

μ SR Methods

Basic Physics and Techniques

("Sufficiently Advanced Technology")

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PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

Tentative Outline

- *Basic Principles*
- *Accelerators*
- *Muon Beams*
- *μSR Spectrometers*
- *Techniques: ZF-, LF- & TF- μSR ; FT- μSR , μALCR , RF- μSR*
- *“Themes” in μSR*
- *Typical Applications*

Basic Principles

... a brief introduction to



Pion Decay: $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$

A pion **stops** in the “skin” of the primary production target.
It has zero linear momentum and zero angular momentum.

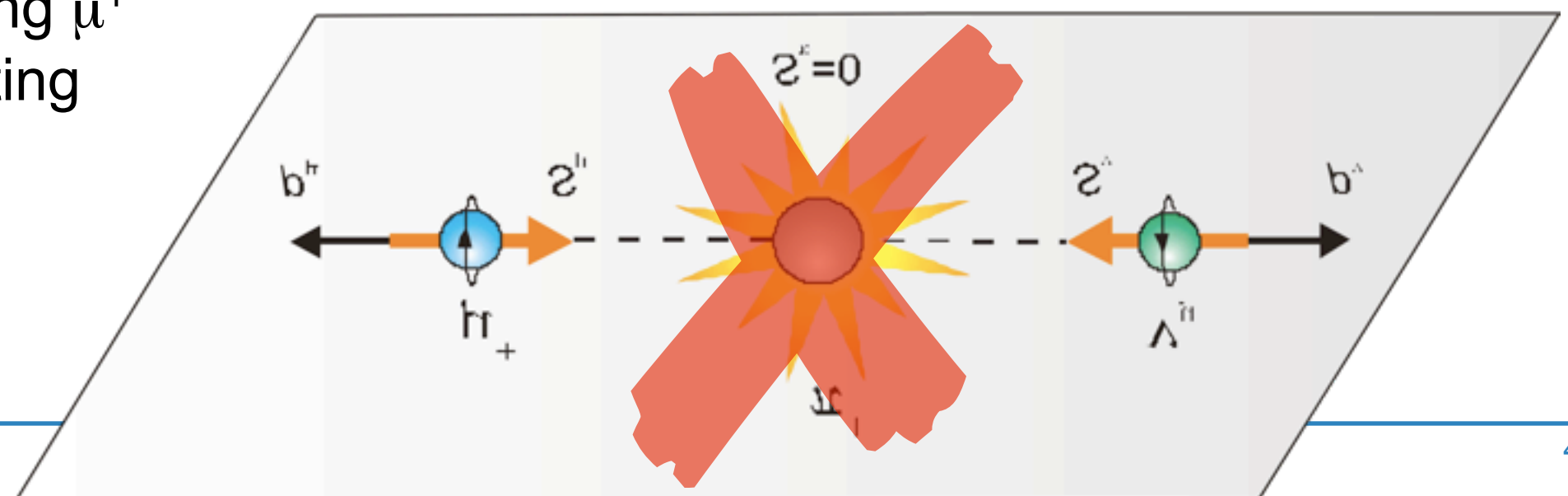
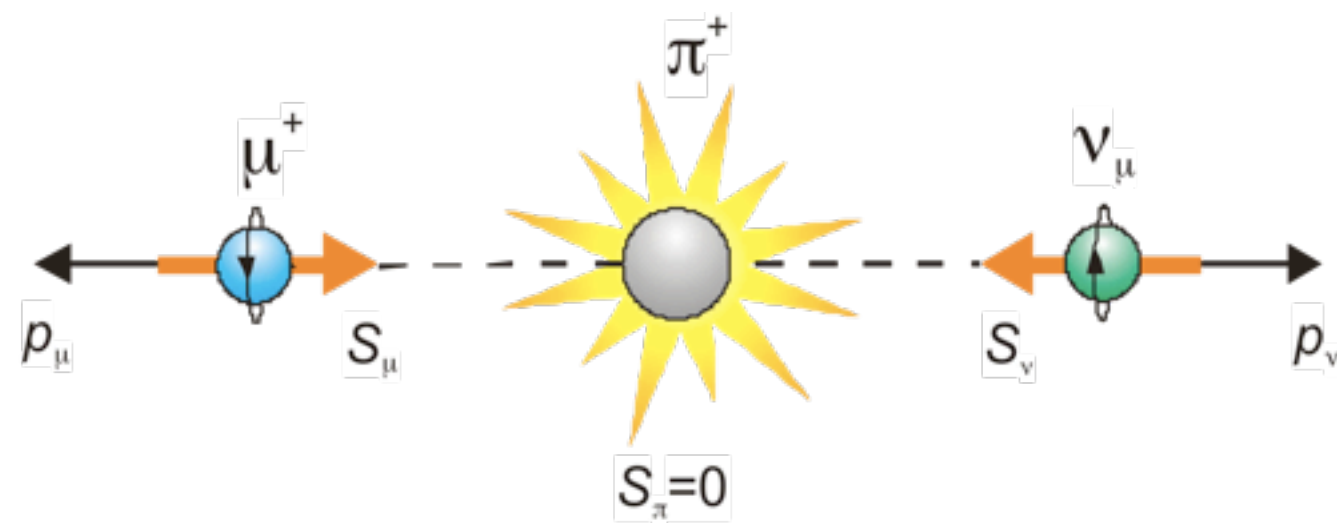
Conservation of Linear Momentum: The μ^+ is emitted with momentum equal and opposite to that of the ν_μ .

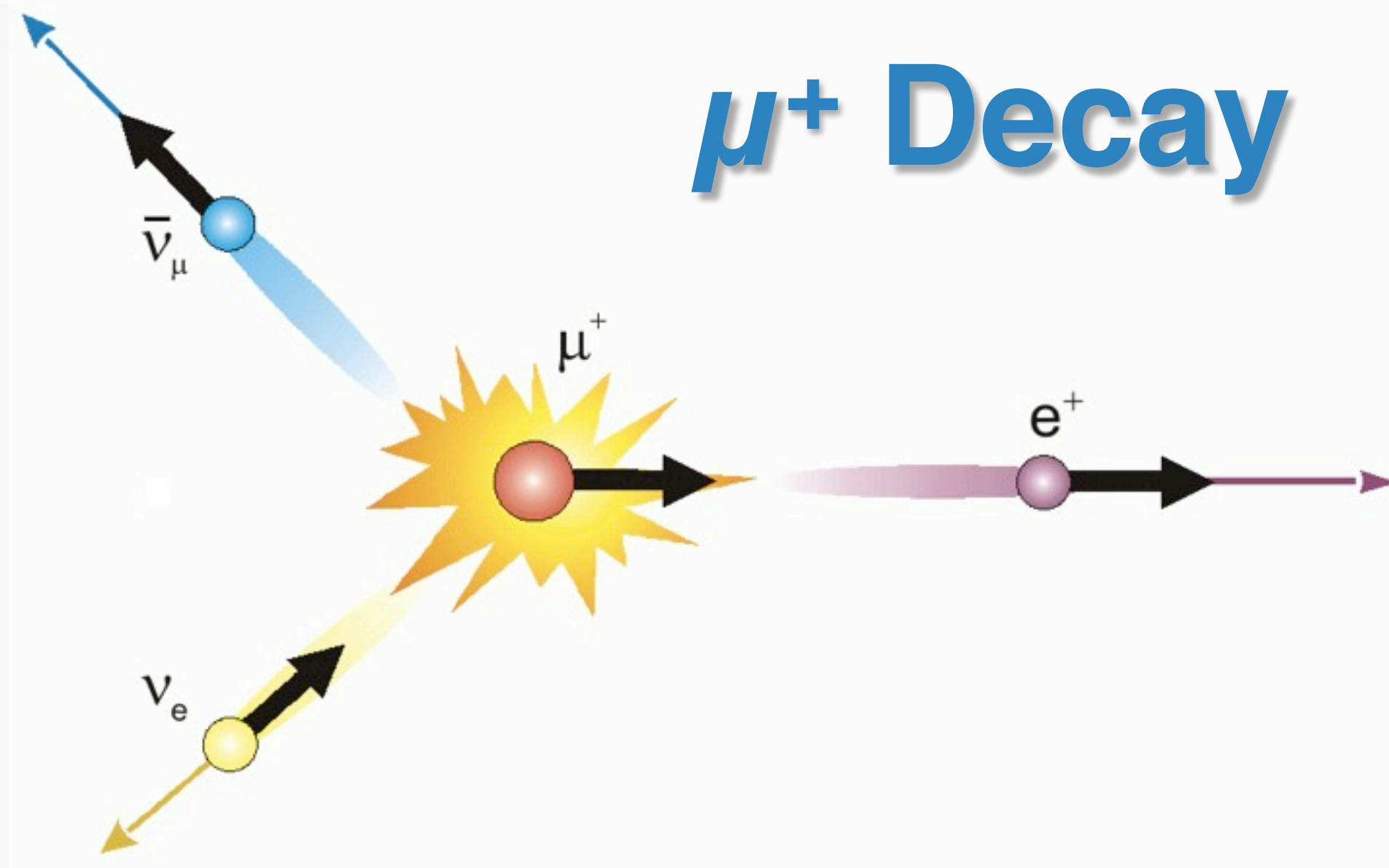
Conservation of Angular Momentum: μ^+ & ν_μ have equal & opposite spin.

Weak Interaction:

Only “left-handed” ν_μ are created.

Thus the emerging μ^+ has its spin pointing antiparallel to its momentum direction.

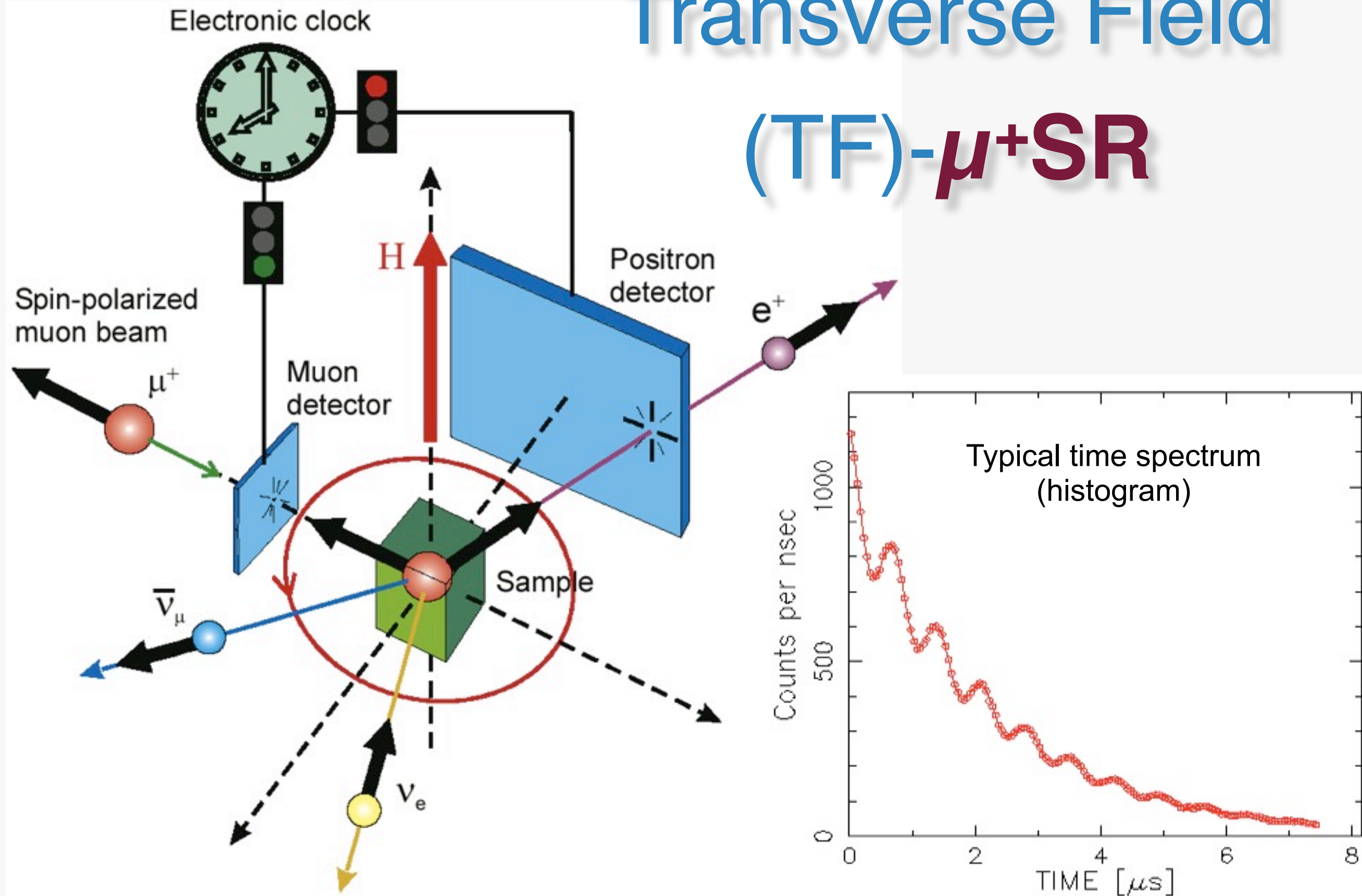




Neutrinos have *negative helicity*, antineutrinos positive. An ultrarelativistic positron behaves like an antineutrino. Thus the positron tends to be emitted along the μ^+ spin when ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ go off together (highest energy e^+).

Transverse Field

(TF)- μ^+ SR



...but...

*First you need an
ACCELERATOR!*

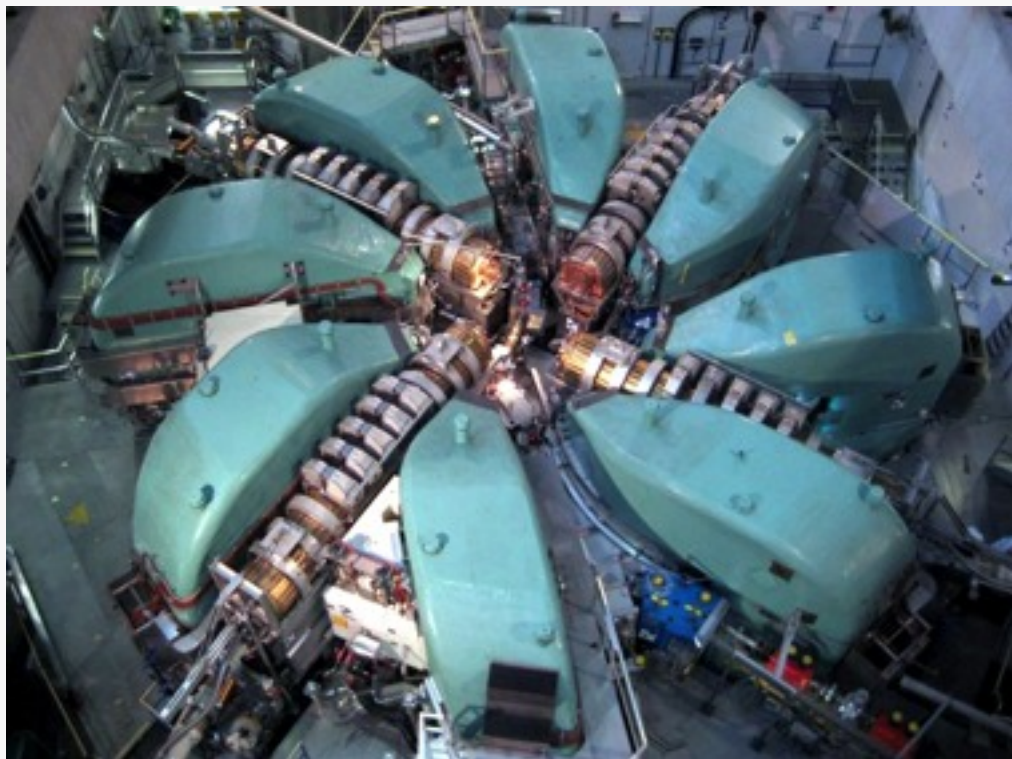
CW & Pulsed μ SR facilities





PSI Ring Cyclotron

J-PARC synchrotron



Proton Beam Time Structure

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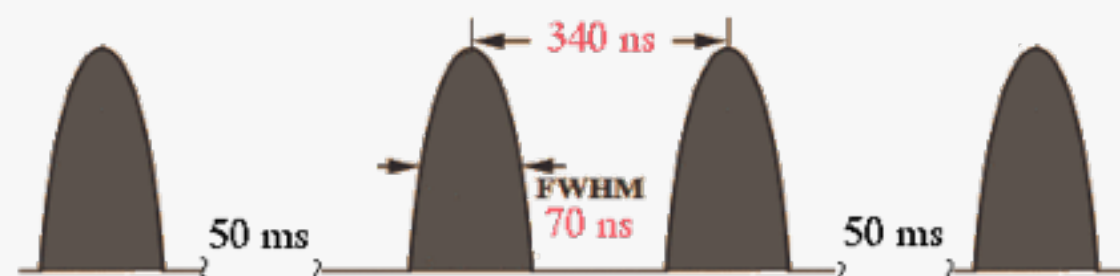
3 ns wide pulse of **480-500 MeV** protons every 43 ns.



Average current **100-150 μA** .

ISIS

Two 70 ns pulses of **800 MeV** protons 340 ns apart delivered every 50 ms.



Average current 200(?) μA .

PSI

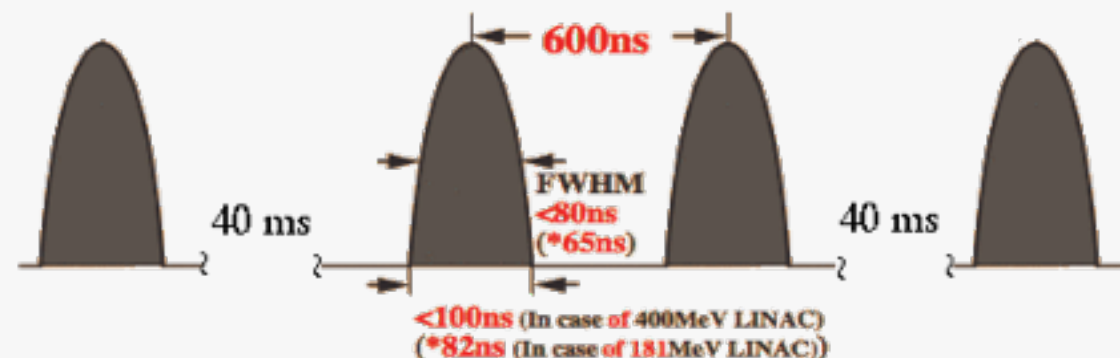
1-2(?) ns wide pulse of **590 MeV** protons every 20 ns.



Average current up to **2.2 mA**.

J-PARC

Two 70 ns wide pulses of **3 GeV** protons 600 ns apart delivered every 40 ms (with gaps to fill 50 GeV ring).

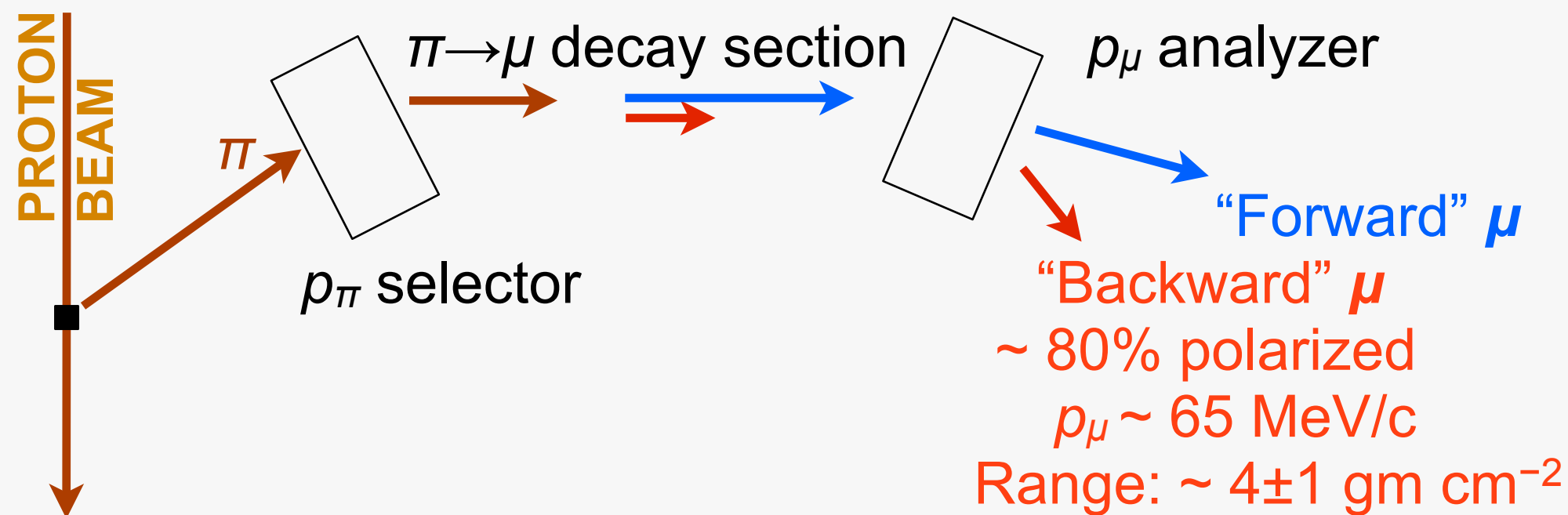


Average current **333 μA** .

*...then you need some
polarized MUONS!*

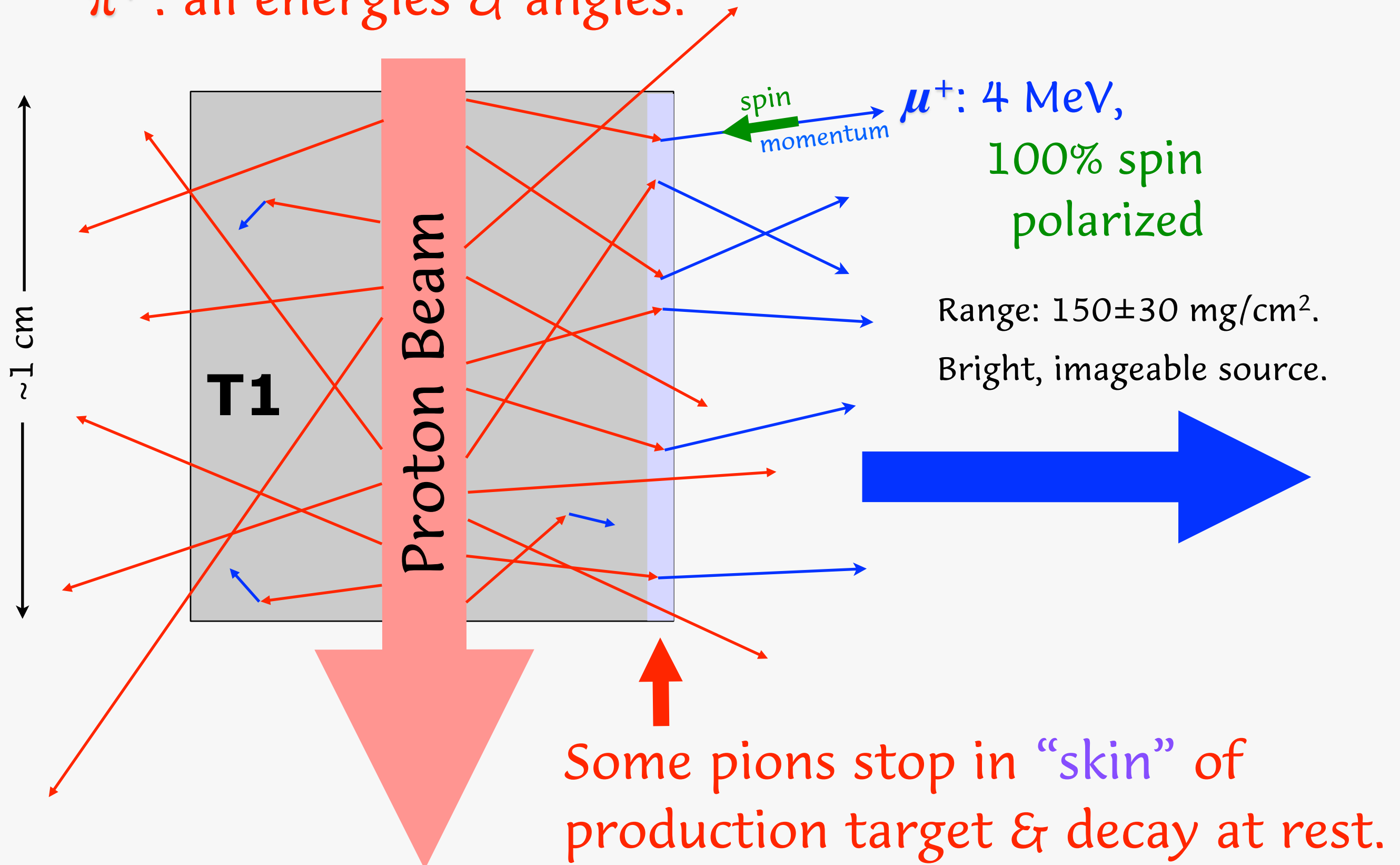
Forward & Backward Decay Muons

DECAY MUON CHANNEL (μ^+ or μ^-)

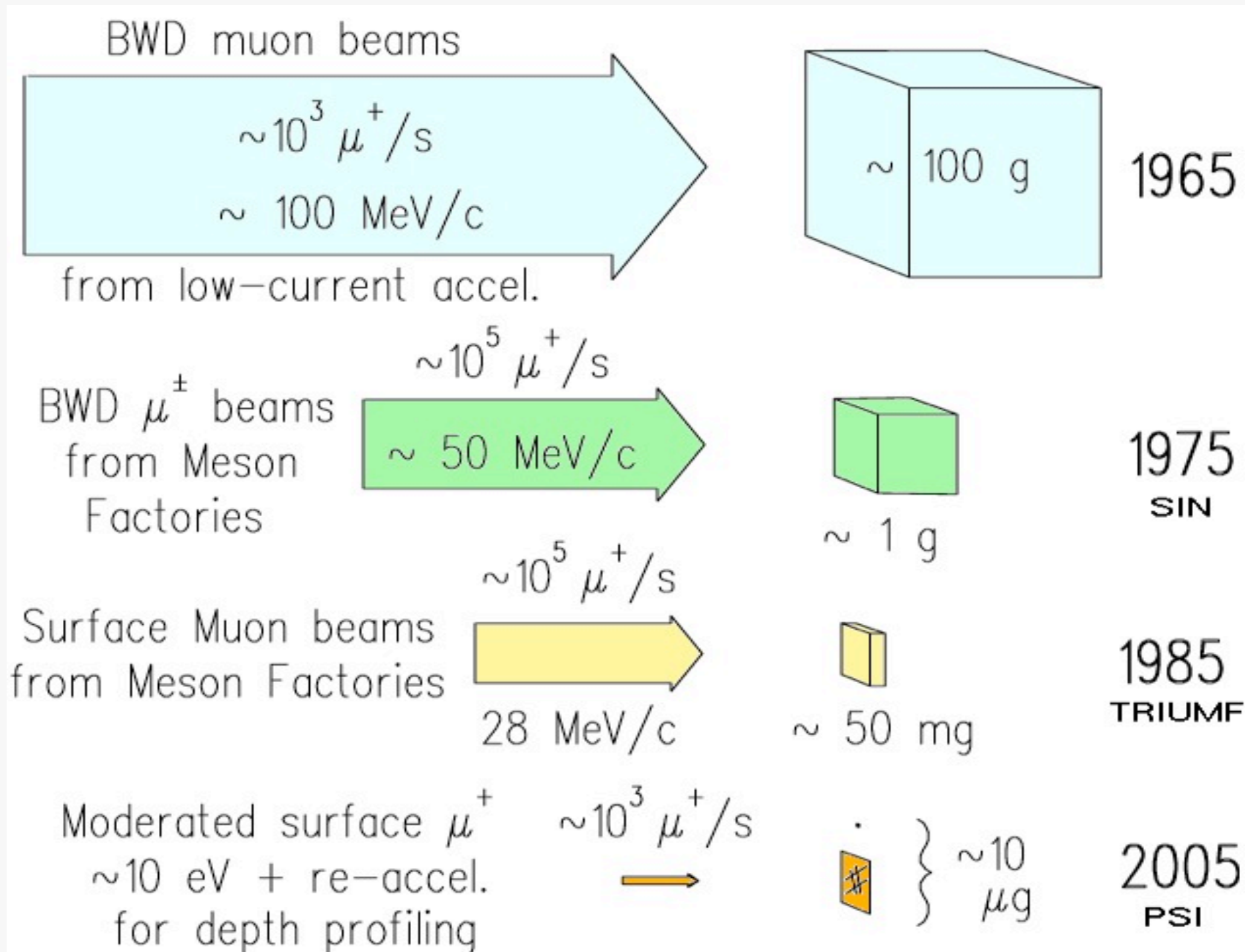


Surface Muons

π^+ : all energies & angles.



μ^+ Stopping Luminosity

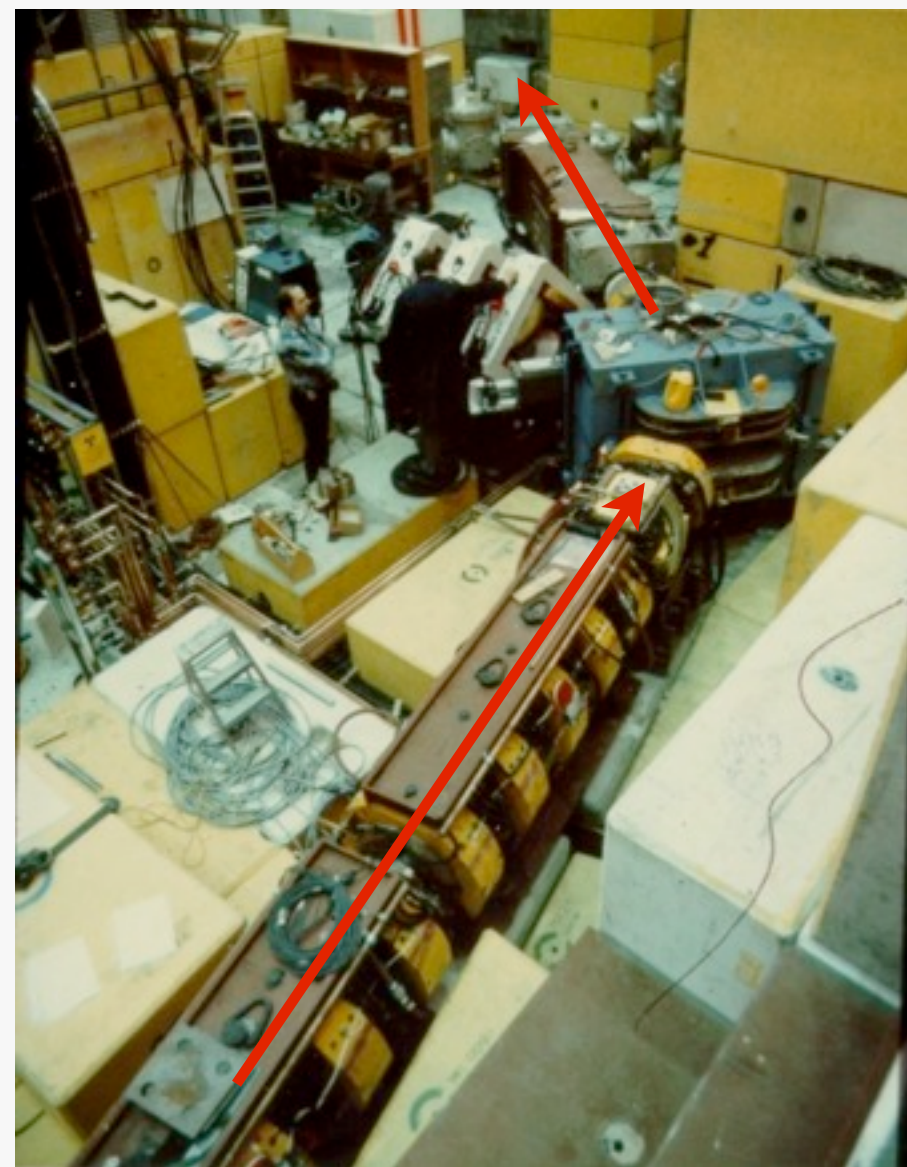


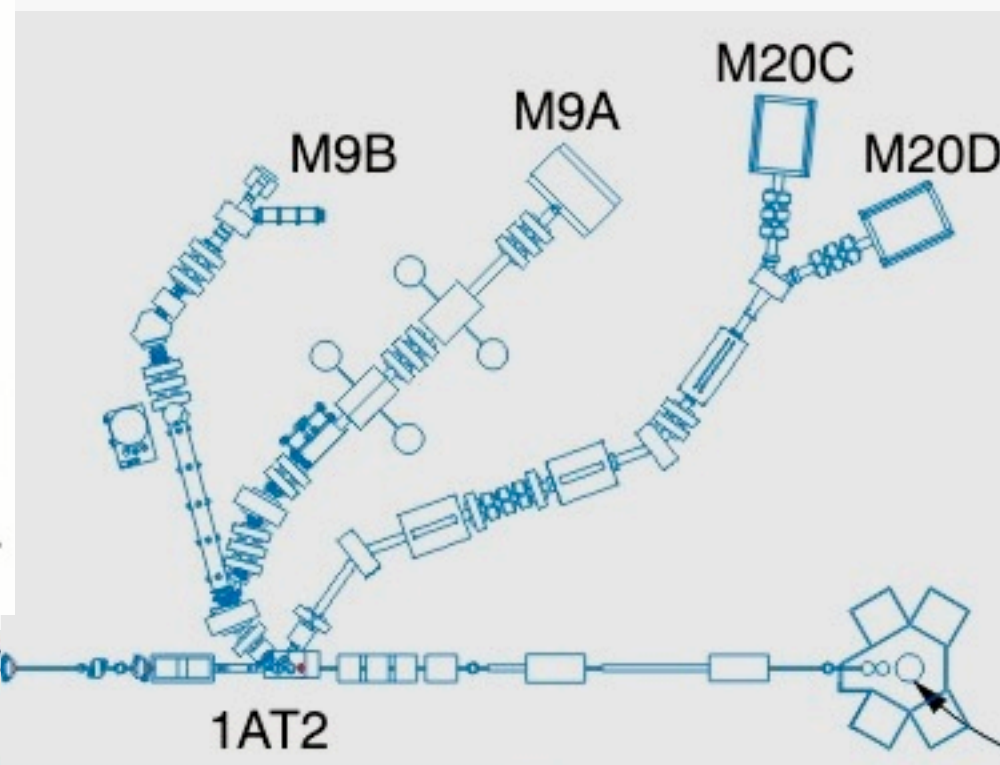
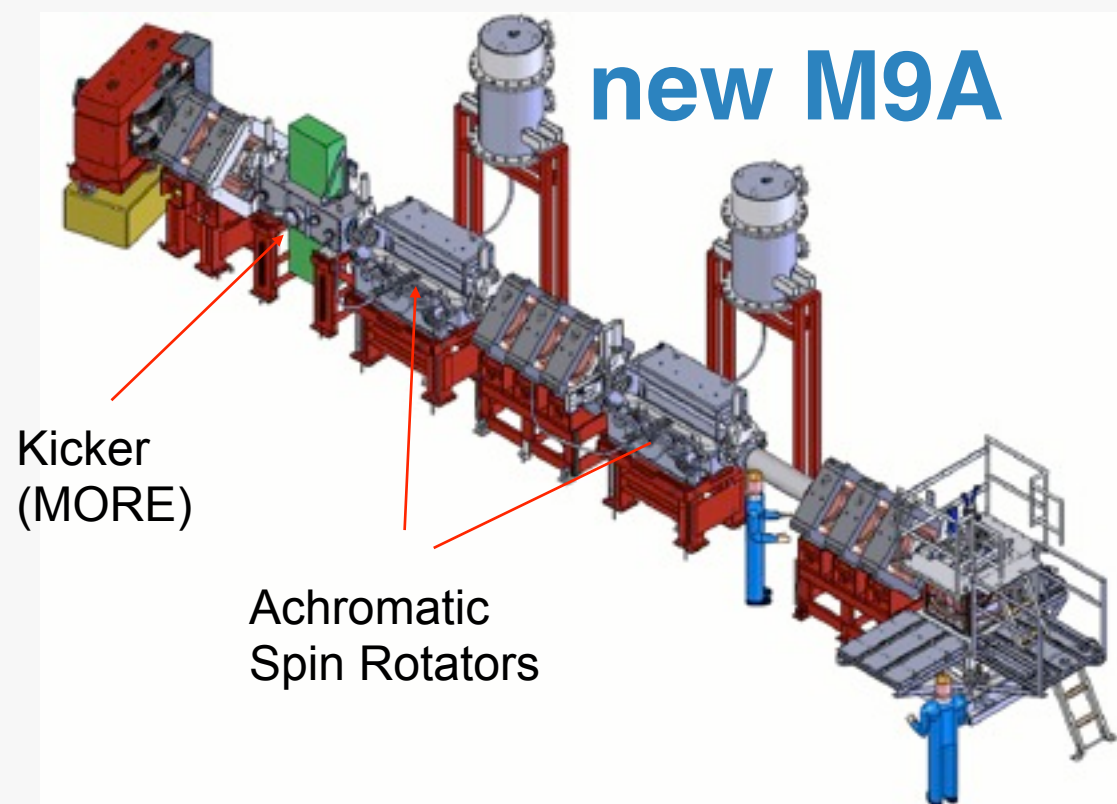
ghosts of TRIUMF past

