

# New Quantum States of Matter

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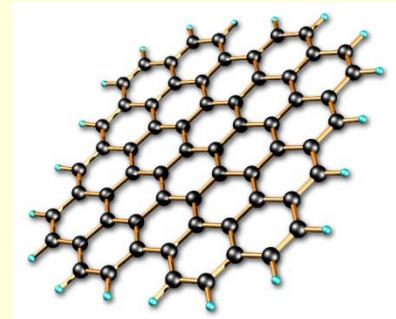
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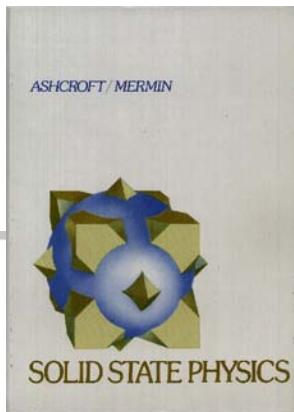
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- *new states at Quantum Phase Transitions*
  - *Superconductors, superinsulators, nematics, BEC's*
- *Fermi surface reconstruction and high temperature superconductivity*

# A brief history of new states in condensed matter:

- Crystalline order (Von Laue 1914)
- Superconductivity (Kammerlingh Onnes 1913)
- Superfluidity (4He) (Kapitza 1978)
- Antiferromagnetism (Neel 1970)
- Superfluidity (3He) (Lee, Richardson, Osheroff 1996)
- Fractional quantum Hall state (Laughlin, Stormer, Tsui 1998)
- High Tc superconductivity (Bednorz, Mueller 1987)
- Bose-condensates (Cornell, Ketterle, Weiman 2001)
- (graphene) (Geim, Novosolov, 2010)



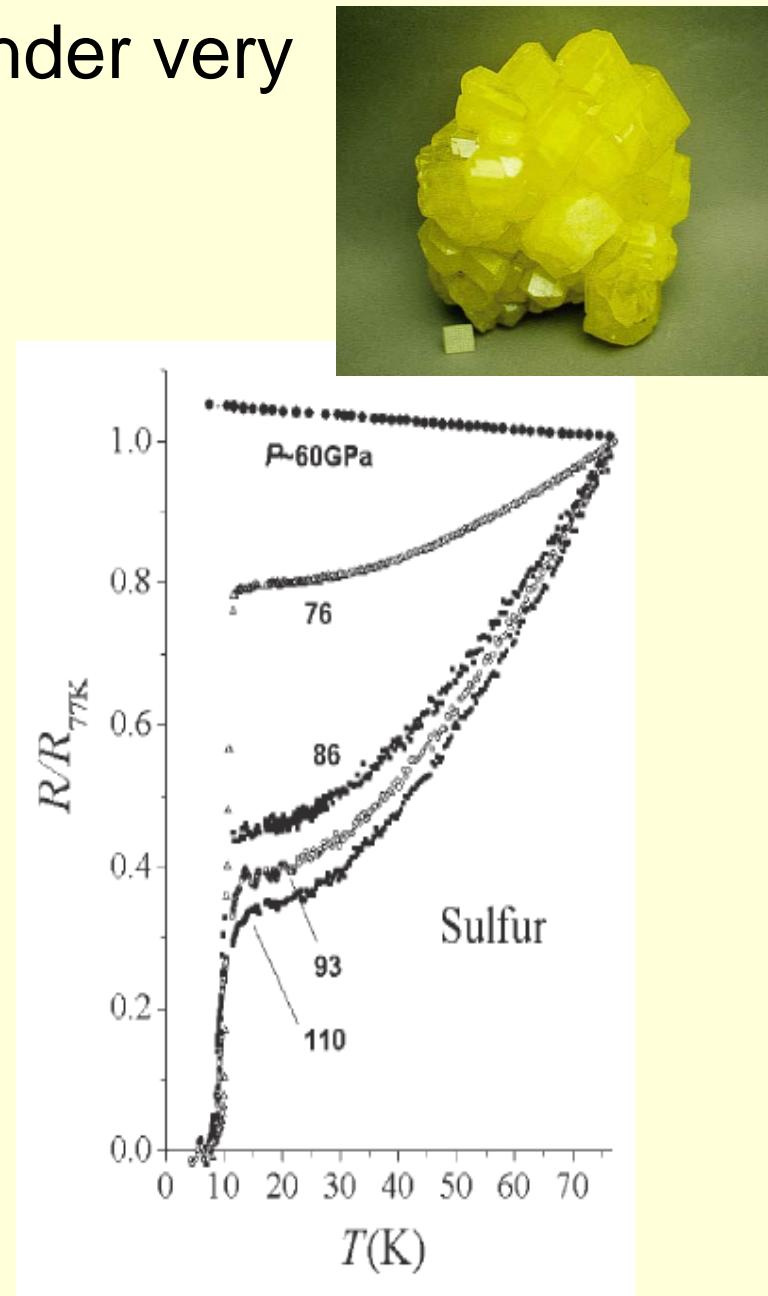
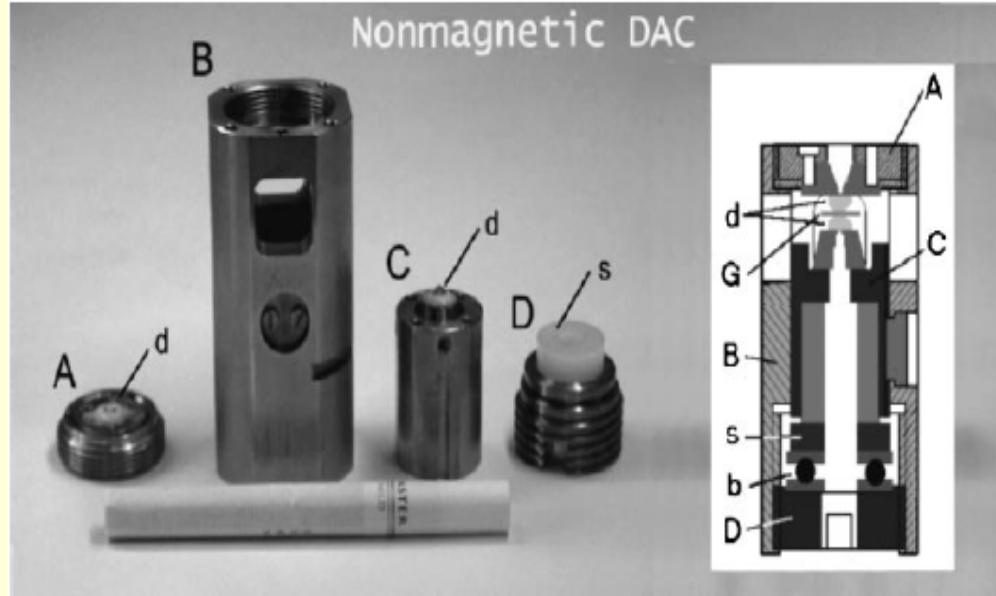
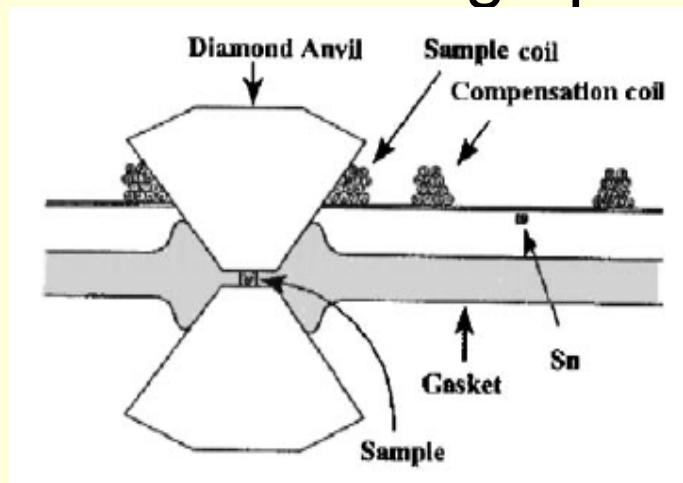


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<sup>90</sup> Th	<sup>91</sup> Pa	<sup>92</sup> U	<sup>93</sup> Np	<sup>94</sup> Pu	<sup>95</sup> Am	<sup>96</sup> Cm	<sup>97</sup> Bk	<sup>98</sup> Cf	<sup>99</sup> Es	<sup>100</sup> Fm	<sup>101</sup> Md	<sup>102</sup> No	<sup>103</sup> Lr

