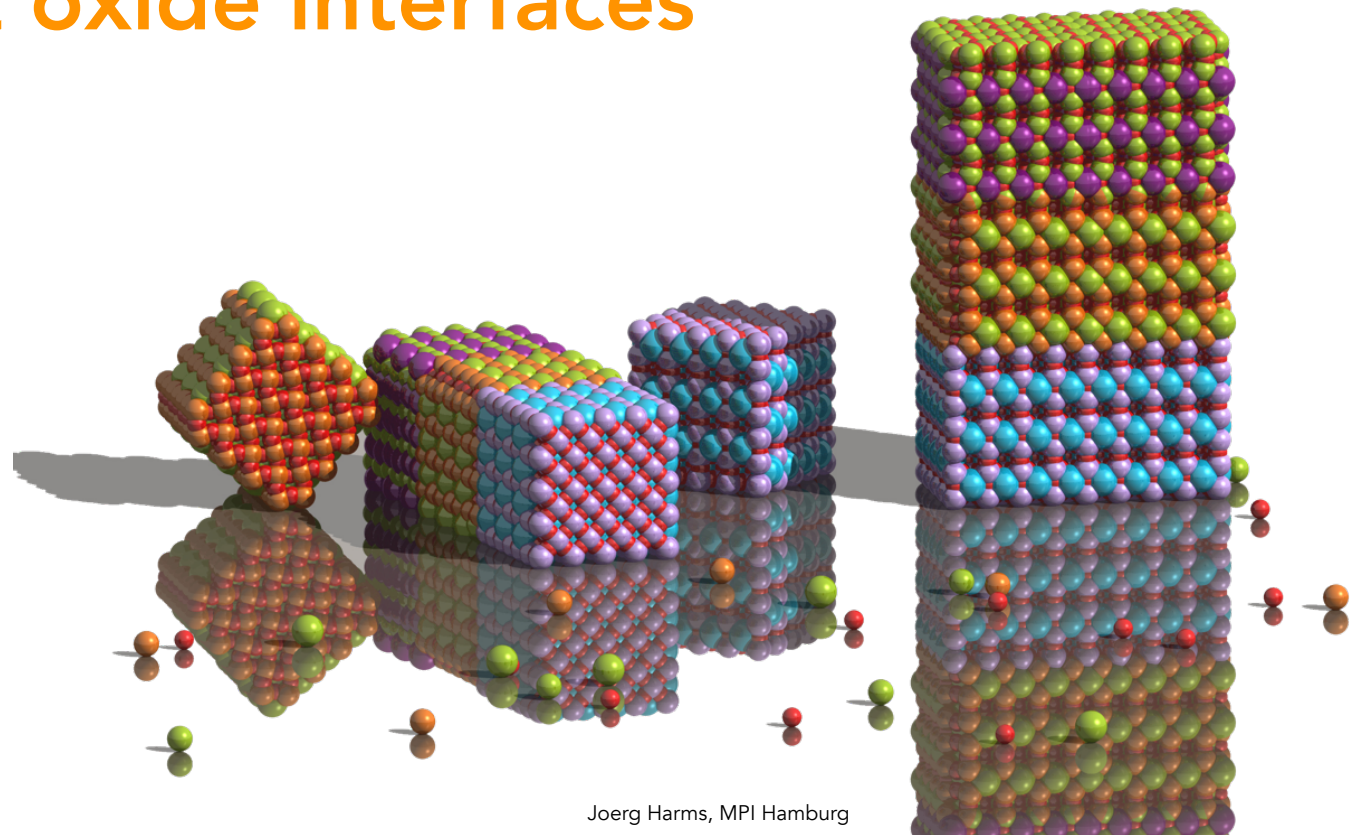


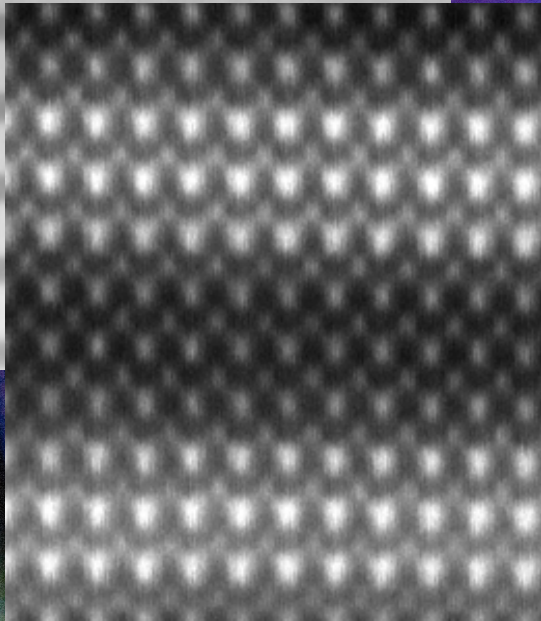
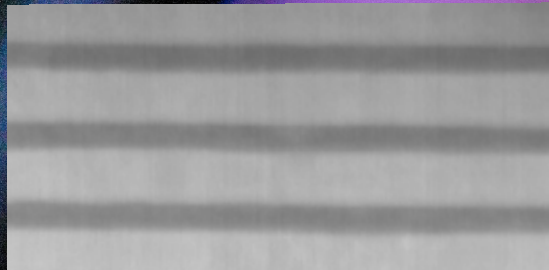
2D systems at oxide interfaces

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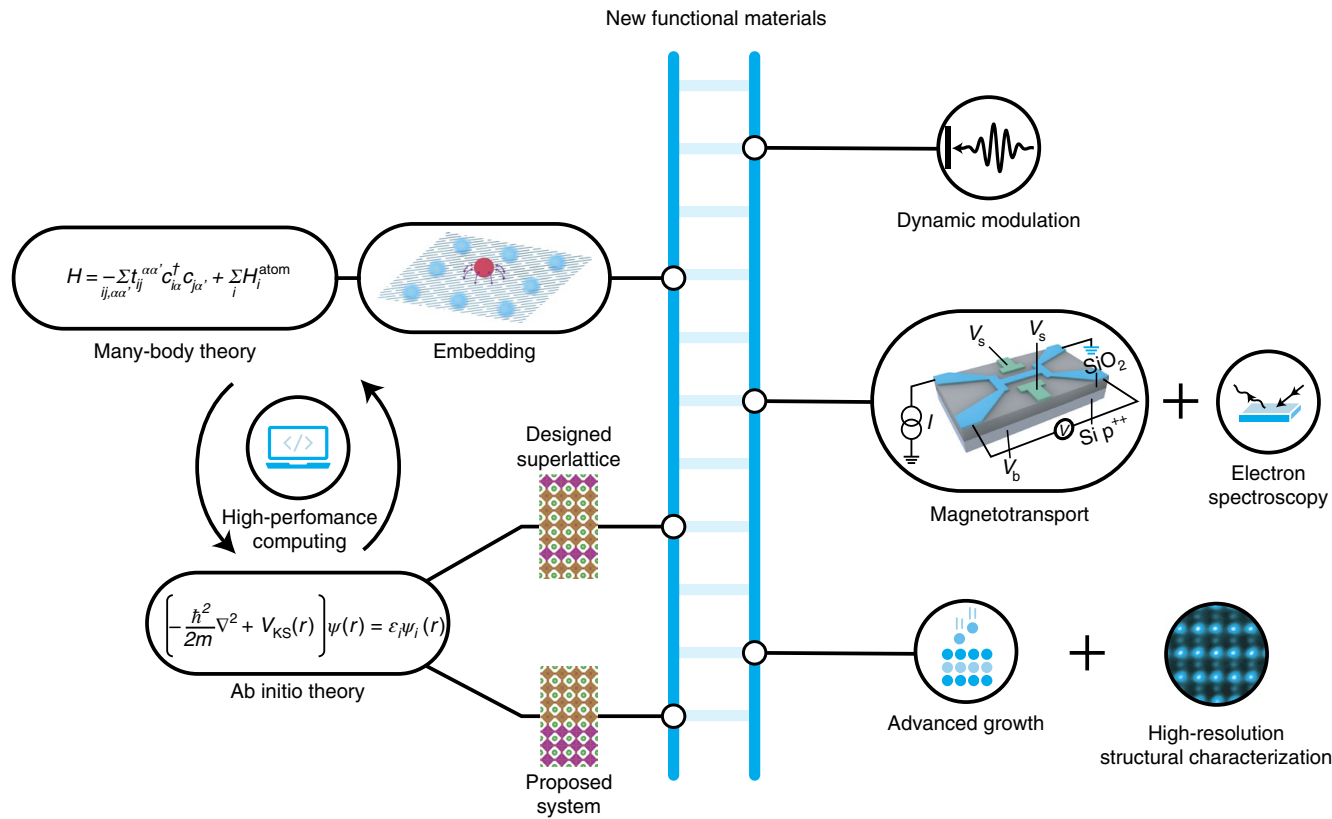
What are we doing?



Assemble artificial / synthetic materials
Search for novel properties and/or functionalities

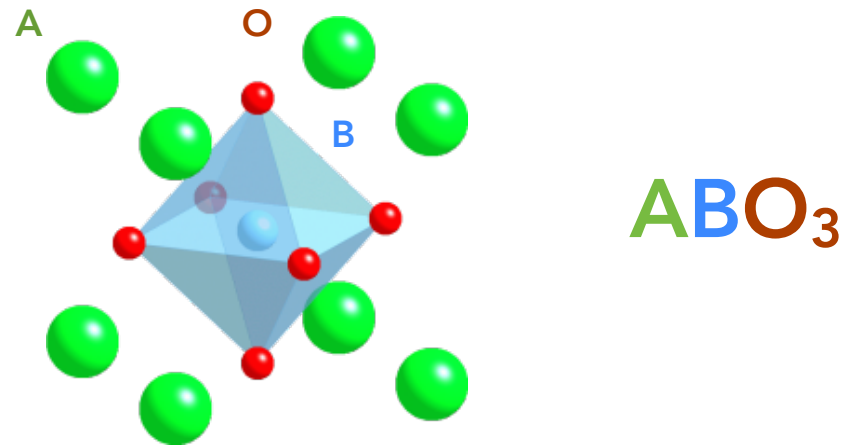
A. Torres, O. Stephan, Orsay

Not an easy task



Amazing progress in
 -advanced growth techniques
 -advanced characterisation
 -sophisticated calculations

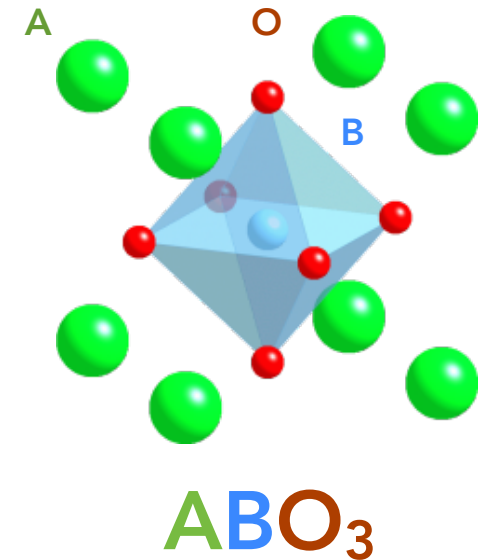
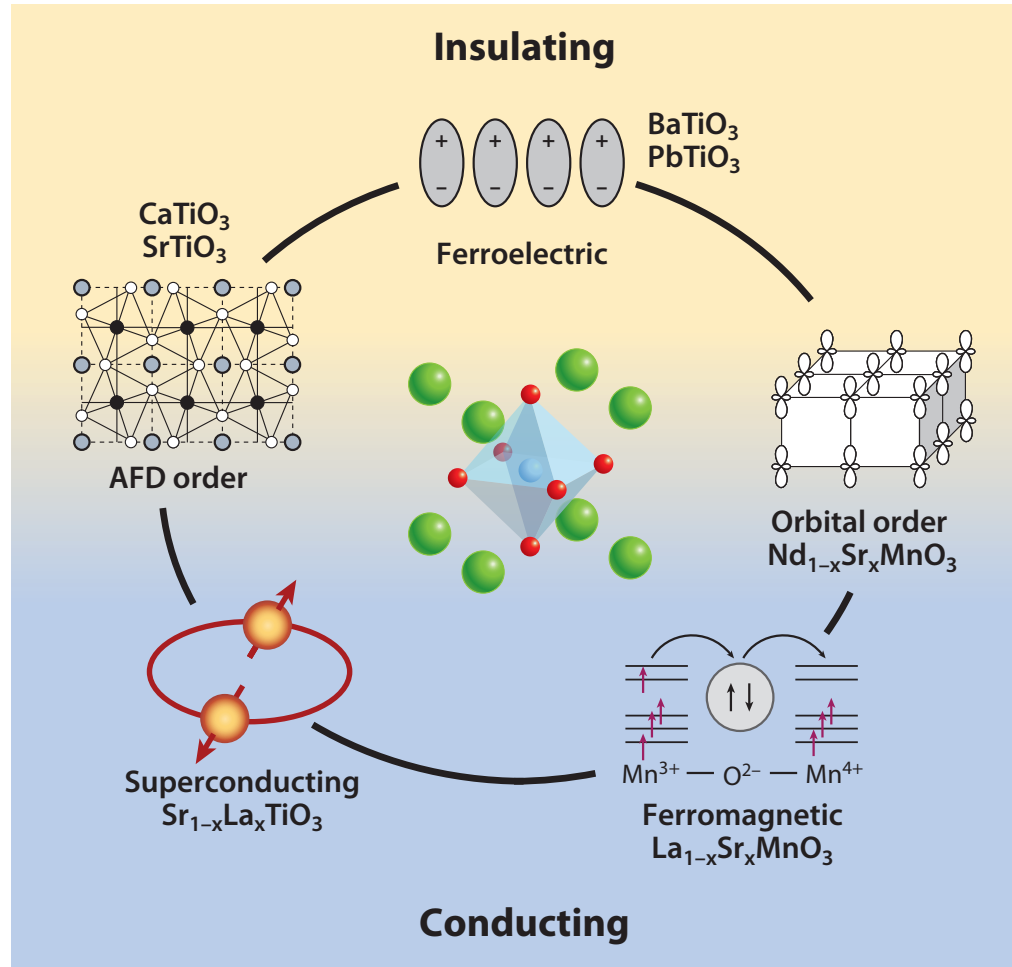
Using transition metal perovskites as building blocks



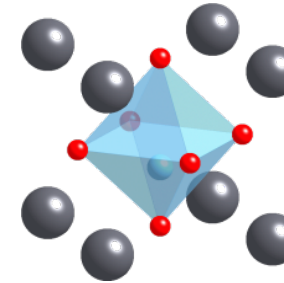
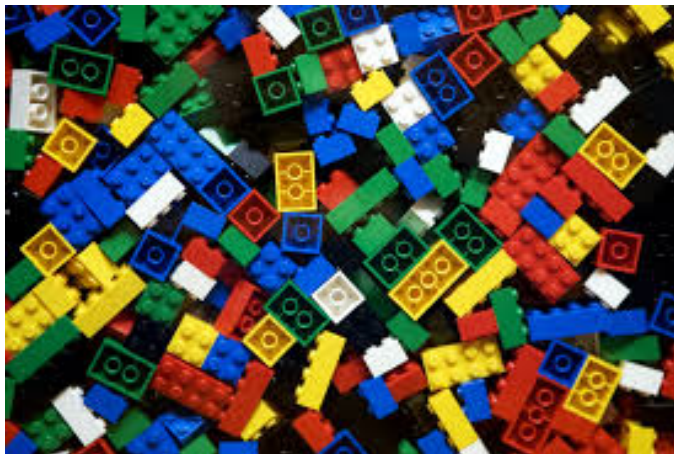
Perovskite - $CaTiO_3$

