

# From Electrons Paired to Electrons Delivered

-Challenges Facing the Path Forward for High Temperature Superconductivity from Its Fundamental Understanding to Eventual Societal Deployment-

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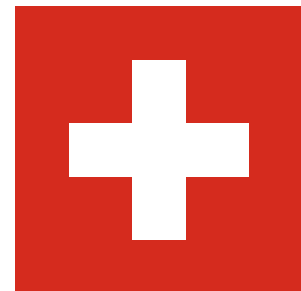
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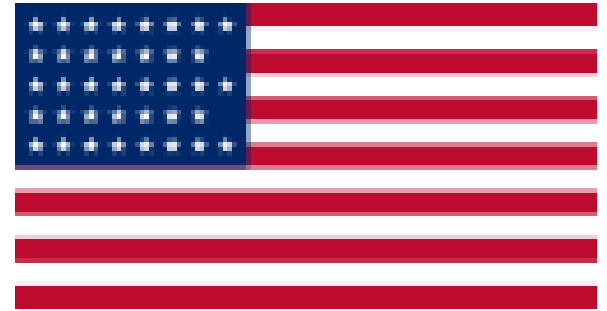
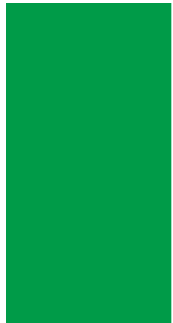
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*Aging IBM Pensioner*



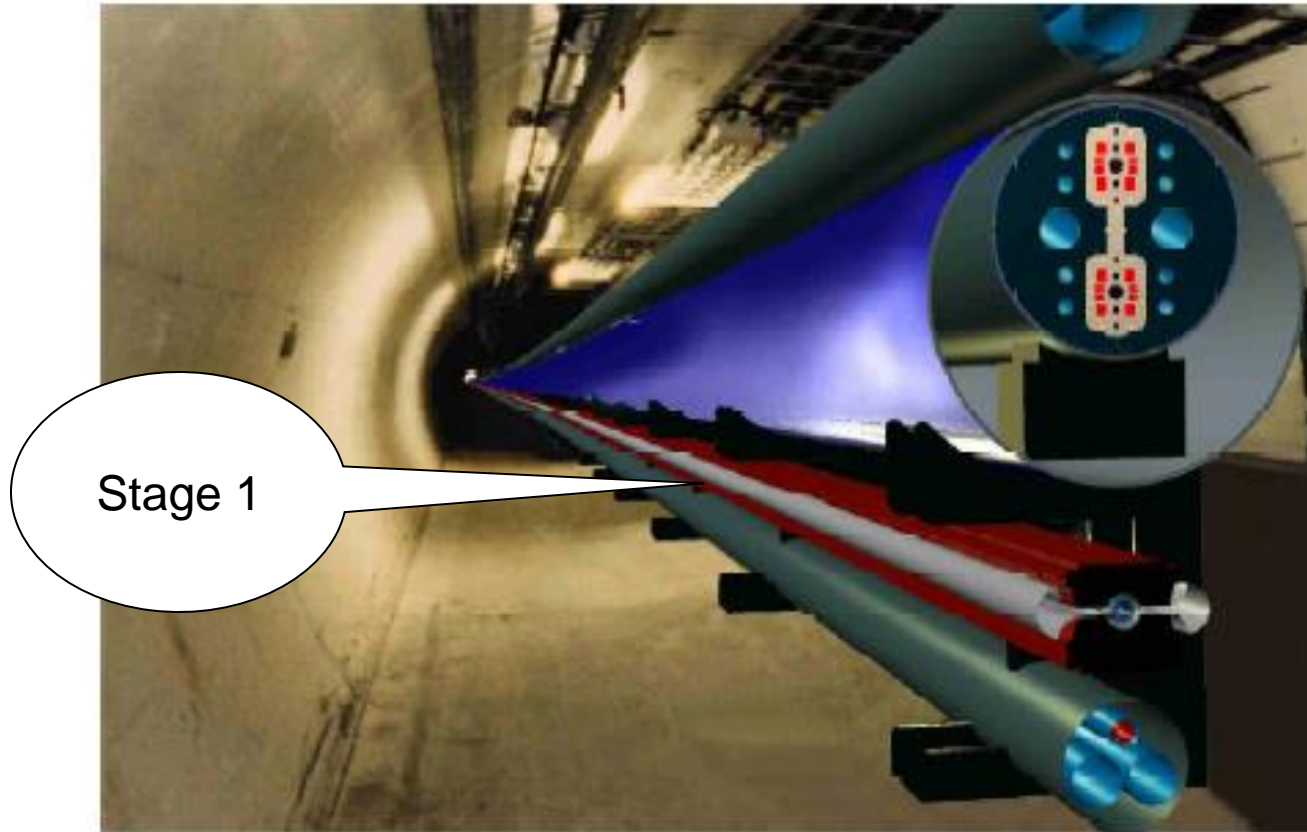
# Grandson of Two Proud Lands



**Bridget Ann Mullen-Whalen**

# “The Pipetron”

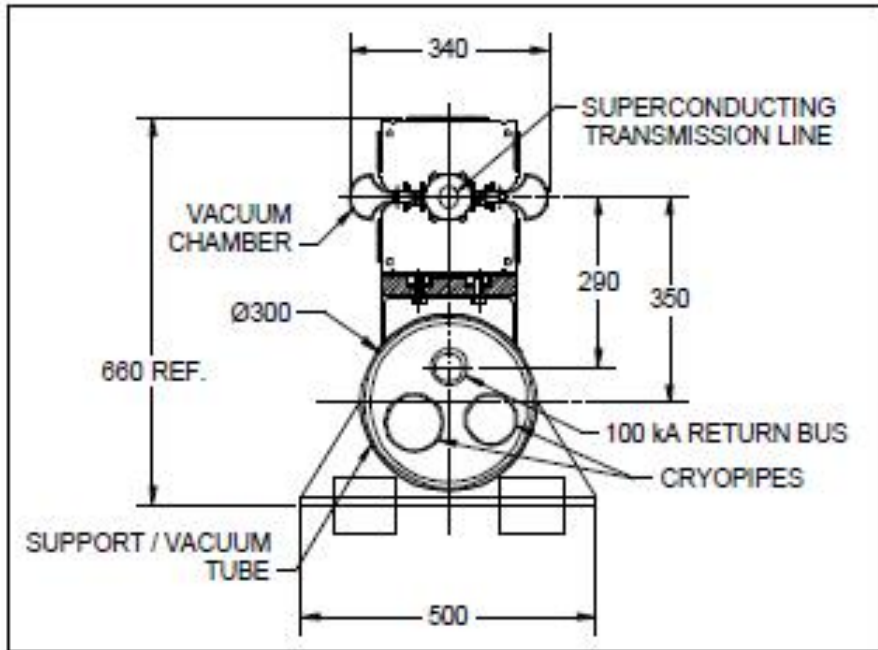
Design Study for a Staged Very Large Hadron Collider



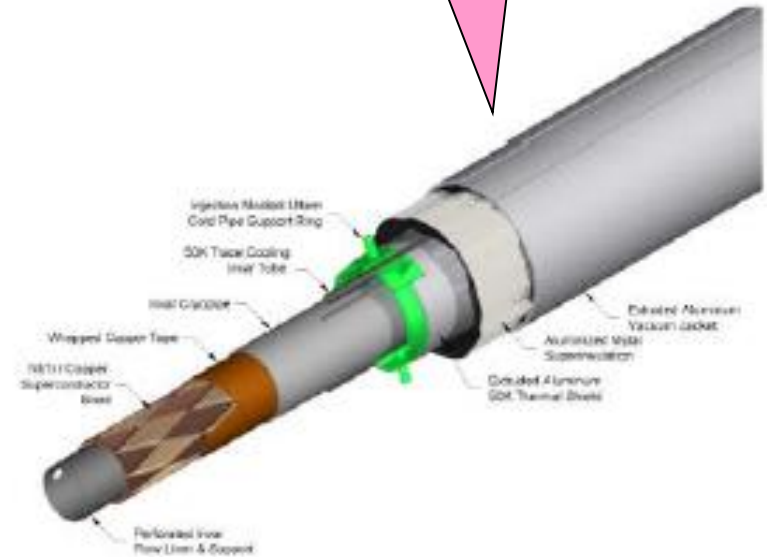
Peter Limon & Bill Foster (Fermilab VLHC Proposal, 2001)

# Stage 1

Replace with HTSC?



**Cross-section of Stage-1 superferric magnet**



**100 kA superconducting transmission line**

40 Tev CoM, 233 km Circumference Ring

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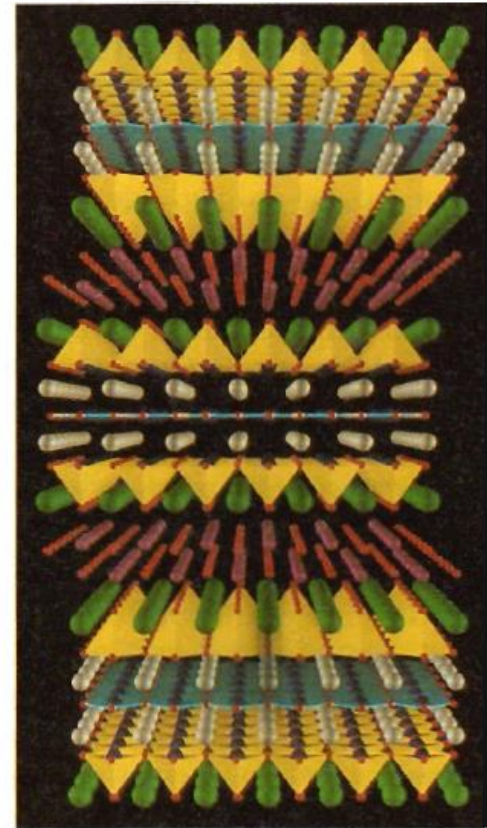


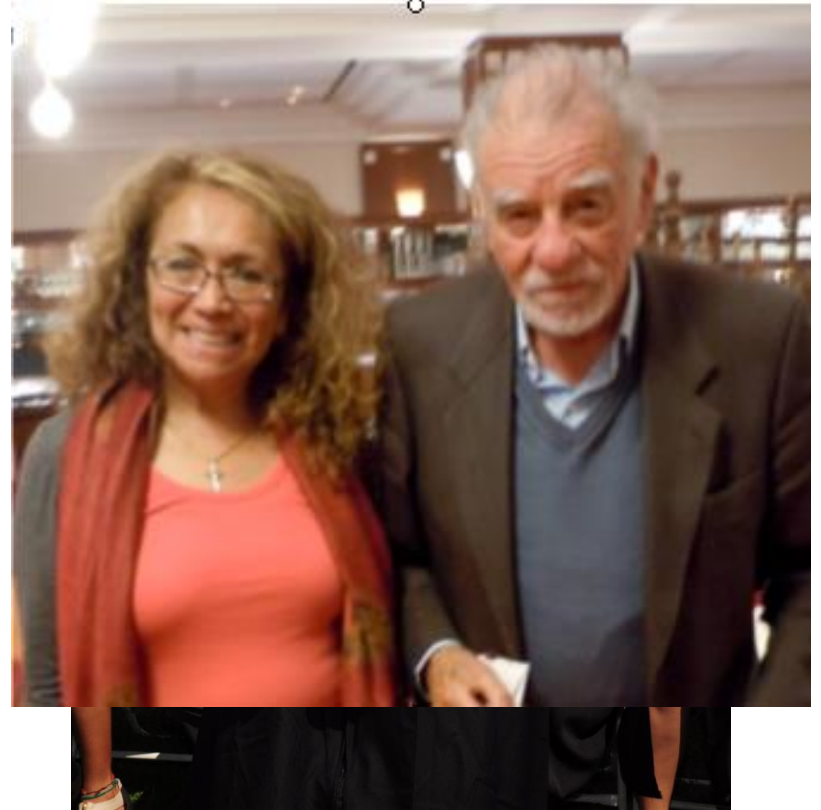
Fig. 6.  $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10+y}$ ; same representation as  $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+y}$  (Fig. 5). For the remaining color coding see Figure 1.

