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**COEXISTENCE OF LONG-RANGE ORDERS IN SOLIDS**

# Coexistence of long range magnetism and superconductivity

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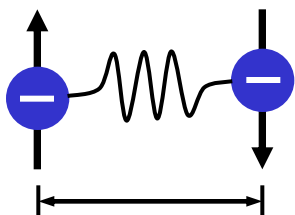
# Summary

Type-II superconductivity:

- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}$  ;  $T < T_c$  ,  $j < j_c$  ,  $H < H_{c2}$
- $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$  , Meissner state;  $H < H_{c1}$

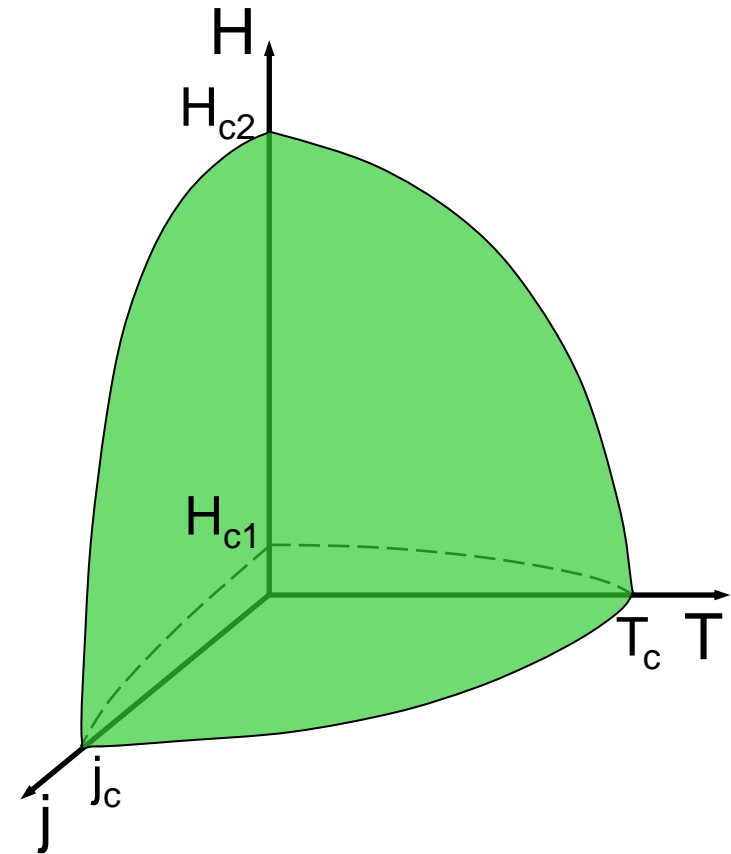
Microscopic mechanism  
(BCS theory):  $T_c \leq 30 \text{ K}$

- Cooper pairs
- condensation of pairs  
(phase coherent state)



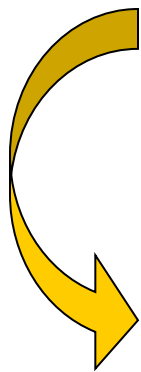
$\xi$  odlegość  
koherencji

<u>spin</u>	<u>orb. mom.</u>	<u><math>\Psi</math> sym.</u>	<u>superconductivity</u>
$s = 0$	$l = 0$	$s$	classic
$s = 0$	$l = 2$	$d$	
$s = 1$	$l = 1$	$p$	unconventional
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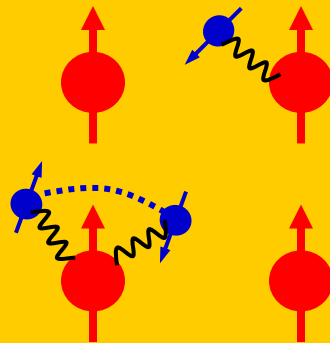


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- basic properties of superconductors  
(coexistence of two competing phenomena)
- nature of superconductivity in:
  - UCSC (H. Suhl, PRL 87, 167007 (2001); A.A. Abrikosov, J.Phys.: Condens. Matter 13, L943 (2001))
  - HFSC (CePt<sub>3</sub>Si; E. Bauer et al., PRL 92, 027003 (2004))



„inverted“  
RKKY  
exchange  
interaction



- magnetism is weak
- superconductor is  
a HF type

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- application of superconductors:
  - improving critical currents (E.W. Hudson et al., Nature 411, 920 (2001))
  - "switching off/on" the superconducting state (?)

# Interplay between magnetism and superconductivity (history)

1957 – theory; V.L. Ginzburg,  
Sov. Phys. JETP 4, 153 (1957)

1958 –  $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{RE}_x$ ; B.T. Matthias et al.,  
Phys. Rev. Letters 1, 449 (1958)

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1976 – review; M.B. Maple,  
Appl. Phys. 9, 179 (1976)  
(influence of paramagnetic impurities on  
superconductivity; the summary)

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1975 –  $\text{REMo}_6\text{S}_8$ ; Ø. Fischer et al.,  
Solid State Commun. 17, 21 (1975)

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1976 – **REMo<sub>6</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>**; R.N. Shelton et al.,  
Phys. Lett. 56 A, 213 (1976)

1977 – **RERh<sub>4</sub>B<sub>4</sub>**; W.A. Fertig et al., B.T. Matthias,  
M.B. Maple,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 38, 987 (1977)

1994 – **RENi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C**; R.J. Cava et al., C. Mazumdar et al.,  
R. Nagarajan et al.

(UPt<sub>3</sub>, URu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, UNi<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>3</sub>, UPd<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>3</sub>)



# Localized AFM and superconductivity in HTSC

1987 –  $\text{REBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ ; M.K. Wu, P.H. Hor, C.W. Chu

1997 –  $\text{RuSr}_2\text{RECu}_2\text{O}_8$ ; H.F. Braun et al. (1995),  
I. Felner et al., J.L. Tallon et al.

## Itinerant FM and LTSC

2000 –  $\text{UGe}_2$ ; S.S. Saxena et al., Nature **406**, 587 (2000)

~~2001 –  $\text{ZrZn}_2$ ; C. Pfleiderer et al., Nature **412**, 58 (2001)~~

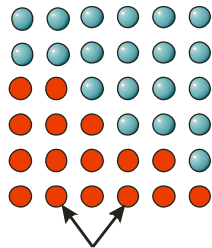
2001 –  $\text{URhGe}$ ; D. Aoki, et al., Nature **413**, 613 (2001)

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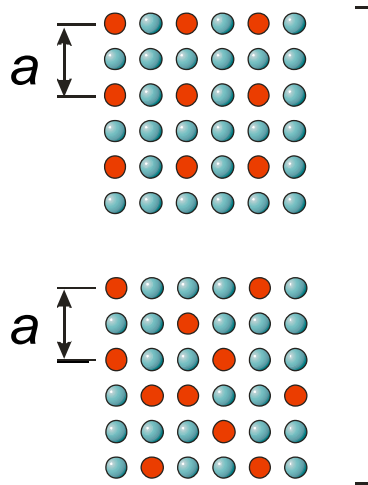
1980 –  $\text{Y}_9\text{Co}_7$ ; A. Kołodziejczyk et al.,  
J. Phys. F 10, L33 (1980)

(weak itinerant  
FM and LTSC)

# Definition of the coexistence of magnetism and superconductivity

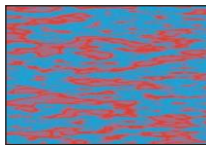


no coexistence (space separation)



$a > \xi$ , no coexistence (?)

$a < \xi$ , coexistence !



( $\text{Y}_9\text{Co}_7$ ,  $\text{UGe}_2$ )

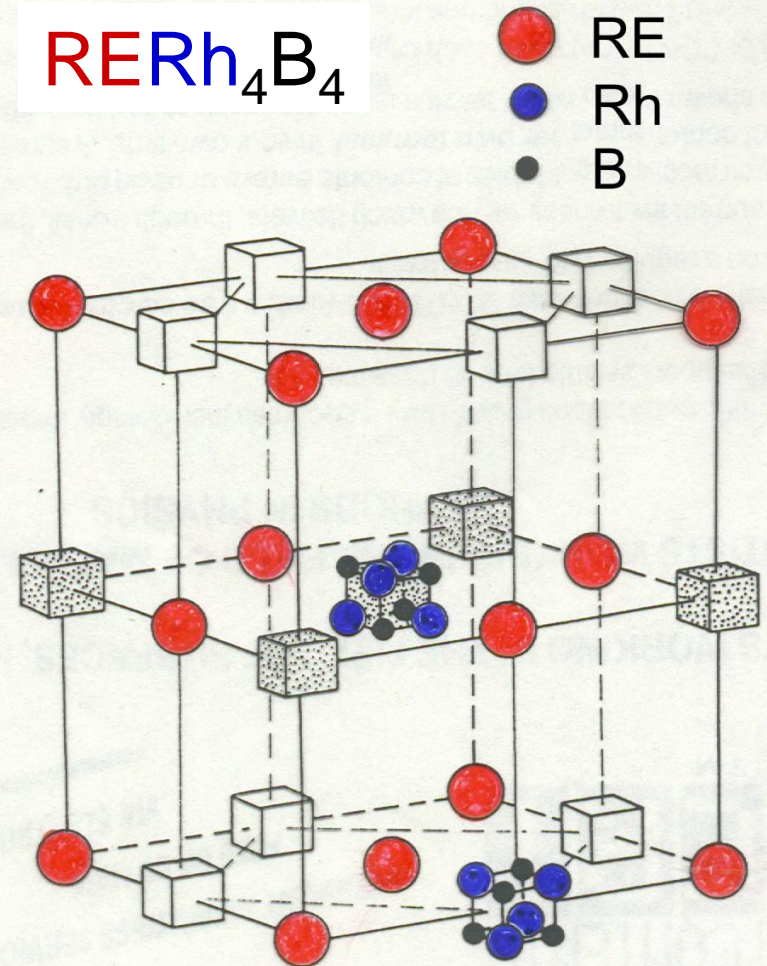
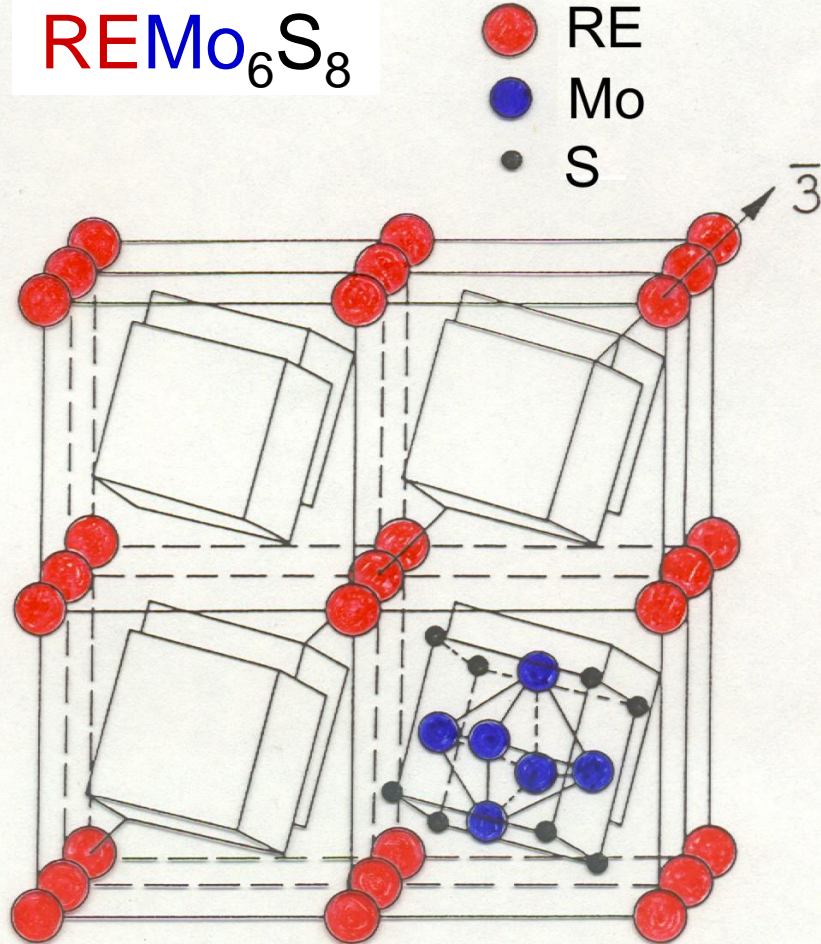
band electrons  
contribute both  
to magnetism and  
to superconductivity

“super  
coexistence”

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# Classic magnetic superconductors (4f - 4d)



# Interaction between localised spins and conduction electrons in magnetic superconductors:

## ♣ so-called sf interaction

$$g \mu_B \mathbf{I} \Psi^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} \Psi \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

↑  
sf coupling constant

↑  
electron

↑  
localized spin

## ♣ electromagnetic interactions

### • minimal interaction

$$-\mathbf{j}(\Psi^\dagger, \Psi) \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

↑  
total current

↑  
vector potential

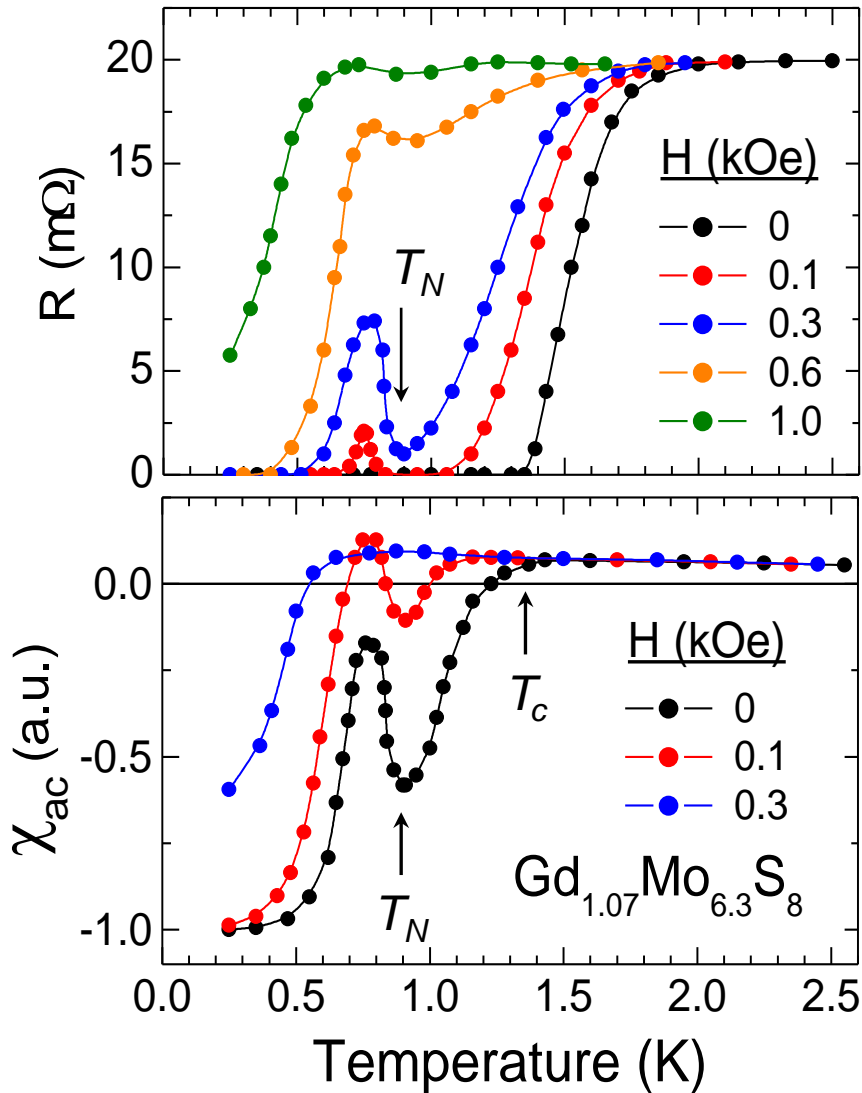
### • dipole interaction

$$-g \mu_B \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

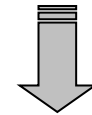
↑  
magnetic induction

*What kind of the interaction is important for the interplay between magnetism and superconductivity we observe ?*

