

Source Codes for

Fluent Molecular Mixing of Tau Isoforms in Alzheimer's Disease Neurofibrillary Tangles

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SpinEvolution Source Code for REDOR simulation

SpinEvolution Code for the case of ^{13}C -chain \rightarrow ^{15}N -chain \rightarrow ^{13}C -chain:

***** The System *****

spectrometer(MHz) 600
spinning_freq(kHz) 20.0
channels N15 C13
nuclei N15 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13
atomic_coords I308_5p55_343.txt
cs_isotropic 0 -47 70 -65 -40 70 -82 -40 -62 -75 ppm
csa_parameters 1 0 0 0 0 0 ppm
csa_parameters 2 30 0 10 45 0 ppm
csa_parameters 3 170 0 90 30 0 ppm
csa_parameters 4 30 0 50 10 0 ppm
csa_parameters 5 30 0 80 60 0 ppm
csa_parameters 6 170 0 5 20 0 ppm
csa_parameters 7 30 0 49 10 0 ppm
csa_parameters 8 30 0 25 60 0 ppm
csa_parameters 9 30 0 50 20 0 ppm
csa_parameters 10 30 0 30 20 0 ppm
j_coupling *
quadrupole *
dip_switchboard *
csa_switchboard *
exchange_nuclei *
bond_len_nuclei *
bond_ang_nuclei *
tors_ang_nuclei *
groups_nuclei *

***** REDOR Pulse Sequence *****

CHN 1

timing(usec) (50)512 42 8 50 (50)512
power(kHz) 0 0 62.5 0 0
phase(deg) 0 0 0 0 0
freq_offs(kHz) 0 0 0 0 0

CHN 2

timing(usec) (redor.pp) 17 8 25 redor.pp (redor.pp)
power(kHz) * 0 62.5 0 * *
phase(deg) * 0 0 0 * *
freq_offs(kHz) * 0 0 0 * *

***** Variables *****

scan_par1d rf/62.5:-1.74:52.06/

power_2_1_2 = rf
power_2_1_4 = rf
power_2_2_2 = rf
power_2_2_5 = rf
power_2_2_7 = rf
power_2_3_2 = rf
power_2_3_4 = rf

