

Modern Solid State NMR Techniques for the Study of Disordered Materials

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NMR = Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

- N: Property of the Atomic Nuclei in Matter**
- M: Magnetic Property, arising from Spin Angular Momentum**
- R: Interaction with electromagnetic waves spectroscopy**

Nuclear Magnetism

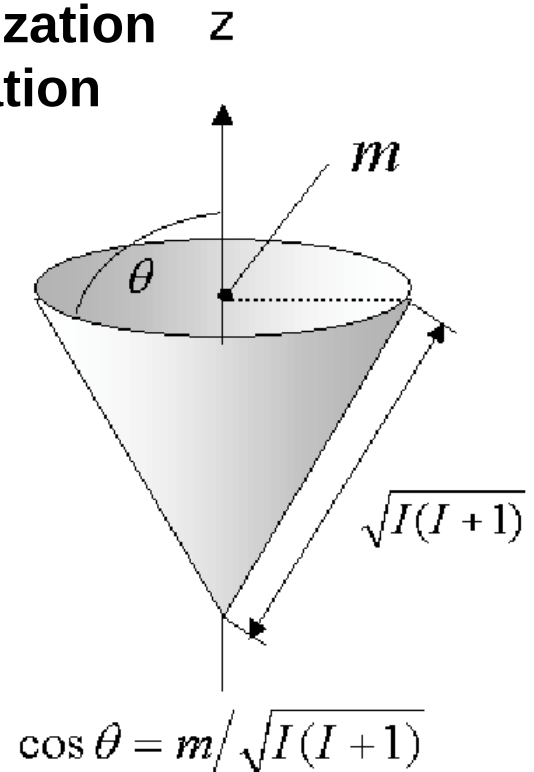
Nuclear magnetic moment: $\mu = \gamma \hat{J} = \gamma \hbar \hat{I}$

I , the angular momentum, is subject to quantization laws, concerning both magnitude and orientation

$$\hat{\mathbf{I}}^2 |I, m\rangle = I(I+1) |I, m\rangle$$

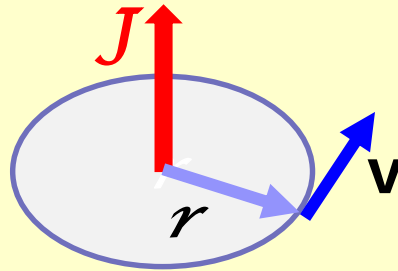
$$\hat{I}_z |I, m\rangle = m |I, m\rangle$$

I : spin quantum number
 m : orientational quantum number
with $m = -I, -I+1, \dots, I-1, I$
 $2I + 1$ orientational states



Relationship Spin-magnetic moment

Classical model: charge q on a circle with radius r



Magnetic moment:

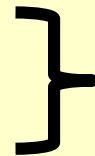
$$\mu = \text{current} \times \text{area}$$

Charge q on a circle: velocity:

$$v = 2\pi r/t \rightarrow t = 2\pi r/v$$

$$\text{current} = q/t = qv/2\pi r$$

$$\text{area} = \pi r^2$$



$$\mu = q v r/2$$

Angular momentum: $J = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{r} = m \mathbf{v} r$

Magnetic moment: $\mu = J q/2m$ (classical)

$$\mu = J \gamma \text{ (quantum mechanical)}$$

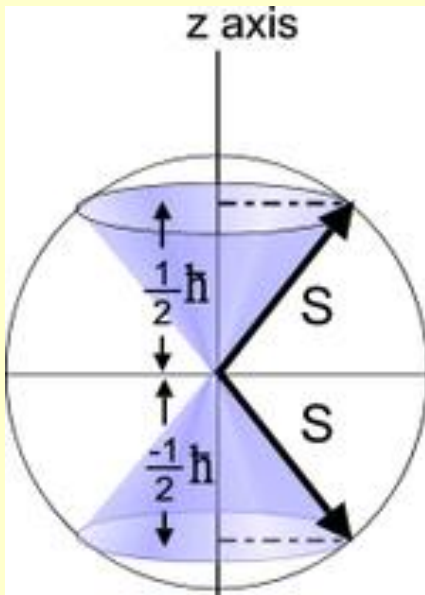
γ : gyromagnetic ratio (units $\text{T}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$)

Magnetic moments interact with magnetic fields

Zeeman interaction: $E = -\mu B$

B is called „magnetic flux density“ and characterizes the strength of the magnetic field: units 1Tesla = Vs/m²

Orientational quantization of spin: $|S_z| = m \hbar/2\pi$



$$F = -dE/dz = -\mu (dB/dz) \cos(\mu, B)$$

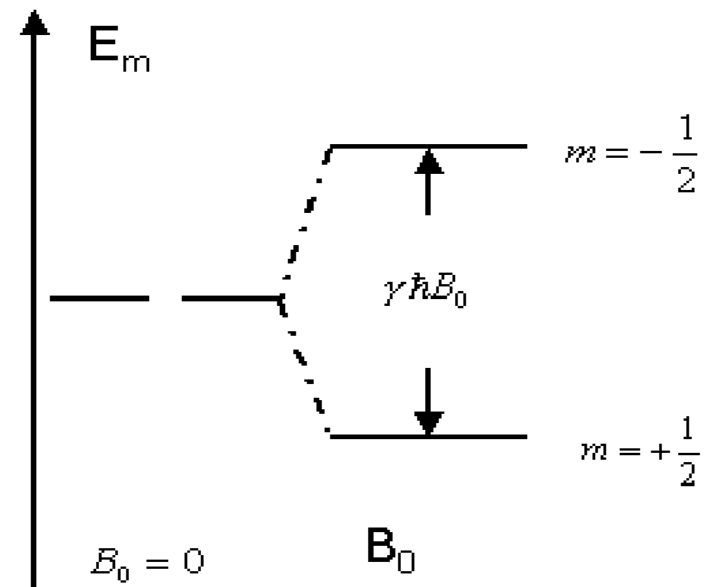
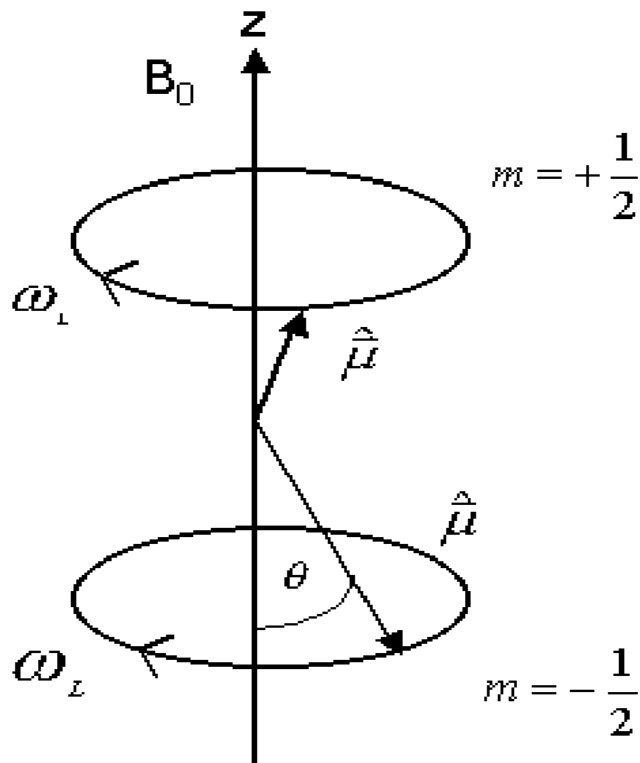


In an inhomogeneous magnetic field (magnetic field gradient) different spin orientations experience forces of different strengths

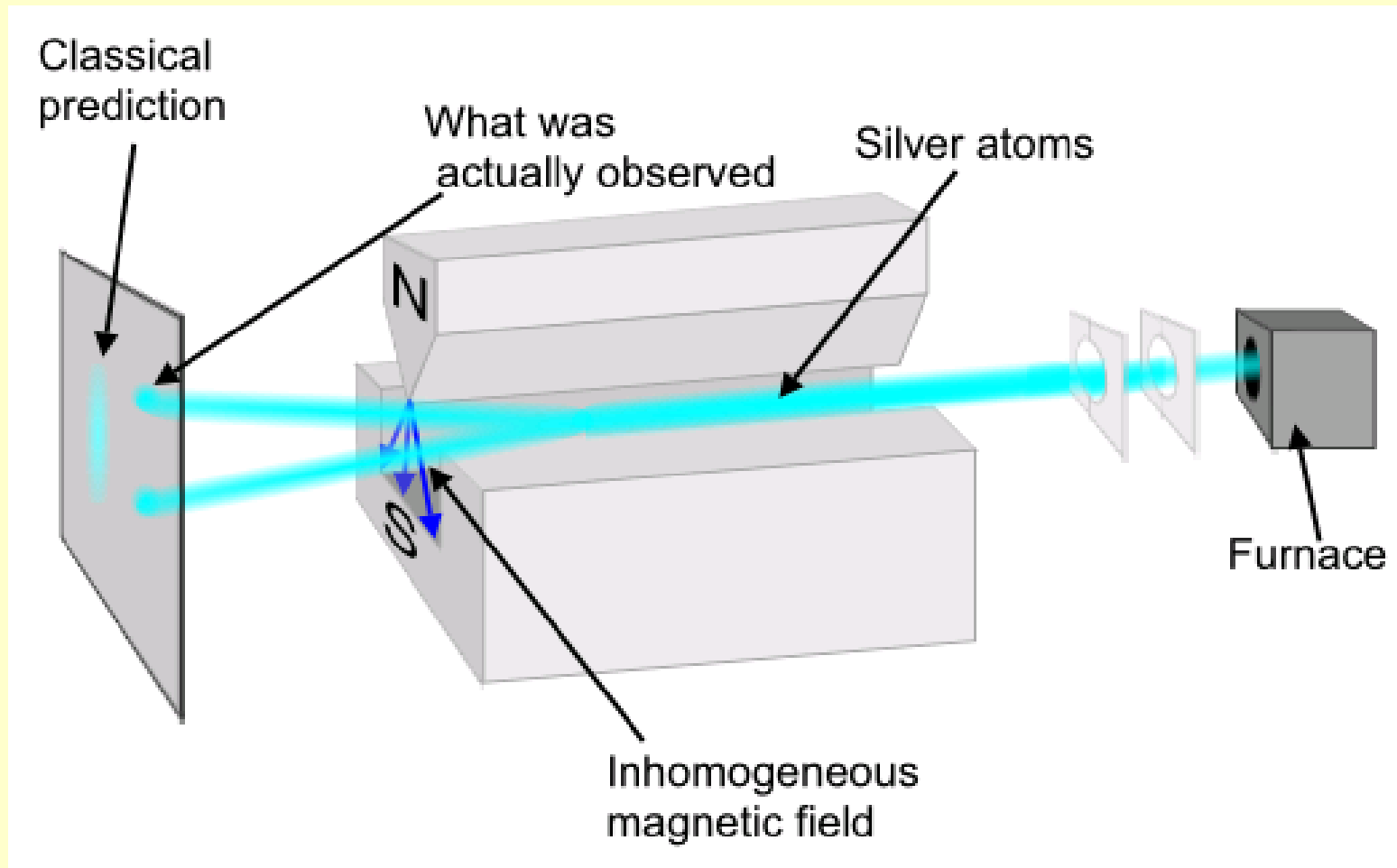
Case spin-1/2: Two nuclear spin orientations

$$E(m) = -m\gamma \hbar B_0 \quad (\text{Zeeman-interaction})$$

➡ The two orientations have different energies, difference depends on B_0 and γ



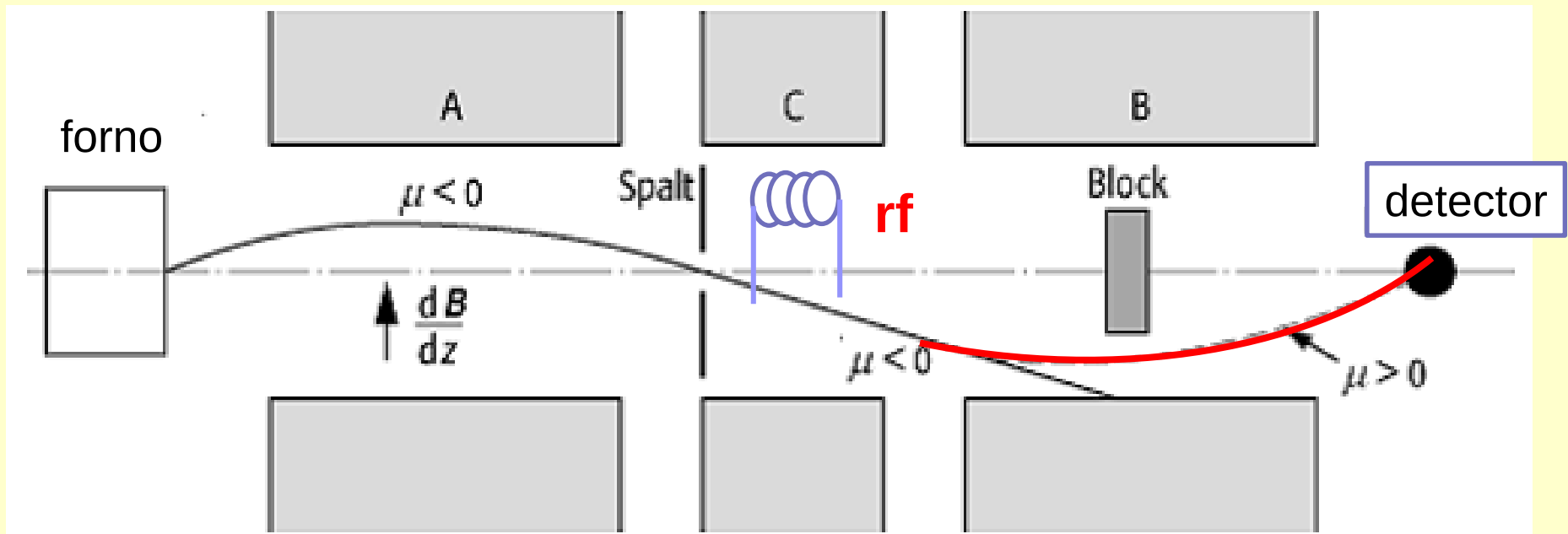
Stern - Gerlach experiment



The Stern – Gerlach experiment, 1922



Experiment of Rabi



Resonance: $\omega = \gamma B_0$

History *

- 1922 **Stern-Gerlach** Experiment
- 1938 **Rabi-** Experiment
- 1945/46 **Purcell/Pound, Bloch**: first NMR in cond. matter
- 1948 **Bloembergen, Purcell, Pound**: relaxation
- 1948 **Pake, van-Vleck**: dipolar analysis
- 1949 **KNIGHT** shift in metals
- 1950 **Dickinson, Proctor, Yu**: chemical shift
- 1950-s: commercial spectrometers (VARIAN)
- 1952 **Gutowsky, Slichter** spin-spin coupling
- 1950s **Hahn, Slichter**, pulsed NMR, spin echo

* **Nobel laureates**

Important milestones

1958	Andrew: magic-angle sample spinning
1966	Ernst, Anderson: pulsed Fourier Transf. NMR
early 1970-s	Lauterbur, Mansfield: NMR Imaging
early 1970s	Jeener, Ernst, Bax: 2-D NMR
1970-s	Wüthrich: Protein structure solutions
1975	Schaefer: cross-polarization
1980-s	Spiess: Polymer dynamics via NMR
1985	Weitekamp: Para Hydrogen polarizaiton
1989	Pines: Xe- and He Hyperpolarizaiton
1990	Tycko: Laser polarization
1990-s	Griffin, Levitt, S. Vega: multipulse NMR 1995
	Frydman: High-res. NMR of Q-nuclei
2000:	Nielsen: SIMPSON software
2000-s:	High-field magnet technology-> 23.6 T
2000-s:	Kutzelnigg, Gauss, Schwarz: DFT-calculations
2000-s	Griffin, Emsley, Bodenhausen: DNP/MAS

