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- 22. For correlation analyses of subsets of object-selective cortex, the category that elicited the maximal response in each voxel was determined for even runs, odd runs, and all runs. To examine whether the pattern of response to a category could be discerned in cortex that responded maximally to other categories, we restricted comparisons of responses to pairs of categories to voxels that did not respond maximally to either category on either even or odd runs. This was the most exacting test of this prediction that we could devise. To examine the response in regions that responded maximally to only a single category (faces, houses, or cats) or to only small man-made objects, we included only those voxels that had maximal responses averaged across all runs. Thus, there was no overlap between these regions.
- 23. The image data were not smoothed before analysis; nonetheless, it is possible that voxels outside of the regions showing maximal responses to a given category could still be influenced by the maximally responsive region because of spatial smoothness due to imaging techniques and partial volume effects. To address this issue, we also analyzed our data after excluding all voxels that responded maximally to the two categories being compared as well as all voxels that were adjacent to these regions. On average, this analysis excluded 58% of voxels from the calculation of correlations. Nonetheless, overall accuracy for identifying the category being viewed was 92%, demonstrating that the results are not attributable to the effect of maximally responsive regions on adjacent voxels.
- Supplemental data are available on Science Online at www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/293/5539/ 2425/DC1.
- 25. Within the region that responds maximally to faces, sites may exist that respond exclusively to faces that are interdigitated with sites that respond maximally, but not exclusively, to faces, as suggested by studies of evoked potentials recorded with electrodes on the

cortical surface (44). It is important to note, however, that most face-selective recording sites in these studies do show some response to other objects and even the sites that demonstrate an N200 response exclusively to faces appear to respond to other objects also but with different latencies.

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part of lesions that cause prosopagnosia involves damage to the small region that responds maximally to faces. For a lesion to cause prosopagnosia, it may require damage in regions that show the most modulation of response to different individual faces, which may not be coextensive with the region that responds maximally to faces, or damaged connections to cortices in other parts of the brain that are critical for face recognition, such as the superior temporal sulcus or the anterior temporal cortex.

- 39. Models of the functional architecture of ventral extrastriate cortex that focus analysis on mean responses in regions that are putatively specialized for stimulus category (5, 7) or perceptual process (9-11) are not inconsistent with a coexisting functional architecture that embodies the distinct representations for all categories. Unlike the object form topography model proposed here, however, these specialized region models do not provide an explicit account for how such a coexisting functional architecture is organized or how the representations for an unlimited variety of categories could differ from each other within this architecture.
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## Field-Induced Superconductivity in a Spin-Ladder Cuprate

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We report on the modulation of the transport properties of thin films, grown by molecular beam epitaxy, of the spin-ladder compound  $[CaCu_2O_3]_4$ , using the field effect in a gated structure. At high hole-doping levels, superconductivity is induced in the nominally insulating ladder material without the use of high-pressure or chemical substitution. The observation of superconductivity is in agreement with the theoretical prediction that holes doped into spin ladders could pair and possibly superconduct.

Because of the prediction of the presence of spin-gap and possible appearance of d-wave superconductivity, much attention has been paid

\*To whom correspondence should be addressed. Email: j.hendrix@ratskrone.de to the so-called spin-ladder systems (1-4). Ladder systems are considerably easier to study theoretically than two-dimensional models, because they are basically quasi-one-dimensional and they can provide a playground for studies of high-critical temperature (high- $T_c$ ) superconductors (4). Spin-ladder systems, especially two-leg ladders (Fig. 1), are interesting model materials to investigate low-dimensional quantum systems. Two-leg ladders are essentially one-dimensional (1D), and doped ladders are a fascinating mixture of a dilute Fermi gas with strong attractions and a concentrated Fermi system with a large Fermi surface (3). In addition, the similarities between doped ladders and

doped  $\text{CuO}_2$  planes make for interesting comparison. However, a difficulty that arises in the preparation of undoped and doped materials is that structural changes due to chemical doping may mask the effect of the change of the doping level and that doping-induced disorder might suppress the observation of superconductivity. It has been shown that the modulation of the carrier concentration leading, for example, to gateinduced superconductivity is a powerful tool to study the electronic properties of various materials as a function of the doping level (5–9), which circumvents the issue of doping-induced disorder.

So far, only Sr-rich  $Sr_{1-x}Ca_xCu_2O_3$  and  $(Sr_{1-x}Ca_x)_{14}Cu_{24}O_{41}$  materials, prepared under



Fig. 1. Schematic structure of the two-leg ladder compound  $[CaCu_2O_3]_4$ .

