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**WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE OF
BIOLOGICAL MACROMOLECULES**

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"NMR Metalloproteins"

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Cytochrome b₅

*An electron transfer low-spin hemoprotein
involved in*

- Fatty acid desaturation (interacting with NADH cytochrome *b*₅ reductase)
- The reduction of myoglobin (in erythrocytes)
- Different hydroxilation reactions (interacting with cytochrome P450)

*contains a b-type heme, whose iron ion is
coordinated by two histidines*

Structures available for Cytochrome b_5

X-Ray Structures

Oxidized Rat Outer Mitochondrial Membrane Cytochrome b_5 ,
resolution 2.7 Å

M.J.Rodriguez-Maranon, F.Qiu, R.E.Stark, S.P.White, X.Zhang, S.I.Foundling, V.Rodriguez,
C.L.Schilling Iii, R.A.Bunce, M.Rivera
Biochemistry, 1996

Oxidized Bovine Liver Microsomal Cytochrome b_5 ,
resolution 1.5 Å

R.C.E.Durley, F.S.Mathews
Acta Cryst., 1996

NMR Solution Structures

Rat Apocytochrome b_5

C.J.Falzone, M.R.Mayer, E.L.Whiteman, C.D.Moore, J.T.Lecomte
Biochemistry, 1996

Oxidized Bovine Cytochrome b_5

F.W.Muskett, G.P.Kelly, D.Whitford
J. Mol. Biol., 1996

Reduced Microsomal Rat Cytochrome b_5

L.Banci, I.Bertini, F.Ferroni, A.Rosato
Eur. J. Biochem., 1997

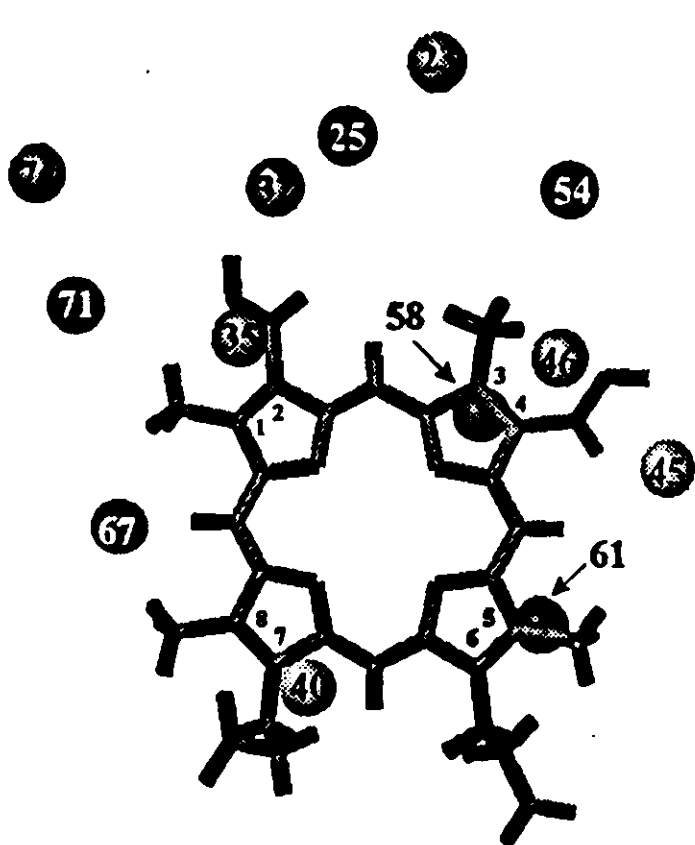
Oxidized Rat Microsomal Cytochrome b_5

F.Arneseano, L.Banci, I.Bertini, I.C.Felli
Biochemistry, 1998

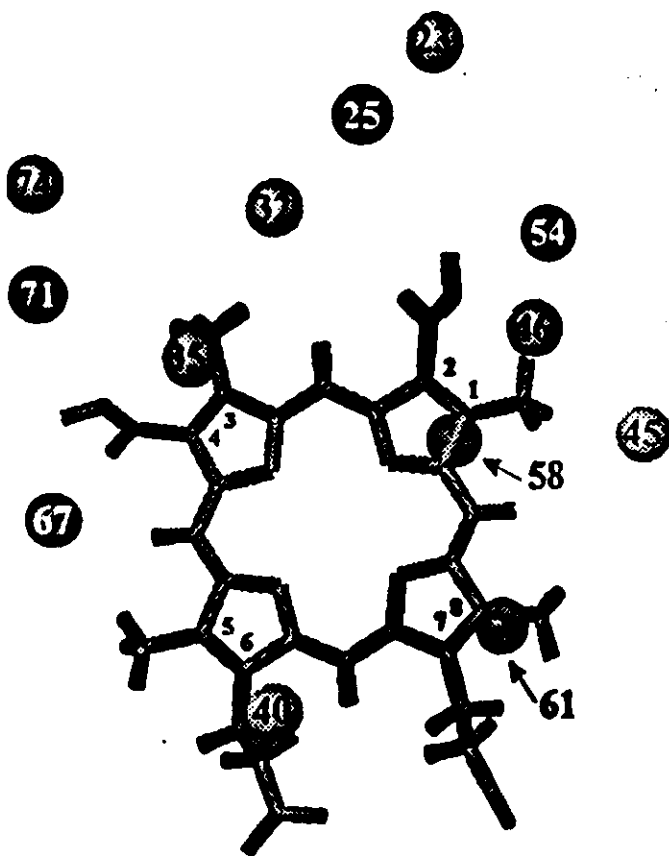
B Form of Oxidized Rat Microsomal Cytochrome b_5

F.Arneseano, L.Banci, I.Bertini, I.C.Felli
Biochemistry, submitted

The two heme conformations in Cytochrome *b*₅



A form



B form

Organism

A:B ratio

Rat

6 : 4

Bovine

9 : 1

Calf

9 : 1

Rabbit

9 : 1

Chicken

20 : 1

Protein: Oxidized Rat Microsomal Cytochrome *b*₅

Cofactor: *b*-type heme (LS Fe(III))

AA: 98

% of assigned AA 95%

NOE's: 1816 (1378)

Pseudocontact Shift Constraints: 235

RMSD/40 str. (Å)

BB - 0.58 ± 0.10

HA - 1.05 ± 0.11

Calculation procedure: PSEUDODYANA

Refinement procedure: PSEUDOREM_v

Reference:

Arnesano F., Banci L., Bertini I., Felli I. C., (1998) *Biochemistry* 37, 173-184

Protein: Reduced Rat Microsomal Cytochrome *b₅*

Cofactor: *b*-type heme (Fe(II))

AA: 98

% of assigned AA 95%

NOE's: 1722 (1203)

RMSD/40 str. (Å) BB - 0.78 ± 0.18

HA - 1.29 ± 0.16

Calculation procedure: DYANA

Refinement procedure: REM_v

Reference:

Banci L., Bertini I., Ferroni F., Rosato A., (1997) *Eur. J. Biochem.* 249, 270-279

Protein: B Form of Oxidized Rat Microsomal Cytochrome *b*₅

Cofactor: *b*-type heme (LS Fe(III))

AA: 98

% of assigned AA 95%

NOE's: 1765 (1302)

Pseudocontact Shift Constraints: 220

RMSD/40 str. (Å) BB - 0.55 ± 0.09

HA - 1.03 ± 0.11

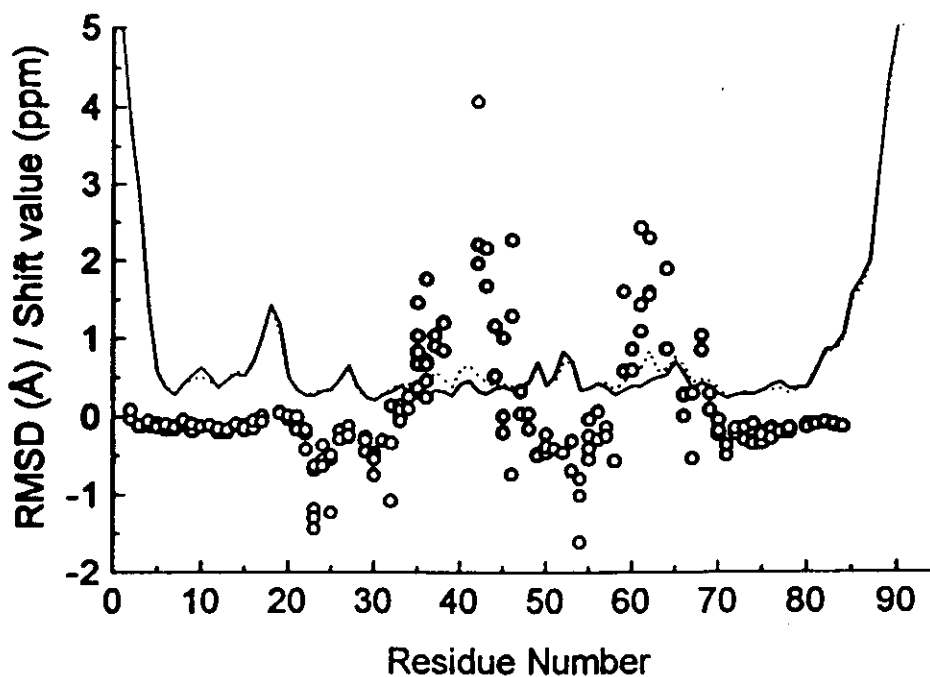
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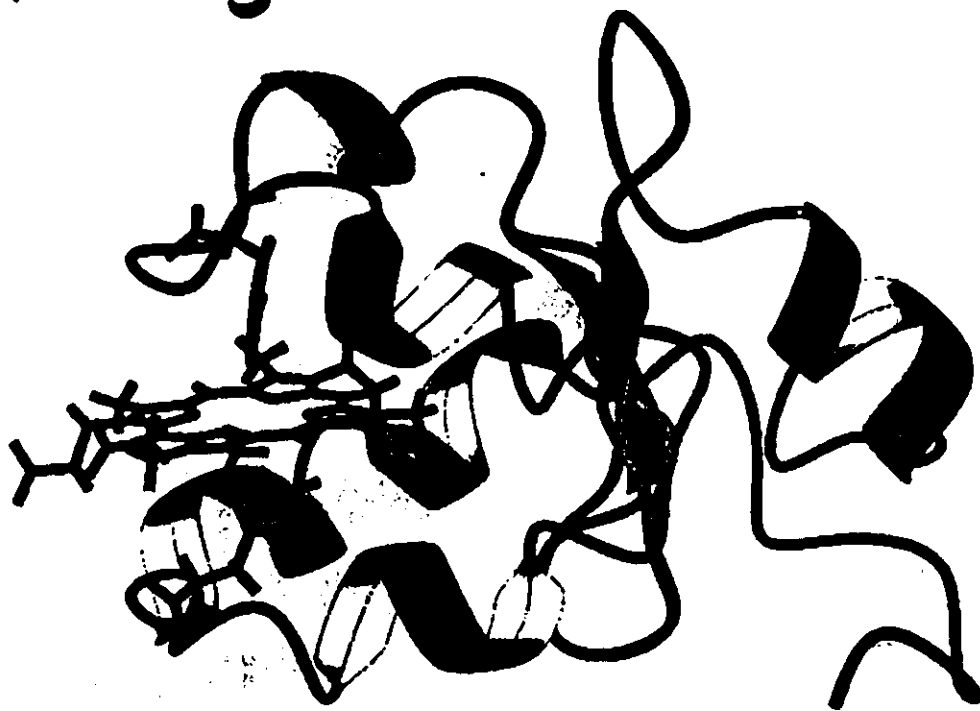
Arnesano F., Banci L., Bertini I., Felli I. C., (1998) *Biochemistry* (submitted)

RMSD FOR THE OF OXIDIZED CYT b5 AND P.C.S. CONSTRAINTS



ARNESANO, BIANCI, BERTINI, FELLI, 1997

COMPARISON BETWEEN OXIDIZED AND REDUCED CYT b5

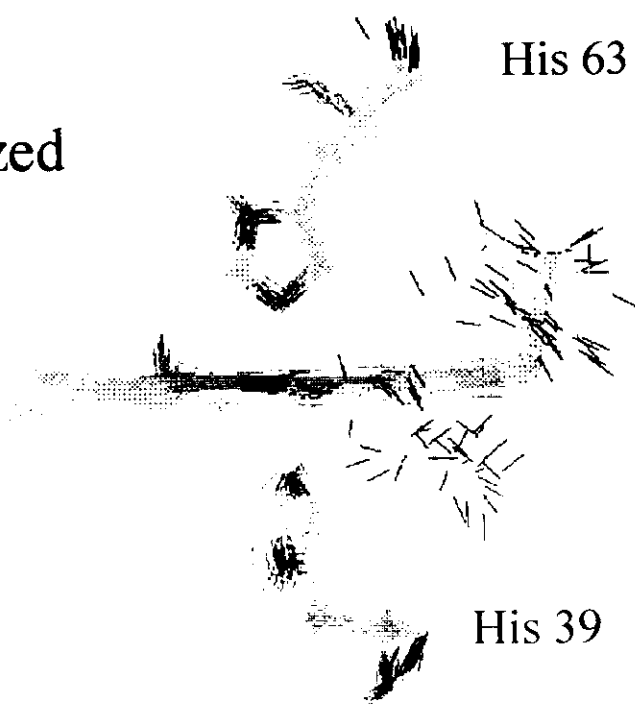


**Redox state dependent conformational change
of propionate 7
in rat microsomal cytochrome *b*₅ (form A)**

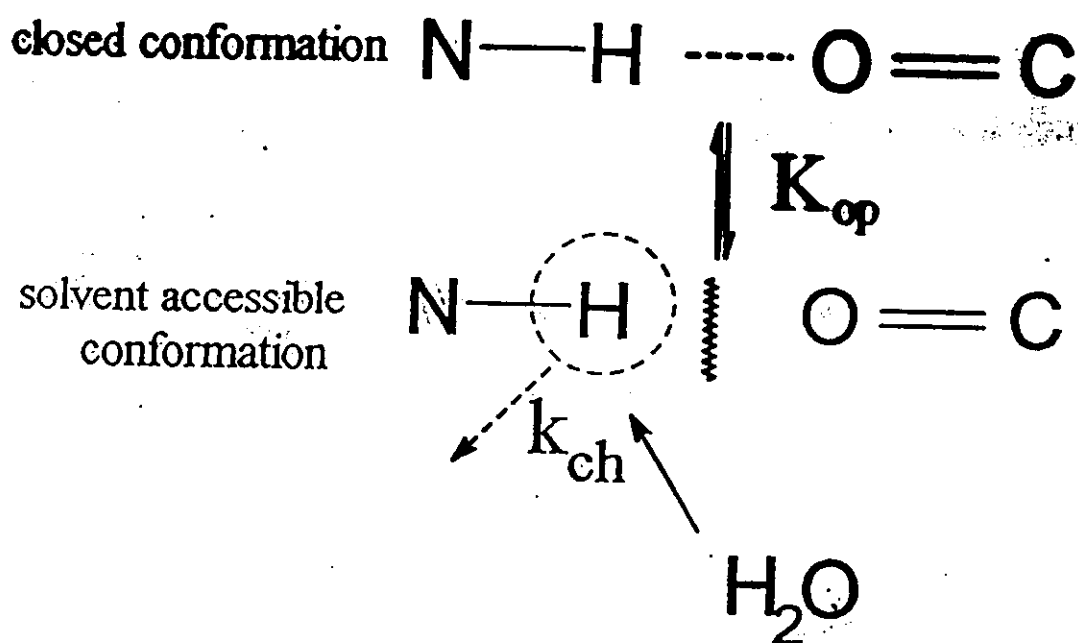
Reduced



Oxidized



Exchange mechanism for amide protons



17 amide protons are exchanging slower in the reduced cytochrome *c* than in the oxidized cytochrome *c*

Reference: Bai, Y. et al., *Science* (1995), 269, 192.

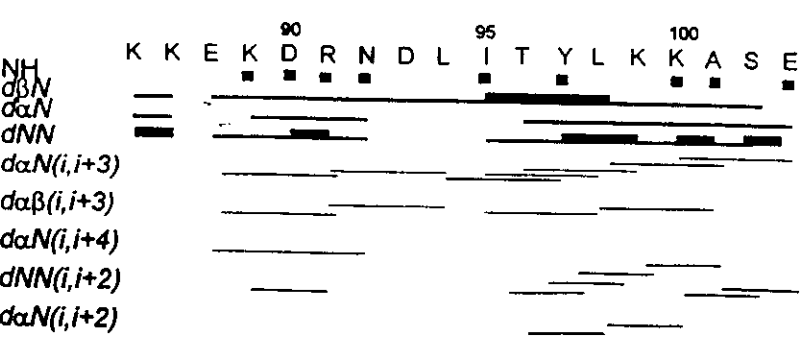
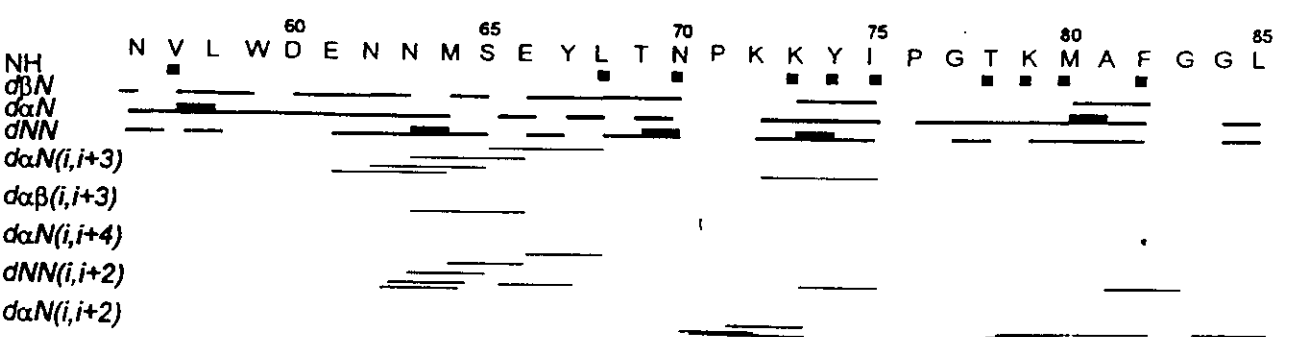
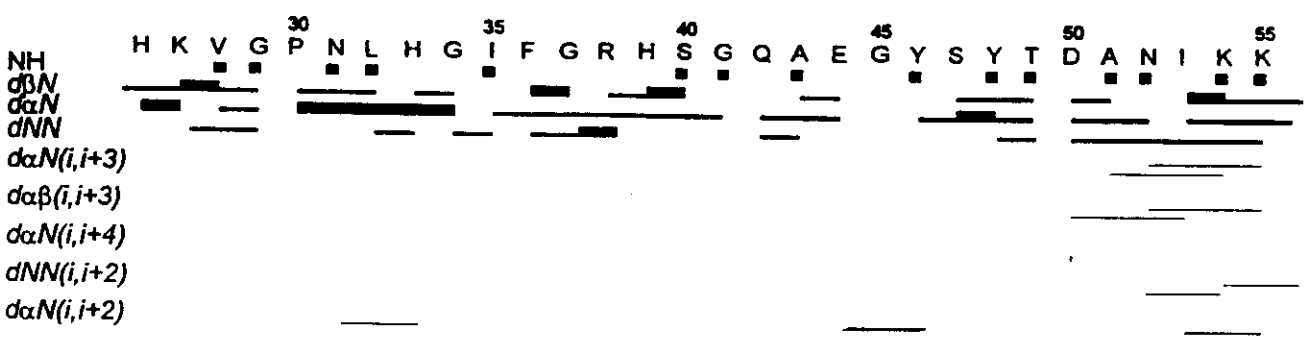
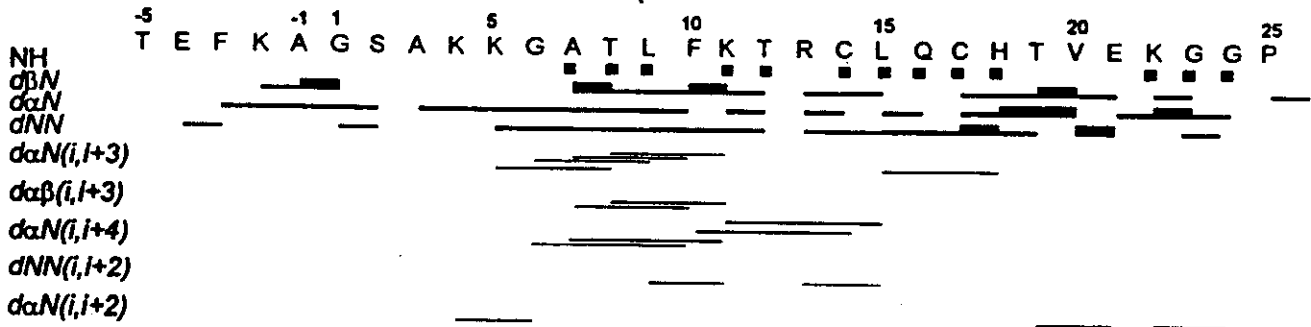
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SEQUENCE-SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT IN ISO-1 YEAST CYT C (REDUCED)



DKDVKYYTLEEIQKHKDSKSTWVILHHKVYDLTKFLEEHP

red
OX

NHred

NHox

$d_{NN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{pN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{NN}(i,i+2)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+2)$

