

beta detected NMR: a new depth-resolved probe of materials at the nanoscale

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Outline

1. TRIUMF β NMR/ β NQR facility
2. Why use β NMR to study materials ?
3. A few examples:
 - a. magnetic proximity effects in metals
 - b. spin injection, dilute magnetic semiconductors
 - c. interface properties of high T_c superconductors

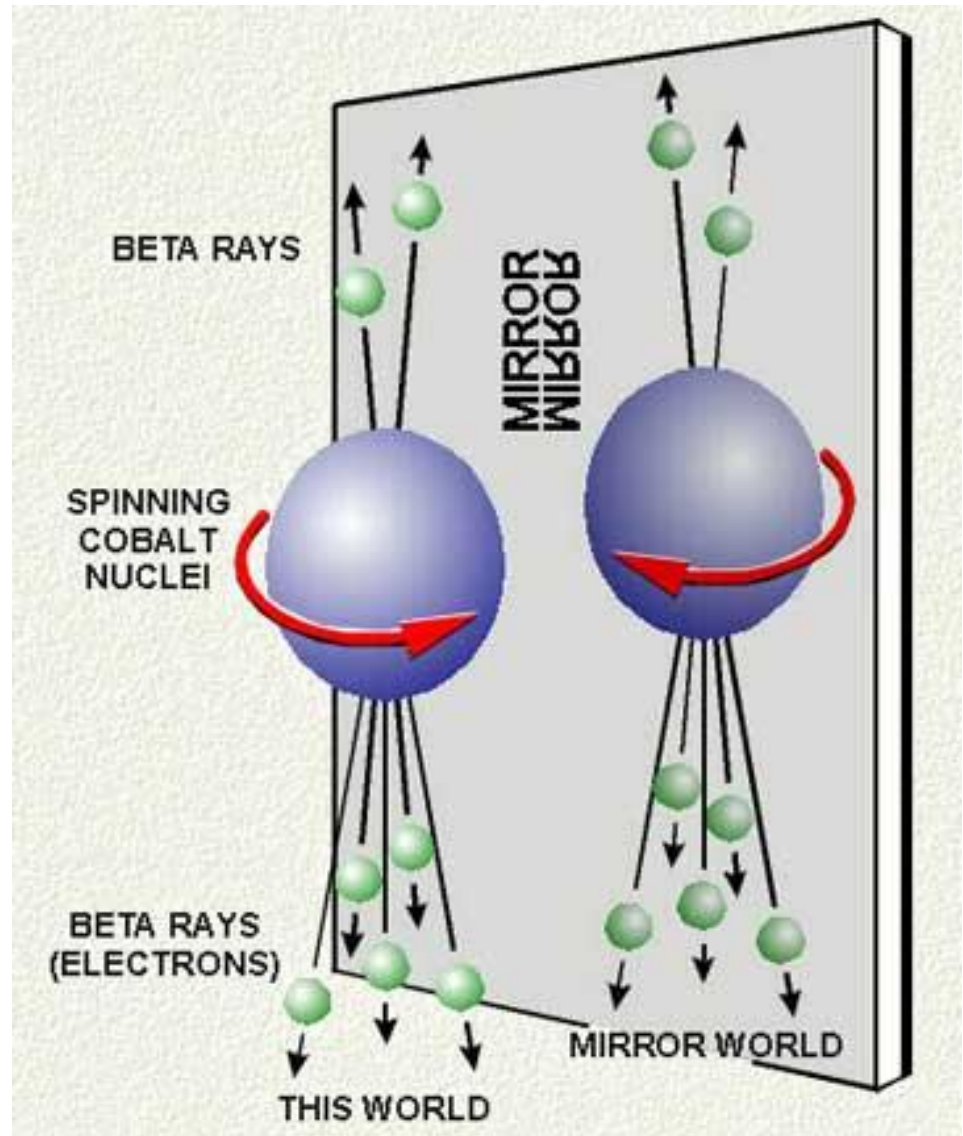
1. The β NMR Method

Parity Violation

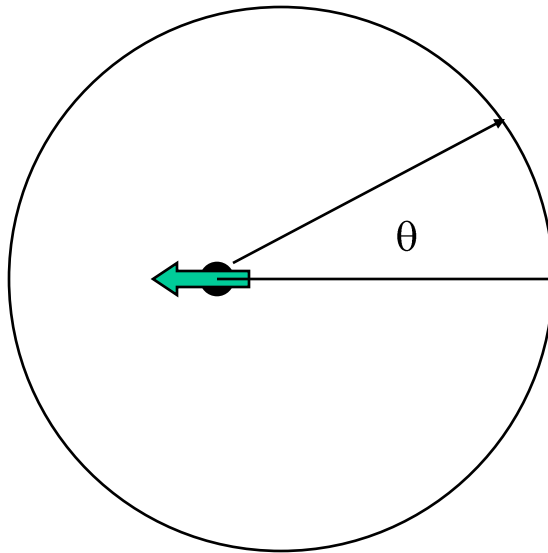
β emission is correlated with the spin direction of the decaying nucleus,

violating mirror symmetry

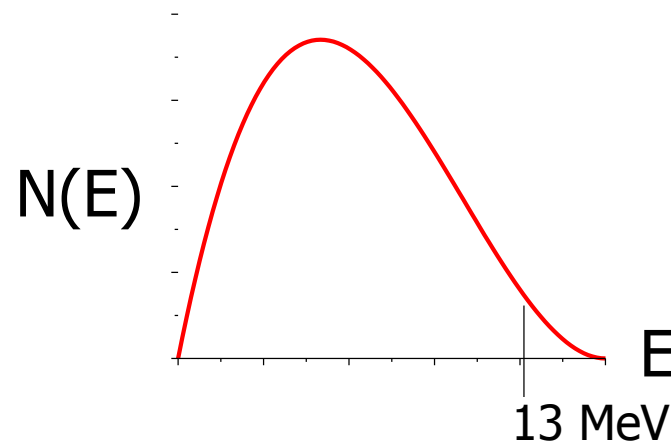
Lee and Yang 1957



Asymmetric Nuclear β -decay of ${}^8\text{Li}$

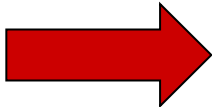


Spin=2, $Q=+31$ mb
 $\gamma = 6.3$ MHz/T
 $\langle A \rangle = -1/3$ $\tau = 1.2$ s



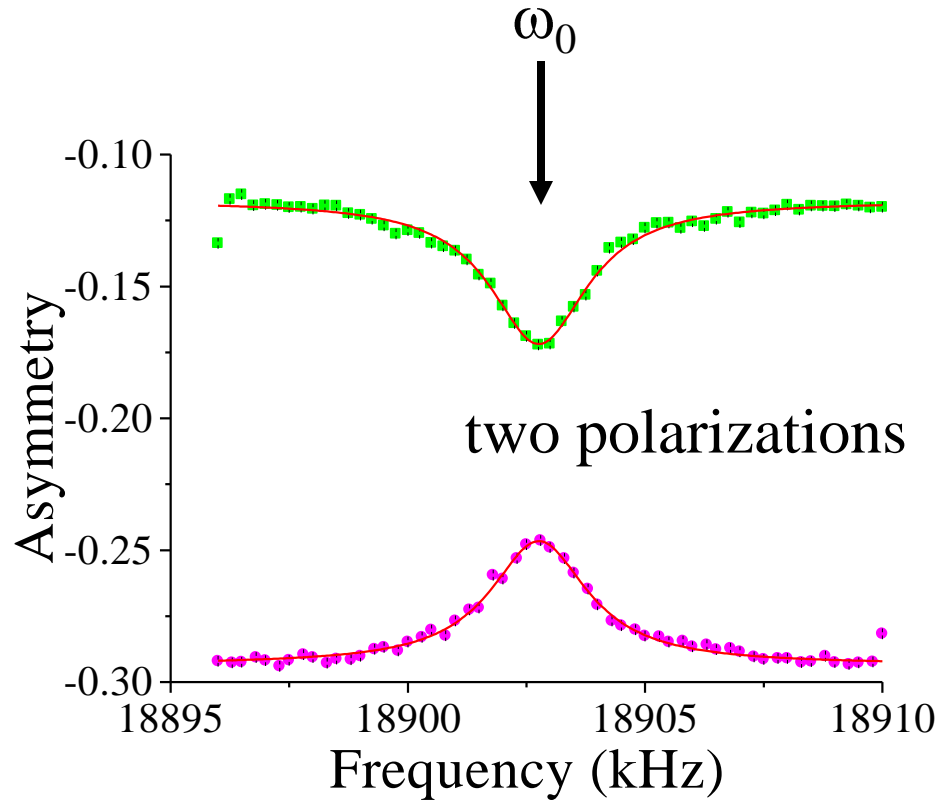
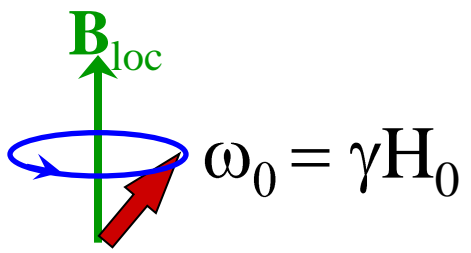
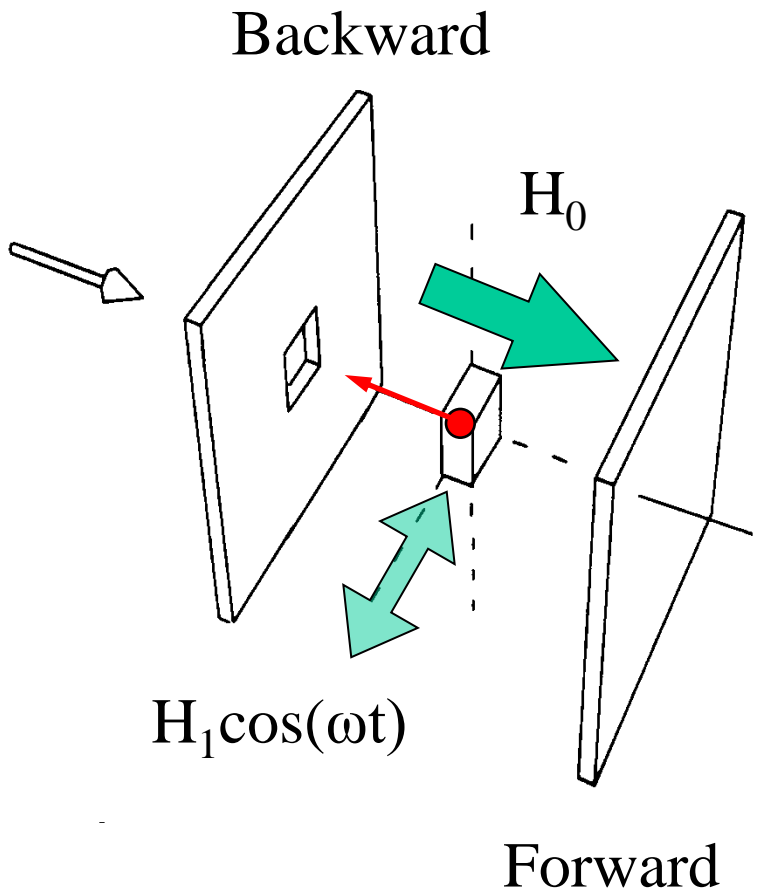
Polar plot representing the beta emission probability as a function of angle

Isotopes for β NMR at ISAC

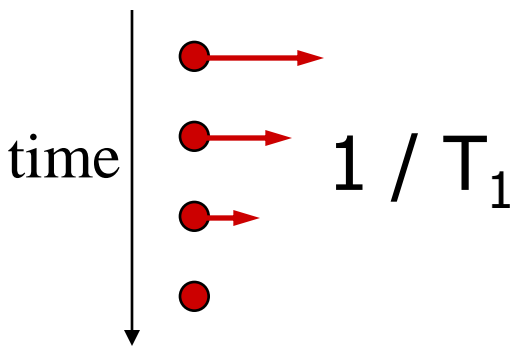
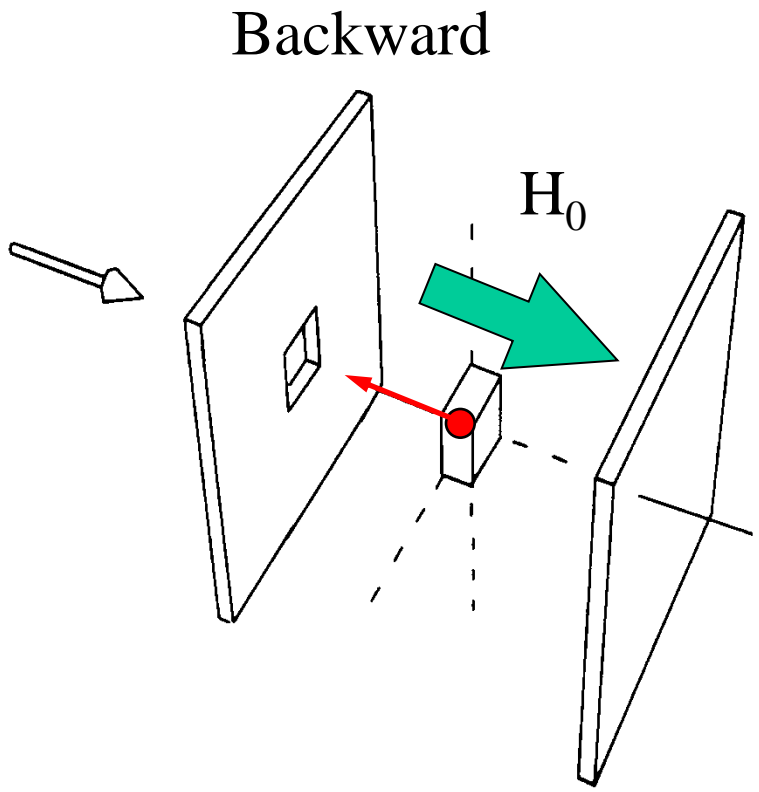
Isotope	Spin	$\tau_{1/2}$	γ (MHz/T)	β -Decay Asymmetry	Estimated Rate (s^{-1})
 ${}^8\text{Li}$	2	0.8	6.3	0.33	10^8
${}^{11}\text{Be}$	1/2	13.8	22	~ 0.3	10^7
${}^{15}\text{O}$	1/2	122	10.8	0.66	10^8
${}^{19}\text{O}$	5/2	26.9	4.6	0.71	10^8
${}^{17}\text{Ne}$	1/2	0.1		0.33	10^6

require: light, short-lived,
high asymmetry

β NMResonance



β NMR Measurement of the Spin Lattice Relaxation Rate

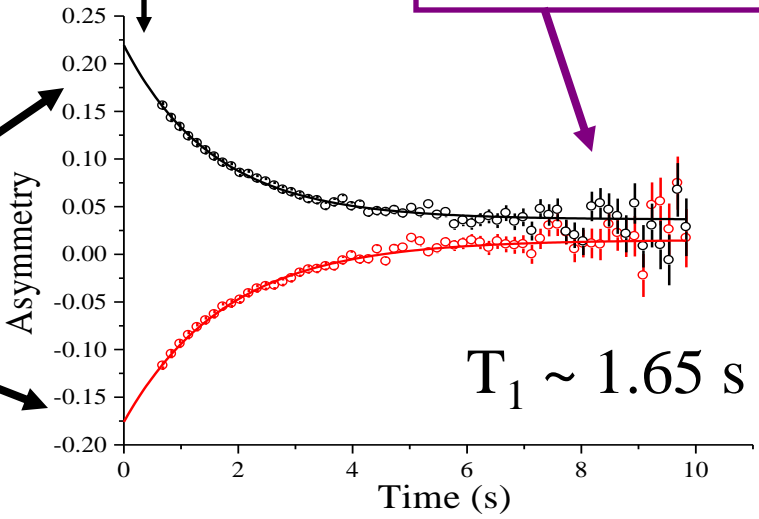


Pd Foil
T = 293 K
B₀ ~ 140 G
E_{Li} = 30 keV

Beam on
For 0.5s

nb: error bars
grow as exp(t/τ)

data for the
two polarizations



TRIUMF Implementation

see

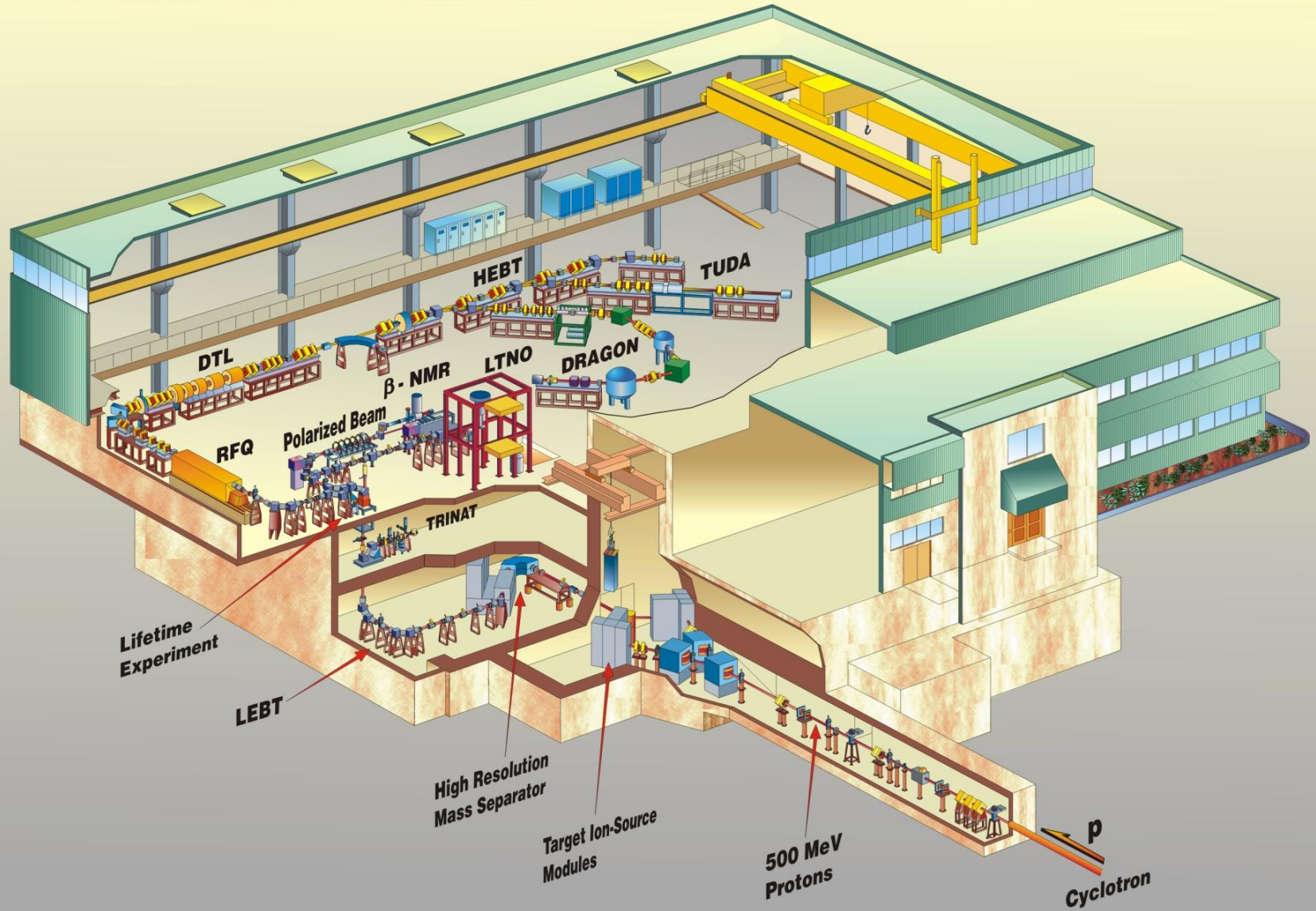
β NMR: Morris et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 157601 (2004).

β NQR: Salman et al., Phys. Rev. B **70**, 104404 (2004).

facility: Kiefl et al., Physica B **326**, 189 (2003).

polarizer: Levy et al., NIMB **204**, 689 (2003).

