

Surface Impedance in Spin-triplet Superconducting Proximity Structures



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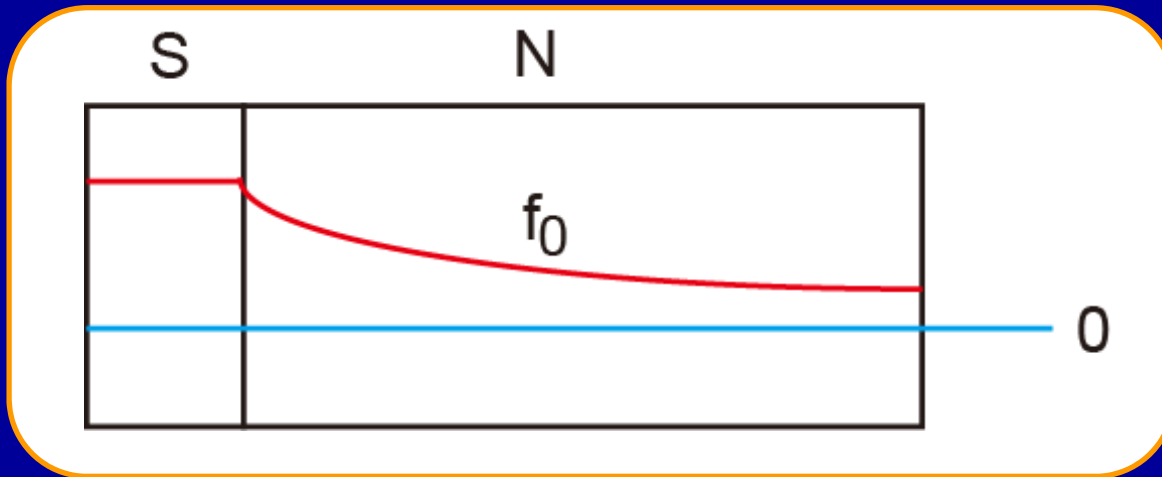
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Introduction

Proximity effect



$$f_0 \approx e^{-x/\xi_T}$$

$$\xi_T = \sqrt{\frac{D_0}{4\pi T}}$$

Tunneling spectra of NS
Josephson current in SNS

What happens on N attached to spin-triplet superfluids?

Surface Impedance

Response to electromagnetic field

$$Z = \frac{4\pi}{c} \frac{E}{H} = R + iX$$

reflects various properties of quasiparticle states

R: surface resistance

loss of microwave power due to normal carrier

X: reactance

response of superconducting carriers

Phenomenological theory

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j}_n + \mathbf{j}_s = (\sigma_1 - i\sigma_2)\mathbf{E} \quad \omega \sim 10\text{GHz}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_0 \frac{n_n}{n}$$

for $\omega\tau \ll 1$

$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_0 \omega\tau \frac{n_n}{n} + \frac{c^2}{4\pi\lambda_L^2\omega}$$

$$R + iX = \left[\frac{4\pi i\omega}{c^2(\sigma_1 - i\sigma_2)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$

Drude conductivity
in normal state

$$\frac{c^2}{4\pi\lambda_L^2\omega} = \sigma_0 \frac{n_s}{n} \frac{1}{\omega\tau}$$

