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Things that make TiSe₂ superconducting IVO PLETIKOSIC, HUIXIA LUO, WEIWEI XIE, ELIZABETH SEIBEL, JASON KRIZAN, ROBERT CAVA, Princeton Univ, TONICA VALLA, Brookhaven National Laboratory — The unusual charge density wave phase in TiSe₂ is accompanied by superconductivity when electron dopants like copper and palladium are intercalated between the layers of this transition-metal dichalcogenide. But when nominally one-electron donors like tantalum and niobium are brought in to replace titanium, $Ti_{1-x}Ta_xSe_2$ is superconducting and $Ti_{1-x}Nb_xSe_2$ not. We investigated by angle-resolved photoemission (ARPES) the origins of this behavior by comparing the electronic band structure of pristine TiSe₂ and the two doped compounds. We question whether the effect can be attributed to the differences in electron doping only.

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