

MPTL-12 Conference Wroclaw

**Teacher training of pupil-active learning
in superconductivity and electromagnetism
with interactive animations, simulations
and minds-on simple experiments**

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SUPERCOMET 2 Project, Leonardo da Vinci pilot project N/04/B/PP/165.008

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MOSEM Project, Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation project 2007 (?)

U of Wrocław Ewa Debowska, Tomasz Greczylo

Project philosophy

- ✓ **Purpose:** Implement best practice methods & pedagogy
- ✓ **Concept:** Teacher training & networking
- ✓ **Aim:** Active, exploring learning style for pupils
 - ✓ Traditional content connected to new physics
 - ✓ Minds-on experiments
 - ✓ Interactive animations, visualisation
 - ✓ Measurements, modelling, simulations
- ✓ **Need:** Develop materials
 - ✓ Teacher support (guides, seminars, online community)
 - ✓ Practical collections (kits) of experimental materials
 - ✓ Pupil learning materials (e-modules with theory, explanations & videos of minds-on experiments)

A network of active learners

Teacher training seminars

Pedagogical methods

(modelling, simulations, investigation, minds-on exper., scenarios, etc.)

Online community

with repository of learning objects and support materials

Physics subject contents

(new and traditional)

Minds-on experimental kits

(materials for simple experiments)

Project results and future plans

✓ Overview of development activities

- SUPERCOMET Project 2001-2004 (€500', 7 partners, 4 countries)
- SUPERCOMET 2 Project 2004-2007 (€400', 40 partners, 14 countries)

✓ Examples of developed materials

- Electronic – Interactive animations
- Support – Teacher seminar, guide
- Hands-on – Shown by Wim Peeters

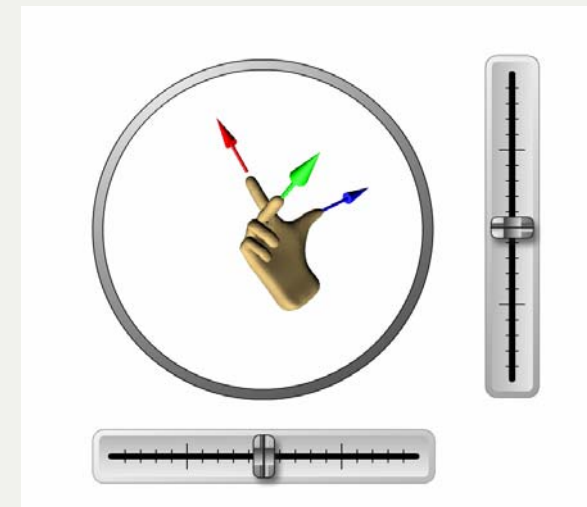
✓ Testing in upper secondary schools

- Summary of SC2 reports Nov 2007

✓ Plans for future projects

- ✓ MOSEM Project 2007-2009 (€300', 27 partners, 8 countries – not started)

✓ Publications / references



2001-2004

SUPERCOMET Project

SUPERCOnductivity Multimedia Educational Tool

Teacher seminar

First version in 4 languages, UK, NO, IT, SI

Computer application

1st & 2nd version in 4 languages, UK, NO, IT, SI

Second version with 5 modules:

Magnetism, Electromagnetic induction

Electrical conduction

Introduction to superconductivity

History of superconductivity

Teacher guide

First version in 4 languages, UK, NO, IT, SI

Some teaching activities, physics curriculum

Classroom poster

Nobel Prizes, History of superconductivity

Intranet

Project management tool used by partners

www.supercomet.no

Website for communicating project results

2004-2007

SUPERCOMET 2 Project

SUPERCOnductivity Multimedia Educational Tool 2

Teacher seminar

Expanded to 4 half-day modules in English
Will be translated to 14 languages

Computer application

Reimplemented with new online platform
Flash 7→9, corrections, design improvements
3 new modules: Superconducting materials
Explanation & Applications of superconductivity

Teacher guide

Updated and expanded version in English
Will be translated to 14 languages
More activities, modelling, assessment

Minds-on kits

Tried out activities, materials → MOSEM project

Online community

Prototype framework online → Physible project

Simulations

Prototype EJS model → Simulation project(s)

Examples of developed materials

Teacher seminar

Several source files, e.g. on [teaching methods](#)
Demo 2 April at Science on Stage 2, Grenoble