ISAC at TRIUMF



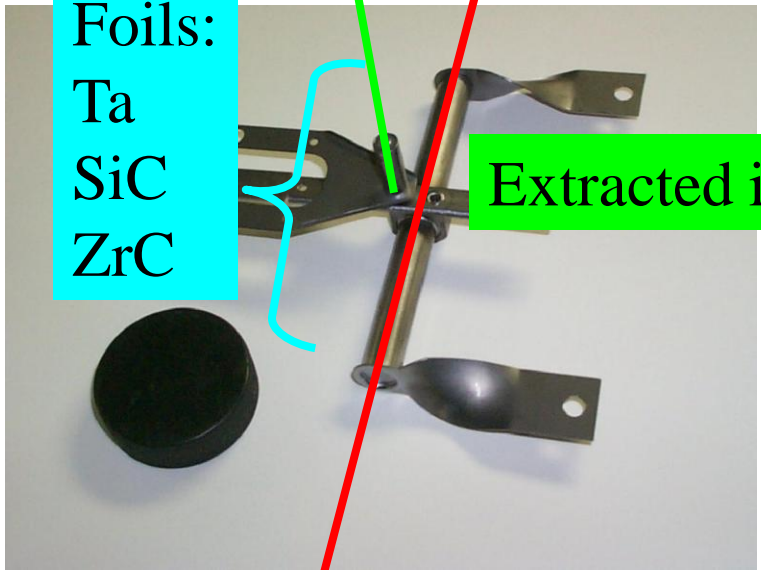
ISAC Production Target

M. Dombisky/TRIUMF

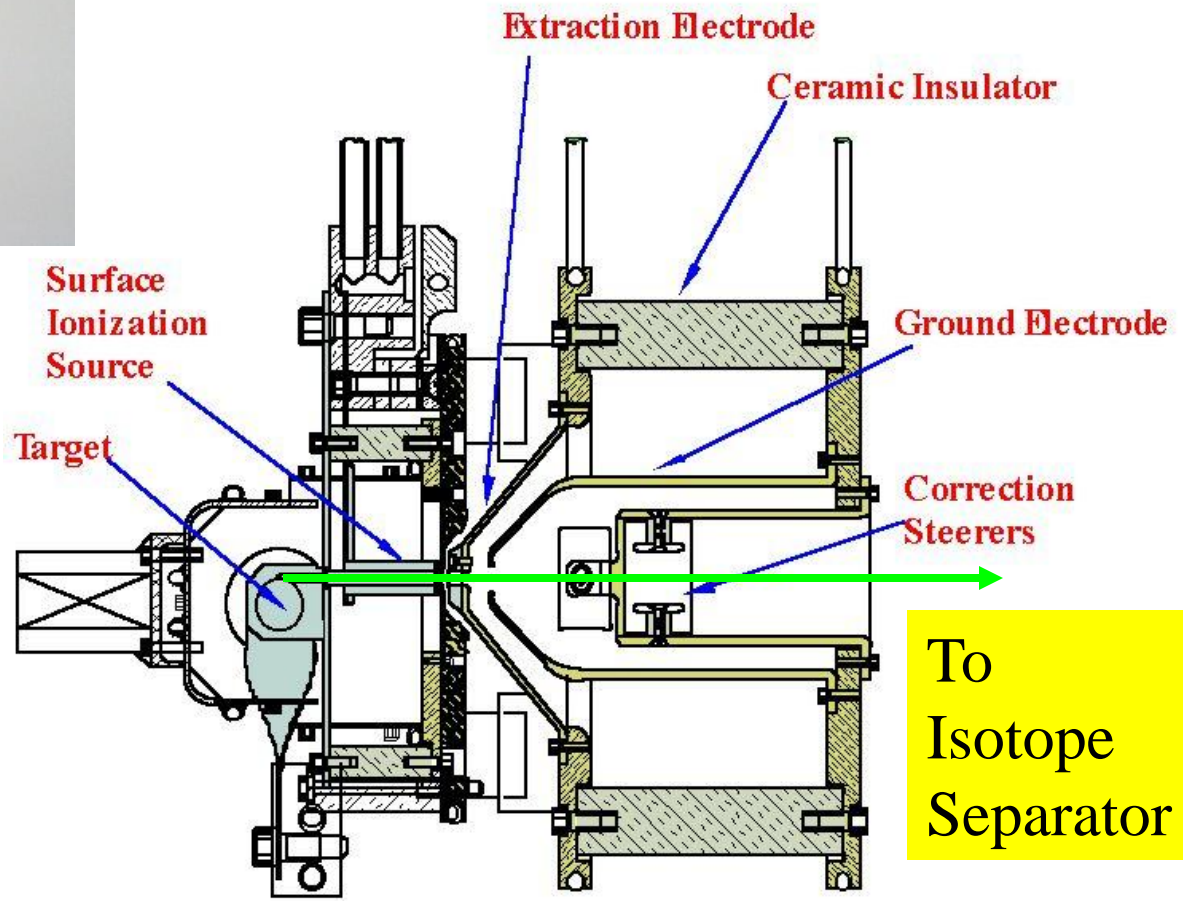
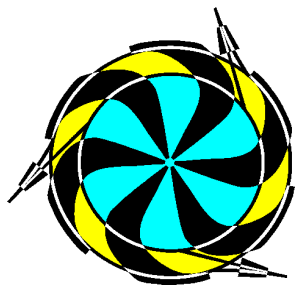
for Li^+ : surface ionization

Foils:
Ta
SiC
ZrC

Extracted ion beam ~30 keV



500 MeV
Proton Beam



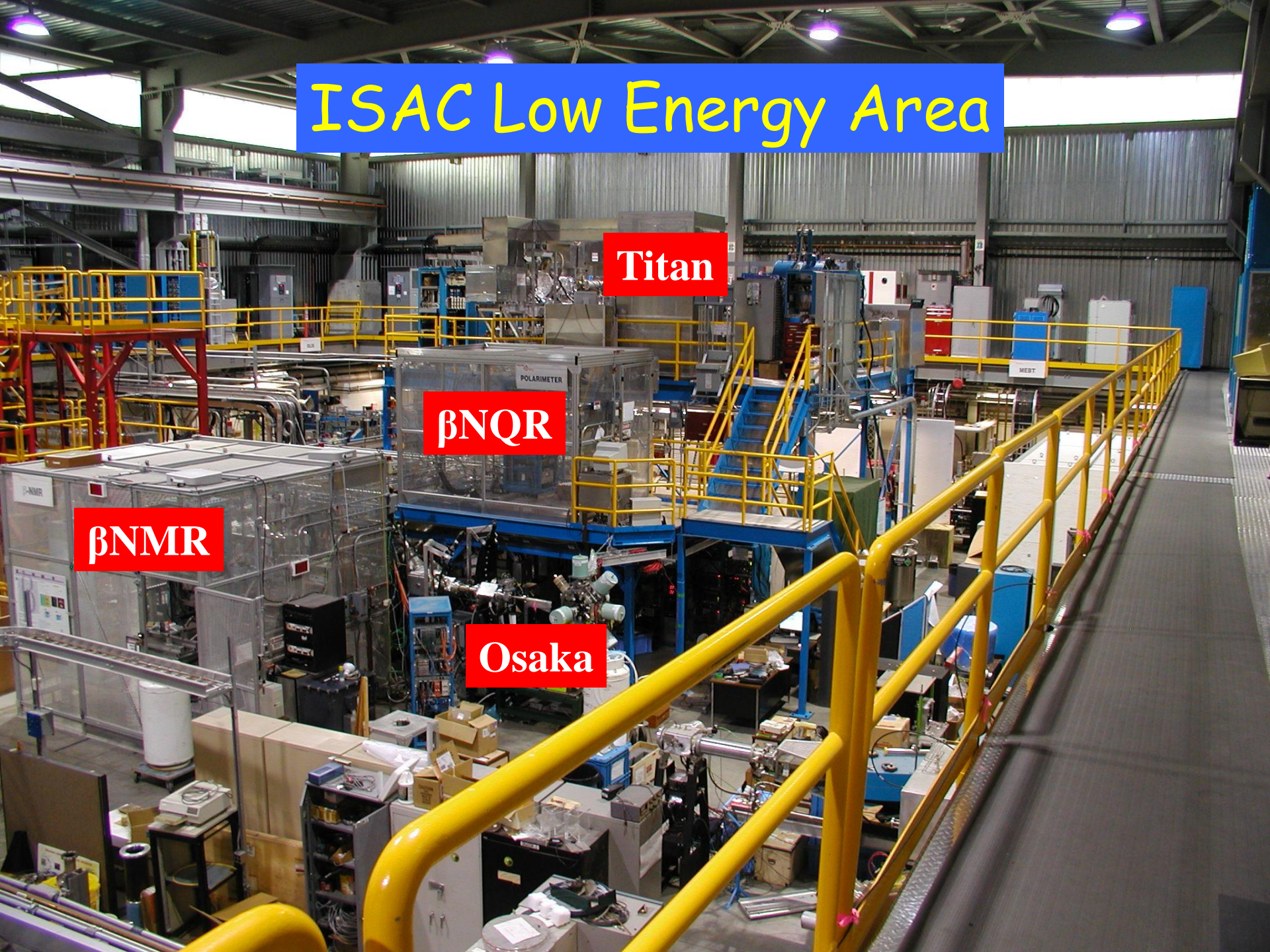
ISAC Low Energy Area

Titan

βNQR

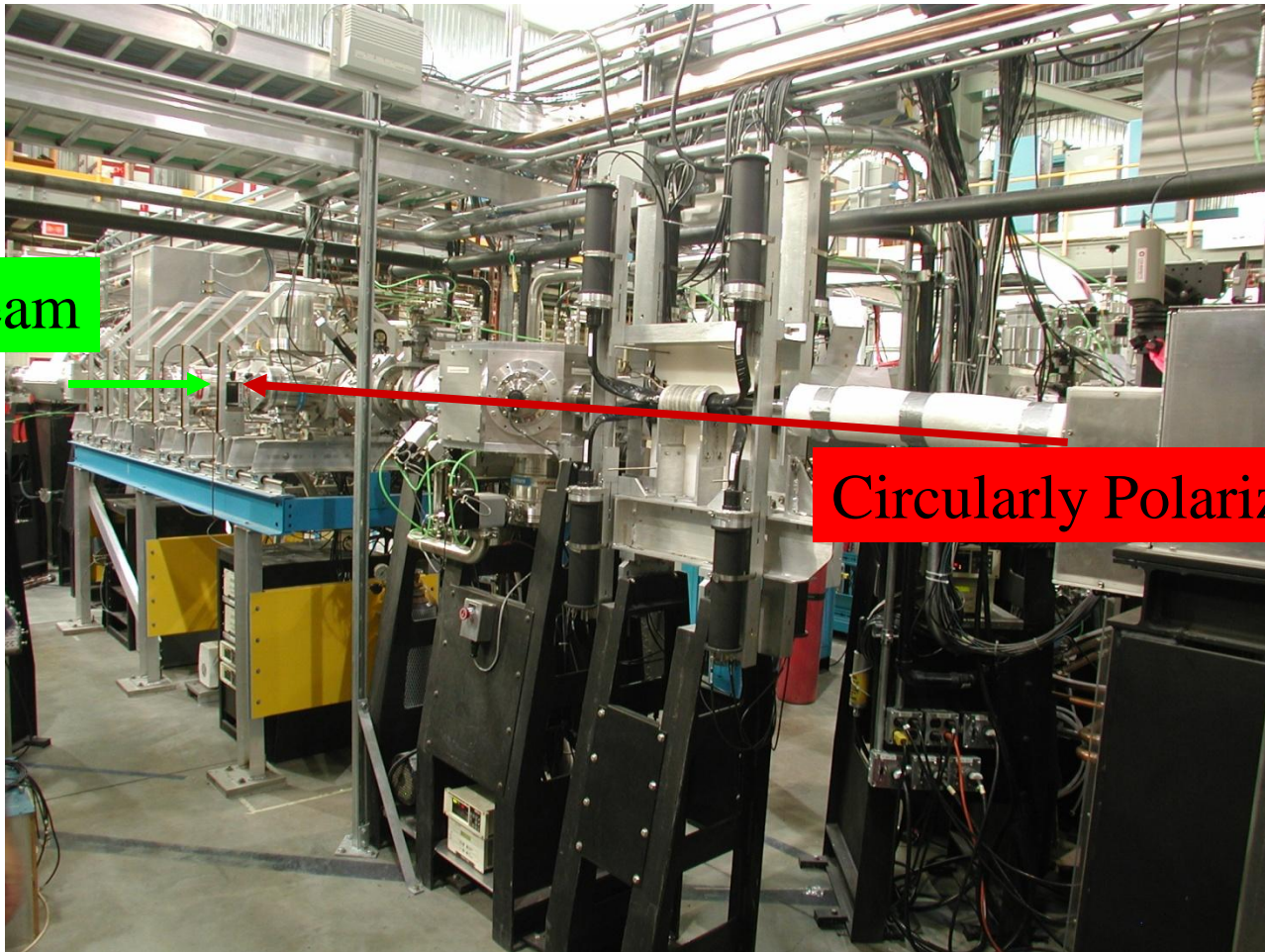
βNMR

Osaka



Optical Polarizer

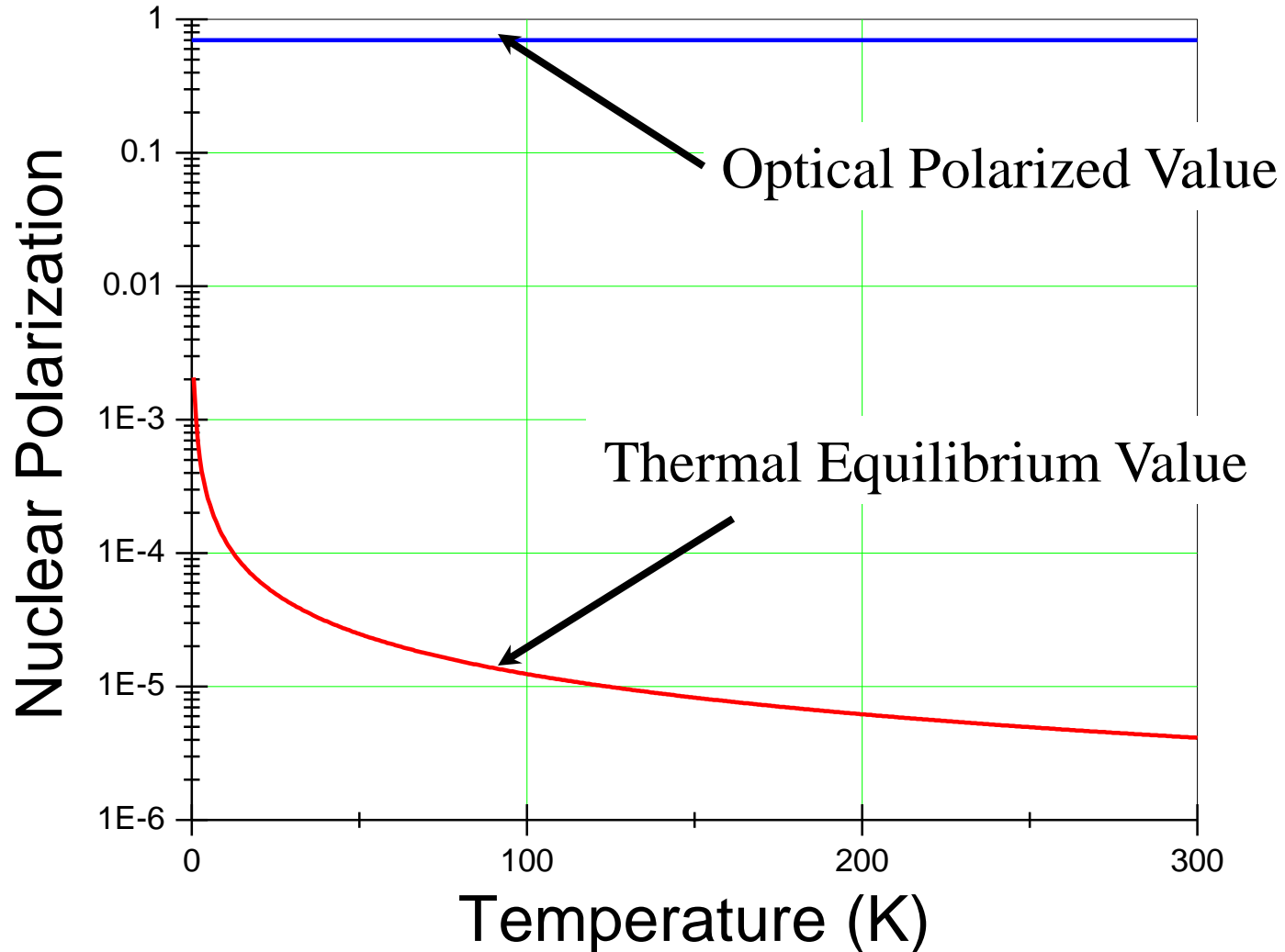
Li⁺ ion beam

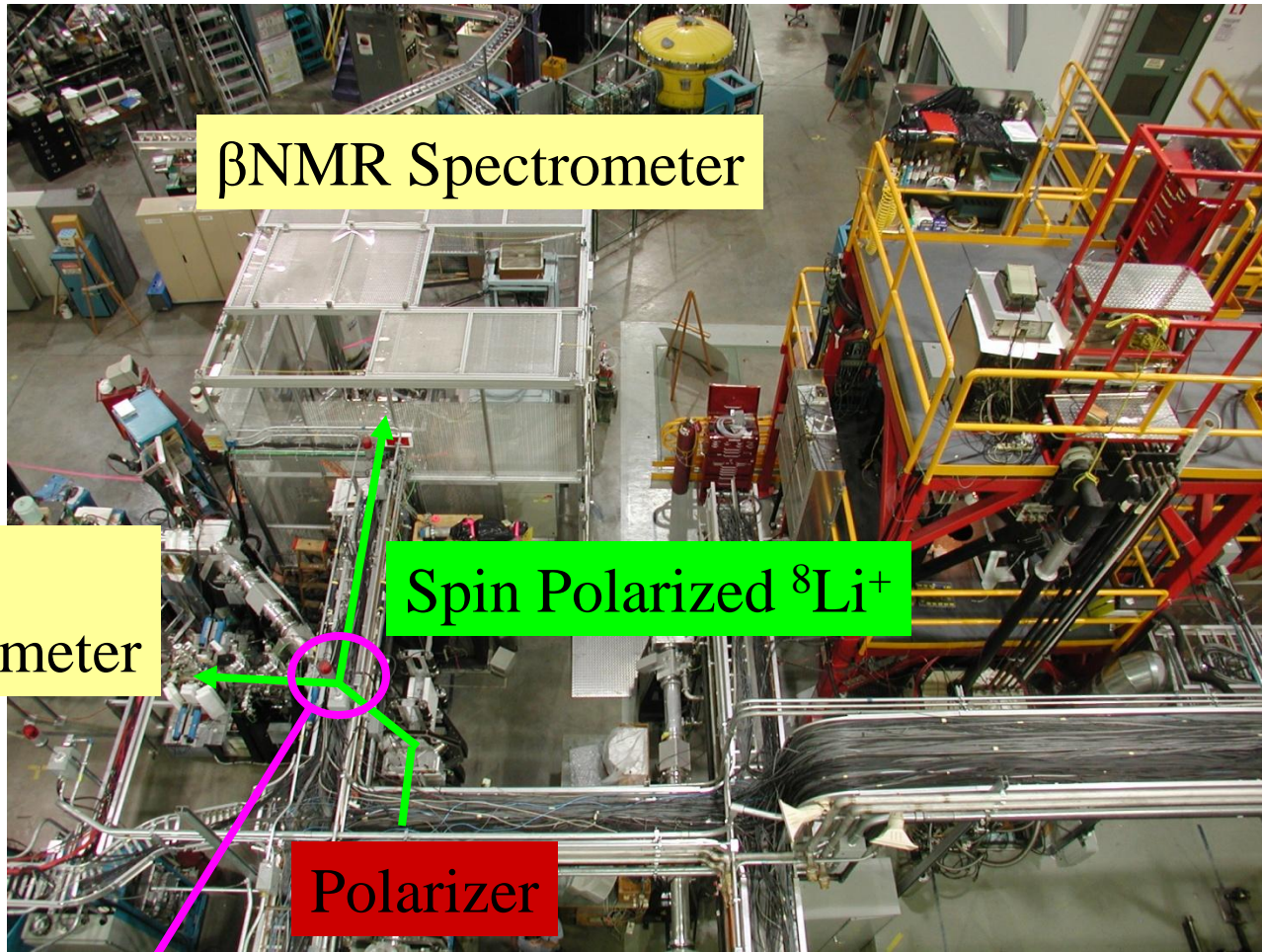


Circularly Polarized Laser

D1 in Li: 671 nm

Polarization of ^8Li Nuclei in 4.1 T





βNMR Spectrometer

βNQR Spectrometer

Spin Polarized ⁸Li⁺

Polarizer

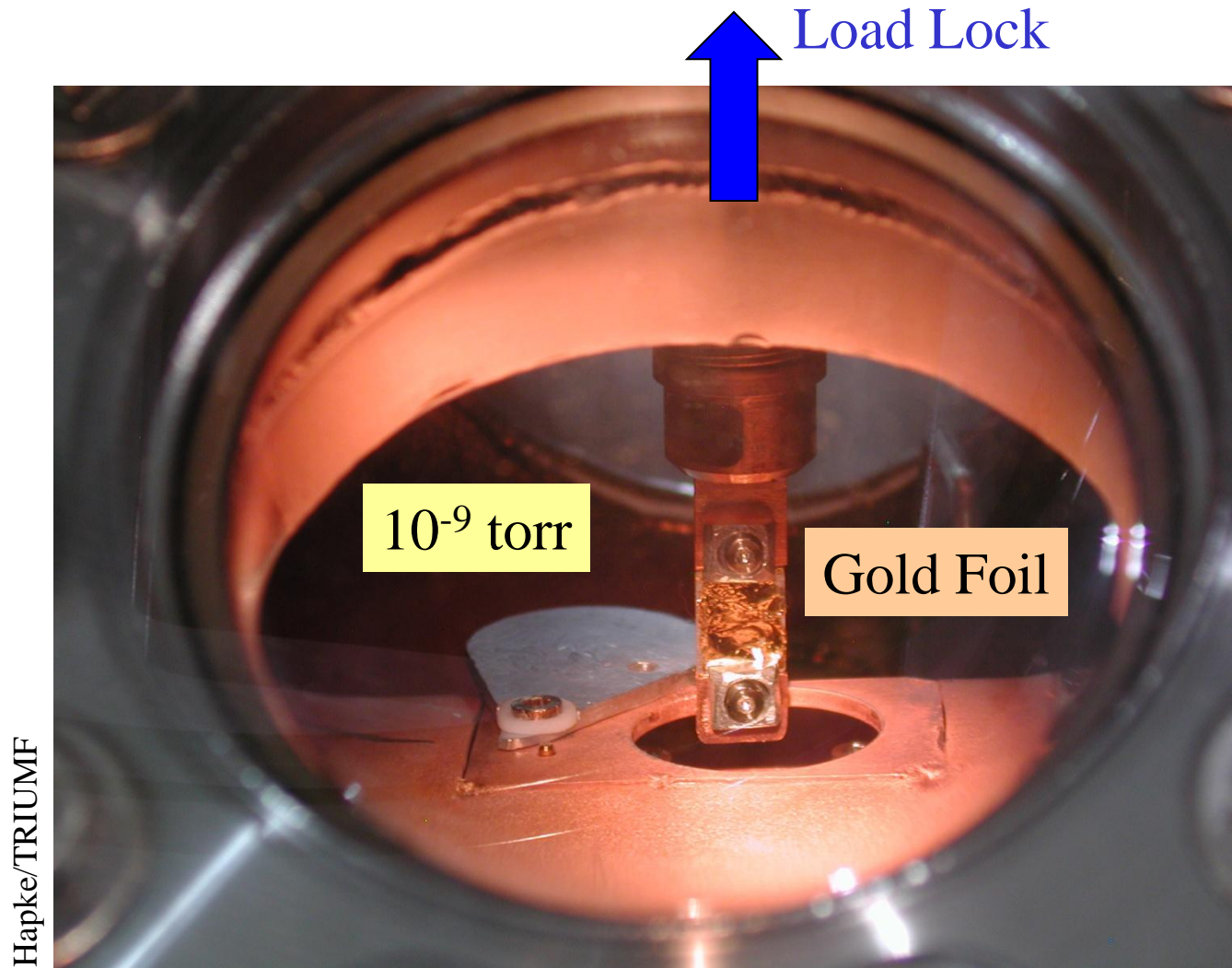
Fast Kicker (2005) allows semi-simultaneous operation

