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(for solid- state physics \oplus magnetism)



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- All probes are resonant bulk, local probes: integrate over q, similar formalism
- Difference through (i) the coupling to the environment

(ii) the time window, the field range

(iii) sensitivity and pulsed versus continuum





Zeeman, Nobel Physics 1902



Rabi, Nobel Physics 1944



Field induced splitting of the levels: transition ν_{res} ~ H₀ + δH_{local}
 Back to equilibrium: relaxation time probes low frequency fluctuations

• Hyperfine techniques: NMR, Mössbauer The probe Hamiltonian is a weak perturbation of the electronic system; acts like a spy. (µSR also)

- ESR: acts on the electronic spin More involved treatment
- In practice

Sweep the frequency at a fixed external field

- Sweep the field at a constant frequency
- Outline: Principles and selected examples
 NMR, Mössbauer and ESR
 Note: Highest similarity is between NMR and µSR, see D. Andreica

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Framework of the presentation

- Basics: energy levels, coupling Hamiltonian
- What do we look at ~ what we see in papers ?
- Selected examples

NMR: milestones (1)





Bloch & Purcell, Nobel Physique 1952







Lauterbur & Mansfeld, Nobel Medecine 2003

Ernst, Nobel Chemistry 1991 No

Wuthrich, Nobel Chemistry 2002

NMR: milestones (2)





NMR for chemistry





7 Tesla

23 Tesla

NMR basic principles (1)

Nuclear spin I in a magnetic field H_0 Zeeman effect : $H = -\mu H_0 = -\gamma \hbar H_0 I_z$ Energy levels E = $-m\gamma \hbar H_0$, m=-I, -I+1 ... I-1, I



ZFNMR: impossible...not common, also NQR

NMR basic principles (2)

Nuclear spin I in a magnetic field $H_0 \oplus r.f.$ field h_1 Zeeman effect : $H = -\mu . H_0 = -\gamma \hbar H_0 I_z$ Energy levels $E = -m\gamma \hbar H_0$, m=-I, -I+1 ... I-1, I



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Which nuclei ?

Nuclear magnetic moment $\vec{M} = \gamma h \vec{I}$

Common NMR Active Nuclei

Isotope	Spin	%age	γ		
	Ι	abundance	MHz/T		
$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	1/2	99.985	42.575		
$^{2}\mathrm{H}$	1	0.015	6.53		
¹³ C	1/2	1.108	10.71		
^{14}N	1	99.63	3.078		
¹⁵ N	1/2	0.37	4.32		
¹⁷ O	5/2	0.037	5.77		
¹⁹ F	1/2	100	40.08		
²³ Na	3/2	100	11.27		
$^{31}\mathbf{P}$	1/2	100	17.25		

1 - 40 MHz / Tesla

Resonance are in the FM (radiofrequency) range!

Which nuclei ?

eNMR

NMR Periodic Table

Group	Ι	II		IIIa	IVa	Va	VIa	VIIa	VIIIa	VIIIb	VIIIc	IB	IIB	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Period	be																		
1	1 <u>H</u>																		2 <u>He</u>
2	3 <u>Li</u>	4 <u>Be</u>												5 <u>B</u>	6 <u>C</u>	7 <u>N</u>	8 <u>0</u>	9 <u>F</u>	10 <u>Ne</u>
3	11 <u>Na</u>	12 <u>Mg</u>											13 <u>Al</u>	14 <u>Si</u>	15 <u>P</u>	16 <u>S</u>	17 <u>Cl</u>	18 Ar	
4	19 <u>K</u>	20 <u>Ca</u>		21 <u>Sc</u>	22 <u>Ti</u>	23 <u>V</u>	24 <u>Cr</u>	25 <u>Mn</u>	26 <u>Fe</u>	27 <u>Co</u>	28 <u>Ni</u>	29 <u>Cu</u>	30 <u>Zn</u>	31 <u>Ga</u>	32 <u>Ge</u>	33 <u>As</u>	34 <u>Se</u>	35 <u>Br</u>	36 <u>Kr</u>
5	37 <u>Rb</u>	38 <u>Sr</u>		39 <u>Y</u>	40 <u>Zr</u>	41 <u>Nb</u>	42 <u>Mo</u>	43 Tc	44 <u>Ru</u>	45 <u>Rh</u>	46 Pd	47 <u>Ag</u>	48 <u>Cd</u>	49 <u>In</u>	50 <u>Sn</u>	51 <u>Sb</u>	52 <u>Te</u>	53 <u>I</u>	54 <u>Xe</u>
6	55 <u>Cs</u>	56 <u>Ba</u>	*	71 <u>Lu</u>	72 <u>Hf</u>	73 <u>Ta</u>	74 <u>W</u>	75 <u>Re</u>	76 <u>Os</u>	77 <u>Ir</u>	78 <u>Pt</u>	79 <u>Au</u>	80 Hg	81 <u>T</u>	82 <u>Pb</u>	83 <u>Bi</u>	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	103 Lr	104 Unq	105 Unp	106 Unh	107 Uns	108 Uno	109 Mt	110 Uun	111 Uuu	112 Uub	113 Uut	114 Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo
*Lanthanides *				57 <u>La</u>	58 Ce	59 <u>Pr</u>	60 <u>Nd</u>	61 Pm	62 <u>Sm</u>	63 <u>Eu</u>	64 <u>Gd</u>	65 <u>Tb</u>	66 Dy	67 <u>Ho</u>	68 <u>Er</u>	69 <u>Tm</u>	70 <u>Yb</u>		
**Actinides		**	89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 <u>U</u>	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No			

Nuclear Spins 1/2 1 3/2 5/2 7/2 9/2

Many resident nuclei ... sensitivity, detection pbs...

