

Progress in High Temperature Superconducting Materials and Superconductivity Mechanism

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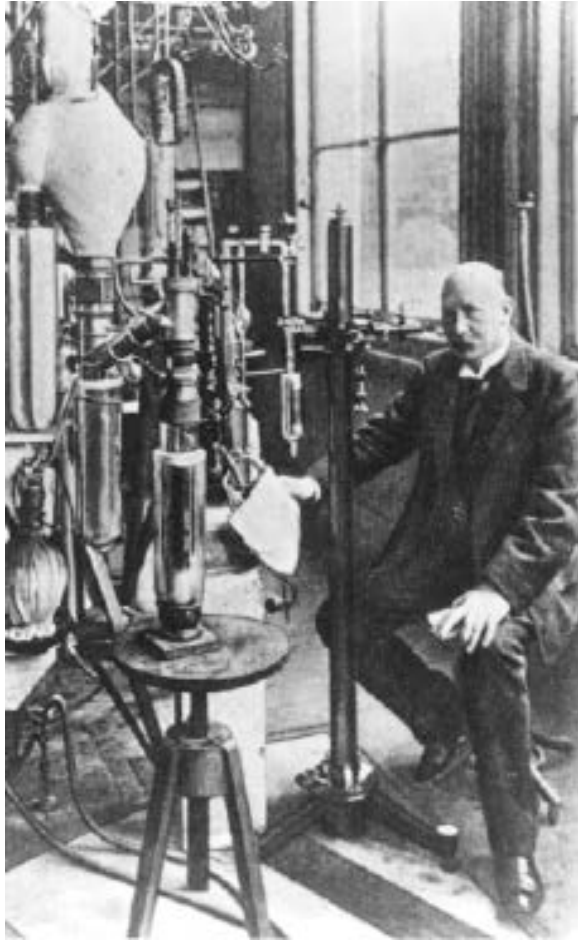
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Outline

- **Introduction;**
- **High temperature copper-oxide superconductors;**
- **Iron-based superconductors;**
- **Summary and perspectives.**

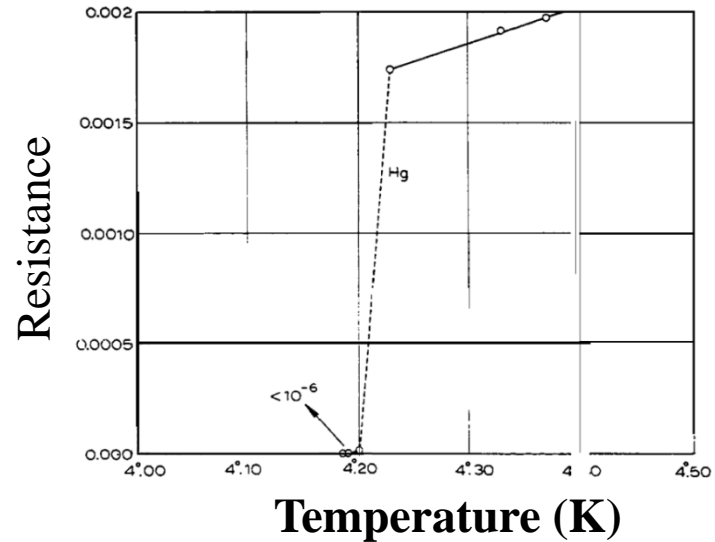
Discovery of Superconductivity (1911)

1908, Liquidation of Helium



Heike Kamerlingh Onnes
Dutch Physicist
(1853-1926)

1911, Discovery of Superconductivity



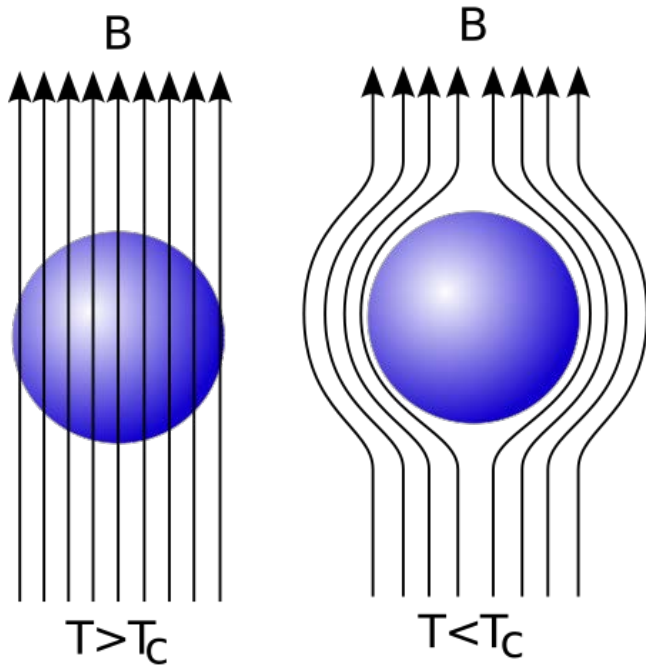
The Nobel Prize in Physics 1913



"for his investigations on the properties of matter at low temperatures which led, inter alia, to the production of liquid helium"

Heike Kamerlingh Onnes

Discovery of Meissner-Ochsenfeld Effect (1933)



Expulsion of magnetic field from a superconductor during its transition to the superconducting state

Superconductivity is more than just perfect conductor.

It is a uniquely defining property of the superconductor state.

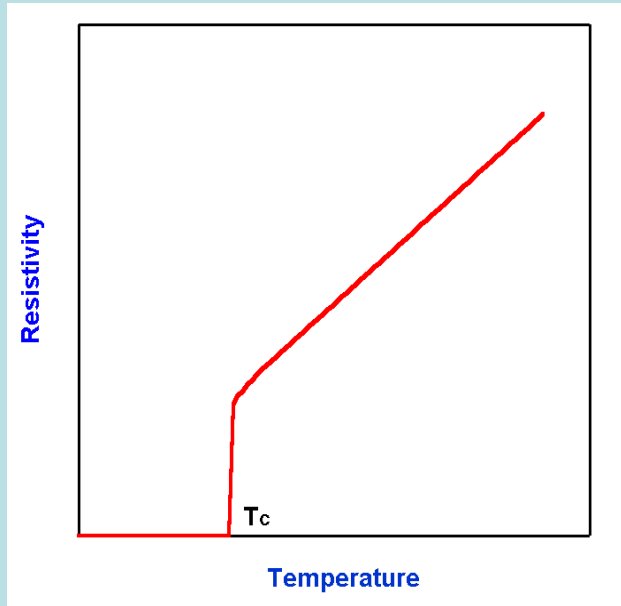


Walther Meissner
(1882-1974)



Robert Ochsenfeld
(1901-1993)

Two Characteristics of Superconductors



**Zero
Resistance**



**Meissner
Effect**

Potential Applications of Superconductors



Zero Resistance

- **Electrical applications;**
- Power transmission;
- High magnetic field generation, NMR, particle collider, fusion;

Meissner Effect

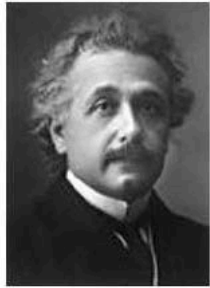
- Levitation train

Josephson Effect

- **Electronic applications;**
- SQUID
- Filters
- Quantum computing

Superconducting transition temperature is the key.

Failed Theories of Superconductivity



Albert Einstein
(1879-1955)



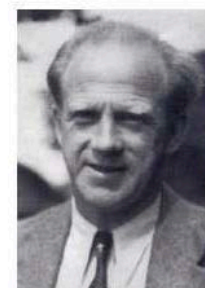
Niels Bohr
(1885-1962)



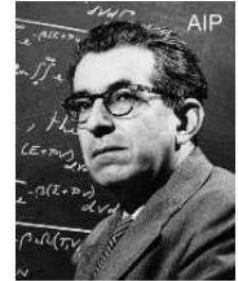
Ralph Kronig
(1905-1995)



John Bardeen
(1908-1991)



Werner Heisenberg
(1901-1976)



Fritz London
(1900-1954)



Lev D. Landau
(1908-1968)



Felix Bloch
(1905-1983)



Léon Brillouin
(1889-1969)



Max Born
(1882-1970)



Herbert Fröhlich
(1905-1991)



Richard Feynman
(1918-1988)

Einstein, Bohr, Landau, Bloch and Brillouin made proposals for microscopic theories of superconductivity prior to experiment by Meissner and Ochsenfeld in 1934.

Between 1941 and the formulation of the BCS theory, attempts to formulate microscopic theories of superconductivity were made by Bardeen, Heisenberg, London, Born, Fröhlich and Feynman.

BCS Theory for Conventional Superconductivity (1957)

Bardeen, Cooper and Schrieffer (1957)



The Nobel Prize in
Physics 1972

"for their jointly developed theory of superconductivity, usually called the BCS-theory"



John
Bardeen

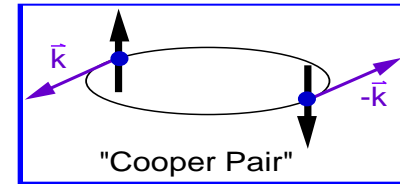


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Cooper

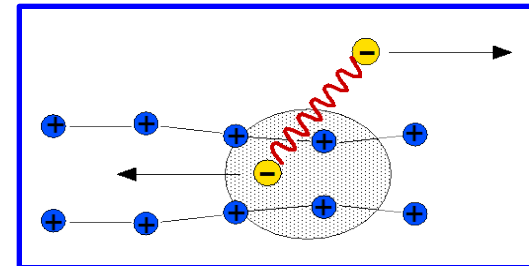


John
Robert
Schrieffer

➤ Formation of Cooper pairs;

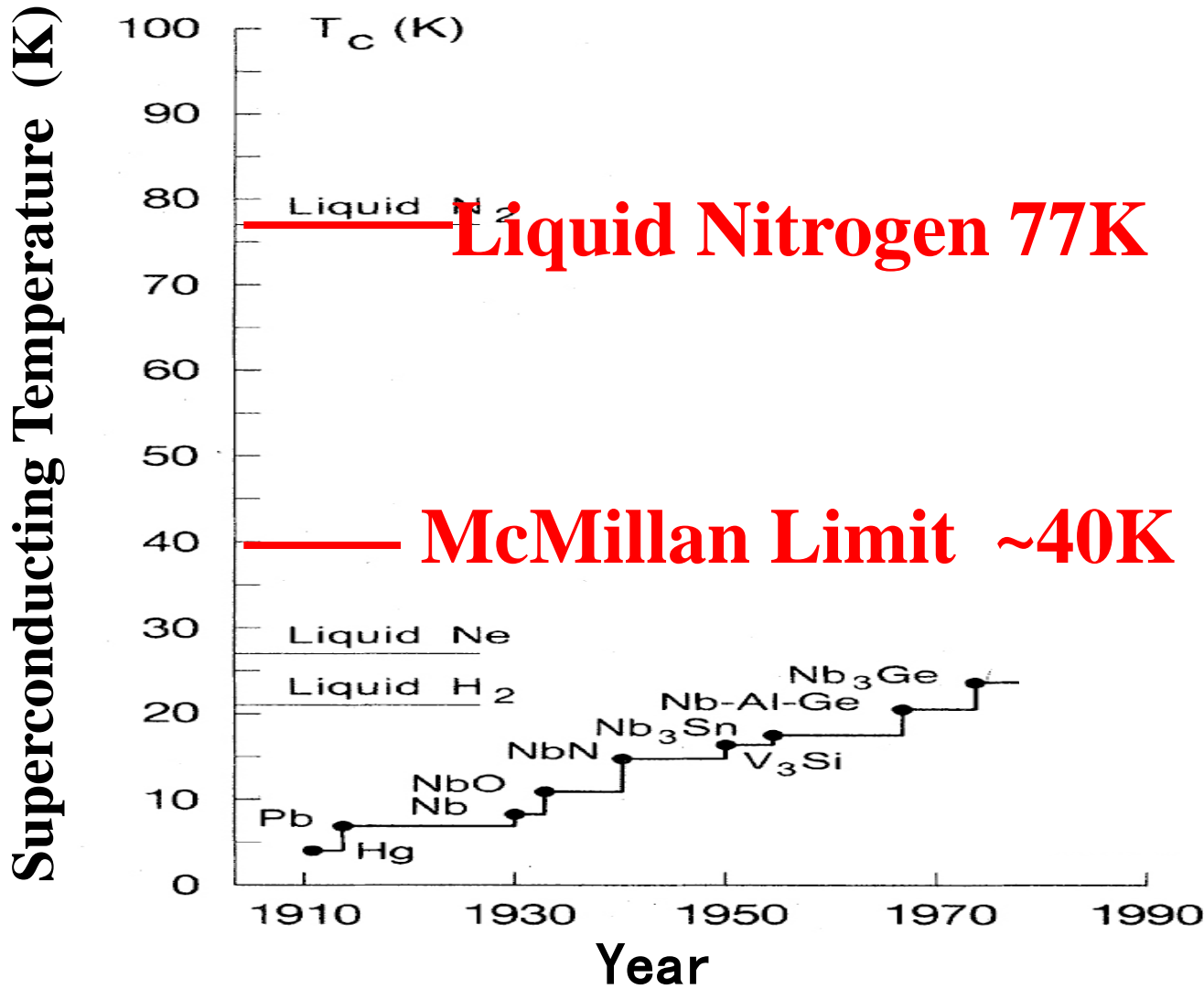


➤ The pairing is mediated by phonons (lattice vibrations).



McMillan Limit: T_c cannot surpass 40 K

Temperature Milestones for Superconductors



The Copper-Oxide Superconductors

Discovery of Superconductivity in Copper-Oxide Compounds

Z. Phys. B – Condensed Matter 64, 189–193 (1986)

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Possible High T_c Superconductivity in the Ba – La – Cu – O System

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Received April 17, 1986

Metallic, oxygen-deficient compounds in the Ba – La – Cu – O system, with the composition $\text{Ba}_x\text{La}_{5-x}\text{Cu}_5\text{O}_{5(3-y)}$ have been prepared in polycrystalline form. Samples with $x=1$ and 0.75 , $y>0$, annealed below 900°C under reducing conditions, consist of three phases, one of them a perovskite-like mixed-valent copper compound. Upon cooling, the samples show a linear decrease in resistivity, then an approximately logarithmic increase, interpreted as a beginning of localization. Finally an abrupt decrease by up to three orders of magnitude occurs, reminiscent of the onset of percolative superconductivity. The highest onset temperature is observed in the 30 K range. It is markedly reduced by high current densities. Thus, it results partially from the percolative nature, but possibly also from $2D$ superconducting fluctuations of double perovskite layers of one of the phases present.



The Nobel Prize in
Physics 1987

"for their important break-through in
the discovery of superconductivity
in ceramic materials"

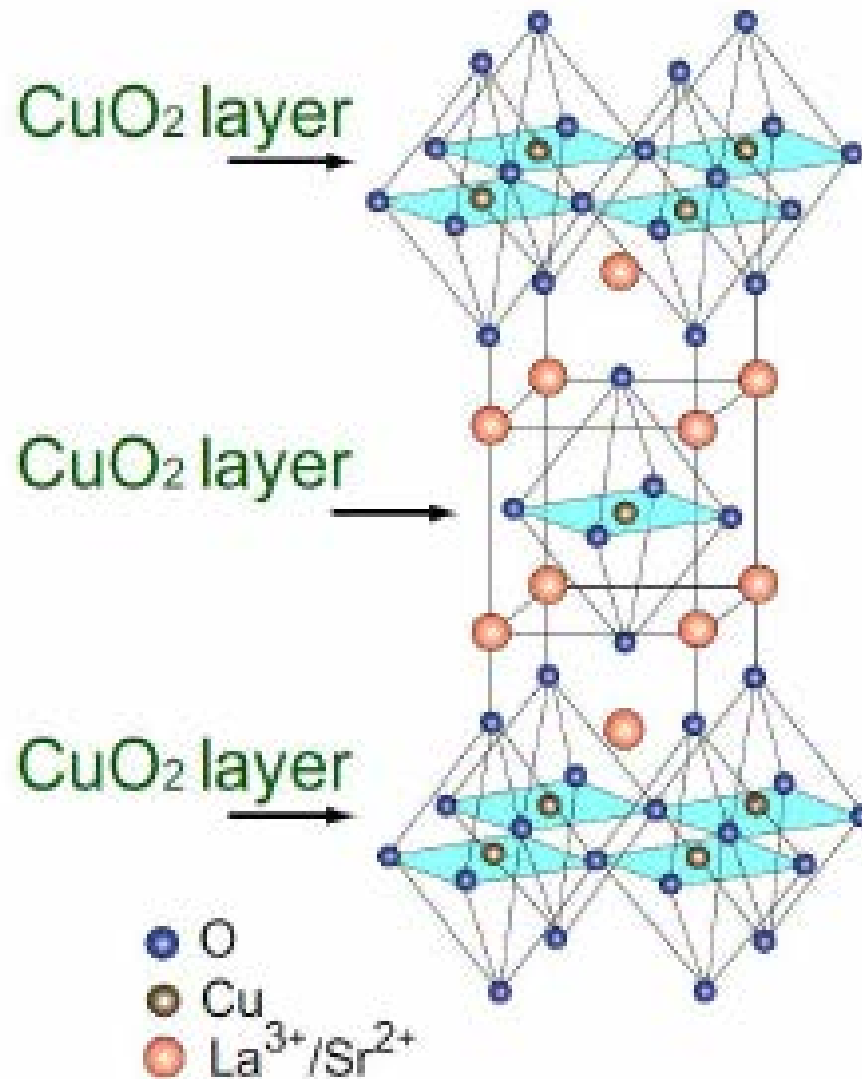


**J. Georg
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**K. Alexander
Müller**

$(\text{La,Sr})_2\text{CuO}_4$ Superconductors ($T_c=40\text{ K}$)



YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ} Superconductors (Tc~93 K)

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Superconductivity at 93 K in a New Mixed-Phase Y-Ba-Cu-O Compound System at Ambient Pressure

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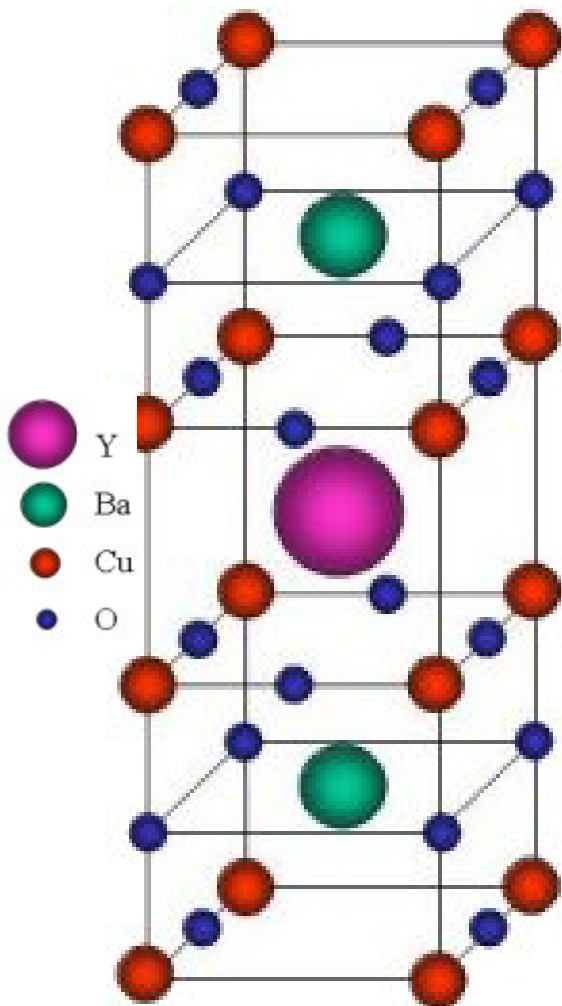
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A stable and reproducible superconductivity is observed both resistively and magnetically in a new mixed-phase Y-Ba-Cu-O compound system. An estimated upper critical field $H_{c2}(0)$ between



Alabama and Houston



M. K. Wu



C. W. Chu

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Ba-Y-Cu 氧化物液氮温区的超导电性

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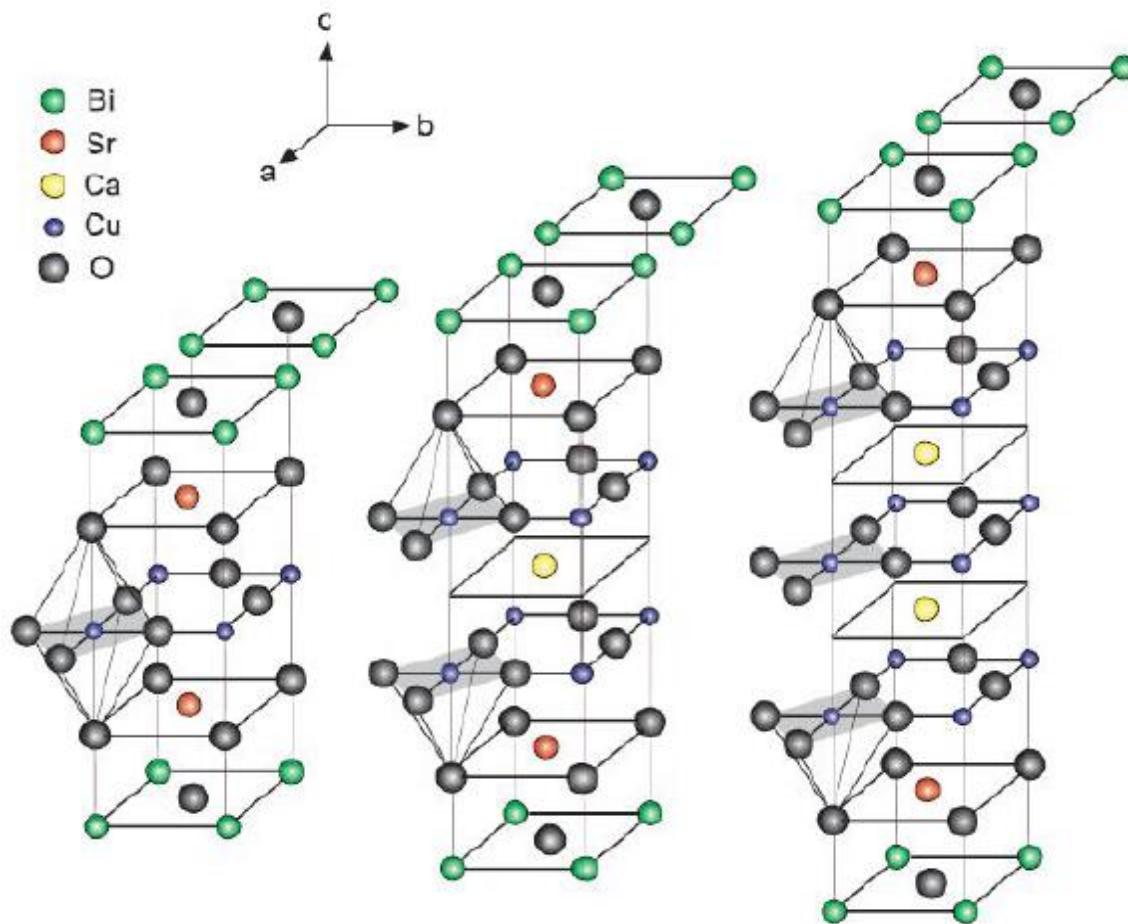
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$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_{n-1}\text{Cu}_n\text{O}_{2n+4}$ Series Superconductors



