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Superconductividad en el MgB₂: a 20 años del descubrimiento

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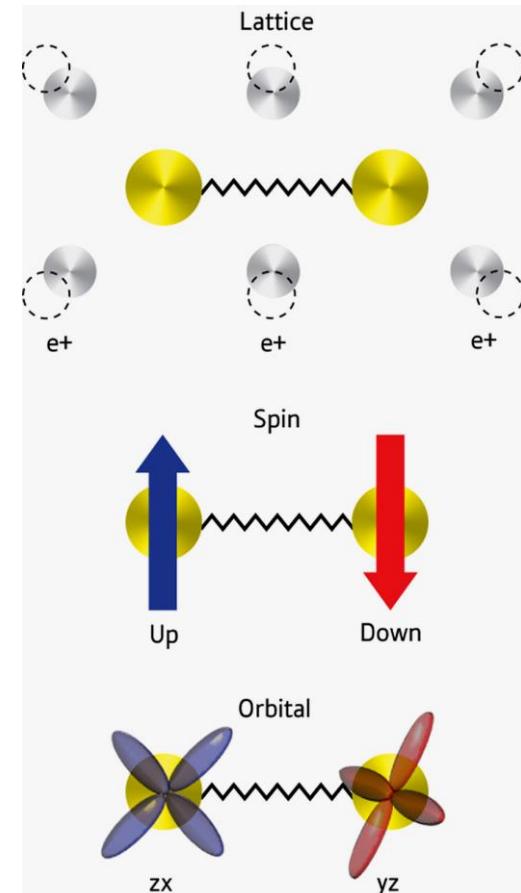
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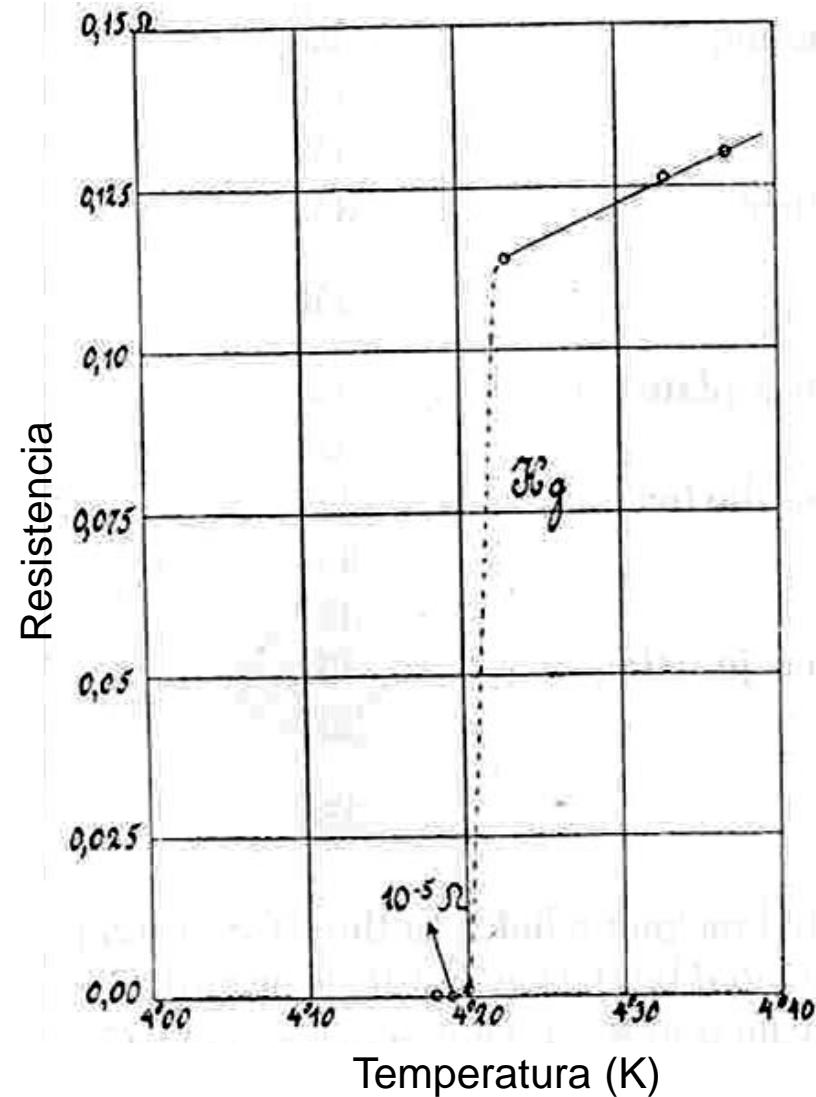
Descubrimiento de la superconductividad (1911)



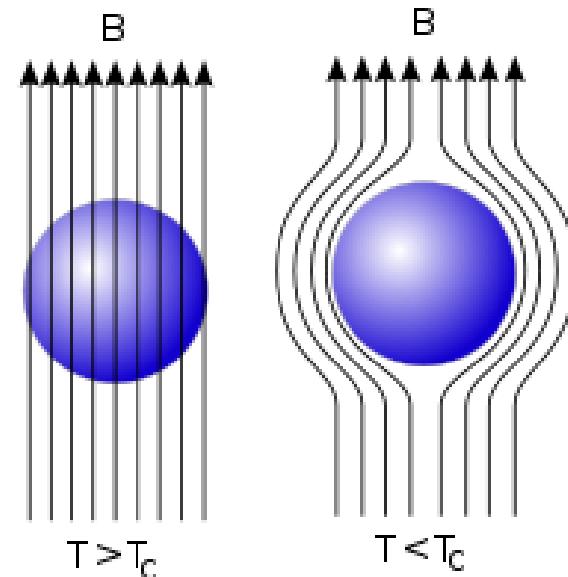
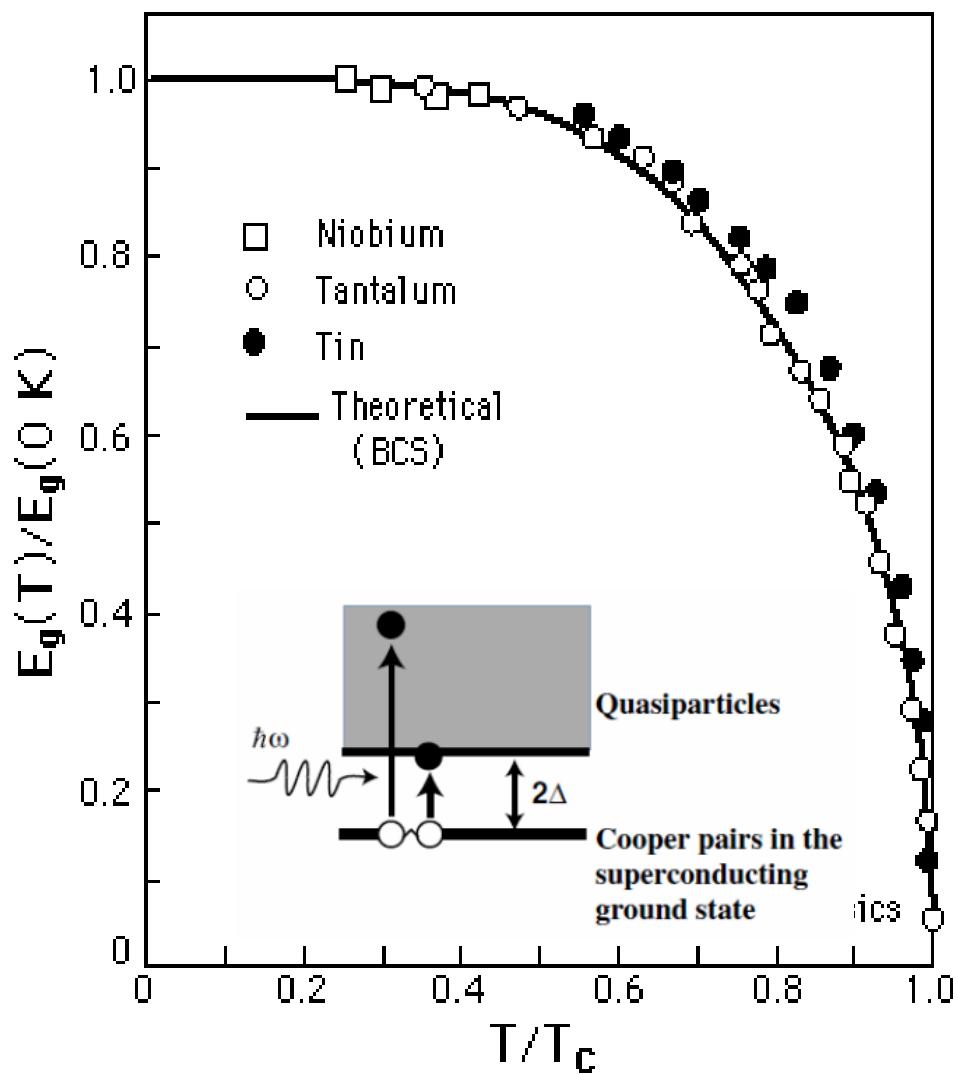
En 1911 Kamerling Onnes descubre que a la temperatura de 4.2 K el mercurio (Hg) pierde su resistencia eléctrica, a este fenómeno se denominó **superconductividad**.

Un material superconductor es mucho mas que un conductor perfecto.

Resistencia eléctrica nula!!!

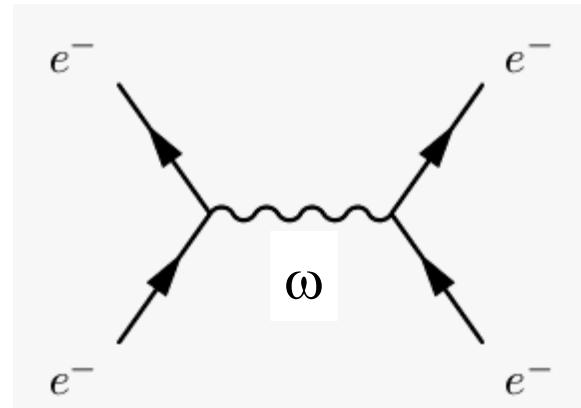
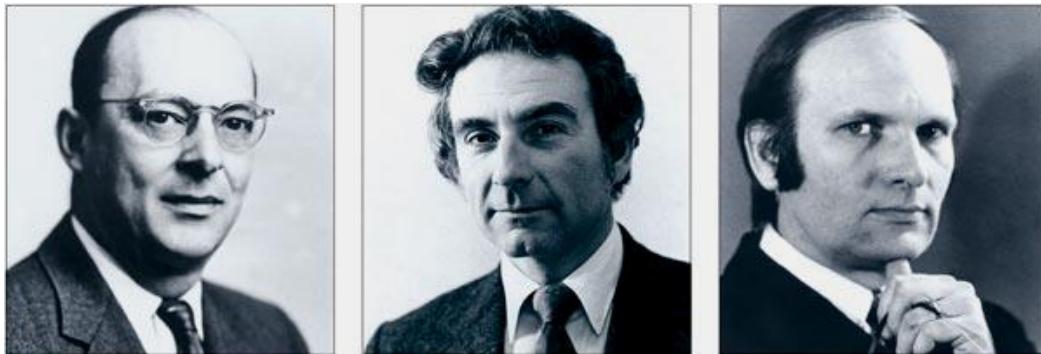


Brecha superconductora y Efecto Meissner



BCS Theory: electron-phonon interaction (1957)

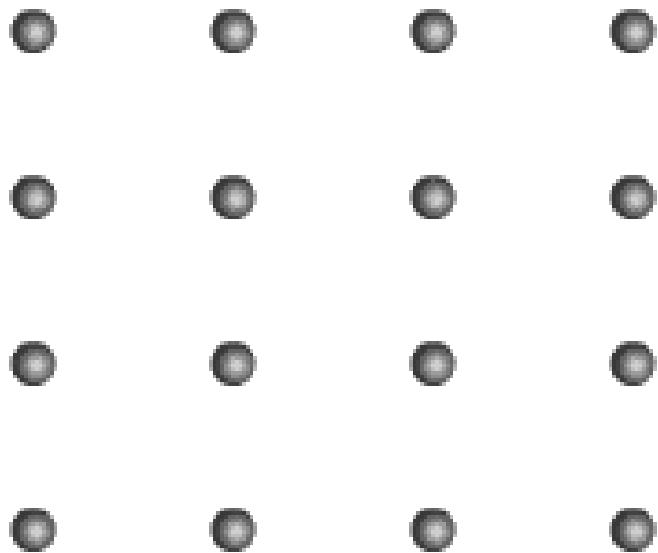
BCS: Bardeen, Cooper and Schrieffer



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1972

John Bardeen, Leon N. Cooper, Robert Schrieffer

The first widely-accepted theoretical understanding of superconductivity was advanced in 1957 by American physicists John Bardeen, Leon Cooper, and John Schrieffer (above). Their ***Theories of Superconductivity*** became known as the **BCS Theory**.



