

# Materials Science and Quantum Materials a TRIUMF

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Yamazaki Prize presentation Sapporo June 25 2017



**3<sup>rd</sup> such award for  
work at done at TRIUMF. Uemura  
and Brewer previous winners**



“for development and use of  $\mu$ SR and also  $\beta$  NMR in the  
area of condensed matter physics”

International Society for Muon Science (ISMS)

“The search for discoveries in experimental physics is not only an effort to find and interpret interesting experimental facts, but is also a creative intellectual effort to invent new experimental techniques that extend the frontiers of experimental feasibility”

Ted Bowen, The Surface Muon Beam, in  
PHYSICS TODAY , JULY 1985

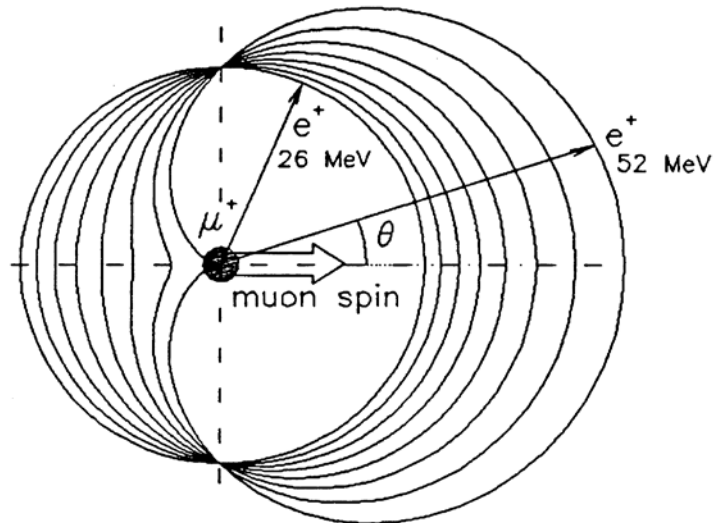
# Plan

1. Introduction to muon and  $\mu$ SR
2. The early days
3. High  $T_c$  Superconductivity
4. Beta NMR
5. Future

# Muon Science

1. Muon is a fundamental particle and muonium ( $\mu^+ e^-$ ) is the simplest atom
2. Electronic structure of muonium (and its charged states) in a solid nearly identical to that of hydrogen. Most of what we know about isolated hydrogen in semiconductors comes indirectly from  $\mu$ SR.
3. Chemistry, bonding and reaction dynamics are similar to the hydrogen atom except QM aspects are enhanced due to lighter mass. **Don Fleming winner of ACS Seaborg Award in Nuclear Chemistry 2004 for his work on Mu reactions in gas phase.**
4. **The muon is sensitive magnetic probe of electronic and magnetic properties of quantum materials, (collective behavior of all the electrons and ions in a material, e.g. superconductivity).**

# $\mu$ SR



Spin = 1/2

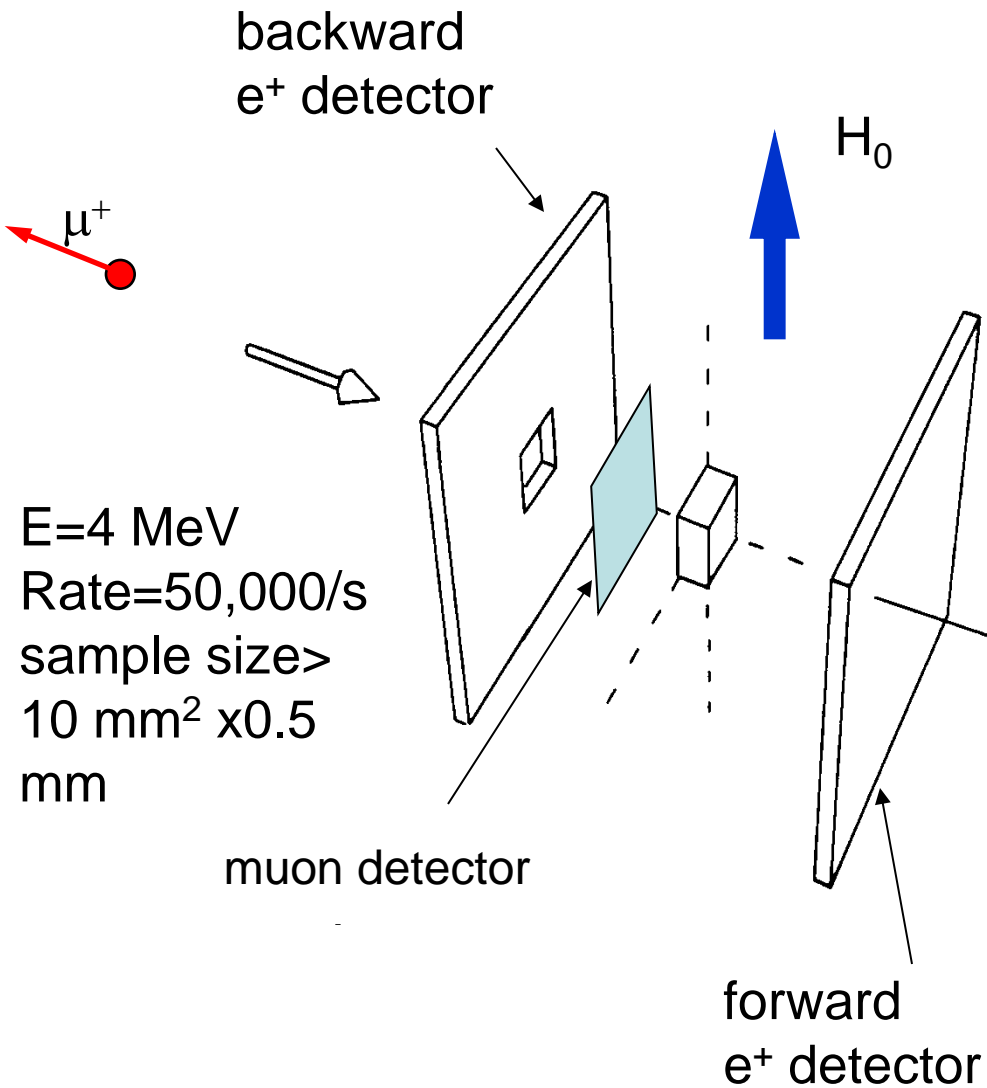
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$\langle A \rangle = 0.33$

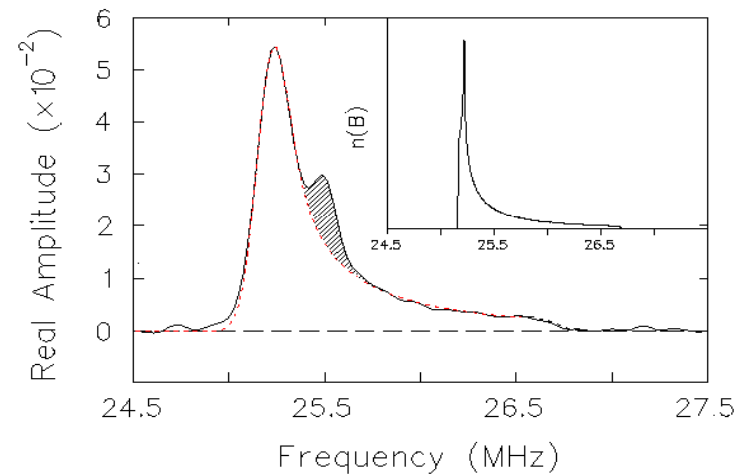
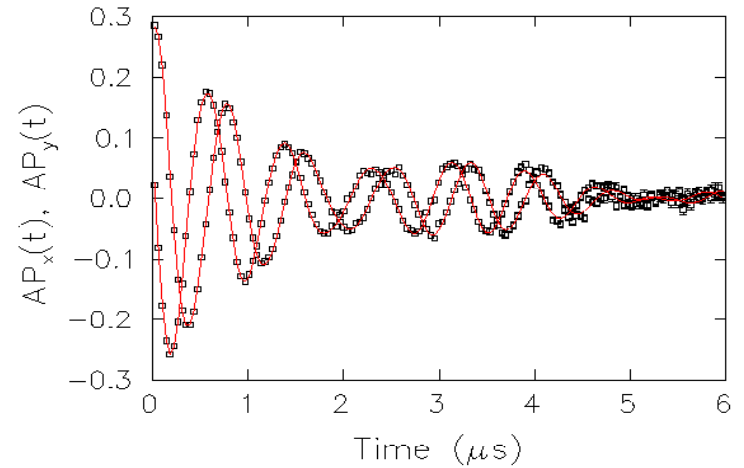
Polarization = 95%