# My Mexican Connection

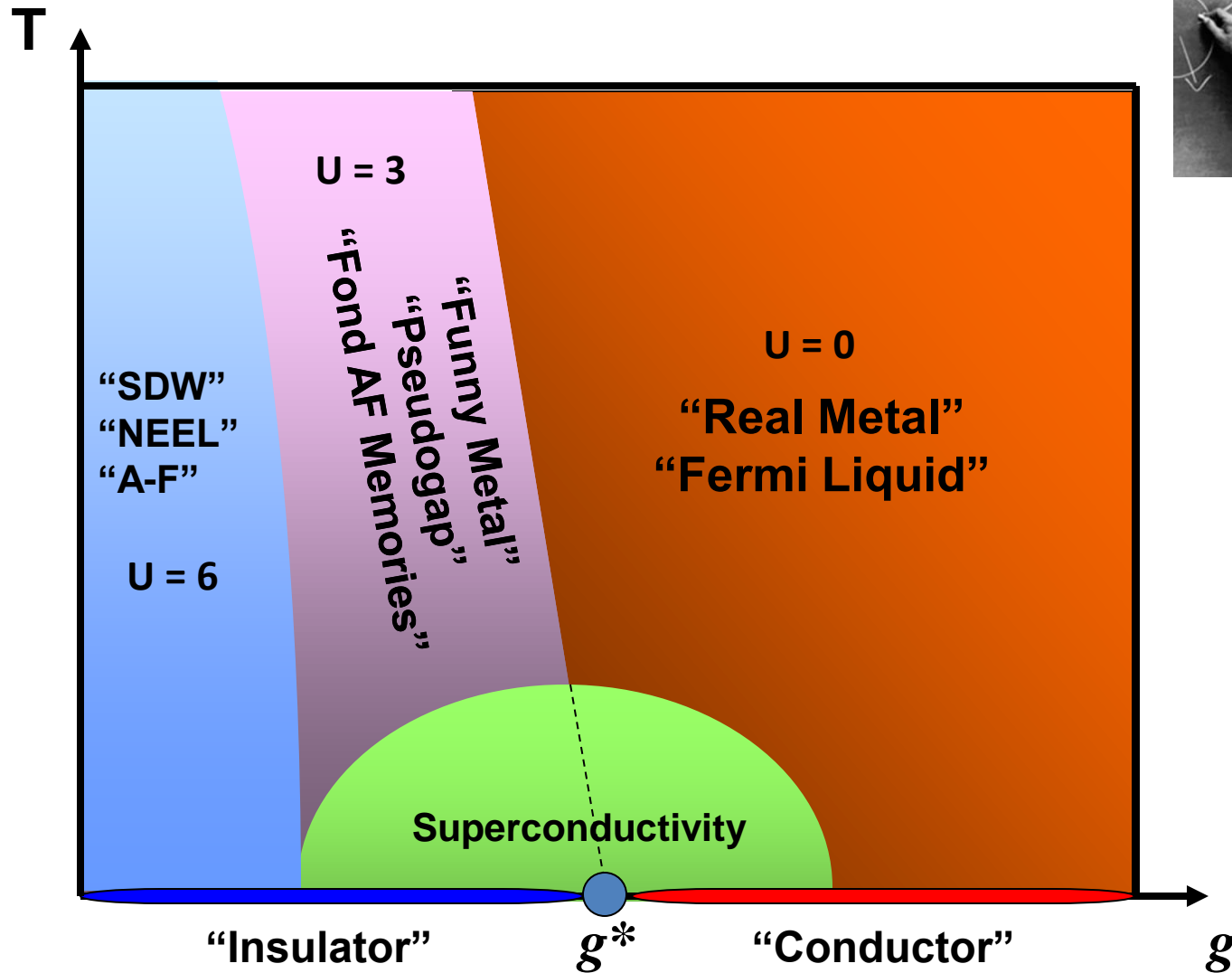
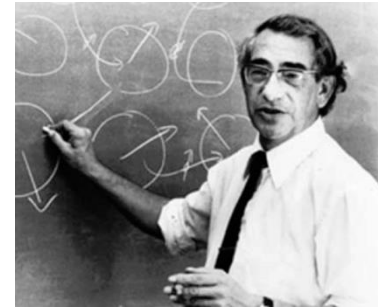
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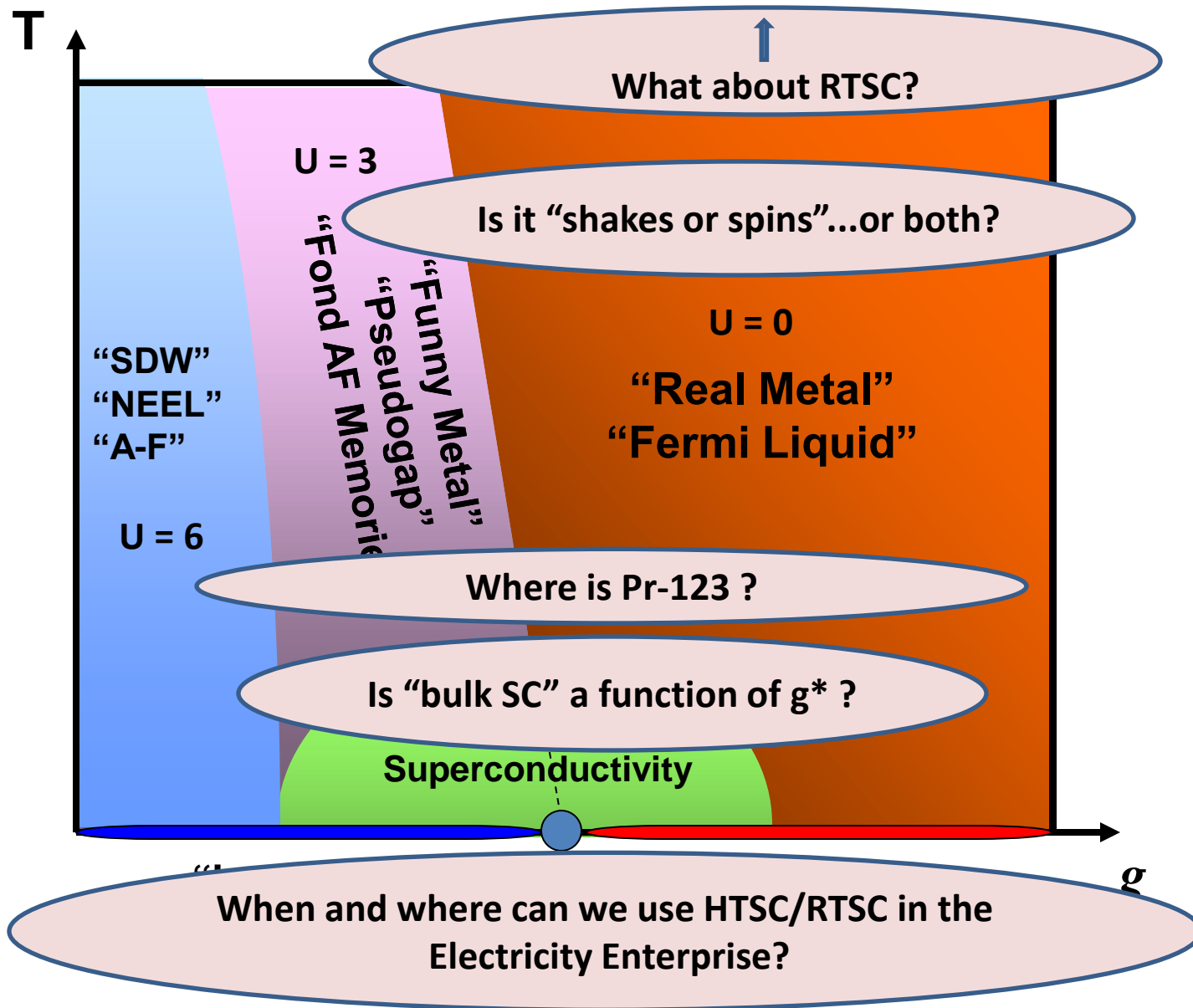
...hanging out with the Swiss!



# The Colossal Quantum Conundrum (According to John Hubbard)

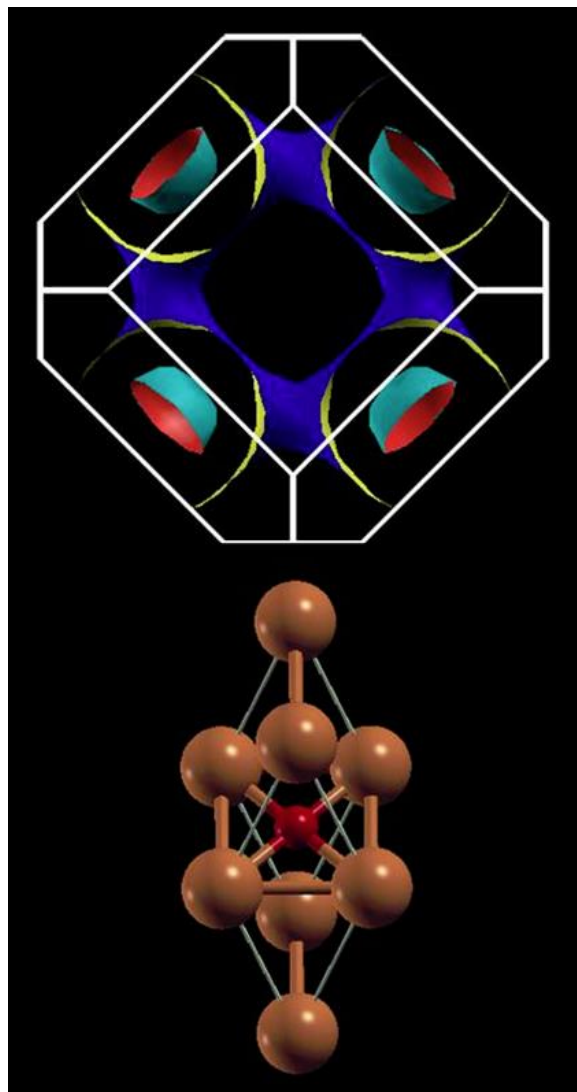


# Five HTSC "In Your Face" Questions





# The Holy Grail of HTSC

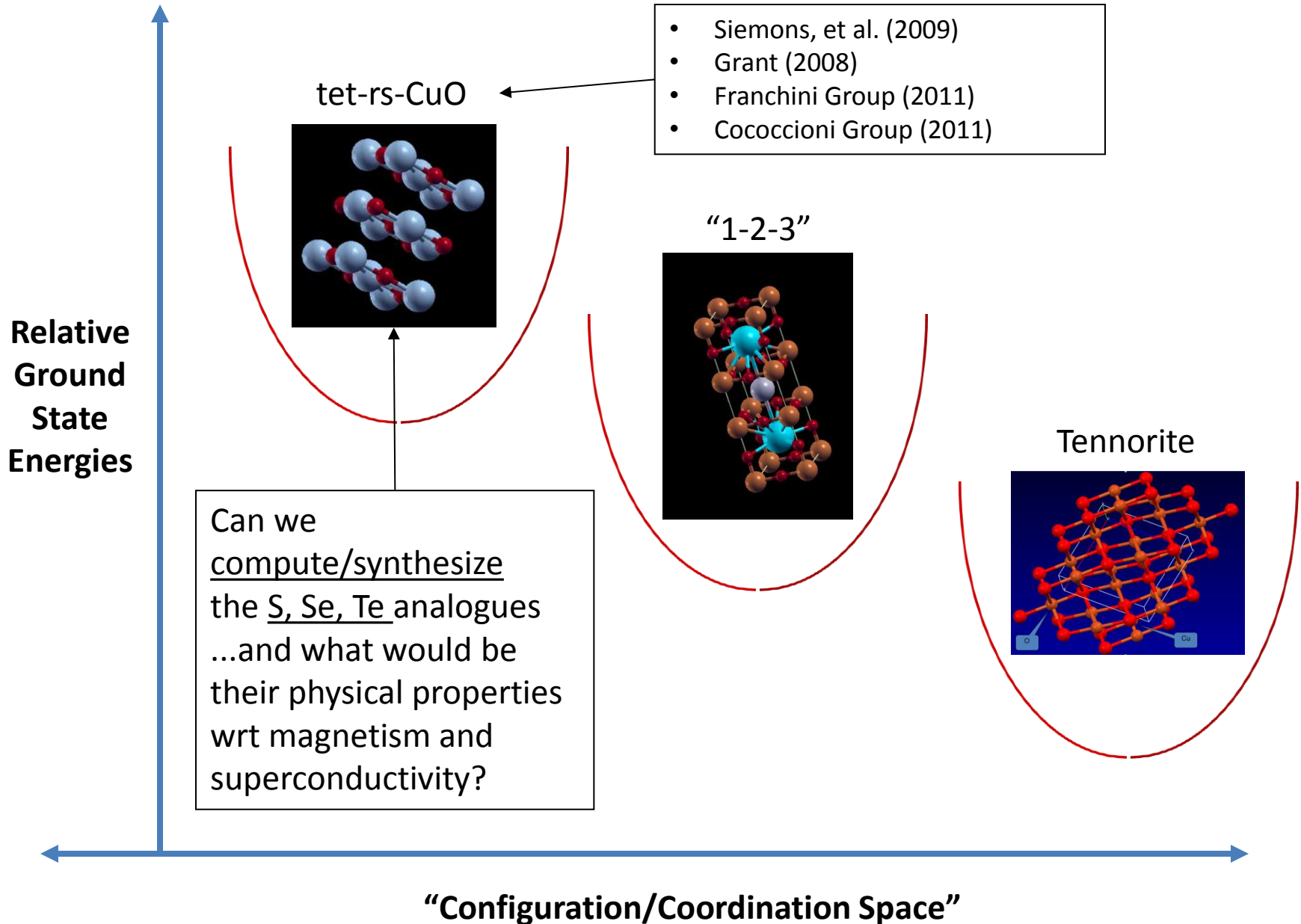


**Shakes and/or Spins?**



**It takes two to Tango**

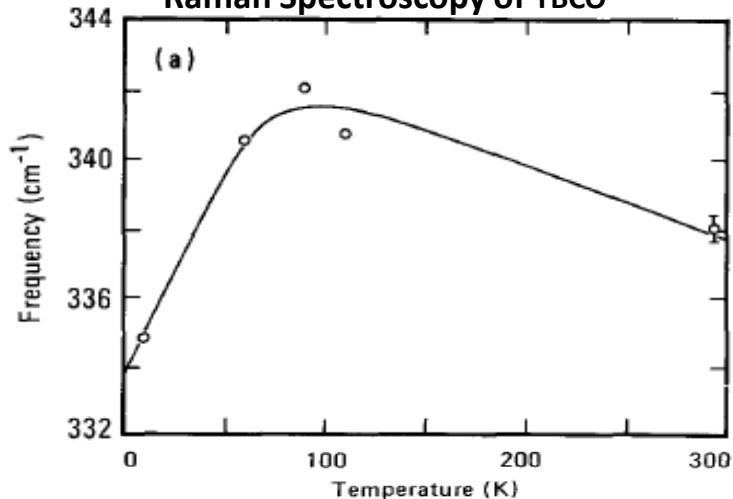
# The Various **Flavors** of Copper “Monoxide”



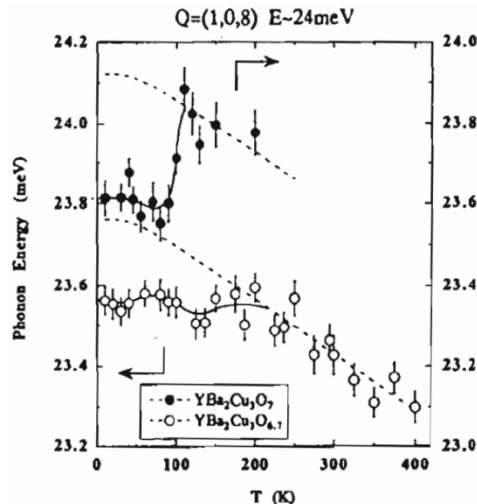
# So What Else is New?

