

Wm. Herschel finds “caloric rays” in 1800, discovering that the spectrum extends into the infrared (and maybe beyond!)

Langley invents the electrical bolometer in 1878

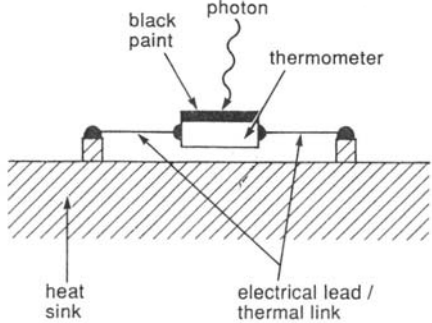
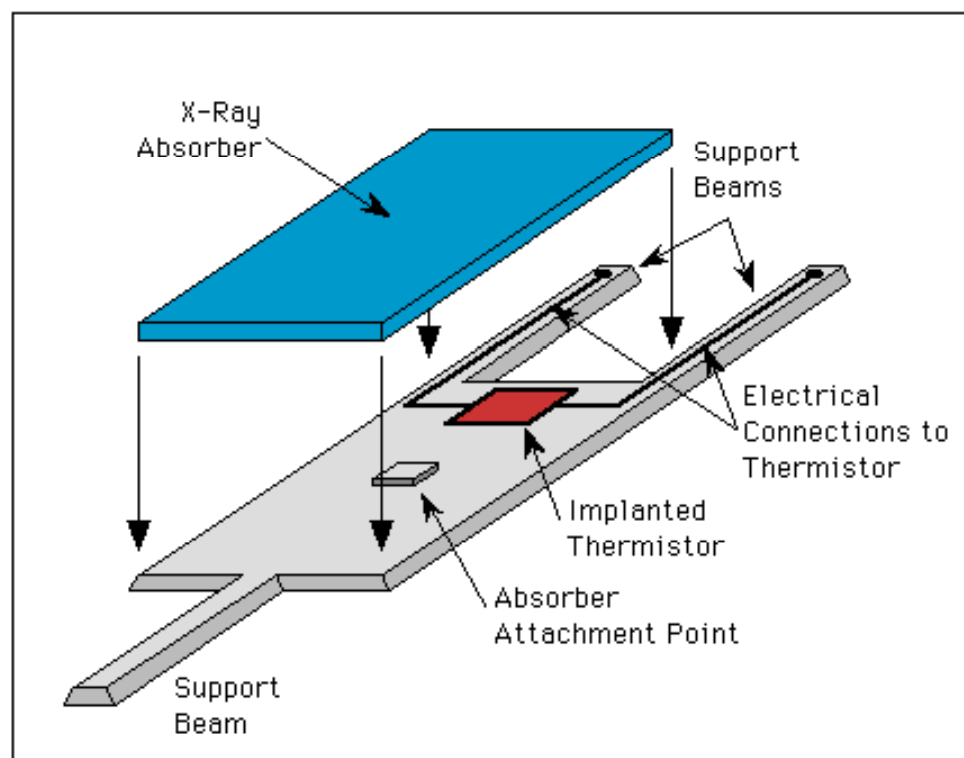


Figure 9.2. Simple bolometer.

