



# First paper

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## Sensitivity of the critical magnetic field to phase shifts of paramagnetic impurities

W. Stephan and J. P. Carbotte

*Physics Department, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4M1*

(Received 21 September 1984)

We have calculated the critical magnetic field deviation function  $D(t)$  of a BCS superconductor containing paramagnetic impurities treated in the strong-scattering limit of Shiba and of Rusinov. For certain combinations of scattering phase shifts the variation of  $D(t)$  with impurity concentration can be very different from that found in the Abrikosov-Gor'kov approximation. This is observed in experiments on Zn-Mn which can be understood qualitatively on the basis of recent phase shifts derived from tunneling experiments.

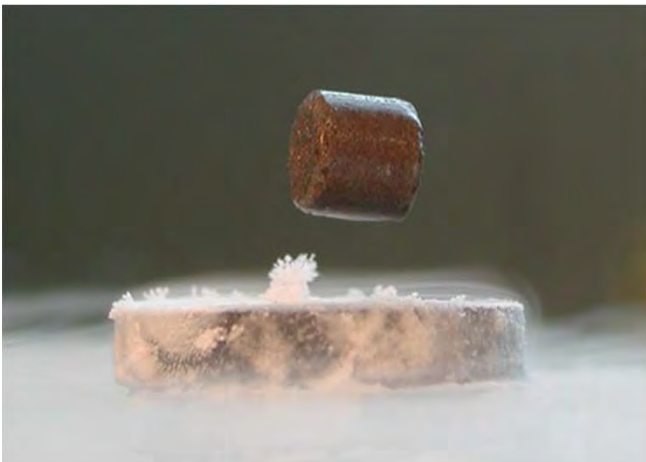


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# Superconductivity: The magic of the quantum world in front of your eyes.

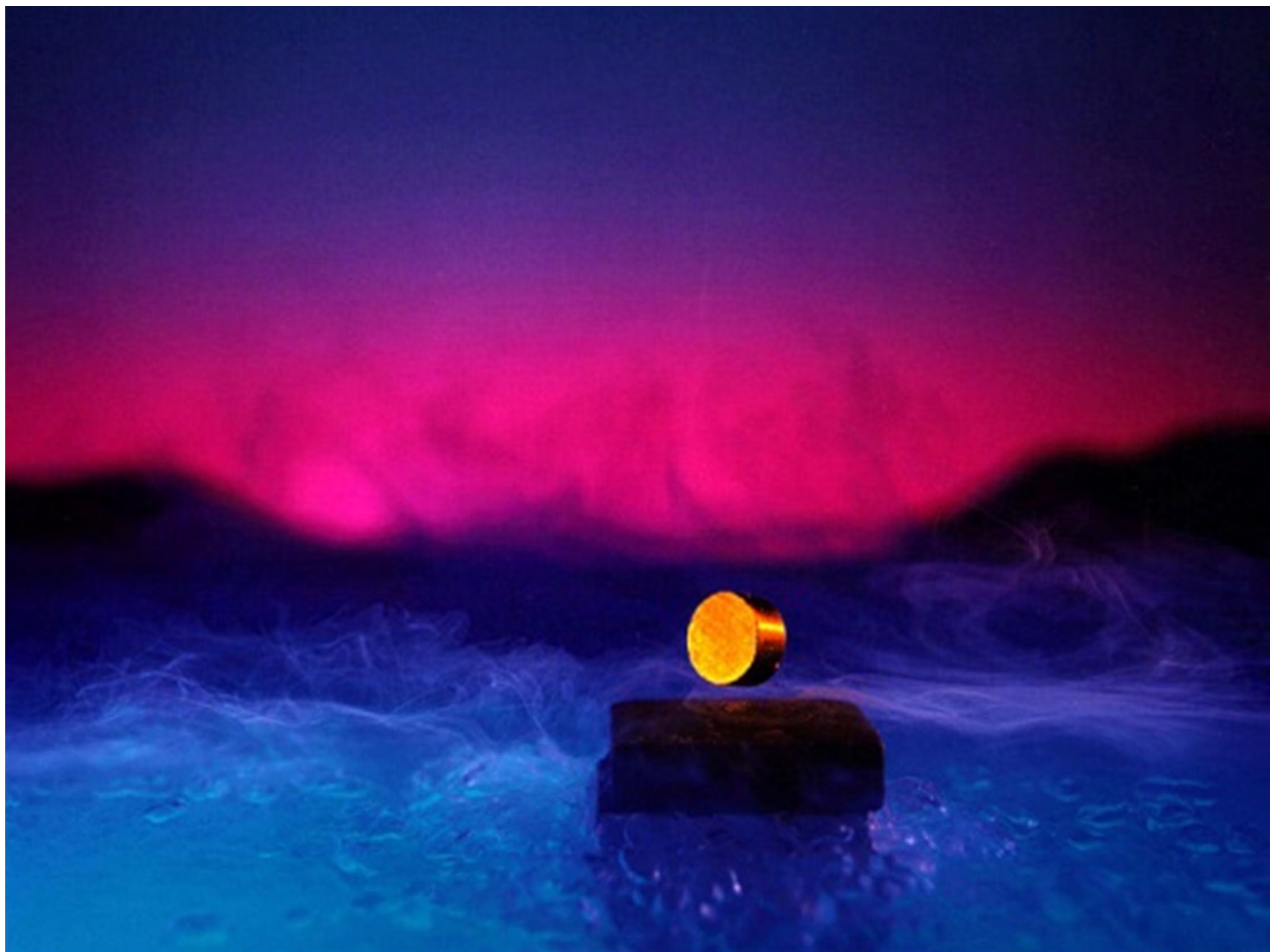
André-Marie Tremblay



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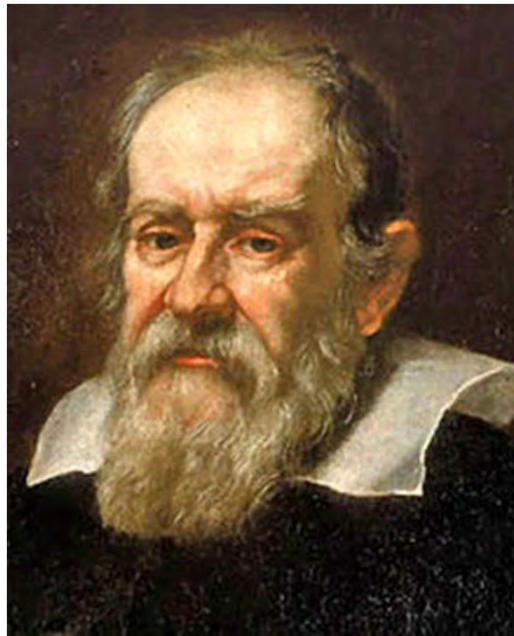


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# Galileo Galilei



1564-1642



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# Richard Feynman



1918-1988







# The race for absolute zero temperature





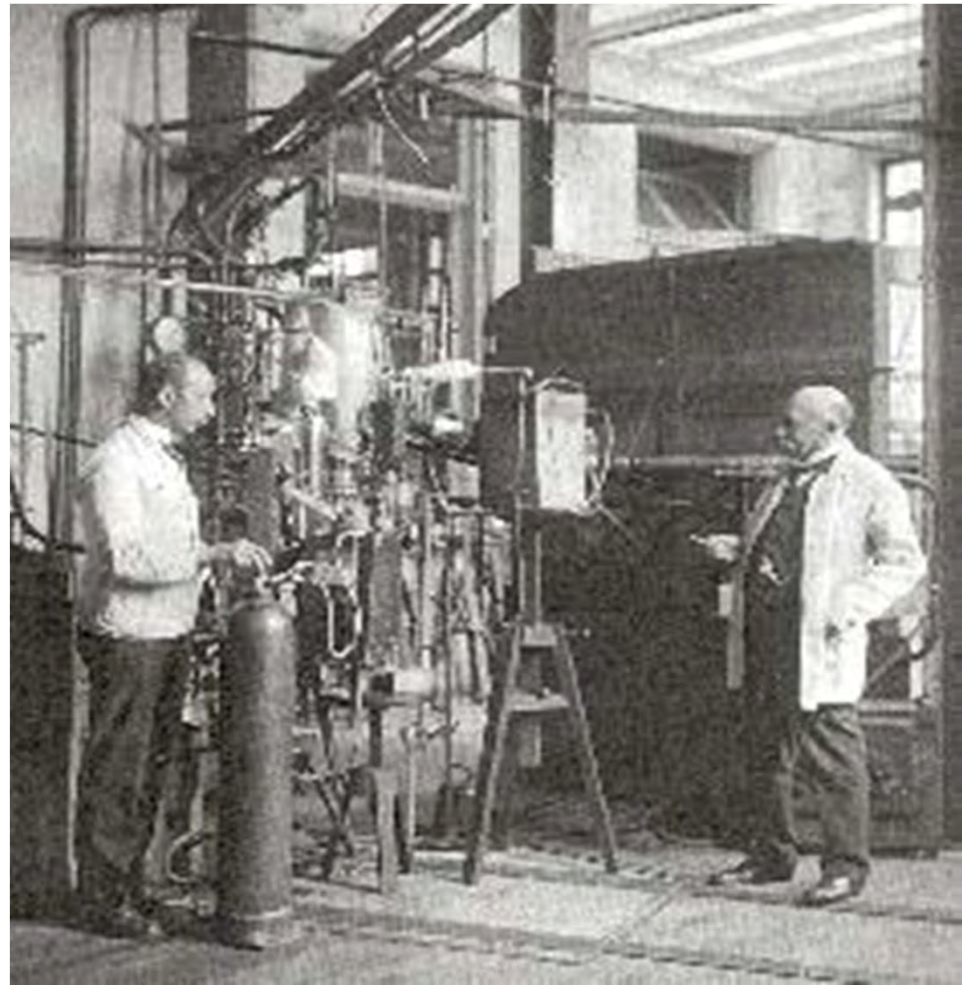
# An important step towards zero temperature

- Heike Kamerlingh Onnes  
(Leiden) (1853/1926)



# The beginnings of team work in research

J.G.. Flim, cryogeny  
G. Dorsma: thermometry  
G. Holst: electronics  
Glass blower

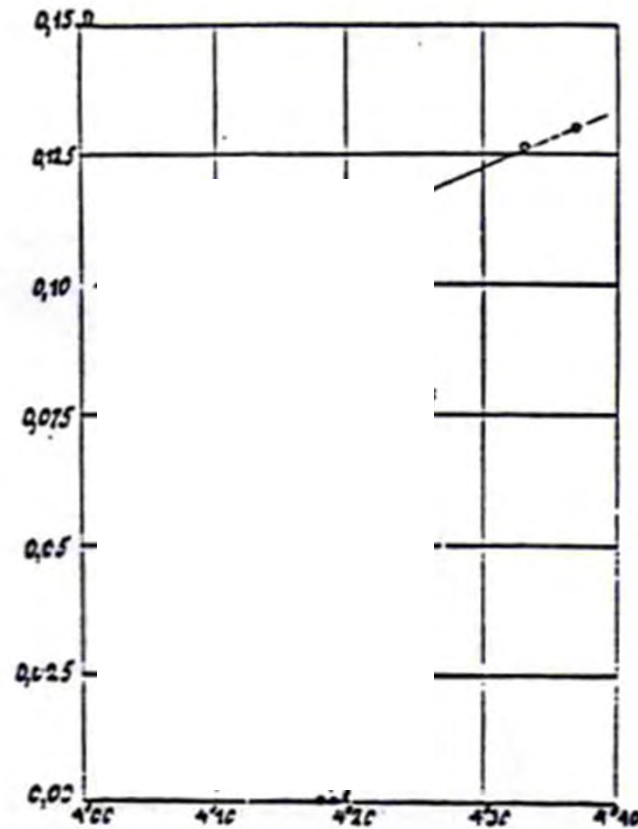




# And so what?

- What happens to electrical resistance?

8 April 1911



# Solvay Congress, 1911



GOLDSCHMIDT  
NERNST

PLANCK  
BRILLOUIN

RUBENS  
SOMMERFELD  
SOLVAY

LINDEMANN  
M. DE BROGLIE  
LORENTZ

HASENOHRL  
HOSTELET  
KNUDSEN  
WARBURG  
PERRIN

HERZEN  
WIEN  
Madame CURIE

JEANS  
RUTHERFORD  
POINCARÉ

KAMERLINGH ONNES

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## And the winner is

- Heike Kamerlingh Onnes  
(Leiden) (1853/1926)



<http://www.nobel.se>

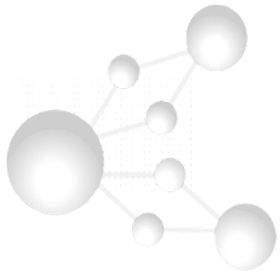
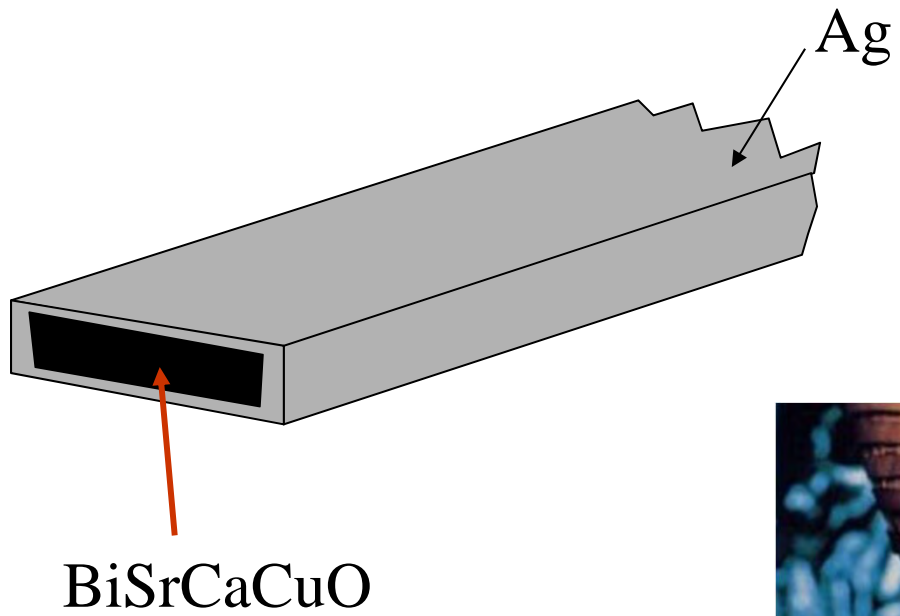
### **1913: Nobel in Physics**

*To Professor H. Kamerlingh Onnes from Leiden, for his experiments on the properties of matter at low temperature that have led, concomitantly, to the production of liquid Helium.*

