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High Resolution Scanning Tunneling Microscopy of Na_xCoO_2

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E.W. HUDSON, MIT — Since the 2003 discovery of superconductivity in wa-
ter doped sodium cobaltate (Na_xCoO_2), many experimental techniques have been
brought to bear on not only the superconducting parent state ($x \sim 0.3$) but on other
dopings as well. Unfortunately, scanning tunneling microscopy, which has shown so
much success in the study of the related cuprates, has not been as successful in
the study of Na_xCoO_2 . We will present results from topographic and spectroscopic
measurements of Na_xCoO_2 made using our variable temperature scanning tunneling
microscope, with a focus on changes observed between 130 K and 4 K.

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