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Conference on Superconductor-Insulator Transitions

18 - 23 May 2009, ICTP, Trieste, Italy

Programme List of Participants Speaker's Abstracts

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Organizer(s): Directors: M. Feigelman, M. Muller, Z. Ovadyahu, M. Sanquer. Local Organizer: V. Kravtsov
Trieste - Italy, 18 - 23 May 2009

Venue: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall

Preliminary Programme

Monday, 18 May (Room: Adriatico Guest House - Kastler Lecture Hall Area (Lower Level 1))

18 May 2009

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| 08:30 - 09:30 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Lower Level 1))
Registration and Administrative Formalities |
| 09:30 - 09:45 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 09:45 - 10:30 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
A. Kapitulnik / <i>Stanford University, USA</i>
Critical behavior near the superconductor-insulator transitions in two-dimensions |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
--- Coffee Break --- |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
A. Goldman / <i>University of Minnesota, USA</i>
Scaling Analyses of Direct Superconductor-Insulator Transitions in Disordered |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
V. Gantmakher / <i>Inst. of Solid State Physics, Moscow, Russian Federation</i>
Comparison of superconductor-insulator transitions in different materials |
| 12:30 - 14:30 | (Room: Adriatico Guest House Cafeteria)
--- Lunch Break --- |

- 14:30 - 15:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
D. Shahar / *The weizmann Inst. of Science, Rehovot, Israel*
The insulator in the superconductor-insulator transition
- 15:15 - 16:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
S. Ganapathy / *University of Buffalo, USA*
Inhomogeneous conduction near the quantum critical point in InO films
- 16:00 - 16:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
 --- Coffee Break ---
- 16:30 - 17:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
C. Strunk / *Universitaet Regensburg, Germany*
The Superconductor-Insulator transition in thin TiN films
- 19:00 - 21:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Cafeteria)
 --- RECEPTION ---

Tuesday, 19 May (Room:Adriatico Guest House - Kastler Lecture Hall Area (Lower Level 1))

19 May 2009

- 08:45 - 09:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
B. Sacepe / *University of Geneva, Switzerland*
Tunneling spectroscopy on amorphous indium oxide: spectral signature of incoherent Cooper-pairs
- 09:30 - 10:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
C. Chapelier / *C.E.A. Grenoble, France*
Fluctuations in thin superconducting TiN films
- 10:15 - 10:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
 --- Coffee Break ---
- 10:45 - 11:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
P. Raychaudhuri / *Tata Inst. of Fundamental Res. Mumbai, India*
Tunneling studies in a disordered s-wave superconductor close to the Fermi glass regime
- 11:30 - 12:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
N. P. Armitage / *John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA*
From classical to quantum: Broadband microwave studies of superconducting fluctuations in 2D InO thin Films
- 12:15 - 14:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Cafeteria)
 --- Lunch Break ---
- 14:00 - 14:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
P. Adams / *Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, USA*
Spin effects near the superconductor-insulator transition in ultra-thin Al and Be films
- 14:45 - 15:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
A. Frydman / *Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel*
Inverse proximity effect in thin superconducting and ferromagnetic layers
- 15:30 - 16:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
 --- Coffee Break ---

16:00 - 16:45 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
M. Gershenson / *Rutgers State University, Piscataway, USA*
Towards Realization of Topological Order in Josephson Arrays

20:00 - 21:30 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
Round Table 1: News and views, and open questions on the SI-transition

Wednesday, 20 May (Room:Adriatico Guest House - Kastler Lecture Hall Area (Lower Level 1))

20 May 2009

08:45 - 09:30 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
M. Cieplak / *Inst. of Physics, PAS, Warsaw, Poland*
Superconductor-Insulator Transition in High-Tc and Conventional Superconducting Films

09:30 - 10:15 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
A. Yazdani / *Princeton University, USA*
Nodal Quasi-Particles & the Suppression of Superconductivity with Doping & Temperature in Cuprates

10:15 - 10:45 (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
--- Coffee Break ---

10:45 - 11:30 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
N. Trivedi / *The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA*
Nature of Superconducting and Insulating States in a Disordered System

11:30 - 12:15 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
M. Mueller / *ICTP, Trieste, Italy*
Compensation driven superconductor-insulator transition

12:15 - 14:00 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Cafeteria)
--- Lunch Break ---

14:00 - 14:45 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
S. Gariglio / *Universite de Geneve, Switzerland*
Electric Field Tuning of Superconductivity at the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ Interface

14:45 - 15:30 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
T. Schneider / *University of Zurich, Switzerland*
Finite size effects in 2D superconductors

15:30 - 16:00 (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
--- Coffee Break ---

16:00 - 16:45 (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
B. Kessler / *Univ. of California at Berkeley, USA*
Tunable Superconducting Transition in Doped Graphene Sheets

