

LECTURE 1: (High- T_c) Superconductivity

#	DATE	TOPIC & KEYWORDS
1	27.10.	(High-T_c) Superconductivity New-material design, Multi-layered crystal structure, Mixed-valency, Oxygen nonstoichiometry
2	29.10.	Ionic conductivity: Oxygen Oxygen vacancies, Crystal symmetry, Oxygen storage, SOFC
3	03.11.	Ionic conductivity: Hydrogen & Lithium Water absorption & Oxide/hydroxide, Li-ion battery, Solid-state electrolytes
4	05.11.	Hybrid materials Inorganic-organic materials, MOF, ALD/MLD, Layer-engineering

LECTURE EXERCISE 1

1. The following copper oxide compounds are high- T_c superconductors:
 $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7\pm\delta}$, $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_{6\pm\delta}$, $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8\pm\delta}$ and $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10\pm\delta}$

a) Explain the meaning of T_c .

b) Give the systematic name (= chemical formula abbreviation) for each compound.

c) Which of the compounds should have the highest T_c (when optimized); give the reason for your choice!

d) Explain the importance of oxygen nonstoichiometry parameter δ for these compounds.

e) Explain why a multilayered crystal structure is useful for the high- T_c copper-oxide superconductors.

2. Nb_3Sn and Sn_3Ge are important "low-temperature" superconductors and members of the so-called "A15 family" of intermetallic compounds. Please make a small literature search (3-7 references) to discuss few aspects (history, different characteristics, etc.) which you find most interesting related to these materials.

Superconductivity of Nb₃Sn

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Intermetallic compounds of niobium and tantalum with tin have been found. The superconducting transition temperature of Nb₃Sn at 18°K is the highest one known.



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SOME intermetallic compounds crystallizing with the β -wolfram structure become superconducting, as was first pointed out by Hardy and Hulm.¹ In particular one of these, V₃Si, showed a remarkably high transition temperature between 16.9°K and 17.1°K. These authors made various attempts to raise this temperature by introducing a third component but were not successful.

The β -wolfram structure is a very peculiar structure with rather varying interatomic distances,² a fact which may render the addition of a third component rather difficult. It seemed therefore more favorable to look for another β -W compound with a large volume and a favorable electron/atom ratio³ in order to raise the superconducting transition temperature. There is very little known about the systematic occurrence of intermetallic compounds in this β -W structure. The fact that thus far no niobium compounds have been reported seemed therefore not significant.

It was expected that in the Nb-Sn and Ta-Sn this crystal form would be found, an assumption which was verified. We have determined that Nb₃Sn and Ta₃Sn both crystallize in a β -W structure with a lattice constant of about 5.3Å. The Ta₃Sn was measured in the apparatus previously described,⁴ and became superconducting near 6°K. The transition temperature of the Nb₃Sn was determined by immersing the sample surrounded by a copper coil in liquid hydrogen. The self-inductance of the coil was measured on a General Radio Model 650A Bridge at 1 kc/sec as the sample was slowly cooled. Figure 1 shows the results for two different samples made under somewhat different conditions which were cooled from 18.5°K to 17.5°K during a period of about 30 minutes. The sharpness of the transition together with the reproducibility between samples indicates that these samples are indeed well-defined compounds. The onset of superconductivity at

18.05°K \pm 0.1° is determined by extrapolating the line of steepest slope to the high temperature line. Temperatures were measured by a copper constantan thermocouple secured to the measuring coil and independently checked with the vapor pressure of hydrogen.

APPENDIX

While the synthesis of an intermetallic compound is generally a rather straightforward process, it may be necessary to describe briefly the formation of these

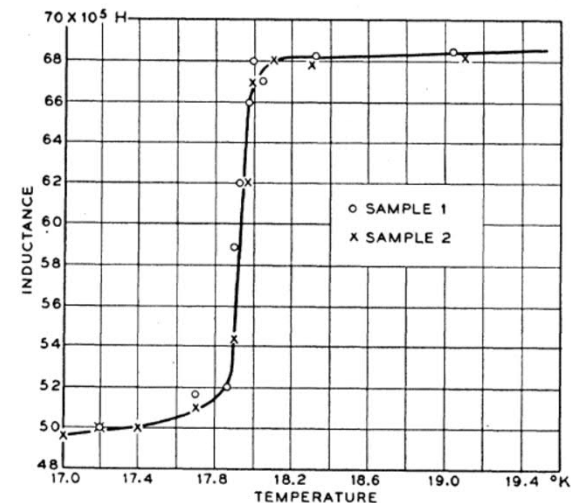


Fig. 1. Variation of susceptibility with temperature of Nb₃Sn.

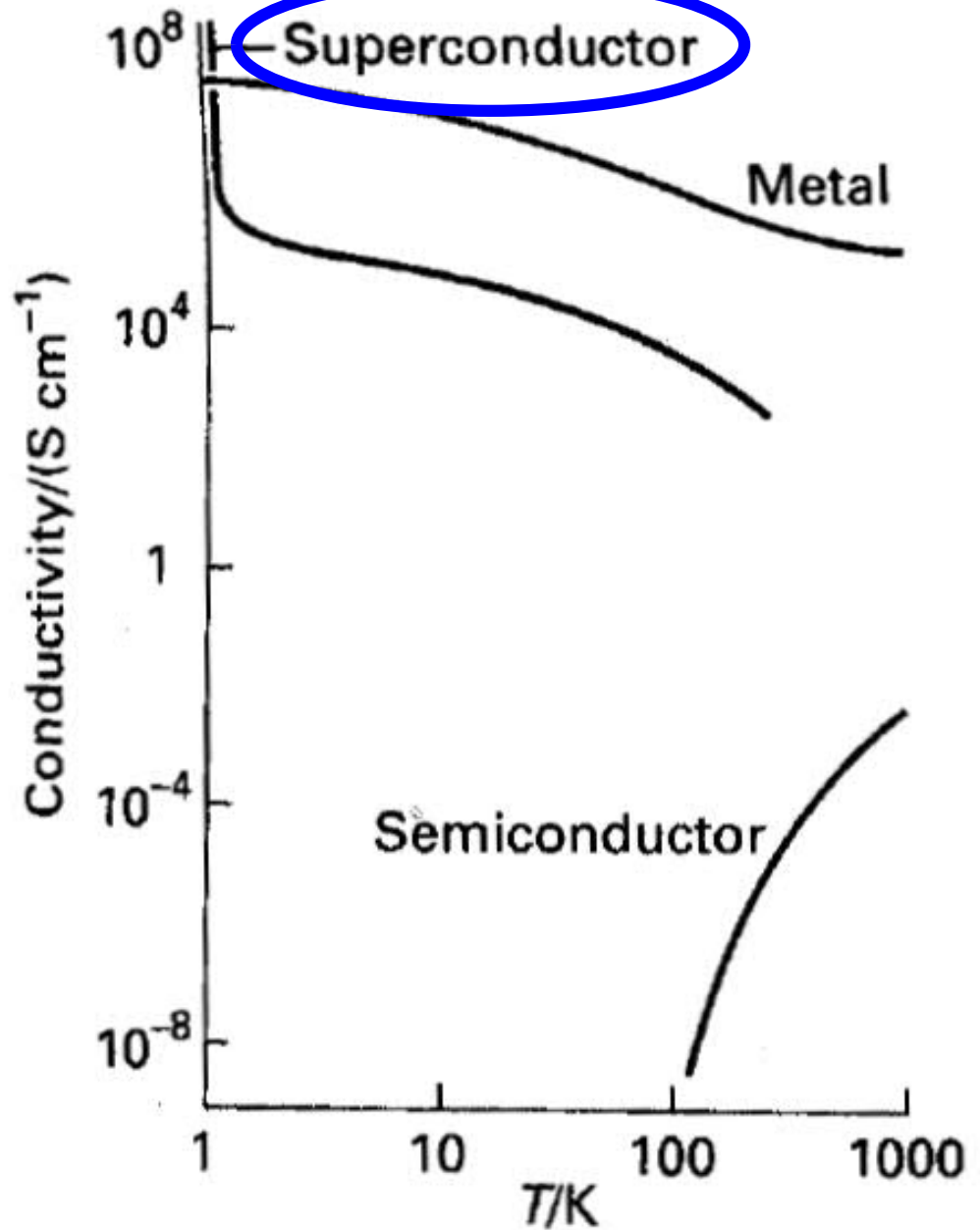
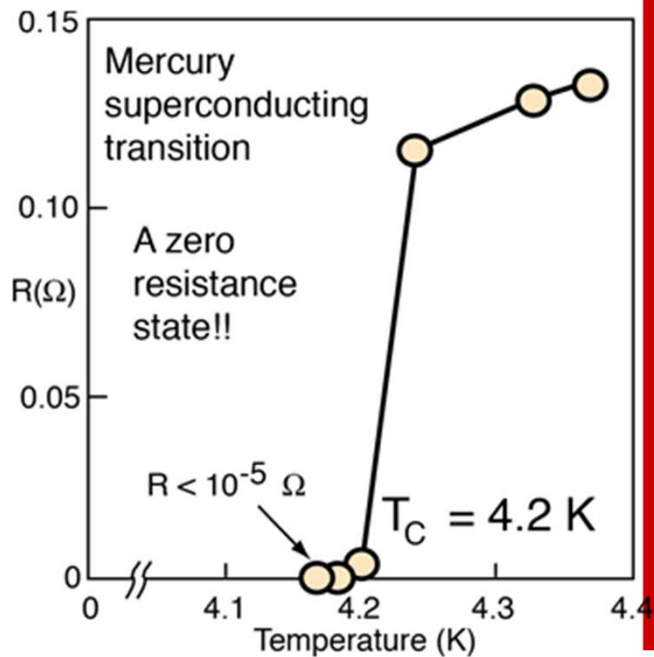
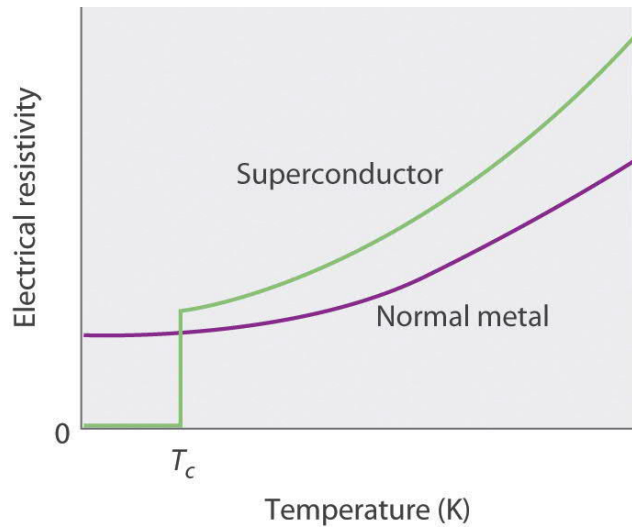
compounds. No reference to Nb-Sn or Ta-Sn was found in the literature. The melting point of niobium is nearly 400° above the boiling point of tin, and an arc furnace is therefore out of place. A complete reaction can, however, easily be obtained by having molten tin run over Nb or Ta powder in a closed-off quartz tube at 1200°C. Nb₃Sn and Ta₃Sn seem to be formed by a peritectic reaction between 1200°C and 1550°C.

¹ G. Hardy and J. K. Hulm, *Phys. Rev.* **89**, 884 (1953).

² H. I. Wallbaum, *Z. Metallkunde* **31**, 362 (1939).

³ B. T. Matthias, *Phys. Rev.* **92**, 874 (1953).

⁴ B. T. Matthias and J. K. Hulm, *Phys. Rev.* **87**, 799 (1952).



SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

Superconductivity

- 1911: Kamerlingh-Onnes
- $\rho = 0$
- Hg ($T_c = 4.2$ K)



Nobel 1913

Meissner effect

- 1933: Meissner and Ochsenfeld:
- $\chi = B/H < 0 \rightarrow$ levitation



High- T_c superconductivity

- 1986: Bednorz and Müller
- $(\text{La,Ba})_2\text{CuO}_4$ ($T_c = 30\sim 40$ K)



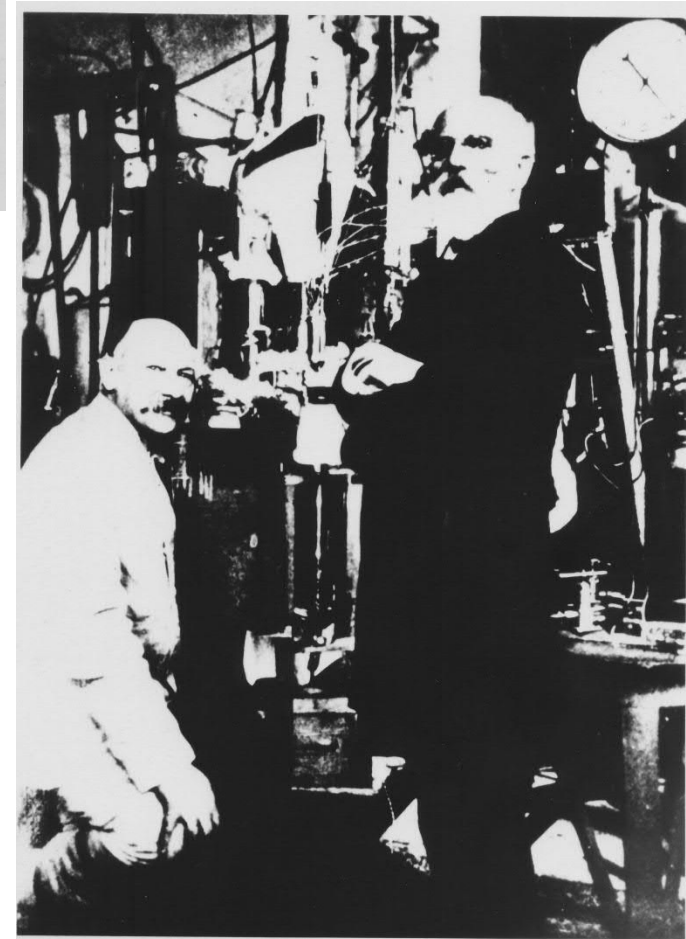
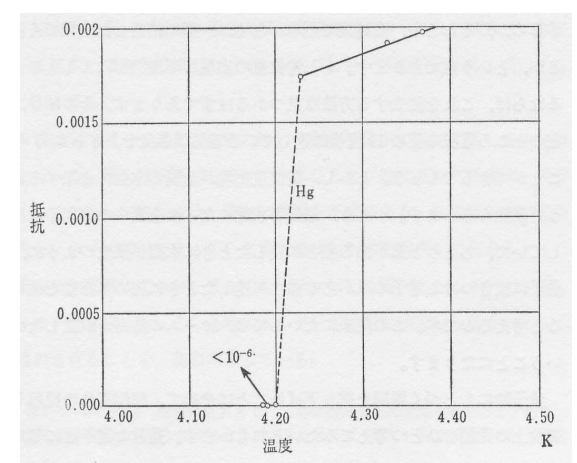
Nobel 1987

Present record in T_c :

138 K for $\text{HgBa}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{9-\delta}$

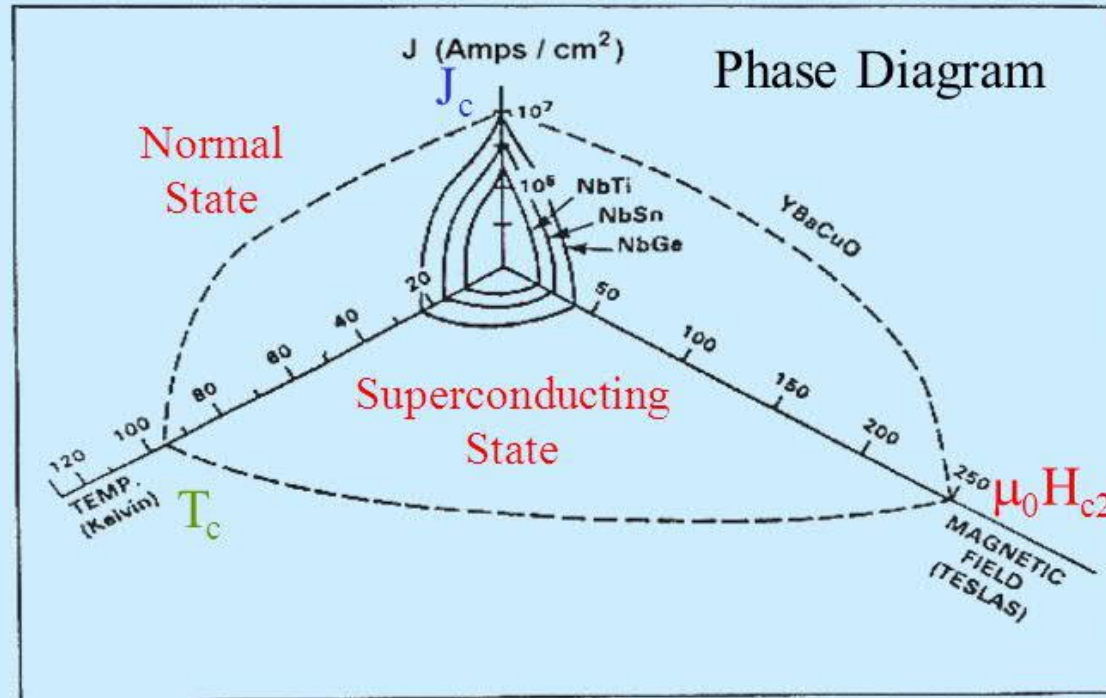


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What are the Limits of Superconductivity?



$$f_{\text{super}} = f_{\text{normal}} + \alpha(T)|\psi|^2 + \frac{\beta(T)}{2}|\psi|^4 + \frac{1}{2m^*} \left| \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla - e^* \vec{A} \right) \psi \right|^2 + \frac{\mu_0 h^2}{2}$$

Ginzburg-Landau
free energy density

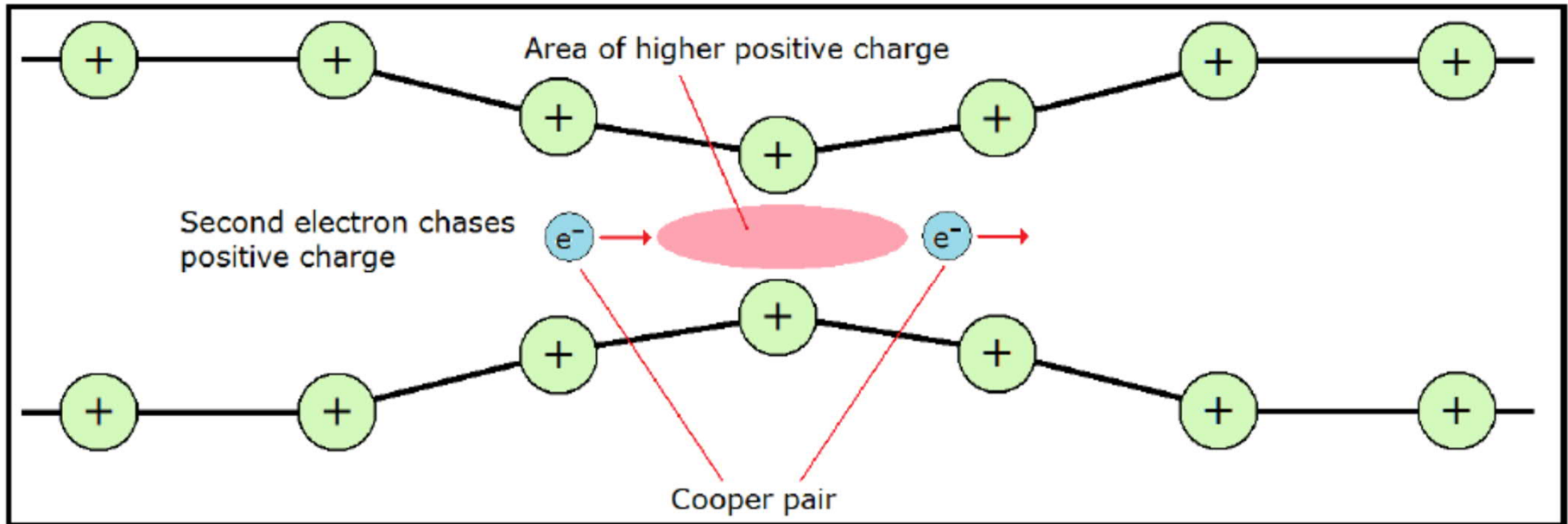
Temperature
dependence

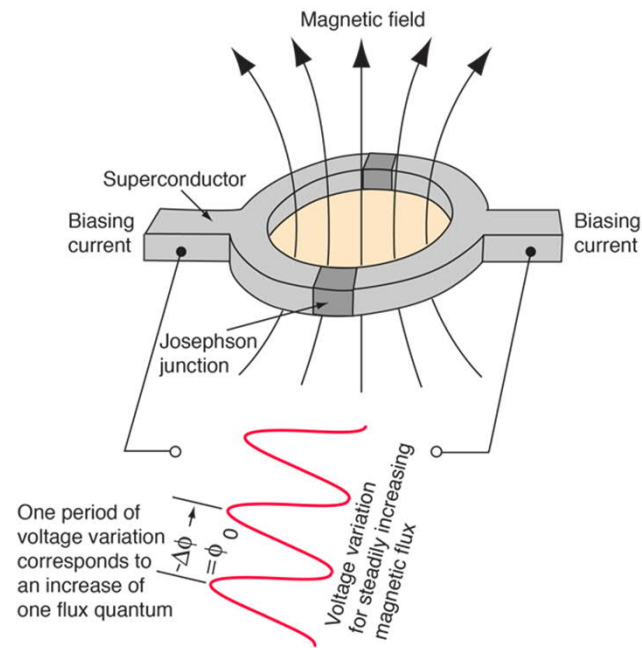
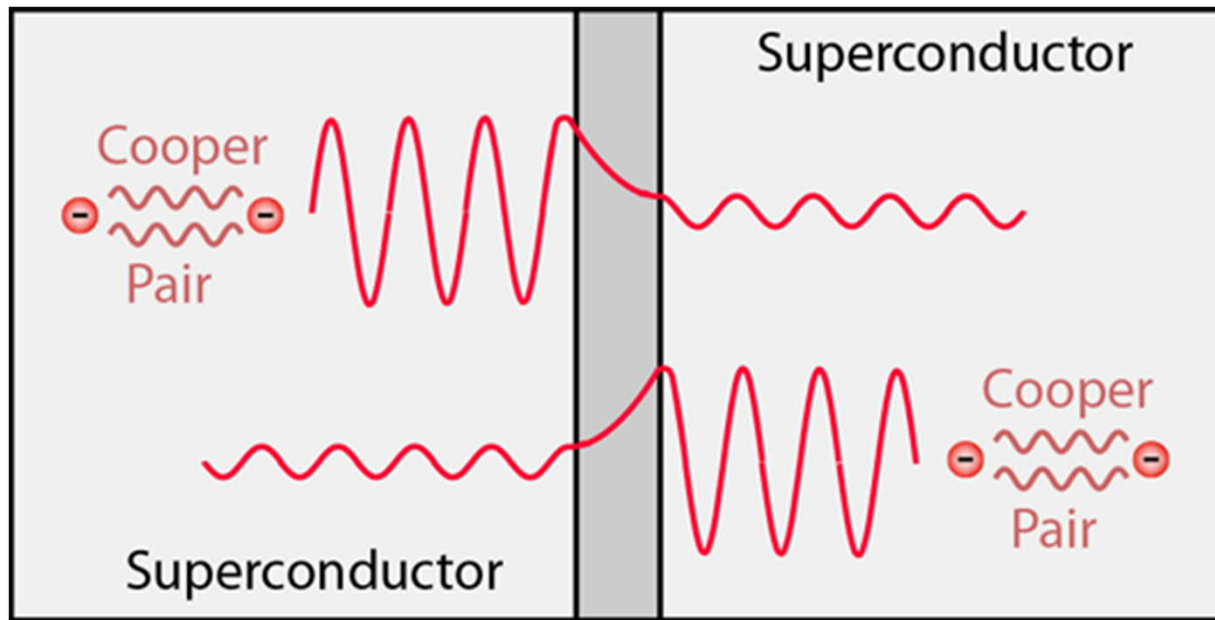
Currents

Applied magnetic field

Bardeen, Cooper & Schrieffer

- BCS theory 1957
- Nobel 1972
- Cooper pairs



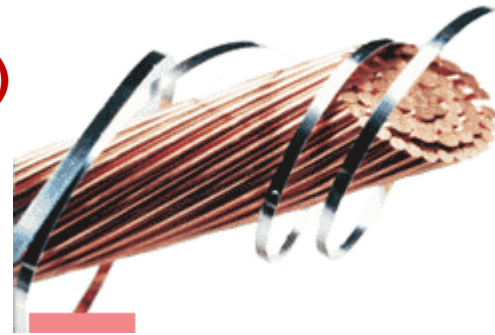


Josephson Junction & SQUID

- 1962 Brian David Josephson (Nobel 1973)
- Two superconductors separated by a thin insulating layer
- Tunneling of Cooper pairs through the junction
- Macroscopic quantum effect
- Josephson junction device has become the standard measure of voltage
- Superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) based on Josephson junctions: measurement of extremely weak signals (e.g. subtle changes in the human body's electromagnetic energy field)

Application Examples of (high- T_c) Superconductors

- Cables and wires ($\rho = 0$)
→ public power supply (Copenhagen 2001)



- Strong magnets ($\rho = 0$)
- Microwave filters ($\rho = 0$)
→ to improve signal reception in wireless phone towers

- Levitation (Meissner)
→ MAGLEV trains



- Sensitive magnetic probes (Josephson)
→ SQUID, NMR, MRI

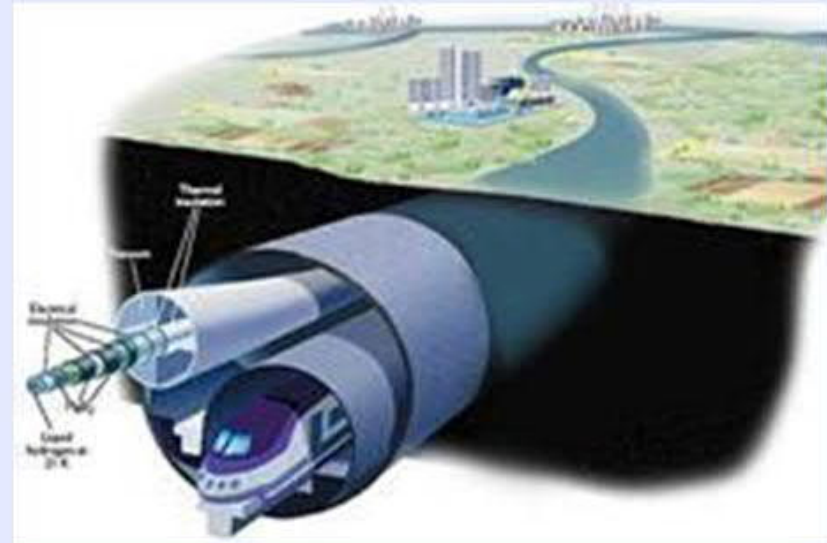


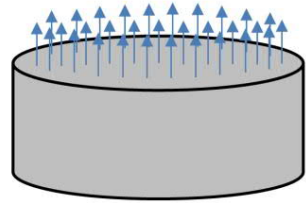
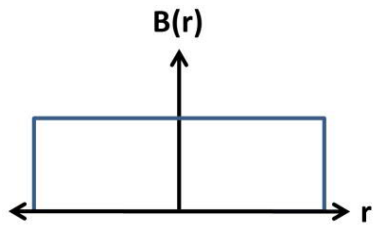
- Supercomputers (Josephson)

