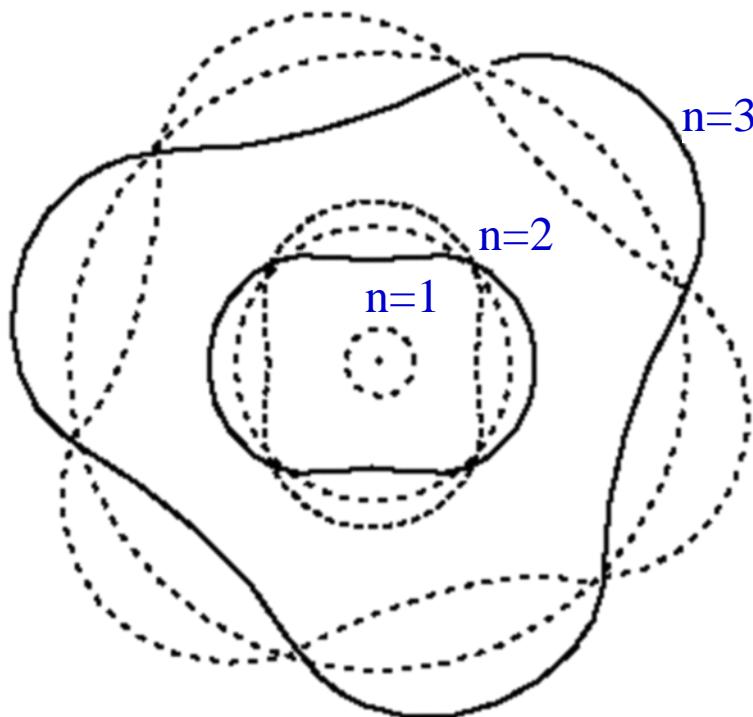


# PHL424: Nuclear angular momentum

electron orbitals



electrons in an atom

quantum numbers:

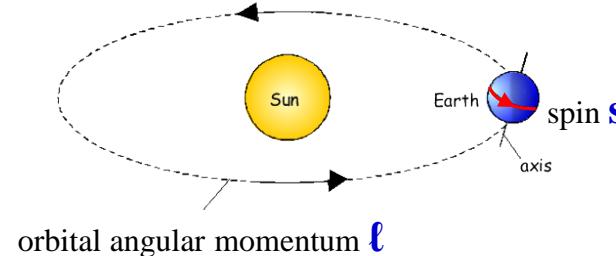
**n** (principal) **1,2,3,...**

**l** (orbital angular momentum) **0 → n-1**

**m** (magnetic) **-l ≤ m ≤ +l**

**s** (spin) **↑↓ or +½h -½h**

classical analogy



sun ≡ nucleus

earth ≡ electron

protons and neutrons have **l** and **s**

total angular momentum:  $\vec{j} = \vec{l} + \vec{s}$

total nuclear spin:  $I = \sum j$

electron is structure less and hence can not rotate  
**spin s is a quantum mechanical concept**

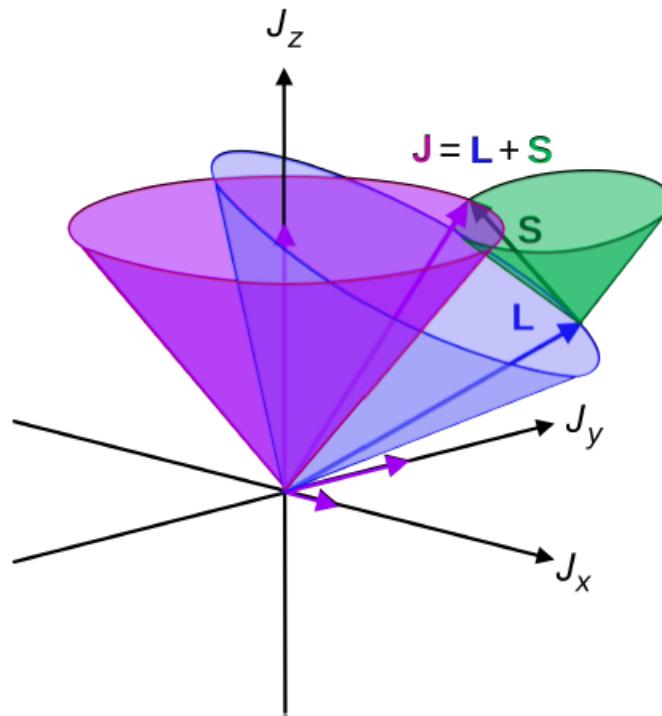
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- ${}^1\text{H}$  = 1 proton, so  $I = \frac{1}{2}$
- ${}^2\text{H}$  = 1 proton and 1 neutron, so  $I = 1$  or  $0$
- For larger nuclei, it is not immediately evident what the spin should be as there are a multitude of possible values.

mass number	number of protons	number of neutrons	spin ( $I$ )	example
even	even	even	0	${}^{16}\text{O}$
	odd	odd	integer (1,2,...)	${}^2\text{H}$
odd	even	odd	half-integer ( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$ )	${}^{13}\text{C}$
	odd	even	half-integer ( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$ )	${}^{15}\text{N}$

