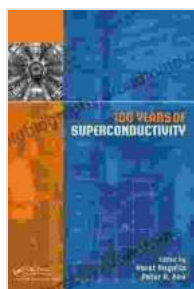


100 Years of Superconductivity: A Journey Through the Quantum World

Superconductivity is a fascinating phenomenon that has captivated scientists, engineers, and inventors for over a century. Its discovery in 1911 revolutionized our understanding of electricity and paved the way for countless technological advancements. In this article, we will embark on a journey through the history of superconductivity, exploring its evolution over the past 100 years and its potential to shape the future.

The Discovery of Superconductivity

The story of superconductivity began in 1911 when Dutch physicist Heike Kamerlingh Onnes made a groundbreaking discovery. While experimenting with mercury cooled to extremely low temperatures, he observed a sudden and complete disappearance of electrical resistance. This phenomenon, which he termed "superconductivity," opened up new possibilities for the field of electricity.



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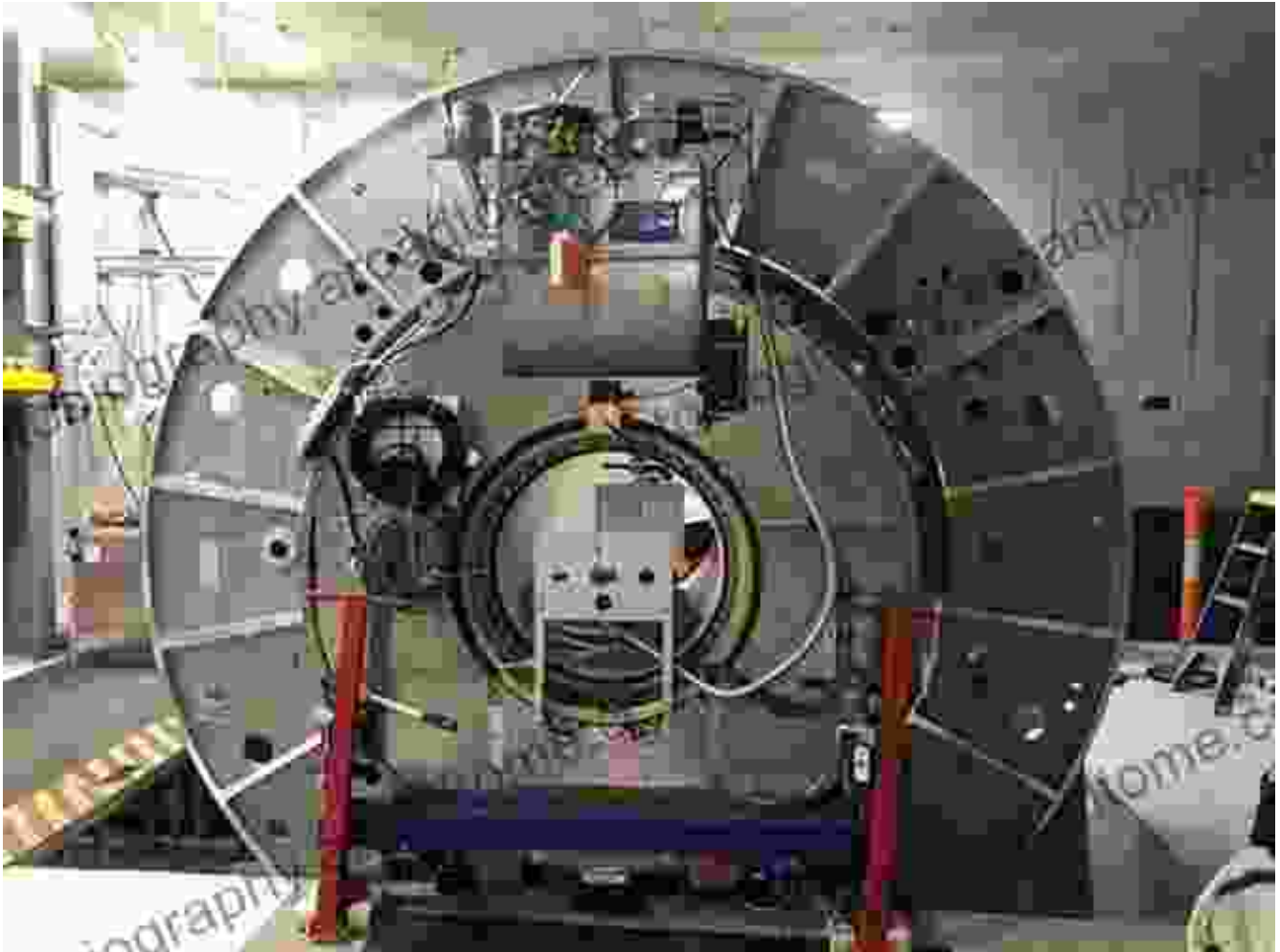