Applications using Superconductors

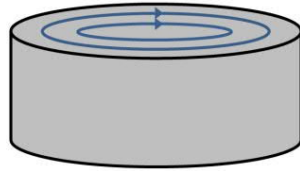
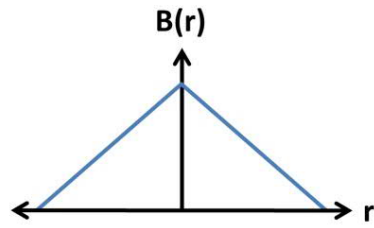
Superconducting power transmission

- currently we waste ~ 20 % of our energy just transporting it around
- potentially the next industrial revolution

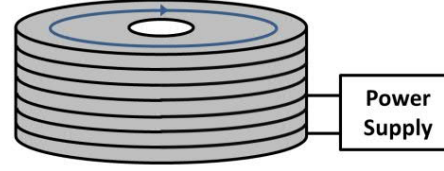
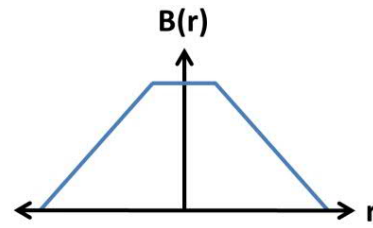




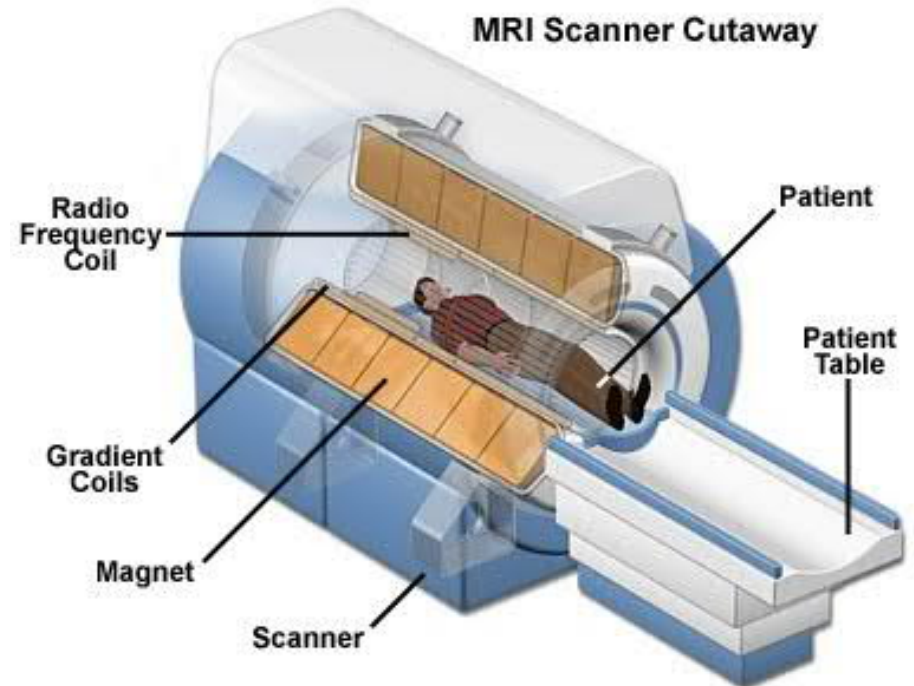
Permanent ferromagnet
Spin
Neodymium N-B-Fe (1.5 T)



Bulk superconductor
*Induced, superconducting
loop current*
HTS (17 T), MgB₂ (5 T)

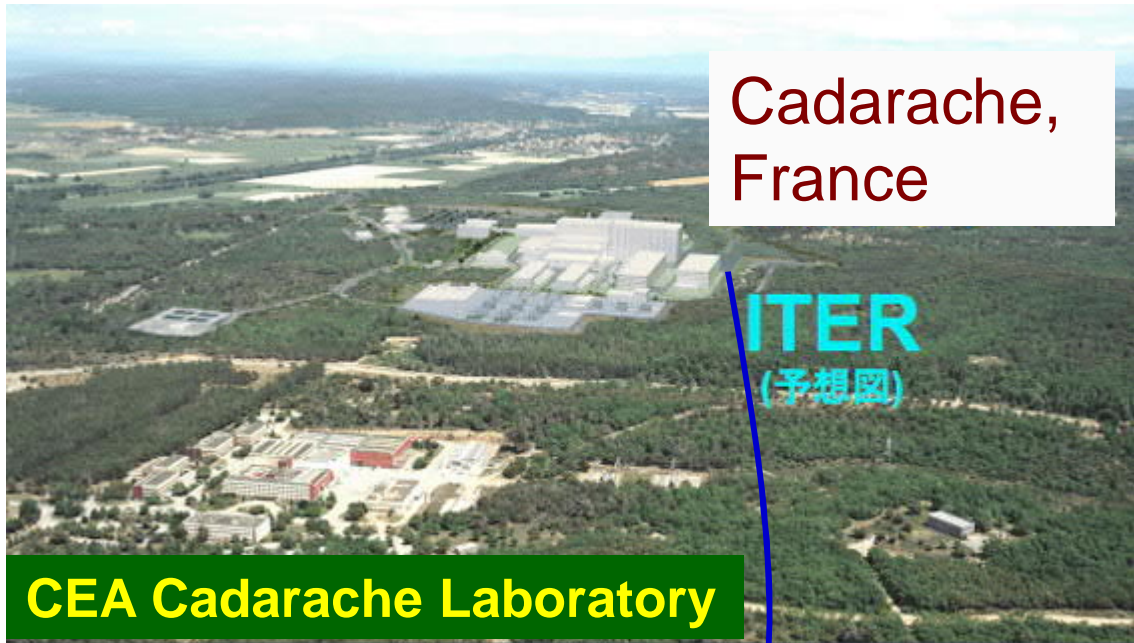


Electromagnet
Supplied loop current
Cu (2 T), HTS (> 30 T)

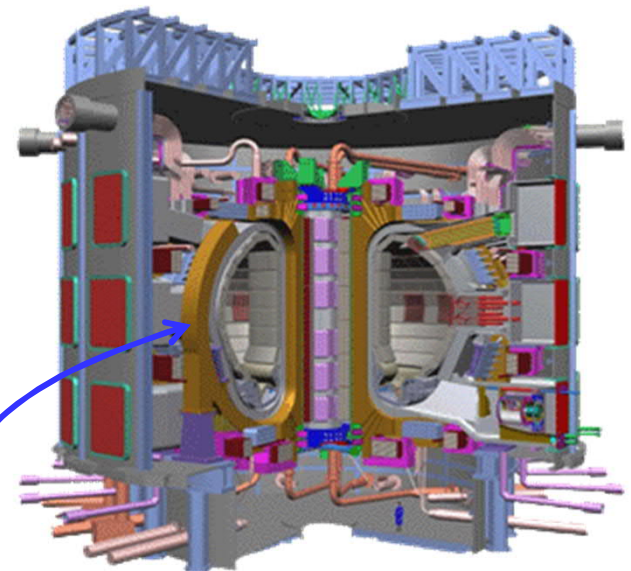


ITER: International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor

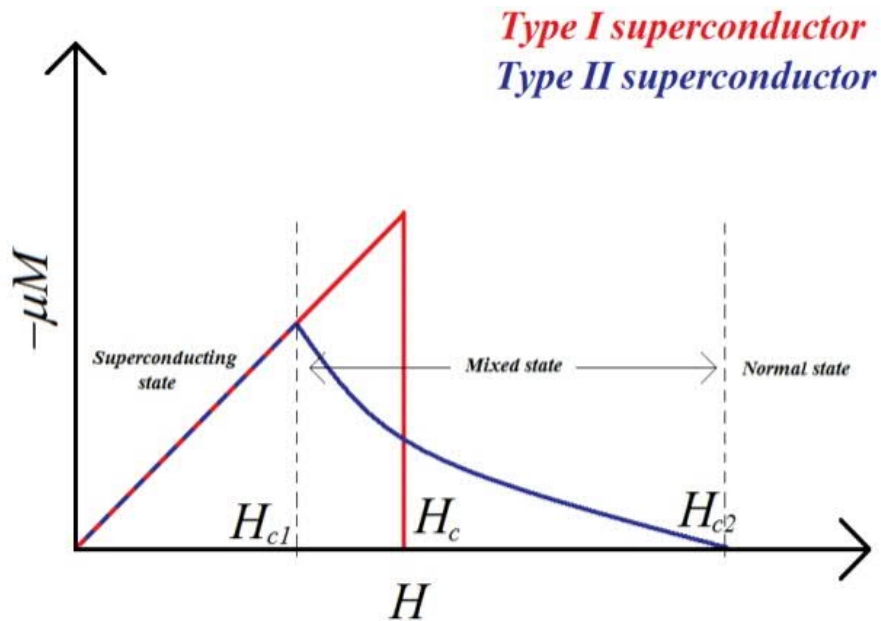
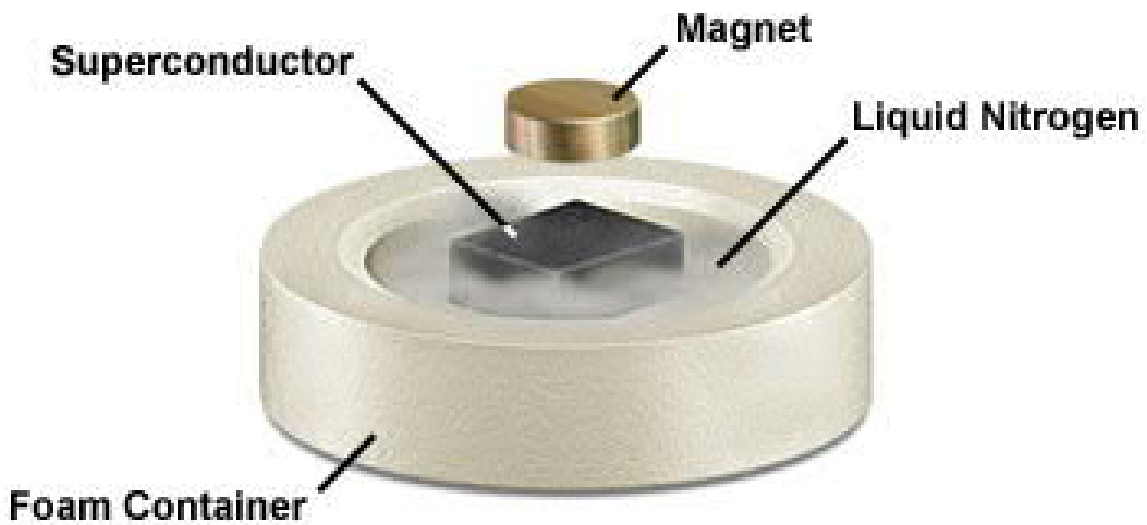
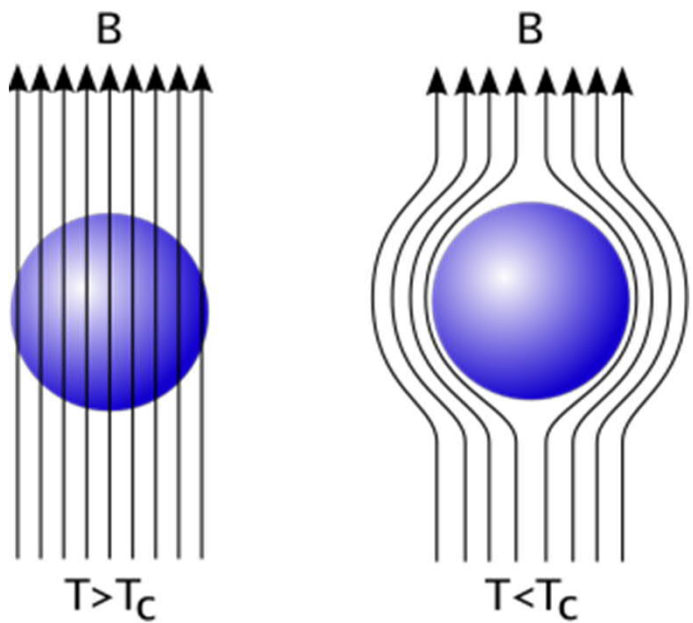
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**Nuclear Fusion
Reactor**