Perovskite structure - a very common structure on Earth

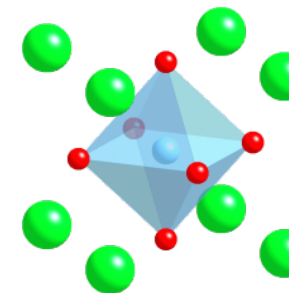
TMO perovskites display a variety of properties



TM-oxides - Lego bricks

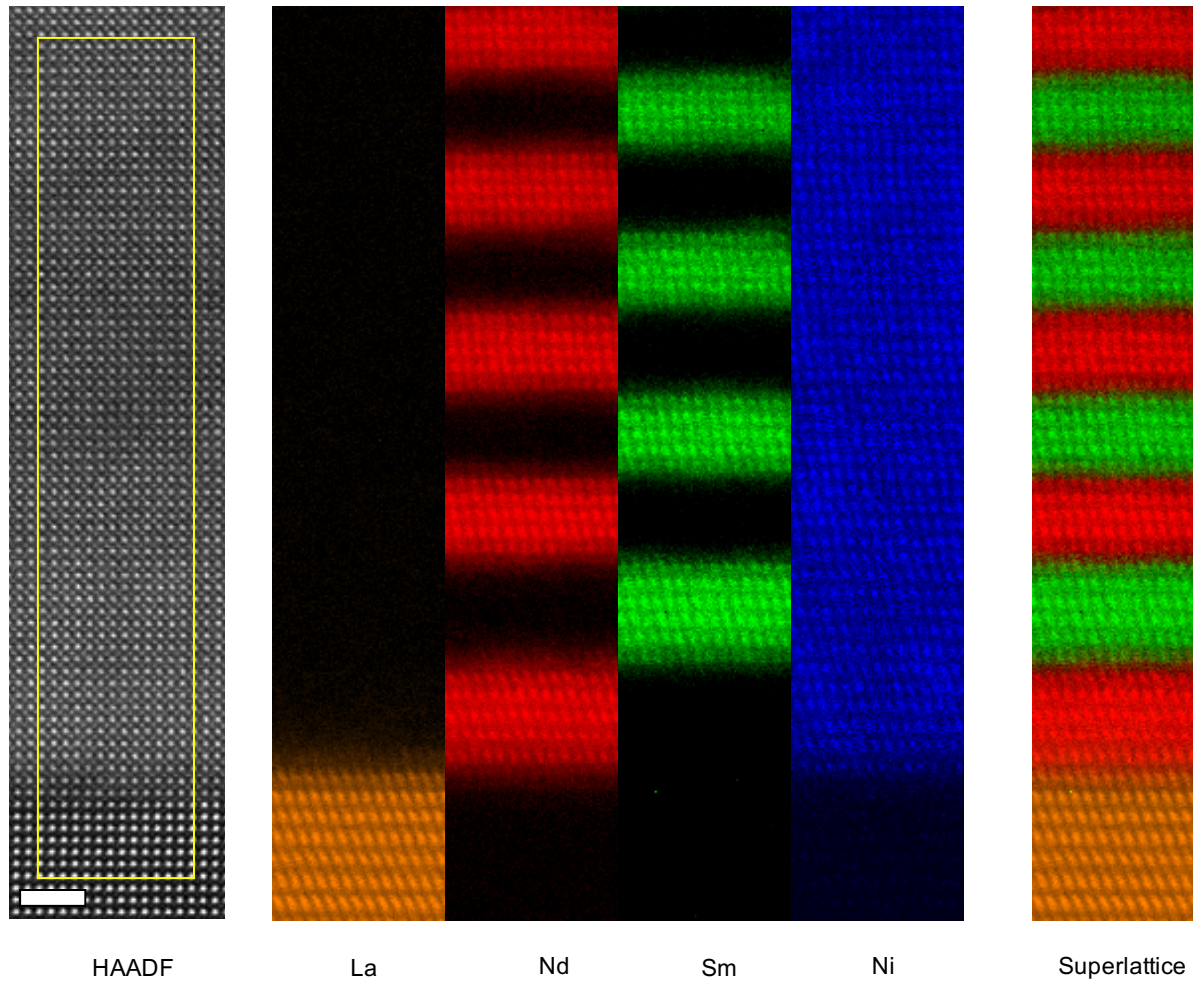


PbTiO₃ ferroelectric $T < T_C$
Tetragonal and ferroelectric
($a=b=3.904\text{\AA}$, $c=4.152\text{\AA}$)



SrTiO₃ paraelectric at all
temperatures
($a=b=c=3.905\text{\AA}$)

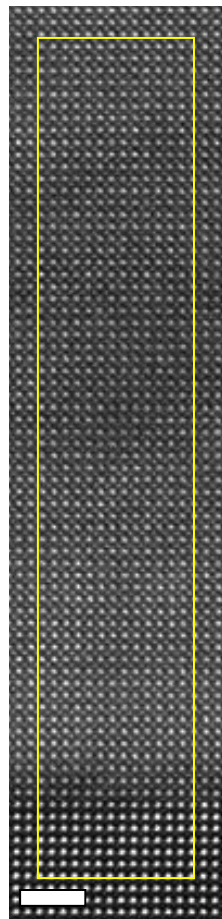
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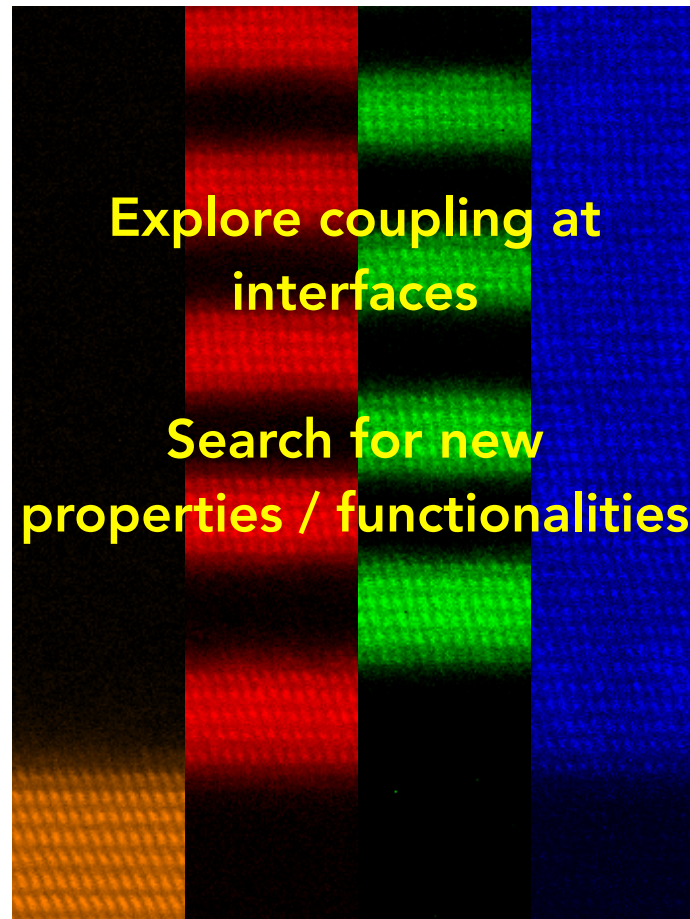
NdNiO₃/SmNiO₃
superlattices



Epitaxial oxide heterostructures



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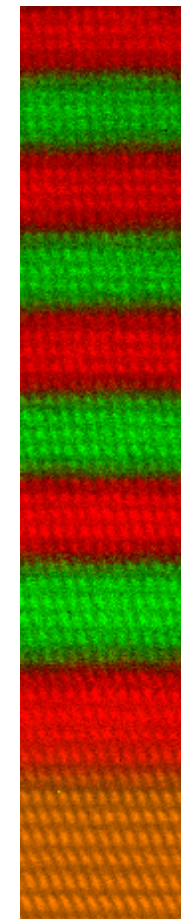


La

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Superlattice

NdNiO₃/SmNiO₃
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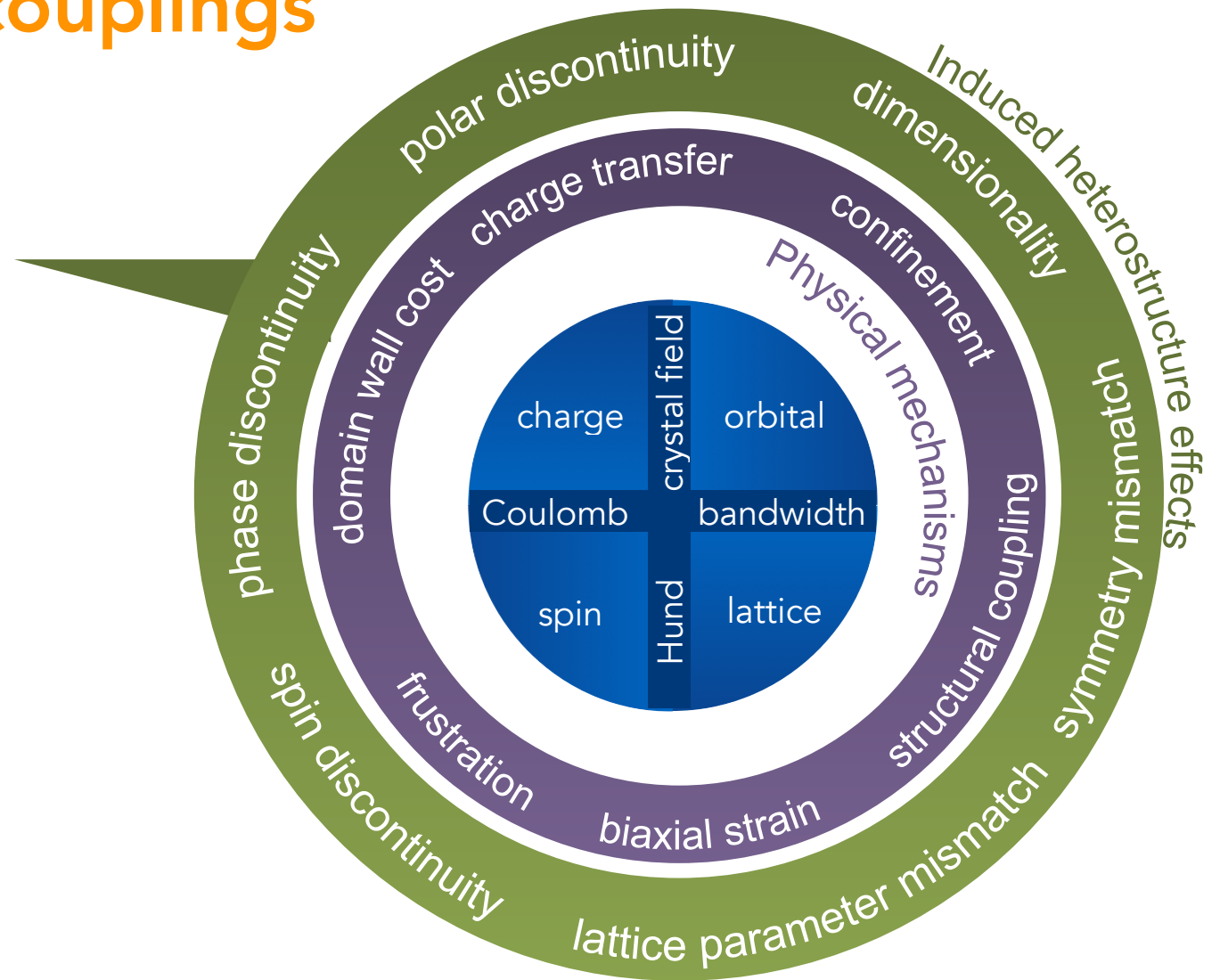


Some possible couplings in TMO's

Heterostructure
→ Chemical
discontinuity

Interface physics in
complex oxide
heterostructures

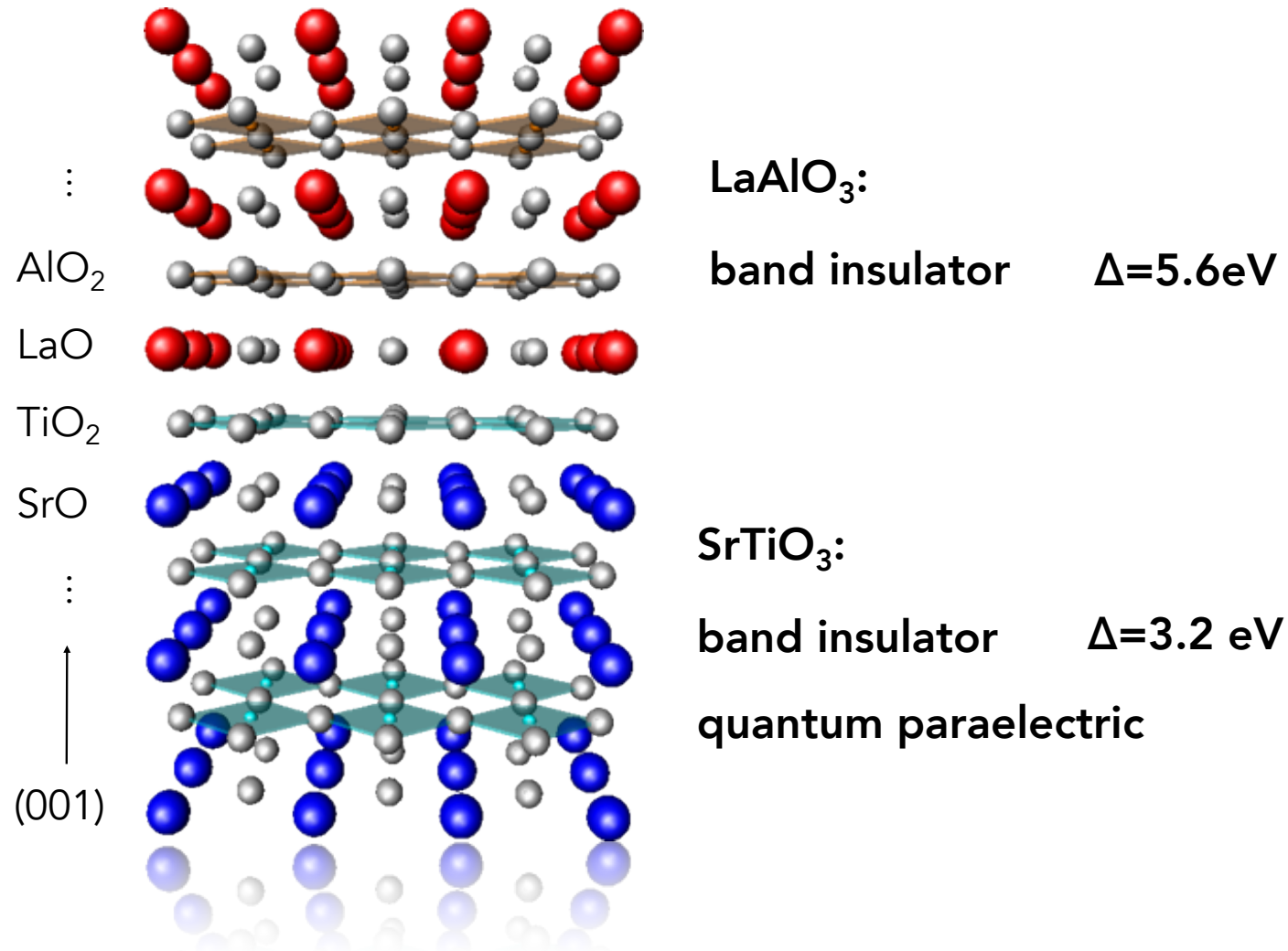
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Two examples

