
Gross Properties of Nuclei

Nuclear Spins and Magnetic Moments

Intrinsic Nuclear Spin

Nuclei can be deformed → can rotate quantum mech.
→ collective spin and magnetic effects (moving charges)

Intrinsic spin? Nucleons have spin-1/2

Demonstrate via interaction with external $\vec{B}$

"good" quantum numbers: I, m_I

odd-A : $I =$ half-integer multiple of $\hbar$
even-A: $I =$ integer multiple of $\hbar$
even-Z & even-N: $I = 0$ } expt fact

Quantum mechanical spin:

$$\hat{I}^2 \psi_{I, m_I} = I(I+1) \hbar^2 \cdot \psi_{I, m_I} \quad I = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

$$|\hat{I}| = \sqrt{I(I+1)} > |I|$$

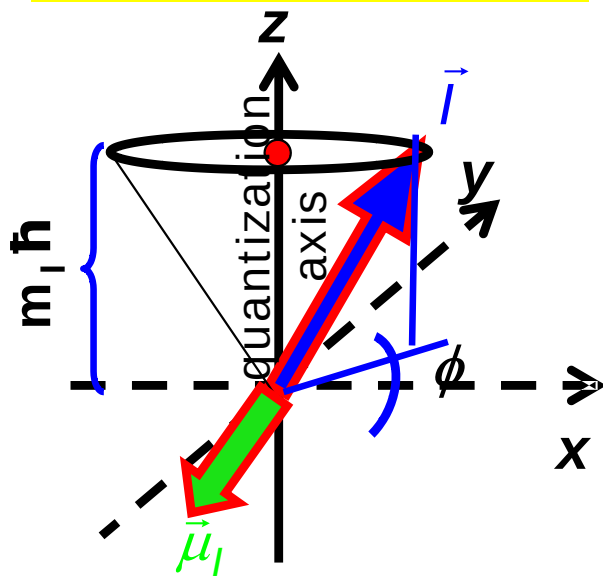
$2I + 1$ different magnetic substates

$$\hat{I}_z \psi_{I, m_I} = m_I \hbar \cdot \psi_{I, m_I} \quad -I \leq m_I \leq +I$$

$$W_B = -\vec{\mu}_I \cdot \vec{B} = - \left(g \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} \right) \vec{I} \cdot \vec{B}$$

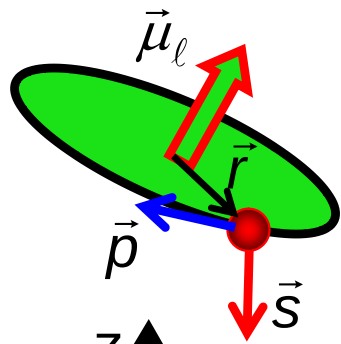
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$$\mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p}$$



Interactions via
magnetic moment $\vec{\mu}_I$

Spin Coupling Schemes



Nuclear spin built up of nucleonic angular momenta spin and orbital, $\vec{S}_i, \vec{l}_i$

$$\vec{I} = \sum_{i=1}^A (\vec{S}_i + \vec{l}_i) \quad \text{For neutrons } \vec{l}_i = 0, \text{ no moving charge}$$

Extreme coupling schemes of A-body system

LS: $\vec{L} = \sum_i \vec{l}_i \quad \vec{S} = \sum_i \vec{S}_i \rightarrow \vec{I} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$ **L and S good qu. #s**

jj: $\vec{j}_i = \vec{l}_i + \vec{S}_i \rightarrow \vec{I} = \sum_i \vec{j}_i$

Correspond to different strength of interactions between nucleons and atomic electrons
 $\rightarrow$ different symmetry of A-body wave function

$\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J}$ ($\vec{J}$: total electr. spin) $|\vec{I} - \vec{J}| \leq |\vec{F}| \leq |\vec{I} + \vec{J}|$

