

# Frozen Aliens and Superpowers

TEAtime Talks

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# Workshop Outline

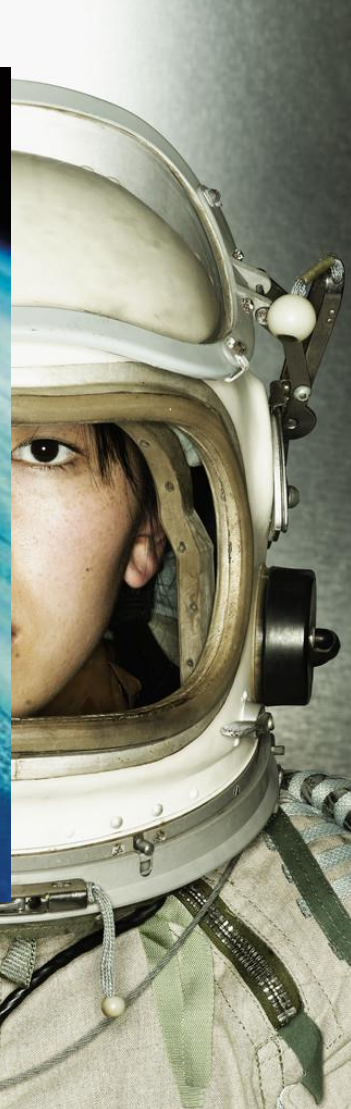
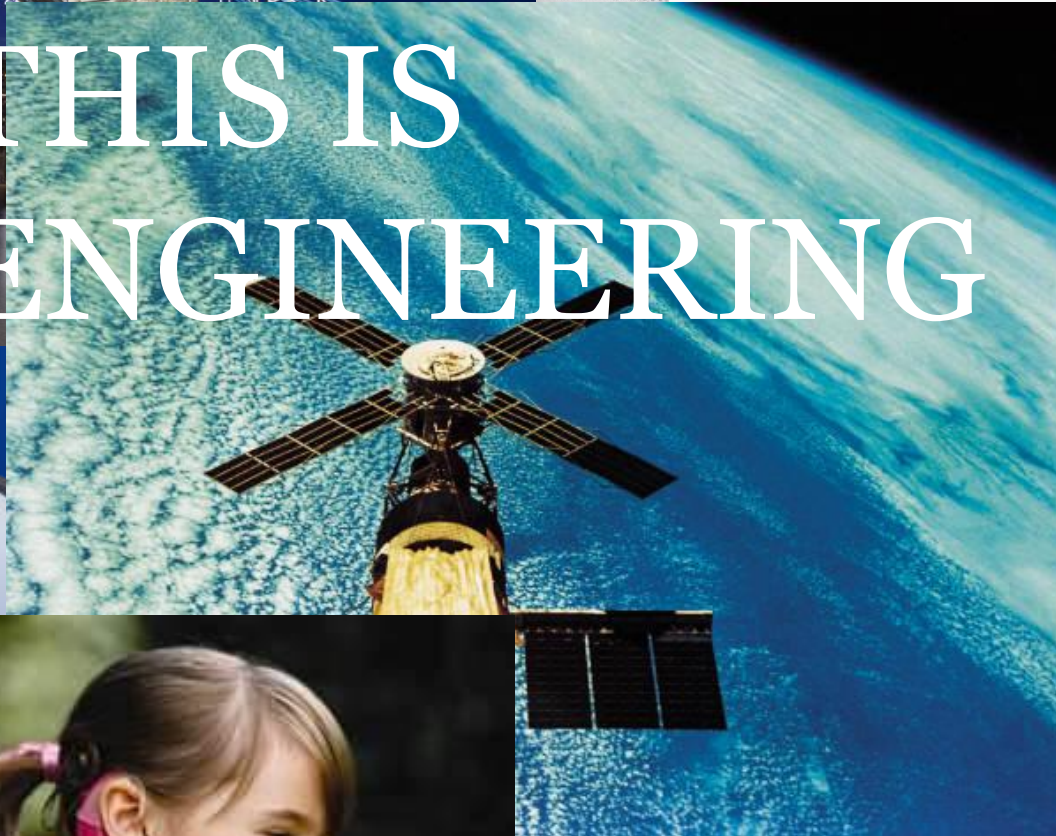
- Women in Engineering
- Cryogenics (lots of demos)
- Superconductivity (even more demos)
- The Future of the Grid (group activity)
- Round-up & questions

# Women in Engineering

What does engineering mean to you?