***** Options *****

rho0 I1x
observables I1p
EulerAngles rep30

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n_gamma      *
line_broaden(Hz)  *
zerofill      *
FFT_dimensions  *
options       -dw123 -re
```

“atomic_coords” file for the case of ^{13}C -chain → ^{15}N -chain → ^{13}C -chain:

130.013103.502142.851	N	ILE	F	0
129.061101.533138.265	CA	GLN	below	5.080813025
130.095102.462138.877	C	GLN	below	4.108649413
127.663102.083138.528	CB	GLN	below	5.120975493
131.652104.3 138.441	CA	ILE	below	4.771920473
130.98 105.609138.057	C	ILE	below	5.325126665
128.329107.077139.319	CG2	VAL	below	5.300141979
130.205104.843148.098	CA	ILE	Above	5.419054715
131.602104.671147.465	CB	ILE	above	5.018015345
132.221103.35 147.919	CG1	ILE	above	5.530189147

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***** The System *****
spectrometer(MHz) 600
spinning_freq(kHz) 20.0
channels N15 C13
nuclei N15 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13
atomic_coords I308_5p8_344.txt
cs_isotropic 0 -40 70 -60 -85 -90 ppm
csa_parameters 1 0 0 0 0 0 ppm
csa_parameters 2 30 0 10 45 0 ppm
csa_parameters 3 170 0 90 30 0 ppm
csa_parameters 4 30 0 50 10 0 ppm
csa_parameters 5 30 0 80 60 0 ppm
csa_parameters 6 30 0 5 20 0 ppm
j_coupling *
quadrupole *
dip_switchboard *
csa_switchboard *
exchange_nuclei *
bond_len_nuclei *
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CHN 2
timing(usec) (redor.pp) 17 8 25 redor.pp (redor.pp)
power(kHz) * 0 62.5 0 * *
phase(deg) * 0 0 0 * *
freq_offs(kHz) * 0 0 0 * *
***** Variables *****
scan_par1d rf/62.5:-1.74:52.06/
power_2_1_2 = rf
power_2_1_4 = rf
power_2_2_2 = rf
power_2_2_5 = rf
power_2_2_7 = rf
power_2_3_2 = rf
power_2_3_4 = rf
***** Options *****
rho0 I1x
observables I1p
EulerAngles rep30
n_gamma *
line_broaden(Hz) *
zerofill *
FFT_dimensions *
options -dw123 -re

“atomic_coords” file for the case of ^{13}C -chain → ^{15}N -chain → ^{15}N -chain:

130.013103.502142.851	N	ILE	F	0	
130.205104.843148.098	CA	ILE	Above	5.419054715	
129.585106.179147.718	C	ILE	above	5.571104199	
131.602104.671147.465	CB	ILE	above	5.018015345	
132.221103.35	147.919	CG1	ILE	above	5.530189147
133.458102.93	147.167	CD1	ILE	above	5.551852394

SpinEvolution Code for the case of ^{15}N -chain → ^{15}N -chain → ^{13}C -chain:

***** The System *****

spectrometer(MHz) 600
spinning_freq(kHz) 20.0
channels N15 C13
nuclei N15 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13 C13
atomic_coords I308_5p8_443.txt
cs_isotropic 0 -47 70 -65 -67 -40 75 -70 -82 ppm
csa_parameters 1 0 0 0 0 0 ppm
csa_parameters 2 30 0 10 45 0 ppm
csa_parameters 3 170 0 90 30 0 ppm
csa_parameters 4 30 0 50 10 0 ppm
csa_parameters 5 30 0 80 60 0 ppm
csa_parameters 6 30 0 5 20 0 ppm
csa_parameters 7 170 0 49 10 0 ppm
csa_parameters 8 30 0 25 60 0 ppm
csa_parameters 9 30 0 50 20 0 ppm

j_coupling *
quadrupole *
dip_switchboard *
csa_switchboard *
exchange_nuclei *
bond_len_nuclei *
bond_ang_nuclei *
tors_ang_nuclei *
groups_nuclei *

***** REDOR Pulse Sequence *****

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power(kHz) 0 0 62.5 0 0
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freq_offs(kHz) 0 0 0 0 0

CHN 2

timing(usec) (redor.pp) 17 8 25 redor.pp (redor.pp)
power(kHz) * 0 62.5 0 * *
phase(deg) * 0 0 0 * *
freq_offs(kHz) * 0 0 0 * *

***** Variables *****

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power_2_1_2 = rf
power_2_1_4 = rf
power_2_2_2 = rf
power_2_2_5 = rf
power_2_2_7 = rf
power_2_3_2 = rf
power_2_3_4 = rf

***** Options *****

rho0 I1x
observables I1p
EulerAngles rep30
n_gamma *
line_broaden(Hz) *
zerofill *
FFT_dimensions *
options -dw123 -re

“atomic_coords” file for the case of ^{13}C -chain \rightarrow ^{15}N -chain \rightarrow ^{15}N -chain:

130.013103.502142.851	N	ILE	F	0	
129.061101.533138.265	CA	GLN	below	5.080813025	
130.095102.462138.877	C	GLN	below	4.108649413	
127.663102.083138.528	CB	GLN	below	5.120975493	
127.402103.439137.901	CG	GLN	below	5.59676603	
131.652104.3	138.441	CA	ILE	below	4.771920473
130.98	105.609138.057	C	ILE	below	5.325126665
129.384108.127139.63	CB	VAL	below	5.671076353	
128.329107.077139.319	CG2	VAL	below	5.300141979	

SpinEvolution pulse sequence file “redor.pp”:

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17 0 0 0
8 62.5 0 0
17 0 0 0
8 62.5 90 0
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Bruker Topspin 3.5 pulse program code for ^1H -detected ^{15}N - ^{13}C REDOR

;1H detected ^{15}N { ^{13}C } REDOR
;Avance III version
;f1 : H
;f2 : N
;f3 : C
;o1 : H offset, on resonance with water peak (~5 ppm, water suppression!)
;o2 : N offset, center of ^{15}N signal (~119 ppm)
;o3 : C offset, center of ^{13}C signal (~100 ppm, using '-DTC')
;p3 : H 90 hard pulse at pl2
;p21 : N 90 hard pulse at pl21
;p22 : N 180 hard pulse at pl21
;p33 : C 180 hard pulse at pl3 for redor
;p25 : HN CP at sp42 (H) & sp43 (N), (~1 to 3 ms)
;p45 : NH CP at sp46 (H) & sp47 (N), (~400 to 800 us)
;pl2 : H hard pulse power
;pl3 : C hard pL for REDOR
;pl12 : H dec power ('tppm15' at >70 kHz for <14 kHz MAS; 'waltz16_12nofq' at ~10 kHz for fast MAS)
;pl13 : H dec power during H₂O suppression (~15 kHz, 'cwX_13nofq', 'cwY_13nofq')
;pl16 : N dec power ('waltz16_16nofq' at ~7 kHz)