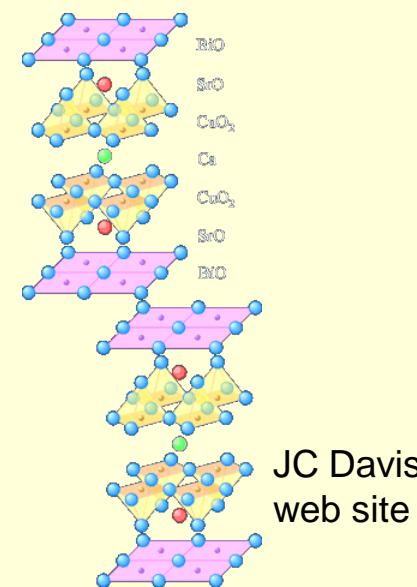
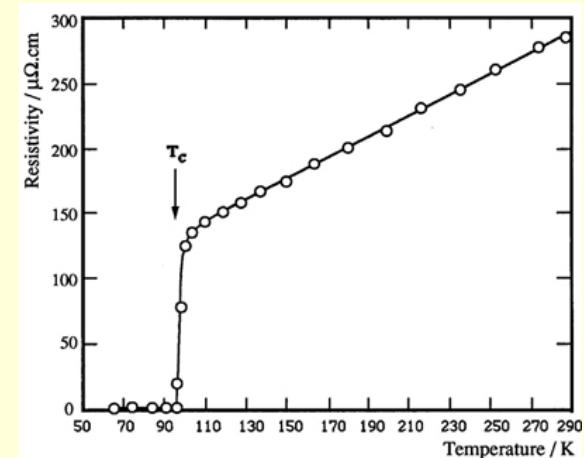
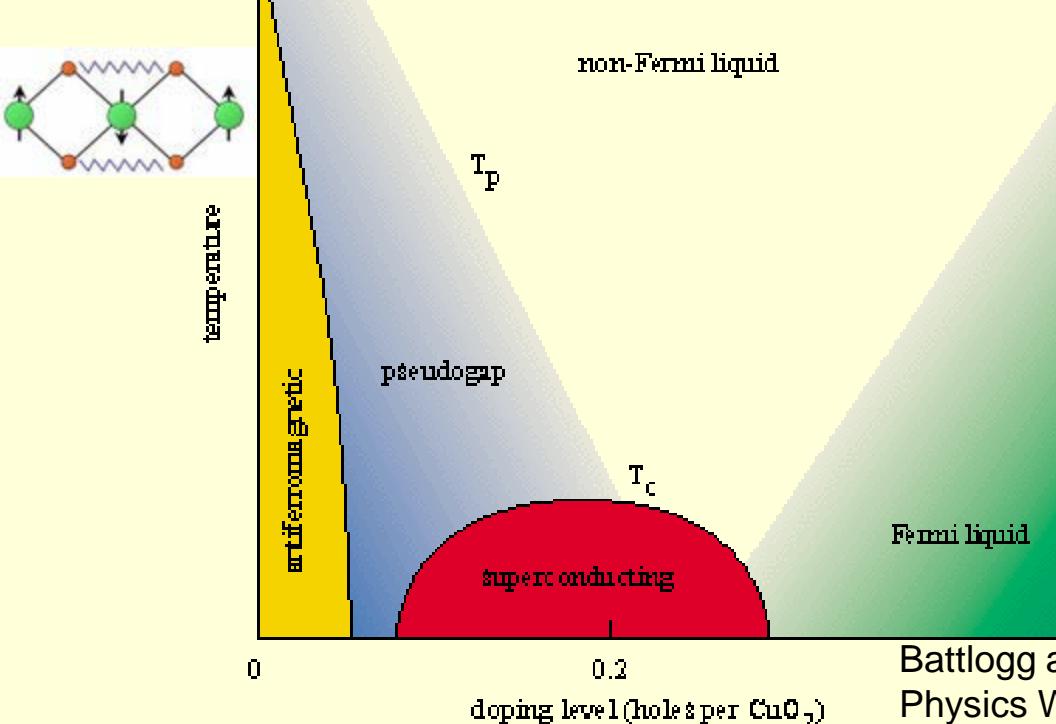
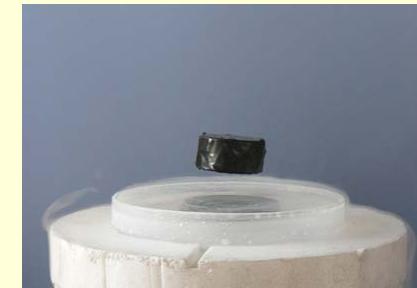
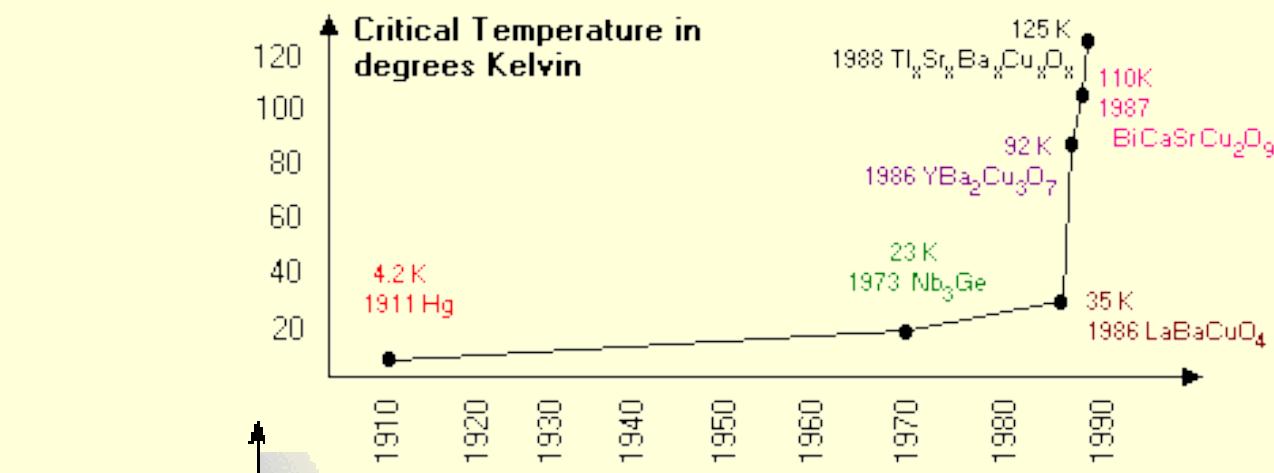
# New Materials

- Compared to biology, materials preparation in quantum condensed matter is
  - Small-scale
  - Slow
  - comparatively unsophisticated (very little automation)
- Greater use of electronic structure calculations?
- Automation?
- Pressure?

# Superconducting elements under very high pressure

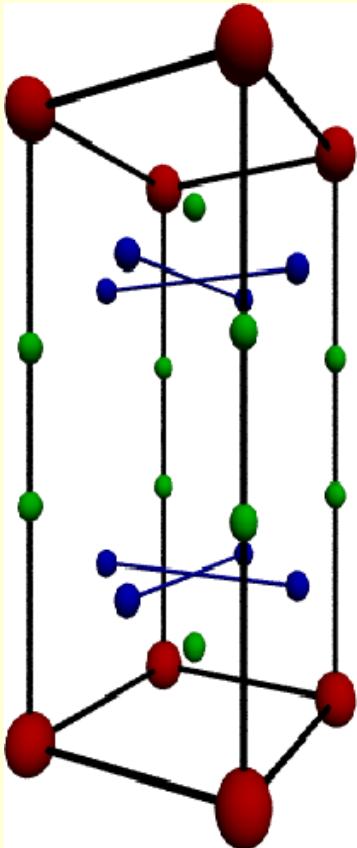


# high temperature superconductivity

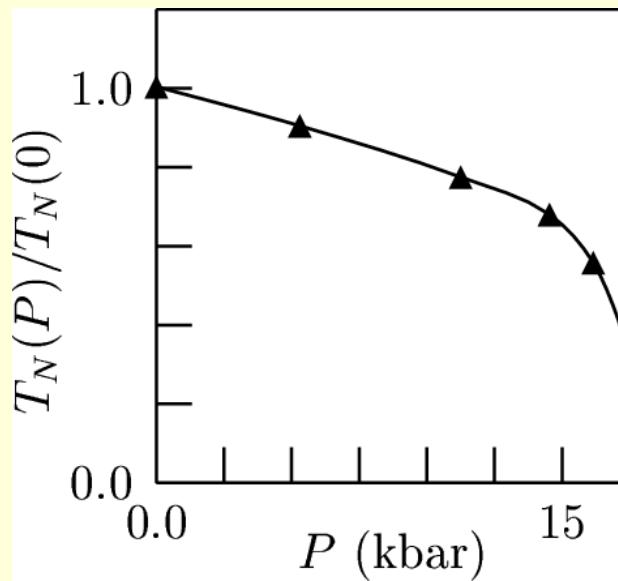


**American Superconductor Corporation** (NASDAQ: AMSC), a global power technologies company, today announced that it has received the world's largest order for high temperature superconductor (HTS) wire. LS Cable Ltd. (LS Cable), the world's third largest power cable manufacturer, has placed an order for 3 million meters (nearly 10 million feet) of Amperium wire - AMSC's proprietary second generation (2G) HTS wire. (6 Oct 2010)

# CePd<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>

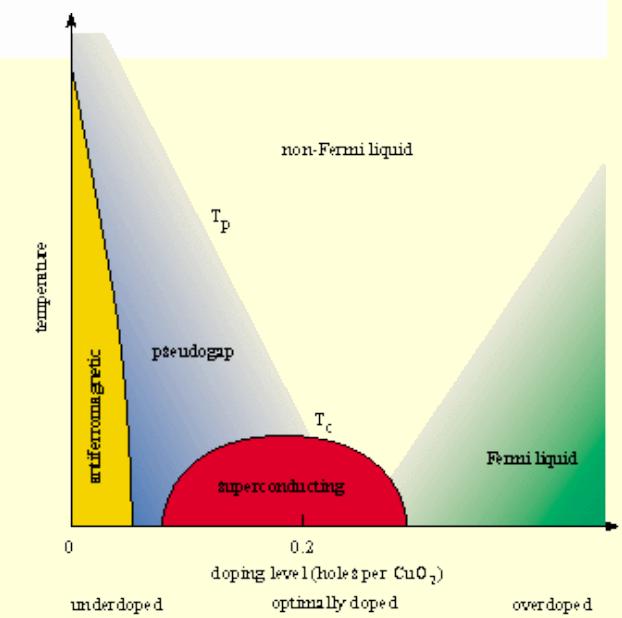
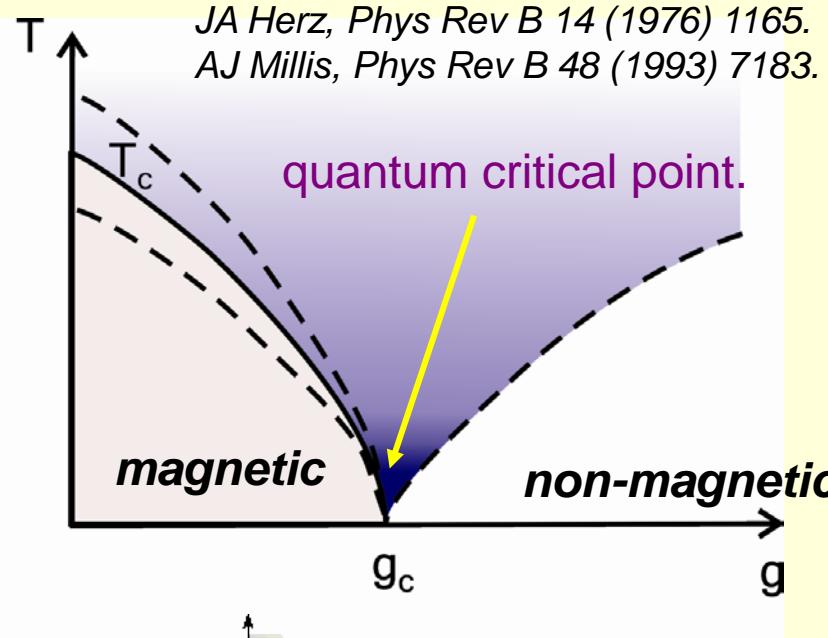
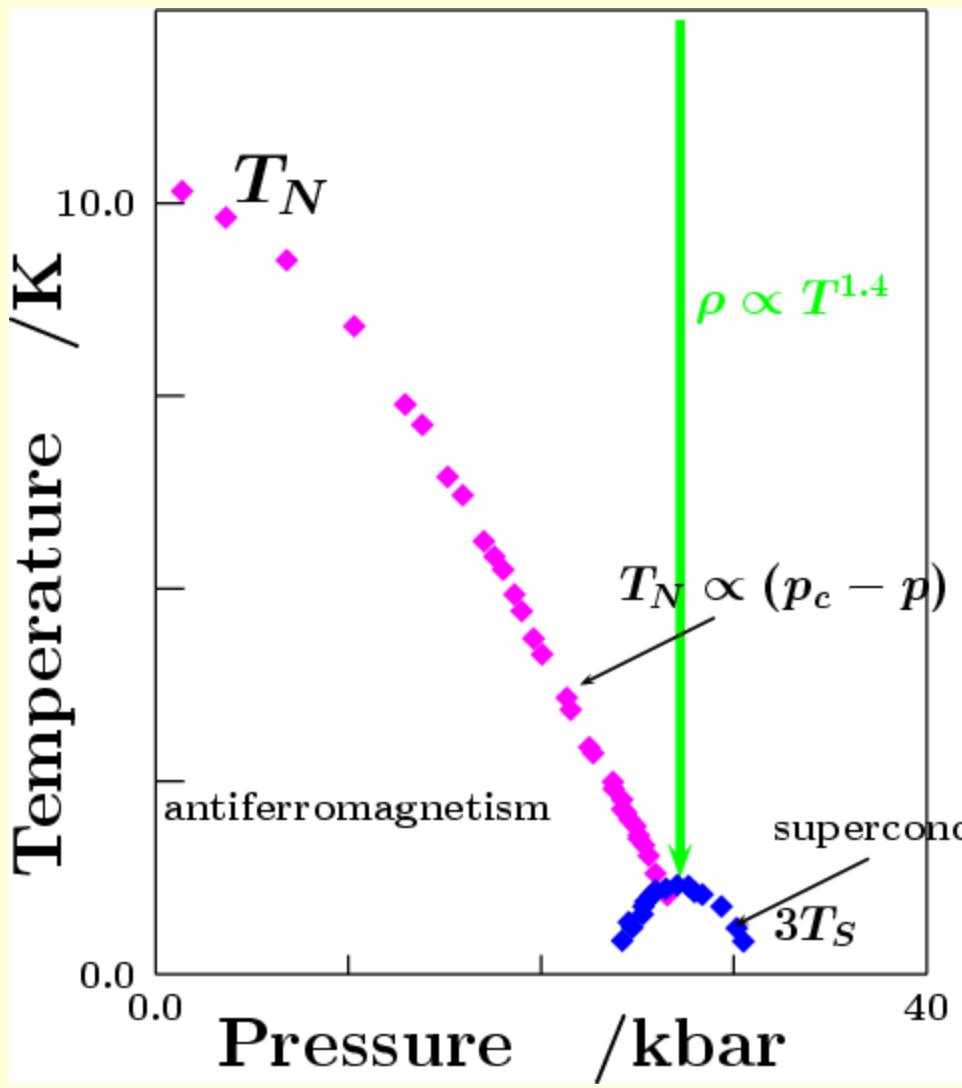