NMR basics (3): the chemistry side

With NMR we study the time evolution of nuclear magnetization, driven by the hyperfine interactions...

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{Z} + \mathcal{H}_{n-n} + \mathcal{H}_{n-e} + \mathcal{H}_{EFG}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{Z} = -\gamma \hbar \sum_{i} I_{z}^{i} H_{0} .$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{n-n} = \sum_{j < k} \frac{\hbar^{2} \gamma^{2}}{r^{3}} \left(A + B + C + D + E + F \right)_{jk}$$
Screening of H_{0} by electrons
$$\bigoplus$$
modification of orbitals by the applied field
Chemical shift ~ ppm - 1000 ppm

bonding

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Indirect interaction between nuclear moments (electrons)

Fine structure

A very useful tool to determine the chemical bonding

Chemical shift (ppm)



NMR basics (4): the nuclear Hamiltonian for solids

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A very involved Hamiltonian...coupling to electronic moments and surrounding charges

Nucleus - electron coupling







Orbital shift

$$H = -\hbar^2 \gamma_{e^-} \gamma_{nucleus} \frac{\mathbf{I.L}}{r^3}$$

Orbital shift

- Filled shells
- Unpaired electrons

Main features

- T-independent
- Tensor: linear response in field, orientation dependent

Information

- Nature of orbitals (e.g. spin state for 3d elements)
- \rightarrow Orbital susceptibility



$$H_{loc} = H_0 + a \chi_{loc} H_0$$

The spin shift yields the local susceptibility near the nucleus: « atomic » resolved susceptibility susceptibility

$$H = A_{hf} \vec{I}.\vec{s}$$

 $K_{spin} = A_{hf} \frac{1}{\hbar^2 \gamma_n \gamma_e} \chi_{electron}$

Knight shift = Spin shift for metals

$$H = A_{hf} \vec{I}.\vec{s}$$

Spin shift

• Unpaired electrons

Main features

- T-dependent
- Isotropic coupling but susceptibility can be anisotropic

Information

- Measures the local susceptibility
- \rightarrow histogram of local environments
- \rightarrow site selective

Knight shift = Spin shift for metals

 $H = A_{hf} \vec{I}.\vec{s}$



Electron-nucleus interaction



nucleus-electron coupling: Y BaCuO



K_{spin} yields a histogram of χ values, not a sum

One impurity in a Haldane chain, YBa_2NiO_5 (S=1) with Zn impurities on Ni site





Tedoldi et al., PRL 99; Das et al. PRB 04

Spatially resolved probe of susceptibility χ



Measurement of local susceptibility



Perturb to reveal: selectivity of the coupling in NMR

NMR basics (6): nucleus-charges coupling

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A very involved Hamiltonian...quite rewarding

NMR basics (6): quadrupole interaction

If I>1/2, nuclear spin I is sensitive to any Electric Field Gradient from the lattice (non-sphericity of the nucleus)



NMR basics (6): quadrupole interaction $V(r) = V(0) + \sum_{i=3_directions} x_i \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} \bigg|_{r=0} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=3_directions} x_i x_j \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \bigg|_{r=0} + \dots$ 0 since center Quadrupole cst of mass and term charge We express it in principal coincides axes where V is diagonal :

Quadrupolar moment of the nucleus

$$eQ = \frac{1}{2} \int (3z^2 - r^2) \rho d^3 R$$

NMR basics (6): quadrupole interaction

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$$H_{Q} = \int \rho_{n}(\vec{r})V(\vec{r})d\vec{r} \qquad \text{Wigner-Eckart theorem}$$
$$H_{Q} = \frac{eQ}{4I(2I-1)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial x^{2}} - \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial y^{2}} \right) (I_{x}^{2} - I_{y}^{2}) + \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial z^{2}} (3I_{z}^{2} - I^{2}) \right\} \qquad \checkmark$$

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NMR basics (6): quadrupole interaction



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$$H_{Q} = \frac{e^{2}qQ}{4I(2I-1)} \left\{ 3I_{z}^{2} - I(I+1) + \frac{1}{2}\eta (I_{x}^{2} - I_{y}^{2}) \right\}$$
$$eq = \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial z^{2}}, \qquad \eta = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial x^{2}} - \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial y^{2}} \right)}{\frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial z^{2}}}, \quad \left(\left| \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial z^{2}} \right| > \left| \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial y^{2}} \right| > \left| \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial x^{2}} \right| \right)$$



