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## **Unconventional Superconductors**

**Program and Abstracts** 

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#### **Brief Schedule:**

Friday, October 27 Registration and Opening (M-building Room 234) Scientific program

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#### Welcome

The International Symposium on Frontier of Superconductivity Research (VII) -Optical Spectroscopy on Unconventional Superconductors, organized by the National Lab for Superconductivity, will be held on the campus of Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, between Oct. 26 and 29, 2017.

The National Lab for Superconductivity at the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing (http://nlsc.iphy.ac.cn/), established in 1991, is a national premier base for superconductivity research in China and an important hub for academic exchange among domestic and foreign scholars in this field. Current research projects include searching for new superconductors, investigating the superconductivity mechanism and related physics problems, thin films synthesis as well as superconducting devices development and their applications.

Aiming to strengthen international scientific exchange and foster international scientific collaboration, the National Lab for Superconductivity initiated an "International Symposium on Frontier of Superconductivity Research" which contains a series of symposiums held once a year. We have successfully organized the symposium "Exploration of Novel Superconductors" (2011), and ARPES (2012), Neutron Scattering (2013), STM (2014),

Transport and Thermodynamic Properties (2015) and NMR and µSR (2016) on Unconventional Superconductors. This year marks the 7th symposium that focuses on

"Optical Spectroscopy on Unconventional Superconductors".

We hope to make the Symposium informative, encouraging and inspiring, particularly to young scientists and graduate students.

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## **Scientific Program**

#### (Each presentation includes 40 minutes talk plus 10 minutes Q&A)

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09:00- 09:05	Zhongxian Zhao	Institute of Physics, Beijing	Welcome Speech
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09:15- 10:05	S. Uchida	University of Tokyo	Physics of Josephson Plasma Modes in High-Tc Copper Oxides
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11:20- 12:10	Setsuko Tajima	Osaka University	Fermi surface development with doping and the superconductivity in the pseudo-gapped state in the high $T_c$ cuprates
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14:50 -15:40	Qingming Zhang	Renmin University of China	Raman scattering in FeSe-based superconductors
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16:50 -17:40	Jimin Zhao	Institute of Physics	Ultrafast Quasiparticle Dynamics in Single-Layer FeSe/SrTiO3 and (Li <sub>0.84</sub> Fe <sub>0.16</sub> )OHFe <sub>0.98</sub> Se
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09:50 -10:40	Yuan Li	Peking University	Light scattering from correlated electrons: a glimpse at symmetry-breaking mechanisms
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#### Physics of Josephson Plasma Modes in High-T<sub>c</sub> Copper Oxides

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In the normal state of high- $T_c$  copper oxides (cuprates), the charge transport in the interlayer *c*-axis direction is highly incoherent. Below the superconducting transition temperature  $T_c$  the *c*-axis transport becomes coherent, because Cooper pairs formed within each CuO<sub>2</sub> layer can tunnel between layers via Josephson coupling. Associated with the establishment of the interlayer phase coherence of the superconducting order parameter, a collective phase fluctuation mode, called (longitudinal) Josephson plasma mode, appear in the THz frequency range of the *c*-axis optical spectrum<sup>1</sup>. The Josephson plasma mode can thus be used as an experimental evidence of superconductivity<sup>2</sup>.

The Josephson plasma mode can, in principle, be observed for other layered superconductors, such as organic<sup>3)</sup> and Fe-based compounds when the interlayer coupling is weak enough. However, it is clearly seen only for the cuprates. in which quite fortuitous situations are realized; i) the interlayer coupling strength is severely suppressed due to their crystal structures and the presence of a pseudogap in the electronic excitation spectrum, and ii) the plasma frequency is located deep inside the wide superconducting gap region.