# THIS IS ENGINEERING

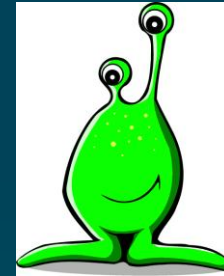


# Some unsung heroes

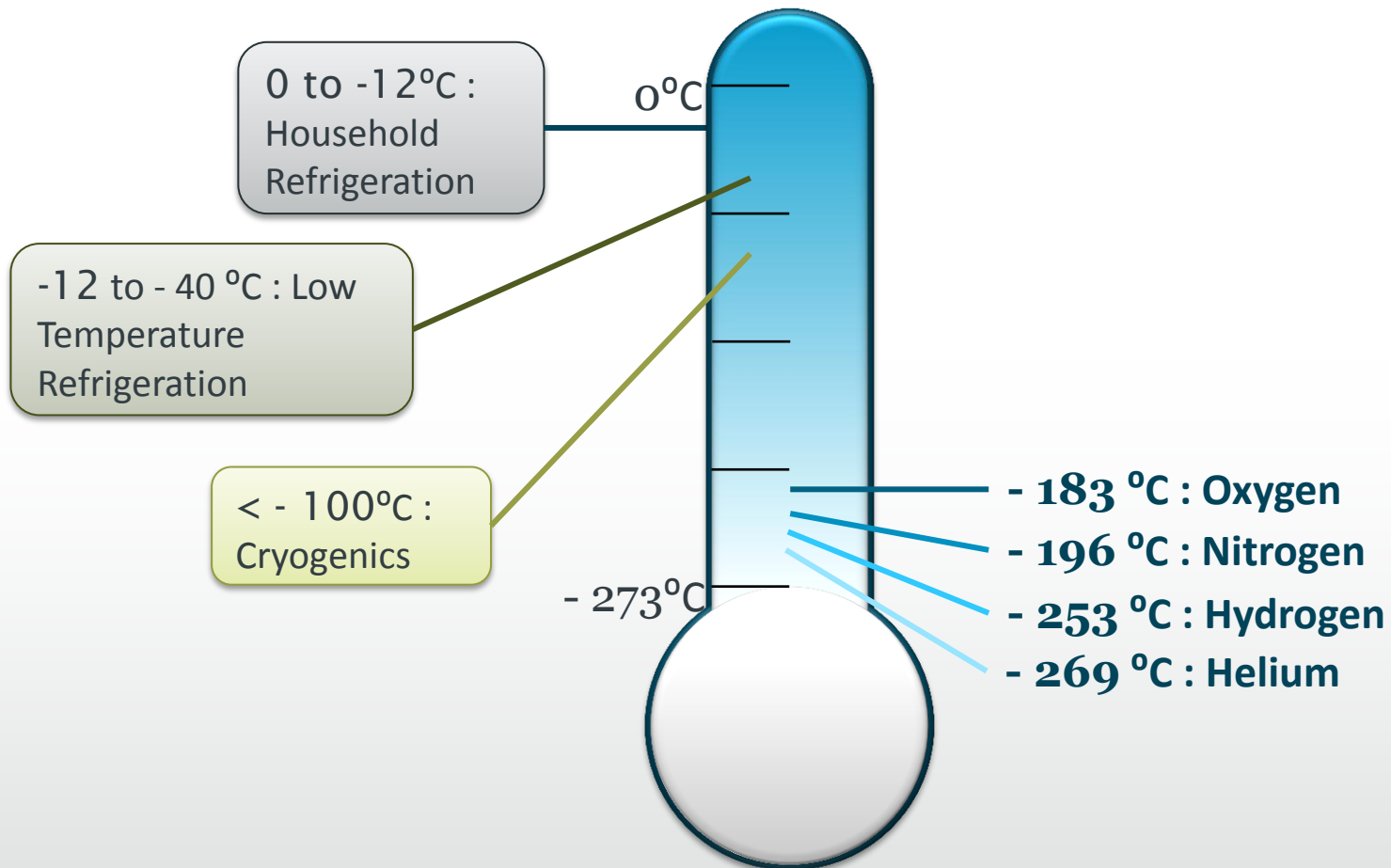
- [Ada Lovelace](#) (1815-1852) World's first computer programmer
- [Emily Warren Roebling](#) (1843-1903) Brooklyn Bridge Chief Engineer
- [Valentina Tereshkova](#) & the [Mercury 13](#) (1963, 1959)
- [Lene Hau](#) (1959-present) Quantum Computing pioneer
- [Mars Curiosity Rover Engineers](#) (2013)



