

# Combining $\mu$ SR and Density Functional Theory

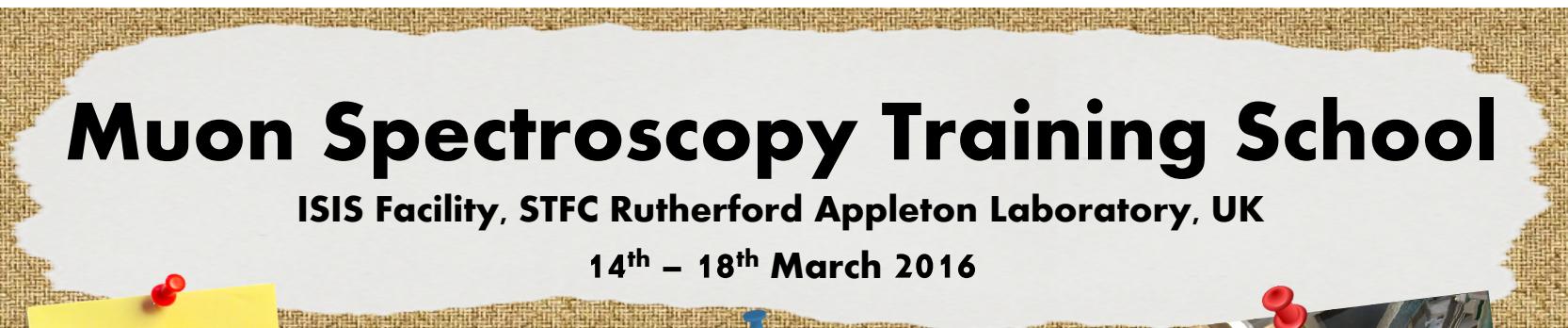
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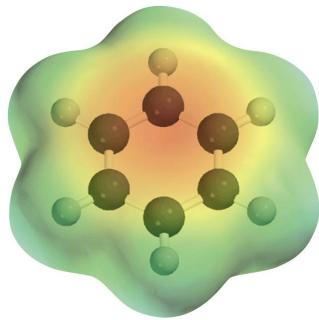
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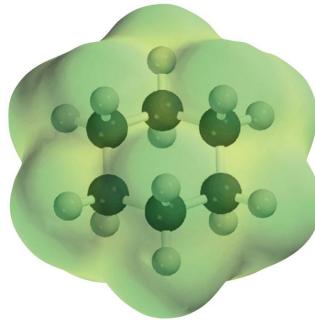
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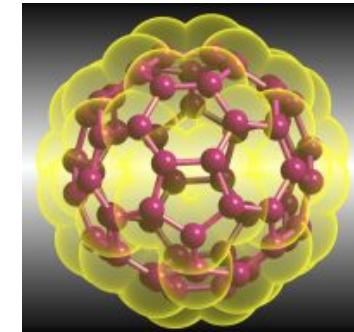
# Quantum Mechanical Approach to Systems



benzene



cyclohexane



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Non-relativistic, time independent Schrödinger equation contains most of a system's chemistry:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}[\Psi(r, \dots r_N; R_1, \dots R_M)] = E\Psi(r, \dots r_N; R_1, \dots R_M)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} \right) + \sum_{I=1}^M \left( -\frac{\nabla_I^2}{2M_I} \right) + \sum_{i,I=1}^{N,M} \left( \frac{Z_I}{|r_i - R_I|} \right) + \sum_{i,j=1}^{N,N} \left( \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|} \right)_{i \neq j} + \sum_{I,J=1}^{M,M} \left( \frac{Z_I Z_J}{|R_I - R_J|} \right)_{I \neq J}$$

$T_e$ 
 $T_N$ 
 $V_{eN}$ 
 $V_{ee}$ 
 $V_{NN}$

Full quantum mechanical equations need to be simplified.

# Born-Oppenheimer Approximation

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}[\Psi(r_1, \dots, rR_1, \dots, R_M)] = E\Psi(r_1, \dots, r_N; R_1, \dots, R_M)$$

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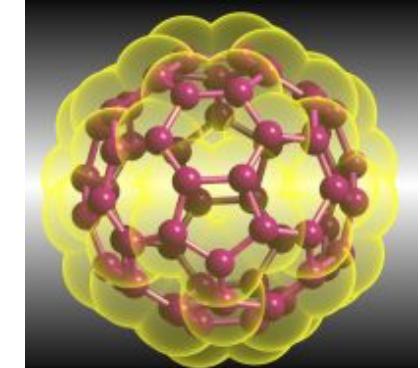
$T_e$        $T_N$        $V_{eN}$        $V_{ee}$        $V_{NN}$

Assume that electronic relaxation is much faster than nuclei motion ( $m_e \ll m_N$ ) → Then can assume electrons move in the field of fixed nuclei → Then  $T_{NN}$  is a parameter and the wavefunction is separable. Hence, the new Schrödinger equation will be given by:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{el}[\psi(r_1, \dots, r_N)] = E_{el}\psi(r_1, \dots, r_N)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{el} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} \right) + \sum_{i,I=1}^{N,M} \left( \frac{Z_I}{|r_i - R_I|} \right) + \sum_{i,j=1}^{N,N} \left( \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|} \right)_{i \neq j}$$

$T_e$        $V_{eN}$        $V_{ee}$



**WARNING:** ( $m_e \ll m_\mu$ ) NOT true for muons.

# The Trick of Density Functional Theory (DFT)

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{el}[\psi(r_1, \dots r_N)] = E_{el}\psi(r_1, \dots r_N)$$

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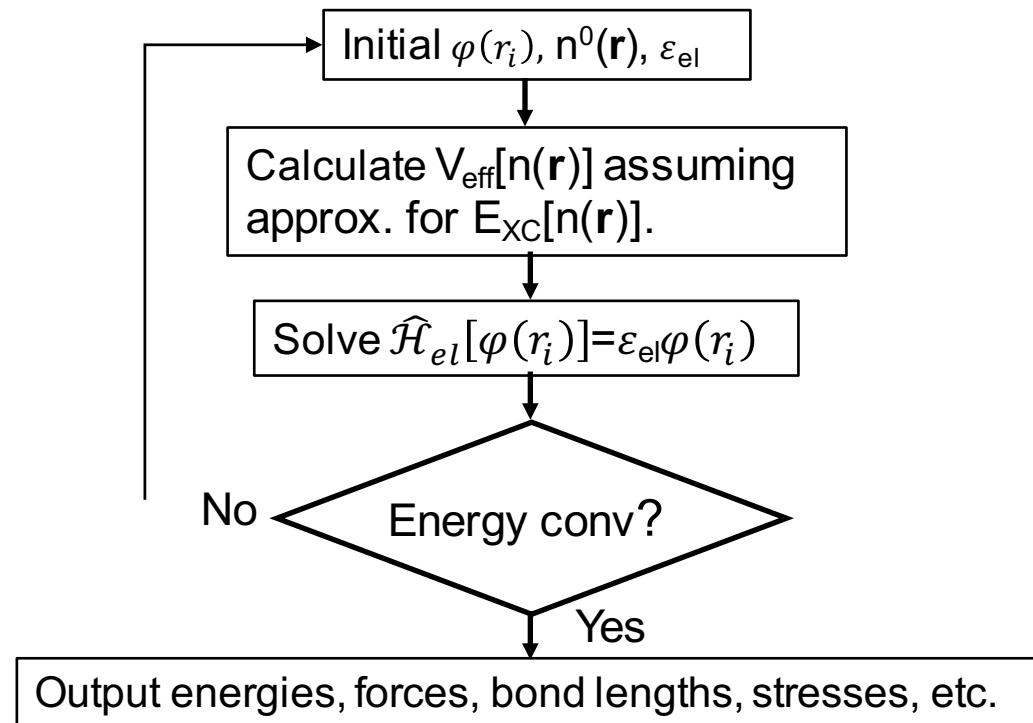
- $n(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \psi(r_1, \dots r_N) | \psi(r_1, \dots r_N) \rangle$  electronic density.
- $E_{el}[n(\mathbf{r})] = T_e[n(\mathbf{r})] + V_{eN}[n(\mathbf{r})] + V_H[n(\mathbf{r})] + E_{xc}[n(\mathbf{r})]$ .
- $n(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \varphi(r_1) \dots \varphi(r_N) | \langle \varphi(r_1) \dots \varphi(r_N) | \rangle$  system of fictional N-independent particles each represented by  $\varphi(r_i)$ .  $E_{el}[n(\mathbf{r})] = T_e[n(\mathbf{r})] + V_{eff}[n(\mathbf{r})]$ , with  $H_{el} = T_{el} + V_{eff}$ .
- **Problem reduced to solve the Schrödinger equation of one independent particle.**  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{el}[\varphi(r_i)] = \varepsilon_{el}\varphi(r_i)$

