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Probing the Superconducting Gap Structure in the Noncentro symmetric Topological Superconductor ZrRuAs and HfRuP

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The superconducting gap structure of the topological superconductor candidates ZrRuAs and HfRuP with a noncentrosymmetric crystal structure has been investigated using muon-spin rotation/relaxation (μ SR) measurements in transverse-field (TF) and zero field (ZF) geometries [1, 2]. Magnetization and electrical resistivity measurements reveal bulk superconductivity below a superconducting transition temperature Tc = 7.9(1) K in ZrRuAs and below 9.0(1) K in HfRuP. The temperature dependence of the effective penetration depth obtained from the TF- μ SR spectra, and the electronic heat capacity in the superconducting state of ZrRuAs, are well described by an isotropic s-wave gap model. Our TF- μ SR study of HfRuP also confirms the s-wave gap symmetry in HfRuP. Comparison of the electronic mean free path with the superconducting coherence length suggests superconductivity in the dirty limit in ZrRuAs. Our ZF μ SR data of both the compounds show that there is no significant change in the muon-spin relaxation rate above and below Tc, indicating that time-reversal symmetry is preserved in the superconducting state. The results of the present study will be important to understand the superconductivity in other topological superconductors.

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