Nuclear Magnetism

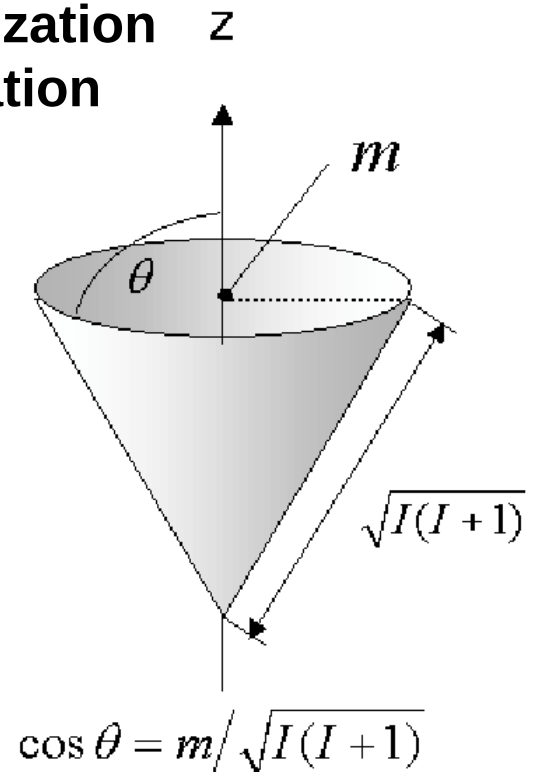
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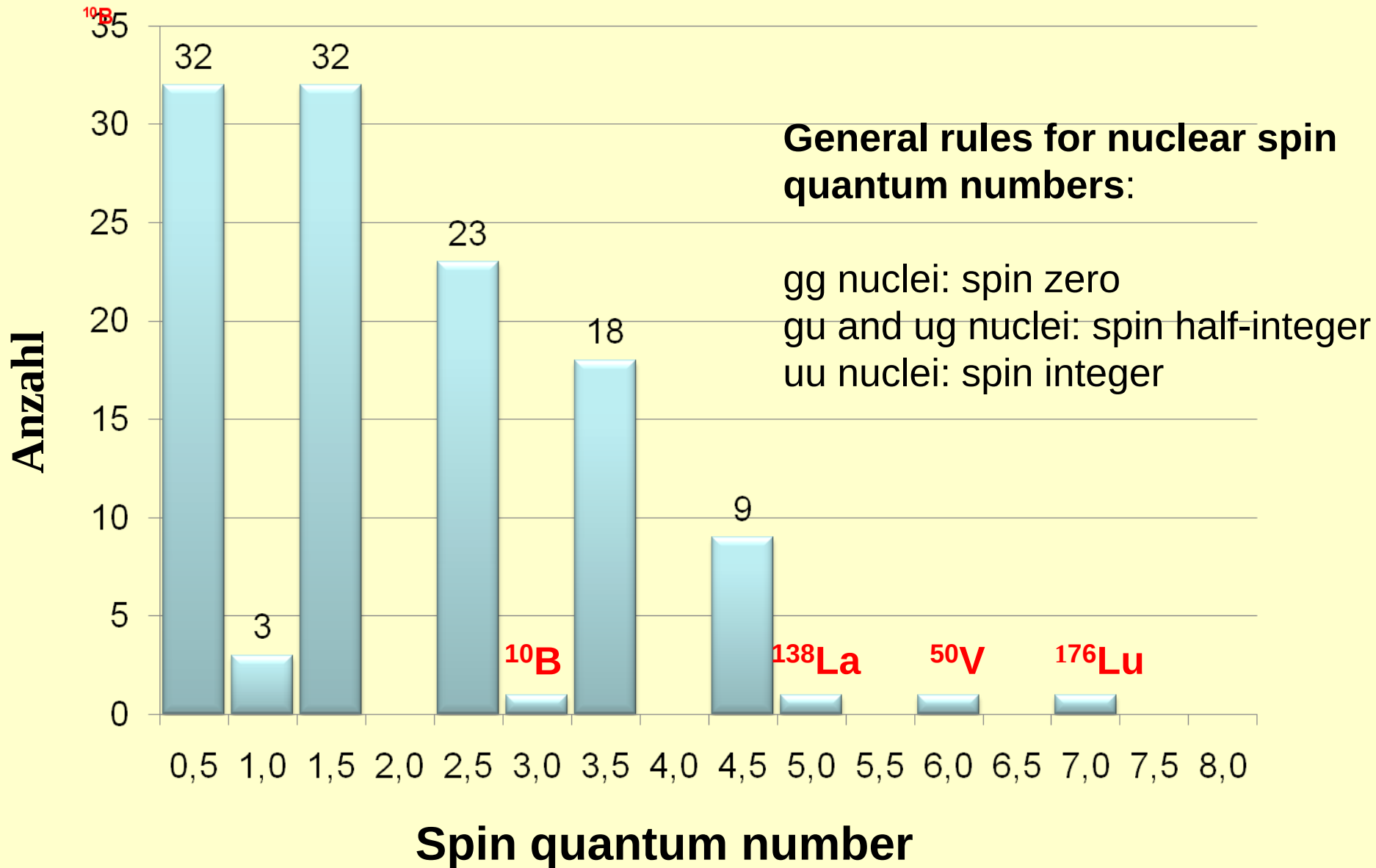
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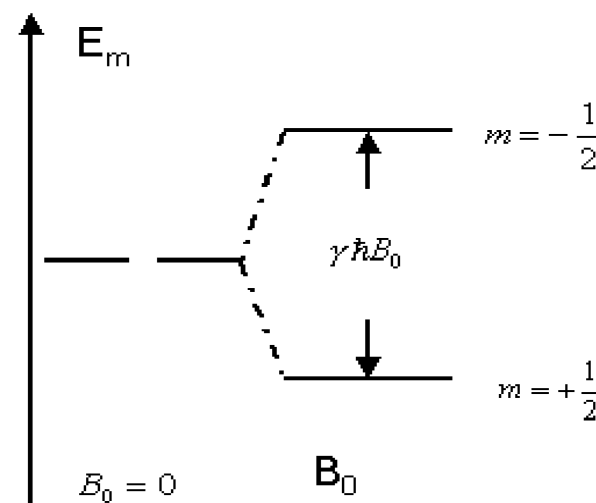
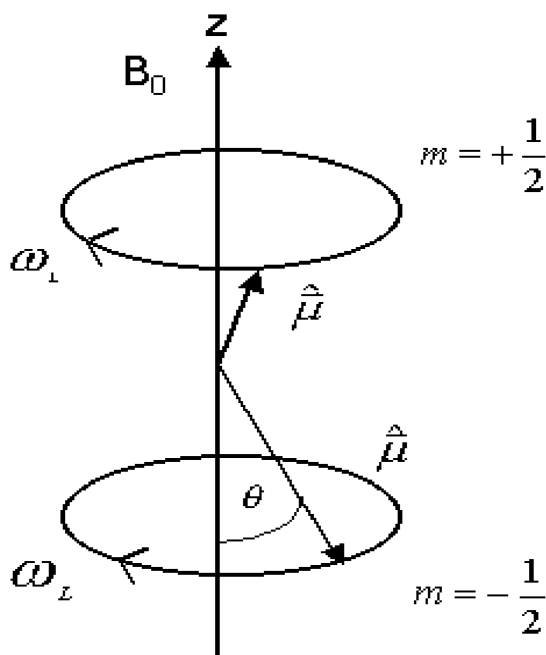
Nuclear spin quantum numbers



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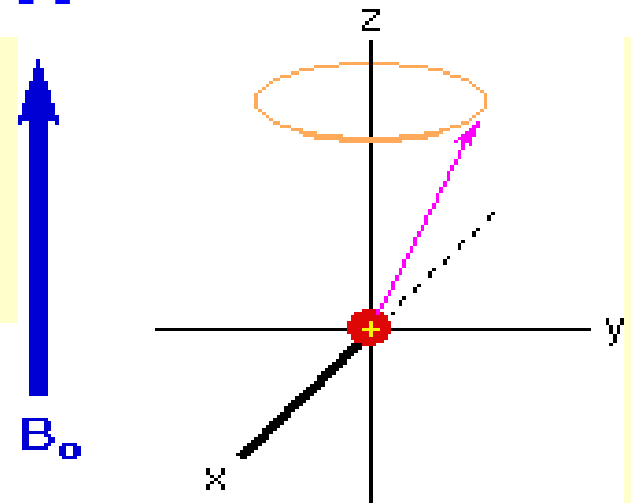
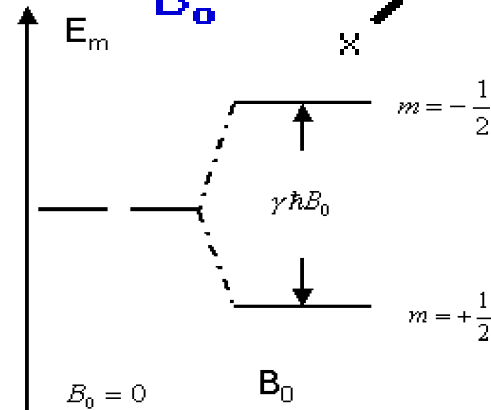
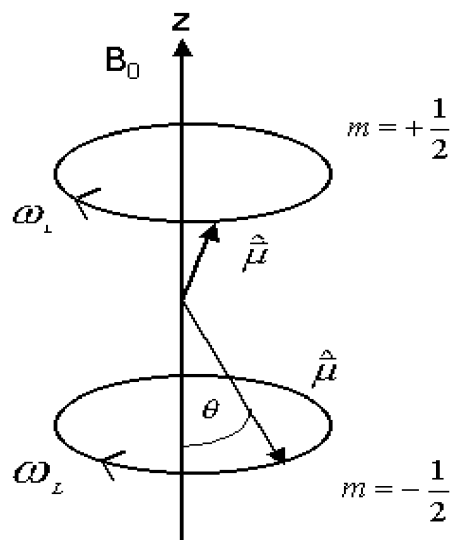
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NMR is element selective

Precession

Precession of spins around external field
similar to gyroscope



The precession (Larmor) frequency of the nuclei is given by

$$\omega_p = \gamma B_{\text{eff}}$$

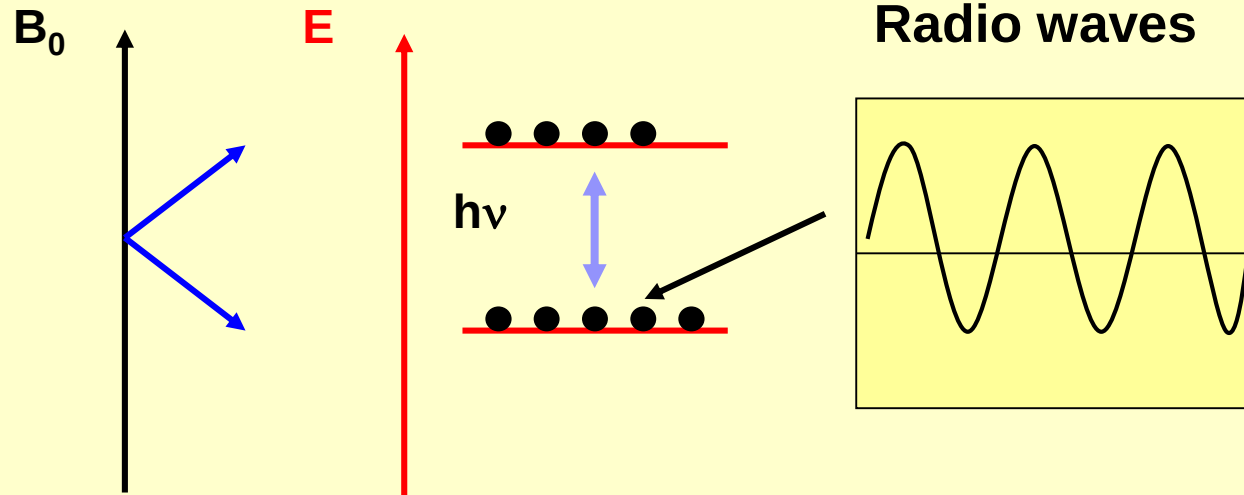
where $B_{\text{eff}} = B_0 + B_{\text{int}}$

B_{int} contains important structural and chemical information

NMR measures the precession (Larmor) frequency

How is it done ?

By application of a second magnetic field fluctuating with frequency $\omega_0 \sim \omega_p$



Resonance absorption occurs if $\omega_0 \sim \omega_p$

Macro-sample: Boltzmann distribution $\Rightarrow$ Magnetization

$$\mathbf{M}_z = \sum_i \frac{\mu_i}{V} \left(\frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}} \right)$$

Calculation of $\mathbf{M}_z$:

$$\mathbf{E}/V = \sum_i \mathbf{B}_0 n_i \mu_i / V = \mathbf{M}_z \mathbf{B}_0$$

where: $\mu_i = m_i \gamma \hbar$ $n_i = \frac{\exp(-E_i/k_B T)}{\sum_i \exp(-E_i/k_B T)} N$

$$\exp - \frac{E_i}{k_B T} \approx 1 - \frac{E_i}{k_B T}$$

(HT approximation)

$$E_i = - m_i \gamma \hbar B_0$$

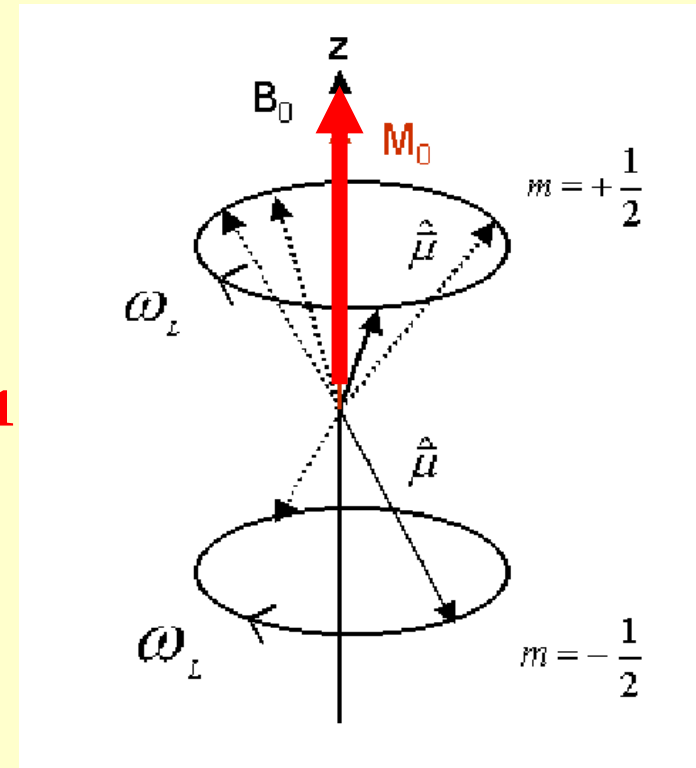
$$\sum_i \exp - E_i / k_B T = 2I + 1$$

$$\mathbf{E}/V = \sum_i \left(1 + \frac{m_i \gamma \hbar B_0}{k_B T} \right) m_i \gamma \hbar \frac{N}{V} = \mathbf{M}_z \mathbf{B}_0$$

Macroscopic magnetization in z-direction :

$$M_z = M_o = \frac{N/V \gamma^2 \hbar^2 I(I+1)}{3kT} B_o$$

NMR is quantitative



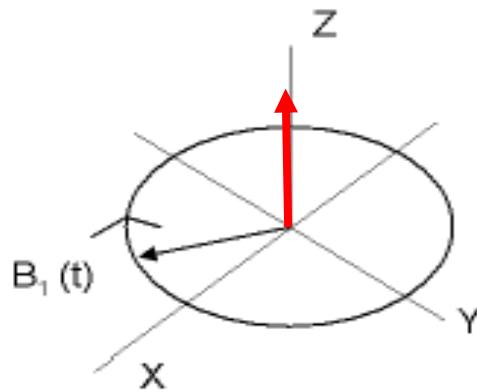
No net magnetization in x- or y-direction

The Rotating Frame

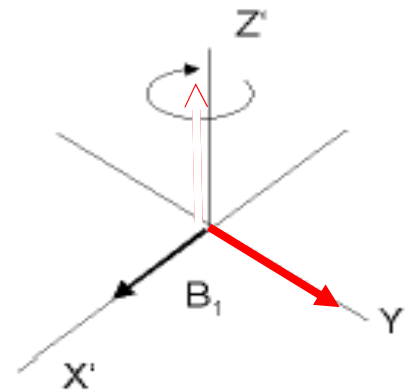
In contrast to the B_0 field, the B_1 field changes direction in time with the frequency ω_0

To simplify the description of the magnetization's time dependence a rotating frame is introduced

Laboratory frame



Rotating frame



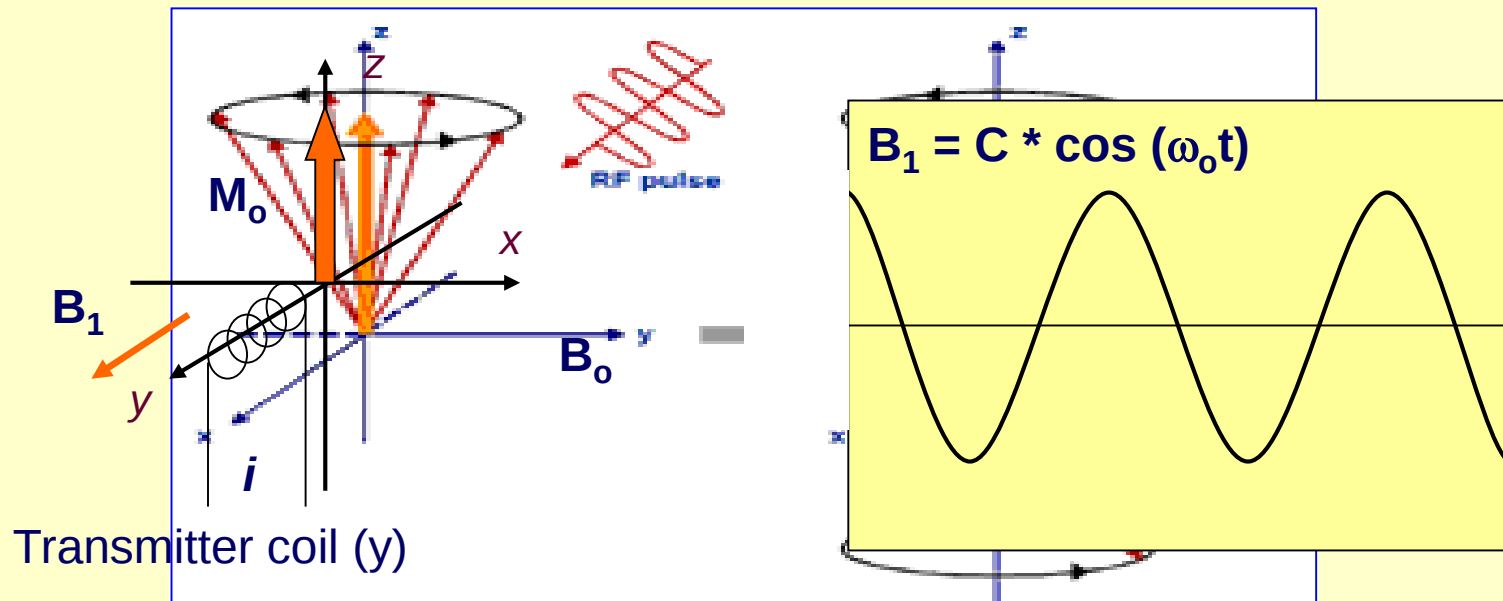
Rotating frame rotates with frequency ω_0 of B_1

90° pulse: rotates the z -magnetization into the x - y -plane
180° pulse: flips the z -magnetization into the $-z$ -direction

