

## Jigsaw 4D

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1. Two spectra for sucrose are shown below. Which spectrum corresponds to HSQC and which corresponds to HMBC? How do you know?

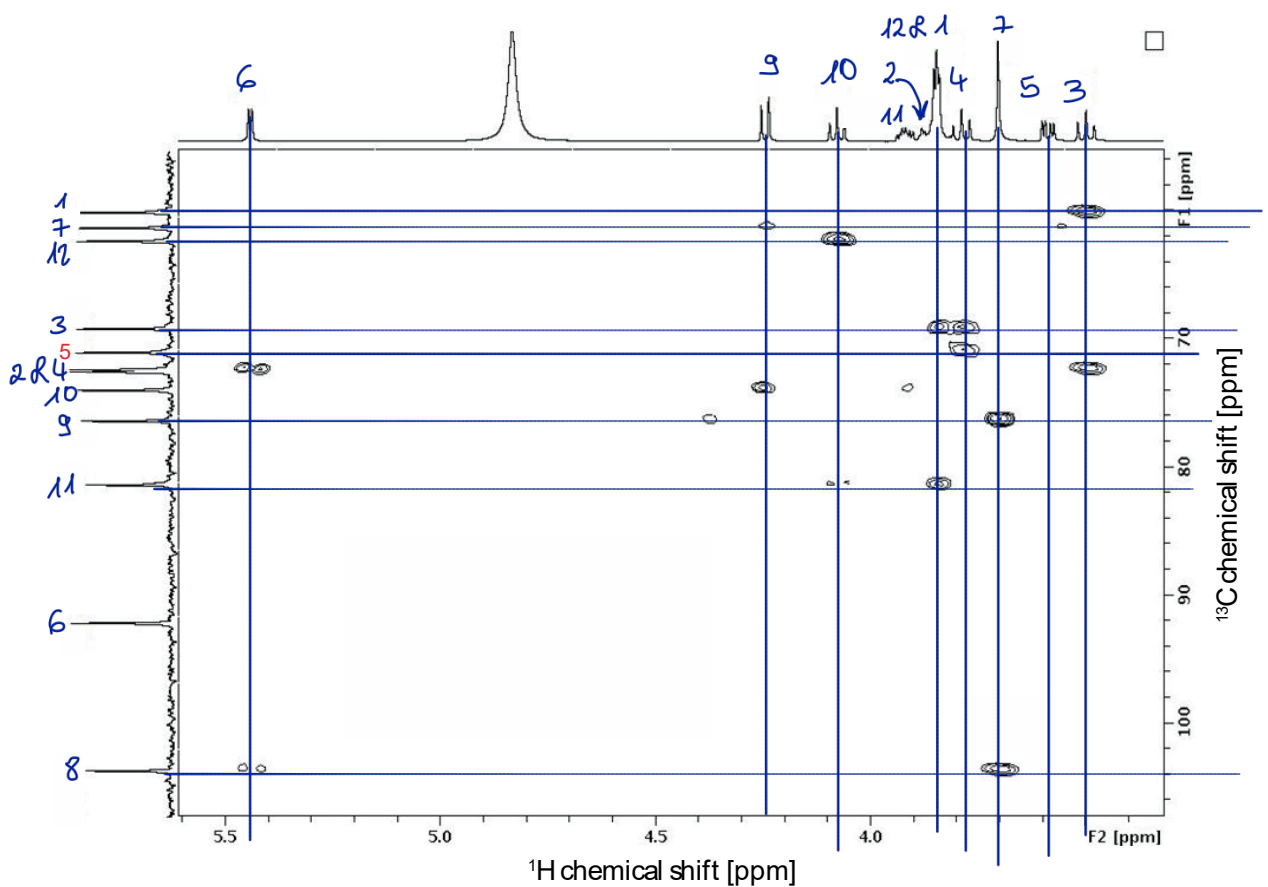
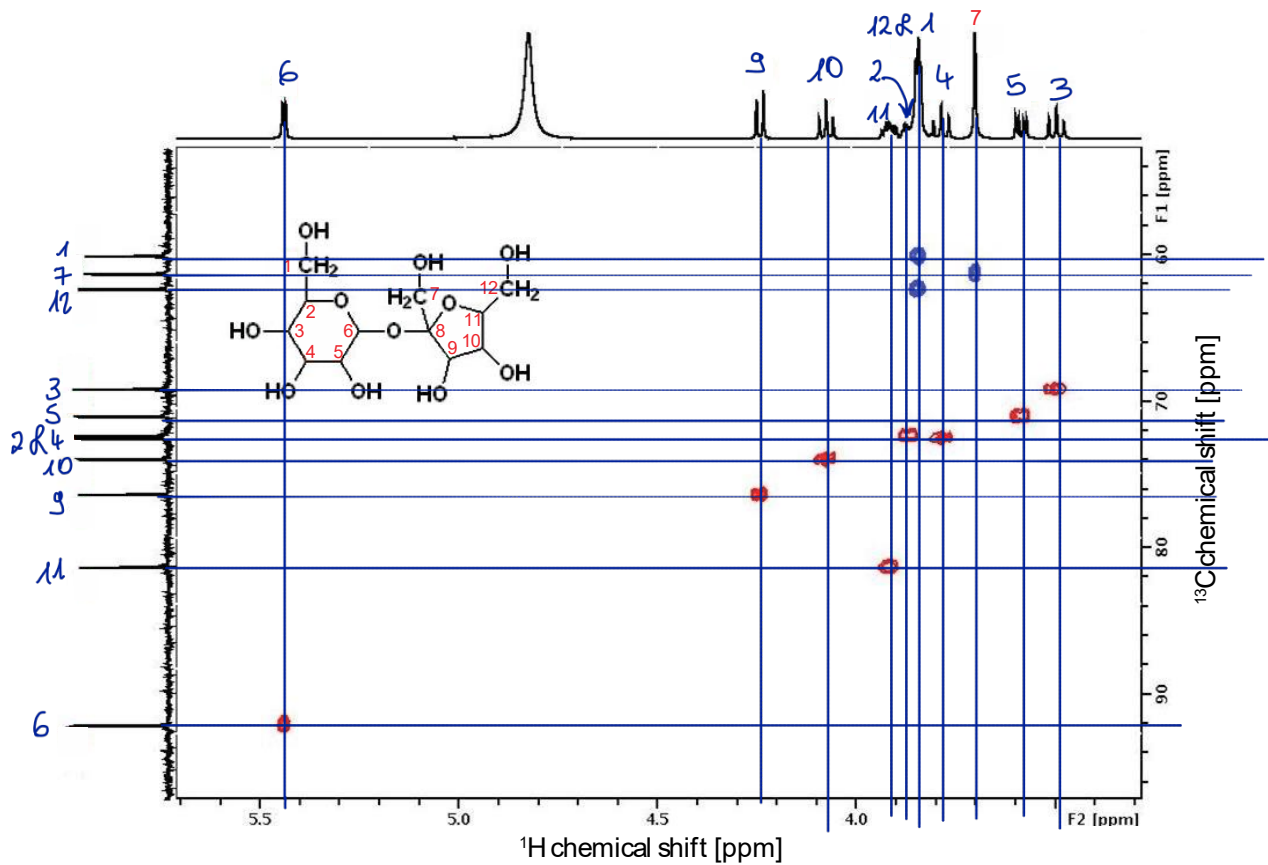
*The first spectrum corresponds to HSQC because each carbon is attached to one hydrogen. The second one corresponds to HMBC because there are multiple hydrogens for each carbon.*

2. Why are some peaks in the first spectrum blue and others are red? What additional information does this provide/how does it aid in the assignment?

*The blue peaks represents  $\text{CH}_2$  groups and the red peaks represents the CH groups. The blue points are less shielded than the red ones.*

Good! Note that in 2D NMR spectra, different colors usually represent different signs. The HSQC experiment (and sometimes other experiments) usually has a portion included that makes all the signals with an even number of protons (C,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ) negative and those with an odd number ( $-\text{CH}$ ,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ) positive

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1. Two spectra for sucrose are shown below. Which spectrum corresponds to HSQC and which corresponds to HMBC? How do you know?

Ⓐ corresponds to HSQC because each carbon is associated to one proton.  
Ⓑ corresponds to HMBC because there are multiple protons per carbon.

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The blue ones are CH and the red ones are CH<sub>2</sub>.

This provides the numbers of CH and CH<sub>2</sub>. And, it helps to find the structure of the molecule. Also, it gives which CH and CH<sub>2</sub> are more or less shielded, therefore knowing the structure we can attribute the carbons and protons.

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