John Bardeen - Nobel Lecture 1972

ELECTRON-PHONON INTERACTIONS AND SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1972

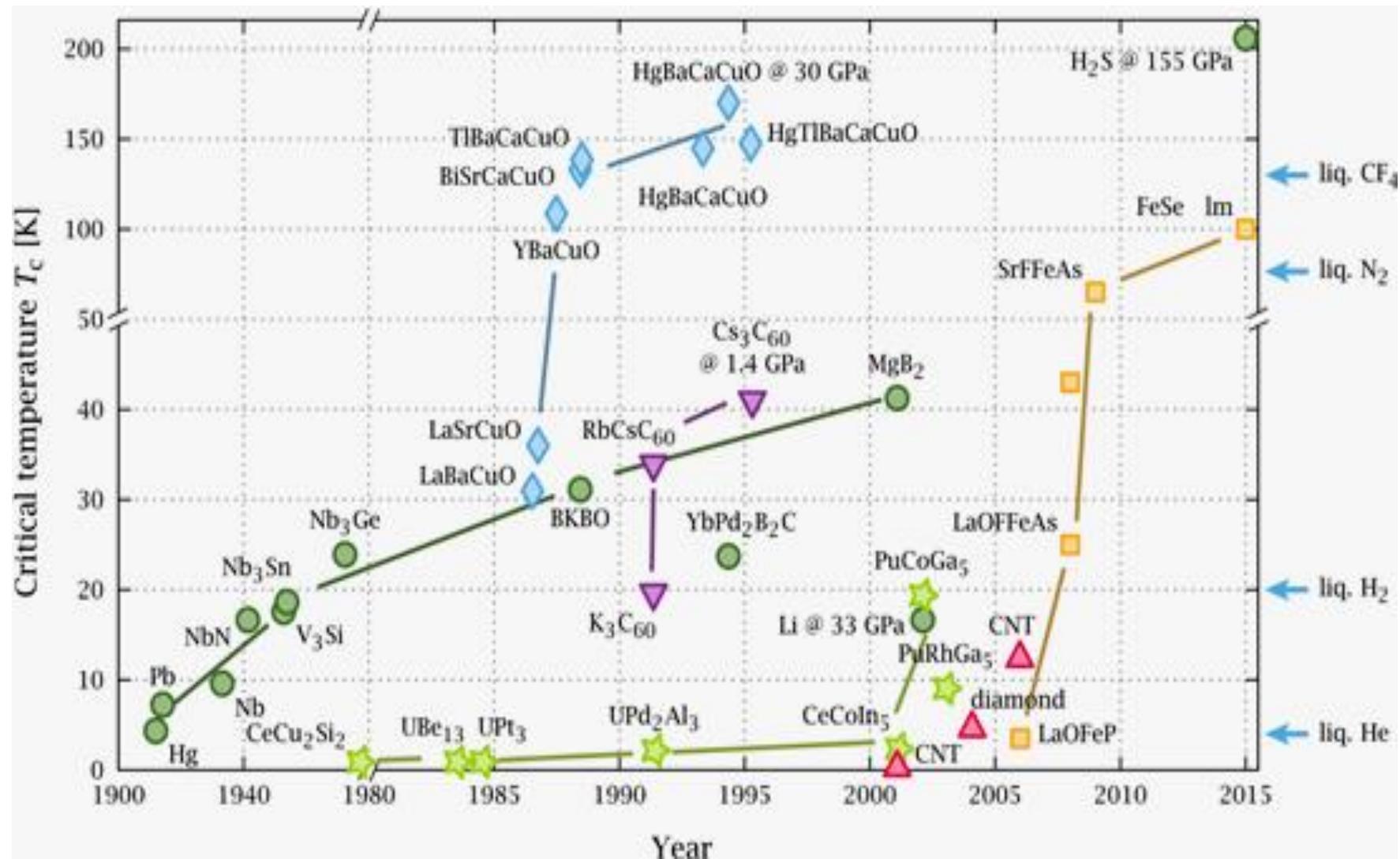
By JOHN BARDEEN

CONCLUSIONS

In this talk we have traced how our understanding of the role of electron-phonon interactions in superconductivity has developed from a concept to a precise quantitative theory.

All evidence indicates that the electron-phonon interaction is the dominant mechanism in the cases studied so far, which include many simple metals, transition metals, a rare earth, and various alloys and compounds. Except possibly for the metallic form of hydrogen, [35] which is presumed to exist at very high pressures, it is unlikely that the phonon mechanism will yield substantially higher transition temperatures than the present maximum of about 21 K for a compound of Nb, Al and Ge.

Introduction: superconducting materials and T_c



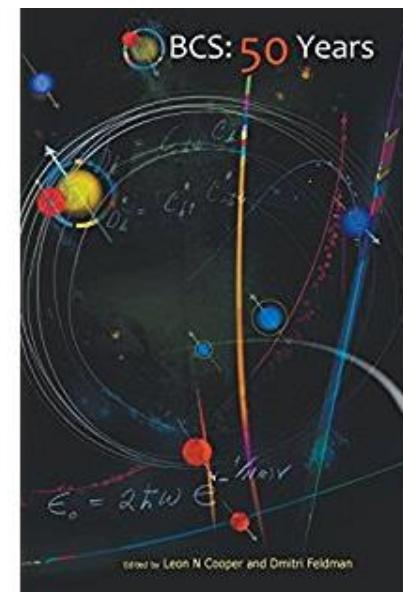
Introduction: Classes of Superconductors

1. **BCS or Conventional:** Electron pairing induced by electron-phonon interactions. Experiments explained.

Materials: conventional metals, C₆₀, some organics, doped semiconductors, MgB₂, hydrides

2. **Exotic or Unconventional:** Many theories on the electron pairing, but no consensus on the mechanism.

Materials: cooper oxides, heavy fermion metals, some organics, dicalcogenides, (Fe,Ni) oxypnictides, FeSe,



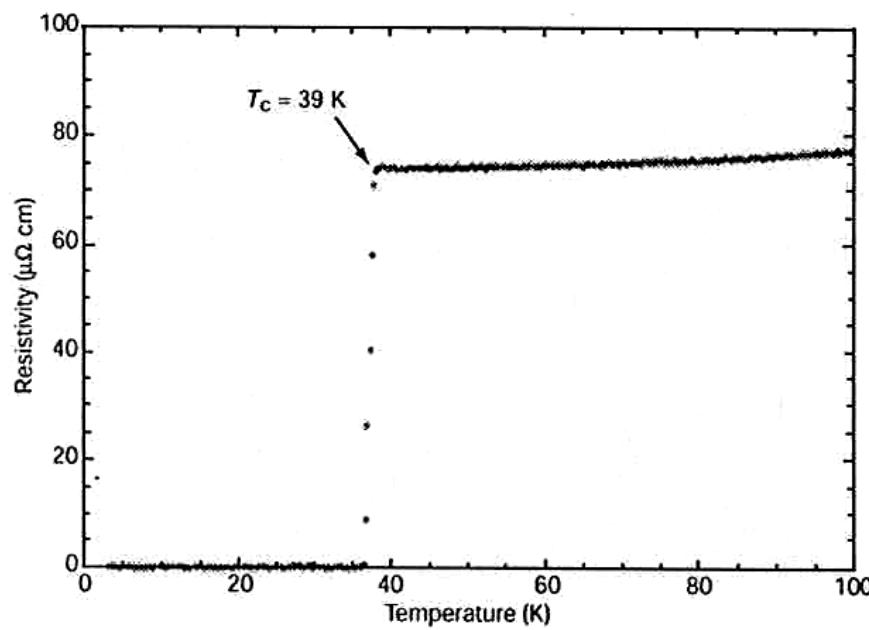
Descubrimiento de SC en el MgB₂

Superconductivity at 39 K in magnesium diboride

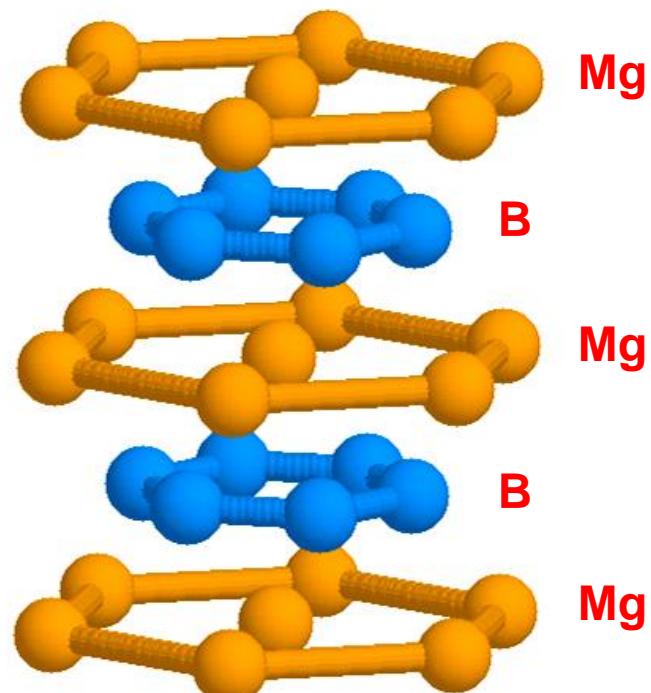
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Nature 40, 63 (1 march 2001).



Crystal Structure of MgB₂
Space group P6/mmm (no. 191)
AlB₂ (omega phase)

Figure 4 Temperature dependence of the resistivity of MgB₂ under zero magnetic field.

MgB₂: magnesium diboride



The compound MgB₂ has been known since 1953 !!!