Lifetime = 2.19714(7)  $\mu\text{s}$

# Schematic of a conventional $\mu$ SR Experiment



$NbSe_2$   $T=0.33T_c$ ,  $H=1.9$  kOe



**Advent of the Meson  
Factory and the surface  
muon beamline**

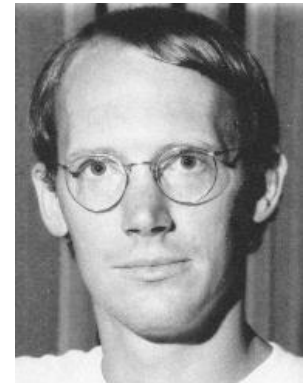
**Beginnings of  $\mu$ SR at TRIUMF ~1972**

**M20 surface muon beam for materials science**

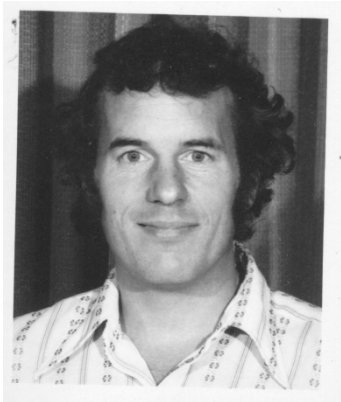




**T. Yamazaki**



**J. Brewer**



**D. Fleming**



**K. Nagamine**



## Some early graduate students



**Dave Garner**



**Ryu Hayano**



**Tomo Uemura. Rob Kiefl, Carl Clawson**

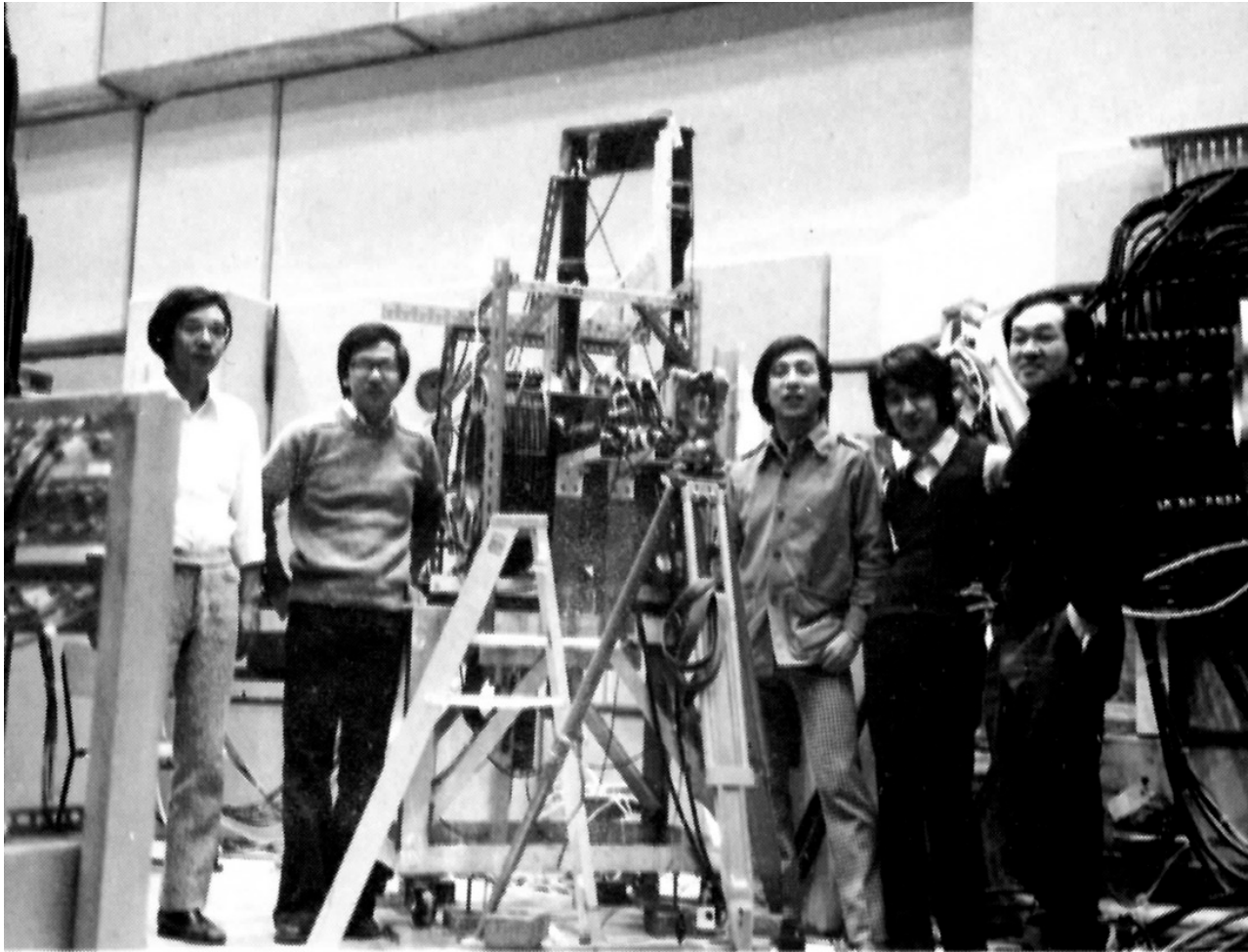


**Glen Marshall, Randy Mikula**



**Dale Harshman**

## Yamazaki group and the University of Tokyo



1. Zero Field  $\mu$ SR

## Zero- and low-field spin relaxation studied by positive muons

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Zero- and low-field spin-relaxation functions have been studied for the first time by using positive muons, and results are compared with the stochastic theory of low-field relaxation formulated by Kubo and Toyabe. The dipolar broadening of the zero-field relaxation has been studied in detail. In  $ZrH_2$ , the zero-field relaxation function of  $\mu^+$  has been found to decay  $(5)^{1/2}$  times faster than the high-field relaxation function, which is explained in terms of the contribution of the nonsecular part of the dipolar interaction. Advantages of the zero-field method over the conventional muon-spin rotation method in practical applications, especially for studies of the  $\mu^+$  diffusion/trapping, are discussed.

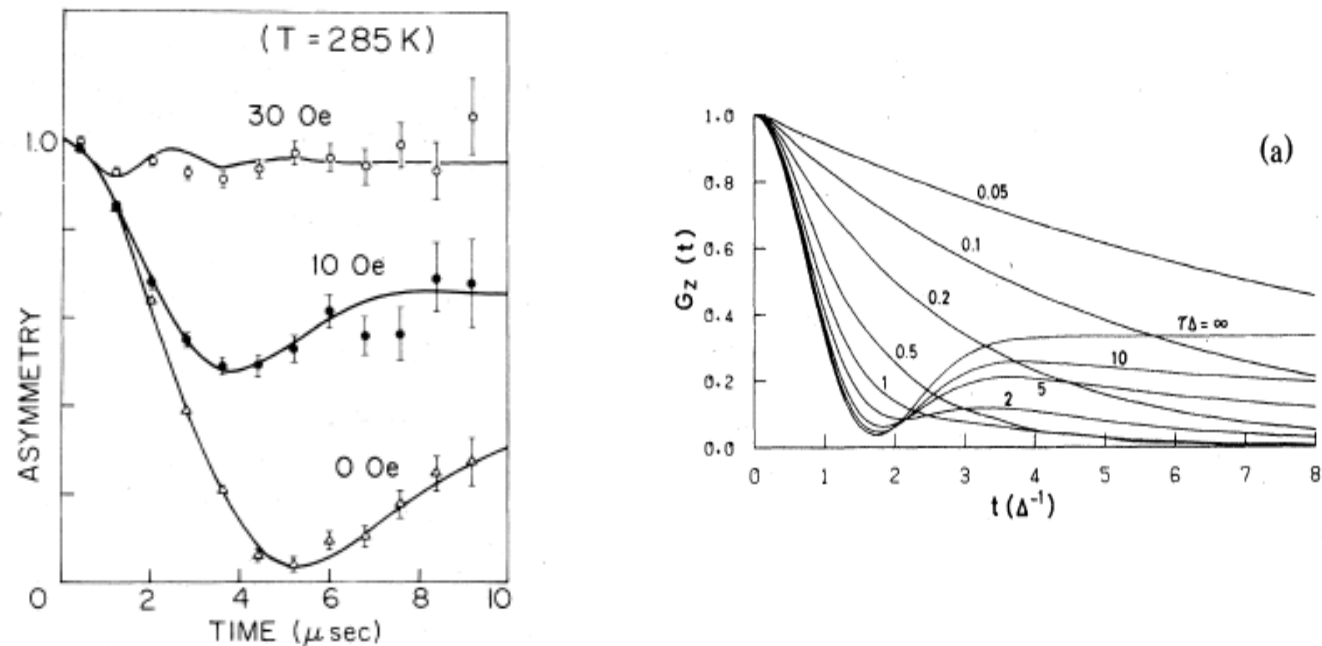


FIG. 2. Observed  $\mu^+$  longitudinal relaxation functions in MnSi at room temperature with 0, 10, and 30 Oe external fields. The solid curves are the best fits to Eq. (10).