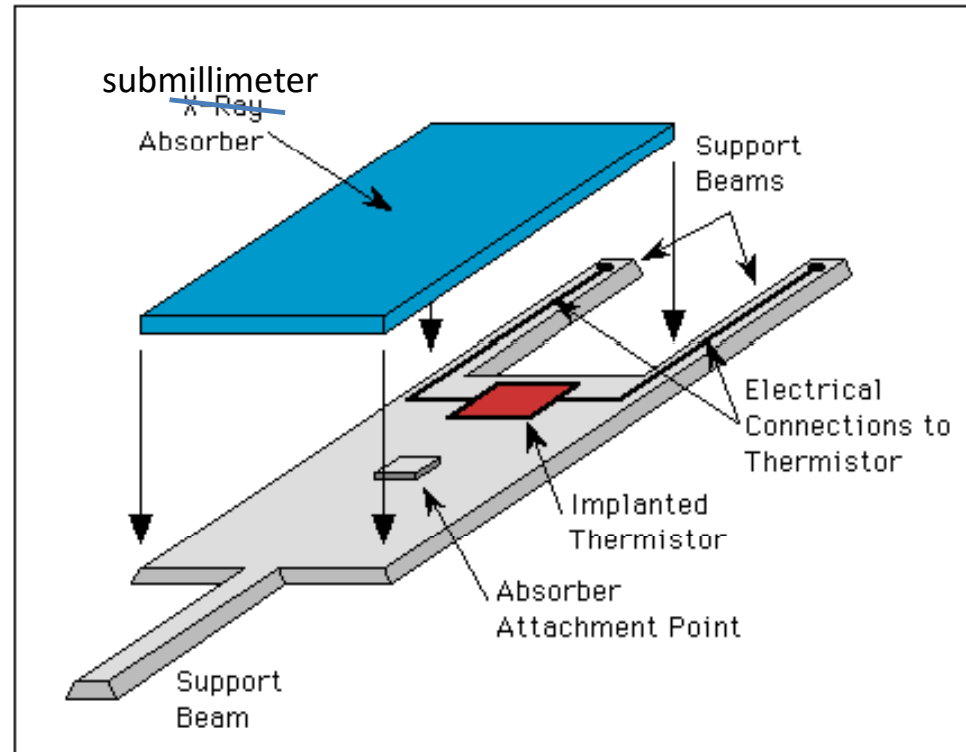
X-ray microcalorimeter



Schematic drawing of a detector.

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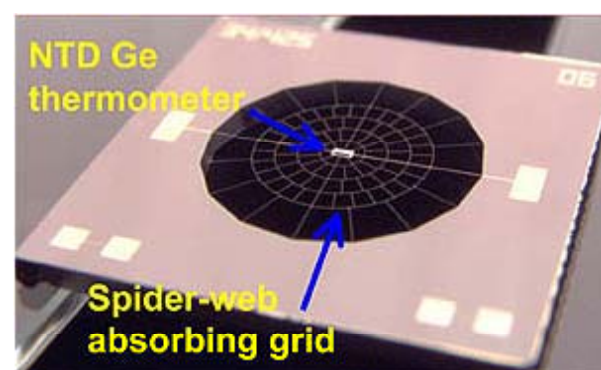
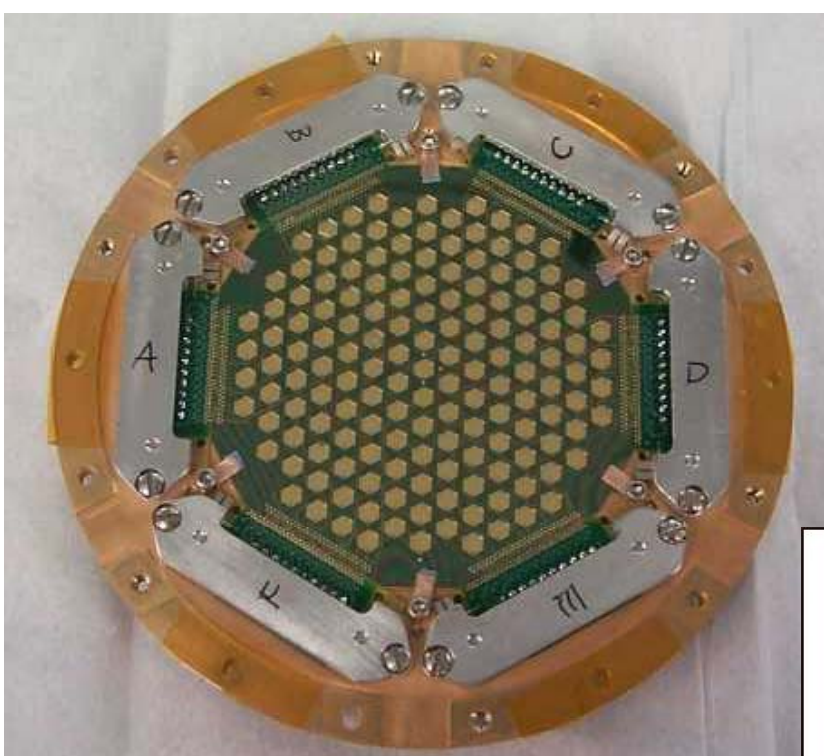
Submillimeter bolometer