β NMR Spectrometer

9 Tesla
NMR
Magnet

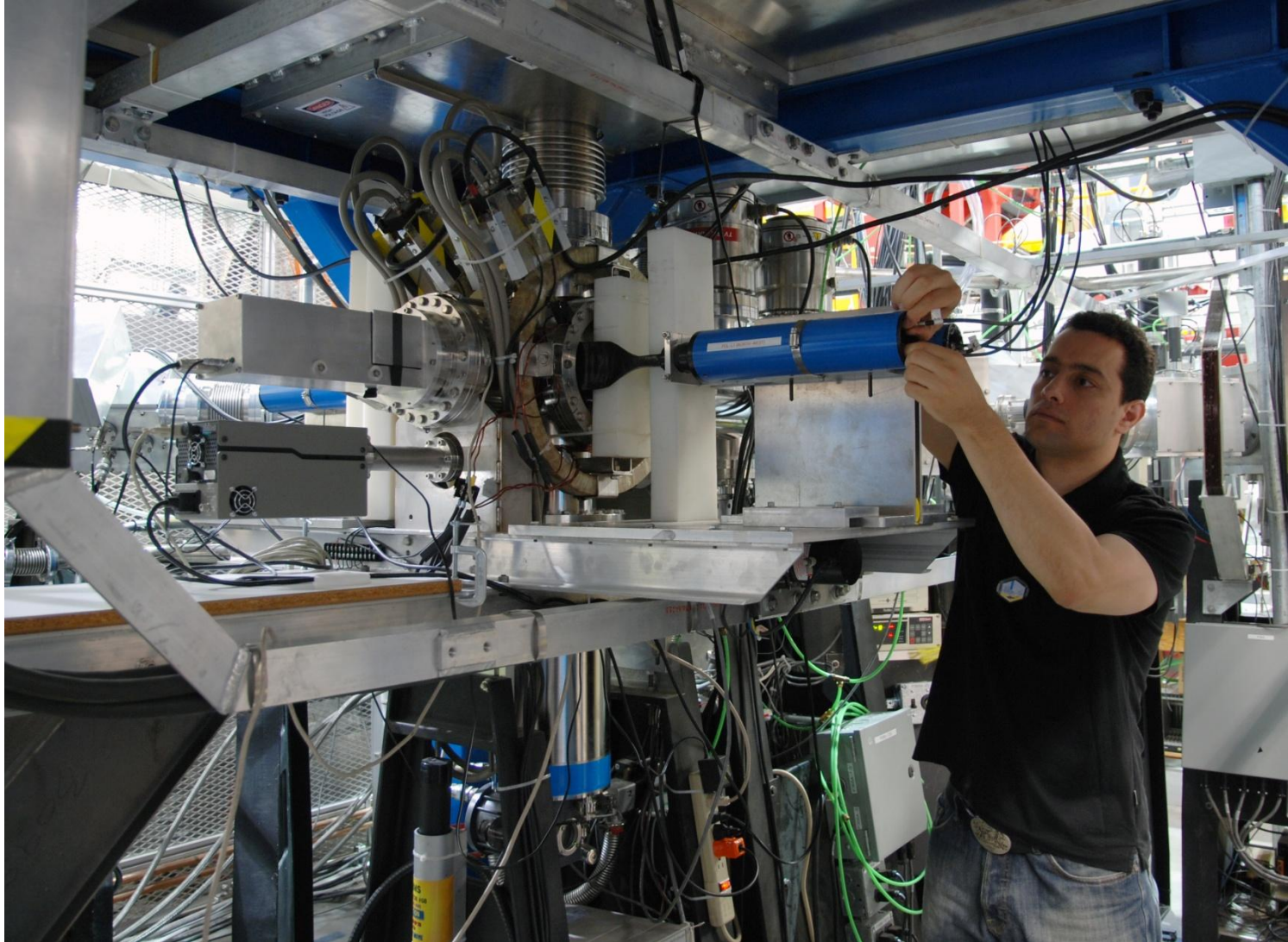


Loading a sample into the high-field β NMR spectrometer



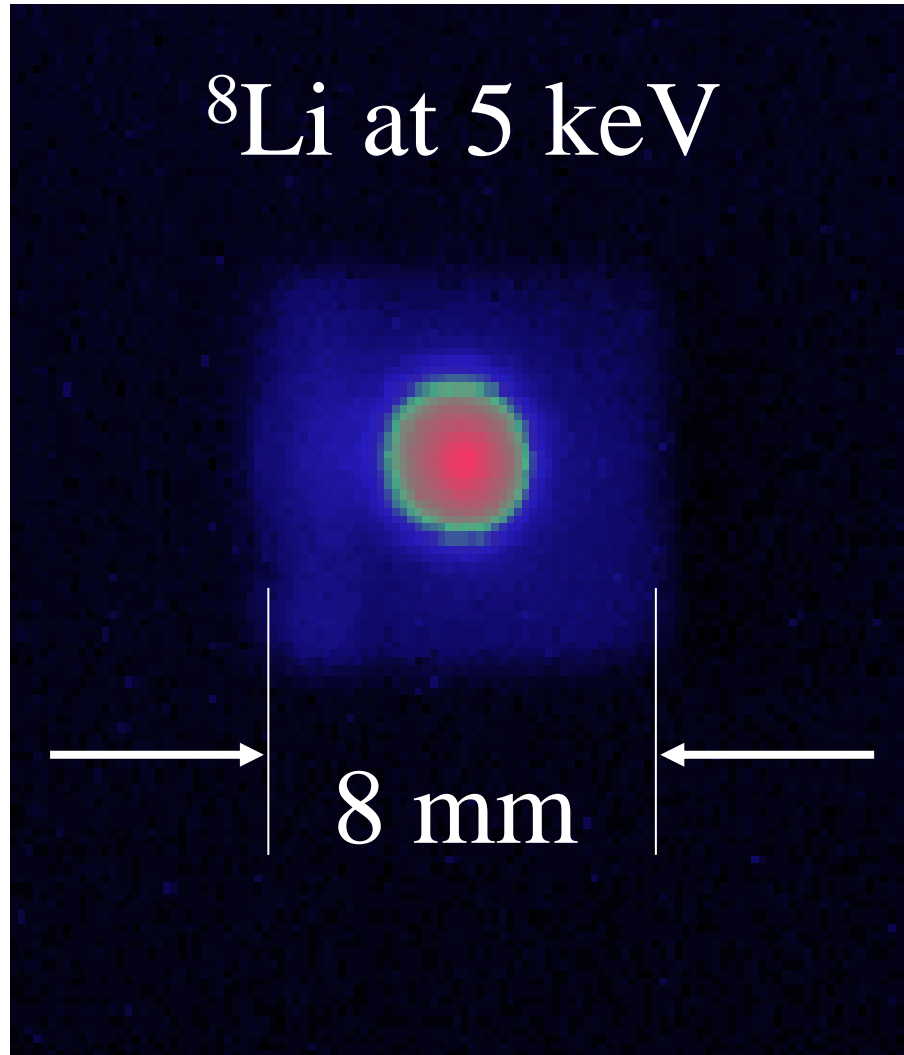
← Cryostat drives into solenoid bore (9 Tesla)

β NQR Spectrometer



^8Li at 5 keV

beam stopped
in scintillator,
imaged with CCD



Typical rate: $\sim 10^6$ spin polarized $^8\text{Li}^+$ per second

β NQR sample ladder



β NMR Cleanroom

Uses:

- Sample handling
- UHV cryostat maintenance



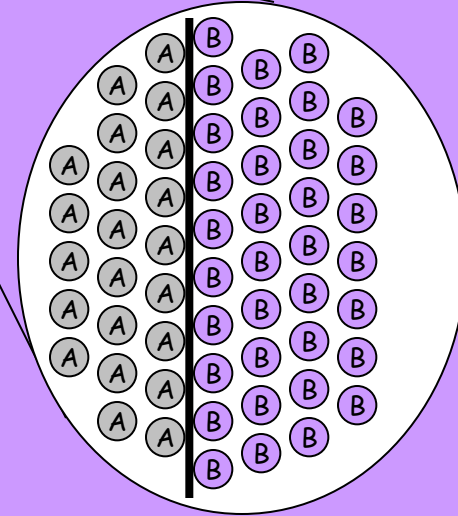
2. Why use β NMR
to study materials?

Solid Interfaces

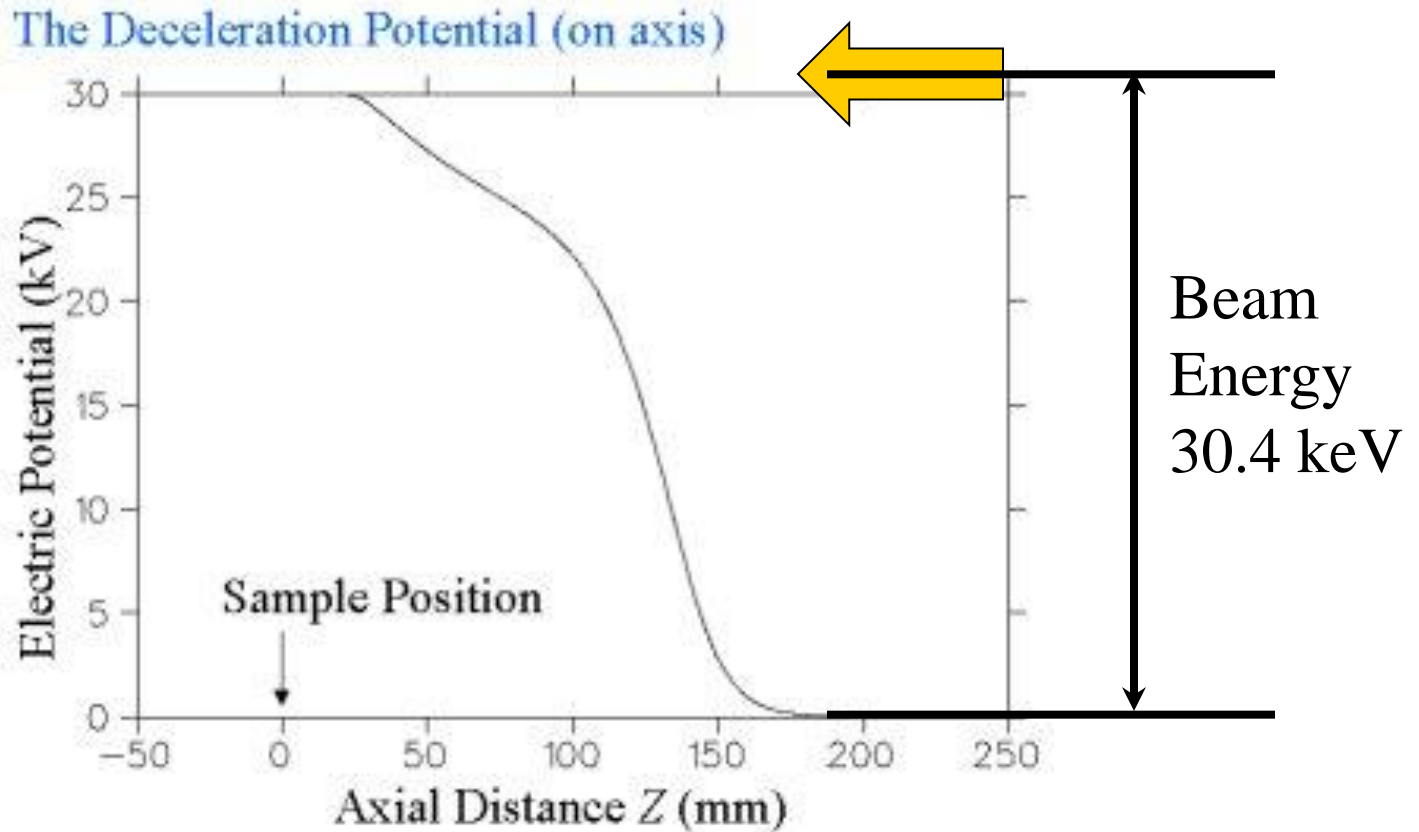
A

B

atomic
resolution



Deceleration of the Ion Beam



range in the probe ions: **depth resolution!**

Relation to Fundamental Properties

$$M = \chi H$$

Magnetic Susceptibility

$$\chi = \chi' - i\chi''$$

Shift: $\delta = A\chi'(0,0)$ ← can be multicomponent and/or inhomogeneous

Relaxation:

$$\frac{1}{T_1} \propto kT \sum_{\vec{q}} A^2(\vec{q}) \frac{\chi''_{\perp}(\vec{q}, \omega_0)}{\omega_0}$$

Moriya Expression

↖ In the RF (μeV to zero)

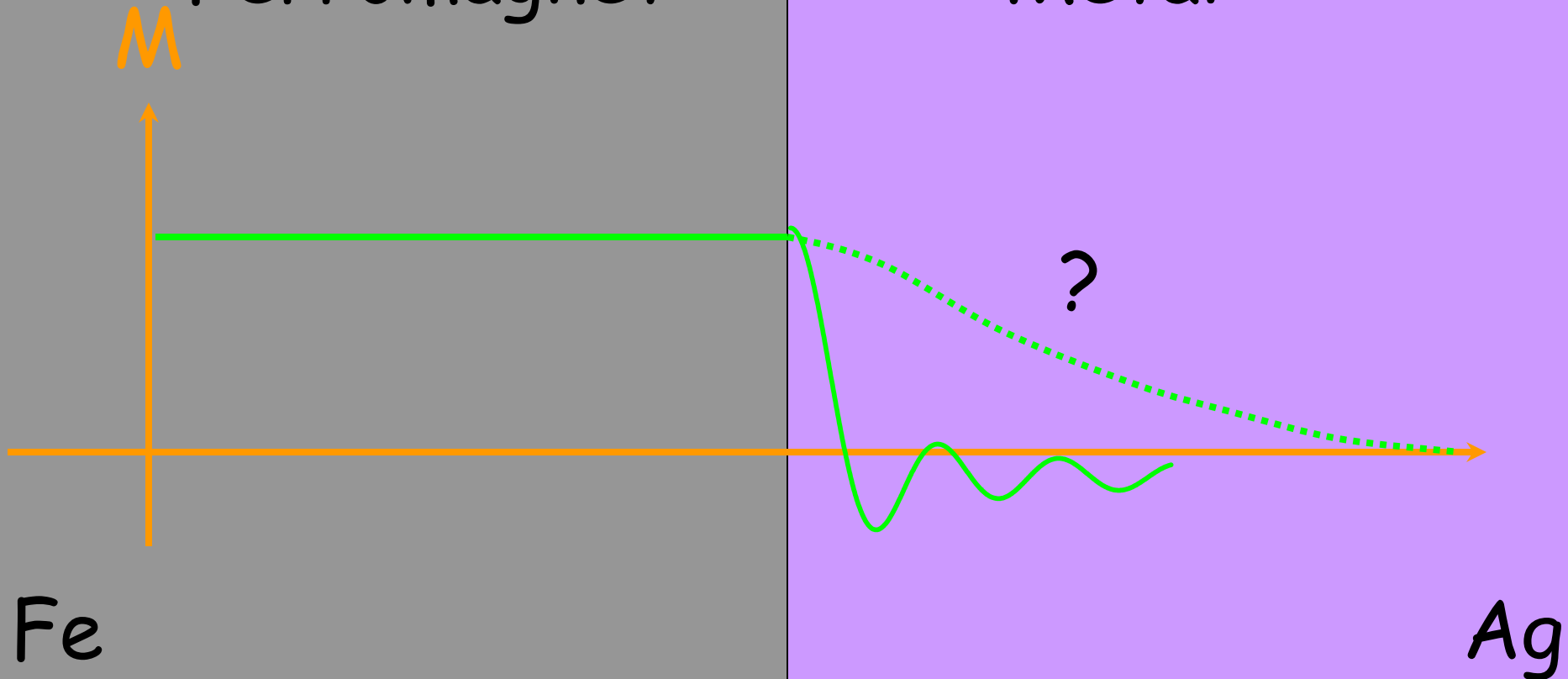
also: quadrupolar effects, diamagnetic shielding, ...

3. Examples

Magnetic Proximity Effect

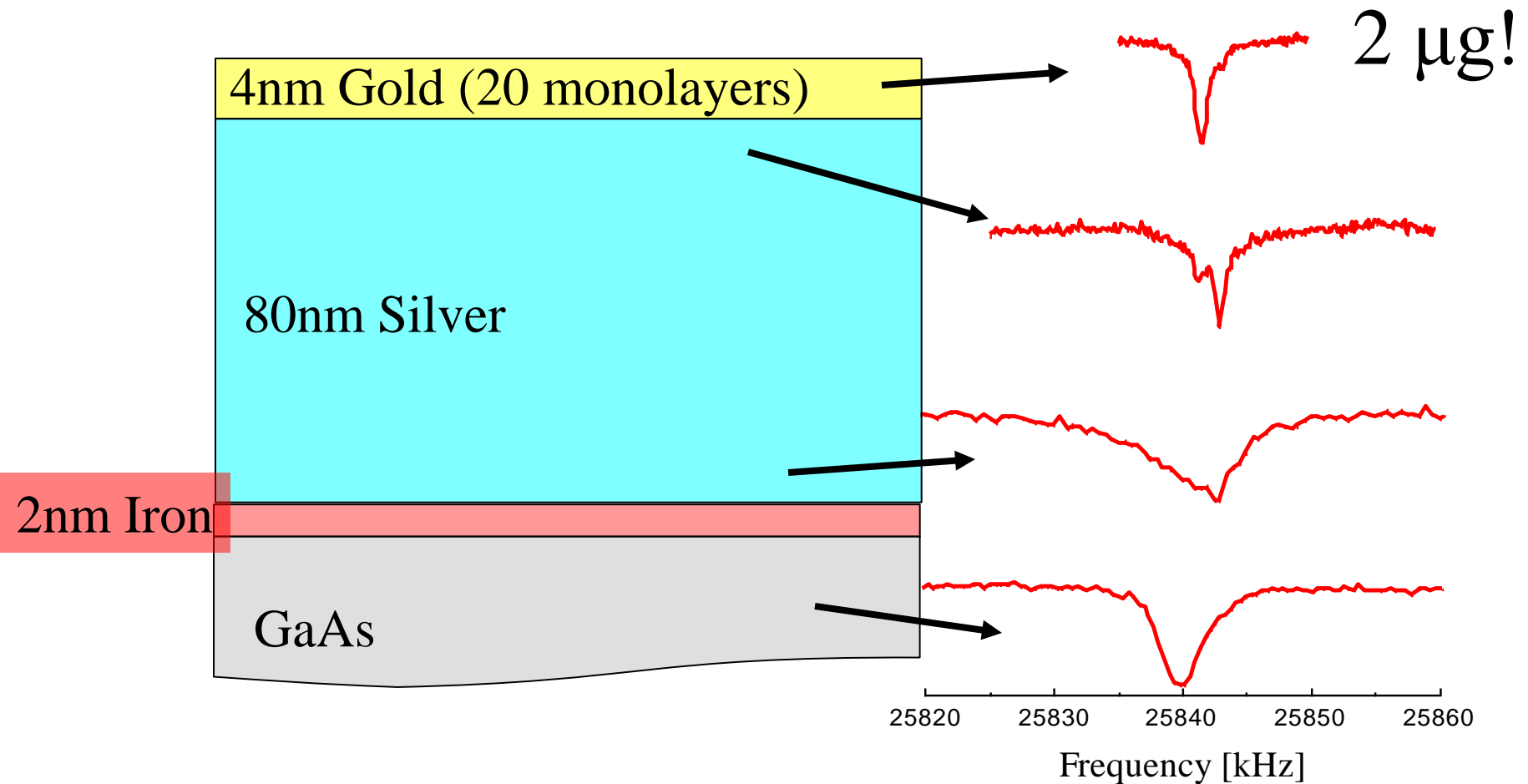
Metallic
Ferromagnet

Nonmagnetic
Metal



Depth Resolved β NMR in Magnetic Multilayers

- Ag/Fe epitaxial heterostructures
- T.A. Keeler *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* **77**, 144429 (2008)



e.g. Magnetic Proximity Effect

Metallic
Ferromagnet

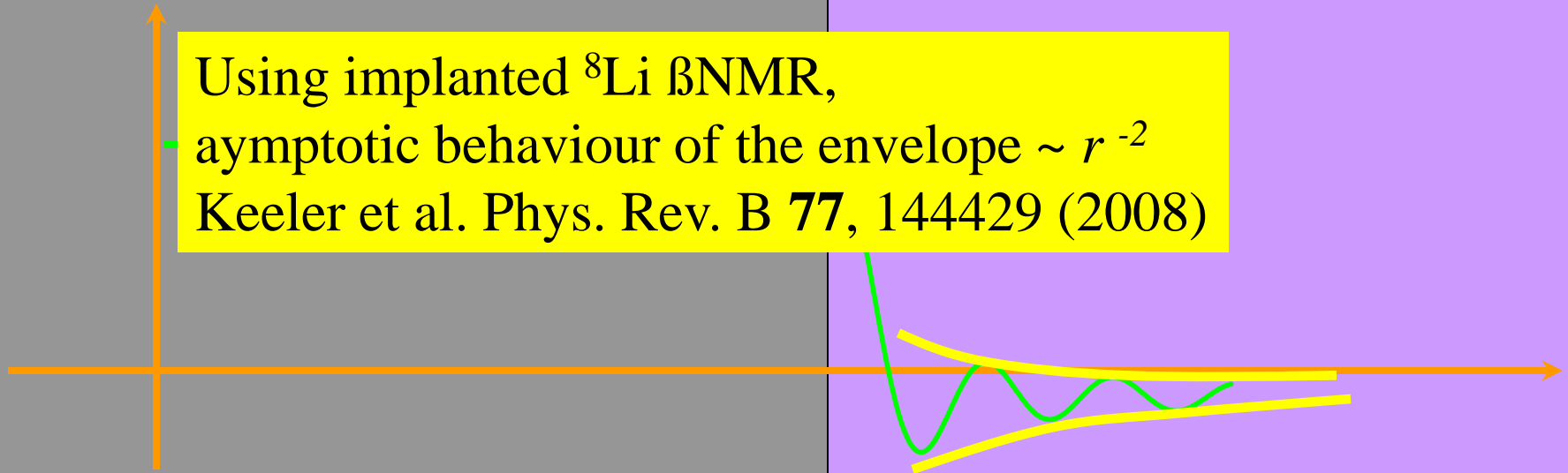
Nonmagnetic
Metal

M

Using implanted ^8Li βNMR ,
- asymptotic behaviour of the envelope $\sim r^{-2}$
Keeler et al. Phys. Rev. B **77**, 144429 (2008)