- Crystal structure common to many heavy fermion alloys
- Antiferromagnetic below  $T_N=10\text{K}$ , with an ordered moment of  $0.7\mu_B$
- Pressure suppresses magnetic order



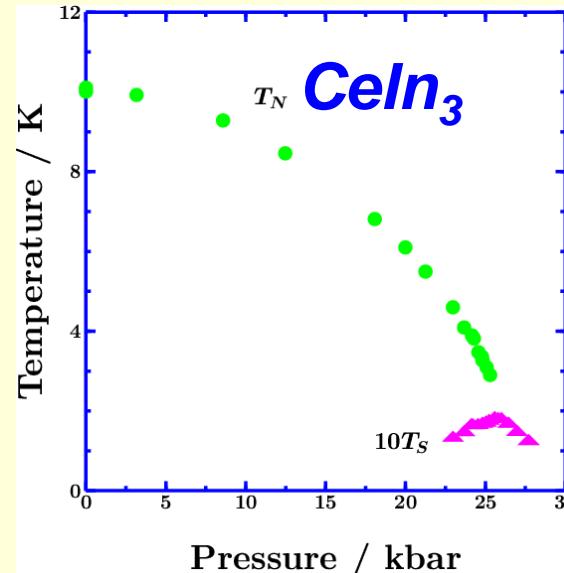
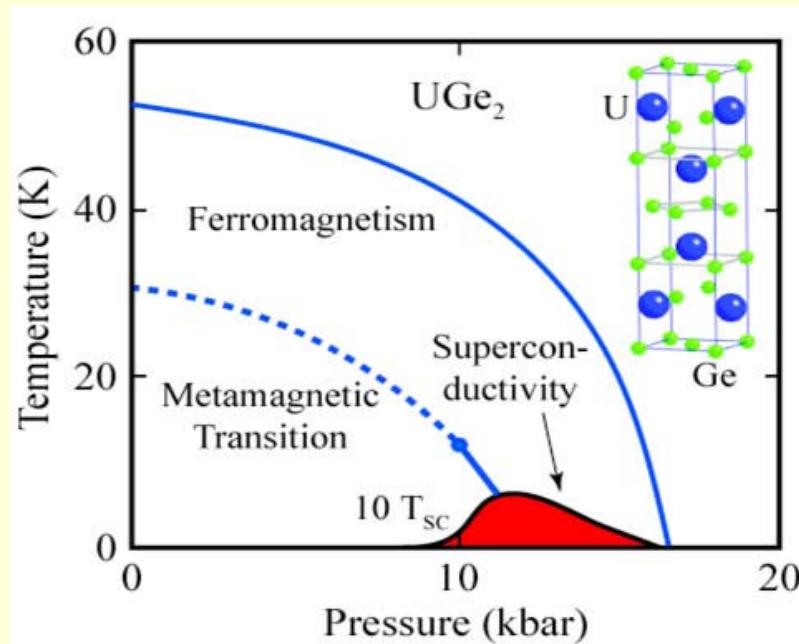
Thompson et al., JMMM 54-57 (1986) 377.