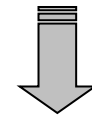
# Typical anomalous features observed for classic AFM superconductors



localized long-range AFM order  
and superconductivity interact

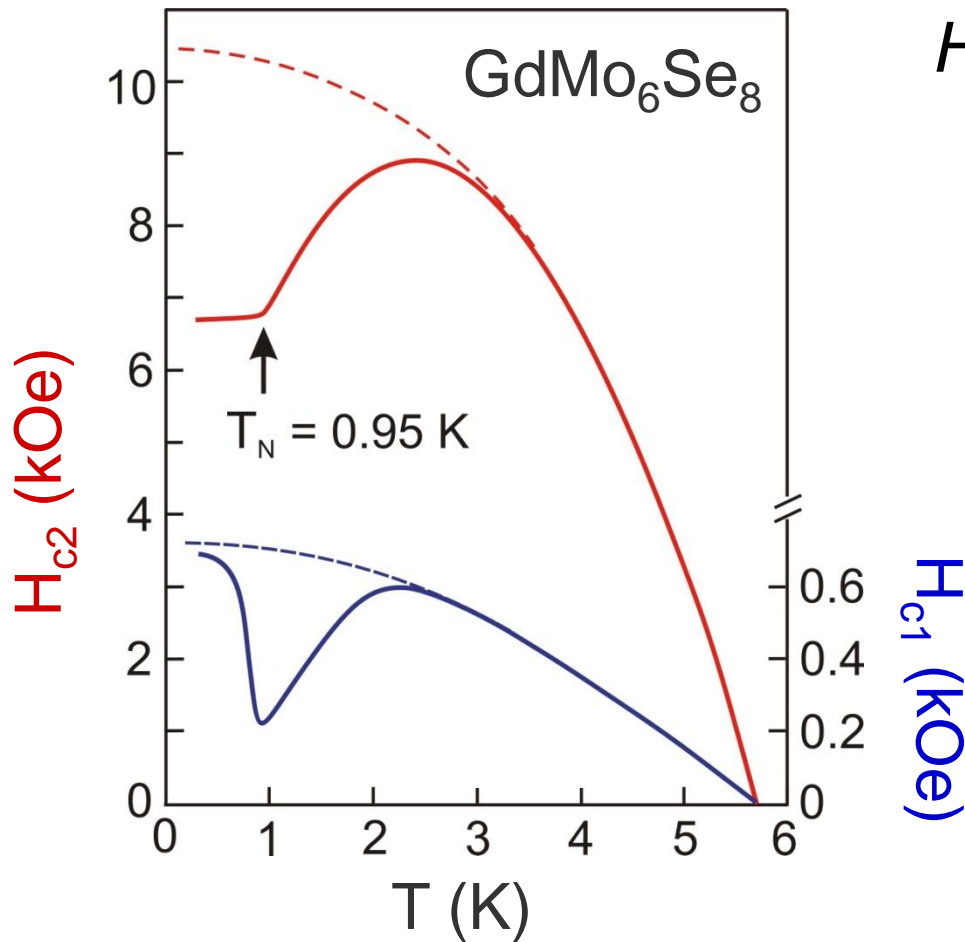


an increase of the pairbreaking  
effects are expected due to  
enhanced magnetic fluctuations  
near  $T_N$



pronounced anomaly in  
 $R(T)$  and  $\chi(T)$  near  $T_N$

# Typical approach to study the interaction between magnetism and superconductivity



$H_{c2}(T)$  and  $H_{c1}(T)$  can be analyzed in the frame of:

- sf exchange interaction
- electromagnetic interaction
- ..... ?

For high- $T_c$  cuprates:

$$H_{c2} \sim 150 \text{ T at } T_N \sim 1 \text{ K}$$

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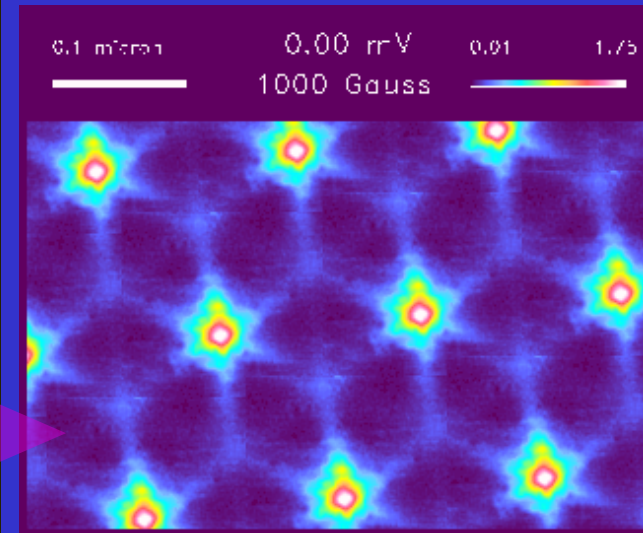
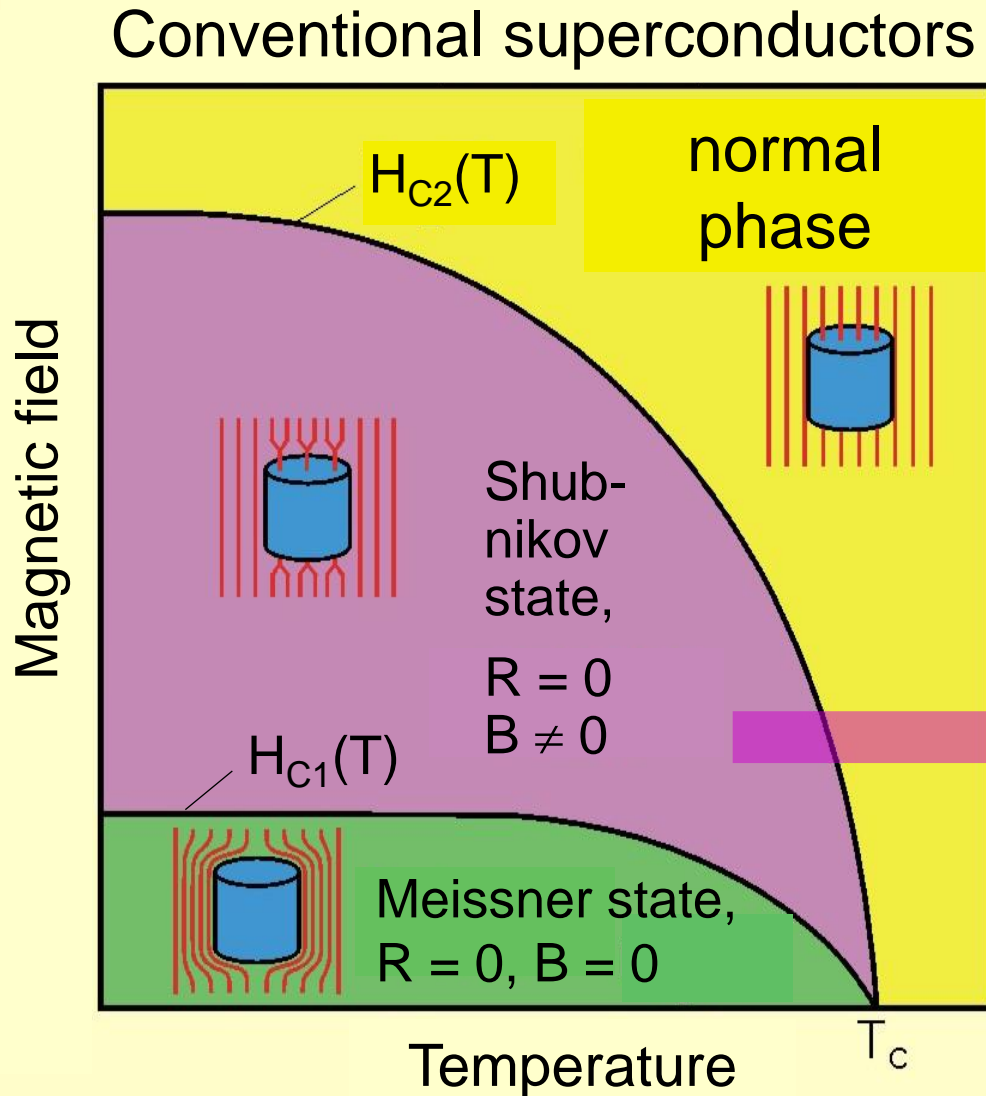
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# Phase diagram of a type II superconductor



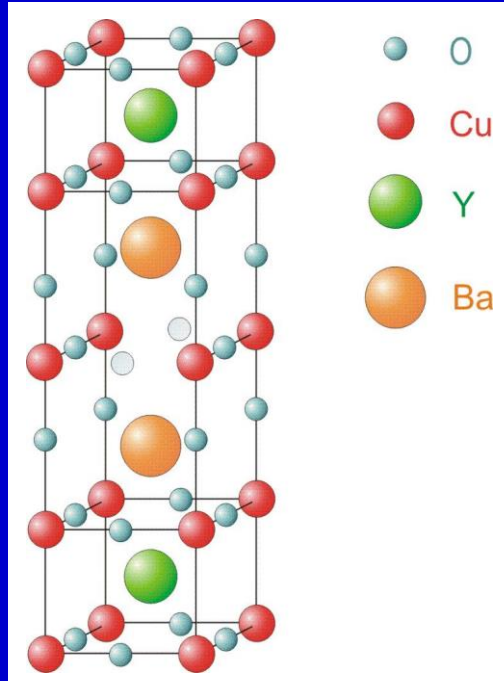
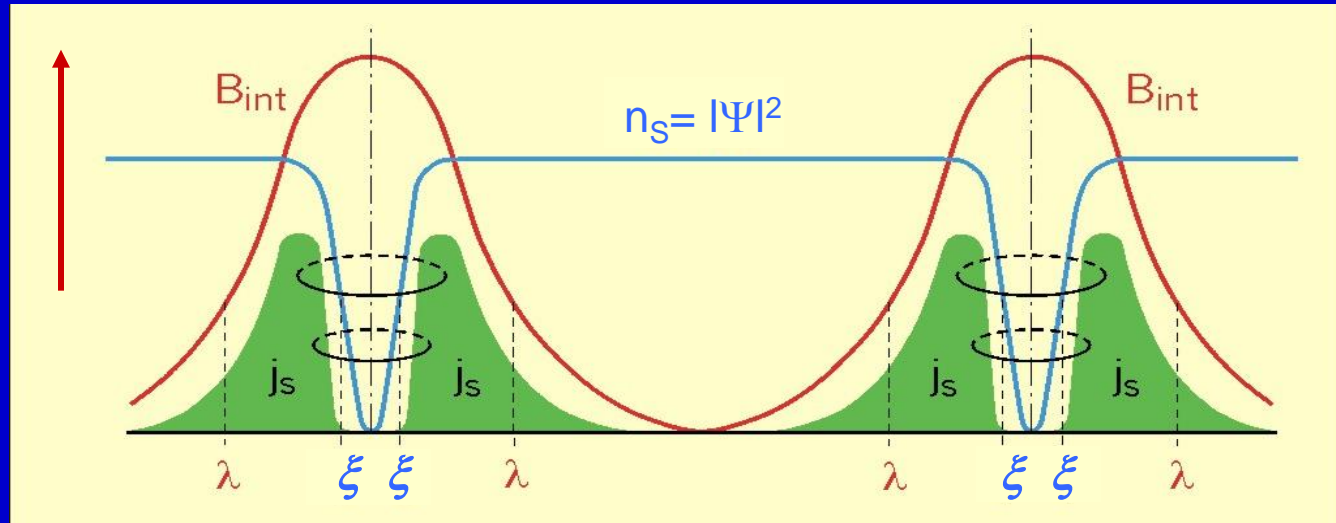
Vortex lattice observed by  
STM in  $\text{NbSe}_2$

H. Hess, R.B. Robinson, and J.V.  
Waszczak, *Physica B* **169** (1991) 422.

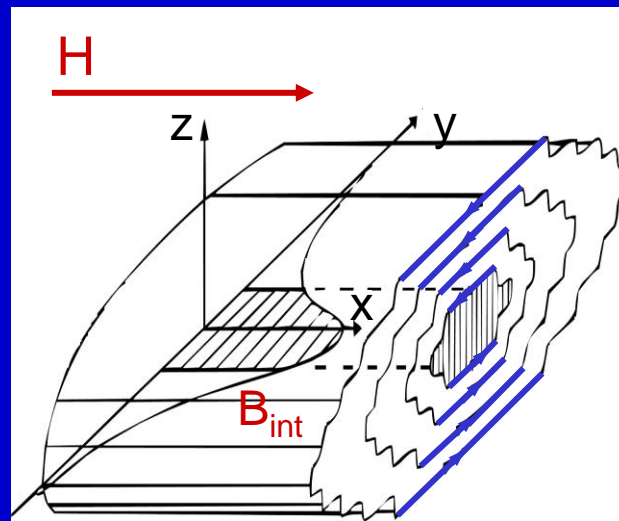
# Structure of an isolated vortex

Conventional superconductors  
(low  $T_C$ )

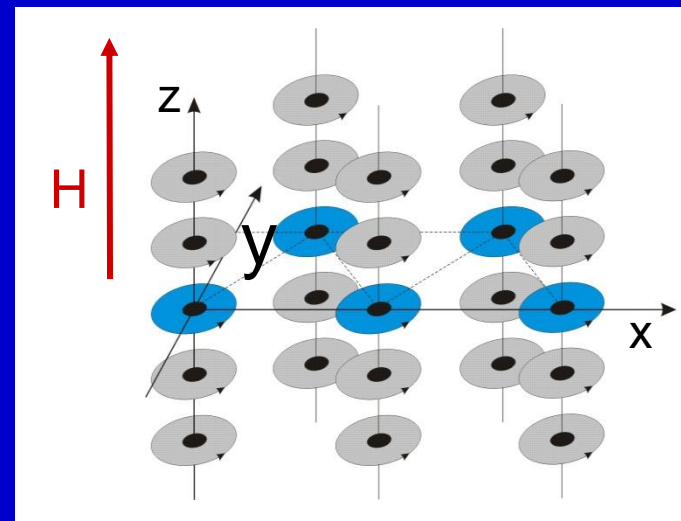
High- $T_C$   
superconductors



Josephson vortices

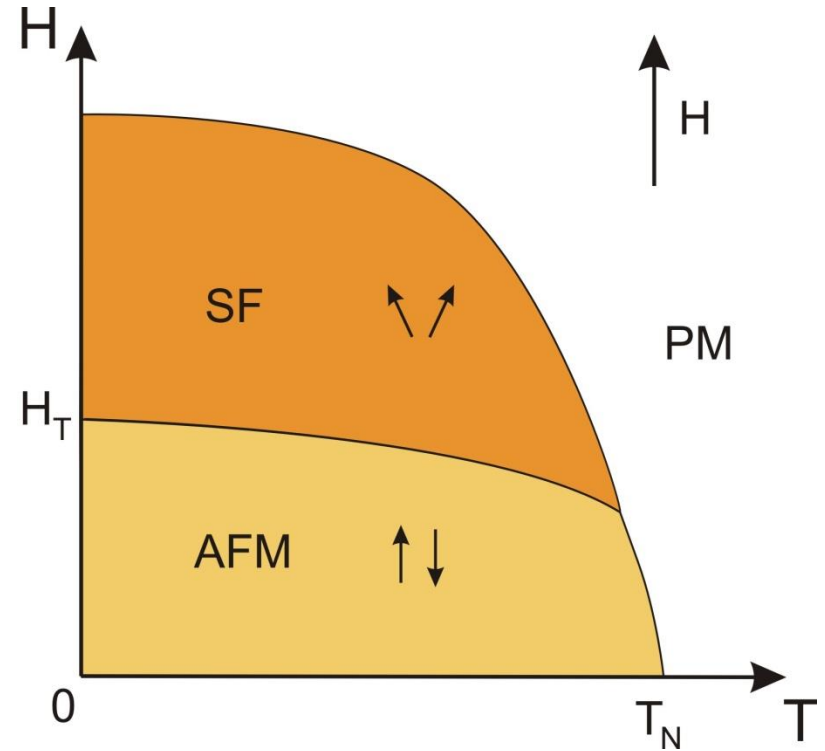
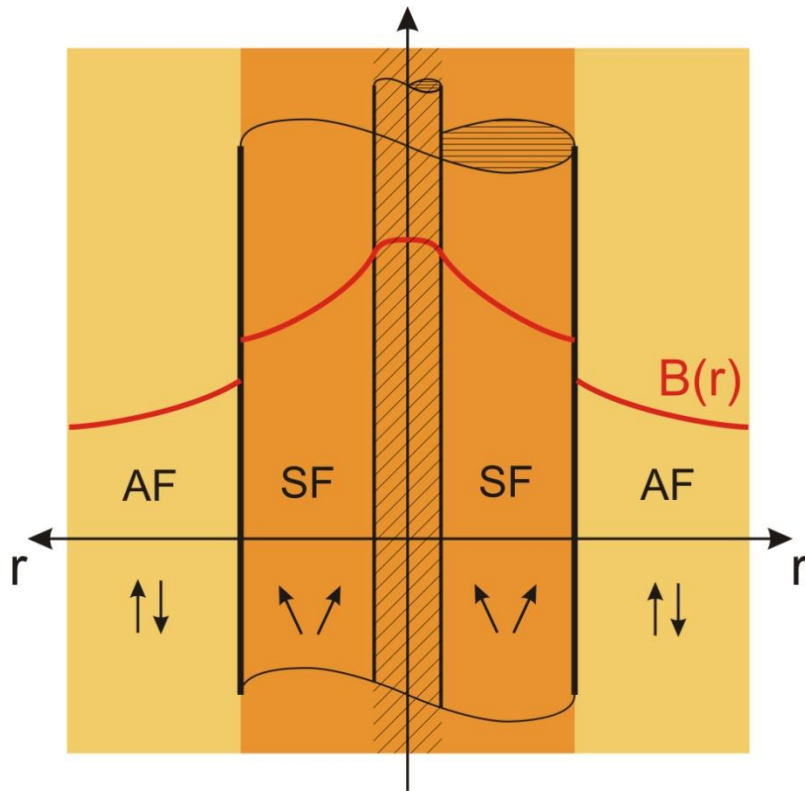