Fe

Ag



Metallic
Ferromagnet

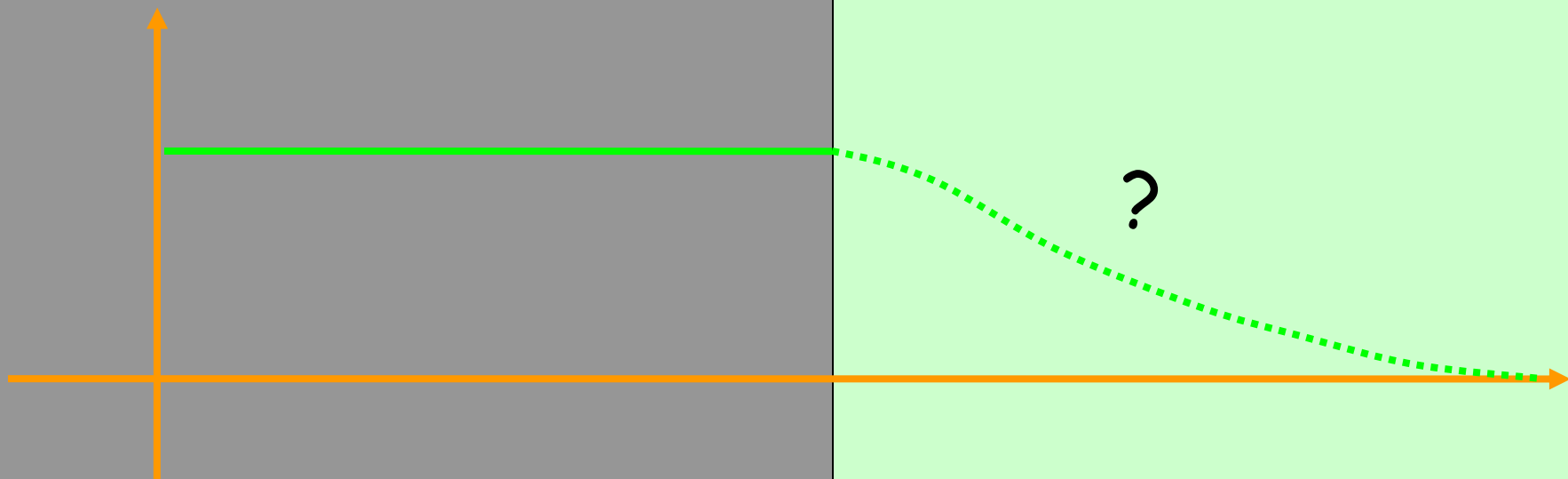
Semiconductor

M

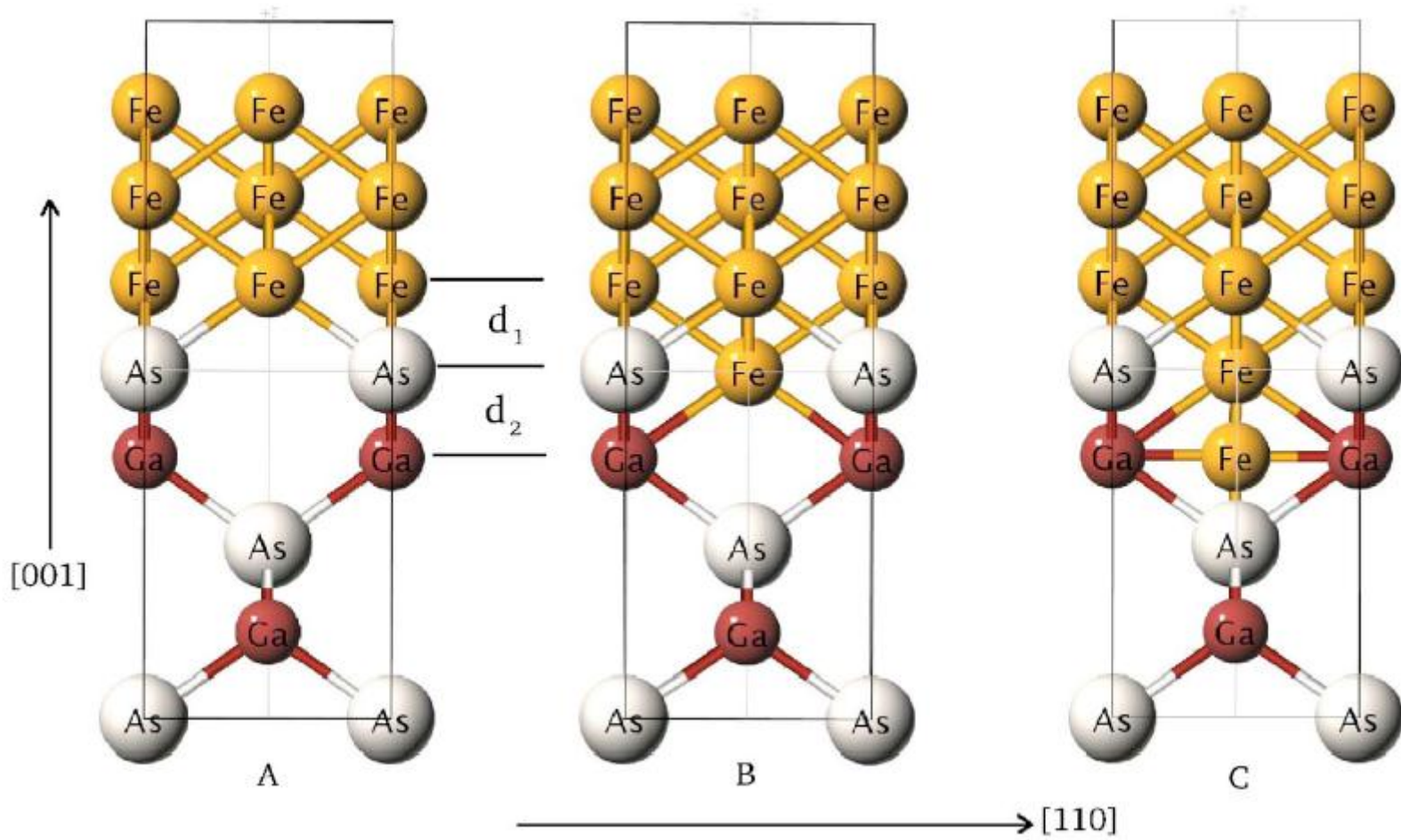
?

Fe

GaAs

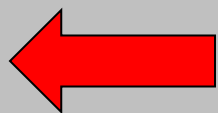


Epitaxial Relation Fe/GaAs



Samples from
B. Heinrich Lab, SFU

magnetized



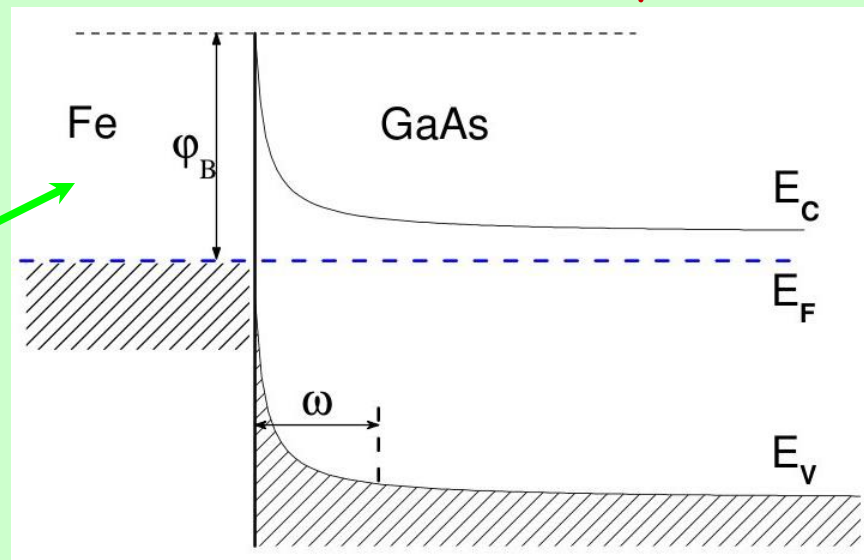
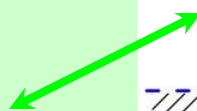
20ML

Au

14ML

Fe

- +
- +
- +

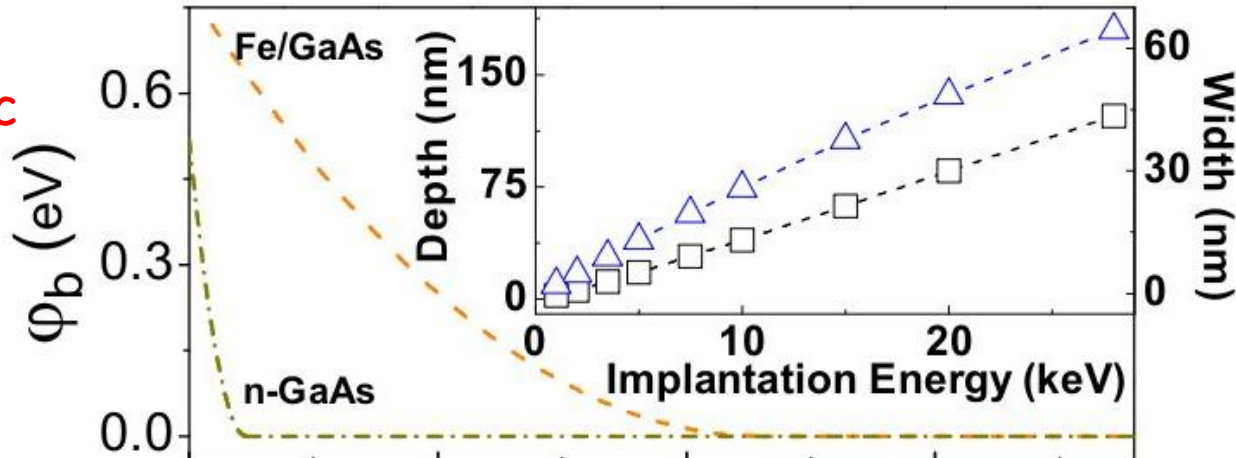


Schottky Barrier

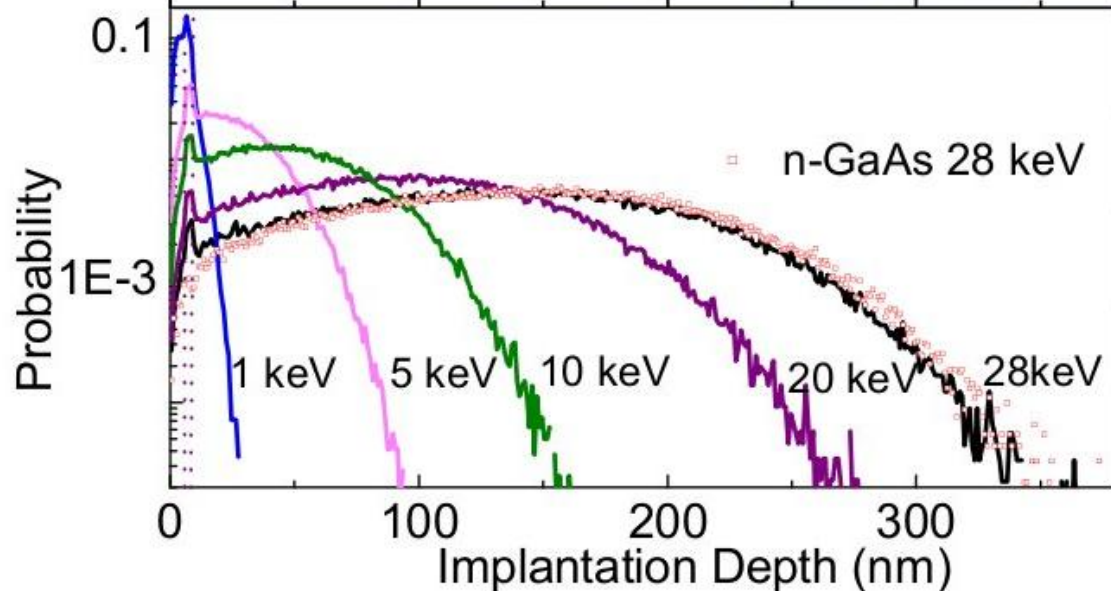
n-GaAs

Access to the Schottky Barrier Region

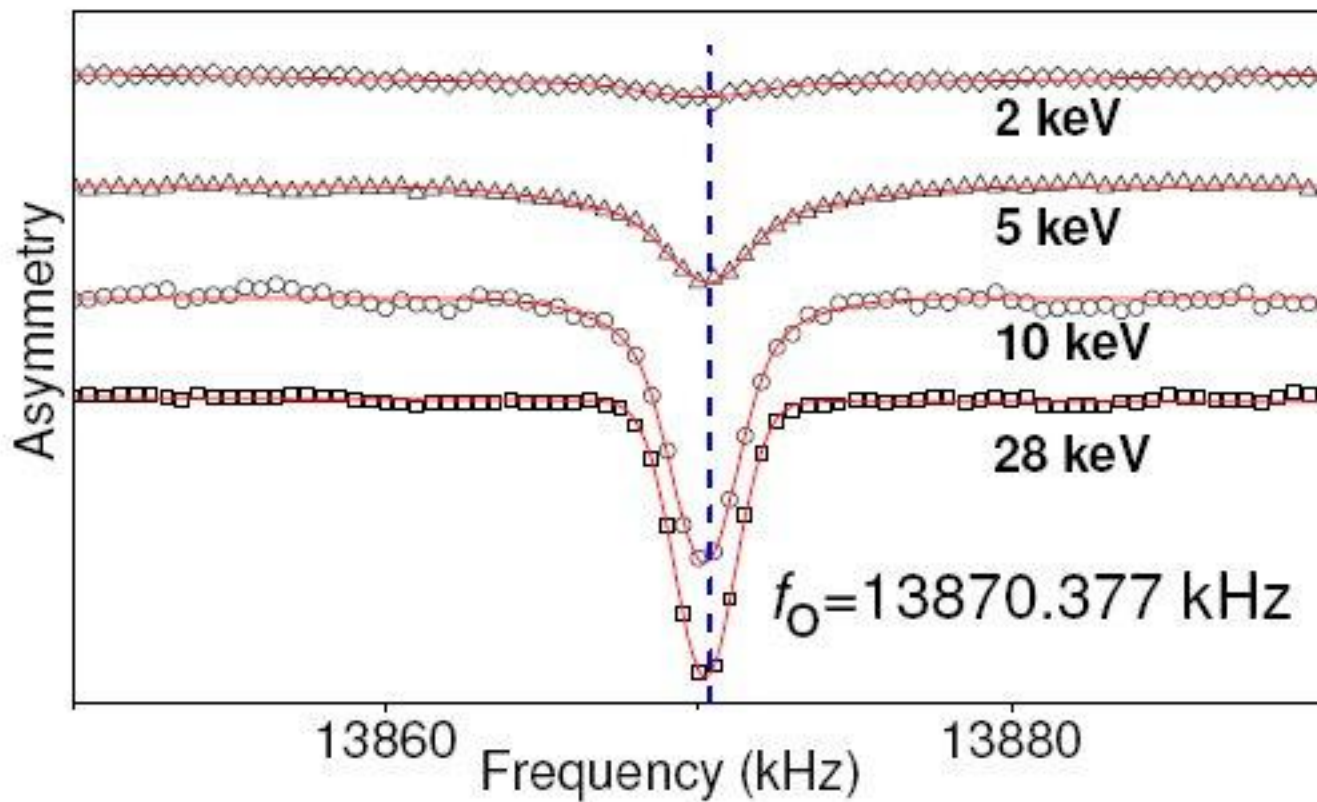
electrostatic
potential
within GaAs



implantation
profiles
from SRIM

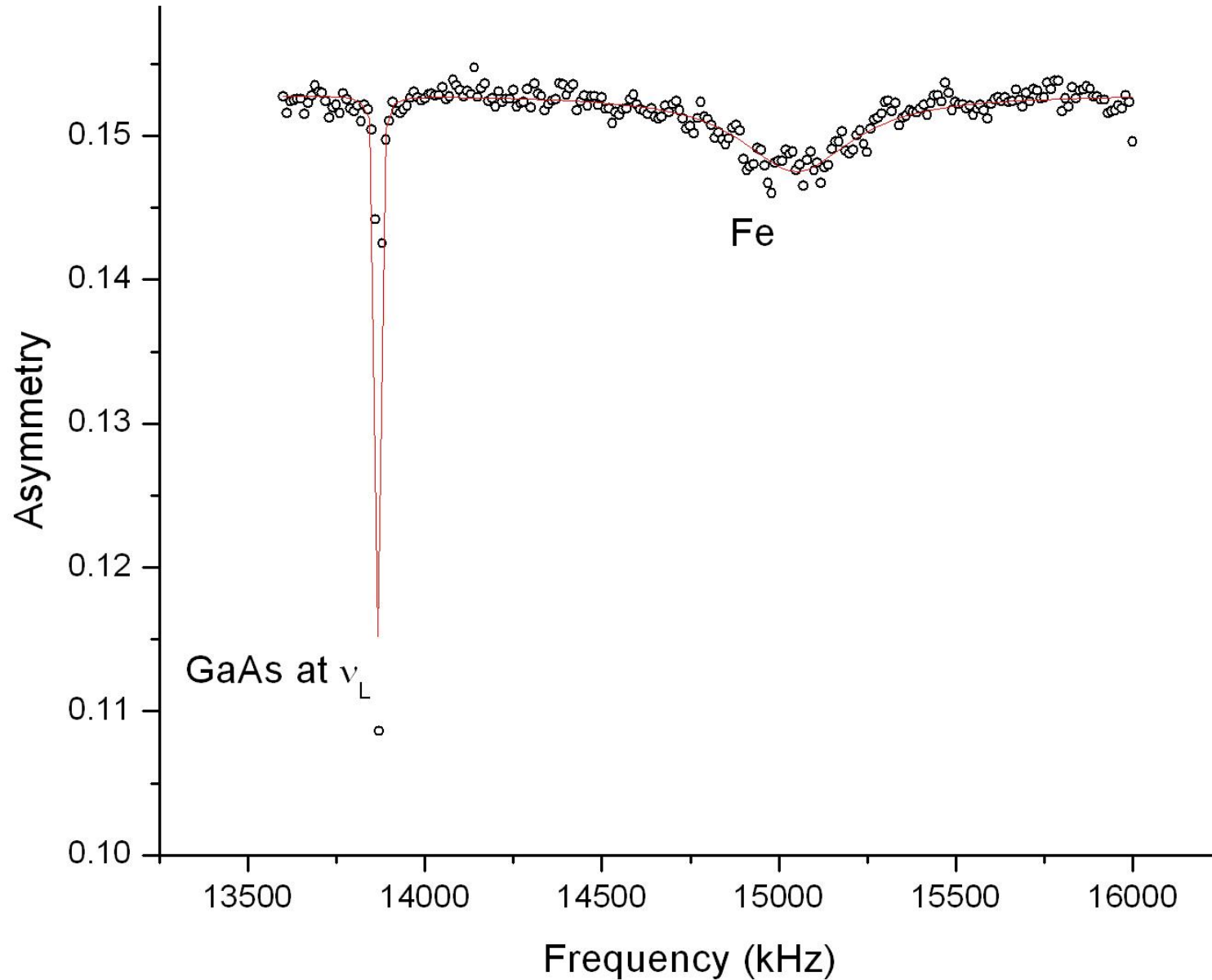


Systematic Depth Dependence (Unbiased Junction)

