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High-T_c superconductivity originates in BaO or similar planes, not in cuprate-planes. JOHN D. DOW, Arizona State University — CuO₂ planes are not needed for high-T_c superconductivity, as demonstrated by Sr₂YRuO₆ and Ba₂YRuO₆, weakly doped on Ru sites with Cu but having no cuprate-planes. These materials have onsets of superconductivity at 49K and 93K, respectively. We have shown that the related Cu-Ru materials $Gd_{2-z}Ce_zSr_2Cu_2RuO_{10}$ and $GdSr_2Cu_2RuO_8$ do not superconduct in their cuprate planes, which are magnetic, but in their SrO layers (with onset $T_c \approx 45K$) [1]. The claims that the cuprateplanes superconduct are based on a one-point unconfirmed jump in the Bell Labs data that was supposedly confirmed by Jorgensen [2], although Jorgensen's data actually contradict the Bell datum. In all the materials we have studied, and even in YBa₂Cu₃O₇, the superconductivity occurs in the bulk in layers that do not contain Cu, namely in BaO layers of YBa₂Cu₃O₇, which have s-wave character, not d-wave character [3].

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