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muSR study of unconventional superconductors

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In this talk, I will introduce the muon spin rotation/relaxation (muSR) method in application to study superconducting materials. I will also present our experimental results obtained on several unconventional superconducting systems, including Sr_2RuO_4 , $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{K}_x\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ and FeSe , under various experimental conditions (in zero and applied magnetic field, under hydrostatic and uniaxial pressure) down to mK temperatures [1-5]. In this study, we mainly focused on studying one of the most unusual properties of unconventional superconductivity is the possibility of generating superconducting currents spontaneously while cooling the samples below the superconducting transition temperature. The related spontaneous magnetic fields are tiny and can be as small as fractions of Oersted. Therefore, most of the existing experimental techniques are not capable of detecting these currents. Here I will show how these small magnetic fields can be observed by muSR.

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