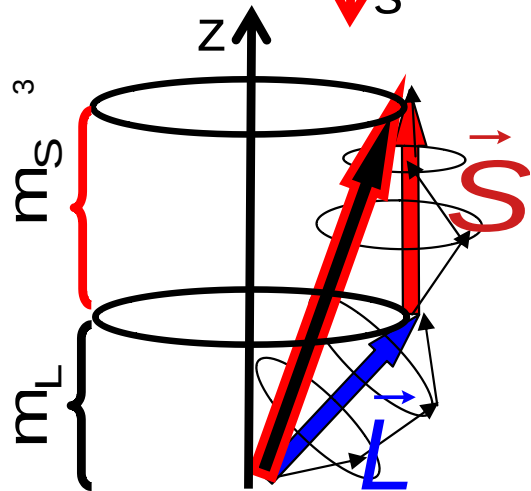
$$\hat{F}^2 \psi_{F, m_F} = F(F+1) \hbar^2 \psi_{F, m_F} \quad -F \leq m_F \leq +F$$

$$\hat{F}_z \psi_{F, m_F} = m_F \hbar \psi_{F, m_F} \quad \text{magnetic substates}$$

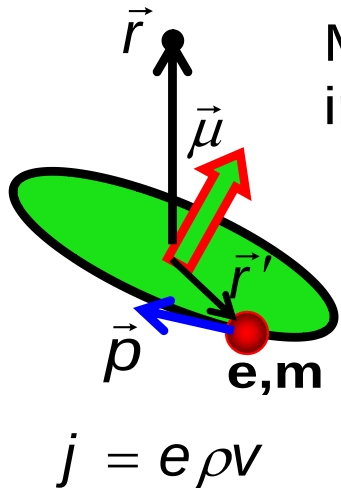
Always conserved: F, no external torque

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Nuclear Spins



Magnetic Dipole Moments



Moving charge $e \rightarrow$ current density $\vec{j} \rightarrow$ vector potential $\vec{A}$, influences particles at $\vec{r}$ via magnetic field $\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}' - \vec{r}|} \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \int d^3\vec{r}' \vec{j}(\vec{r}')}_{=0} + \frac{1}{r^3} \int d^3\vec{r}' (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') \vec{j}(\vec{r}') + \dots \right]$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} \int d^3\vec{r}' (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') \vec{j}(\vec{r}') + \dots = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} \int d^3\vec{r}' \vec{r} \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \times \vec{r}' + \dots$$

$$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} = 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Vs}}{\text{Am}}$$

Magnetic dipole moment

$$\mu := \frac{1}{2} \int d^3\vec{r}' [\vec{r}' \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}')]]$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{\mu} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} + \text{higher multipole moments} \rightarrow B \sim \frac{1}{r^3}$$

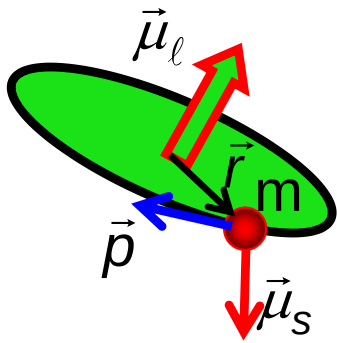
$$\vec{r} \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}) = \vec{r} \times \left[\rho(\vec{r}) \frac{e}{m} \vec{p}(\vec{r}) \right]; \quad \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \vec{L}$$

$$\mu = \frac{e}{2m} \int d^3\vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') \vec{L}(\vec{r}') \xrightarrow{\rho(\vec{r}) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{R})} = \frac{e}{2m} \vec{L}$$

current loop:

$$\mu_{\text{Loop}} = \vec{j} \times \vec{A} = \text{current} \times \text{Area}$$

