



# RadicalPy



Radical pair spin dynamics for the masses

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# Motivation



- The radical pair mechanism has gained popularity in recent years:
  - Biological magnetoreception
- Spin chemistry is a relatively niche area of science and can be daunting for people trained in different fields.
- Current toolboxes, such as EasySpin<sup>1</sup> and Spinach<sup>2</sup> focus on EPR and NMR spin dynamics simulations that require the proprietary commercial<sup>3</sup> software MATLAB.
- We aim to build an intuitive (object-oriented) open-source framework in the Python programming language (which is freely available) specific to radical pair spin dynamics.
- Designed for specialists and non-specialists alike to learn and be able perform a plethora of spin dynamics simulations with relative ease.

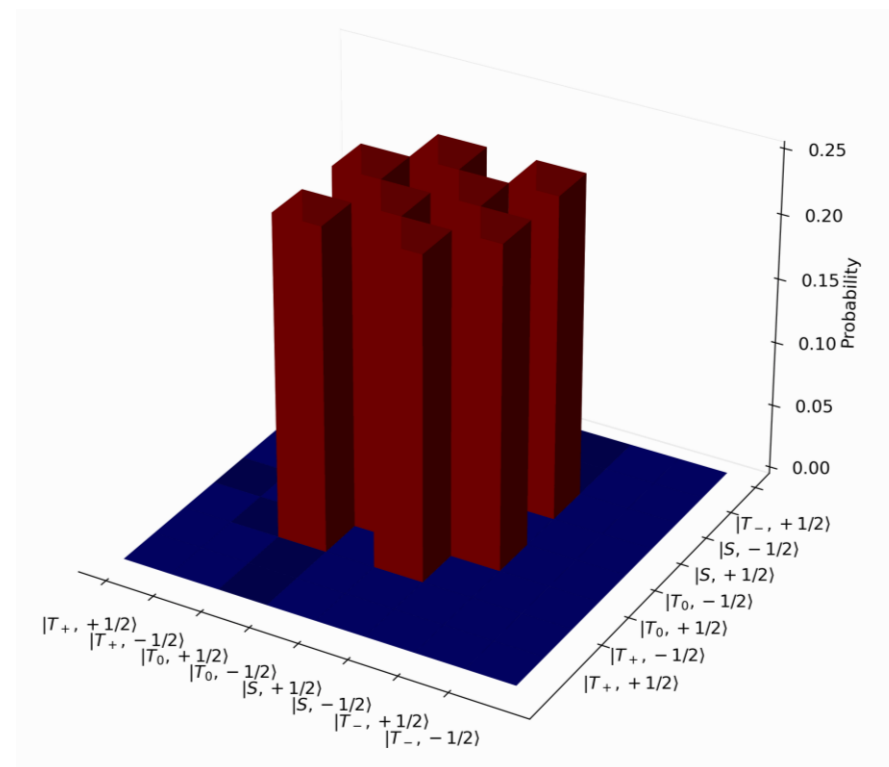
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3. Non-negligible price \$\$\$\$

# RadicalPy



- Open-source, written in Python, available on GitHub:
  - <https://github.com/Spin-Chemistry-Labs/radicalpy>
  - `python -m pip install radicalpy`
  - <https://radicalpy.readthedocs.io/>
- Tutorials
  - Jupyter Notebook (coming soon)
- CI/CD (automated tests, automated documentation)
- License: MIT License
- Standard Python packages:
  - NumPy (<http://numpy.scipy.org/>)
  - SciPy (<http://www.scipy.org/>)
  - Matplotlib (<http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net/>)
- 4,236 lines of code (so far)
- Still in development

Time evolution of a 3D density matrix of a 1-proton singlet born radical pair (with automated spin state labels)



`github://examples/density_matrix_3d.py`



# RadicalPy

`data.py`

`simulation.py`

`classical.py`

## Databases:

- Physical constants
- Pauli matrices
- Molecules
  - HFCs
  - Effective HFCs
- Isotopes
  - Spin multiplicities
  - Magnetogyric ratios