$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$
Bi2201, $T_{c,\text{max}}=34$ K

$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$
Bi2212, $T_{c,\text{max}}=95$ K

$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10+\delta}$
Bi2223, $T_{c,\text{max}}=110$ K

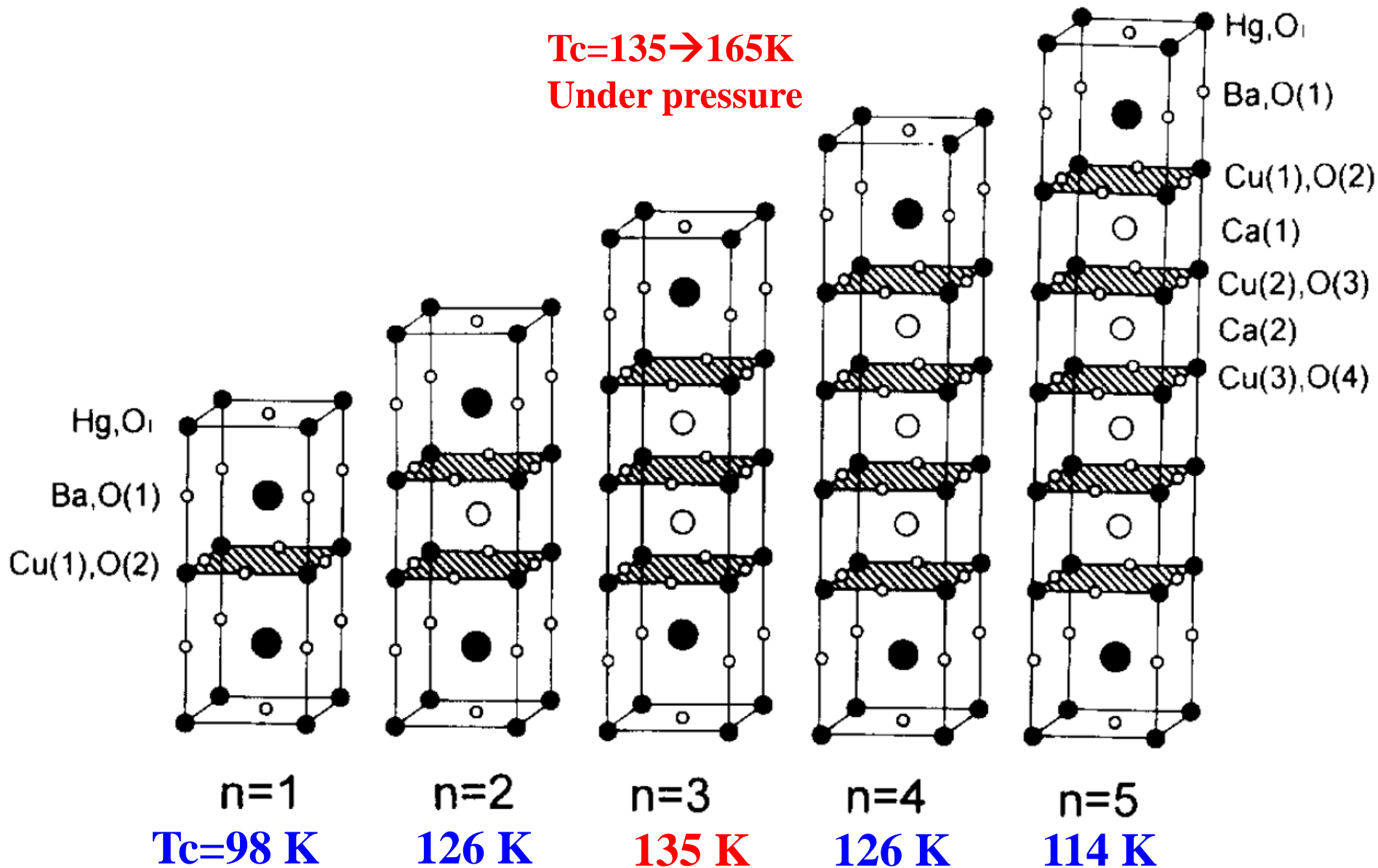
n=1 (Bi2201)
T_c=34 K

n=2 (Bi2212)
T_c=95 K

n=3 (Bi2223)
T_c=110 K

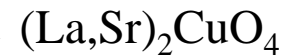
HgBa₂Ca_{n-1}Cu_nO_{2n+2} Series Superconductors (1993)

T_c=135→165K
Under pressure



High Temperature Copper-Oxide Superconductors

SYSTEM	ALIAS	COMPOSITION	T_c (K)	
La-	214-T	(La,Sr) ₂ CuO _{4+δ}	40	
		(La,Sr,Ca) ₃ Cu ₂ O ₆	58	
	214-T'	(Nd,Ce) ₂ CuO _{4.8} F ₈	24	
	214-T*	(Nd,Ce,Sr) ₂ CuO ₄	35	
Y-	123	YBa ₂ Cu ₃ O _{7-δ}	92	
	124	YBa ₂ Cu ₄ O ₈	80	
	247	Y ₂ Ba ₄ Cu ₇ O ₁₅	95	
Bi-	2201	Bi ₂ Sr ₂ CuO ₆	10	
	2212	Bi ₂ Sr ₂ CaCu ₂ O ₈	90	
	2223	(Bi,Pb) ₂ Sr ₂ Ca ₂ Cu ₃ O ₁₀	110	
Tl-		Bi ₂ Sr ₂ (Gd,Ce) ₂ Cu ₂ O ₁₀	34	
	1201	TlBa ₂ CuO ₅	60	
	1212	TlBa ₂ CaCu ₂ O _{7-δ}	103	
	1223	TlBa ₂ Ca ₂ Cu ₃ O _{9+δ}	123	
	1234	TlBa ₂ Ca ₃ Cu ₄ O ₁₁	112	
	1245	TlBa ₂ Ca ₄ Cu ₅ O ₁₃	107	
	2201	Tl ₂ Ba ₂ CuO ₆	95	
	2212	Tl ₂ Ba ₂ CaCu ₂ O ₈	118	
	2223	Tl ₂ Ba ₂ Ca ₂ Cu ₃ O ₁₀	125	
	2234	Tl ₂ Ba ₂ Ca ₃ Cu ₄ O ₁₂	112	
Hg-	2245	Tl ₂ Ba ₂ Ca ₄ Cu ₅ O ₁₄	105	
	1201	HgBa ₂ CuO _{4+δ}	98	
	1212	HgBa ₂ CaCu ₂ O ₆	126	
	1223	HgBa ₂ Ca ₂ Cu ₃ O ₈	135	
	1234	HgBa ₂ Ca ₃ Cu ₄ O ₁₀	126	
	1245	HgBa ₂ Ca ₄ Cu ₅ O ₁₂	114	
Pb-	2201	HgBa ₂ CuO ₆		
	2212	Hg ₂ Ba ₂ (Y,Ca)Cu ₂ O _{7+δ}		
	1201	(Pb,Cu)(Eu,Ce) ₂ (Sr,Eu) ₂ CuO ₉	25	
		Pb ₂ (Sr,La) ₂ Cu ₂ O ₆	32	
		Pb ₂ Sr ₂ YCu ₃ O ₈	70	
		PbBaYSrCu ₃ O ₈	50	
		(Cu,CO ₂)(Ba,Sr)CuO _{3+δ}		
		(Cu,CO ₂)(Ba,Sr) ₂ CaCu ₂ O _{5+δ}		
		(Cu,CO ₂)(Ba,Sr) ₂ Ca ₂ Cu ₃ O _{7+δ}		
		Ba ₂ Ca _{n-1} Cu _n O _x	126	
		(Eu,Ce) ₂ (Ba,Eu) ₂ Cu ₃ O _{10-δ}	43	
		(Tl,Pb)Sr ₄ Cu(CO ₃)O ₇	70	
		(Cu,Pb)Sr ₂ (Y,Ca)Cu ₂ O ₇		
		GaSr ₂ (Y,Ca)Cu ₂ O ₇		
	NdSr ₂ (Nd,Ce) ₂ CuO ₁₀			
Infinite-layer		(Sr,Nd)CuO ₂	40	
		(Sr,Ca) _{1-x} CuO ₂	110	
		Sr ₂ CuO ₃ F _x	70	
		Sr ₃ Cu ₂ O ₅	100	
		(Sr,Ca) ₅ Cu ₄ O ₁₀	70	
		(Sr,Na) ₂ CuO ₂ (Cl,F) ₂		
		Sr ₃ Cu ₂ O ₄ Cl ₂		
	Ladder		(Sr _{0.4} Ca _{13.6})Cu ₂₄ O ₄₁	10



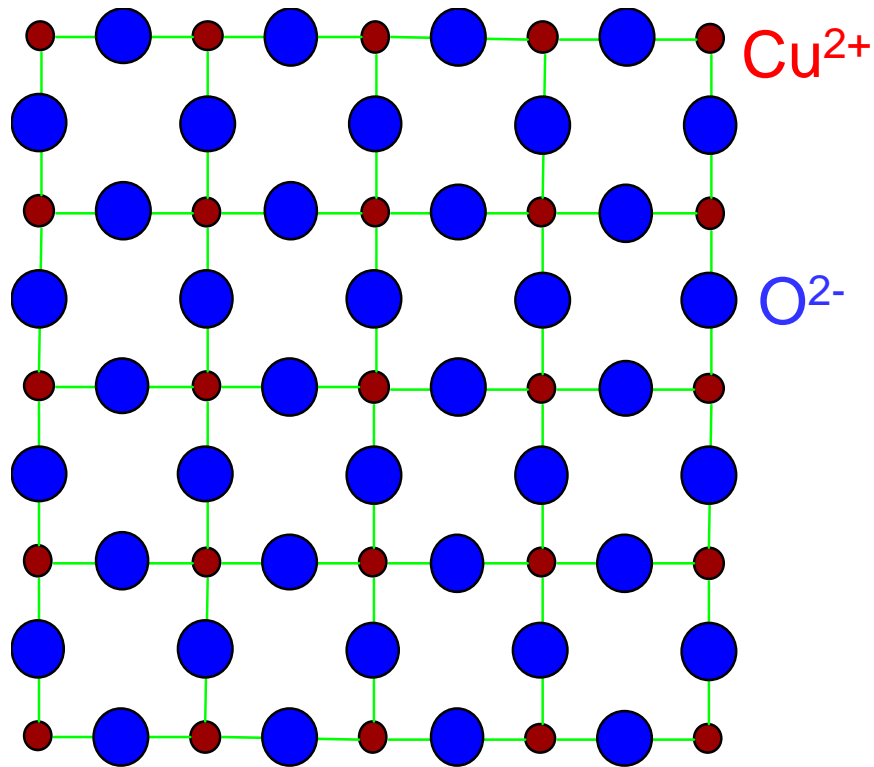
Tc=135 K Ambient

Tc~160 K High pressure

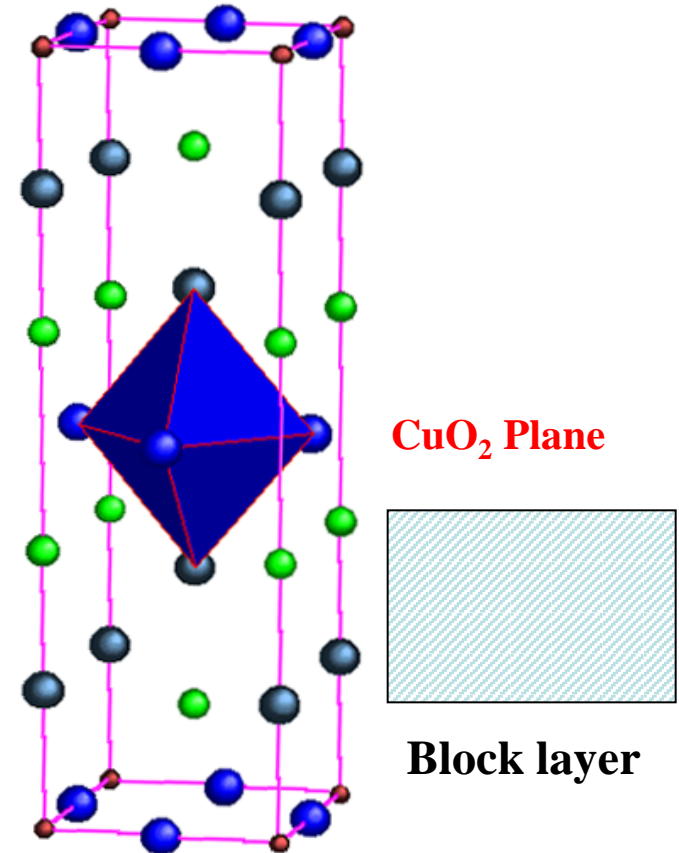
~50 kinds of superconductors

with *distinct* crystal structure

CuO₂ Planes: Common Structural Unit for All Cuprate Superconductors



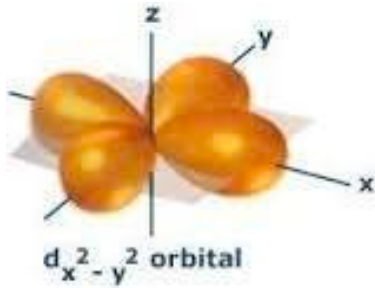
CuO₂ plane



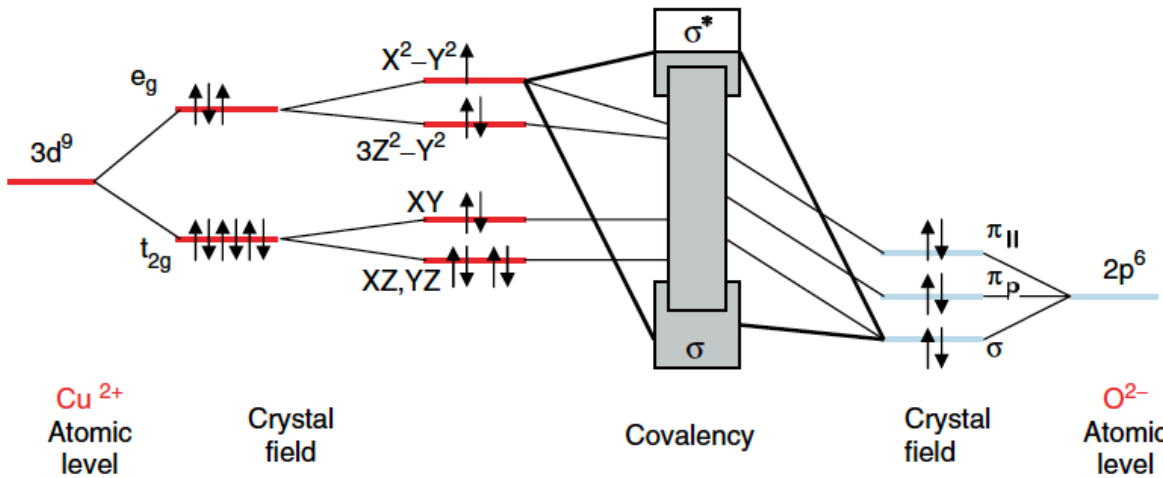
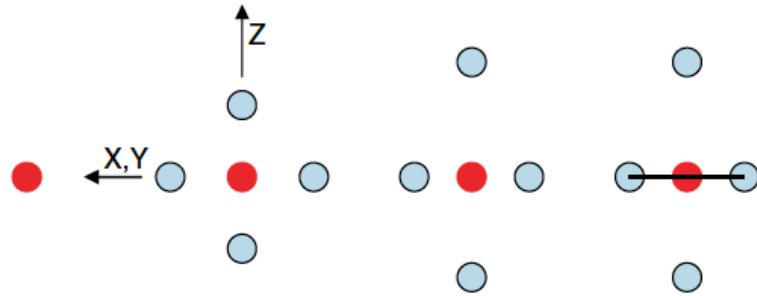
(La,Sr)₂CuO₄

CuO₂ plane is believed to be responsible for high-T_c superconductivity.

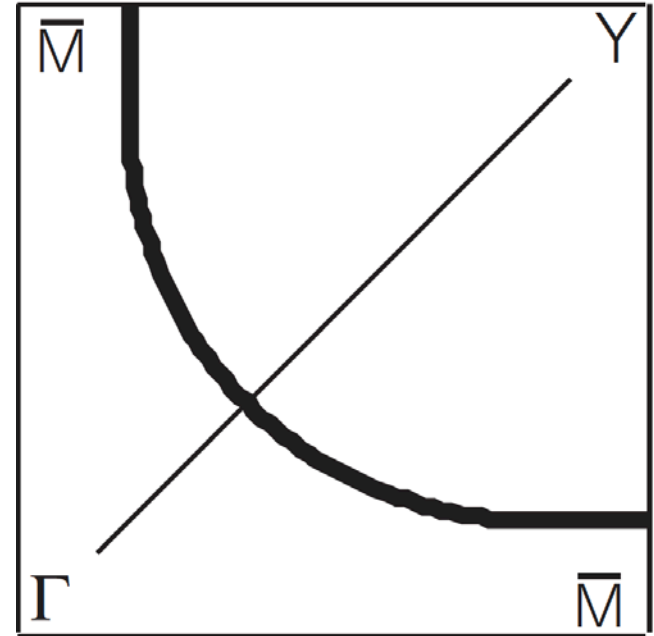
Single-Band from Cu 3dx²-y² and O 2p Orbitals



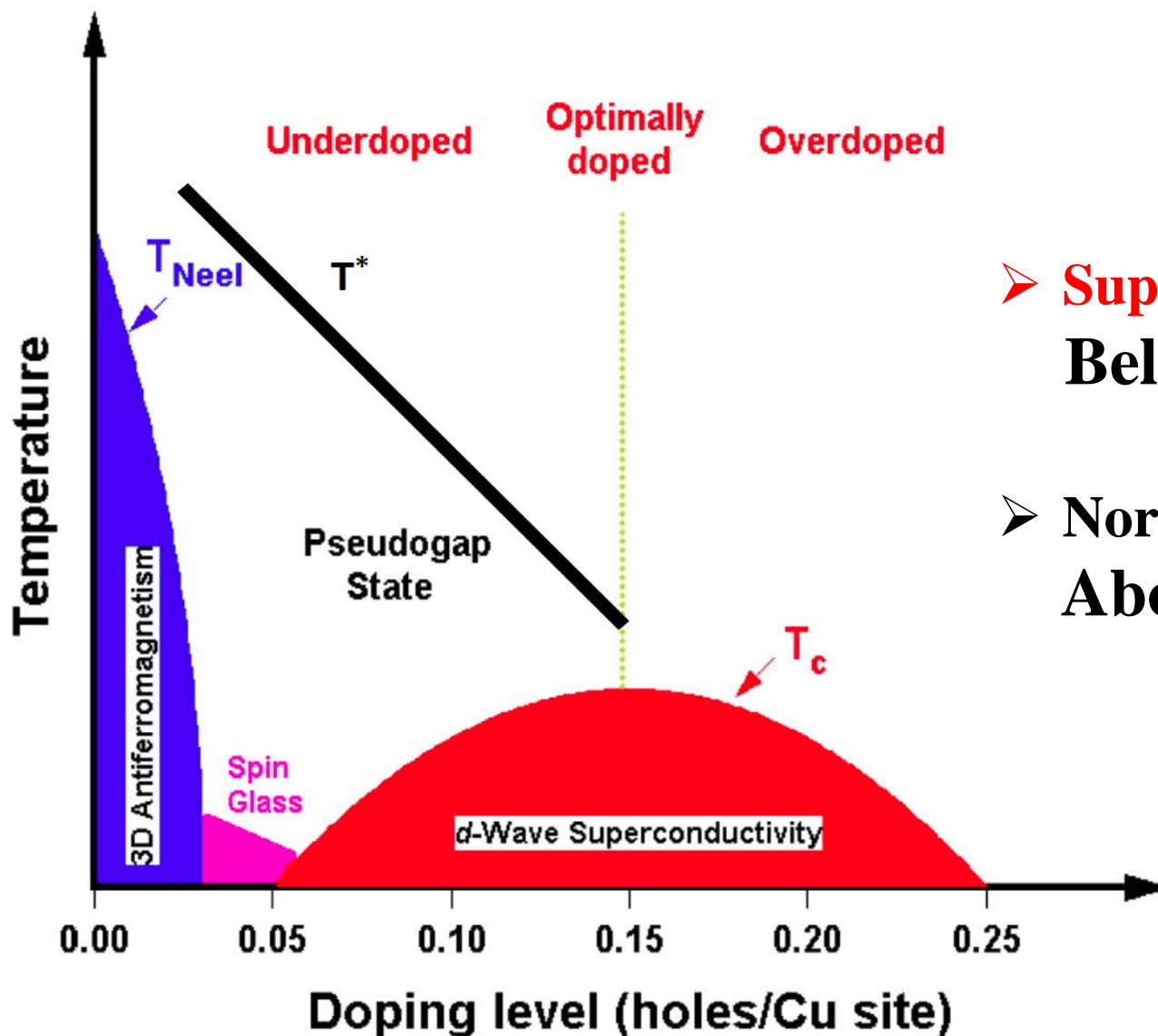
Cu 3dx²-y²



Fermi Surface



Electronic Phase Diagram of Copper-Oxide Superconductors

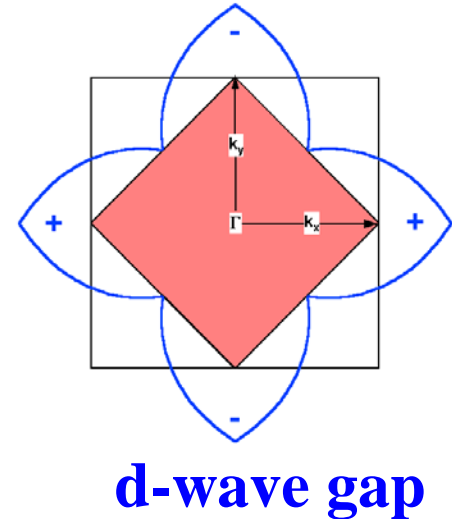


➤ **Superconducting state**
Below T_c ;

➤ **Normal state**
Above T_c .

