Presentation of a research project and call for its funding:

Searching for

Room Temperature Superconductors

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The interesting and fascinating physical phenomenon of superconductivity appears, until now, only at very low temperatures and therefore its technical application is limited to relatively few areas. If it is possible to create materials which are superconducting at room temperature, then this could initiate a revolution in technology. More than 10 years fundamental research, experience, knowledge and ideas in the field of special materials (oxides) lead to the conviction that superconductivity at room temperature is possible, and together with Global Scaling – a new knowledge and holistic approach in science – to an extended approach on the search for room temperature superconductors.

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Superconductivity:Special physical phenomenon of some
materials which appears below a
material-specific low temperature T_c

- The superconducting state shows several special features such as
 Electrical DC resistance disappears, i.e. lossless current transport
 Magnets Superconductor above magnets
- Very interesting for research, science and technology
- Cooling down to low temperatures is expensive \Rightarrow T_c preferably as high as possible
- For decades the alloy Nb₃Ge was that material with the highest T_c, namely $-250 \,$ °C, and the search for materials with higher T_c was unsuccessful

Recommended reading: • www.superconductors.org

 Book "Supraleitung:Grundlagen und Anwendungen" by W. Buckel and R. Kleiner (in German)

Superconductivity: 1986 surprising breakthrough in Switzerland concerning higher T_c and type of materials

• J. G. Bednorz and K. A. Mueller from the IBM Zurich Research Laboratory discovered in oxides ¹ with the chemical composition $(La,Ba)_2CuO_4$ superconductivity with $T_c = -238$ °C, i.e. 12 ℃ higher than that of Nb ₃Ge. For their discovery they received in 1987 the Nobel Prize in physics. Image:



K. A. Mueller and J. G. Bednorz

¹ Oxides are chemical compounds between oxygen (O) and metals

- www.uzh.ch/news/articles/2006/2005.html
- Worldwide avalanche of research activities of unprecedented extent
 - \Rightarrow Discovery of further oxides with higher T_c which are likewise based on copper (Cu), e.g. YBa₂Cu₃O₇ with $T_c = -182 \ ^{\circ}C$ which can be cooled by liquid nitrogen (- 196 $^{\circ}$) in a relatively simple and cost-effective way
 - ⇒ March 1987 in the New York Hilton Hotel: Meeting of about 2000 physicists owing to superconductivity, known as "Woodstock in Physics". Wave of enthusiasm due to superconductivity !

Recommended reading: Nobel lecture of J. G. Bednorz and K. A. Mueller: http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1987/bednorz-muller-lecture.pdf

Crystal structure (crystallographic unit cell) of the high- T_c superconductor $YBa_2Cu_3O_{7-y}$

- Layered crystal structure
- T_c = 182 ℃ and thus its superconductivity can be maintained in a relatively simple and cost-effective way by using liquid nitrogen which has a temperature of - 196 ℃
- T_c depends on oxygen deficiency y , highest value for y ≈ 0.07



Image: www.fom.nl/live/imgnew.db?55473



Thin films



Molds made from pressed and sintered powder



Crystal

- Areas of applications depend on chemical and mechanical properties of the superconducting material (raw materials, preparation, processing ...) and specific features of the superconducting state
- Examples of already realized industrial applications of so-called high-T_c superconductors which are based on copper (Cu) and oxygen (O) such as YBa₂Cu₃O₇ which is cooled by liquid nitrogen:
 - <u>Measurement and sensor technology</u>: Detection of very weak magnetic fields, e.g. for material testing, searching for ores, medicine
 - <u>Communication technology</u>: Microwave filters
 - <u>Electrical engineering</u>: Generators Motors (e.g. for ship propulsion) •
 Strong electromagnets (e.g. for separation of ores) Cabels for current transport
- Superconductors also have an application potential in the area of computer technology
- Recommended reading: "High-Temperature Superconductors Get to Work" by
 A. P. Malozemoff, J. Mannhart and D. Scalapino, Physics Today <u>4</u> (2005) 41 47
- For further applications see page 33

Superconductivity – A quantum physical phenomenon

- Superconductivity does not only mean DC resistance R = 0 but comprises other phenomena, e.g. special magnetic properties like the so-called Meissner effect (see page 32), which cannot be explained solely by R = 0
- Peculiar quantum physical state of the so-called conduction electrons
- <u>Conduction electrons</u>: delocalized responsible for the metallic behavior of the electrical resistivity • energetically located in close vicinity to the highest occupied states / energies, i.e. in the vicinity of the so-called Fermi energy
- Conduction electrons form pairs, so-called Cooper pairs, which consists of two electrons
- Cooper pairs form a coherent state (Bose-Einstein condensation) so that the electrons have a strong tendency to behave in the same manner or to stay in the same state
- Pair formation requires an attractive interaction between the electrons which usually repel each other because of their negative electric charge
- Attractive interaction under special conditions which are realized in some materials
 - e.g. via the so-called electron-phonon interaction, i.e. the interaction between negatively charged electrons and the oscillations of the positively charged ions of the crystal lattice
 - another possibility e.g. via so-called excitonic superconductivity, see pages 54 56
- For many superconductors it is not yet clarified how superconductivity comes about

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Superconductivity – The presently highest T_c (established value)

Until now (July 2011) the highest established value of T_c is still – 135 °C. This is achieved by a copper (Cu) - based oxide with a layered crystal structure and complex chemical composition, namely $Hg_{0.8}TI_{0.2}Ba_2Ca_2Cu_3O_{8+y}$, which was reported in 1995 by P. Dai et al. in Physica C / Superconductivity 243 (1995) 201 – 206.