For cuprates, particularly for multilayer cuprates, additional Josephson plasma modes, so-called transverse (or optical) plasma modes<sup>4)</sup>, emerge at much higher frequencies which arise from interlayer Josephson coupling within a multilayer. The transverse modes persist well above  $T_c$ , signalling a pair formation within a layer or multilayer even when the inter-multilayer phase coherence is lost<sup>5)</sup>. Furthermore, the intra-multilayer Josephson coupling appears responsible for the enhanced  $T_c$  values in multilayer cuprates<sup>6)</sup>. Therefore, the Josephson plasma modes, both longitudinal and transverse, provide unique insight into the physics and  $T_c$  of high- $T_c$  cuprates.

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#### Light-induced new collective modes in La1.905Ba0.095CuO4 superconductor

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Strong field midinfared pump - terahertz (THz) probe spectroscopy has been proven as a powerful tool for light control of different orders in strongly correlated materials. We present our recent work on the construction of an ulstrafast broadband infrared (ranging from 1.2  $\mu$ m - 15  $\mu$ m and beyond) pump - THz probe system in a reflection geometry and its application to the c-axis charge dynamics of a cuprate superconductor La<sub>1.905</sub>Ba<sub>0.095</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub> with T<sub>c</sub>=32 K. Our measurement reveals that the pump-induced change occurs predominantly at the Josephson plasma edge position below T<sub>c</sub>. Most significantly, the Josephson plasma edge is suppressed to lower energy and a new longitudinal mode emerges at the plasma edge with increasing the pump fluence. The effect is stronger when the field is perpendicular to the c-axis. The new mode and effect induced by ultrafast optical excitations will shed new insight into the nature of the Josephson coupling in cuprate superconductor.

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#### Fermi surface development with doping and the superconductivity in the

#### pseudo-gapped state in the high $T_c$ cuprates

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In my talk, I will address the two issues to which optical spectroscopy has made a big contribution in the study of high temperature superconducting cuprates. One is the Fermi surface development with carrier doping from a Mott insulator to a Fermi liquid metal, which was revealed by optical spectra[1]. The electronic picture drawn by the optical data in the very beginning of high  $T_c$ research was consistent with the angle-resolved photoemission data reported about ten years later. Recently we have revisited the phase diagram problem in electron-doped cuprates, because the new reduction process enables us to obtain high  $T_c$  samples even at very low doping levels. Recalling the characteristic spectral change with carrier doping, we found a pronounced electron-hole asymmetry in the cuprates[2].

The other issue is the problem how superconductivity develops in the pseudo-gapped state. The c-axis polarized optical spectra could clearly distinguish the gap features due to the pseudogap and to the superconductivity[3]. The former one is of insulating nature. Moreover, a precise analysis of the spectra has revealed a precursor of superconductivity at very high temperatures above  $T_c$ [4]. Such a precursor of superconductivity is peculiar to the system near the BCS-BEC crossover, and thus our observation turns to suggests that the cuprates are in this crossover regime. The strong electron-electron interaction is a key ingredient here.

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#### Light scattering on electronic and magnetic excitations in unconventional

#### superconductors

#### Rudi Hackl

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Light scattering provides insight into most of the excitations of a solid. After the discovery of the cuprates and ferro-pnictides the interest in the electronic and magnetic properties was fueled by the interrelation of superconductivity, charge and spin order. I provide an introduction into the light scattering from electrons and spin excitations and summarize the latest results. In particular I address the results from gap spectroscopy in BKFA and magnetism in FeSe and try to provide a critical comparison of the results in the various compounds in the Fe pnictides and chalcogenides. The main focus will place on the hierarchy of pairing states and SDW versus local magnetic order.

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#### Raman scattering in FeSe-based superconductors

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Recently there has tremendous interest in exploring FeSe-based superconductors, since many intriguing properties, such as high superconducting transition temperatures and various structural and magnetic phases, have been revealed in the compounds. In this talk, we will briefly review the existing Raman scattering results in FeSe-based superconductors, with particular emphasis on the topics of structure and superconductivity, electron and magnetic excitations, and spin/electron-phonon coupling, etc.