1. The $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ interface - a 2D electron system
2. Vanadate based heterostructures - possibly a new path to realise 2D structures

The $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ system

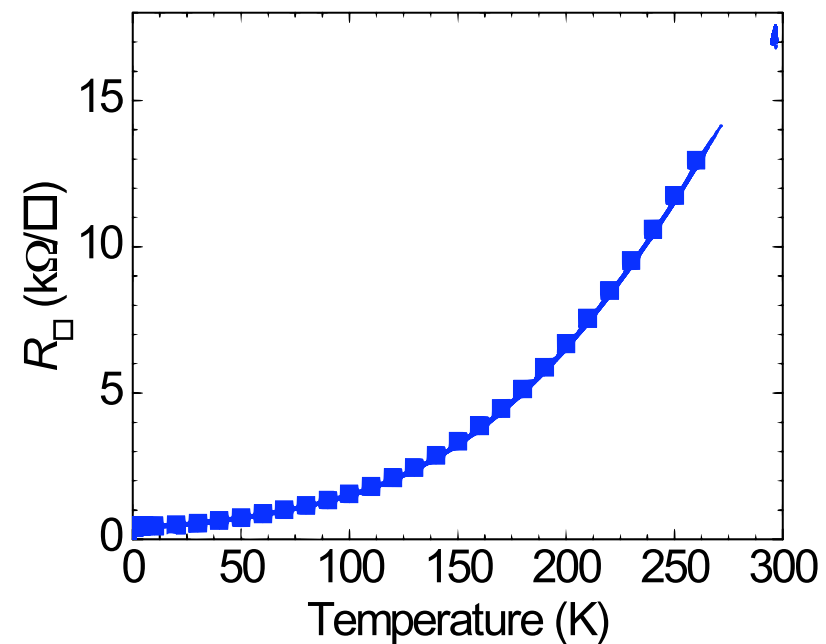
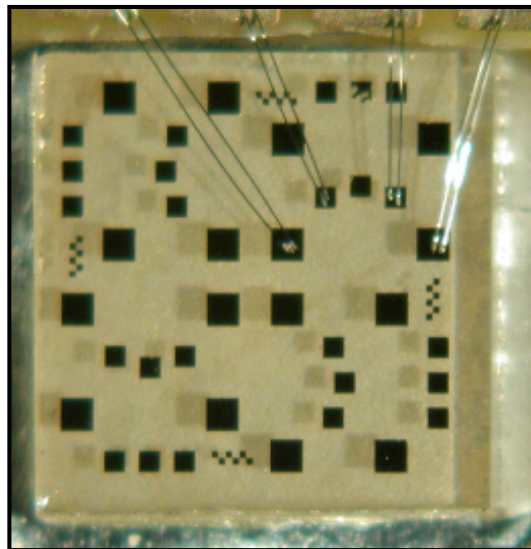
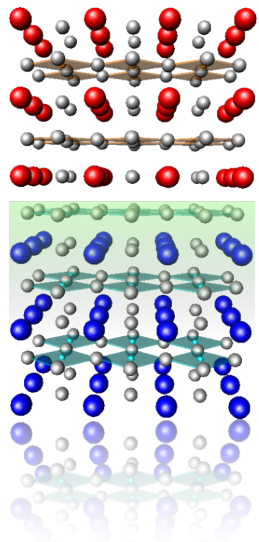


A conducting interface

A high-mobility electron gas at the $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ heterointerface

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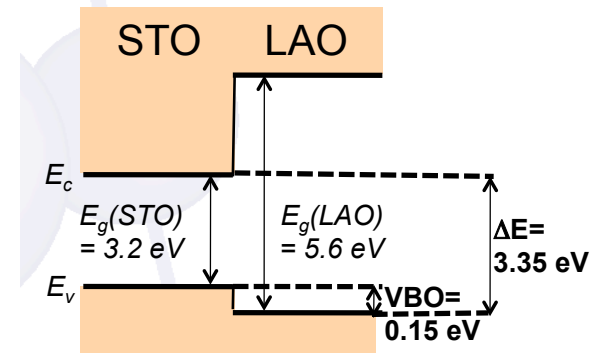
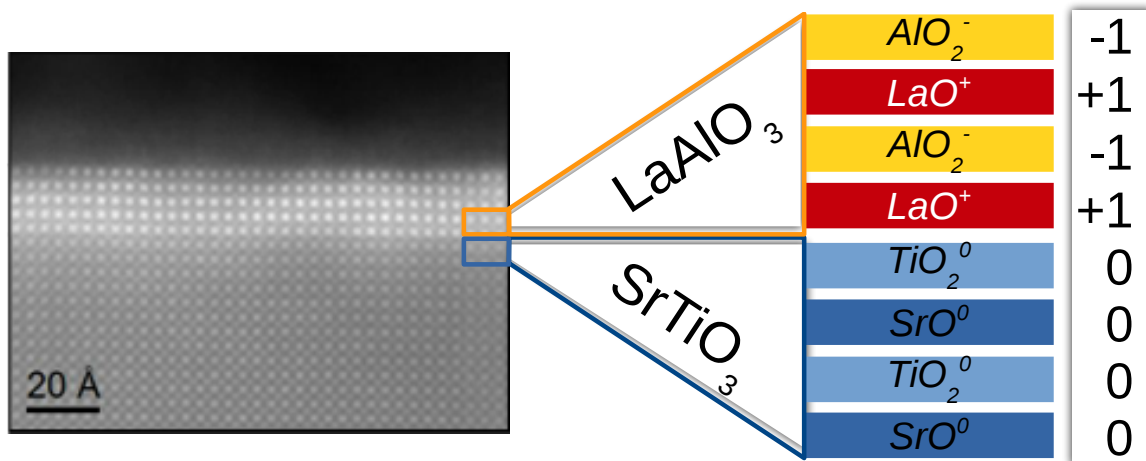
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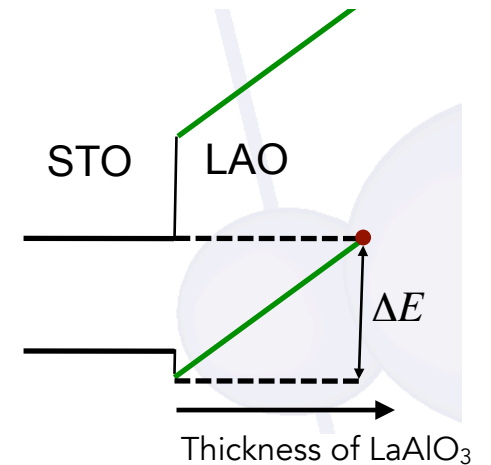


Why is this interface conducting? - Polar discontinuity

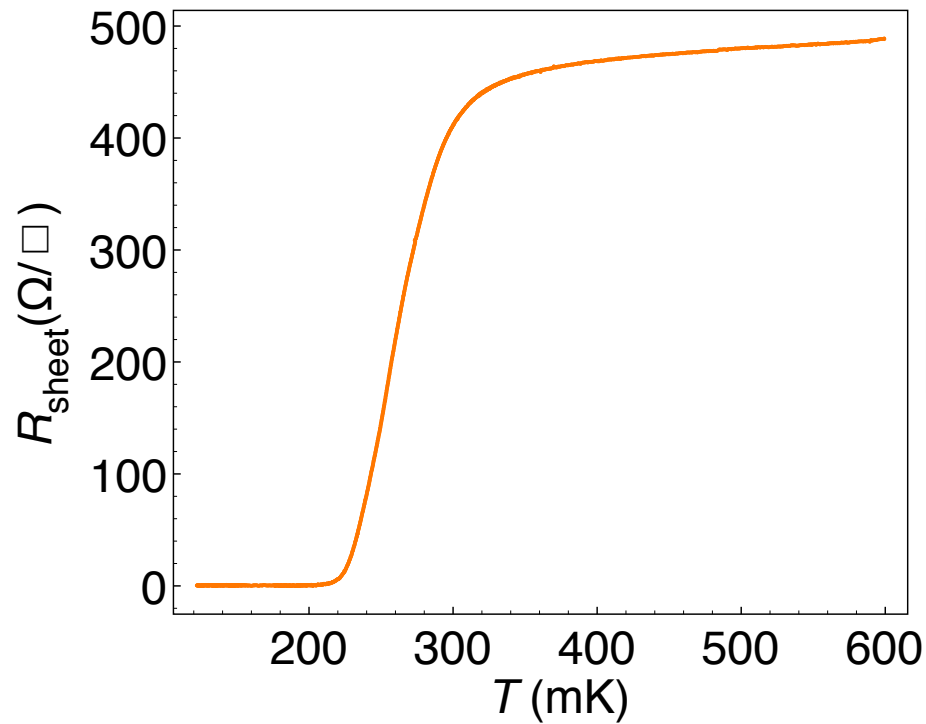
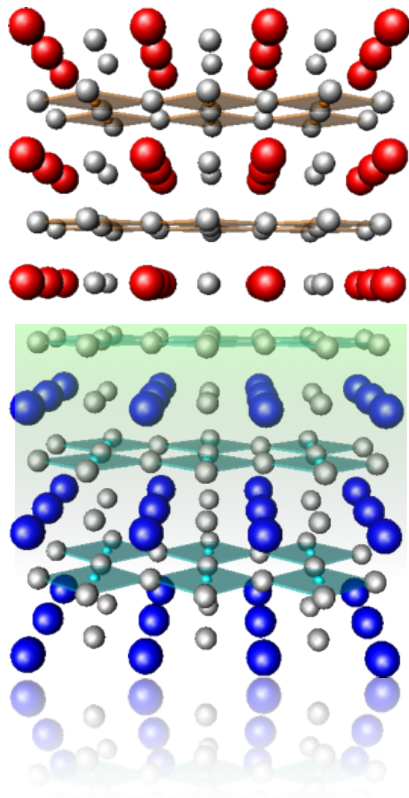


$$E = (\sigma_0 / \epsilon_r \epsilon_0) \Rightarrow d_c = V_c / E$$

with $V_c = 3.35 \text{ V}$, $\sigma_0 = 3 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ e/cm}^2$ and $\epsilon_r = 25$, $d_c = 3.5 \text{ u.c.}$



The system is superconducting



Superconducting Interfaces Between Insulating Oxides

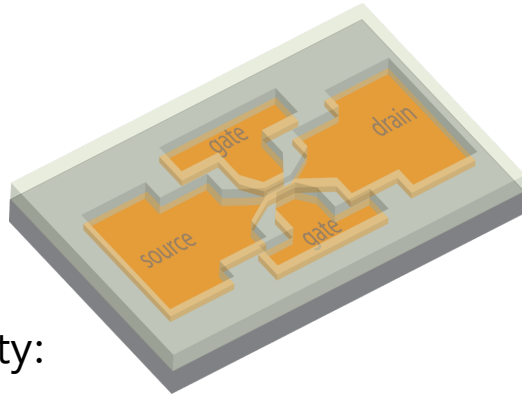
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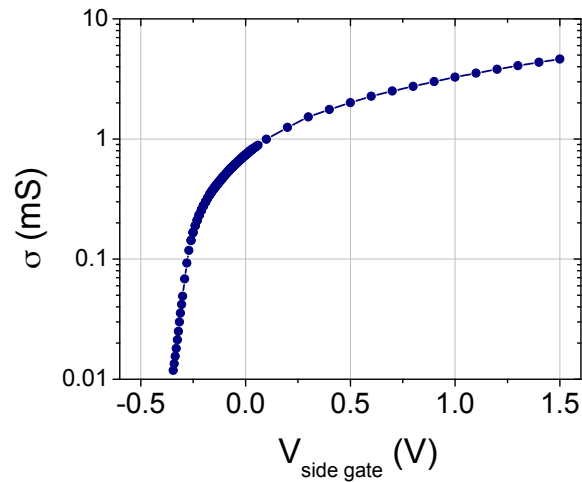
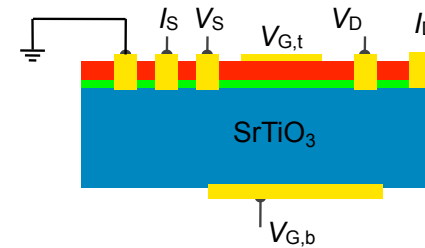


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A rather unique system: Field effect control



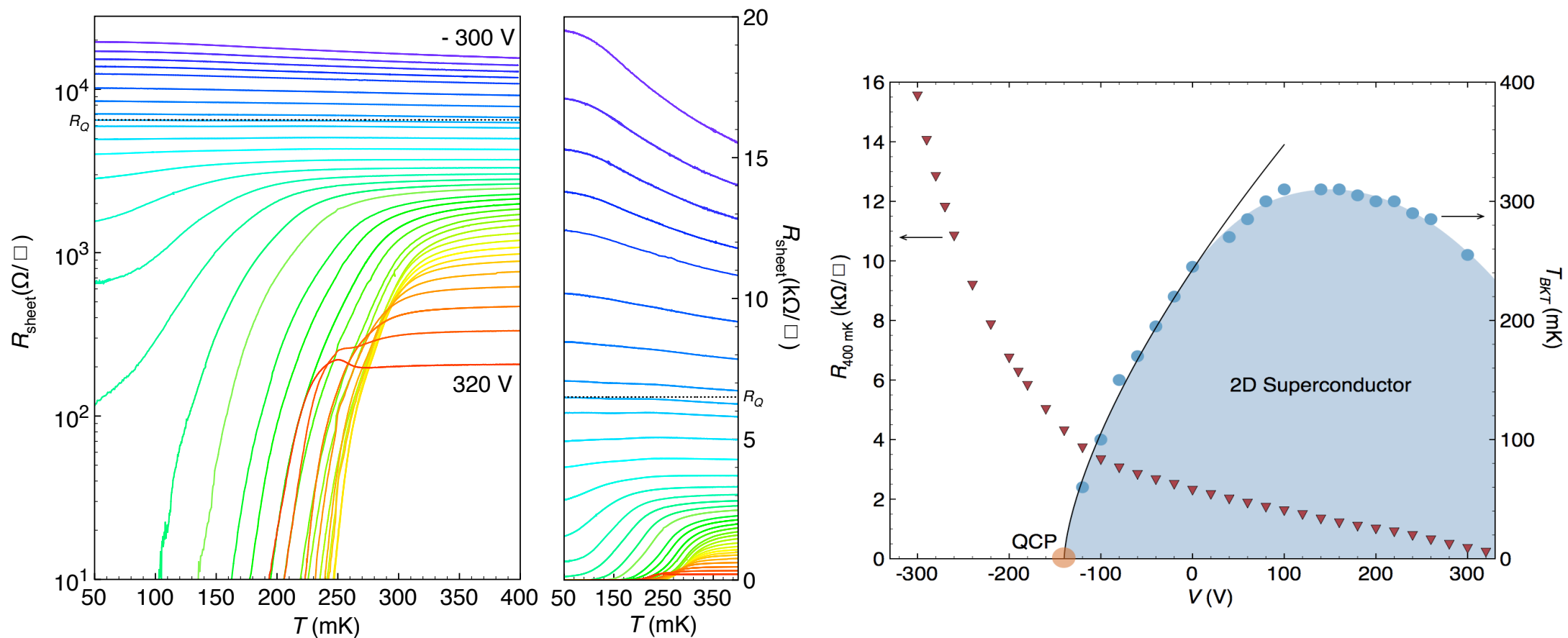
Sheet carrier density:
 $2-4 \cdot 10^{13} / \text{cm}^2$



