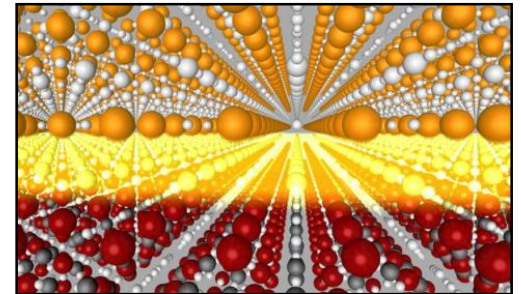




Interface superconductivity

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Some inspiration



“I am convinced that often a newcomer to a field has a great advantage because he is ignorant and does not know all the complicated reasons why a particular experiment should not be attempted.”

Ivar Giaever, Nobel Lecture



More wise words



“If I have learned anything as a scientist it is that one should not make things complicated when a simple explanation will do.”

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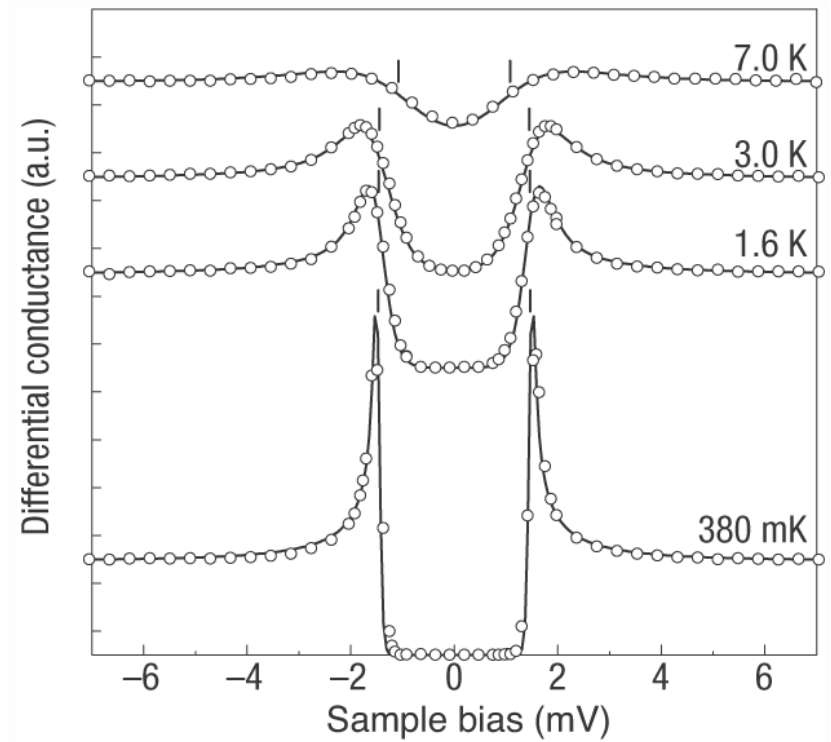
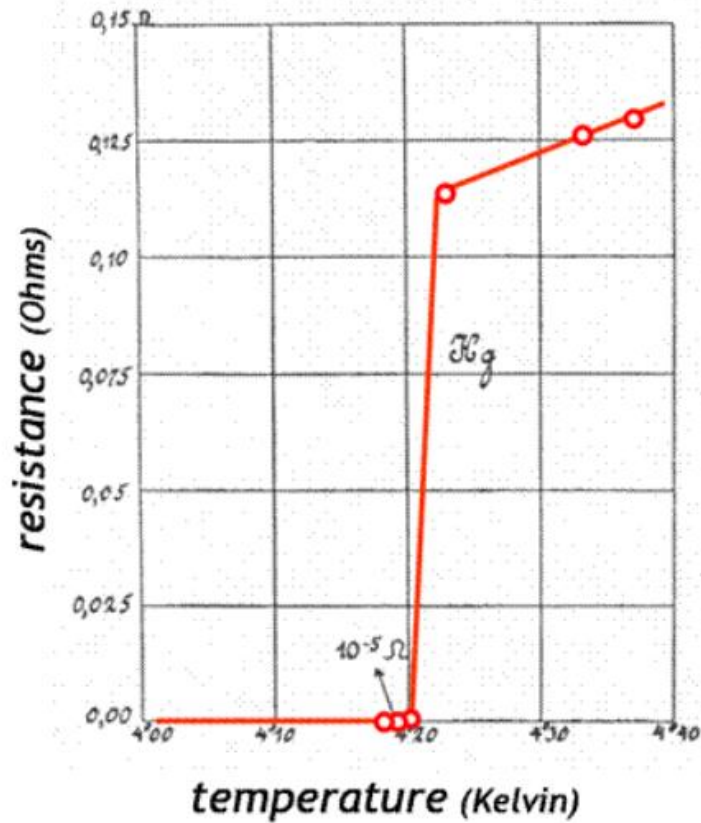


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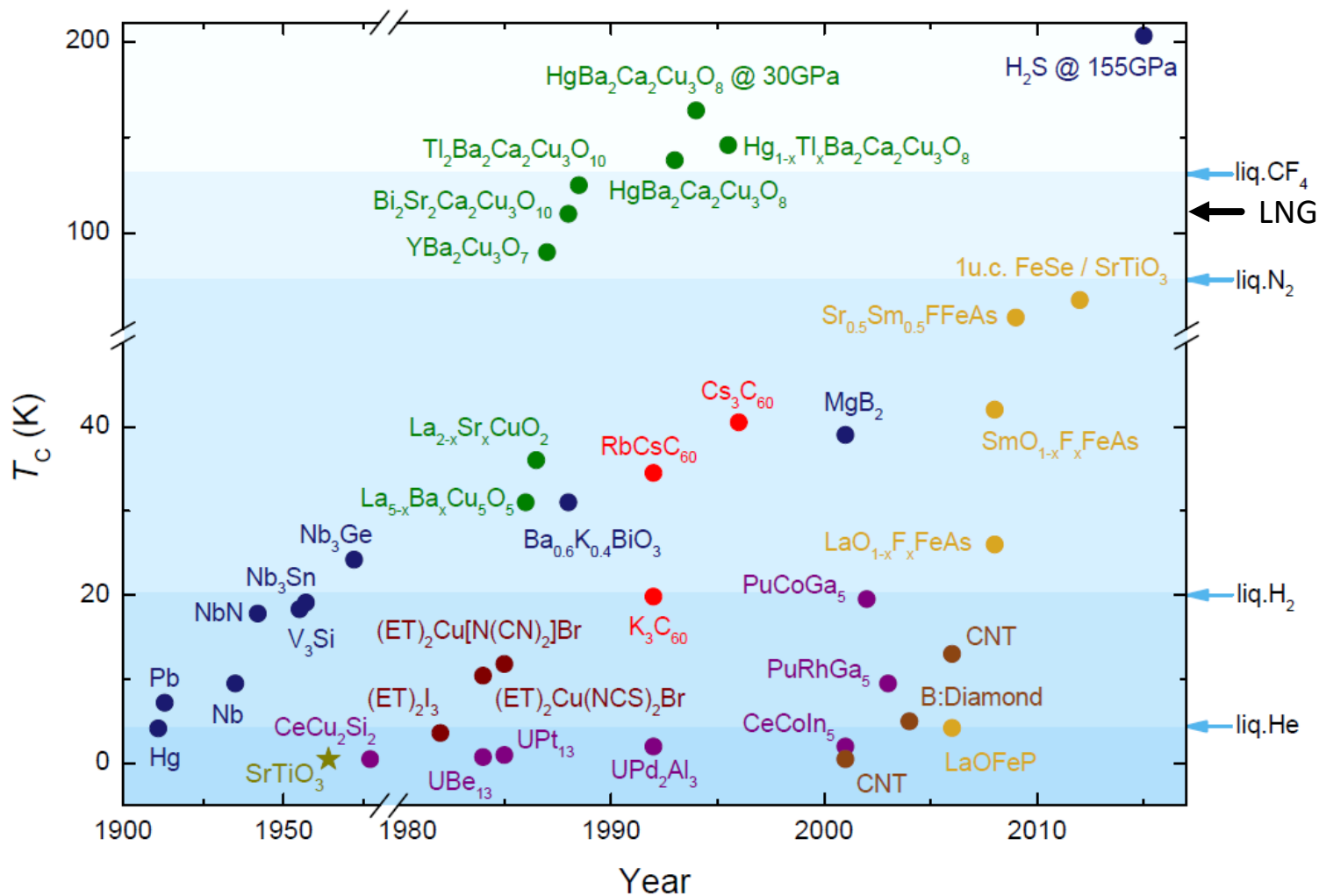
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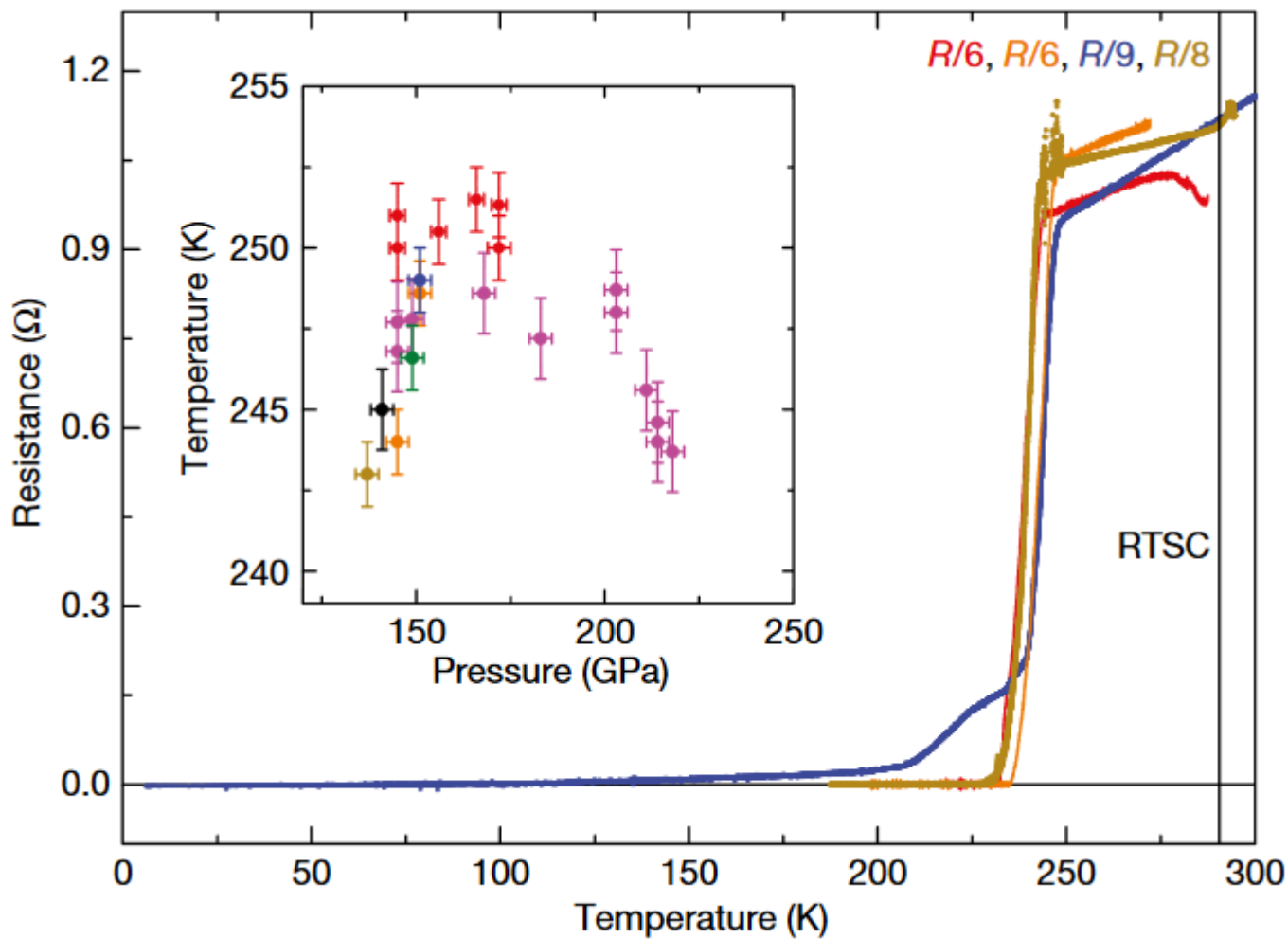
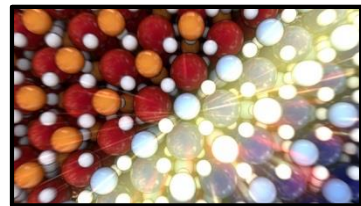


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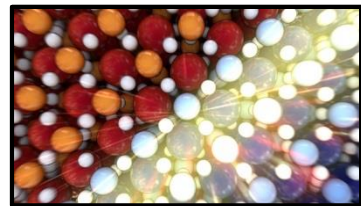


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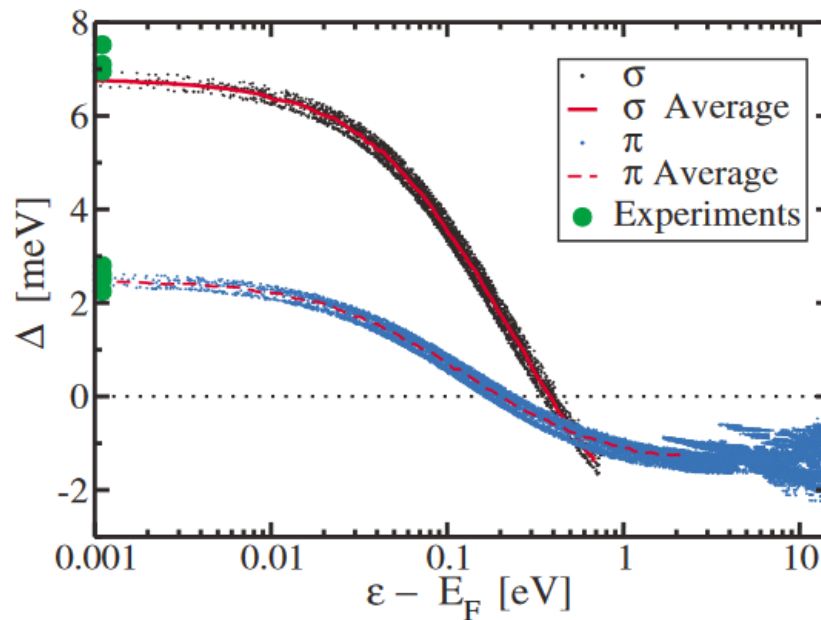
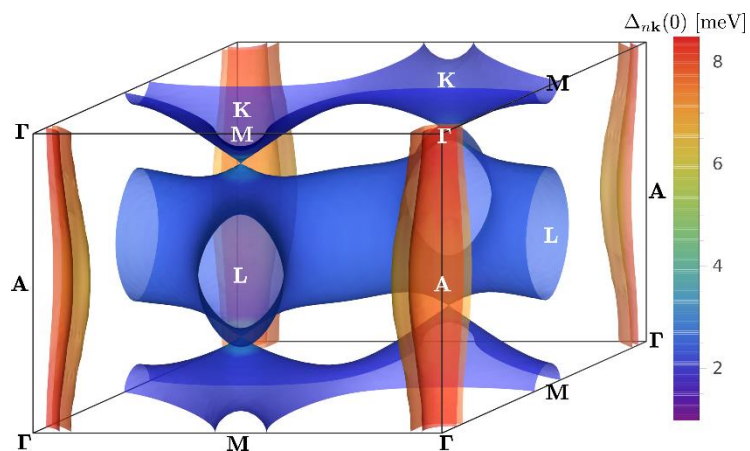
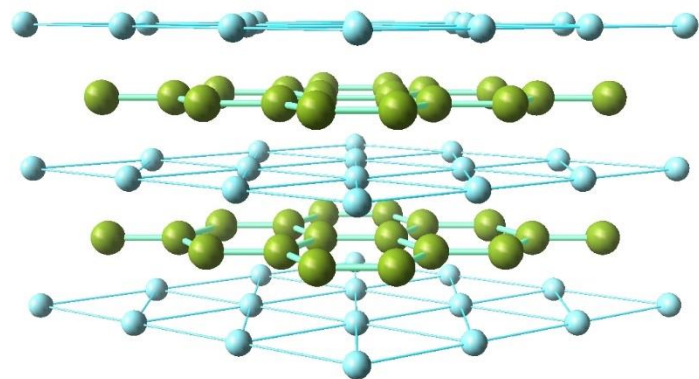




