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## Advances in Superconductivity

- Research in \_\_\_\_\_ materials was stagnant for many years.
  - Everyone assumed  $T_{C,max}$  was about 23 K
  - Many theories said it was impossible to increase  $T_c$  beyond this value
  - \_\_\_\_\_ new materials were discovered with  $T_c > 30$  K
  - ceramics of form Ba<sub>1-x</sub> K<sub>x</sub> BiO<sub>3-y</sub>
  - Started enormous race
    - Y Ba<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-x</sub> T<sub>C</sub> = 90 K
      Tl<sub>2</sub>Ba<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>x</sub> T<sub>C</sub> = 122 K
    - difficult to make since oxidation state is very important
- The major problem is that these ceramic materials are inherently brittle.

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## Summary

- A magnetic field is produced when a current flows
  the units acil
- through a wire coil.Magnetic induction (*B*):
- an internal magnetic field is induced in a material that is situated within an external magnetic field (*H*).
   magnetic moments result from electron interactions with
- the applied magnetic field
- Types of material responses to magnetic fields are:
   ferrimagnetic and ferromagnetic (large magnetic susceptibilities)
   paramagnetic (small and positive magnetic susceptibilities)
   diamagnetic (small and negative magnetic susceptibilities)
- Types of ferrimagnetic and ferromagnetic materials:
- -- Hard: large coercivities -- Soft: small coercivities
- Magnetic storage media:
- -- particulate barium-ferrite in polymeric film (tape) -- thin film Co-Cr alloy (hard drive)
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