

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

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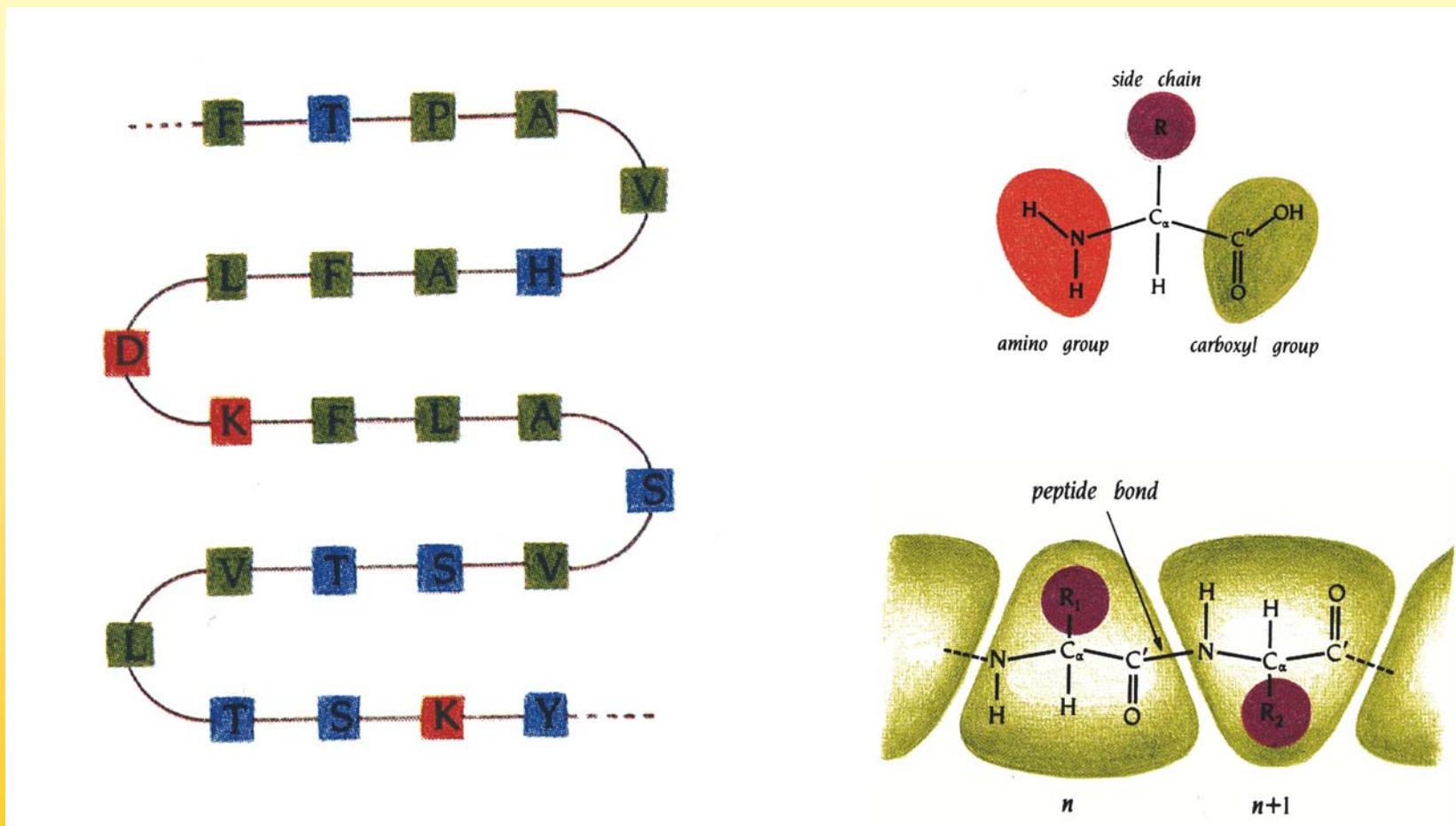
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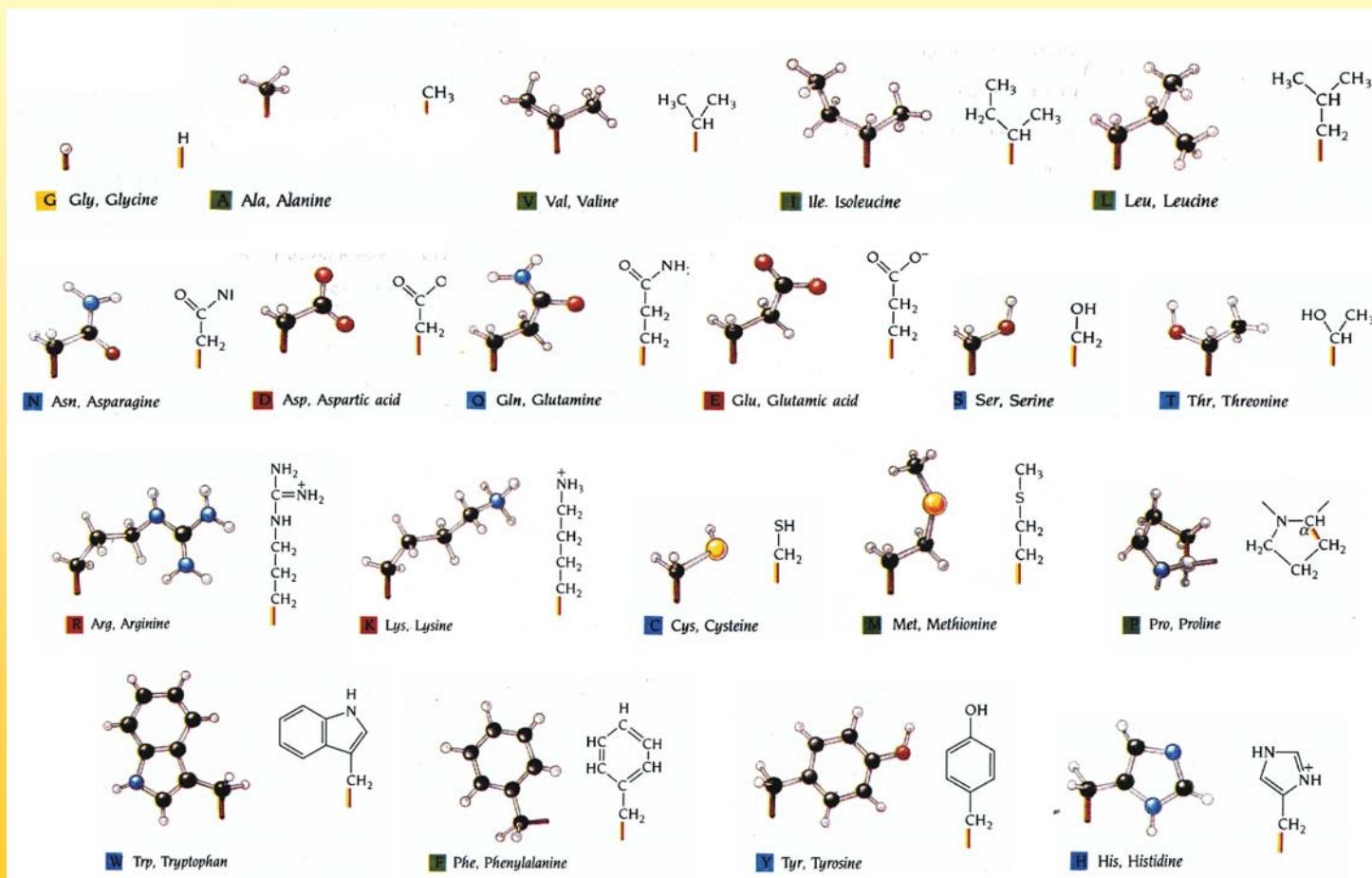
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Primary structure



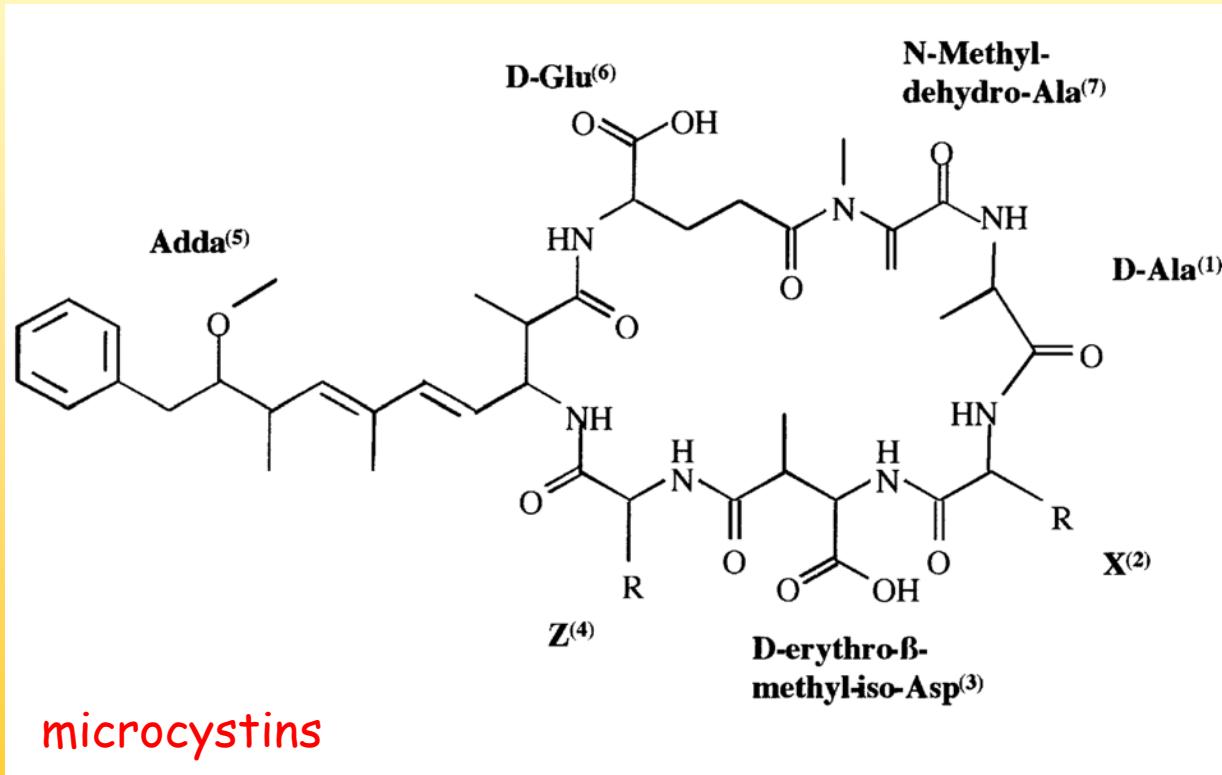
Peptides

20 proteinogenic amino acids



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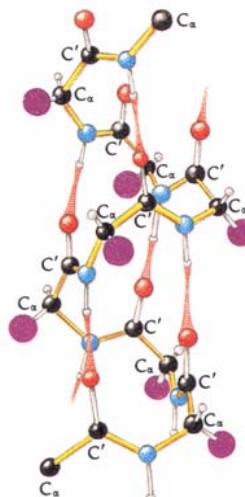
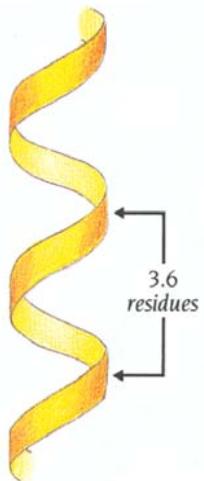
In natural products many other amino acids are possible



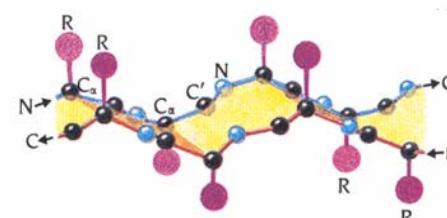
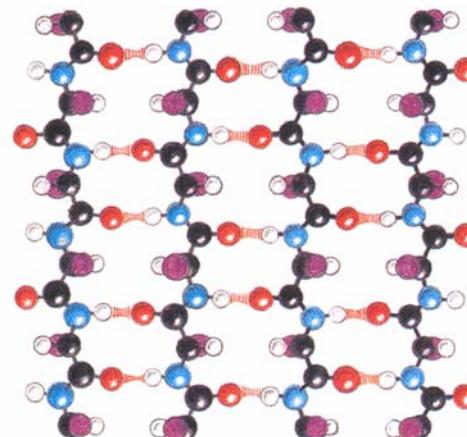
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secondary structure

α -helix

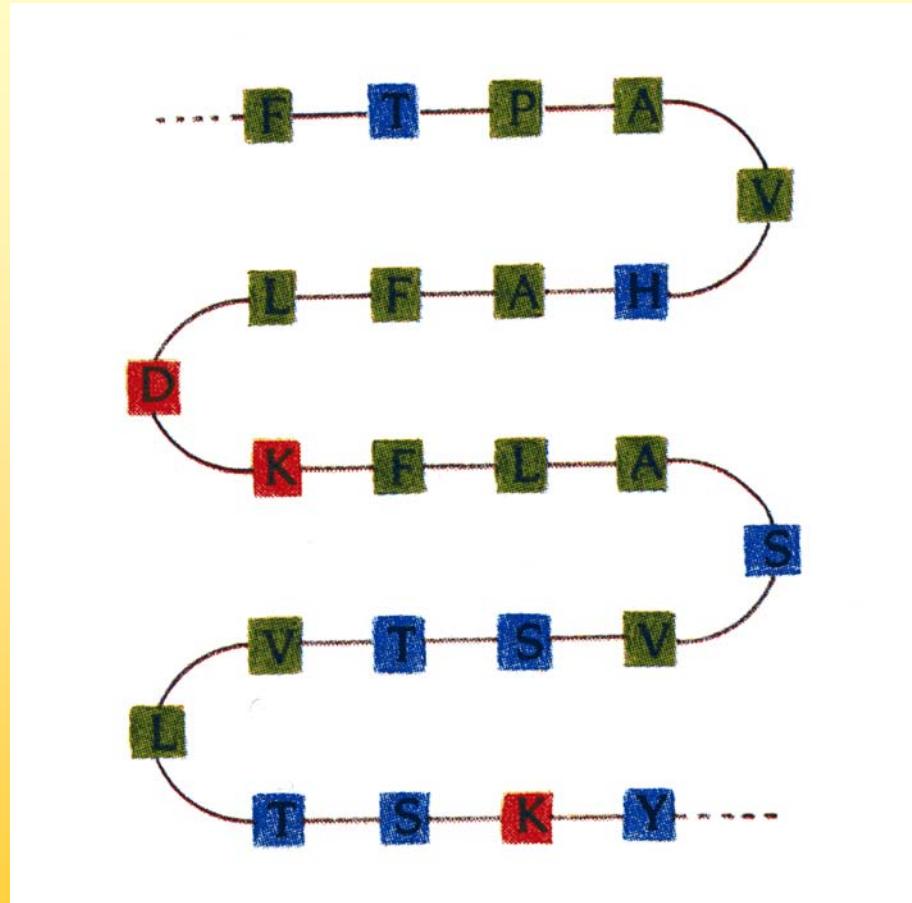


β -sheet



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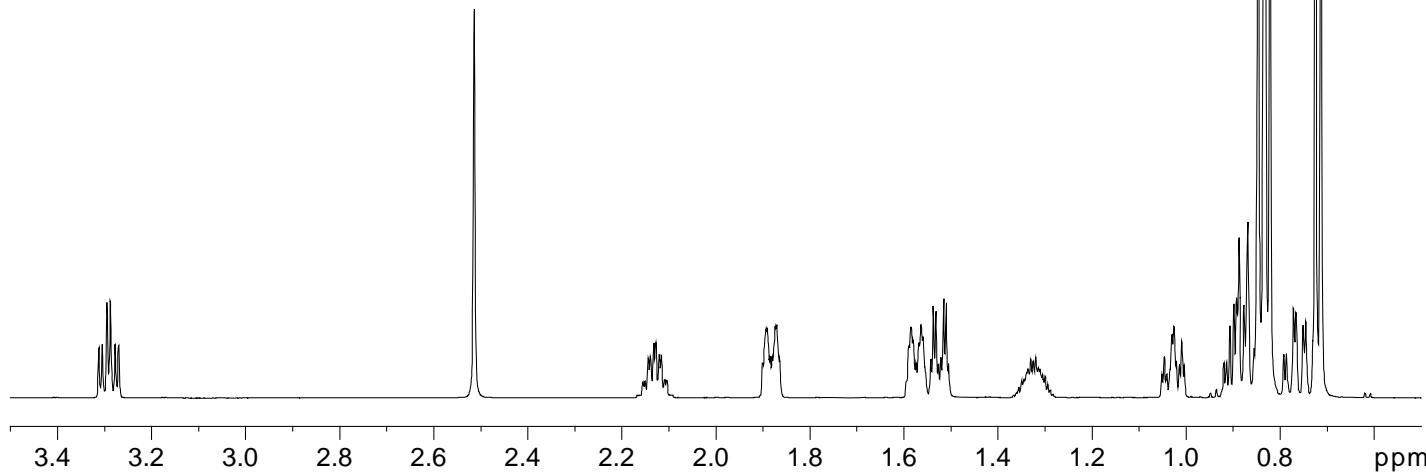
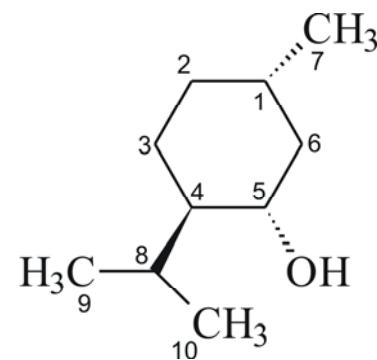
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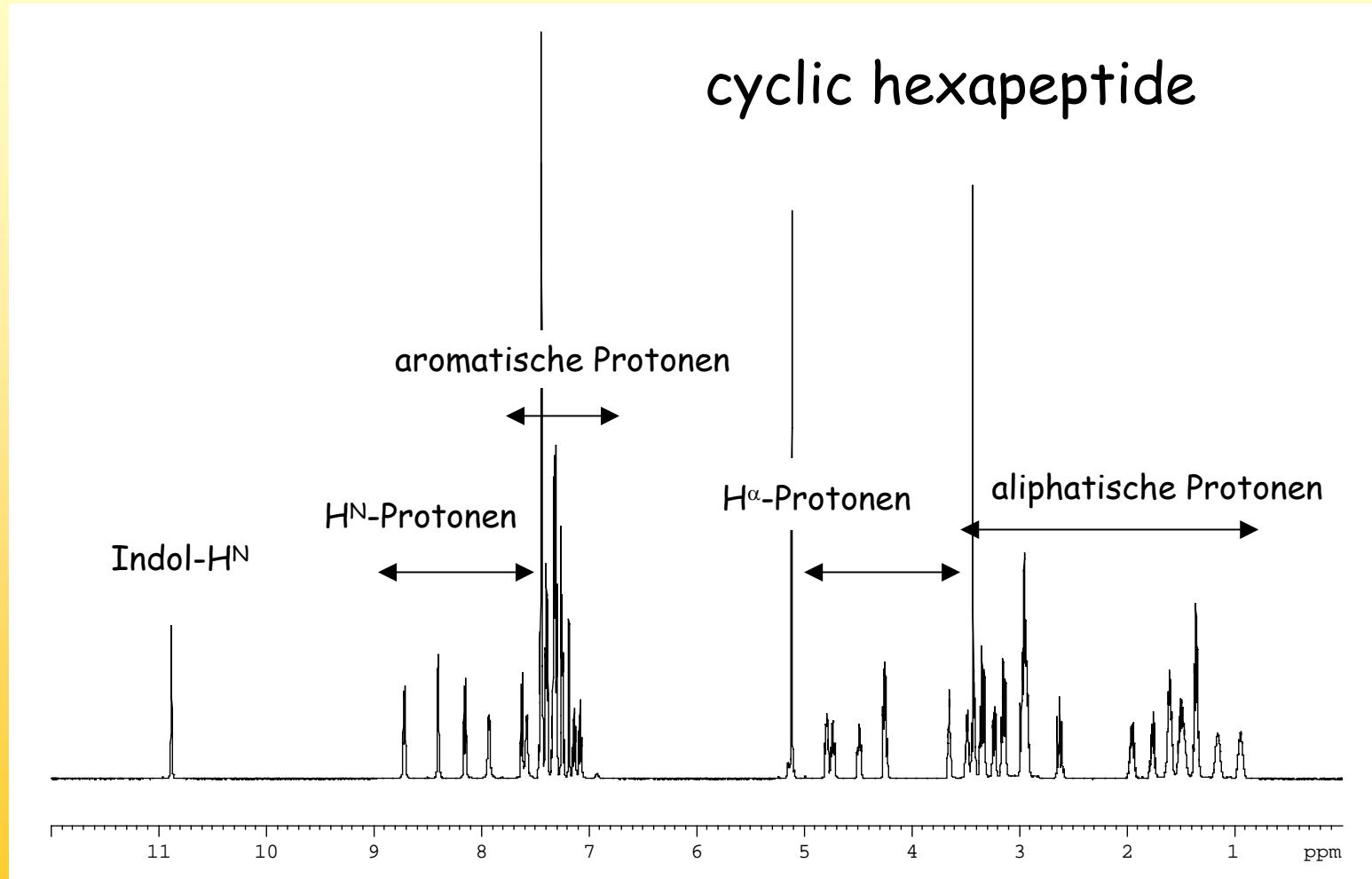
The major problem of protein NMR results from the fact that proteins are polymers, i.e. the repetition of almost identical subunits

NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

(-)-Menthol

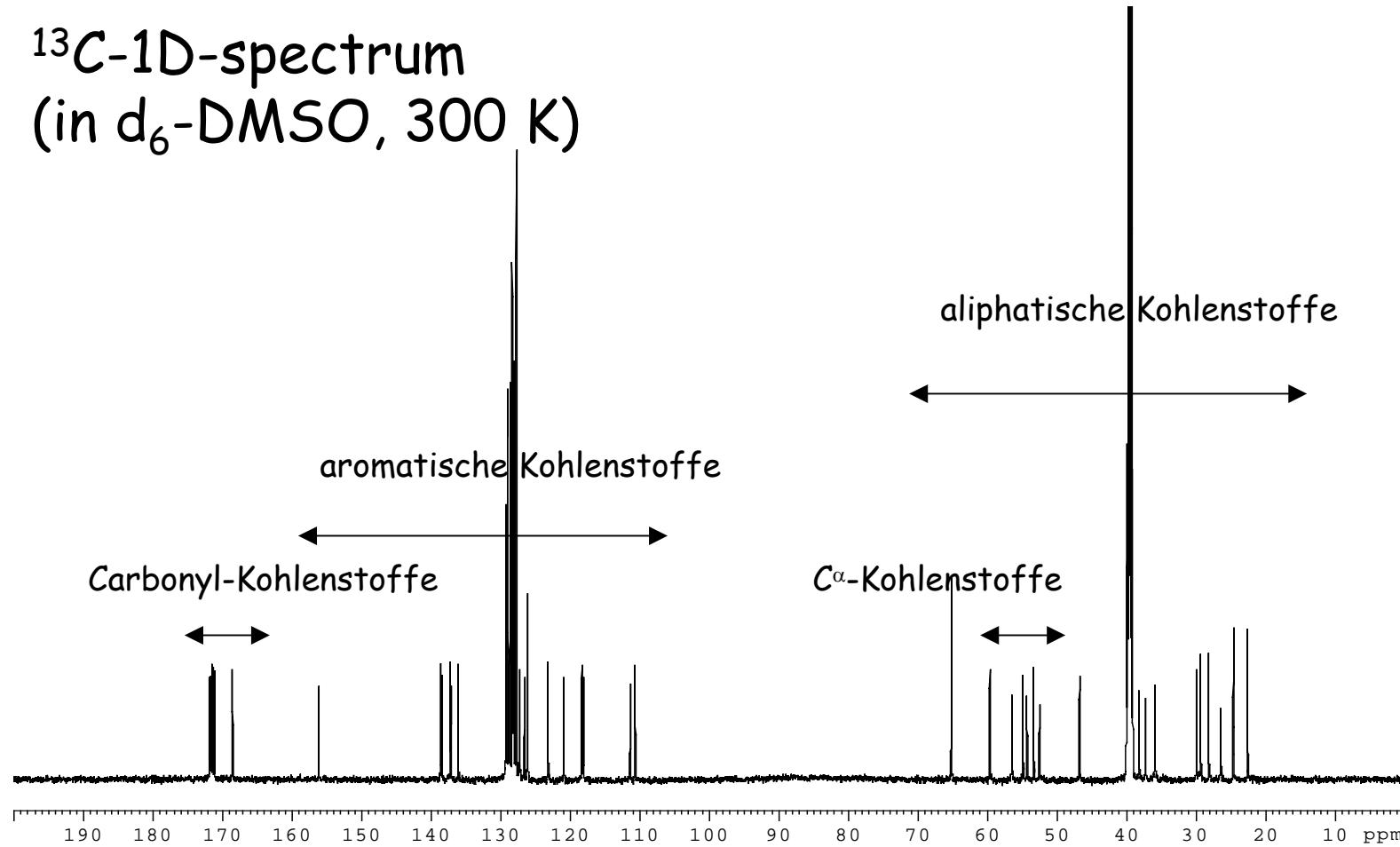


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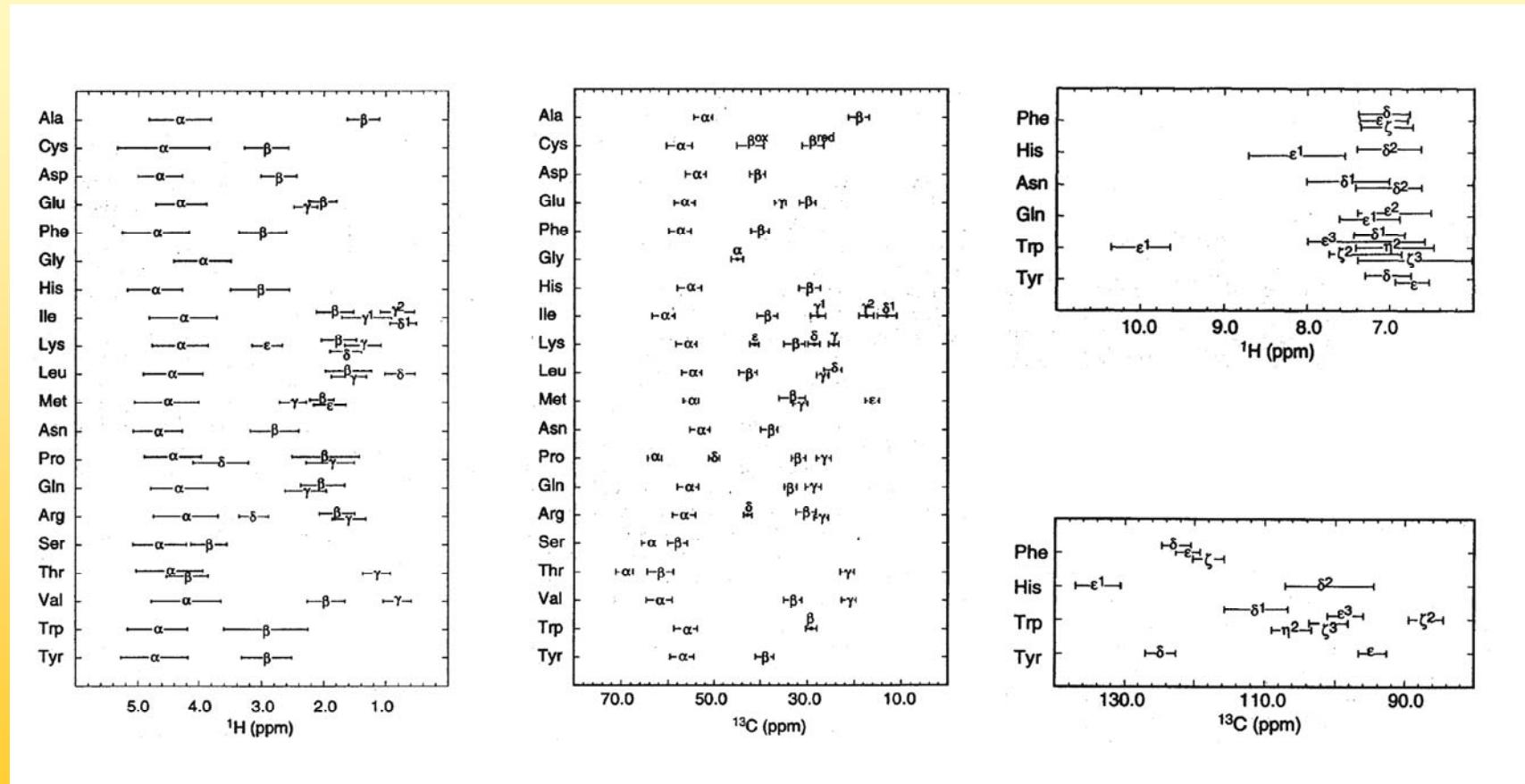
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^{13}C -1D-spectrum
(in $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$, 300 K)



