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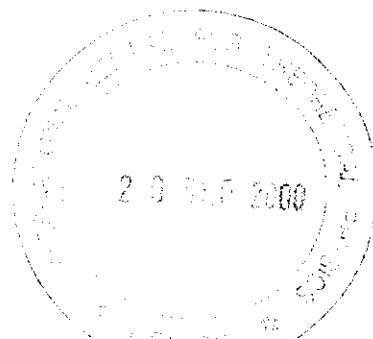


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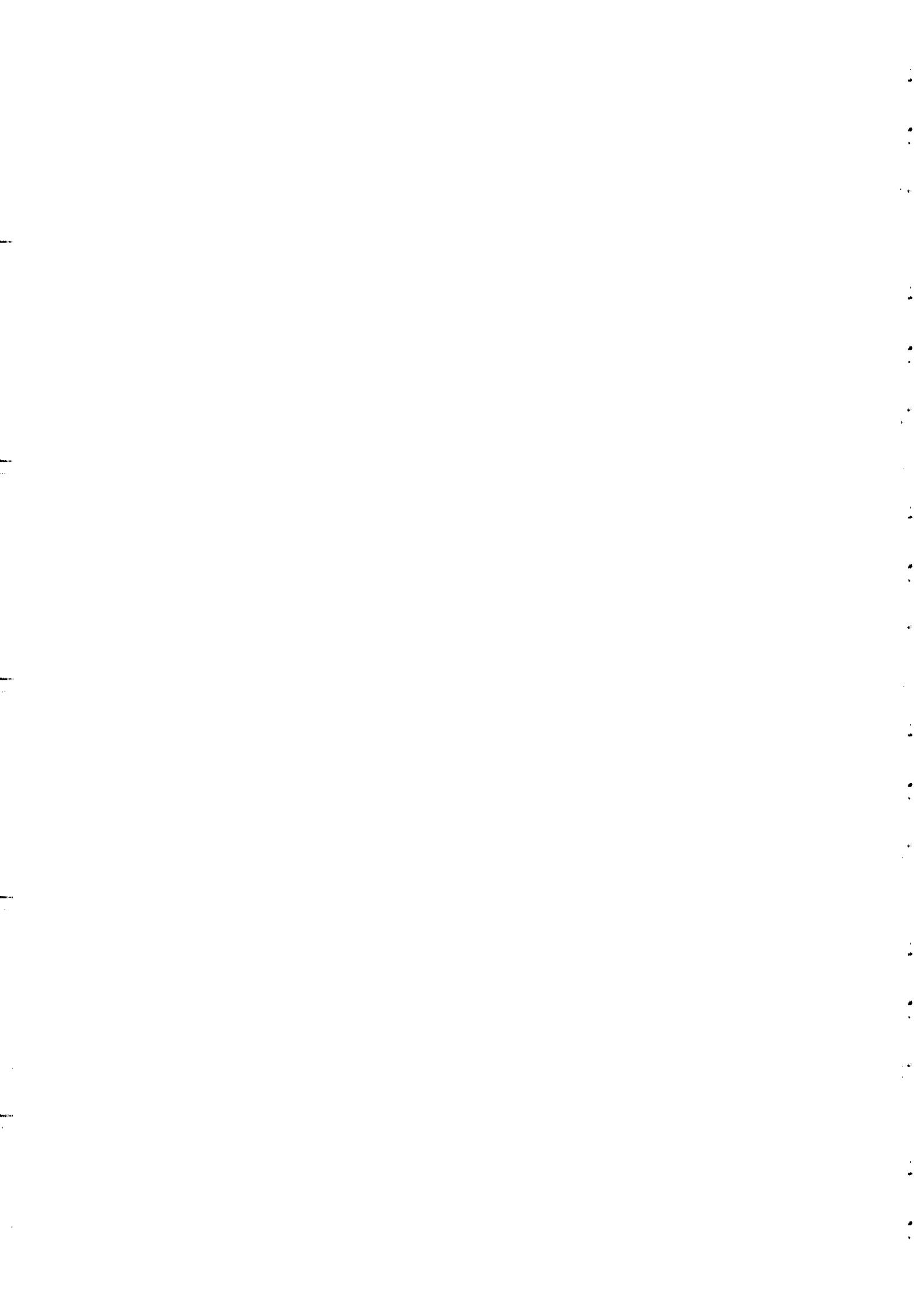
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# **1D SUPERCONDUCTING ORGANICS: BEYOND THE FERMI LIQUID MODEL**



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# 1D Superconducting Organics: beyond the Fermi liquid model

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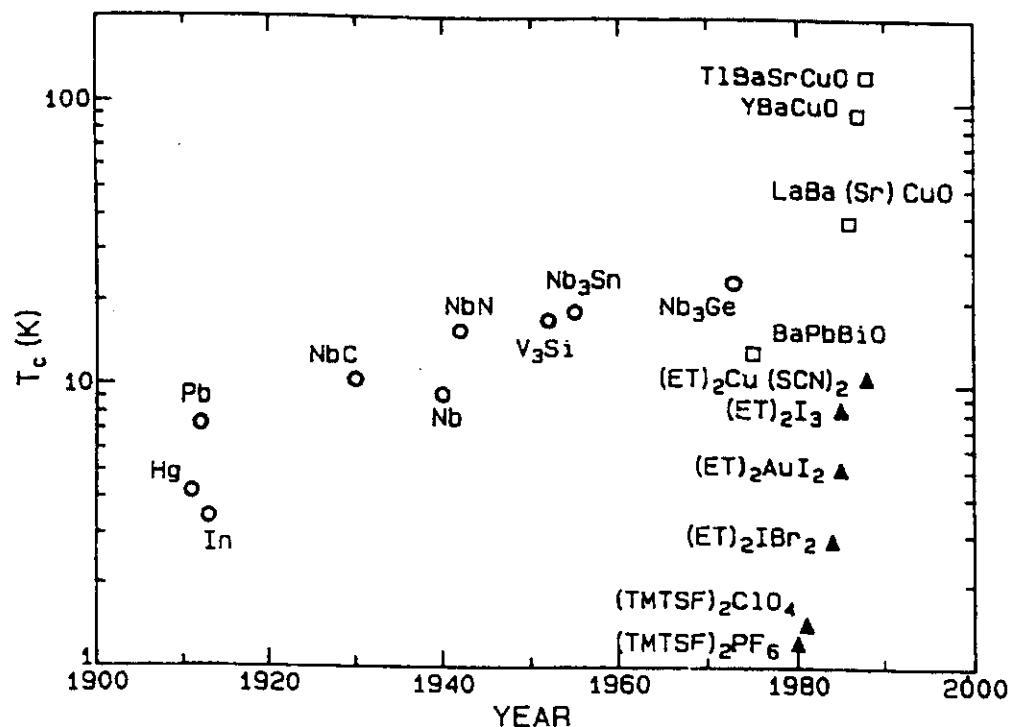
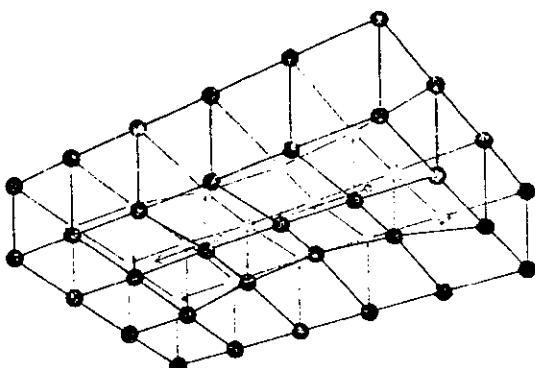


Fig.2: The evolution of  $T_c$  versus time in various inorganic and organic conductors.



BCS theory, 1957

$$T_c \approx \theta_D \exp - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)$$

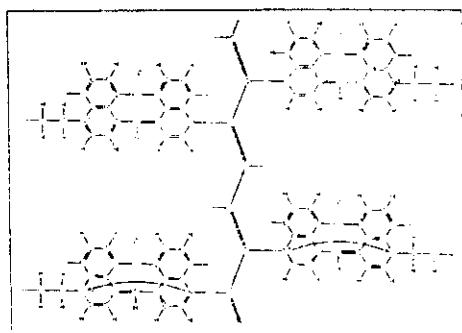
$$\lambda = N_F V \approx 0.1 - 0.4$$

$\lambda$  is mass independent

$$\theta_D \approx 100 K \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}$$

Isotopic effect in the BCS theory

Molecule of Little, 1964



Lattice polarization  $\rightarrow$   
Electronic polarization

$$\theta_D \Rightarrow E_F$$

??

Problems !! 1-D Conductor  $\rightarrow$

- ★ No long range order and
- ★ Coexistence of BCS and Peierls correlations

Can one synthesize an organic conductor?  
conduction through the overlap of  $\pi$ -orbitals?

If yes, are they one dimensional conductors?

