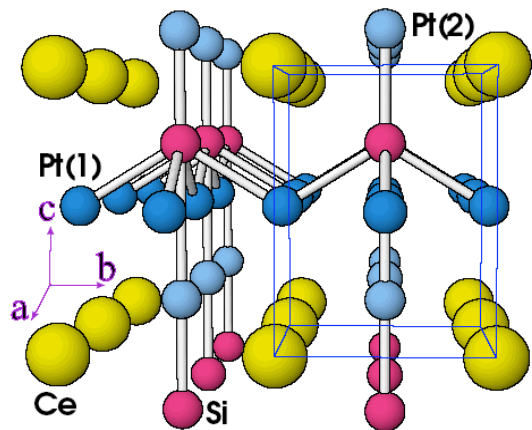


# Spin-orbit coupling and superconductivity in materials without inversion symmetry

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- ◆ Parity as a key symmetry  
for superconductivity  
role of antisymmetric spin-orbit coupling
- ◆ Physical properties  
discussion of experimental results

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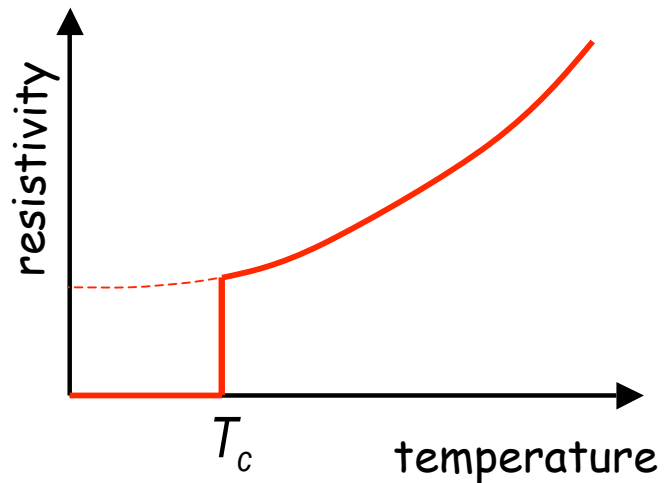


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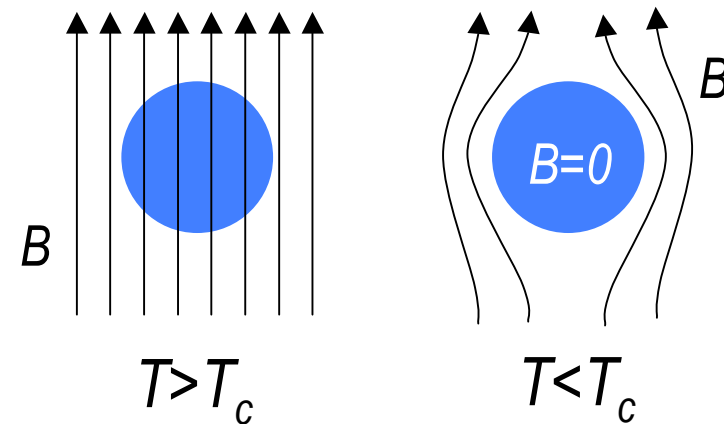
# Superconductivity

Electrical resistance (1911)



Field expulsion (1933)

Meissner-Ochsenfeld effect



## Superconductivity as a thermodynamic phase

London theory (1935)

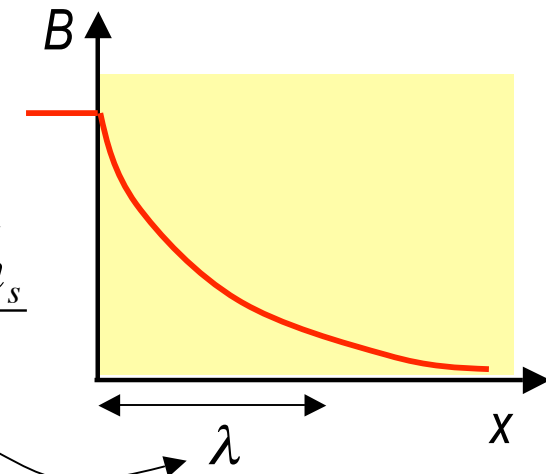
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \lambda^2 \vec{j} &= -\vec{B} \\ \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \lambda^{-2} \vec{B}$$

density of superconducting electrons

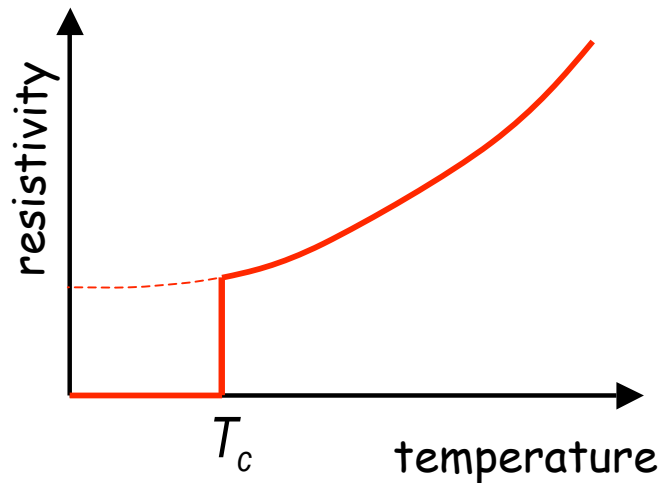
$$\lambda^{-2} = \frac{4\pi e^2 n_s}{mc^2}$$

London penetration depth



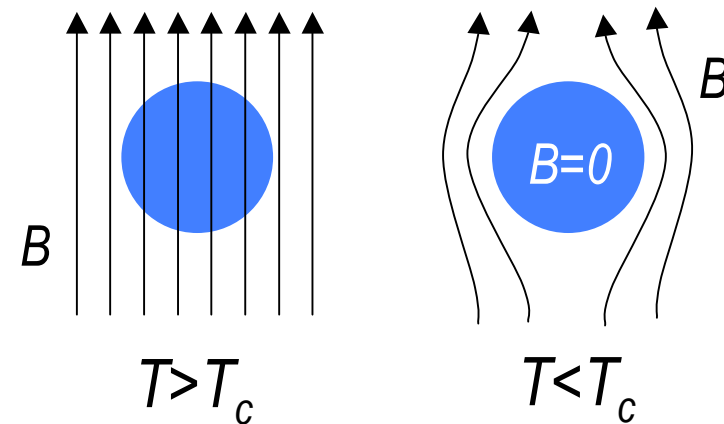
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## Superconductivity as a thermodynamic phase

Order parameter:  $\Psi(\vec{r}) = |\Psi(\vec{r})|e^{i\varphi(\vec{r})}$  condensate with a broken  $U(1)$ -gauge symmetry

$$F[\Psi, \vec{A}] = \int d^3r \left[ a(T)|\Psi|^2 + b|\Psi|^4 + K|\vec{D}\Psi|^2 + \frac{1}{8\pi}(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})^2 \right]$$

Ginzburg-Landau theory (1950)

minimal coupling  $\vec{D} = \vec{\nabla} + i\frac{2e}{\hbar c}\vec{A}$

# Mikroscopic viewpoint of superconductivity

Order parameter  $\Psi(\vec{r}) = |\Psi(\vec{r})|e^{i\varphi(\vec{r})}$  *complex condensate wave function*

Coherent state of electron pairs (Cooper pairs)

$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_{\vec{k}} \left\{ u_{\vec{k}} + v_{\vec{k}} c_{\vec{k}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\vec{k}\downarrow}^\dagger \right\} |0\rangle$$

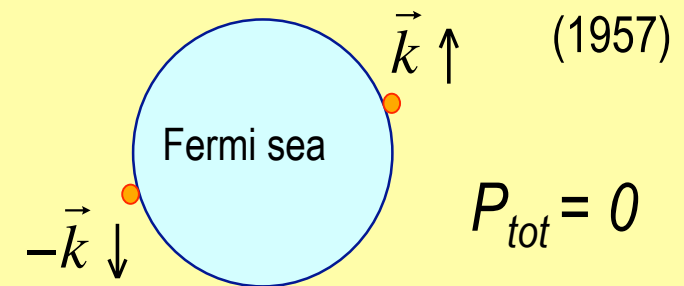
↓ *not a state of fixed particle number*

$$c_{-\vec{k}\downarrow} c_{\vec{k}\uparrow} |\psi\rangle = u_{\vec{k}} v_{\vec{k}} |\psi\rangle$$

↓ *condensate wavefunction*

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}} = \langle \psi | c_{-\vec{k}\downarrow} c_{\vec{k}\uparrow} | \psi \rangle = u_{\vec{k}} v_{\vec{k}}$$

**B**ardeen-**C**ooper-**S**chrieffer



→ fixed phase

violation of  $U(1)$ -gauge symmetry

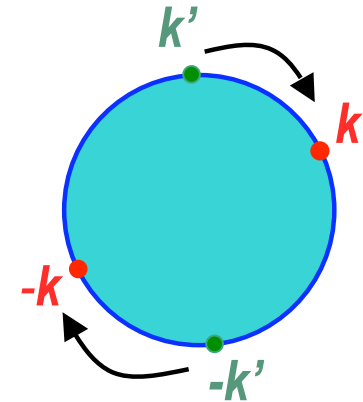
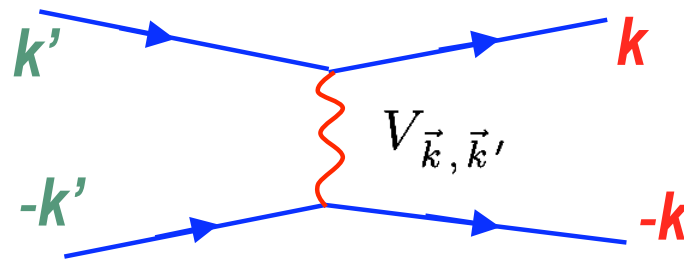
$$c_{\vec{k}} \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} c_{\vec{k}} \\ \Rightarrow \Psi_{\vec{k}} \rightarrow e^{2i\alpha} \Psi_{\vec{k}}$$

" $U(1)$  - Higgs field"

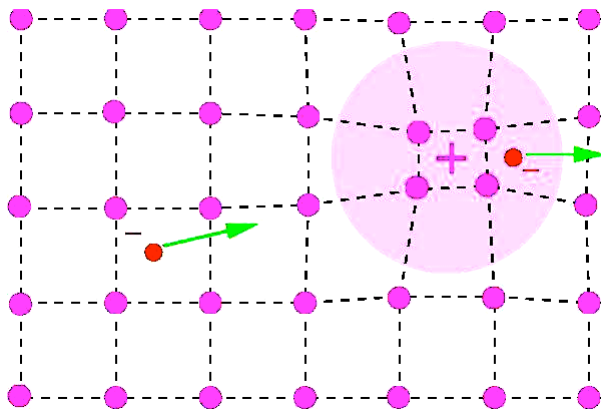
# Pairing interaction

Cooper pair formation (bound state of 2 electrons) needs attractive interaction

$$\mathcal{H}_{pair} = \frac{1}{2\Omega} \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} \sum_{s, s'} V_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} c_{\vec{k}, s}^\dagger c_{-\vec{k}, s'}^\dagger c_{-\vec{k}', s'} c_{\vec{k}', s}$$



electron phonon interaction:



attractive interaction



scattering between electron states  
with degenerate energy

$$\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \epsilon_{-\vec{k}}$$

# Alternative mechanism for Cooper pairing

Pairing from purely repulsive interactions: Kohn & Luttinger (1965)

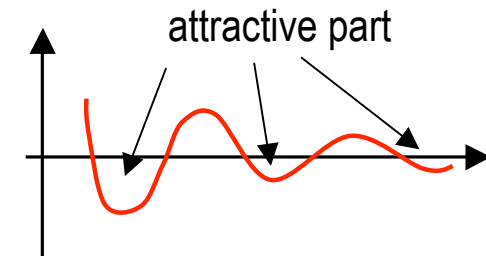
screened Coulomb potential in metal has long-ranged oscillatory tail (sharp Fermi edge)

Friedel oscillations:  $V(r) \propto r^{-3} \cos(2k_F r)$

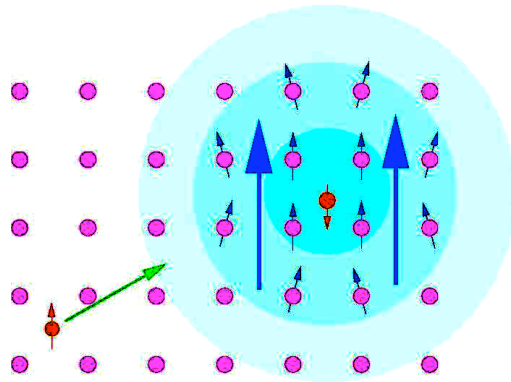
pairing in high-angular  
momentum channel  $l > 0$

$$T_c/T_F \sim \exp\{-(2l)^4\}$$

very low !