# CePd<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> phase diagram

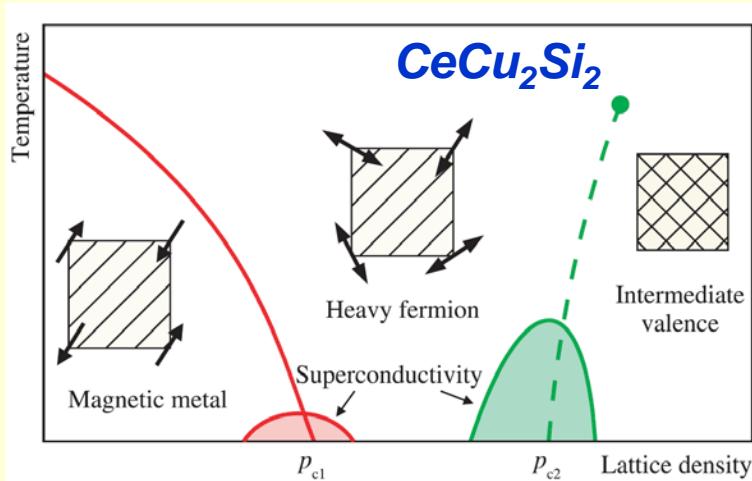


# Other quantum critical superconductors

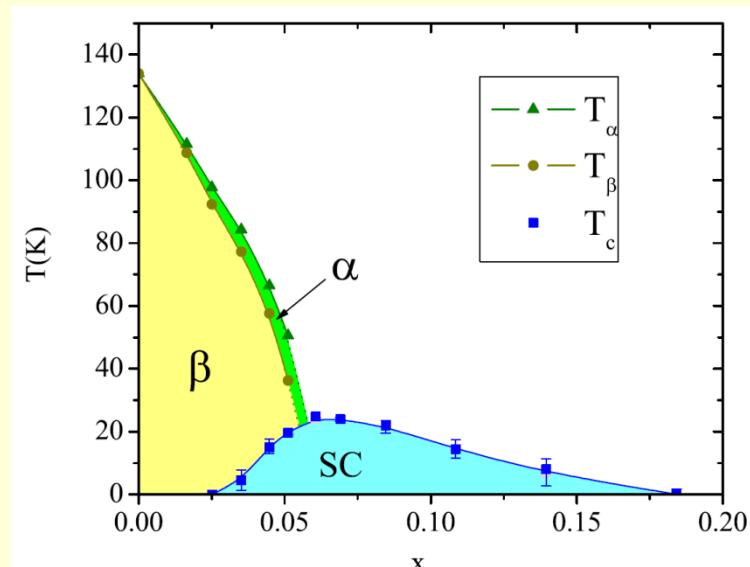
Saxena et al., Nature 2002



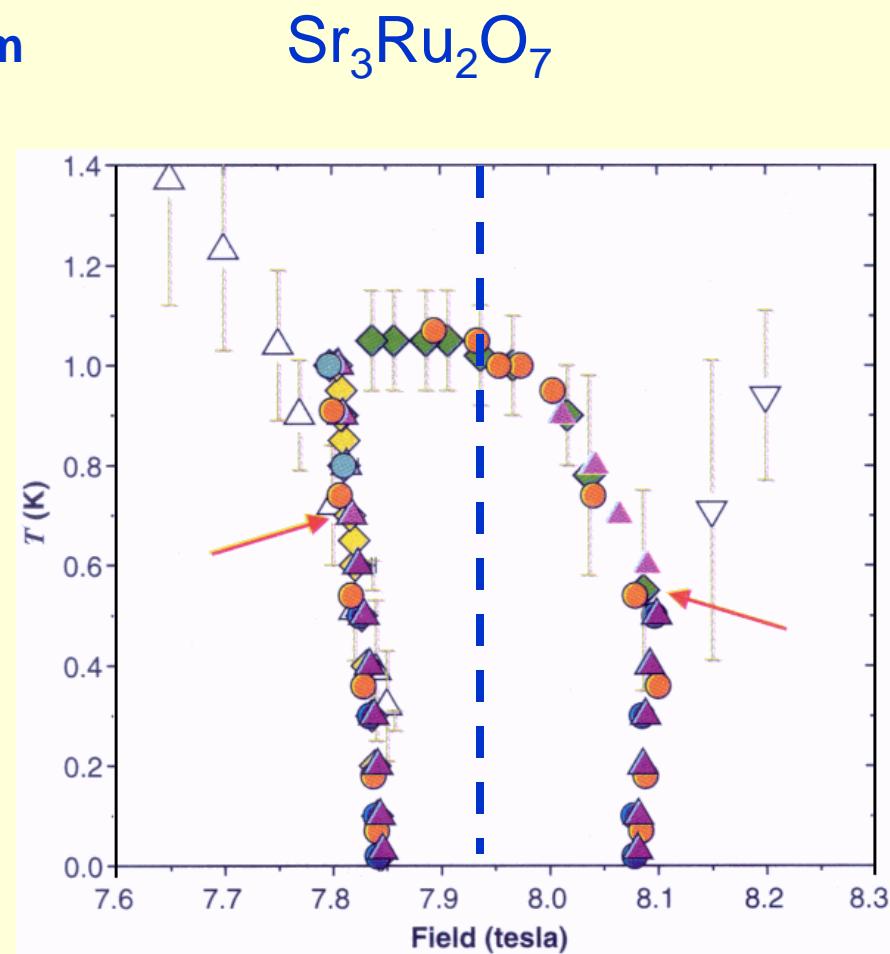
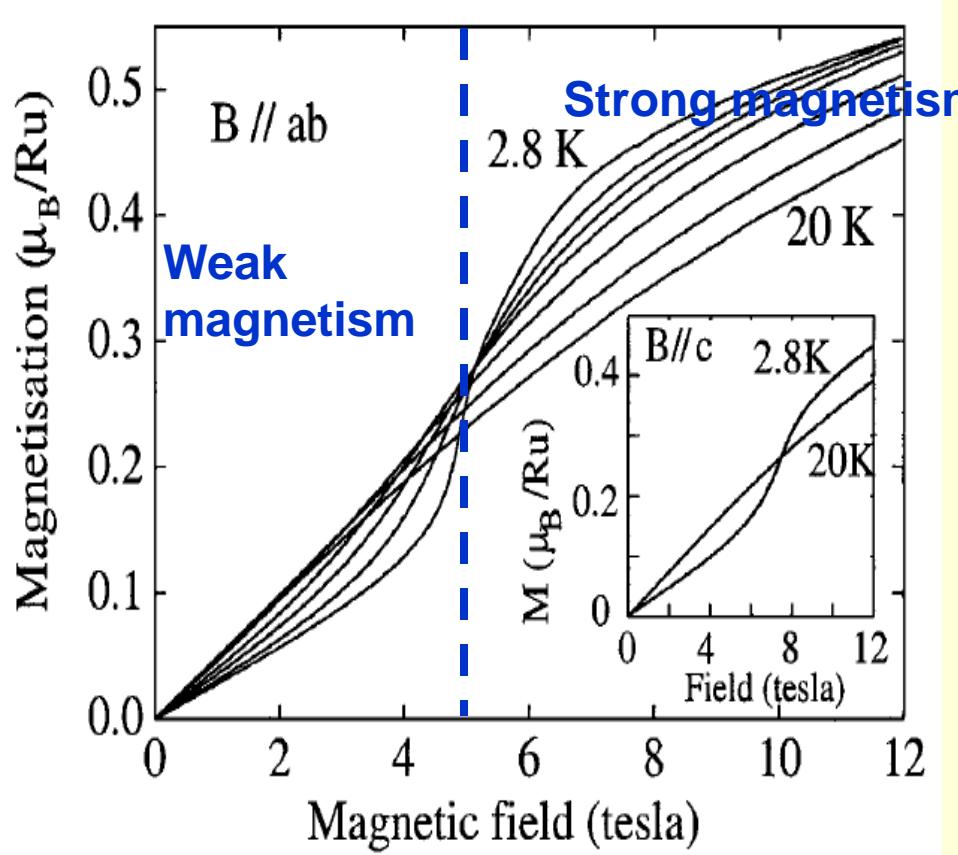
$\text{BaFe}_2\text{As}_2$   
Chu et al. 2009



Yuan et al., Science 2003

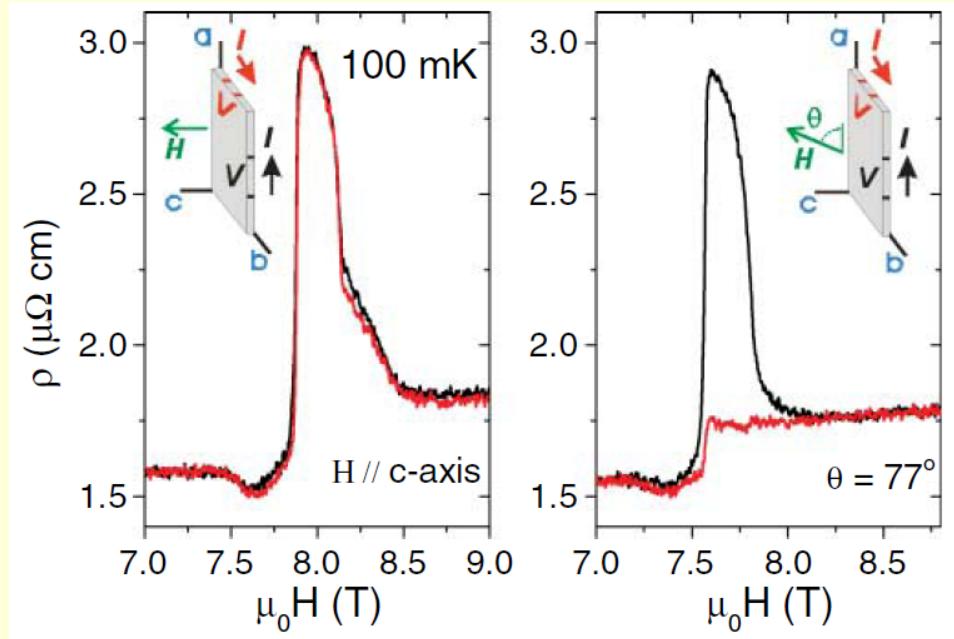


# Metamagnetic quantum phase transition



Grigera et al., Science 306 (2004) 1154; Science 2006; Perry et al. PRL 84 (2001) 2661;  
Harrison et al., PRL 91 (2003) 269902.

# Electron nematic at a metamagnetic instability

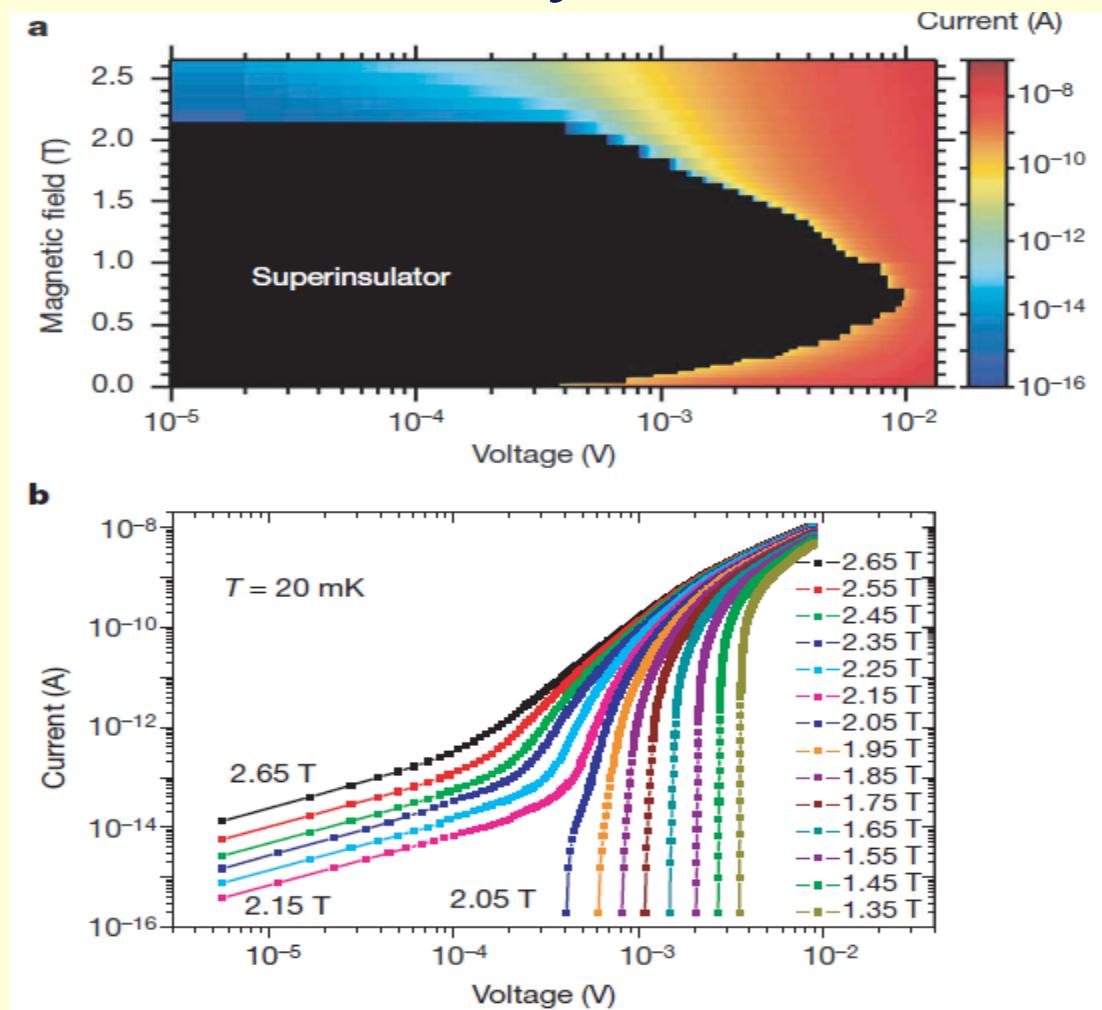
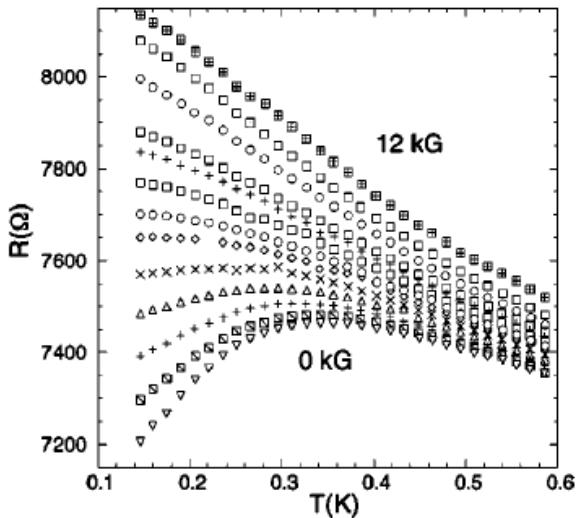
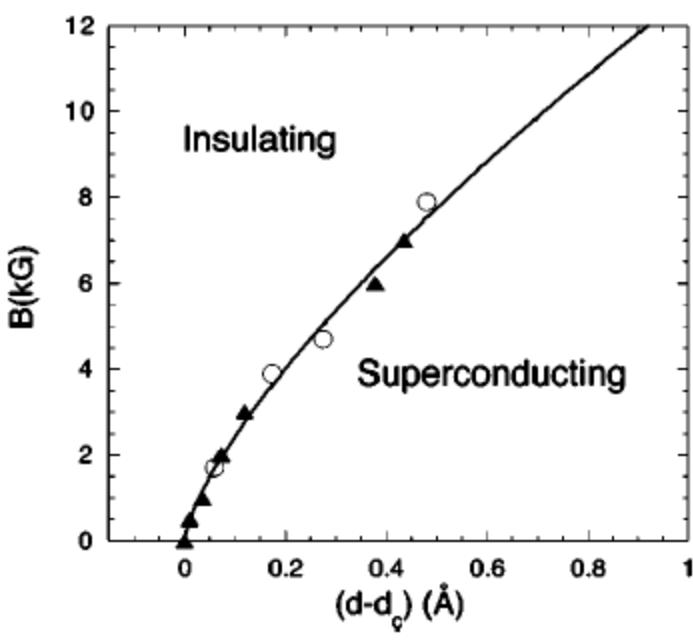