Macfarlane, Rosen, Seki, SSC 63, 831 (1987)

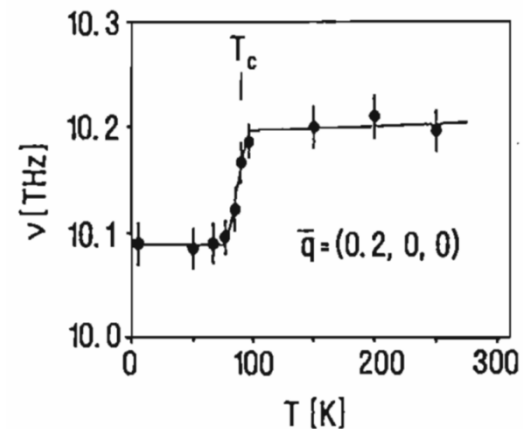
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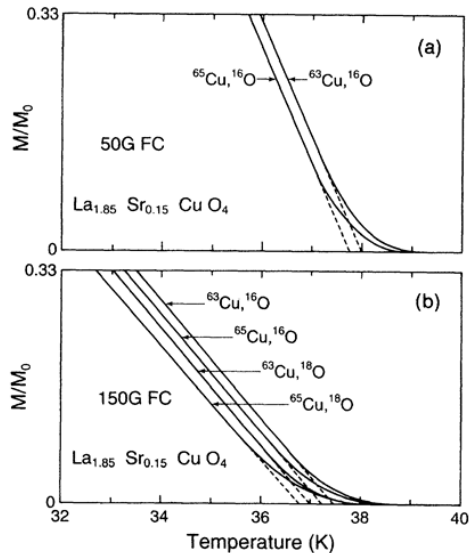
Harashima, et al., Physica C263, 257 (1996)



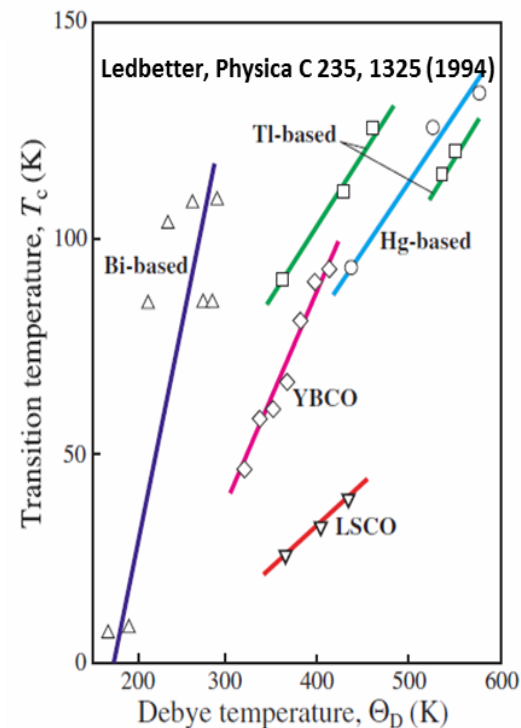
Pyka, et al., PRL 70, 1457, (1993)



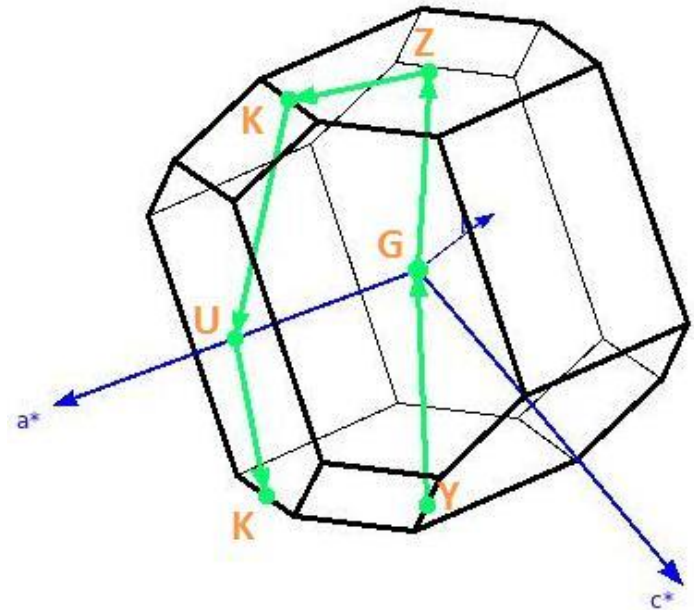
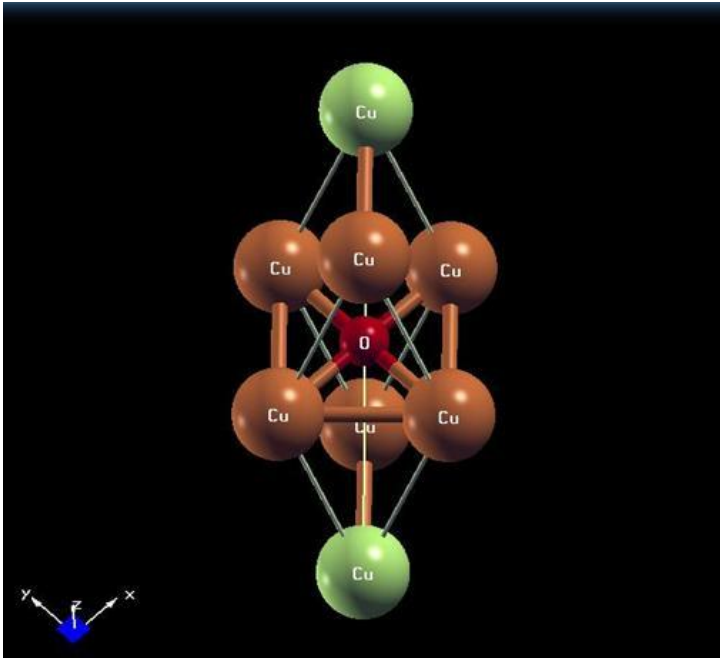
Franck, Harker, Brewer, PRL 71, (1993)  
Cu and O Isotope Effects in  $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$



**We can see Phonons  
have been there  
ever since the  
Creation!**



# Well, how about the “ $U = 0$ , Fermi Liquid” limit for doped proxy tet-CuO?



Electronic properties of rocksalt copper monoxide:  
A proxy structure for high temperature superconductivity

# Superconductivity and Phonons

BCS via Eliashberg-McMillan

$$H_{el-ph} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \nu} g_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{q}_{\nu}, mn} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger m} c_{\mathbf{k}}^n (b_{-\mathbf{q}, \nu}^{\dagger} + b_{\mathbf{q}, \nu})$$

$$\lambda_{\mathbf{q}, \nu} = \frac{2}{N(\epsilon_F) \omega_{\mathbf{q}, \nu}} \sum_{mn} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} |g_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{q}_{\nu}, mn}|^2 \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, m} - \epsilon_F) \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}, n} - \epsilon_F)$$

$$\alpha^2 F(\omega) = \frac{1}{N(\epsilon_F)} \sum_{mn} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \nu} \delta(\omega - \omega_{\mathbf{q}, \nu}) |g_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{q}_{\nu}, mn}|^2 \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, m} - \epsilon_F) \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}, n} - \epsilon_F)$$

$$\lambda = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^2 F(\omega)}{\omega} d\omega$$

**NB!** The "double deltas" will be approximated by two Gaussians of width "sigma ( $\sigma$ )" whose numerical convergence is governed by imposed precision limits and basis set symmetry.  
*Con Quidado!*

To get  $\lambda$ , need to compute  $\delta_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}}$  !

# e-p Interaction in the DFT/LDA Formalism

$$g_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{q},\nu,mn} = \sqrt{\hbar / 2\omega_{\mathbf{q},\nu}} \left\langle \psi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},m} \left| \Delta V_{KS}^{\mathbf{q},\nu} \right| \psi_{\mathbf{k},n} \right\rangle$$

$$\Delta V_{KS}^{\mathbf{q},\nu} = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_s \frac{\partial V_{KS}}{\partial \vec{u}_{s,\mathbf{R}}} \cdot \vec{u}_s^{\mathbf{q},\nu} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{R}}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

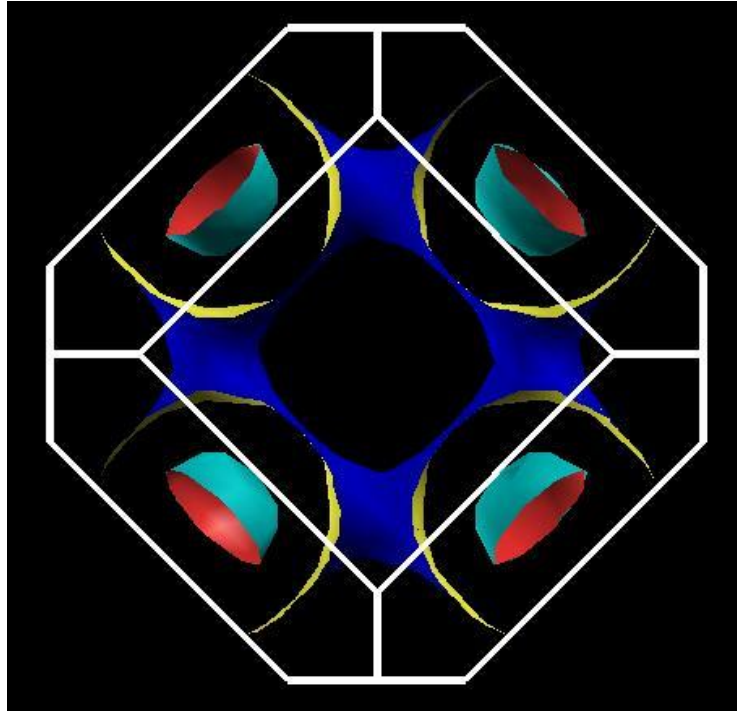
$$T_C = \frac{\Theta_D}{1.45} \exp\left( -\frac{1.04(1+\lambda)}{\lambda - \mu^*(1+0.62\lambda)} \right)$$



# So let's do it and "compute\*" what happens!

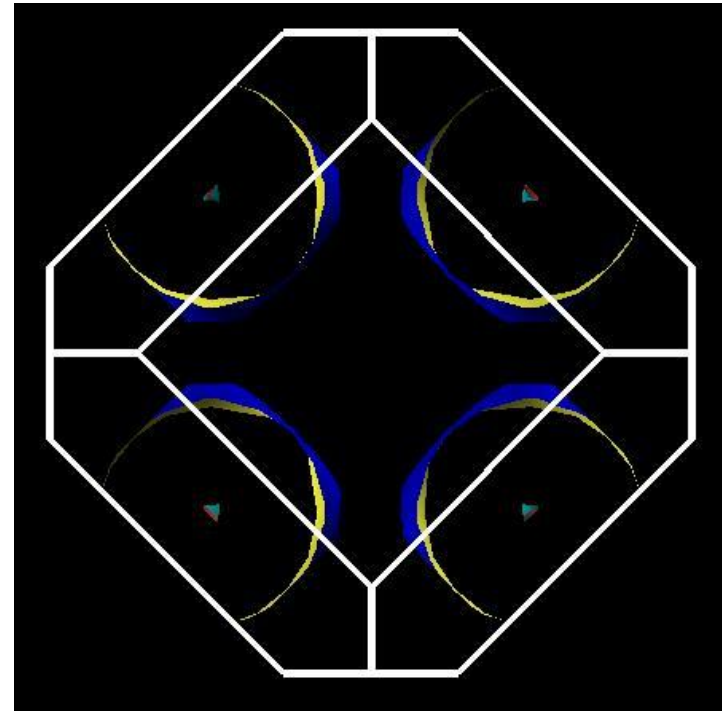
(\*we use the Quantum-Espresso & Gibbs2 DFT packages)

$q = 0.15 |e|/\text{CuO}$  (holes)



$\approx 43 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$

$q = -0.15 |e|/\text{CuO}$  (electrons)



$\approx 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$

Apply DFT to obtain  $g_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k}}^{q\nu,mn}$  between electrons and phonons, followed by application of the Eliashberg-McMillan-Allen-Dynes formalism to find  $T_c$ :

# Copper Monochalcogenides

Grant-Hammond, APS March 2015

- For  $X = S, Se$  and  $Te$ , neither a finite  $U$  or a “5% basal” tetragonal distortion has much effect on their respective  $CuX$  Fermiologies, and likely transport/magnetic properties dependent thereon.
- However, the respective Fermi surfaces ...may...may... contain nesting topologies promoting itinerant antiferromagnetism a la Cr, but, unlike Cr, here for  $X = S, Se, Te$ , the DOS at  $E_f$  is dominated by p-like chalcogenide overlap.
- Future homework for proxy structure modelling, suggested by preliminary results on “doped” tet-CuO: Let’s look for electron-phonon mediated superconductivity!
- But ...most importantly... experiment *always* rules. Our fundamental computational finding is that equilibrium rocksalt CuS, CuSe and CuTe structures can in principle exist ...so let’s try to make and dope them and henceforth measure their properties!