Pairing by magnetic fluctuations: Berk & Schrieffer (1966)

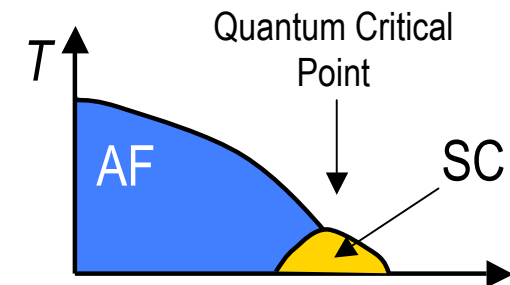
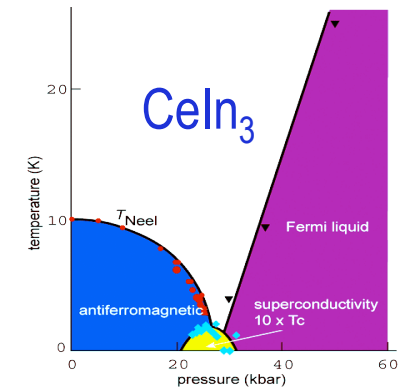


easily spin polarizable medium

*longer ranged interaction*



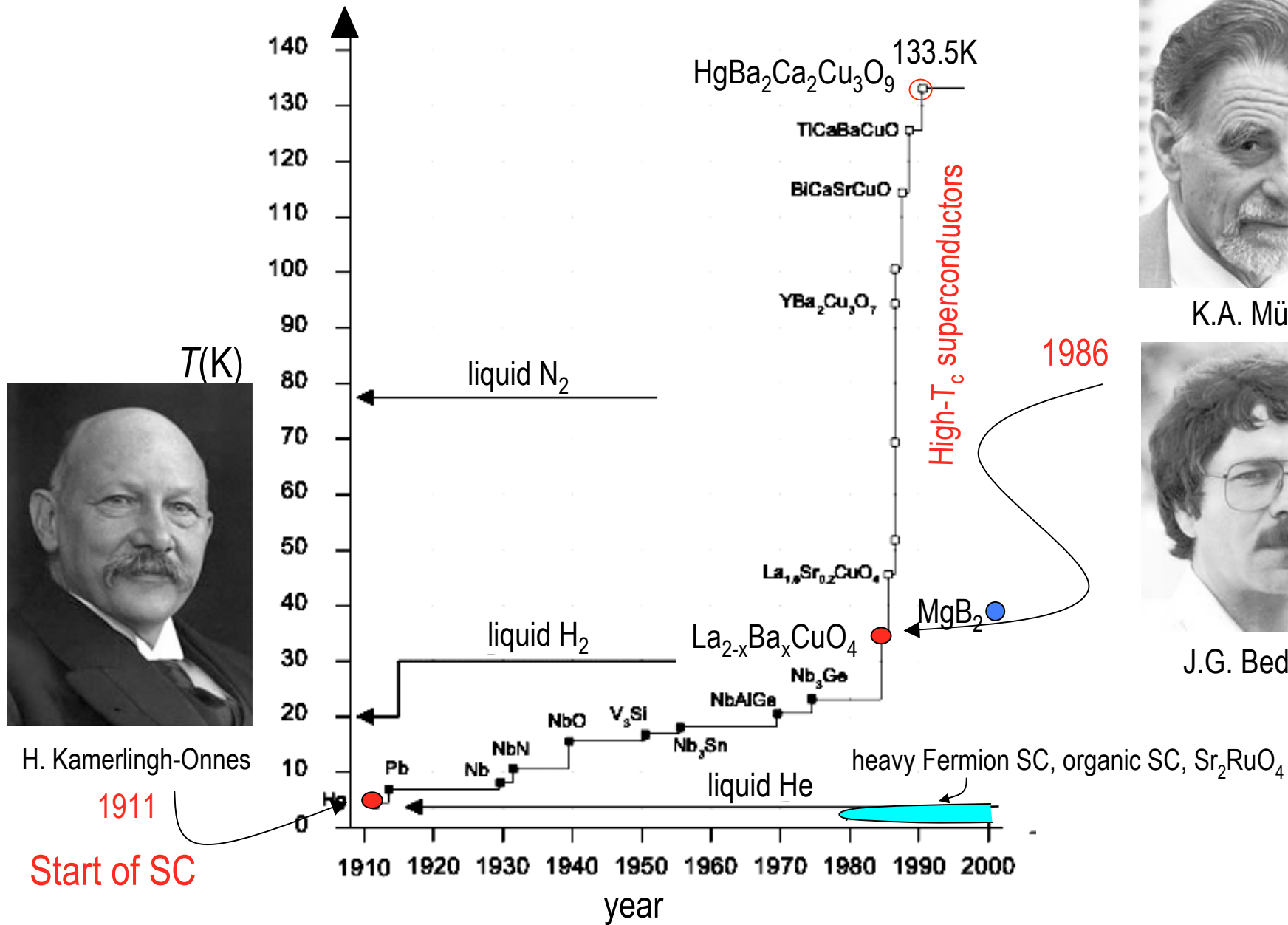
$T_c$  reasonable for higher  
angular momentum pairing



# Novel Superconductors



# Unexpected breakthroughs



H. Kamerlingh-Onnes

1911

Start of SC



K.A. Müller



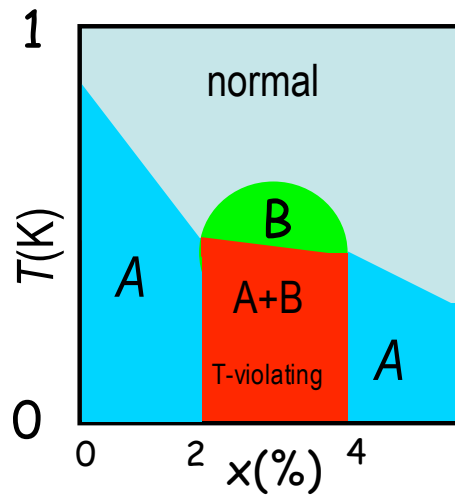
J.G. Bednorz

# The novel superconductors

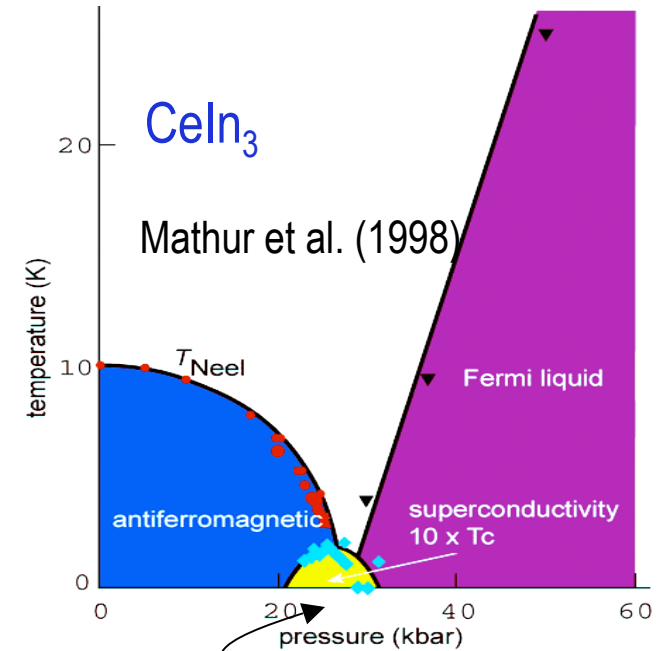
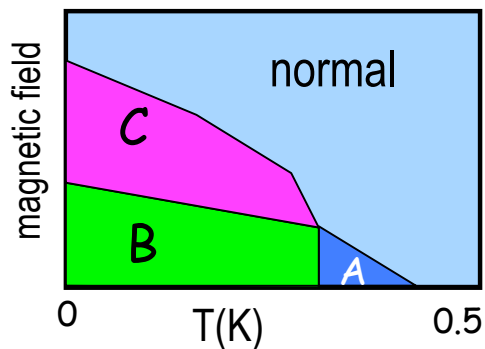
## Heavy Fermion superconductors:

$CeCu_2Si_2$  Steglich et al. (1979)

$U_{1-x}Th_xBe_{13}$  Ott et al. (1983)



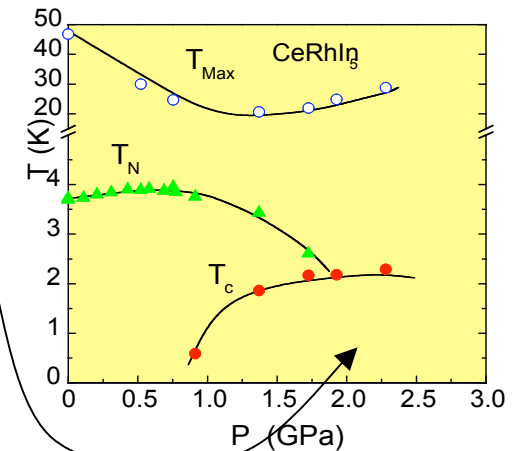
$UPt_3$  Stewart et al. (1984)



Quantum  
Critical point

$CeRhIn_5$  Thompson et al. (2001)

AF  $\longleftrightarrow$  PM

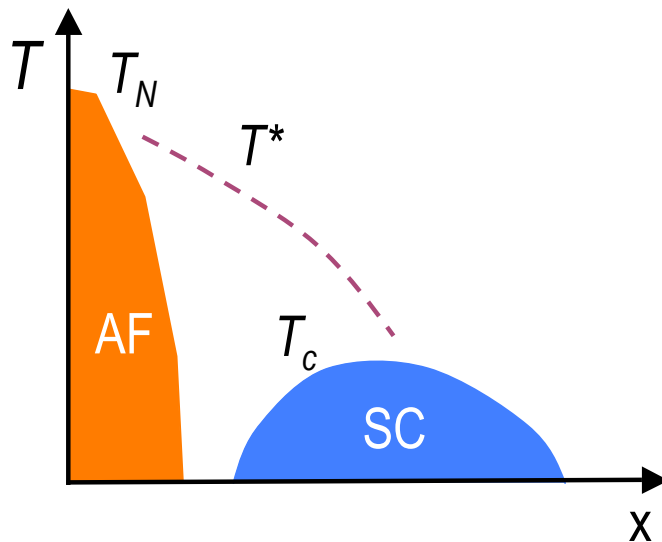


# The novel superconductors

## High-temperature superconductors

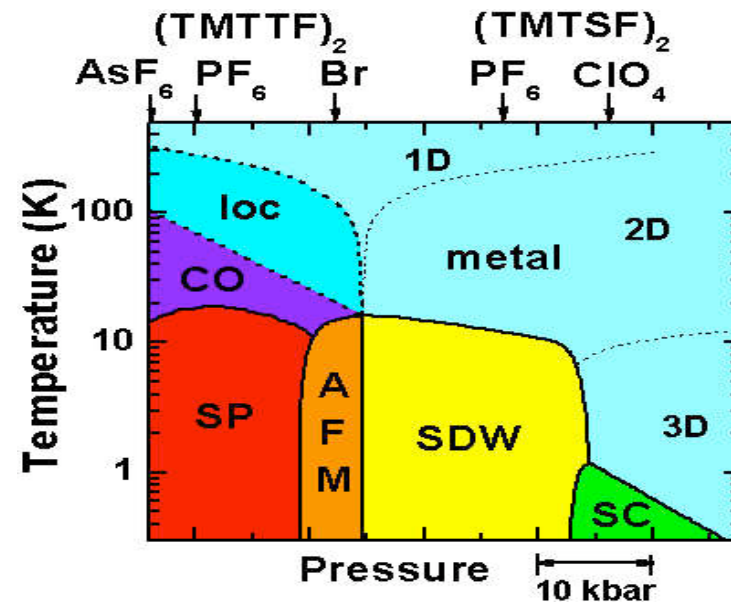
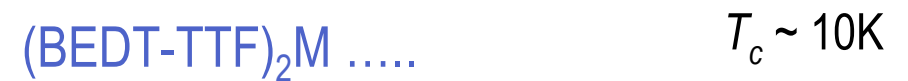
Layered perovskite cooper-oxides

