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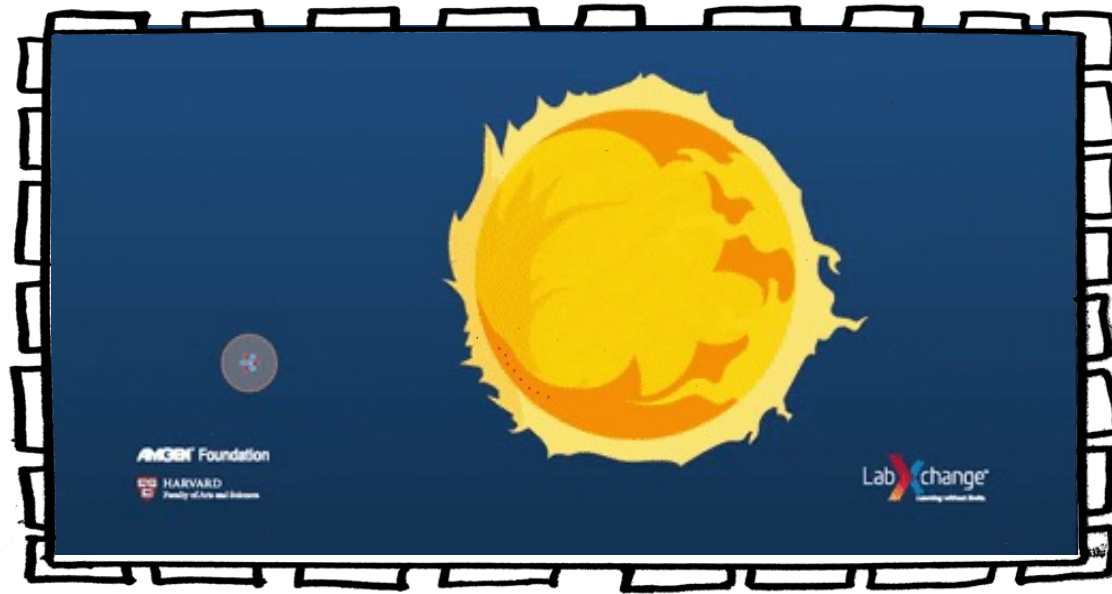
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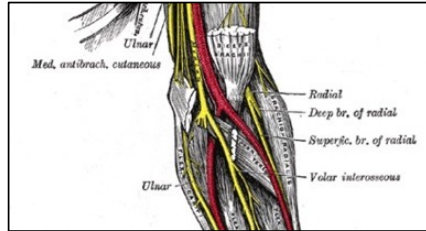
les ordres de grandeur



## intensité électrique (A) : du plus petit au plus grand



grille-pain



nerfs



TGV



ordi portable

## tension électrique (V) : du plus petit au plus grand



chaise électrique



cellule nerveuse



batterie voiture



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## puissance (W) : du plus petit au plus grand



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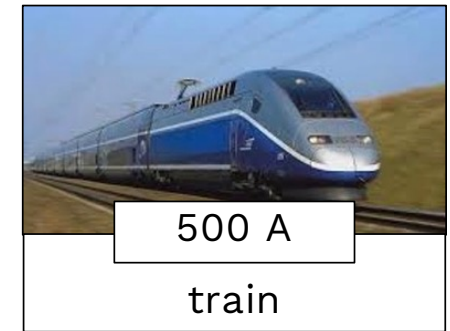
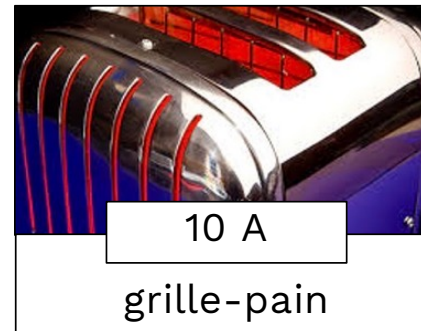
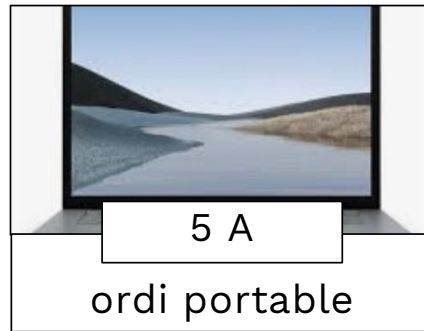
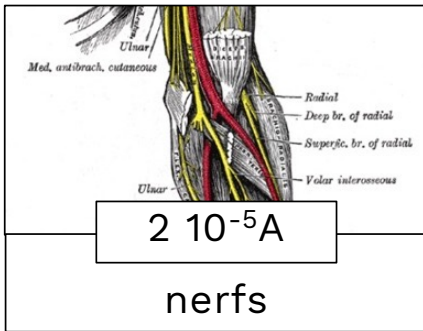
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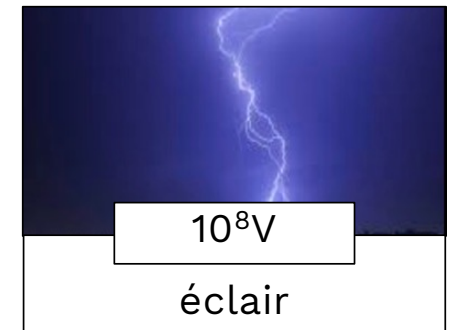
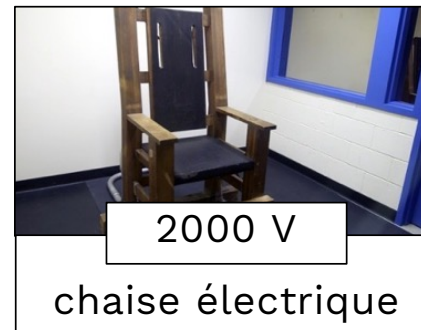
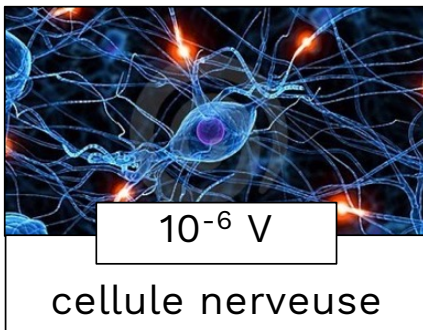
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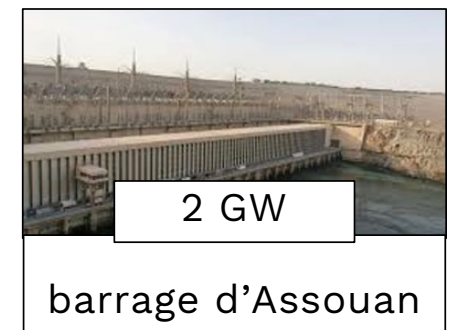
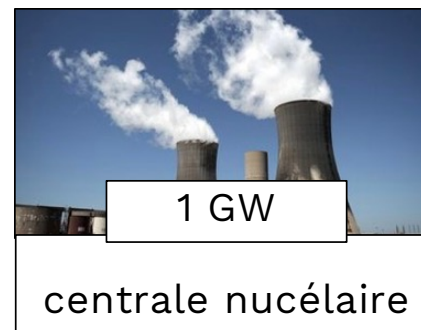
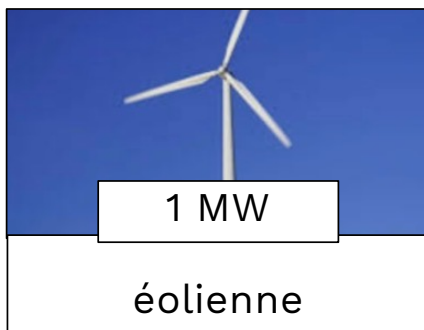
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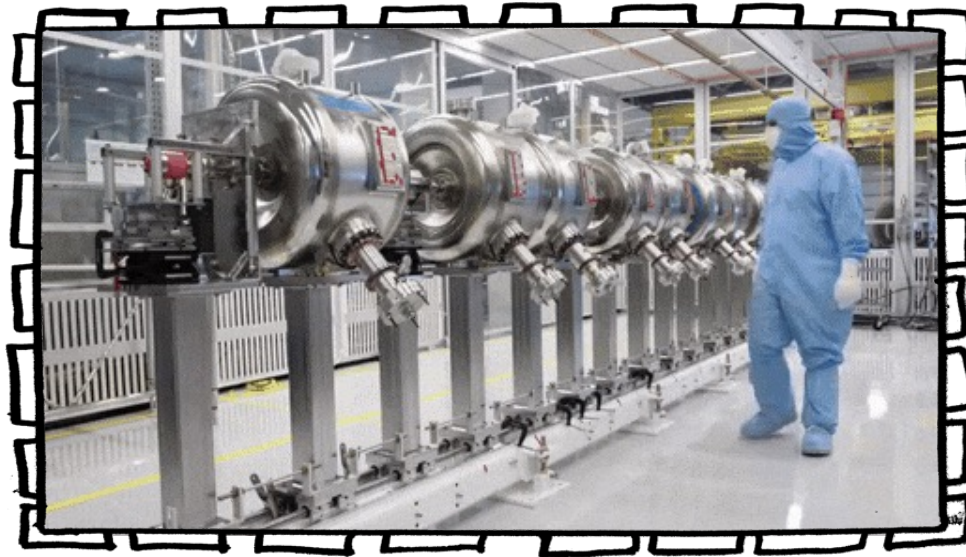


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# Laser-guided lightning

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Lightning discharges between charged clouds and the Earth's surface are responsible for considerable damages and casualties. It is therefore important to develop better protection methods in addition to the traditional Franklin rod. Here we present the first demonstration that laser-induced filaments—formed in the sky by short and intense laser pulses—can guide lightning discharges over considerable distances. We believe that this experimental breakthrough will lead to progress in lightning protection and lightning physics. An experimental campaign was conducted on the Säntis mountain in north-eastern Switzerland during the summer of 2021 with a high-repetition-rate terawatt laser. The guiding of an upward negative lightning leader over a distance of 50 m was recorded by two separate high-speed cameras. The guiding of negative lightning leaders by laser filaments was corroborated in three other instances by very-high-frequency interferometric measurements, and the number of X-ray bursts detected during guided lightning events greatly increased. Although this research field has been very active for more than 20 years, this is the first field-result that experimentally demonstrates lightning guided by lasers. This work paves the way for new atmospheric applications of ultrashort lasers and represents an important step forward in the development of a laser based lightning protection for airports, launchpads or large infrastructures.

Lightning has fascinated and terrified humankind since time immemorial. Based on satellite data, the total lightning flash rate worldwide—including cloud-to-ground and cloud lightning—is estimated to be between 40 and 120 flashes per second<sup>1</sup>, causing considerable damage and casualties. The documented number of lightning fatalities is well above 4,000 (ref. 2) and lightning damages amount to billions of dollars every year<sup>3</sup>. The most widely used external protection against direct lightning strikes is still the lightning rod, also known as Franklin

rod or lightning conductor. The lightning rod, whose invention in the 18th century is attributed to Benjamin Franklin, consists of a pointed conducting mast connected to the ground. It protects buildings and their immediate surroundings by providing a preferential strike point for the lightning and guiding its electric current safely to the ground.

A method to initiate lightning discharges with a small rocket trailing a long, grounded conducting wire was demonstrated by Newman et al. in 1965 (ref. 4). In contrast to the classical lightning rod, which



