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**Methods of 1D and 2D NMR  
in structural elucidation of natural glycopolymers**

# Choice of the demo material

In genomics and proteomics primary structure elucidation is more automatized

In glycomics:

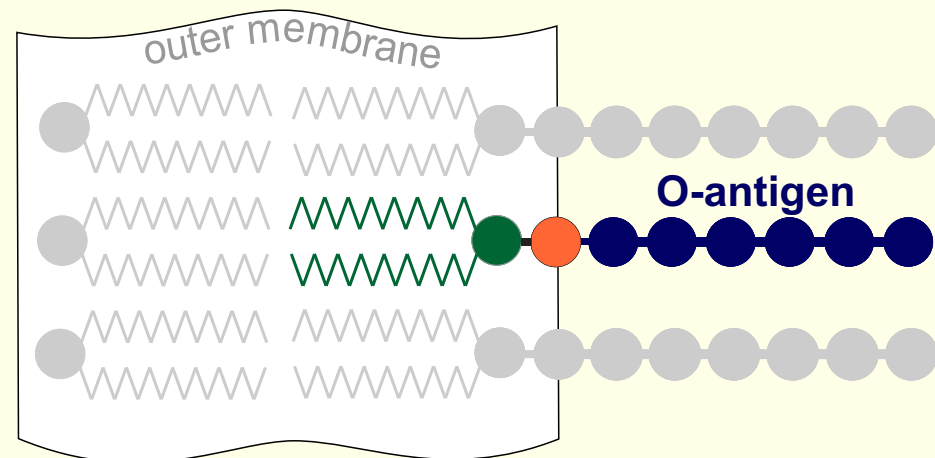
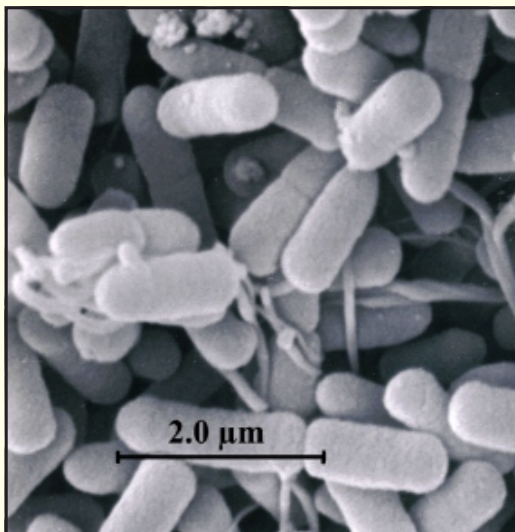
- greater chemical variability (*especially for bacterial carbohydrates*)
- structure elucidation is not algorithmic
- tertiary structure (=>biological properties) is more dependent on the *primary* structure

Polysaccharides of the Gram-negative bacterial outer membrane are antigenic

- knowledge of structure => serological classification, vaccines

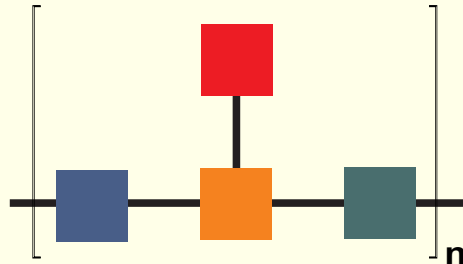
## ***Edwardsiella tarda*** (strain 1153)

(Gram-negative enterobacteria of marine animals and reptiles, sometimes causes gastroenteritis)

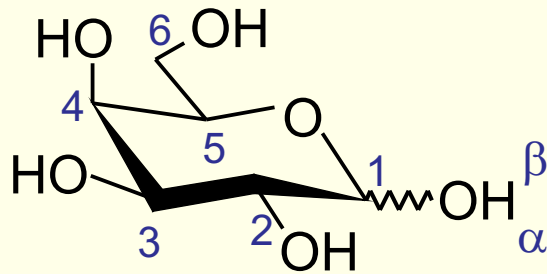


# Carbohydrate structure

## COMPLETE STRUCTURE

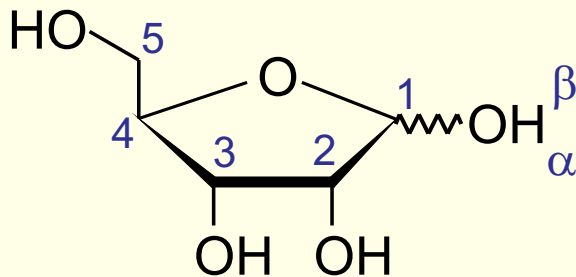


- structure of all residues, including non-sugars (aminoacids, aliphatic acids, etc.)
- substitution positions
- sequence of residues
- stoichiometry of residues
- phosphate and sulphate linkers
- number of repeating units and “frame positioning”



**D-Gal**

*aldo*-monosaccharide in pyranose form (example)



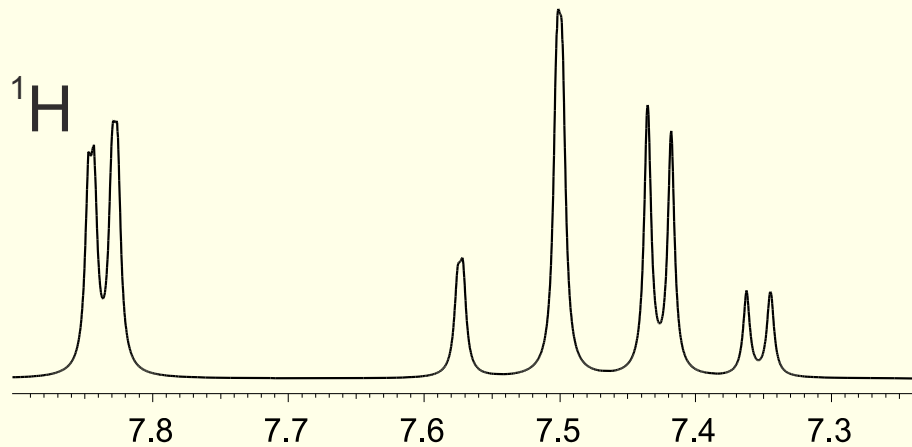
**D-Rib**

*aldo*-monosaccharide in furanose form (example)

## RESIDUE STRUCTURE

- carbon skeleton size (5-9)
- cycle size (pyranose, furanose, linear)
- spatial orientation of all -OH (ax/eq)
- anomeric configuration ( $\alpha/\beta$ )
- absolute configuration (D/L)
  
- -H instead of -OH (deoxy-)
- -NH<sub>2</sub> instead of -OH (amino-)
- -COOH instead of -CH<sub>2</sub>OH (uronic acids)
- other functional groups

# 1D NMR spectrum



signal position

- distribution of electronic density

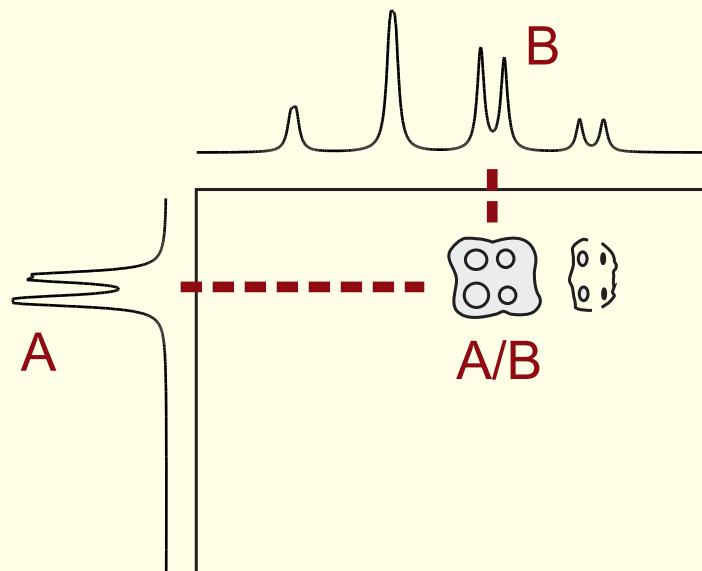
signal shape

- number of type of neighboring atoms

signal square

- number of equivalent atoms

# 2D NMR spectrum (correlation)



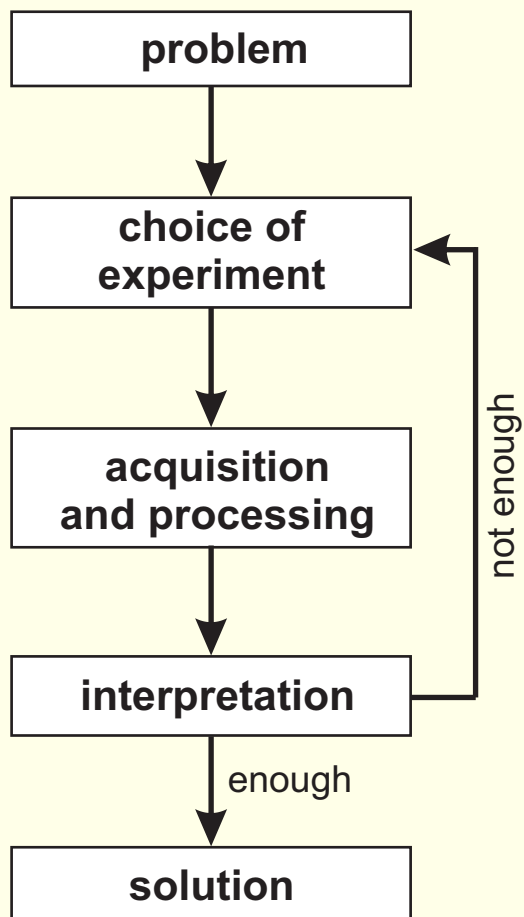
cross-peaks

- signal interactions

(spin coupling is via chemical bonds,  
NOE is via space)