Quadrupolar nuclei: lifting the multiplicity of transitions on single crystals

Cobaltates Na_{0.66}CoO₂: charge segregation



- Spectra taken in two field directions on oriented powders
- Different charge environments
- Na⁺ is driving the charge state and physical properties

Quadrupole interaction only: back to the spectrum η =0, axial sym. - 1st order 1- $H_0 \neq 0$ $\delta E^{(1)} \sim \mathbf{v}_0 (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) [3m^2 - I(I+1)]$ $v_{NMR} >> v_Q$ Degeneracy of the transitions lifted by quadrupolar effects $g(\omega)$ $v_{\rm NMR} = \gamma / 2\pi H_0$ $\omega_0 - \frac{6A}{\hbar} = \epsilon v_0 - \frac{3A}{\hbar}$ $\omega_0 + \frac{3A}{b} = \omega_0 + \frac{6A}{b}$ cu_o

> I = 3/22I+1 levels $v_{NMR} = \gamma/2\pi H_0$

Quadrupolar nuclei: distribution of angles \rightarrow powder average
Averaging on angles: EFG, hyperfine tensor

The EFG and hyperfine tensors may not have the same principal axis! One can manage, playing with isotopes, field ...



Single crystals are best. Fitting routines for powders ...





Quadrupolar resonance: powders = single crystals

NQR of Cu in cuprates: 2 sites, 2 isotopes, I = 3/2



One example of a difficult spectrum

If I>1/2, nuclear spin I is sensitive to any Electric Field Gradient from the lattice



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A Structurally Perfect S = 1/2 Kagomé Antiferromagnet

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Magnetic ordering

for a ferromagnet : « enhancement factor »: collective response from electronic spins; associated with the existence of a magnetization
very strong local fields : in the paramagnetic phase, need of a field H₀ so that <S> ≠ 0; in an ordered phase H ~ A_{hf} <S>, <S> ≠ 0

• ZERO FIELD NMR : if hyperfine field is strong enough, no need of an applied field:



Magnetic ordering





 $v_0 + A_{hf}S$



Magnetic ordering: local field vs T, structure



pnictides BaFe₂As₂





- H is parallel to c
- Dipolar coupling
- Discussion of the magnetic structure



Kitagawa, Takigawa, JPSJ 08

Magnetic ordering: various types

• Field distribution gives information on the type of ordering

Antiferromagnetic ordering eg: Na0.5CoO2 Splitting of the lines



Spin density wave eg: Cr: distributed field



FIG. 74. NMR spectra for Cr-V alloys: (a) Spin echo of ⁵¹V in magnetic field H at frequency 15 MHz and temperature in the AF₁ phase of $Cr_{1-x}V_x$ alloys (from Kontani *et al.*, 1983); (b)

Ferromagnets



NMR in ferromagnetic multilayers

Co-Cu multilayers: Co resonance depends on local environment

- 12 Co
- 11 Co, 1 Cu, intensity ~ c_{Cu}
- 10 Co, 2 Cu, intensity ~ c²_{Cu}

Work from Panissod Co/Cu mutilayers (1992)



FIG. 1. ⁵⁹Co NMR spectra of cobalt-copper alloys with 2, 6, and 10 at. % of copper. The main line is attributed to Co with 12 Co nearest neighbors and each successive satellite to the successive substitution of Cu for Co in the vicinity of Co.

Marginal as compared to the world of thin films

NMR in ferromagnetic multilayers

Multilayer cross section



TABLE III. Number of cobalt atoms in the interfaces of the multilayers in units of full Co monolayers per interface (FML).

Sample	Co in the interface (FML)
(15-Å Co)/(15-Å Cu)	1.7
(15-Å Co)/(20-Å Cu)	1.7
(60-Å Co)/(20-Å Cu)	3.0
(60-Å Co)/(60-Å Cu)	3.8
(60-Å Co)/(90-Å Cu)	3.5

Work from Panissod Co/Cu mutilayers (1992)

FIG. 3. NMR spectra of the multilayers with 15-Å cobalt thickness. The main line is attributed to fcc Co and the satellites to Co at the interfaces of the multilayers.

Marginal as compared to the world of thin films



Quantum dimers: model Hamiltonians

Magnetic Superstructure in the Two-Dimensional Quantum Antiferromagnet SrCu₂(BO₃)₂



Kodama, Science (2002)

Summary: observables

Static

- Orbital susceptibility
- Spatially resolved static susceptibility
- Inhomogeneities, distribution of local fields
- Charge effects
- Ordered phases (charge or magnetic order)

Techniques

- In applied field: NMR: easy for I=1/2 on powders For I>1/2, quadrupolar effects, much better with single crystals
- Zero applied field: NQR (no probe of χ), ZFNMR

~ single crystals

Dynamics $< h_{loc}^{+}(t) h_{loc}^{-}(0) >$

- Magnetic correlations ξ(T)
- Excitations (gapped or not gapped) Δ
- Critical regime

Compare timescales of the probes vs coupling constant

What about an experiment?



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Radiofrequency pulse ~ few µsec











Why pulsed NMR?