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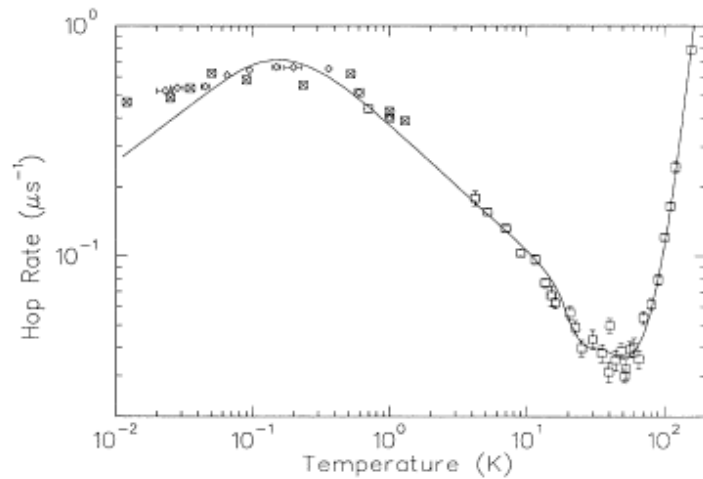
Muon diffusion and spin dynamics in copper

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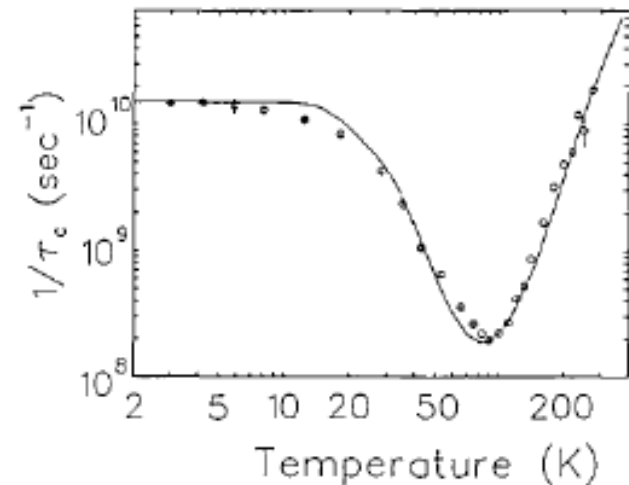
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Quantum diffusion of muons in Cu



Quantum Diffusion of Mu in GaAs



## Luke and Uemura

### Muon Spin Relaxation in $UPt_3$

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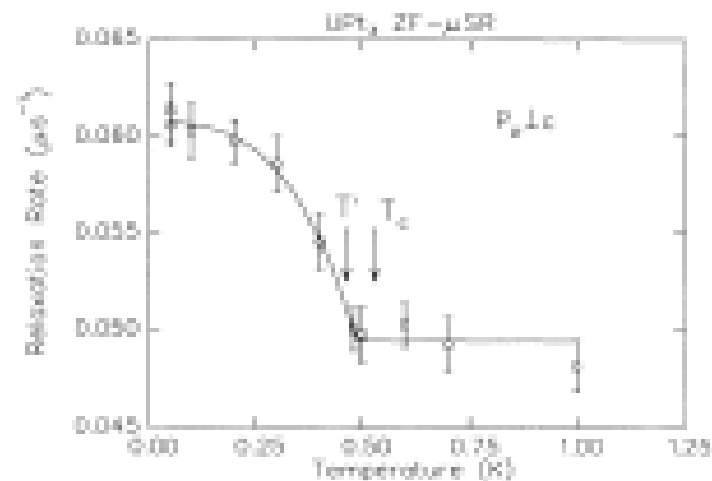
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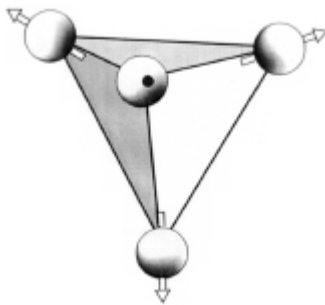
We report muon spin rotation-relaxation measurements of the heavy fermion superconductor  $UPt_3$ . The broadening of the transverse field muon precession signal sets in approximately 60 mK below  $T_c$ , a temperature which corresponds to the lower superconducting transition. In zero applied magnetic field, we observe an increase in the internal magnetic field within the superconducting state which can be explained if the "lower superconducting phase" in the  $H$ - $T$  phase diagram of  $UPt_3$  is characterized by broken time-reversal symmetry.



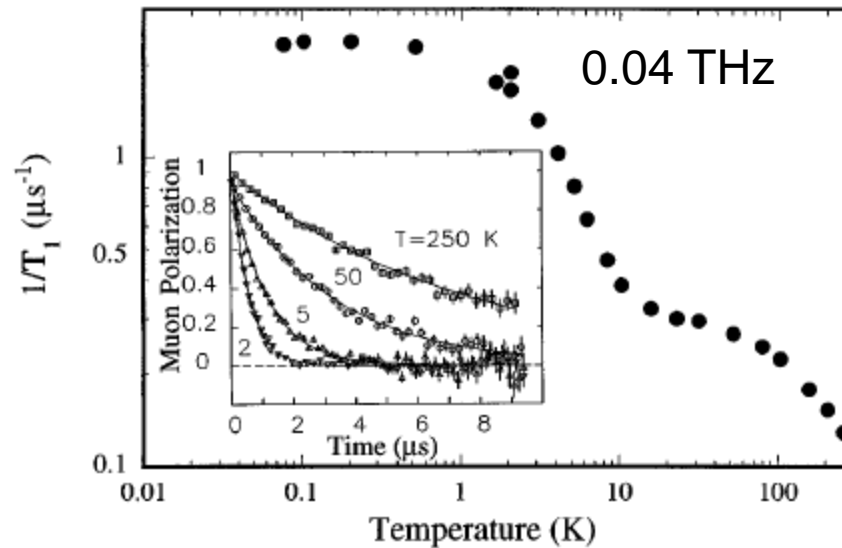
**Sarah Dunsiger**

## Cooperative Paramagnetism in the Geometrically Frustrated Pyrochlore Antiferromagnet $Tb_2Ti_2O_7$

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local spin correlation  
from neutrons



### Longitudinal-Field $\mu^+$ Spin Relaxation via Quadrupolar Level-Crossing Resonance in Cu at 20 K

Kreitzman and Brewer

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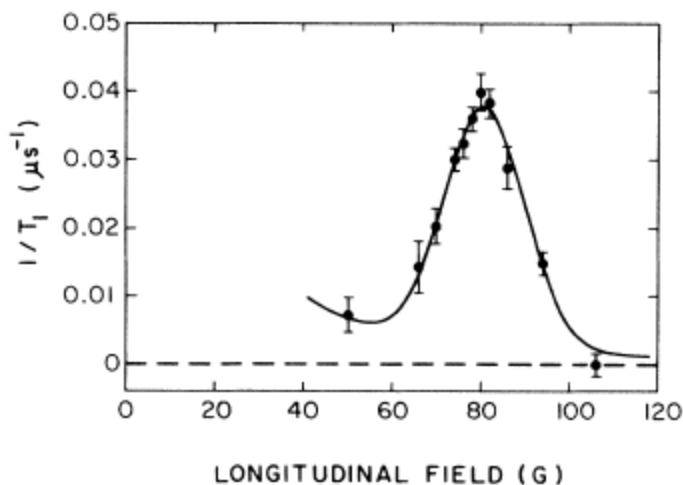
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## Resolved nuclear hyperfine structure of a muonated free radical using level-crossing spectroscopy