- Monte Carlo random walk:
  - Solution-based RPs
  - Encapsulated RPs
- Kinetics
  - Relaxation mechanism
- Molecular dynamics interface

`kinetics.py`

- Exponential model
- Haberkorn
- Jones-Hore

`relaxation.py`

- ST-dephasing
- TT-dephasing
- Random fields
- g-tensor anisotropy
- T1 relaxation
- T2 relaxation

`HilbertSimulation`

`LiouvilleSimulation`

- Basis: Zeeman and ST
- Spin states ( $S$ ,  $T_+$ ,  $T_-$ ,  $T_0$ ,  $T_{+-}$ , Equilibrium)
- Spin operators
- Product operators
- Unitary propagators
- Hamiltonians (Zeeman, Hyperfine, ...)
- Time evolution
- MARY
- MIE
- Anisotropy

`plot.py`

- Density matrix
- Energy level
- Linear energy level
- 3D polar plot
- 3D random walk

`estimations.py`

- J and D
- $\tau_c$
- Various rates
- $B_{1/2}$

`utils.py`

- Conversions
- $B_{1/2}$  fitting
- Rotation matrices
- Autocorrelations
- Spectral densities

# Building molecules: Interface to molecule and isotope databases



```
from radicalpy.simulation import Molecule
```

## Using the molecule database:

```
flavin = Molecule(radical="flavin_anion",
                    nuclei=["H25"])
print(flavin)
Molecule: flavin_anion
  HFCs: [array([[ 0.47570582,  0.04192216, -0.00921916],
                [ 0.04192216,  0.4626044 , -0.00827001],
                [-0.00921916, -0.00827001,  0.42560999]])]
  Multiplicities: [2]
  Magnetogyric ratios (mT): [267522.18744]
```

## Helpful error messages:

```
Molecule("adenine_cation", ["buz"])
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: Available nuclei below.
N6-H2 (hfc = -0.66)
N6-H1 (hfc = -0.63)
C8-H (hfc = -0.55)
```

## Using the isotope database:

```
Molecule(nuclei=["1H", "14N"],
          hfcs=[0.41, 1.82])
Molecule: N/A
  HFCs: [0.41, 1.82]
  Multiplicities: [2, 3]
  Magnetogyric ratios (mT): 267522.18744,
                             19337.792]
  Number of particles: 2
```

## Custom molecules:

```
Molecule("my_flavin", multiplicities=[2],
          gammas_mT=[267522.18744],
          hfcs=[0.5])
Molecule: my_flavin
  HFCs: [0.5]
  Multiplicities: [2]
  Magnetogyric ratios (mT): [267522.18744]
  Number of particles: 1
```

```
Z = Molecule("kryptonite")
Molecule: kryptonite
  HFCs: []
  Multiplicities: []
  Magnetogyric ratios (mT): []
  Number of particles: 0
```

# Building simulators: Laying the groundwork for simulations



```
import radicalpy as rp

flavin = rp.simulation.Molecule("flavin_anion", ["H25"])
Z = rp.simulation.Molecule("Z")
sim = rp.simulation.HilbertSimulation([flavin, Z])

print(sim)

Number of electrons: 2
Number of nuclei: 1
Number of particles: 3
Multiplicities: [2, 2, 2]
Magnetogyric ratios (mT): [-176085963.023, -176085963.023, 267522.18744]
Nuclei: ['H25']
Couplings: [0]
HFCs (mT): [array([[ 0.47570582,  0.04192216, -0.00921916],
 [ 0.04192216,  0.4626044 , -0.00827001],
 [-0.00921916, -0.00827001,  0.42560999]])]
```

```
H = sim.total_hamiltonian(B=0, D=0, J=0)
```

```
plt.spy(H)
plt.show()
```