$d_{pN}(i,i+3)$

$d_{ap}(i,i+3)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+4)$

GGEEVLREQAGG DATENFEDVGHST DARELSKTYIIGELH

red
OX

NHred

NHox

$d_{NN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{pN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{NN}(i,i+2)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+2)$

$d_{pN}(i,i+3)$

$d_{ap}(i,i+3)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+4)$

PDDRSKIAKPSETL

red
OX

NHred

NHox

$d_{NN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{pN}(i,i+1)$

$d_{NN}(i,i+2)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+2)$

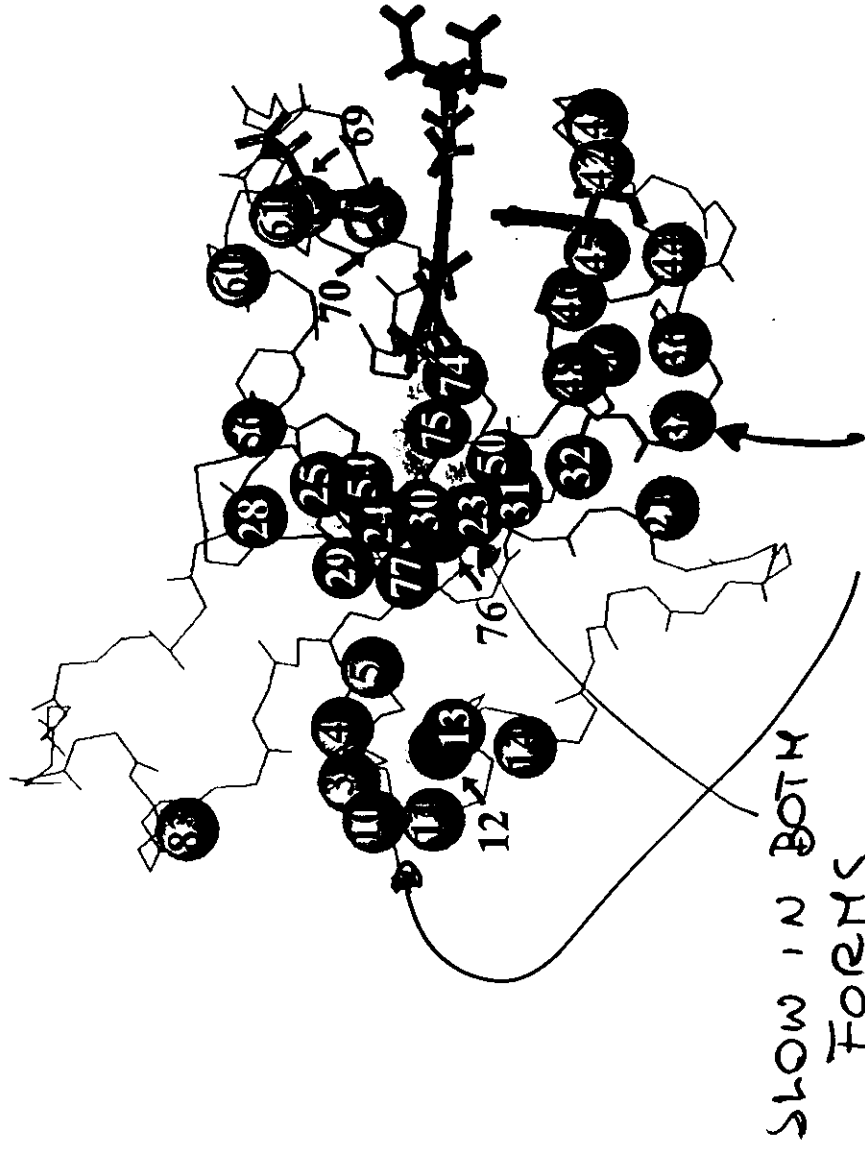
$d_{pN}(i,i+3)$

$d_{ap}(i,i+3)$

$d_{aN}(i,i+4)$

NH EXCHANGEABILITY IN CYT 6s

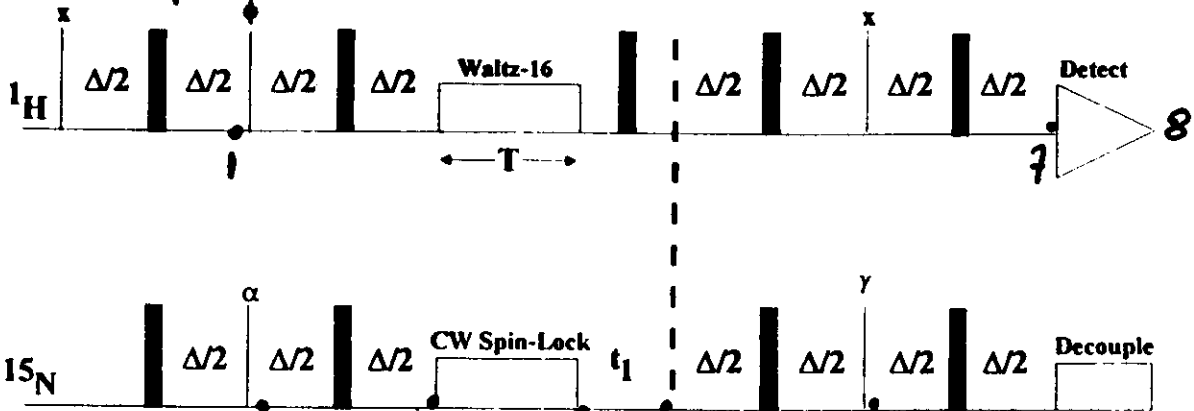
OXIDATION-STATE DEPENDENCE OF NH EXCHANGEABILITY



ARNESANO, BIANCI, BERTINI, FELLI BIOCHEMISTRY, in press

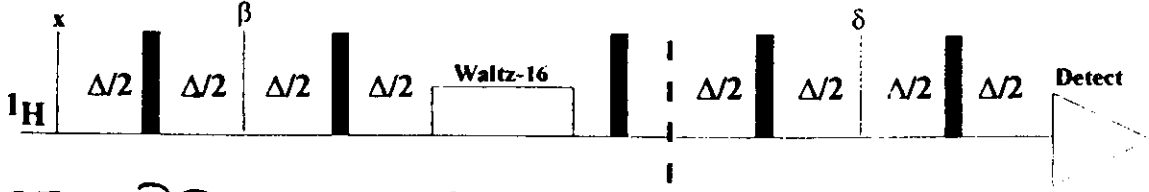
PULSE SEQUENCES FOR $T_{1\rho}$ MEASUREMENTS

A $T_{1\rho}$ ON RESONANCE

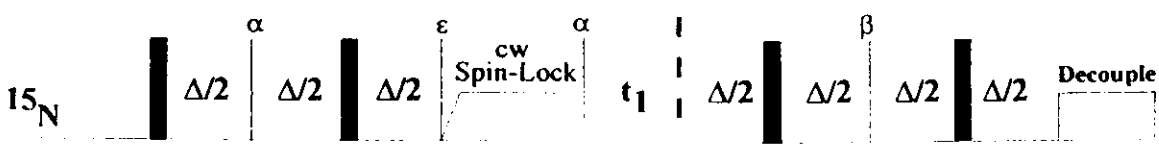


- 1 $2H_y N_z$; 2, $2H_z N_y$; 3 N_x ; 4 $N_x e^{-\tau_{m}/T_{1\rho}}$; 5 $N_x e^{-\tau_{m}/T_{1\rho}} (\cos \omega_N t_1)$
- 6 $2 N_z H_y e^{-\tau_{m}/T_{1\rho}} \cos(\omega_N t_1)$; 7 $H_x e^{-\tau_{m}/T_{1\rho}} (\cos \omega_N t_1)$
- 8 $H_x e^{-\tau_{m}/T_{1\rho}} \cos(\omega_N t_1) (\cos \omega_H t_1)$

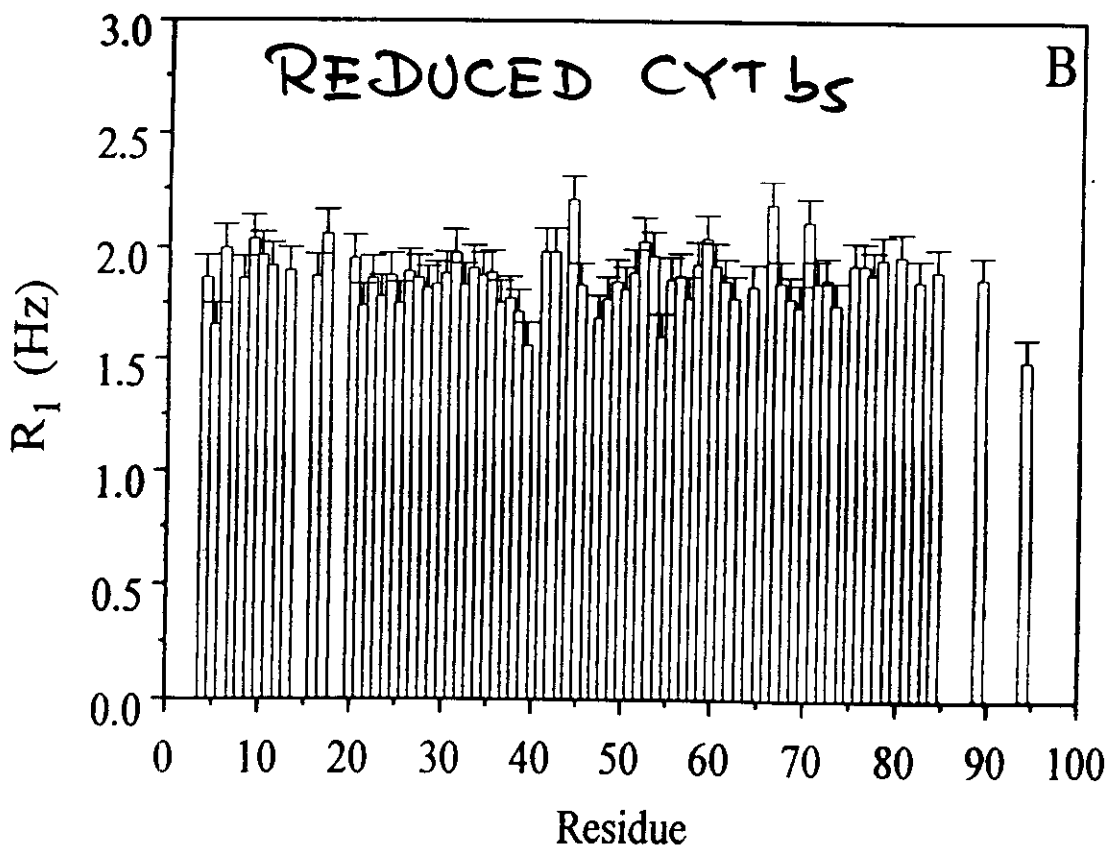
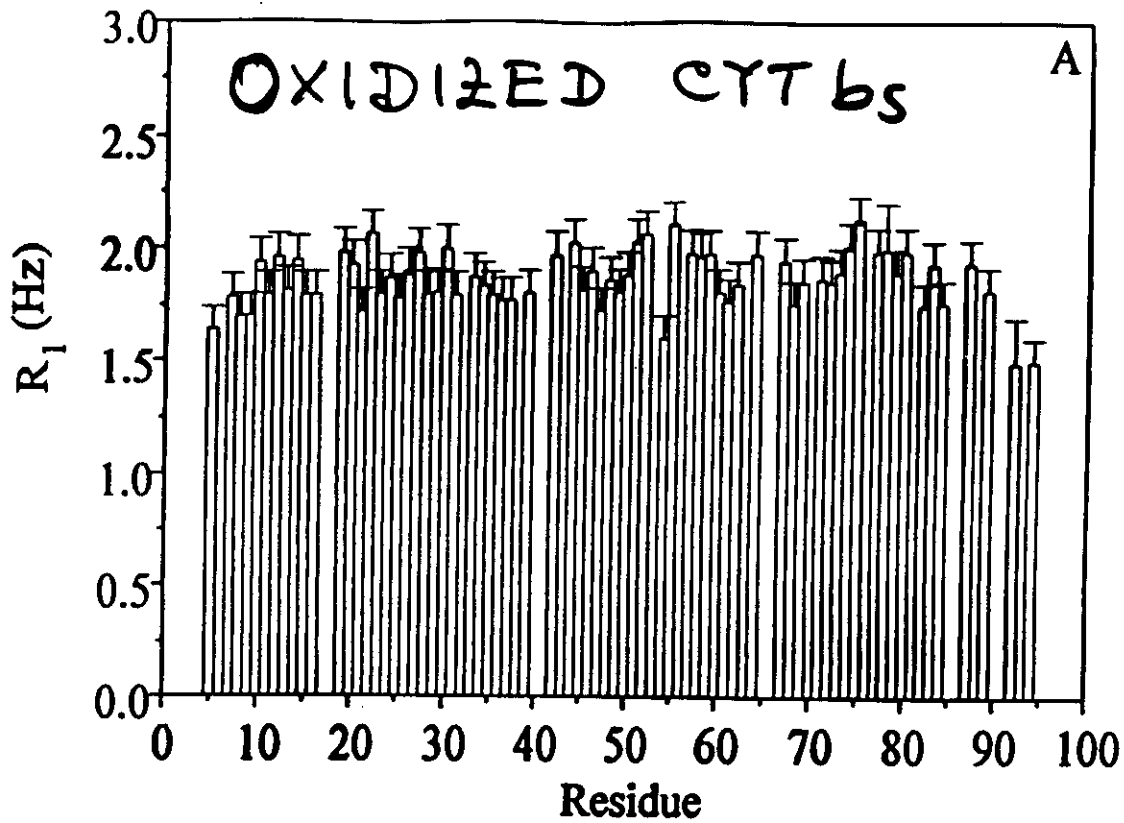
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$T_{1\rho}$ OFF-RESONANCE

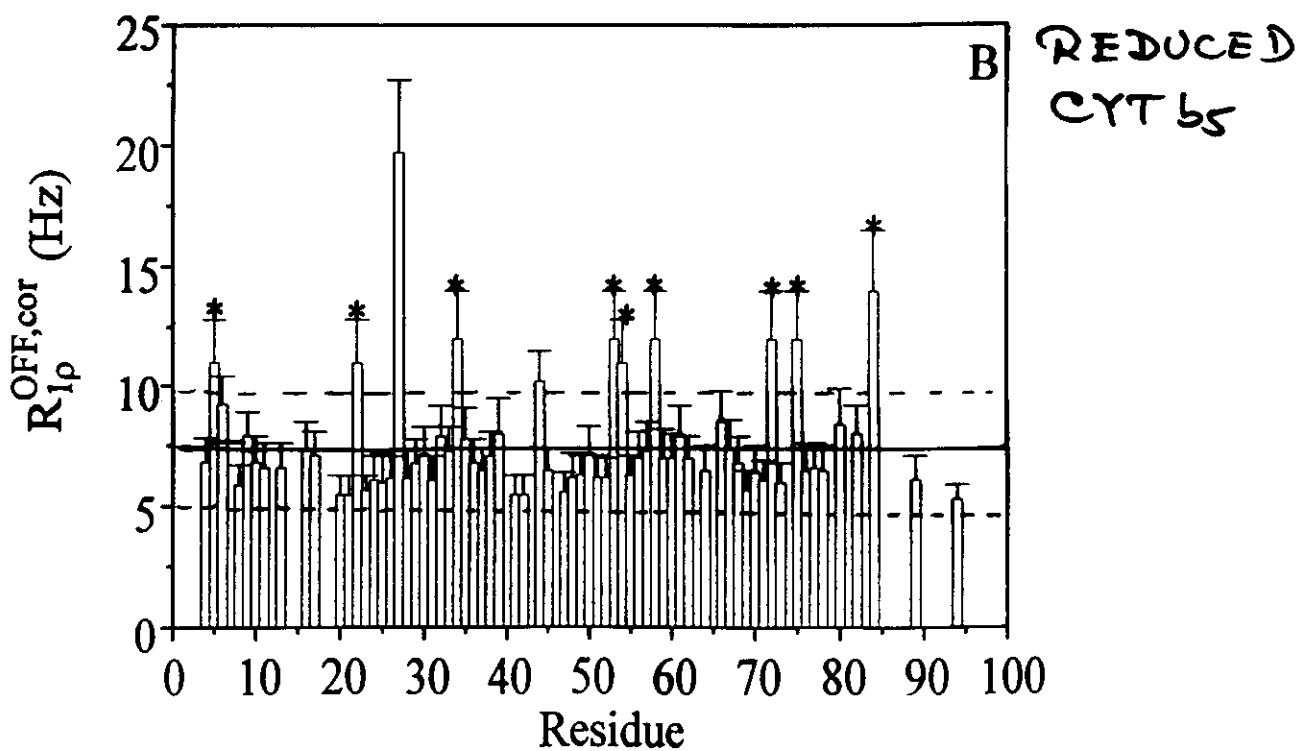
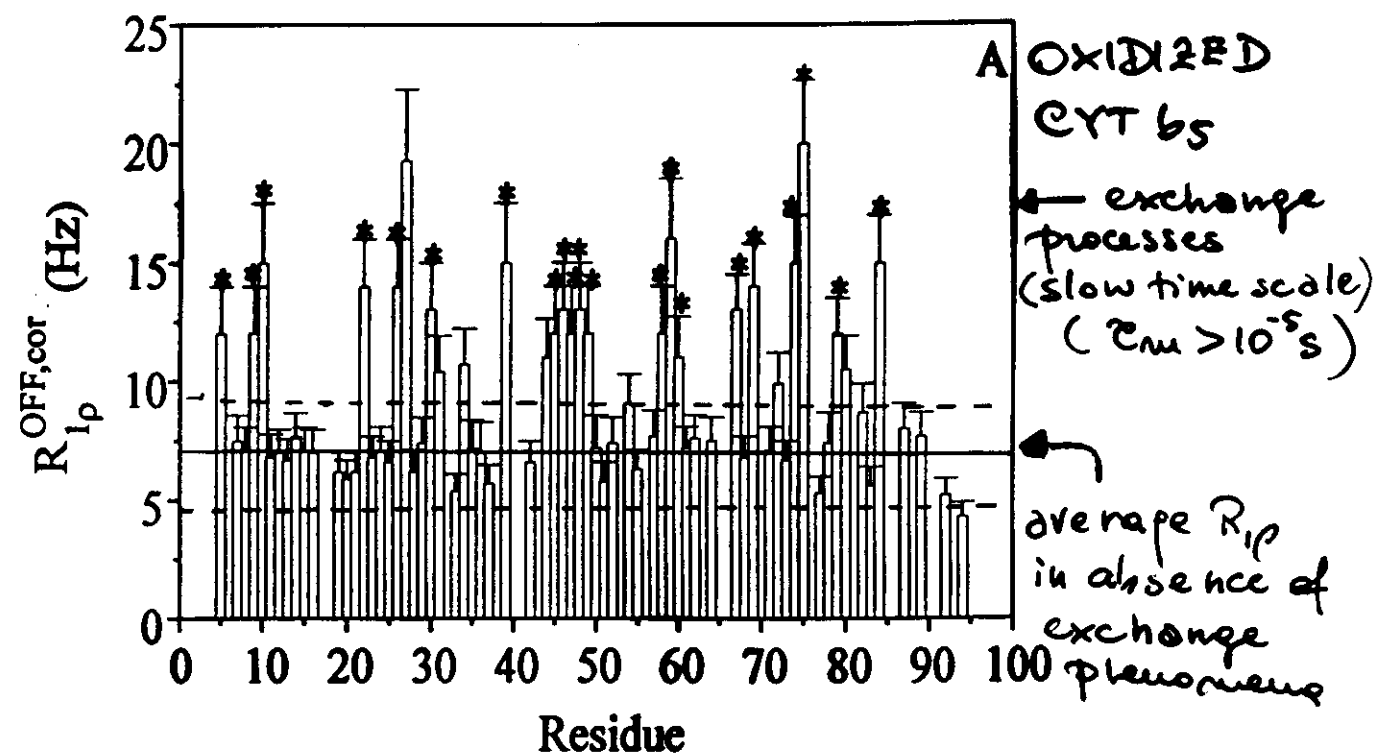