 Δt

A pulse has a spectral width in Fourier space. Fourier transform yields the response of the sample in the frequency domain of the pulse.

Experimental set-ups

Field range: 1T - 45 T

T-range: 10 mK - 1000 K

Sensitivity: 1 mMole... depends on sensitivity Misc: pressure (few GPa), in-situ rotation

Dynamics as probed by NMR: relaxation times



transverse relaxation : Enegy is conserved

$$\mathbf{T}_{2} \quad \boxed{\frac{dM_{X,Y}}{dt} = \frac{-M_{X,Y}}{T_{2}} + \gamma \left(\overrightarrow{M} \times \overrightarrow{H} \right)_{X,Y}}$$

Longitudinal relaxation : T₁ Energy exchange with the lattice

$$\frac{dM_{Z}}{dt} = \frac{M_{equilibrium} - M_{Z}}{T_{1}} + \gamma \left(\overrightarrow{M} \times \overrightarrow{H} \right)_{Z}$$

Relaxation time T₁



 ω_n is small ≈ 0 as compared to neutrons, integrate over q

Relaxation time T₁: electronic spins

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{k_B T}{\left(g\mu_B\right)^2} \sum_{q} \left|A(q)\right|^2 \frac{\chi_t''(q,\omega_n)}{\omega_n}$$

$$\vec{A(q)} = \sum_{r_i} \vec{A(r_i)} e(-\vec{iq}.\vec{r_i})$$

A(q) form factor and favours some q.



Magnetic transition: divergence of T₁

Slowing down of fluctuations In a weak metallic antiferromagnet



Fig. 3. Temperature dependence of $1/T_1$ of ²⁷Al at H=12.1 kOe and 2.9 kOe $(H \perp c)$ in the *T*-range of 1.5-300 K and 0.6-1.5 K, respectively. Solid line is a calculation based on the SCR theory for weak itinerant antiferromagnets.⁽⁵⁾

•Above T_{Neel} : $T_1TK=cst$ •At T_{Neel} : divergence of 1/T₁ ω_{r}

Kyogaku et al., JPSJ (1993)

 T_1 : Gapped magnetic insulator - Haldane chain (S = 1)



Shimizu et al., PRB (1995)

$$\frac{1}{T_1} \sim e^{-\frac{\Delta}{T}} \quad \text{Haldane gap}$$

T_1 : High-T regime for an insulator \oplus exchange (J)



T₁: High-T regime for an insulator \oplus exchange (J)

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \gamma_{\rm N}^2 G(\omega_{\rm N}) \approx \gamma_{\rm N}^2 G(0) \approx \pi \gamma_{\rm N}^2 \langle H_{\rm hf}^2 \rangle \tau_{\rm c}$$

$$\vec{S}_{i} = J \quad \vec{S}_{j} \quad \langle H_{hf} \rangle \approx \frac{A}{\gamma_{N} \hbar} S$$

$$\vec{I}_{I} = \frac{1}{T_{1}} \approx \frac{A^{2}S}{\hbar \sqrt{zJ}} \quad \vec{T}_{c} \approx \sqrt{z} \frac{JS}{\hbar} \quad \text{exchange frequency}$$

$$(z: \text{number of nearest neighbor})$$

More accurate expression (Moriya 1956)

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{A^2 \sqrt{S(S+1)}}{\hbar J \sqrt{z}}$$

T₁: High-T regime for an insulator \oplus exchange (J)



Frustrated 2DHAF S=1/2

Single molecule magnets



cross-relaxation effect between the nuclear Zeeman reservoir and the reservoir of the Zeeman levels of the molecule. This effect provides a powerful tool to investigate quantum dynamical phenomena

M.-H. Julien, Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 227 (1999)

Mössbauer spectroscopy

(Or nuclear γ -ray spectrocopy)

1958: Discovery and interpretation by Rudolf Mössbauer

1961: Nobel Prize



Born 1929

- Transition between nuclear levels
- Emitter (source) \oplus Absorber

→ transmission geometry for bulk samples
 → Surface studies: Conversion Electron Spectroscopy

Thanks to P. Bonville, CEA Saclay

Is nuclear γ -ray spectrocopy possible ?

Conservation of energy and momentum



Is nuclear γ -ray spectrocopy possible ?

Energy conservation:

- emission: $h_V = E_0 E_R$
- absorption: $h_{v}=E_{0}+E_{R}$

if $\Gamma << E_R$, no overlap





At temperature T: moving emitter/abs \Rightarrow Doppler broadening $D \cong 2 \sqrt{k_B T E_R}$

for γ rays: $\Gamma << E_R$

Impossible in free atoms / nuclei ≠ Atomic spectroscopy

Is nuclear γ -ray spectrocopy possible ?

For γ rays, $\Gamma \leq E_R$ and D $\sim E_R \Rightarrow$ weak overlap

On cooling, not on heating (D \uparrow as T \uparrow), R.M. observes an increase of the resonant absorption in ¹⁹¹Ir ...



