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Application of the XGBoost Algorithm

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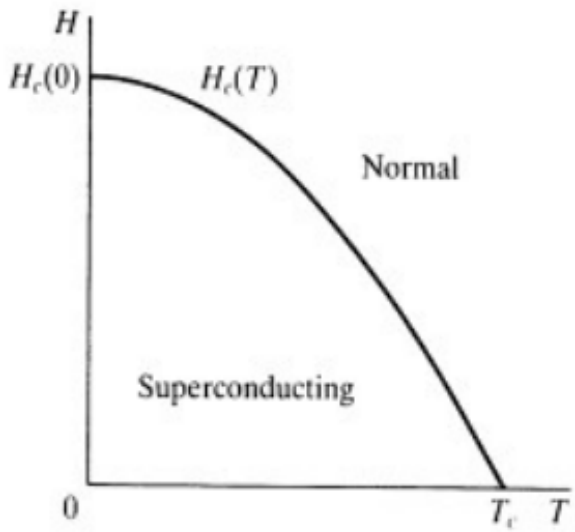

Figure: $H - T$ **phase diagram for a Type 1 superconductor [Tinkham]**

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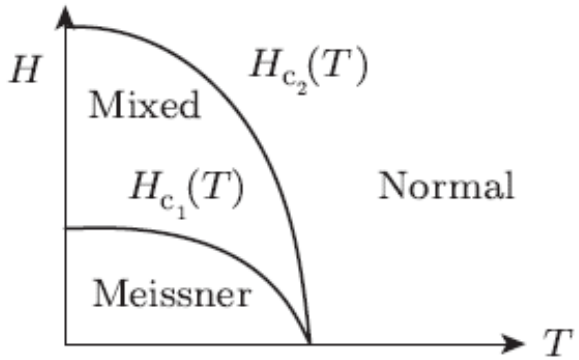

Figure: $H - T$ **phase diagram for a Type 2 superconductor [Girvin and Yang 2019]**

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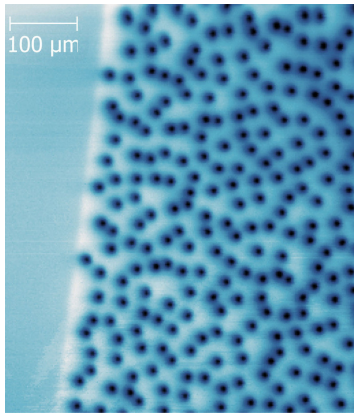

Figure: **Abrikosov vortices in YBCO - created by Wells et al. 2015 using scanning SQUID microscopy**

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Figure: **UCI Machine Learning Repository**

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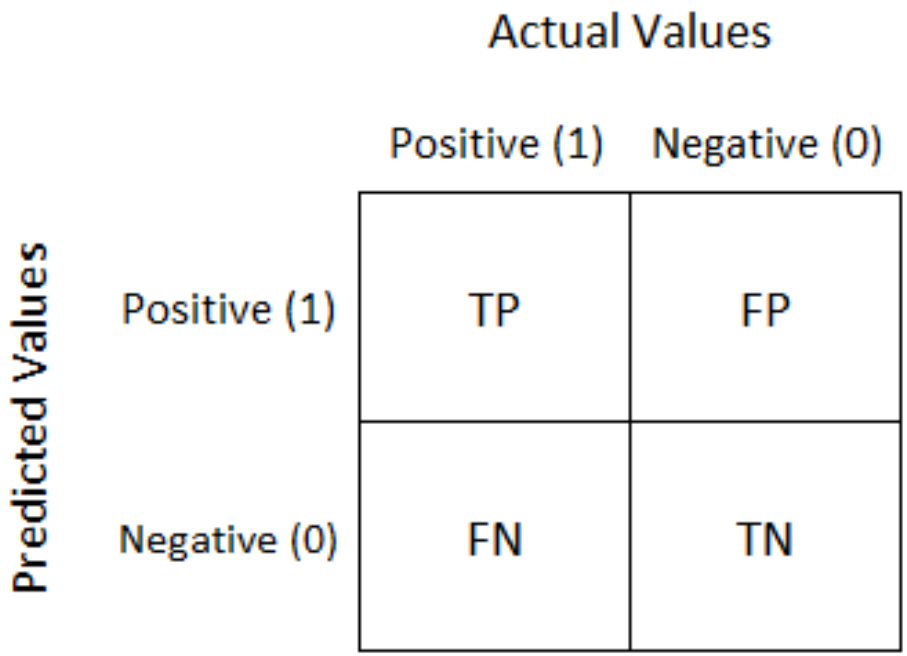

Figure: **Example Confusion Matrix**

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