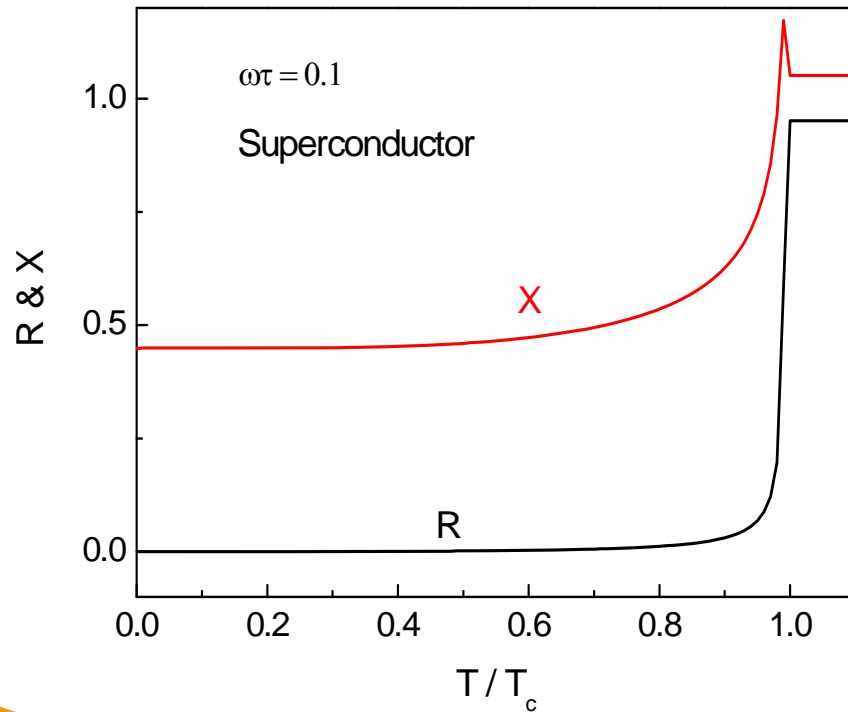
$$n = n_n + n_s$$

A simple relation

$$T < T_c \quad R < X$$

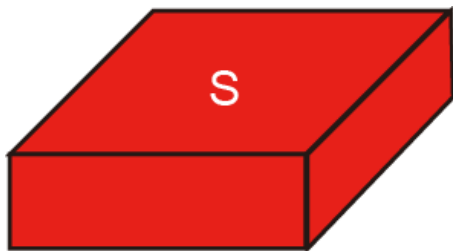
$$T \geq T_c \quad R \approx X$$

Theoretical Results



$$n_s = n \frac{\Delta(T)}{\Delta(0)}$$

$$n_n = n - n_s$$

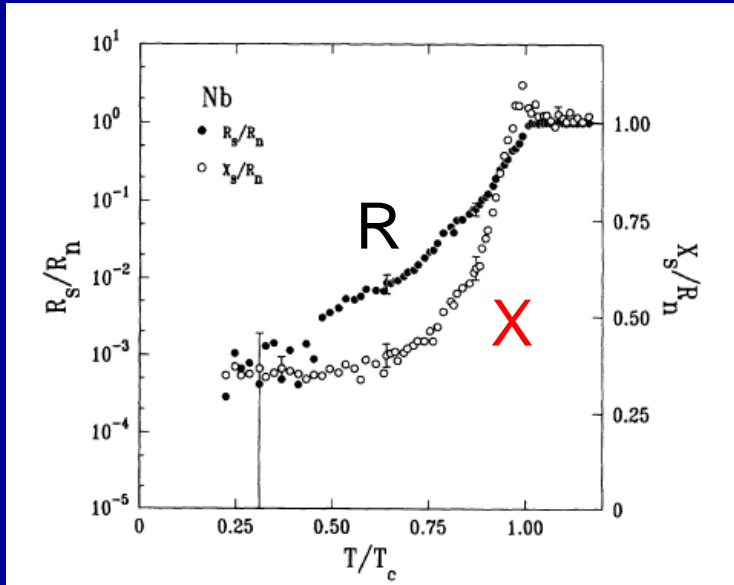


