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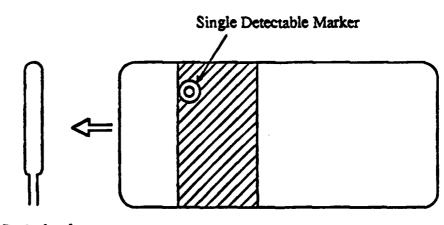
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a method of labeling, authenticating identifying and/or a paper. credit/identification card, bank note, article or any other object using both nuclear magnetic resonance in magnetically ordered materials and nuclear quadrupole resonance phenomena as well as other phenomena of electric/magnetic tunnel transitions dipole or between Stark-Zeeman sublevels, frequencies of which belong to the radio-frequency band. These methods being characterized in that a minor amount of at least one



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authenticating substance is added to the object, said substance having a strong unique and identifiable response in radio-frequency domain at room temperature, with the spectroscopy being performed in the absence of any supported external static field, and with any specific response (intensity, line width, line shape, splittings, free induction decay, spin echoes or their combinations) being used as a criterion for discrimination. The spectroscopy being performed in time domain (pulse) or frequency domain (continuous wave) with or without intensity, polarization, frequency or any other modulation of the exciting electromagnetic field. The invention also provides instruments for implementing the method, and a set of substances usable with the method.

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