11.00h Introduction
• Goals of the project
• Background of the SUPERCOMET 2 project
• Organizing VEO

11.30h Workshop: Introduction every 20'
• Using PCs: independent learning tasks in groups on the basis of superconductivity (20')
• Experimental tasks (20')
• Demonstrations on superconductivity (20')

12.00h Conclusion
• Presentations, responsibilities, concluding remarks
• Overview of other topics of SUPERCOMET 2: science, production, history of superconductivity, applications
• Evaluation by participants





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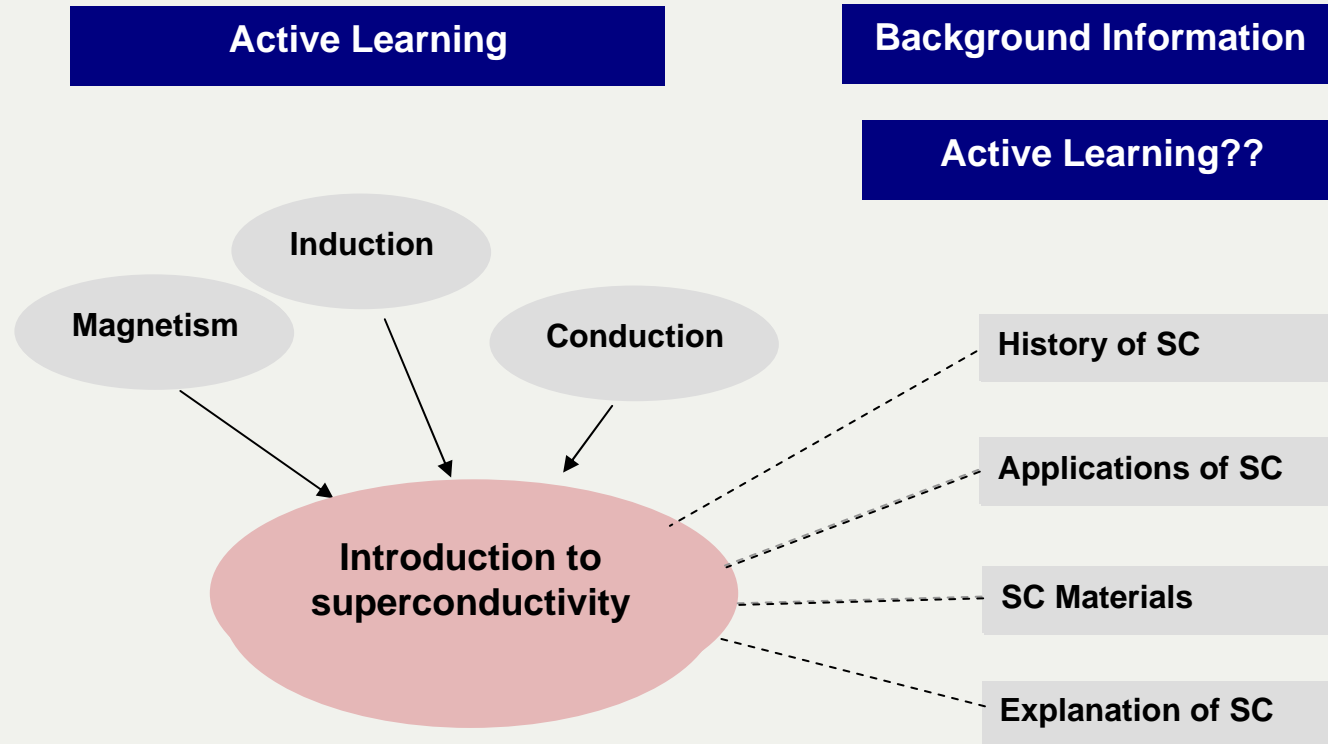
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Computer application

[First version 2002](#), [Second version 2005](#)
[Third version October 2007](#)

8 e-modules in superconductivity & EM



Several generations and new features

Computer application [Superlab version 2001](#) (Norwegian)
 [1st SUPERCOMET version 2002](#) (1-4 lang.)
 [2nd SUPERCOMET version 2005](#) (4-13 lang.)
 [3rd SUPERCOMET 2 version 2007](#) (14 lang.)

What is new in 2007?