2D pancake vortices



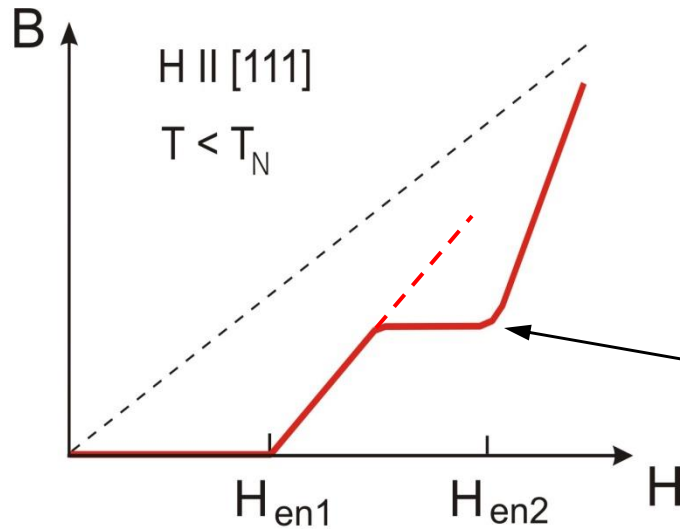
# Vortex with magnetic structure

two-sublattice AFM with  
the easy-axis  $\parallel H$



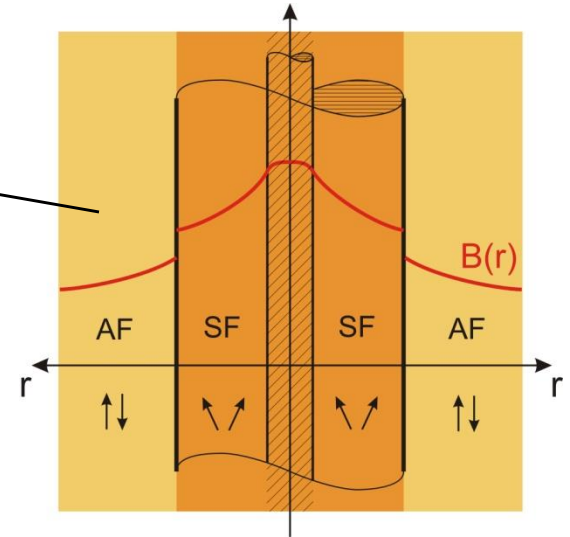
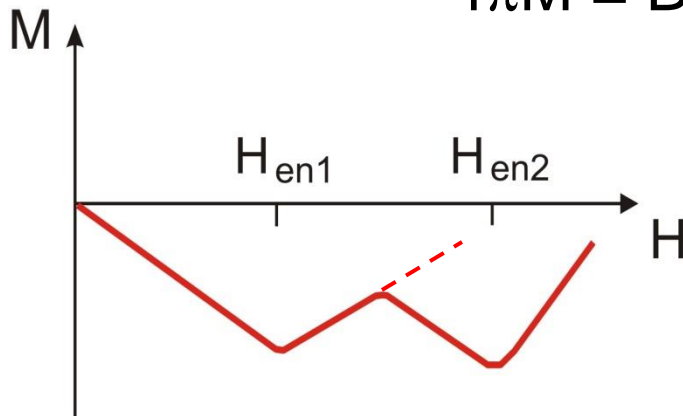
magnetic induction  $B(r)$  and  
magnetic domains around the  
vortex core

# Two-step flux penetration in AFM superconductor



virgin sample in increasing field  
at  $T < T_N$

$$4\pi M = B - H$$

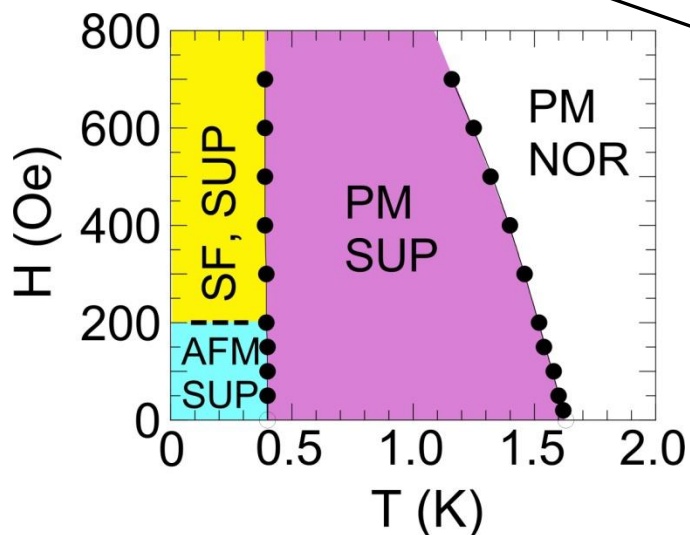
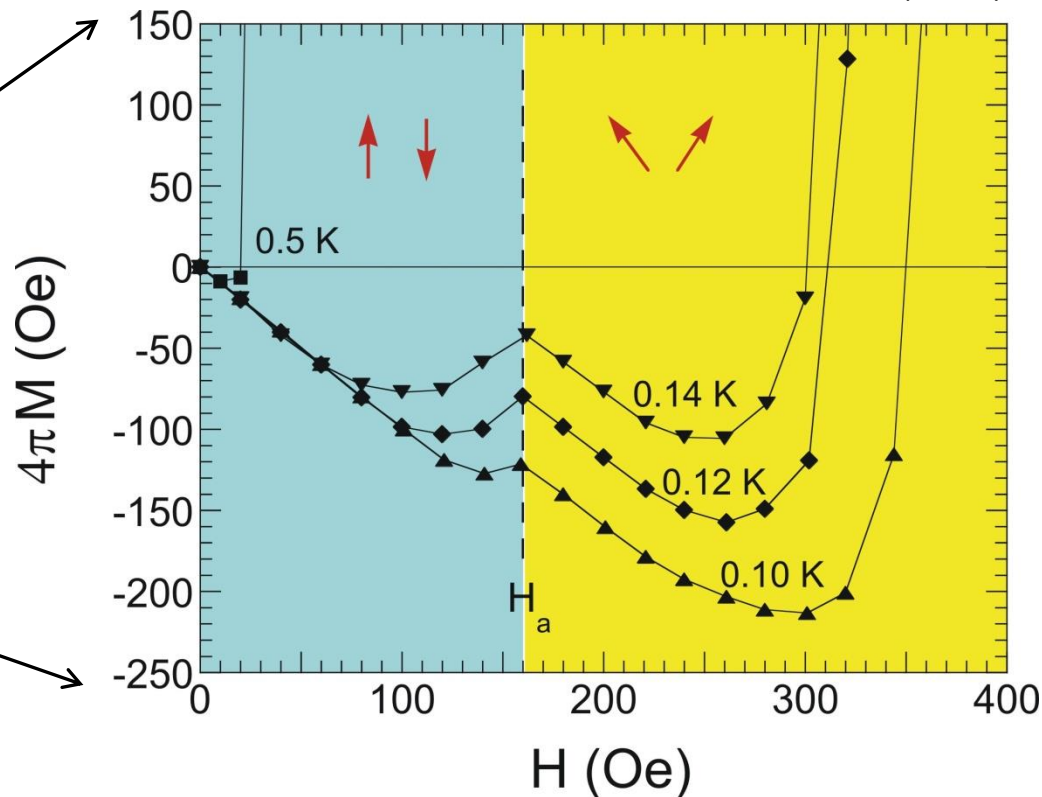
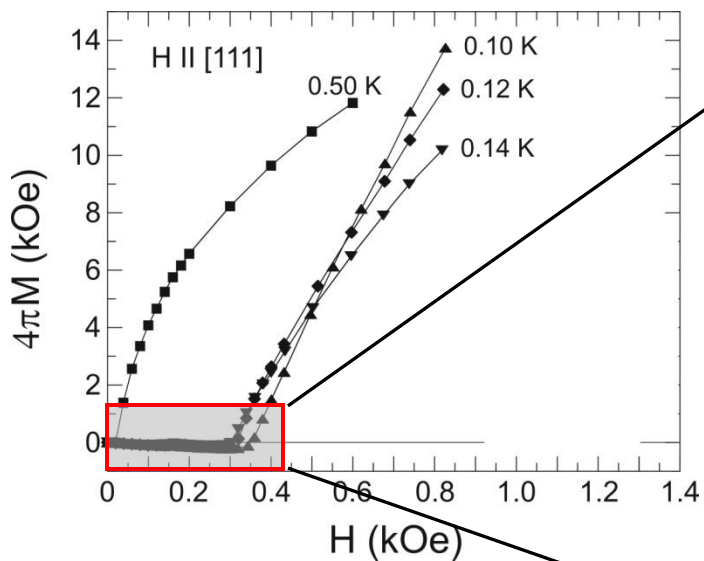


$DyMo_6S_8$ :  $H_{en2} \sim 260$  Oe

T. Krzysztoń,  
Phys. Lett. 104A, 225 (1984)

# Magnetisation of the $\text{DyMo}_6\text{S}_8$ single crystal (virgin curves)

K. Rogacki et al., PRB  
64, 94520 (2001)



at  $T < T_N = 0.4$  K:

- $H < 200$  Oe, superconductivity coexists with the AFM phase
- $H > 200$  Oe, superconductivity coexists with the **spin flop (SF)** phase

# Phenomenological theory

## Free energy of the magnetic superconductor

$$F = \int \left\{ f_S + f_M + \frac{1}{8\pi} (\mathbf{B} - 4\pi\mathbf{M})^2 \right\} dv$$

- superconducting component

$$f_S = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left| \left( \nabla - \frac{2ie}{c\hbar} \mathbf{A} \right) \Psi \right|^2 + \alpha |\Psi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \beta |\Psi|^4$$

- antiferromagnetic component

$$f_M = \mathcal{J} \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 + K \sum_{i=1}^2 (M_i^z)^2 - |\gamma| \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=x,y,z} (\nabla M_i^j)^2$$

- coupling between  $\Psi$  and  $\mathbf{M}$

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{H} + 4\pi\mathbf{M}, \quad \mathbf{j}_S(\Psi^+, \Psi) = \frac{c}{4\pi} \nabla \times \mathbf{H}$$

# Phenomenological theory (cont.)

Final results:  $H_{en2}(B) = \sqrt{B^2 + H_{en2}^2(0)}$

where:

$$2H_{en2}(0) = \frac{H_{SF}}{\sqrt{\frac{\varphi_0}{\pi\lambda^2 B_{SF}} \ln\left(\frac{\pi\lambda^2 B_{SF}}{\varphi_0}\right)}}$$

$$H_{SF} = 2H_{c1} + z \frac{\varphi_0}{2\pi\lambda^2} K_0\left(\frac{r_o}{\lambda}\right)$$

$r_o$  – the radius of the spin-flop domain

Experiment  
versus theory:

T [K]	$H_{en2}(\text{exp})$ [Oe]	$H_{en2}(\text{cal})$ [Oe]
0.10	310	265
0.12	290	240
0.14	270	215

## Conclusion:

*The twostep flux penetration can be quantitatively described by a model in which the **electromagnetic interaction** is dominant.*



# What more can be obtained from the two-stage flux penetration process ?

## Approach to estimate:

- number of magnetic ions in the vortex core ( $N_0$ )
- superconducting coherence length ( $\xi$ )
- London penetration depth ( $\lambda$ )
- GinzburgLandau parameter ( $\kappa$ )

(in magnetic superconducting state)

## Free energy of an AFM superconductor:

$$F(H, T) = E_v^0 n + U(n) - BH/4\pi, \quad H_{c1} < H < H_{SF} \ll H_{c2}$$

$$F(H, T) = (E_v^0 + \mathbf{E}_{exch})n + U(n) - BH/4\pi, \quad H_{SF} < H \ll H_{c2}$$

where:  $E_v^0$  selfenergy of the vortex ( $H_{c1} = 4\pi E_v^0 / \phi_0$ ),

$\mathbf{E}_{exch} = \alpha(H - H_{SF}) = N_0 e_{exch}$  (due to the SF transition in the vortex core)

$n$  vortex density,

$U(n)$  interaction energy between the vortices,

$BH/4\pi$  field energy ( $B = n\phi_0$ ).

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## Results:

$$\underline{T = 0.7 \text{ K} \rightarrow 0.1 \text{ K} :} \quad (T_N = 0.4 \text{ K})$$

- $\xi \cong 550 \text{ \AA} \cong \text{const}$
- $\lambda \cong 6000 \text{ \AA} \rightarrow 1300 \text{ \AA}$
- $\kappa \cong 11 \rightarrow 2.5$

## Conclusions:

- reduction of  $\lambda$ , observed in the AFM/SF superconducting state, leads to the strong compression of the quantized flux and results in a considerable decrease of the GL parameter,
- appearance of the SF phase in the superconducting state (first in the vortex core) *forces the type-II magnetic superconductor to change towards the "type-I" superconductor*, as predicted by the theory

(M. Tachiki, H. Umezawa, et al., 1983)

## Possible explanation:

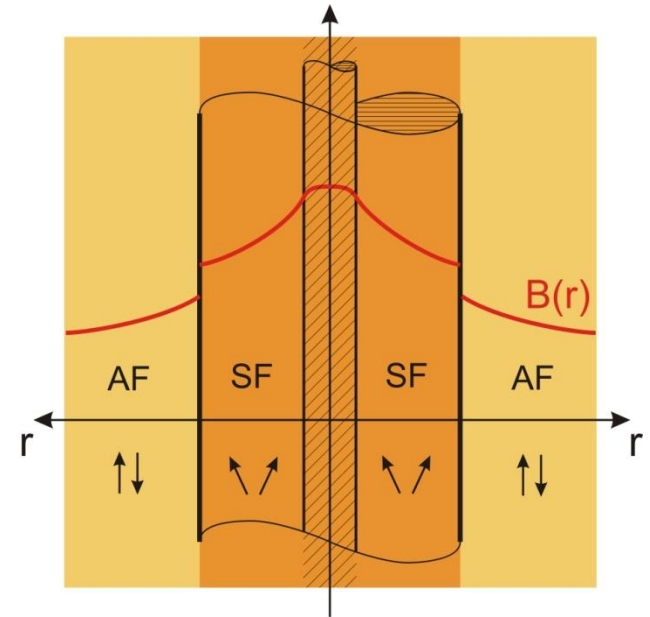
One reason for the observed “type-II  $\rightarrow$  type-I” crossover could be *the attractive force between vortices*.



The attractive force between vortices could be a result of *current inversion* in a part of the vortex with the domain magnetic structure.



The current inversion seems to be the direct consequence of *the quantization of the total flux of a single vortex*, which in a magnetic superconductor is *a sum of the spin and current contribution*.