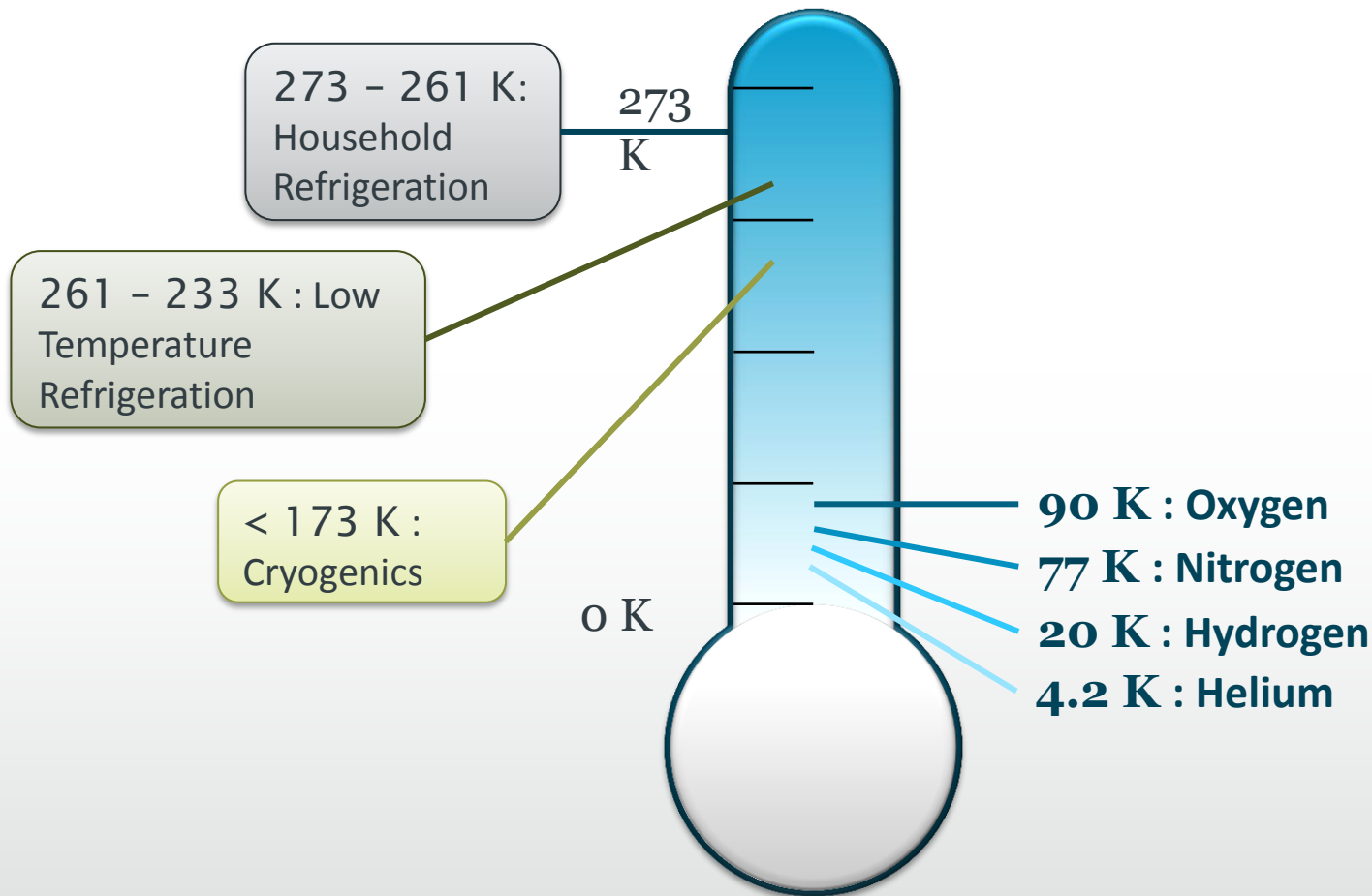
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