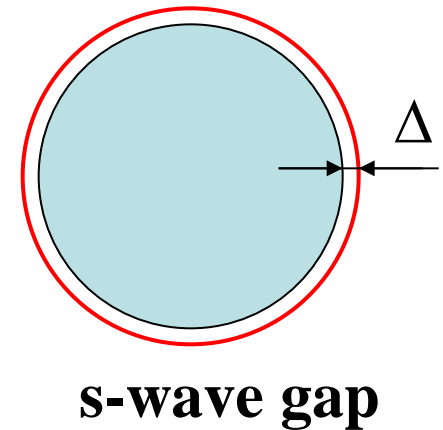
Unusual **Superconducting Properties** of High-Tc Superconductors

- (1). Tc is high
(Tc max= 135K for Hg1223
Tc max =160K under pressure);
- (2). Superconducting gap is anisotropic.
(Electrons are still paired)



Consequence of BCS Theory:

- (1). Tc has a limit ($\sim 40\text{K}$);
- (2). Superconducting gap is isotropic.



**What is the pairing mechanism
if it is not electron-phonon coupling?**

High-Tc Mechanism: A Challenge

- **Various theories are proposed;**
- **No consensus has been reached.**

RVB: P. W. Anderson*, T. M. Rice, P. Lee, F.-C. Zhang etc.

Spin-Bag: J. R. Schrieffer* etc.

Spin Fluctuations: D. Pines, D. Scalapino and more

Stripes: S. Kivelson etc.

Loop Current: C. M. Varma

Phonon/Polarons: N. Mott*, K. Mueller* etc.

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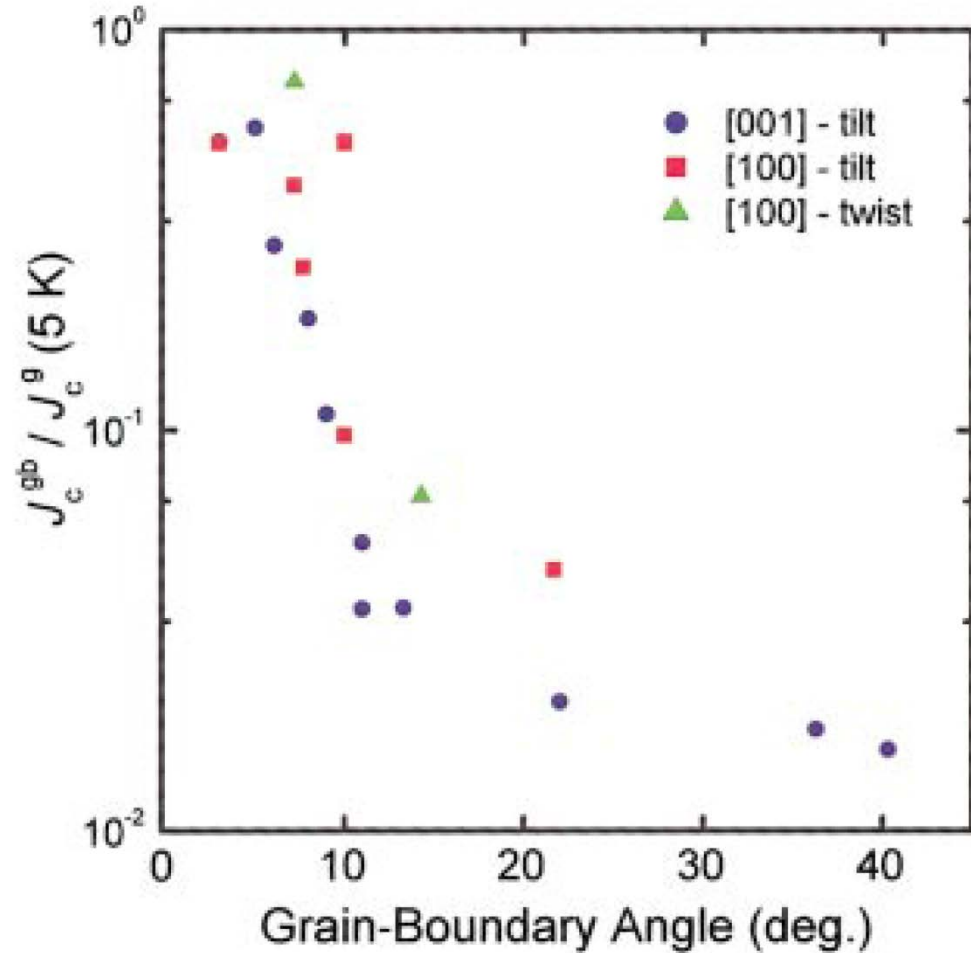
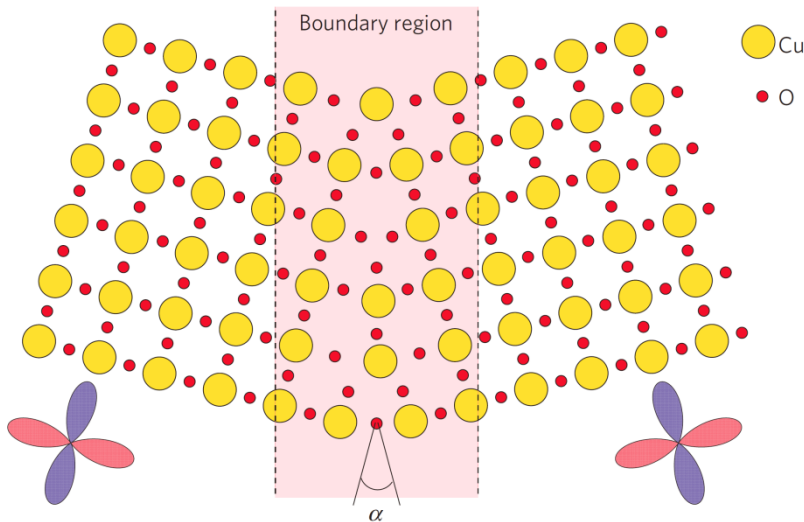
***: Nobel prize laureates**

The final solution relies on decisive experiments

d-Wave Gap on Critical Current of Superconductors

Mismatch angle ~5 degrees

YBCO Grain Boundary

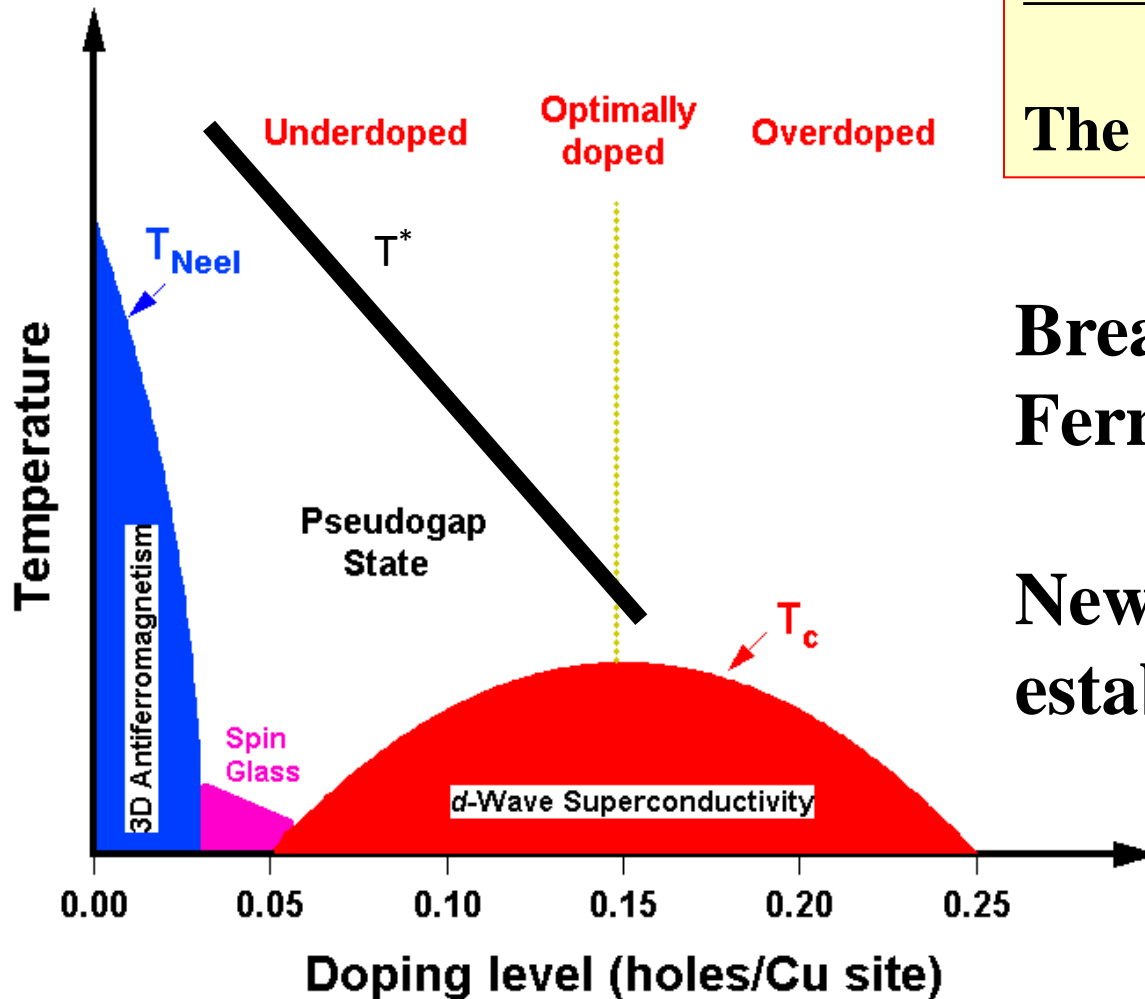


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H. Hilgenkamp and J. Mannhart, Rev. Modern Phys. 74 (2002) 485;

S. Gfraser et al., Nature Physics 6 (2010) 609.

Anomalous Normal State Properties of HTSC--Pseudogap



Pseudogap:

The gap that opens above T_c

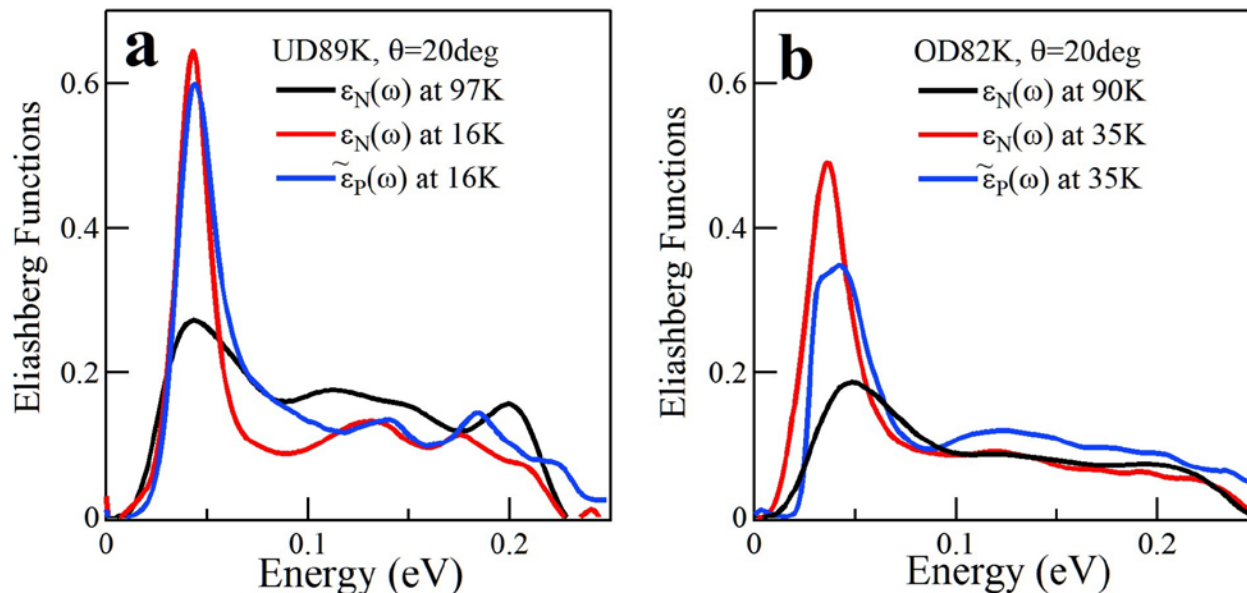
Breakdown of Landau
Fermi Liquid Theory



New theory has to be
established.

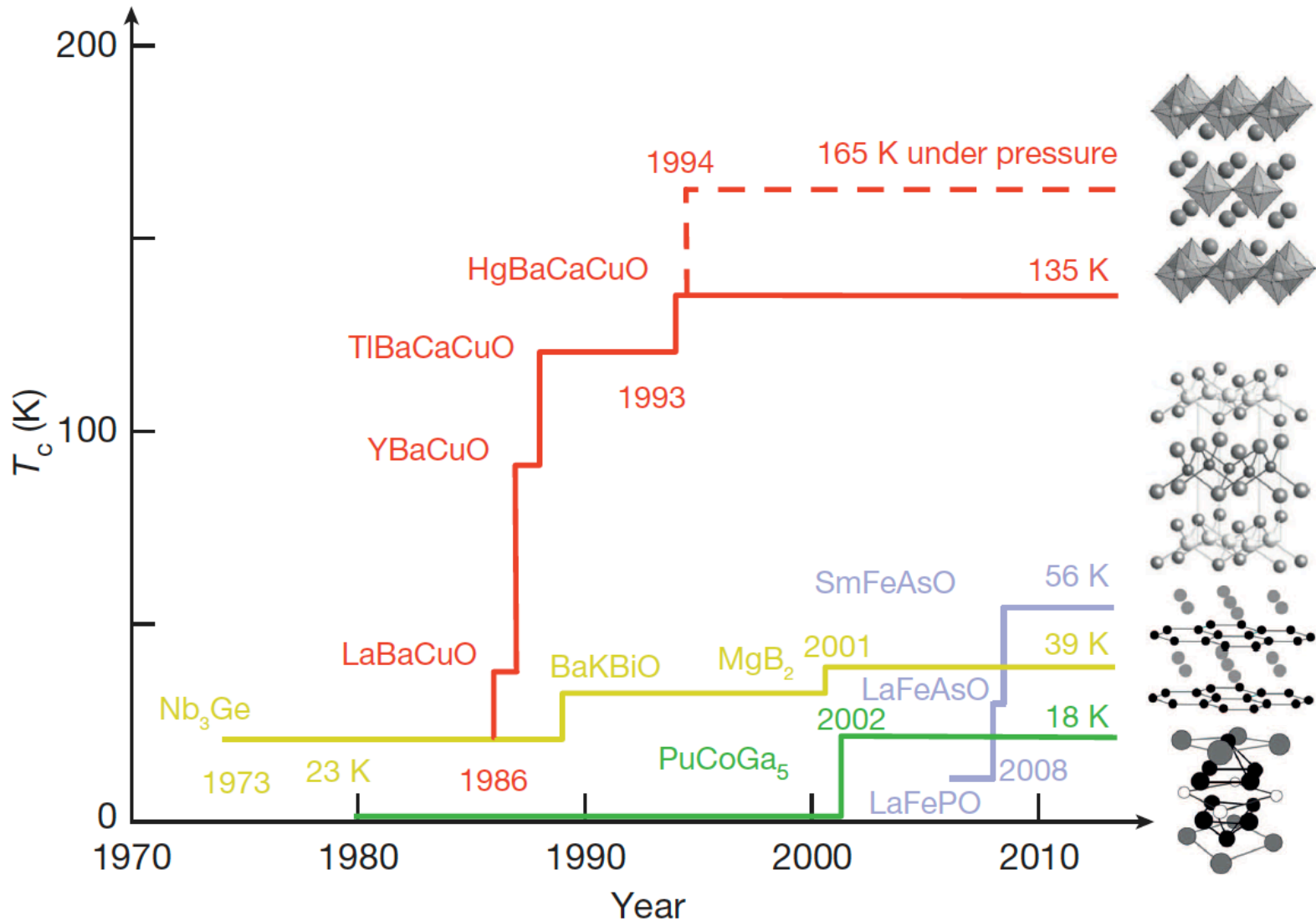
Quantitative determination of pairing interactions for high-temperature superconductivity in cuprates

Jin Mo Bok,^{1,2} Jong Ju Bae,¹ Han-Yong Choi,^{1,3*} Chandra M. Varma,^{4*} Wentao Zhang,^{2,5} Junfeng He,² Yuxiao Zhang,² Li Yu,² X. J. Zhou^{2,6*}



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Progress of T_c in Superconductors



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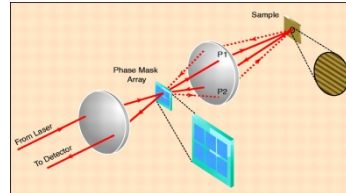
High-Tc Has Changed Landscape of Condensed Matter Physics

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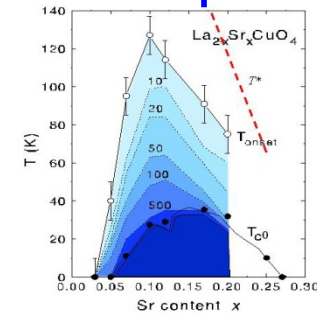
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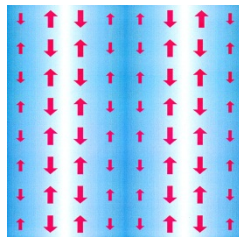
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Transport



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Neutron



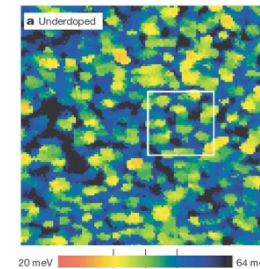
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High Tc Superconductivity



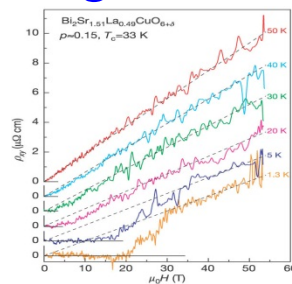
The Nobel Prize in Physics in 1987

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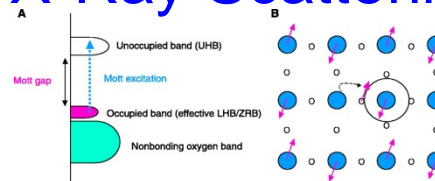
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High Magnetic Field



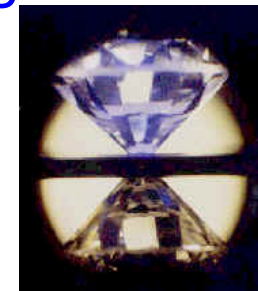
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X-Ray Scattering



