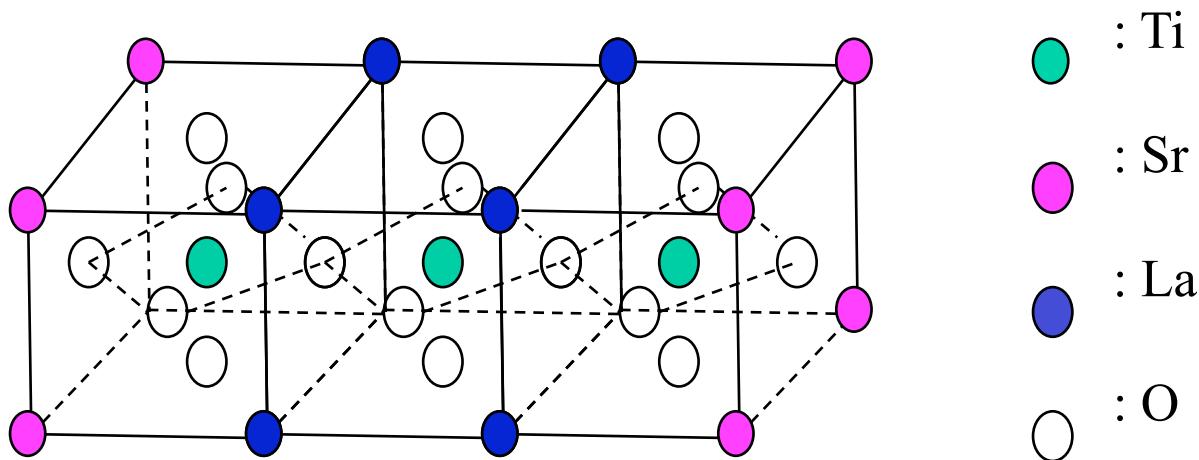


001 Superlattice

ex: $(\text{LaTiO}_3)_2/(\text{SrTiO}_3)_2$



Interface Classifications

Homometallic: same transition metal; different counterion

$\text{LaTiO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ $\text{LaMnO}_3/\text{SrMnO}_3$ $\text{LaVO}_3/\text{LaVO}_4$

$\text{La}_2\text{CuO}_4/\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$

potential of counterion defines quantum well
physics: change of charge density and of
local symmetry



Classifications

Heterometallic: change in transition metal across interface.
quantum well + different local physics

Case A: “hard wall”



Classification

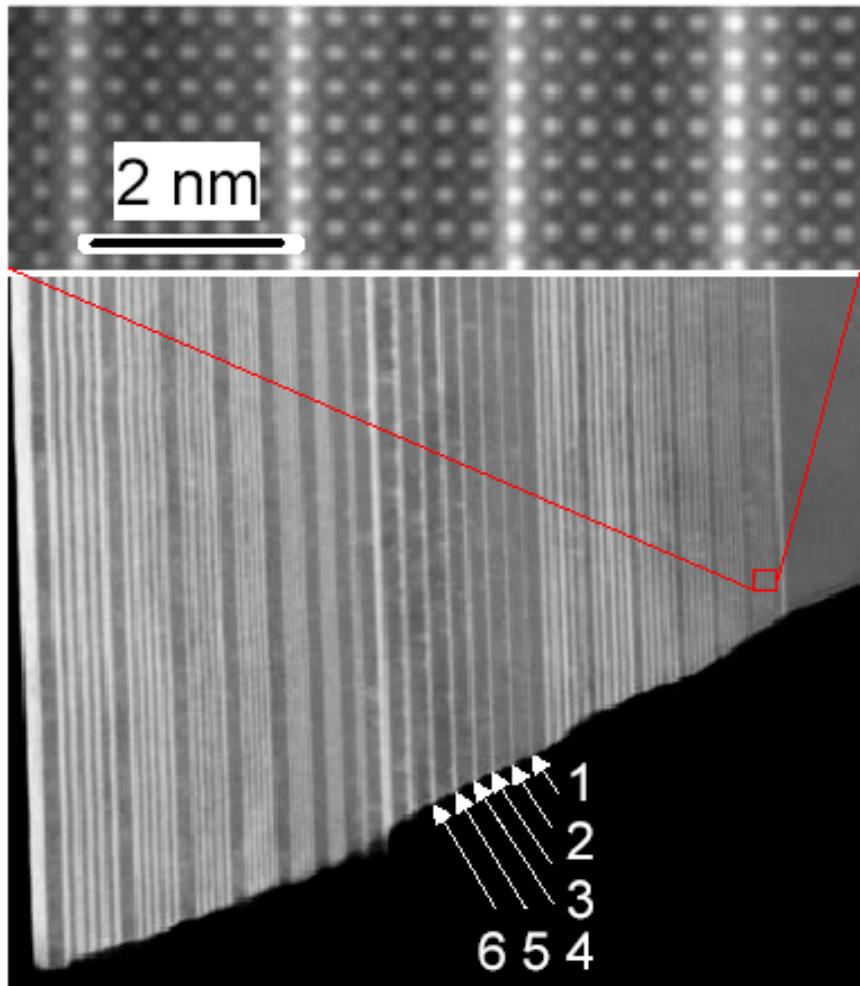
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Case B: two different correlated materials



Sr La

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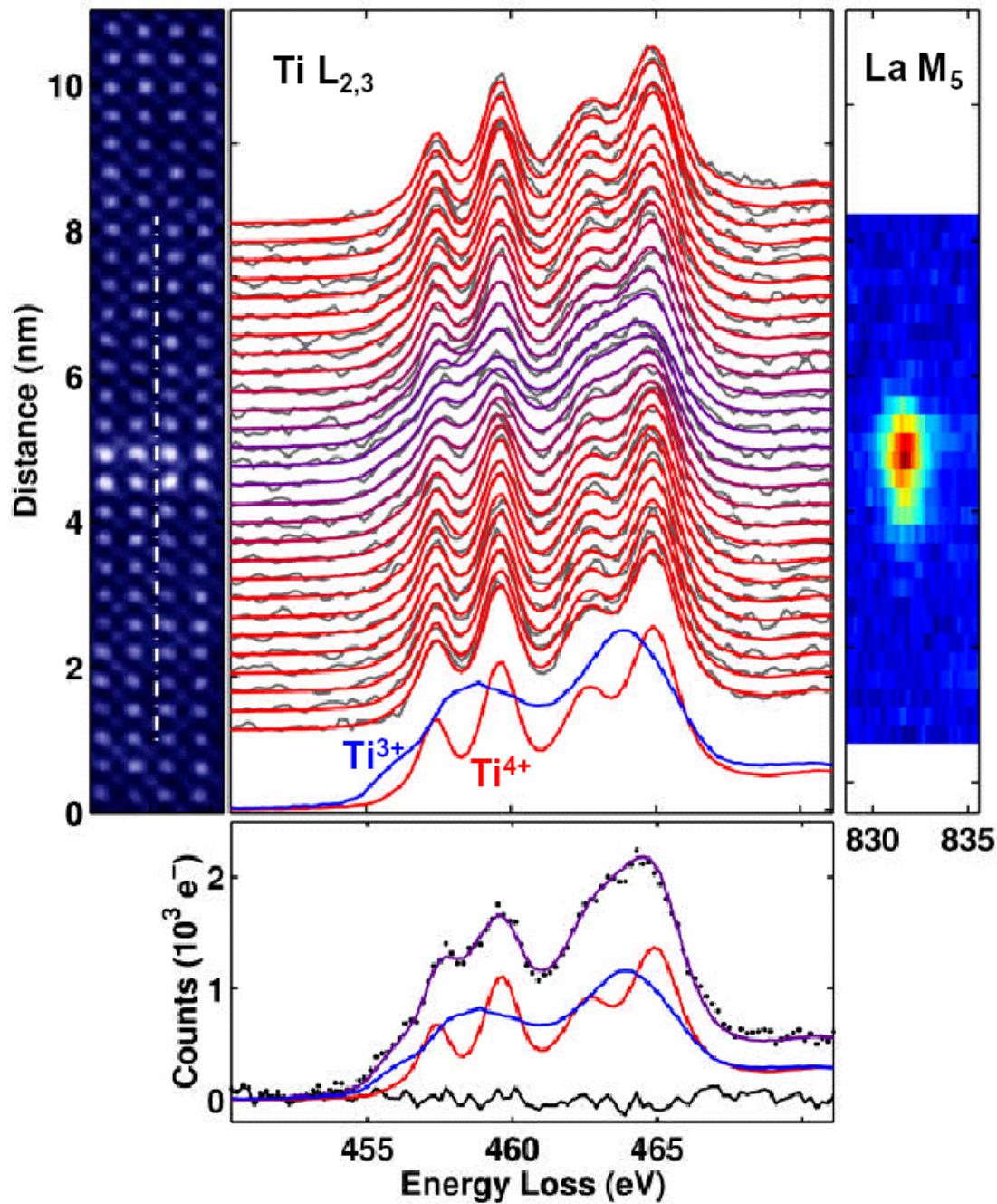
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Ohtomo, Muller, Grazul,
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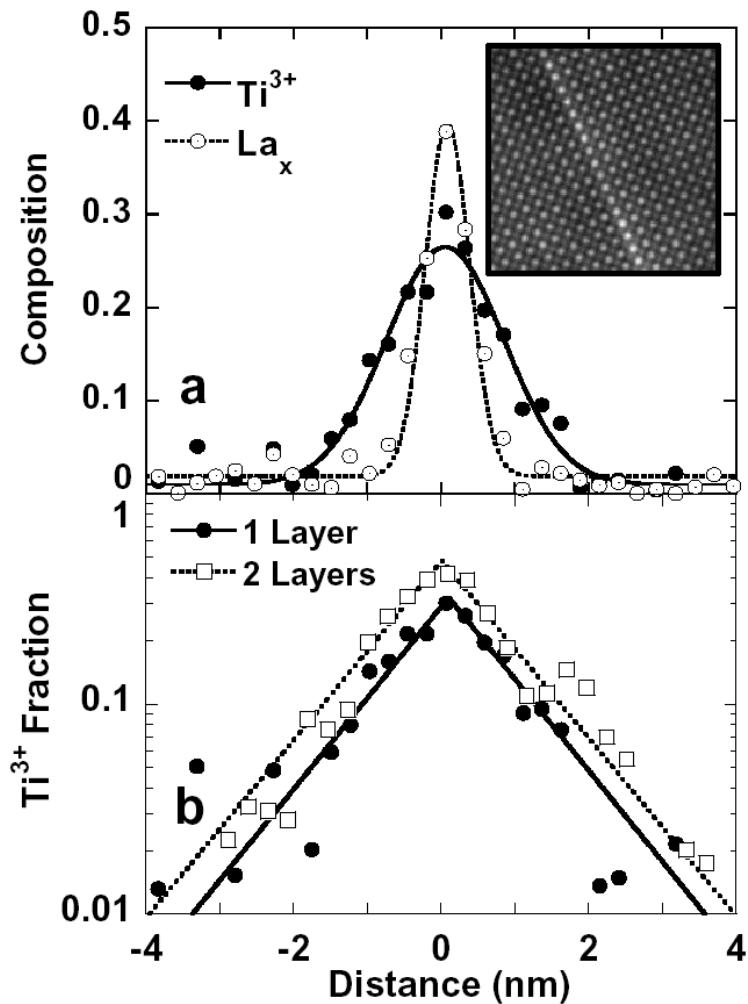
$(LaTiO_3)_n/(SrTiO_3)_m$