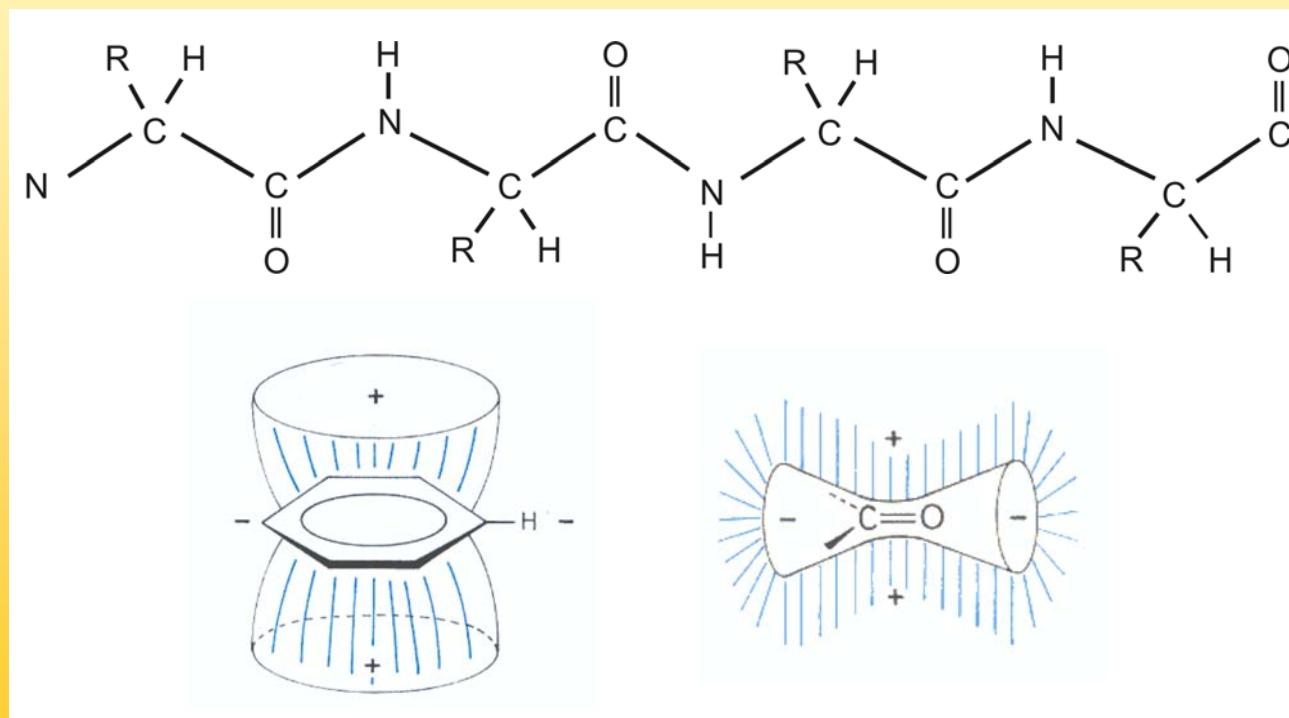
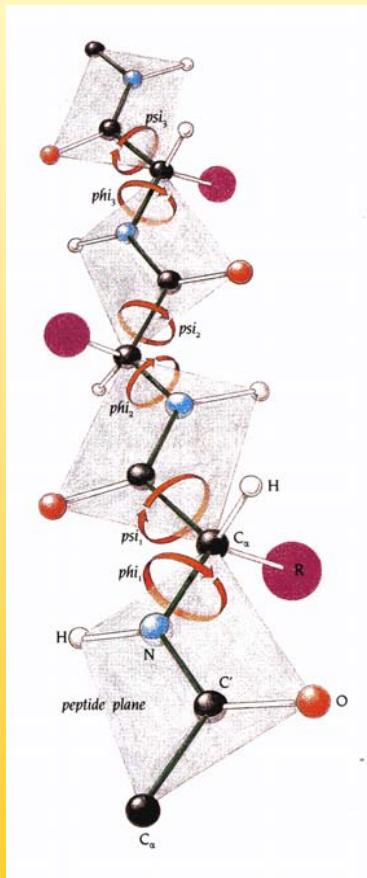
NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

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



NMR-spectroscopy of peptides

Differences in chemical shifts can be produced by structure and the accompanying anisotropy effect



Sequence specific assignment

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

The following strategies exist:

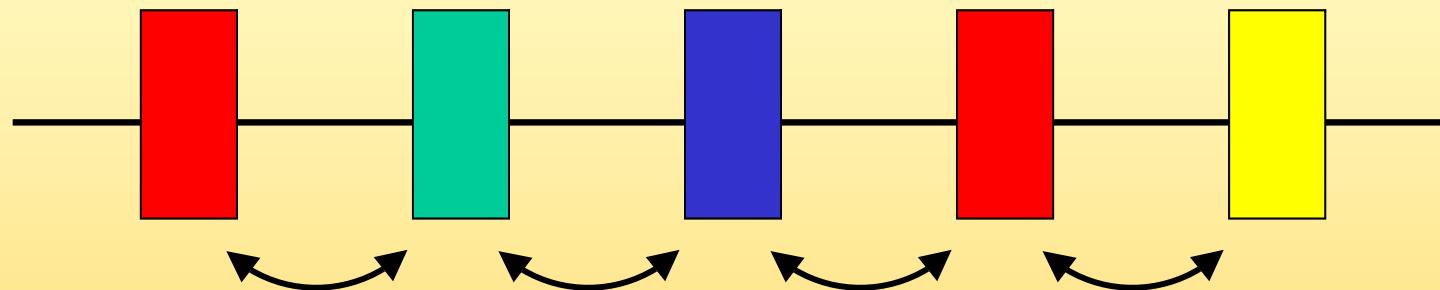
Based on homonuclear spectra (**COSY, TOCSY, NOESY**)

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

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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

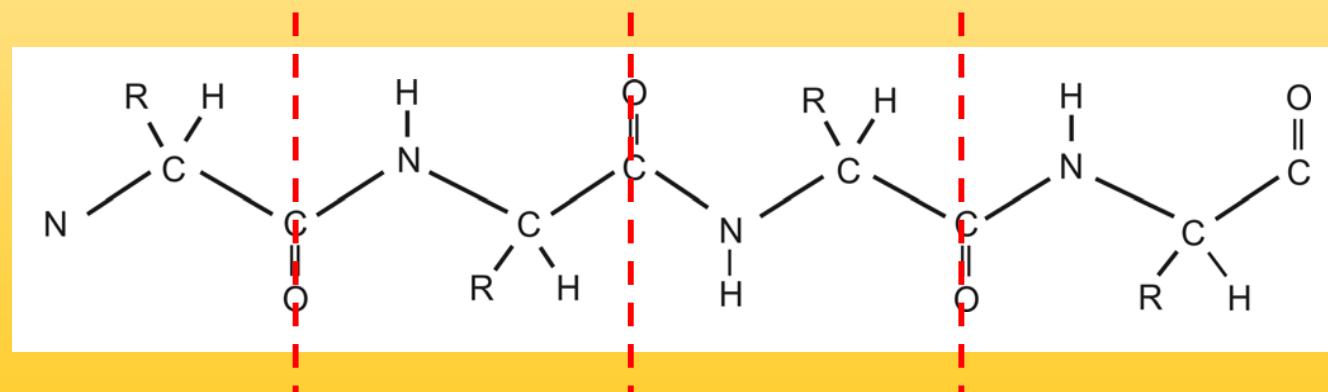
So we need two types of experiments, those that can identify the amino acids type und those that can provide the sequential (neighborhood) information.

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

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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.

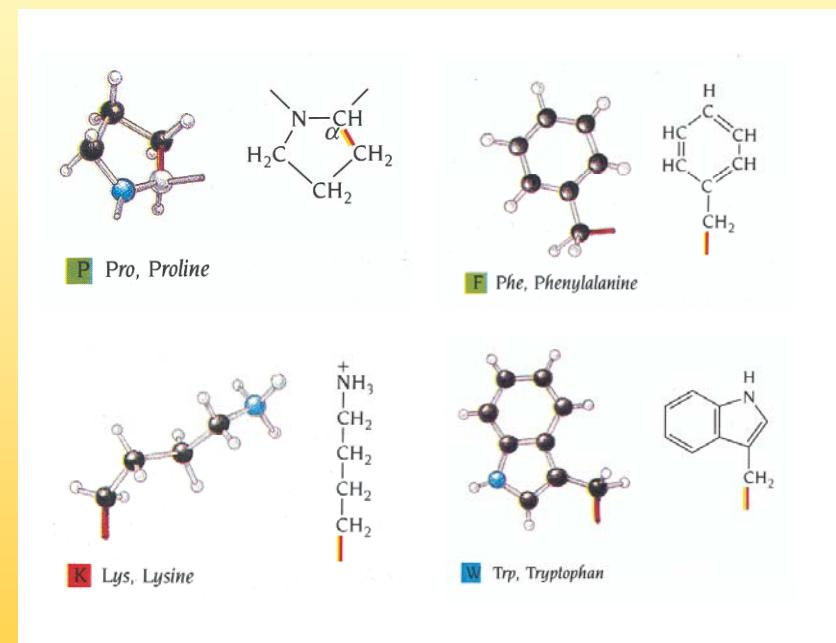


Homonuclear experiments

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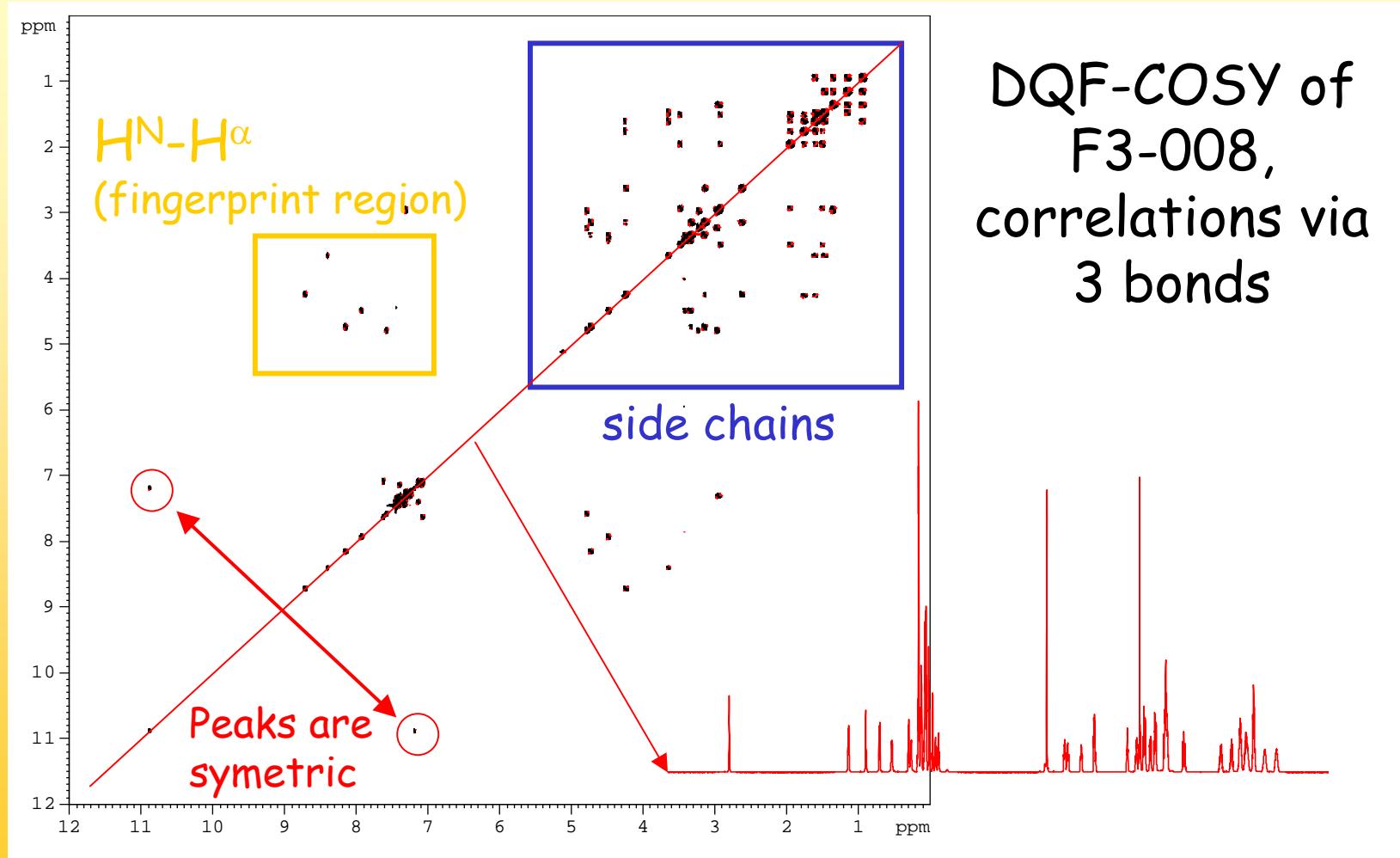
Our example peptide

D-Pro — Phe
 | |
 Phe Phe
 | |
 Trp — Lys(Z)

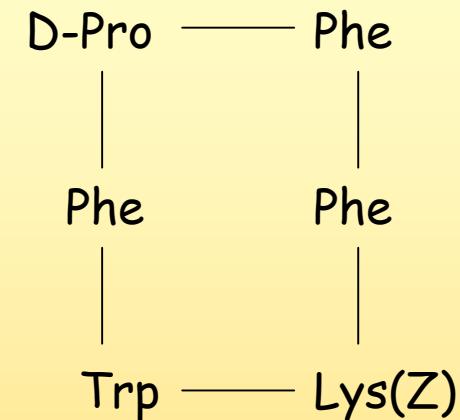
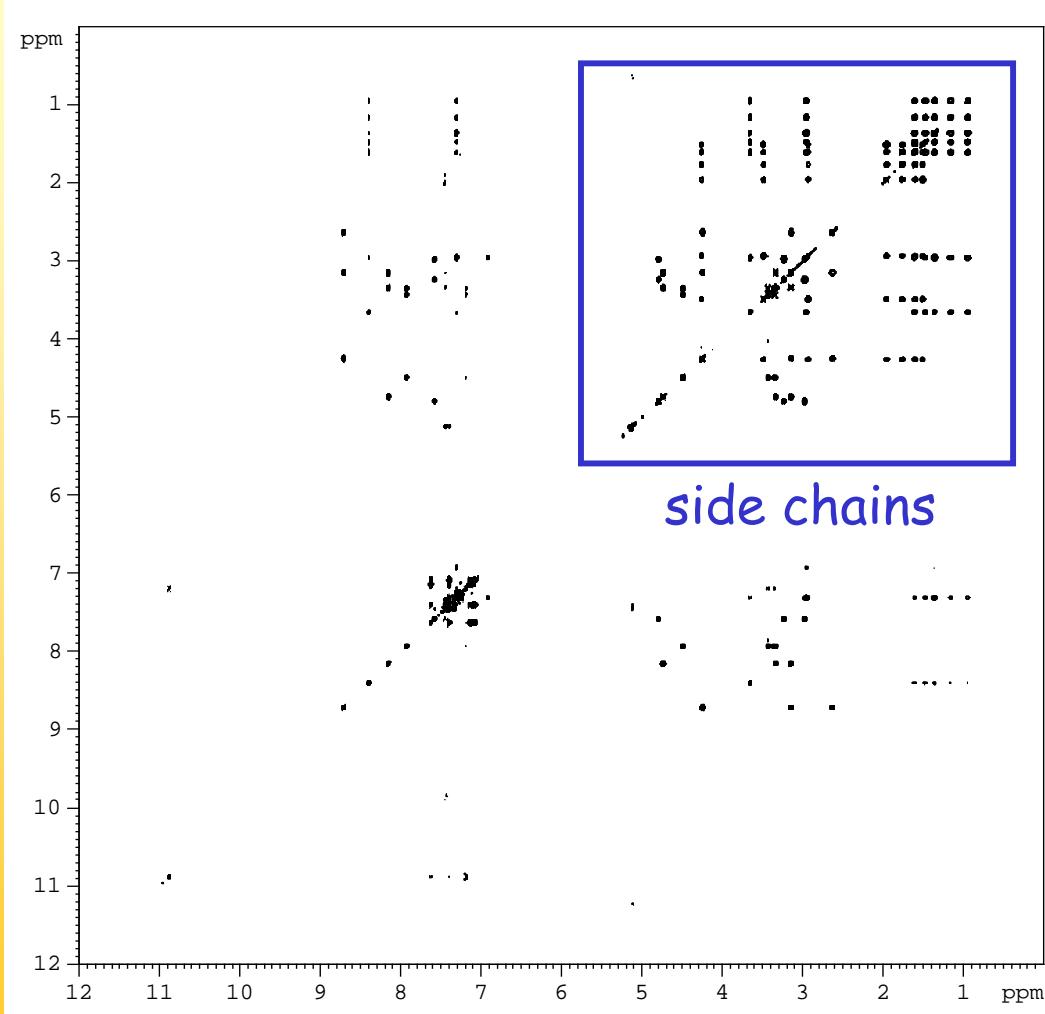


F3-008: *cyc-(dP-F-F-K(Z)-W-F)*

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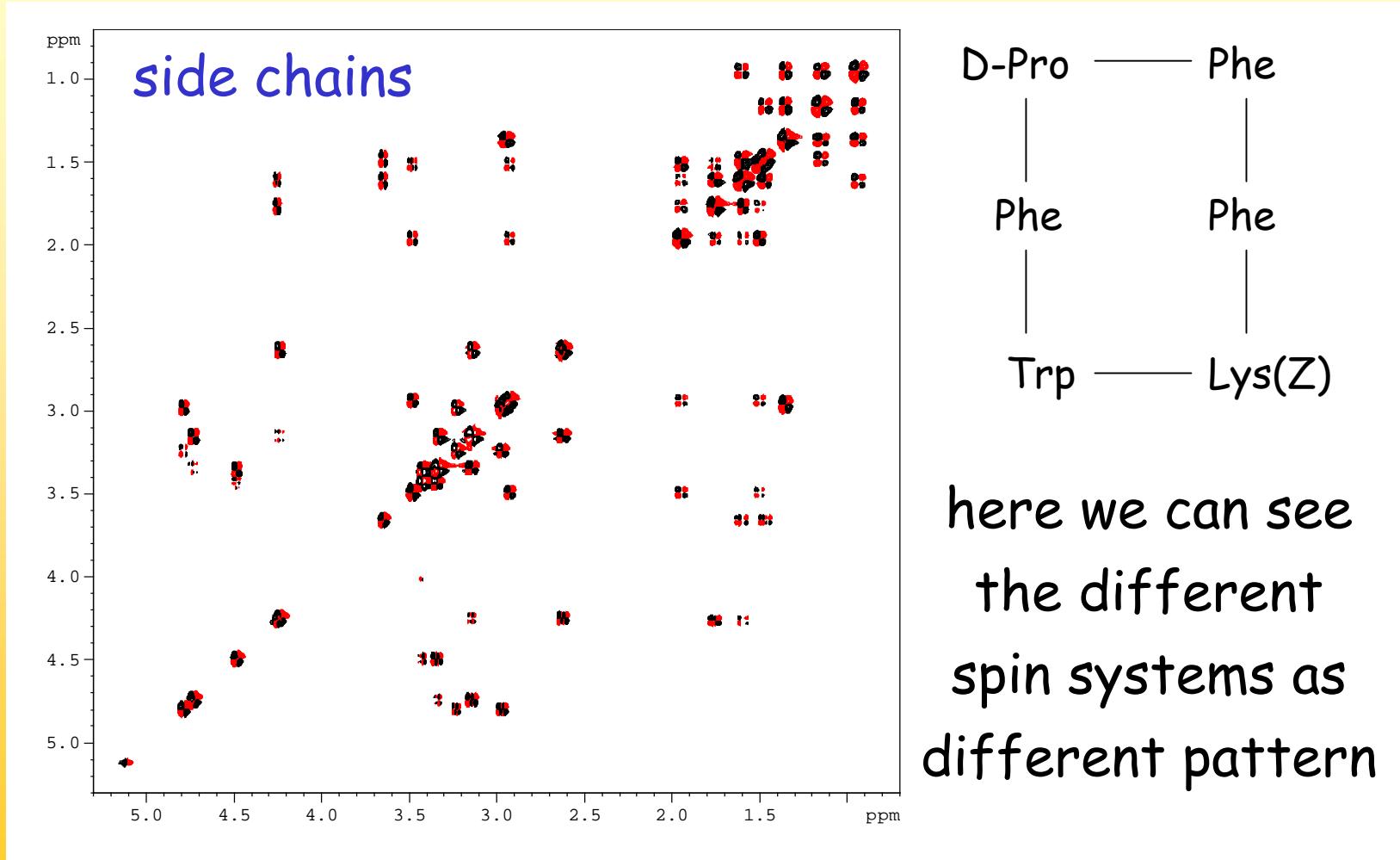


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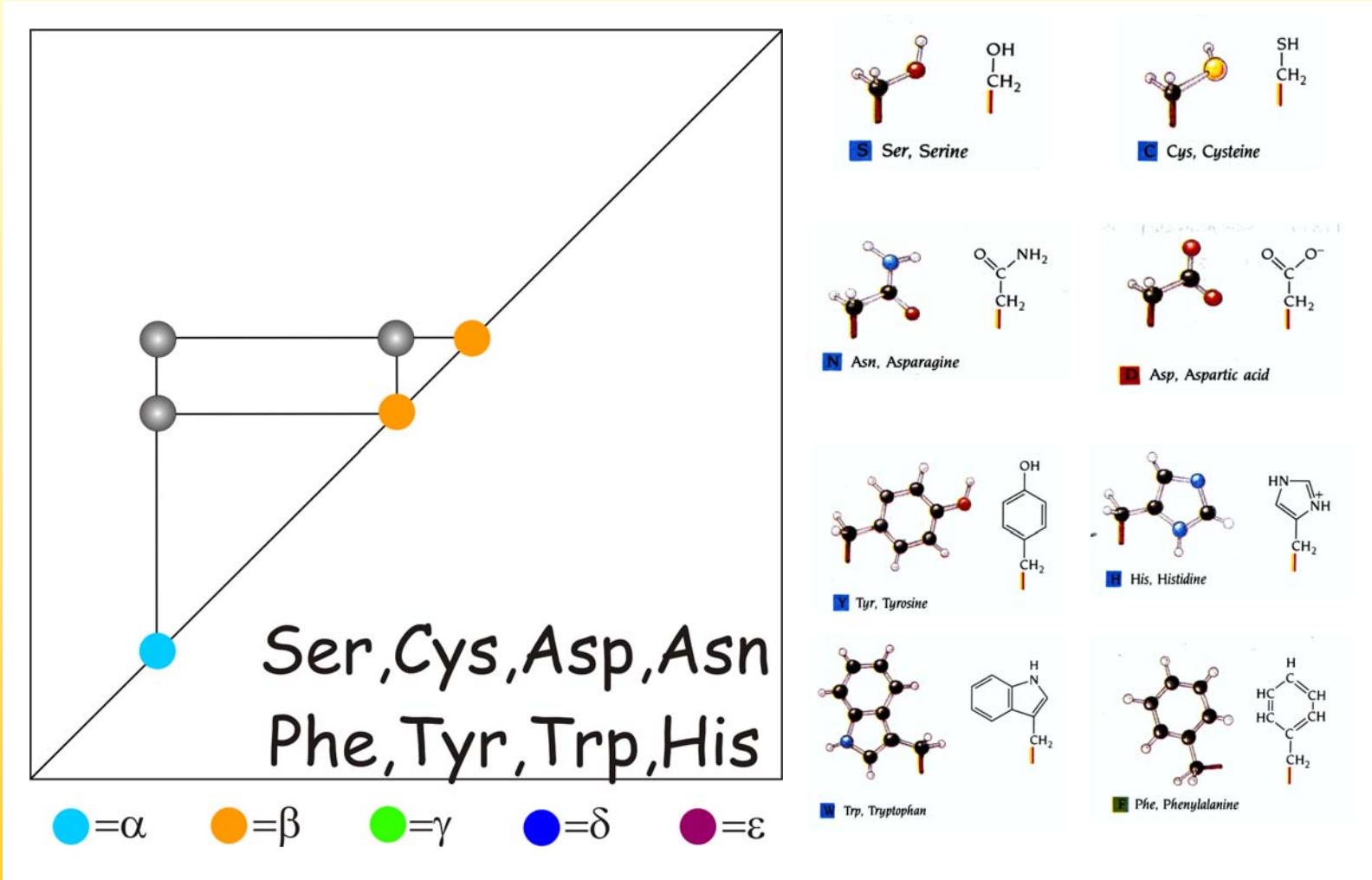