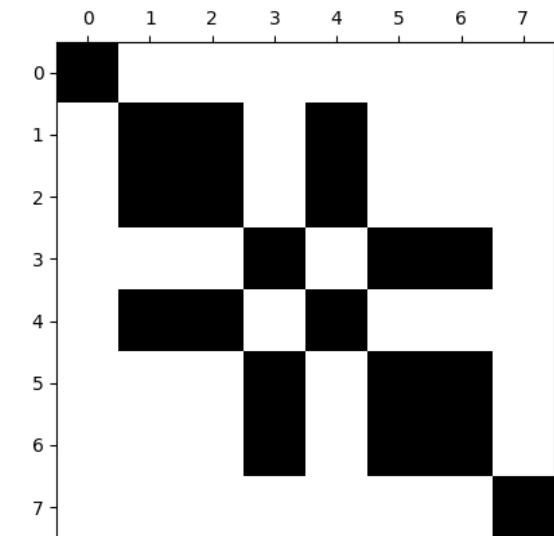
$$H_Z = \gamma_e B_0 [\hat{S}_{Lx} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{S}_{Ly} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{S}_{Lz} \cos \theta]$$

$$H_H = \sum_k^{N_L} [\hat{S}_L \cdot A_{Lk} \cdot \hat{I}_{Lk}] \quad L = \{A, B\}$$

$$H_J = -J \left( 2\hat{S}_A \cdot \hat{S}_B + \frac{1}{2} \hat{E} \right) \quad \hat{E} = \hat{P}^S + \hat{P}^T$$

$$H_D = \sum_{j=x,y,z} \sum_{k=x,y,z} D_{jk} \hat{S}_{Aj} \hat{S}_{Ak}$$

$$H = H_Z + H_H + H_J + H_D$$



# Time evolution and product yield



Hilbert space simulation:

Time evolution and product (triplet) yield for a singlet born flavin-Z radical pair

```