Often unverified reports and rumors about materials with higher T_c . For example, in the website <u>www.superconductors.org</u> another Cu-based oxides with higher T_c values are presented. The currently (July 2011) highest T_c claim is +18 °C. The presented indications for supe r-conductivity appear as relatively weak and until now they do not represent established values.

The currently highest T_c for materials without Cu:

- This is -220 ℃ which is achieved by an iron (Fe) ba sed oxide with a layered crystal structure, namely GdFeAsO_{1-y}. Its crystal structure is of the ZrCuSiAs type and consists of alternating Fe As and Gd O layers.
 Reference: J. Yang et al. in Superconducting Science and Technology <u>21</u> (2008) 1 3
- For the special case of superconductivity with T_c of about 180 $^{\circ}$ in the system Na W O see page 57

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Note: The most common units of temperature T are $^{\circ}$ and K. They are related by the simple conversion formula T[K] = T[$^{\circ}$ C] + 273 K

Superconductivity at room temperature !

For example a material with $T_c = +90$ °C

- No cooling required ⇒ Applications possible in many areas
- Probably i.e. dependent on the properties of the material and the superconducting state – a revolution in technology including the possibility of the development of fundamentally new and entirely unexpected things
 - ⇒ Superconductivity in everyday life / in everyday devices !?

Own experimental research work in the field of special oxides

- Motivation: Searching for (new) oxides with interesting electric, magnetic and structural properties, especially searching for new superconductors
- 1989 1992: Doctoral thesis in the department of Dr. J. Georg Bednorz at the IBM Zurich Research Laboratory / Switzerland

1997 – 2007:

- Research scientist in the department of Prof. Dr. Jochen Mannhart at the Institute of Physics of the University of Augsburg / Germany
- Setup of three laboratories and construction of a particular procedure for the preparation of special oxides, especially with respect to a precise adjustability and control of the oxygen content of so-called reduced niobates and titanates
- Preparation of about 500 different oxides especially in crystalline form via the melt – and study of their physical and structural properties
- Many interesting scientific results
- No indications for superconductivity with high T_c , but ... see next page ...

Own experimental research work in the field of special oxides

- Number of possible chemical compositions is practically infinite and only a few of them have the potential to create superconductivity (at room temperature)
- Still many ideas about interesting and unexplored chemical compositions and crystal structure types in connection with the search for room temperature superconductors
- Potential for room temperature superconductivity in a special group of oxides:
 - electronically and structurally low-dimensional oxides which are not based on copper (Cu) but on titanium (Ti), niobium (Nb) or tungsten (W)
 - so-called excitonic superconductivity
 - more about that on pages 54 56 and in chapter 5.4 of the following cited article
- Comprehensive scientific article about the own research work in the field of special oxides: Progress in Solid State Chemistry <u>36</u> (2008) 253 – 387: <u>www.novam-research.com/resources/Most_recent_paper_on_special_oxides_2008.pdf</u>

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A new issue on the search for room temperature superconductors

Extension of the previous approach and considerations by insights from Global Scaling – a new knowledge and holistic approach in science:

- 2005: Course in Global Scaling lectured by Dr. H. Mueller
- Intuitively gained hypothesis in 2005 / 2006:

Creation of room temperature superconductivity by a resonance-like interaction between an everywhere present background field – see e.g. Global Scaling – and a special material with an appropriate crystal structure and chemical composition

• 2006 / 2007:

Finding an useful appearing approach how to use Global Scaling to isolate such chemical compositions and crystal structure types which favor the potential for room temperature superconductivity

⇒ Guideline for further research is given by Global Scaling plus that which is presented on pages 13, 14 and 37 – 63 and in a comprehensive scientific article published in Progress in Solid State Chemistry <u>36</u> (2008) 253 – 387 The following statements and information about Global Scaling are based on

- the website of the Global Scaling Research Institute: <u>www.global-scaling-institute.de</u>
- an introduction into Global Scaling the so-called Global Scaling Theory Compendium – which can be downloaded from <u>www.global-scaling-institute.de</u>
- the author's
 - participation in an overall 13-day course in Global Scaling in 2005 lectured by Dr. H. Mueller at the Global Scaling Research Institute / Germany
 - attendance of several presentations at the open-door week at the Global Scaling Research Institute in Munich / Germany from 26 April – 2 May 2010. For the event program of this open-door week see www.novam-research.com/resources/Global-Scaling_Open-door- week_2010.pdf

Some essential statements of Global Scaling:

- In the universe / nature / vacuum there is an everywhere present background field in form of (eigen) oscillations (standing waves) which have a significant influence on the constitution of all processes, structures and systems in the universe, nature and (workable) technology
- On the logarithmic axis of every physical scale such as length [m], mass [kg], time [s], frequency [Hz], temperature [°C] and am perage [A] there is an universal distribution of certain positions and zones, the so-called Fundamental Fractal (see pages 20 22 and 66), which have a special meaning and a potential effect, e.g. a high or low resonance or oscillation capability. If, which and how many of these positions and zones actually unfold their corresponding effects depends on the details of the specific system or process and on external conditions.
- Particles such as protons and electrons are considered as vacuum resonances,
 i.e. they are an oscillation state of the physical vacuum
- In the universe there is a synchronicity in which all particles and matter are intimately involved. This is revealed, for example, by noise spectra of electronic components which show at different loactions simultaneously the same fine structure.
- Every part of the universe, e.g. an atom, comprises the entire information 17 of the universe

• Some important key words of Global Scaling:

scale invariance • logarithm • fractal • fractal structures • Fundamental Fractal •
 continued fractions • (eigen) oscillations • nodes • gaps • resonance •
 proton resonance • vacuum resonance • synchronicity • frequency distributions •
 probability • compression • decompression • non-linear and fractal course of time

- Global Scaling rest, among others, upon the results of very comprehensive studies – e.g. by Prof. Simon E. Shnoll et al – of frequency distributions of many different physical, chemical and biological processes and phenomena such as radioactive decay and body masses of biological species. These studies revealed the existence of formerly unexplored physical laws and effects.
- Global Scaling was developed by Dr. Hartmut Mueller
- If you read or hear about Global Scaling for the first time, then it may take somewhat time to grasp its (unaccustomed) way of thinking, approach, concepts and insights



Simon E. Shnoll



Hartmut Mueller

Global Scaling – A new knowledge and holistic approach in science

- Global Scaling phenomena are a feature of complex and open systems or processes and are less or not at all apparent in "simple and isolated" systems or processes
- Global Scaling allows access to complex tasks / problems / systems and is applicable in many areas such as engineering, physics, biology, (holistic) medicine, architecture, economy, optimization, prognosis, psychology …
- A Global Scaling analysis of an existing system or process may lead to a deepened understanding of its specific parameters, features and behavior
- Sketch of the approach when Global Scaling is applied with respect to the modification of an existing system or the creation of a new system:

Question at the beginning: Is Global Scaling relevant for the corresponding task / problem / system ? • Assuming yes, then consider the positions of its associated physical quantities relative to the positions and zones which are given by the Fundamental Fractal (see page 20 – 22 and 66) • Identify the adjustable and non-adjustable quantities or parameters of the corresponding task / problem / system

 To obtain a certain desirable result it is necessary to get an idea, hypothesis or intuition at which positions in the Fundamental Fractal the adjustable quantities or parameters have to be placed.

Global Scaling – A sketch of the Fundamental Fractal on the level n₀ and n₁

Fundamental Fractal: Universal distribution or pattern of certain positions and zones which have – on every physical scale – a special meaning and a potential effect

Consider logarithmic axis:
$$z = \ln \frac{x}{y}$$

x = physical quantity or number (ratio or set) under consideration

y = calibration unit of the considered physical scale such as length [m] or mass [kg]

The positions of so-called nodes and sub-nodes – one of their potential effects is a high resonance or oscillation capability – are generated by a special continued fraction:



$$z = \ln \frac{x}{y} = \frac{3n_0}{2}$$
 $n_0 = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3...$

x = time, e.g. elapsed time after the creation of an object or birth of a human being

y = calibration unit = 1 /
$$f_p = \lambda_p$$
 / c = 7.01515 × 10⁻²⁵ s

 $f_{\rm p}$ = proton frequency , $\lambda_{\rm p}$ = h / (2 π c m_{\rm p}) = reduced Compton wave length of the proton

Node positions $z(n_0)$ or $x(n_0)$ in the time fractal mark with high probability important points of change in the course of a process, independent of its nature



Global Scaling – A section of the Fundamental Temperature Fractal on level n₀

A possible view of (the distribution of) the T_c's of superconductors

 $z = ln \frac{x}{y} = \frac{3n_0}{2} \qquad \begin{array}{c} n_0 = 0 \ , \pm 1 \ , \\ \pm 2 \ , \pm 3 \ ... \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} x = \mbox{transition temperature } T_c \ [K] \\ y = \mbox{calibration unit } = \ m_p c^2/k = 1.08882 \times 10^{13} \ K \end{array}$

Node positions $z(n_0)$ or $x(n_0)$: high probability of tendency change, event attractor Borders $z(n_0 \pm 1)$ or $x(n_0 \pm 1)$ of nodes: development limit



- A: classical superconductors such as Nb₃Ge, typical T_c's about 20 K
- **B:** high-T_c superconductors based on Cu and O such as $YBa_2Cu_3O_7$, typical T_c's about 100 K, often reports of indications for T_c \approx 240 K but unverified because difficult to reproduce \rightarrow upper T_c limit of Cu-O-based superconductors?
- **C:** T_c 's of next generation superconductors ? Typical T_c 's about 400 K ?