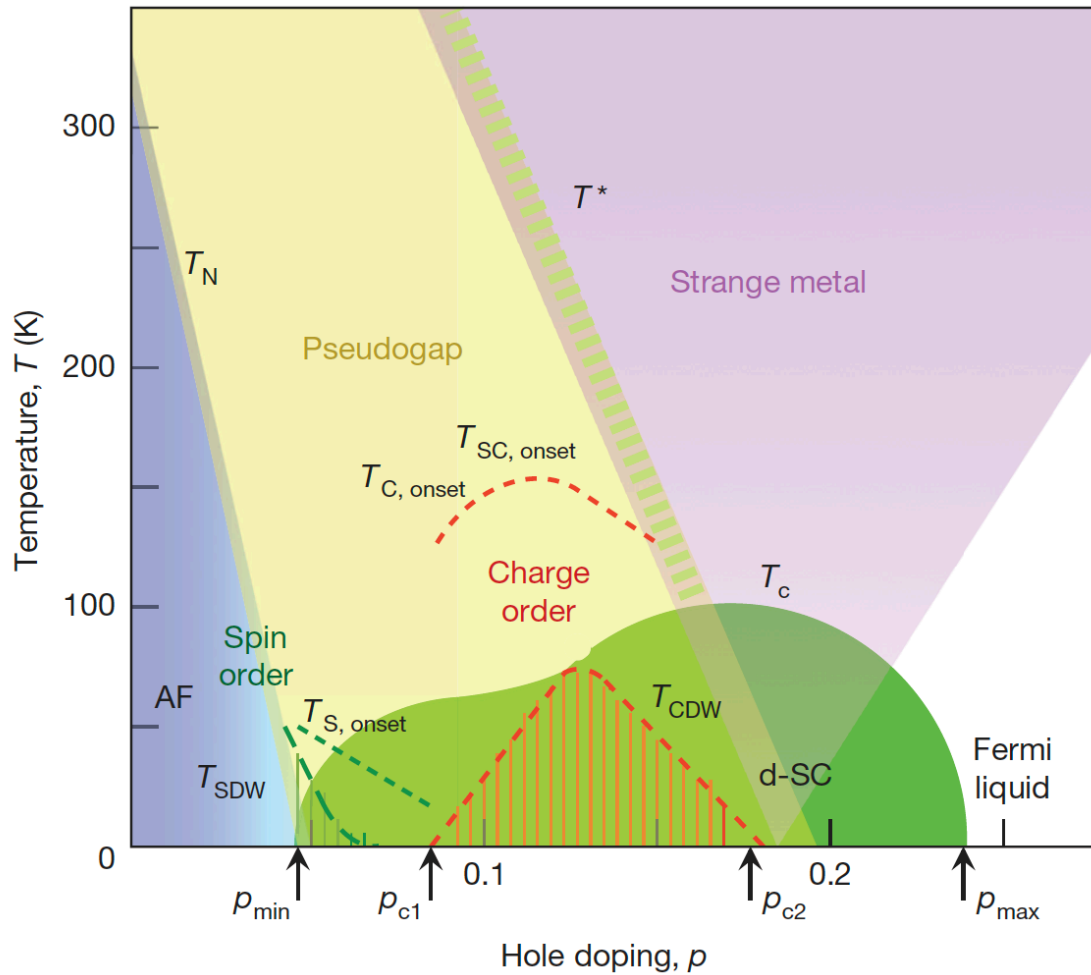
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High Pressure



Nature 365(1993)323

Rich Physics in Copper-Oxide Superconductors



Various phenomena:

- Superconductivity;
- Charge density wave (CDW);
- Spin density wave (SDW);
- Antiferromagnetism;
- Stripes;
- Pseudogap;
- Metal-insulator transition;
- Insulator-supercond transition;
- Spin glass;
- Quantum phase transition;
- Fermi liquid;
- Non-Fermi liquid;
- Marginal Fermi liquid;
- Strange metal;
- RVB
- Loop current

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The Iron-Based Superconductors

Discovery of the Iron-Based Superconductors

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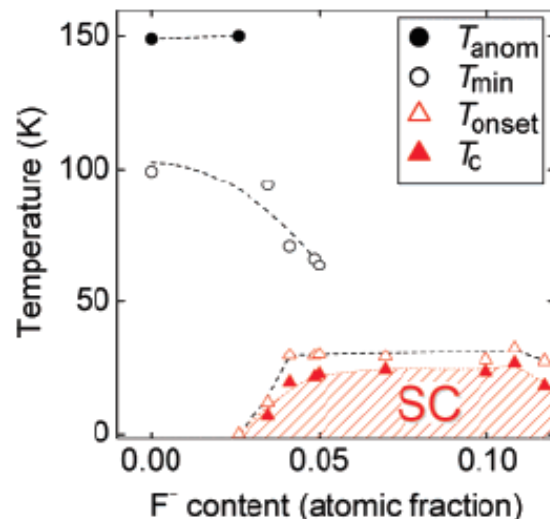
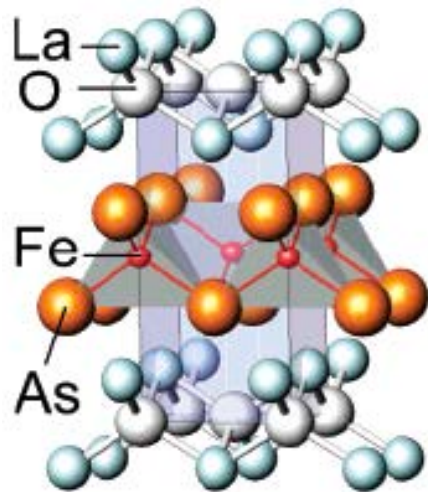
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Iron-Based Layered Superconductor $\text{La}[\text{O}_{1-x}\text{F}_x]\text{FeAs}$ ($x = 0.05\text{--}0.12$) with $T_c = 26\text{ K}$

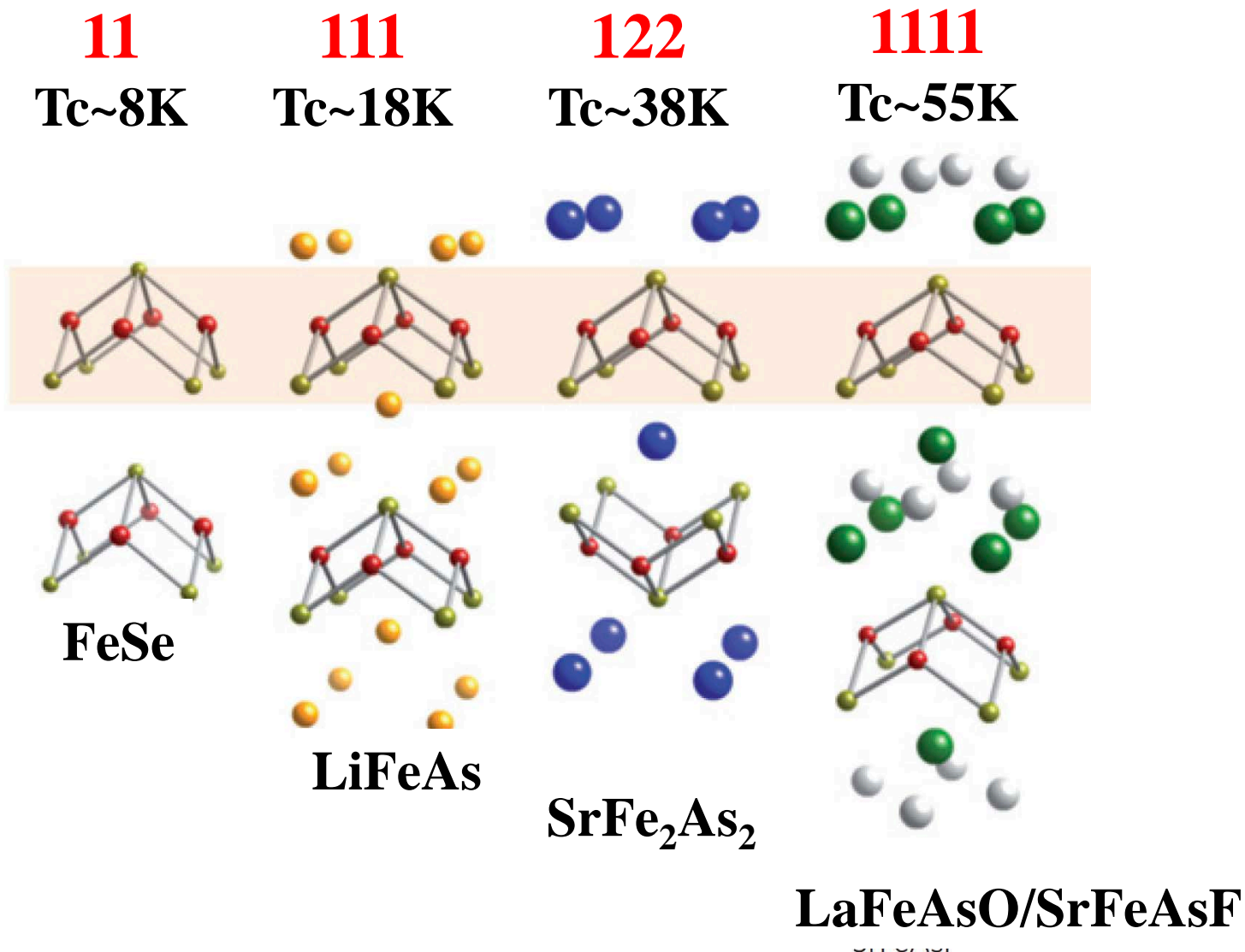
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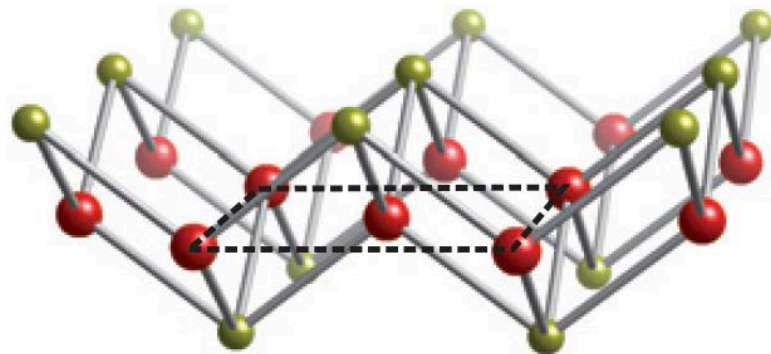
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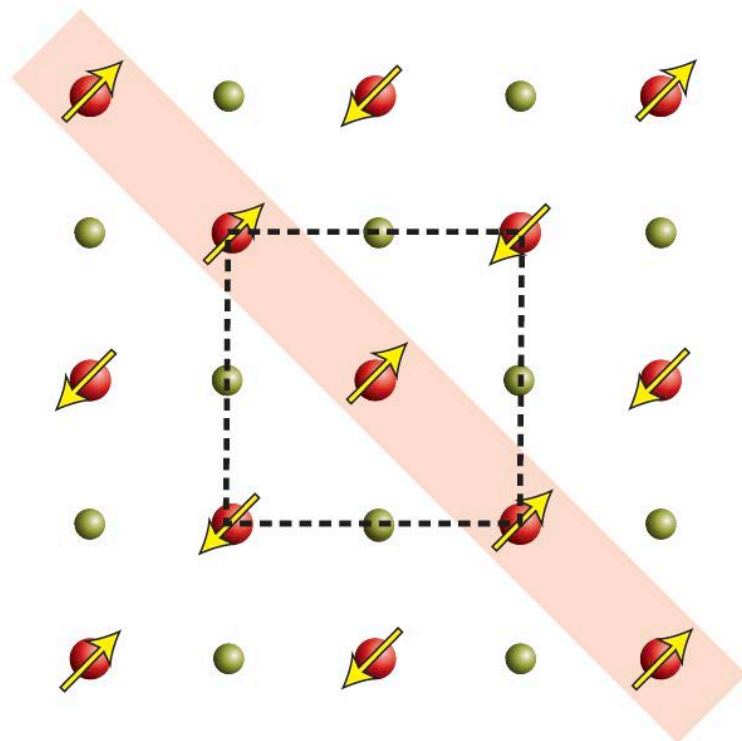
Major Classes of Iron-Based Superconductors



Common Building Blocks of Iron-Based SCs

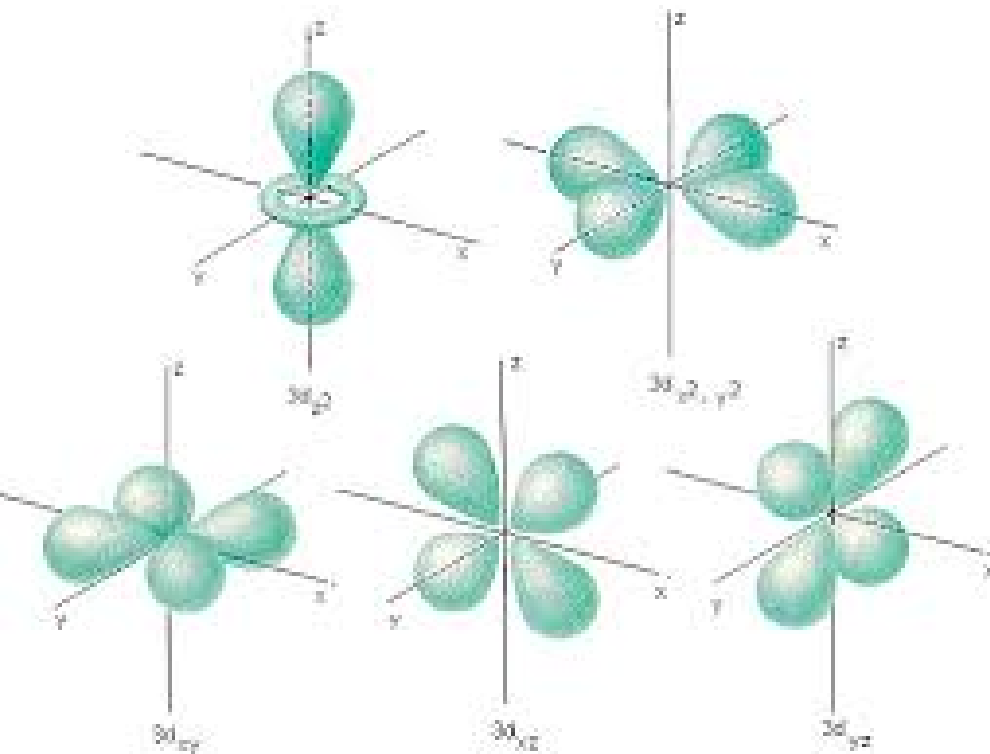


FeAs or FeSe Layers

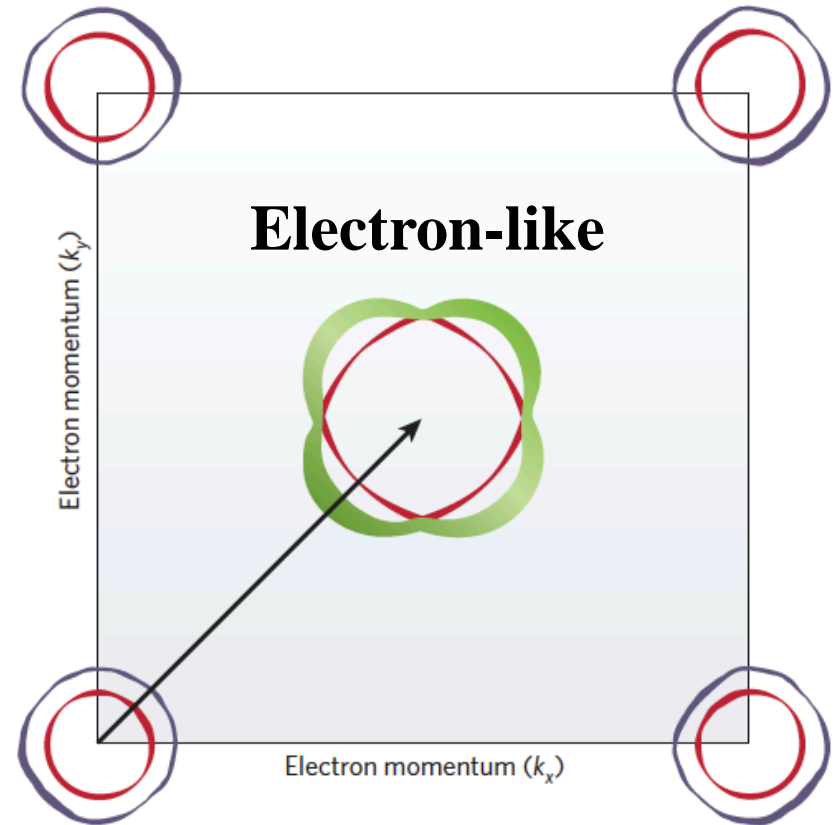


Multiple Orbitals and Multiple Bands

Five Fe $3d$ orbitals
are all involved

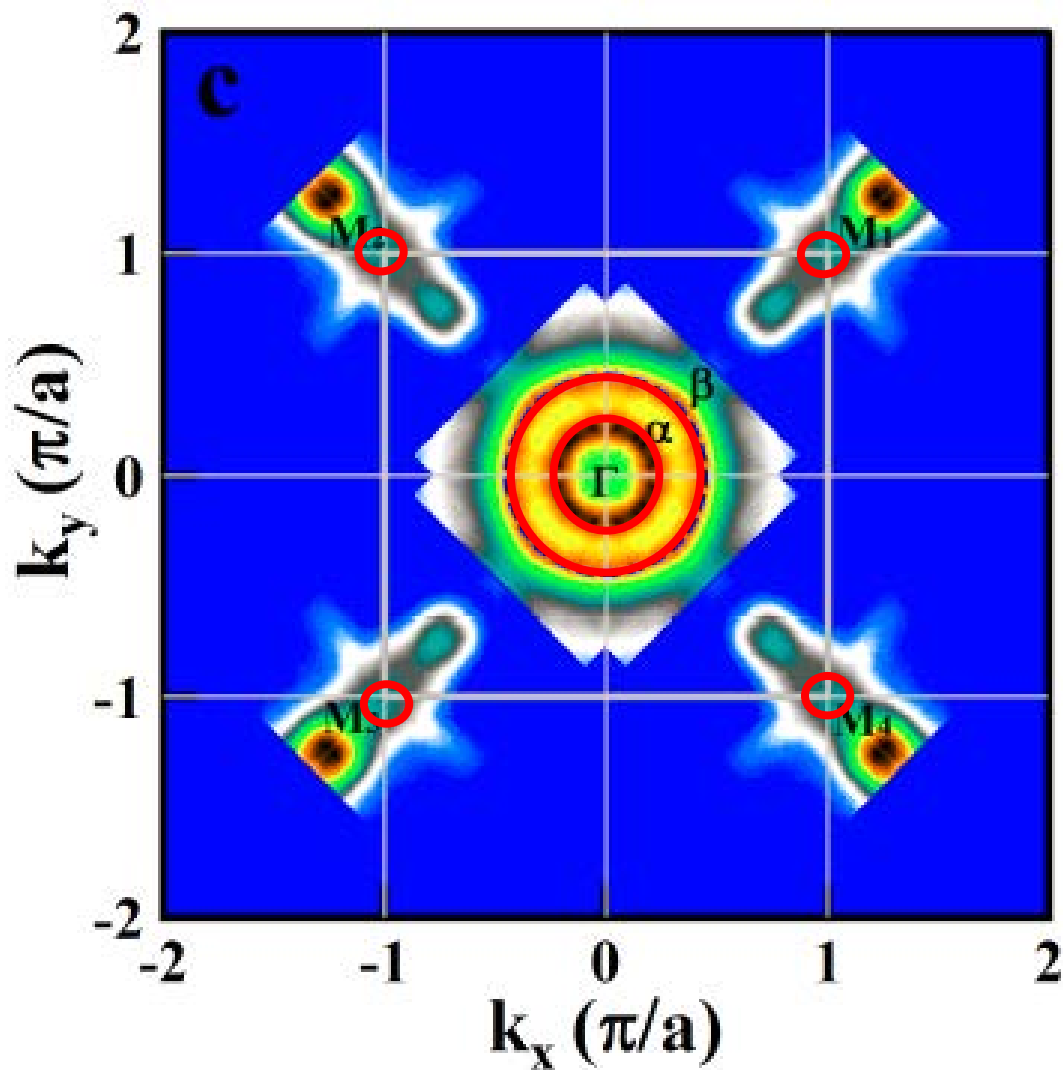


Multiple Fermi surface
Sheets are formed



Hole-like

Fermi Surface of $(\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4})\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ ($T_c \sim 38\text{K}$)



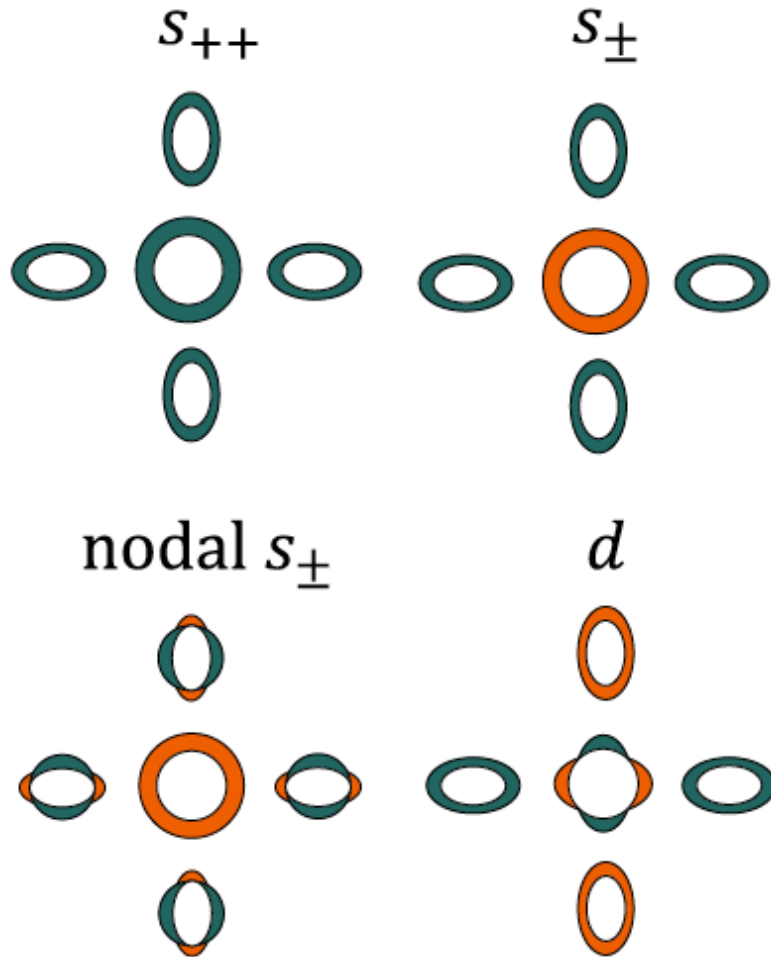
Fermi surface at Γ :