Magnetic Moments: Units and Scaling



Magnetic moments:

$$\vec{\mu}_\ell = g_\ell \cdot \left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} \right) \cdot \vec{\ell}$$

orbital, Landé g_ℓ factor

$$\vec{\mu}_s = g_s \cdot \left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} \right) \cdot \vec{s}$$

spin, Landé g_s factor

Units

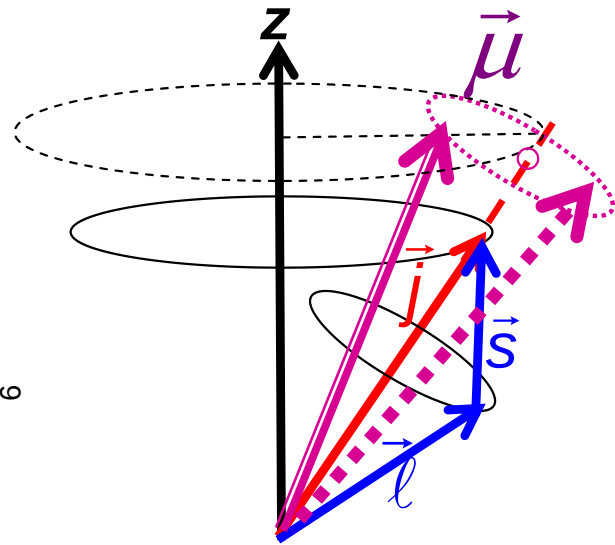
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{electron: } \mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} = 5.788 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ MeV / G Bohr Magnetron} \\ \text{nucleon: } \mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} = 3.152 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ MeV / G Nuclear Magnetron} \end{array} \right.$$

g factors

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lll} e^- : & g_\ell = -1 & g_s = -2.00232 \quad \text{Free } p, n: \\ p : & g_\ell = +1 & g_s = +5.5855 \quad \mu_p = 2.79\mu_N \\ n : & g_\ell = 0 & g_s = -3.8256 \quad \mu_n = -1.91\mu_N \end{array} \right.$$

$g < 0 \rightarrow \mu \updownarrow \updownarrow$

Total Nucleon Magnetic Moment



Superposition of orbital and spin μ :

$$\hat{\mu} = (g_\ell \cdot \vec{\ell} + g_s \cdot \vec{s}) \mu_N \quad \text{Not } \parallel \text{ to } \vec{j} = \vec{\ell} + \vec{s} !$$

below use these single-particle states

$$\hat{j}^2 \begin{vmatrix} \ell & s & j \\ m_\ell & m_s & m_j \end{vmatrix} = j(j+1)\hbar^2 \begin{vmatrix} \ell & s & j \\ m_\ell & m_s & m_j \end{vmatrix}$$

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Precession of μ around z-axis slaved by precession of $j \rightarrow$ all μ components perp. to j vanish on average.

$$\frac{\mu_{sp}}{\mu_N} = \frac{\langle |\hat{\mu} \cdot \hat{j}| \rangle}{\sqrt{j(j+1)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{j(j+1)}} \left\langle \begin{vmatrix} \ell & s & j \\ m_\ell & m_s & j \end{vmatrix} \hat{j}_z \begin{vmatrix} \ell & s & j \\ m_\ell & m_s & j \end{vmatrix} \right\rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{j(j+1)} \left\{ g_\ell j(j+1) + (g_s - g_\ell) \left\langle \hat{s} \cdot \hat{j} \right\rangle \right\}$$

maximum
alignment
of j

Effective g Factor

$$\frac{\mu_{sp}}{\mu_N} = \frac{1}{j(j+1)} \left\{ g_\ell j(j+1) + (g_s - g_\ell) \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{j}} \rangle \right\} = \underline{g_j \cdot j} \quad g_j: \text{effective g-factor}$$

$$\text{Use : } \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{j}} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{\mathbf{j}}^2 + \hat{\mathbf{s}}^2 - \hat{\mathbf{l}}^2 \rangle, \text{ etc.}$$

$$\frac{\mu_{sp}}{\mu_N} = \begin{cases} \left[g_\ell + (g_s - g_\ell) \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \right] \cdot j & \text{for } j = \ell + 1/2 \\ \left[g_\ell - (g_s - g_\ell) \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \right] \cdot j & \text{for } j = \ell - 1/2 \end{cases}$$