In practice

Lamb-Mössbauer factor: $f(T) = |J_0(kx_0)|^2 \cong 1 - \frac{1}{2} k^2 x_0^2$

$$f(T) \cong 1 - k^2 \langle x^2 \rangle_T \cong \exp(-\frac{E_0^2 \langle x^2 \rangle_T}{\hbar^2 c^2})$$

⇒ finite probability f(T) of nuclear resonant absorption of a photon with no phonons absorbed or emitted allows Mössbauer spectroscopy of hyperfine (electro-nuclear) interactions (~10⁻⁶ eV) if $\Gamma << \omega_{hf}$

radioactive source

continuous Doppler energy sweep $\omega = \omega_0 (1+v/c)$ $\omega_0 v_{max}/c > \omega_{hf}$

 \Rightarrow abs./em. energy spectrum

Recoilless is for source and absorber!

In practice



Vary the speed of the source ~ sweep the frequency (Doppler)

In practice

Mössbauer Active Elements



46 elements, 89 isotopes, 104 Mössbauer transitions

~10 used in condensed matter!
In practice: ⁵⁷Fe, no EFG, no field



In practice: ⁵⁷Fe, EFG, no field



In practice: ⁵⁷Fe \oplus field (no EFG)



In practice: ⁵⁷Fe \oplus field (no EFG)



$$E_e = 14.4 \text{ keV}$$

 $I_e = 3/2$
 $\mu_e = 0.153 \mu_n$

$$\Delta m_1 = 0, \pm 1$$

In practice: ⁵⁷Fe \oplus field (no EFG)



Static: Orbitals, surrounding charges, fields



Symmetric charge No magnetic field Asymmetric charge No magnetic field

Symmetric or asymmetric charge Magnetic field (internal or external)

V (mm/s)

Isomer shift ⊕ local environment



Isomer shift ⊕ local environment Use of Mössbauer spectroscopy as a "fingerprinting" technique

Isomer shifts and quadrupole splittings of Fe-bearing phases vary systematically as a function of Fe oxidation, Fe spin states, and Fe coordination.

Knowledge of the Mössbauer parameters can therefore be used to "fingerprint" an unknown phase.



Isomer shift \oplus local environment



Magnetic properties of Fe-pnictides





- Isomer shift typical of Fe(II) low or intermediate spin state
- Small internal field
- Fe2+ hyperfine coupling well known
- Extraction of a small moment 0.25(5) μ_B : first indication in favour of a commensurate Spin Density Wave
- Note: disorder fitted witn a double sextet

Magnetic properties of Fe-pnictides



Dynamics: Linewidth

- $\Delta E \Delta t \sim \hbar$
- Lifetime τ , linewidth $\Gamma : \Delta E = \Gamma \sim \hbar/\tau$
- $\tau \sim 10^{-5} 10^{-11} \, \text{s}$



Note: effects are not the same on all lines: outer are more « protected »

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Intermediate relaxation

Example: Fe₄ molecular magnet



S=5 AF interactions 3 ineq sites, EFG \neq 0



Fig. 2. Mössbauer spectra of the Fe4 molecule at the temperatures of (starting from the top) 1.38, 4.25, 12.5, 25.7, 45, 77 K.

Example: persistent fluctuations in frustrated magnets

¹⁵⁵Gd in Gd₃Ga₅O₁₂

No magnetic order of Gd³⁺ moments due to geometrical frustration *P.Bonville et al PRL* 92 (2004) 167202





Example: phase transition in Yb₂Ti₂O₇



NMR/Mössbauer: a comparative summary

	Mössbauer	NMR	
Which sample?	Needs a source	Many <mark>needs time</mark>	
Fluctuation rate	Few 10 GHz MHz	100 MHz - fraction of Hz	
Location/coupling	At. Site, hyperfine	At. Site, hyperfine	
	0.1 T - 10 T/ μ _B	0.1 T - 10 T/ μ _B	
Observables	Magnetic transitions	Magnetic susceptibilities	
Temperature range	10 mK K	10 mK - 1000 K	
Field range	0 - (few T)	1 - 45 T	
Intrinsic drawback	Need a source	r.f. field needed, field needed	
		Tuning of the probe	

Fast fluctuations $1/T_1 \sim A^2 \tau_c$

ESR: principle

- Angular momentum $\hat{\vec{\Gamma}} = \hbar \hat{\vec{S}} \Rightarrow \hat{\vec{\mu}}_e = -\gamma_e \hbar \hat{\vec{S}}$
- Magnetic moment $\mu_e = -\sqrt{S(S+1)} \frac{e\hbar}{m_e} = -\sqrt{S(S+1)} g\mu_B$

 $g=2(1+\alpha/2\pi+...)$

• Bohr magneton

$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} = 9.274 \cdot 10^{24} \,\mathrm{Am}^2$$

Landé factor

•
$$\Delta m_s = \pm 1 \Delta E = g\beta_e H$$

ESR and NMR comparison!

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ESR: in practice

~ 33 GHz / Tesla

- Traditional frequencies, v, used are microwave bands originally developed for radar:
 - X band; ~9-9.5 GHz, in most widespread use (λ ~3 cm).
 - K band; ~ 24 GHz (λ ~1 cm)
 - Q band; ~ 35 GHz (λ~0.8 cm)
 - W band; ~ 95 GHz

• Traditional electromagnets with fields up to 3 Tesla.