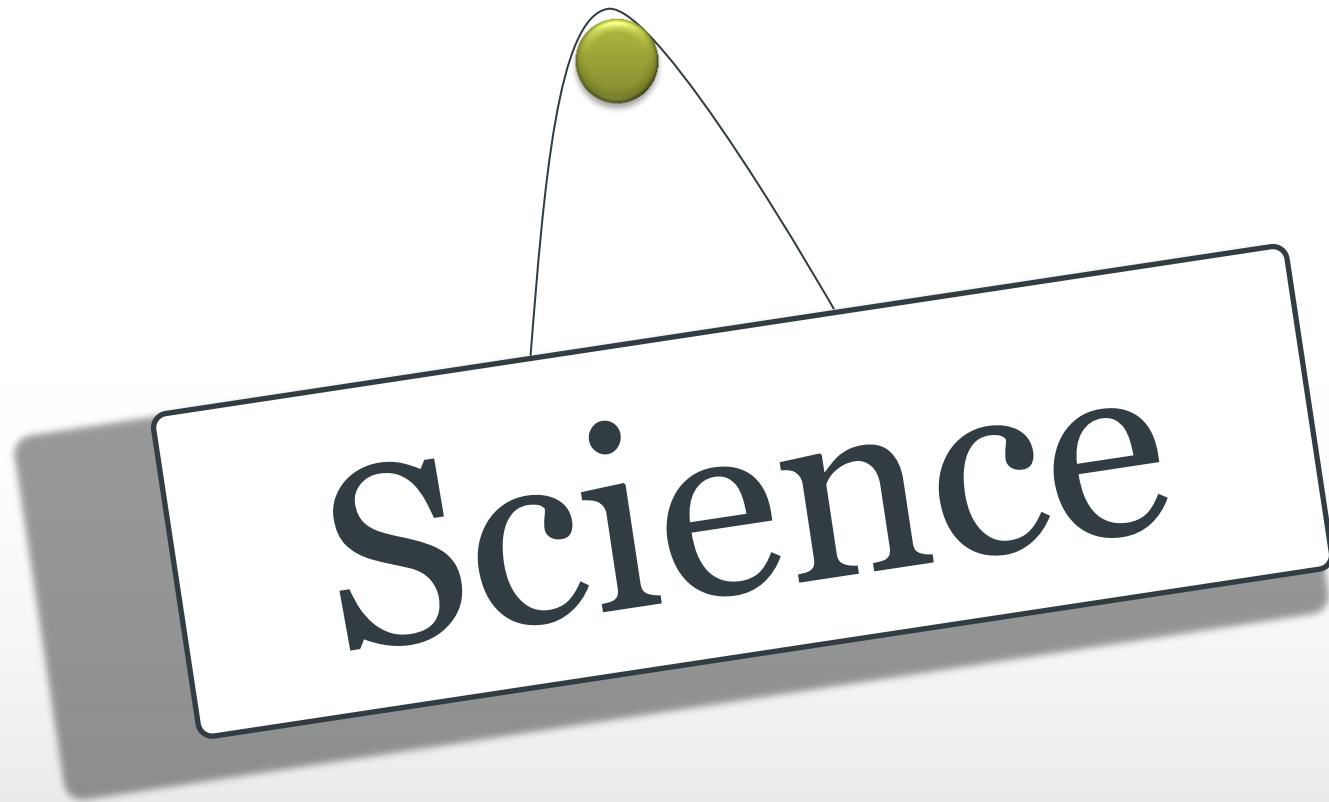