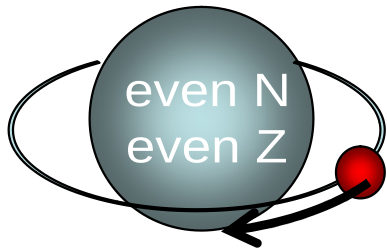
Magnetic moment for entire nucleus: analogous definition for maximum alignment, slaved by nuclear spin I precession

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{I(I+1)}} \left\langle \begin{matrix} I \\ m_I = I \end{matrix} \left| \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{I}} \right| \begin{matrix} I \\ m_I = I \end{matrix} \right\rangle$$

Simple s.p. Model: Schmidt-Lines (Odd-A)

odd-A: All but one nucleon paired, . Paired nucleons make spinless, spherical core $\rightarrow$ central potential for extra nucleon $\rightarrow$

$$\vec{I} = \vec{j} \quad \mu = \mu_{sp}(I)$$



(Z, N) = (odd, even) unpaired p, $g_\ell = 1$

$$\mu(I) = \begin{cases} I + \frac{1}{2}(g_s^p - 1) & \text{for } I = j = \ell + 1/2 \\ I - \frac{I}{2(I+1)}(g_s^p - 1) & \text{for } I = j = \ell - 1/2 \end{cases}$$