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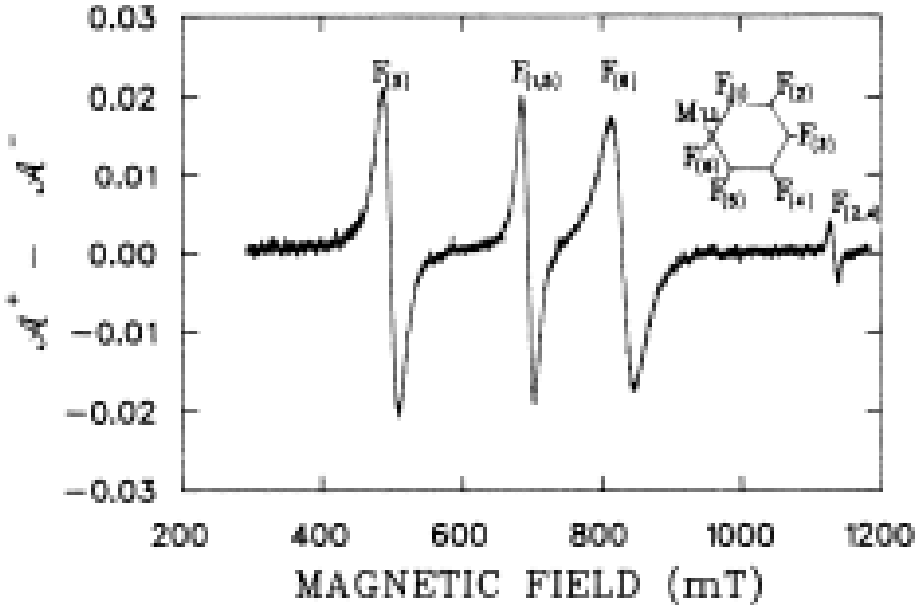
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## $^{29}\text{Si}$ Hyperfine Structure of Anomalous Muonium in Silicon: Proof of the Bond-Centered Model

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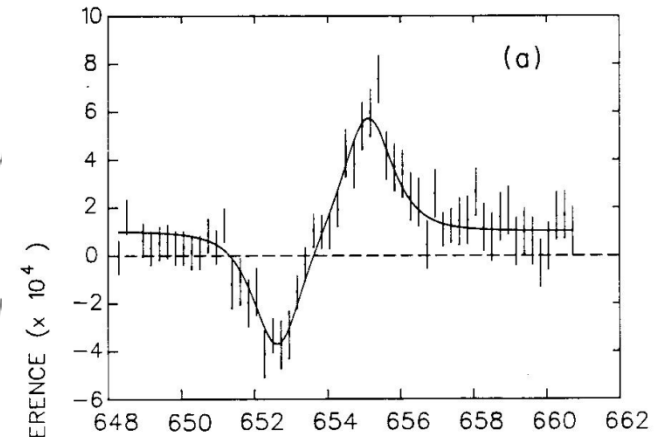
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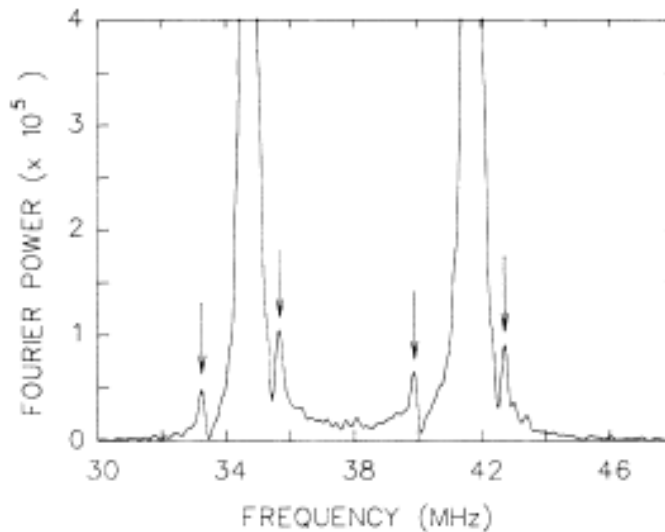
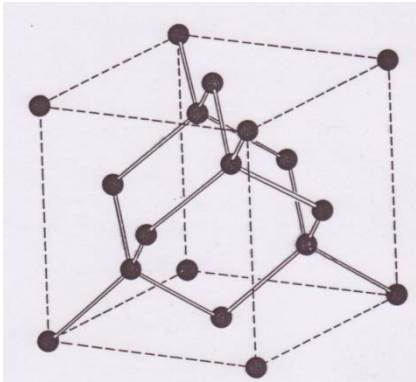
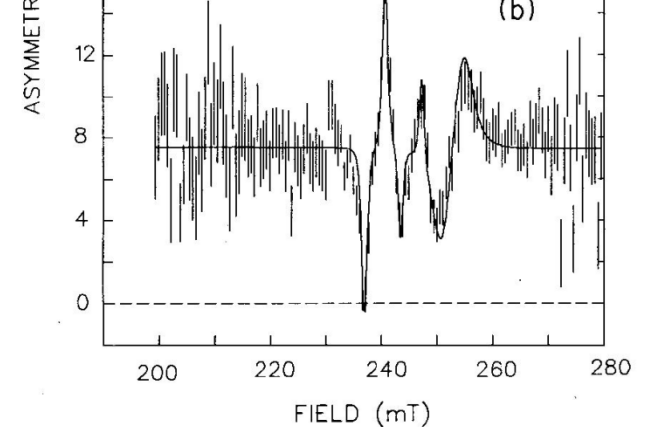
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# 3. Production of low energy muons and the low energy muon beamline at PSI

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## Observation of Low-Energy $\mu^+$ Emission from Solid Surfaces

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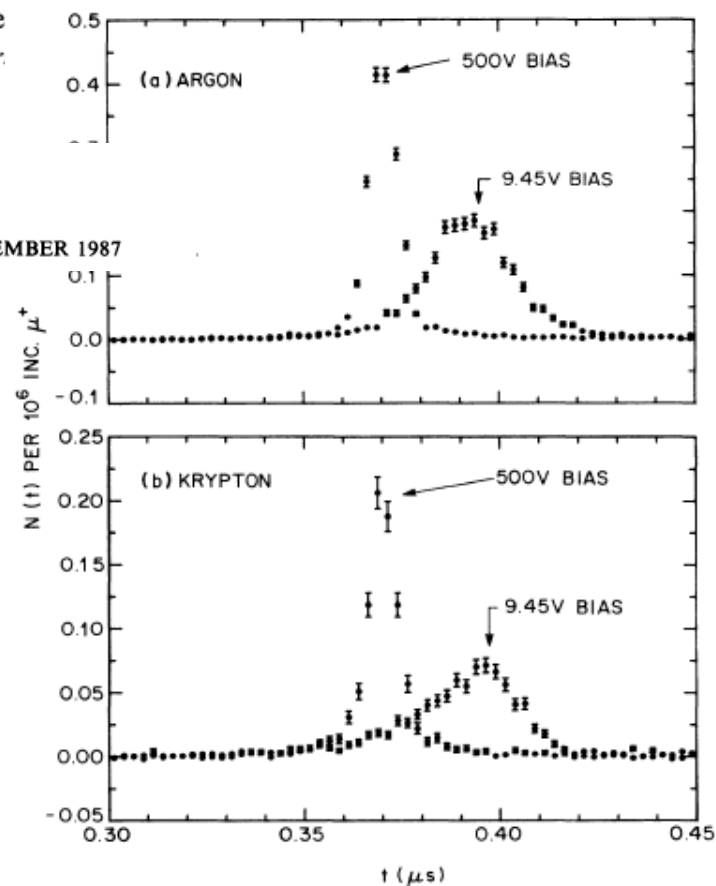
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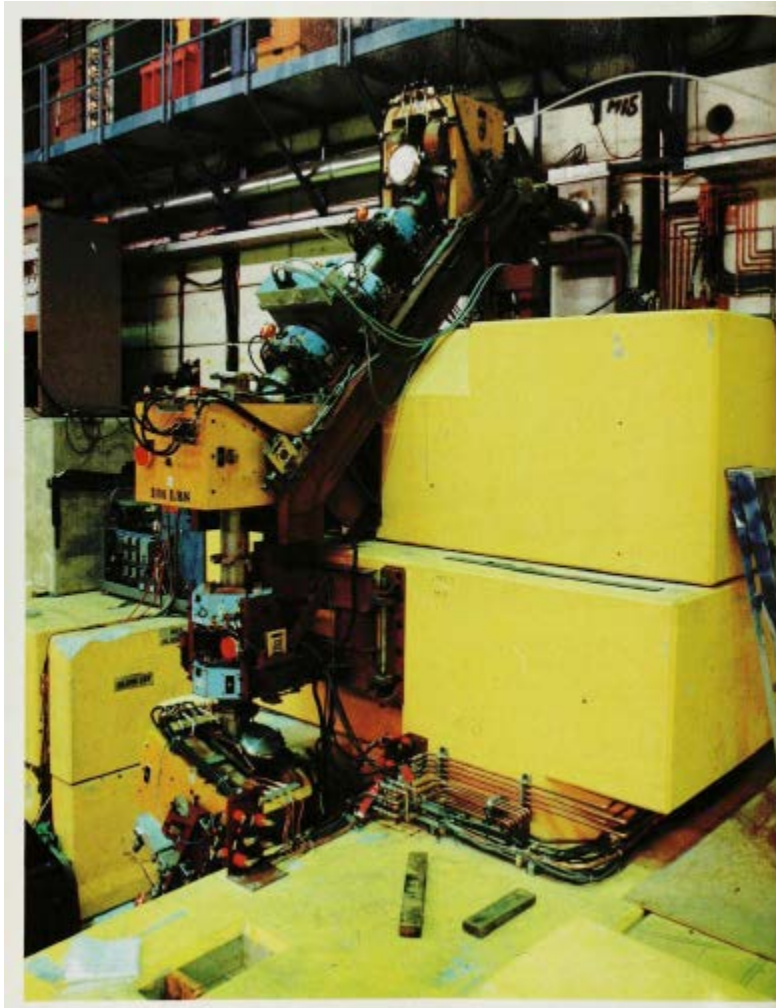
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## 4. Spin Rotator High Transverse Field $\mu$ SR