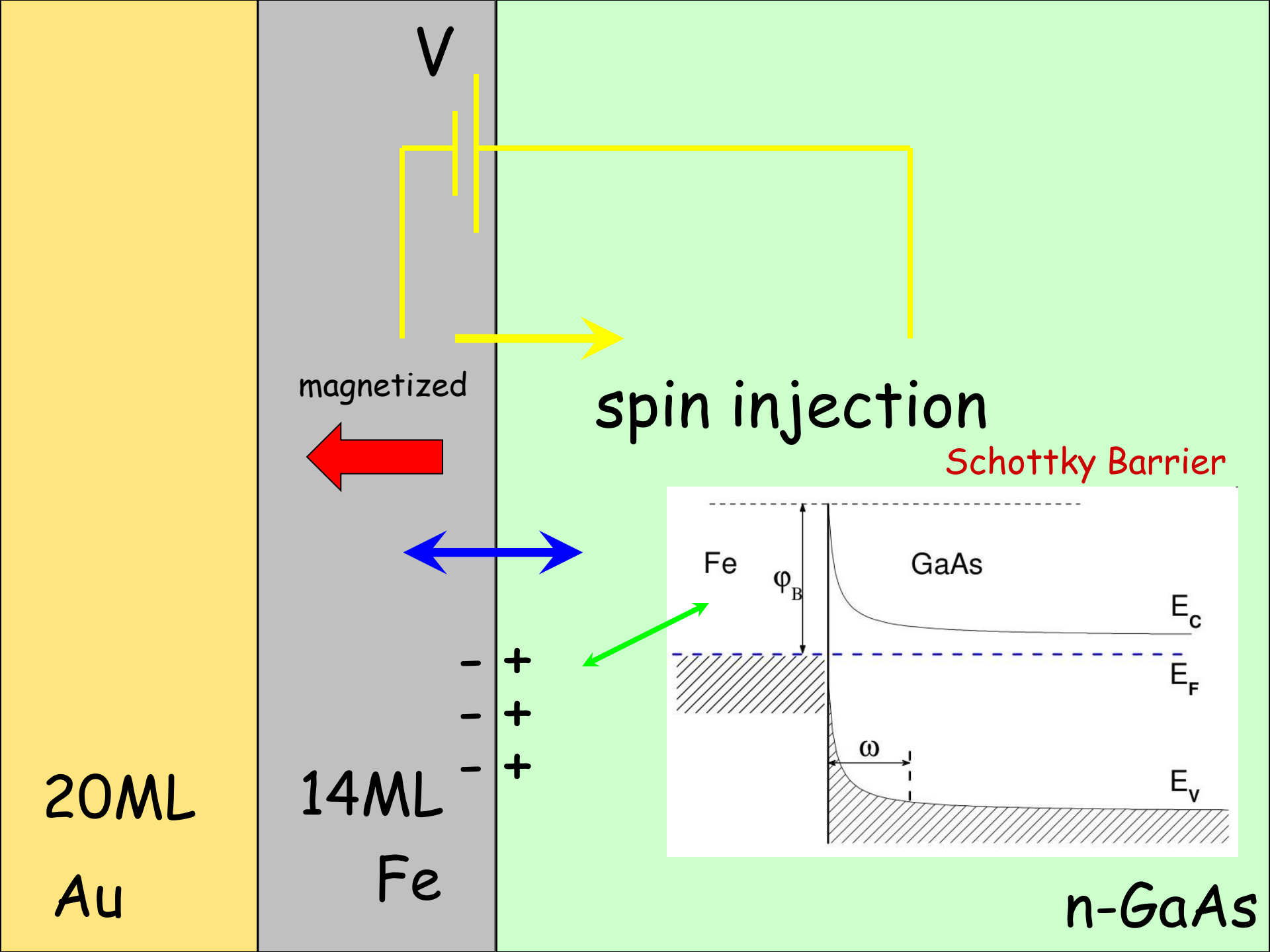


$T = 150$ K

Resonance Spectrum in Fe

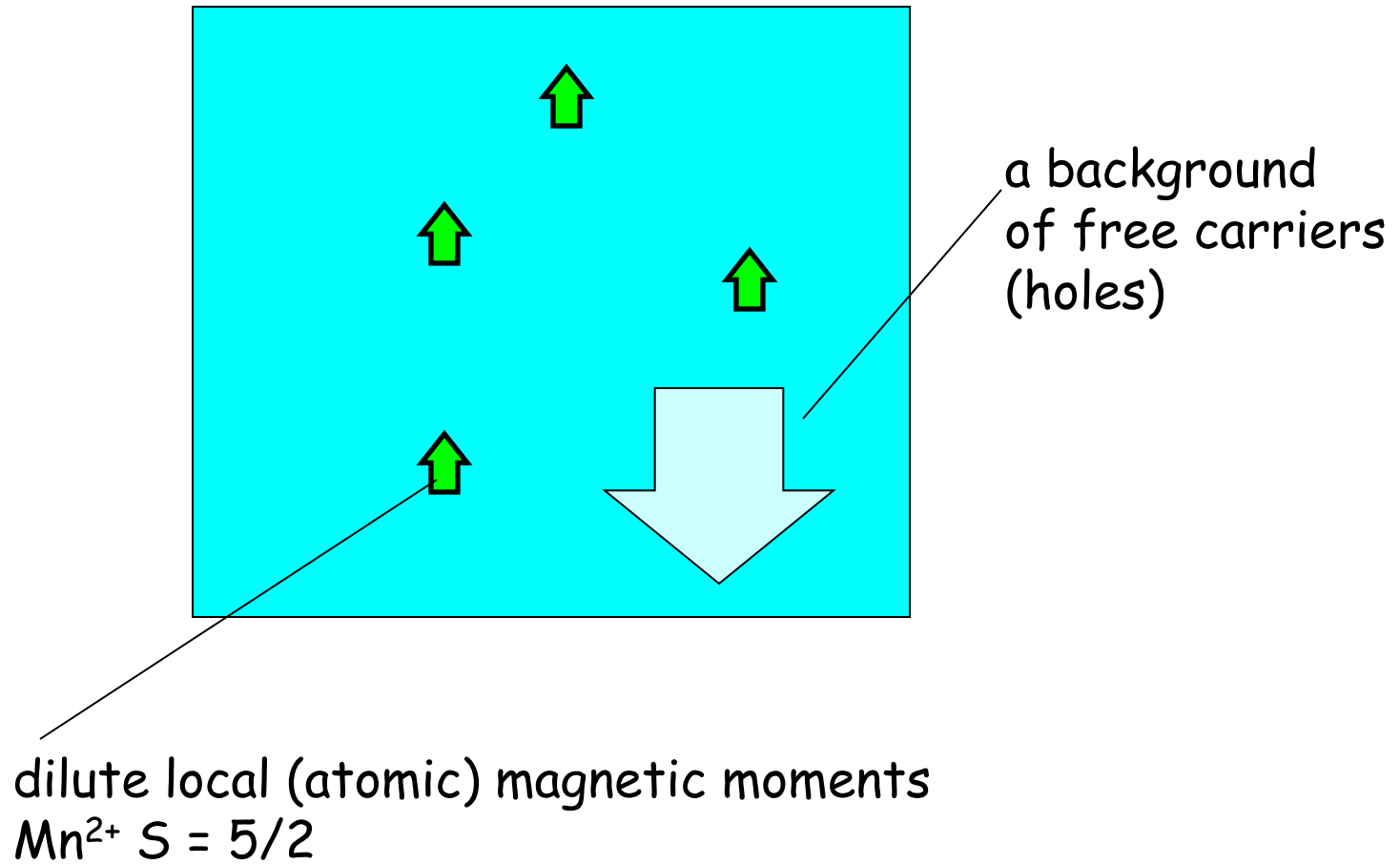


Towards Spin Injection

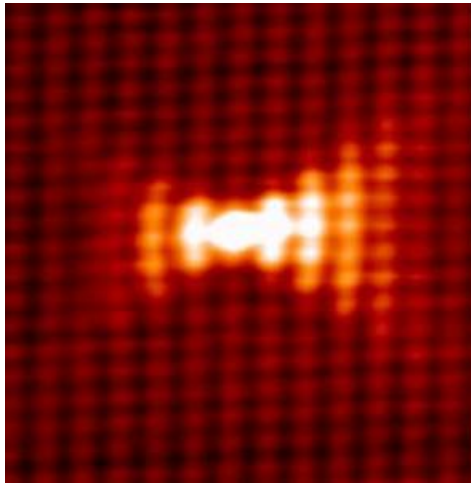


Avoiding the Schottky Barrier
with
Dilute Magnetic Semiconductors:
GaAs:Mn

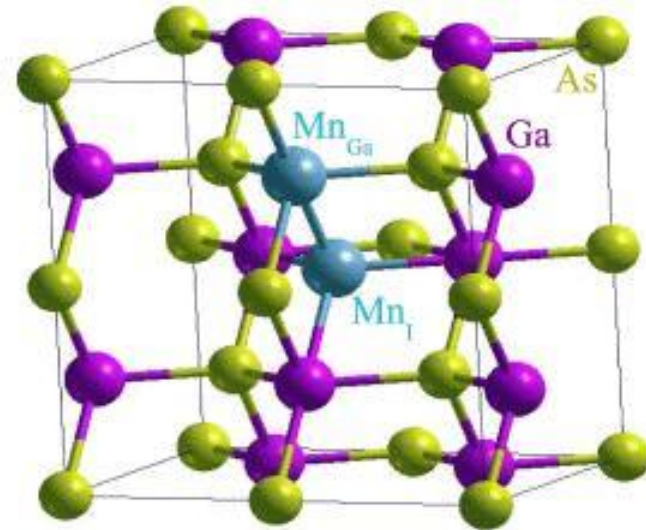
Dilute Magnetic Semiconductors



Mn doped GaAs



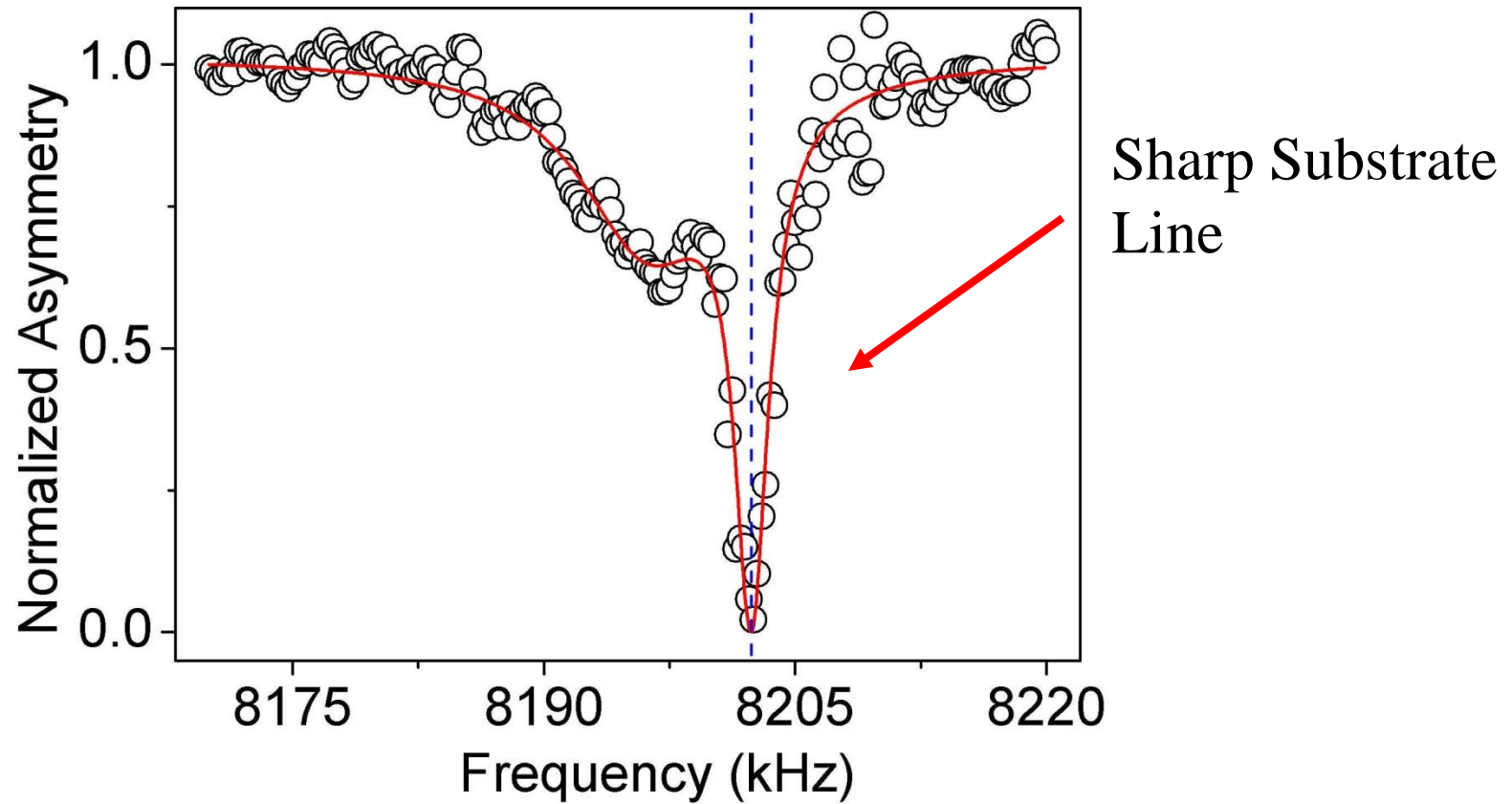
Mn acceptor (STM)
Yakunin et al. PRL **92**, 216806 (04)



Substitutional (Ga): Acceptor
Interstitial: Double Donor

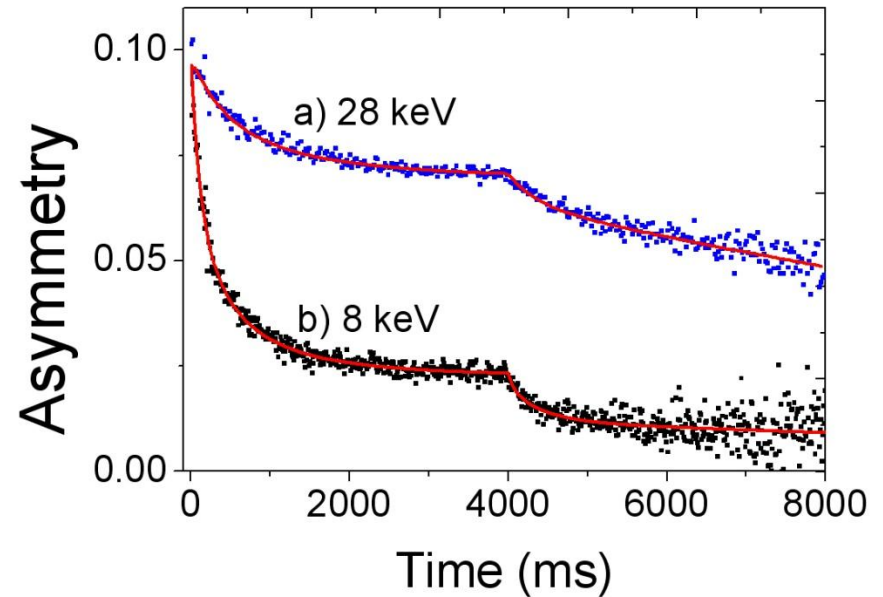
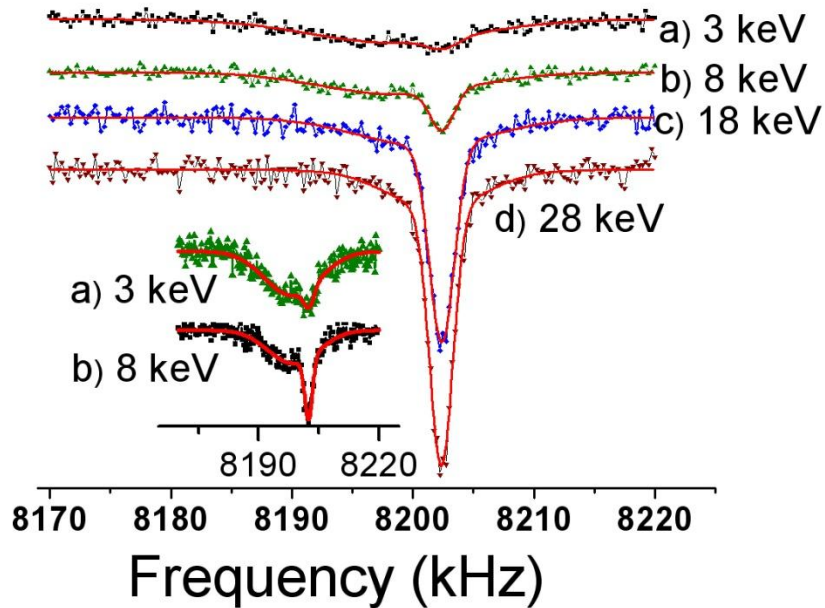
$\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{As}$ is not stable in bulk

180 nm $\text{Ga}_{0.95}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{As}$ / GaAs



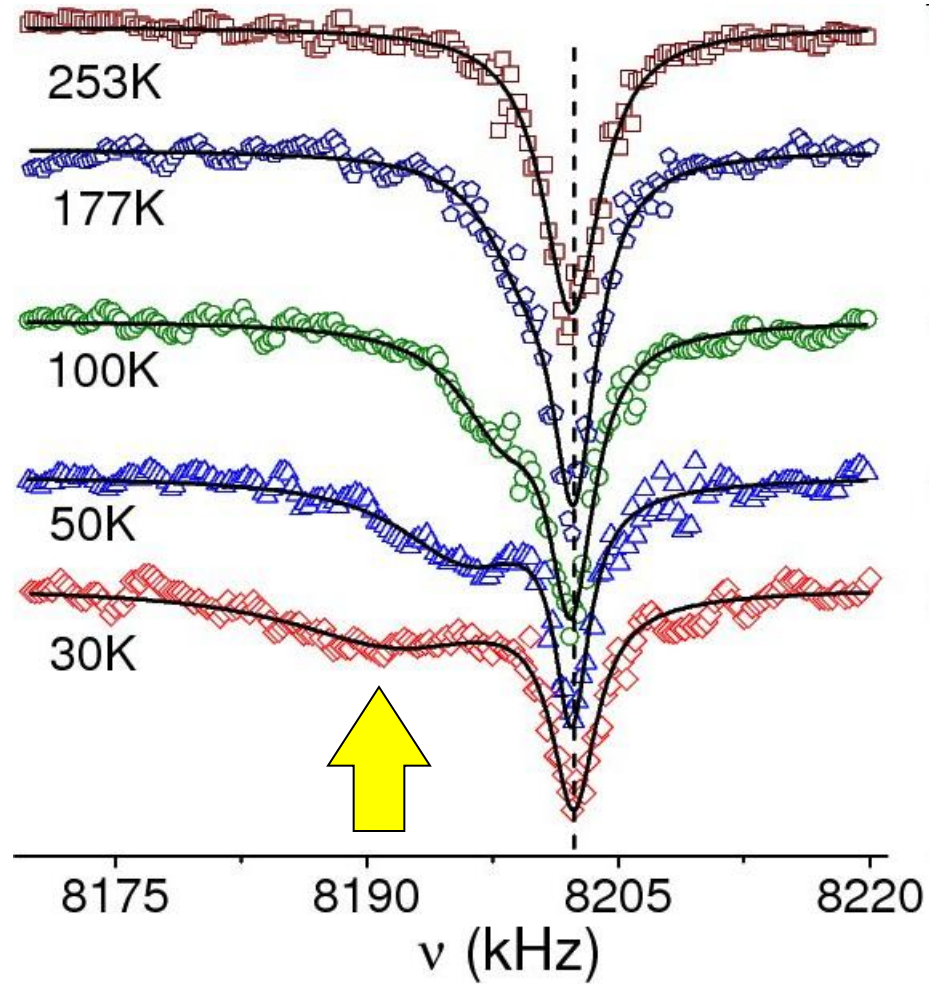
Depth Dependence at 50 K ($< T_C$)