Two large hole-like
Fermi surface sheets;

Fermi surface at M :

One tiny electron pocket
and
Four hole-like lobes

Superconducting Gap Symmetry of Fe-Based SCs



➤ **Various gap symmetries are proposed;**

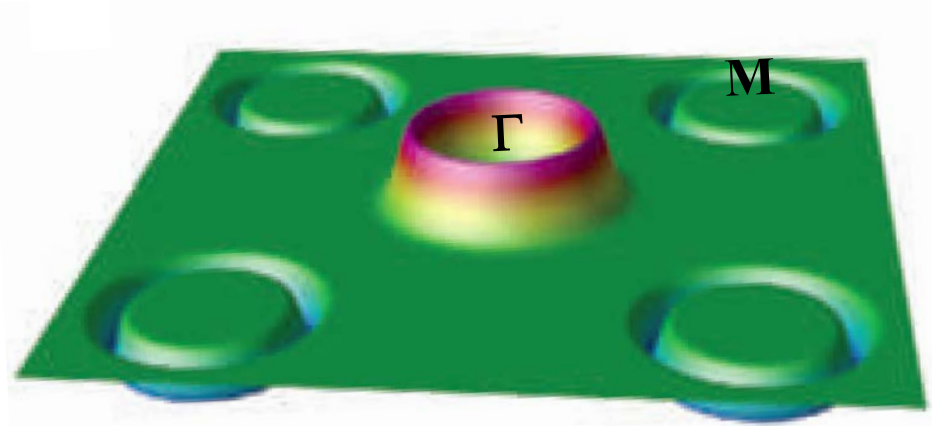
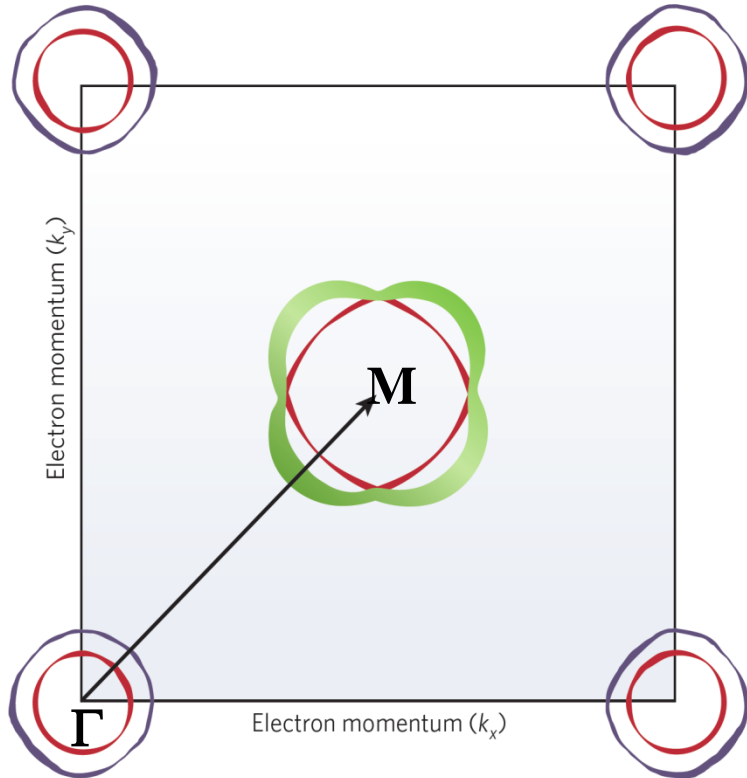
➤ **No consensus reached yet.**

Fermi Surface Nesting Picture

Interband scatterings between hole-like bands near Γ and electron-like bands near M.

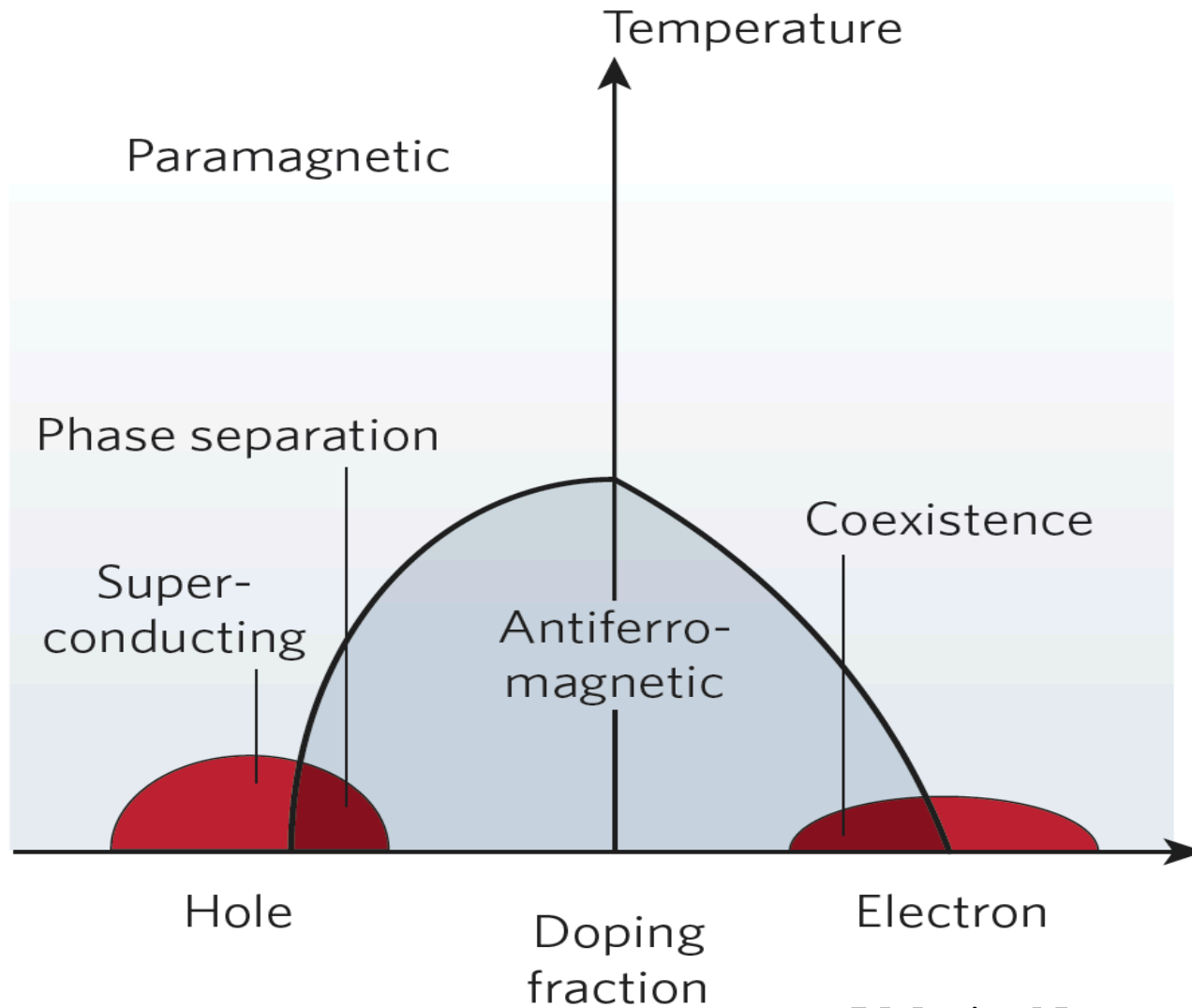


Superconducting order parameter S_+ near Γ and S_- near M (S_{\pm})

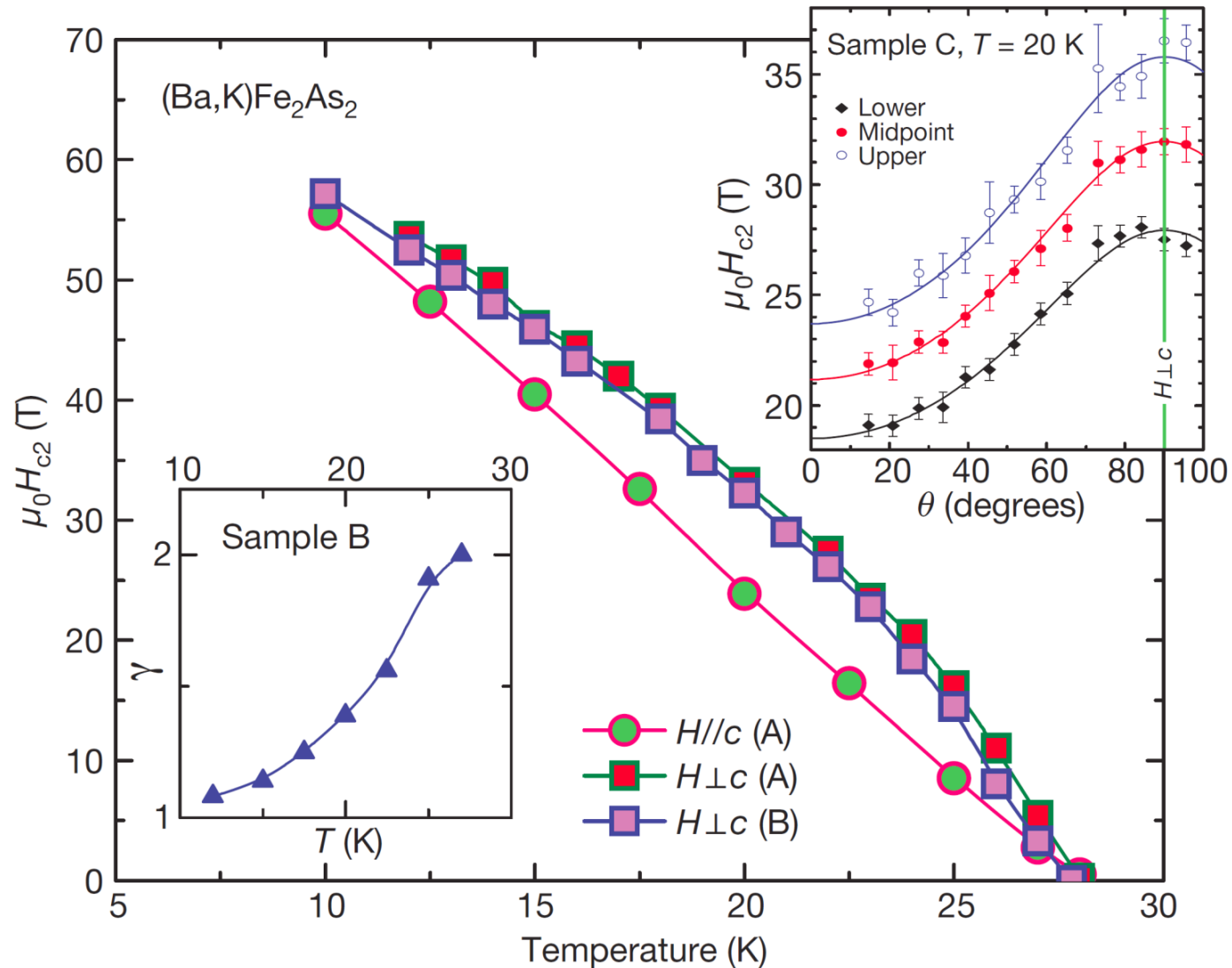


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Generic Phase Diagram of the Iron-Based Superconductors

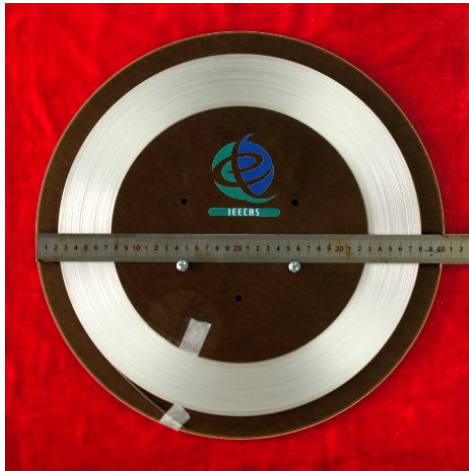


Nearly Isotropic Superconductivity of Fe-Based SCs

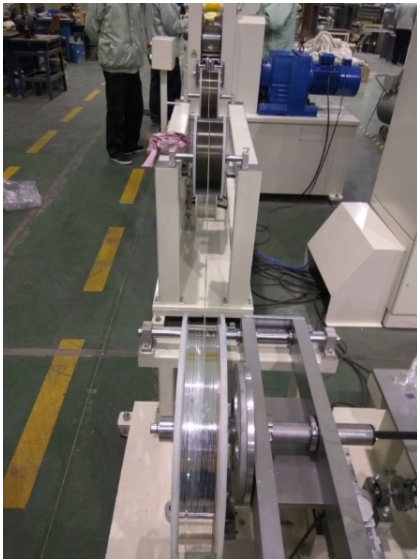


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The World's First 100 Meter-Class Iron-Based Superconducting Wire

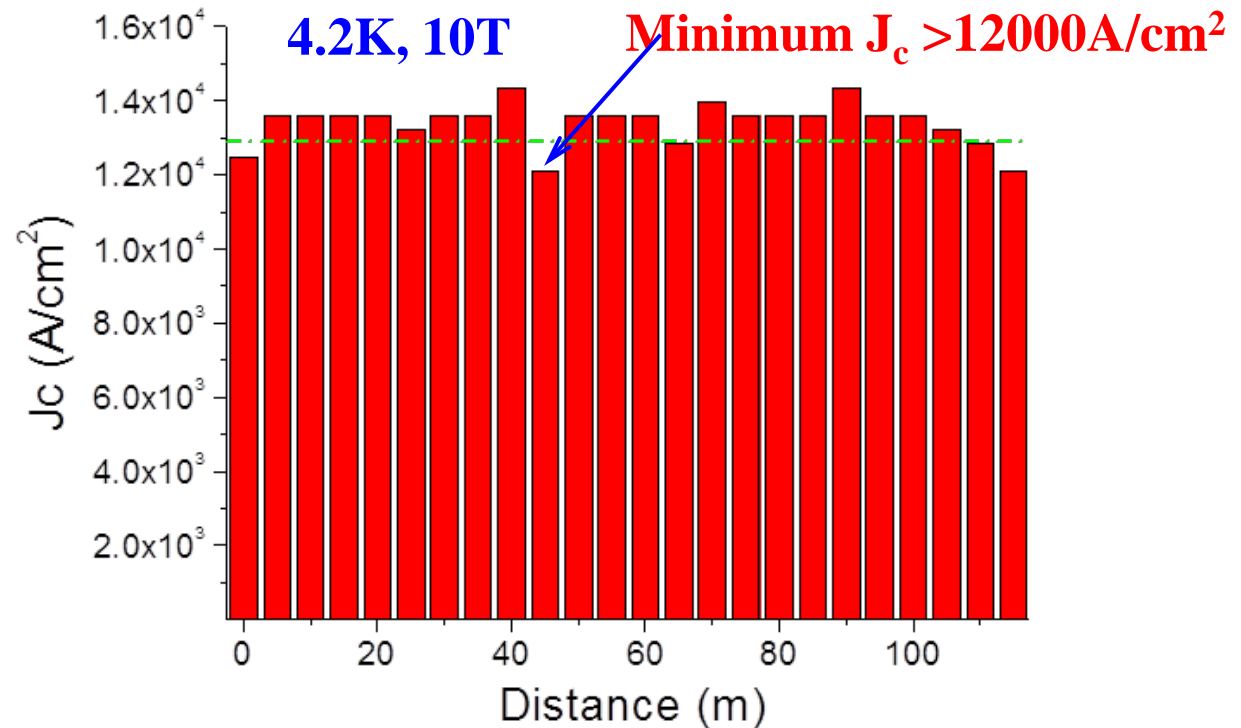


115 m long 7-filamentary wire



In Aug., 2016

-- Presented at ASC2016, Denver



At 4.2 K, 10 T, transport J_c distribution along the length of the first 100 m long 7-filament Sr122 tape

<http://snf.ieeecsc.org/pages/new-paper-and-result-highlights>

X. P. Zhang, Y. W. Ma et al., IEEE TAS 27 (2017) 7300705

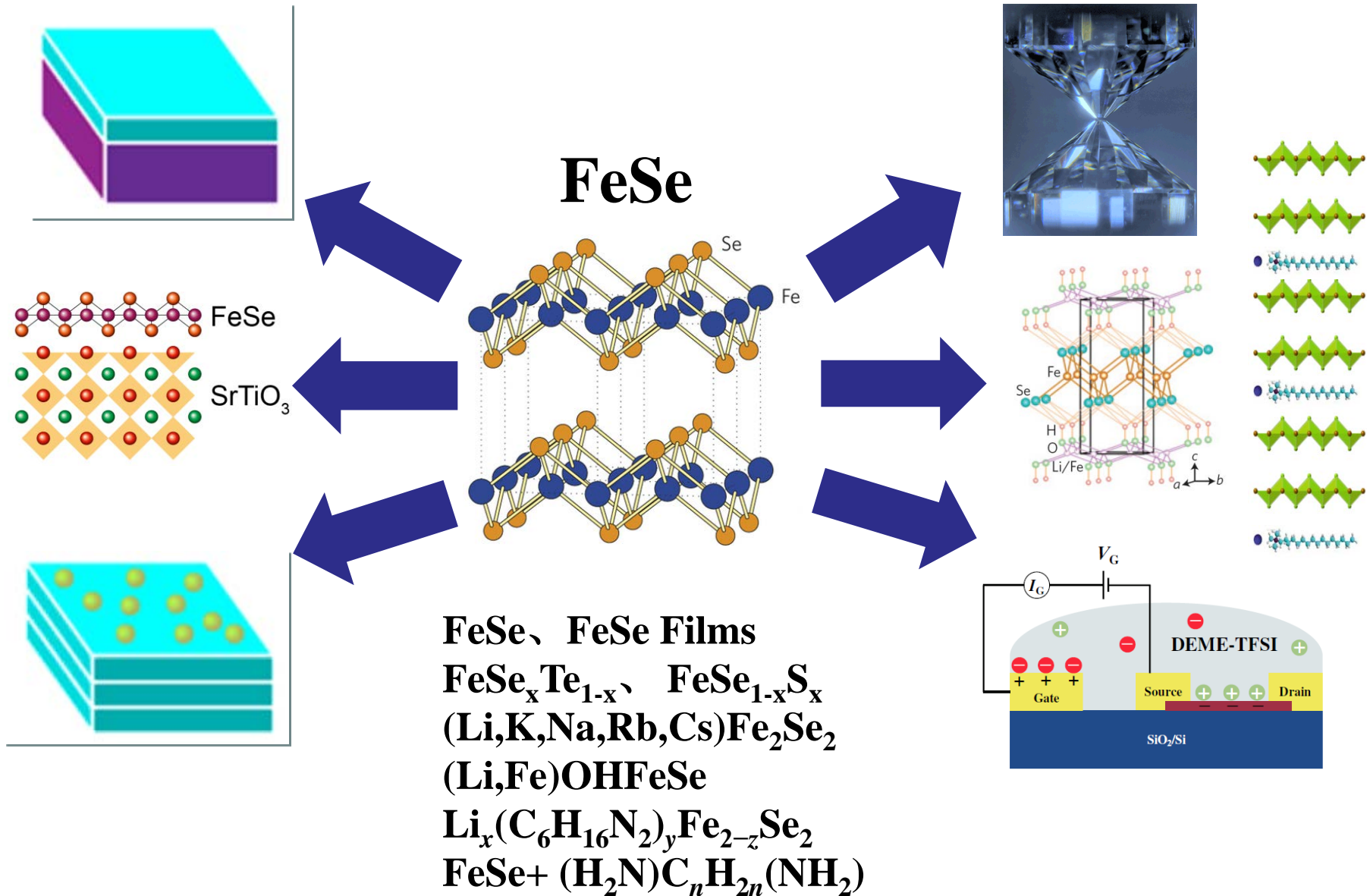
Advantages of Fe-Based Superconductors

- ◆ **High transition temperature T_c ;**
- ◆ **High critical field H_{c2} ;**
- ◆ **Nearly isotropic superconductivity;**
- ◆ **More metallic, easier to fabricate.**

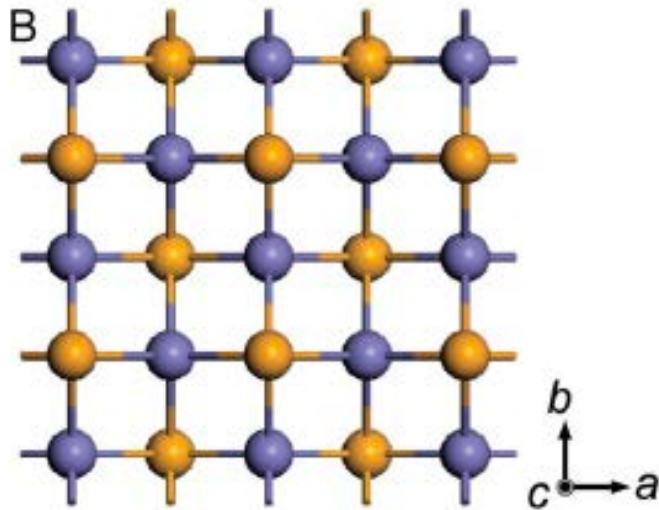
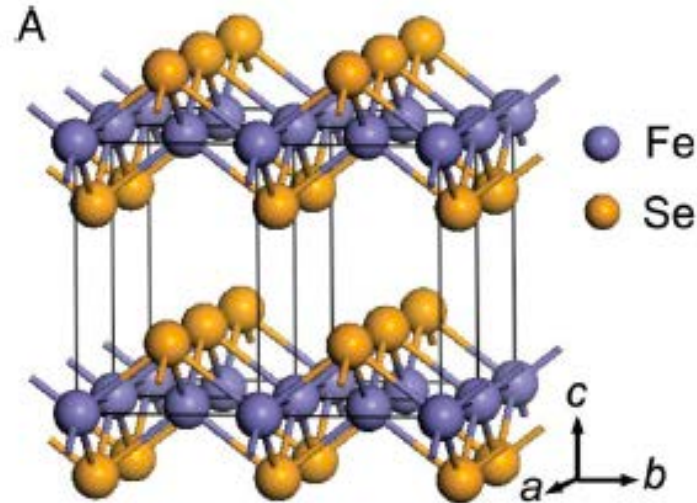
Promising for applications