In einem TOCSY
 mit langer
 Mischzeit sind
 ist bei jedem
 Signal das ganze
 Spinsystem zu
 sehen

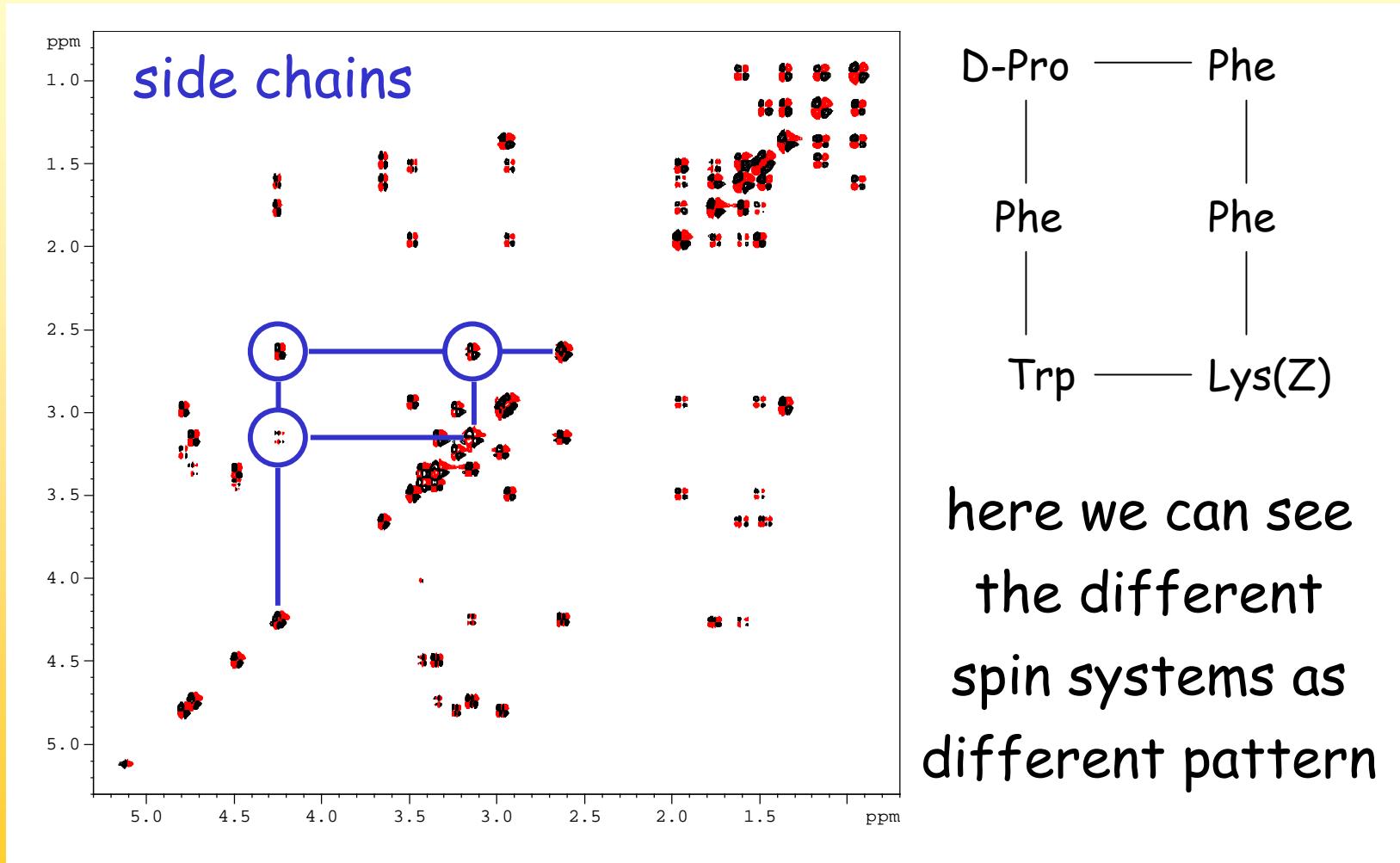
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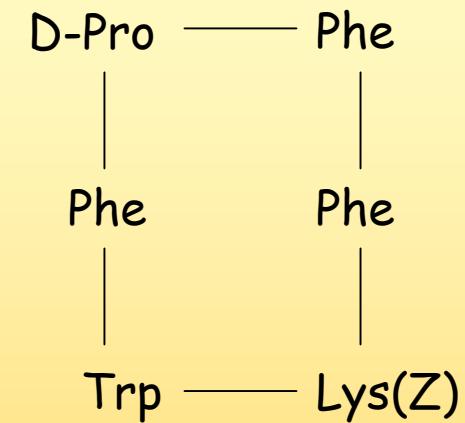
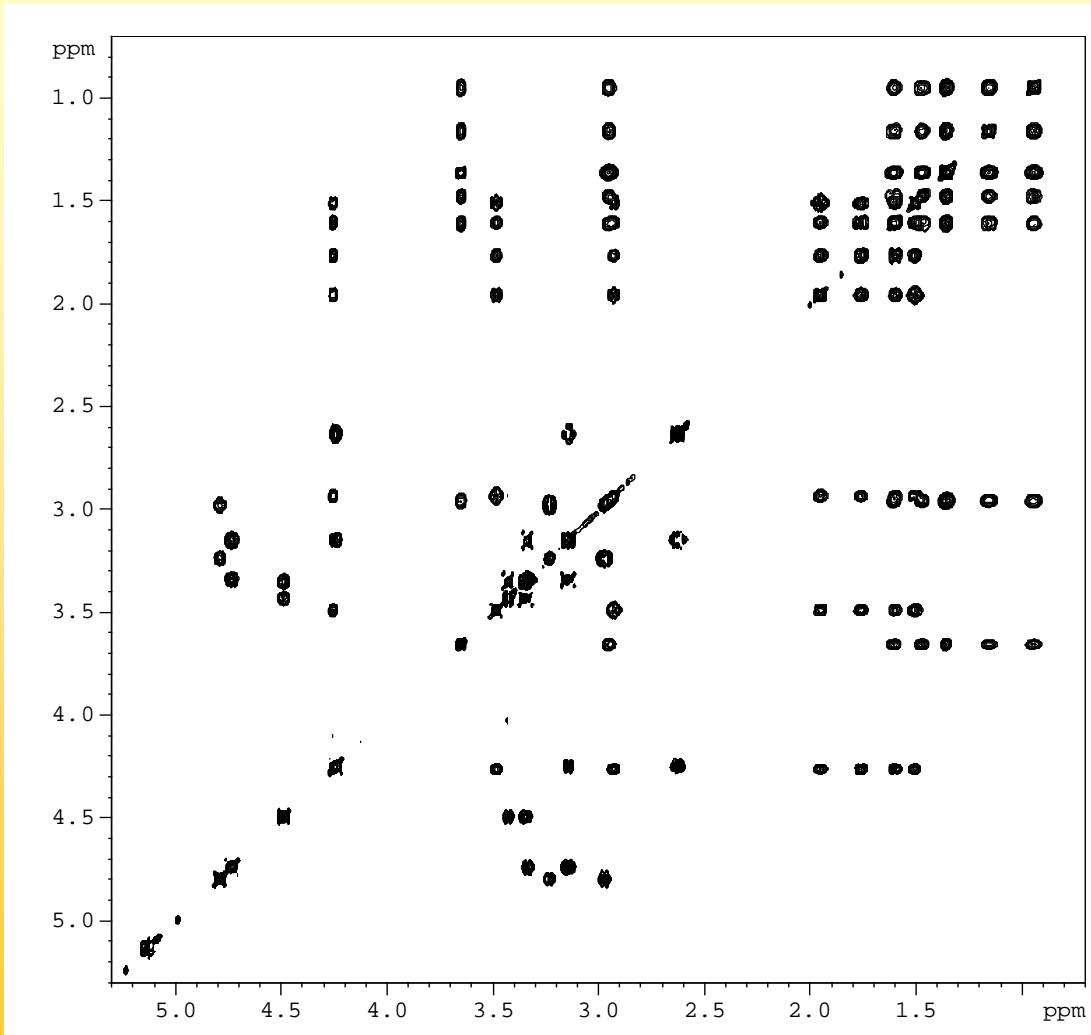
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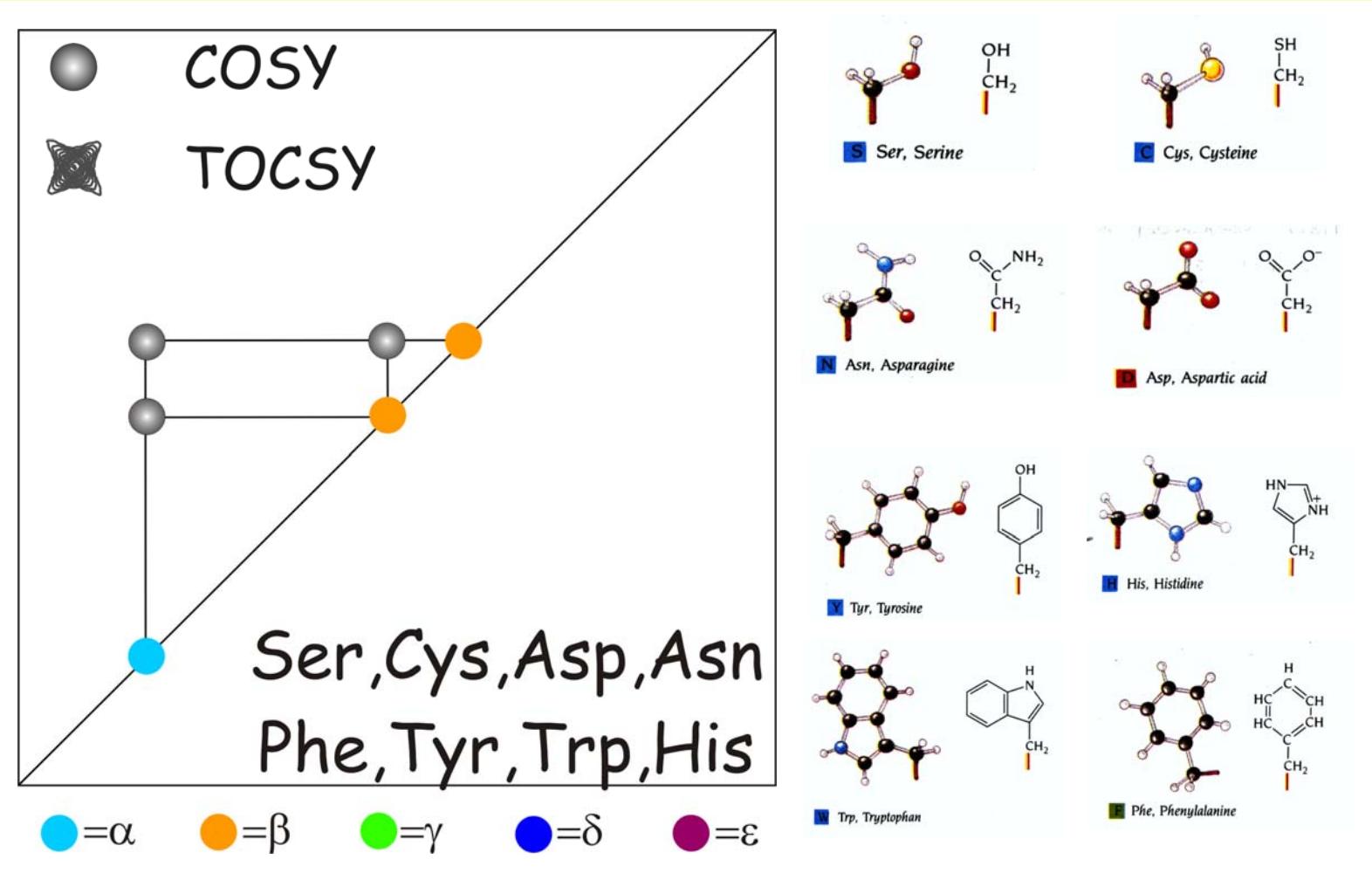


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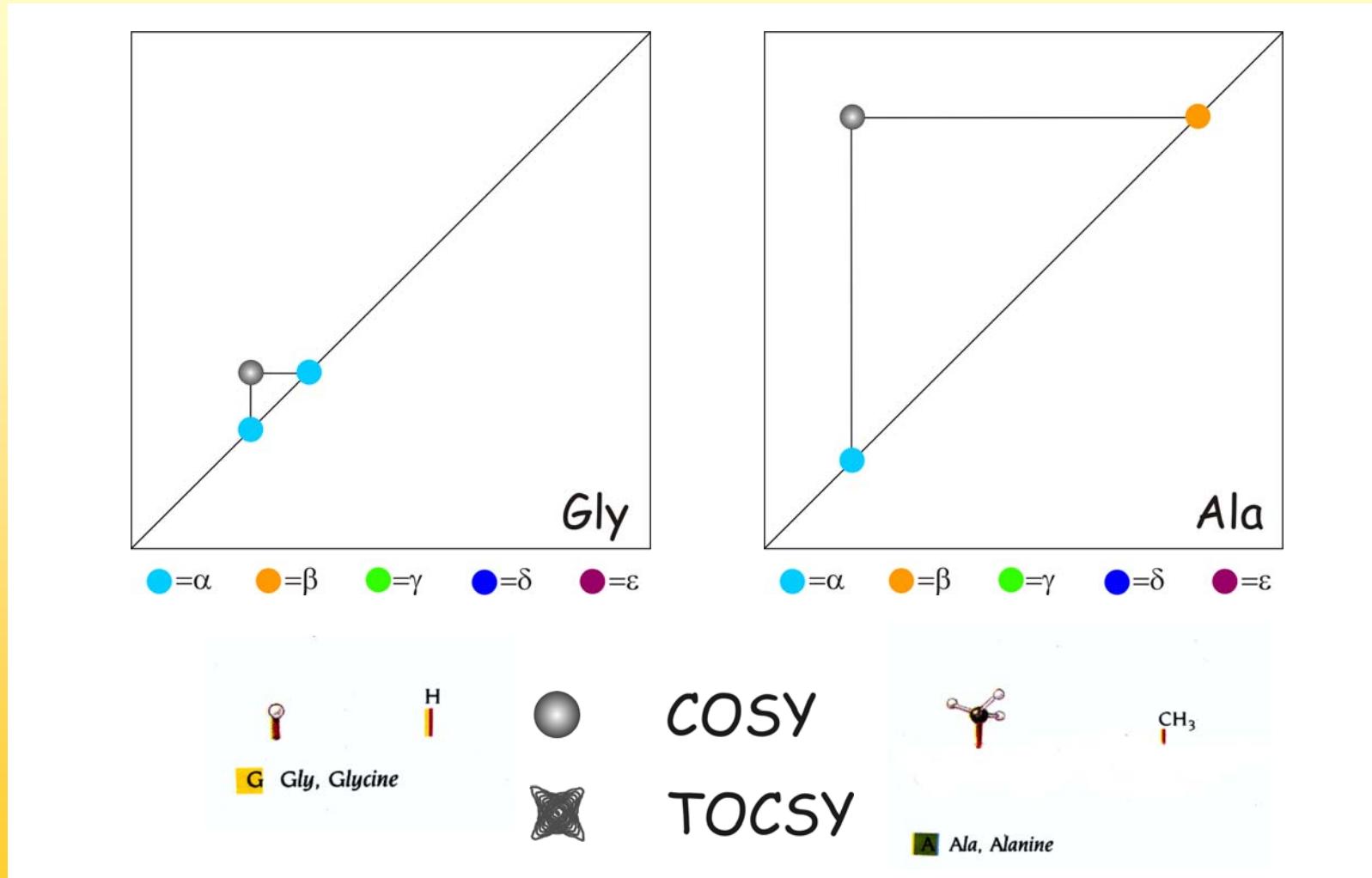


In the TOCSY
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slightly
different

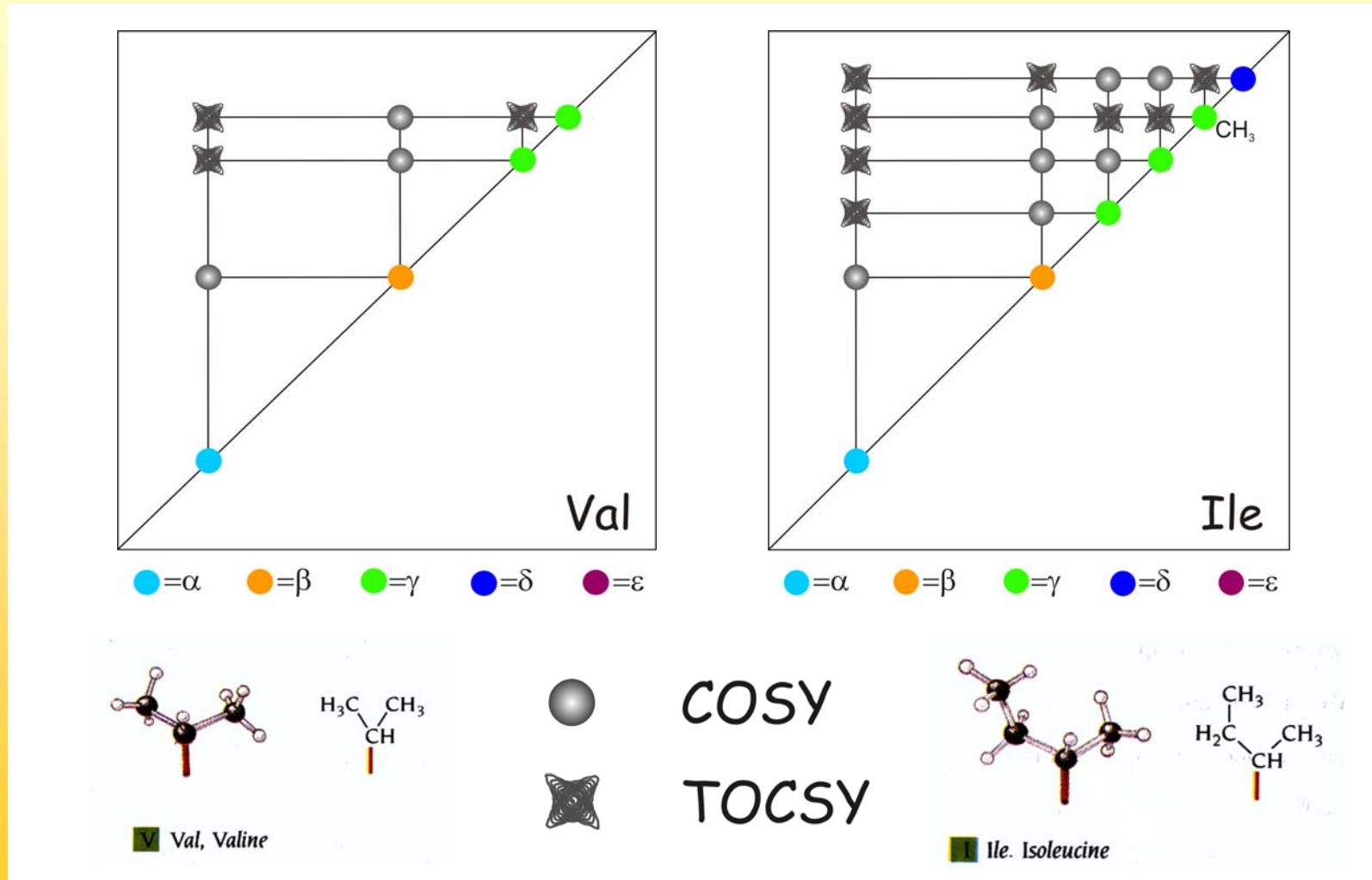
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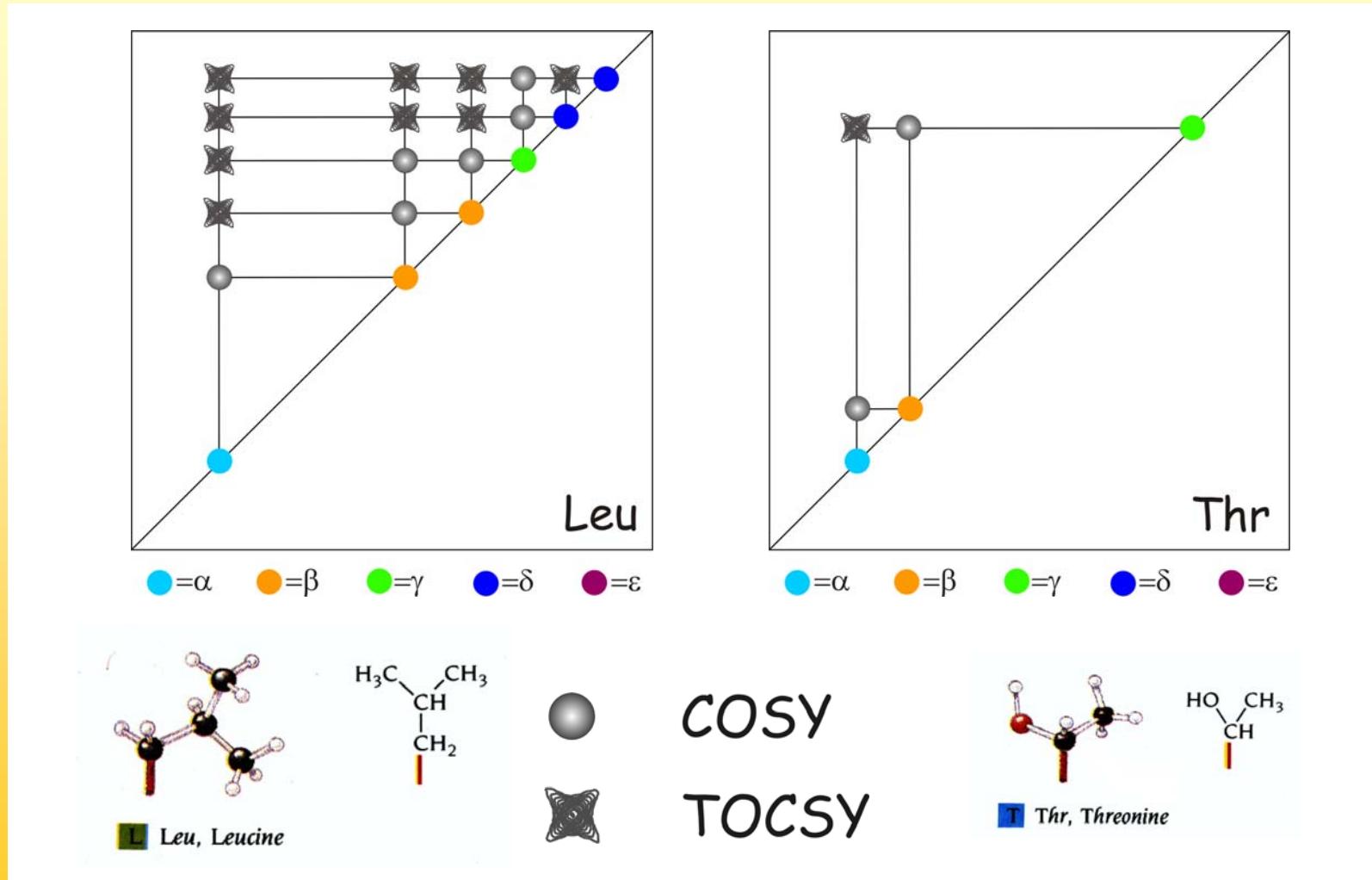
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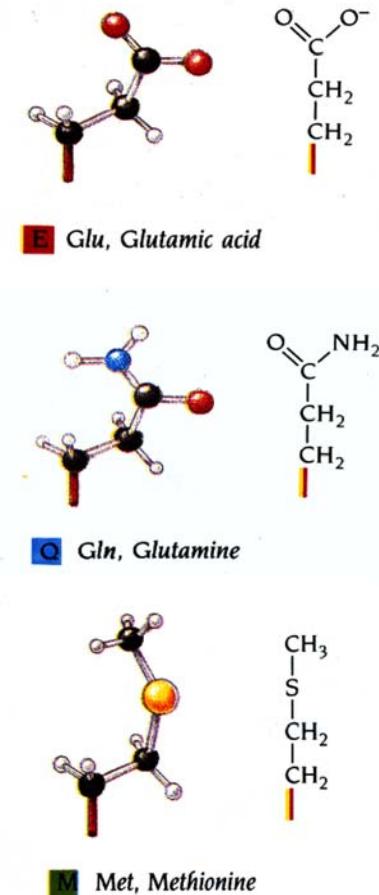
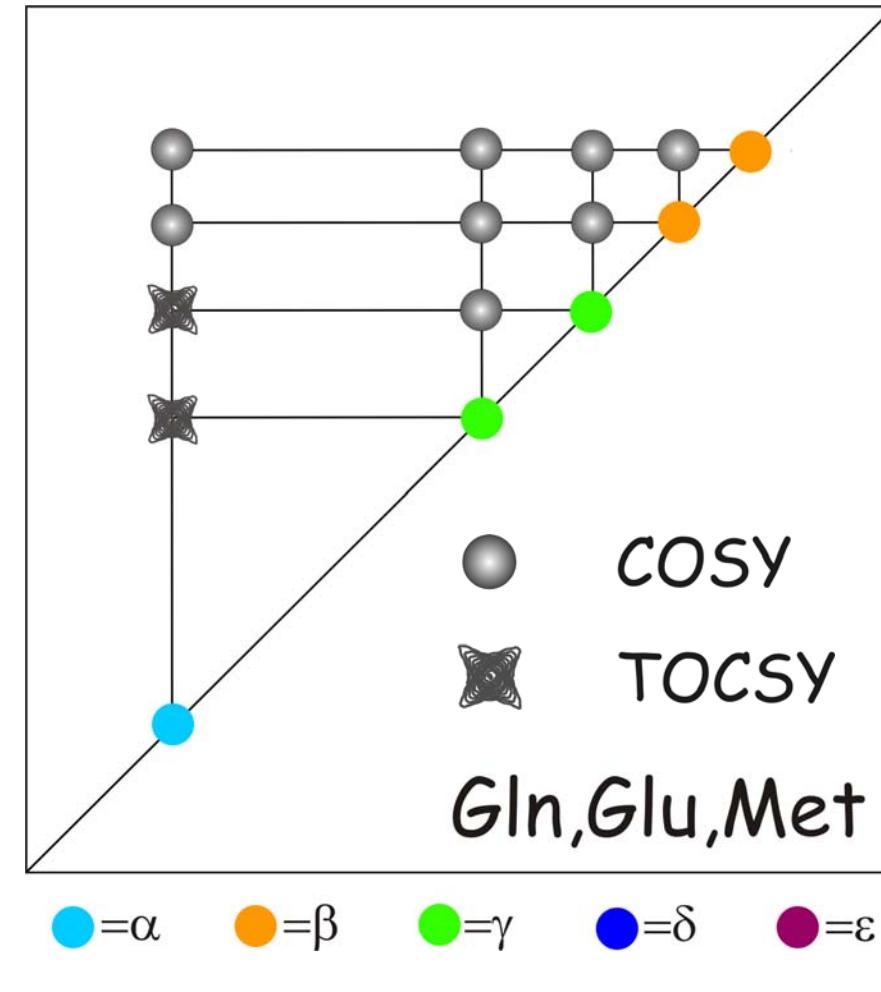
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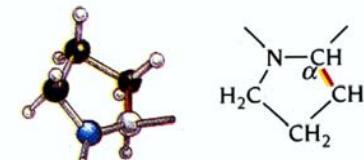
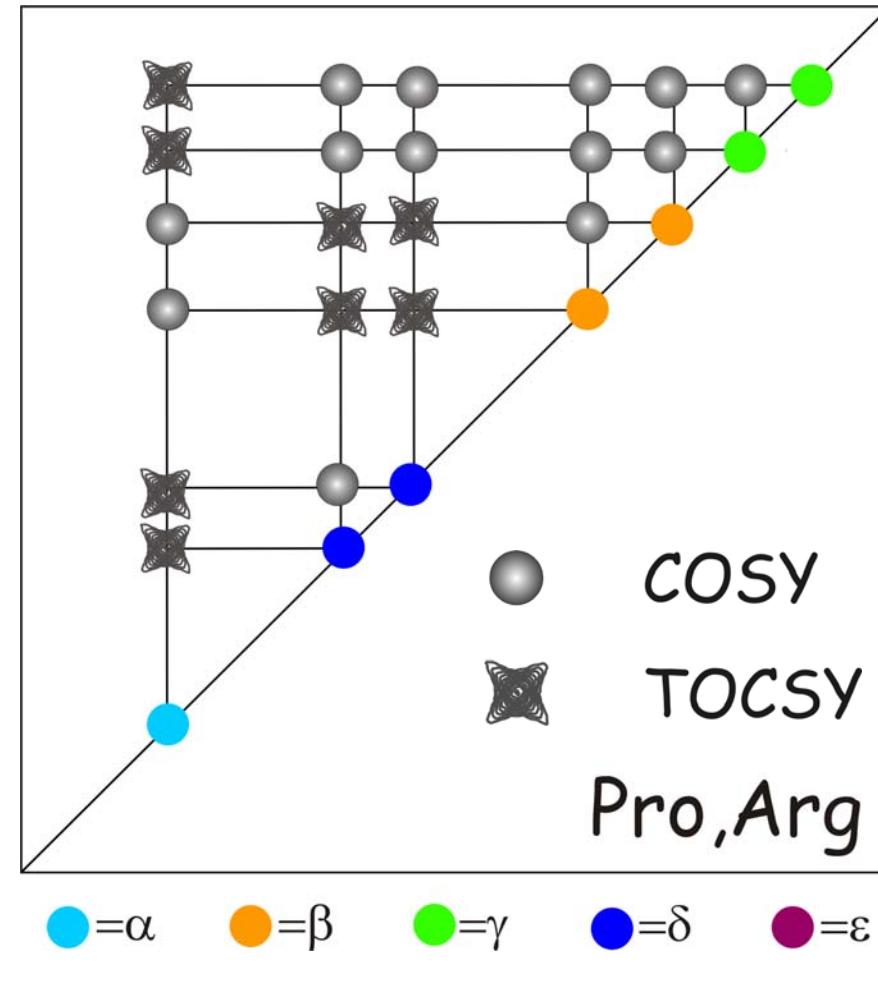
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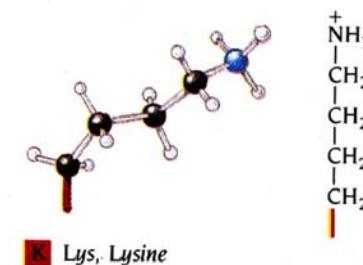
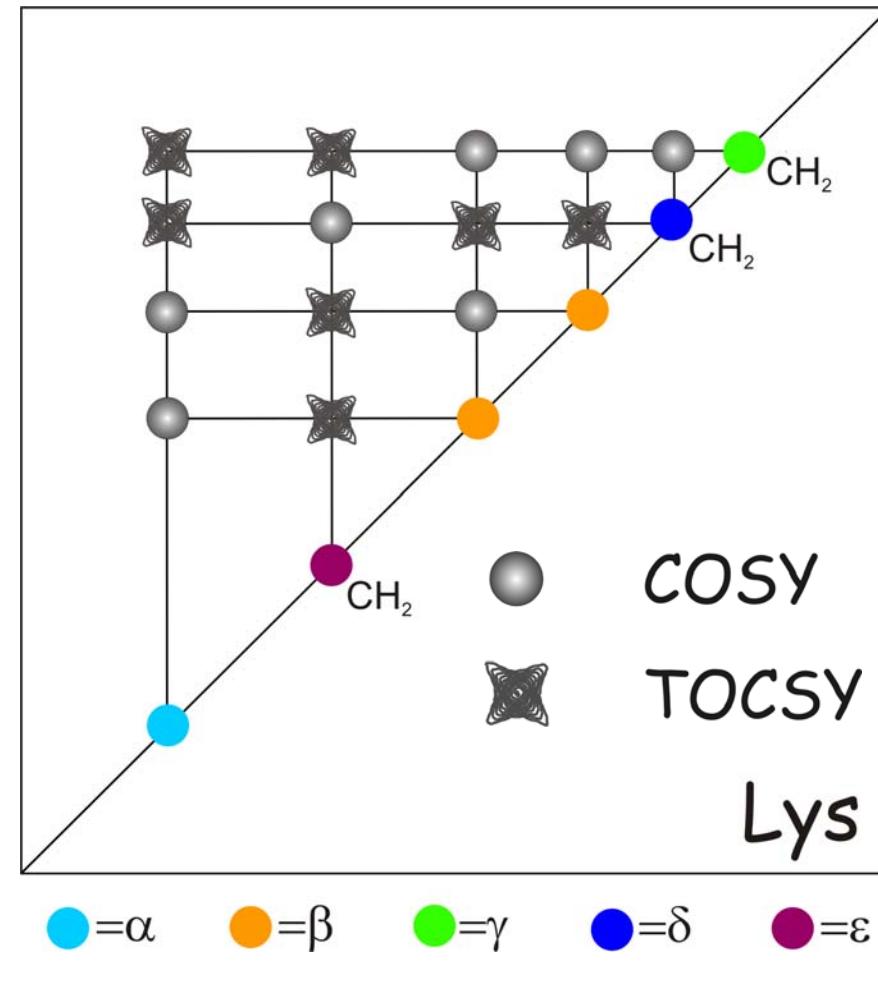