M15; A dedicated surface muon beamline with a spin rotator 1984 then M20 as well.

**Dave Garner**



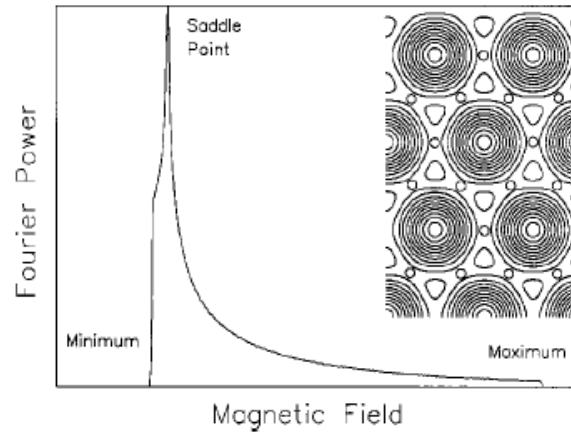
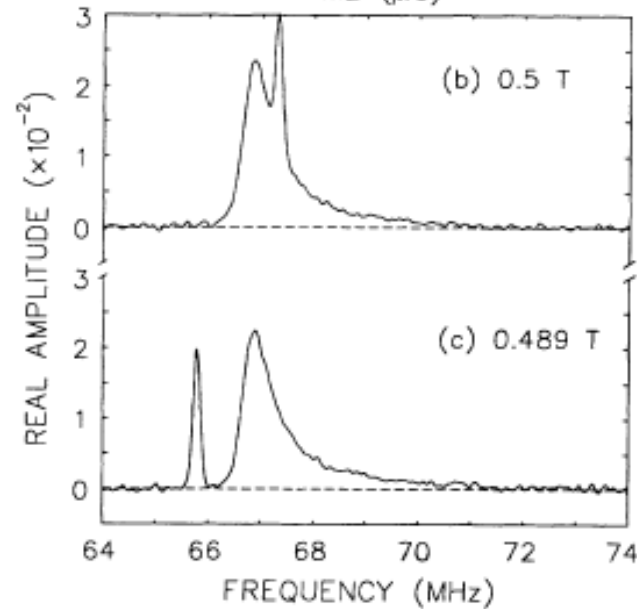
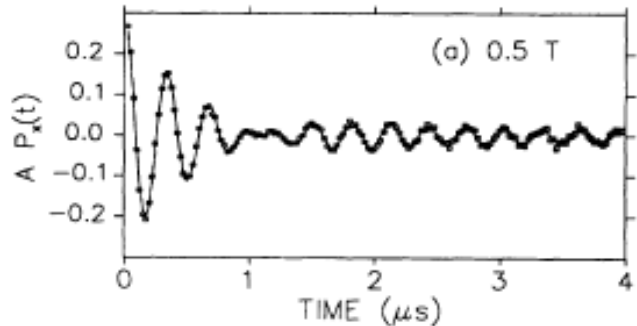
# 5. Background suppression methods

Jeff Sonier

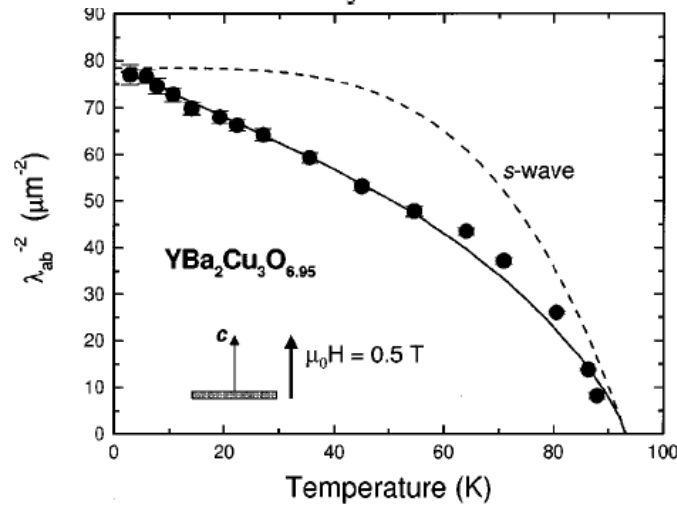
## New Muon-Spin-Rotation Measurement of the Temperature Dependence of the Magnetic Penetration Depth in $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.95}$

J. E. Sonier, R. F. Kiefl, J. H. Brewer, D. A. Bonn, J. F. Carolan, K. H. Chow, P. Dosanjh, W. N. Hardy, Ruixing Liang, W. A. MacFarlane, P. Mendels,\* G. D. Morris, T. M. Riseman,\* and J. W. Schneider

### Vortex lattice



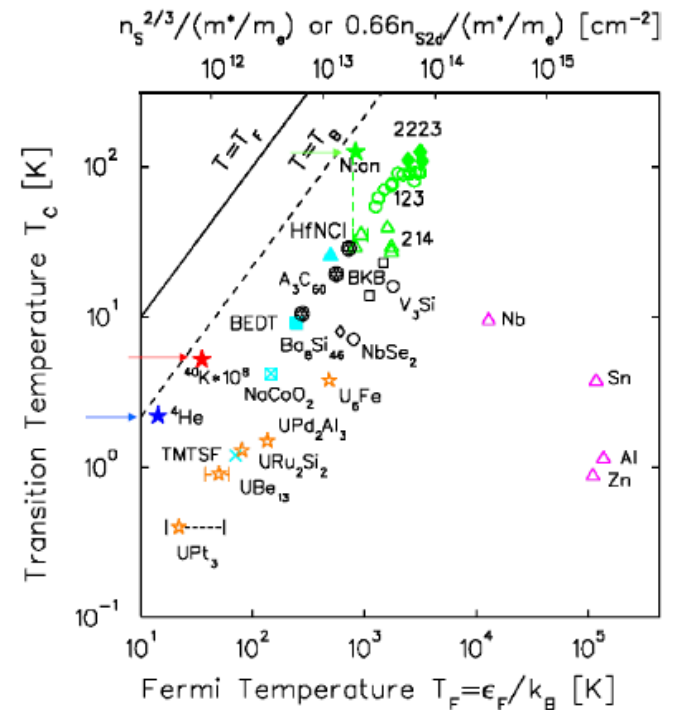
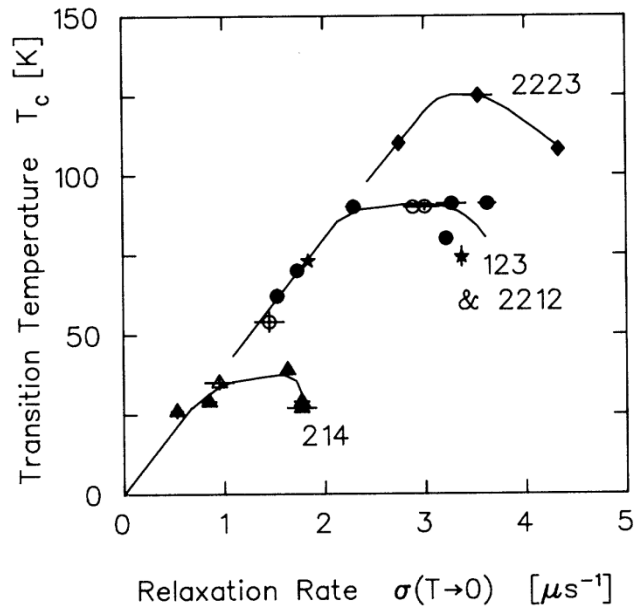
UBC XL's



d-wave SC

## Universal Correlations between $T_c$ and $n_s/m^*$ (Carrier Density over Effective Mass) in High- $T_c$ Cuprate Superconductors

