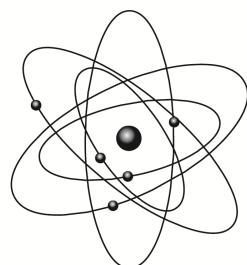


Nadprzewodniki na bazie żelaza w świetle badań spektroskopią mössbauerowską

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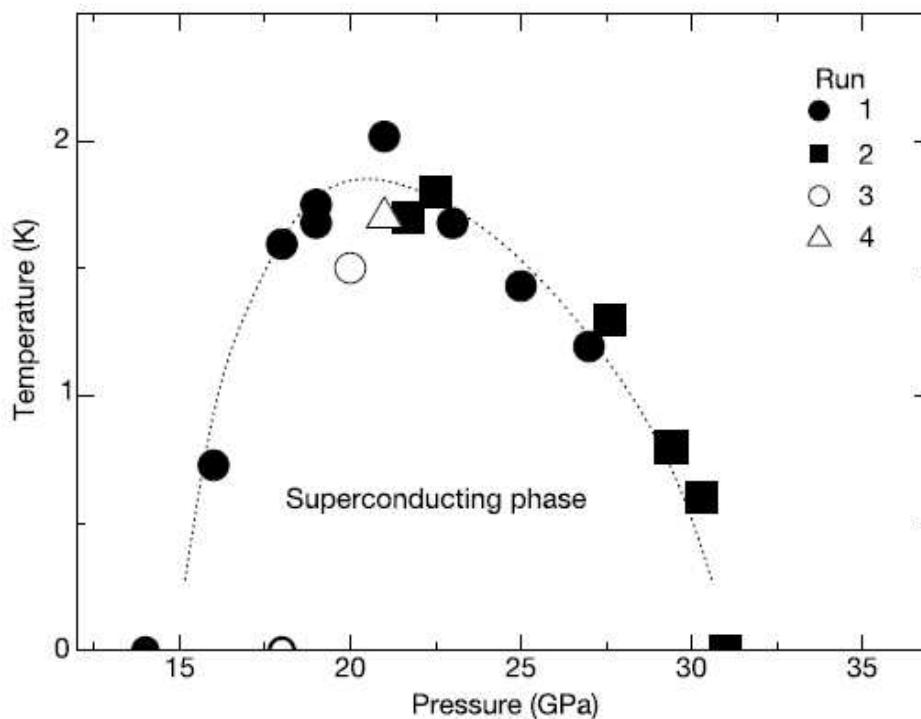
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Superconductivity in the non-magnetic state of iron under pressure

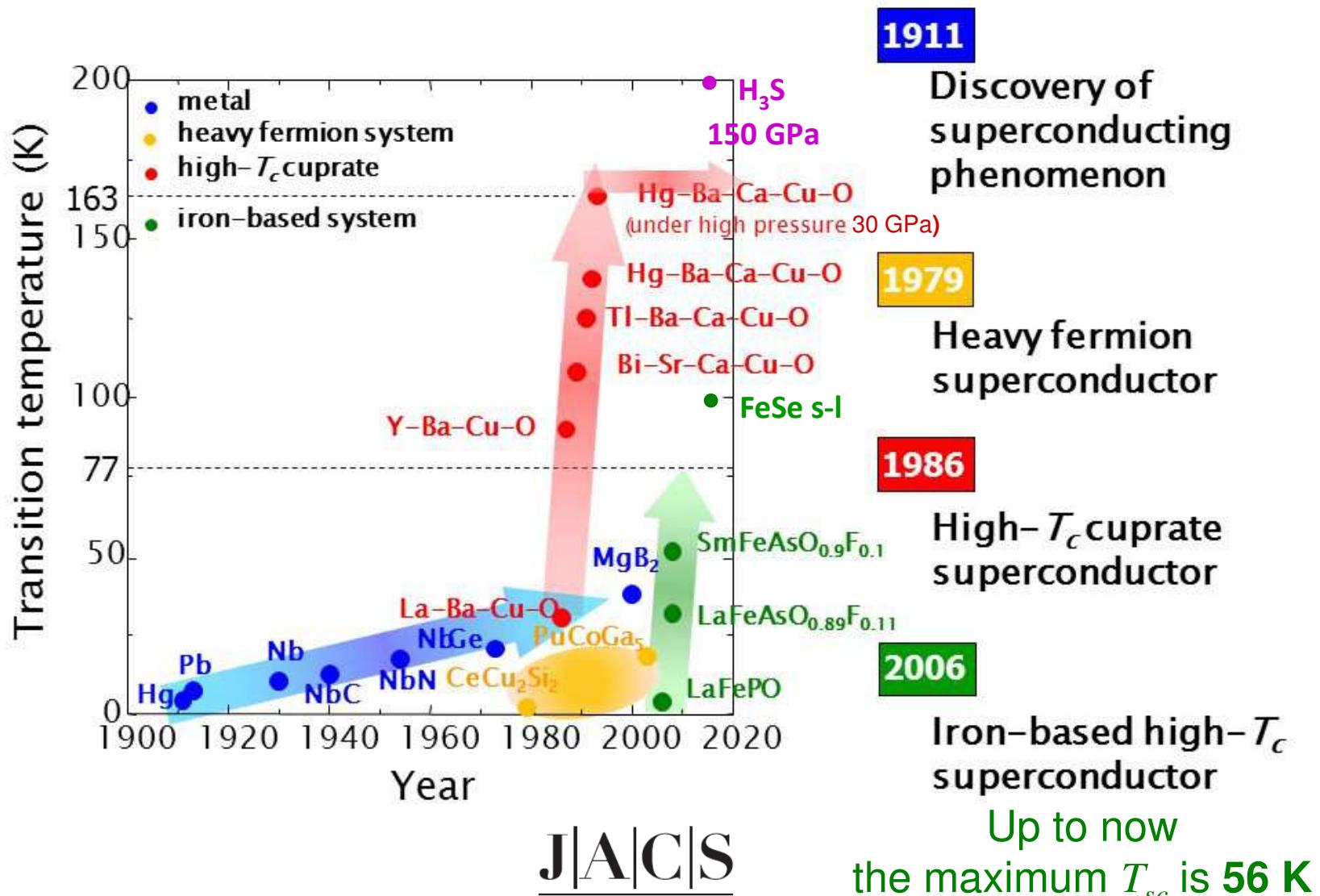
K. Shimizu *et al.* Nature **412**, 316 (2001)

hcp Fe
becomes superconductor
at temperatures below **2 K**
and at pressures between **15** and **30 GPa**



History of Superconductivity

introduction



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Published on Web 02/23/2008

Iron-Based Layered Superconductor La[O_{1-x}F_x]FeAs ($x = 0.05 - 0.12$)
with $T_c = 26$ K

Yoichi Kamihara,^{*,†} Takumi Watanabe,[‡] Masahiro Hirano,^{†,§} and Hideo Hosono^{†,‡,§}

Fe-based Superconducting Families

pnicogens: P, As

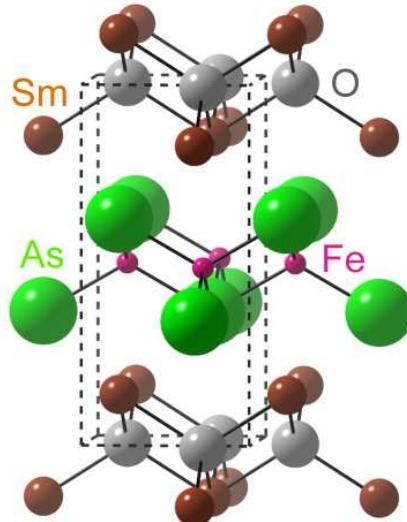
chalcogens: S, Se, Te

N	O
7	8
14.01	16.00
Nitrogen	Oxygen
P	S
15	16
30.97	32.07
Phosphorus	Sulfur
As	Se
33	34
74.92	78.96
Arsenic	Selenium
Sb	Te
51	52
121.76	127.60
Antimony	Tellurium

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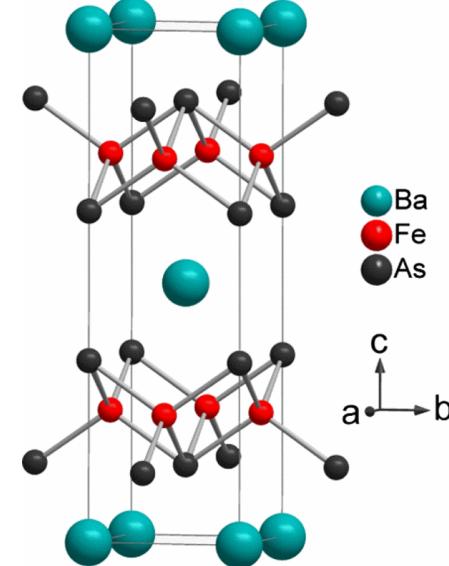
LnO(F)FeAs

$\text{Ln} = \text{La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd ...}$ $\text{A} = \text{Ca, Sr, Ba, Eu, K}$



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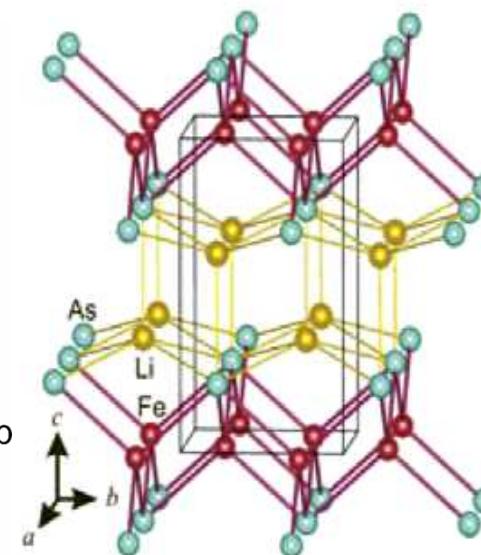
AFe_2As_2



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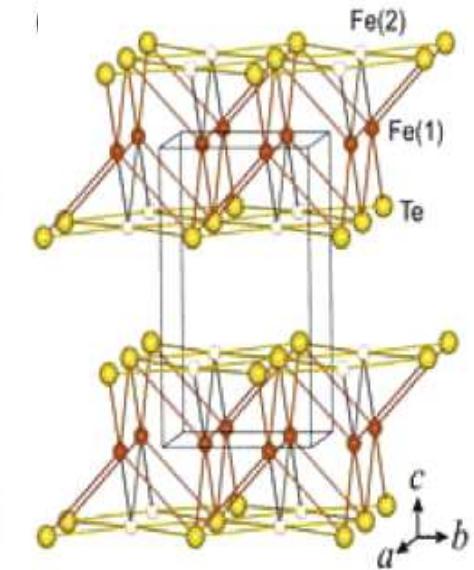
AFeAs

$\text{A} = \text{Li, Na}$



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FeTe(Se,S)



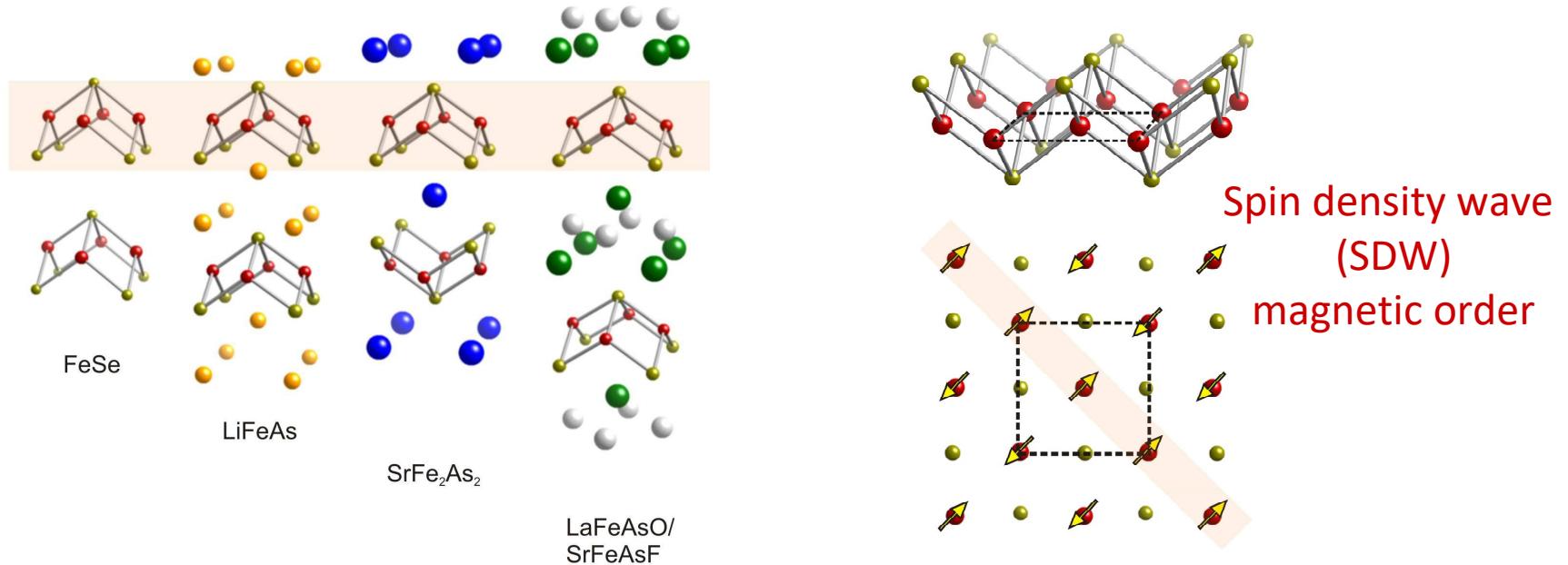
$T_{sc} \text{ max} = 56 \text{ K}$

47 K

18 K

15 K

Layered Structure of Fe-based Superconductors

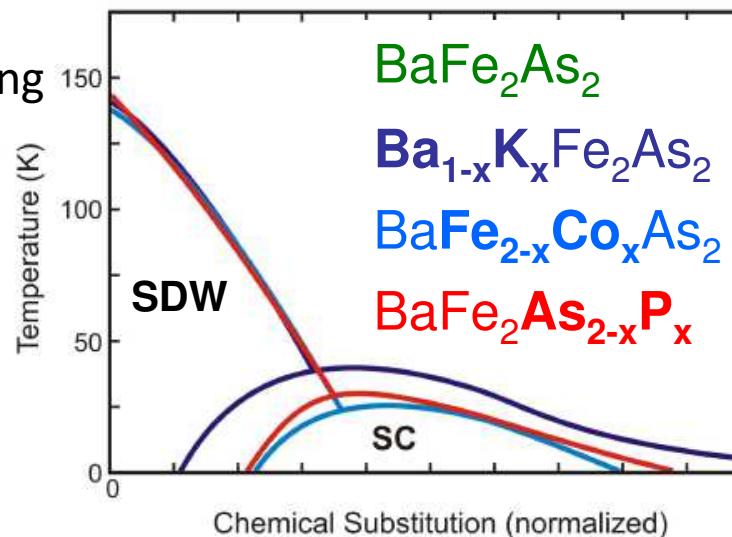


Phase Diagram

Holes, electrons or isovalent doping

Parent Compounds

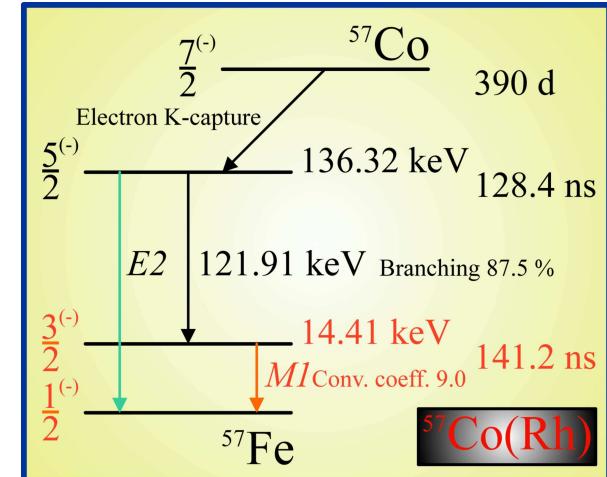
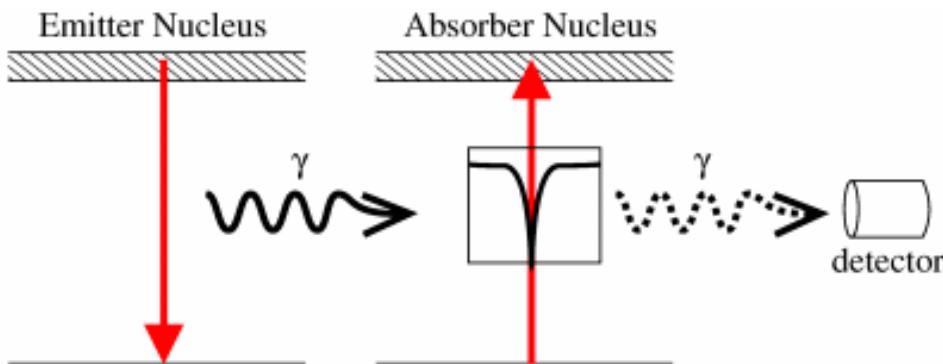
Compound	T_N Fe/R (K)	μ_{Fe} / R (μ_B)
LaFeAsO	137	0.4 – 0.7
CeFeAsO	140	0.8
NdFeAsO	141 / 2	0.5
GdFeAsO	133 / 4	
CaFe ₂ As ₂	170	0.8
BaFe ₂ As ₂	140	0.9
EuFe ₂ As ₂	190 / 19	1.0 / 5.9
Fe _{1.1} Te	70	2.2



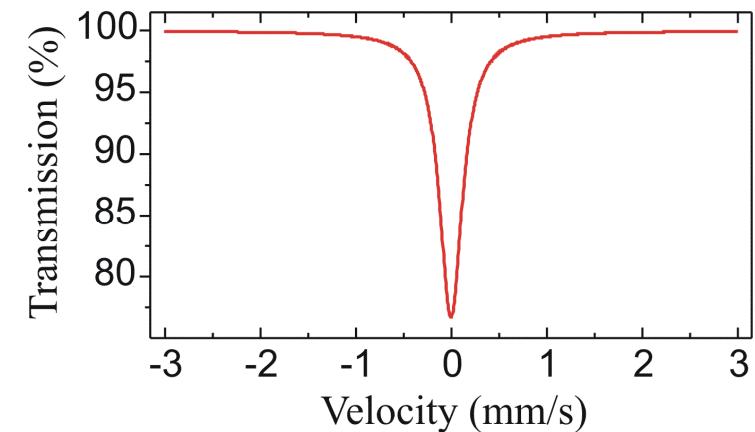
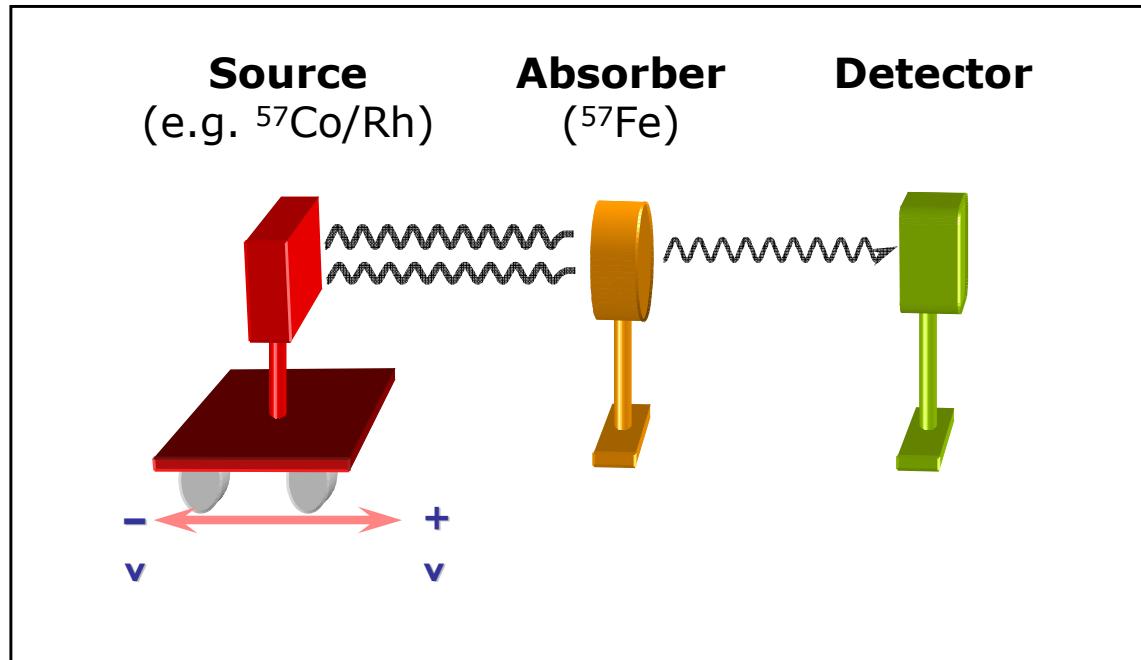
Doped Compounds
↓
Superconductors

Compound	T_c (K)
LaFeAsO _{0.89} F _{0.11}	26
NdFeAsO _{1-y}	54
SmFeAsO _{1-x} F _x	55
Gd _{0.8} Th _{0.2} FeAsO	56
LaFePO _{1-x} F _x	5
Ba _{0.6} K _{0.4} Fe ₂ As ₂	38
BaFe _{1.8} Co _{0.2} As ₂	23
BaFe ₂ As _{1.3} P _{0.7}	30
Eu _{0.5} K _{0.5} Fe ₂ As ₂	32
KFe ₂ As ₂	4
LiFeAs	18
LiFeP	6
FeSe	8
FeTe _{0.6} Se _{0.4}	15

Mössbauer Spectroscopy



γ -ray energy is modulated by the Doppler effect
due to the source motion vs. absorber



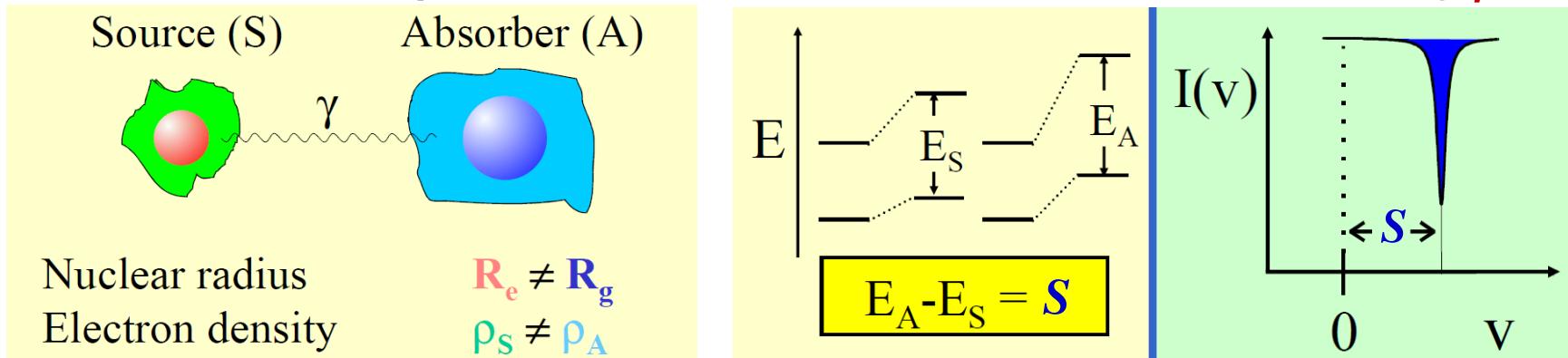
$$1 \text{ mm/s} \rightarrow 48 \text{ neV}$$

$$\Gamma_0 = 0.096 \text{ mm/s}$$

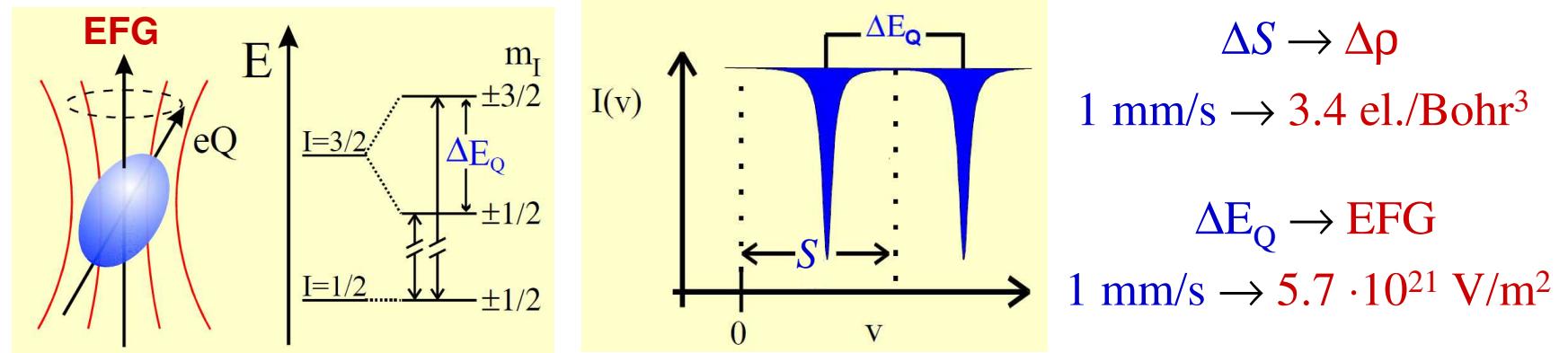
$$\frac{\Delta E}{E_\gamma} = \frac{0.048 \text{ neV}}{14.41 \text{ keV}} \approx 10^{-15}$$

Hyperfine Interactions between Nuclei and Electrons \Rightarrow Mössbauer Parameters