The Meissner Effect





Super-Maglev Train

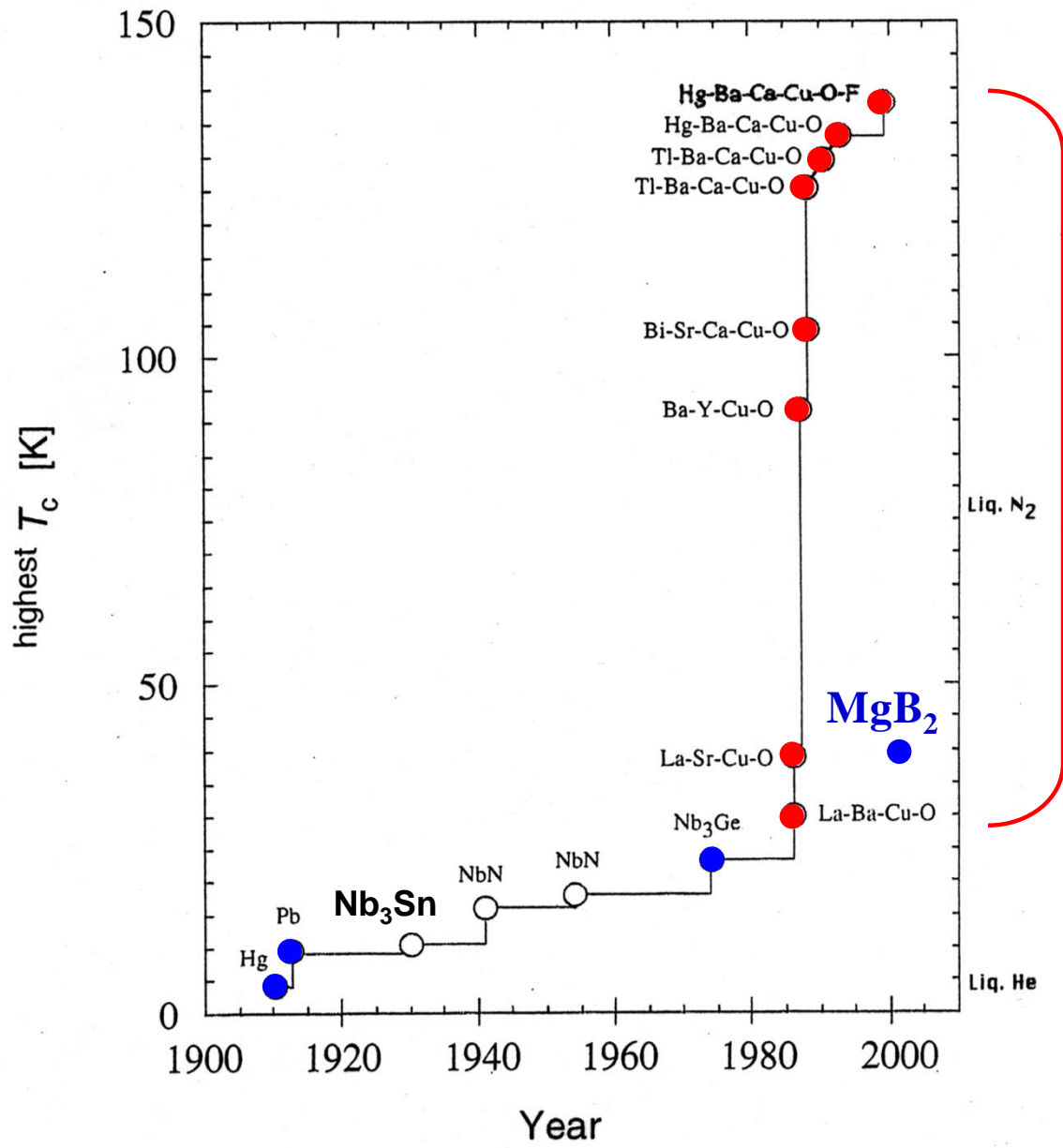
- 603 km / hour
- Test line 42.8 km

Superconducting Elements

1	1	H																	2	He																
2	3	Li	4	Be																	5	B	6	C	7	N	8	O	9	F	10	Ne				
3	11	Na	12	Mg																	13	Al	14	Si	15	P	16	S	17	Cl	18	Ar				
4	19	K	20	Ca	21	Sc	22	Ti	23	V	24	Cr	25	Mn	26	Fe	27	Co	28	Ni	29	Cu	30	Zn	31	Ga	32	Ge	33	As	34	Se	35	Br	36	Kr
5	37	Rb	38	Sr	39	Y	40	Zr	41	Nb	42	Mo	43	Tc	44	Ru	45	Rh	46	Pd	47	Ag	48	Cd	49	In	50	Sn	51	Sb	52	Te	53	I	54	Xe
6	55	Cs	56	Ba	57	La	72	Hf	73	Ta	74	W	75	Re	76	Os	77	Ir	78	Pt	79	Au	80	Hg	81	Tl	82	Pb	83	Bi	84	Po	85	At	86	Rn
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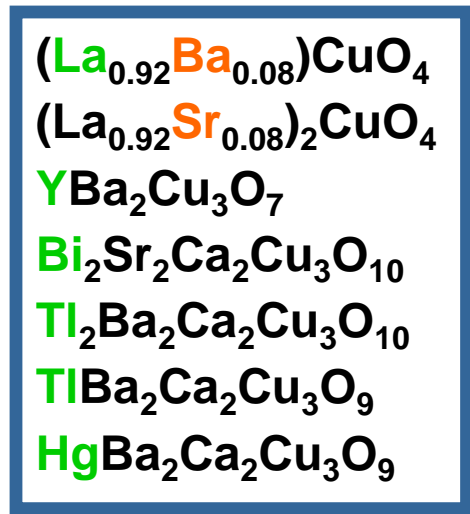
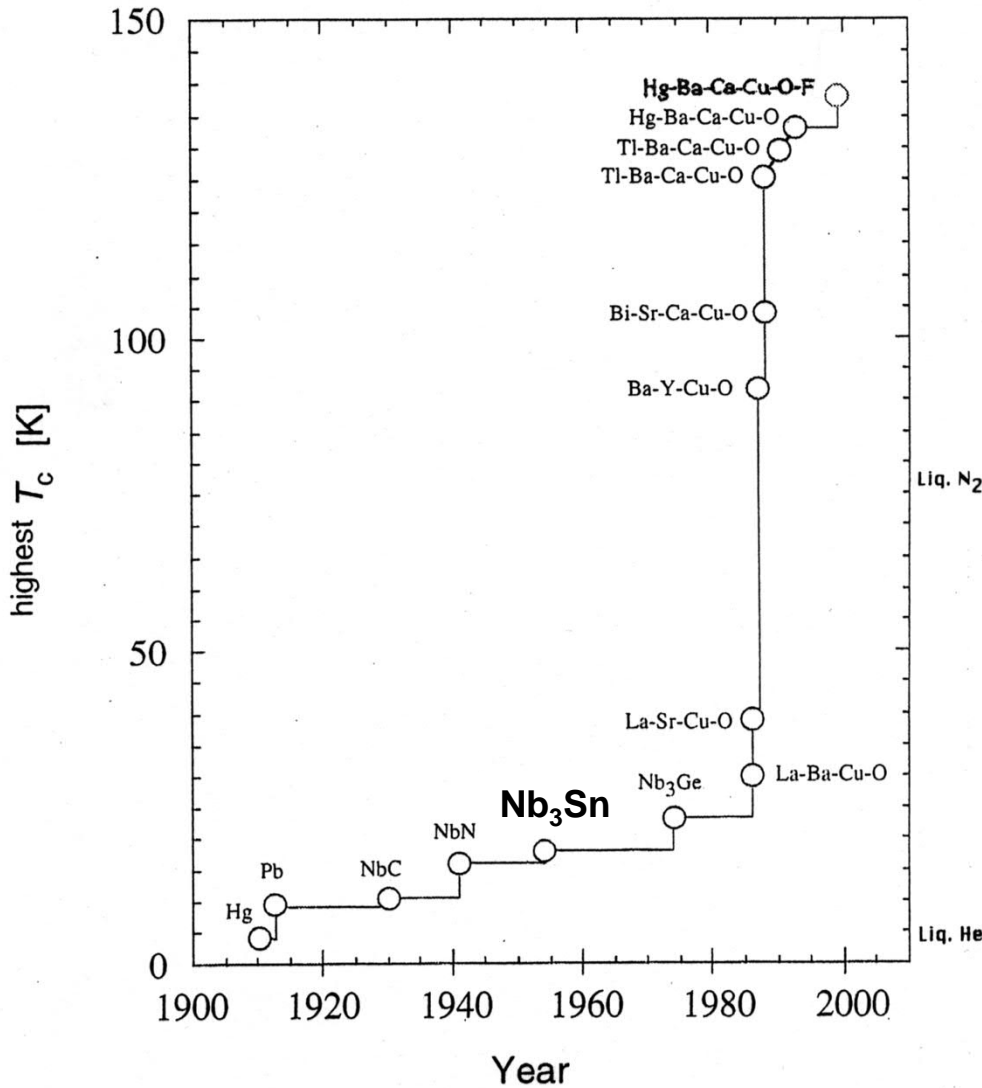
- In Bulk at Ambient Pressure
- At High Pressure
- In Modified Form

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90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
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"HTSC"

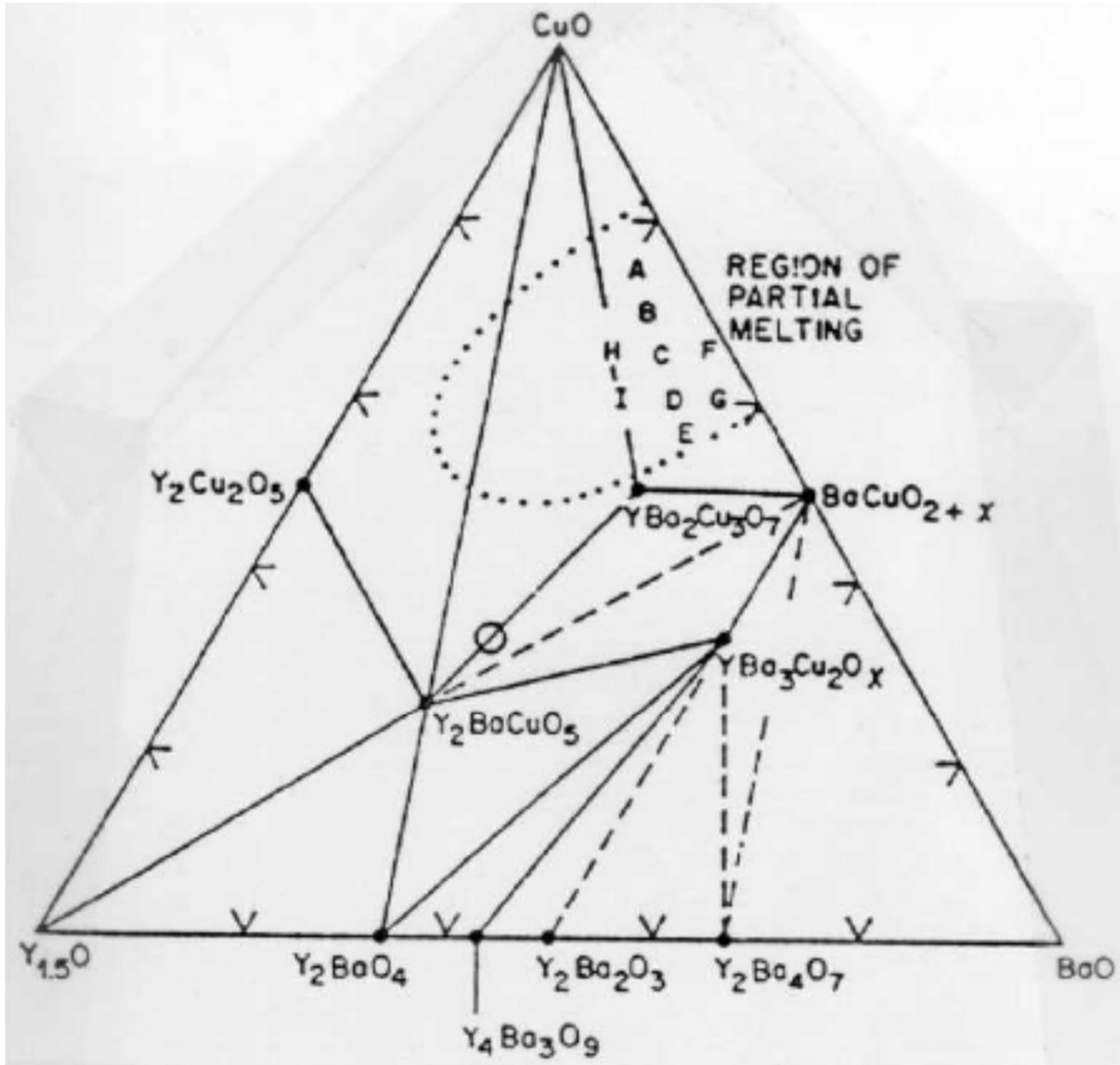
Search for new high- T_c superconductors



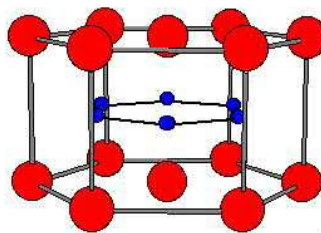
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Period 3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
Period 4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
Period 5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
Period 6	55 Cs	56 Ba	57 to 71 La to Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
Period 7	87 Fr	88 Ra	89 to 103 Ac to Lr	104 Rf	105 Ha	106 Sg	107 Ns	108 Hs	109 Mt									