**Latest Development
on
FeSe-Related Superconductors**

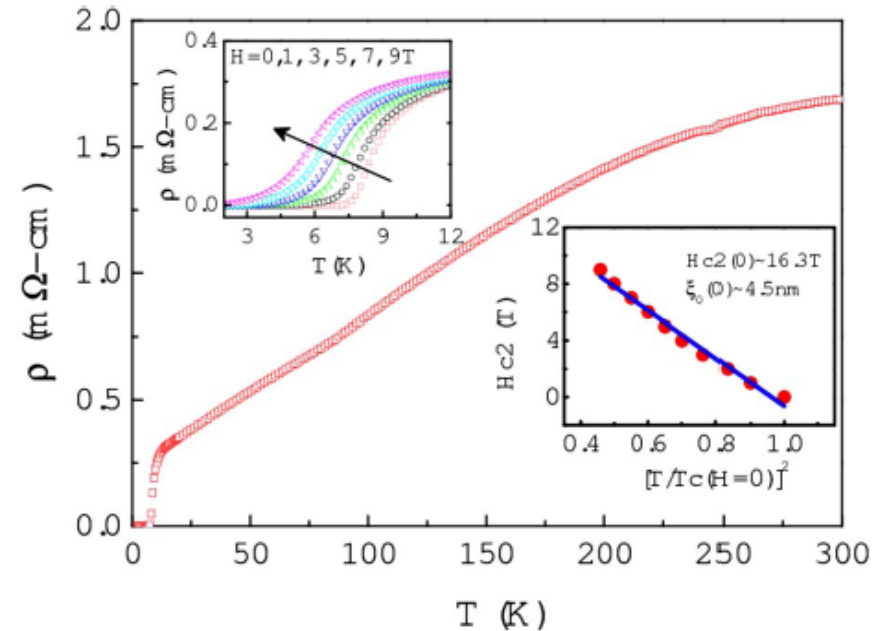
FeSe-Derived Superconductors and Physics



Discovery of Superconductivity in Bulk FeSe



$T_c = \sim 9 \text{ K}$



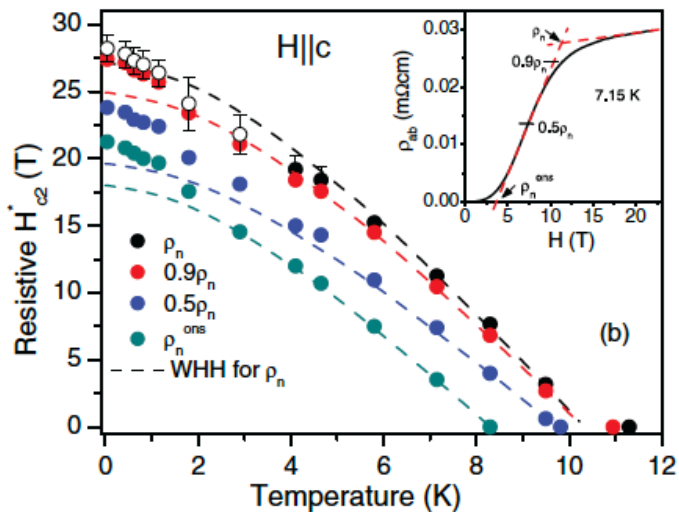
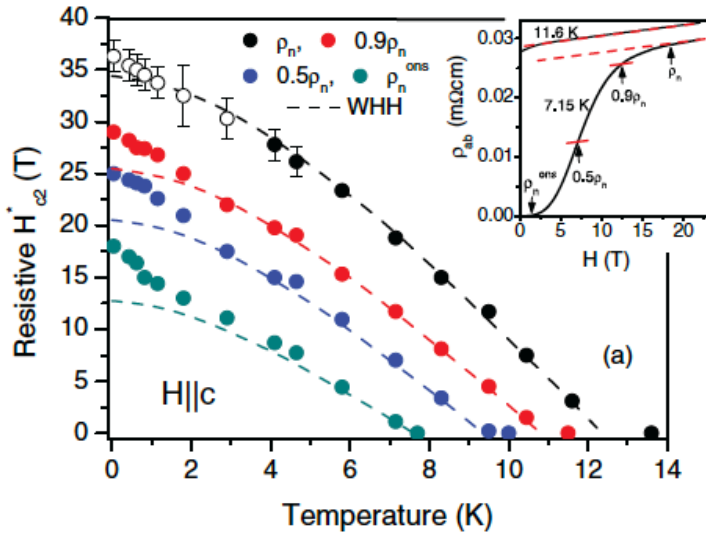
- **Two elements;**
- **Simplest crystal structure.**

Upper Critical Field of Bulk FeSe Superconductor

Bulk FeSe

Tc ~ 10 K

**Upper critical field
H_{c2} ~ 30 Tesla**



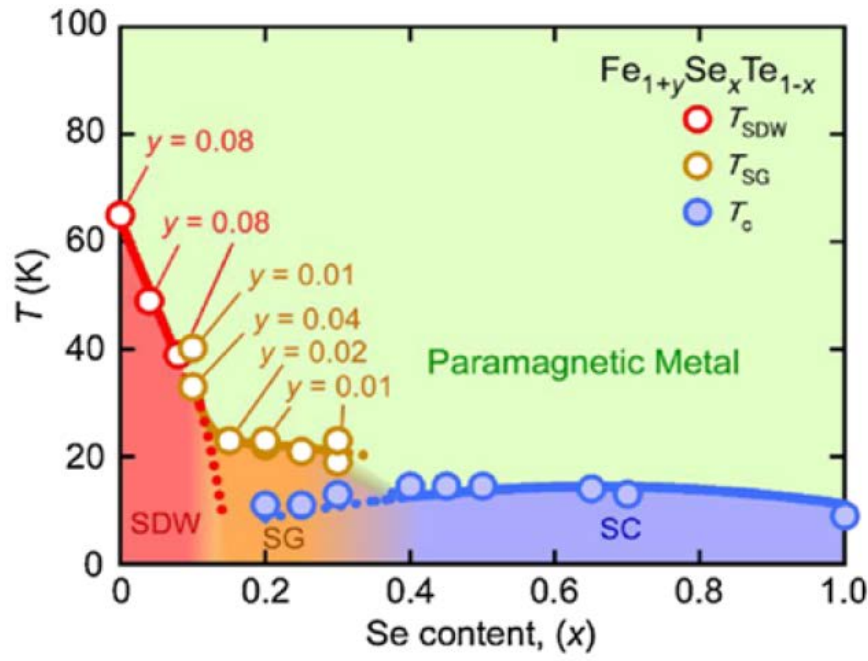
Conventional Superconductor NbTi

Tc ~ 10 K

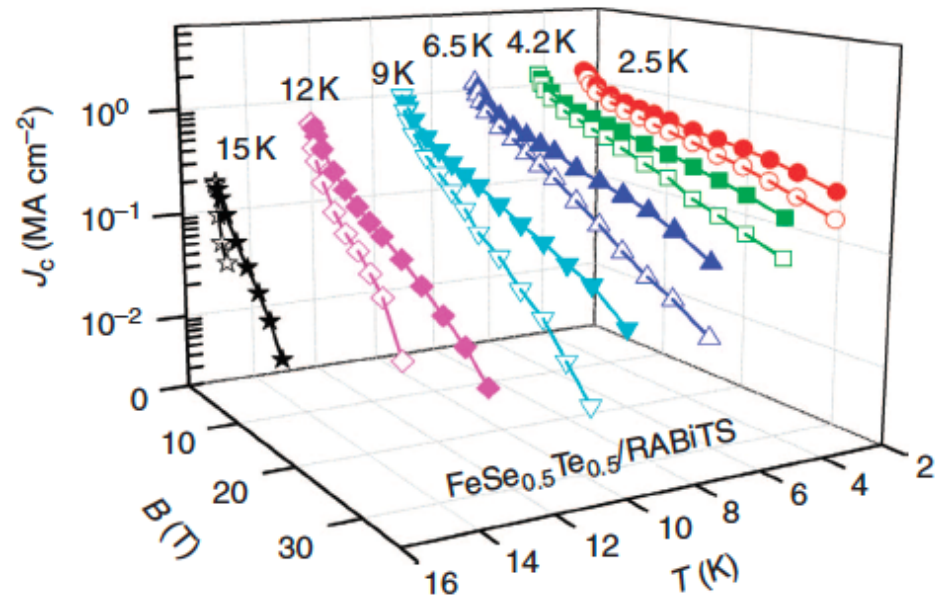
**Upper critical field
H_{c2} ~ 15 Tesla**

Superconductivity in $\text{Fe}(\text{Te}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x)$ System

$T_c \sim 14.5$ K



Under 30 T, 4.2K
 $J_c \sim 1 \times 10^5$ A/cm²

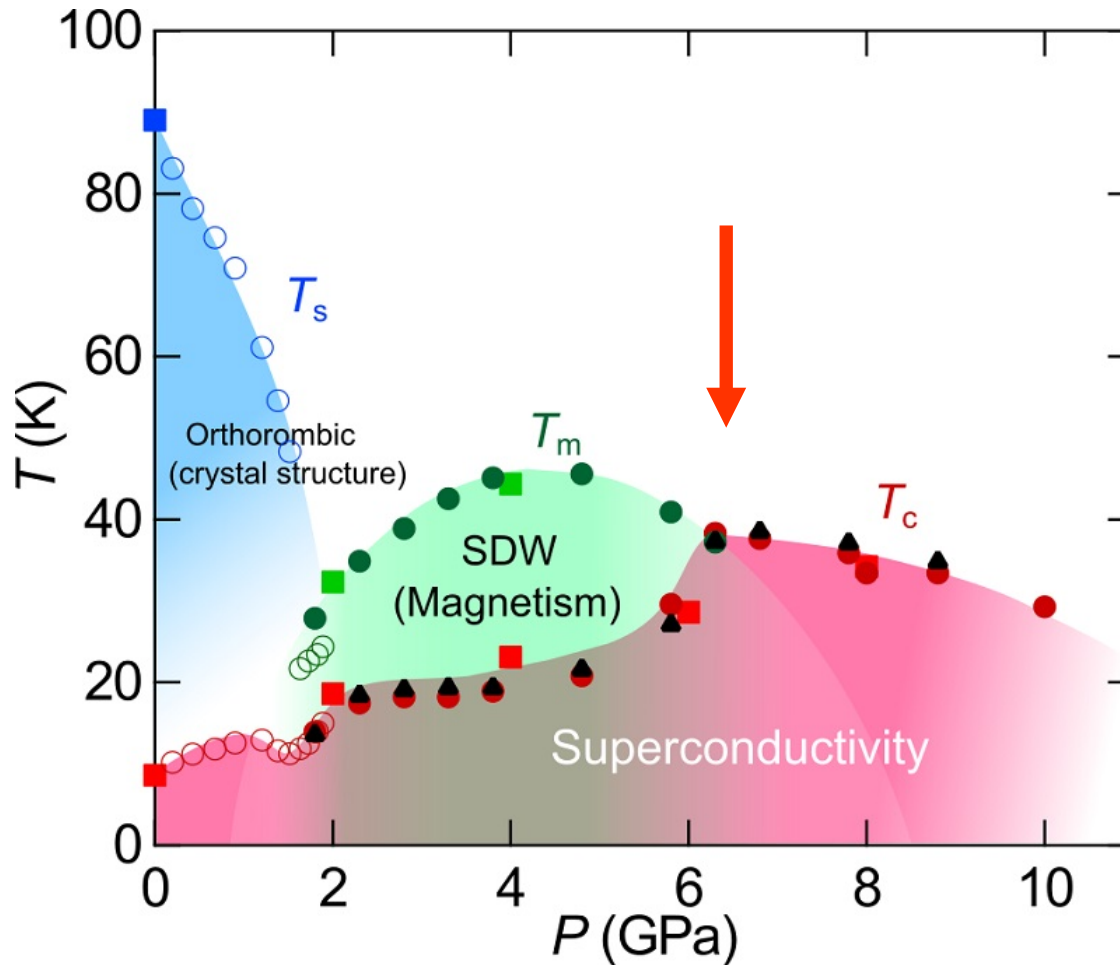


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Strong Enhancement of T_c in FeSe under High Pressure

T_c is increased from ~ 9 K to ~ 40 K at ~ 6 GPa.

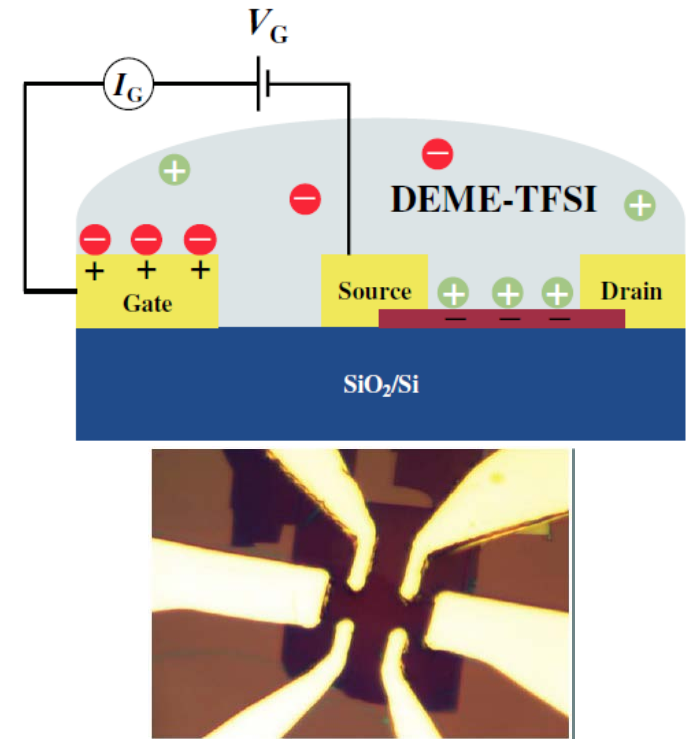
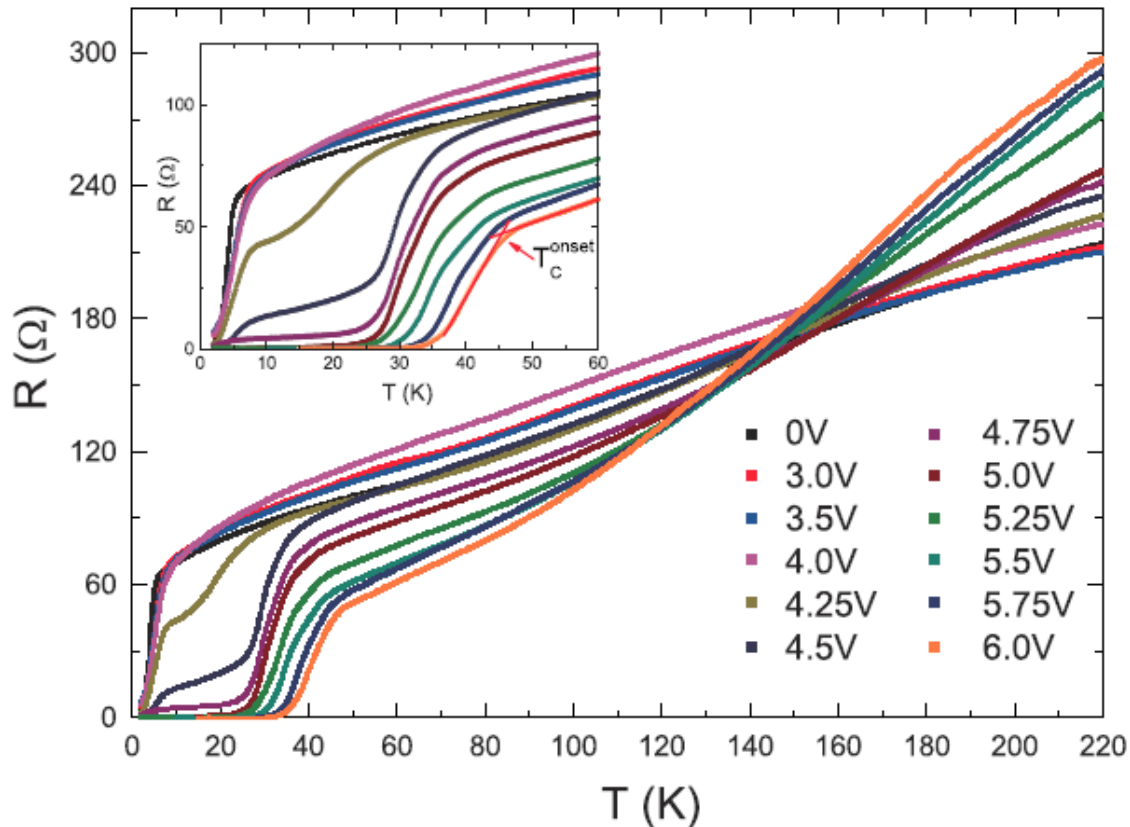


S. Medvedev et al., Nature Materials 8 (2009) 630.

J. P. Sun, J. G. Cheng et al., Nature Communications 7 (2016) 12146;

Enhancement of T_c in FeSe through Gating

T_c is increased from ~ 9 K to 35~48 K by gating
Gating \rightarrow Electron doping



B. Lei, X. H. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 077002 (2016);
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Possible High T_c in Single-Layer FeSe Film on SrTiO₃

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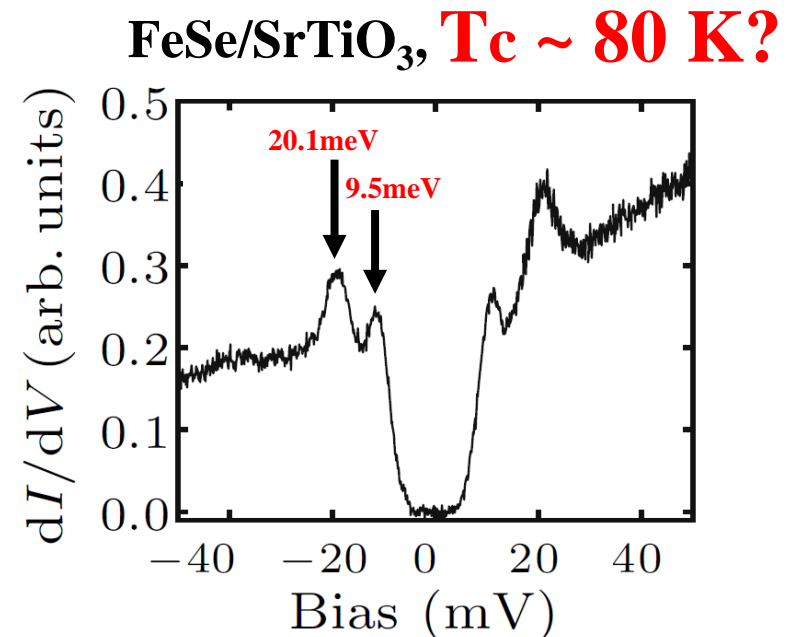
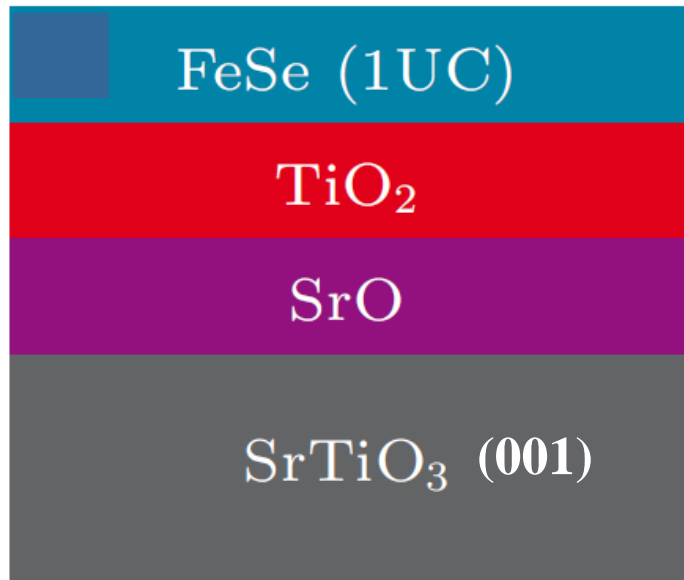
Interface-Induced High-Temperature Superconductivity in Single Unit-Cell FeSe Films on SrTiO₃ *

WANG Qing-Yan(王庆艳)^{1,2†}, LI Zhi(李志)^{2†}, ZHANG Wen-Hao(张文号)^{1†}, ZHANG Zuo-Cheng(张祚成)^{1†}, ZHANG Jin-Song(张金松)¹, LI Wei(李渭)¹, DING Hao(丁浩)¹, OU Yun-Bo(欧云波)², DENG Peng(邓鹏)¹, CHANG Kai(常凯)¹, WEN Jing(文竞)¹, SONG CanLi(宋灿立)¹, HE Ke(何珂)², JIA Jin-Feng(贾金锋)¹, JI Shuai-Hua(季帅华)¹, WANG Ya-Yu(王亚愚)¹, WANG Li-Li(王立莉)², CHEN Xi(陈曦)¹, MA Xu-Cun(马旭村)^{2**}, XUE Qi-Kun(薛其坤)^{1**}