Samples: crystals of Al and C-doped MgB₂

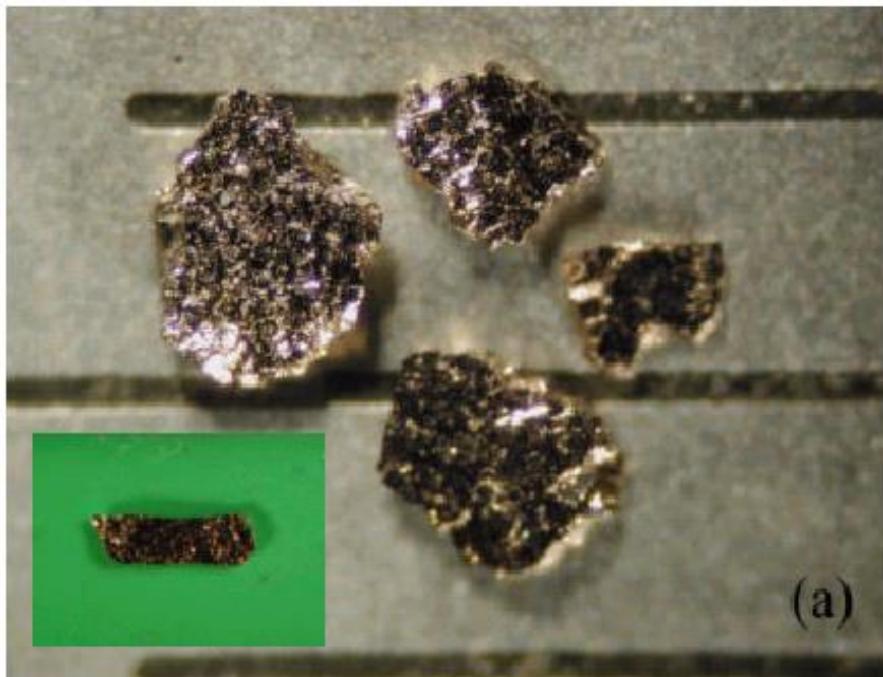


Mg_{1-x}Al_xB₂



J. Karpinski et al.,
Cond-mat/ 0304658 (2003).

MgB_{2-x}C_x



S. Lee et al.,
Cond-mat/ 0305485 (2003).

MgB₂: electronic and vibrational properties

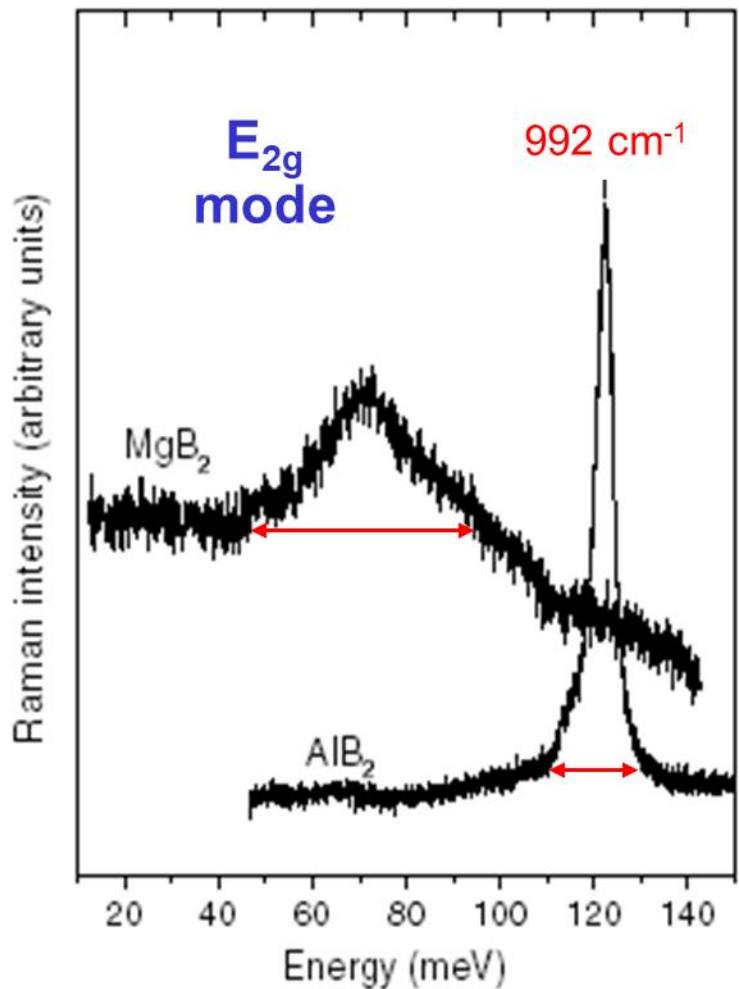
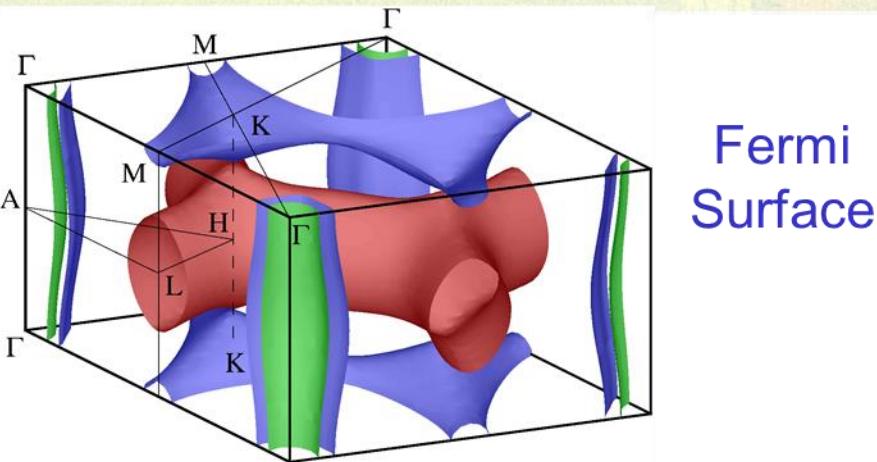
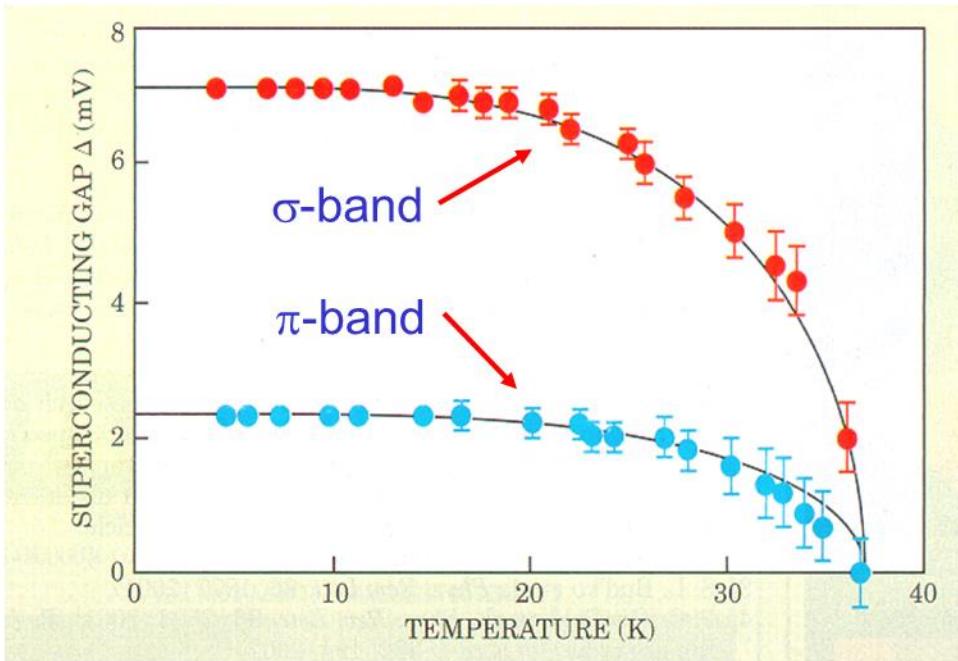
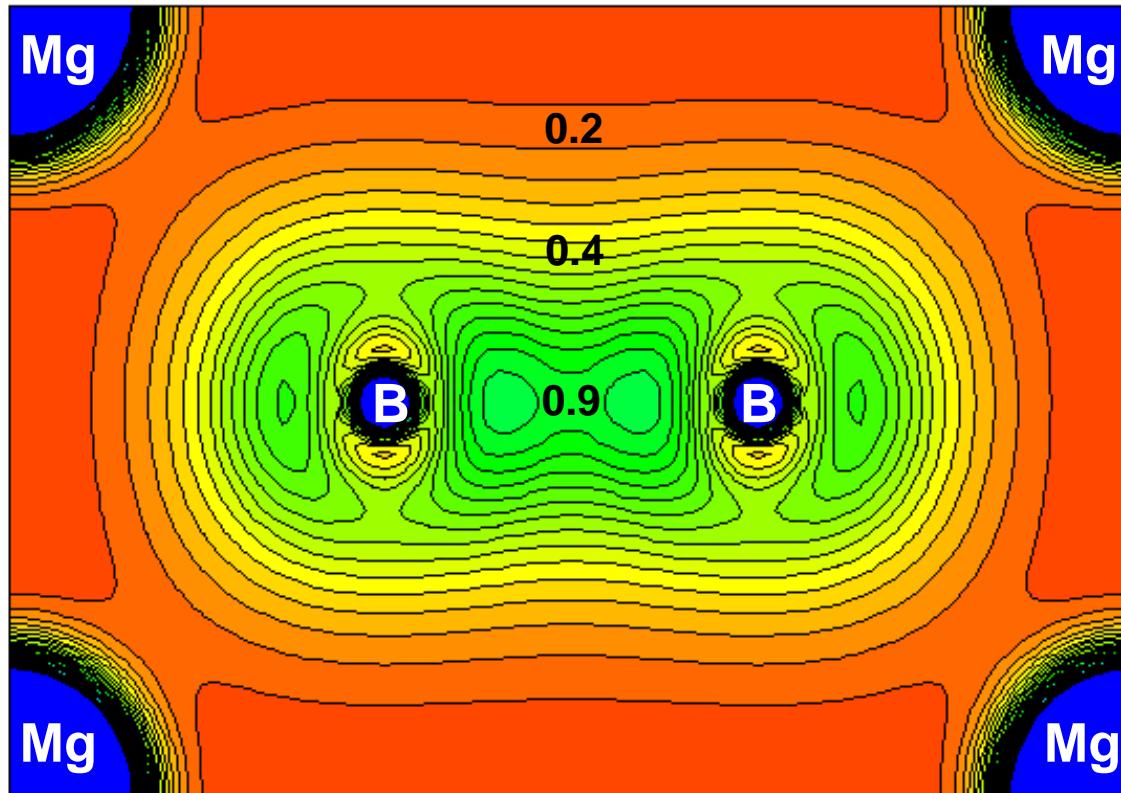


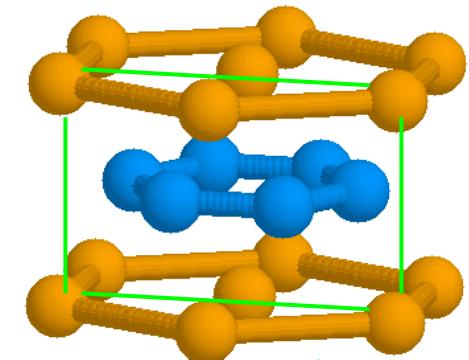
FIG. 1. Micro-Raman spectra obtained from polycrystalline grains of MgB₂ and AlB₂ at room temperature ($\lambda = 514.5$ nm).



MgB₂: enlace químico



MgB₂ (110)

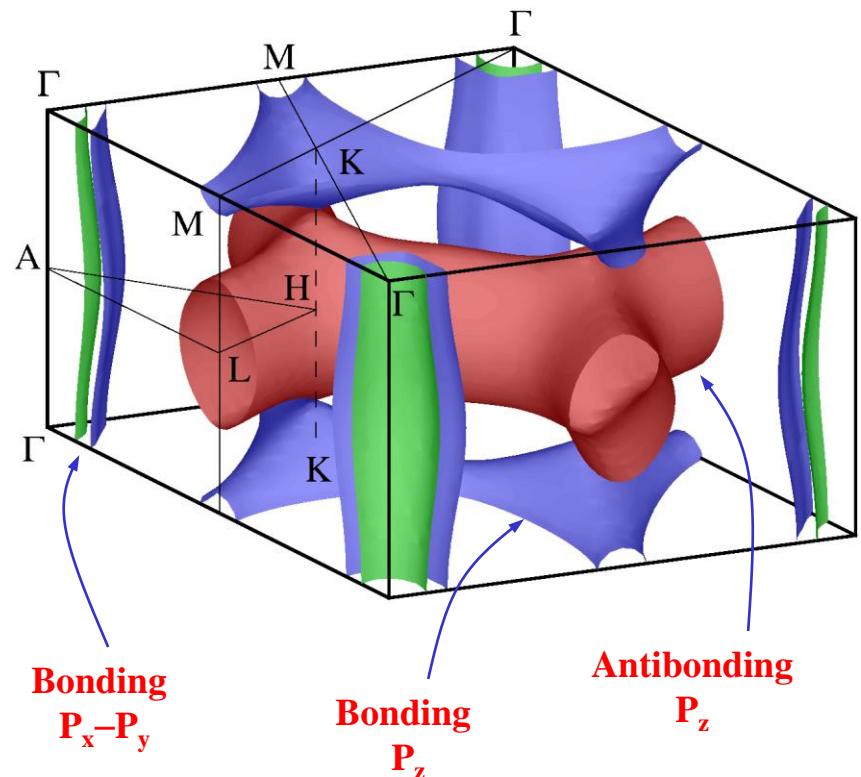
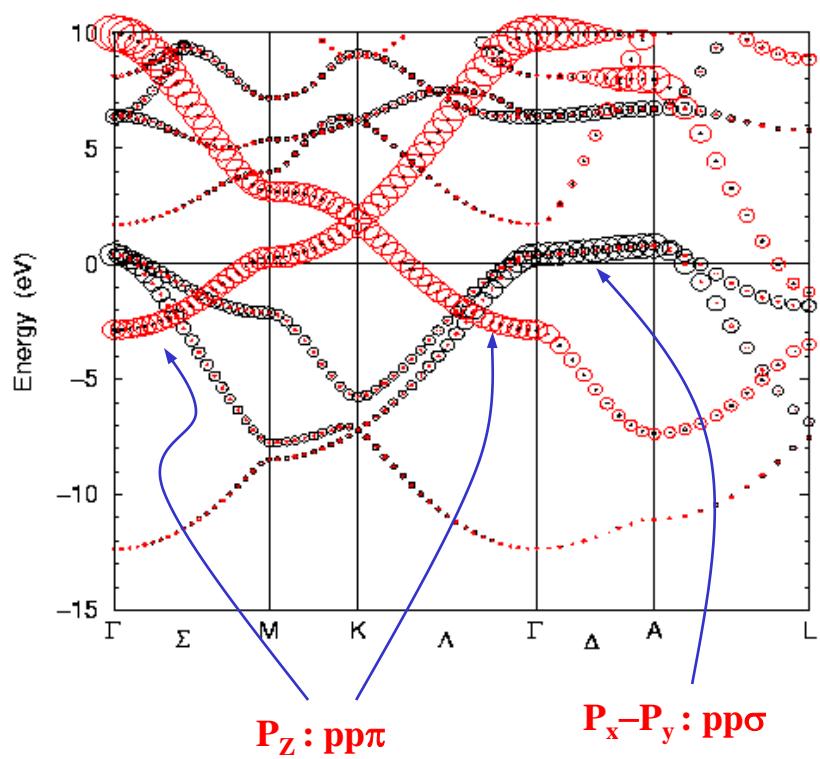


