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**The Superconducting Transition in Al Nanowires** PAUL ALIOTTA,  
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ERVELT, Harvard University — Strong evidence for macroscopic quantum tunnel-  
ing has been presented in Al wires with diameters less than 10 nm [1], which is much  
lower than the material's coherence length. We have investigated the superconduct-  
ing transition and evidence for macroscopic quantum tunneling in Al nanowires with  
diameters ranging from 10 to 40nm. We will present data for these wires.

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