

## Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

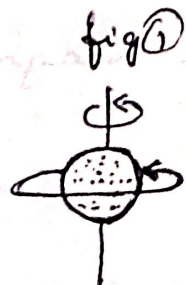
It is a branch of spectroscopy in which radio frequency waves induce transitions between magnetic energy levels of nuclei of a molecule. The magnetic energy levels are created by keeping the nuclei in a magnetic field.

The phenomenon of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) was first enunciated by American physicist, Felix Bloch of the Stanford University and Edward Purcell of Harvard University in 1946 for which they shared Nobel Prize in 1952.

### Principles of NMR spectroscopy:

The nucleus of hydrogen atom (proton) behaves as a spinning bar magnet because it possesses both electric and magnetic spin. The nucleus of H atom generates a magnetic field Fig 1

NMR involves the interaction between an oscillating magnetic field of electro magnetic radiation and the magnetic energy of the H nucleus when these are placed in an external static magnetic field.



Spinning charge in nucleus generates magnetic dipole



Consider a spinning top. It performs a slower waltz like motion which the spinning axis of the top moves slowly around the vertical axis. This is precessional motion and the top is said to be precessing around the vertical axis of earth's gravitational field. The precession arises from the interaction of spin with earth's gravity acting vertically downwards.

### Theory quantum description of NMR.

According to the quantum theory, a spinning nucleus can only have values for the spin angular momentum

$$\text{spin angular momentum} = [I(I+1)]^{1/2} \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

where  $I$  - spin quantum number

$h$  - planck's constant

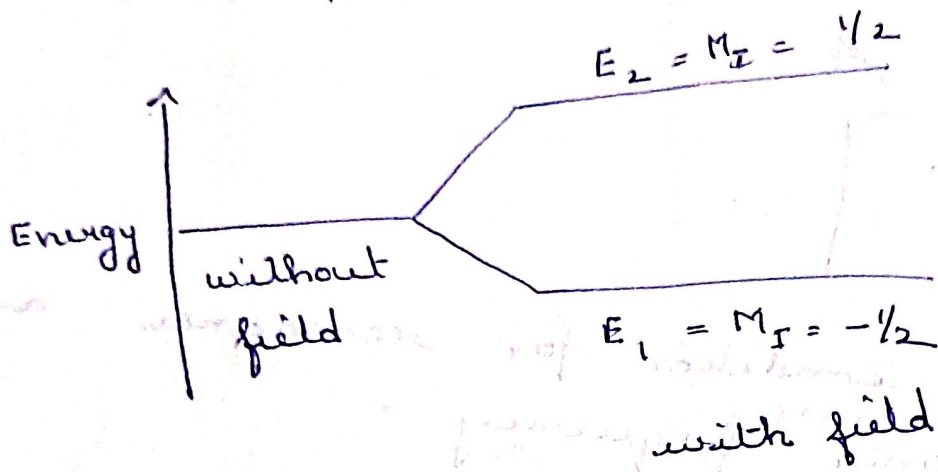
The magnetic moment of the nucleus  $\mu$  is

$$\mu = \gamma \times \text{spin angular momentum}$$

$$\mu = \gamma \left[ (I+1)I \right]^{1/2} \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

$\gamma$  - gyromagnetic ratio

If the nucleus is introduced into the magnetic field  $H_0$ , the two energy levels become separate corresponding to  $m_I = -1/2$  (antiparallel to the direction of magnetic field) and to  $m_I = +1/2$  (parallel to the direction of magnetic field).



The energy levels are given by

$$E = \mu H_0$$

$$E_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2h}{2\pi} \right) H_0$$

$$E_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2h}{2\pi} \right) H_0$$

when the nucleus absorbs energy, it moves from lower energy state to higher state  $E_2$ . It means the absorption of energy

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1$$

If  $\nu$  is the frequency of radiation absorbed

then  $E = h\nu$   $\nu = \frac{E}{h}$



$$\nu = \frac{E_2 - E_1}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \pi} H_0 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \pi} H_0}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi} \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \pi} H_0 \right)}{h}$$

$$\nu = \frac{\partial H_0}{2\pi}$$

This is the condition for resonance, and is called ~~Larmor~~ <sup>Larmor</sup> frequency.

### Block equations

The spinning electron, when placed in the magnetic field experiences a torque  $L$ . The magnetic field causes the angular momentum to change and the rate of change of angular momentum to change with respect to time is equal to the torque experienced by magnetic moment i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = L \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $P$  is the angular momentum.

