ORCA-based g-tensor calculation and analysis for molecular trajectories

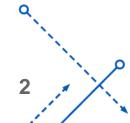
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#### What is ORCA?

#### **ORCA (short for "Optimization and Reactivity Calculations")**

A quantum chemistry program —— uses density functional theory (DFT) and other methods to calculate molecular properties and reactions.



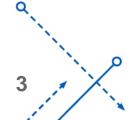


## **ORCA** and its Applications in Quantum Chemistry

- ➤ ORCA is widely used by researchers in fields

- Biochemistry
  Materials science
  Drug design to study the electronic structure

- ➤ ORCA can calculate a wide range of properties -
- Molecular geometries
- Electronic spectra
- Thermodynamic properties
- Reaction mechanisms
- ORCA can be used for a variety of quantum chemistry calculations
- Geometry optimization
- Frequency analysis
- Electronic structure analysis
- Reaction kinetics.
- > ORCA also includes a large library of functionals and basis sets, which allows users to select the best combination of methods for their specific research questions.



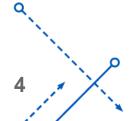
## What is g-tensors?

➤ **G-tensor analysis** is a valuable tool in understanding molecular properties and dynamics in a variety of fields.

➤ G-tensors describe the response of a molecule's electronic structure to an external magnetic field.

> The g-tensor is a rank-2 tensor that relates the magnetic moment of a molecule to the applied magnetic field.

➤ G-tensors are an important tool for understanding the electronic structure and spin density of a molecule.



## Applications of g-tensor analysis in research

- Studying enzyme mechanisms and catalytic activity
- Investigating protein-ligand interactions
- Examining electron transfer processes
- Analyzing molecular orientation and dynamics
- understanding molecular properties and dynamics in a variety of fields
- > The behavior and interactions of molecules in complex systems
- Materials science and other fields to study molecular properties and behavior



## Overview of ORCA Input and Output Files for G-Tensor Calculation

- ➤ The input file for ORCA g-tensor calculation contains information about the molecular system and the calculation parameters.
- The molecular system is defined by providing the Cartesian coordinates of the atoms in the molecule, as well as the basis set and functional to be used for the calculation.
- > The g-tensor calculation parameters, such as the level of theory and the grid for numerical integration, are also specified in the input file.
- The output file of the g-tensor calculation contains information about the g-tensor components and their respective values, as well as other related properties such as the molecular magnetic moment.
- The g-tensor components can be visualized using various software tools, such as VMD.
- ➤ The output file also contains information about the quality of the calculation, such as convergence criteria and error estimates.

## Significance of g-tensor analysis in MD simulations

#### **Electronic structure and spin density**

➤ G-tensor analysis provides information on electronic structure and spin density of a molecule.

#### **Understanding molecular processes**

➤ G-tensor analysis is useful for understanding chemical reactions, binding events, and other molecular processes.

### **Molecular orientation and dynamics**

➤ G-tensor analysis provides information on molecular orientation and dynamics, which is important in the study of biological systems.

#### **Enzyme mechanisms and protein-ligand interactions**

G-tensor analysis can be used to study enzyme mechanisms, protein-ligand interactions, and electron transfer processes.

#### **Extracting Molecular Geometries and Calculating g-Tensor Components using Python and ORCA**

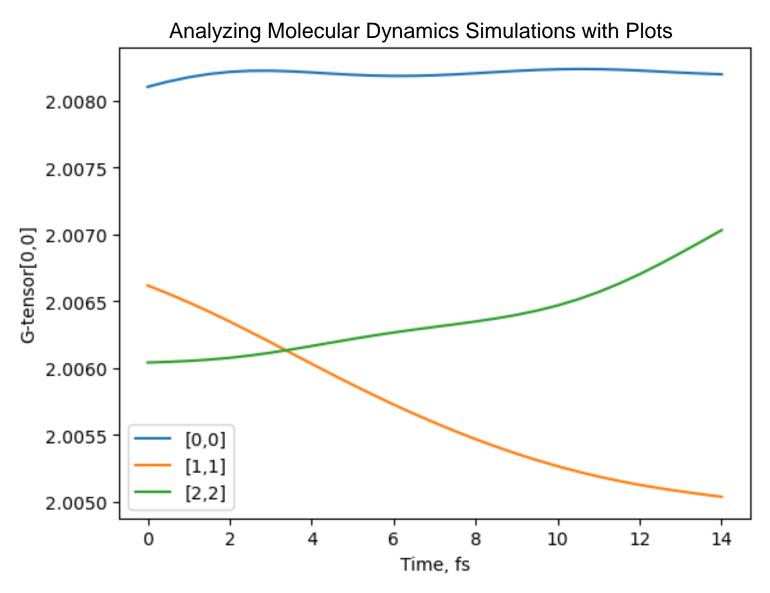
> Python scripts can be used to automate the extraction of molecular geometries from a trajectory XYZ file.

ORCA can be called from within a Python script to calculate the g-tensor components for each extracted geometry.

➤ The g-tensor components can be saved to a file and analyzed using Python scripts or visualization software such as VMD or PyMOL.

> By combining Python and ORCA, researchers can efficiently calculate g-tensor components for large sets of molecular geometries.

## **G-tensor component plot**



- The plot show how the g-tensor components change over time during a molecular dynamic's simulation.
- The plot reveal the effect of different environments, such as solvent, temperature, or pH, on the g-tensor components
- ➤ The plot can provide insights into the mechanism of chemical reactions or binding events, such as electron transfer or ligand binding
- The plot can be used to compare different systems or mutations and determine their impact on the gtensor components

## **Conclusion**

- G-tensor analysis can provide valuable information on the electronic structure and spin density of a molecule, which is important in understanding its reactivity and chemical properties.
- > By analyzing g-tensor components, researchers can gain insights into molecular orientation and dynamics, as well as the interactions between molecules.
- In the study of biological systems, g-tensor analysis can provide information on protein-ligand interactions, enzyme mechanisms, and electron transfer processes.
- ➤ G-tensor analysis can be used to study the behavior of molecules under different conditions, such as changes in temperature, pressure, or solvent environment.
- ➤ G-tensor analysis can also be used to predict the properties and behavior of new compounds, which is useful in fields such as drug design and materials science.
- By combining g-tensor analysis with other techniques such as molecular dynamics simulations, researchers can gain a more complete understanding of the behavior of complex molecular systems.

# Thank You!