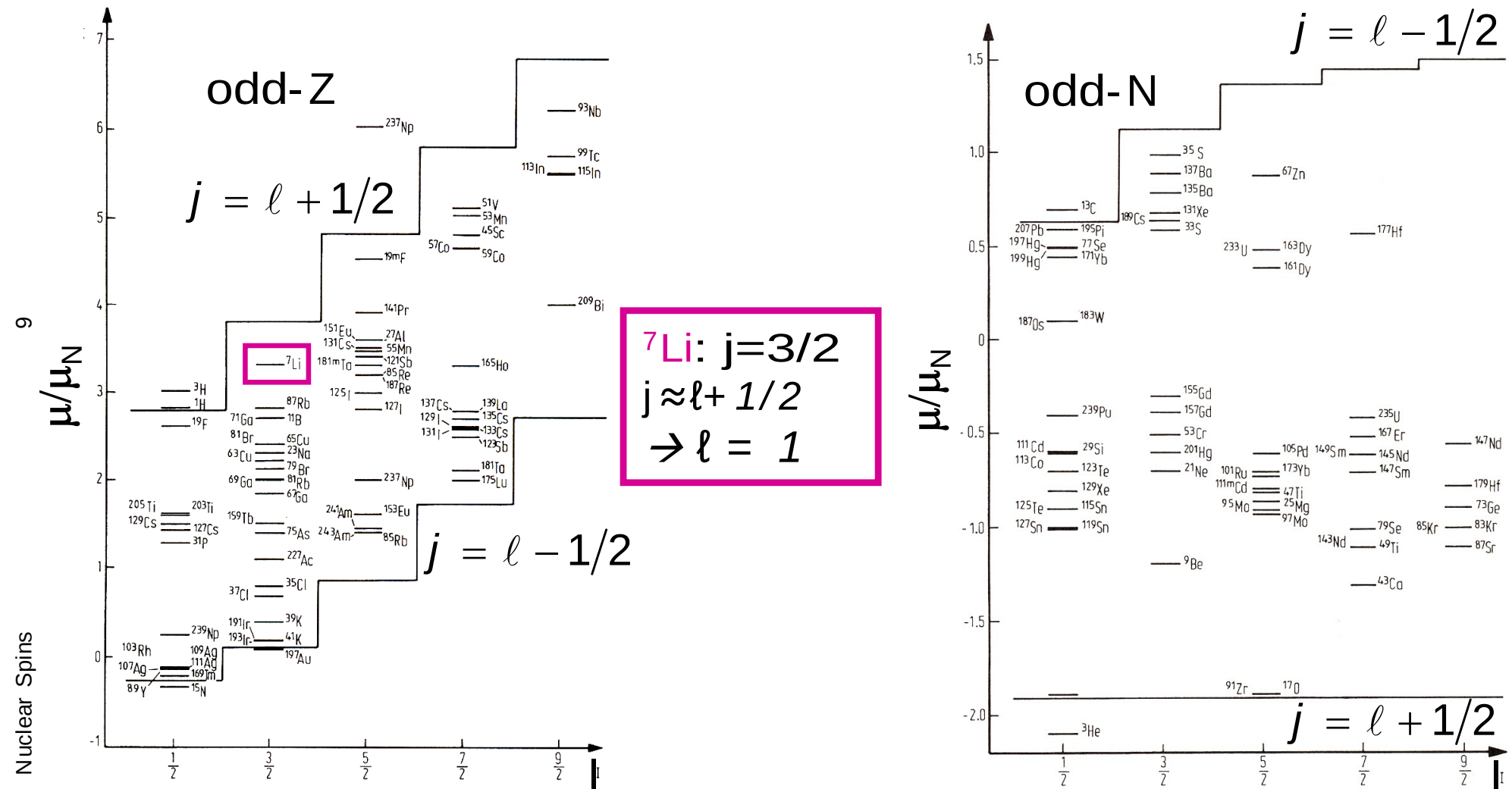
units: μ_N

(Z, N) = (even, odd) unpaired n, $g_\ell = 0$

$$\mu(I) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}g_s^n & \text{for } I = j = \ell + 1/2 \\ -\frac{I}{2(I+1)}g_s^n & \text{for } I = j = \ell - 1/2 \end{cases}$$

units: μ_N

Experimental μ for Odd-A Nuclei

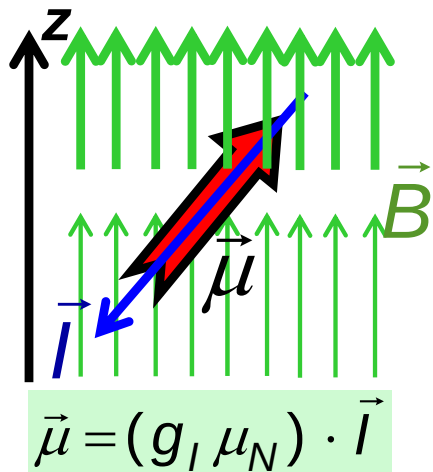


Reproduction of overall trends

Almost all μ lie between Schmidt lines= extreme values for μ .

Quenching of g_s factors due to interactions with other nucleons

Magnetic e-Nucleus Interactions



Energy in homogeneous B-field $\parallel$ z axis

$$W = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} = -(g_I \mu_N) \vec{I} \cdot \vec{B} = -(g_I \mu_N) m_I B_z$$

Force in inhomogeneous B-field $\parallel$ z axis

$$F_z = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = \vec{\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial z} = +(g_I \mu_N) m_I \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

Atomic electrons (currents) produce B-field at nucleus, aligned with total electronic spin

$1s_{1/2}$ electron $B_0 \sim 10^5 - 10^6$ G

$2p$ / electron $B_0 \sim 10^4 - 10^5$ G

$1s_{1/2}$ muon $B_0 \sim 10^{13}$ G

$$\vec{J}: \quad \vec{B} = B_0 \frac{\vec{J}}{|\vec{J}|}$$

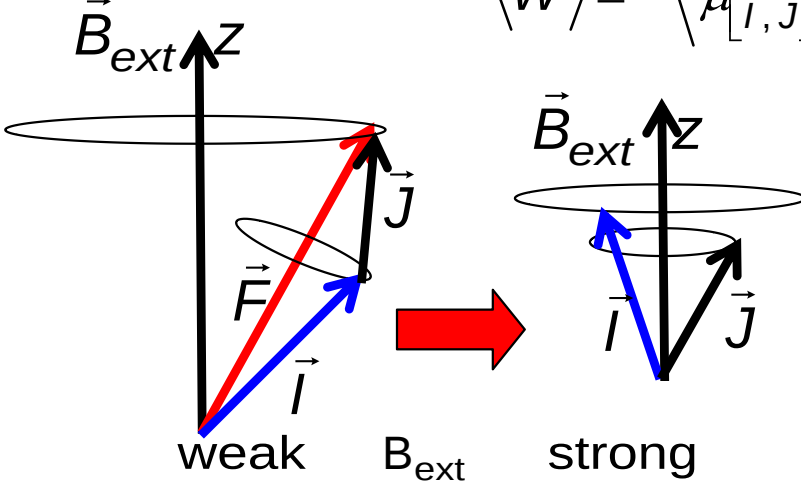
$$W = -\frac{(g_I \mu_N I) B_0}{|\vec{I}| \cdot |\vec{J}|} \vec{I} \cdot \vec{J}$$