Pro, Proline



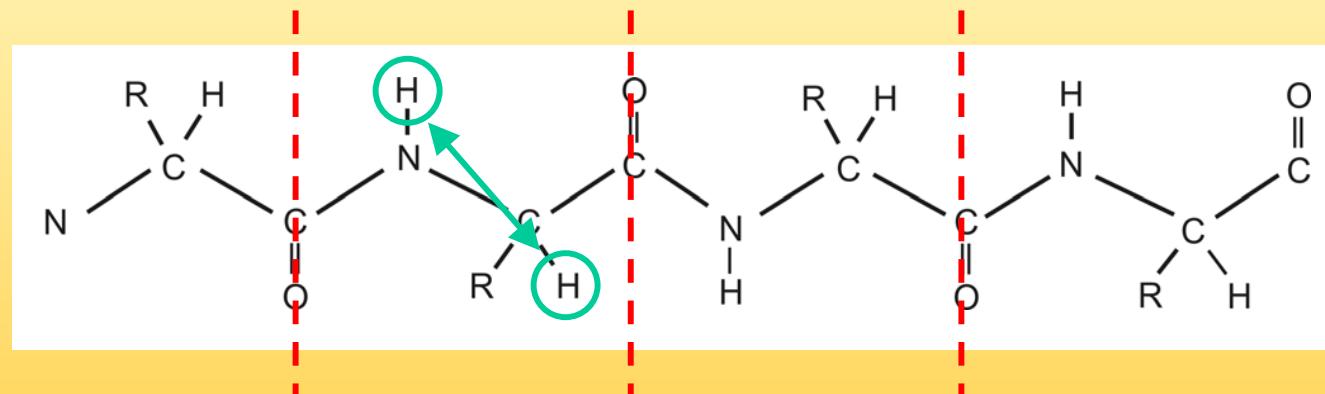
Arg, Arginine

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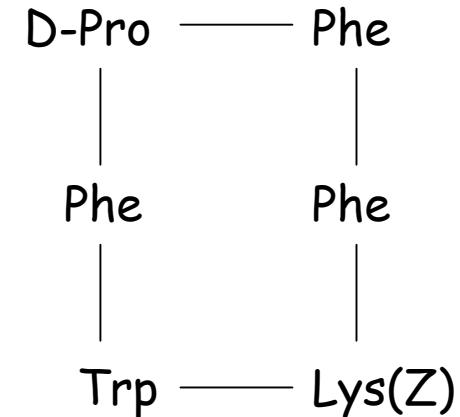
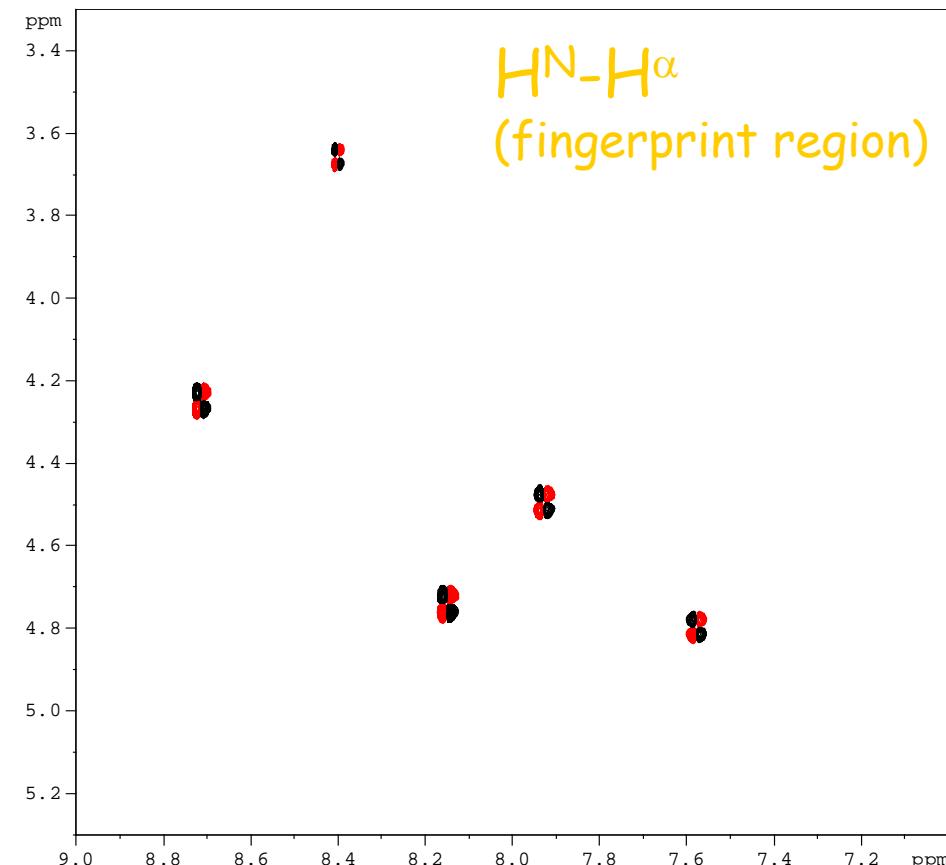


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The amide resonances are connected to the side chain via the $\text{H}^{\text{N}}\text{-H}^{\alpha}$ correlation

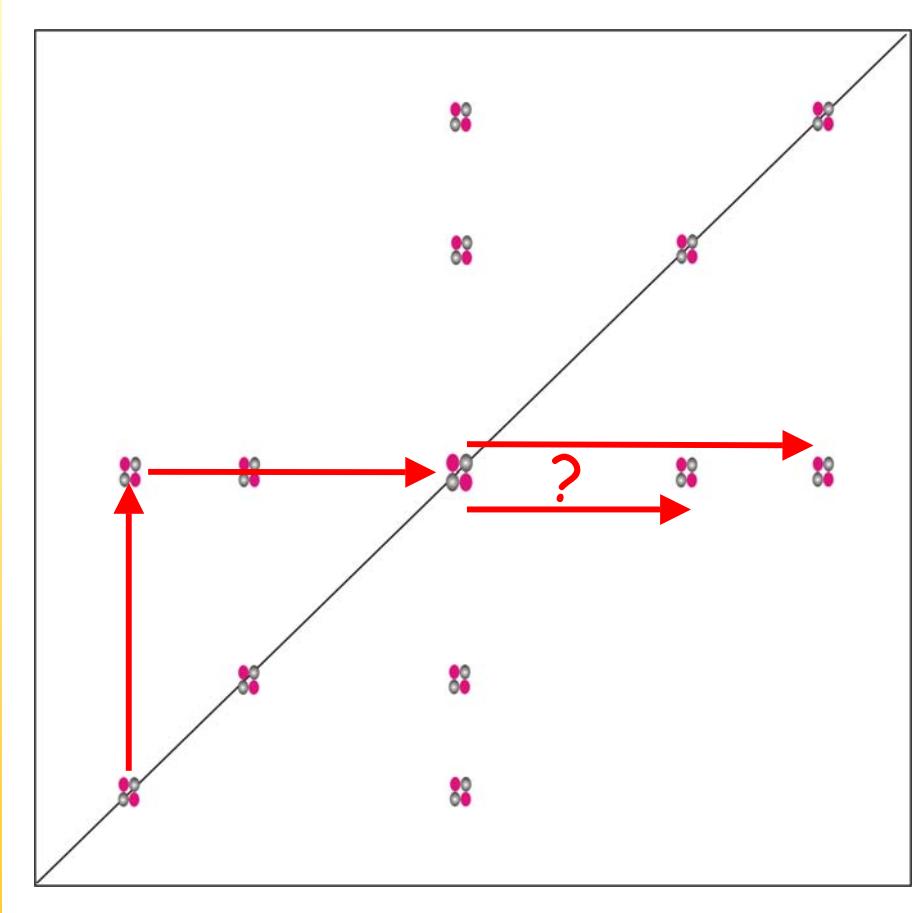


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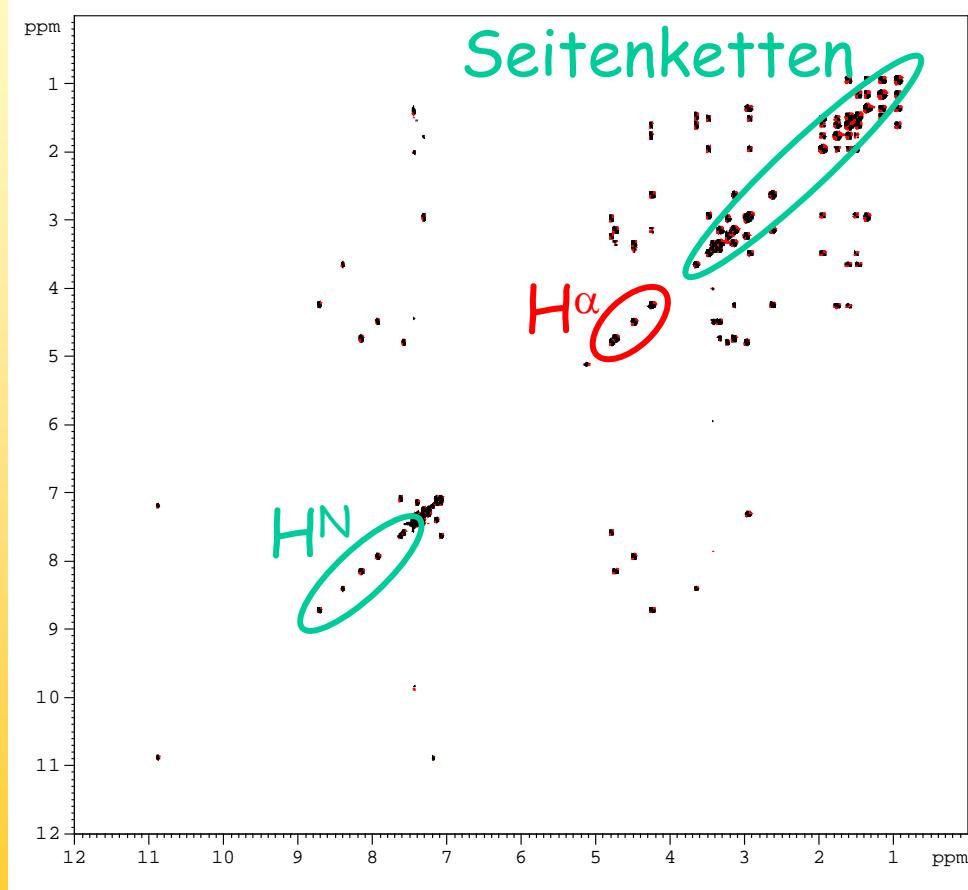
5 HN-H α peaks can
be expected since
Pro does not have
an amide proton

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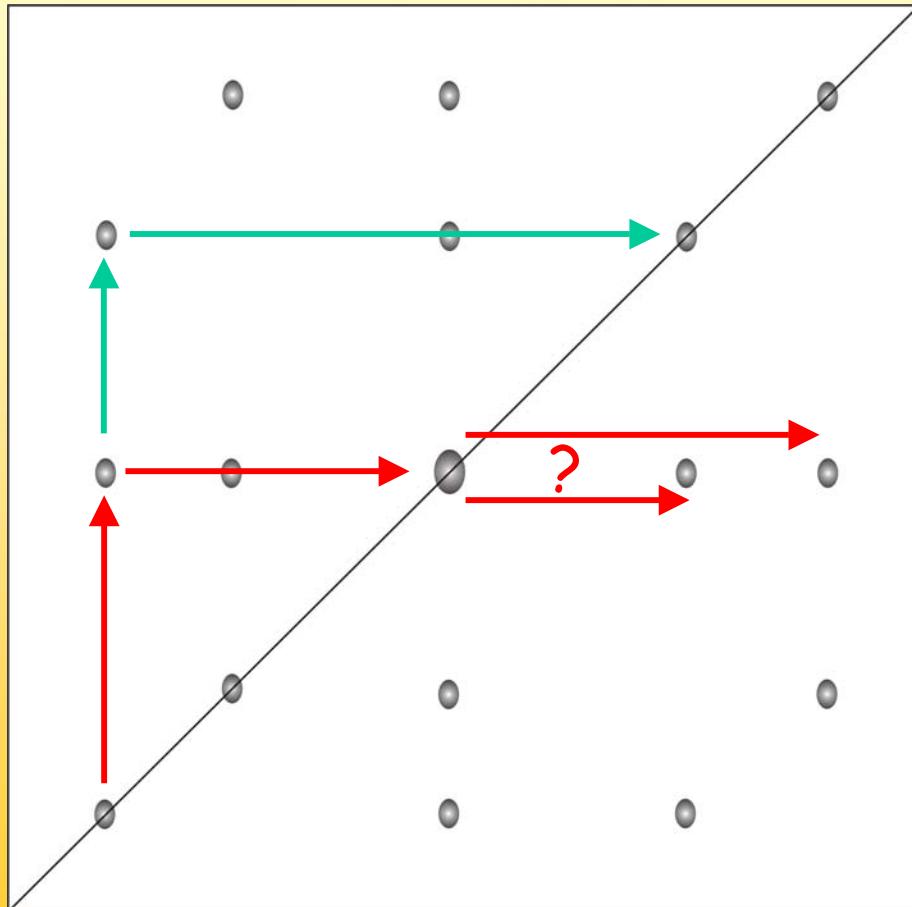
In a DQF-COSY only correlations via 3 bonds are visible, this leads to ambiguity in case of overlap

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

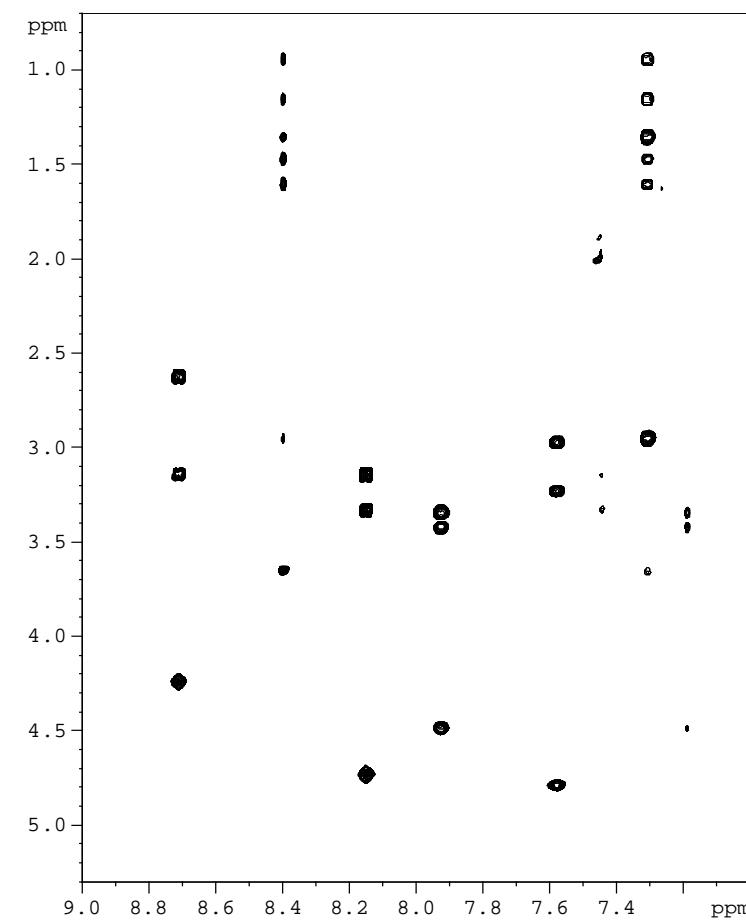
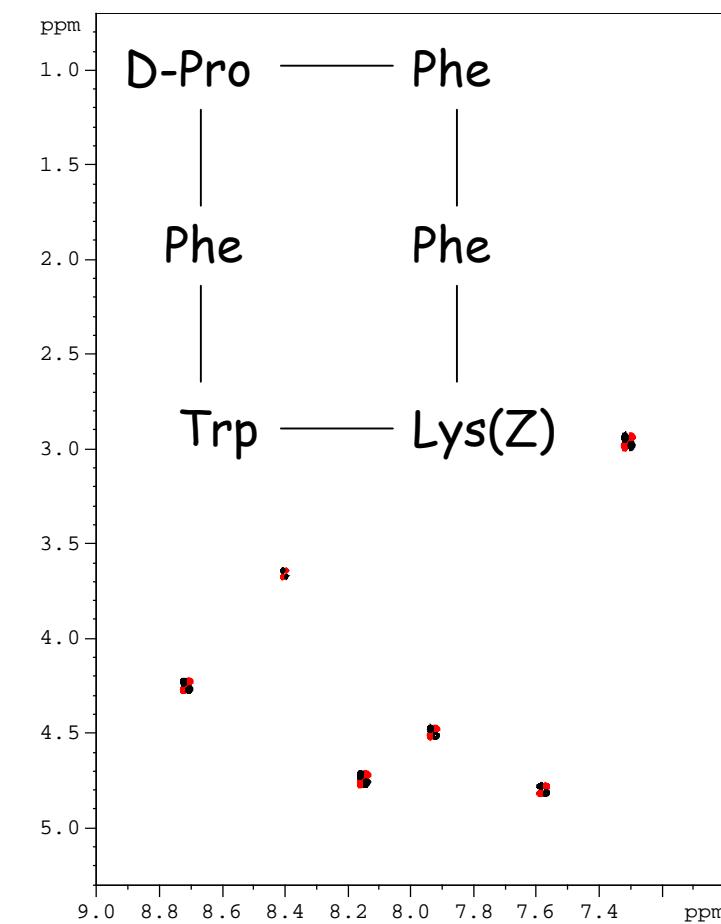
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This ambiguity can
be resolved in the
TOCSY
experiment,
Either in the side
chain region....

