## Nuclear Spin Catalysis in Biosystems: Premises and Promises

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#### Concept

Some chemical elements have two kinds of *stable isotopes, i.e. - magnetic* and *non-magnetic* isotopes 12,13C, 16,17,18O, 24,25,26Mg, 28,29Si, 32,33,34S, 40,42,43,44,48Ca, 54,56,57,58Fe, 64,66,67,68Zn, 74,76,77,78,80,81Se, 92,94,95,96,97,98,100Mo

 Can living cells perceive the difference between magnetic and non-magnetic nuclei of the same element?
Stable magnetic isotopes to control over efficiency and reliability of cell nanoreactors?



# **Spin Chemistry**

**Basis:** Apart from the law of conservation of energy, all chemical reactions obey the law of conservation of the spin angular momentum ('spin'). The reaction is rigorously forbidden if it requires a change in the total electron spin (S), namely, the total electron spin of products must be identical to the total electron spin of reactants.

## Spin Control of Chemical Reactions

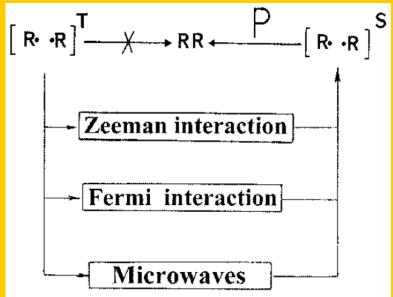
$$S = 1 \text{ or } 0 \quad \mathring{R} + \mathring{R} - \left[ \begin{array}{cc} (\mathring{R} & \mathring{R})^{S} & \longrightarrow & RR \\ (\mathring{R} & \mathring{R})^{T} & \longrightarrow & RR \end{array} \right] \quad S = 0$$

From 4 possible spin states of the radical pair, only singlet state is permitted for recombination into the diamagnetic molecule.

$$S = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } \overset{\bullet}{\mathbf{R}} + O_2 - \begin{bmatrix} (\dot{\mathbf{R}} & O_2)^D & \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}\dot{O}_2 \\ (\dot{\mathbf{R}} & O_2)^Q & \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}\dot{O}_2 \end{bmatrix} S = \frac{1}{2}$$

From 6 possible spin states, only doublet spin states are permitted for synthesis of •RO<sub>2</sub>.

# **Spin Catalysis**



$$\mathsf{P}=\mathsf{f}[\mathsf{H},\mathsf{a},\mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{n}},\mathsf{I},\mathsf{m}_{\mathsf{1}},\mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{1}},\mathsf{\Theta},\mathsf{J}]$$

**Consequence** Acceleration of the free-radical reactions can be achieved by changing in the total electron spin of reactants via external magnetic fields, including magnetic fields of nuclear spins. **Innovation** The free-radical reaction will show different reaction rates and different

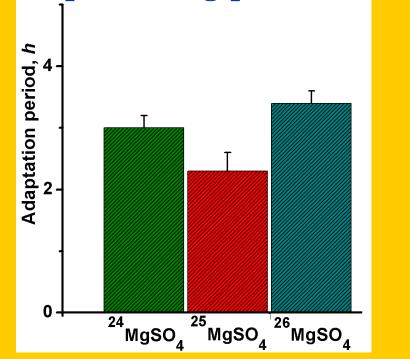
yields of products according to whether the reagents contain magnetic or nonmagnetic isotopes. That is known as 'magnetic isotope effect' (MIE). In action, MIE is purely a kinetic phenomenon and shows itself as the dependence of the reaction rate on the nuclear spins of the reactants.

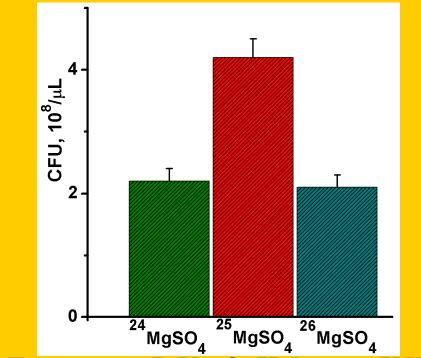
Mg<sup>2+</sup> is main intracellular cation, obligatory cofactor of Mg<sup>2+</sup>dependent enzymes, including ATPsynthases, ATP-hydrolases, DNApolymerases, ribonucleases, etc. Three stable magnesium isotopes, <sup>24</sup>Mg, <sup>25</sup>Mg and <sup>26</sup>Mg with natural abundance about 79, 10 and 11%. <sup>25</sup>Mg has nuclear spin (I = 5/2). <sup>24</sup>Mg and <sup>26</sup>Mg have no spin (I = 0).