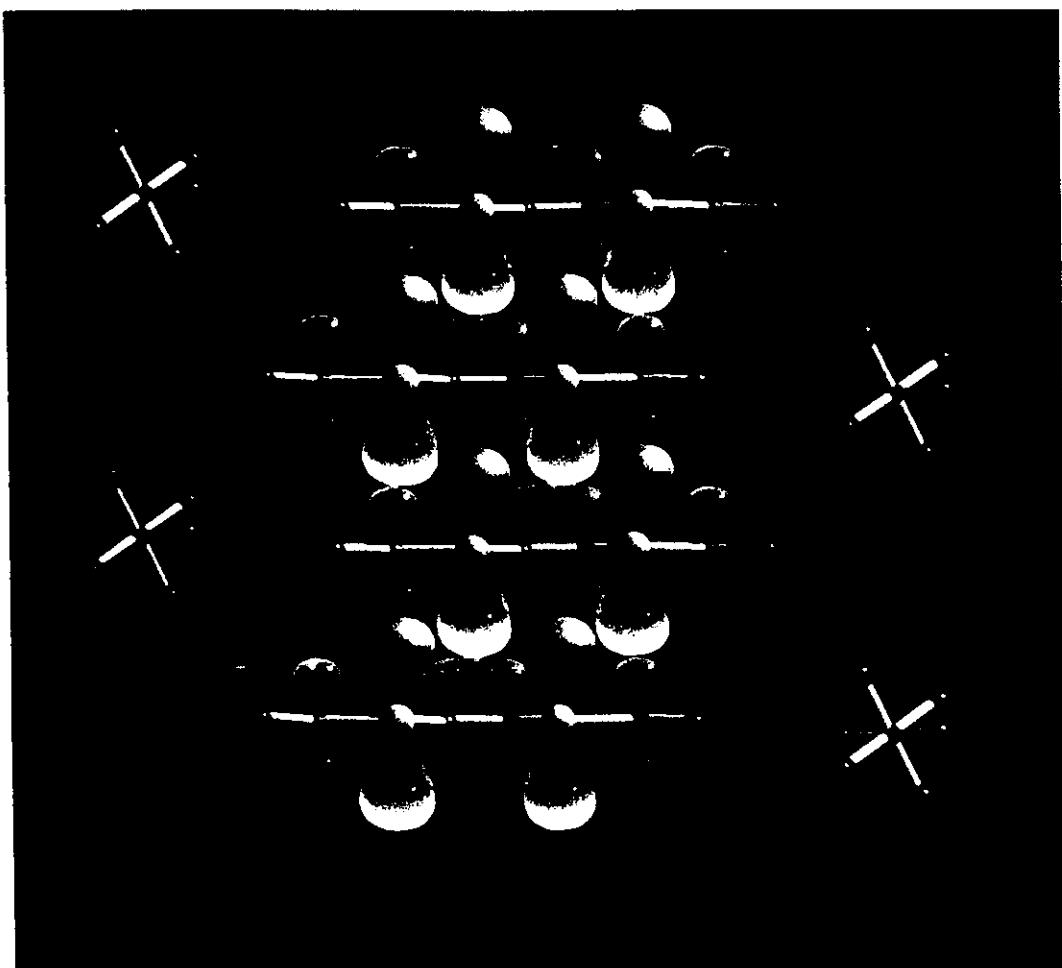
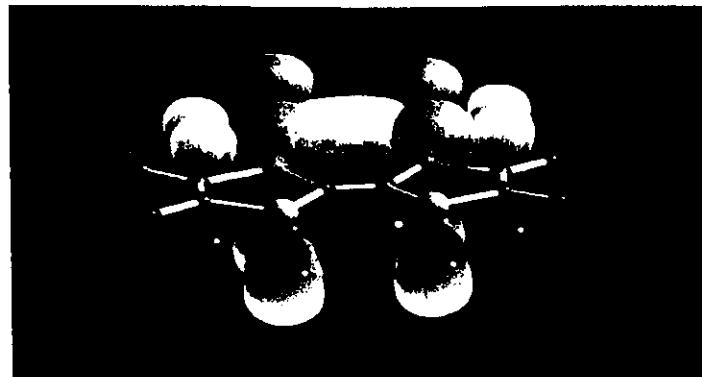
Role of transverse coupling?

Relation between their physical properties and the prediction of 1D theory

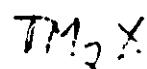
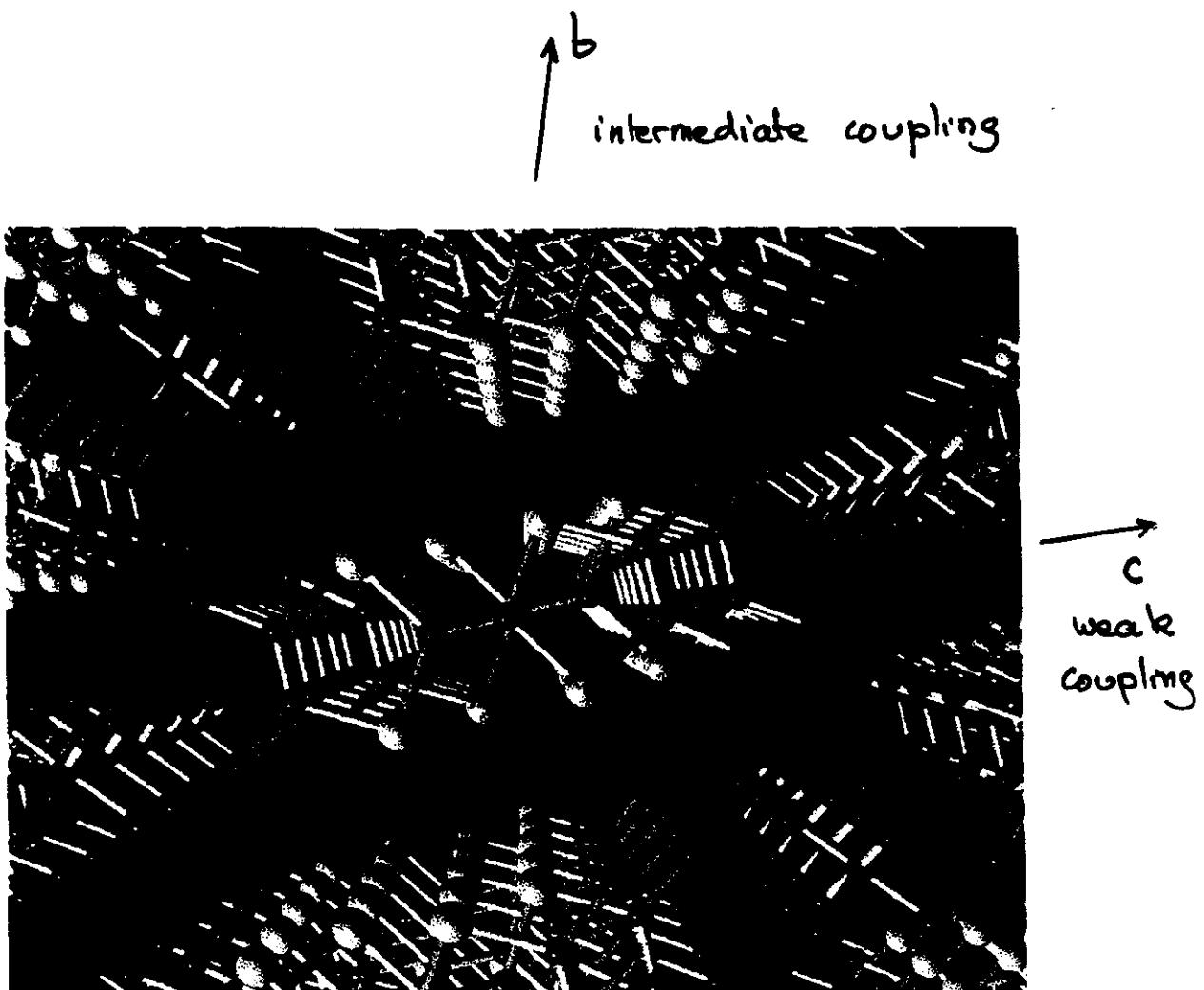
Can one extend BCS theory to organic superconductivity?