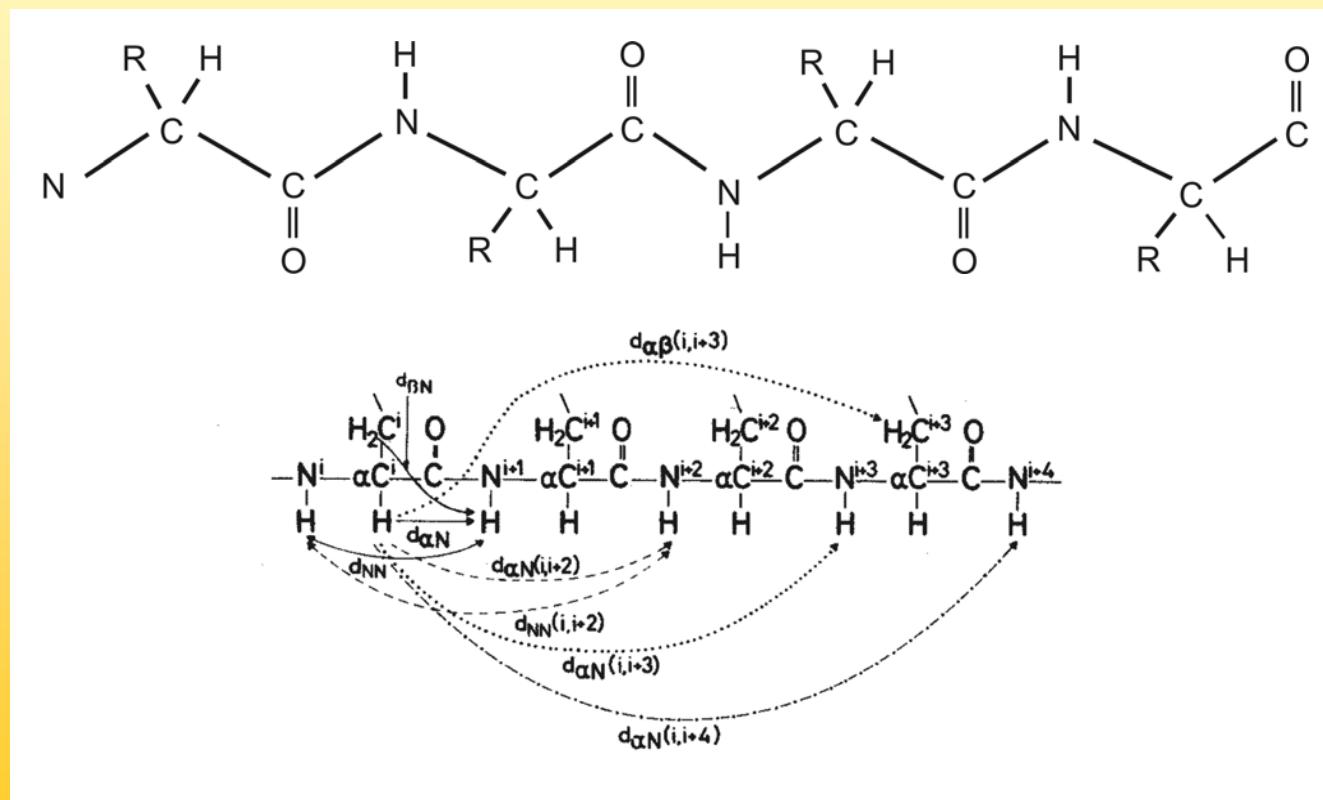
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.....or in the H^N -region

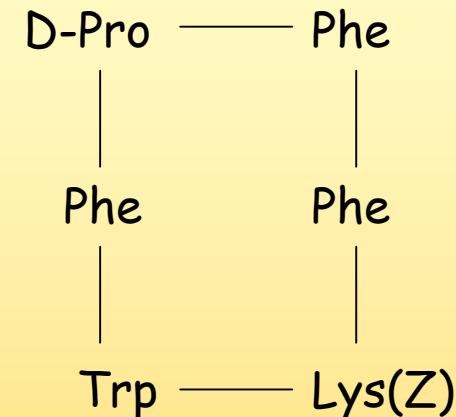
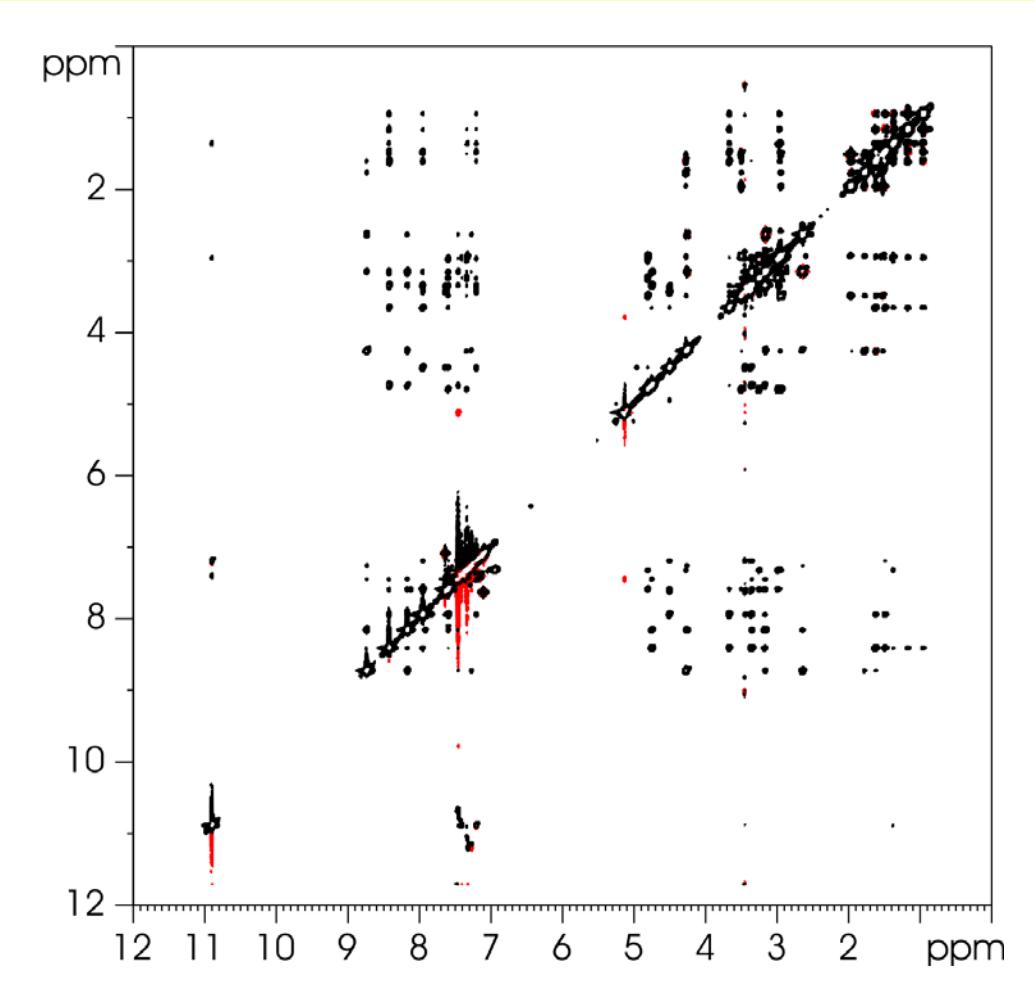


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For the sequential connection the distances along the peptide backbone are important



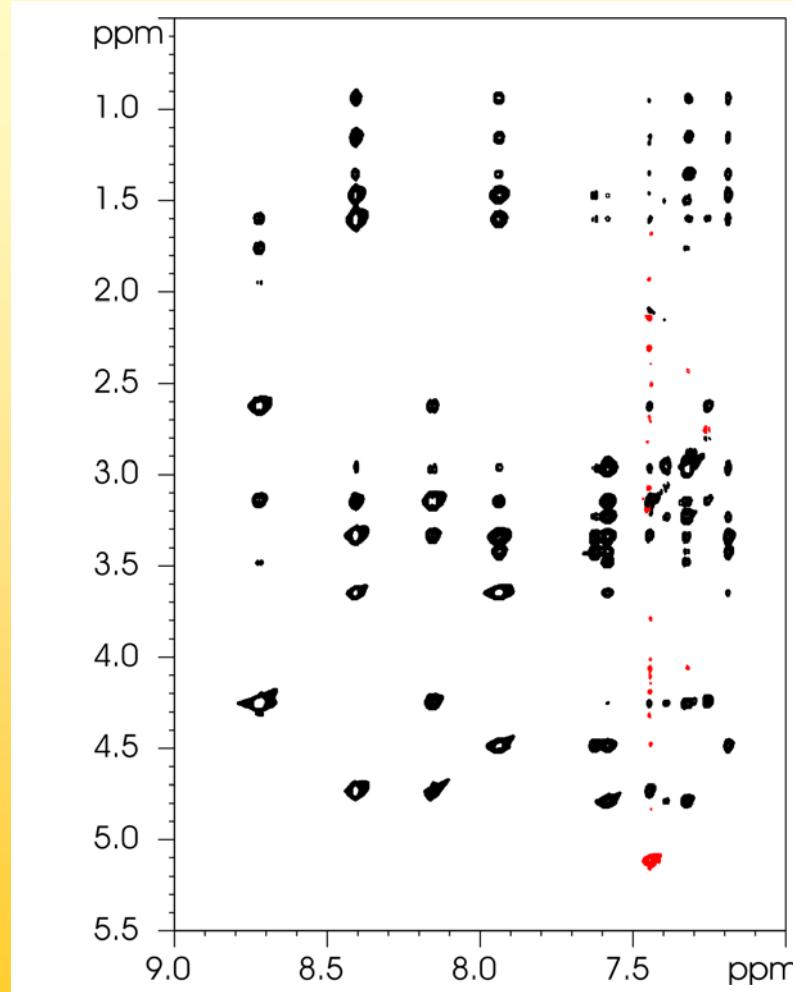
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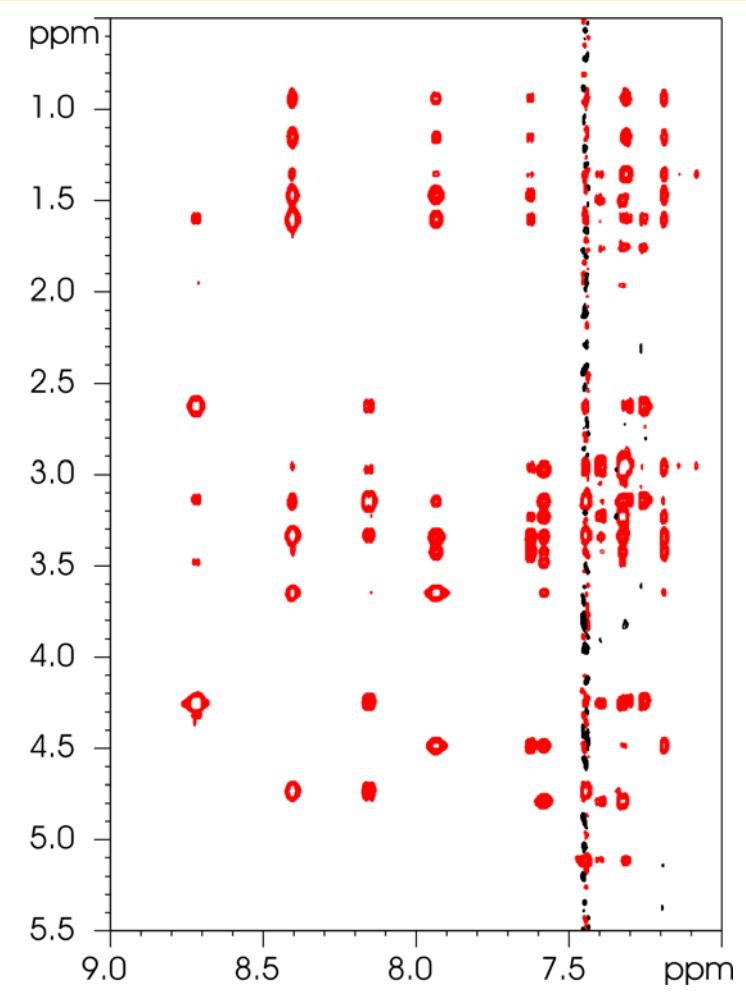
We can find those
distances in the
NOESY (or
ROESY)

Homonuclear experiments

NOESY

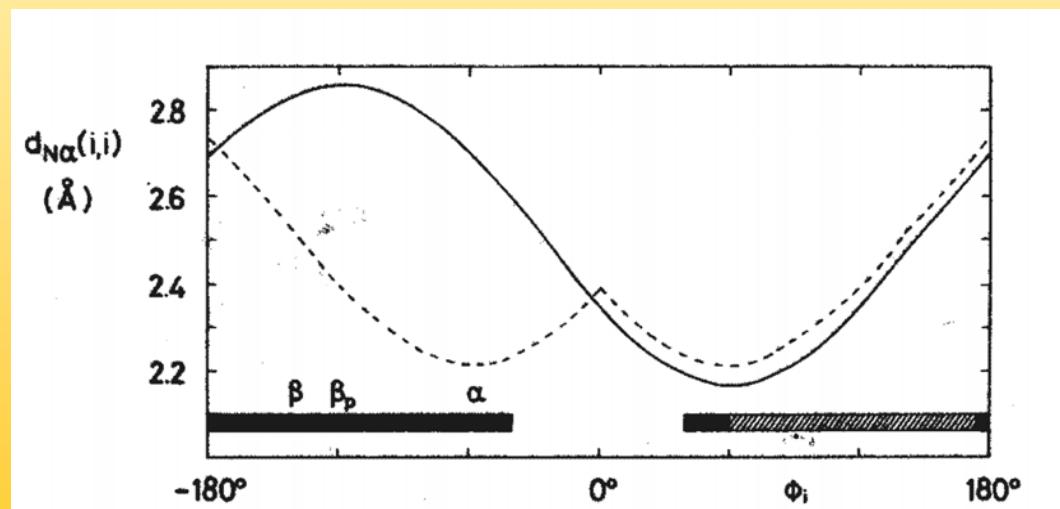
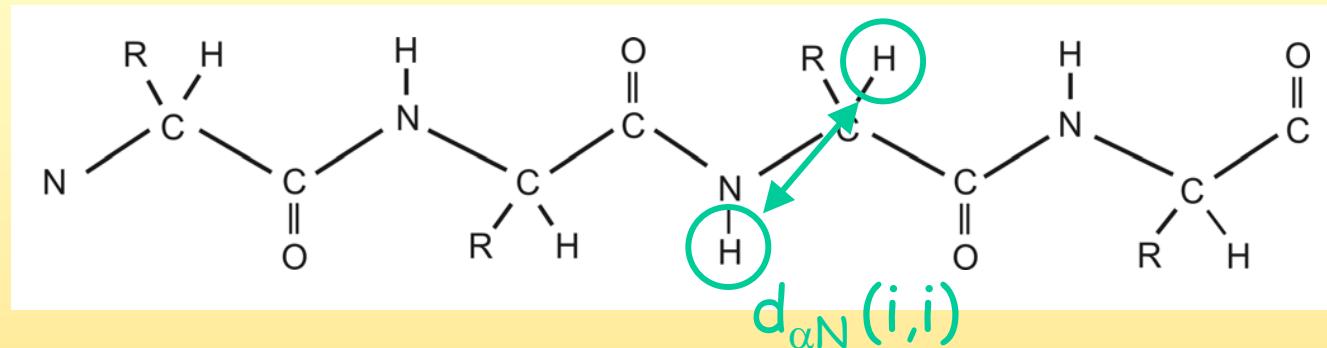


ROESY



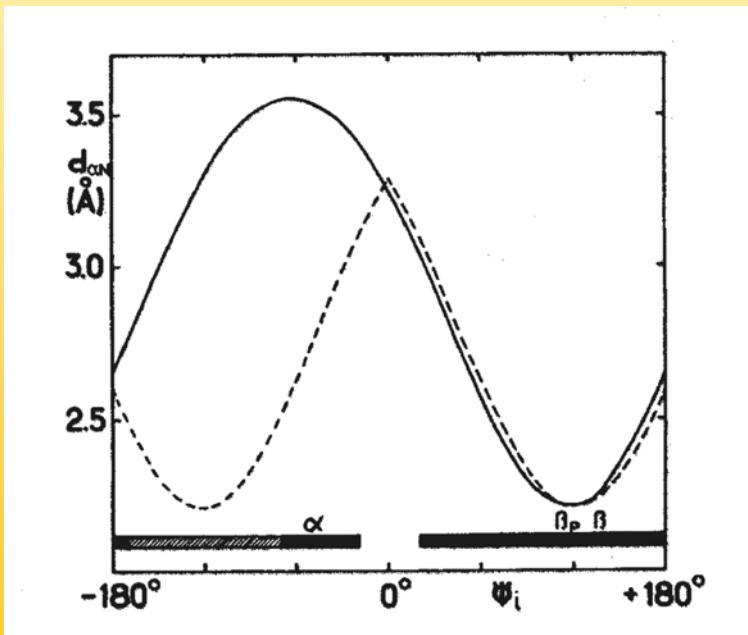
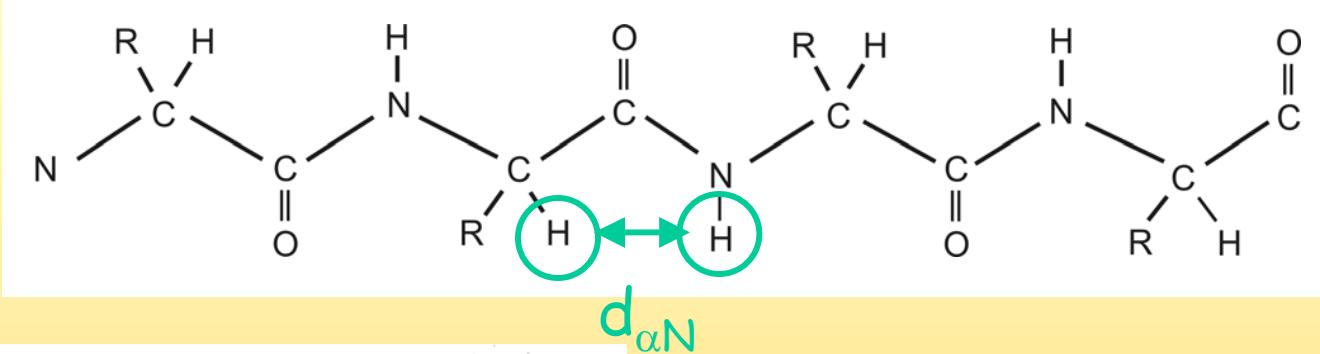
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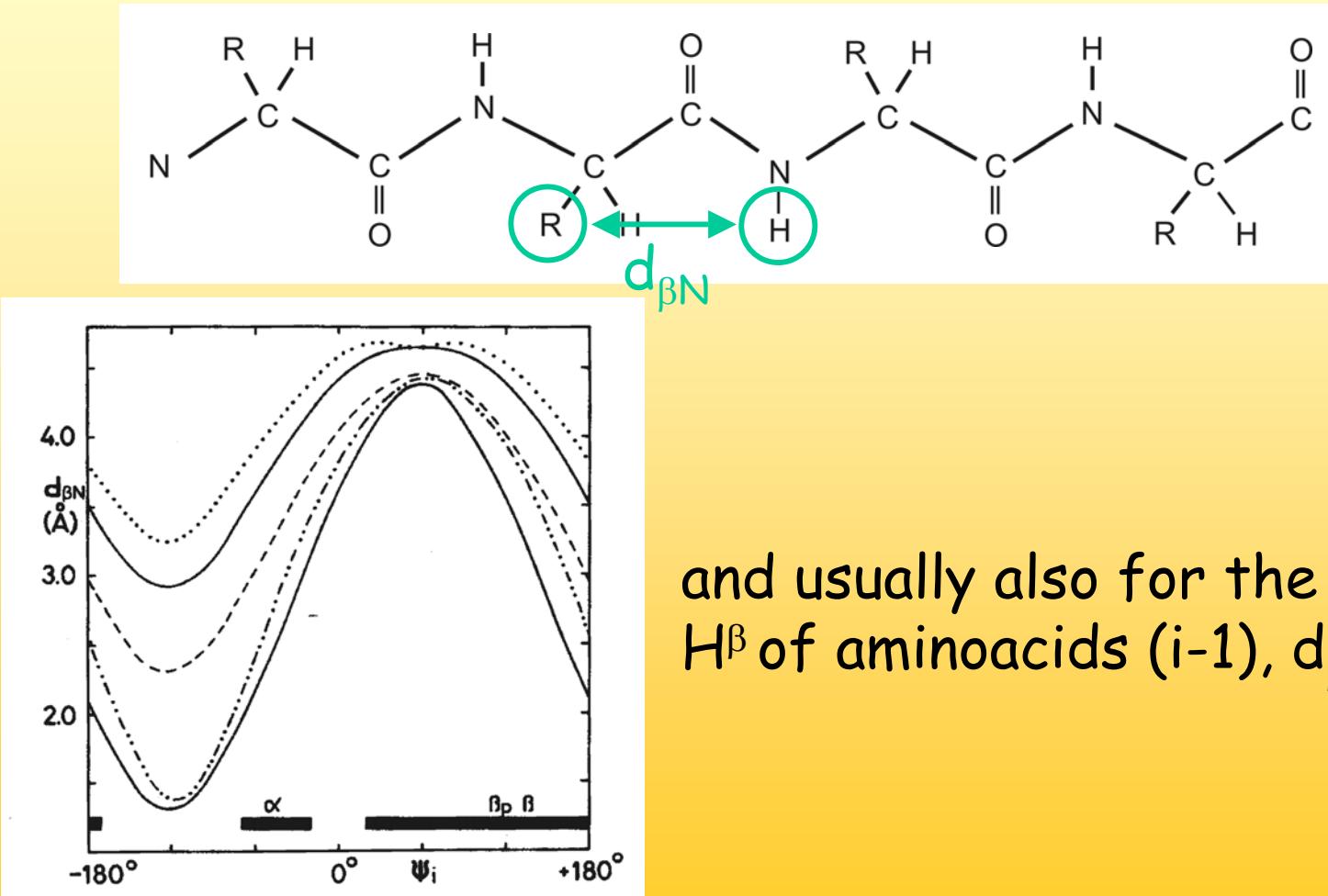
The distance from a H^N to an H^α , $d_{\alpha N}(i,i)$ within one amino acids is always short enough to give rise to an NOE effect

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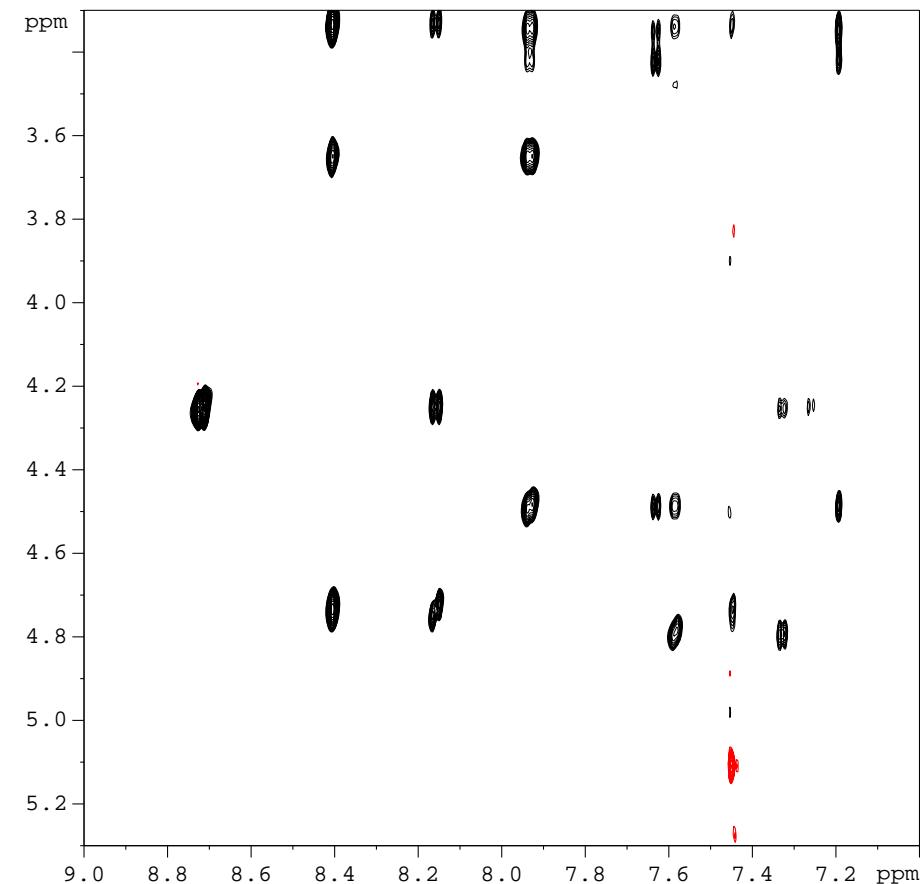
The same is true for the distance from the H^α to the H^α of the amino acids (i-1), $d_{\alpha N}$

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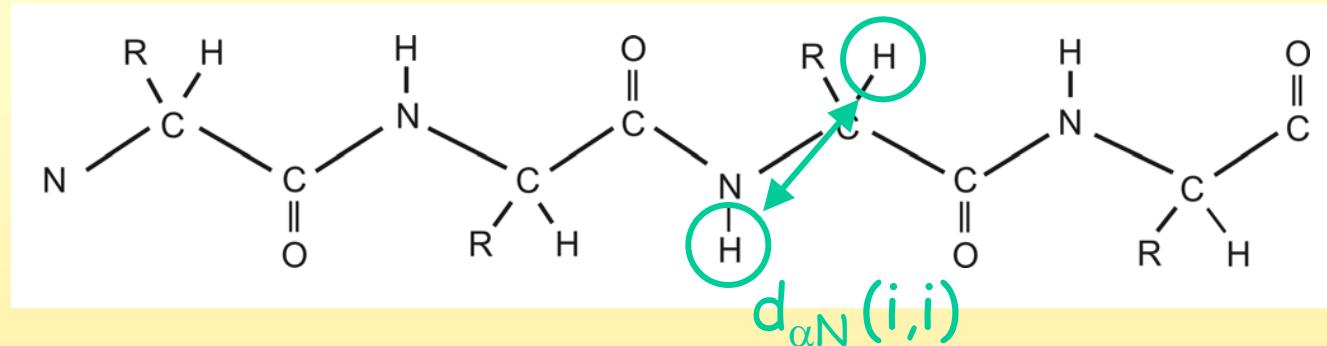
and usually also for the H^N to H^β of aminoacids (i-1), $d_{\beta N}$

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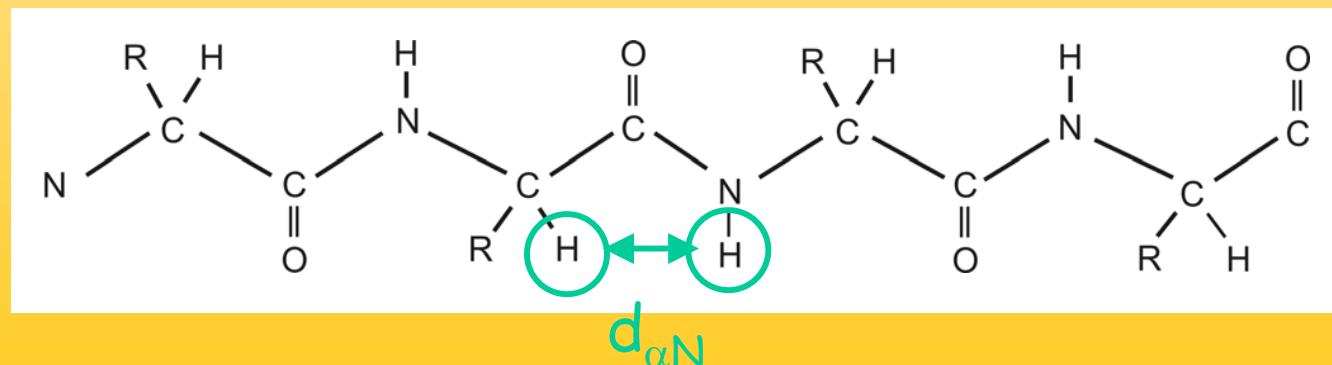


In the fingerprint region of the NOESY there should be at least two peaks for every amide proton, one for $d_{\alpha N}$ (i,i) and one for $d_{\alpha N}$. In addition there are peaks to the side chains and all other protons close in space