M9B

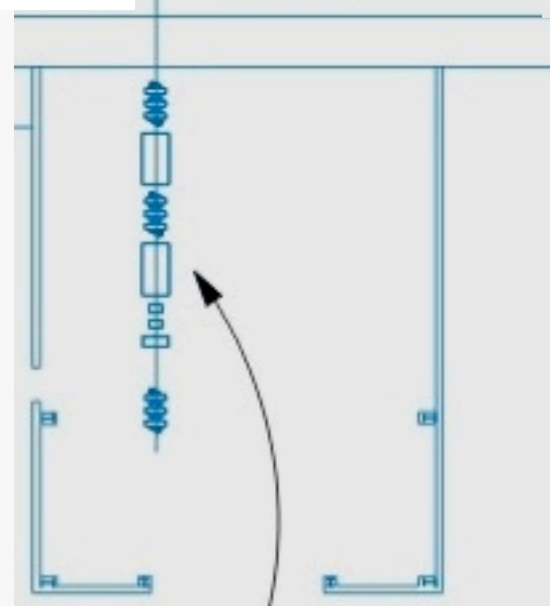


old M20





proton beam →



M15

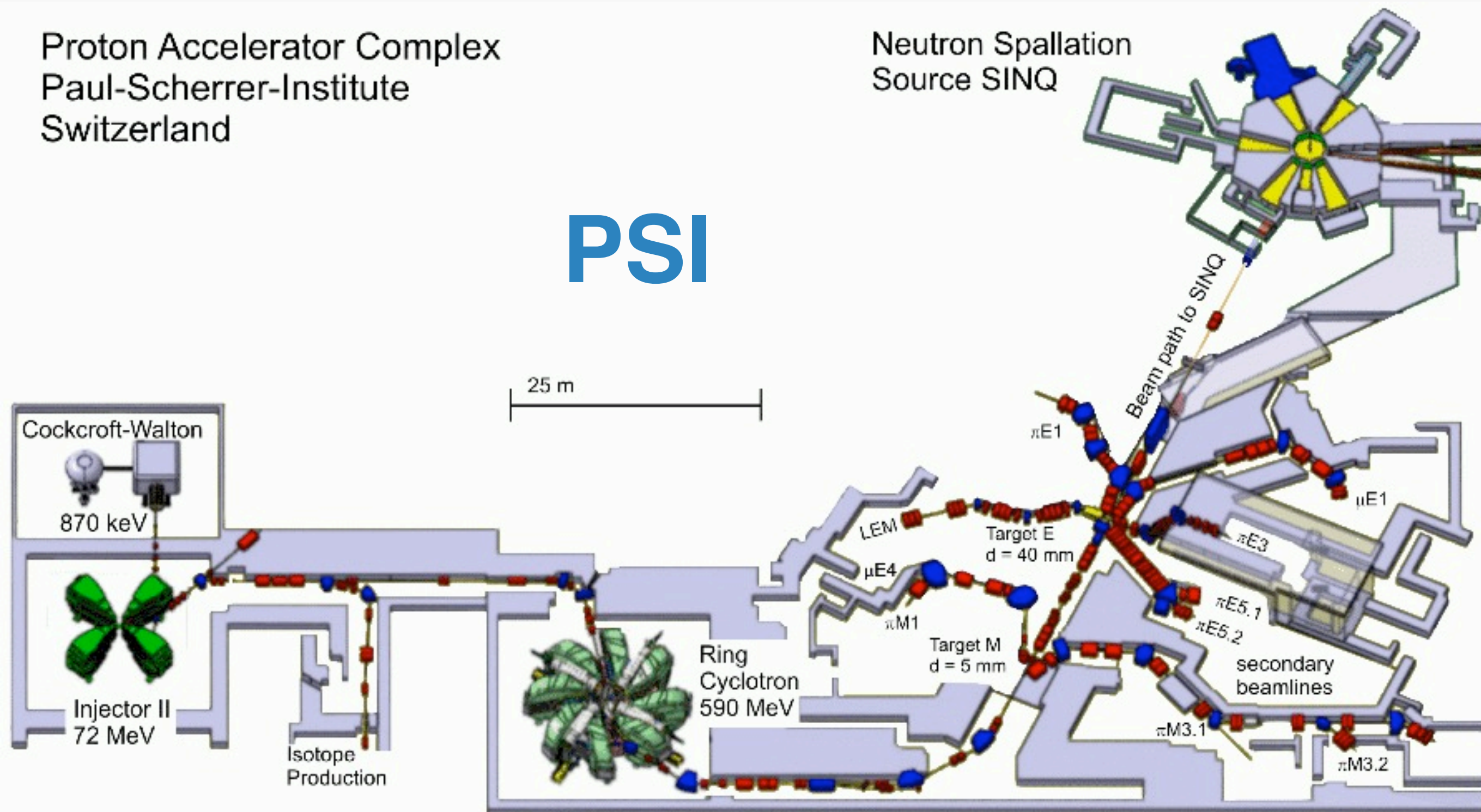
new M20's



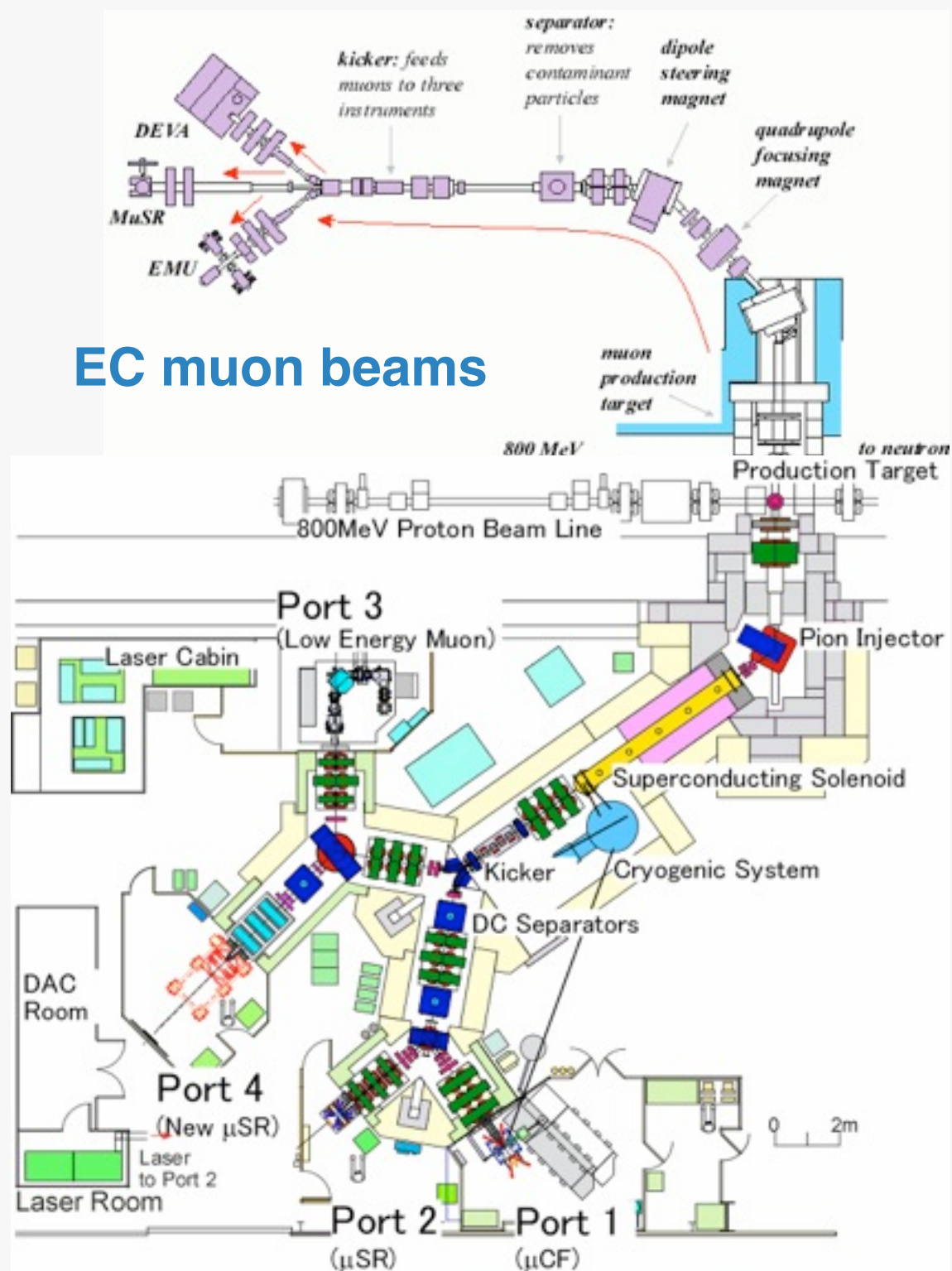
Proton Accelerator Complex
Paul-Scherrer-Institute
Switzerland

PSI

Neutron Spallation
Source SINQ

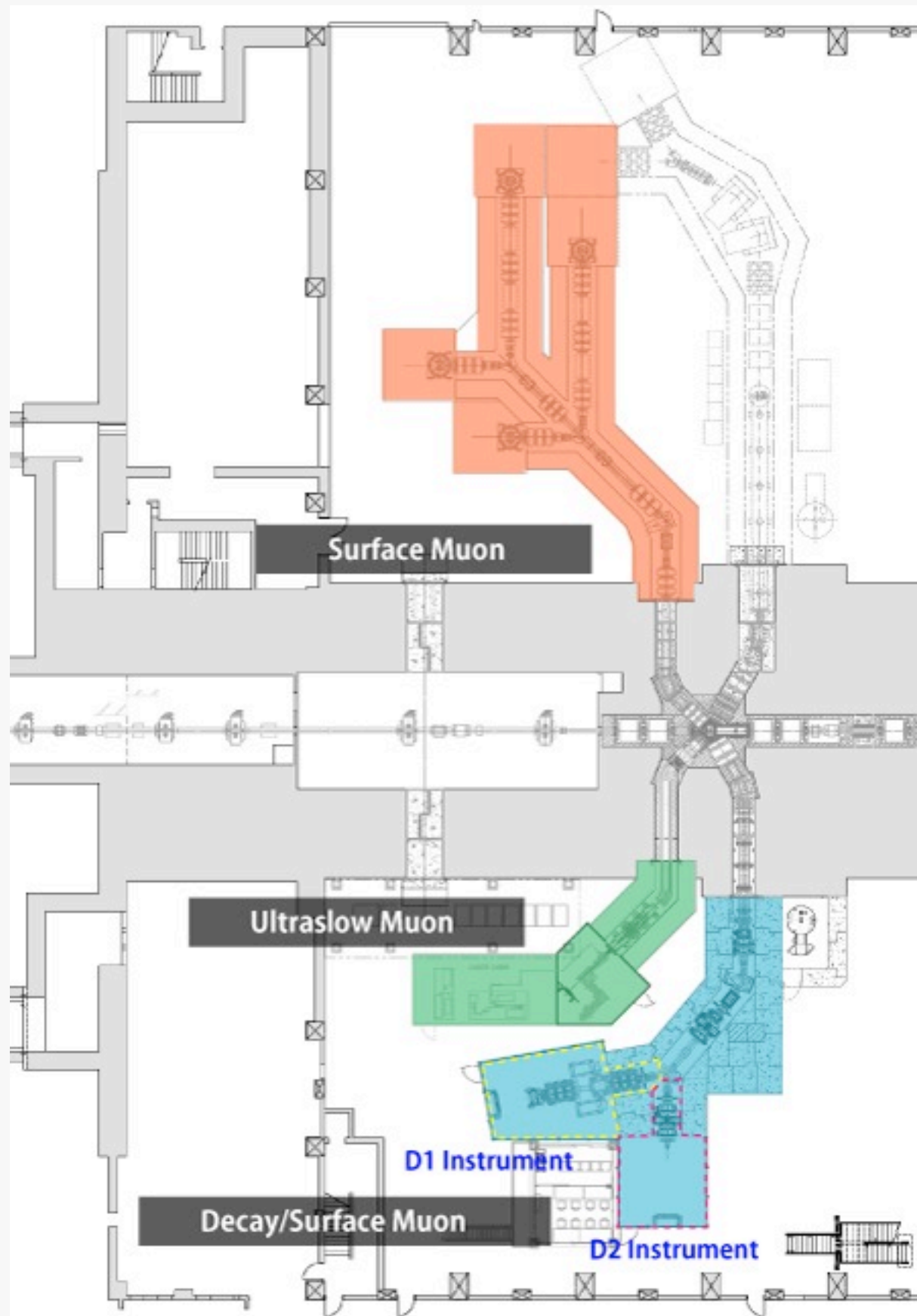


EC muon beams



RIKEN-RAL muon facility

J-PARC MuSE



Performance of Muon Beams for μ SR

REQUIREMENTS:

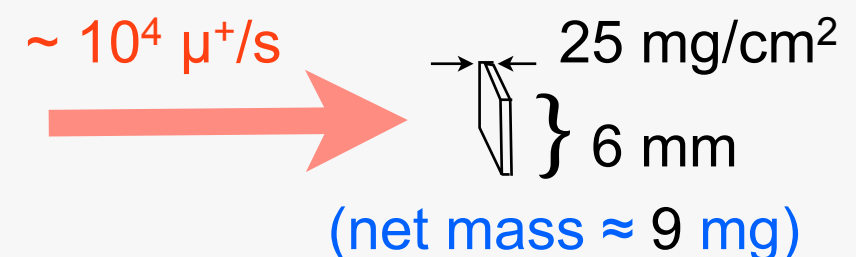
- HIGH POLARIZATION
- HIGH FLUX ($> 2 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ on target)
- SMALL SPOT SIZE ($< 1 \text{ cm}^2$)
- SHORT STOPPING RANGE
 $\Rightarrow$ low momentum
- LOW CONTAMINATION of π , e etc.

$\therefore$ “QUALITY FACTOR”

$$Q = \frac{(\text{POLARIZATION})^2 \times \text{FLUX}}{(1 + \text{CONTAM.}) \times \text{RANGE} \times (\text{SPOT SIZE})}$$

HISTORY of IMPROVEMENTS:

Before Meson Factories: $Q \sim 10^2$ (1970)
 Decay channels at Meson Factories: $Q \sim 10^5$ (1975)
 Surface μ^+ beams at Meson Factories: $Q \sim 10^6$ (1980)
 “3rd generation” surface muon beams: $Q \sim 10^7$ (1990)

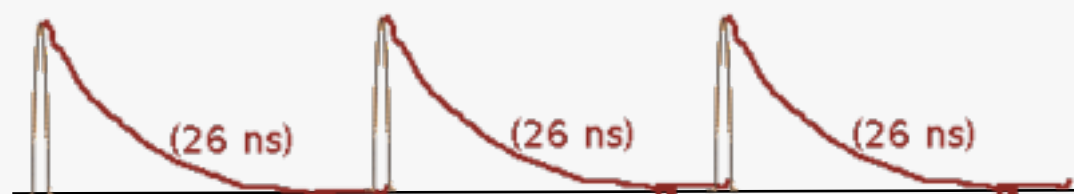


Low Energy (moderated) Muons at PSI: $Q \sim 10^9$ (2005)

Muon Beam Time Structure

TRIUMF

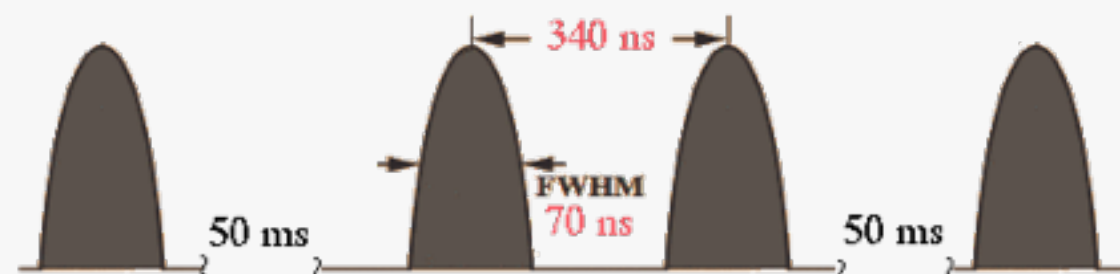
26 ns wide pulse of **28-90 MeV/c** muons every 43 ns.



Average rates $\sim 10^6 \mu^+/\text{s}$.

ISIS

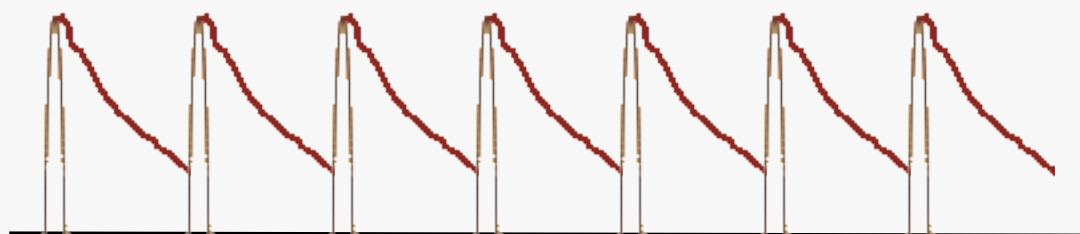
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Average rates up to $10^7 (?) \mu^+/\text{s}$.

PSI

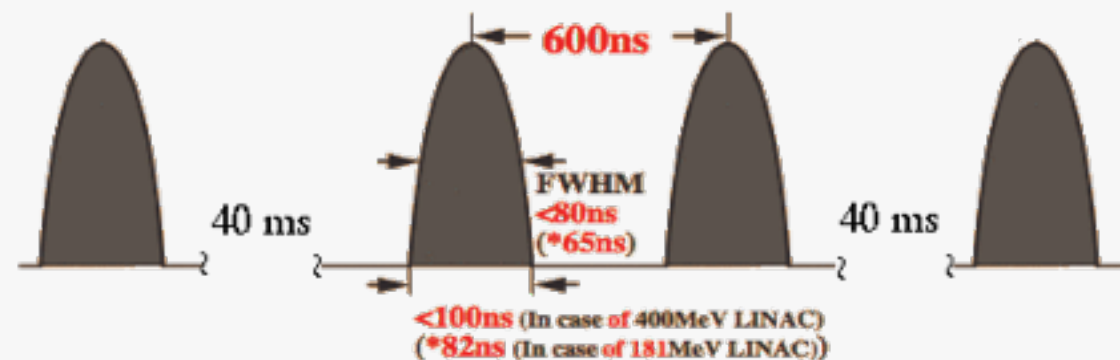
26 ns wide pulse of **0-100 MeV/c** muons every 20 ns.



Average rates up to $10^8 \mu^+/\text{s}$.

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Average rates up to $10^8 (?) \mu^+/\text{s}$.

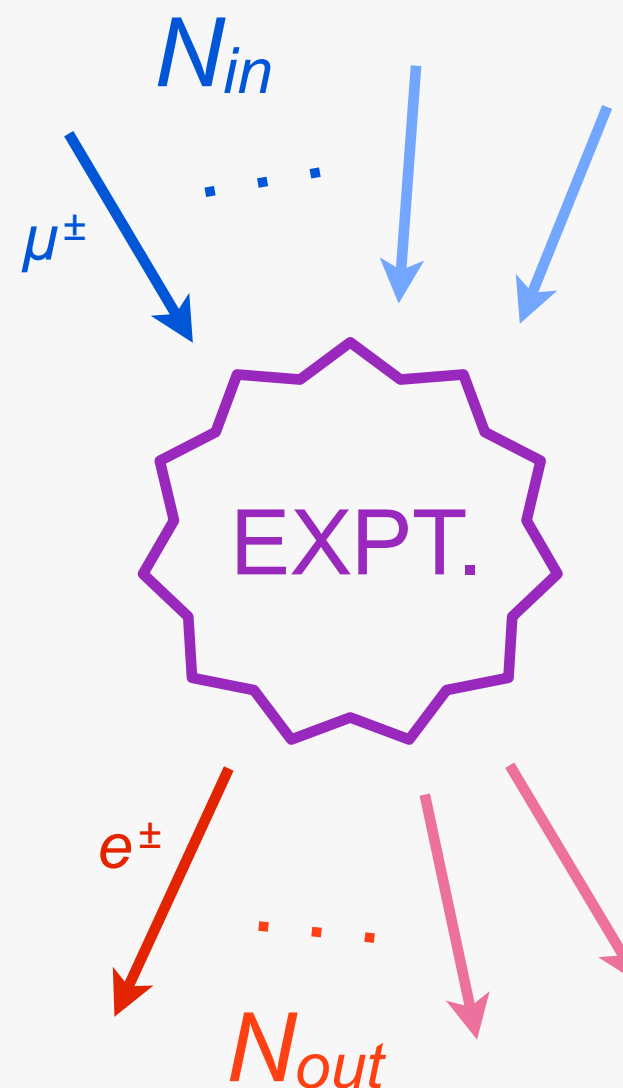
Pulsed vs. CW muons

“Advantage factor” for Pulsed over CW muon beams:

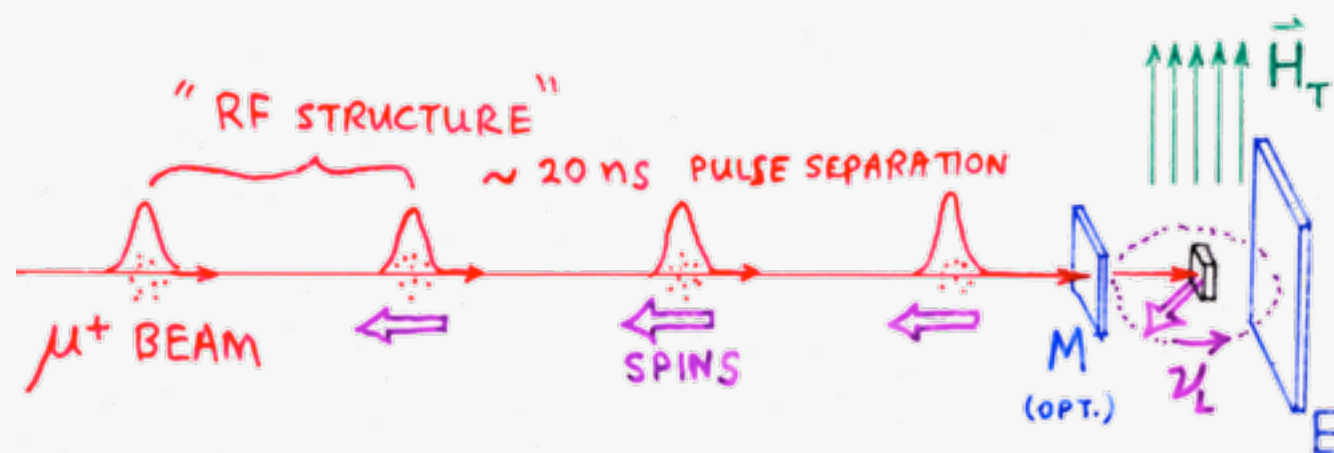
$$A_P = \log(N_{in} / N_{out})$$

where N_{in} is the number of synchronized “inputs” (e.g. the $\mu^\pm$, RF, lasers, . . .)

and N_{out} is the number of correlated “outputs” (e.g. decay $e^\pm$, n , γ , fission fragments, recoils, . . .)



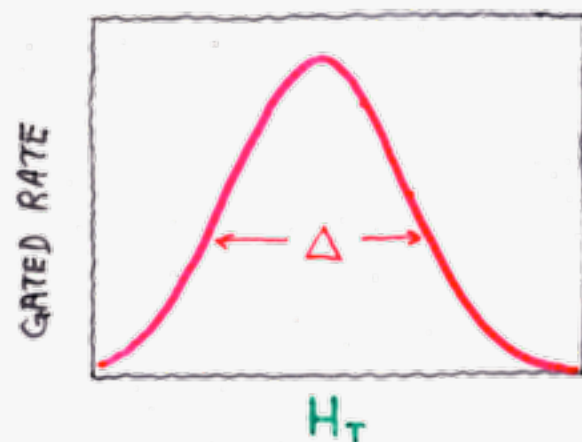
Strobo- μ SR



WHEN $1/\nu_L$ (PRECESSION PERIOD) IS
 $1/n \times$ INTERVAL BETWEEN MUON PULSES,
 $\uparrow$ integer (~ 1 or 2)

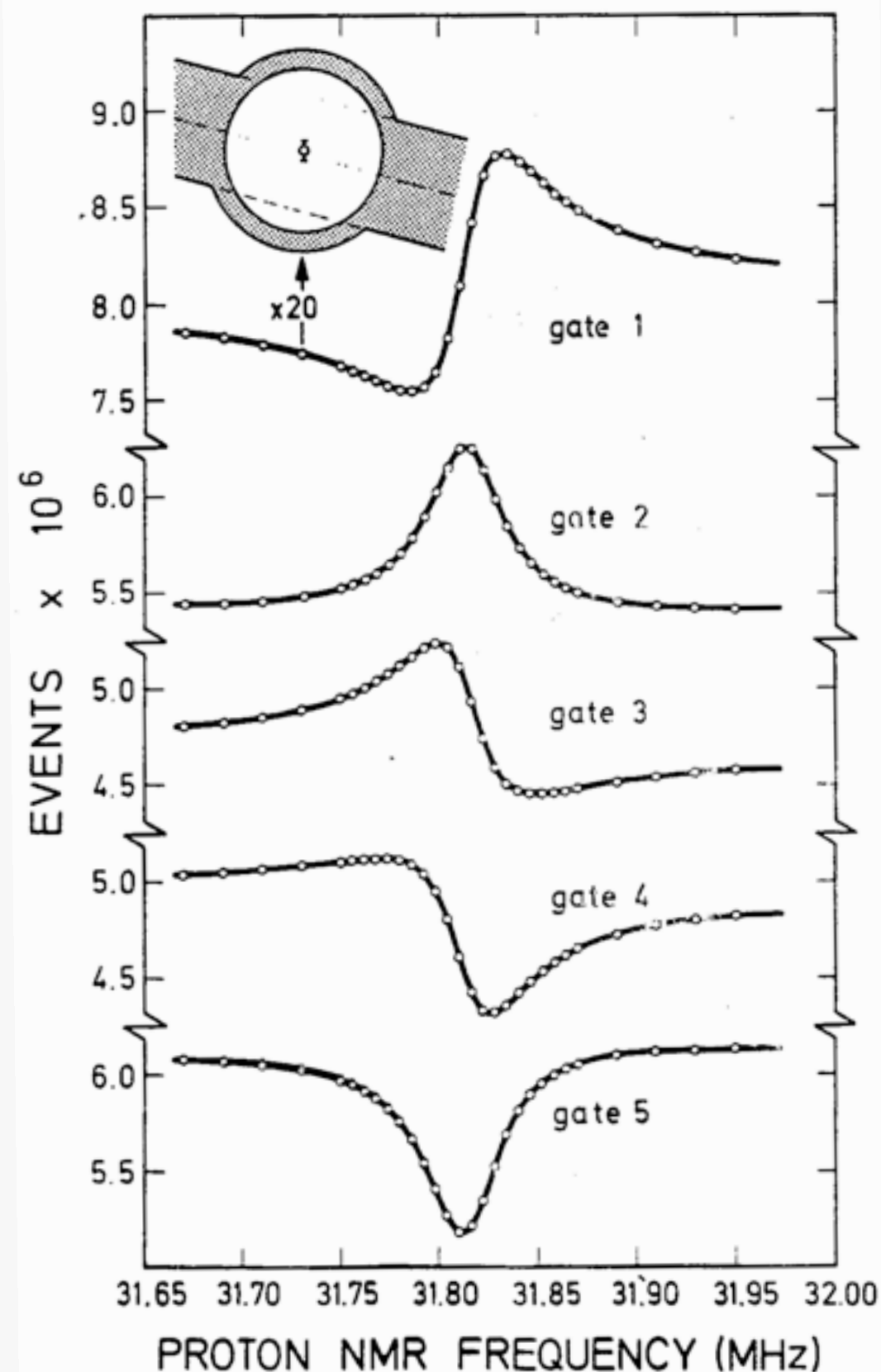
ALL MUONS ARRIVE "IN PHASE" AND
 GATED COUNT RATE [AT APPROPRIATE TIME RELATIVE
 TO PULSE ARRIVAL] IS MAXIMIZED.

$$2\pi \nu_L = \gamma_\mu H_T$$

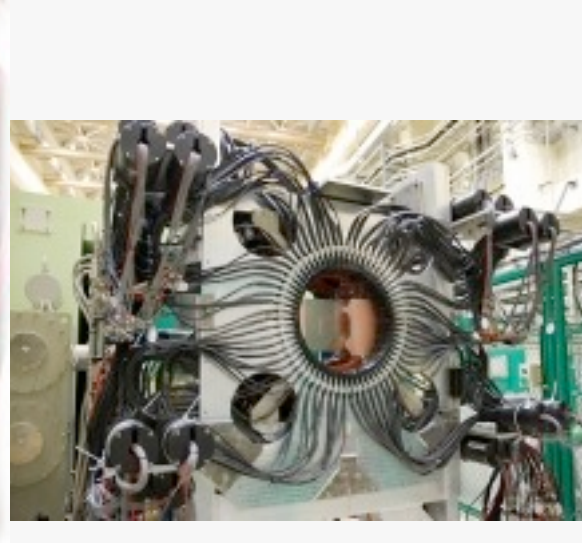
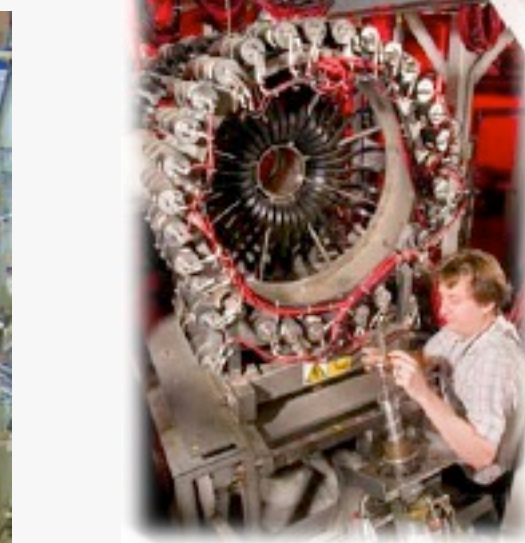
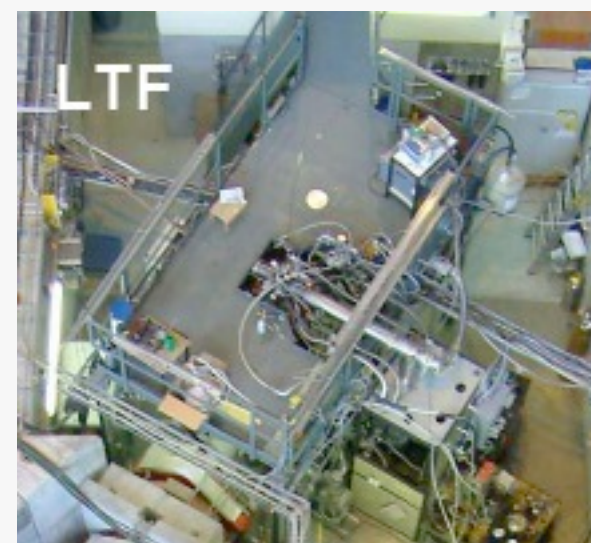
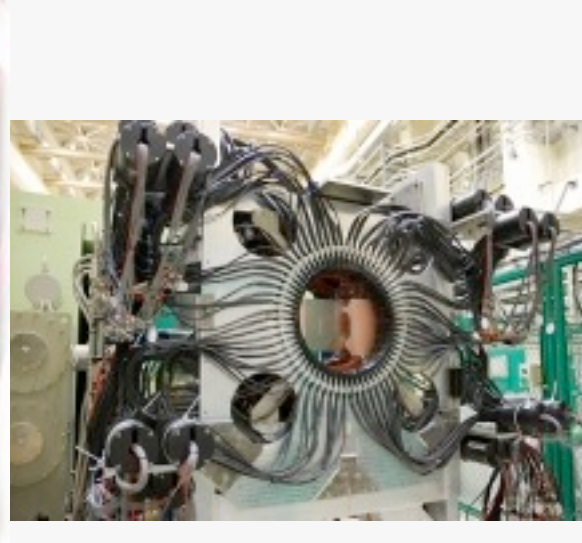
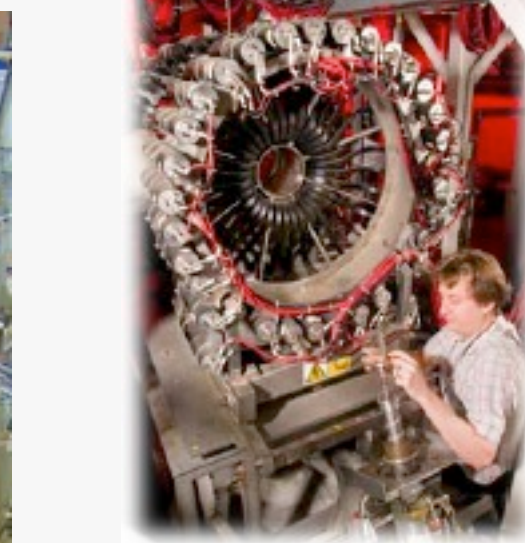
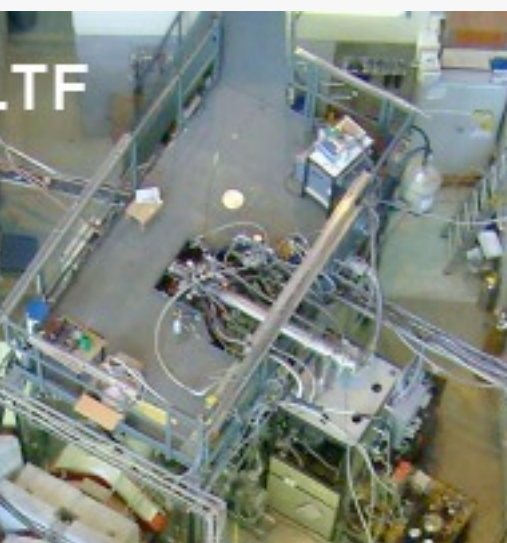
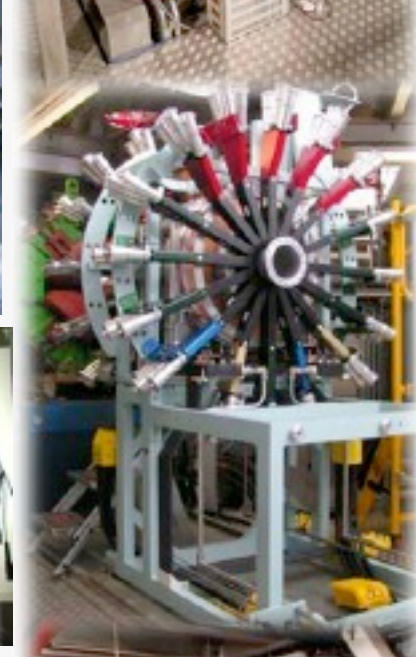


