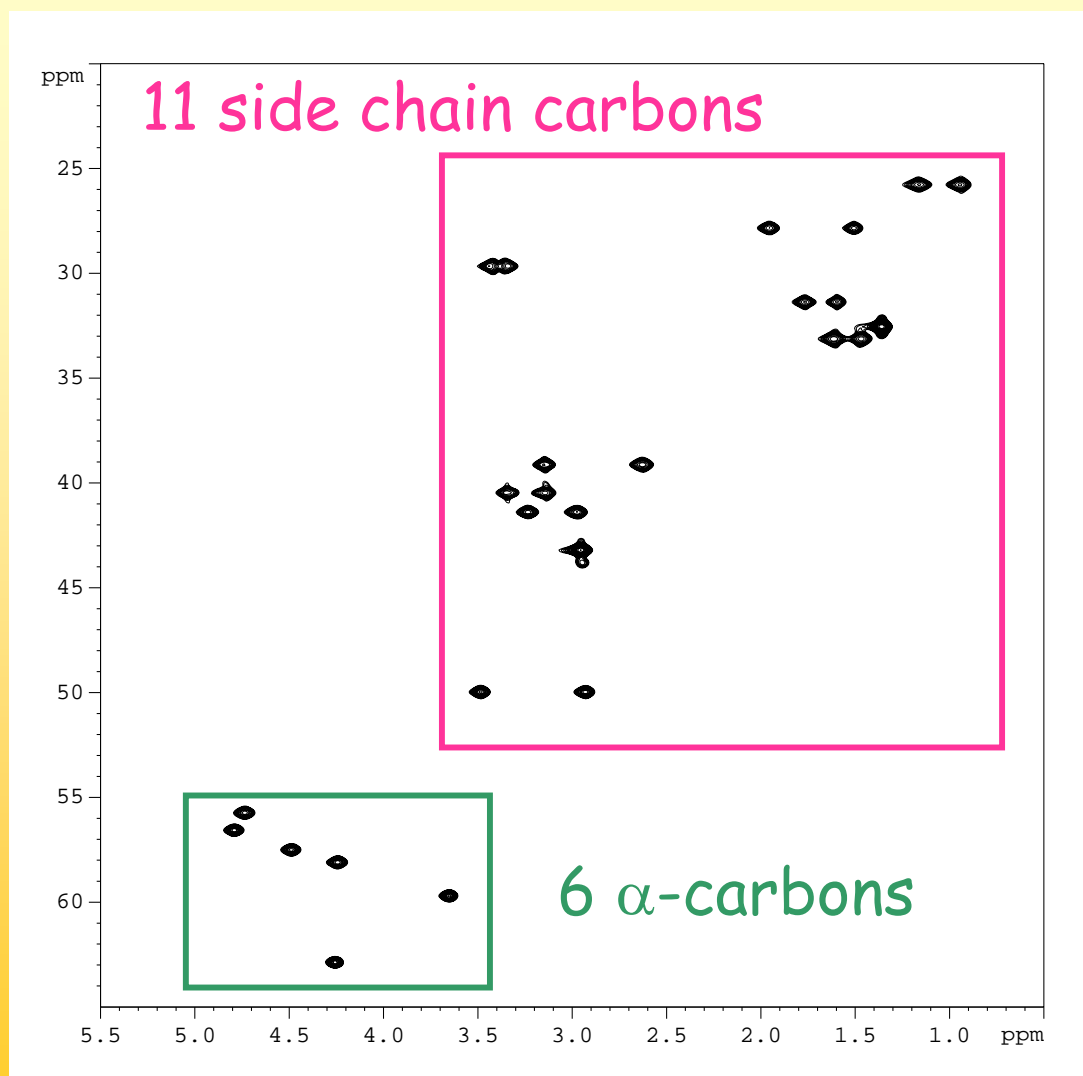
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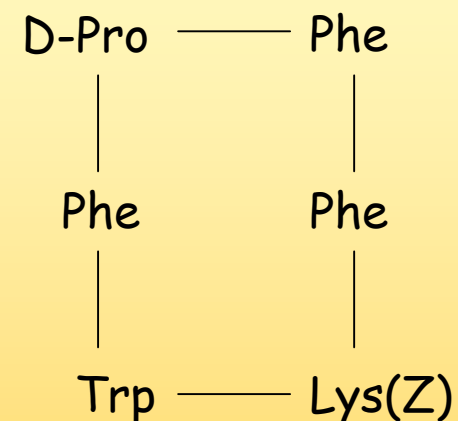
^{13}C -HMQC of F3-008



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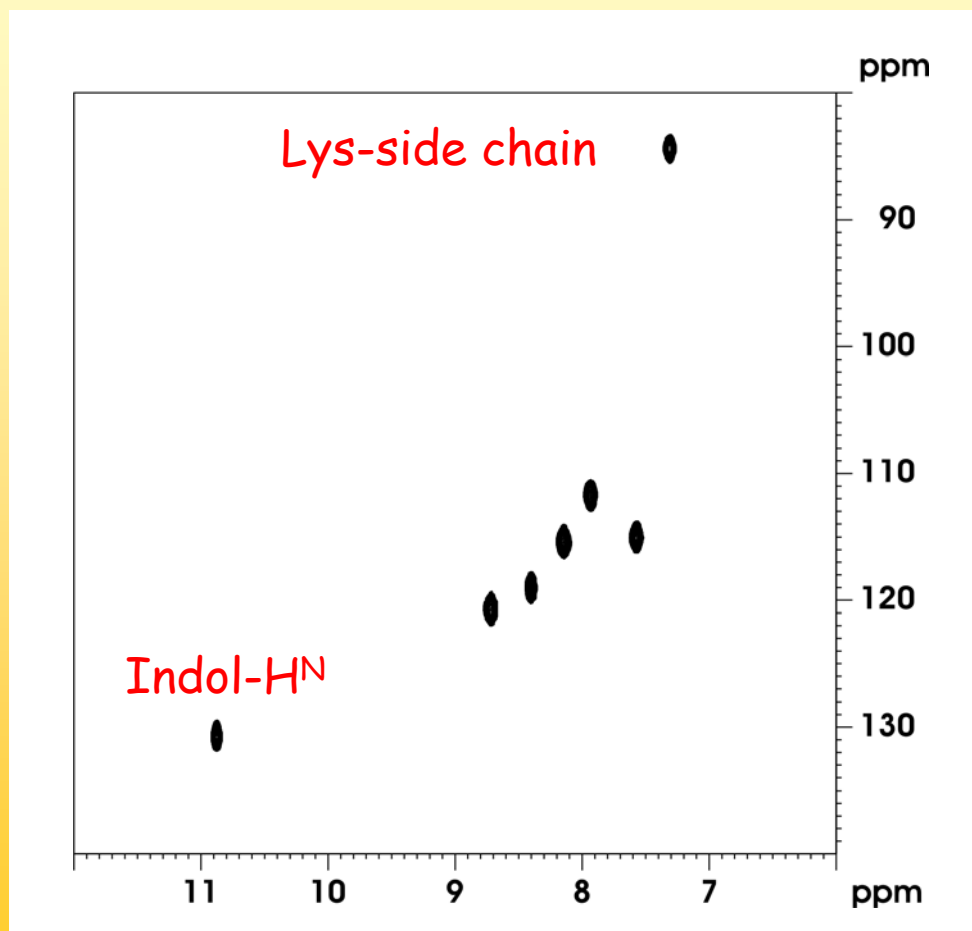
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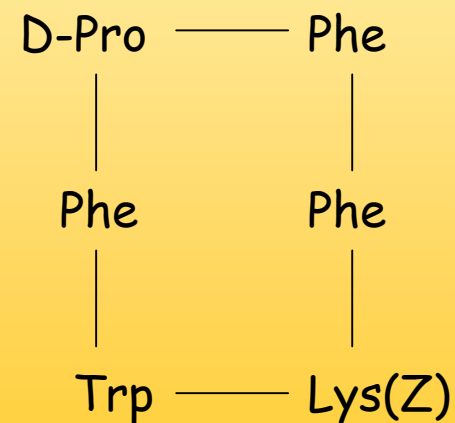
overlap is
resolved almost
completely