time = np.arange(0, 2e-6, 5e-9)
rhos = sim.time_evolution(State.SINGLET, time, H)

k = 3e6
kinetics=[rp.kinetics.Exponential(k)]

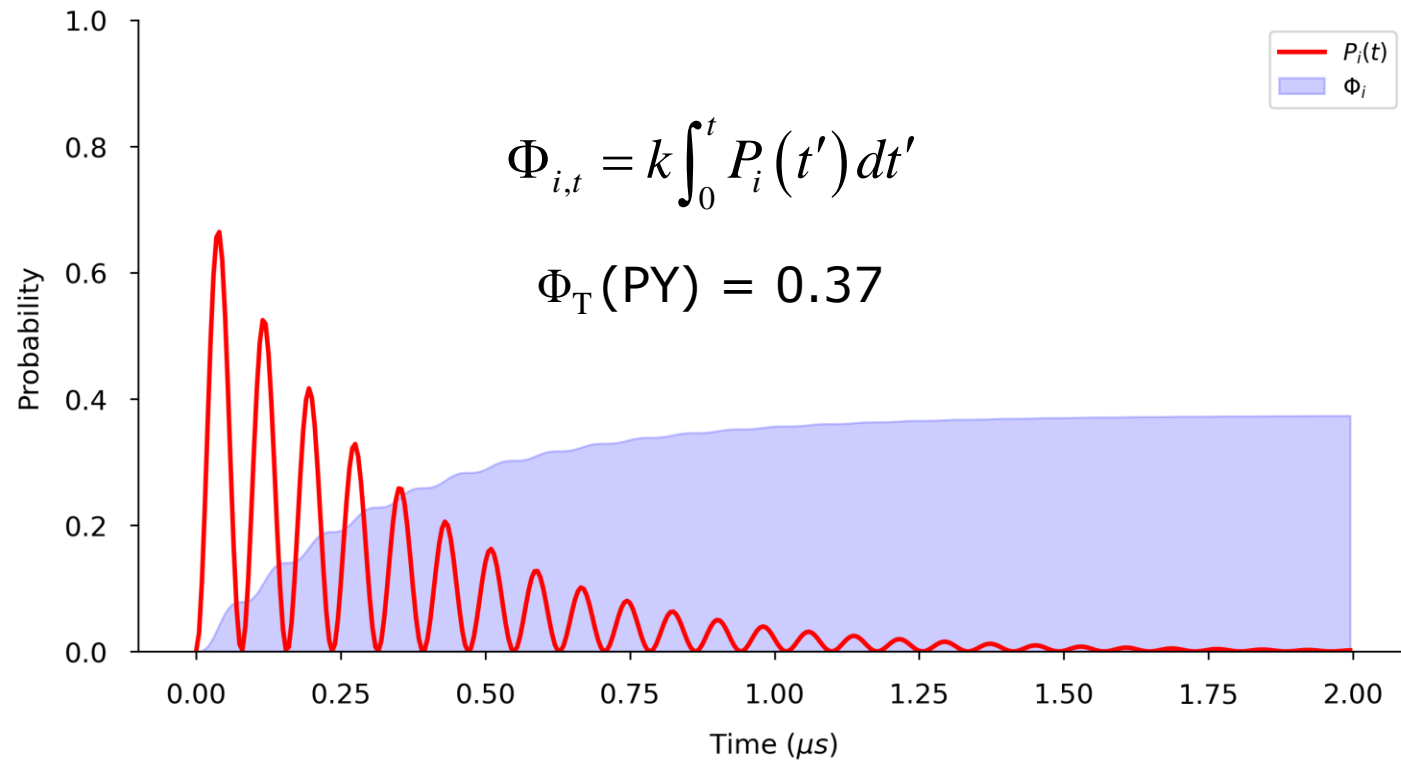
time_evol = sim.product_probability(State.TRIPLET,
                                   rhos)

sim.apply_hilbert_kinetics(time, time_evol, kinetics)
product_yield, product_yield_sum =
    sim.product_yield(time_evol, time, k)

x = time * 1e6

plt.plot(x, time_evol, color="red", linewidth=2)
plt.fill_between(x, product_yield,
                color="blue", alpha=0.2)
plt.xlabel("Time ($\mu$ s)")
plt.ylabel("Probability"); plt.ylim([0, 1])
plt.legend([r"$P_i(t)$", r"$\Phi_i$"])

print(f"PY = {product_yield_sum}")
```



