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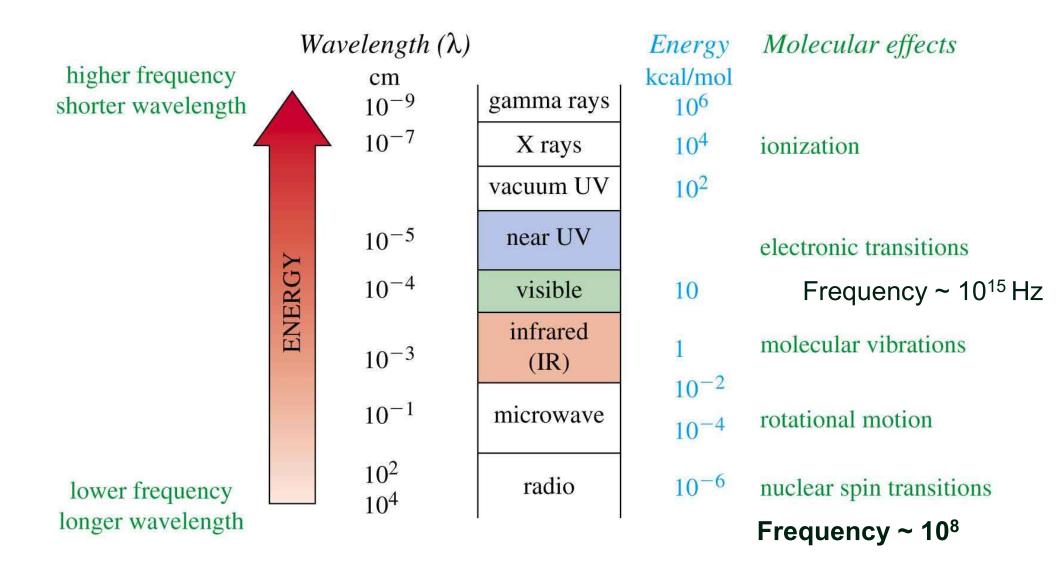
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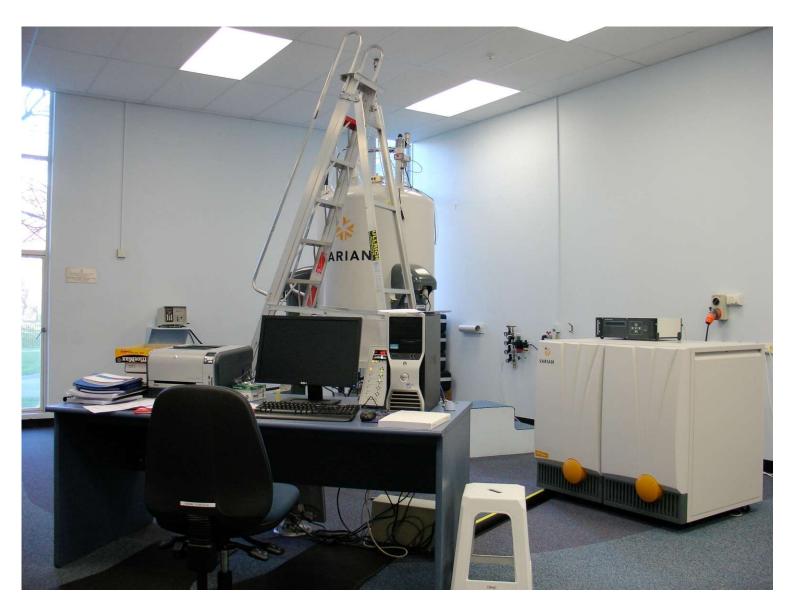
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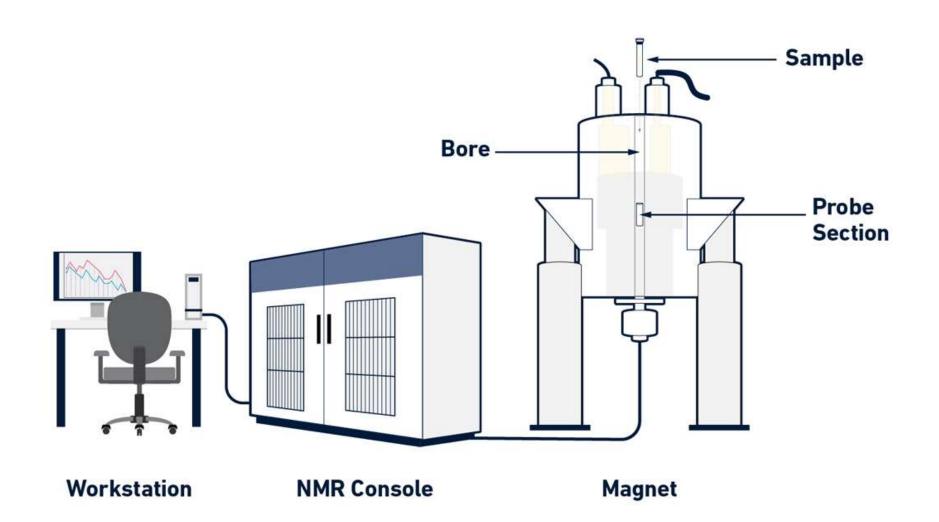
Module 1: Spectroscopy and Characterisation