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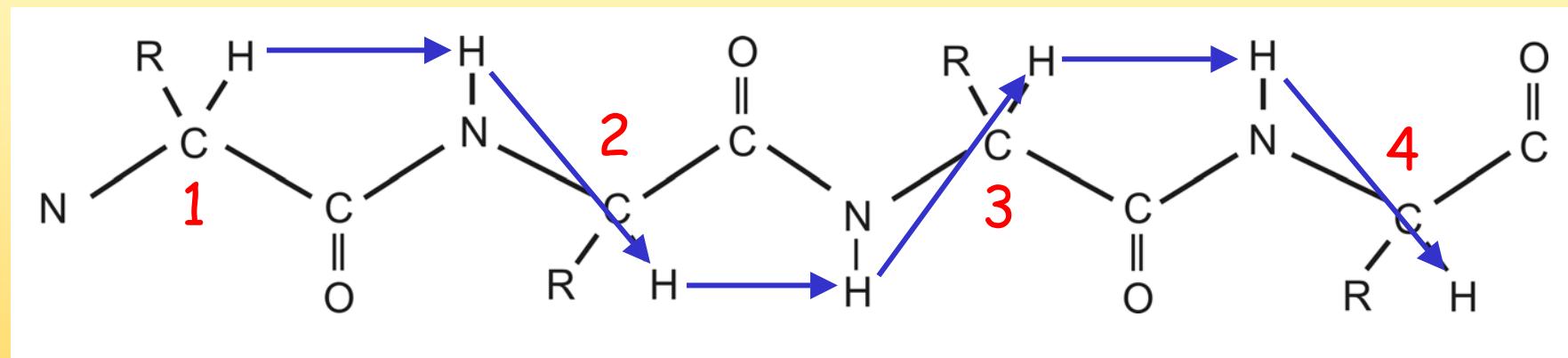


The distance from the H^N to the H^α of the same amino acids, $d_{\alpha N}(i,i)$, yields a peak that can also be found in the COSY. The distance from the H^N to the H^α of the amino acid (i-1), $d_{\alpha N}$, yields a peak that can only be found in the NOESY



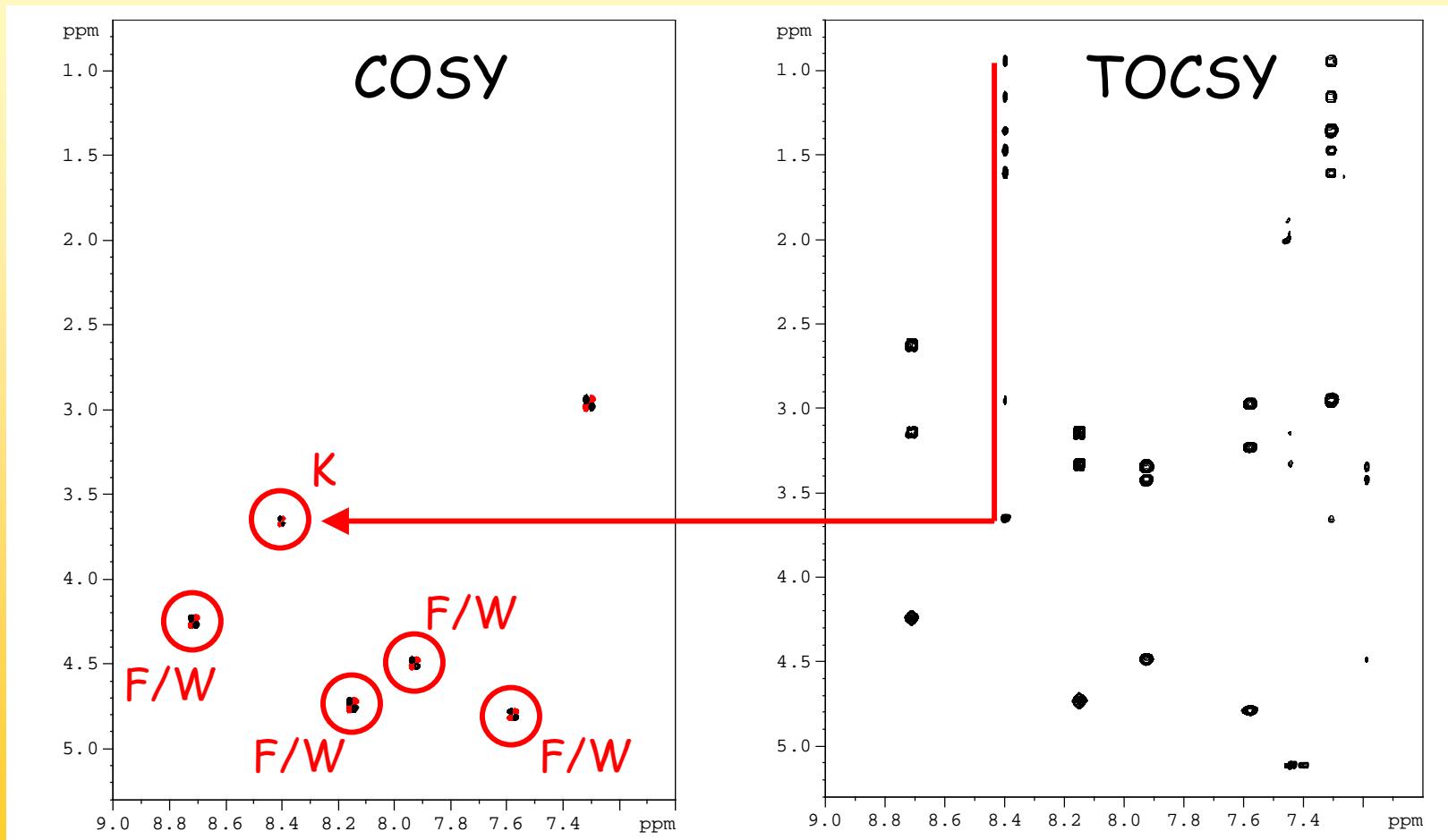
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After distinguishing the peaks we can do a
"sequential walk"



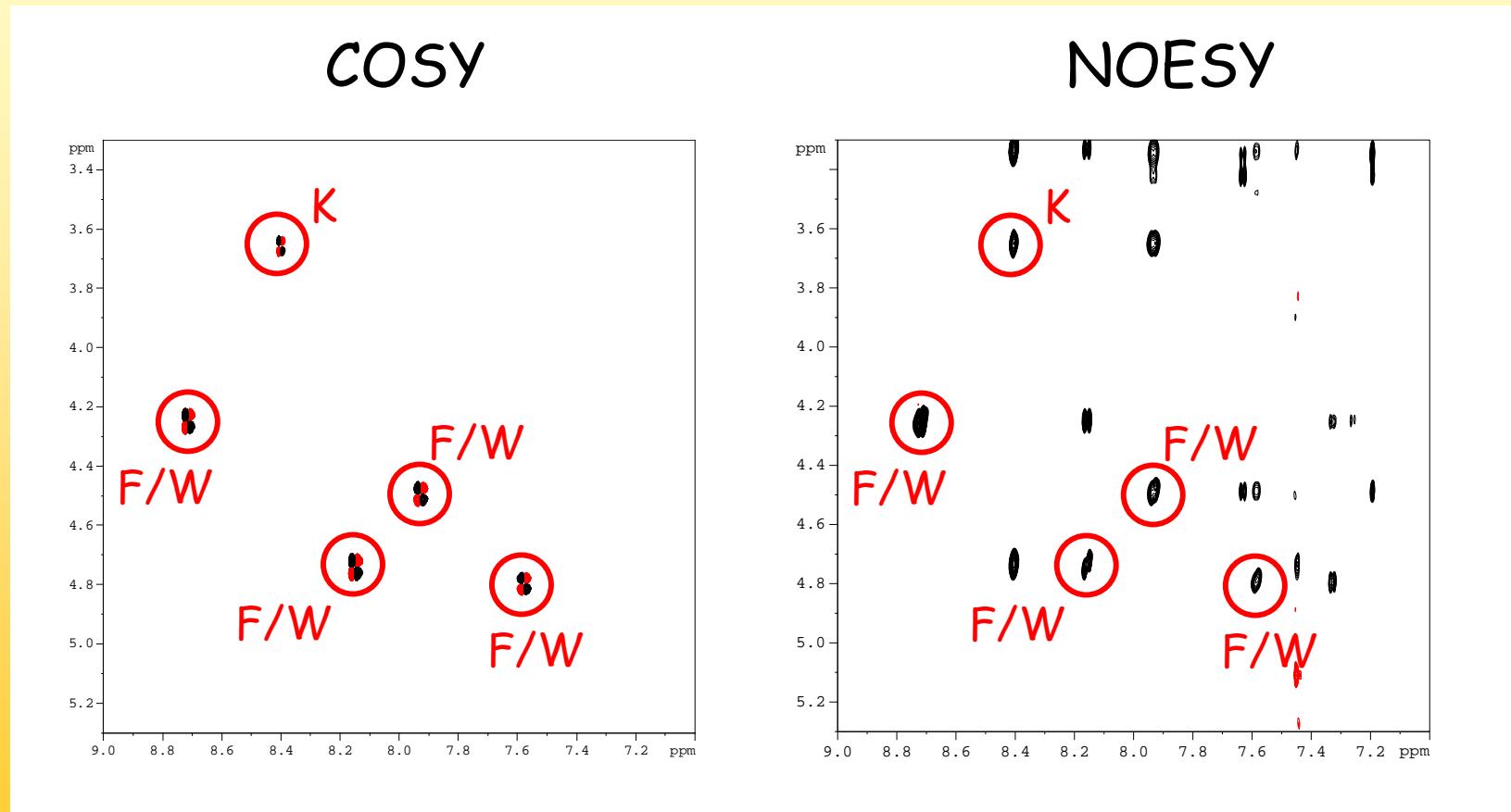
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Identification of the amino acids type



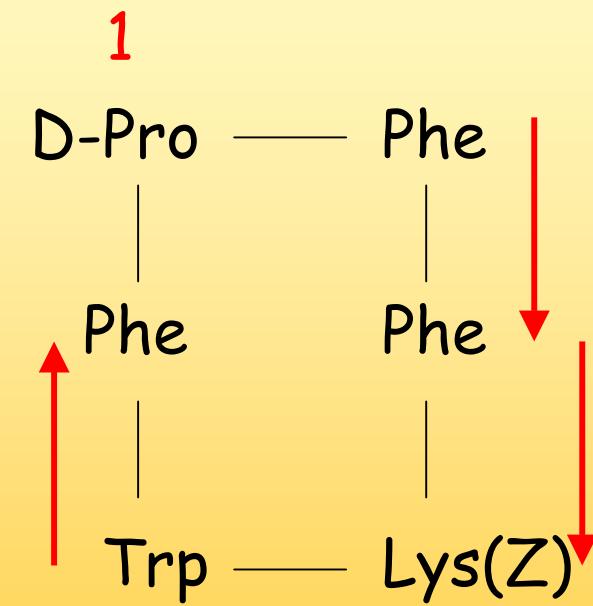
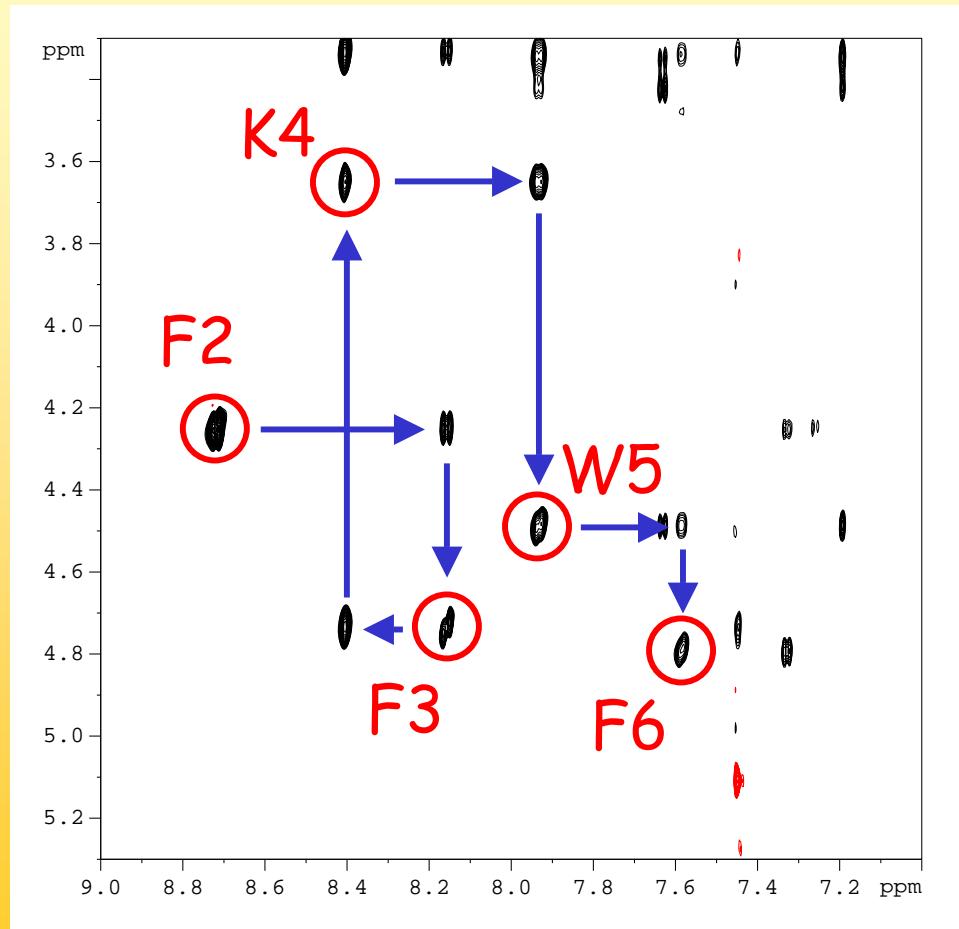
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Transfer of the COSY-Info into a NOESY

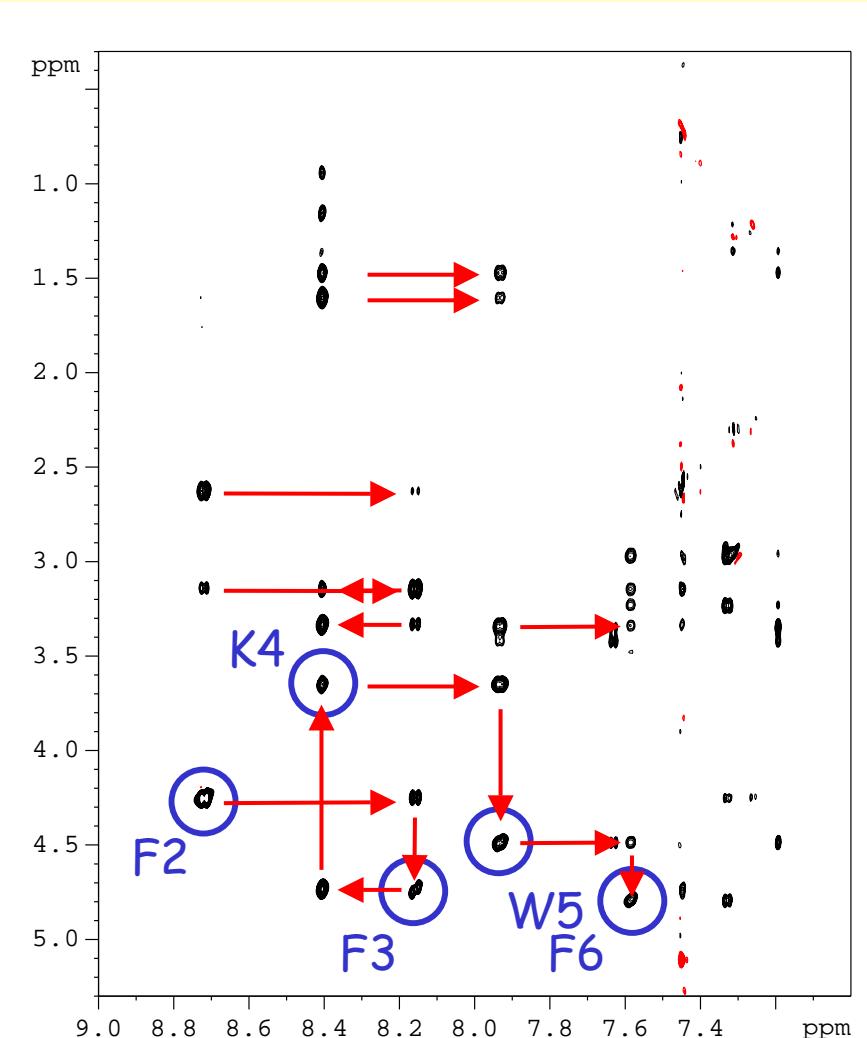


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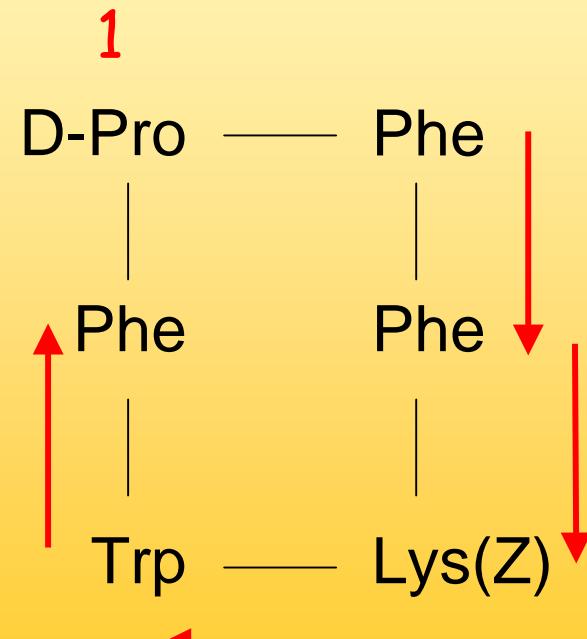
In the spectrum



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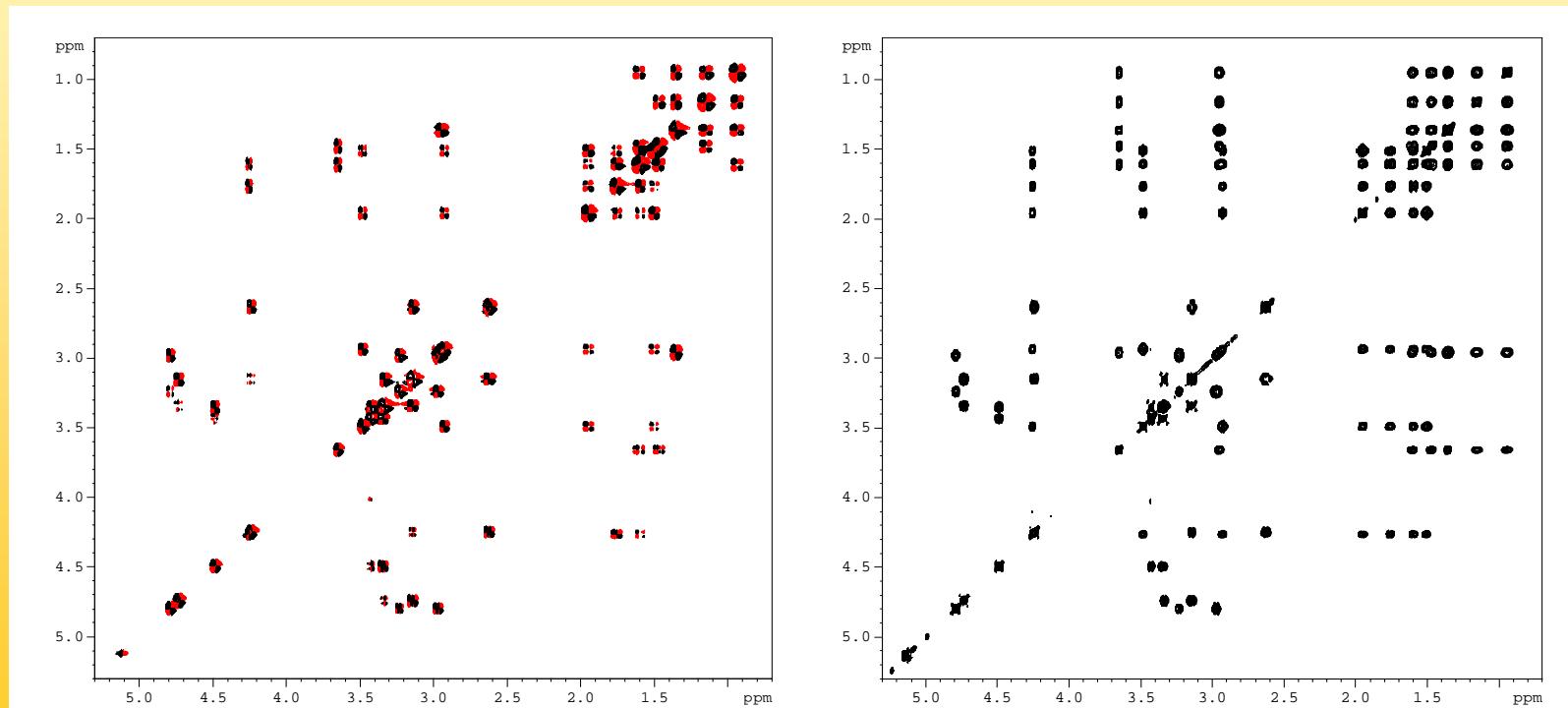


with H^β as additional information
assignment is more reliable



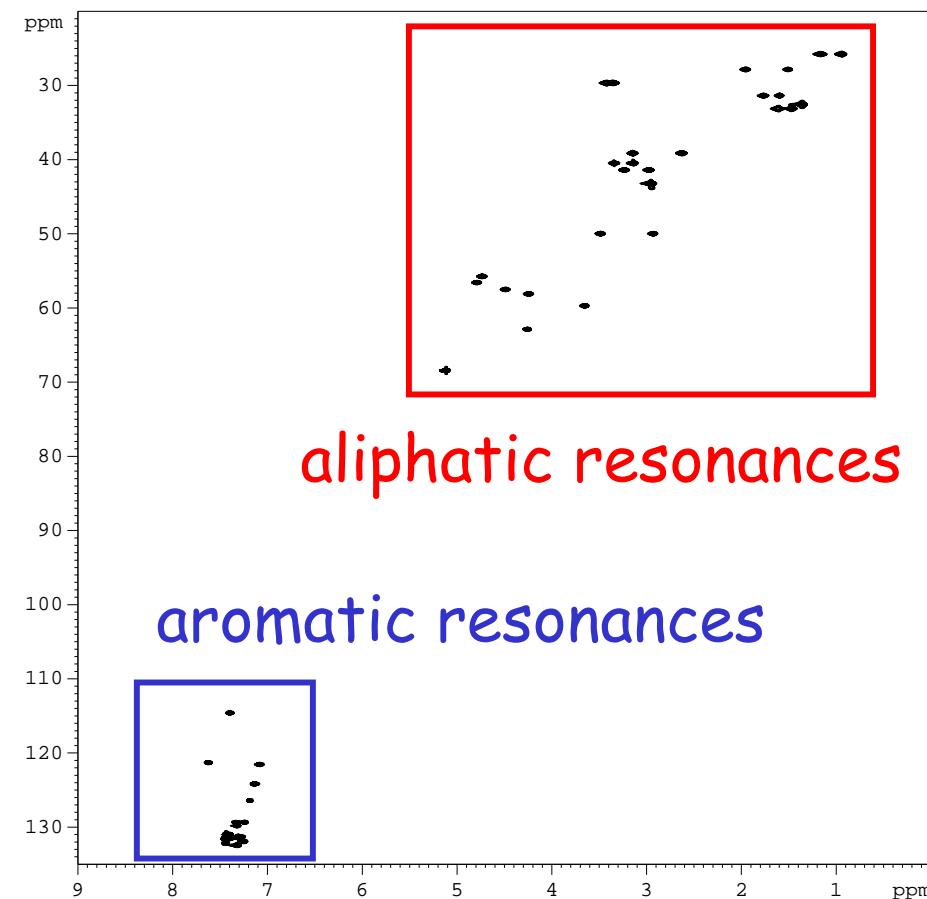
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After having established the assignment of the main chain the assignment can be transferred to the side chain using COSY and TOCSY

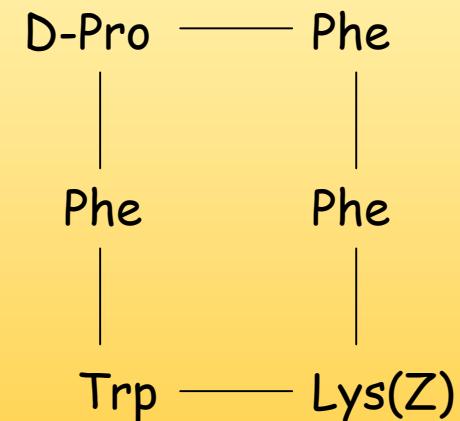


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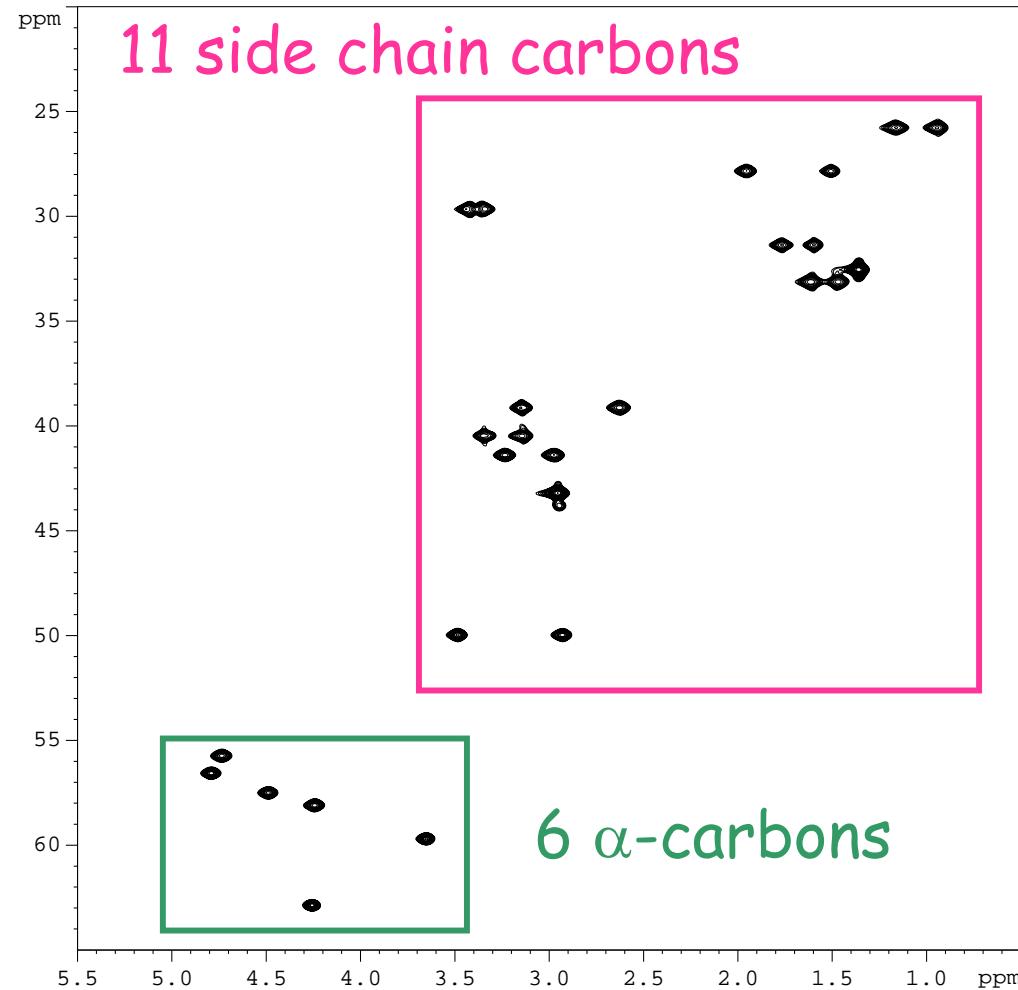
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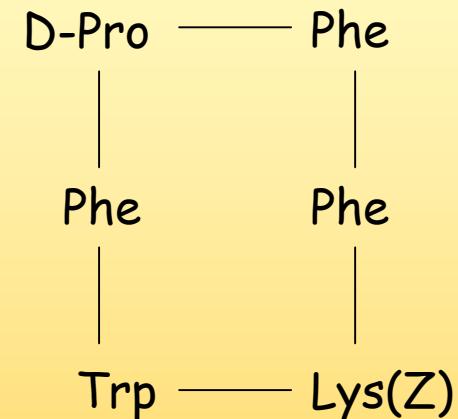
¹³C-HMQC of F3-008