# Monte Carlo random walk: Encapsulated radical pair motion



Diffusional motion of the radical pair can be considered as random jumps between two points separated by distance  $\Delta r^1$ ,

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{6D_{AB}\Delta t}$$

$\Delta t$  = time interval

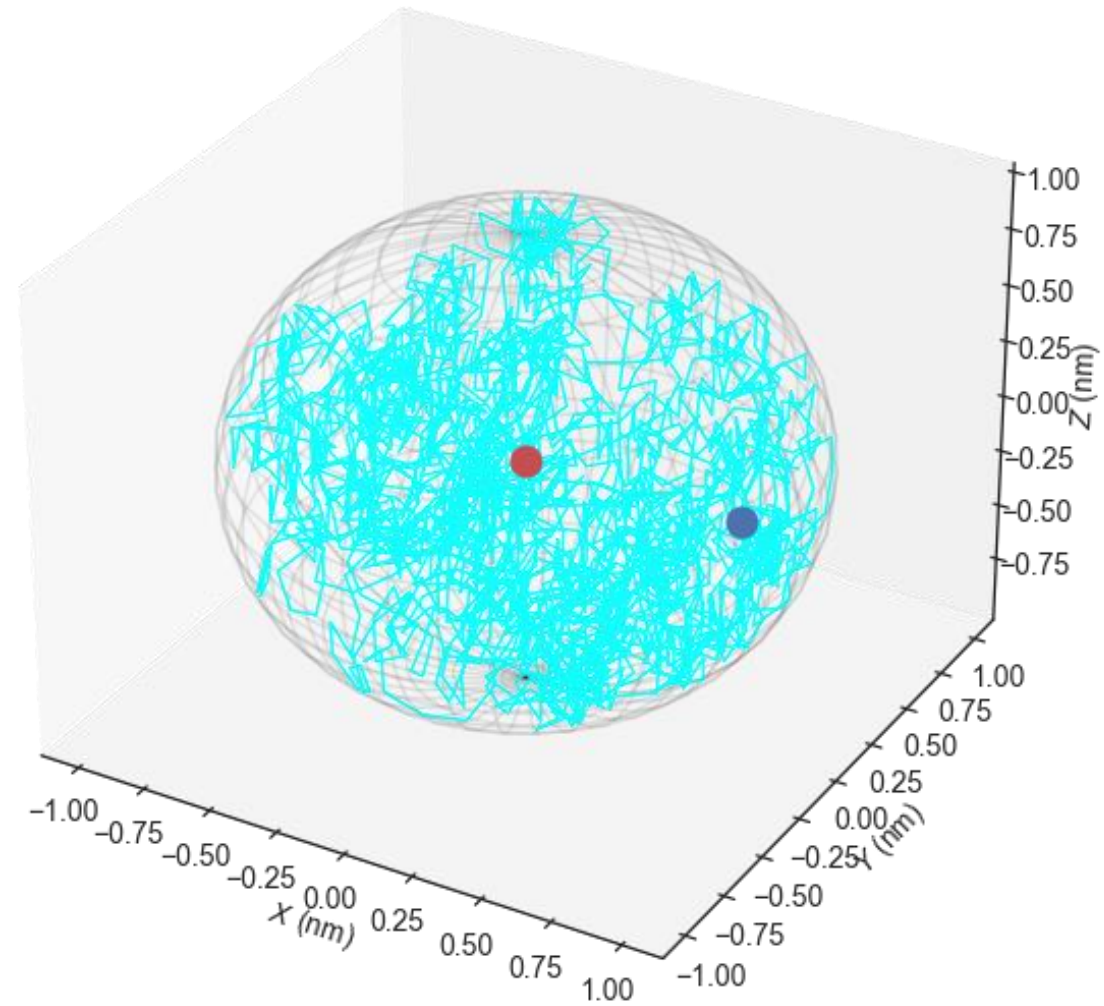
$D_{AB}$  = mutual diffusion coefficient of the radical pair

```
from radicalpy import classical

n_steps = 2000
r_min = 0.5e-9 / 2
r_max = 2e-9 / 2
r = (r_min) + np.random.sample() * ((r_max) - (r_min))
x0, y0, z0 = r, 0, 0
mut_D = 1e-6 / 10000
del_T = 40e-12

delta_r = classical.get_delta_r(mut_D, del_T)
pos, dist, ang = classical.randomwalk_3d(n_steps, x0, y0, z0,
                                         delta_r, r_max)

plot.monte_carlo_caged(pos, r_max)
```