# Non-correlational NMR experiments

1D 2D



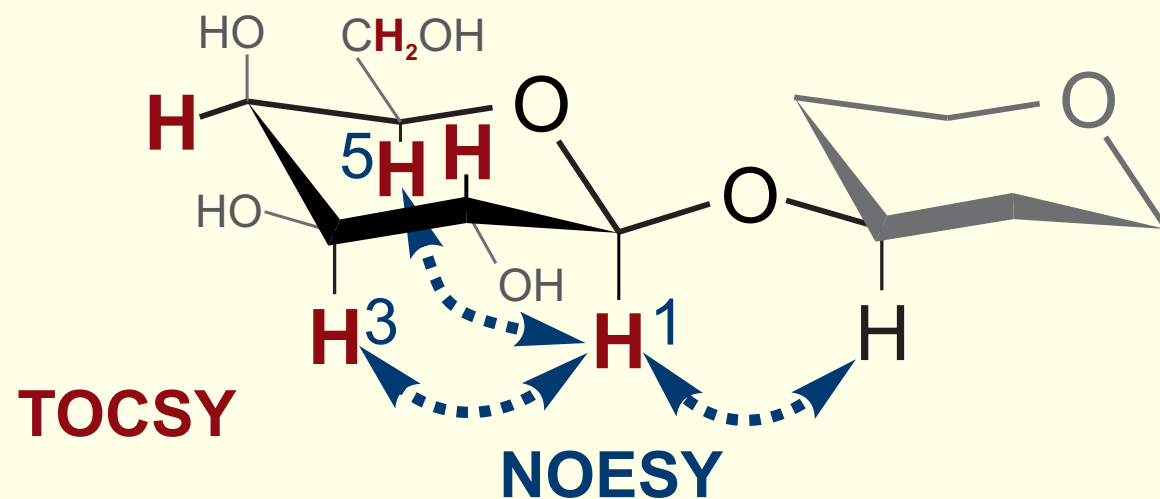
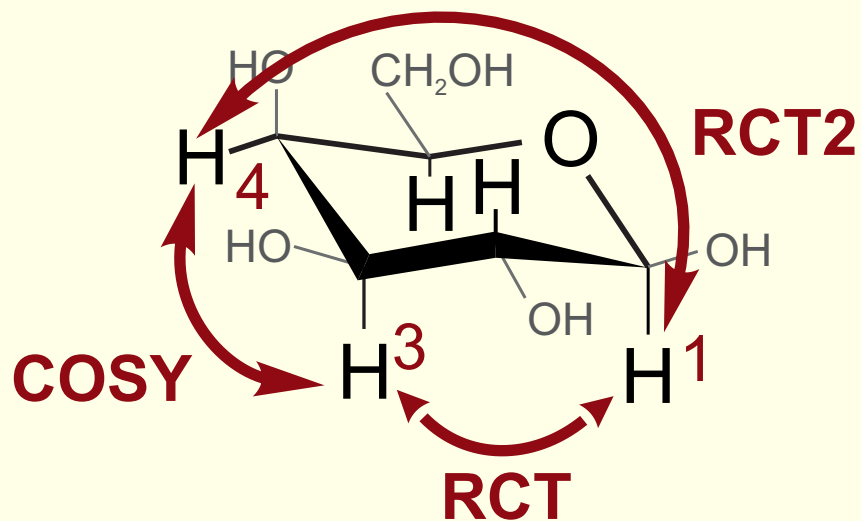
<b><math>^1\text{H}</math></b>	1D proton spectrum - <i>measurement of homonuclear spin coupling constants, general information, residue identification, basis for carbon spectrum assignment</i>
<b><math>^{13}\text{C}</math> BB</b>	1D carbon spectrum with broad band proton decoupling - <i>detailed information, residue identification, substitution positions</i>
<b><math>^{31}\text{P}</math> BB, <math>^{15}\text{N}</math> BB</b>	other 1D spectra with broad band proton decoupling - <i>additional information</i>
<b>APT, DEPT</b>	edited carbon spectrum - <i>assignment of <math>\text{CH}_2</math>-groups</i>
<b><math>^{13}\text{C}</math> Gated, <math>^{31}\text{P}</math> Gated</b>	1D spectra without broad band decoupling - <i>measurement of homonuclear spin coupling constants, elucidation of anomeric configuration, conformation studies</i>
<b>HH J-res</b>	proton signals swept on multiplicity - <i>measurement of homonuclear spin coupling constants, general information, residue identification</i>
<b>DOSY</b>	proton spectrum swept on molecule correlation time - <i>separation of spectra into subspectra of components or of molecular parts that differ in mobility</i>



**spectra interpretation is not algorithmistic**

# Homonuclear correlations

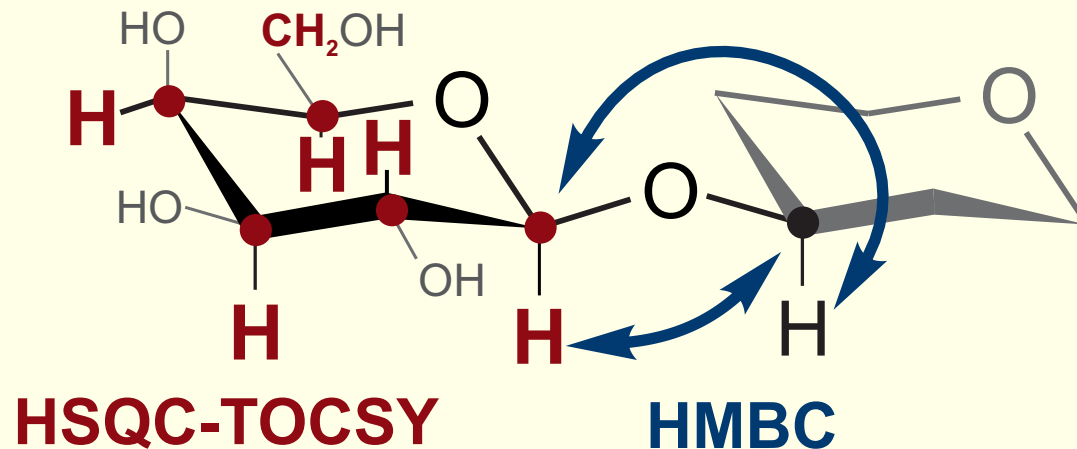
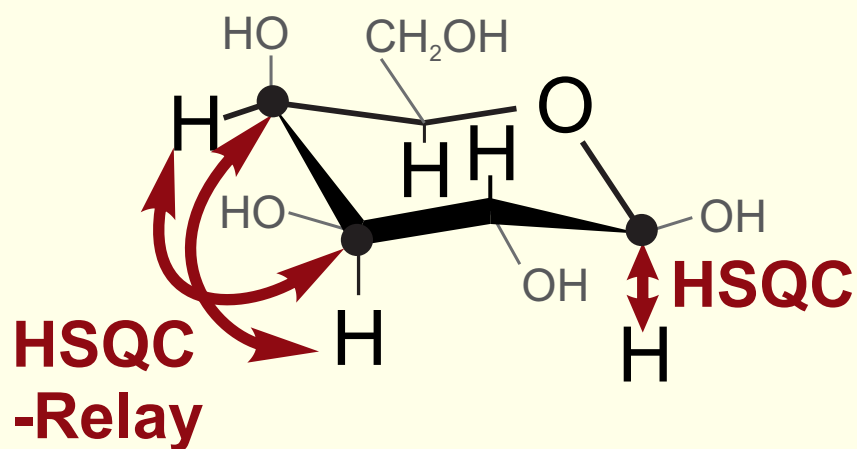
1D 2D