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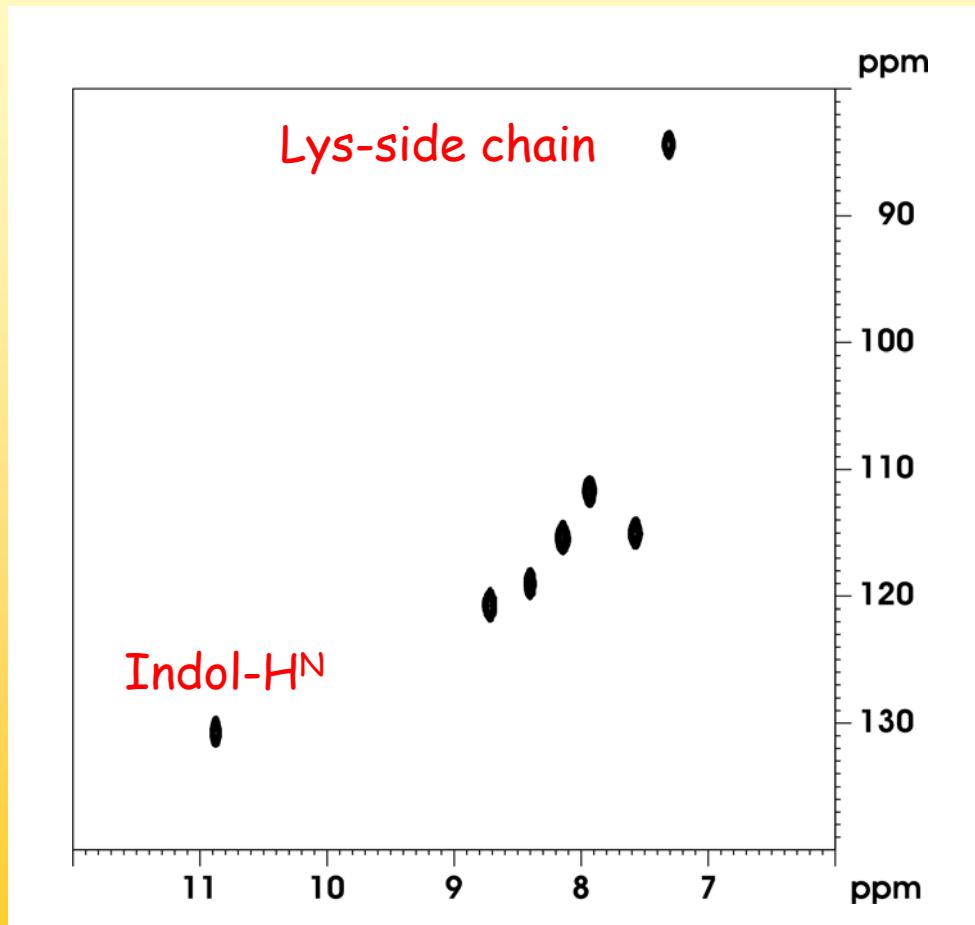
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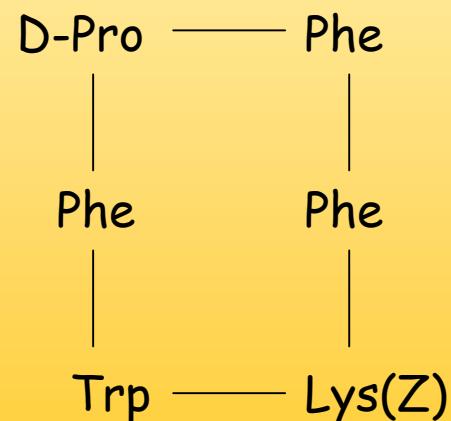
overlap is
resolved almost
completely

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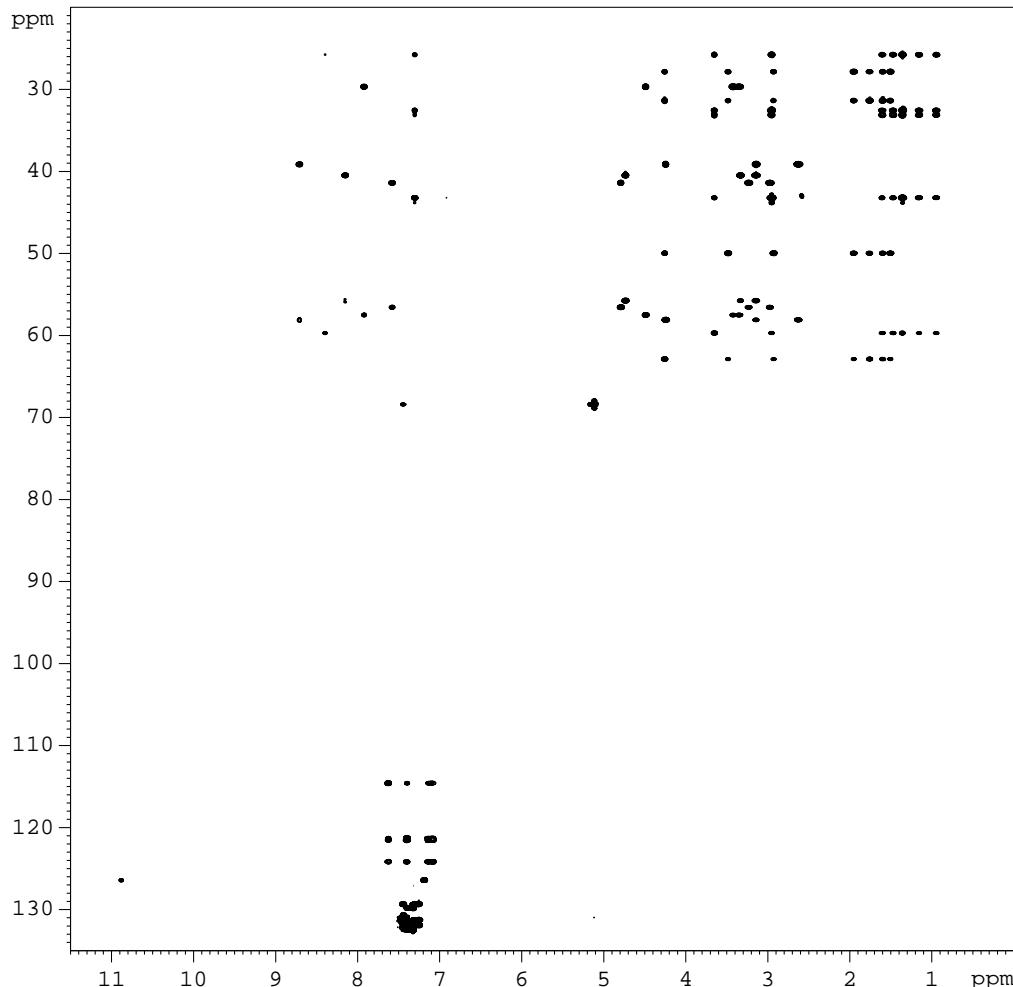
$^{15}\text{N}-\text{HMQC}$ von F3-008



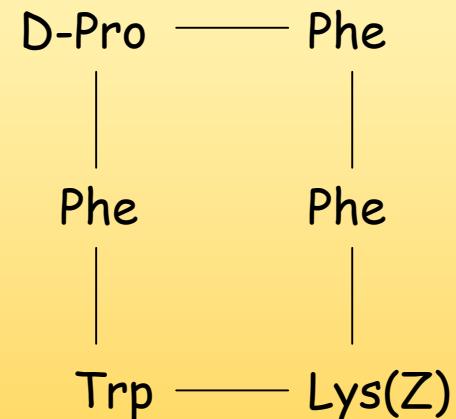
It works with
 $\text{X} = ^{15}\text{N}$ as well



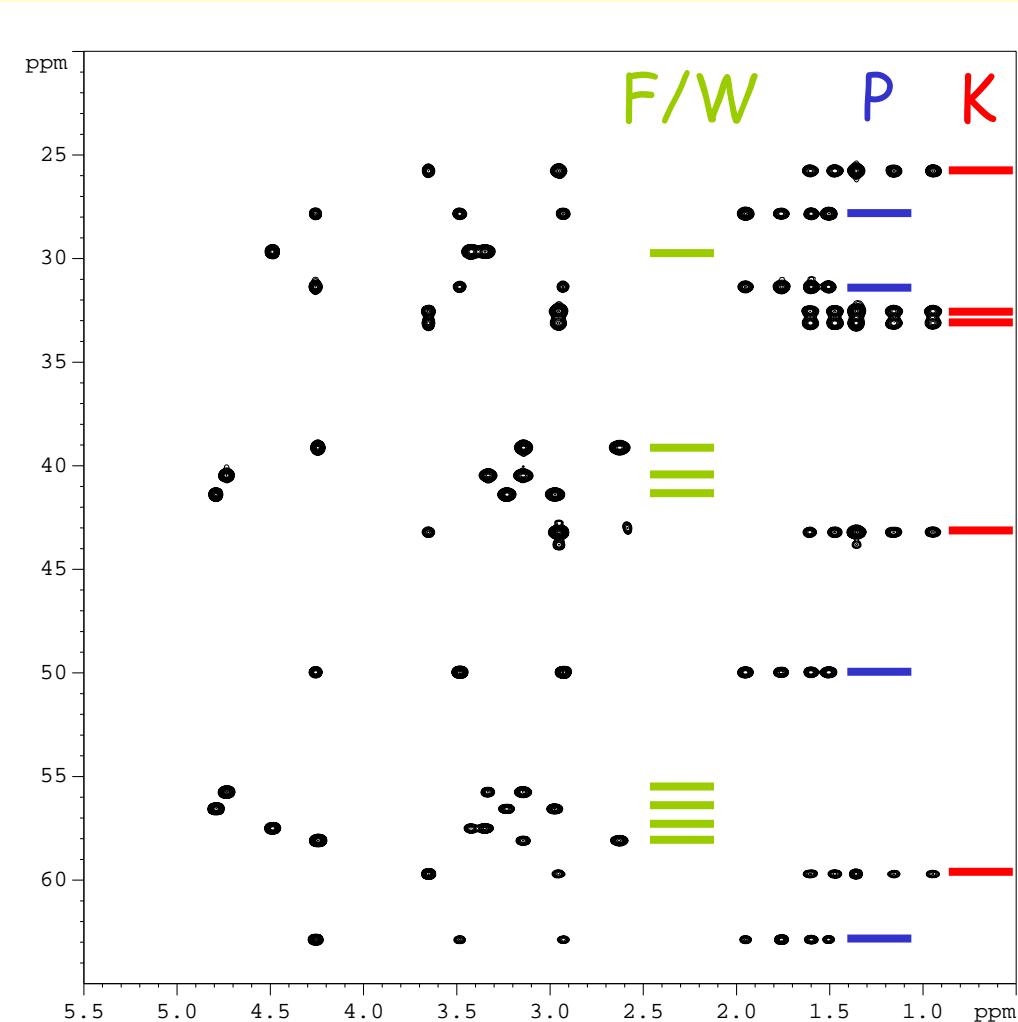
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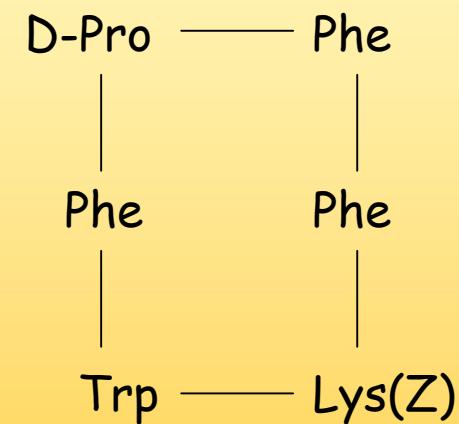
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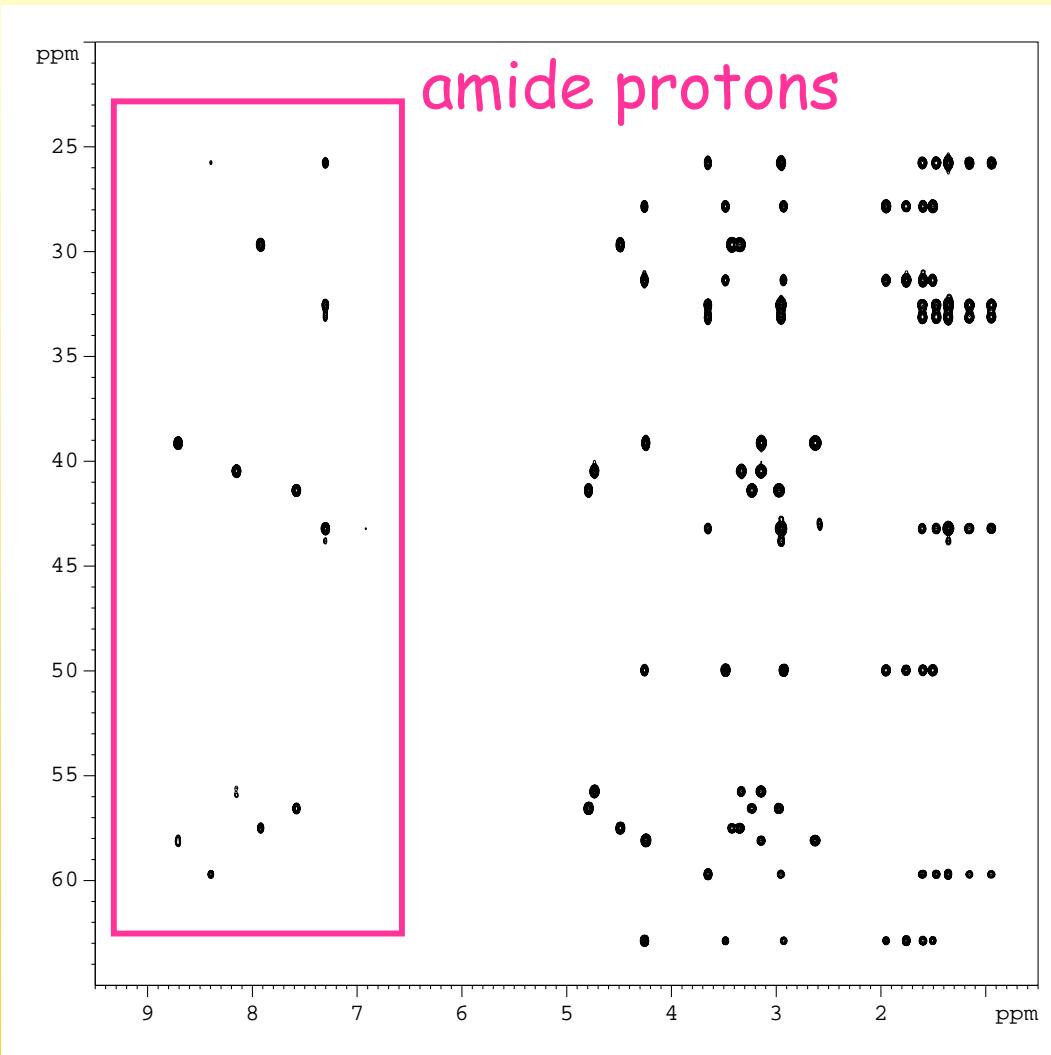


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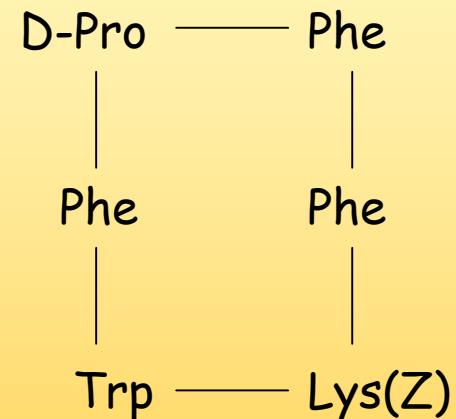


aliphatic region

Heteronuclear experiments



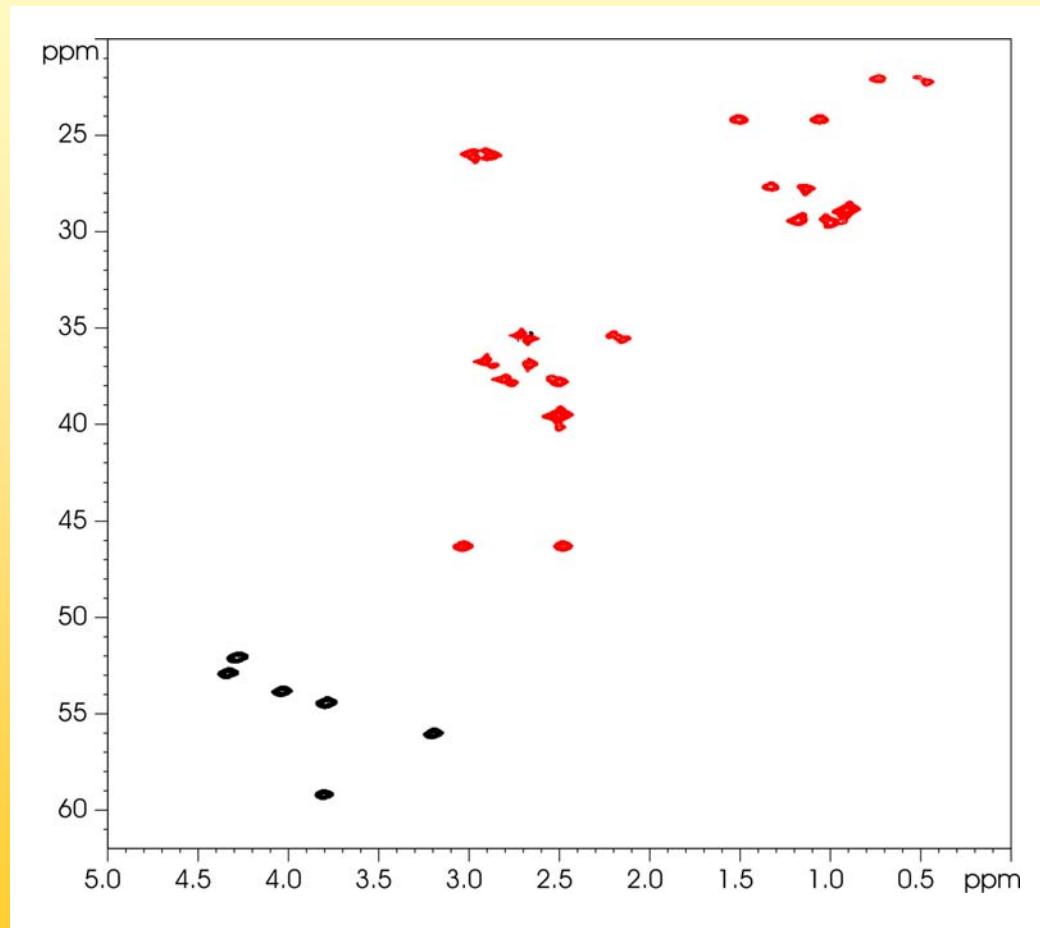
HMQC-TOCSY
of F3-008



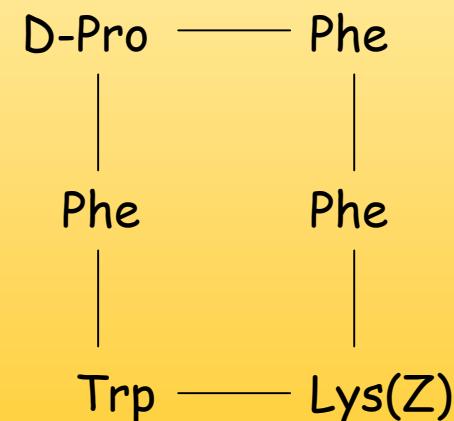
The H^N can
thus be
reached as well

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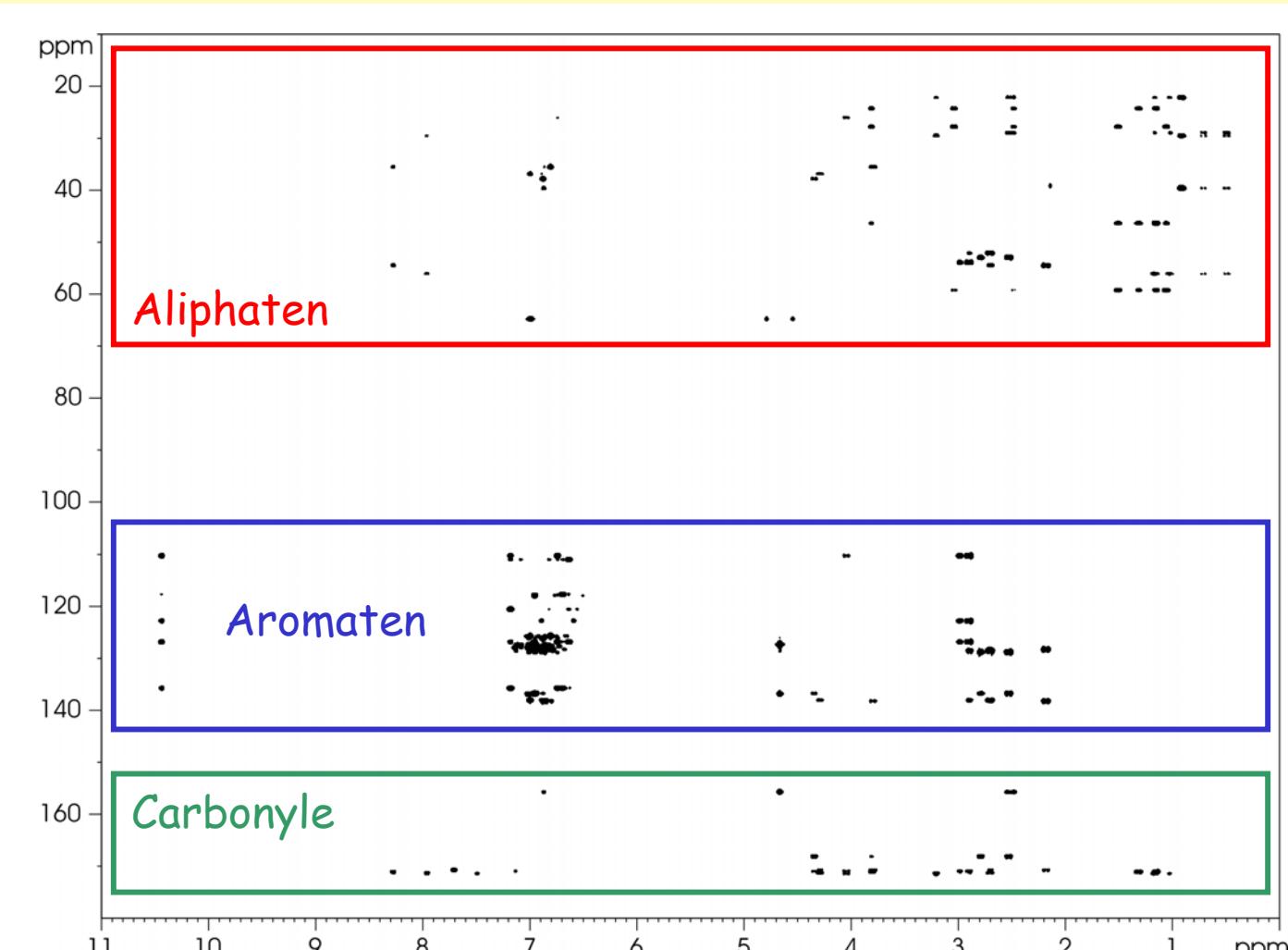
^{13}C -DEPT-HMQC (180) of F3-008