$$\Delta\rho=0.05 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$$

A. Aguayo and R. de Coss (april 2001)
Cinvestav-Mérida, México.

MgB₂: estructura electrónica

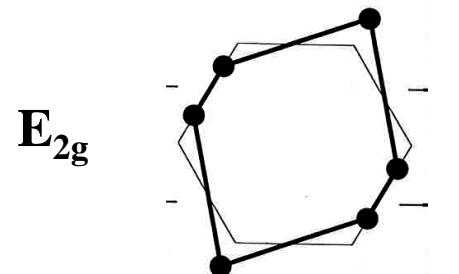
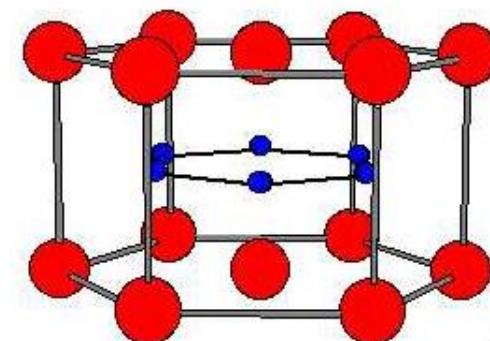
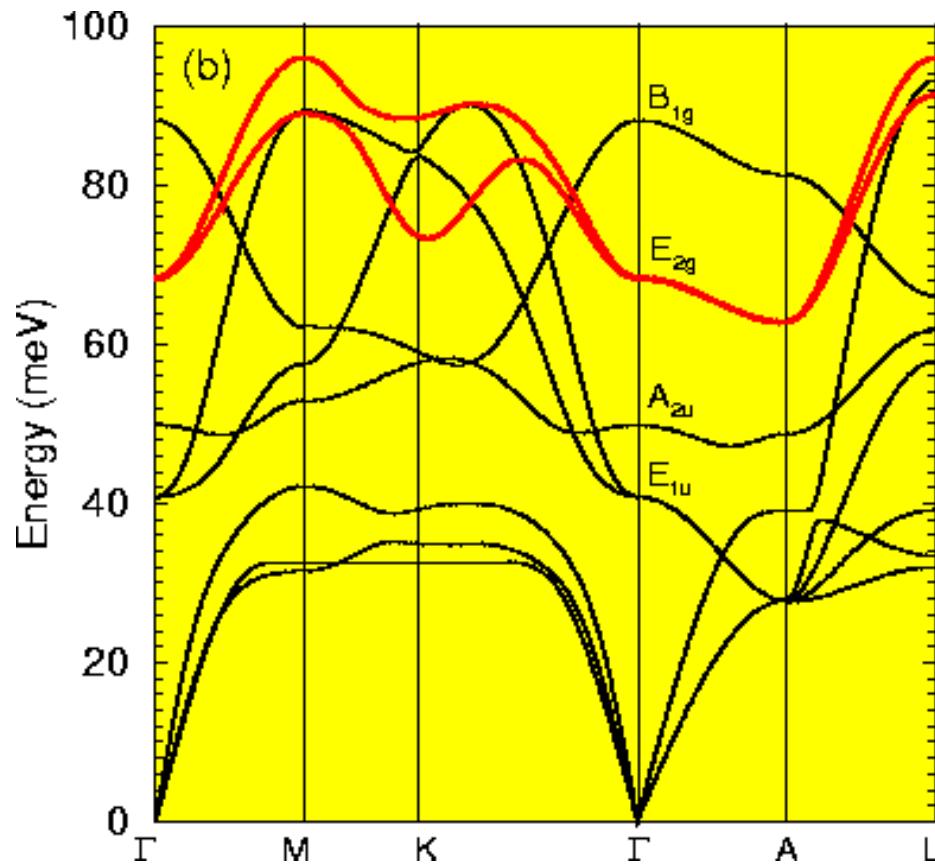
Band structure and Fermi surface of MgB₂ (FP-LAPW)



L. Kortus et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **86**, 4656 (2001).

MgB₂: propiedades vibracionales

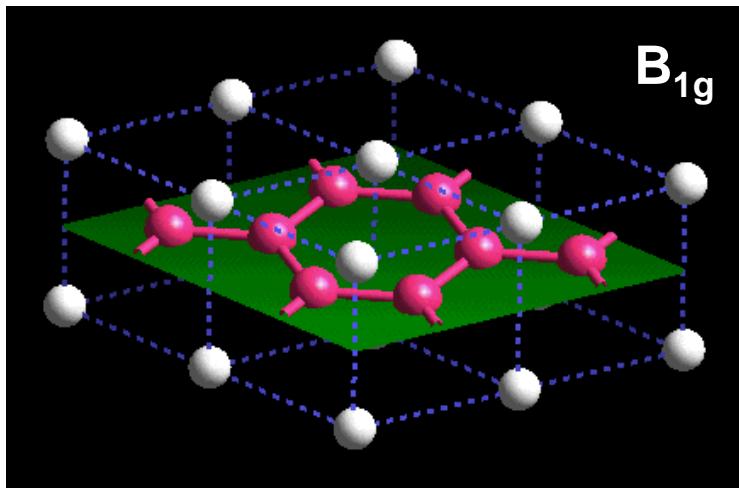
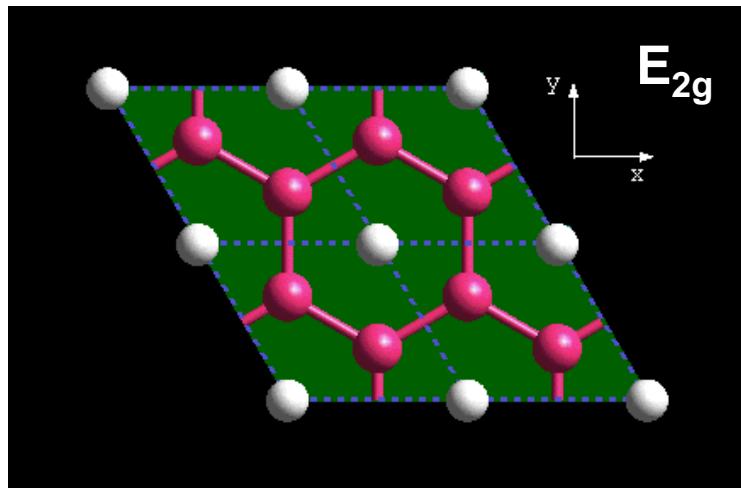
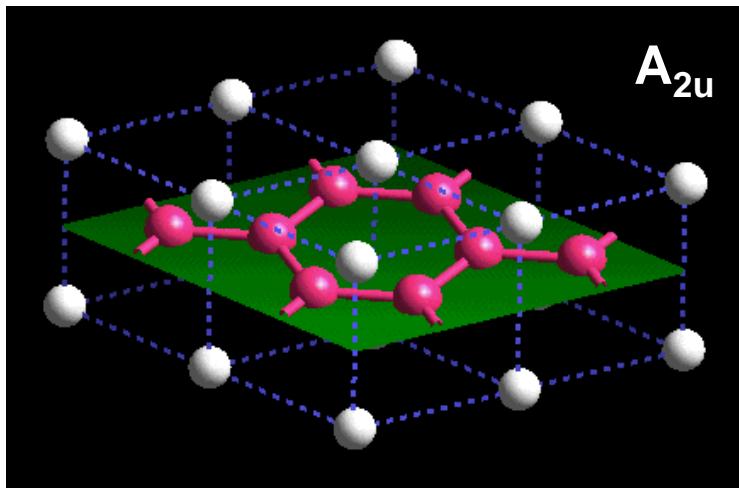
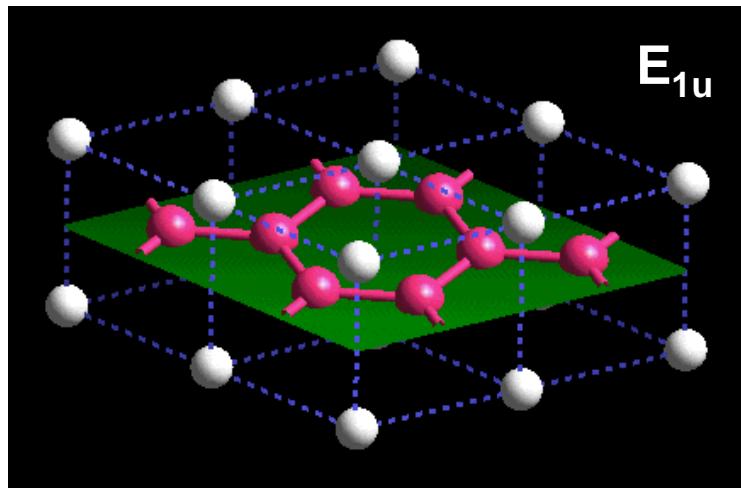
Estructura de bandas fonónicas calculadas: pseudopotenciales.



Planos de boro

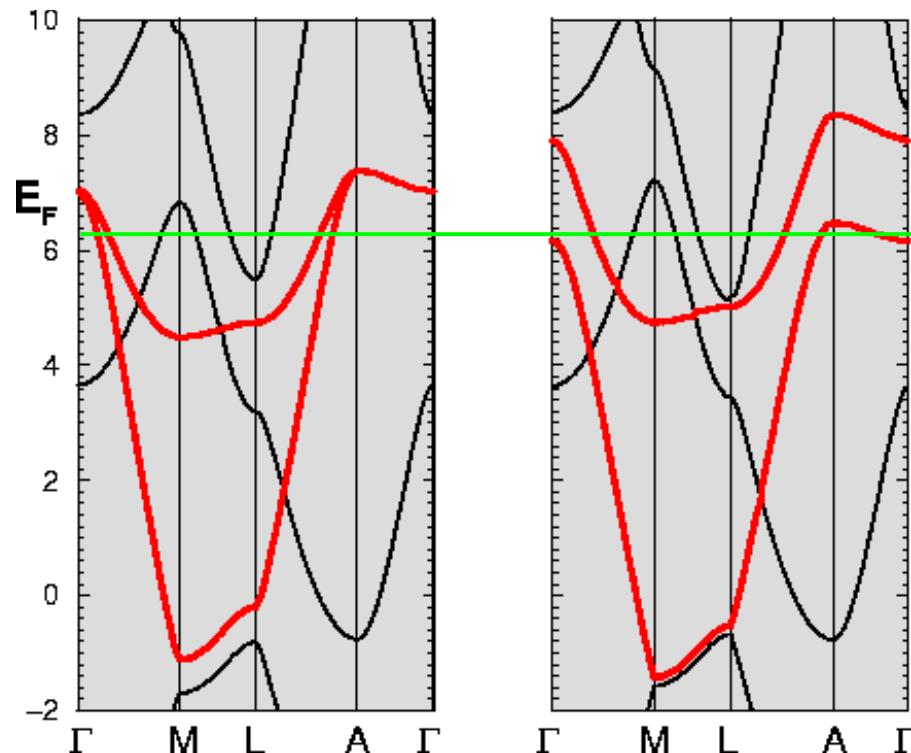
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MgB₂: modos vibracionales

