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Doping-dependent vortex-state scanning tunneling spectroscopic (STS) studies of Ca-doped $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ (Y-123)¹ M.L. TEAGUE, C.-C. CHEN, N.-C. YEH, Dept. of Physics, Caltech, Pasadena, CA 91125, Z.J. FENG, Dept. of Physics, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China — We present STS studies of Ca-doped Y-123 as a function of magnetic field (H) and hole doping level (p). Our previous STS studies at $H = 0$ have shown that the origin of the pseudogap (PG) is due to competing orders (COs), and that the presence (absence) of PG above the superconducting (SC) transition T_c is associated with a CO energy Δ_{CO} larger (smaller) than the SC gap Δ_{SC} . Moreover, Δ_{SC} and Δ_{CO} decrease with increasing p for $p > 0.16$, and $\Delta_{\text{CO}} < \Delta_{\text{SC}}$ for $p > 0.23$. The pairing symmetry also evolves from pure $d_{x^2-y^2}$ to $(d_{x^2-y^2} + s)$ for $p > 0.16$, where the s -wave component increases with p . Here we investigate the evolution of vortex-state ($H > 0$) STS with p . For $p = 0.21$ and $H = 3\text{T}$, STS reveal the presence of vortices with a vortex “halo” size $\xi \sim 8\text{ nm}$, smaller than $\xi \sim 10\text{ nm}$ for $p = 0.16$. A PG with $\Delta_{\text{CO}} (\sim 11\text{ meV}) < \Delta_{\text{SC}} (\sim 17\text{ meV})$ is found inside the vortex core for $p = 0.21$, which is consistent with the value derived from Green function analysis of the STS in $H = 0$ and is in contrast to the finding of an intra-vortex PG $\Delta_{\text{CO}} (\sim 32\text{ meV}) > \Delta_{\text{SC}} (\sim 23\text{ meV})$ for $p = 0.16$. Fourier transformation of the STS also shows energy-independent wave-vectors Q_{CDW} and Q_{PDW} associated with the charge- and pair-density waves, where Q_{CDW} decreases with p and Q_{PDW} is p -independent.

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