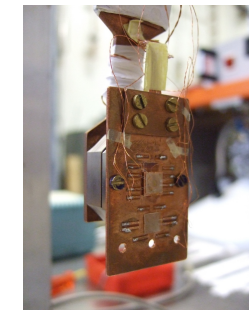
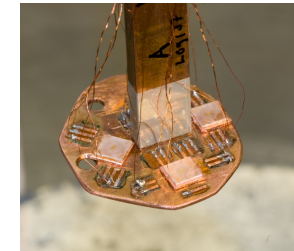
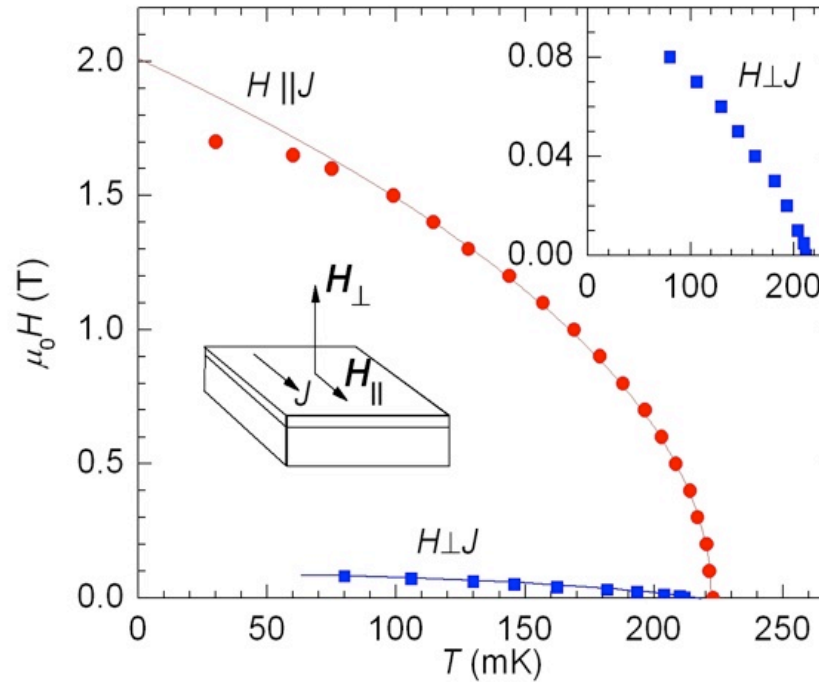
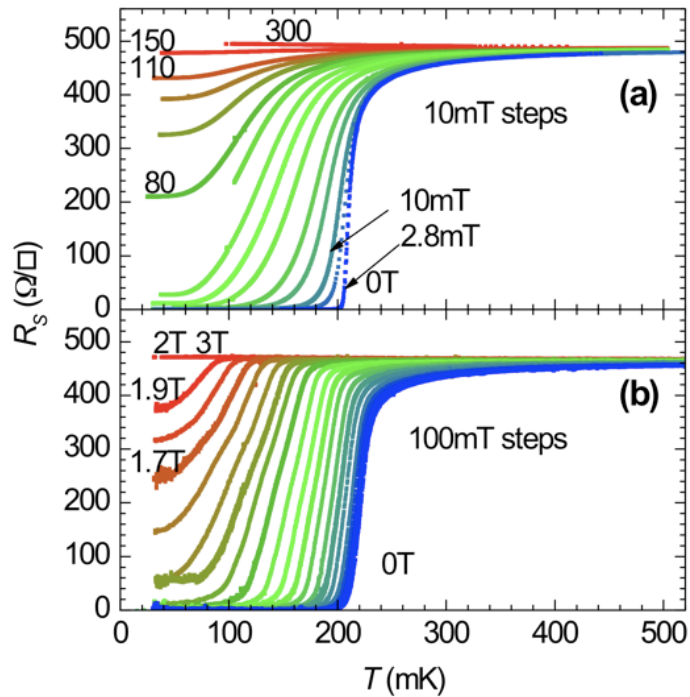
Side gating



Tunable SC and phase diagram



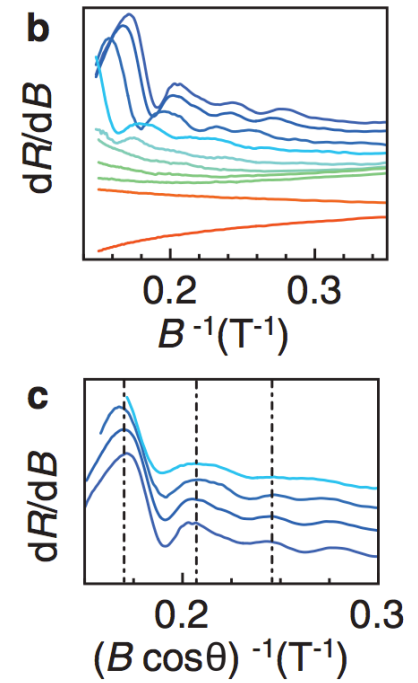
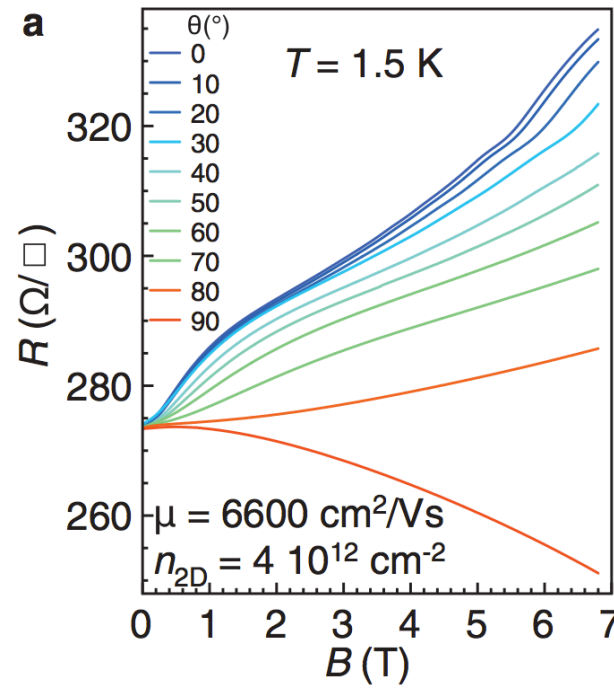
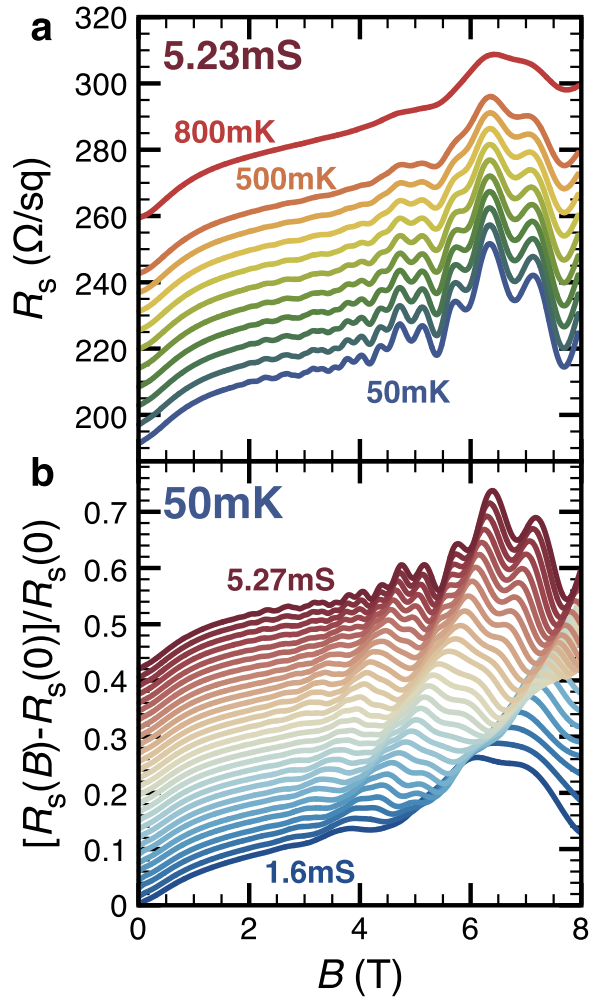
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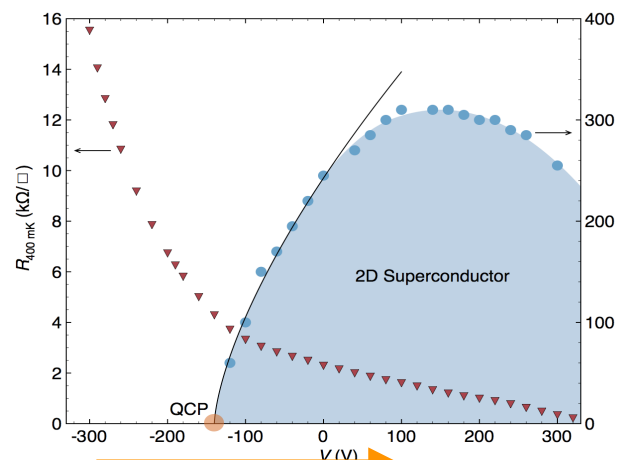
2D signatures in the normal state

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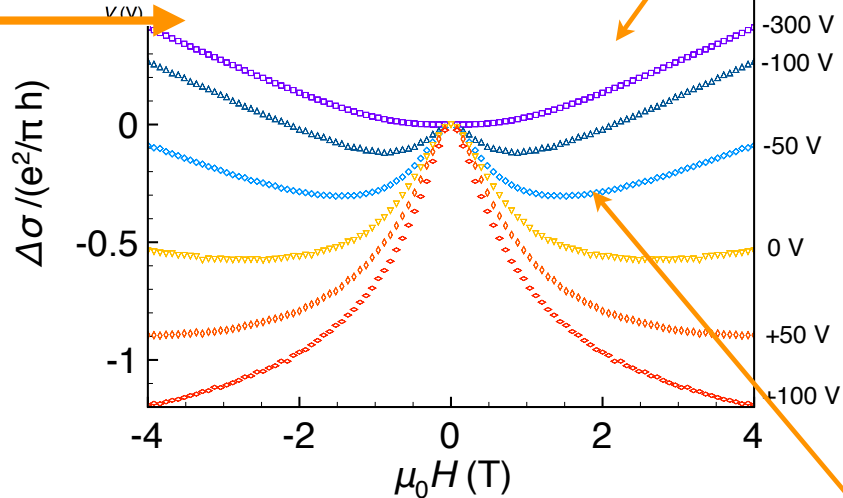


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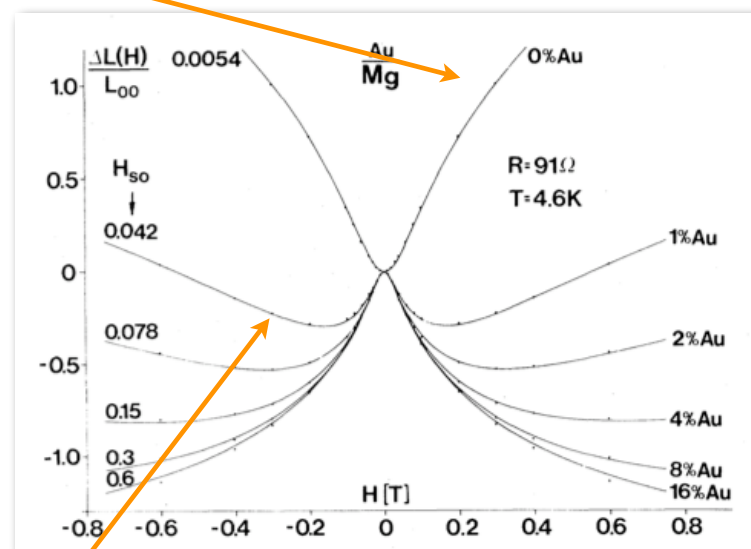
WL - WAL - spin-orbit interaction



Weak localization



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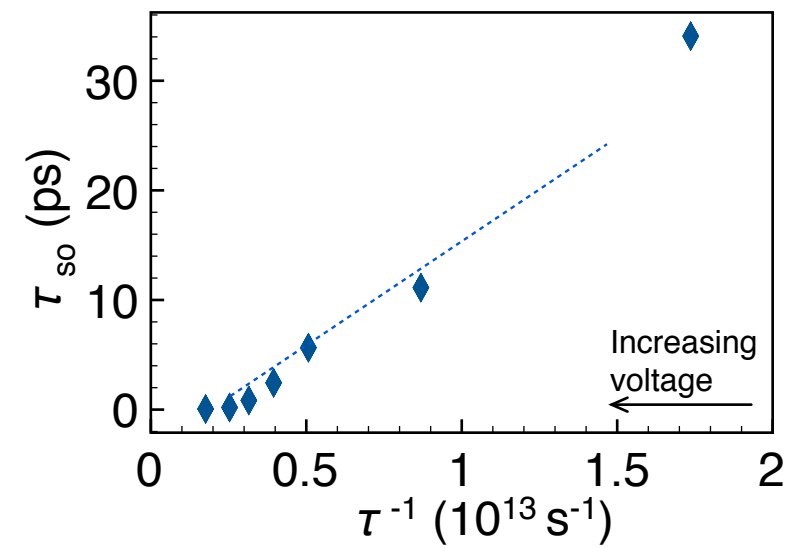
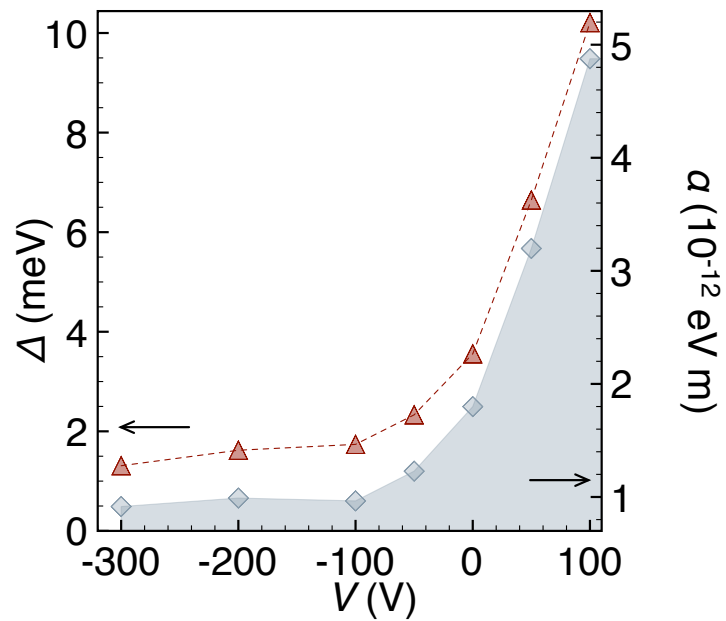
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Weak anti-localization
Strong spin-orbit interaction