Heteronuclear experiments

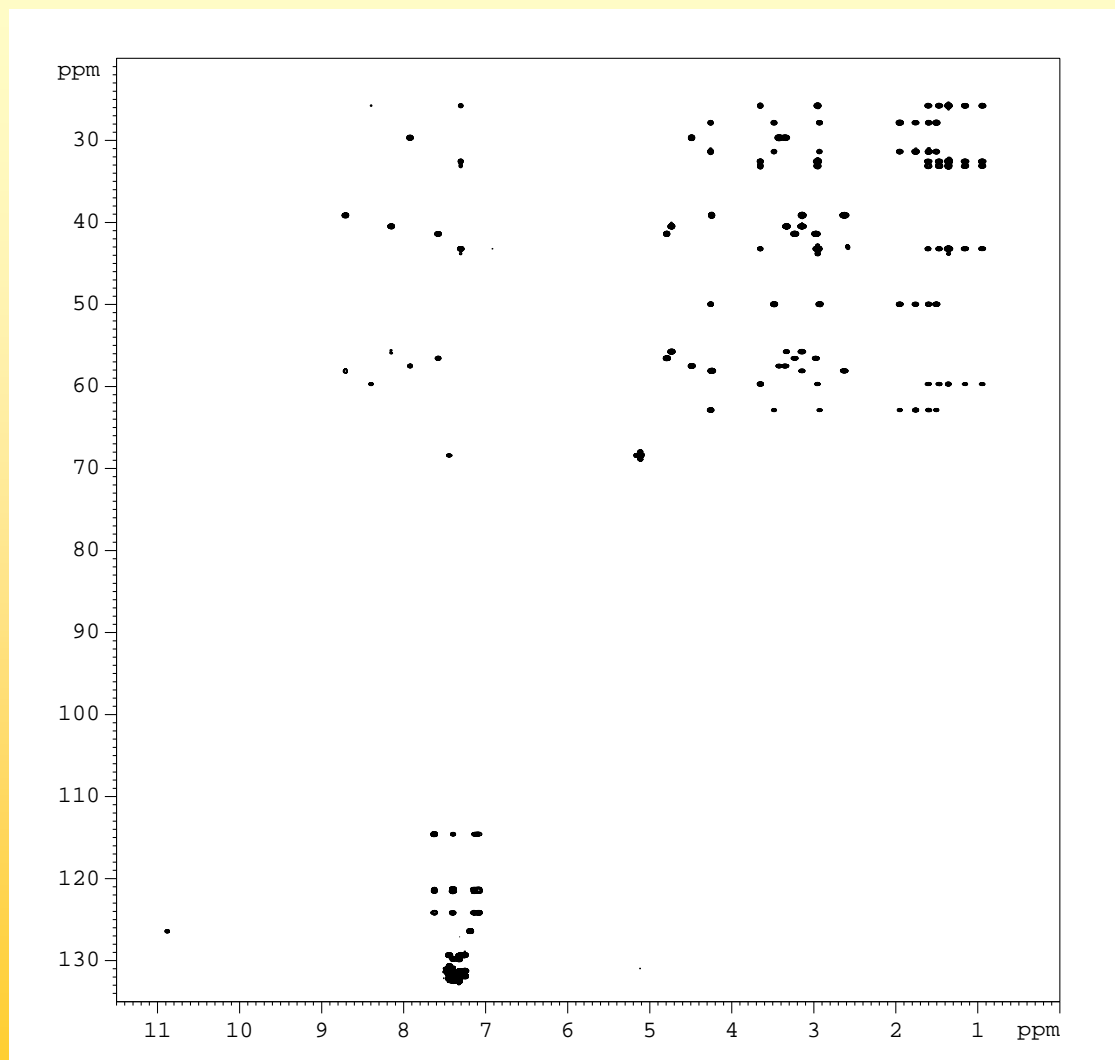
^{15}N -HMQC von F3-008



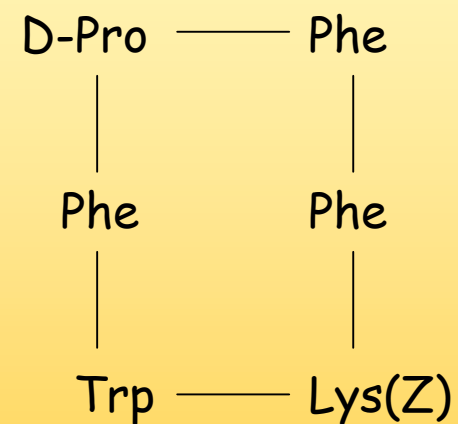
It works with
 $X = ^{15}\text{N}$ as well