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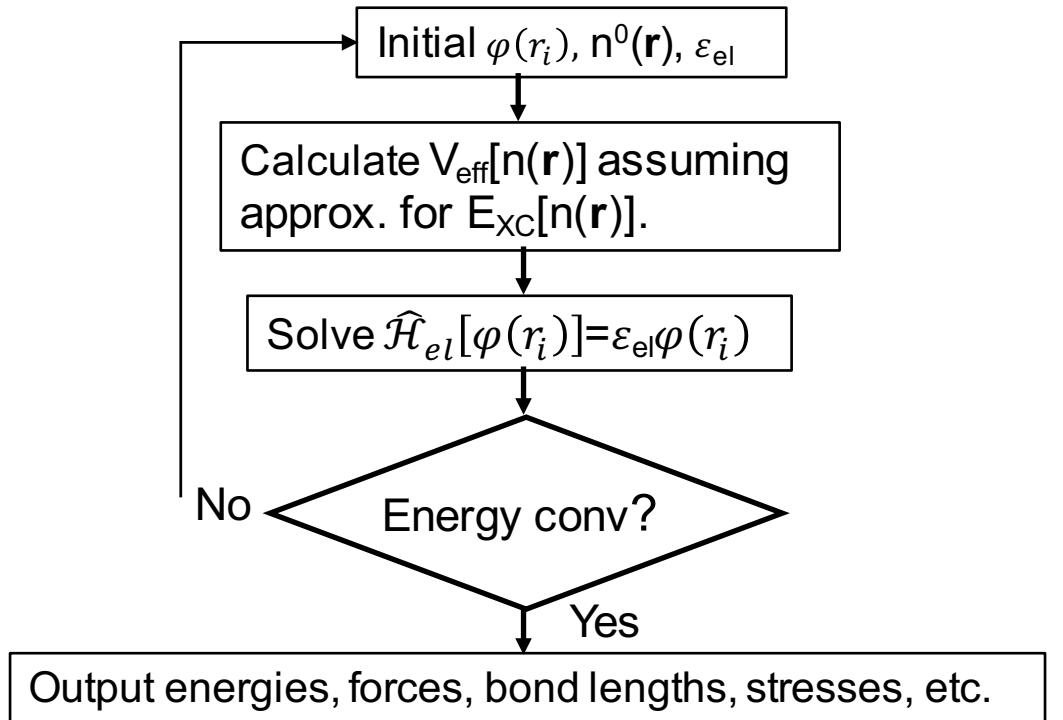
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$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{el}[\varphi(r_i)] = \varepsilon_{el}\varphi(r_i)$$

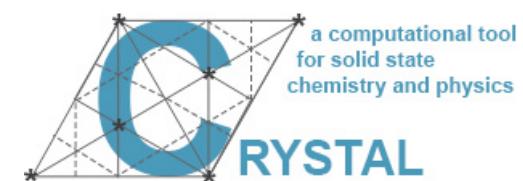
$$\varphi(r_i) = \sum a_k \theta(r_i)_k$$



# The Trick of Density Functional Theory (DFT)



- Choose Code for your problem
- Basis set for  $\varphi(r_i)$ : plane waves (CASTEP, VASP, ESPRESSO), localised basis set (CRYSTAL, SIESTA, GAUSSIAN).
- Approximate  $E_{XC}[n(r)]$  (LDA, GGA, etc).
- Use pseudopotential to replace core electrons.
- Run self consistent calculation.



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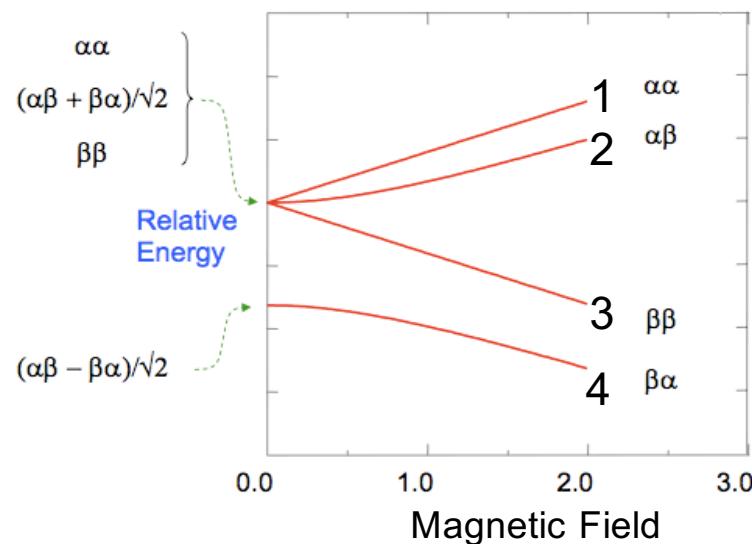
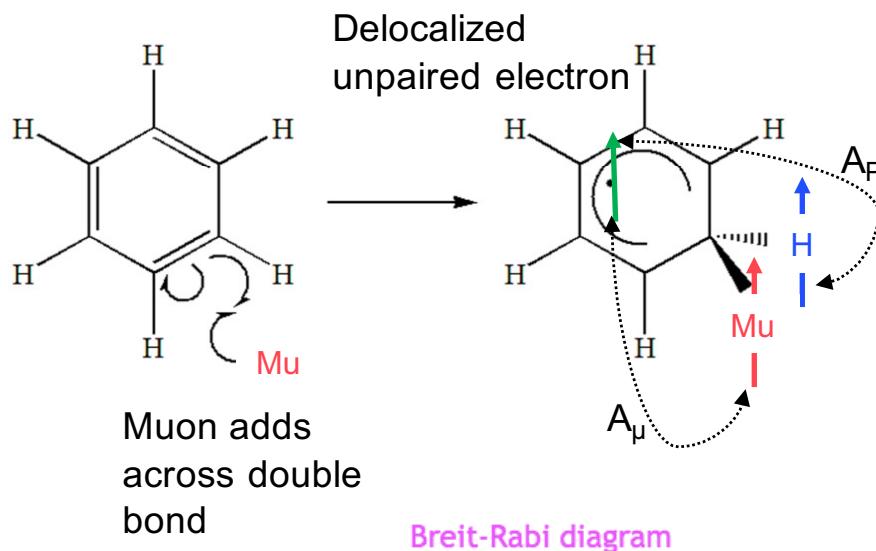
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# Muons in Molecular Systems

$$\mu^+ e^- = \text{Mu}$$

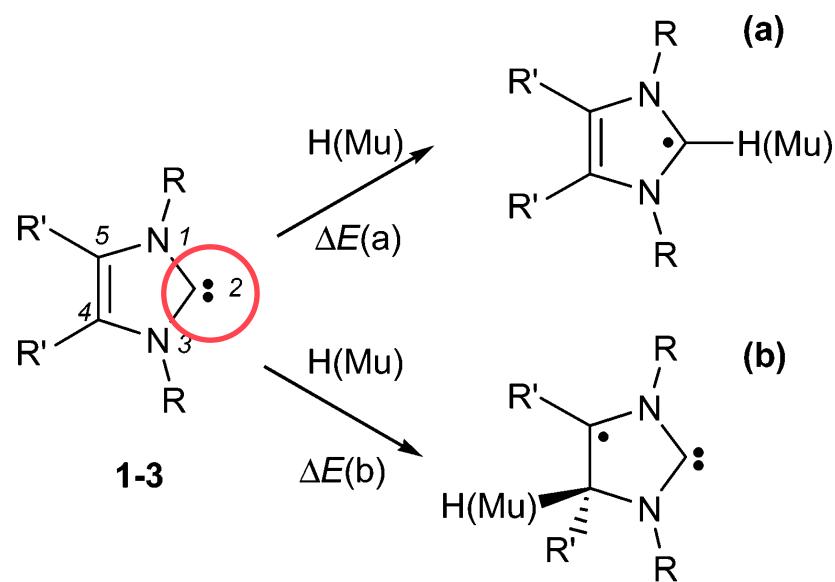


- Hfcc in vacuum muonium organic radicals range from 0 to 600 MHz.
- In paramagnetic muon states muon and electron's spin interact.
- Gas and liquids, the hfcc is given by the isotropic hfcc:

$$A_\mu \cong A_{iso} = \frac{2\mu_0}{3} \gamma_e \gamma_n \rho(r_n)$$

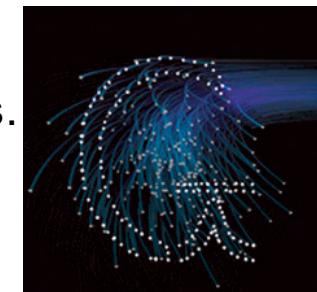
- F- $\mu$ SR to calculate  $A_\mu$  as:
$$A_\mu = \nu_{34} - \nu_{12}$$
- Hfcc can indicate the spatial distribution of unpaired spin density, but do not provide the molecule's structure directly.
- Unpaired electron's spin interacts with spins of muons AND other nuclei. And you can calculate the nuclear hfcc ( $A_p$ ) using ALC techniques. **Here we focus on  $A_\mu$ .**