Müller & Bednorz (1986)



## Organic superconductors

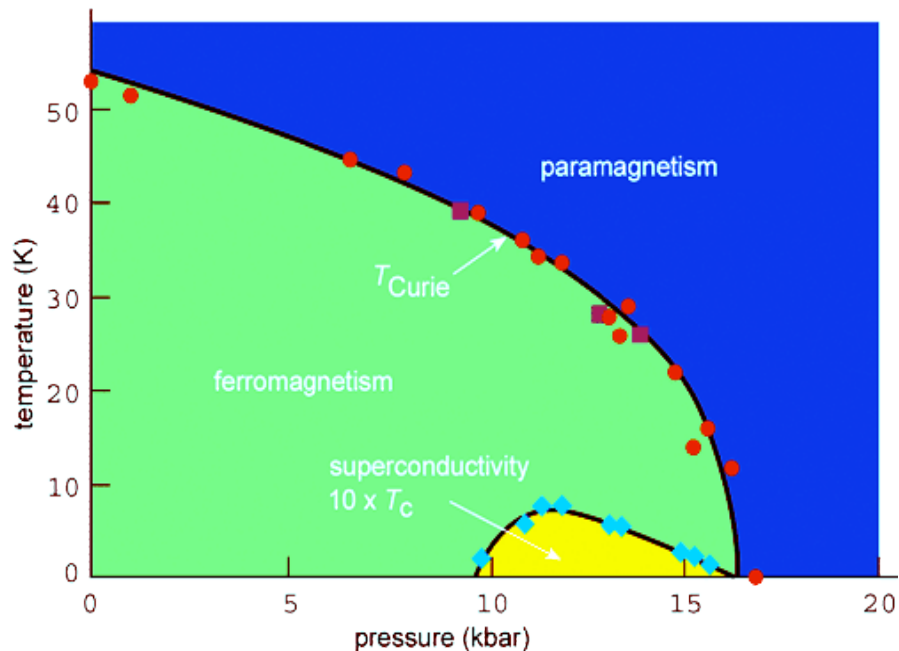
Jerome, Bechtgard et al (1980)



# The novel superconductors

## Ferromagnetic superconductors:

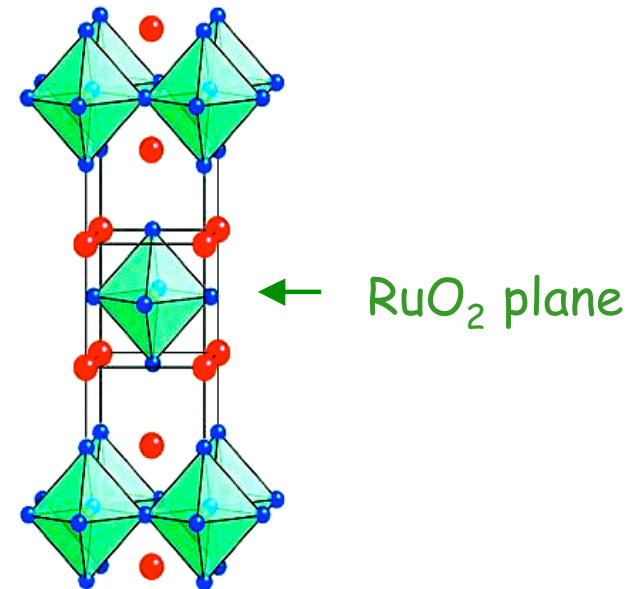
$\text{UGe}_2$  Saxena et al. (2000)



$\text{ZrZn}_2$  Pfeleiderer et al. (2001)

Superconductivity within  
the ferromagnetic phase

$\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$



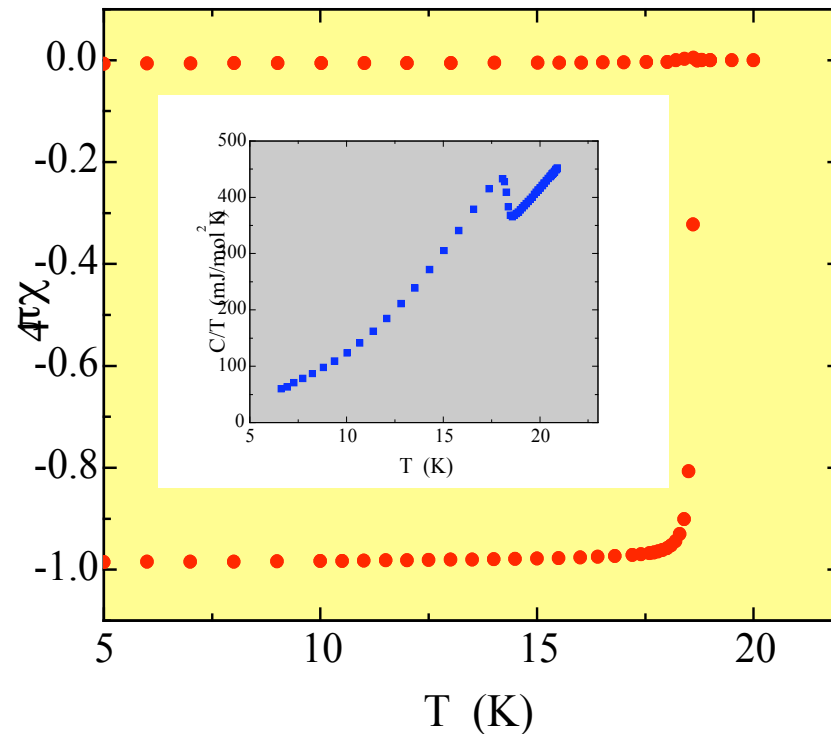
some similarities with  
high- $T_c$  superconductors,

but  $T_c = 1.5 \text{ K}$

spin-triplet superconductor

# The novel superconductors

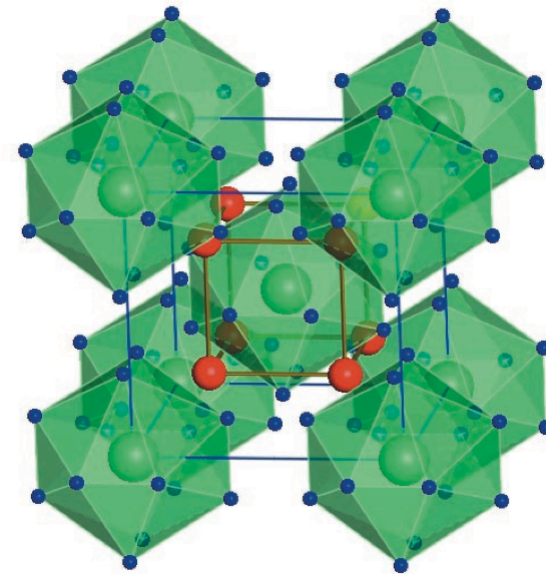
## Plutonium compounds



$$T_c = 18 \text{ K}$$

Thompson et al. (Los Alamos)

## Skutterudite



Bauer et al. PRB 65, R100506 (2002)

Multiple phases

# Cooper pairing and Symmetry

# Alternative ways to Cooper pairing

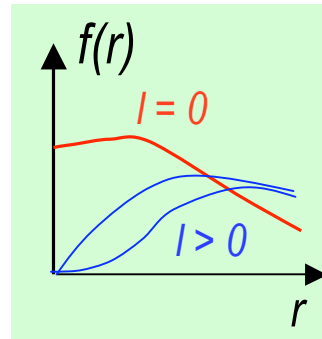
Coulomb and electron-phonon interaction very short-ranged ( $\lambda_{TF}$ ) “contact interaction”

Bound Cooper pair wavefunction:

$$\psi(\vec{r}, s; \vec{r}', s') = f(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)\chi(s, s')$$

with  $f(r \rightarrow 0) \neq 0$

relative angular momentum  $l=0$   
important for “contact interaction”



How to avoid Coulomb repulsion?

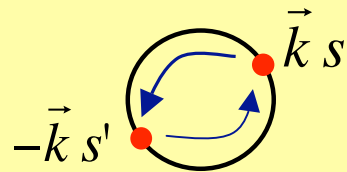
higher-angular momentum pairing

$$l > 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad f(r \rightarrow 0) \propto r^l$$

“contact interaction” not effective

Symmetry of pairs of identical electrons:  $\Psi_{ss'}(\vec{k}) = \langle \hat{c}_{\vec{k}s} \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}s'} \rangle = \underbrace{\Phi(\vec{k})}_{\text{orbital}} \underbrace{\chi(s, s')}_{\text{spin}}$

wave function totally antisymmetric  
under particle exchange



$$\vec{k} \rightarrow -\vec{k} \quad s \leftrightarrow s'$$

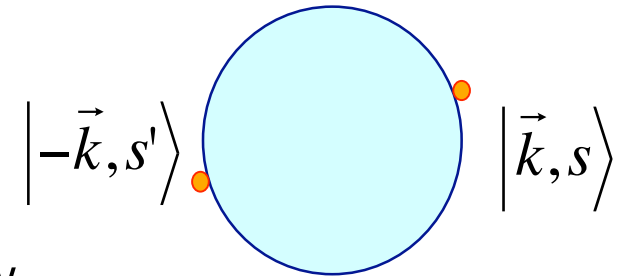
even parity:  $l = 0, 2, 4, \dots$ ,  $S = 0$  singlet  
even odd

odd parity:  $l = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ,  $S = 1$  triplet  
odd even

# Requirements for the formation of Cooper pairs

## Anderson's Theorems (1959, 1984)

Cooper pair formation with  $P=0$  relies on symmetries which guarantee **degenerate partner electrons**



- Spin singlet pairing: time reversal symmetry

$$|\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle$$

$$T|\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle = |-\vec{k} \downarrow\rangle$$

*time reversal*

**harmful:**

magnetic impurities  
ferromagnetism

paramagnetic limiting

- Spin triplet pairing: time reversal & inversion symmetry

$$|\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle$$

$$I|\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle = |-\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle$$

*inversion*

$$T|\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle = |-\vec{k} \downarrow\rangle$$

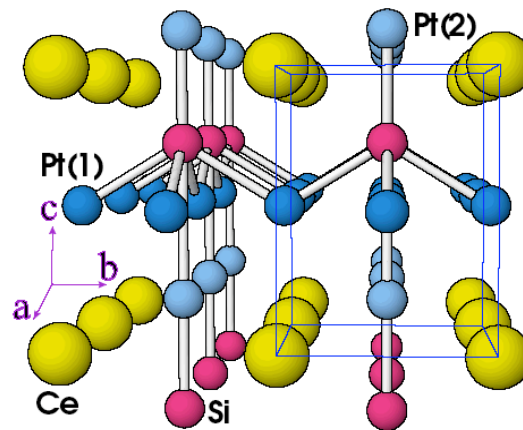
$$IT|\vec{k} \uparrow\rangle = |\vec{k} \downarrow\rangle$$