Modern theory: SCDF



MgB₂

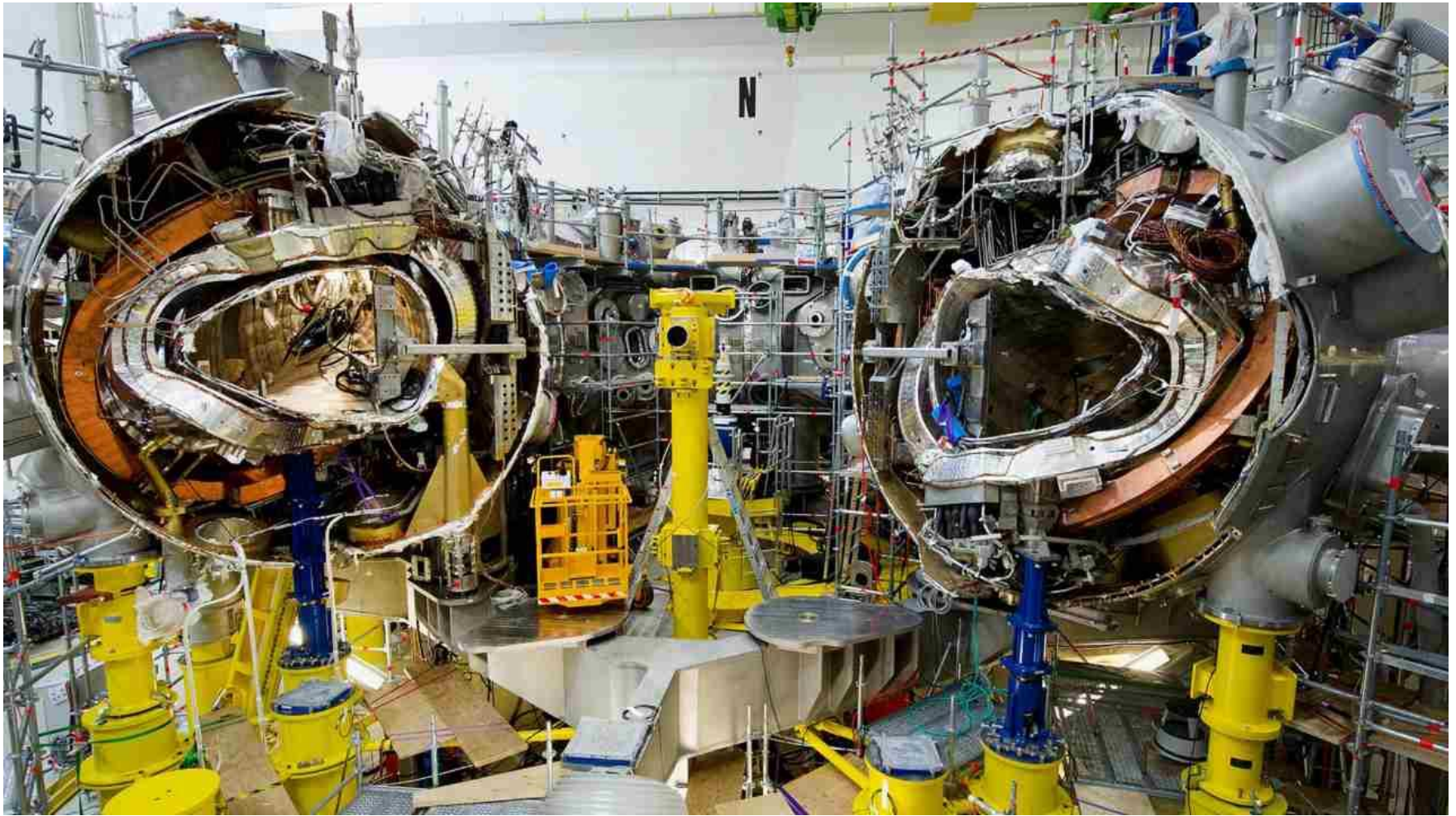




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supercharger device that supercharges an en-

columnar having one order of set of columns
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supercomputer an exceptionally powerful main-
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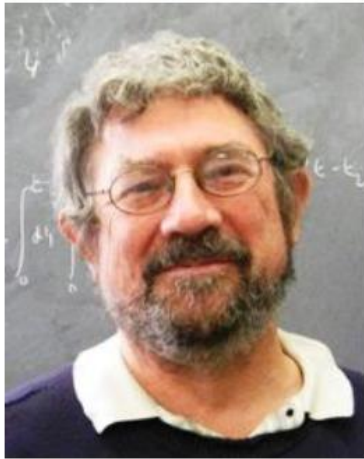
Definitions



1. Interface superconductivity: superconductivity that occurs at the interface of two materials that are not superconducting in their bulk forms
2. Interface-enhanced superconductivity: superconductivity at the interface of two materials with T_c larger than that of their bulk components
3. Two-dimensional superconductivity: thickness of the superconducting layer is smaller than ξ_0
4. Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless (BKT): framework for the superconducting phase transition in two dimensions



BKT physics



Kosterlitz



Thouless



Berezinskii

1971: J. Michael Kosterlitz and David J. Thouless investigate vortex Dynamics in 2D films of superfluid Helium



Kosterlitz in the mountains





“Normal” phase transitions



Transition	Order Parameter	Symmetry breaking
Ferromagnetic/Ferroelectric	magnetization	Rotation
Superconducting/Superfluid	$ \Psi ^2$	Phase (gauge)
...



Landau theory



Close to T_c : Order parameter Q is small

Apply continuous perturbation theory

$$F(T,p,Q) = F_0(T,p) + A(T,p)/2 Q^2 + B(T,p)/4 Q^4$$



Mermin-Wagner theorem



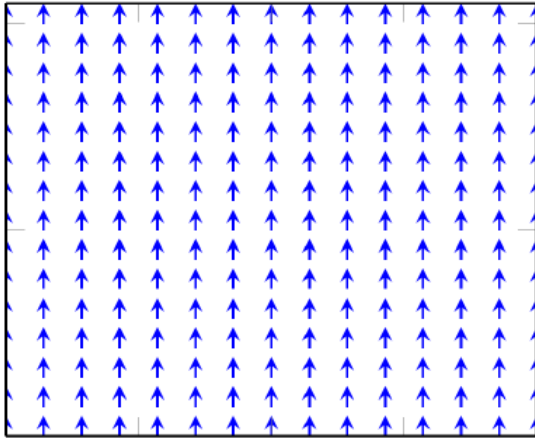
There is no phase with spontaneous breaking of a continuous symmetry for $T > 0$, in $d \leq 2$ dimensions.

“Undeterred by the general view that the problem was either absurd or impossible, Kosterlitz out of ignorance, and Thouless, out of curiosity, went ahead and essentially solved the problem.”

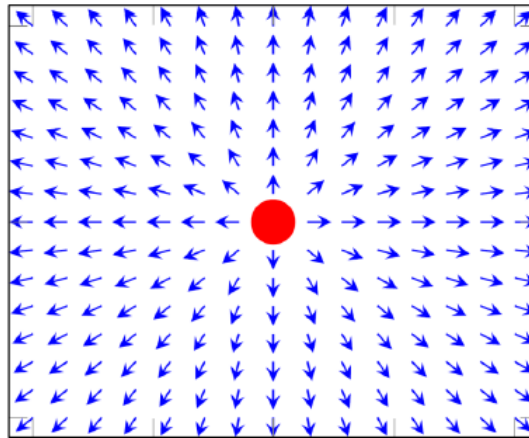
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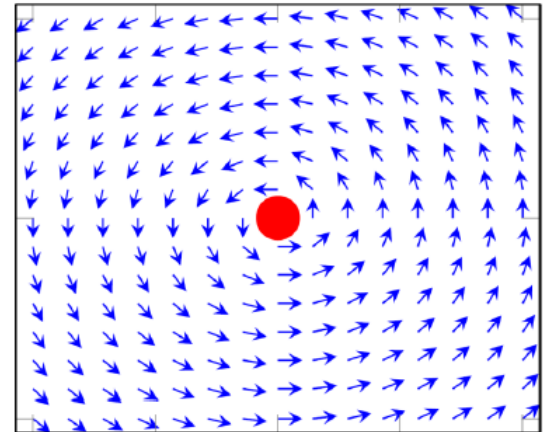
2D XY model



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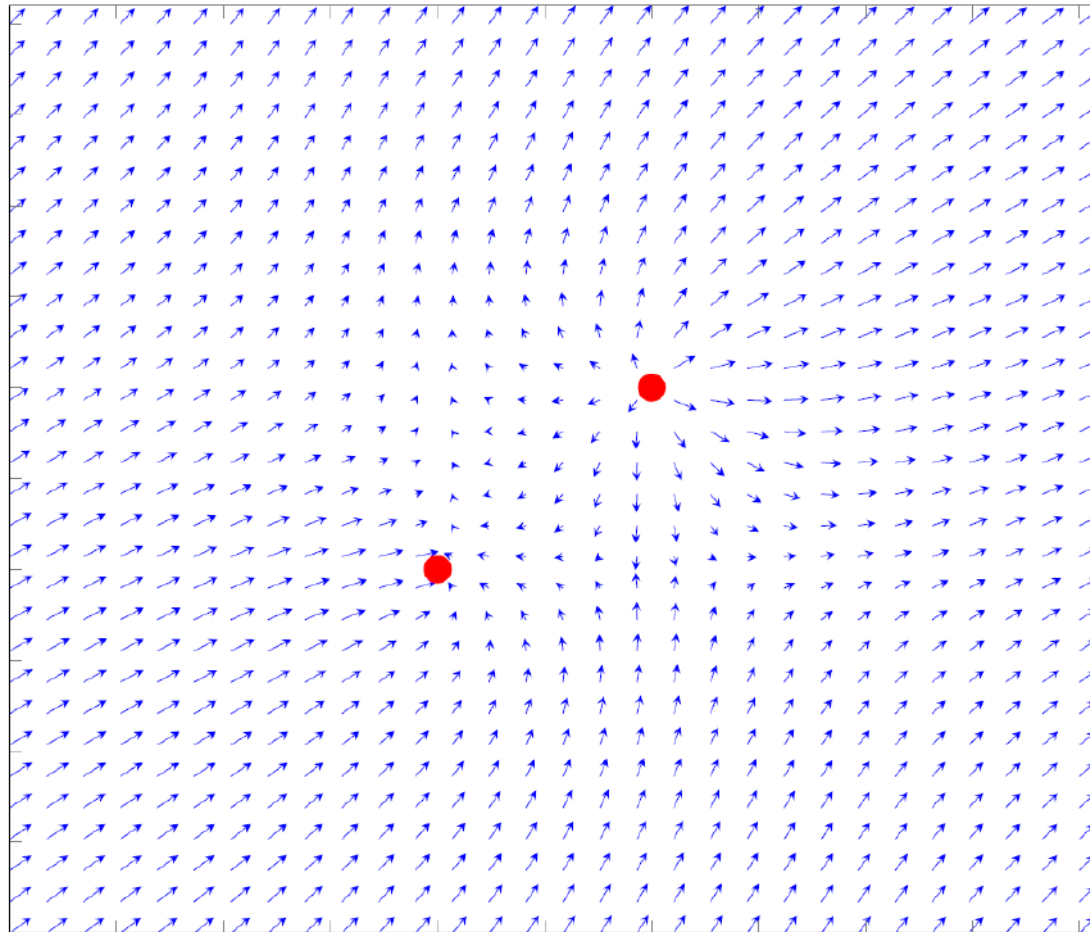
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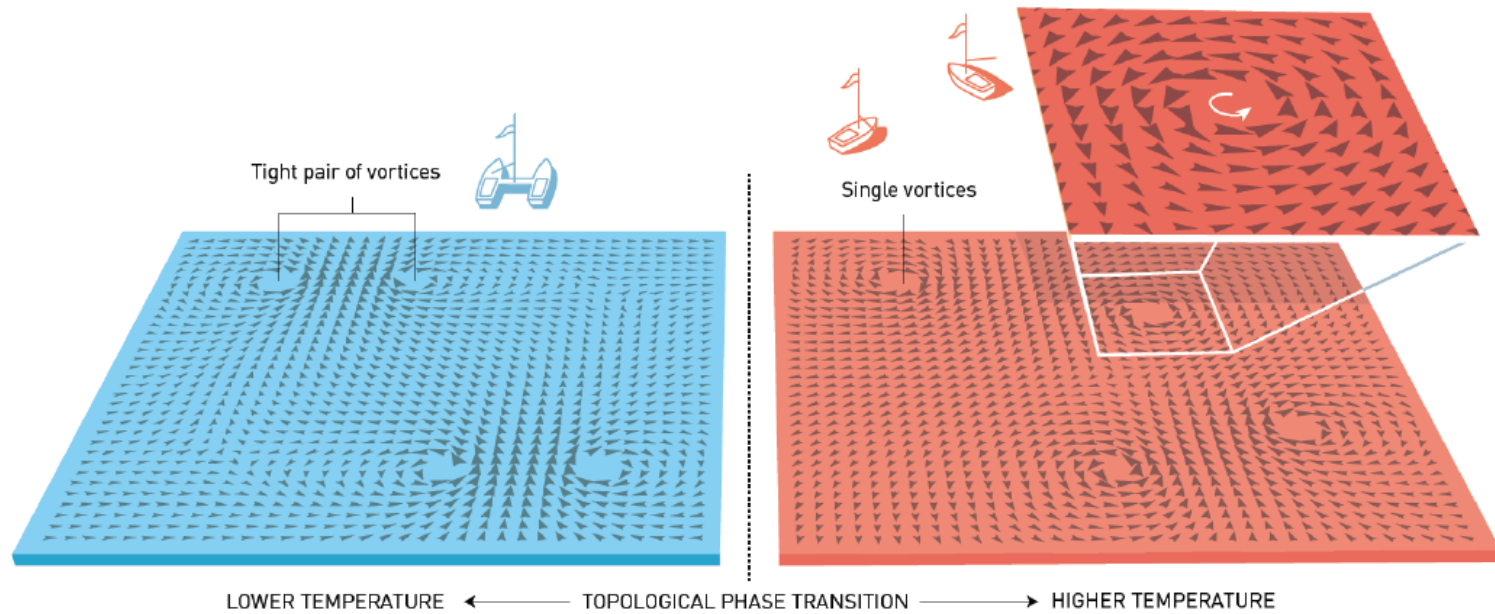
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Two vortices with opposite n of equal magnitude



The BKT transition





Jump in superfluid density

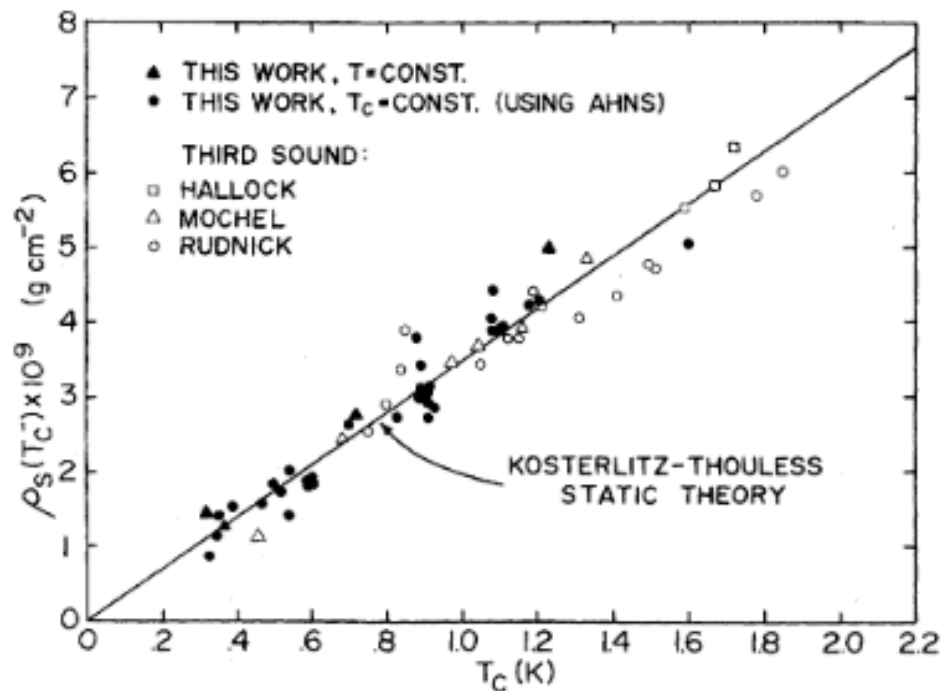


FIG. 3. Results of all of our data, in addition to previous third-sound results for the discontinuous superfluid density jump $\rho_s(T_c^-)$ as a function of temperature. The solid line is the Kosterlitz-Thouless (Refs. 3 and 4) static theory.



Theory of interface superconductivity





Central idea

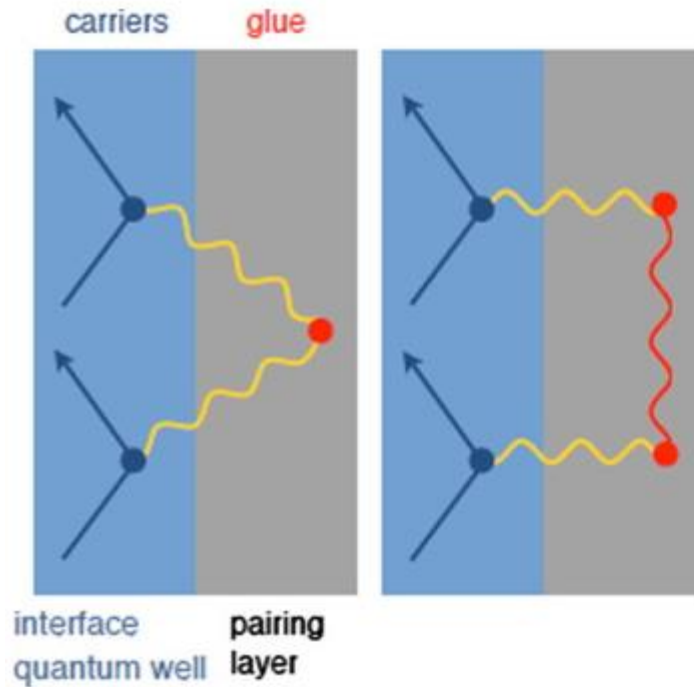
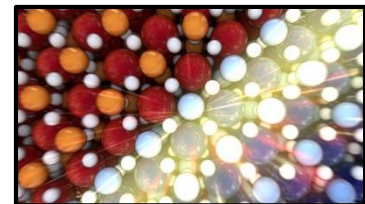


Fig. 1.

(Left) Two electrons (blue) interact (yellow) with a site (red) in the pairing layer, creating a virtual excitation. This excitation, for example polarization of an oxygen ion, causes the pairing. (Right) Each electron excites a different site in the pairing layer, but both sites are coupled (red), and by this close the pairing channel. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)



Early days



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Dynamic Effective Electron-Electron Interaction in the Vicinity of a Polarizable Molecule*

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ON SURFACE SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

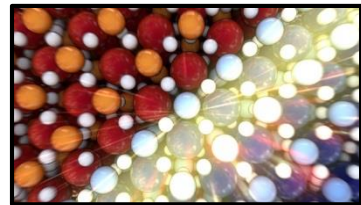
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High T_c possible?