LONGITUDINAL RELAXATION RATES OF BACKBONE NHs

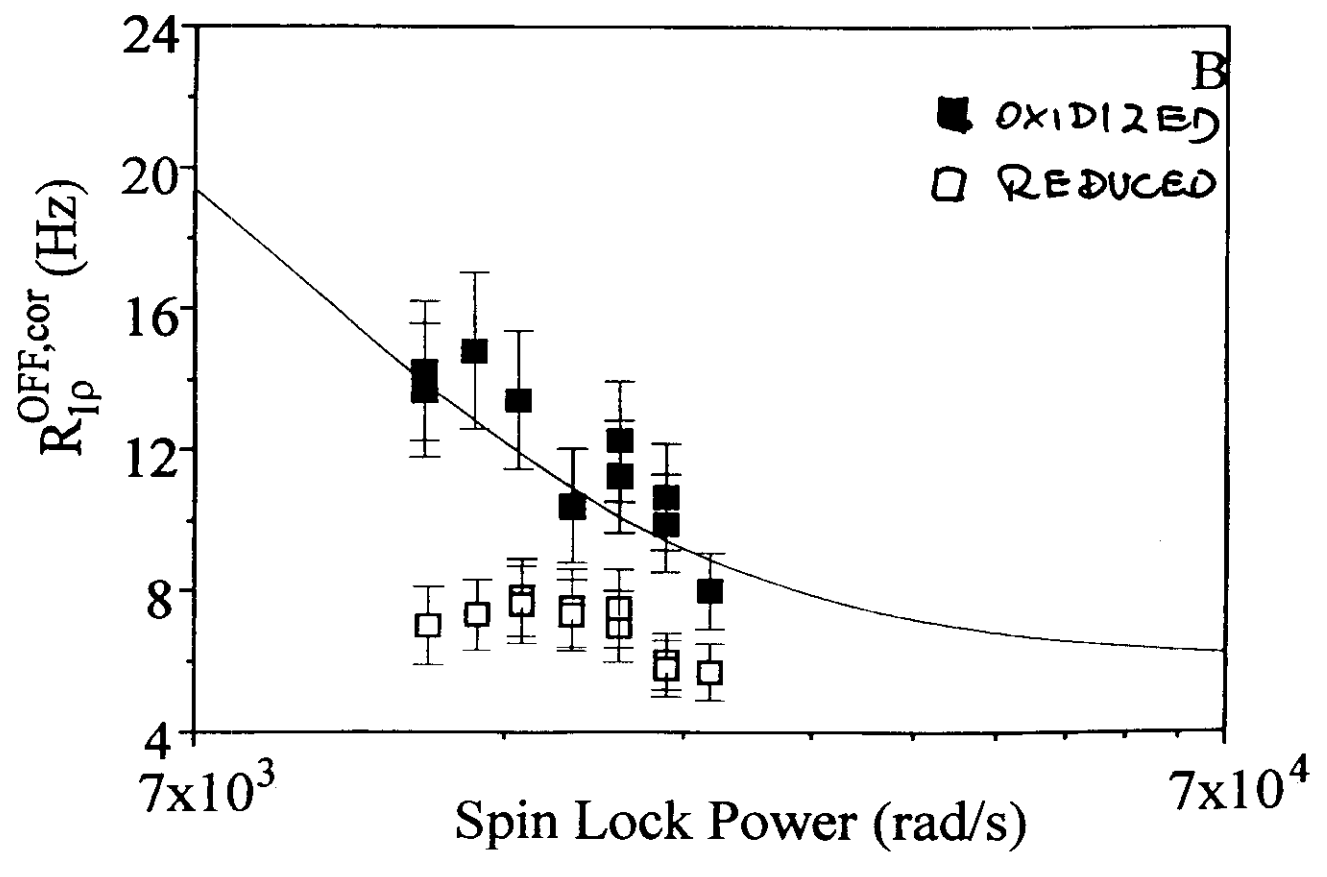
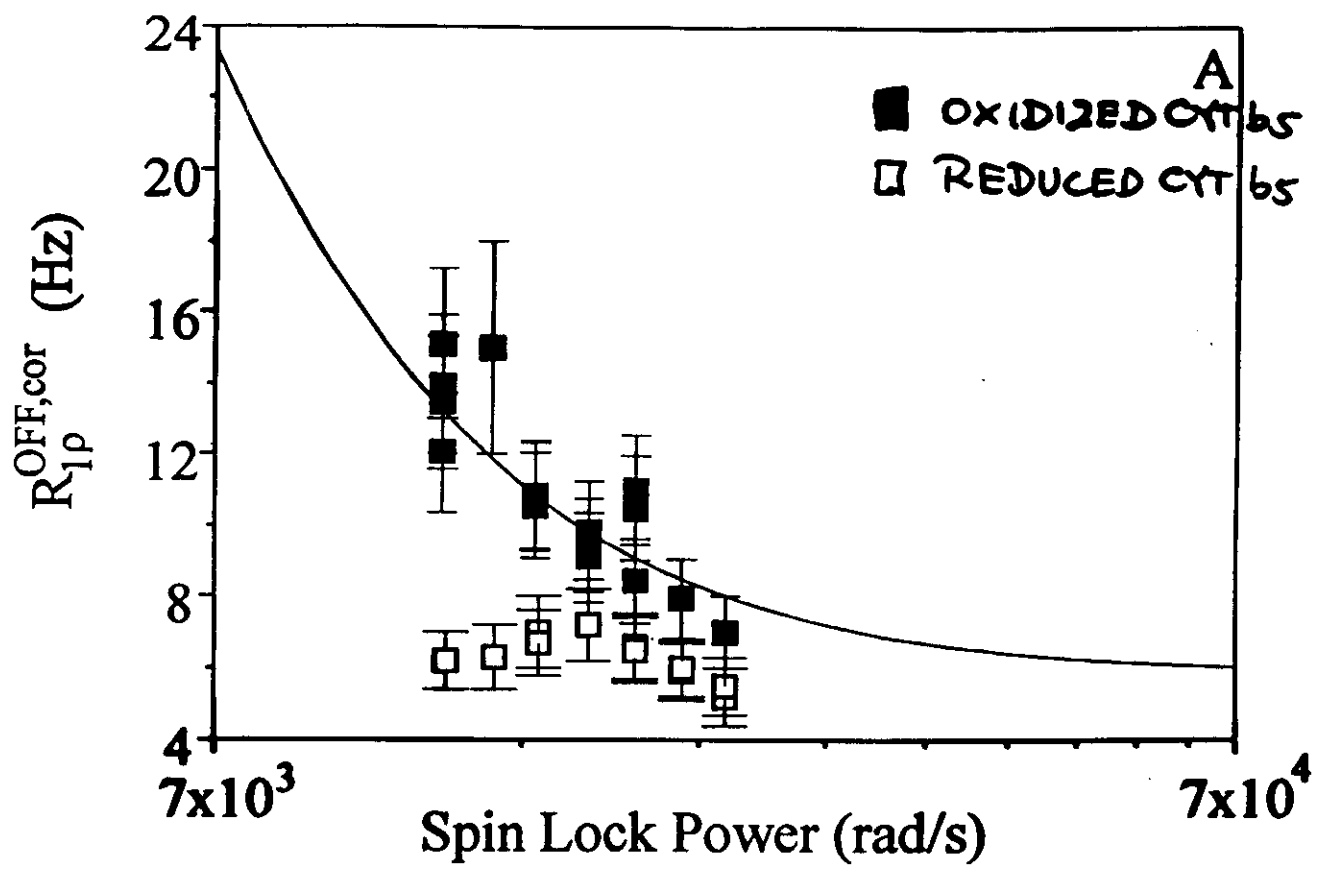


ROTATING FRAME RELAXATION RATES OF BACKBONE NHs

INDICATE PRESENCE OF EXCHANGE PROCESSES

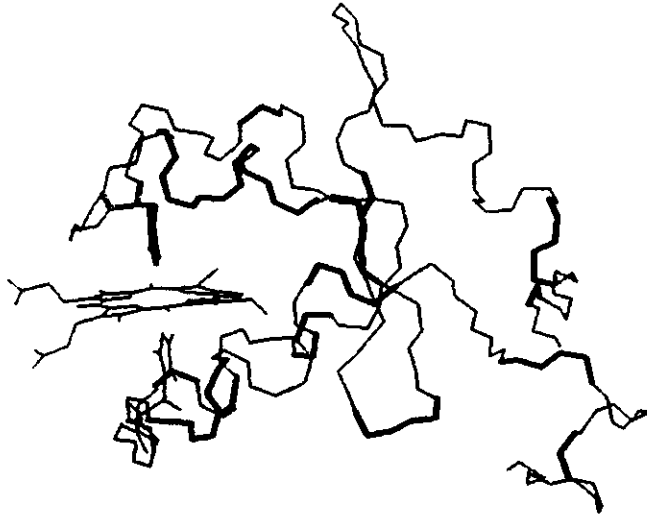


DEPENDENCE ON SPIN-LOCK POWER OF $R_{1\rho}$ RATES

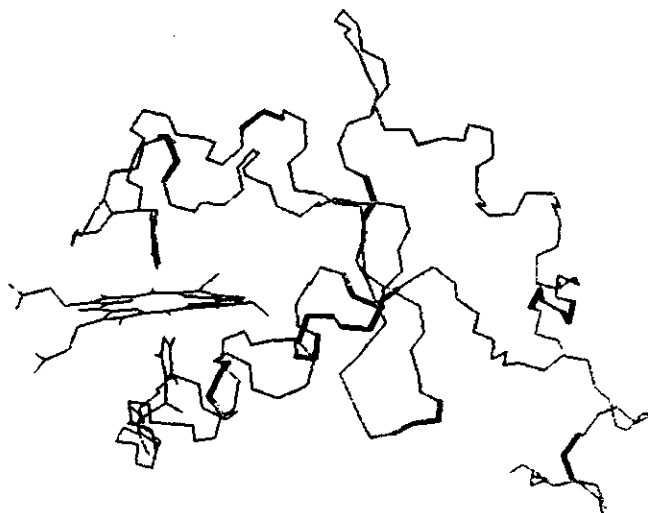


Redox state dependent conformational exchange in rat microsomal cytochrome *b*₅

Oxidized



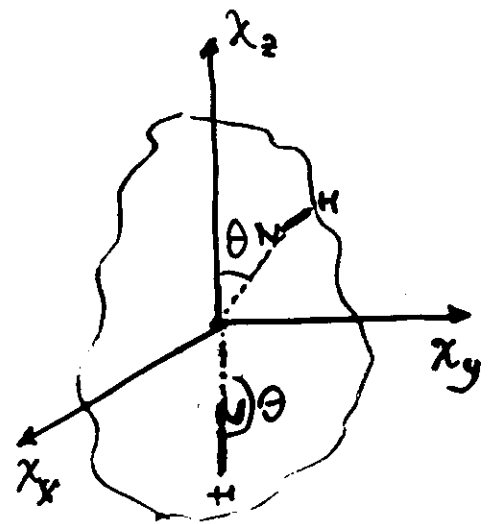
Reduced



RESIDUAL DIPOLAR $^1\text{J}^{15}\text{N}-^1\text{H}$ COUPLING IN FIELD-ORIENTED MOLECULES AS STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS



Getting oriented. By aligning proteins (red), liquid crystals (green) sharpen NMR's atomic mapping.



$$^1\text{J}^{15}\text{N}-^1\text{H}(B_0) = ^1\text{J}^{15}\text{N}-^1\text{H}(0) - K B_0^2 \left[\Delta\chi_z (3\cos^2\theta - 1) + \frac{3}{2} \Delta\chi_{zh} (\sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi) \right]$$

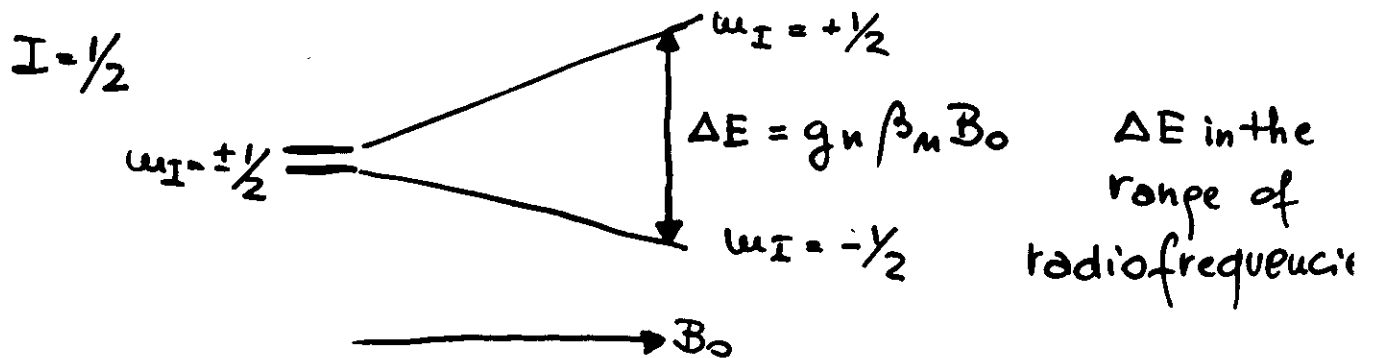
OXIDATION-STATE DEPENDENT CHANGES

- REORIENTATION OF PROPIONATE 7
 - POSSIBLE PATHWAY FOR ELECTRON TRANSFER
- DIFFERENT MOBILITY OF SOME PROTEIN PARTS
- CHANGE IN CONFORMATION OF SURFACE RESIDUES
 - RELEVANT FOR MOLECULAR RECOGNITION

NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE - NMR

IT DEALS WITH NUCLEAR SPINS IN A MAGNETIC FIELD

A RADIOFREQUENCY IS APPLIED TO INDUCE THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THE SPIN STATES

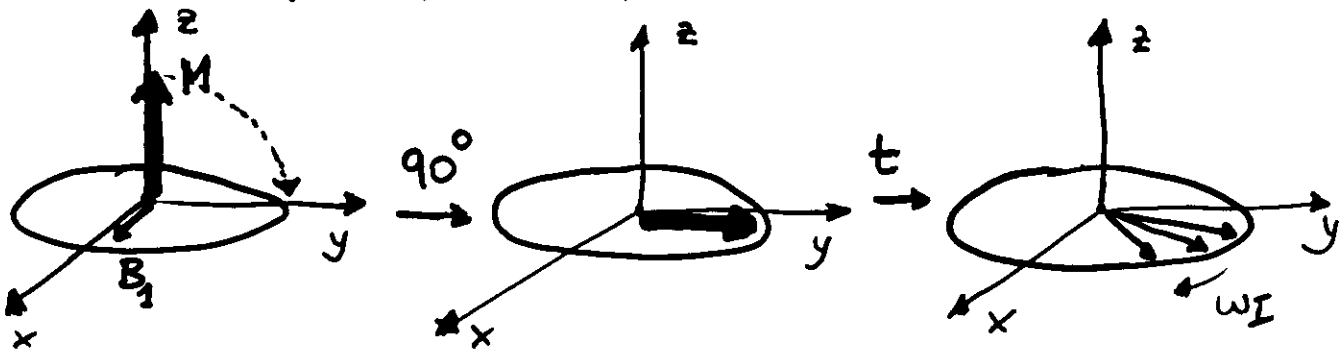


WHEN AN ENSEMBLE OF SPINS IS CONSIDERED THE SPIN MAGNETIC MOMENTS SUM UP TO GIVE A MACROSCOPIC MAGNETIZATION, M , ALONG THE z AXIS

THE NMR EXPERIMENT

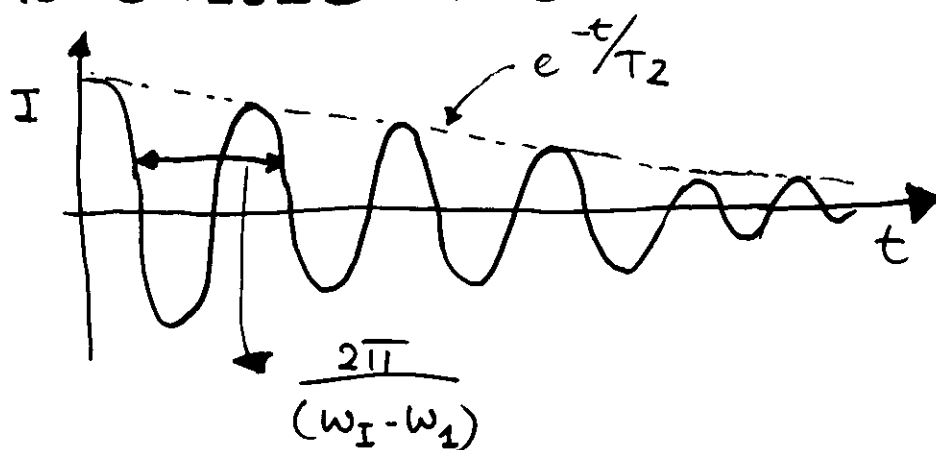
A SHORT, STRONG RADIOFREQUENCY (B_1) PULSE IS APPLIED TO THE MAGNETIZATION TO BRING IT IN THE XY PLANE.

AFTER THE PULSE IS SWITCHED OFF, THE MAGNETIZATION PRECESSES IN THE XY PLANE AND RELAXES TO EQUILIBRIUM



THE CURRENT INDUCED IN A COIL BY THE MAGNETIZATION PRECESSING IN THE XY PLANE IS RECORDED.

IT IS CALLED FID

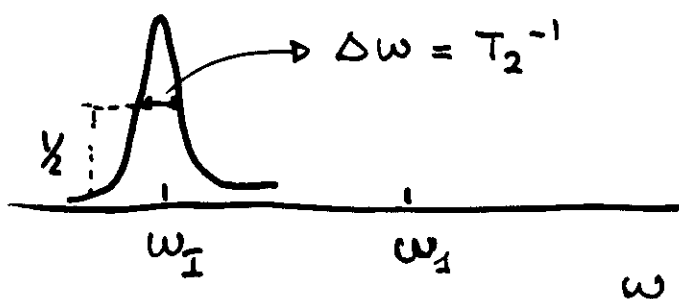


THE NMR SPECTRUM

THE FOURIER TRANSFORM OF THE FID PROVIDES THE NMR SPECTRUM

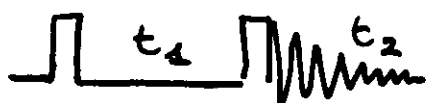
$$\text{FID } f(t) \propto (\cos \omega_I t + i \sin \omega_I t) e^{-t/T_2}$$

$$\text{SPECTRUM } F(\omega) \propto \frac{T_2}{1 + (\omega_1 - \omega_I)^2 T_2^2}$$

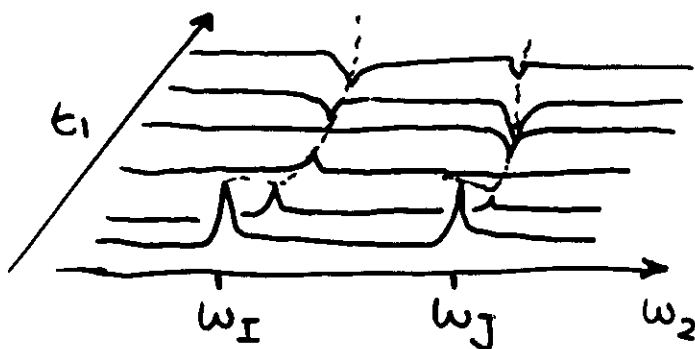


MULTIDIMENSIONAL NMR

IF A SERIES OF PULSES ARE APPLIED AND MORE THAN ONE TIME INTERVAL IS PRESENT, FOURIER TRANSFORMATION OVER ALL THE VARIOUS TIME DIMENSION PROVIDE MULTIPLE FREQUENCY DIMENSIONS



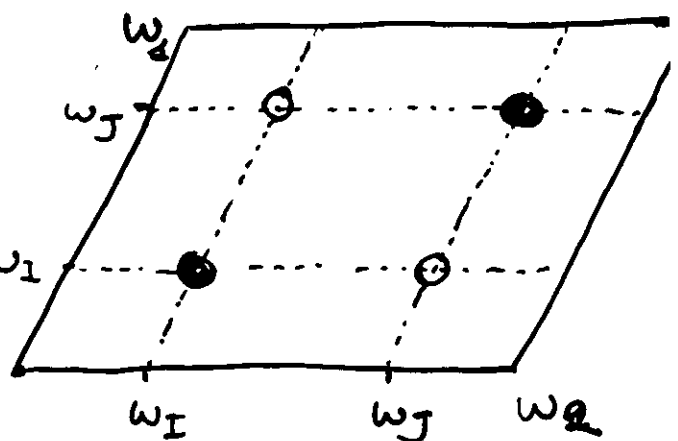
IF A SERIES OF FIDS (all with the same t_2 range) ARE MEASURED WITH DIFFERENT t_1 VALUES, FT ALONG t_2 PROVIDES



FT ALONG t_1



PEAKS AT FREQUENCIES $w_2 = w_I$ AND $w_1 = w_J$ (PLUS THE SYMMETRIC) ARE PRESENT WHEN COUPLING w_1 BETWEEN THE TWO SPINS IS OPERATIVE