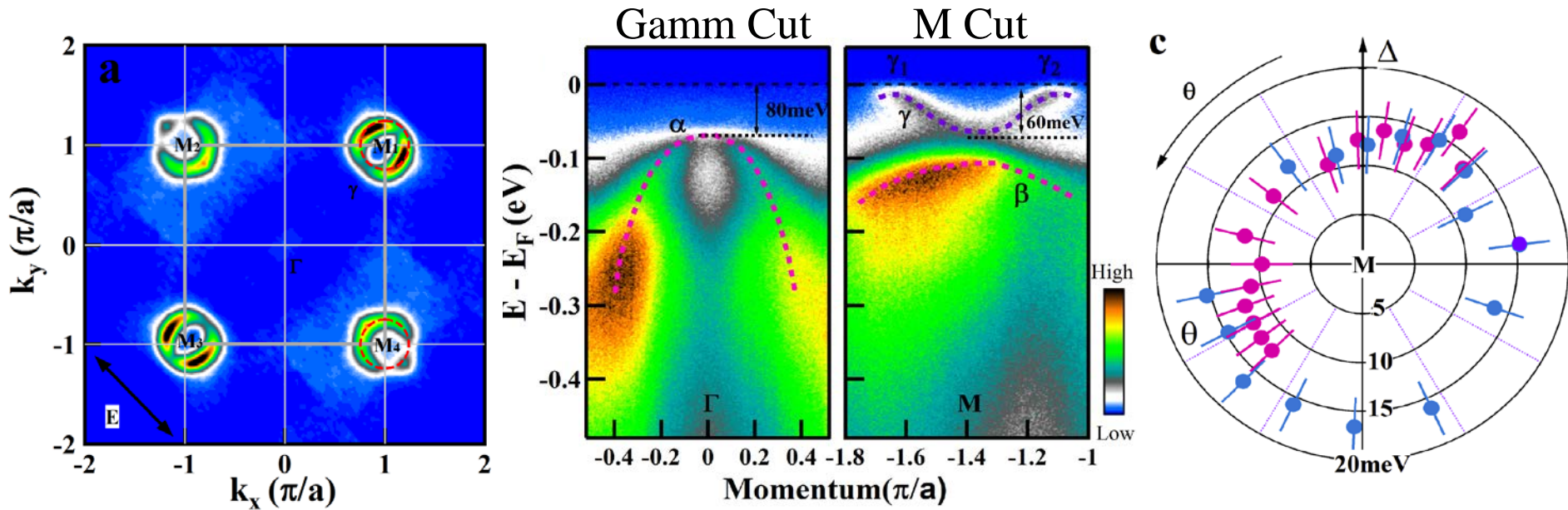
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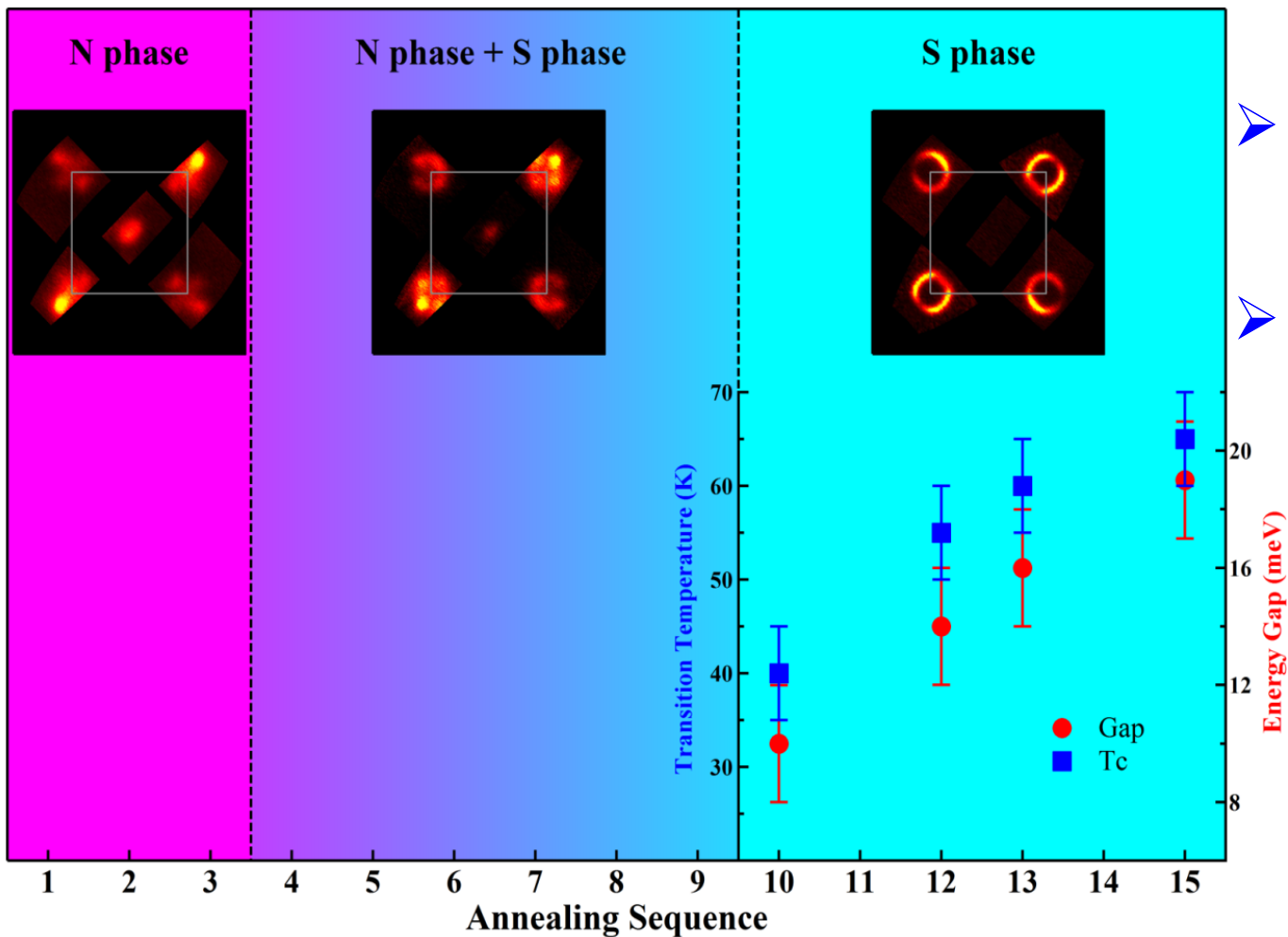
Distinct Electronic Structure of Superconducting Single-Layer FeSe/SrTiO₃ Films



- **Distinct electronic structure: no Fermi surface near Γ , only electron-like Fermi surface near M ;**
- **Nearly isotropic superconducting gap without nodes.**

D. F. Liu, W. H. Zhao, D. X. Mou, J. F. He, X. C. Ma, Q. K. Xue, X. J. Zhou et al.,
Nature Communications 3, 931 (2012)

Phase Diagram and Indication of $T_c \sim 65\text{K}$ in Single-Layer FeSe/SrTiO₃ Films



➤ **Two phases:**
N phase and S phase;

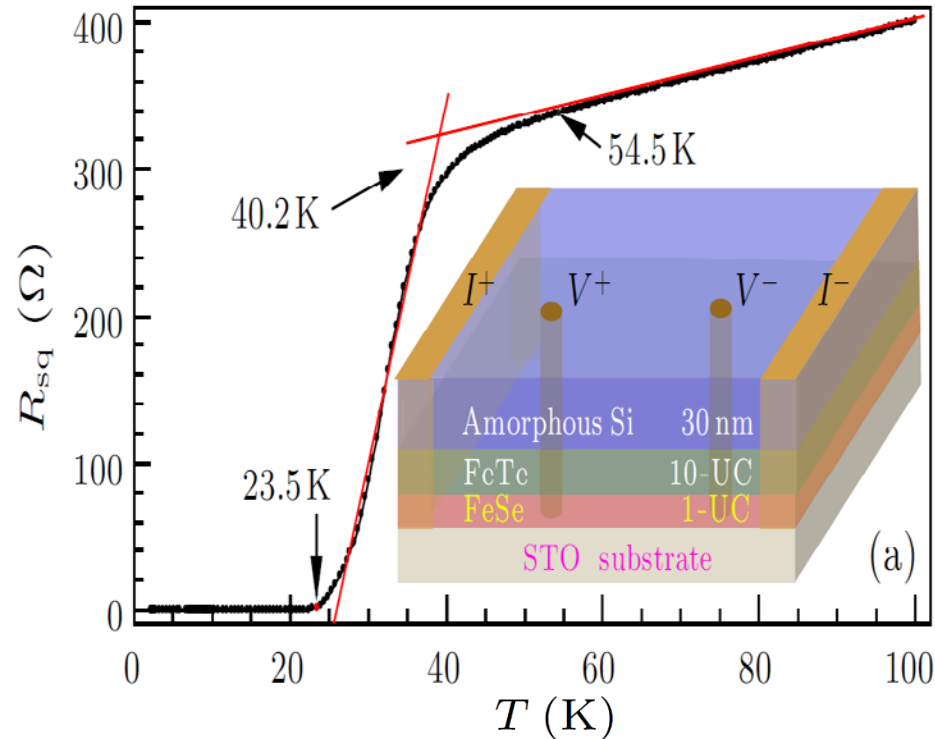
➤ **Highest $T_c \sim 65\text{K}$**
Gap $\sim 19\text{meV}$

$$2\Delta/kT_c = 6\sim 7$$

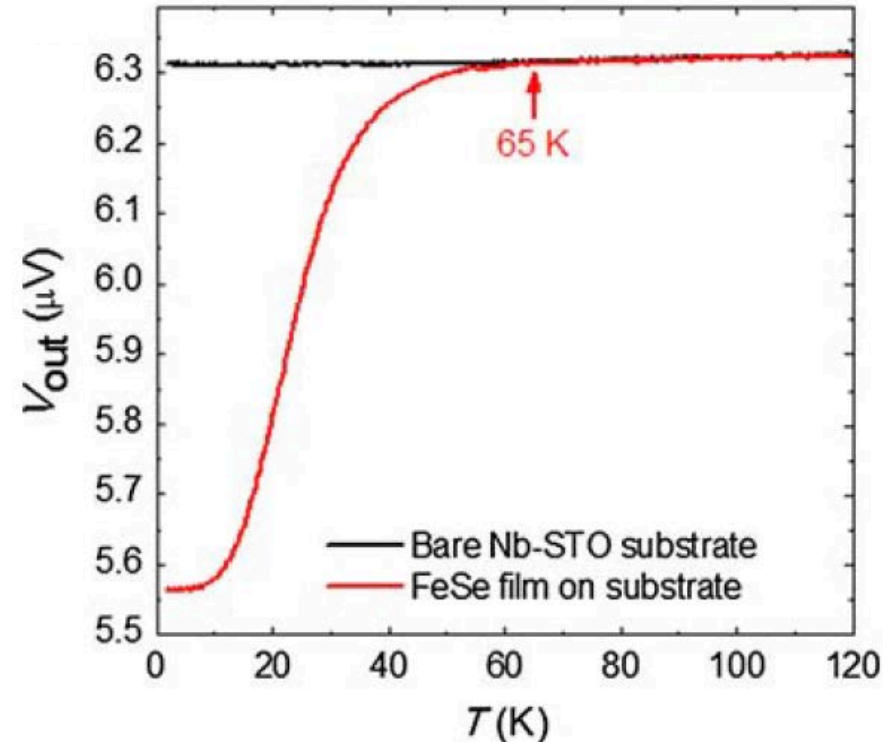
Transport and Magnetic Measurements on Single-Layer FeSe/SrTiO₃ Films

Well-accepted T_c~65 K in Single-Layer FeSe/SrTiO₃ Films

Resistivity



Magnetic measurements

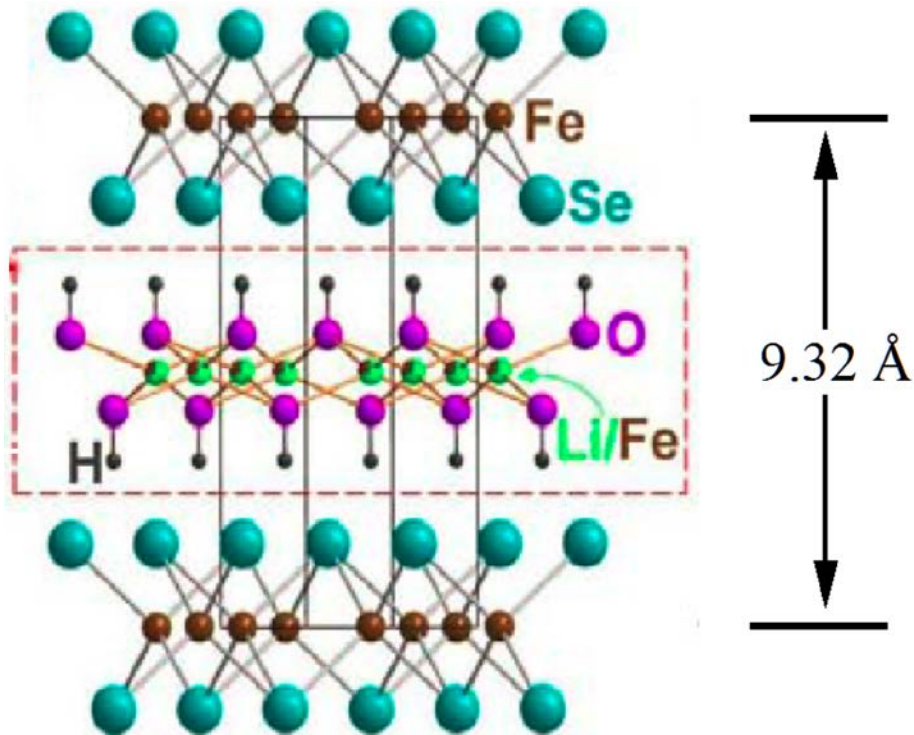


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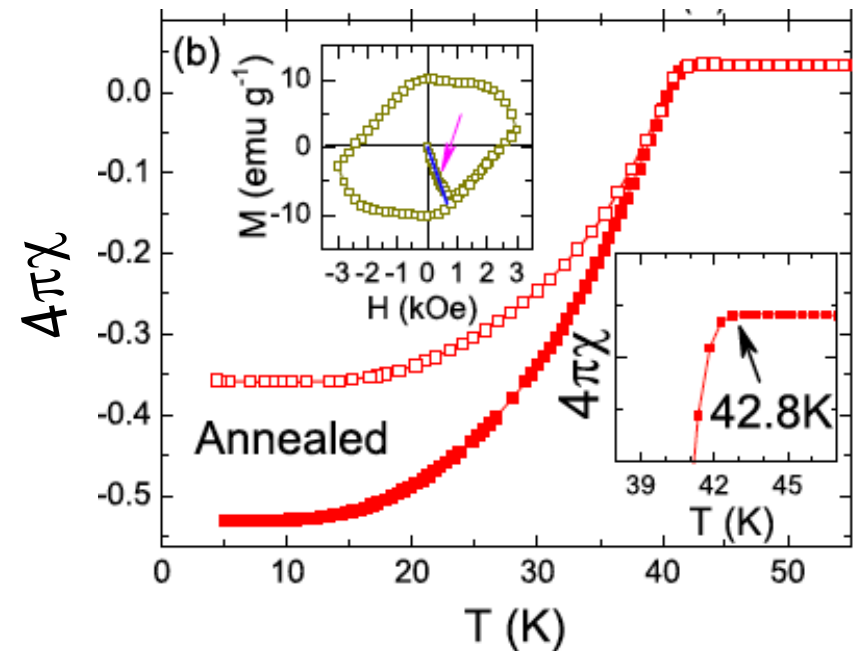
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Discovery of (Li,Fe)OHFeSe Superconductor with a $T_c \sim 42$ K

Bulk, Single-phase



Magnetic measurements



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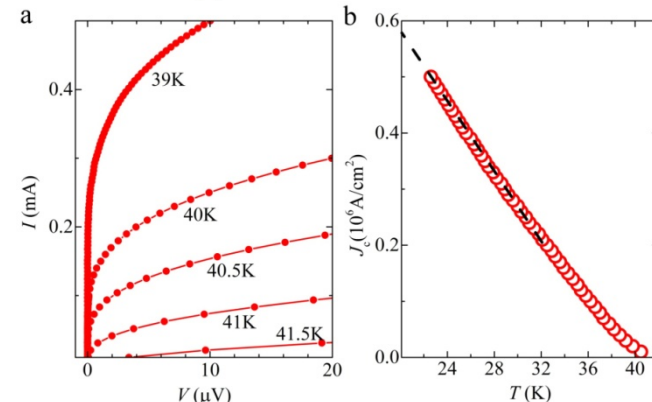
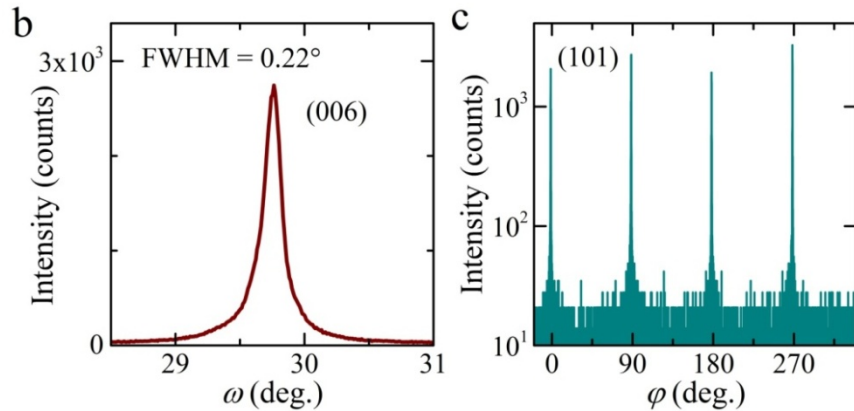
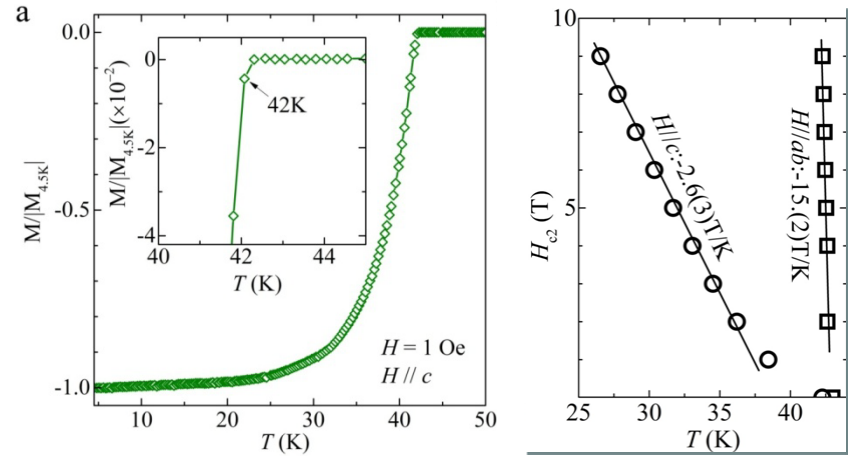
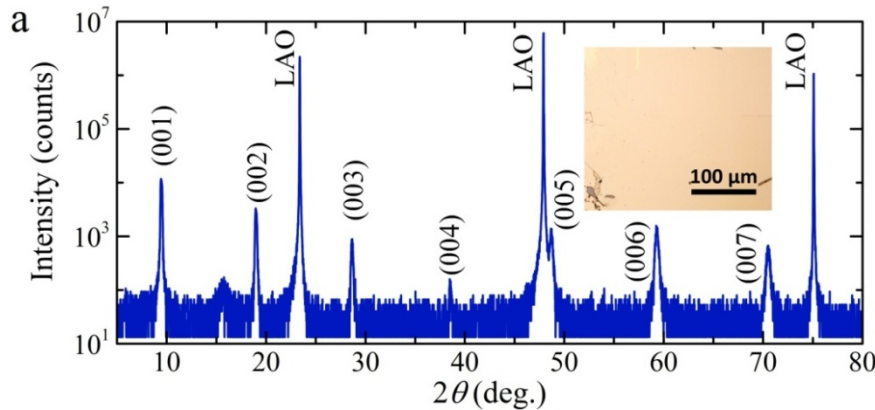
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Performance of 1111 Thin Films

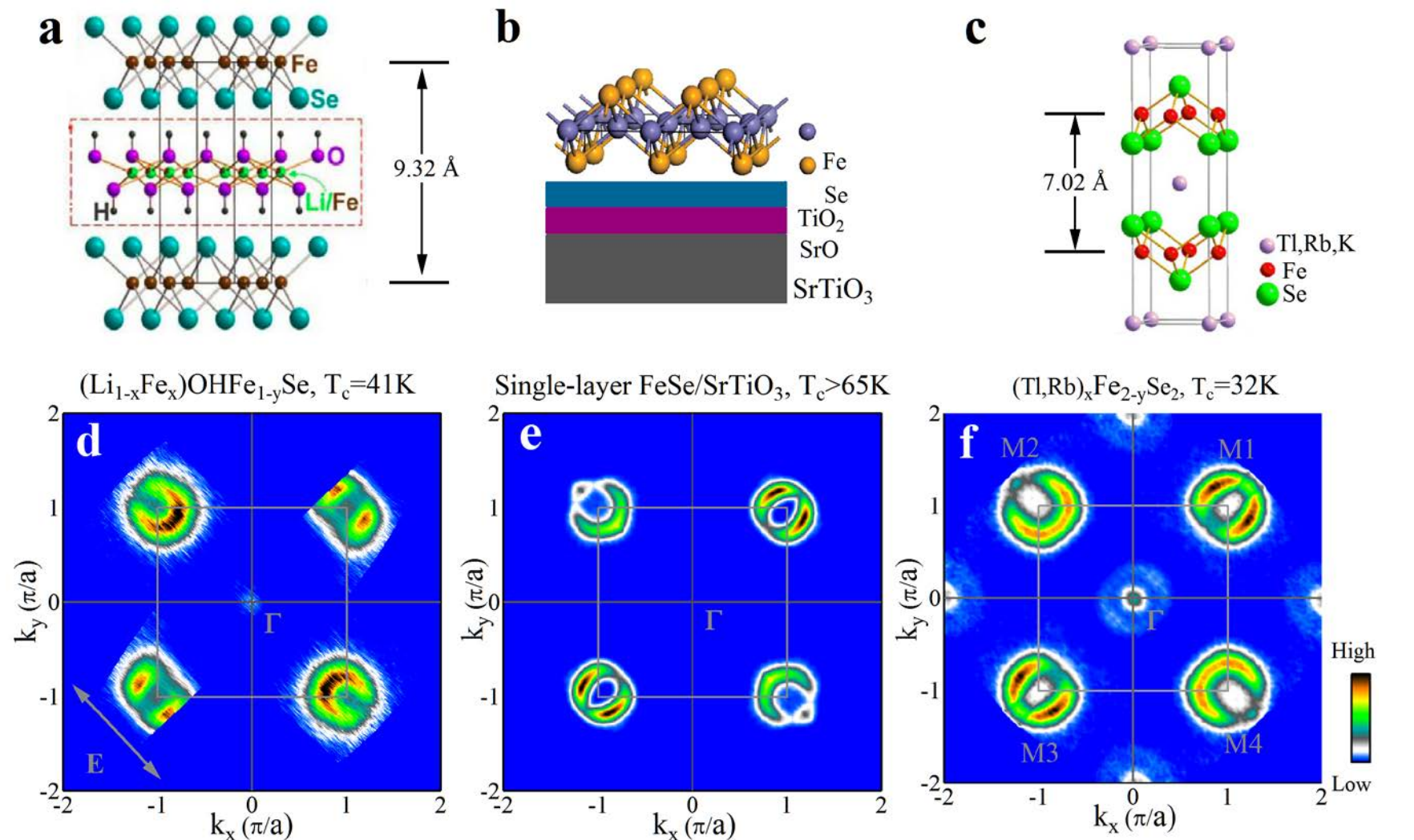
- 1、 High critical temperature: $T_c = 42.4$ K;
- 2、 High critical field: $H_{c2}^c(0) \sim 79.5$ T; $H_{c2}^{ab}(0) \sim 443$ T
- 3、 High critical current: 5×10^5 A/cm² at ~ 20 K

Superconducting cavities?