- NO RATE LIMIT!
(MANY MUONS IN TARGET)
- Gives KNIGHT SHIFTS to ~ 1 ppm
- PROBLEM: INTRINSIC WIDTH
- $\Delta = \frac{1}{\tau_\mu} = 0.454 \mu s^{-1}$

STROBOSCOPIC SIGNALS



*...then you need a μ SR
Spectrometer!*



*...then you need some
 μ SR Techniques!*

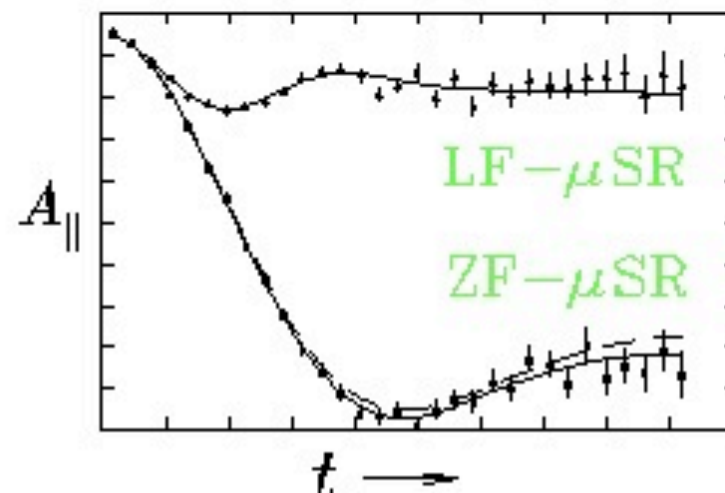
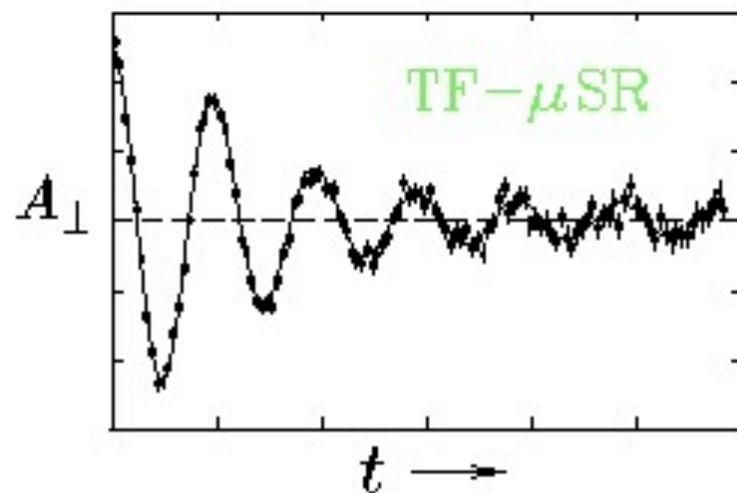
Brewer's List of μ SR Acronyms

Transverse
Field



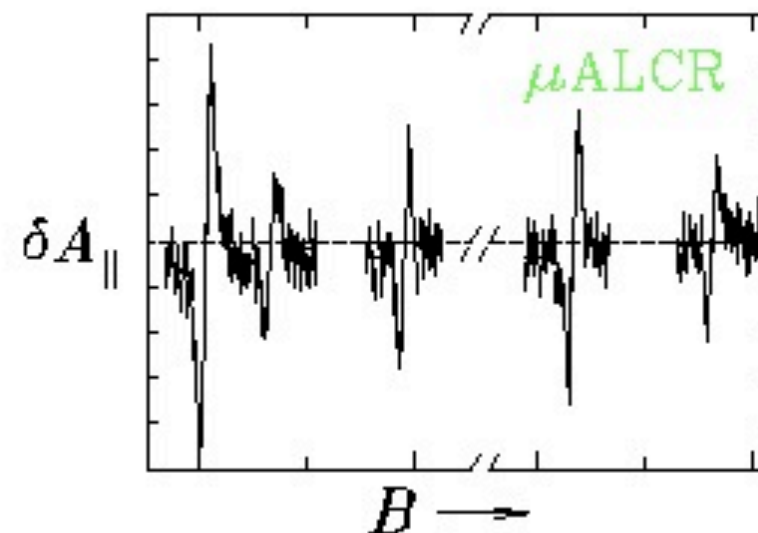
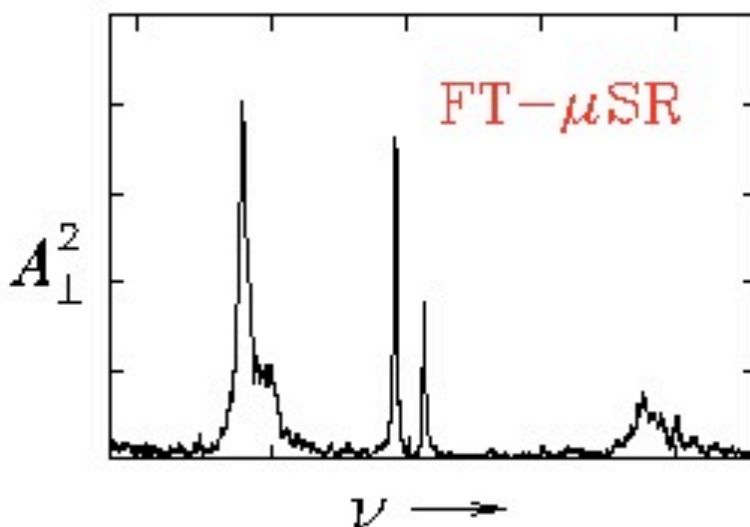
Fourier
Transform
 μ SR

Muon
Spin
Resonance



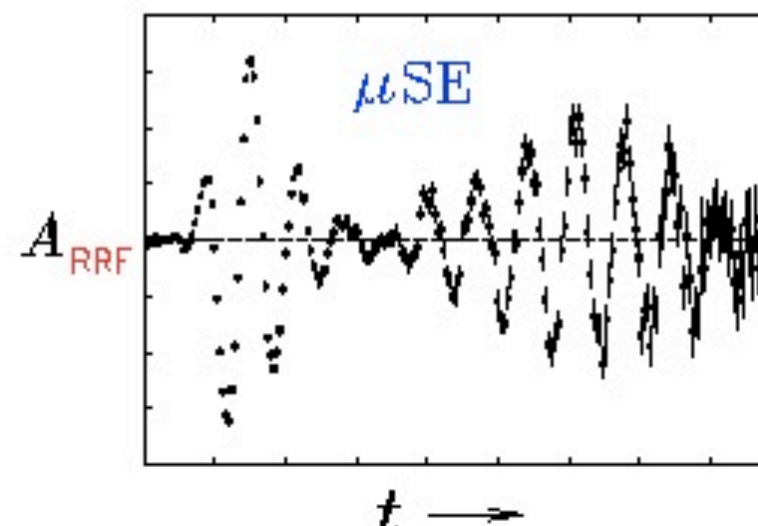
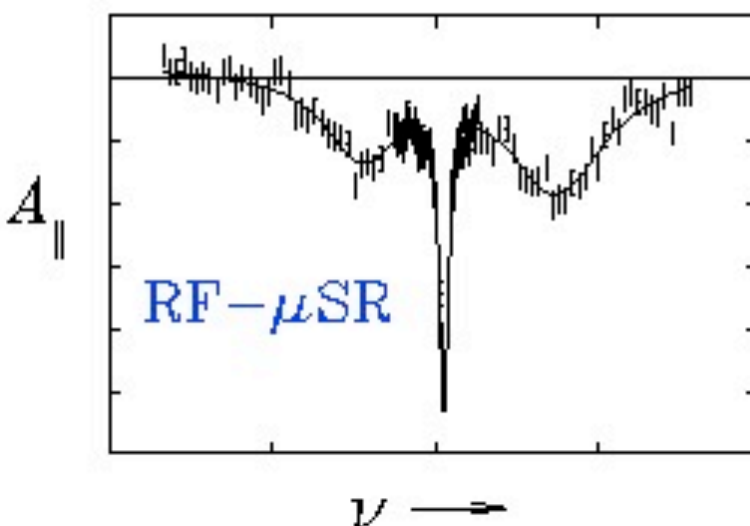
Longitudinal
Field

Zero Field



Avoided
Level

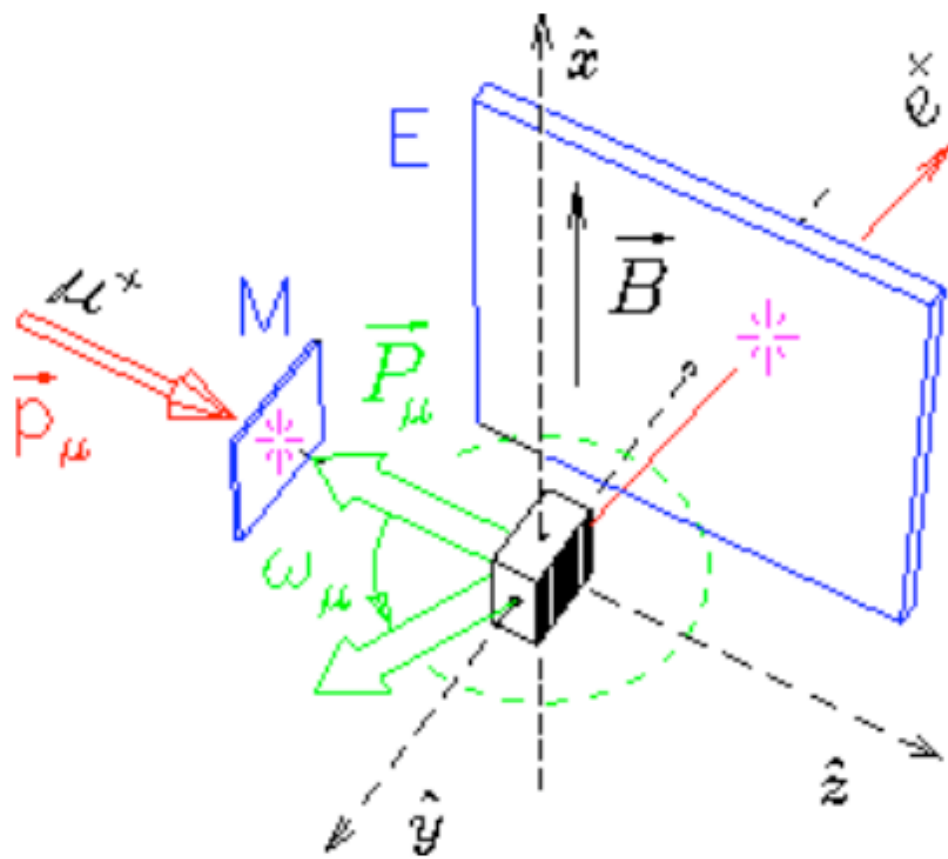
Crossing
Resonance



Muon
Spin
Echo

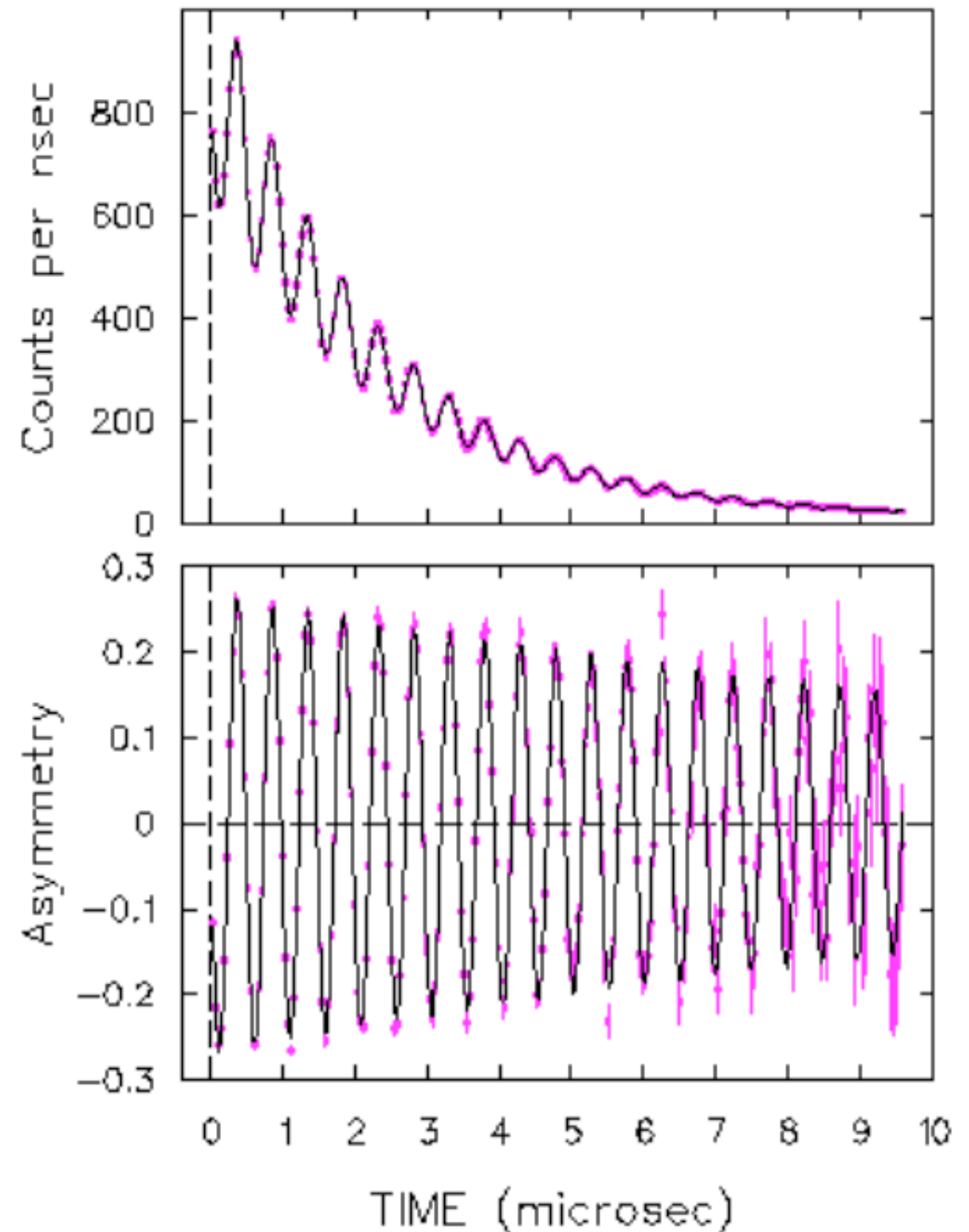
wTF- μ^+ SR:

$$N(t) = N_0 \left\{ B + e^{-t/\tau_\mu} [1 + A_0 G_{xx}(t) \cos(\omega_\mu t + \phi)] \right\}$$



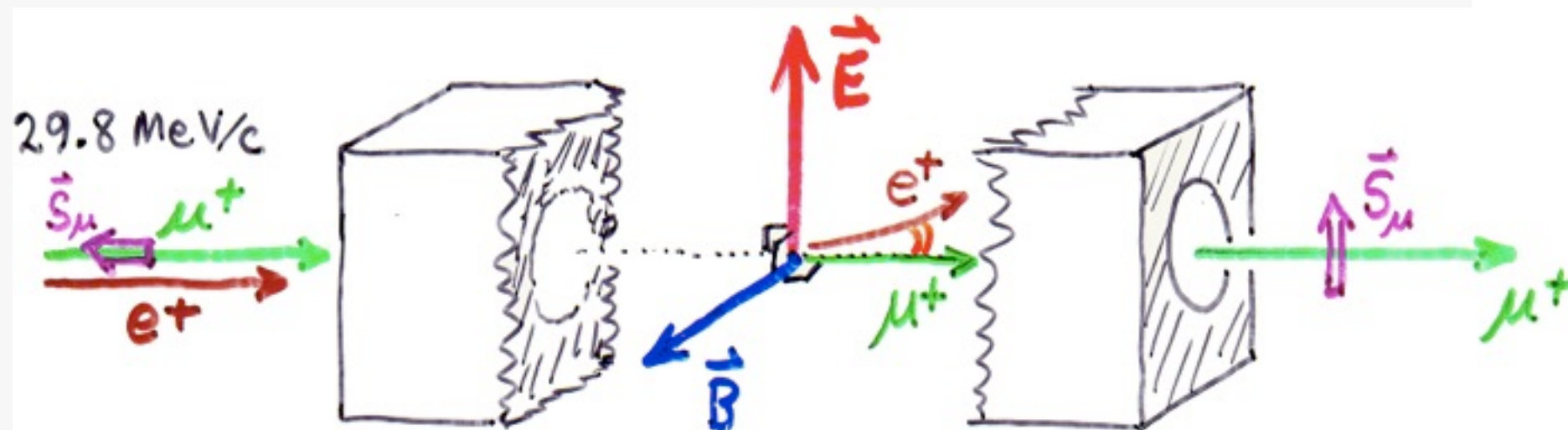
$$A(t) = [N(t) - N_0 B] e^{+t/\tau_\mu} - 1$$

$$= A_0 G_{xx}(t) \cos(\omega_\mu t + \phi)$$

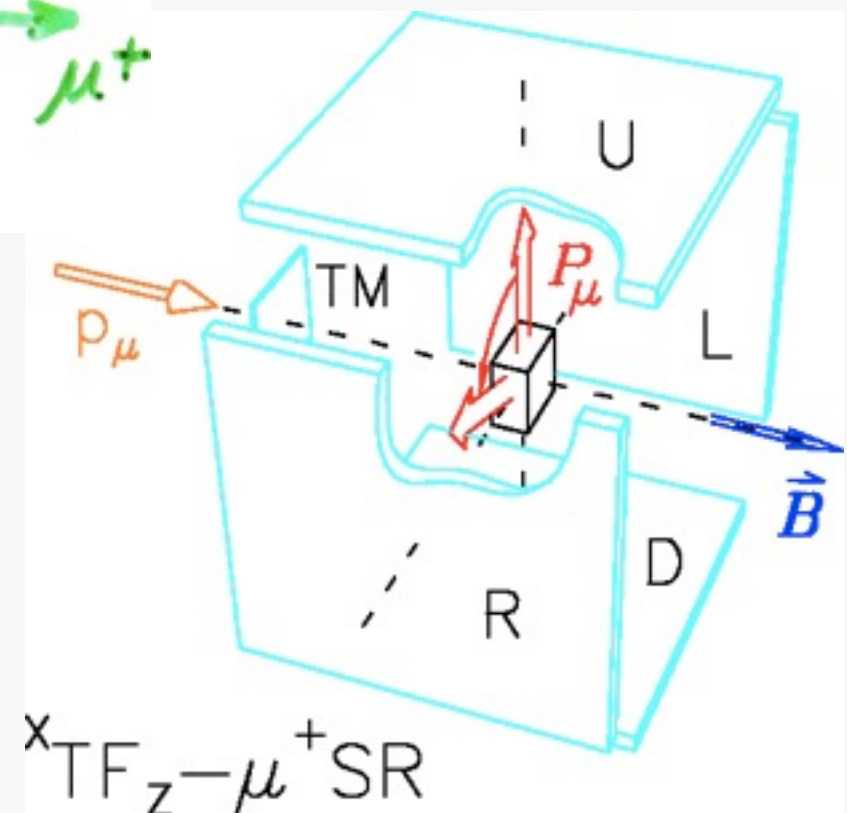
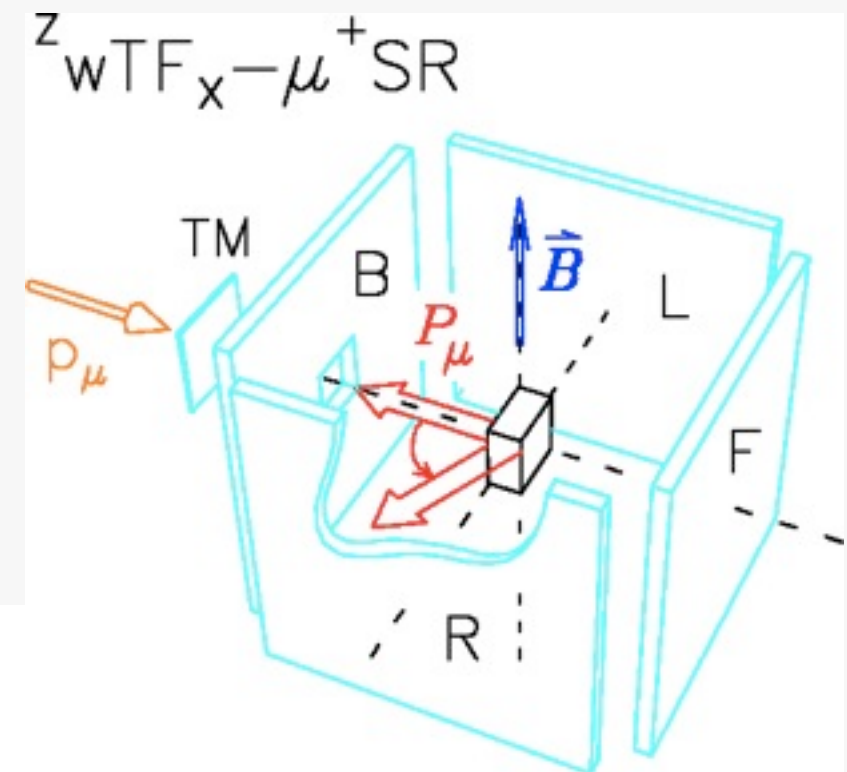


$\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ velocity selector

("DC Separator" or Wien filter)
for **surface muons**:



- Removes beam **positrons**
- Allows TF- μ^+ SR in **high field** (otherwise $\mathbf{B}$ deflects beam)



High Field μ SR

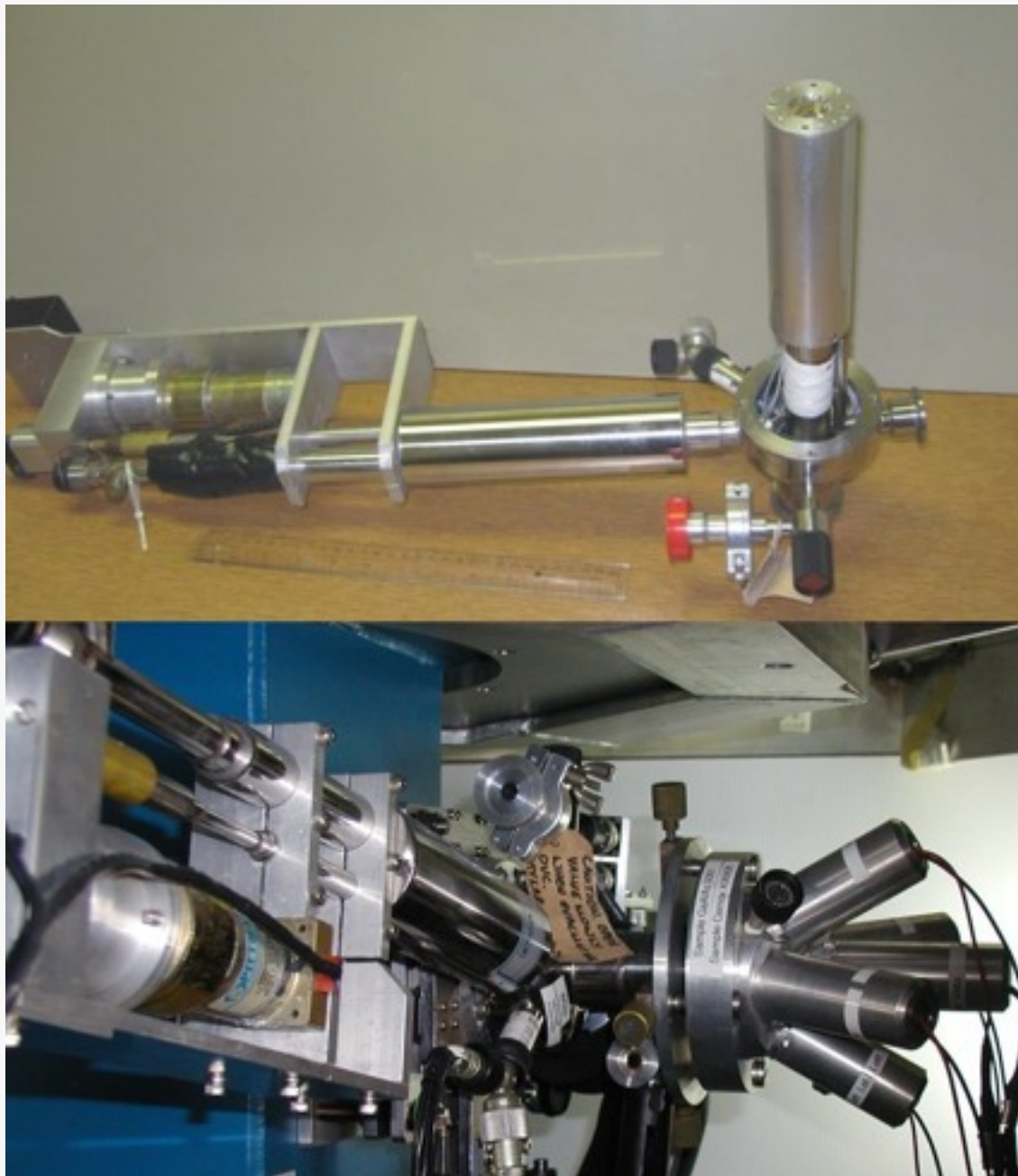


TRIUMF: Fields of up to 8 T are now available, requiring a “business end” of the spectrometer only 3 cm in diameter (so that 30-50 MeV decay positron orbits don’t “curl up” and miss the detectors) and a time resolution of ~ 150 ps. Muonium precession frequencies of over 2 GHz have been studied.

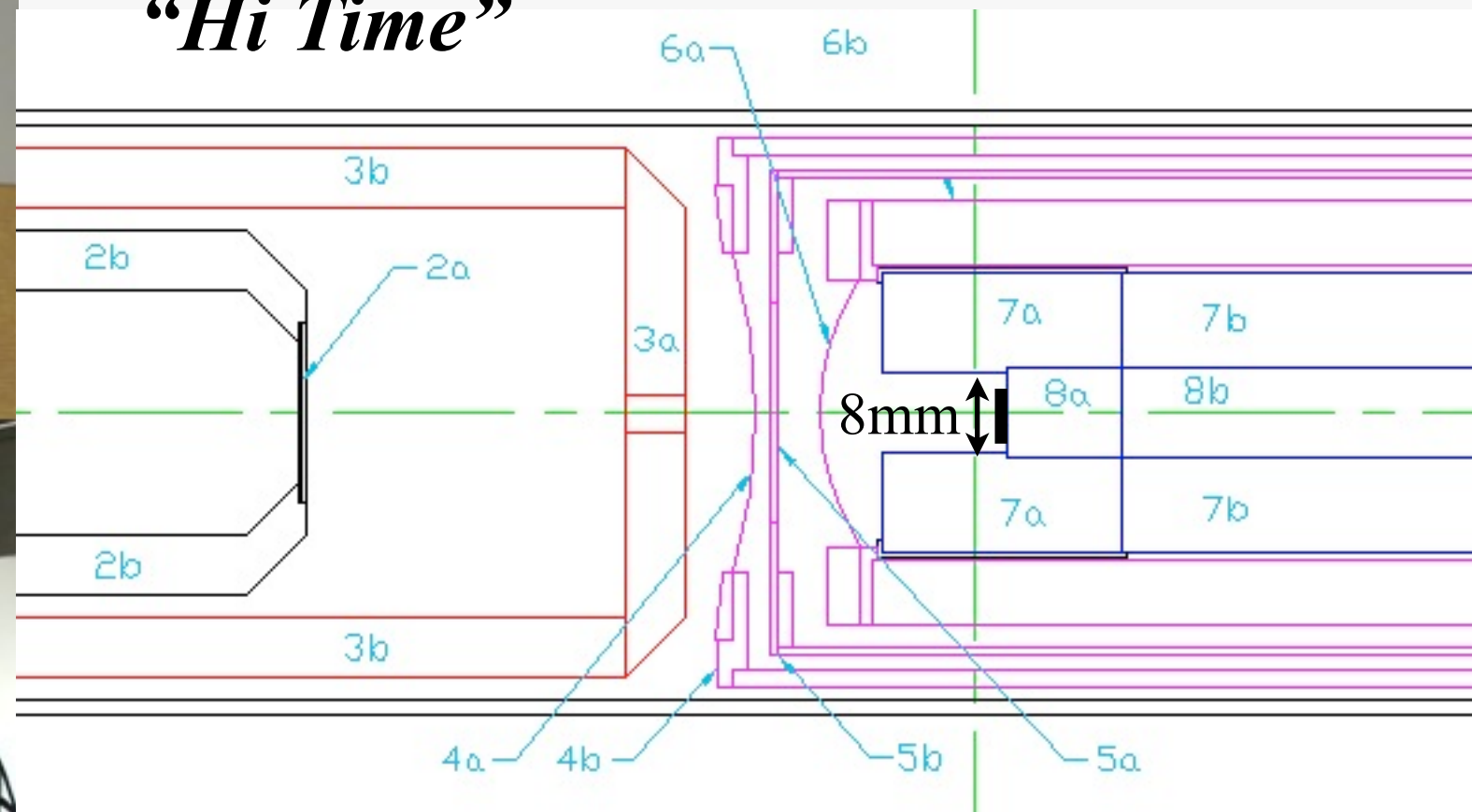
PSI: 9.5 T spectrometer commissioned in 2011.

ISIS: 5 T spectrometer (LF only).