**harmful:** crystal structure without inversion center



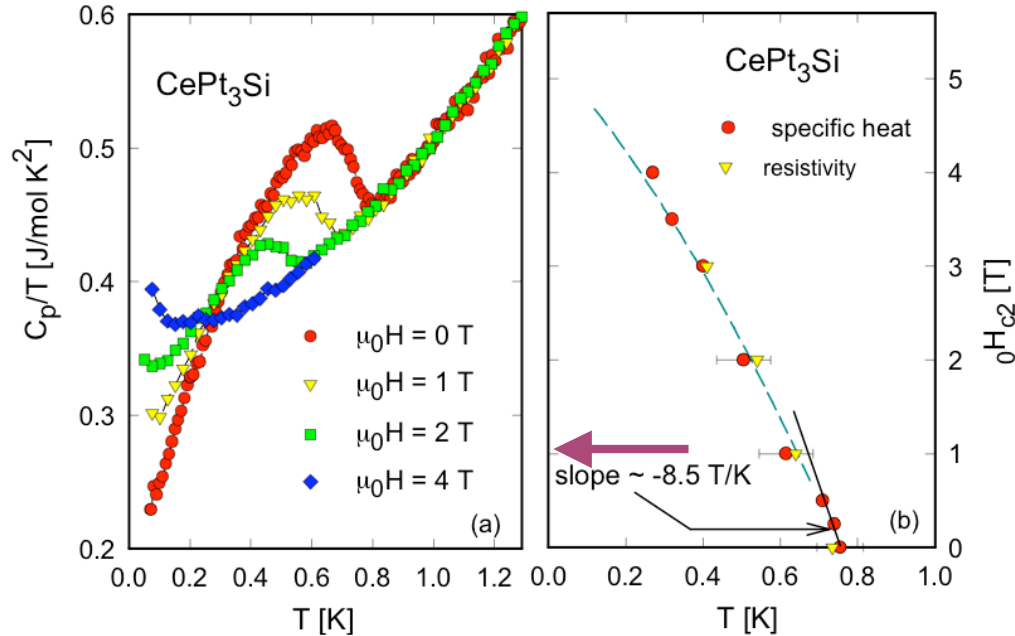
# The essential symmetries

## Non-centrosymmetric superconductors



# CePt<sub>3</sub>Si Heavy Fermion superconductor: $T_c = 0.75\text{ K}$

E. Bauer et al. PRL 92,027003 (2004)

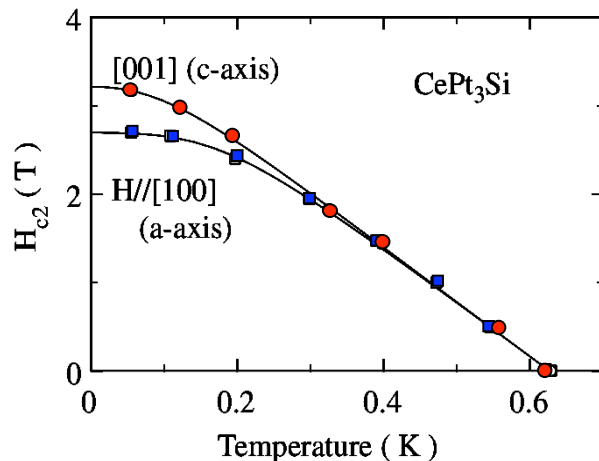


$$\gamma \approx 350 \frac{\text{mJ}}{\text{mol K}^2}$$

$$H_{c2}(T=0) \rightarrow 5T$$

paramagnetic limiting

$$H_p \approx \frac{\Delta_0}{\sqrt{2}\mu_B} \approx \frac{k_B T_C}{\mu_B} \approx 1T$$



$$H_{c2}(0) \sim 3T$$

No paramagnetic limiting

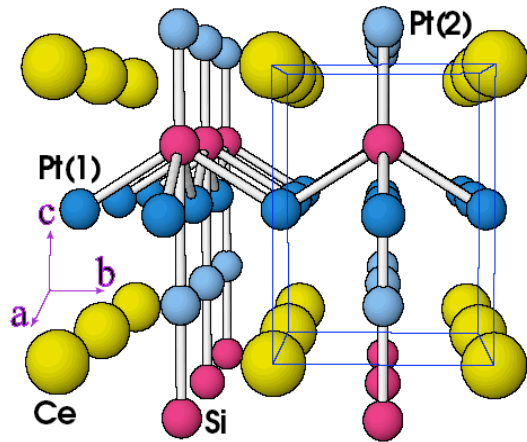


spin triplet pairing ?

T. Yasuda et al., JPSJ 73, 1657 (2004)

# Symmetry of superconducting phase

CePt<sub>3</sub>Si



Crystal space group

**P4mm**

tetragonal

generating  
point group

**C<sub>4v</sub>**

(mirror plane  $z \rightarrow -z$  missing)



No inversion center:

**spin triplet pairing?**

Anderson's second theorem

Basic Model  
of a system without  
inversion center

# Lack of inversion symmetry

$$\mathcal{H} = \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{k}, s} (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) c_{\vec{k}s}^\dagger c_{\vec{k}s}}_{\text{Electron band}} + \alpha \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{k}, s, s'} \vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \{c_{\vec{k}s}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{ss'} c_{\vec{k}s'}\}}_{\text{Spin-orbit coupling}}$$

## Symmetry conditions

- *time reversal symmetry:*  $\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \epsilon_{-\vec{k}}$  and  $\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} = -\vec{\lambda}_{-\vec{k}}$   
 $\vec{k} \rightarrow -\vec{k}, \vec{S} \rightarrow -\vec{S}$

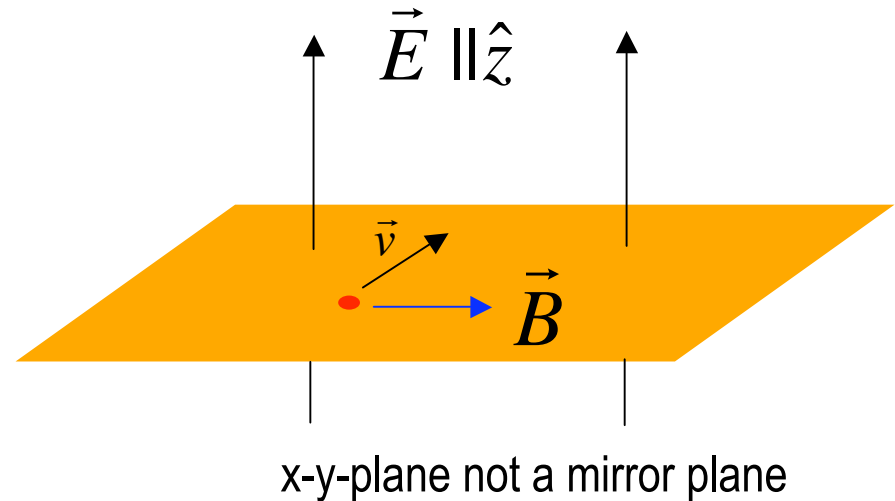
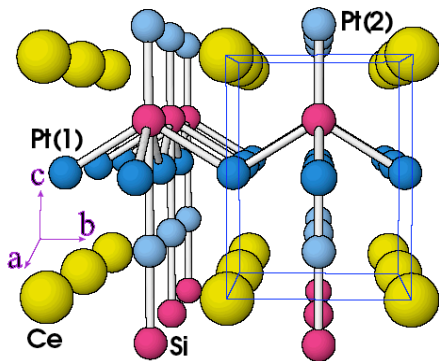
- *inversion symmetry:*  $\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \epsilon_{-\vec{k}}$  and  $\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} = \vec{\lambda}_{-\vec{k}}$   
 $\vec{k} \rightarrow -\vec{k}, \vec{S} \rightarrow \vec{S}$

$\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad$  time reversal and/or inversion symmetry absent

# Lack of inversion symmetry

Dresselhaus 1955; Rashba 1960

CePt<sub>3</sub>Si



Special relativity: 
$$\vec{B} \approx -\frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{E}$$

Zeeman coupling: 
$$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{S} \propto (\vec{v} \times \hat{z}) \cdot \vec{S} \propto \vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{S} \quad \rightarrow \quad \vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \propto \begin{pmatrix} k_y \\ -k_x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} = -\vec{\lambda}_{-\vec{k}}$$

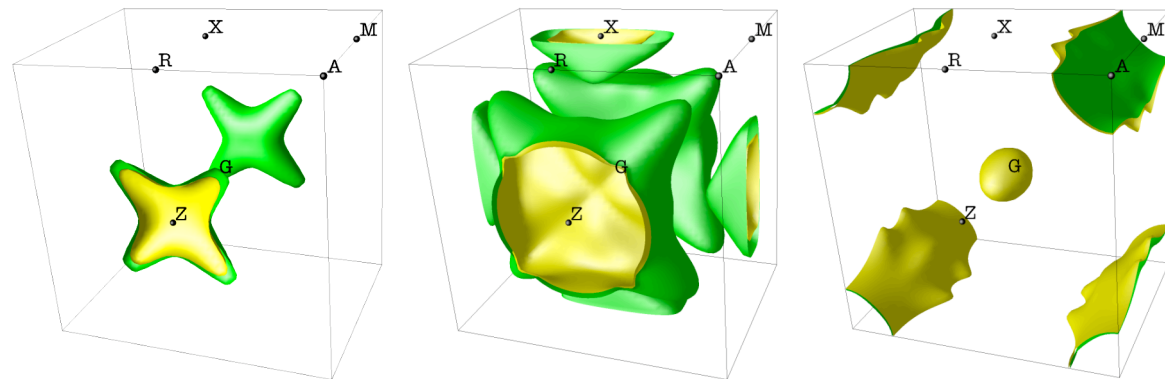
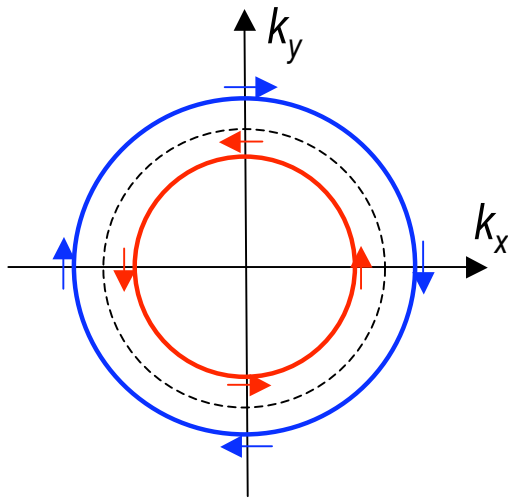
time reversal symmetry conserved

# Band splitting

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\vec{k}, s} (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) c_{\vec{k}s}^\dagger c_{\vec{k}s} + \alpha \sum_{\vec{k}, s, s'} \vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \{c_{\vec{k}s}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{ss'} c_{\vec{k}s'}\}$$

*k*-dependent spin splitting  
(Zeeman)

Energy spectrum: 
$$E_{\vec{k}\pm} = \epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu \pm \alpha |\lambda_{\vec{k}}|$$



Splitted Fermi surface of

**CePt<sub>3</sub>Si**

A.Kozhevnikov, V. Anisimov

similar K. Samokhin et al

# Superconductivity

Hamiltonian: 
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\vec{k}, s, s'} \left[ \xi_{\vec{k}} \sigma^0 + \alpha \vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right] \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, s}^+ \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, s'} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}', s, s'} V_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, s}^+ \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}, s'}^+ \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}', s'} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}', s}$$

Mean field: 
$$\Psi_{\vec{k}, ss'} = \langle c_{-\vec{k}s'} c_{\vec{k}s} \rangle$$

*spin singlet, even parity*

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}, ss'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \psi(\vec{k}) \\ -\psi(\vec{k}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1 configuration  $\frac{\psi(\vec{k})}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$

$$\psi(-\vec{k}) = \psi(\vec{k})$$

*spin triplet, odd parity*

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}, ss'} = \begin{pmatrix} -d_x + id_y & d_z \\ d_z & d_x + id_y \end{pmatrix}$$