17:00 - 19:00 (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Lower Level 1))
Poster Session

Thursday, 21 May (Room:Adriatico Guest House - Kastler Lecture Hall Area (Lower Level 1))

21 May 2009

- 08:45 - 09:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
T. Grenet / *LEPES - CNR, Grenoble, France*
Glassiness in insulating granular aluminum thin films
- 09:30 - 10:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
O. Entin-Wohlman / *Tel Aviv University, Israel*
The conductance of superconducting-normal hybrid structures
- 10:15 - 10:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
--- Coffee Break ---
- 10:45 - 11:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
A. Ioselevich / *Landau Inst. for Theoretical Physics, Moscow, Russian Federation*
Coulomb effects in a mixed granular system near the percolation threshold
- 11:30 - 12:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
V. Kravtsov / *ICTP, Trieste, Italy*
Giant jumps in nonlinear resistance: bistability caused by overheating of an electron system
- 12:15 - 14:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Cafeteria)
--- Lunch Break ---
- 14:00 - 14:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
M. Feigelman / *L.D. Landau Inst. for Theoretical Physics, Moscow, Russian Federation*
Pseudogaped superconductivity of localized electrons
- 14:45 - 15:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
L. Ioffe / *Rutgers, the State Univ. of New Jersey, USA*
Phase transitions in strongly disordered magnets and superconductors on Bethe lattice
- 15:30 - 16:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
--- Coffee Break ---
- 16:00 - 16:45** **K. Efetov** / *Ruhr-Universitat Bochum, Germany*
Transport in a network of Josephson junctions in the insulating state
- 16:45 - 17:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
B. Altshuler / *Columbia University, New York, USA*
Many-Body Localization and Transport Properties of Insulation Josephson Arrays
- 20:00 - 21:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
Round Table 2: 2d superconductivity: Superconducting films, high T_c's, interfacial superconductivity - Similarities and differences

Friday, 22 May (Room: Adriatico Guest House - Kastler Lecture Hall Area (Lower Level 1))

22 May 2009

- 08:45 - 09:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
K. Prassides / *University of Durham, UK*
Fulleride superconductivity at hyperexpanded separations
- 09:30 - 10:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
E. Tosatti / *S.I.S.S.A., Trieste, Italy*
Strongly Correlated Superconductor-Mott insulator Transition in Fullerenes
- 10:15 - 10:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
--- Coffee Break ---

- 10:45 - 11:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
M. Fabrizio / *S.I.S.S.A., Trieste, Italy*
s-Wave superconductivity near a Mott transition: the puzzling case of fullerenes
- 11:30 - 12:15** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
A. Ardavan / *University of Oxford, UK*
Fluctuating and unconventional superconductivity in organic molecular metals
- 12:15 - 14:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
 --- Lunch Break ---
- 14:00 - 14:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
H. Aubin / *Ecole Sup. de Physique et Chimie Industrielle, Paris, France*
Nernst effect and superconducting glasses
- 14:45 - 15:30** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
M. Skvortsov / *L.D. Landau Inst. for Theoretical Physics, Moscow, Russian Federation*
Giant Nernst Effect due to Fluctuating Cooper Pairs in Superconductors
- 15:30 - 16:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
 --- Coffee Break ---
- 16:00 - 16:45** (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall)
K. Michaeli / *The Weizmann Inst. of Science, Rehovot, Israel*
Fluctuations of the superconducting order parameter as an origin of the Nernst effect
- 17:00 - 19:00** (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Lower Level 1))
Poster Session

Saturday, 23 May (Room: Adriatico Guest House Kastler Lecture Hall) (**Saturday**)

23 May 2009

09:00 - 10:30 **Informal Discussions**

10:30 - 11:00 (Room: Adriatico Guest House (Terrace))
 --- Coffee Break ---

11:00 - 11:45 **Informal Discussions**

11:45 - 12:00 **Concluding Remarks**



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Preliminary List of Participants

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Spin Effects near the Superconductor-Insulator Transition in Ultra-Thin Al and Be Films

I will present an overview of the Zeeman mediated superconductor-insulator (S-I) transition in ultra thin Al and Be films. Since these metals have a low spin-orbit scattering rate, spin is a good quantum number and we can use a parallel magnetic field to probe the spin states of the system through the S-I transition. I will show that in films with sheet resistance $R < h/e^2$, there is clear spectroscopic evidence of incoherent pairing in the Pauli-limited normal state of films, though the films are otherwise logarithmically insulating. On the insulating side of the zero-field S-I transition, in films with $R > h/e^2$, we show that the Zeeman field produces a multi-fold magnetoresistance that saturates near the quantum resistance. I will argue that this latter behavior is consistent with existence of localized Cooper pairs.