Tunable Rashba spin-orbit interaction

$$\alpha = \frac{\hbar}{m} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar e H_{SO}}{2}}$$

$$\Delta = 2\alpha k_F$$



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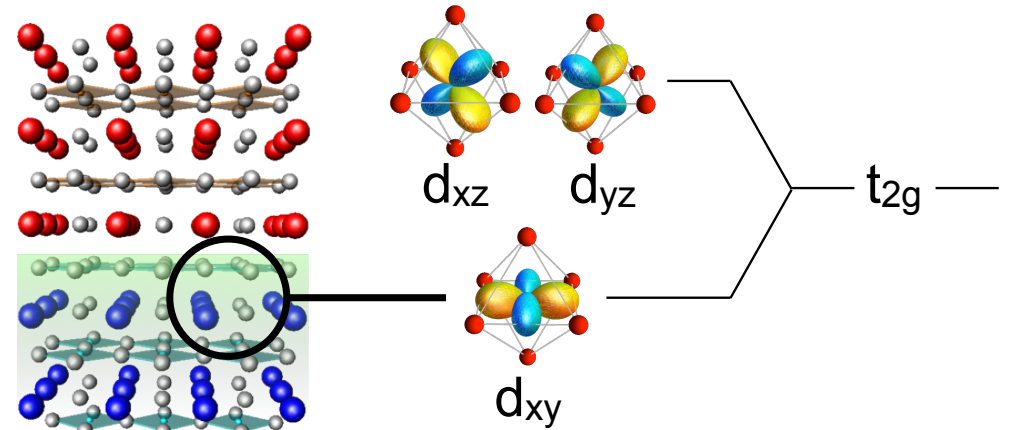
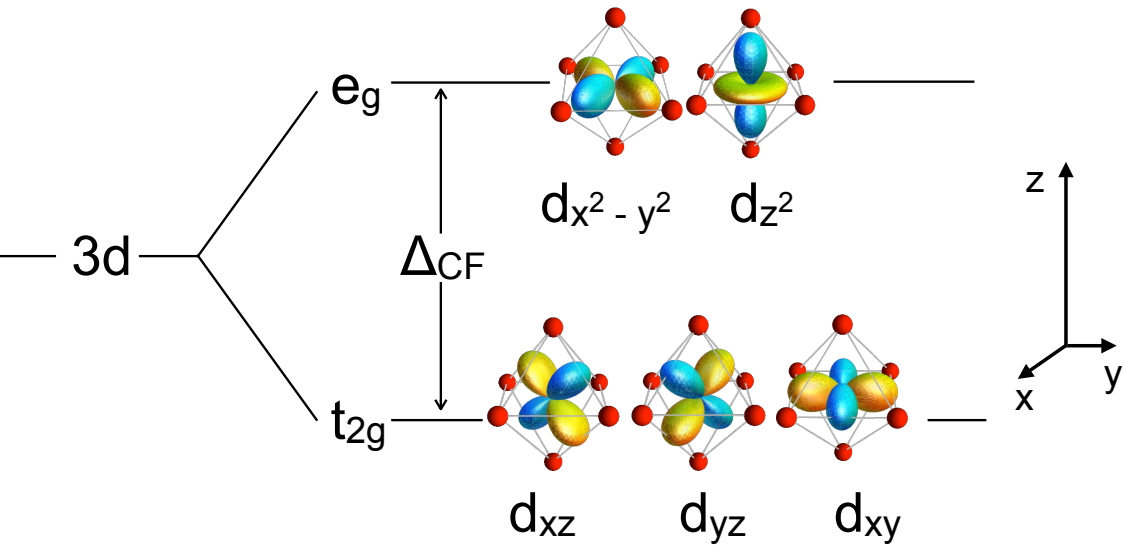
D'yakonov - Perel' ← Rashba SO

$$\tau_{SO} \propto \tau^{-1}$$

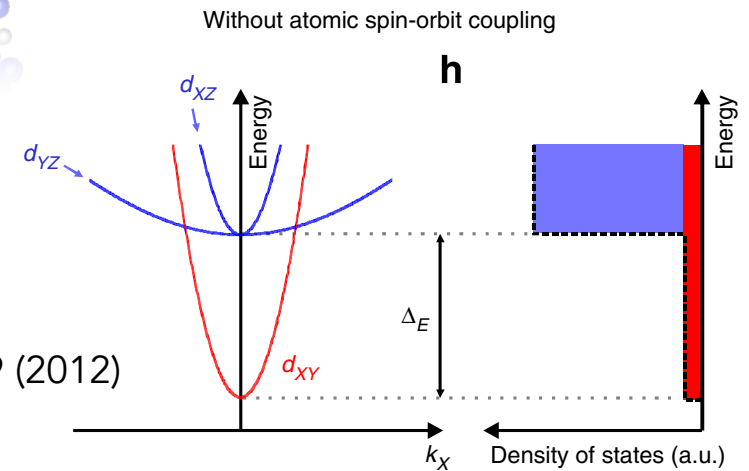
Elliott - Yafet ← Atomic SO

$$\tau_{SO} \sim \tau / (\Delta g)^2$$

Electronic structure

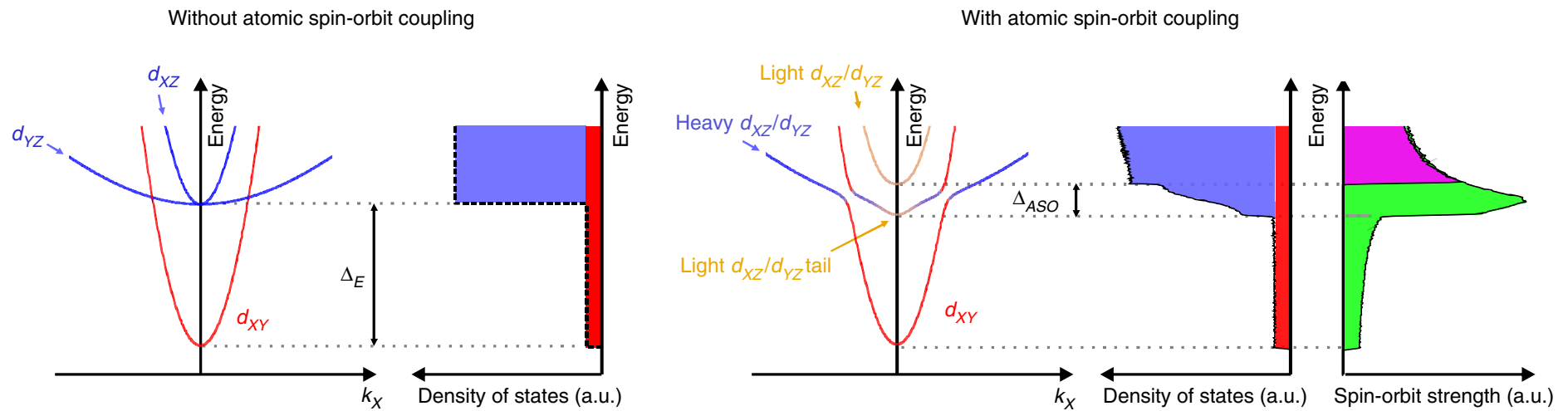


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With spin-orbit



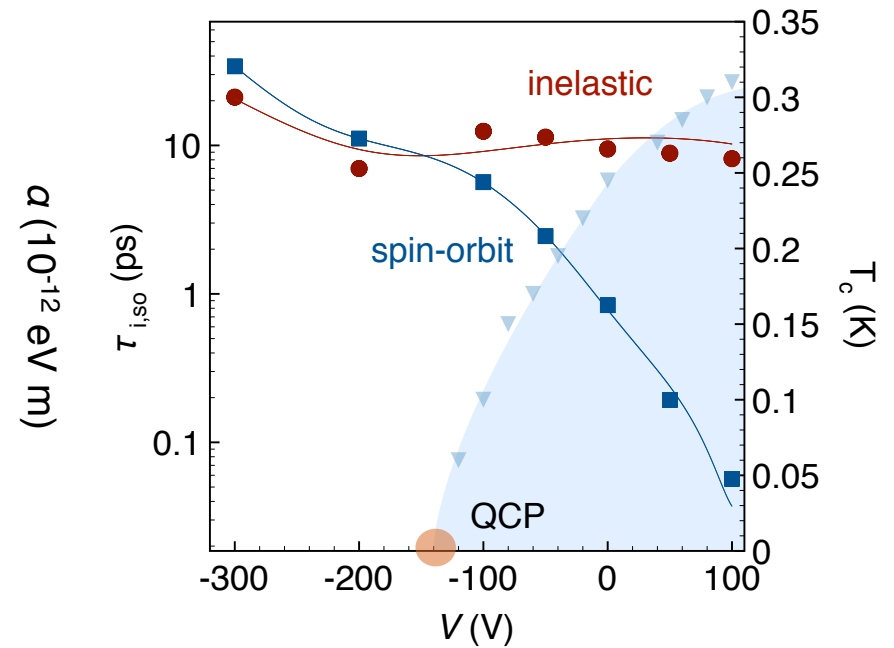
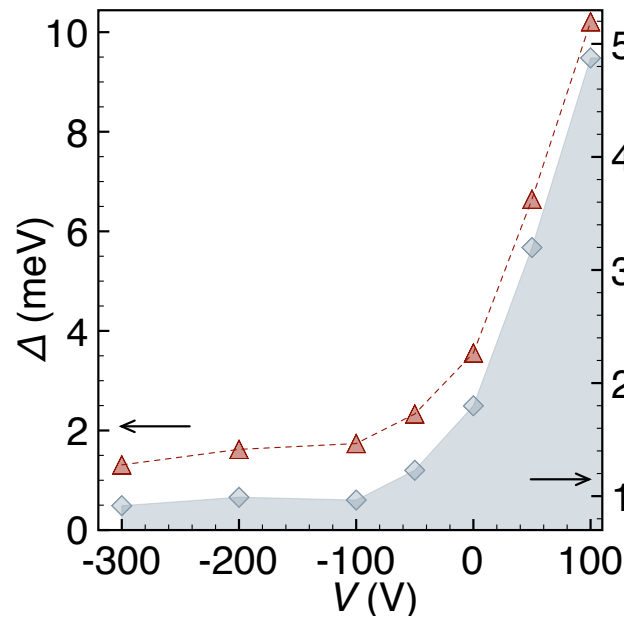
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Superconductivity and spin-orbit

$$\alpha = \frac{\hbar}{m} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar e H_{so}}{2}}$$

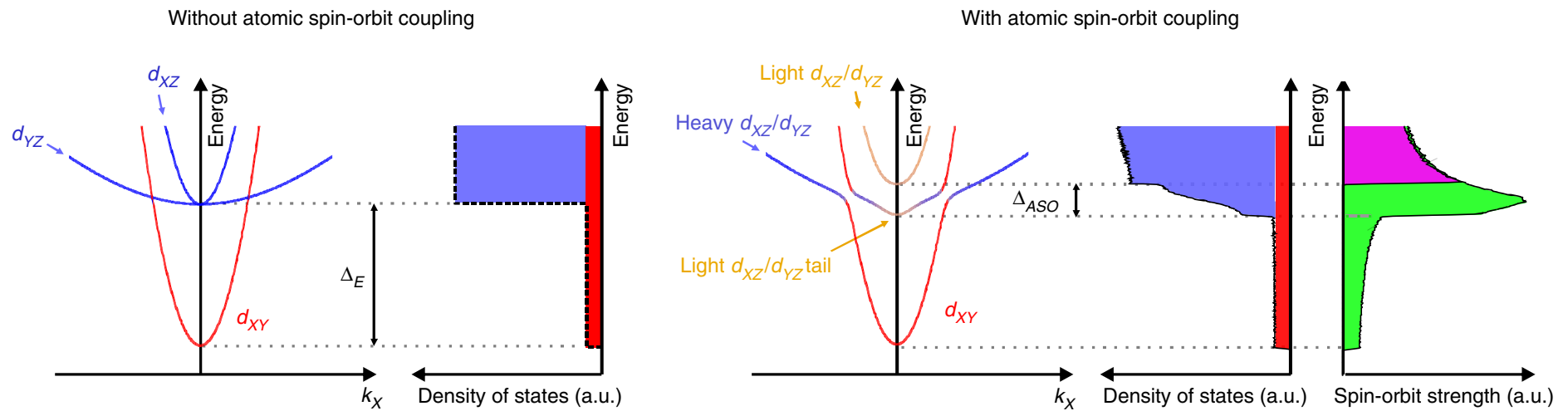
$$\Delta = 2\alpha k_F$$

$\Delta = 10 \text{ meV}$ is much larger than the SC gap ($\sim 40 \mu\text{eV}$)



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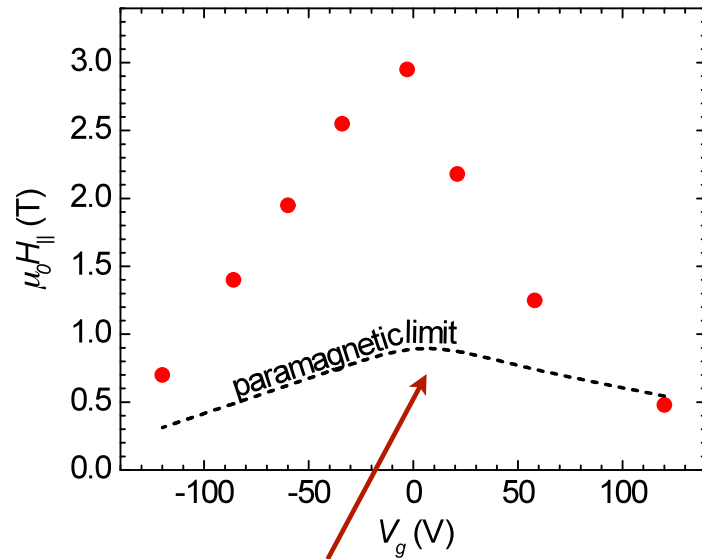
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T_c goes as $\exp(-1/(N(E_F)V))$

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Signatures of spin-orbit in the SC state

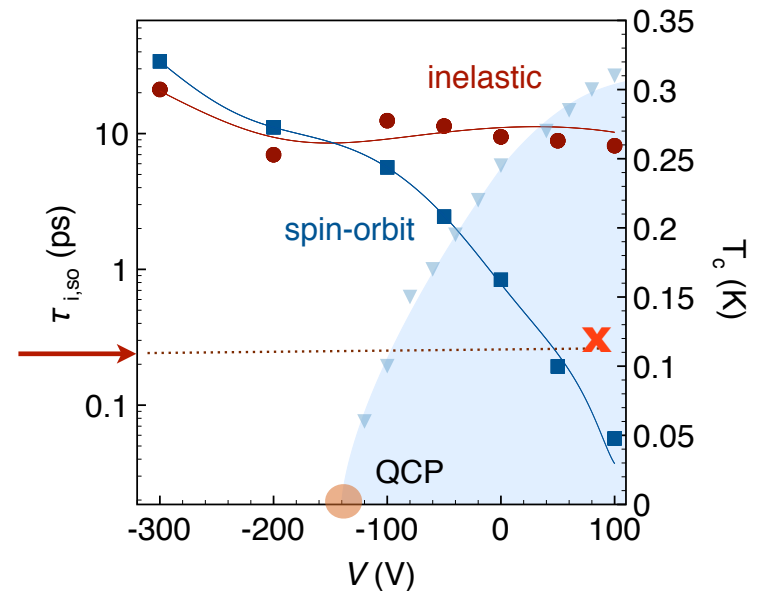


$$\mu_0 H_p = \frac{\Delta(0)}{\sqrt{2}\mu_B} = 1.84T_c$$

$$\tau_{\text{so}} = 0.602^2 \hbar^2 / (T_{\text{co}} k_B) (H_p / H_{\text{co}})^2$$