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#### X-ray studies of CDW and excitations in high-Tc cuprate

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I Charge density wave modulations have now been widely reported in high temperature superconducting cuprates, raising questions about their nature and relationship with superconductivity and the mysterious pseudogap state. In this presentation, I will briefly cover the background of CDW in cuprates. I will also give a flavor of some novel x-ray scattering techniques that are enabled by technology advances and X-ray free electron laser. Most of the presentation will focus on the investigation of the CDW ground state in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6+x</sub> by suppressing the superconductivity with a pulsed magnetic field of ~ 30 T [1, 2], the observation of CDW and its excitations in Bi<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8+x</sub> using high resolution resonant inelastic x-ray scattering [3], and the implications of these observations.

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#### Ultrafast Quasiparticle Dynamics in Single-Layer FeSe/SrTiO3

#### and (Li<sub>0.84</sub>Fe<sub>0.16</sub>)OHFe<sub>0.98</sub>Se

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Ultrafast spectroscopy of quantum materials such as high-*T*c superconductors is at the heart of the investigation of "light-matter interaction" [1]. We investigate the ultrafast quasiparticle dynamics of the single-layer FeSe/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> [2] and the (Li<sub>0.84</sub>Fe<sub>0.16</sub>)OHFe<sub>0.98</sub>Se, respectively. Other than the evidence and characterization of the superconductivity, we also report the important electron-phonon coupling constant  $\lambda$  measured through the quasiparticle lifetime. Further we show the coherent phonons in such unconventional systems.

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#### Search for the mechanism of superconductivity using optical spectroscopy

#### **Thomas Timusk**

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Originally, tunneling spectroscopy was used to unravel the detailed mechanism of superconductivity. In lead for example a comparison of tunneling spectra with inelastic neutron scattering spectra established phonons as the excitations responsible for superconducting pairing. In the new high temperature superconductors optical spectroscopy has taken the place of tunneling as the premier reliable spectroscopic tool. I will illustrate this with two examples.

In the cuprate materials where large single crystals are available one uses reflectance spectroscopy over a wide range of energies to obtain the optical constants of the material. Using maximum entropy methods one can then calculate the electron-boson spectral function  $\alpha^2 F(\Omega)$  and compare it with the density of states of phonons or magnons. A second example is the recently discovered 200 K superconductor, H<sub>3</sub>S, which becomes superconducting at 200 GPa pressures generated in a diamond anvil cell. This experimental environment presents several challenges. The samples are small, of the order of 60 µm, and diamond is not transparent at all the relevant frequencies. Here we use the opposite approach, we start with a theoretical spectral function  $\alpha^2 F(\Omega)$ (calculated from density functional theory), calculate the optical constants and compare our observed spectral features with predictions from theory with various assumptions for the spectral function. To gain sufficient sensitivty we use a synchrotron source.

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#### Light scattering from correlated electrons: a glimpse at symmetry-breaking

#### mechanisms

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Unconventional superconductors are intriguing not only for their superconducting properties, but also for their rich phase behaviors describable from a symmetry point of view, the most prominent examples being the simultaneous breaking of rotational and/or lattice translational symmetries. In this talk, I will present some of our recent efforts in using photon scattering experiments, including Raman and X-ray spectroscopy, to detect symmetry breaking (and sometimes 'symmetry recovery') in correlated-electron materials. The same techniques also allow us to elucidate the underlying mechanisms that triggers the phase transitions. As examples, I will discuss spin-orbital interplay in Fe-based superconductors, spin-singlet formation in spin-1/2 chains, and the importance of lattice soft modes in some other materials.