*Finally, there is something quite special about the Cu-O bond in square-planar symmetry!*

**...but we knew that already... in 1986 B & M told us so!**

## Paramagnetic Dispersion Measurements at 77.3°K\*

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(Received June 7, 1941)

The dispersion of the magnetic susceptibility of some paramagnetic compounds of Fe, Mn, and Cr, was studied at 77.3°K over a frequency range of 2 to 10 megacycles/sec. with magnetic fields up to 60,000 gauss. The results substantiate the theory of Casimir and du Pre, which is based upon the thermal coupling between the magnetic spin system and the lattice vibrations.

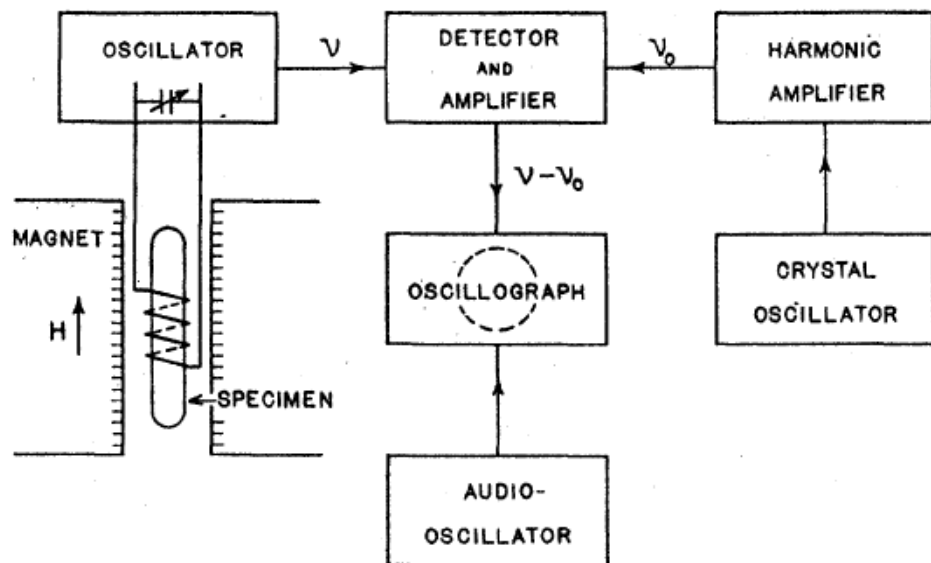


TABLE I. *Spin system data determined from dispersion measurements.*

	$10^{-6}a/c$ TEU- NISSEN AND DU PRE			$10^{-6}a$	$\eta$	$\delta$
	STARR 77°	GORTER 77°	1°-4°			
FeNH <sub>4</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·12H <sub>2</sub> O	0.263	0.248	0.256	1.14	0.0472°	0.193°
CrK(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·12H <sub>2</sub> O	0.64	0.7	0.80	1.19	0.0204	0.231
CrNH <sub>4</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·12H <sub>2</sub> O	2.68			4.99	0.0200	0.486
MnSO <sub>4</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	4.2	6.2		18.2	0.126	0.903
MnCl <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	19.8	19.5		85.9	0.135	2.11

# What's Needed

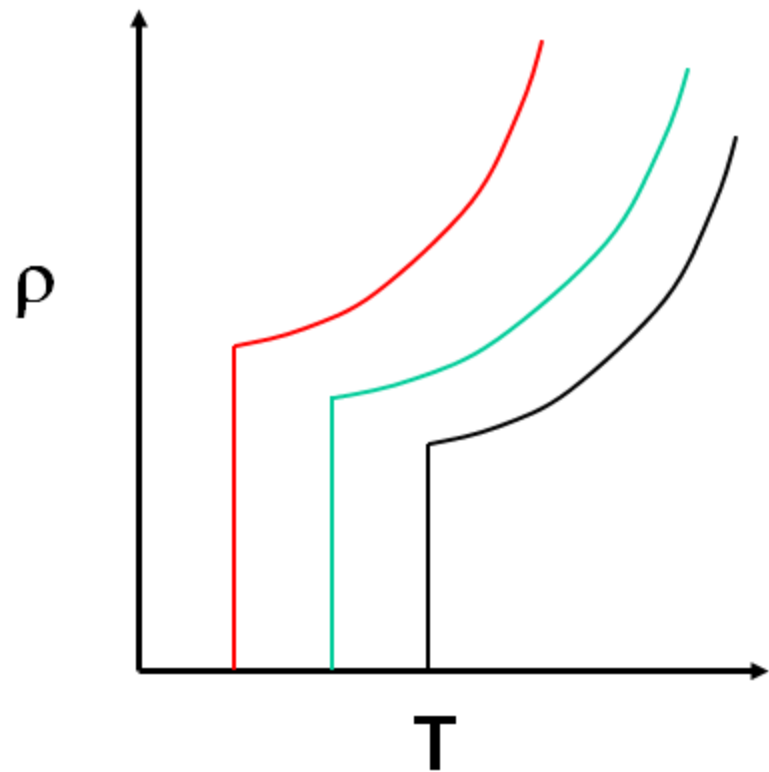
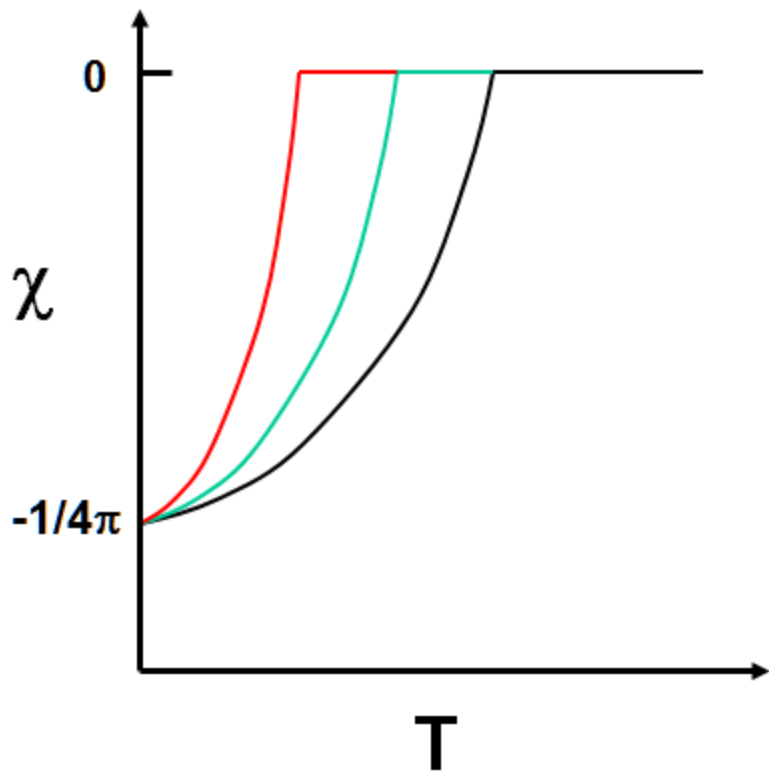
A DFT + U package (Elk?) that will allow the simultaneous calculation of electron-phonon interactions as well as spin-spin excitations, and thus enable an estimation of the Casimir/de Pre coupling...and maybe a combined phonon-spin pairing  $\lambda$  ?

**Bulk or Not-Bulk?**

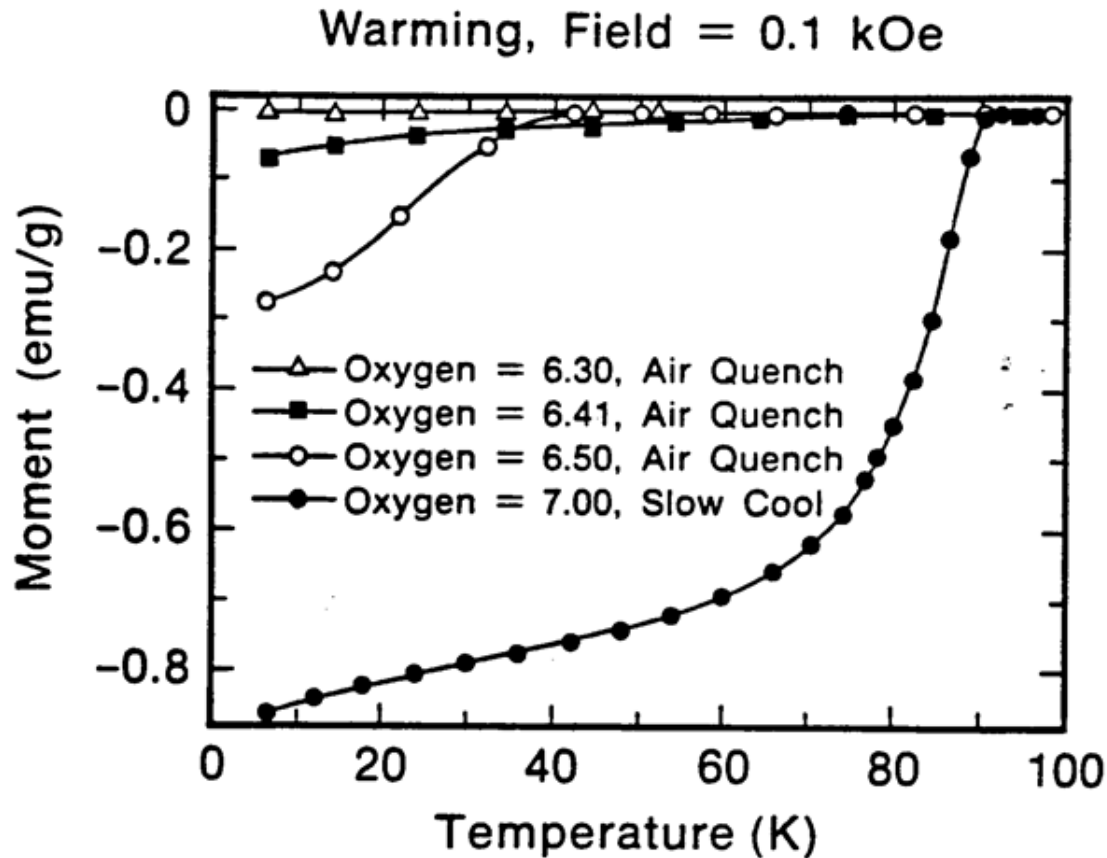
# Field Dependence of Diamagnetic Shielding Fraction with Carrier Concentration in HTSCs

*P.M. Grant, V.Y. Lee, A. Nazzari (IBM Almaden Research Center),  
M.E. López-Morales (IIM-UNAM)*

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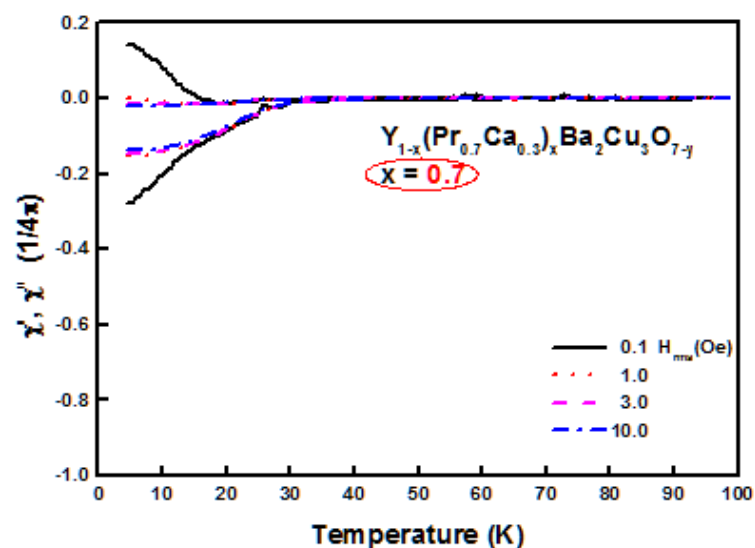
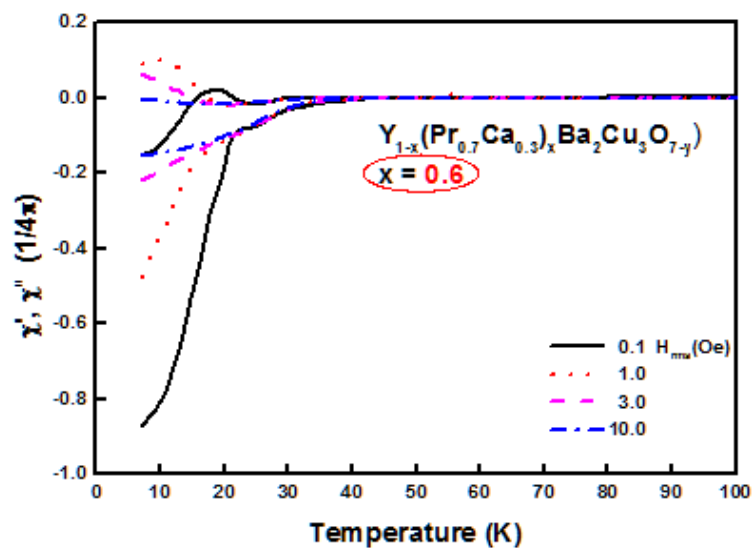
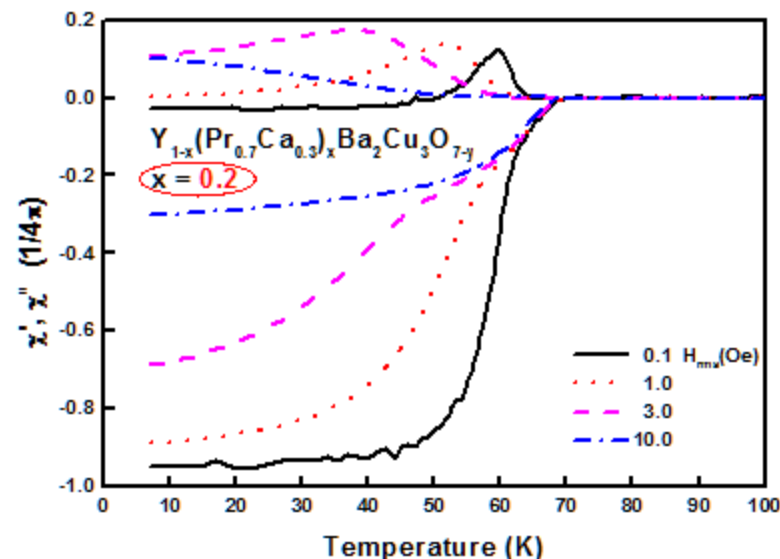
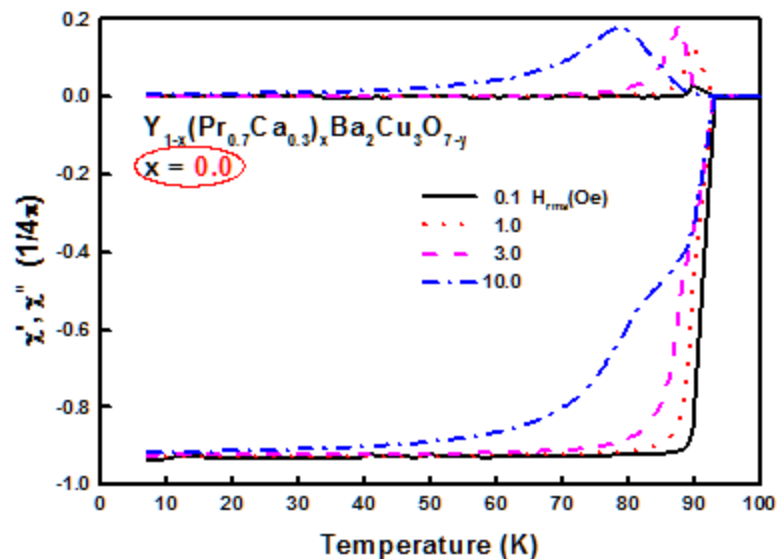