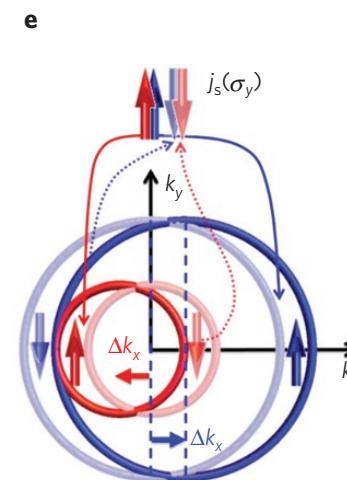
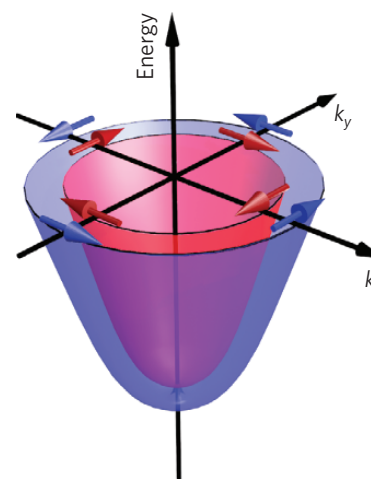
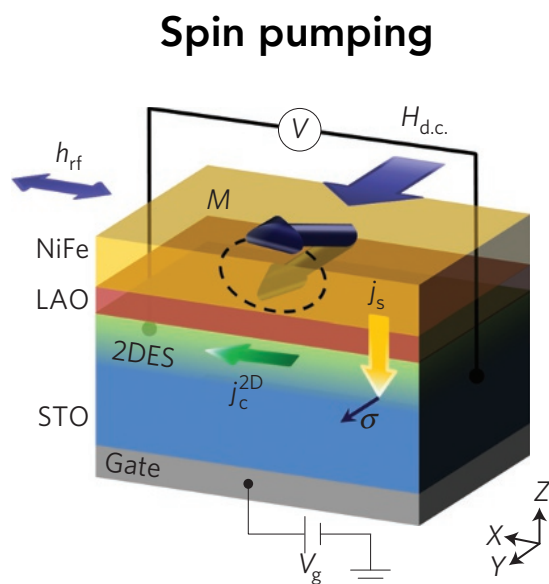
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$$\tau_{\text{so}} = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ s}$$



See also M. Ben Shalom et al. PRL **104**, 126802 (2010)

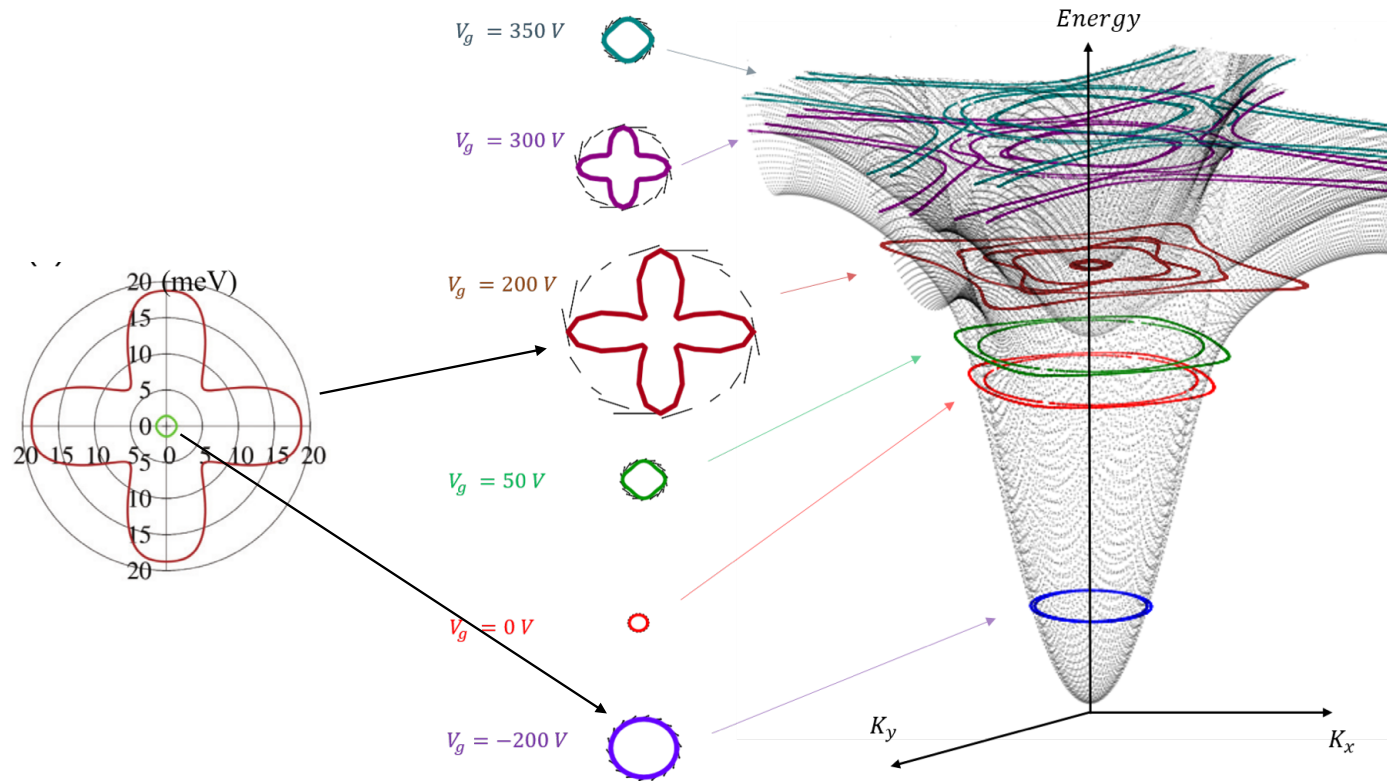
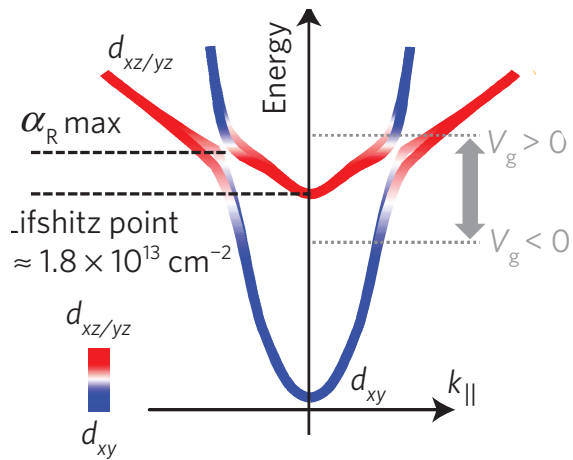
The inverse Edelstein effect



A pure spin current is injected through the LaAlO_3 layer that generates a charge current in the 2DES

Allows a spin current to charge current conversion

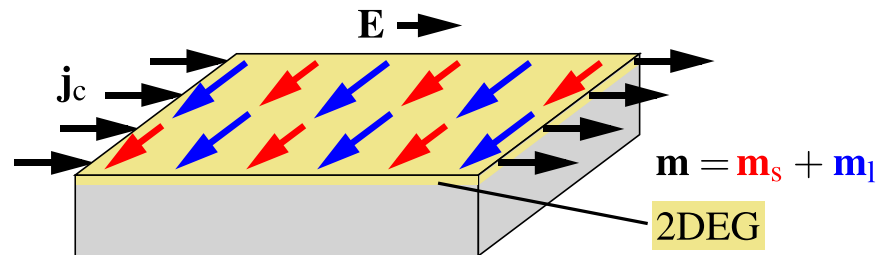
Predicted angular dependence



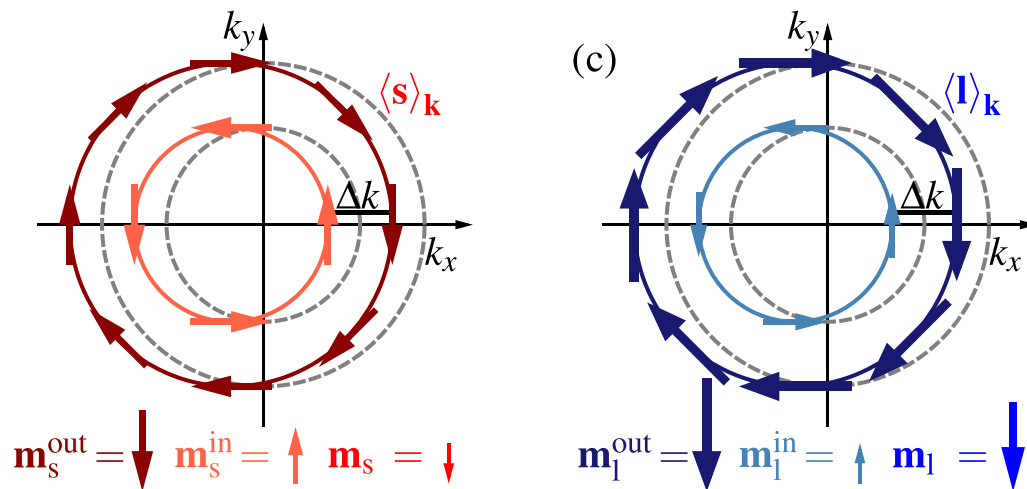
Prediction: Z. Zhong et al. PRB**87** 161102 (2013)

Experiments: A. El Hamdi et al. to appear in Nature Physics

Spin and orbital Rashba effect



Along with the spin Rashba effect, one can have an orbital contribution



The orbital Rashba effect is linear and is not predicted to change sign - it may play an important role at the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ interface

A . Johansson et al. PRR **3**, 013275 (2021)

A different « mix » of orbital and spin injection - possibly linked to the barrier - could explain the difference between the results of Lesne et al. and ours

Open / interesting questions

Spin-orbit and superconductivity

Physics in the under doped superconducting regime

Spin and orbital Rashba effect

Recent studies in [111] direction

Recent studies at the interface with KTaO_3

(111) $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$



The cover shows the curvature of the space fabric due to the superposition of spin and orbital states at the interface between lanthanum aluminate (LaAlO_3) and strontium titanate (SrTiO_3). © Xavier Ravinet – UNIGE

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Designing spin and orbital sources of Berry curvature at oxide interfaces

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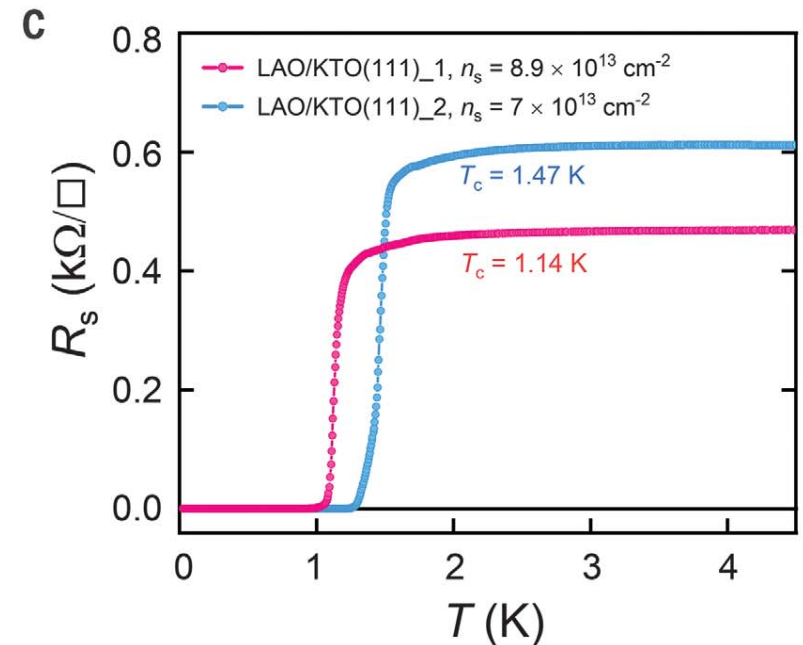
(111) KTaO₃ interface

SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

Two-dimensional superconductivity and anisotropic transport at KTaO₃ (111) interfaces

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The distinctive electronic structure found at interfaces between materials can allow unconventional quantum states to emerge. Here we report on the discovery of superconductivity in electron gases formed at interfaces between (111)-oriented KTaO₃ and insulating overlayers of either EuO or LaAlO₃. The superconducting transition temperature, as high as 2.2 kelvin, is about one order of magnitude higher than that of the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ system. Notably, similar electron gases at KTaO₃ (001) interfaces remain normal down to 25 millikelvin. The critical field and current-voltage measurements indicate that the superconductivity is two-dimensional. In EuO/KTaO₃ (111) samples, a spontaneous in-plane transport anisotropy is observed before the onset of superconductivity, suggesting the emergence of a distinct “stripe”-like phase, which is also revealed near the critical field.