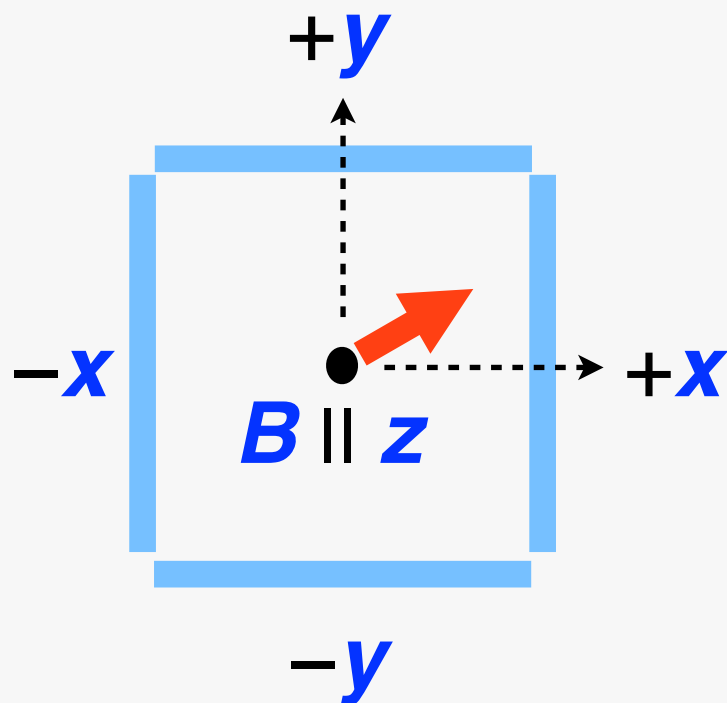
High Field $\Rightarrow$ Miniaturization



“Hi Time”



Complex TF Asymmetry



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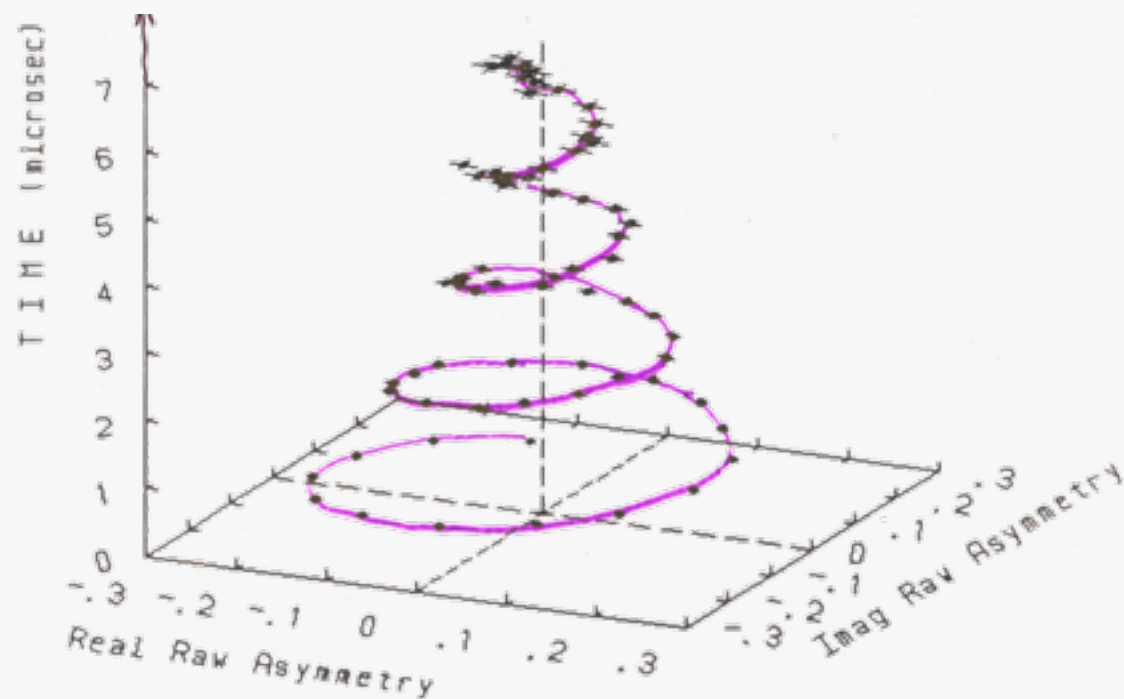
$$\text{Im } \mathcal{A}(t) = A_y(t) = [A_y^+(t) - A_y^-(t)]/2$$

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = A_x(t) + i A_y(t)$$

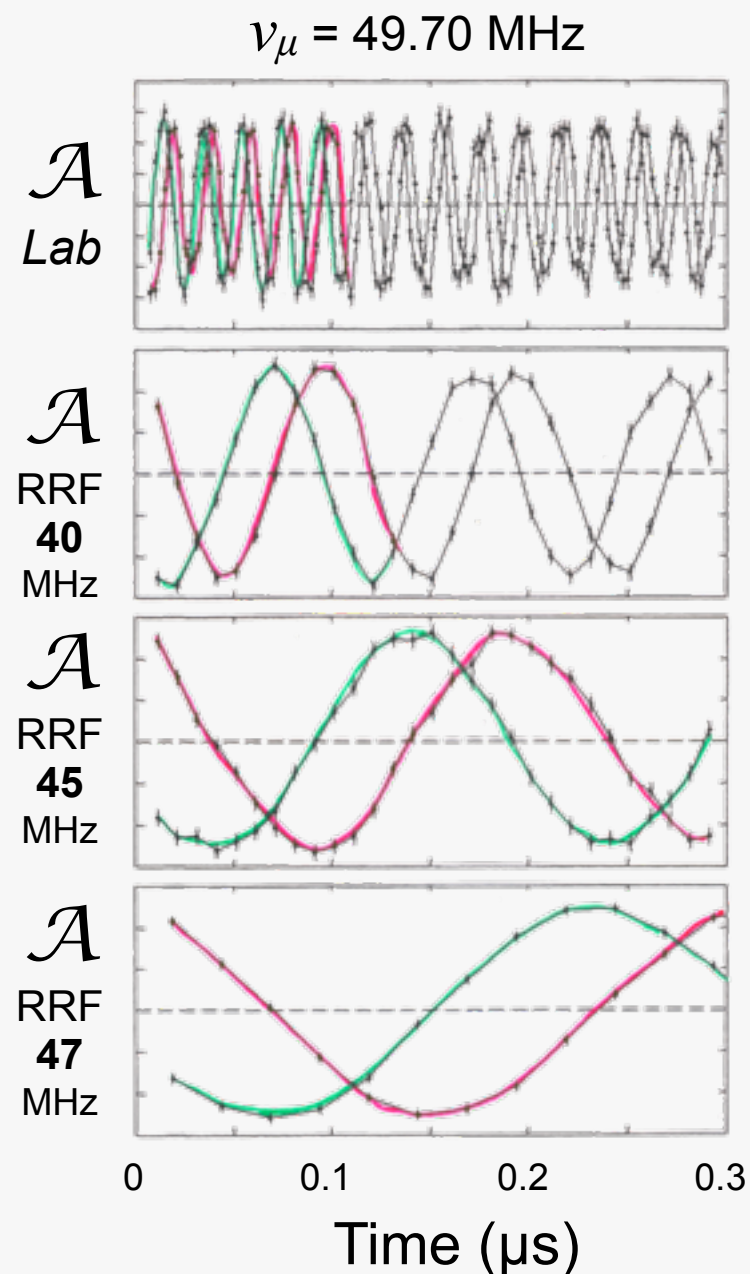
For High Transverse Field (HTF),
transform into the
Rotating Reference Frame
(RRF):

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{LAB}}(t) = A_x(t) + i A_y(t)$$

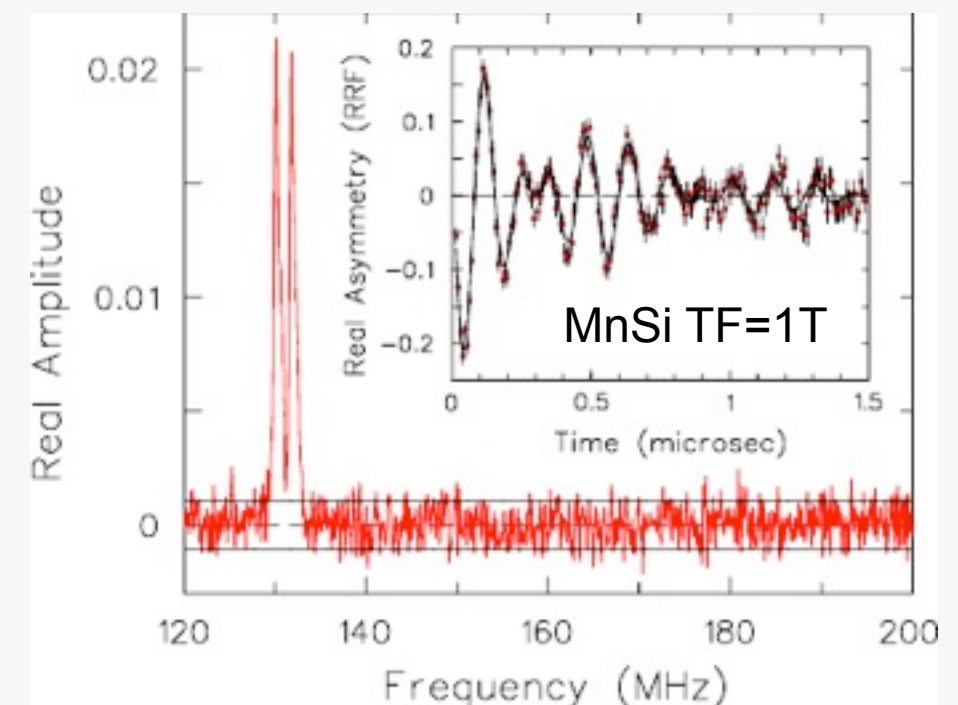
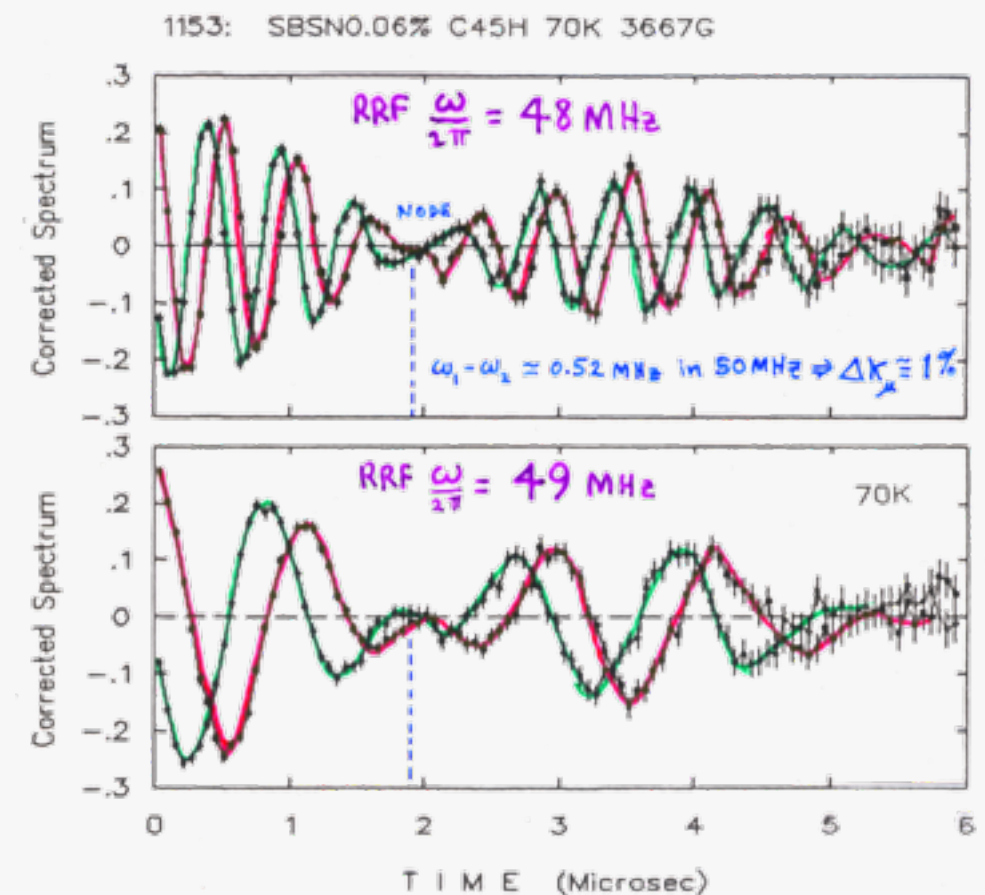
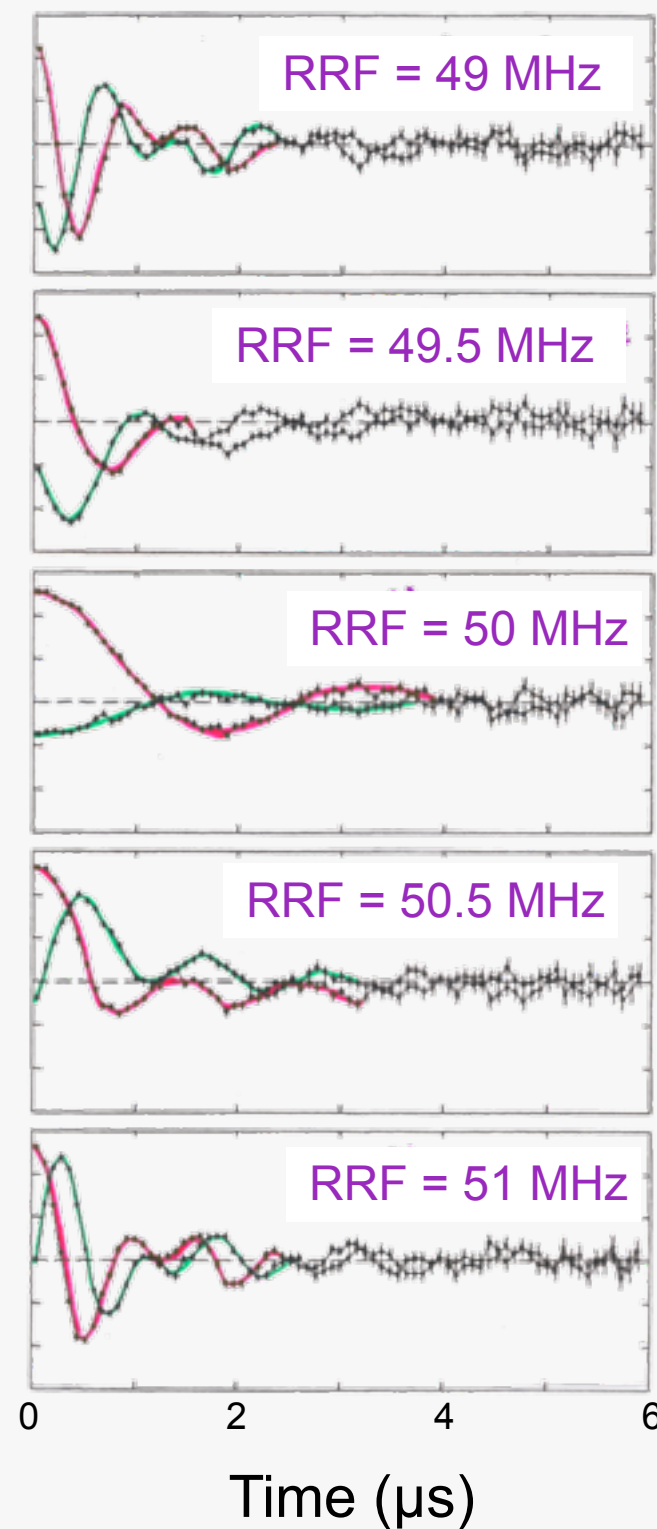
$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{RRF}}(\Omega, t) = e^{-i\Omega t} \mathcal{A}_{\text{LAB}}(t)$$



Rotating Reference Frame



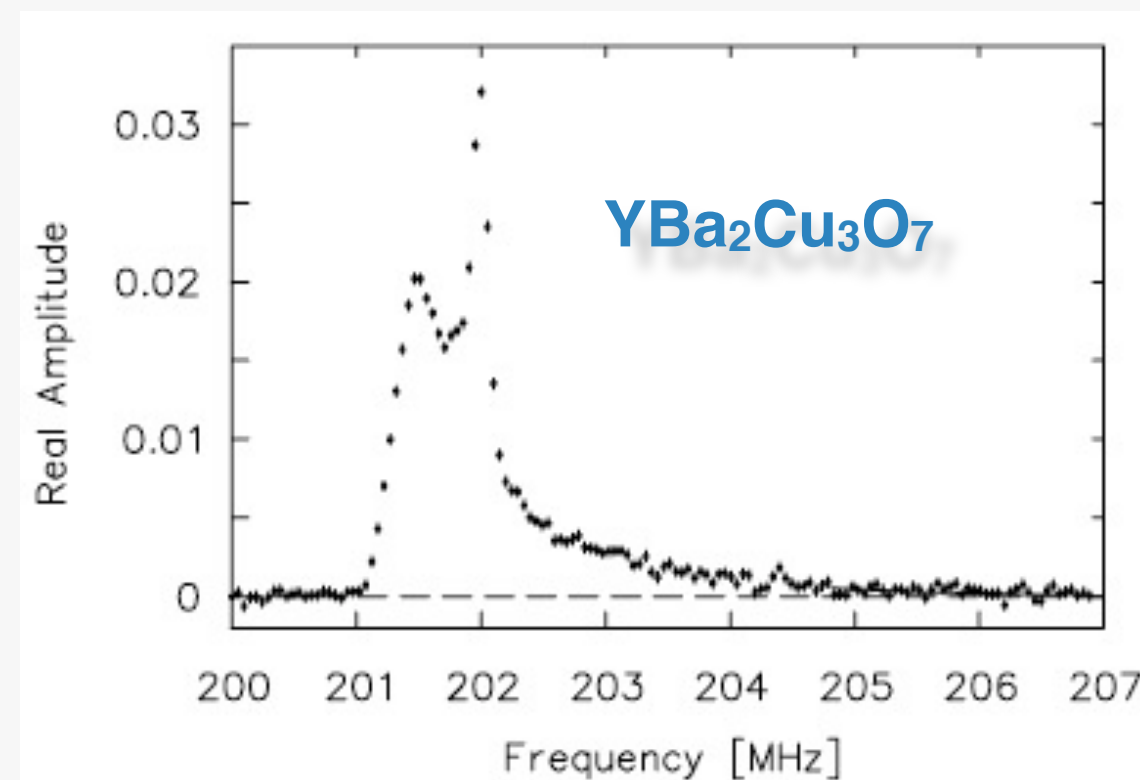
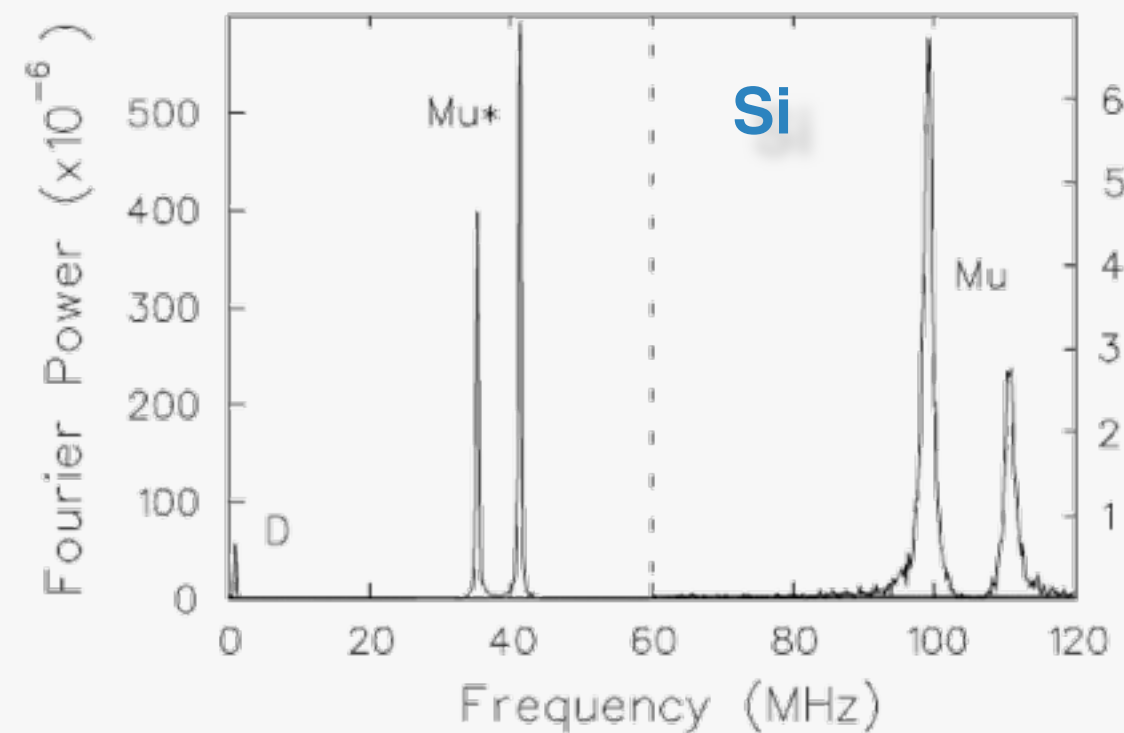
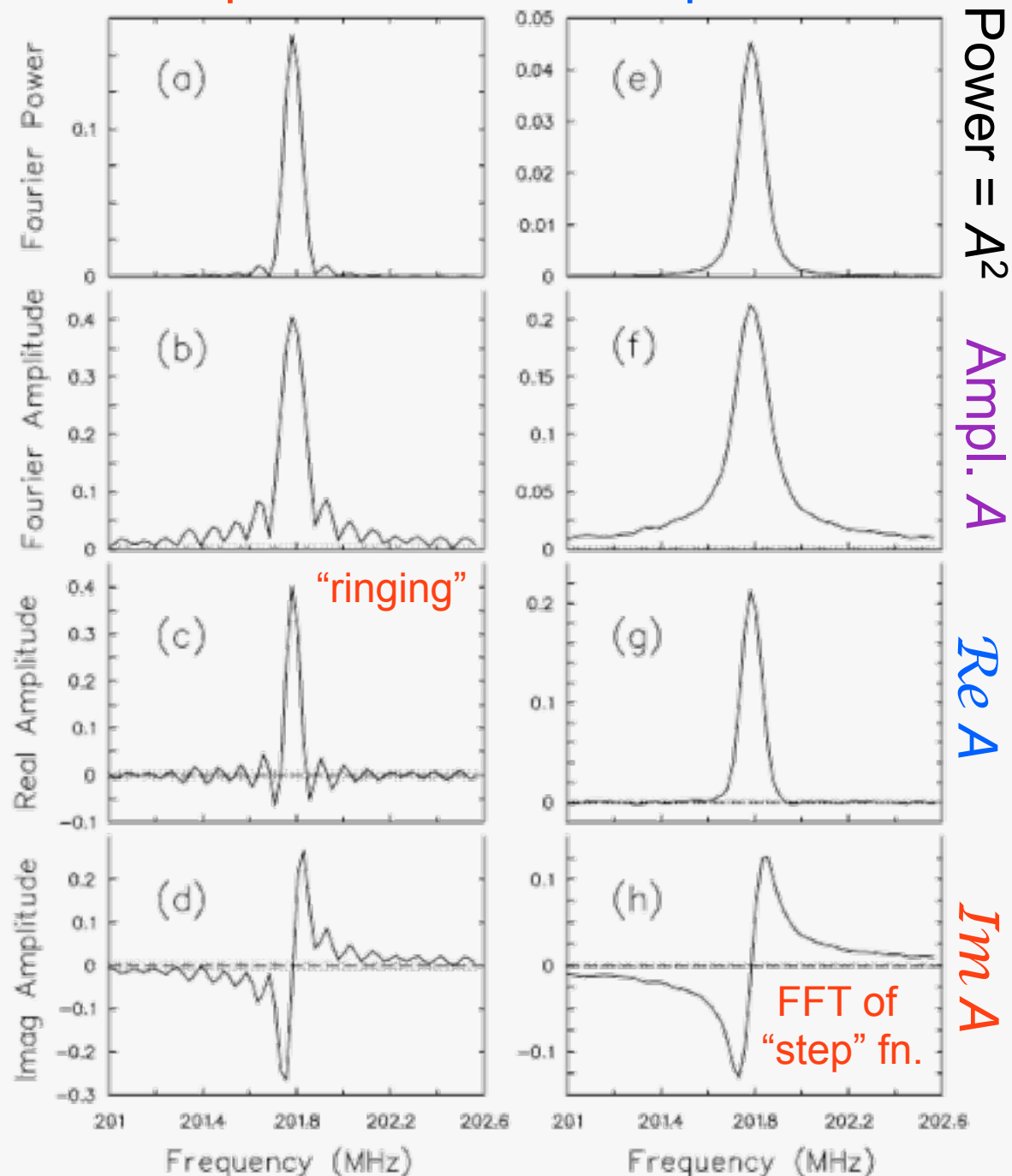
Slower oscillations $\Rightarrow$
wider bins, less “noise”



Fourier Transforms

No apodization

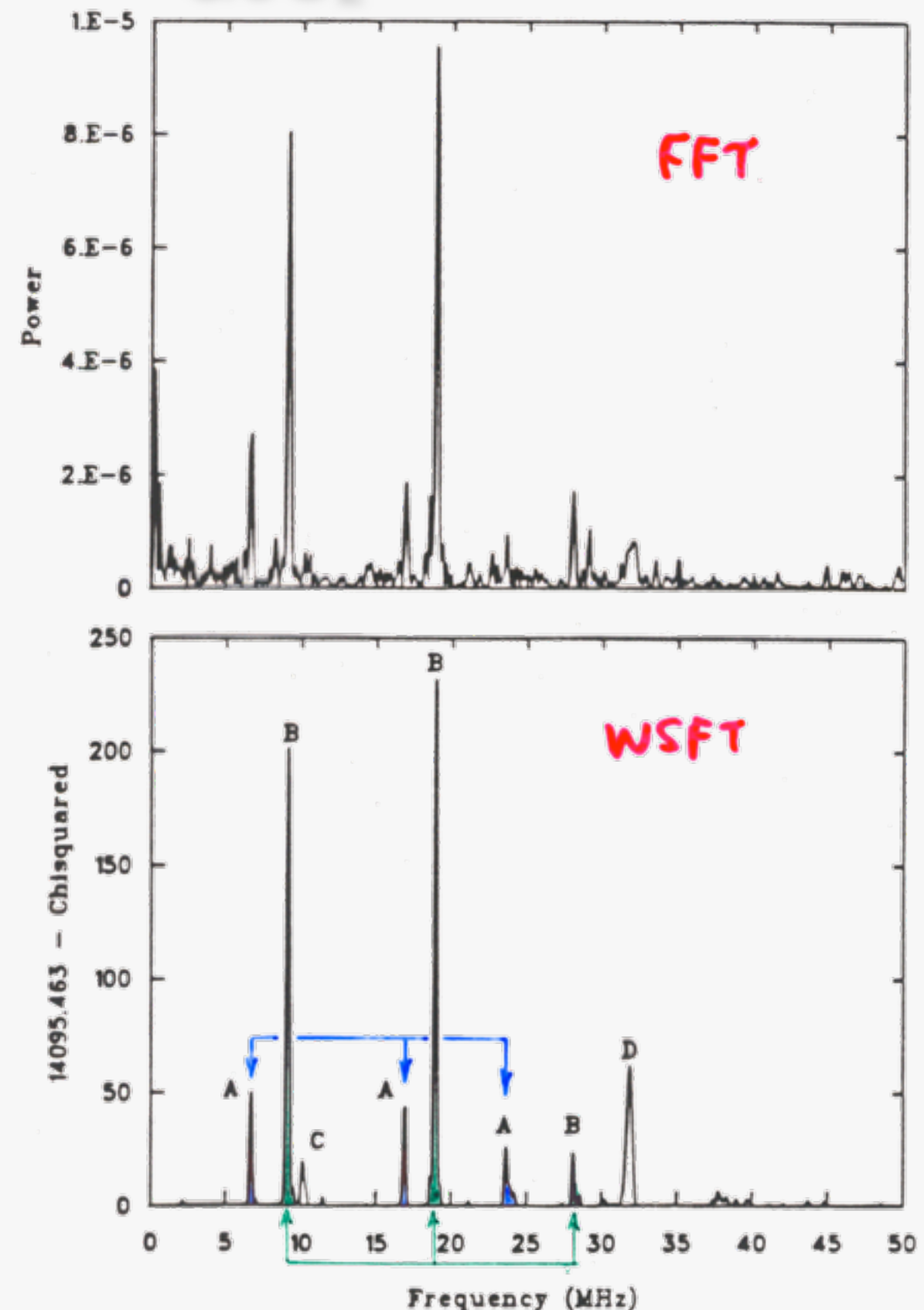
Apodized



World's Slowest Fourier Transform

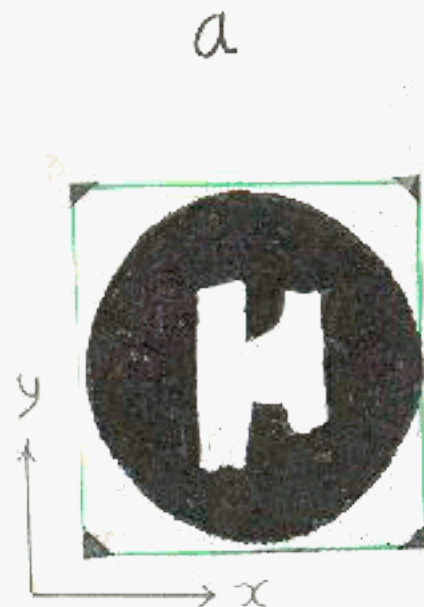
Instead of Fourier power, plot **decrease** in χ^2 as a function of one fitted frequency.

Rarely used.



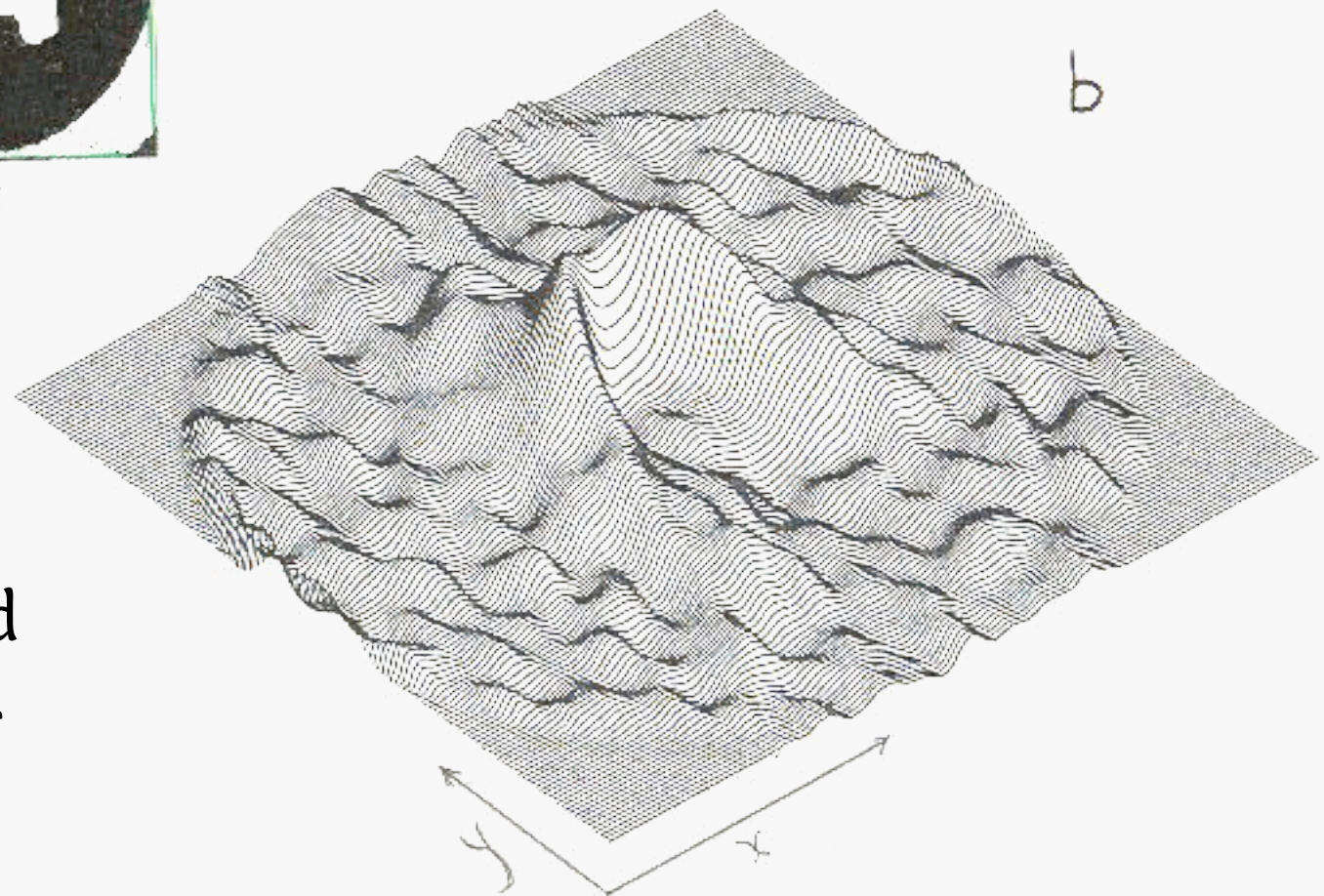
Muon Spin Imaging

Crude silver cutout of a “ μ ” placed on a depolarizing background.



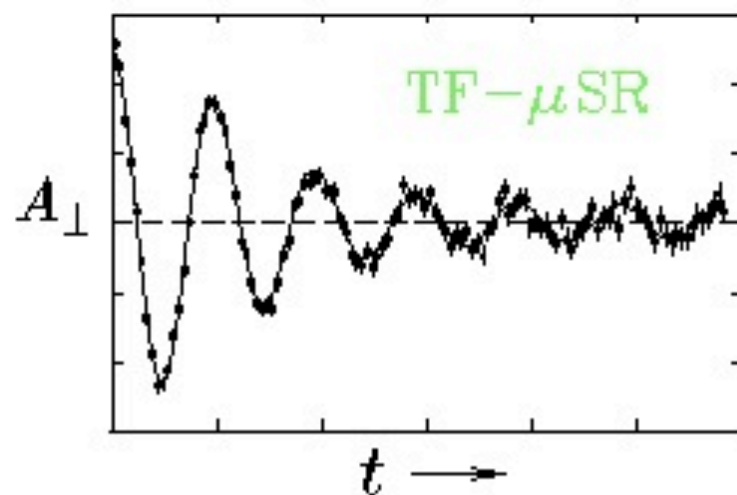
Proposed by Noam Kaplan and tested at TRIUMF but never developed further.

Magnetic field gradients applied in various directions; Fourier transforms combined to produce image of the “ μ ”.
(Well, sort of....)