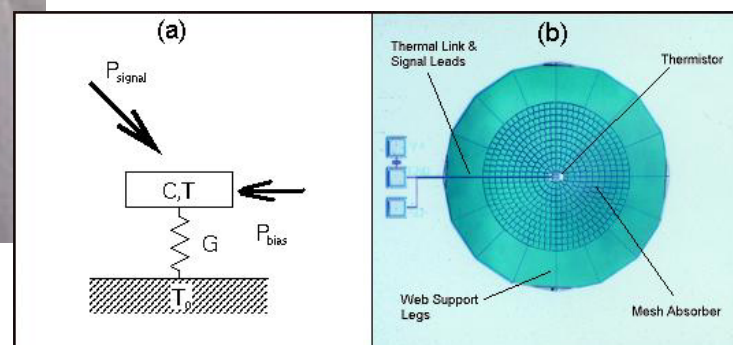
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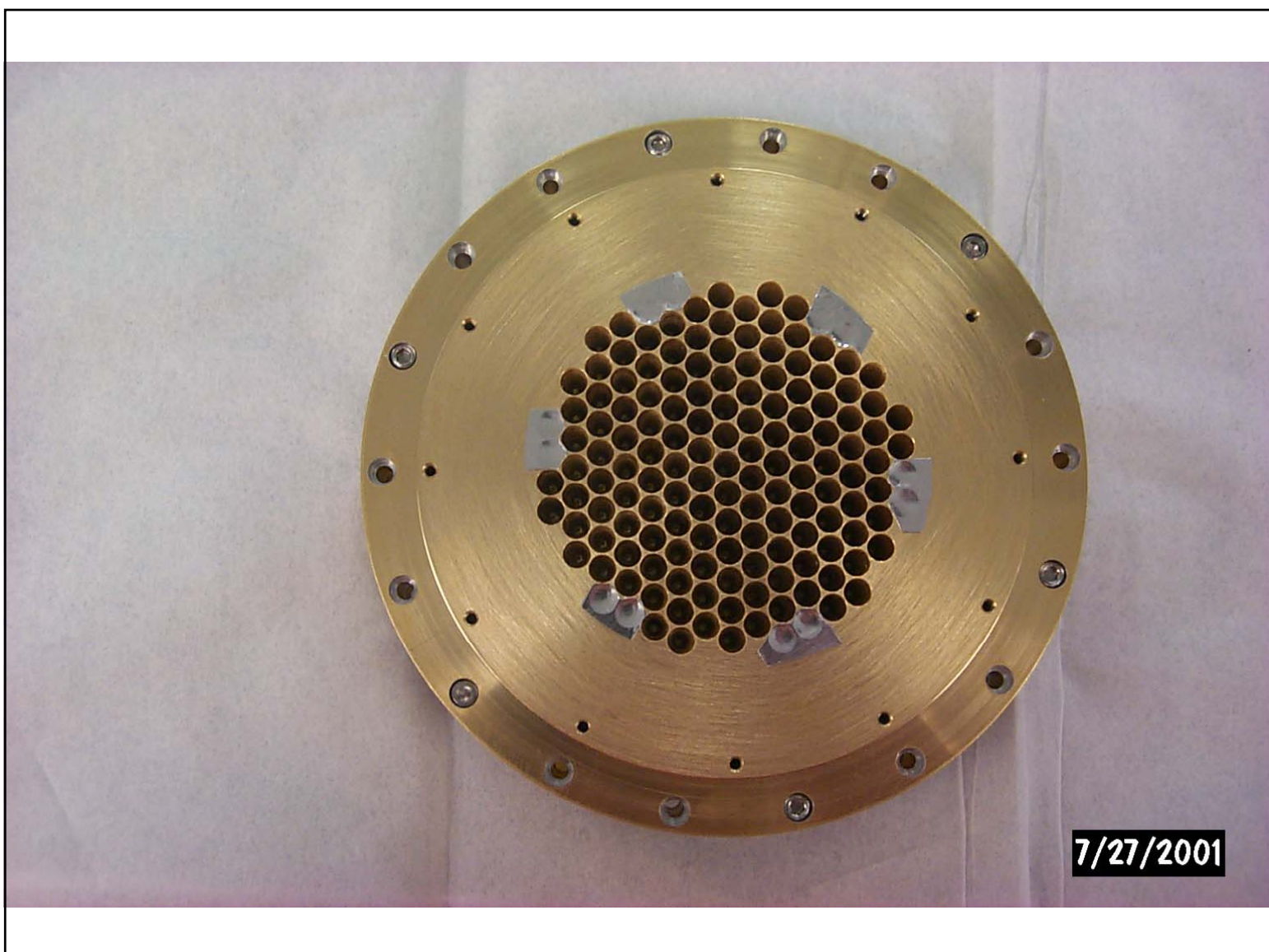