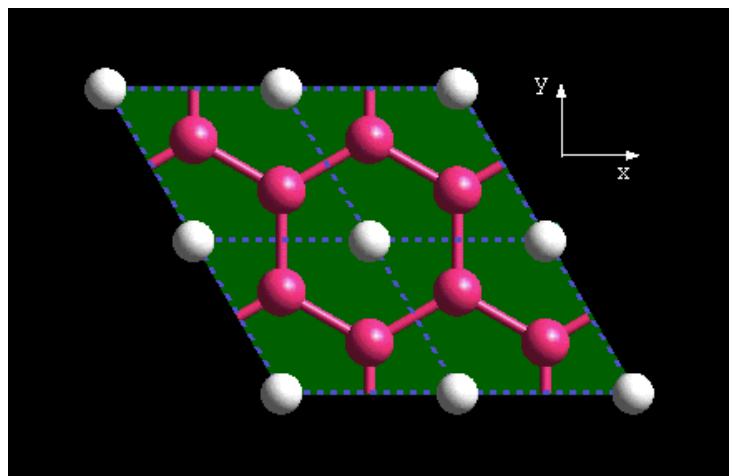


MgB₂: acoplamiento e-ph

Acoplamiento del modo E_{2g} con las bandas p_x-p_y

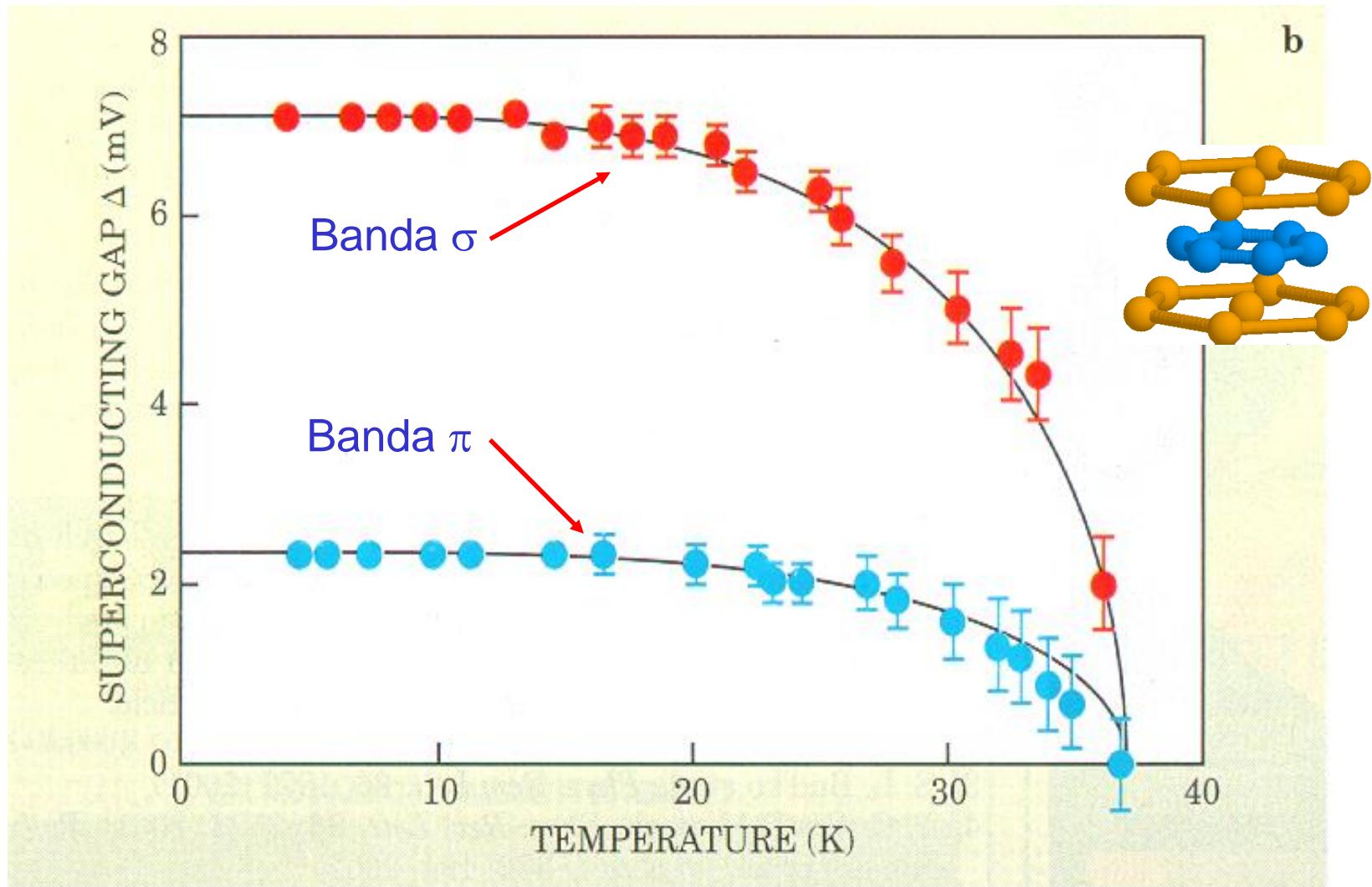


Modo E_{2g}



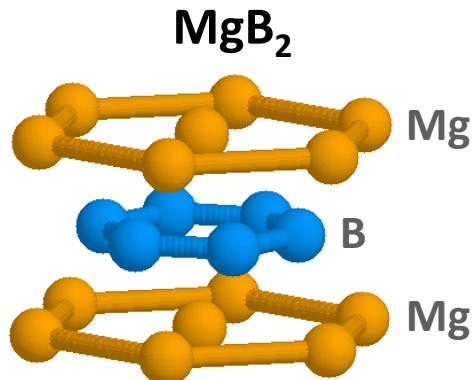
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MgB₂: dos brechas superconductoras!!!

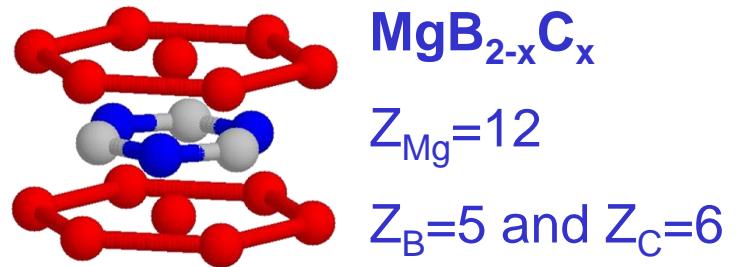
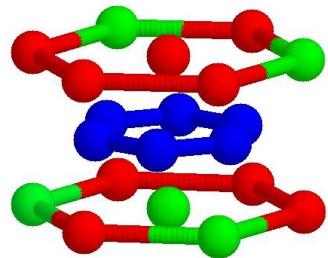


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Our contributions: MgB₂ superconducting alloys



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- ✓ **MgB₂ doped with Al and C:** We found that Al- and C-doping reduce drastically the DOS at the Fermi level and induce a strong phonon renormalization, producing a drop of Tc. In particular, we predict the loss of superconductivity for x(Al)=0.56, which was confirmed by experiments.

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Predicting New Solids and Superconductors

Función isotrópica de Eliashberg

$$\alpha^2 F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi N(0)} \sum_{\mathbf{q}\lambda} \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{q}\lambda}}{\omega_{\mathbf{q}\lambda}} \delta(\omega - \omega_{\mathbf{q}\lambda})$$

$\omega_{\mathbf{q}\lambda}$: freq. del modo fonónico ($\mathbf{q}\lambda$)

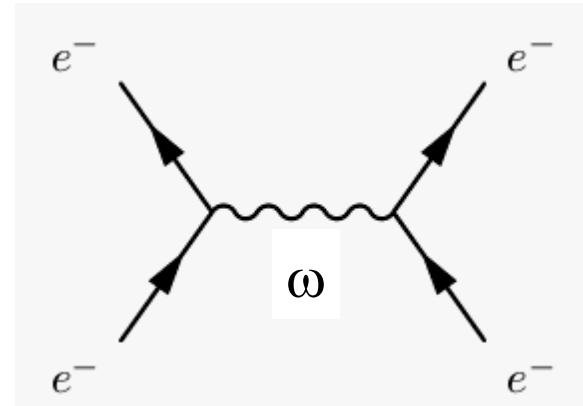
Ancho de línea del fonón

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{q}\lambda} = 2\pi\omega_{\mathbf{q}\lambda} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\nu\nu'} \left| g_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\nu', \mathbf{k}\nu}^{\mathbf{q}\lambda} \right|^2 \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}\nu} - \epsilon_F) \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\nu'} - \epsilon_F)$$

Fórmula de Allen-Dynes: $T_c = \frac{\omega_{log}}{1.2} \exp \left(\frac{-1.04(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda - \mu^*(1 + 0.62\lambda)} \right)$

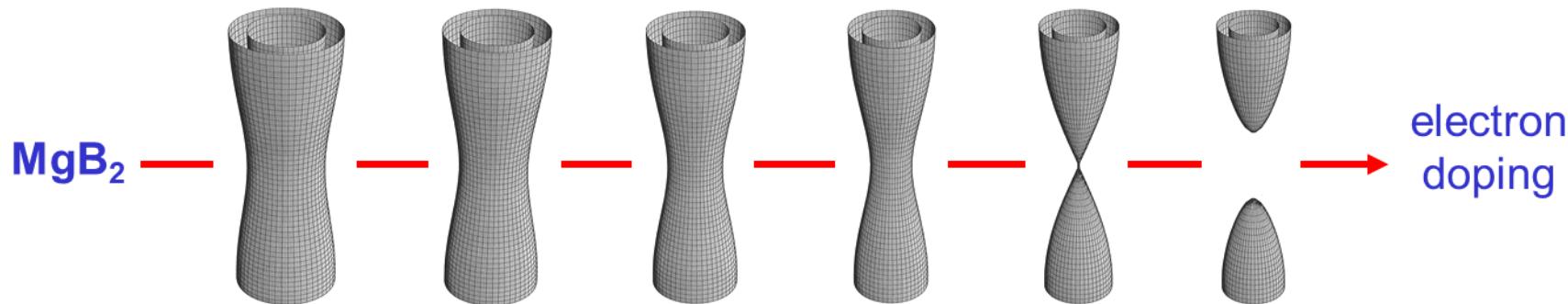
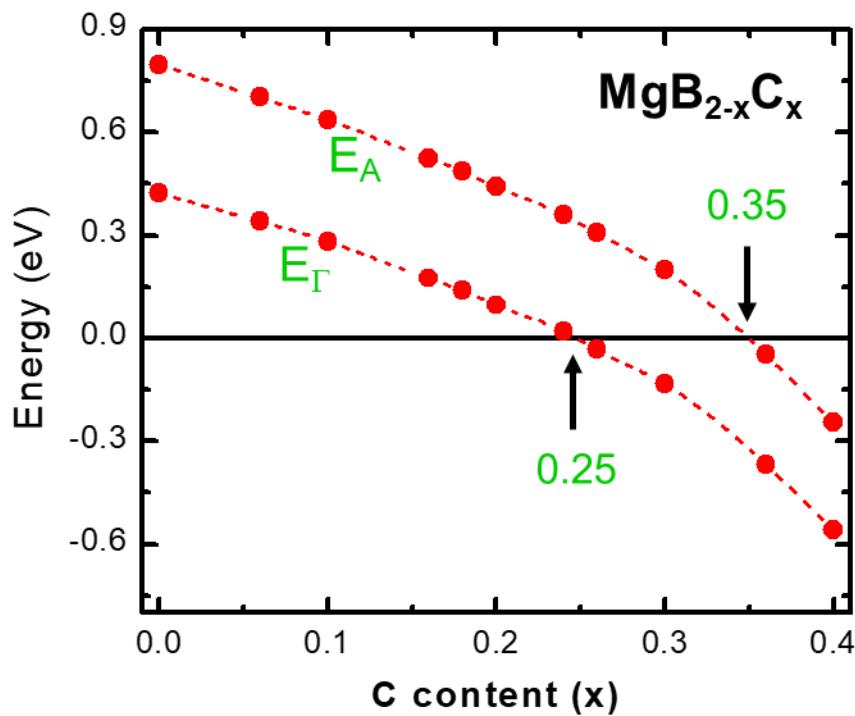
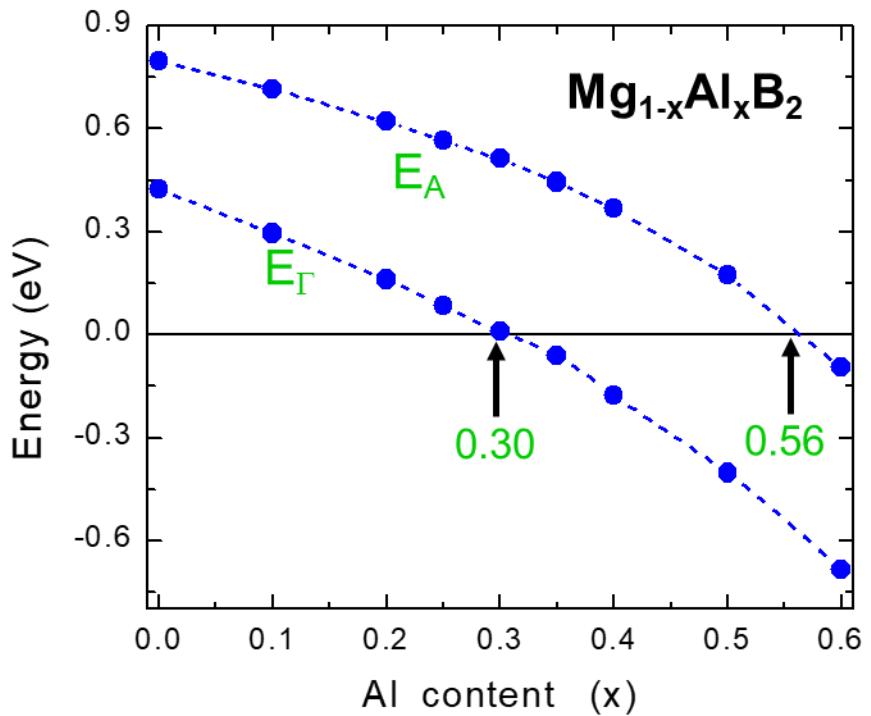
donde $\lambda = 2 \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\alpha^2 F(\omega)}{\omega}$

$$\omega_{log} = \exp \left(\frac{2}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\alpha^2 F(\omega)}{\omega} \ln(\omega) \right)$$

