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Evolution of superconductivity and weak magnetism in inclination interfaces of Bi, Sb and $Bi_{1-x}Sb_x$ (0.07 $\le x \le$ 0.2) alloys

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Abstract

Using Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer, we studied the magnetic and superconducting properties of high quality inclination bicrystal interfaces of Bi, Sb and 3D topological insulator Bi1-xSbx (0.06 \leq x \leq 0.2). One or two superconducting phases with $T_c \leq$ 21 K and magnetic hysteresis loops on a diamagnetic background typical for strong type II superconductors were identified in Bi and some Bi-Sb nano-width interfaces. However, the other interfaces of Bi_{1-x}Sb_x (0.06 \leq x \leq 0.2) as well as of Sb with a higher carrier density exhibit a superconducting transition and a ferromagnetic hysteresis loop or a dual loop (superimposed ferromagnetic and superconducting loops) against a paramagnetic background and thereby indicate the occurrence of superconductivity and weak ferromagnetism.