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Title:

Many-Body Localization and Transport Properties of Insulating Josephson Arrays

Recent experiments on charge transport in highly resistive films of superconducting materials revealed a quite unexpected behavior of these systems: Arrhenius law in temperature dependence of conductivity accompanied with low temperature anomalies, specific singularities in nonlinear transport, etc. It looks like this behavior can be explained at least qualitatively on the basis of the many-body localization concept. I will discuss these theoretical predictions, its relevance to experiments and open problems in this field.

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Fluctuating and unconventional superconductivity in organic molecular metals

The isostructural series of quasi-two-dimensional organic metals κ -(BEDT-TTF) $_2$ X exhibit strong Coulomb correlations and a bandwidth that depends on the constituent X. This results in a ground state which may be tuned from an antiferromagnetic Mott insulator for the narrow-bandwidth $X=\text{Cu}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]\text{Cl}$ compound through a superconducting state ($X=\text{Cu}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]\text{Br}$ and $X=\text{Cu}(\text{NCS})_2$) into a normal metal as the bandwidth increases. This series thus offers an experimental environment in which to study superconductivity in the proximity of a Mott insulating state.

We show that the superconductivity exhibits various unconventional features: measurements of the Nernst effect reveal fluctuating superconductivity substantially above T_c as the Mott state is approached [1]; and the dependence of T_c on quasiparticle scattering rate indicates that the pairing is almost certainly not simple s-wave [2]. While these results are analogous to observations made in the high- T_c cuprate superconductors, there are key differences between the organics and the cuprates which may reveal new insights into the physics of strongly correlated superconductors.

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**From classical to quantum:
Broadband microwave studies of superconducting
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We apply a new broadband microwave 'Corbino' technique to the study of 2D disordered superconducting InO_x thin films across the superconductor insulator transition. Explicit frequency dependency of the superfluid stiffness and complex conductivity are obtained down to 290mK from 10MHz to 20GHz. AC measurements such as these ones are explicitly sensitive to the time scales of various superconducting fluctuation modes. We discuss various regimes of classical fluctuations and evidence for quantum superconducting fluctuations as the system is driven with increasing disorder across the 2D superconductor-insulator transition and into the unconventional insulating state.

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Nernst effect and superconducting TiN glasses

In amorphous superconducting thin films of $\text{Nb}_{0.15}\text{Si}_{0.85}$ and InO_x , a finite Nernst coefficient can be detected in a wide range of temperature and magnetic field. Due to the negligible contribution of normal quasi-particles, superconducting fluctuations easily dominate the Nernst response in the entire range of study. In the vicinity of the critical temperature and in the zero-field limit, the magnitude of the signal is in quantitative agreement with what is theoretically expected for the Gaussian fluctuations of the superconducting order parameter. Even at higher temperatures and finite magnetic field, the Nernst coefficient is set by the size of superconducting fluctuations. The Nernst coefficient emerges as a direct probe of the ghost critical field, the normal-state mirror of the upper critical field. Moreover, upon leaving the normal state with fluctuating Cooper pairs, we show that the temperature evolution of the Nernst coefficient is different whether the system enters a vortex solid, a vortex liquid or a phase-fluctuating superconducting regime.

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Title: **Fluctuations in thin superconducting TiN films**

Homogeneously disordered superconducting TiN thin films close to the superconductor-insulator transition (SIT) have been investigated by scanning tunneling spectroscopy [1]. At low temperature, we observed spatial fluctuations of the superconducting gap Δ in agreement with theoretical predictions [2,3]. When the sample gets closer to the critical disorder, its superconducting critical temperature T_c is significantly depressed towards zero while these inhomogeneities are reinforced with a local strong Δ/T_c ratio. This non vanishing spectral gap demonstrates the persistence of local superconducting pairing across the disorder-tuned SIT. At higher temperature, a pseudogap state has been revealed above T_c . The thermal evolution of the density of states at the Fermi level in this pseudogap regime, analysed in the framework of disorder-enhanced superconducting fluctuations, gives a clear signature of short-lived Cooper pairs well above T_c . The interplay of these superconducting fluctuations with the Coulomb interaction will be discussed.

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Superconductor-Insulator Transition in High- T_c and Conventional Superconducting Films

One of the most interesting, still poorly understood problems in condensed matter physics is the nature of the evolution from the superconducting to the insulating state with the increasing disorder or the application of the magnetic field. The competing theories propose that the Cooper pairs are destroyed at the superconductor-insulator transition (SIT) in 2-dimensional systems (2D), or, that they survive in the insulating state; there are also suggestions of the percolation of the locally superconducting clusters. Recent experiments on the SIT induced by the magnetic field in conventional superconductors indicate the presence of the peak in the positive magnetoresistance (p-MR) in the immediate vicinity of the SI transition; it is believed that these effects may be attributed to the existence of superconducting islands immersed in the insulating matrix. It has been suggested that similar field-induced SI transition may occur in high- T_c superconductors in the underdoped regime, in which some experiments indicate the presence of microscopic superconducting areas immersed in more insulating background.

