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Evidence from scanning tunneling spectroscopy for magnetic-field-enhanced collective modes in the high- T_C superconductor $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ ¹ A.D. BEYER², M.S. GRINOLDS³, M.L. TEAGUE, N.-C. YEH, Phys. Dept., Caltech, Pasadena, CA 91125, S. TAJIMA, Phys. Dept., Osaka Univ., Japan. — We present scanning tunneling spectroscopic evidence for field-enhanced collective modes in $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$. The observed spectra inside vortices exhibit two characteristic features: a pseudogap ($V_{CO} = 31.5 \pm 2.0$ meV) larger than the superconducting gap ($\Delta_{SC} = 20.0 \pm 1.0$ meV) and a subgap ($\Delta' \approx 7\text{-}10$ meV) smaller than Δ_{SC} . Outside vortices, the spectra display a gap of Δ_{SC} . As magnetic field increases, spectral weight rapidly shifts from Δ_{SC} to V_{CO} and Δ' . The vortex state also reveals energy-independent conductance modulations with periodicities of 3.6 and 7.1 lattice constants along the Cu-O bonding direction and 9.5 lattice constants along the nodal direction. The energy-independent modulations differ fundamentally from energy-dispersive modes due to Bogoliubov quasiparticle scattering interferences and originate from field-enhanced collective modes of pair-, charge- and spin-density waves.

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