- At g=2, about which most spectra are centered, X-band setups have resonances at 3,000-3,500 Gauss.
- Cutting edge EPR is going to ever higher and ever lower $\boldsymbol{\nu}.$

ESR apparatus



ESR apparatus



Use of a cavity (except at high frequencies) \rightarrow sweep the field

ESR detection

- Modulation of magnetic field Phase sensitive detection Slope Slope Spectrum = derivative Hm Ηo
- Intensity by double integration ~ static susceptibility

Spin(s) Hamiltonian for EPR

$$H = H_{eZ} + H_{ZFS} + H_{ee} + H_{en} + H_{nZ}$$

 H_{eZ} = Electron Zeeman interaction: *g tensor* H_{ZFS} = Zero-field splitting interaction: anisotropy, dipolar H_{ee} = Interactions between electron moments: exchange H_{en} = Electron - nucleus interaction H_{NZ} = Nuclear zeeman interaction

Hilbert space of coupled electrons and nuclear spins has a dimension $n_H = \prod_m (2S_m + 1) \prod_n (2I_n + 1)$

e-Zeeman interaction

$$H_{eZ} = \mu_B \vec{B} \cdot \underline{g} \cdot \vec{S}$$

- « Effective » g
- Crystal Field + Spin Orbit
- Different hierarchy for 3d and 4f
- 3d: < L > = 0 Crystal field dominates, Spin orbit = small corr.

$$H_{eZ} + H_{LS} = g_e \mu_B \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{L} + \vec{S}) + \lambda \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} = g_e \mu_B \vec{B} \cdot \underline{g} \cdot \vec{S} + \vec{S} \cdot \underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \vec{S}$$

4f: use g_J (free atom) instead of g (takes into account the spin orbit term)

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$$\underline{\underline{g}} = g_{e}(\underline{1} + 2\lambda\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}) \quad g_{e} = 2.0023$$
$$\underline{\underline{D}} = \lambda^{2}\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}$$
$$\Lambda_{ij} = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\langle \psi_{0} | L_{i} | \psi_{n} \rangle \langle \psi_{n} | L_{j} | \psi_{0} \rangle}{E_{0} - E_{n}}$$

$$H_{eZ} = \mu_B \vec{B} \cdot \underline{g} \cdot \vec{S}$$

$$\underline{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{split} h\nu &= g_{xx} \mu_{\rm B} \mathsf{B}, \qquad \underline{\mathsf{B}} /\!/ x, \\ h\nu &= g_{yy} \mu_{\rm B} \mathsf{B}, \qquad \underline{\mathsf{B}} /\!/ y \\ h\nu &= g_{zz} \mu_{\rm B} \mathsf{B}, \qquad \underline{\mathsf{B}} /\!/ z. \end{split}$$

- Cubic symmetry: $g_{xx} = g_{yy} = g_{zz}$
- Axial symmetry (trigonal, tetragonal, hexagonal): $g_{xx} = g_{yy} = g_{\perp}$ and $g_{zz} = g_{||}$
- Orthorhombic symmetry: $g_{xx} \neq g_{yy} \neq g_{zz}$

g-tensor: axial case

$$H_{eZ} = \mu_B \vec{B} \cdot g \cdot \vec{S}$$

$$E \qquad B \perp z (g_{xx} = g_{\perp})$$

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$$B = g_{2}$$

g-tensor: axial case, powder lineshape



S=1/2, I=0, $g_x=g_y <> g_z$ Axially symmetric g-factor

$$B_{r} = \frac{h\nu}{g_{eff}\mu_{B}} = \frac{h\nu}{\mu_{B}} [g_{II}^{2}\cos^{2}\theta + g_{\perp}^{2}\sin^{2}\theta]^{-1/2}$$

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is the angle between a z-principal axis and the magnetic field direction

The given solid angle Ω is defined to be the ratio of the surface area S to the total surface area on the sphere: $\Omega = S/4\pi r^2$: $d\Omega/\Omega = 2\pi r^2 \sin\theta d\theta/4\pi r^2 = \sin\theta d\theta/2$

 $f(B)dB \propto \sin\theta d\theta$

$$f(B) \propto \frac{1}{\left| dB / d \cos \theta \right|}$$

$$f(B) \propto \frac{\mu_B}{h\nu} \frac{(g_{II}^2 \cos^2 \theta + g_{\perp}^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2}}{(g_{II}^2 - g_{\perp}^2) \cos \theta}$$
$$f(B) \propto \frac{\mu_B}{h\nu} \frac{1}{B_r^3 (g_{II}^2 - g_{\perp}^2) \cos \theta}$$



Lineshape: g tensor



Absorption

Observed



FIG. 5. Experimental (a) and best-fit (b) EPR first-derivative spectra of a powder sample of Y_2BaCuO_5 at room temperature. The microwave frequency was 9.160 GHz.

g tensor ← → spin orbit

Zero Field Splitting: single ion anisotropy

$$H_{ZFS} = \mu_B \vec{S} \cdot \underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \vec{S}$$