# Summary

## Classic AFM superconductors

interaction between long-range AFM order and SC order is present



$H_{c2}(T)$ ,  $\chi_{ac}(T)$ ,  $H_{c1}(T)$  and  $M(H)$  dependencies reveal anomalies at  $T_N$  and  $H_{SF}$

$H_{c2}(T)$ ,  $H_{c1}(T)$  and  $M(H)$  dependencies (with the anomaly) are known



nature of the interaction between AFM and SC orders can be analysed

$M(H)$  dependence (with the anomaly) is known



$\xi$  and  $\lambda$  can be estimated in the AFM-SC state

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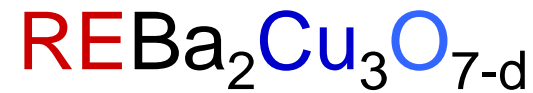
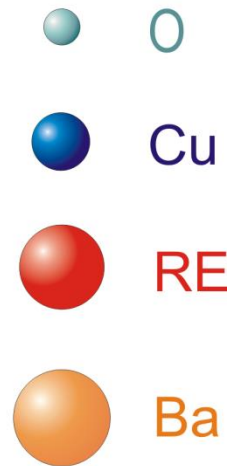
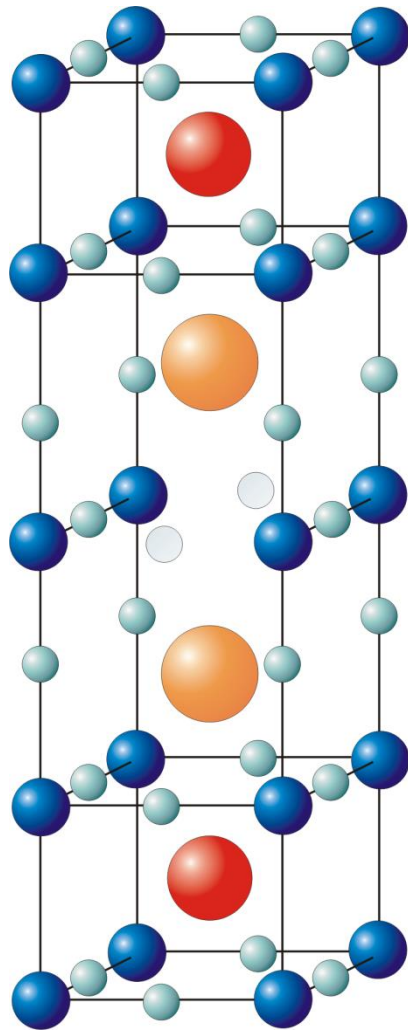
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# High- $T_c$ AFM superconductors

(4f - 3d4s,2p)



$T_c \approx 92$  K

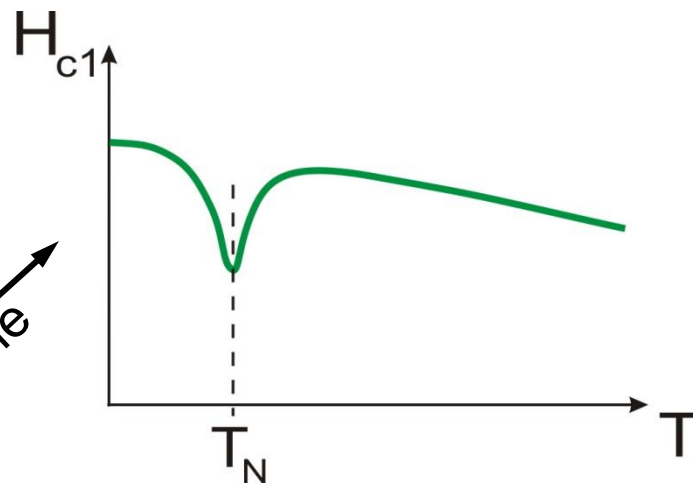
RE	$T_N$ [K]	$H_{SF}$ [kOe]
Nd	0.53	30
Sm	0.61	> 50
Gd	2.24	30
Dy	0.91	10
Er	0.61	8
Yb	0.25	6

# Where the interaction between AFM and superconductivity can be found in RE123 ?

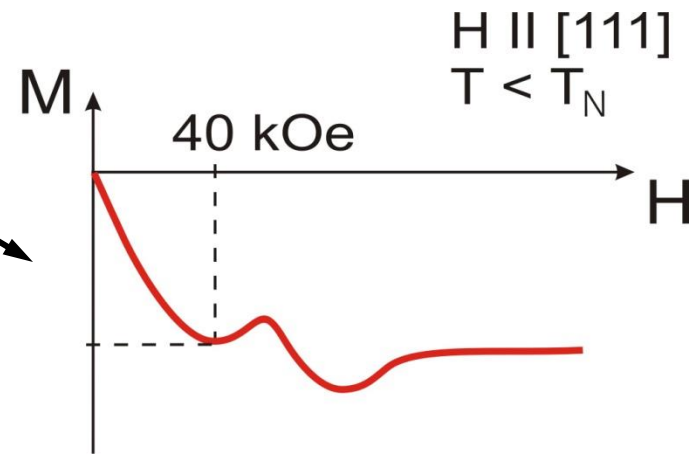
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polycrystalline samples



single crystals



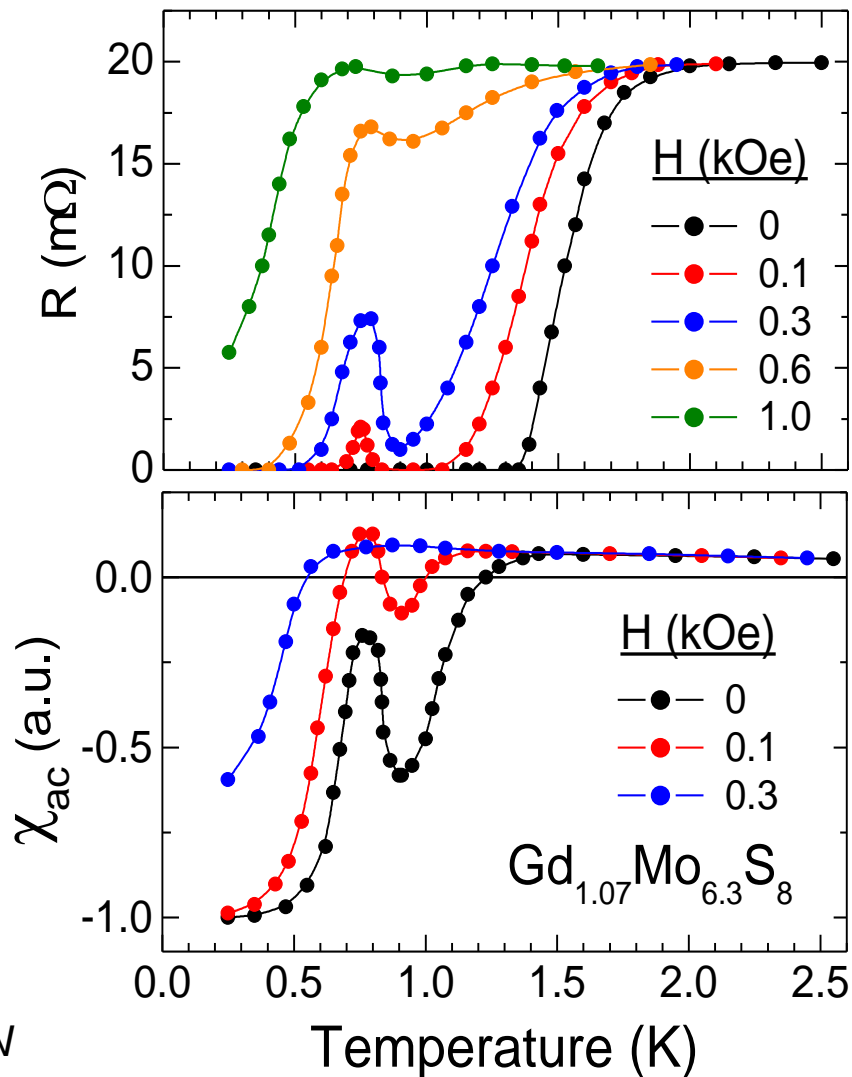


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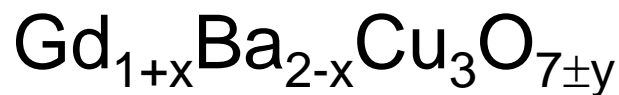
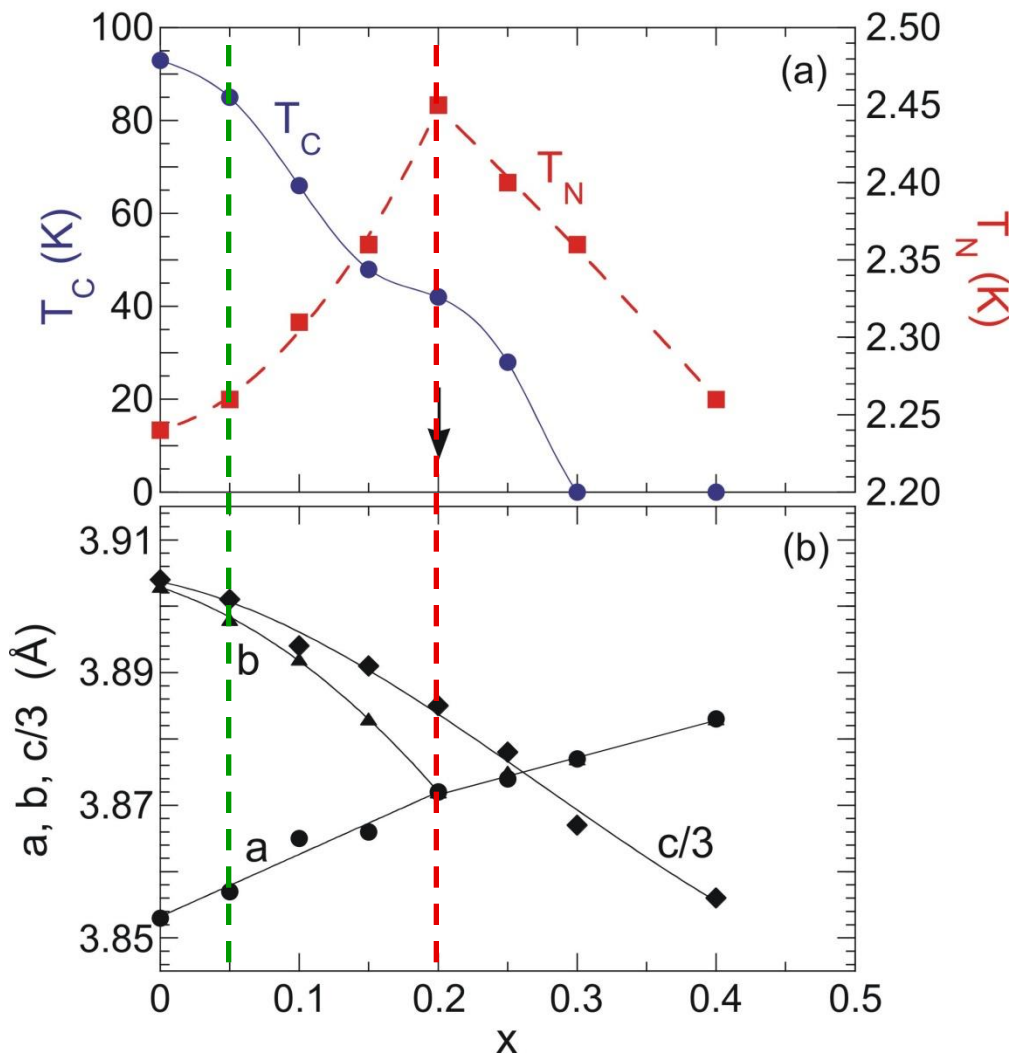
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$R(T)$ ,  $\chi_{ac}(T)$  – no anomaly at  $T_N$



