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μ SR Study of the Relationship between the Magnetism, Superconductivity and Electronic Nematicity in Iron-Chalcogenide Thin Films

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The iron-chalcogenide FeSe exhibits various electronic states such as superconductivity, the so-called electronic nematicity, as well as a magnetic order under hydrostatic pressure. Therefore, this system attracts considerable research attention in an effort to understand the interplay between the different electronic states. In S-substituted thin films of $\text{FeSe}_{1-x}\text{S}_x$ in which positive chemical pressure is induced by the smaller S substitution for larger Se, we formerly found a kink in the temperature dependence of the electrical resistivity at highly S-substituted thin films of $x \geq 0.18$ without the nematic state [1]. The kink has been observed around the magnetic transition temperature T_N in bulk FeSe under pressure [2]. To investigate the possible magnetism in $\text{FeSe}_{1-x}\text{S}_x$ and compare with Te-substituted $\text{FeSe}_{1-y}\text{Te}_y$ in which negative chemical pressure is induced, we performed muon-spin-relaxation (μ SR) measurements [3].

Zero-field μ SR time spectra of FeSe_{1-x}S_x with x=0.3 and 0.4 revealed the formation of a short-range magnetic order at low temperatures. The value of T_N is higher in x=0.4 than in x=0.3, suggesting a S-induced magnetic order in the FeSe_{1-x}S_x thin films. For slightly S-substituted x=0.1 with the nematic state, on the other hand, it was found that a long-range magnetic order was formed at low temperatures. As the value of T_N at x=0.1 is higher than that of x=0.4, distinct magnetic states would be formed in the slightly (with nematic) and highly (without nematic) S-substituted FeSe_{1-x}S_x.

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