# Muons in Molecular Systems: Carbenes

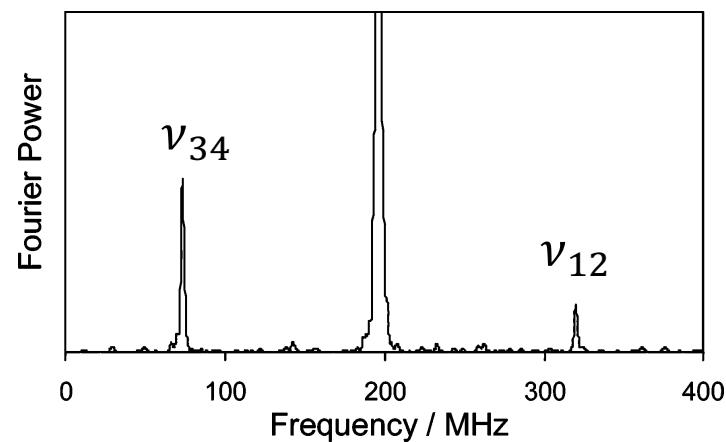
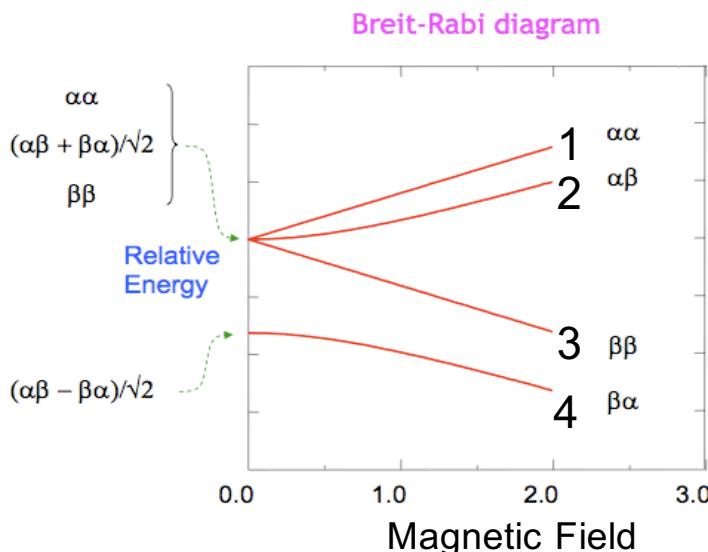


Imidazole-type Carbene

- Use basis set of local functions.
- Approximate  $E_{xc}[n(\mathbf{r})]$  using B3LYP hybrid functional
- Hydrogen as Mu placed in chosen molecular sites.
- F- $\mu$ SR to calculate  $A_\mu$  as
$$A_\mu = \nu_{34} - \nu_{12}$$
- Used calculated reaction energies to place Mu in the molecule: (a) preferred site.
$$\Delta E(a) = E_{radical.} - (E_{carbene.} + E_H)$$
- Empirical treatment of zero point vibrational motions to determine geometry of molecule (isotope effect). C-Mu bond extended by 4.9% and fixed. Out-of-plane angle for the C-Mu bond optimized with experimental hfcc.

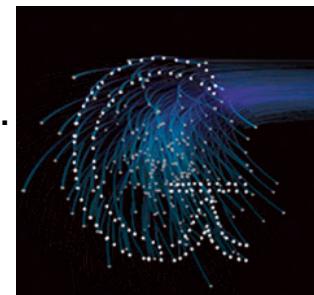


# Muons in Molecular Systems: Carbenes, TF- $\mu$ SR

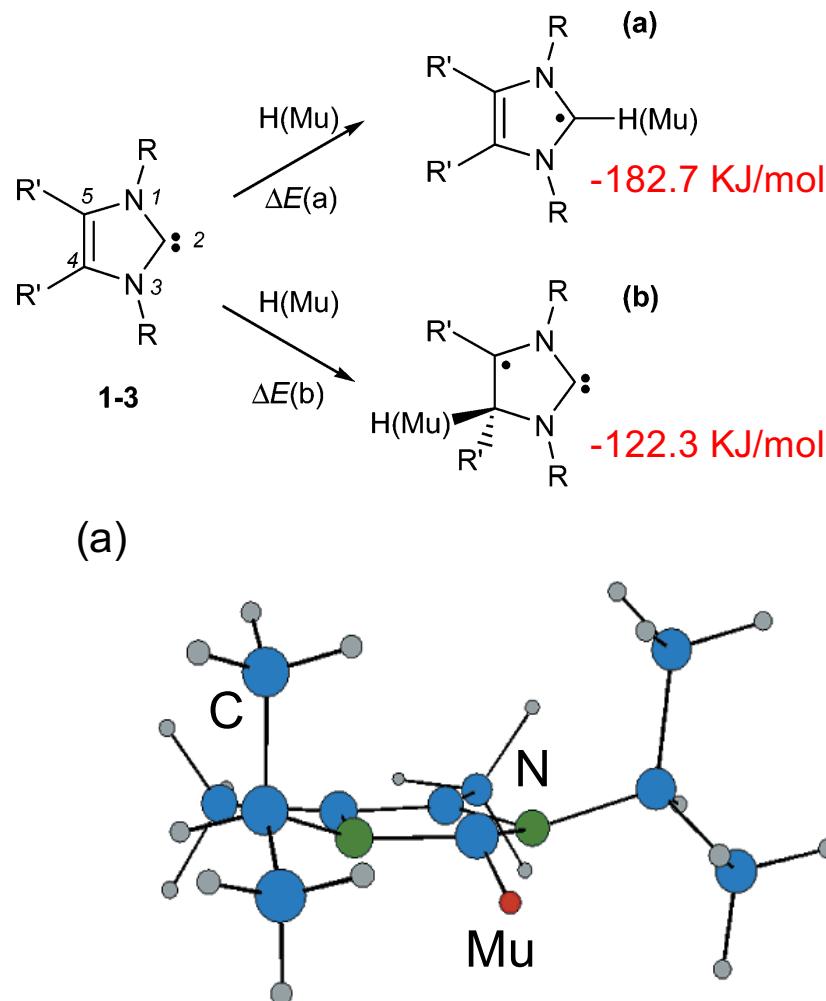


**Figure 3.** Transverse field  $\mu$ SR spectrum at 14.4 kG from 1 in THF at 298 K. The pair of peaks at ca. 73 and 320 MHz is due to a muoniated radical.