# La molécule de Bechgaard

TMTSF



$(\text{TMTSF})_2X$        $X=(\text{PF}_6)^-$  , , , ,



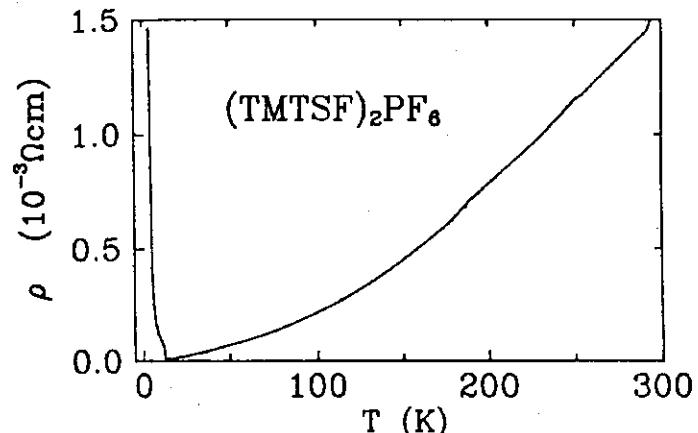
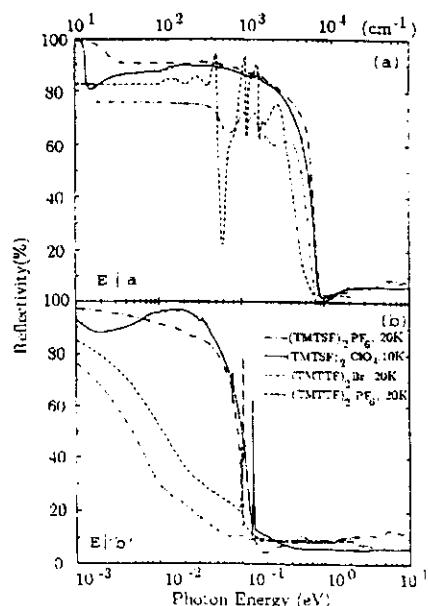
A big family :  $TM = TM\text{TSF}$  (Bechgaard salts)  
 Triclinic  $TM = TM\text{TTF}$  (Fabre, Grivel salts)

$$X = \text{PF}_6^-, \text{ClO}_4^-, \text{NO}_3^-, \text{SCN}^-$$



S	$(\text{TMTTF})_2\text{PF}_6$	$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{PF}_6$
$d_1(\text{\AA})$	3.52	3.68
$d_2(\text{\AA})$	3.62	3.66
$t_1(\text{meV})$	137	252(395 <sub>a</sub> )
$t_2(\text{meV})$	93	209(334 <sub>a</sub> )
$W_1(\text{meV})$	463	884(495 <sub>a</sub> )
$W_A(\text{meV})$	55(52 <sub>a</sub> )	130(70 <sub>a</sub> )
$W_A(\text{meV})$	49	206
$W_c(\text{meV})$	2 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>
$W_d(\text{meV})$	2 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>

$$\rho_{//} : \rho_b : \rho_c = 1 : 200 : 3 * 10^4$$



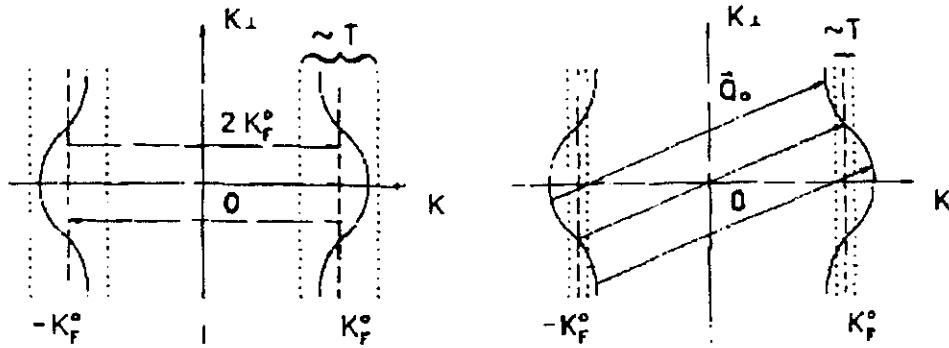
Optical anisotropy

$$\omega_{p//} = 8000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\omega_{p//} / \omega_{p \perp b} = t_{//} / t_{\perp b} = 10$$

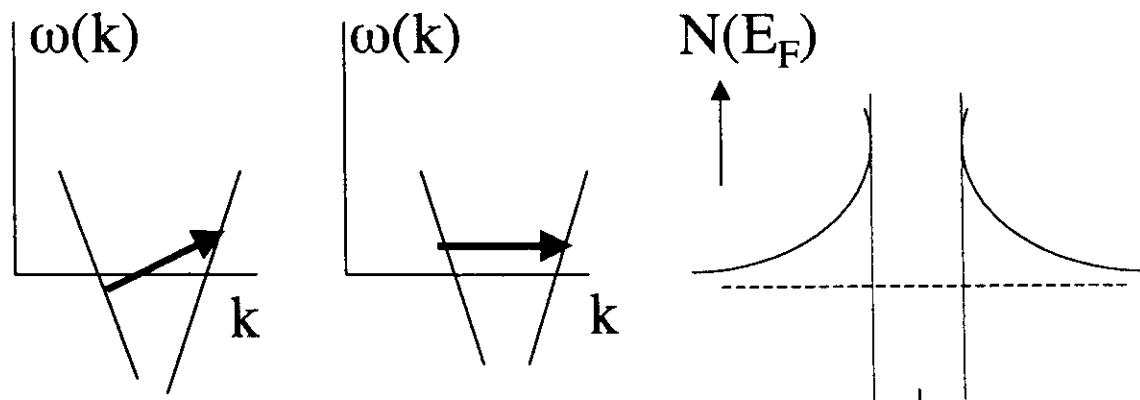
Metal insulator at 12K!!

No coherence along b  
at high T  
No coherence along c  
at any temperature



Nesting properties :  $\epsilon(k) = -\epsilon(k + 2k_F)$

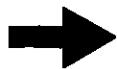
Mixture of Peierls(CDW,SDW) and BCS channels



$$\chi(T) = \ln E_F/T$$

~~Fermi liquid theory~~

Quasiparticle pseudo gap at Fermi level



Decoupled collective modes, spin and charge

## 1D Fermi liquids

$$\chi_s(T) = \frac{\chi_0(T)}{1 - U\chi_0(T)}$$

If  $U > 0 \rightarrow$

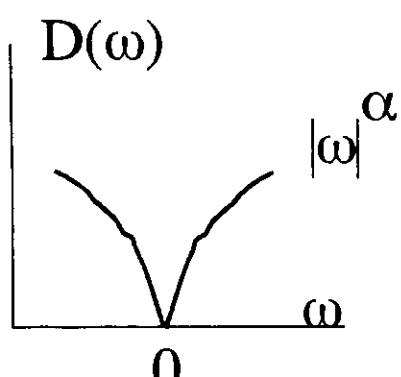
$$\chi_0(T) \propto \ln \frac{E_F}{T}$$

~~Finite  $T_c$~~  ??

## 1D Luttinger liquids

$$\chi_{SDW, CDW} = \cos(2k_F x) x^{-1 - \frac{1}{K_\rho}} + ..$$

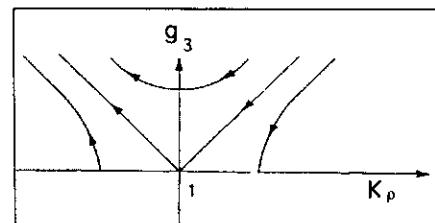
$$\chi_{SC} = x^{-K_\rho} + .. \quad \text{Power laws}$$



$$K_\rho < K_{\rho_{critic}} \Rightarrow Mott insulator$$

$$D(\omega) = |\omega|^\alpha$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4}(K_\rho + \frac{1}{K_\rho} - 2)$$



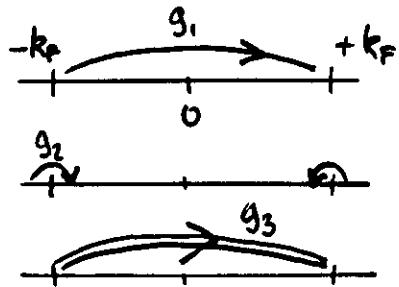
## Commensurability 2

$$K_{\rho_{critic}} = 1$$

Commensurability 4  $\rightarrow$  (case of  $TM_2X$ )

$$K_{\rho_{critic}} = 0.25$$

renormalization in a (-1) commensurate conductor



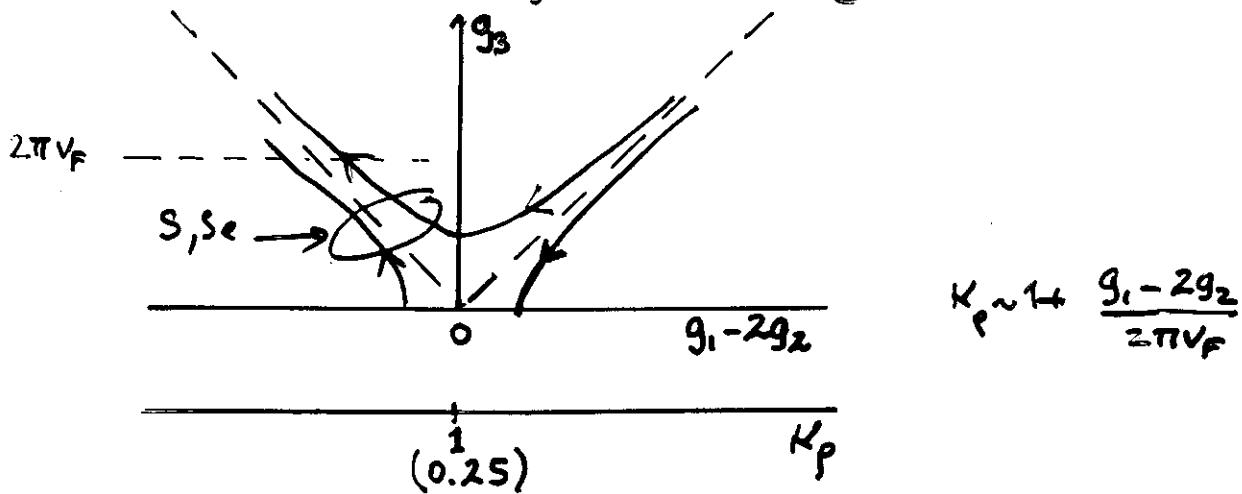
Scaling equations (2<sup>nd</sup> order)

$$t = \ln E_F/T$$

$$2k_F = \begin{cases} G/2 & \frac{1}{2}\text{-filled} \\ G/4 & \frac{1}{4}\text{-filled} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dg_1}{dt} &= -g_1^2 + \dots & \left\{ \text{spin DOF} \right. \\ \frac{dg(2g_2-g_1)}{dt} &= g_3^2 + \dots & \left. \right\} \text{charge DOF} \\ \frac{dg_3}{dt} &= g_3(2g_2-g_1) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Flow of interactions for the charge