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Model for an Exciton Mechanism of Superconductivity*

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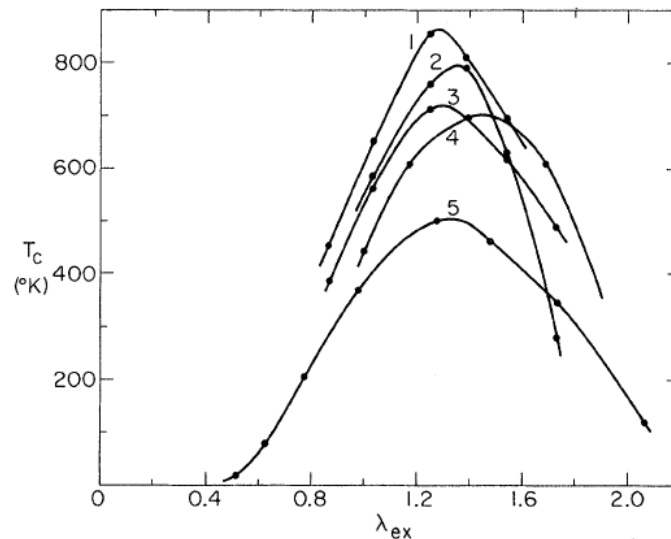
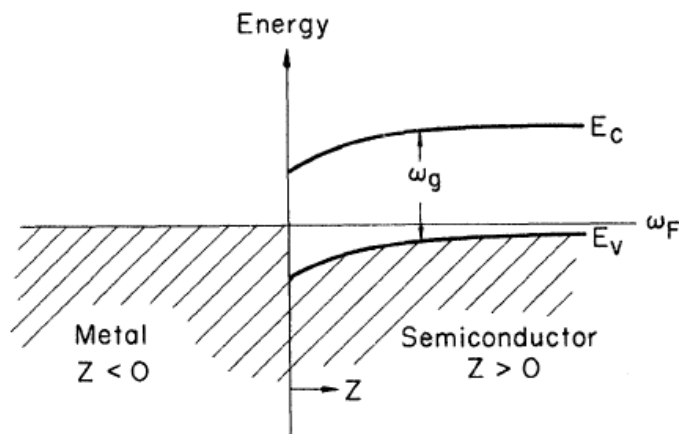
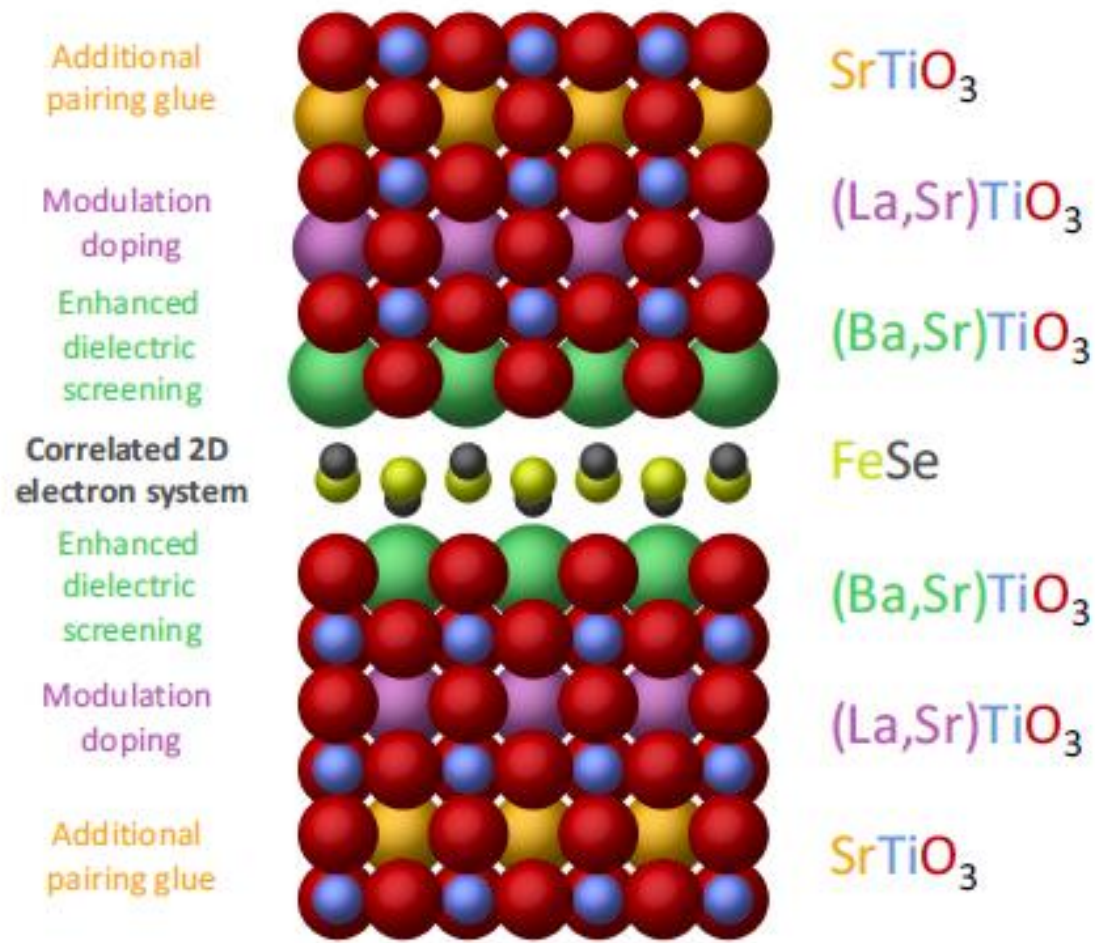


FIG. 8. Family of curves illustrating maximum values of T_c for the exciton mechanism alone if λ_{ex} is unrestricted in magnitude. Note that for the model discussed in this present paper $\lambda_{\text{ex}} < 0.5$. The very high values of T_c are unrealistic for any model. The following data were found:



Building superconductors from scratch



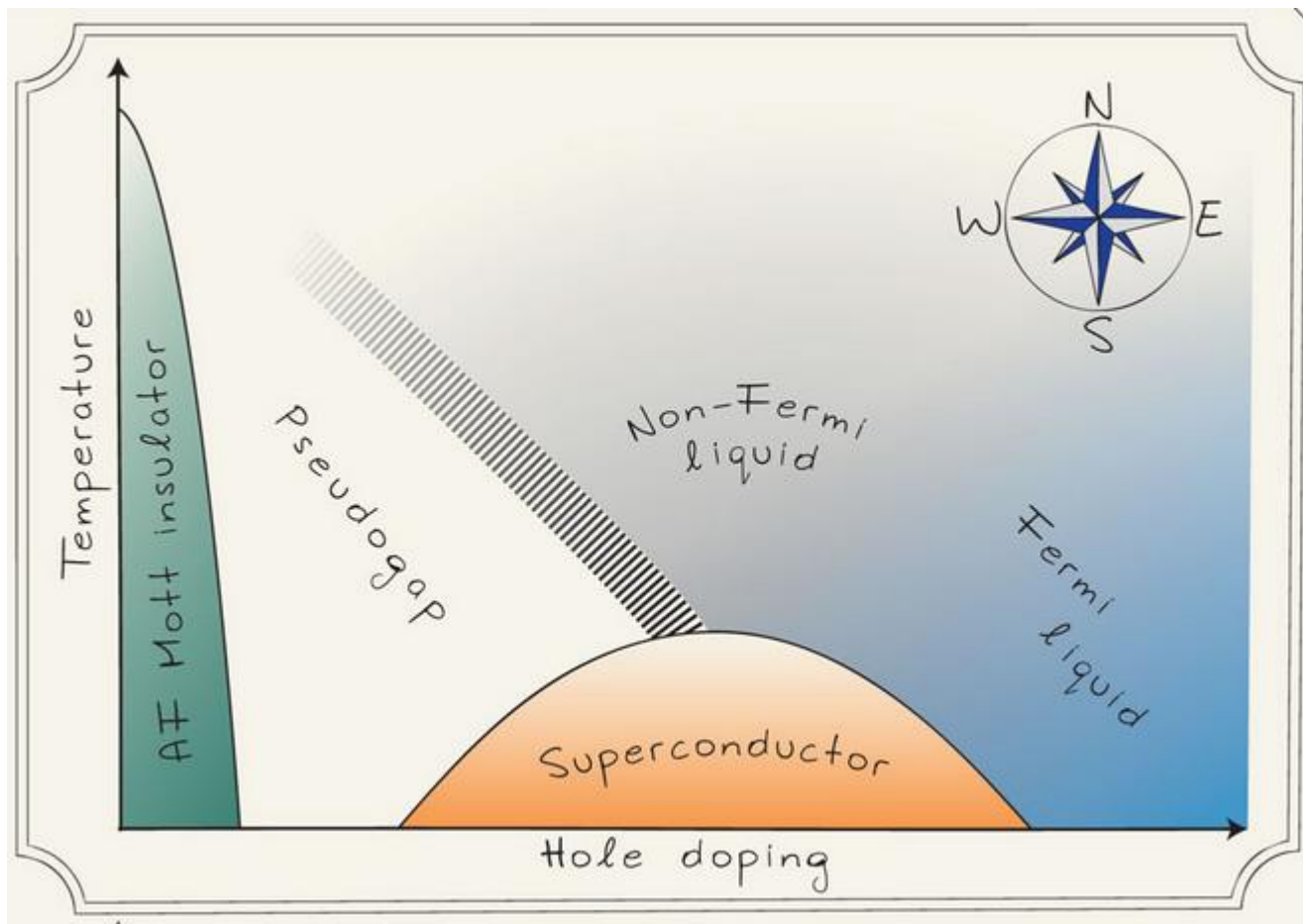
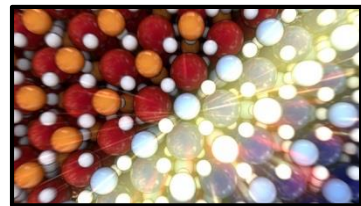


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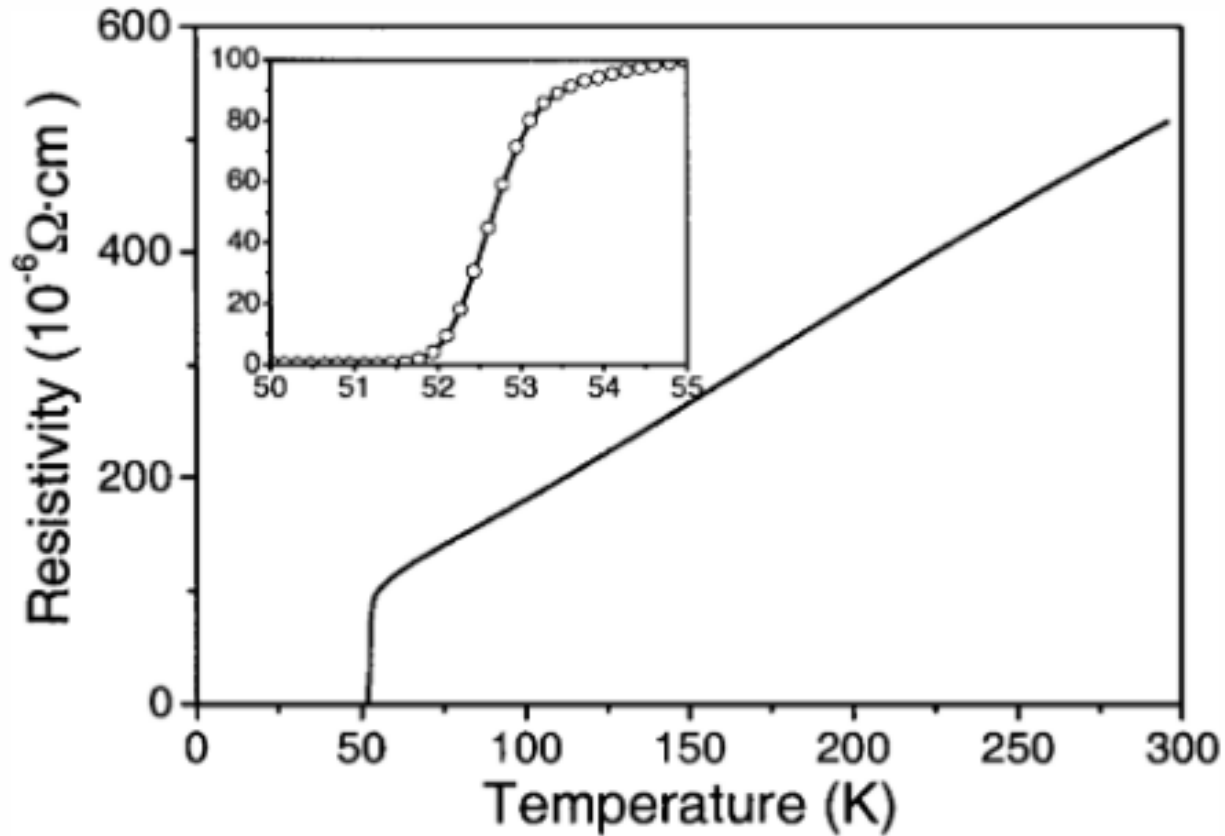


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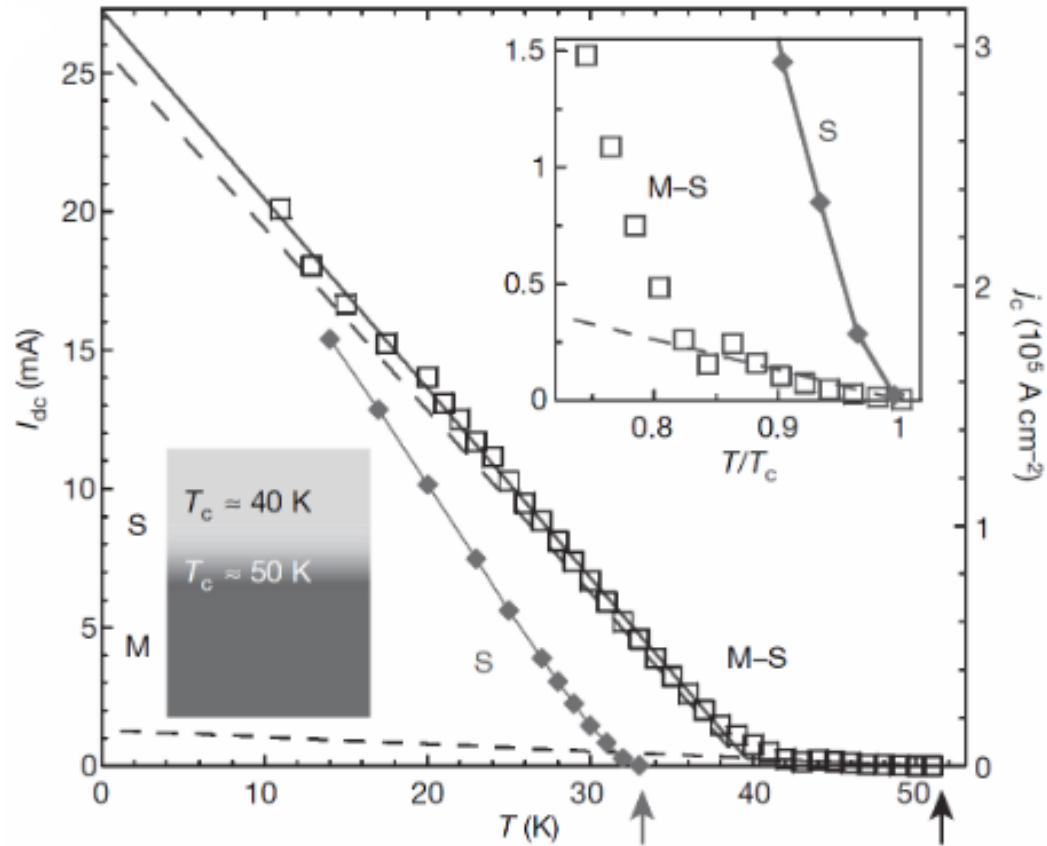


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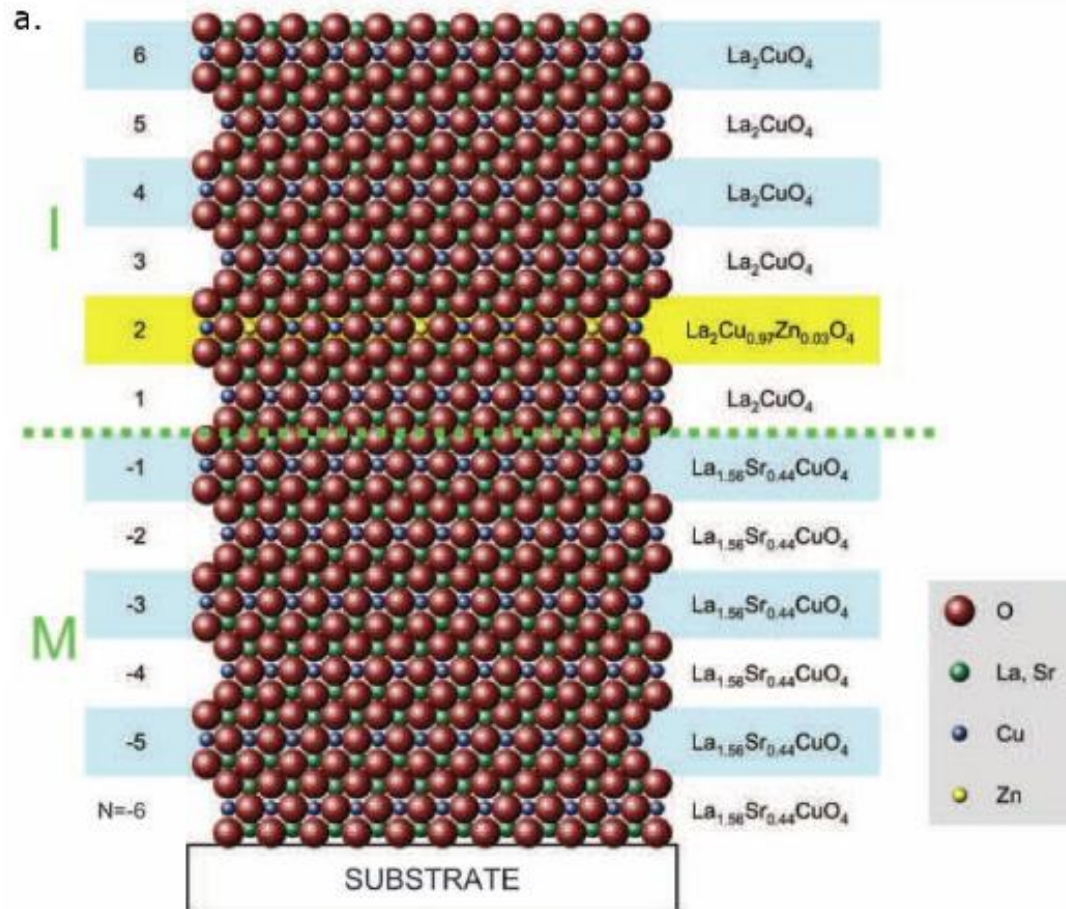