# Power transmission

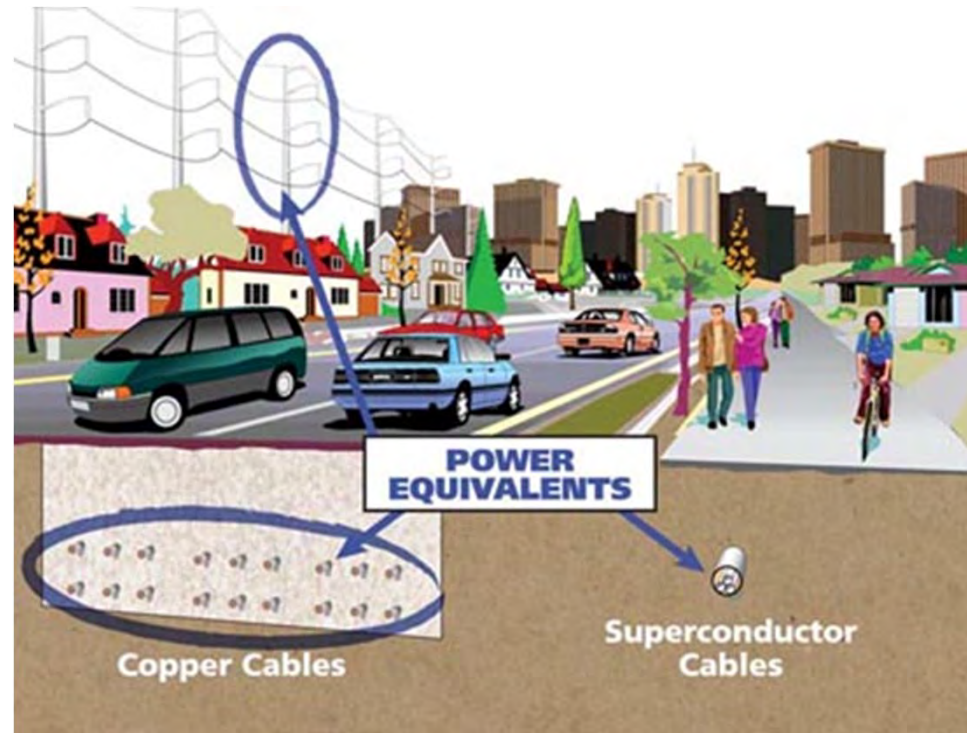


## Transmission cables





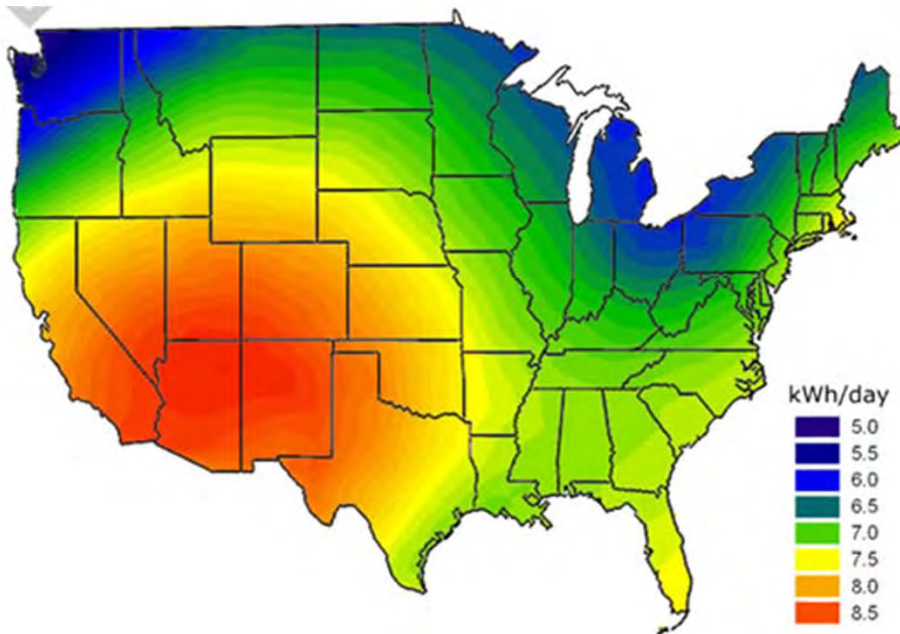
# 7 Octobre 2010, American Superconductors



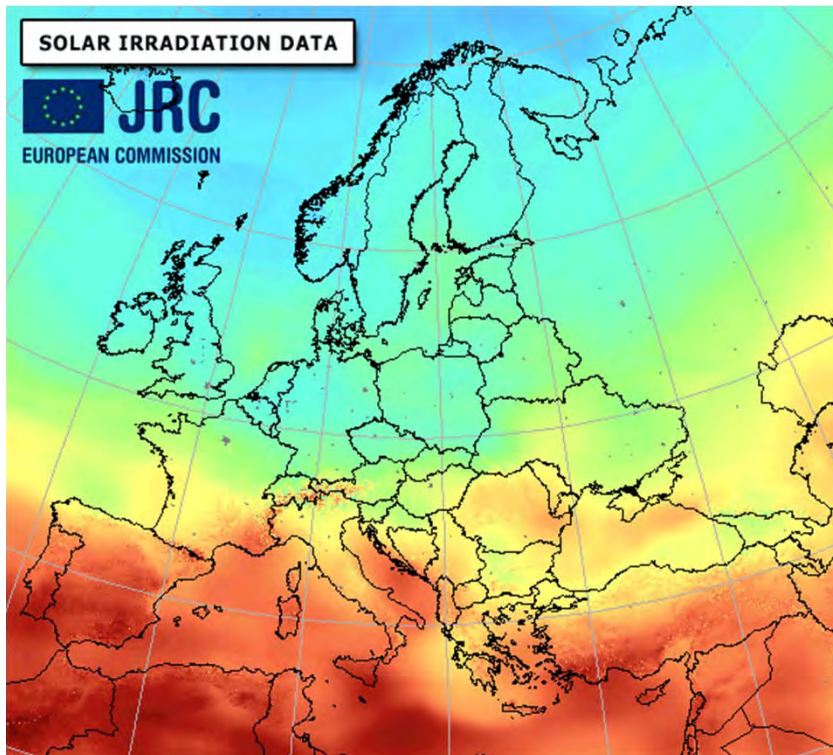
3,000 km of superconducting cables for South Korea



# Power generation vs need



# Power generation vs need





Going around in circles while doing  
something useful



# André-Marie Ampère



1775 - 1836



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The first  
superconducting  
magnet

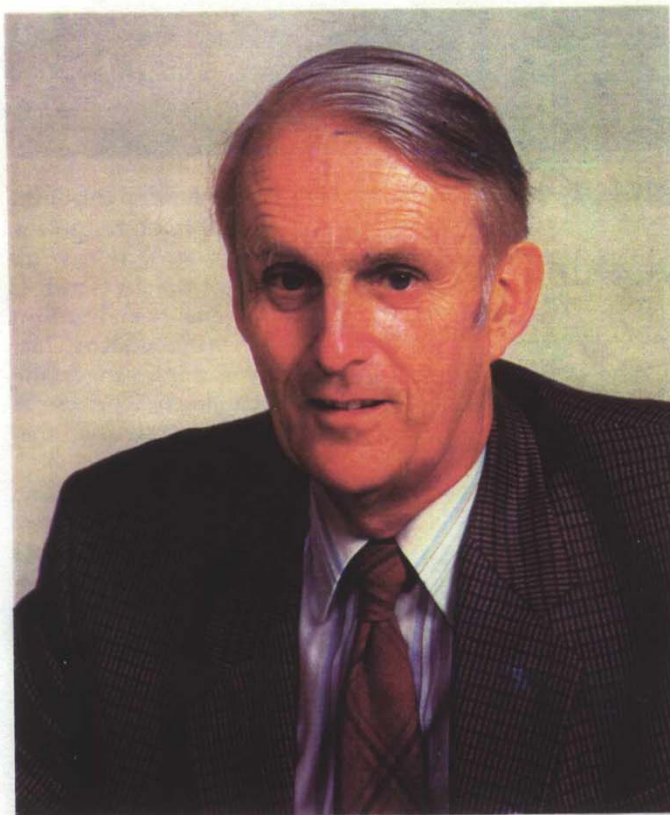
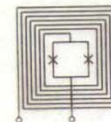


Martin  
Wood, 1962



# *Supercurrents*

*The Superconductivity Magazine*



Sir Martin Wood  
Founder, Oxford Instruments



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# Transportation



# Maglev, Shanghai airport



350 km/h (220 mph) in 2 minutes,  
Maximum speed 431 km/h (268 mph).  
Record 12 November 2006, 501 km/h (311 mph).



# Test, magnetic levitation train, Japan Rail



JR-MLX01 maglev train at [Yamanashi](#) test track

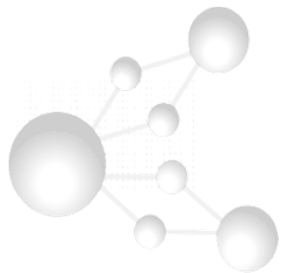
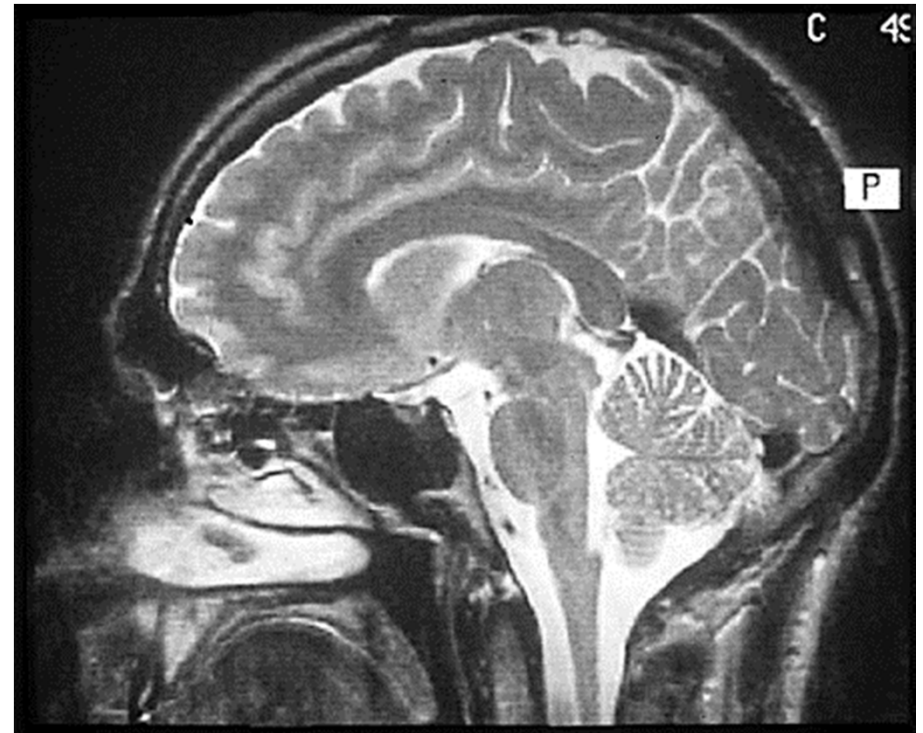


In medecine





# Magnetic medical imaging



And where you least expect it



# Back to levitation



# Michael Faraday



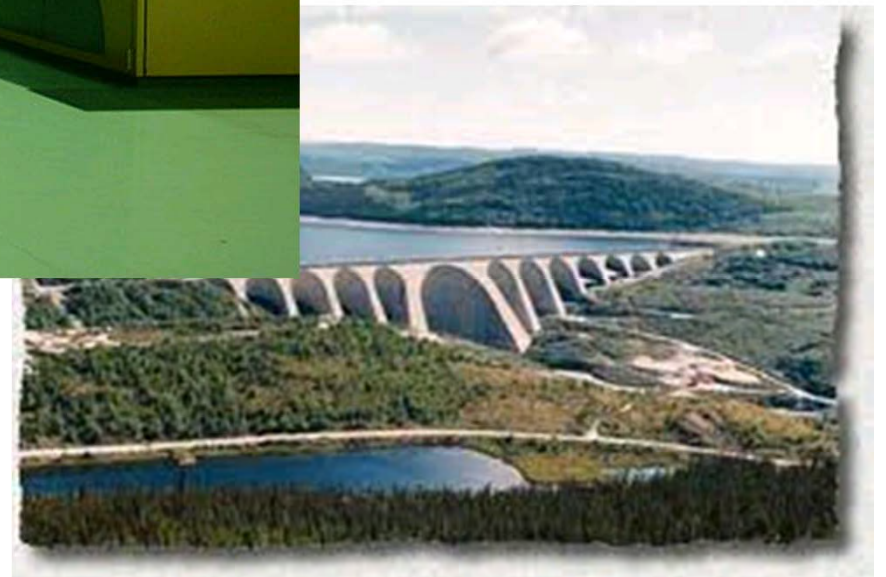
1791-1867



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# Induction

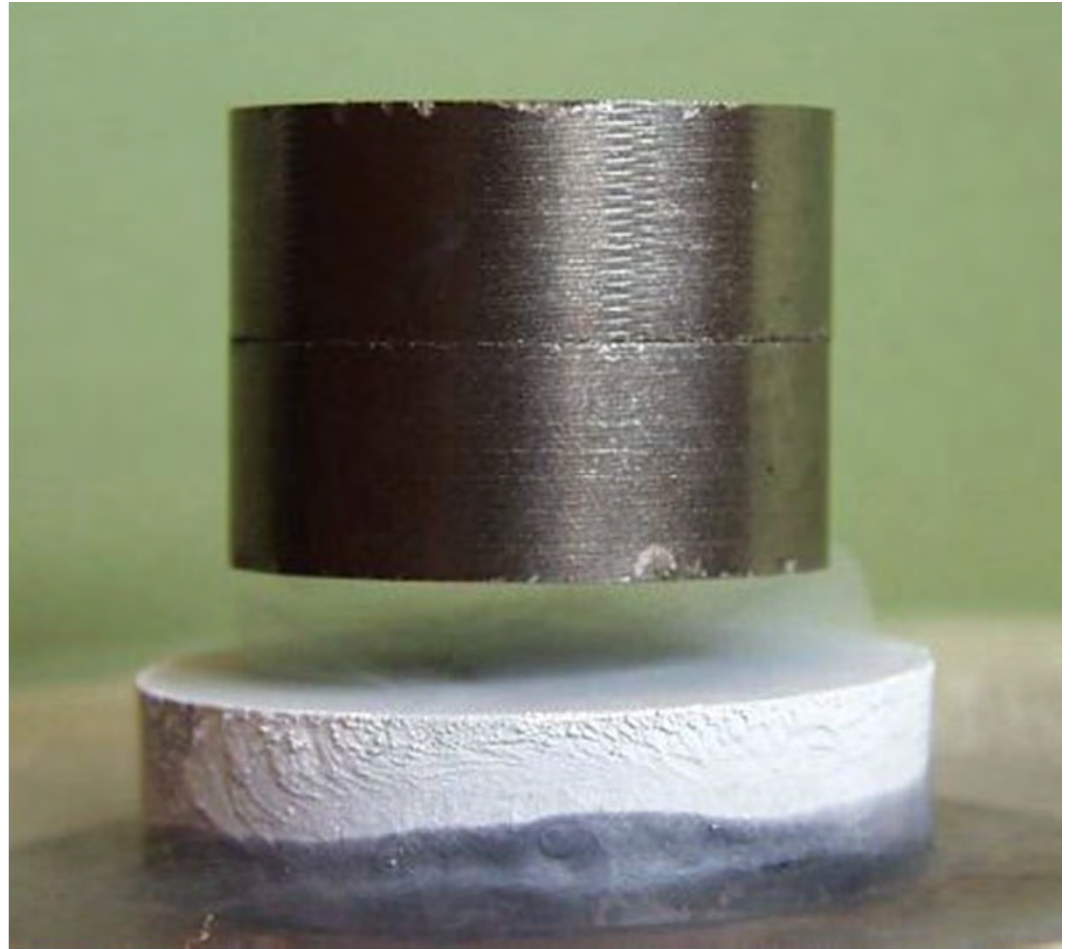




Walther Meissner  
(1882-1974)

