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STM Investigation of Bosonic Modes and a Superconducting Gap in the Electron Doped Cuprate $Pr_{1-x}LaCe_xCuO_4$ FRANCIS NIESTEM-SKI, SHANKAR KUNWAR, SEN ZHOU, Boston College, SHILIANG LI, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, HONG DING, ZIQIANG WANG, Boston College, PENGCHENG DAI, U Tennessee, Knoxville & ORNL, VIDYA MADHAVAN, Boston College — While continual effort in scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) remains focused on the hole-doped cuprates less attention has been given to the equally important electron-doped side of the phase diagram. We use a variable temperature UHV STM to investigate the electron-doped cuprate superconductor $Pr_{1-x}LaCe_xCuO_4$. We explore temperatures 2 K and higher and find a superconducting gap that disappears above Tc. We also find satellite features anti-correlated to the gap which we associate with bosonic modes. We relate our findings to neutron scattering results and discuss how this electron doped superconductor differs from more familiar hole-doped cuprates.

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