All these terms resume in a quadratic form of S_x , S_y , S_z

$$H_{ZFS} = D_x S_x^2 + D_y S_y^2 + D_z S_z^2 =$$
$$= D \left[S_z^2 - \frac{1}{3} S(S+1) \right] + E \left(S_x^2 - S_y^2 \right)$$

- S=1/2: no effect
- S>1/2: example, S=1;
 E=0: 3 states, singlet(1)
 and triplet (2)

(S > 2)
$$H'_{ZFS} = \frac{a_{ZFS}}{6} \left| S_x^4 + S_y^4 + S_z^4 - \frac{1}{5}S(S+1)(3S^2 + +3S-1) \right|$$



Zero Field Splitting



On a powder, broad line due to anisotropy

Zero Field Splitting



Hyperfine Splitting

$$H_{e-n} = \vec{I} \cdot \underline{\underline{A}} \cdot \vec{S}$$

 $E = g\mu_B B_o M_S + a M_S m_I$

Isotropic case

$$M_{S}=1/2$$

$$m_{f}=-1/2$$

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Hyperfine Splitting: example



Coupled spins: paramagnetic regime and exchange narrowing

- A toy-model: 2 identical spins. Isotropic coupling $J\vec{S}_1\vec{S}_2$
- Only transition between triplet states



- More generally, the moment of order 2, M₂ is invariant under isotropic coupling.
- M₄ increases with J. Exchange narrowing
- $\tau \sim h/J, J >> dip, DM, ... |(\mathscr{J}/h)| \gg (\langle \Delta v^2 \rangle)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow fast random precess$

Only anisotropic part contributes to M_2 - e.g. dipolar, DM

Coupled spins: paramagnetic regime

$$\mathcal{H} = g\mu_{\rm B}\mathbf{H} \cdot \sum_{i} \mathbf{S}_{i} + J\sum_{i} \mathbf{S}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} + \mathcal{H}$$

Zeeman energy isotropic exchange additional interactions

e.g. crystal field anisotropic exchange dipole-dipole interaction hyperfine interaction

strong isotropic coupling

- → averages local fields similar to fast movements of the spins
- → "exchange narrowing" of the ESR signal

local inhomogeneous fields

- \rightarrow local, static resonance shift
- → inhomogenous broadening of the ESR signal

$$\mathcal{H}' = \sum_{ij} \sum_{\alpha\beta} K^{\alpha\beta}_{ij} S^{\alpha}_{i} S^{\beta}_{j}$$

$$K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(dip) = \frac{1}{2} (g\mu_B)^2 \hbar^2 \frac{r_{ij}^2 \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 3r_{ij}^{\alpha} r_{ij}^{\beta}}{r_{ij}^5}$$
Coupled spins: Kubo Tomita



• anisotropies completely contained in the second Moment M_2 :

$$M_2 = \frac{\langle [\mathcal{H}, S^+] [\mathcal{H}, S^-] \rangle_{\infty}}{\hbar^2 \langle S^+ S^- \rangle}$$

 remaining task: calculate the second moment for the different contributions to the spin Hamiltonian, find the dominating line-broadening mechanism (and check for the anisotropy)

Ordered phases: FMR

Similar to NMR with S = total spin of ferromagnet.

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Magnetic selection rule: \Delta m_s = \pm 1.
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Special features:

- Transverse χ ' & χ '' very large (M large).
- Shape effect prominent (demagnetization field large).
- Exchange narrowing (dipolar contribution suppressed by strong exchange coupling).
- Easily saturated (Spin waves excited before rotation of S).

FMR: shape effects

Consider an ellipsoid sample of cubic ferromagnetic insulator with principal axes aligned with the Cartesian $\mathbf{B}^{i} = \mathbf{B}^{0} - N \cdot \mathbf{M}$ $\mathbf{B}^{i} = \text{internal field}$. $\mathbf{B}^{0} = \text{external field}$

 $N_{ij} = \delta_{ij} N_i$

Lorenz field = $(4 \pi / 3)$ **M**. Exchange field = λ **M**. $\mathbf{B}' = \text{internal field}$. $\mathbf{B}^0 = \text{external field}$. N = demagnetizationtensor

(don't contribute to torque)

Bloch equations: $\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B}^{i} = \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \left(\mathbf{B}^{0} - N \cdot \mathbf{M}\right)$ $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{B}^{0} = B_{0} \ \hat{\mathbf{z}} & \frac{dM_{x}}{dt} = \gamma \left[B_{0} + \left(N_{y} - N_{z} \right) M_{0} \right] M_{y} \\ M_{z} = M_{0} & \xrightarrow{dM_{z}} \end{array}$ $\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ M_x & M_y & M_0 \\ -N_x M_x & -N_y M_y & B_0 - N_z M_0 \end{vmatrix}$ $\frac{dM_y}{dt} = -\gamma \left[B_0 + \left(N_x - N_z \right) M_0 \right] M_x$ $M_{k} = M_{k0} e^{-i\omega t} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i\omega & \gamma \begin{bmatrix} i\omega & \gamma \begin{bmatrix} B_{0} + (N_{y} - N_{z})M_{0} \end{bmatrix} \\ -\gamma \begin{bmatrix} B_{0} + (N_{x} - N_{z})M_{0} \end{bmatrix} & i\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_{x0} \\ M_{y0} \end{pmatrix} = 0$ $\omega_0^2 = \gamma^2 \left[B_0 + \left(N_y - N_z \right) M_0 \right] \left[B_0 + \left(N_x - N_z \right) M_0 \right]$ FMR uniform mode frequency:

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FMR: anisotropy in thin films Fe/Ag

(1)

$$E = -\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H} + 2\pi M^2 \cos^2 \theta - K \cos^2 \theta$$
$$-(A\mathbf{M}/M^2) \cdot \nabla^2 \mathbf{M},$$

where H is the applied dc field, M the saturated magnetization whose orientation is given by $\theta = (\hat{N}, \hat{M})$. The first term represents the Zeeman energy, the second the demagnetization energy, the fourth one the non-uniform exchange energy (with A the exchange stiffness constant). The

$$(\omega/\gamma)^{2} = \left[H\cos(\theta_{0} - \theta_{H}) - (4\pi M - H_{A})\cos^{2}\theta_{0}\right] \\ \times \left[H\cos(\theta_{0} - \theta_{H}) - (4\pi M - H_{A})\cos 2\theta_{0}\right]$$



H. Hurdequint

FMR: anisotropy in thin films Fe/Ag



 $K = K_{vol} + (1/t_{Fe}) 2K_{S}$

(H. Hurdequint)

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FIG. 3. The antiferromagnetic resonance line shape scales with the inverse of the resonance field H_0 . The scaling constant K = 0.2 T is the spin-flop field reduced by coupling between differently oriented domains. The impurity lines near x = 0.5 are more visible at lower frequencies.

FIG. 4. Resonance modes of a uniaxial antiferromagnet for magnetic fields along and perpendicular to the easy magnetization direction. Only modes relevant to the experiment are shown. At high frequencies, the linewidth of the AFMR of a powder (heavy lines) is inversely proportional to the frequency.

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Very powerful, quite involved treatment, if detected: single crystals needed \oplus other information \oplus modeling

FMR: Spin wave resonance



 \mathbf{B}_0

at 9GHz

Spin waves of odd number of halfwavelenths can be excited in thin film by uniform *B*_{rf} Condition for long wavelength SWR:

$$\omega_0 = \gamma \left(B_0 - 4\pi M_0 \right) + Dk^2$$

D = exchangeconstant



For wave of *n* half-lengths:

$$\omega_0 = \gamma \left(B_0 - 4\pi M_0 \right) + D \left(\frac{n \pi}{L} \right)^2$$

Magnetic field in gauss

Consider a uniaxial antiferromagnet with spins on 2 sublattices 1 & 2.

Le $\mathbf{M}_1 = B_A \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ B_A = anistropy field derived $U_K = K \sin^2 \theta_1$ t from $\mathbf{M}_2 = -B_A \hat{\mathbf{z}} \longrightarrow B_A = \frac{2K}{M}$ $M = |\mathbf{B}_1| = |\mathbf{B}_2|$ θ_1 axis. θ_1 = angle between **M**₁ & z-

Exchange fields: $\mathbf{B}_1(ex) = -\lambda \mathbf{M}_2$ $\mathbf{B}_2(ex) = -\lambda \mathbf{M}_1$ $\lambda > 0$



With $M_1^z = M = -M_2^z$ the linearized Bloch equations become: $\frac{dM_1^x}{dt} = \gamma \left[M_1^y \left(\lambda M + B_A \right) - M \left(-\lambda M_2^y \right) \right]$ $\frac{dM_2^{\lambda}}{dt} = \gamma \left[M_2^{y} \left(-\lambda M - B_A \right) - \left(-M \right) \left(-\lambda M_1^{y} \right) \right]$ $\frac{dM_1^{y}}{dt} = \gamma \left[M \left(-\lambda M_2^{x} \right) - M_1^{x} \left(\lambda M + B_A \right) \right]$ $\frac{dM_2^{y}}{dt} = \gamma \left[(-M) \left(-\lambda M_1^{x} \right) - M_2^{x} \left(-\lambda M - B_A \right) \right]$ $-i\omega M_1^+ = -i\gamma \left[M_1^+ (\lambda M + B_A) + M_2^+ (\lambda M) \right]$ $M_i^+ = M_i^x + i M_i^y \propto e^{-i \omega t}$ $-i\omega M_2^+ = i \gamma \left[M_2^+ (\lambda M + B_A) + M_1^+ (\lambda M) \right]$ $\begin{pmatrix} \gamma (B_A + B_E) - \omega & \gamma B_E \\ \gamma B_E & \gamma (B_A + B_E) + \omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_1^+ \\ M_2^+ \end{pmatrix} = 0$ $B_{_E} = \lambda M$ exchange field $\omega_0^2 = \gamma^2 B_A \left(B_A + 2B_E \right)$ • **AFMR** frequency

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