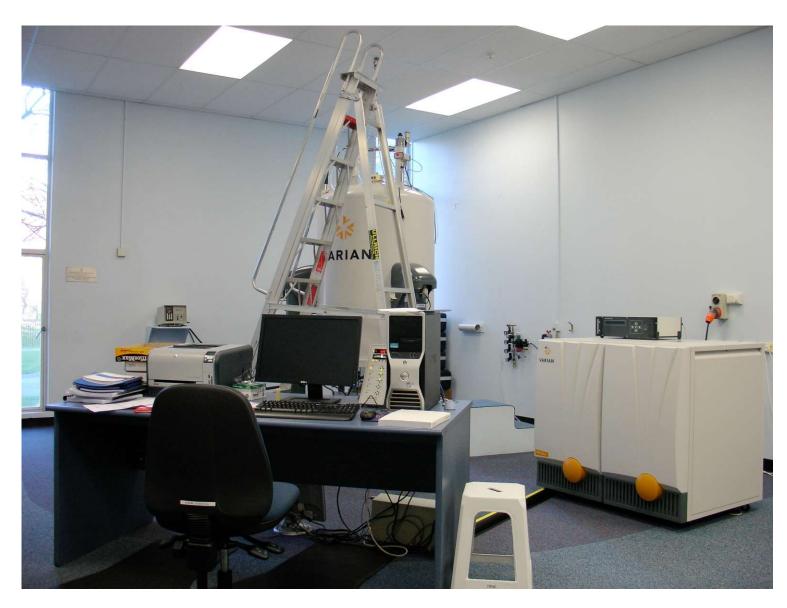
Lecture 2: NMR Spectroscopy

NMR is the same technique as MRI, but medical clinicians thought it best to avoid the word Nuclear in what is actually a harmless, non-invasive technique.