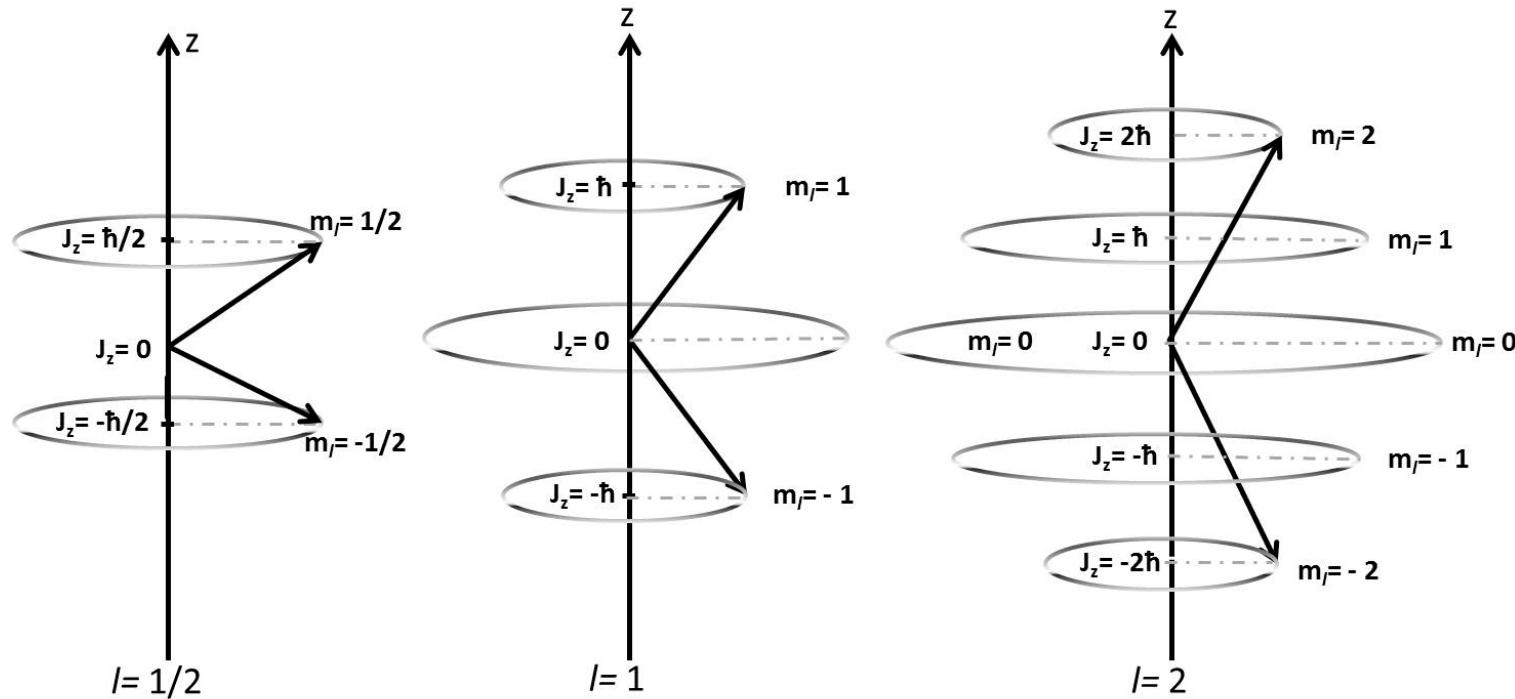
# Nuclear spin quantum number

The magnitude is given by

$$L = \hbar\sqrt{I(I + 1)}$$

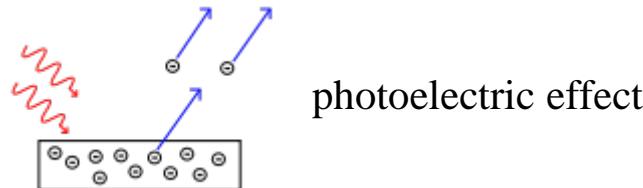
The projection on the z-axis (arbitrarily chosen), takes on discretized values according to m, where

$$m = -I, -I + 1, -I + 2, \dots, +I$$

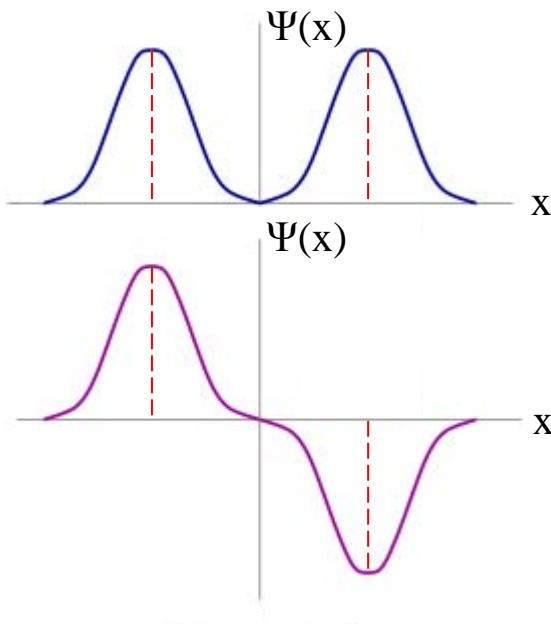


# Parity

wave – particle duality:



wave function



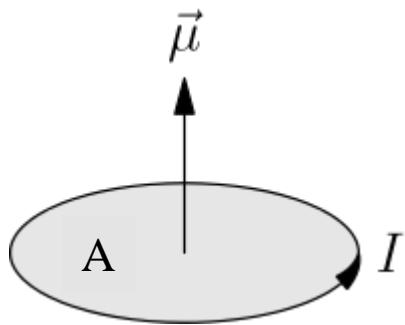
$$\Psi(x) = \Psi(-x) \rightarrow \text{parity} = \text{even (+)}$$

$$\ell = 0, 2, 4, \dots \text{ even}$$

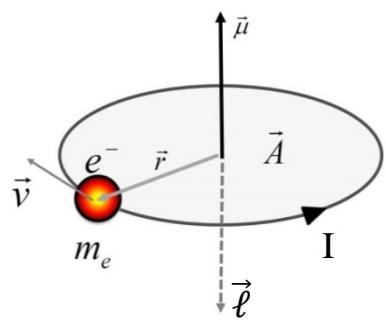
$$\Psi(x) = -\Psi(-x) \rightarrow \text{parity} = \text{odd (-)}$$

$$\ell = 1, 3, 5, \dots \text{ odd}$$

# Magnetic moment



$$\vec{\mu} = I \cdot A$$



$$\ell = m_e v \cdot r \quad v = \frac{2\pi r}{t} \rightarrow t = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$

$$I = \frac{e}{t} = \frac{e \cdot v}{2\pi r}$$

$$\mu = \frac{e \cdot v}{2\pi r} \cdot \pi r^2 = \frac{e \cdot v \cdot r}{2}$$

$$\mu = \frac{e \cdot v \cdot r}{2} \cdot \frac{m_e v \cdot r}{m_e v \cdot r} = \frac{e \cdot \ell}{2m_e} \quad \mu_{Bohr} = \frac{e \cdot \hbar}{2m_e}$$

$$\boxed{\mu_\ell = \mu_B \cdot \frac{\ell}{\hbar}}$$

electron orbital magnetic moment

$$\boxed{\mu_\ell = \mu_N \cdot \frac{\ell}{\hbar}}$$

proton orbital magnetic moment

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

# Magnetic moment

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electron orbital magnetic moment

$$\mu_s = -2.0023 \cdot \mu_B \cdot \frac{s}{\hbar}$$

electron spin magnetic moment (Dirac equation)

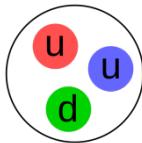
$$\mu_s = +5.585691 \cdot \mu_N \cdot \frac{s}{\hbar}$$

proton spin magnetic moment

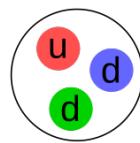
$$\mu_s = -3.826084 \cdot \mu_N \cdot \frac{s}{\hbar}$$

neutron spin magnetic moment

*Why has a neutron a magnetic moment when it is uncharged?*



proton  
+1e



neutron  
0e

u-quark:  $+2/3 e$   
d-quark:  $-1/3 e$

*neutrons and protons are not elementary particles  
internal structure: they have charges.*

$$\mu_s(\text{H}) = (5.59 - 3.83) \cdot \mu_N \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0.87980 \mu_N = 0.8574 \cdot \mu_N \quad (\text{experiment})$$

# Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

$$\mu_s = +5.585691 \cdot \mu_N \cdot \frac{s}{\hbar}$$

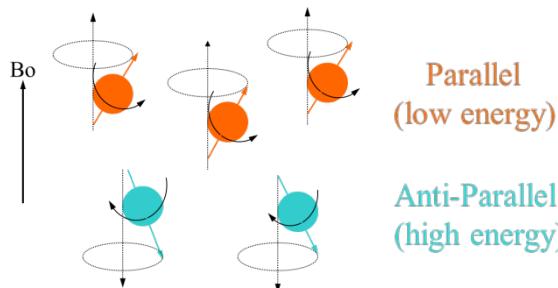
proton spin magnetic moment

$$\mu_I = \gamma \cdot I$$

$$\text{gyromagnetic ratio } \gamma = g \cdot \frac{\mu_N}{\hbar} = g \cdot 47.89 \cdot 10^6 \text{ [T}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}\text{]}$$

proton  $g$ -factor: +5.585691, spin I:  $\frac{1}{2} \hbar$

proton in magnetic field



energy difference between states

$$\Delta E = h \cdot \nu$$

$$\Delta E = 2 \cdot \mu_I \cdot B_0$$

$$\nu = \gamma / 2\pi \cdot B_0 \quad \text{Larmor frequency}$$

$$\gamma / 2\pi = 42.57 \text{ [MHz/T] for proton}$$