Total spin $\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J} \rightarrow \vec{F}^2 = \vec{I}^2 + \vec{J}^2 + 2\vec{I} \cdot \vec{J}$

$$W = -\frac{(g_I \mu_N I) B_0}{2 |\vec{I}| \cdot |\vec{J}|} \vec{I} \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{(g_I \mu_N I) B_0}{2 |\vec{I}| \cdot |\vec{J}|} [F(F+1) - I(I+1) - J(J+1)]$$

Magnetic Hyper-Fine Interactions

HF pattern depends on strength B_{ext}

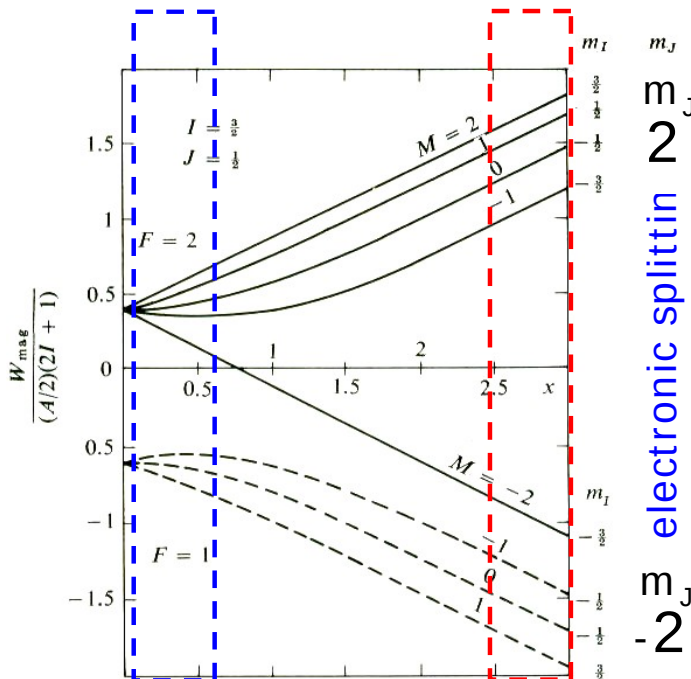


$$\langle W \rangle = - \langle \vec{\mu}_{[I,J]F} \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{ext}} \rangle \approx \begin{cases} \dots - \frac{(\vec{\mu}_J \cdot \vec{F}) \vec{F} \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{ext}}}{F(F+1)} & \text{weak } B_{\text{ext}} \\ \underbrace{-(g_J \mu_B) B_{\text{ext}} m_J}_{\text{FS}} + \underbrace{A m_J m_I}_{\text{HFS}} & \text{strong } B_{\text{ext}} \end{cases}$$

Strong B_{ext} breaks $[J, I]F$ coupling.
F import for weak B_{ext} ,
independent for strong B_{ext}