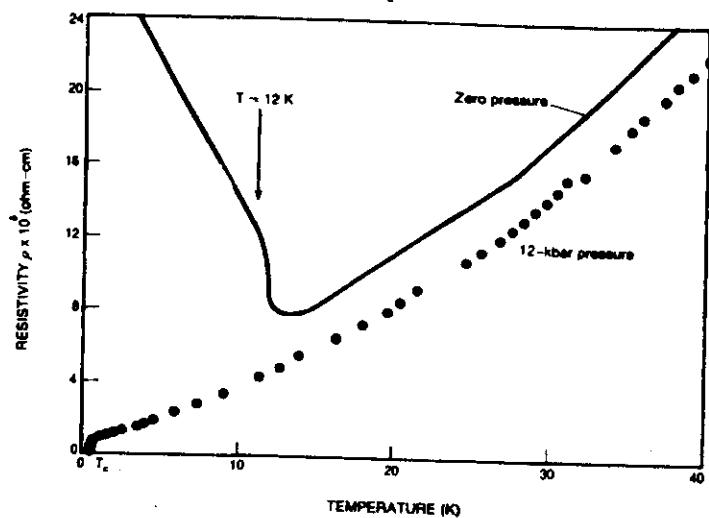
Fixed point at low T :

$$\begin{aligned} g_3^* &= 2\pi v_F \\ g_1^* &= 0 \\ g_2^* &= \pi v_F \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \quad K_p^* = 1 - \frac{g_2^*}{\pi v_F} = 0 \right.$$

Strong coupling  
= Mott insulator

Question : Is the fixed point reached before  
OR after the cross-over (1-D  $\rightarrow$  2-D)  
temperature ?

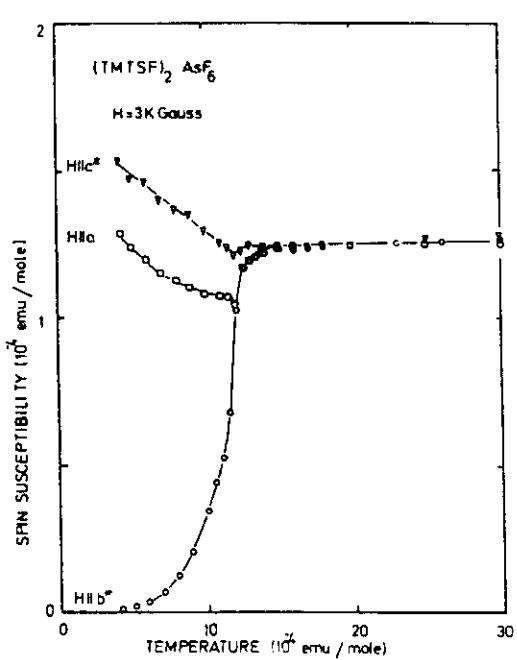
## Transport



Metal insulator  
transition at 12K

Superconducting at  
1K under pressure  
Déc 1979

## Susceptibility



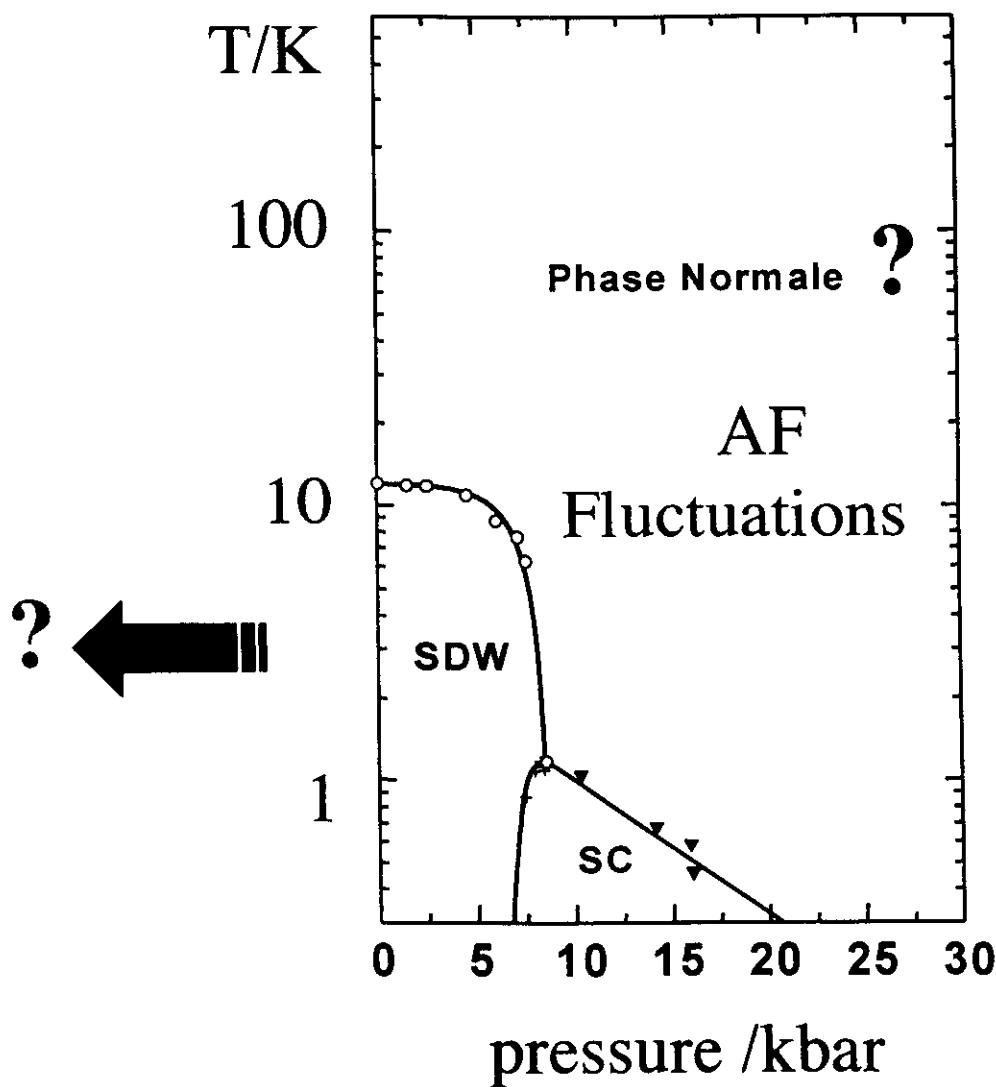
Insulator =  
itinerant antiferromagnet  
=(excitonic transition)

spin-flop field 5 kGauss //b\*

Easy axis for the magnetization

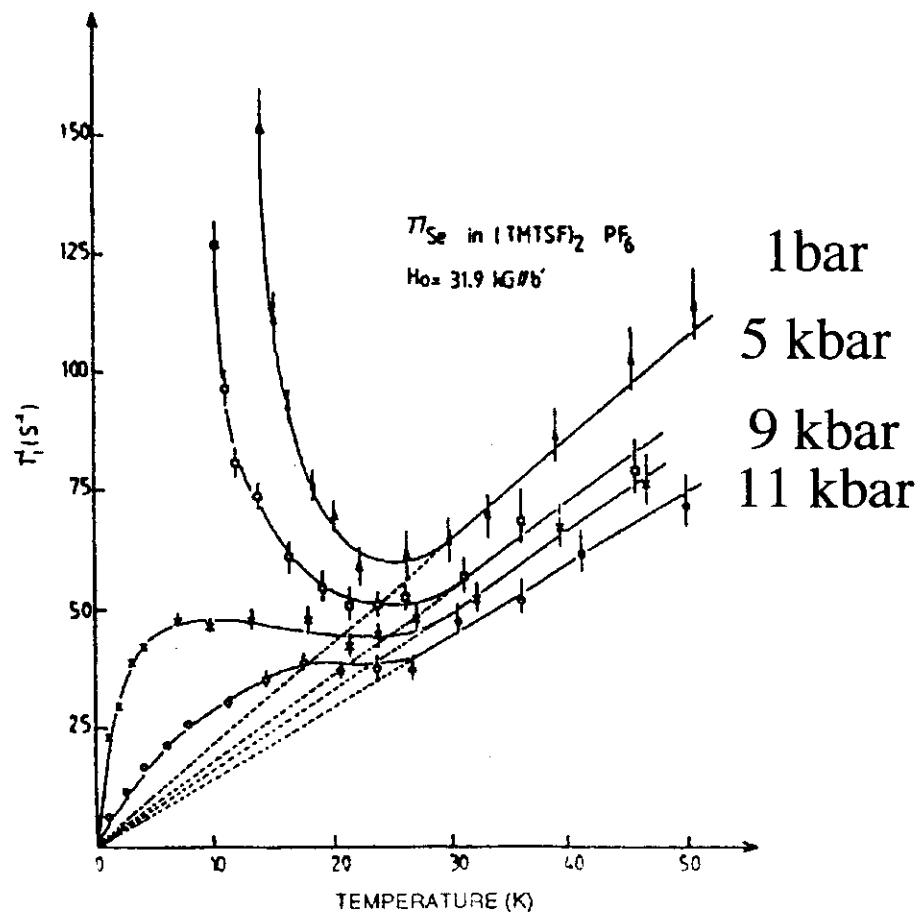
The prototype for quasi 1-D organic conductor