Houard et al., Nature Photonics, 2022



Palaiseau, Geneve



2022



# LASER POUR GUIDER LA Foudre

## principe :

quand l'éclair arrive sur la tour, on envoie le laser

→ ionise l'air qui devient un plasma

→ les molécules d'air chauffent et partent radialement

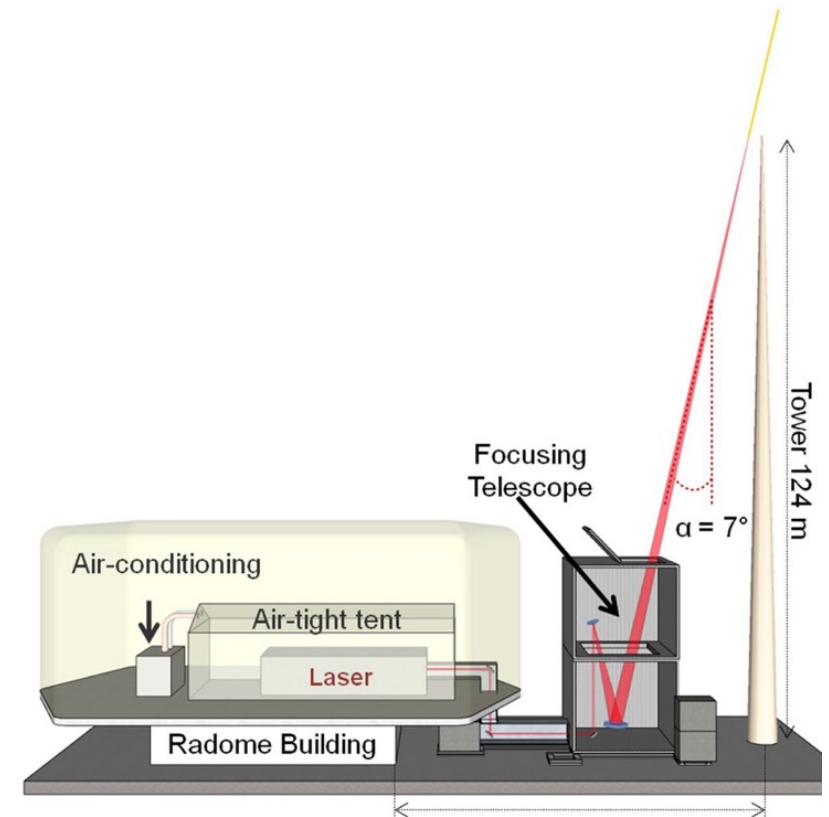
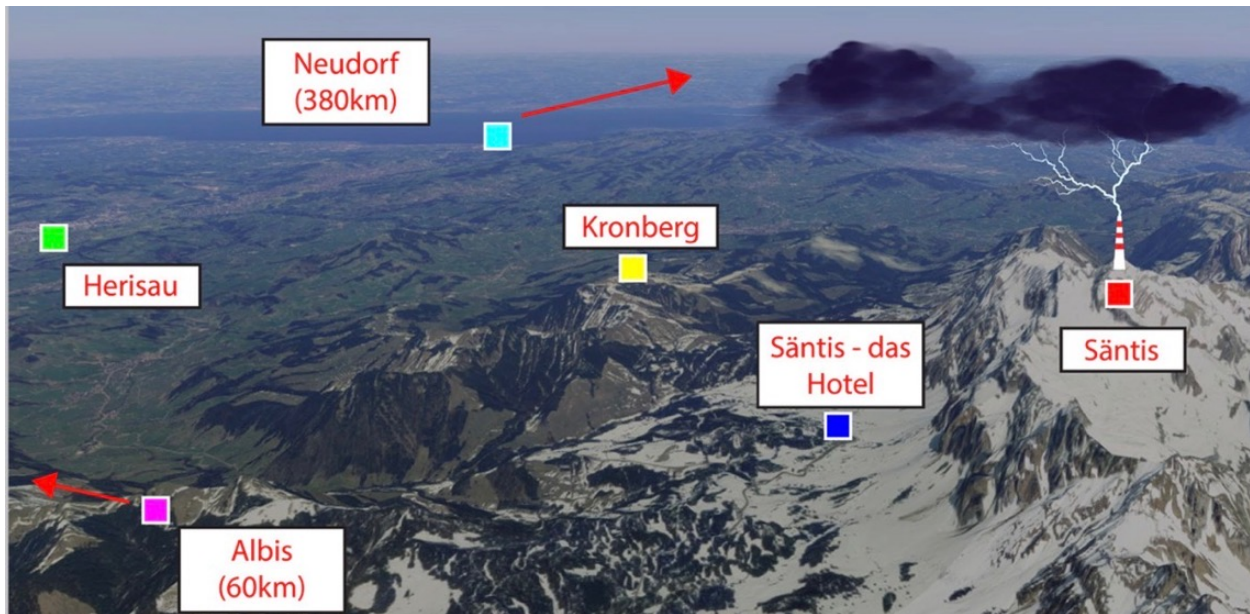
→ il reste des sortes de canaux de densité réduite d'une durée de vie d'une msec, de très bonne conductivité : idéal pour guider pour la foudre.



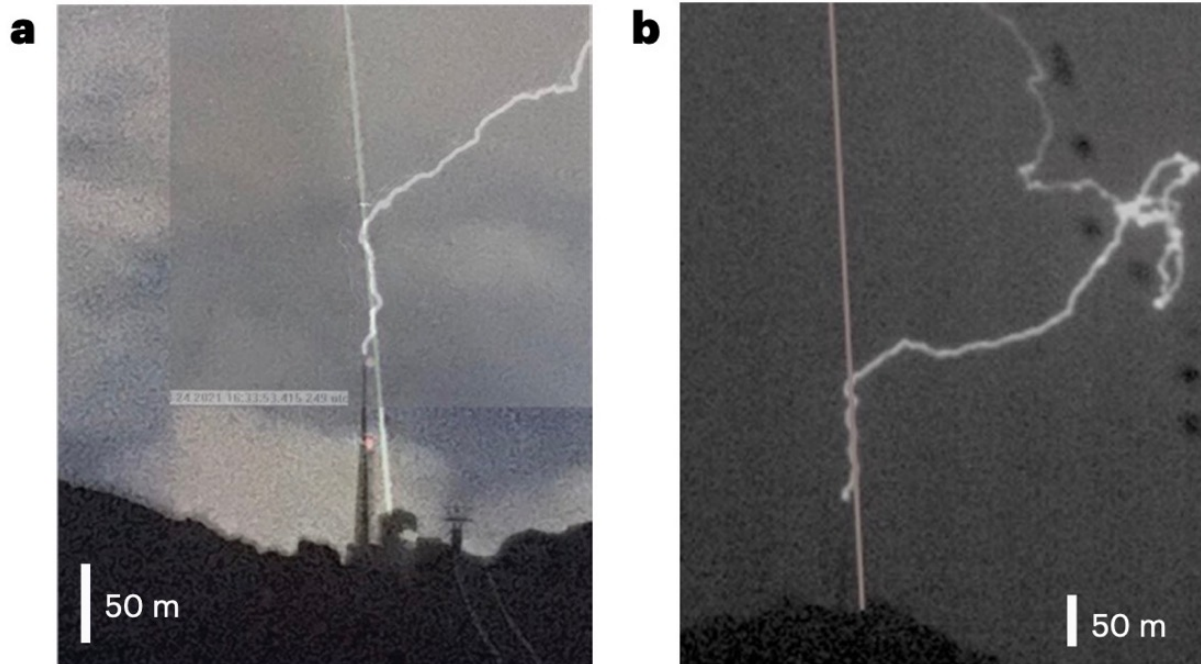
Fig. 1 | Image of the 124-m-high telecommunication tower of Säntis (Switzerland). Also shown is the path of the laser recorded with its second harmonic at 515 nm.

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2022 : un nouveau laser envoie à 1000 fois par sec des impulsions puissantes en haut d'une montagne en Suisse où on sait où tombe l'éclair



## LASER POUR GUIDER LA Foudre



Ils arrivent à guider la foudre pour la 1<sup>ère</sup> fois en 2022

**intérêt par rapport à un paratonnerre :**

bien plus que slt qq mètres de portée (qq centaines de mètre)  
→ on peut protéger une surface plus grande – exple : aéroport

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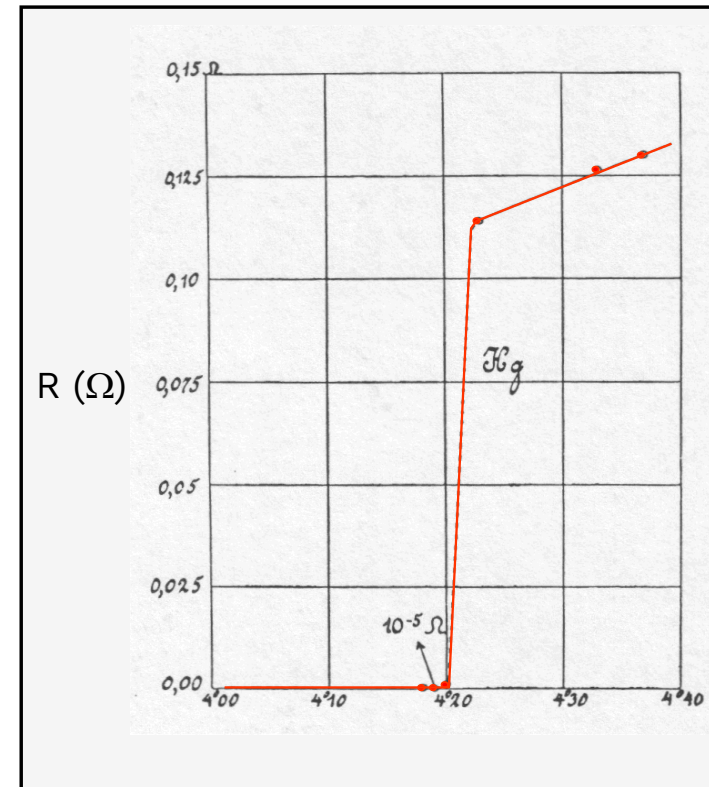
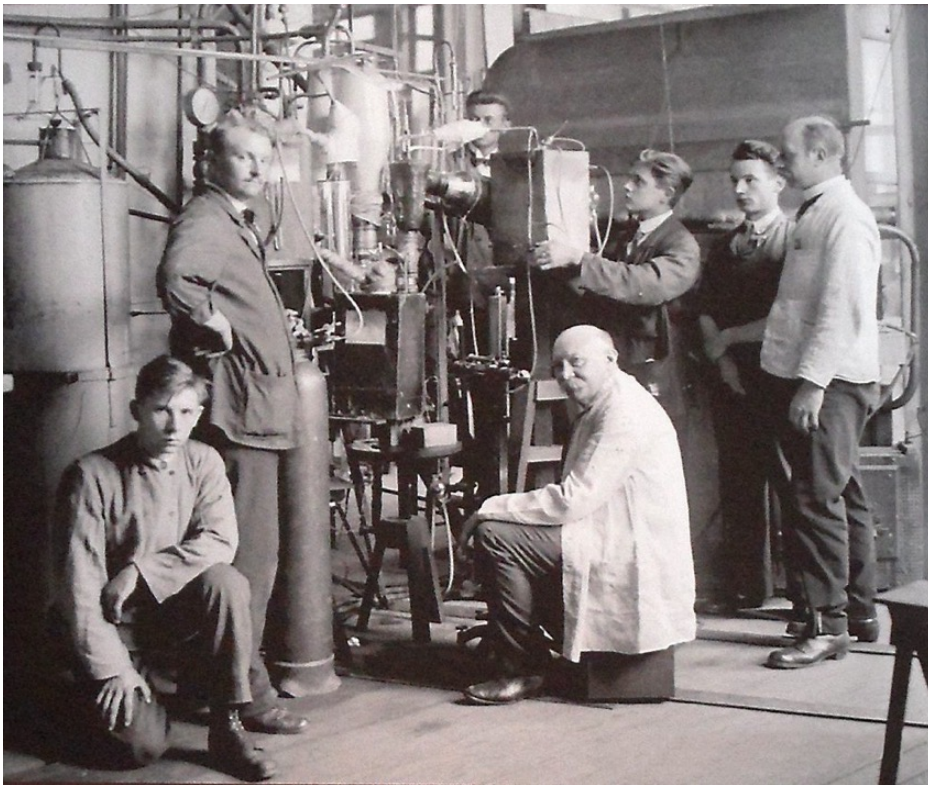
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# La supraconductivité

La découverte en 1911



La résistance du mercure chute à 0 sous  $T=4,5$ K

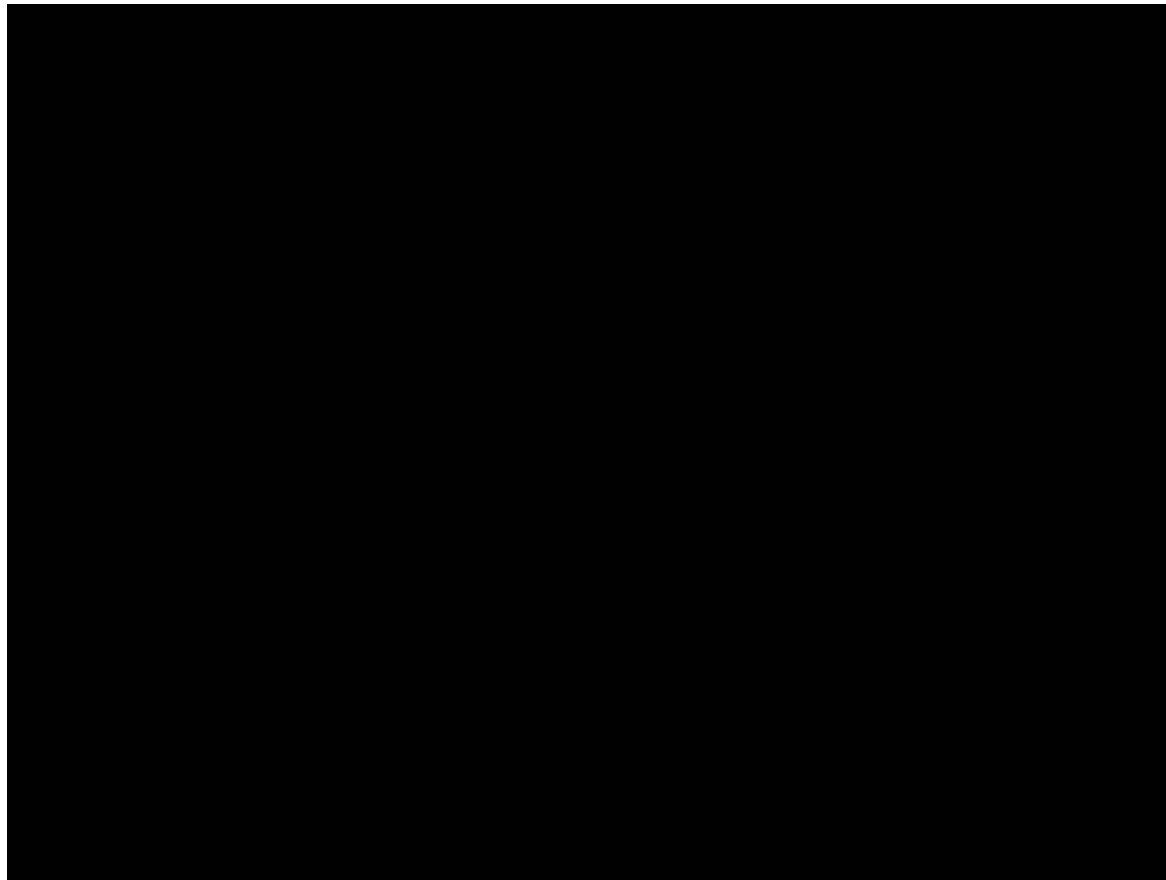
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Un courant perpétuel