NMR ON PROTEINS

- NEED OF HIGHER AND HIGHER MAGNETIC FIELDS

* INCREASED RESOLUTION

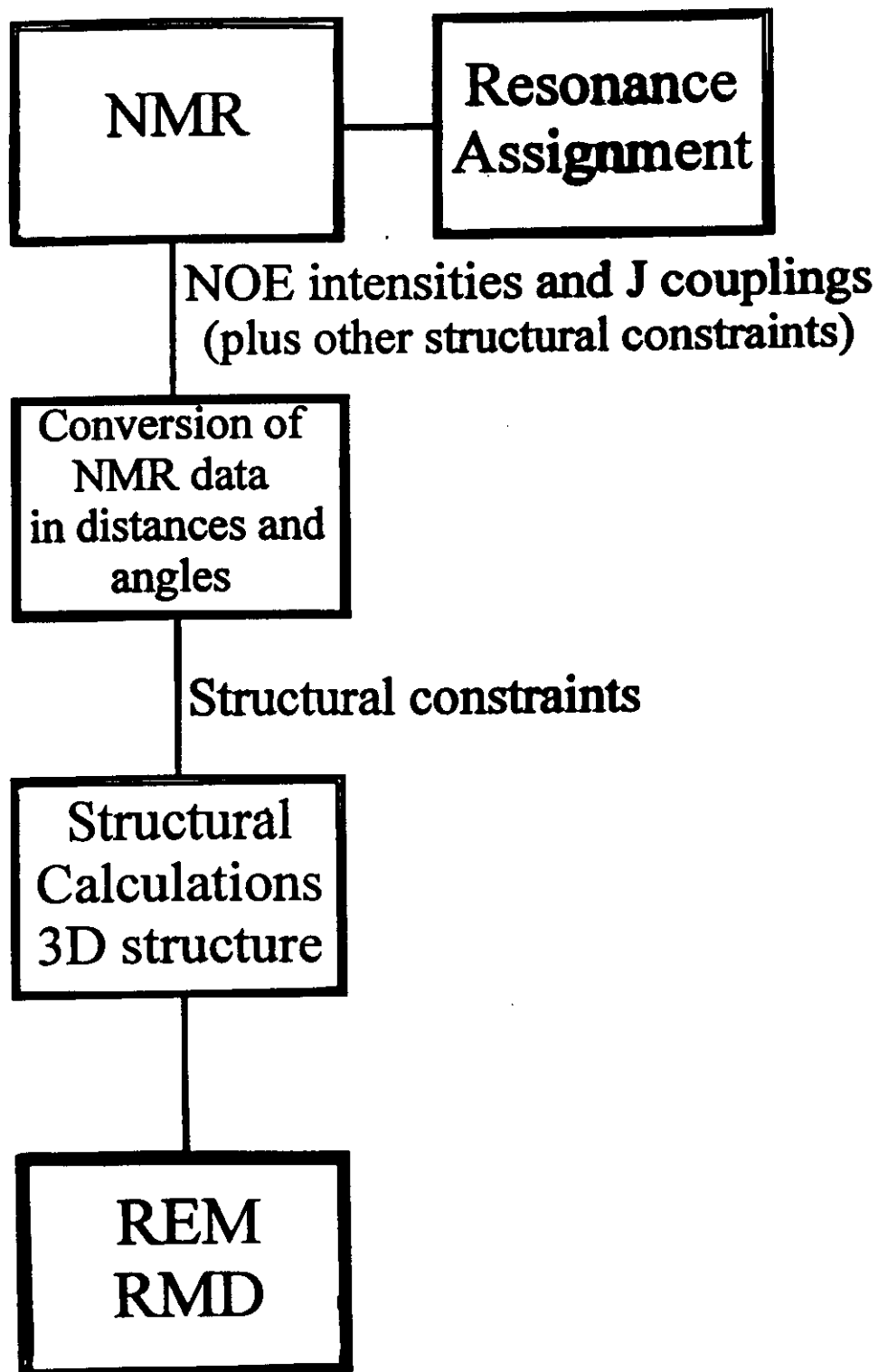
* INCREASED SENSITIVITY

- RELATIVELY HIGH CONC. SOLUTIONS

(≤ 2 mM x STRUCTURAL STUDIES)

(≥ 2 mM x STUDIES WHERE RESOLUTION IS NOT CRITICAL)

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION THROUGH NMR



ASSIGNMENT STRATEGY

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SPIN SYSTEMS

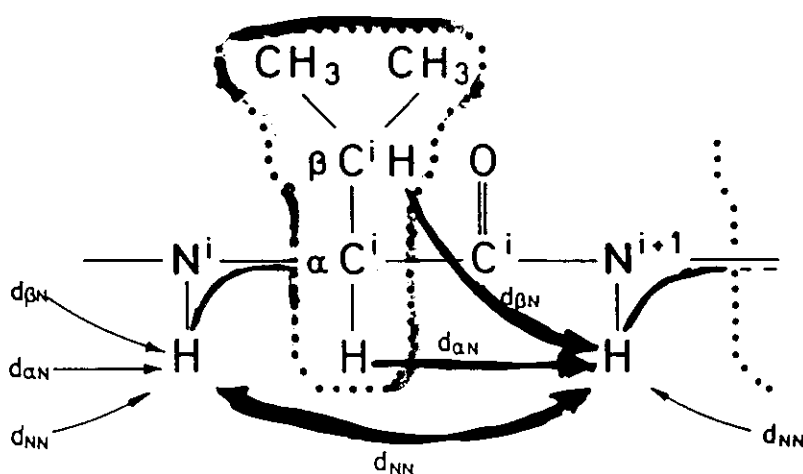
the scalar connectivities (through chemical bonds) are analyzed to assign the spin systems of the aminoacidic residues.

- scalar connectivities of geminal and vicinal protons with 2D COSY
 - long range scalar connectivities (more than 3 bonds) with 2TOCSY
- FOR LARGER PROTEINS NEED OF HETCOR AND 3D-HETCOR EXP

2. IDENTIFICATION OF DIPOLAR CONNECTIVITIES

the dipolar connectivities (through space) are analyzed in NOESY spectra to identify protons close each other.

- sequential assignment: $\text{H}\alpha(i)\text{-NH}(i+1)$ e $\text{HN}(i)\text{-NH}(i+1)$
- long range connectivities and secondary structure (α elices)
- assegnment of all NOESY cross-peaks



CLASSICAL STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS

- Distance constraints

NOESY volumes are proportional to the sixth power of the interproton distance and to the correlation time for the dipolar coupling

$$V \propto (K/r^6) \cdot \tau_c$$

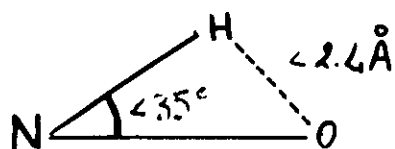
- Dihedral angle constraints

Derived from the 3J coupling through the Karplus equation

$$^3J(\text{H}_\alpha\text{-N}) = A \cos^2(\psi + 60^\circ) + B \cos(\psi + 60^\circ) + C$$

- Hydrogen bonds

Identification of slow exchanging protons and of the presence of H-bonds



STRUCTURAL CALCULATIONS THROUGH TORSION ANGLE DYNAMICS

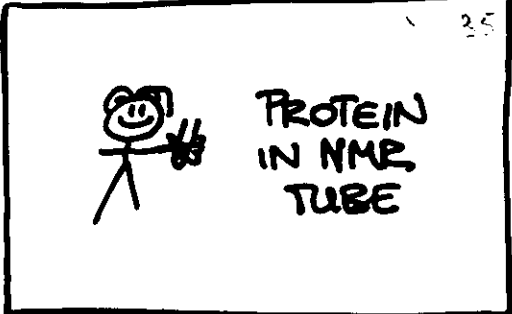
- USE LAGRANGE EQUATION OF MOTIONS
- INTERNAL COORDINATES ARE CHANGED FOR RIGID BLOCKS (COVALENT STRUCTURE IS KEPT FIXED)



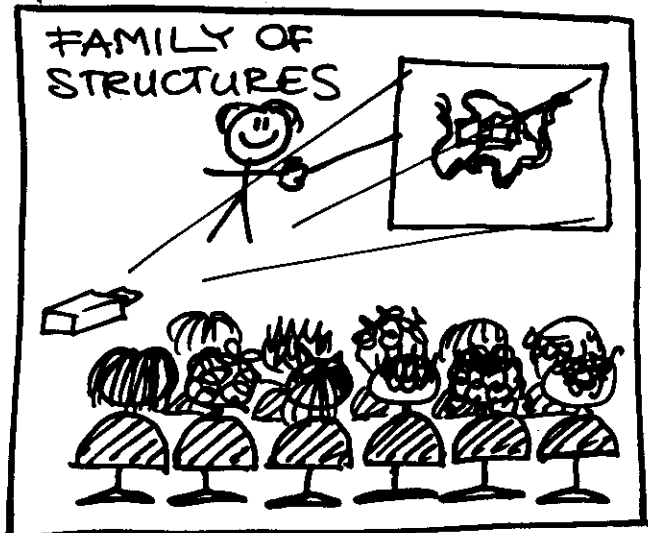
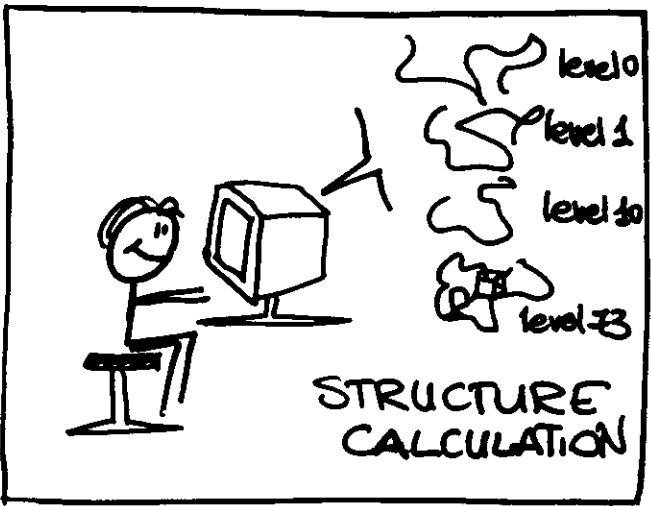
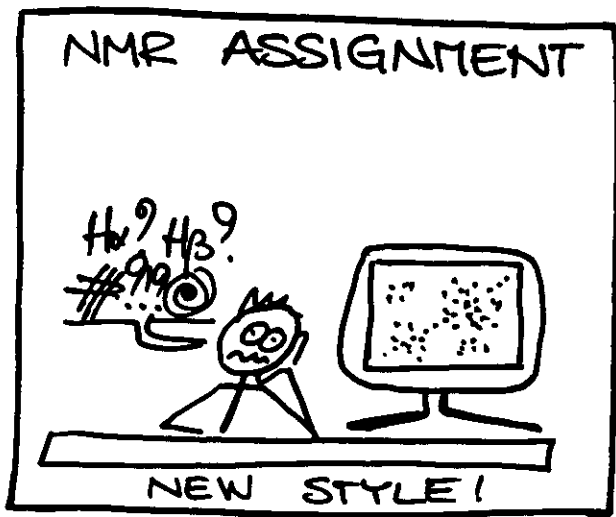
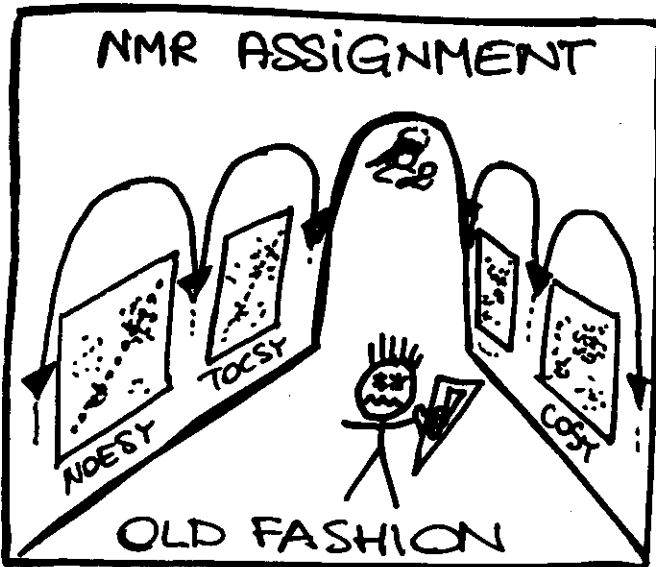
$4/10$ DEGREES OF FREEDOM WITH RESPECT TO DYNAMICS IN CARTESIAN COORDINATES

- NO NEED FOR STRONG POTENTIALS TO CONVERGE TO THE FOLDED STRUCTURE

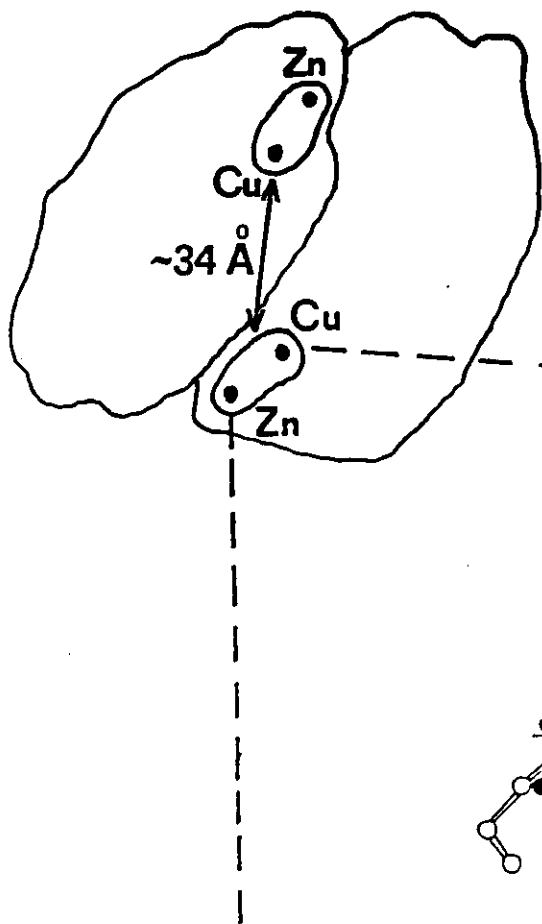
PROTEIN STRUCTURE DETERMINATION



NMR lab, University of Florence

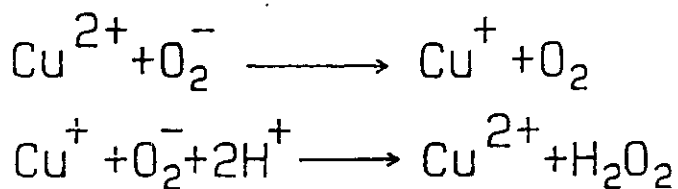
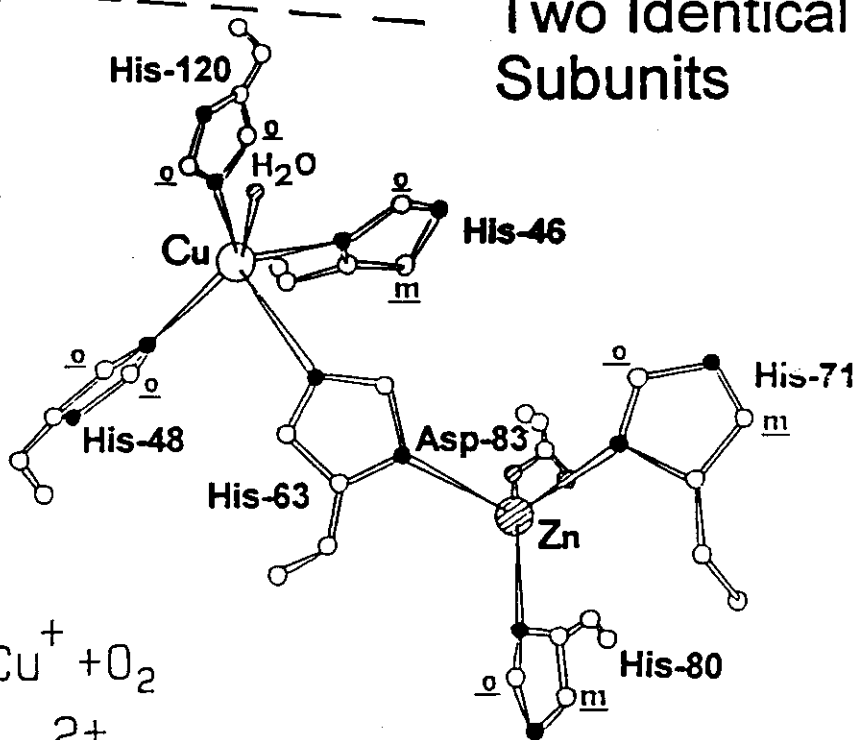


SUPEROXIDE DISMUTASE



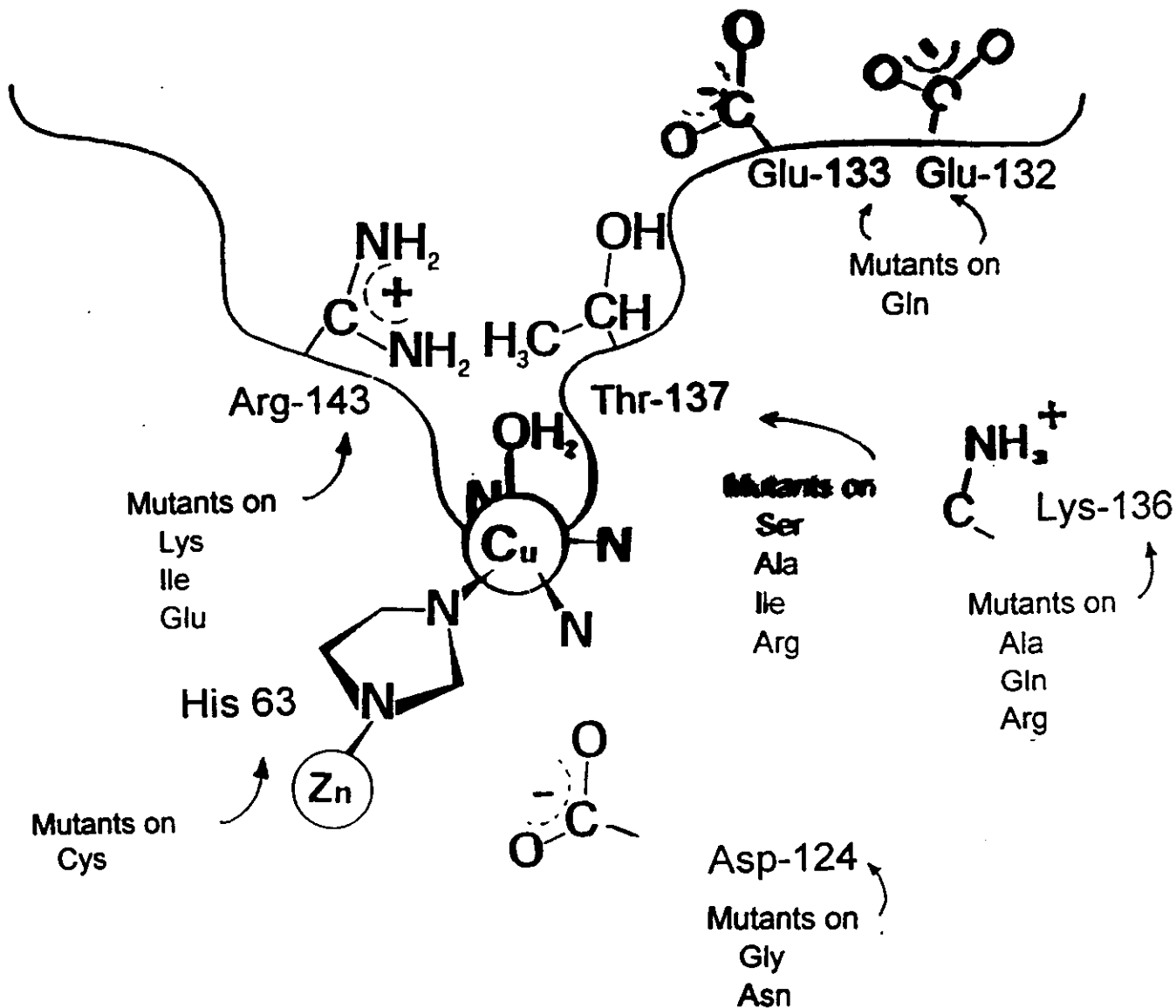
Molecular Weight
31,200

Two Identical
Subunits



$$K_{obs} \sim 2-3 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

THE CAVITY OF SOD



Beyond the Diffusion Limit

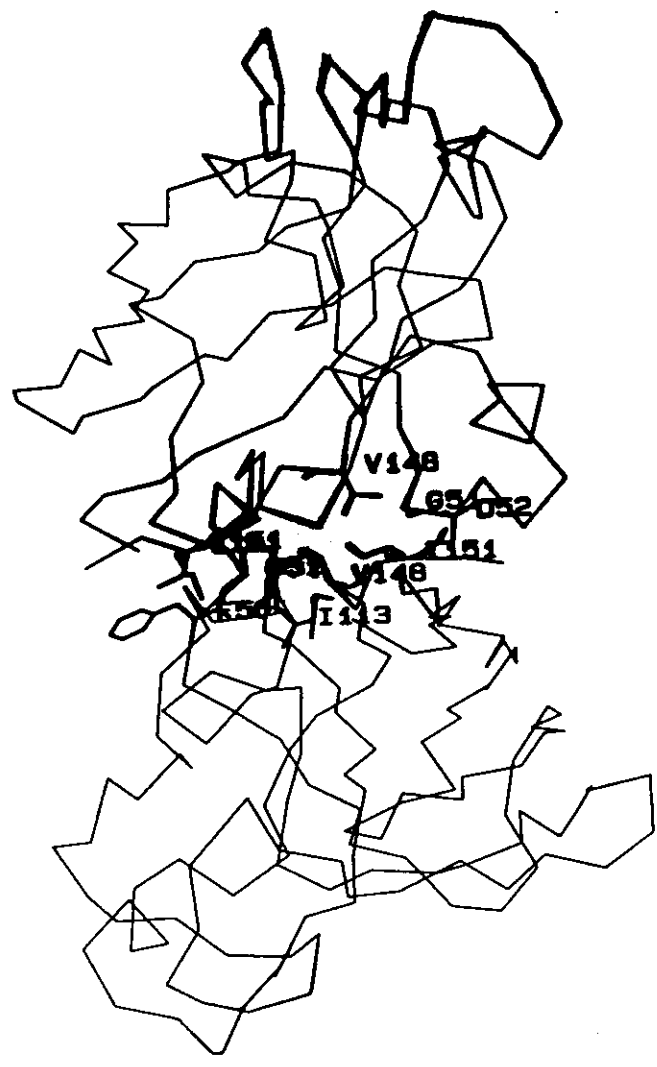
Increased activity in SOD

	Activity (%)	Affinity for N_3^- (%)
SOD WT	100	100
SOD Gln132	191	141
SOD Gln133	222	387
SOD Gln132, Gln133	230	561

Getzoff, E. D., Cabelli, D. E., Fisher, C. L., Parge, H. E., Viezzoli, M. S., Banci, L., Hallewell, R. A., *Nature*, 358:347-351, 1992

Getzoff, E. D., Cabelli, D. E., Viezzoli, M. S., Banci, L., Hallewell, R. A., *Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry*, 50, 89-100, 1993

The subunit-subunit interface in dimeric SOD



Tainer, Getzoff, Beem, Richardson,
Richardson, J. Mol. Biol. 1982.