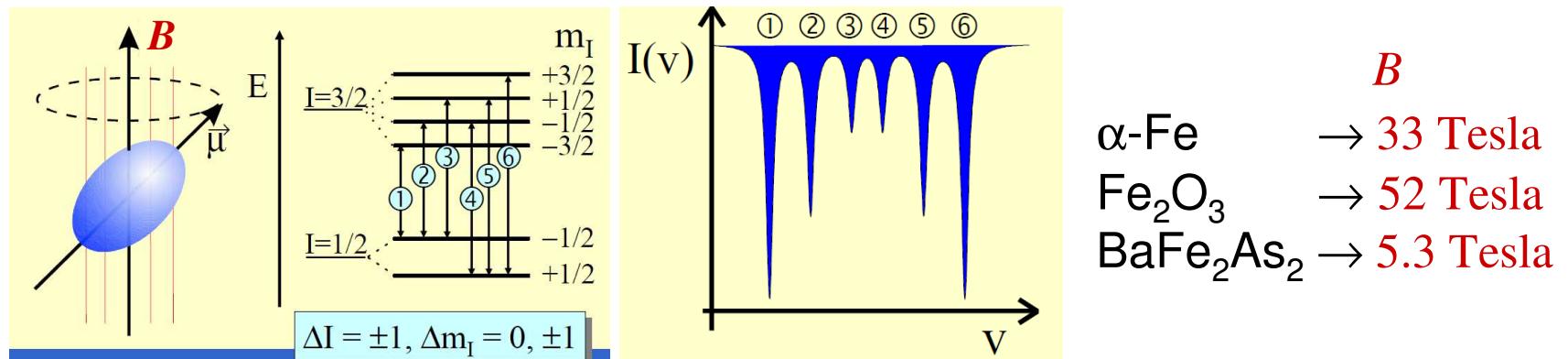
Electric Monopole Interaction \Rightarrow Isomer Shift $S \Rightarrow$ Electron density ρ



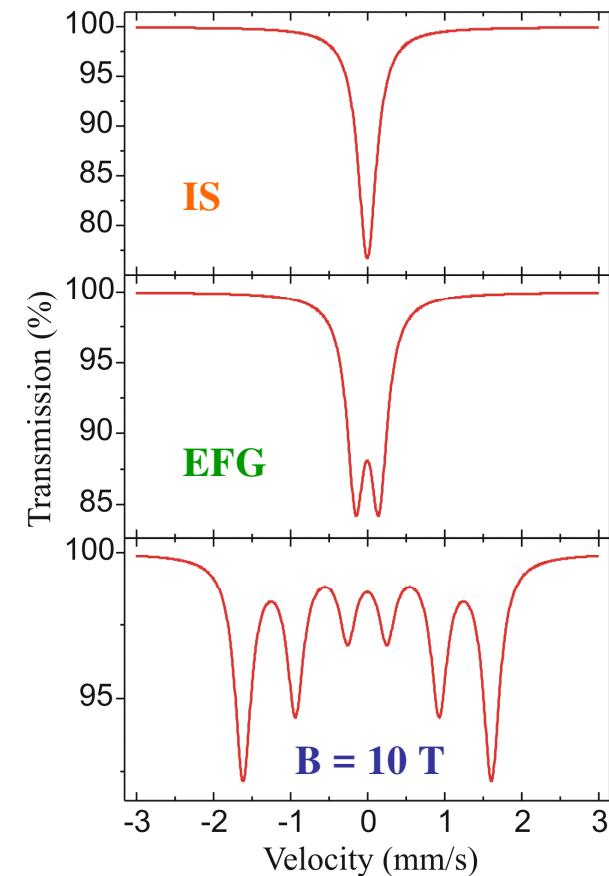
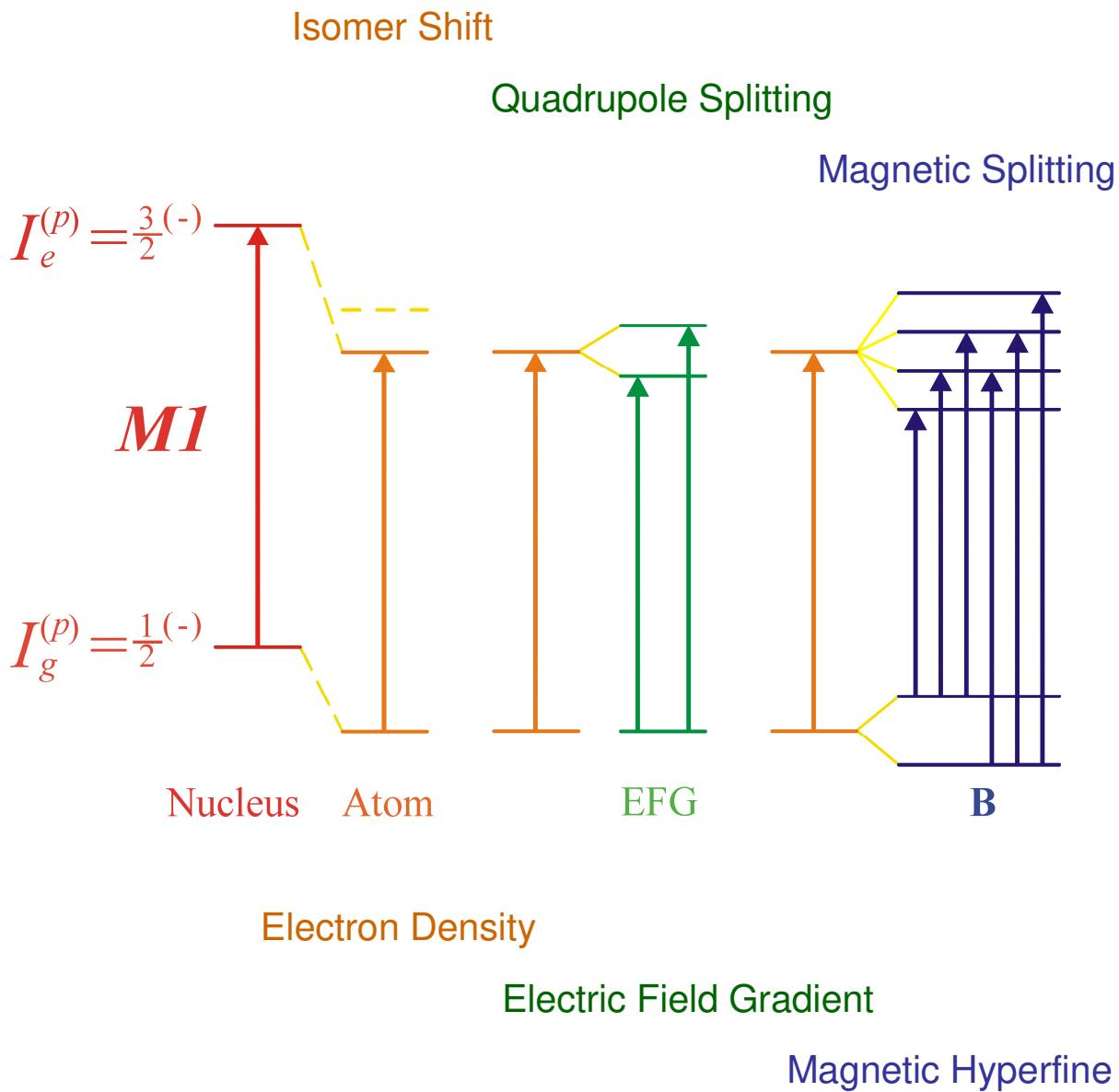
Electric Quadrupole Interaction \Rightarrow Quadrupole Splitting \Rightarrow Electric Field Gradient EFG



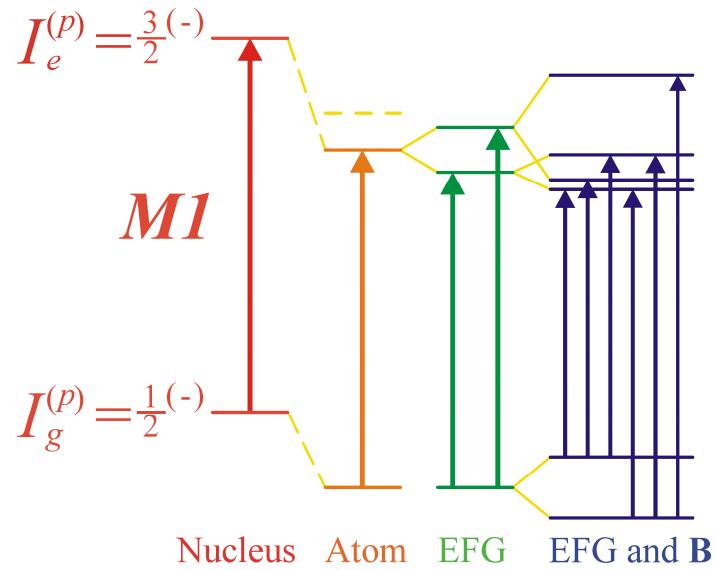
Magnetic Dipole Interaction \Rightarrow Magnetic Splitting \Rightarrow Magnetic hyperfine field B



Hyperfine Interactions

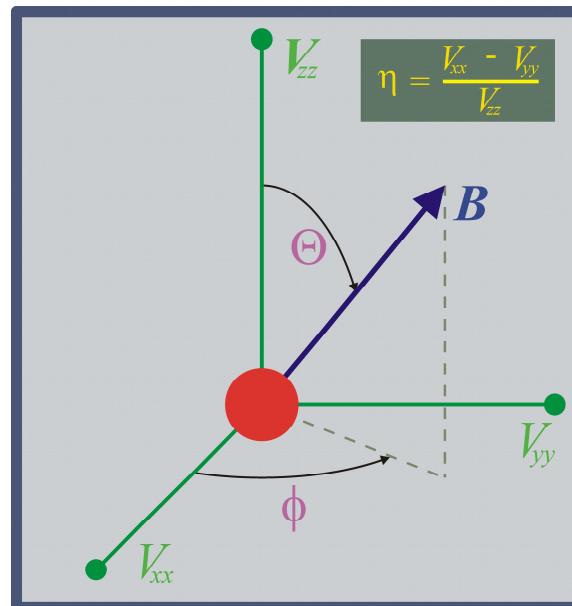
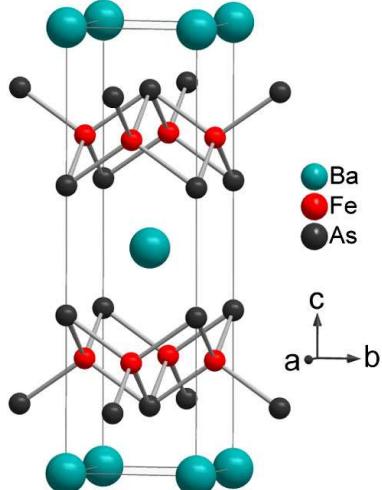


Electric Field Gradient + Magnetic Hyperfine Field

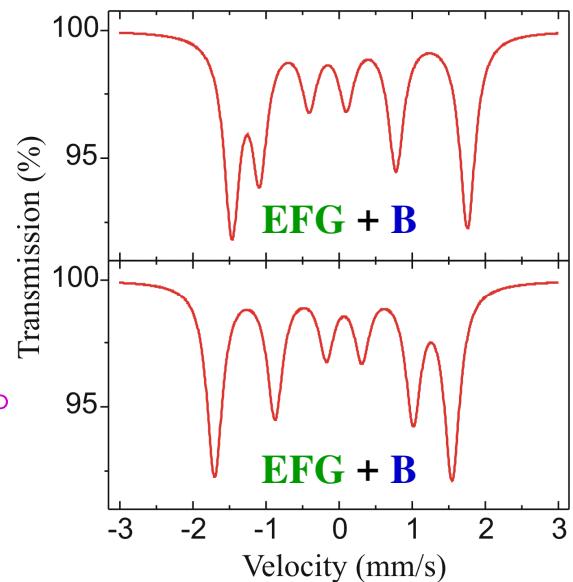
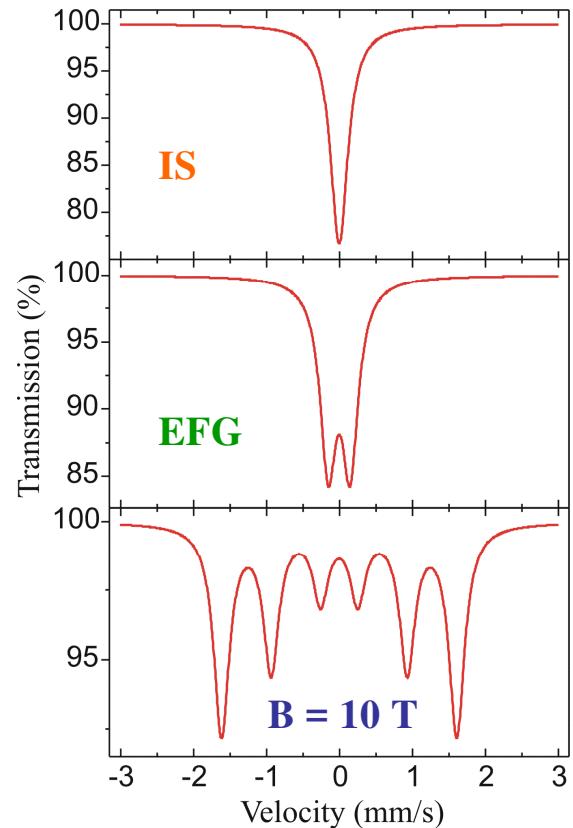


$$V_{xx} = V_{yy}$$

$$V_{zz} \text{ Parallel to } \mathbf{B}$$

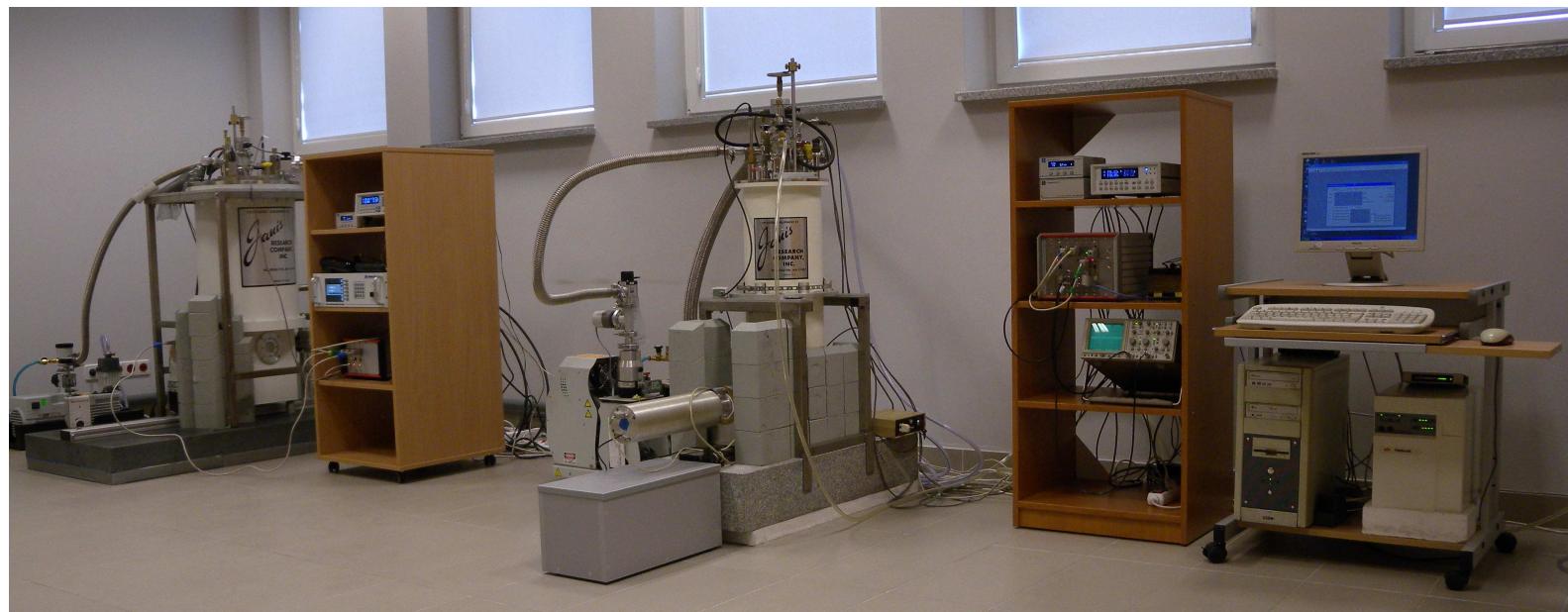


$\Theta = 0^\circ$
 $\Theta = 90^\circ$



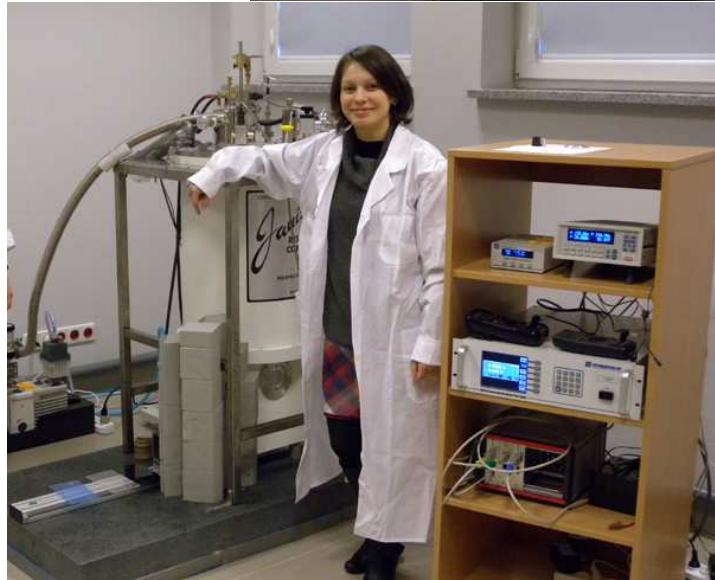
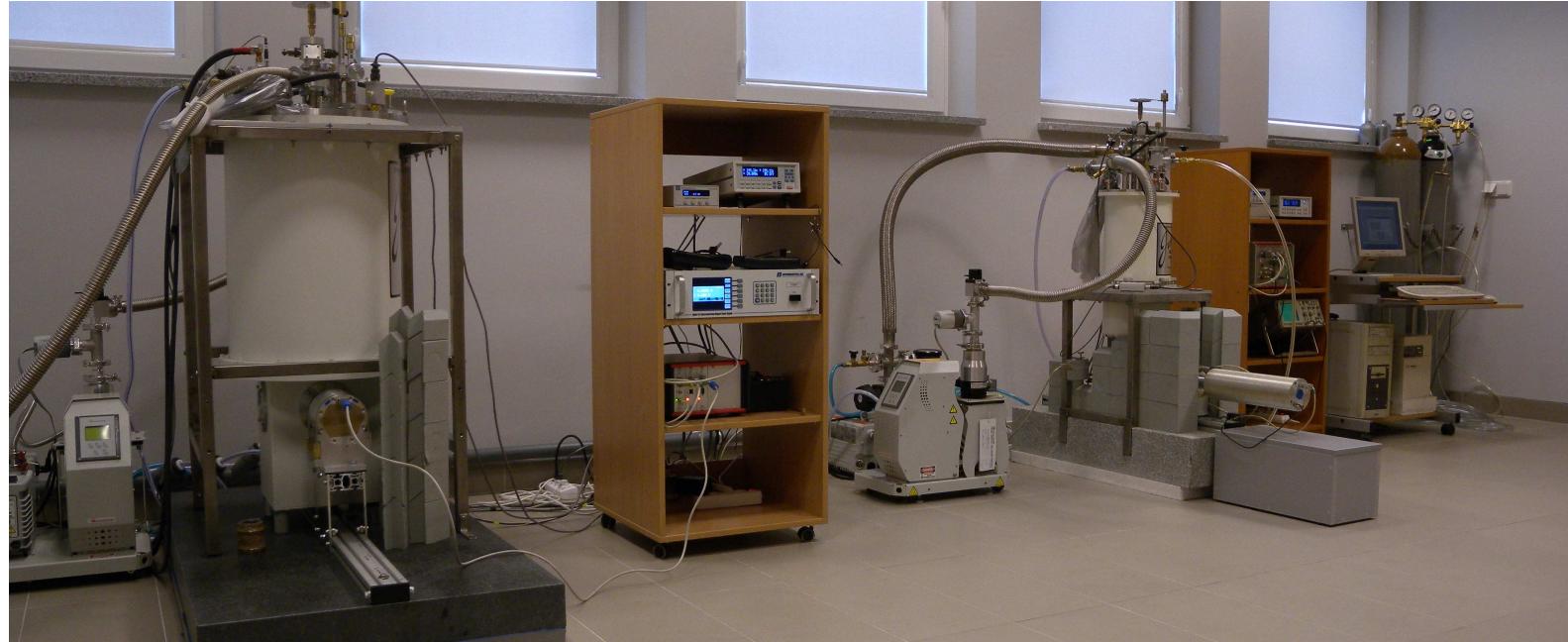


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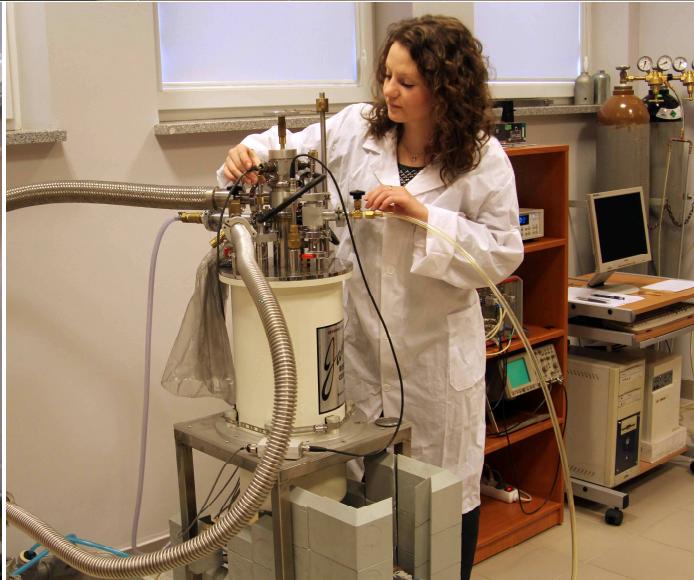




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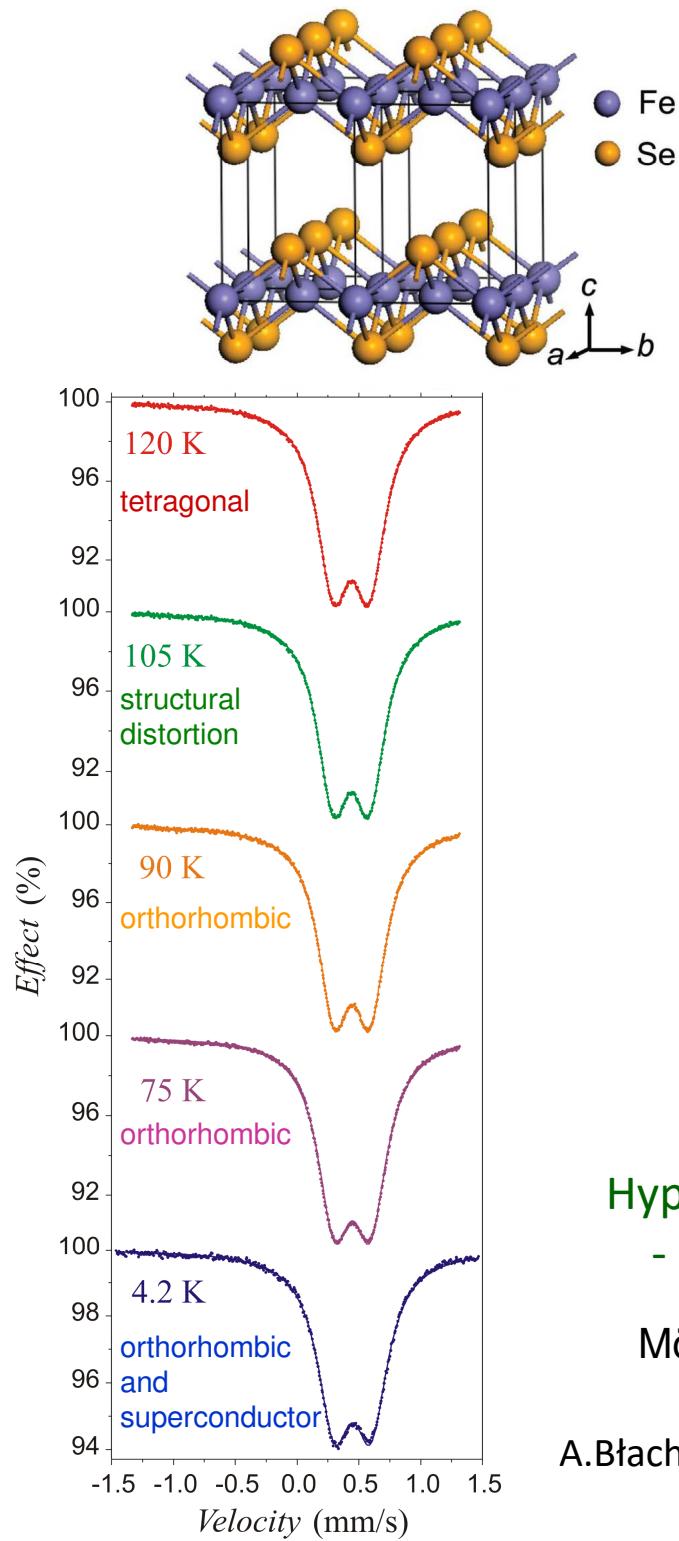
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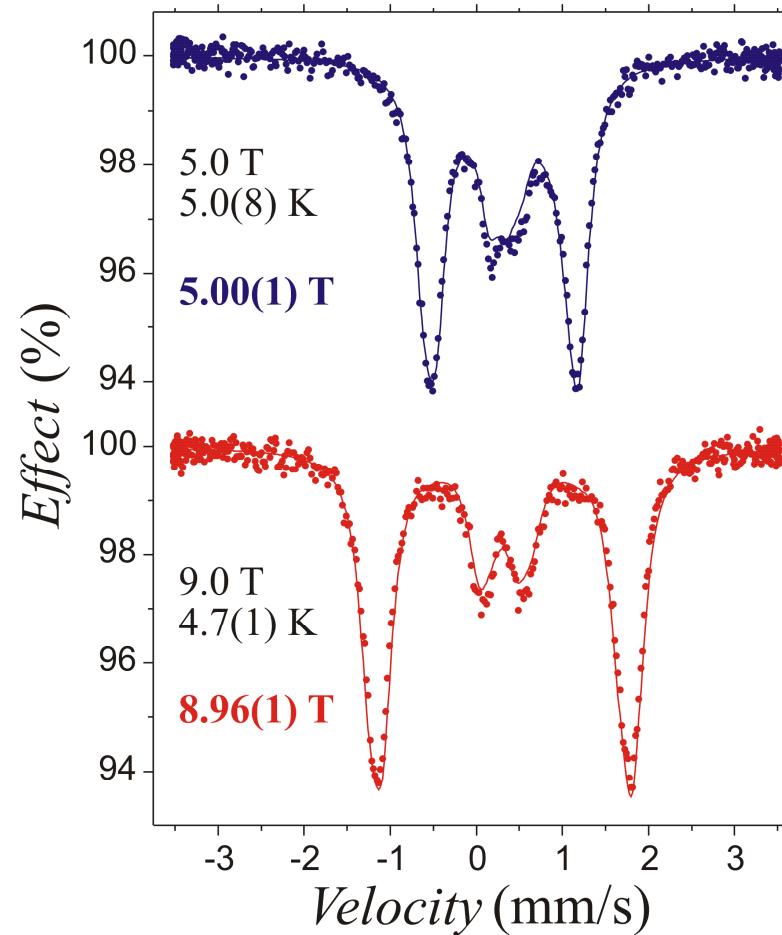
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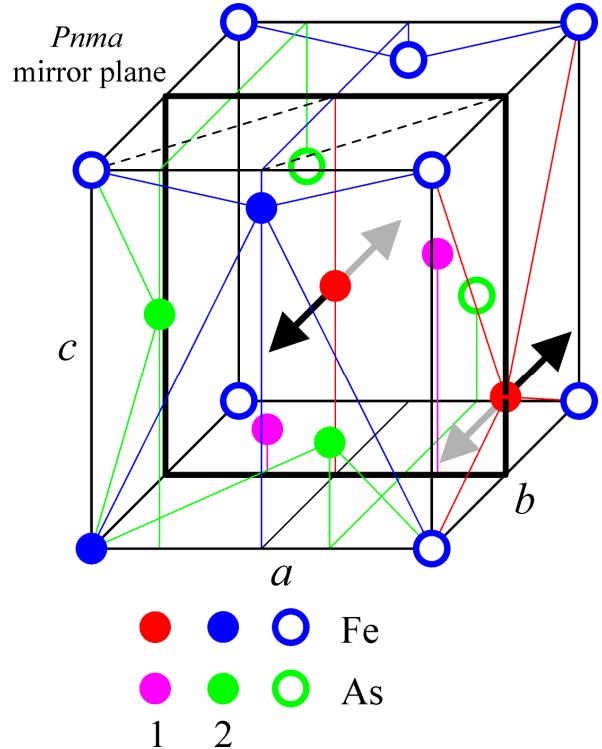
Fe_{1.01}Se $T_{SC} = 8$ K