TEM/ EELS



Resulting charge profile (1nm=2.5 u.c.)

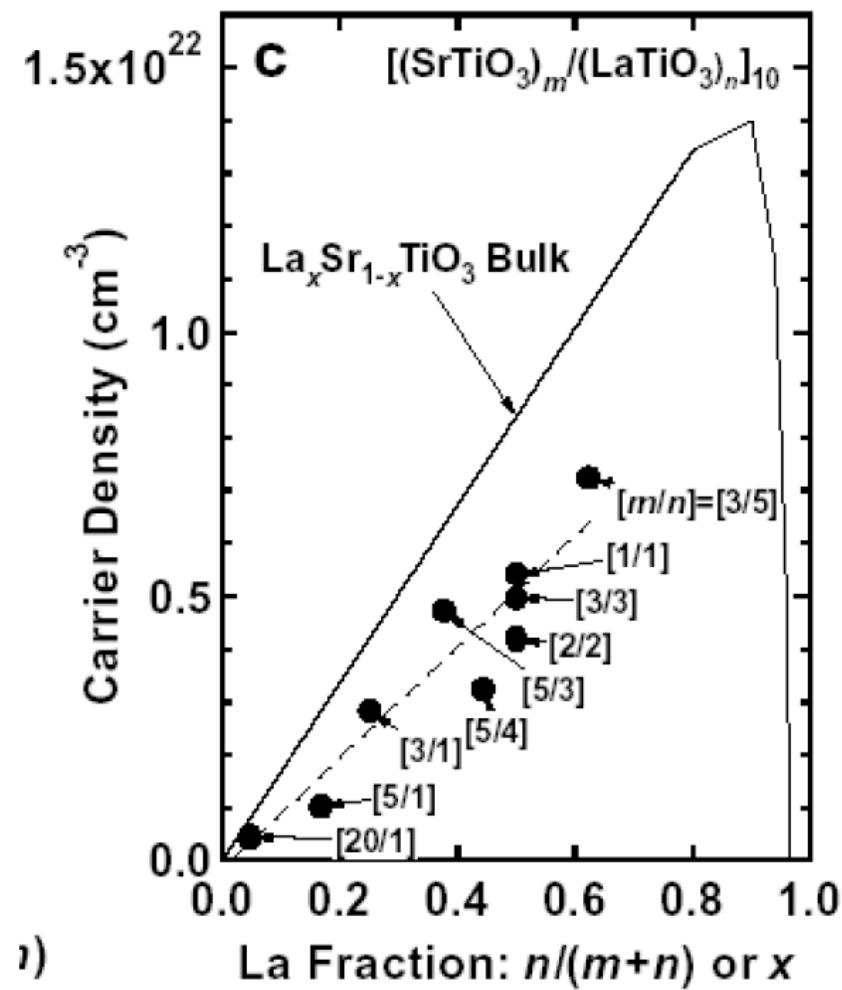


Note: Ti^{3+} density integrates to 1 per La

Plausible that there
are negligible oxygen
vacancies.



