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Anomalous Long-Range Proximity Effect Observed in Single-Crystal Superconducting Nanowires HAIDONG LIU, Texas A&M University, ZUXIN YE, HONG ZHANG, ZHIPING LUO, K.D.D RATHNAYAKA, WENHAO WU, Department of Physics and MIC, Texas A&M University — An anomalous proximity effect has been observed in single-crystal Pb, Sn, and Zn nanowires, each in contact with a pair of macroscopic electrodes. With electrodes having a higher critical temperature Tc, superconductivity is induced at the Tc of the electrodes in Sn and Zn nanowires as long as $60~\mu\text{m}$, which is more than 10 times the expected length defined by current theories. This effect is further confirmed by the field dependence of the resistive transitions and I-V characteristics. It is found to depend sensitively on the residual-resistance-ratio of the nanowires.

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