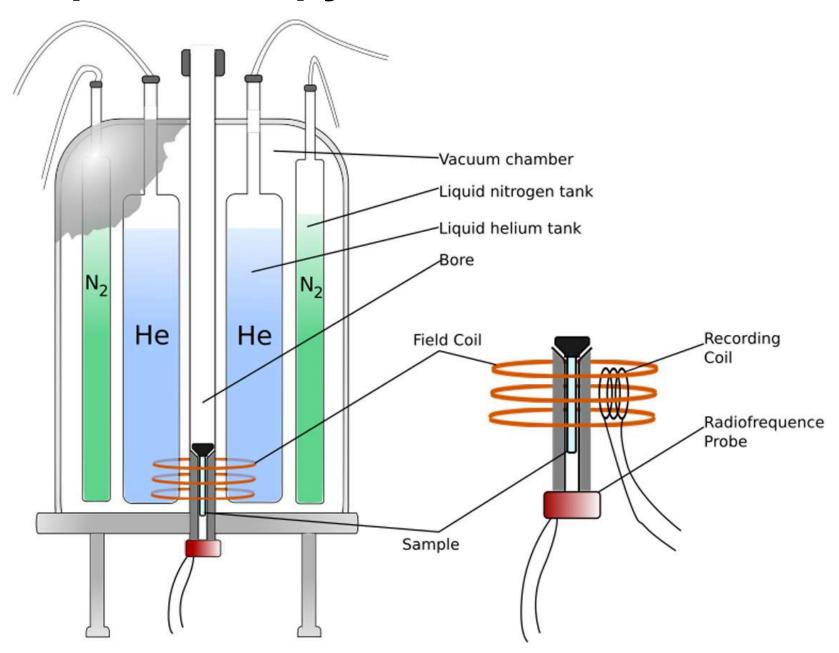




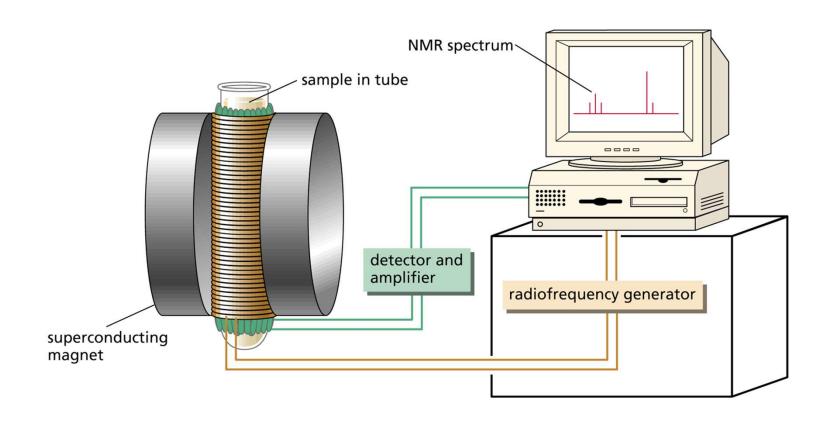


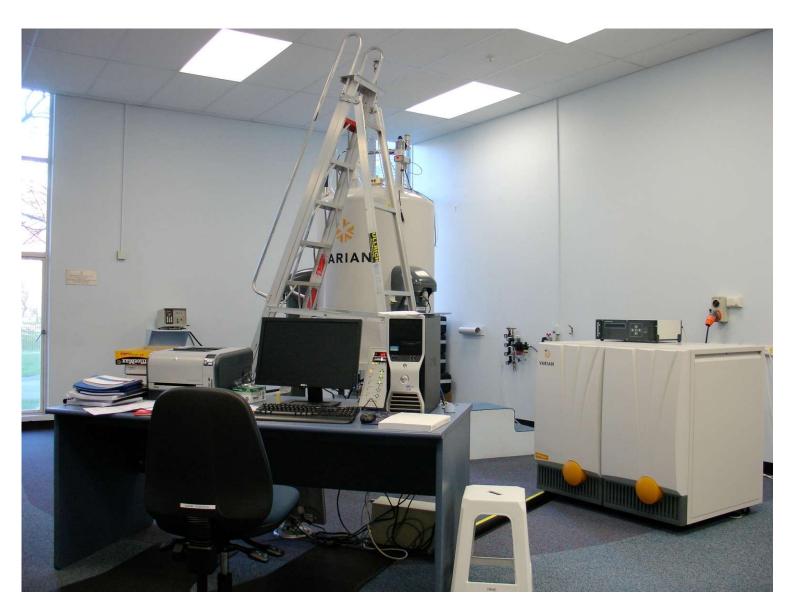






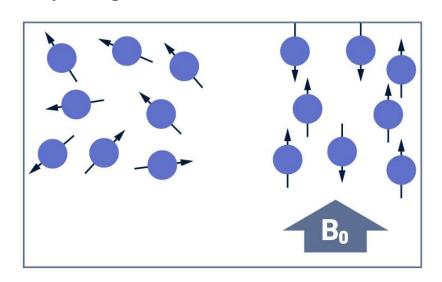
NMR Spectrometer

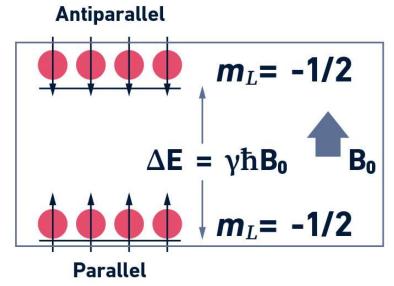




Magnetisation

Certain nuclei, with an intrinsic property known as nuclear **spin**, behave as tiny magnets





In the presence of a strong magnetic field, these mini magnets will align parallel or antiparallel to the magnetic field, generating a low and high energy pair of states

The gap between states depends on the magnetic field strength Stronger magnet, bigger energy gap, better sensitivity.