$$\omega_{\text{Lamor}} = \frac{g|e|\hbar}{2m} B_{\text{ext}}$$

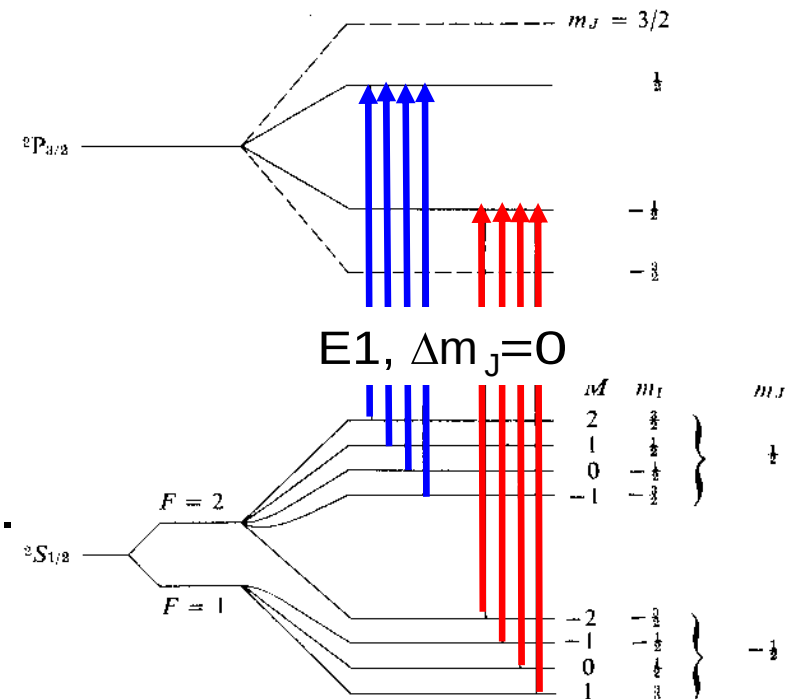
Nuclear Spins



Na:
 $I = 3/2$
 $J = 1/2$
 $F = 1, 2$

2 separated groups @ $2I+1=4$ lines.
(F not good qu. #)

1s→2p X-Ray Transition



Rabi Atomic/Molecular Beam Experiment (1938)