Lanthanide series →	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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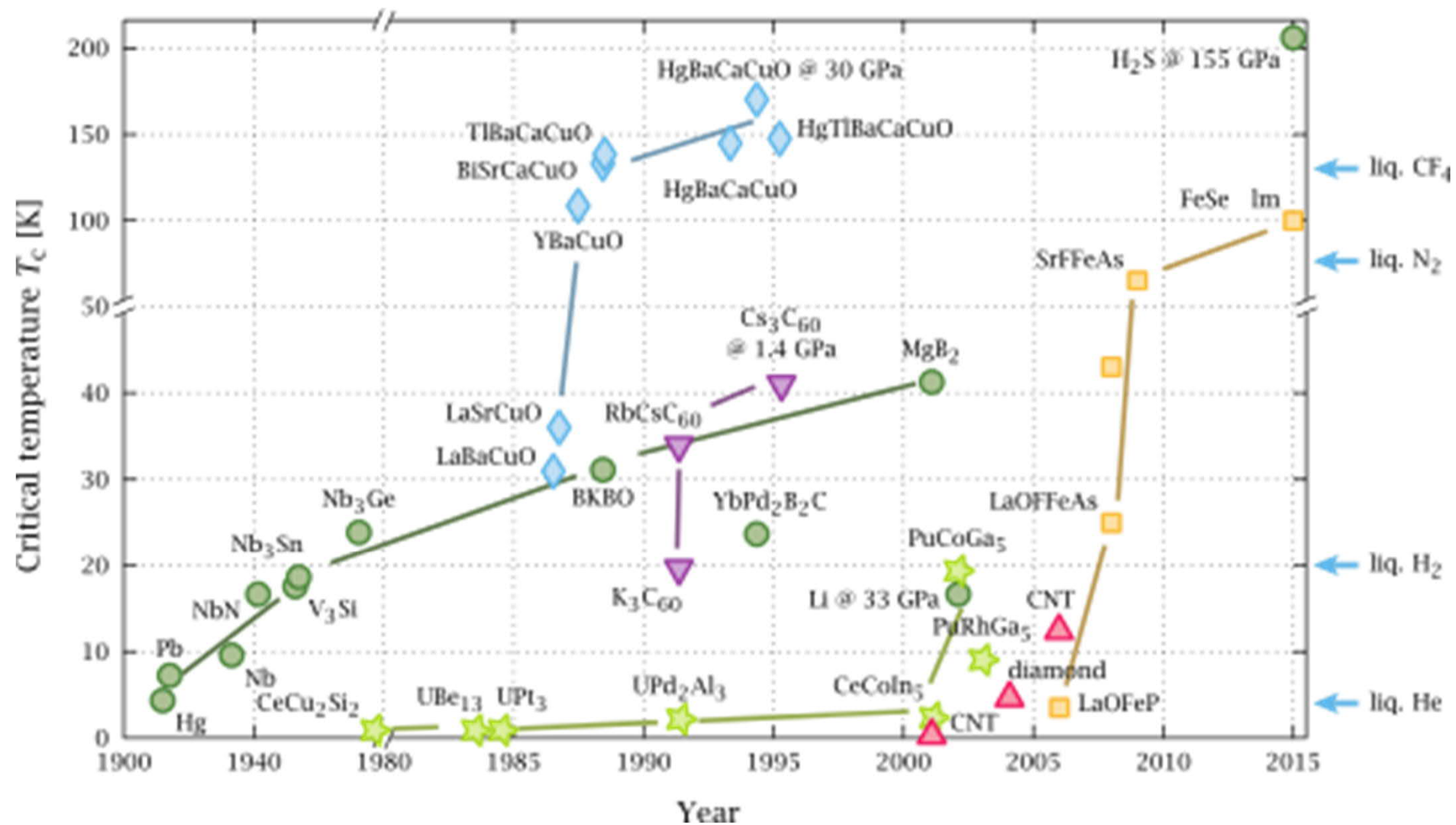
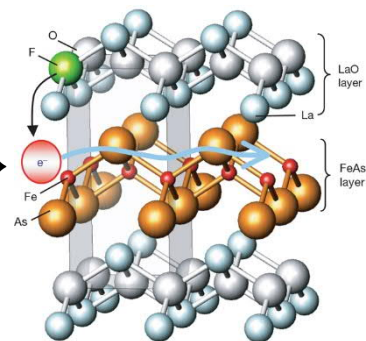
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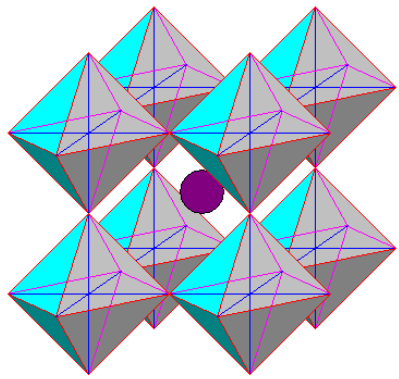
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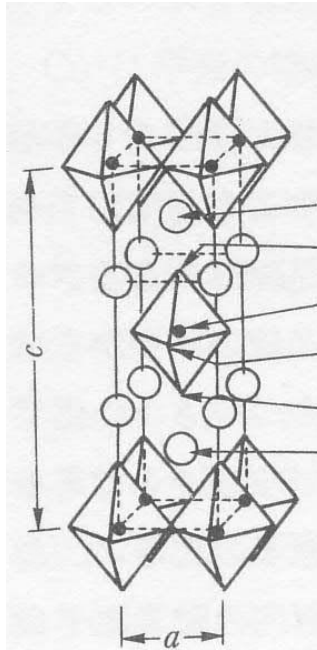
Hosono 2006 →
[La(O,F)][FeAs]



Crystal Structures of High- T_c Superconductive Copper Oxides



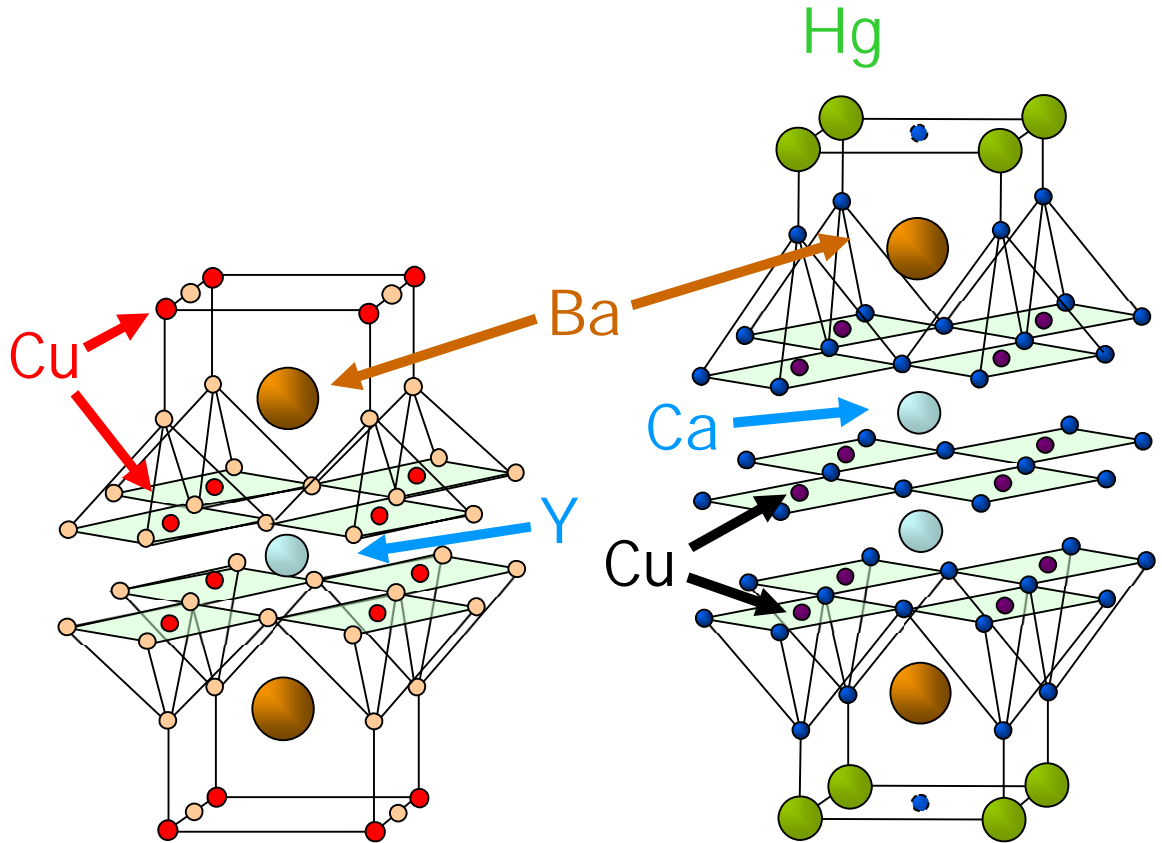
Perovskite CaTiO_3



(La, Ba)
O
Cu
O
O
(La, Ba)



$T_c \approx 35 \text{ K}$

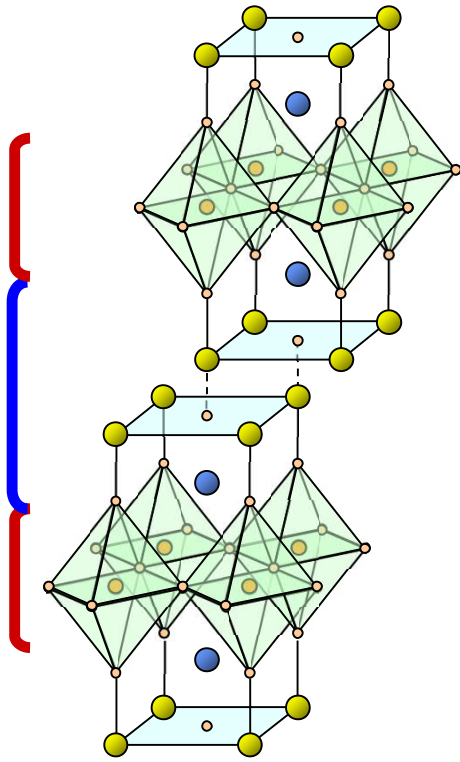


$T_c \approx 92 \text{ K}$

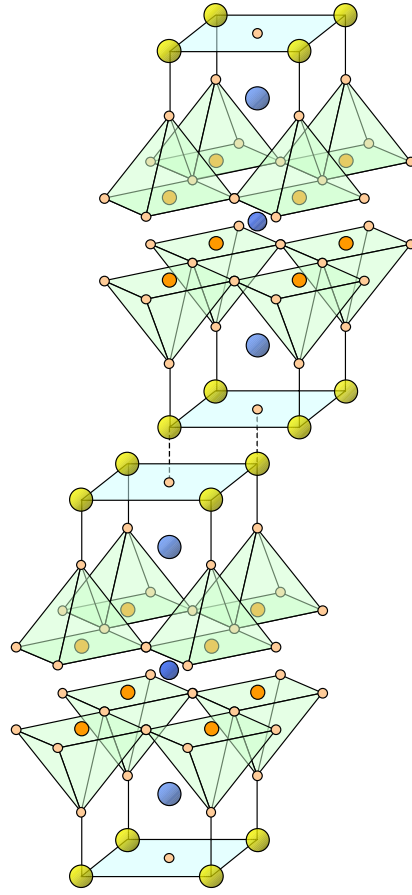


$T_c \approx 135 \text{ K}$

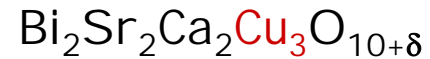
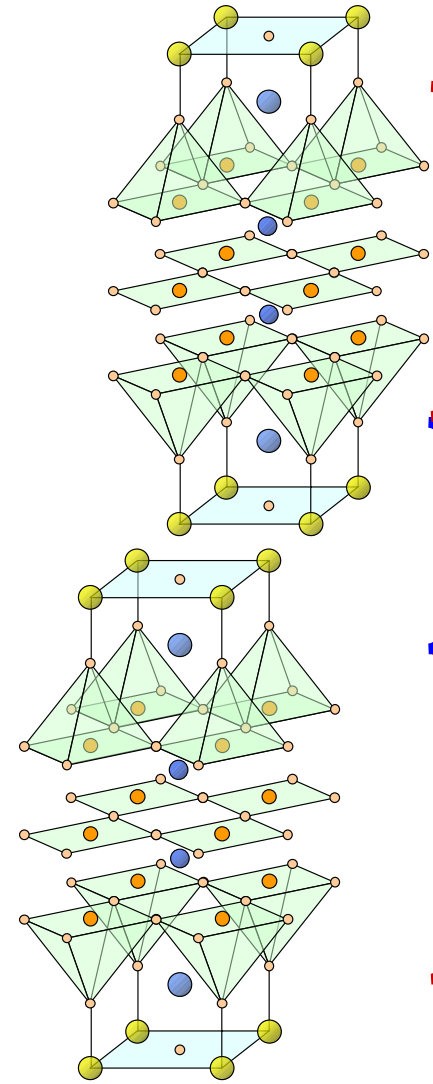
Homologous Series of Superconducting Copper Oxides