3 configurations  $\begin{cases} (-d_x(\vec{k}) + id_y(\vec{k})) |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ \frac{d_z(\vec{k})}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \\ (d_x(\vec{k}) + id_y(\vec{k})) |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{cases}$

$$\vec{d}(-\vec{k}) = -\vec{d}(\vec{k})$$



# Spin-orbit coupling and superconductivity

spin-orbit coupling as a perturbation

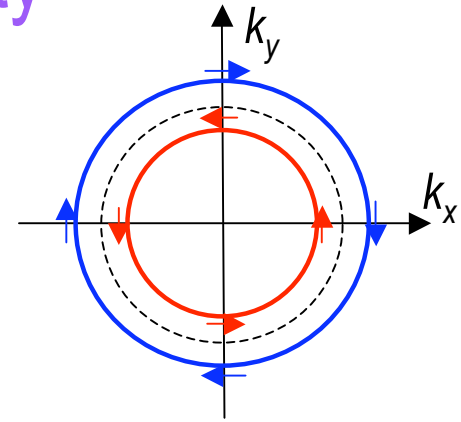
*spin singlet pairing*: minor effect

*spin triplet pairing*: almost all pairing states severely suppressed

weakly affected pairing states:

$$\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \parallel \vec{d}(\vec{k})$$

CePt<sub>3</sub>Si: 
$$\vec{d}(\vec{k}) \propto \begin{pmatrix} k_y \\ -k_x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



The Superconducting Phase

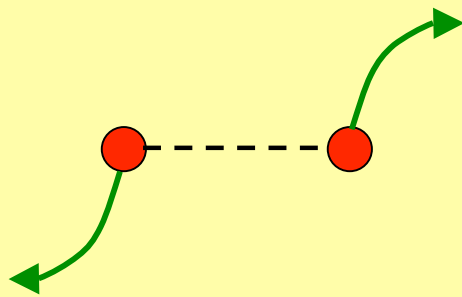
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the Magnetic Field

# Upper critical field

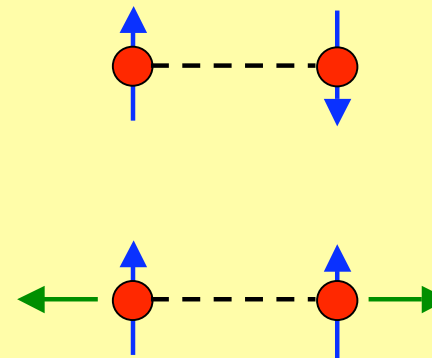
How to destroy Cooper pairs by a magnetic field?

*Orbital depairing:*



Lorentz force  
on moving  
charged particles

*Spin depairing:*

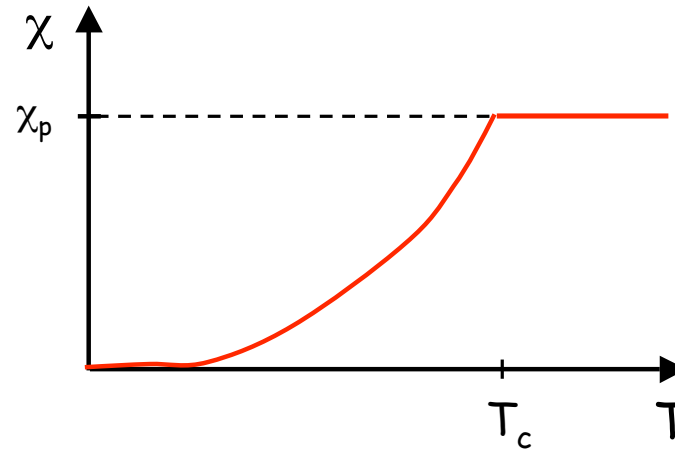


Zeeman coupling  
spin polarization

# Spin anisotropy

- spin singlet pairing → Yosida behavior of spin susceptibility

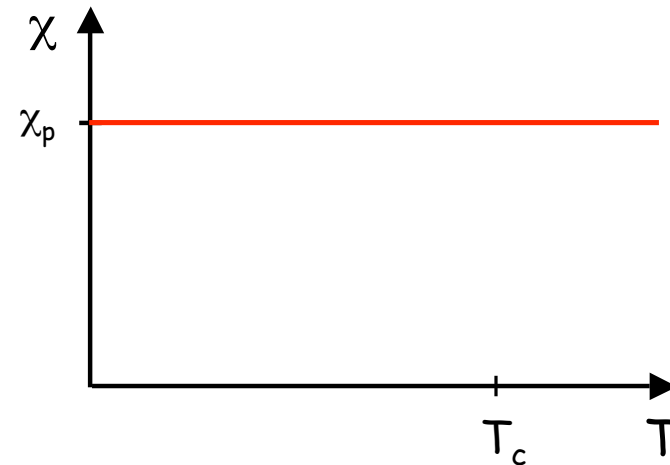
pair breaking  
by spin polarization



- spin triplet pairing

no pair breaking  
for equal spin pairing

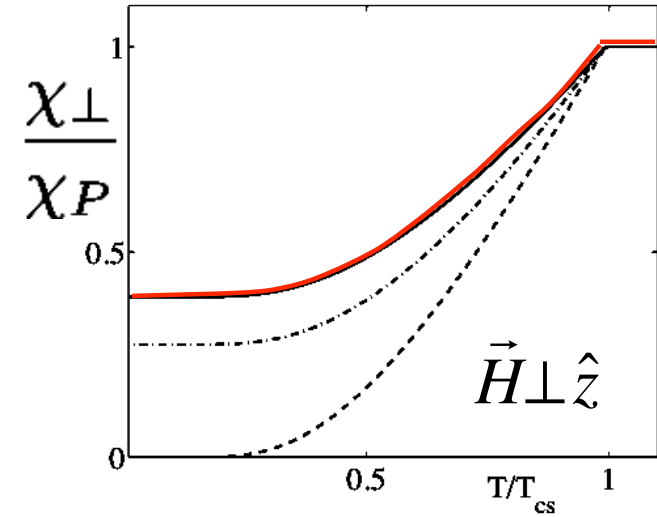
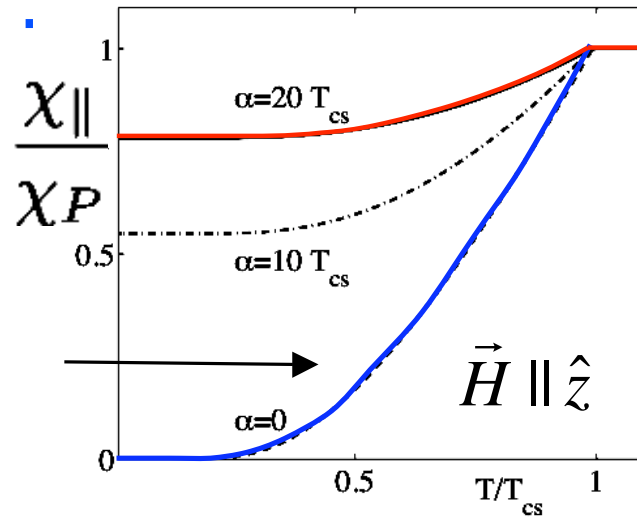
$$\chi = \text{const. for } \vec{d}(\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{H} = 0$$



# Modified spin susceptibility

## "Spin singlet":

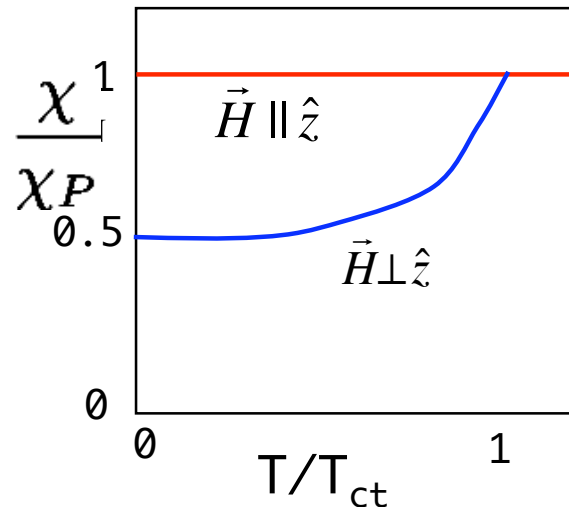
Yosida behavior



## "Spin triplet":

$$\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \parallel \vec{d}(\vec{k})$$

independent of  $\alpha$



singlet and triplet  
become similar

# Paramagnetic limiting

destruction of superconductivity due to Zeeman splitting of electron spins

Comparison of

superconducting condensation energy

paramagnetic energy

$$E_{cond} = \frac{1}{2} N(0) |\Delta(0)|^2 = \frac{H_c(0)^2}{8\pi} \longleftrightarrow E_{para} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \chi_P - \chi(0) \} H^2$$

quasiparticle gap

Pauli susceptibility

$$H_p = \frac{|\Delta(0)| / \mu_B \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \chi(0) / \chi_P}}$$

paramagnetic limiting field

# Paramagnetic limiting

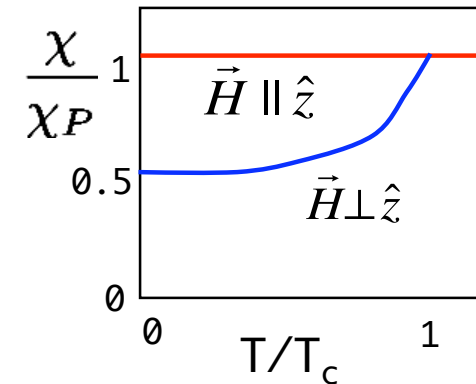
destruction of superconductivity due to Zeeman splitting of spin

$$H_p = \frac{|\Delta(0)|/\mu_B\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \chi(0)/\chi_P}}$$

Susceptibility:

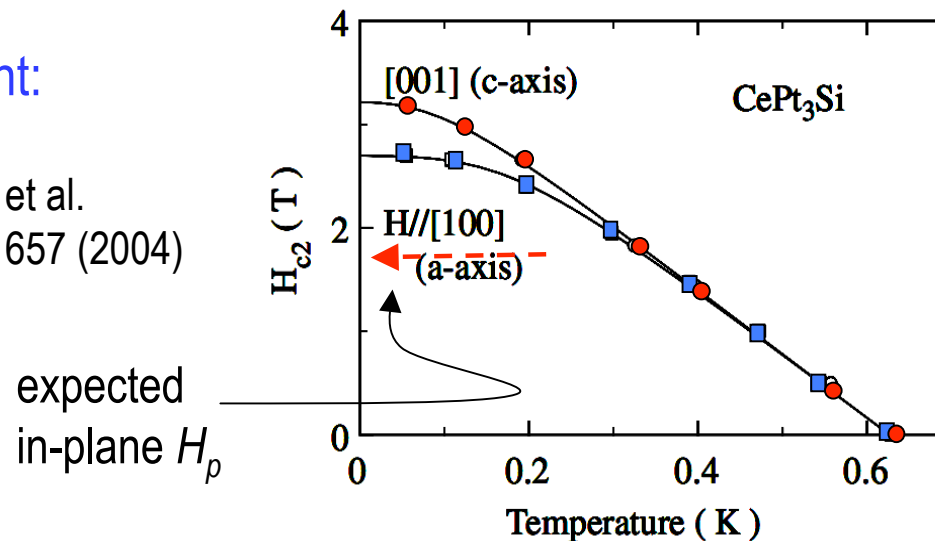
H || c-axis      weak limiting

H || ab-axis      intermediate limiting



Experiment:

T. Yasuda et al.  
JPSJ 73, 1657 (2004)



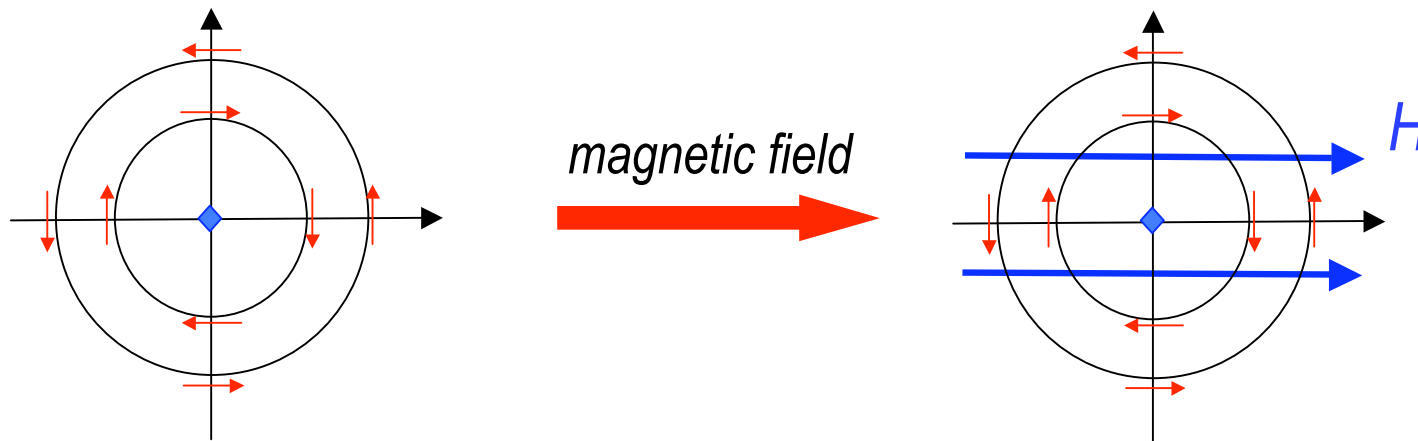
upper critical fields  
almost identical for  
both field directions

# Helical Phase



# Helical phase in a magnetic field

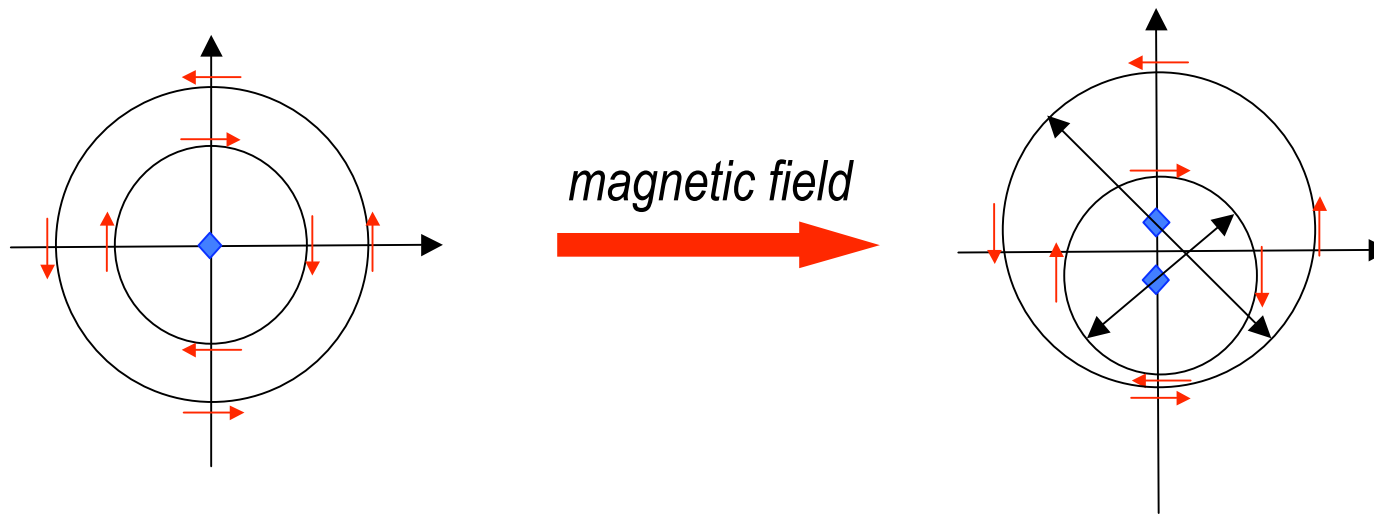
effect of magnetic field on the Fermi surfaces



$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{band} + \sum_{\vec{k}, s, s'} (\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} - \mu_B \vec{H}) \cdot \{c_{\vec{k}s}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{ss'} c_{\vec{k}s'}\}$$

# Helical phase in a magnetic field

effect of magnetic field

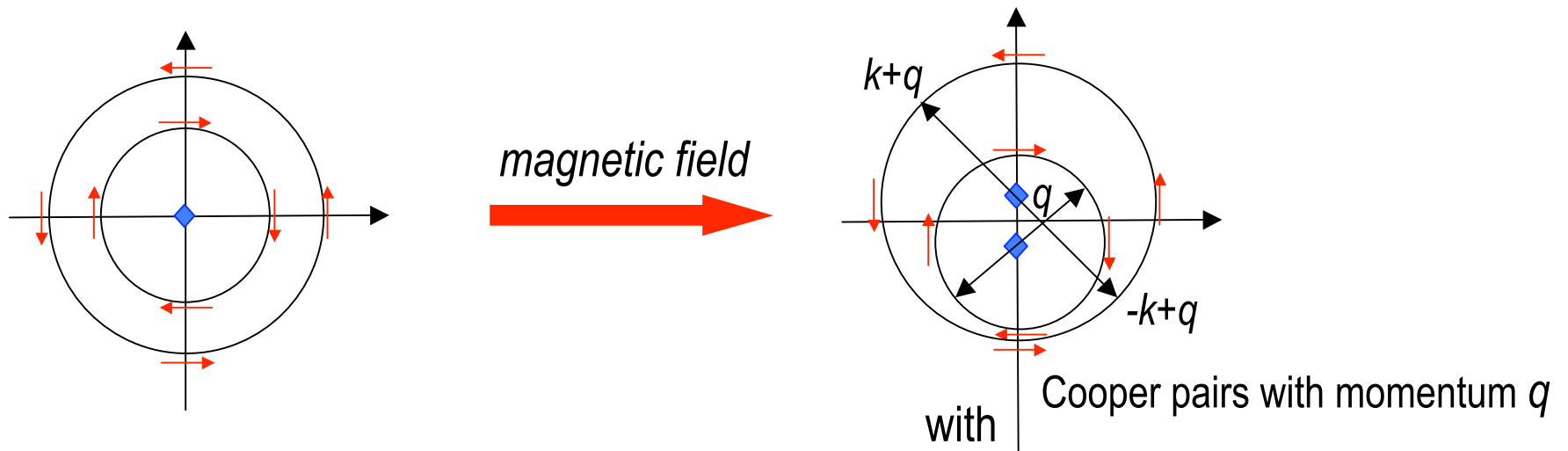


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Fermi surface shifts by  $\pm q \propto B$

# Helical phase in a magnetic field

effect of magnetic field



Ginzburg-Landau expansion for single-component order parameter:

$$F = a|\psi|^2 + b|\psi|^4 + K|\vec{D}\psi|^2 + \underbrace{\epsilon\vec{H} \cdot \hat{z} \times \left\{ \psi(\vec{D}\psi)^* + \psi^*(\vec{D}\psi) \right\}}_{\text{new term possible}} + \frac{\vec{H}^2}{8\pi}$$

$$\vec{D} = \frac{\hbar}{i}\vec{\nabla} + \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}$$

new term possible Mineev & Samokhin (1994)

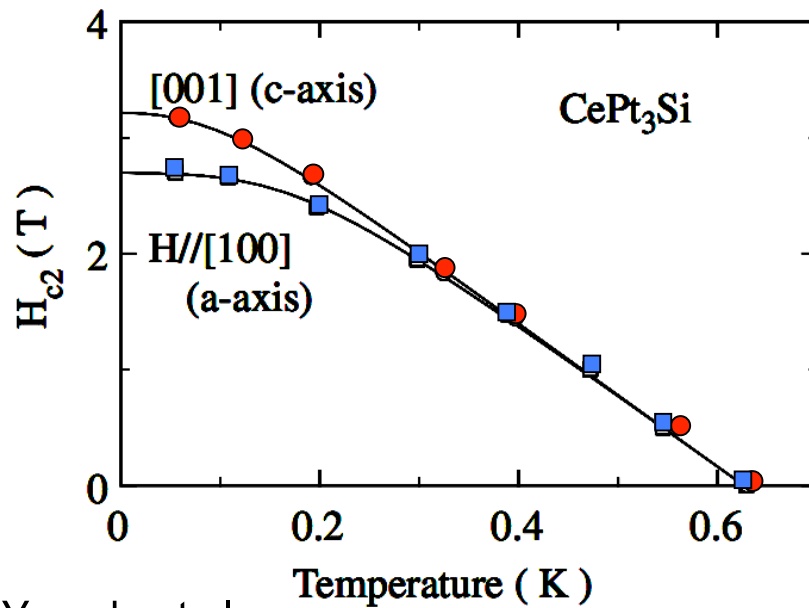
$$\epsilon\vec{H} \cdot \hat{z} \times \vec{J}_s$$

Helical state:

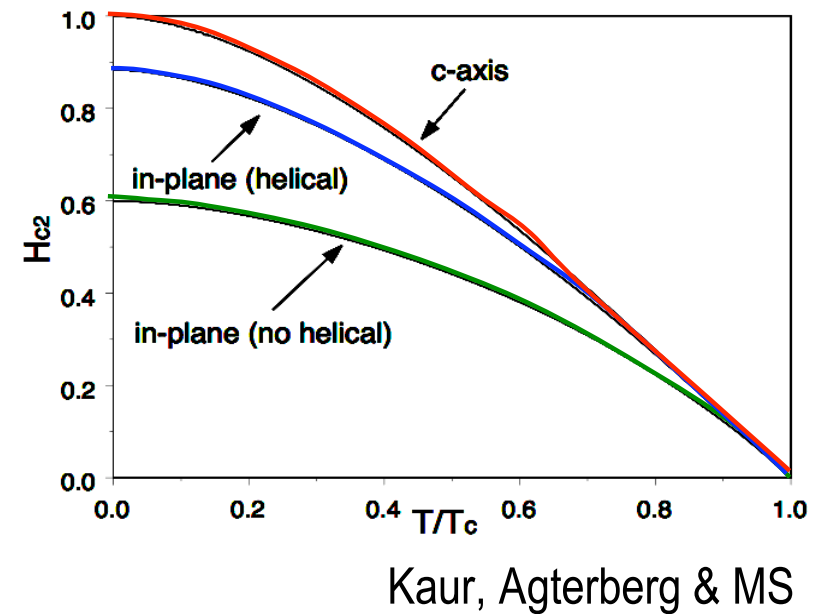
$$\psi(\vec{r}) = f(\vec{r})e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \quad \vec{q} = \frac{\epsilon}{K}\hat{z} \times \vec{H}$$

# Helical phase and upper critical field

Additional structure in the order parameter possible in non-centrosym. systems



Yasuda et al.