Hyperfine magnetic field is equal to applied external magnetic field
- it means that there is no magnetic moment on the Fe atoms

Mössbauer spectroscopy evidence for the lack of iron magnetic moment
in superconducting FeSe

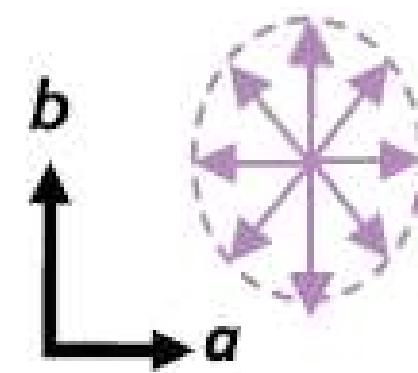
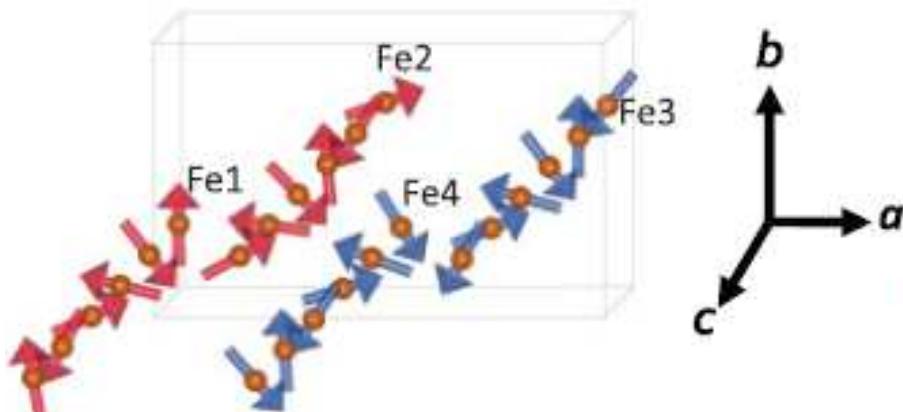
Crystal structure of FeAs



1. Orthorhombic structure
2. The *Pnma* symmetry group
3. Arrows show *Pna2₁* distortion
[0 *k*+1/2 0] iron and [0 *k* 0] iron

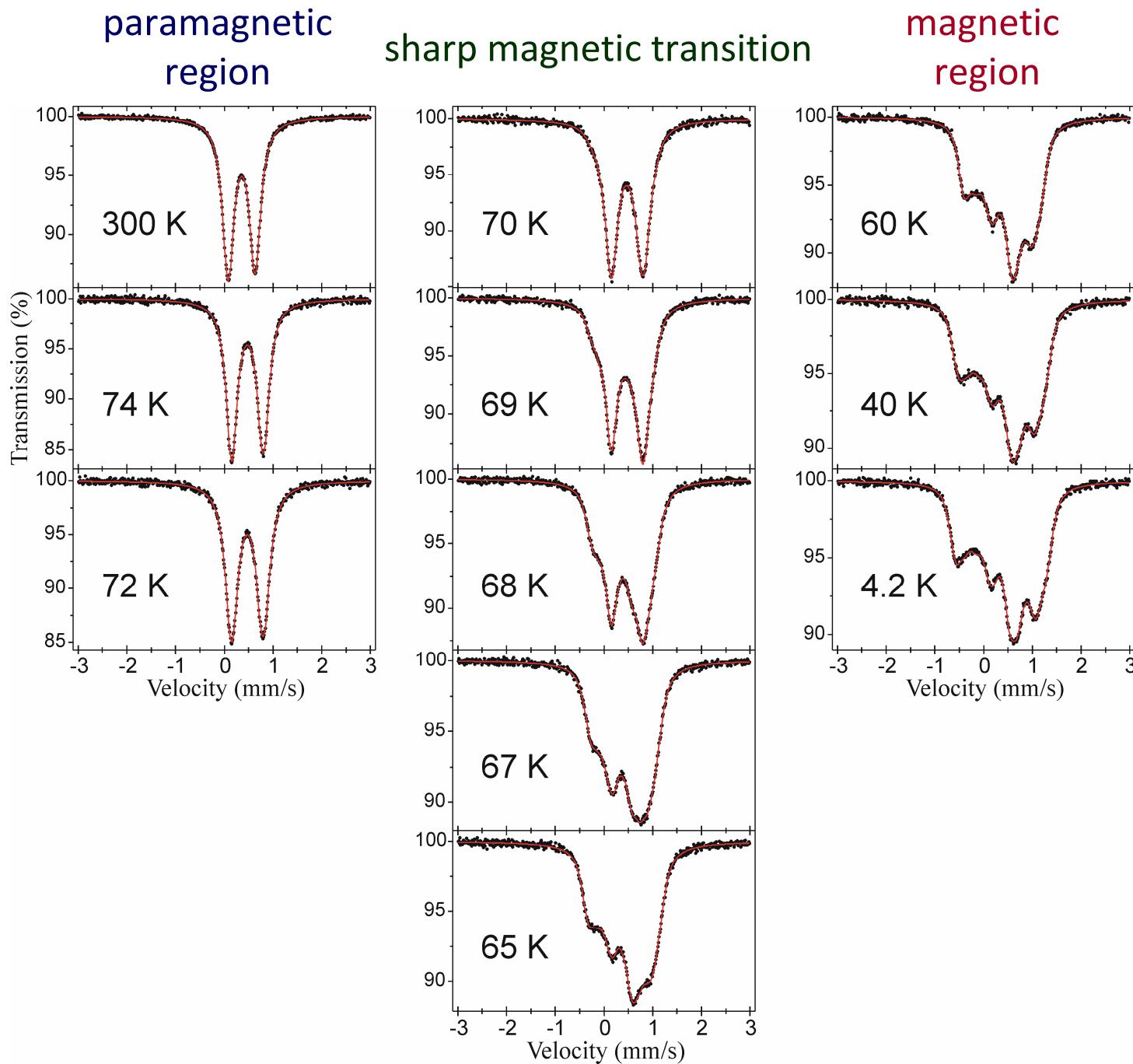
Magnetic structure of FeAs

magnetic moments lay in a-b plane, make antiferromagnetic spirals propagating along the *c*-axis and incommensurate with the lattice period



Polarized neutron scattering results
E.E. Rodriguez *et al.*, PRB **83**, 134438 (2011)

FeAs

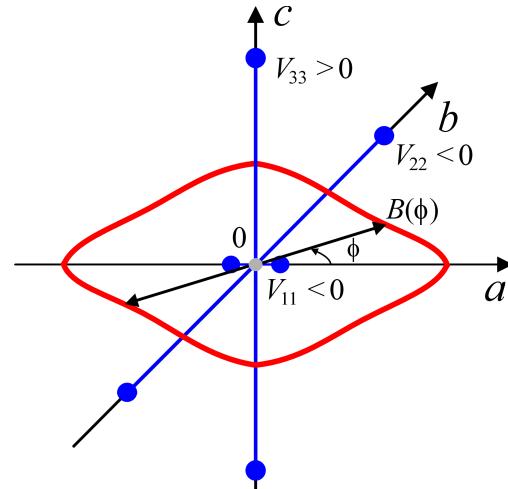


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Magnetic anisotropy and lattice dynamics in FeAs studied by Mössbauer spectroscopy,
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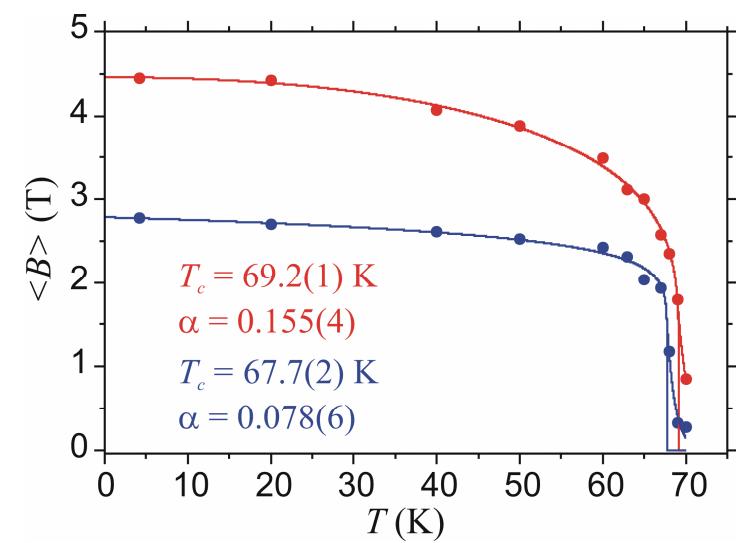
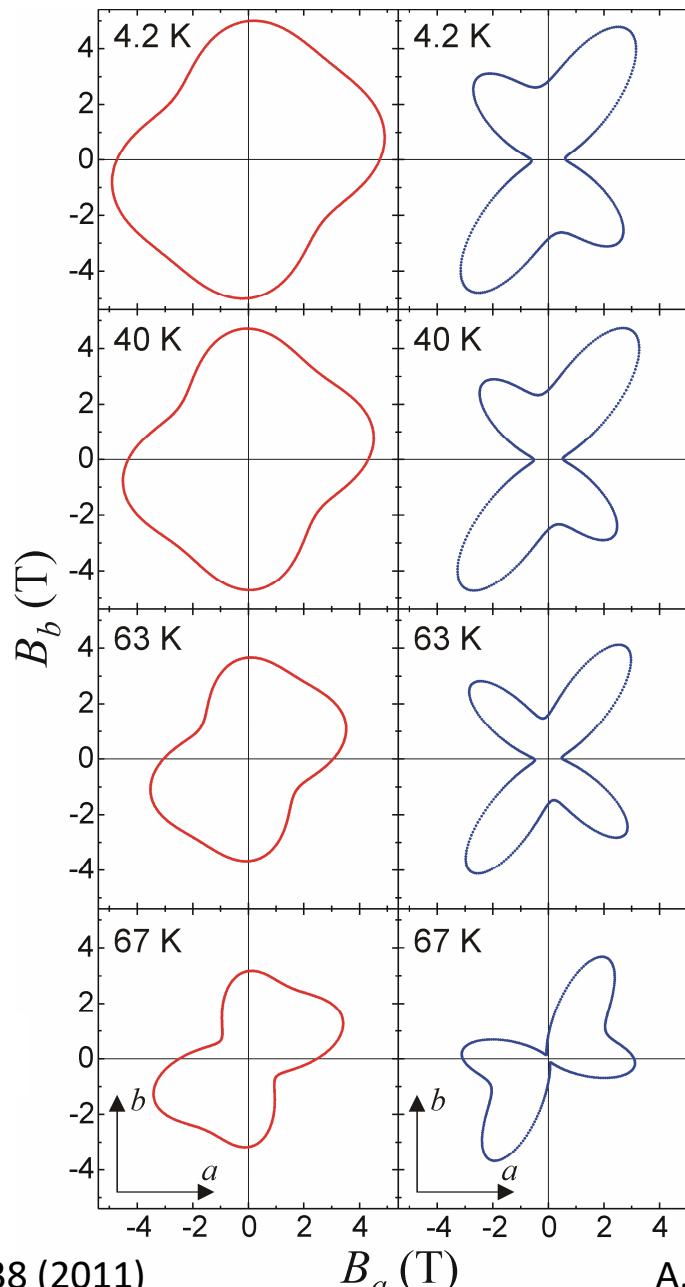
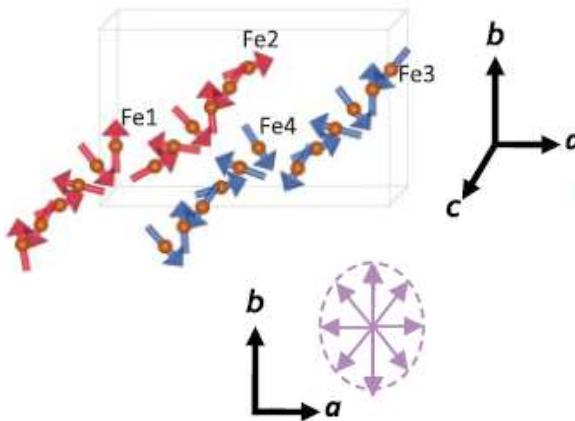
Anisotropy of the hyperfine magnetic fields (spiral projections onto a - b plane) in FeAs

Left column shows $[0 \ k+1/2 \ 0]$ iron, right column shows $[0 \ k \ 0]$ iron.

B_a and B_b - iron hyperfine field components along the a -axis and b -axis, respectively.



Orientation of the EFG
and
hyperfine magnetic field
in the main crystal axes



Average hyperfine fields $\langle B \rangle$
for

$[0 \ k+1/2 \ 0]$ and $[0 \ k \ 0]$ irons.

T_c - transition temperature
 α - static critical exponent

"122" Fe-based Superconducting Family

AFe_2As_2 ($A = Ca, Sr, Ba, Eu$)

Parent compound

$BaFe_2As_2$ $T_{SDW} = 136$ K

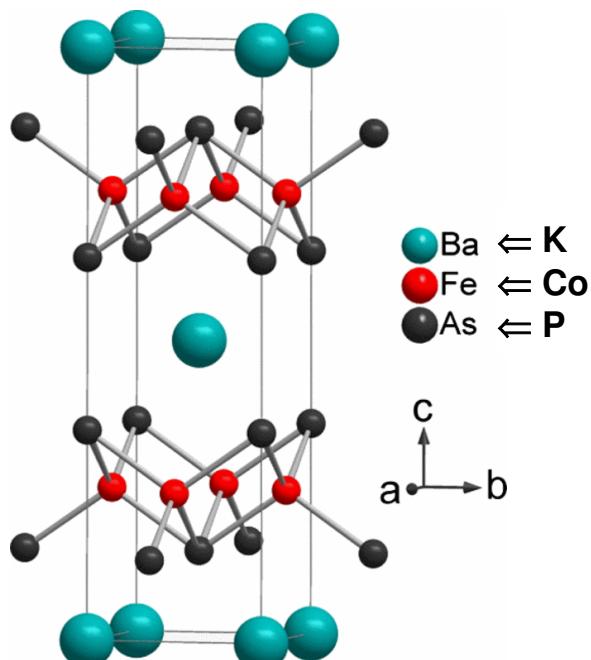
Superconductors

$Ba_{1-x}K_xFe_2As_2$

hole-doping

$x = 0.40$

$T_{SC} = 38$ K



$Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$

electron-doping

$x = 0.08$

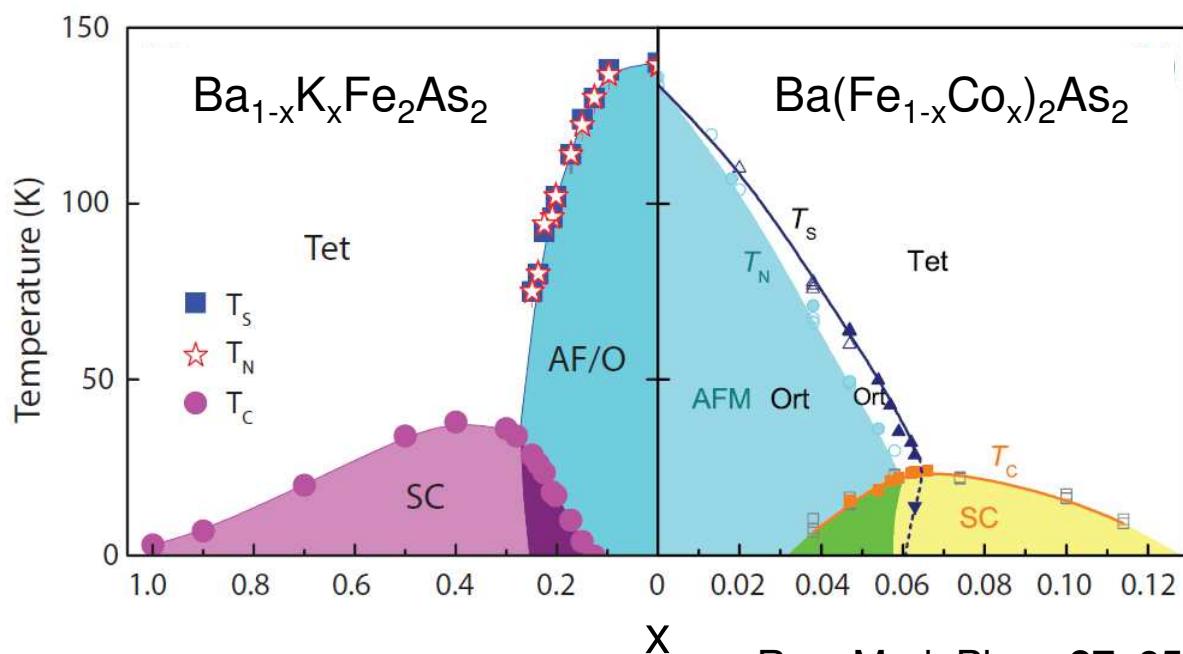
$T_{SC} = 24$ K

$BaFe_2(As_{1-x}P_x)_2$

isovalent-substitution

$x = 0.31$

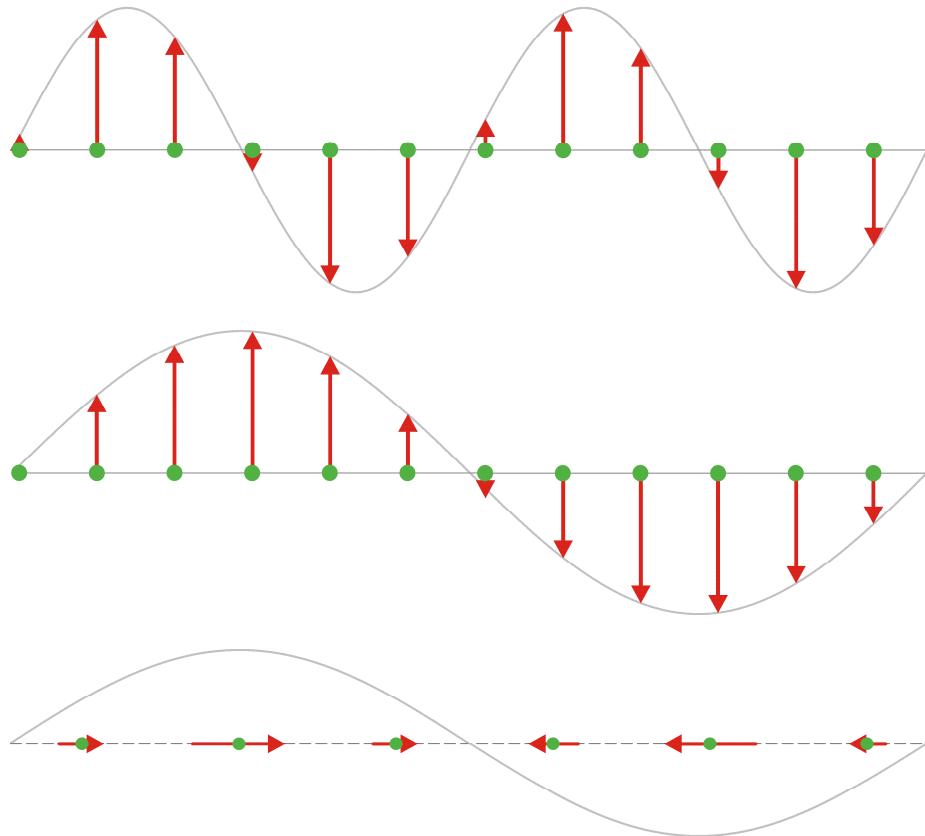
$T_{SC} = 31$ K



Charge density wave (CDW) - spatial modulation of the electron charge density

Electric field gradient wave (EFGW) - spatial modulation of the electric field gradient

Spin density wave (SDW) - spatial modulation of the electron spin density



Modulations (waves) :

- perpendicular or longitudinal ?
- commensurate or incommensurate ?

The Mössbauer spectroscopy is sensitive
to the spin and charge (electron) distribution around the resonant atoms
via the hyperfine magnetic field, isomer shift and electric quadrupole interaction.

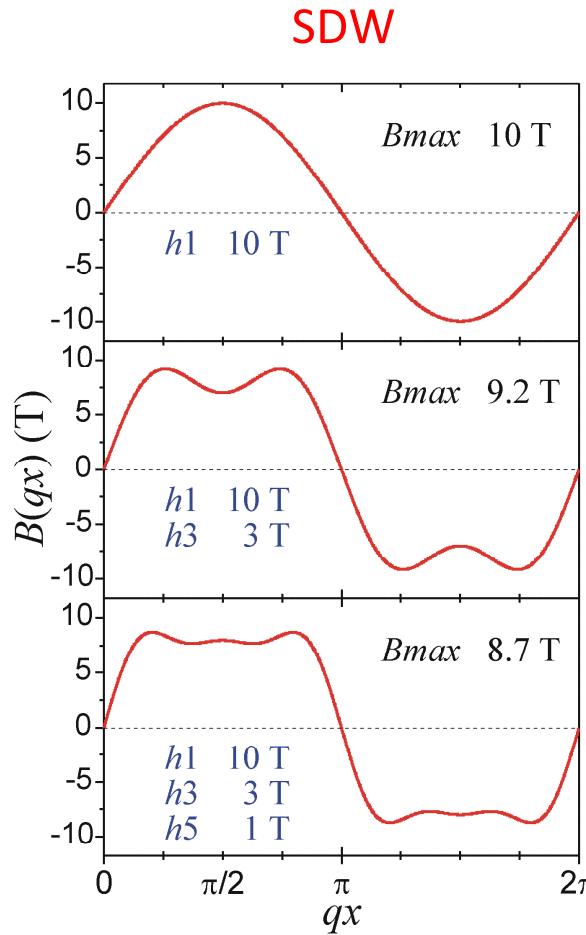
Spin density wave (SDW) as seen by Mössbauer Spectroscopy

$$B(qx) = \sum_{n=1}^N h_{2n-1} \sin[(2n-1)qx]$$

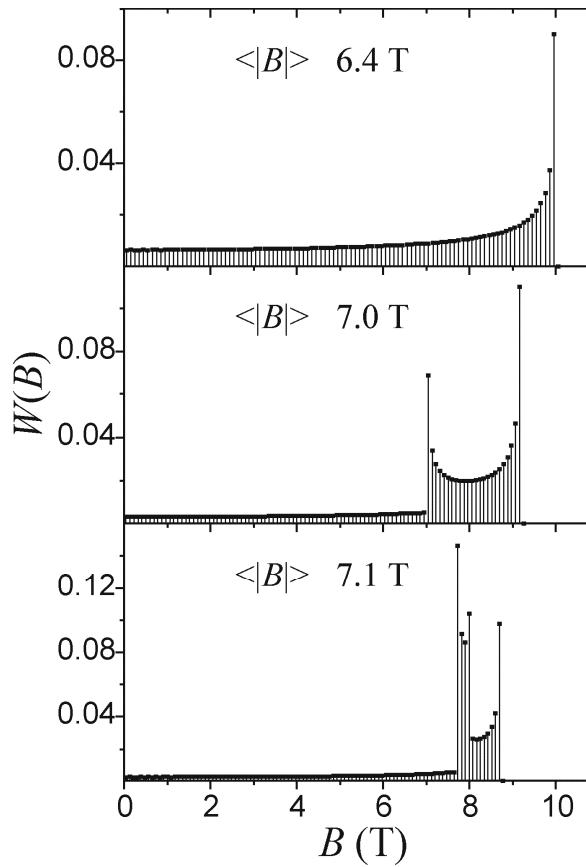
h_{2n-1} – amplitudes of subsequent harmonics

q – wave number of SDW

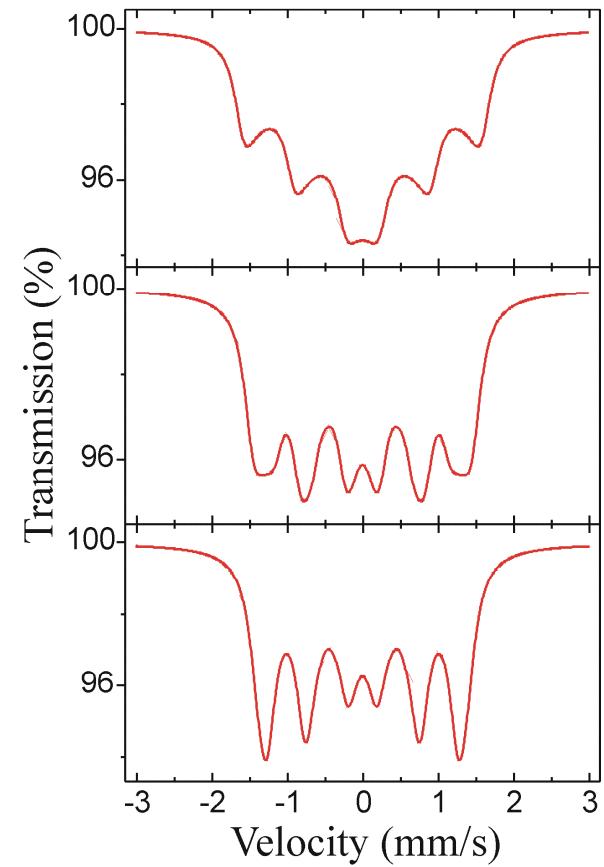
x – relative position of the resonant nucleus along propagation direction of SDW



