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Spatial Magnetic Phase Separation in the Oxygen Deficient Perovskite $SrCoO_{3-y}^{-1}$ Z.H. ZHU, Physics Department at University of Connecticut, F.J. RUECKERT, Wentworth Institute of Technology, J.I. BUDNICK, W.A. HINES, B.O. WELLS, Physics Department at University of Connecticut, CH. NIE-DERMAYER, Laboratory for Neutron Scattering at Paul Scherrer Institut, B. DABROWSKI, Department of Physics at Northern Illinois University — We report here the unique local structure of the magnetically phase separated perovskite $SrCoO_{3-y}$ by means of transverse field (TF) and zero field (ZF) muon spin rotation. Previously we reported samples of $SrCoO_3$ and $SrCoO_{2.875}$ have unique magnetic and crystallographic phases, whereas samples of intermediate composition have multiple magnetic transitions but a single structural phase (Appl. Phys. Lett. 99, 052503 (2011)). Muon measurements establish that the intermediate compounds show spatially separated, distinct magnetic phases – true magnetic phase separation. In addition, the two magnetic phases evolve with temperature in an unusual way indicating that the two phases remain coupled.

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