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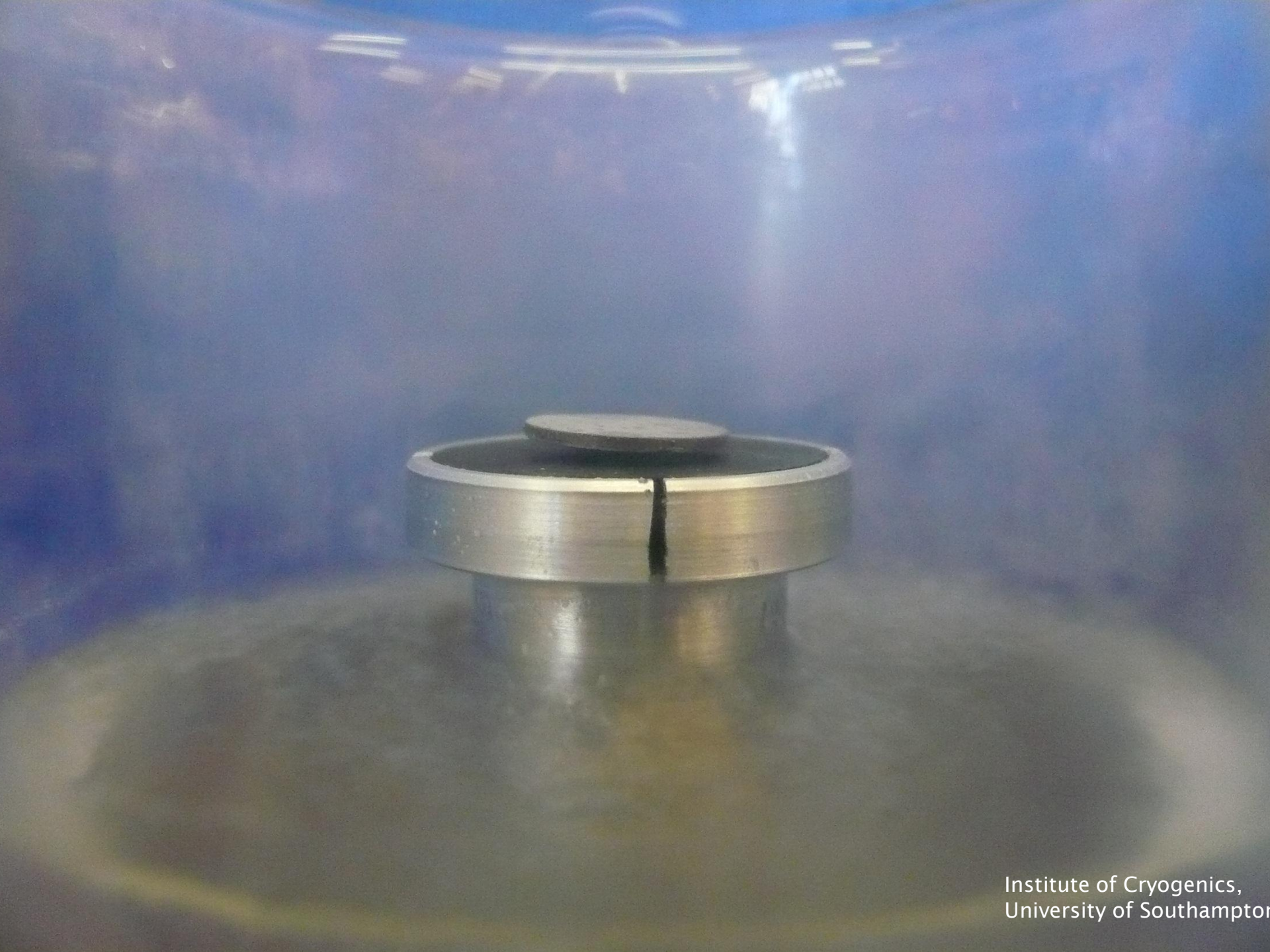