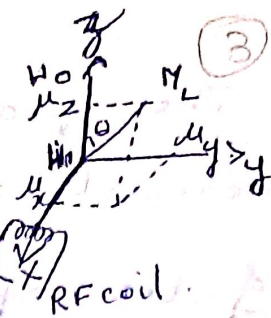
$L$  - torque

From electromagnetic theory

$$L = \mu \times H_0 \quad (H_0 - \text{magnetic field}) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \mu \times H_0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$



multiplying with  $\gamma$  on either side of RF coil.

$$\gamma \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \gamma (\mu \times H_0)$$

$$M = \gamma \cdot P$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + P \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} = \gamma (\mu \times H_0) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

where  $M$  is moment.  
 if  $M$  is the vector sum of individual moments  $\mu$ 's, then eqn (4) becomes,

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \gamma (M \times H) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\therefore M \times H = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ M_x & M_y & M_z \\ H_x & H_y & H_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i (M_y H_z - M_z H_y) - j [M_x H_z - M_z H_x] + k (M_x H_y - M_y H_x)$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \gamma \left[ i (M_y H_z - M_z H_y) - j [M_x H_z - M_z H_x] + k (M_x H_y - M_y H_x) \right] \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

The quantity  $H$  in these equations consists of  $H_0$  plus the magnetic vector of the applied radio frequency  $H_1$ , which is equivalent to rotating the magnetic field with a frequency ' $\omega$ '.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H_x &= H_1 \cos \omega t \\ H_y &= -H_1 \sin \omega t \\ H_z &= H_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (7)}$$

Sub (7) in (6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_x}{dt} &= \gamma [M_y H_z - H_z M_y] \\ &= \gamma [M_y H_0 - M_z (-H_1 \sin \omega t)] \\ &= \gamma (M_y H_0 + M_z H_1 \sin \omega t) \text{--- (8)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_y}{dt} &= -\gamma [M_x H_z - H_z M_x] \\ &= -\gamma [M_x H_0 - M_z H_1 \cos \omega t] \text{--- (9)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_z}{dt} &= \gamma [M_x H_y - M_y H_x] \\ &= \gamma [M_x (-H_1 \sin \omega t) - M_y (H_1 \cos \omega t)] \\ &= \gamma [-M_x H_1 \sin \omega t - M_y H_1 \cos \omega t] \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{dM_z}{dt} = -\gamma \left[ M_x H_1 \sin \omega t + M_y H_1 \cos \omega t \right] \quad (11)$$

These equations are known as Bloch equations.

In addition to the perturbing influence of  $H_1$ , we have the natural processes which tend to restore the Boltzmann equilibrium. i.e. they tend to restore  $M_x$  and  $M_y$  to zero and  $M_z$  to  $M_0$ . Therefore eq 8, 9, 10 becomes.

$$\frac{dM_x}{dt} = \gamma \left[ M_y H_0 + M_z H_1 \sin \omega t \right] - \frac{M_x}{T_2} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{dM_y}{dt} = -\gamma \left[ M_x H_0 - M_z H_1 \cos \omega t \right] - \frac{M_y}{T_2} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{dM_z}{dt} = -\gamma \left[ M_x H_1 \sin \omega t + M_y H_1 \cos \omega t \right] - \frac{(M_z - M_0)}{T_1} \quad (13)$$

where  $T_1$  is the time constant for the decay of the component of magnetization along z axis ( $H_1 \rightarrow H_0$ ) and is called longitudinal relaxation time.  $T_2$  represents the decay of magnetisation in the xy plane and is referred to as transverse relaxation

time.

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no. of

solution

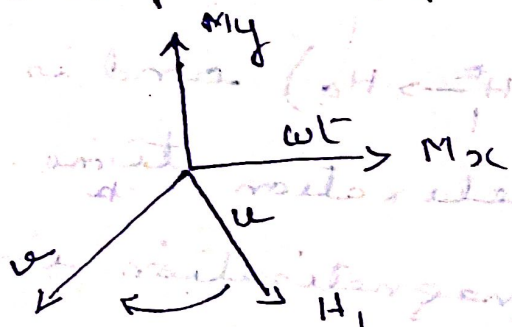
steady state

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introduction solution of the above equation is straight forward but laborious. In the conventional NMR,  $H_0$  is varied slowly, with constant  $H_1$ , two resonance signals are predicted which have the Lorentzian shape, one is out of phase with  $H_1$ , called absorption ( $\nu$  mode) and the other is in phase ( $\mu$  mode) is called dispersive shape.

The Bloch equation given above takes

simpler forms if they are referred to a system of axes rotating with the applied R.F. field. This means that we now have a set of axes rotating with angular velocity  $\omega$ , above the  $z$ -axis and  $M_z, M_y$  are the components of  $M$  along and perpendicular to the direction of  $H_1$ . These are also known as the inphase out of phase components of  $M$ .





Employing the classical mechanics of rotating bodies the relationship between the rate of change of magnetization relative to the laboratory  $(x, y, z)$  and the rotating  $(x', y', z')$  frames, are illustrated in figure.