Measuring NMR spectra

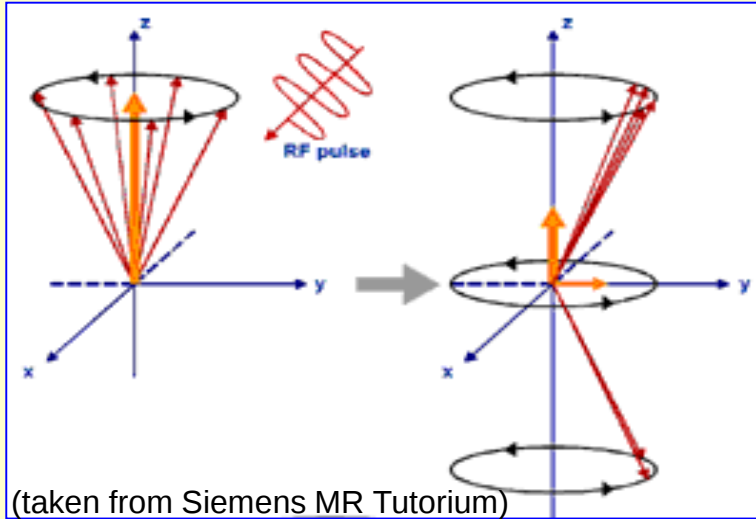
= Detection of Larmor frequencies present in the sample

1. B_1 field is irradiated for a short time t_p along the x,y direction
2. If $\gamma B_1 t_p = \pi/2$ then M_z is flipped by 90 degrees (90° pulse)
3. After the pulse, precession of M induces voltage in the coil.
4. This voltage, oscillating with ω_p , is the NMR signal



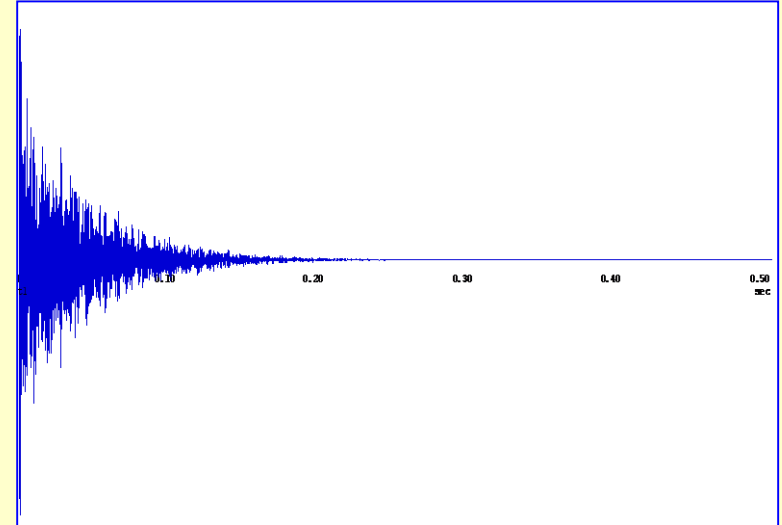
The Basic NMR Experiment

90° pulse -> magnetization flip

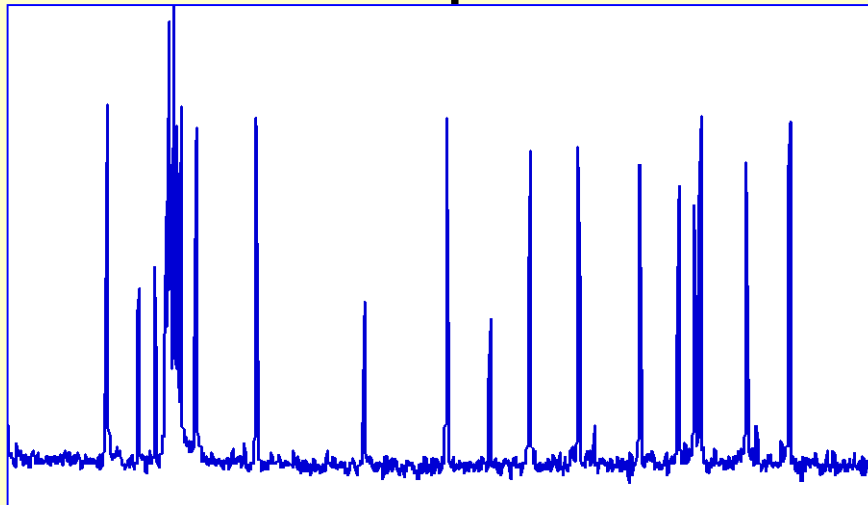


Signal-
detection

Free Induction Decay



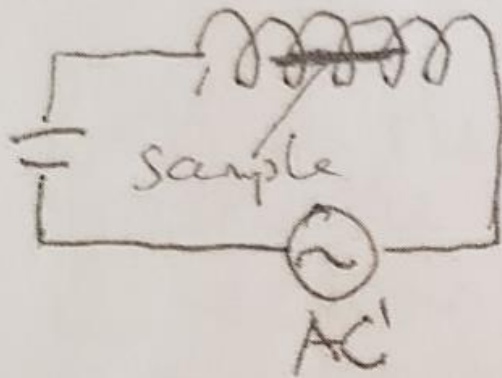
NMR-Spectrum



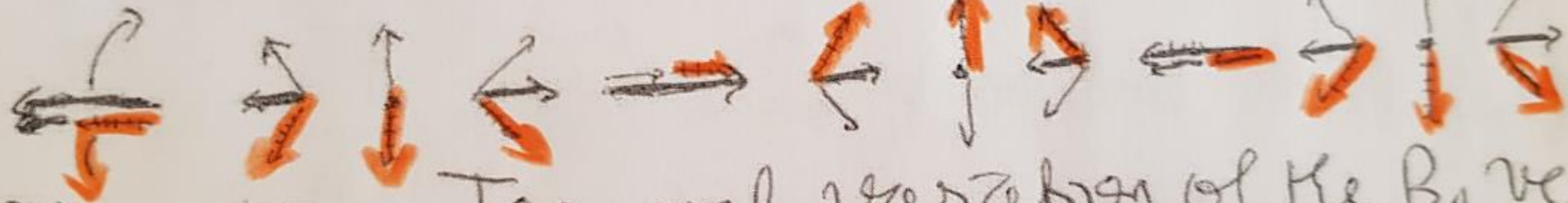
Fourier-
Transformation

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) * e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

Como funciona ?



Source, frequency ω_0 $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{T}$
 Within the coil a linearly polarized B_1 field is created and interacts with the sample. B_1 oscillates with frequency ω_0 $L = C$



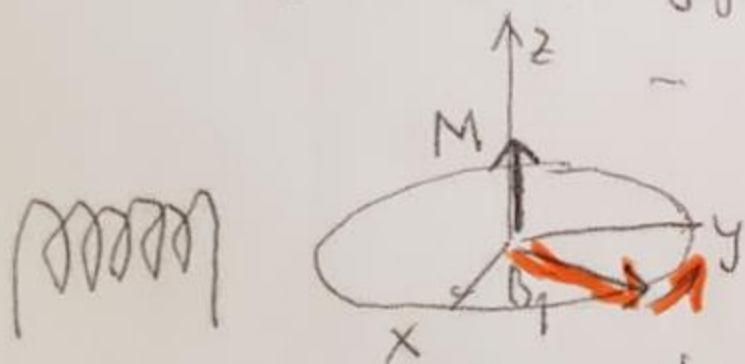
Temporal variation of the B_1 vector
 the coil for a linearly polarized field and position into two circularly polarized components

$$B_{\text{right}}(z, t) = B_1 \cos(kz - \omega_0 t) + \frac{1}{2} B_1 \sin(kz - \omega_0 t)$$

$$B_{\text{left}}(z, t) = B_1 \cos(kz - \omega_0 t) - \frac{1}{2} B_1 \sin(kz - \omega_0 t)$$

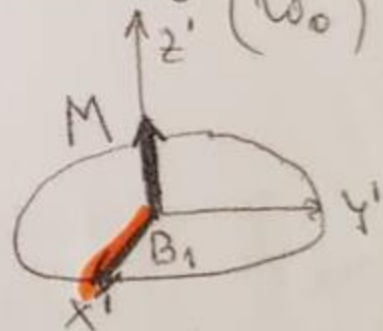
The effect of the B_1 field upon the magnetization is conveniently described in a rotating coordinate system. What moves with the frequency of the applied radio waves, i.e. ω_0 .

Laboratory frame



B_1 vector rotates in the xy plane $\perp z$

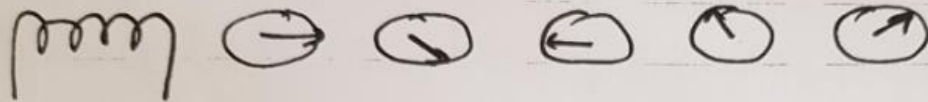
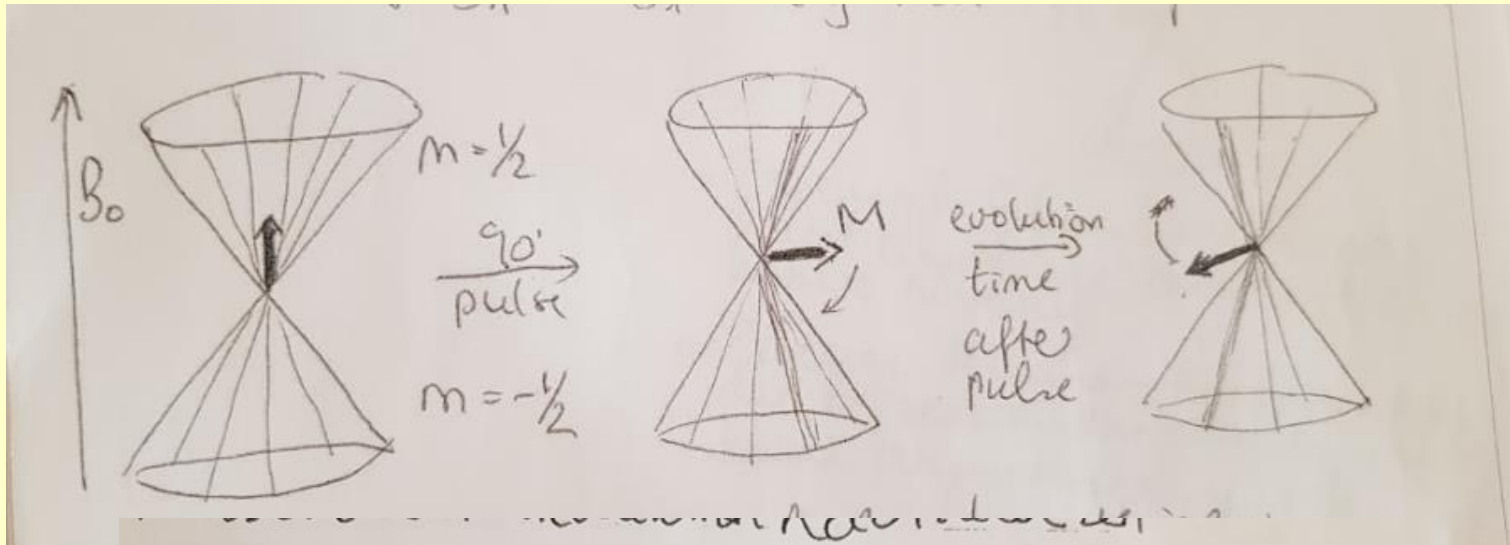
Rotating frame
(ω_0)



B_1 vector is fixed & aligned along x' axis

Both in the laboratory frame and in the rotating frame the magnetization is along z , i.e. the direction of the magnetizing field B_0 . The B_1 vector of the magnetizing radio waves is along x' axis.

Signal Detection by electromagnetic induction



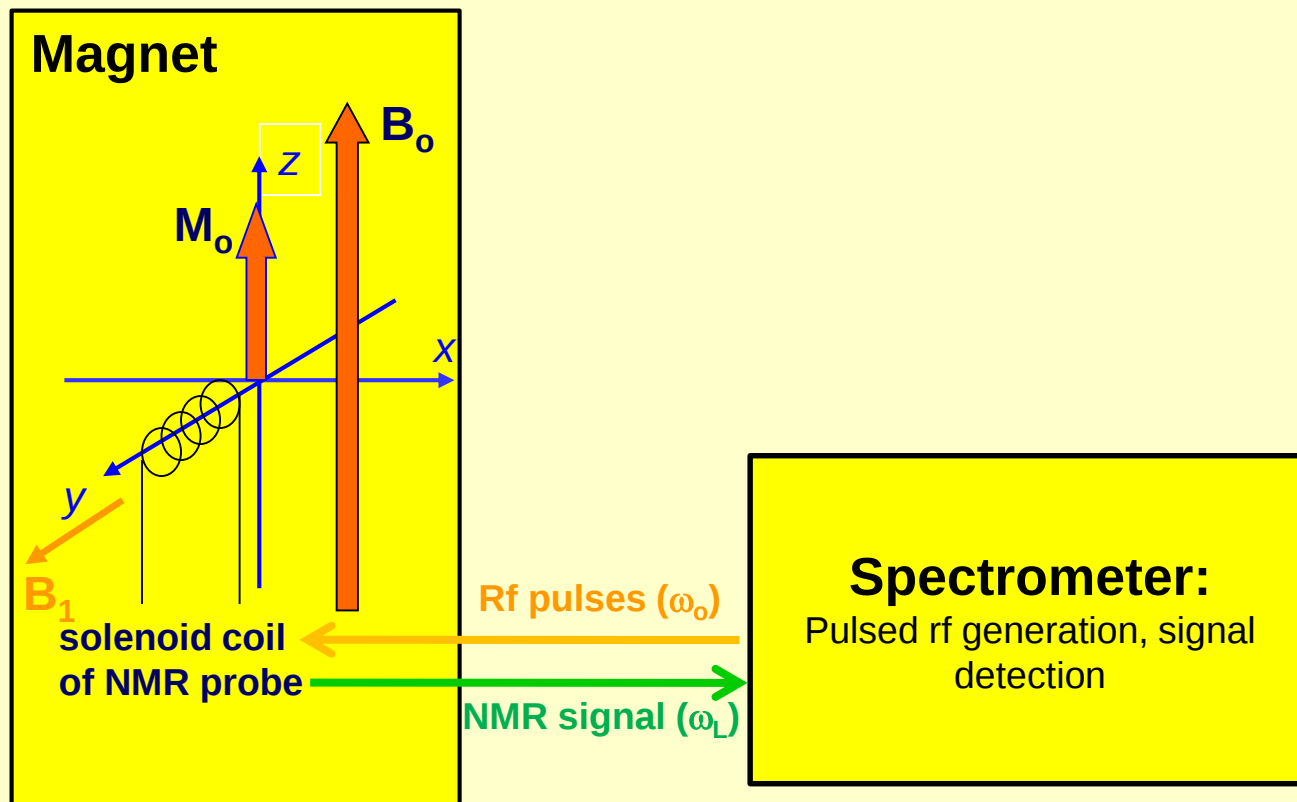
$$B_{ind} = \mu_0 \cdot M(t) = \mu_0 M_0 \sin \omega_p t$$

$$\phi = B_{ind} \cdot A \quad (\text{magnetic flux}) \quad U_{ind}(t) = - \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} n \eta$$

$$U_{ind}(t) = -n \eta A \omega_p \mu_0 M_0 \cos \omega_p t = U_0 \cos \omega_p t$$

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
 $\sim B_0$ $\sim B_0$ Signalintensität $\sim B_0^2$

Schematic Experimental Set-up

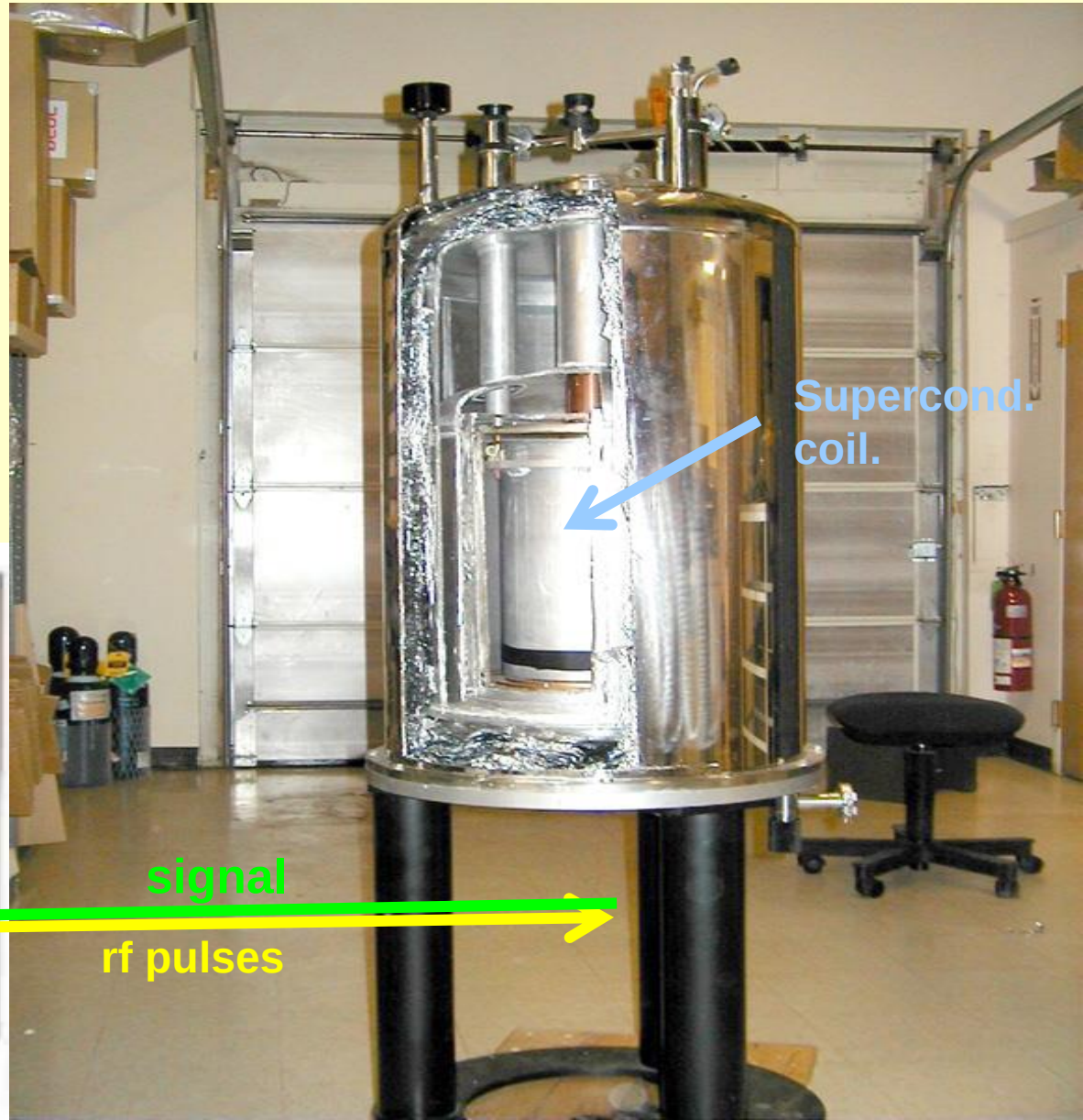
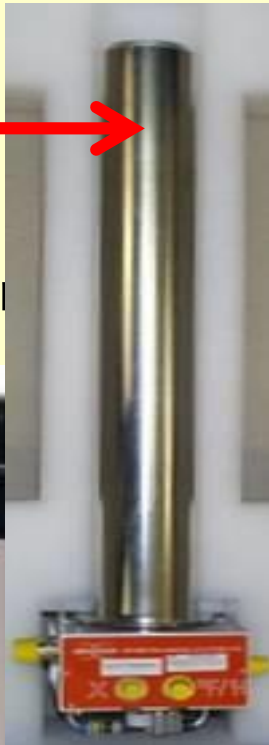