;pl18 : C dec power ('waltz16_18nofq' at ~7 kHz, using '-DTC')
;pl21 : N hard pulse power (can be optimized with '-DN90')
;sp42 : H HN CP power
;sp43 : N HN CP power
;sp46 : H NH CP power
;sp47 : N NH CP power
;d1 : recycle delay; 1 to 5 times T1 (~0.8 to 1 s)
;d19 : delay for water suppression (~100 to 300 ms)
;d5: Total REDOR time, tune by l10
;cpdprg1 : H dec ('tppm15' at >70 kHz for <14 kHz MAS; 'waltz16_12nofq' at ~10 kHz for fast MAS)
;cpdprg2 : N dec ('waltz16_16nofq' at pl16 (10 kHz))
;cpdprg3 : C dec ('waltz16_18nofq' at pl18 (10 kHz), using '-DTC')
;cpdprg4 : H Water suppression along X ('cwX_13nofq' at pl13 (15 kHz))
;cpdprg5 : H Water suppression along Y ('cwY_13nofq' at pl13 (15 kHz))
;pcpd1 : H dec pulse
;pcpd2 : N dec pulse: 35.35 us ('waltz16_16nofq' ~7 kHz)
;pcpd3 : C dec pulse: 35.35 us ('waltz16_18nofq' ~7 kHz, using '-DTC')
;spnam42 : H shape (ramp up for NH CP, e.g. 'ramp.70100.1000')
;spnam43 : N shape (e.g. 'square.1000' for HN CP (=no shape))
;spnam46 : H shape (ramp down for NH CP, e.g. 'ramp.10070.1000')
;spnam47 : N shape (e.g. 'square.1000' for NH CP (=no shape))
;inf1 : 1/SW(N) = 2 * DW(N)
;in0 := inf1
;l31: spinning speed in Hz
;l10 : REDOR mix = L10*tr, must be even
;ZGOPTNS : -DTC : switch on C decoupling
; -DN90: N 90 degree pulse check
; or blank
;FnMODE : States-TPPI
;ns : MIN. 4 (full: 8)
;ds : 2 or 4

;#####
;# hNHREDOR #
;# Dregni, Duan... Hong, Nature Communications 2022 #

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;#####
;$COMMENT=1H detected 15N{13C} REDOR
;$CLASS=BioSolids
;$DIM=1D
;$TYPE=H detection
;$SUBTYPE=CP, Heteronuclear

prosol relations=<biosolHCN>

#include <HNC_defs.incl>
; defines H:f1, N:f2, C:f3

#include <trigg.incl>
; definition of external trigger output

"acqt0=-(p1*2/3.1416)-0.5u" ; baseopt correction

"spoff42=0.0"      ;#####
"spoff43=0.0"      ;# ensure correct #
"spoff46=0.0"      ;# shape offsets #
"spoff47=0.0"      ;#####

"p2=p1*2"
"p22=p21*2"

"d11=0.5s/l31-p22/2"          ;to center square refocusing pulse p22
"d25=0.25s/l31-1u"            ;REDOR. Used at beginning and end.
"d26=d25-p21/2"               ;Account for N flip up
"d27=0.25s/l31-p33/2"         ;REDOR, altered for square timing
"d28=0.25s/l31"                ;Tr/4, REDOR
"d5=l10/l31"

"in0=inf1"      ;#####
"d0=1u"          ;# t1_init => 0, 0 #
"l0=0"          ;#####

;#####
;$EXTERN          ;# python insertion point #
;#####

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Prepare, ze

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;#####
;# Start of Active Pulse Program #
;#####

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Start, 30m do:N

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#endif TC
0.5u do:C
#endif /* end of TC */

d1
d5

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trigg

if "l0>0"
{
  "d51=d0-1u"
}

;#####
;#      Initial excitation & HN CP      #
;#####

(p3 pl2 ph1):H

(p25:sp42 ph0):H (p25:sp43 ph2):N

;-----NC REDOR-----

1u cpds1:H ;composite pulse decoupling scheme for REDOR

d25 pl3:C

6 d27
p33:C ph15^
d27
lo to 6 times l10 ; L0 still must be even

d28
d11
(p22 pl21 ph10):N ;square pulse - for nonselective appplications
d11
d28

8 d27
p33:C ph15^
d27
lo to 8 times l10

d26
1u do:H

;-----End of REDOR-----


#endif TC
if "l0>0"
{
  1u cpds1:H
  (center (d51) (p33 pl3 ph20):C)
  0.5u do:H pl13:H
}
#else
if "l0>0"
{
  0.5u cpds1:H
  d51
}

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0.5u do:H pl13:H
}
#endif      /* end of TC */

;#####
;#      Water suppression      #
;#####

(p21 pl21 ph3):N ; brings magn. to z

0.5u cpds4:H
d19*0.25
0.5u do:H

0.5u cpds5:H
d19*0.25
0.5u do:H

0.5u cpds4:H
d19*0.25
0.5u do:H

0.5u cpds5:H
d19*0.25
0.5u do:H

(p21 pl21 ph4):N ; brings magn. to y

;#####
;#      15N hard pulse optimization      #
;#####

#ifndef N90 ; brings magn. to z.
(p21 pl21 ph22):N
#endif      /* end of N90 */

;#####
;#      N-H CP      #
;#####

(p45:sp47 ph5):N (p45:sp46 ph6):H

;#####
;#      Acquisition      #
;#####

#endif TC
1u cpds2:N cpds3:C
#else
0.5u pl16:N
0.5u cpds2:N
#endif      /* end of TC */

gosc ph31 ;start ADC with ph31 signal routing

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#define TC
  1m do:C do:N
#else
  1m do:N
#endif      /* end of TC */

lo to Start times ns

30m mc #0 to Start
F1PH(calph(ph2, +90), caldel(d0, +in0) & calclc(l0, 1))

HaltAcqu, 1m
exit

;#####
;#      Phase Cycle      #
;#####

ph1 = 1 3          ; 1H 90 hard pulse
ph0 = 0            ; 1H HN CP Spin lock
ph2 = 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 ; 15N HN CP Spin lock
ph3 = 0            ; 15N 1st 90 hard pulse (flip to z)
ph4 = 0 0 2 2       ; 15N 2nd 90 hard pulse (flip back)
ph5 = 1            ; 15N NH CP Spin lock
ph6 = 1            ; 1H NH CP Spin lock
ph10= 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
                  3 3 3 3 3 3 ;F1 180, normal shaped pulse

ph15= 0 1 0 1      ; xy-4. F3 phase
ph31= 1 3 3 1 3 1 1 3 ; receiver

#define TC
ph20= 0            ; C 180 hard pulse
#endif      /* end of TC */

#define N90
ph22= 0 0 2 2      ;N hard pulse
#endif      /* end of N90 */

#####

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Python Source Code for Building Fibril Model (Fig 3f, g)