Q. Song et al., *Physica B* (2009)

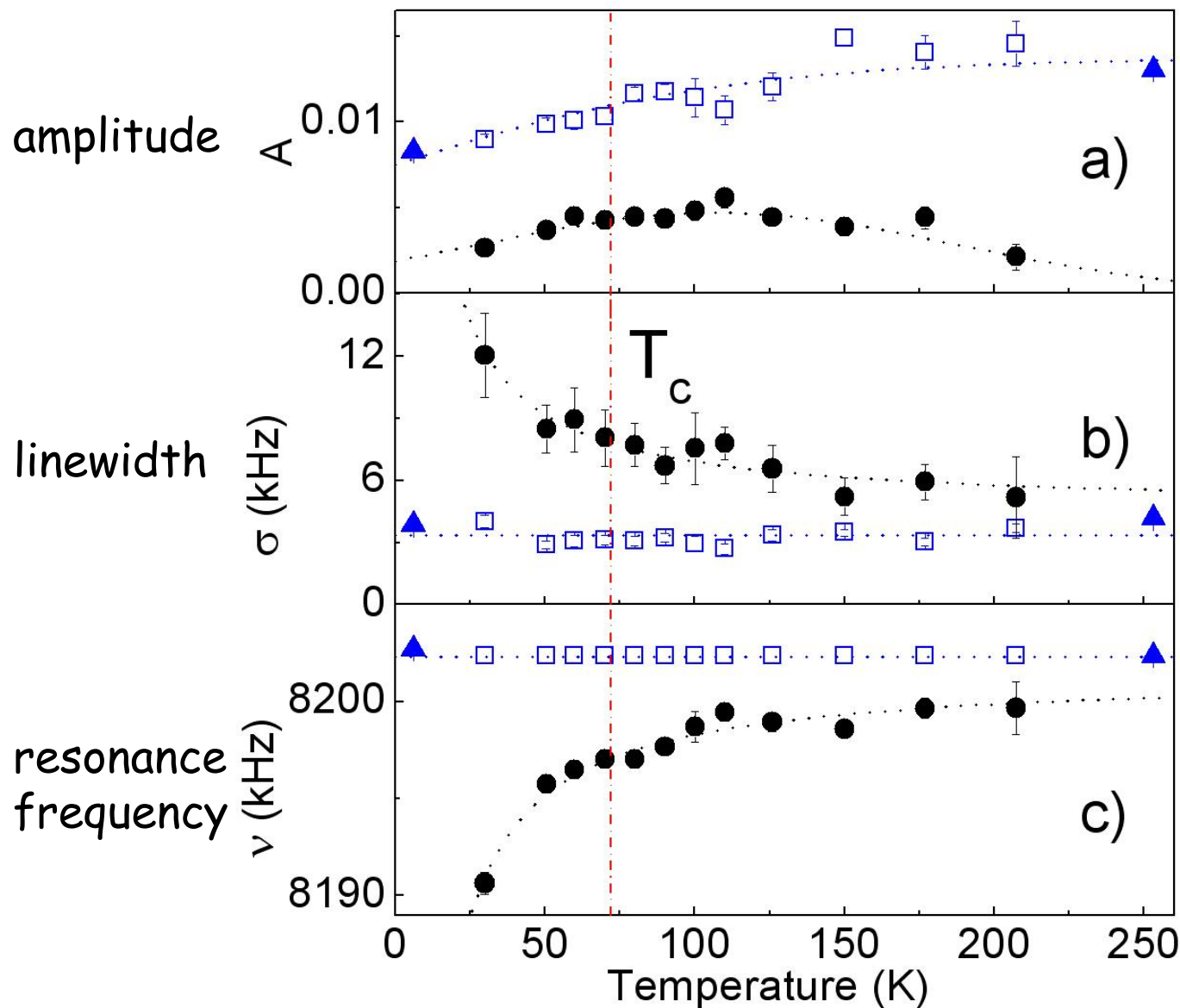


broad, negatively shifted line,
fast spin relaxation from the
Mn doped layer

Temperature Dependence



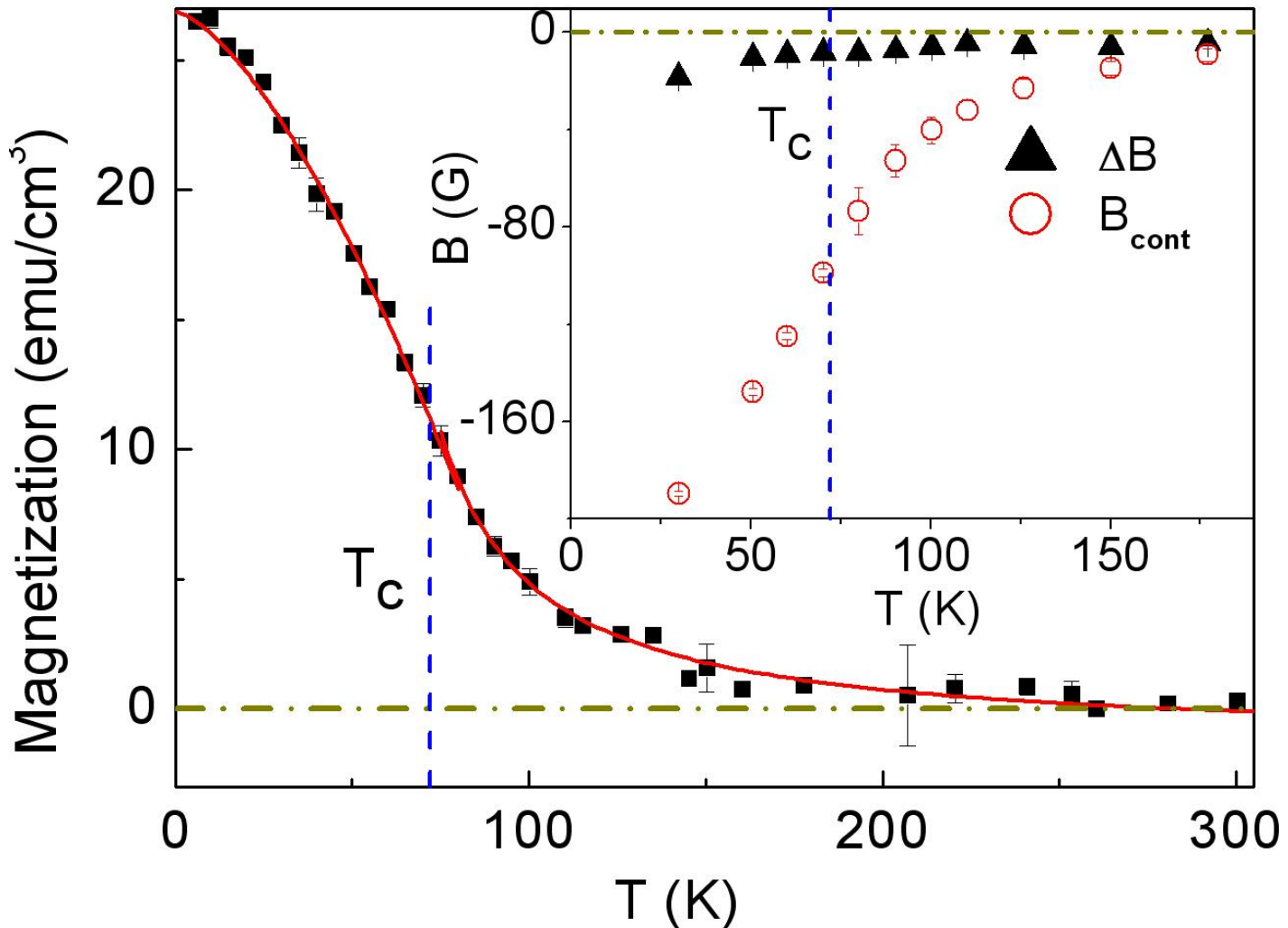
Temperature Dependence



$$k = A\chi_{holes}$$

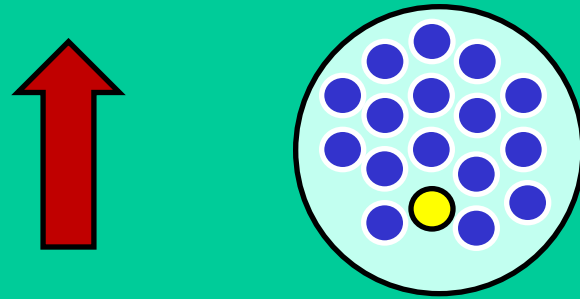
A measure of the
hole susceptibility!

SQUID Magnetization in 1.3 T



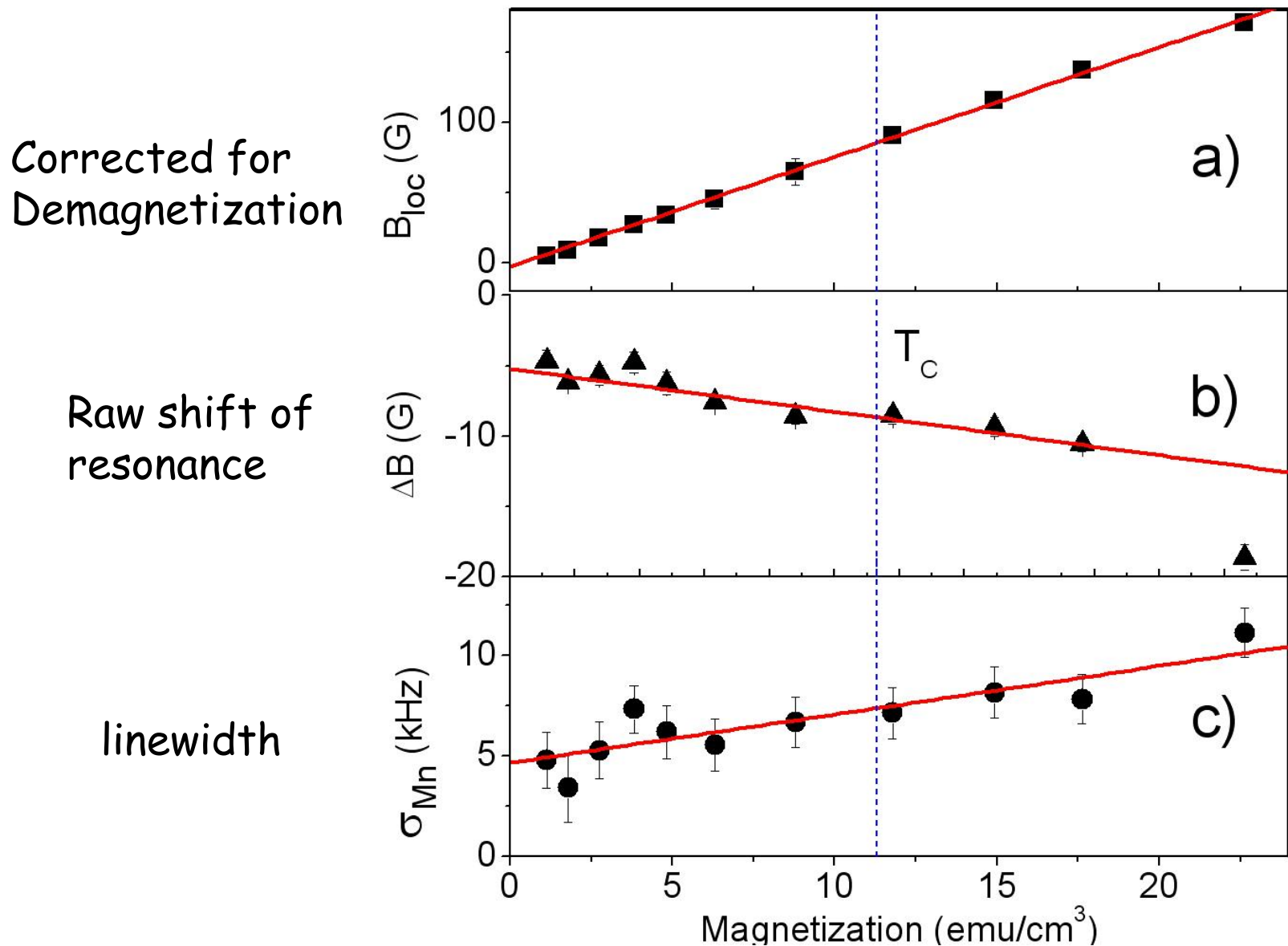
$$\chi_{GaMnAs} = \chi_{Mn} + \chi_{holes}$$

Contributions to the Local Field



$$\begin{aligned} B &= B_0 + B_{demag} + B_{Lor} + B_{loc} \\ &= B_0 - 4\pi M + (4\pi/3)M + B_{loc} \end{aligned}$$

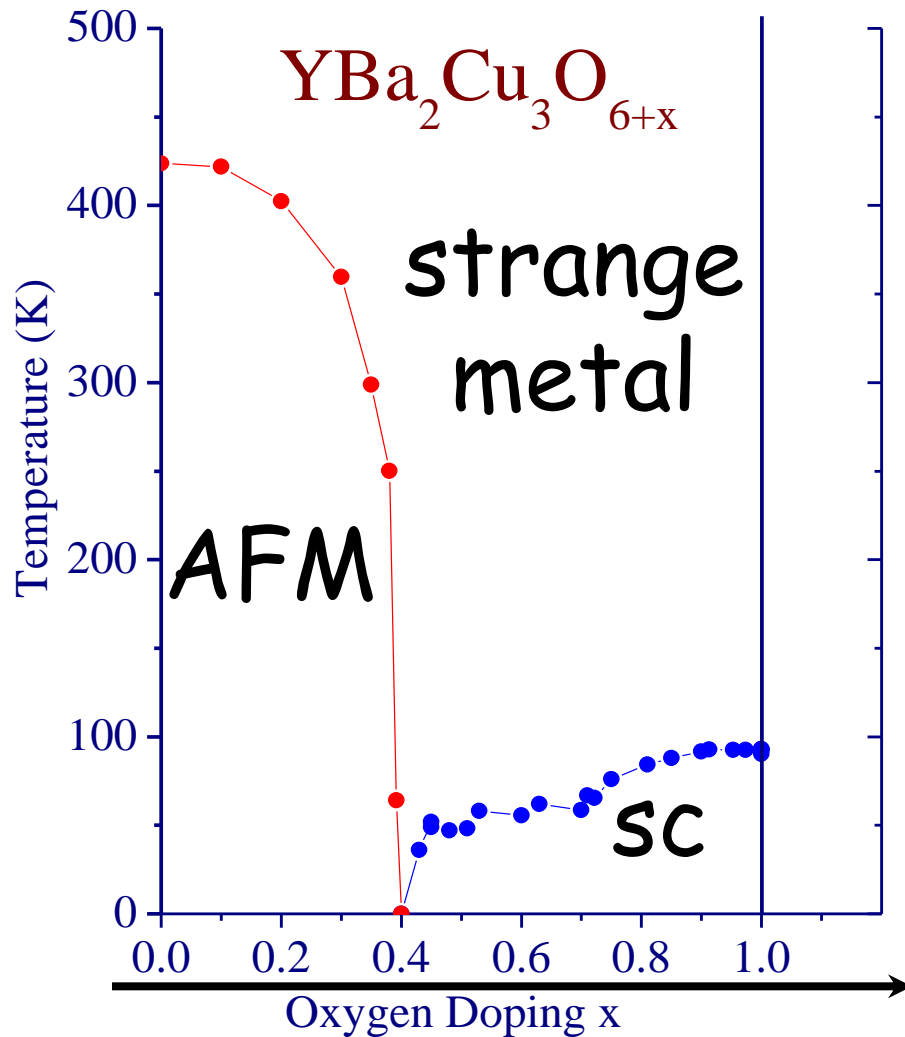
Clogston Jaccarino Analysis



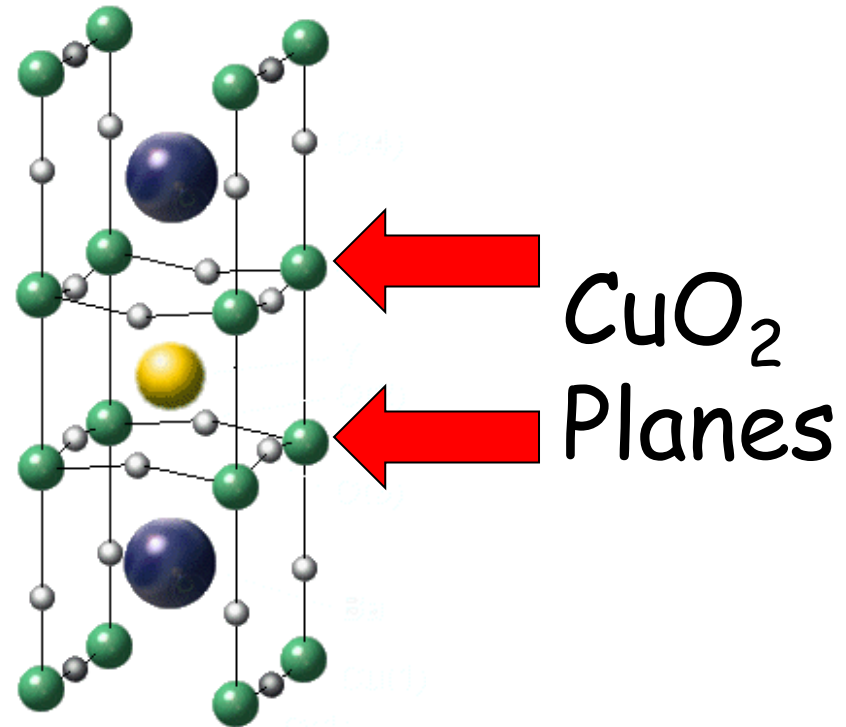
Time Reversal Symmetry Breaking Superconductivity?