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L'effet Meissner : expulsion du champ magnétique



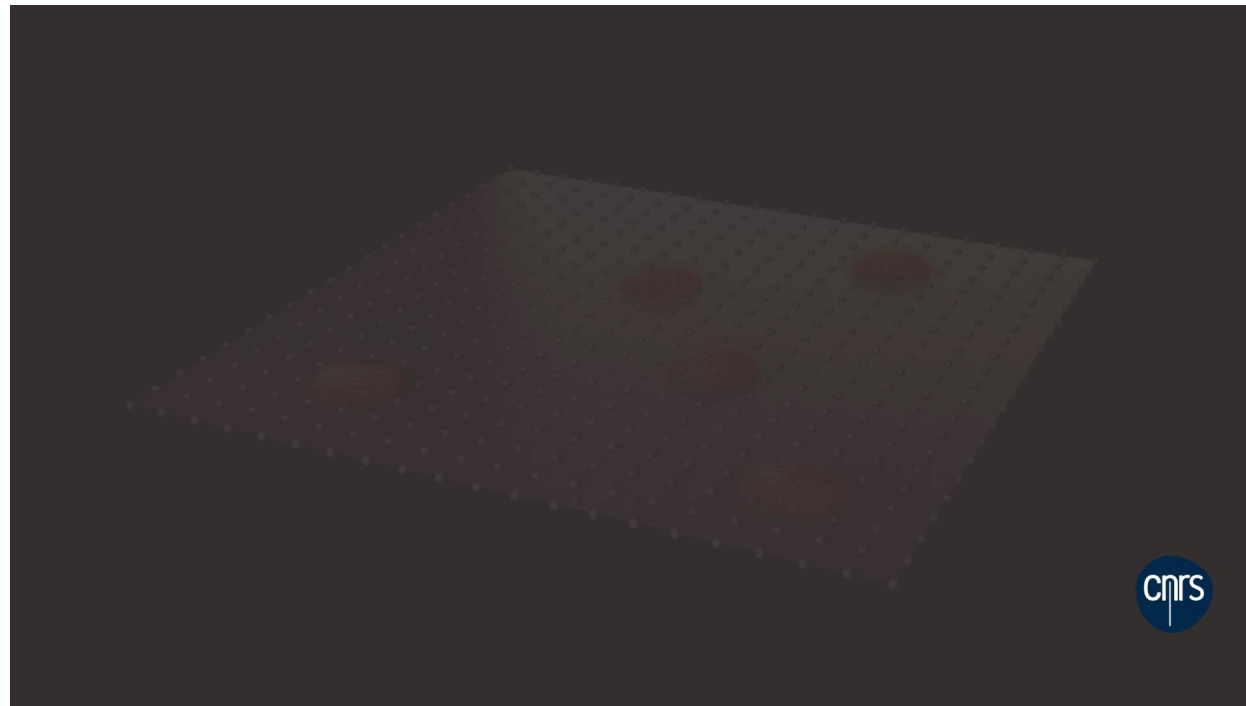
# **La supraconductivité**

L'explication : une condensation quantique

**Condensation  
de Bose  
Einstein**

# La supraconductivité

La théorie BCS : pour pouvoir condenser, les électrons forment des paires





# La supraconductivité matériaux

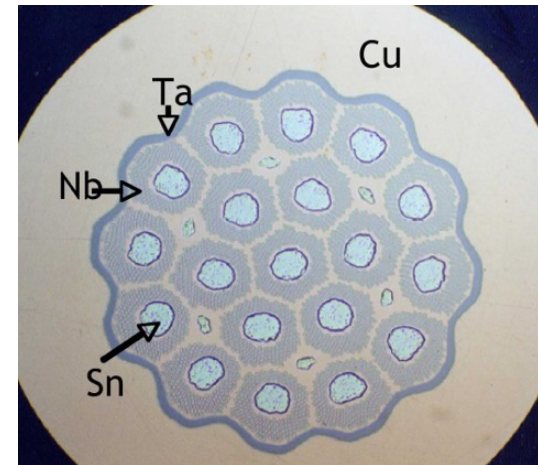
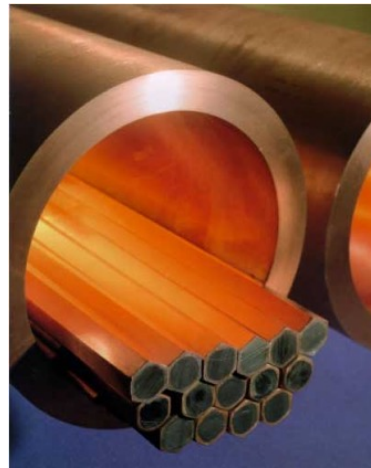
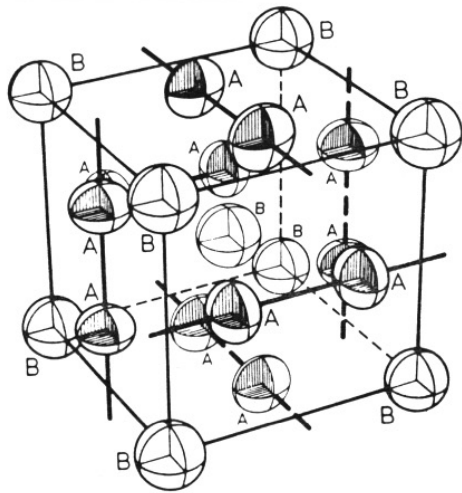
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Na	Mg									Al 1.19	Si 8.5 12 GPa	P 6 17 GPa	S 17 160 GPa	Cl	Ar		
K	Ca 15 150 GPa	Sc 0.3 21 GPa	Ti 0.4	V 5.3	Cr	Mn	Fe 2 21 GPa	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn 0.9	Ga 1.1	Ge 5.4 11.50 GPa	As 2.7 24 GPa	Se 7 13 GPa	Br 1.4 150 GPa	Kr
Rb	Sr 4 50 GPa	Y 2.8 15 GPa	Zr 0.6	Nb 9.2	Mo 0.92	Tc 7.8	Ru 0.5	Rh .0003	Pd	Ag	Cd 0.55	In 3.4	Sn 3.72	Sb 3.6 8.5 GPa	Te 7.4 35 GPa	I 1.2 25 GPa	Xe
Cs 1.5 5 GPa	Ba 5 15 GPa	La 5.9	Hf 0.13	Ta 4.4	W 0.01	Re 1.7	Os 0.65	Ir 0.14	Pt	Au	Hg 4.15	Tl 2.39	Pb 7.2	Bi 8.5 9 GPa	Po	At	Rn
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		Th 1.4	Pa 1.4	U 0.2	Np 0.075	Pu	Am 0.8	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr		

supras : tous sauf les jaunes

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## matériaux

Supras les plus utilisés pour les applications : les alliages à base de Niobium : NbTi, Nb<sup>3</sup>Sn



Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn T<sub>c</sub> = 18K H<sub>C2</sub> = 24 T

fabrication de fils : avant étirage : assemblage Nb, Sn, Ta, Cu diamètre 20 cm --> après étirage : Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn diamètre 1mm

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**applications** : le transport d'électricité

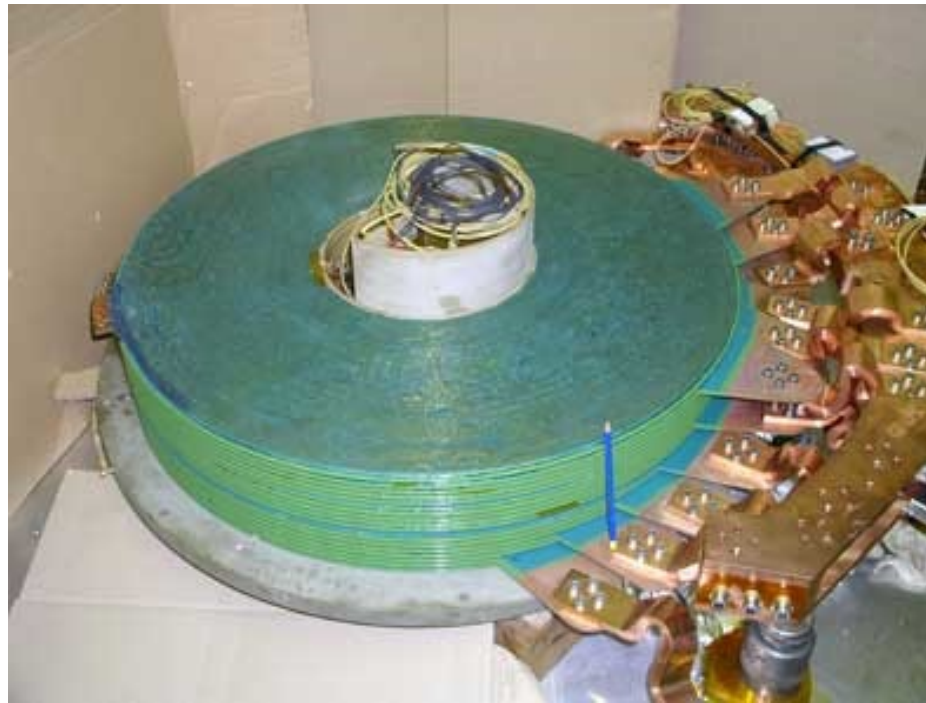
Câbles électriques : plus d'effet Joule, donc plus de pertes.



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**applications** : le stockage d'énergie

stockage d'énergie dans des bobines électriques :  
plus d'effet Joule, donc plus de pertes.





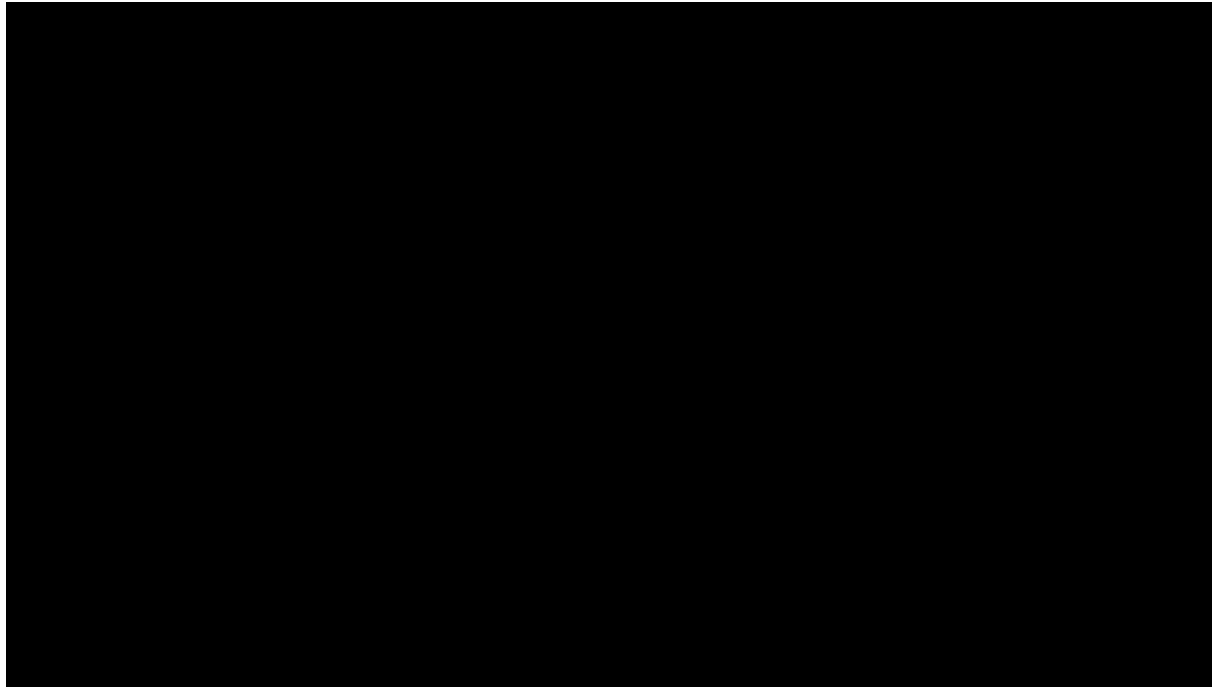
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## applications : les champs magnétiques