<b>COSY</b>	spin correlation between vicinal protons - <i>proton spectrum assignment</i>
<b>RCT, RCT2</b>	spin correlation with polarization transfer along vicinal proton pairs - <i>proton spectrum assignment</i>
<b>DQF COSY</b>	COSY without a diagonal line - <i>assignment of proximal signals</i>
<b><sup>1</sup>H HD dif</b>	differential selective decoupling - <i>H2 line shape analysis</i>
<b>TOCSY (HOHAHA)</b>	spin correlation with all protons in the spin system - <i>spin system distinguishing</i>
<b>1D TOCSY</b>	TOCSY for a single signal - <i>extraction of a residue spin system</i>
<b>NOESY, ROESY</b>	spatial correlation - <i>determination of the residue sequence, conformational studies</i>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NOE dif</b>	differential selective NOE measurement - <i>spatial contact studies</i>

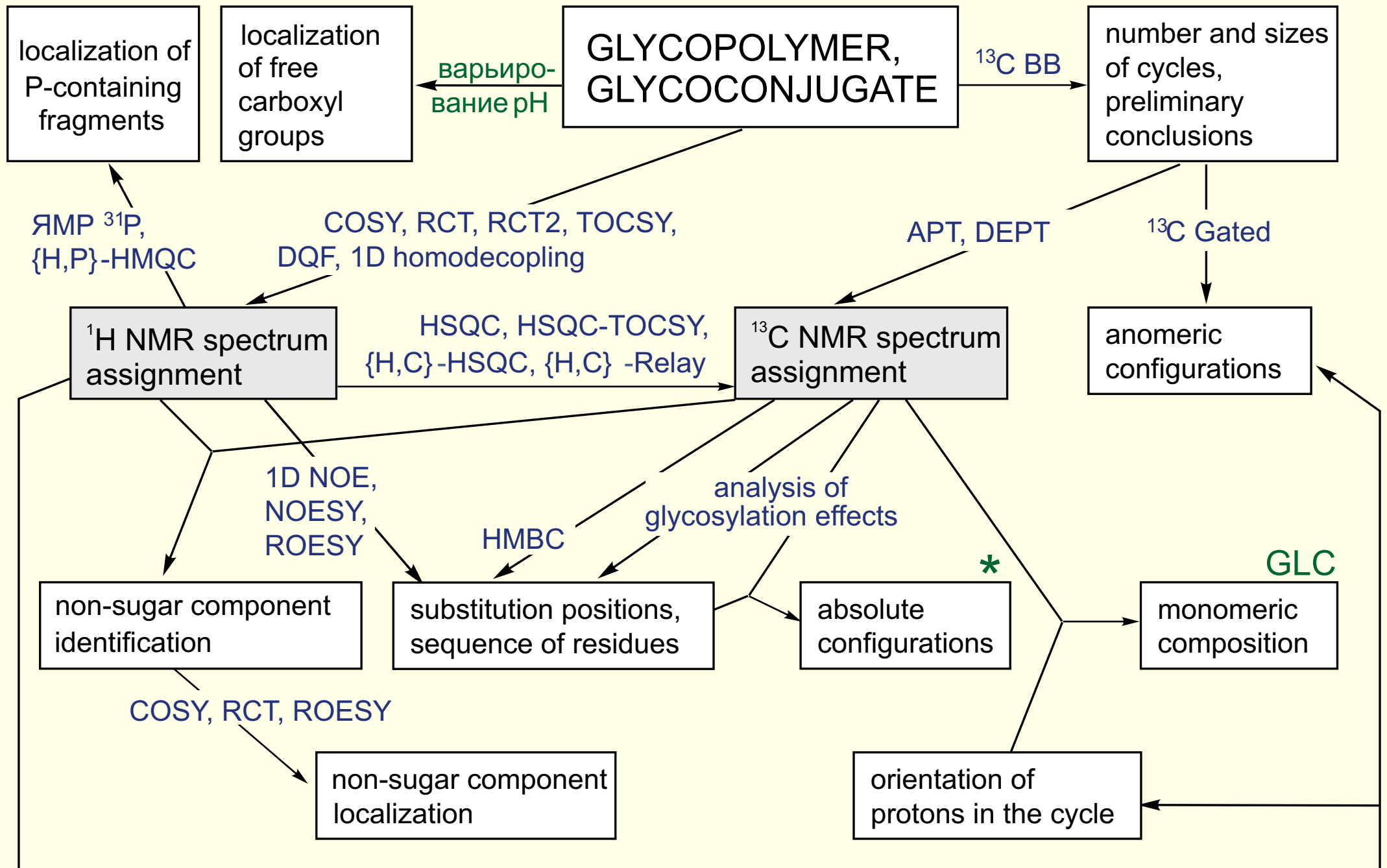
# Heteronuclear correlations

1D 2D



$\{^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}\}$ HSQC	direct proton-carbon spin correlation - <i>carbon spectrum assignment</i>
$\{^1\text{H}, ^{31}\text{P}\}$ HSQC	proton-phosphorus spin correlation - <i>localization of phosphate groups</i>
$\{^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}\}$ HMBC	long-range proton-carbon spin correlation - <i>determination of the residue sequence</i>
$\{^1\text{H}, \text{X}\}$ 1D HMBC	HMBC for a single signal - <i>assignment of protons around a certain heteroatom</i>
HSQC-Relay	carbon-carbon correlation via spin coupling of their vicinal protons - <i>поиск соседних углеродных атомов</i>
HSQC-TOCSY	correlation of carbons with all protons in the spin system (and vice versa) - <i>assignment of C5 using H6, and similar problems</i>
$\{^1\text{H}, \text{X}\}$ 1D NOE	measurement of heteronuclear NOE - <i>conformational studies</i>

# Approximate research schema

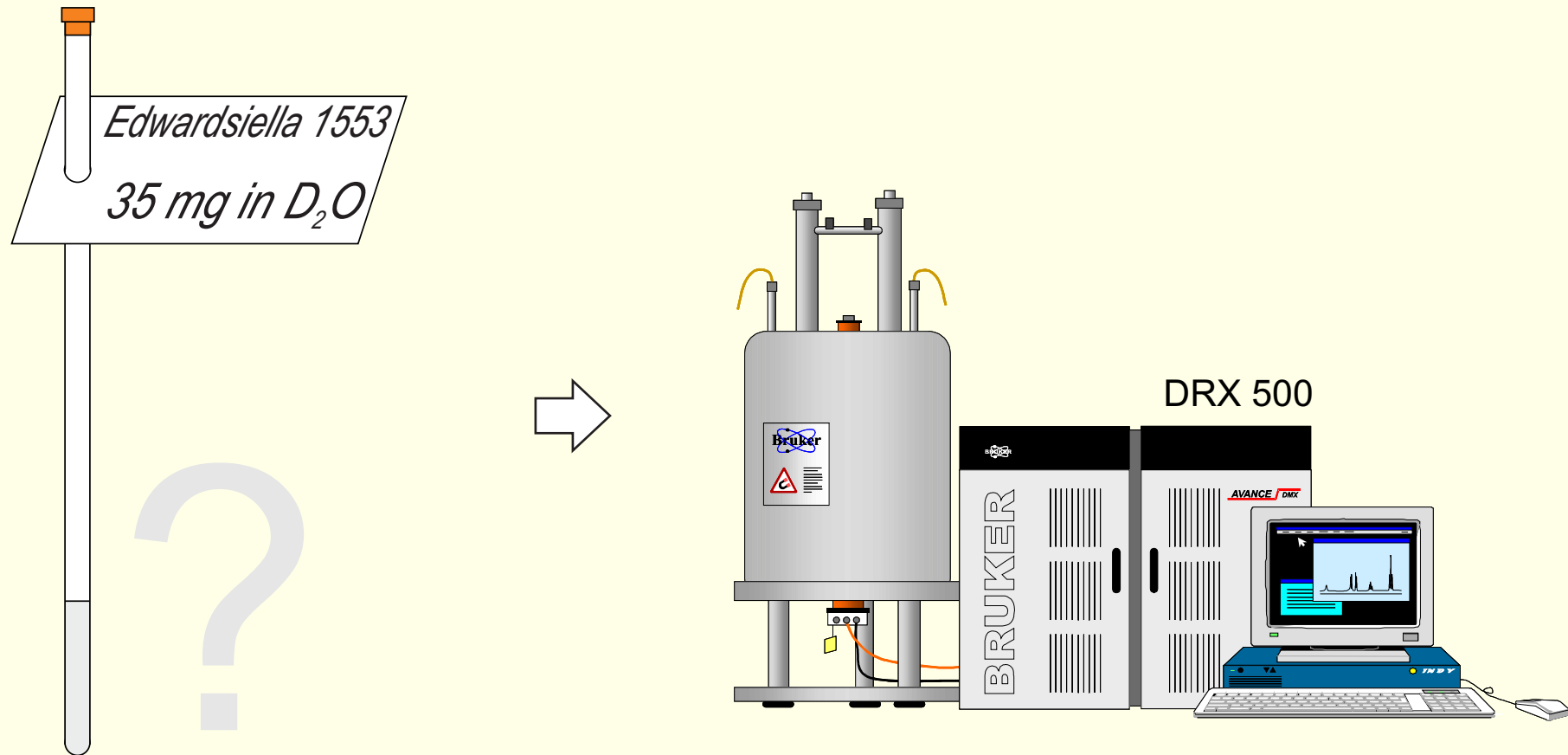




# Source data

O-antigenic polysaccharide was extracted from the LPS of *Edwardsiella* 1153 bacterial cell wall  
The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum displayed regularity after the sample de-O-acetylation.