- Large potential to create novel and advantageous technologies such as
 - Novel or more effective ways of power generation
 - Transmission of energy and data without electromagnetic pollution
 - Transmission of data and communication with an unique level of data security
 - Contactless detection of raw materials down to 10 km below the earth's surface
- Examples of already existing and running demonstration models which are ready for prototype development or production:
 - Data transmission system with an unique level of data security
 - Satellite-independent positioning system which also works in closed rooms and below the surface of the earth
 - Water splitting system which generates hydrogen and oxygen with significant less power than conventional electrolyzers
- An already commercially available Global Scaling product is "ProtoLight" – a special light source for medical applications such as accelerated wound healing
- Further information see www.global-scaling-institute.de



ProtoLight

Image: www.global-scalinginstitute.de/57-1-ProtoLight.html

- Website of the Global Scaling Research Institute: <u>www.global-scaling-institute.de</u>
- An introduction into Global Scaling the so-called Global Scaling Theory Compendium – can be downloaded from <u>www.global-scaling-institute.de</u>
- Paper "Fractal Scaling Models of Resonant Oscillations in Chain Systems of Harmonic Oscillators" by H. Mueller in Progress in Physics 2 (2009) 72 – 76: www.ptep-online.com/index_files/2009/PP-17-13.PDF
- Paper "Fractal Scaling Models of Natural Oscillations in Chain Systems and the Mass Distribution of Celestial Bodies in the Solar System" by H. Mueller in Progress in Physics 1 (2010) 62 – 66: <u>www.ptep-online.com/index_files/2010/PP-20-10.PDF</u>
- Paper "Fractal Scaling Models of Natural Oscillations in Chain Systems and the Mass Distribution of Particles" by H. Mueller in Progress in Physics 3 (2010) 61 – 66: <u>www.ptep-online.com/index_files/2010/PP-22-10.PDF</u>
- Information about the German-language book "Global Scaling Basis eines neuen wissenschaftlichen Weltbildes" (in German): <u>www.novam-research.com/resources/Global_Scaling_Buch_Info.pdf</u>
- New, comprehensive and advanced form of education: see <u>www.global-scaling-institute.de</u> for further details
- Website of C. Buerger's engineering office: <u>www.ibgs.info</u>

Global Scaling and the search for room temperature superconductors

• Intuitively gained hypothesis:

Creation of room temperature superconductivity by a resonance-like interaction between an everywhere present background field and a special material with an appropriate crystal structure and chemical composition

• Brief outline of an useful appearing approach how to use Global Scaling to isolate such chemical compositions and crystal structure types which favor the potential for room temperature superconductivity:

Preparation of such materials whose readily accessible material parameters are located at special positions in the Fundamental Fractal (see pages 20 – 22 and 66). For example, this could mean that some material parameters are placed at positions with a potentially high resonance or oscillation capability, whereas others are placed at positions with a potentially low resonance or oscillation capability. Examples of readily accessible material parameters are the number and mass of atoms in the crystallographic unit cell, the lattice parameters and the chemical composition. This approach leads to a significant reduction of the number of useful appearing chemical compositions. Nevertheless, there are still many possibilities because there are various conceivable configurations of material parameters in the Fundamental Fractals which could favor the creation of 25 room temperature superconductivity.

Notes:

- For any task or question in which Global Scaling is applied, "conventional" knowledge, experiences, results and ideas play an equal role. Therefore that which is presented on the pages 13, 14 and 37 – 63 about special oxides is still considered as relevant for the search for room temperature superconductors.
- Global Scaling can, if an useful appearing approach exists, also be applied to the search for room temperature superconductors among non-oxide materials such as organic conductors or metal hydrogen compounds (see also pages 34 and 54 for these examples of non-oxide materials)

Closing words

A positive evolution of mankind and earth does not come about solely by scientific and technological progress, but requires rather the development of the "qualities of the heart" such as compassion, peace, unconditional love, dignity, freedom, tolerance ...



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 Field of work: Hydrogen storage alloys and nickel metal hydride batteries.
- 1997 2007: Research scientist in the department of Prof. Dr. Jochen Mannhart at the Institute of Physics of the University of Augsburg (Germany). Field of work: Setting up a new laboratory, synthesis of oxides – especially in crystalline form via the melt – and study of their properties, solid state chemistry / physics.
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More about superconductivity

- The verification of superconductivity: Zero resistance and Meissner effect
- Applications in the area of entirely novel energy technologies
- Do man-made room temperature superconductors already exist?
- Superconductivity and ECE Theory

Zero resistance

DC current I through sample: Measurement of voltage drop U at various temperatures



Notes: For I > I_c or j > j_c the superconductivity disappears I_c or j_c is the so-called critical current or critical current density For example, for YBa₂Cu₃O₇ the critical current density j_c 31 at T = - 196 °C is of the order of 10 ⁶ A / cm² The verification of superconductivity: The second of two essential features

Meissner effect

Cooling down of the sample in an external static magnetic field H: Below T_c superconducting currents emerge in a thin surface layer of the sample. These currents create a negative magnetic moment M, i.e. M is antiparallel to H which is called diamagnetic behavior. This magnetic moment M generates an associated magnetic field which is exactly opposite to H so that the total interior field of the sample vanishes.



This so-called Meissner effect results from a peculiar quantum physical state of the conduction electrons and cannot be explained solely by a DC resistance R = 0.