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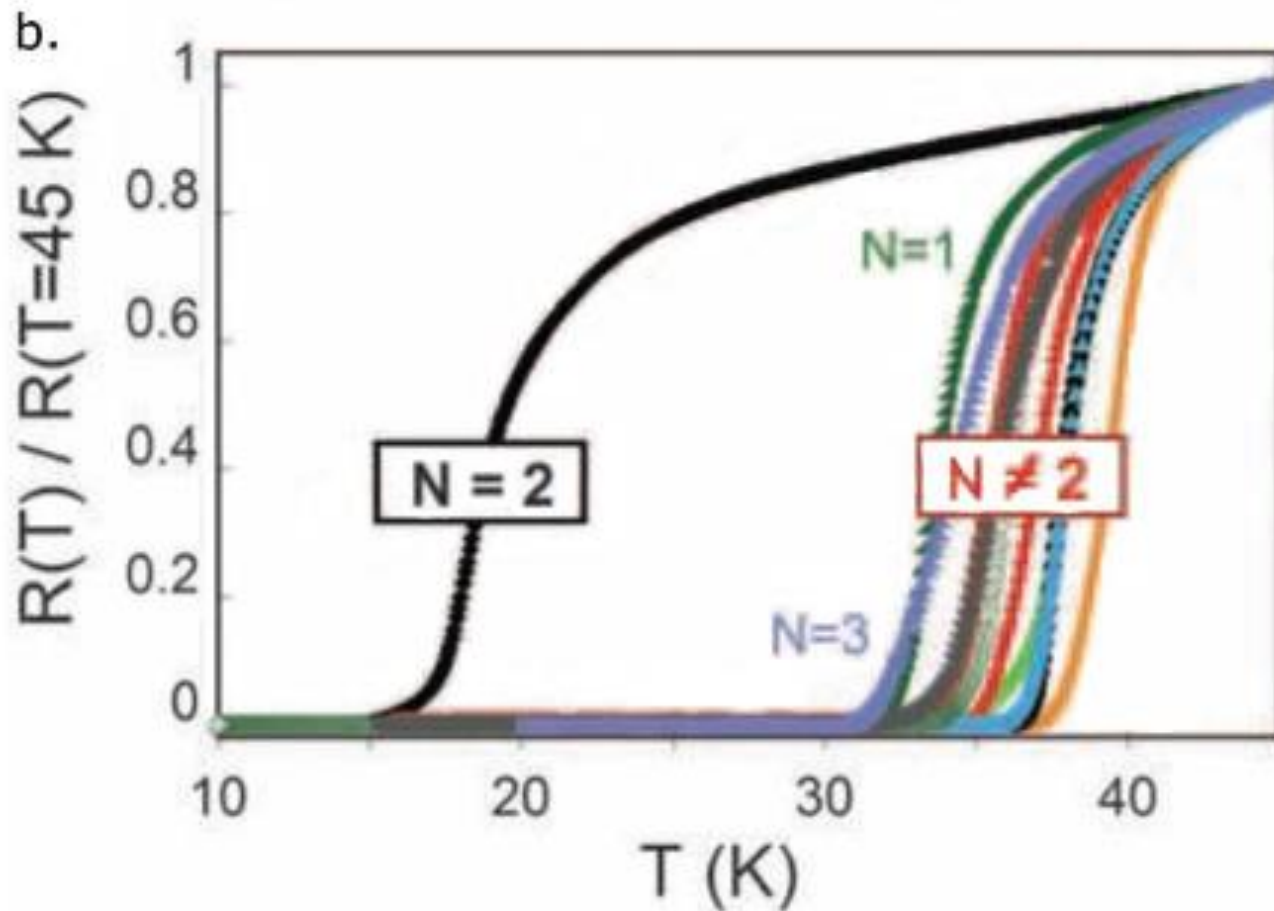


Profiling the wavefunction



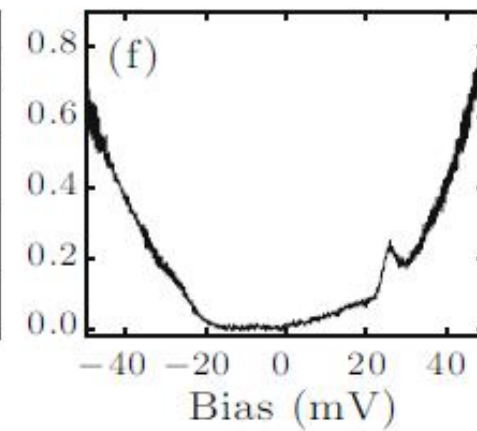
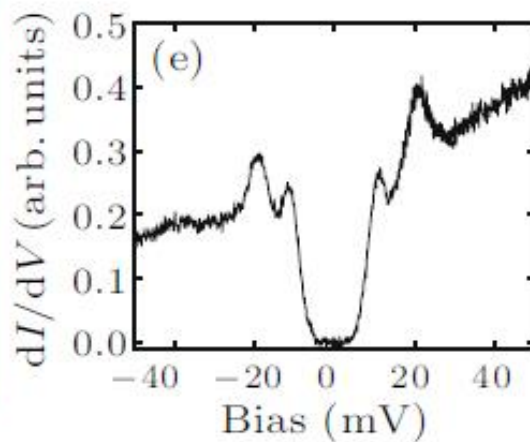
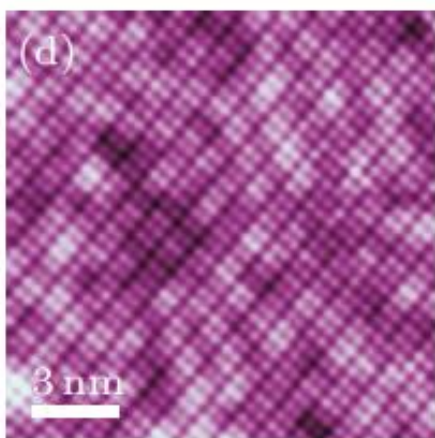
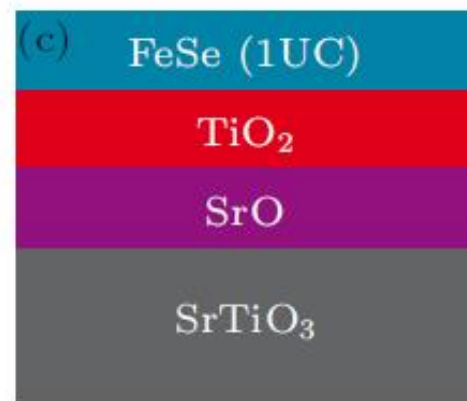
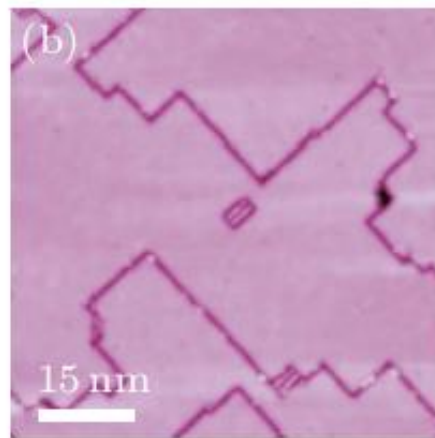
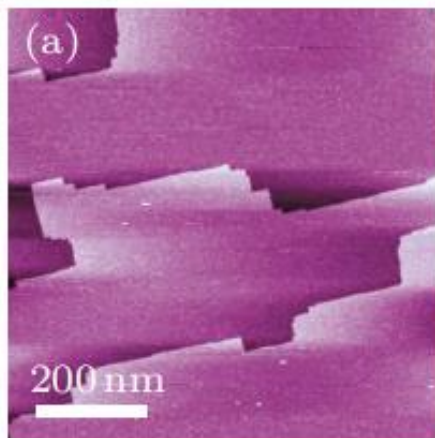


Only one layer is dominant



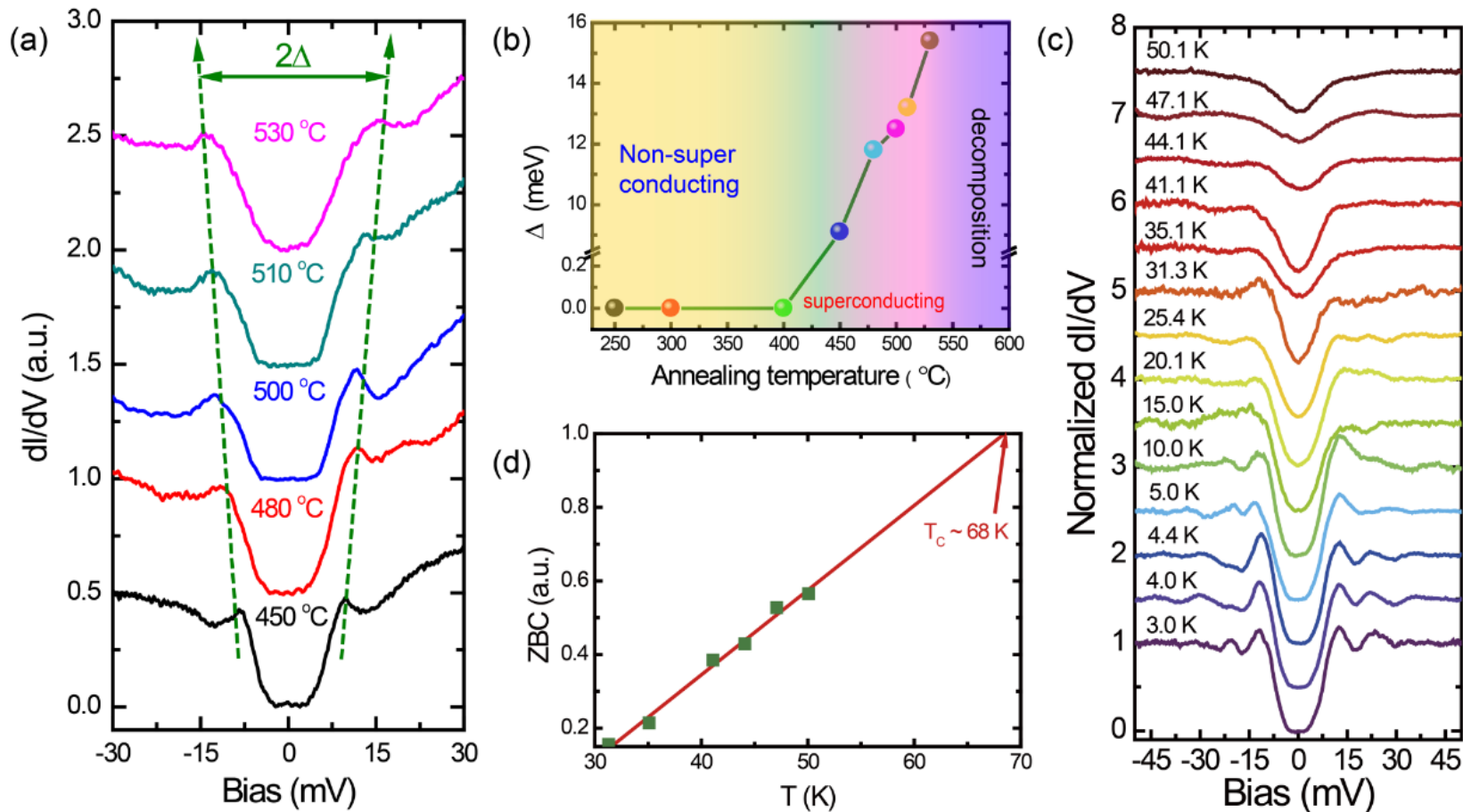


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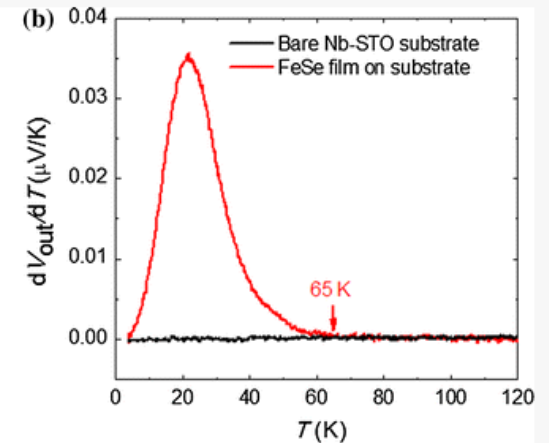
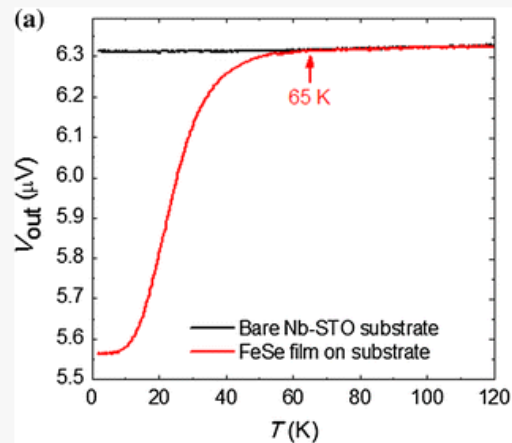
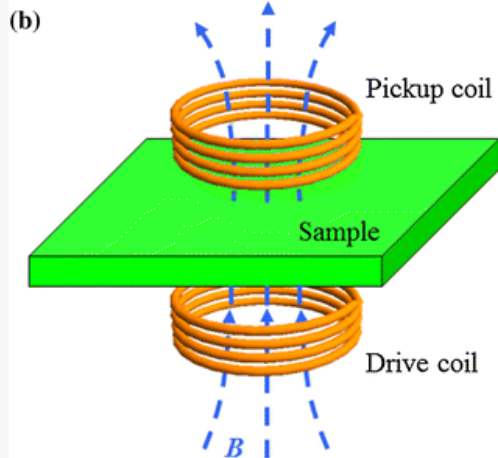
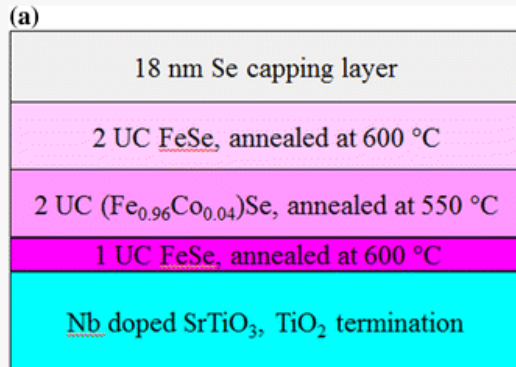


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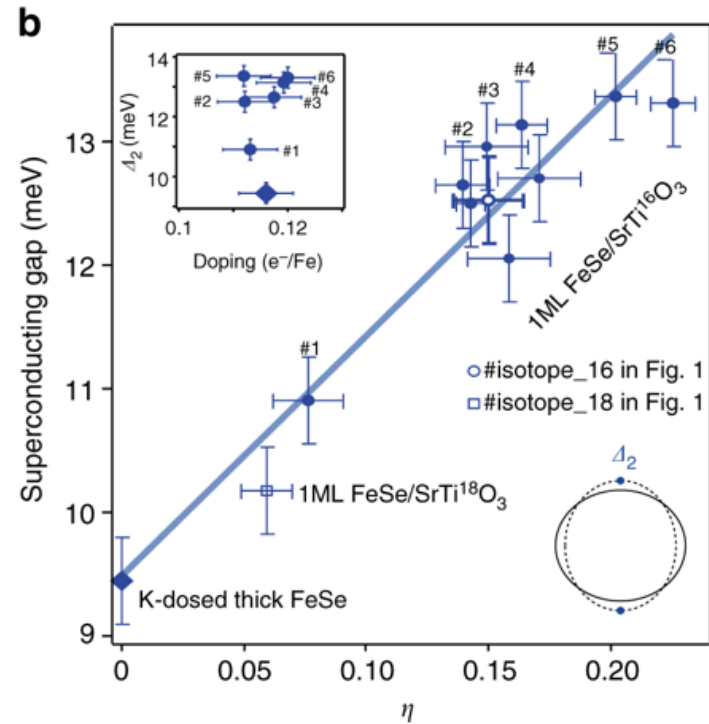
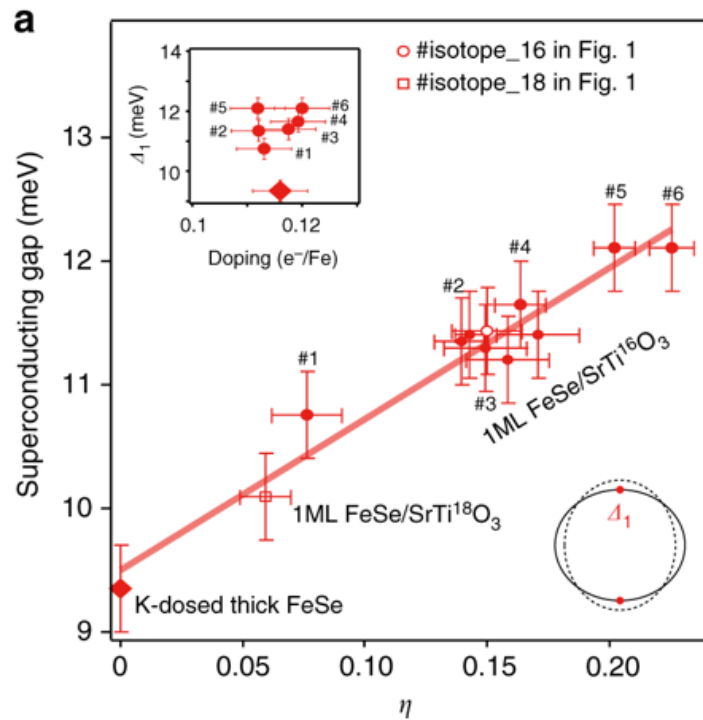