**GLC (Sugar analyzer):** at least **GlcN, Gal, GaIA** are present in the unknown proportion



# NMR <sup>31</sup>P

no signals



<http://www.glyco.ac.ru/bcsdb3/>

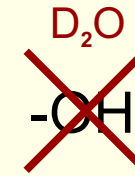
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176.1  
175.0  
172.8

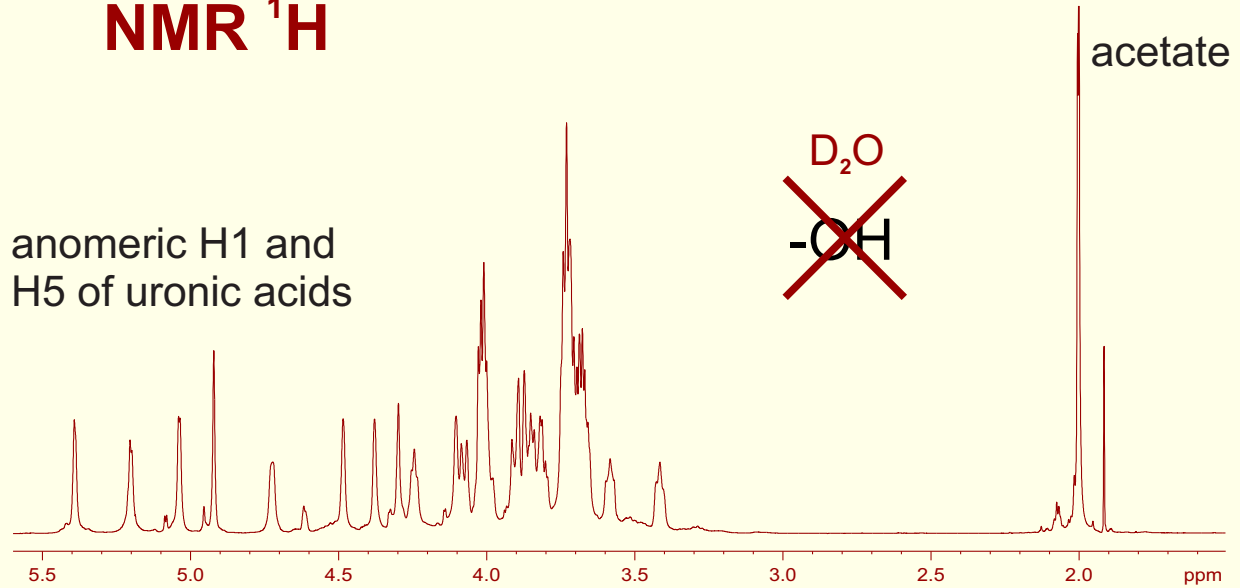
103.2  
102.0  
101.3  
97.0

# NMR <sup>1</sup>H

anomeric H1 and  
H5 of uronic acids



acetate



83.5  
79.0  
78.6  
76.3  
75.7  
73.0  
72.9  
72.5  
70.5  
70.0  
69.5  
68.0  
67.7  
62.7  
62.0  
61.6  
56.0  
54.2  
24.7  
23.8  
22.7

4 -CH<sub>2</sub>OH

15 -CH(OH)-

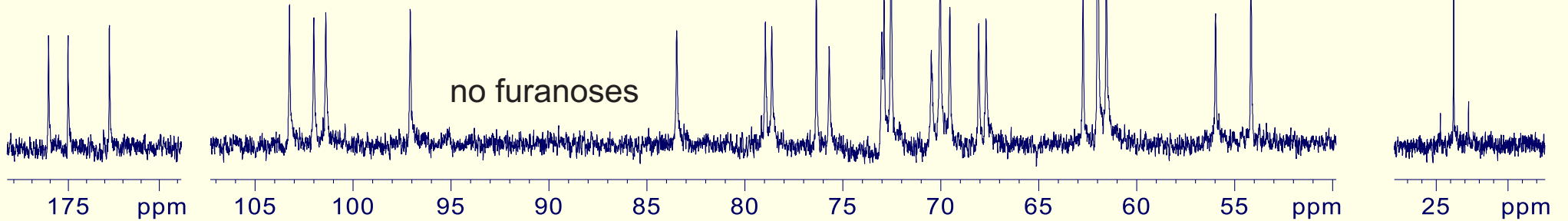
2 >C-NH-

-COCH<sub>3</sub>

3 >C=O

C1 of pyranoses

no furanoses



# {<sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H} COSY

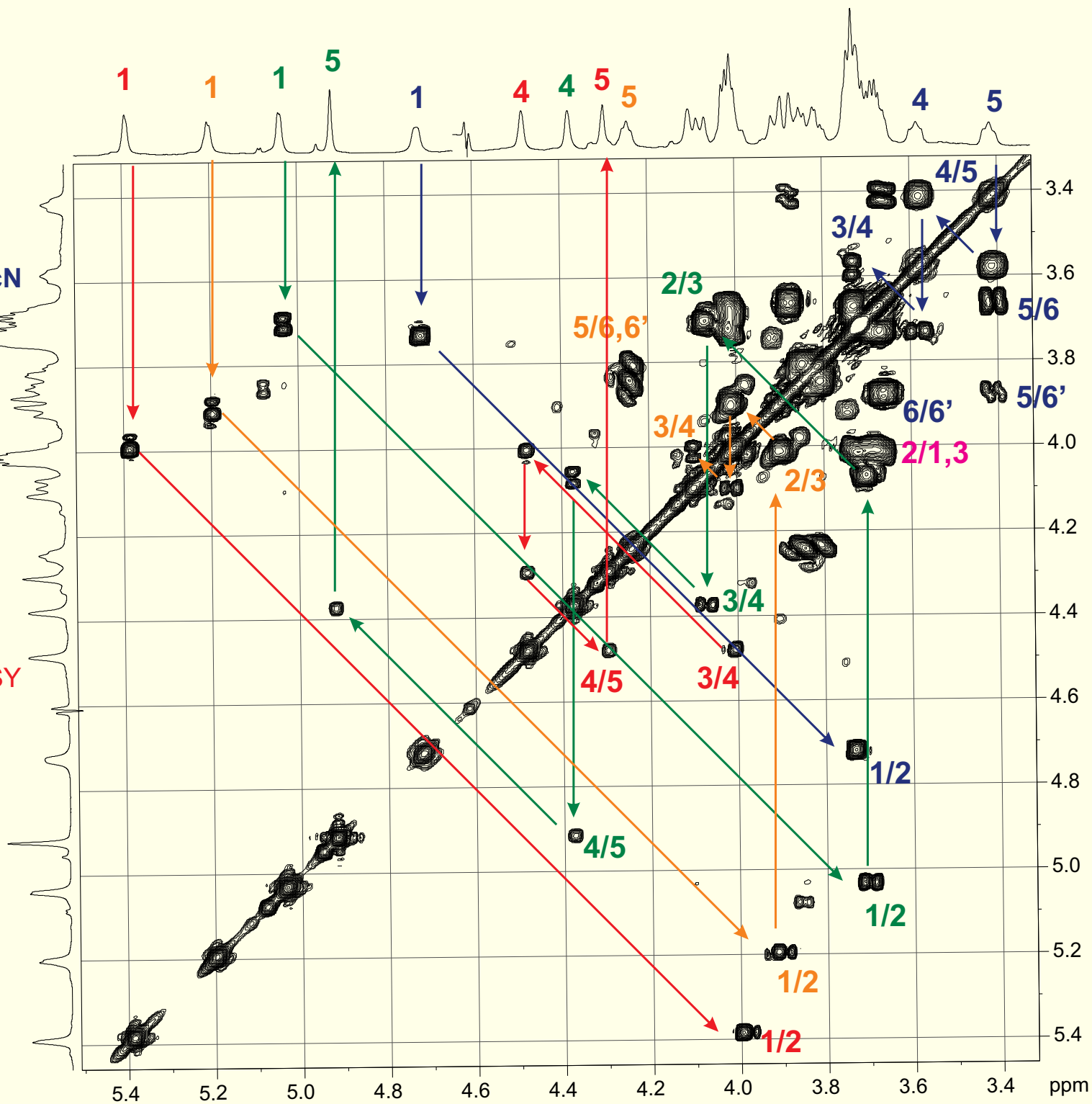
correlates protons with vicinal proton neighbours