# Cryogenics (Kelvin)





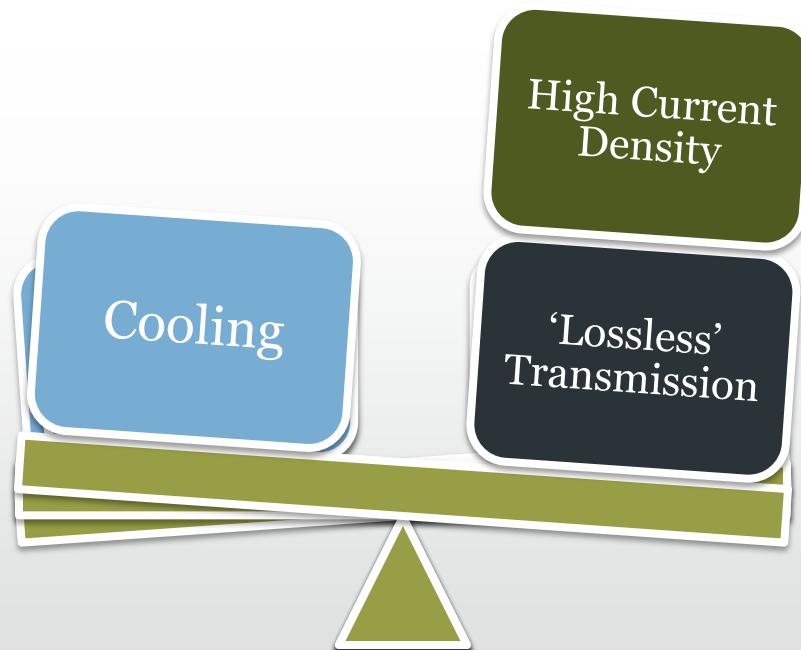
# Superconductivity



# Superconductors vs Copper/Aluminium

Disadvantages

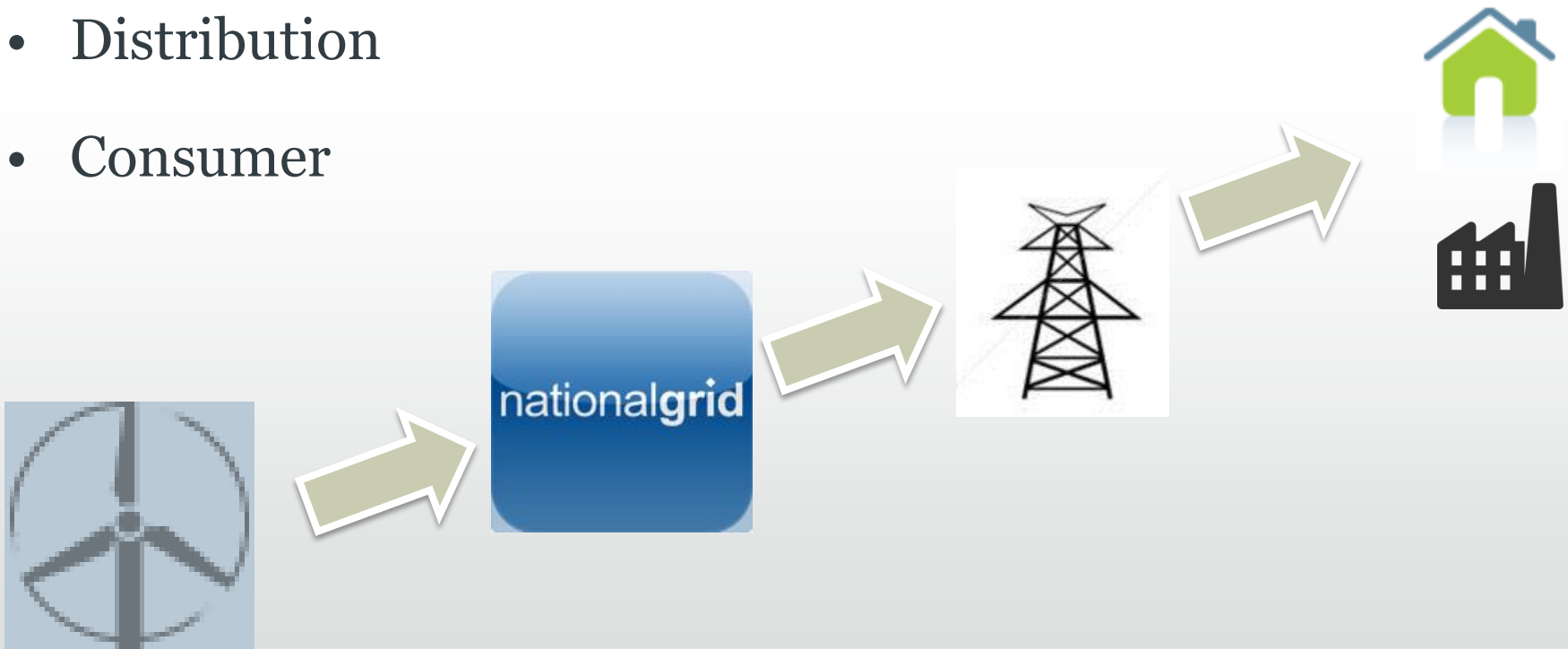
Advantages



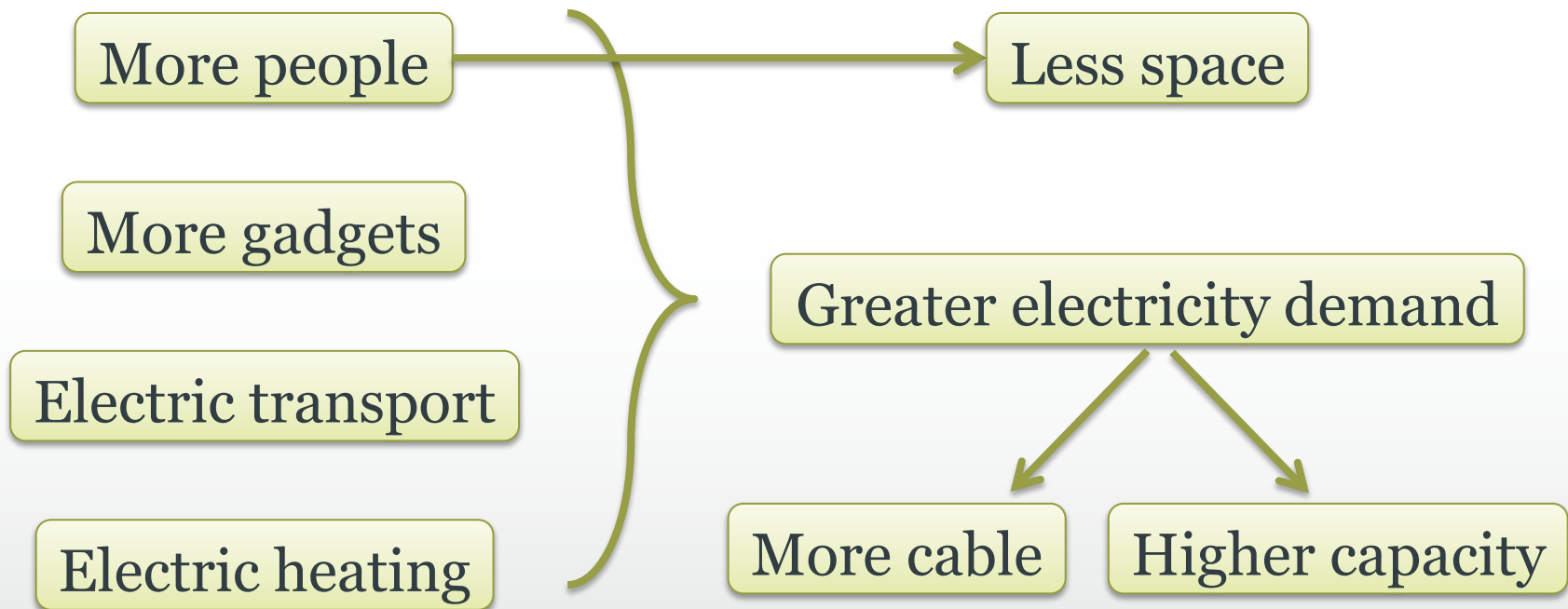