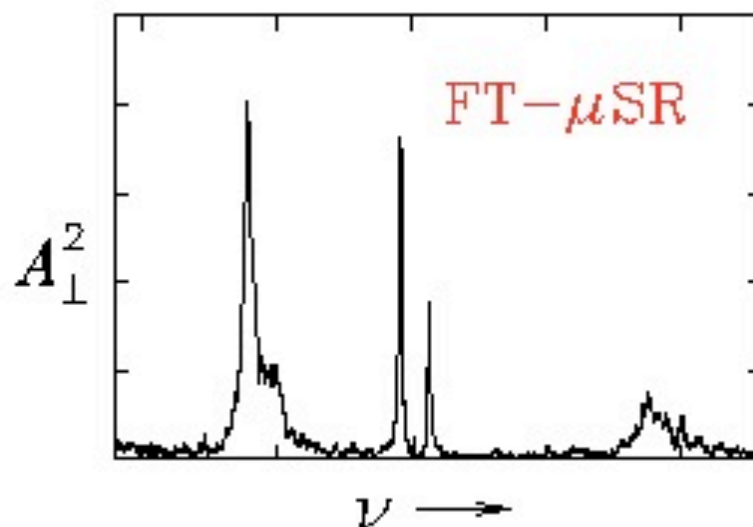


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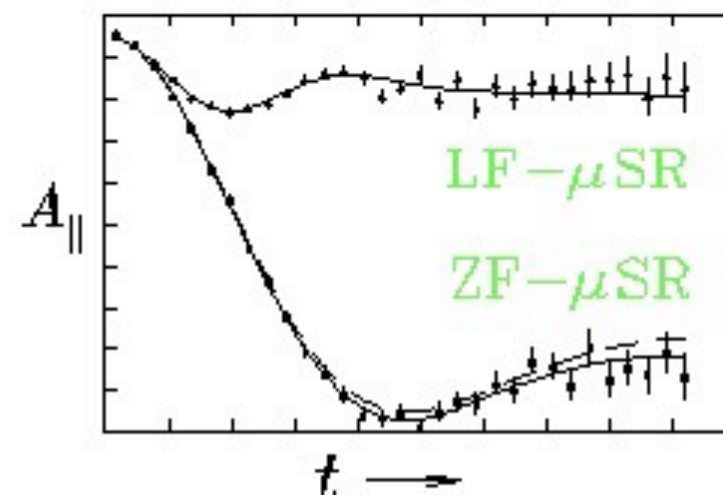
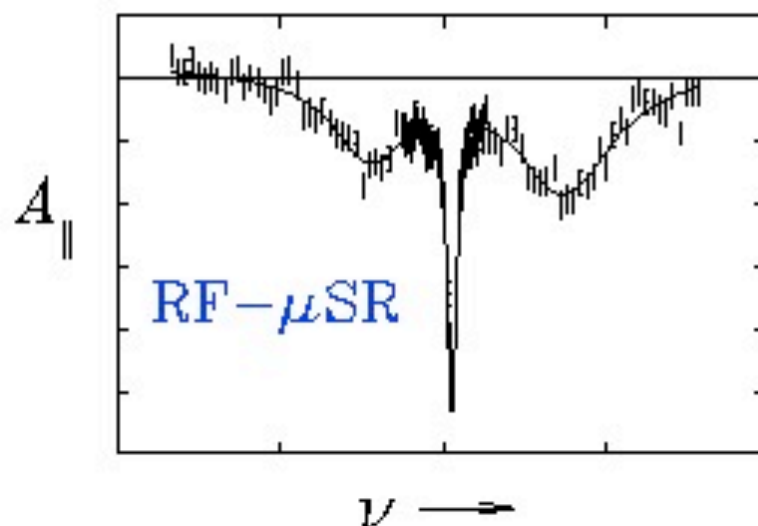
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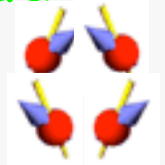
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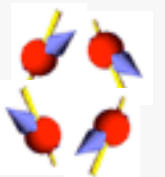
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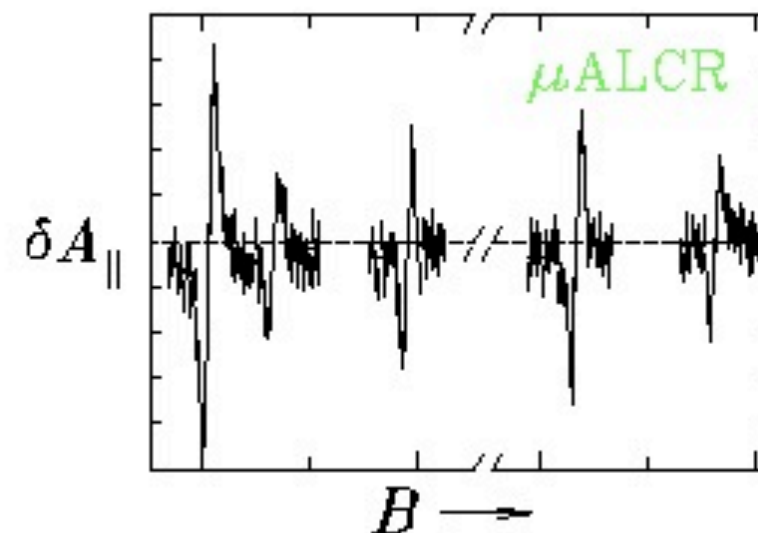
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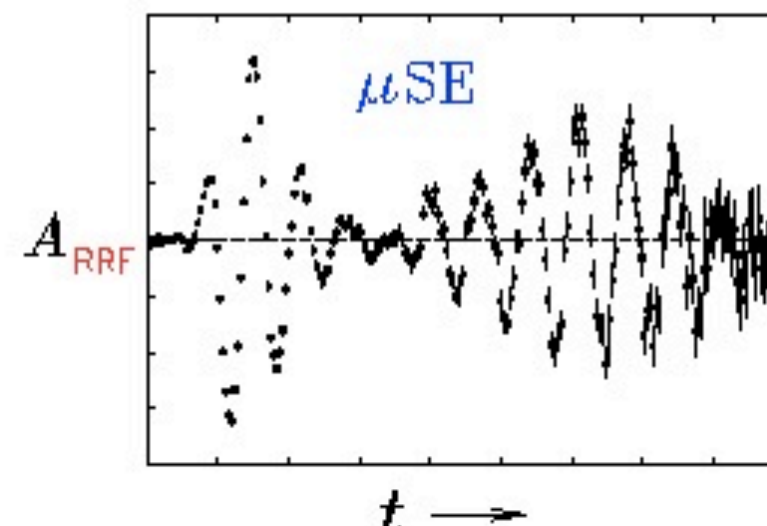
Zero Field



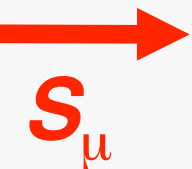
Avoided
Level
Crossing
Resonance



Muon
Spin
Echo



Motion of Muon Spins in Static Local Fields

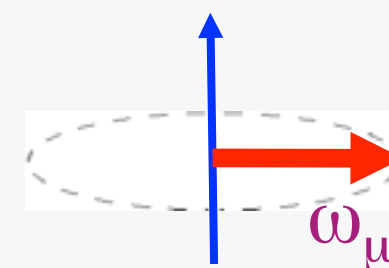
 = Expectation value of a muon's spin direction

(a) All muons "see" same field $\mathbf{B}$:  for $\mathbf{B} \parallel \mathbf{S}_\mu$ nothing happens.

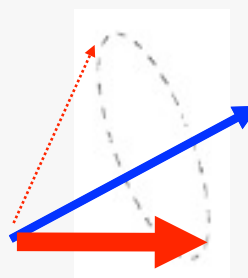
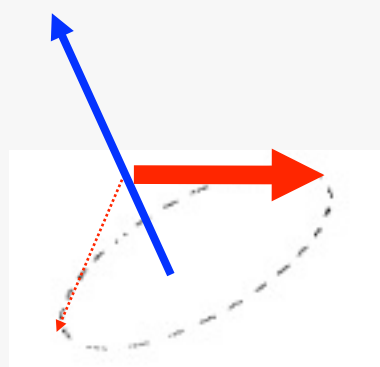
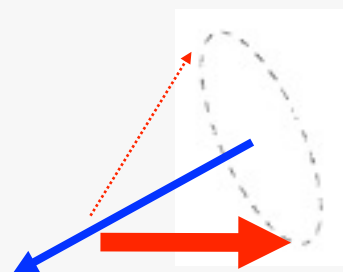
$$\omega_\mu = 2\pi \gamma_\mu |\mathbf{B}|$$

$$\gamma_\mu = 135.5 \text{ MHz/T}$$

for $\mathbf{B} \perp \mathbf{S}_\mu$ Larmor precession:



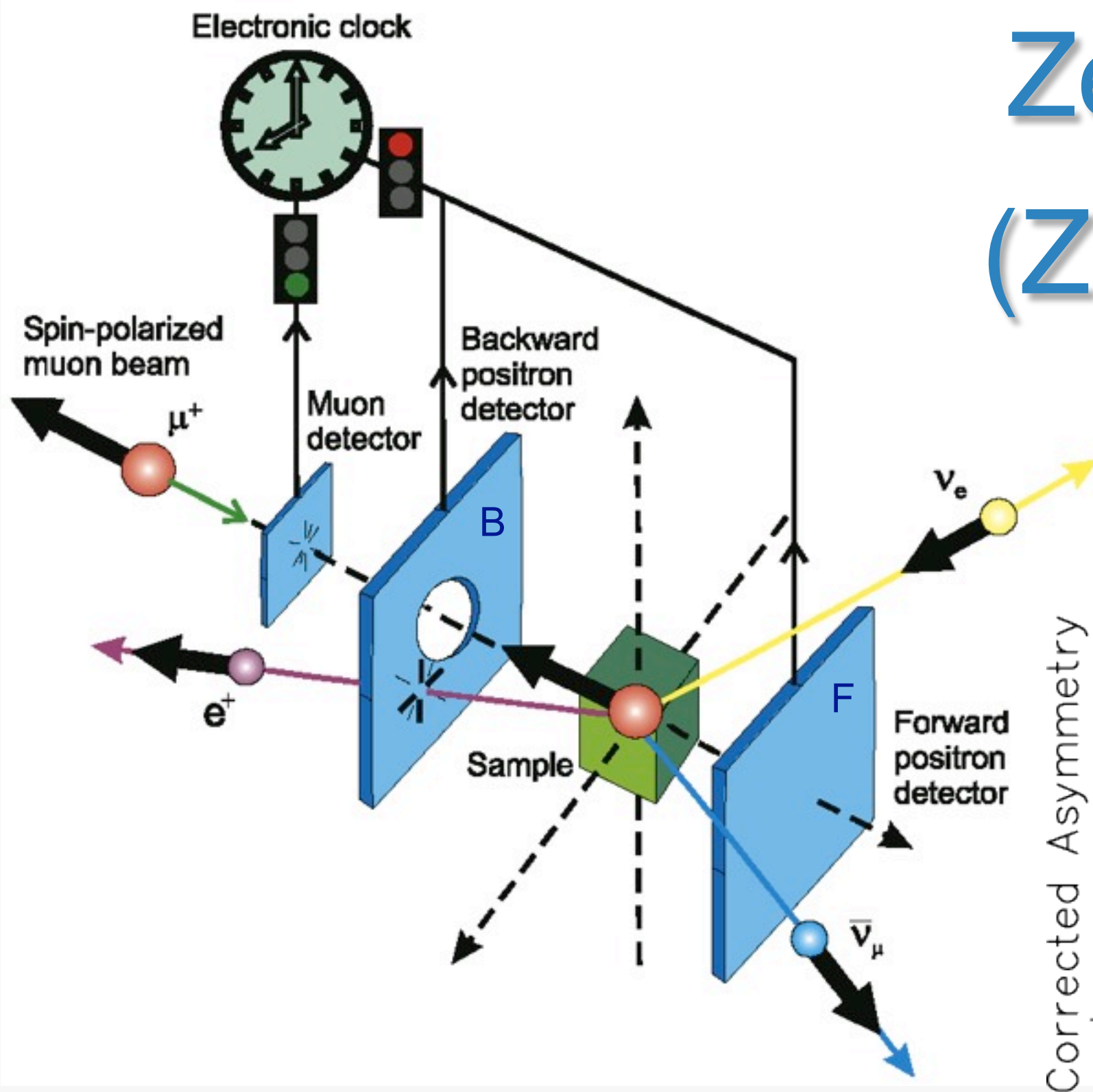
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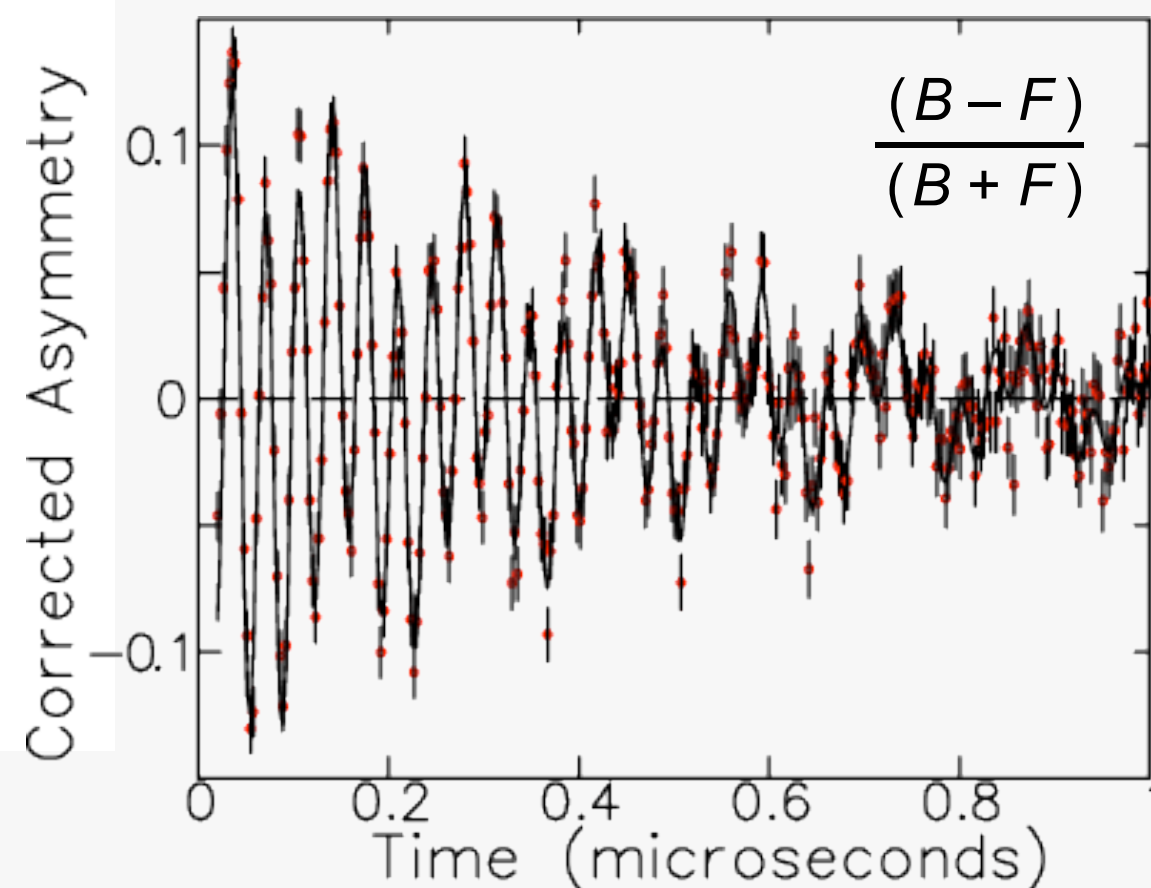
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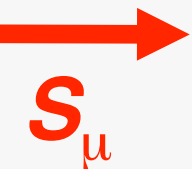
Zero Field (ZF)- μ^+ SR



Typical asymmetry spectrum



Motion of Muon Spins in Static Local Fields

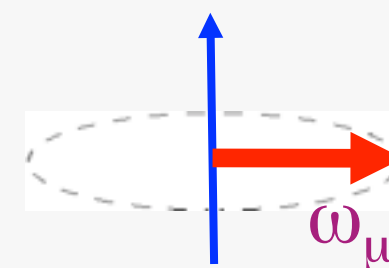
 = Expectation value of a muon's spin direction

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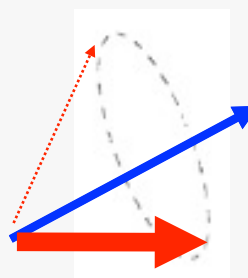
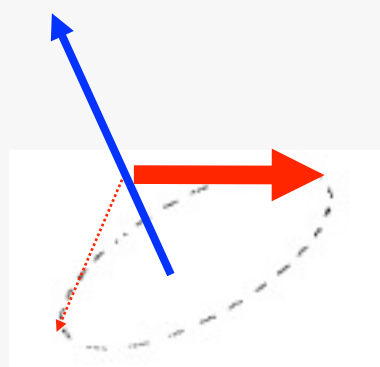
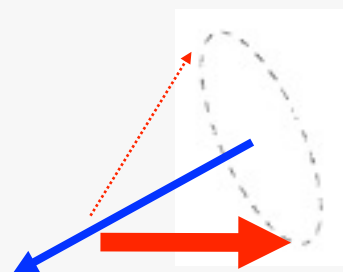
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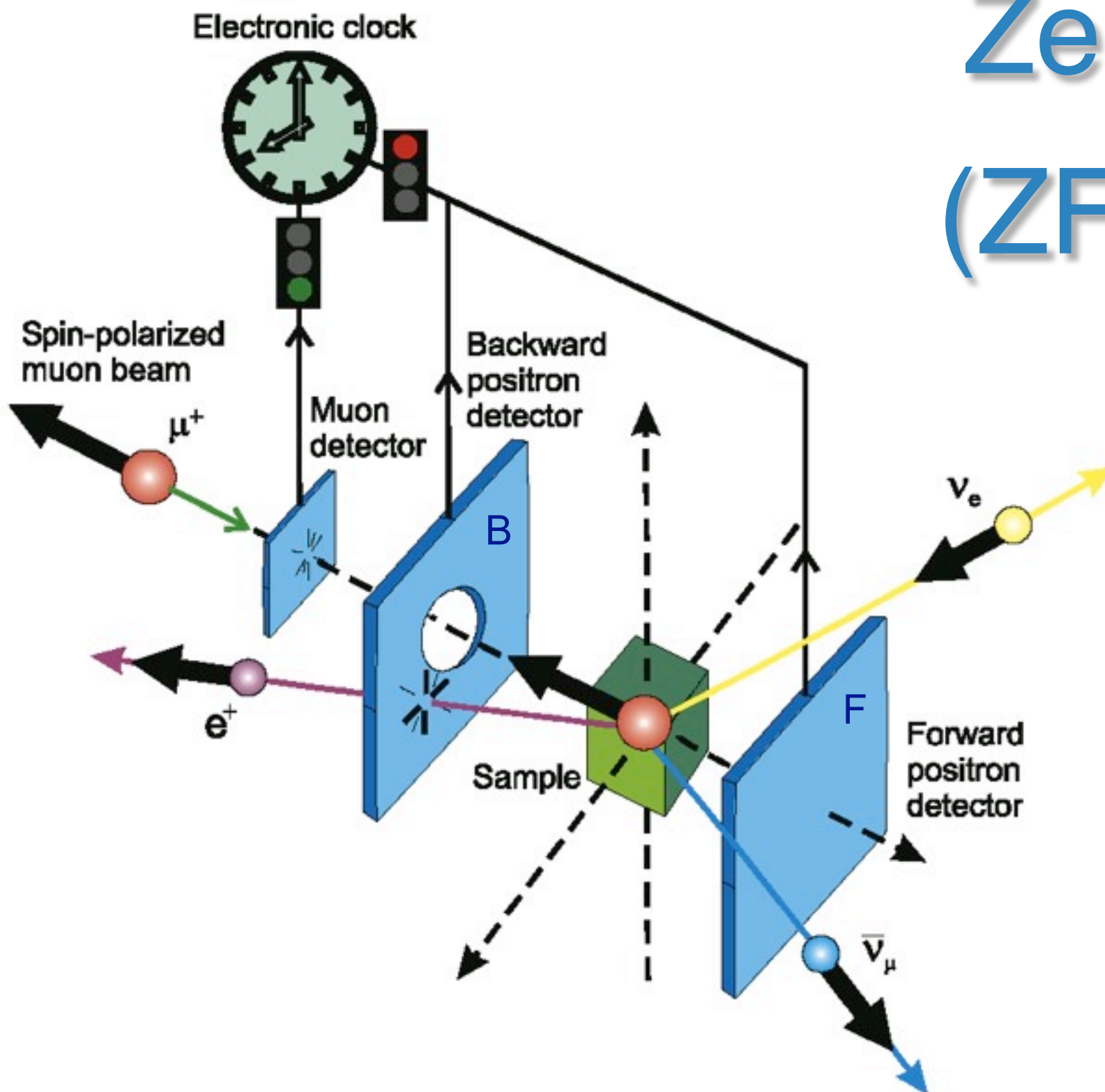
(c) Local field B **random** in **both magnitude and direction**:

All  do not return to the same orientation at the same time

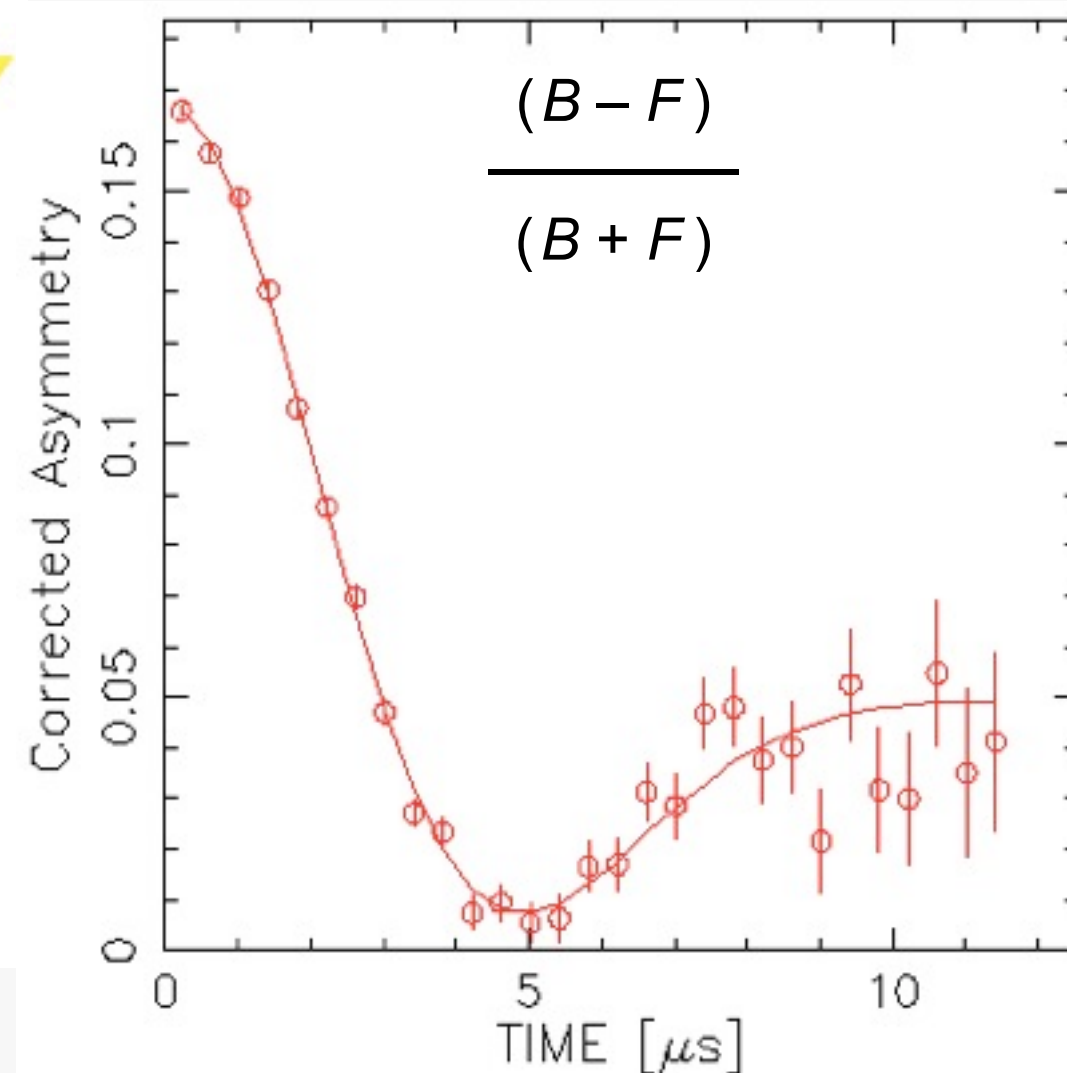
(dephasing) $\Rightarrow S_\mu$ "relaxes" as $G_{zz}(t)$ [Kubo & Toyabe, 1960's]

Zero Field

(ZF)- μ^+ SR

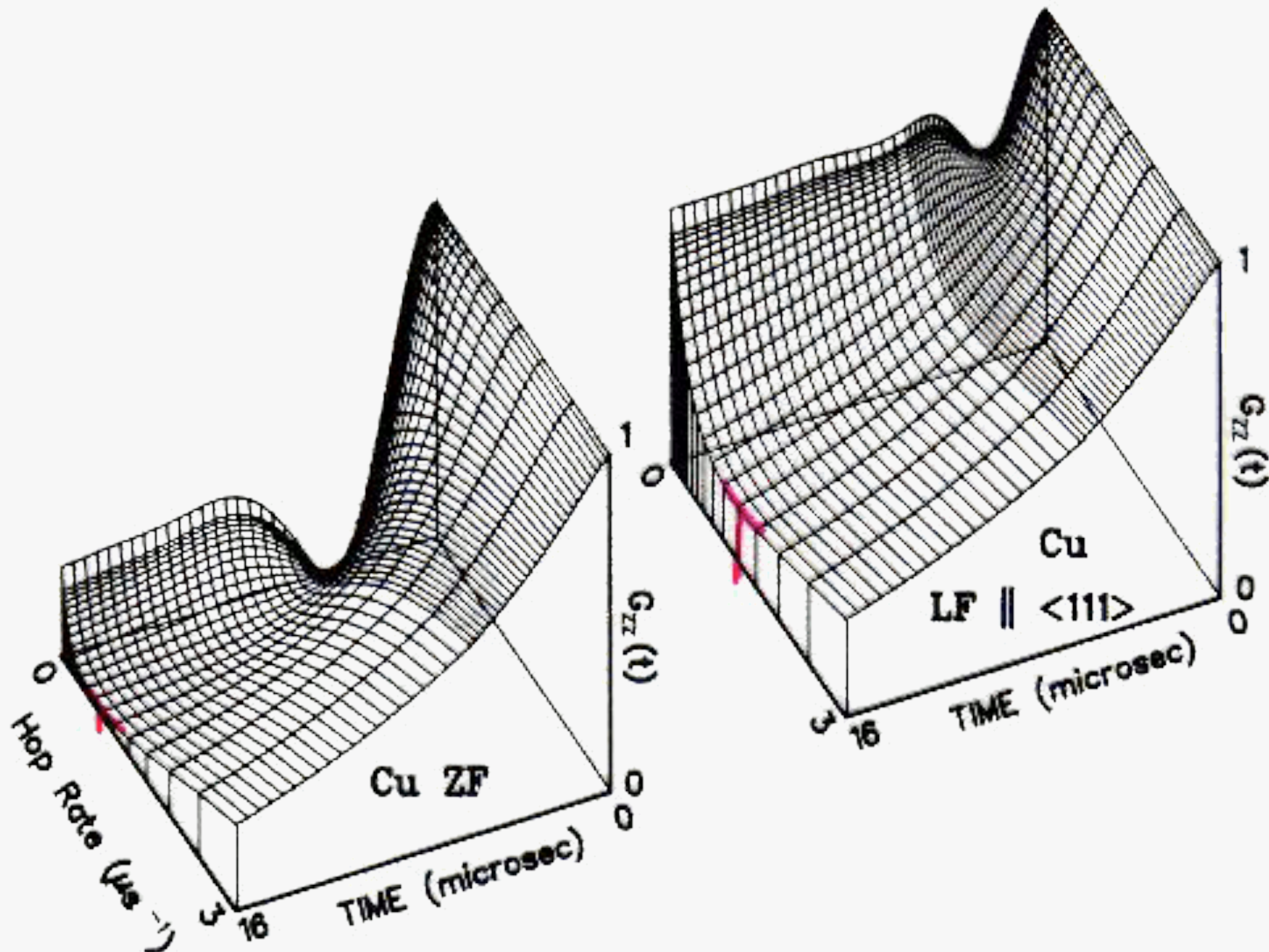


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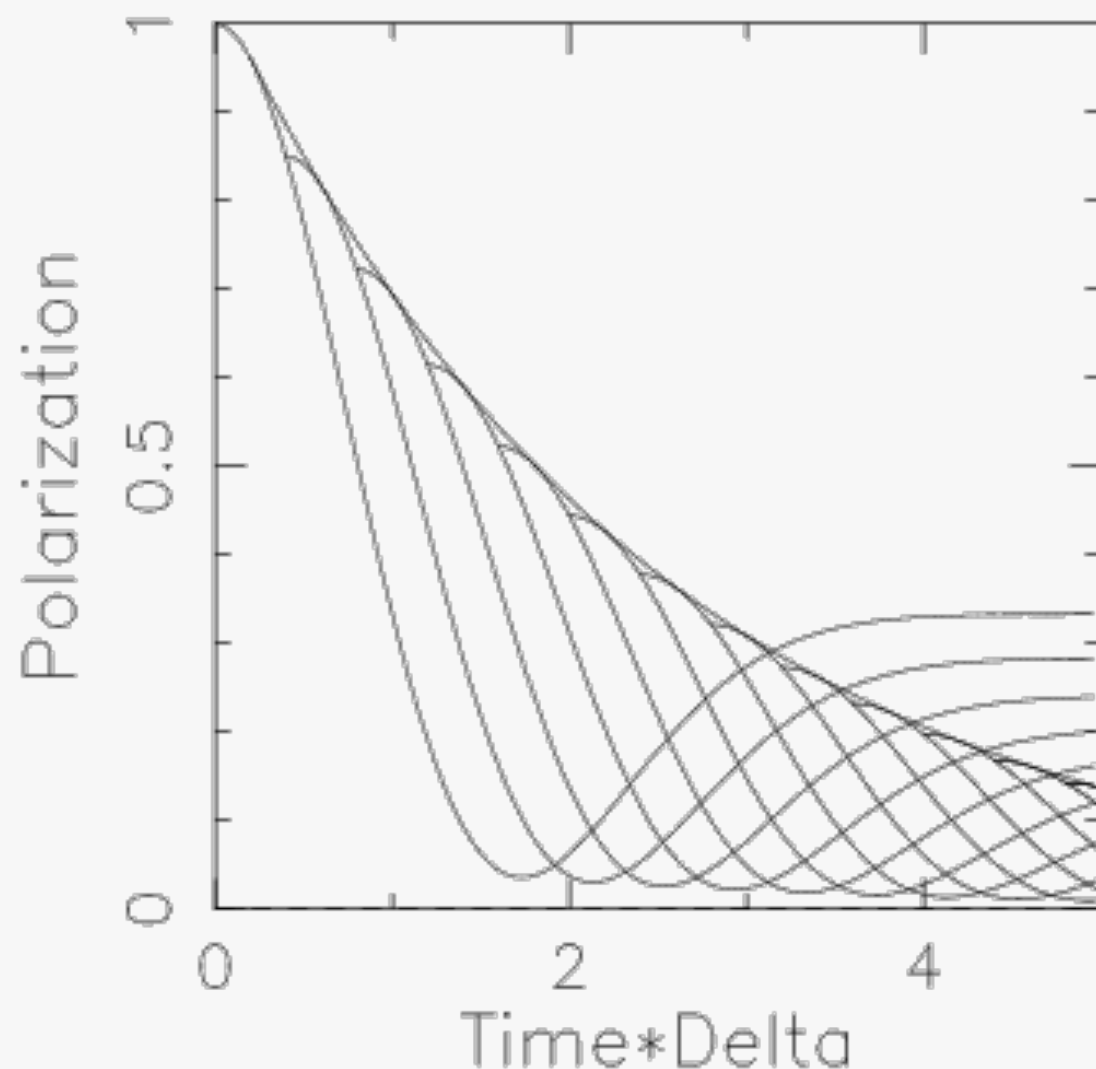
Dynamic Gaussian Kubo-Toyabe

$G_{zz}(t)$ in Cu: ZF vs. LF



Motion of μ^+ Spins in Fluctuating Local Fields

“Strong Collision” model: local field is reselected at random from the same distribution each time a fluctuation takes place, either from muon hopping (plausible) or from reorientation of nearby moments (unlikely to change so completely).



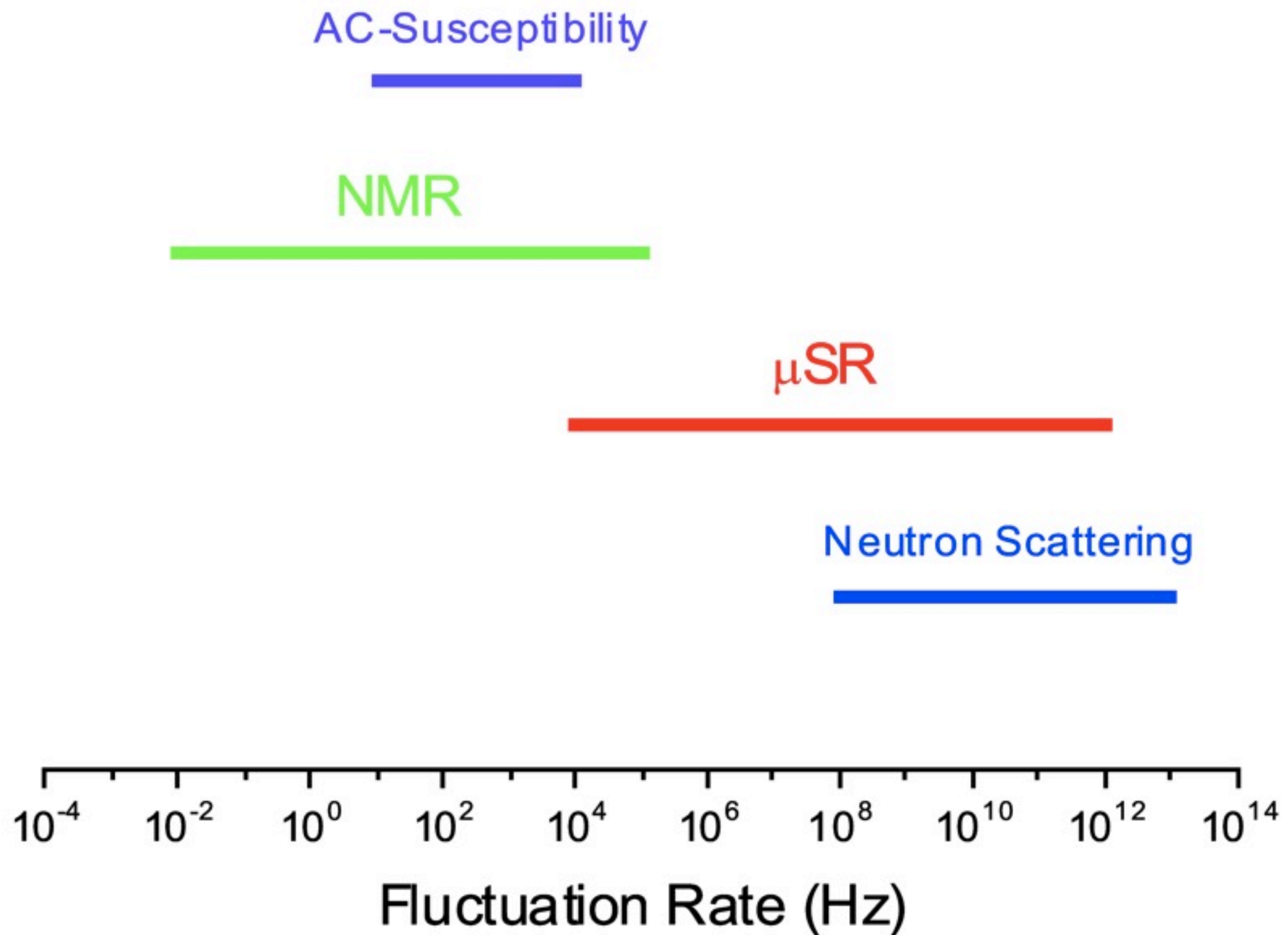
Kehr's recursion relation:

$$G(\Delta, t, \nu) = g(\Delta, t)e^{-\nu t} + \nu \int_0^t G(\Delta, t - \tau)g(\Delta, \tau) e^{-\nu \tau} d\tau$$

Sometimes solvable using Laplace transforms; numerical methods usually work too.

Used to extract “hop” or fluctuation rate ν .