- Conduction due to the organic stack only  
No role played by the anions



Common border SC/SDW  
Coexistence SC/SDW  
AF Fluctuations

## Antiferromagnetic fluctuations

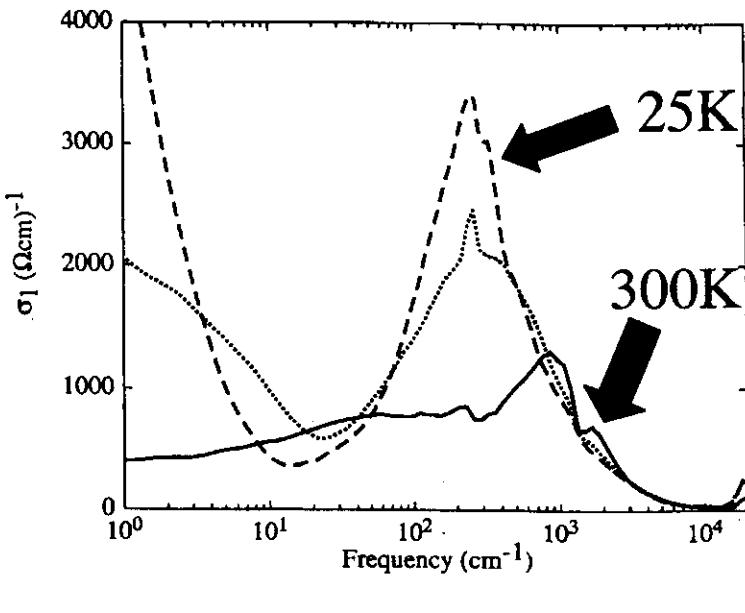


## RMN Relaxation

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = A^2 T \chi_{SDW}(2k_F, T) + A^2 T \chi_S^2(T)$$

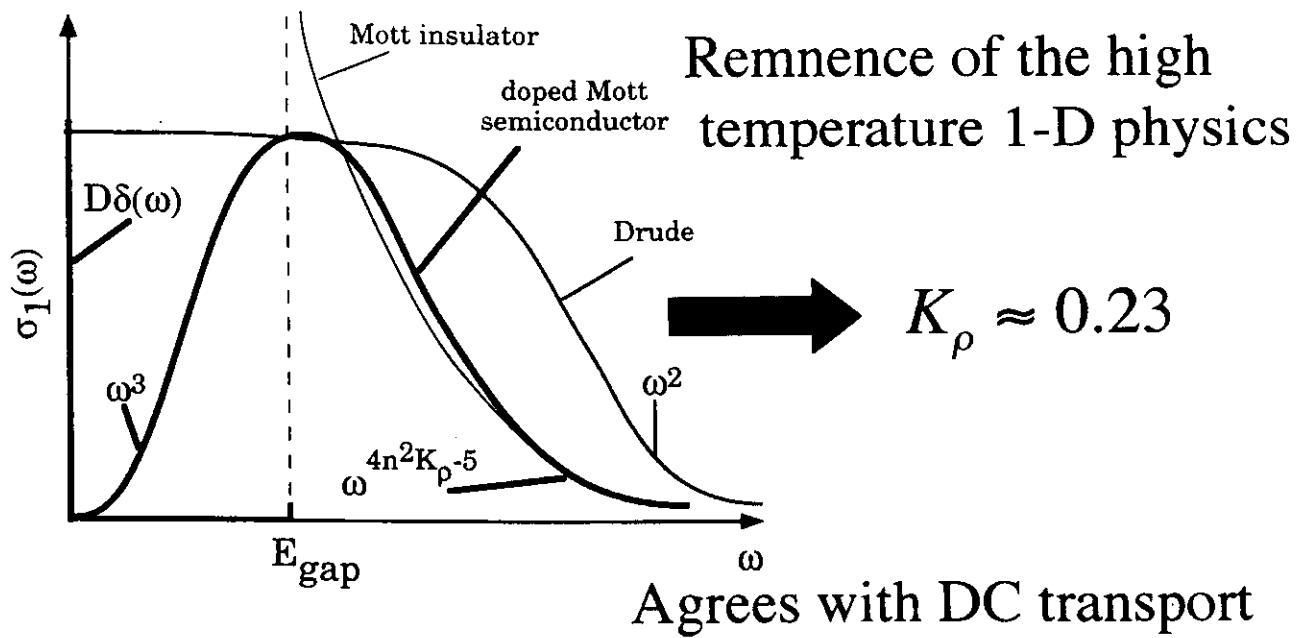


$$1/T_1 = \text{constant}, \quad K_\rho \Rightarrow 0$$



Correlation gap at  
170 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
and  
Zero frequency mode  
1% of the total  
oscillator strength  
 $\omega_p^2$

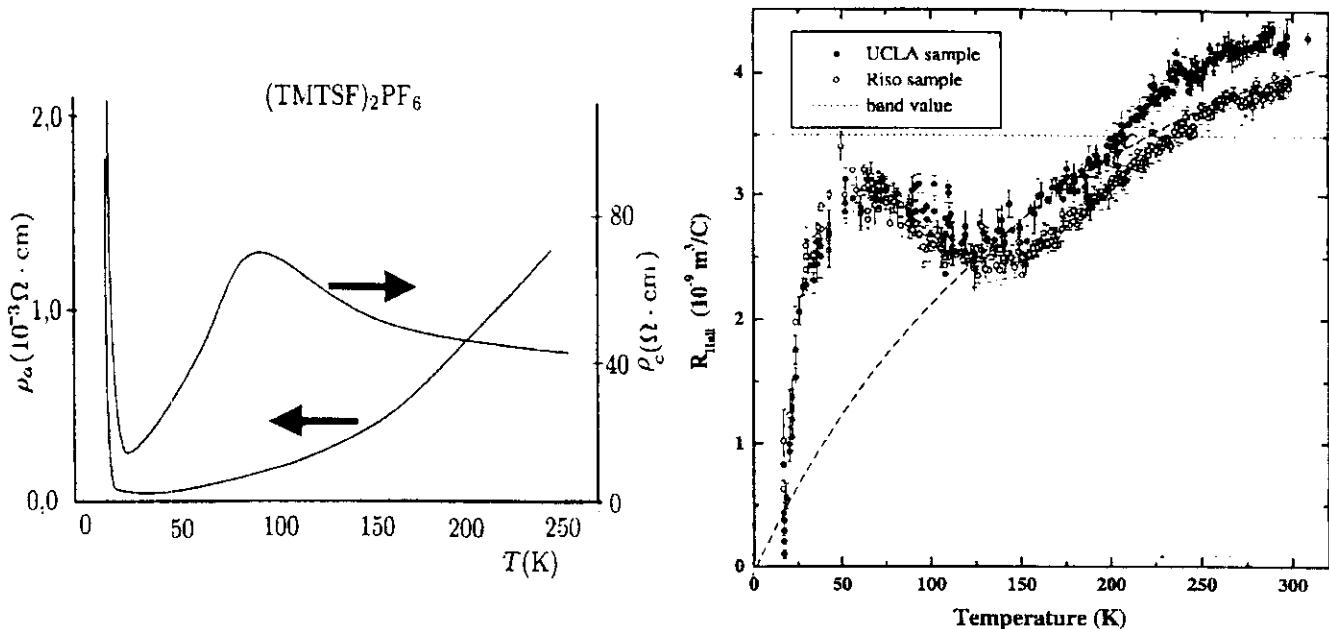
Theory:doped Mott insulator



# 1D/2D dimensionality cross-over at $T^*=120\text{K}$

Transport

Hall effect



High temperature regime (1D)  $T > T^*$

$$\rho_c \propto T^{-2\alpha} \quad , \quad \rho_a \propto T^{16K_\rho - 3} \quad \text{at } (T \geq \Delta_\rho)$$

$R_H \propto$  power law  $T^{0.7}$  according to theory?

$$\longrightarrow K_\rho \approx 0.23$$

In agreement with optics and photoemission

Cross over around 130K

Recovers Hall effect of a 2D liquid at low T

$$t_c \ll t_b < T \ll t_a \quad (1)$$

- Kubo formula

$$j_z = -i \frac{t_c e c}{\hbar} \sum_{i\sigma} C_{i+1,\sigma}^+(x) C_{i,\sigma}(x) + H.c. \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_c(\omega) = \frac{4e^2 c t_c^2}{\hbar} \int dx' \int \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\pi} \frac{f(\varepsilon) - f(\varepsilon + \hbar\omega)}{\hbar\omega} A_e(x', \varepsilon) A_h(x', \varepsilon + \hbar\omega) \quad (3)$$

$A_e$  ( $A_h$ ) is the spectral function of the real electron (hole) in the Luttinger liquid.