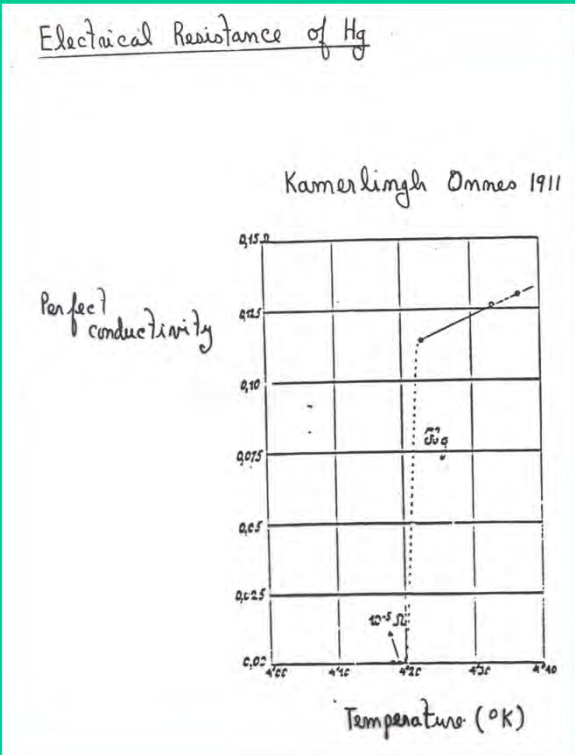


R. Ochsenfeld (1900-1992)

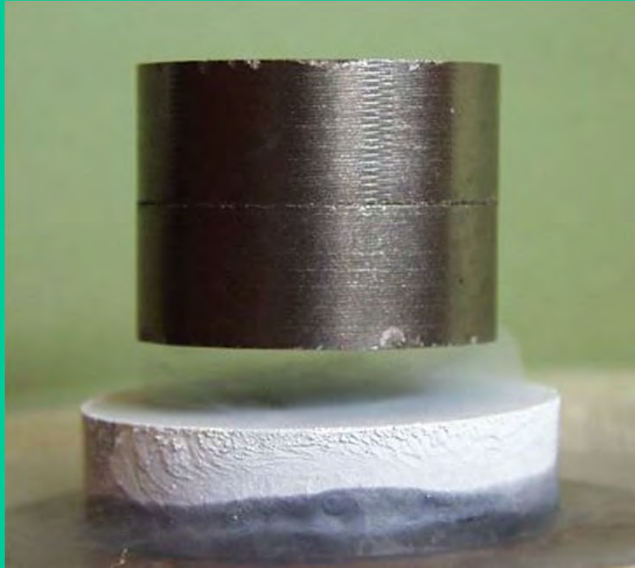


## Two important properties

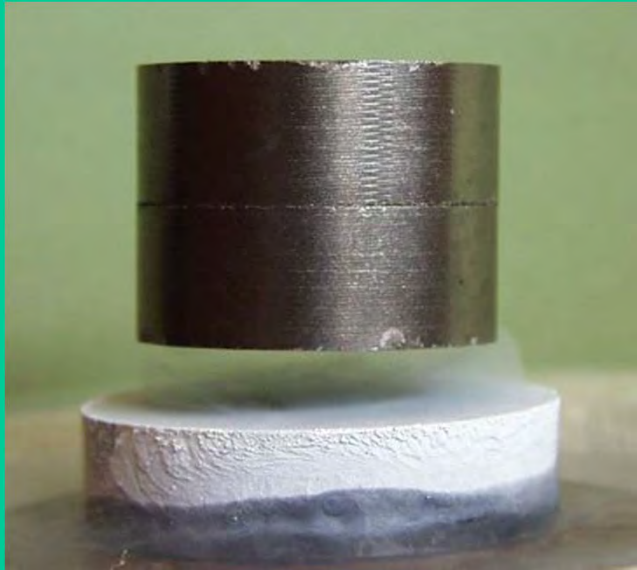
# 1. Zero resistance (if $B=0$ )



## 2. Diamagnetism



A photograph demonstrating the Meissner effect, a property of superconductors. A cylindrical neodymium magnet is shown levitating above a piece of superconducting material. The magnet is suspended in the air, illustrating the repulsive force between the magnet's field and the superconductor's induced field.



How do we explain superconductivity?





# Bloch's theorem: 1930

- All theories of superconductivity can be proven false.
- Feynman: no one is bright enough to find the solution.



# Some unsuccessful attempts



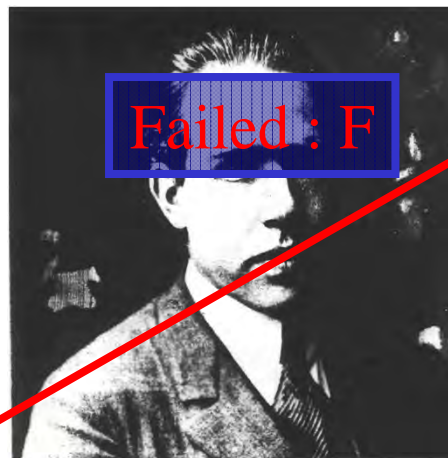
Feynman



Heisenberg

WERNER HEISENBERG (1901– ) introduced matrix mechanics, which, like the Sch

Bohr



NIELS BOHR (1885–1962) introduced the idea that the electron moved about the nucleus in well-defined orbits. This photograph was made in 1922, nine years after the publication of his paper

Einstein



# An analogy

- Broken symmetry
- Rigidity



# A simple example from statistical physics

$$E = -\sum_{i,j} J_{i,j} S_i S_j$$

$$S_i = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= -\sum_{i,j} J_{i,j} (S_i \langle S_j \rangle + \langle S_i \rangle S_j) \\ &= -\sum_i h_{eff} S_i \end{aligned}$$





# BCS 1957

*Quantum behavior at the macroscopic scale*

Leon Cooper



Nobel Prize : 1972

John Bardeen\*

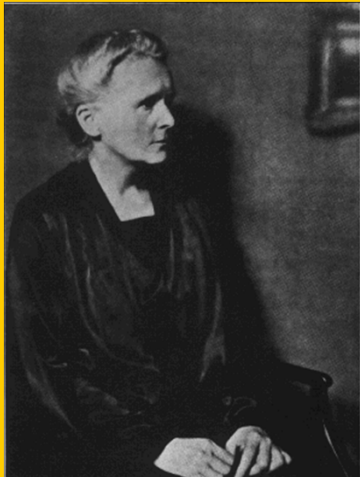
Robert Schrieffer

- John Bardeen :
- Only one to have received 2 Nobel Prizes in Physics !!!



## **Invention : TRANSISTOR!**

W. Shockley, J. Bardeen, W.H. Brattain



### **Marie Curie:**

1903 Physics with H.A. Becquerel

1911 Chemistry (alone)



# What was known

- Resistance vanishes
- Meissner effect
- Transparent to low frequency microwaves
- Isotopic effect

# Attraction mechanism in the metallic state





# #1 Cooper pair, #2 Phase coherence

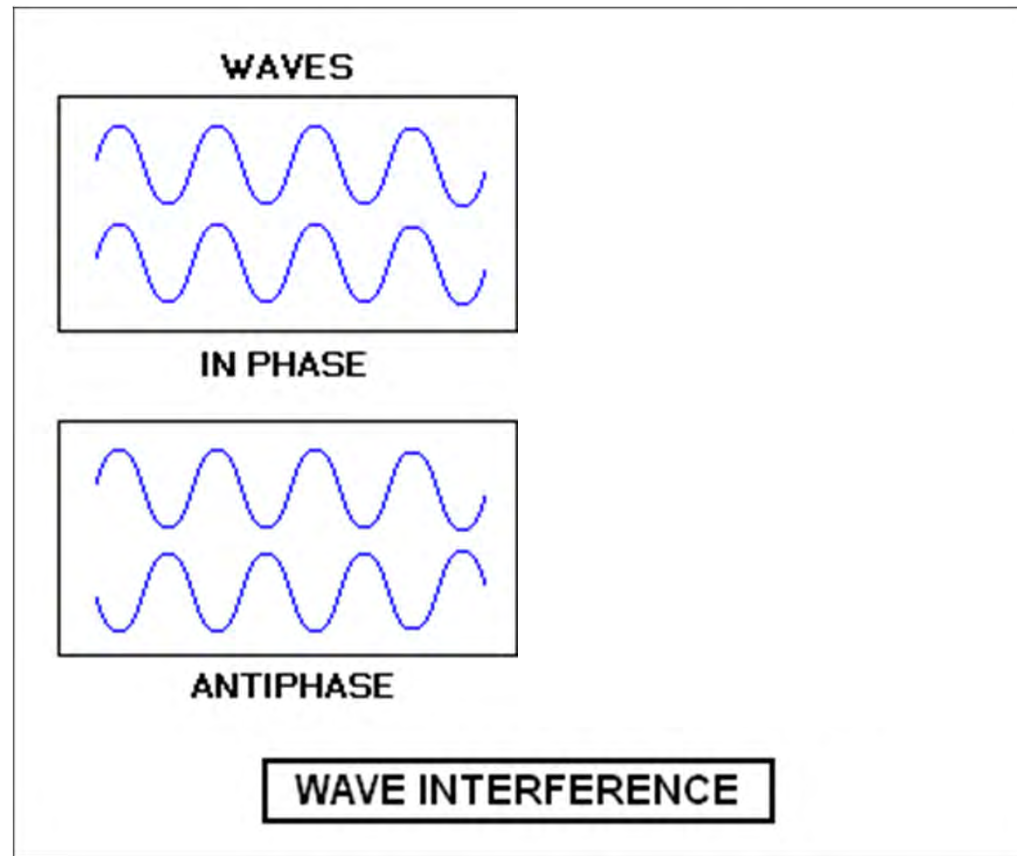
$$E_P = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'} U_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{p}'} \psi_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow, -\mathbf{p}\downarrow} \psi_{\mathbf{p}'\uparrow, -\mathbf{p}'\downarrow}^*$$

$$E_P = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'} U_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{p}'} \left( \langle \psi_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow, -\mathbf{p}\downarrow} \rangle \psi_{\mathbf{p}'\uparrow, -\mathbf{p}'\downarrow}^* + \psi_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow, -\mathbf{p}\downarrow} \langle \psi_{\mathbf{p}'\uparrow, -\mathbf{p}'\downarrow}^* \rangle \right)$$

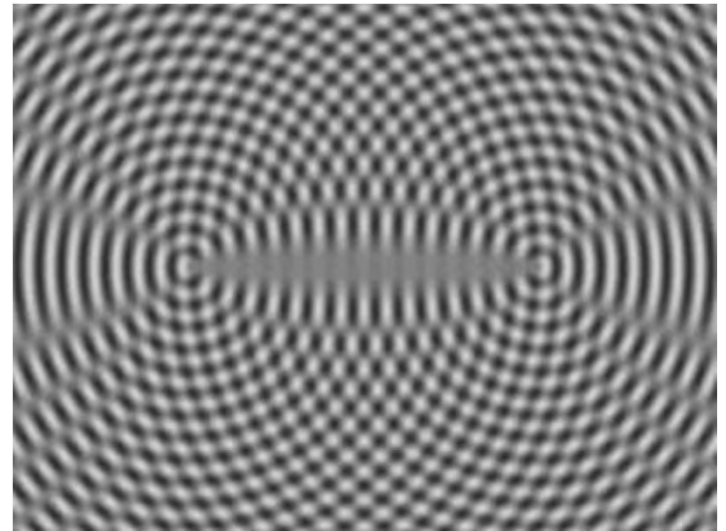
$$|\text{BCS}(\theta)\rangle = \dots + e^{iN\theta} |N\rangle + e^{i(N+2)\theta} |N+2\rangle + \dots$$



# Waves



# Interference



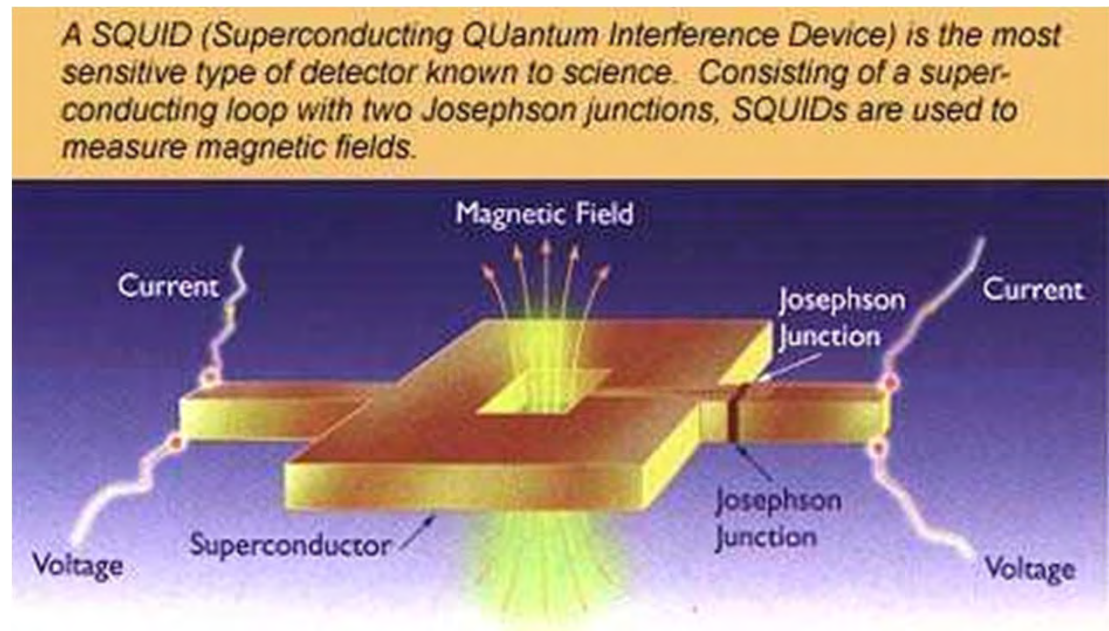
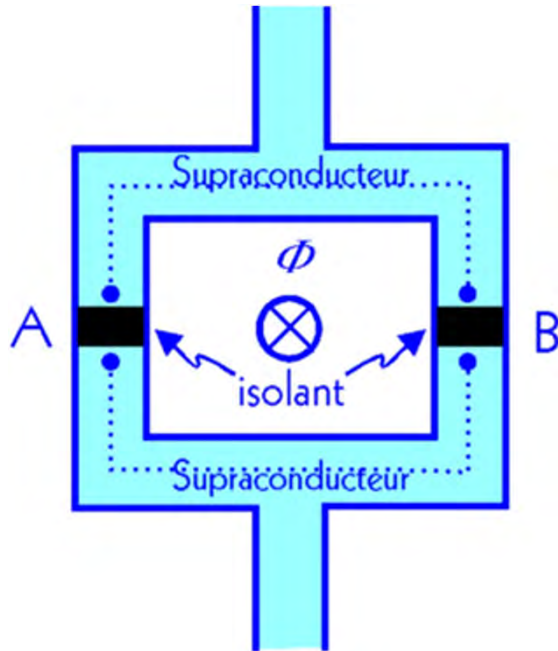
# Applications of the Josephson effect

Nobel 1973

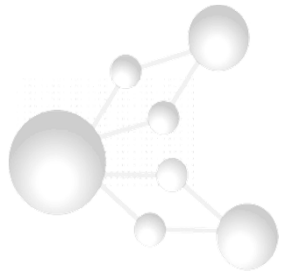




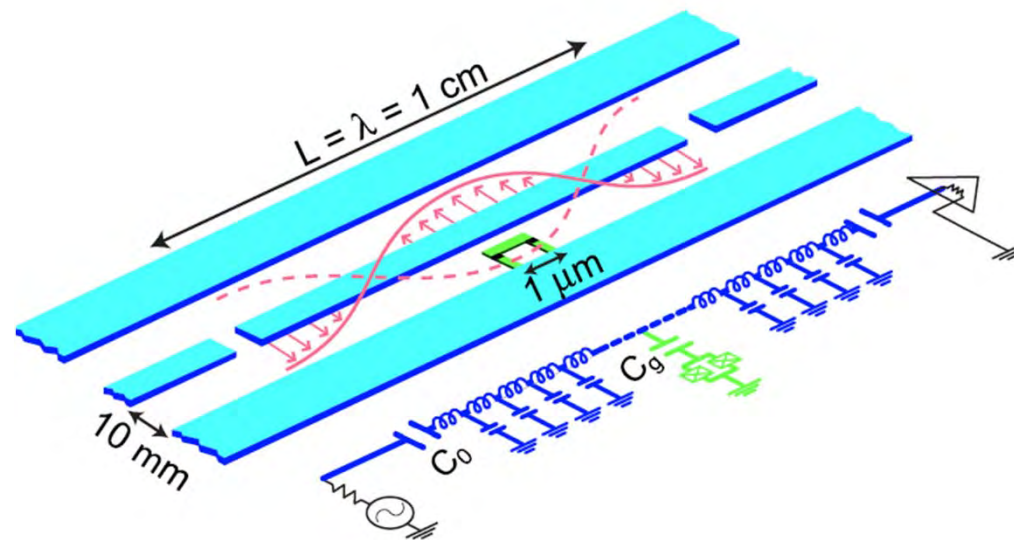
# SQUID



**SQUID "Superconducting Quantum Interference Device"**



# The quantum computer



Alexandre Blais, et al. Phys. Rev. A **69**, 062320 (2004)



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# Quantum processor

Informatique

## L'ordinateur quantique se matérialise

Mise à jour le mardi 22 mars 2011 à 16 h 45

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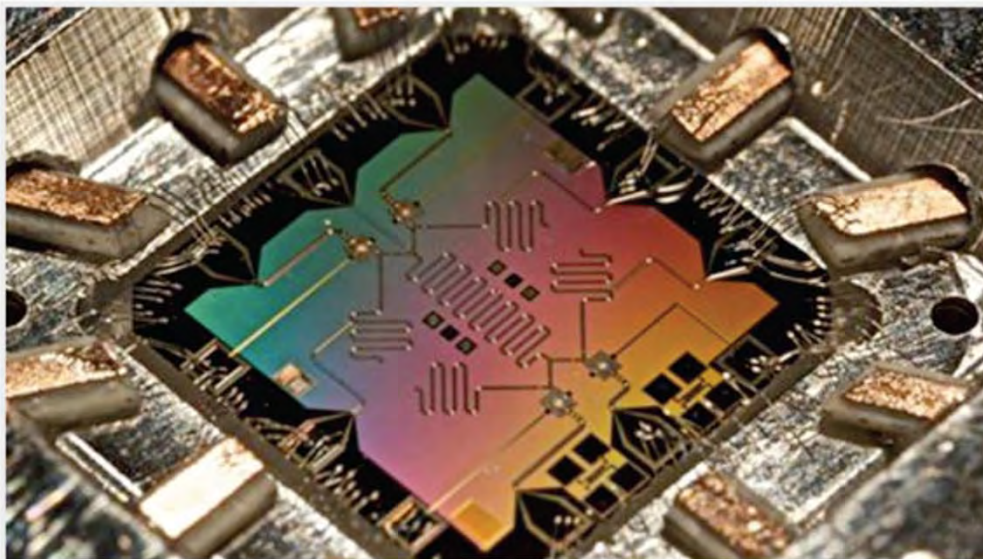


Photo: Erik Lucero  
Puce contenant des circuits quantiques de 4 Qubits chacun

L'une des percées les plus concrètes dans la perspective de la création d'ordinateurs quantiques performants a été présentée lors de la rencontre annuelle de l'American Physical Society qui se tient à Dallas, aux États-Unis.

