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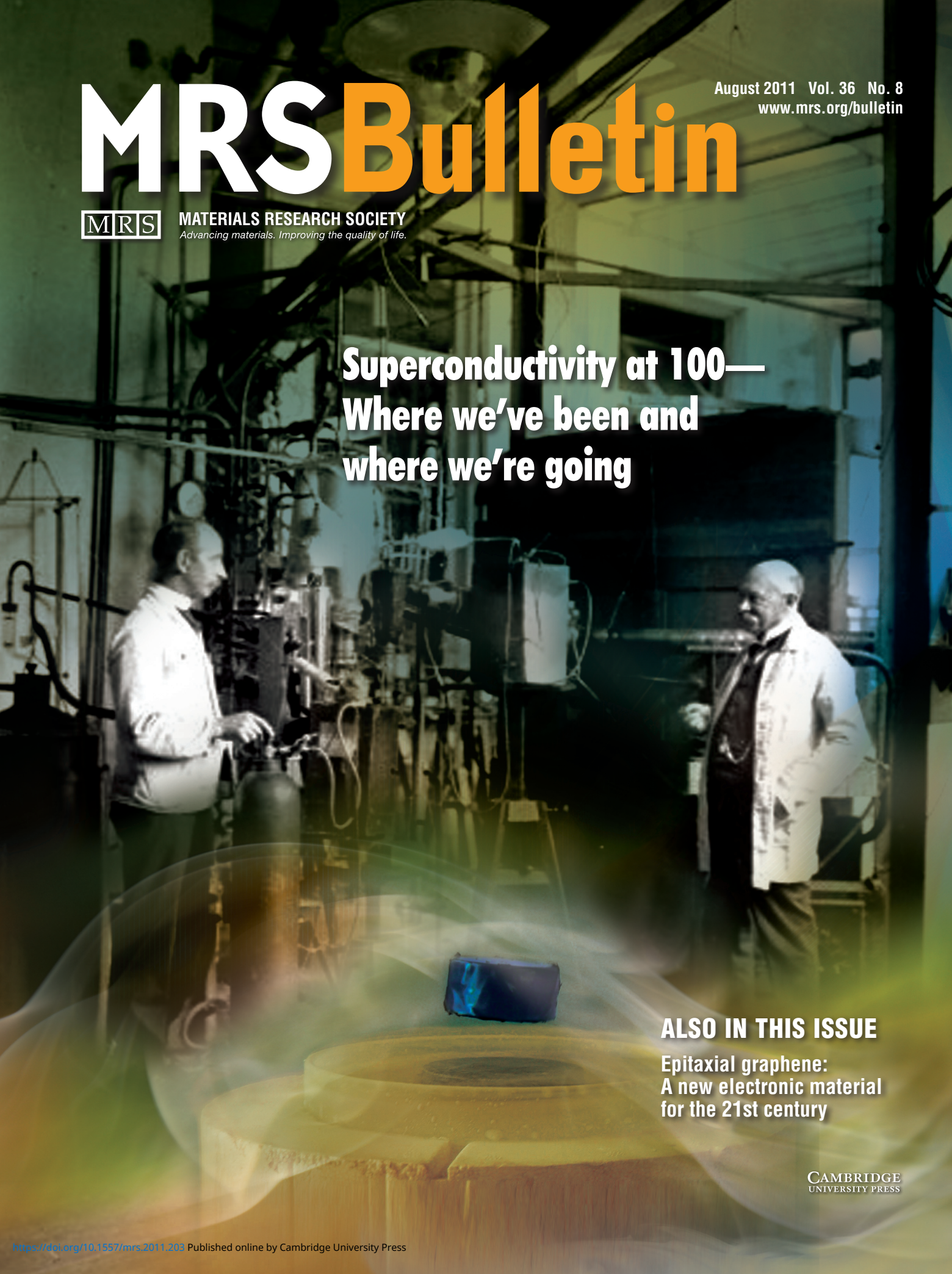

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Superconductivity at 100—Where we've been and where we're going. This issue of *MRS Bulletin* covers the applications and science of superconductivity through its history and its advances. The cover shows Heike Kamerlingh Onnes (right) and Gerrit Flim (left), head of the Cryogenics Department, Leiden University, in a contemporary photograph in Onnes's laboratory at the time of the discovery of superconductivity in or about 1911. The bottom overlay shows a strong magnet being levitated above a YBCO pellet cooled in liquid nitrogen, an easily visible manifestation of the strong critical current density in YBCO. High critical current density wires were one of the earliest of Onnes's dreams for making high-field magnets. See the technical theme that begins on p. 590.

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