



# Computational Spectral Analysis

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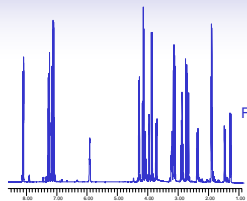
# Why Computational Spectral Analysis?

- To obtain more accurate spectral parameters
- To better understand second-order spectra
- To analyze large spin-systems containing lots of coupling information
- **Can be automated!**

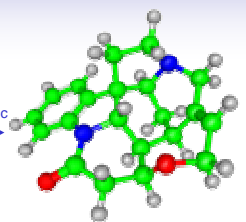
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# Every Chemist's Dream





Full Automatic  
Program

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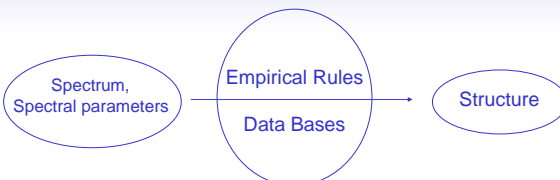
Spectrum Structure







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# The Usual Way

Works reasonably for <sup>13</sup>C-spectra







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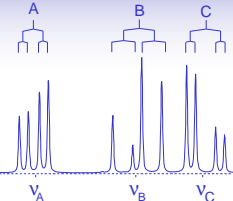
# NMR Observables for structure and dynamics

| Observable   | Information   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemical shifts<br/>1H, 13C, 15N, 31P</li> <li>• J-couplings (through bond)<br/>3J(HN, H<math>\alpha</math>), 3J(H<math>\alpha</math>, H<math>\beta</math>), ...</li> <li>• NOE (through space)</li> <li>• Solvent exchange (HN)</li> <li>• Relaxation / linewidths<br/>1H, 13C, 15N</li> <li>• Residual dipolar couplings</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignments,<br/>Secondary Structure</li> <li>Dihedral angles: <math>\Phi</math>, <math>\chi</math>,<br/>Karplus curves</li> <li>Interatomic distances (&lt;5Å)</li> <li>Hydrogen bonds</li> <li>Mobility, dynamics<br/>conform./chem.exchange</li> <li>Projection angles</li> </ul> |

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# Problem



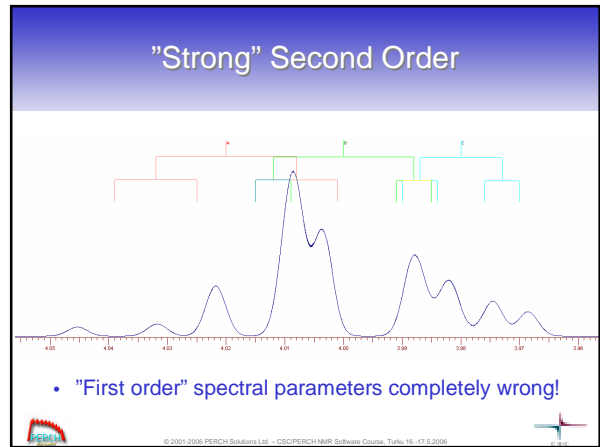
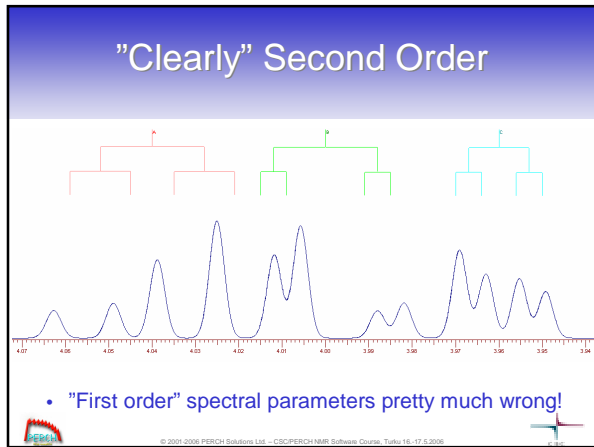
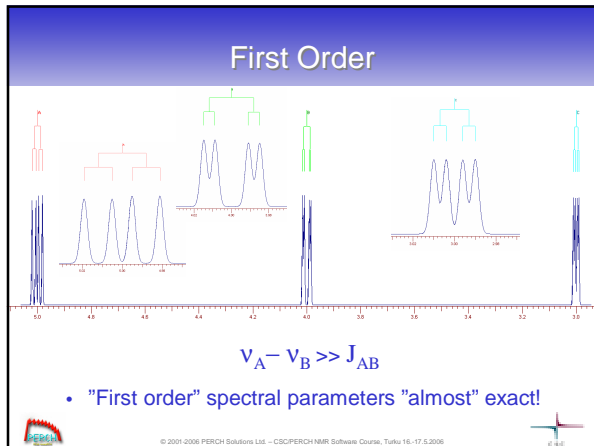
Not Exact!