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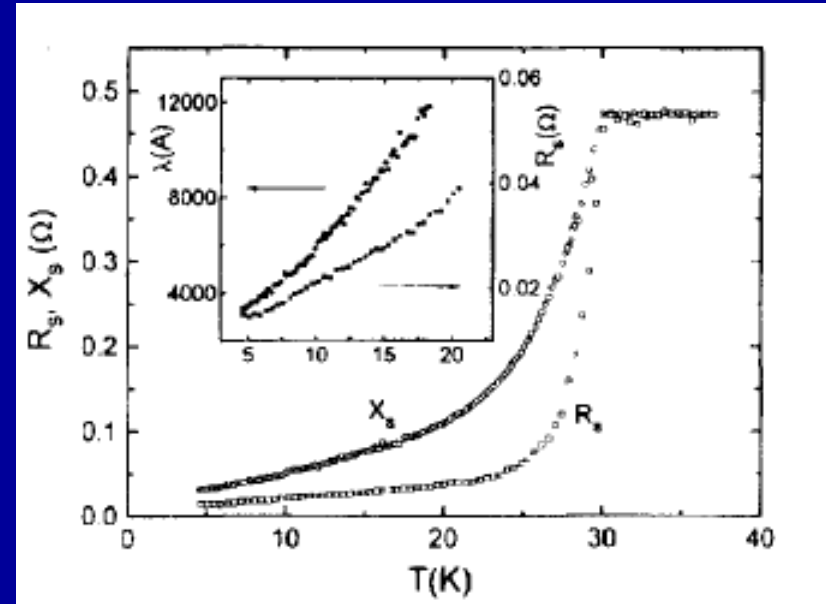
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Experimental results

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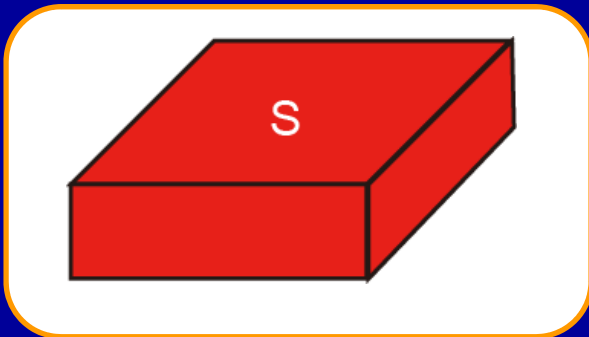


