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Knight shift studies of unconventional superconductors: perspective of the Knight shift in $\text{PrOs}_4\text{Sb}_{12}$

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We report the present status of the Knight-shift (K) in $\text{PrOs}_4\text{Sb}_{12}$, where ^{121}Sb K (^{121}K) results of $\text{PrOs}_4\text{Sb}_{12}$ are compared to the results of other unconventional superconductors. We will also mention the underlying issues and a perspective of the K in $\text{PrOs}_4\text{Sb}_{12}$.

- $\text{PrOs}_4\text{Sb}_{12}$ ¹⁾ (Odd-parity?): For field parallel to $[001]$ direction, ^{121}K does not change below T_c , suggesting the odd-parity state. The crystal symmetry is T_h ; nevertheless the rotation angle dependence of ^{121}K measurements shows that the ^{121}K for $[0\bar{1}0]$ direction changes below T_c . This suggests that the spin-degree of freedom of the Cooper pairs is frozen with a crystal axis though its origin is not clear at present.
- UPt_3 ²⁾ (Odd-parity): No reduction of ^{195}Pt - K (^{195}K) was observed for the C phase, indicating the odd-parity state. At low fields in the B phase, the respective ^{195}K 's for $H \parallel b$ - and c -axis decrease below T_c , whereas ^{195}K for a -axis does not change across T_c . The change in ^{195}K for $H \parallel b$ - and c -axis is considerably small, comparable to the KS in pure metal. These results can be interpreted by either the incomplete lock of the \mathbf{d} -vector to crystal axis or the intrinsic properties in f^2 configuration predicted theoretically.¹⁰⁾
- UNi_2Al_3 ³⁾ (Odd-parity): No change of ^{27}Al K (^{27}K) was observed below T_c for $H \perp c$ axis, indicating the odd-parity pairing state.
- URu_2Si_2 ⁴⁾, UBe_{13} ⁵⁾ (Odd-parity?): No change of K was observed below T_c , suggesting an odd-parity state. (Detailed K studies have not put forth yet.)
- Sr_2RuO_4 ⁶⁾ (Odd-parity): No change of K was observed below T_c , irrespective of the applied field directions. The \mathbf{d} -vector rotates freely as $\mathbf{d} \perp H$, suggesting the pinning field for the pairs is not so weak.
- CeCu_2Si_2 ⁷⁾, UPd_2Al_3 ⁸⁾, CeCoIn_5 ⁹⁾, High- T_c cuprates (Even-parity): K 's decrease below T_c , irrespective of the applied field direction. Moreover, the fractional decrease of the K is in agreement with the quasi-particle spin susceptibility estimated from the heavy Fermi-liquid relation. These results indicates the even-parity state.

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