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Superconductivity Proximity Effect on Bulk and Surface States of Bi₂Se₃ Revealed by Conductance Peak and Plateau JAMES JUN HE, HUI LI, TONG ZHOU, HUANWEN WANG, HUACHEN ZHANG, HONG-CHAO LIU, YA YI, CHANGMING WU, KAM TUEN LAW, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, HONGTAO HE, South University of Science and Technology of China, JIANGNONG WANG, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology — We measured the transport properties of Bi₂Se₃/NbSe₂ junctions. The resistance drops twice around temperatures of 7K and 2K respectively, indicating proximity-induced superconductivity in Bi₂Se₃. Further conductance measurements show plateaus in the superconducting gap of NbSe₂, and a peak near zero bias. By numerical simulation with a tight-binding model, we found that the plateau is due to a quite transparent interface between Bi₂Se₃ and NbSe₂ and thus the surface states of the Bi₂Se₃ couple with the superconductor strongly. And the zero-bias peak is from the bulk states of the conduction band with the chemical potential close to the band bottom.

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