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Local tunneling probe of low-energy Andreev states on (110) $\mathbf{Y}_{0.95}\mathbf{Ca}_{0.05}\mathbf{Ba}_{2}\mathbf{Cu}_{3}\mathbf{O}_{7-\delta}$ thin films in an applied magnetic field¹ J.H. NGAI, Department of Physics, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, R. BECK, G. LEI-BOVITCH, G. DEUTSCHER, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Raymond and Beverly Sackler faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, J.Y.T. WEI, Department of Physics, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada — Cryomagnetic scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS) was performed on (110)oriented $Y_{0.95}Ca_{0.05}Ba_2Cu_3O_{7-\delta}$ thin films, in order to reveal coherence-length scale information on the symmetry of the high- T_c order parameter (OP) in a magnetic field. In zero-field at 4.2K, both spontaneously split and unsplit zero-bias conductance peaks (ZBCP) are seen in the STS spectrum. The two types of peak spectra exhibit increasing splitting in a field applied along the *c*-axis of the film. Both spontaneous and field-induced ZBCP splitting indicate a lifting in the degeneracy of the low- energy Andreev states, consistent with time-reversal symmetry breaking. These results are discussed within the context of the Doppler effect as well as intrinsic vs. field-induced complex components in the high- T_c OP.

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