Orthorhombic vanadates

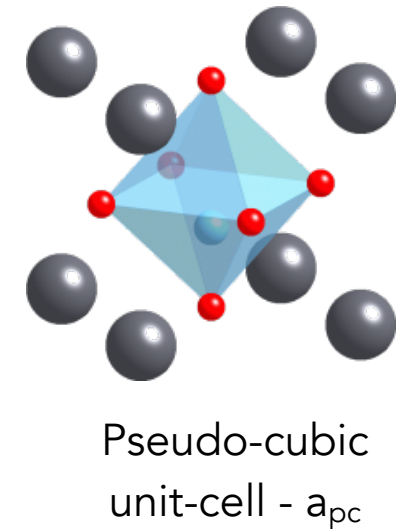
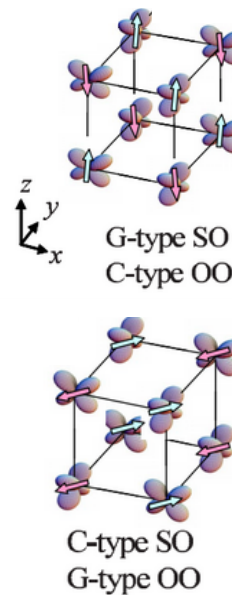
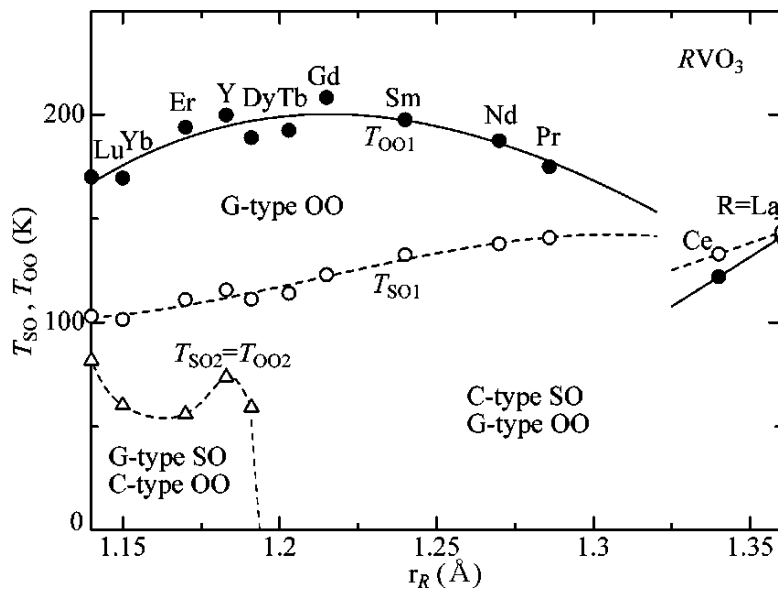
Structural coupling leads to a transition layer

Perovskite vanadates $REVO_3$

V^{4+} (d^1) : metallic (e.g. $SrVO_3$)

V^{3+} (d^2) : Mott-insulators (rare earth or Y, e.g. $LaVO_3$)

50.9415	23
650.9	1.63
V Vanadium [Ar] 3d ³ 4s ²	+5
	+4
	+3
	+2
	+1
	-1

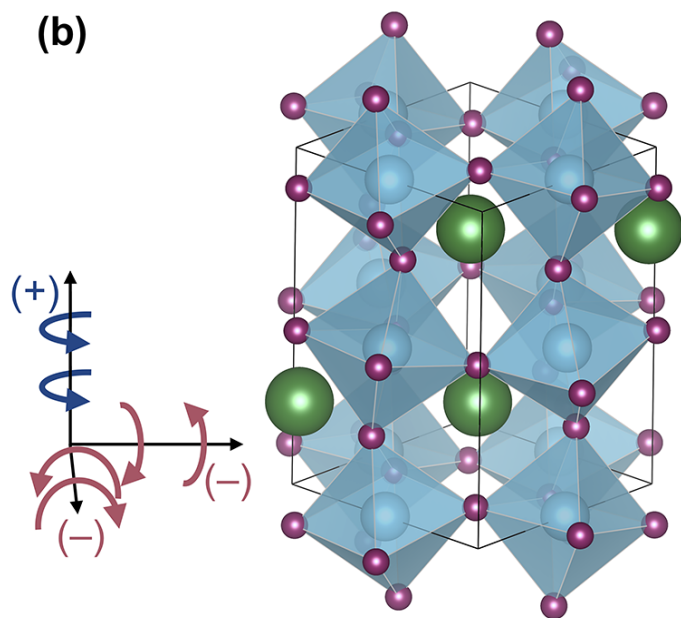


S. Miyasaka et al. PRB **68**, 100406 (2003)

Perovskite vanadates RVO_3

Orthorhombic structure as many perovskites
 $Pnma$ with a tilt pattern $a^-b^+c^-$

(b)



Orthorhombic structure $a^-b^+c^-$

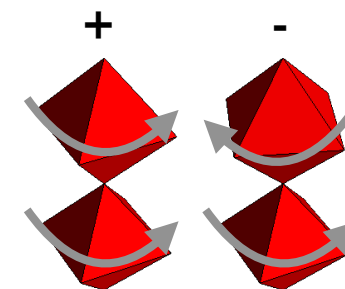
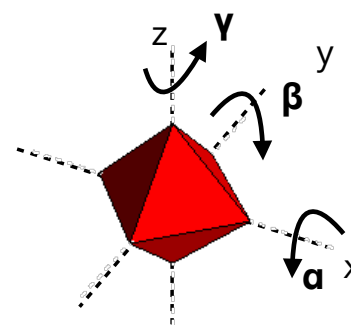
$LaVO_3$

$a_o = 5.555 \text{ \AA}$

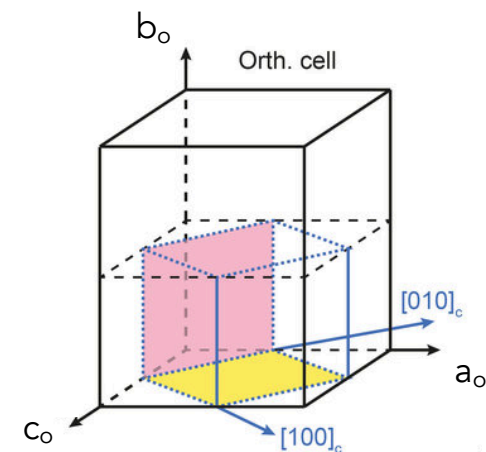
$b_o = 7.849 \text{ \AA}$ - in phase rotations

$c_o = 5.553 \text{ \AA}$

b_o is the orthorhombic « long-axis »



$a^-b^+c^-$



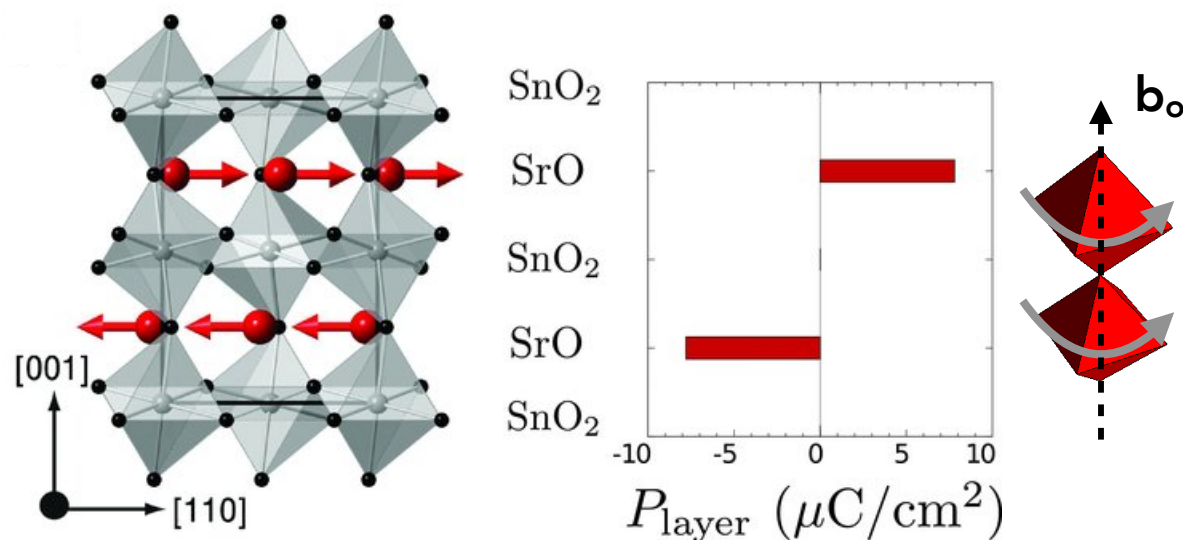
$$a_{pc} \approx b_o / 2 \approx (a_o^2 + c_o^2)^{1/2}$$

Perovskite vanadates RVO_3

These instabilities couple to an anti-polar mode (AM) X_5^-

$$F \sim \phi_{xy}^- \phi_z^+ X_5^-$$

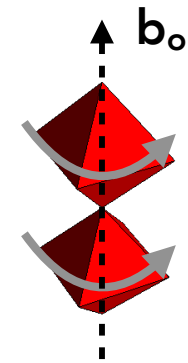
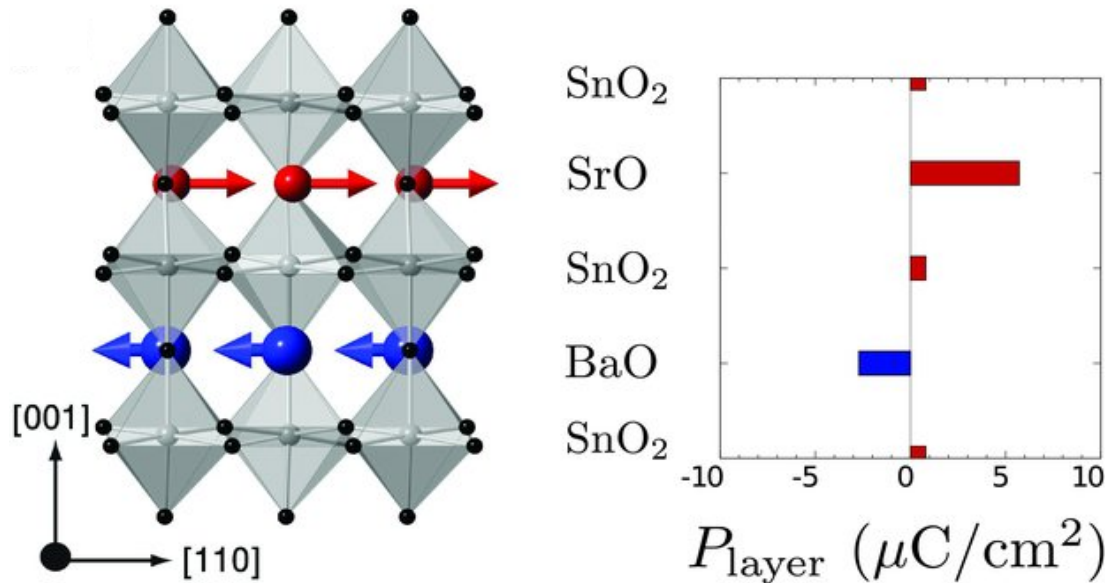
AM - cation displacements in the $[110]$ pseudocubic direction



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Synthetic ferroelectric

1u.c./1u.c. (odd) $ABO_3/A'BO_3$ superlattices

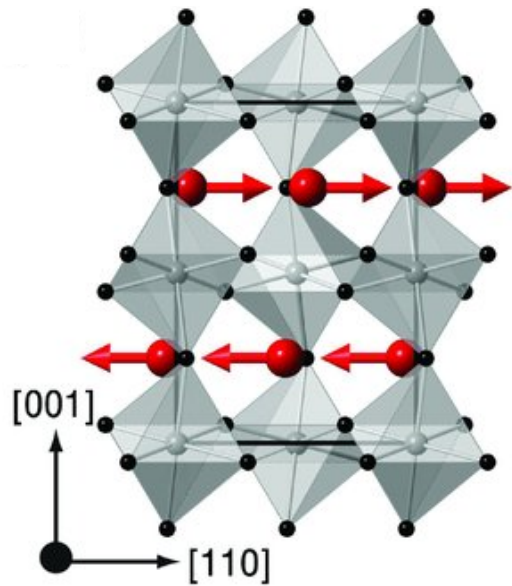


The long orthorhombic axis - in-phase rotations has to be out of plane

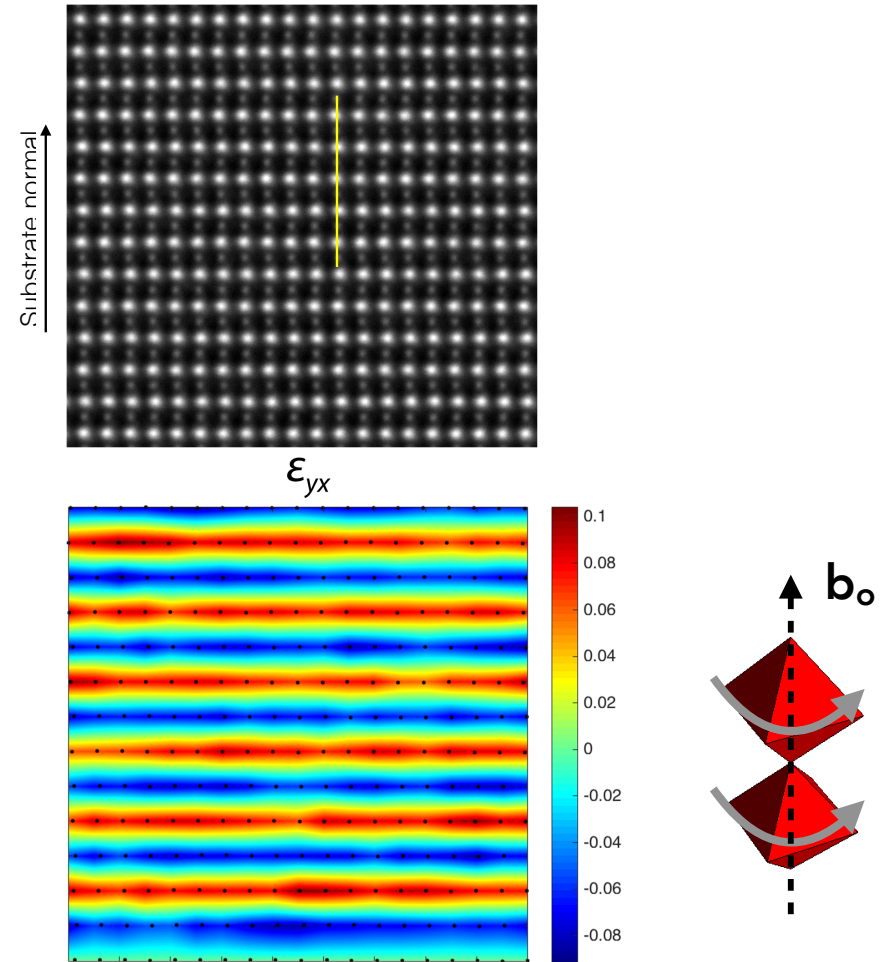
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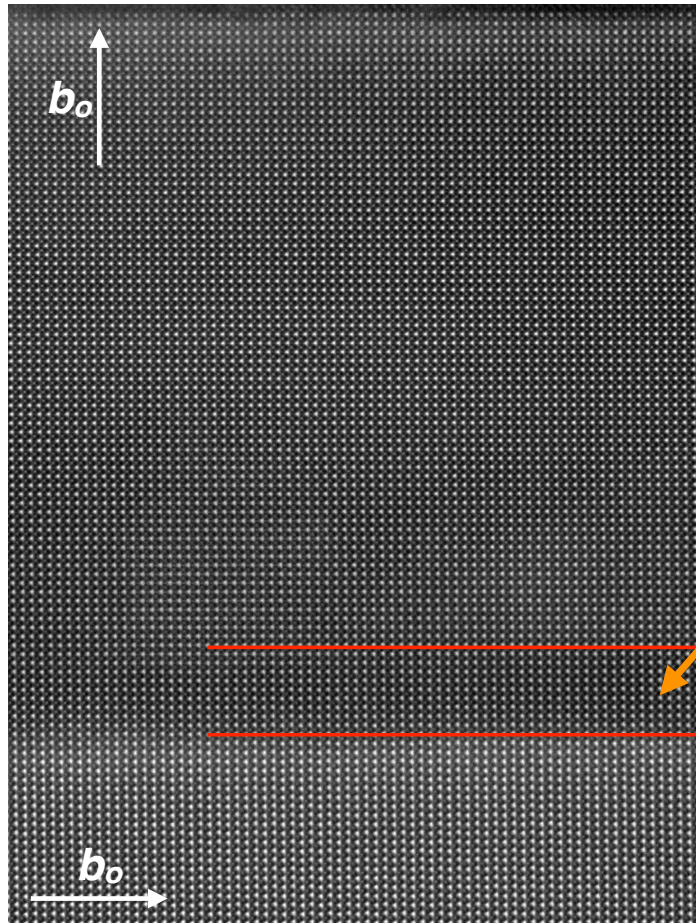
AM seen using STEM



« Atomic displacement mapping » allows the anti-polar modes to be visualised and the long axis direction to be determined