Meissner effect





Phonons from SrTiO₃





Other



1. PbTe-PbSe

2. MgO-Mg

3. LaAlO_3 - SrTiO_3

4. Graphite

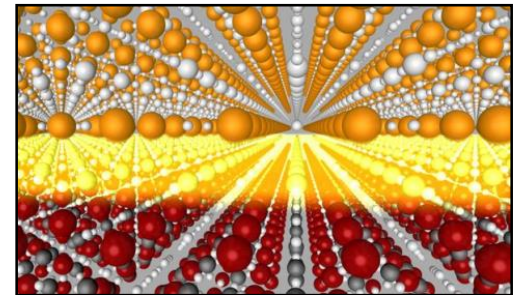
5. Na:WO_3



Gate-tunable superconductivity

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Field effect – parallel plate capacitor



$$Q = C V$$

$$C = \epsilon \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$$

Si MOSFET

Topgate: 1 V $\Rightarrow \Delta Q = 5 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

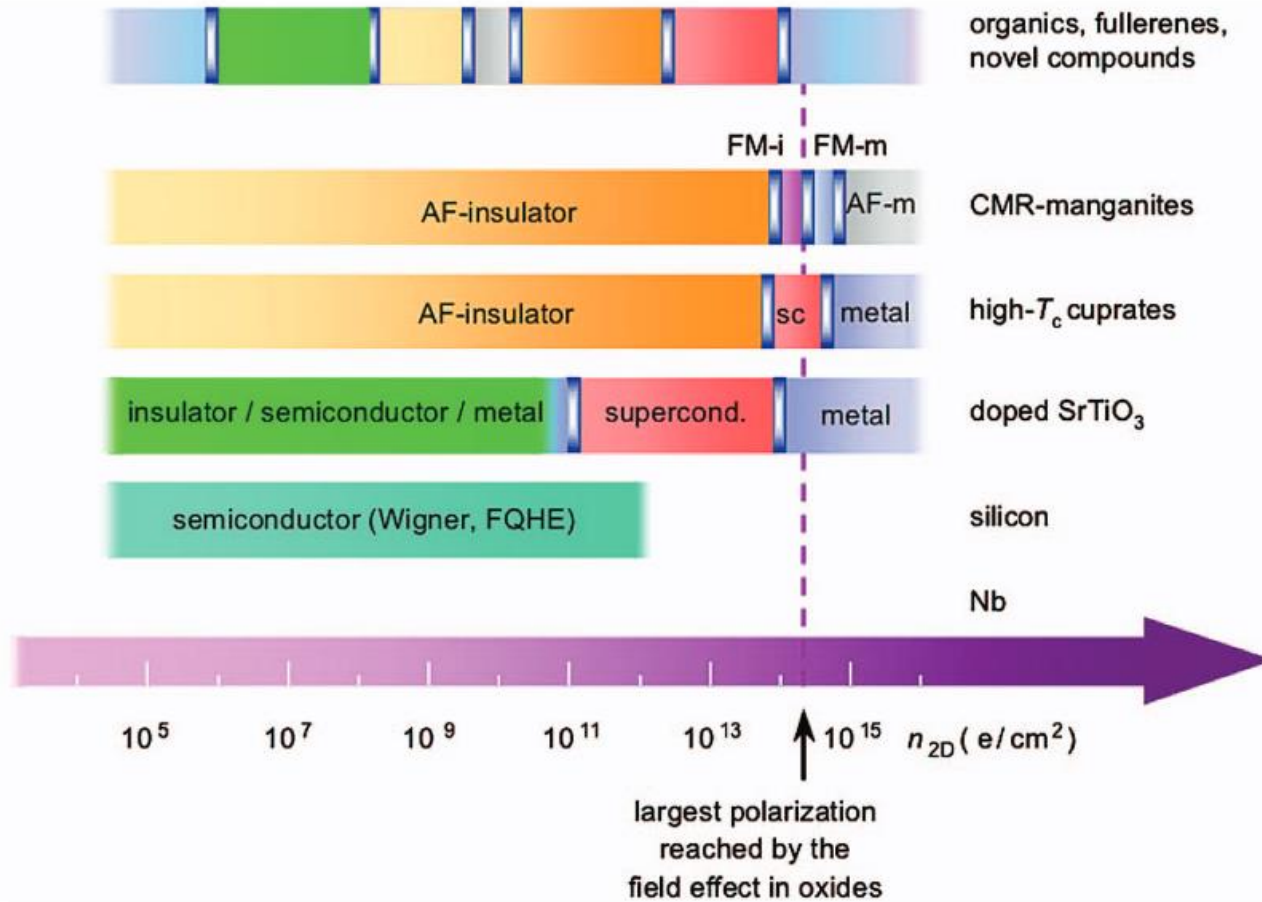
LAO-STO:

Topgate: 1 V $\Rightarrow \Delta Q = 3 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Backgate: 100 V $\Rightarrow \Delta Q = 1 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



How much polarization do we need?





History

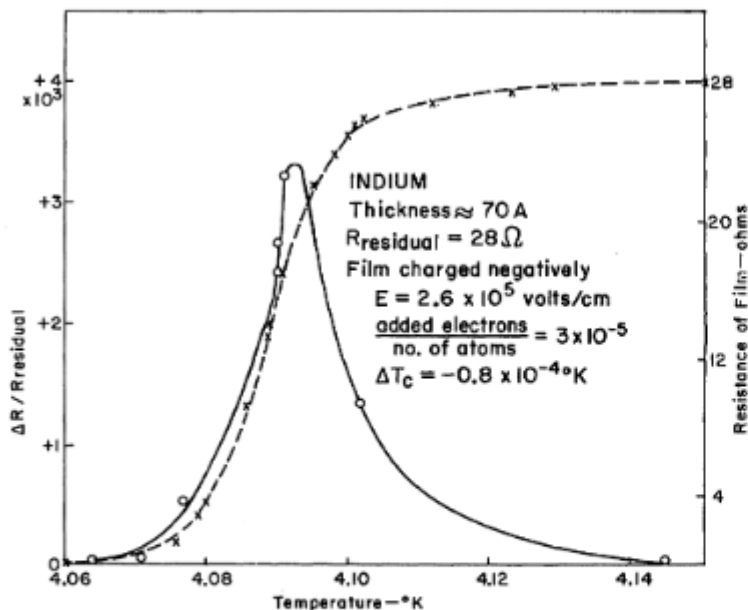
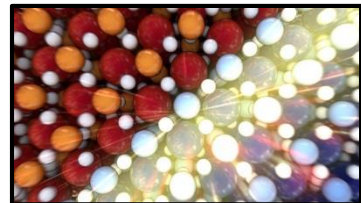


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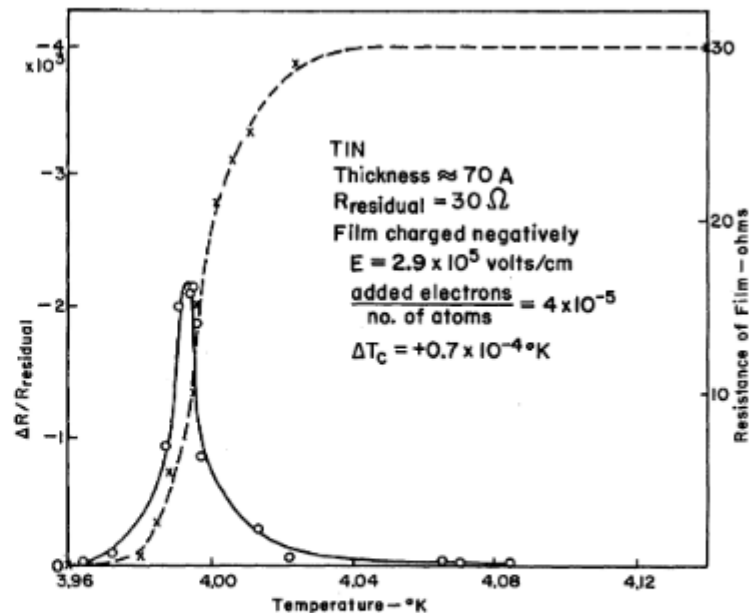


FIG. 2. Transition curve and change of resistance caused by negative charging of a tin film. Positive charging produces a change in resistance of the same size but in the opposite direction.



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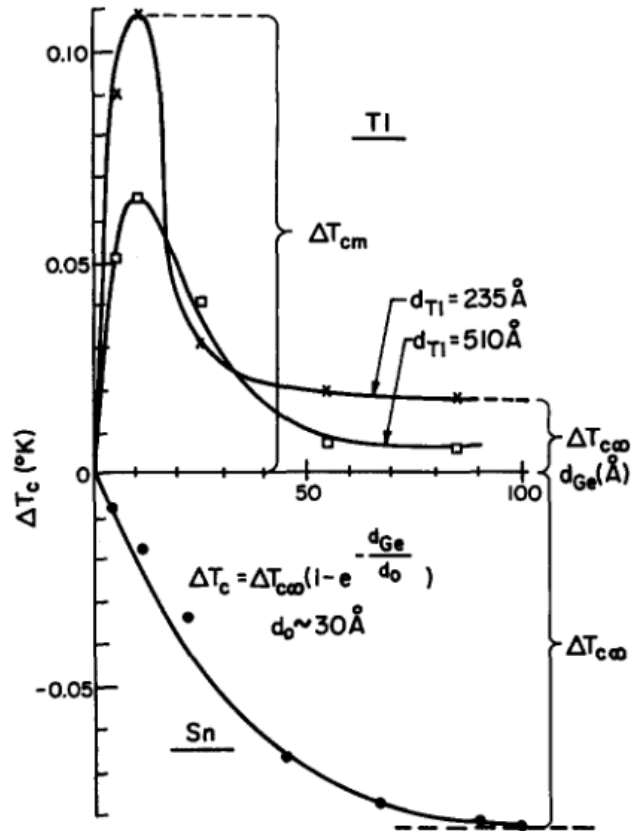


Fig.1. The change of transition temperature of a 315 Å Sn film as a function of the thickness of a Ge coating and the change of transition temperature of two simultaneously deposited Tl films as a function of the thickness of a Ge coating.

● 315 Å Sn film, □ 510 Å Tl film, × 235 Å Tl film.

The effect of the deposition of thin Ge coatings on thin Sn and Tl films is reported. T_c for Sn is reduced while T_c for Tl is increased. An anomalous increase in T_c for Tl appears for approximately a monolayer coating of Ge which is interpreted as evidence for "surface superconductivity". The decrease in T_c for Sn is attributed to the removal of electrons from the Sn to form the contact potential.



YBCO FET

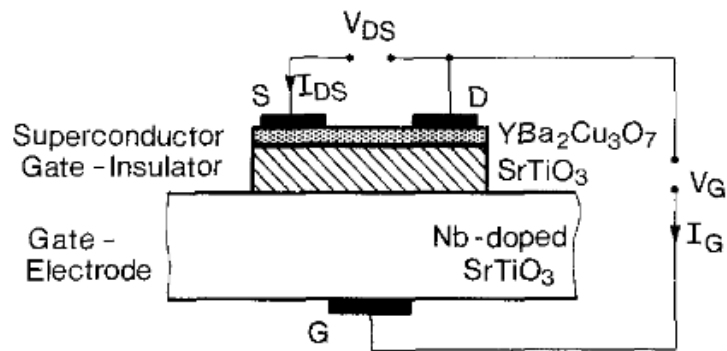
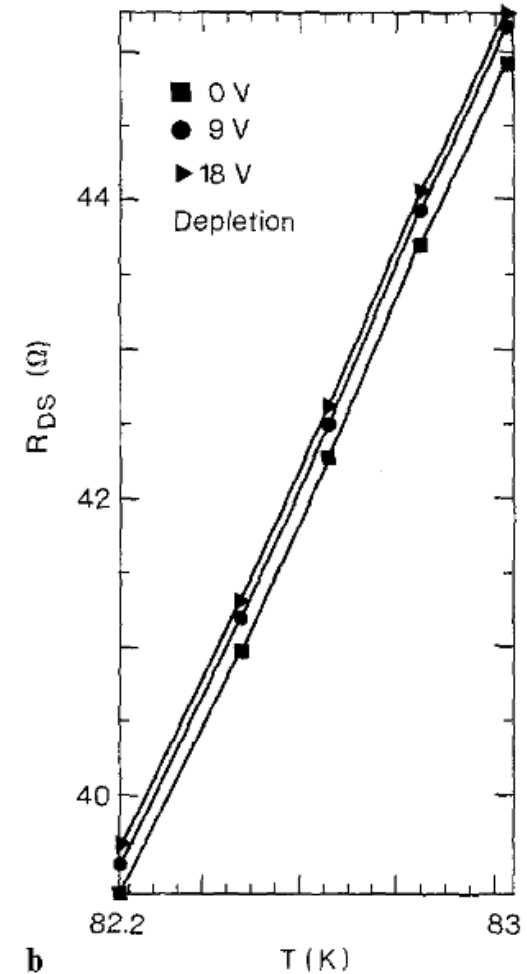


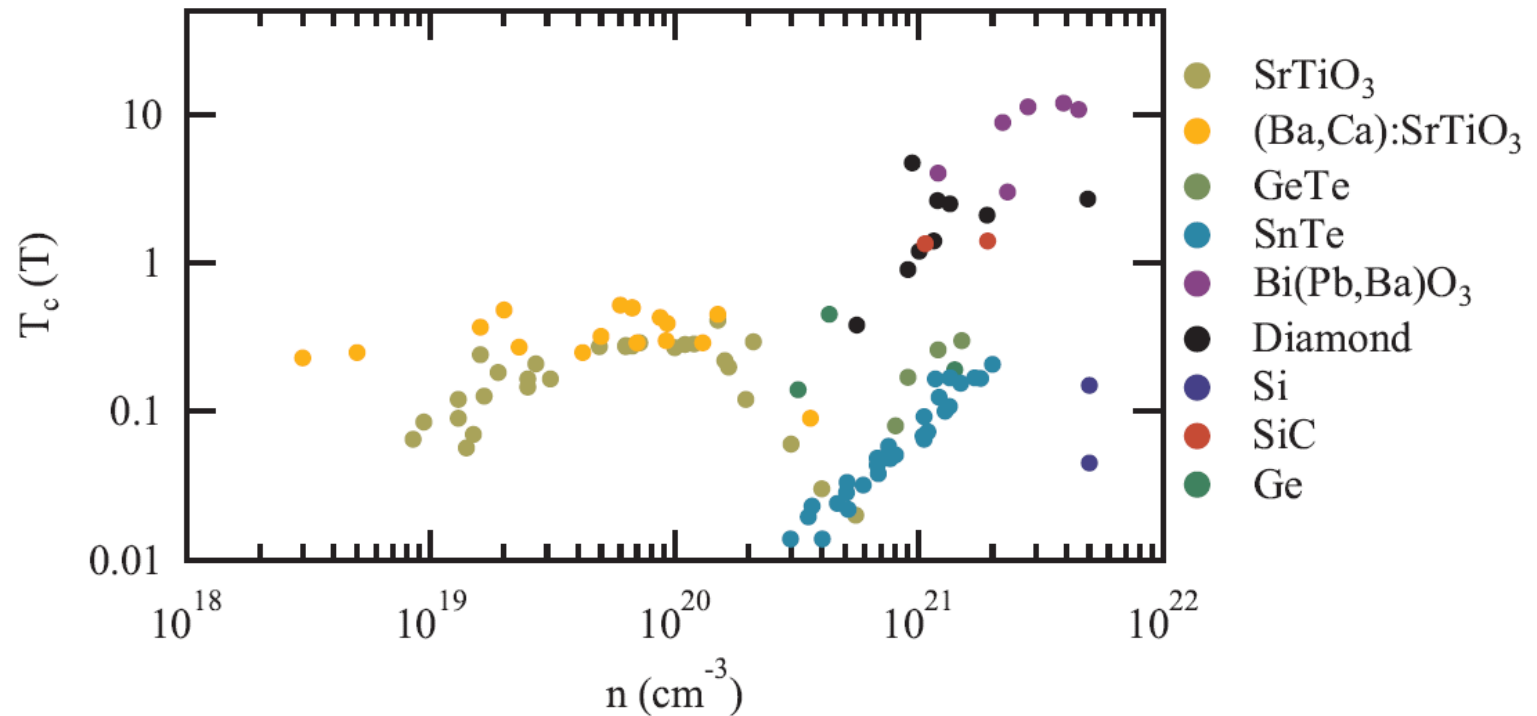
Fig. 1. Sketch of the inverted MISFET structure (cross section)