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high pressure (10) or by the float-zone technique (11, 12), were studied because of the difficulties of preparing pure Ca compounds (x = 1). Recently, high-quality  $[CaCu_2O_3]_4$  (13) and  $Ca_{14}Cu_{24}O_{41}$  (14) thin films as well as bulk Ca<sub>14</sub>Cu<sub>24</sub>O<sub>41</sub> (15) and CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> single crystals (16) were prepared and characterized. In an undoped two-leg spin-ladder, the existence of the spin-gap in the magnetic excitation spectrum was confirmed for SrCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (17) and  $Sr_{0.4}Ca_{13.6}Cu_{24}O_{41}$  (18–20). Stimulated by theoretical work, numerous experiments have been performed in order to search for superconducting properties in even-leg materials. In the doped  $Sr_{0,4}Ca_{13,6}Cu_{24}O_{41}$ ,  $Sr_2Ca_{12}Cu_{24}O_{41}$ , and Ca14Cu24O41, superconductivity was observed under high pressure ( $\geq$ 3 GPa) with a maximum at 12 to 13 (19, 20), 5 (21), and 8 K (15), respectively. The structure of  $(Sr_{1-x}Ca_x)_{14}Cu_{24}O_{41}$  consists of two distinct Cu-O sublattices: Cu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (twoleg ladder) planes with CuO<sub>2</sub> chains (1D chains of CuO<sub>4</sub> squares with shared edges) alternately stacked along the c-axis of the orthorhombic cell (10). It is assumed that the main effect of high pressure in the aforementioned compounds is the hole redistribution between CuO<sub>2</sub> chains and the Cu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ladder sheets. Under high pressure, the hole density



**Fig. 2.** Field-effect device structure. The  $[CaCu_2O_3]_4$  film is grown by MBE on a MgO substrate. Electrical contacts are prepared on top of the film by thermal evaporation. An  $Al_2O_3$  insulating layer is deposited by sputtering. Finally, a gold layer is evaporated as gate electrode.

in the ladders is expected to increase (20), which should be the origin of the observed superconducting properties. However, it remains to be investigated whether this phase corresponds to the theoretically predicted superconductivity on the basis of the analysis of isolated ladder (4). It is also worth mentioning that transport and copper-63 nuclear magnetic resonance measurements of the Knight shift and relaxation time  $T_1$  performed on  $Sr_2Ca_{12}Cu_{24}O_{41}$  single crystals as a function of pressure show a collapse of the gap in spin exitations when superconductivity is stabilized at 3.1 GPa (21).

For bulk  $Cu_2O_3$  pure ladder systems, the attempts to dope the compounds were not successful, and superconductivity as theoretically predicted was not yet observed. On the other hand, it is possible to dope molecular beam epitaxy (MBE)–grown [CaCu\_2O\_3]\_4 films (22) in the range of 0.12 to 0.25 electron per copper atom. Here, we report on the observation of superconductivity in a [CaCu\_2O\_3]\_4 ladder thin film induced by the field-effect at ambient pressure. The maximum transition temperature  $T_c$  is, at 14 K, slightly above the value reported for chemically doped bulk samples under pressure (19, 20).

The film, 30 nm thick, was grown by MBE on a MgO (100) substrate (13). The crystal structure and composition were determined, using four-circle x-ray diffraction, high-resolution transmission electron microscopy, and Rutherford backscattering. A new type of stacking of the ladder planes was observed in these compounds. The ladders stack by dimers, formed by two perfectly superposed ladder planes, separated by a Ca plane. Between two neighboring dimers, there is a shift in the direction of the ladder legs. The crystal cell thus contains four ladder planes, with 0.31 nm separating two consecutive ladder planes. It is interesting to note that this [CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> compound is at least 10% more compact than the corresponding CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> bulk compound with no shift between dimers. This is in agreement with the higher level of oxidation in the films, possibly due to a new type of oxygen site related to the shift between dimers. This site is absent in the bulk  $CaCu_2O_3$  compounds. Because of the lattice mismatch, some residual strain will be present in the MBE-grown films.

Field-effect devices were prepared on top of the MBE-grown 30-nm-thick [CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> films (Fig. 2). As a first step, gold pads were thermally evaporated for electrical measurements mainly along the ladder legs. However, twinning in the sample prohibited a perfect orientation of the sample. Secondly, a gate insulator, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, was deposited by radio frequency-magnetron sputtering (5-9). The capacitance of this layer is 120 nF/cm<sup>2</sup>. Finally, a gold gate electrode is deposited on top of the insulating layer. By applying a negative voltage to the gate, the doping level in the active channel at the insulator/[CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> film interface can be modulated. It is worth mentioning that this hole accumulation layer extends only a few nanometers (around one ladder plane) into the thin film. Hence, only a thin interface layer becomes superconducting at very high gate bias.