Equipment

magnet
probe

Sample in
coil

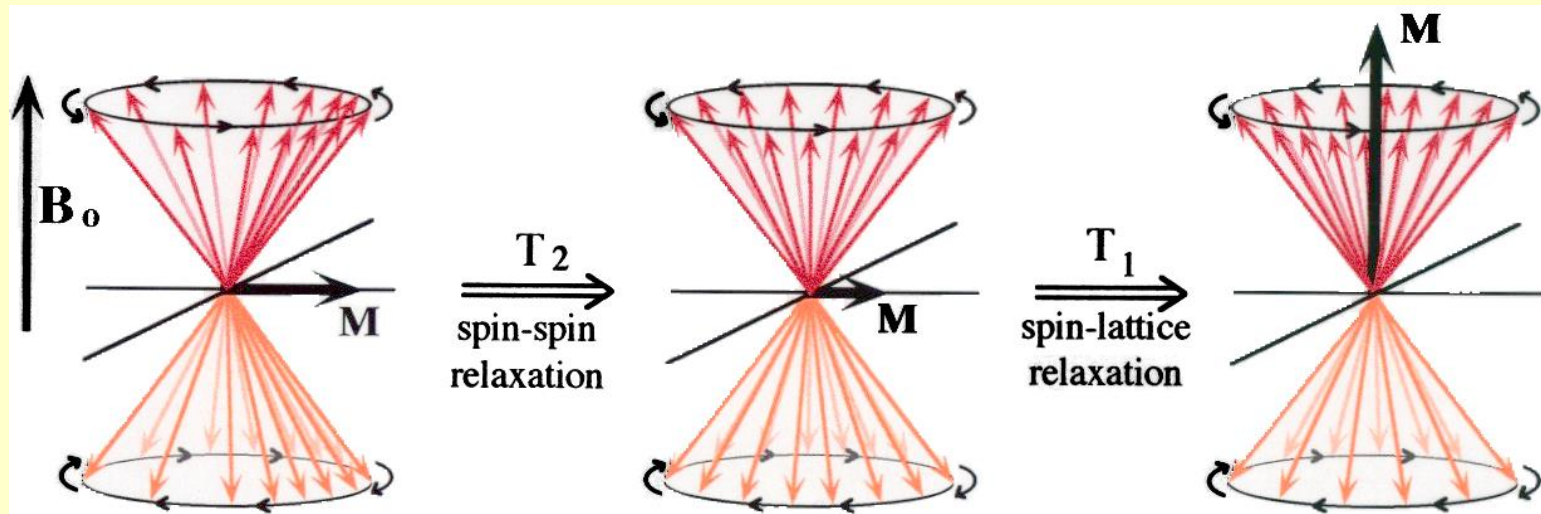
Console:
signal excitation
and detection



Supercond.
coil.

signal
rf pulses

Relaxation Processes



Transverse relaxation (T_2): dephasing of spins in the x-y plane (distribution of precession frequencies, spin-spin interactions)

Longitudinal relaxation (T_1): build-up of z-magnetization (return to equilibrium, energy exchange with surroundings (lattice))

Four distinct interactions

- magnetic shielding
- Electric quadrupole coupling
- Indirect spin-spin coupling
- magnetic dipole coupling

In the solid state:

anisotropy: $\omega_p \sim 3\cos^2\theta - 1$

Magnetic Shielding

Resonance frequency (bare nucleus):

$$\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$$

Effective magnetic field at nucleus:

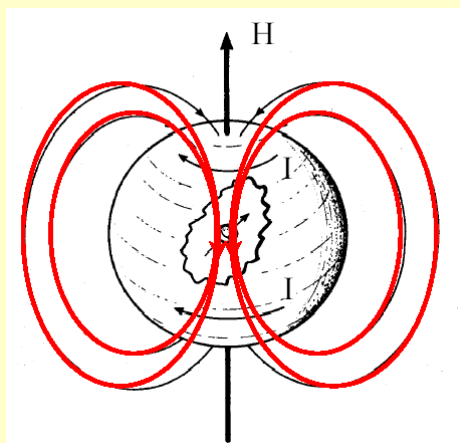
$$B_{eff} = B_0(1 - \sigma)$$

Resonance frequency (real sample)

$$\omega_L = \gamma B_0(1 - \sigma)$$

Chemical shift

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\omega_L^x - \omega_L^{ref}}{\omega_L^{ref}}$$

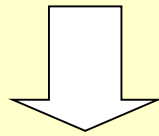


Effective magnetic field arises from shielding or deshielding of the external magnetic field by electrons

Probe for electronic environment (bonding)

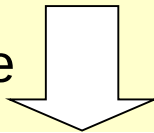
Chemical Shielding Anisotropy

Solid state : chemical shielding is anisotropic:
→ tensorial description

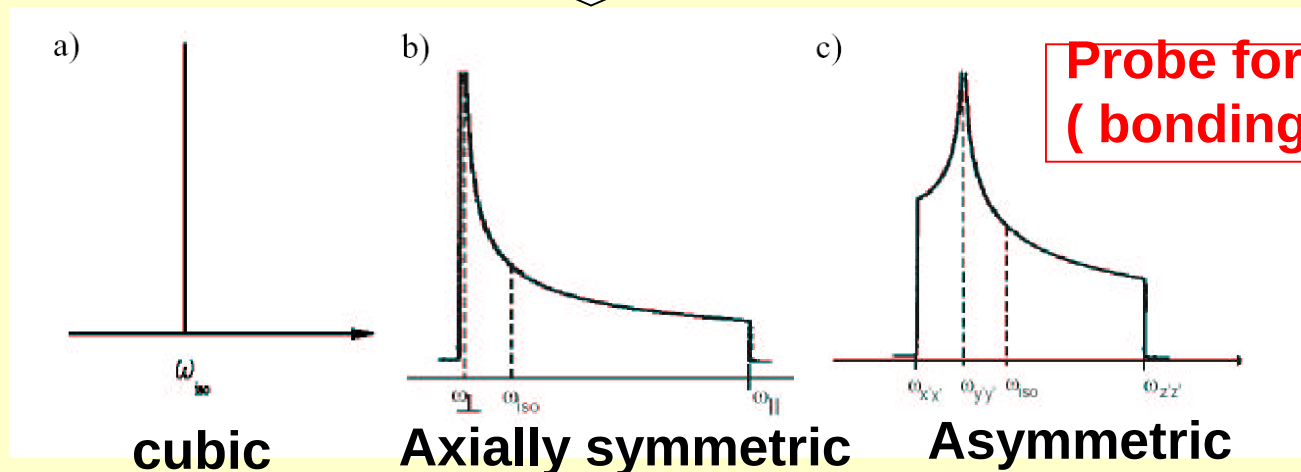


$$\omega_L = \omega_0 \left[1 - \sigma_{iso} - \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_{z'z'} - \sigma_{x'x'}) (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \right]$$

powdered sample

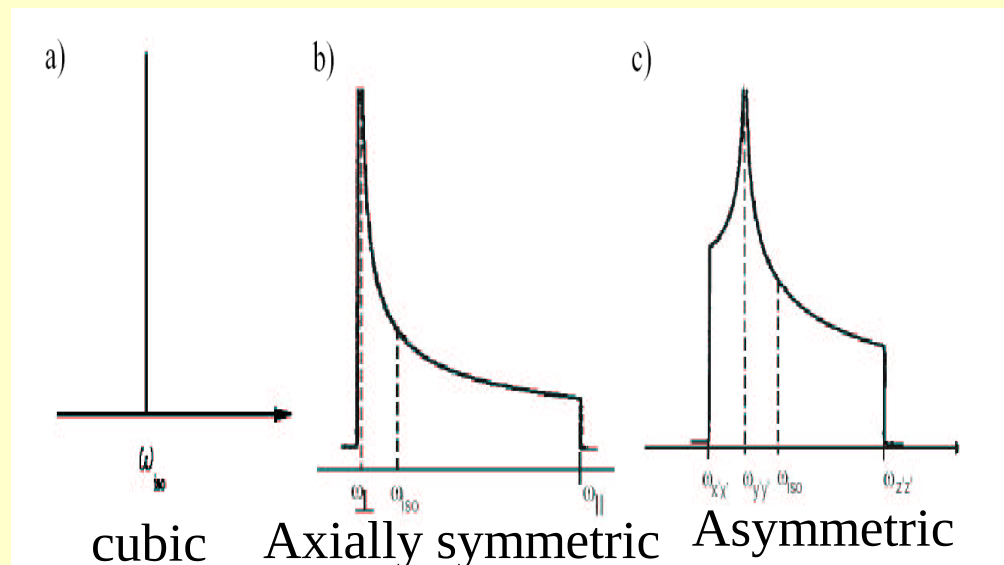
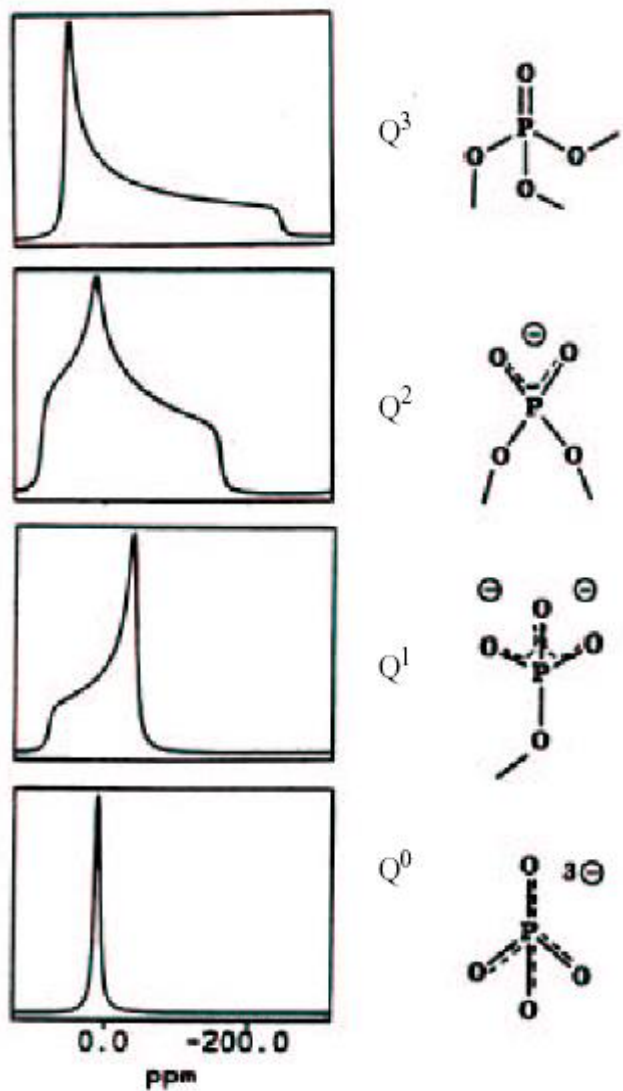


Distribution of orientations



Probe for local symmetry
(bonding geometry)

Example : ^{31}P NMR of Phosphates

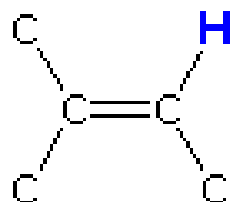


Indirect spin-spin Coupling

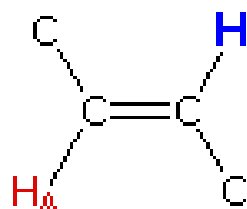
- Spin-spin interaction transmitted via polarization of bonding electrons
- HAMILTONIAN $\mathcal{H}_J = 2\pi \hat{I}_1 \mathbf{J} \hat{I}_2$ homonuclear
- $\mathcal{H}_J = 2\pi \hat{I} \mathbf{J} \hat{S}$ heteronuclear
- Anisotropy accounted for by tensorial description
- Isotropic component: $\mathbf{J}_{iso}$ (scalar, isotropic coupling constant)
- Anisotropic component: $\Delta\mathbf{J}$, same dependence on spin operators as the through-space dipole-dipole coupling
- Liquid-state and MAS-NMR: only $\mathbf{J}_{iso}$ relevant: $\prod_i 2n_i I_i + 1$ multiplicity rule
- n_i = number of equivalent spins of quantum number I_i the observed nucleus is coupled to

Examples of Spin-Spin Coupling Multiplicities

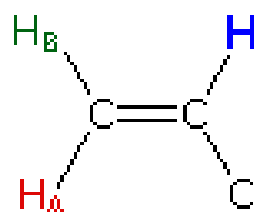
No Coupled
Hydrogens



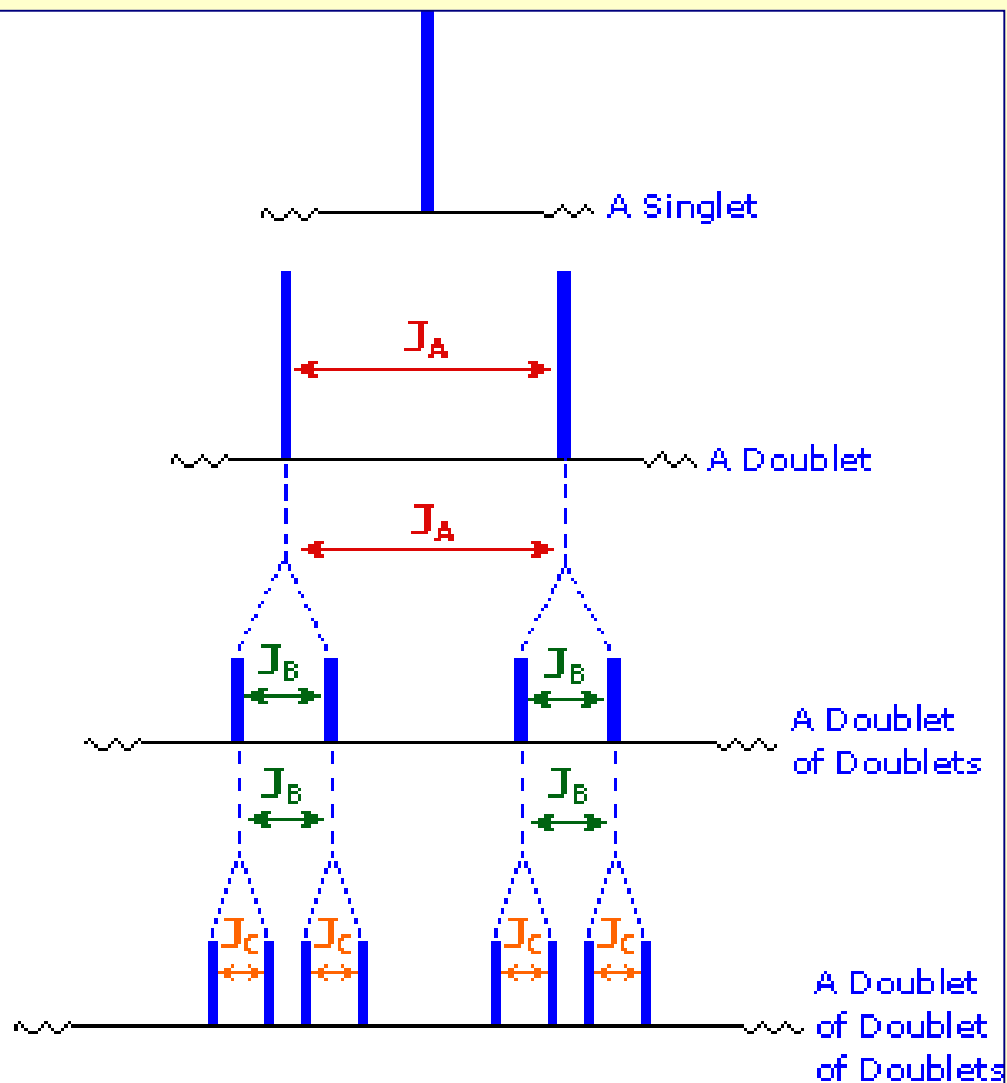
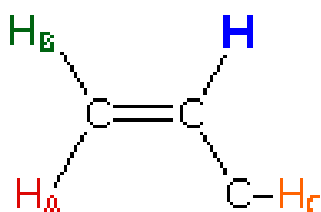
One Coupled
Hydrogen