Notes:

- The levitation of a superconductor above a magnet (see page 5), or vice versa, is due to the fact that a superconductor is a (strong) diamagnet. Levitation in static magnetic fields without supply of energy is possible by a diamagnetic body in a spatially inhomogeneous magnetic field. See, for example, the paper "Levitation in Physics" by E. H. Brandt in Science <u>243</u> (1989) 349 355.
- For $H > H_c$ or H_{c2} the superconductivity disappears. H_c (for so-called type I superconductors) or H_{c2} (for so-called type II superconductors) is the so-called critical field. For example, for $YBa_2Cu_3O_7$ the critical field H_{c2} at T = -196 °C is of the order of 10 Tesla. For comp arison: 32 The earth's magnetic field is of the order of 5×10^{-5} Tesla = 0.5 Gauss (1 Tesla = 10^4 Gauss)

Several applications of superconductors are presented on page 9.

Also in the area of entirely novel technologies, see e.g. <u>www.novam-research.com/resources/Call_to_fund_an_independent_research_facility.pdf</u>, superconductors – especially room temperature superconductors – have an application potential. See, for example,

- page 2 in an abstract by H. V. Wenz / IEM Nova about the so-called Field Force Machine: <u>www.novam-research.com/resources/Field-Force-Machine_IEM-Nova_2010.pdf</u>
- pages 1 and 2 in a German-language abstract by H. V. Wenz / IEM Nova about the so-called Field Force Machine: www.novam-research.com/resources/Feldkraftmaschine_IEM-Nova_2010.pdf
- section 5.1. / pages 69 73 in a paper by Prof. C. W. Turtur about the conversion of vacuum energy into mechanical energy: <u>www.wbabin.net/physics/turtur1e.pdf</u>

So-called Ultraconductors reported by Chava Energy LLC:

- See <u>www.chavaenergy.com/how/ultraconductors</u>
- Organic polymer materials with measured zero resistance, i.e. resistivity $\rho < 10^{-11} \Omega$ cm
- Several anomalous electric properties such as absence of heat generation under high current
- Chava Energy continues the development of these patented materials with respect to applications and commercialization

Special metal – hydrogen materials reported by two German patent applications:

• "Offenlegungsschriften" DE 101 09 973 A1 and DE 10 2008 047 334 A1 published in 2002 and March 2010 (in German):

See <u>http://depatisnet.dpma.de/DepatisNet/depatisnet?action=pdf&docid=DE000010109973A1</u> and <u>http://depatisnet.dpma.de/DepatisNet/depatisnet?action=pdf&docid=DE102008047334A1</u>

- Materials are described in the context of cold fusion and show measured zero resistance
- Further information about these materials only for licensees

In both cases: So far no public reports or statements of the presence of the Meissner effect (see page 32). Therefore it appears presently not clear if these interesting materials are really superconductors.

The intuitively gained hypothesis how superconductivity at room temperature may come about (see pages 15 and 25), namely

by a resonance-like interaction between an everywhere present background field – see e.g. Global Scaling – and a special material with an appropriate crystal structure and chemical composition

seems to be supported by a statement from the so-called ECE Theory which is possibly related to the hypothesis above:

"... One of the important practical consequences is that a material can become a superconductor by absorption of the inhomogeneous and homogeneous currents of ECE space-time ..."

Cited from page 97 of the ECE uft paper No. 51 "ECE Generalizations of the d'Alembert, Proca and Superconductivity Wave Equations …" by M. W. Evans: <u>www.aias.us/documents/uft/a51stpaper.pdf</u>

- ECE stands for Einstein, Cartan and Evans and represents an unified field theory which allows a common description of the electromagnetic, gravitational, weak and strong nuclear forces
- Developed by Prof. Myron W. Evans by starting from Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity and the mathematic research work of the mathematician Elie Cartan



Myron W. Evans

- Some important statements:
 - Gravitation is related to curvature of space-time
 - Electromagnetism is related to torsion of space-time
 - Coupling between electromagnetism and gravitation
 - Extended electrodynamics with resonance phenomena via so-called spin connection ⇒ Possibility of extracting usable energy from space-time
- Comprehensive information about ECE Theory in the website www.aias.us
- For an introduction into ECE Theory see the article by H. Eckardt and L. G. Felker: <u>www.aias.us/documents/eceArticle/ECE-Article_EN.pdf</u>

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More about the own research work in the field of special oxides

- Sample preparation and oxides of the type $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ also about their potential to create high-T_c or room temperature superconductors
- Title, abstract and table of contents of a comprehensive scientific article on special oxides

Starting materials: Commercially available oxides (e.g. Titanium oxide TiO_2), carbonates (e.g. Calcium carbonate $CaCO_3$) and, if necessary, metals (e.g. Niobium Nb) in form of powders



Mixing of the starting materials \rightarrow Heating-up of the powder mixture \rightarrow Chemical solid state reaction \rightarrow Formation of new oxides



Fully oxidized, insulating titanates (Ti⁴⁺, 3d⁰) or niobates (Nb⁵⁺, 4d⁰) and conducting Sr_2RuO_4 (Ru⁴⁺, 4d⁴) All 3 steps

Lichtenberg et al: Progress in Solid State Chemistry <u>36</u> (2008) 253 and <u>29</u> (2001) 1 and <u>30</u> (2002) 103

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Sample preparation of oxides in crystalline form by floating zone melting



Polycrystalline sintered rods

Good and relatively large crystals arise usually only if the solidification is (nearly) congruent, i.e. if the melt and the solidified material have (nearly) the same chemical composition. If this is true depends on the chemical composition and is often not known or predictable, especially for unexplored chemical compositions.