1% resistance change
10 nm film



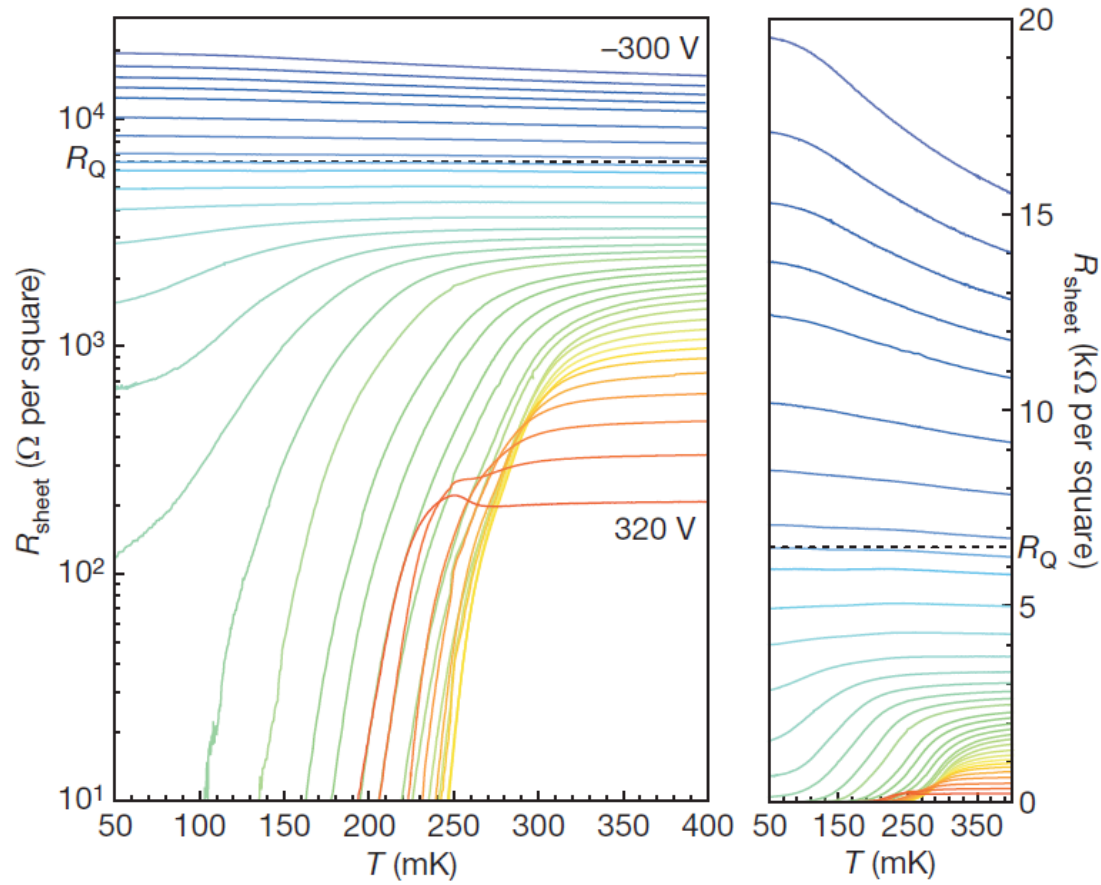


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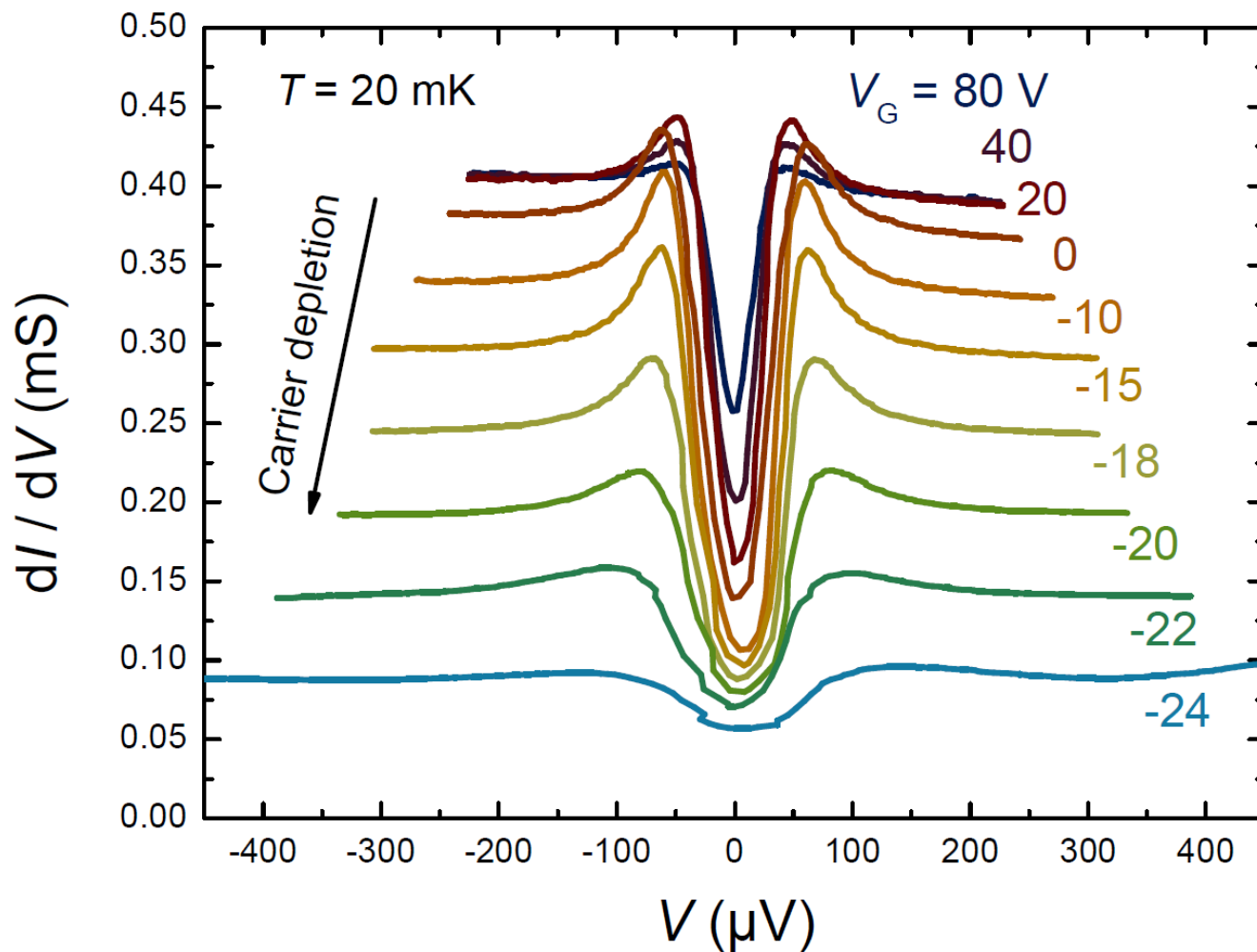
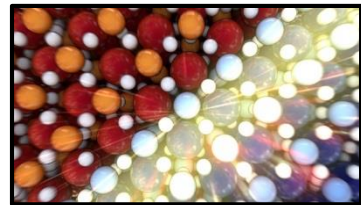


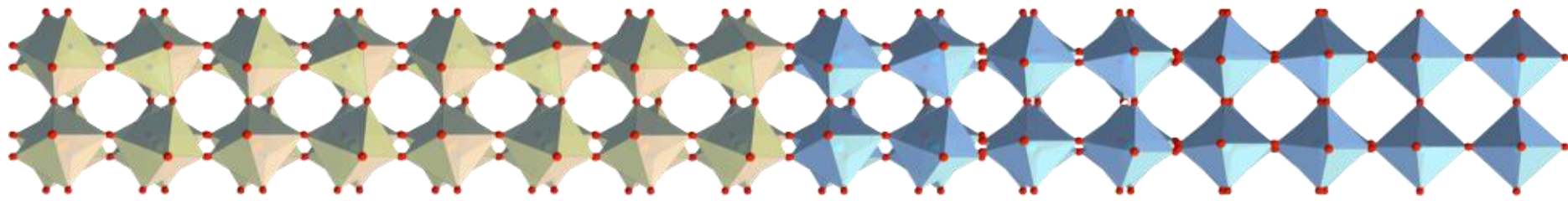
Electrostatic control of a superconductor





Superconducting gap





Quantum Interference in an Interfacial Superconductor*

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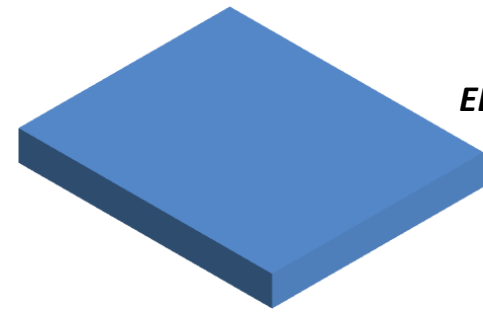
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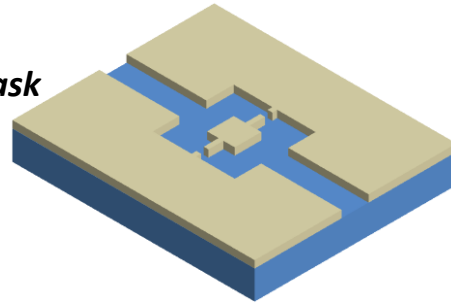
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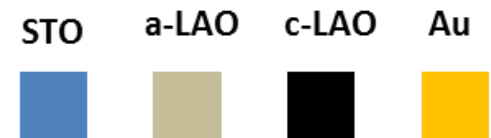
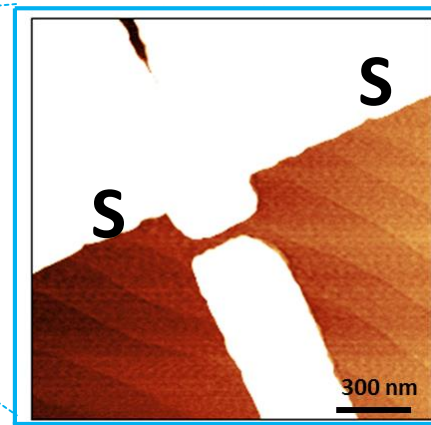
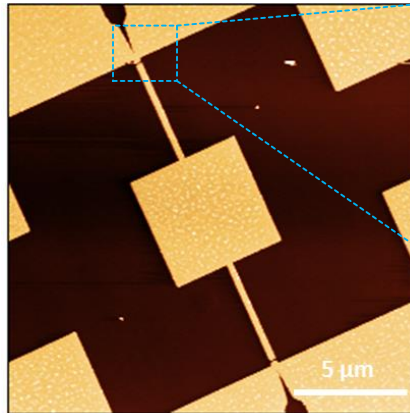
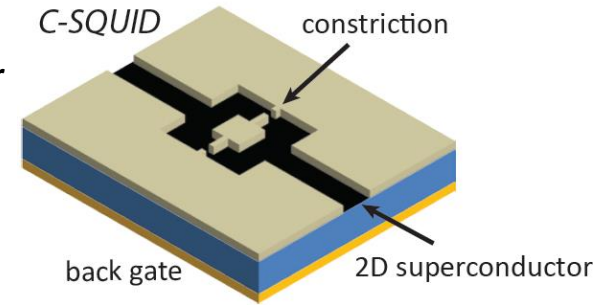
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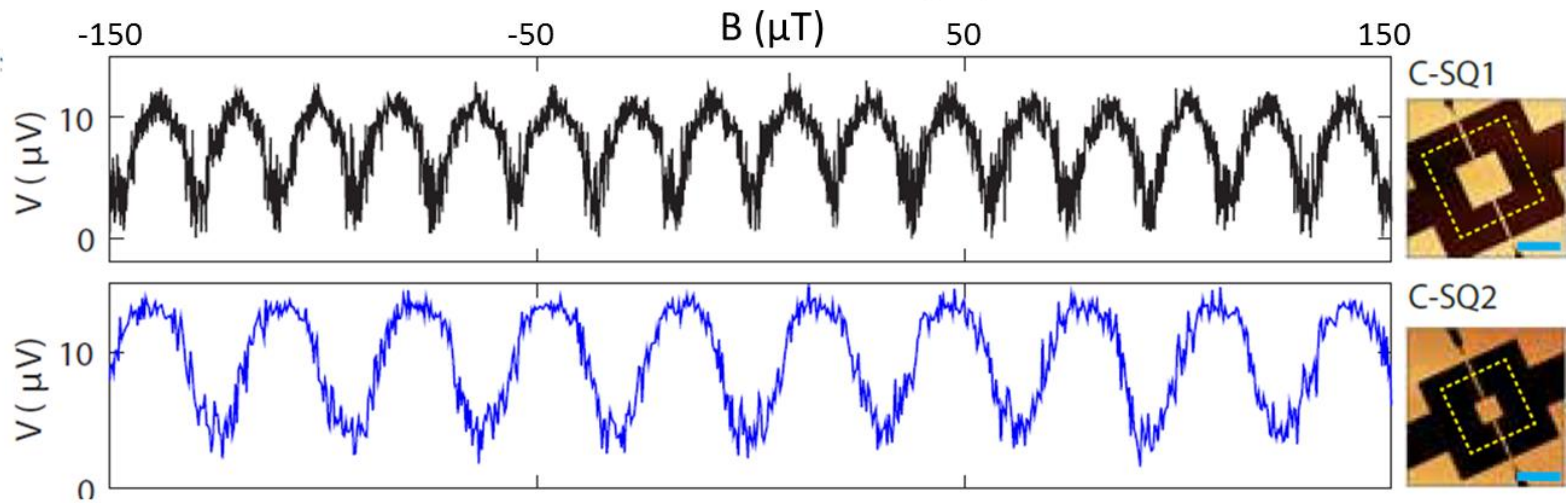
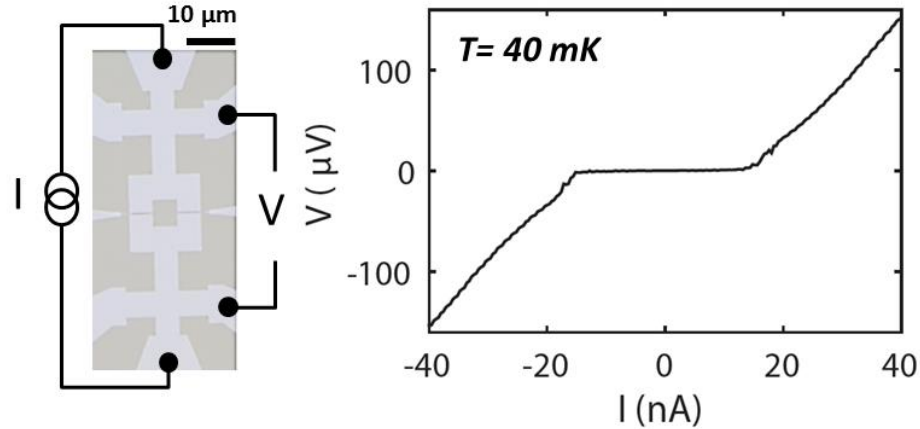
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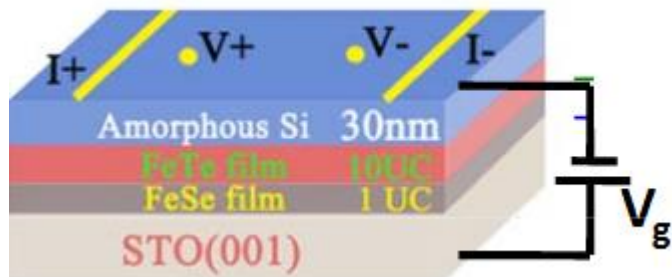
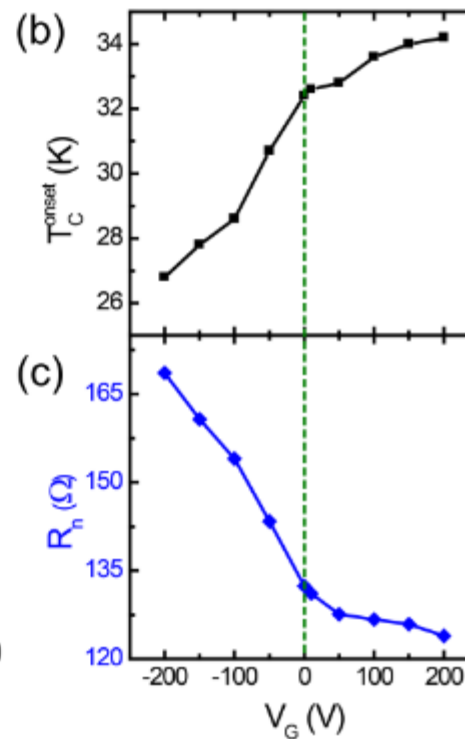
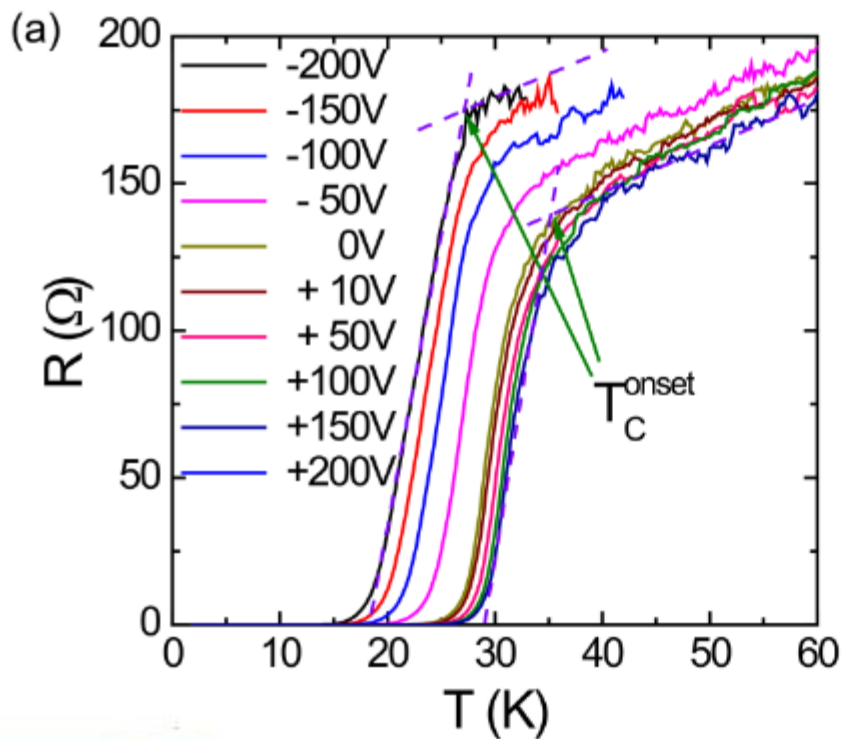