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## Field Induced Reduction of the Low-Temperature Superfluid Density in $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.95}$

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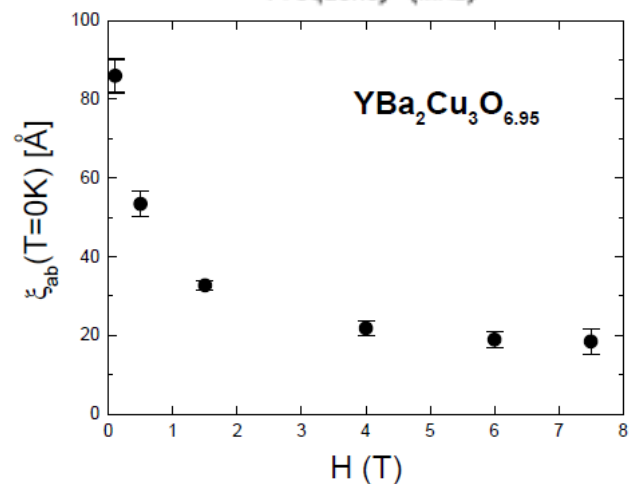
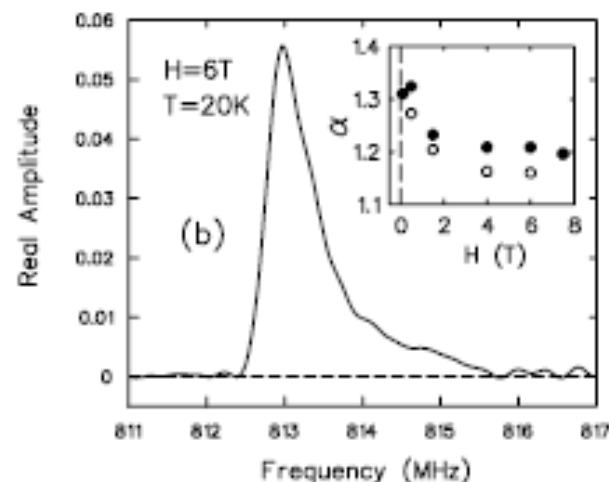
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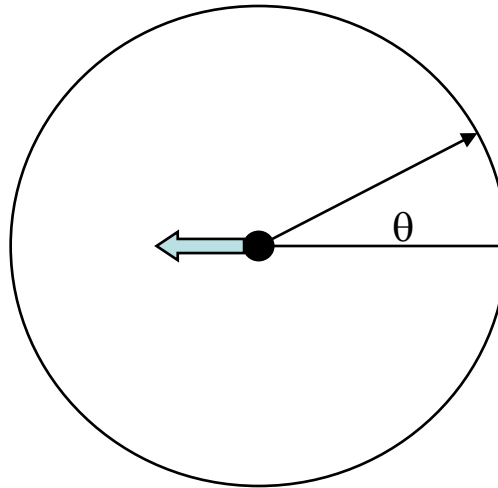


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## 7. $\beta$ -NMR

**Alan Astbury**



Spin=2, Q=33 mb

$\gamma = 6.30$  MHz/T

$\langle A \rangle = -0.30$

Polarization= 70%

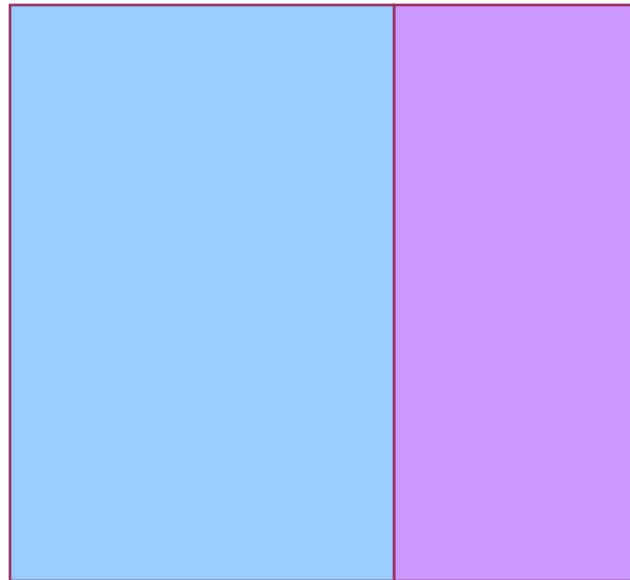
Lifetime= 1.2s

Energy 0.5-30 keV

# Exploring the collective behaviour of electrons near an interface or in a thin film.

**A**

**B**



-superconductor/vacuum YBCO

-metal/vacuum Pd

insulator/vacuum Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>

antiferromagnet/vacuum Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

-ferromagnet /metal, GMR Fe/Ag

-semiconductor/ferromagnet,

-insulator/insulator SrTiO<sub>3</sub>/LaAlO<sub>3</sub>,

-superconductor/metal, Ag/Nb.

NMR  
Neutrons  
 $\mu$ SR

LE $\mu$ SR  
Resonant  
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 $\beta$ NMR

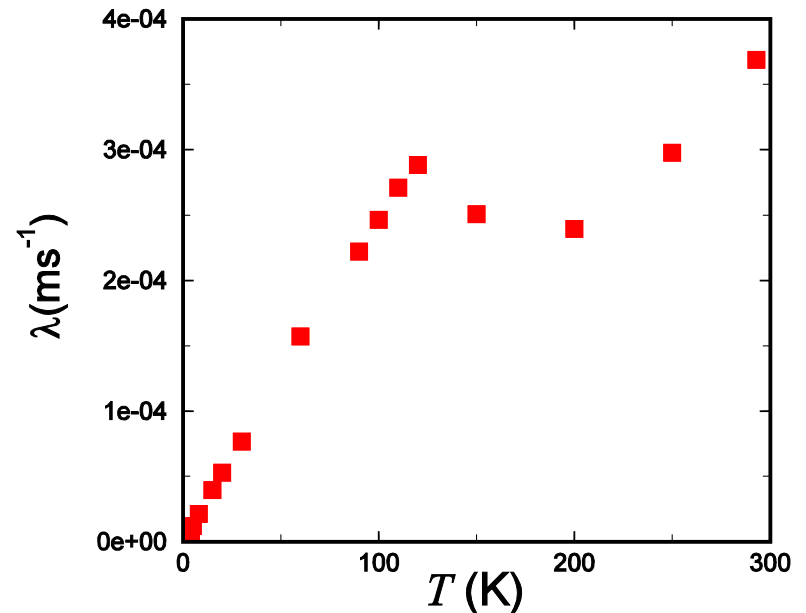
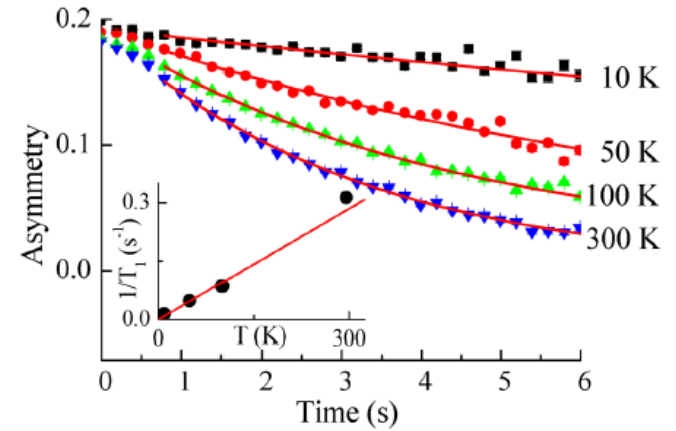
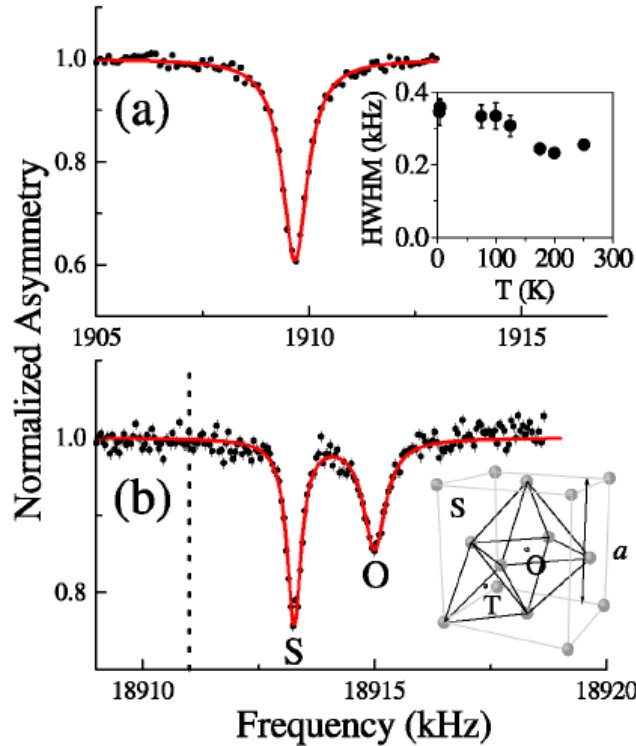
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Depth-Controlled  $\beta$ -NMR of  $^8\text{Li}$  in a Thin Silver Film