## *E. coli* supplemented with different isotopes of magnesium Length of the adaptation Colony-forming units

period (lag-phase)

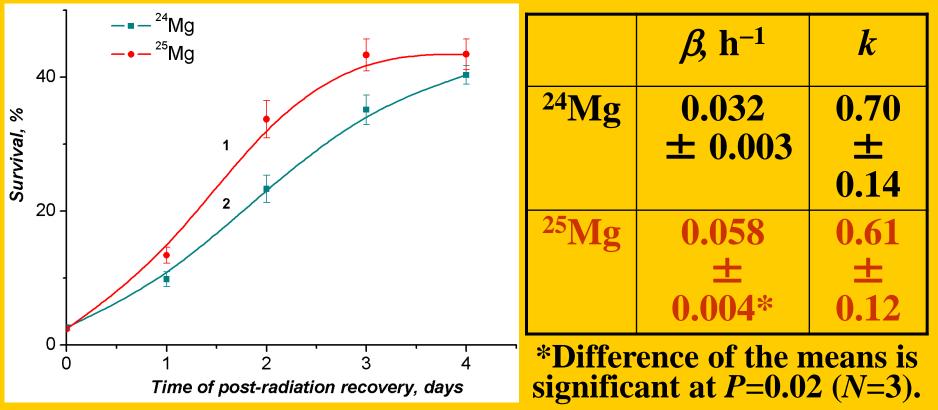
on solid nutrient agar





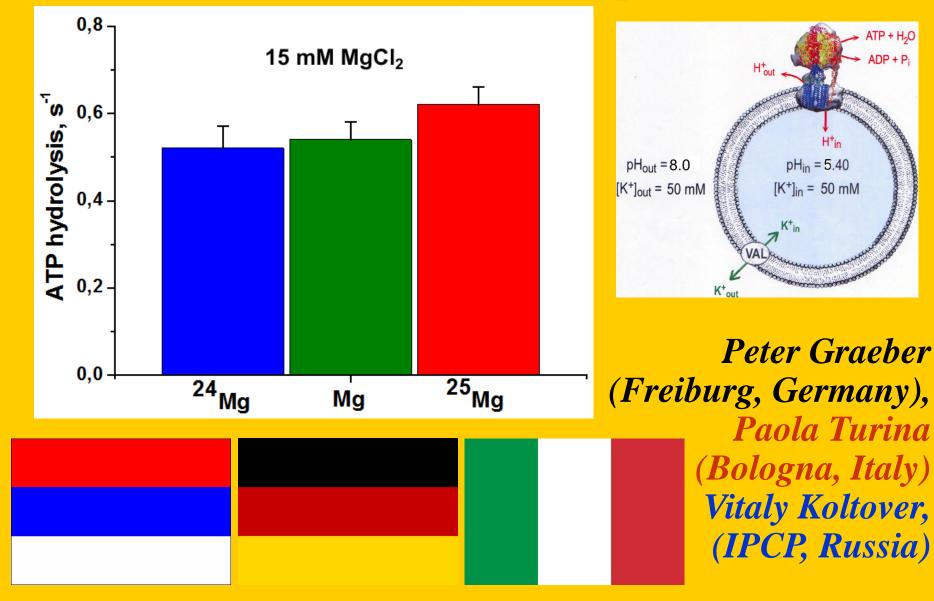
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### Effect of magnetic <sup>25</sup>Mg isotope on postradiation recovery of *S. cerevisiae*, diploid strain, after *UV* irradiation



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#### Hydrolysis of ATP by the purified yeast H<sup>+</sup>-ATPase in proteoliposomes