In this talk I will discuss first our experimental studies of the magnetoresistance (MR) in the insulating, spin-glass regime of $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$ [1]. We find large negative MR at low temperatures which we attribute to spin-related effects, and positive orbital MR, which we show is consistent with the the Maki-Thompson contribution to the interaction effects. This observation indicates the presence of superconducting fluctuations which exists deep inside the insulating phase. In this respect our observation confirms the picture of the local superconducting areas in the vicinity of the SI transition.

Next, I will describe our most recent results on the SI transition in the set of Si/Nb(d)/Si trilayers, in which the thickness of Si is fixed at 10 nm, and the nominal thickness of Nb, d , changes down to 1Å. TEM and transport measurements indicate that for small d the alloy Nb-Si film is formed, in which the carrier concentration, n , decreases with the decrease of d . The behavior of the p-MR strongly depends on the thickness d , displaying oscillating behavior in the samples with small d .

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Transport in a network of Josephson junctions in the insulating state

We consider motion of Cooper pairs in a system of Josephson junctions in the limit of a small coupling between the superconducting grains. In this limit the macroscopic superconductivity is destroyed due to Coulomb blockade. We show that in a sufficiently clean system the temperature dependence of the conductivity is described by an activation law with the gap equal to the energy of adding one Cooper pair to the grain. At stronger disorder or lower temperature one comes to the Anderson localization of the Cooper pairs and to a faster decay of the conductivity with temperature.

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Title:

The conductance of superconducting-normal hybrid structures

The dc conductance of normal-superconducting hybrid structures is discussed. It is shown that since the Bogoliubov-DeGennes (BDG) equation does not conserve charge, its application to create a Landauer-type approach for the conductance of the NSN system is problematic. We 'mend' this deficiency by calculating the conductance from the Kubo formula for a ring configuration (for this geometry the solutions of the BDG equation conserve charge). We show that the presence of a superconductor segment within an otherwise normal metal may reduce the overall conductance of the composite structure. This reduction enhances the tendency of the NS composite to become insulating.

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s-Wave superconductivity near a Mott transition: the puzzling case of fullerenes

There are convincing evidences that fullerene superconductors are as correlated as cuprates. However, while the latter efficiently avoid strong repulsion by condensing pairs into d-wave symmetry, fullerenes have a more conventional phonon-mediated s-wave superconductivity. How s-wave superconductivity can emerge at all near a Mott transition is a big puzzle posed by these compounds. Dynamical mean field (DMFT) studies [1,2] confirm that strong correlations in models for fullerenes are not detrimental for s-wave superconductivity, which is counter-intuitively enhanced rather than depressed by proximity to a Mott transition, and ascribe this phenomenon to the specific nature of the phonons that mediate pairing, i.e. intra-molecular vibrations Jahn-Teller coupled to the conduction electrons.

Since DMFT reduces to solving a single impurity model self-consistently coupled to a conduction bath, one may wonder whether the single-impurity itself, even without self-consistency, already contains the seeds that produce the physical behavior observed in the bulk material. A thorough analysis of an Anderson impurity model for a single C₆₀(n-) molecule [3] reveals a quite rich phase diagram that includes Kondo screened and unscreened phases separated by anomalous quantum critical points.

These results shed light on the DMFT results and suggest a general scenario for correlation-enhanced superconductivity that goes far beyond the specific example of fullerenes.

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Title:

Inverse proximity effect in thin superconducting and ferromagnetic layers

I present transport and magnetotransport measurements on ultrathin superconducting (Pb, Sn) and itinerant ferromagnetic (Ni, Fe, Co) films. As the thickness of the films is increased the superconducting films undergo an insulator-superconductor transition and the ferromagnetic films undergo a paramagnetic-ferromagnetic transition. Adding a normal metallic overlayer has a counter-intuitive effect on both types of films: it increases the critical temperature and energy gap in a superconducting film and enhances the magnetic order in a ferromagnetic film. These results are consistent with the understanding that lack of electronic screening is responsible for suppression of superconductivity or itinerant ferromagnetism in ultrathin films..

Author: V. F. Gantmakher

Title:

Comparison of superconductor-insulator transitions in different materials

The transitions in ultrathin films (Bi and Be films mainly), in materials with variable chemical content (amorphous InO, polycrystalline TiN), and in high- T_c superconductors are compared, together with transitions from superconductors to "bad" metals where significant contribution exists of quantum corrections to normal transport at the temperature T_c of the superconductive transition (for instance, amorphous Mo-Ge and Nb-Si, ultrathin Ta films). Specific scenario of the transition depends on several factors. In particular, it is important what happens first: degradation of T_c or carrier localization. Other two factors which contend when approaching the transition are decrease of the module of the order parameter (the superconducting gap) and growth of its phase fluctuations. If the transition is induced by phase fluctuations then localized pair and pseudogap appear at the insulating side accompanied by specific respond to the magnetic field.