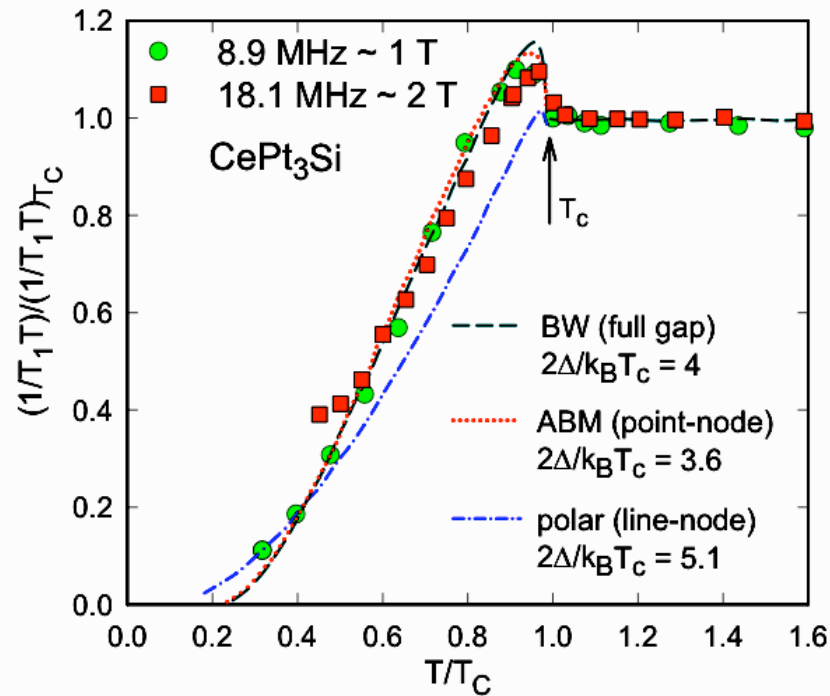
Enhanced  $H_{c2}$ :

$$T_c(H) = T_c(0) - \underbrace{\frac{\pi H}{\Phi_0 K \alpha'}}_{\text{orbital depairing}} - \underbrace{\gamma \delta \hat{\chi} \vec{H}^2}_{\text{paramagnetic}} + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon^2 (\hat{z} \times \vec{H})^2}{4K \alpha'}}_{\text{helical}}$$

# Indications of the pairing symmetry

# Quasiparticle gap structure

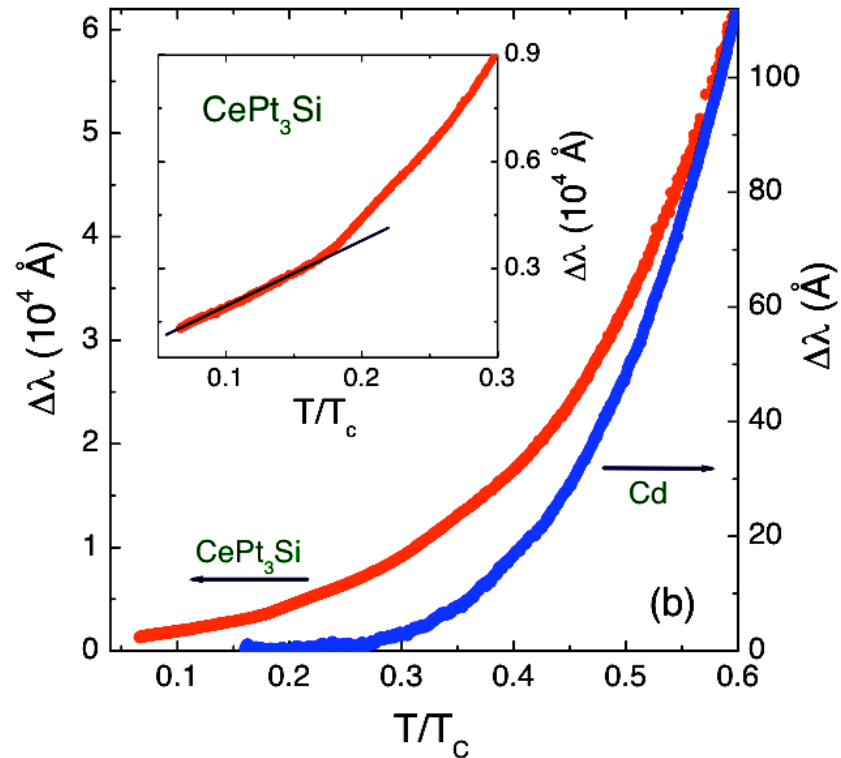
*NMR-1/T<sub>1</sub>*



Hebel-Slichter peak  
powerlaw  $T^3$  for  $T \rightarrow 0$

Bauer et al.

*London penetration depth*



powerlaw  $\Delta\lambda \propto T$  for  $T \rightarrow 0$

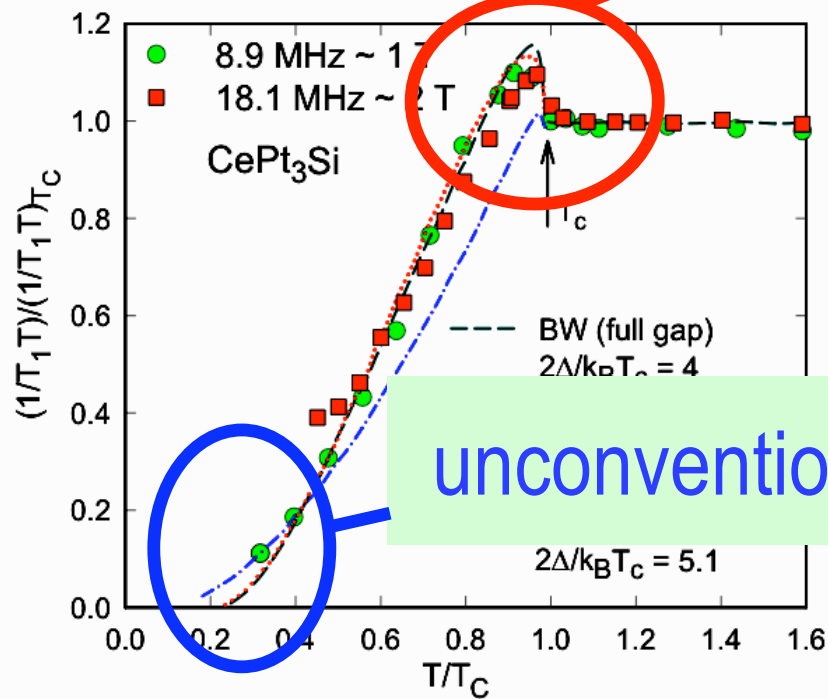
Bonalde et al.

# Quasiparticle gap structure

NMR- $1/T_1$

conventional

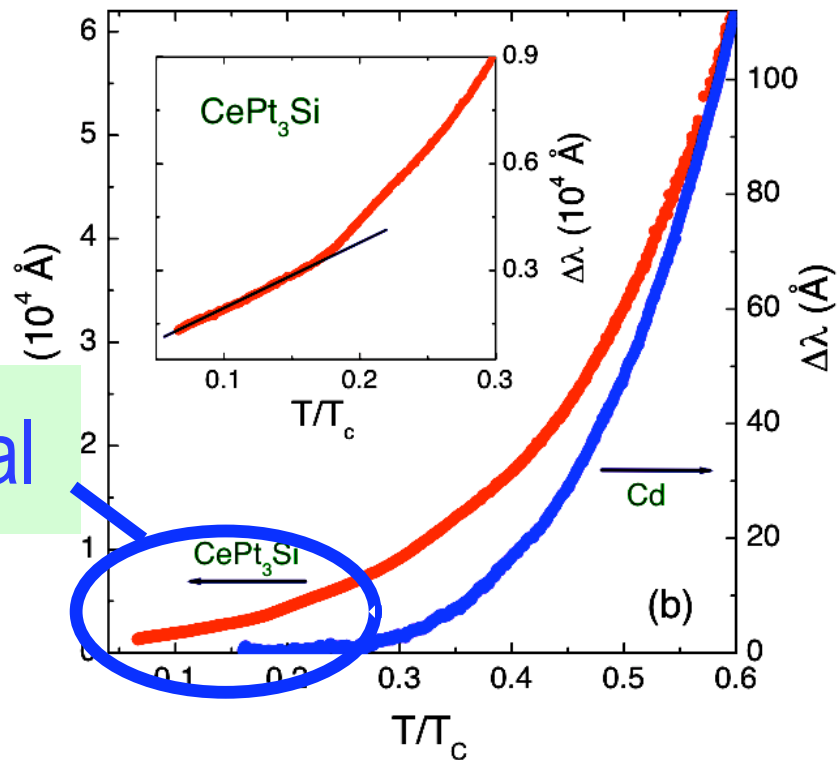
penetration depth



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# Quasiparticle gap structure

*Parity mixing*

*"even + odd-parity"*

*inversion symmetry*  
*even-parity state*

$$\Delta_{\vec{k},ss'} =$$

$$\psi(\vec{k})i\sigma_{ss'}^y$$

*no inversion symmetry*

$$\Delta_{\vec{k},ss'} =$$

$$\psi(\vec{k}) \left\{ (\sigma^0 + \gamma \vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) i\sigma^y \right\}_{ss'}$$

gaps on two split Fermi surfaces

$$|\Delta_{\vec{k}_{\pm}}| = |\psi(\vec{k})| \left| 1 \pm \gamma |\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}}| \right|$$

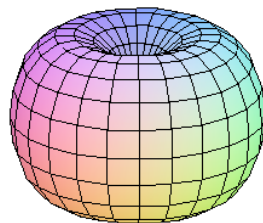
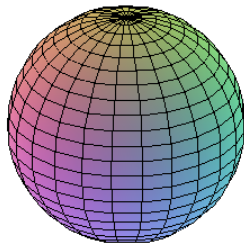


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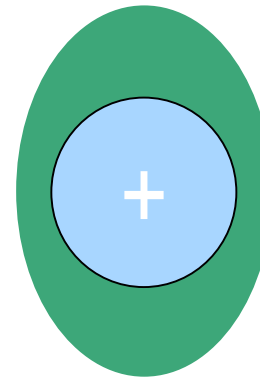
Parity mixing  $s$ - +  $p$ -wave

$$|\Delta_{\vec{k}\pm}| = |\psi(\vec{k})| \left| 1 \pm \gamma |\vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}}| \right|$$

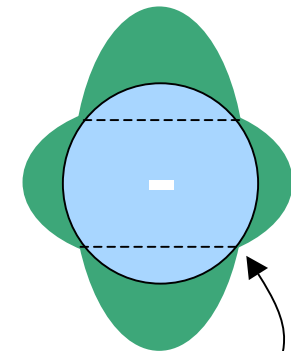
$$\psi = \Delta_s \quad \vec{\lambda}_{\vec{k}} = \hat{x}k_y - \hat{y}k_x$$



2 Fermi surfaces: + and -



full gap



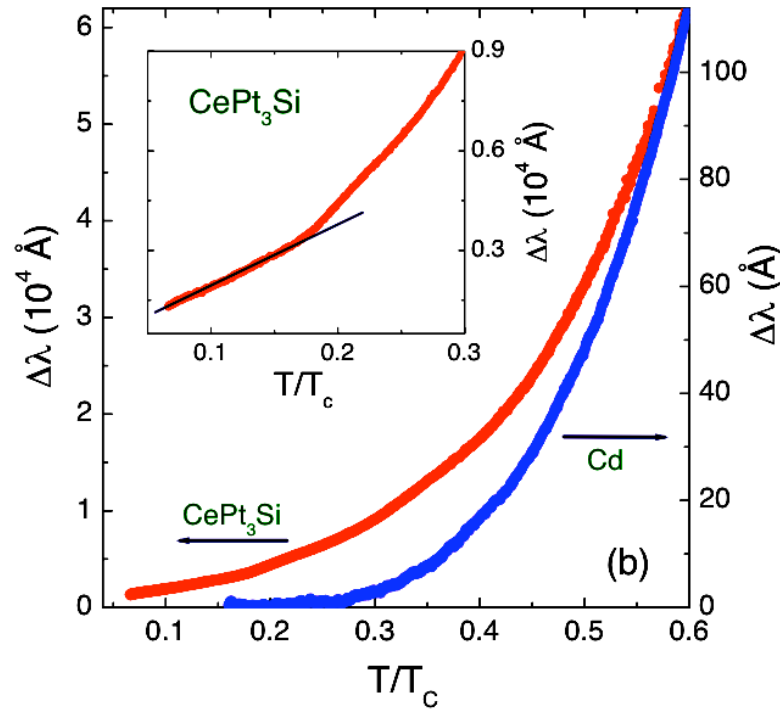
line nodes

*Anisotropic gaps:*

- different on the two Fermi surfaces
- no spin degeneracy ("spinless Fermions")
- accidental line nodes possible!