Thin structures: ~ 1 carrier per La



Optical Data now coming on line

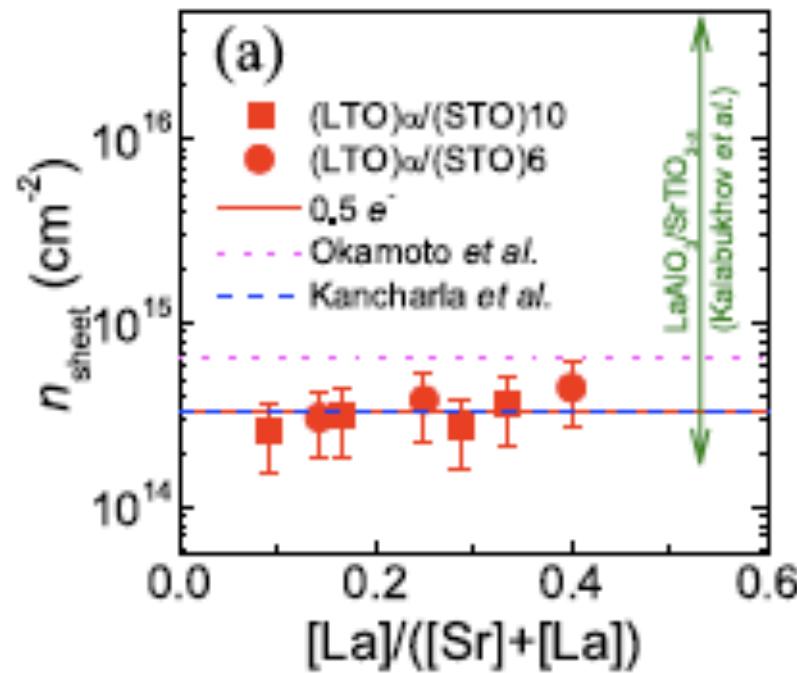
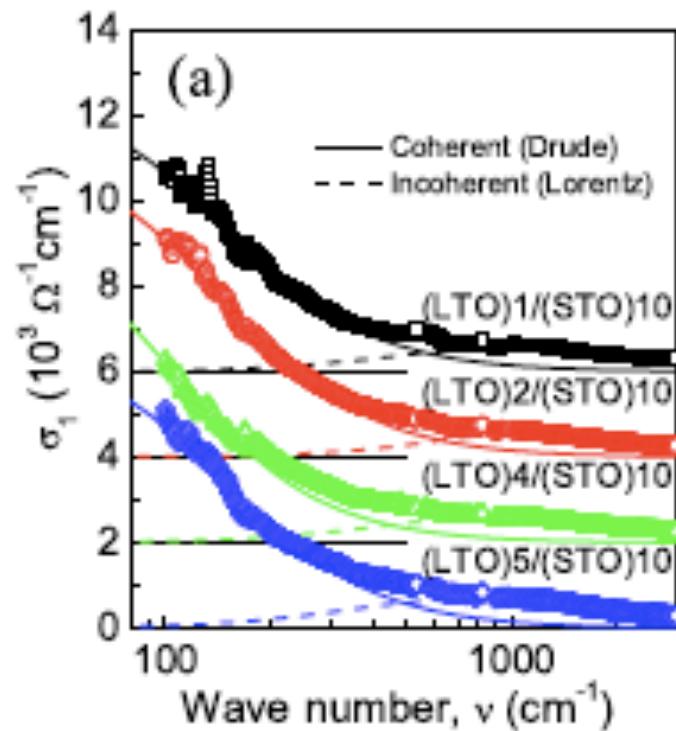
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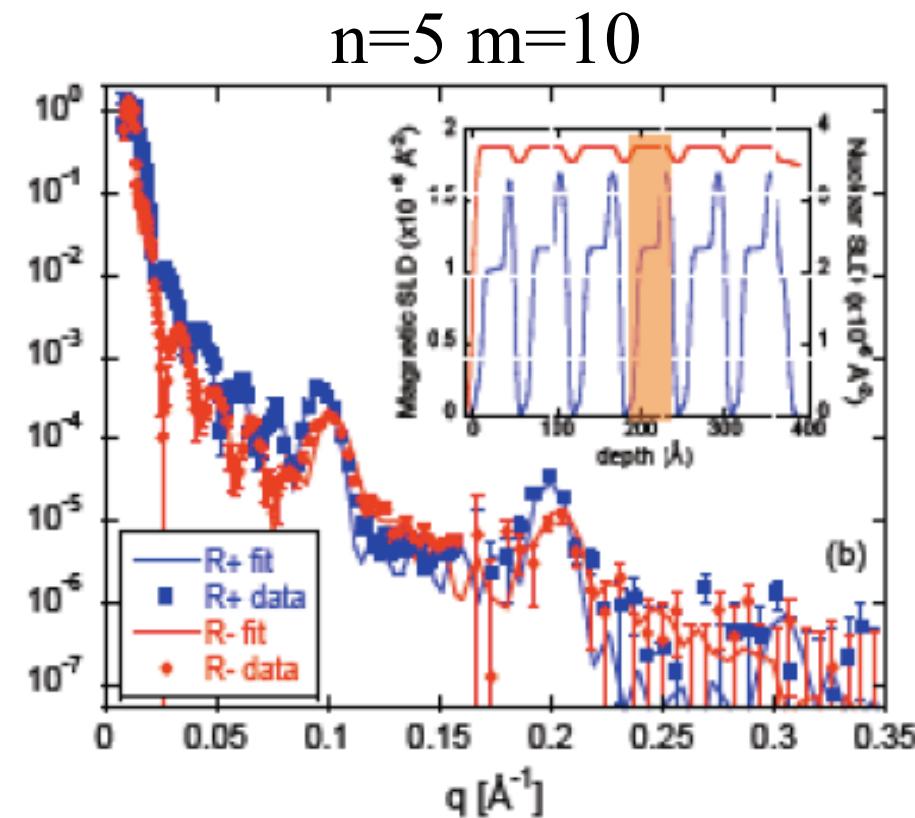
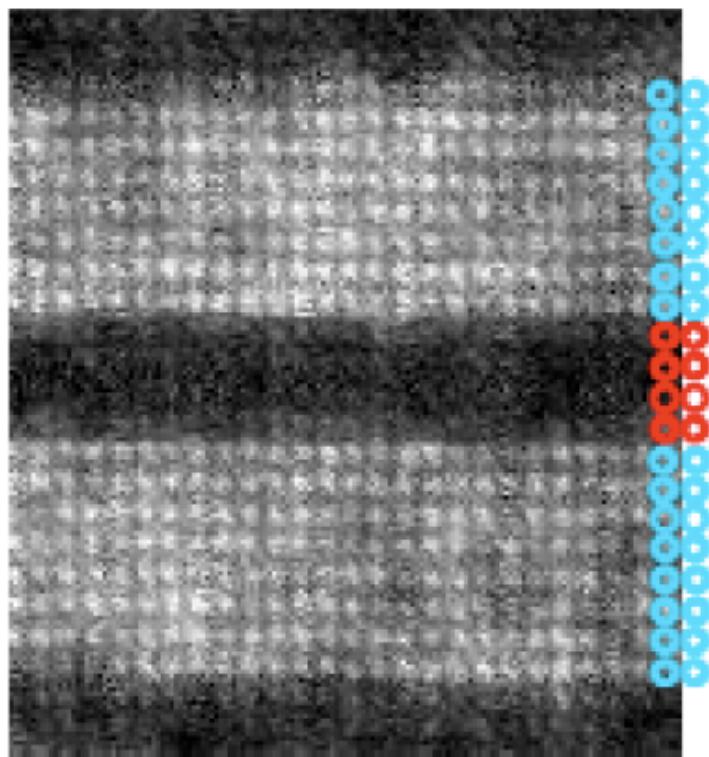
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$(LaMnO_3)_n(SrMnO_3)_m$

Bhattacharya/Eckstein



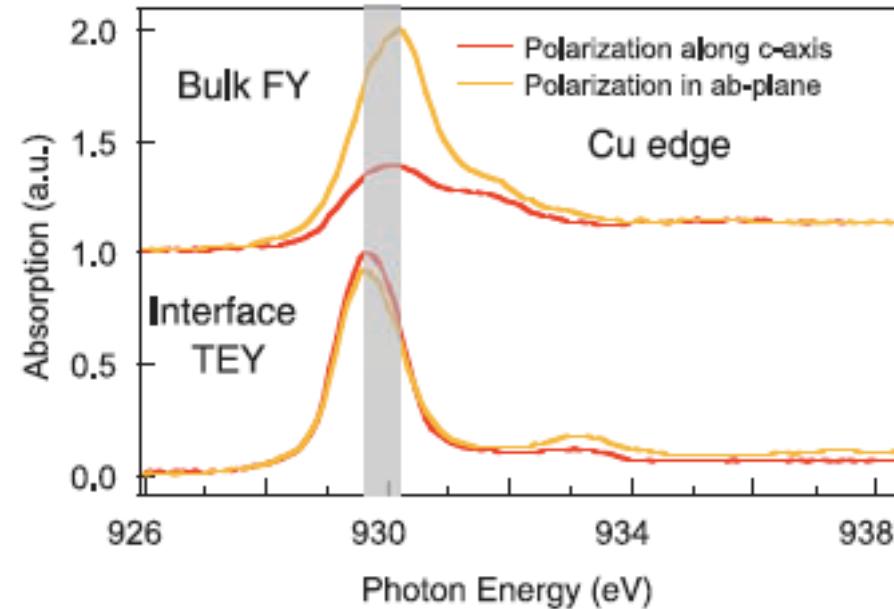
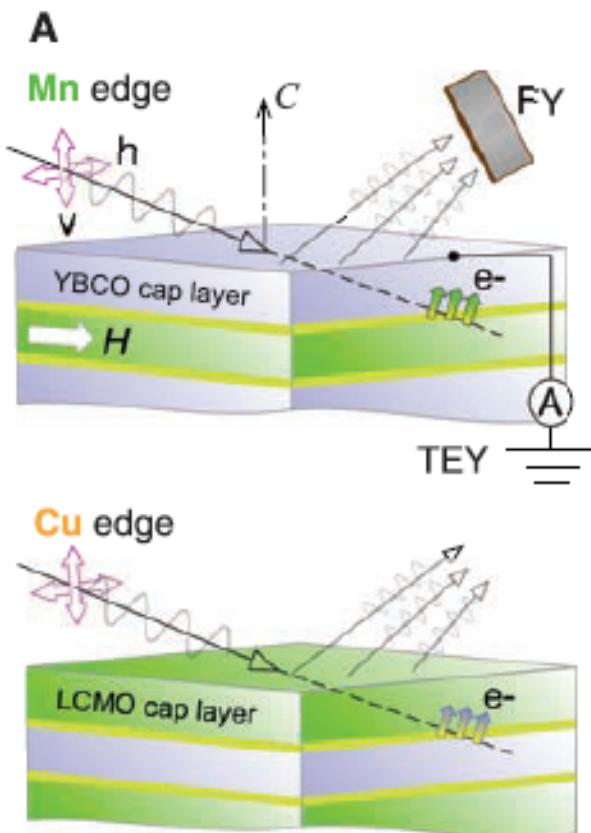
Magnetization at the interface