**1-2** and **3-4-5-6,6'** are linked in TOCSY  
**5** assigned due to *three* cross-peaks  
line shape of **4** => 3,4,5 ax => this is **GlcN**  
(confirmation: C2 in HSQC)

**1-2-3-4-5** are linked in COSY  
(confirmation: TOCSY)  
C6/H5 correlation in HMBC  
and position of **5** => this is **GalA**-amide

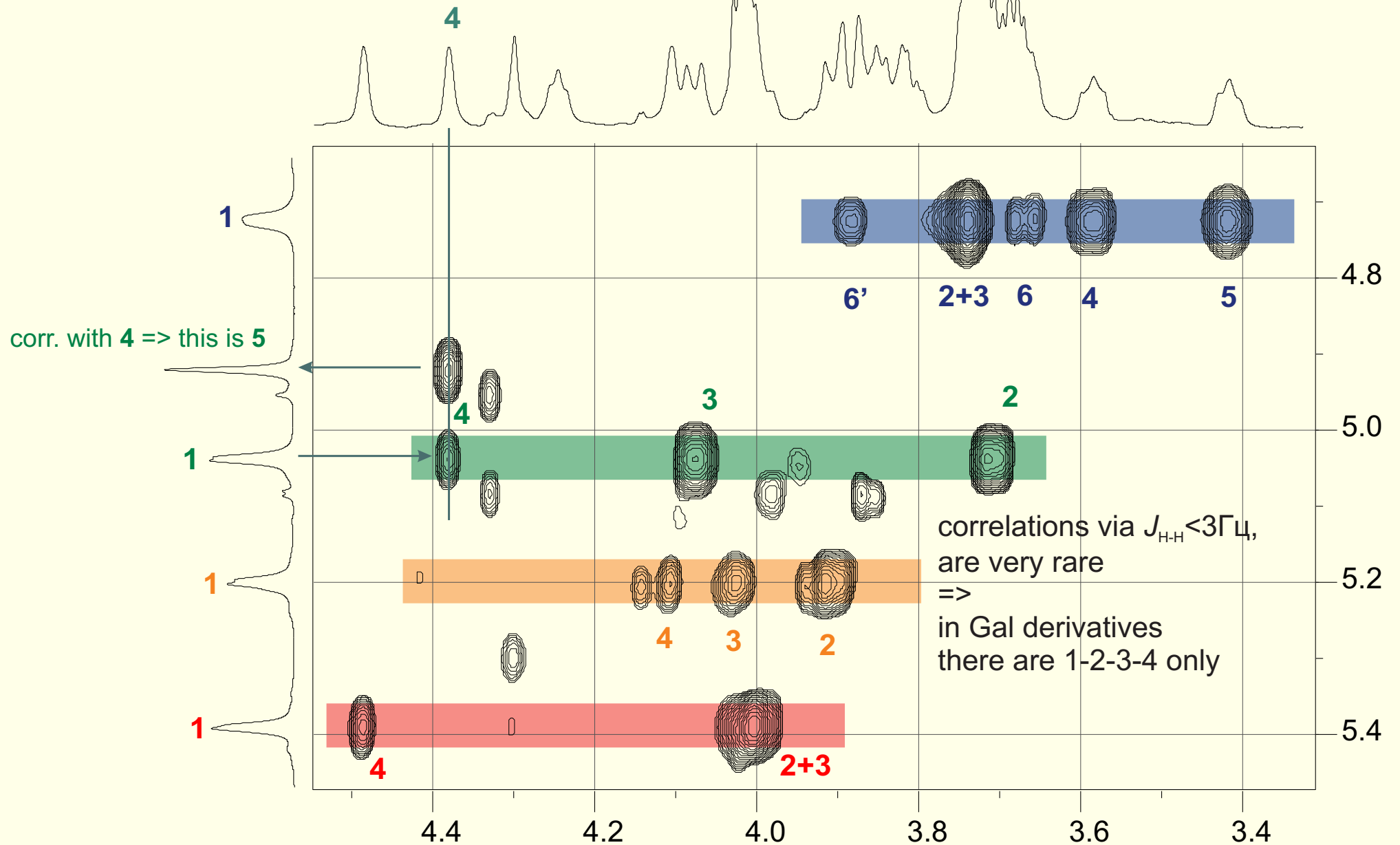
**1-2** and **3-4-5** are linked via 1-4 in TOCSY  
(confirmation: HSQC-TOCSY)  
C6/H5 correlation in HMBC  
=> this is **GalA**

**1-2-3-4** and **5-6,6'** are linked via H1-C5  
in HMBC and via H5/C5 in HSQC  
(confirmation: **1/6** in ROESY  
while **1**→**4** is proven)  
+by exclusion => this is **Gal**



