**Investigating the Fermi Surface of the Pd-based Superconductor Ta4Pd3Te16**

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**Introduction**

Recently, the layered Pd-based ternary chalcogenide Ta4Pd3Te16 (TPT) has drawn attention as it was found to become superconducting (SC) below a critical temperature of Tc = 4.6 K [1]. The layered material has a monoclinic crystal structure and the main conduction channel is suspected to run along quasi-one dimensional (q1D) PdTe2-chains. Low dimensional systems are known to exhibit a wide range of interesting physics due to enhanced correlations. Indeed, band structure calculations revealed multiple bands at the Fermi level including 1D sheets that fulfill nesting conditions prerequisite for a possible stabilization of a charge density wave (CDW). Till this point, no unambiguous evidence for a competing or coexisting phase has been found. The most famous q1D superconductors like TMTSF, Purple bronze, etc. have a lower Tc but their electronic anisotropies are several orders of magnitude larger than that reported for TPT.

**Experimental**

Here we report studies of magnetic torque and normal-state magnetotransport in the quasi one- dimensional superconductor Ta4Pd3Te16. The observation of Shubnikov-de Haas (SdH) as well as de Haas-van Alphen (dHvA) oscillations reveal the multiband nature of TPT’s bulk Fermi surface.

**Results and Discussion**

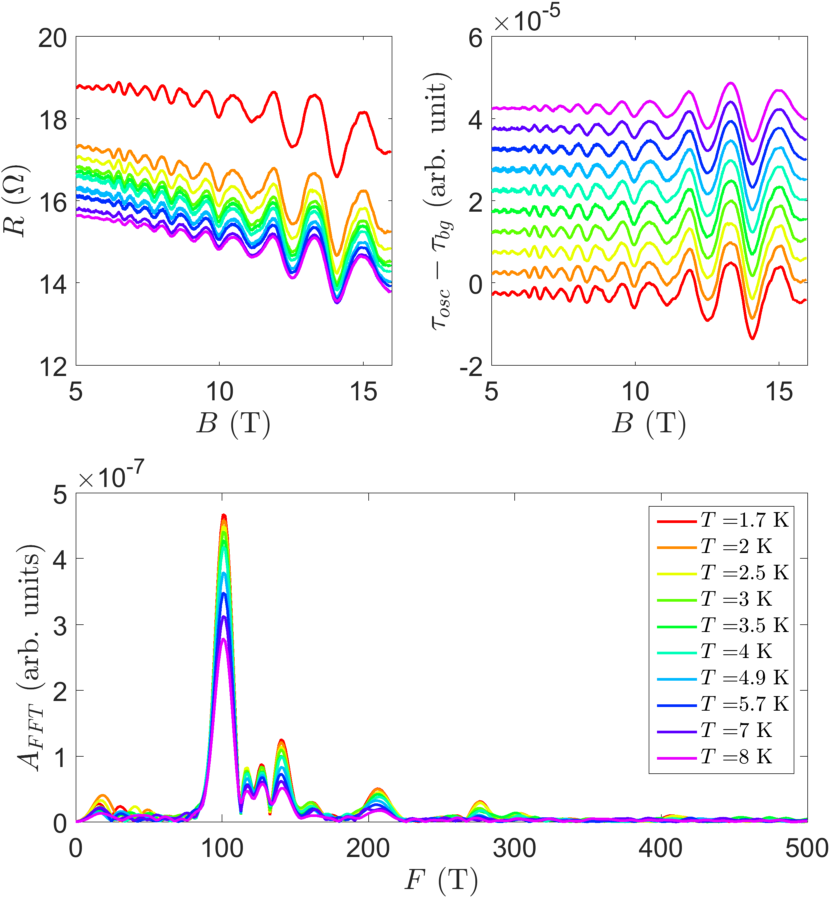
 Using high magnetic fields we observe the Fermi surface of TPT via both Shubnikov-de Haas and de Haas-van Alphen oscillations. We observe both quasi-2D and quasi-3D oscillations, unambiguously indicating that these materials strongly disperse in all directions. The masses are light for all measure Fermi surfaces, measuring below 0.5me.

Figure 1: Shubnikov-de Haas oscillations observed in TPT. (Top left) oscillations as a function of temperature from the raw signal. (Top Right) Oscillations as a function of temperature with background subtracted. (Bottom) FFT of the oscillations showing multiple frequencies, indicative of a multipband, strongly dispersing system.

This work therefore begs the question as to what drives the transport anisotropy in these materials and indeed the CDW-like instability that we observe.

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