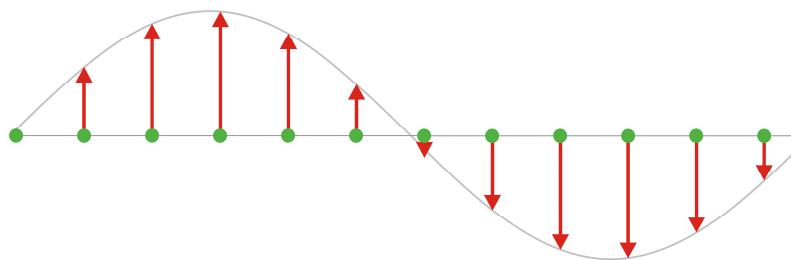
hyperfine field distribution



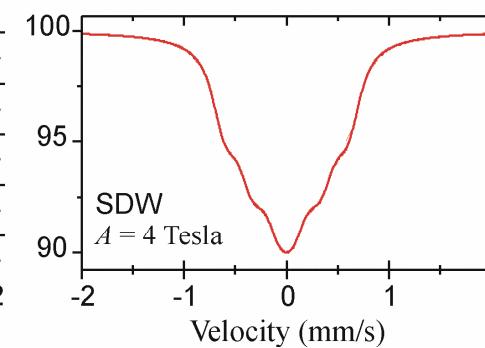
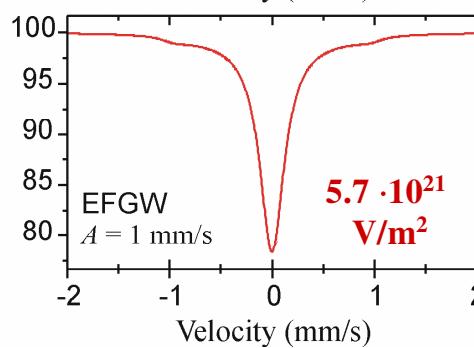
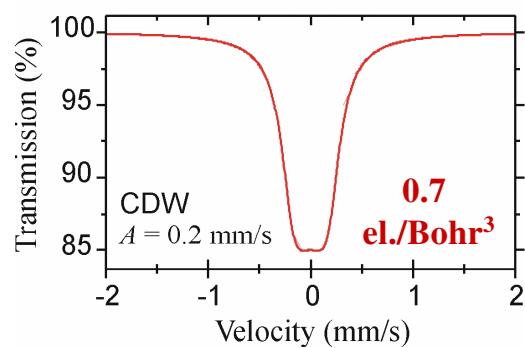
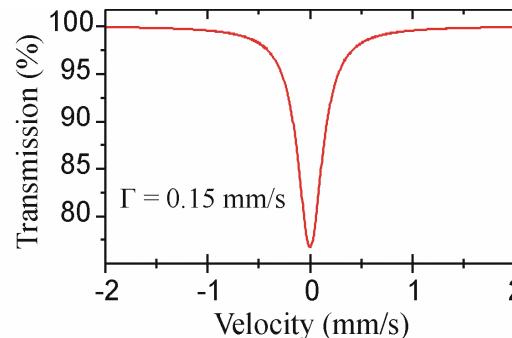
^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectrum



CDW , EFGW and SDW as seen by Mössbauer Spectroscopy



Γ – absorber line width



**Charge and spin density modulations
causes specific broadening of the Mössbauer absorption line.**

For CDW one can estimate dispersion (around average value) of the electron density $\Delta\rho$

$$\Delta\rho = \sqrt{(\Gamma^2 - \Gamma_0^2)/\alpha^2}$$

$$\Gamma_0 = 0.1 \text{ mm/s}$$

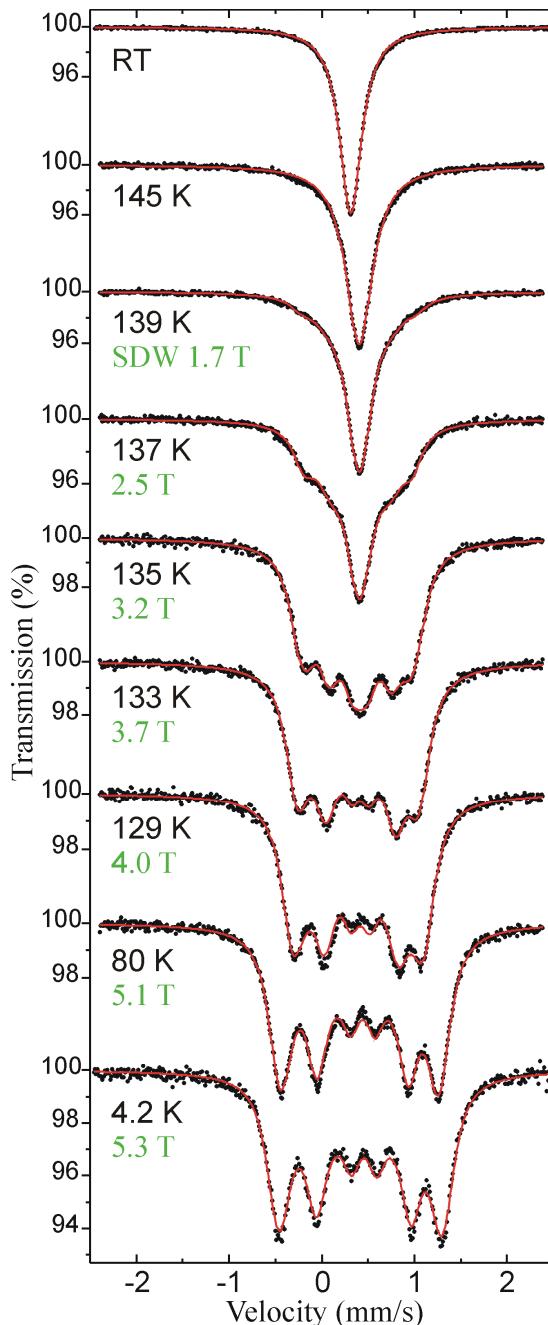
– unbroadened line width

$$\alpha = -0.291 (\text{mm/s}) (\text{Bohr})^3 \text{ el.}^{-1}$$

– calibration constant

BaFe_2As_2

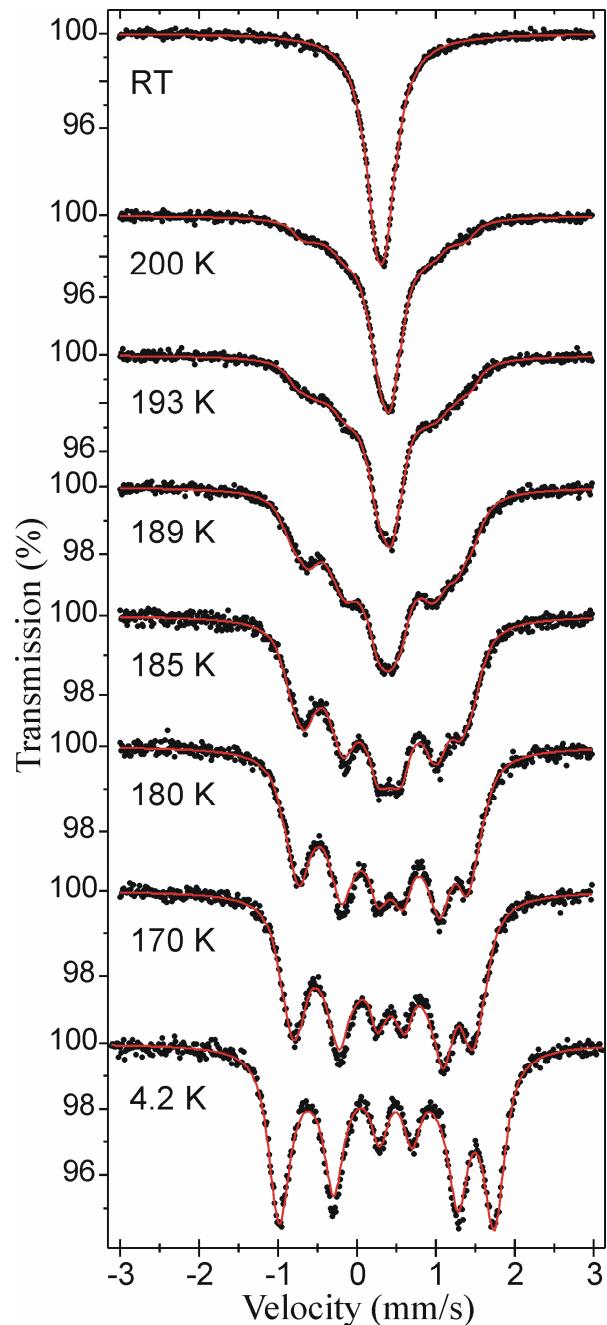
$T_{\text{SDW}} = 136 \text{ K}$



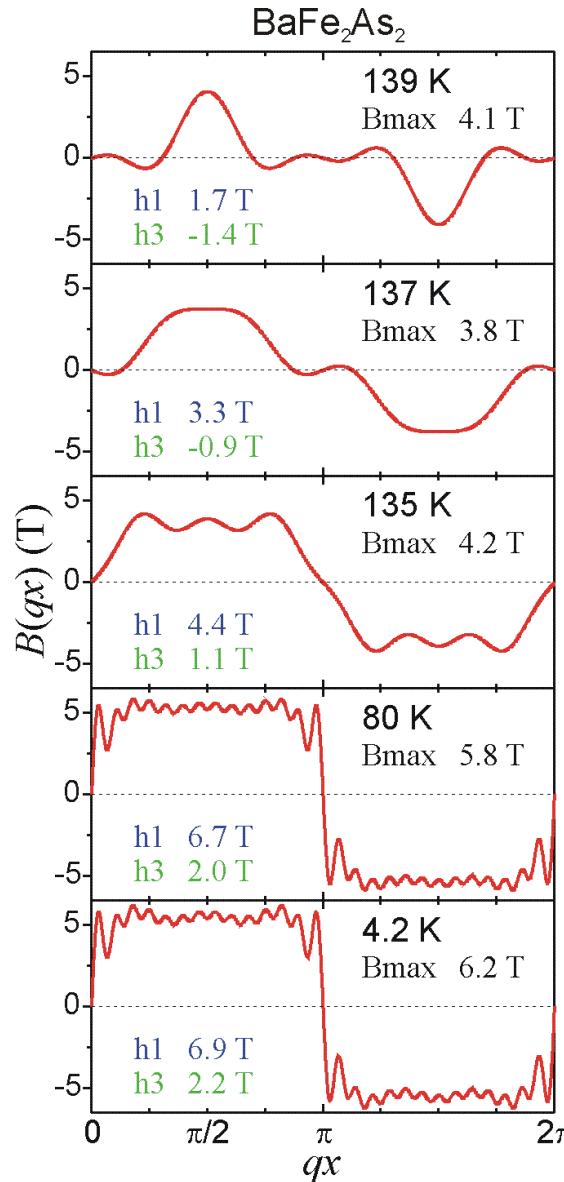
^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra

EuFe_2As_2

$T_{\text{SDW}} = 192 \text{ K}$

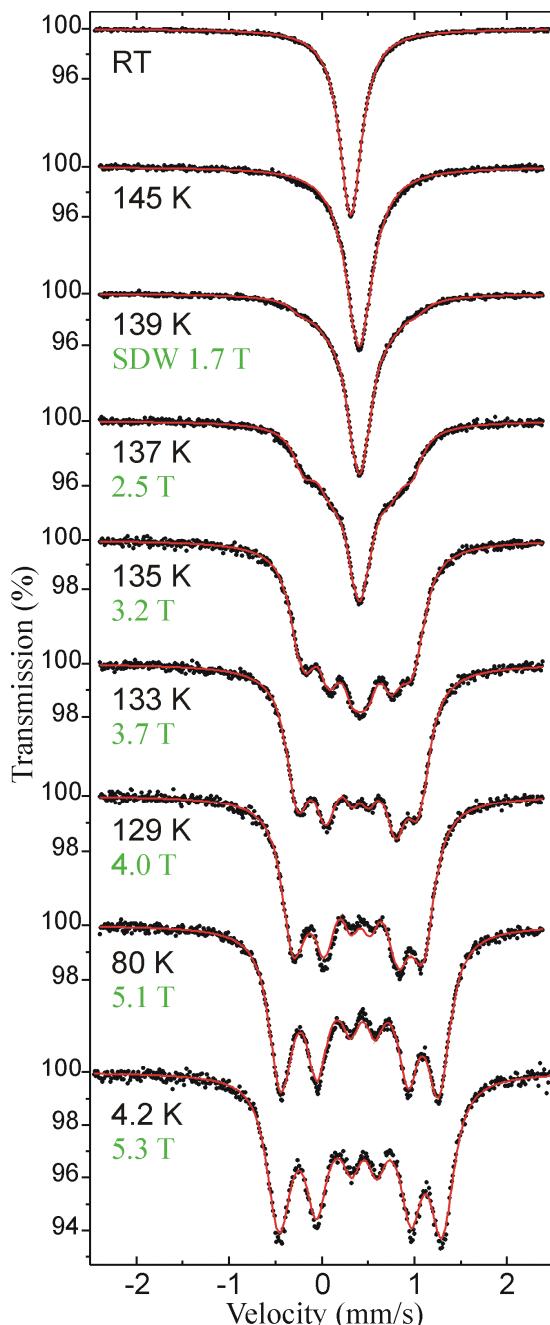


Shape of SDW

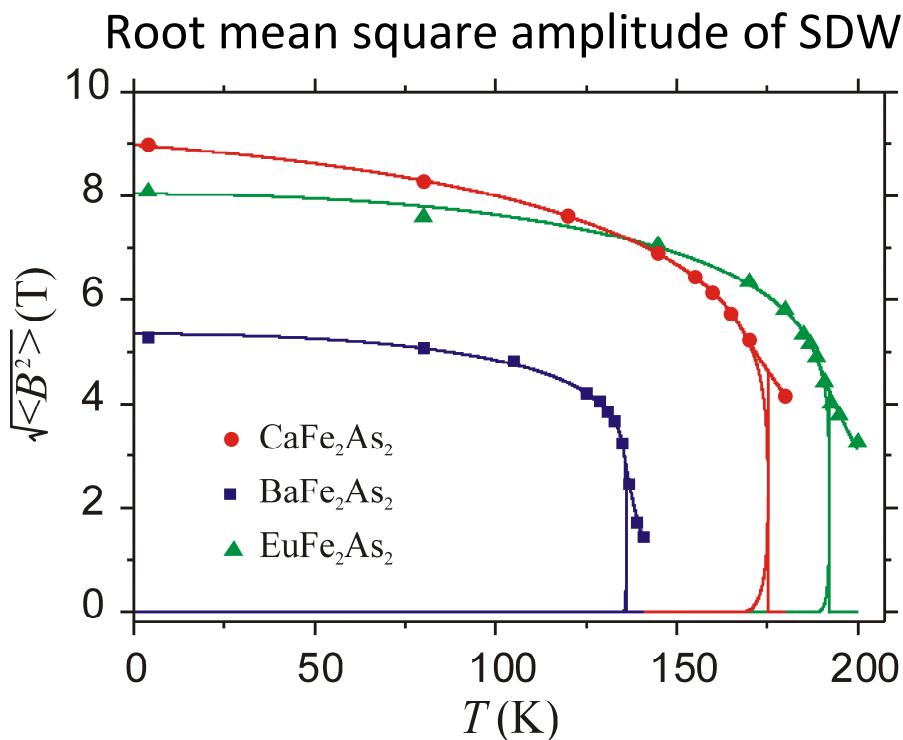


BaFe_2As_2

$T_{\text{SDW}} = 136 \text{ K}$



^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra



Compound	Ca Fe_2As_2	Ba Fe_2As_2	Eu Fe_2As_2
T_c (K)	175.3(3)	136.0(1)	192.1(1)
α_0	0.158(2)	0.102(1)	0.124(1)

critical exponent $\alpha_0 \approx 0.125 \Rightarrow$ universality class (1, 2)

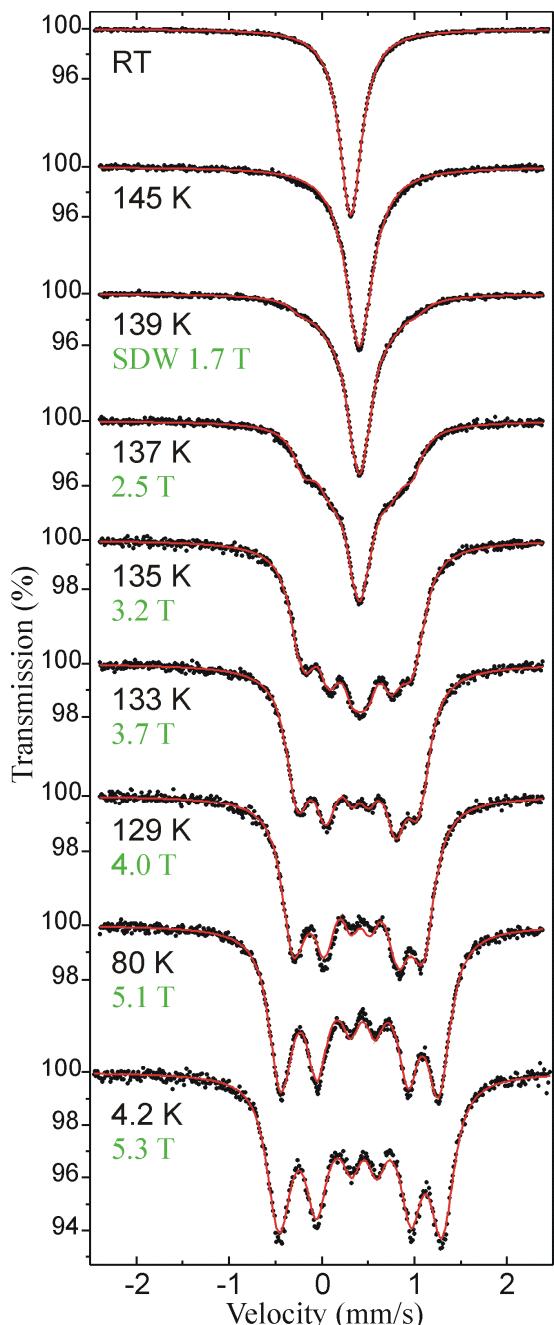
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one dimension in the spin space (Ising model)

and

two dimensions in the real space (magnetic planes)

BaFe_2As_2 (parent)

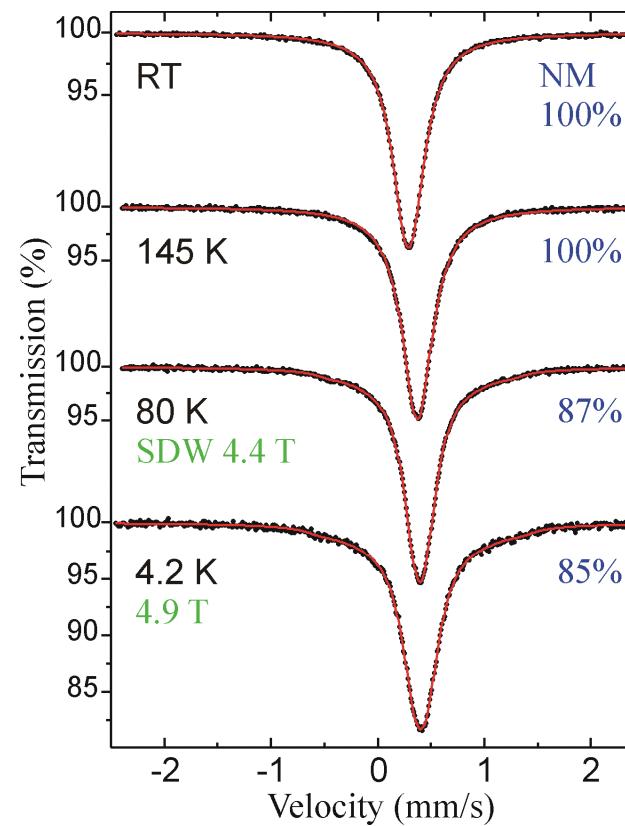
$T_{\text{SDW}} = 136 \text{ K}$



^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra

$\text{Ba}_{0.7}\text{Rb}_{0.3}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ (superconductor)

$T_{\text{SC}} = 37 \text{ K}$

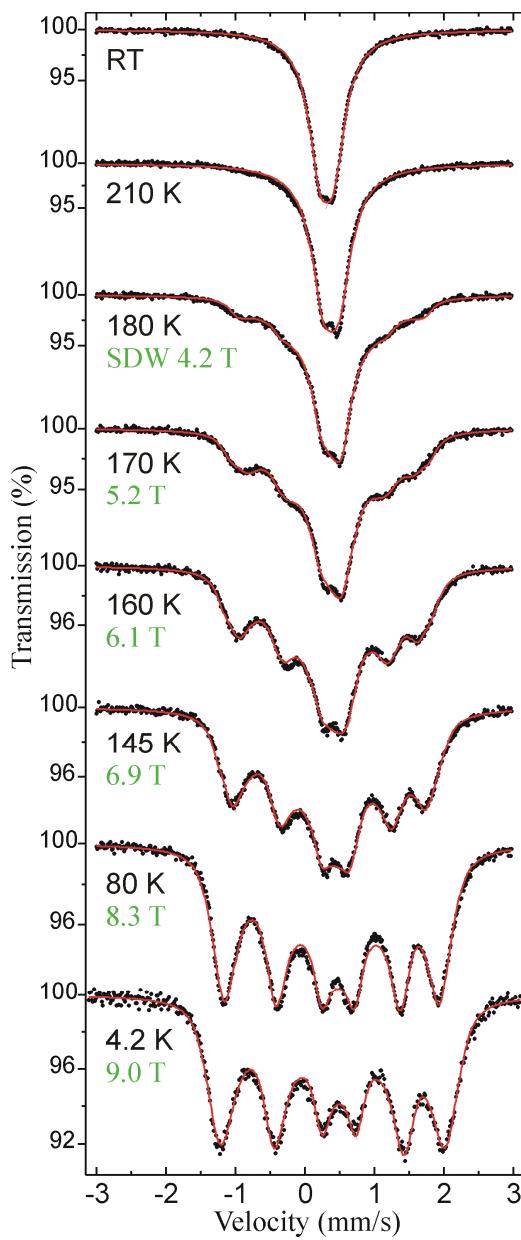


SDW is suppressed by doping

A.Błachowski, K.Ruebenbauer, J.Żukrowski, Z.Bukowski, M.Matusiak, J.Karpinski,
Interplay between spin density wave and superconductivity in '122' iron pnictides
Acta Phys. Pol. A **121**, 726 (2012)

CaFe_2As_2 (parent)

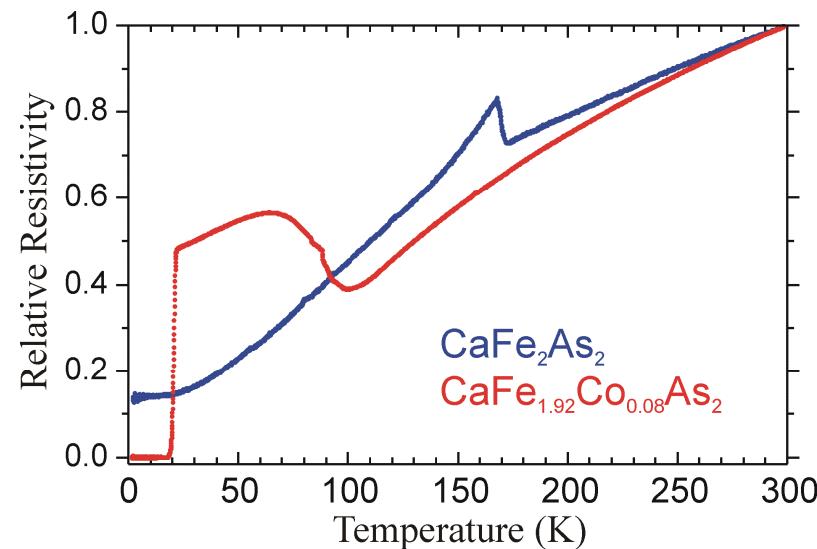
$T_{\text{SDW}} = 175 \text{ K}$



Resistivity measurements:

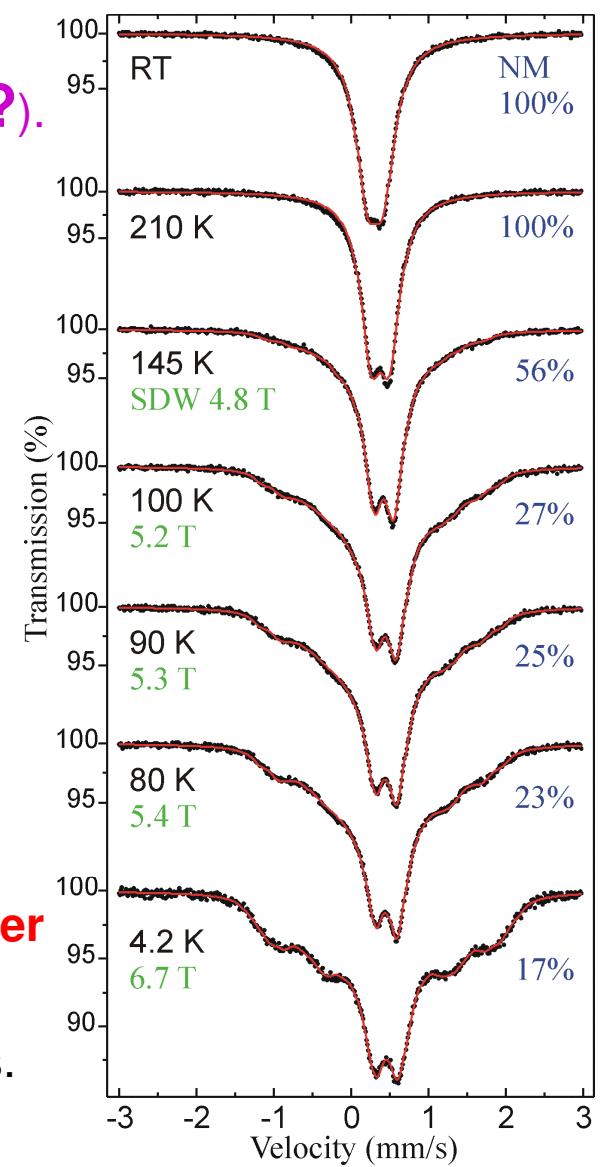
It seems that

magnetism and superconductivity coexist (?).