(NMR) spectroscopy

- Spin, *I*, is a property of every isotope.
- Only nuclei with non-zero spin, $I \neq 0$, can be magnetised and thus detectable by NMR
- Spin is assigned by the spin quantum number (*I*), which may take positive integer and half-integer values (0, 1/2, 1, 3/2 etc).

Nuclei with zero spin (I = 0) have no magnetic field.

 I = 0 for nuclei that have an even number of neutrons and an even number of protons eg ¹²C and ¹⁶O ⇒ NMR invisible

Non-zero nuclear spin

 $I \neq 0$, then a nucleus will be observable by NMR spectroscopy

- I = 1/2 for nuclei that have an odd total number of neutrons+protons (mass number) eg ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹ P
- I = 1 for nuclei that have an odd number of neutrons and an odd number of protons
 eg ²H and ¹⁴N

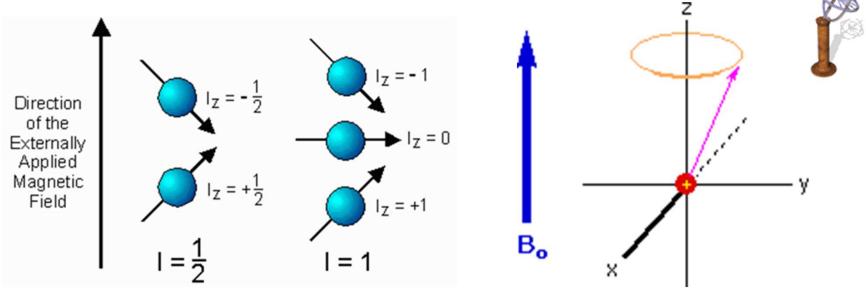
Values for spin are listed for each isotope of each element.

Magnetisation II

In reality, magnetisation is not as simple as 'parallel or antiparallel' to a magnetic field.

Nuclei possess 2I+1 orientations (spin states) with respect to an external magnetic field (B_o). I describes the nature/shape of the that nucleus' magnetic field associated with the nuclei.

Nuclei with I = 1/2 have a relatively simple magnetic field and can align with ($I_z = 1/2$) or against ($I_z = -1/2$) the external magnetic field yielding two spin states.



Higher values of I imply more complex magnetic fields.

Gyromagnetic ratio

The strength of the magnetic field arising from a spinning nucleus is dependent on the magnetogyric ratio (gyromagnetic ratio), γ .

$$\gamma = \mu / I$$

Where, μ is the magnetic moment of the nuclei I is the angular momentum of the nuclei

- µ and I behave as if they were parallel or anti parallel vectors.
 - $\Rightarrow \gamma$ is positive for parallel and negative for antiparallel vectors.
- γ is an intrinsic nuclear property for a given nuclide

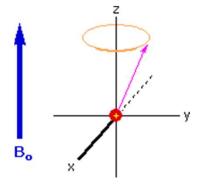
A nucleus with a large γ has a stronger magnetic field than a nucleus with a small γ . Good for NMR!

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NMR active nuclei

Properties of NMR active isotopes of commonly encountered nuclides. Resonance frequencies are for a field strength of 11.74 tesla and the relative sensitivity includes a term for the intrinsic sensitivity of a nuclide and its natural abundance.