# The Future of the Grid

# Making Electricity Flow – Today's Grid

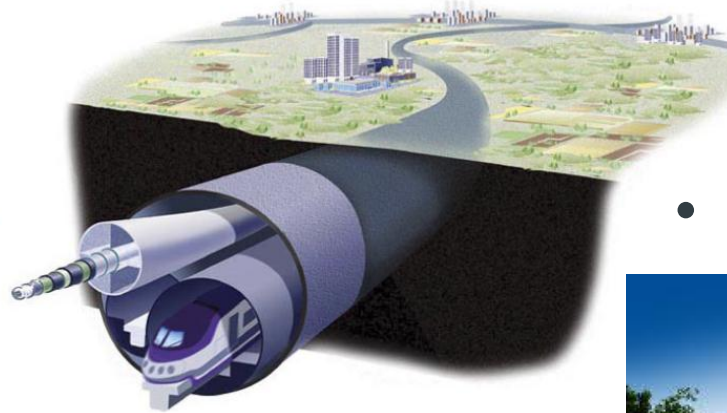
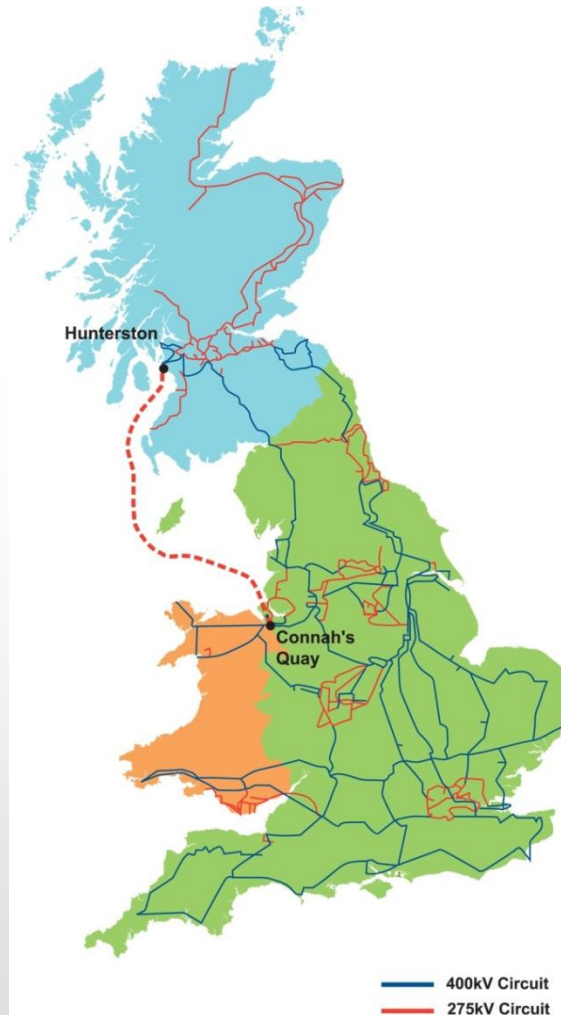
- Generation
- Transmission (high voltage)
- Distribution
- Consumer



