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Discovery of superconductivity

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Superconducting Elements

_						P = 1	l bar (2	29)									
1H						P > 1 bar (16)											
we found (7)													60	7	10	9-	⁴ He
Li	Be							°B	°C	'N	°0	°F	"Ne				
¹¹ Na	¹² Mg											¹³ AI	¹⁴ Si	¹⁵ P	¹⁶ S	¹⁷ CI	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	45Rh	⁴⁶ Pd	47Ag	⁴⁸ Cd	⁴⁹ In	⁵⁰ Sn	⁵¹ Sb	⁵² Te	so J	⁵⁴ Xe
⁵⁵ Cs	⁵⁸ Ba	⁵⁷ La	72Hf	⁷³ Ta	74W	⁷⁵ Re	⁷⁶ Os	77lr	78Pt	⁷⁹ Au	⁸⁰ Hg	⁸¹ TI	⁸² Pb	^{as} Bi	⁸⁴ Po	⁸⁵ At	86Rn
⁸⁷ Fr	⁸⁸ Ra	⁸⁹ Ac															
			-	⁵⁸ Ce	⁵⁹ Pr	60Nd	⁶¹ Pm	⁶² Sm	⁶³ Eu	64Gd	^{€5} Tb	⁶⁶ Dy	⁶⁷ Ho	68Er	69Tm	⁷⁰ Yb	7 ¹ Lu
				90Th	⁹¹ Pa	⁹² U	⁹³ Np	⁹⁴ Pu	⁹⁵ Am	⁹⁶ Cm	97Bk	⁹⁸ Cf	⁹⁹ Es	¹⁰⁰ Fm	¹⁰¹ Md	¹⁰² No	¹⁰³ Lr

Figure 1. Superconducting elements in the periodic table. The elements paint in pink are superconductor under normal condition (P = 0 bar); 29 elements. The ones in red are superconductors under pressure (P > 1 bar); 23 elements, in which author group has found 7 elements.

Superconducting Elements



Blue boy story?

An apprentice from the instrument-maker's school Kamerlingh Onnes had founded. (The appellation refers to the blue uniforms the boys wore.) As the story goes, the blue boy's sleepy inattention that afternoon had let the helium boil, thus raising the mercury above its 4.2-K transition temperature and signaling the new state—by its reversion to normal conductivity—with a dramatic swing of the galvanometer.



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Figure 2. A terse entry for 8 April 1911 in Heike Kamerlingh Onnes's notebook 56 records the first observation of superconductivity. The highlighted Dutch sentence Kwik nagenoeg nul means "Mercury['s resistance] practically zero [at 3 K]." The very next sentence, Herhaald met goud. means "repeated with gold." (Courtesy of the Boerhaave Museum.)



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T_c:critical temperature,临界温度

Zero Resistance and critical temperature



Zero Resistance and critical temperature



$$I(t) = I(0)e^{-t/\tau}$$

 $\tau = L/R$
L:电感(Inductance) R:电阻
 $\tau \sim 10^5$ years
or even up to $10^{10^{10}}$ years

Persistent current

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Figure 5. Gerrit Flim's drawing of the setup for a persistent-current experiment in May 1914. In this top view (*bove-naanzicht*), one sees a compass needle pointing north between a superconducting lead coil (west) immersed in liquid helium in a double-walled dewar and a normally conducting copper coil (east) of equal size immersed in liquid air in a single-walled vessel. The copper coil, whose connection to a current source and galvanometer is not shown, calibrates and monitors the persistent current in the superconducting coil. When both currents are equal, the compass points due north. (Courtesy of the Boerhaave Museum.)

Dear Hendrik Lorentz,

I attended a fascinating experiment at the laboratory.... Unsettling, to see the effect of this "permanent" current on a magnetic needle. It is almost palpable, the way the ring of electrons goes round and round and round in the wire, slowly and virtually without friction.

--Paul Ehrenfest

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Superconducting cables

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Superconducting Magnet

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Superconducting Magnet



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How to drive a Superconducting Magnet into persistent mode?

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Limitations



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Rules of B. Matthias for discovering new superconductors

high symmetry is best
 peaks in density of states are good
 stay away from <u>oxygen</u>
 stay away from <u>magnetism</u>
 stay away from <u>insulators</u>
 stay away from <u>theorists</u>





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Interpretation of experimental data on odd numbers

- 1, 3, 5, 7 are all prime numbers.
- All odd numbers are prime numbers.
- 9 is not a prime number! Error or unique
- 11 13 are prime numbers.
- 15 is not a prime number.
- infinitely many odd numbers, but not prime numbers .

From Steve Girvin's lecture (Boulder Summer School 2000) courtesy of Matthew Fisher



Introduction

Discovery of superconductivity H. Kamerlingh Onnes(1911) in Hg 1913 Nobel prize

Perfect diamagnetism: Meissner and Ochsenfeld(1933) **London equation**: F. and H. London(1933)

Ginzburg-Landau theory: 1950s 2003 Nobel prize (with Abrikosov) **Isotope effect**: H. Frohlich(1950)

BCS theory: J. Bardeen, L. Cooper and J.R. Schrieffer(1957) 1972 Nobel prize **Tunneling**: Josephson (1957) 1973 Nobel prize

Hi-Tc superconductivity: J. G. Bednorz and K. A. Muller(1986) in Ba-La-Cu-O system. 1987 Nobel prize











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Experimental Methods







Volta explains the principle of the *"electric column"* to <u>Napoleon</u> in 1801

Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta Italian physicist and chemist 1745 –1827

- Invented electric battery in 1799.
- Volt unit adopted internationally in 1881.





André-Marie Ampère French physicist and mathematician 1775 –1836

Father of electrodynamics.



- Months after 1819 Hans Christian Ørsted's discovery of magnetic action of electrical current
- 1820 Law of electromagnetism (Ampère's law) magnetic force between two electric currents.
- First measurement technique for electricity Needle galvanometer .





Georg Simon Ohm German physicist and mathematician 1789 –1854





Ohm's law 1827





- Ohm's law is valid ONLY when I-V curve is linear!
- Whole circuit is linear and no offsets!
- Wire resistance is negligible!

May be far from true!





Experimental Methods



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4-Probe Method(Kelvin Method)







 $V_G = 0 \qquad \frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{R_x}{R_3}$

Samuel Hunter Christie Sir Charles Wheatstone

$$R_{\chi} = R_3 \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

Wheatstone bridge for small resistance





Wires generate spurious DC Voltages

- Thermoelectric(thermal gradients) 1/f noise
- Galvanic (oxidation) 1/f noise
- RF interference and rectification in contacts

 $V_M = IR + V_{offset}$

$$V_{M+} = IR + V_{offset}$$
 $V_{M-} = -IR + V_{offset}$

$$V_M = \frac{V_{M+} - V_{M-}}{2} = IR$$

Electrical Transport

Noise sources





Minimizing interference from magnetic fields



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Devices grounded in different points acquire potential difference which contributes to the measured signal.

Ground Loop



Lockin method for low resistances







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Method for Measuring Electrical Resistivity of Anisotropic Materials

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A rectangular prism with edges in principal crystal directions is prepared with electrodes on the corners of one face. Voltage-current ratios for opposite pairs of electrodes permit calculation of components of the resistivity tensor. The method can use small samples, and is best suited to materials describable by two or three tensor components. Examples are given of measurements of V_2O_8 -Cr and oriented amorphous graphite.

Montgomery technique





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Topical Review

The 100th anniversary of the four-point probe technique: the role of probe geometries in isotropic and anisotropic systems

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