# Is it possible to diminish superconductivity and enhance the AFM interaction in HTSC ?



method to **decrease**  $T_C$   
and **increase**  $T_N$

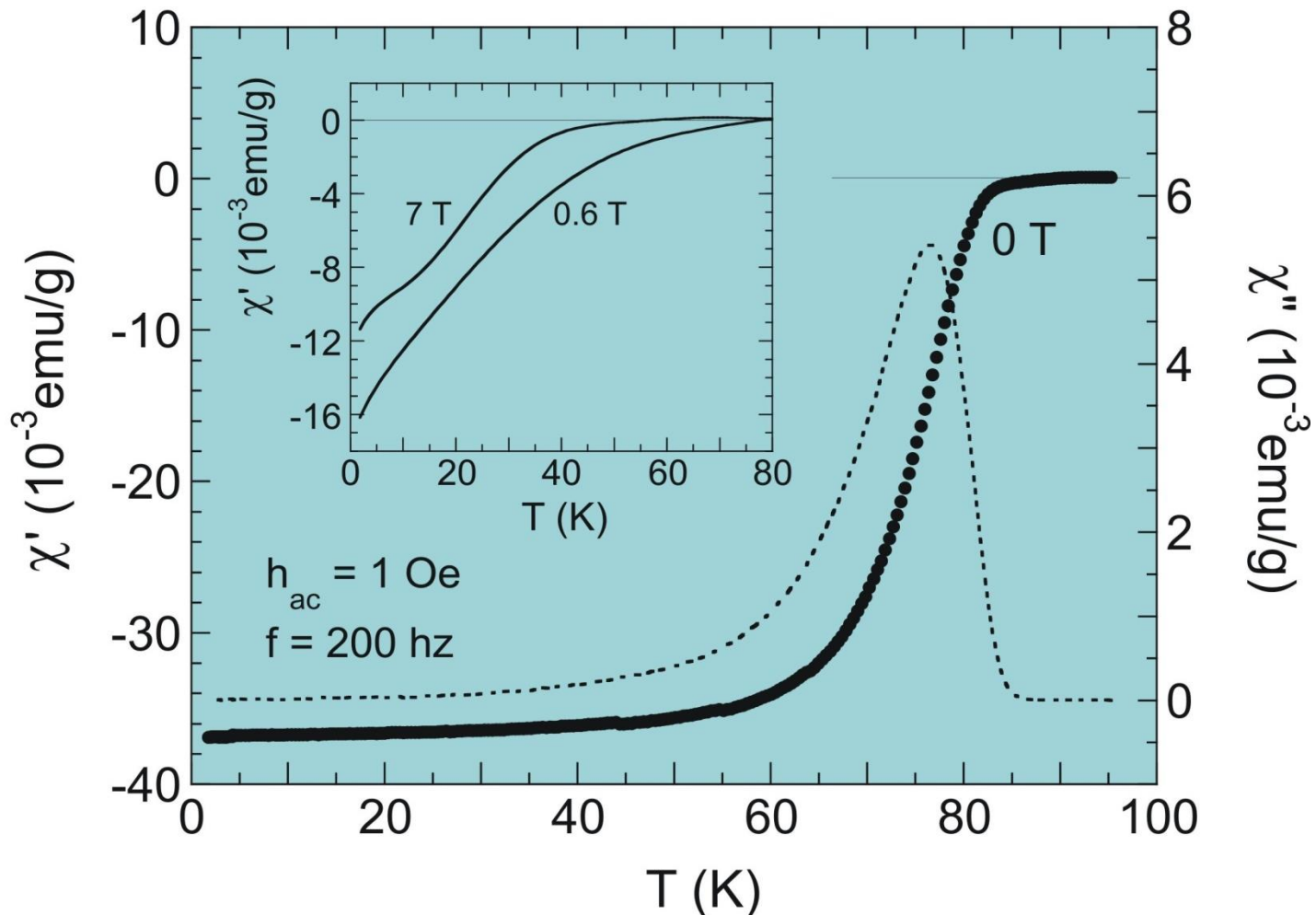
chemical substitution



# Searching for the interaction between the AFM order and superconductivity in:

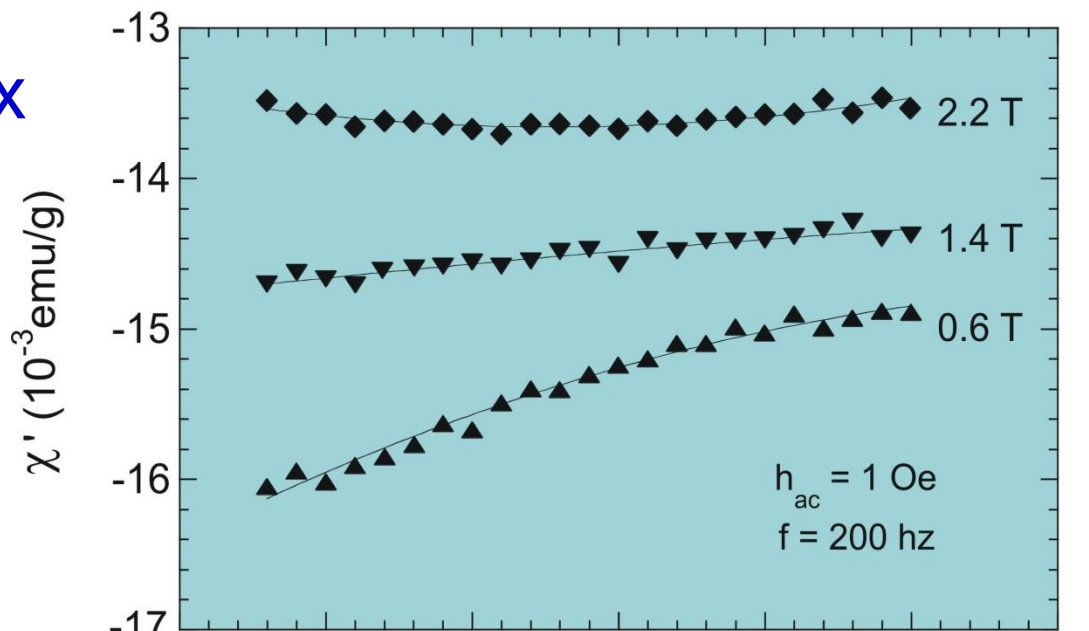


$T_C = 85 \text{ K}$ ,  $T_N = 2.26 \text{ K}$

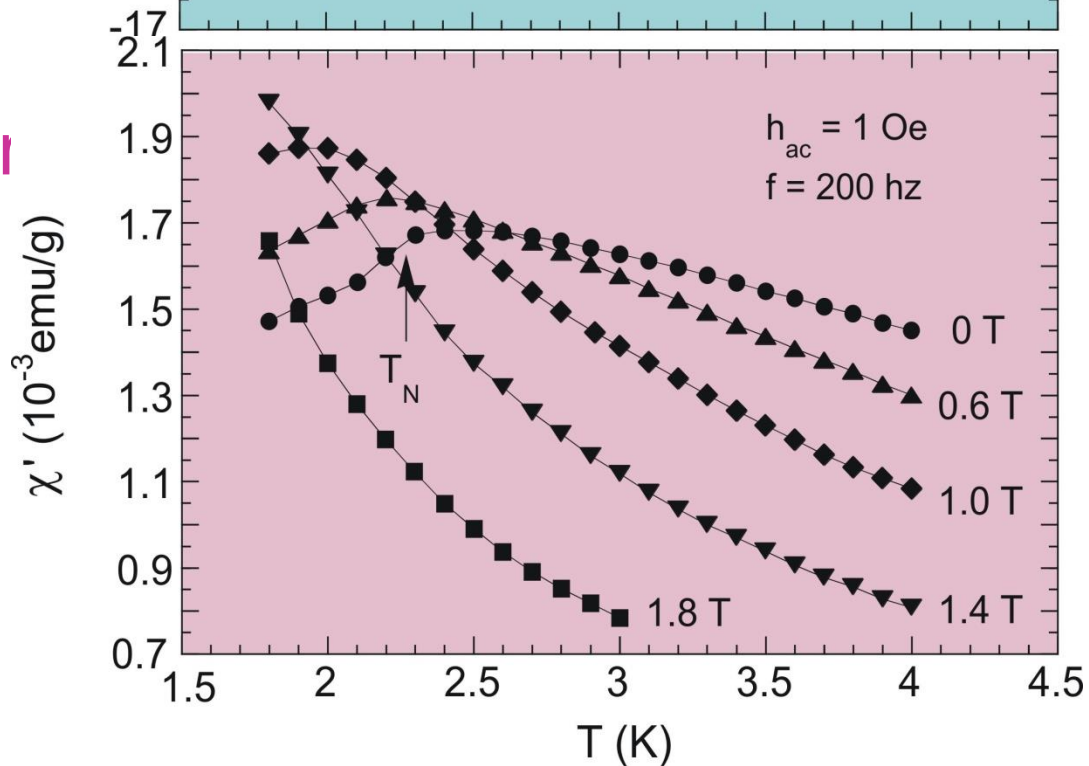




sample annealed  
in oxygen  
( $T_C = 85$  K,  $T_N = 2.26$  K)



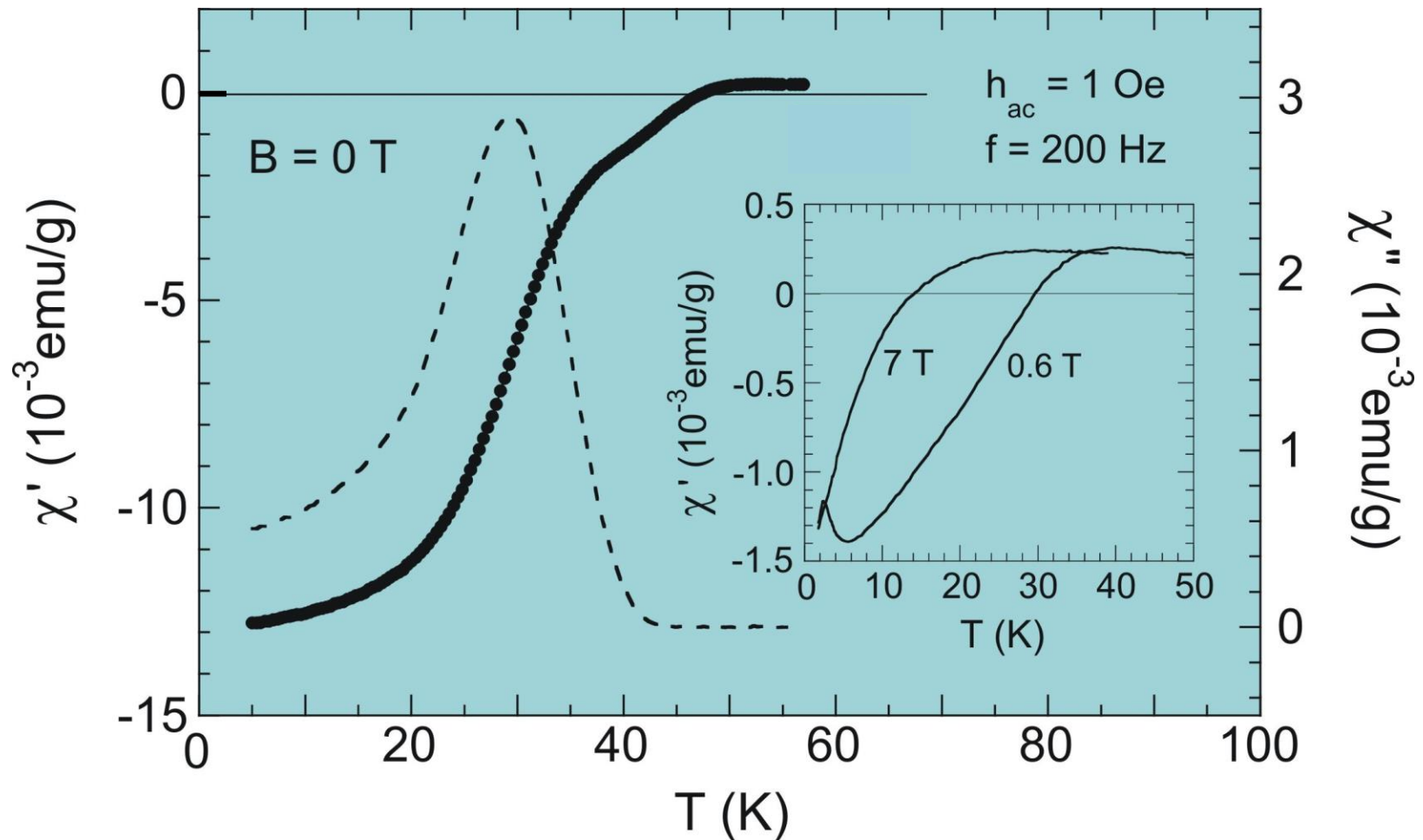
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(nonsuperconducting)

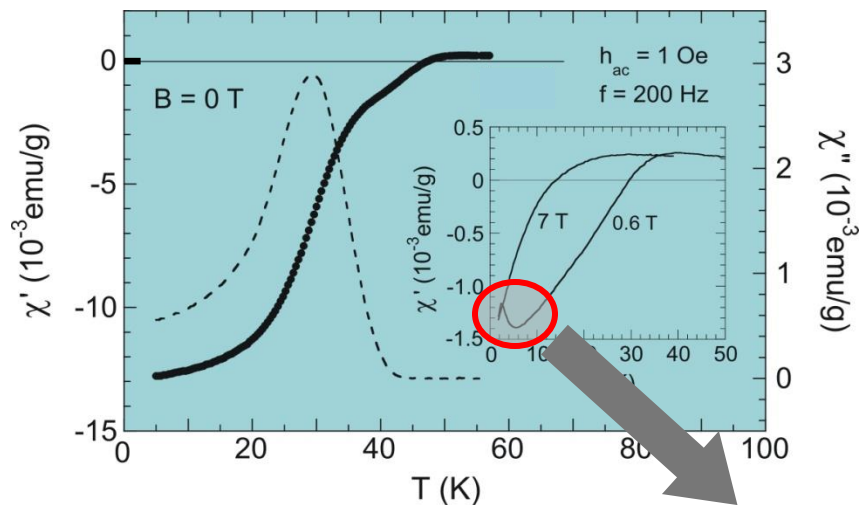


# Searching for the interaction between the AFM order and superconductivity in:



$T_C = 42 \text{ K}$ ,  $T_N = 2.45 \text{ K}$





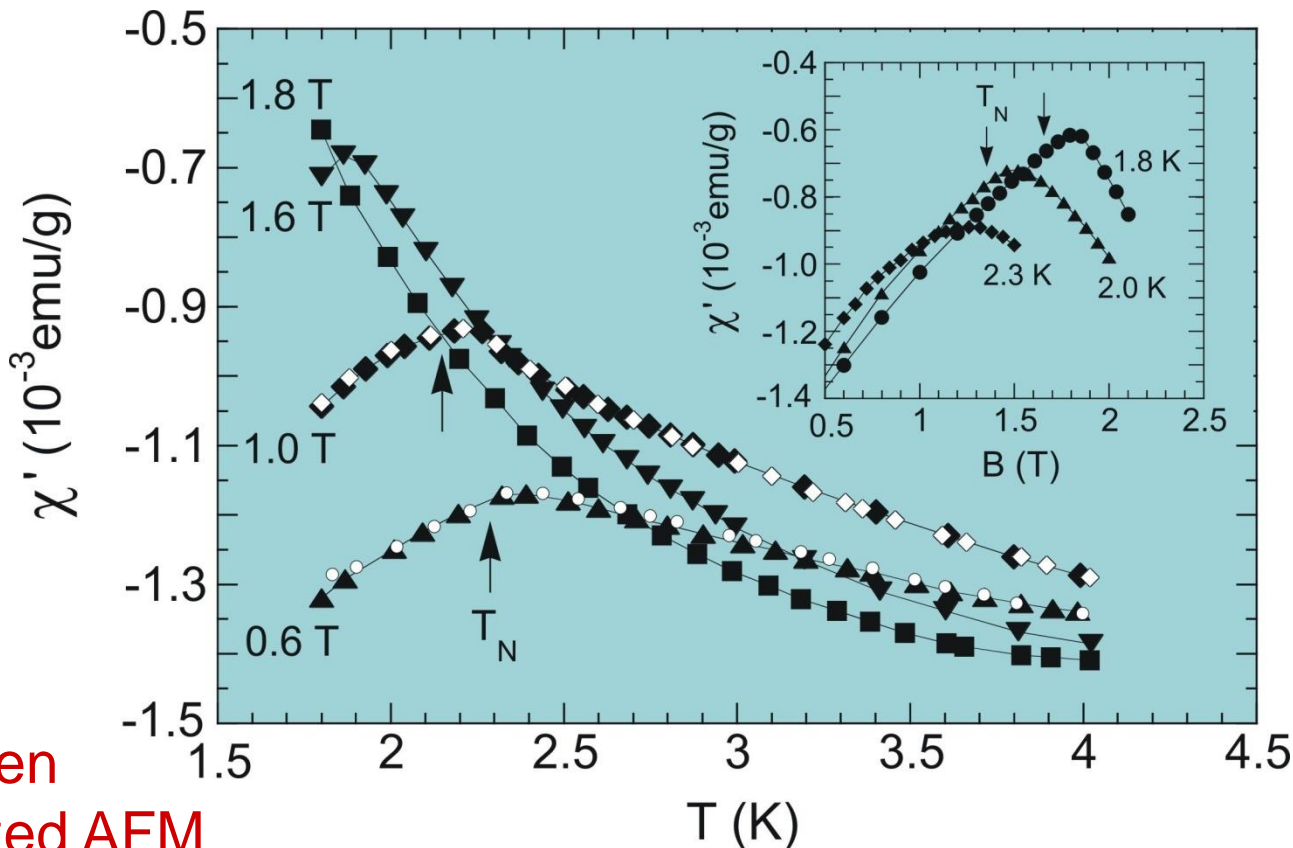
$T_C = 42$  K,  $T_N = 2.45$  K

K. Rogacki, PRB 68, 100507(R) (2003)

maximum in  $\chi'(T)$  at  $T \sim T_N$

⇒ evidence for pair breaking

⇒ evidence for interaction between HTSC and localized AFM



## Maximum in $\chi(T)$ at $T \approx T_N$

- direct evidence for the pair breaking effect

- enhancement of the spin scattering near the transition to the AFM state is expected and thus an increase of the pair breaking parameter  $\rho^*$  at  $T \approx T_N$  has to appear

$$\rho^* = (3J^2/\pi) \sum \Phi(\mathbf{q}) \chi(\mathbf{q})$$

$J$  - exchange constant for the interaction  $\sigma - \mathbf{S}$

$\Phi(\mathbf{q})$  - density of states for the conduction electrons

$\chi(\mathbf{q})$  - magnetic susceptibility (wave-vector dependent)

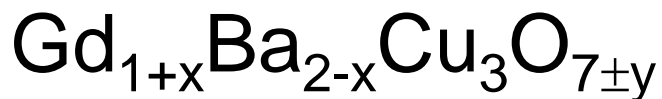
$T \rightarrow T_N$  (for RE123)

$\Rightarrow \chi(\mathbf{q})$  wide maximum is expected just above  $T_N$

$\Rightarrow R(T \approx T_N) \neq 0$  (?), not necessary

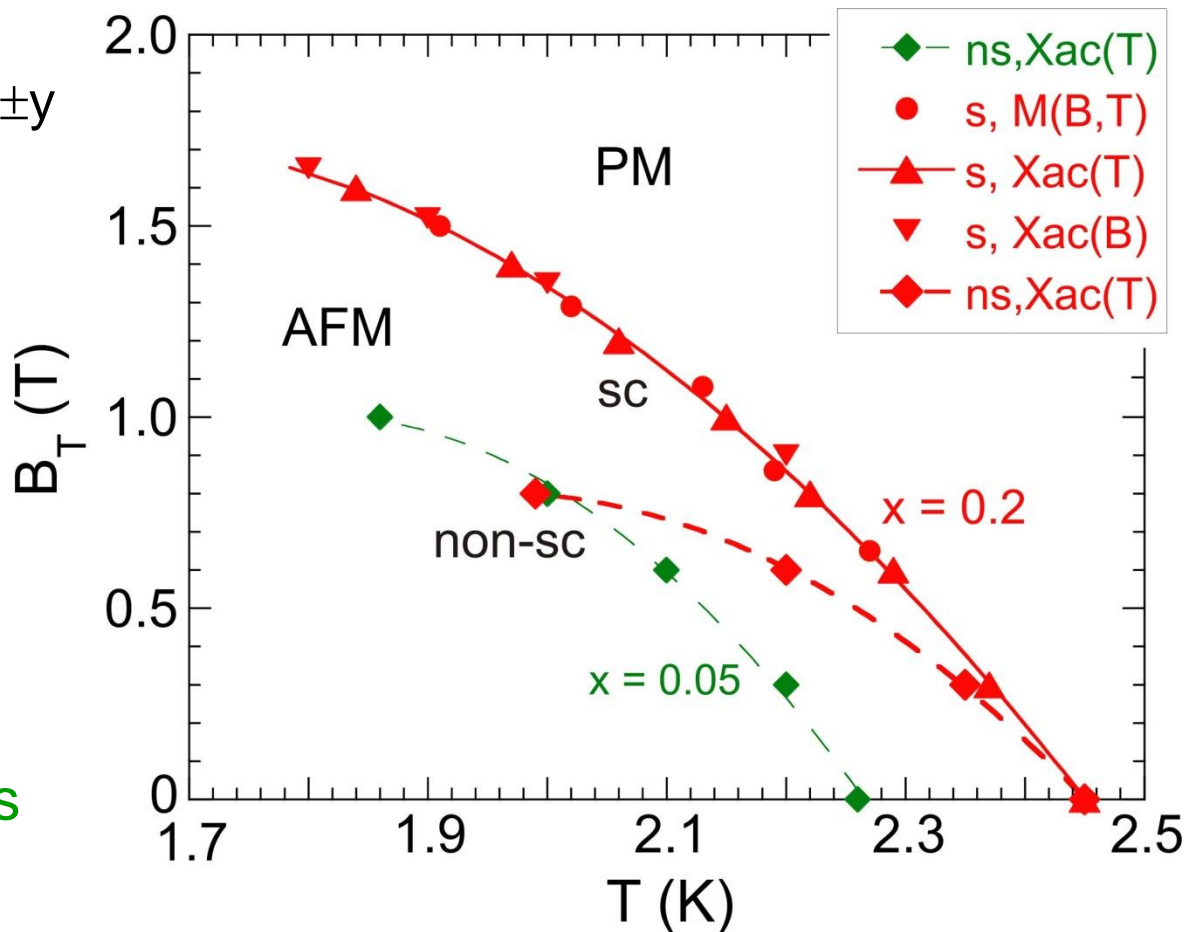
# $B_T$ - $T$ phase diagram

- evidence that the sample is homogeneous



different  $T_N$  is observed for superconducting & non superconducting samples in  $B$

single maximum is observed at  $T_N$  for  $\chi'(T)$  dependencies measured in  $B$



spatial separation of the superconducting and the normal-magnetic phases is excluded