Time Scales



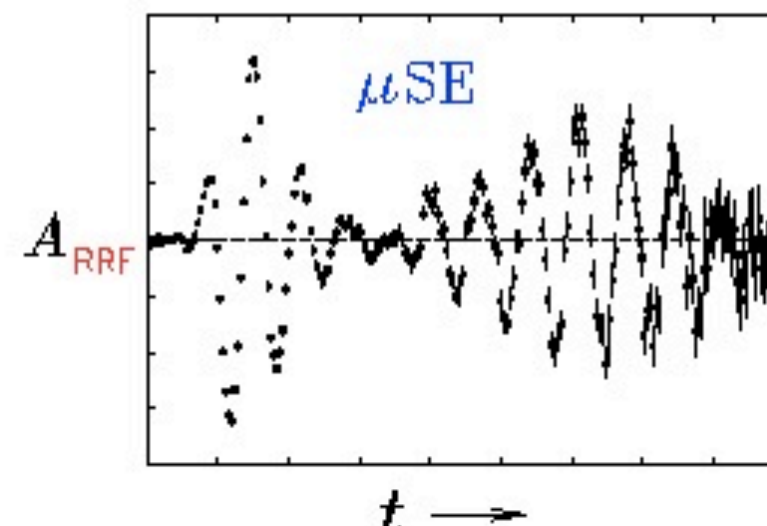
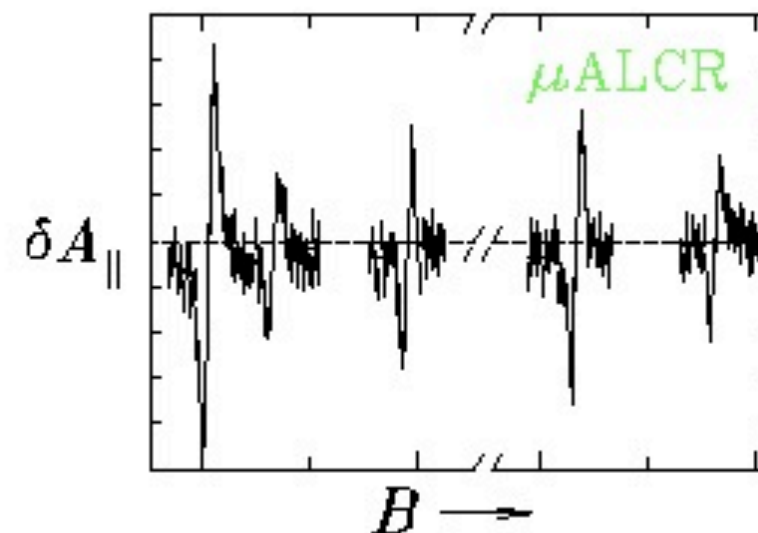
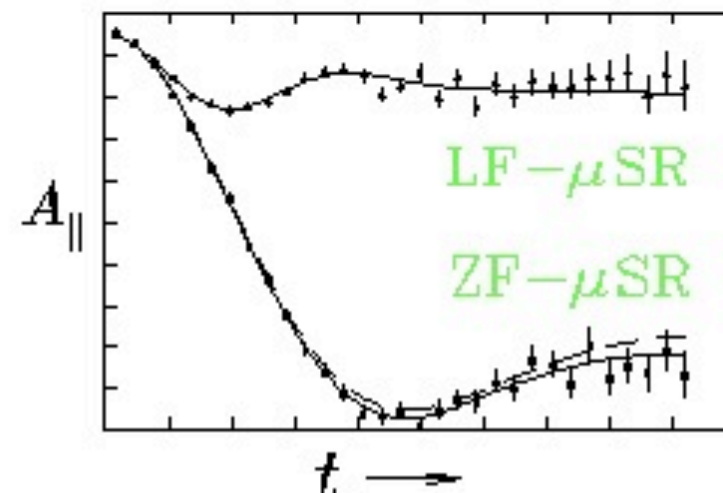
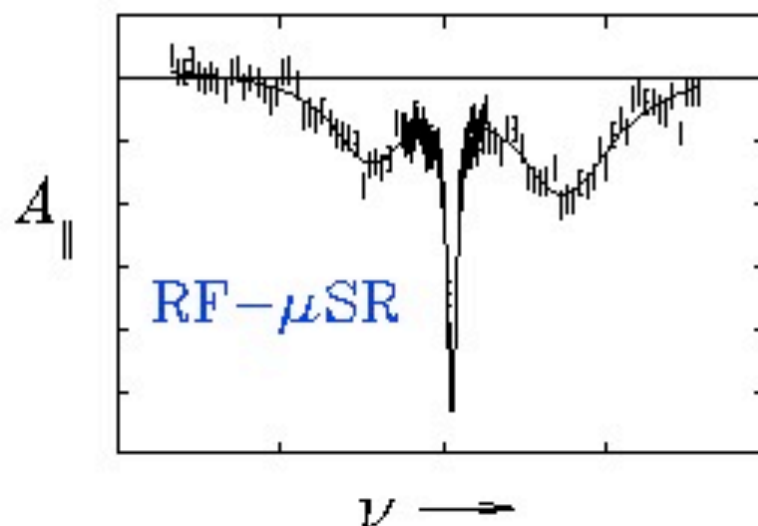
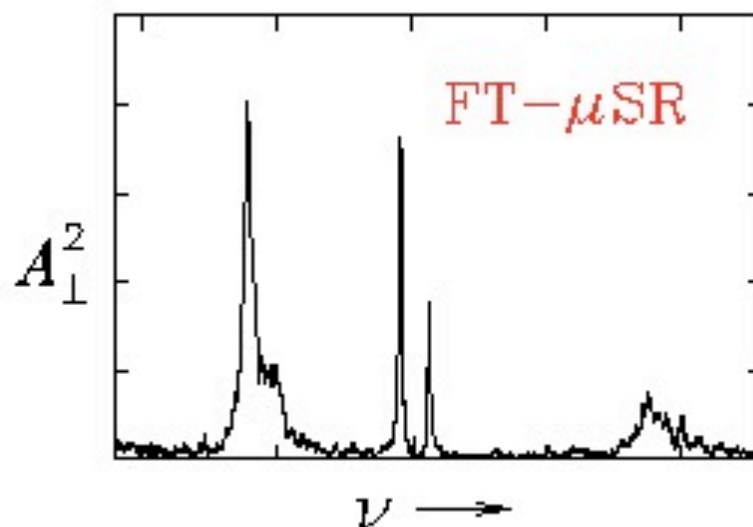
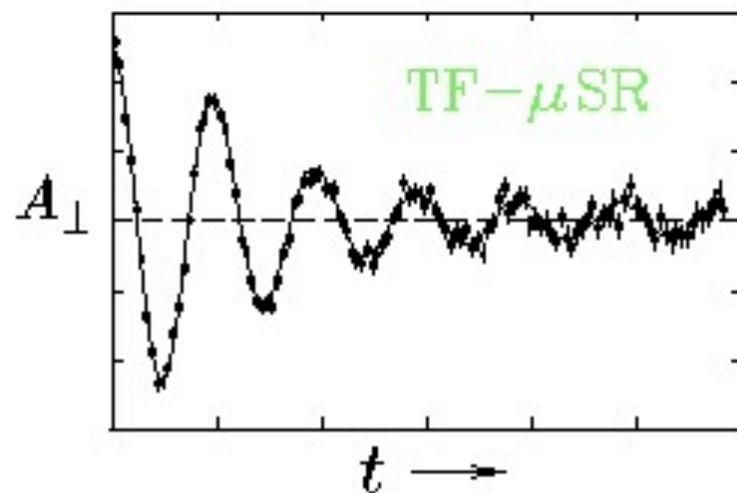
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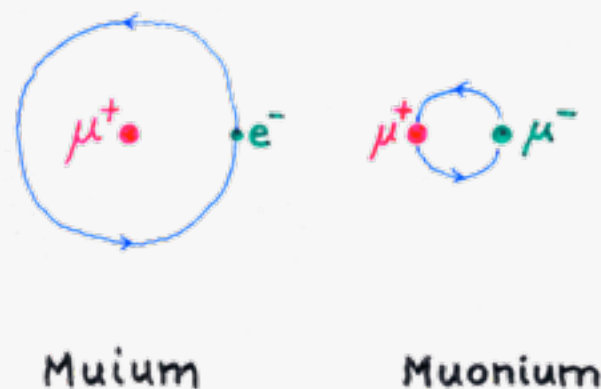
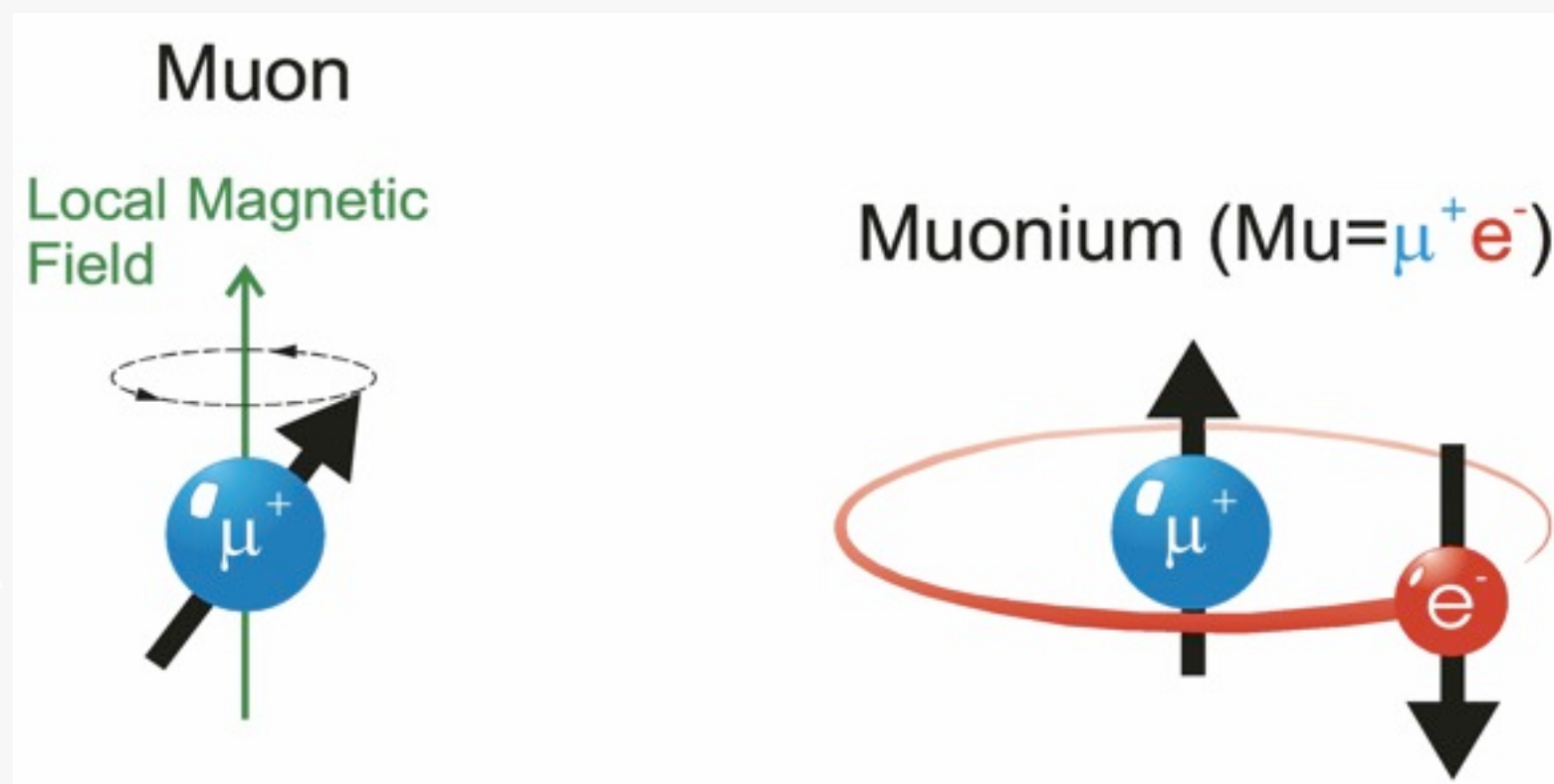
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Muonium States in Semiconductors

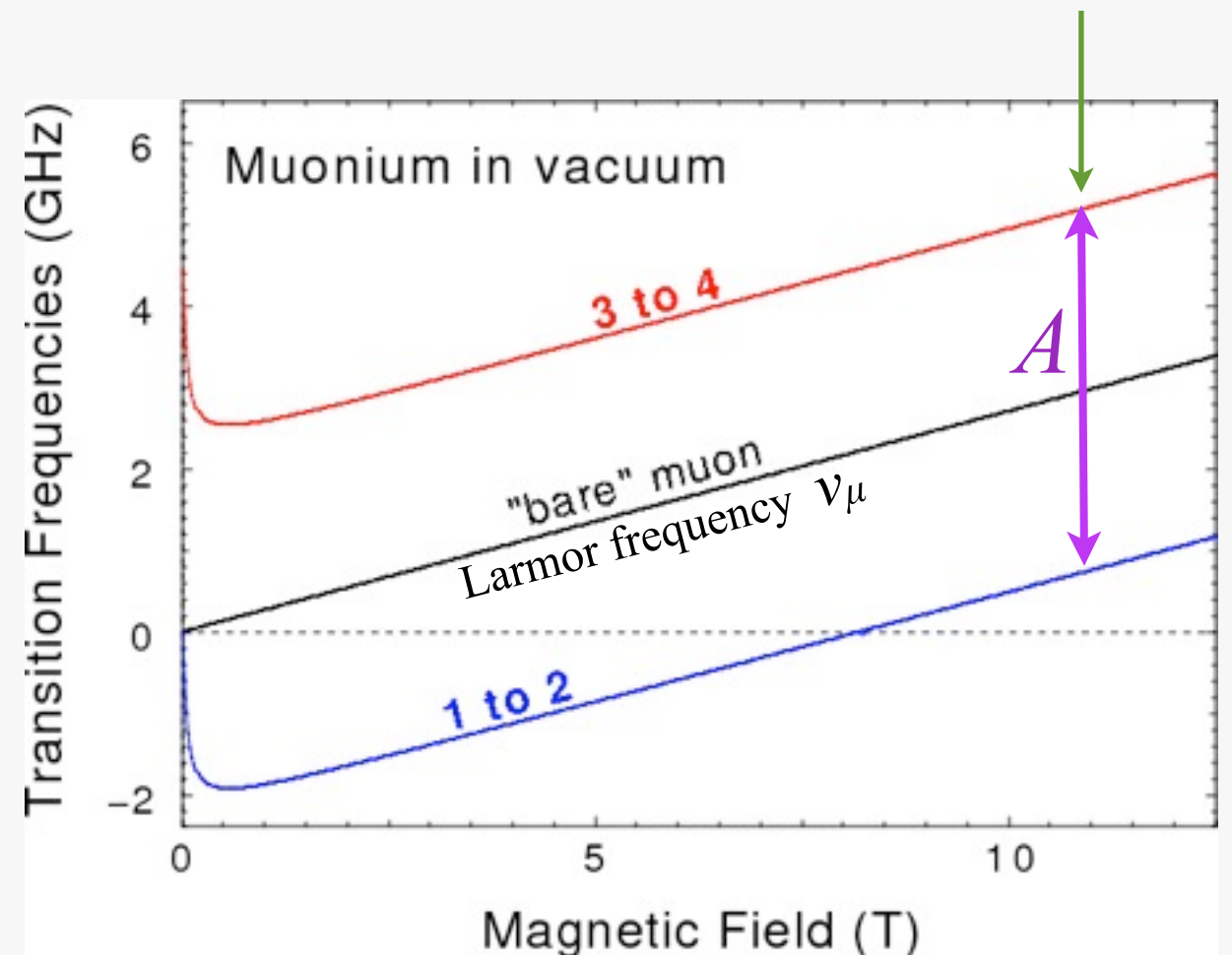
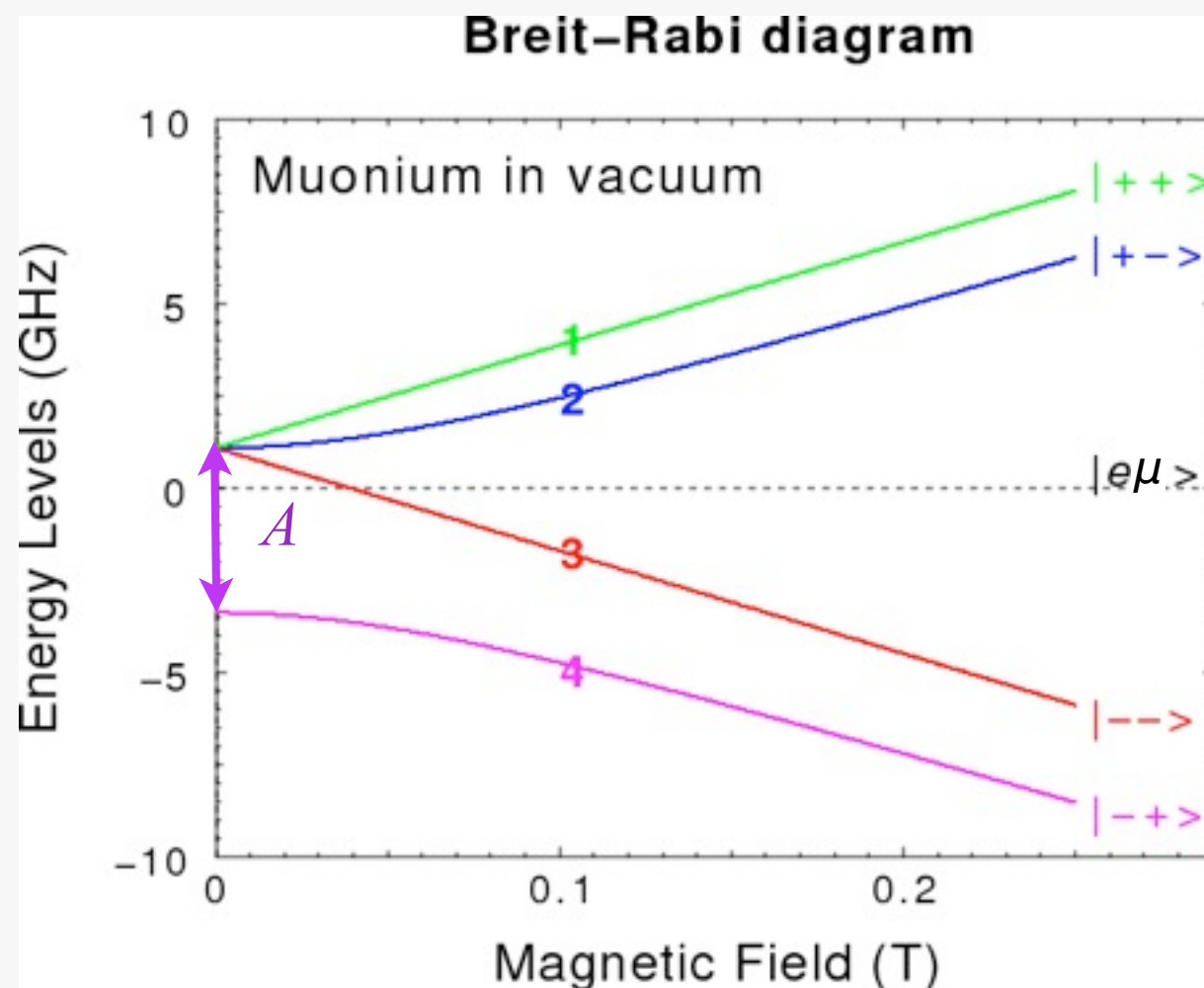


Two spins coupled by HF contact interaction evolve less simply with time.

$$X\text{-ium} \equiv X^+ e^- \quad X\text{-onium} \equiv X^+ X^-$$

Muonium ($\text{Mu} \equiv \mu^+ e^-$) Spectroscopy

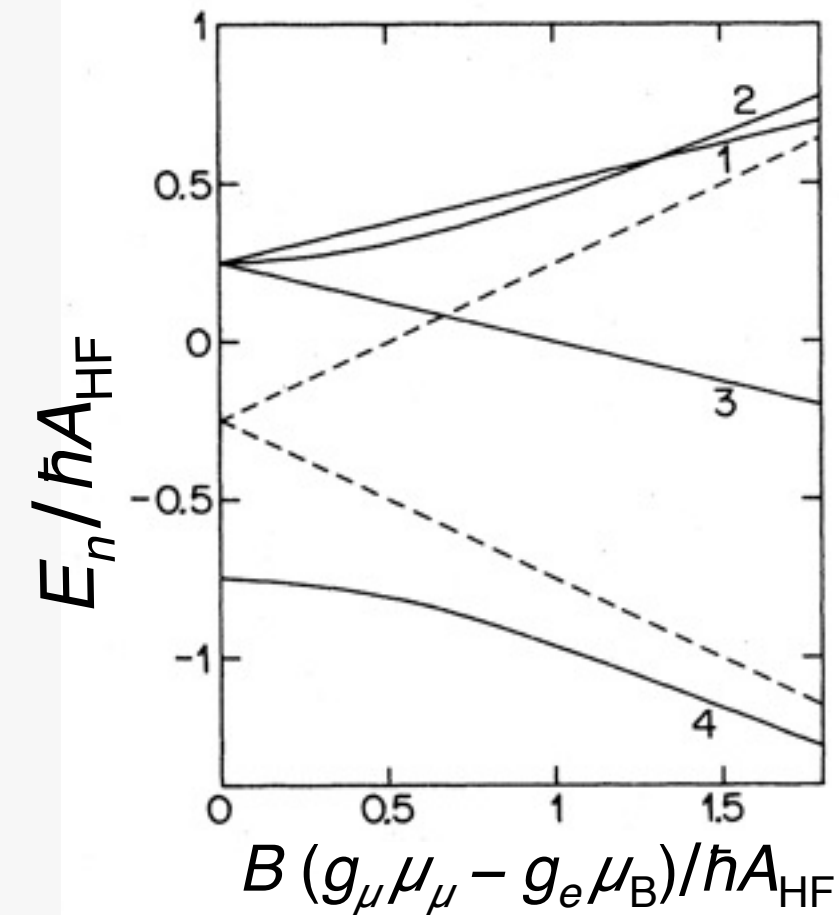
In a μSR experiment one measures a time spectrum at a given field and extracts **all** frequencies *via* FFT.



“Signature” of **Mu** (or other hyperfine-coupled $\mu^+ e^-$ spin states) in **high transverse field**: **two frequencies** centred on ν_μ and separated by the **hyperfine splitting** $A \propto r^{-3}$.

Deep vs. “Shallow” Mu centers

← Breit-Rabi diagram



Mu atom in vacuum: $A_{\text{HF}} = 4463$ MHz

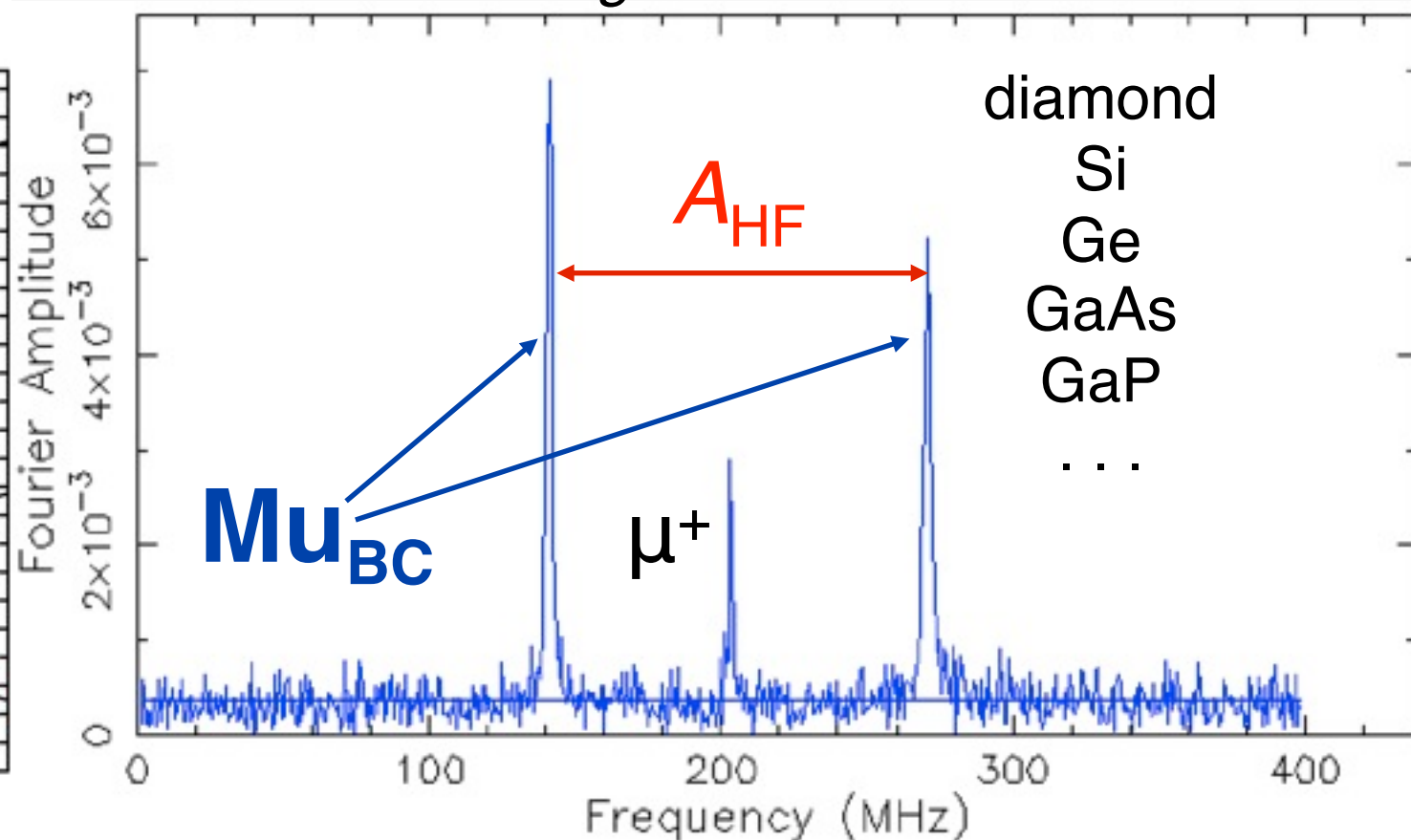
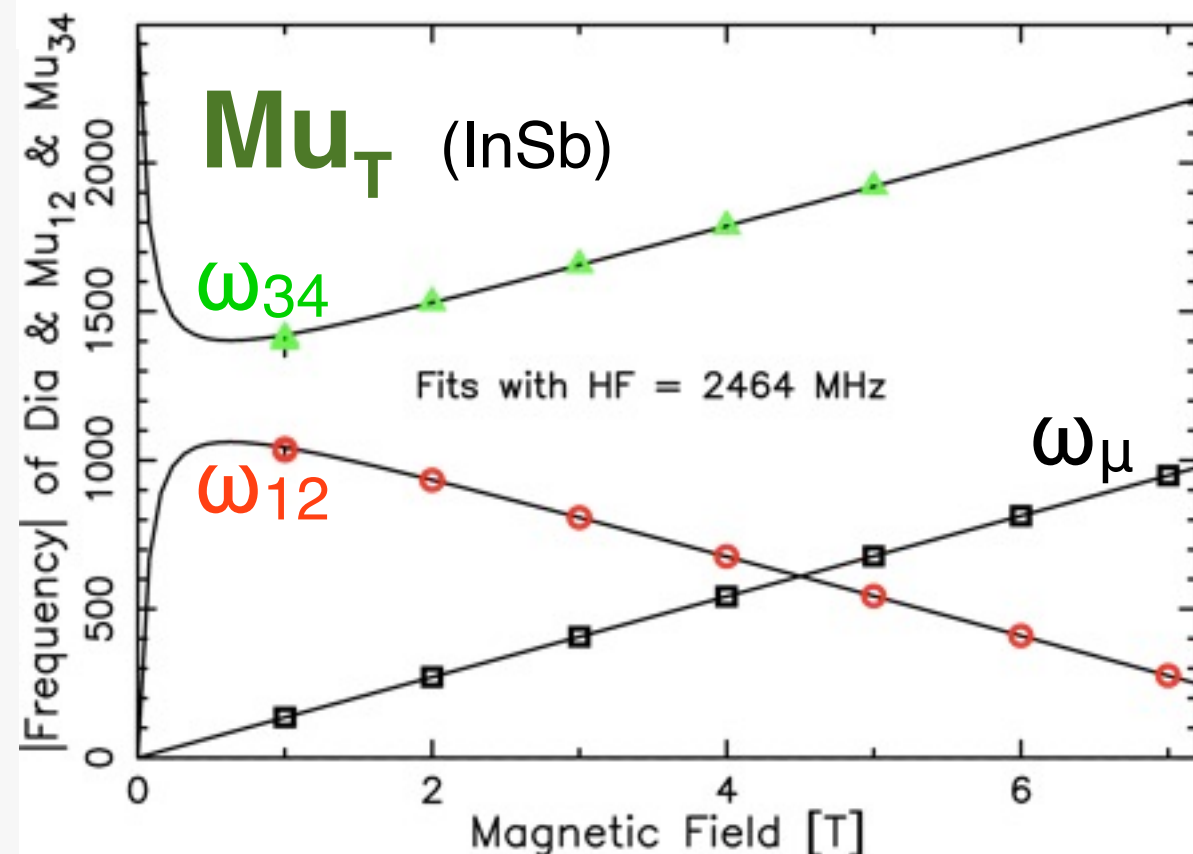
Wide-gap insulators: $\sim$ same A_{HF} as in vacuum

Semiconductors (Mu_T): $A_{\text{HF}} \sim 2000$ MHz

Semiconductors (Mu_{BC}): $A_{\text{HF}} \sim 100$ MHz

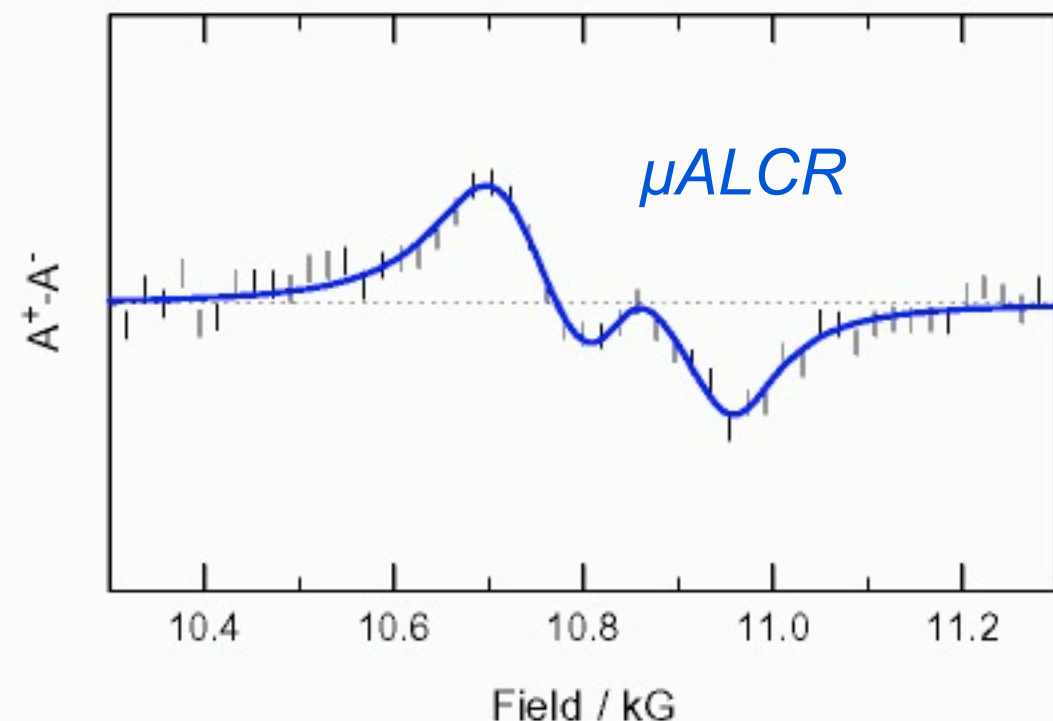
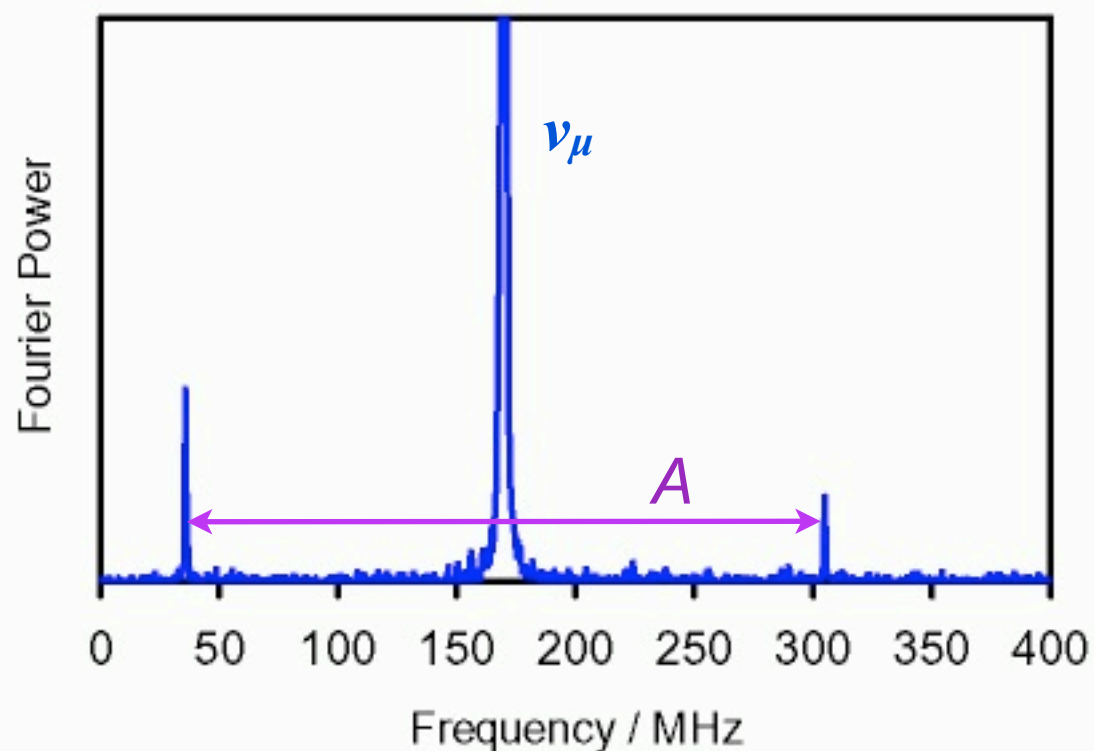
Semiconductors (Mu_{WB}): $A_{\text{HF}} \sim 0.2$ MHz

high field limit



diamond
Si
Ge
GaAs
GaP
...