- Tunneling formalism approach

$$t_c \sum_{i\sigma} C_{i+1,\sigma}^+(x) C_{i,\sigma}(x) + H.c. \quad (4)$$

$$I = \frac{4e c t_c^2}{\hbar} \int dx' \int \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\pi} (f(\varepsilon) - f(\varepsilon + \hbar\omega)) A_e(x', \varepsilon) A_h(x', \varepsilon + \hbar\omega) \quad (5)$$

The conductance  $g$  in the  $z$  direction is then

$$g \sim \frac{4e^2 c t_c^2}{\hbar} \int dx' \int \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\pi} \frac{f(\varepsilon) - f(\varepsilon + \hbar\omega)}{\hbar\omega} A_e(x', \varepsilon) A_h(x', \varepsilon + \hbar\omega) \quad (6)$$

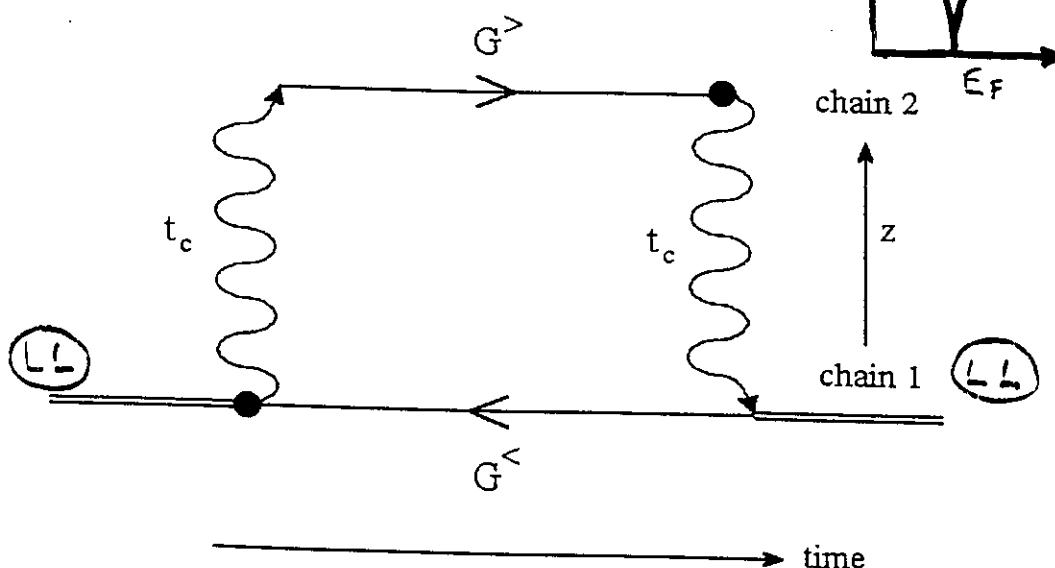
$$A(x, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{v_c} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\hbar v_c} \right)^\alpha \tilde{h} \left( \frac{\omega x}{v_c} \right) \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma_c(\omega) \sim t_c^2 \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \frac{a c}{v_c^2} \left( \frac{\omega}{v_c} \right)^{2\alpha} \quad (8)$$

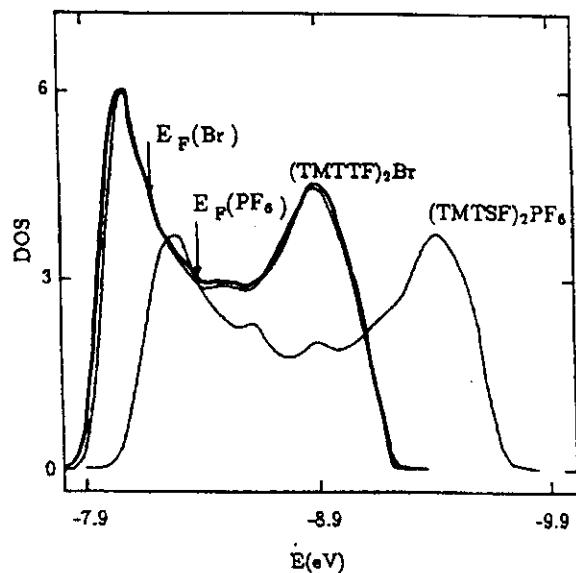
Accordingly, the dc-conductivity  $\sigma_c(T)$  is such that

$$\sigma_c(T) \sim T^{2\alpha} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^\alpha$$



## Isostructural to $\text{TMTSF}_2\text{X}$



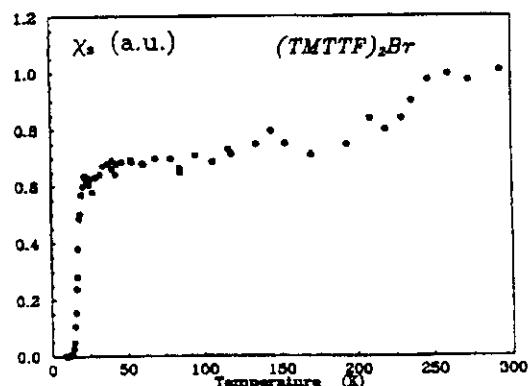
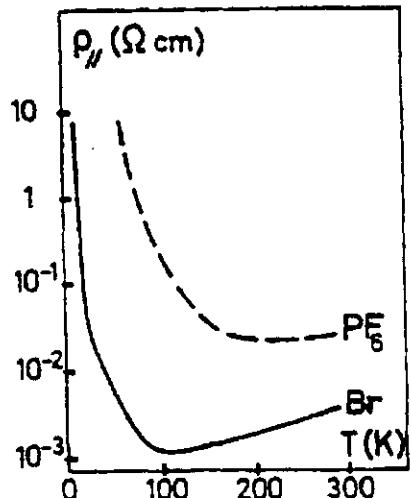
$W = 0.8 \text{ eV (Se)}$

$0.4 \text{ eV (S)}$

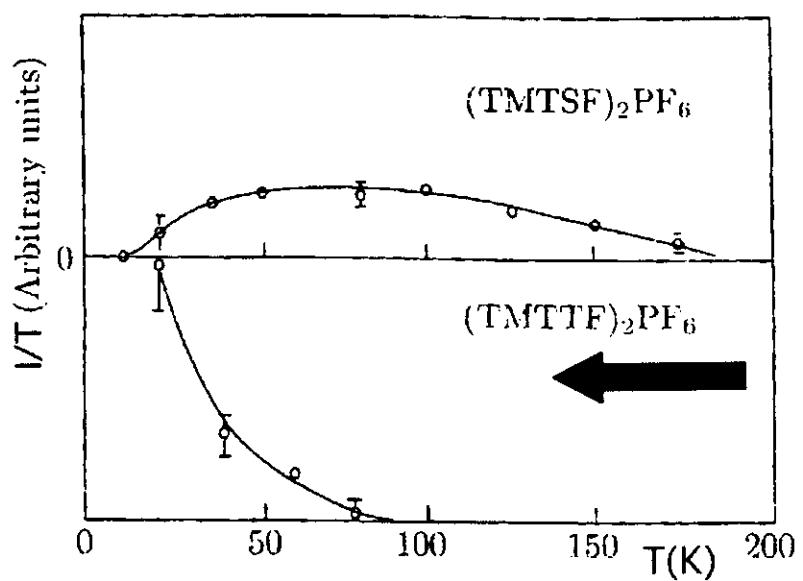
$U \approx 0.8 \text{ eV}$

Identical in both series

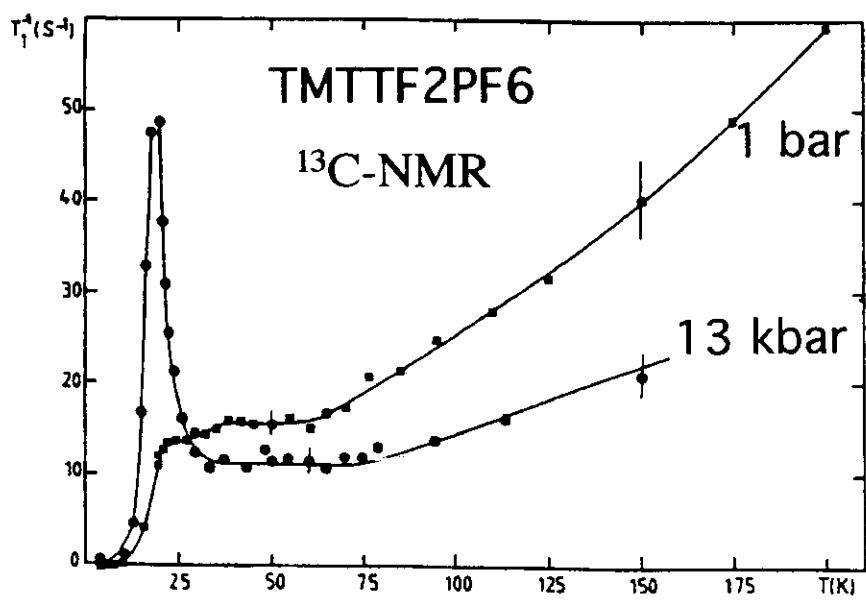
spin-charge separation  
A textbook example