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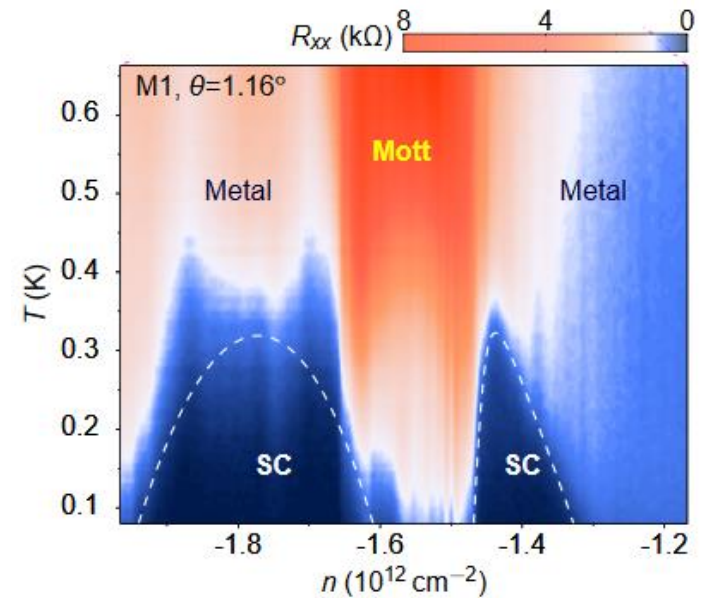
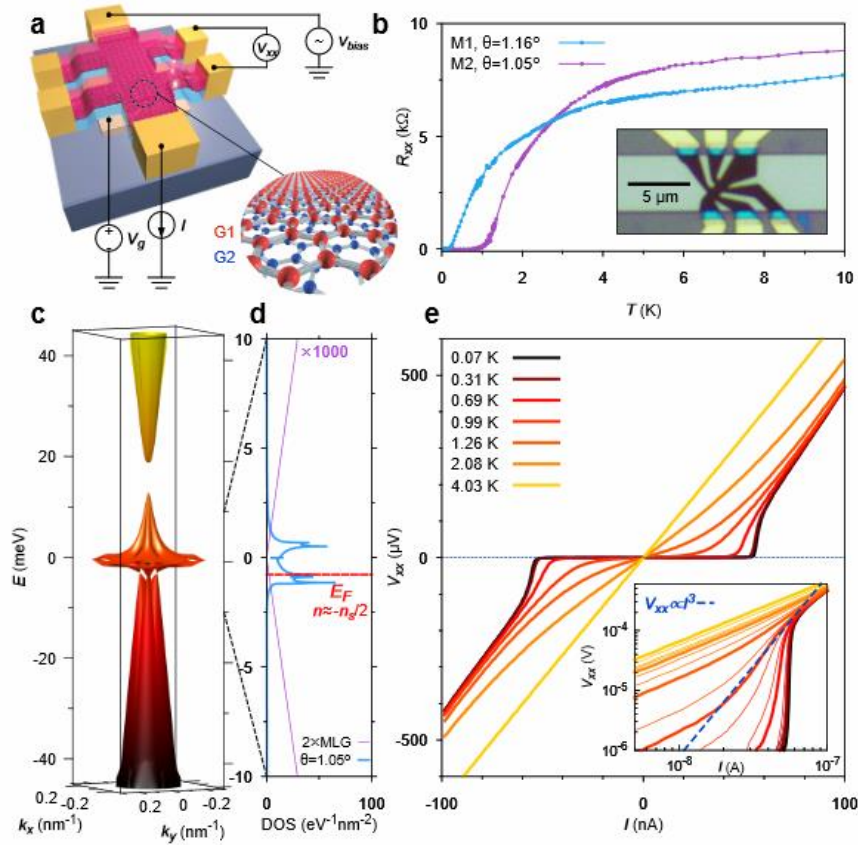


Gating FeSe-SrTiO₃



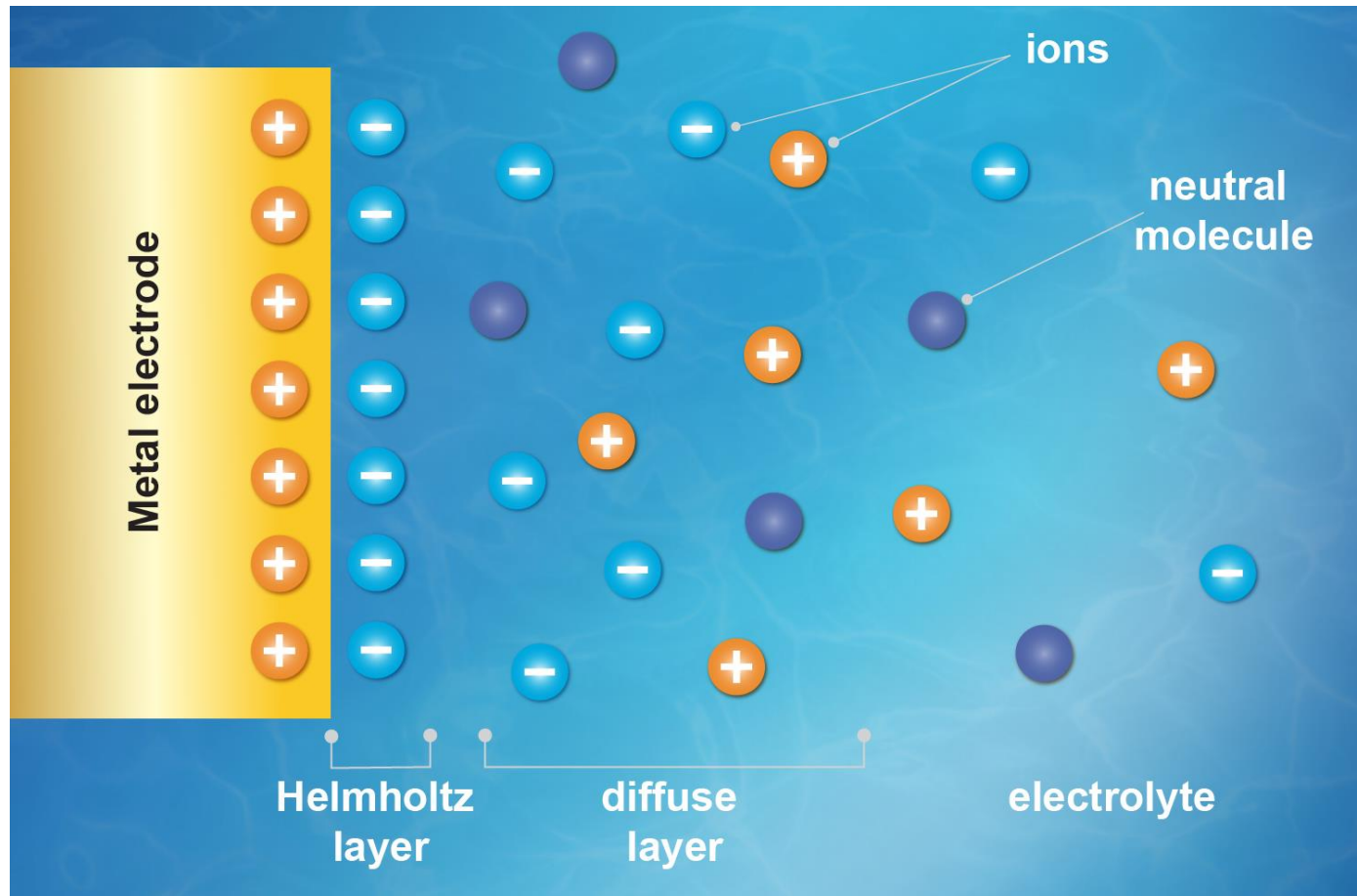


Graphene Heterostructures



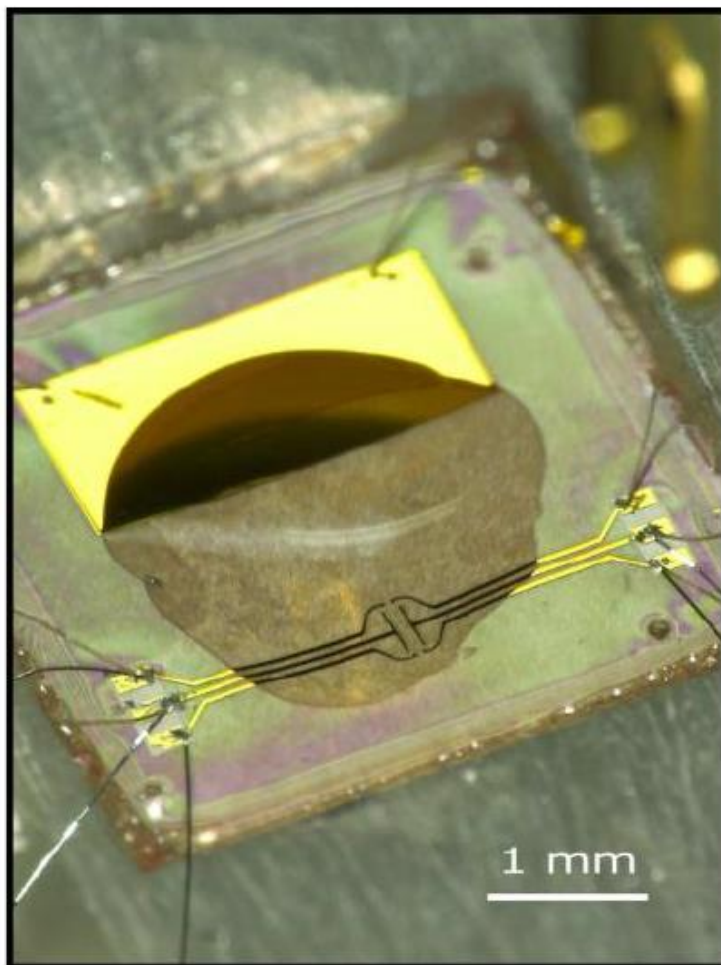


Electrolyte gating





Typical layout





Electrolyte gating



Advantage:

huge polarization of order 10^{15} cm^{-2}

Easy fabrication

Not many shorts

Disadvantage:

Electrolytes freeze, gate voltage change only possible above melting temperature

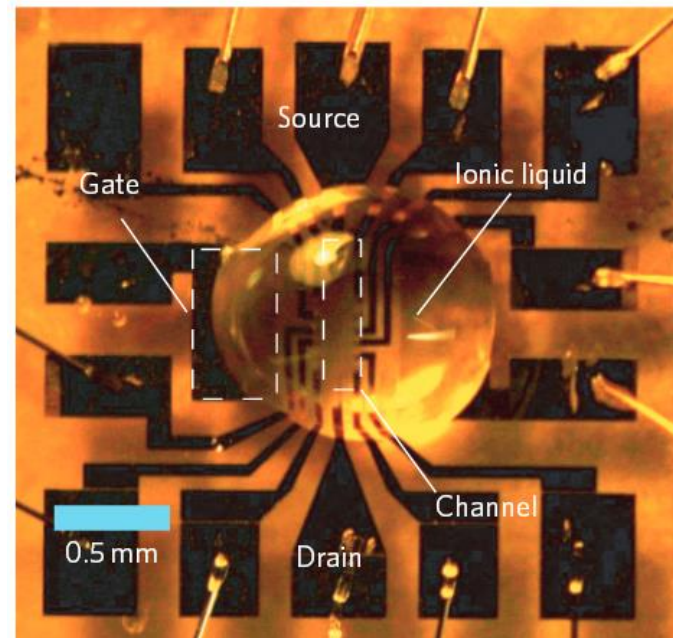
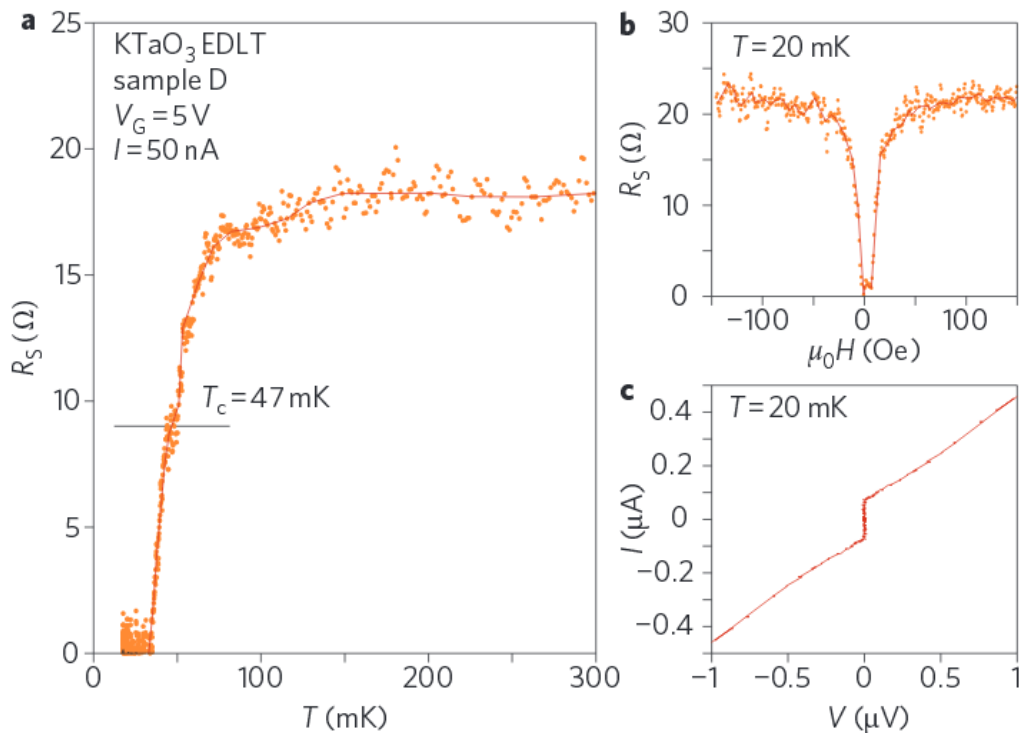
Electrochemical modification of material

Low frequency operation

Droplets are large

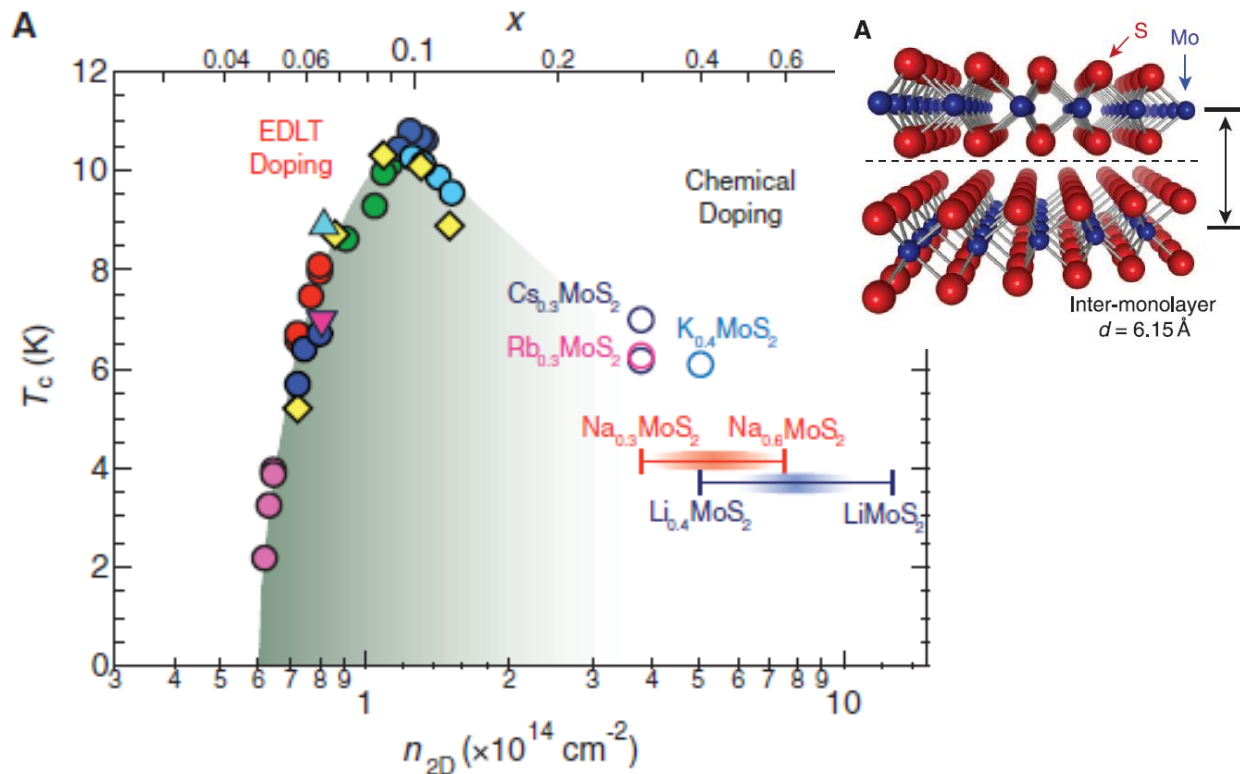
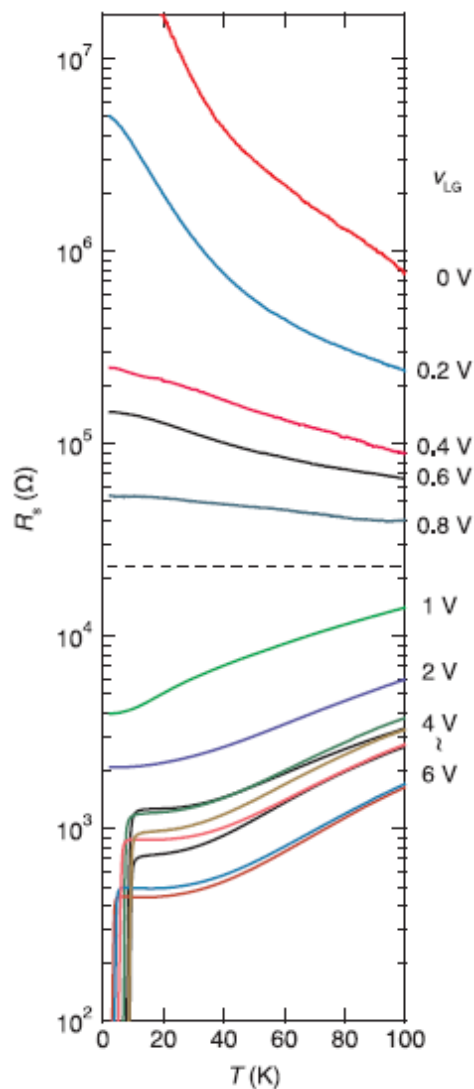
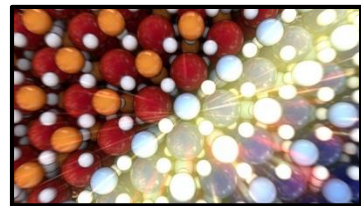