M vs. T,H  
 $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-y}$



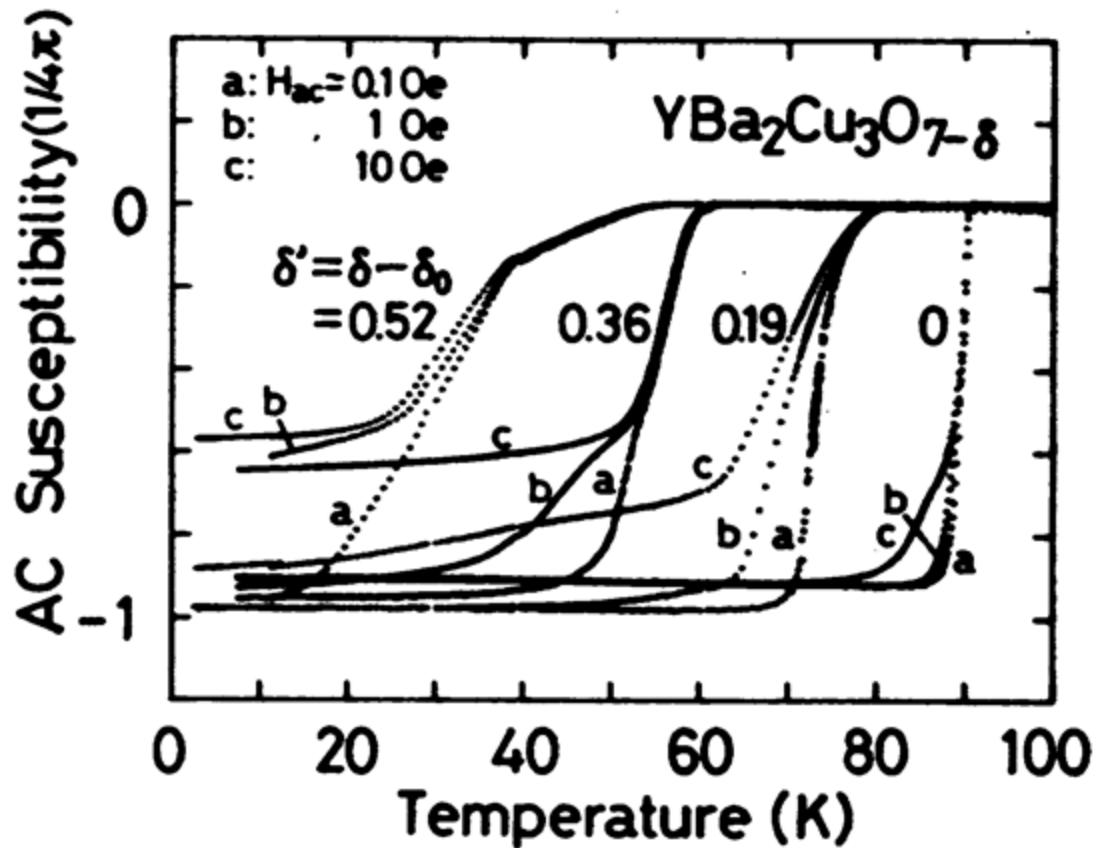
- IBM ARC  
Group Data  
16 March,  
1987
- MRS Proc,  
April, 1987

$(\chi', \chi'')$  vs. T, H, x  
 $Y_{1-x}(\text{Pr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.3})_x\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-y}$





$\chi_{ac}$  vs.  $T, H, y$   
 $YBa_2Cu_3O_{7-y}$



- Kubo, et al., PRB 37, 7858 (1988){1987}.
- Early H-Field Dependence on “Carrier Concentration.”

In moderate magnetic fields, low-T shielding limit complete only for highest  $T_C$  carrier concentrations (a universal HTSC constant?)

Strong evidence for granular behavior, due to either spacial or electronic inhomogeneities, at all carrier concentrations other than optimum.

# What's Needed

ac Susceptibility measurements made over a broad range of doping and probe magnetic fields on single crystals of copper oxide and iron pnictide perovskites.

**Pr-123**

## Role of oxygen in $\text{PrBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-y}$ : Effect on structural and physical properties

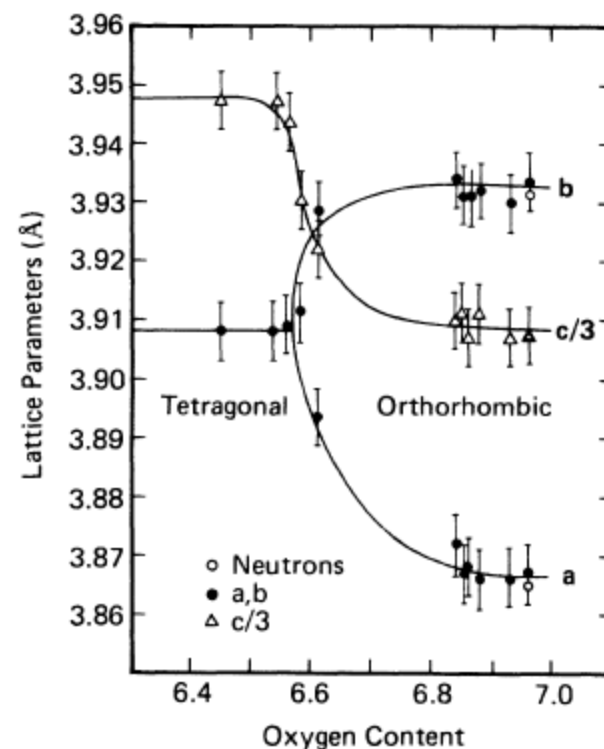
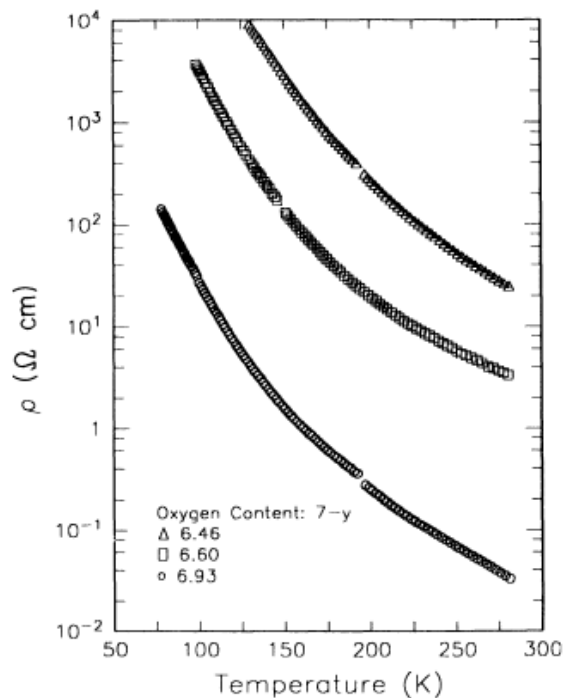
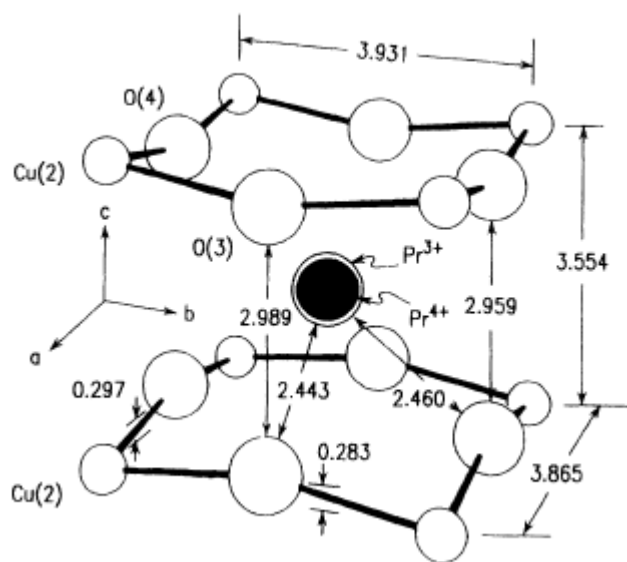
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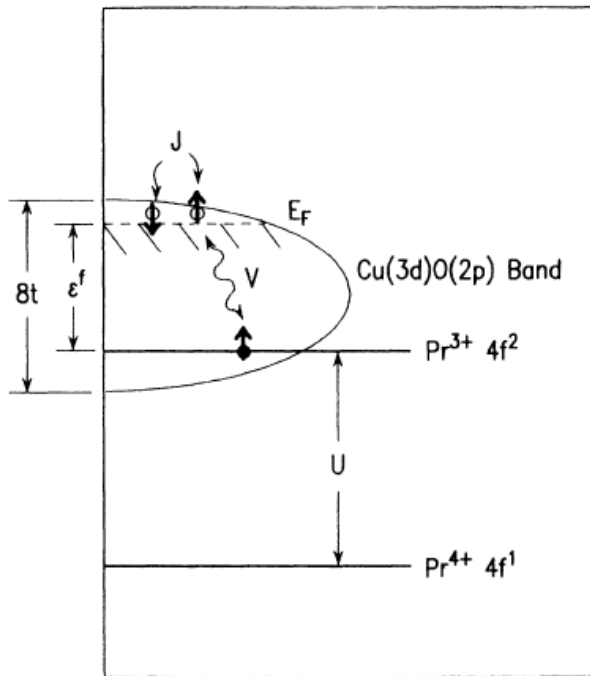


$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{|R|} + \mathcal{H}_{|CuO_2|} + \mathcal{H}_{|R|,|CuO_2|}$$

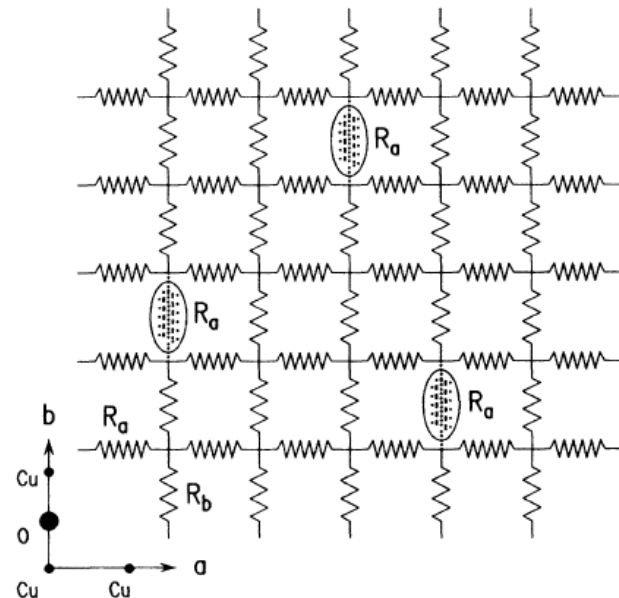
$$\mathcal{H}_{|R|} = \sum_{i\alpha} \epsilon_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{i\alpha} + \sum_{i\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} U_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} f_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{i\beta}^{\dagger} f_{i\gamma} f_{i\delta}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{|CuO_2|} = \sum_{j \neq j', \sigma} [t_{jj'} (1 - n_{j, -\sigma}) d_{j\sigma}^{\dagger} d_{j'\sigma} (1 - n_{j', -\sigma})] + J \sum_j \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{|R|,|CuO_2|} = \sum_{ij\alpha(\sigma)} [V_{ij}^{\alpha} f_{i\alpha(\sigma)} d_{j\sigma} + \text{H.c.}]$$



Density of States



# What's Needed

Quantum Monte Carlo calculations of the terms in the Hamiltonians defined in the previous slide, especially an estimation of the “trapping rate” resulting from interaction with the Pr 4f states.