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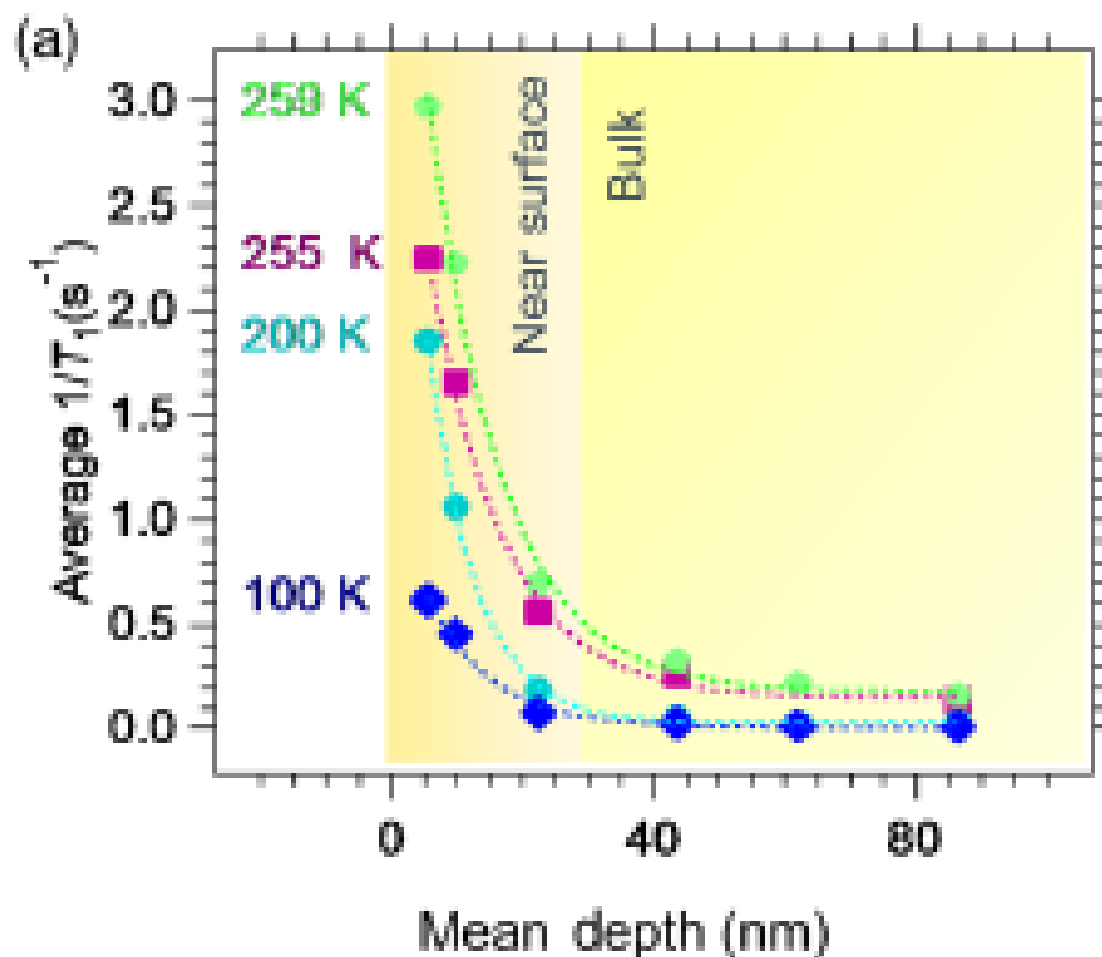


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David Cortie

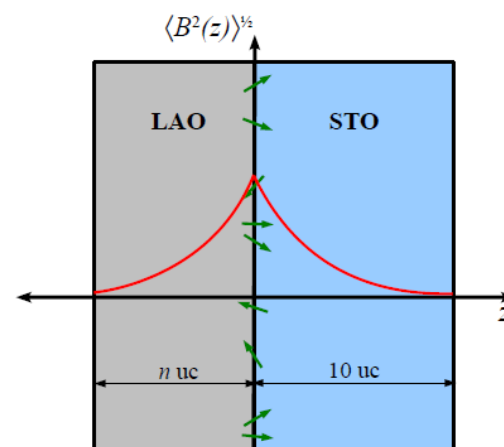
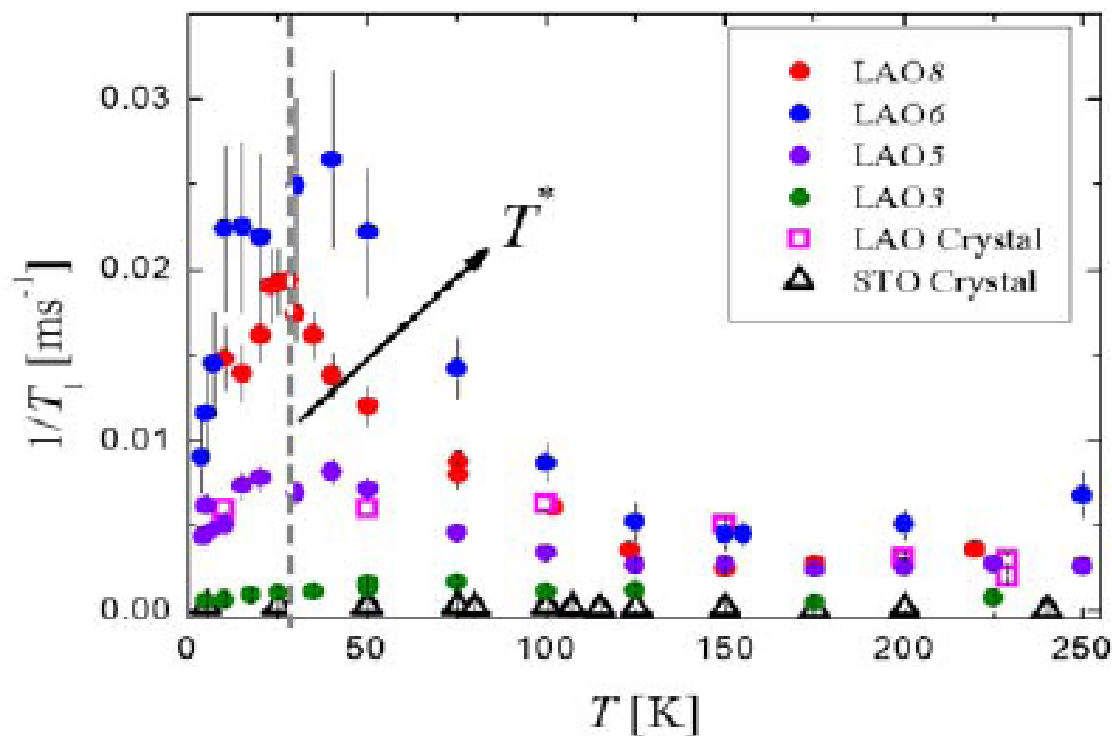
## $\beta$ -NMR Investigation of the Depth-Dependent Magnetic Properties of an Antiferromagnetic Surface

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# Zaher Salman Nature of Weak Magnetism in SrTiO<sub>3</sub>/LaAlO<sub>3</sub> Multilayers

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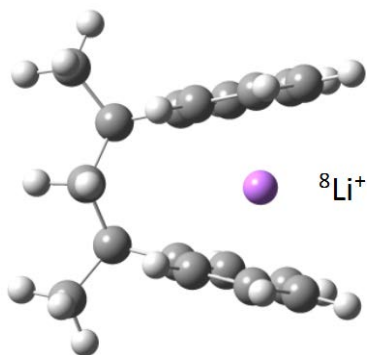