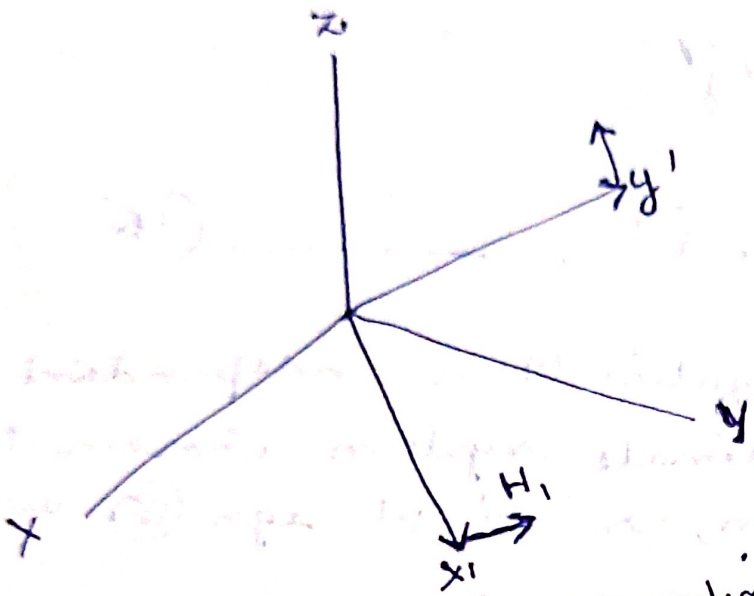


fig rotating coordinate system.

In the rotating co-ordinate systems the vectors  $M$ ,  $H$ , and  $\omega$  become

$$M' = M'_x \hat{i}' + M'_y \hat{j}' + M'_z \hat{k}'$$

$$H'_1 = \hat{i}' H_1$$

$$\omega' = -\omega \hat{k}'$$

(14)

where  $M'_x$  and  $M'_y$  are the transverse components of the magnetization in the  $x'y'$  axis systems. For an observer located in the rotating frame the unit vector  $\hat{i}'$ ,  $\hat{j}'$  and  $\hat{k}'$  will appear to be stationary and the apparent variation of the total magnetization can be expressed as

$$\frac{dM'}{dt} = \frac{dM'_x}{dt} \hat{i}' + \frac{dM'_y}{dt} \hat{j}' + \frac{dM'_z}{dt} \hat{k}'$$

(15)

For an observer located in the stationary axis system the unit vector in the rotating systems will change at a rate given by

$$\frac{d\hat{i}'}{dt} = \omega' \times \hat{i}'$$

$$\frac{d\hat{j}'}{dt} = \omega' \times \hat{j}'$$

$$\frac{d\hat{k}'}{dt} = \omega' \times \hat{k}' \quad \text{--- (16)}$$

The total magnetization  $M$  is independent of the choice of coordinate system chosen to describe its motion, so  $M' = M$  eqn (15) becomes

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{dM_x'}{dt} \hat{i}' + \frac{dM_y'}{dt} \hat{j}' + \frac{dM_z'}{dt} \hat{k}' + M_x' \frac{d\hat{i}'}{dt} +$$

$$M_y' \frac{d\hat{j}'}{dt} + M_z' \frac{d\hat{k}'}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{dM'}{dt} + \omega' \times M' \quad \text{--- (17)}$$

eq(17) can be written as a vector eqn

$$\frac{dM'}{dt} = \gamma (M' \times H_0 + M' \times H_1) - \frac{(M_x' \hat{i}' + M_y' \hat{j}')}{T_2}$$

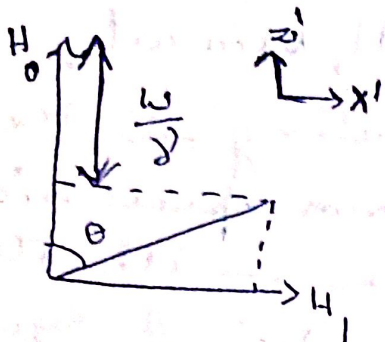
Sub (17) in (18) we get

$$\frac{dM'}{dt} = \gamma \left[ M' \times \frac{\omega'}{\gamma} + M' \times H_0 + M' \times H_1 \right] - \frac{(M_x' \hat{i}' + M_y' \hat{j}')}{T_2} - \frac{(M_z' - M_0) \hat{k}'}{T_1} \quad \text{--- (19)}$$

$$\frac{dM'}{dt} = \gamma \left[ M' \times \frac{\omega'}{\gamma} + M' \times H_0 + M' \times H_1 \right] - \frac{(M_x' \hat{i}' + M_y' \hat{j}')}{T_2} - \frac{(M_z' - M_0) \hat{k}'}{T_1}$$



The sum  $H_0 + \omega/\gamma = H_e$  effective magnetic field. These relationships are illustrated in fig (b)



effective mag. field.