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#### Infrared Spectroscopic Studies of the Phonon Dynamics in Iron-based

#### **Superconductors**

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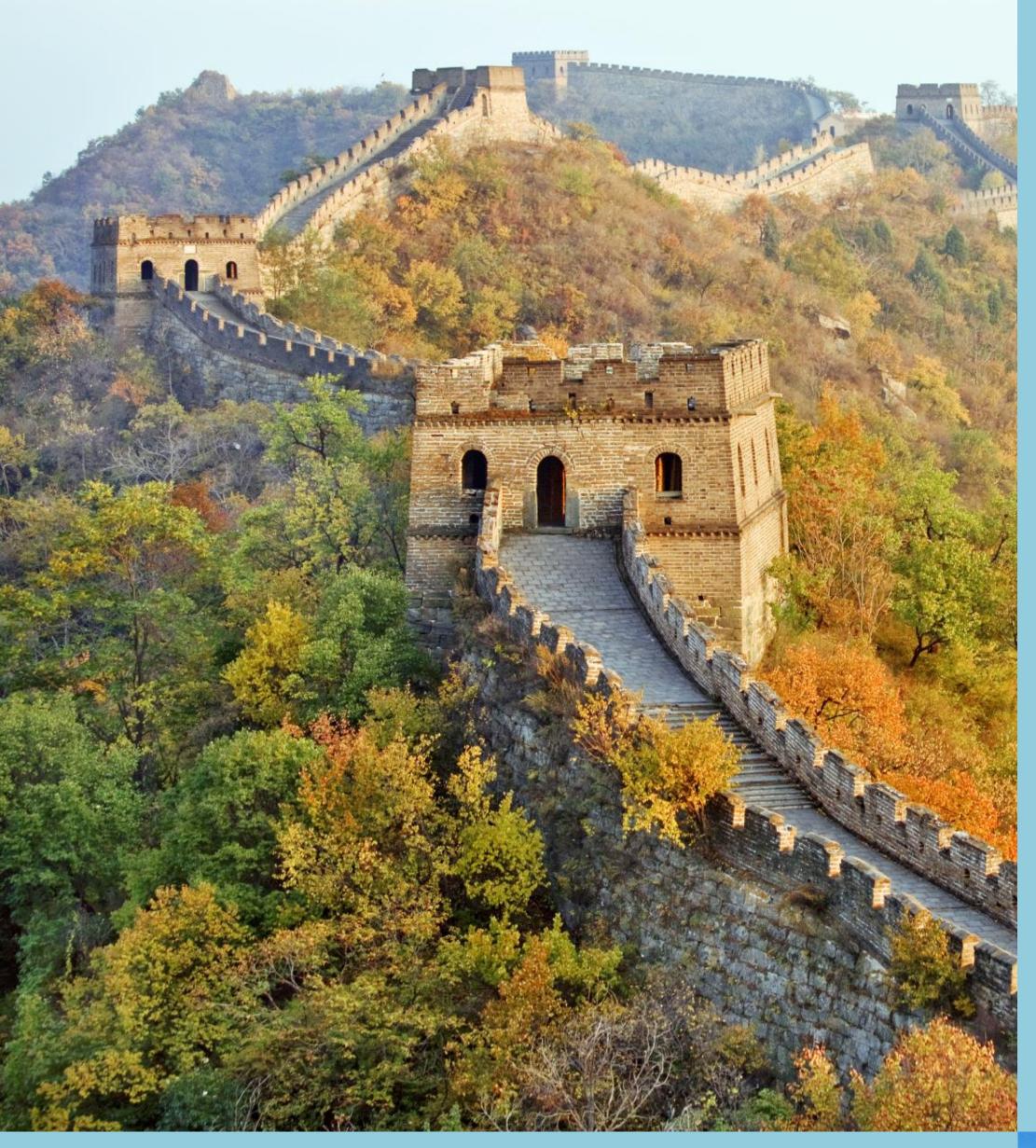
The temperature dependence optical reflectivity has been measurement on iron-based superconductors of different families. The optical conductivity has been obtained by using the two-Drude component model. It has been found that the phonons show red- or blue-shift in different samples. Interestingly, the phonon conductivity exhibits a Fano lineshape, suggesting possible coupling between phonon and electrons or spin. Based on the temperature evolution of the lineshape and peak shift, we discuss the possible role played by electron-phonon and spin fluctuation in the occurrence of superconductivity in iron-based superconductors.

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# **List of Invited Speakers**

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