2 nm diameter micelle / vesicle

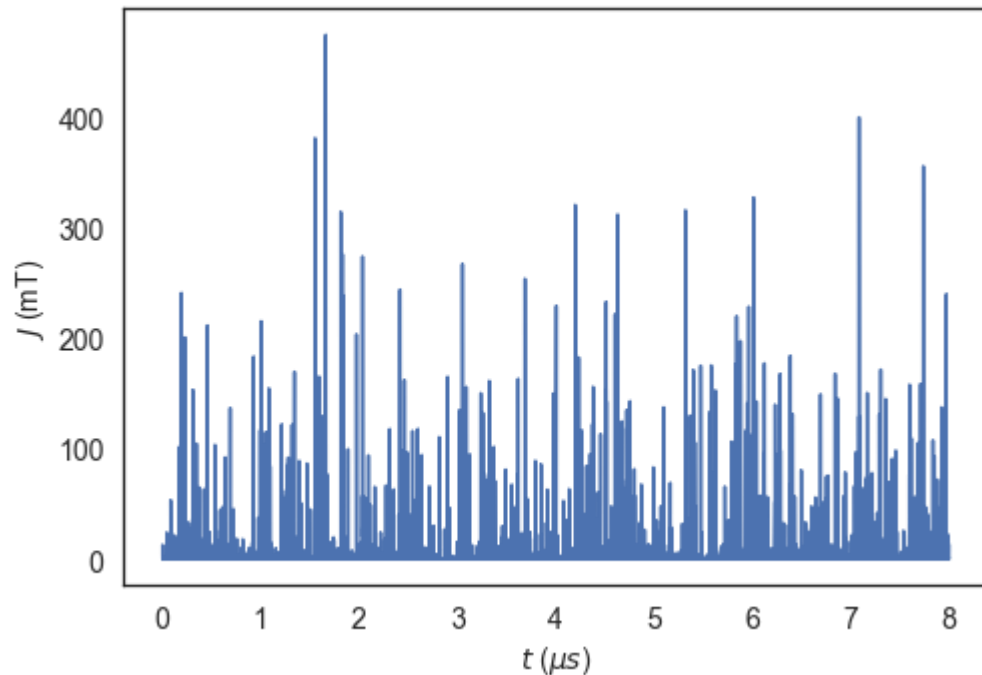


# Correlation time estimation



Exchange interaction<sup>1,2</sup>:  $J(r) = J_0 e^{-\alpha(r(t) - r_{\min})}$

```
t, r, J, D =  
classical.monte_carlo_exchange_dipolar(n_steps -1,  
    r_min, del_T, pos[:,0], dist[0:-1], ang)  
  
fig = plt.figure()  
...
```



Autocorrelation function<sup>2</sup>:

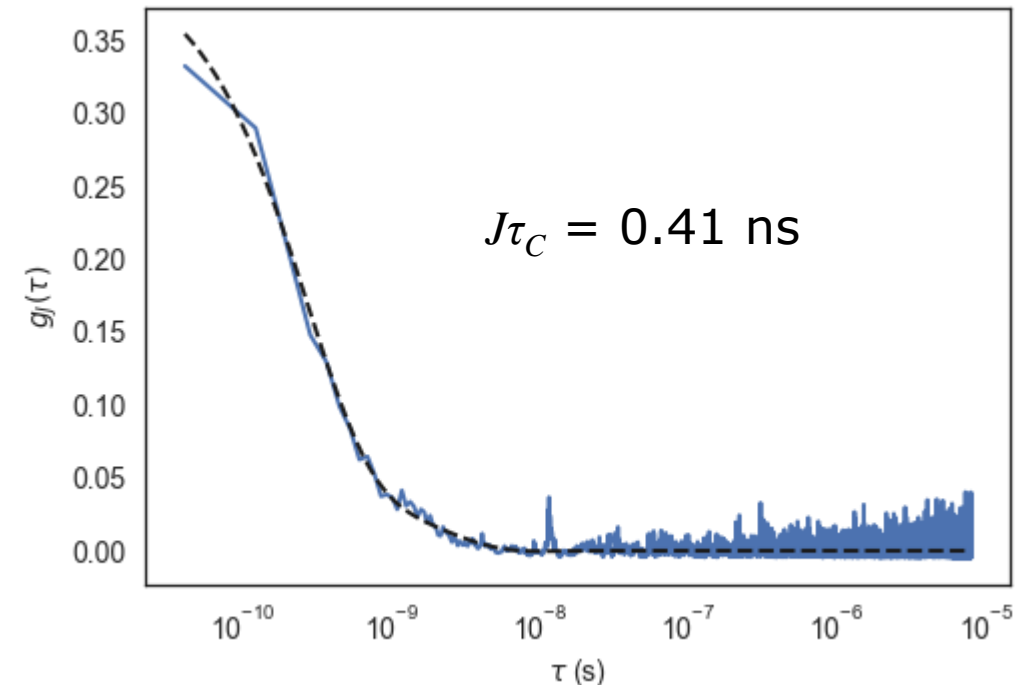
$$g_J(\tau) = \left\langle [J(t) - J_{av}] [J(t + \tau) - J_{av}] \right\rangle$$

From 100 exponential fits we can estimate the correlation time  $\tau_C$

```
acf_j = rp.utils.autocorrelation(J, factor=2)
```

```
acf_j_popt, acf_j_pcov = curve_fit(  
    rp.utils.multiexponential_fit, x2, y2, p0=a + taus)
```

```
acf_j_As, acf_j_taus, tauc_j =  
rp.estimations.correlation_time_from_fit(*acf_j_popt)
```



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# ST-dephasing rate estimation and MARY