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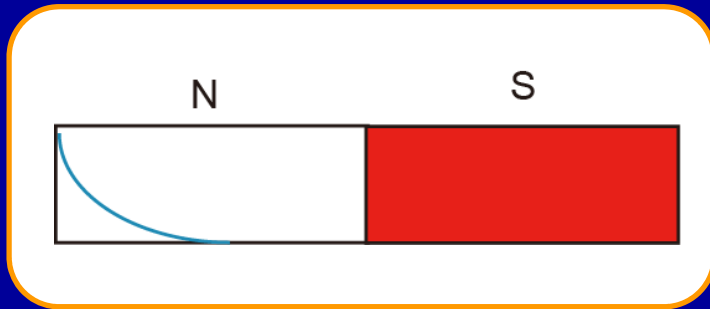
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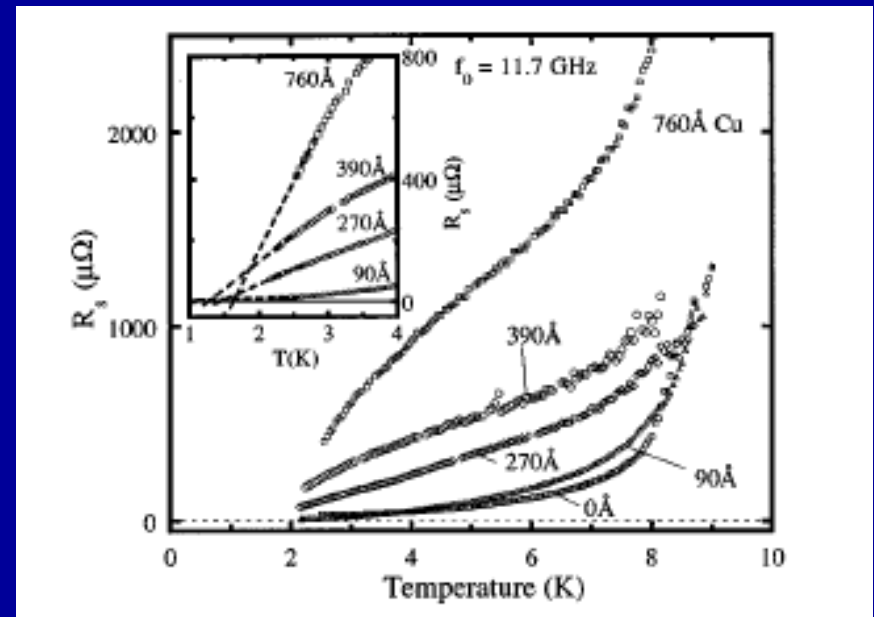
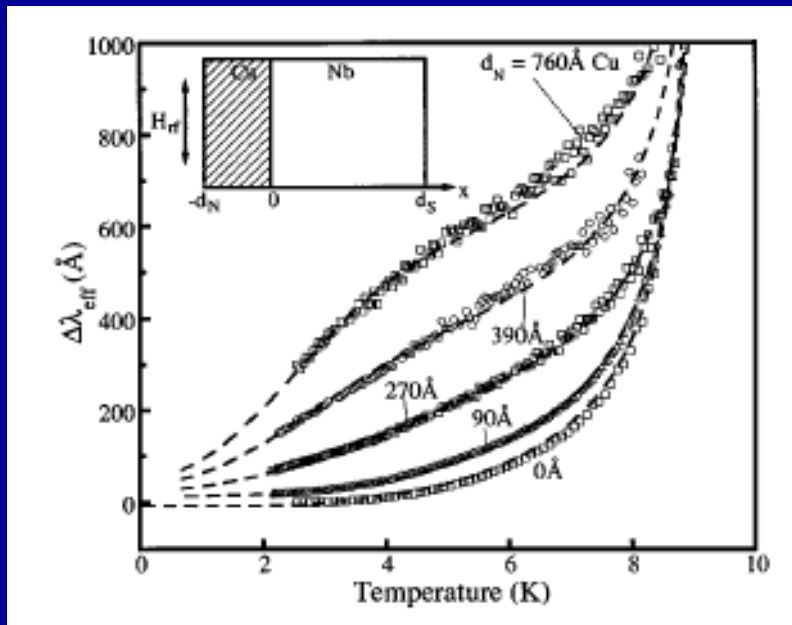
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Normal proximity effect



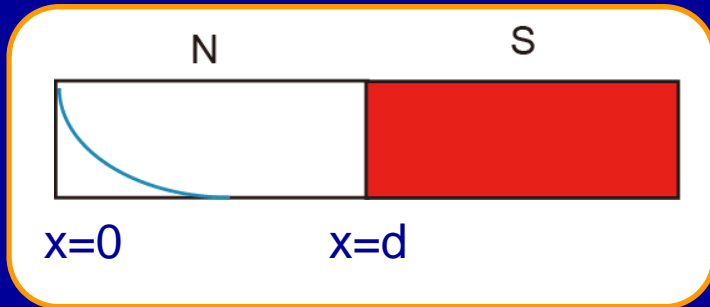
$$R < X \quad ?$$

Maybe!



Proximity structures

Strategy



Maxwell's Eqs.

$$E = \frac{\partial_x H}{\sigma}$$

$$H = -i \frac{c}{\omega} \partial_x E$$

Continuity of electromagnetic field

$$Z_{NS} = Z_N \frac{Z_S \cos(k_n d) + i Z_N \sin(k_n d)}{Z_N \cos(k_n d) + i Z_S \sin(k_n d)}$$