Two Coupled
Hydrogens

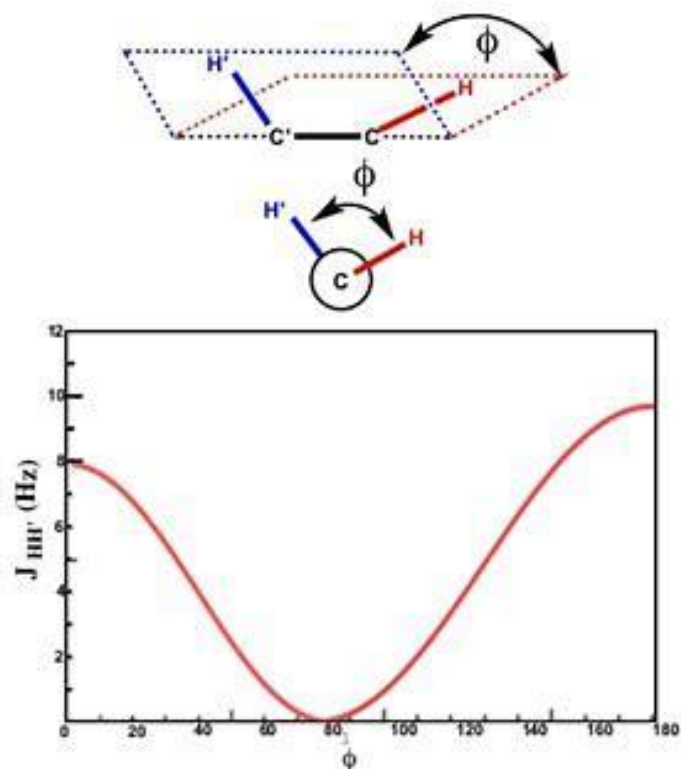


Three Coupled
Hydrogens



Karplus-Relation for J-coupling

Karplus Curve



For 3J (^1H - ^1H) coupling:

$$J(\phi) = C \cos 2\phi + B \cos \phi + A$$

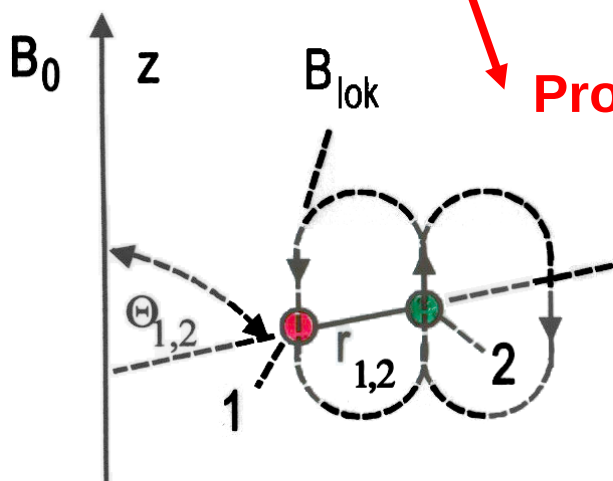
$A = 4.22$, $B = -0.5$, and $C = 4.5$ Hz.

Important for conformational studies
(protein folding)
Nobel Prize 2013

Magnetic dipole interactions

Magnetic moments of nearby spins affect the local magnetic field and thus the resonance frequency. „Through-space“ interaction

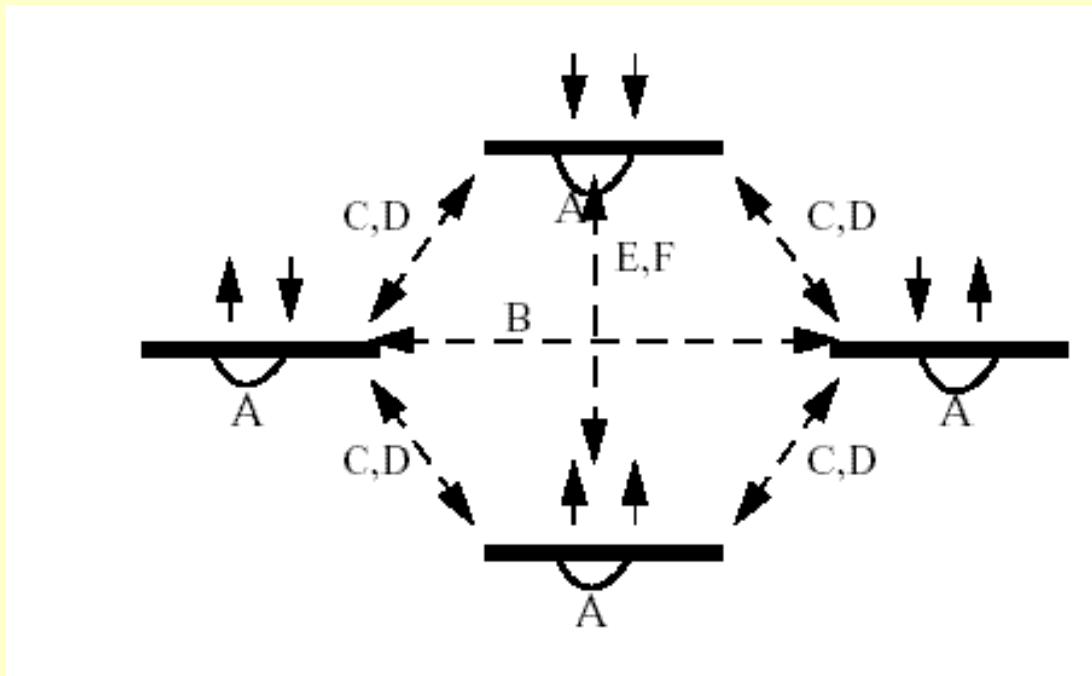
$$\hat{H}_{\text{DIP}}(ij) = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \gamma_i \gamma_j \hbar^2 \boxed{r_{ij}^{-3}} \left[\hat{A} + \hat{B} + \hat{C} + \hat{D} + \hat{E} + \hat{F} \right]$$



Probe of internuclear distance

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &\sim \hat{I}_{z1} \hat{I}_{z2} & \hat{I}_z S_z \\ \mathbf{B} &\sim \hat{I}_1^+ \hat{I}_2^- + \hat{I}_1^- \hat{I}_2^+ & \text{hetero} \\ &\text{homo} & \end{aligned}$$

Dipolar Hamiltonian Terms

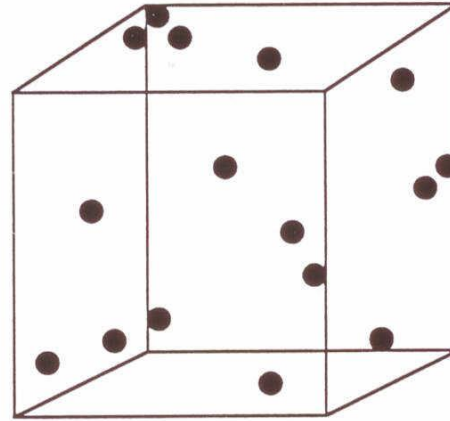


Multi-Spin Interactions: Second Moments

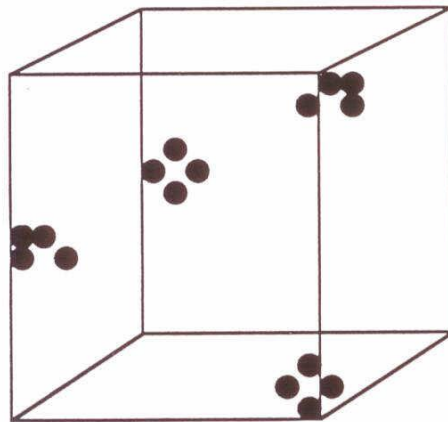
$$M_2 = \frac{4}{15} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \gamma_I^2 \gamma_S^2 S(S+1) \hbar^2 \sum_S r_{IS}^{-6}$$

for heteronuclear coupling between spin species I and S

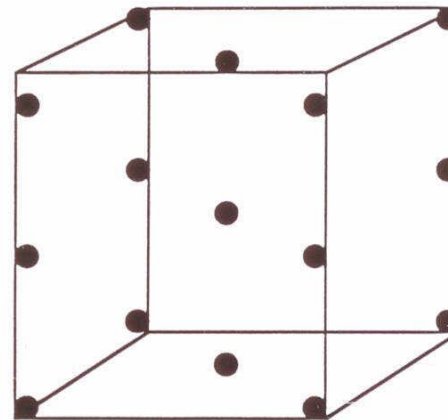
Spatial distribution models in glasses



random

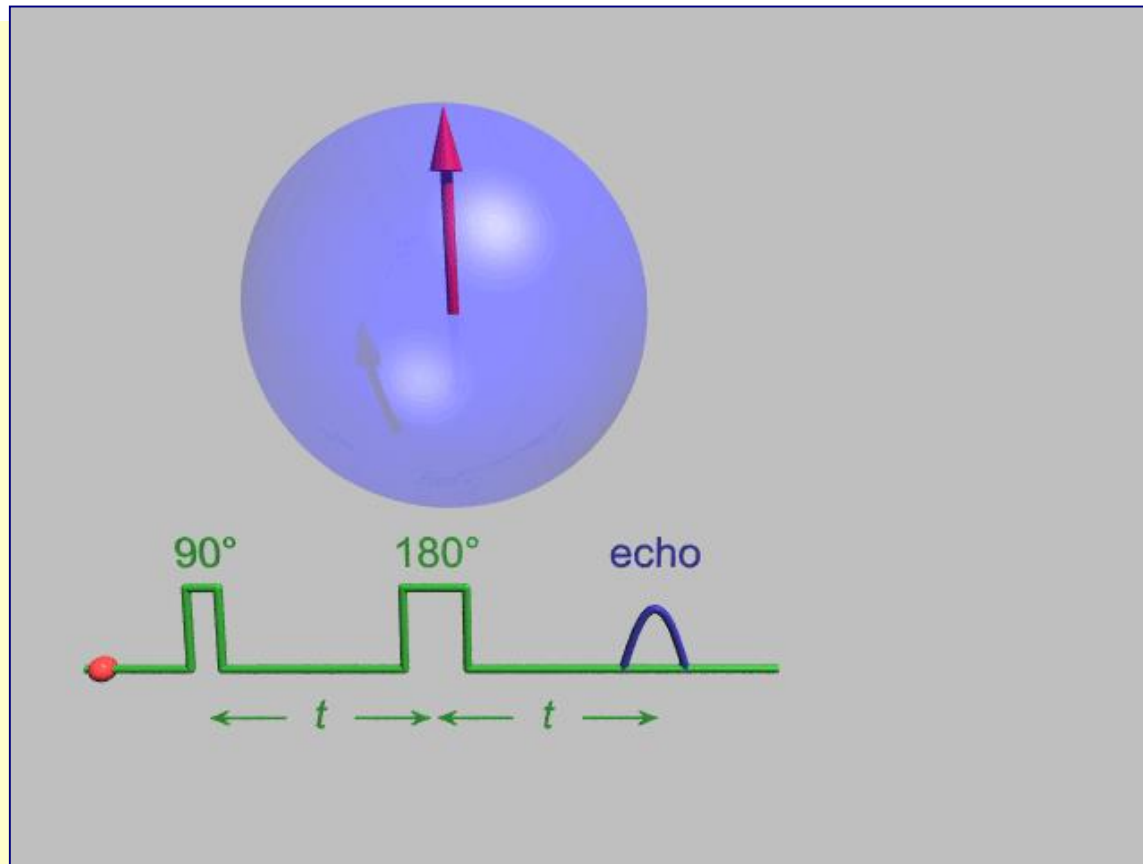


clustered



uniform

Selective measurement by spin-echo decay

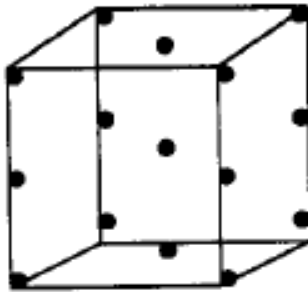


Selective for homonuclear dipole coupling strengths

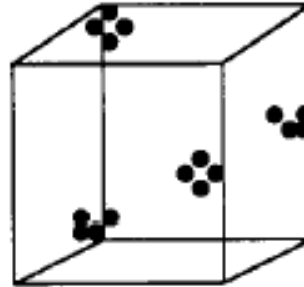
$$S/S_0 = \exp - (2t^2 M_2)$$

Spatial Atomic Distributions in P-Se Glasses

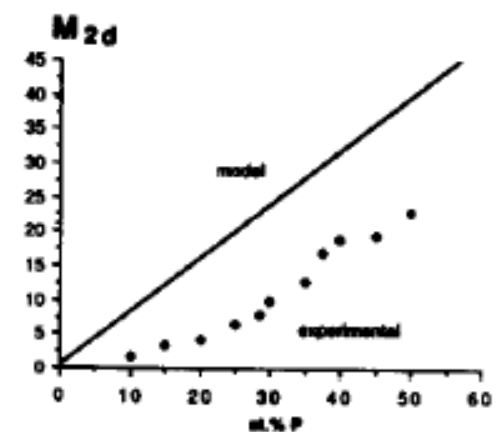
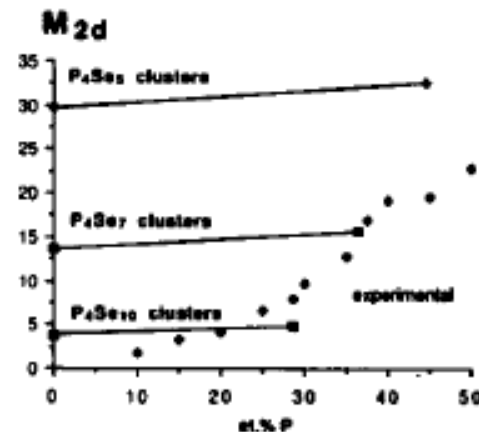
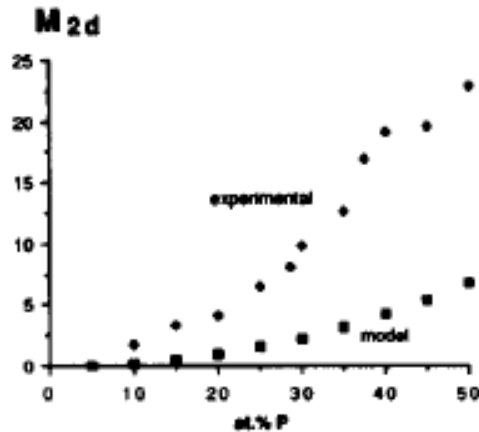
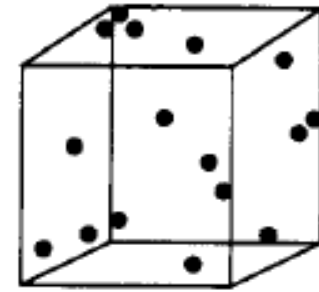
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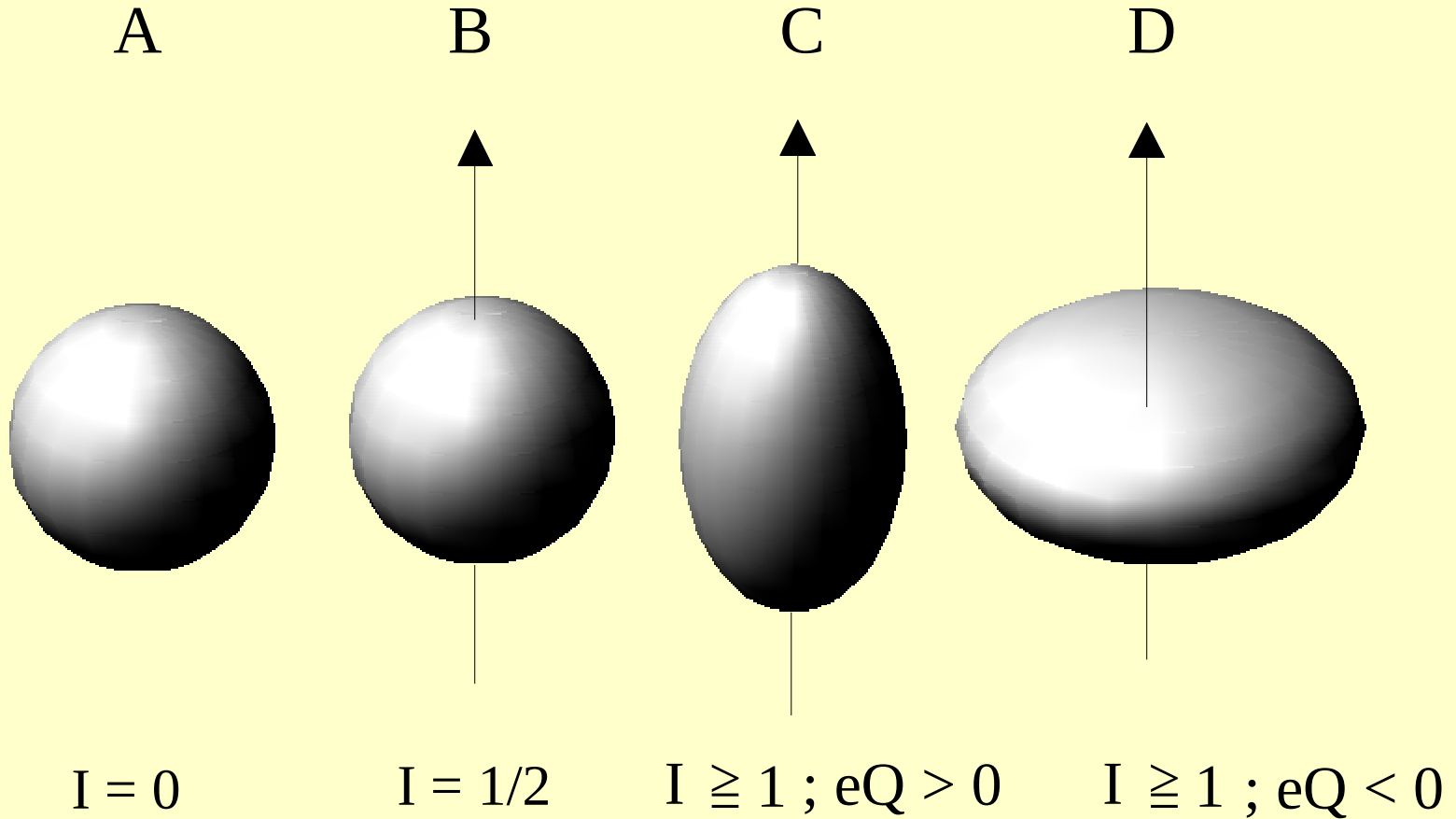