The obtainement of a monomeric SOD

Substitution at Phe 50 -- **Glu 50**
at Gly 51 -- **Glu 51**

Activity 10% than that of WT SOD
Affinity 8% than that of WT SOD
for anions

Some small rearrangements occur at the
copper site.

Bertini, Piccioli, Viezzoli, Chiu,
Mullenbach, Eur. J. Biophysics, 1994

The SOD mutants on the Glu 133 residue

	Activity (%)	Affinity for anions (%)
Dimeric SOD		
Glu 133 SOD	100	100
Gln 133 SOD	220	390
Monomeric SOD		
Glu 133 SOD	10	8
Gln 133 SOD	20	30

Getzoff, Cabelli, Fisher, Parge, Viezzoli, Banci,
Hallewell, Nature, 1992

Banci, Bertini, Mullenbach, Viezzoli, Eur. J. Biochem., 1995

Solution Structure Determination of Reduced Monomeric E133Q Copper Zinc Superoxide Dismutase

Assignment:

^{13}C , ^{15}N sample, 3D triple resonance
experiments at 800 MHz

151 out of 153 aminoacids assigned, 93%
assigned protons

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Solution Structure Determination of Reduced Monomeric E133Q Copper Zinc Superoxide Dismutase

Cofactor:	Cu(I), Zn(II)
AA:	153
NOE's	2550 (2300)
Dihedral angles constraints:	3J HN-H α 65
H-bonds:	16
	BB- 0.81 \pm 0.13
RMSD/36 str, (Å)	
	HA- 1.23 \pm 0.14

Refinement procedure: the calculations are in progress.

Reference: L. Banci, M. Benedetto, I. Bertini, R. Del Conte, M. Piccioli, M.S. Viezzoli, **submitted**

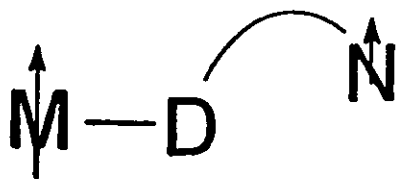
NMR OF PARAMAGNETIC MOLECULES

Coupling between the resonating nucleus and the unpaired electrons produces large effects on NMR parameters of the nuclei:

- Chemical shifts**
- Relaxation rates**

The interaction can be through the chemical bonds (contact) or through space (dipolar)

The electron-nucleus coupling



$$H = \hat{I} \cdot \underline{\underline{A}} \cdot \hat{S} = \underbrace{a \cdot \hat{I} \cdot \hat{S}}_{\substack{a \cdot \hat{I} \cdot \hat{S} \\ \text{CONTACT}}} + \underbrace{\hat{I} \cdot \underline{\underline{B}} \cdot \hat{S}}$$

$$\hat{I} \cdot \underline{\underline{B}} \cdot \hat{S}$$

DIPOLAR (ENDOR)

for rotation faster than $\approx 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$$b \cdot \hat{I} \cdot \hat{S}$$

PSEUDOCONTACT (in solution)

The Effect of Paramagnetism on NMR Parameters

1) Hyperfine shifts - Contact ($\langle S_z \rangle$, A_c)

- Pseudocontact ($1/r^3$, $\Delta\chi$, θ , φ)

2) Relaxation rates - Dipolar ($1/r^6$, τ_c)

Contact (A_c^2 , τ_e)

Curie ($1/r^6$, $[S(S+1)]^2$, τ_r , B^2)

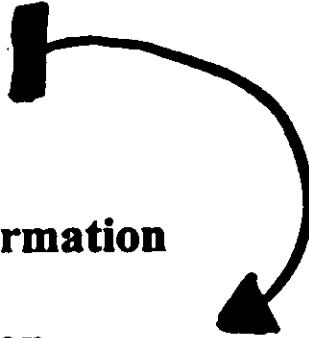
T_1 , T_2 shortening

ADVERSE EFFECTS ON DETECTABILITY OF
SIGNALSBUT.....

ALSO FAVORABLE EFFECTS:

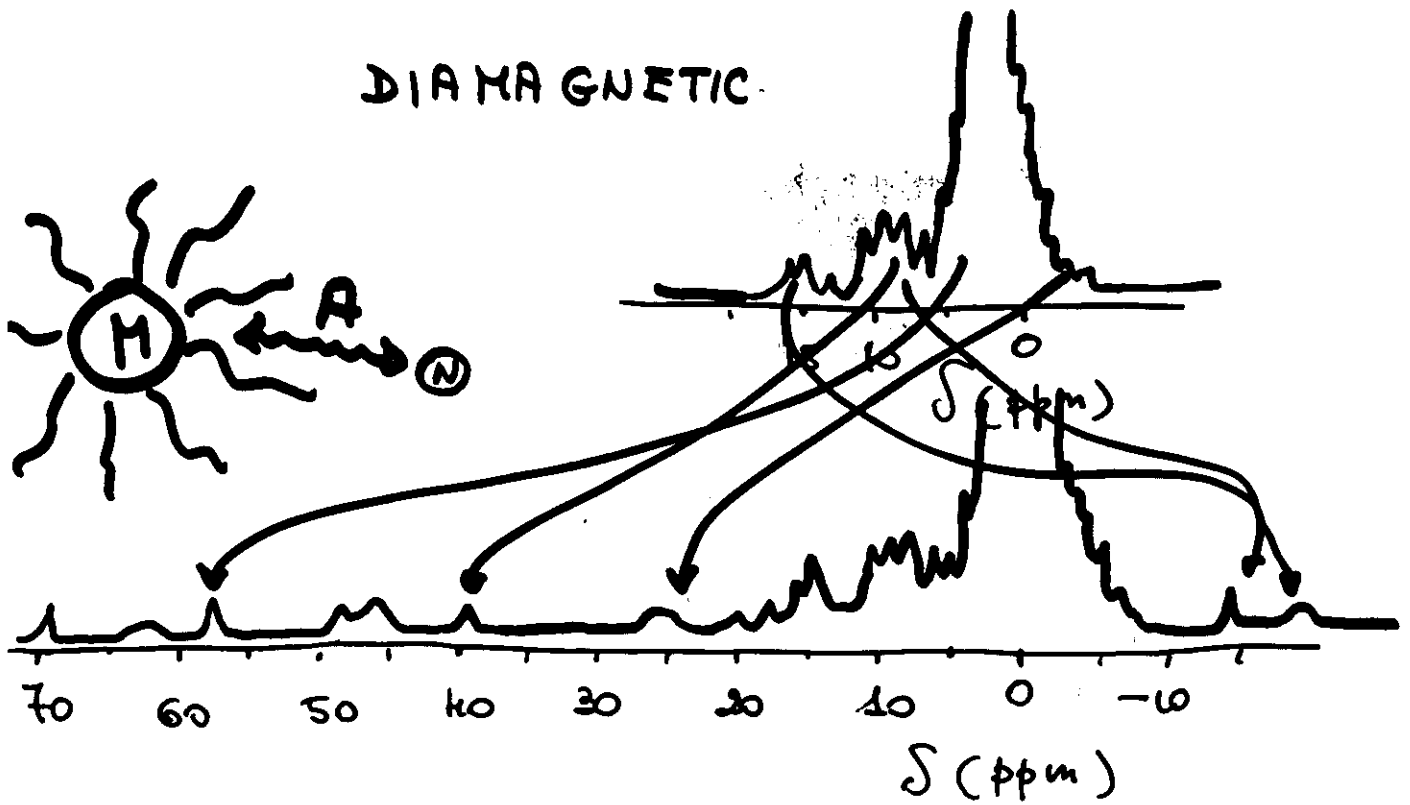
T₁, T₂ shortening
Hyperfine shifts

Structural and dynamic information
electronic information
bulk susceptibility information



THE ISOTROPIC SHIFT

DIAMAGNETIC



$$\left(\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu}\right)_H \propto A \langle S_z \rangle$$

CONTACT SHIFT

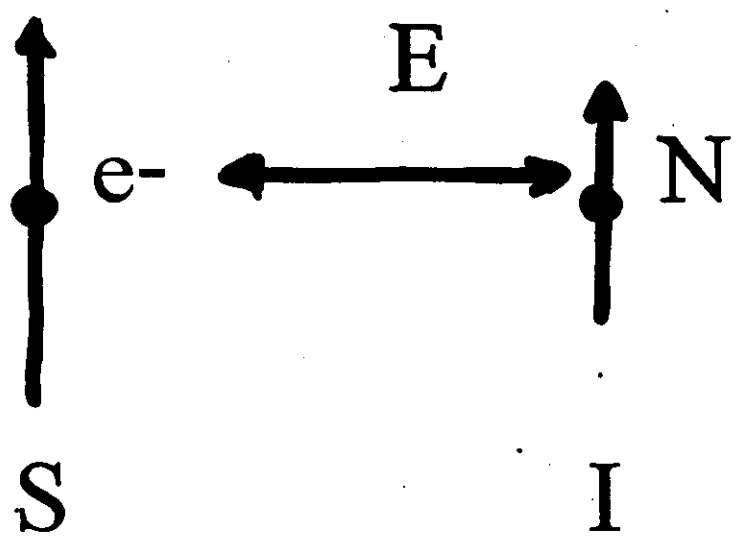
$$\frac{-\Delta B}{B_0} = \frac{\Delta \nu}{\nu_0} = -\frac{A_C}{\hbar \gamma_N B_0} \langle S_z \rangle = \frac{A_C}{\hbar} \frac{g \mu_B S(S+1)}{3 \gamma_N kT}$$

PSEUDOCONTACT SHIFT

$$\frac{-\Delta B}{B_0} = \left(\frac{\Delta \nu}{\nu_0} \right) = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_B^2 S(S+1)}{4\pi 18kTr^3} \{ [2g_{zz}^2 - (g_{xx}^2 + g_{yy}^2)] (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) + 3(g_{xx}^2 - g_{yy}^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\Omega \}$$

$$\frac{-\Delta B}{B_0} = \left(\frac{\Delta \nu}{\nu_0} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi 2r^3} \left[(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \left(\frac{2}{3} \chi_{zz} - \frac{1}{3} \chi_{xx} - \frac{1}{3} \chi_{yy} \right) + \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\Omega (\chi_{xx} - \chi_{yy}) \right]$$

NUCLEAR RELAXATION CAUSED BY THE ELECTRON



$$T_{1e}$$

$$10^{-13} - 10^{-7} \text{ s}$$

$$T_{1N}$$

$$10^{-2} - 10^2 \text{ s}$$

$$T_{1,2}^{-1} \propto E^2 f(\tau_c, \omega)$$

In proteins $\tau_c = \tau_s = T_{1e}$

Paramagnetic Relaxation

Dipolar Relaxation

$$R_2^{\text{dip}} = \frac{1}{15} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\gamma_I^2 g_I^2 \mu_B^2 S(S+1)}{r^6} \left(4\tau_c + \frac{\tau_c}{1 + (\omega_I - \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{3\tau_c}{1 + \omega_I^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{6\tau_c}{1 + (\omega_I + \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} + \frac{6\tau_c}{1 + \omega_S^2 \tau_c^2} \right)$$

$$\tau_c^{-1} = \tau_S^{-1} + \tau_R^{-1} + \tau_M^{-1}$$

Contact Relaxation

$$R_2^{\text{cont}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a_c}{\hbar} \right)^2 S(S+1) \left(\frac{\tau_c}{1 + (\omega_I - \omega_S)^2 \tau_c^2} + \tau_c \right)$$

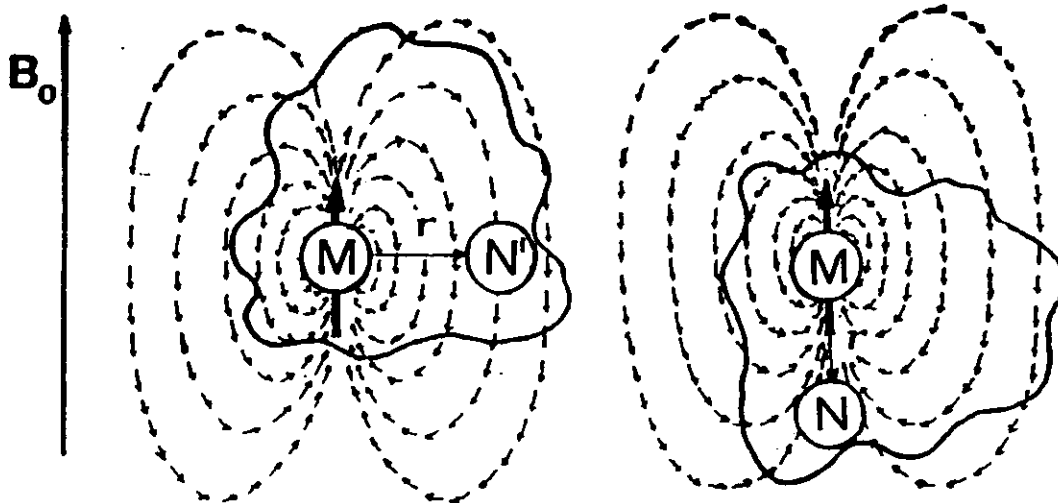
$$\tau_c^{-1} = \tau_S^{-1} + \tau_M^{-1}$$

CURIE RELAXATION

$$T_{2M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{1}{r^6} \frac{\gamma_I^2 B_0^2 \mu_{\text{eff}}^4}{(3kT)^2} 4\tau_r$$

The effect is sizeable when $\tau_r \gg \tau_s$ and γ_I is large

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} \propto \langle S_Z \rangle^2$$

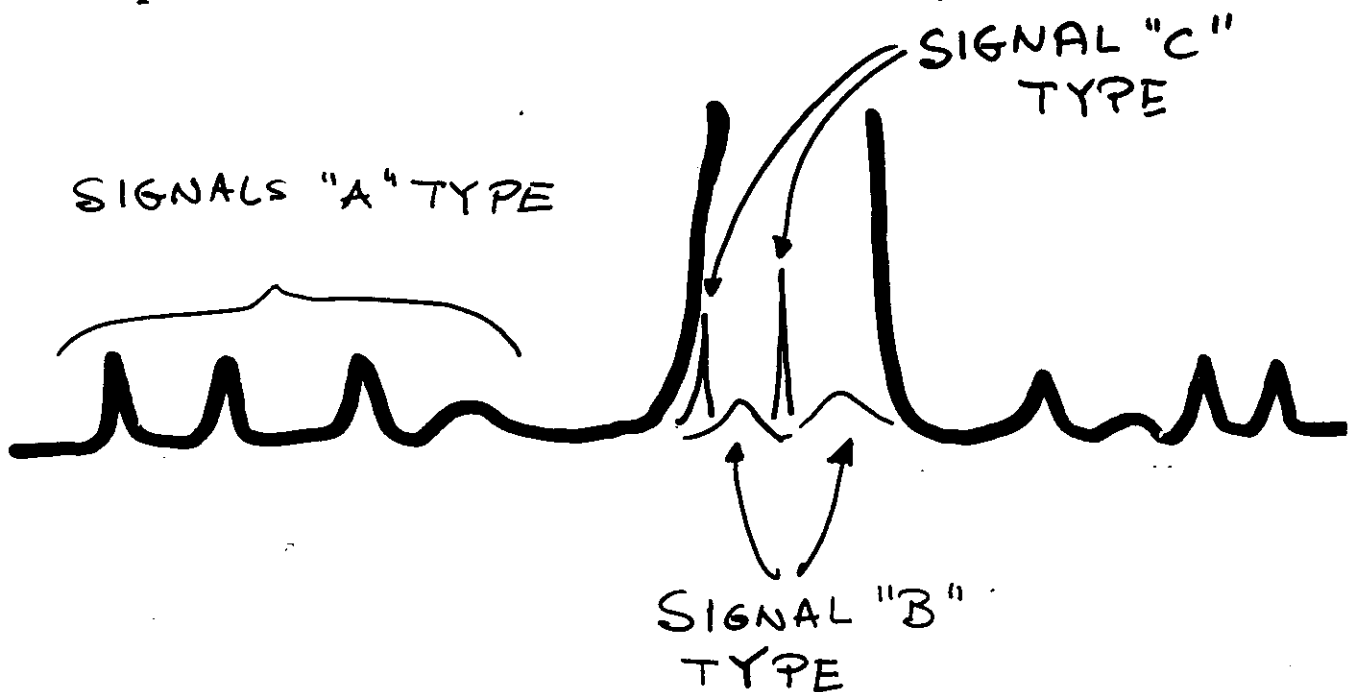


NMR of Paramagnetic Metalloproteins

Three types of signals:

- A) Signals hyperfine shifted and hyperfine broadened
- B) Signals hyperfine broadened but not hyperfine shifted
- C) Signals essentially diamagnetic

Signals of type B are hidden in the diamagnetic region of the spectrum, and are most difficult to detect and to assign