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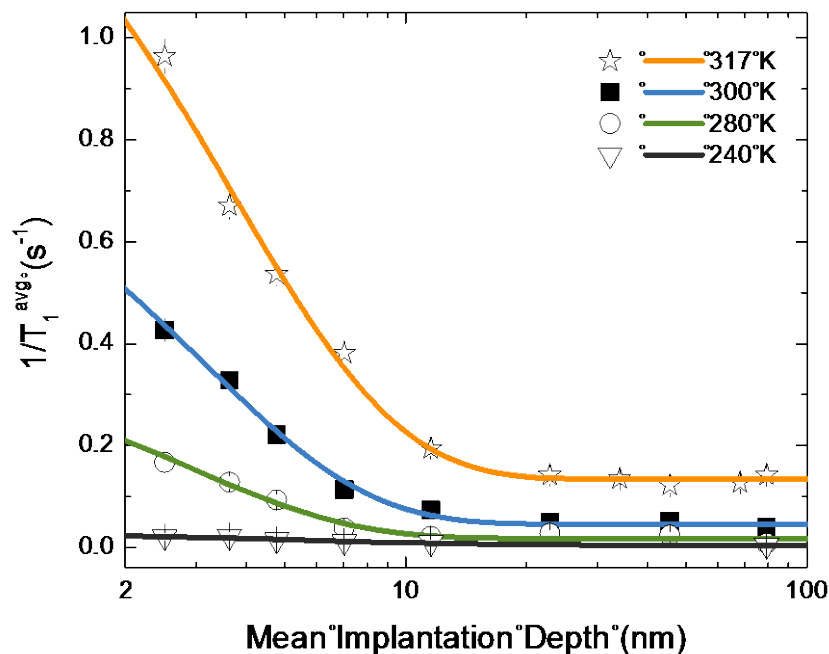
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## Enhanced high-frequency molecular dynamics in the near-surface region of polystyrene thin films observed with $\beta$ -NMR

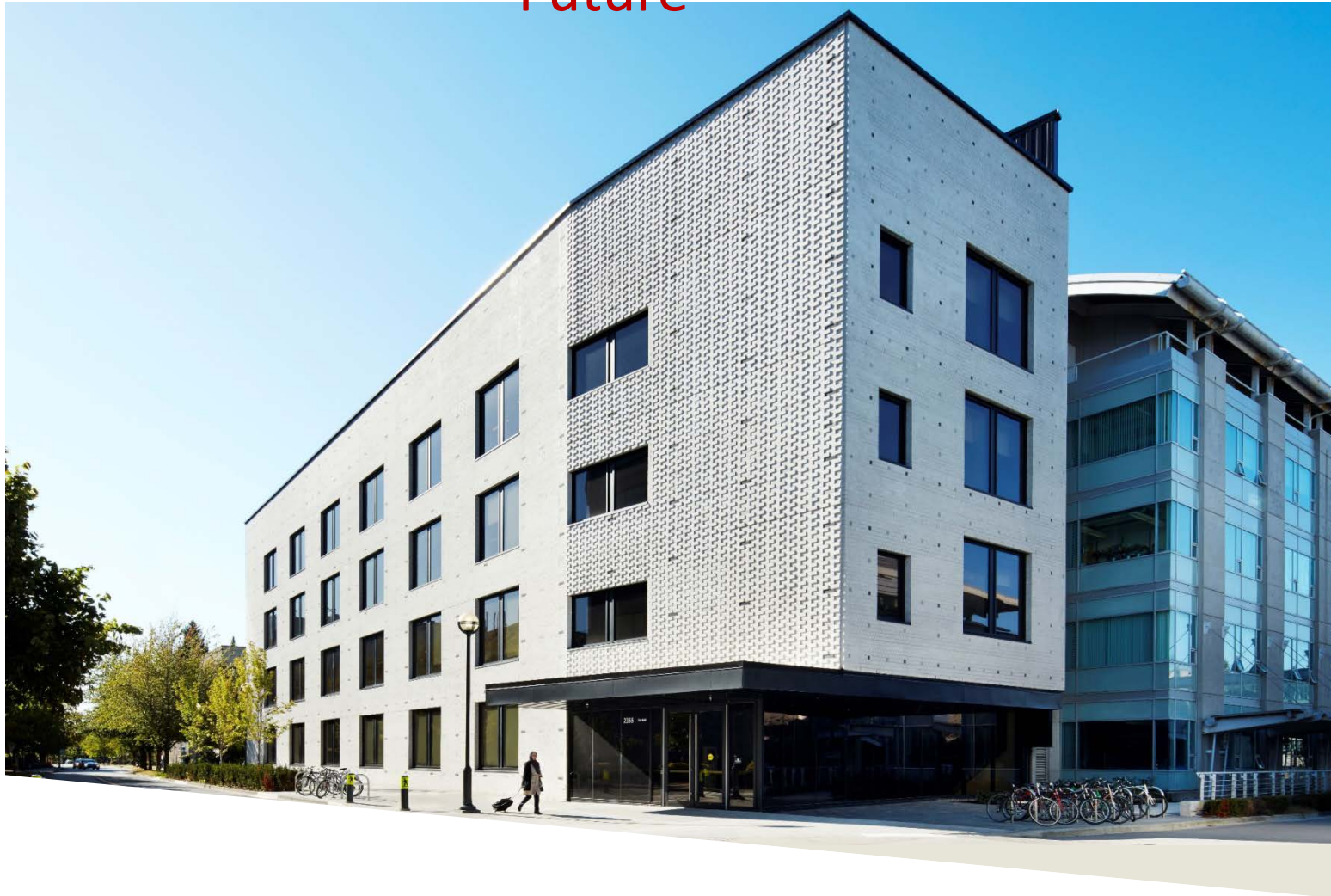
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- Spin relaxation of implanted  $^8\text{Li}^+$  sensitive to torsional motion of phenyl rings.
- Faster relaxation  $\rightarrow$  faster dynamics



Future



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# SBQMI FACULTY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- **$\mu$ SR &  $\beta$ -NMR (@TRIUMF)**  
Kiefl - MacFarlane
- **Scanning Probe Microscopy**  
Burke - Bonn
- **Optical, Electron, and x-ray spectroscopy**  
(TEM / Tr-ARPES & Spin-ARPES / REIXS @CLS)  
**Damascelli - Dierker - Jones - Sawatzky - Ye**
- **Quantum devices and nanophotonics**  
Folk - Chrostowski - Young - Nojeh
- **New Materials** (Crystals, films, molecular)  
Aronson - Bonn - Berlinguette - Hallas - MacLachlan - Zou
- **Theory** (DFT, QI, computational, many-body)  
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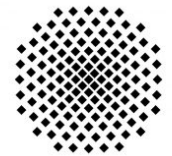
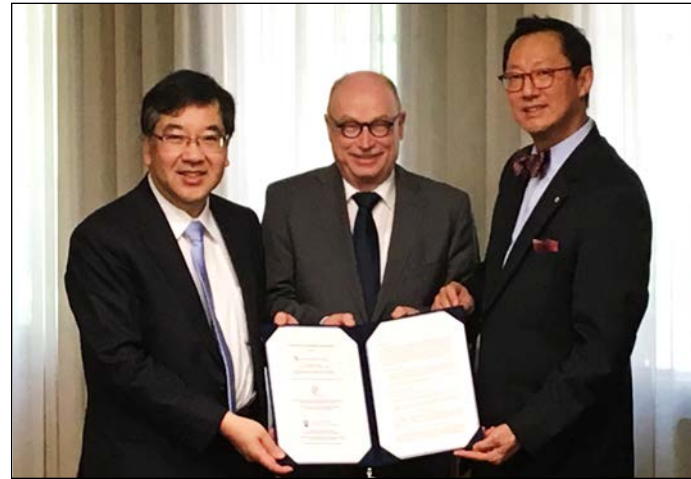
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**MAX PLANCK - \$2.5M**  
**UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO - \$2.5m**



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**OBJECTIVE:** To promote and further the cooperation between researchers and research groups of both parties by:



**Universität  
Stuttgart**

- **Student mobility agreement with University of Stuttgart**
- **Joint MP-UBC-Stuttgart PhD program in Quantum Materials**

# The CMMS group July 2018





# Conclusion

- Positive muons are a unique and sensitive probe of internal magnetic fields which can help us understand magnetic and electronic properties of new quantum materials.
- The electronic, magnetic, structural properties(dynamics) of an interface/surface are distinct from the bulk properties. They will play crucial role in development of future devices which continue to shrink in size. Beta-NMR at TRIUMF is unique and is one of the few methods which can probe these properties.
- TRIUMF and the CMMS have an important role to play in the SBQMI at UBC.