**Progress
in Physics Study
of the Iron-Based Superconductors**

Distinct Fermi Surface Topology in FeSe-Related Superconductors



Lin Zhao and X. J. Zhou et al.,
 Nature Communications
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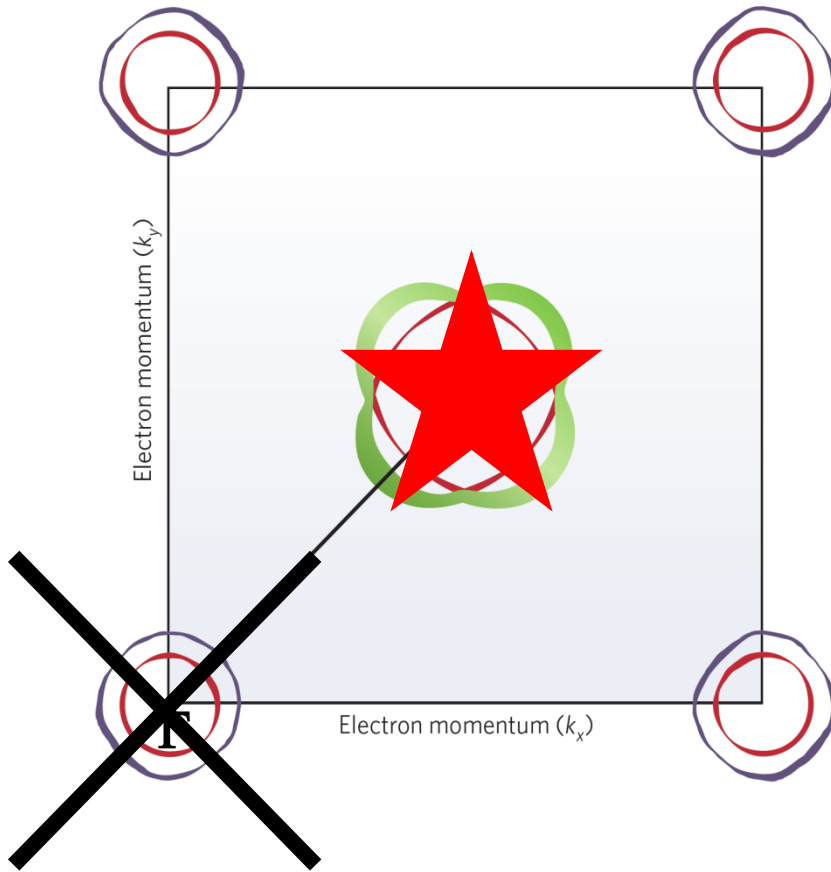
Implications on Superconductivity Mechanism

--Rules out Fermi Surface Nesting Picture

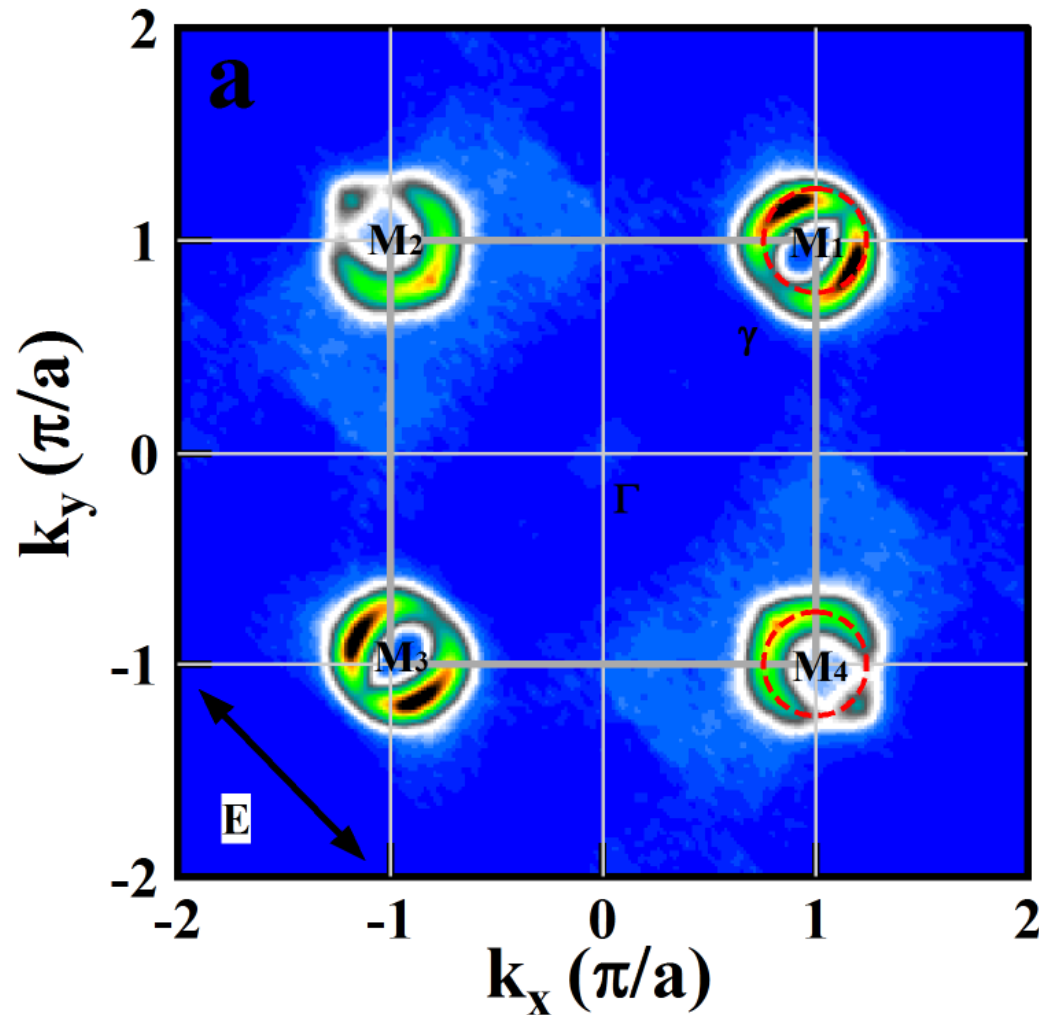
If Fermi surface topology is critical, then

Hole-Like Fermi Surface near Γ is **NOT** necessary for superconductivity;

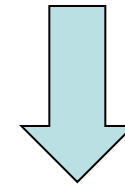
Electron-Like Fermi Surface near M is crucial.



Key Ingredients for Superconductivity in Iron-Based Superconductors



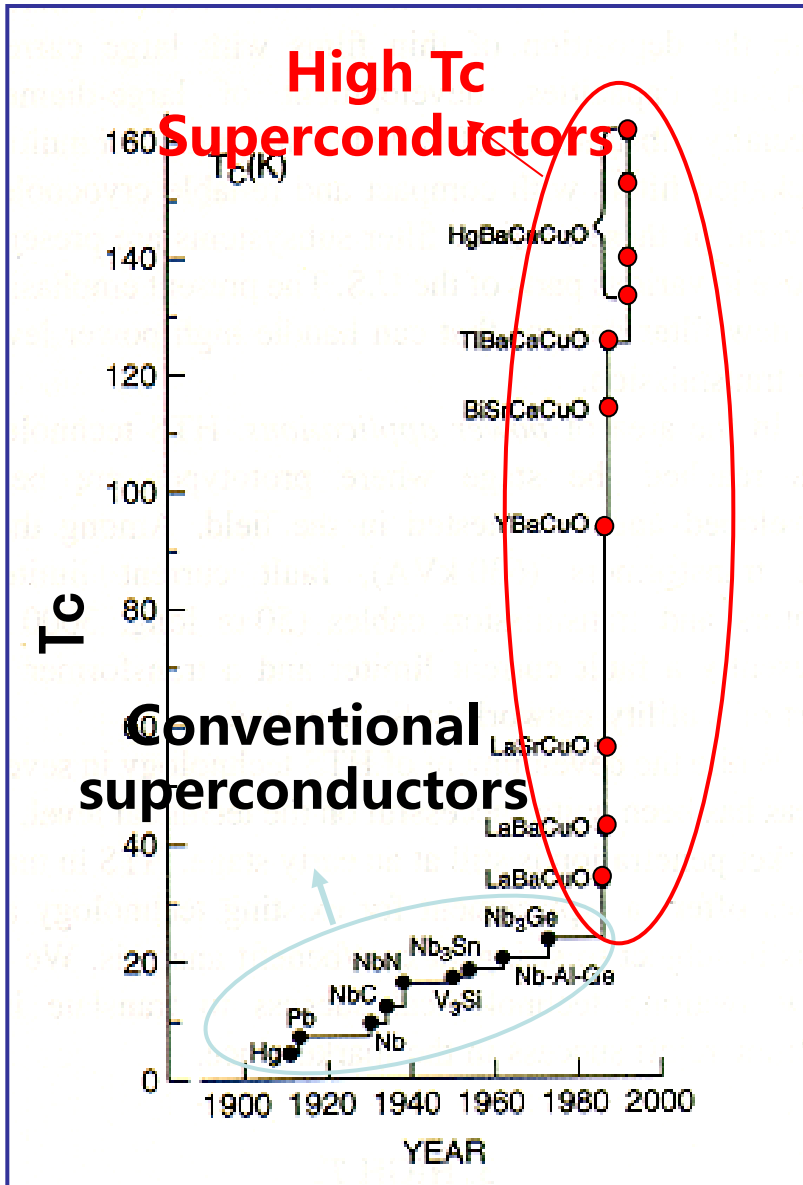
- 1), Simple electronic structure;
- 2). Record high $T_c \sim 65\text{K}$;
- 3). Nearly isotropic superconducting gap.




Ideal system for studying mechanism of superconductivity in the iron-based superconductors


Summary and Perspective

Exploration of New Superconductors




 **The Nobel Prize in Physics 1913**

"for his investigations on the properties of matter at low temperatures which led, inter alia, to the production of liquid helium"





Heike Kamerlingh Onnes

Conventional
(T_c < 40K)

 **The Nobel Prize in Physics 1987**

"for their important break-through in the discovery of superconductivity in ceramic materials"



J. Georg Bednorz **K. Alexander Müller**

Copper-Oxide High-Tc SCs
(T_c ~165K)

Next?

Room Temperature Superconductors?
(T_c ~300K)

Theory for High Tc Superconductivity—To Be Developed

Bardeen, Cooper and Schrieffer (1957)



The Nobel Prize in
Physics 1972

"for their jointly developed theory of
superconductivity, usually called the
BCS-theory"



John
Bardeen

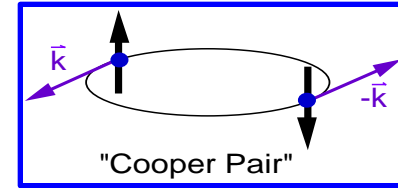


Leon
Neil
Cooper

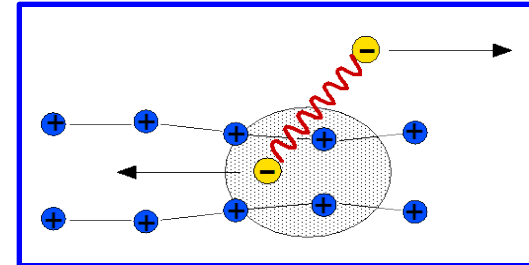


John
Robert
Schrieffer

- Formation of Cooper pairs in the superconducting state;



- The pairing is mediated by phonons.

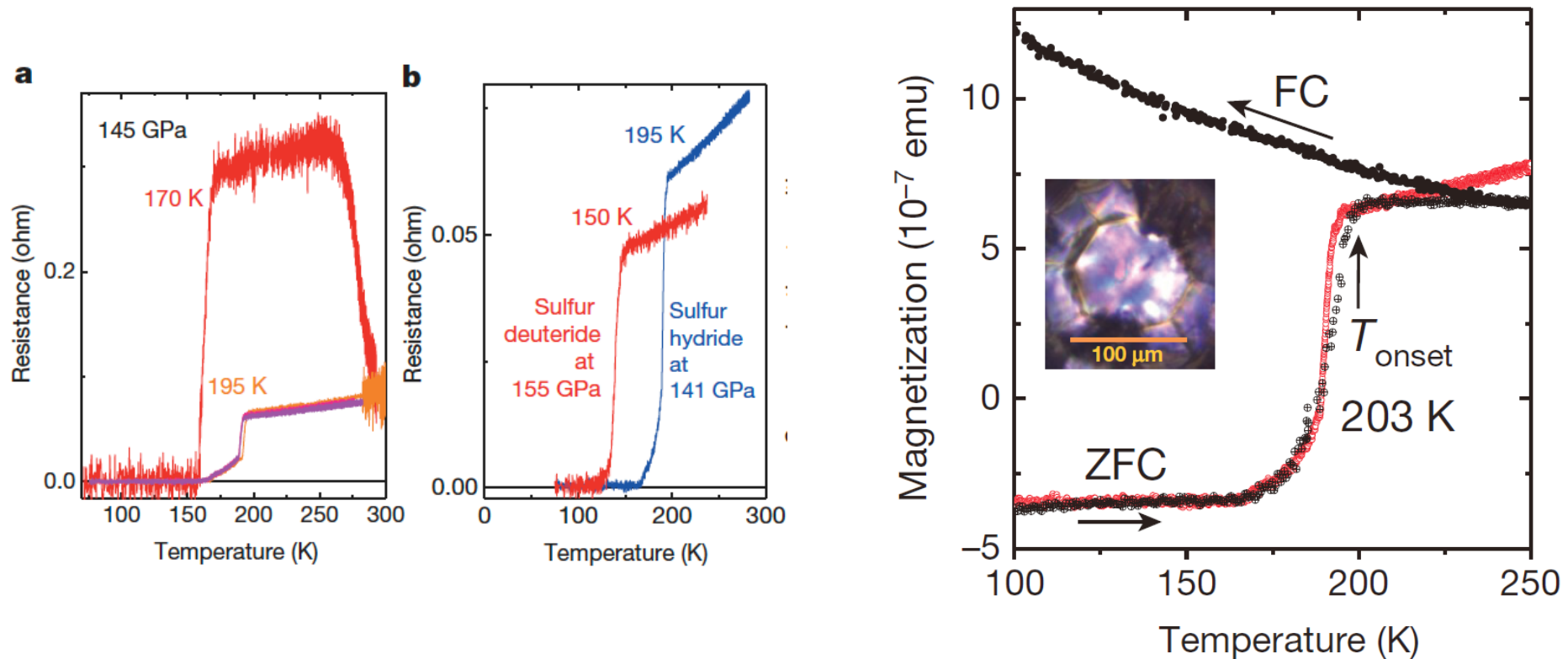


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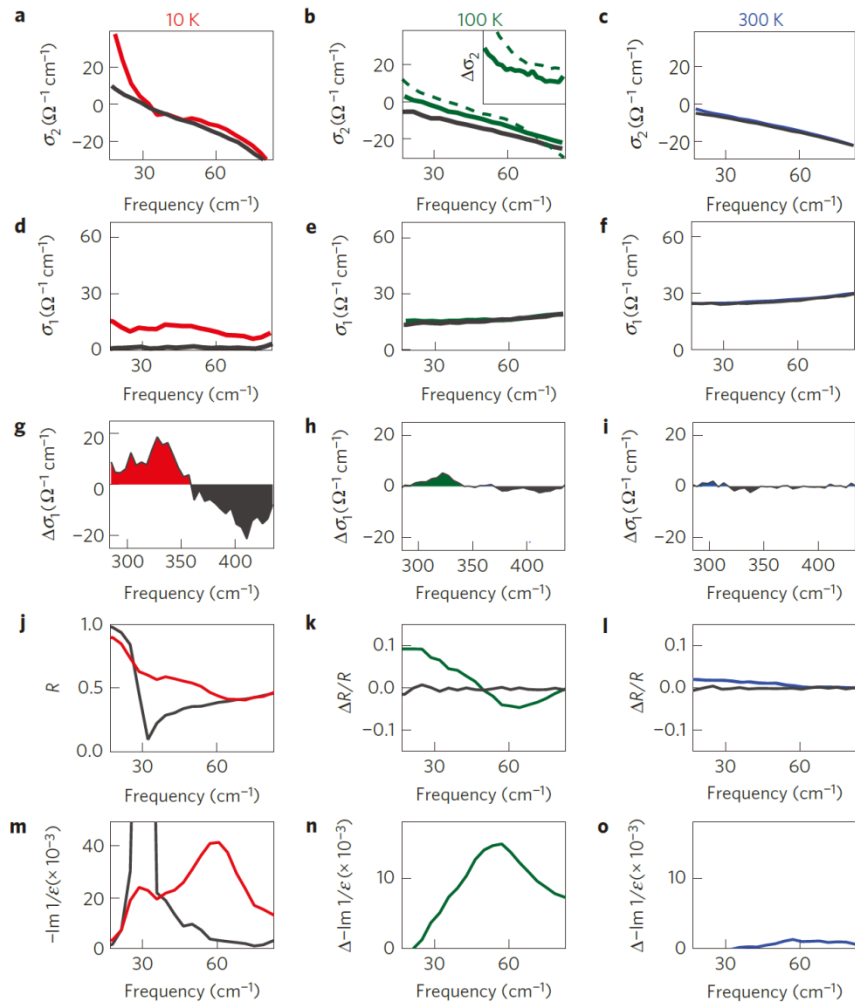
Mechanism of High-Tc Superconductivity?

Conventional superconductivity at 203 kelvin at high pressures in the sulfur hydride system

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Transient Room Temperature Superconductivity?

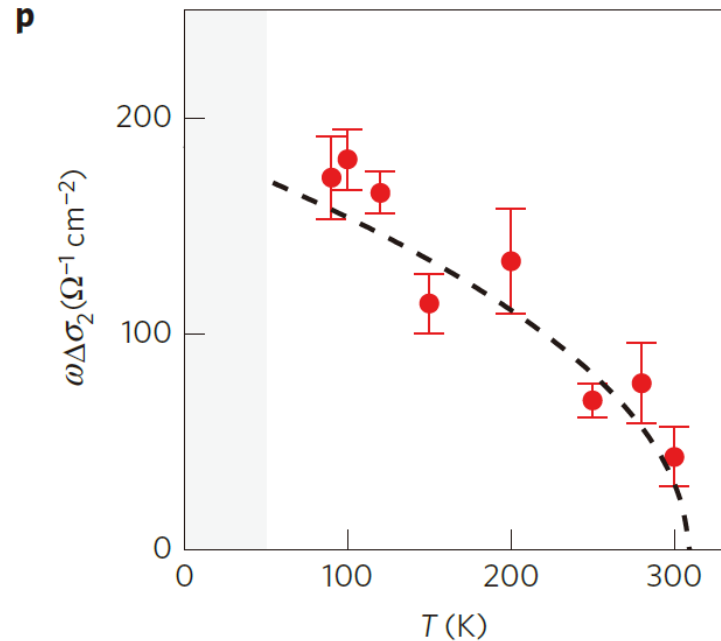


YBa₂Cu₃O_{6.5} (T_c=50 K)



Pump-Probe
experiment

T_c~300 K



**There is still a plenty of room
for high temperature superconductivity**

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- Applications
- Others

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