$\text{CaFe}_{1.92}\text{Co}_{0.08}\text{As}_2$ (superconductor)

$T_{\text{sc}} = 20 \text{ K}$

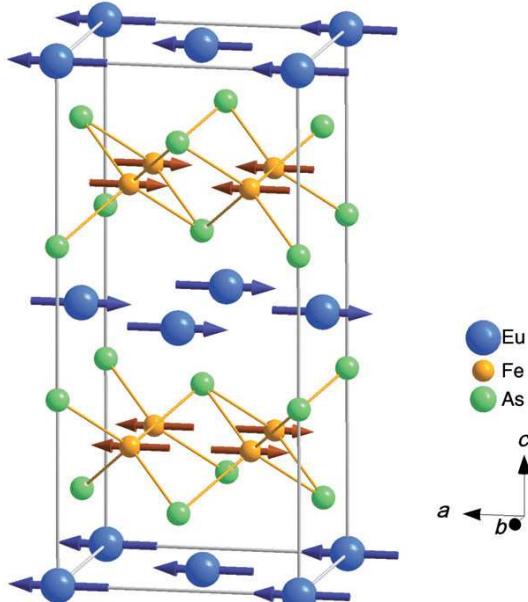


Mössbauer measurements:

Superconductivity has **filamentary character** and occurs in the regions free of **3d** magnetic moments.

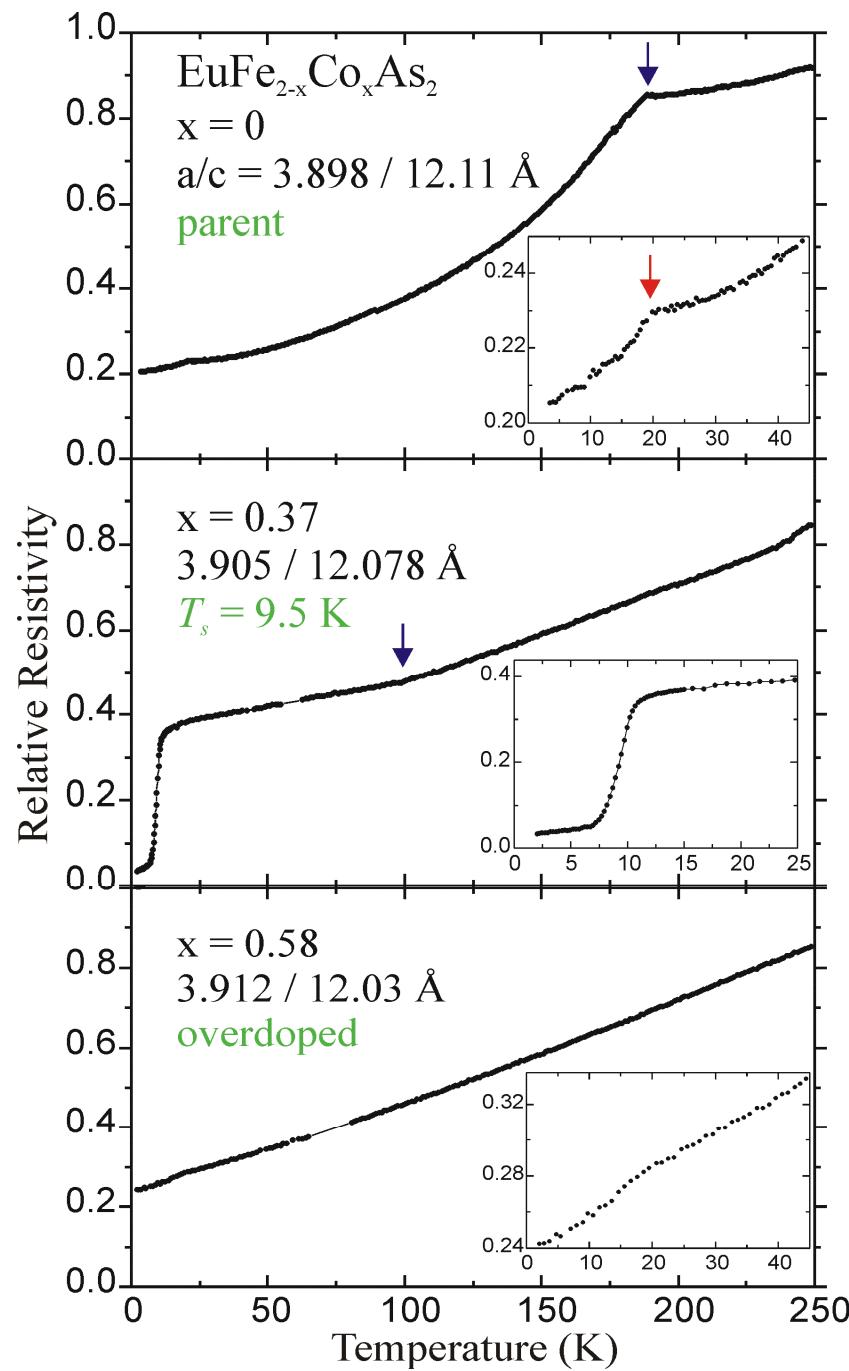
EuFe_2As_2

parent compound



$$T_{\text{SDW}}(\text{Fe}) = 192 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{\text{N}}(\text{Eu}) = 19 \text{ K}$$

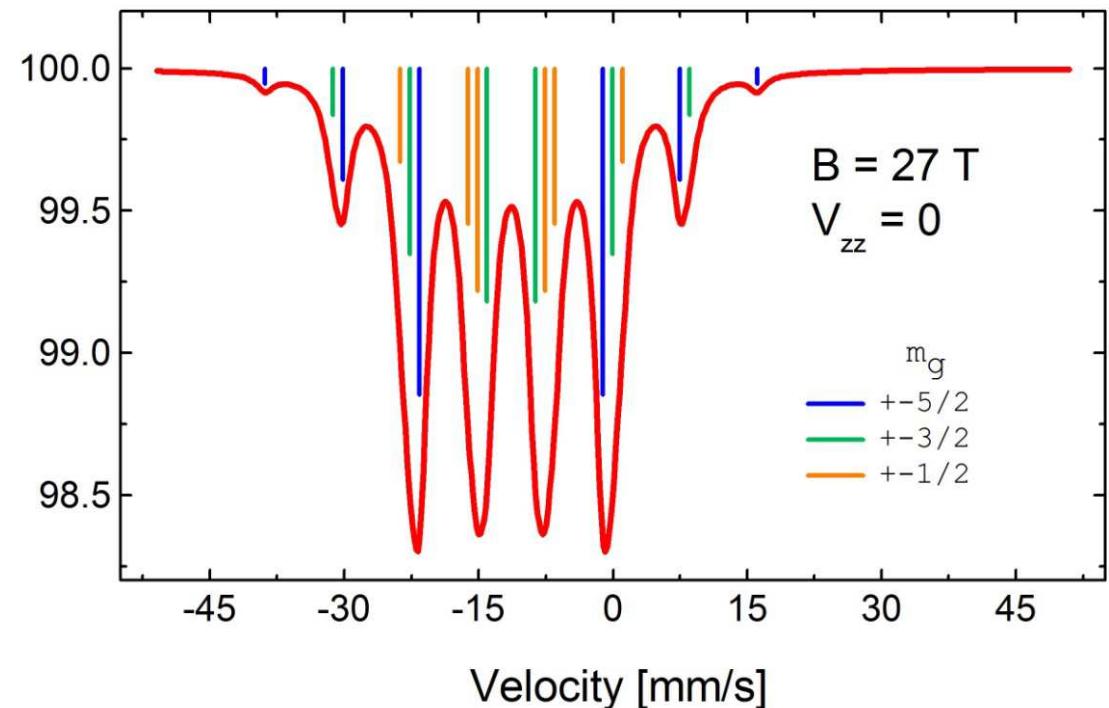
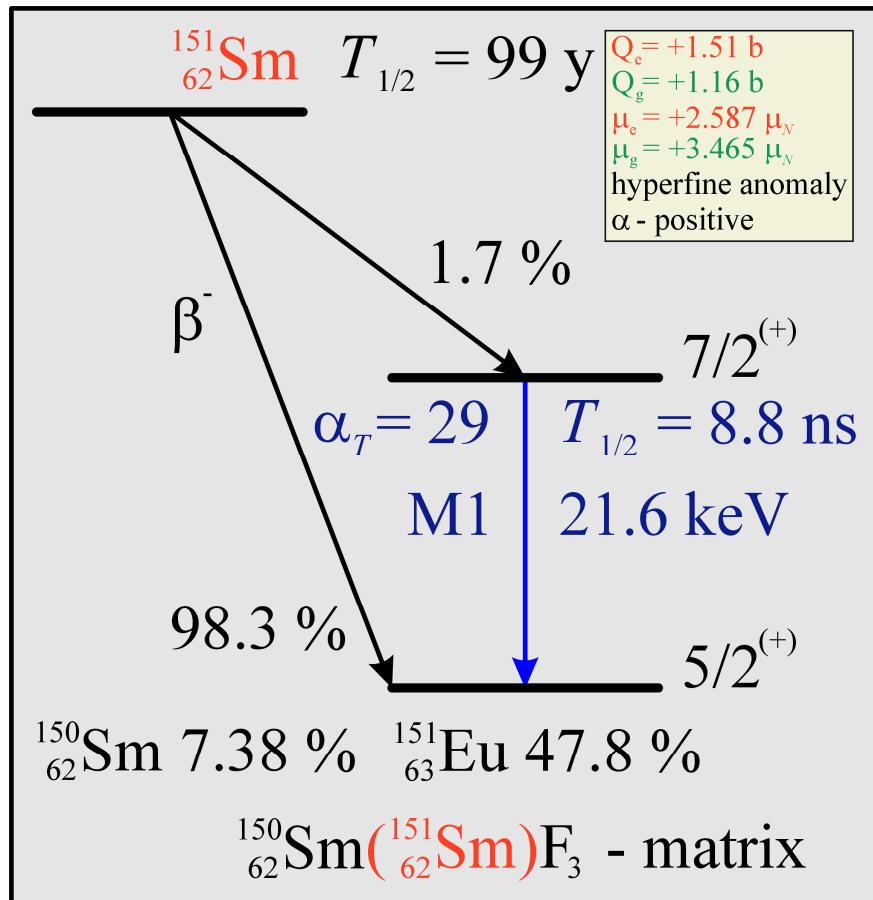


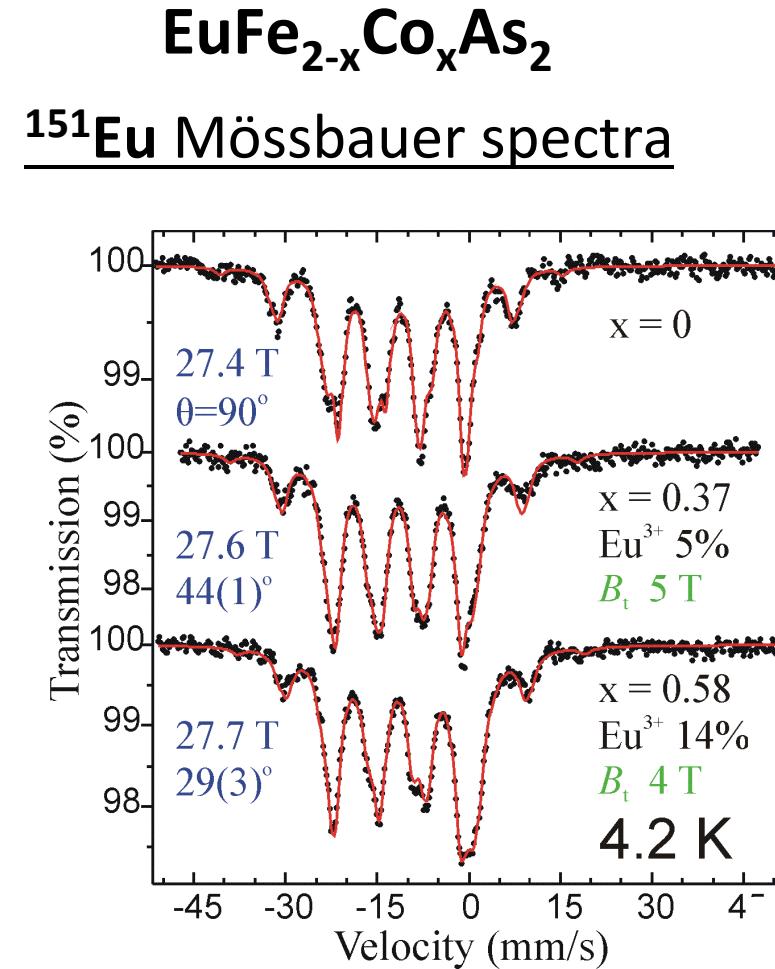
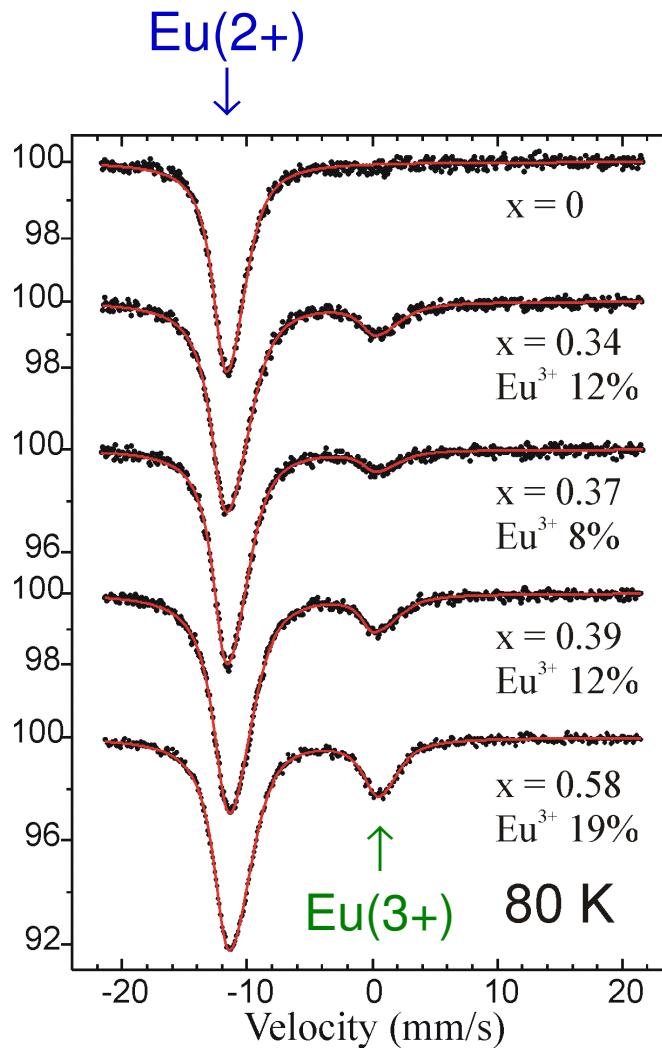
$\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$

superconductor

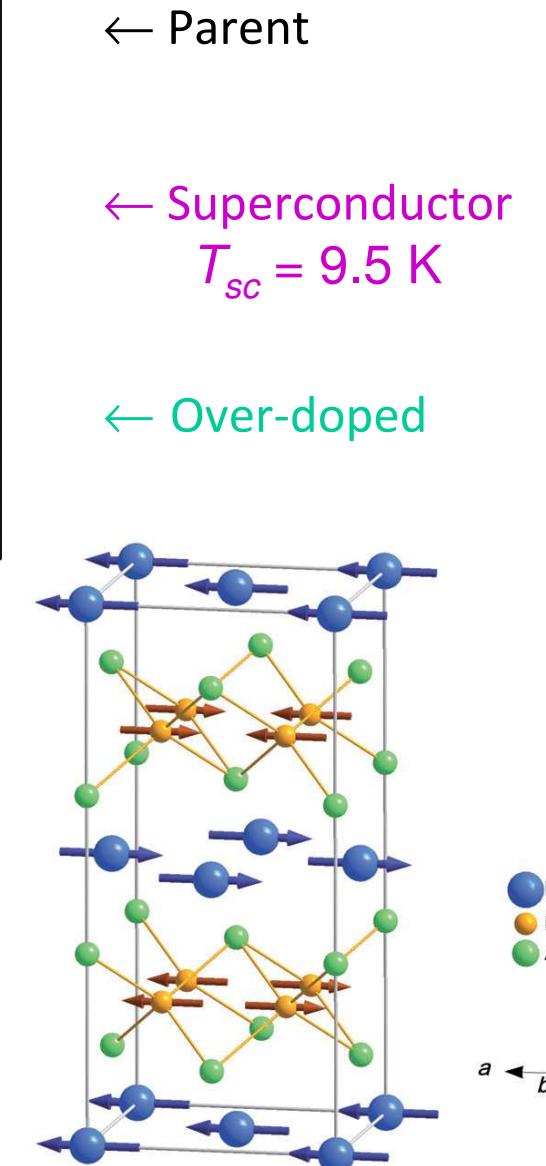
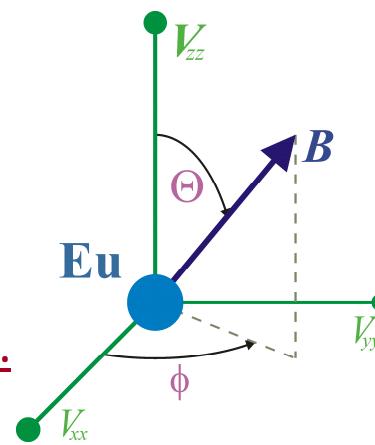
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 Interplay between magnetism and superconductivity in $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$ studied by ^{57}Fe and ^{151}Eu Mössbauer spectroscopy,
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^{151}Eu Mössbauer spectroscopy





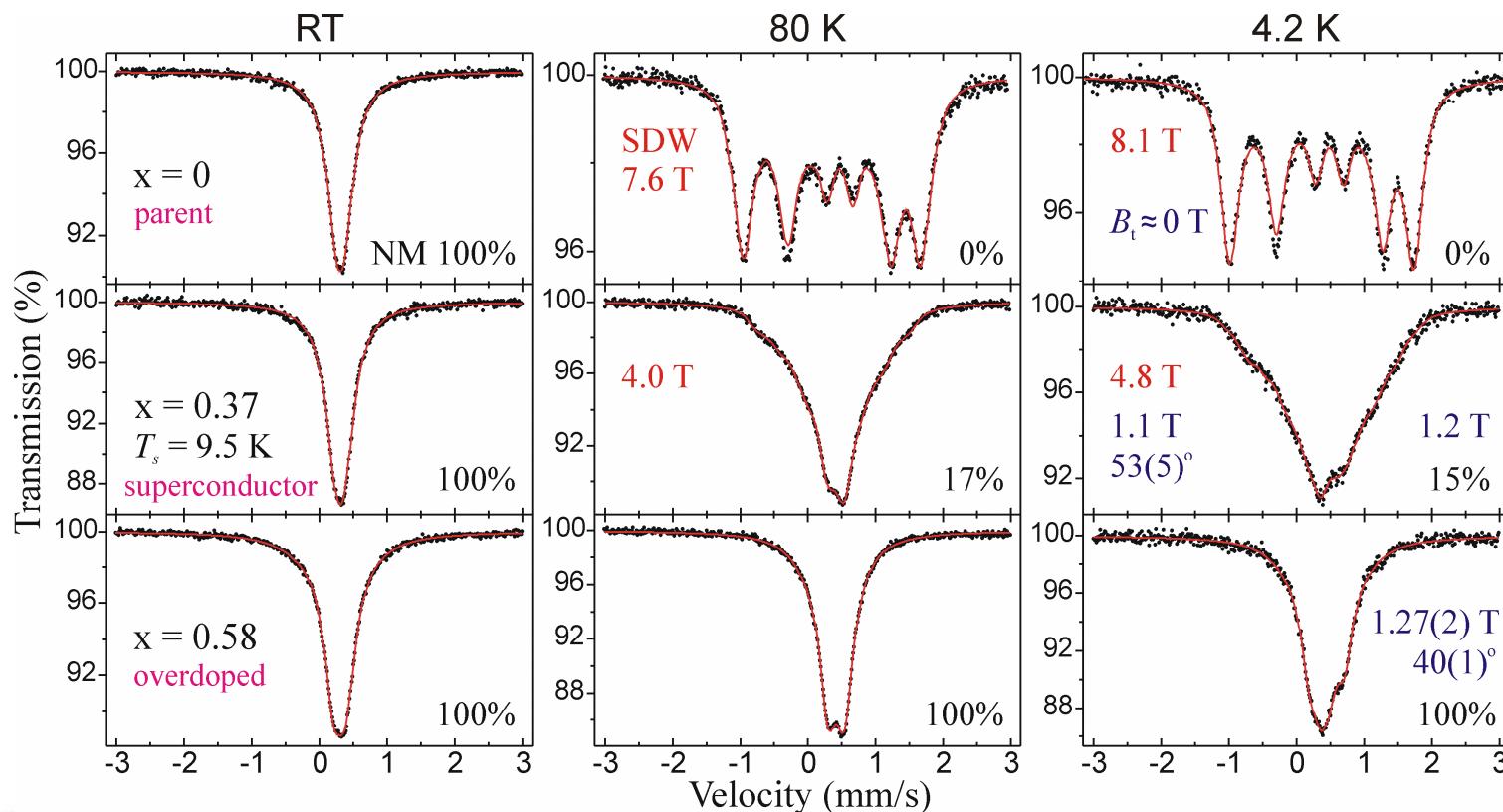
Eu^{2+} orders magnetically regardless of the Co-substitution level.
 Eu^{2+} moments rotate from a-axis to c-axis.
 Eu^{2+} magnetism and superconductivity coexist.



$\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$

^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra

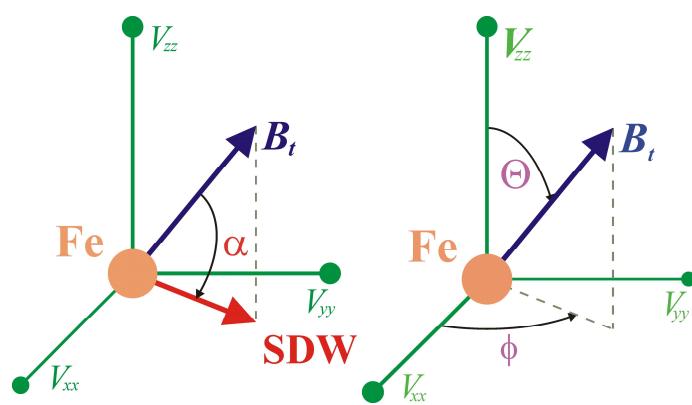
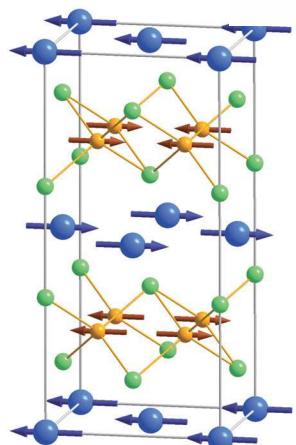
$T_N(\text{Eu}) = 19 \text{ K}$



$T_{\text{SDW}} = 190 \text{ K}$

$T_{\text{SDW}} = 100 \text{ K}$

lack of SDW



Eu^{2+} Transferred Field
on ^{57}Fe

$Ba_{1-x}K_xFe_2As_2$

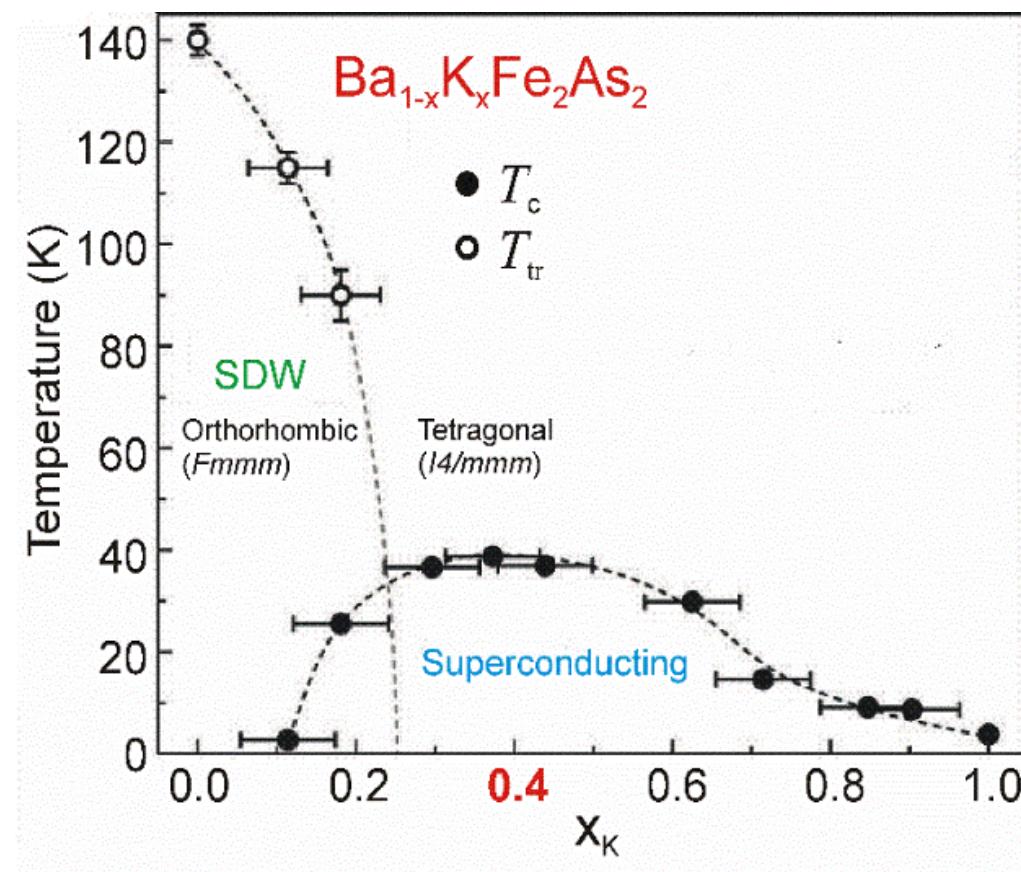
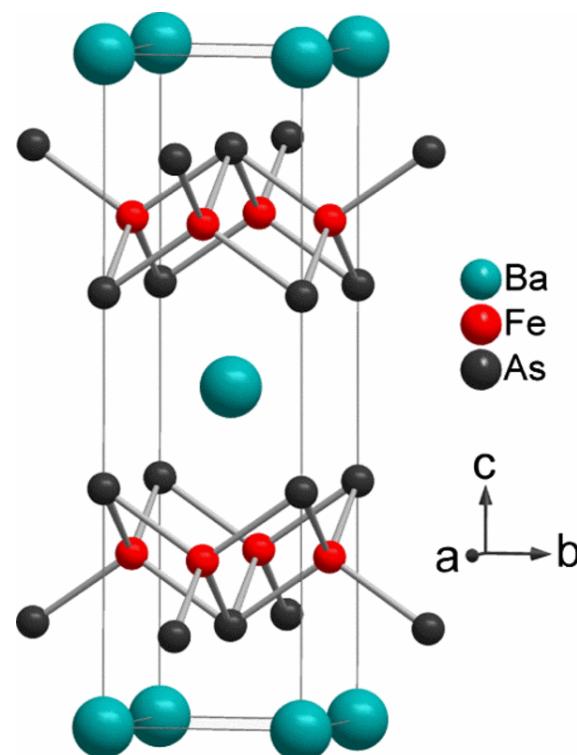
parent compound
 $BaFe_2As_2$



