

**Figure 4.** Comparison of the dinuclear species  $II^{2+}$  and  $VI^{2+}$ . Only the metal contributions to the singly occupied molecular orbitals are shown. <sup>a</sup> Estimate from a molecular model. <sup>b</sup> Reference 23. <sup>c</sup> Reference 24. <sup>d</sup> This work. <sup>e</sup> Reference 5.

as compared with the bis(arene) complex. Furthermore, metal orbital overlap should be more effective in  $VI^{2+}$  (equivalent to 50%  $\sigma$ , 50%  $\pi^{24}$ ) than in  $II^{2+}$  (equivalent to 25%  $\sigma$ , 75%  $\delta$ ; see Figure 4).

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## Homonuclear and Heteronuclear Coupling in 5'-AMP as Probed by Two-Dimensional Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

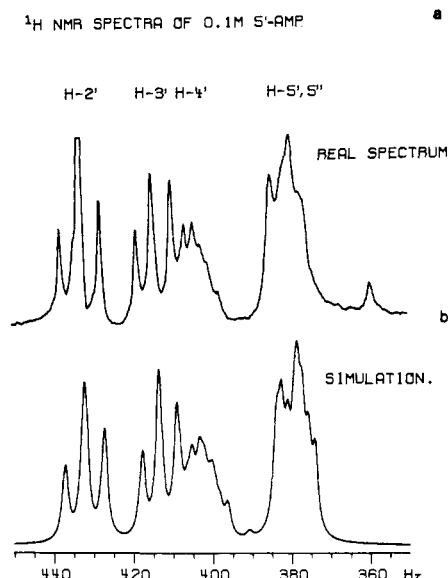
Sir:

We have obtained the two-dimensional, homonuclear,  $J$ -resolved,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum<sup>1-3</sup> of 5'-adenosine monophosphate (5'-AMP).<sup>4</sup>

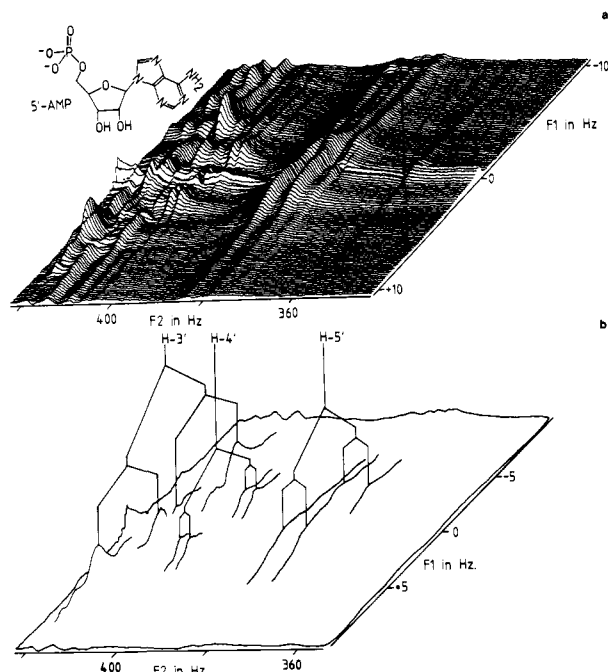
The normal  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 5'-AMP<sup>5</sup> (Figure 1a) is complicated by strong homonuclear coupling combined with heteronuclear coupling to  $^{31}\text{P}$ , which are normally difficult to unravel. Two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy has allowed us to distinguish between homo- and heteronuclear coupling by inspection.

The pulse sequence used ( $90^\circ-\tau-180^\circ-\tau$ -echo) causes transitions which are connected by homonuclear, scalar coupling to be "stretched out" across the second dimension ( $F_1$ ),<sup>3</sup> whereas heteronuclear coupling causes transitions to appear side by side in the first dimension ( $F_2$ ), since the heteroatom is unaffected by the pulses.

Figure 2 shows the two-dimensional spectrum of the ribose 3', 4', 5', and 5'' protons. The 3' proton shows two homonuclear couplings: one to the 2' proton and one to the 4' proton. Thus, to first order, the 3' proton resonates as a doublet of doublets stretched out over  $F_1$ . By contrast in the 4' region we see two pairs of side-by-side transitions. The splitting within a pair is caused by long-range, heteronuclear coupling to  $^{31}\text{P}$  and the



**Figure 1.** (a) The 90-MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the higher field ribose protons in 5'-AMP. The central part of the H-2' multiplet is overlapped by a peak due to HDO. (b) Simulation of the spectrum in Figure 1a using  $\delta$  and  $J$  values obtained from the 2D spectrum.



