

Nodeless superconductivity and effect of hydrostatic pressure in the charge density wave superconductor SrPt₂As₂

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The search of new classes of materials where superconductivity (SC) coexists with other exotic nonmagnetic phases is crucial to understand the influence of the latter on SC. Here, we present a detailed investigation of the superconducting gap symmetry on a charge-density-wave (CDW) superconductor SrPt₂As₂ by means of muon-spin rotation/relaxation technique (μ SR) at ambient- and under hydrostatic pressure. Even in presence of a CDW phase around 470 K [1], we detect a superconducting transition at 5 K. The magnetic penetration depth, obtained from transverse-field μ SR could be fitted with an isotropic *s*-wave model, instead of the two-gap *s+s* wave model reported previously [2]. The observable difference between the muon spectra collected in zero field above and below T_c , suggests the presence of a spontaneous magnetic field in the superconducting state and most likely reflects time-reversal symmetry breaking below T_c . To elucidate the correlation between CDW and SC, we performed μ SR experiments under hydrostatic pressure, which provide information on the nature of the superconducting-gap symmetry. Finally, by using AC-susceptibility- and μ SR measurements under pressure we could reconstruct the complete pressure-temperature phase diagram of SrPt₂As₂.

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