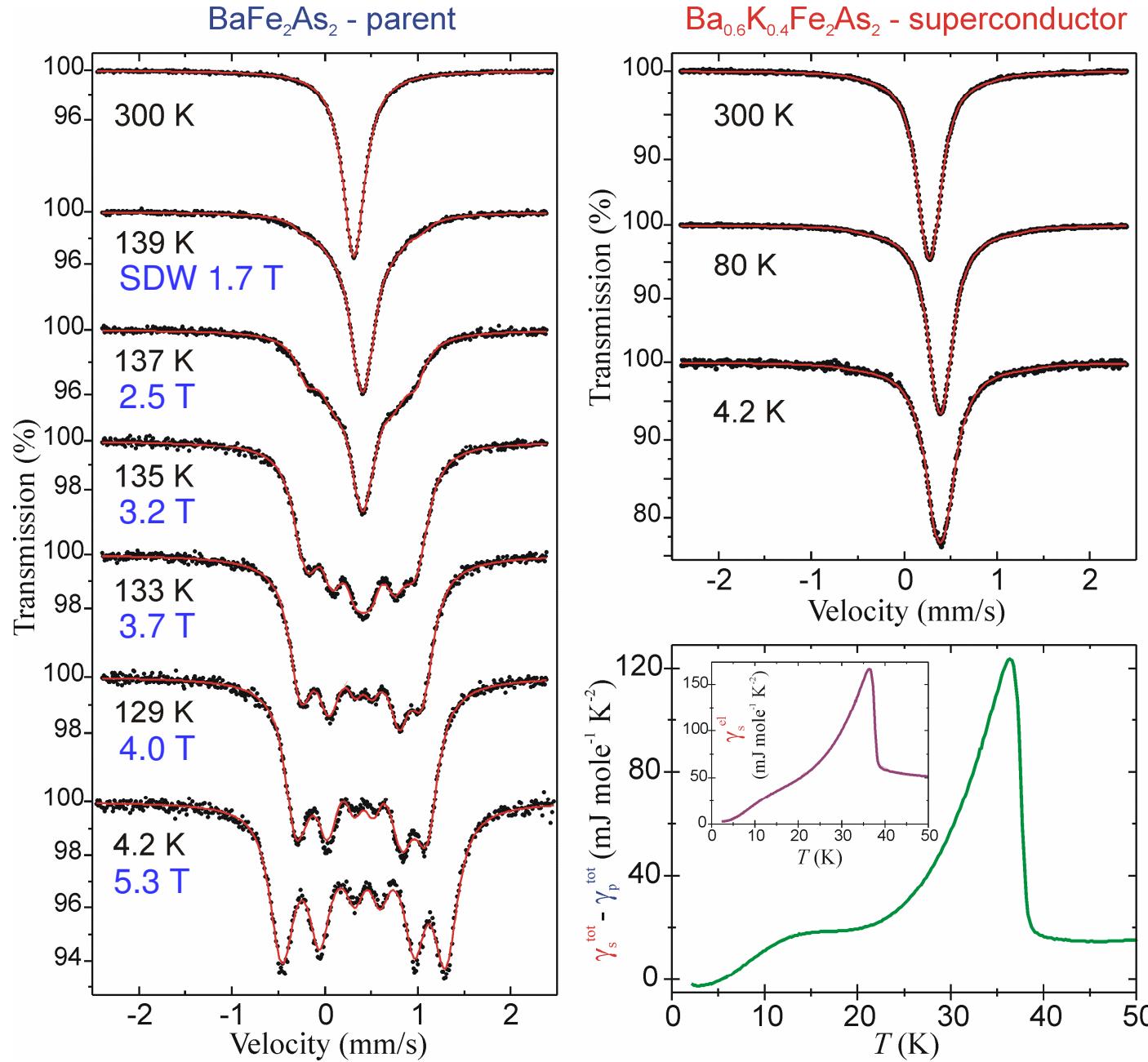
doping
K



superconductor
 $T_{sc} = 38K$



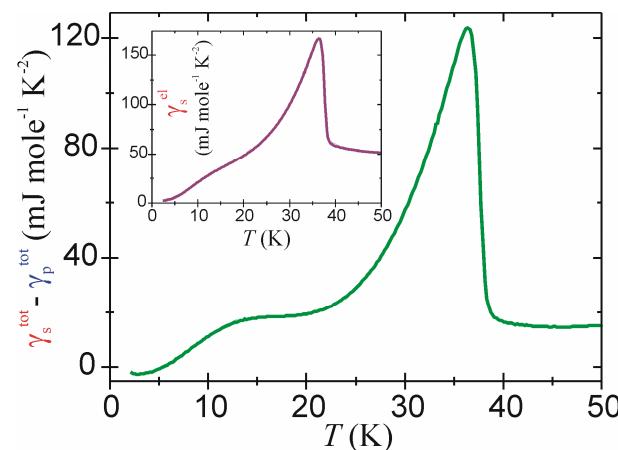
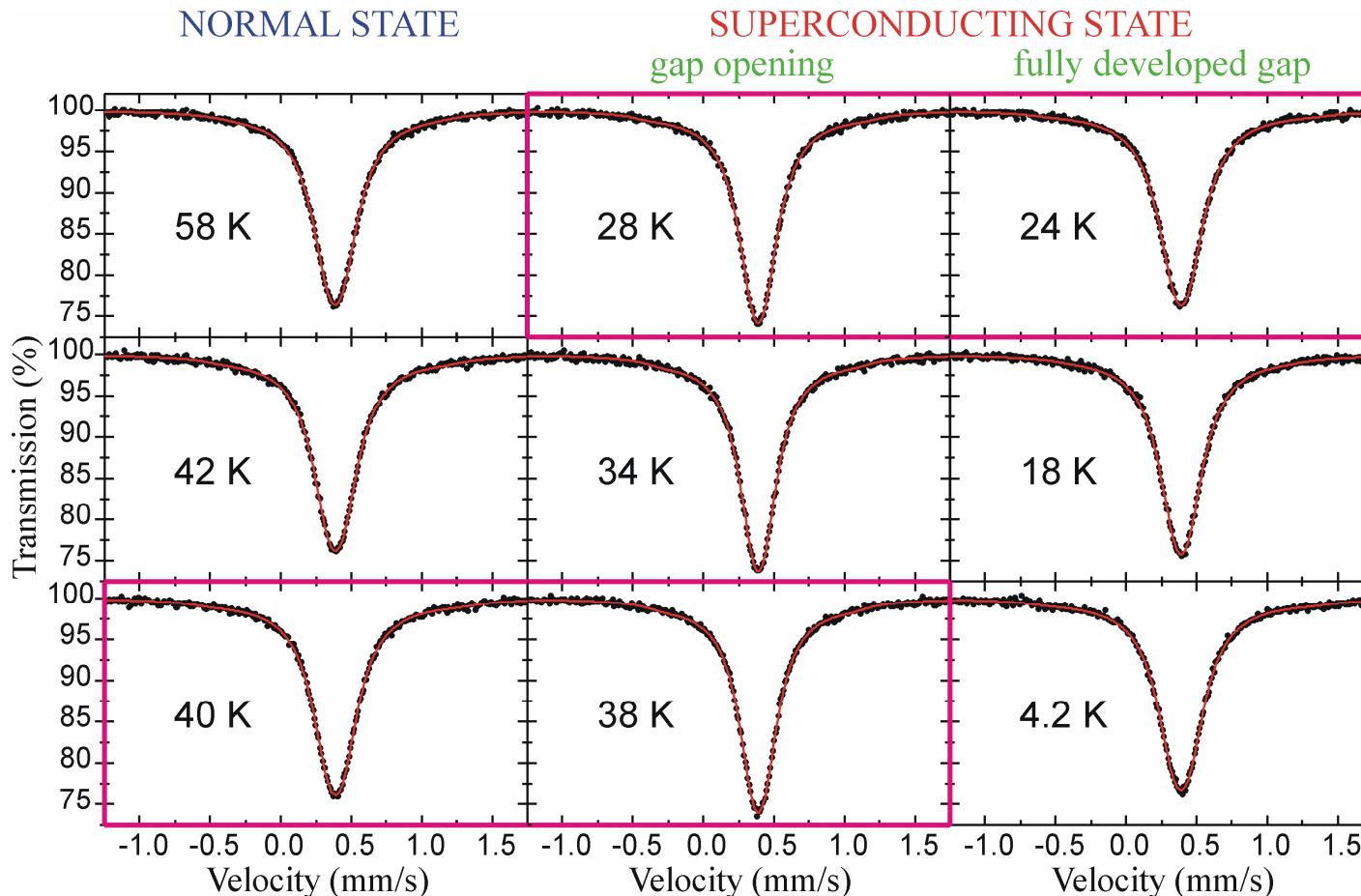
^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra of BaFe_2As_2 parent compound and $\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ superconductor



Difference in total molar specific heat coefficients between
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Inset shows electronic specific heat coefficient of superconductor.

^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectra of the $\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ ($T_{\text{SC}} = 38 \text{ K}$) across transition to the superconducting state.



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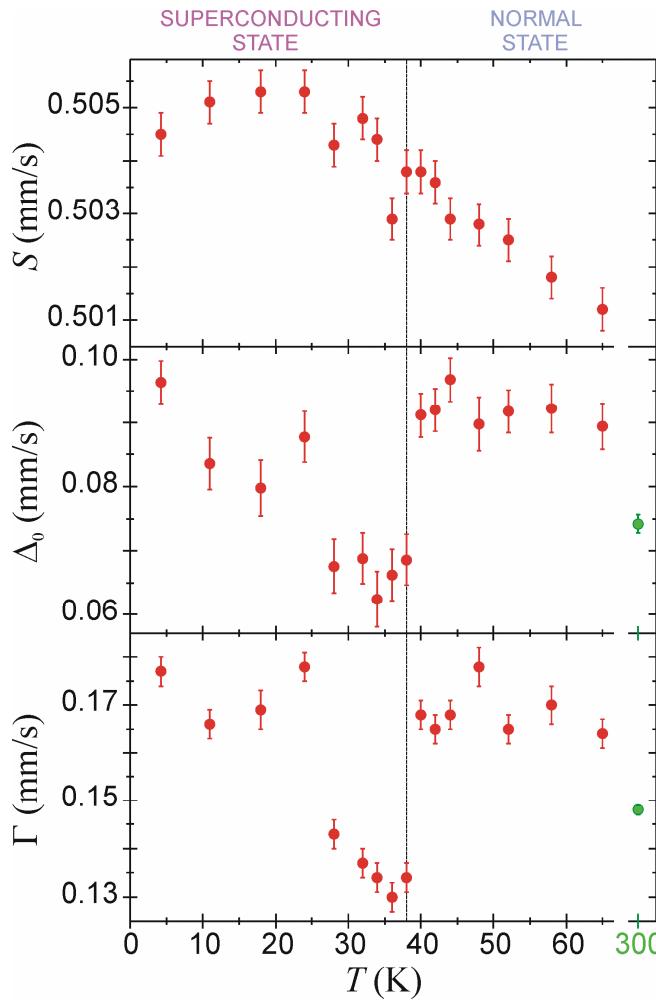
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Mössbauer parameters:

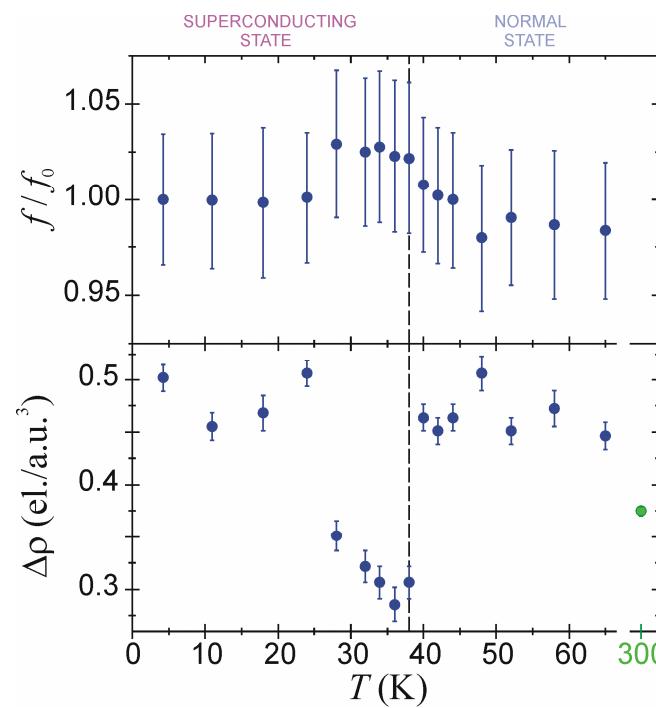
S – spectrum shift versus α -Fe

Δ_0 – constant component of quadrupole splitting

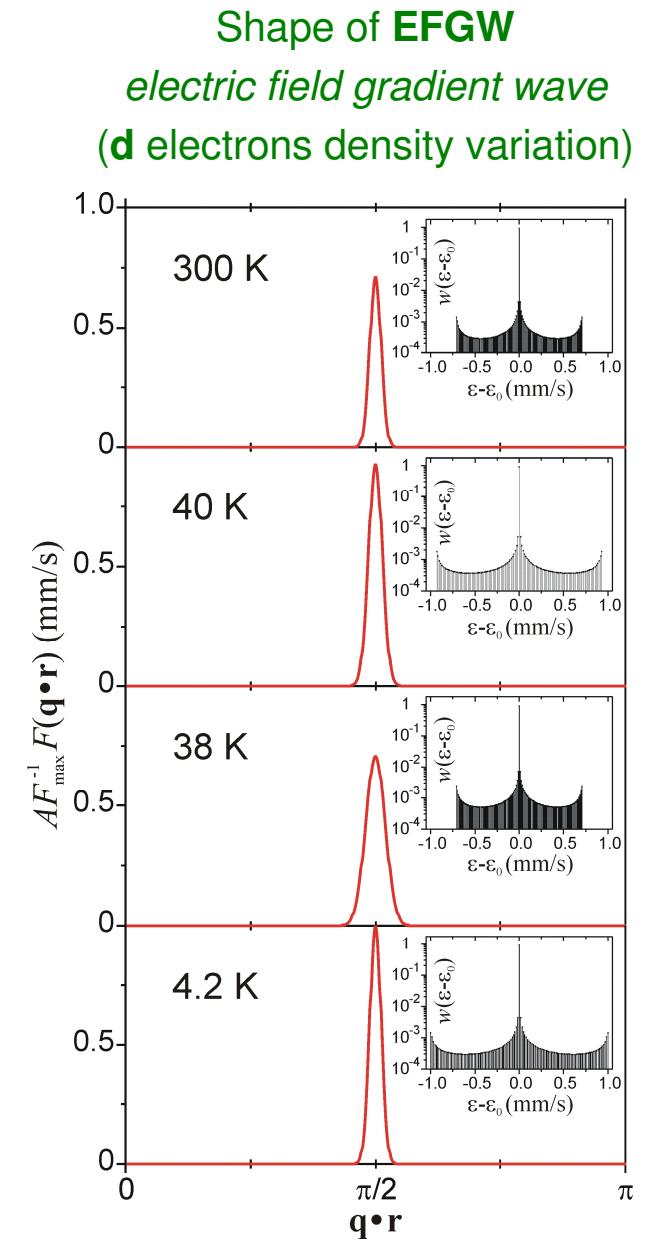
Γ – absorber line width



Relative recoilless fraction f/f_0
(normalized to f_0 at 4.2 K)

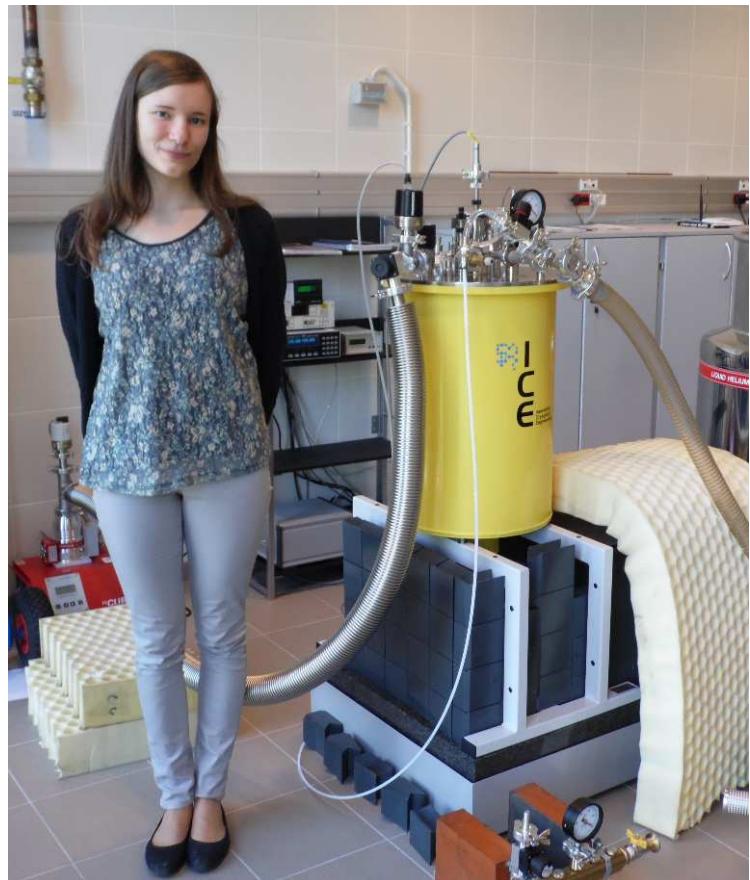
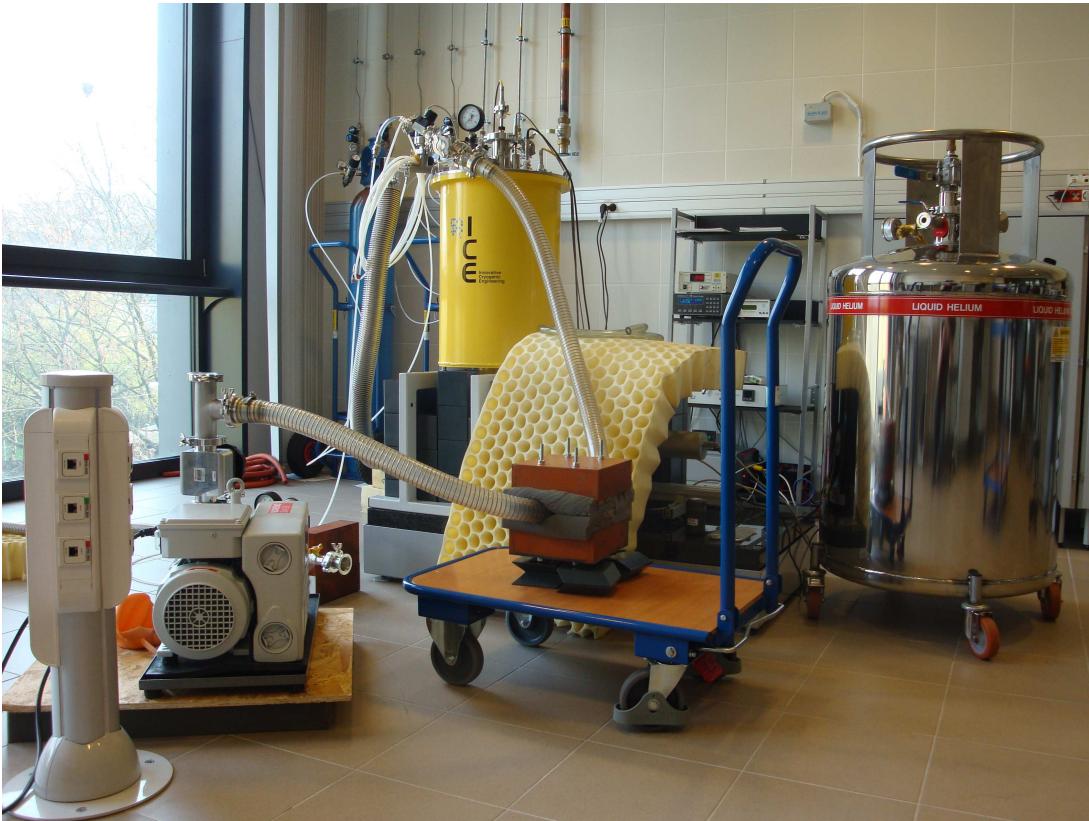


Dispersion of **CDW**
charge density wave
(**s** electrons density variation)



EFG

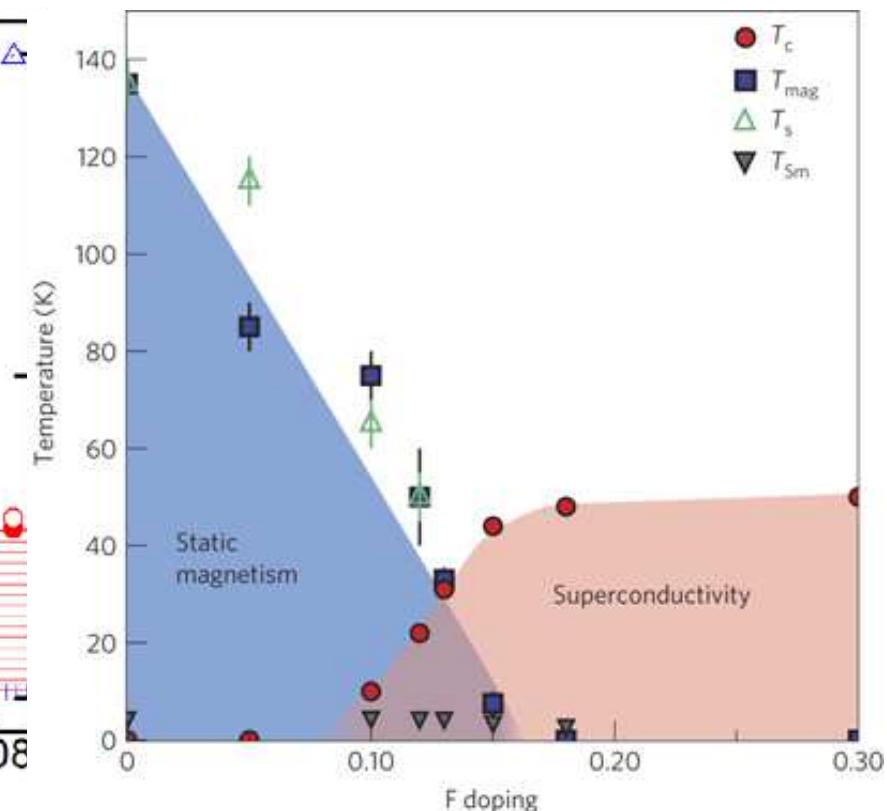
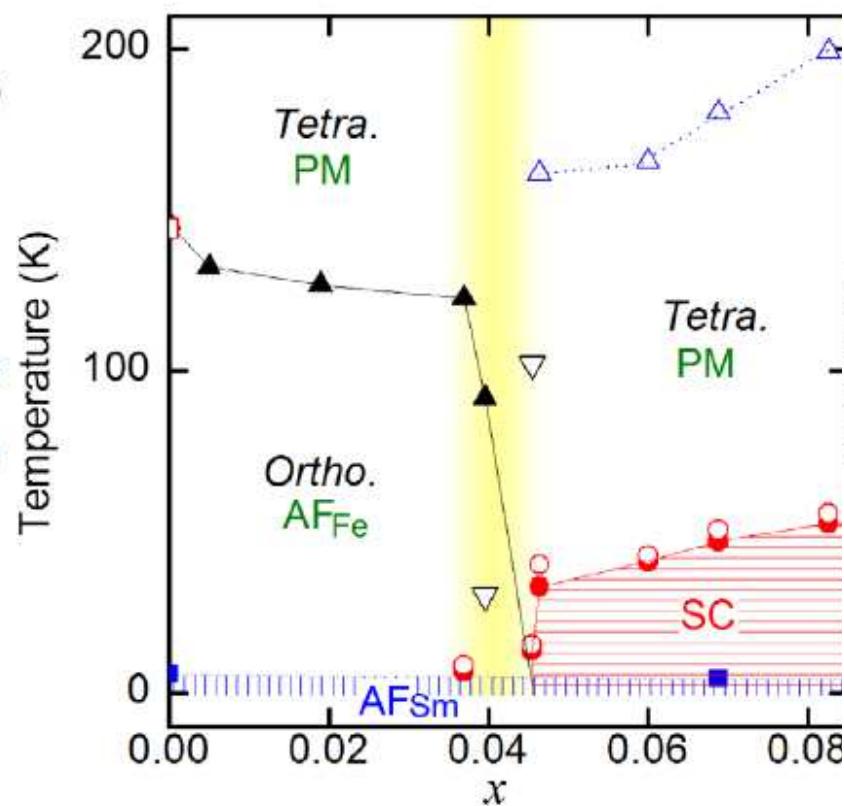
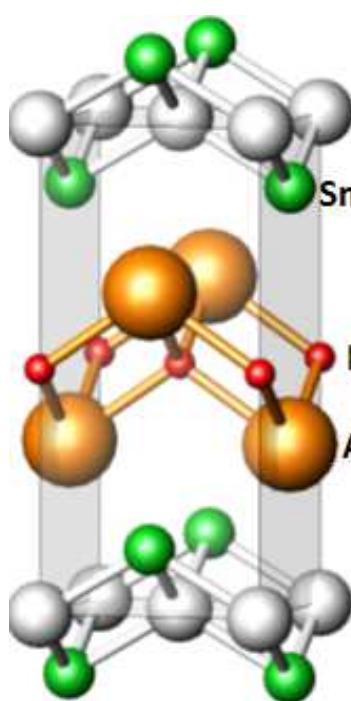
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WYRÓŻNIENIE

