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Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Biomineralization

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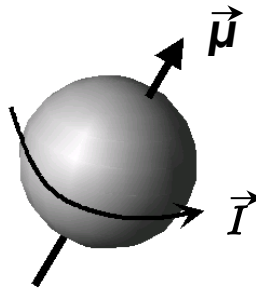
1. Definitions

Spin : intrinsic quantum property associated to nuclei which corresponds to the rotation of the particle characterized by an **angular momentum** \vec{I}

The rotation of the nuclei induces a small magnetic field called **nuclear magnetic moment** $\vec{\mu}$

$$\vec{\mu} = \gamma \cdot \hbar \cdot \vec{I}$$

γ : **gyromagnetic ratio**
intrinsic to each nucleus ($\text{rad.s}^{-1}.\text{T}^{-1}$)
Angular velocity depending on the magnetic field



$$\hbar = h/2\pi = 1,054.10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$$

h : Planck constant ($6,626.10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$)

I : Nuclear quantic number associated to the angular momentum

if $I = 0$ No NMR !!!

2. Zeeman effect

- The **nuclear spin** I determines the number of different states (aka orientations) that a nucleus can adopt in the presence of an **external magnetic field** B_0 .
- **$2I + 1$** states are defined and characterized by the **magnetic quantum number** m_I
- as a consequence the possible values of m_I are the following

$$-I \leq m_I \leq +I \text{ with } \Delta m_I = 1$$

$$I = 1/2$$

Ex : ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{29}Si , ^{31}P ...

$$m_I = +1/2 \text{ and } -1/2$$

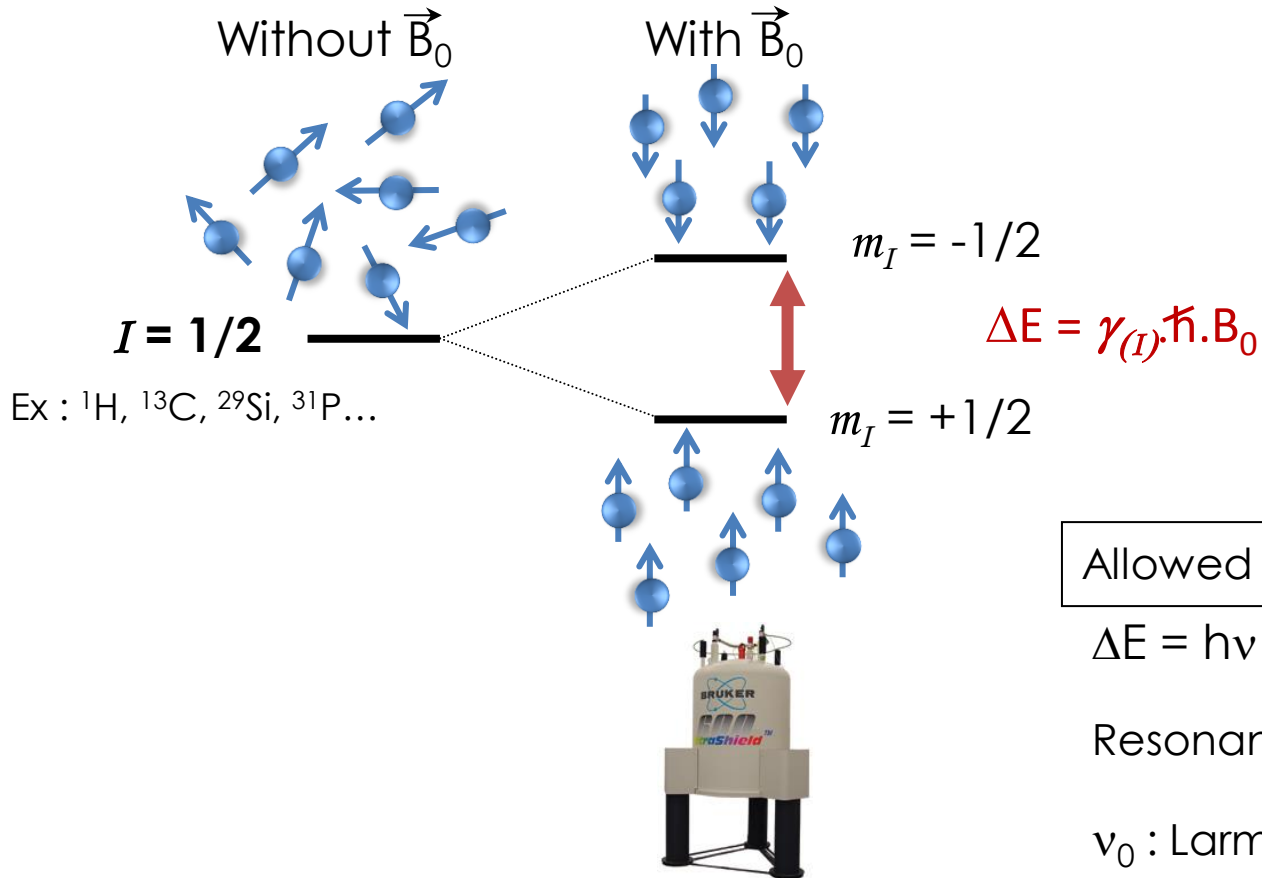


Similarly for an electron

$$S = 1/2$$

$$m_S = +1/2 \text{ and } -1/2$$

2. Zeeman effect



for ^1H : $\nu_0 = 100 \text{ MHz}$ at $B_0 = 2,3 \text{ Tesla}$
 But $\Delta E = 6,6 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ J} \rightarrow \text{very low !!!}$