Grigera et al. Science 2003

Borzi et al. Science 2006

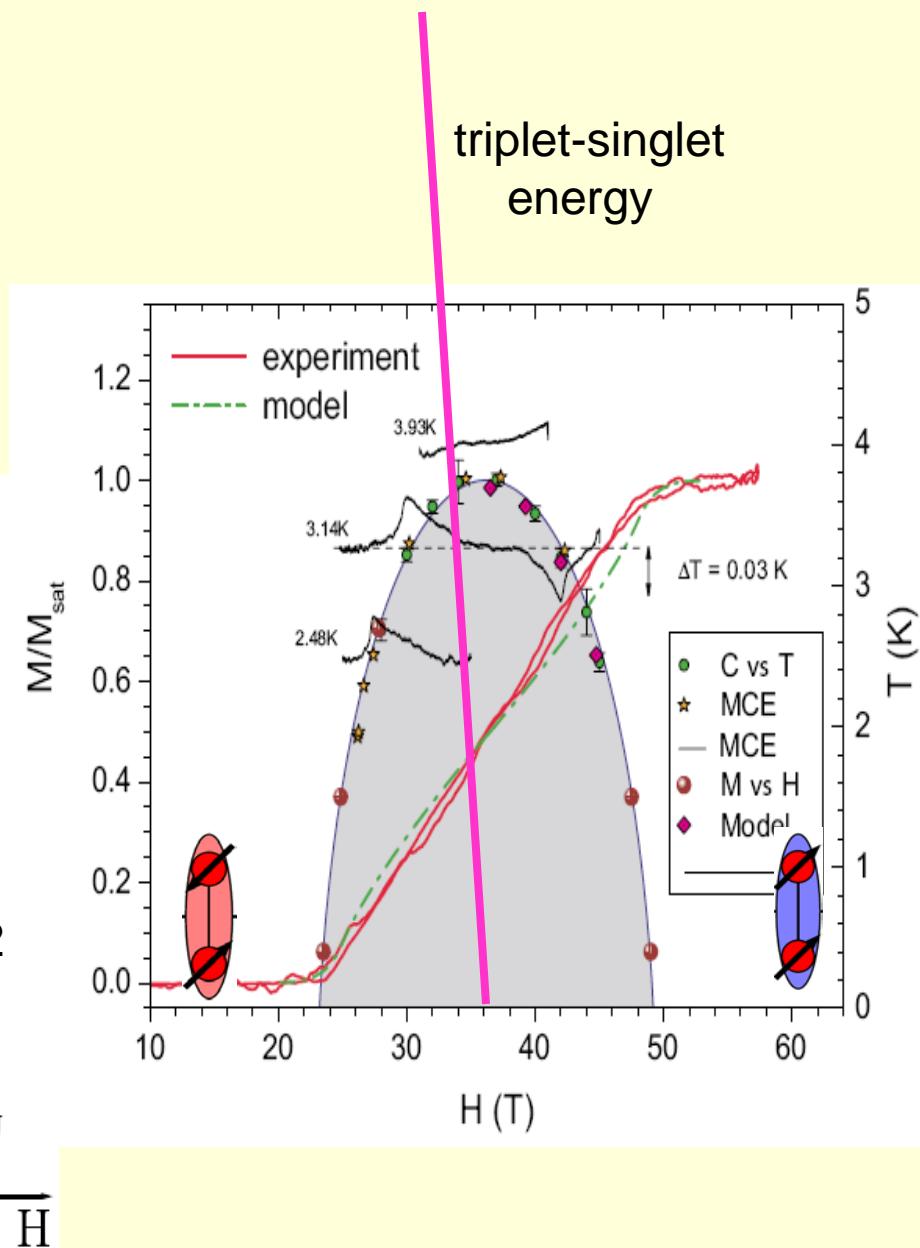
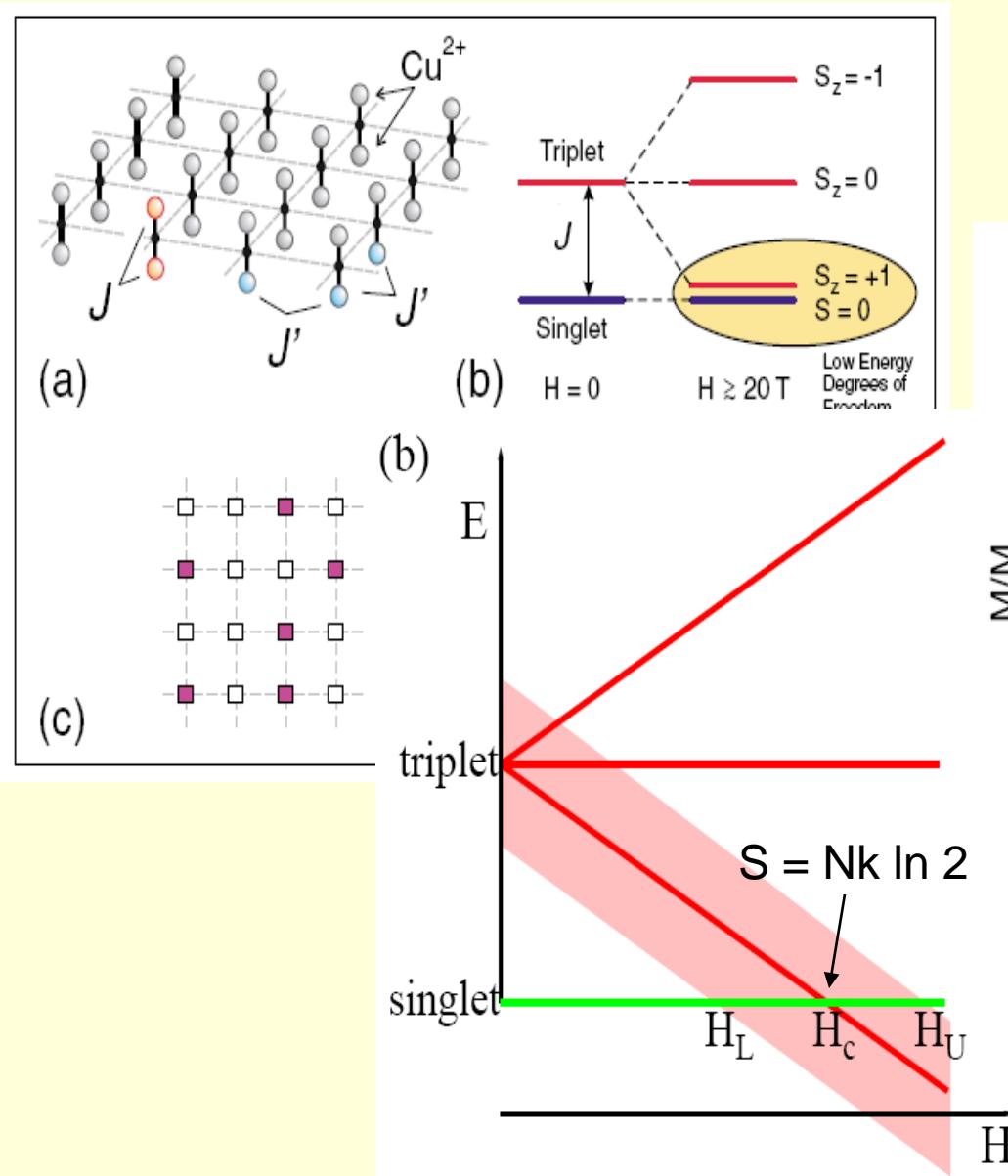
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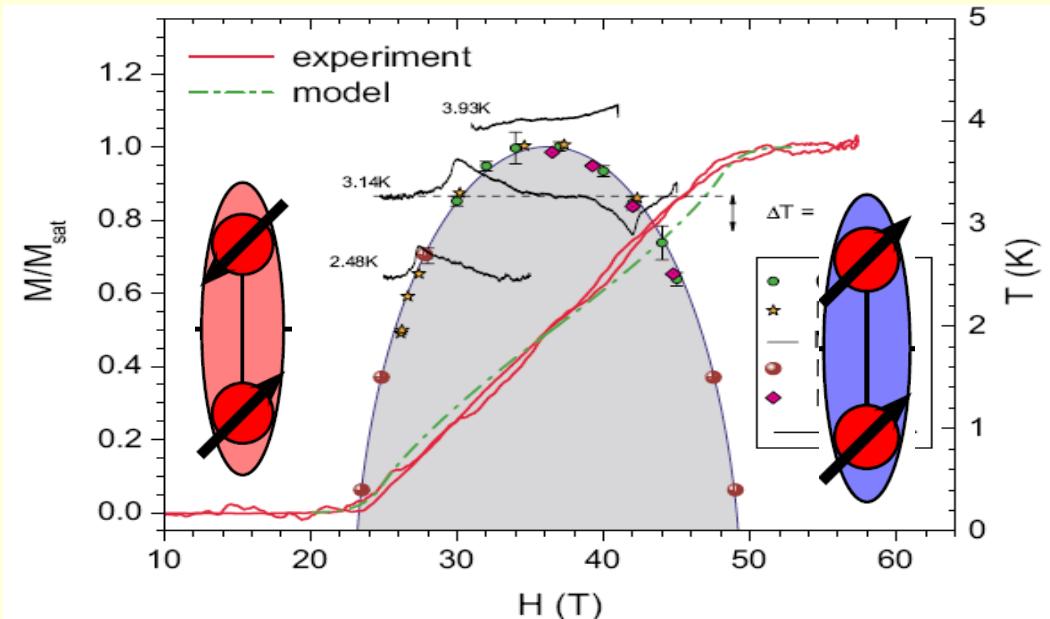
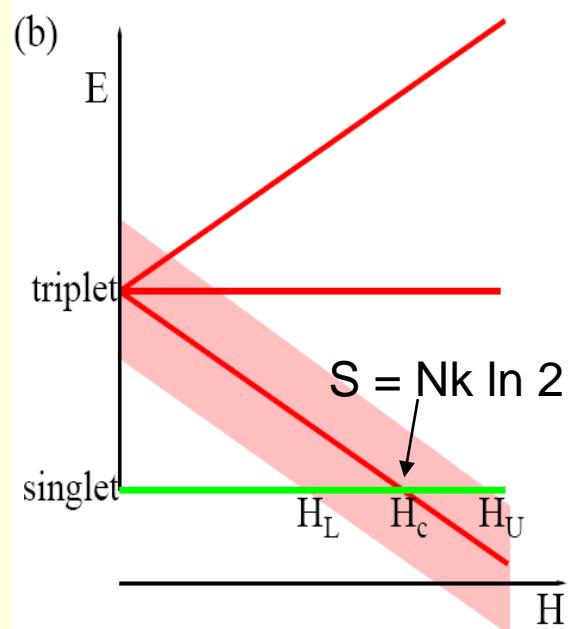
# Superinsulator at the superconductor-insulator boundary