Bi-2201; $T_c \approx 20$ K



Bi-2212; $T_c \approx 80$ K

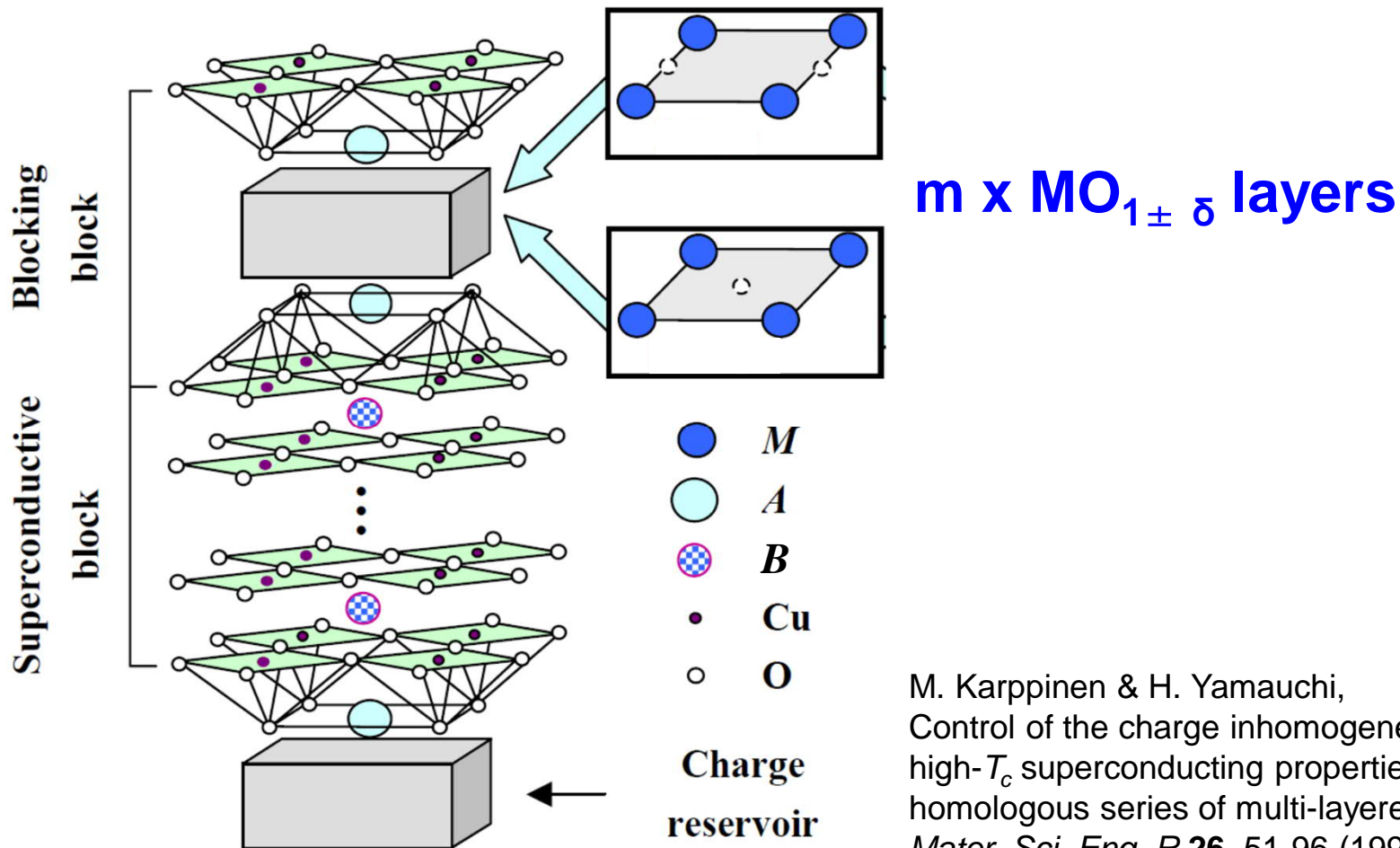


Bi-2223; $T_c \approx 110$ K

Superconducting Block
Blocking Block
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Blocking Block
Superconducting Block

GENERAL FORMULA

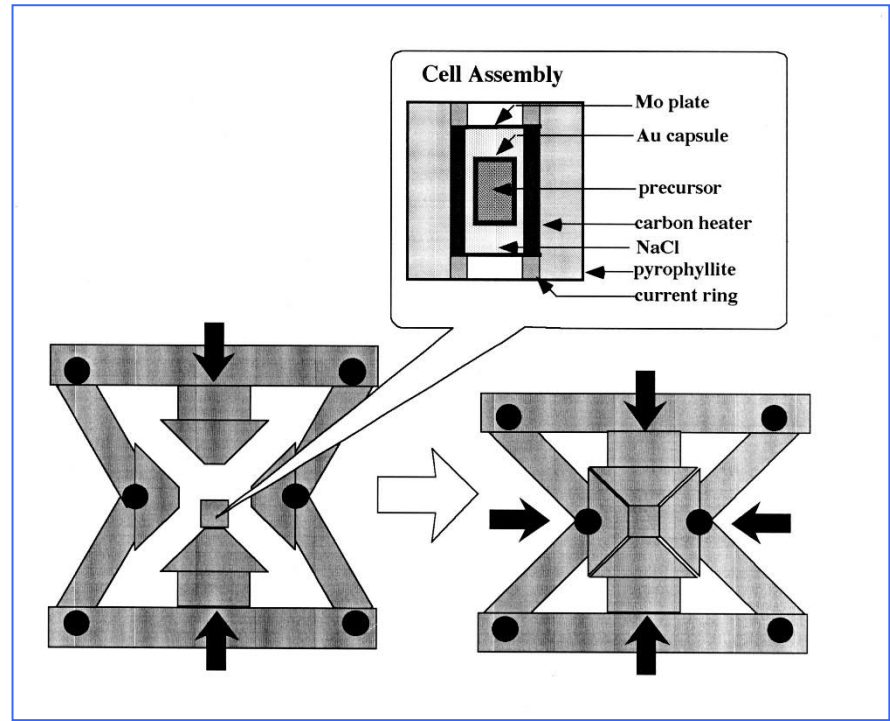
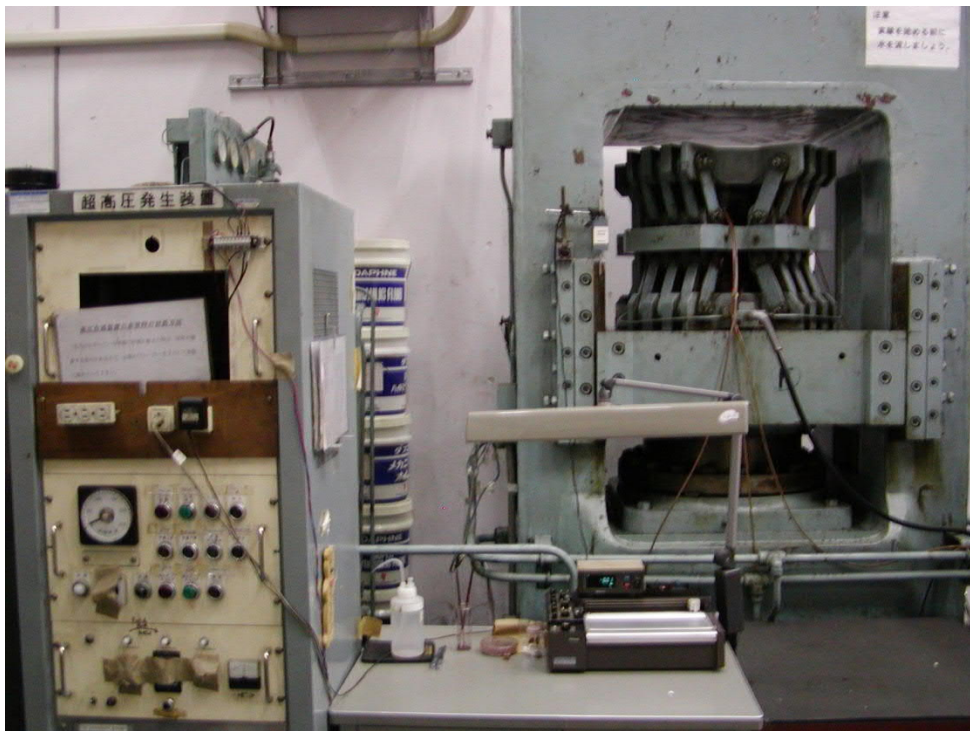
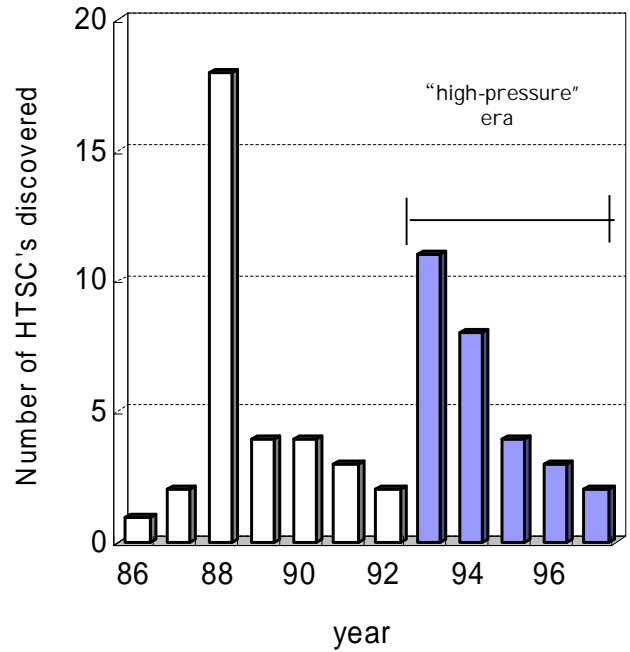
- $M_m A_2 B_{n-1} Cu_n O_{m+2+2n \pm \delta}$
- $M-m2(n-1)n$
- **HOMOLOGOUS SERIES:** M , m , A and B fixed, n varies



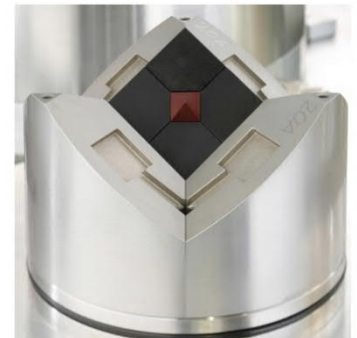
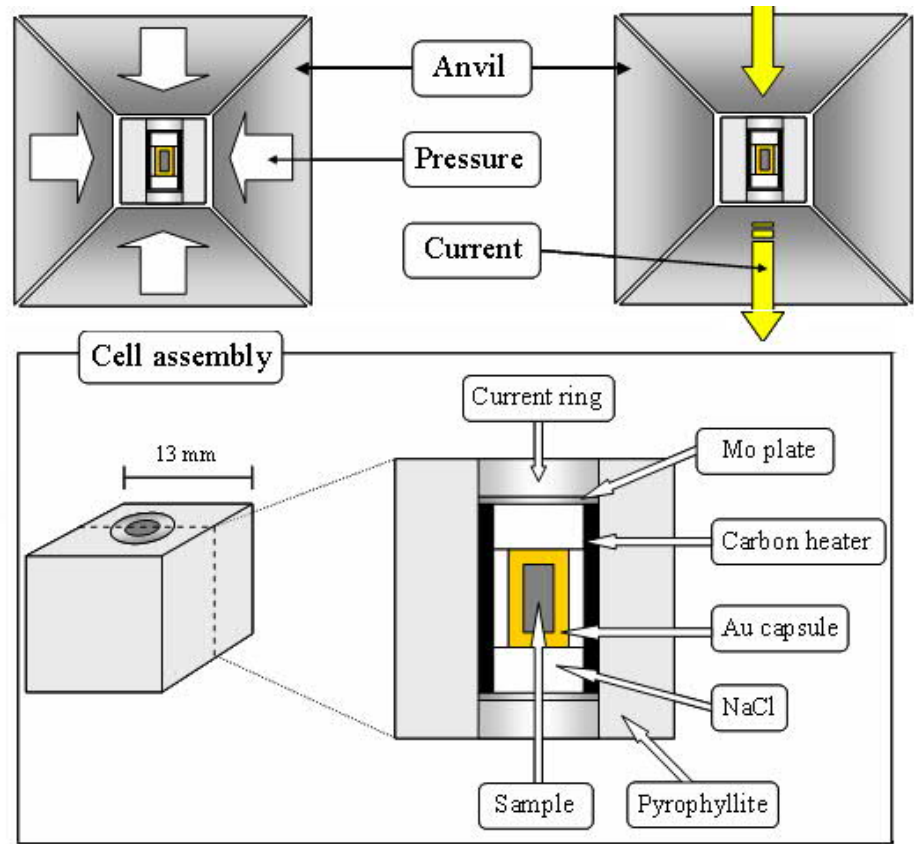
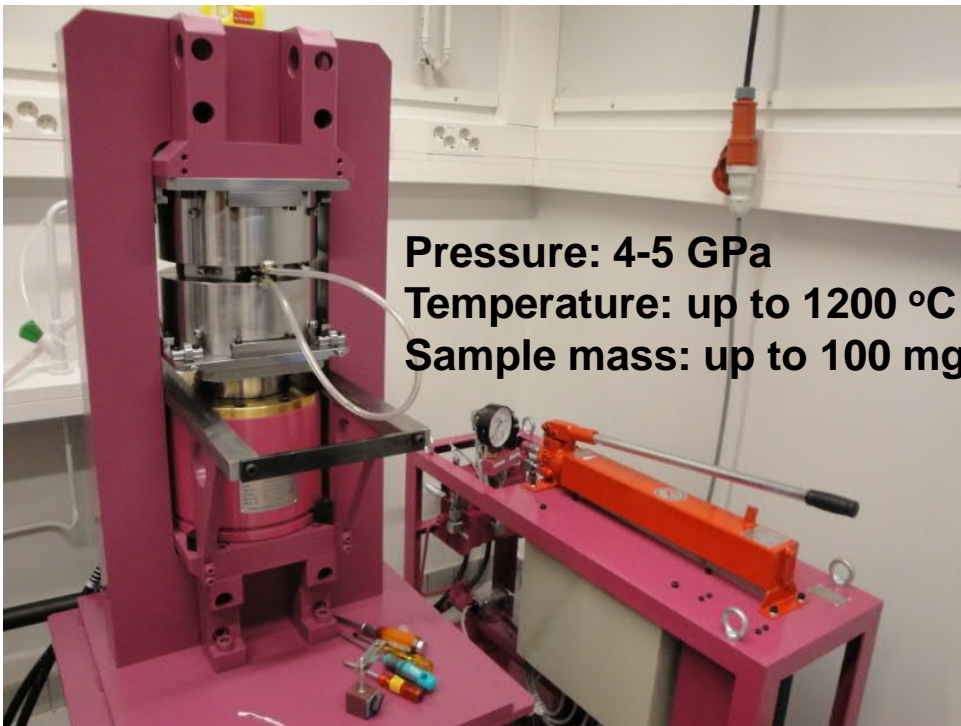
M. Karppinen & H. Yamauchi,
Control of the charge inhomogeneity and
high- T_c superconducting properties in
homologous series of multi-layered copper oxides,
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Ultra-High-Pressure Synthesis