Nucleus	Natural Abundance %	Nuclear Spin (I)	Magnetogyric ratio /10 ⁷ rad T ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	Resonant frequency / MHz	Relative sensitivity
¹H	99.98	1/2	26.75	500.00	1.00
² H	0.02	ĩ	4.11	76.75	1.45×10^{-6}
¹³ C	1.11	1/2	6.73	125.72	1.76×10^{-4}
¹⁴ N	99.63	í	1.93	36.12	1.01×10^{-3}
15N	0.37	1/2	-2.71	50.66	3.85×10^{-6}
¹⁷ O	0.04	5	-3.63	67.78	1.08×10^{-5}
¹⁹ F	100.00	1 2	25.18	470.39	0.83
31P"	100.00	1 2	10.84	202.40	6.63×10^{-2}



Sensitivity of NMR

Signal strength depends on

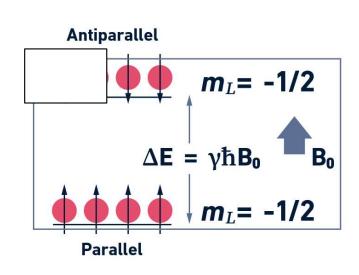
- amount of sample
- natural abundance of the nuclei
- strength of the applied magnetic field
- molecular motion
- intrinsic properties of the nucleus (γ)

The strongest magnetic field (largest γ) is conveniently possessed by ¹H, the most common isotope of the most common element.

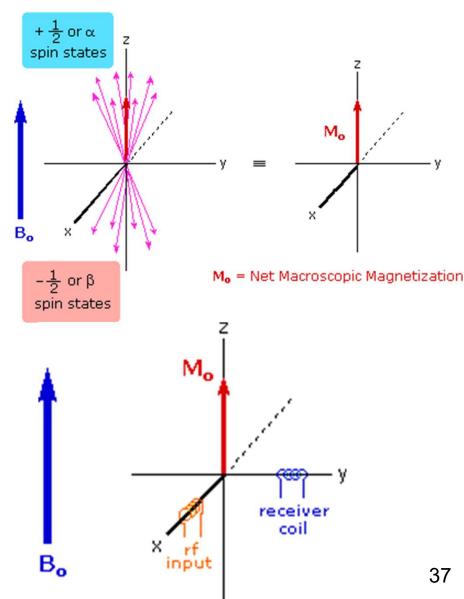
We shall limit our focus to spin 1/2 nuclei and in particular the ¹H and ¹³C nuclei.

Bulk Magnetisation

Some nuclei are aligned with (low energy), some against (high energy)
The net magnetisation is aligned with the field, since more nuclei are in that state

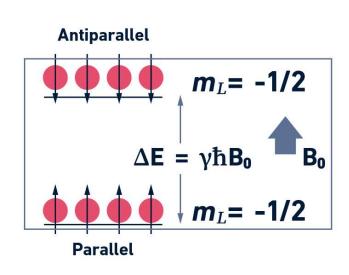


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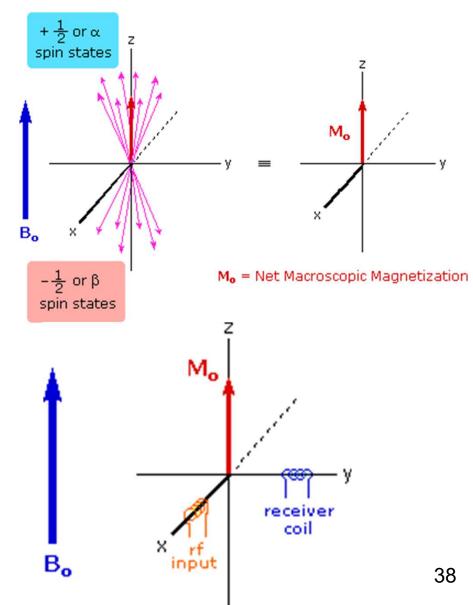


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NMR Summary

- In a magnetic field, spin active nuclei align in a finite number of directions (2I + 1) wrt to the magnetic field, and precess like spinning tops with a characteristic frequency
- More molecules can be found in the lowest energy states than the higher energy states, giving the bulk sample a net magnetisation
- The energy difference is small, and there are not many more molecules in the ground state compared to the higher states
- In NMR, a pulse promotes nuclei in lower energy states to higher energy states, changing the populations to be nearly equal
- Some promoted nuclei will eventually relax, returning the populations to their ground state distribution
- This disturbance of the net magnetisation is a bit like disturbing the motion of a spinning top
- The resulting change in frequency of the magnetisation as it returns to the ground distribution is measured as an FID
- The time dependent FID is deconvoluted into a frequency dependent spectrum.