- Use basis set of local functions.
- Approximate  $E_{xc}[n(\mathbf{r})]$  using B3LYP hybrid functional
- Hydrogen as Mu placed in chosen molecular sites.
- F- $\mu$ SR to calculate  $A_\mu$  as
 
$$A_\mu = \nu_{12} - \nu_{34} = \mathbf{246.4 \text{ MHz}}$$
- Used calculated reaction energies to place Mu in the molecule: (a) preferred site.
 
$$\Delta E(a) = E_{\text{radical.}} - (E_{\text{carbene.}} + E_H)$$
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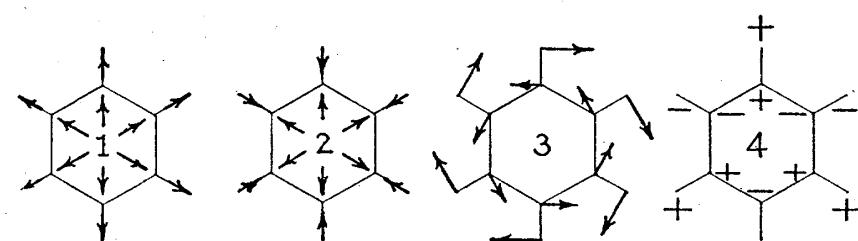
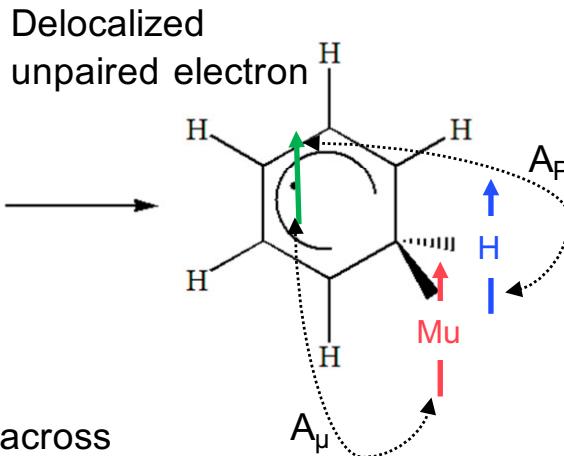
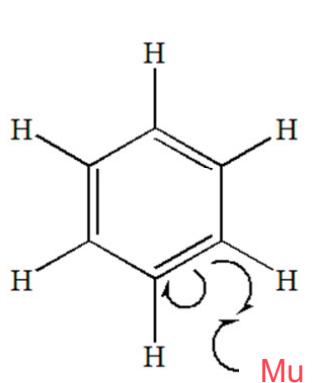
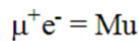
# Muons in Molecular Systems: Carbenes and DFT



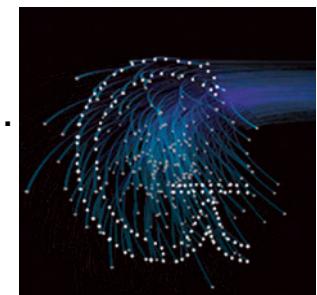
- Used calculated reaction energies to place Mu in the molecule: (a) preferred site.  
$$\Delta E(a) = E_{\text{radical.}} - (E_{\text{carbene.}} + E_H)$$
- Adjust the theoretical  $A_\mu$  to agree with the experimental value.
- $A_\mu$  forms part of the Hamiltonian, it is directly related to the DFT's total energy. Need to account for ZPE and Temperature effect.
- Empirical treatment of vibrational motions to determine geometry of molecule. C-Mu bond extended by 4.9% and fixed. Out-of-plane angle for the C-Mu bond optimized with experimental hfcc.
- Model not transferable. Difficult to reproduce. Cannot predict muon stopping sites.

$A_\mu=246.4 \text{ MHz}$  (adjusted to experiment)

# Muons in Molecular Systems: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-Mu

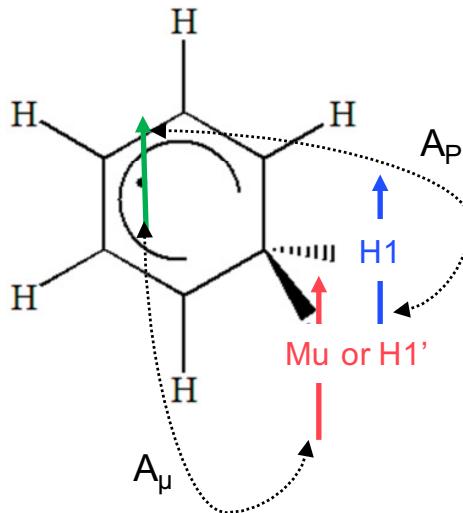


- Use basis set of local functions.
- Approximate E<sub>xc</sub>[n(r)] using B3LYP hybrid functional
- Hydrogen and Mu added to a C in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>.
- Empirical treatment of zero point vibrational motions to determine isotope effect.
- C-Mu/H bond length changed to represent vibrational stretching mode.
- Out-of-plane/ In-plane bending angle for C-Mu/H bond is changed to represent bending modes.
- Value of hyperfine constant averaged over populated zero-point level geometries.



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# Muons in Molecular Systems: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-Mu



$$A \approx \frac{2\mu_0}{3} \gamma_e \gamma_n |\psi(r_{n^-})|^2$$

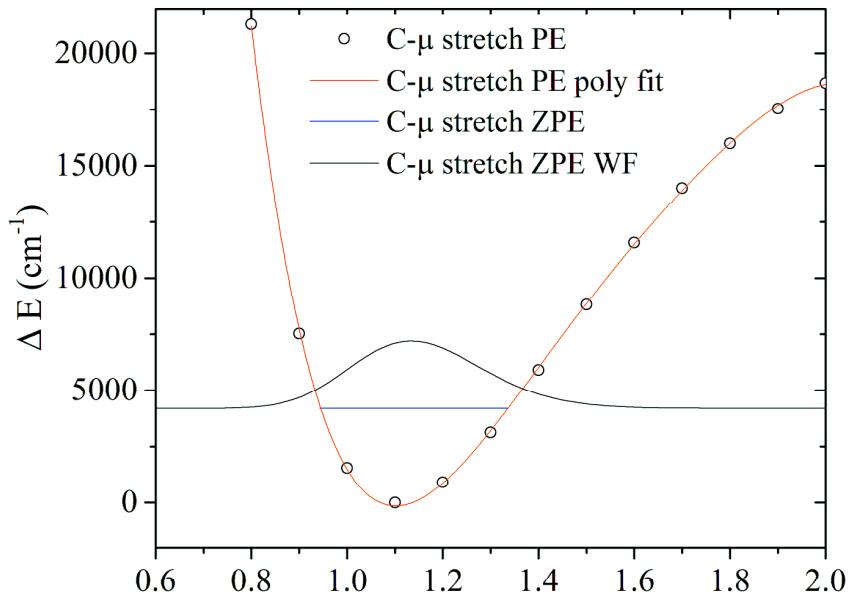
$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i,j} |\psi(r_i^j)|^2 A(r_i^j)}{\sum_{i,j} |\psi(r_i^j)|^2}$$

	A <sub>μ</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> -Mu)-A <sub>μ</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> -H1') (in Gauss)
Exp.	12.32
Calc.	11.32

## Quantum Harmonic oscillator

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x; n)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \phi(x; n) = E_n \phi(x; n)$$

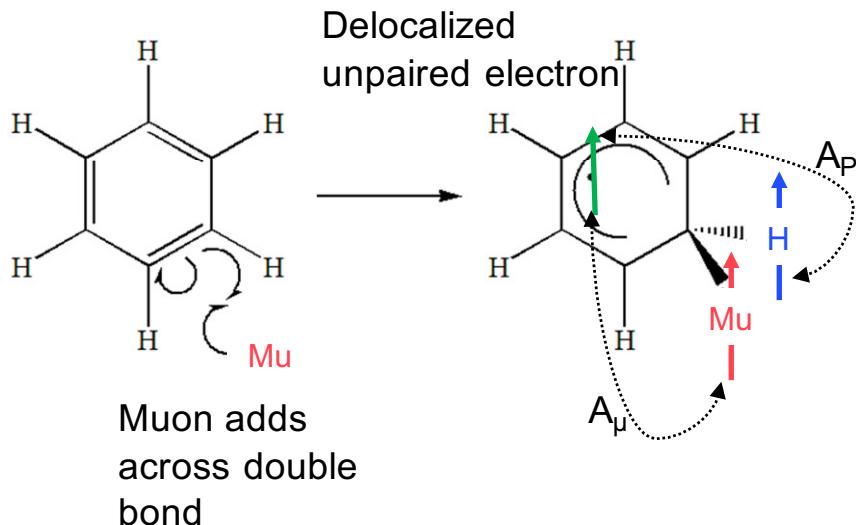
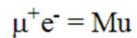
n	$\frac{2E_n}{\hbar\omega}$	$\phi(x; n) e^{+\frac{x^2}{2a^2}}$
0	1	$N_0$
1	3	$N_1 \cdot \left(\frac{2x}{a}\right)$
2	5	$N_2 \cdot \left(\frac{4x^2}{a^2} - 2\right)$
⋮	⋮	⋮
n	$2n + 1$	$N_n \mathcal{H}_n \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$



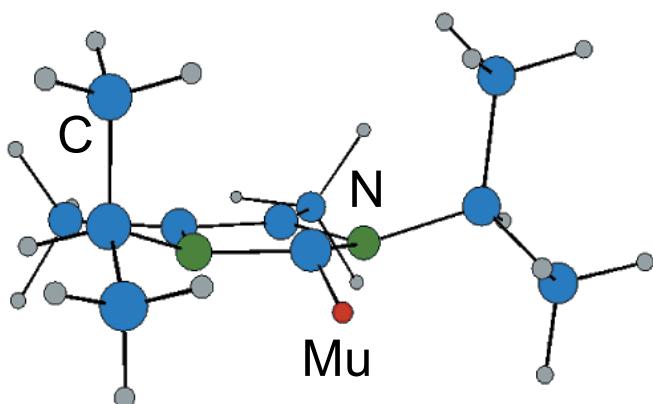
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# Muons in Molecular System: Summary



(a)



- Basis set of local functions and B3LYP hybrid functional provide sensible structures for the molecules.
- Mu placed in chosen molecular sites. Sites chosen using DFT reaction energies.
- Empirical treatment of vibrational motions to determine the isotope effect. Uses few vibrational modes and assume those to be isolated.
- Method for ZPE not necessarily transferable to more complex molecules.
- Current DFT calculations can assist the experiments.
- Needs to develop method for treatment of vibrational contributions.

