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Anomalous nuclear magnetic resonance spectra in powdered Bi_2Se_3 D.M. NISSON, A.P. DIOGUARDI, P. KLAVINS, X. PENG, D. YU, N.J. CURRO, Department of Physics, University of California, Davis, CURRO COL-LABORATION — We present ²⁰⁹Bi NMR spectra and relaxation rate data on single crystal and powder samples of the topological insulator material Bi₂Se₃, including data on nanoscale powders with percentages of surface nuclei on the order of 2%. Powder samples are measured as-prepared, annealed to relieve mechanical strains, and fixed in epoxy to prevent alignment of grains with the applied magnetic field of 9 T. Our results reveal anomalous behavior in both the angular dependence of the single crystal spectra and in the powder spectra. All powder spectra display features not accounted for by summation of spectra of single crystal orientations.

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