Author: A. Caviglia

Title:

Electric Field Tuning of Superconductivity at the $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ Interface

At interfaces between complex oxides, electronic systems with unusual properties can be generated[1]. A striking example is the interface between LaAlO_3 and SrTiO_3 , two good *insulating* perovskite oxides, which was found in 2004 to be conducting with a high mobility [2]. We discovered that the ground state of this system is a superconducting condensate, with a critical temperature of about 200 mK[3]. The characteristics observed for the superconducting transitions are consistent with a two-dimensional superconducting sheet as thin as a few nanometers[4]. Recent field effect experiments revealed the sensitivity of the normal and superconducting states to the carrier density. In particular, the electric field allows the tuning of the critical temperature between 200 mK and 0 K and thus the on-off switching of superconductivity, revealing a complex phase diagram and a superconductor to insulator transition[5]. Recent results suggest that this phase diagram is linked to the large interfacially generated spin-orbit coupling.

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Author: **M. Gershenson**

Title:

Towards Realization of Topological Order in Josephson Arrays

Recently it was predicted (see, e.g., [1-3]) that the arrays of small Josephson junctions with nontrivial topology may exhibit a novel phase which is characterized by long-range order of **pairs** of Cooper pairs in the absence of long-range correlations in single-Cooper-pair condensate. Experimental realization of this novel phase can facilitate the fabrication of fault-tolerant superconducting qubits exponentially protected from local noises [1,3,4]. Our experiments [5] with small Josephson arrays show that, indeed, the condensate of **pairs** of Cooper pairs can be observed in the absence of coherence in the single-Cooper-pair condensate. The charge transport in this regime is due to coherent co-tunneling of pairs of Cooper pairs, **objects with charge $4e$** . These experiments suggest that even a relatively small prototype device is well protected against magnetic flux variations. Novel experiments with larger Josephson arrays will be also discussed.

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Author: A. Goldman

Title:

Scaling Analyses of Direct Superconductor-Insulator Transitions in Disordered Ultrathin of Metals

Sufficiently disordered ultrathin films of metals exhibit direct transitions between insulating and superconducting ground states as a function of a control parameter which can be film disorder (thickness) perpendicular or parallel magnetic field, or electric charge, modified using the electric field effect. In sufficiently homogeneous systems finite size scaling has been successfully applied to identify the universality class of the quantum critical point associated with these transitions. Not all systems that have been studied exhibit direct transitions, and the success of scaling does not reveal the underlying microscopic physical nature of the quantum phase transition.

In this talk, the state of the subject will be reviewed.

Author: T. Grenet

Title:

Glassiness in insulating granular aluminum thin films

Disordered insulating materials like indium oxide and granular metals exhibit out of equilibrium phenomena at low temperature. After a quench cool or the application of a gate voltage, slow relaxations of the electrical conductance proceed, together with the appearance of specific field effect anomalies. These might be signatures of an electron glass state which was anticipated almost three decades ago.

We will review briefly the main experimental findings in the case of insulating granular aluminium thin films. In particular we will emphasize the observation and analysis of ageing phenomena, which were the subject of some confusion in previous studies, and clearly show that non trivial dynamics is at work in these systems.

Author: A. Ioselevich

Title:

Coulomb effects in a mixed granular system near the percolation threshold

We consider a granular system with two sorts of small grain (metallic and insulating) slightly below the percolation threshold. Here the system is a collection of finite metallic clusters, characterized by wide spectrum of sizes, resistances, and charging energies. Clusters are imbedded in an insulating matrix, and electrons hop from cluster to clusters via single-grain insulating "links" of high resistance. At relatively high T the conduction process is possible to organize so, that small Coulomb-blocked clusters are completely avoided by the current; in this regime the dc-conductivity is suppressed by a factor, which is only a power of T . At lower T the current inevitably goes through Coulomb-blocked clusters, and the suppression of becomes exponential. At lowest T the leading transport mechanism is variable

range cotunneling via largest (critical) clusters, leading to the modified

Efros-Shklovsky law. If the dimensionless resistance of critical clusters is large, then there is an interesting intermediate- T regime, where the principal suppression of originates from the Coulomb zero bias anomaly occurring, when electron tunnels between adjacent critical clusters. In this regime the T -dependence of is also stretched exponential, but with a nontrivial index, expressed through the indices of percolation theory. Due to the fractal structure of critical clusters the anomaly is strongly enhanced: it arises not only in low dimensions, but also in $d = 3$ case.