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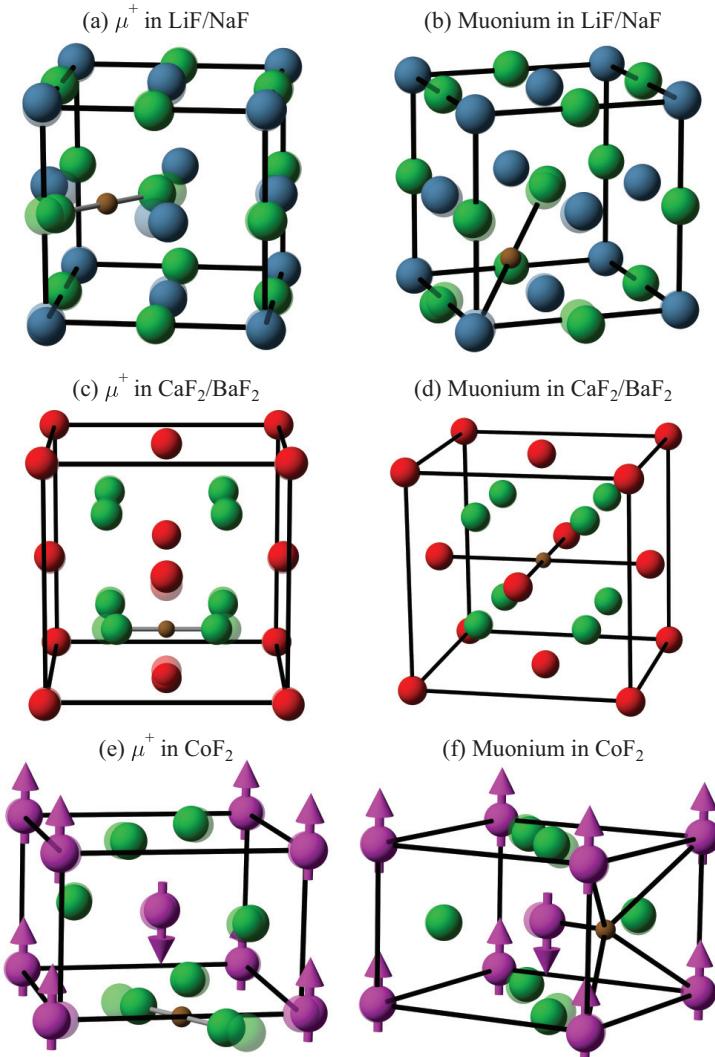
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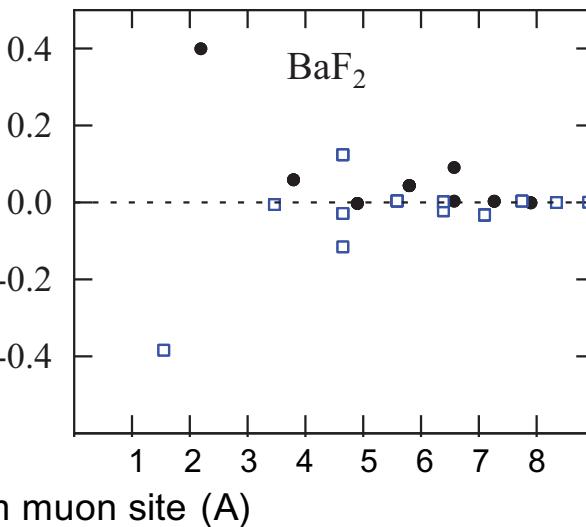
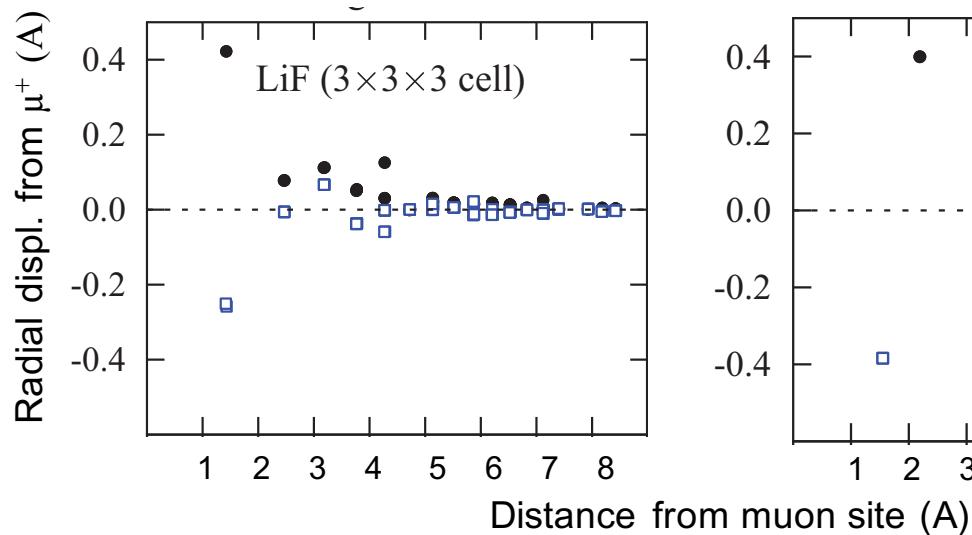
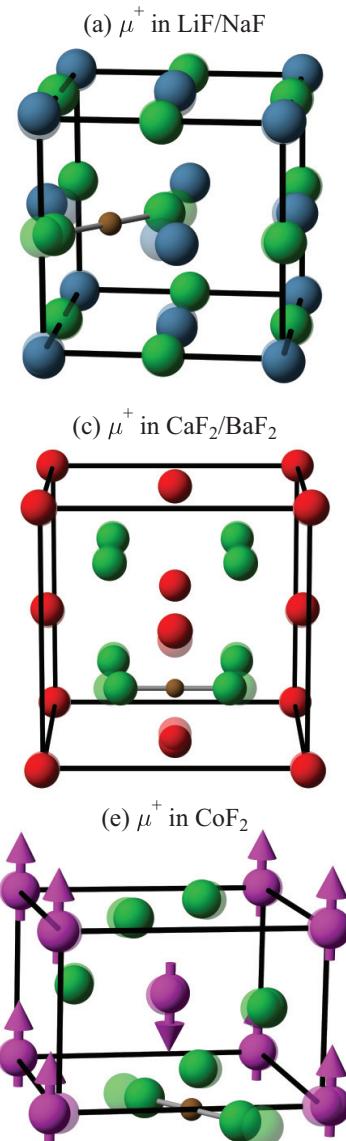
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# $\mu^+$ /Muonium in Fluorides



- Use basis set of plane waves.
- Approximate  $E_{XC}[n(\mathbf{r})]$  using GGA
- Pseudopotentials used for core electrons.
- $\mu^+$  (diamagnetic) and Muonium (paramagnetic) placed in chosen low-symmetry crystalline sites of Fluorides.
- All ions were allowed to relax until forces below threshold.
- Calculated total energies, band structures, vibrational modes at gamma, estimated magnetic moments.