KTaO₃ becomes superconducting



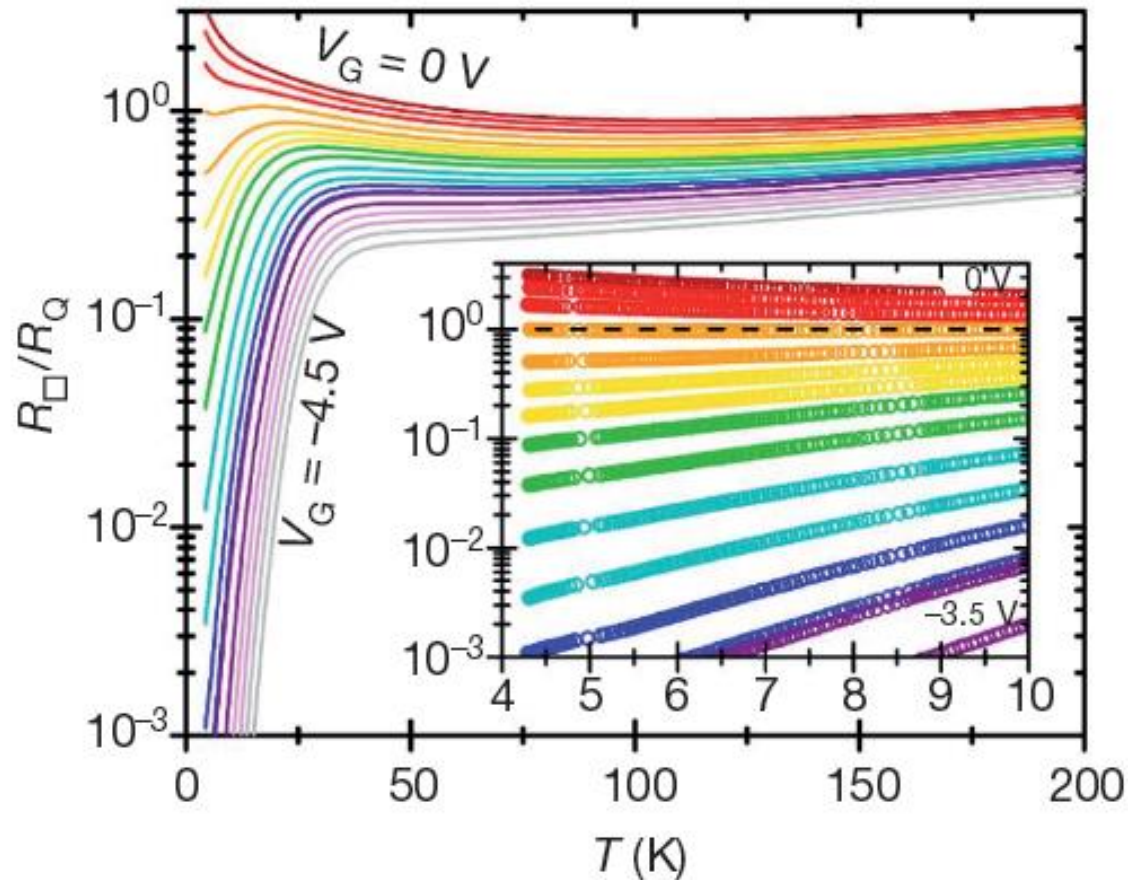


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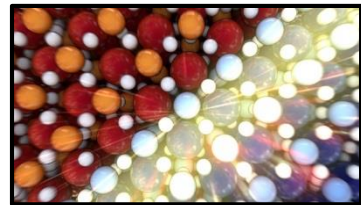


Gate voltage control of the cuprates





EDL superconductivity



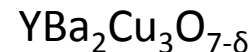
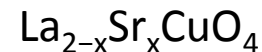
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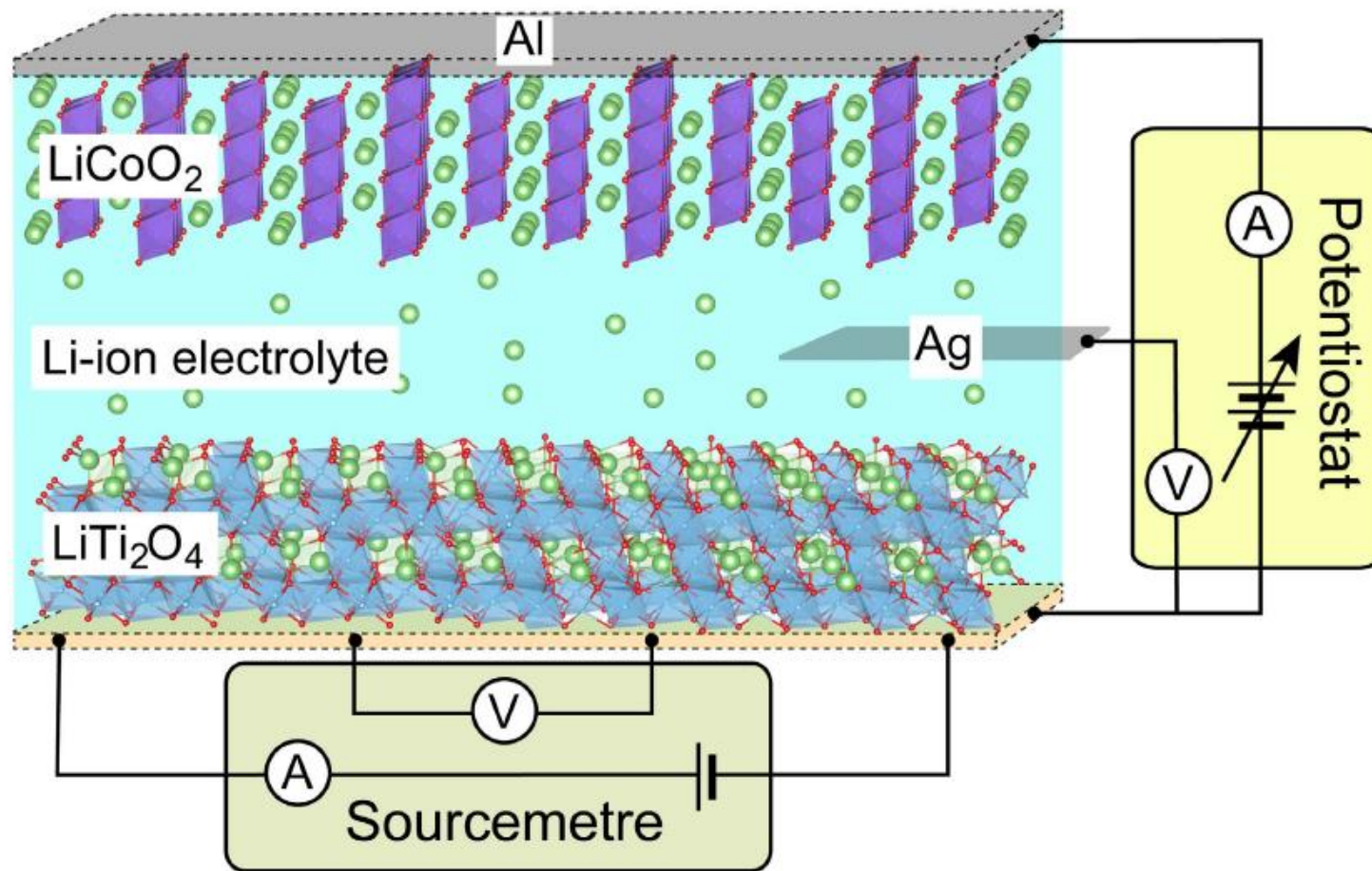
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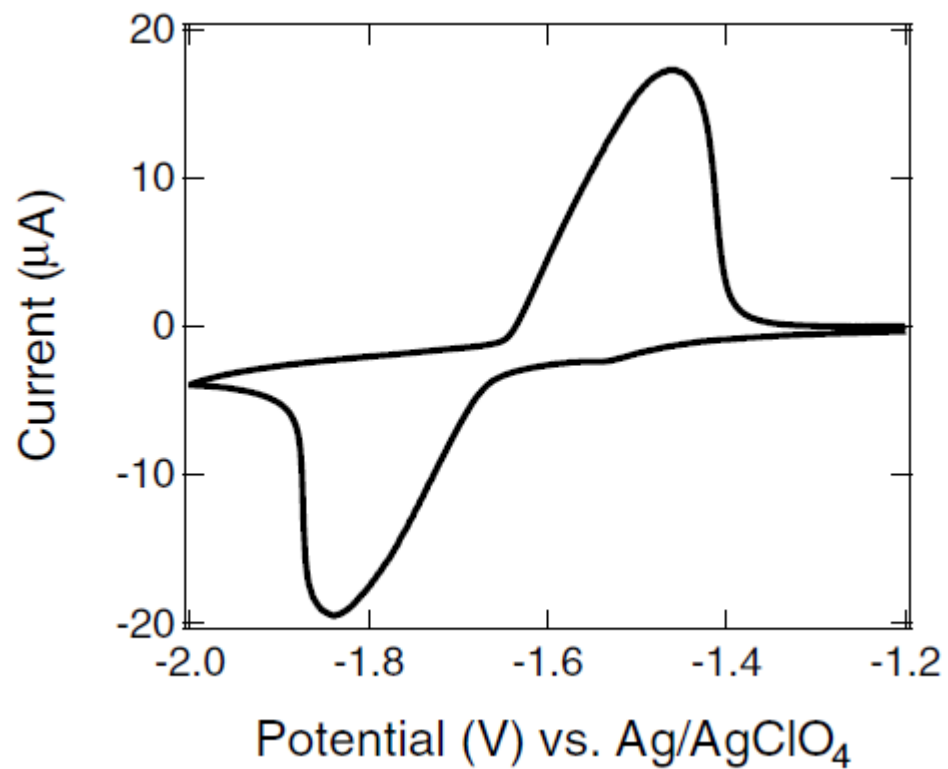


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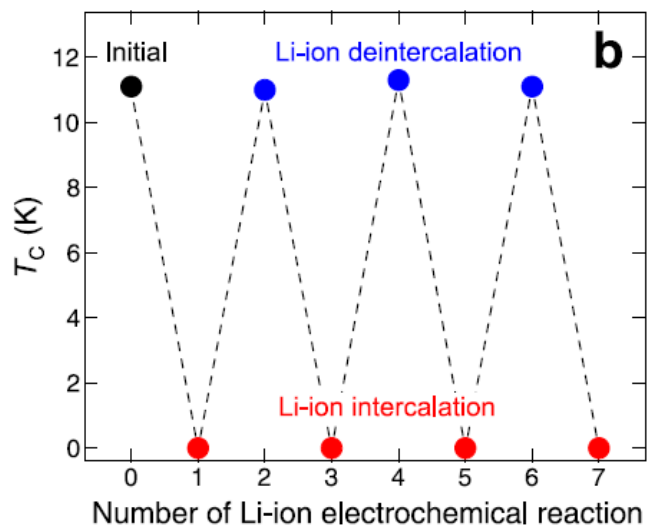
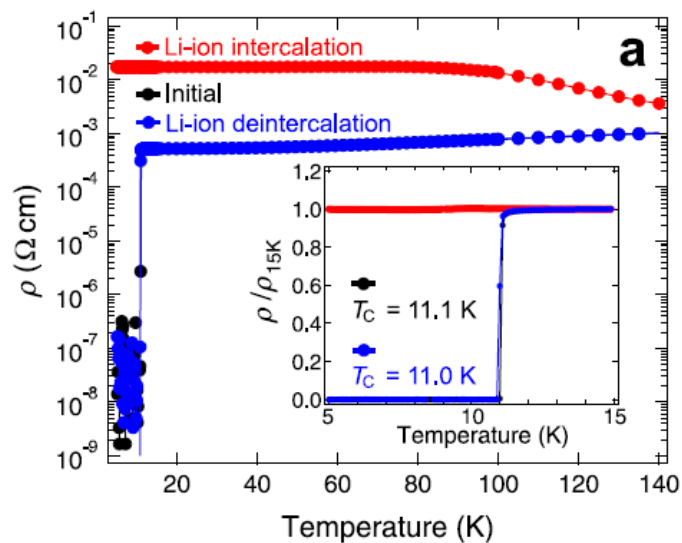


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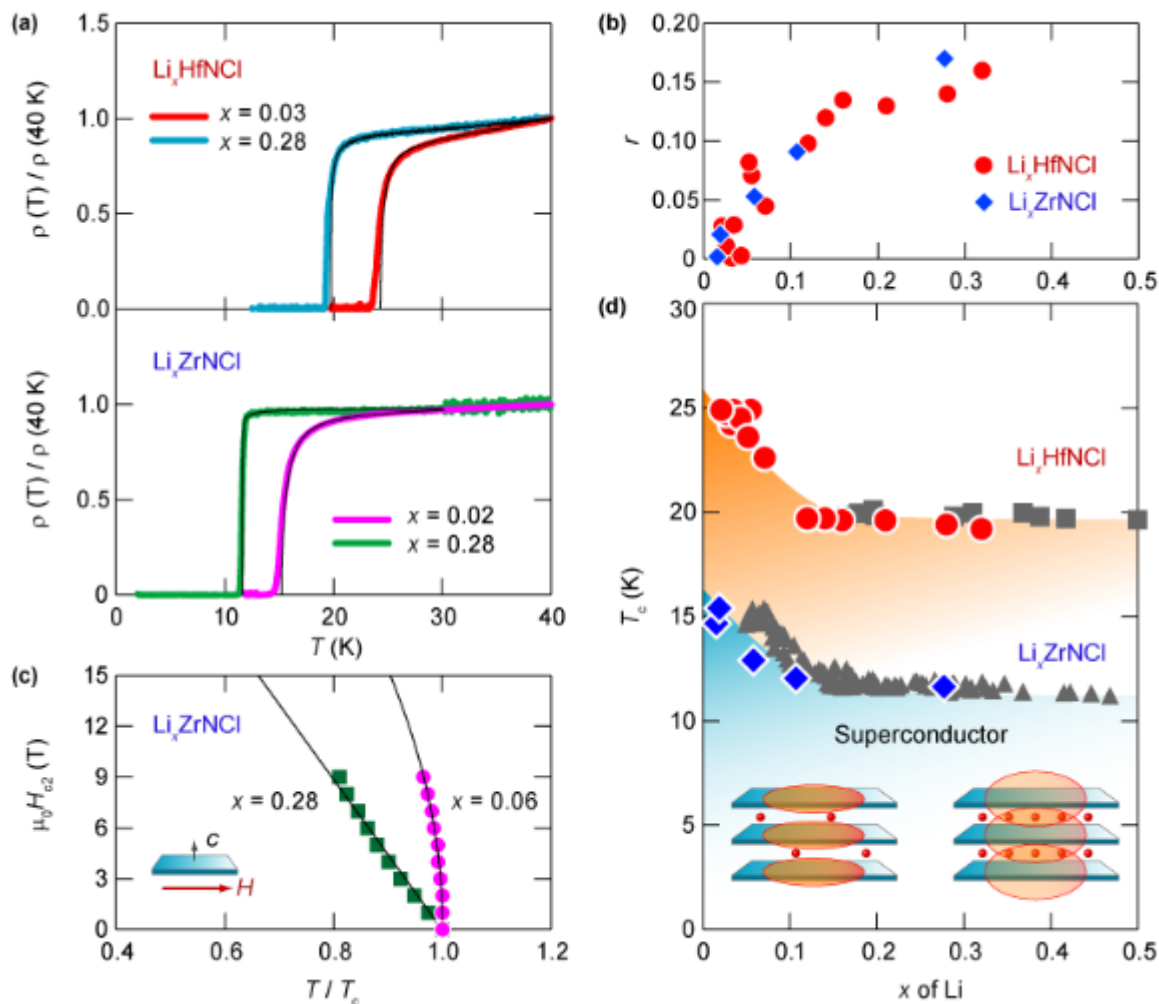


Superconductivity in a battery





Electrochemical Intercalation





Conclusions



- ✓ New superconductors to be found at interfaces
- ✓ Possibility to systematically investigate and optimize superconductivity
- ✓ New types of devices