$\text{SmFeAsO}_{1-x}\text{F}_x$

parent compound doping superconductivity
 SmFeAsO F $T_{\text{sc}} = 55\text{K}$



Y. Kamihara *et al.*, New J. Phys. **12**, 033005 (2010)

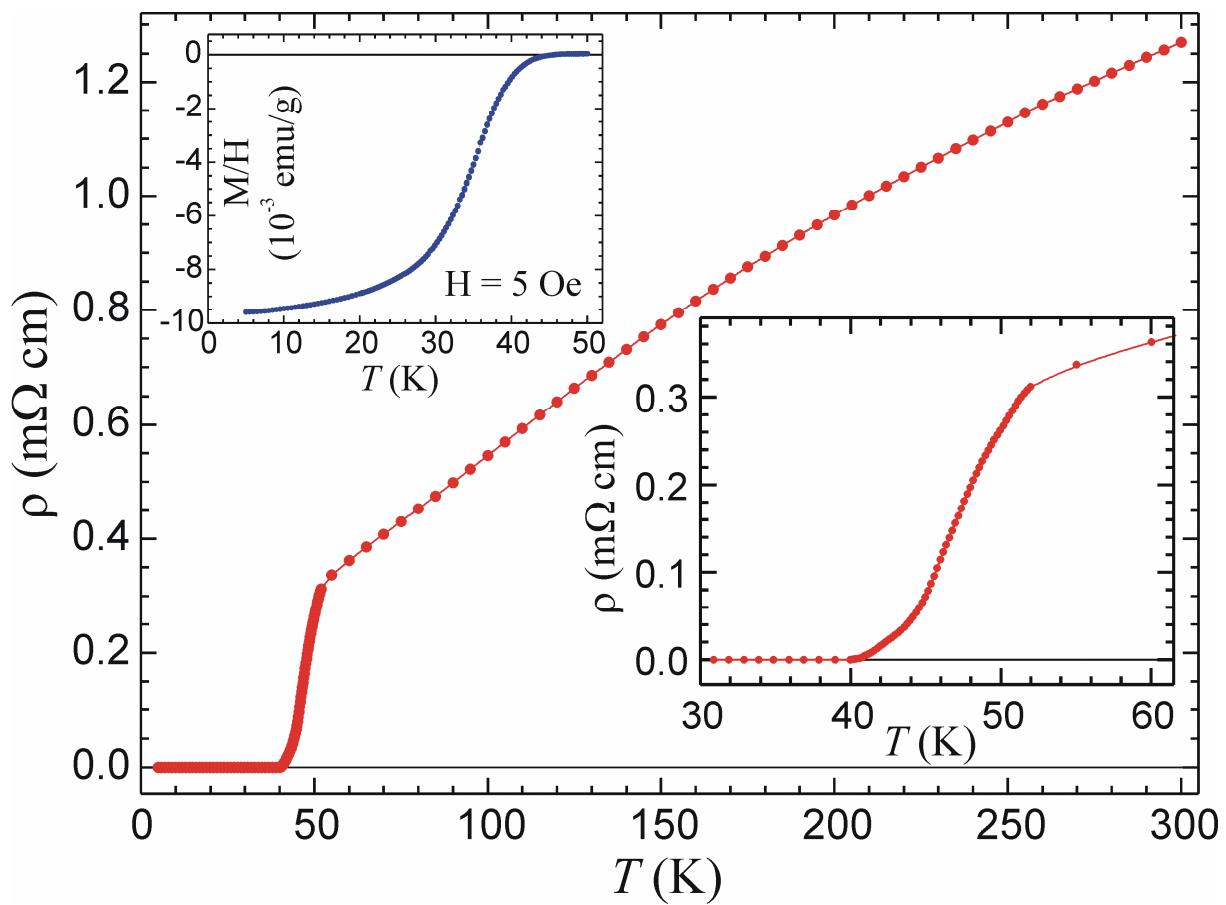
A.J. Drew *et al.*, Nature Materials **8**, 310 (2009)

our sample – $\text{SmFeAsO}_{0.91}\text{F}_{0.09}$

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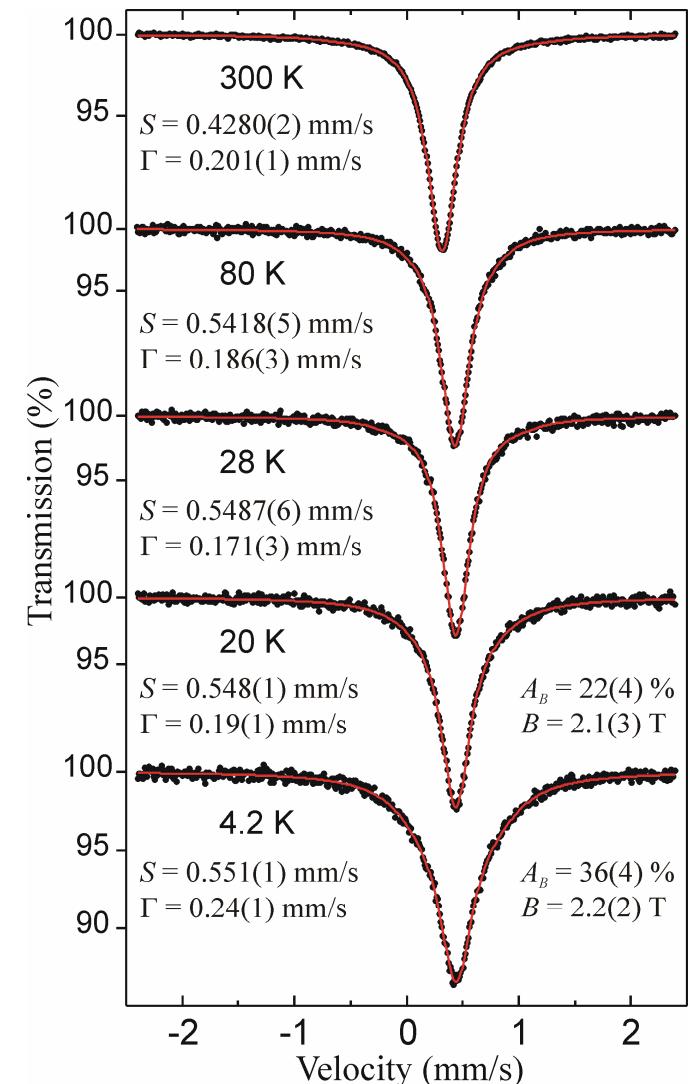
Resistivity and magnetic susceptibility

$$T_{sc} \approx 47 \text{ K}$$

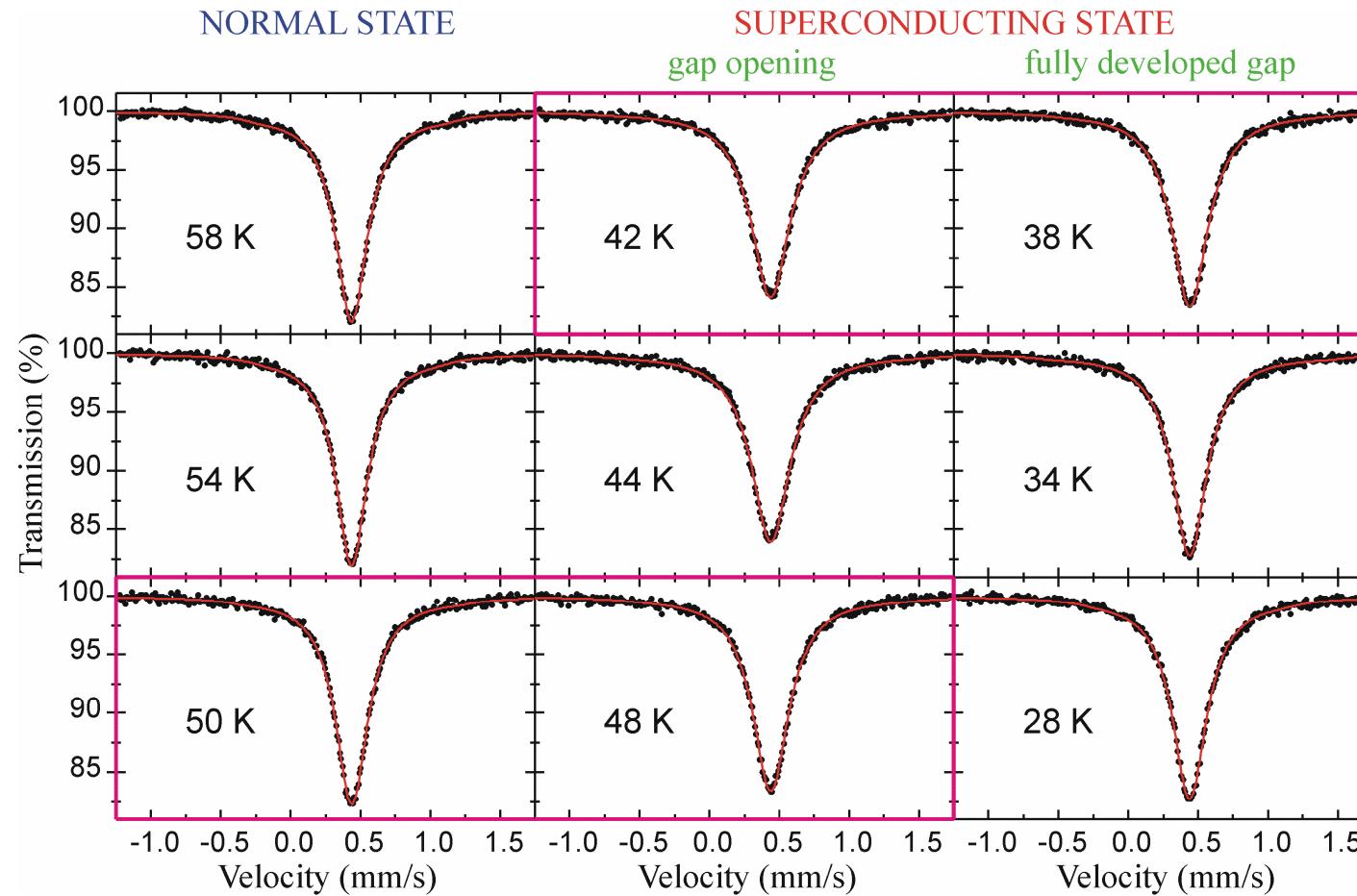


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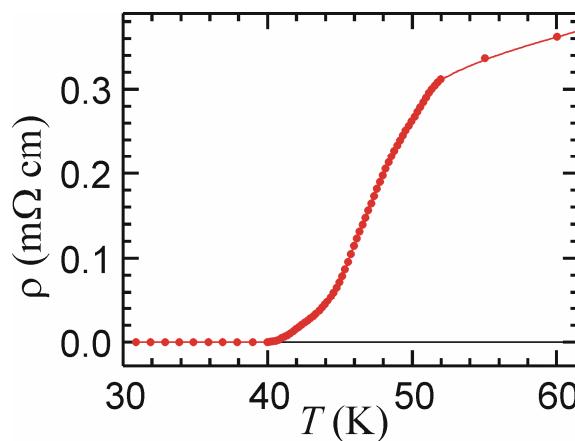
^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectroscopy
*magnetic spectral broadening
below 28 K*



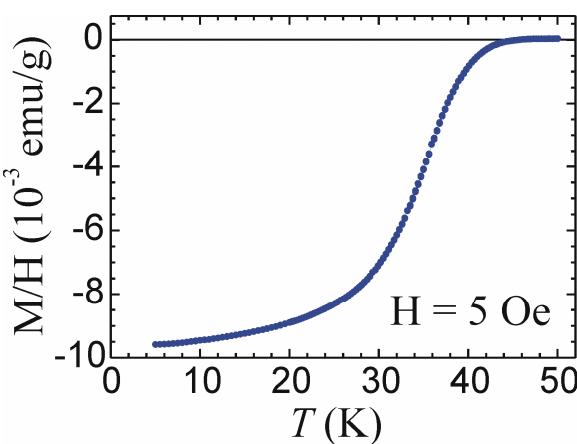
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across transition to the superconducting state



Resistivity



M/H (10^{-3} emu/g)

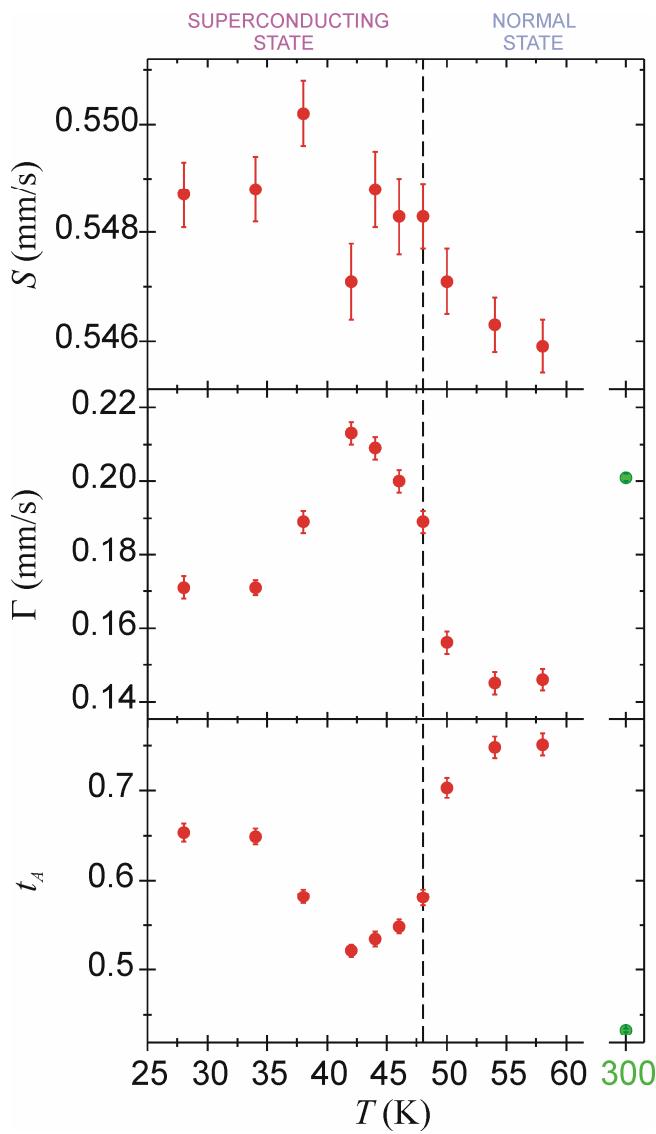


Magnetic
susceptibility

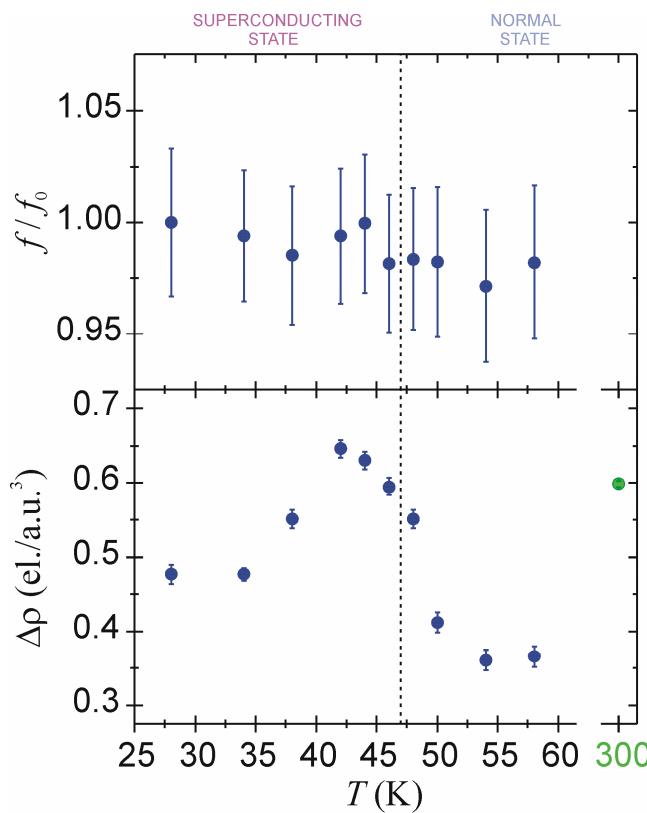
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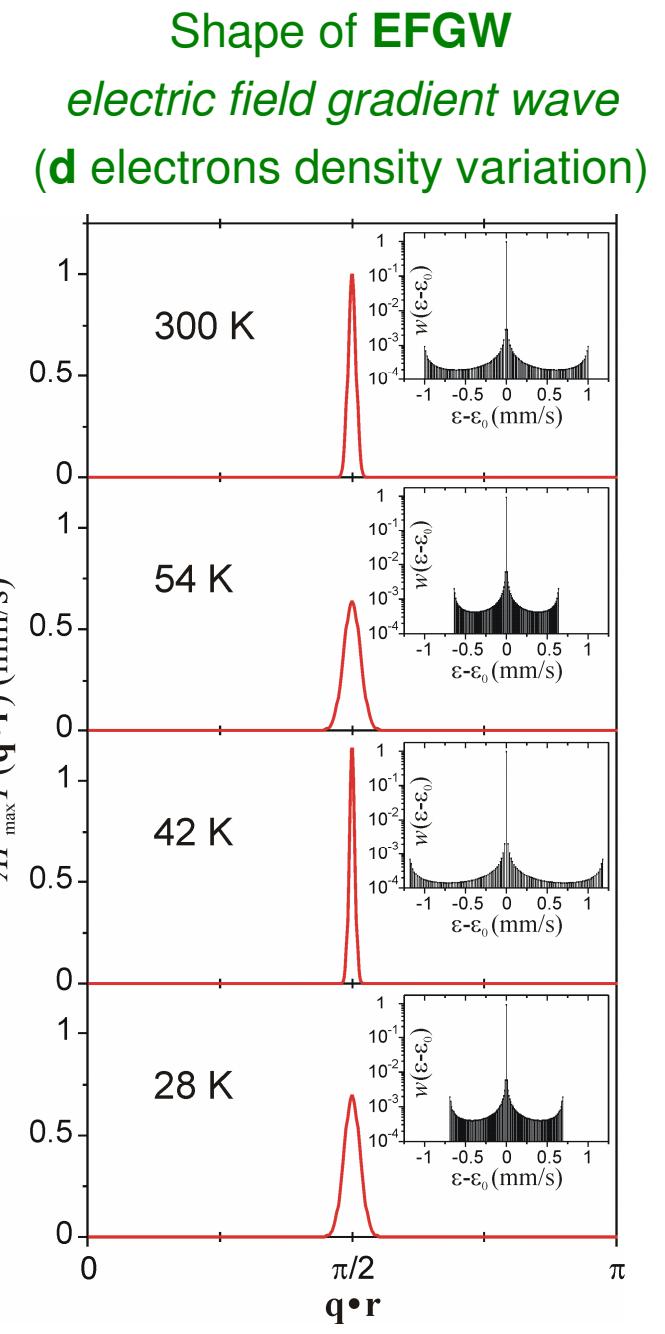
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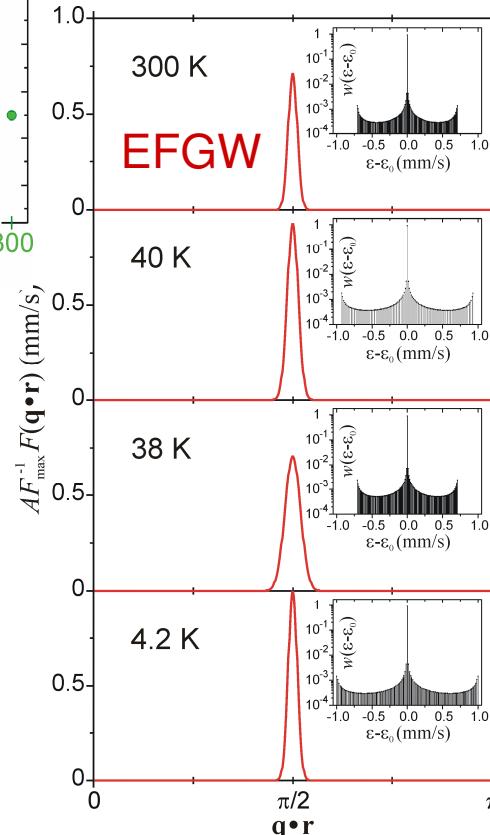
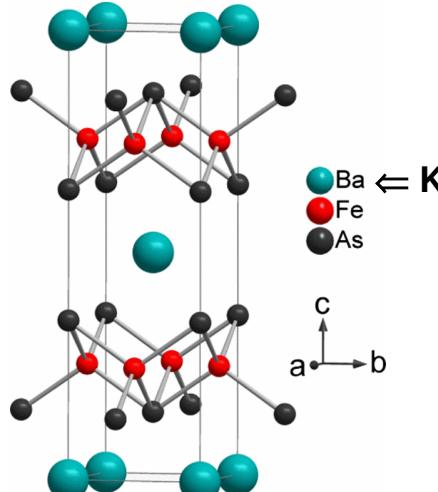
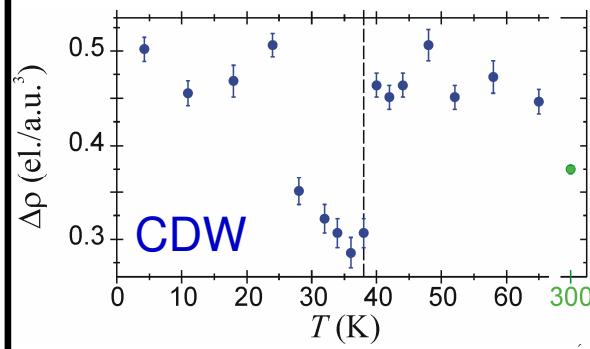
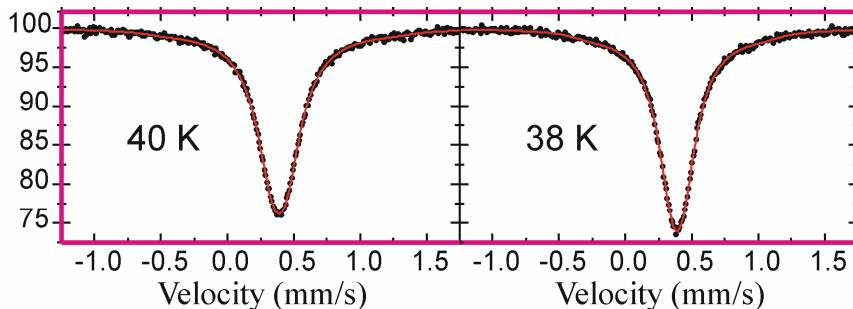


Dispersion of CDW
charge density wave
(s electrons density variation)

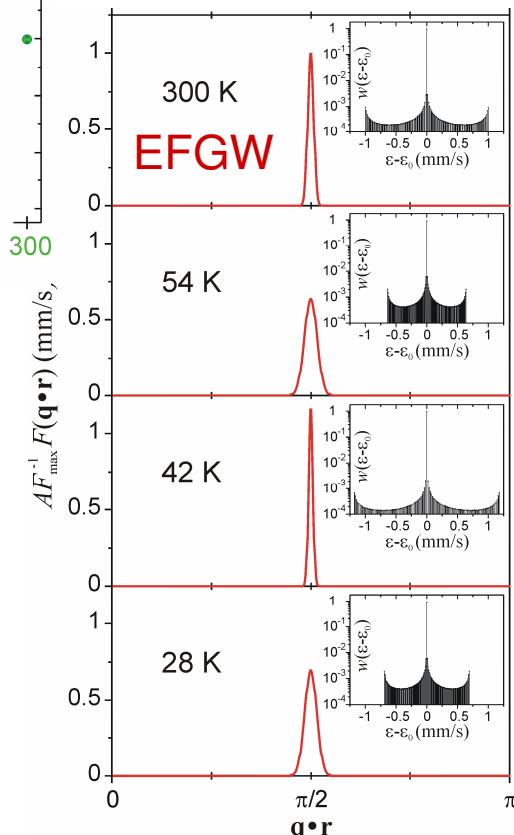
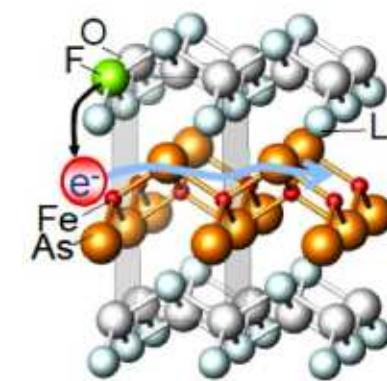
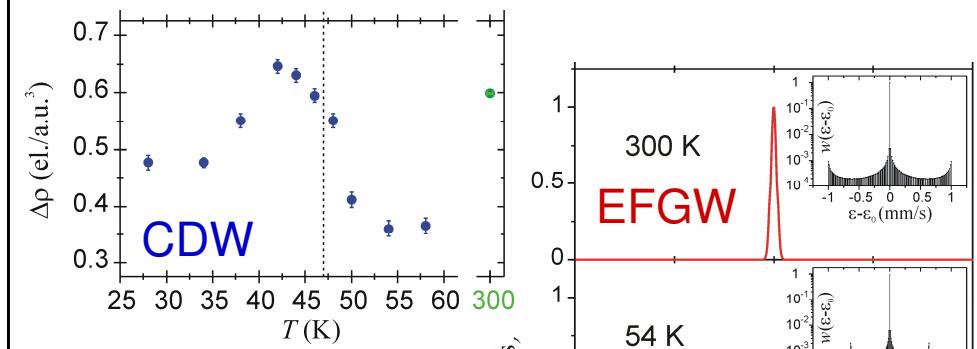
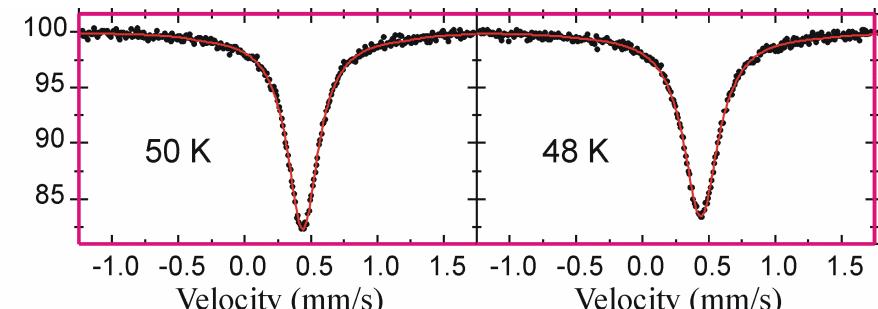