Le chercheur Erik Lucero et ses collègues de l'Université de la Californie ont créé des puces de 6 cm par 6 cm contenant des circuits quantiques de 4 Qubits chacun. Le Qubit est l'unité de base du calcul quantique et, contrairement au bit classique, il peut changer de nature. Ainsi, il peut être 1,0 ou même les deux à la fois, ce qui augmente de beaucoup les capacités de calcul d'un ordinateur.

M. Lucero pense qu'il sera possible d'inclure sur une puce jusqu'à 10 Qubit d'ici la fin de

“

We're right at the bleeding edge of actually having a quantum processor”

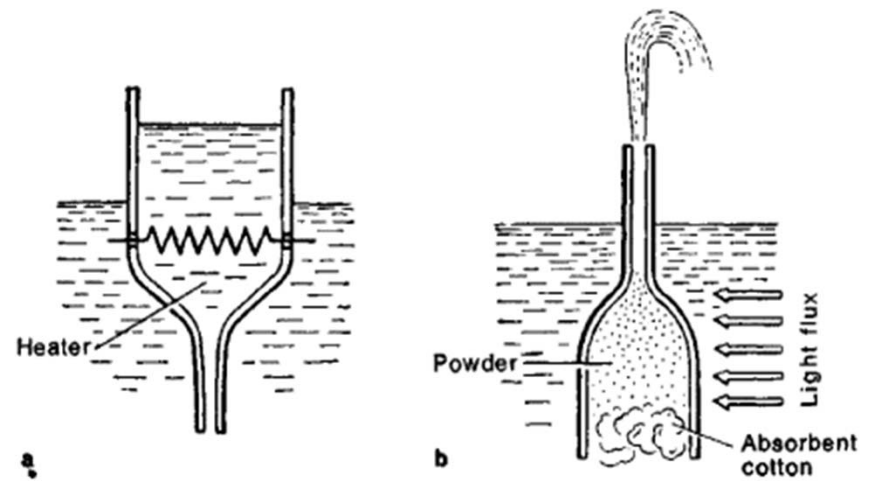
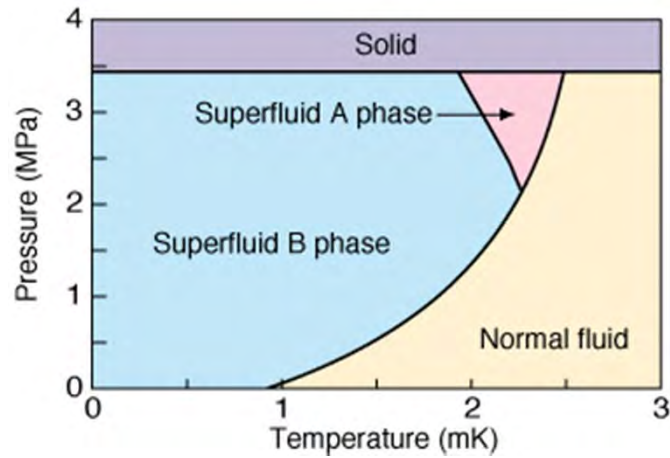
Erik Lucero

University of California,  
Santa Barbara

Superconductivity everywhere...



# Superfluid $^3\text{He}$





# Atomic nucleus (discovered: Rutherford 1911)

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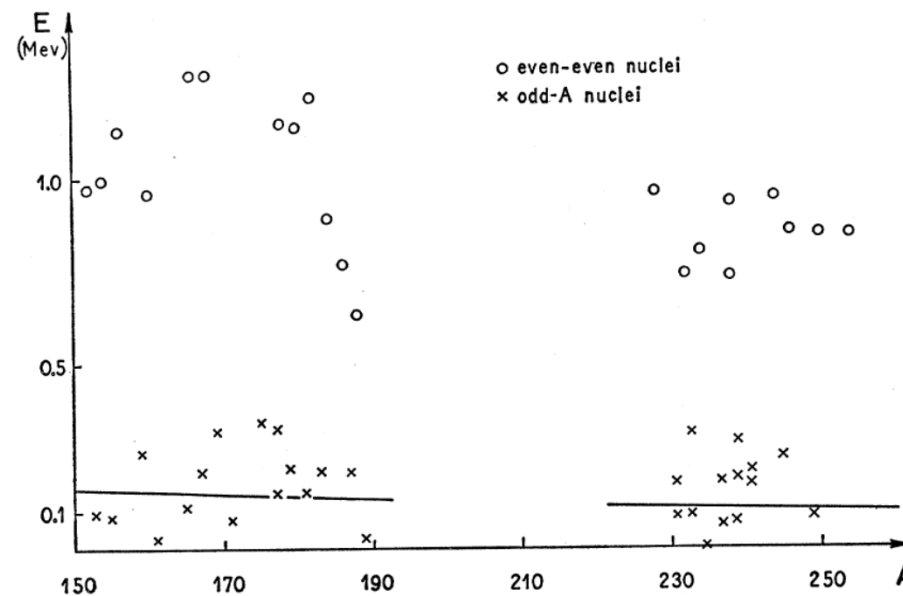
## Possible Analogy between the Excitation Spectra of Nuclei and Those of the Superconducting Metallic State

A. BOHR, B. R. MOTTelson, AND D. PINES\*

*Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, and Nordisk Institut for Teoretisk Atomfysik, Copenhagen, Denmark*

(Received January 7, 1958)

The evidence for an energy gap in the intrinsic excitation spectrum of nuclei is reviewed. A possible analogy between this effect and the energy gap observed in the electronic excitation of a superconducting metal is suggested.



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# Neutron stars



The Crab Nebula (4 July 1054) in Blue and White  
Credit & Copyright: Jay Gallagher (U. Wisc.), WIYN,  
AURA, NOAO, NSF



# Ultracold atoms

Vol 443 | 26 October 2006 | doi:10.1038/nature05224

nature

LETTERS

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## **Evidence for superfluidity of ultracold fermions in an optical lattice**

J. K. Chin<sup>1</sup>, D. E. Miller<sup>1</sup>, Y. Liu<sup>1</sup>, C. Stan<sup>1†</sup>, W. Setiawan<sup>1</sup>, C. Sanner<sup>1</sup>, K. Xu<sup>1</sup> & W. Ketterle<sup>1</sup>

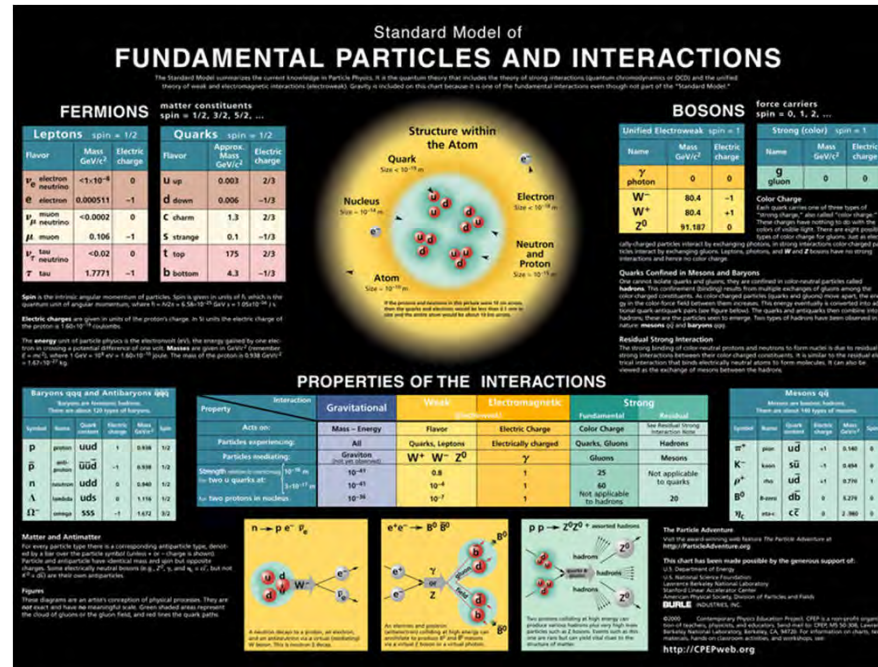


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# Standard model of elementary particles (unifying electro-weak interactions)

$$SU(2) \otimes U(1) \rightarrow U(1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$



# Return to history





# Fortunately not everything was known

- Zero resistance (except if magnet nearby)
- Meissner effect (not perfect)
- Sometimes not transparent to microwaves
- Isotope effect (sometimes wrong way)



# The best understood theory

- In 1969, R.D. Parks two volumes  
« Superconductivity »
- From one of the authors : « *It is the last nail in the coffin of superconductivity* »



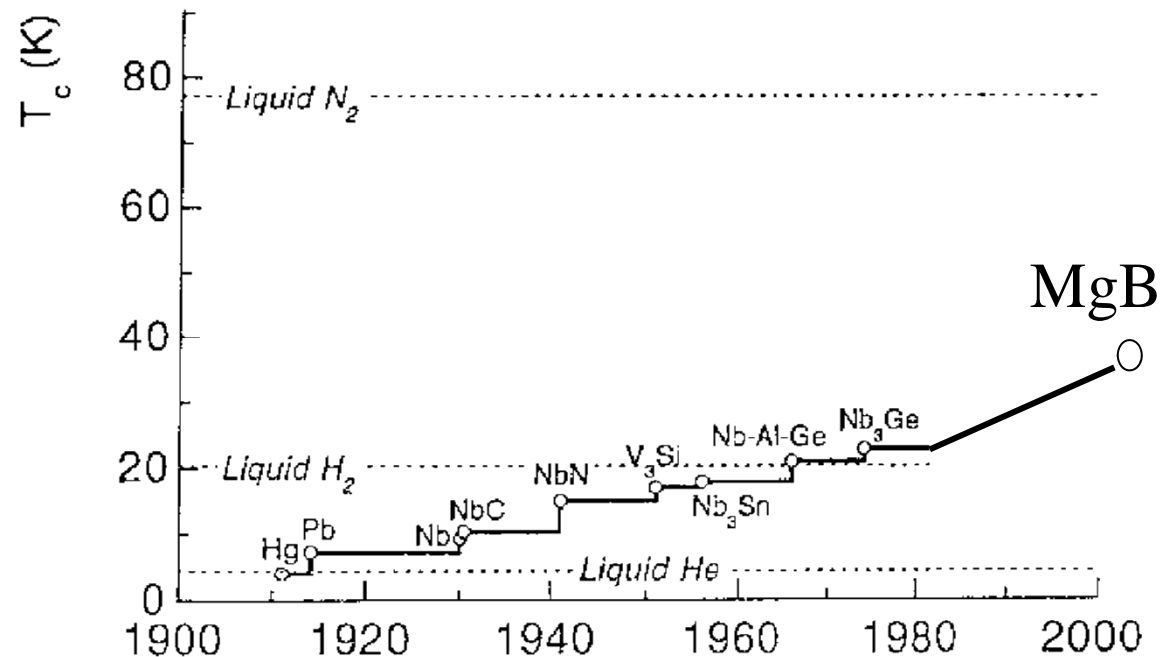
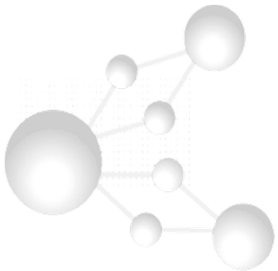
# The search for new materials

The goal: liquid nitrogen  
temperature!



# Matthias' principles (1952)

- Transition metals no (Cu,Au,Fe)
- Cubic
- Stay away from
  - O
  - Magnets
  - Insulators



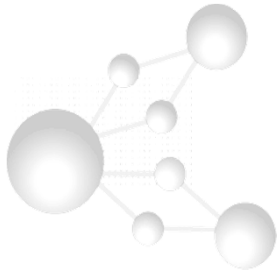
# January 1986



USO

1986 : Bednorz and Muëller,  
IBM Zurich  
La-Ba-Cu-O  $T_c \sim 30\text{-}40\text{K}$

Group of P. Chu (Houston)  
Under high pressure : 50K!!!



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# It goes quickly...

- Boston, "Materials Research Society"  
December 1986
  - Koitchi Kitazawa and Shoji Tanaka Tokyo convince everyone.
- 16 Feb.1987, Houston:
  - Press conference by **Paul Chu** to announce discovery of *Y-Ba-Cu-O*
  - *$T_c = 93\text{ K}$*



# March meeting APS

- Title of the New York Times the following day:  
**"The Woodstock of Physics"**

- 3000 people until three in the morning

"They began lining up outside the New York Hilton Sutton Ballroom at 5:30PM for an evening session that would last until 3:00 AM"





The "Woodstock of physics." On March 18, 1987, thousands of physicists crammed a ballroom at the New York Hilton to celebrate the coming of the age of superconductivity.

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(right) Alex Müller, Paul Chu, and Shoji Tanaka, answering questions at the "Woodstock" meeting. Tanaka and Koichi Kitazawa were the first to confirm Bednorz and Müller's discovery, launching a worldwide race to find still better superconductors.

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What is special about these  
superconductors?