P-Se vs. P-P bonding

D. Lathrop, H. Eckert, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 111 (1989), 3536

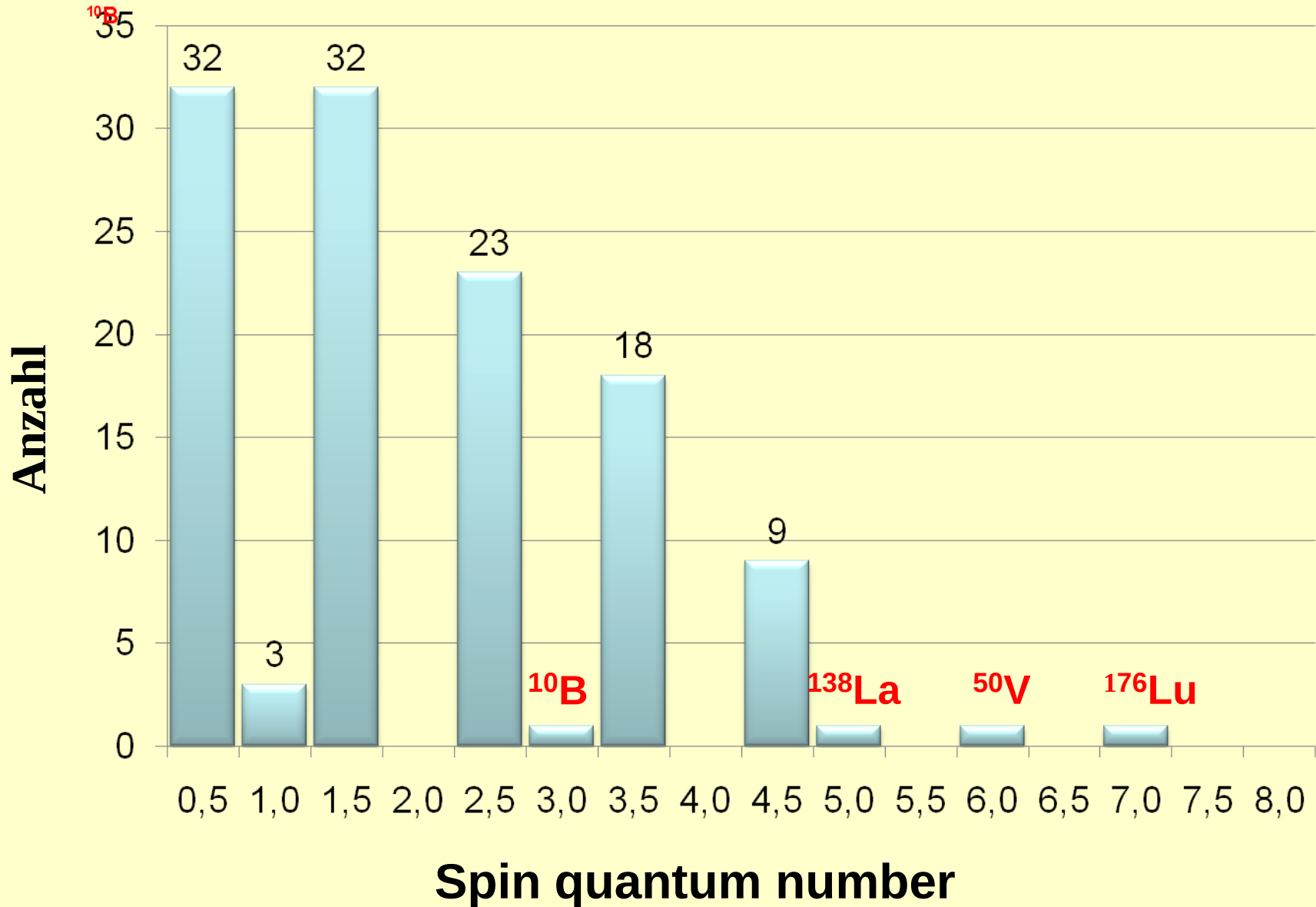
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Nuclear electric quadrupole moment: non-spherical distribution of nuclear charge

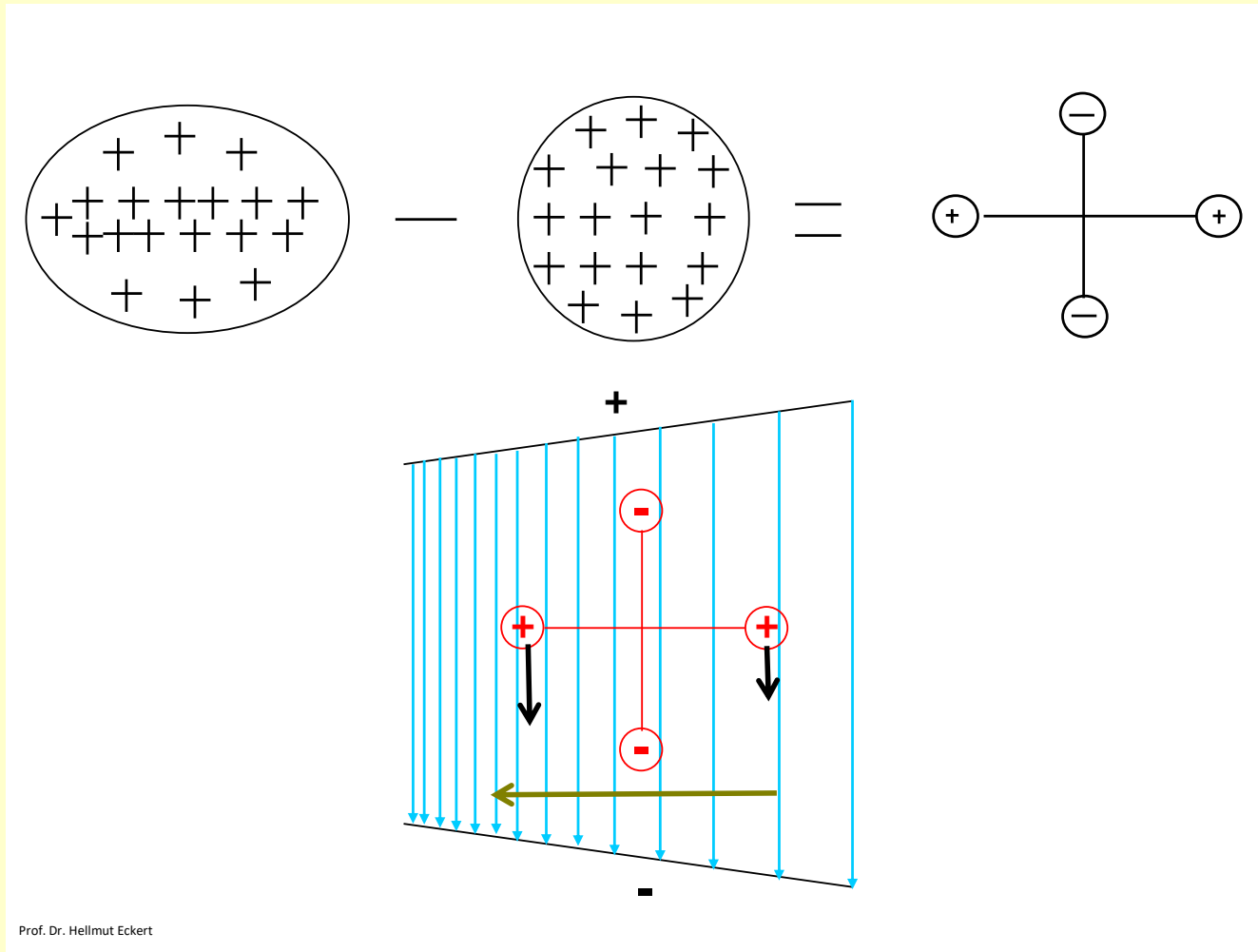


$eQ \sim 10^{-25} \text{ to } 10^{-30} \text{ m}^2$

Nuclear spin values



The physical picture



This quadrupole moment interacts with local electric field gradients created by the bonding environment of the nuclei.
-> probe of local symmetry

Electric field gradient

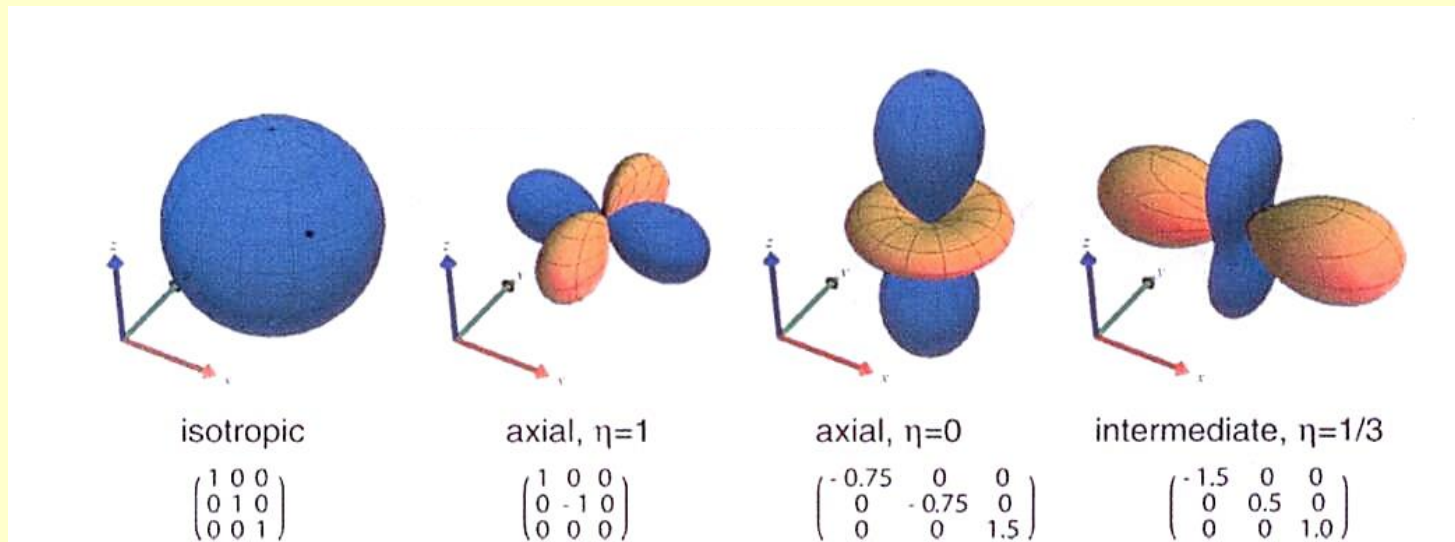
Symmetric second-rank tensor

$$\nabla E_{\alpha,\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{xx} & V_{xy} & V_{xz} \\ V_{yz} & V_{yy} & V_{yz} \\ V_{zx} & V_{zy} & V_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonal in the principal axis system

$$|V_{z'z'}| \geq |V_{y'y'}| \geq |V_{x'x'}|$$

Laplace equation $V_{x'x'} + V_{y'y'} + V_{z'z'} = 0$



2 parameters:
and

$$V_{z'z'} = eq$$

Absolute size

$$\eta \equiv \frac{V_{y'y'} - V_{x'x'}}{V_{z'z'}}$$

deviation from cylindrical symmetry

The Quadrupolar Hamiltonian

$$E_{el} = V(0) \int \rho d\tau + \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} \int x_{\alpha} \rho d\tau - \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} V_{\alpha, \beta} \int x_{\alpha} x_{\beta} \rho d\tau + \dots$$

Coulomb term dipole term

quadrupole term

$$Q_{\alpha\beta} = \int (3x_{\alpha} x_{\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta} r^2) \rho d\tau$$

$$E_Q = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} V_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\hat{Q}_{\alpha\beta} = \left[\frac{3(\hat{I}_{\alpha} \hat{I}_{\beta} + \hat{I}_{\beta} \hat{I}_{\alpha})}{2} - \delta_{\alpha\beta} \hat{I}^2 \right] \cdot \frac{eQ}{I(2I-1)}$$

**Expressed in spin coordinate
Wigner-Eckart-Theorem**

$$\hat{H}_Q = \frac{e^2 q Q}{4I(2I-1)} \left[(3\hat{I}_{z'}^2 - \hat{I}^2) + \eta (\hat{I}_{y'}^2 - \hat{I}_{x'}^2) \right]$$

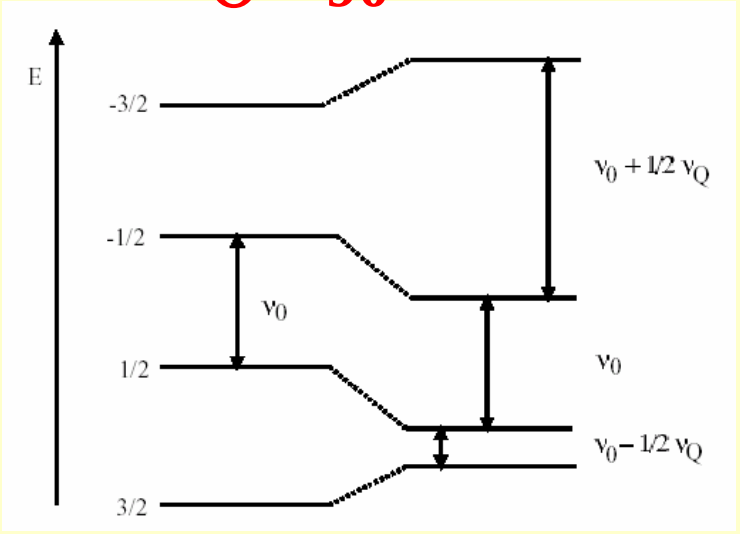
For axially symmetric EFG, the 1st order correction is:

$$\langle m | \hat{H}_Q | m \rangle = \frac{e^2 q Q}{4I(2I - 1)} \left[3m^2 \cos^2 \theta + \frac{3}{2} I(I + 1) \sin^2 \theta - \frac{3}{2} m^2 \sin^2 \theta - I(I + 1) \right]$$

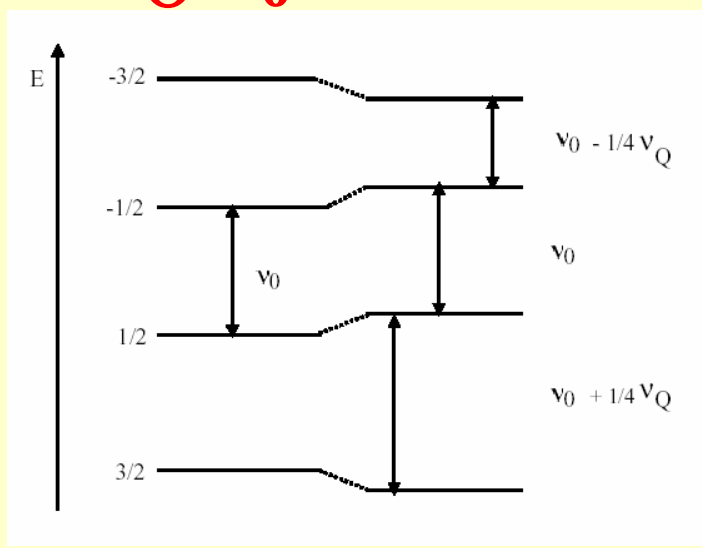
$$E_m^{(1)} = -m\gamma\hbar B_o + \frac{e^2 q Q}{4I(2I - 1)} \left[3m^2 - I(I + 1) \right] \frac{3\cos^2 \theta - 1}{2}$$