Optically heated floating zone melting furnace

Example: Blue-black electrical conducting oxide $Ca_4EuNb_5O_{17}$ (*n* = 5 of $A_nB_nO_{3n+2}$)



Lichtenberg et al , Progress in Solid State Chemistry <u>36</u> (2008) 253

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 BO_6 octahedra (O located at corners, *B* hidden in center) = X

Sketch of the pronounced structural anisotropy of

 $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ by using n = 5 as example

B–O linkage:

- zig-zag along *b*-axis
- chains along *a*-axis
- interruptions along *c*-axis
 ⇒ layered crystal structure

Distortion of BO_6 octahedra in percent 23 typical 17 values 3 for n = 517 Often 23 significant influence of distortions on physical properties



 $A_5B_5O_{17} = ABO_{340} (n = 5)$

Some features of $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ insulators ($B = Ti^{4+}$, Nb⁵⁺, Ta⁵⁺):

• The highest- T_c ferroelectrics are n = 4 types , e.g. LaTiO_{3.50} ($T_c = 1770$ K)

Nanamatsu et al , Ferroelectrics 8 (1974) 511

- Ferroelectrics: even n = 2, 4, 6 Antiferroelectrics: odd n = 5
- Compounds with non-integral *n* (see page 53), e.g. $CaNb_{0.89}Ti_{0.11}O_{3.44}$ (*n* = 4.5) Nanot et al , J. Solid State Chem. <u>28</u> (1979) 137
- Compounds known for *n* = 2, 3, 4, 4.33, 4.5, 5, 6, 7
- Complex structural details like incommensurate modulations, e.g. in SrNbO_{3.50} (n = 4) Daniels et al , Acta Cryst. B <u>58</u> (2002) 970
- Possibility of limited concentration of ions $B' = AI^{3+}$, Fe^{3+} ... at *B* site: $B = (Ti, Nb, Ta)_{1-y}B'_{y}$ with $y \le 0.33$

$A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ electronic conductors: No reports before 1991

The only exception:Structural study on conducting $CaNbO_x$ ($3.4 \le x < 3.5$)Physical properties not studied
Hervieu et al , J. Solid State Chem. <u>11</u> (1974) 27244



Systematic study of $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ electronic conductors started by study of melt-grown LaTiO_x = La_nTi_nO_{3n+2}

Physical and / or structral properties depend sensitively on oxygen content x

Lichtenberg et al Z. Phys. B <u>82</u> (1991) 211 Prog. Solid State Chem. <u>29</u> (2001) 1

Williams et al J. Solid State Chem. <u>93</u> (1991) 534 & <u>103</u> (1993) 375

Kuntscher et al Phys. Rev. B <u>67</u> (2003) 035105

Resistivity $\rho(T)$ of some $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ niobates along *a*-, *b*- and *c*-axis



Lichtenberg et al, Progress in Solid State Chemistry 29 (2001) 1

Comprehensive studies on $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ niobates by angle-resolved photoemision (ARPES) and optical spectroscopy: Example n = 5 type SrNbO_{3.41}



- Metal-to-semiconductor transition at T < 100 K
- High-resolution ARPES at 25 K, resistivity ρ(T) & optical conductivity → Semiconducting state with extremely small energy gap Δ ≈ 5 meV, the smallest Δ of all known quasi-1D metals
- Experimental findings appear inconsistent with Peierls or 1D Mott-Hubbard picture

Kuntscher et al: Phys. Rev. B 61 (2000) 1876 & 70 (2004) 245123 and Phys. Rev. Lett. 89 (2002) 236403

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Comprehensive studies on $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ niobates by ARPES, optical spectroscopy, resistivity measurements and electronic band structure calculations



 Kuntscher et al:
 Phys. Rev. B
 <u>61</u> (2000) 1876
 <u>70</u> (2004) 245123
 and
 Phys. Rev. Lett.
 <u>89</u> (2002) 236403

 Lichtenberg et al:
 Prog. Solid State Chem.
 <u>29</u> (2001) 1
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LDA calculations of the electronic band structure of the n = 5 quasi-1D metal SrNbO_{3 41}

Good agreement with results from angleresolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES) with respect to lowest band



-1.5 -1.5 Binding Energy (eV) 0.0 2.0 2.0 -1.0 -0.5 -0.0 0.5 0.5 -1.0 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 0 1.0 q/q x q/q ΥΓΖ Г a-axis b-axis NbO_{e} octadedron distortion =

(largest Nb – O distance) – (smallest Nb – O distance) average Nb – O distance

> Nb atoms of least distorted octahedra contribute most to the electronic density of states (DOS) at the Fermi energy E_{F}

Quasi-1D features along *a*-axis related to octahedra distortions

LDA predicts further bands around E_F which disperse along a- and b-axis, but they are not observed by ARPES: Subtle structural details? Electronic correlations? ARPES resolution?

Kuntscher et al Phys. Rev. B 61 (2000) 1876

Winter et al J. Phys. Cond. Matter 12 (2000) 1735

> Abrahams et al Acta Cryst. B 54 (1998) 399

Lichtenberg et al Prog. Solid State Chem. <u>29</u> (2001) 1

A special feature of $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ quasi-1D metals

Structural, compositional and electronical proximity to (anti)ferroelectric insulators !