$\approx V_A, \approx V_B, \approx V_C$   
 $\approx J_{AB}, \approx J_{AC}, \approx J_{BC}$

- Retrieved spectral parameter not exact!

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### 1.Order → 2.Order

- First signal intensities change, then splittings and at last multiplet widths.
- Chemical shifts are at multiplet center.
- Splittings corresponding to coupling constants of coupled nuclei are slanted towards each other.
- Splittings correlate with the corresponding couplings.  
2. Order equalizes splittings from different couplings.

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### Pattern Recognition

- Problematic with second order spectra
- A simple data base approach cannot work

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## Solution

$V_A, V_B, V_C$   
 $J_{AB}, J_{AC}, J_{BC}$

Calculation

- Quantum mechanical simulation exact!

## Quantum Mechanics

### $H \Psi = E \Psi$

Spin Energy States

| number | spin states    | energy                      |
|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1      | $\alpha\alpha$ | $+1\nu_1 + 1\nu_2 + J_{12}$ |
| 2      | $\alpha\beta$  | $+1\nu_1 - 1\nu_2 - J_{12}$ |
| 3      | $\beta\alpha$  | $-1\nu_1 + 1\nu_2 - J_{12}$ |
| 4      | $\beta\beta$   | $-1\nu_1 - 1\nu_2 + J_{12}$ |

- Quantum mechanical simulation exact!

## The Iterative Approach

Observed Spectrum

Calculated Spectrum (Guess)

Difference

$E_i$  Assignment to give the 'correct direction'