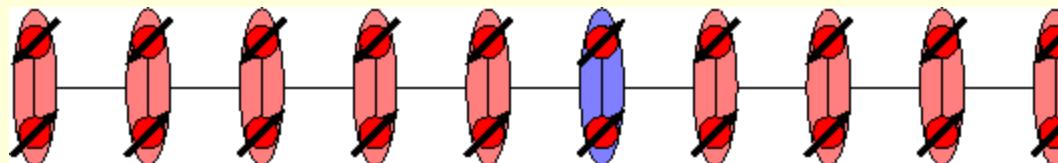
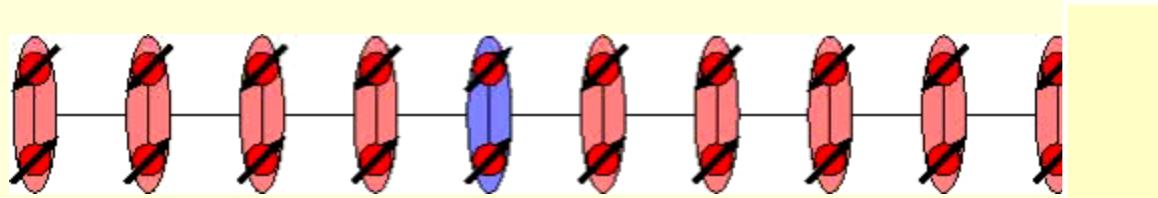
Vinokur et al., Nature 2008

# BEC of triplons





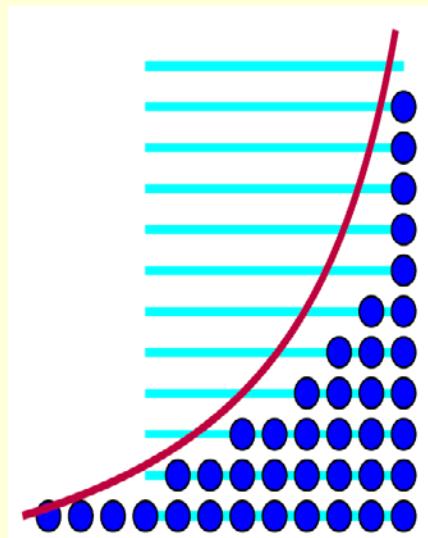
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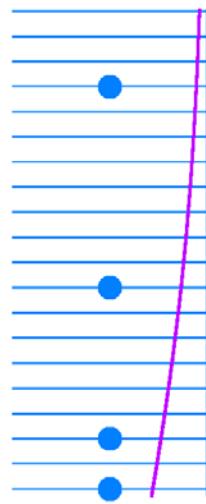
# “Algorithm” for discovering a new state of condensed matter:

- Take a very pure material with some kind of order (e.g. magnetic)
- Apply pressure or magnetic field etc. to suppress the order (produce a highly degenerate state with strong interactions to mediate new order)
- Cool to low temperature (to get rid of thermal noise, allow fragile quantum states to emerge)

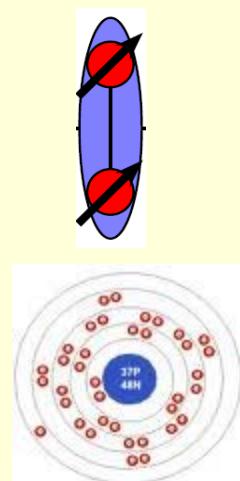
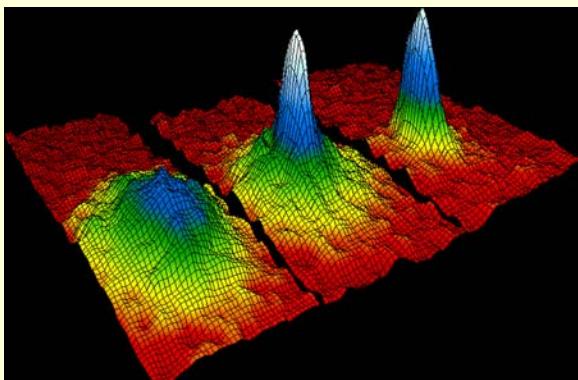
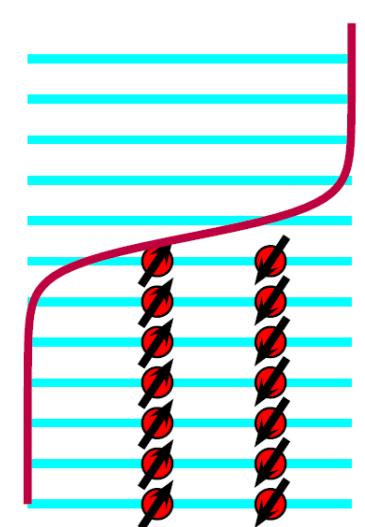
# Why “Quantum” Phases?