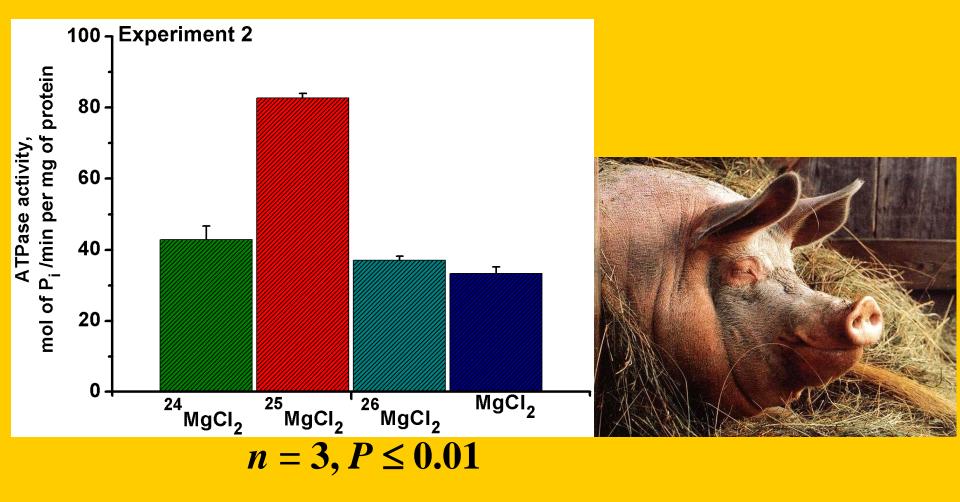


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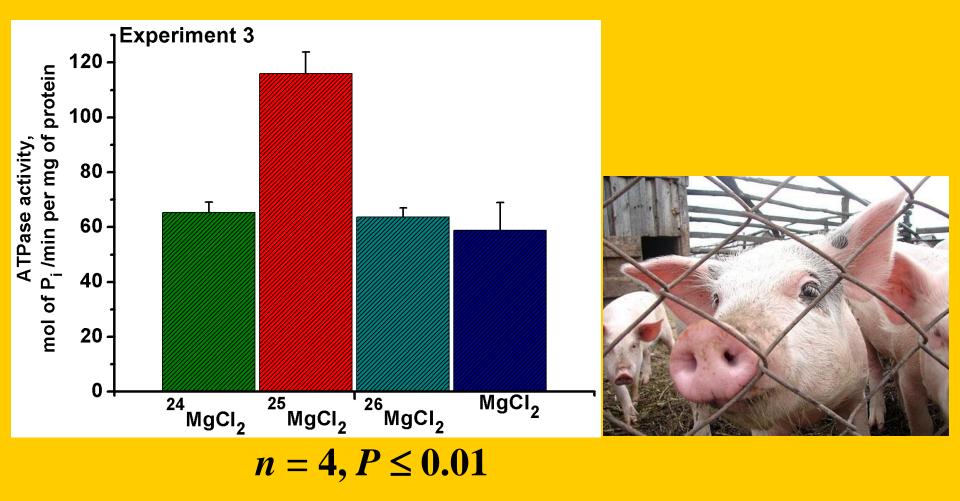