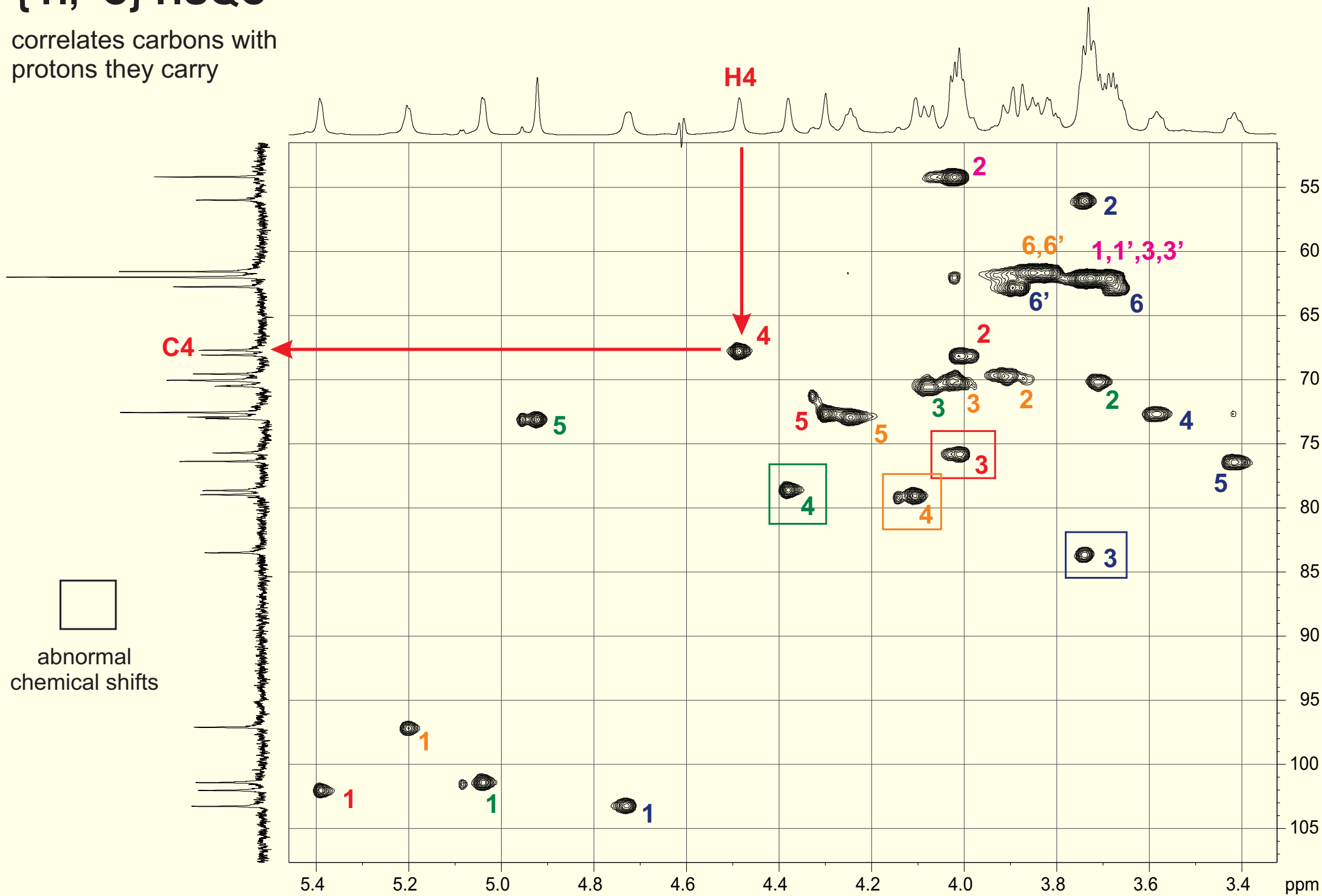
# TOCSY

correlates protons with all other protons within a spin system



# $\{^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}\}$ HSQC

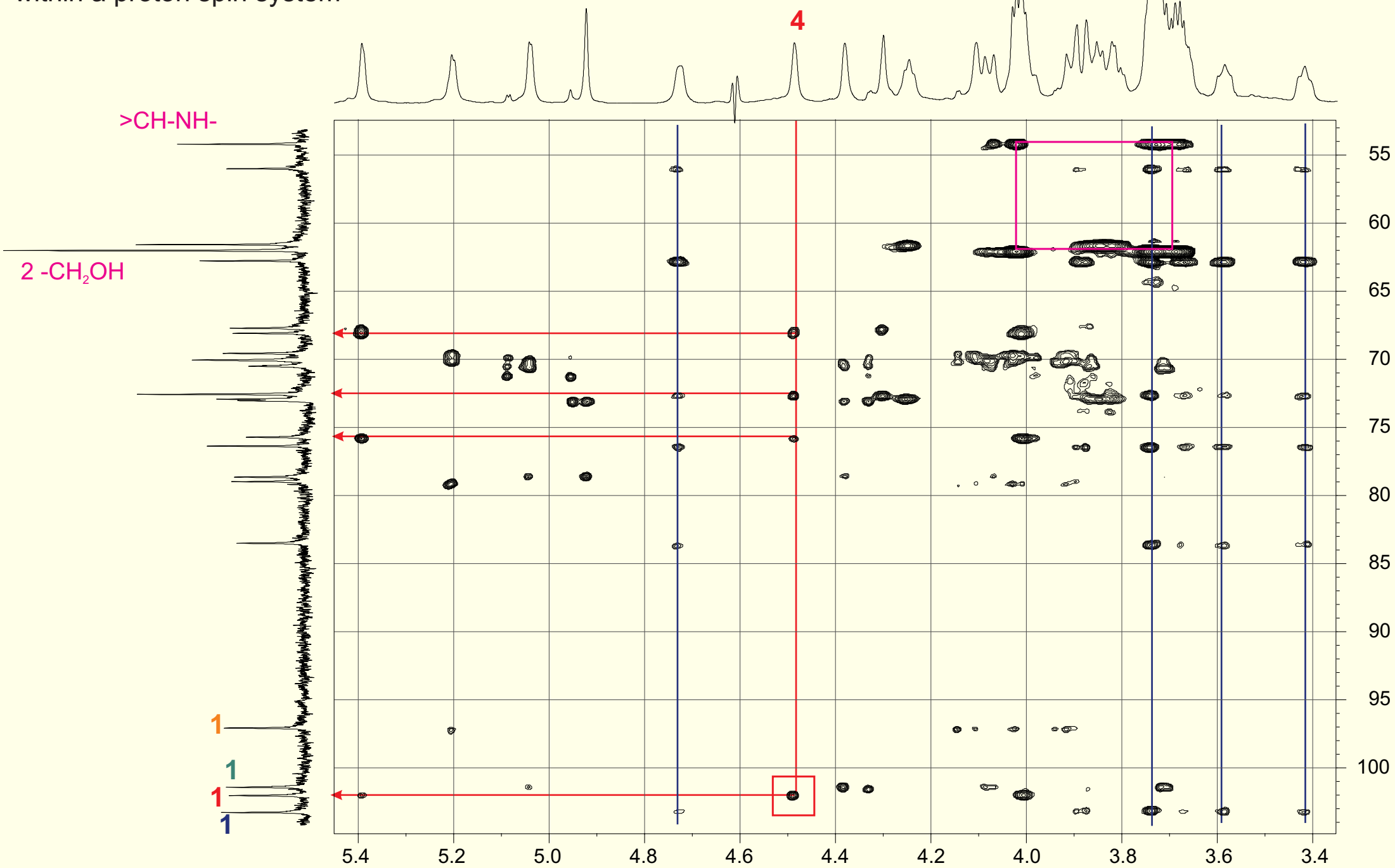
correlates carbons with protons they carry



# {<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C} HSQC-TOCSY

correlates carbons with all protons within a proton spin system

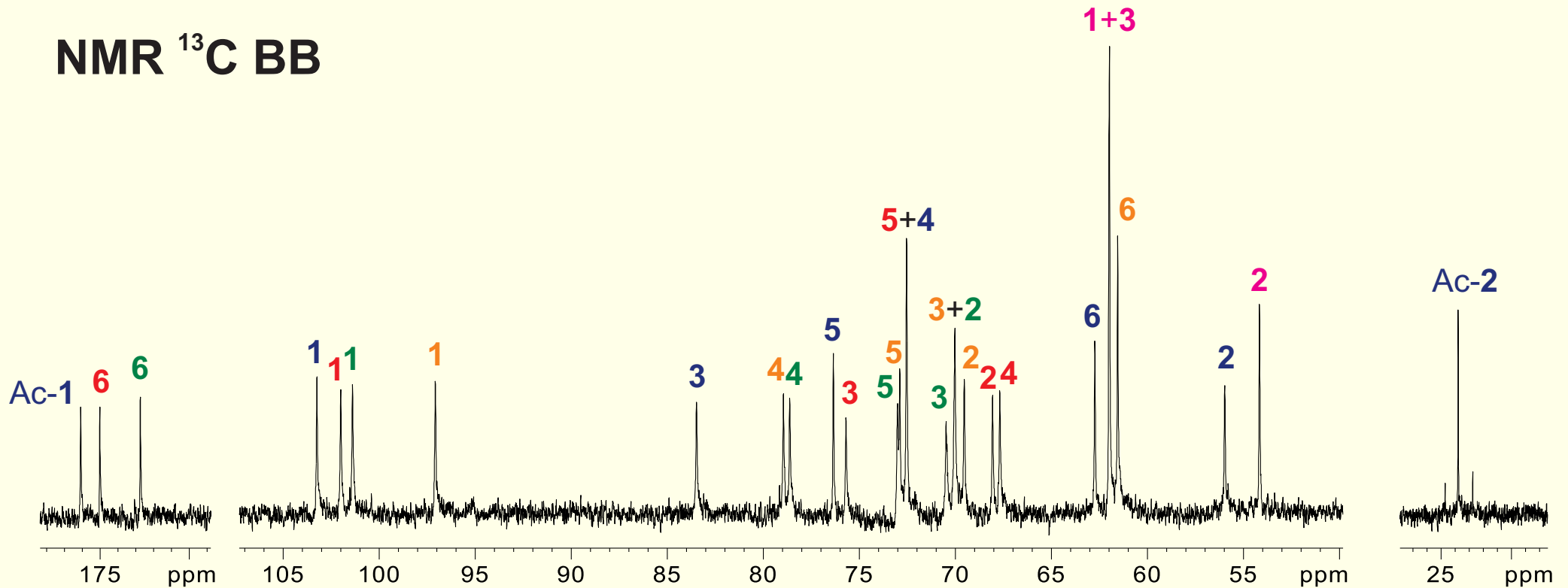
3 remaining signals:  
>CH-NH- shares a spin system  
with two -CH<sub>2</sub>OH => this is **GroN**



# Substitution positions and anomeric configurations

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	
→3)-GalpA <sup>I</sup> -(1→	102.0 <b>+7.2</b>	68.1	<b>75.8</b> <b>+5.4</b>	67.7 -4.0	72.6	175.0	GlcN δC5 >76 => β-anomer (confirmation: H1 line shape)
→3)-GlcN-(1→	103.3 <b>+7.1</b>	56.0 -2.0	<b>83.5</b> <b>+8.4</b>	72.6 +1.4	76.4	62.8	
Ac-(1→2)	176.1	23.8					other: δC5 <73 => α-anomers (confirmations: H1 line shapes)
→4)-GalpA <sup>II</sup> -(1→	101.4 <b>+6.6</b>	70.1	70.5	<b>78.7</b> <b>+7.0</b>	73.0 +0.8	<b>172.8</b> -2.2	
GroN-(2→6)	62.0	54.2	62.0				
→4)-Galp-(1→	97.1 <b>+3.6</b>	69.6	70.1	<b>79.0</b> <b>+8.4</b>	72.9 +1.2	61.6	

## NMR <sup>13</sup>C BB



# ROESY

shows proton spatial contacts  
(Nuclear Overhauser Effects)