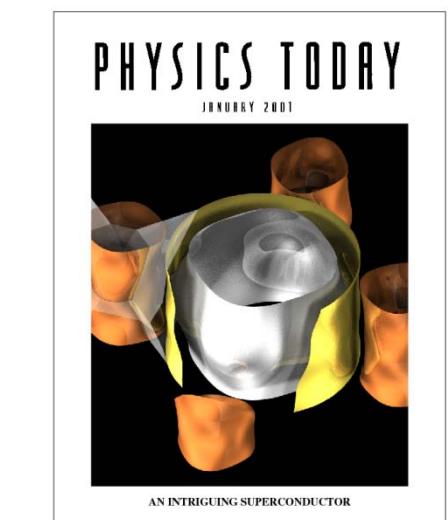
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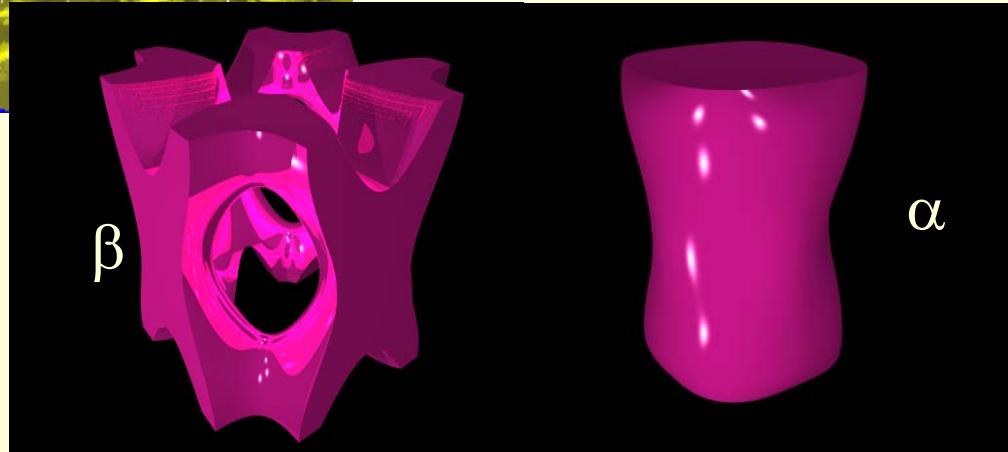
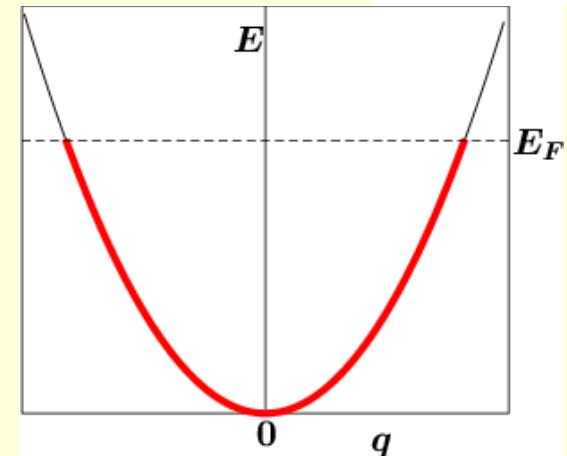
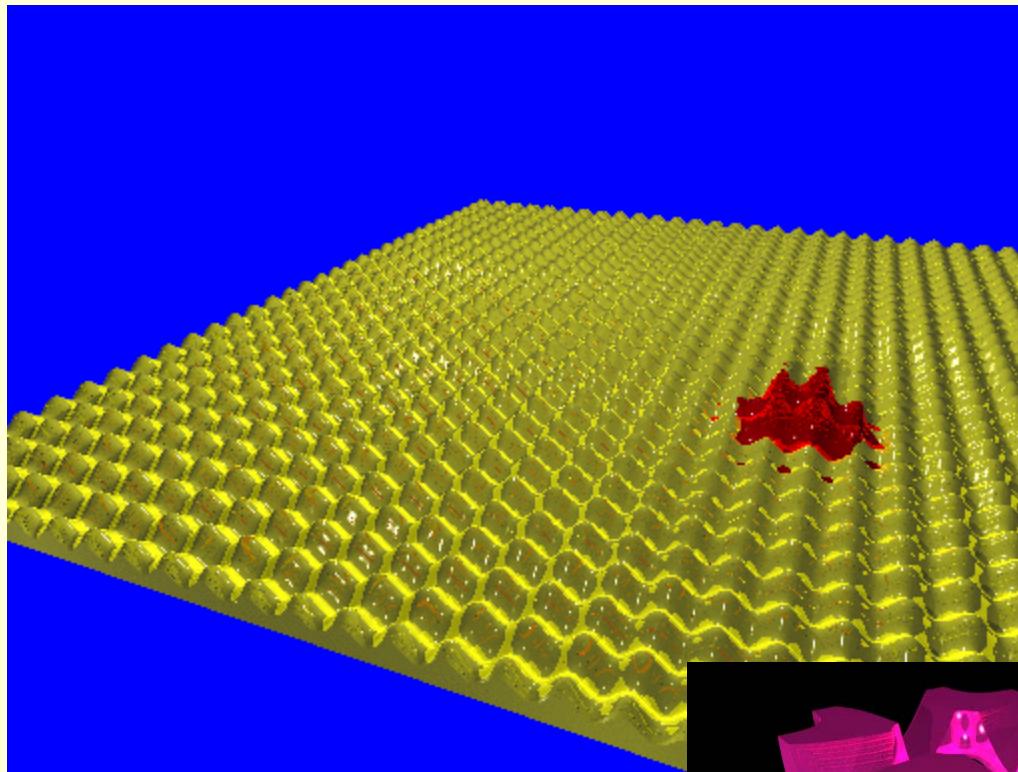
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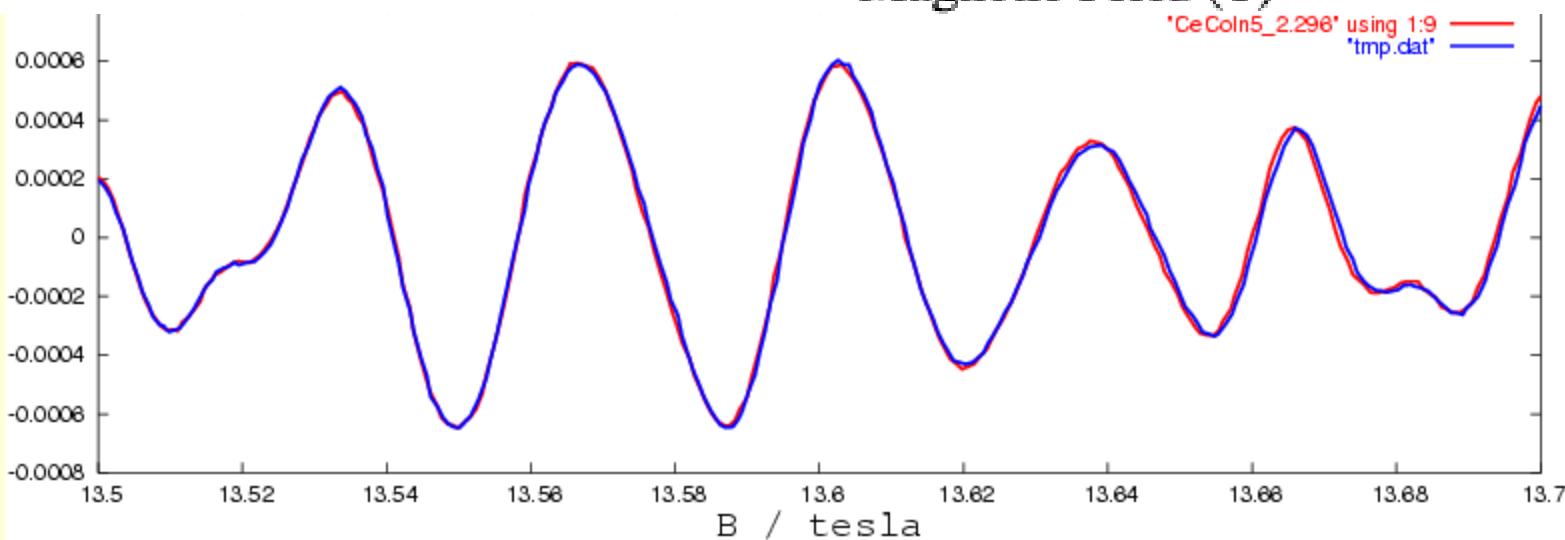
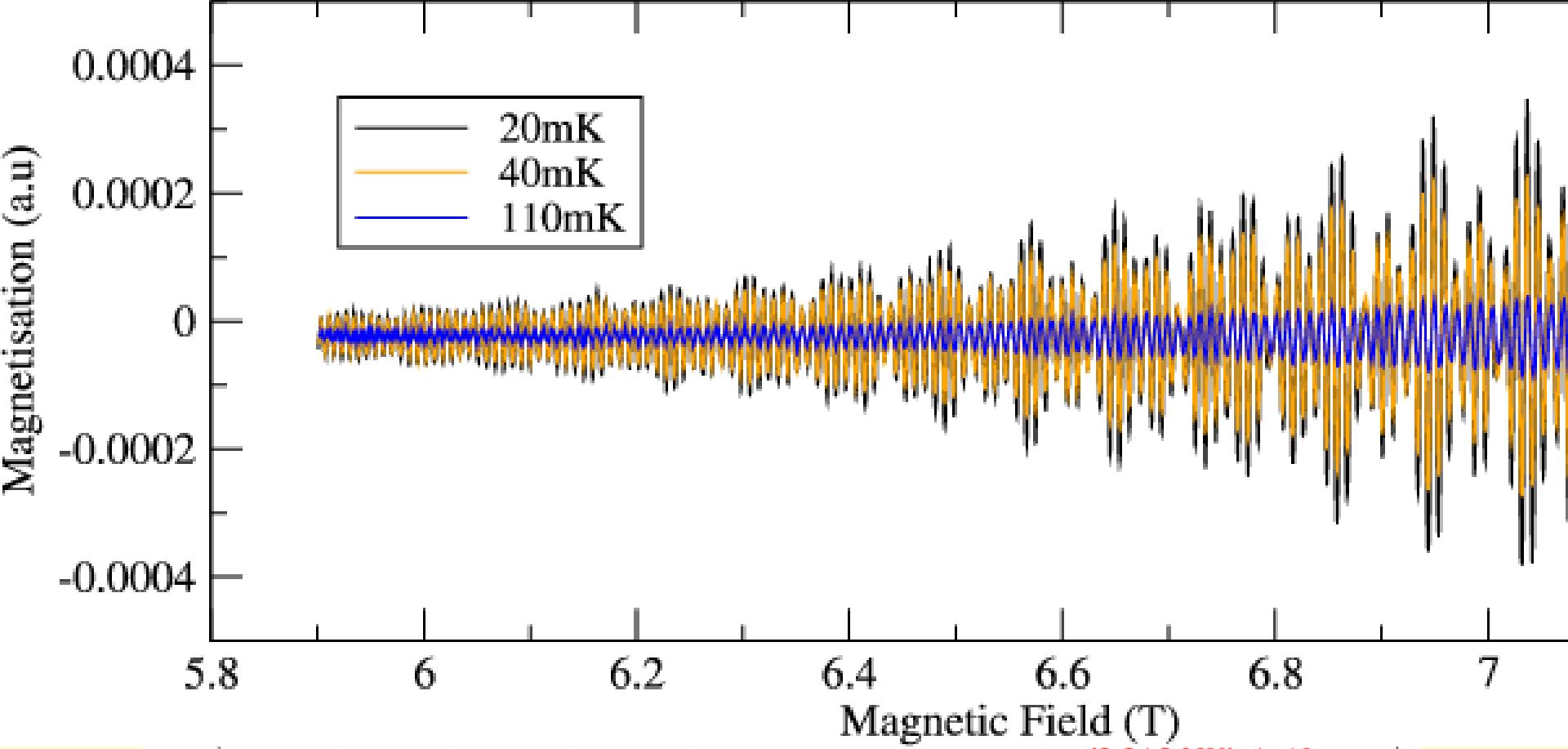


pairing



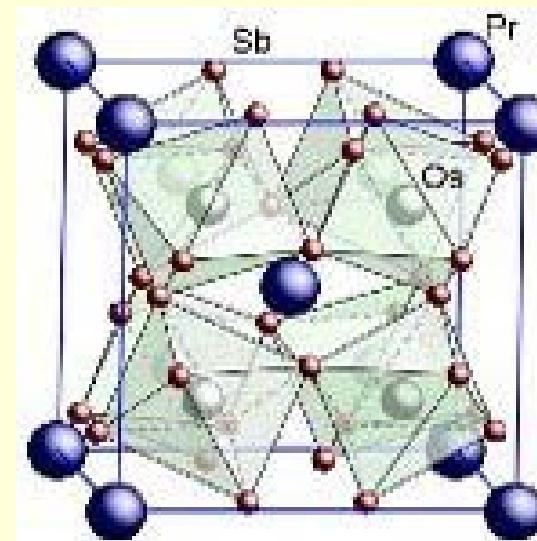
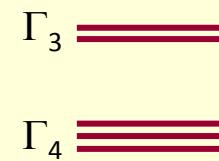
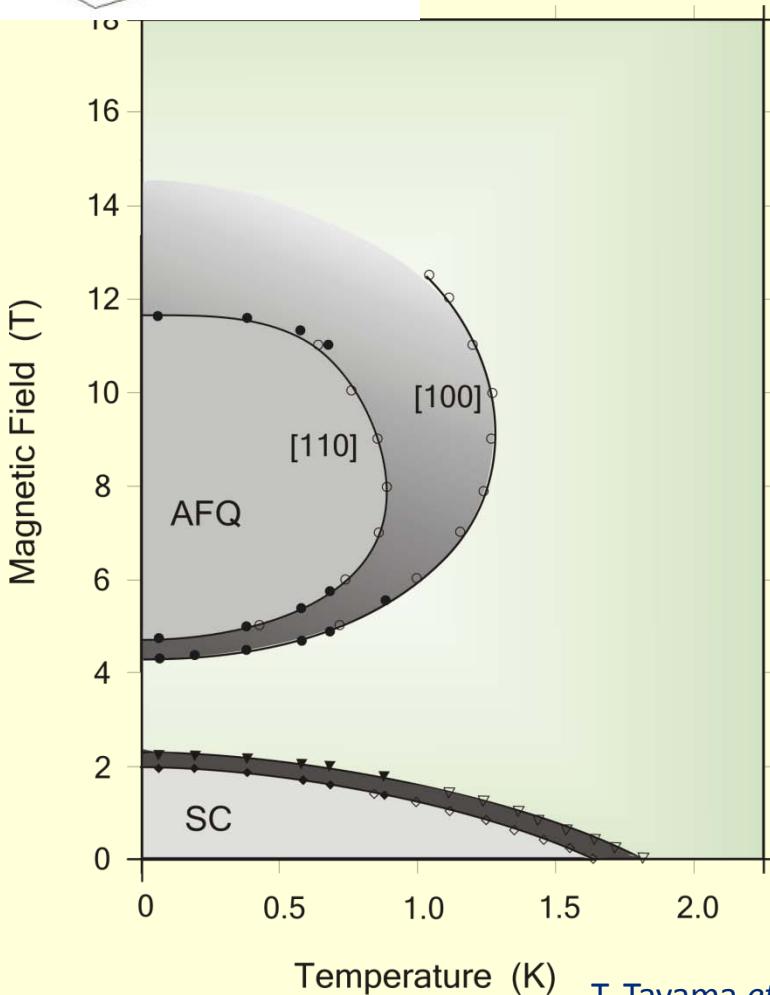
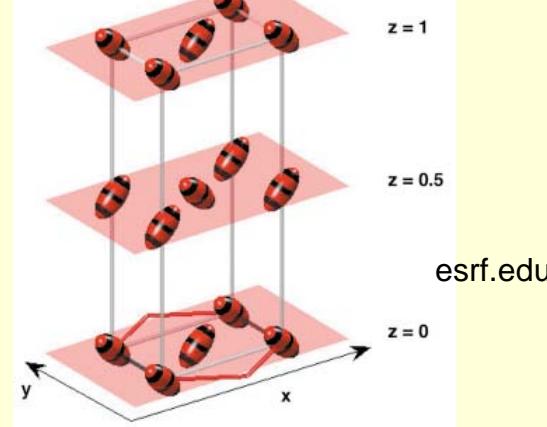
# *Electron quasiparticle in a magnetic field*





