

Characteristics of Nano-Scale Superconducting Josephson Junctions

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Superconducting $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+x}$ (Bi-2212) single crystal is a naturally grown Josephson junction. Conducting CuO_2 bilayer plane (thickness $\approx 0.3\text{nm}$) is separated by an insulator BiO-SrO layer (thickness $\approx 1.2\text{nm}$). We are going to report characteristics of nano-scale superconducting junction. Nano-scale junction has been fabricated through focused ion beam (FIB) to study inter layer characteristics of single crystal whisker. We have measured resistance(R) - temperature(T) characteristics in *ab*-plane and found first critical transition temperature (T_c) at 110 K ,with transition width of 4 K. Resistance of sample has become zero at 80 K and showed metallic behavior before transition temperature. We fabricated a stack with in-plane area of $2\ \mu\text{m} \times 2\ \mu\text{m}$ and height of about 200 nm using focused ion beam (FIB) etching method, which have several hundred of elementary Josephs on junctions in *c*-axis. This stack has been fabricated by rotation and tilt of sample stage in FIB.

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