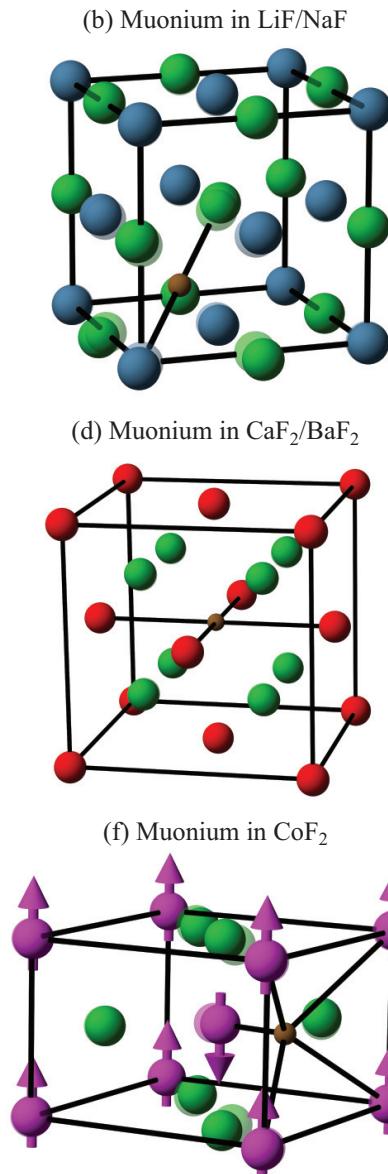
# $\mu^+$ in Fluorides: Cations Displacement and F- $\mu$ -F State



	$2r_{\text{DFT}}$	$2r_{\text{exp}}$
$(\text{FHF})^{-\text{a}}$	2.36	2.28
$(\text{FHF})^{-\text{b}}$		2.28
$(\text{F}-\mu-\text{F})^-$	2.36	
LiF	$2.34^{18}$	$2.36(2)^{12}$
NaF	2.35	$2.38(1)^{12}$
$\text{CaF}_2$	2.31	$2.34(2)^{12}$
$\text{BaF}_2$	2.33	$2.37(2)^{12}$
$\text{CoF}_2$	2.36	$2.43(2)$

- Equilibrium geometries predict the formation of F- $\mu$ -F in all the fluorides. In agreement with experiments for LiF, NaF,  $\text{CaF}_2$  and  $\text{BaF}_2$ .
- No experimental evidence of any other stable diamagnetic state in these series.
- Perturbation caused by muon in host's cations is large but short ranged. Exceeds that of F<sup>-</sup> in F- $\mu$ -F.
- No experimental evidence of F- $\mu$ -F in  $\text{CoF}_2$ . **F- $\mu$ -F state in  $\text{CoF}_2$  predicted by calculations and confirmed by experiments.**

# Muonium in Fluorides: Hyperfine Coupling and ZPE

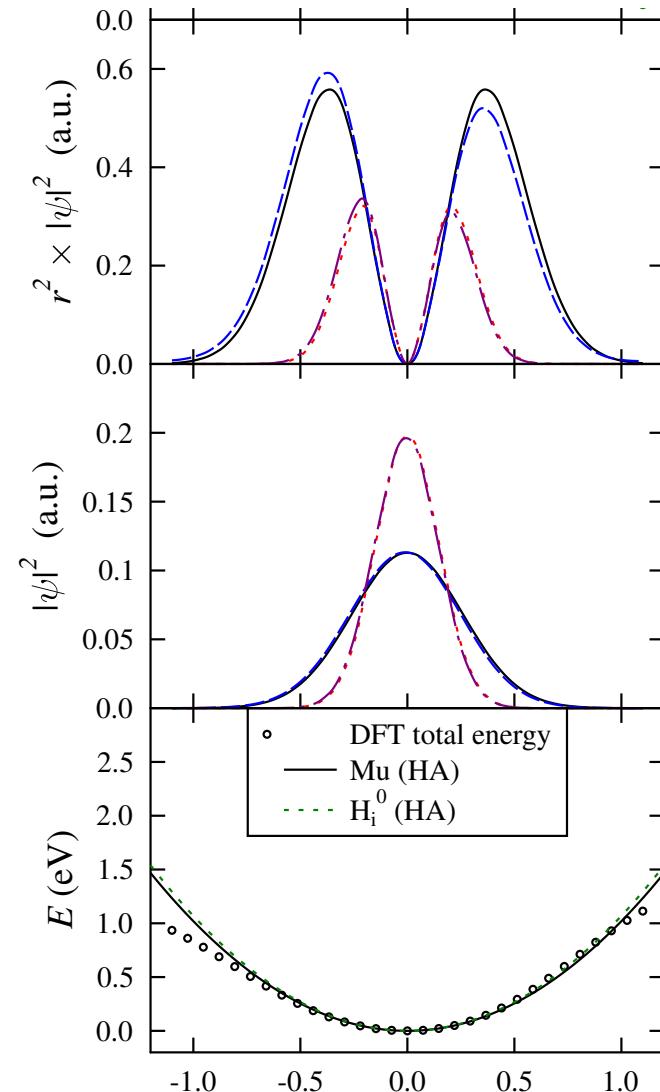


$$A = \frac{2\mu_0}{3} \gamma_e \gamma_n \rho(r_n)$$

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\int r^2 dr |\psi(r)|^2 A(r)}{\int r^2 dr |\psi(r)|^2}$$

**Harmonic Method:**  
 $\psi(r_i^j)$ : wave-function of quantum Harmonic oscillator.

**Finite Differences Method:**  
 $\psi(r_i^j)$ : wave-function obtained via constrained DFT calculation.



# Muonium in Fluorides: Hyperfine Coupling and ZPE

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i,j} (r_i^j) |\psi(r_i^j)| A(r_i^j)}{\sum_{i,j} (r_i^j) |\psi(r_i^j)|}$$

$$A = \frac{2\mu_0}{3} \gamma_e \gamma_n \rho(r_n)$$

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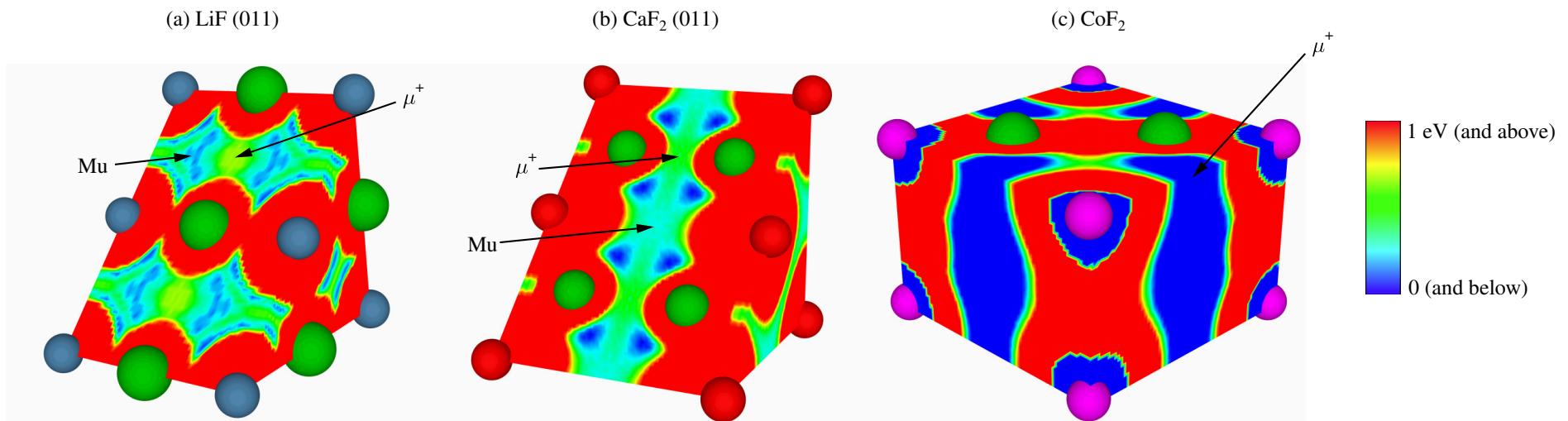
## Finite Differences Method:

$\psi(r_i^j)$ : wave-function obtained via constrained DFT calculation.