# Summary for high- $T_c$ AFM superconductors

$\chi_{ac}(T)$ ,  $H_{c1}(T)$  i  $M(H)$   
were studied for:

- DyBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (crystals)
- GdBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (powder)



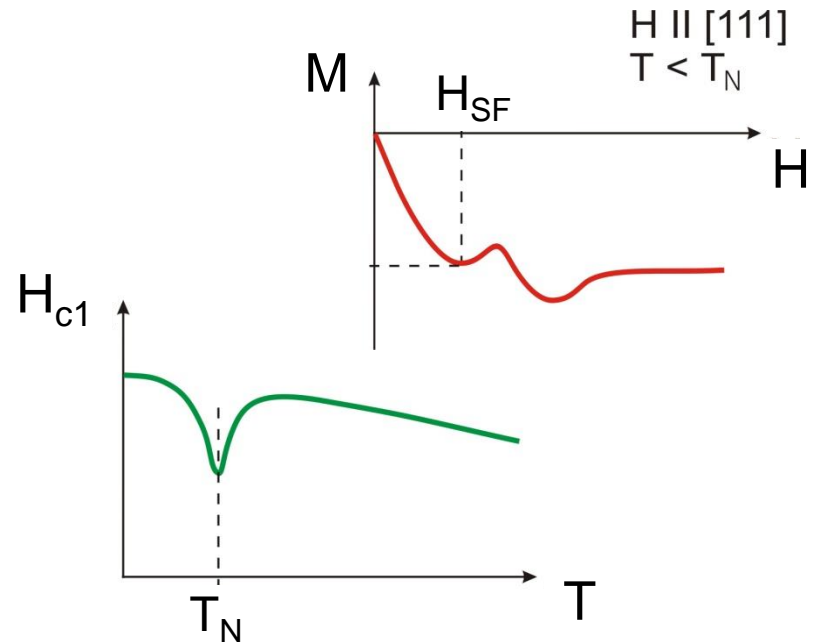
no anomaly for  $H_{c1}(T)$ ,  $M(H)$  and  $\chi_{ac}(T)$  dependencies has been observed at  $T_N$  and  $H_{SF}$

$\chi_{ac}(T)$  was studied for:

- Gd<sub>1.2</sub>Ba<sub>1.8</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (powder)  
 $T_c = 42$  K i  $T_N = 2.45$  K



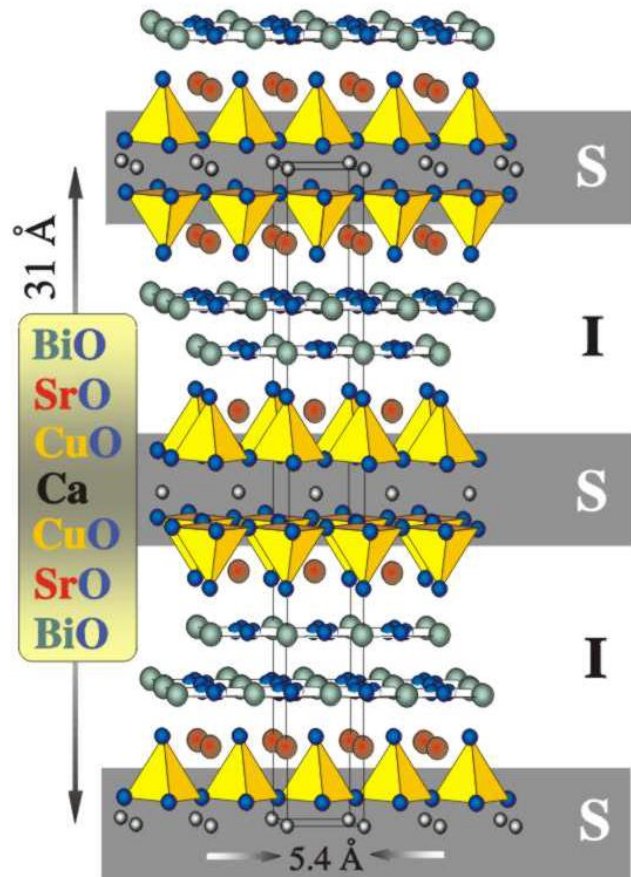
evidence for the interaction between AFM and SC orders has been found as the pair breaking effect revealed in  $\chi_{ac}(T)$  near  $T_N$



# High- $T_c$ superconductors – unconventional layered superconductors

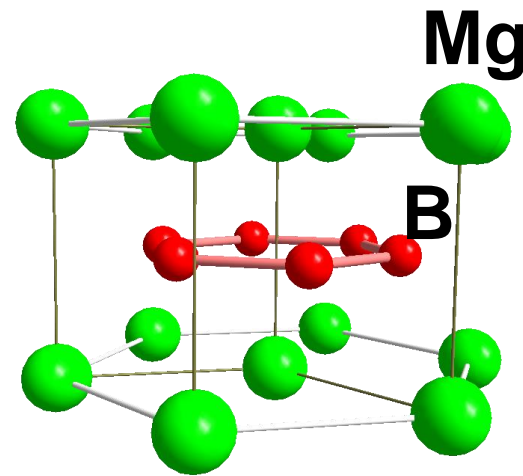
## cuprates

e.g.  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_8$



$T_{c,max} = 135 \text{ K}$  ( $\text{HgBa}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_8$ )

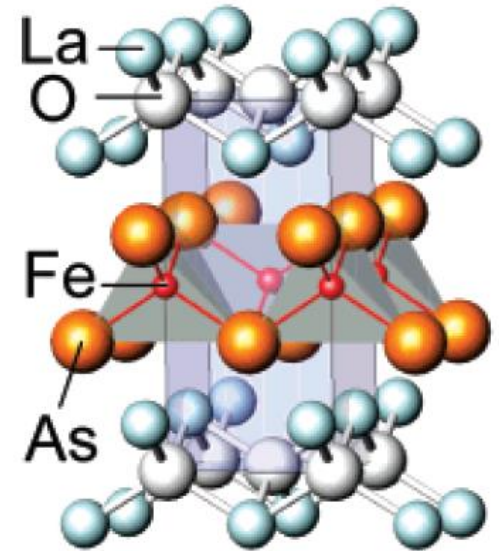
## $\text{MgB}_2$



$T_{c,max} = 40 \text{ K}$

## pnictides

e.g.  $\text{LaFeAsO:F}$



$T_{c,max} = 55 \text{ K}$   
( $\text{SmFeAsO:F}$ )

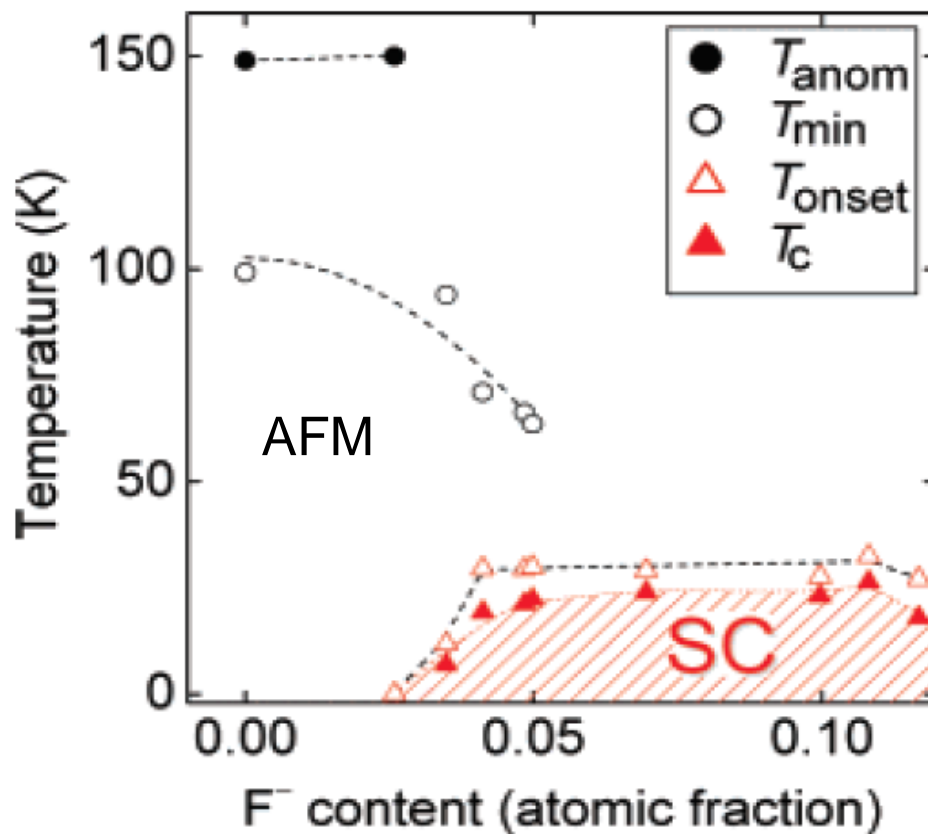
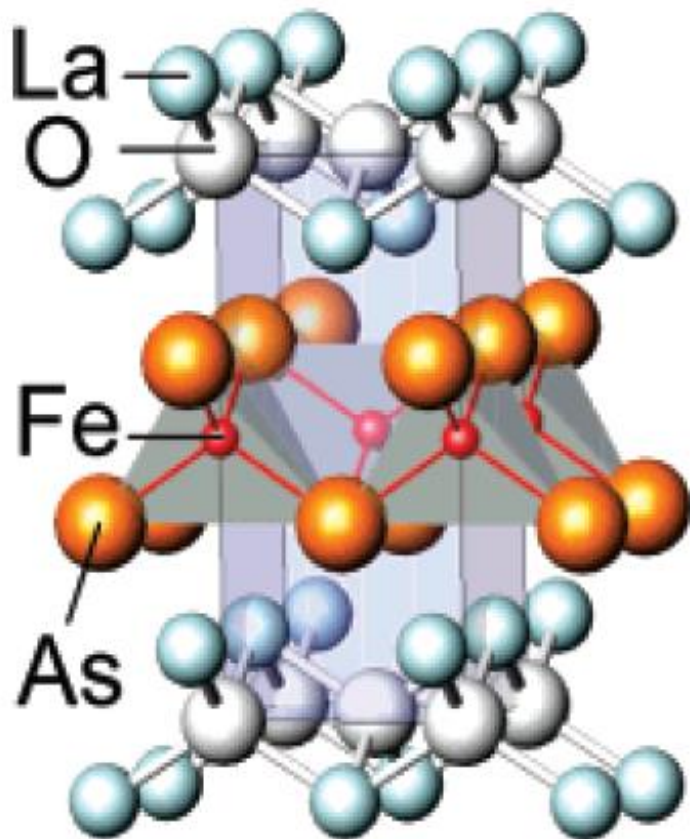
# Iron-Based Layered Superconductor $\text{La}[\text{O}_{1-x}\text{F}_x]\text{FeAs}$ ( $x = 0.05\text{--}0.12$ ) with $T_c = 26\text{ K}$

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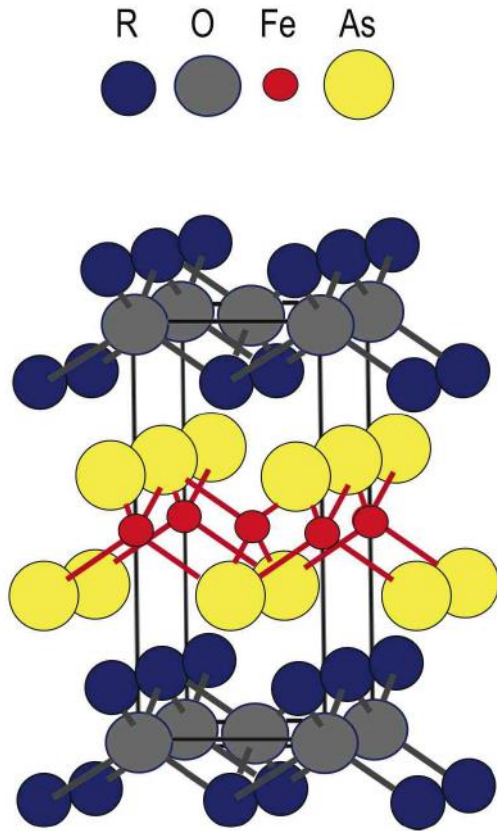
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# New class of HTSC: REFeAsO & BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>



Crystal structure:  
(ZrCuSiAs type)

P4/nmm

$z = 2$

$a = 4.035 \text{ \AA}$

$c = 8.741 \text{ \AA}$

alternating layers  
of corner shared  
FeAs<sub>4</sub> & REO<sub>4</sub>  
tetrahedra

Basic properties:

- layered, quasi-2D system
- large spin fluctuations ( $\mu$  SR)
- charge carriers; electrons ( $R_H$ )

LaFeAsO:

- AFM ( $T_N \approx 140 \text{ K}$ ,  $\mu_{Fe} \approx 0.5 \mu_B$ )
- non-superconducting

↓ doping with  $\sim 0.05$  carriers/Fe

LaFeAsO<sub>1-x</sub>F<sub>x</sub>:  $x = 0.1$

- paramagnetic ( $\mu_{Fe} \geq 0$ )
- superconducting  $T_c = 28 \text{ K}$
- $T_c \sim \lambda_{ab}(\mathbf{0})^{-2}$ ,  $\lambda_{ab} \approx 200 \text{ nm}$ ,  
 $\xi_{ab} \approx 2 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\kappa_c = \lambda_{ab}/\xi_c \approx 200$

Pairing:

- spin singlet; extended  $s$ -wave,  $d$ -wave ? (Knight shift)
- high frequency phonon involved (Raman, Infrared)
- non-BCS; 2 gaps,  $2\Delta_1 \approx 3k_B T_c$ ,  $2\Delta_2 \approx 8k_B T_c$   
(no coherence Hebel-Slichter peak below  $T_c$ )

- PrFeAsO:F,  $T_c = 52 \text{ K}$
- NdFeAsO:F,  $T_c = 53 \text{ K}$
- SmFeAsO:F,  $T_c = 55 \text{ K}$
- GdFeAsO,  $T_c = 55 \text{ K}$