Energy level diagram for I = 3/2

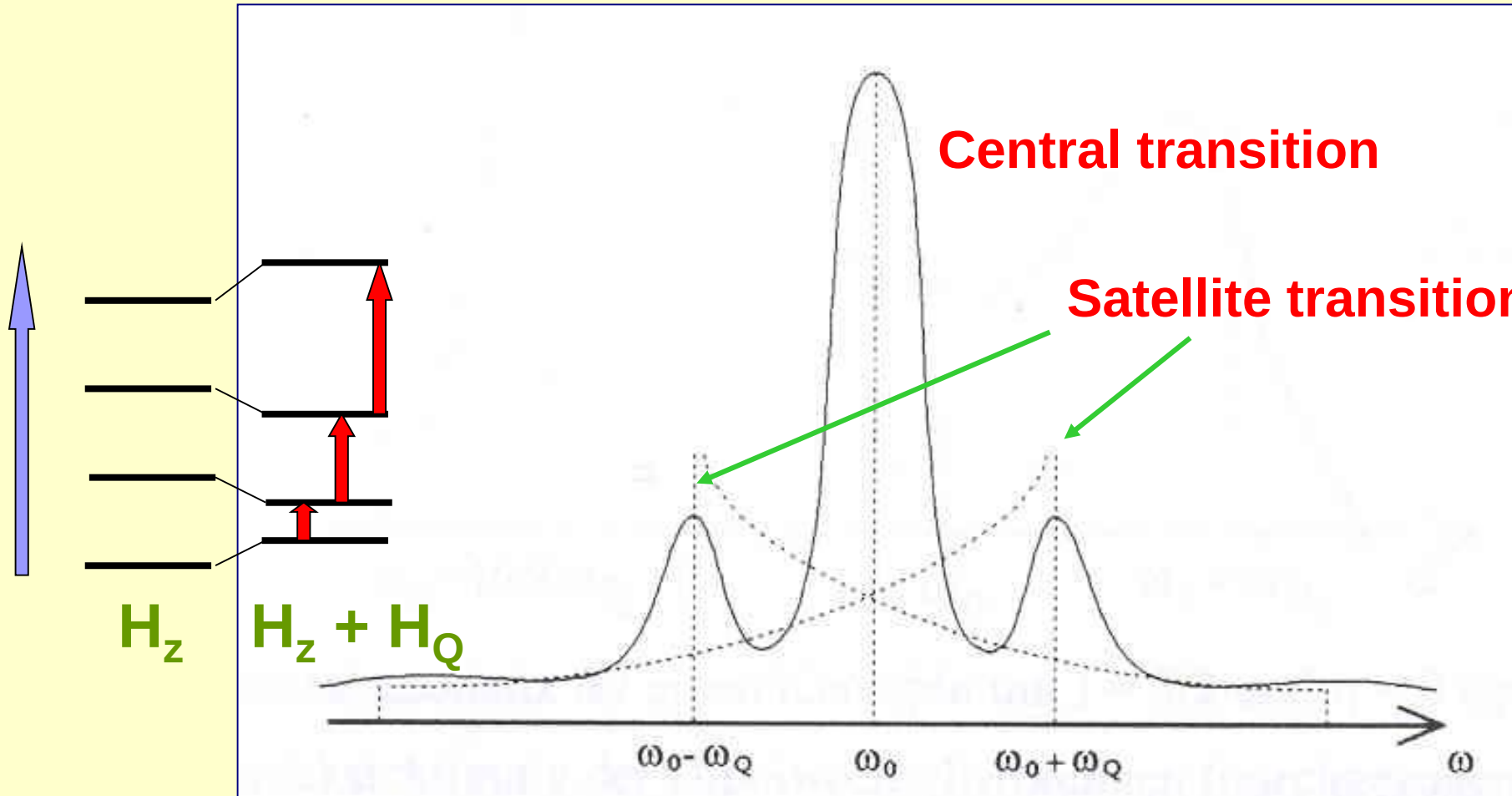
$\Theta = 90^\circ$



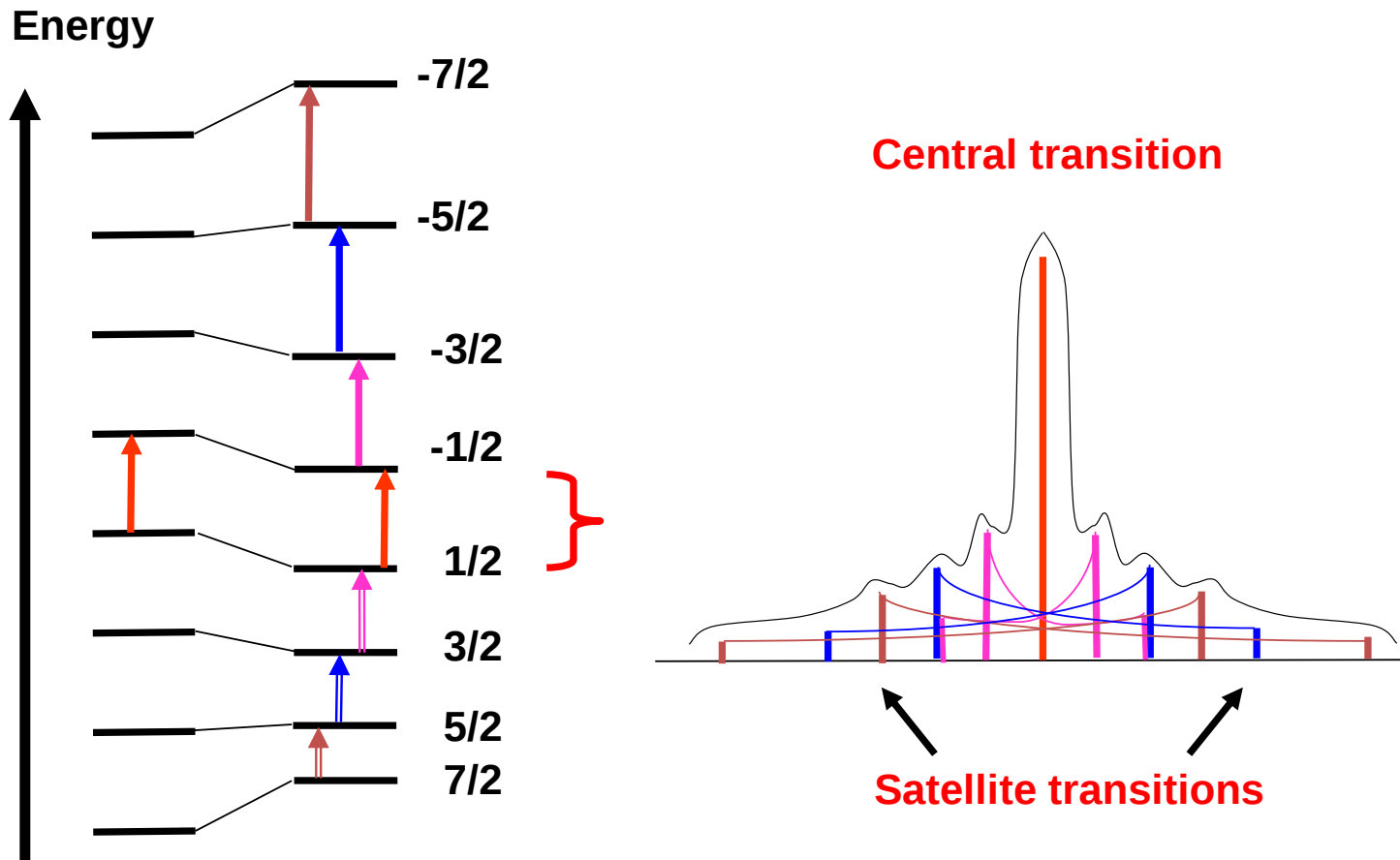
$\Theta = 0^\circ$



Effect of Quadrupolar Interactions on the NMR Lineshape

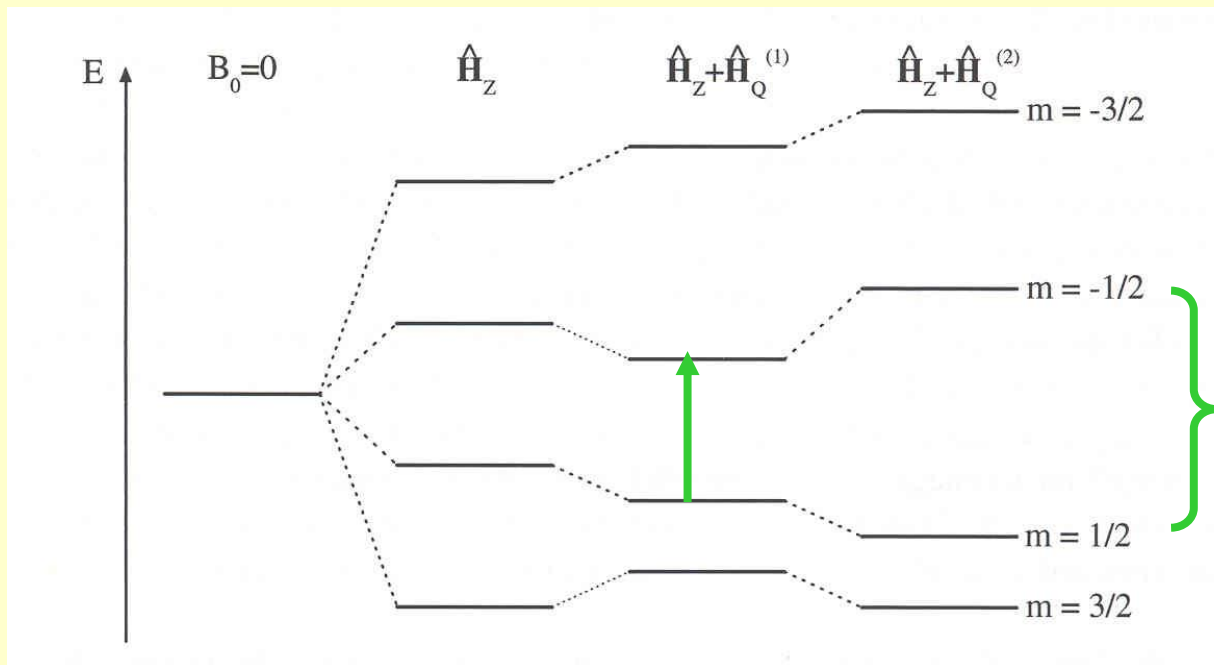


Powder pattern for spin-7/2



Stronger Quadrupole Coupling:

Second-order perturbation theory



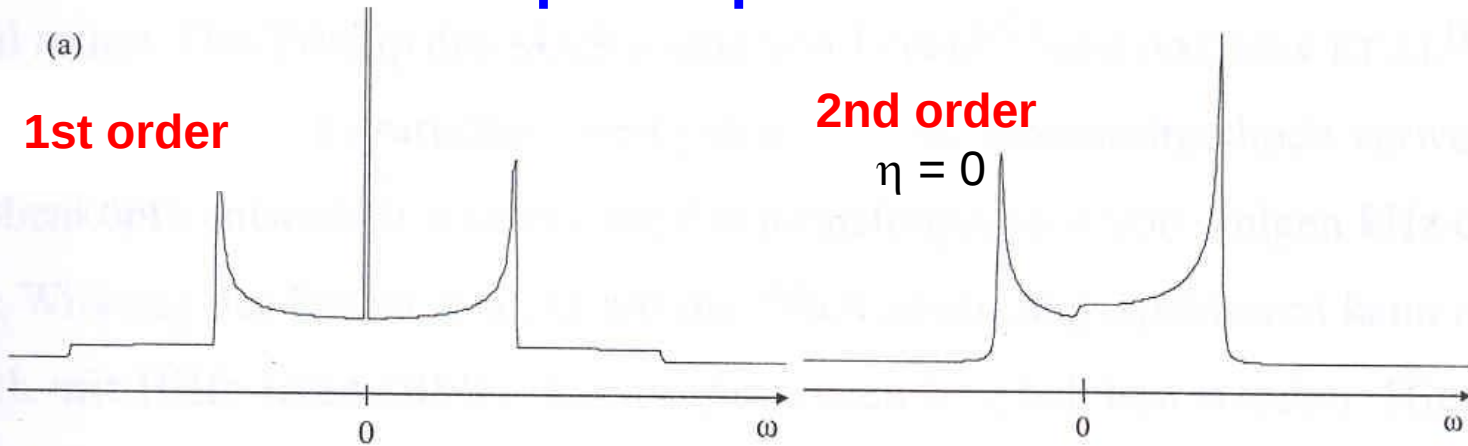
Anisotropic lineshape broadening caused by electric quadrupolar interactions

(a)

1st order

2nd order

$\eta = 0$



$\eta = 0.5$

2nd order

Non-axial EFG

$\eta = 1$

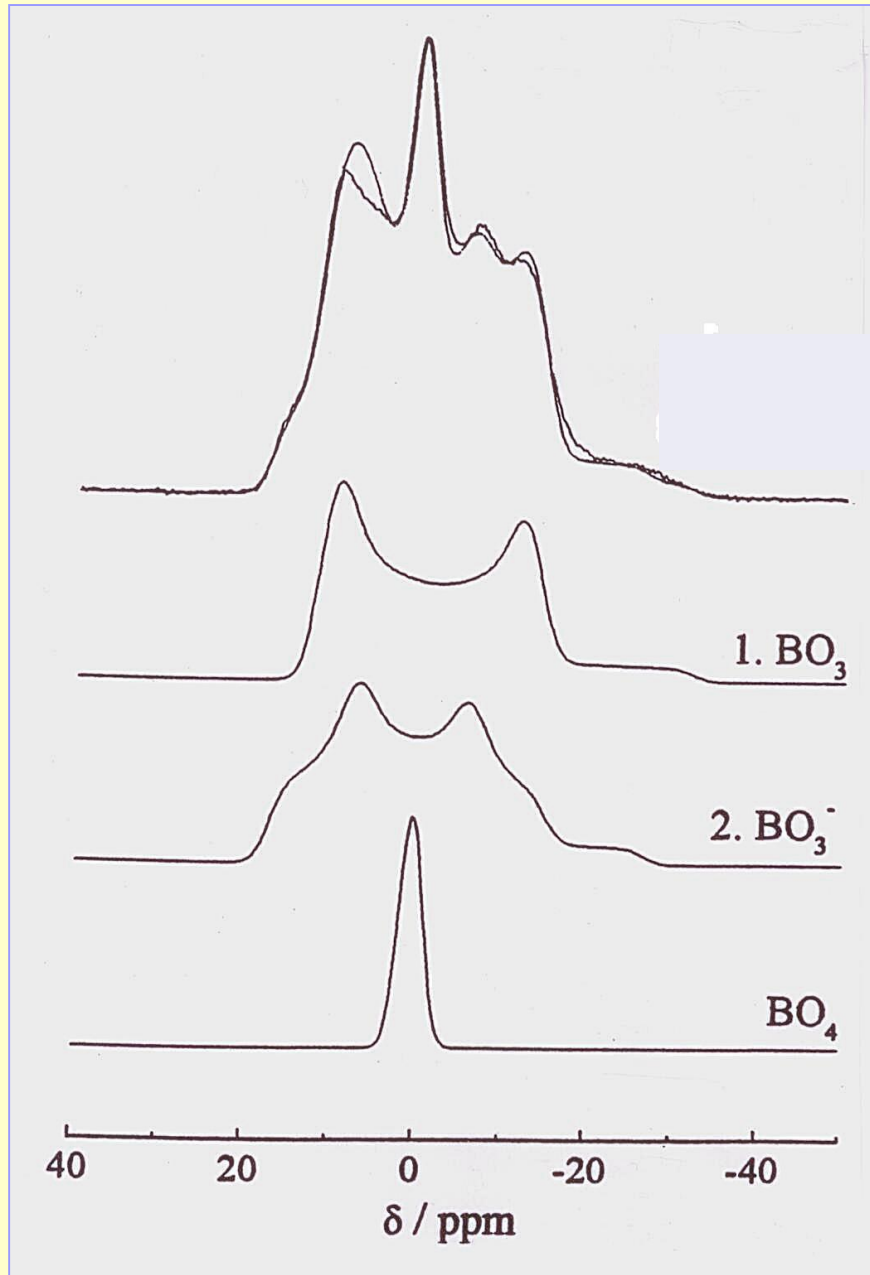


C_Q : maximum component.

$\eta = (q_{xx} - q_{yy})/q_{zz}$: asym. Parameter.

$C_Q \sim \sum q_{\text{eff}}/r^3$
(point charge model)