For $0 < x < d$

$$H = \mathbf{y} (H_1 e^{ik_n x} + H_2 e^{-ik_n x}) e^{i\omega t}$$

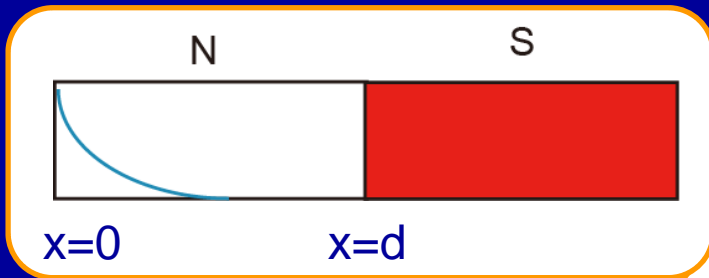
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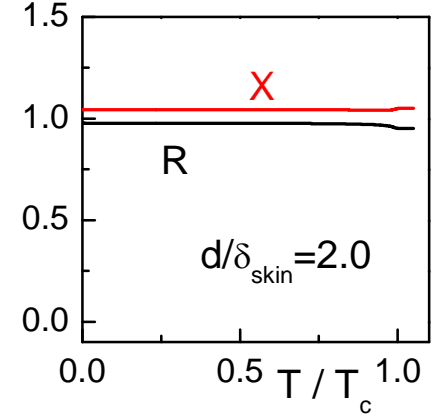
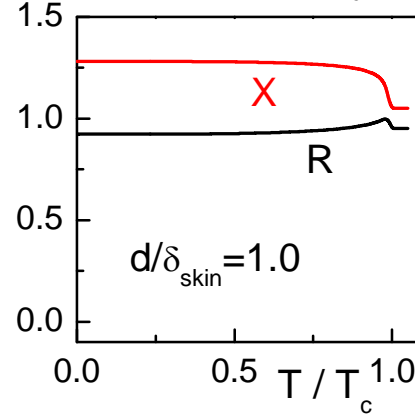
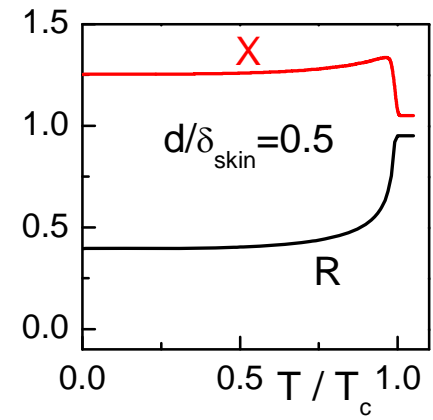
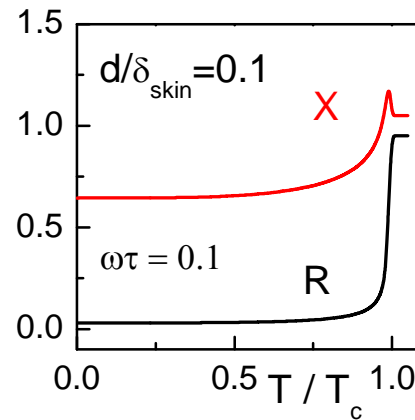
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I : zero proximity effect