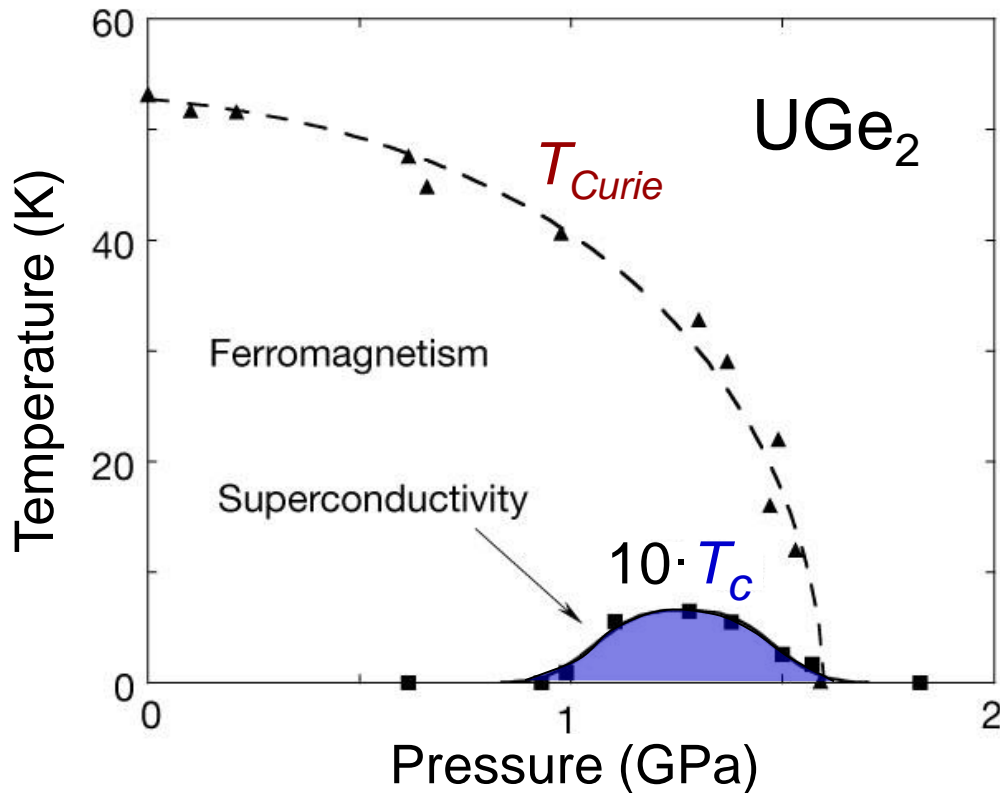
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# UGe<sub>2</sub> ferromagnetic superconductor:

*is it really possible to combine water with fire ?*

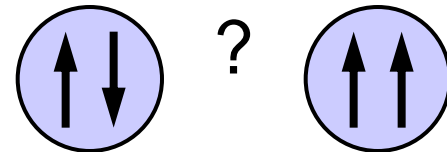
S.Saxena et al., Nature 406, 587 (2000)



## Properties of UGe<sub>2</sub>:

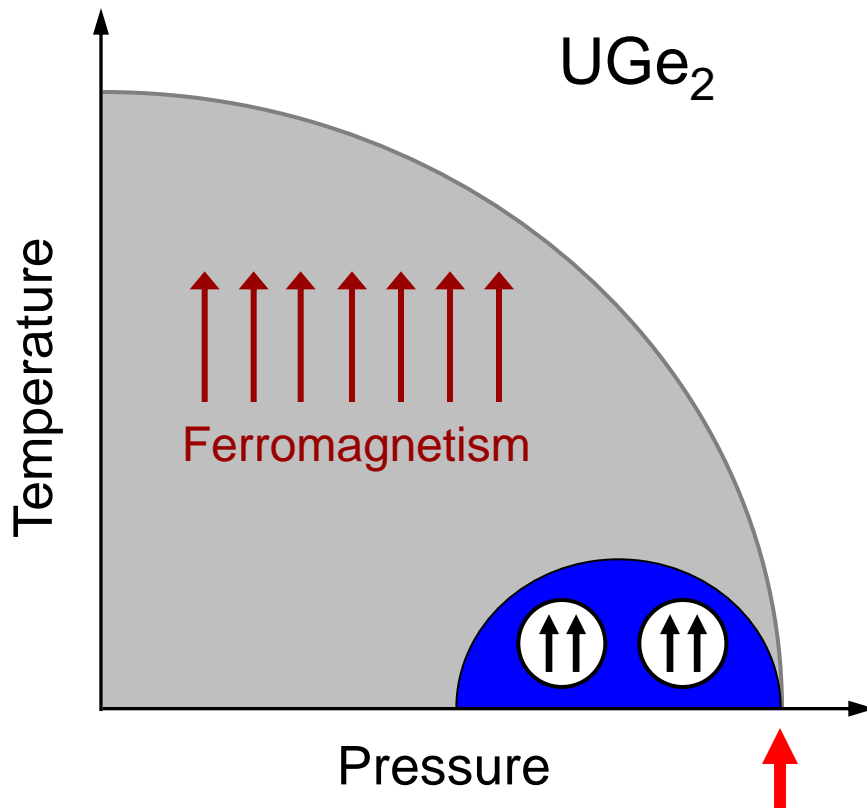
- $T_{Curie} = 52$  K,  $p = 0$  Gpa
- $T_C^{max} = 0.6$  K,  $p = 1.25$  Gpa
- $m = 1.4 \mu_B/U$  atom

## Important question:



*What type of Cooper pairs can be responsible for **superconductivity** which coexists with **ferromagnetism** ?*

# Coexistence (cooperation ?) of unconventional superconductivity and itinerant FM



## Why the triplet state ?

- $H_{ex} \sim (T_{Curie}/\mu_B) \gg H_p \sim (T_c/\mu_B)$
- $H_{c2} \gg H_p$
- $I_{MAG}(T) = \text{constant}$  when crossing  $T_c$  in  $H$



*Triplet superconductivity ( $S=1$ ) and itinerant FM coexist and, moreover, it appears that **they are linked** !*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **Magnetism and superconductivity in a transition metal compound: $Y_4Co_3$**

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**Abstract.** Measurements of AC susceptibility and electrical resistivity show the onset of magnetic order at about 5 K and the onset of superconductivity at about 1.5 K in samples of  $Y_4Co_3$  which are believed to be single phase. Interpretations are considered which take into account the characteristic structure of the compound and different possible types of magnetic ordering.

# Coexistence of superconductivity and itinerant ferromagnetism in $Y_9Co_7$

## properties of „old” samples:

- no anomaly in the specific heat  $C_p(T)$  dependence at  $T_c$  and  $T_{Curie}$
- low magnetic moment  $\mu \approx 0.08 \mu_B/\text{f.u.}$

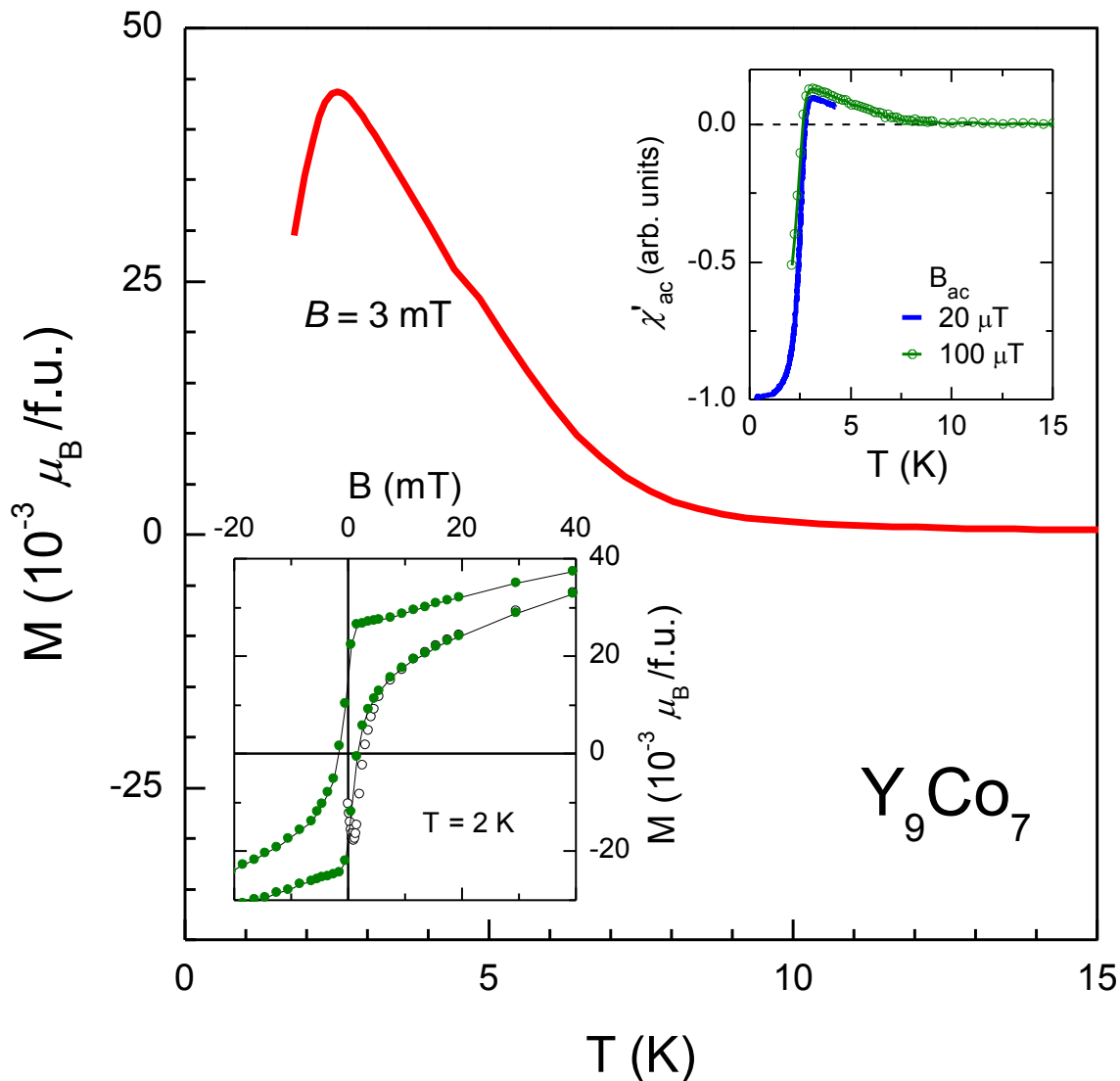
→ superconductivity ( $T_c \approx 1.5 - 2 \text{ K}$ ) is present in PM phase immersed in FM material ( $T_{Curie} \approx 6 - 8 \text{ K}$ ) ??

## properties of „new” samples:

- clear anomaly in  $C_p(T)$  at  $T_c$  and  $T_{Curie}$
- low magnetic moment  $\mu \approx 0.06 \mu_B/\text{f.u.}$
- bulk superconductivity ( $T_c = 2.95 \text{ K}$ ) present in FM phase ( $T_{Curie} = 4.5 \text{ K}$ )