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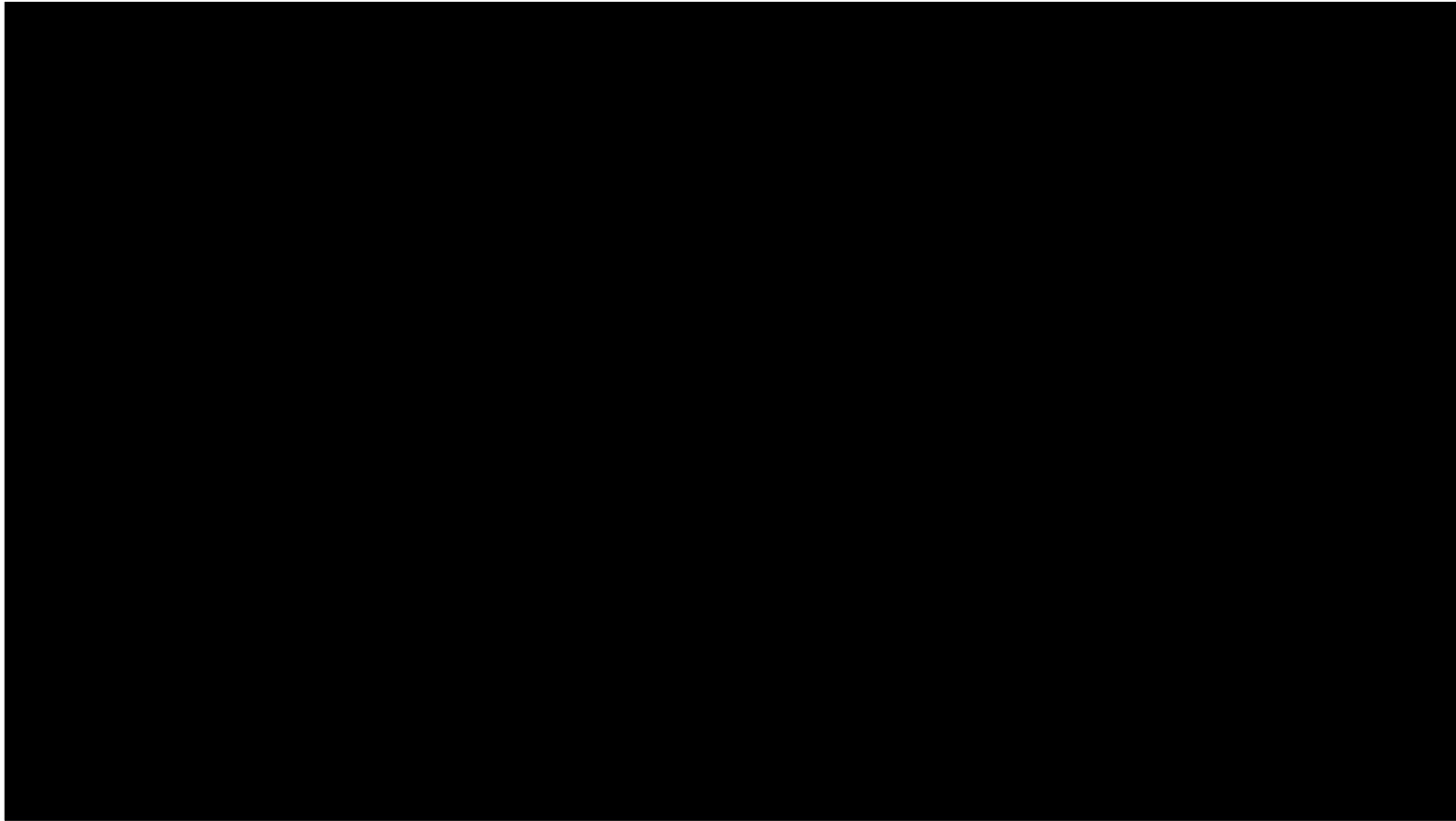
**applications** : les trains à lévitation





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**applications** : l'ordinateur quantique



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

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Metallic, oxygen-deficient compounds in the Ba–La–Cu–O system, with the composition  $\text{Ba}_x\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{5(3-y)}$  have been prepared in polycrystalline form. Samples with  $x=1$  and  $0.75$ ,  $y>0$ , annealed below  $900^\circ\text{C}$  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.

### 1. Introduction

“At the extreme forefront of research in superconductivity is the empirical search for new materials” [1]. Transition-metal alloy compounds of  $A15$  ( $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$ ) and  $B1$  ( $\text{NbN}$ ) structure have so far shown the highest superconducting transition temperatures. Among many  $A15$  compounds, careful optimization of Nb–Ge thin films near the stoichiometric composition of  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Ge}$  by Gavalev et al. and Testardi et al. a decade ago allowed them to reach the highest  $T_c = 23.3$  K reported until now [2, 3]. The heavy Fermion systems with low Fermi energy, newly discovered, are not expected to reach very high  $T_c$ 's [4].

Only a small number of oxides is known to exhibit superconductivity. High-temperature superconductivity in the Li–Ti–O system with onsets as high as 13.7 K was reported by Johnston et al. [5]. Their x-ray analysis revealed the presence of three different crystallographic phases, one of them, with a spinel structure, showing the high  $T_c$  [5]. Other oxides like perovskites exhibit superconductivity despite their small carrier concentrations,  $n$ . In Nb-doped  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ , with  $n = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , the plasma edge is below the highest optical phonon, which is therefore unshielded

[6]. This large electron-phonon coupling allows a  $T_c$  of 0.7 K [7] with Cooper pairing. The occurrence of high electron-phonon coupling in another metallic oxide, also a perovskite, became evident with the discovery of superconductivity in the mixed-valent compound  $\text{BaPb}_{1-x}\text{Bi}_x\text{O}_3$  by Sleight et al., also a decade ago [8]. The highest  $T_c$  in homogeneous oxygen-deficient mixed crystals is 13 K with a comparatively low concentration of carries  $n = 2\text{--}4 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  [9]. Flat electronic bands and a strong breathing mode with a phonon feature near  $100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , whose intensity is proportional to  $T_c$ , exist [10]. This last example indicates that within the BCS mechanism, one may find still higher  $T_c$ 's in perovskite-type or related metallic oxides, if the electron-phonon interactions and the carrier densities at the Fermi level can be enhanced further.

Strong electron-phonon interactions in oxides can occur owing to polaron formation as well as in mixed-valent systems. A superconductivity (metallic) to bipolaronic (insulator) transition phase diagram was proposed theoretically by Chakraverty [11]. A mechanism for polaron formation is the Jahn-Teller effect, as studied by Höck et al. [12]. Isolated  $\text{Fe}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  in octahedral oxygen environment



Bednorz et Müller, Z. Phys. B, 189 64 (1986)



Zürich, Suisse



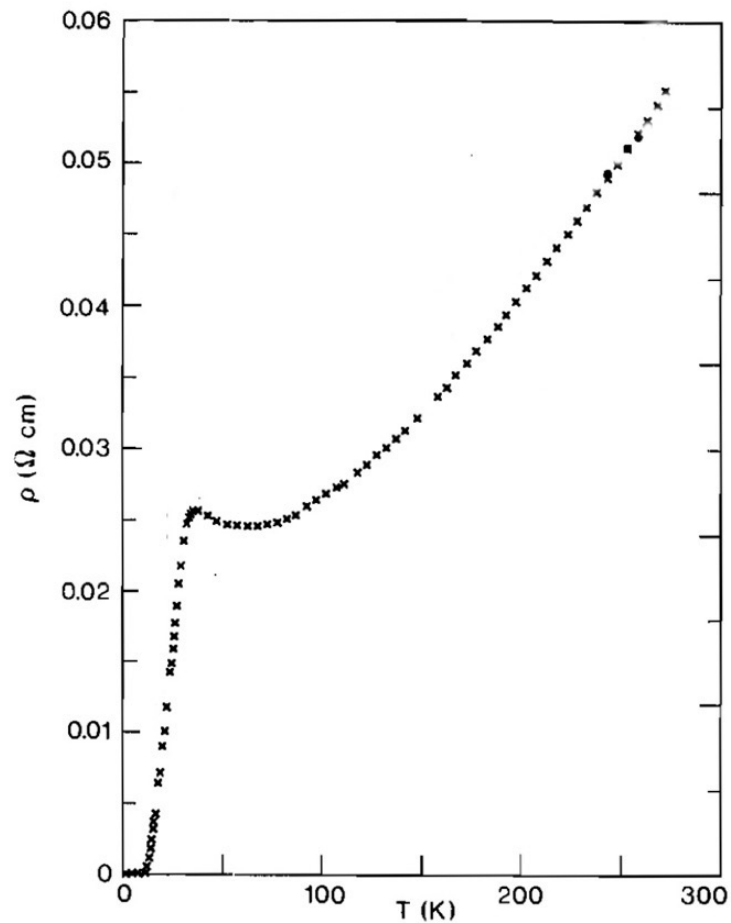
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découvrent une supraconductivité  
à des températures étonnamment  
élevées dans des céramiques

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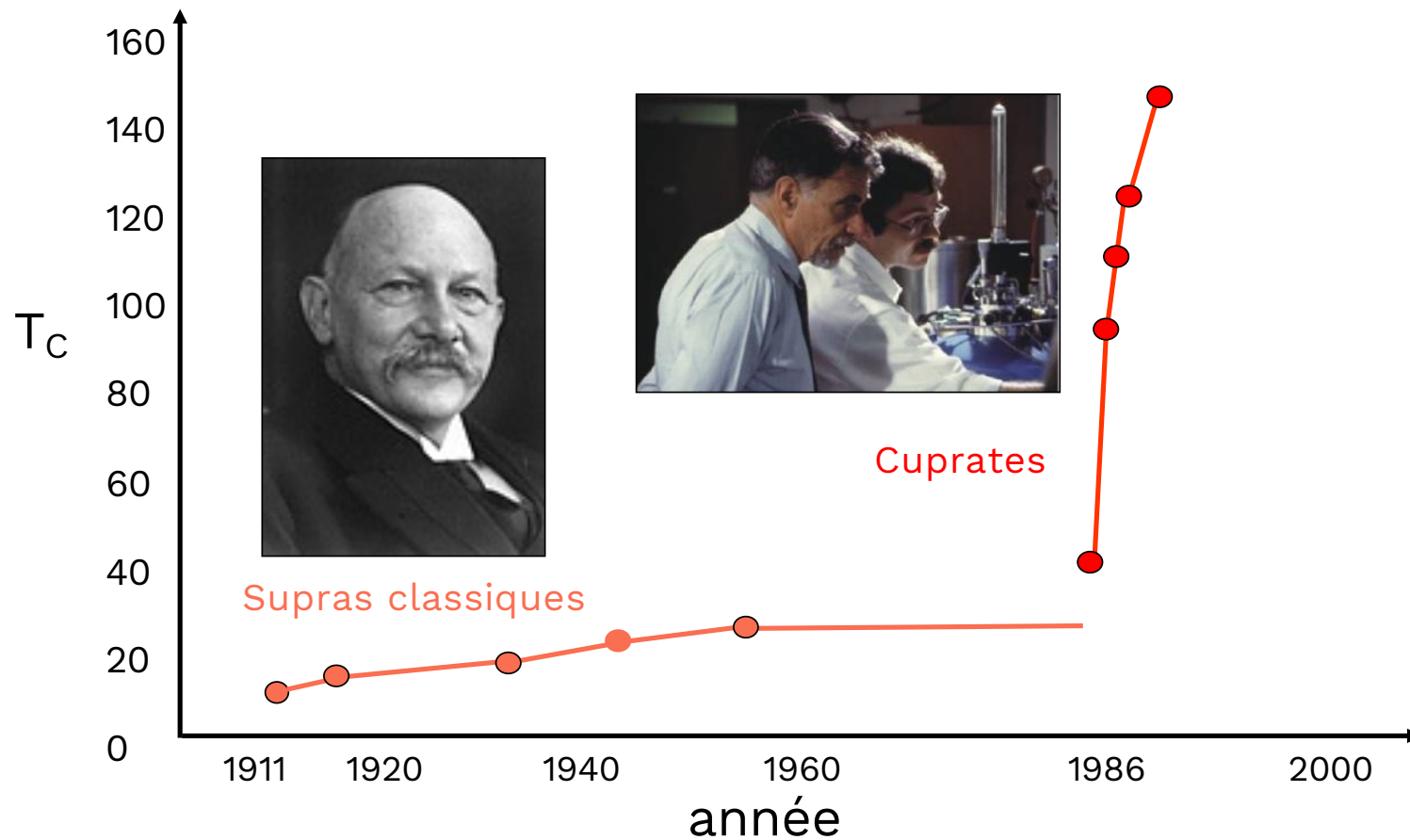
Les nouveaux supraconducteurs cuprates



Müller et Bednorz, 1986

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## Supras classiques

## Nouveaux supras

Resistance nulle

pareil

Expulsion magnétique

pareil

Supras sous 20K

Supras jusqu'à 150K

Supras sous 20 Tesla

Supras jusqu'à ~100 Tesla

Electrons par paires

Oui mais plus petites

Via les vibrations  
des atomes

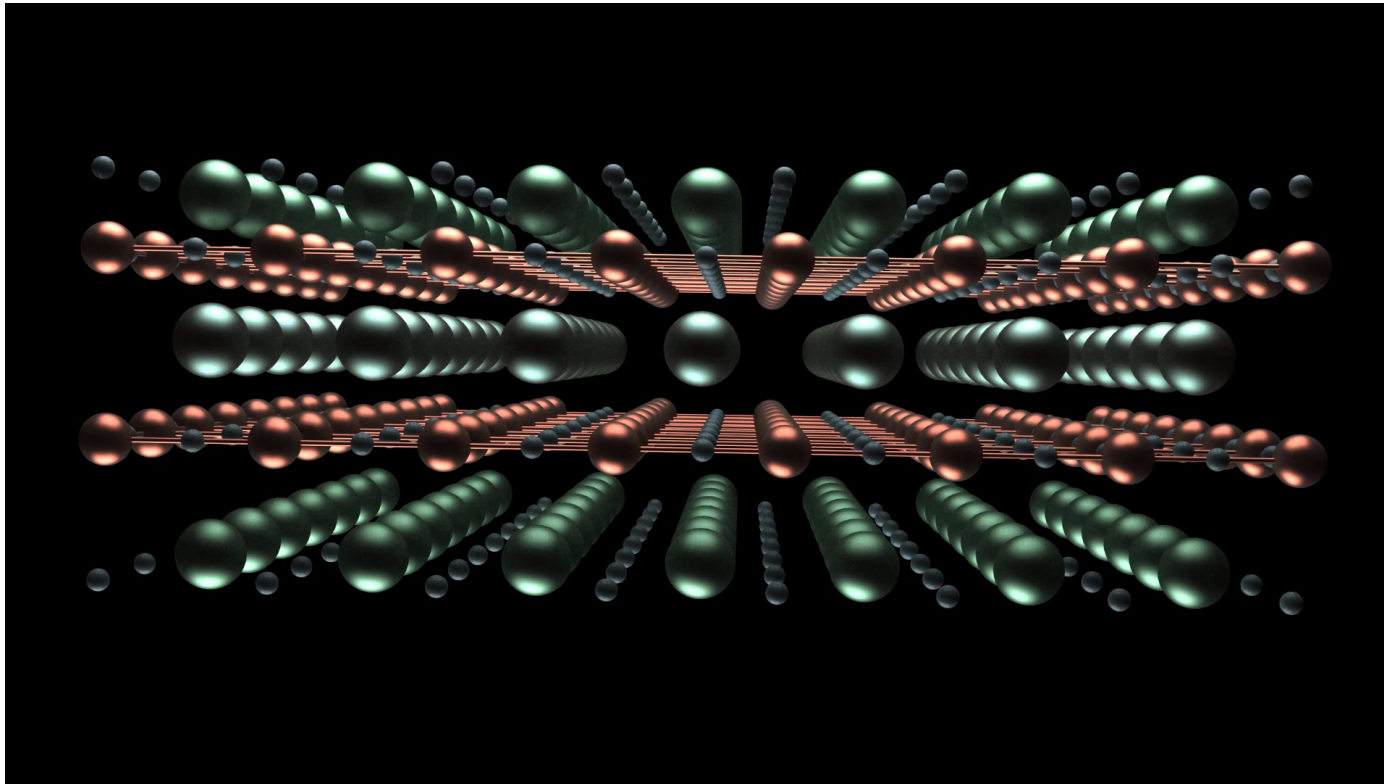
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Les nouveaux supraconducteurs cuprates :  
toujours pas compris théoriquement.  
D'où vient la difficulté ?