# Atomic structure

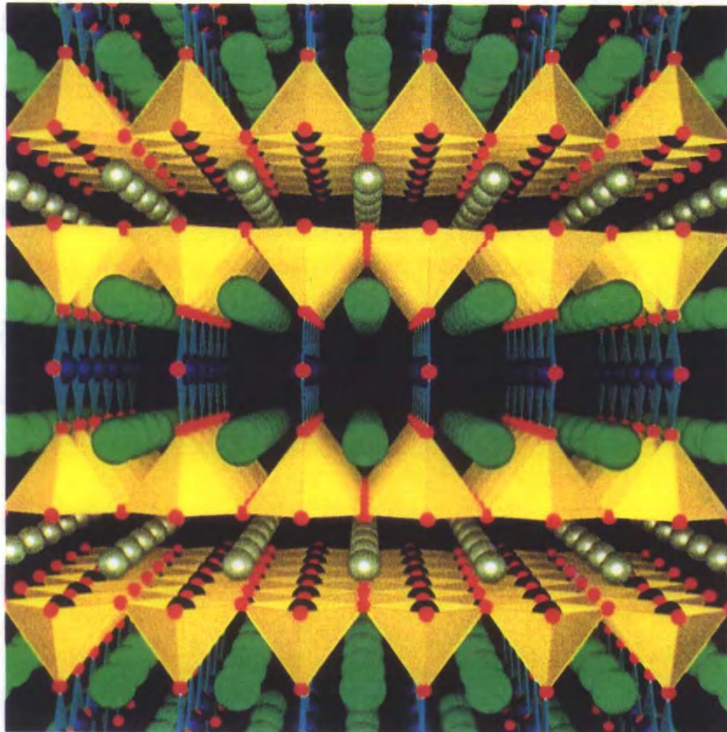
## SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

JUNE 1988  
\$3.50

*How nonsense is deleted from genetic messages.*

*R<sub>x</sub> for economic growth: aggressive use of new technology.*

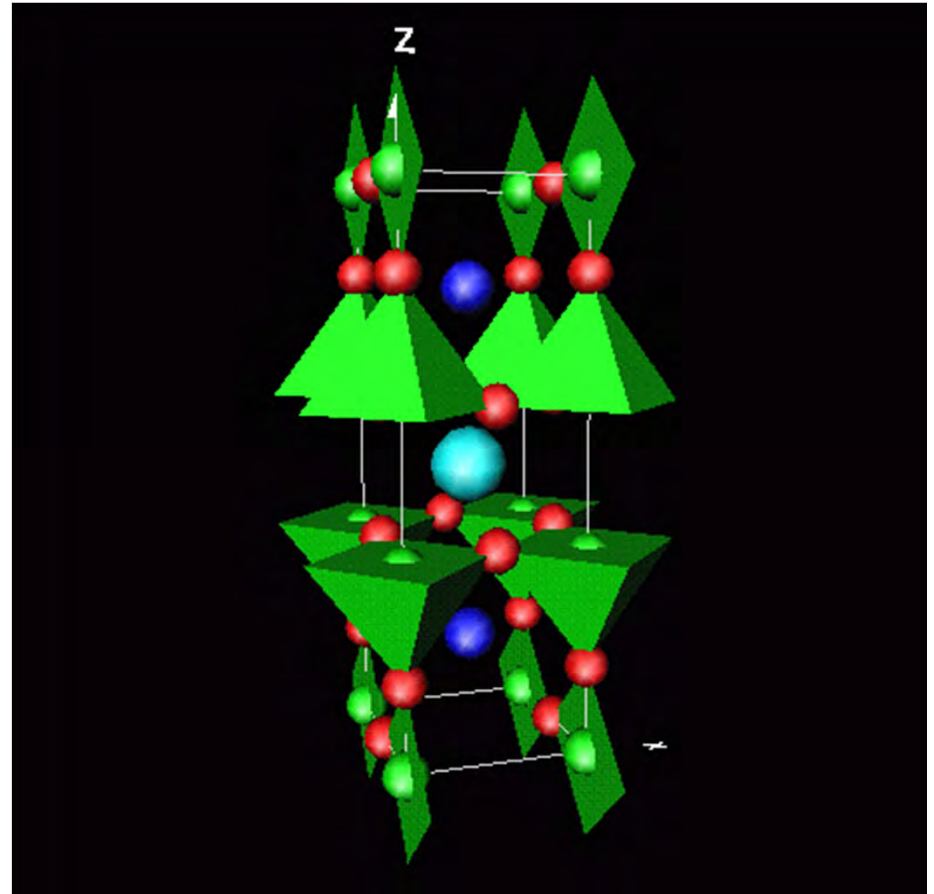
*Can particle physics test cosmology?*



High-Temperature Superconductor belongs to a family of materials that exhibit exotic electronic properties.



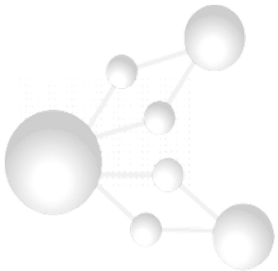
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# What is special

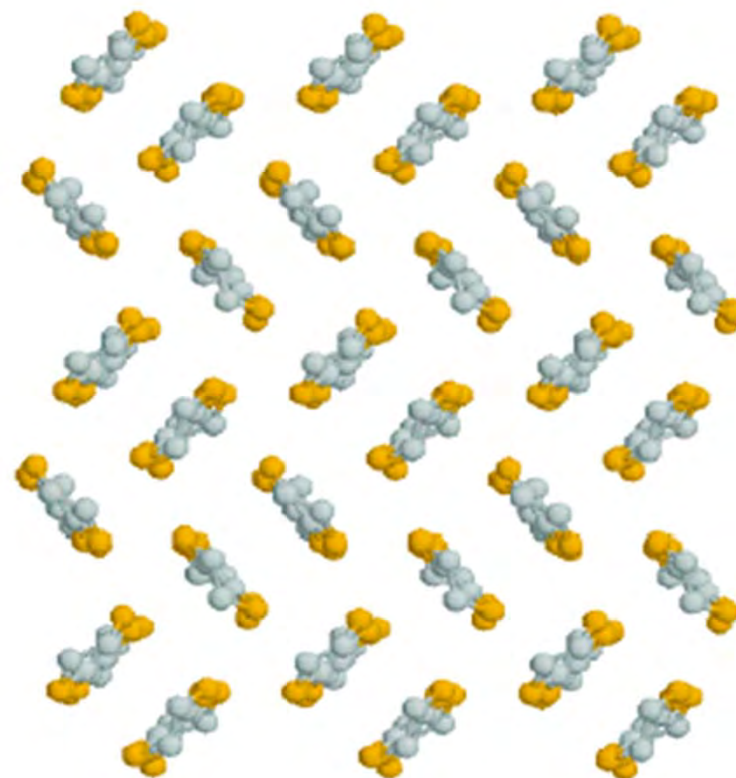
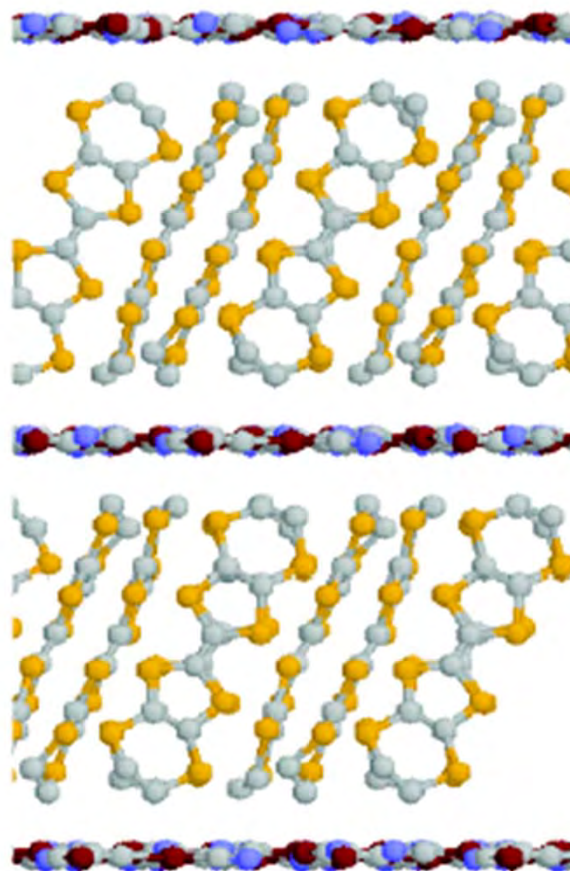
- Transition metals
- Cubic
- Stay away from
  - O
  - Magnets
  - Insulators
- Cu
- Layered
- Stay close to
  - O
  - Magnets
  - Insulators



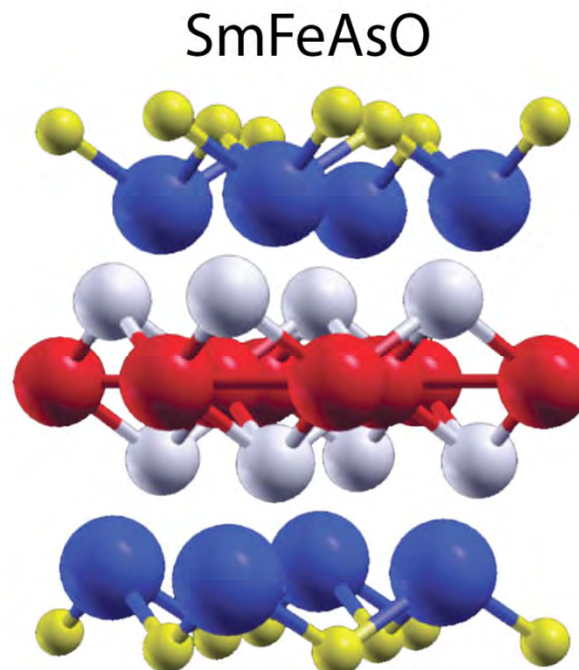
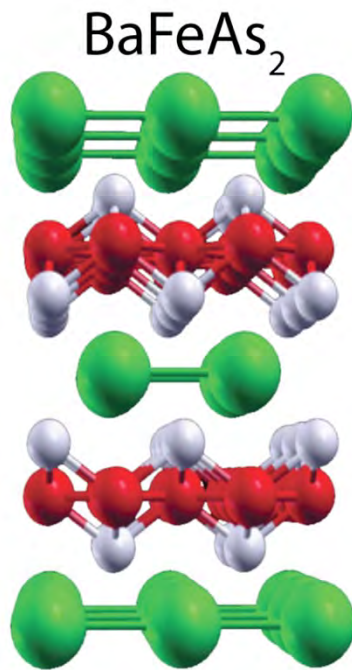
# Layered organic conductors( $\kappa$ -BEDT-X family)

BEDT-TTF  
layer

Anion layer



# Pnictides (2008)



[http://www.stanford.edu/~tpd/research\\_hightc.html](http://www.stanford.edu/~tpd/research_hightc.html)





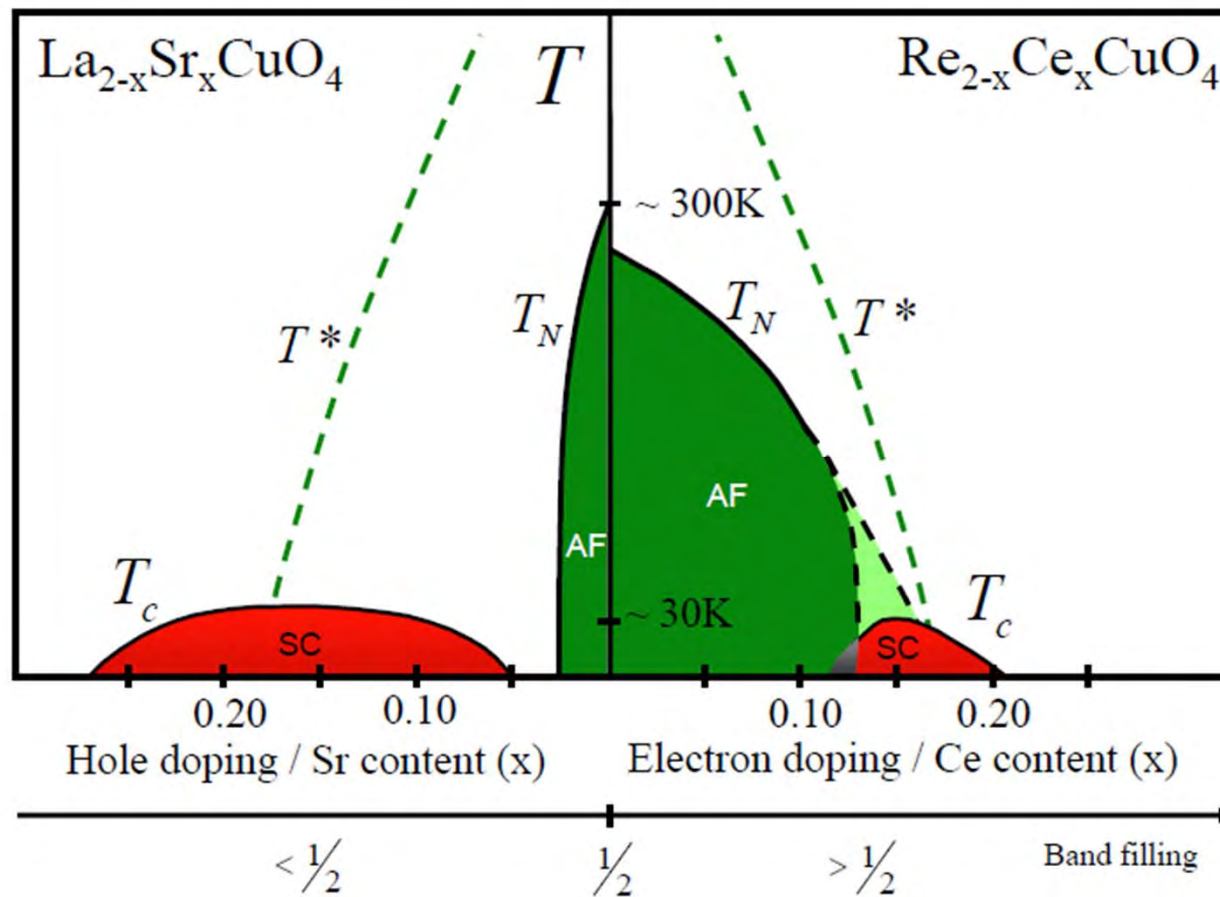


# Strong correlations



# Phase diagram

Insulator even if  $n=1$

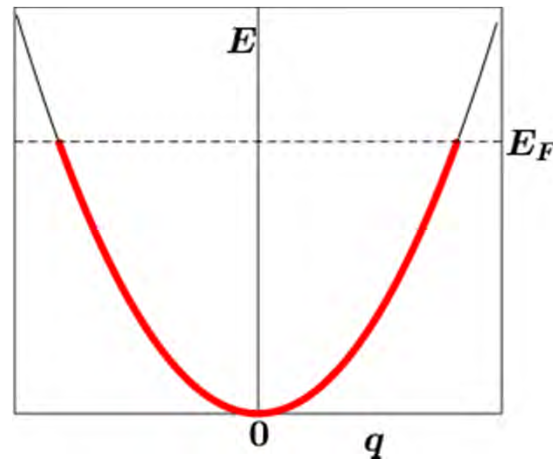
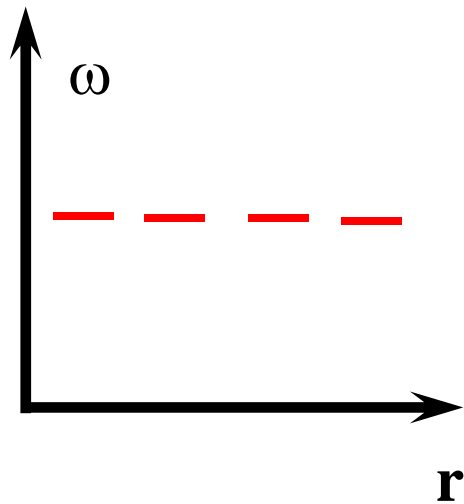
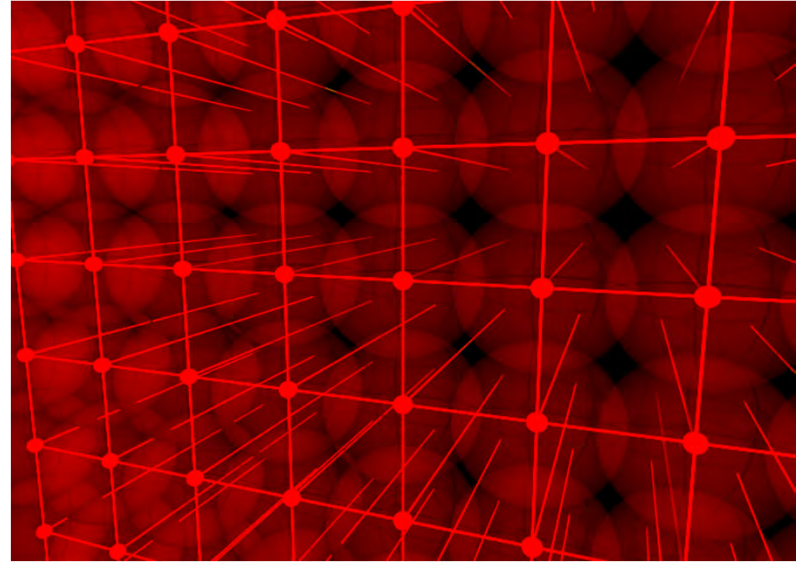
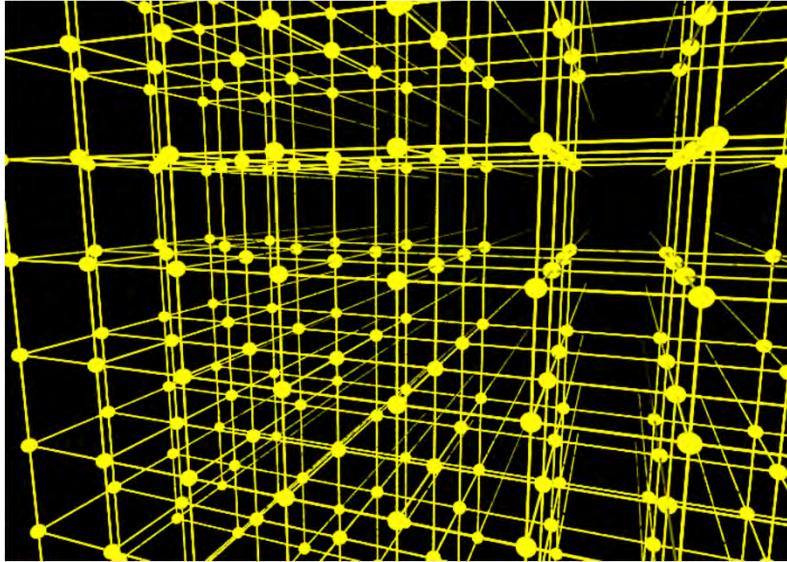