Muonated Radicals



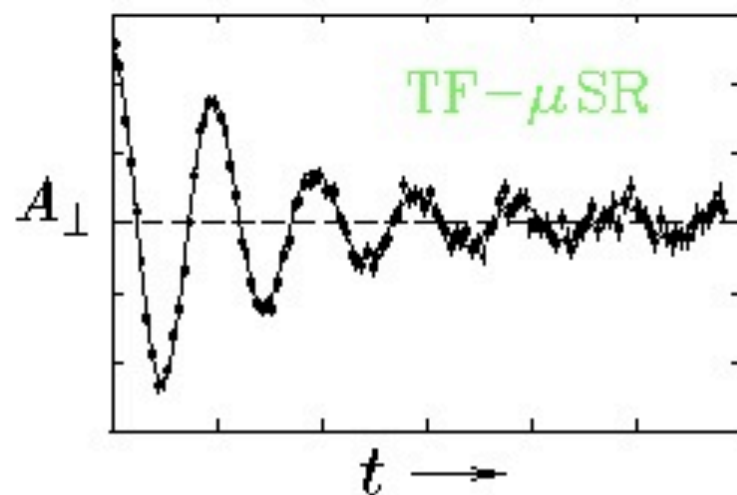
Organic Free Radicals in Superheated Water

Paul W. Percival, Jean-Claude Brodovitch, Khashayar Ghandi, Brett M. McCollum, and Iain McKenzie

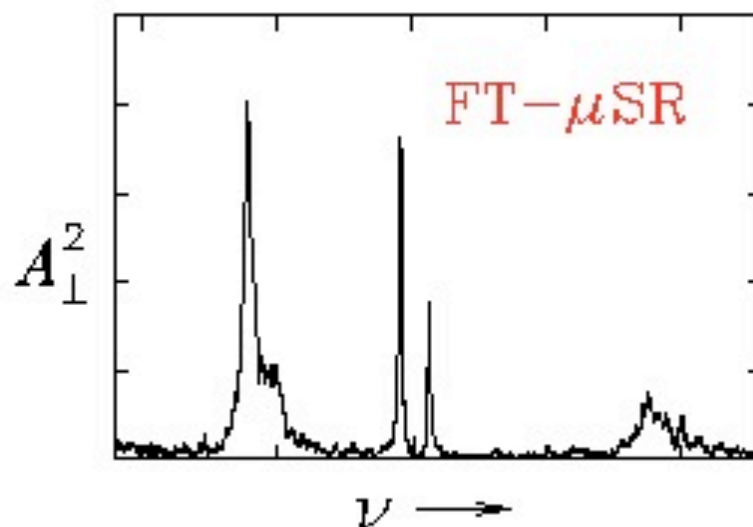
Apparatus has been developed to permit muon avoided level-crossing spectroscopy (μLCR) of organic free radicals in water at high temperatures and pressures. The combination of μLCR with transverse-field muon spin rotation (TF- μSR) provides the means to identify and characterize free radicals via their nuclear hyperfine constants. Muon spin spectroscopy is currently the only technique capable of studying transient free radicals under hydrothermal conditions in an unambiguous manner, free from interference from other reaction intermediates. We have utilized the technique to investigate hydrothermal chemistry in two areas: dehydration of alcohols, and the enolization of acetone. Spectra have been recorded and hyperfine constants determined for the following free radicals in superheated water (typically 350°C at 250 bar): 2-propyl, 2-methyl-2-propyl (tert-butyl), and 2-hydroxy-2-propyl. The latter radical is the product of muonium addition to the enol form of acetone and is the subject of an earlier Research Highlight. The figure shows spectra for the **2-propyl** radical detected in an aqueous solution of 2-propanol at 350°C and 250 bar.

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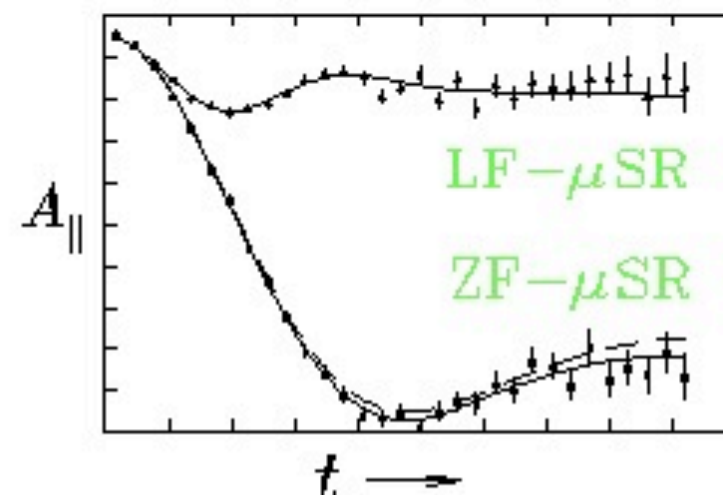
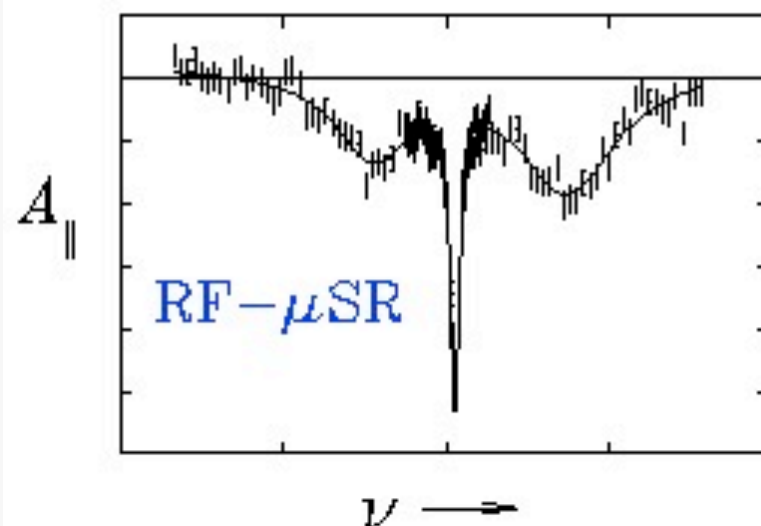
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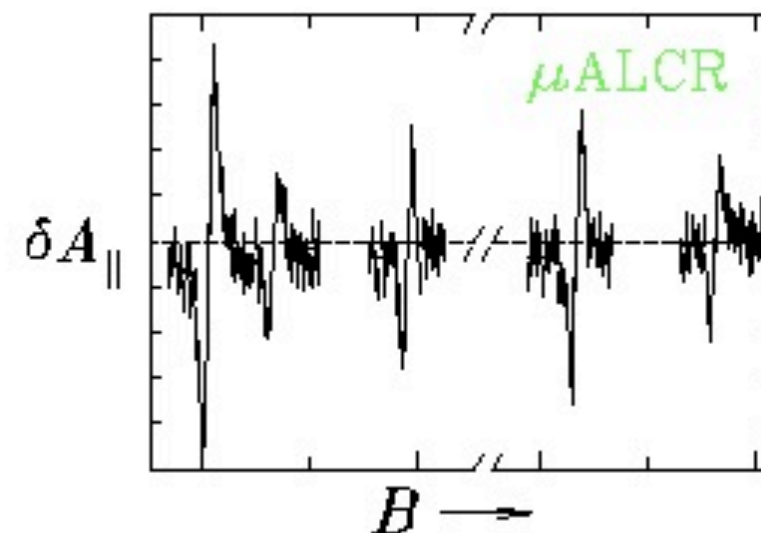


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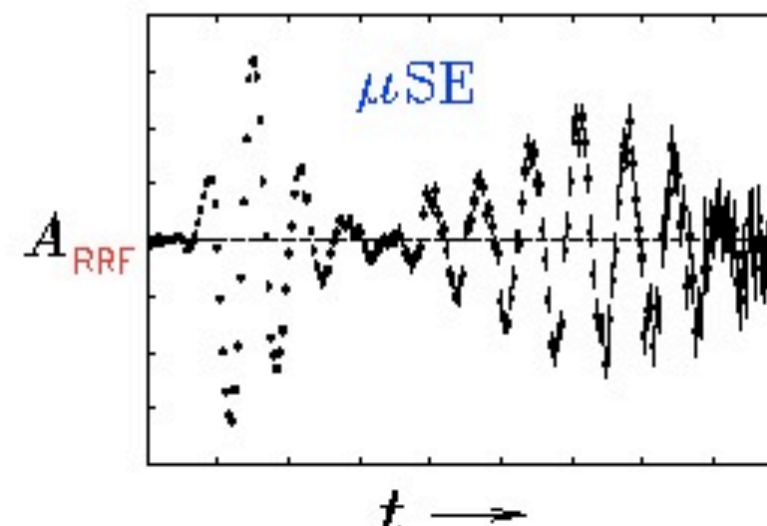
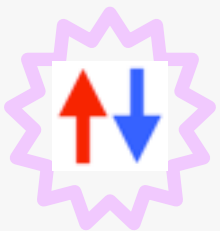


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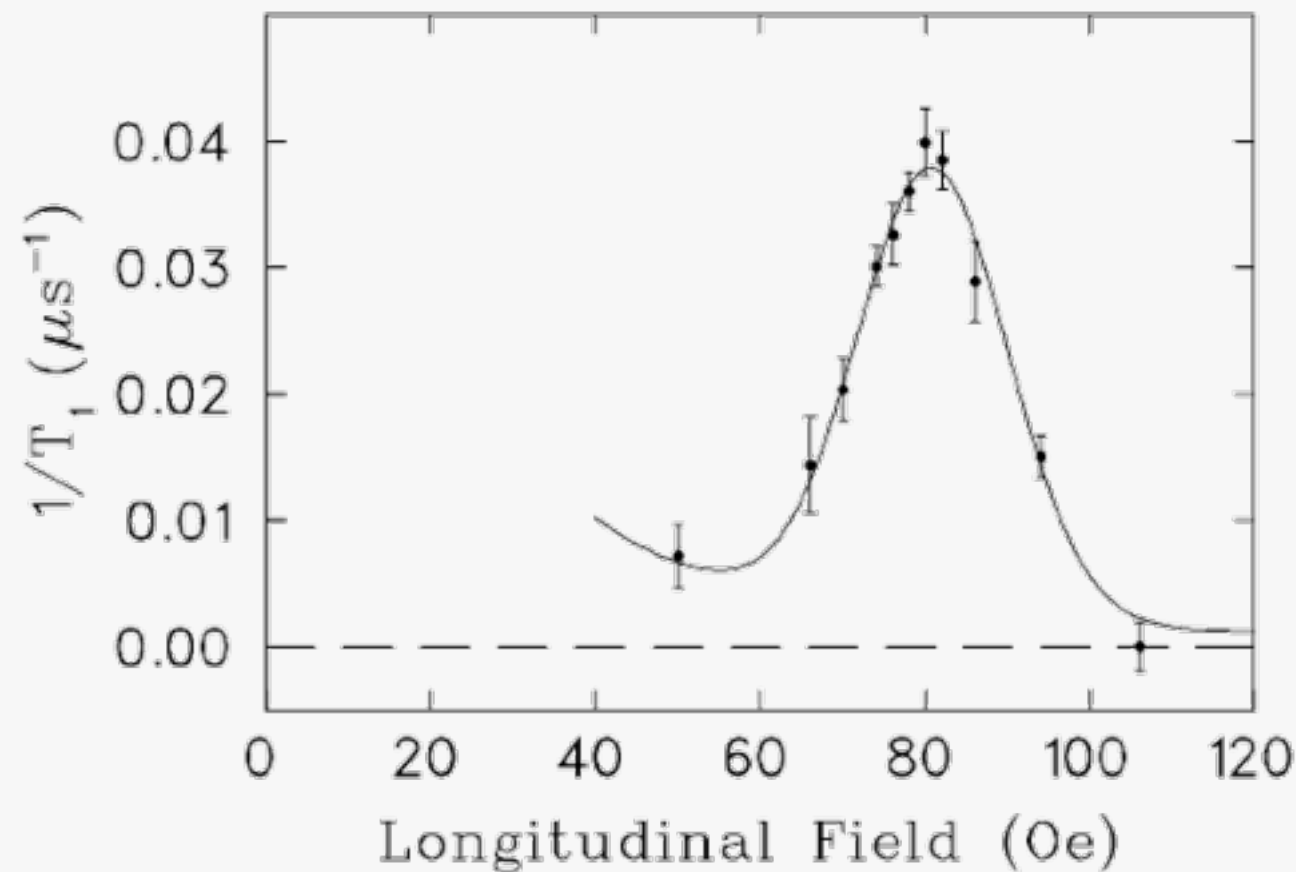


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Quadrupolar μ ALCR

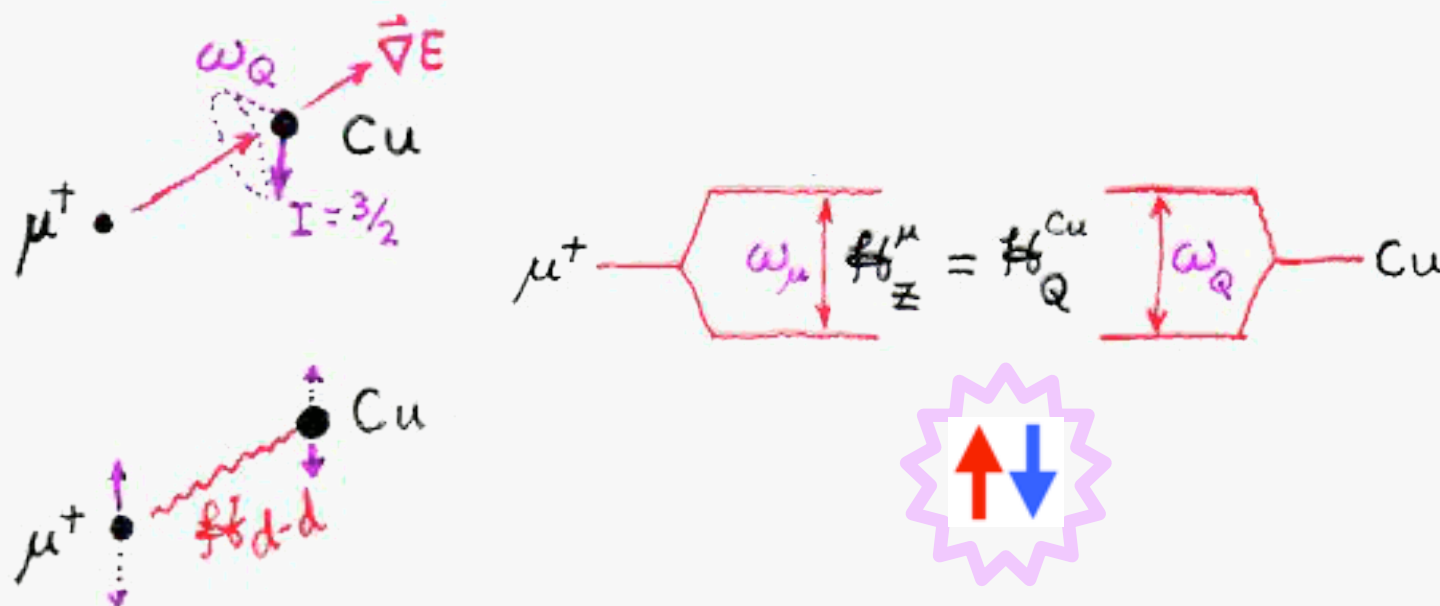


First observation of μ ALCR (1986): Matching muon Zeeman splitting with the **electric quadrupole** splitting of Cu nuclei due to the muon's electric field gradient.

Normally, longitudinal field (LF) *decouples* μ^+ spin from Cu nuclear dipolar fields (~ 4 Oe) and so *quenches* μ^+ spin relaxation.

But when $\omega_\mu = \gamma_\mu B$ matches ω_Q^{Cu} , energy can be transferred between the μ^+ and Cu (via the dipole-dipole interaction) with no net change in angular momentum ("Flip-Flop" transitions).

Speculated at the time: there should be many other types of μ ALCR . . .

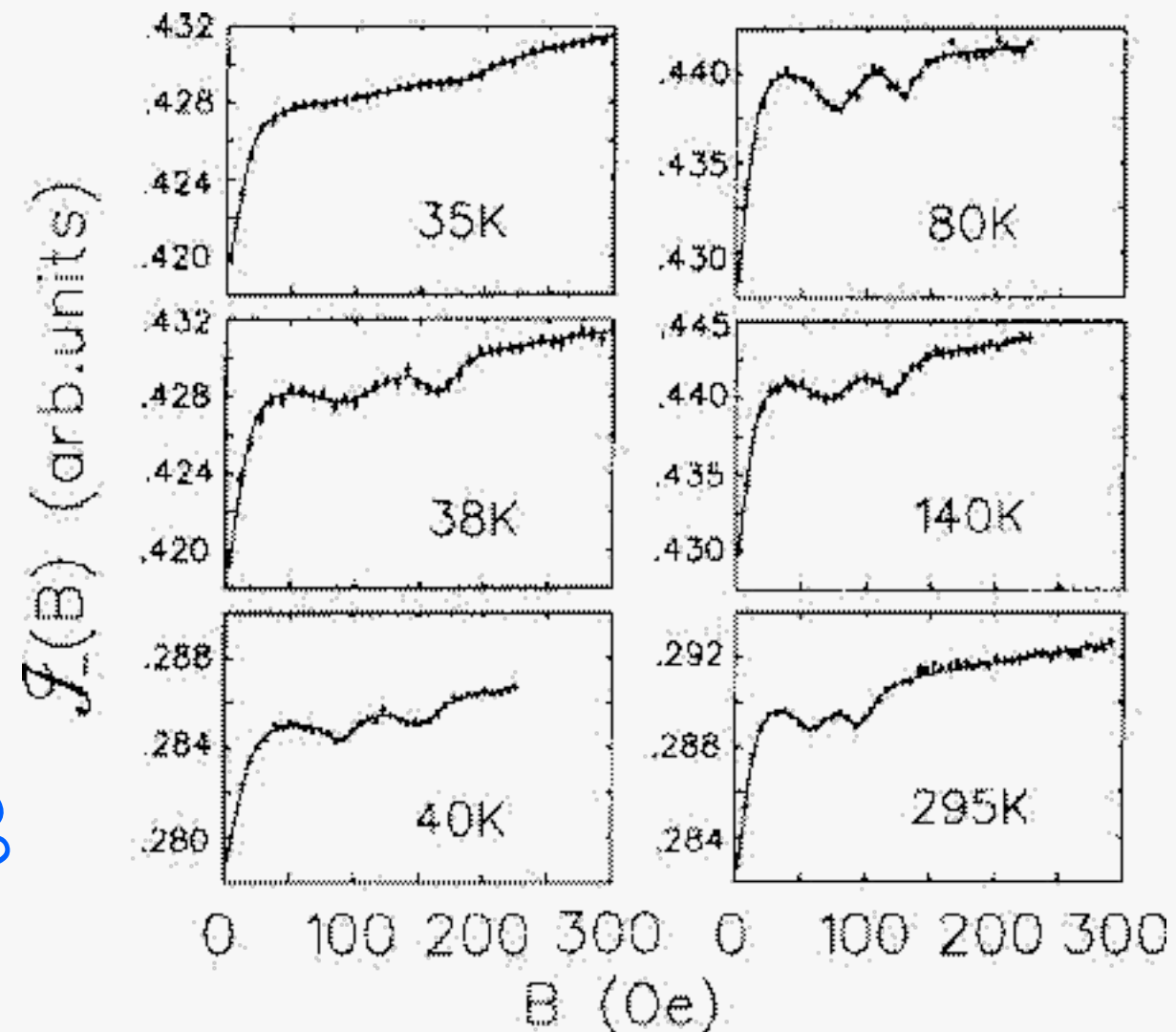
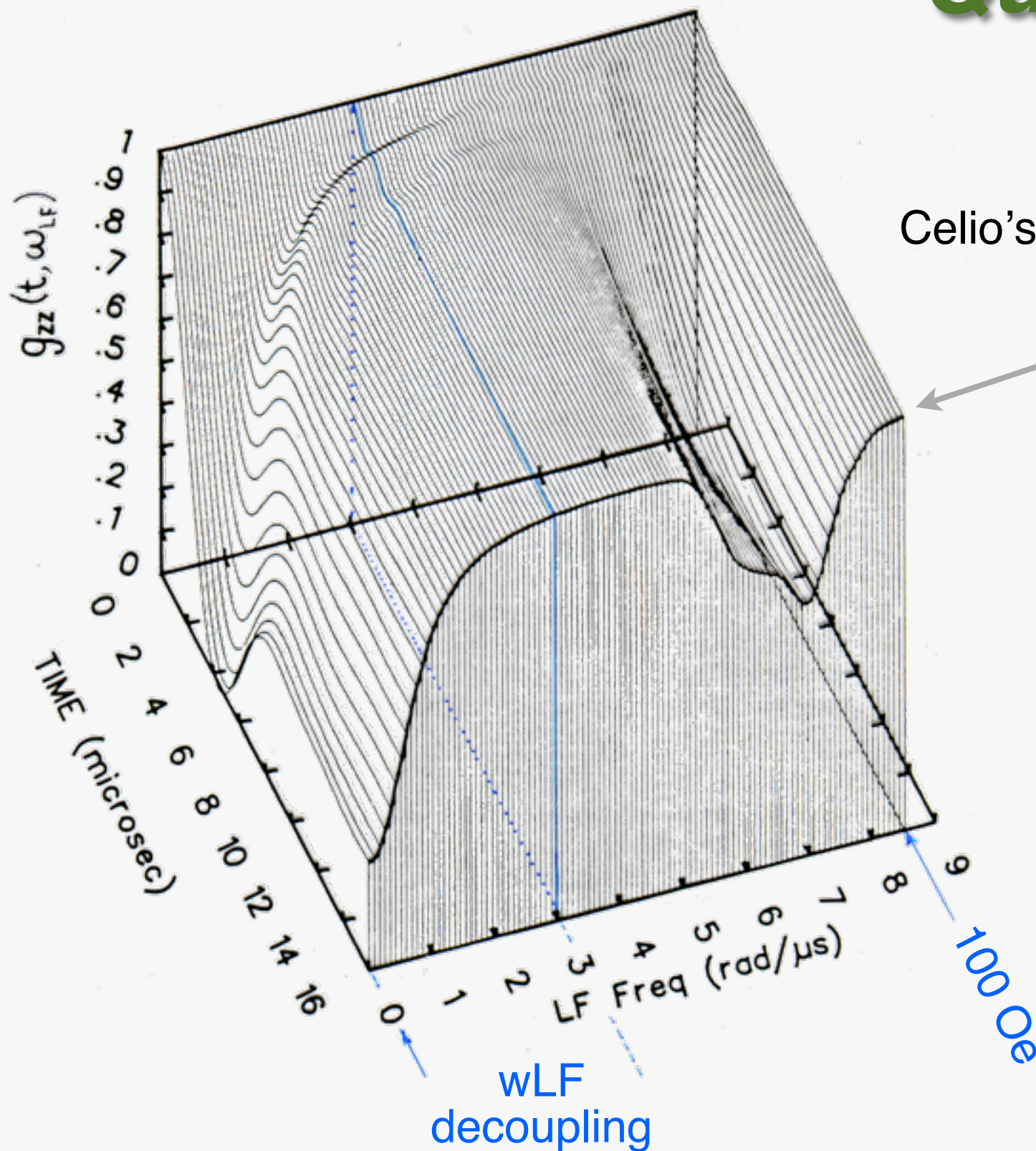


Quadrupolar μALCR

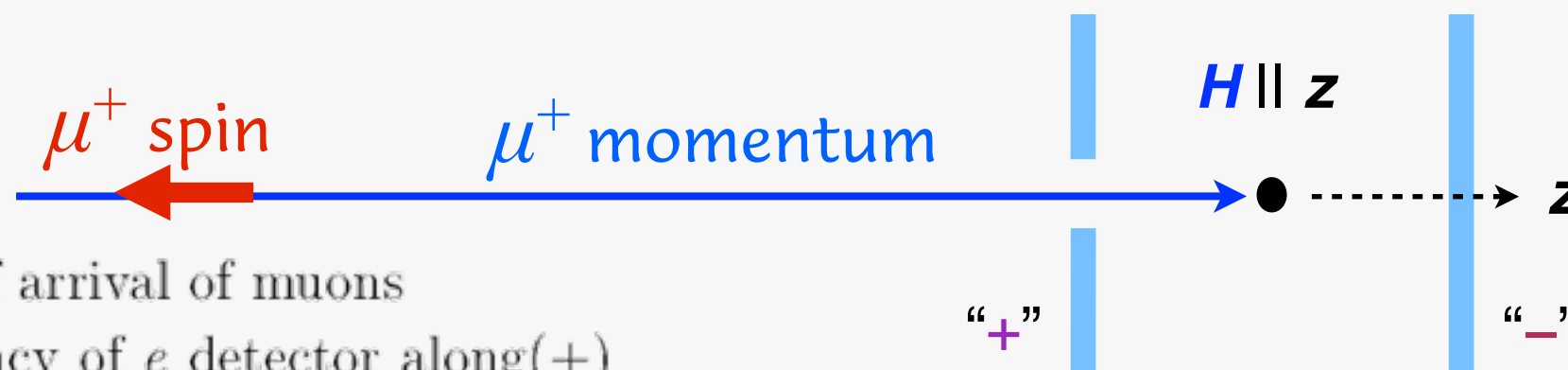
in **Cu** $\langle 100 \rangle \parallel B$:

Celio's calculation of static "relaxation" function

... and in **MnSi**:



Time-Integral μ^+SR



Simply
SCALE
decay e^+
counts
in “+”
and “-”

- R = rate of arrival of muons
- $\epsilon_{\pm}$ = efficiency of e detector along(+) or opposite(-) μ polarization
- $B_{\pm}$ = background rate in said e detector
- $A_{\pm}$ = intrinsic asymmetry of e detector [Count rate $\sim (1 \pm A_{\pm})$ for muons fully polarized along (opposite) detector axis of symmetry.]
- $G_{zz}(t)$ = longitudinal relaxation function

The number of counts in time $T \gg \tau_{\mu}$ is

$$N_{\pm} = B_{\pm}T + RT\epsilon_{\pm} \pm RT\epsilon_{\pm}A_{\pm}\mathcal{L}(G_{zz}),$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{L}(G_{zz}) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} e^{(-t/\tau_{\mu})} G_{zz}(t) \frac{dt}{\tau_{\mu}}$$

is the *Laplace Transform* of $G_{zz}(t)$.

Experimental Asymmetry:

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{b_- + (1 - \alpha) + (1 + \alpha\beta)A_+\mathcal{L}(G_{zz})}{b_+ + (1 + \alpha) + (1 - \alpha\beta)A_+\mathcal{L}(G_{zz})}$$

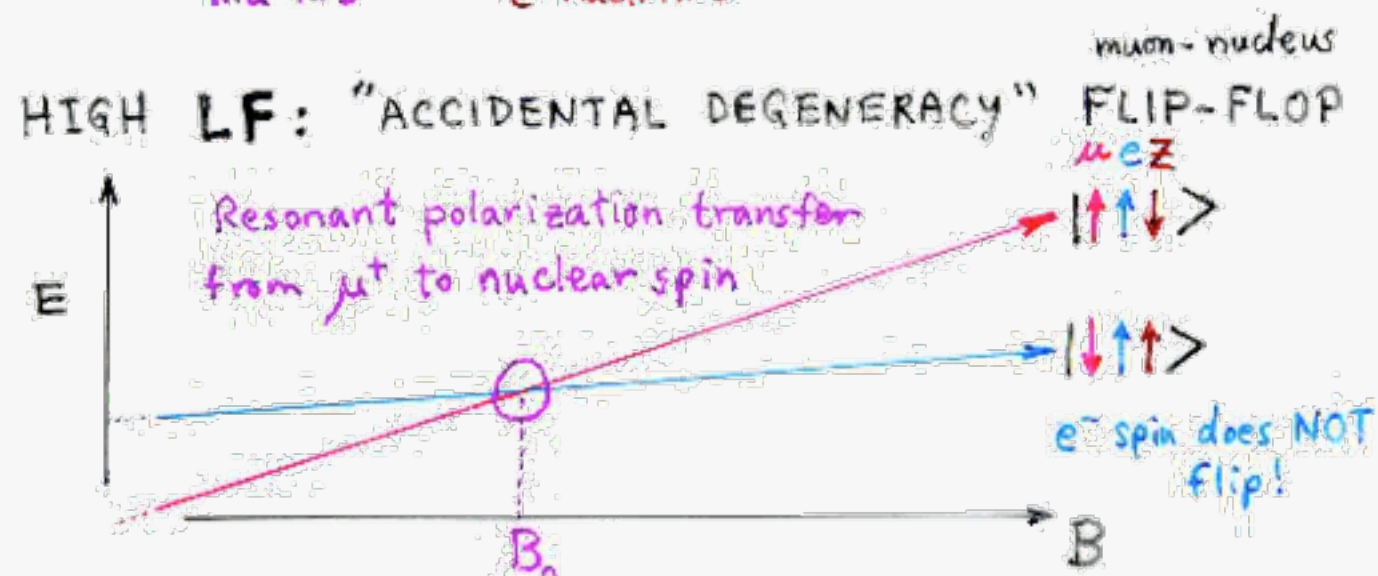
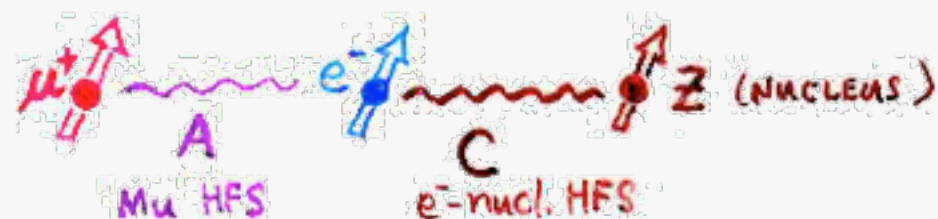
$$\text{where } b_{\pm} \equiv \frac{B_{\pm} \pm B_-}{R\epsilon_+}, \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{\epsilon_-}{\epsilon_+}, \quad \beta \equiv \frac{A_-}{A_+}.$$

Approximations: $B_{\pm} \approx 0$, $A_{\pm} \approx A$ and $\epsilon_+ \approx \epsilon_-$,

giving $\alpha \approx \beta \approx 1$, $b_{\pm} \approx 0$ and

$$\mathcal{A} \approx \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{(1 + \alpha)} + \frac{2}{(1 + \alpha)} A_+ \mathcal{L}(G_{zz})$$

Paramagnetic μ ALCR



SCANNING for RESONANCES: For SPEED, use "Time Integral μ SR"

$$a \equiv \frac{B-F}{B+F} \text{ where } B \text{ \& } F = \text{TOTAL COUNT RATES in Bwd \& Fwd } e^+ \text{ detectors.}$$

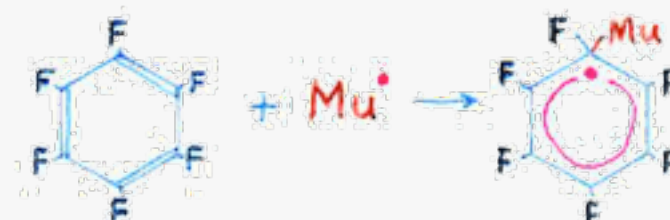
To beat systematic fluctuations, use "Field-Differential" Time-Integral μ SR:

At each B_0 , measure

$$a_{\pm} \equiv a(B_0 \pm B_1) \text{ then look at } \Delta a \equiv a_- - a_+ \text{ vs } B_0$$

← "TOGGLE FIELD" (and hope $B_1 \geq$ line width)

"Muonated" FREE RADICALS:



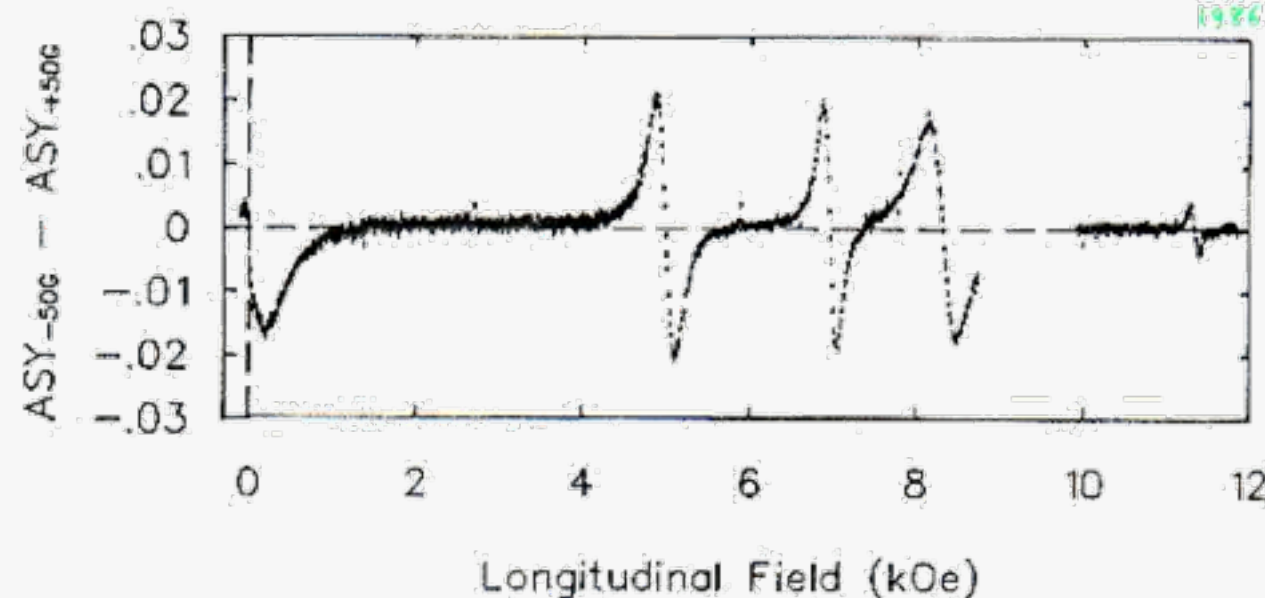
ALMOST IDENTICAL to "Hydrogenated" version!

At "LEVEL-CROSSING RESONANCE" values of applied magnetic field, ENERGY LEVELS of spin states $(\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow)$ and $(\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow)$ are EQUAL

• Unpaired electron has HYPERFINE (SPIN-SPIN) INTERACTIONS with μ^+ spin and with ^{19}F spins.

⇒ Transitions take place freely and MUON GETS DEPOLARIZED!

C_6F_6 Muonic Radical LCR @ 50°C



⇒ MEASUREMENT of e^-F INTERACTIONS -- nearly identical to those of "Hydrogenated" version.

→ Learn REACTION RATES of TRANSIENT RADICALS (important in biochemistry, polymer synthesis, ...)

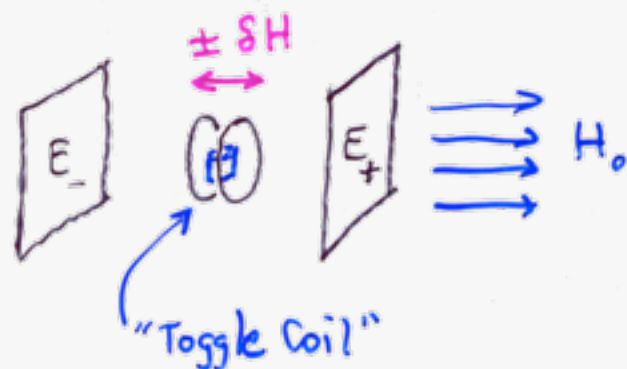
→ From TEMP.-DEPENDENCE, learn DYNAMICS of MOLEC. STRUCT.