$\chi(2k_F)$



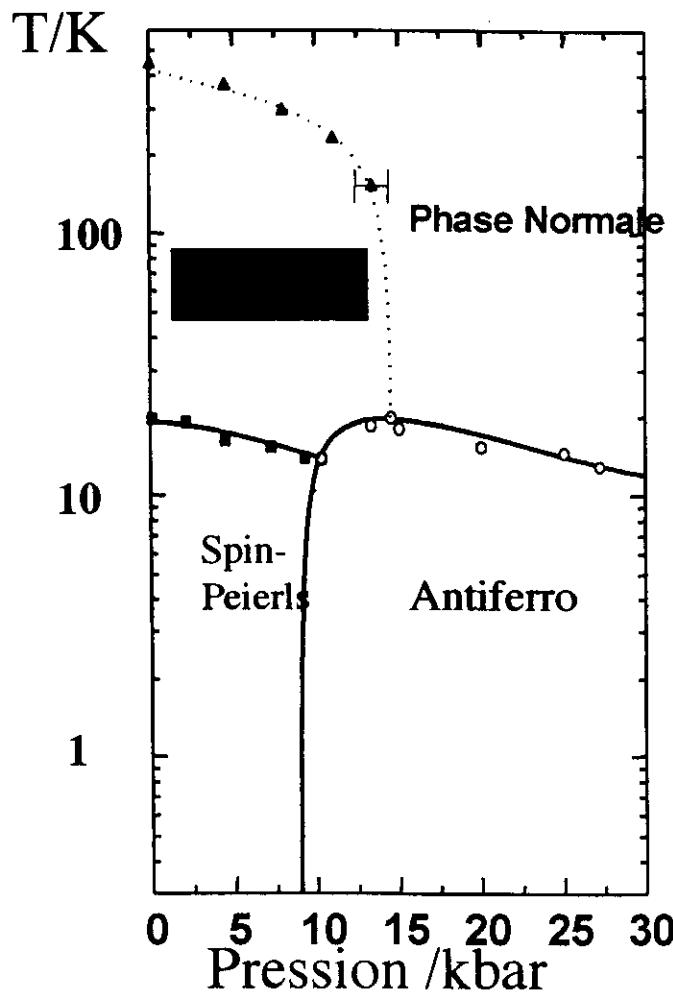
Onset of a  $2k_F$  lattice modulation below 100K



Pseudo gap in the density of spin excitations at P=1 bar  
Precursor to spin Peierls ordering, (S=0 ground state)

## Prototype for a 1D commensurate Mott insulator

Charge gap,  $2\Delta_\rho \approx 900K$  at 1 bar



Pertinence of the  
interchain exchange  
(Superexchange)

$$J_\perp \approx \frac{t_\perp^2}{\Delta_\rho}$$

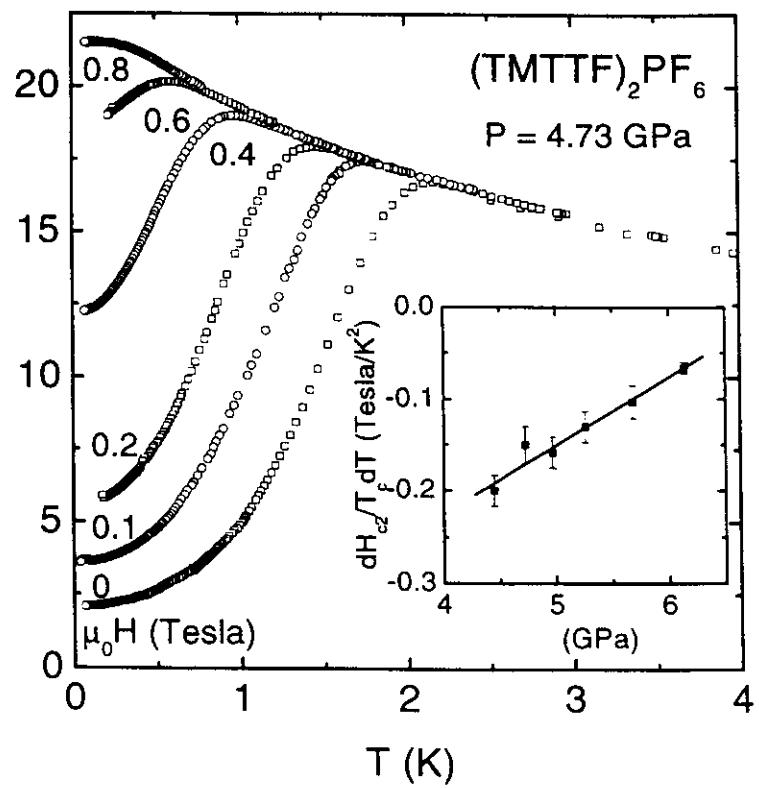
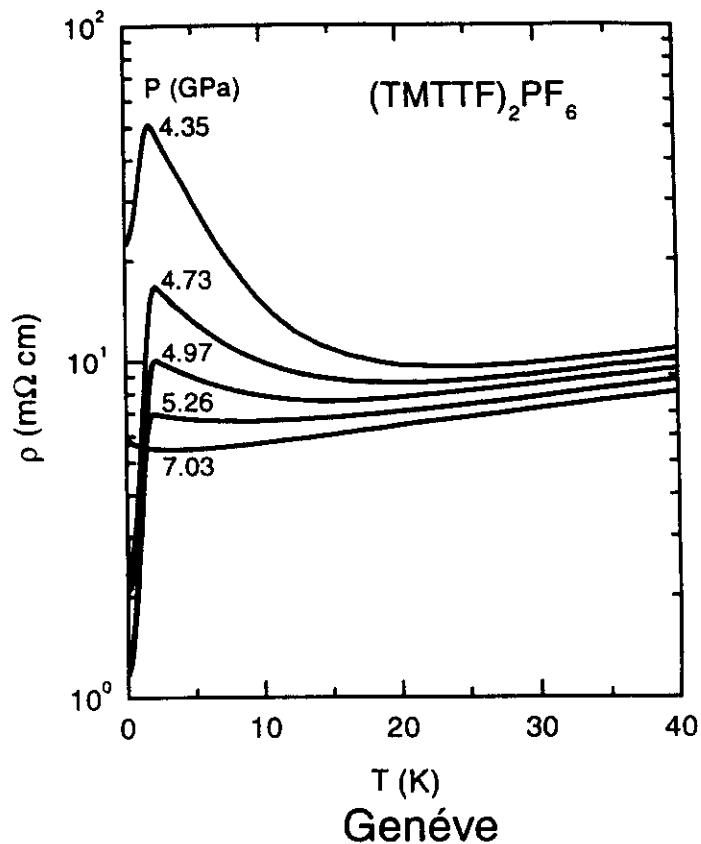
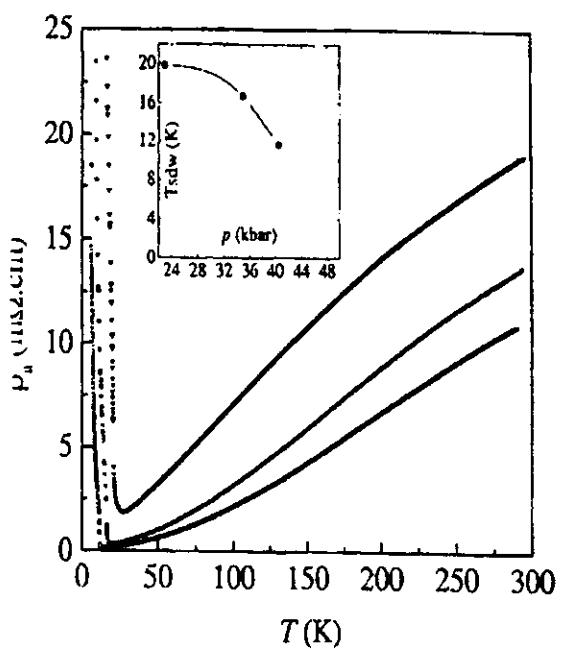
$$\longrightarrow T_N \Delta_\rho = const$$