# Making Electricity Flow – Challenges



# Grid Solutions



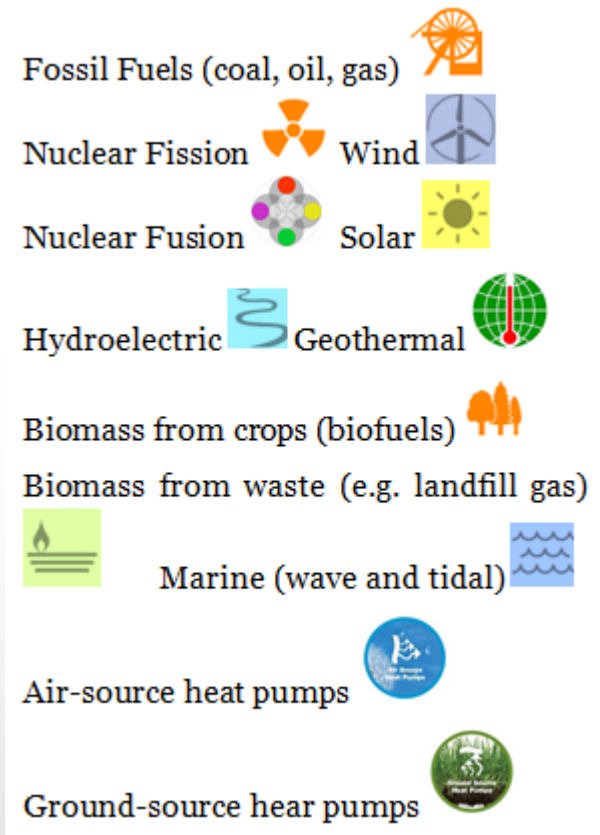
- Supergrid
- Microgrids



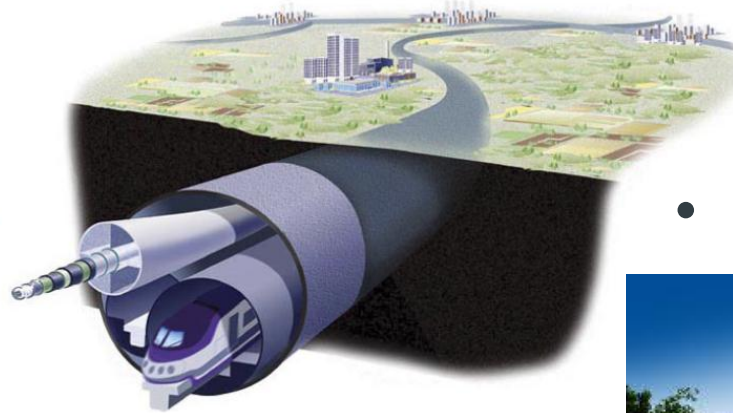
- Smartgrids

# Designing the Grid of the Future

- Energy sources –where can they go?
- Transmission line:
  - Conventional vs Superconducting
  - Overhead vs underground
- Substations and consumers:
  - Transmission & distribution
  - Supergrids and microgrids
- Social/economic considerations



# Grid Solutions



- Supergrid
- Microgrids



- Smartgrids

# Thanks for staying awake!

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much!*

