## **Superconductors**

Superconductors are materials that transmit without loss any current applied to them. Unfortunately, many materials act as <u>superconductors</u> only when cooled to temperatures near absolute zero. The discovery of "room temperature" <u>superconductors</u> built around a core of specially treated <u>niobium</u> with <u>copper</u> shunting, however, made possible quantum leaps in technology. Most importantly, <u>superconductors</u> are key components in fusion engines and in the construction of Jump Gates and Trade Lanes.