**GlcN(1→4)GalA**


**GalA(1→3)GlcN**

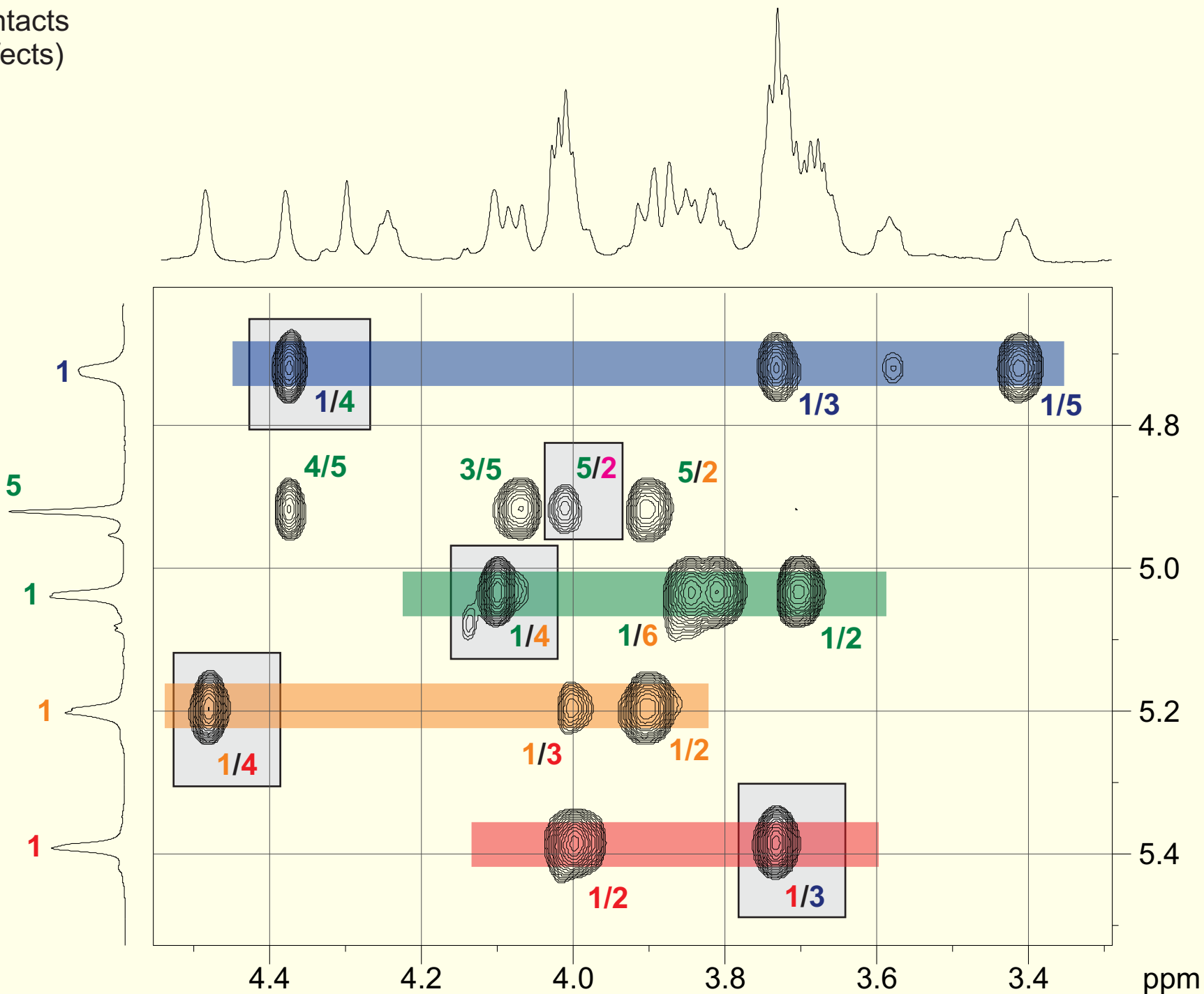
**Gal(1→3 или 4)GalA**

**GalA(1→4 или 6)Gal**

choice is based on  
substitution positions  
(HSQC);

confirmation: HMBC


  
*inter-residue  
contacts*

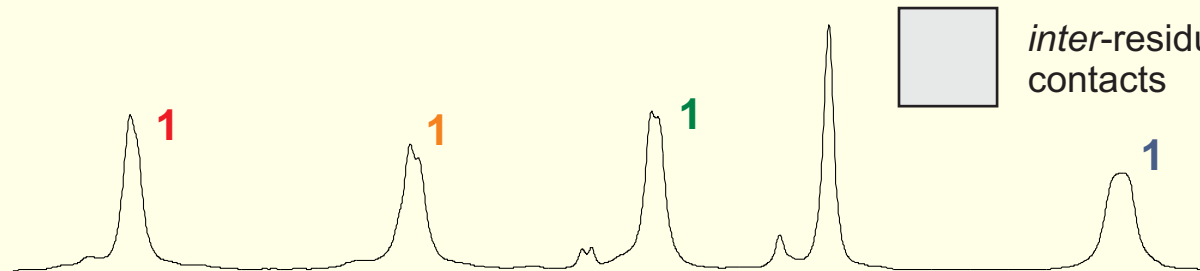




# {<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C} HMBC

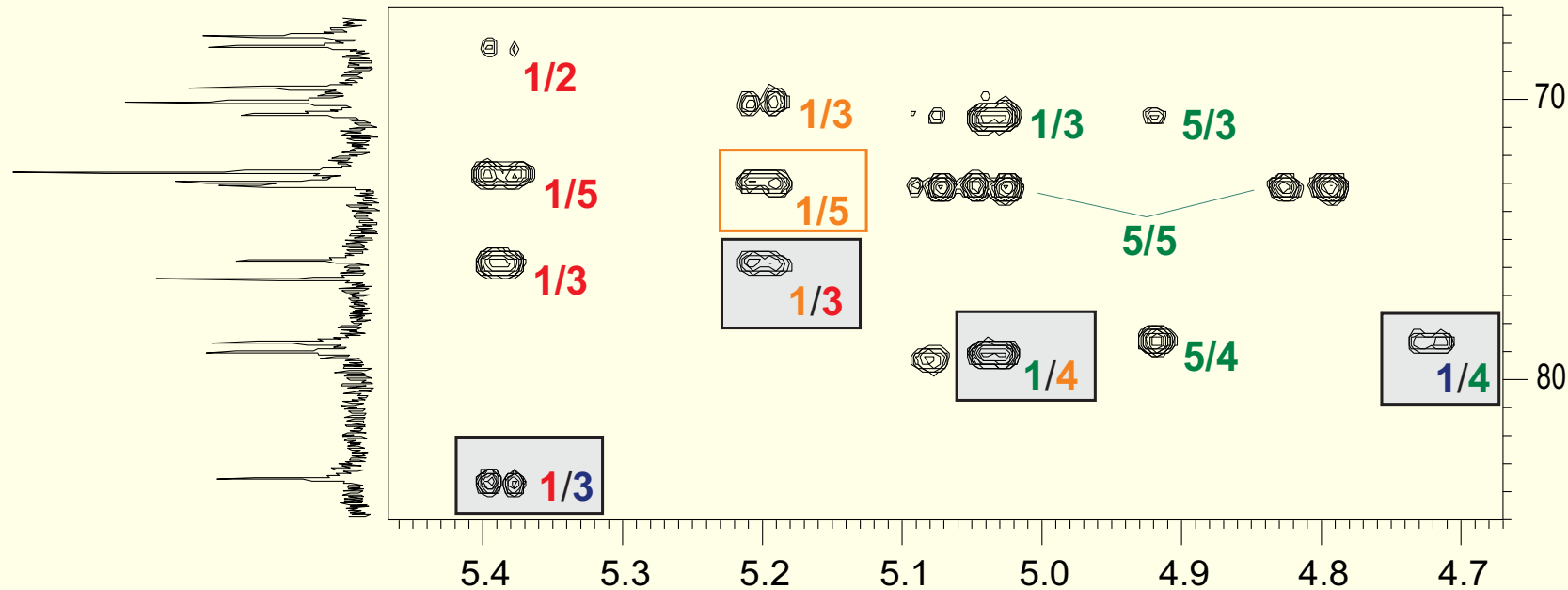
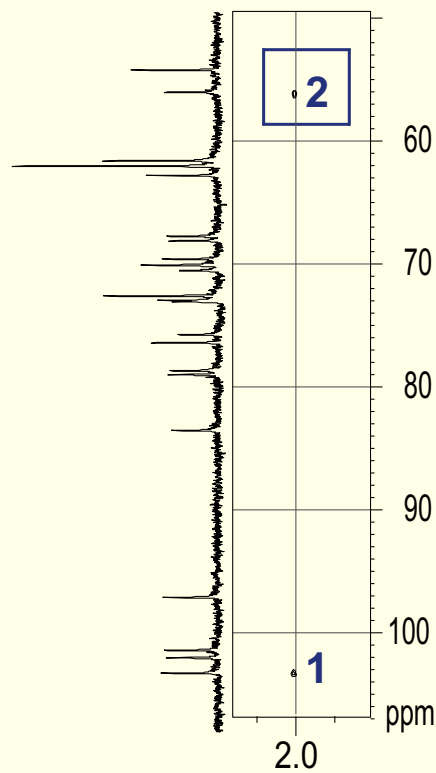
correlates carbons with distant protons ( $J_{CH} < 10\text{Гц}$ ), including **C-O-C-H** and **CO-NH-C-H**