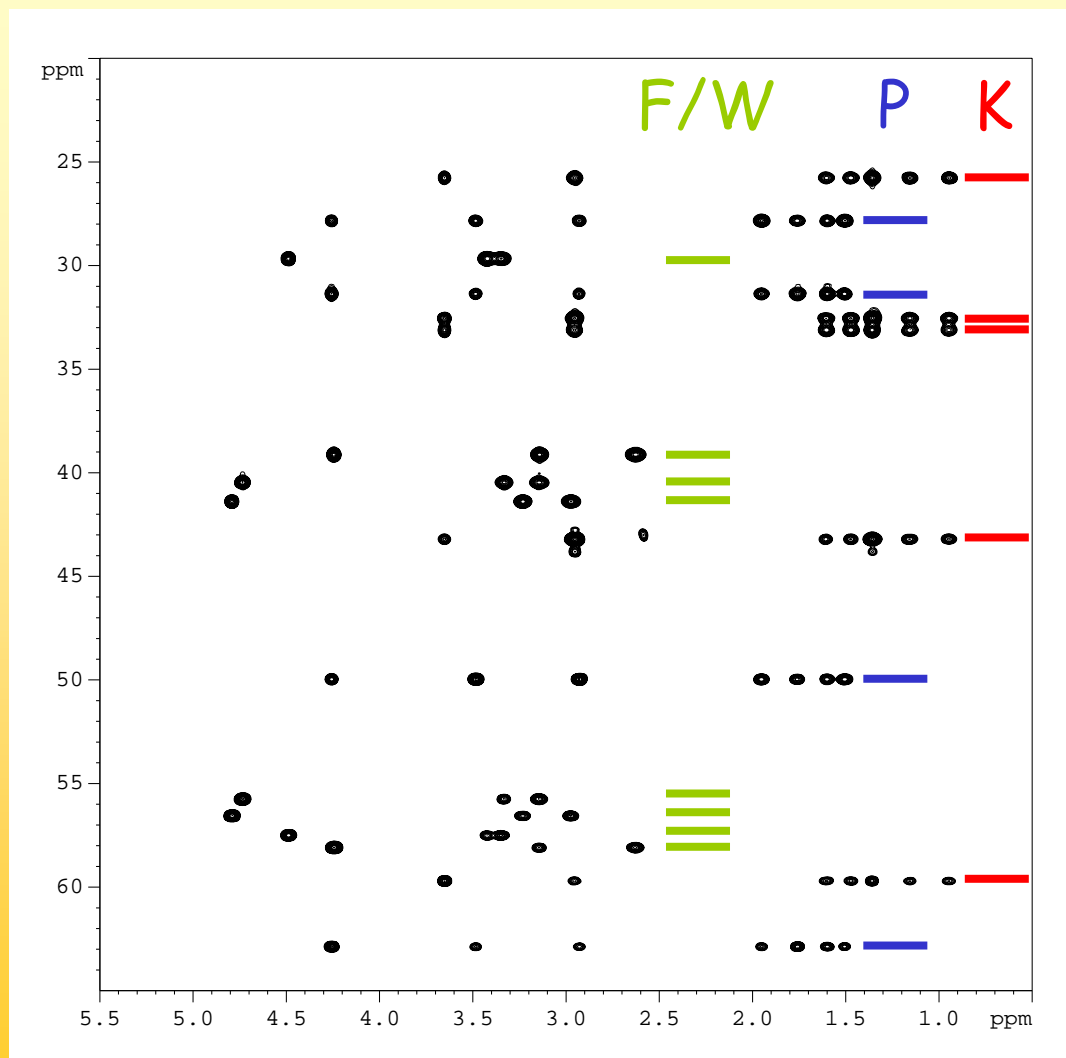
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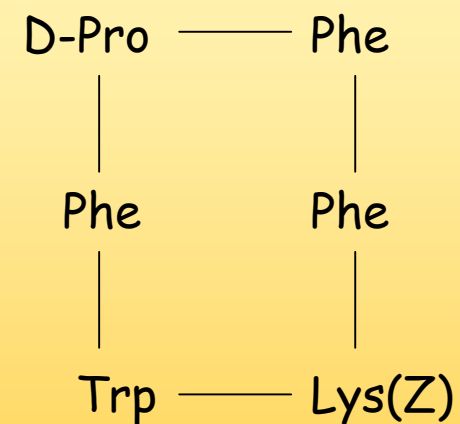
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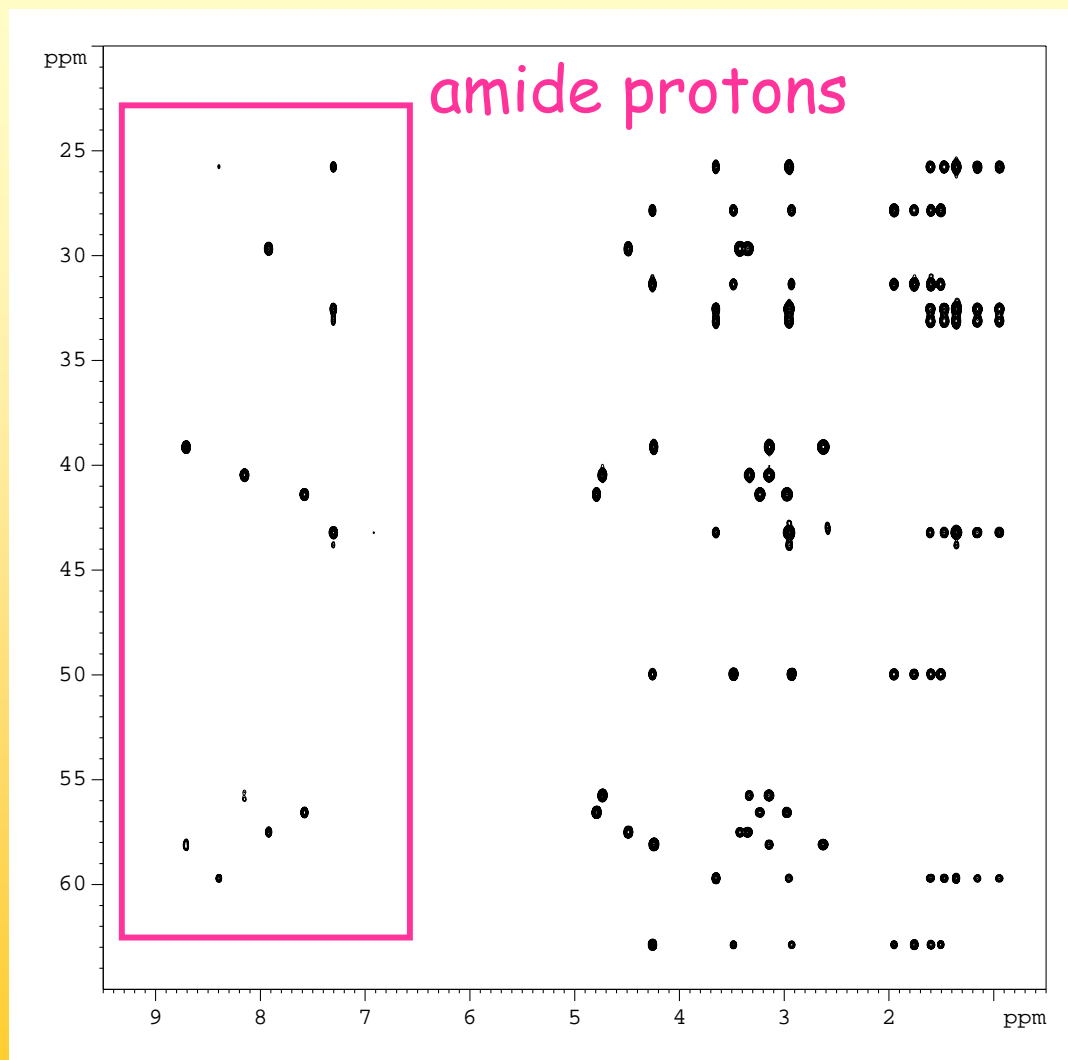


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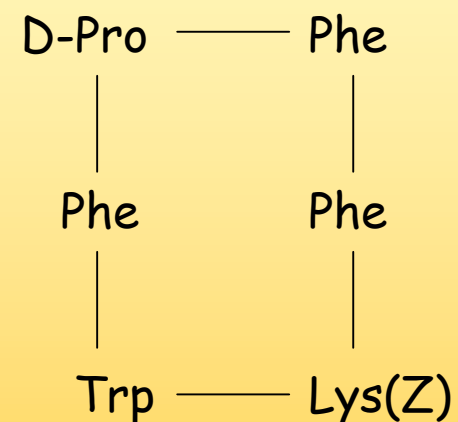