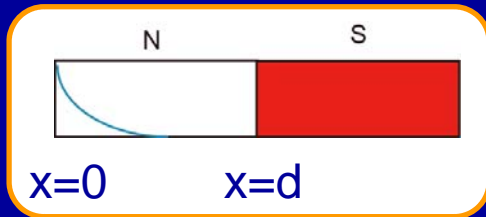
$$n_s = 0 \text{ in N}$$

$$R < X$$



No proximity effect

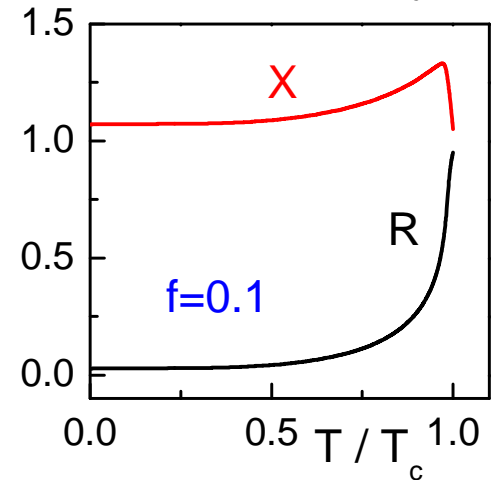
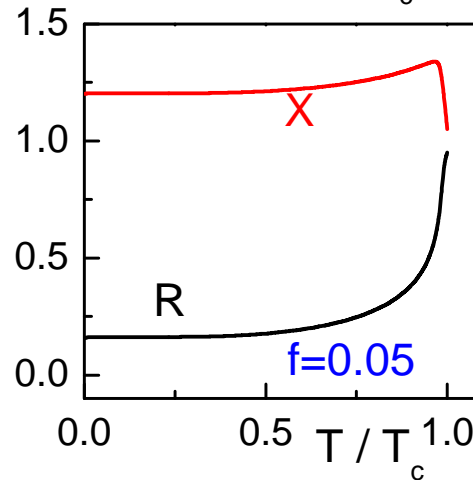
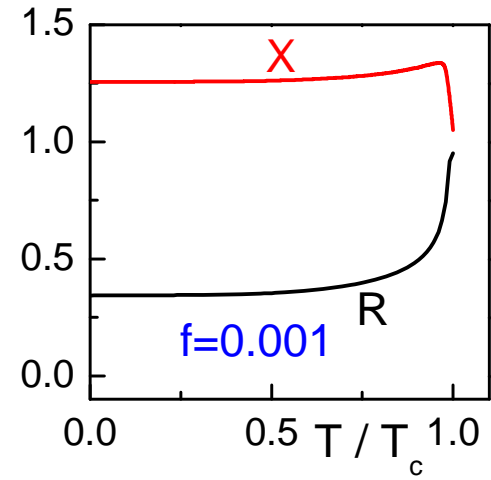
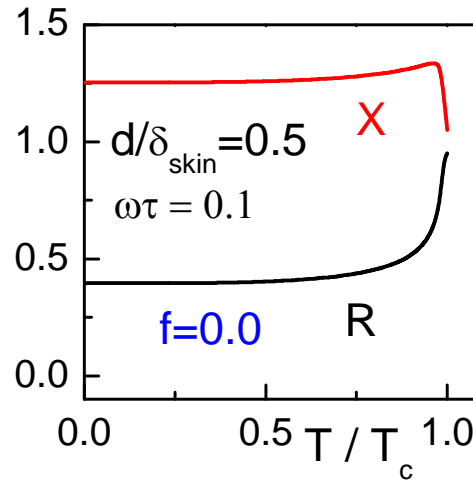
II : usual proximity effect



f : strength of proximity effect

$$n_s = f n \frac{\Delta(T)}{\Delta(0)}$$

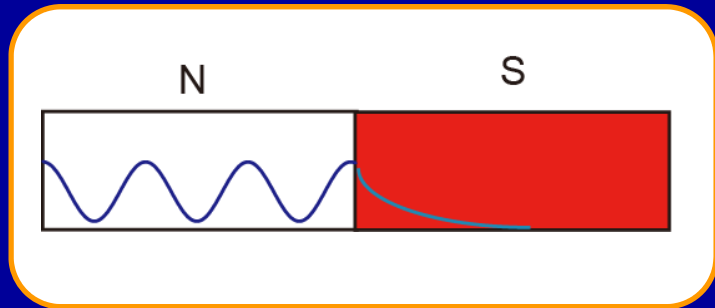
$$R < X$$



usual proximity effect

Anomalous proximity effect

Spin-triplet p-wave



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$\lambda^2 < 0$ due to odd-frequency