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Heterometallic Interface: $\text{LaMnO}_3/\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$



Bulk: polarization \Rightarrow holes in x^2-y^2

Interface: holes also in $3z^2-r^2$

Chakhalian, Science 08

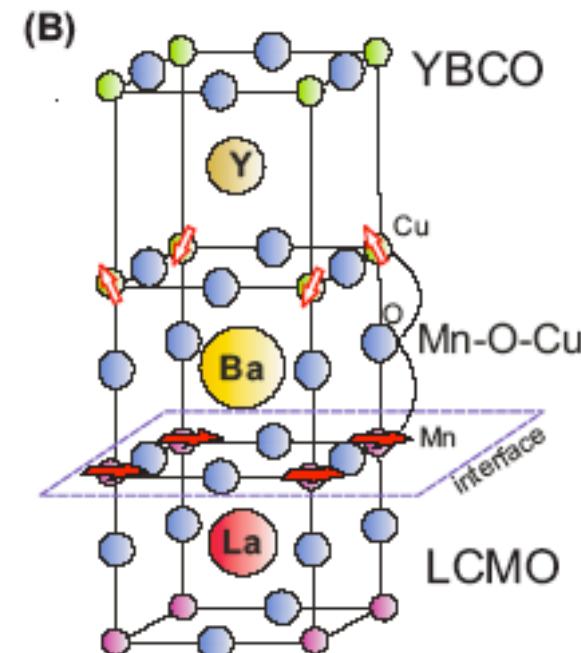
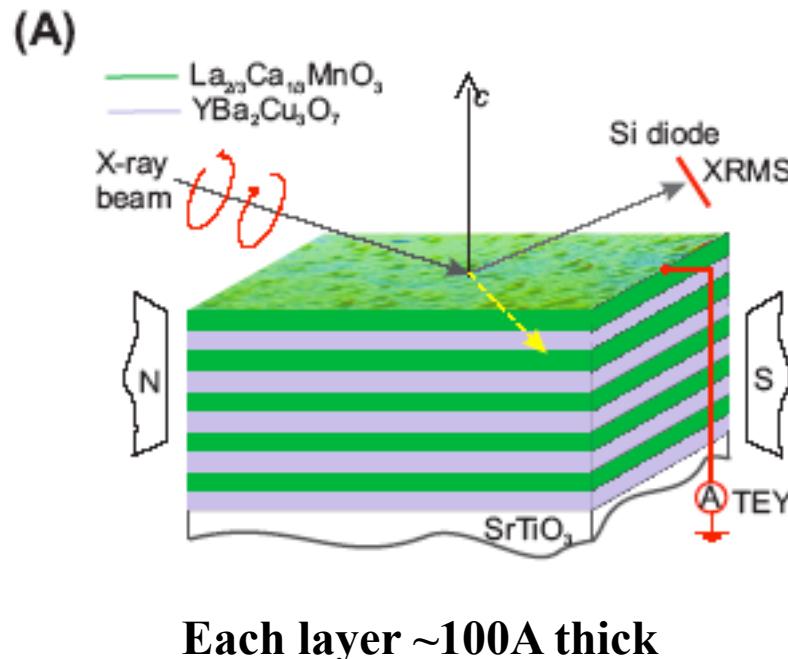
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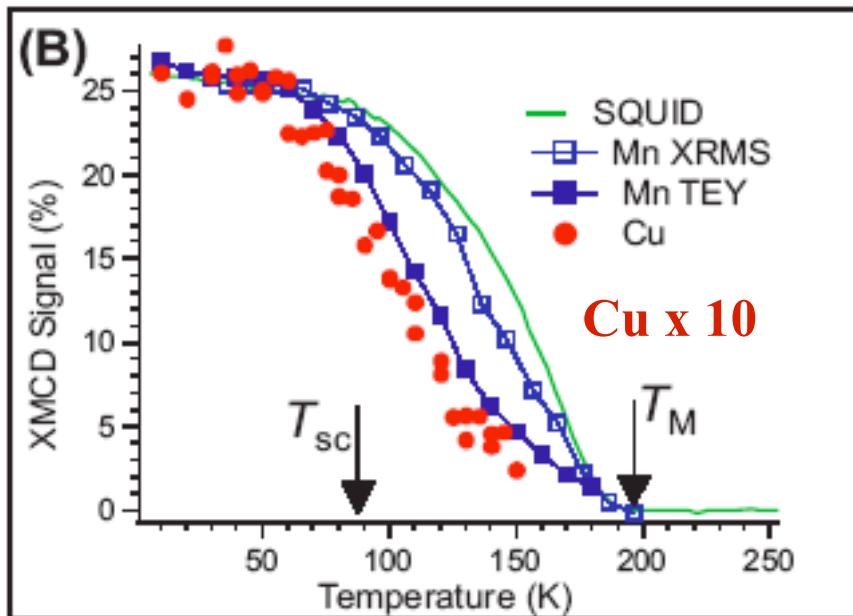
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Example: penetration of magnetization into high-T_c superconductor (Chakhalian/Keimer; Nature)

LCMO: Ferromagnet, high spin polarization
YBCO: high T_c superconductor



X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism (element-specific)



XMCD signal combined
with grazing-incidence
neutron data (not shown) =>
Cu magnetization persists
20Å (3 “bilayer” unit cells)
away from interface.

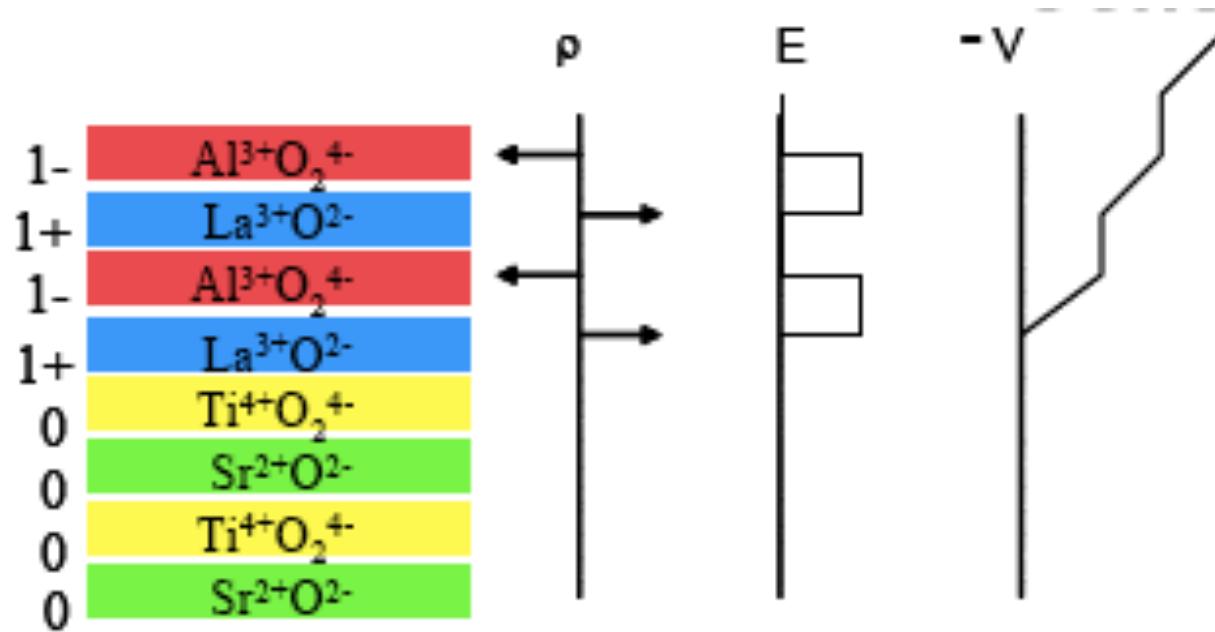
TEY=“total electron yield”
--more surface sensitive

XRMS: X-ray magnetic scattering:
sees deeper into bulk



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Simple terminations=>charge sheet: polarization ‘catastrophe’



Sawatzky 00; Reyren 06, Hwang 06....



transfer electrons (or ions) eliminate polarization ‘catastrophe’

