Thin Films and Interfaces Group Seminar

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Proximity effects in cuprate/manganite multilayers

Recently we observed an intriguing, magnetic-filed-induced insulator-to-metal transition in YBa₂Cu₃O₇/Pr_{1-x}Ca_xMnO₃ (YBCO/PCMO) multilayers [1]. In the low field regime, the response of these multilayers is highly resistive and resembles the one of granular superconductors or frustrated Josephson-networks. Notably, a coherent superconducting response can be restored with a large magnetic field. The latter also suppresses the charge/orbital order of the PCMO layers towards a ferromagnetic state. This coincidence suggests an intimate relationship between the insulator-to-superconductor transition in the YBCO layer and the suppression of the charge/orbital order in the PCMO. I will discuss the evidence, based on resonant x-ray scattering experiments, that the latter induces (or strongly enhances) a static Cu-CDW order in YBCO that is intertwined with superconductivity.

[1] B.P.P. Mallett et al., Phys. Rev. B 94, 180503(R) (2016).