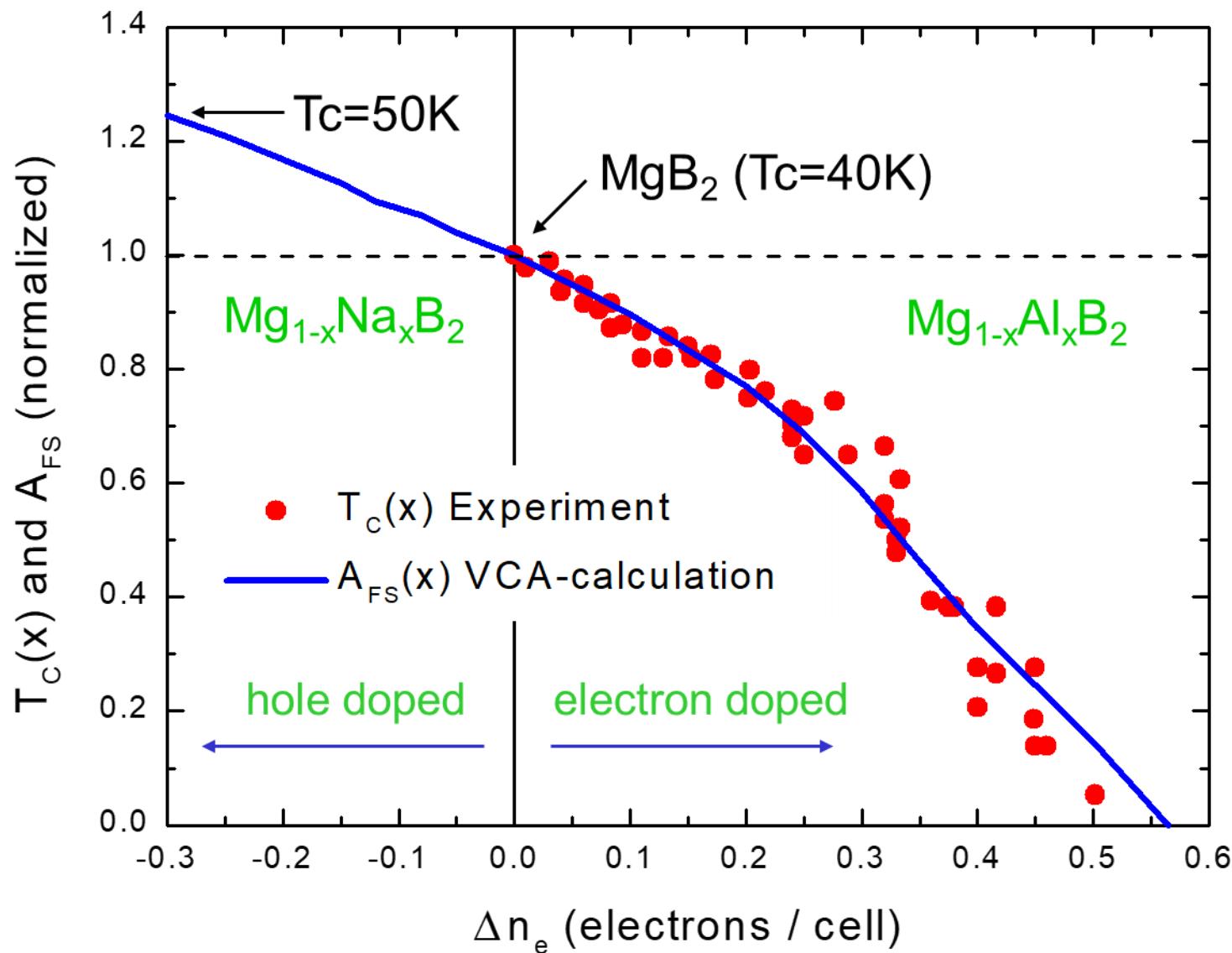


$N(0)$: DOS al nivel de Fermi
 λ : constante de acoplamiento
 ω_{log} : freq. efectiva promedio
 μ^* : inter. elec-elec apantallada

Fermi surface evolution of doped MgB₂



Fermi surface and T_c in doped MgB₂



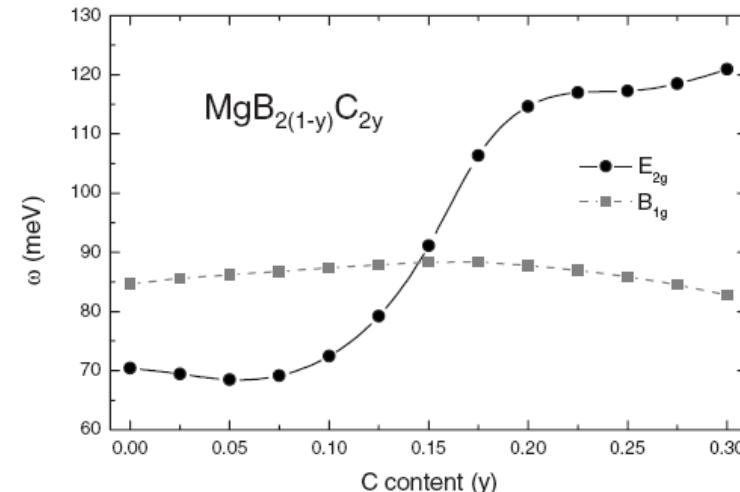
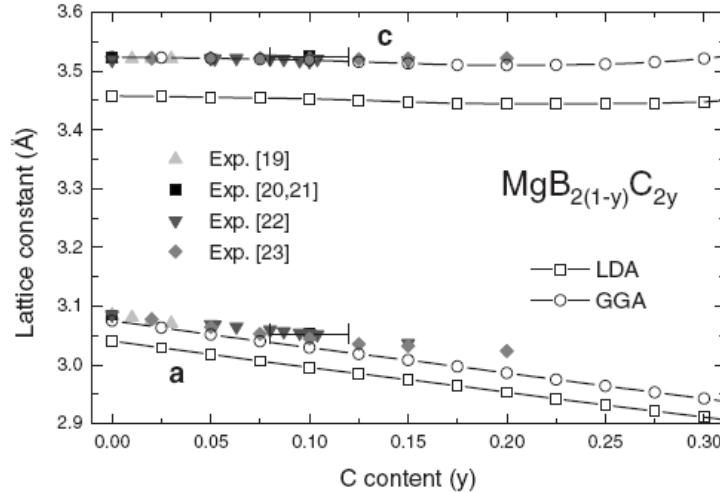
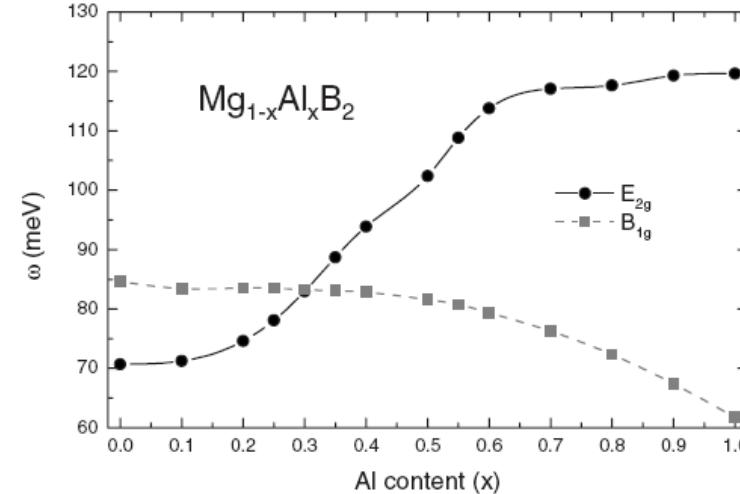
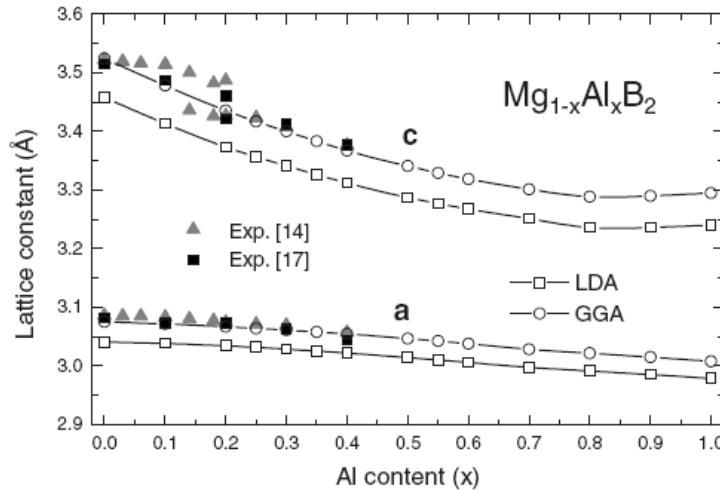
Effects of Al and C doping on the electronic structure and phonon renormalization in MgB₂