LaVO₃ grown on a (101)_o DyScO₃ substrate



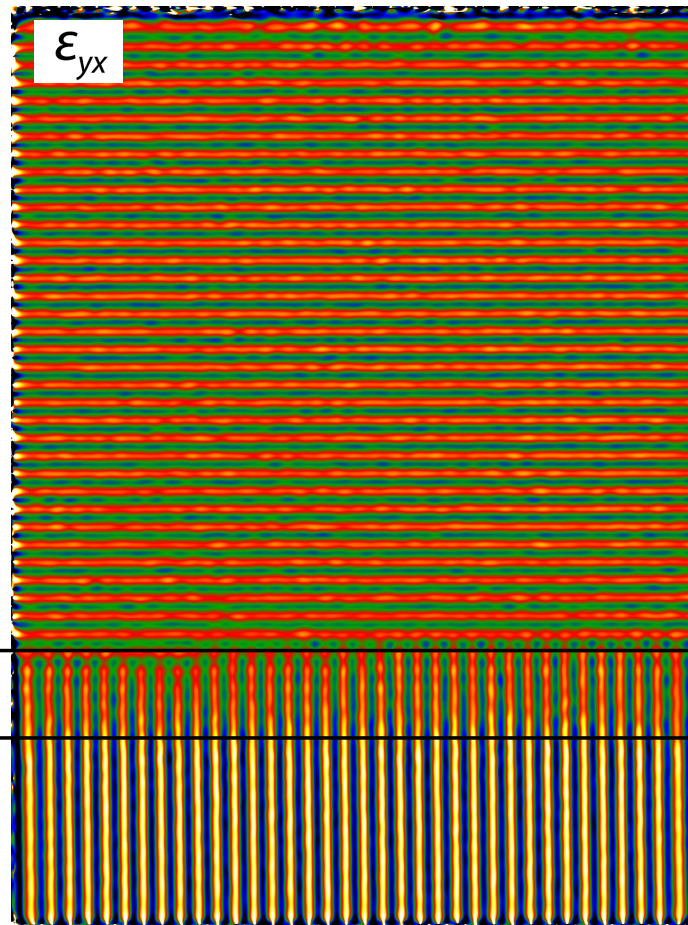
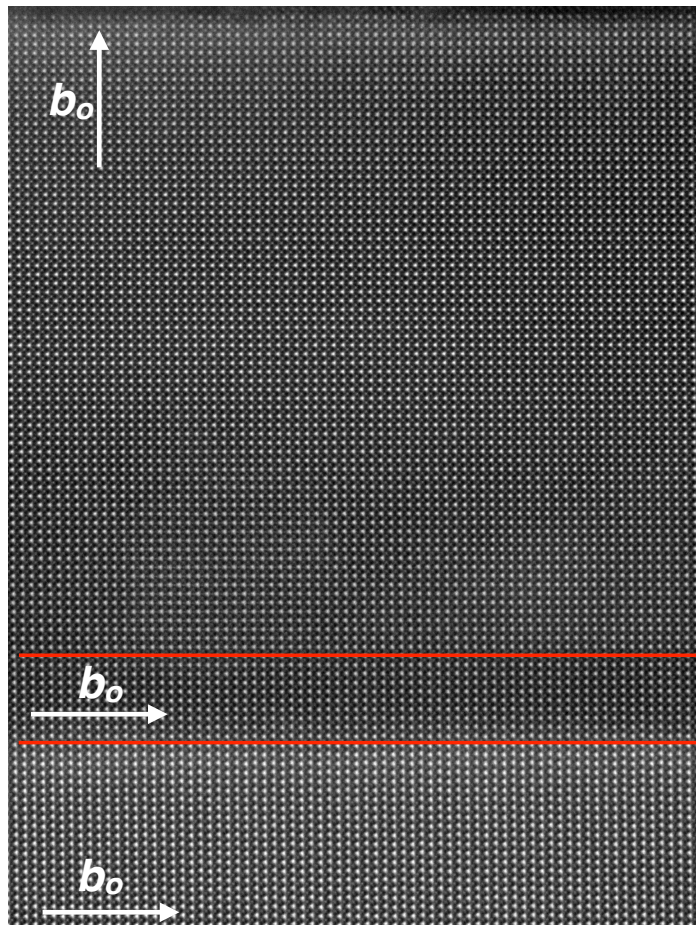
Strain favours a long axis in the out-of-plane direction

An unusual contrast at the interface
-no defect
-no chemical contrast

(101)_o DyScO₃

Orthorhombic b-axis (long axis) in-plane

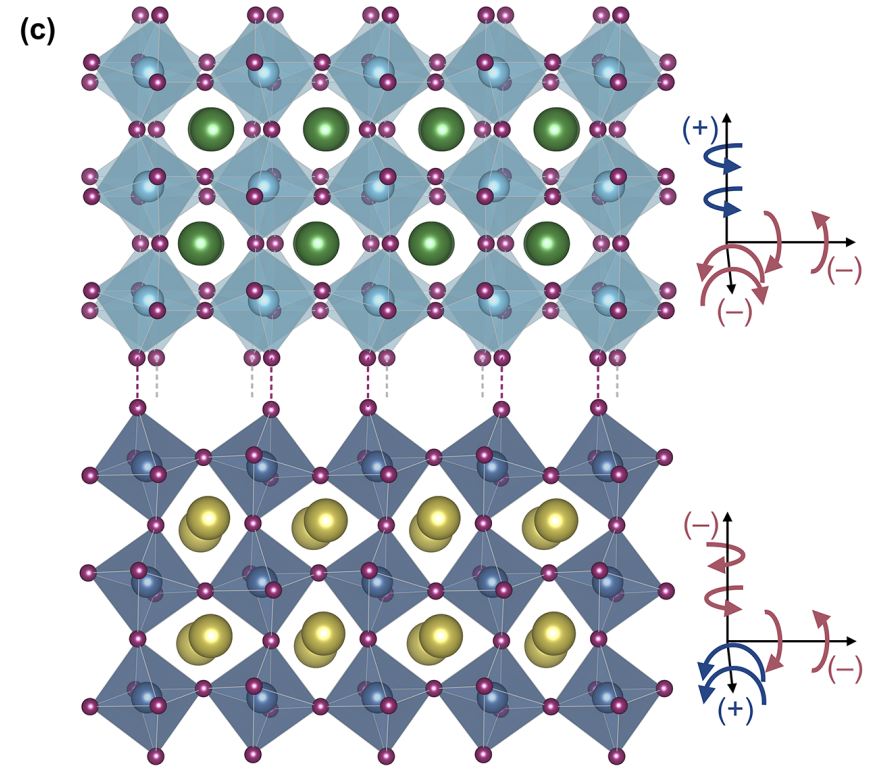
A 10 unit-cell thick transition layer with in-plane b-axis



} ~ 10 u.c. TL

$[\bar{1}10]_{orth}$

The transition layer comes from the competition between macroscopic strain and the oxygen octahedral rotations coupling energy



**A new path to create a sharp interface
between two regions of the same material
under distinct mechanical boundary
conditions - one of them being possibly 2D**

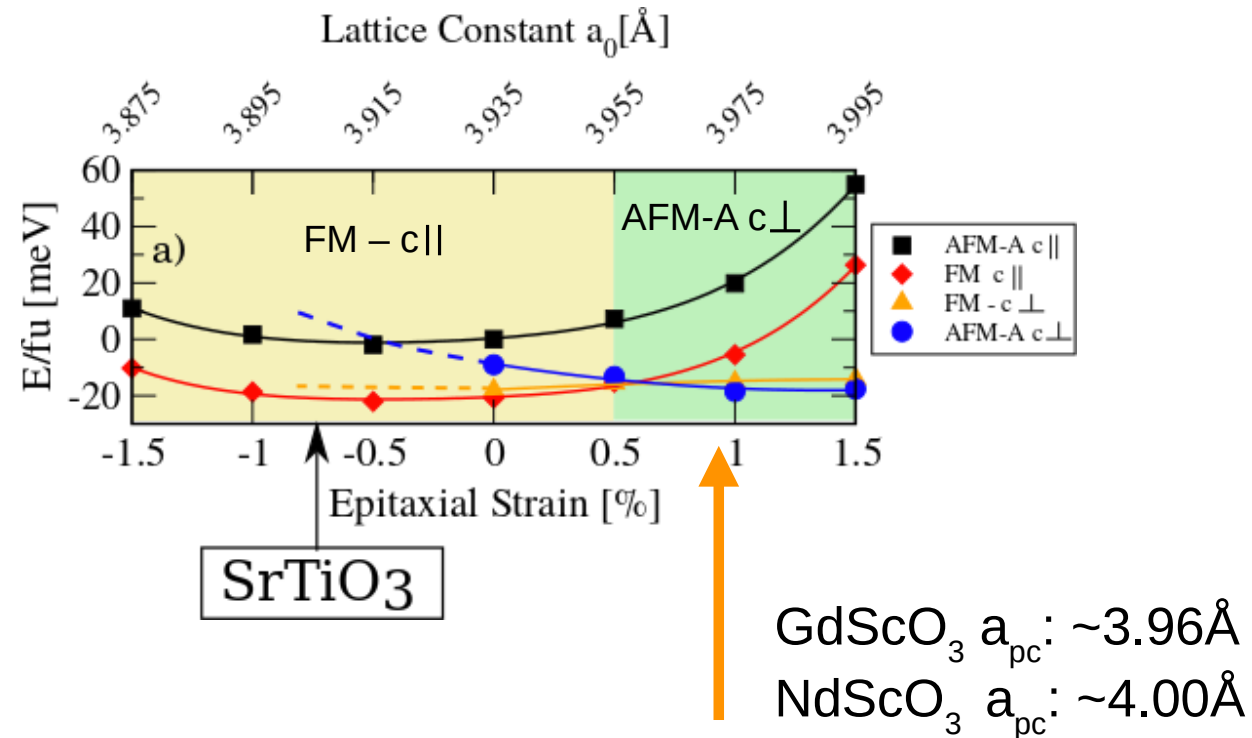
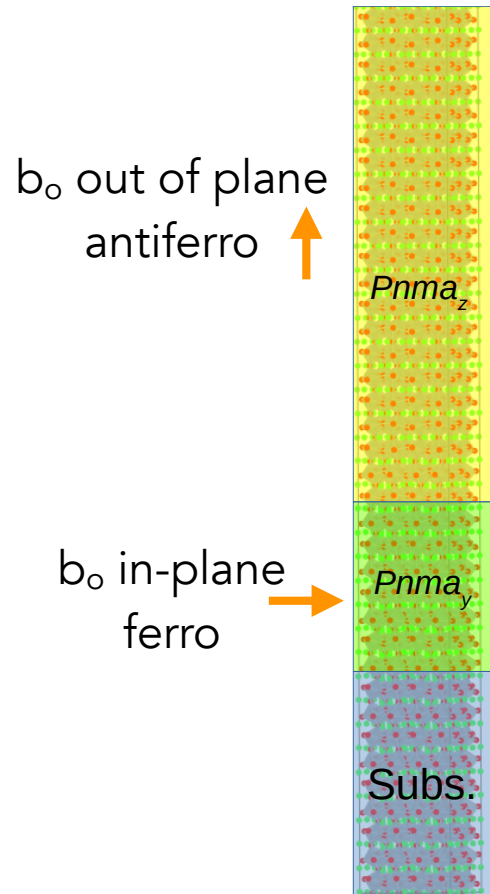
Open questions

This TL a « universal » phenomenon ?

Parameters controlling the TL?

Can this be useful / become functional?

Can this be useful? LaMnO_3



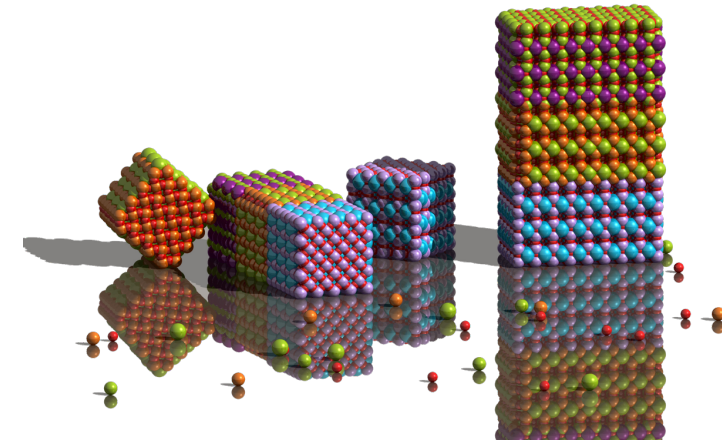
Conclusions

Structural and electronic couplings deeply affect the properties in oxide structures

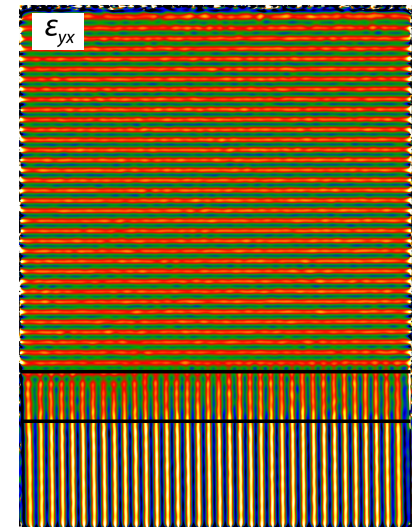
-The $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ system illustrates how an interfacial coupling can lead to a 2D electron system which displays...

-In LaVO_3 films on DyScO_3 substrates, structural coupling leads to a 10 u.c. thick transition layer

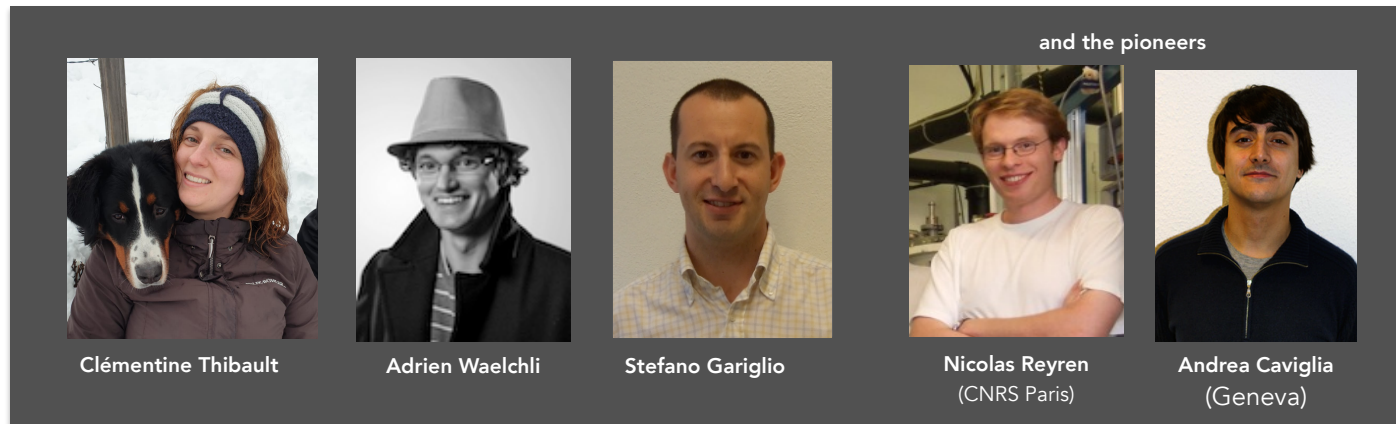
...a way to create a sharp interface between two regions of the same material under distinct mechanical boundary conditions



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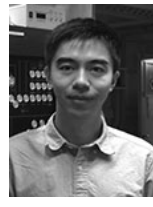
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