Comparison between
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$\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ $T_{sc} = 38 \text{ K}$
(hole doping)

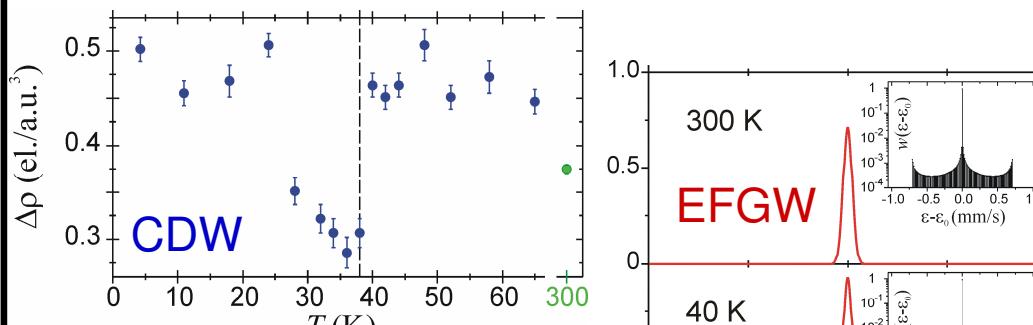
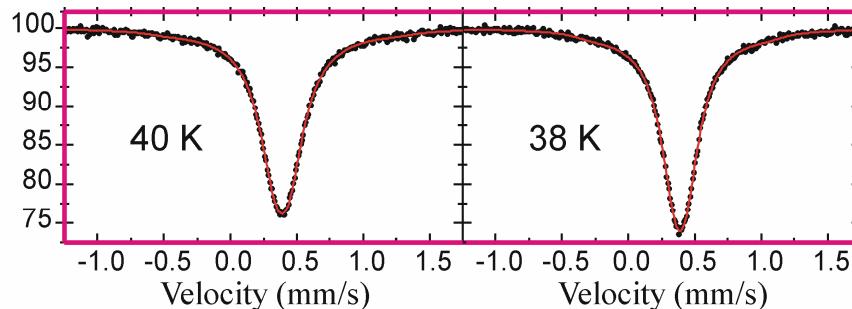


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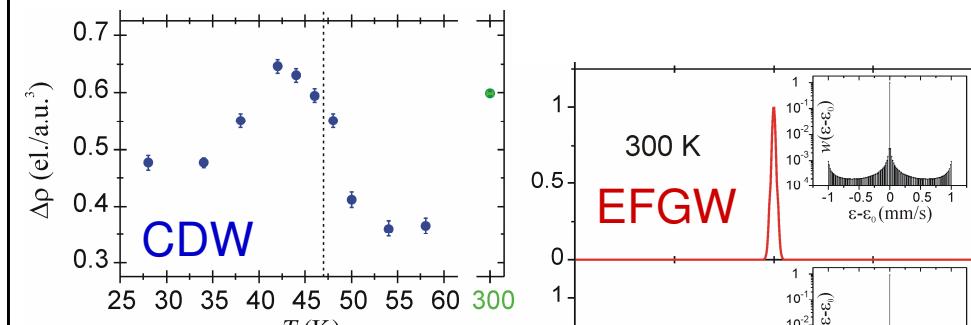
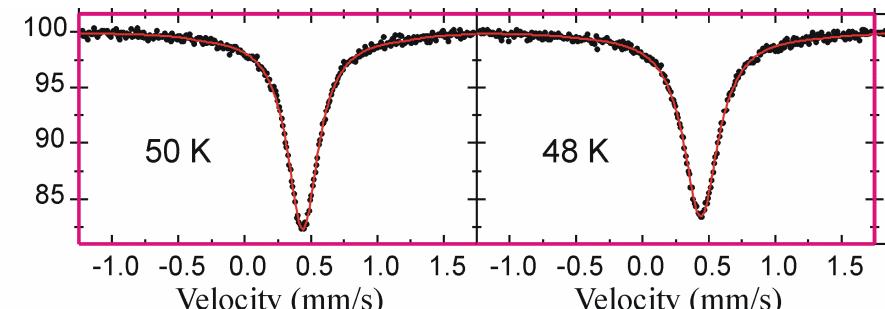


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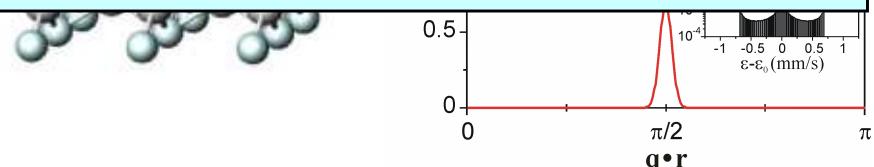
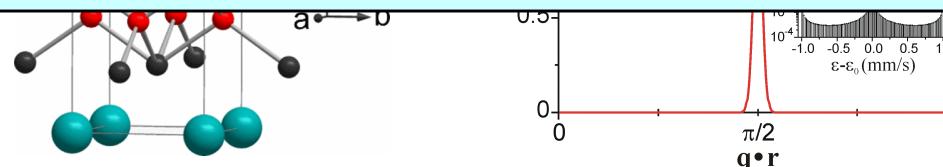
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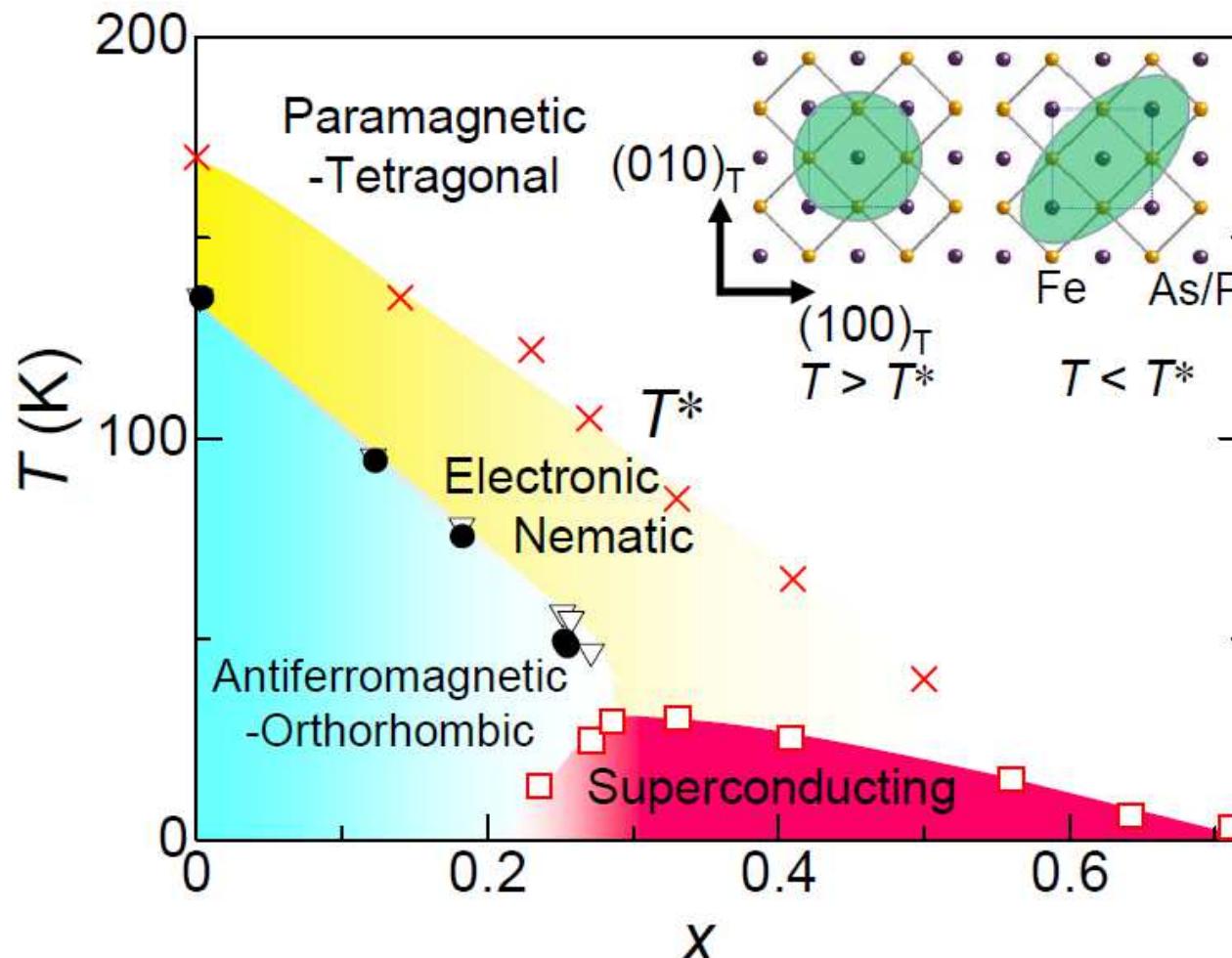
1) Mössbauer spectroscopy sees CDW in Fe-SC.

**2) CDW modulation is perturbed at T_{sc} -onset
and returns to the modulation from the normal state below T_{sc} -offset ($\rho=0$).**

3) Direction of CDW perturbation depends on ... type of doping (?)

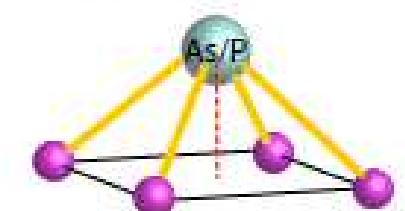
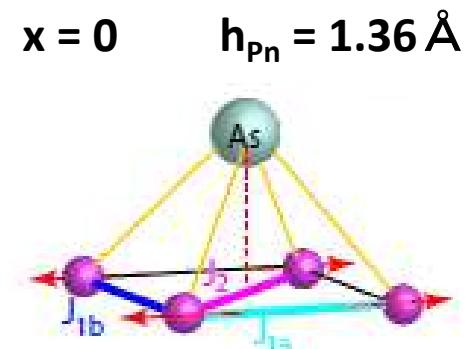
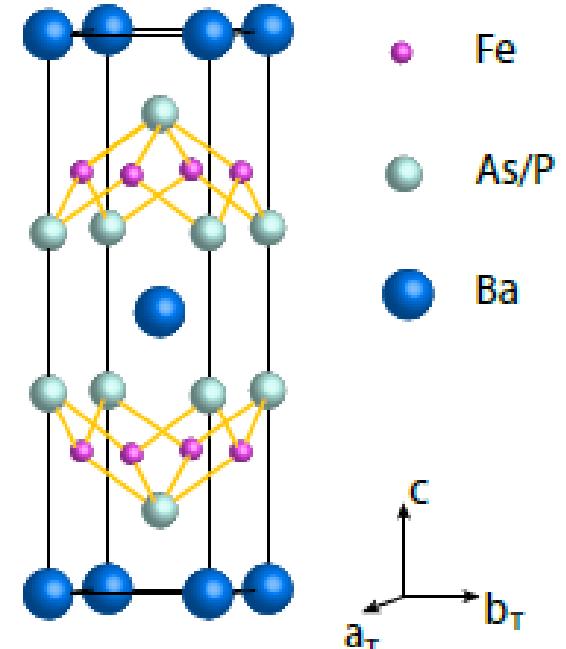


$\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$



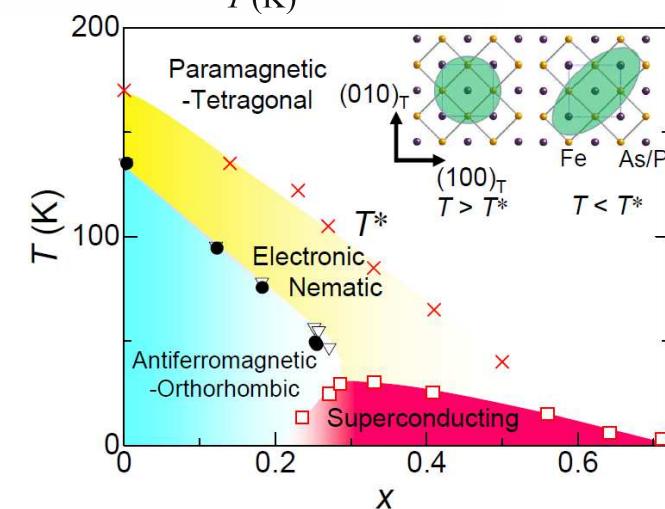
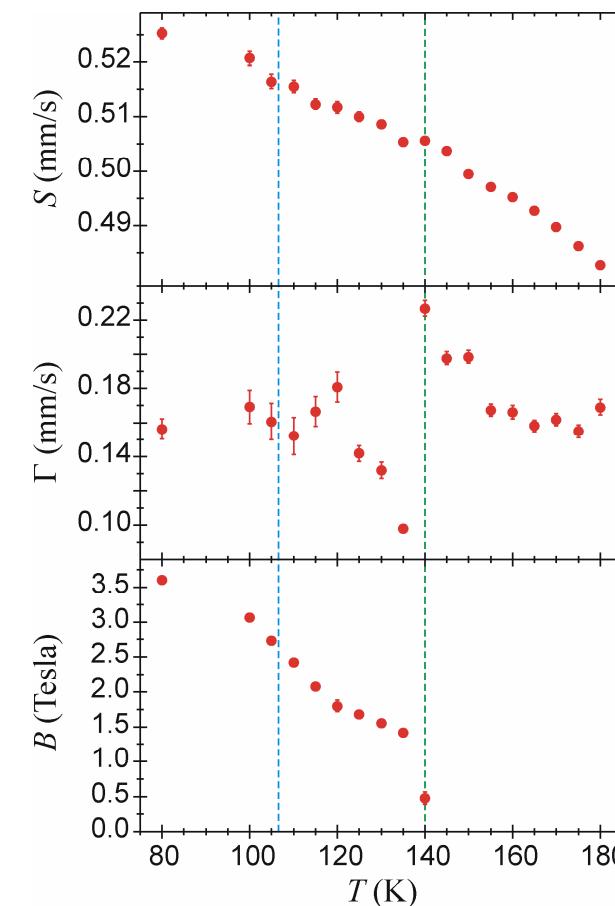
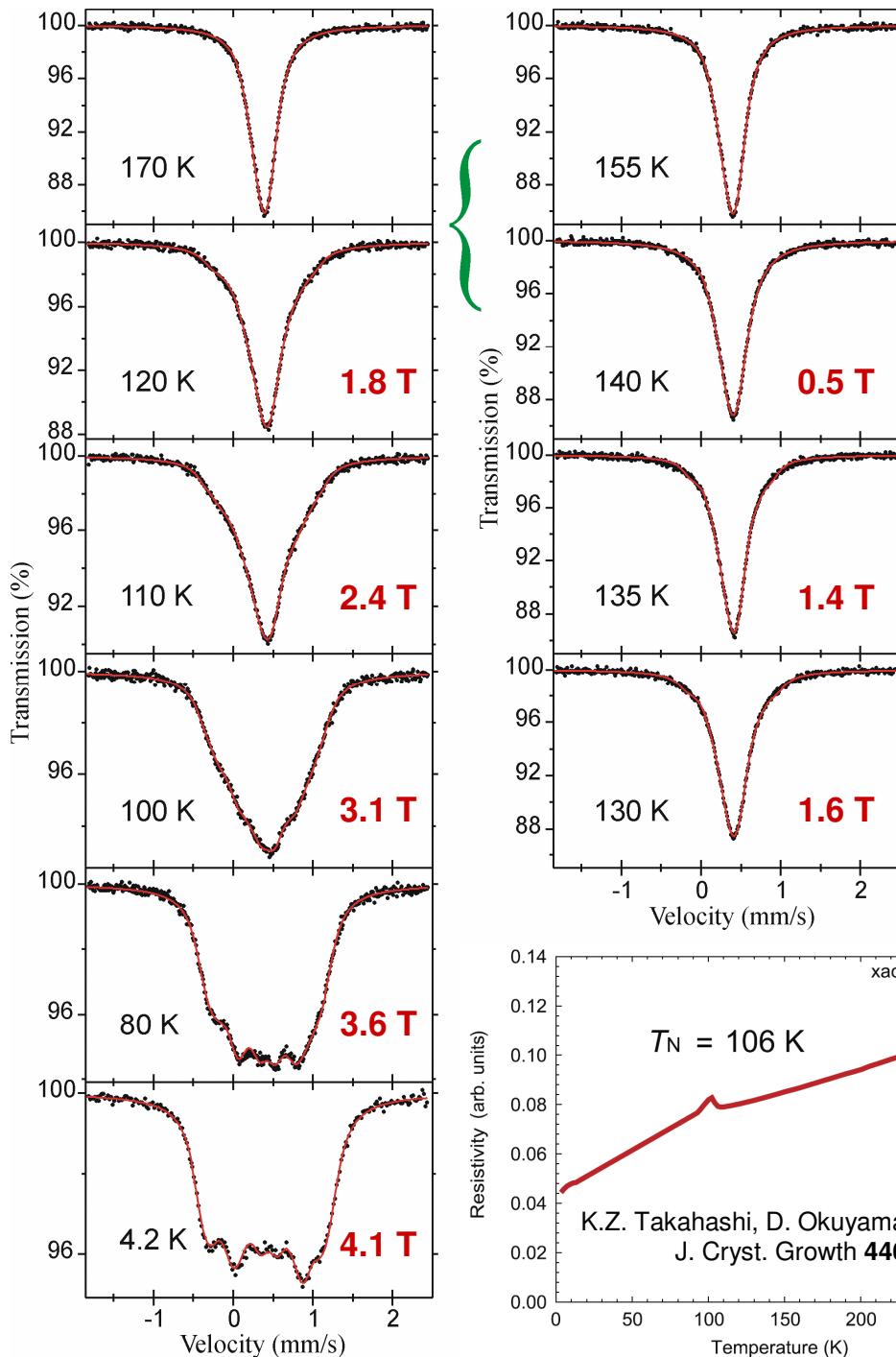
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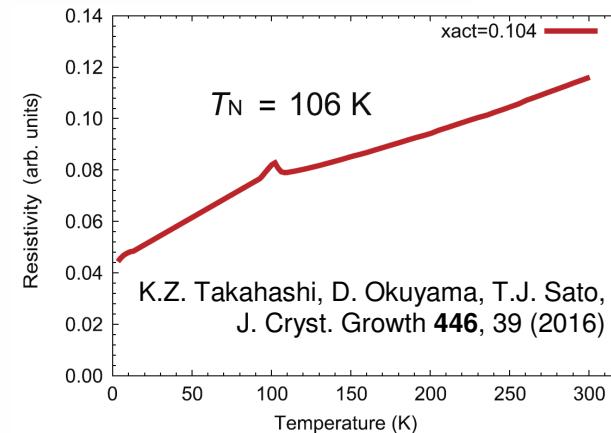
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$T_{\text{SDW}} = 106 \text{ K}$



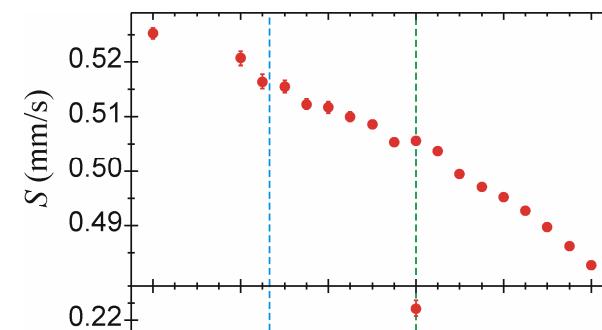
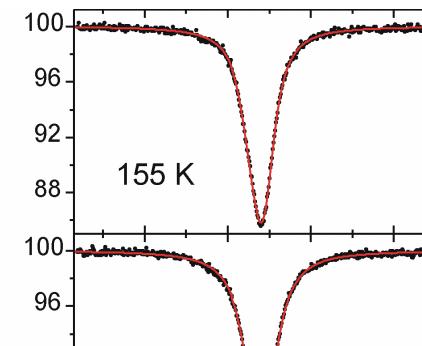
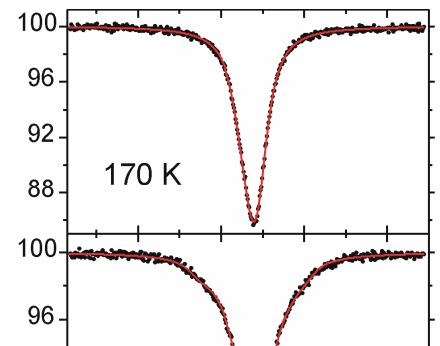
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- B : magnetic hyperfine field

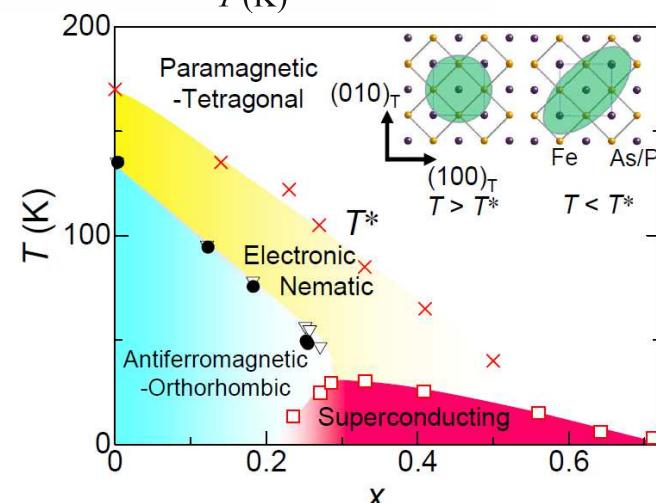
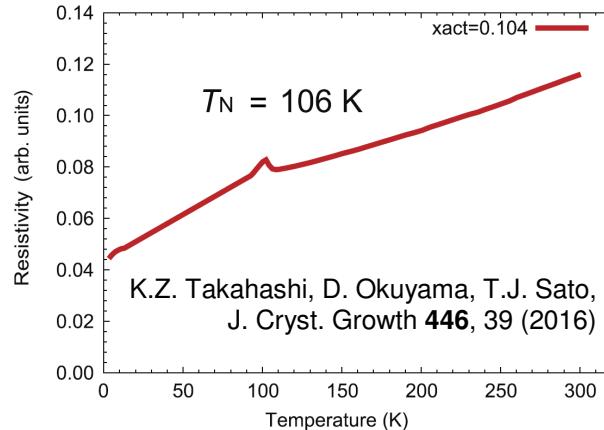
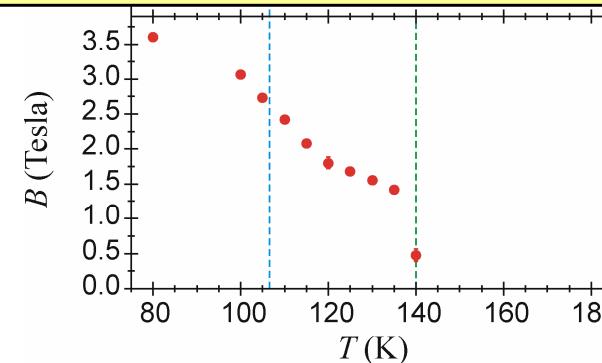
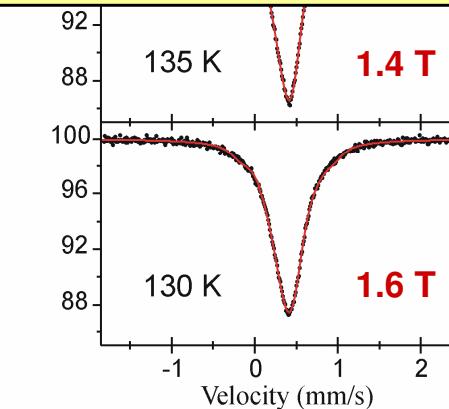
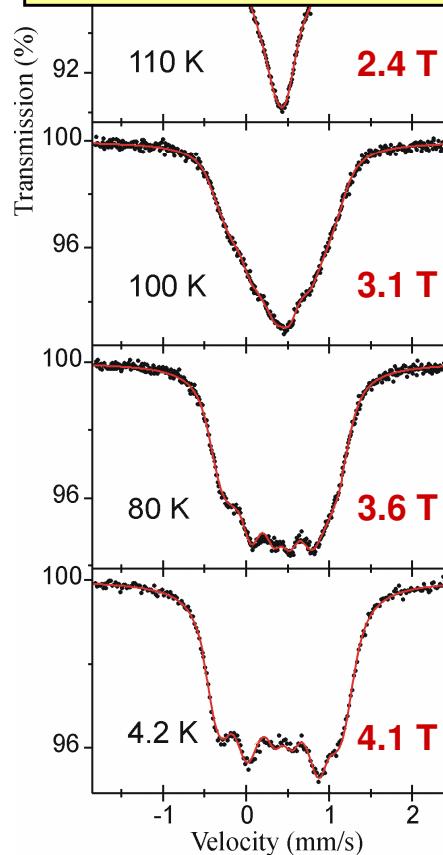


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$T_{\text{SDW}} = 106 \text{ K}$



Nematic phase shows residual magnetic order in tetragonal structure
with transition to the paramagnetic phase at about 140 K,
so about 30 K higher than SDW order and orthorhombic distortion.



Conclusions

Precursor compound: FeAs

Antiferromagnetic incommensurate spirals propagate along c-axis with the hyperfine field varying along the spiral in a fashion resembling symmetry of 3d electrons (local magnetic moment) in a–b plane with significant distortion caused by arsenic bonding p electrons.

Parent compounds: AFe₂As₂

Longitudinal spin density wave SDW develops with triangular shape along propagation direction, i.e. a-axis. Upon temperature lowering they transform into rectangular form. Hence, they are indistinguishable from simple anti-ferromagnetic ordering close to the ground state.

Superconductors: Ba_{1-x}K_xFe₂As₂ and SmFeAsO_{1-x}F_x

The Mössbauer spectroscopy is sensitive to the superconducting transition in Fe-based superconductors via **change of the electron charge density modulation**, which is seen via dispersion of isomer shift (CDW caused by s electrons) and via distribution of electric field gradient (EFGW caused by d electrons).

Shape and amplitude of EFGW and CDW are strongly perturbed at the superconducting transition.

Namely, all modulations are strongly changed at critical temperature due to the superconducting gap opening and subsequent formation of Cooper pairs. However dispersion of the charge density and EFGW shape behave in the opposite ways for these two superconductors.

Thank you very much for your attention !