aliphatic region

Heteronuclear experiments



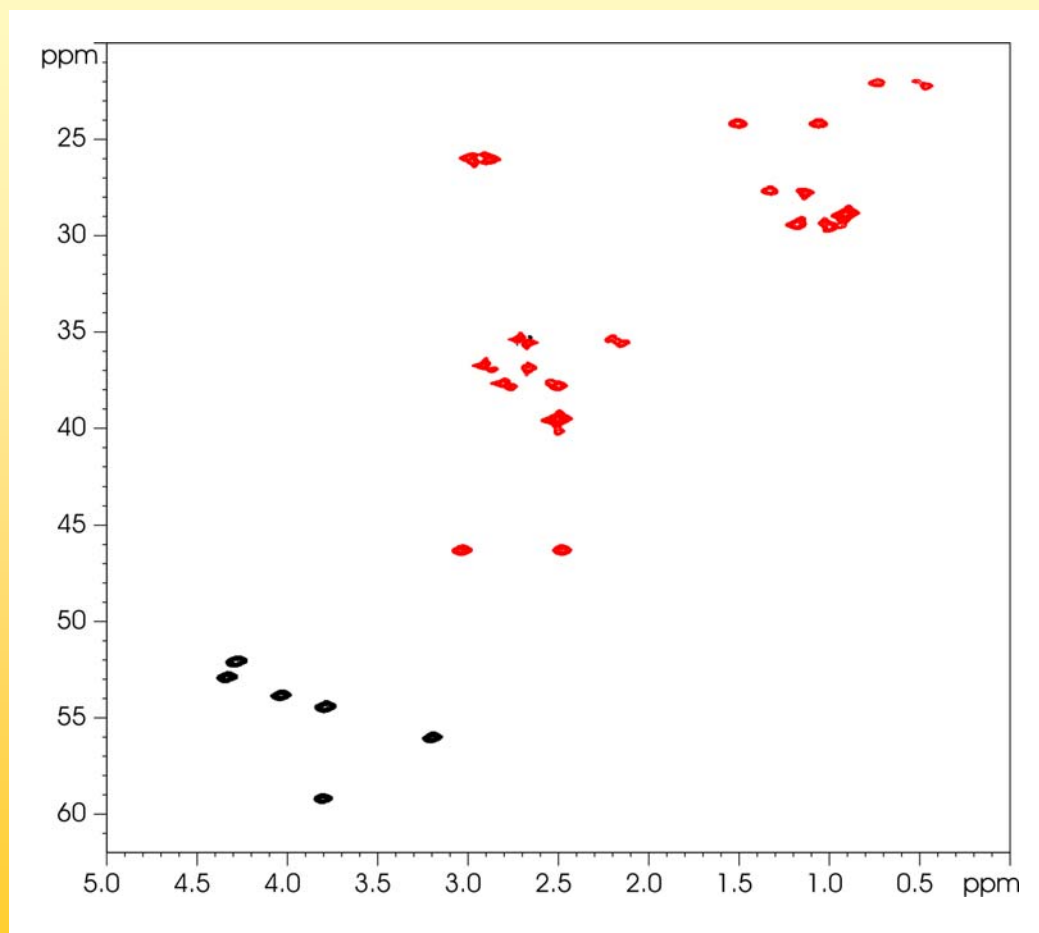
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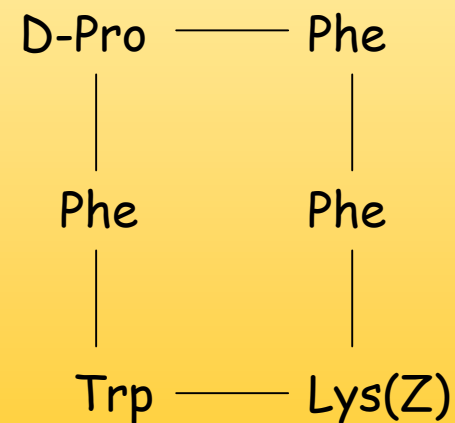
The H^N can
thus be
reached as well

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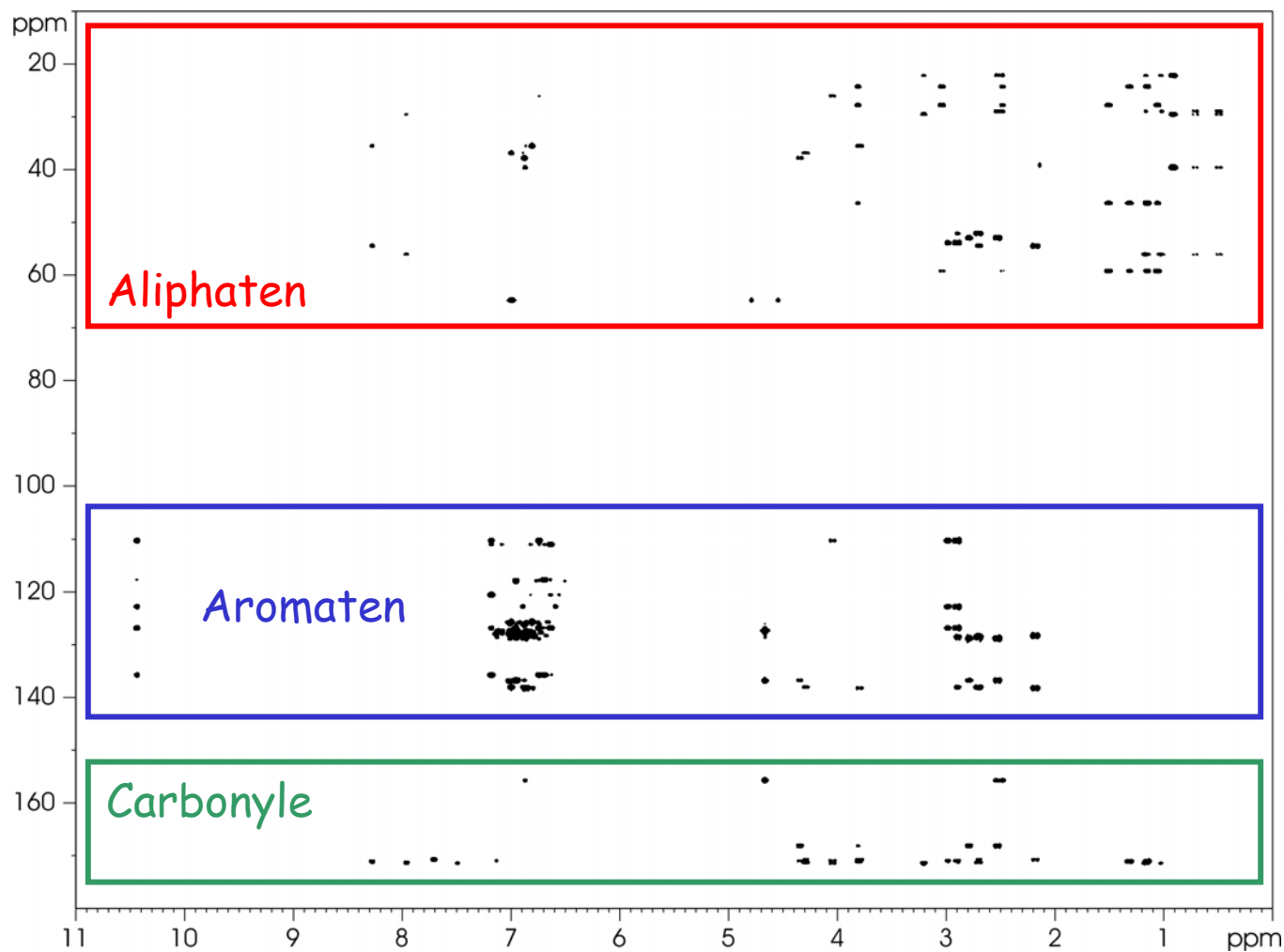
^{13}C -DEPT-HMQC (180) of F3-008