**Room Temperature  
Superconductivity?**

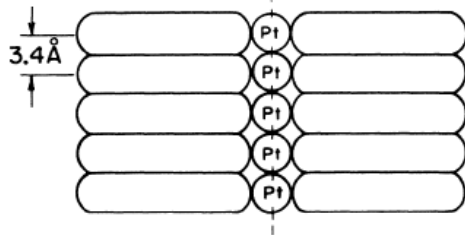
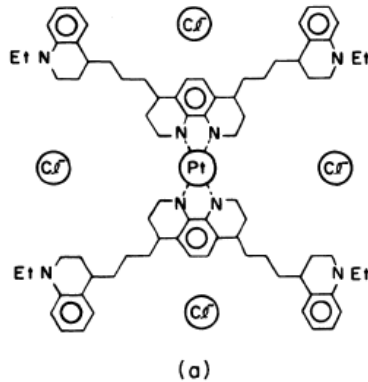


**Proposed model of a high-temperature excitonic superconductor\***

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(Received 16 October 1975)



Kirzhnits, Maximov, Khomskii

$$F(\vec{p}, i\omega_n) = -G(\vec{p}, i\omega_n)G(-\vec{p}, -i\omega_n)$$

$$\times \sum_m \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} V(\vec{p} - \vec{k}, i(\omega_n - \omega_m))$$

$$\times F(\vec{k}, i\omega_m),$$

$$\phi(p) = - \int_{-\pi/\alpha}^{\pi/\alpha} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \frac{U(p, k) \phi(k)}{[\xi^2(k) + \phi^2(k)]^{1/2}},$$

$$kT_c = 3.5\phi(k_F)_{T=0}$$

Interaction very dependent on the cutoff  $q$  of the electron-exciton coupling

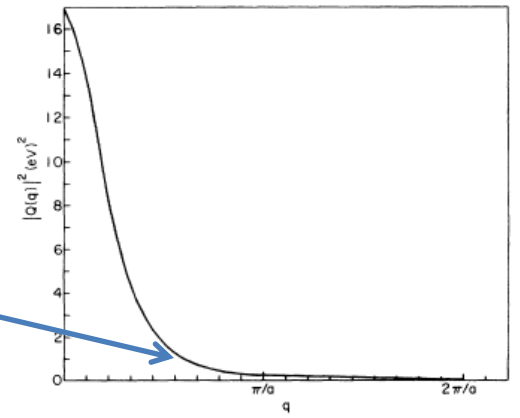


FIG. 4. Calculated electron-exciton interaction  $|Q(q)|^2$  as a function of momentum transfer  $q$ .

# Model for an Exciton Mechanism of Superconductivity\*

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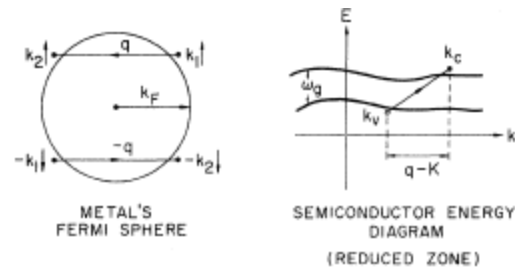
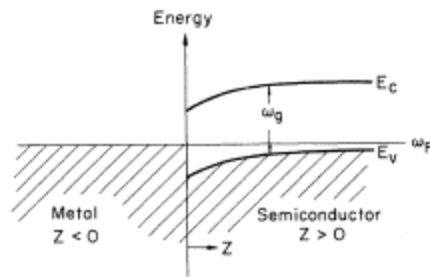


FIG. 1. Metal-semiconductor interface.  $E_c$  and  $E_v$  are the bottom of the conduction band and top of the valence band, respectively.

## A Fibonacci “Dislocation Line”

### Superconducting Fluctuations in One-Dimensional Quasi-periodic Metallic Chains

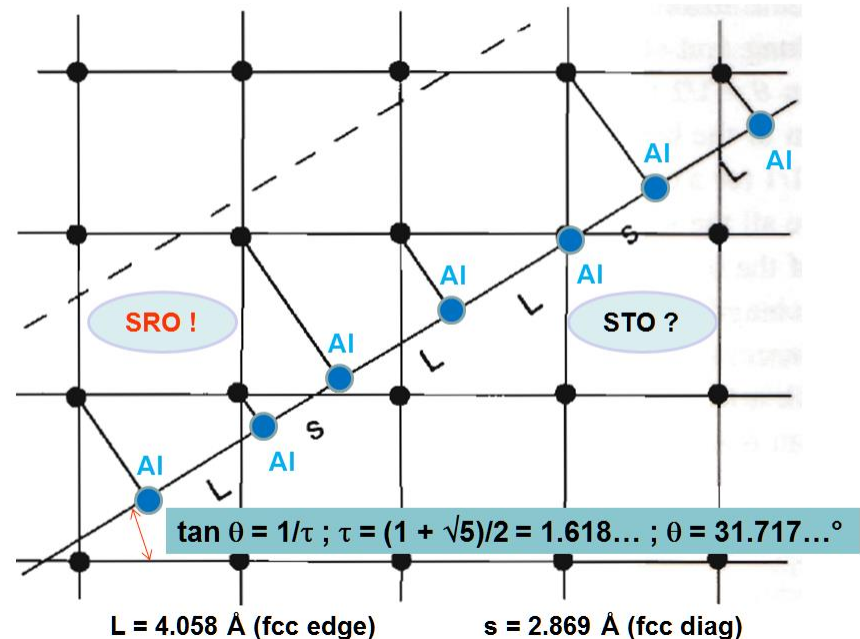
Does the **DAVINCI CODE**

Hold the Key to Room Temperature Superconductivity?

Session T41: T41.00008, Room F152, Wednesday, 4:42 PM

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APS March Meeting 2010



# What's Needed

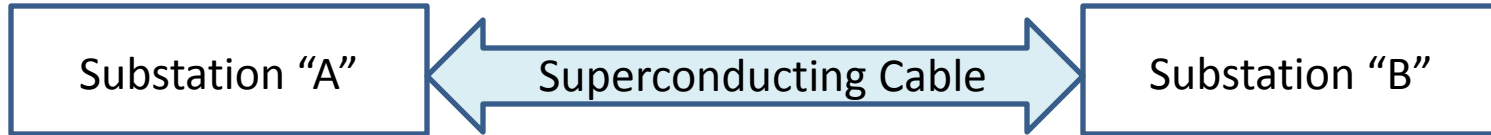
A DFT implementation of the KMK formalism (actually just coding the KMK formalism to analyze the eigenstates produced by a DFT calculation) applied to “proxy” structure models like ABB or the “DaVinci Code” chain proposed by Grant.

**Power to the People**

# IFCL-HTS

“I” = “inherently”

What is it?



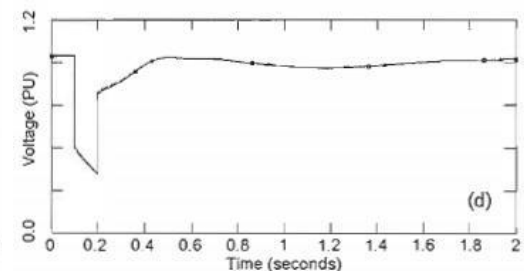
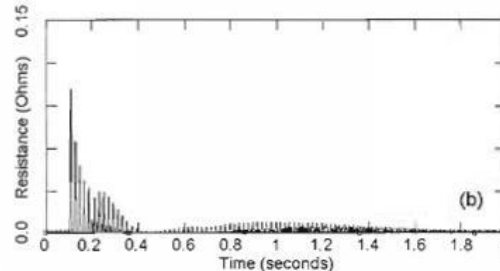
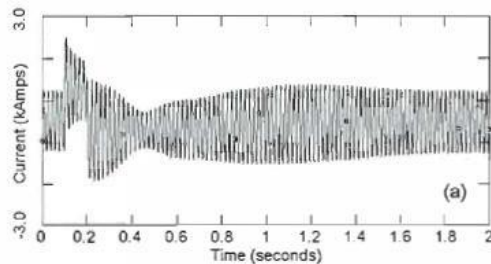
## A Transient Model of High-Temperature Superconducting Cables in Electric Power Supply

Kim Hoj Jensen and Vladislav Akhmatov  
(Tech. U. Denmark, 2005?)

$$\rho_{HTS} = \rho_C \left( \frac{I(t)}{I_C} \right)^{n-1} \left( \frac{T_C - T_0}{T_C - T(t)} \right)^n \quad \rho_{HTS} = \alpha T(t) + \beta \quad \rho_T = \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \rho_{HTS}^{-1} + \frac{r}{1+r} \rho_M^{-1} \right)^{-1} \quad R(t) = \frac{l}{aN} \rho_T(t)$$

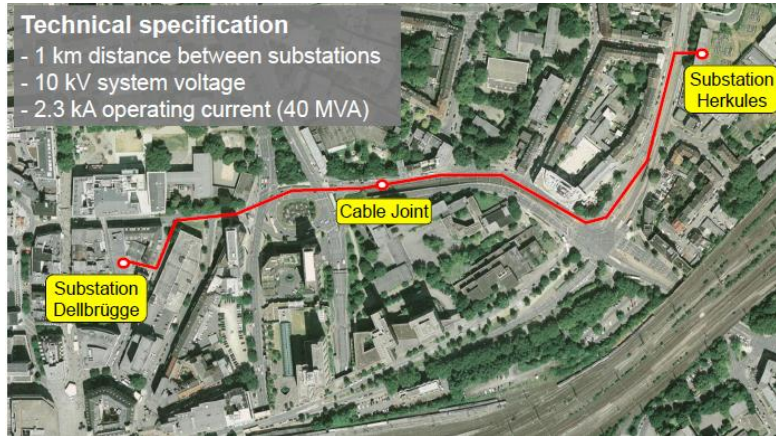
$$L \frac{dI(t)}{dt} = -R(t)I(t) - \Delta U(t)$$

$$C_P \frac{dT(t)}{dt} = P(t) - h(\Delta T)A\Delta T(t)$$



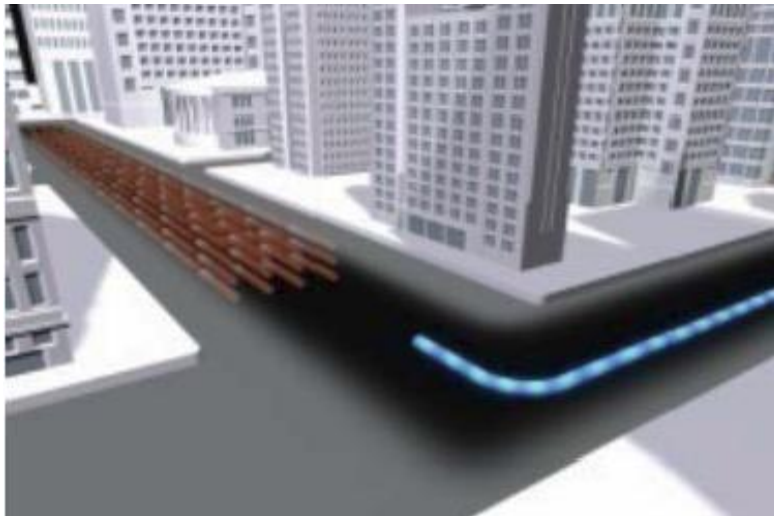
# IFCL-HTS “Implementations”

## AmpaCity – Essen (RWE, Nexans, KIT,...)



- Pilot operation in progress
- Funding: 13.5 M Euros
  - Nexans 36%
  - RWE 33%
  - BMWi 25%
  - KIT 6%
- Next...Muelheim (2020) ?

## Project Hydra – (AMSC, ConEd, DHS,...)



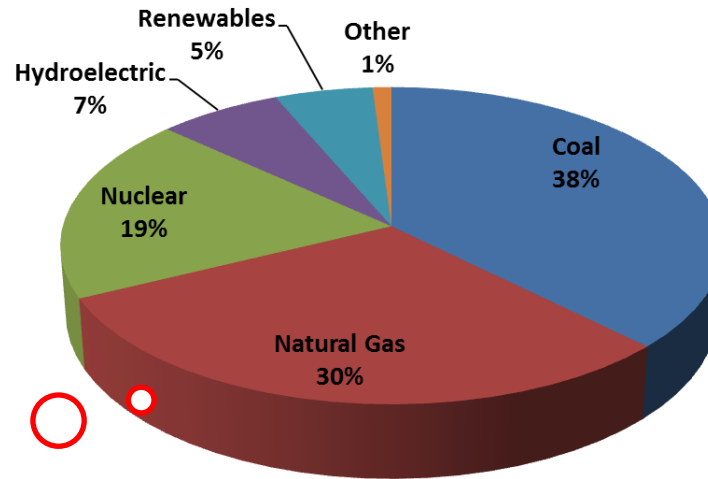
- First proposed in 2007 by DHS
- Funded by DHS at 30 M USD
- Contracted with AMSC & ConEd for installation in mid-Manhattan
- Put on hold in 2011
- Project moved to two adjacent substations in Yonkers
- Cable conductor now sits on site
- Future “uncertain”

# DHS “Resilient Electric Grid” (2015)

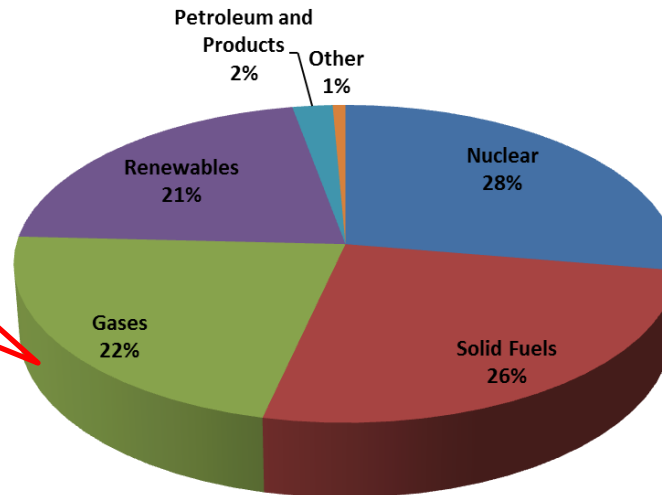
- Objective: Protection of the US Grid against:
  - Natural Disasters
    - *e.g. “SuperStorm Sandy”*
  - “Unnatural” Disasters
    - *1960-70 attacks on California & Oregon substations by the SLA and environmental extremists*
    - *Most recent 2013 attack on PGE Metcalf transmission substation in San Jose*
- “Due Diligence” Study Underway
  - Objective: Assess the risk and readiness of the US (and some international ) HTSC wire, cable, and cryogenic companies to undertake large scale production necessary to implement the REG
    - *e.g., would Gen I wire be sufficient, or is Gen II really needed, or both?*
  - DHS and EPRI have formed a 7 person team of “experts” to report their recommendations by 4Q15.
    - *Full Disclosure: I’m a member! Con Quidado!*