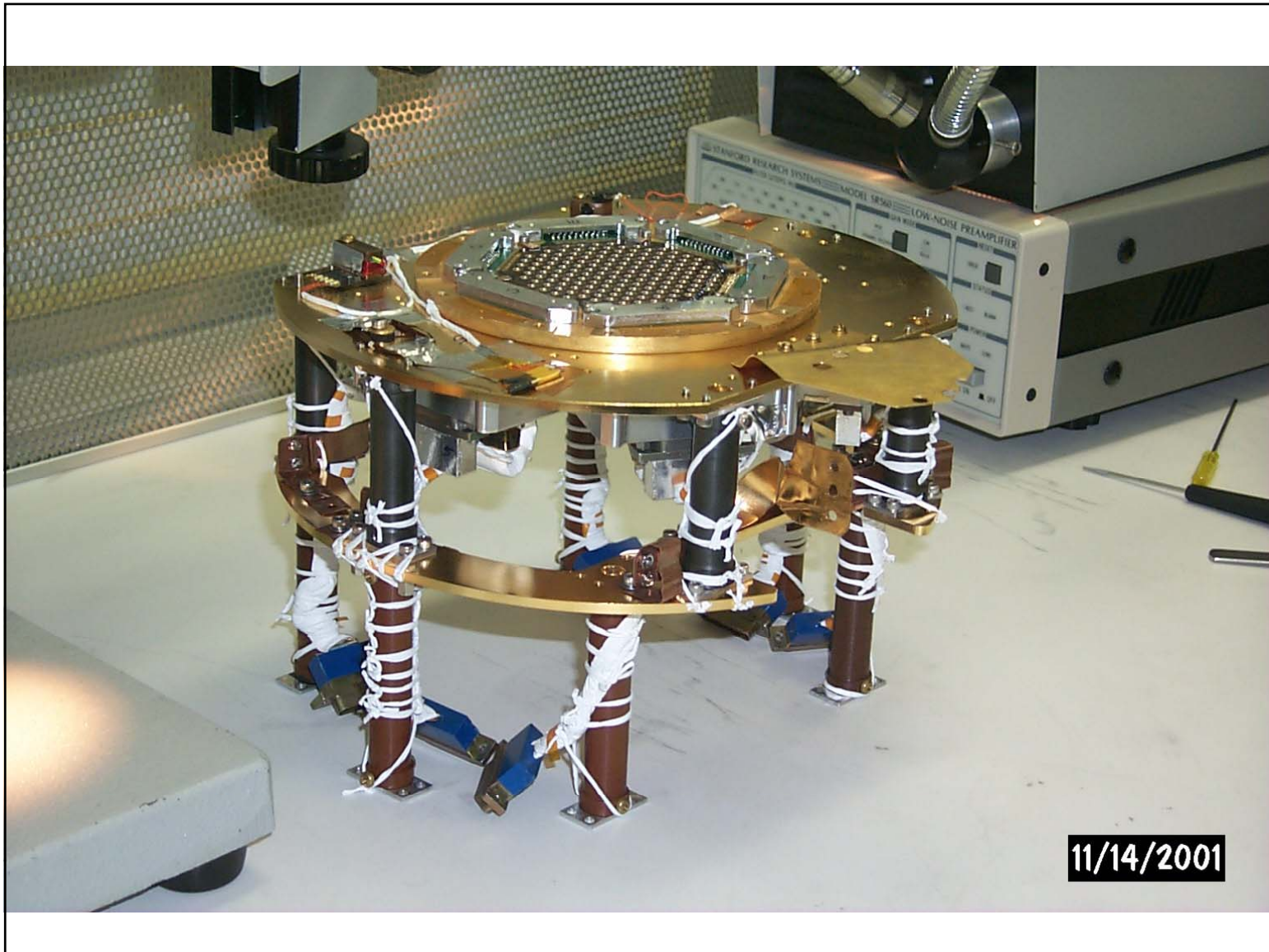
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BOLOCAM focal plane array