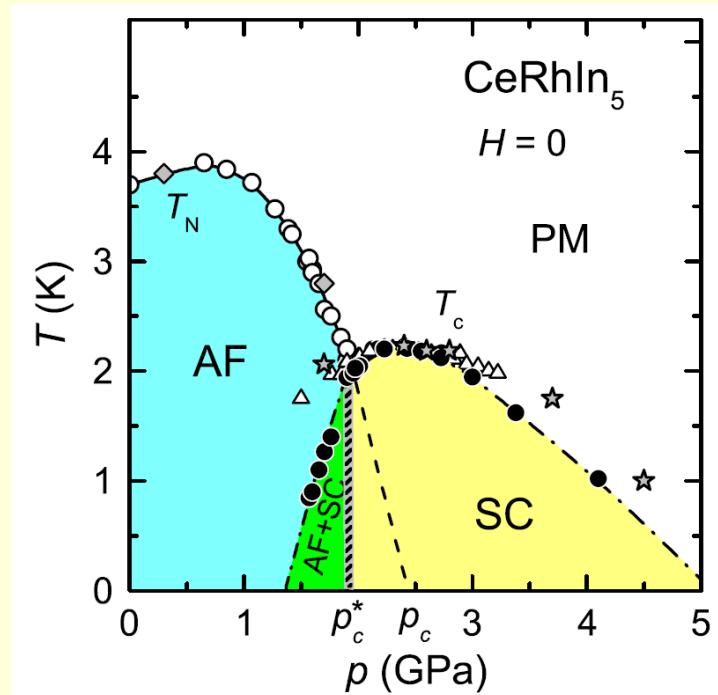
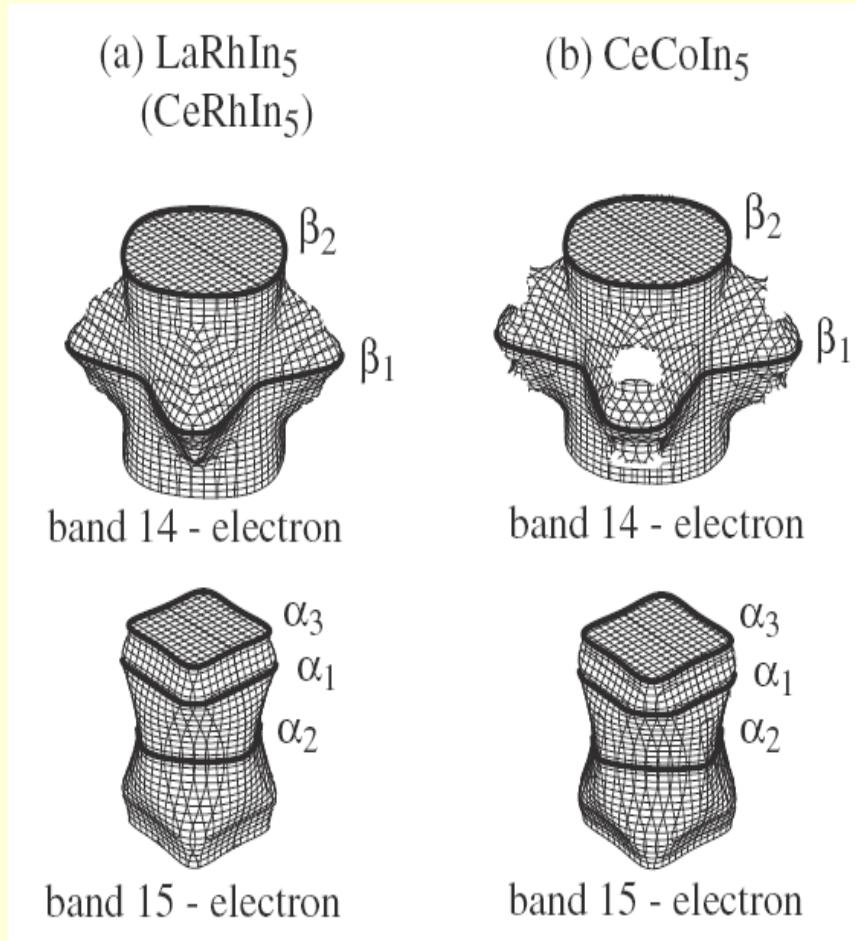
# $\text{PrOs}_4\text{Sb}_{12}$

Crossing of Zeeman-split crystal field levels leads to large region of AFQ order at high magnetic field.



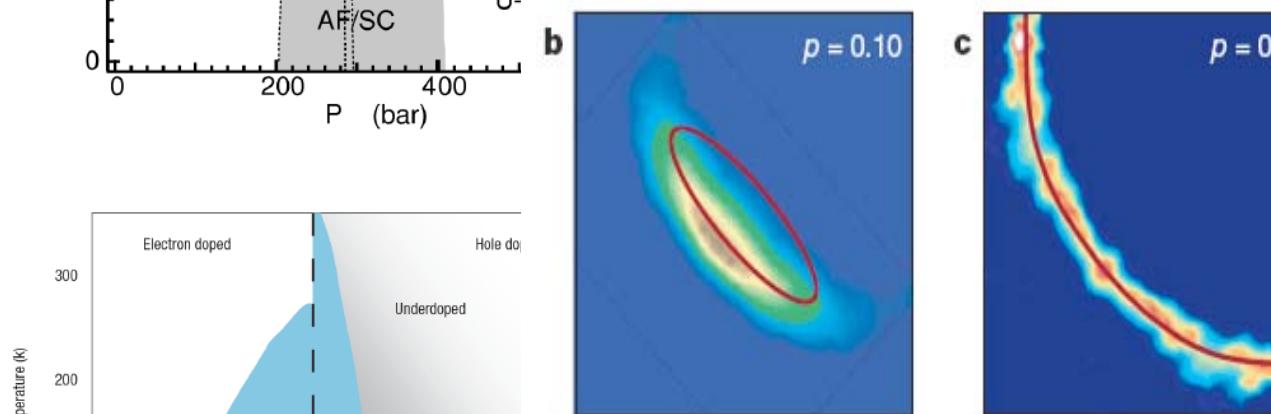
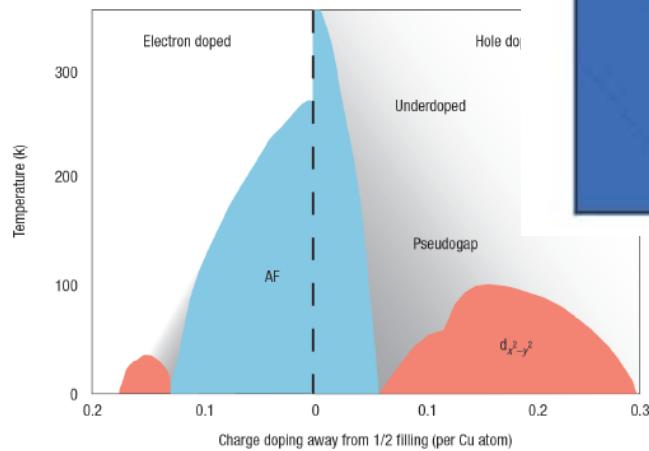
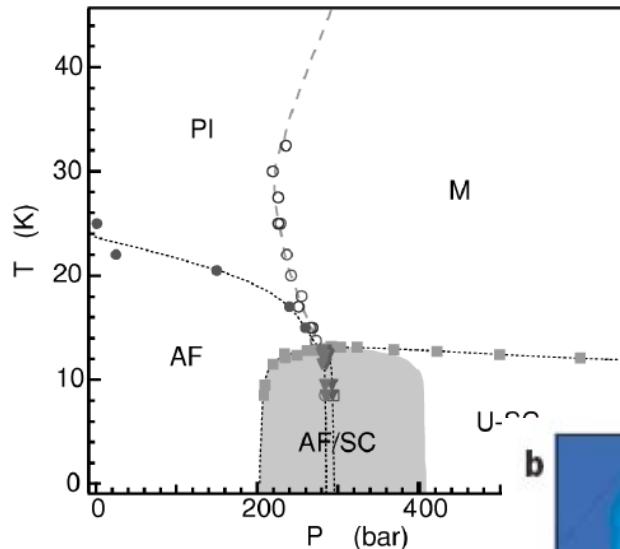
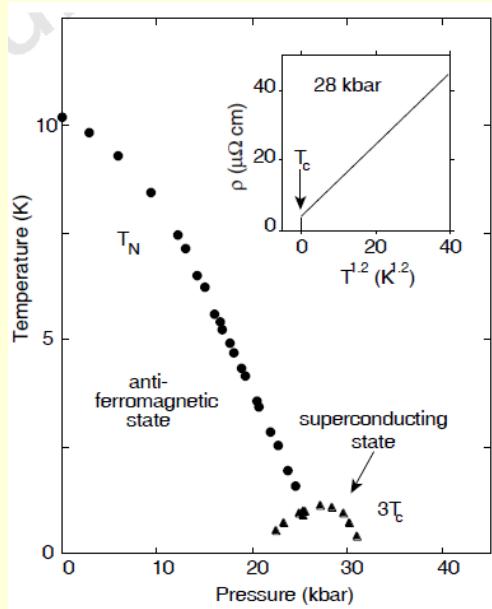
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# **Small to Large Fermi surface transition**



Knebel, JPSJ 2008

# Is high temperature superconductivity the response of a metal when it doesn't know what its Fermi surface should be?



Taillefer, 2010

# Conclusions

- Quantum phase transitions offer a natural place to look for new quantum states of matter
- Exotic superconductivity is not rare, but it is usually fragile
- Quantum magnetism has emerged as a field of central importance
- Fermi surface instabilities may be the key to finding new high temperature superconductors