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

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A superconductor is a material that can conduct electricity without resistance below a superconducting transition temperature,  $T_c$ . The highest  $T_c$  that has been achieved to date is in the copper oxide system<sup>1</sup>: 133 kelvin at ambient pressure<sup>2</sup> and 164 kelvin at high pressures<sup>3</sup>. As the nature of superconductivity in these materials is still not fully understood (they are not conventional superconductors), the prospects for achieving still higher transition temperatures by this route are not clear. In contrast, the Bardeen–Cooper–Schrieffer theory of conventional superconductivity gives a guide for achieving high  $T_c$  with no theoretical upper bound—all that is needed is a favourable combination of high-frequency phonons, strong electron–phonon coupling, and a high density of states<sup>4</sup>. These conditions can in principle be fulfilled for metallic hydrogen and covalent compounds dominated by hydrogen<sup>5,6</sup>, as hydrogen atoms provide the necessary high-frequency phonon modes as well as the strong electron–phonon coupling. Numerous calculations support this idea and have predicted transition temperatures in the range 50–235 kelvin for many hydrides<sup>7</sup>, but only a moderate  $T_c$  of 17 kelvin has been observed experimentally<sup>8</sup>. Here we investigate sulfur hydride<sup>9</sup>, where a  $T_c$  of 80 kelvin has been predicted<sup>10</sup>. We find that this system transforms to a metal at a pressure of approximately 90 gigapascals. On cooling, we see signatures of superconductivity: a sharp drop of the resistivity to zero and a decrease of the transition temperature with magnetic field, with magnetic susceptibility measurements confirming a  $T_c$  of 203 kelvin. Moreover, a pronounced isotope shift of  $T_c$  in sulfur deuteride is suggestive of an electron–phonon mechanism of superconductivity that is consistent with the Bardeen–Cooper–Schrieffer scenario. We argue that the phase responsible for high- $T_c$  superconductivity in this system is likely to be H<sub>3</sub>S, formed from H<sub>2</sub>S by decomposition under pressure. These findings raise hope for the prospects for achieving room-temperature superconductivity in other hydrogen-based materials.

A search for high- (room)-temperature conventional superconductivity is likely to be fruitful, as the Bardeen–Cooper–Schrieffer (BCS) theory in the Eliashberg formulation puts no apparent limits on  $T_c$ . Materials with light elements are especially favourable as they provide high frequencies in the phonon spectrum. Indeed, many superconductive materials have been found in this way, but only a moderately high  $T_c = 39$  K has been found in this search (in MgB<sub>2</sub>; ref. 11).

Ashcroft<sup>12</sup> turned attention to hydrogen, which has very high vibrational frequencies due to the light hydrogen atom and provides a strong electron–phonon interaction. Further calculations showed that metallic hydrogen should be a superconductor with a very high  $T_c$  of about 100–240 K for molecular hydrogen, and of 300–350 K in the atomic phase at 500 GPa (ref. 12). However, superconductivity in pure hydrogen has not yet been found, even though a conductive and probably semimetallic state of hydrogen has been recently produced<sup>13</sup>. Hydrogen-dominated materials such as covalent hydrides SiH<sub>4</sub>, SnH<sub>4</sub>, and so on might also be good candidates for showing high- $T_c$

superconductivity<sup>4</sup>. Similarly to pure hydrogen, they have high Debye temperatures. Moreover, heavier elements might be beneficial as they contribute to the low frequencies that enhance electron–phonon coupling. Importantly, lower pressures are required to metallize hydrides in comparison to pure hydrogen. Ashcroft's general idea was supported in numerous calculations<sup>7,10</sup> predicting high values of  $T_c$  for many hydrides. So far only a low  $T_c$  (~17 K) has been observed experimentally<sup>8</sup>.

For the present study we selected H<sub>2</sub>S, because it is relatively easy to handle and is predicted to transform to a metal and a superconductor at a low pressure  $P \approx 100$  GPa with a high  $T_c \approx 80$  K (ref. 10). Experimentally, H<sub>2</sub>S is known as a typical molecular compound with a rich phase diagram<sup>14</sup>. At about 96 GPa, hydrogen sulphide transforms to a metal<sup>15</sup>. The transformation is complicated by the partial dissociation of H<sub>2</sub>S and the appearance of elemental sulfur at  $P > 27$  GPa at room temperature, and at higher pressures at lower temperatures<sup>14</sup>. Therefore, the metallization of hydrogen sulphide can be explained by elemental sulfur, which is known to become metallic above 95 GPa (ref. 16). No experimental studies of hydrogen sulphide are known above 100 GPa.

In a typical experiment, we performed loading and the initial pressure increase at temperatures of ~200 K; this is essential for obtaining a good sample (Methods). The Raman spectra of H<sub>2</sub>S and D<sub>2</sub>S were measured as the pressure was increased, and were in general agreement with the literature data<sup>17,18</sup> (Extended Data Fig. 1). The sample starts to conduct at  $P \approx 50$  GPa. At this pressure it is a semiconductor, as shown by the temperature dependence of the resistance and pronounced photoconductivity. At 90–100 GPa the resistance drops further, and the temperature dependence becomes metallic. No photoconductive response is observed in this state. It is a poor metal—its resistivity at ~100 K is  $\rho \approx 3 \times 10^{-5}$  ohm m at 110 GPa and  $\rho \approx 3 \times 10^{-7}$  ohm m at ~200 GPa.

During the cooling of the metal at pressures of about 100 GPa (Fig. 1a) the resistance abruptly drops by three to four orders of magnitude, indicating a transition to the superconducting state. At the next increase of pressure at low temperatures of  $T < 100$  K,  $T_c$  steadily increases with pressure. However, at pressures of >160 GPa,  $T_c$  increases sharply (Fig. 1b). As higher temperatures of 150–250 K were involved in this pressure range, we supposed that the increase of  $T_c$  and the decrease of sample resistance during warming (Fig. 1a) could indicate a possible kinetic-controlled phase transformation. Therefore in further experiments, after loading and after the initial pressure increase at 200 K, we annealed all samples by heating them to room temperature (or above) at pressures of >~150 GPa (Fig. 2a, see also Extended Data Fig. 2). This allowed us to obtain stable results, to compare different isotopes, to obtain the dependence of  $T_c$  on pressure and magnetic field, and to prove the existence of superconductivity in our samples as follows. (We note that additional information on experimental conditions are given in the appropriate figure legends.)

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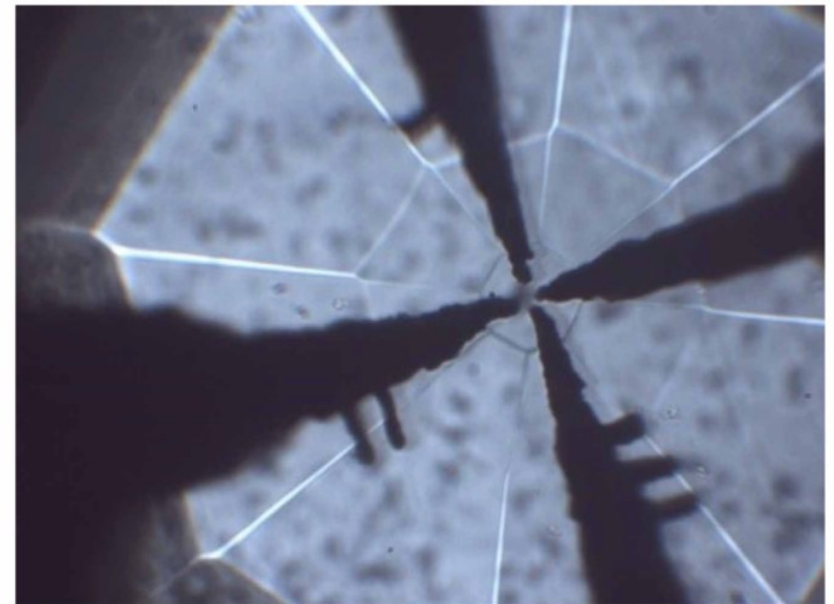
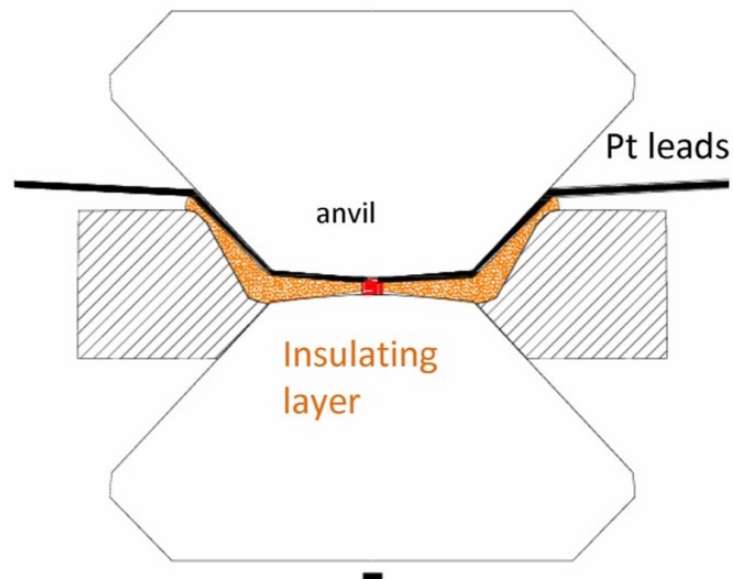