This distinguishes them from all other known quasi-1D metals such as $K_{0.3}MoO_3$, $Li_{0.9}Mo_6O_{17}$, NbSe₃, (SN)_v and organic conductors like TTF-TCNQ

Examples:

n = 4: ferroelectric SrNbO_{3.5} (4d⁰) \rightarrow weak quasi-1D metal Sr_{0.8}La_{0.2}NbO_{3.5} (4d^{0.2})

n = 5: antiferroelectric SrNb_{0.8}Ti_{0.2}O_{3.4} (4d⁰) \rightarrow quasi-1D metal SrNbO_{3.4} (4d^{0.2})

Intrinsic coexistence of metallic conductivity and large dielectric polarizability feasible in $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ systems !?

Usually these both features exclude each other

Intrinsic coexistence of these both features might be useful for the creation of new high-T_c superconductors

The experimental observations presented on the following pages 51 – 53 support the presence of such an intrinsic coexistence ...



Optical conductivity at T = 300 K along *a*- and *b*axis of n = 4 ferroelectric insulator SrNbO_{3.50} and n = 4 weak quasi-1D metal Sr_{0.8}La_{0.2}NbO_{3.50}

- phonon peaks which survive in the conducting oxide
- ferroelectric soft mode
 (phonon peak associated with ferroelectric phase transition)

Ferroelectric soft mode peak occurs also in the weak quasi-1D metal !

Kuntscher et alPhys. Rev. B 70 (2004) 24512351



Optical conductivity at T = 300 K along *a*- and *b*-axis of n = 4 ferroelectric insulator SrNbO_{3.50}, n = 4.5 quasi-1D metal SrNbO_{3.45} and n = 5quasi-1D metal SrNbO_{3.41}

- phonon peaks which survive in the conducting oxides
- ferroelectric soft mode
 (phonon peak associated with ferroelectric phase transition)

Ferroelectric soft mode peak occurs also in the quasi-1D metals !

Kuntscher et alPhys. Rev. B 70 (2004) 24512352



Note: Largest possible intrinsic dielectric permittivity in non-ferroelectrics of the order of $\varepsilon_{\infty} \approx 100$!? Lunkenheimer et al , Phys. Rev. B <u>66</u> (2002) 052105

Potential for high- T_c superconductivity in $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ quasi-1D conductors from the perspective of so-called excitonic superconductivity

A hypothetical possibility to realize superconductivity at room temperature is given by the so-called excitonic mechanism of superconductivity (electron-electron mediated):

• Original proposal by W. A. Little for hypothetical **quasi-1D** organic conductors¹:

Conducting chains surrounded by electronically polarizable side branches

- In: Novel Superconductivity, Plenum Press (1987) 341
- J. de Physique Colloque C3 Suppl. No 6 (1983) 819
- Int. J. Quantum Chemistry (Quantum Chemistry Symposium) <u>15</u> (1981) 545
- Scientific American <u>212</u> (1965) 21
- Phys. Rev. <u>134</u> (1964) A1416
- Original proposal by V. L. Ginzburg for **quasi-2D** systems:

Thin metallic sheet surrounded by two dielectric layers

• Sov. Phys. Uspekhi <u>72</u> (1970) 335

¹ In connection with organic conductors we also like to refer to the essay "Approaching an Ambient Superconductor" by Robert B. Steele from 2005: <u>www.chemexplore.net/BookP8s.pdf</u>

Potential for high- T_c superconductivity in $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ quasi-1D conductors from the perspective of so-called excitonic superconductivity

Especially n = 4.5 and n = 5 interesting from W. Little's and V. Ginzburg's approach:

- quasi-2D crystal structure
- electronically quasi-1D by B O chains and delocalized electrons along a-axis
- electronically polarizable units by electronic band structure, fluctuating valence states of rare earth ions at A site ... ?!



n = 4.5

intrinsic heterostructure !? but electronically quasi-1D Lichtenberg et al Prog. Solid State Chem. <u>36</u> (2008) 253 1998 – 2007:Preparation of about 400 electrically conducting oxides
with different chemical composition, but no indications
for high- T_c superconductivity

However:

- Excitonic superconductivity only in a very small region of the compositional parameter space (W. A. Little, V. L. Ginzburg)
- "Therefore, synthesizing a room-temperature superconductor, one must pay attention to its structure: the "distance" between failure and success can be as small as 0.01 Å in the lattice constant".

Cited from Andrei Mourachkine's book "Room-Temperature Superconductivity", 2004, page 292 and 293 (ISBN 1 – 904602 – 27 – 4)

Potential for high- T_c superconductivity in oxides with early transition metals like W, Nb or Ti

Superconducting islands with $T_c \approx 90$ K on the surface of Na-doped WO₃ Reich et al , J. Superconductivity <u>13</u> (2000) 855

- Strong experimental evidence for high- T_c superconductivity without Cu
- In spite of many efforts superconducting phase could not be identified
 ⇒ Research on Na W O was stopped

 $WO_3 (W^{6+}, 5d^0)$:

- antiferroelectric insulator with $T_c \approx 1000 \text{ K}$
- distorted ReO₃ type crystal structure can be considered as distorted perovskite ABO₃ with absent A
- superconducting $Na_v WO_x (W^{(6-z)+}, 5d^z)$ closely related to WO_3