CH_2 can be distinguished from CH and CH_3



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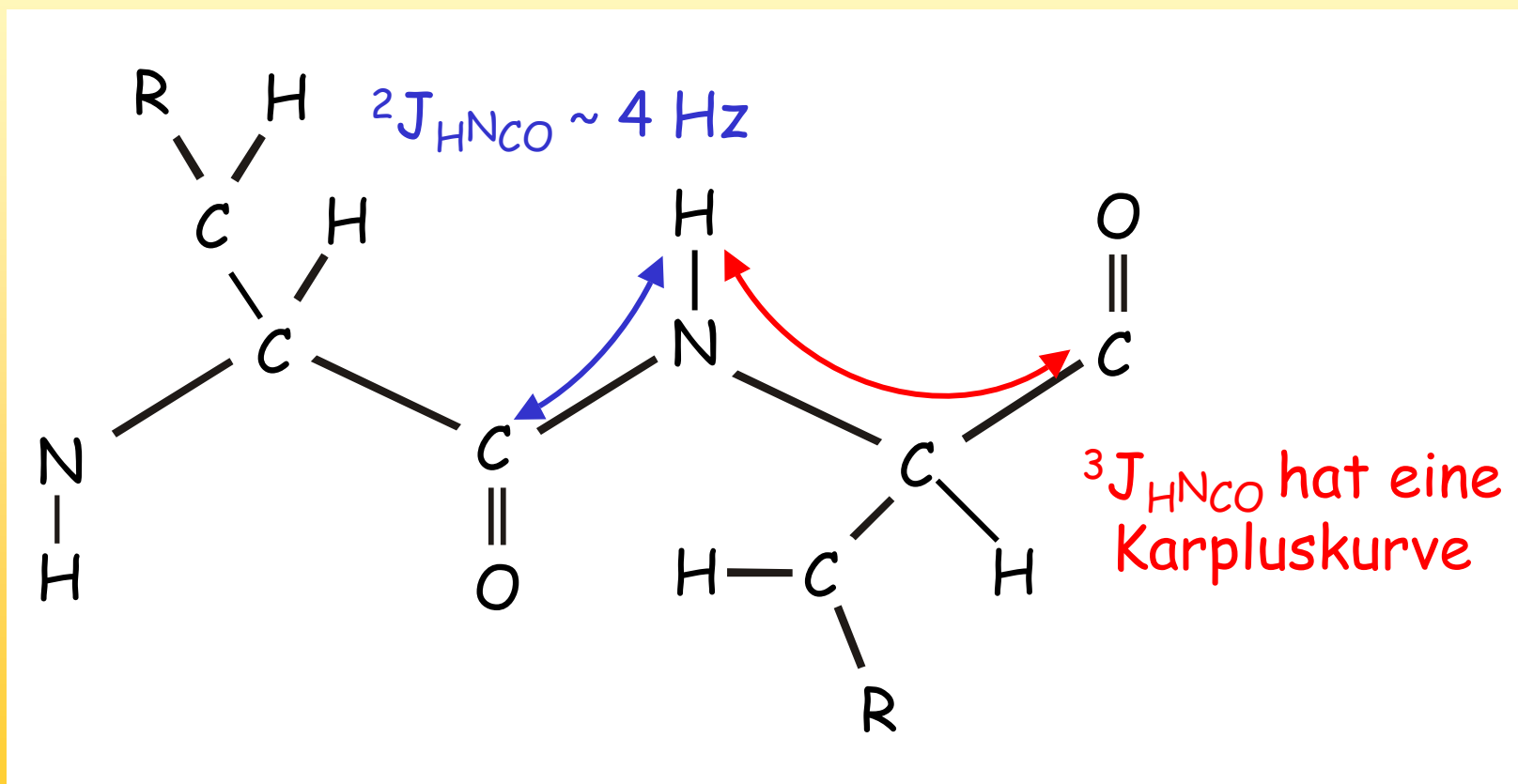


^{13}C -HMBC
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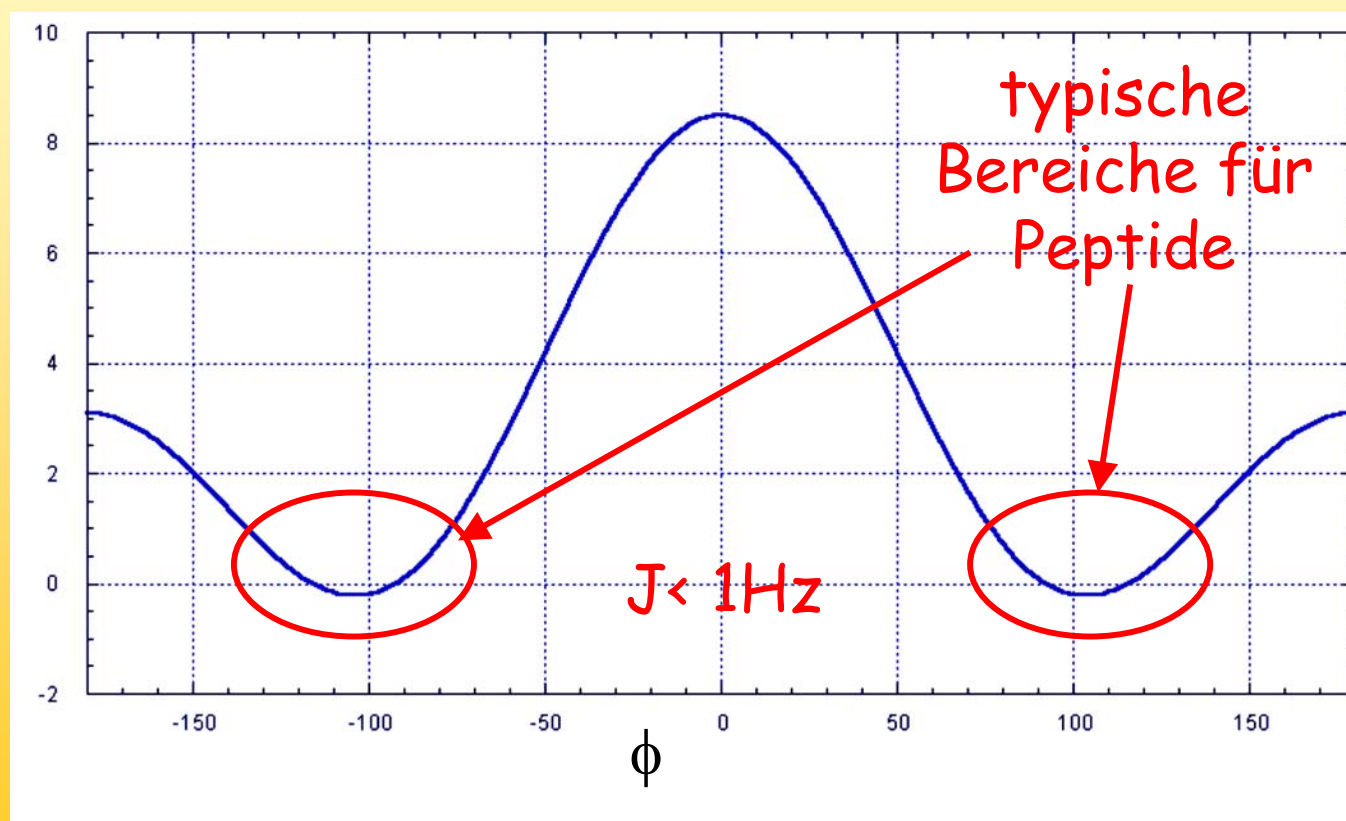
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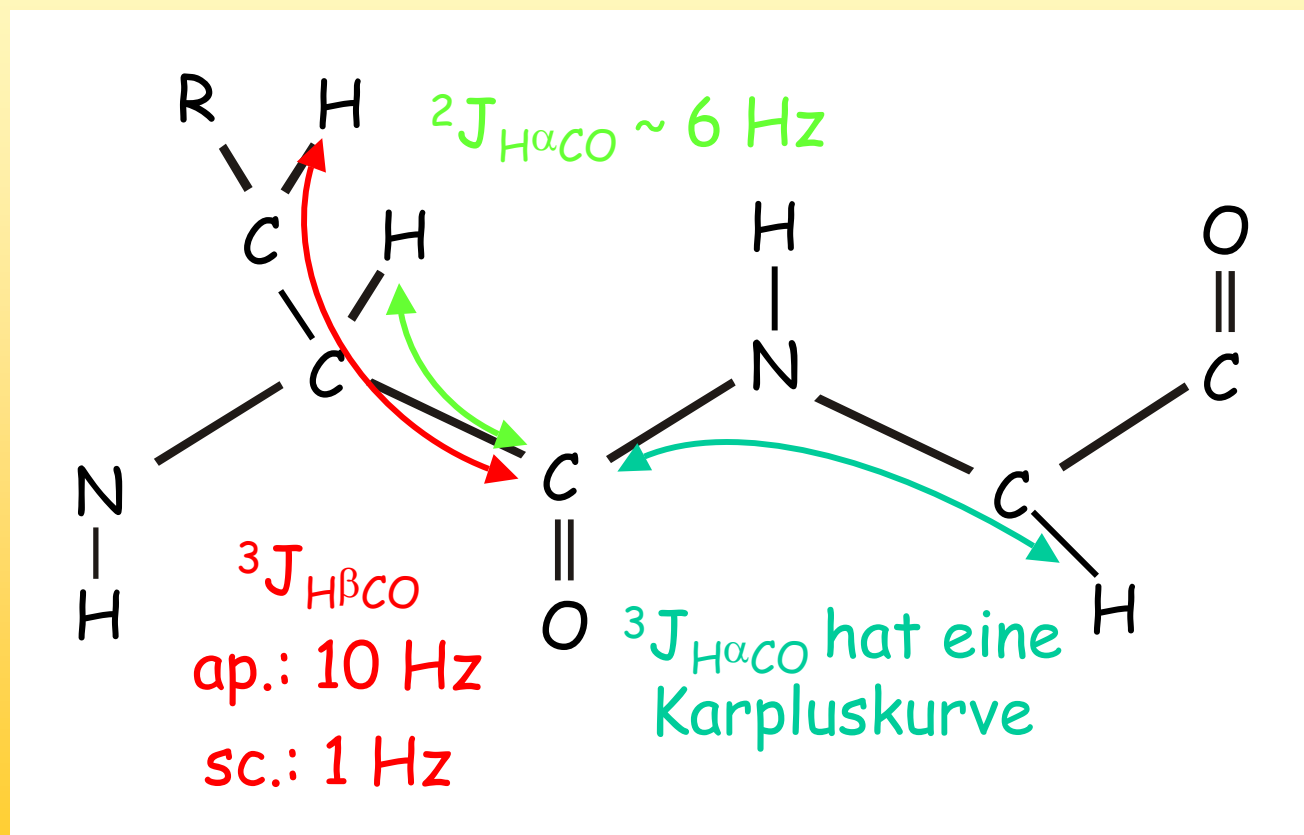
The Karplus-relation for $^3J_{\text{HNCO}}$ is