découvrent une supraconductivité record dans des gaz sous pression

# La supraconductivité sous pression

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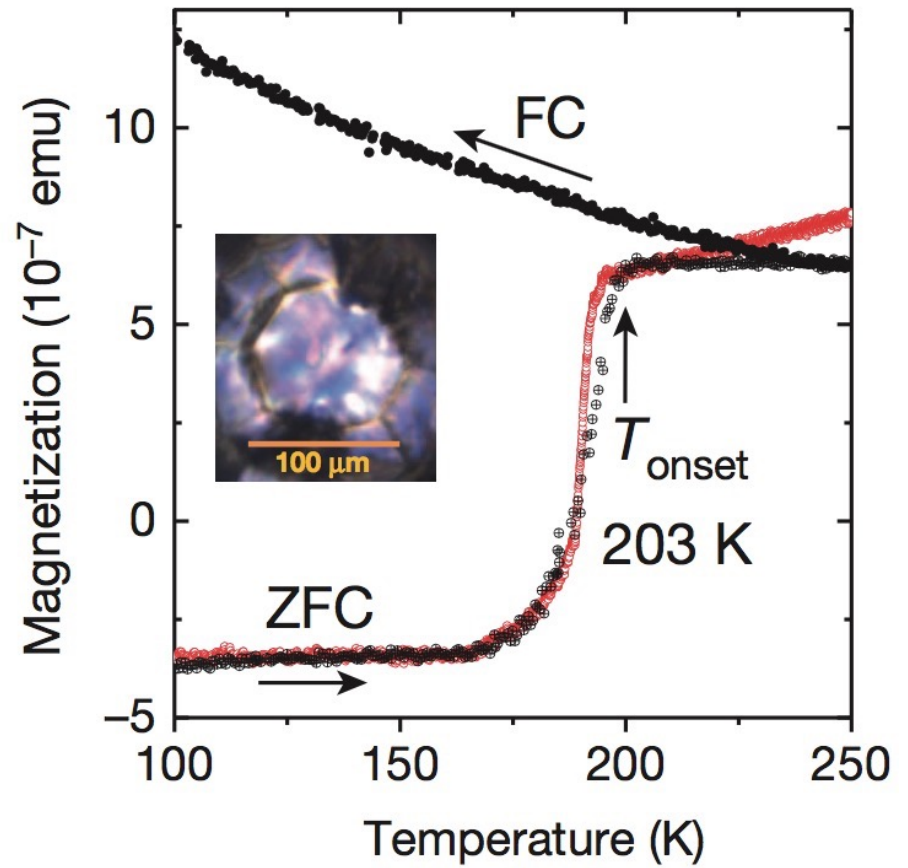
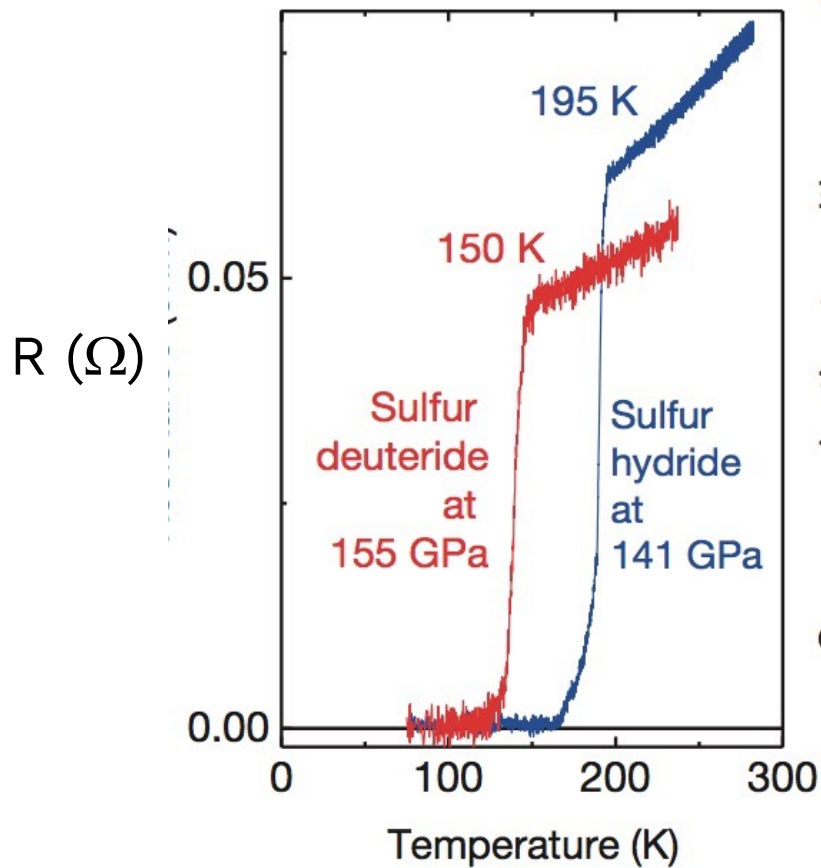
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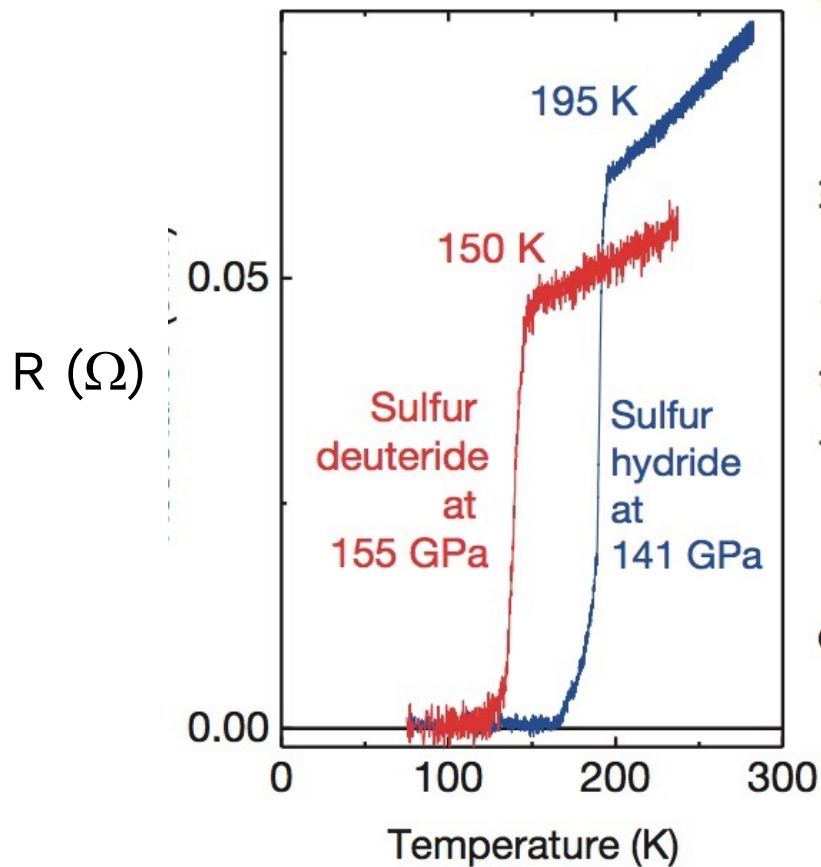
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# La supraconductivité sous pression

Apparition d'une supra sous  $T=195\text{K}$



# La supraconductivité sous pression



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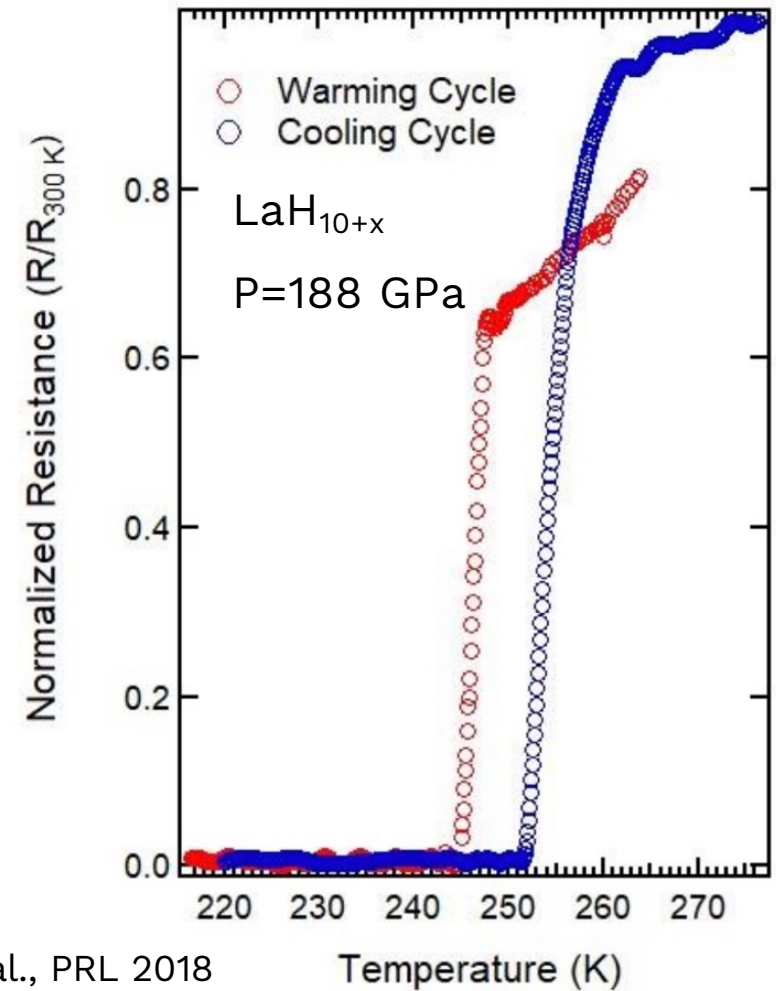
$$T_c \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_{\text{atome}}}}$$

→ supraconductivité classique liée à la vibration des atomes (effet isotopique)



# La supraconductivité sous pression

On atteint  $T_c=260\text{K}$   
dans des composés au Lanthane



Somayazulu et al., PRL 2018

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# Unconventional superconductivity in magic-angle graphene superlattices

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The behaviour of strongly correlated materials, and in particular unconventional superconductors, has puzzled physicists for decades. Such difficulties have stimulated new research paradigms, such as ultracold atom lattices for simulating quantum materials. Here we report on the realization of intrinsic unconventional superconductivity in a two-dimensional superlattice created by stacking two graphene sheets with a small twist angle. For angles near 1.1°, the first 'magic' angle, twisted bilayer graphene exhibits ultraflat bands near charge neutrality, which lead to correlated insulating states at half-filling. Upon electrostatic doping away from these correlated insulating states, we observe tunable zero-resistance states with a critical temperature  $T_c$  up to 1.7 kelvin. The temperature-density phase diagram shows similarities with that of the cuprates, including superconducting domes. Moreover, quantum oscillations indicate small Fermi surfaces near the correlated insulating phase, in analogy with underdoped cuprates. Its relatively high  $T_c$ , given such a small Fermi surface (corresponding to a record-low two-dimensional carrier density of about  $10^{11}$  per square centimetre), puts twisted bilayer graphene among the strongest coupling superconductors, in a regime close to the crossover between the Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer regime and a Bose-Einstein condensate (BCS-BEC). These results establish twisted bilayer graphene as the first purely carbon-based two-dimensional superconductor, providing a highly tunable platform with which to investigate strongly correlated phenomena, which could lead to insights into the physics of high- $T_c$  superconductors and quantum spin liquids.

Strong interactions among particles lead to fascinating states of matter, including quark-gluon plasma, the various forms of nuclear matter within neutron stars, strange metals, and fractional quantum Hall states.<sup>1-3</sup> An intriguing class of strongly-correlated materials are unconventional superconductors, which range from heavy-fermion and organic superconductors with relatively low critical temperature  $T_c$ , to iron pnictides and cuprates that can have  $T_c$  in excess of 100 K.<sup>4-8</sup> Despite very intense experimental effort to characterize these materials, unconventional superconductors pose a formidable challenge to theory. Such difficulties have motivated the development of alternative approaches for investigating and modeling strongly correlated systems. One route is to simulate quantum materials with ultra-cold atoms trapped in optical lattices, though realizing  $d$ -wave superfluidity with ultra-cold atoms still awaits technical breakthroughs to reach lower temperatures.<sup>9,10</sup> In this article, we report the observation of unconventional superconductivity in a completely new platform—a two-dimensional (2D) superlattice made from graphene, namely 'magic' angle twisted bilayer graphene (MA-TBG). Created by the moiré pattern between two graphene sheets, the MA-TBG superlattice has a periodicity of about 13 nm, in between that of crystalline superconductors (a few angstroms) and optical lattices (about a micrometre). One of the key advantages of this system is the *in situ* electrical tunability of the charge carrier density in an ultra-flat band with a bandwidth on the order of 10 meV, allowing us to study the phase diagram of unconventional superconductivity in unprecedented resolution, without relying on multiple devices possibly hampered by different disorder realizations. The observed superconductivity shows several features similar to cuprates, including dome structures in the phase diagram and quantum oscillations that point towards small Fermi surfaces near a correlated insulator state. Furthermore, the observed superconductivity occurs for record-low carrier densities of a few  $10^{11}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>, orders of magnitude

lower than typical 2D superconductors. The relatively high  $T_c = 1.7$  K for such small densities puts MA-TBG among the strongest coupling superconductors, in the same league as cuprates and recently identified FeSe thin layers.<sup>11</sup> Our results also establish MA-TBG as the first purely carbon-based 2D superconductor and, more importantly, as a relatively simple and highly tunable platform that enables thorough investigation of strongly correlated physics.

Monolayer graphene has a linear energy dispersion at its charge neutrality point. When two aligned graphene sheets are stacked, the hybridization of their bands due to interlayer hopping results in fundamental modifications to the low-energy band structure depending on the stacking order (AA or AB stacking). If an additional twist angle is present, a hexagonal moiré pattern consisting of alternating AA- and AB-stacked regions emerges and acts as a superlattice modulation.<sup>12-16</sup> The superlattice potential folds the band structure into the mini Brillouin zone (MBZ). Hybridization between adjacent Dirac cones in the MBZ has an effect on the Fermi velocity at the charge neutrality point which is reduced from the typical value of  $10^6$  m/s.<sup>12-18</sup> At low twist angles, each electronic band in the MBZ has a four-fold degeneracy of spins and valleys, the latter of which are inherited from the original graphene electronic structure.<sup>12,17,19</sup> For convenience, we define the superlattice density  $n_s = 4/A$  to be the density corresponding to full-filling of each set of degenerate superlattice bands, where  $A \approx \sqrt{3} a^2 / (2\theta^2)$  is the moiré unit cell area,  $a = 0.246$  nm is the lattice constant of the underlying graphene lattice, and  $\theta$  is the twist angle. In the supplementary video, we present an animation of how the band structure in the MBZ of TBG evolves from  $\theta = 3^\circ$  to  $\theta = 0.8^\circ$ , calculated using the continuum model for one valley.<sup>12</sup>

Special angles, namely the 'magic angles', exist where the Fermi velocity drops to zero, the first of which is about  $\theta_{\text{magic}} \approx 1.1^\circ$ .<sup>12</sup> Near this twist angle, the energy bands near charge neutrality, which are