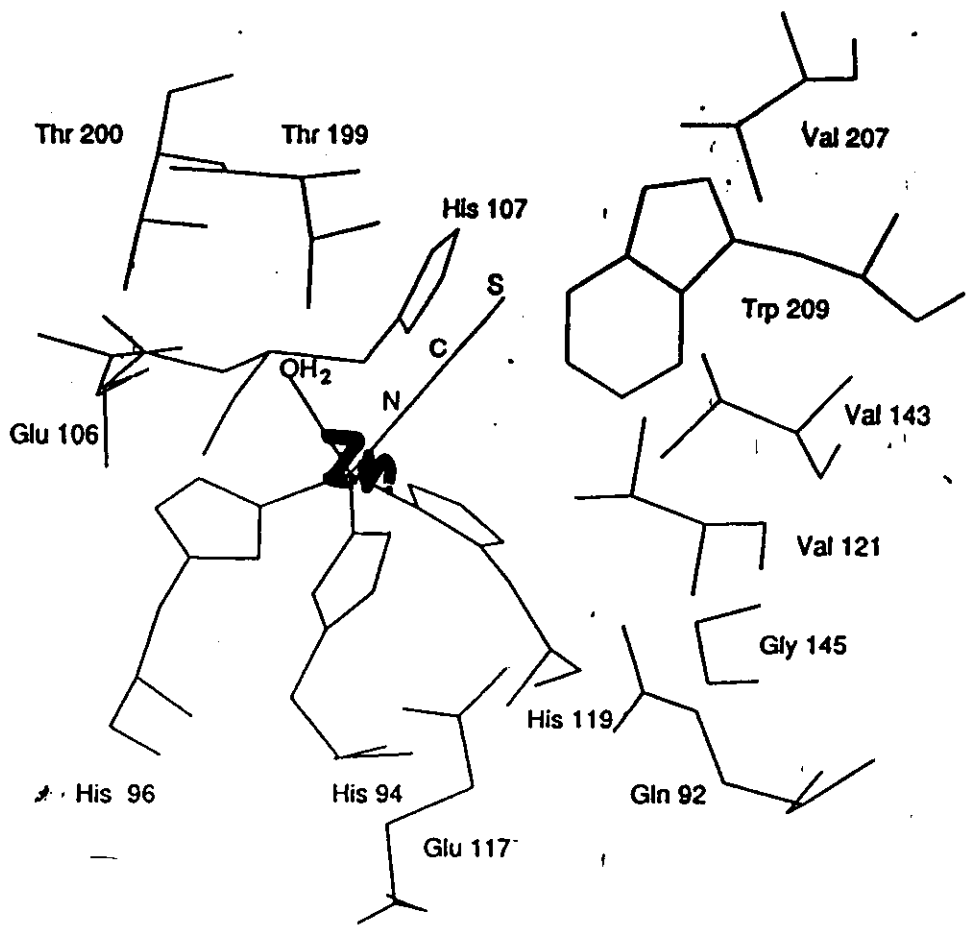
CARBONIC ANHYDRASE

NATIVE
FORM
CONTAINS
ZINC

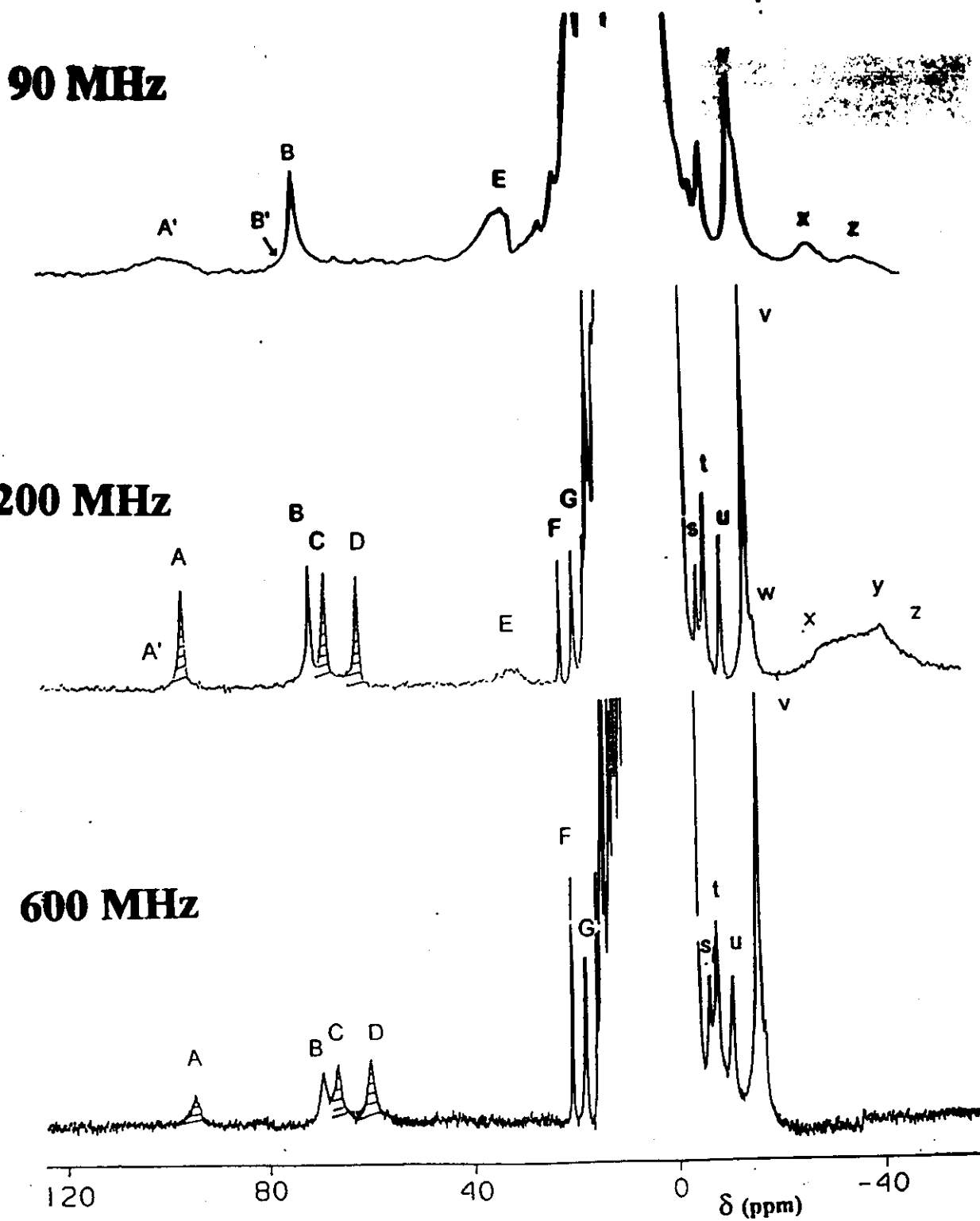
MW 30,000

cobalt(II) high spin

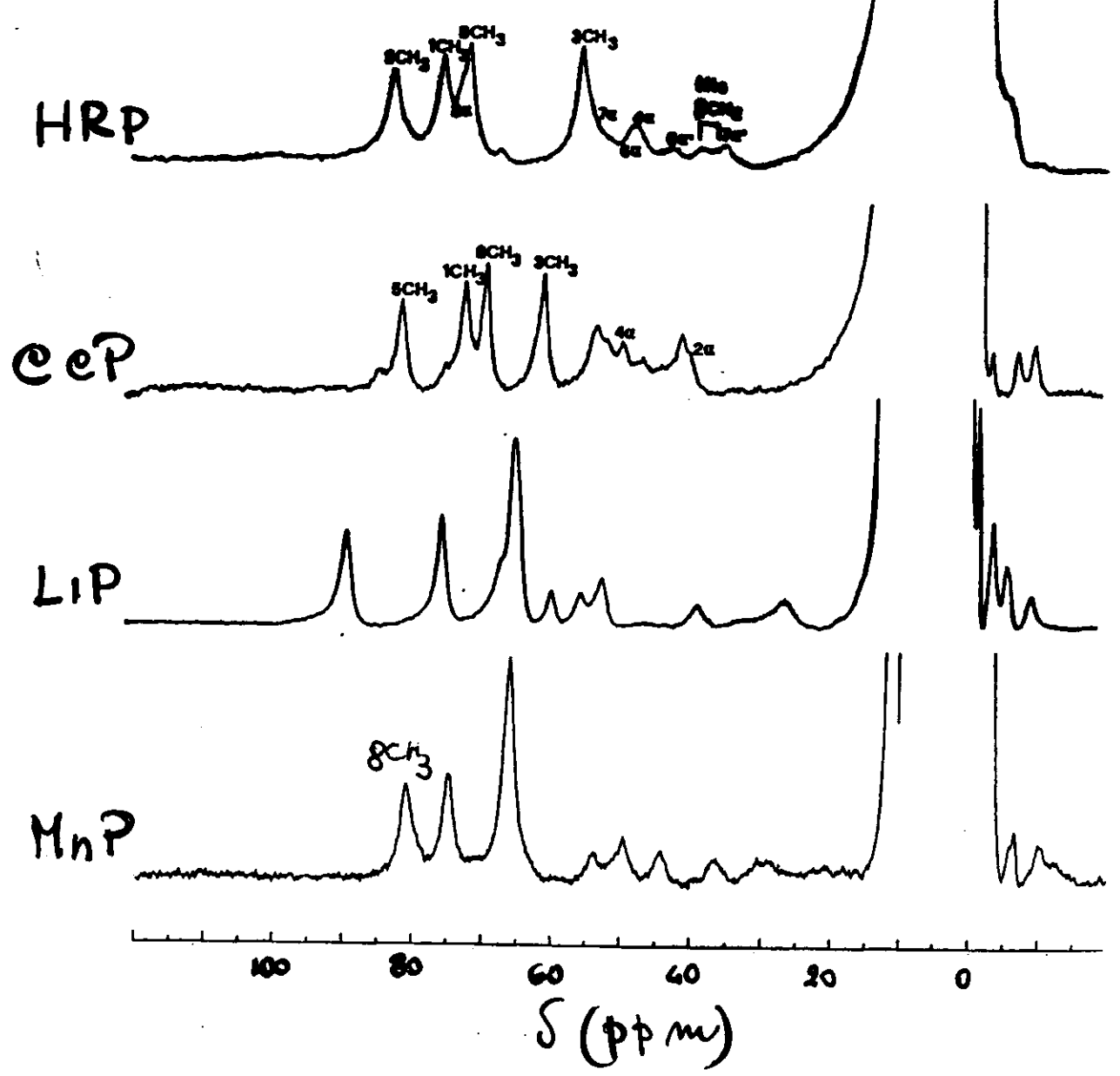
S=3/2



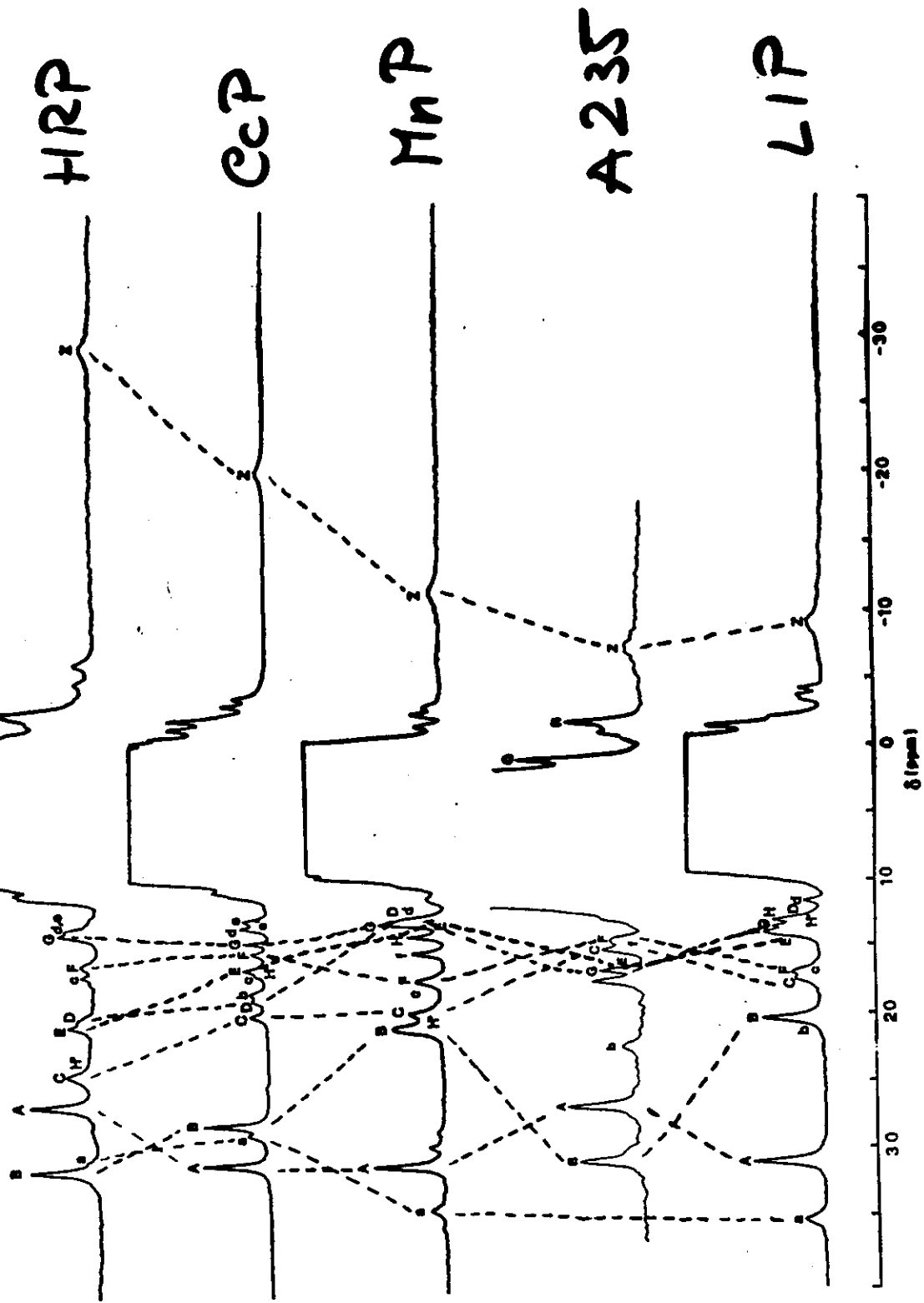
^1H NMR SPECTRA of Co(II)CA , thiocyanate adduct



¹H NMR SPECTRA OF HIGH-SPIN PEROXIDASES IN D₂O



NMR SPECTRA OF eN^- ADDUCTS OF PEROXIDASES



δ (ppm)

-30

-20

-10

0

10

20

30

HRP

CcP

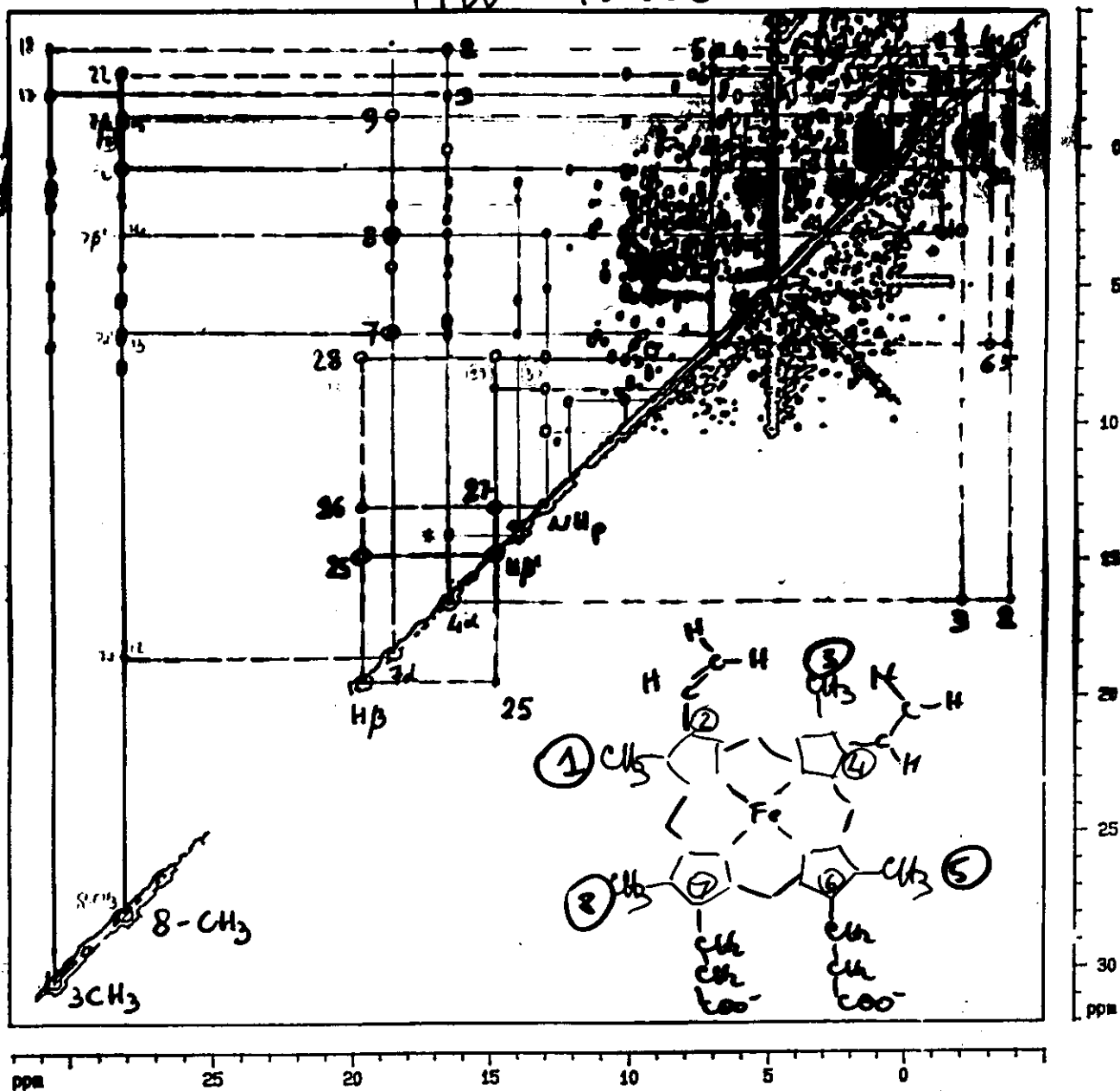
MnP

A235

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600 MHz NOESY and COSY spectra of $C_{27}P-CN^{-}$

MIX 45000

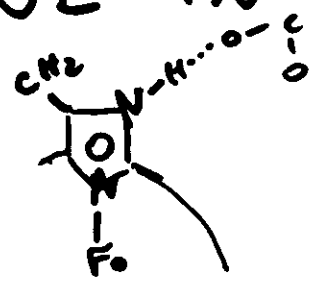


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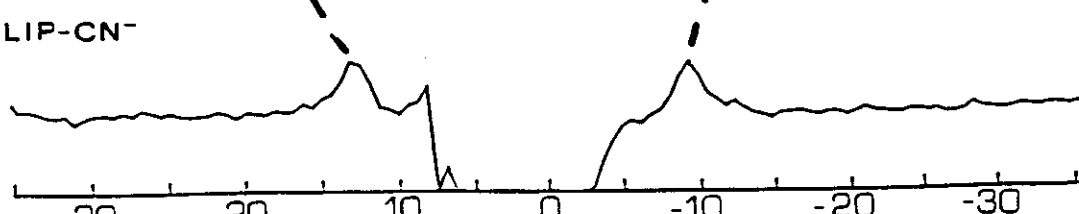
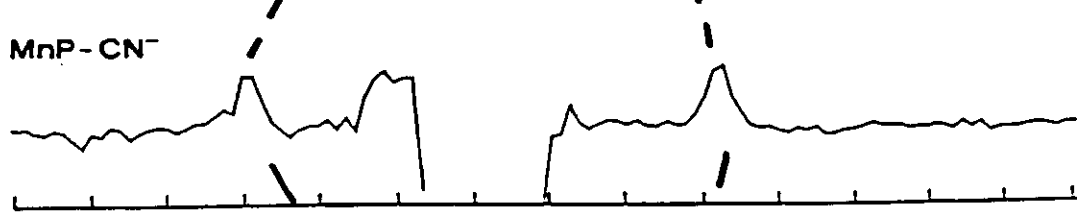
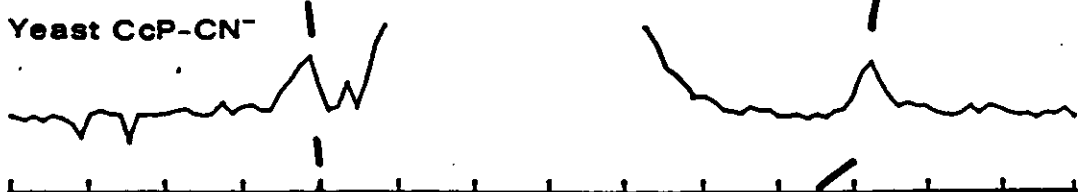
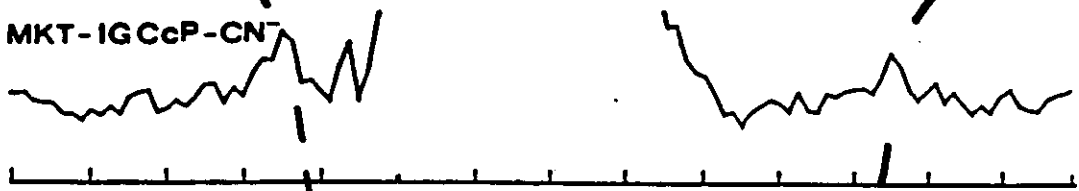
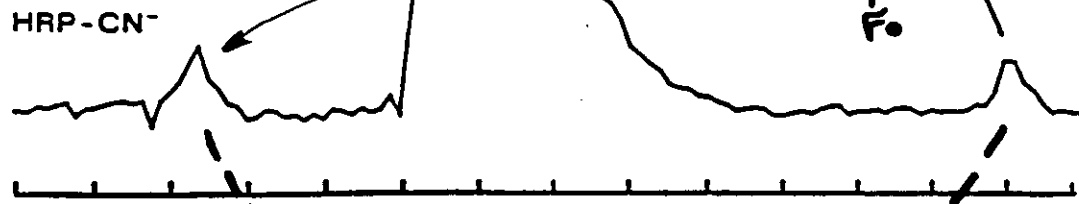
1991

- 2-vinyl
- 4-vinyl
- 7-propionate
- proximal histidine
- Leu-232
- 3-CH₃ / 4-vinyl
- 8-CH₃ / 7-propionate
- 8-CH₃ / Leu-232

PROXIMAL HISTIDINE IN PEROXIDASES



Super swept 10ms of Recycle delay
2.5ms



30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30

δ (ppm)

SPINCI, BERTINI, MING, HAUK, TURANO

BIOCHEMISTRY 1992

Solution Structure of Paramagnetic Metalloproteins

Why is it seldom attempted?

- The line broadening of signals makes it more difficult to detect and to assign spin patterns
- 2D dipolar connectivities in the neighborhoods of the metal ion(s) may sometimes be lost
- The metal ion(s) and its (their) ligands are not directly observable through NMR



The regions of the protein closest to the metal ion(s) are likely to be less resolved than the rest of the protein

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION THROUGH NMR

Since 1984, NMR spectroscopy has been used to determine 3D protein structures in solution.

In 1990 it is still believed that it is **not possible** to solve a 3D structure of a paramagnetic protein through NMR:

"Structures of proteins containing paramagnetic centers may never be completely determined by NMR unless an isomorphous replacement of the paramagnetic group with a diamagnetic one can be achieved. The paramagnetic center usually broadens the proton resonances in its immediate environment by dipole-dipole interactions of the electron spin with the nuclear spins such that these cannot be detected."

G. Wagner, *Science*, 1990.

In 1994 the Florence NMR lab solved the first solution structure of a paramagnetic protein through NMR.

L. Banci, I. Bertini, L. Eltis, I.C. Felli, D. Kastrau, C. Luchinat, M. Piccioli, R. Pierattelli, M. Smith, *Eur. J. Biochem.*, 1994

Solutions

- Optimize 2D experiments for the detection of paramagnetically broadened signals
- Run ~~different~~ 2D experiments optimized for the detection of dipolar connectivities between signals of type A and signals of type B, between signals of type C, and between signals of type A/B and signals of type C
- Run 1D NOE experiments to detect dipolar connectivities from signals of type A
- Use pseudocontact shifts and/or nuclear relaxation rate enhancements as constraints
- Use different magnetic fields to have optimal S/N in the different shells of the protein



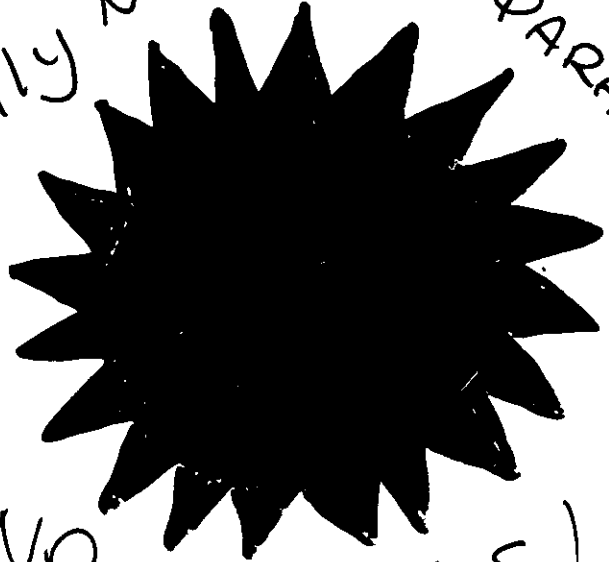
The resolution of the structure is comparable in all regions of the protein, regardless of the different influence of the paramagnetic center(s)

STRUCTURE

DETERMINATION OF PARAMAGNETIC PROTEINS

WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE PARAMAGNETIC
CENTER

ONLY NUCLEAR
PARAMETERS?
NO, THANKS!