Armitage, Fournier, Greene, RMP (2009)



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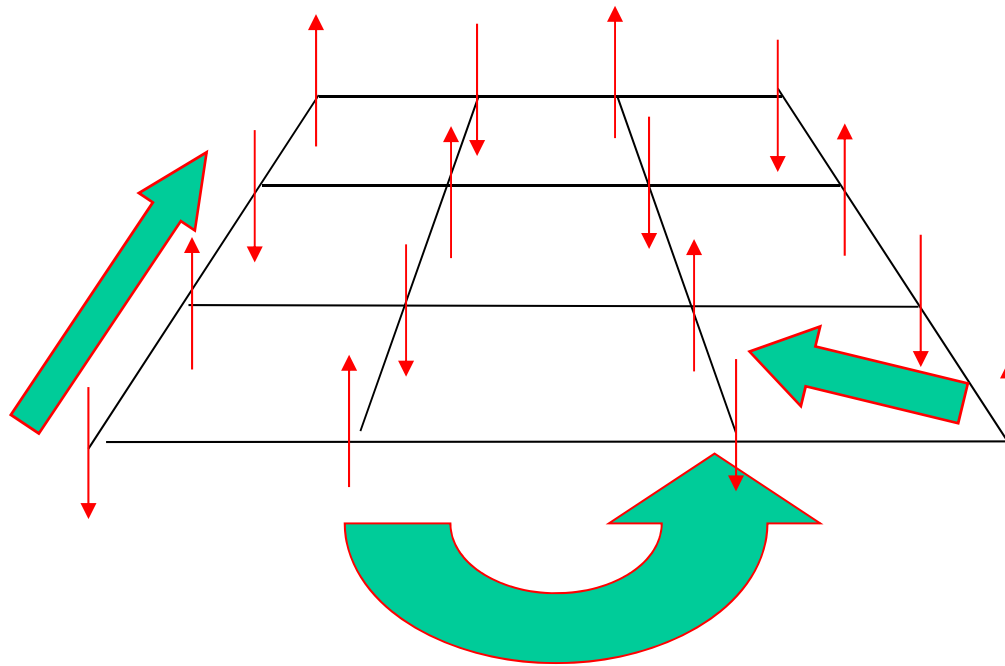
# How to make a metal



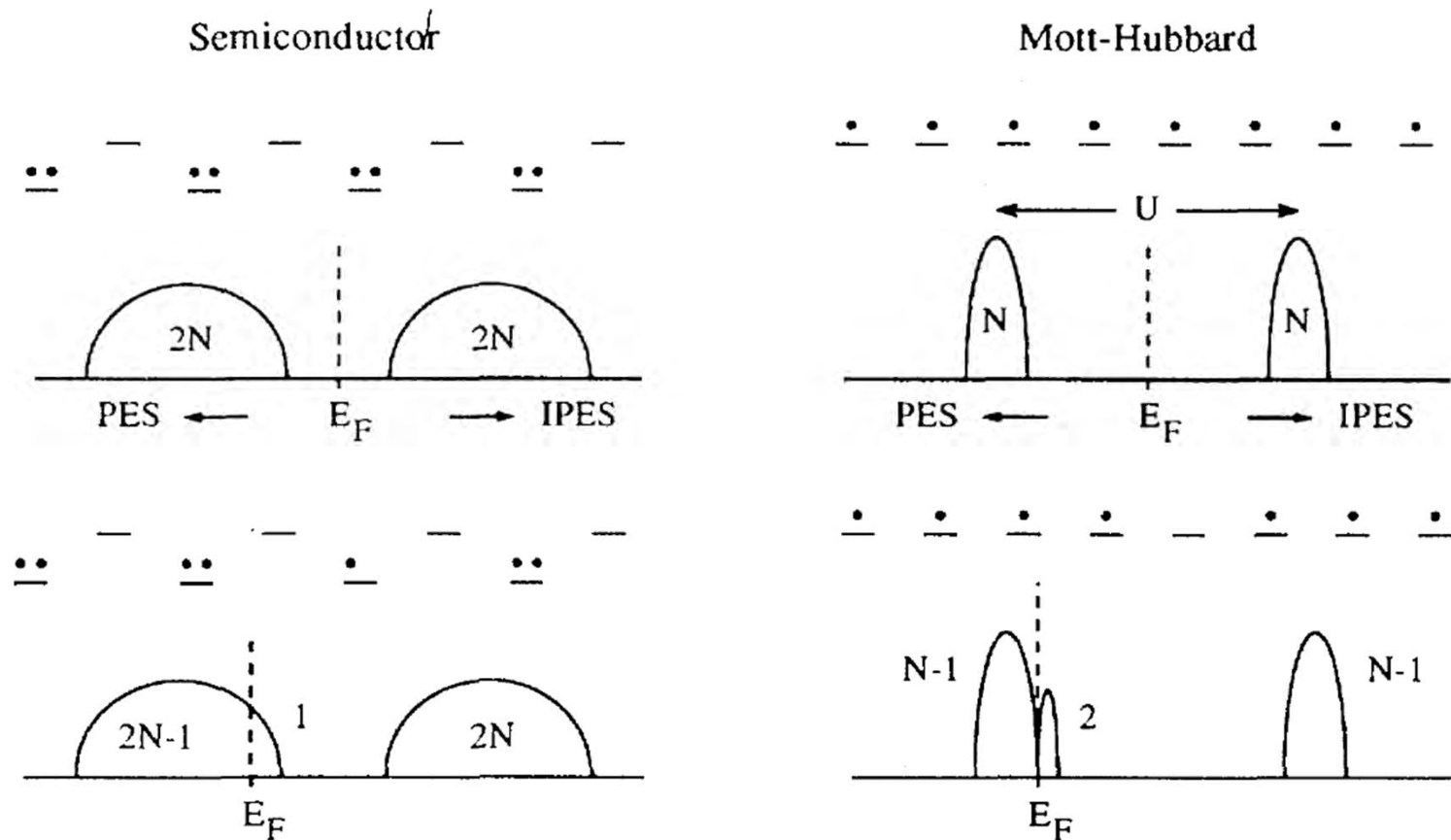
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# A quantum traffic jam (A.P.): Mott insulator



# Spectral weight transfer



Meinders *et al.* PRB **48**, 3916 (1993)

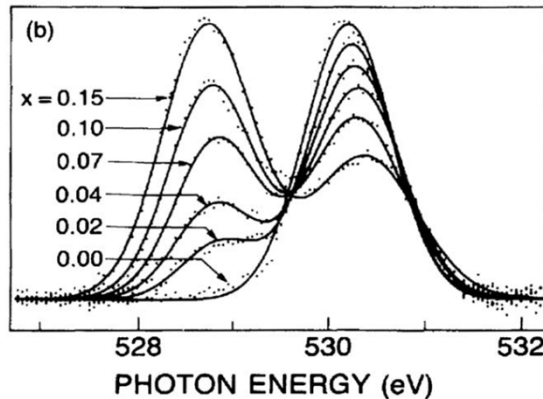


# Cuprates as doped Mott insulators

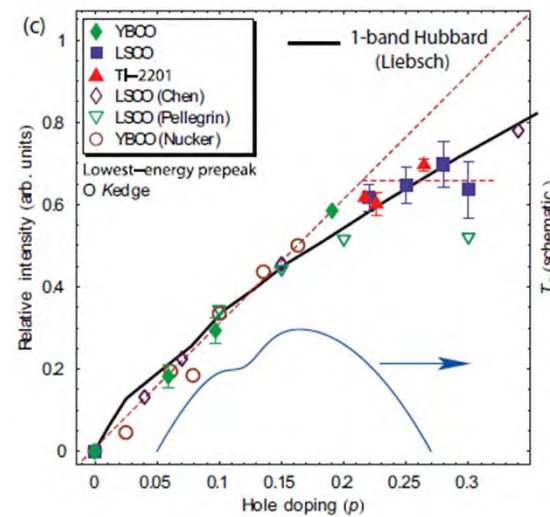




# Experiment: X-Ray absorption



Chen et al. PRL **66**, 104 (1991)



Peets et al. PRL **103**, (2009), Phillips, Jarrell arXiv

Number of low energy states above  $\omega = 0$  scales as  $2x +$   
Not as  $1+x$  as in Fermi liquid

Meinders *et al.* PRB **48**, 3916 (1993)



## Spectral properties of the Hubbard bands

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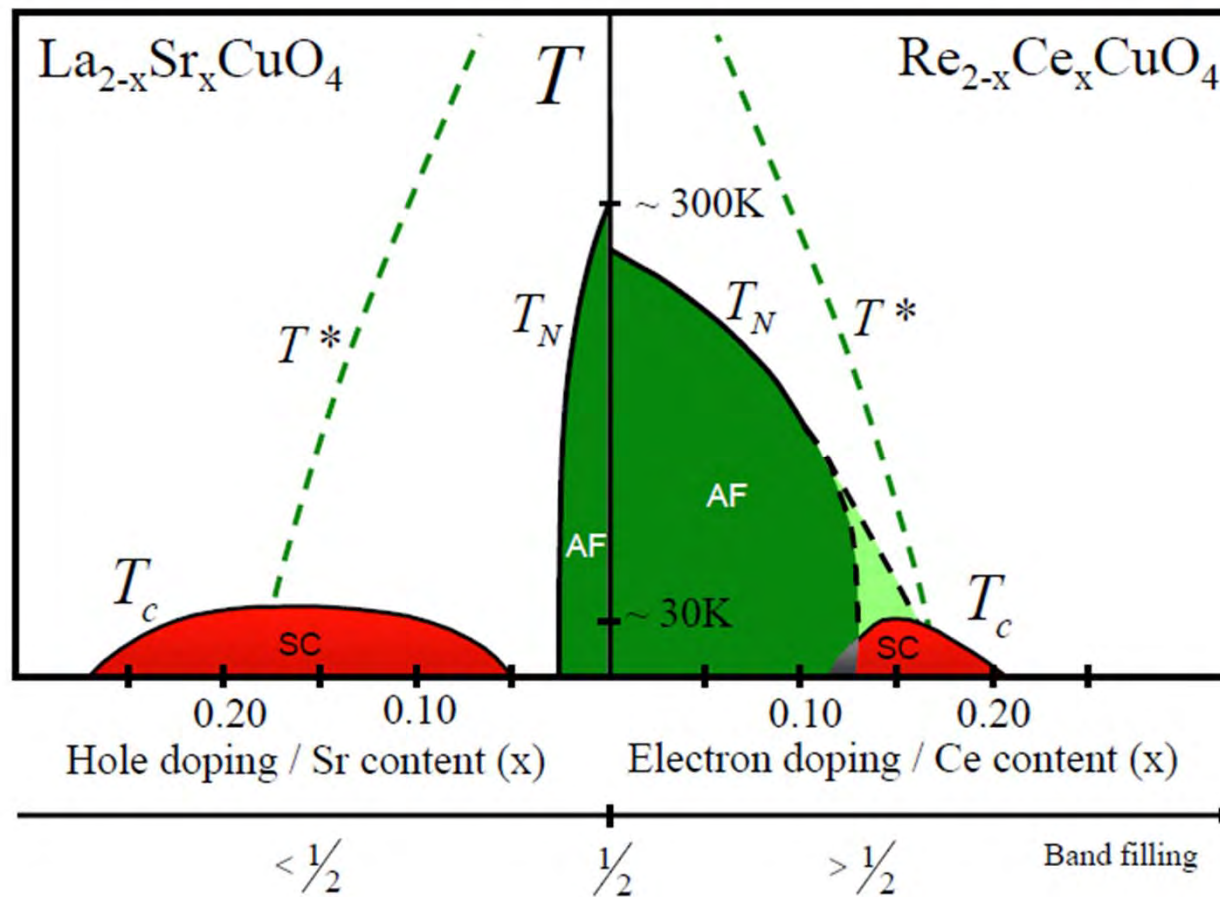
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$$a_{i,\sigma} = c_{i,\sigma} - \frac{t}{U} \sum_{\delta} \{ (\tilde{n}_{i+\delta,\bar{\sigma}} - \tilde{n}_{i,\bar{\sigma}}) c_{i+\delta,\sigma} - c_{i+\delta,\bar{\sigma}}^{\dagger} c_{i,\sigma} c_{i,\bar{\sigma}} + c_{i,\bar{\sigma}}^{\dagger} c_{i,\sigma} c_{i+\delta,\bar{\sigma}} \}.$$



# Phase diagram

Insulator even if  $n=1$



Armitage, Fournier, Greene, RMP (2009)



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# Walter's most cited paper

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## Single-particle excitations in a quantum antiferromagnet

K. J. von Szczepanski, P. Horsch, W. Stephan, and M. Ziegler

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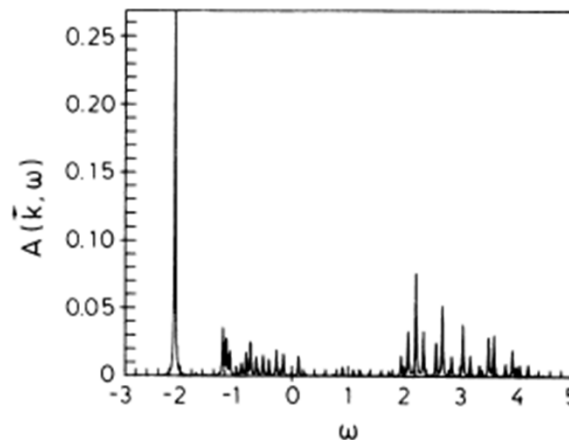


FIG. 10. Spectral function  $A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  for  $\mathbf{k} = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$  of a single hole in two dimensions introduced into the exact ground state  $\psi_0$  of the Heisenberg model on 16 sites. In the calculation  $J = 0.2$ .