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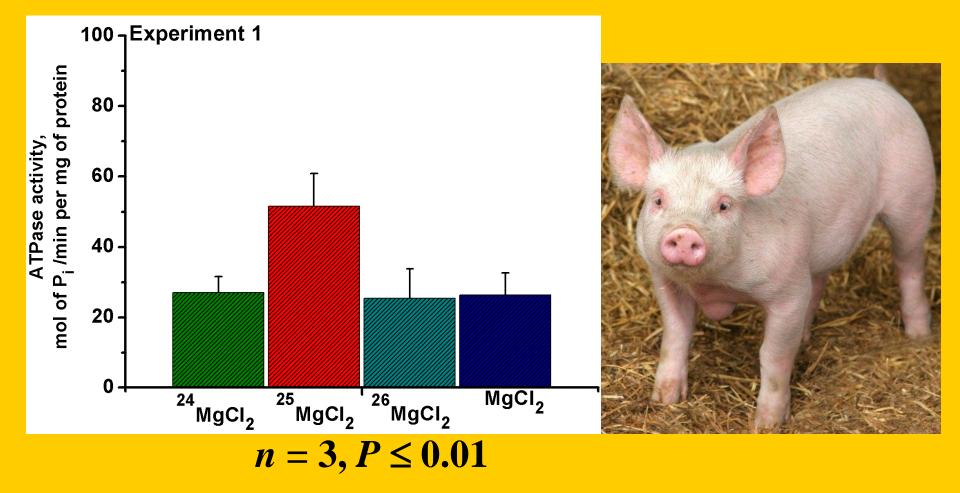
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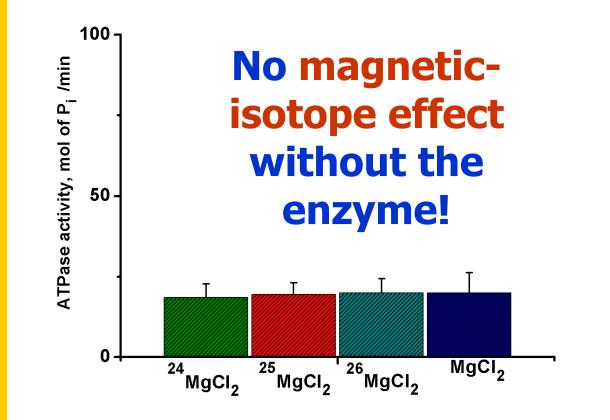
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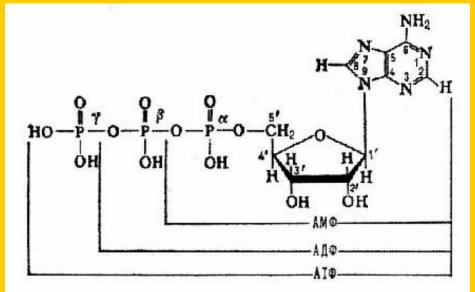
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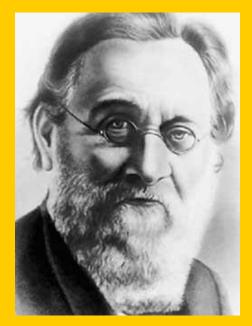


## Nuclear Spin Catalysis in Hydrolysis of ATP by Myosin



Energy from ATP (≈ 0.54 eV) ↓<sup>25</sup>Mg Energized conformation of macromolecule (a low level triplet state) ↓ Acceleration of ATP hydrolysis Nuclear Spin Catalysis in Hydrolysis of ATP by **Myosin** Energy from ATP (~0.54 eV) **Energized conformation of macromolecule** (a low level triplet state) Transfer of electron density onto Mg<sup>2+</sup> with formation of a virtual ion-radical pair  $[Mg^+ ATP^\bullet]^T$  or  $[Mg^+ OH^\bullet]^T$  or  $[Mg^+ RSH^\bullet]^T$  $\downarrow$  <sup>25</sup>Mg **Triplet-singlet conversion of the ion-radical pair**  $[Mg^+ ATP^\bullet]^T \rightarrow [Mg^+ ATP^\bullet]^S \rightarrow [Mg^{2+} ATP^-],$  $[Mg^+ OH^\bullet]^T \rightarrow [Mg^+ OH^\bullet]^S \rightarrow [Mg^{2+} OH^-], etc.$ **Acceleration of ATP hydrolysis** 

# Back to the future -Metchnikoff arises?

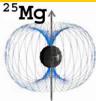


Aging is caused by toxic products from intestine microflore (*Elia Mechnikoff*, 1907)

Magne B6 (magnesium lactate + magnesium pidolate + pyridoxine, "Sanofi-Winthrop Industrie" → Magne-25 B6

Medical biophysics based on the stable magnetic isotopes?





Step by step, be steady in your purpose! (Mao Tsedun)

**Conclusion:** Living cells do perceive the difference between magnetic and nonmagnetic nuclei of the same element perceive the nuclear magnetism. **Prospect:** stable magnetic isotopes open the novel ways to control over efficiency and reliability of cell nanoreactors. Thank you very much for your attention!