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Infrared and magneto-optical studies of novel condensed matter systems LEE KOHLMAN, SASA DORDEVIC, The University of Akron — We will present the results of our recent infrared and magneto-optical measurements on high temperature supercondutors $La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO_4$, heavy fermion metal YbFe₄Sb₁₂ and half-metallic ferromagnet Mn₅Ge₃. The results demonstrate the power of spectroscopic techniques, which allow one to study materials in extreme experimental conditions, such as temperature as low as 4.2 K and magnetic field as high as 33 Tesla. The results reveal failure of free-electron model for these novel condensed matter systems and importance of electron-electron correlations.

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