WE NEED ELECTRON SPINS, TOO!!

6.

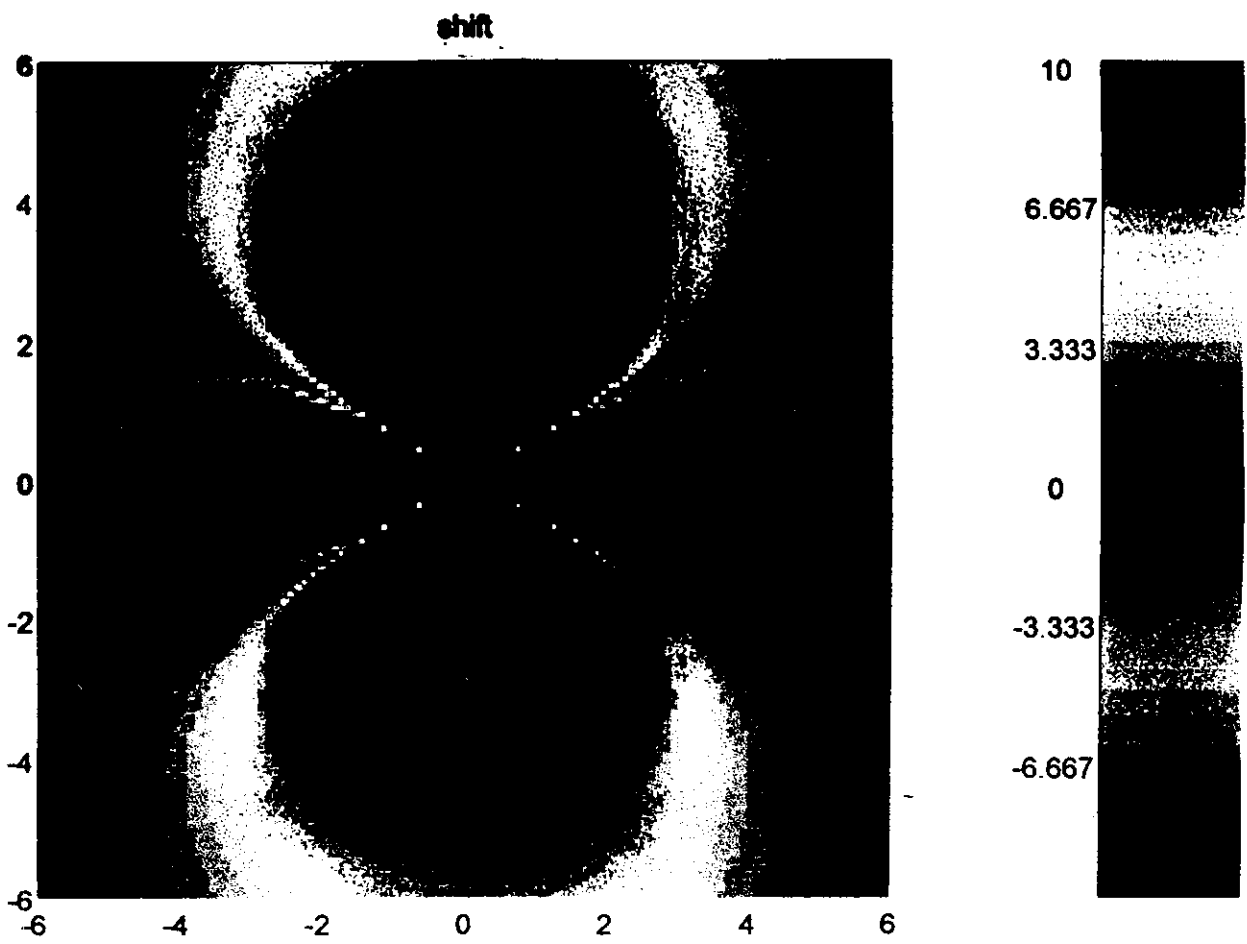
STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS IN PARAMAGNETIC MOLECULES

- 1) NOE CONSTRAINTS
 - 2) J COUPLINGS
 - 3) FIELD DEPENDENT EFFECTS
- PSEUDO CONTACT SHIFTS
PARAMAGNETIC RELAXATION
METAL-PROTON DIHEDRAL
ANGLES

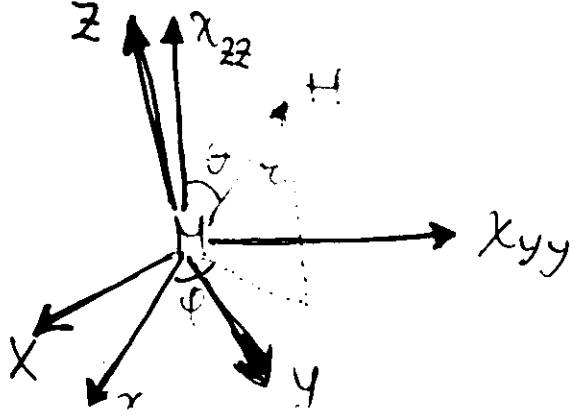
Advantages of paramagnetic constraints

- **Constitute an independent source of information on the metal center**
- **Link the metal ion to the protein frame**
- **Provide additional structural constraints in the regions close to the metal center**

THE PSEUDOCONTACT SHIFT

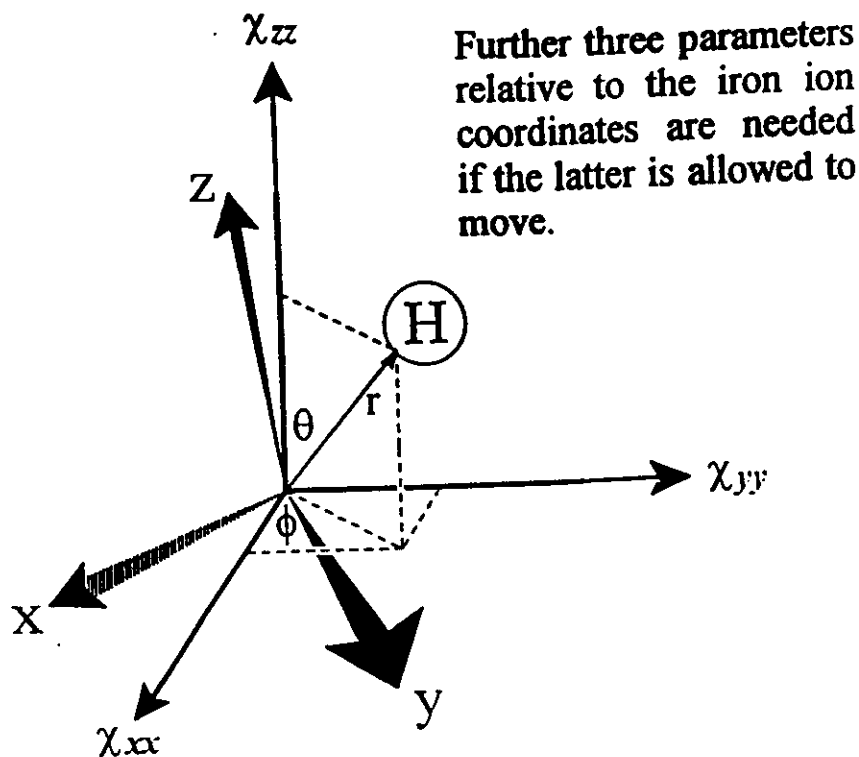


$$S_{bc} = \frac{1}{k\pi} \frac{1}{3Nz^3} \left\{ \Delta\chi_{ax} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) + \frac{3}{12} \Delta\chi_{zh} \sin^2\theta \cos\phi \right\}$$



FROM THE STRUCTURE TO $\Delta\chi$ AND MOLECULAR AXES

We know the coordinates r, θ, ϕ of H with respect to x, y, z .
We have to define $\Delta\chi_{ax}, \Delta\chi_{rh}$ and three independent
director cosines with the internal axis system.



$$\delta_{pc} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{3N_A r^3} \left\{ \left[\chi_{zz} - \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{xx} + \chi_{yy}) \right] (3\cos^2 \theta - 1) + \frac{3}{2}(\chi_{xx} - \chi_{yy}) \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right\}$$

PSEUDYANA

A MODULE OF DYANA

$$T^{PC} = \sum_i \omega_i \left[\max(|\delta_{calc}^{PC} - \delta_{obs}^{PC}| - t, 0) \right]^2$$

USED AS PSEUDOPOTENTIAL

where:

t = tolerance

ω = proper weight

Banci, Bertini, Cremonini, Gori Savellini, Güntert, Luchinat, in preparation.

SIMULATED ANNEALING TORSION ANGLE DYNAMICS
 STARTING FROM RANDOM COIL STRUCTURES,
 THE DYNAMICS ON THE DIHEDRAL ANGLES IS
 CALCULATED AT DECREASING TEMPERATURES
 AS DRIVEN BY THE PSEUDOPOTENTIAL
 CONSTITUTED BY NOE AND PCS CONSTRAINTS

THE USE OF PSEUDOCONTACT SHIFTS AS FURTHER CONSTRAINTS IN STRUCTURE CALCULATIONS

THE STRUCTURE IS FOLDED USING
NOE AND PCS CONSTRAINTS

$$\delta_{pc} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{3N_A r^3} \left\{ \left[\chi_{zz} - \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{xx} + \chi_{yy})(3\cos^2 \vartheta - 1) + \frac{3}{2}(\chi_{xx} - \chi_{yy})\sin^2 \vartheta \cos 2\phi \right] \right\}$$

2) Perform simulated annealing torsion angle molecular dynamics including δ_{pc} constraints (if the convergence of the χ tensor is not reached repeat steps 1-2).

A PSEUDO RESIDUE DEFINING THE χ TENSOR CAN BE ALLOWED TO MOVE FREELY IN STRUCTURE CALCULATIONS IN THIS WAY THE POSITION OF THE METAL ION AND THE MOLECULAR AXES CAN BE DETERMINED ab initio. NO INITIAL STRUCTURE OR TENSOR ARE NEEDED NO ASSUMPTION IS MADE

ABOUT USING PSEUDOCONTACT SHIFTS AS STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS

ADVANTAGES:

- 1) constraints around the metal
- 2) anchorage the metal

PROBLEMS:

- 1) definition of pseudocontact shift
(diamagnetic reference, tolerance)
- 2) do we need the starting structure?
- 3) computational strategies

THE USE OF PSEUDOCONTACT SHIFTS AS FURTHER CONSTRAINTS FOR ENERGY MINIMIZATION AND MD CALCULATIONS IN STRUCTURE REFINEMENT

THE PSEUDOPOTENTIAL TERM

$$U_{pc} = \sum_i K_{pc} \left[\max \left(\left| \delta_c^i - \delta_o^i \right| - T_i, 0 \right) \right]$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} K_{pc} &= 10-100 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} \text{ ppm}^{-2} \\ T_i &= \text{relative tolerance} \end{aligned}$$

STRATEGY

- 1) Obtain a χ tensor from a 5 (or 8) parameters fit of $\Delta\delta_{pc}$ and a model structure.
- 2) Perform EM and classical molecular dynamics calculations including the pseudopotential energy term in the canonical potential energy function (bond, angle, torsion, LJ and electrostatic interactions).

Banci, Bertini, Cremonini, Gori Savellini, Gray, Luchinat, Romagnoli, Turano, *PROTEINS Structure, Function and Genetics*, ~~in press~~. 1997

IT WILL BE A MODULE OF
AMBER 4.2 (JULY 1997)

STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS OF CYTOCHROMES (HEME PROTEINS)

THE SOLUTION STRUCTURE AND
BEYOND

- CHANGES INDUCED BY OXIDATION
- MOBILITY
- SOLVATION PROPERTIES

TO UNDERSTAND ELECTRON TRANSFER
PROCESSES AND MOLECULAR RECOGNITION

SOLUTION STRUCTURES OF CYTOCHROMES

OXIDIZED YEAST CYT C BIOCHEMISTRY 1997

REDUCED YEAST CYT c BIOCHEMISTRY 1996

OXIDIZED CYT C₆ FROM M. BRAUNI SUBMITTED

REDUCED CYT C₆ FROM M. BRAUNI JBIC 1996

OXIDIZED HORSE HEART CYTc BIOCHEMISTRY 1997

REDUCED HORSE HEART CYTc IN PROGRESS

OXIDIZED RAT CYT b₅ BIOCHEMISTRY 1998

REDUCED RAT CYT b₅ EUR. J. BIOCHEM. 1999

OXIDIZED CYT C₇ (3HEMES) from D. Acetoxidans
P.N.A.S. 1996

REDUCED CYT C₇ (3HEMES) in progress

OXIDIZED CN⁻ ADDUCT METBO → ALA CYTc Biochemistry 1995

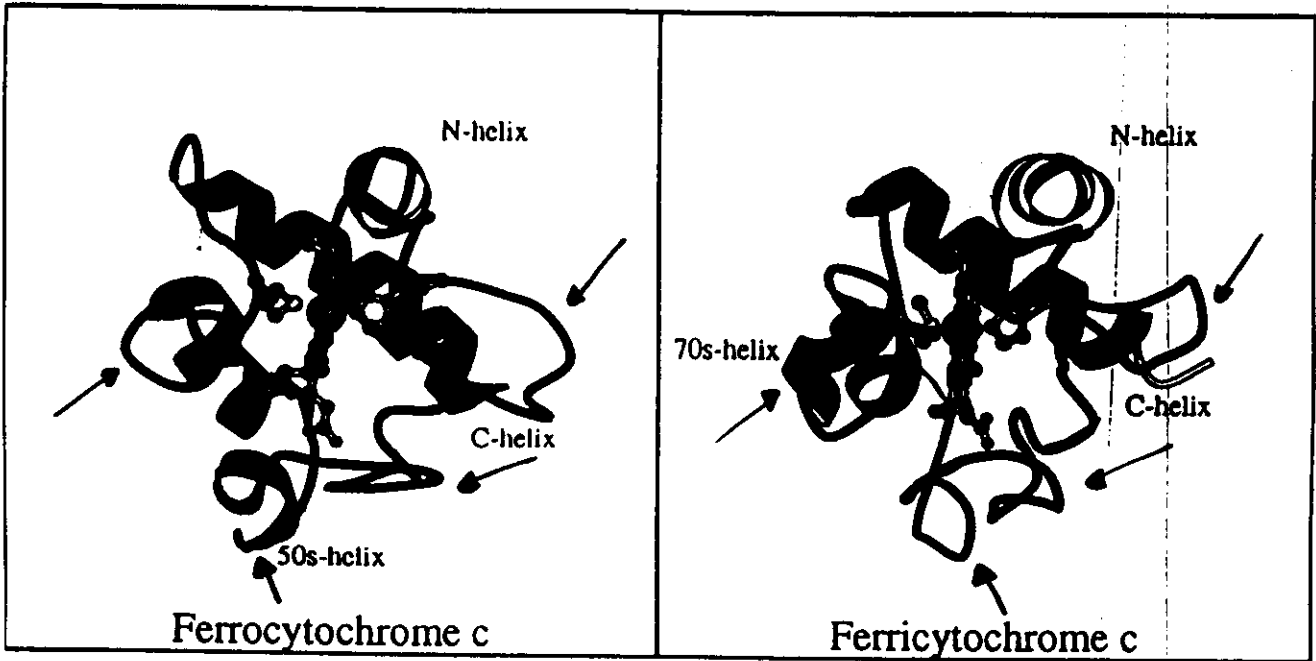
Constraints and final data relative to horse heart ferricytochrome
c.

Number of amino acids	103
Metal cofactor	one <i>c</i> -type heme
number of assigned amino acids	103
% assignment of ¹ H resonances	75%

Type of constraint:

2D NOESY	2250 (1729)
1D NOE	28
Pseudocontact shifts	241
H-bonds	14
Refinement procedure	PSEUDO-REM
Number of structures	35
RMSD (Å) (from the mean structure, residues 5-100)	backbone: 0.70 ± 0.11 heavy atoms: 1.21 ± 0.14
NOEs' target function (Å ²)	0.97 (average value)
δ _{pc} target function (Å ²)	0.20 (average value)

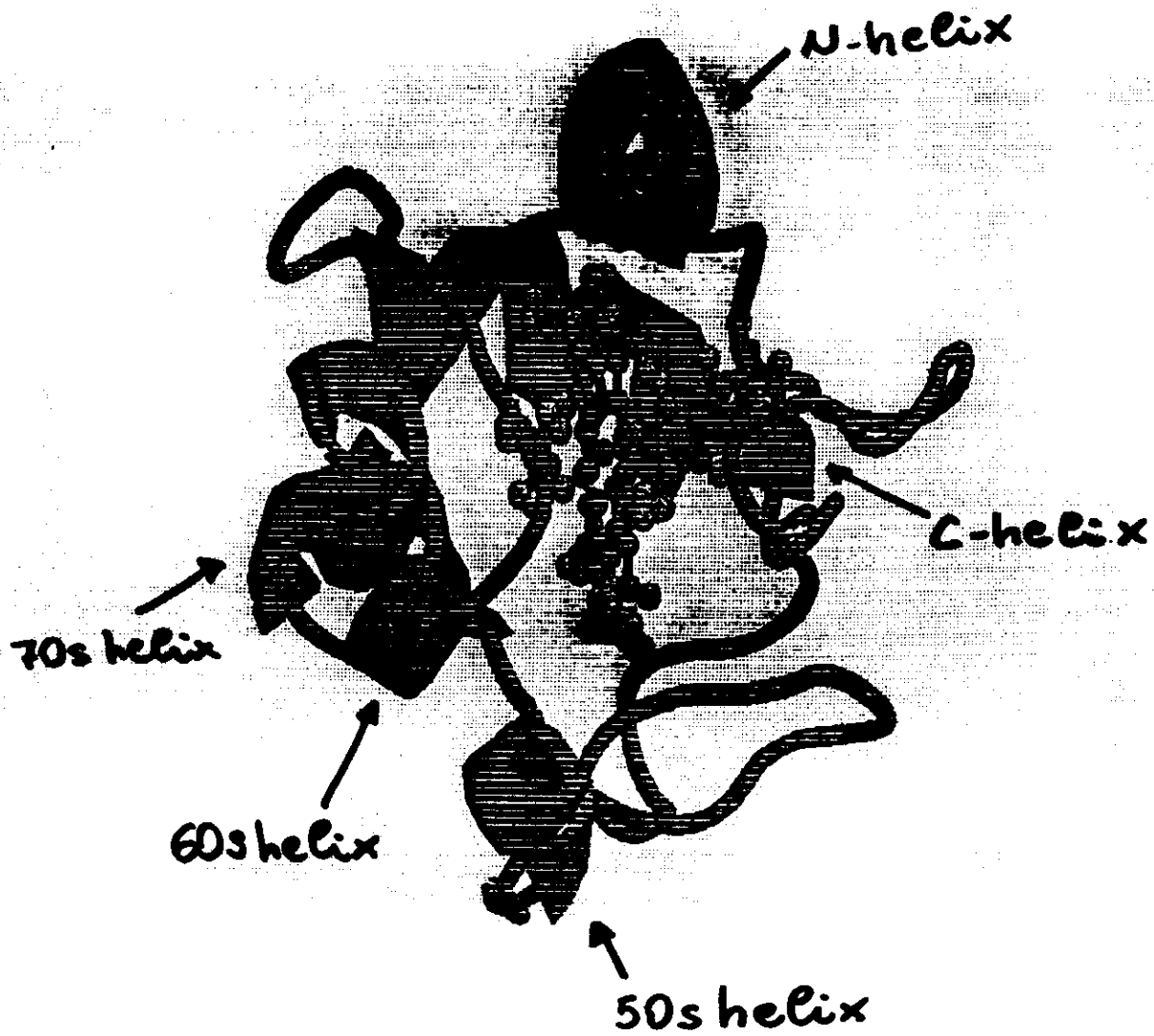
SOLUTION STRUCTURES OF HORSE HEART CYT C