Before transfer

1-	Al ³⁺ O ₂ ⁴⁻
1+	La ³⁺ O ²⁻
1-	Al ³⁺ O ₂ ⁴⁻
1+	La ³⁺ O ²⁻
0	Ti ⁴⁺ O ₂ ⁴⁻
0	Sr ²⁺ O ²⁻
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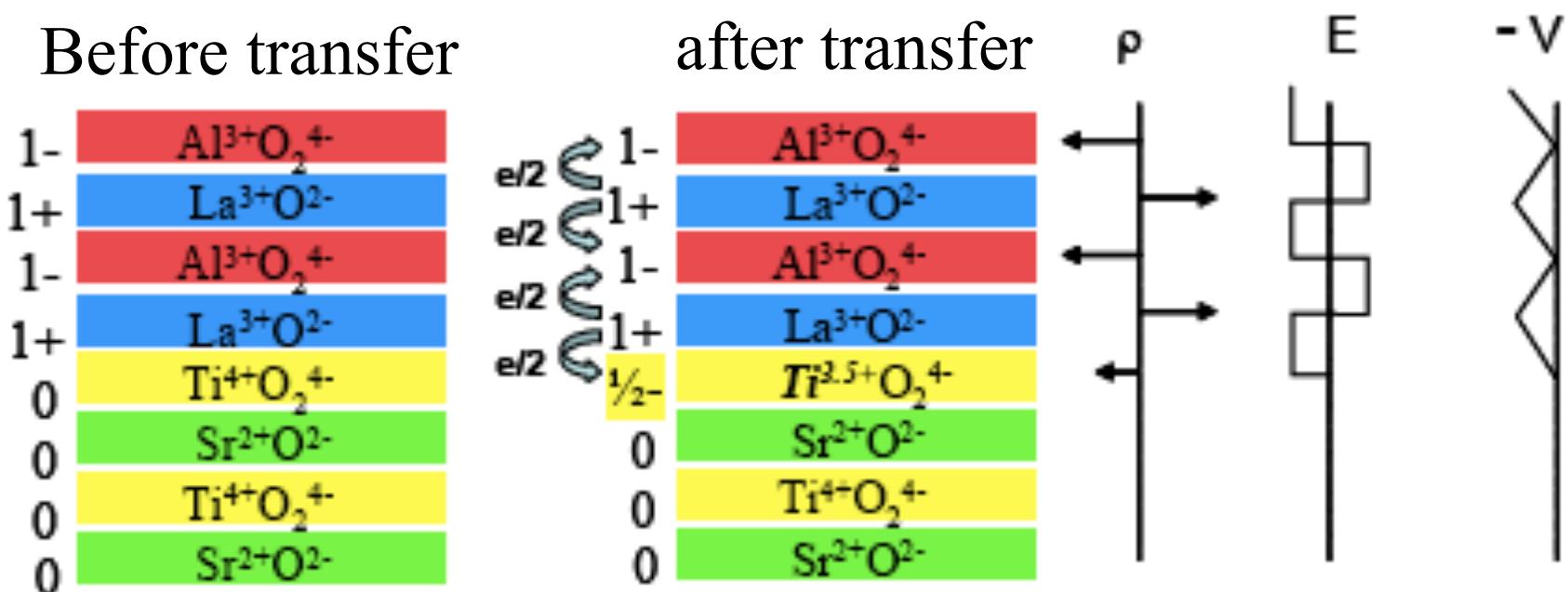
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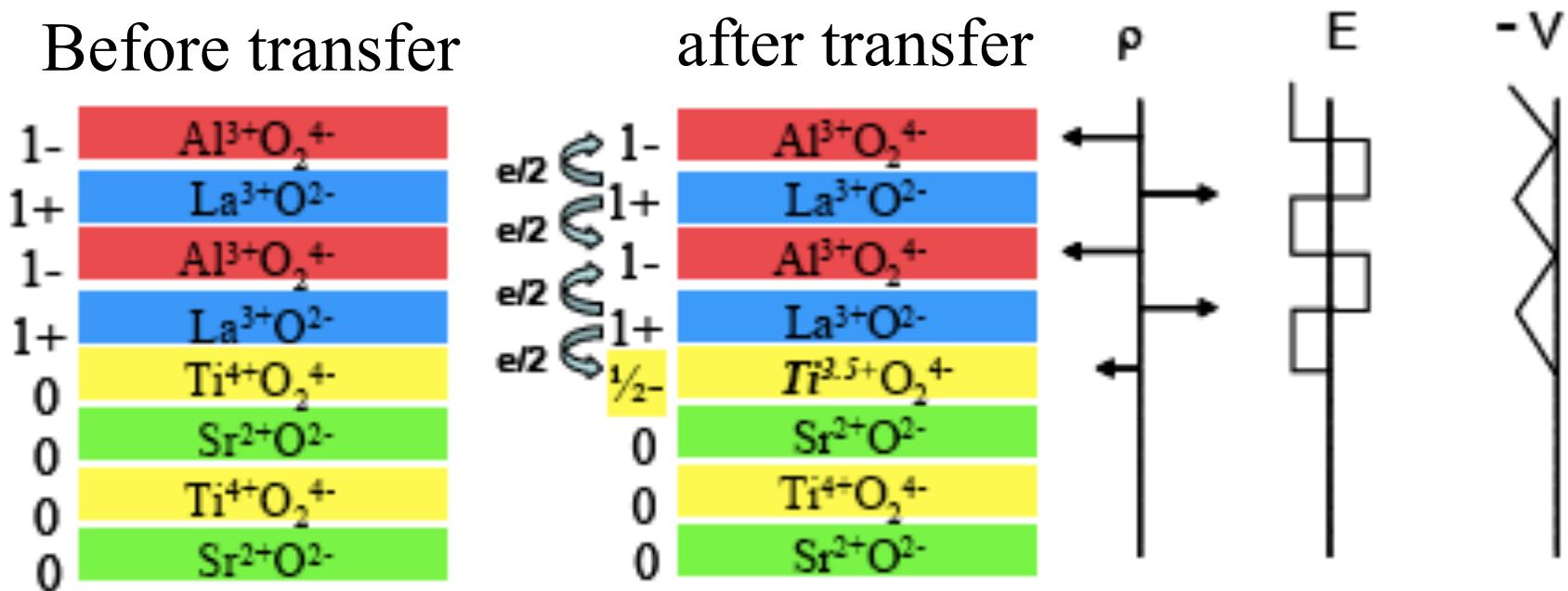
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**Electrostatics controls interface electronic charge density
qn for expt: ?transfer ions (defects) or electrons?**

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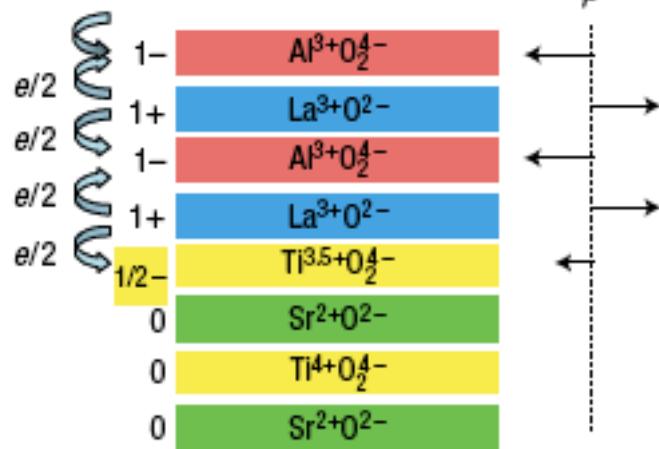
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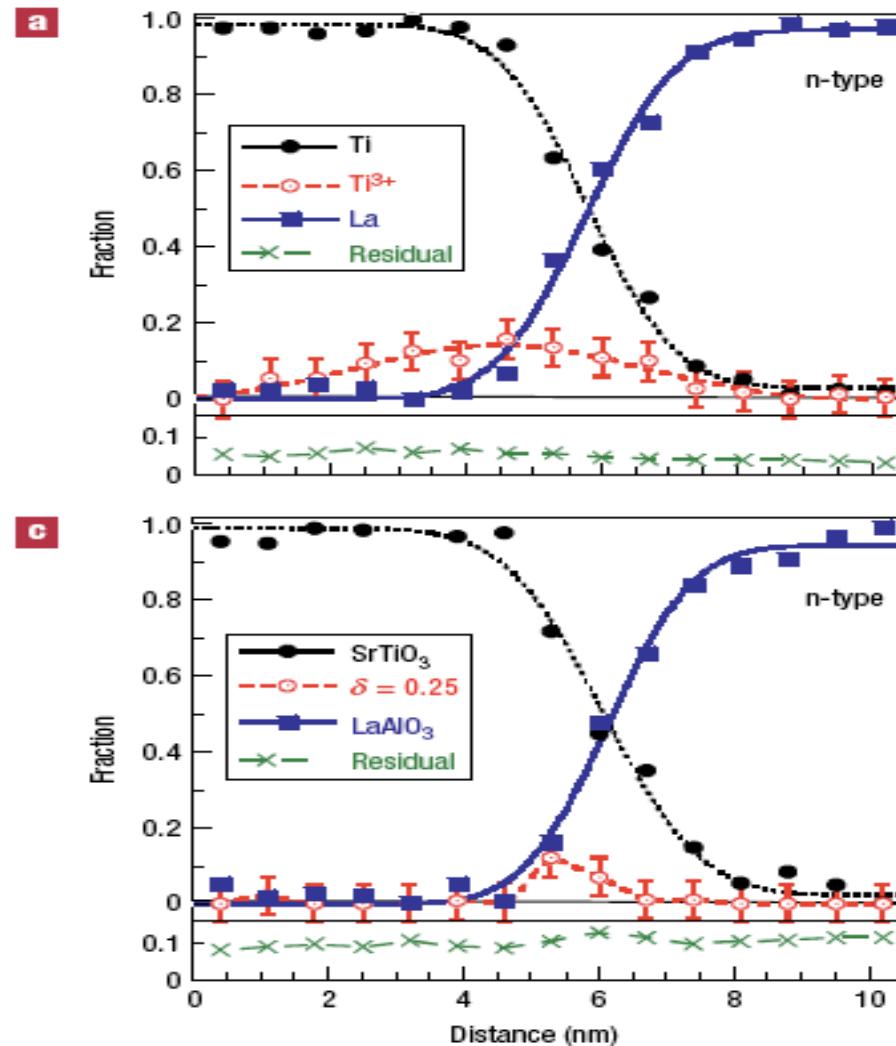
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n-type