# “Dual Use” of Energy Transport Corridors

*Electricity Generation by Primary Fuel Source (2011-12)*



**USA**

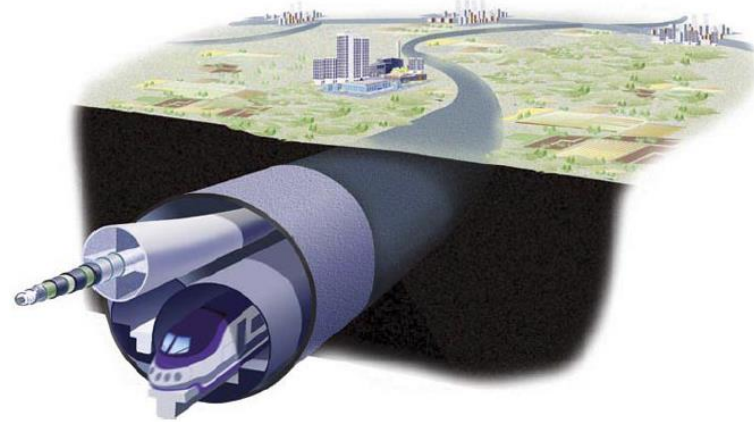
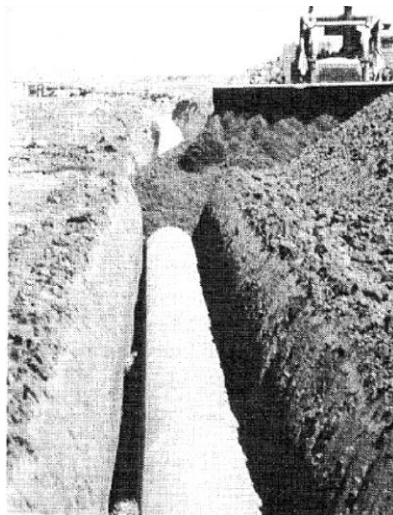


**Europe**



# The “Dual Use” Concept Embodied

- Almost all NG used for electricity generation is “combusted” at a “local” delivery point using modern, efficient, combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) technology.
- Why not “combust” that gas portion so-used at the “well-head” instead and deliver the “electrons” over a low-loss HTSC dc cable? As well as reducing volume...and...frictional loss due to NG transported by pipeline.
- ...and...consider “recycling” well-head generated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions into alcohols...and “pipe” those down the same ROW!



*The ROW Dual Use concept has been documented in several peer reviewed journals as well as member magazines of the APS, IOP, IEEE, and Nature...contact the author/speaker for a linkable anthology.*

# Opportunities to Exploit the Keystone XL Pipeline ROW for the Dual Transport of Chemical and Electrical Energy



North American shale plays (as of May 2011)



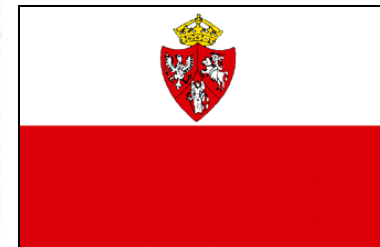
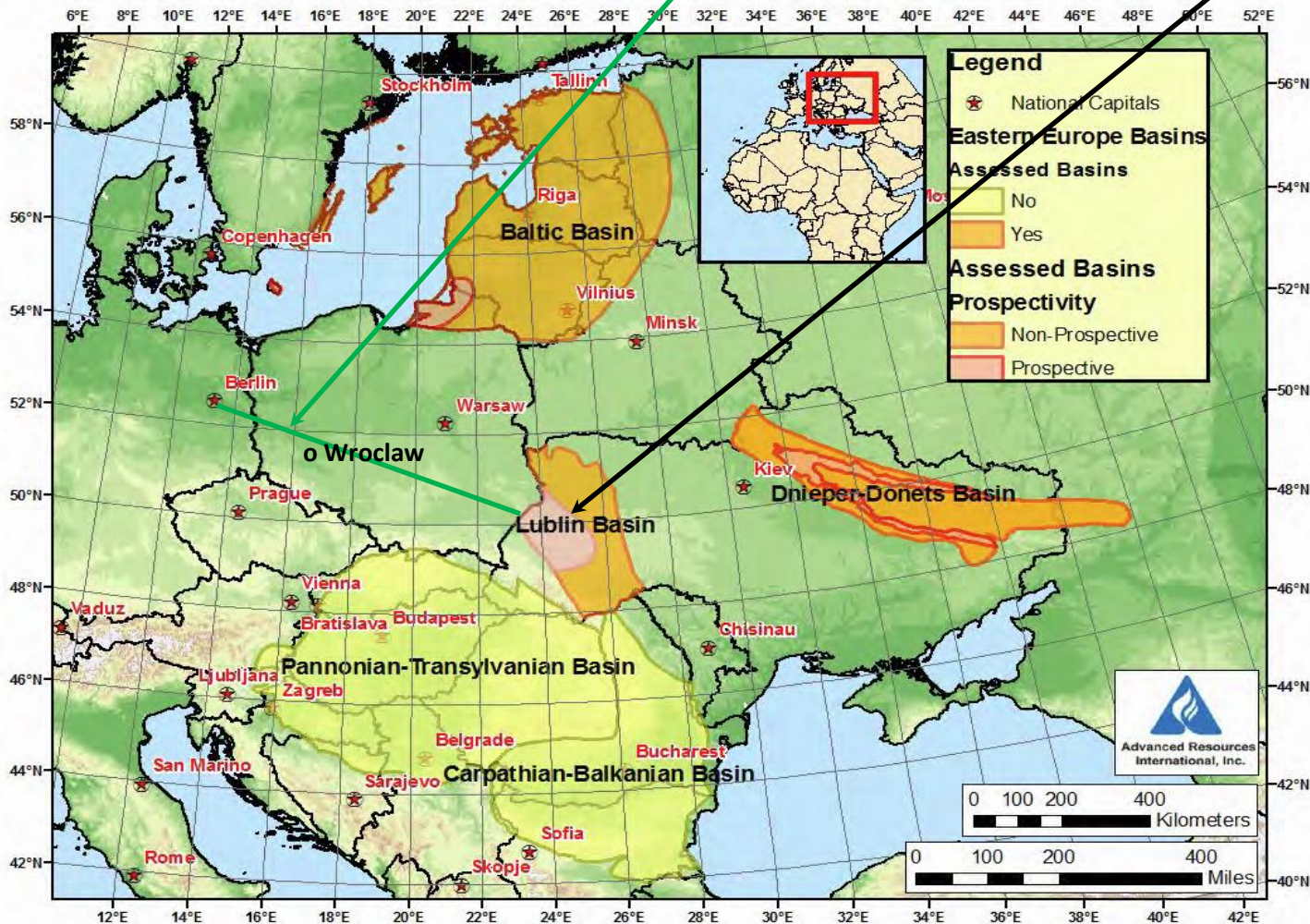
Smart Grid



Fraternal Twins  
 2013 P. M. Grant's  
 Editorial in Smart  
 Grid News

# One European Scenario

The Wola Obszańska (Lublin) gas field in Poland/Ukraine was discovered in 1989. It began production in 1992 and produces natural gas. The total proven reserves of the Wola Obszańska gas field are around 37 billion cubic feet ( $1 \times 10^9 \text{m}^3$ ). “Dual-Pipe” to Berlin?



# MgB<sub>2</sub> – How Was It Ever Missed?

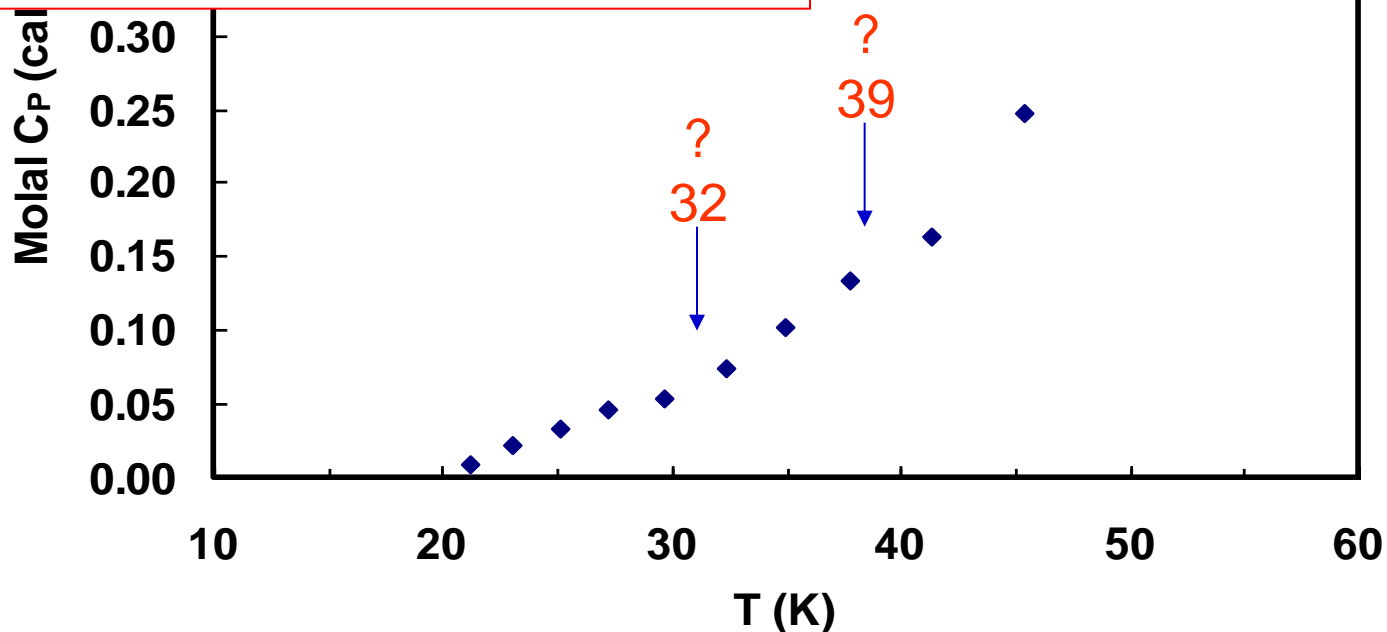
## MgB<sub>2</sub> Specific Heat

R. M. Swift and D. White,

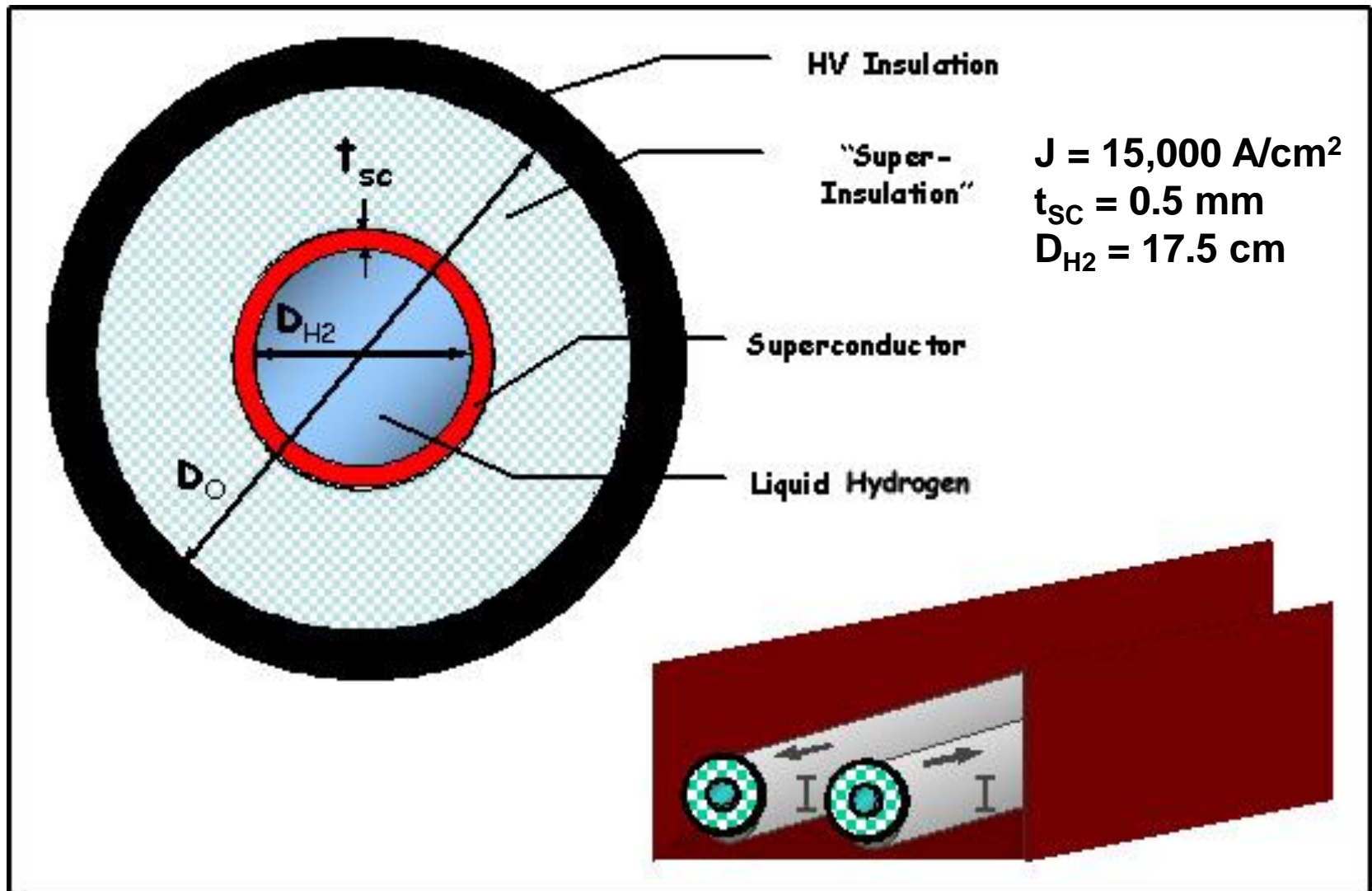
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Just Think...