$$^3J_{\text{HNCO}} = 5.7 \cos^2(\phi - 180) - 2.7 \cos(\phi - 180) + 0.1$$



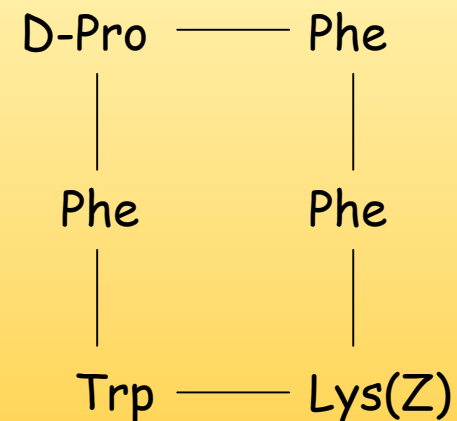
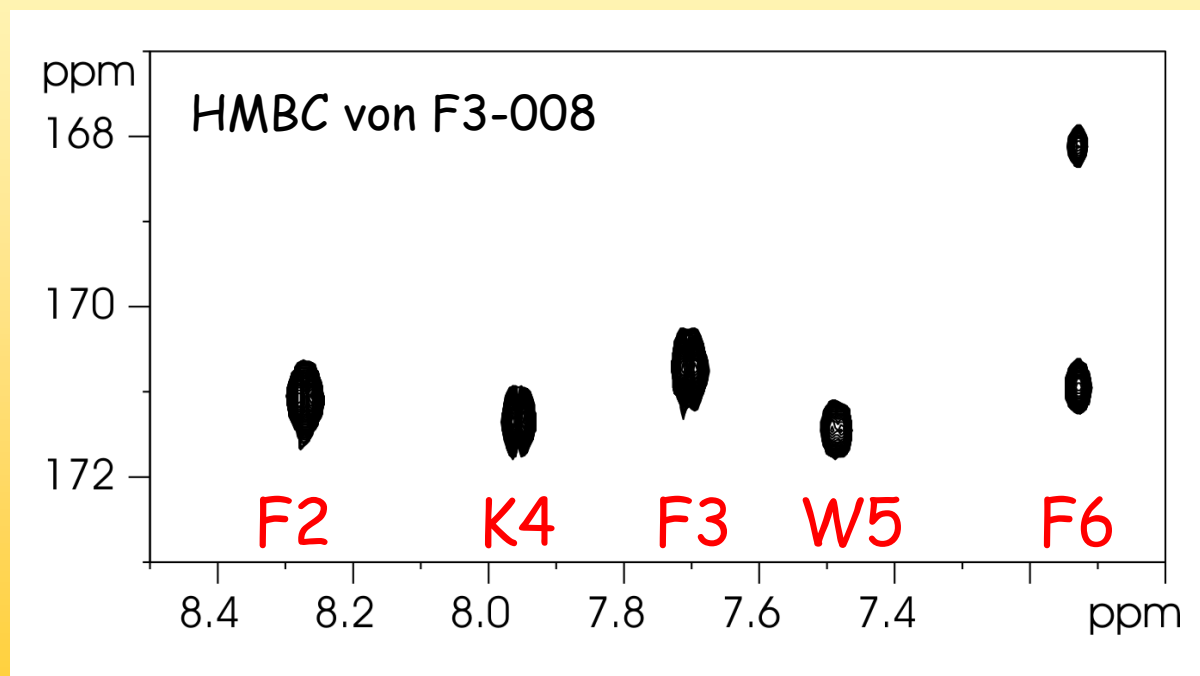
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Coupling constants from
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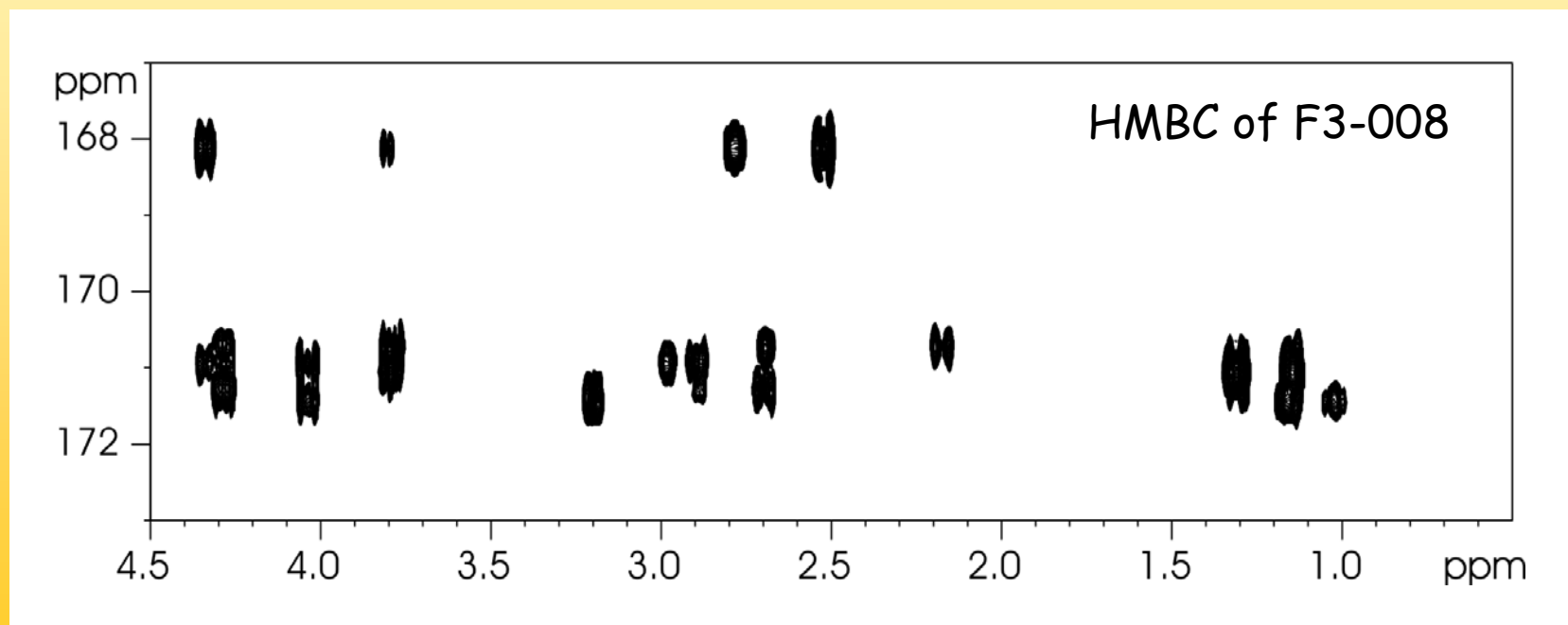
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In the area of the amide protons all correlations via 2J are visible, those via 3J only rarely



