
Modeling of the Larmor Precession

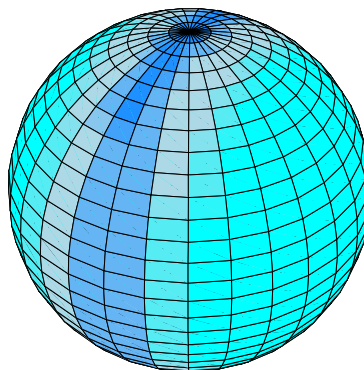
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<< Calculus`VectorAnalysis`  
<< Graphics`ParametricPlot3D`  
<< Graphics`Shapes`  
<< Graphics`Animation`  
<< Graphics`Colors`  
  
SetCoordinates[Spherical];
```

This is a computational appendix to the Stern Gerlach discussion in Chapter 1 of R. Mills, *The Grand Unified Theory of Classical Quantum Mechanics*, January 2004 Edition, posted at: <http://www.blacklightpower.com/bookdownload.shtml>.

The bound electron is here colored with a blue stripe to show the propagation of current on the surface; however, the charge density of the electron is uniform.

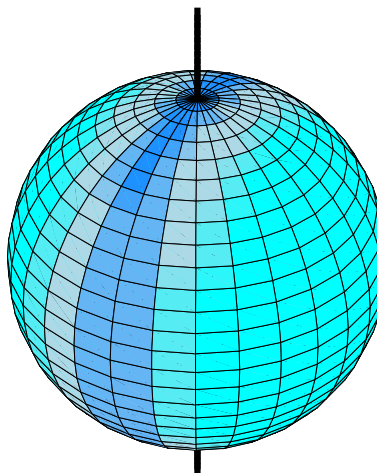
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colors[theta_, phi_, det_] = Which[  
  det < .6, Cyan,  
  det < .9, LightBlue,  
  det < 1.1, DodgerBlue,  
  det < 1.4, LightBlue,  
  det ≤ 2, Cyan  
];  
  
OS =  
ParametricPlot3D[{Sin[θ] Cos[φ], Sin[θ] Sin[φ], Cos[θ], colors[θ, φ, 1 + Sin[θ] Cos[φ]]},  
  {θ, 0, π}, {φ, 0, 2 π}, Boxed → False, Axes → False, Lighting → False];
```



Superimpose the bound electron on its angular momentum axis, which is spherical-coordinate angle $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ from the z axis of the orbitsphere as given in Modeling the Orbitsphere,

```
LVect = ParametricPlot3D[{0, 0, t, {AbsoluteThickness[3]}},
  {t, -1.5, 1.5}, Boxed → False, Axes → False];

Both = Show[LVect, OS, Lighting → False];
```



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Array[j, {30}];
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```
Do[ j[t] = Show[RotateShape[Both,  $\frac{8\pi}{30} * t, 0, 0$ ],
  SphericalRegion → True, ImageSize → 72 * 5, Lighting → False], {t, 1, 30}]
```

In reality, the current is propagating around the angular momentum axis at approximately 10^5 m/s faster than the Larmor frequency (the frequency of the precession of the S-angular-momentum axis in a magnetic field). Here a representation of the current is shown propagating at three times the Larmor frequency. Click **GIF** or **AVI** for a physical animation (with fixed viewpoint) of the Larmor Precession.

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Do[Show[RotateShape[RotateShape[j[i], 0,  $\pi/3, 0$ ],  $\frac{2\pi}{30} * i, 0, 0$ ],
  SphericalRegion → True, PlotRange → {{-1.3, 1.3}, {-1.3, 1.3}, {-1.3, 1.3}},
  ViewPoint → {0, 2, 0}, ImageSize → 72 * 6.5], {i, 1, 30}]
```