Using Redfield theory one can obtain<sup>1</sup>:

$$k_{STD} = 4 \left\langle \left[ \left( J(r(t)) - J_{av} \right)^2 \right] \right\rangle \tau_C = 1.33 \times 10^9 s^{-1}$$

```
kSTD = rp.estimated.k_STD(J, tauc_j)
```

```
rftb = rp.simulation.Molecule("flavin_anion", ["N5", "H25"])
```

```
indole = rp.simulation.Molecule("tryptophan_cation",  
                                  ["H7", "Hbeta1"])
```

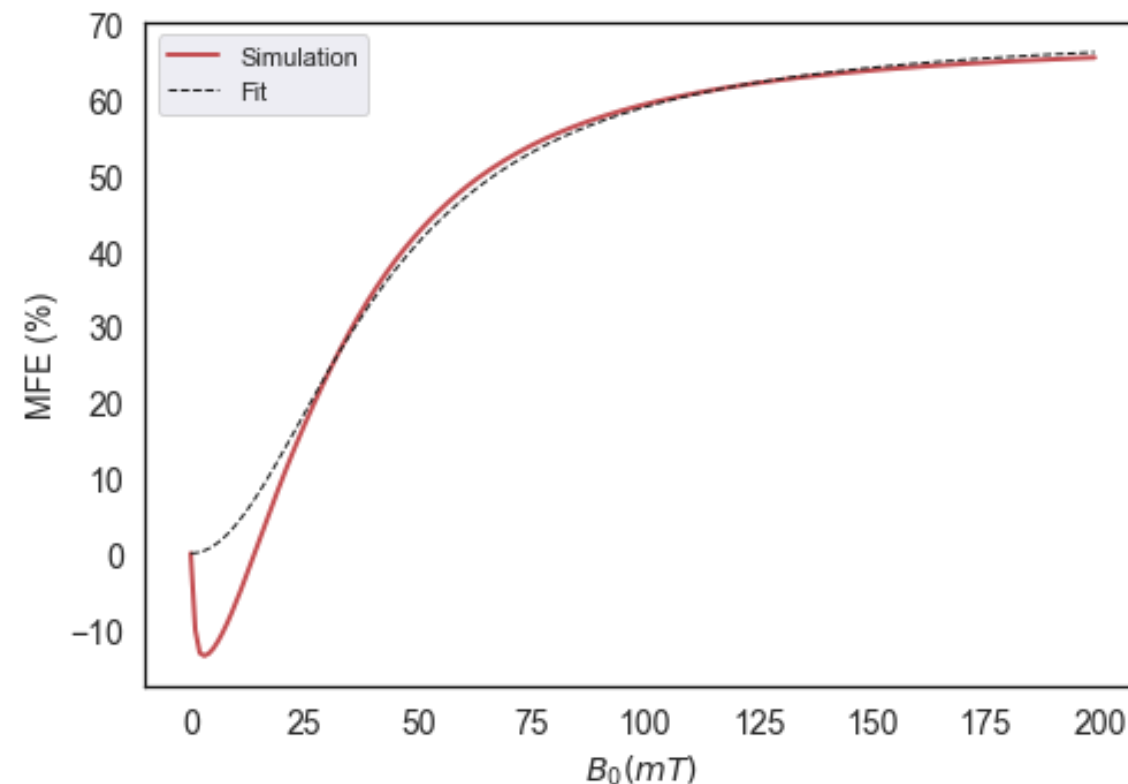
```
sim = rp.simulation.LiouvilleSimulation([rftb, indole])
```

```
time = np.arange(0, 15e-6, 5e-9)
```

```
Bs = np.arange(0, 200, 1)
```

```
results = sim.MARY(  
    init_state=State.TRIPLET,  
    obs_state=State.TRIPLET,  
    time=time,  
    B=Bs,  
    D=0,  
    J=0,  
    kinetics=[  
        kinetics.Haberkorn(8.4e6, State.SINGLET),  
        kinetics.HaberkornFree(1.6e6),  
    ],  
    relaxations=[relaxation.SingletTripletDephasing(kSTD)],  
)
```

```
Bhalf, x_model_MARY, y_model_MARY, MARY_fit_error, R2 =  
    rp.utils.Bhalf_fit(Bs, results["MARY"])
```