Example of an application: Electric field gradients in borates



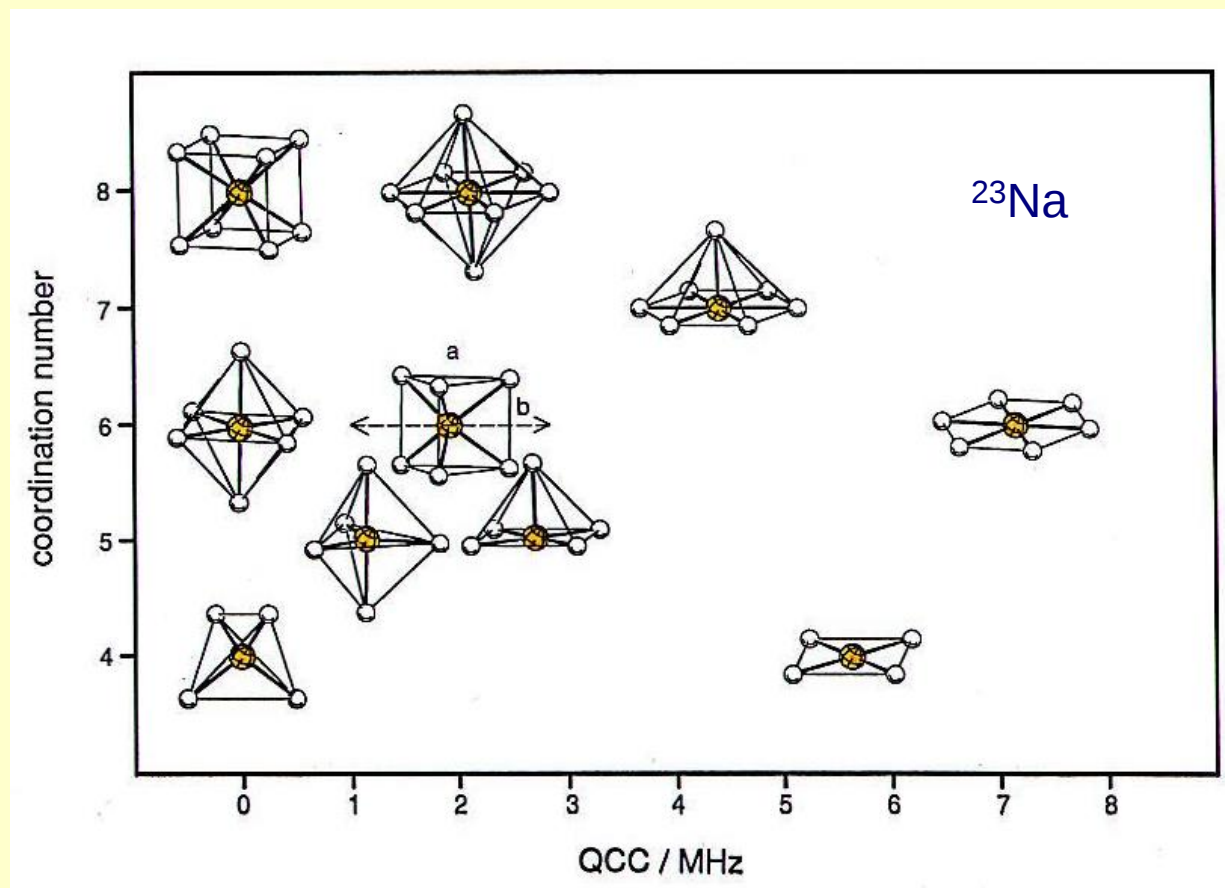
Typical spectrum of
a borate glass

Trigonal planar D_{3h}

Three-coord. C_{2v}

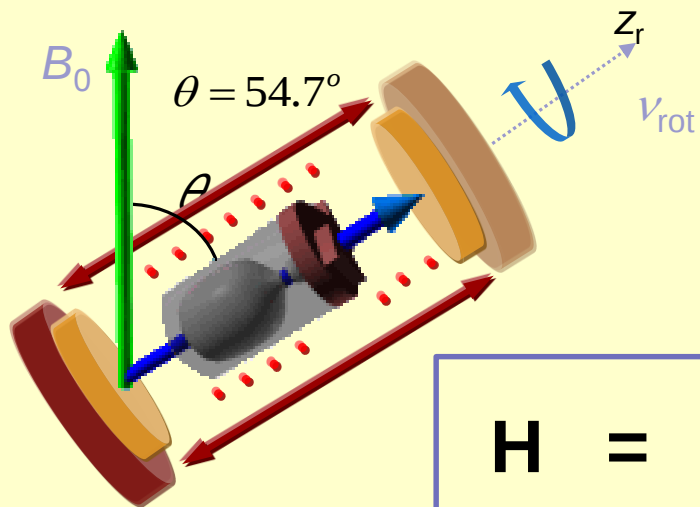
Tetrahedral T_d

^{23}Na Quadrupole Interaction and Na Coordination



H. Koller, G. Engelhardt, A.P.M. Kentgens, J. Sauer,
J. Phys. Chem. **98** (1994), 1544-1551

Magic Angle Spinning - MAS



$$H_{aniso} = A \cdot \overline{\{3 \cos^2 \theta - 1\}}$$

$$H = H_Z + \cancel{H_D} + \cancel{H_J} + \cancel{H_{CS}} + \cancel{H_Q}$$

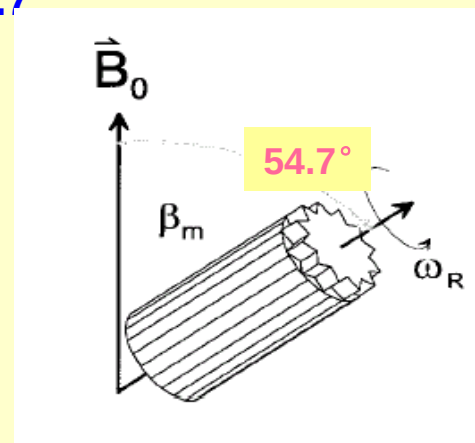
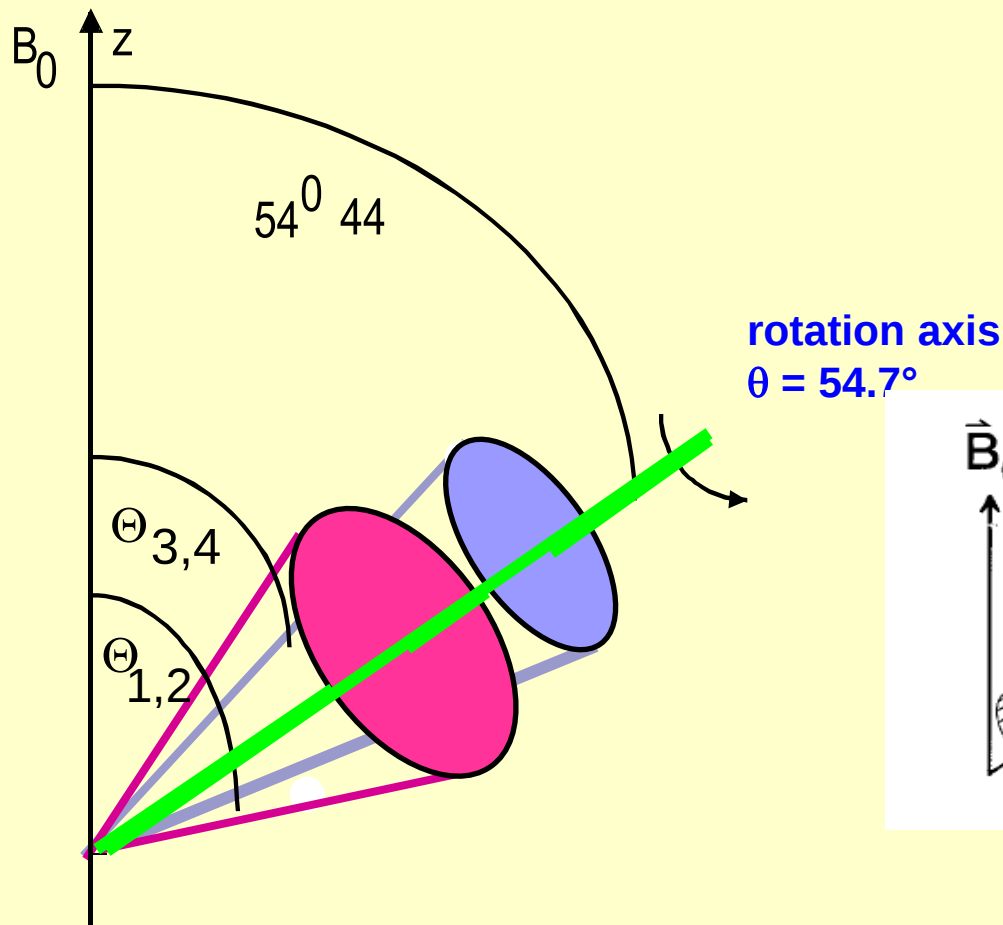
iso iso 2nd.

High-resolution spectra, governed by isotropic chemical shifts and J-coupling

- connectivities
- coordination numbers

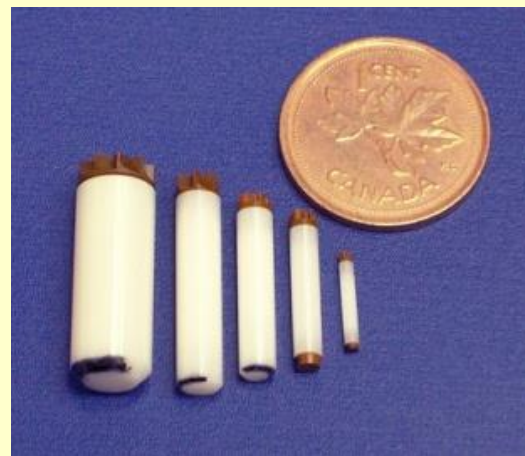
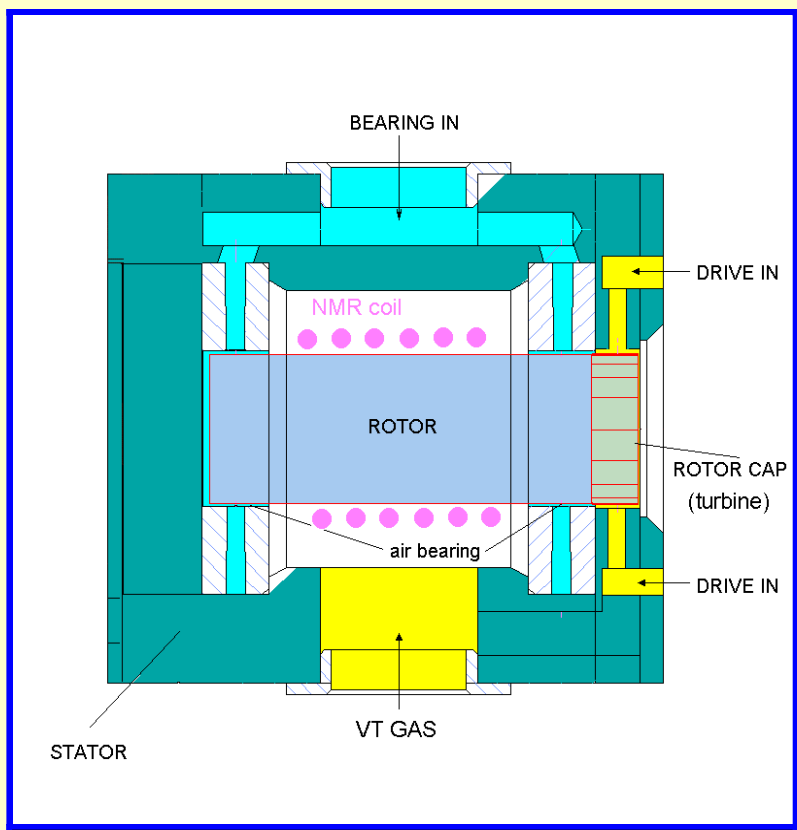
Magic Angle Spinning

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{aniso}} = A \cdot \{3 \cos^2 \theta - 1\}$$



$$H = H_Z + \cancel{H_D} + \cancel{H_J}_{\text{ISO}} + \cancel{H_{CS}}_{\text{ISO}} + \cancel{H_Q}_{\text{2nd.}}$$

MAS-NMR probe



ZrO₂

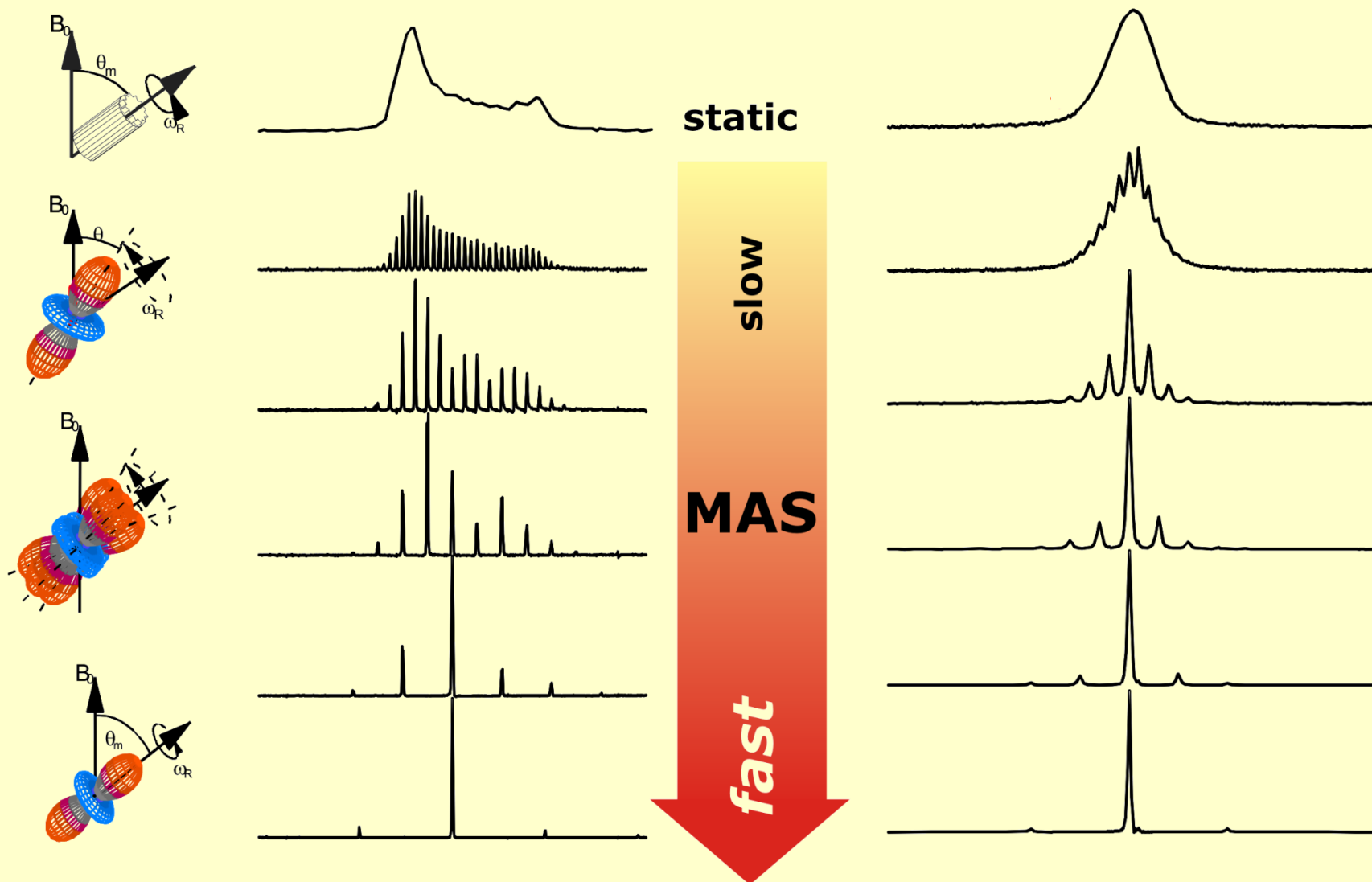
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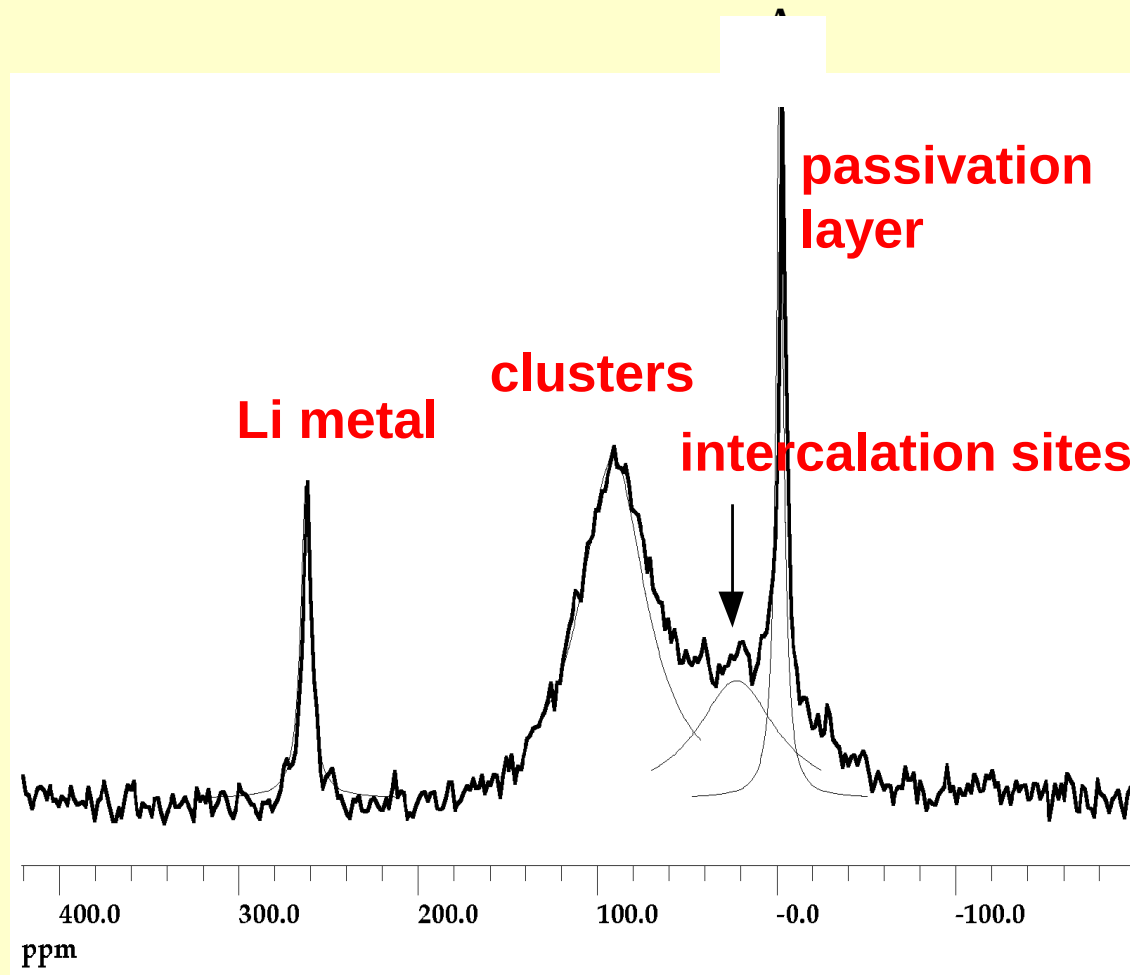
Kel-F

Vespel

The effect of spinning speed



Lithium inventory in LiC_n electrodes studied by ^7Li NMR



S. Hayes, H. Eckert et al., J. Phys. Chem. A107, 3866 (2003)

NMR as a Technique in Solid State Sciences

Local Selectivity:	Disorder/Lack of Periodicity
Element Selectivity:	Compositional Complexity Low Scattering Contrast (H; Si/Al)
Interaction Selectivity:	Distance Measurements Connectivity Information Electron Density Information
Uniform Sensitivity:	Quantitative Applications
Dynamic Sensitivity:	Motional Processes on Continuous Timescale (10^2 to 10^{-9} s)
Low Detection Sensitivity: Bulk Method:	10^{17} to 10^{18} spins required poor spatial resolution surfaces/interfaces difficult to study
Magnetic Interference:	transition metals, rare earths: limited