Qi, Di Stefano, Ward
Biochemistry 1994

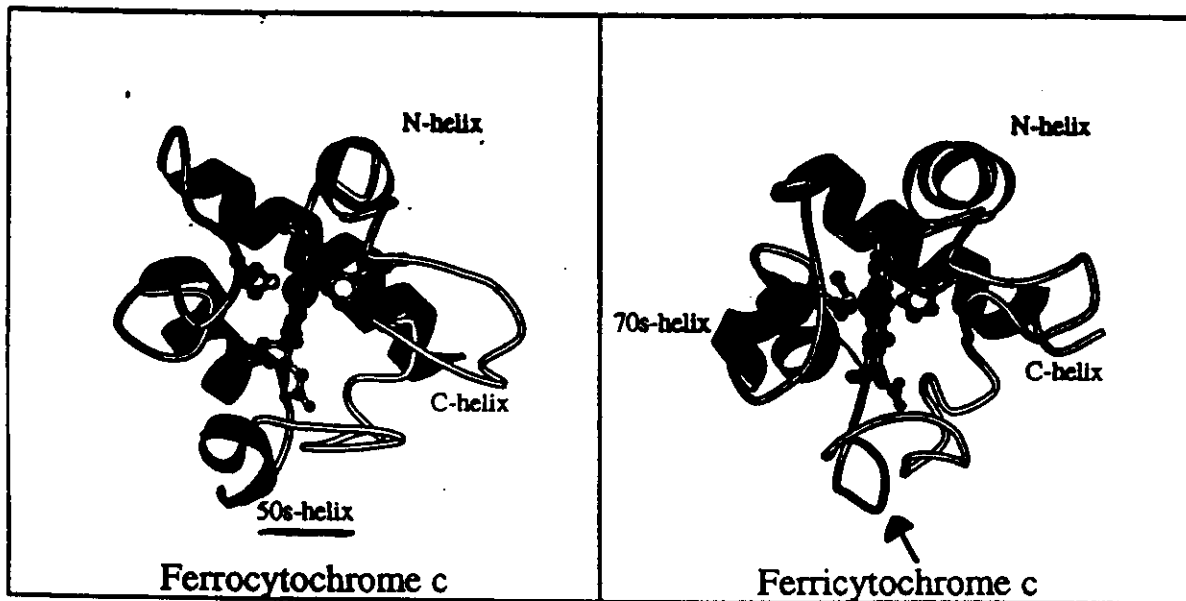
Qi, Beckman, Ward
Biochemistry 1996

Solution Structure of Oxidized Horse Heart Cytochrome *c*

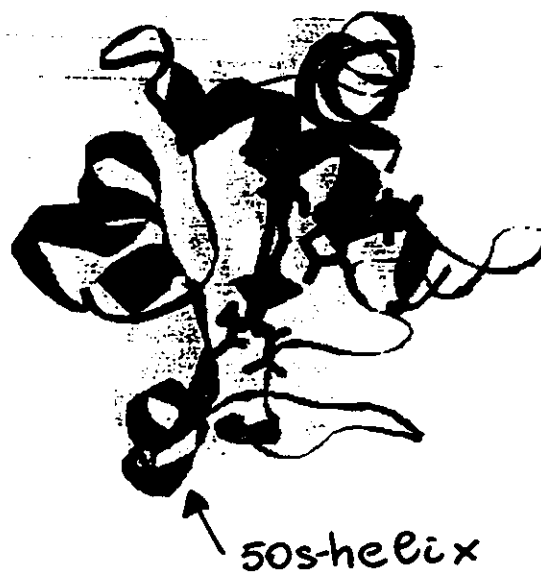


L. Banci, I. Bertini, H. B. Gray, C. Luchinat, T. Reddig, A. Rosato, P. Turano, *BIOCHEMISTRY*,
in press

SOLUTION STRUCTURES OF HORSE HEART CYT C



Qi, P. X., Beckman, R. A., Wand, A. J. (1996) *Biochemistry* 35, 12275-12286



Banci, L., Bertini, I., Gray, H. B., Luchinat, C., Reddig, T., Rosato, A., Turano, P. *Biochemistry*, in press

PSEUDYANA VERSUS DYANA CALCULATIONS ON HORSE HEART CYTOCHROME_C

A FAMILY OF 20 STRUCTURES

	$E_{NOE+vdw}$	E_{PS}	RMSD	
			HA	BE
DYANA CALCULATIONS	1.24-2.24	-	0.80	1.2
PSEUDYANA CALCULATIONS	1.26-2.32	0.39-0.43	0.69	1.1

L. BANCI, I. BERTINI, C. LUCHINATI, T. REDDIG,
P. TURANO, *Biochemistry* 1997

RMSD OF RESIDUES CLOSE TO THE HEME IN OX CYT C

RESIDUES ATTACHED TO THE HEME
(in A)
BB HA
 CYS 14 .35 .28
 CYS 17 .36 .34
 HIS 18 .24 .54

RESIDUES WITHIN 6 Å FROM THE IRON
BB HA
 GLY 29 .34 .34
 PRO 30 .37 .41
 LEU 32 .46 .63
 TYR 67 .34 .93
 LEU 68 .36 .86
 PRO 71 .36 .38
 MET 80 .52 .56
 PHE 82 .90 1.43

AVERAGE RMSD OVER
 ALL THE FAMILY

BB 0.70
 HA 1.32

----- WITHIN 7 Å FROM THE IRON -----
 ARG 13 0.34 1.51
 VAL 28 .31 .33
 THR 78 .46 .50
 ALA 81 .73 .86

Protein: Reduced cytochrome c₆ from *Monoraphidium braunii*

Cofactor: c-type heme (L.S. Fe²⁺)

AA: 89

NOE's: 1D - -

2D - 1776 (1278)

Dihedral angle constraints: ϕ 20 (³J_{HNH α})

RMSD/15 str. (Å) BB - 0.34 ± 0.06

HA - 0.67 ± 0.06

H-bonds: 15

Metal cluster links: 3

Refinement procedure: REM, RMD

References:

L. Banci, I. Bertini, G. Quacquarelli, O. Walter, A. Díaz, M. Hervás, M. A. de la Rosa, (1996) JBIC, 1,330-340.

Protein: Oxidized cytochrome c₆ from Monoraphidium braunii

Cofactor: c-type heme (L.S. Fe³⁺)

AA: 89

1D - 11

NOE's:

2D - 1657 (1100)

Pseudocontact shifts 288

BB - 0.57 ± 0.08

RMSD/ 40 str. (Å)

HA - 0.94 ± 0.09

Metal cluster links: 3

Refinement procedure PSEUDOREM

References:

**L. Banci, I. Bertini, M. A. De La Rosa, D. Koulogliotis, J.A. Navarro,
O. Walter, submitted**

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Protein: yeast iso-1-cytochrome c (reduced)

Cofactor:	c-type heme (Fe²⁺)	
AA:		108
NOE's:	2D -	1702 (1442)
	BB -	0.97 ± 0.14
RMSD/20 str. (Å)		
	HA -	1.57 ± 0.16
H-bonds:		13
Metal cluster links:		3
Refinement procedure:	REM_v	

Reference: P. Baistrocchi, L. Banci, I. Bertini, K. Bren, H. B. Gray, P. Turano, BIOCHEMISTRY, 1996

Protein: Oxidized cytochrome *c* from *Yeast*

Cofactors: c-type hemes (L.S. Fe³⁺)

AA: 108

NOE's: 1D 5

NOE's: 2D 1671 (1361)

Pseudocontact shifts
(tolerance ± 0.3 ppm) 256 (117)

H-bonds: 14

Metal cluster links: 3

RMSD/20 str. (Å) BB 0.58 \pm 0.07

HA 1.05 \pm 0.07

REFINEMENT

PSEUDO REM

Reference: L.Banci, I.Bertini, K.L.Bren, H.B.Gray, P.Sompornpisut,
P.Turano. *BIOCHEMISTRY*, 1997

Protein: Ala80-cyt c-CN from *Yeast*

Cofactor: c-type heme (L.S. Fe³⁺)
(shortest T₁ ≈ 3 ms)

AA: 108

NOE's: 1D - 8

2D - 1834 (1418)

RMSD/17 str. (Å) BB - 0.51 ± 0.07

HA - 0.94 ± 0.08

H-bonds: 17

Metal cluster links: 24

Refinement procedure: REM_v

Reference: L. Banci, I. Bertini, K. Bren, H. B. Gray,
P. Sompornpisut, P. Turano, *Biochemistry* 1995, 34, 11385-11398.



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FAMILY

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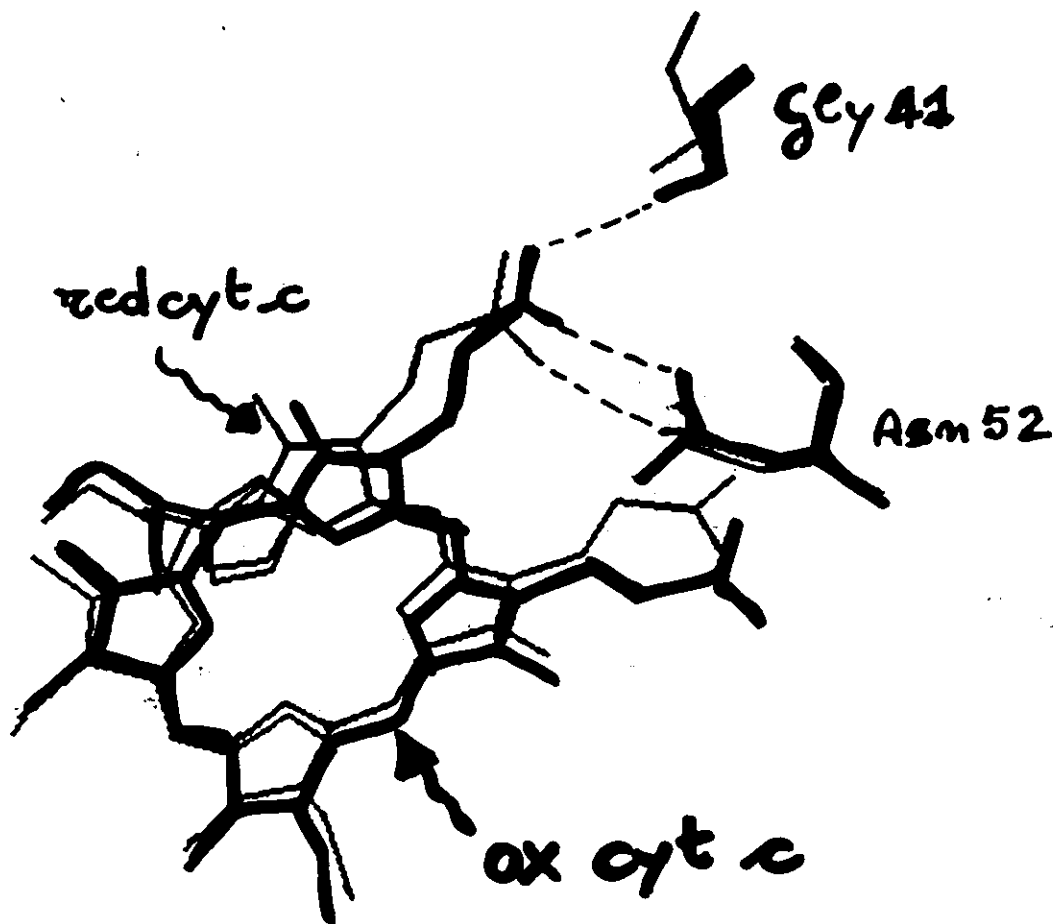
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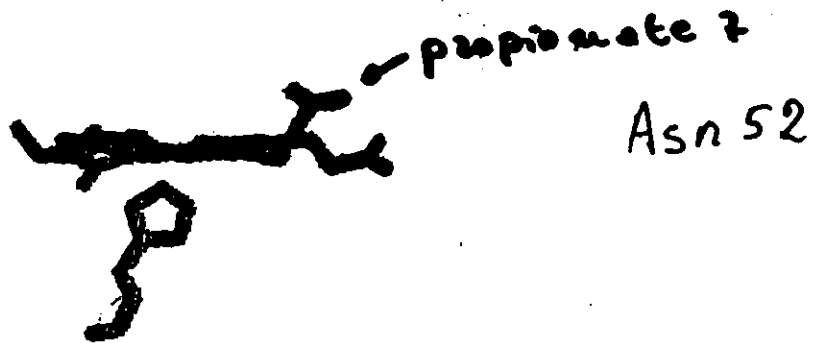
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H-bond		X-ray	NMR
NH Gey 41	O27 propionate	+	+
ND2 Asn 52	O1 7-propionate	-	=



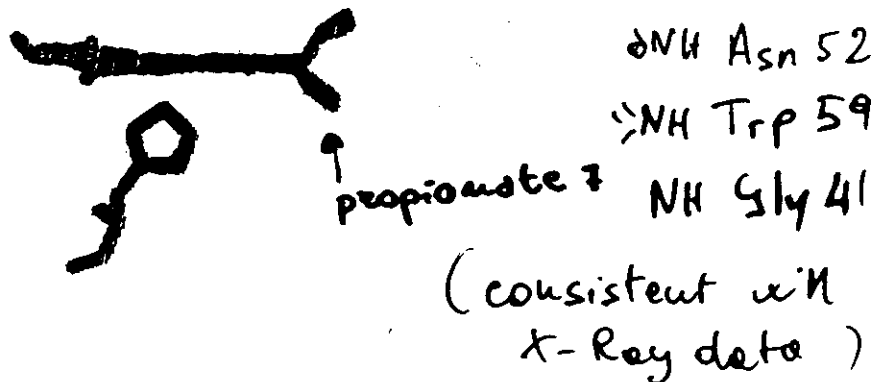
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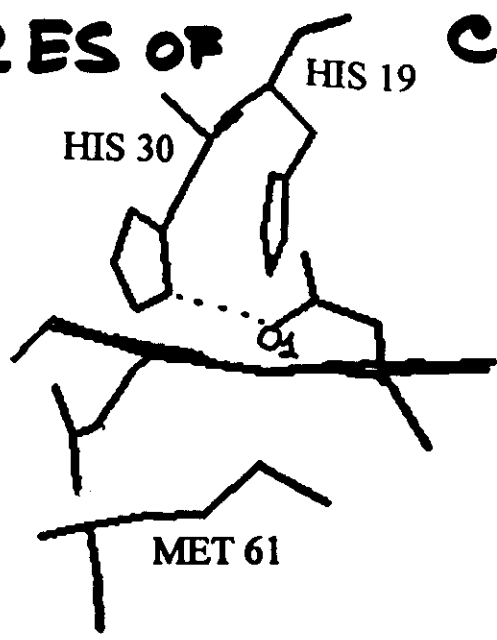
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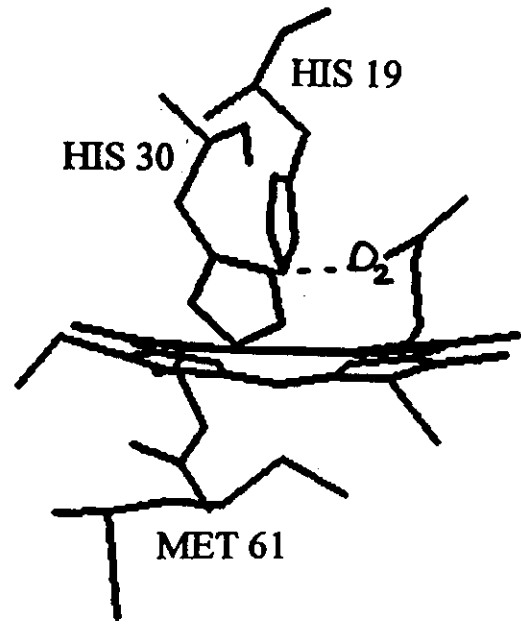


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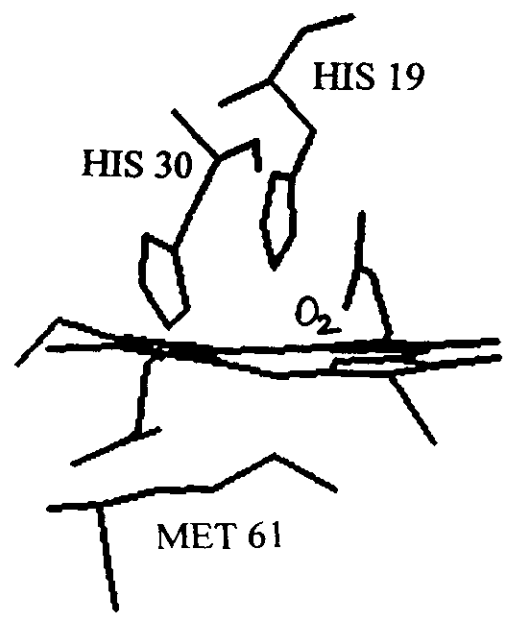
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Intermolecular distances of interest in the CcP:cyt *c*

CcP **cyt *c***

Cytochrome *c* heme and surrounding area

Ala193 Heme, Cys17, Gln16
Ala194 Heme

Potential hydrogen bonds

Asp34 Lys87
Glu290 Asn70, Lys73

Van der Waals interactions

Arg31 Lys87
Tyr39 Leu9, Arg13
Val197 Ala81, Phe82, Gly83
Gln120 Gly83

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Structural changes observed upon oxidation of yeast iso-1-cytochrome c

X-ray thermal factor parameters of main chain atoms (X-ray)

1. Lower values for residues 37-39 (Arg38)
2. Higher values for residues:
 - 47-59 (Asn52)
 - 65-72 (Tyr67)
 - 81-85 (Phe82)

Amide proton exchange rates (NMR)

- Higher values for residues:
- 14-25
 - 73-82

Heme structure and ligands (X-ray)

1. Increased distortion of heme planarity
2. Readjustment of propionate 7 and its H-bonds
3. Higher thermal parameters for the Met80 side chain
4. Rotation of the imidazole ring plane of His18

Internal water structures

X-ray

Wat166 moves towards the heme iron atom

NMR

Maintains the same position

Hydrogen bond interactions

	X-ray	NMR
Gly41 N - Heme O2A	stronger	stronger
Asn52 ND2 - Wat166	lost	present
Wat121 - Heme O2A	new	
Gly84 O - Arg13 NH1	new	different conformation of Arg13
Asp60 OD1 - Wat124	new	

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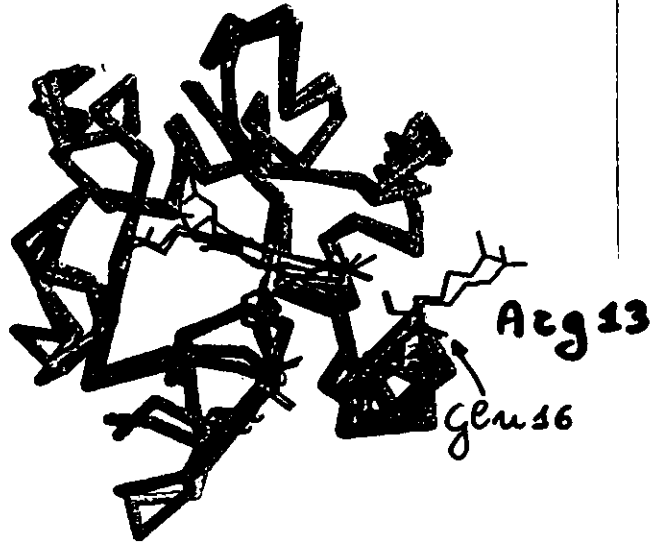
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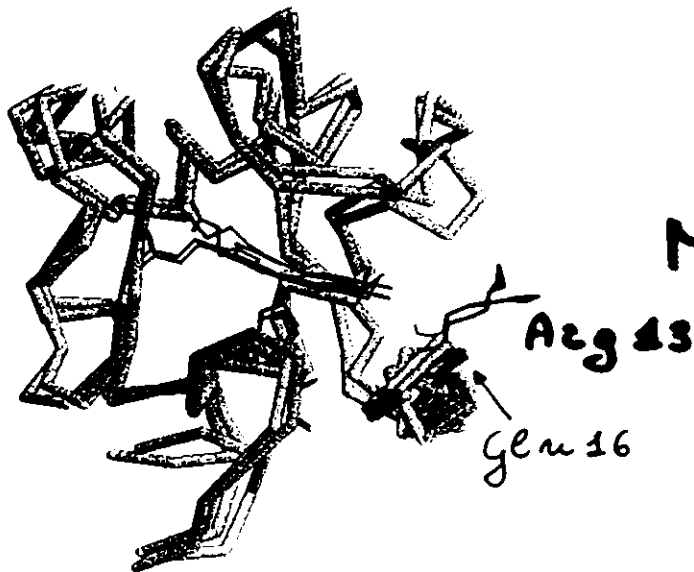
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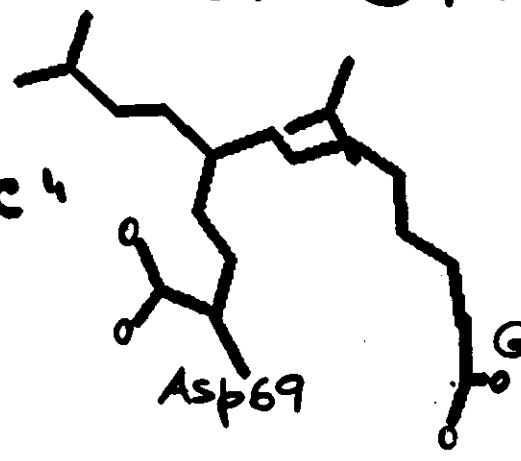
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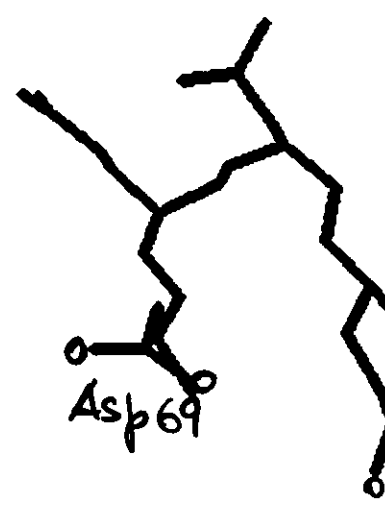
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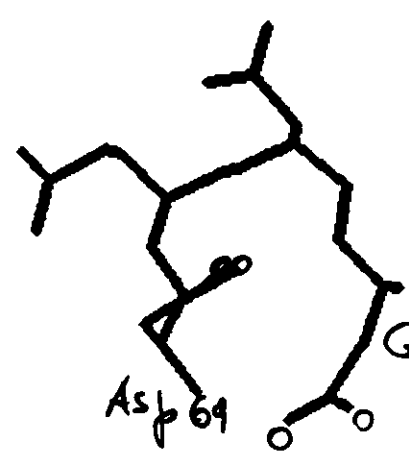


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