Author: A. Kapitulnik

Title:

Critical behavior near the superconductor-insulator transitions in two-dimensions

Transport measurements in a perpendicular magnetic field show distinct regimes of strongly fluctuating order-parameter amplitude and phase, and reveal a wide range of insulator strength in samples with differing disorder, despite the similarity in behavior near the superconductor-insulator transition. An intervening metallic phase is also found in films with weak disorder. A detailed study of the superconductor-insulator transition in many films suggests that results for a variety of materials with different strength of disorder can be collapsed onto a single phase diagram. The data display two clear branches, one with weak disorder and an intervening metallic phase, the other with strong disorder.

Author: B. Kessler

Title:

Tunable Superconducting Transition in Doped Graphene Sheets

The superconducting transition in two dimensions is traditionally investigated by varying disorder or applied magnetic field. Ideally, one would also like an easy way to manipulate the concentration of charges mediating the supercurrent. Graphene is a recently realized two-dimensional crystal with many interesting properties including a band structure that allows the carrier concentration to be tuned continuously between electrons and holes. Though graphene is not superconducting by itself, superconductivity can be induced by doping it with elemental superconductors via the proximity effect. Using a simple fabrication procedure we have recently produced doped superconducting graphene sheets. This new meta-material displays a gate-tunable transition of the Berezinsky-Kosterlitz-Thouless type. The ease of fabrication and wide tunability of this system offer a unique experimental opportunity to explore the superconducting transition in two dimensions. We report the details of the transition and ground state properties of this system as a function of gate voltage, applied bias and magnetic field.

Author: V. Kravtsov

Title:

Giant jumps in nonlinear resistance: bistability caused by overheating of an electron system

We review recent experiments on nonlinear current-voltage characteristics in amorphous InO and TiN films which show giant jumps in the resistance at some critical voltage. We show that these experiments can be explained by an assumption of overheating of the electron system relative to the phonon bath. If there is a steep enough dependence of resistivity on the electronic temperature, such overheating may cause bistability and existence (below some critical bath temperature) of "cool" and "hot" phases. Although the difference in absolute temperature of these phases is not very large, the steep exponential dependence of resistance on temperature results in a resistance difference of several orders of magnitude similar to the one observed in experiments.

Author: K. Michaeli

Title:

Fluctuations of the superconducting order parameter as an origin of the Nernst effect

We show that the strong Nernst signal observed recently in amorphous superconducting films far above the critical temperature is caused by the fluctuations of the superconducting order parameter. We demonstrate a striking agreement between our theoretical calculations and the experimental data at various temperatures and magnetic fields. Besides, the Nernst effect is interesting not only in the context of superconductivity. We discuss some subtle issues in the theoretical study of thermal phenomena that we have encountered while calculating the Nernst coefficient. In particular, we explain how the Nernst theorem (the third law of thermodynamics) imposes a strict constraint on the magnitude of the Nernst effect.

Author: Markus Müller

Title:

Compensation driven superconductor-insulator transition.

We consider the superconductor-insulator transition in the presence of strong Coulomb disorder in the form of strong compensation of dopants. Such a situation was recently realized in La-doped YBCO and it may occur in many other compounds that can be doped with either type of carriers. The compensation of acceptors by donors makes it possible to change independently the concentration of holes n and the total concentration of charged impurities N . Here, we propose a scaling theory of the superconductor-insulator phase diagram in the (N, n) plane. The transition reflects the BEC-BCS crossover and exhibits interesting features in the case of strong coupling superconductivity, where Cooper pairs behave as compact nonoverlapping bosons. In that case the transition occurs at a significantly higher density n than for spatially overlapping pairs of the same density. We analyze the non-linear screening problem and the SI transition both in isotropic and layered superconductors and make predictions for transport and tunneling measurements, especially on the insulating side of the transition.

Author: K. Prassides

Title:

Fulleride superconductivity at hyperexpanded separations

C₆₀-based solids are archetypal examples of molecular superconductors with superconducting transition temperatures (T_c) as high as 33 K. T_c of the face-centred cubic (fcc) A₃C₆₀ (A = alkali metal) fullerides increases monotonically with the interC₆₀ separation, which is in turn controlled by the sizes of the A⁺ cations – this physical picture has remained unaltered since 1992. Pressure-induced trace superconductivity (s/c fraction << 1%) at ~40 K was reported in 1995 in multiphase samples in the Cs_xC₆₀ phase field. Despite numerous attempts by many groups worldwide, this remained unverified and the structure and composition of the material responsible for superconductivity unidentified. This has hindered any attempt to push T_c even higher and make contact with theory which predicts correlation-enhanced superconductivity for expanded fullerides near the metal-insulator transition. Here I will present our recent work in this field that led to the discovery of pressure-induced bulk superconductivity at the highest T_c currently known for any molecular material.