Theory of Spin Peierls ordering, Bourbonnais and Caron

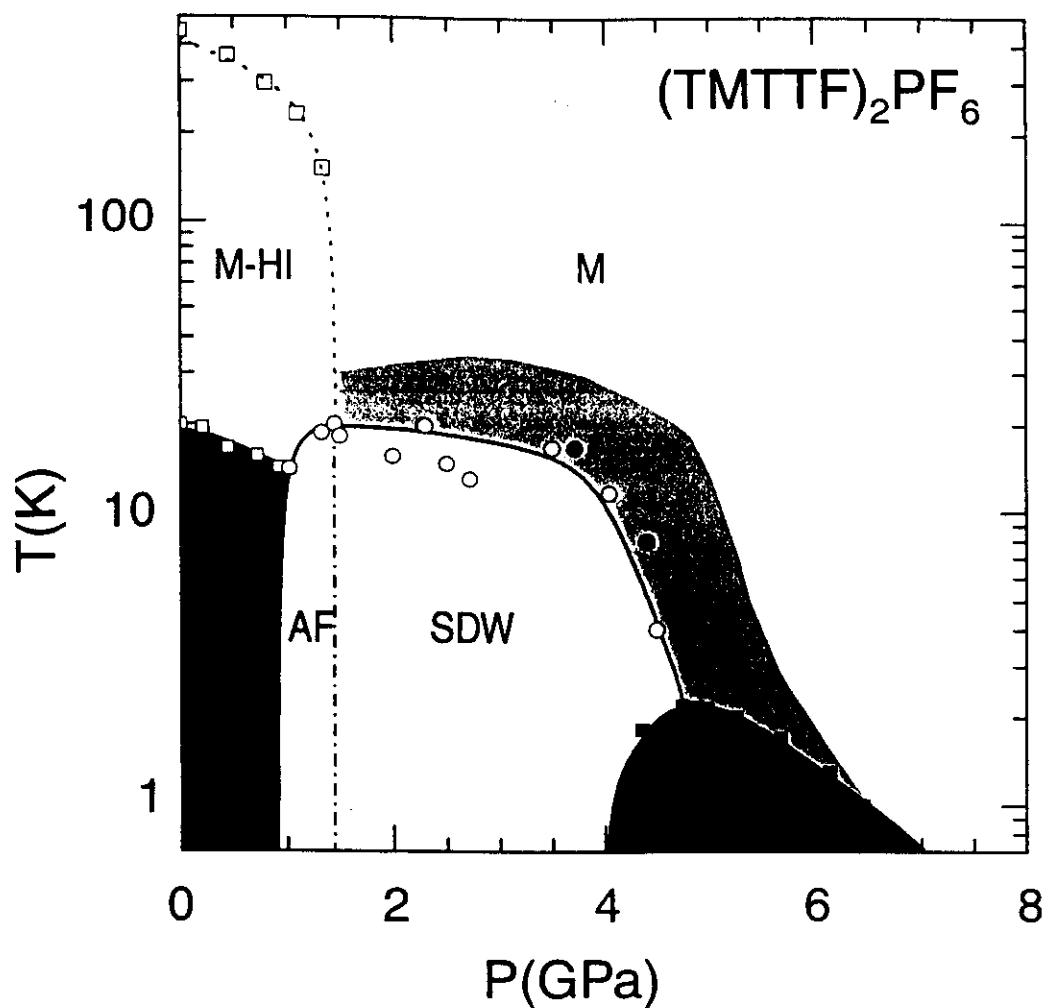
$g_{ph} = -0.15$   $\longrightarrow$   $-0.05 \text{ à } 40 \text{ kbar}$  Supercon ??  
According to  $T_{SP}$  under pressure

# Superconductivity in TMTTF<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>

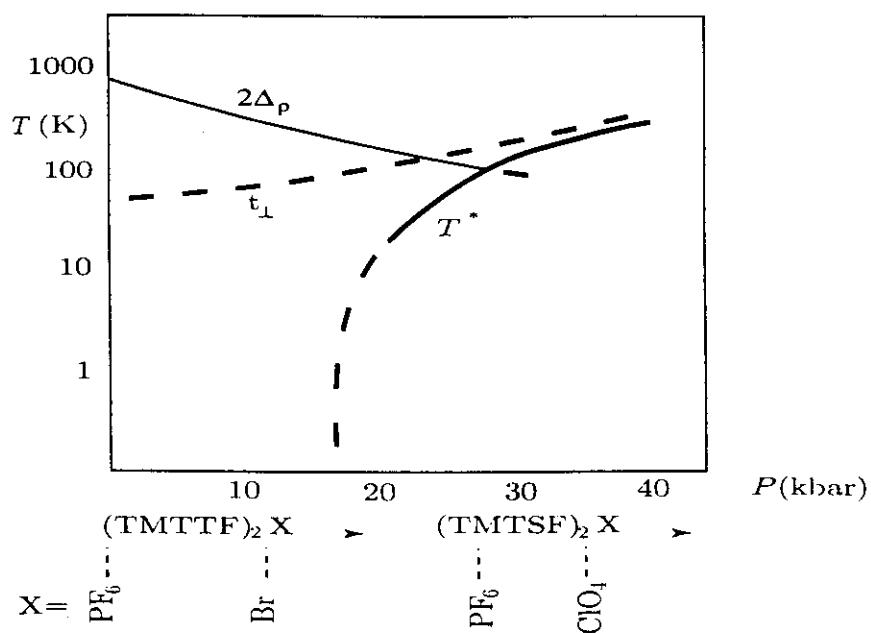


Precursor fluctuations and coexistence between SC and SDW in a narrow pressure range

# Universal phase diagram for TM2X



Correlation gap and dimensional cross-over



Mott insulator gap.

[ $K_p < 1$ , (0.25)]

$$\frac{2\Delta_p}{W} = \left(\frac{g_i}{W}\right) \frac{1}{2-2n^2 K_p}$$

H.J. Schulz  
T. Giamarchi

$$g_i = \begin{cases} g_{i_2} = g_i \frac{\Delta_D}{W} \\ g_{i_4} = g_i \left(\frac{g_i}{W}\right)^2 \end{cases}$$

Energy scale for renormalization  $u \approx E_F/2$

$$(TMTSF)_2 PF_6 \quad E_F/2 \sim 1500K \quad > \Delta_D \sim 500K$$

$\frac{1}{4}$  renormalization is plausible (also for TMTTF<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>)

$$\frac{2\Delta_p}{W} = \left(\frac{g_i}{W}\right) \frac{3}{2-8K_p}$$

$$TMTSF_2 X \quad W \sim 12000K \quad g_i/W \sim 0.6-0.7$$

$$2\Delta_p \sim 200K$$

$$\Rightarrow K_p = 0.22$$

$$TMTTF_2 X \quad W = 6000K \quad g_i/W \sim 0.75$$

$$2\Delta_p \sim 1000K$$

$$\Rightarrow K_p = 0.18$$

Pressure dependence of  $K_p$

All TM<sub>2</sub>X compounds are Mott insulators.

{ in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>X cross-over is reached before  
strong coupling limit.

not in TMTTF<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>!

# 1-D confinement in a strongly correlated 1-D gas

Renormalization of the interchain cross-over.

$$t_{\perp}^0 \rightarrow t_{\perp}^* = t_{\perp}^0 \left( \frac{t_{\perp}^0}{t_{\parallel}} \right)^{\frac{1-K_p}{K_p}}$$

Burkhardt  
Caron 86



Spin fluctuations (el.-hole)  $\Rightarrow$  1-D confinement

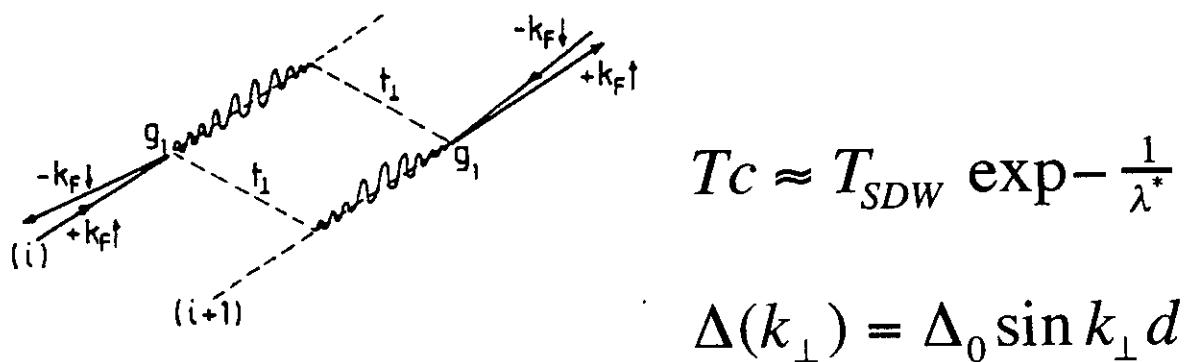
What must be taken into account in a model for the SC coupling:

- High energy excitations are 1D-like
- Strong AF fluctuations before SC
- Weak lattice response at  $2k_F$
- Repulsive BCS response

Suggestions:

If AF fluctuations are included in the 2D regime at  $T < T^*$   
No SDW transition because of the bad nesting but BCS interaction is always repulsive, Emery 1983

1D history and strong AF fluctuations contribute to an interchain exchange coupling  $J_{\text{perp}}(\text{IEX})$   
In case of bad nesting  $>$  attractive SC coupling  
Boubonnais and Caron, 1986



Consequences: singlet pairing  
anisotropic gap  
zeros in the gap  
sensitive to non magnetic defects

## SCIENCE

Theory can't predict the properties of SC

Superconducting gap depends on

$\Delta_{\text{gap}} = \text{LOCALLY TUNED} \times \text{STRUCTURAL X}$

High energy physics (high temperature) is 1-D  
Competition between the Mott localization  
and the dimensionality cross over  
The low temperature metal is not straightforward  
Remnence of the high temperature history

Superconducting coupling  
Non phonon mediated  
Singlet coupling (d-like)  
Zeros in the gap

Much more in the organics  
Collective motion of the SDW  
Magnetic field induced SDW and Quantum Hall effect  
Coexistence of SC and SDW near  $P_c$

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