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In the area of the aliphatic protons most H^α show 2 correlations, there are also correlations for the H^β protons, all carbonyl carbons can thus be assigned



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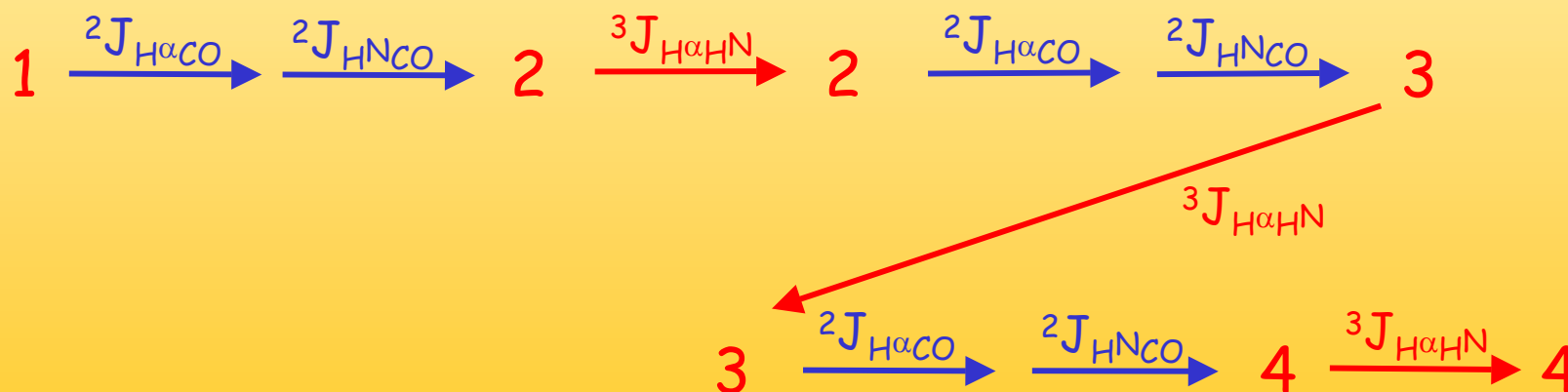
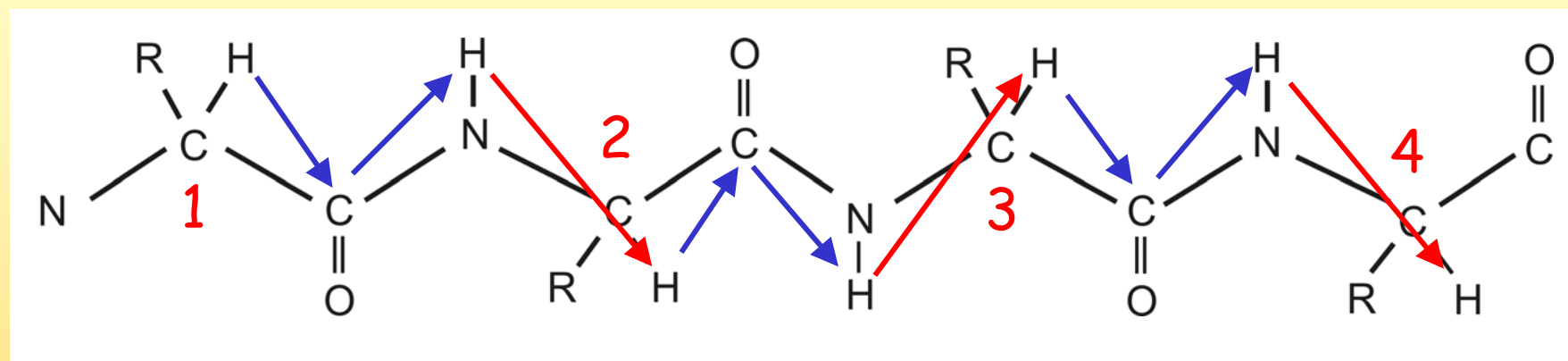
Based on these spectra not only an assignment of the carbonyl resonances is possible but also a sequential assignment.

Because of the small coupling between the H^N and the carbonyl of the same amino acid, the DQF-COSY is used instead to get a correlation from the H^N to the H^α .