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Author: P. Raychaudhuri

Title:

Tunneling studies in a disordered s-wave superconductor close to the Fermi glass regime

In this talk I will discuss the evolution of superconducting properties with increase in disorder in homogeneously disordered epitaxial NbN thin films grown on (100) MgO substrate using d.c. magnetron sputtering. Analysis of the temperature dependence of Hall effect and resistivity shows all these films are very close to Anderson metal-insulator transition, spanning the metal-insulator transition boundary. Tunneling measurements reveal that for films with large disorder the superconducting transition temperature is not associated with a vanishing of the superconducting energy gap but with a large broadening of the superconducting density of states. Our results provide strong evidence of the loss of superconductivity via phase fluctuations in a homogeneously disordered s-wave superconductor.

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Superconducting properties and Hall effect in epitaxial NbN thin films

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Title:

Tunneling spectroscopy on amorphous indium oxide: spectral signature of incoherent Cooper-pairs

The concept of localized Cooper pairs has intrigued scientists for several decades both theoretically and experimentally [1,2]. Until now, transport measurements in disordered superconducting films close to the Superconductor-Insulator Transition (SIT) were unable to provide a conclusive signature of the localized Cooper pairs. In this talk we address this issue of superconductivity and localization by means of local measurements of the Density of States (DOS) on a disordered superconductor with a Scanning Tunneling Microscope. Our samples are thin superconducting films of amorphous indium oxide close to the SIT. Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy (STS) reveals strong spatial inhomogeneities of the superconducting gap Δ at a nanometer scale, as well as an anomalously large Δ/T_c ratio. Although these measurements have been performed at 50mK deep in the superconducting state ($T \ll T_c$), we have observed unexpected spatial fluctuations of the BCS singularities height in the spectra at $eV = \pm \Delta$. A careful analysis of the temperature dependence of the DOS shows that these BCS singularities grow precisely at T_c , independently of the local gap value, and are the signature of the macroscopic superconducting phase coherence. Hence, in the extreme limit where BCS singularities are absent, the local gap probed by STS is due to the local pairing of electrons in a localization volume, without any phase correlation with the macroscopically coherent condensate. In addition, STS performed above T_c reveals a strong pseudogap state which persists up to $5 \times T_c$. In this regime, we have observed an anomalous violation of the DOS conservation which is, in contrast, restored below T_c . All these observations are discussed regarding the available theories of superconductivity close to the mobility edge [3-5].

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Author: G. Sambandamurthy

Title:

Inhomogeneous conduction near the quantum critical point in InO films

Abstract: In this talk, recent experimental results from transport measurements on structurally homogeneous, amorphous, indium oxide thin films, that are driven across the superconductor-insulator transition, will be presented. In particular, we will present clear evidence that samples that display homogeneous transport at lower magnetic fields become "electronically inhomogeneous" as we approach the magnetic field tuned quantum critical point. On the higher field side of the transition, the inhomogeneous conduction persists, but the nature of inhomogeneity appears reversed. Current-voltage characteristics in this conduction region will also be presented.

Author: T. Schneider

Title:

Finite size effects in 2D superconductors

Finite size effects, driven by thermal or quantum fluctuations occur whenever the growth of the diverging length at a finite temperature or quantum phase transition is limited. Examples of such limiting lengths include the extent of the homogeneous domains, the failure of cooling and an applied magnetic field. In the latter case is the correlation length of the fluctuations which are transverse to the applied magnetic field bounded by the magnetic length $L_H/(\mu_0 H)^{1/2}$. Here we concentrate on superconducting films and interfaces and explore the evidence for the resulting finite size effects and their relevance for the interpretation of experimental data.

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Author: D. Shahar

Title:

The insulator in the superconductor-insulator transition

We will discuss recent experimental results that shed new light on the

insulating state terminating superconductivity in disordered films under the application of a strong magnetic field. We will focus on the non-linear current voltage characteristics observed in the insulating state and demonstrate how important information on electron-phonon coupling can be obtained from them.

Author: M. Skvortsov

Title:

Giant Nernst Effect due to Fluctuating Cooper Pairs in Superconductors

A theory of the fluctuation-induced Nernst effect is developed for a two-dimensional superconductor in a perpendicular magnetic field. First, we derive a simple phenomenological formula for the Nernst coefficient, which naturally explains the giant Nernst signal due to fluctuating Cooper pairs. The latter signal is shown to be large even far from the transition and may exceed by orders of magnitude the Fermi liquid terms. We also present a complete microscopic calculation of the Nernst coefficient for arbitrary magnetic fields and temperatures, which is based on the Matsubara-Kubo formalism. It is shown that the magnitude and the behavior of the Nernst signal observed experimentally in disordered superconducting films can be well understood on the basis of superconducting fluctuation theory.