HFE = 65.56 %

LFE = -13.54 %

$B_{1/2}$  = 41.36 mT

$B_{1/2}$  fit error = 0.73 mT

$R^2$  for  $B_{1/2}$  fit = 0.979

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# Radical pair anisotropy



```
theta = np.linspace(0, np.pi, 17)
phi = np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi, 32)

flavin = rp.simulation.Molecule("flavin_anion", ["N5", "N10"])
Z = rp.simulation.Molecule("zorro", [])
sim = rp.simulation.HilbertSimulation([flavin, Z])

time = np.arange(0, 5e-6, 5e-9)
B0 = 0.05
k = 1e6

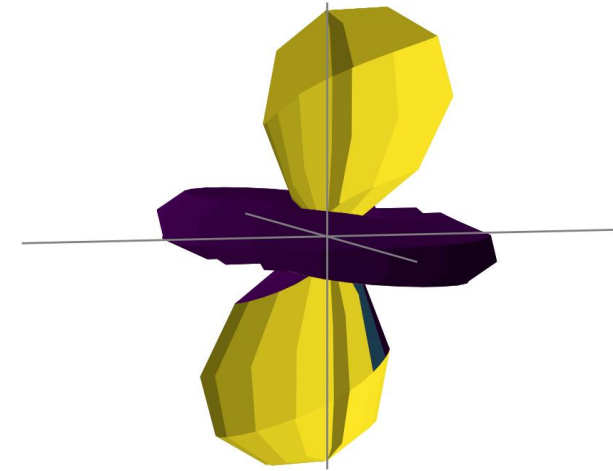
results = sim.anisotropy(
    init_state=State.SINGLET,
    obs_state=State.SINGLET,
    time=time,
    theta=theta,
    phi=phi,
    B=B0,
    D=0,
    J=0,
    kinetics=[rp.kinetics.Exponential(k)],
)

Y = results["product_yield_sums"]
delta_phi_s, gamma_s = rp.utils.yield_anisotropy(Y,
                                                    theta, phi)
Y = Y - rp.utils.spherical_average(Y, theta, phi)

rp.plot.anisotropy_surface(theta, phi, Y)
```

$$\Phi_S^{anis}(\theta, \phi) = \Phi_S(\theta, \phi) - \langle \Phi_S \rangle$$

$$\langle \Phi_S \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \Phi_S(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$



$$\Delta\Phi_S = \max \Phi_S - \min \Phi_S = 0.262$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\Delta\Phi_S}{\langle \Phi_S \rangle} = 0.702$$

# Outlook



`simulation.py`

- Spherical tensor basis
- Two-site model
- RYDMR
- Field switching (SEMF)
- Time-resolved MARY
- Semi-classical
- EPR - SCRP
- Coherent control

`relaxation.py`

- Rotationally modulated relaxation (Bloch-Redfield-Wangsness theory)

`utils.py`

- Wigner functions
- Irreducible spherical tensors
- Gaussian / Orca parser

`kinetics.py`

- Diffusion model (Noyes)

Democratising radical pair spin dynamics will require a community:

- Comments
- Remarks
- New molecules (json files)
- Pull requests (expanding the code base)

Future work:

- Large scale (more accurate) spin dynamics simulations on supercomputers (e.g., Fugaku)

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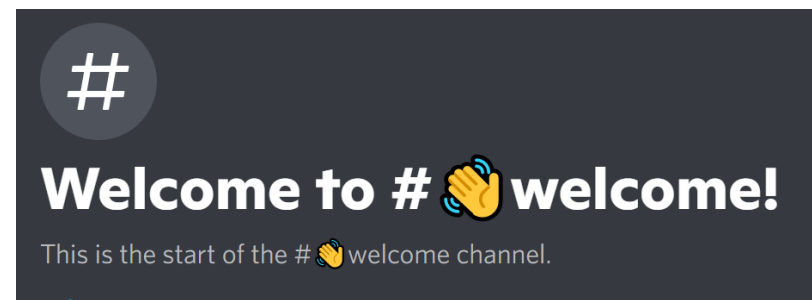
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