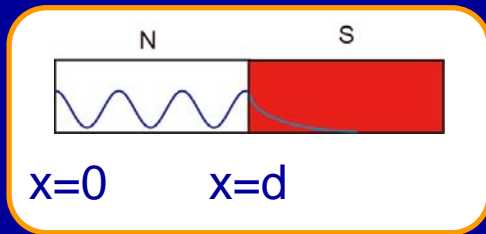
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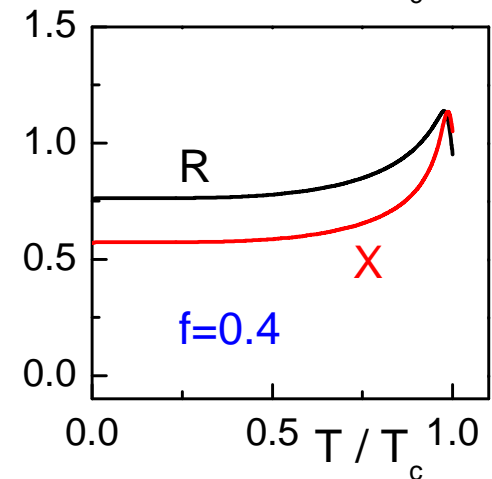
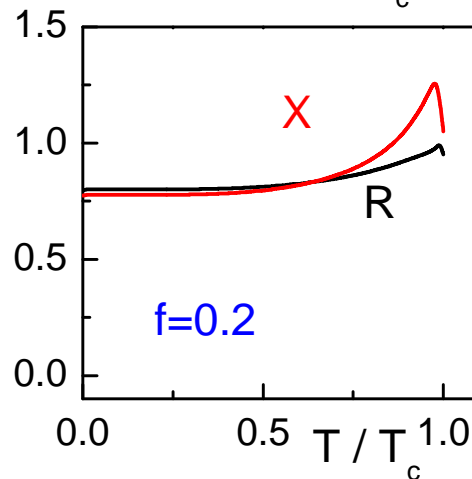
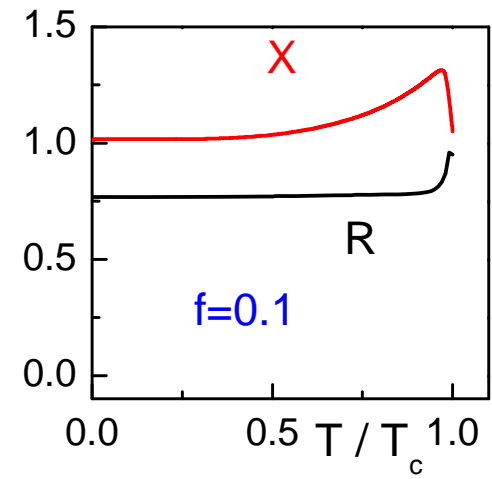
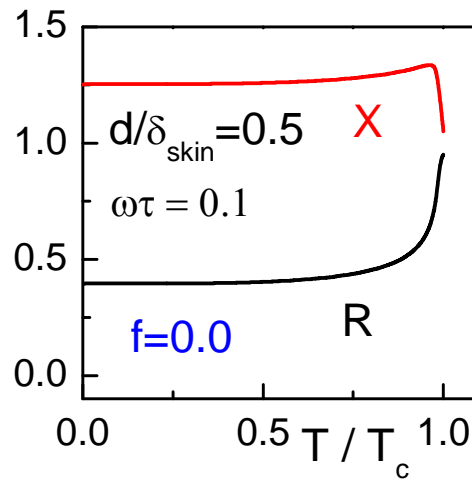
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III : anomalous proximity effect



$$n_s = -f n \frac{\Delta(T)}{\Delta(0)}$$

$$R > X$$



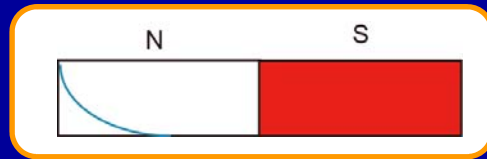
Summary

surface impedance in NS proximity structures

$$Z = R + iX$$

A phenomenological theory indicates

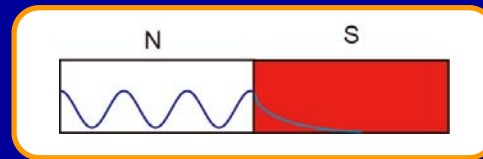
spin-singlet



even freq. pairs

$$R < X$$

spin-triplet



odd freq. pairs

$$R > X \quad : \text{unusual relation}$$

Beyond the phenomenological theory....

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