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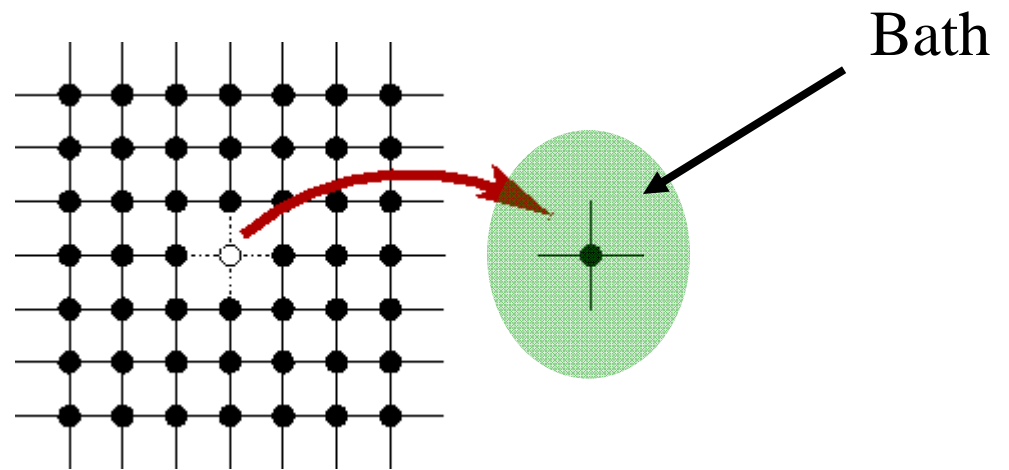
# Theoretical method



# Mott transition and Dynamical Mean-Field Theory.

## The beginnings in $d = \text{infinity}$

- Compute scattering rate (self-energy) of impurity problem.
- Use that self-energy ( $\omega$  dependent) for lattice.
- Project lattice on single-site and adjust bath so that single-site DOS obtained both ways be equal.



W. Metzner and D. Vollhardt, PRL (1989)

A. Georges and G. Kotliar, PRB (1992)

M. Jarrell PRB (1992)

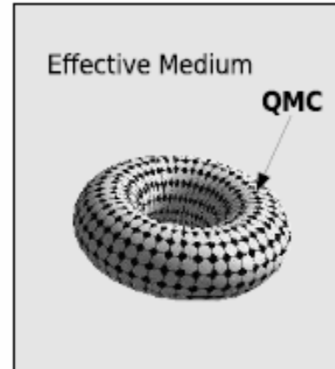
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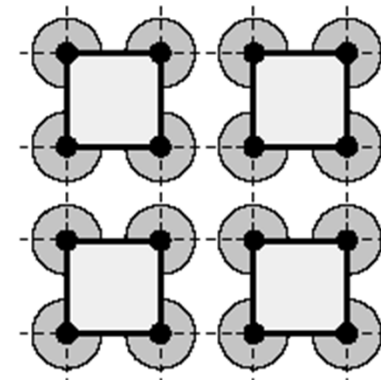


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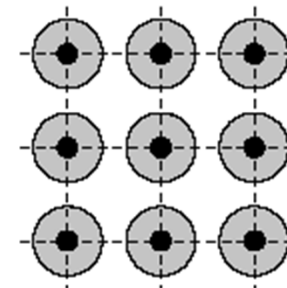


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**DMFT**



Hettler ...Jarrell...Krishnamurty PRB **58** (1998)

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M. Potthoff *et al.* PRL **91**, 206402 (2003).

Maier, Jarrell et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. **77**, 1027 (2005)



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- Continuous-time Quantum Monte Carlo calculations to sum all diagrams generated from expansion in powers of hybridization.
  - P. Werner, A. Comanac, L. de' Medici, M. Troyer, and A. J. Millis, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 076405 (2006).
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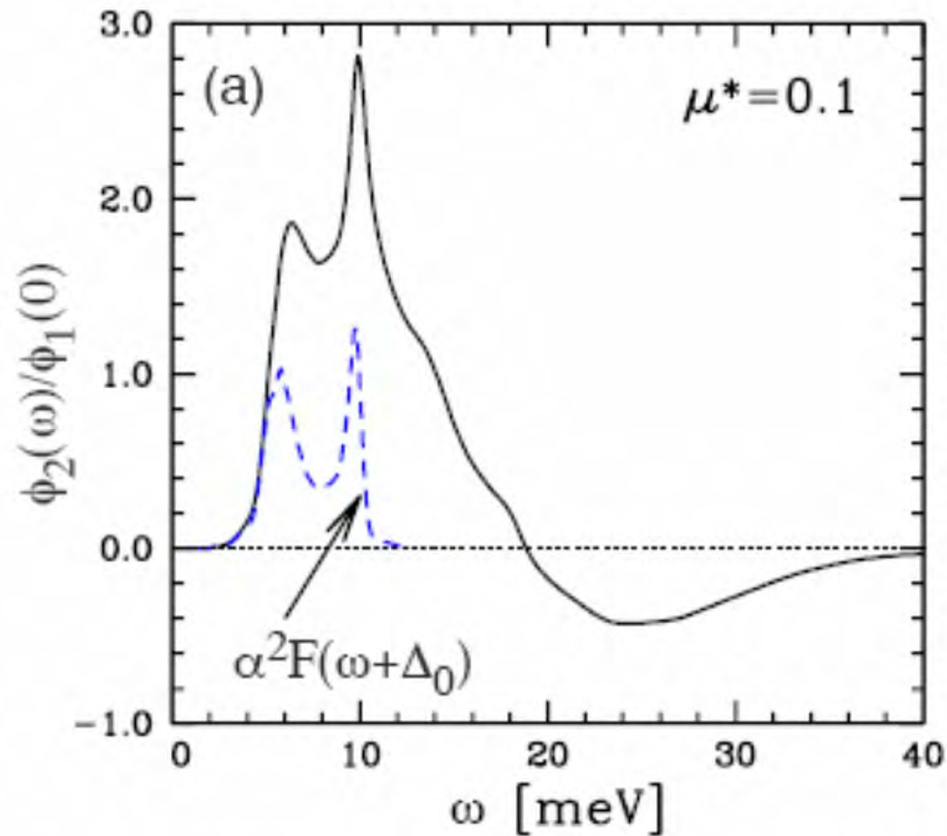


# The glue



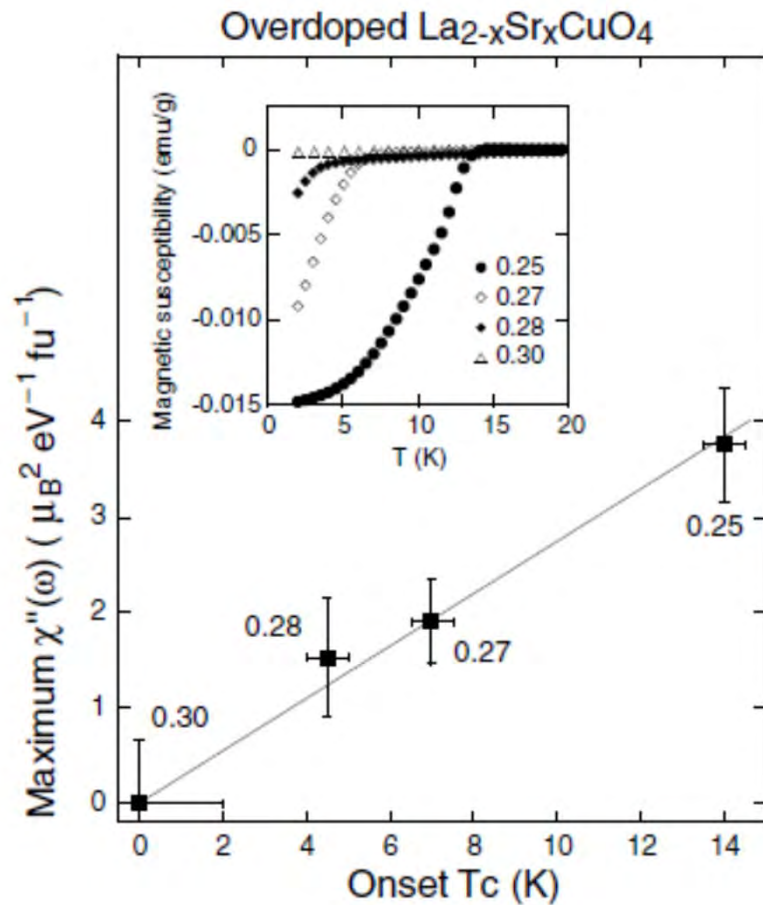
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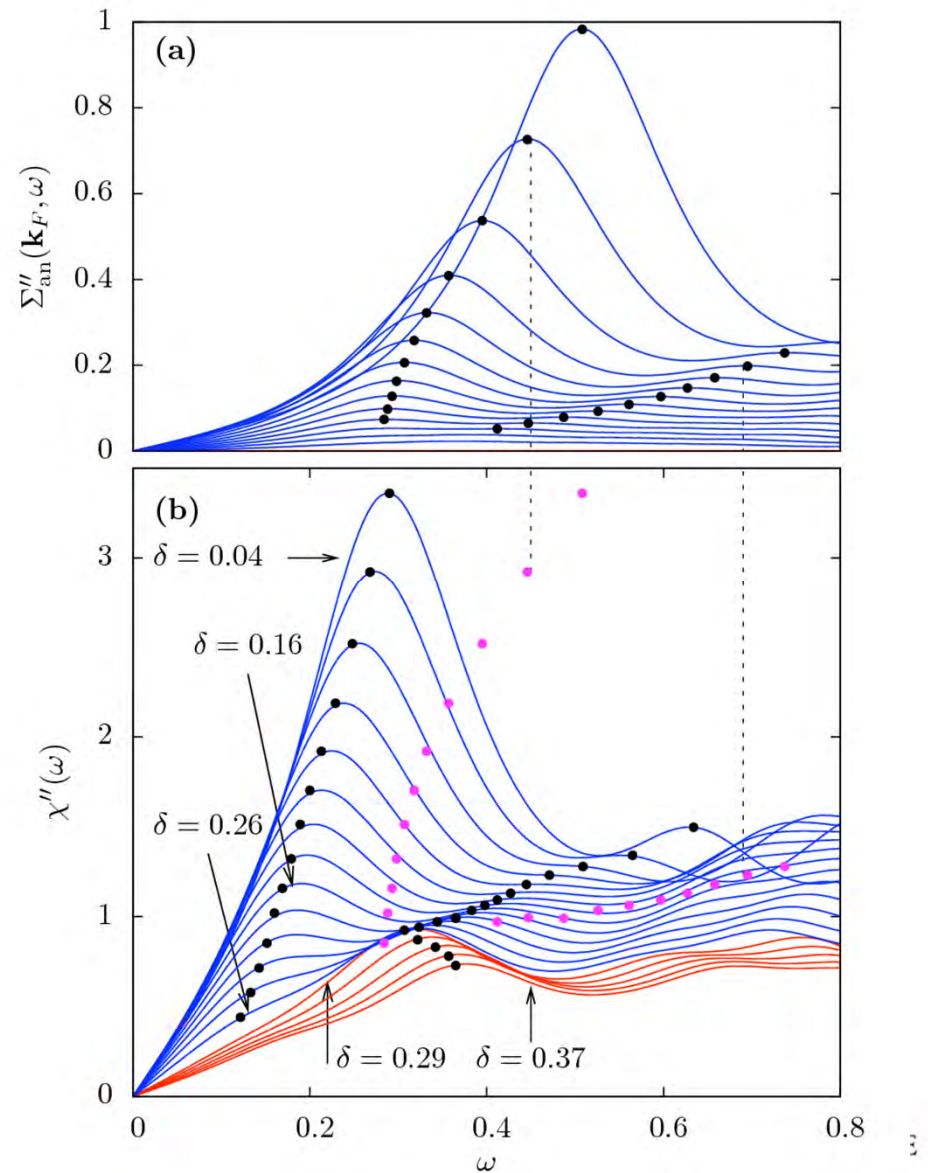


# The glue

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# The glue and neutrons

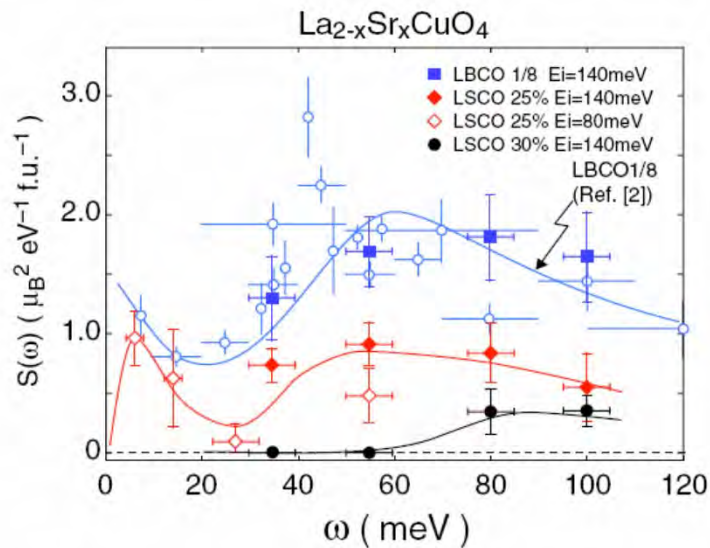
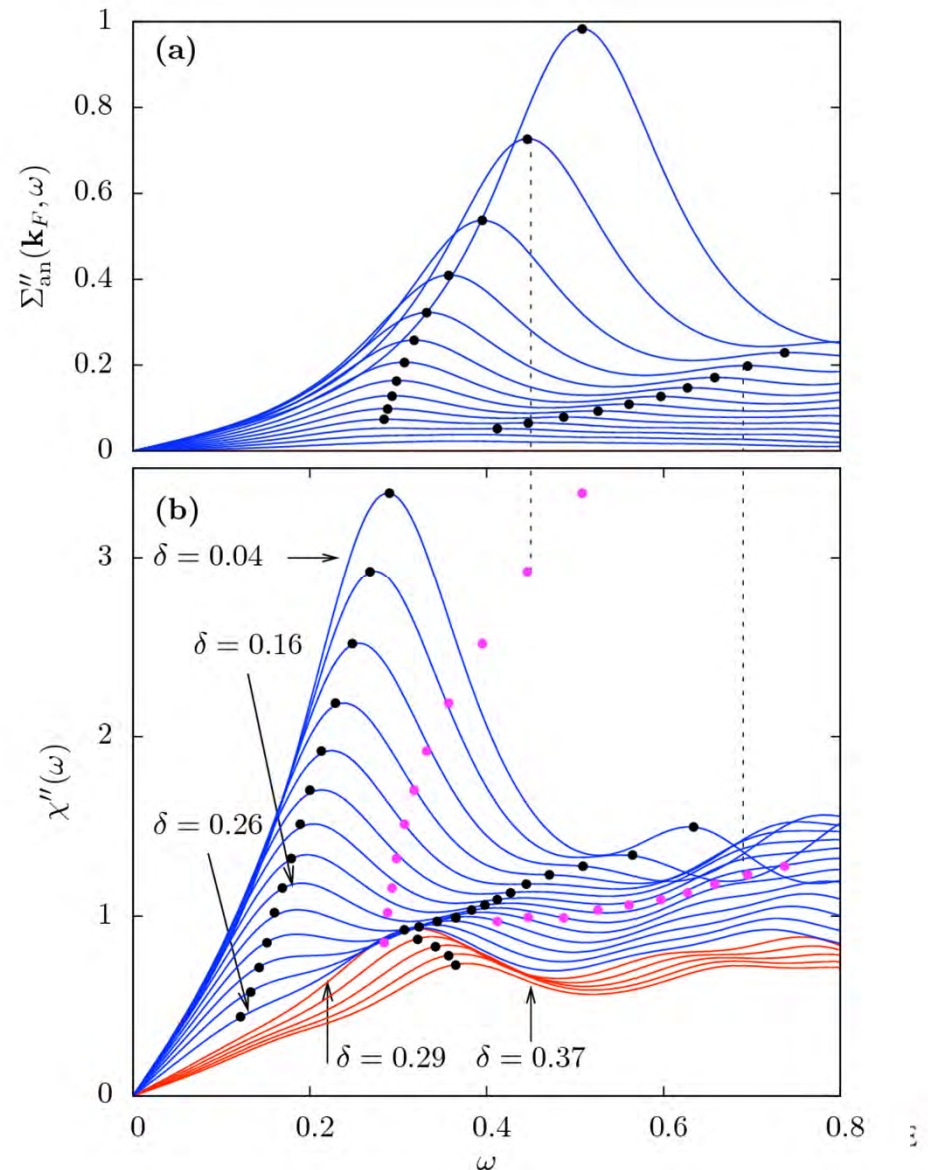


FIG. 3 (color online).  $\mathbf{Q}$ -integrated dynamic structure factor  $S(\omega)$  which is derived from the wide- $H$  integrated profiles for LBCO 1/8 (squares), LSCO  $x = 0.25$  (diamonds; filled for  $E_i = 140$  meV, open for  $E_i = 80$  meV), and  $x = 0.30$  (filled circles) plotted over  $S(\omega)$  for LBCO 1/8 (open circles) from [2]. The solid lines following data of LSCO  $x = 0.25$  and  $0.30$  are guides to the eyes.