0.6 Ti 3+
0.15 O vacancies

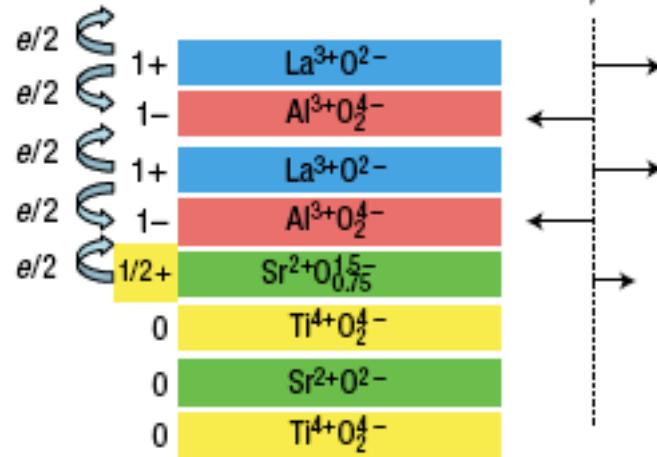
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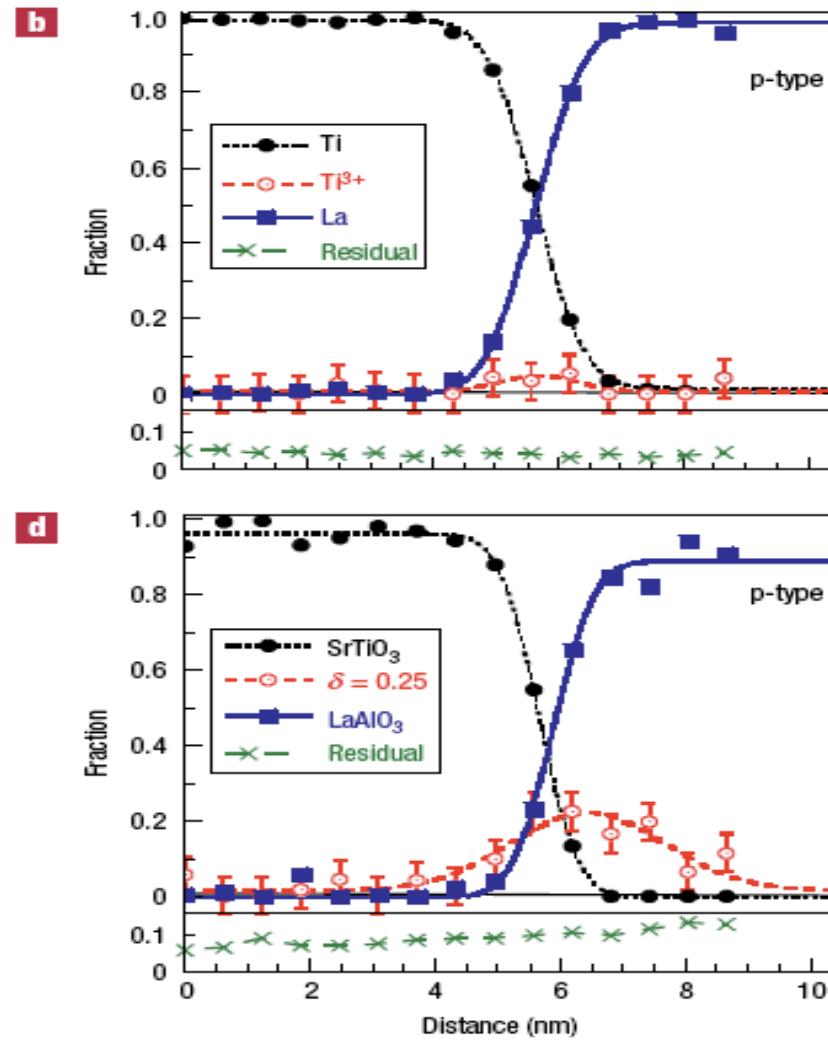
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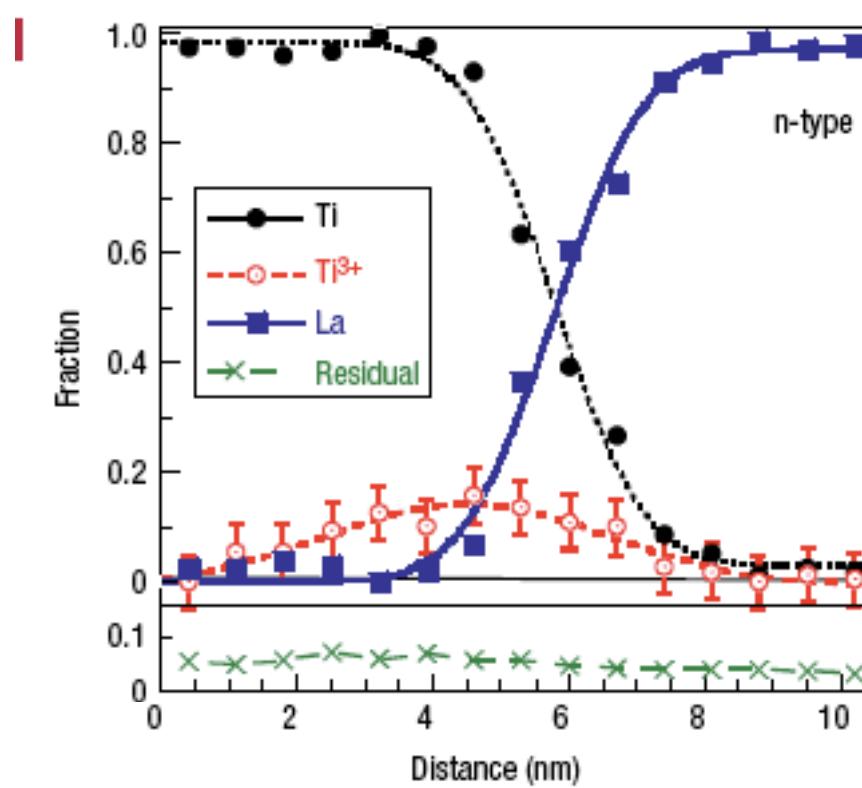
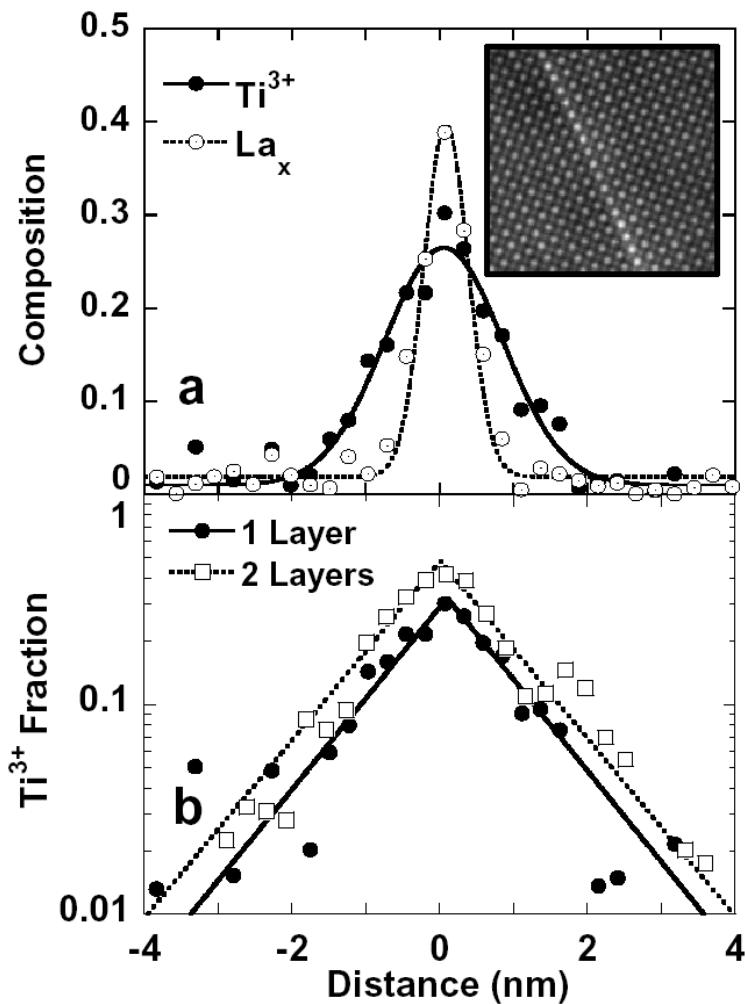
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0. Ti 3+
0.3 O vacancies