H. Saadaoui

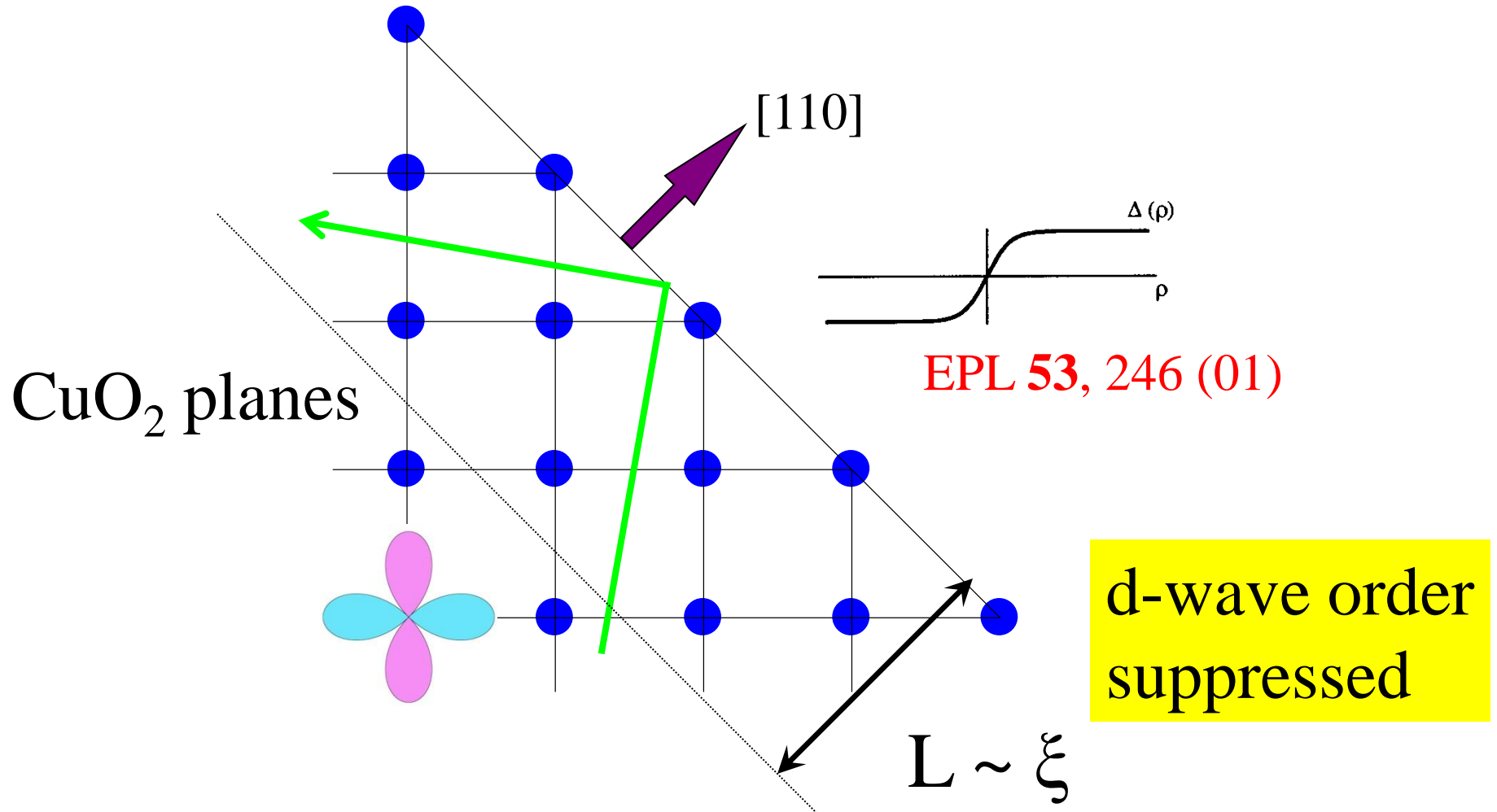
High Tc Superconductor Phase Diagram



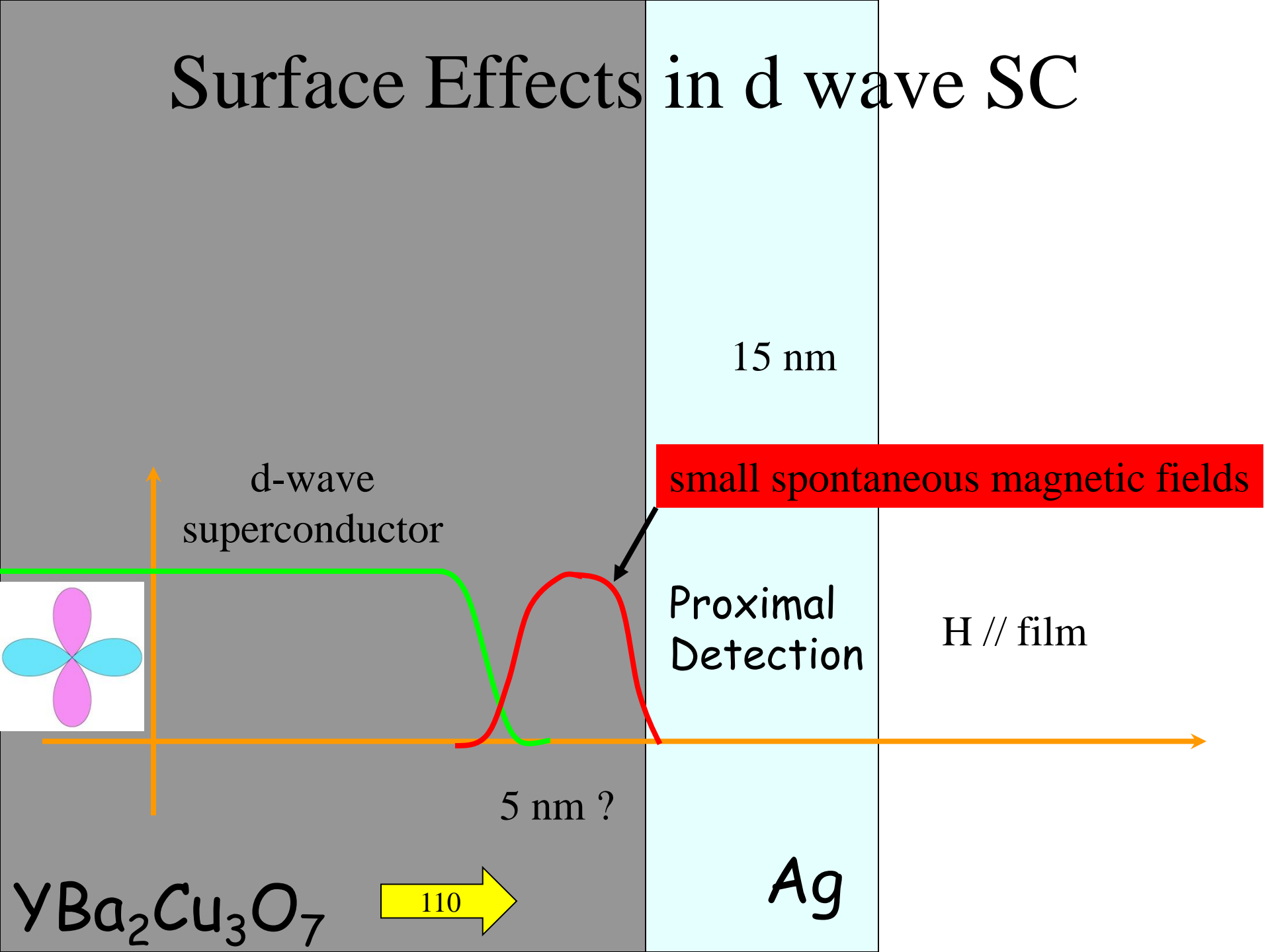
holes into CuO_2 Planes



Surface Effects in a d-wave SC

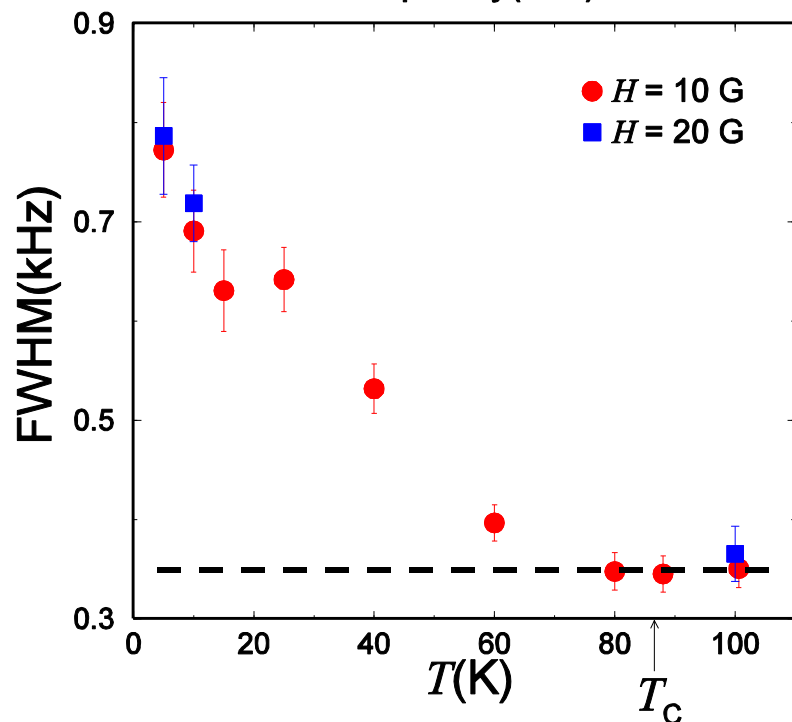
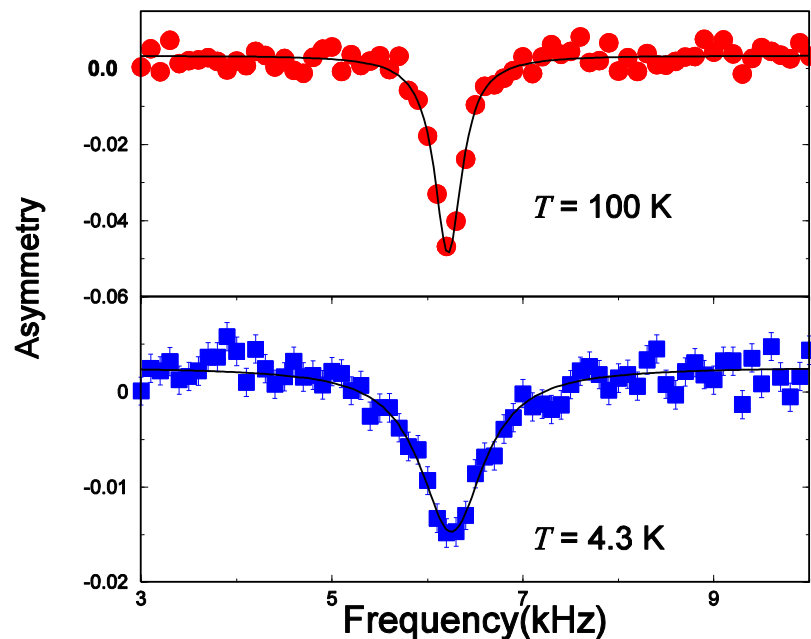
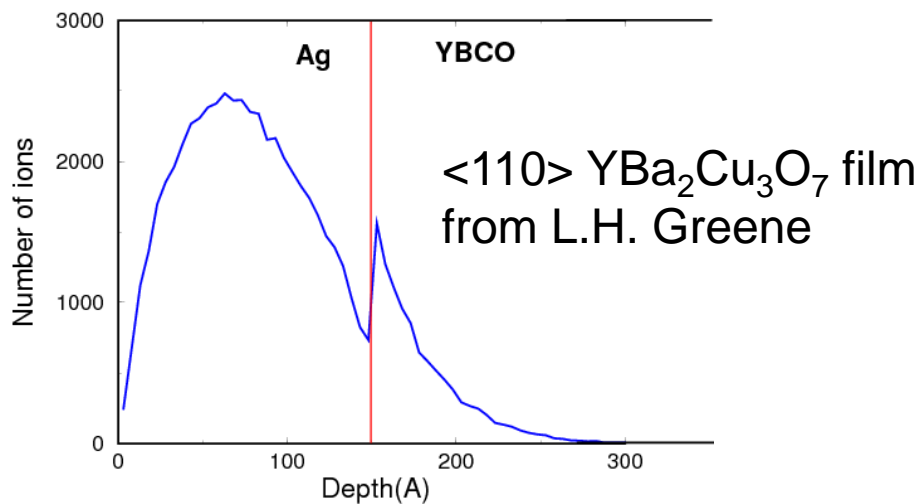


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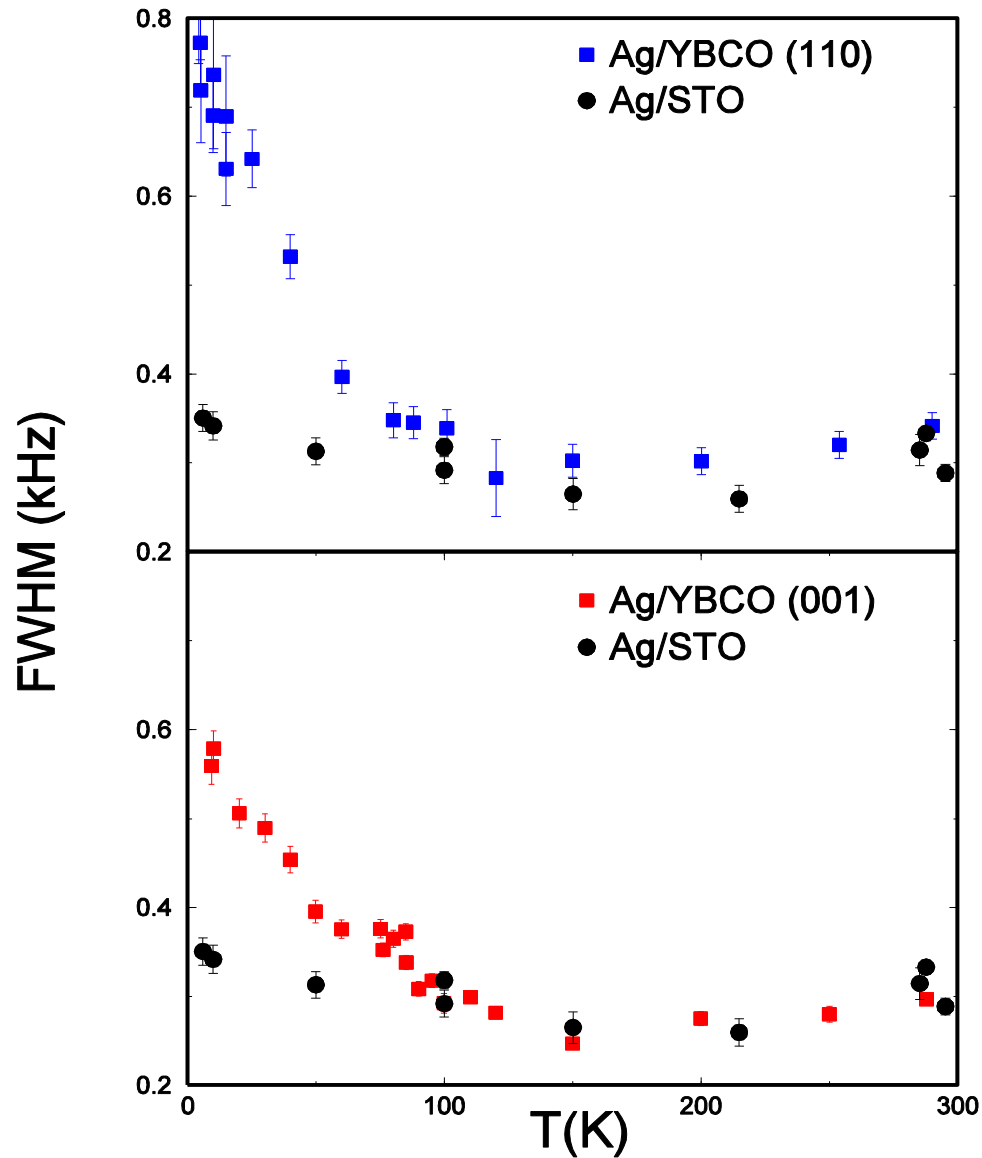


Search for broken time reversal symmetry near the surface of $\langle 110 \rangle$ $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ (Urbana $T_c=86.7\text{K}$) (Hassan Saadaoui)

Beam energy 2 keV

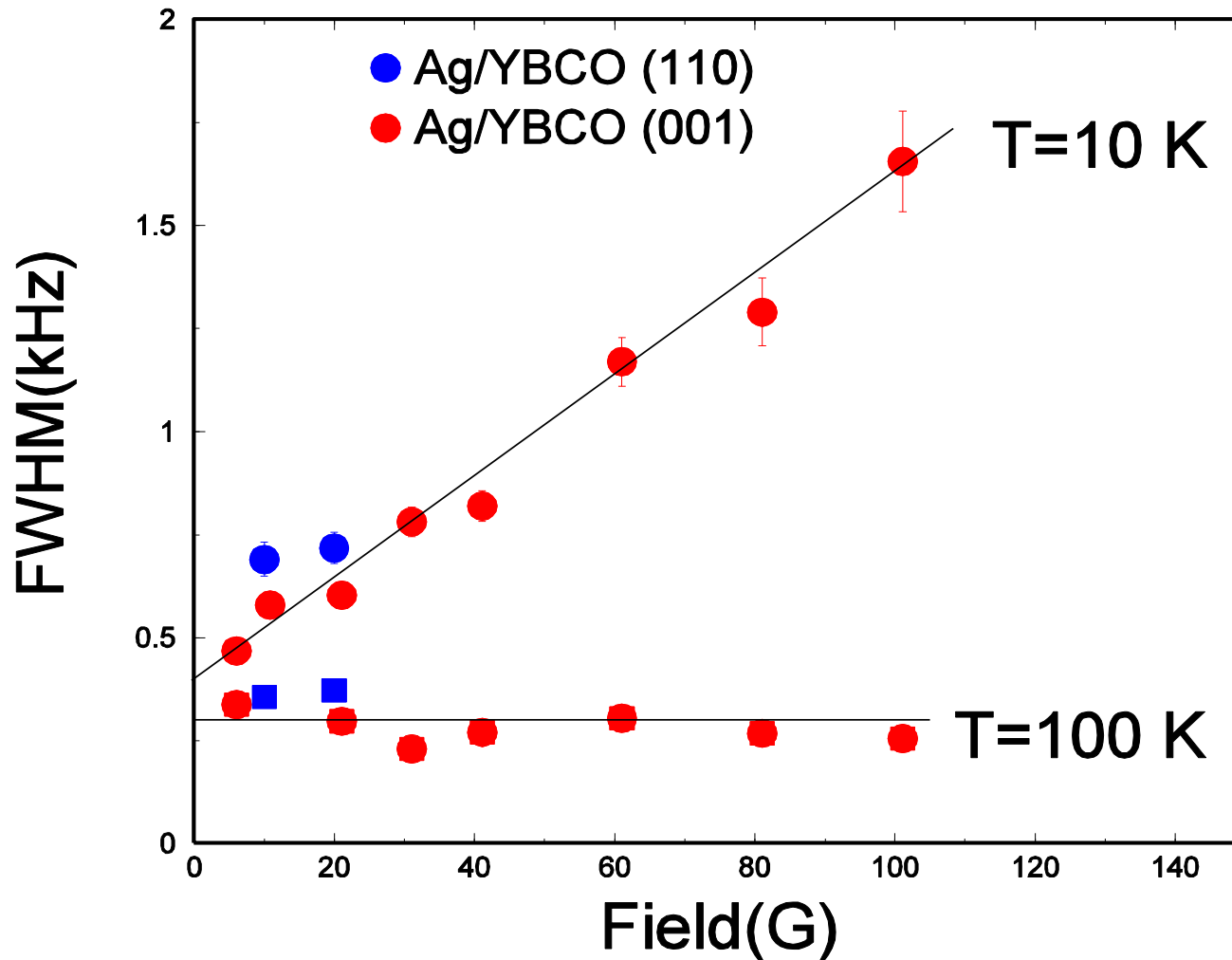


β -NMR resonance linewidth in Ag (15nm)/YBa₂Cu₃O₇
Versus T; E=2 keV B=10G; (Hassan Saadaoui)

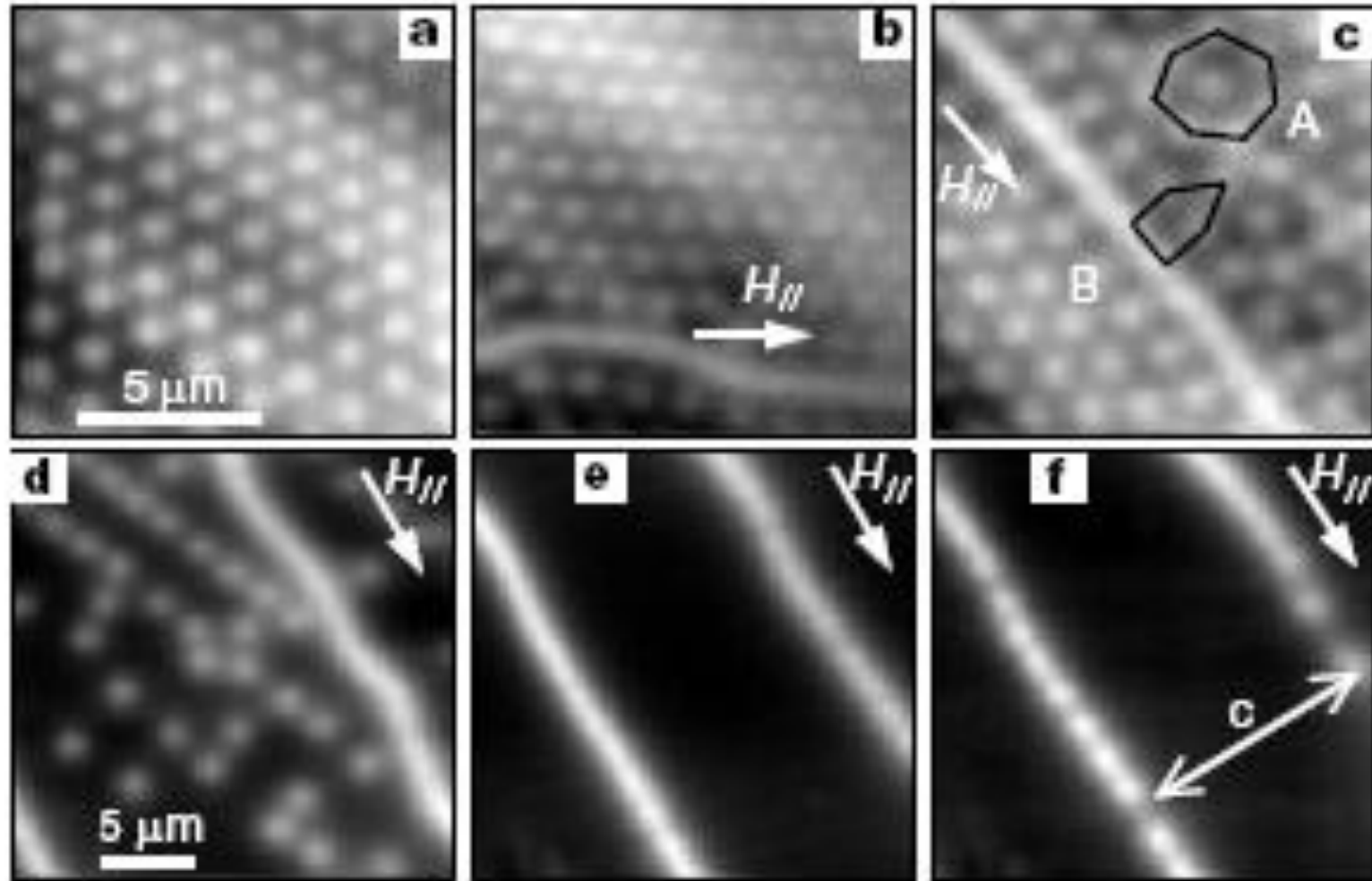


β -NMR resonance linewidth versus magnetic field
in Ag (15nm) on YBa₂Cu₃O₇ E=2 keV; (Hassan Saadaoui)

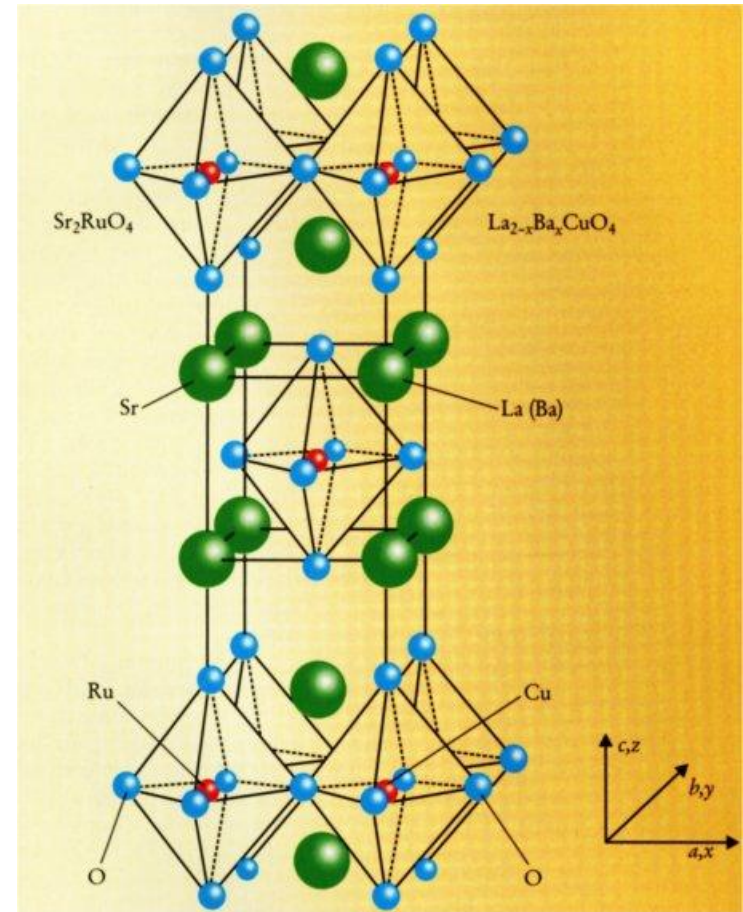
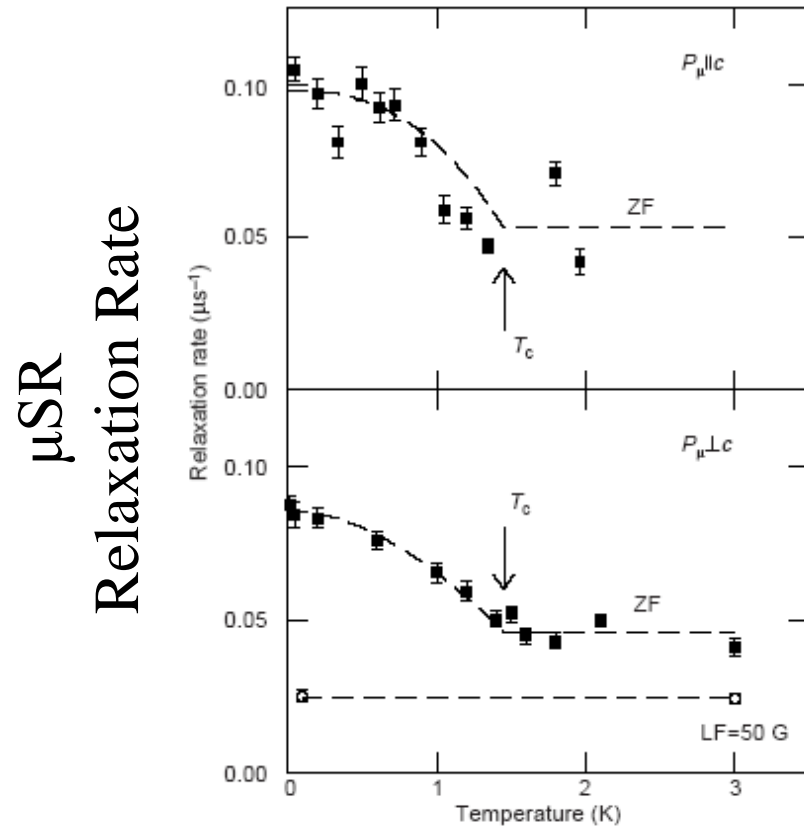
zero-field cooled



