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brooke — We probe the dynamics of a Superconductor /Normal Metal/ Supercon-
ductor junction (SNS: Nb / Al above its critical temperature / Nb) by measuring its
voltage / current characteristics while applying an ac current of frequency in the
range 1-200 MHz. We observe a dynamical phase transition as a function of the
frequency and amplitude of the ac current. At low frequency there is a continuous
change in the dynamical behavior of the junction, replaced an abrupt change and
hysteresis at high frequency. The crossover frequency between the two regimes has
a strong temperature dependence similar to that of the electron-phonon interaction
rate.

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