At some point in time the two axis system will be coincidental & equati (19) becomes

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}'}{dt} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}' \times \mathbf{H}_e') + \gamma(\mathbf{M}' \times \mathbf{H}_1') - \frac{M_x' \hat{i}' + M_y' \hat{j}'}{T_2} - \frac{(M_z - M_0) \hat{k}'}{T_1} \quad (20)$$

Thus the vector form of Bloch eqn is

$$\frac{dM_x'}{dt} = (\gamma H_0 - \omega) M_y' - \frac{M_x'}{T_2} \quad (21a)$$

$$\frac{dM_y'}{dt} = (\gamma H_0 - \omega) M_x' + \gamma M_z' H_1 - \frac{M_y'}{T_2} \quad (21b)$$

$$\frac{dM_z'}{dt} = \frac{dM_z}{dt} = -\gamma M_y' H_1 - \frac{(M_z - M_0)}{T_1} \quad (21c)$$

A unidirectional oscillating magnetic field  $2H_1 \cos \omega t$  can be regarded as being composed of two counter rotating field components  $H_1 \cos \omega t \pm H_1 \sin \omega t$ , but only the component rotating in the same direction as the Larmor precession of the nuclei can be in resonance with the nuclear spins. Hence the solution of eqn (21) can be obtained under steady state condition which exists after the oscillating magnetic field has been on for a long time and is characterized by  $\frac{dM_{x'z'}}{dt} = 0$

$$\frac{dM_{y'}}{dt} = \frac{dM_{z'}}{dt} = 0 \quad \omega_0 = \gamma H_0$$

∴ eqn 21 becomes

$$0 = (\omega_0 - \omega) M_{y'} - \frac{M_{x'}}{T_2} \quad \rightarrow (22a)$$

$$0 = (\omega_0 - \omega) M_{x'} + \gamma M_{z'} H_1 - \frac{M_{y'}}{T_2} \quad \rightarrow (22b)$$

$$0 = -\gamma M_{y'} H_1 - \left( \frac{M_{z'} - M_0}{T_1} \right) \quad \rightarrow (22c)$$

eg 22a

$$M_{x'} = (\omega_0 - \omega) M_{y'} T_2$$

eg 22c

$$\frac{M_{z'} - M_0}{T_1}$$



sub eq (22a) in (22b) and get (1)

$$(\omega_0 - \omega)(\omega_0 - \omega) M_y^1 T_2 + \delta H_3^1 H_1 - \frac{M_y^1}{T_2} = 0$$

$$(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 M_y^1 T_2 + \delta M_3^1 H_1 - \frac{M_y^1}{T_2} = 0$$

$$(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 M_y^1 T_2^2 + \delta M_3^1 H_1 T_2 - M_y^1 = 0$$

$$M_y^1 \left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 \right] + T_2 \delta H_1 M_3^1 = 0$$

$$M_y^1 = \frac{-T_2 \delta H_1 M_3^1}{\left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 \right]}$$

(23)

sub (23) in eqn (22c)

$$\frac{M_3^1}{T_1} - \frac{M_0}{T_1} = -\delta M_y^1 H_1$$

$$\frac{M_3^1}{T_1} - \frac{M_0}{T_1} = +\delta \frac{T_2 \delta H_1 M_3^1}{\left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 \right]}$$

$$\frac{M_3^1}{T_1} - \frac{M_0}{T_1} = \frac{\delta^2 T_2^2 H_1^2 M_3^1}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{M_3^1}{T_1} - \frac{\delta^2 T_2^2 H_1^2 M_3^1}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1} = \frac{M_0}{T_1}$$

$$\frac{\left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 \right] M_3^1 - \delta^2 T_2^2 H_1^2 M_3^1}{T_1 \left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 \right]} = \frac{M_0}{T_1}$$

$$M_z^1 = \frac{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 - \gamma^2 T_2 T_1 H_1^2}{T_1 [(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1]} = \frac{M_0}{T_1}$$

$$M_z^1 = \frac{T_1 [(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1] M_0}{T_1 [(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 - \gamma^2 T_2 T_1 H_1^2]} \quad (24)$$

Sub (24) in (23)

$$M_y^1 = \frac{-T_2 \gamma H_1}{[(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1]} \left[ \frac{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 - \gamma^2 T_2 T_1 H_1^2} \right] M_0$$

$$= -M_0 T_2 \gamma H_1$$

$$\left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 - \gamma^2 T_2 T_1 H_1^2 \right] \quad (25)$$

Sub (25) in 22(a)

$$M_x^1 = (\omega_0 - \omega) M_0 T_2 \gamma H_1 T_2$$

$$\left[ (\omega_0 - \omega)^2 T_2^2 - 1 - \gamma^2 T_2 T_1 H_1^2 \right] \quad (26)$$

24, 25, 26 are the solutions of the Bloch's equations.