Early Research and Applications

Following Onnes's discovery, researchers around the world dedicated themselves to studying the properties and applications of superconducting materials. In the 1920s, scientists developed practical applications for superconductivity, including the creation of strong magnets for particle

accelerators and generators. These early applications showcased the potential of superconductivity to revolutionize technology.



The Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer Theory

In 1957, physicists John Bardeen, Leon Cooper, and John Robert Schrieffer proposed a groundbreaking theory that explained the phenomenon of superconductivity. Known as the BCS theory, it described how electrons in a superconductor pair up to form "Cooper pairs," which behave as electrically charged bosons and flow without resistance.

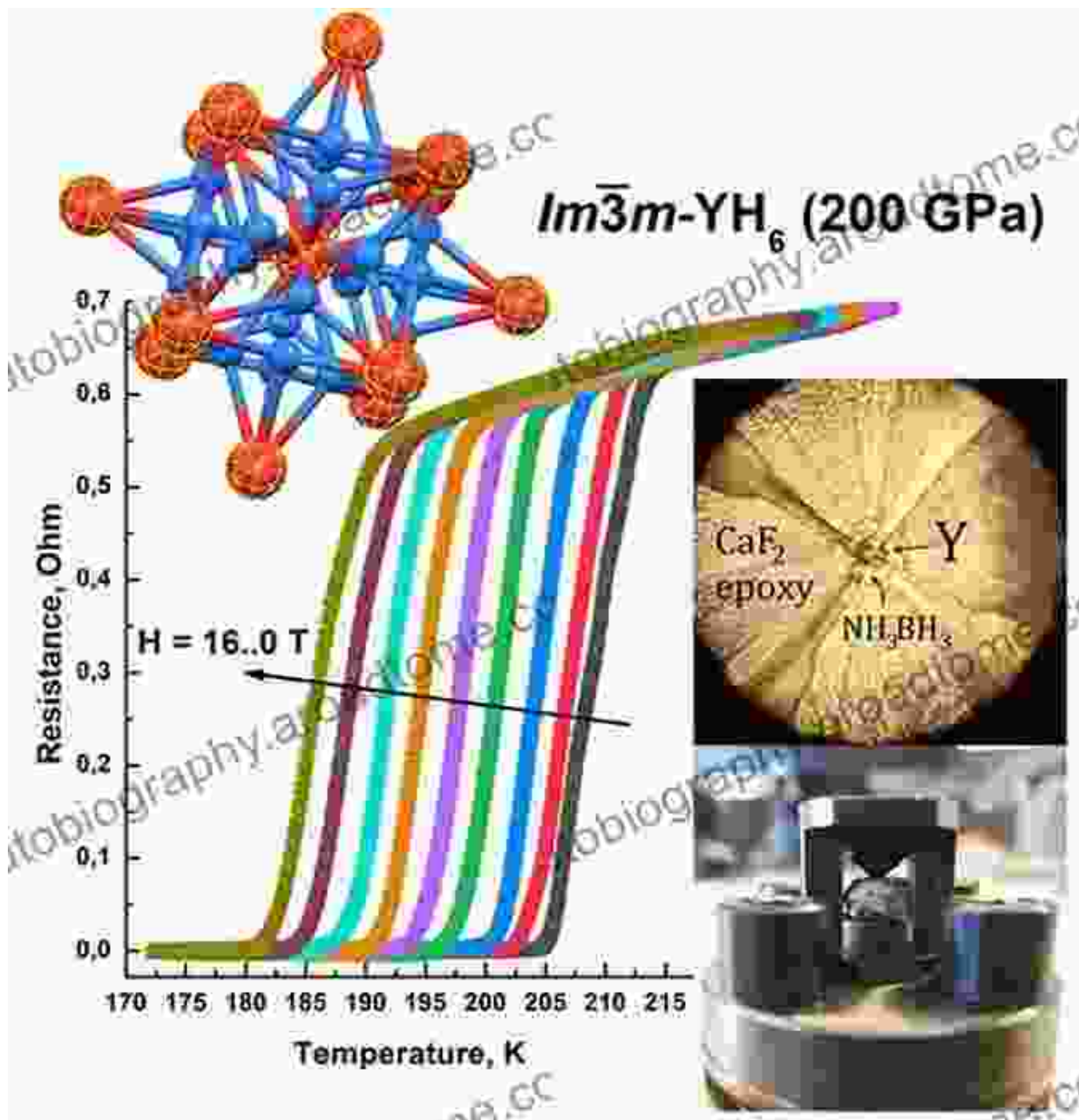
BCS THEORY

- When a metal is cooled to the critical temperature, electrons in the metal form Cooper Pairs.
- Cooper Pairs are electrons which exchange phonons and become bound together.
- Bound electrons behave like bosons. Their wavefunctions don't obey Pauli exclusion rule and thus they can all occupy the same quantum state.
- The BCS theory of Superconductivity states that bound photons have slightly lower energy, which prevents lattice collisions and thus eliminates resistance.



High-Temperature Superconductors

One of the major milestones in the field of superconductivity was the discovery of high-temperature superconductors in the 1980s. These materials have transition temperatures that are much higher than the original superconducting materials, making them more practical for real-world applications.



Current Applications and Future Potential

Superconductivity has already found applications in various fields, including:

* **Medical imaging (MRI):** Superconducting magnets are used in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines to generate powerful magnetic fields. *