 *inter-residue contacts*

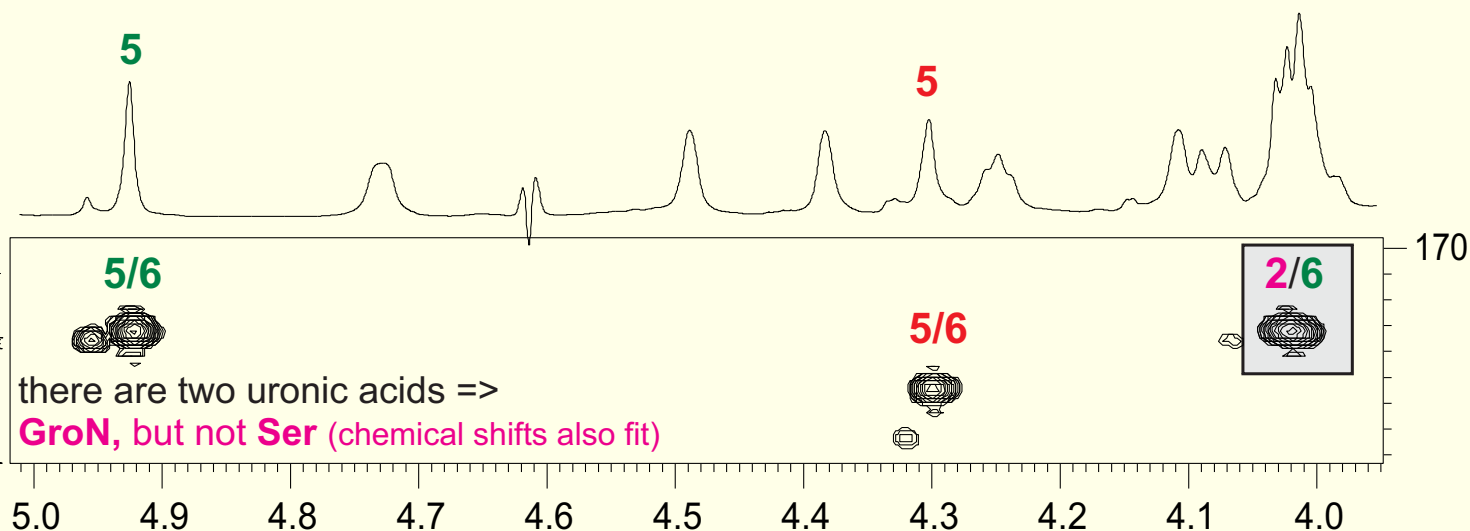


**Ac-2**

confirmation of Ac localization



**6**  
**6**  
**Ac-1**



there are two uronic acids =>  
**GroN**, but not **Ser** (chemical shifts also fit)

# Absolute configurations

substitution effects are sensitive to absolute configurations and are deposited in the databases

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6
→3)-α-GalpA <sup>I</sup> -(1→	102.0 +7.2	68.1	<b>75.8</b> +5.4	67.7 -4.0	72.6	175.0
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both GalA are D

(from the values of optical rotation of their S-butylglycosides)

residue pair	atom	database		experiment
		DD	DL	
Gal <sup>α</sup> 1→3GalA <sup>I</sup>	C-1	<b>3.3</b>	8.3	3.6
GalA <sup>I</sup> β1→3GlcN	C-4	<b>0.7</b>	-1.3	1.4

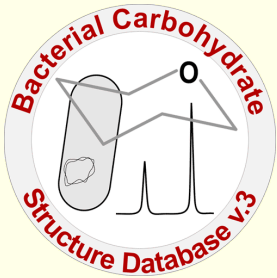


all chiral residues have D-configuration

# Sources of $^{13}\text{C}$ chemical shift data



**BCSDB:**  
experimental NMR data

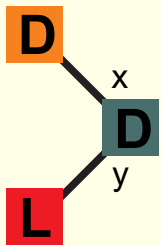


**BCSDB/BIOPSEL:**  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts of monomers, dimers (linear fragments), and trimers (branching points).  
substitution effects.  
<http://www.glyco.ac.ru/bcsdb3/nmr.html>

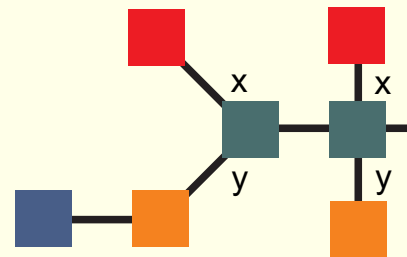
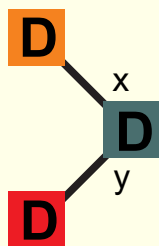


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Ac-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)	176.1	23.8	+8.4	<b>+1.4</b>		
$\rightarrow 4\text{-}\alpha\text{-D-GalpA}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow)$	101.4 +6.6	70.1	70.5	<b>78.7</b> +7.0	73.0 +0.8	172.8
GroN-(2 $\rightarrow$ 6)	62.0	54.2	62.0			
$\rightarrow 4\text{-}\alpha\text{-D-Galp}\text{-}(1\rightarrow)$	97.1 <b>+3.6</b>	69.6	70.1	<b>79.0</b> +8.4	72.9 +1.2	61.6

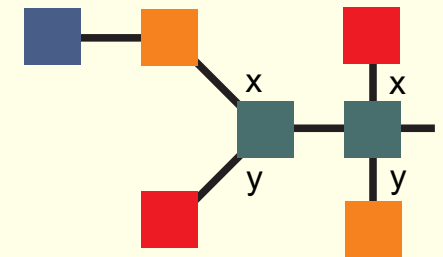
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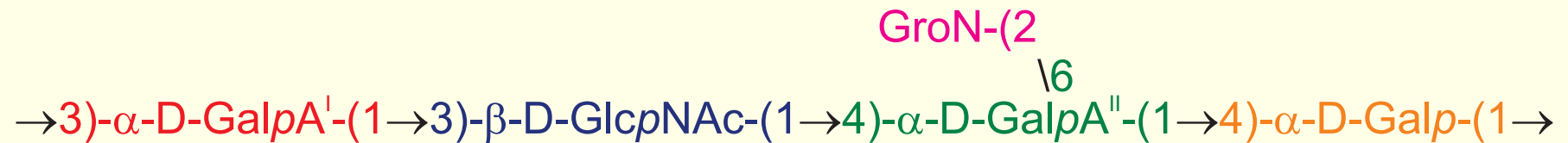
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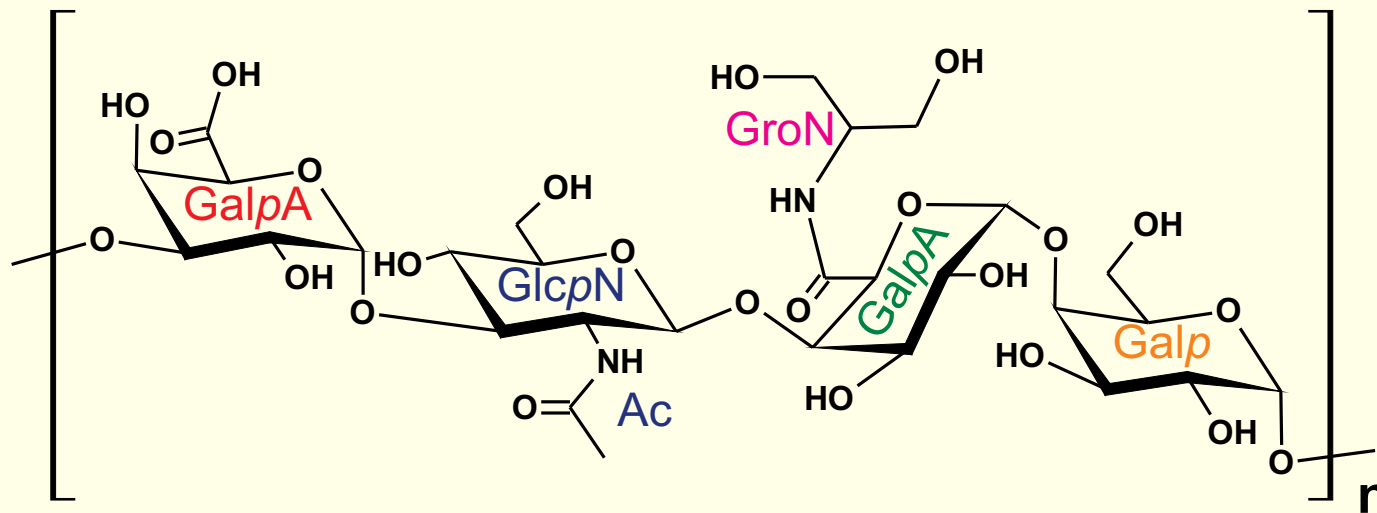
vs.



# Structure of the chemical repeating unit of *Edwardsiella* 1153



HSQC => in the native polysaccharide Gal is O-acetylated at position 2 (45% of units) or 3 (other 45% of units)



**30 hours of work:**

extraction and purification	4
de-O-acetylation	2
monomeric composition	1
optical rotation	1
NMR spectra acquisition	8
interpretation	6
documentation and presentation	3
O-acetate localization	4+1