Josephson vortices in $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_8$ $H_{\parallel}=35\text{G}$
81K (Grigorenko et al., Nature **414**, 728 2001)

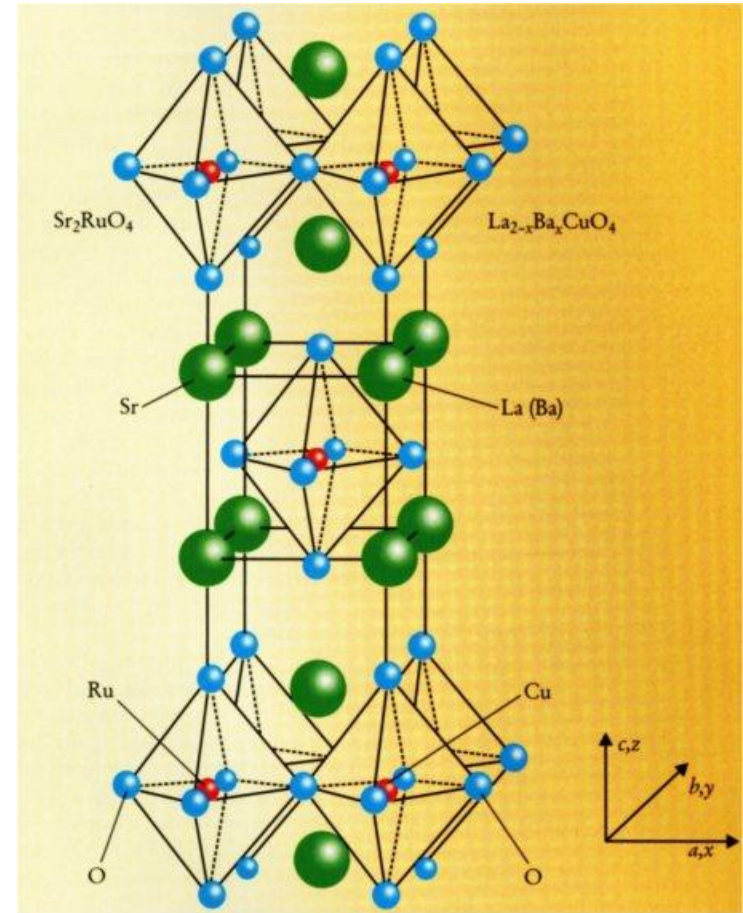
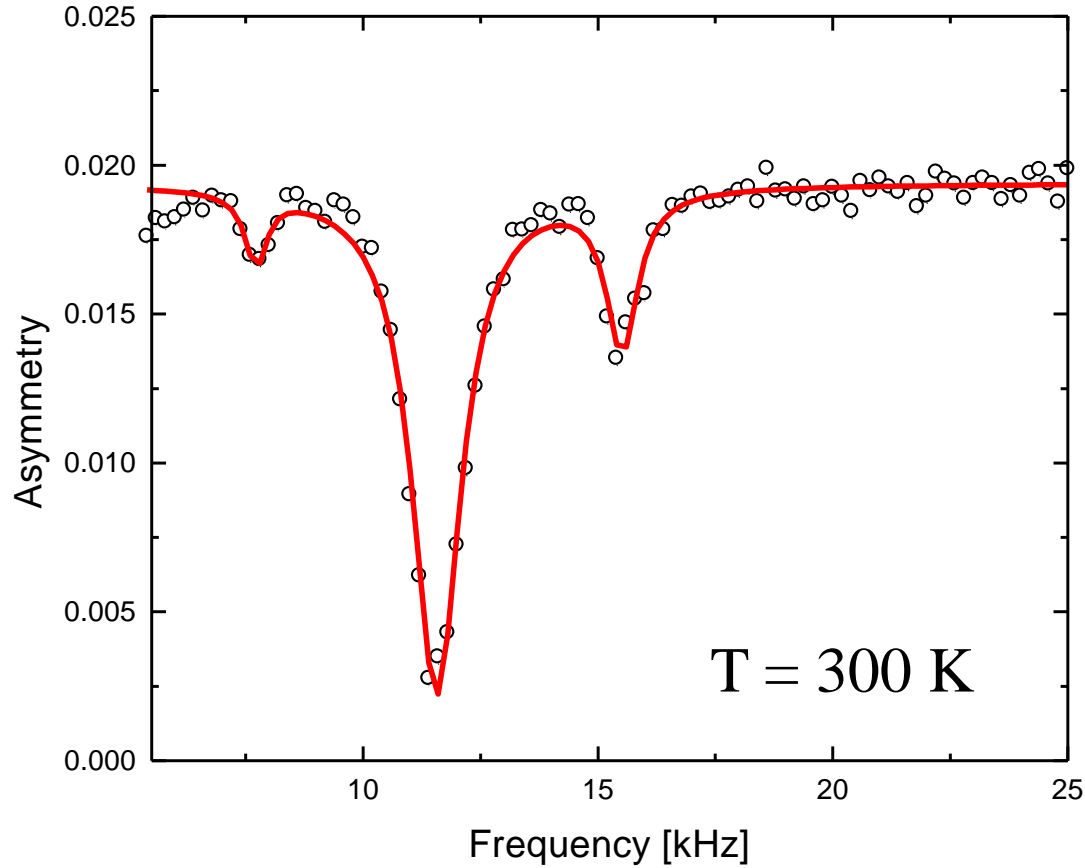


Spontaneous Field at T_c (Sr_2RuO_4)



G.M. Luke *et al.*, Nature **394**, 558 (1998)

^8Li βNQR in Sr_2RuO_4



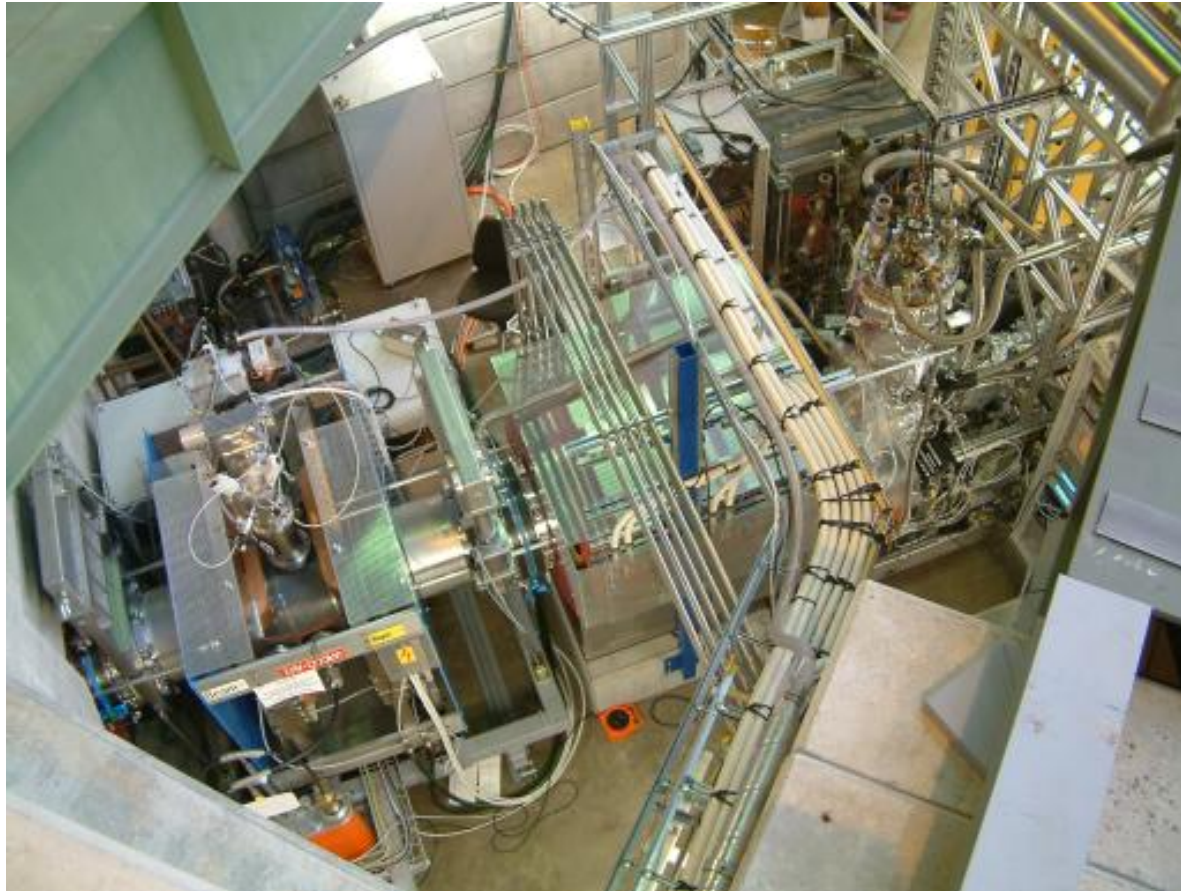
(Maeno, Kyoto)



Low T (300 mK) capability funded and in design

Competition

Low
Energy
Muon
Facility
at PSI



low energy via moderation, reacceleration

<http://lmu.web.psi.ch/>

Collaboration

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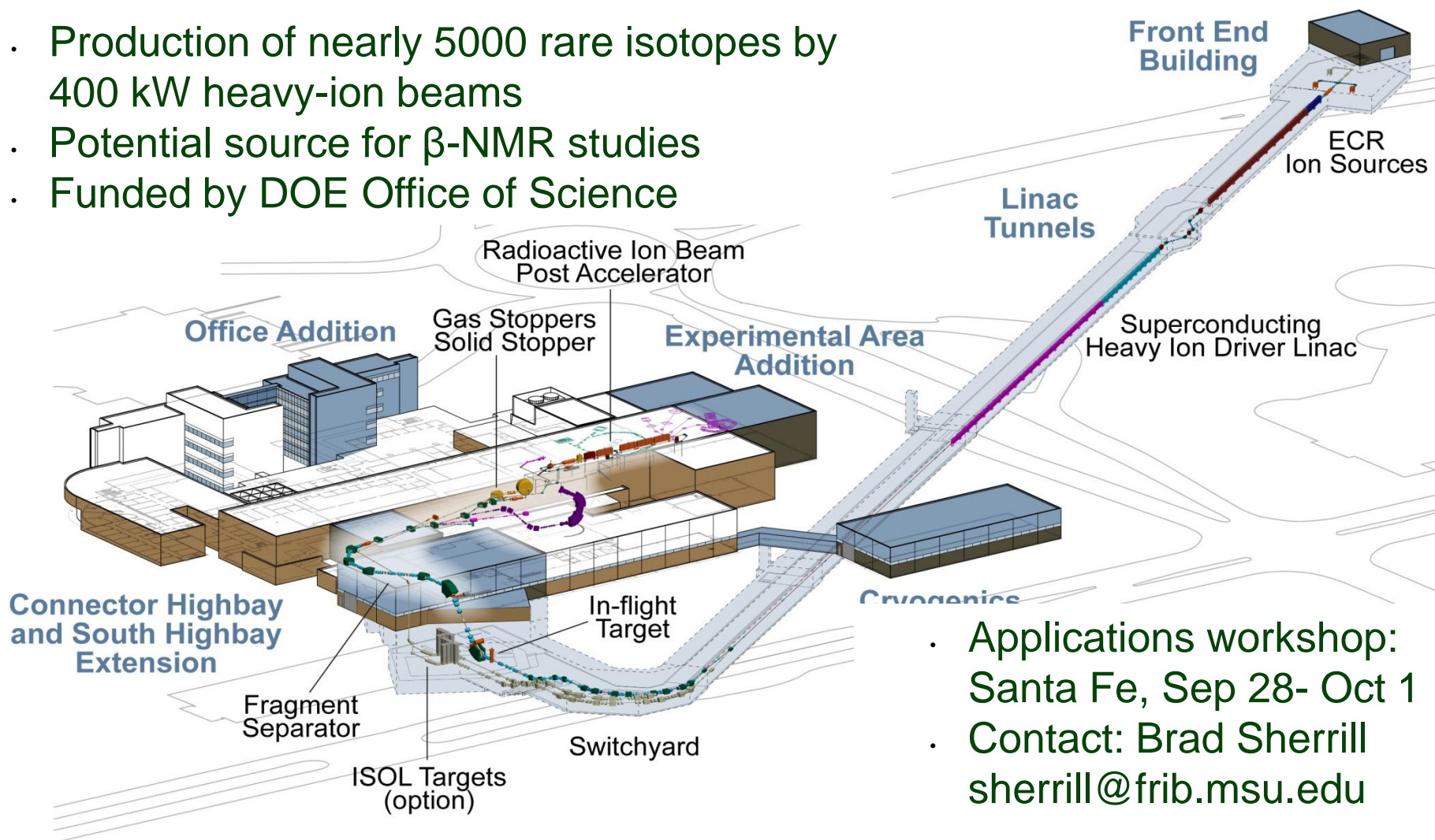
All sessions and accommodations will be at the **Fiesta Americana Condesa**, which is an all-inclusive resort located on one of the most beautiful beaches in Cancun with a magnificent view of the Caribbean Ocean and the Nichupte Lagoon.

Further information is available on the conference web site:
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Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, FRIB

- Production of nearly 5000 rare isotopes by 400 kW heavy-ion beams
- Potential source for β -NMR studies
- Funded by DOE Office of Science



- Applications workshop: Santa Fe, Sep 28- Oct 1
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ARIEL Project Funded: \$63M

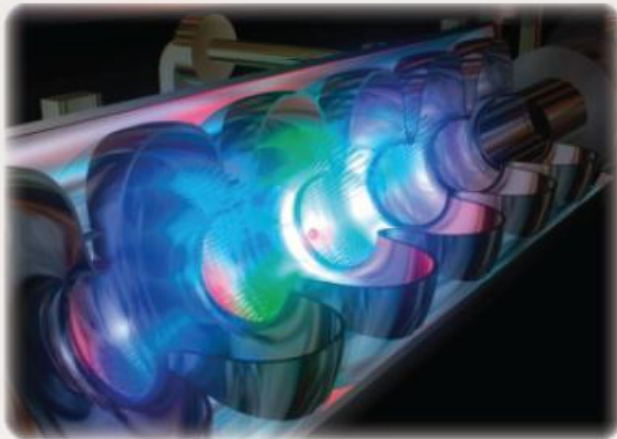


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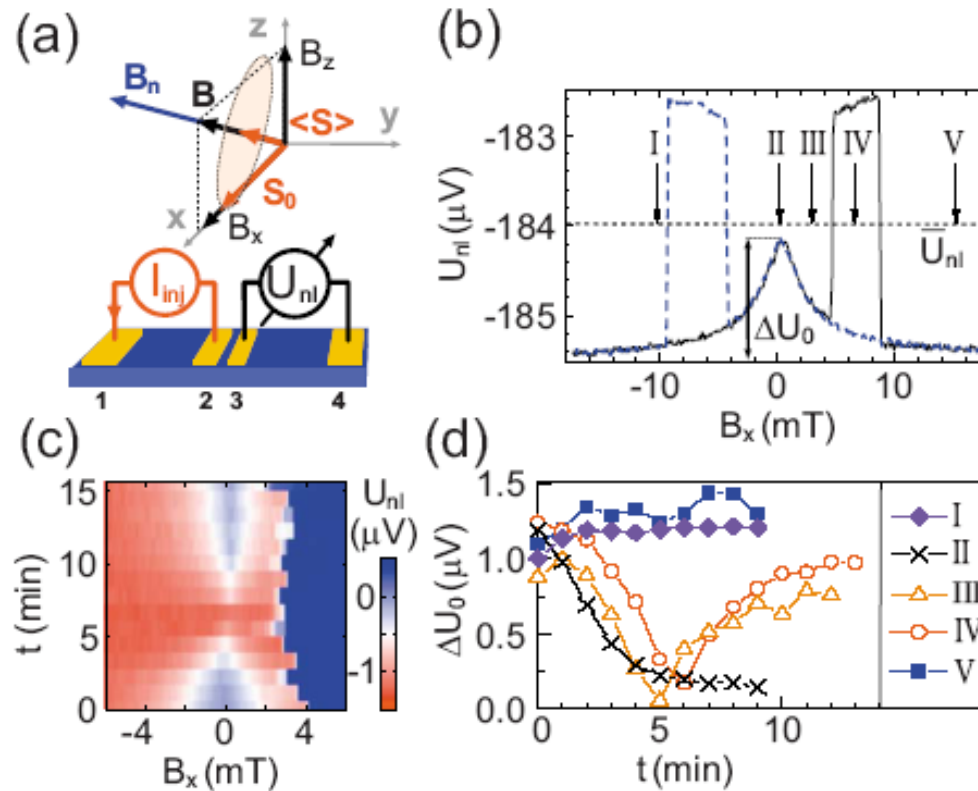
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Transport Measurements of Spin Injection from Fe to GaAs



G. Salis et al., IBM Zurich, PRB 80, 115332 (2009)

Fundamental Interactions

Zeeman: $h\nu_{\text{Larmor}} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

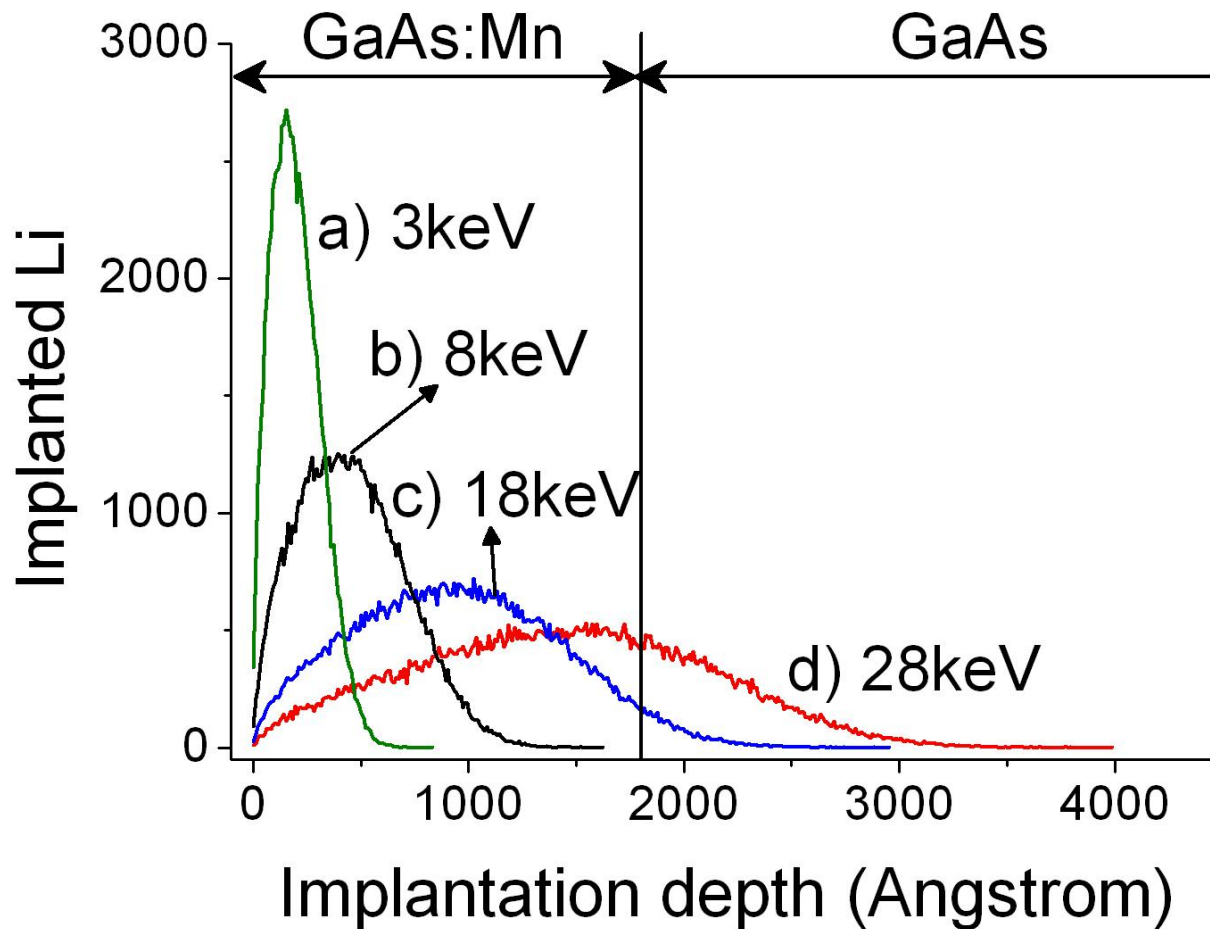
magnetic
dipole
moment

Quadrupolar: $V_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ EFG

$\nu_Q = a \times eQ \times V_{zz}$ electric
quadrupole moment

$$H_Q = \frac{\nu_Q}{2} \left[I_z^2 - I(I+1) \right]$$

$\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{As}$ $^8\text{Li}^+$ Implantation



Temperature dependence of T_1

