The Proximity Effect at the Interface between Superfluid 3He-B and 97.5% Porosity Aerogel

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Recently, a novel feature of condensate state in liquid 3He is predicted theoretically, which consists of spin triplet s-wave Cooper pairs.¹Such a spin triplet s-wave state will appear inside aerogel near the surface boundary contacting with superfluid 3He-B. This interface between superfluid 3He-B and aerogel changes the way of quasiparticle scattering to have not only p-wave scattering but also other types of them. As a result, spin triplet s-wave pair amplitude will be dominant with odd symmetry in time region, so called an odd frequency Cooper pair.

In order to detect this proximity effect, we made the interface in columnar glass tube, and set three saddle shape NMR coils on outside of the glass tube at bulk 3He, the interface, and 97.5% porosity aerogel. We are now performing cw-NMR measurements down to 0.5mK at 24 bar.

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