		A	$E_{\text{HA}}$	$\langle A \rangle_{\text{HA}}$	$E_{\text{FD}}$	$\langle A \rangle_{\text{FD}}$	$A_{\text{exp}}$
Vac.	Mu	4711					4463
	$\text{H}_i^0$	1480					1420
LiF	Mu	4368	0.50	4256	0.51	4238	4584 <sup>27</sup>
	$\text{H}_i^0$	1372	0.18	1361	0.17	1360	1400 <sup>28</sup>
NaF	Mu	4389	0.38	4293	0.42	4208	4642 <sup>27</sup>
	$\text{H}_i^0$	1379	0.13	1371	0.14	1367	1500 <sup>29</sup>
$\text{CaF}_2$	Mu	4610	0.31	4564	0.33	4564	4479 <sup>30</sup>
	$\text{H}_i^0$	1448	0.10 <sup>a</sup>	1440	0.10	1440	1464 <sup>31</sup>
$\text{BaF}_2$	Mu	4605	0.20	4560	0.23	4565	
	$\text{H}_i^0$	1447	0.07	1440	0.07	1440	1424 <sup>32</sup>
$\text{CoF}_2$	Mu	1281	0.62	1397	0.59	1535	<sup>b</sup>
	$\text{H}_i^0$	403	0.21	420	0.20	441	

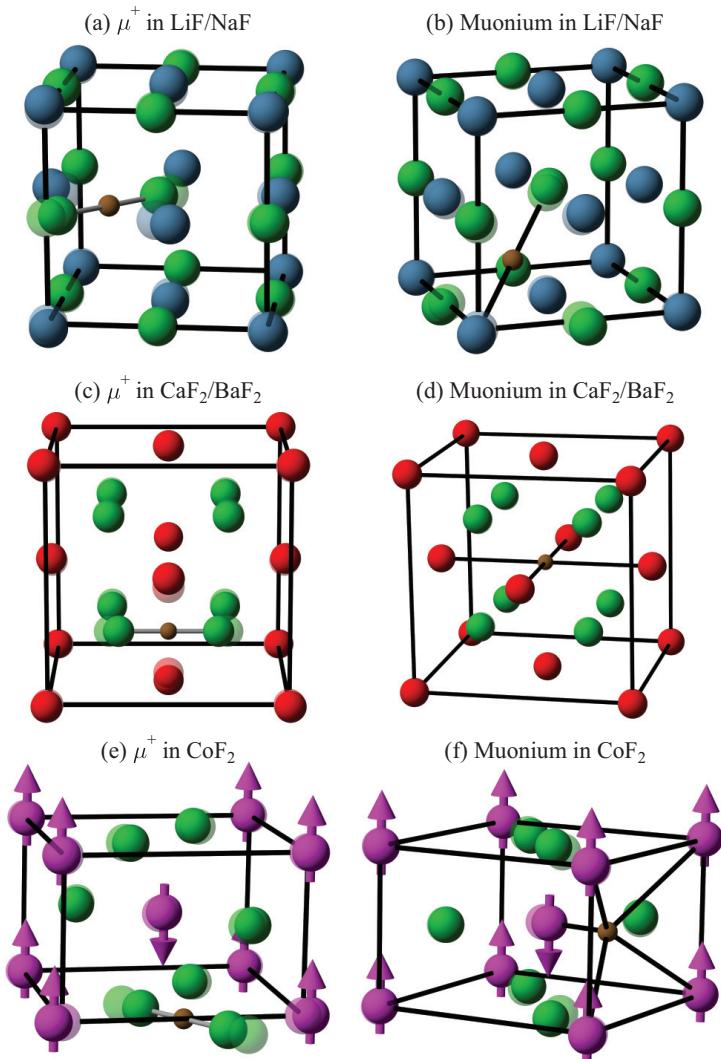
- Muonium placed in chosen low-symmetry crystalline sites.
- In  $\text{CaF}_2$ ,  $\text{BaF}_2$  and  $\text{CoF}_2$  Mu occupies octahedral sites.
- Contact hyperfine coupling A between muon spin and surrounding spin density calculated.
- Vibrational modes of the defect calculated.

# $\mu^+$ /Muonium in Fluorides: Stopping Sites



- **$\mu^+$ /Muonium stopping sites DO NOT coincide with minimum of electrostatic potential.**
- Stopping site for  $\mu^+$  related to energy minimization of F- $\mu$ -F state.
- Muonium's electron screens  $\mu^+$ , and it is not attracted to the electrostatic minimum.

# $\mu^+$ /Muonium in Fluorides: Summary



- **Muon/Muonium placed in chosen crystalline sites.**
- DFT calculation performed with Plane-wave code Quantum espresso. Pseudopotentials used.
- DFT predicted formation of the linear F- $\mu$ -F states in LiF, NaF,  $\text{CaF}_2$  and  $\text{BaF}_2$ , in agreement with experiments. DFT **predicted a F- $\mu$ -F state in  $\text{CoF}_2$** , which was then found in experiments.
- DFT **predicted the perturbation to the cation lattice** caused by the muon implantation, and its effect on dipolar field.
- **The method that estimate the contribution of the vibrational modes is, again, not necesarily transferable. And the effect of temperature is ignored.**
- DFT used to discard the use of the minima of the electrostatic potential in the unperturbed host to identify potential  $\mu^+$  /muonium stopping sites.

# Organization of the Talk

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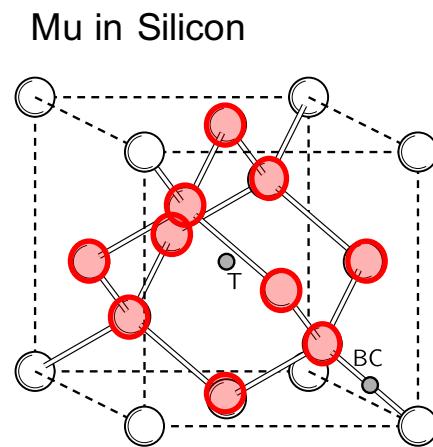
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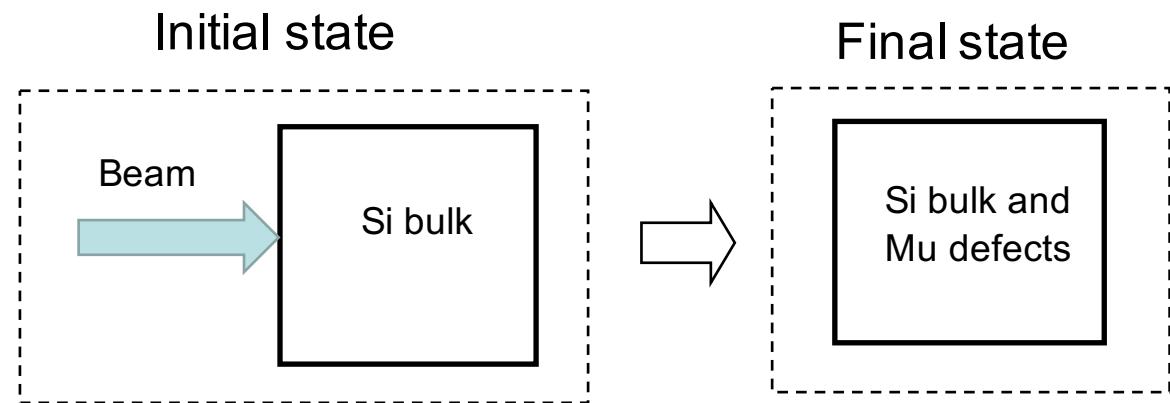
**How to improve the approximations used in DFT: Treatment of the vibrational contributions and the location of the muon stopping sites.**

# PyAIRSS and Ab Initio Thermodynamics for Defects



## Random Structure Searching:

- 1) Choose region in Si cell to be disrupted.
- 2) Choose Si atoms whose positions will be randomised within the chosen region.
- 3) Place Mu or  $\mu^+$  in the chosen region.
- 4) Relax using calculated DFT forces
- 5) Then estimate defect formation energies.



$$\Delta G_f^{Def}(T, p_{O_2}) = \frac{1}{n_{TiO_2}} \left( G_{supcell}^{supcell}(T, p_{O_2}) + n_O^{Def} \mu_O^{ref}(T, p_{O_2}) \right) - \frac{1}{n_{TiO_2}} \left( n_{TiO_2} \mu_{TiO_2}^{bulk}(T, p_{O_2}) \right) \quad (1)$$

Proven to work for: solids under high pressure, defective systems in crystals , surfaces, metastable solids.