Online or offline versions

New content modules on superconductivity

New Graphical User Interface (GUI) design

Bookmark expanded to “Favourites / Playlist”

Improved navigation, language change

Online FAQ, Glossary – hyperlinked from text

Localization settings (magnet colours)

Language admins can update text directly

Global admin can add modules/slides

More user-friendly, easier to develop further

Examples of developed materials

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Computer application	First version 2002 , Second version 2005 Third version October 2007
Teacher guide	Printed edition March 2005 New electronic version (draft) September 2007
Minds-on experim. kits	MOSEM prototypes expected November 2008
www.physible.eu	Online community prototype 2005
www.supercomet.eu	Project website with more information
Simulations	Prototype EJS models by Francisco Esquembre

Testing in upper secondary schools

SUPERCOMET version

2004 Teacher Seminar, Teacher Guide and Computer Application

- Formative expert review of English version (e-modules) spring 2005
- Translations in 2005 and 2006, Testing in 2006 and 2007
 - Formative, summative (e-modules with animations, support materials),
 - Illustrative (teacher seminars and classroom trials)
- Italian partners led by the U. of Udine: Trials with ~350 students
 - 3 approaches, 2 research oriented; action research, teaching-learning
 - Ph.D. thesis Rossana Viola

SUPERCOMET 2 version

2007 Teacher Seminar, Teacher Guide and Computer Application

- Completed and translated by November 2007
- Pilot use/further trials in 2008 by SUPERCOMET 2 and MOSEM partners
- **Interested in running a student research project? Please contact us!**

Projects

2 PP → 3 LdV Tol (products)
→ 1 Tol (geographical)

SUPERCOMET 3 (2010)

Cover the rest of Europe

Modelling & Data (2009)

Use Coach for measurements (data video) and modelling

Physible (2008)

Establish online community with models/simulations

MOSEM (2007)

Produce / test Minds-On kits

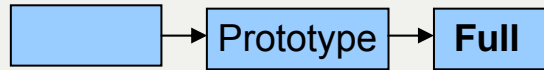
SUPERCOMET 2 (2004)

Expand concept and products

SUPERCOMET (2001)

Initial development of Teacher Seminar, Teacher Guide and Computer Application

Products



Translate and adapt all products

Physible

MO TS TG CA MD

Physible

MO TS TG CA MD

Physible

MO TS TG CA MD

Physible

MO TS TG CA MD

TS TG CA

Footprint

SUPERCOMET 3 covers all European countries not previously covered

17 countries (13 new)
50 partners

6 countries
15 partners

15 same countries
60 partners

8 countries
27 partners

15 countries (12 new)
40 partners

4 countries
8 partners

MO: Minds-On kits
TS: Teacher Seminar
TG: Teacher Guide
CA: Computer Application
MD: Modelling & Data

2007-2009

MOSEM Project

Minds-On experimental equipment kits in Superconductivity and Electromagnetism for the continuing vocational training of upper secondary school physics teachers

Teacher seminar

Will adapt to Minds-On experiments

Computer application

Possibly update some animations

Teacher guide

Will expand with Minds-on experiments

Minds-on kits

Produce and distribute prototypes

Conduct trials with pupils

Disseminate project results (PSNPP and others)

Collaboration with local authorities

2007-2009**MOSEM Partners, Poland**

ASC-TCH	Polskie Stowarzyszenie Nauczycieli Przedmiotów Przyrodniczych (PSNPP)
EDU-UNIV	Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika (UMK), Torun
EDU-UNIV	Uniwersytet Wrocławski
EDU-VET	Akademia Pomorska, Słupsk
EDU-VET	Centrum Kształcenia Ustawicznego w Gdańsku (CKU)
EDU-VET	Liceum Ogólnokształcące nr 8, Torun
ENT-SME	Soliton
PUB-REG	Urząd Miasta Sopot, Wydział Oświaty

GIREP-MPTL 2008 Nicosia

MOSEM Project	Covers all conference domains SIG 1, SIG 2, SIG 5
Suggested Workshop	Prototype MOSEM Teacher Seminar MOSEM experiments with SC2 animations Using SC2/MOSEM Teacher guide
Suggested Symposium	Project proposals for Physible & Modelling Present plans, discuss details & partners SIG 1, SIG 4
Suggested Posters	Results from SUPERCOMET 2 MOSEM partners presenting their work
Project meeting	One-day satellite meeting before MPTL-12 MOSEM project partners prepare workshop ++

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