Goal: Improve guess to minimize  $SQ = \sum_i (E_i^{obs} - E_i^{cal})^2$

## Iterative Approach

Observed Spectrum

Calculated Spectrum

Difference Spectrum

$E_i$

Minimize  $SQ = \sum (E_i^{obs} - E_i^{cal})^2$

## The Assignment Problem

- More than 12000 transitions

## Total-Line-Shape Fitting

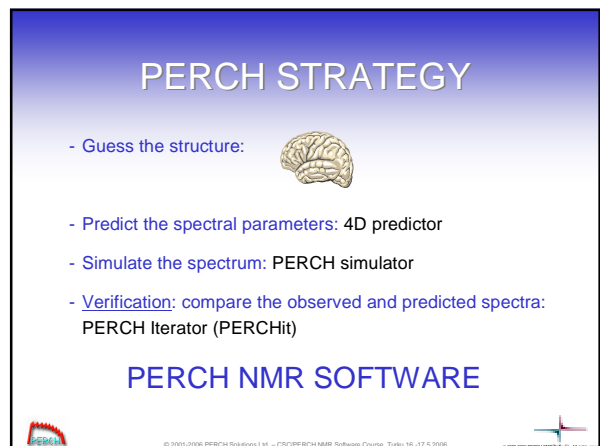
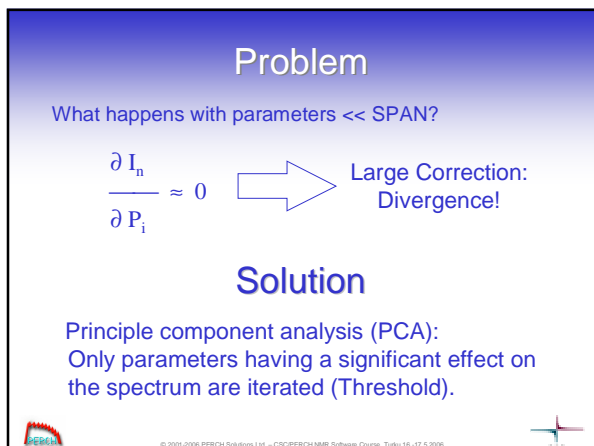
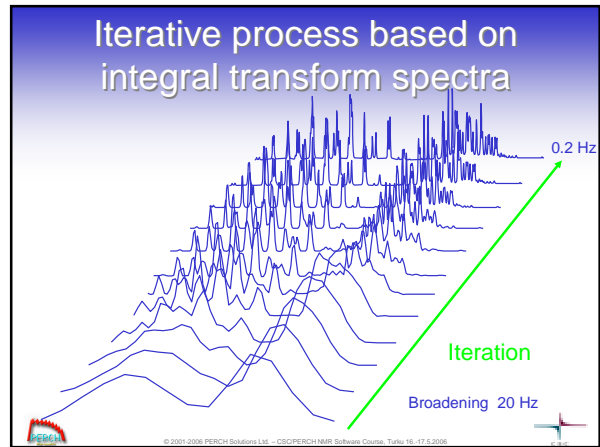
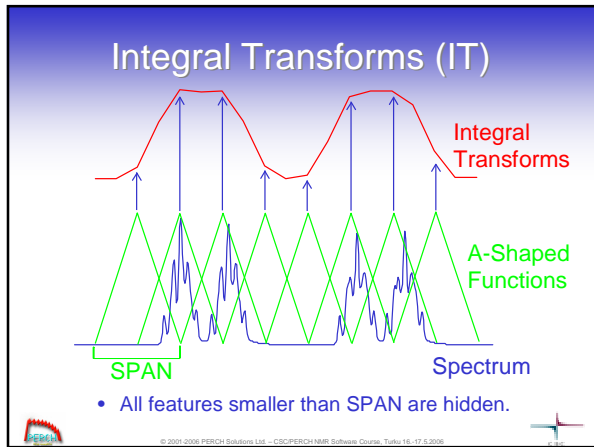
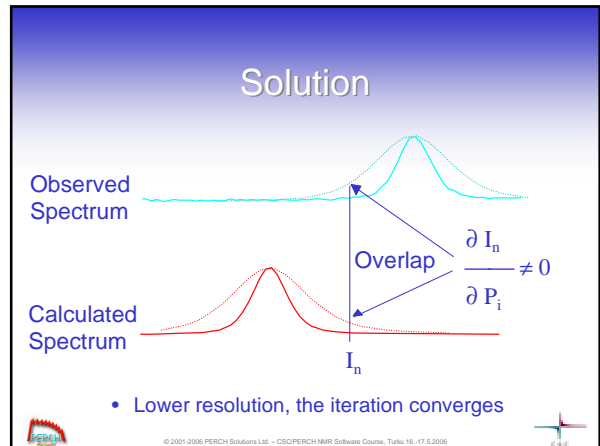
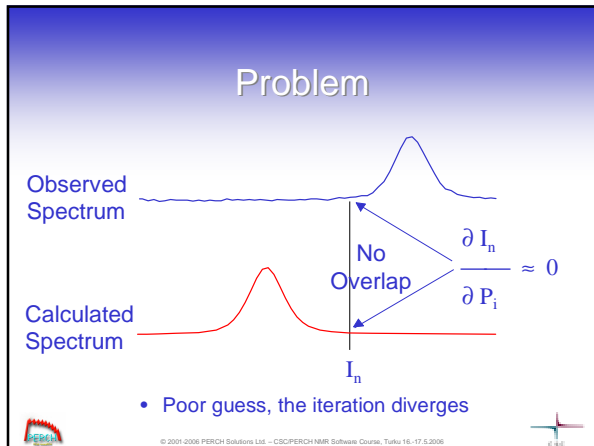
Observed Spectrum