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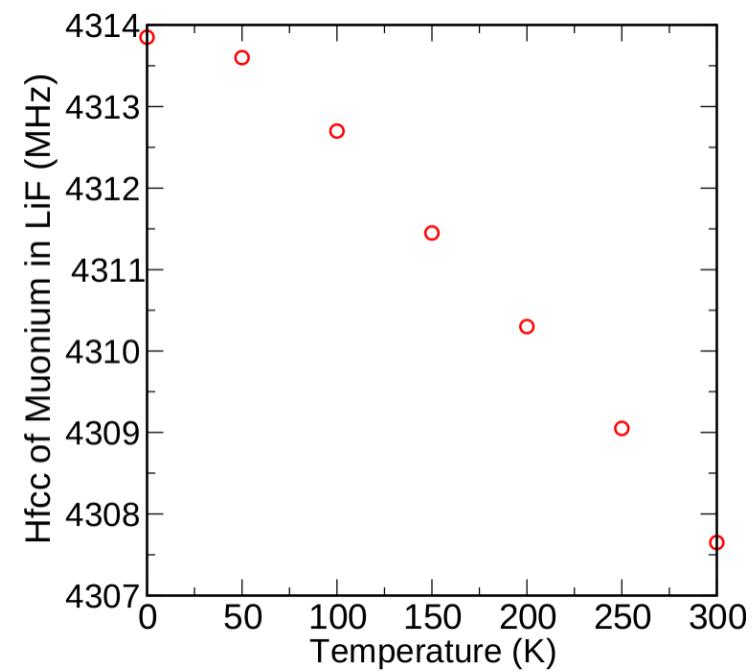
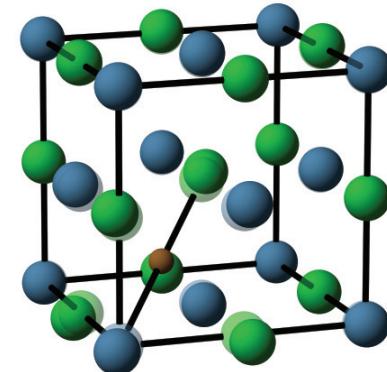
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$\text{hfcc}_{\text{VSCF}}$	$\text{hfcc}_{\text{HA}}$	$\text{hfcc}_{\text{FD}}$	$\text{hfcc}_{\text{exp.}}$
<b>4308.4 (MHz)</b>	4256 (MHz)	4238 (MHz)	<b>4584 (MHz)</b>

(b) Muonium in LiF/NaF



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# Conclusions – Take Home Points

- Muon/Muonium placed in chosen crystalline/Molecular sites.
- Basis set of local functions and B3LYP hybrid functional provide sensible structures for the muonated molecules. Plane waves basis sets and GGA pseudopotential provide sensible results for muonated Crystals. Standard DFT calculations can assist experiments.
  - Location of muon in molecules.
  - Hfcc in Benzene.
  - Discard minima of electrostatic potential in crystals as stopping site.
- Choose right code and XC functional for your system.
- Methods for estimating vibrational contributions and ZPE in muonated molecules and crystals not necessarily transferable and too parametric.
- Muons stopping site cannot be determined from DFT calculations (Although DFT can help).
- AIRSS may help develop a DFT methodology to identify muon stopping sites.
- Vibrational contributions at 0K (ZPE) and at other temperatures can be estimated in a consistent way.

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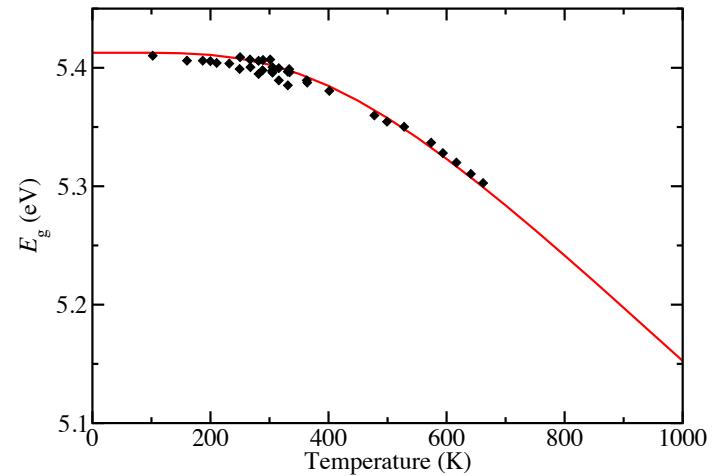


FIG. 4. (Color online) Temperature dependence of the thermal band gap  $E_g$  of diamond. The DFT result (red solid curve) is offset to match experimental data (black diamonds) at zero temperature. The experimental data are from Ref. 44.

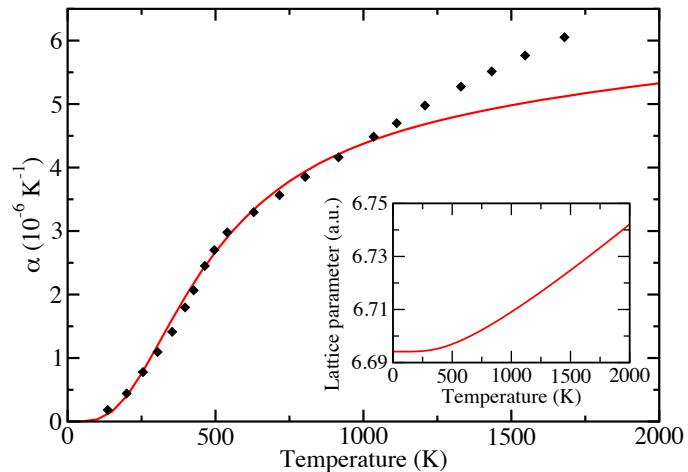
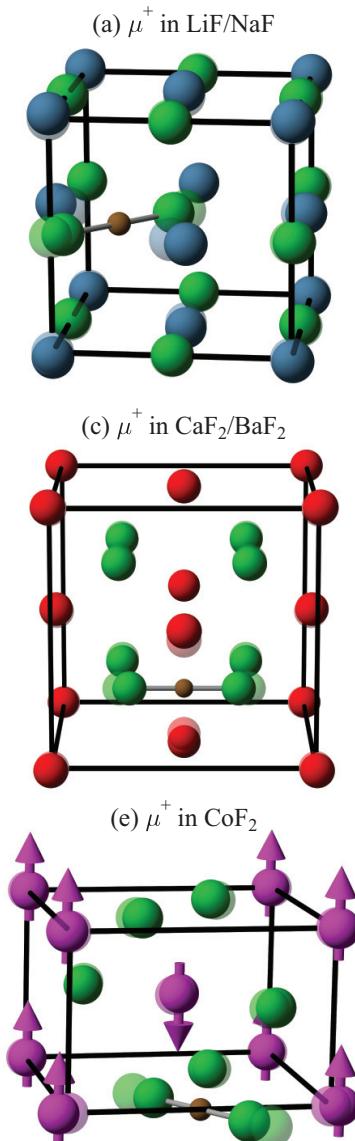


FIG. 6. (Color online) Temperature dependence of the coefficient of linear expansion  $\alpha$  for diamond. The black diamonds are experimental results from Ref. 55. The inset shows the temperature dependence of the lattice parameter.

# $\mu^+$ in Fluorides: Dipolar Field and ZPE



	$2r_{\text{DFT}}$	$2r_{\text{exp}}$	$\nu_{\text{SS}}$	$\nu_B$	$\nu_B$	$\nu_{\text{AS}}$	ZPE
(FHF) <sup>-a</sup>	2.36	2.28	581	1289	1289	1611	0.30
(FHF) <sup>-b</sup>		2.28	583	1286	1286	1331 <sup>c</sup>	0.28
(F- $\mu$ -F) <sup>-</sup>	2.36		581	3797	3797	4748	0.80
LiF	2.34 <sup>18</sup>	2.36(2) <sup>12</sup>		2825	4603	4881	0.76
NaF	2.35	2.38(1) <sup>12</sup>		3071	4363	4813	0.76
CaF <sub>2</sub>	2.31	2.34(2) <sup>12</sup>	649	2737	4481	5446	0.83
BaF <sub>2</sub>	2.33	2.37(2) <sup>12</sup>	613	3033	4130	4974	0.79
CoF <sub>2</sub>	2.36	2.43(2)	585	3076	3473	4570	0.73

- Calculated spin-only moment  $2.68\mu_B$  per Co ion. Exp. Result:  $2.21\mu_B$ . The presence of  $\mu^+$  does not affect spin-only moment in Co.
- Dipolar coupling of  $\mu^+$  with dipolar field calculated. Effect on dipolar field at muon site in agreement with experiment.
- Calculation of vibrational modes for F- $\mu$ -F: system is molecule-in-crystal.
- Consideration of quantum effects – BO does not work – via ZPE.
- ZPE of F- $\mu$ -F exceptionally large. Quantum effects important.**