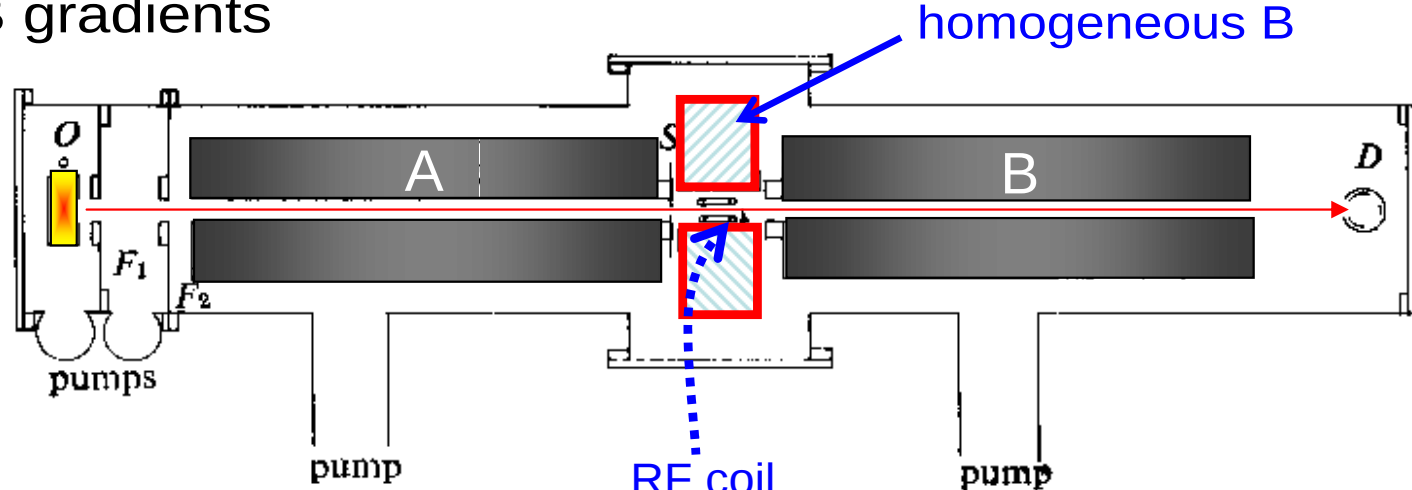


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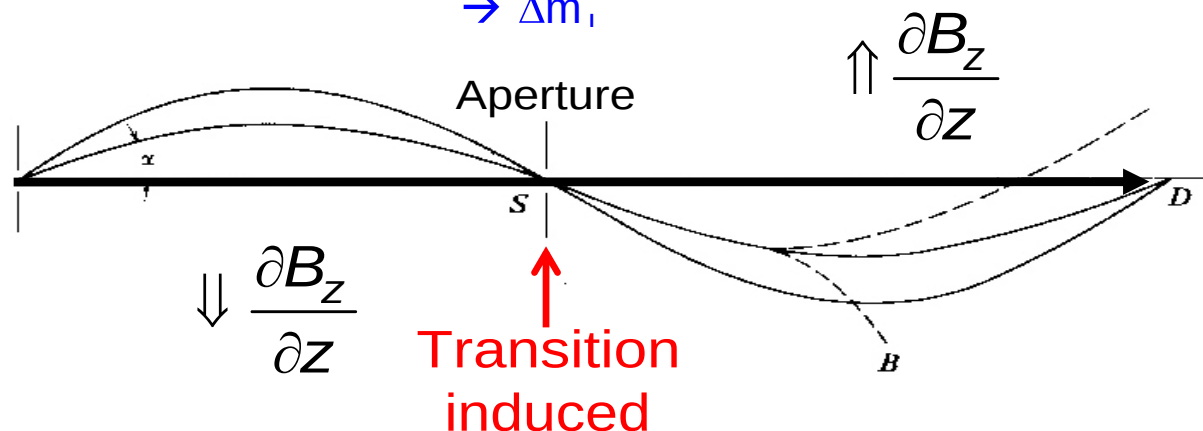
Force on magnetic moment in inhomogeneous B-field ||z axis

$$F_z = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = \mu_I \cdot \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = + (g_I \mu_N) m_I \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

Alternating B gradients



Magnet B
compensates for
effect of magnet A
for a given m_I



Summary: Gross Properties of Nuclei

A. Nuclear sizes:

- Finite size, $R = r_0 \cdot A^{1/3}$, $r_0 = 1.2 \text{ fm}$
 - approximately constant density in interior
 - saturation of nuclear forces, must have repulsive core
- Diffuse surface, $b \sim 1 \text{ fm}$, weak dependence on A
- Fermi-type charge and mass distributions
- Nuclei with magic N or/and Z numbers slightly smaller than average

B. Nuclear masses and binding energies:

- Approximately constant $B/A \approx 8 \text{ MeV}$, weakly dependent of A
 - saturation of nuclear forces, nucleon experiences average interaction with "nearest neighbors"
- Nuclear liquid drop model describes average A-dependence of B/A
 - β stable valley, but: paired nucleons are more tightly bound
 - $\delta B \approx 12 \cdot A^{-1/2} \text{ MeV}$. Structure effects: # of isotopes for odd or even A
- Nuclei with magic N and or Z are more tightly bound than neighbors, ^{64}Ni , ^{56}Fe most tightly bound nuclei

Summary: Gross Properties of Nuclei

C. Nuclear deformations and electrostatic moments:

- Only even electrostatic moments
 - monopole, quadrupole Q most important
 - Spin $I=0, \frac{1}{2}$ nuclei have no measurable Q
- N-Z regions with large Q (Lanthanides, Actinides), domains defined by magic numbers
 - magic N, Z have $Q = 0$

D. Nuclear spins and magnetic moments:

- Most nuclear spins are small, a few $\hbar$, integer multiple of $\hbar$ for e-A
 - $I = 0$ for e-e nuclei, half-integer $\hbar$ for o-A
- Nuclear spins = combination of nucleonic orbital and spin angular momenta
- Only odd magnetostatic moments, dipole is first important moment
- Magnetic moments of o-A nuclei related to unpaired nucleon
 - Schmidt Lines (quenching in medium, g factors always smaller than s.p. values)
- Magic nuclei have $I = 0, \mu = 0$