Calculated Spectrum

$I_n$

Overlap between both spectra  
 $\frac{\partial I_n}{\partial P_i} \neq 0$

Goal: Minimize  $SQ = \sum_n (I_n^{obs} - I_n^{cal})^2$



## Iterative Spectral Analysis

Iterate

- Predict spectral parameters
- Simulate spectrum
- Compare to experimental spectrum
- Refine spectral parameters to match experimental data
- Evaluate quality of fit and difference between predicted and actual spectral parameters



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## Why Computational Spectral Analysis?

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- More accurate spectral parameters
- Understand second-order spectra
- Analyze large spin-systems
- Can be automated

How can we use this?



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## Simulator-Iterator

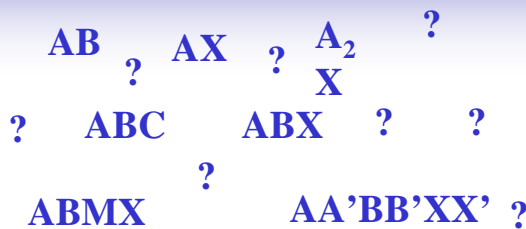
- Up to 50 spin-systems (up to 50 spin-particles/system, overall 100 spin-particles)
- Up to spin 9/2
- Symmetric pairs and X-approximation for spin-1/2 particle
- Simulation of Cholesterol takes about 30 s (incl. line-shape, 450Mhz P2)



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## Spin System Notation



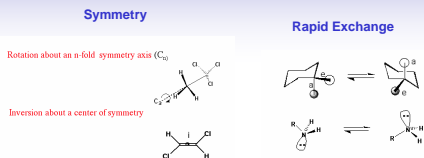
- Close chemical shifts → Letters close in the alphabet



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## Chemical & Magnetic Equivalence



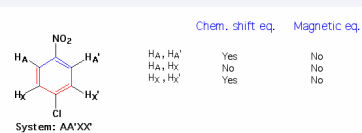
- Same chemical environment
  - Same resonance frequency
  - Same spin-spin interactions
- Chemically AND magnetically equivalent



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## Magnetic Equivalence



- Same resonance frequency
  - Different spin-spin interactions
- Chemically equivalent BUT NOT magnetically!



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## Multiplicity

|     | n | Chem. Eq. | Mag. Eq. | Notation |
|-----|---|-----------|----------|----------|
| A   | 1 | -         | -        | 1x1      |
| A2  | 2 | Yes       | Yes      | 1x2      |
| A3  | 3 | Yes       | Yes      | 1x3      |
| 2A3 | 6 | Yes       | Yes      | 2x3      |
| AA' | 2 | Yes       | No       | 2x1      |



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## Scalar & Dipolar Couplings

### Scalar couplings

- Through bonds
- Field independent
- Isotropic
- Multiplicity
- Sign

### Dipolar couplings

- Through space
- Field independent
- Anisotropic
- Usually mingles out in solution



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## PERCH's Iteration Modes

- Assignment (LAOCOON)
- Integral Transforms
- Total-Line-Shape Fitting
- Peak-Top Fitting



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## Why Automation?

- Increasing efficiency in data acquisition
  - Increasing amount of spectra to be analyzed
- Manual verification is time-consuming and requires expert level personnel
- Combinatorial chemistry



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