The as-grown thin film exhibits metallic behavior above  $\sim$ 220 K, whereas the charge transport is governed by variable-range hopping below 150 K (Fig. 3) (23). The metallic behavior at high temperatures shows that even the as-grown layers are heavily doped. By applying a negative voltage to the gate, a distinct transition from insulating (below 150 K) to metallic transport is observed (Fig. 4). Moreover, for a gate charge of approximately  $9 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>, the resistance of the film drops to zero, indicating a transition to a superconducting phase. Assuming a homogeneous hole distribution in the ladder plane, the onset of the superconductivity corresponds to a doping level of approximately 0.1 hole per Cu atom, which is significantly less than in bulk samples under pressure (24). Interestingly, the two-dimensional superconductor-insulator transition takes place close to the universal value of  $h/(4e^2)$ . Similar behavior has been observed in bulk-doped samples



**Fig. 3.** Resistivity per ladder plane of an asgrown  $[CaCu_2O_3]_4$  film as a function of temperature. Below 150 K, the transport is governed by variable range hopping. Above ~220 K, metallic behavior is observed (see inset).



Fig. 4. Resistance per ladder plane of a  $[CaCu_2O_3]_4$  film as a function of temperature and the applied gate bias. A transition from insulating to metallic and, finally, to superconducting behavior is observed. The inset shows the resistance at -150 V on a linear scale. The dashed line corresponds to a linear dependence.

Fig. 5. Superconducting transition temperature  $T_c$  as a function of gate bias. A maximum T<sub>c</sub> of 14 K is achieved for a gate bias of -150 V. The gate charge is calculated from the capacitance of the insulating layer and the applied voltage. The inset shows the superconducting transition. The open and solid symbols indicate insulating (dp/dT < 0) and metallic (dp/dT > 0) behavior, respectively, above  $T_c$ .



(25). The transition temperature  $T_c$  increases gradually up to a maximum value of 14 K for the highest gate voltages possible (Fig. 5), which is slightly higher than for ladder materials at high pressure (19, 20). The experimental range is limited by the breakdown strength of the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> layer. The residual resistivity per ladder plane is slightly less than for bulk singlecrystal samples (25), revealing the high quality of the MBE-grown films. In the inset of Fig. 4, a linear dependence of the resistivity  $\rho$  above  $T_c$ can be observed, which is similar to doped two-dimensional cuprates (26). Moreover, note that the temperature dependence above  $T_c$ changes from insulating  $(d\rho/dT < 0)$  to metallic  $(d\rho/dT > 0)$  around optimal doping (maximum  $T_{\rm o}$ ) (Fig. 5). In addition, the superconducting transition shifts to lower temperatures by the application of a magnetic field perpendicular to the field-effect structure. A superconducting coherence length parallel to the ladder direction of 40 Å can be estimated from the suppression of the superconductivity (27). The observation of superconductivity in this two-leg ladder compound is in accordance with the theoretical prediction that hole doping of such materials should lead to pairing and superconductivity.

Our results demonstrate that field-effect doping is a very powerful technique to study electrical properties as a function of doping-level without inducing structural changes or additional disorder. The study of metal-insulator transitions or superconductivity in [CaCu2O3]4 are only some possibilities. We envision that this method can be extended to other ladder compounds as well as other materials in order to search for superconductivity as well as to test theoretical predictions.

## **High-Temperature** Superconductivity in Lattice-Expanded C<sub>60</sub>

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C<sub>50</sub> single crystals have been intercalated with CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CHBr<sub>3</sub> in order to expand the lattice. High densities of electrons and holes have been induced by gate doping in a field-effect transistor geometry. At low temperatures, the material turns superconducting with a maximum transition temperature of 117 K in hole-doped C<sub>60</sub>/CHBr<sub>3</sub>. The increasing spacing between the C<sub>60</sub> molecules follows the general trend of alkali metal-doped C<sub>60</sub> and suggests routes to even higher transition temperatures.

The superconducting properties of various materials can be modulated by the application of an electric field, and a variety of field-effect devices have been studied lately (1-9). We recently demonstrated the switching between insulating and superconducting behavior in single crystals of C<sub>60</sub>. The gate-induced superconductivity is observed for electron doping (5) as well as hole doping (7). The higher superconducting transition temperature  $(T_c)$  for hole doping may be ascribed to a larger density of states at the Fermi level and stronger coupling to phonons (8, 10, 11). C<sub>60</sub> is a particularly interesting superconductor because the dominant electron-phonon

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interaction, being an on-site intramolecular property, can be conceptually separated from the electronic density of states, which is given by the distance between adjacent molecules. Expanding the lattice, therefore, increases the density of states, and the resulting increase of  $T_c$ is well documented in alkali metal-doped bulk samples  $(A_3C_{60})$  (12, 13). The observation of gate-induced hole doping of  $C_{60}$  resulting in a  $T_c$ of 52 K suggests that significantly higher  $T_c$ 's could be anticipated in suitably "expanded"  $\mathrm{C}_{60}$ crystals. Indeed, here we report on raising  $T_c$  to 117 K with such methods.

Undoped C60 single crystals have been grown from the vapor phase in a stream of hydrogen (14). CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CHBr<sub>3</sub> are interca-

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