

A Machine Learning-Enabled Study of Superconductivity

Application of the XGBoost Algorithm

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$$\xi = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*|\alpha|}}$$

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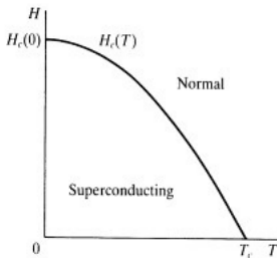


Figure: $H - T$ phase diagram for a Type 1 superconductor [Tinkham]

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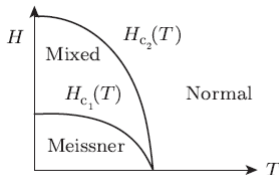


Figure: $H - T$ phase diagram for a Type 2 superconductor [Girvin and Yang 2019]

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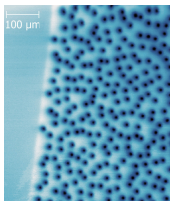


Figure: Abrikosov vortices in YBCO - created by Wells et al. 2015 using scanning SQUID microscopy

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Figure: UCI Machine Learning Repository

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		Actual Values	
		Positive (1)	Negative (0)
Predicted Values	Positive (1)	TP	FP
	Negative (0)	FN	TN

Figure: **Example Confusion Matrix**

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