A sequential assignment would also be possible via the H^α to carbonyl correlation, this is difficult because of overlap in the H^α region

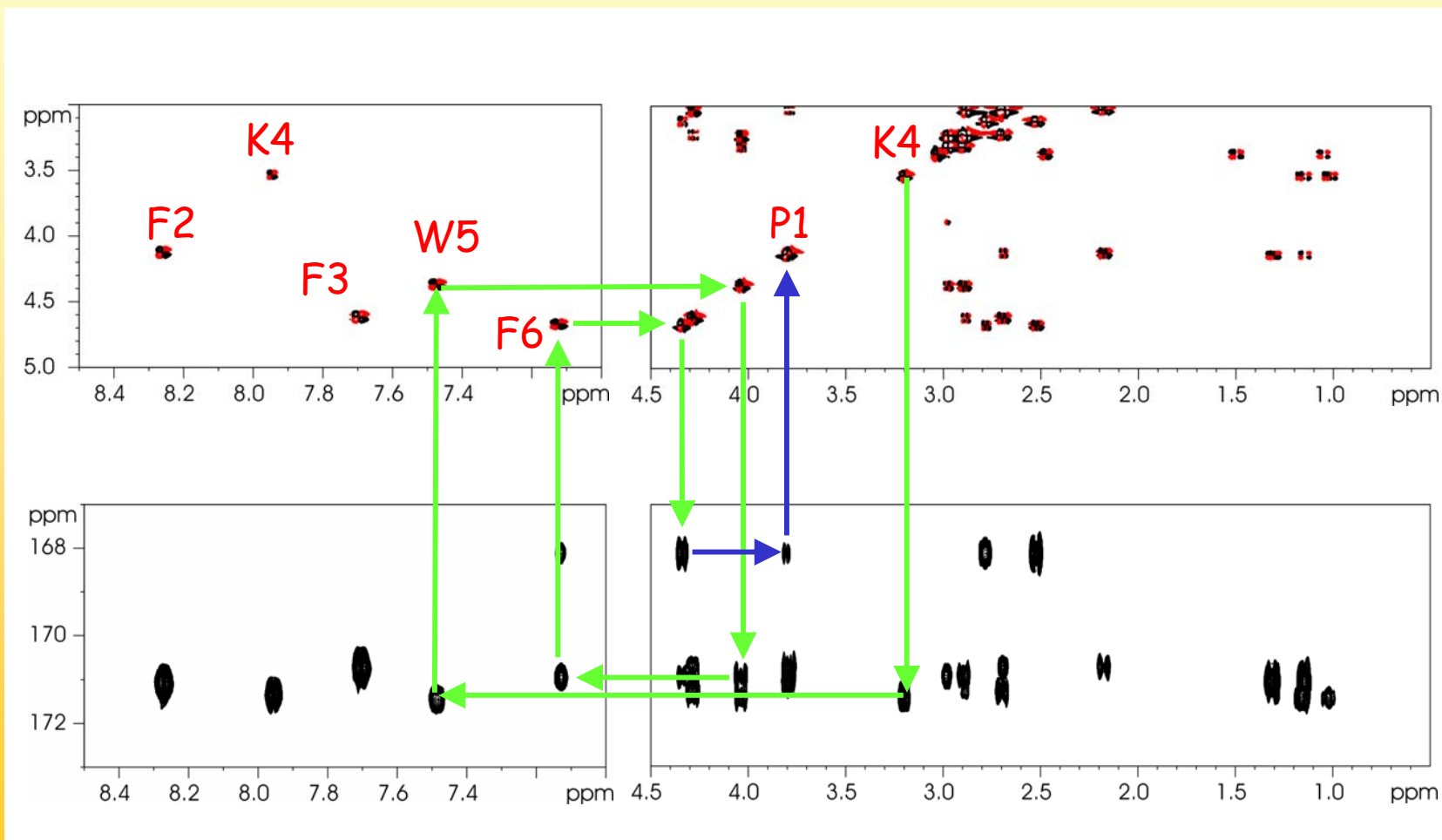
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We then have an different „sequential walk“



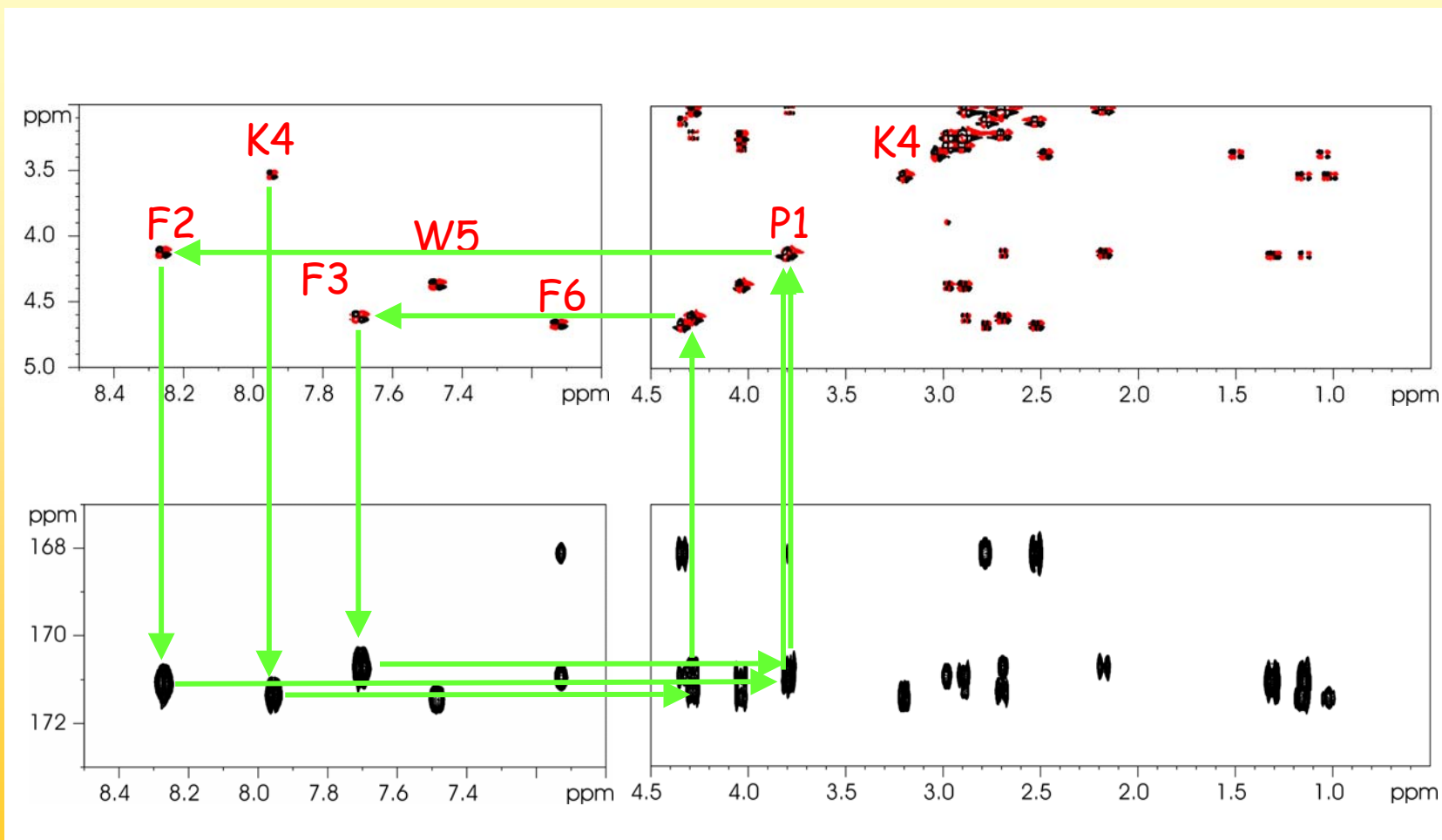
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With real spectra it works like that:



Sequence specific assignment (3)

starting at K4 we go the other way



That's it

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