Author: C. Strunk

Title:

The Superconductor-Insulator transition in thin TiN films

We investigate low-temperature transport properties of thin TiN superconducting films, differing in the degree of disorder. At zero magnetic field, we find an extremely sharp separation between superconducting- and insulating phases, demonstrating a direct superconductor-insulator transition (SIT) without an intermediate metallic phase. As temperature decreases the conductivity of the insulating films in the critical region of the disorder-driven SIT undergoes a transition from thermally activated (Arrhenius) behavior to a state with even stronger, 'hyperactivated' temperature dependence.

The latter is destroyed by the magnetic field and voltage bias. We observe a sharp depinning transition at a threshold voltage. The threshold voltage and the activation energy controlling Arrhenius conductivity depend in a non-monotonic way on magnetic field. These observations suggest formation of a distinct collective insulating state with characteristic energies, which depend on the total size of the sample.

Author: E. Tosatti

Title:

**Strongly Correlated Superconductor_Mott Insulator
Transition in Fullerides**

Superconductivity in A_3C_{60} trivalent alkali fullerides ($A=K, Rb, Cs$) -- notoriously phonon-driven and s-wave as in conventional BCS systems -- also exhibits seriously unconventional features. As the cell volume is expanded by physical or chemical means, there is at first an increase of T_c , not inconsistent with BCS, but then a decrease, and finally a superconductor-Mott insulator transition, the latter signaling exceedingly strong electron-electron correlations. Experimental evidence of a low spin $S=1/2$ antiferromagnetic state [1] indicates that the insulating state is most likely a Mott-Jahn-Teller insulator [2]. The low spin in fact signifies the prevailing intramolecular dynamical Jahn Teller over Hund's rule exchange, since the latter would have favored spin $3/2$. Superconductivity in these expanded compounds is thus adjacent, and possibly related, to the Mott insulator state.

Using Dynamical Mean Field Theory (DMFT), Capone et al.[3] solved a

3-band Hubbard model, each molecular site endowed with a threefold

degenerate t_{1u} -like level, and with three electrons hopping between sites with a bandwidth W . Interactions are entirely on-site, including the Hubbard on-site coulomb repulsion U , the intra-molecular Hund's rule exchange J , and the Jahn Teller electron-phonon coupling E_{jt} -- the latter treated, near the Mott transition, in the unretarded approximation. One crucial assumption of the model, supported by NMR data and by molecular calculations, is that J is strong enough to nearly cancel, but not to overwhelm, the electron-phonon coupling energy E_{jt} . Introducing the main effect of lattice expansion as a continuous increase of U and a decrease of W -- whence a net rise of U/W but no change of J and of E_{jt} -- the $T = 0$ ground state of the Hubbard model is found to evolve from a superconductor with increasing gap, to a sort of pseudogap superconductor with decreasing gap, and finally through a first order transition to a $S=1/2$ antiferromagnetic Mott insulator.

This theoretical phase diagram is in striking agreement with the experimental behavior of fullerides under volume expansion, most particularly of the recently discovered expanded A15-structured fulleride Cs_3C_{60} as a function of decreasing pressure.[4] The dome-shaped superconducting temperature, the pseudogap phase, and the subsequent Mott insulator state also assimilate the expanded

fulleride superconductors to the behavior of high T_c cuprates as a function of decreasing hole doping, systems which we view as members at large of the same extended family.[5] The strongly correlated superconductivity picture makes additional experimental predictions, including a kinetic energy gain and a Drude weight increase in the superconducting state relative to the normal state, contrary to BCS, but similar to cuprates.

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Author: N. Trivedi

Title:

Nature of Superconducting and Insulating States in a Disordered System

What is the nature of the insulating state? Are there Cooper pairs on the insulating side, if so on what scale? What is the nature of the disordered superconducting state? Are there vortices near the finite temperature transition? And near the zero- temperature disorder-tuned quantum phase transition? I will discuss insights gained into these questions based on inhomogeneous mean field theories and quantum Monte Carlo calculations of the tunneling density of states, frequency-dependent conductivity and superfluid density. I will also discuss the ubiquity of such phenomena in cold atoms in optical lattices and high T_c cuprates.

Author: A. Yazdani

Title:

Nodal Quasi-Particles & the Suppression of Superconductivity with Doping & Temperature in Cuprates

In this talk I will present STM experiments that show how local pairing strength as measured by the behavior of nodal quasi-particle in high-T_c cuprate superconductors evolves with doping and temperature. These experiments provide a rather surprising picture of how superconductivity evolves as it approaches the Mott insulating ground state. They also provide a new perspective on the physics of Fermi arcs that has been the hallmark of underdoped cuprate samples.