pressure: 2 ~ 8 GPa
sample: 50 ~ 300 mg



OUR HIGH-PRESSURE EQUIPMENT



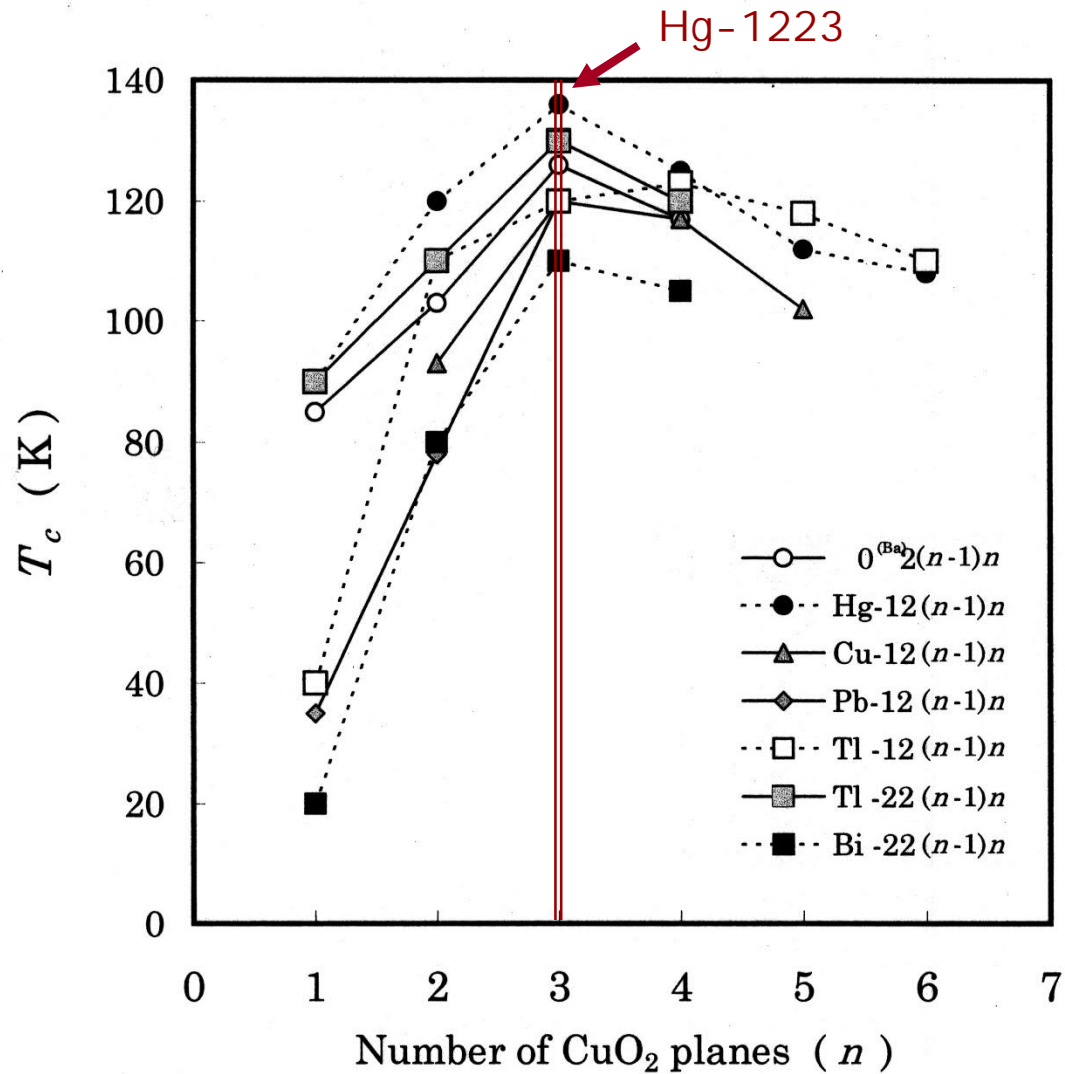


$$M - m2(n-1)n$$

1 H																		2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 to 71	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 to 103	104 Rf	105 Ha	106 Sg	107 Ns	108 Hs	109 Mt										

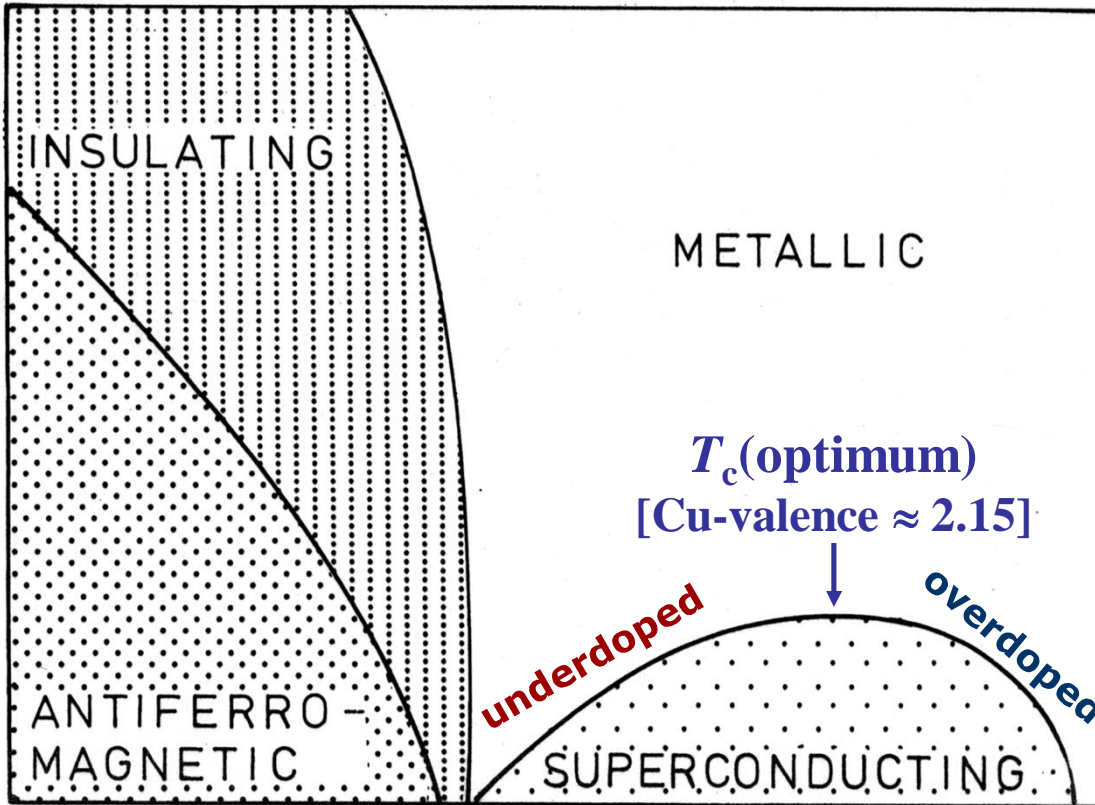
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89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

T_c versus “number of consecutively stacked CuO_2 planes”



Phase Diagram of HTSC

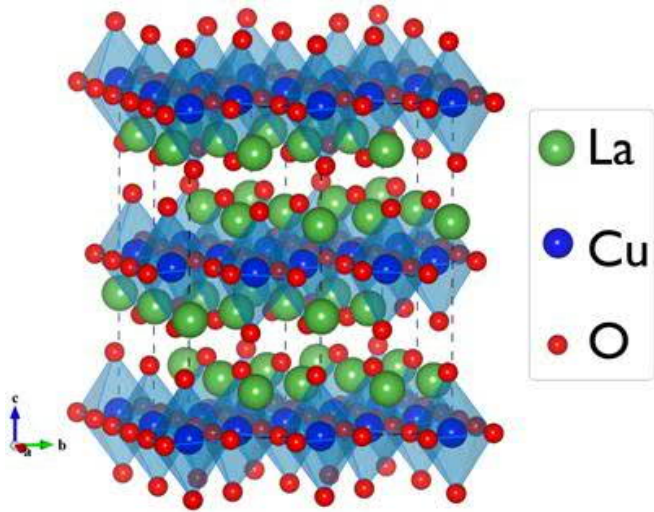
Temperature



CuO₂-plane hole concentration [p(CuO₂)]
Valence of copper [V(Cu)]

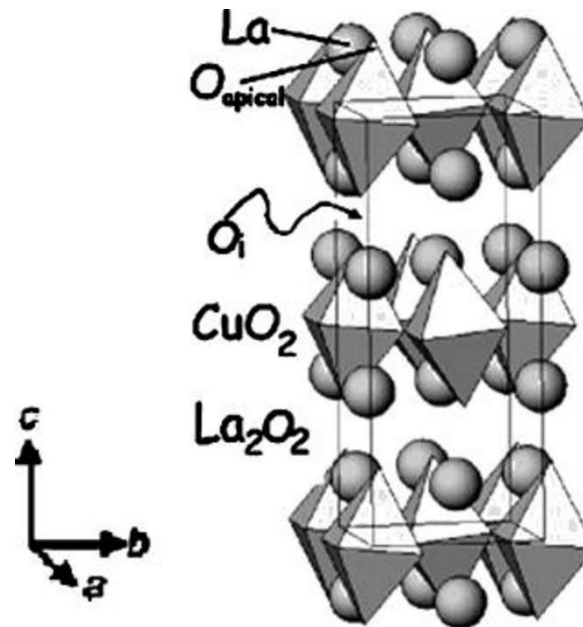
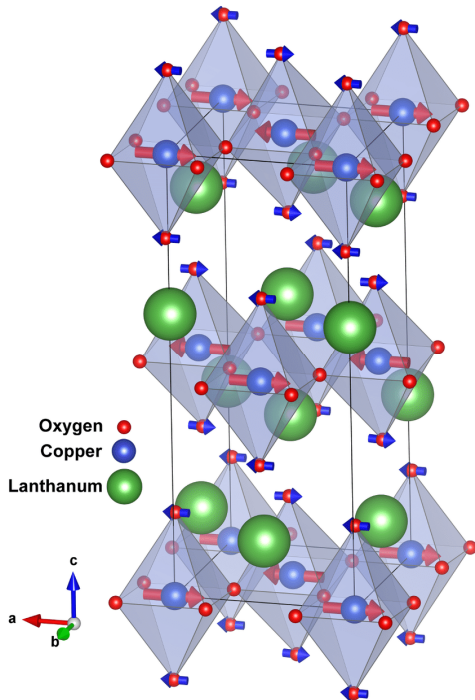
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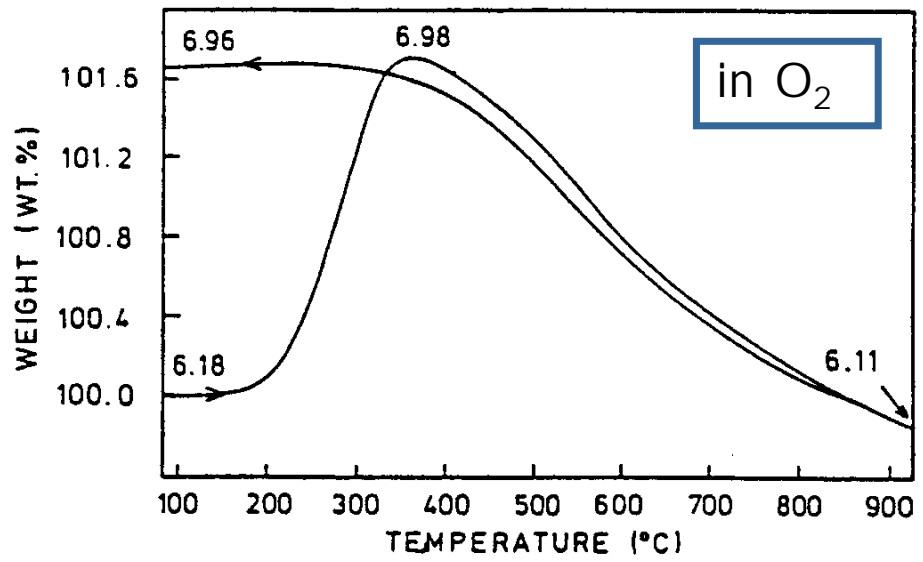
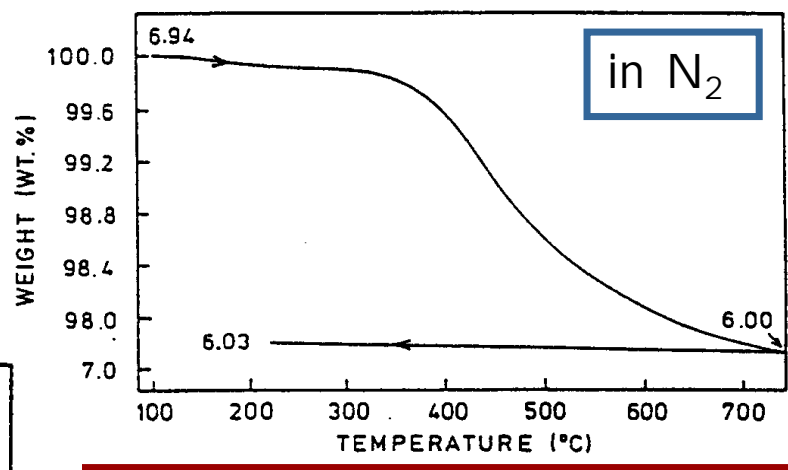
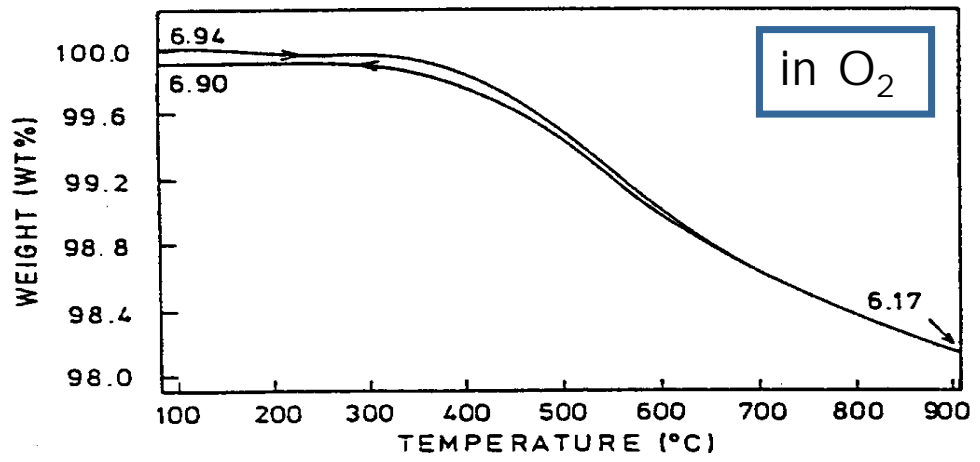
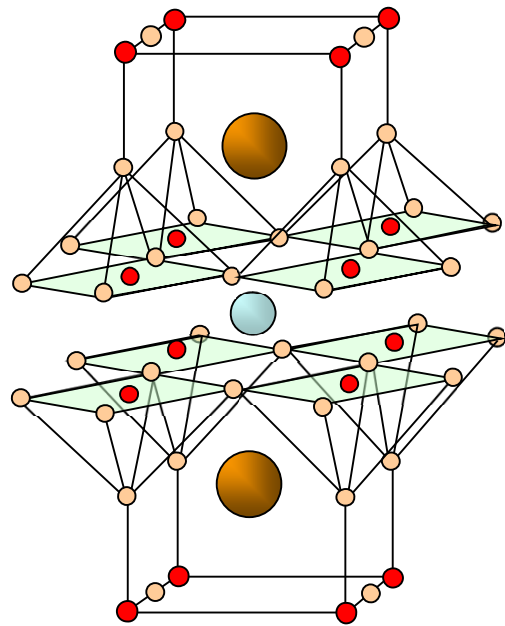
Hole-carrier concentration
 $p(\text{CuO}_2) = V(\text{Cu}) - 2$