**Figure 2.** (a) The 2-D, homonuclear,  $J$ -resolved,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the H-3', H-4', and H-5',5'' protons in 5'-AMP at ambient temperature. (b) An outline sketch of the main peaks visible in Figure 2a, showing their origins.

**Table I**

coupling	value in Hz	coupling	value in Hz
$J(1',2')$	5.3	$J(4',\text{P})$	1.9
$J(2',3')$	4.8	$J(5',5'')$	-12.0 <sup>a</sup>
$J(3',4')$	4.2	$J(5',\text{P})$	5.3
$J(4',5')$	3.3	$J(5'',\text{P})$	5.3
$J(4',5'')$	3.3		

<sup>a</sup> Reference 5.

splitting between pairs is due to homonuclear coupling to the 3' proton. Each observed 4' transition is, in fact, the strong, central part of a multiplet due to coupling to the two 5' protons. Other parts of these multiplets were too weak to be observed. A similar coupling pattern is exhibited by the 5' protons, except, in this case, the heteronuclear coupling is larger. The signals are also broader due to short  $T_2$ 's. This makes the determination of the magnitude of the homonuclear coupling to 4' inaccurate and obscures effects due to the possible non-equivalence of the 5' protons.

Additional peaks appear in the spectrum along lines of constant  $F_2$  corresponding to transitions in the conventional  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum. These extra signals are caused by the mixing of the transition at that particular  $F_2$  with other connected transitions. This mixing can be due either to imperfections in the pulse or to strong coupling effects.<sup>3,6</sup> Any peak in the two-dimensional spectrum is associated with two connected transitions in the conventional NMR spectrum. The  $F_1$  frequency of the peak is exactly one half the separation between these transitions in  $F_2$ .<sup>3</sup> Using this guide we have been able to assign nearly all the peaks in Figure 2.

Our analysis of the two-dimensional spectrum has enabled us to obtain both the homonuclear coupling constants and the couplings to  $^{31}\text{P}$ . The coupling constants are given in Table I. These were then used in a seven-spin, spectral simulation, shown in Figure 1b. The correspondence with the observed spectrum is shown in Figure 1.

In nucleic acids the conformation of the phosphate backbone is extremely important in determining the overall conformation of the molecule.<sup>5,7</sup> Two-dimensional  $^1\text{H}$  NMR not only allows

us to probe these backbone conformations (via the  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $^1\text{H}$  coupling constants) but simultaneously allows the determination of all the homonuclear coupling information.<sup>8</sup>

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## An Investigation of the Fluidity of Alkyl Benzenesulfonate Aqueous Micelles by Fluorescence Spectroscopy

Sir:

The influence of supramolecular assemblies on chemical changes has lately become of increasing interest owing to the realization that many important biological processes occur at, or close to, such assemblies (membranes, peptides, nucleic acids) where effects such as charge density and amphipathic environment may be important.<sup>1</sup> Surfactant micelles have been extensively used to model the biological structures. This is justified by the fact that the same forces are responsible for holding biological and micellar aggregates together. Also the lipophilic boundary and hydrophilic regions of micelles find their counterparts in cellular structures. The popularity of the surfactant micelle as an experimental model arises from the ready availability of pure materials and the innate feeling that micelles offer a more tractable problem for quantitative investigation.

The use of fluorescent probes for studying the phenomena of micellization and solubilization has become widespread.<sup>2</sup> Thus, large aromatic hydrocarbons such as methylantracene, pyrene, etc., have been employed as extrinsic probes to obtain information on rotational diffusion (through fluorescence depolarization)<sup>3,4</sup> and translational diffusion (through the dynamics of excimer formation).<sup>5,6</sup> However, the question must be raised as to whether a micelle which incorporates a relatively large guest residue is the same entity as the micelle without the probe.<sup>7</sup> Here we report some preliminary studies using a variety of alkyl benzenesulfonate isomers which are surfactants having an intrinsic fluorescent probe. These studies