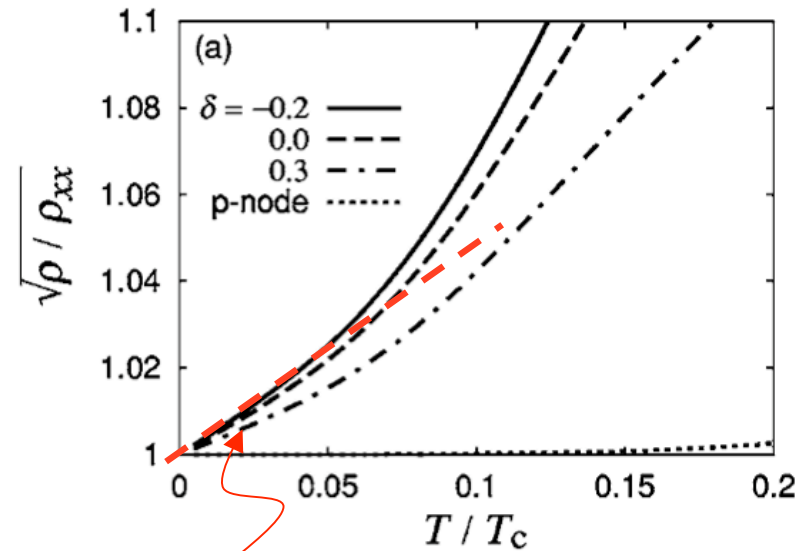
# London penetration depth and superfluid density

$T$ -linear behavior for  $T \rightarrow 0$



Bonalde et al 2004

mixed parity state with nodes



Hayashi et al 2004

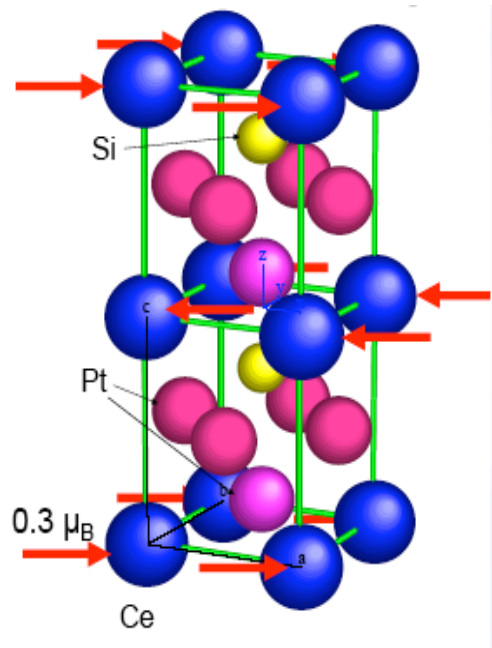
effect of accidental nodes !?

# Complication for CePt<sub>3</sub>Si

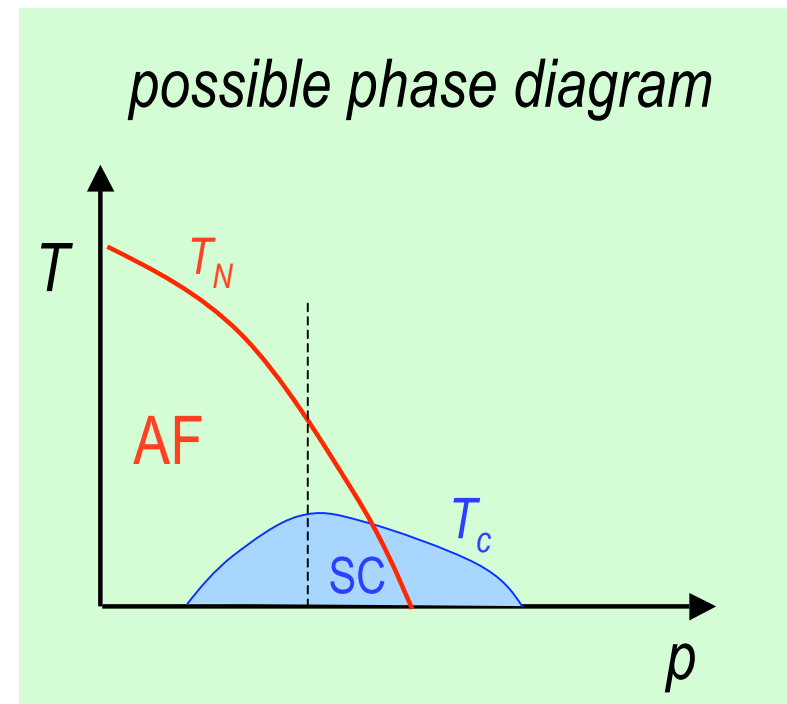
heavy Fermion compound: localized 4f-moments of Ce

◆ *superconductivity*:  $T_c = 0.75 \text{ K}$

◆ *antiferromagnetism*:  $T_N = 2.2 \text{ K}$



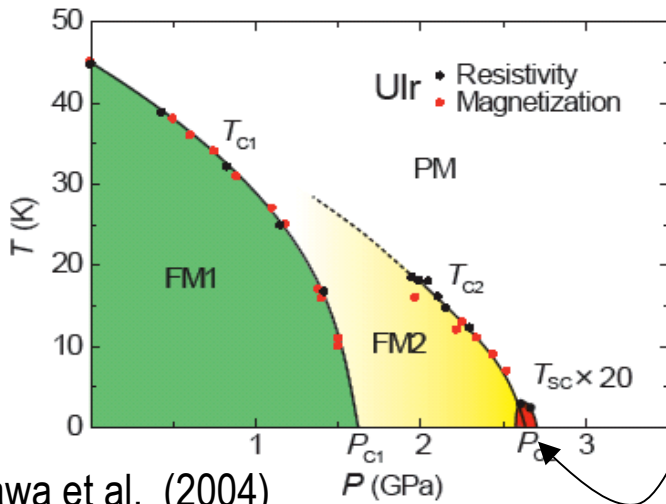
N. Metoki et al. (2004)



Other recently discovered  
non-centrosymmetric  
superconductors

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Ferromagnetic quantum phase transition



Akazawa et al. (2004)

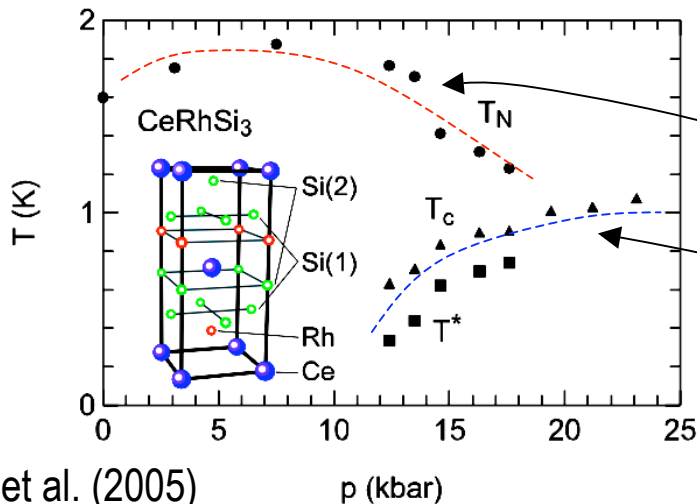
Space group:  $P2_1$  monoclinic

Coexistence of  
Superconductivity and Ferromagnetism ! ?

superconductivity  $T_c = 0.15$  K

# CeRhSi<sub>3</sub>

Antiferromagnetic quantum phase transition



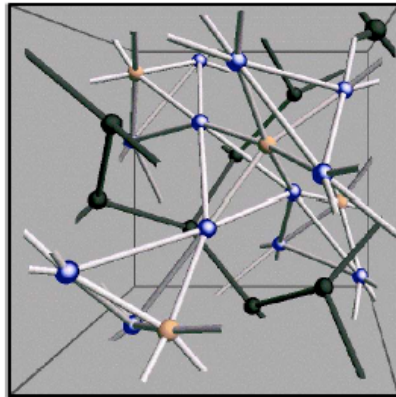
Kimura et al. (2005)

Space group:  $I4mm$  tetragonal

$T_N \sim 2$  K

$T_C \sim 1$  K

# Li<sub>2</sub>Pd<sub>3</sub>B, Li<sub>2</sub>Pt<sub>3</sub>B



● Li ● Pd ● B

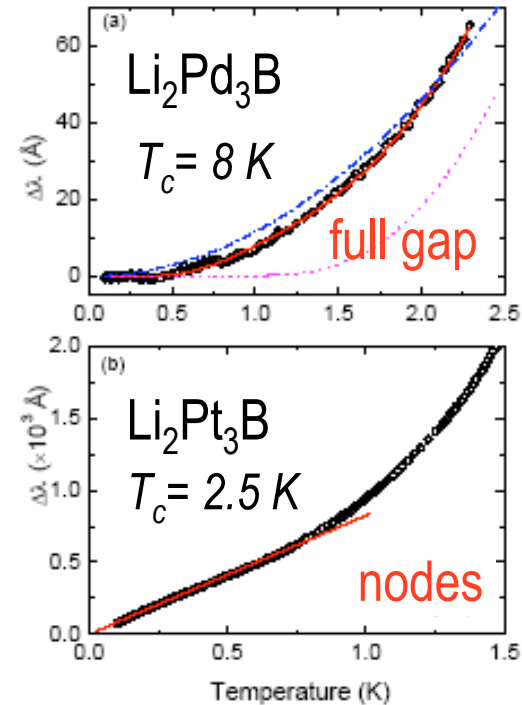
Togano et al. (2004)

Space group:  
**P4<sub>3</sub>32** cubic

alloy interpolation:  
**Li<sub>2</sub>(Pd<sub>x</sub>Pt<sub>1-x</sub>)<sub>3</sub>B**

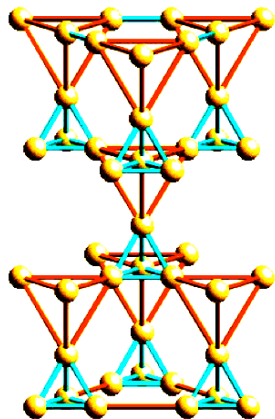
varying spin-orbit coupling

London penetration depth



Yuan et al.  
(2005)

# KOs<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>



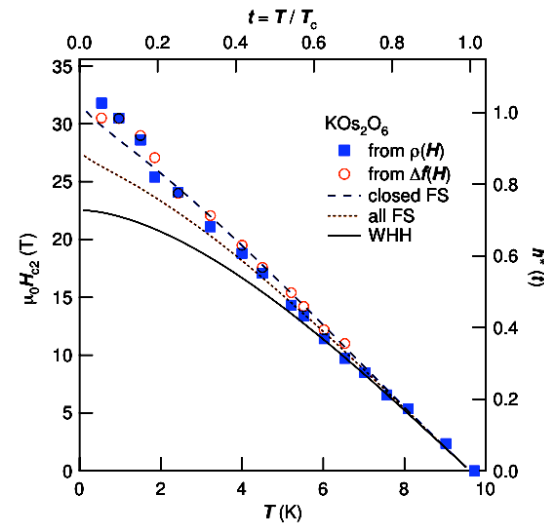
Yonezawa et al. (2004)

distorted pyrochlore  
lattice

Space group: **F $\bar{4}$ 3m**  
tetrahedral

Schuck et al. (2006)

$H_{c2}$



$T_c = 9.6\text{ K}$

Shibauchi et al.  
(2006)

# Conclusions

Symmetry of Cooper pairs:

*inversion symmetry*

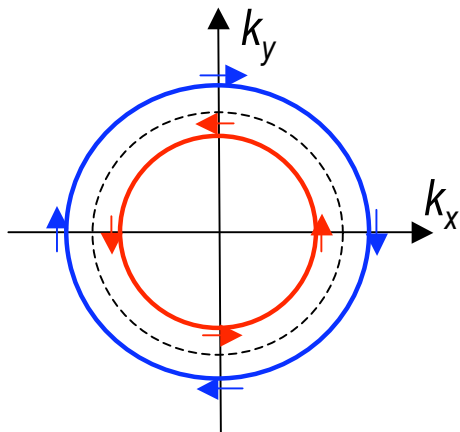
even-parity	spin-singlet
odd-parity	spin-triplet

*no inversion symmetry*

mixed-parity	mixed-spin
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no inversion symmetry → antisymmetric spin-orbit coupling

strong Fermi surface effect:



- paramagnetic effect
- gap structure
- helical phase in high magnetic fields
- .....