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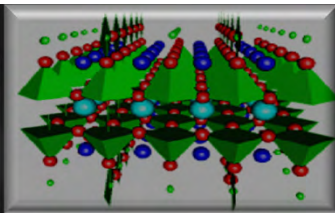






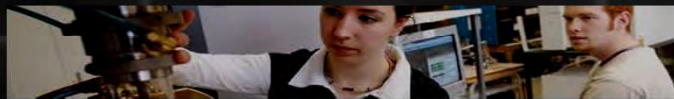
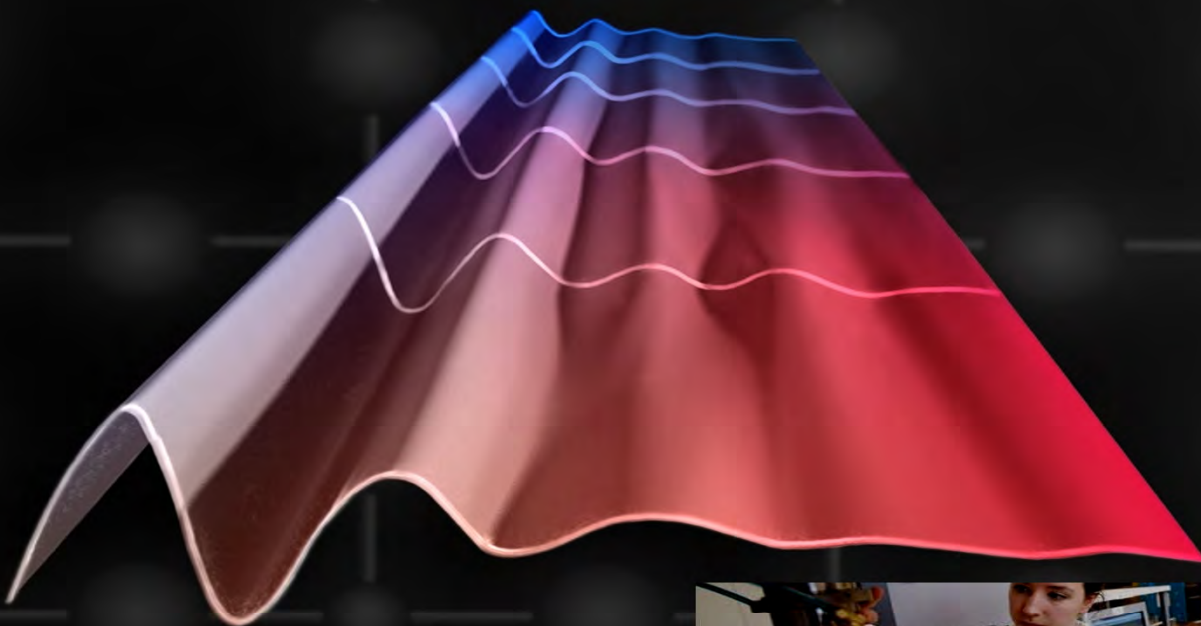


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$$H(t) = - \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} e^{-i \int_i^j d\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

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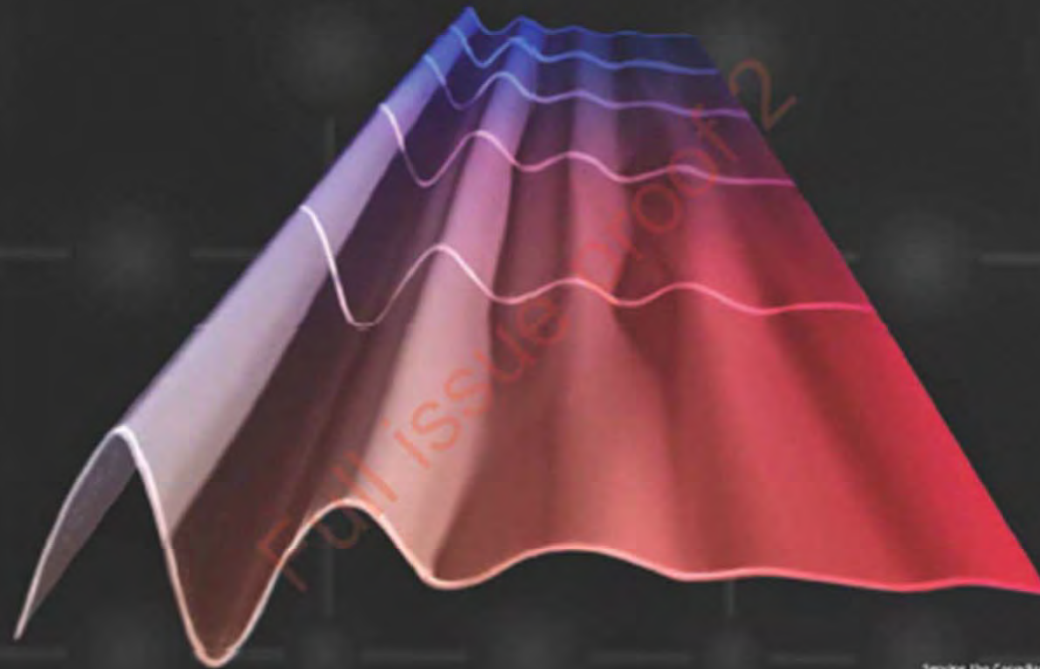


$$|BCS(\theta)\rangle = \dots + e^{iN\theta} |N\rangle + e^{i(N+2)\theta} |N+2\rangle + \dots$$



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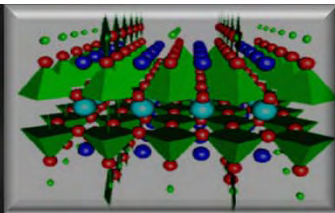


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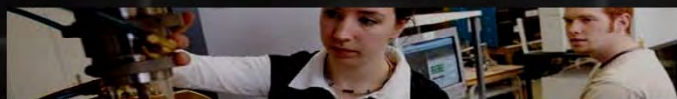
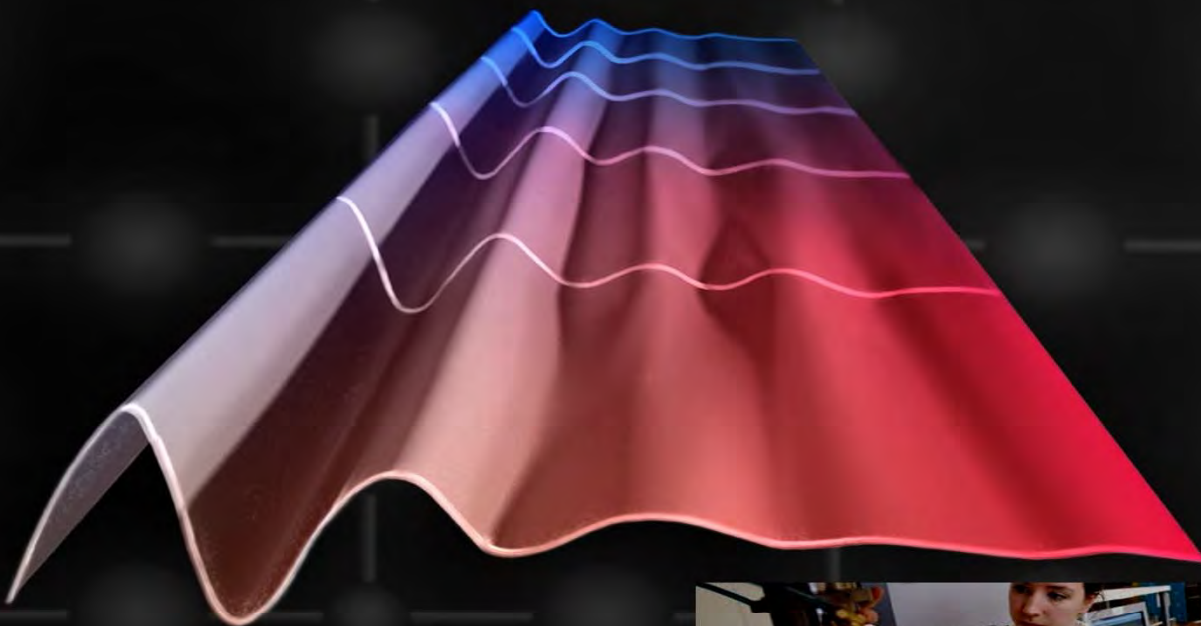


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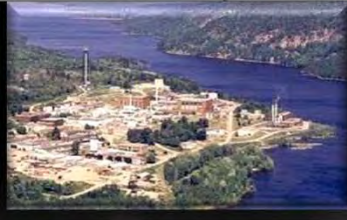


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# Conclusion



# The dream



## room-temperature superconductors

They would transform the grid—if they can exist at all *By Michael Moyer*

You can build a coal-fired power plant just about anywhere. Renewables, on the other hand, are finicky. The strongest winds blow across the high plains. The sun shines brightest on the desert. Transporting that energy into cities hundreds of kilometers away will be one of the great challenges of the switch to renewable energy.

The most advanced superconducting cable can move those megawatts thousands of kilometers with losses of only a few percent. Yet there is a catch: the cable must be kept in a bath of liquid nitrogen at 77 kelvins (or -196 degrees Celsius). This kind of deployment, in turn, requires pumps

and refrigeration units every kilometer or so, greatly increasing the cost and complexity of superconducting cable projects.

Superconductors that work at ordinary temperatures and pressures would enable a truly global energy supply. The Saharan sun could power western Europe via superconducting cables strung across the floor of the Mediterranean Sea. Yet the trick to making a room-temperature superconductor is just as much of a mystery today as it was in 1986, when researchers constructed the first superconducting materials that worked at the relatively high temperatures of liquid nitrogen (previ-

ous substances needed to be chilled down to 23 kelvins or less).

Two years ago the discovery of an entirely new class of superconductor—one based on iron—raised hopes that theorists might be able to divine the mechanism at work in high-temperature superconductors [see “An Iron Key to High-Temperature Superconductivity?” by Graham P. Collins; SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, August 2009]. With such insights in hand, perhaps a path toward room-temperature superconductors would come into view. But progress has remained slow. The winds of change don't always blow on cue.

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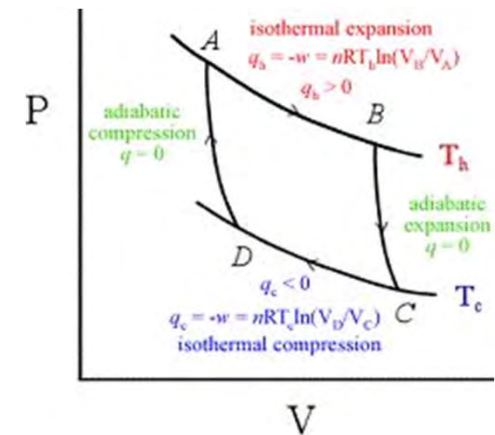


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# Steam engine and thermodynamics



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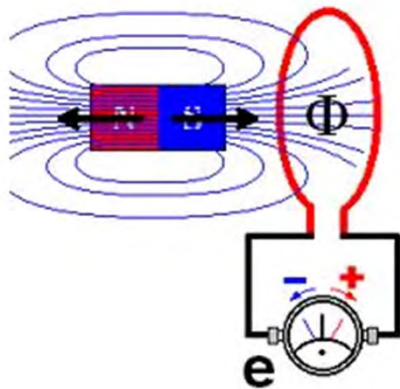
Carnot 1824



# Induction and electric motor



Induction, Faraday (1831)



Electric motor, Tesla(1880)



# Induction



# Electron and television



Thomson, 1897



Television, 1940





# Quantum mechanics and the transistor



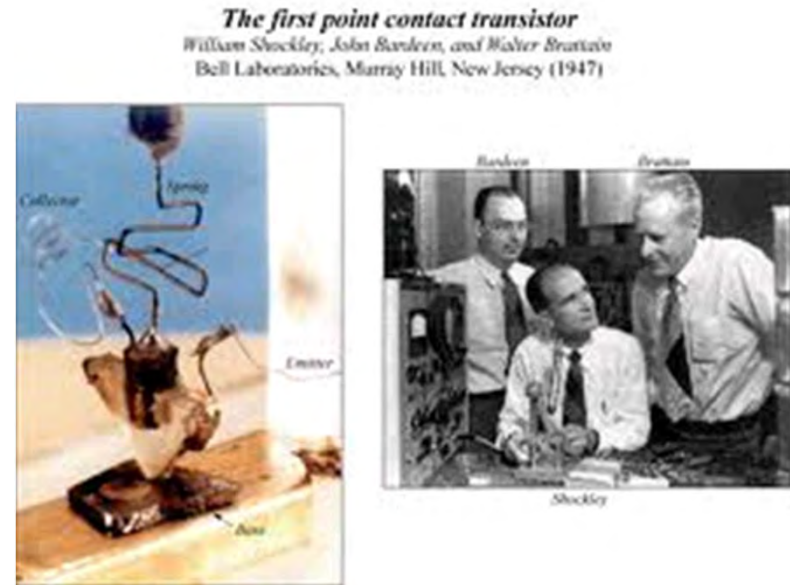
Prof. Dr. Erwin Schrödinger  
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Schrödinger



Heisenberg

Quantum mechanics 1926

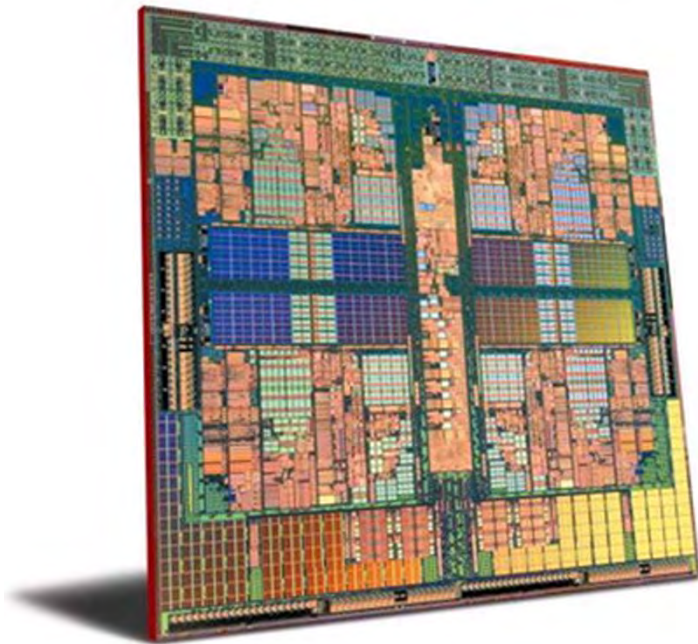


Transistor 1947





# Quantum mechanics and the transistor



# Laser and CD-ROM



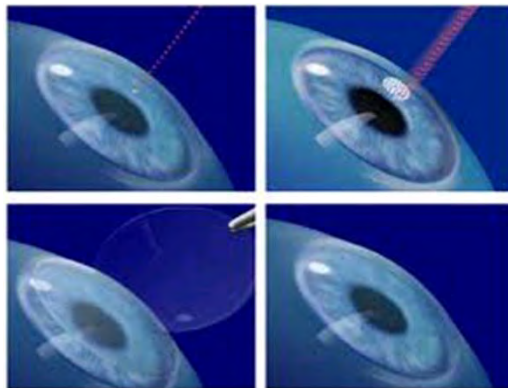
Stimulated emission 1925



Laser 1960



CD-ROM (1980-90)



Eye surgery



# Edward Bellamy (USA) 1887

- Novel: « Looking backward » 2000-1887
- If we could have devised an arrangement for providing everybody with music in their homes, perfect in quality, unlimited in quantity, suited to every mood, and beginning and ceasing at will, we should have considered the limit of human felicity already attained, and ceased to strive for further improvements.
- Edward Bellamy, Looking Backward, (1887) p.67 Boston: Ticknor and Company, 1888, [www.forgottenbooks.org](http://www.forgottenbooks.org)









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