Spider-web bolometer from *Herschel/SPIRE*





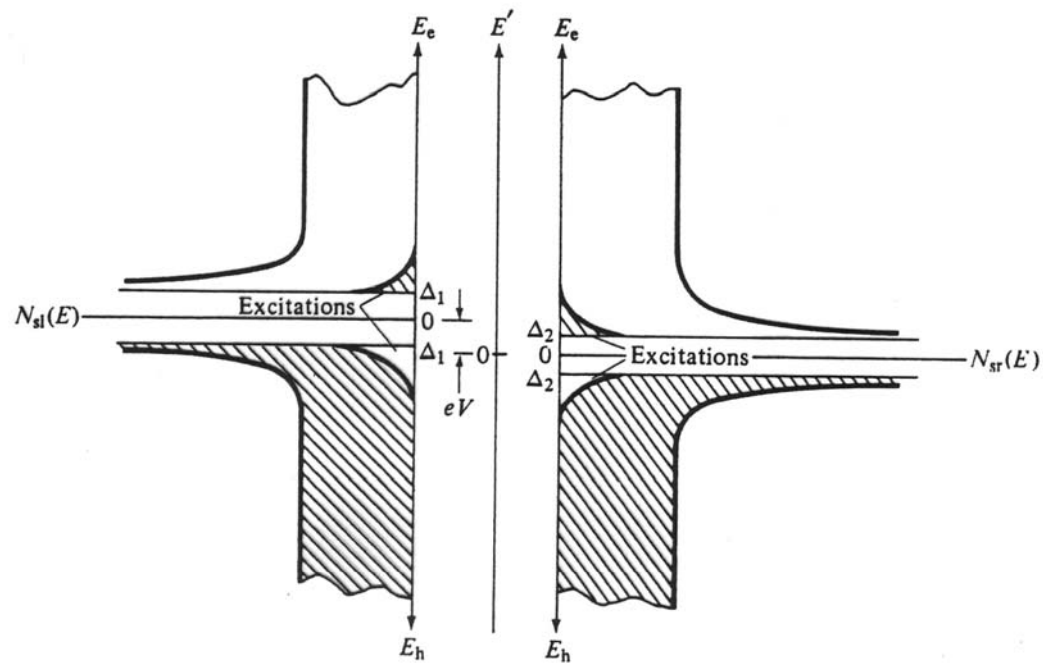


Figure 2.16b. Diagram for determination of tunneling currents between two different superconductors with $T \neq 0$ and an applied voltage V .

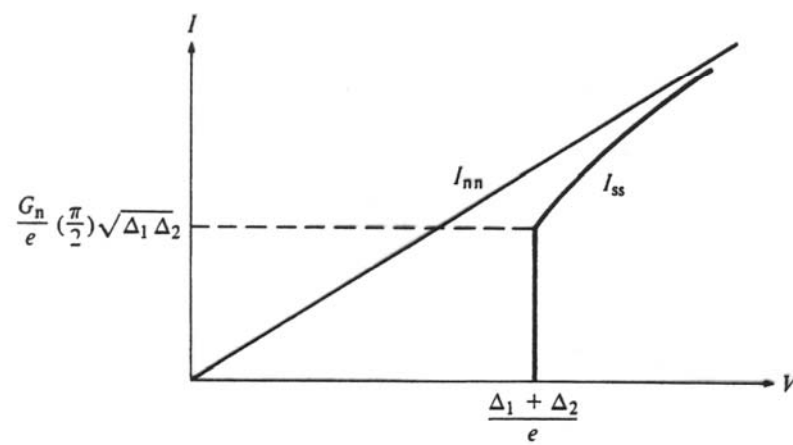


Figure 2.16c. Tunneling between superconductors at $T = 0$ compared with tunneling between the same materials in the normal state.

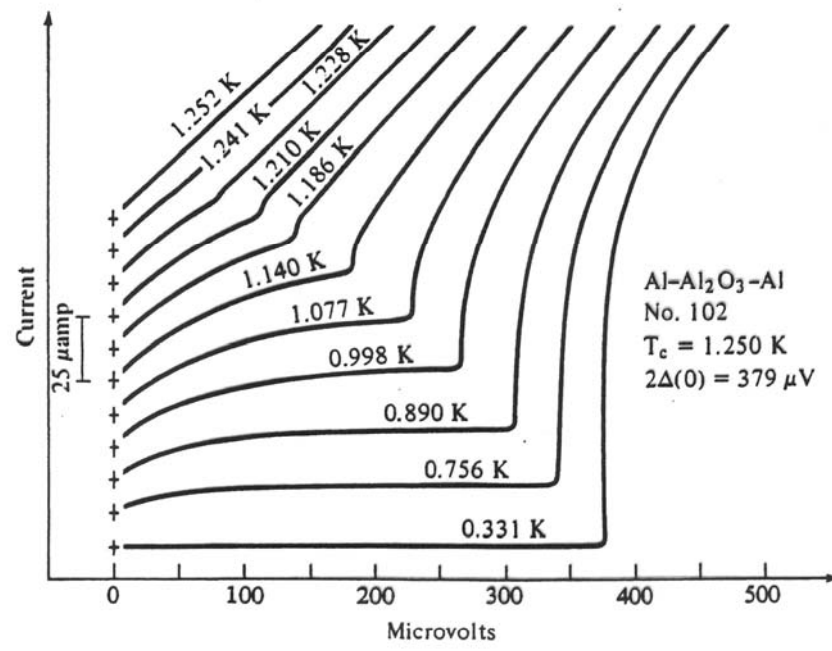


Figure 2.16e. Experimental data on an Al-Al₂O₃-Al tunnel junction. The zero points (+) are staggered for clarity.

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