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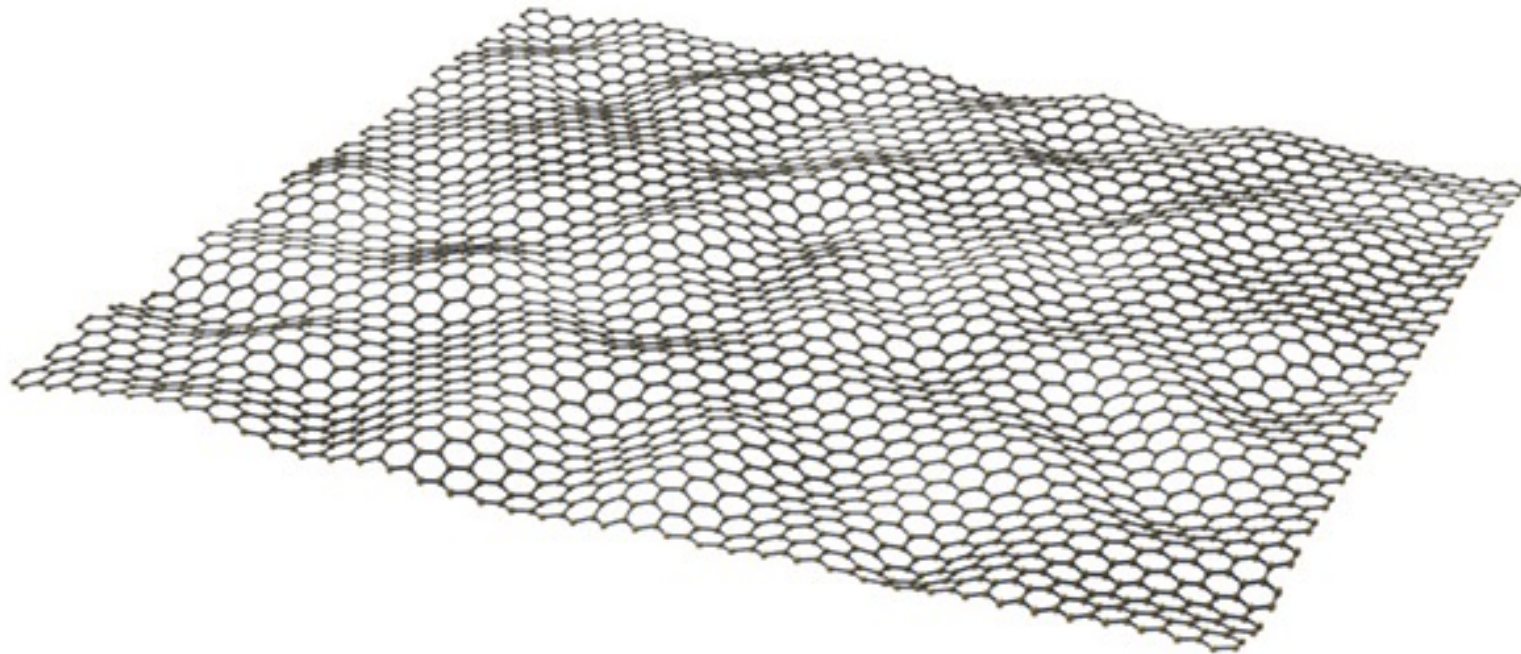


découvrent une supraconductivité dans des composés à base de graphène à des angles « magiques »

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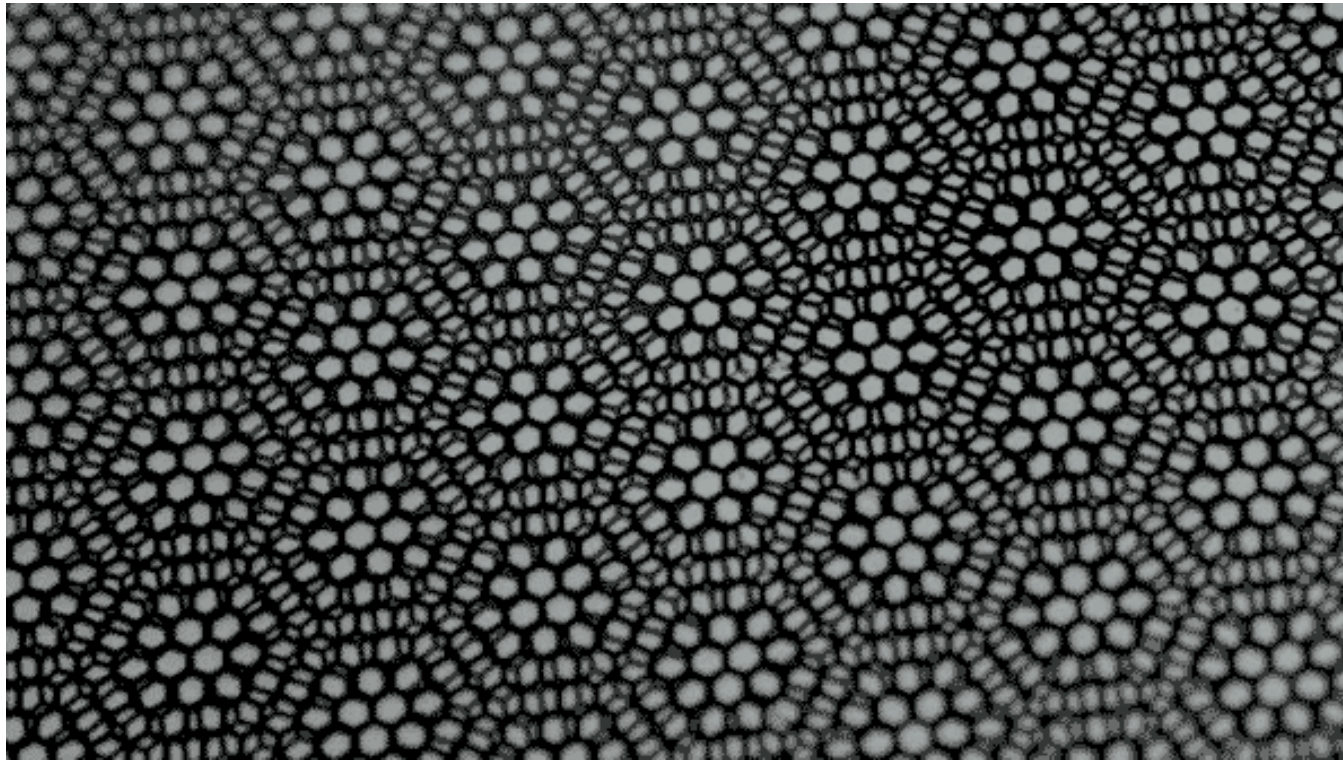
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le graphène : monocouche de carbone.  
N'est pas supraconducteur.





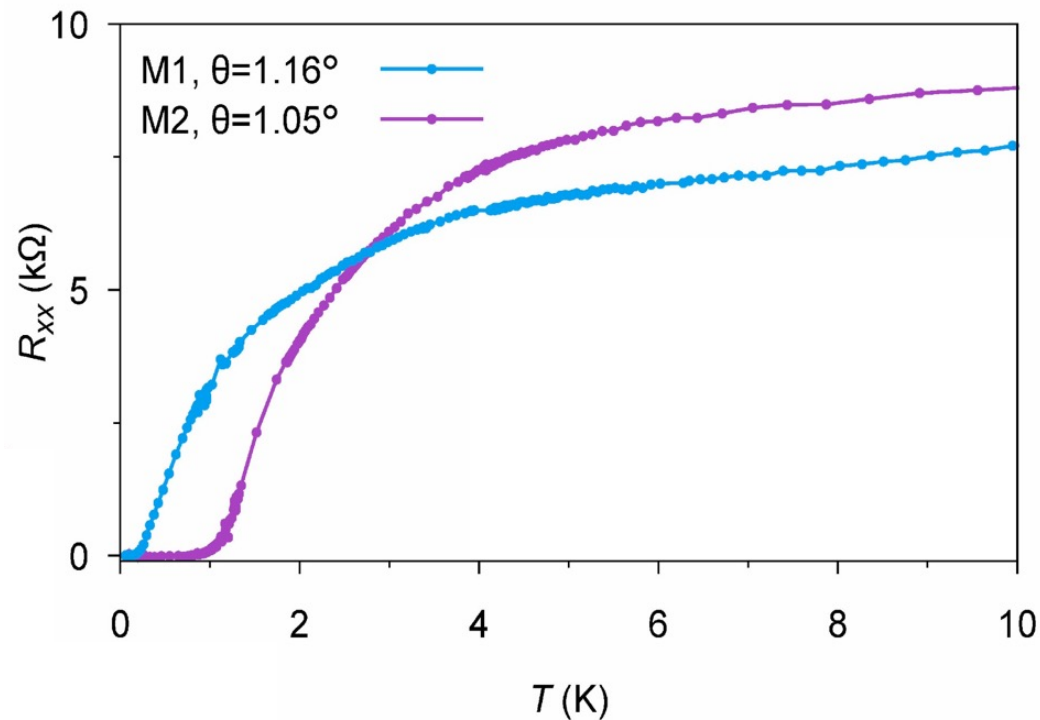
# La supraconductivité dans le graphène



On fait tourner une couche de graphène sur une autre

# La supraconductivité dans le graphène

Quand on fait tourner à  $1,1^\circ$ , il apparaît de la supraconductivité !



→ lié à la structure électronique du système.

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## The First Room-Temperature Ambient-Pressure Superconductor

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For the first time in the world, we succeeded in synthesizing the room-temperature superconductor ( $T_c \geq 400$  K, 127°C) working at ambient pressure with a modified lead-apatite (LK-99) structure. The superconductivity of LK-99 is proved with the Critical temperature ( $T_c$ ), Zero-resistivity, Critical current ( $I_c$ ), Critical magnetic field ( $H_c$ ), and the Meissner effect. The superconductivity of LK-99 originates from minute structural distortion by a slight volume shrinkage (0.48 %), not by external factors such as temperature and pressure. The shrinkage is caused by  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  substitution of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  (2) ions in the insulating network of Pb(2)-phosphate and it generates the stress. It concurrently transfers to Pb(1) of the cylindrical column resulting in distortion of the cylindrical column interface, which creates superconducting quantum wells (SQWs) in the interface. The heat capacity results indicated that the new model is suitable for explaining the superconductivity of LK-99. The unique structure of LK-99 that allows the minute distorted structure to be maintained in the interfaces is the most important factor that LK-99 maintains and exhibits superconductivity at room temperatures and ambient pressure.

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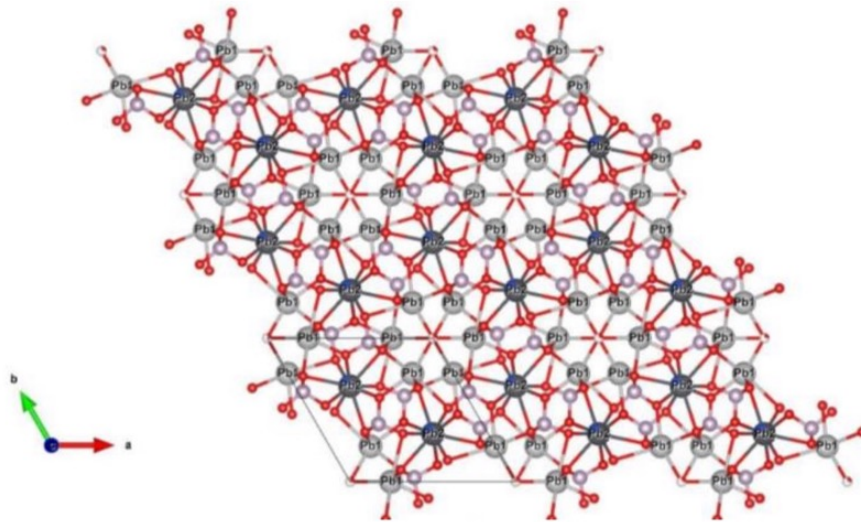
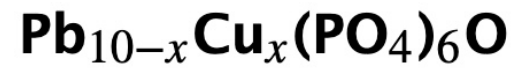
## Abstract

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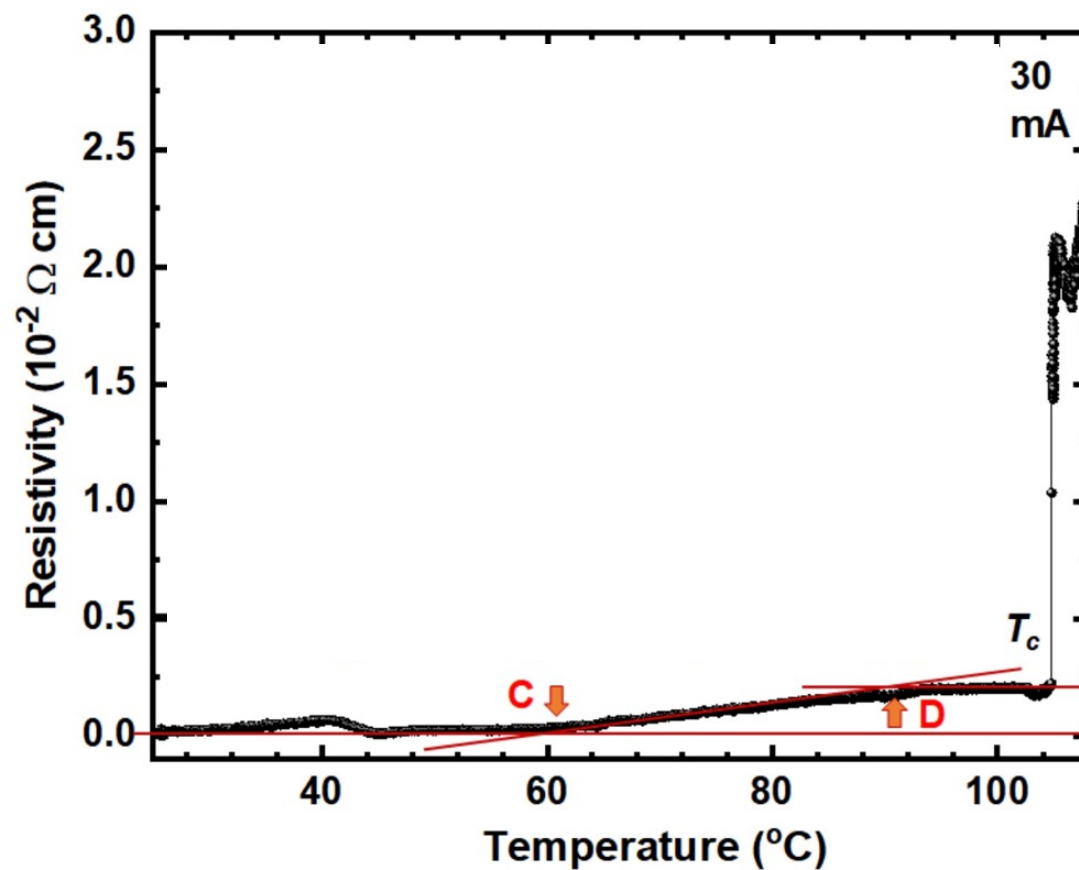
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**What Is LK-99?**  
This Material Could Change Everything

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## Ask Ethan: Is LK-99 the holy grail of superconductors?