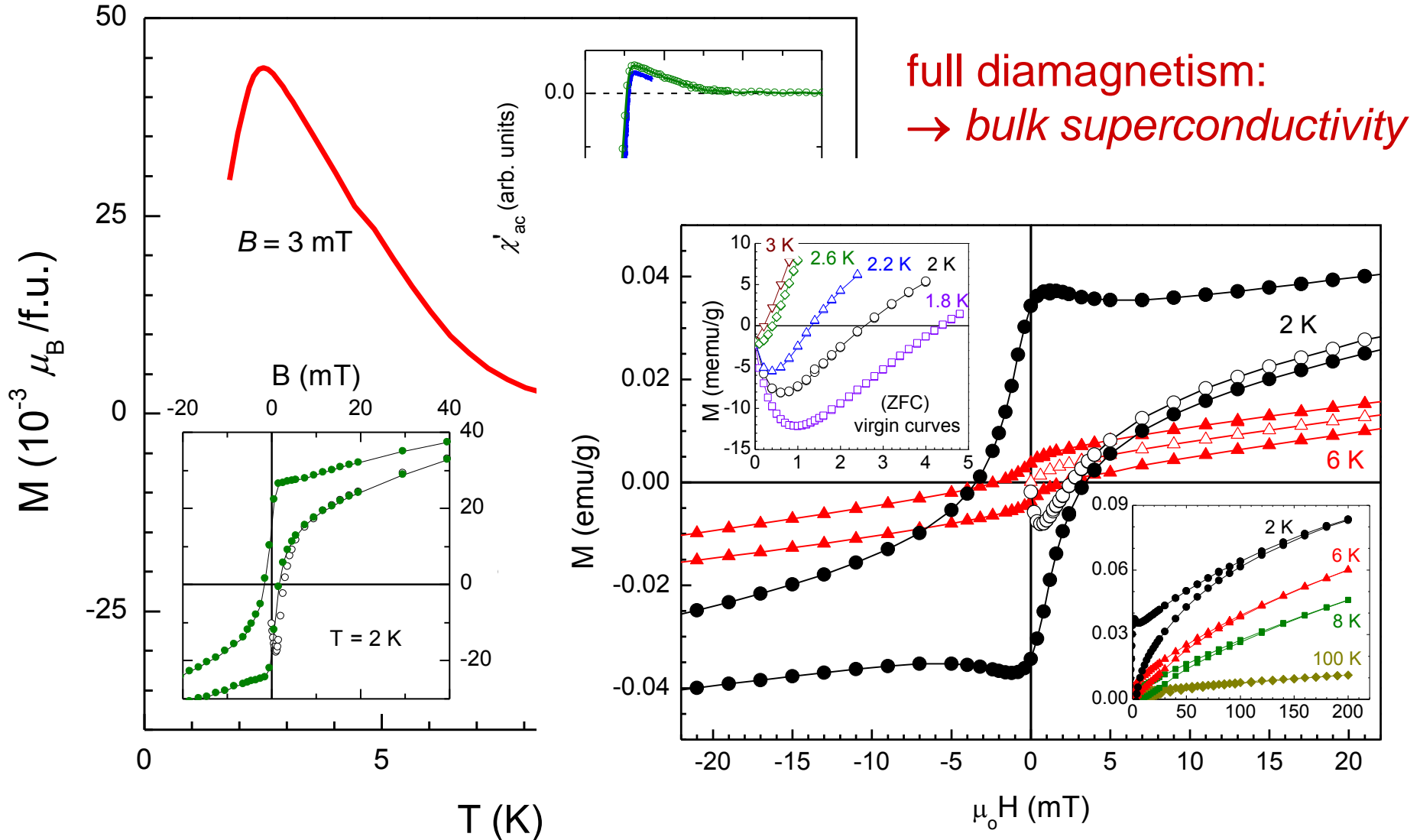
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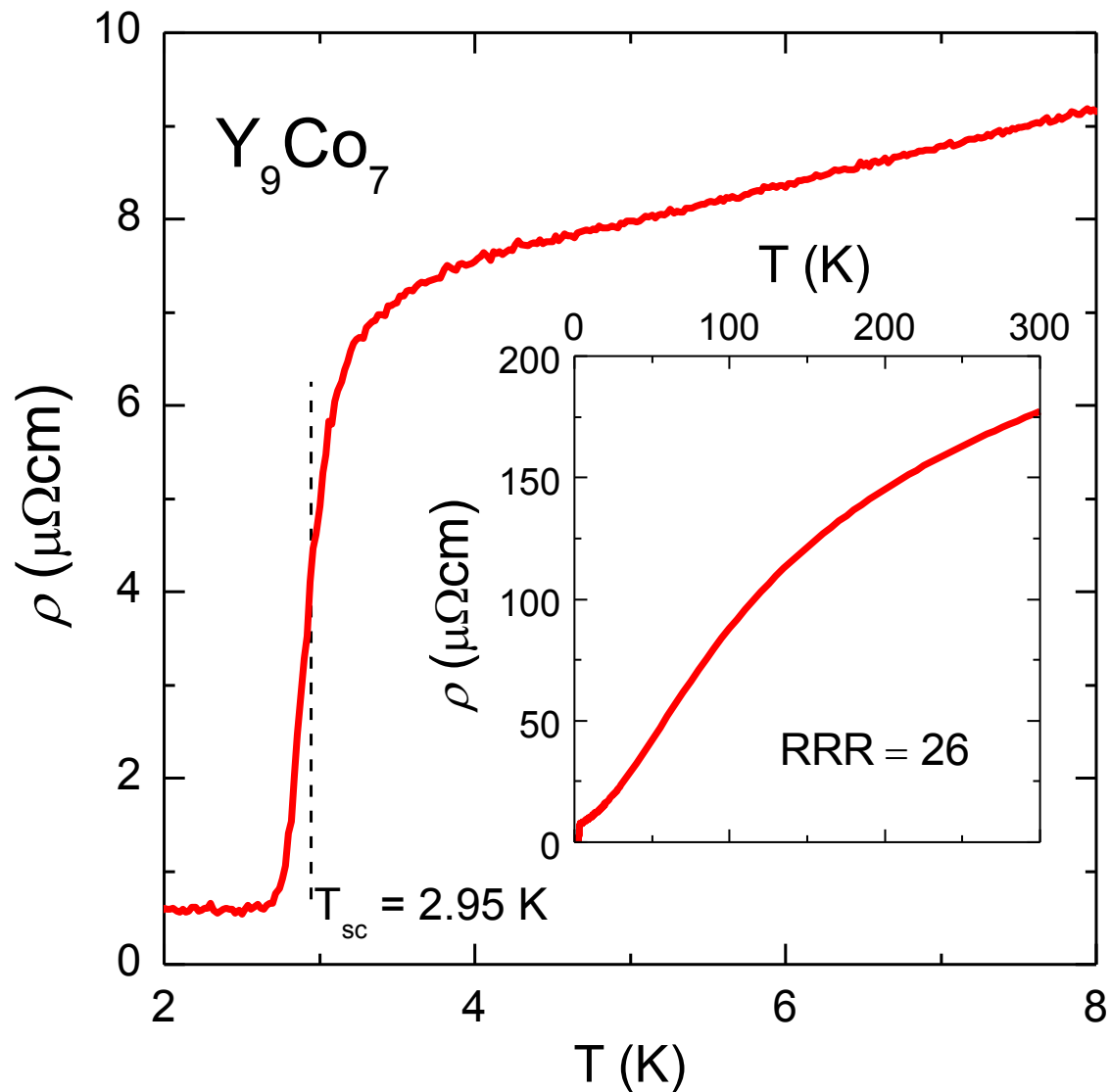
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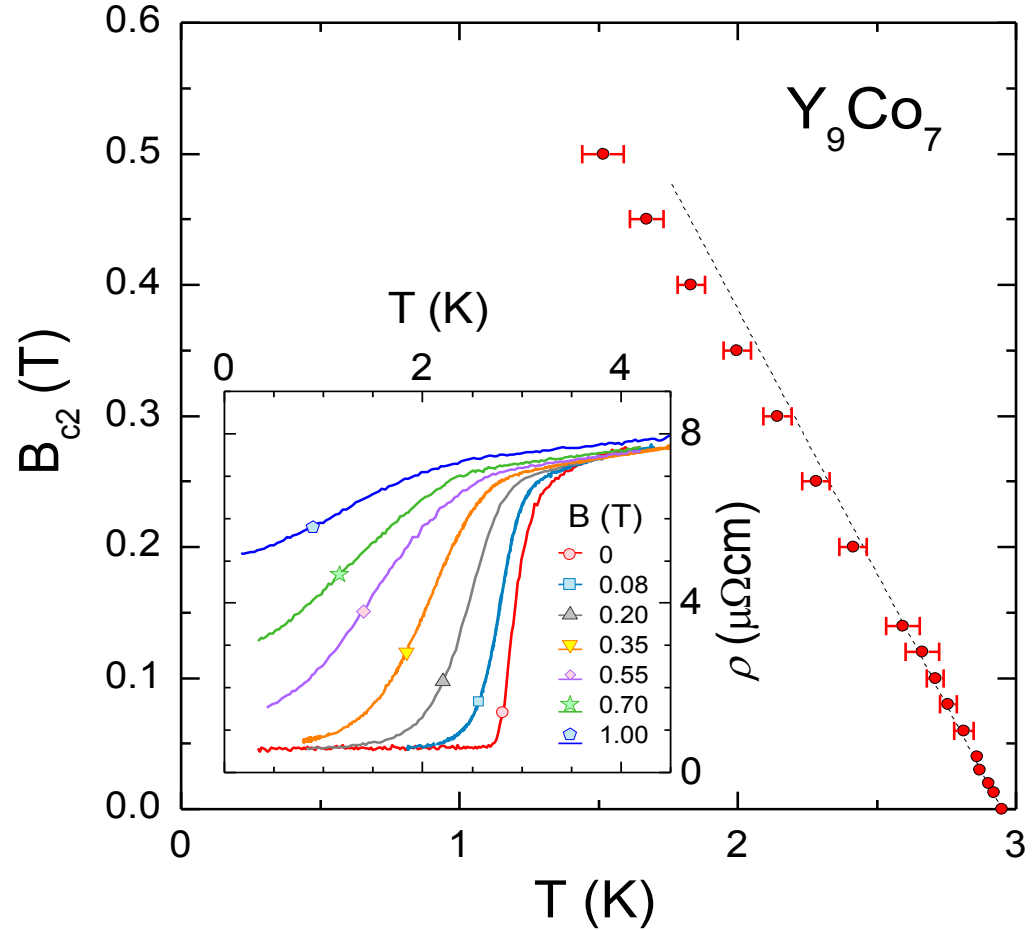
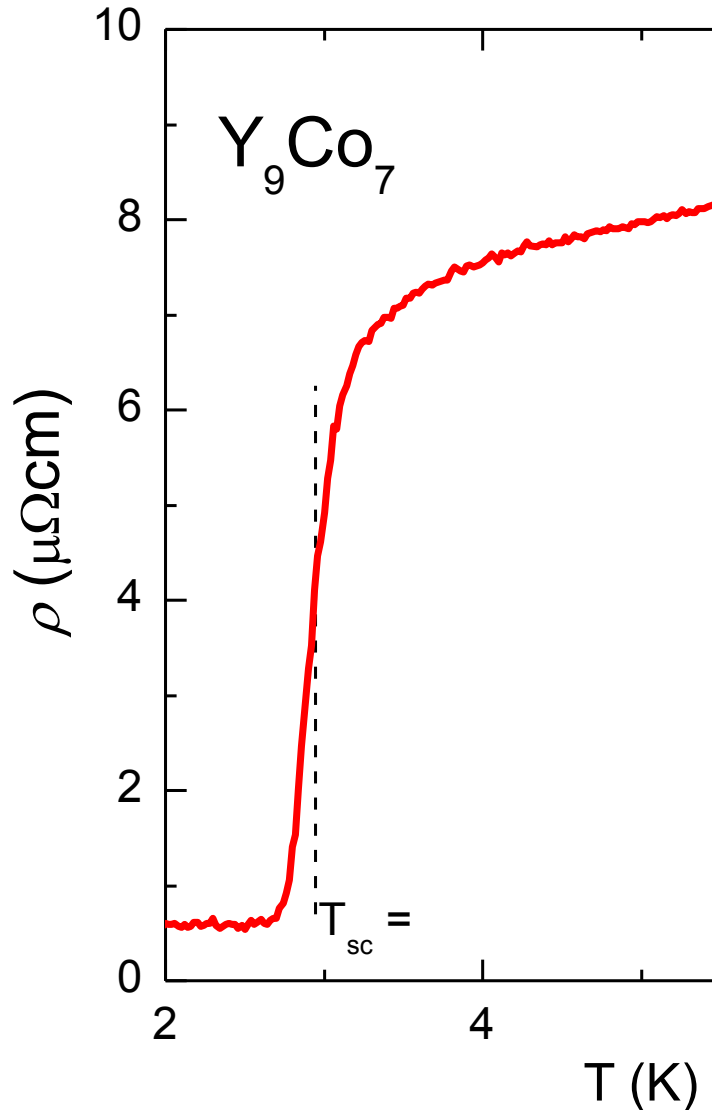
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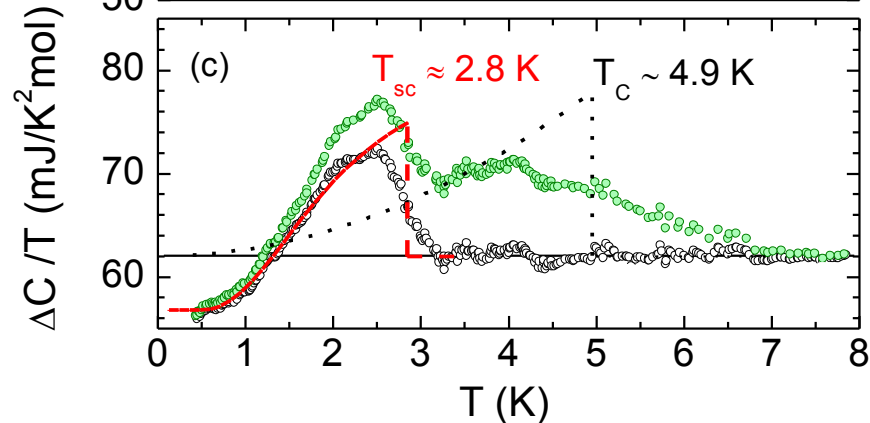
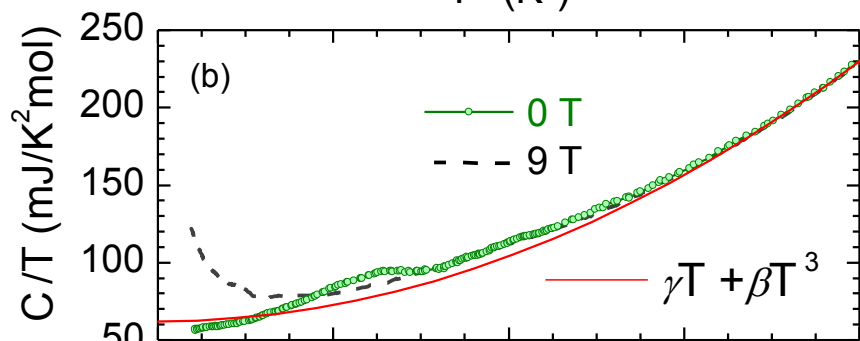
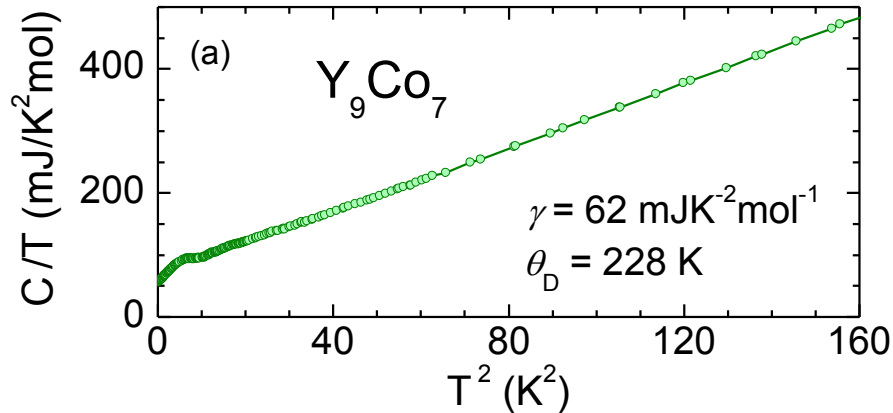
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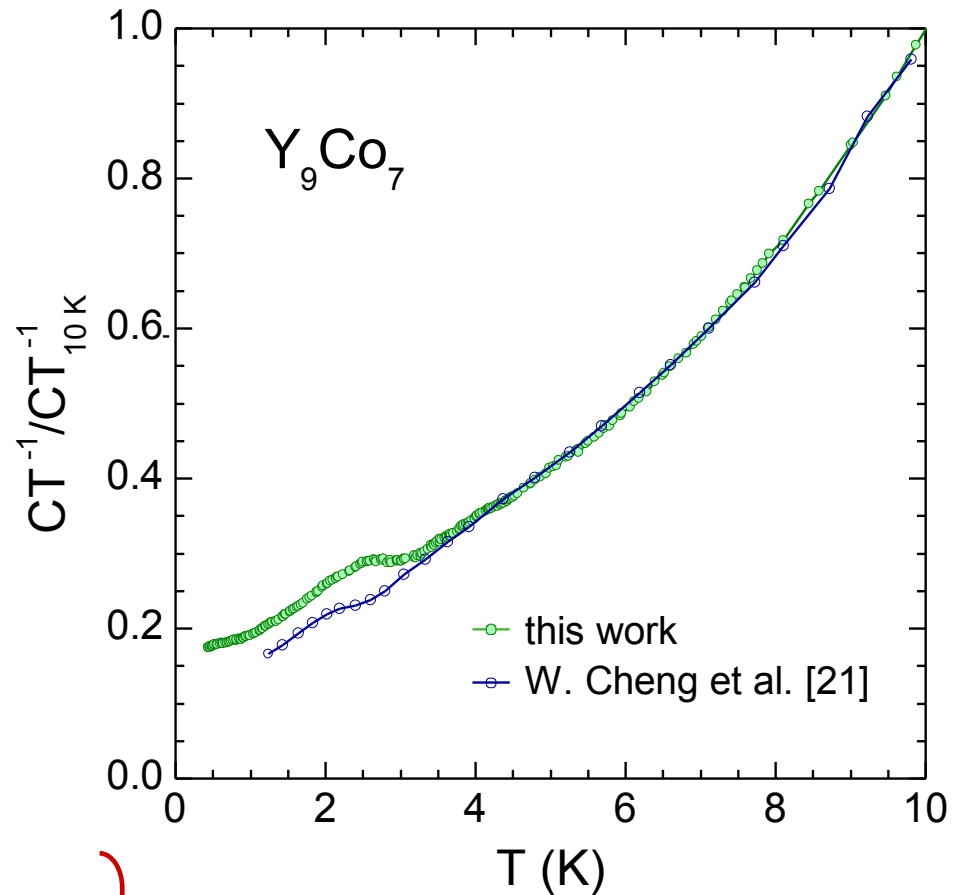
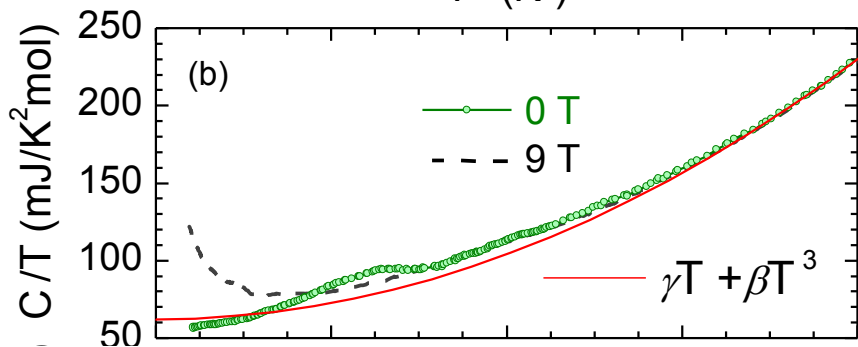
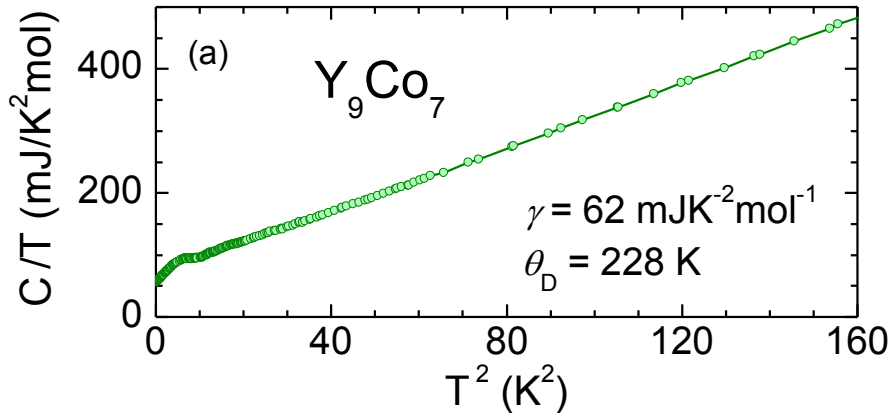
- $\xi \approx 240 \text{ \AA}$
  - $l \approx 2\,200 \text{ \AA}$
- }  $\rightarrow$  „clean-limit”

# Coexistence of superconductivity and itinerant ferromagnetism in $Y_9Co_7$





# Coexistence of superconductivity and itinerant ferromagnetism in $Y_9Co_7$



- $C_p^{super} < C_p^{normal}$
- increased amount of SC phase for samples with increased quality
- fixed amount of FM phase

→ SC and FM show bulk (volume) properties and coexist in the microscale

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# Summary:

- $\text{\textcircled{\uparrow\downarrow}}$  **superconductivity** and **localized AFM** coexist and interact each other ( $\text{HoNi}_2\text{B}_2\text{C}$ ,  $\text{GdBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ )
- $\text{\textcircled{\uparrow\downarrow}}$  **superconductivity** and **localized FM** don't want to coexist – they are enemies ( $\text{HoMo}_6\text{S}_8$ ,  $\text{ErRh}_4\text{B}_4$ )
- $\text{\textcircled{\uparrow\downarrow}}$  **superconductivity** and **weak itinerant FM** coexist and interact each other ( $\text{Y}_9\text{Co}_7$ )
- $\text{\textcircled{\uparrow\downarrow}}$  **superconductivity** and **strong itinerant FM** can't coexist ( $H_{ex} \gg H_p$ ) ( $\text{Fe}$ ,  $\text{REFeAs}(\text{O},\text{F})$ )
- $\text{\textcircled{\uparrow\uparrow}}$  **superconductivity** and **strong itinerant FM** coexist and it seems that they even cooperate ( $\text{UGe}_2$ ,  $\text{URhGe}$ ,  $\text{UCoGe}$ )