Paramagnetic μ ALCR

Field-Differential I- μ SR:

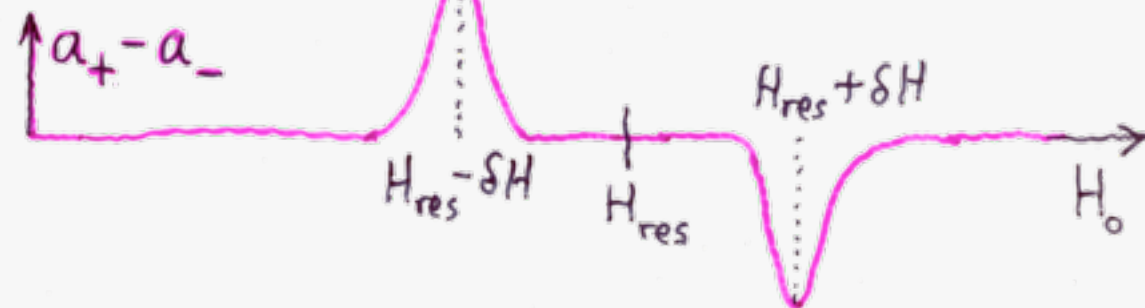
If "SYSTEMATICS" cause $a \equiv \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-}$ to

FLUCTUATE while all indep. var. are held constant,
try this:



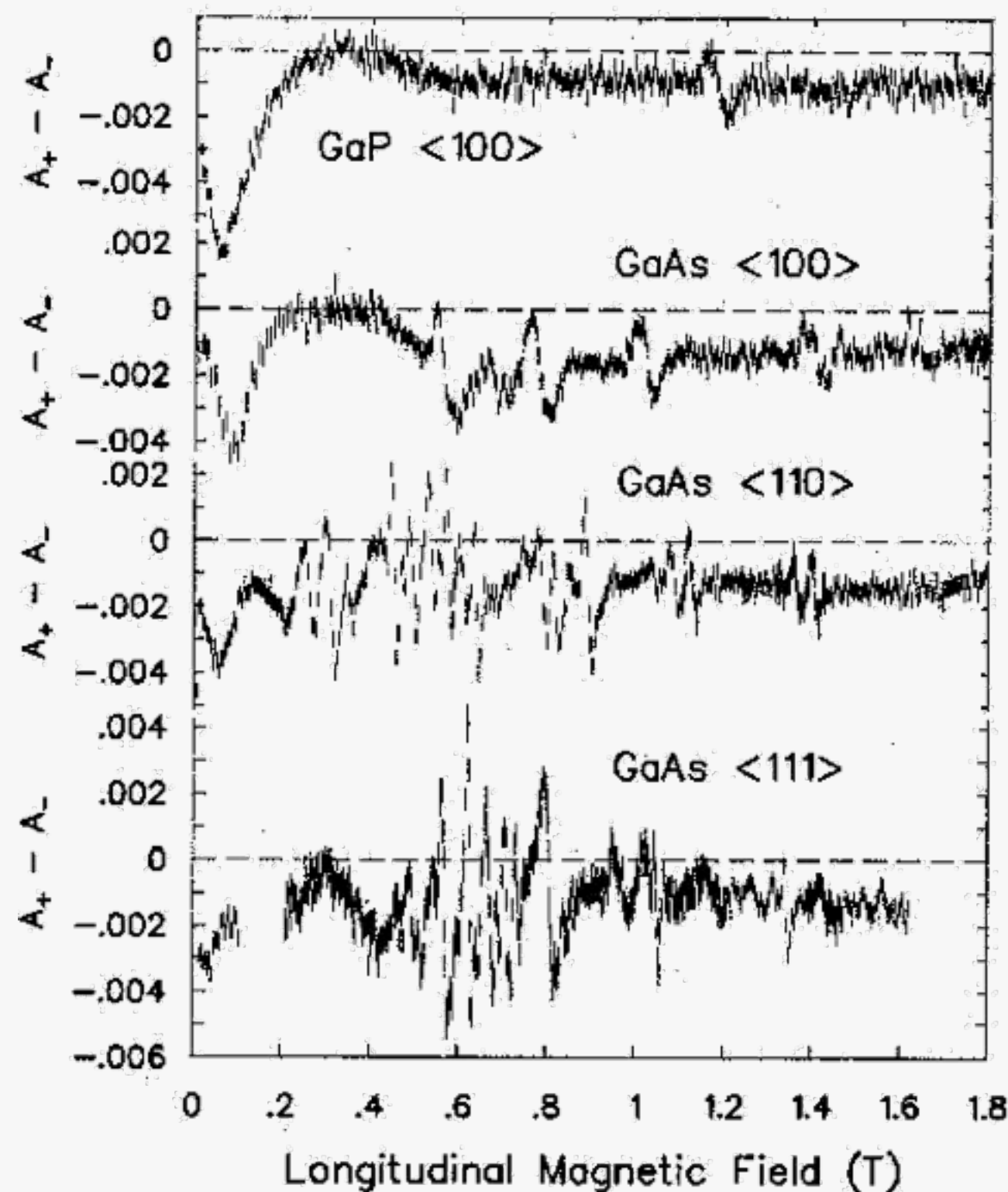
$a_{\pm} \equiv a$ with $H = H_0 \pm \delta H$
(alternate $\pm$ rapidly wrt. systematic fluct.)

giving

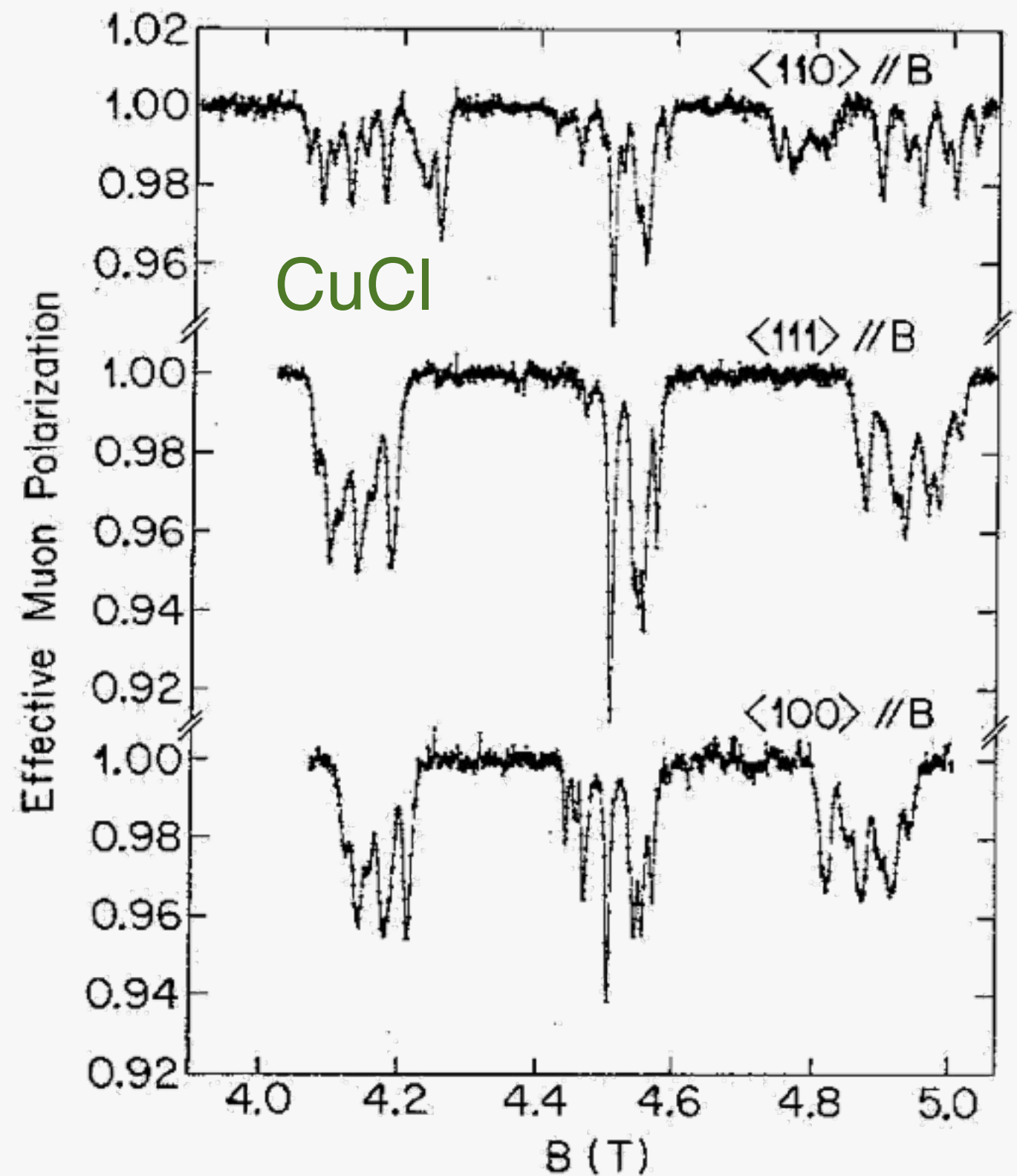


NOTE: NOT a true DERIVATIVE $\frac{da}{dH}$!

Muon-Nuclear LCR in GaAs & GaP at 10K

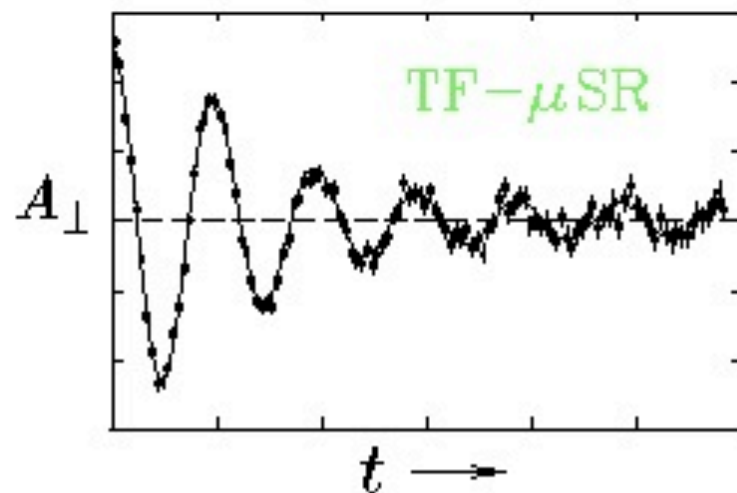


If the beam is very stable and there are no “gremlins” in the counters or fast electronics, it is possible to skip the “field-differential” method and look at the resonances directly.

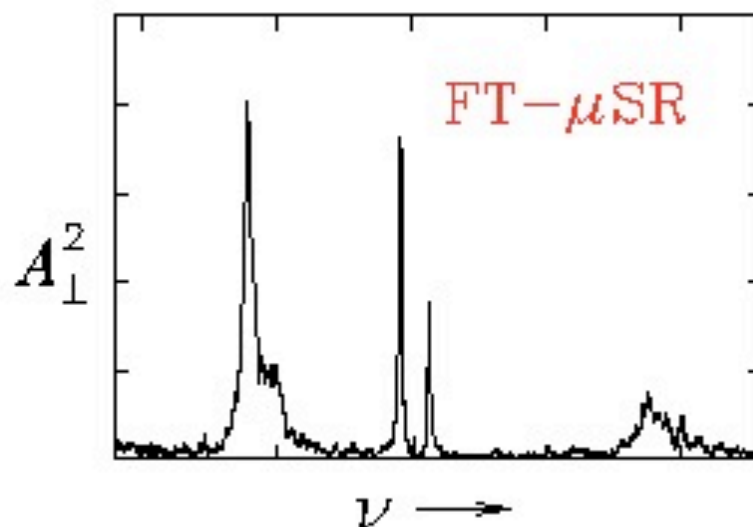


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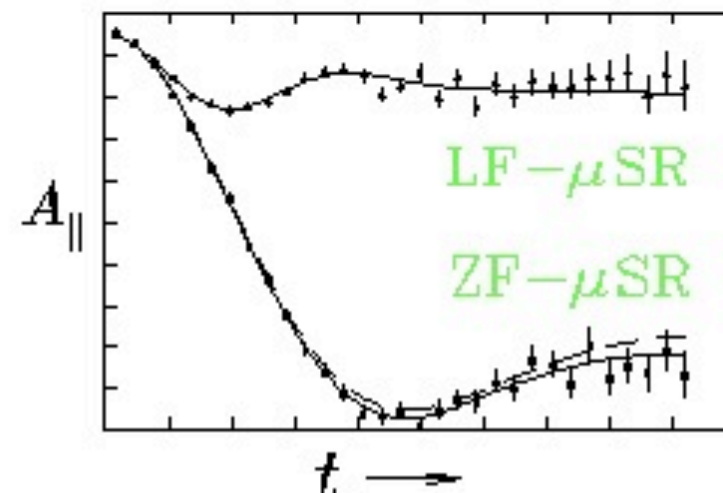
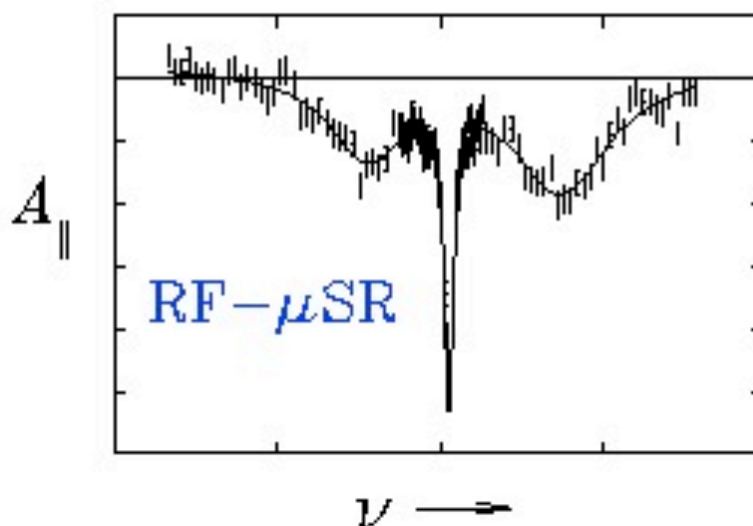
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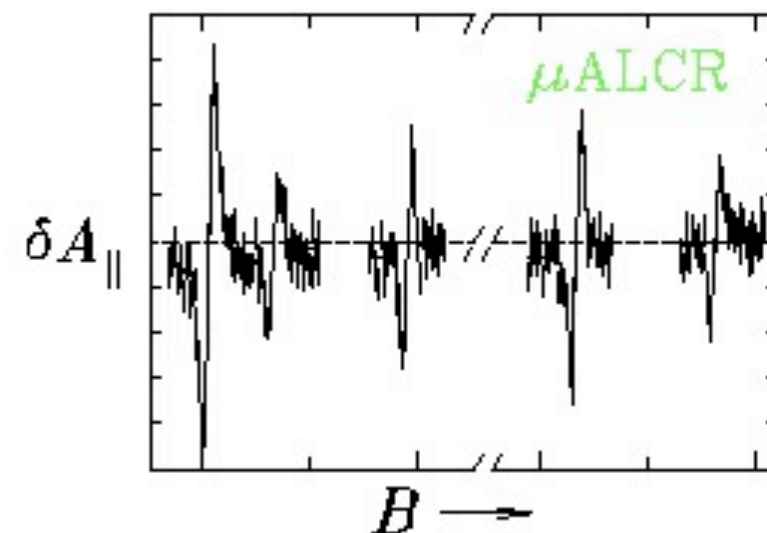


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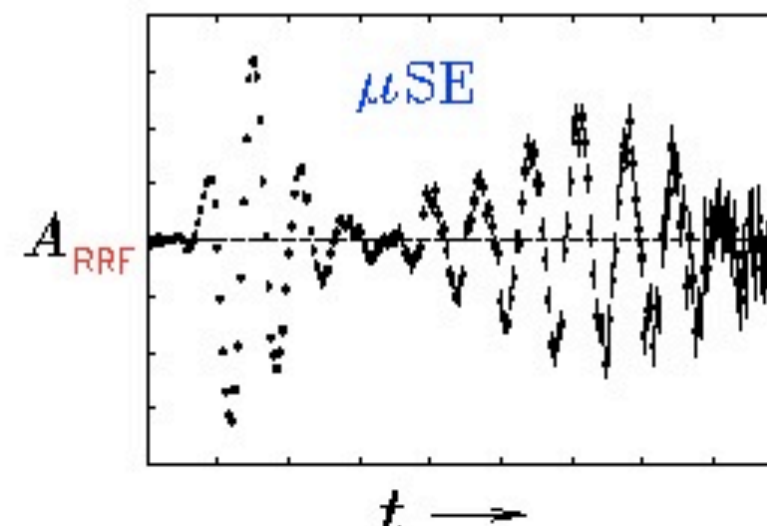


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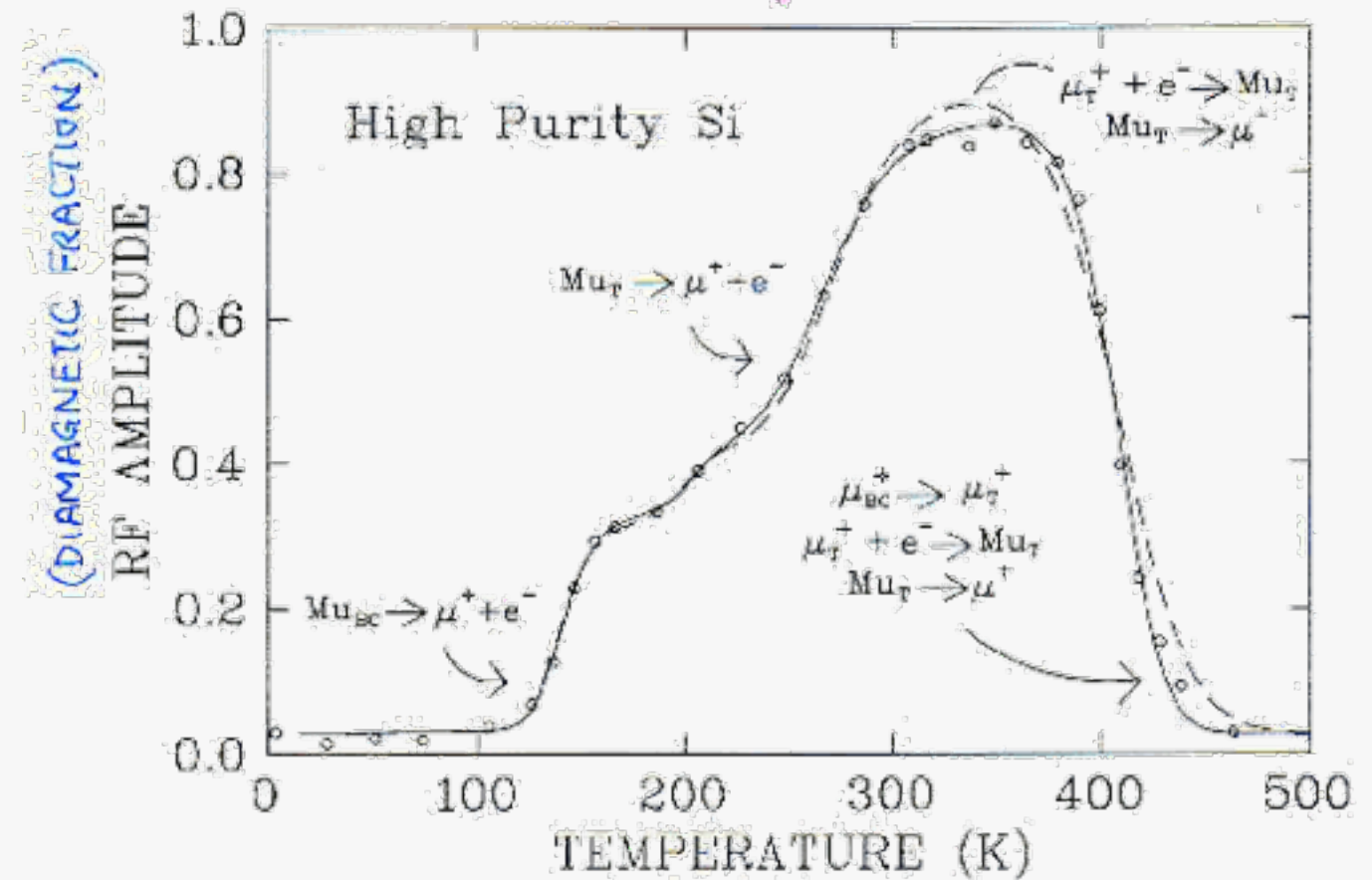
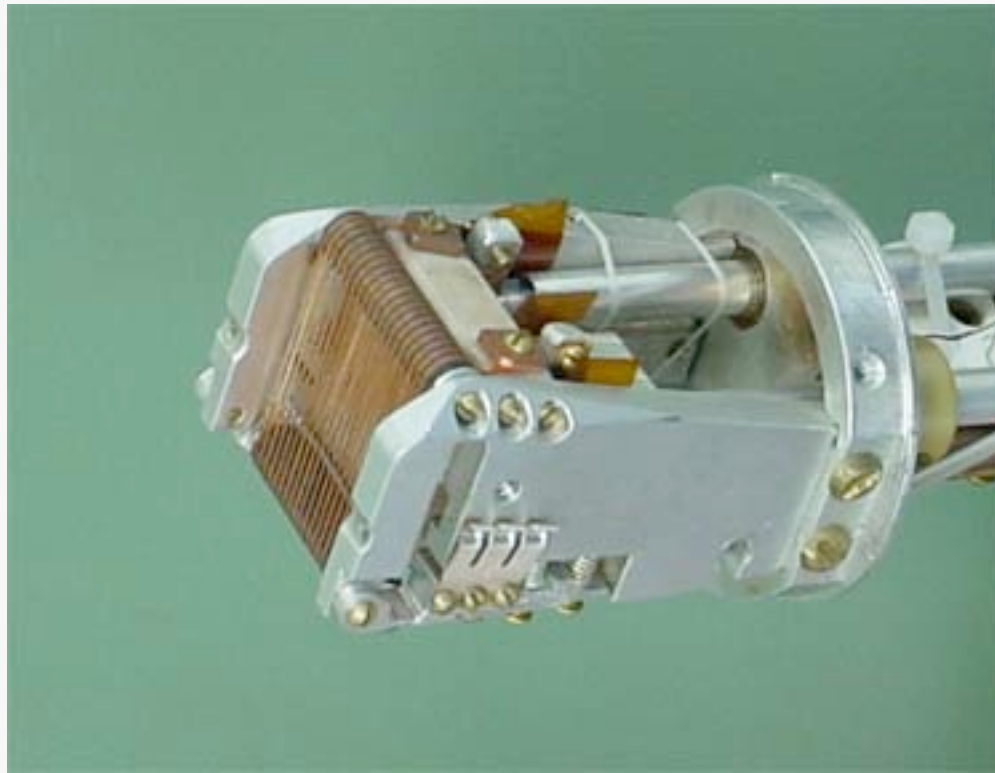
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RF Resonance



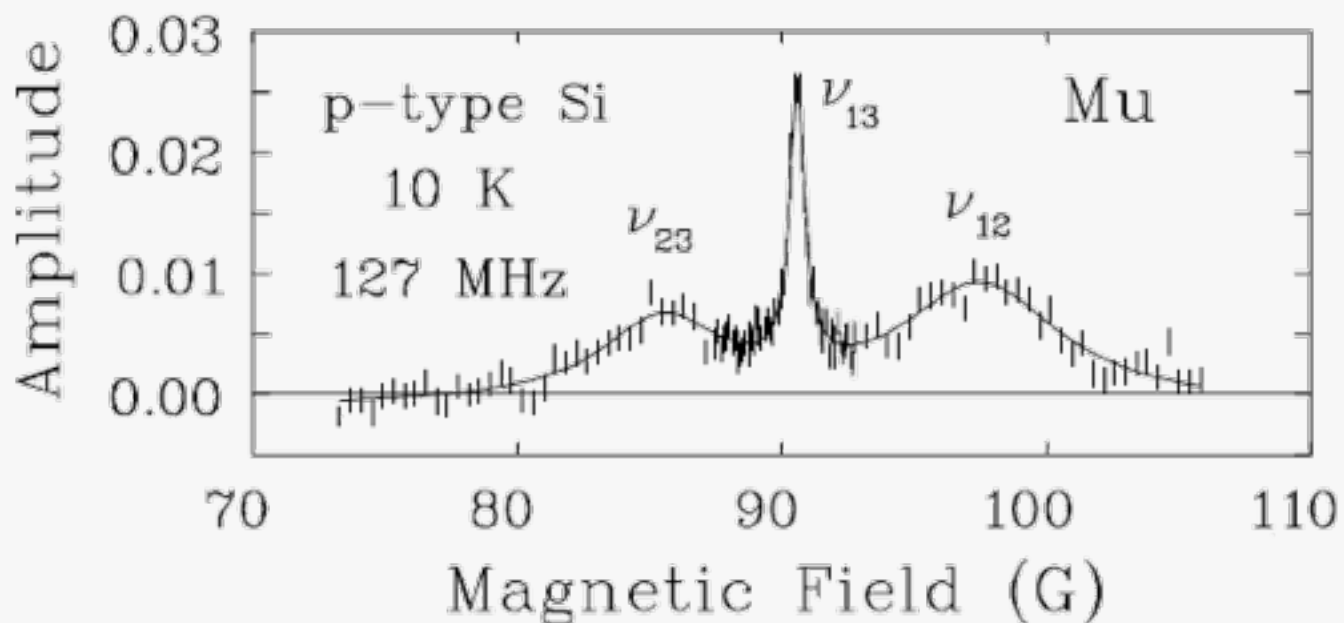
Mu_T = neutral muonium atom @ tetrahedral interstitial site: vacuum-like state, rapidly diffusing (delocalized). **METASTABLE**

Mu_{BC} = Mu atom @ Si —●— Si bond centre interstitial site: axisymm. state, localized.

μ^+ = generic non-paramagnetic state

Note: H PASSIVATES MANY IMPORTANT DEFECTS & IMPURITIES!

RF Resonance on Muonium

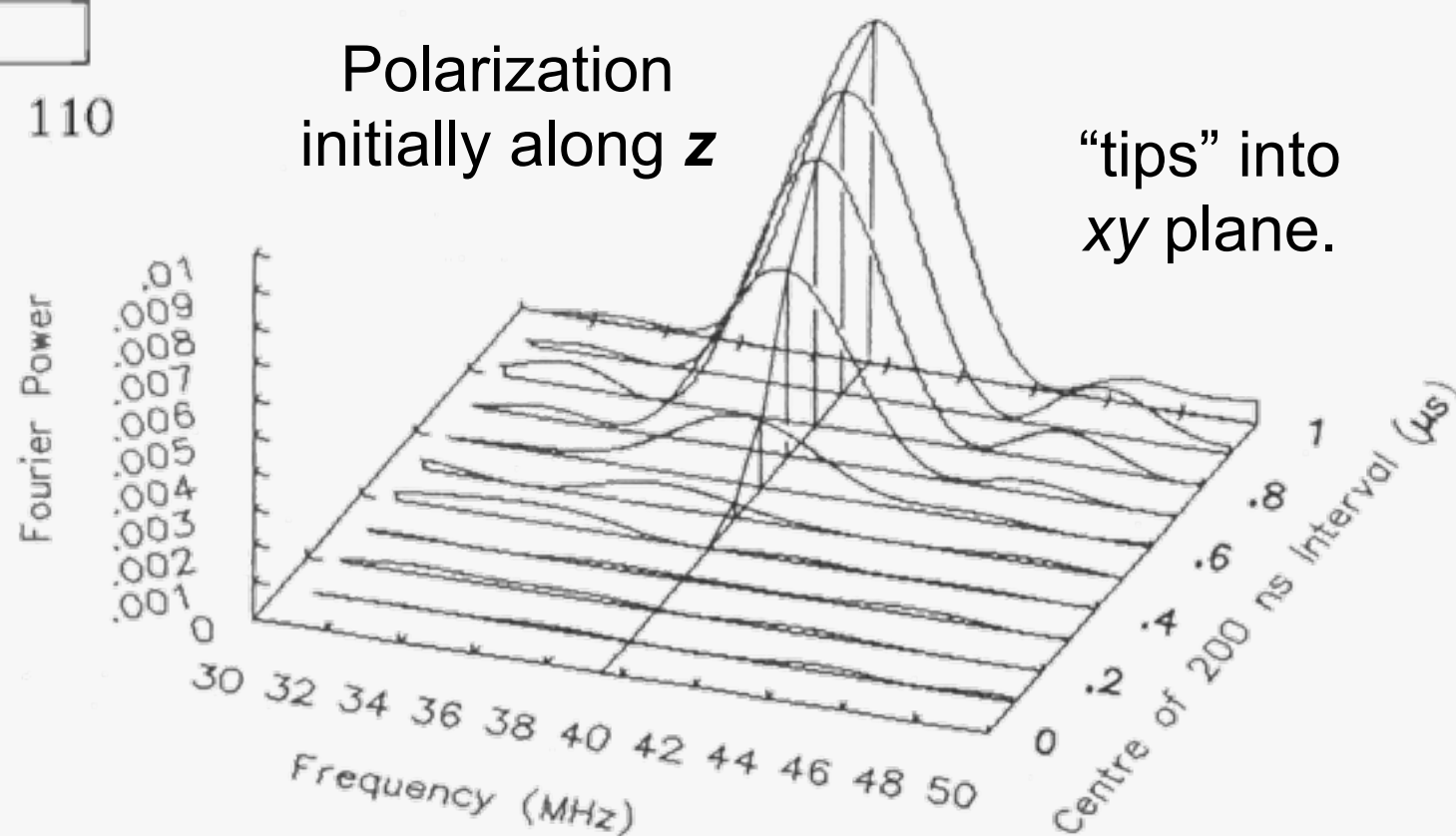


Done at TRIUMF,
one muon at a time
(inefficient!)

“ $\pi/2$ ” RF pulse in *amorphous MnSi*

Polarization
initially along **z**

“tips” into
xy plane.



Amorphous MnSi 300K RF 90° pulse on LF = 2.92 kOe

“Themes” in μSR

Muonium as light Hydrogen

$$(Mu = \mu^+ e^-)$$

$$(H = p^+ e^-)$$

- **Mu** vs. **H** atom **Chemistry**:

- gases, liquids & solids
- Best test of reaction rate theories.
- Study “unobservable” **H** atom rxns.
- Discover new **radical** species.

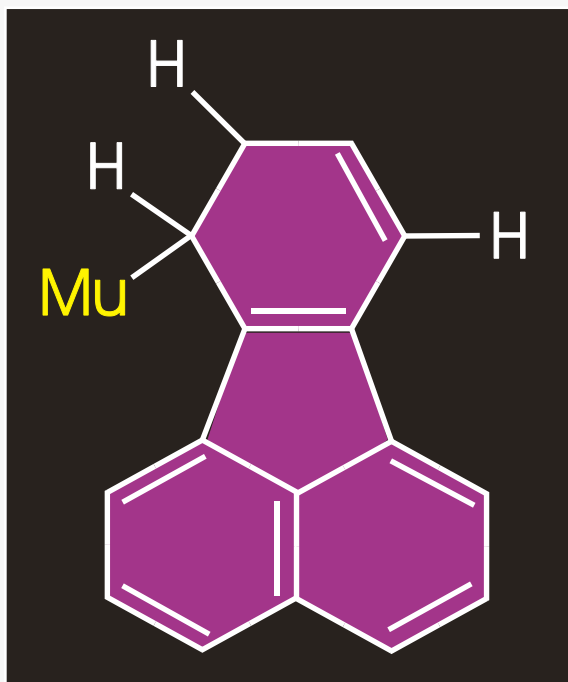
- **Mu** vs. **H** in **Semiconductors**:

- Until recently, $\mu^+ SR \rightarrow$ only data on metastable **H** states in semiconductors!

- **Quantum Diffusion**: μ^+ in metals (compare **H**⁺); **Mu** in nonmetals (compare **H**).

The **Muon** as a **Probe**

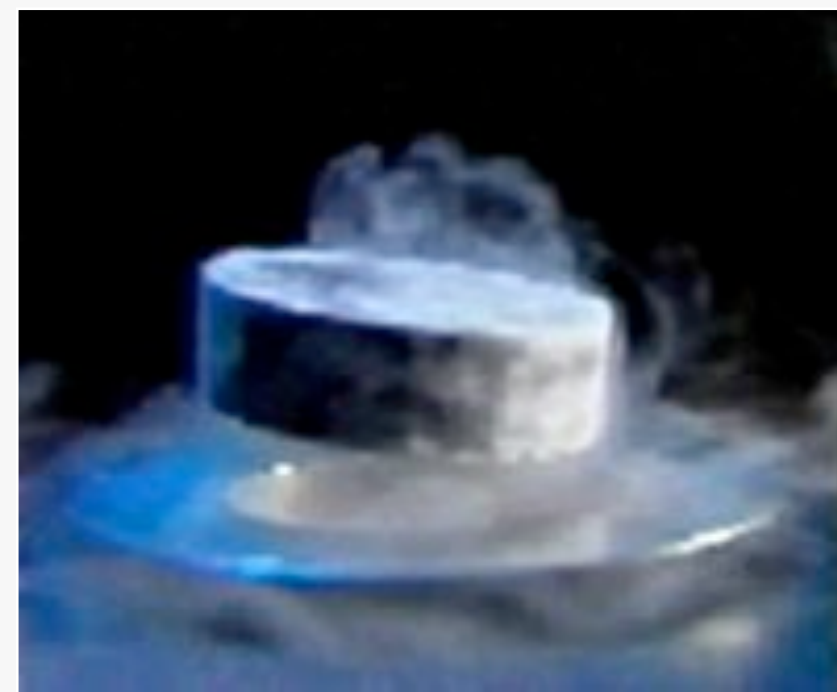
- Probing **Magnetism**: unequalled sensitivity
 - Local fields: electronic structure; ordering
 - Dynamics: electronic, nuclear spins
- Probing **Superconductivity**: (esp. **HT_cSC**)
 - Coexistence of SC & Magnetism
 - Magnetic Penetration Depth λ
 - Coherence Length ξ



Recent Applications of μSR

- > Molecular Structure & Conformational Motion of Organic Free Radicals
- > Hydrogen Atom Kinetics
- > “Green Chemistry” in Supercritical CO_2
- > Catalysis
- > Mass Effects in Chemical Processes
- > Ionic Processes at Interfaces
- > **Reactions in Supercritical Water**
- > Radiation Chemistry & Track Effects in Condensed Media
- > Reaction Studies of Importance to Atmospheric Chemistry
- > Reaction Kinetics as Probes of Potential Energy Surfaces
- > Electron Spin Exchange Phenomena in Gases & Condensed Media.

- > Molecular Magnets & Clusters
- > Hydrogen in Semiconductors
- > **Magnetic Polarons**
- > Charged Particle Transport
- > Quantum Impurities
- > Metal-Insulator Transitions
- > Colossal Magnetoresistance
- > Spin Ice Systems
- > Thermoelectric Oxides
- > Photo-Induced Magnetism
- > Magnetic Vortices
- > Heavy Fermions
- > Frustrated Magnetic Systems
- > Quantum Diffusion
- > **Exotic Superconductors**



C'est fini!