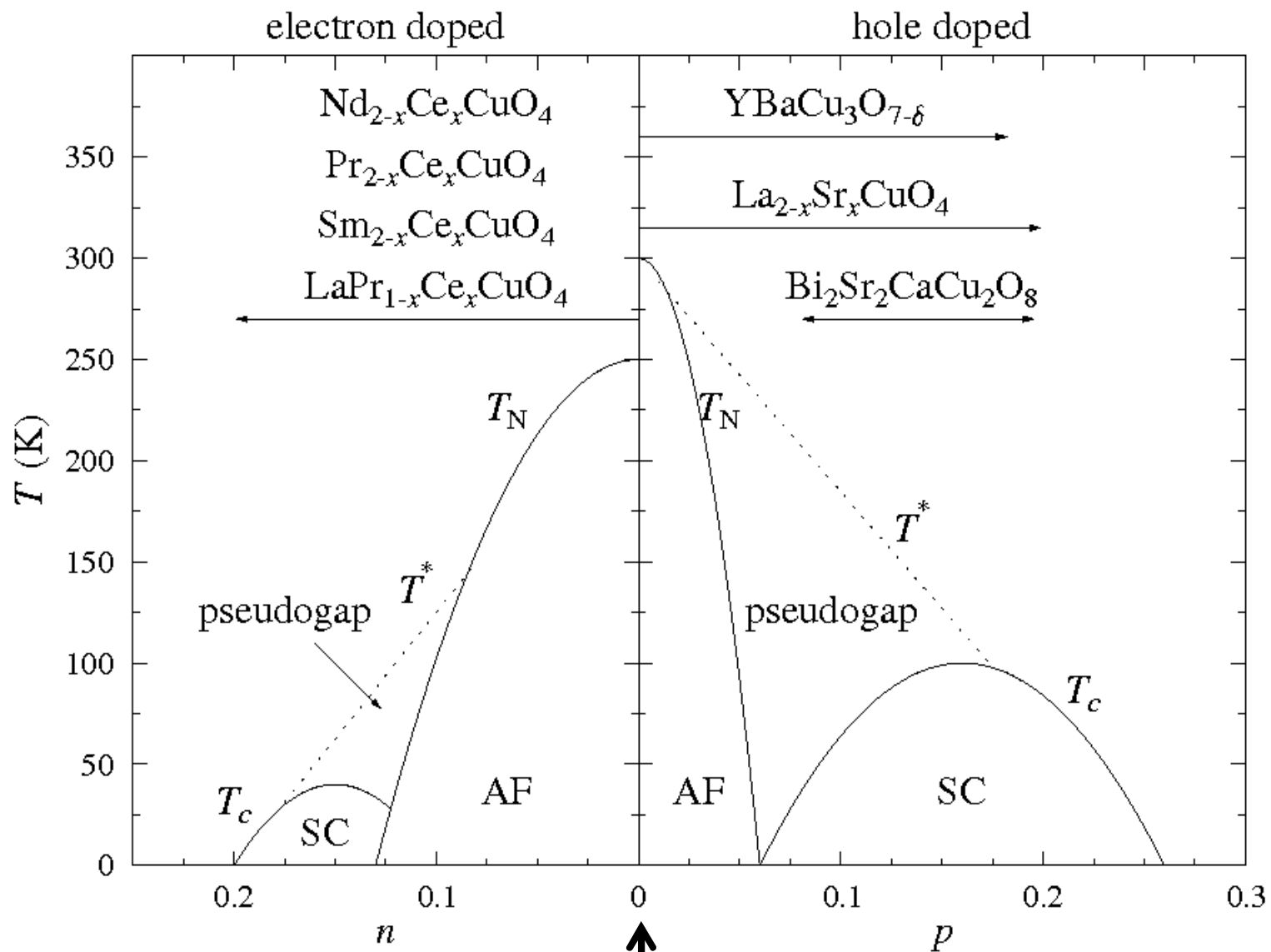


La₂CuO₄

- Is this compound superconducting
- How to increase hole concentration
- What is its M-m2(n-1)n type name
- Does it belong to any general structure





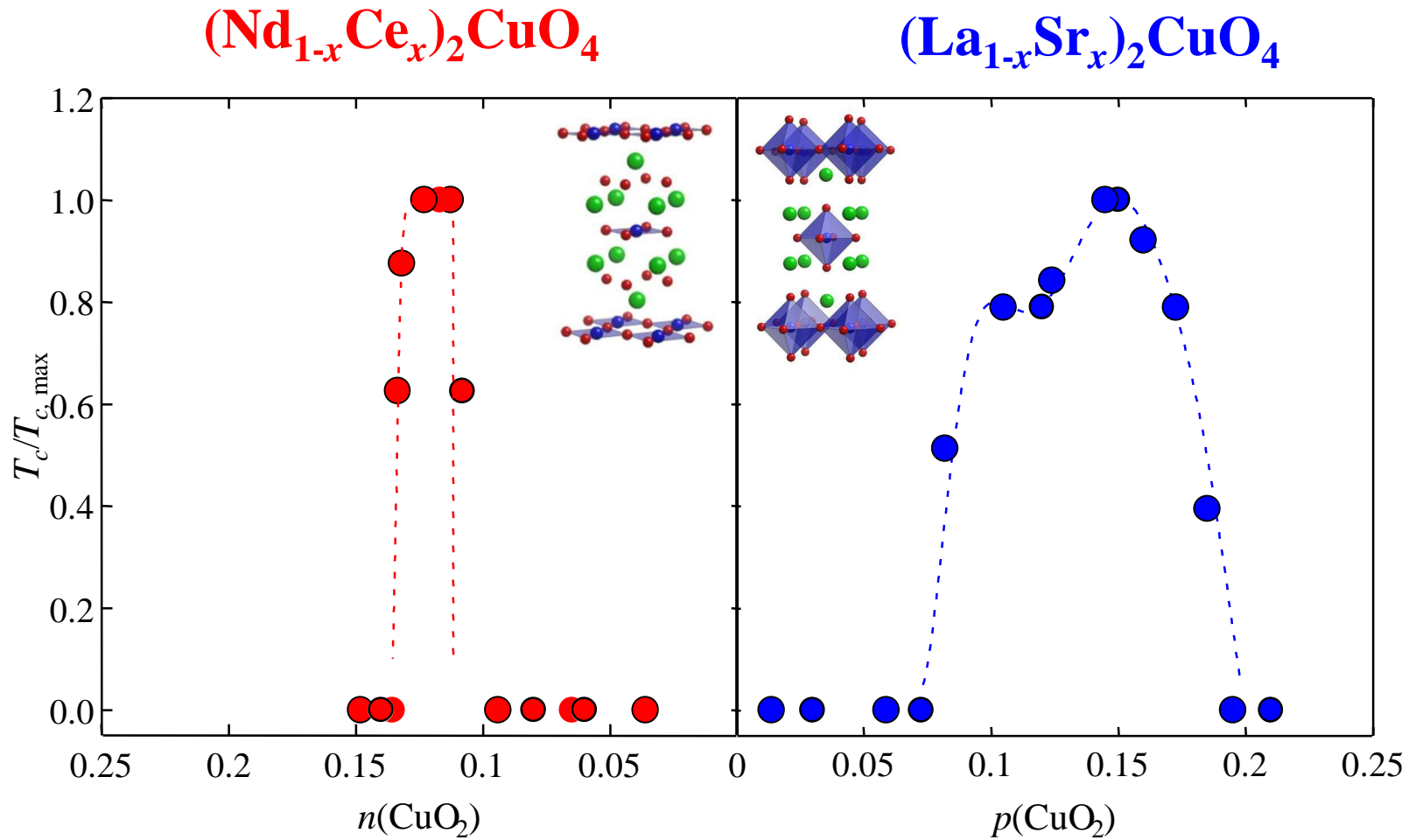


$n = \text{electron density} = 2 - V(\text{Cu})$

$V(\text{Cu}) = 2$

$p = \text{hole density} = V(\text{Cu}) - 2$

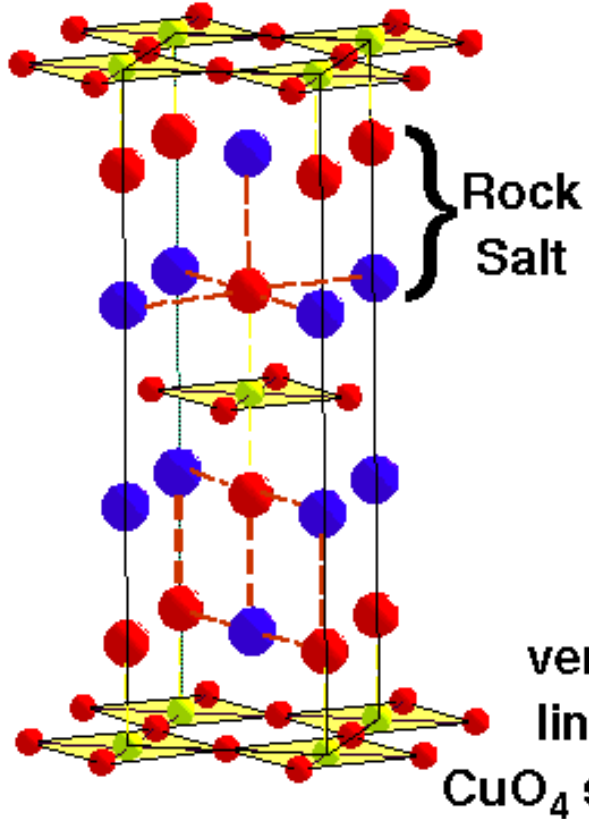
Superconductivity phase diagrams, *n*-type vs. *p*-type



$$n(\text{CuO}_2) \equiv 2 - V(\text{Cu})$$

$$p(\text{CuO}_2) \equiv V(\text{Cu}) - 2$$

p-type doping



n-type doping