Speculation: Superconducting phase Na_yWO_x could be of the type $A_nB_nO_{3n+2}$ Lichtenberg et al , Prog. Solid State Chem. <u>36</u> (2008) 253 Many ways to modify the physical and structural properties by a huge number of possible chemical compositions:

- *A* = Na , Ca , Sr , Ba , La …
- *B* = Ti , Nb , Ta ...
- Variable oxygen content *x*
- Several kinds of non-stoichiometric modifications of a certain structure type *n* with respect to its ideal composition ABO_x with ideal oxygen content x = 3 + 2/n:
 - $A_{1-a}BO_x$ a = deficiency at A site
 - $AB_{1-b}O_x$ b = deficiency at B site
 - ABO_{x-d} d = deficiency at O site
 - ABO_{x+e} e = excess at O site
 - $A_{1-a}BO_{x-d}$ a = deficiency at A site, d = deficiency at O site
- If there are oxygen deficiencies or at least two different ions at the A (or B) site, then they can be partially or fully ordered

Synthesis, structural, magnetic and transport properties of layered perovskite-related titanates, niobates and tantalates of the type $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$, $A^{i} A_{k-1} B_k O_{3k+1}$ and $A_m B_{m-1} O_{3m}$

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A comprehensive scientific article on special oxides: Abstract

Abstract: This article represents a continuation of a paper on $A_n B_n O_{3n+2} = ABO_x$ compounds which was published in 2001. This work reports also on oxides of the type $A^{\prime}A_{k-1}B_{k}O_{3k+1}$ (Dion-Jacobson type phases) and hexagonal $A_m B_{m-1} O_{3m}$. The title materials have in common a layered perovskite-related structure whose layers are formed by corner-shared BO₆ octahedra. The three homologous series differ structurally in their orientation of the BO₆ octahedra with respect to the *c*-axis. This can be considered as a result from cutting the cubic perovskite ABO₃ structure along different directions followed by an insertion of additional oxygen, namely along the [100], [110] and [111] direction for $A^A_{k-1}B_kO_{3k+1}$, $A_nB_nO_{3n+2}$ and $A_mB_{m-1}O_{3m}$, respectively. The materials, with emphasis on electrical conductors, were prepared by floating zone melting and characterized by thermogravimetric analysis, x-ray powder diffraction and magnetic measurements. On crystals of five different compounds the resistivity was measured along the distinct crystallographic directions. Concerning $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ this work is focussed on two topics. The first are materials with paramagnetic rare earth ions at the A site or transition metal ions such as Fe^{3+} at the B site. The second are non-stoichiometric compounds. Furthermore, we discuss issues like occupational order at the B site, the proximity of some materials to the pyrochlore structure, potential magnetic ordering, and a possible coupling between magnetic and dielectric properties. The oxides $A^{i}A_{k-1}B_{k}O_{3k+1}$ gained attention during a study of the reduced Ba-(Ca,La)-Nb-O system which lead to conducting Dion-Jacobson type phases without alkali metals. Concerning hexagonal $A_m B_{m-1} O_{3m}$ the emphasis of this work are conducting niobates in the system Sr-Nb-O. The title materials have in common a quasi-2D (layered) structure and they are mainly known as insulators. In the case of electrical conductors, however, their transport properties cover a quasi-1D, quasi-2D and anisotropic 3D metallic behavior. Also temperature-driven metal-to-semiconductor transitions occur. A special feature of the quasi-1D metals of the type $A_n B_n O_{3n+2}$ is their compositional, structural and electronic proximity to non-conducting (anti)ferroelectrics. We speculate that these quasi-1D metals may have the potential to create new (high-T₂) superconductors, especially when they are viewed from the perspective of the excitonic type of superconductivity. Referring to literature and results from this work, a comprehensive overview on the title oxides 60 and their properties is presented.

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- The periodic table of the chemical elements
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Symbols and names: the symbols and names of the elements, and their spellings are those recommended by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC - http://www.iupac.org/). Names have yet to be proposed for the most recently discovered elements beyond 112 and so those used here are IUPAC's temporary systematic names. In the USA and some other countries, the spellings aluminum and cesium are normal while in the UK and elsewhere the common spelling is sulphur. Group labels: the numeric system (1-12) used here is the current IUPAC convention.

Atomic weights (mean relative masses): Apart from the heaviest elements, these are the IUPAC 2007 values and given to 5 significant figures. Elements for which the atomic weight is given within square brackets have no stable nuclides and are represented by the element's longest lived isotope reported at the time of writing.

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Image as well as more detailed information: www.webelements.com **Global Scaling:** A representation of the so-called Fundamental Fractal on the level n₀ and n₁

$$z = \ln \frac{x}{y} = \frac{3}{2}n_0 + \frac{2}{n_1 + \frac{2}{n_2 + \frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$n_0 = \pm k$$

$$n_1 = \pm 3j$$

$$k, j = 0, 1, 2, 3...$$
so-called nodes: $n_0, z(n_0), x(n_0)$
so-called sub-nodes: $n_1, z(n_1), x(n_1)$

x = physical quantity or number (ratio or set) under consideration y = calibration unit of the considered physical scale such as length [m]

For further information see pages 17 – 26 and an introduction into Global Scaling, the so-called Global Scaling Theory Compendium, which can be downloaded from <u>www.global-scaling-institute.de</u>