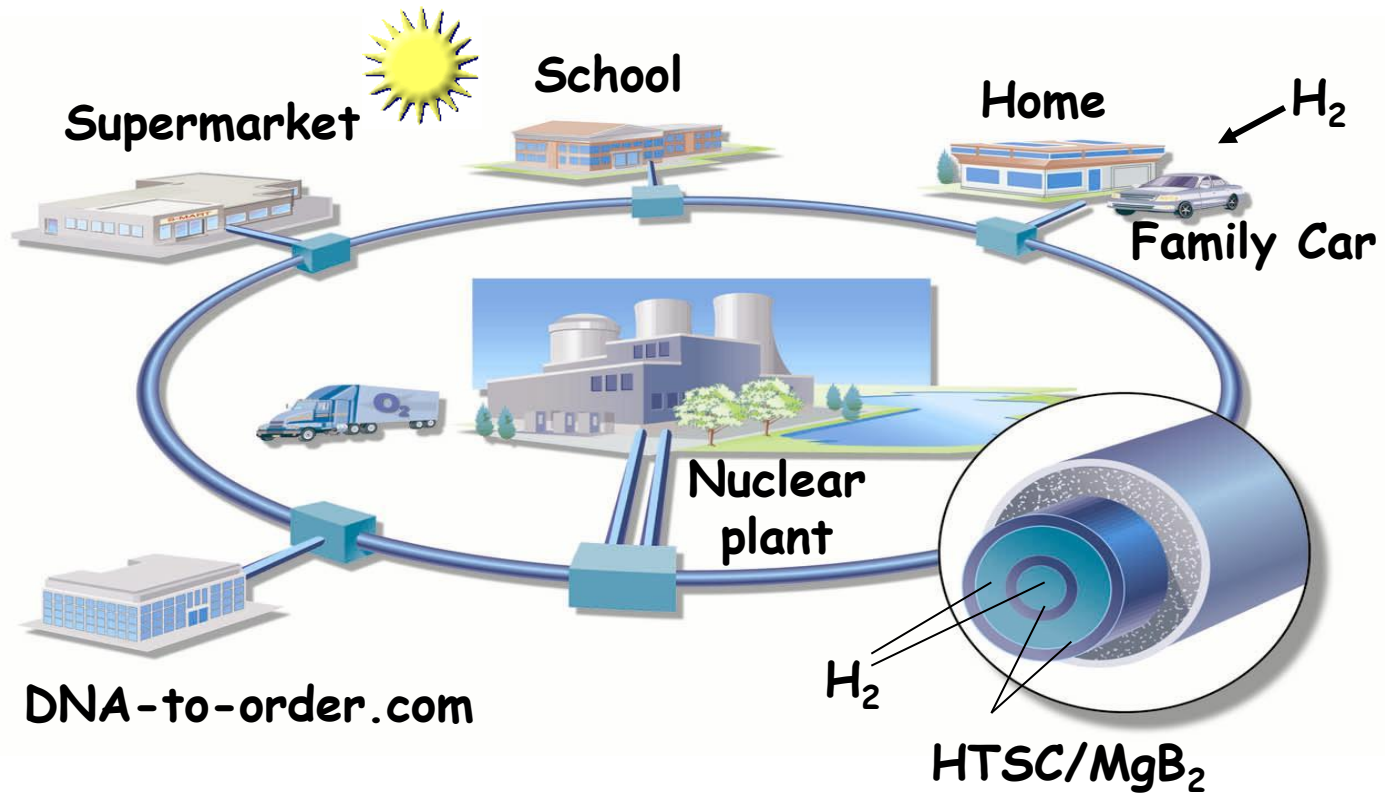
Had the U Syracuse Chemists taken their samples over to the Physics Department for a four-probe measurement in 1957, the world would have been changed!



# The SuperCable



# SuperCity



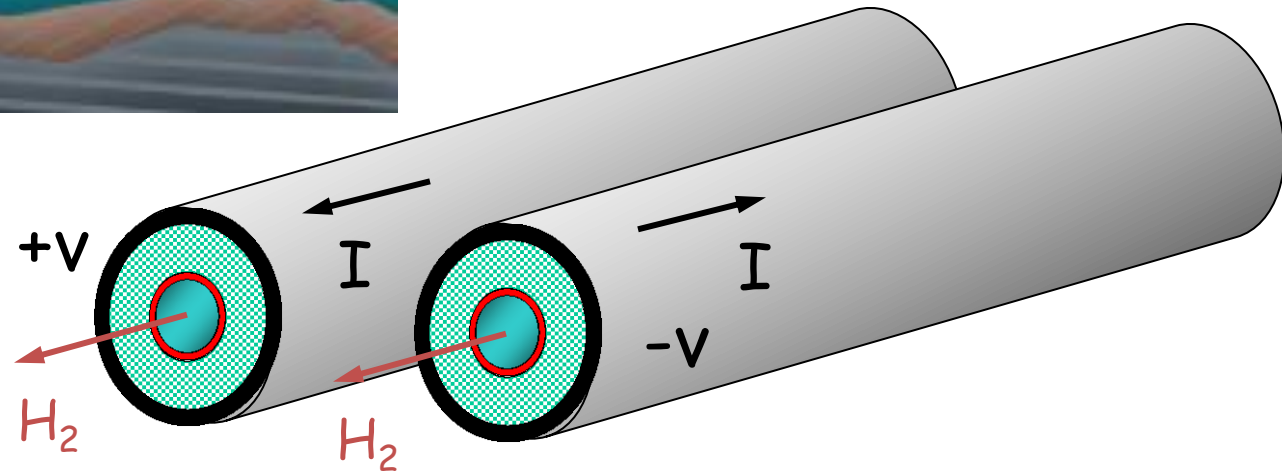
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# SuperGrid

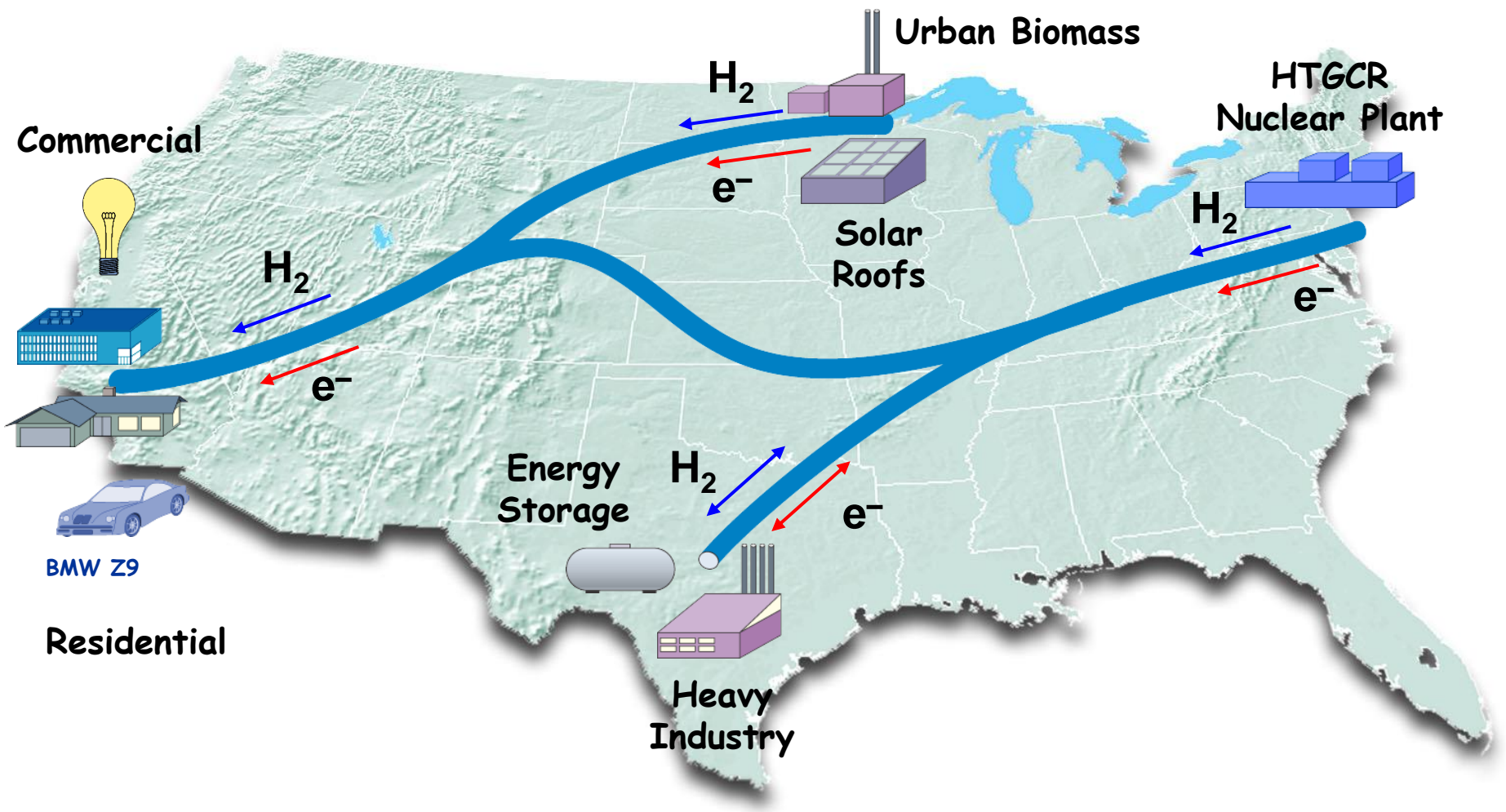
Combining Superconducting Wires Cooled with Cryogenic Hydrogen  
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P. M. Grant, C. Starr, T. Overbye,  
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# North American 21st Century Energy SuperGrid

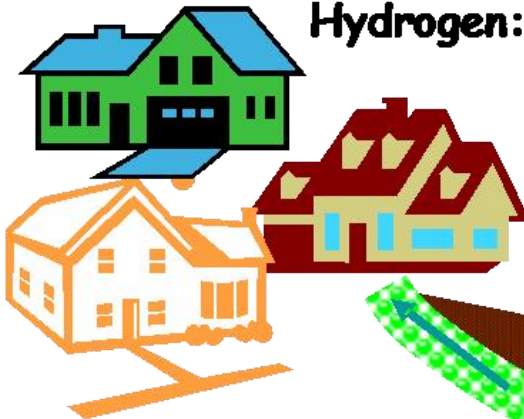




# The Cryogenic Neighborhood

## SuperSuburb

Households: 300,000  
Electricity: 1800 MW  
Hydrogen: 800 MW



~ "San Jose"

## SuperNuke

electrons + protons  
=> 2600 MW

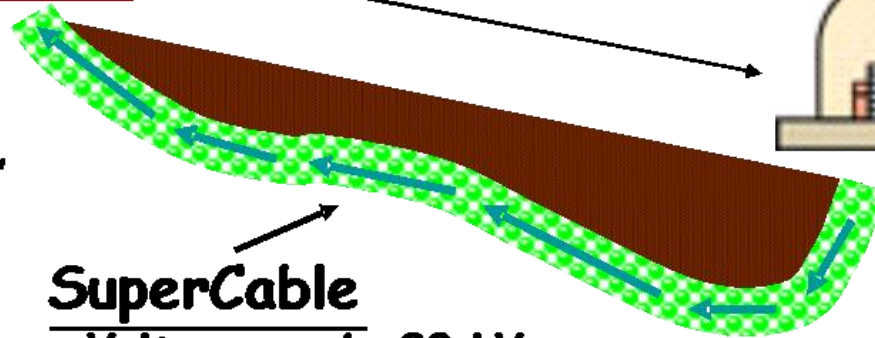


~ "Diablo Canyon"

250 km

## SuperCable

Voltage: +/- 20 kV  
Current: 45 kA  
H<sub>2</sub> Storage: 28 GWh  
H<sub>2</sub> Flow: 2 m/s => 6.8 kg/s



# What's Needed

- **Publicity!**
  - Write your Congress-whatever
  - Contact your TV network (BBC, ZDF, PBS, FOX, CNN, CBS,...)
  - Blurb Nature Physics, Physics World,...
- **Funding!**
  - Twitter your Parliament-whatever
  - Seriously... 500 K USD would more than support an in-depth “engineering economy” study of various scenarios worldwide to assess the “profitability” of the concept, both monetarily and socially.
- **Follow-up:**
  - Emphasize relationship to past, present and future high energy physics projects.
  - The current MgB<sub>2</sub> CERN “cable feeder” effort could indeed be the precursor to the worldwide SuperGrid of the future!

“You can’t always get what you want...”



“..you get what you need!”