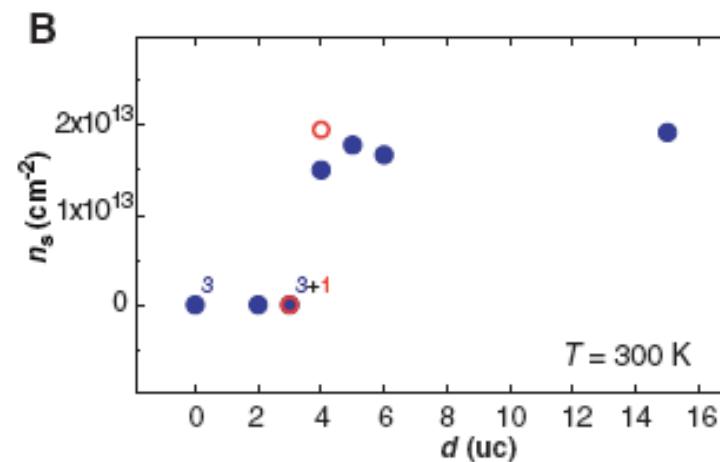
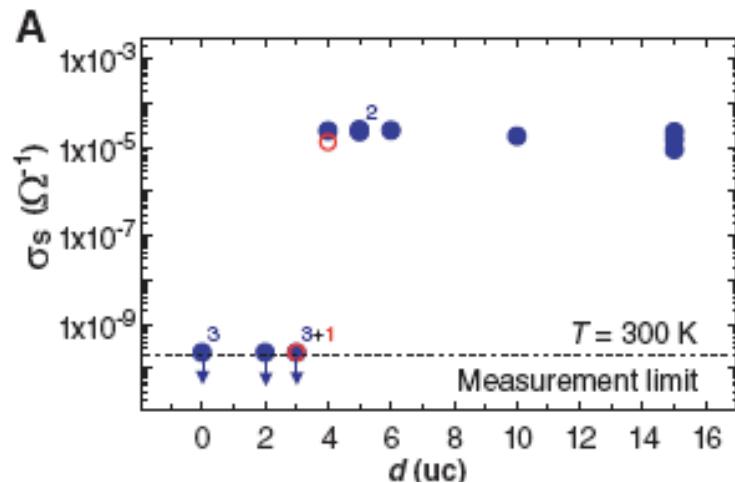
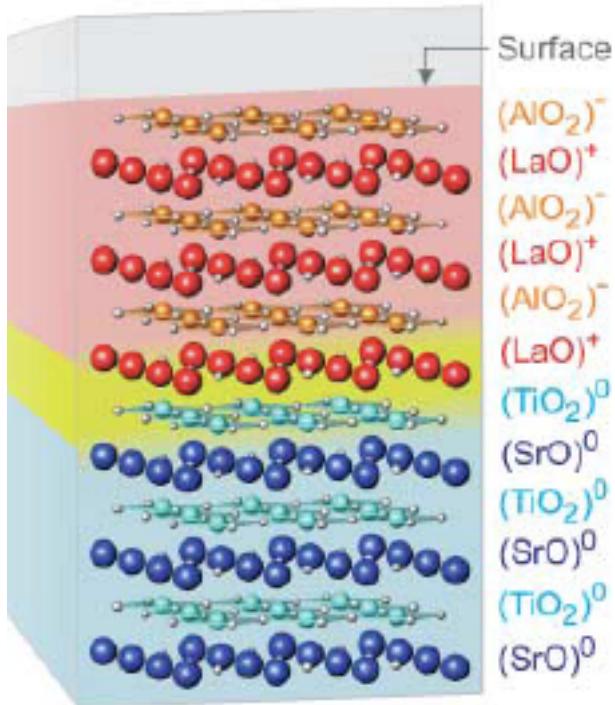
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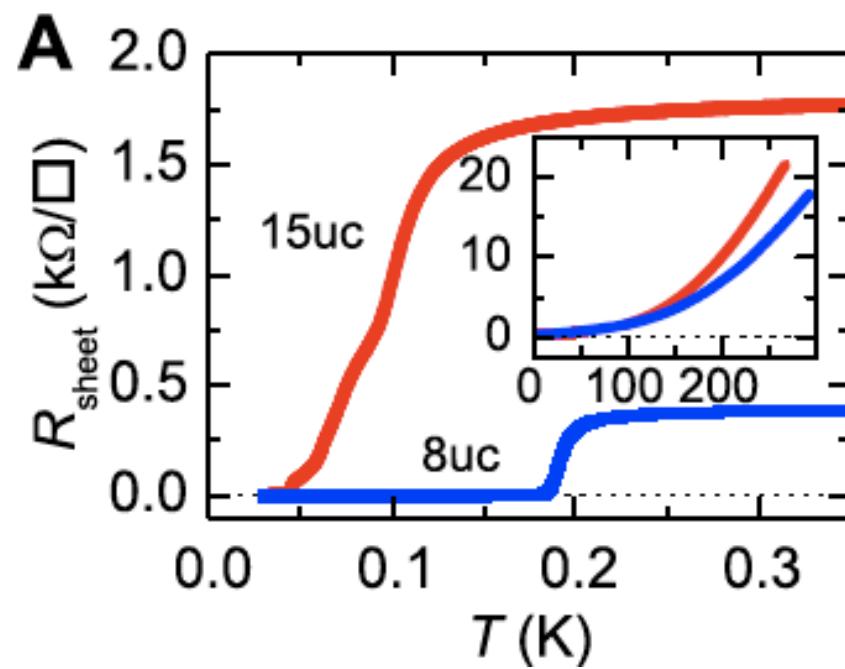
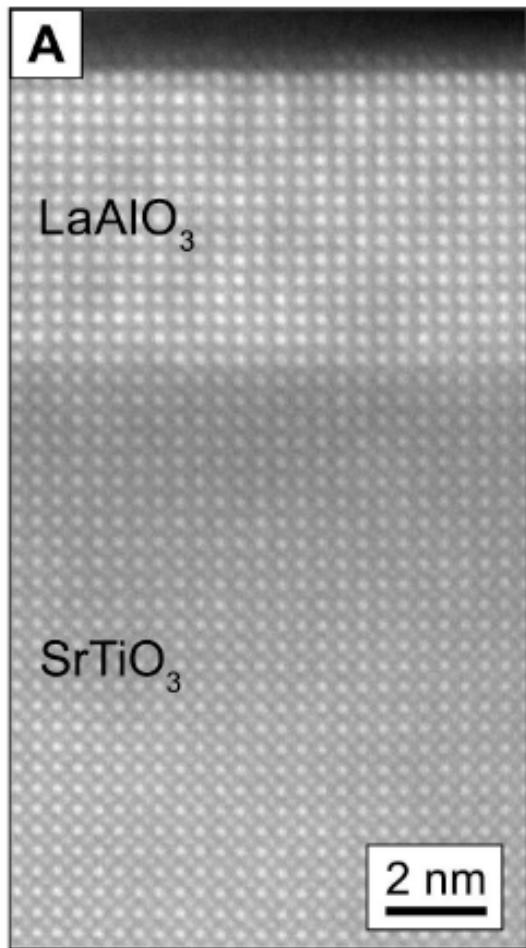