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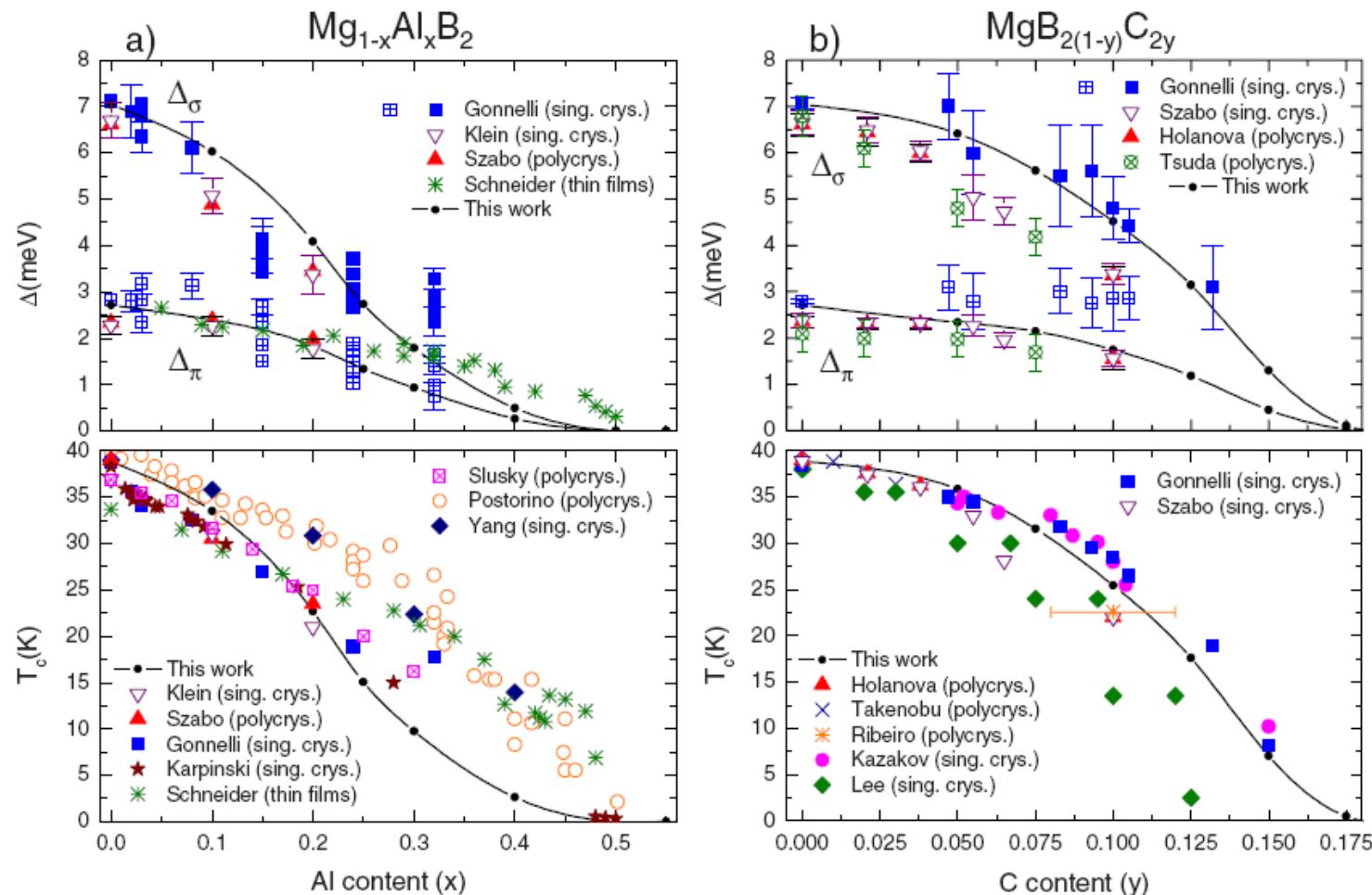
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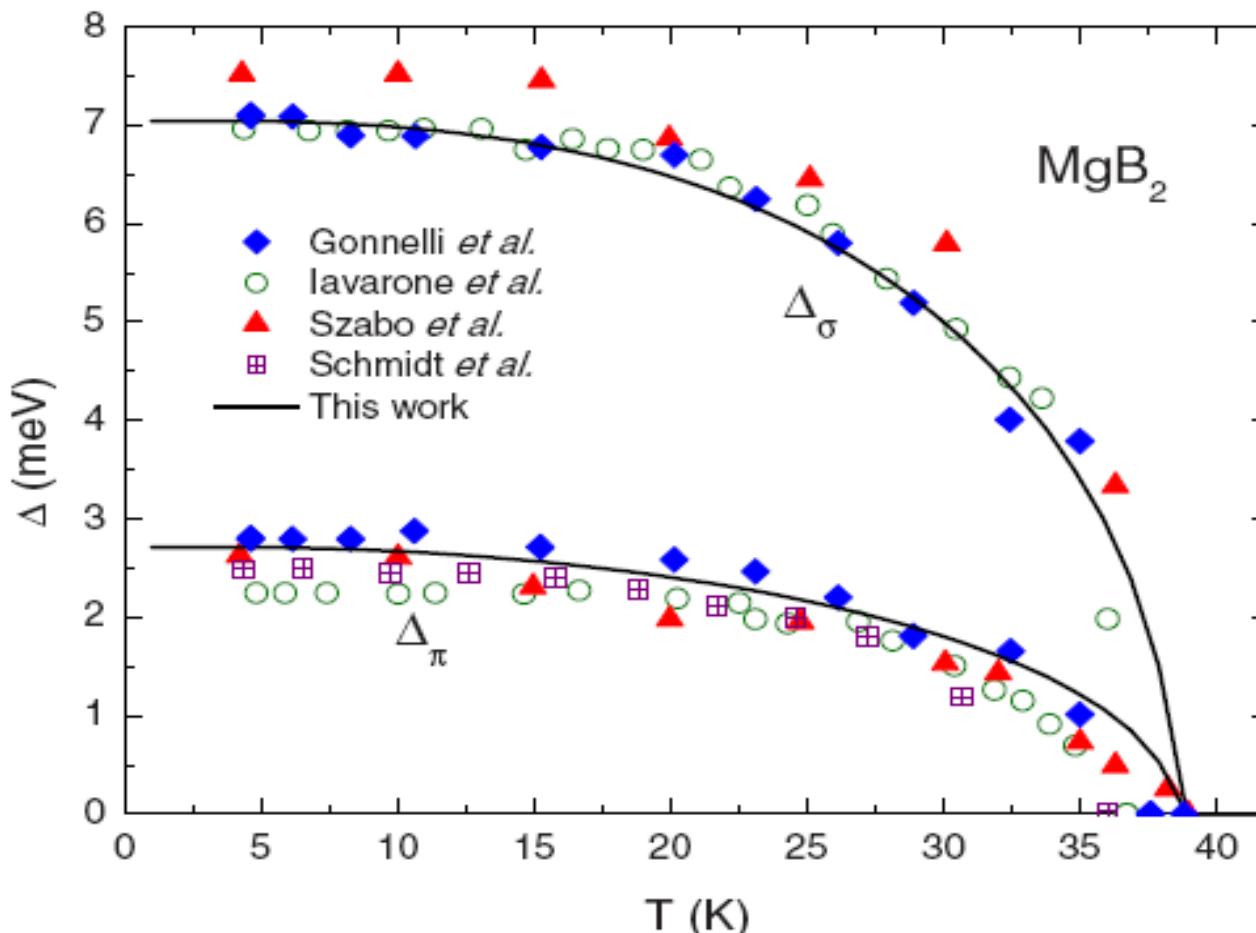
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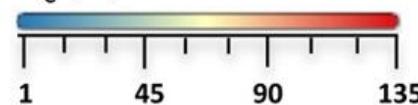
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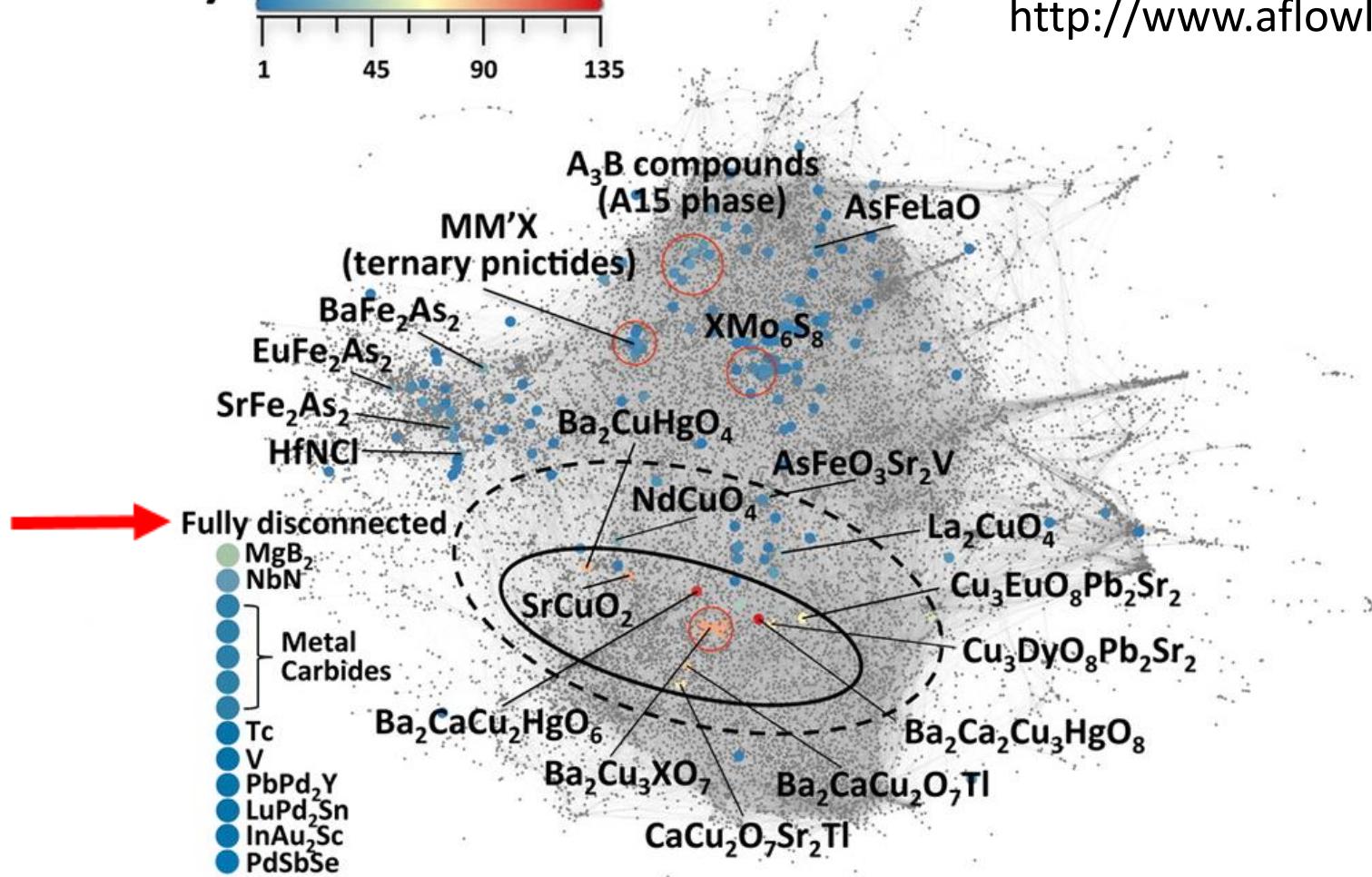


Familias de compuestos superconductores

d) T_c (K)



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Aplicaciones de la superconductividad

- Particle Accelerators
- Generators
- Transportation
- Power Transmission
- Electric Motors
- Military
- Computing
- Medical
- B Field Detection (SQUIDS)



The Yamanashi MLX01 MagLev train





Cables superconductores de MgB₂

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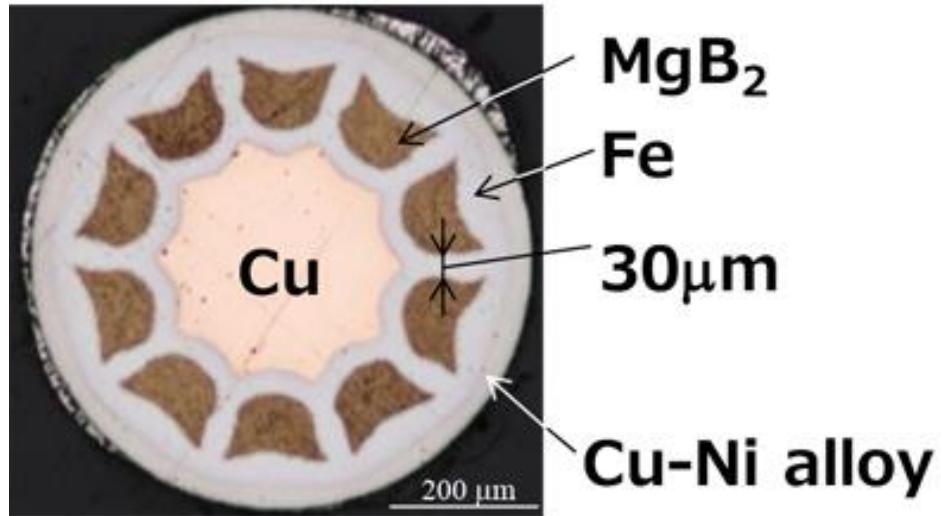
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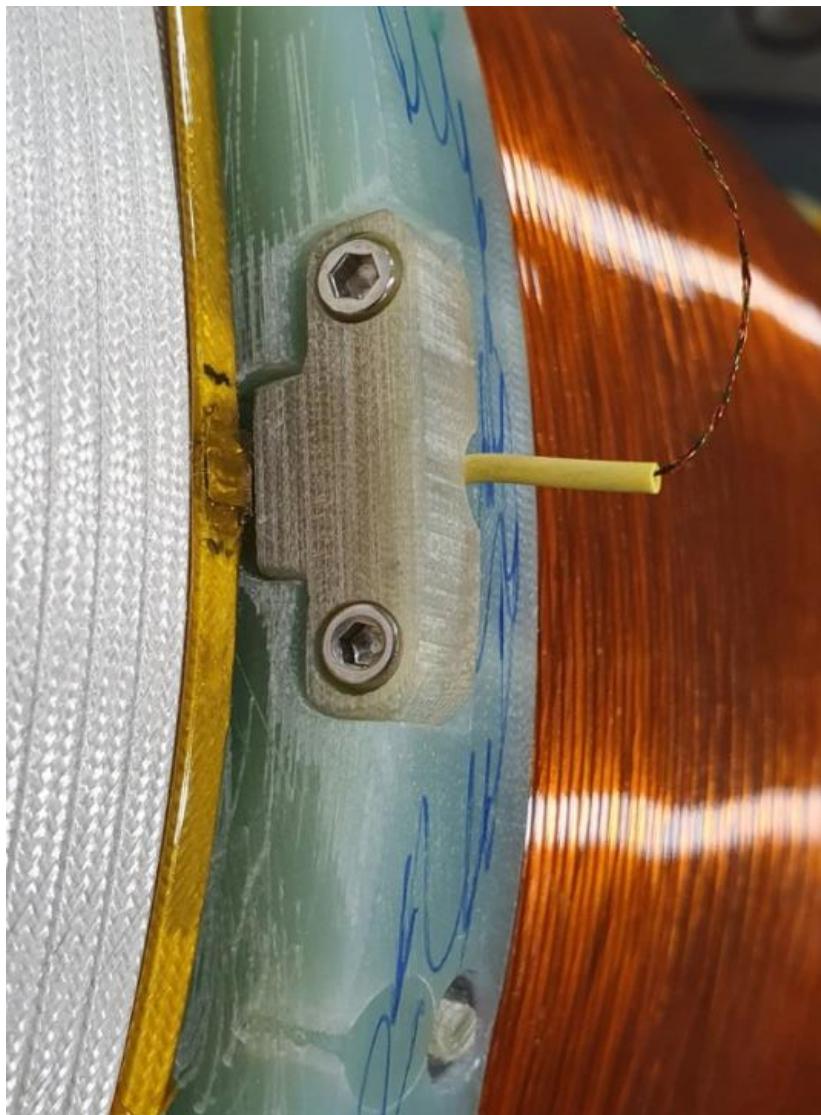
Aplicaciones del MgB₂



MgB₂ OPENS THE DOOR TO HIGH PERFORMANCE MAGNET RAMPING

Energy Storage, intraoperative MRI and particle therapy applications: empirical evidence shows MgB₂ confirms all theoretical expectations in carrying rapidly varying currents at 20K.