Particle accelerators: Superconducting magnets are used in particle accelerators to guide and accelerate charged particles. * **Power**

transmission: Superconducting cables can transmit electricity with minimal losses, enabling efficient long-distance power transmission. *

Magnetic levitation: Superconductivity is used in maglev trains, which levitate above the tracks and travel at high speeds.

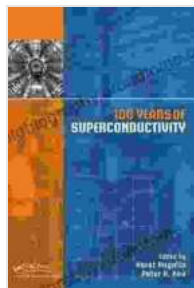
The future potential of superconductivity is immense, with applications in:

* **Quantum computing:** Superconducting qubits are being developed for use in quantum computers, which have the potential to revolutionize computing. * **Energy storage:** Superconducting materials can be used to store energy in magnetic fields, providing efficient and reliable energy backup systems. * **Transportation:** Superconducting propulsion systems could enable faster, more efficient, and environmentally friendly transportation.

The past 100 years have witnessed remarkable progress in the field of superconductivity. From its humble beginnings to its current applications and future potential, superconductivity continues to fascinate and inspire scientists and engineers. As we look ahead to the next 100 years, it is clear that superconductivity has the potential to transform our world in ways that we can only imagine.

By Free Downloading your copy of "100 Years of Superconductivity" today, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of this captivating phenomenon and its profound impact on modern technology. This book is a valuable resource for students, researchers, engineers, and anyone passionate about the wonders of science.

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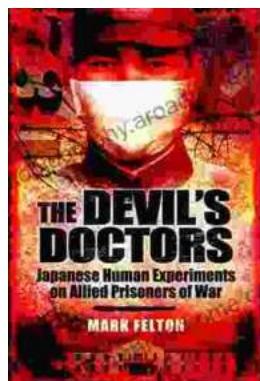
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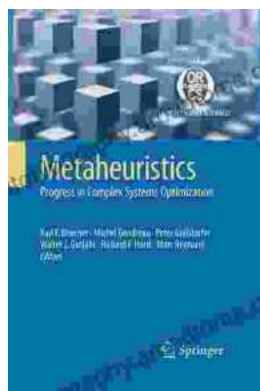
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