```
#Simulates a N residue fibril with given p34 and p43.  
#Then computes observed probabilities in the simulated fibril.  
#Returns "results", a string of '3', and '4' indicating the simulated fibril.  
#Also returns obsProbs: (p43 observed in sim fibril - input p43, p34 observed in sim fibril - p34)  
#Repeat simulation until observed probabilities are within one percentage point of input probabilities  
  
from random import random  
  
p34 = 0.56  
p33 = 1-p34  
p43 = 0.37  
p44 = 1-p43  
  
results = '3'  
N = 360  
for idx in range(N):  
    r = random()  
    if results[-1] == '3':  
        if r < p34:  
            results = results + '4'  
        else:  
            results = results + '3'  
    else:  
        if r < p43:  
            results = results + '3'  
        else:  
            results = results + '4'  
  
print(results)  
obs4 = results.count('4')  
obs3 = results.count('3')  
obs43 = results.count('43')  
obs44 = obs4 - obs43  
obs34 = results.count('34')  
obs33 = obs3 - obs34  
#obsProbs = (obs4/N,obs44/obs4,obs43/obs4,obs34/obs3,obs33/obs3) #p4, p44, p43, p34, p33  
obsProbs = (obs43/obs4-p43,obs34/obs3-p34)  
obsProbs
```

Python Source Code for Fibril Models with Varying Q and χ_4 (Supplementary Fig. 7)

```
#Simulates an N residue fibril with given chi4 and Q.
#First computes p34 and p43 from chi4 and Q (A quadratic equation)
#Then simulates fibril based on p34 and p43.
#Variable "Results" is printed and contains the simulated fibril.
#Also returns obsParams: (Chi4 observed in sim fibril, input Chi4, Q observed in sim fibril, input Q)
#Repeat simulation until observed and input parameters are within appropriate tolerance.

from random import random
import math as mat
chi4 = 0.7 #macroscopic preference = p34 / (p43 + p34)
Q = 1/16 #microscopic mixing parameter = p34 p43 / (p33 p44).
    #Choose slightly off 1.0, as equations fail for Q=1 exactly
W = (1-chi4)/chi4
p34 = 1/(2*W*(Q-1)) * (Q*(1+W) - math.sqrt((Q**2) *((1+W)**2)-4*Q*W*(Q-1)))
p43 = W*p34

p33 = 1-p34
p44 = 1-p43
probs = (p34, p43, p33, p44)
probs
results = '3'
N = 100
for idx in range(N):
    r = random()
    if results[-1] == '3':
        if r < p34:
            results = results + '4'
        else:
            results = results + '3'
    else:
        if r < p43:
            results = results + '3'
        else:
            results = results + '4'

print(results)
obs4 = results.count('4')
obs3 = results.count('3')
obs43 = results.count('43')
obs44 = obs4 - obs43
obs34 = results.count('34')
obs33 = obs3 - obs34
obsParams = (obs4/N, chi4, obs43*obs34/(obs44*obs33),Q)
obsParams
```