Alessio Capelluto and Lorenzo Mauro
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ARPS experiments on monolayers of MgB₂



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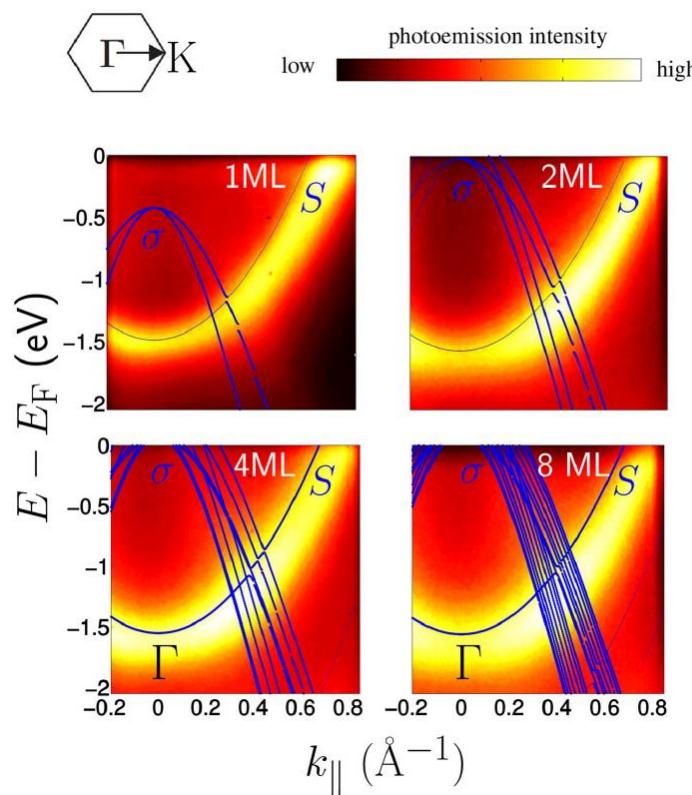
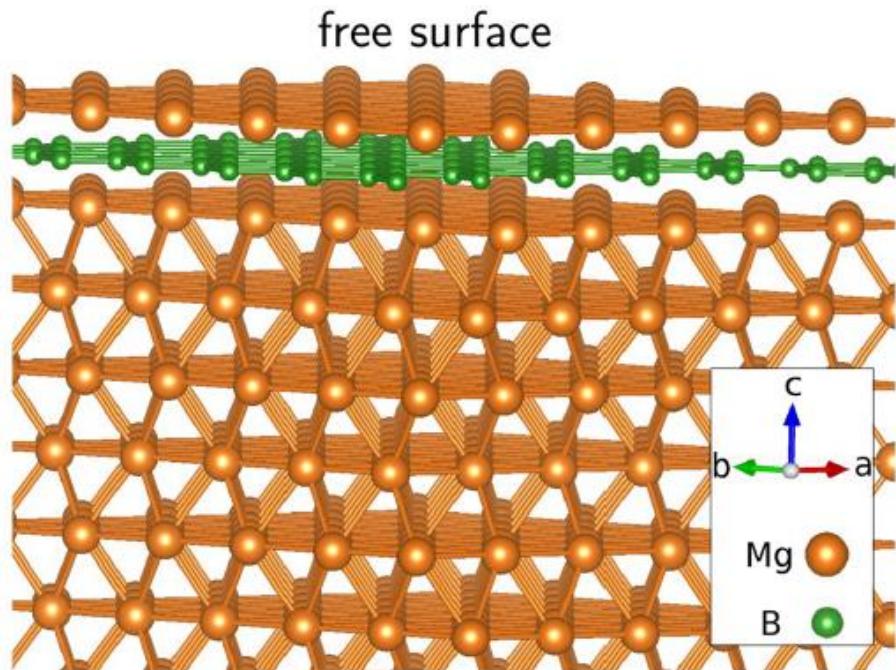
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Prediction of multigap SC in M-MgB₂

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Evolution of multigap superconductivity in the atomically thin limit: Strain-enhanced three-gap superconductivity in monolayer MgB₂

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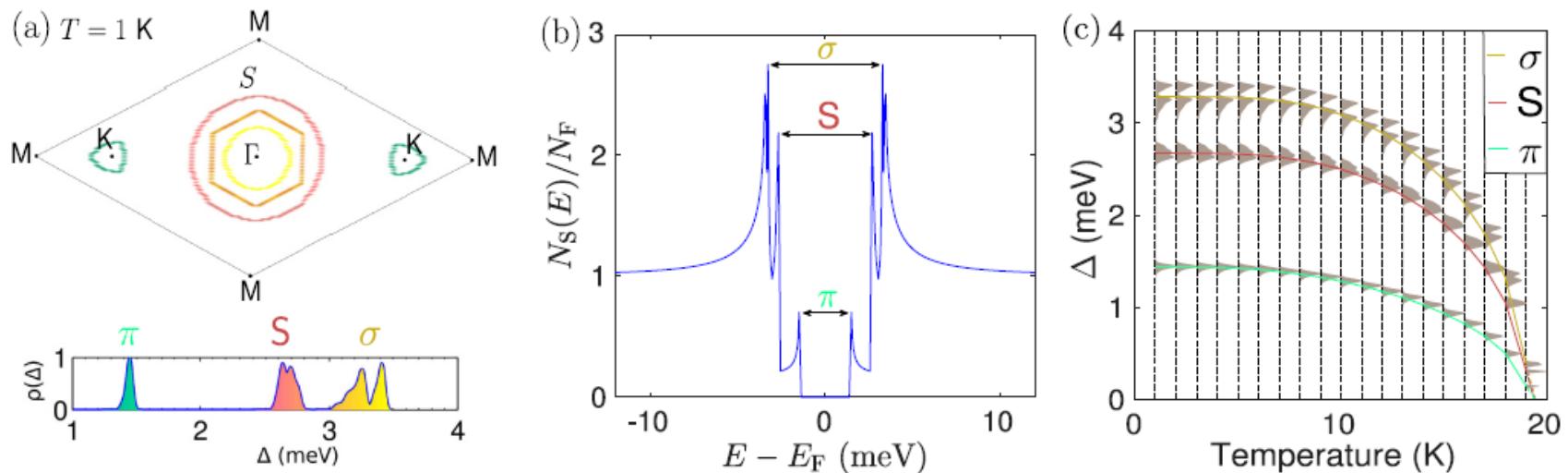


FIG. 1. The superconducting spectrum of one-ML MgB₂, calculated by anisotropic Eliashberg theory with *ab initio* input. (a) The distribution of the three superconducting gaps $\Delta(\mathbf{k}_F, T)$ on the Fermi surface: π , S (for surface), and σ , at $T = 1$ K. (b) The density of states in the superconducting state at $T = 1$ K, showing three distinct peaks corresponding to the three gaps. (c) The evolution of the gap spectrum with temperature, including the gap averages. The calculation shows that one-ML MgB₂ has $T_c \cong 20$ K.

Prediction of HTC in Hydrogenated M-MgB₂



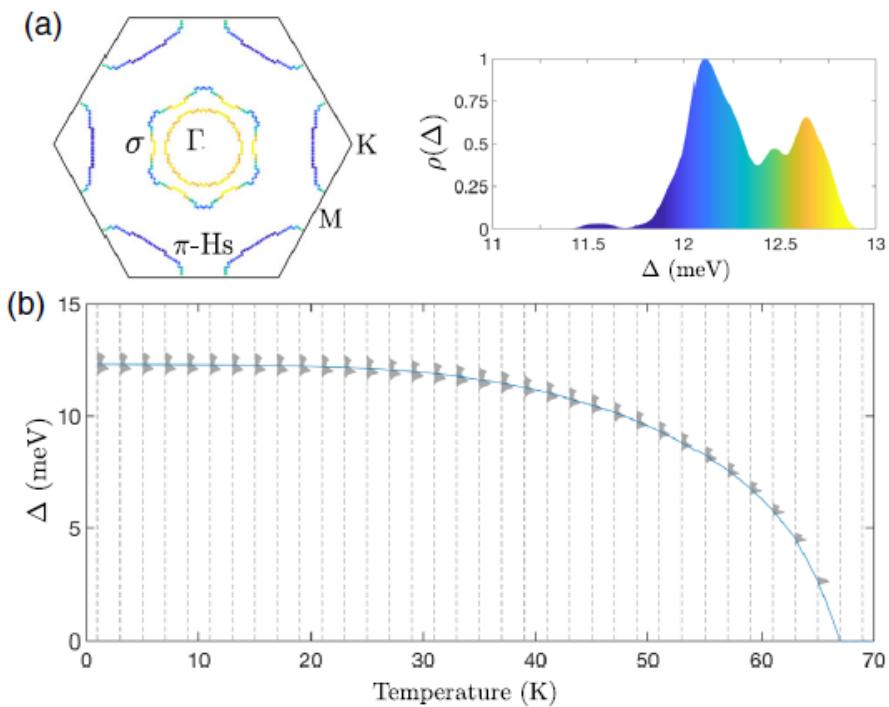
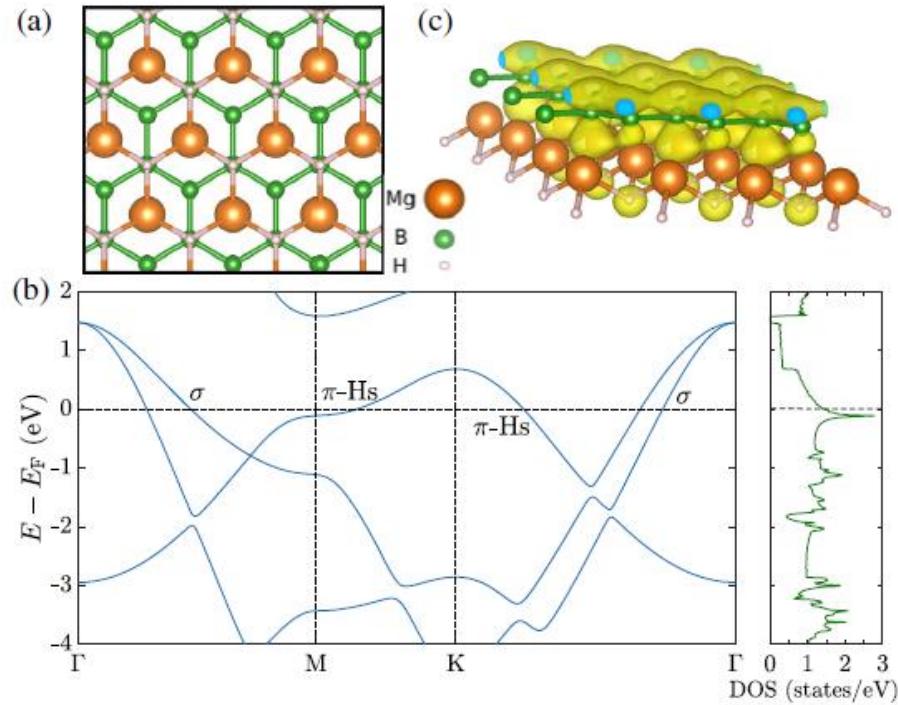
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Hydrogen-Induced High-Temperature Superconductivity in Two-Dimensional Materials: The Example of Hydrogenated Monolayer MgB₂

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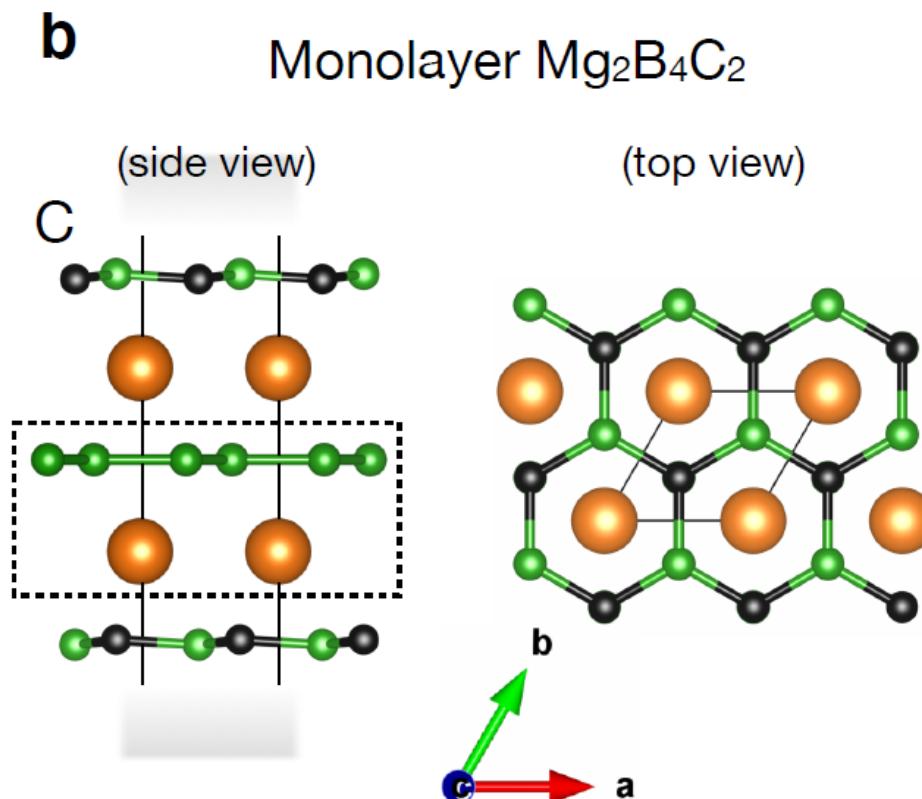
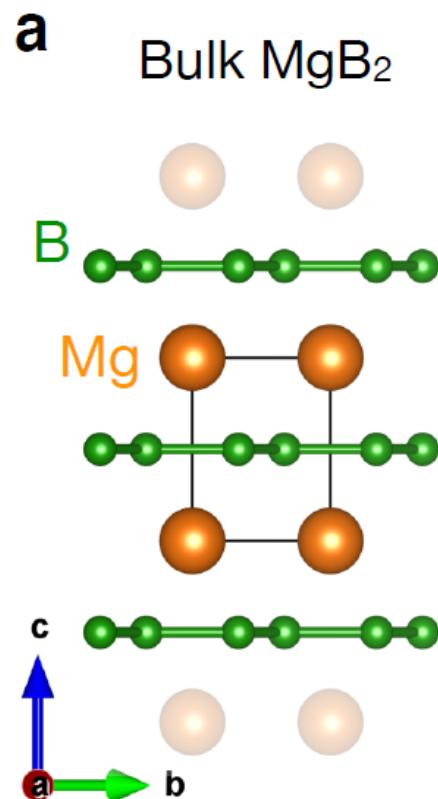


Prediction of superconductivity in M-MgB₂



High-temperature phonon-mediated superconductivity in monolayer Mg₂B₄C₂

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