Note: $n_{2d} \sim 0.03$ /unit cell



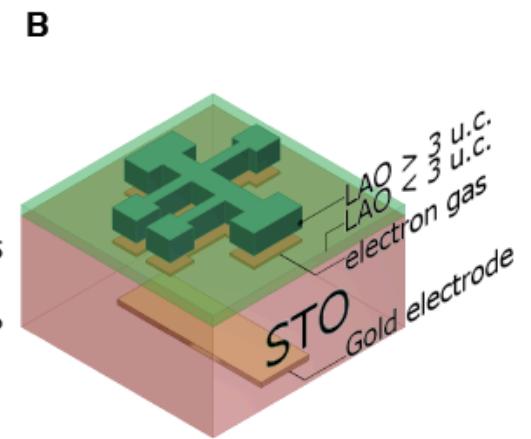
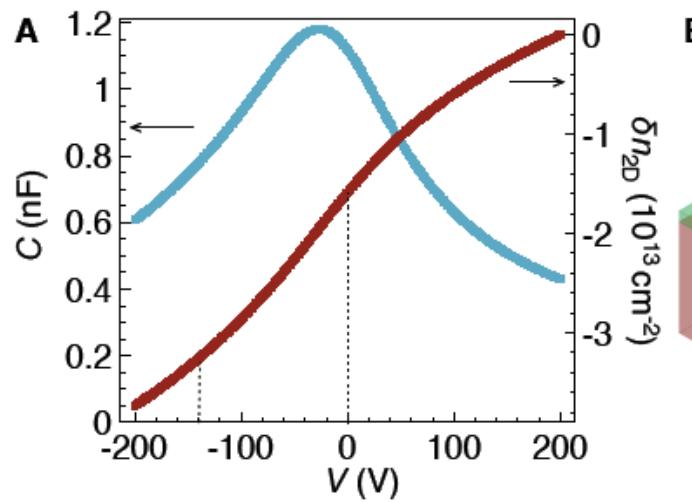
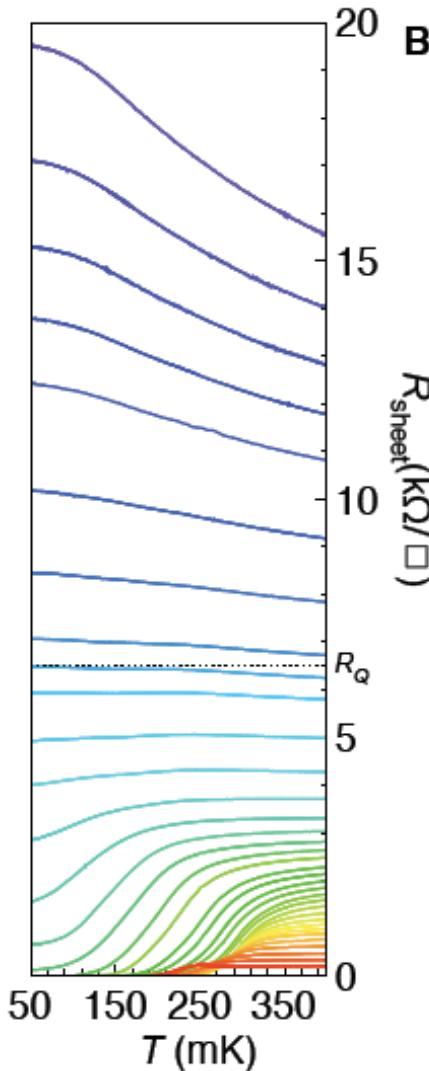
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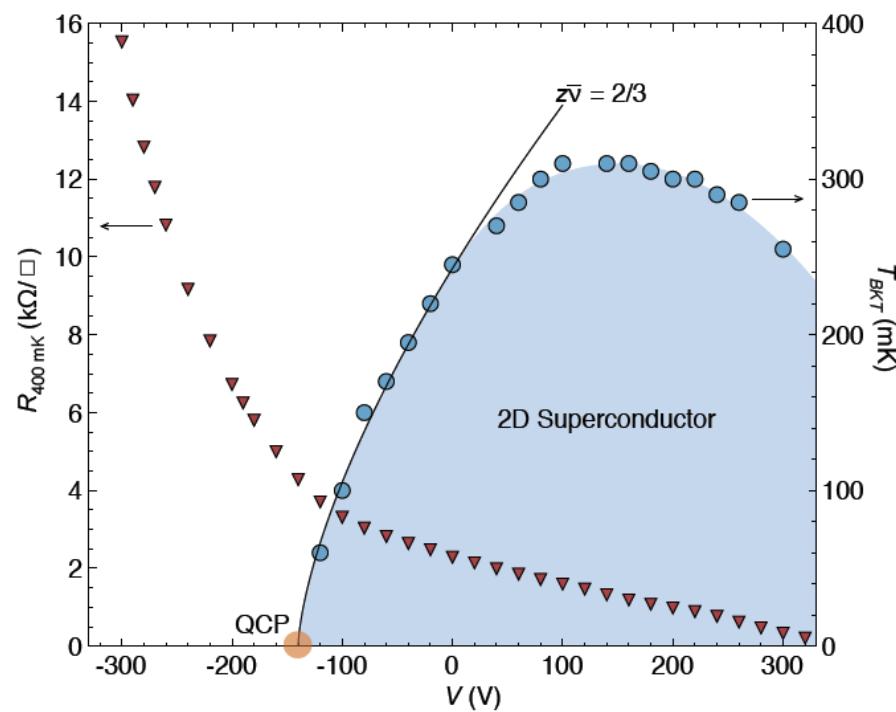
$$\text{At } V=0 \quad n_{2D} \simeq 4.5 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$n_{\text{max}} = 6 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^2 = 0.1 \text{ per cell}$$

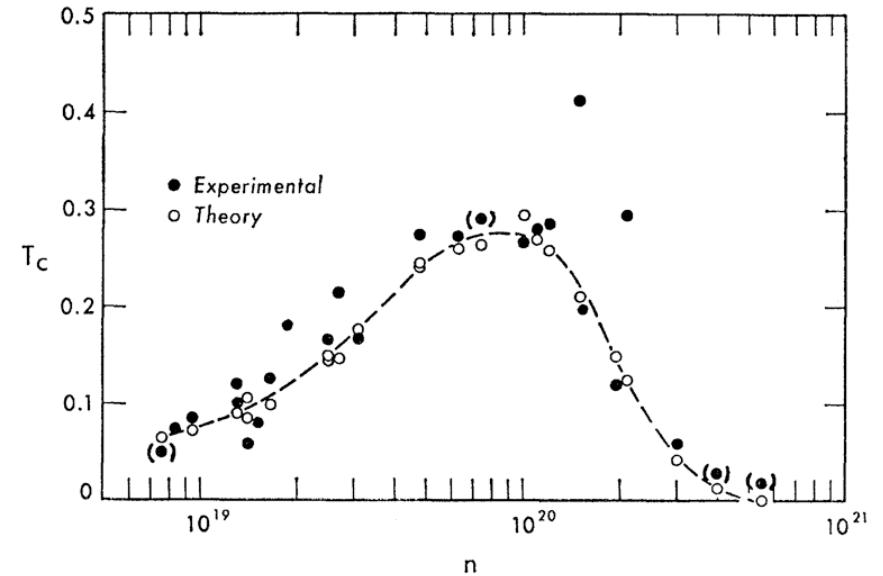


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Interface vs bulk phase diagram



Bulk STO
Koonce et al PR 163 380 1967



Depth of SC region: 16 unit cells (from density of max Tc)



Summary: Heterostructures

- Structures can be grown
- Homometallic better quality than heterometallic
- Electrostatics controls charge density (modulo oxygen vacancies)
- consistency: transport and EELS?