CH_2 can be
distinguished from
 CH and CH_3



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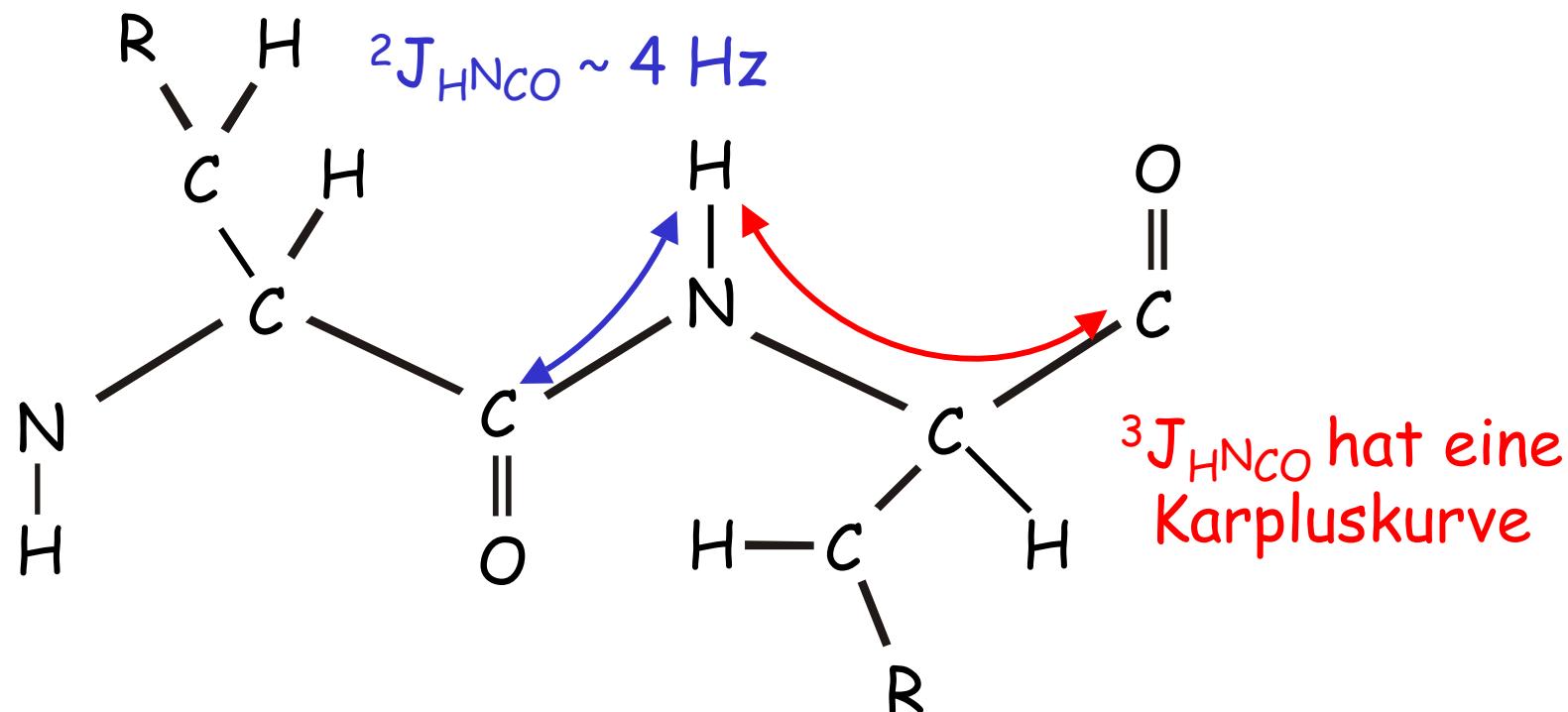


^{13}C - HMBC
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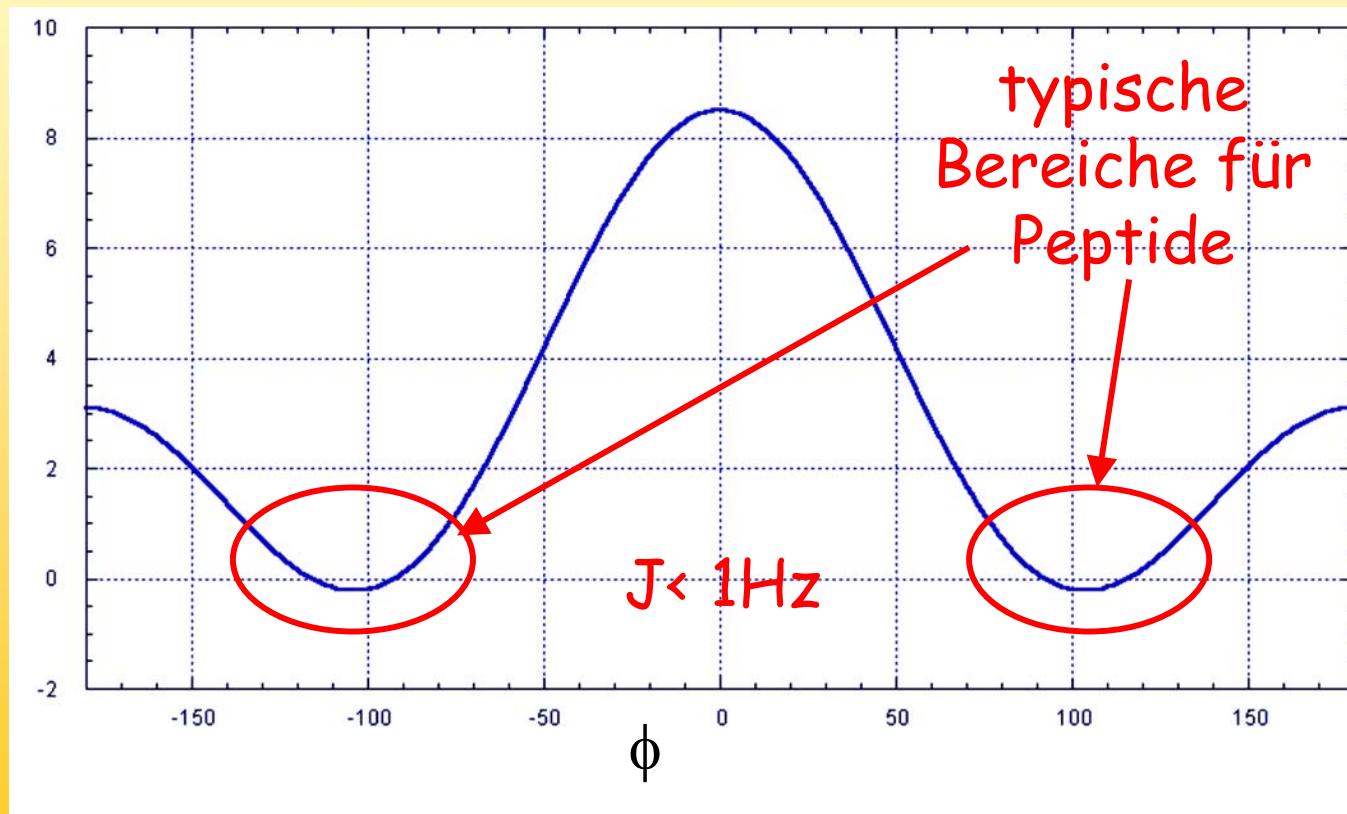
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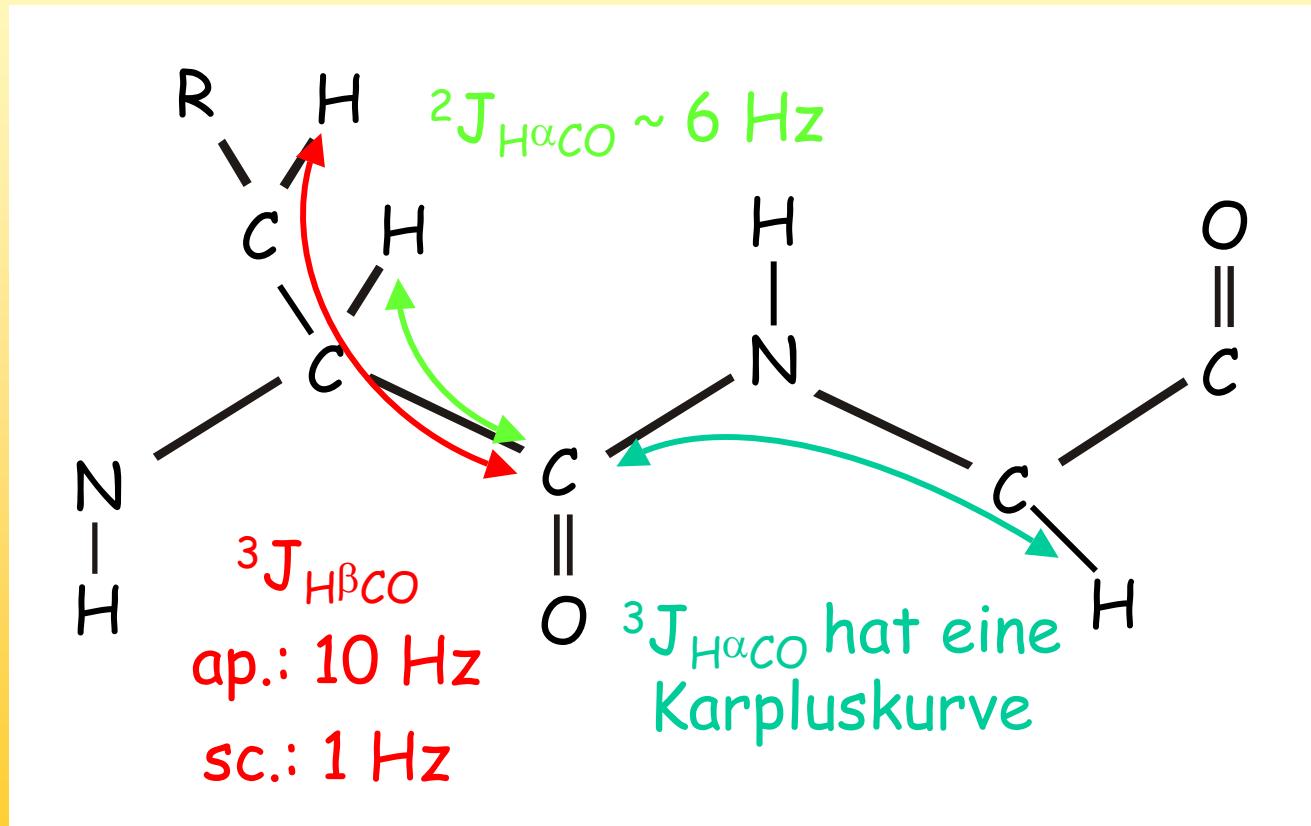
The Karlus-relation for ${}^3J_{HNC{O}}$ is

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



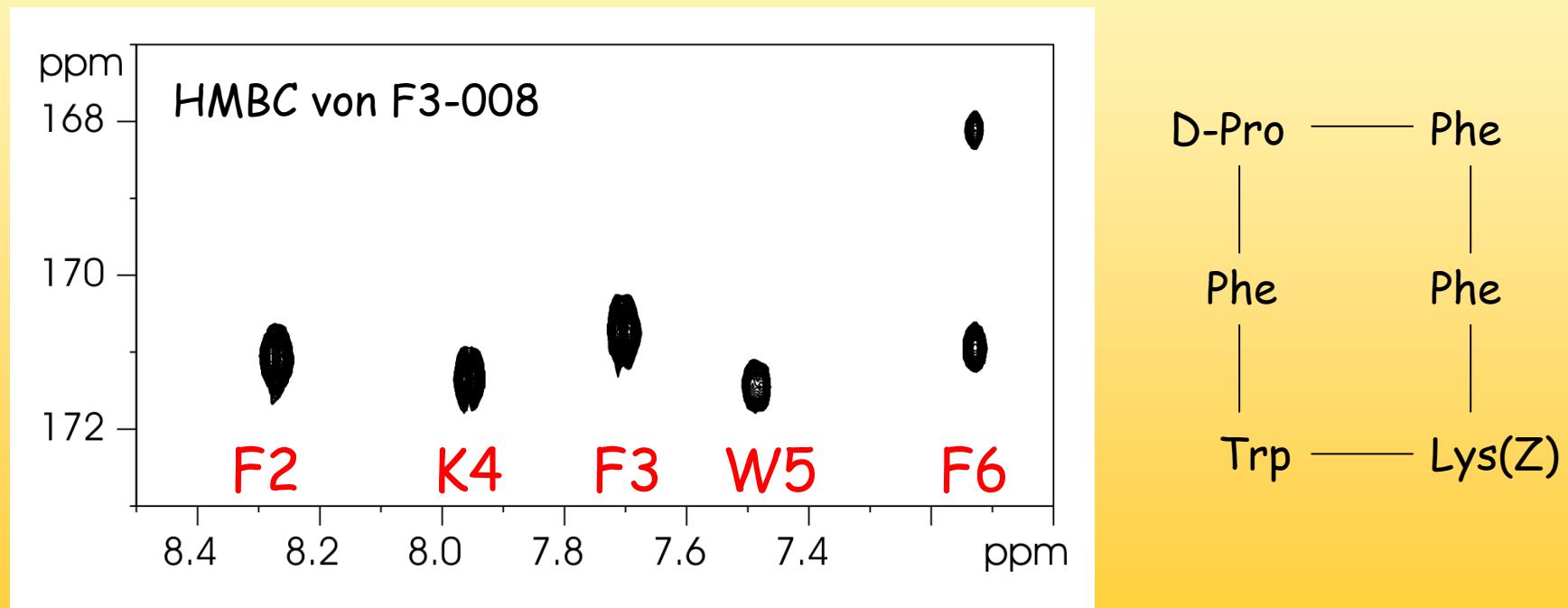
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Coupling constants from
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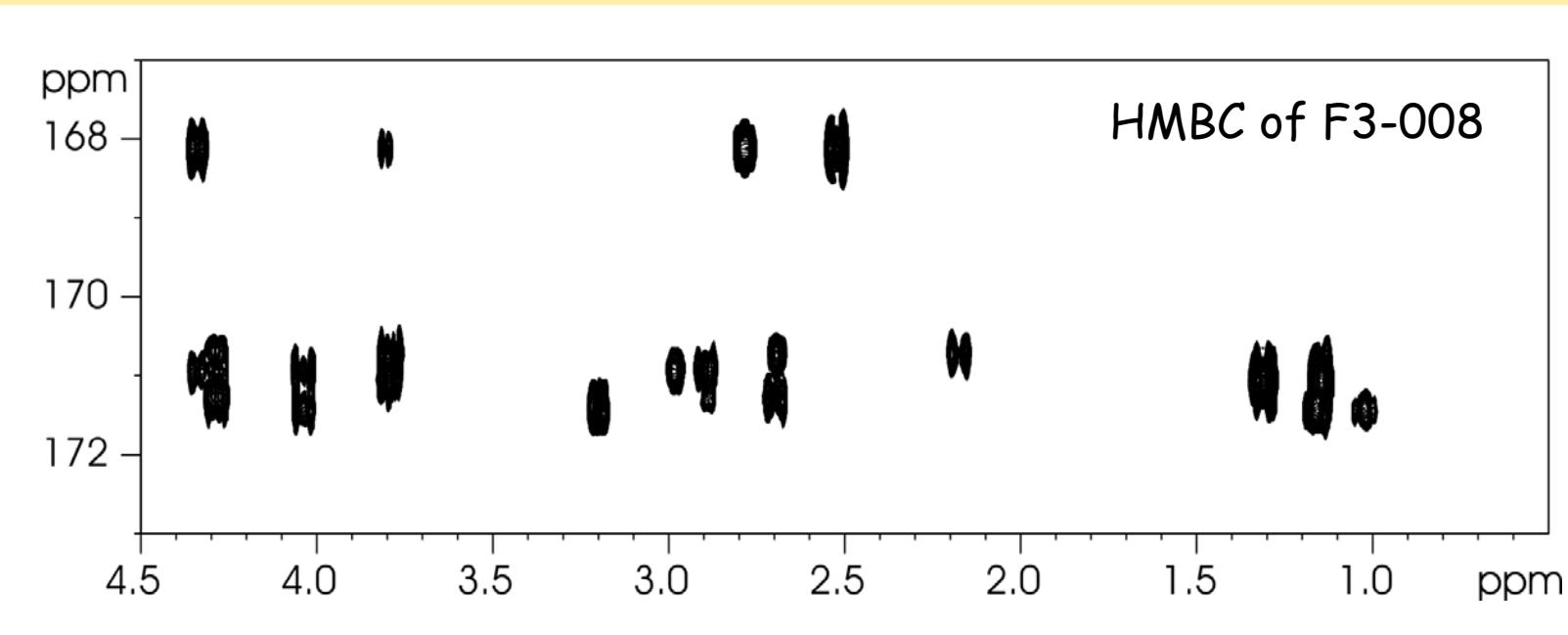
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In the area of the amide protons all correlations via 2J are visible, those via 3J only rarely



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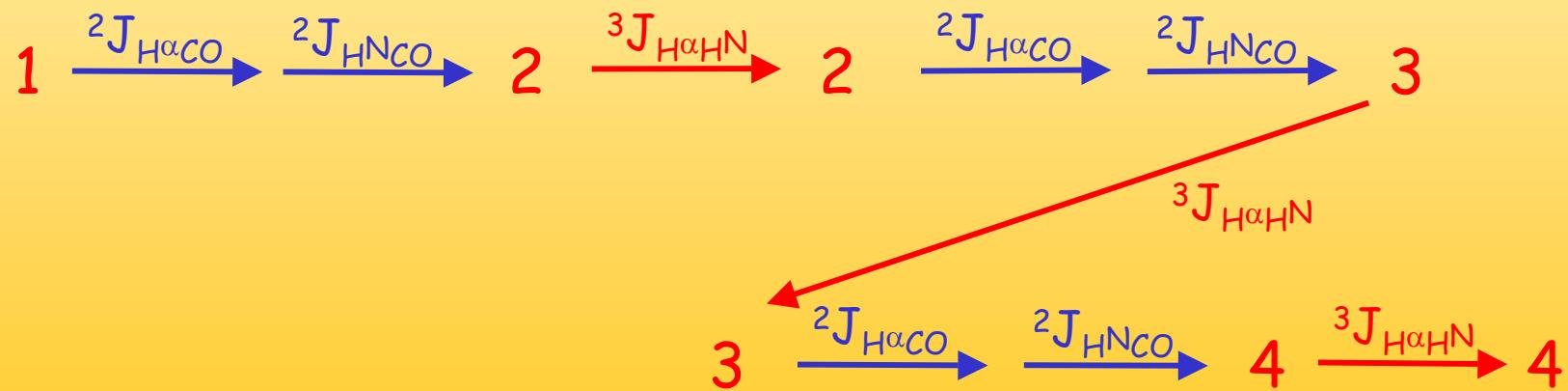
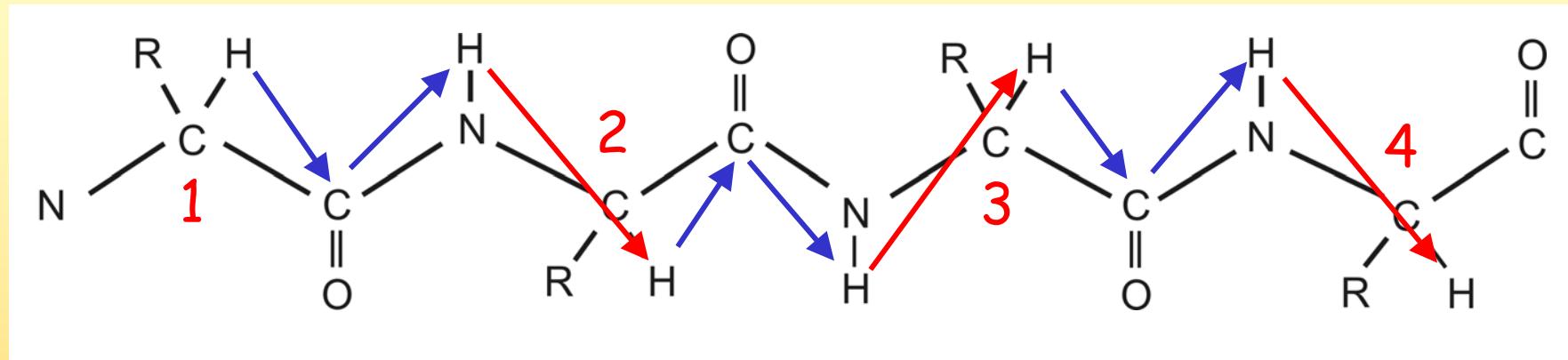
Based on these spectra not only an assignment of the carbonyl resonances is possible but also a sequential assignment.

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

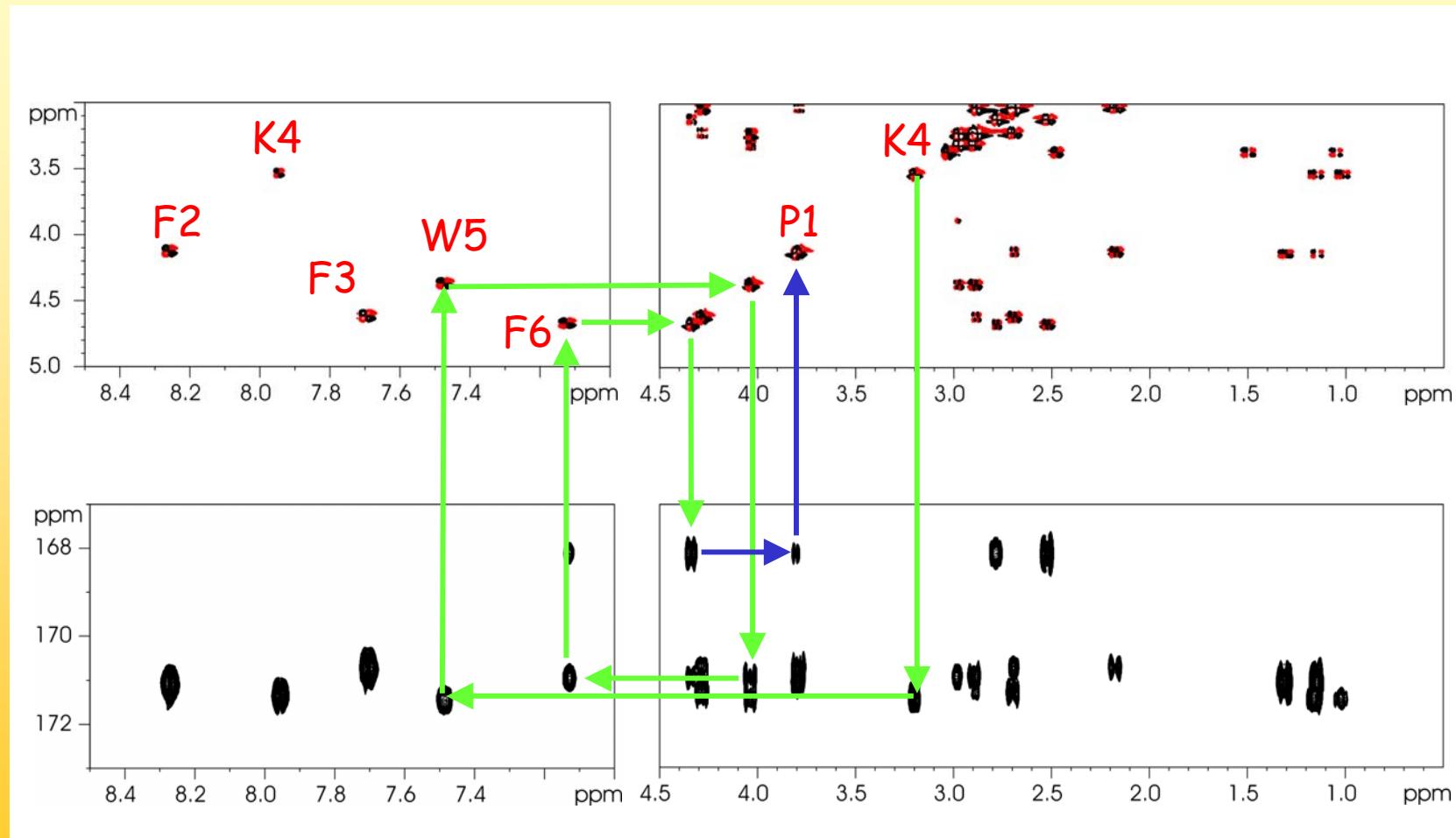
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We then have an different „sequential walk“



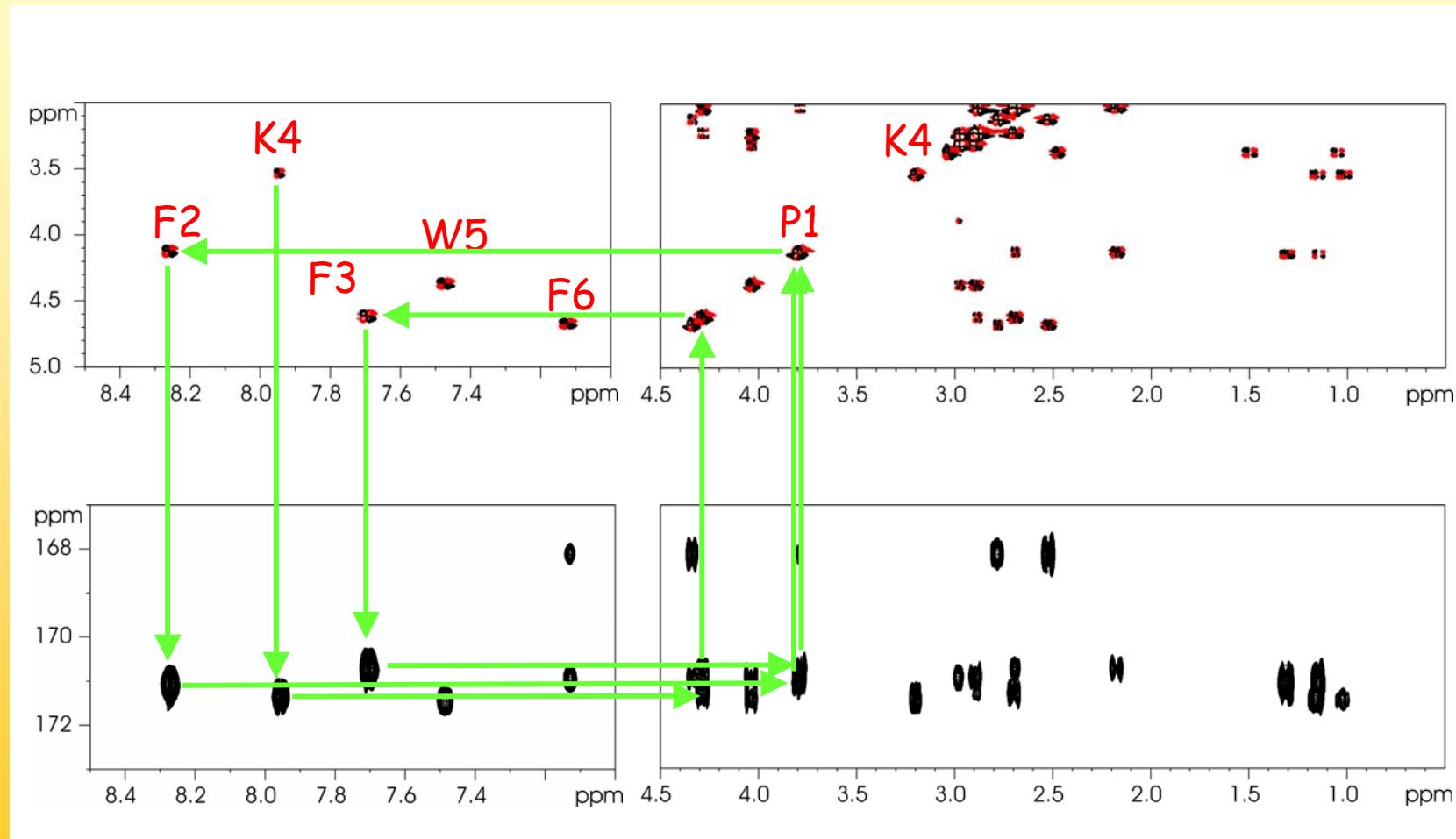
Sequence specific assignment (3)

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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