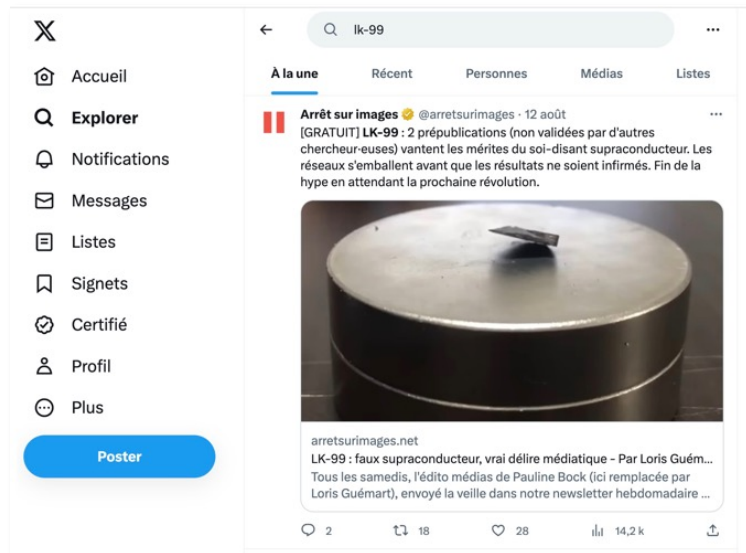
Recent claims put LK-99 as the first room temperature, ambient pressure superconductor ever. Has the game changed, or is it merely hype?

## The LK-99 superconductor could be world changing or a total hoax. Here's why you should care either way

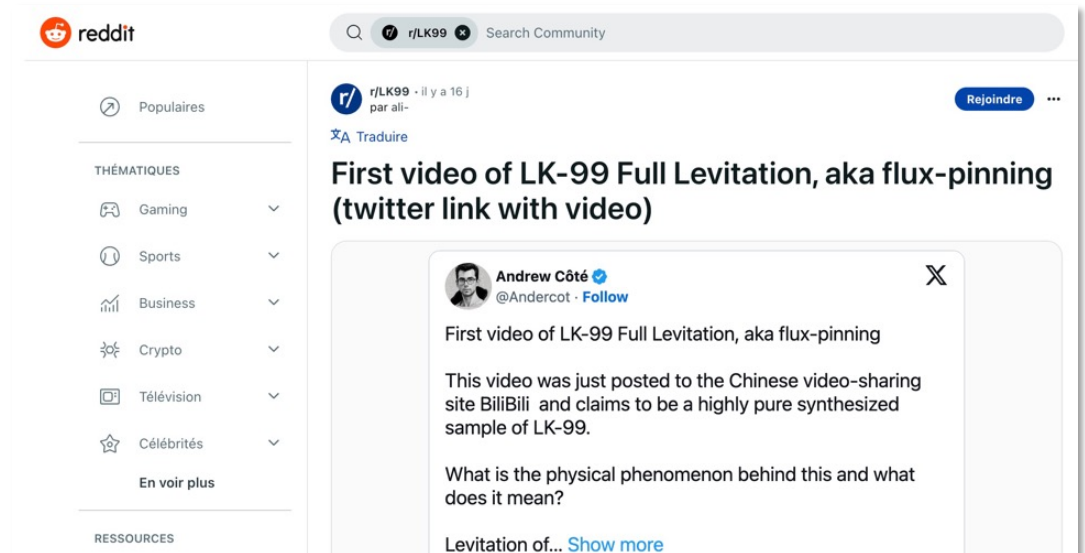
Scientists claim to have found the 'holy grail of physics,' a development that is creating a lot of excitement and skepticism.

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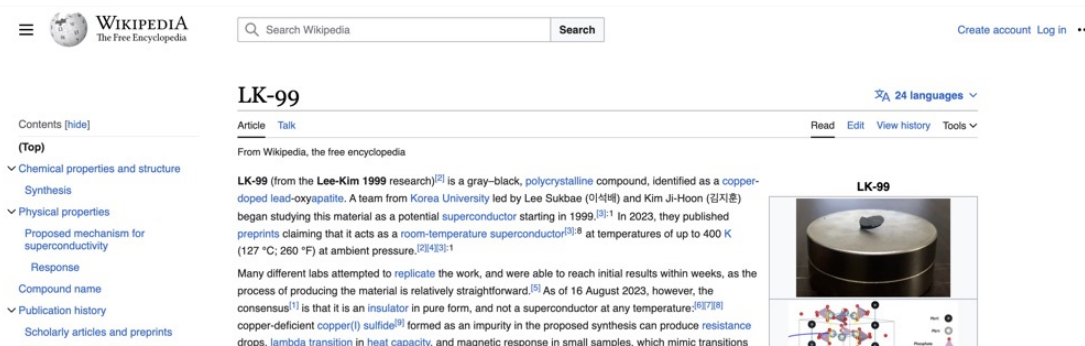
## Les lieux de discussion : pas comme d'habitude



Twitter post from @arretsurimages (12 août) titled "Arrêt sur images [GRATUIT] LK-99 : 2 prépublications (non validées par d'autres chercheur-euses) vantent les mérites du soi-disant supraconducteur. Les réseaux s'emballent avant que les résultats ne soient infirmés. Fin de la hype en attendant la prochaine révolution." The post includes a video of a small, dark, rectangular object on a circular metal surface. The caption reads: "LK-99 : faux supraconducteur, vrai délire médiatique - Par Loris Guém... Tous les samedis, l'édition médias de Pauline Bock (ici remplacée par Loris Guémart), envoyé la veille dans notre newsletter hebdomadaire ..."



Reddit post in the r/LK99 subreddit titled "First video of LK-99 Full Levitation, aka flux-pinning (twitter link with video)". The post is by user Andrew Côté (@Andercot) and includes a video of a small object levitating on a metal surface. The text of the post says: "This video was just posted to the Chinese video-sharing site Bilibili and claims to be a highly pure synthesized sample of LK-99. What is the physical phenomenon behind this and what does it mean? Levitation of... Show more"



Wikipedia article for LK-99. The article text states: "LK-99 (from the Lee-Kim 1999 research<sup>[2]</sup>) is a gray-black, polycrystalline compound, identified as a copper-doped lead-oxapatite. A team from Korea University led by Lee Sukbae (이석배) and Kim Ji-Hoon (김지훈) began studying this material as a potential superconductor starting in 1999.<sup>[3]:1</sup> In 2023, they published preprints claiming that it acts as a room-temperature superconductor<sup>[3]:8</sup> at temperatures of up to 400 K (127 °C; 260 °F) at ambient pressure.<sup>[2][4][3]:1</sup> Many different labs attempted to replicate the work, and were able to reach initial results within weeks, as the process of producing the material is relatively straightforward.<sup>[5]</sup> As of 16 August 2023, however, the consensus<sup>[1]</sup> is that it is an insulator in pure form, and not a superconductor at any temperature.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> copper-deficient copper(I) sulfide<sup>[9]</sup> formed as an impurity in the proposed synthesis can produce resistance drops, lambda transition in heat capacity, and magnetic response in small samples, which mimic transitions

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31 juillet : au tour des théoriciens



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## 31 juillet : au tour des théoriciens

Origin of correlated isolated flat bands in copper-substituted lead phosphate apatite

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(Dated: August 4, 2023)

A recent report of room temperature superconductivity at ambient pressure in Cu-substituted apatite ('LK99') has invigorated interest in the understanding of what materials and mechanisms can allow for high-temperature superconductivity. Here I perform density functional theory calculations on Cu-substituted lead phosphate apatite, identifying correlated isolated flat bands at the Fermi level, a common signature of high transition temperatures in already-established families of superconductors. I elucidate the origins of these isolated bands as arising from a structural distortion induced by the Cu ions and a chiral charge density wave from the Pb lone pairs. These results suggest that a minimal two-band model can encompass much of the low-energy physics in this system. Finally, I discuss the implications of my results on possible superconductivity in Cu-doped apatite.

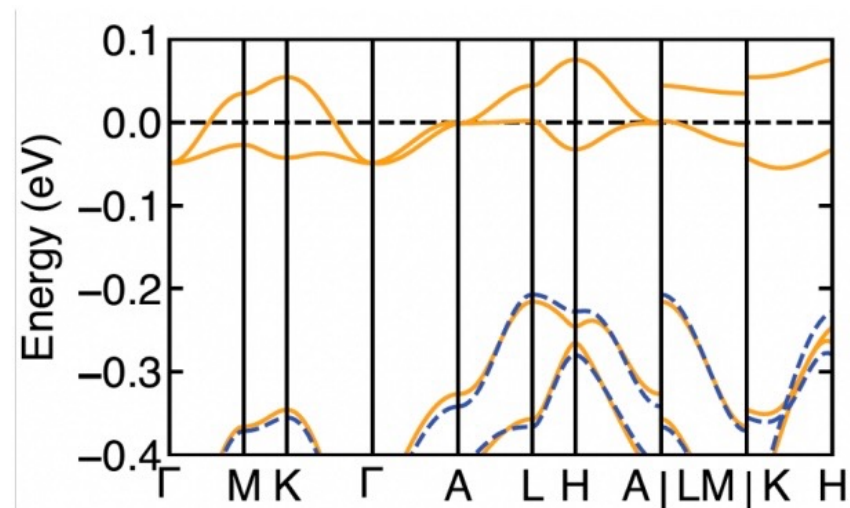


FIG. 4. Calculated spin-polarized electronic band structure in smaller energy range around the Fermi level showing the isolated two-band Cu-*d* manifold. The Fermi level is set to 0 eV and is marked by the dashed line.

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## 6 aout : les premiers résultats expérimentaux des « pros »

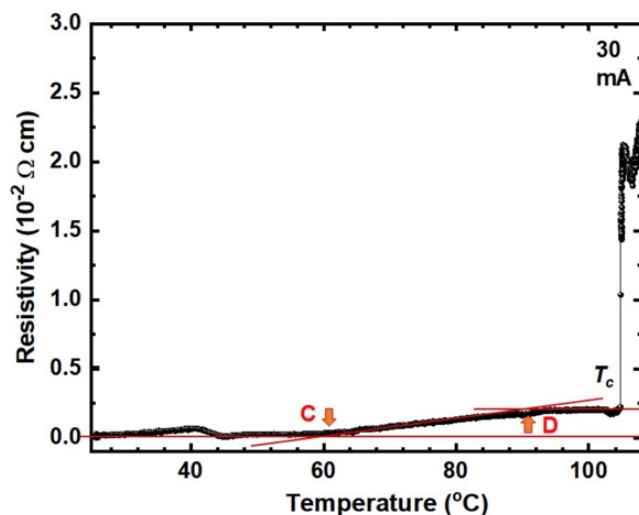
First order transition in  $\text{Pb}_{10-x}\text{Cu}_x(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{O}$  ( $0.9 < x < 1.1$ )

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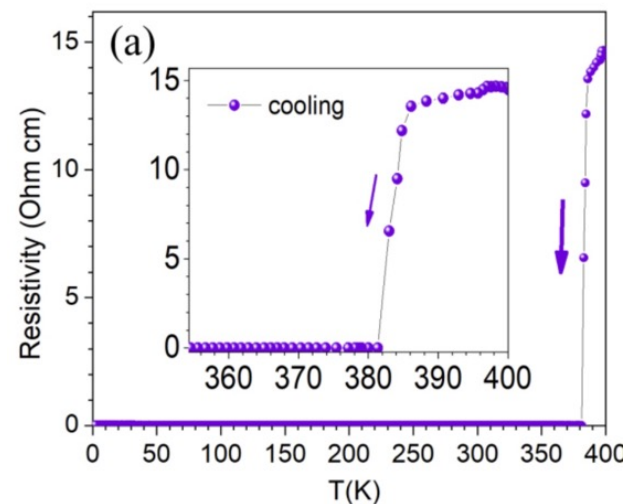
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les coréens



$\text{Cu}_2\text{S}$

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Ferromagnetic half levitation of LK-99-like synthetic samples

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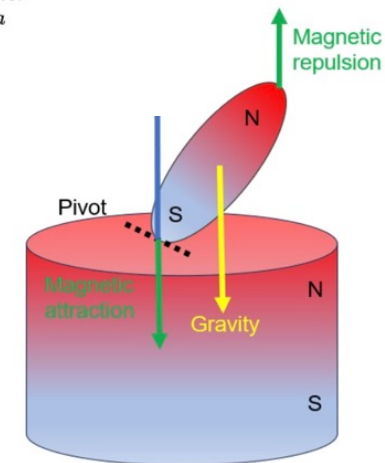


FIG. S2: Schematic diagram of force analysis of a magnetic small piece half-levitated on a magnet.

une plaque magnétique

# **Un cas de buzz médiatique autour de la supra**

11 aout

Le beau cristal

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11 aout : les premiers résultats sur un bon cristal

Single crystal synthesis, structure, and magnetism of  $\text{Pb}_{10-x}\text{Cu}_x(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{O}$

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LK-99 est un isolant transparent...

# **Un cas de buzz médiatique autour de la supra**

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Pourquoi une telle hype ?

Le rôle des réseaux sociaux : négatif ou positif ?

L'image de la science : négatif ou positif ?

Le processus scientifique a-t-il été respecté ?

La médiatisation est-elle bonne pour la science ?

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