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**High- $T_c$  Superconductivity and Raman Scattering Study of the phonon properties of electron doped (transition metal, rare-earth) - Oxygen-Free CaFeAsF and compared with RFeAsO system.** KALYAN SASMAL, VIKTOR HADJIEV, C.W(PAUL) CHU, Texas Center for Superconductivity Dept of Physics, University of Houston, TX, USA — Quaternary CaFeAsF has ZrCuSiAs-type structure,  $(\text{RO})^{\delta+}$  layer in RFeAsO replaced by  $(\text{CaF})^{\delta+}$  layer, with tetragonal ( $P4/nmm$ )-orthorhombic ( $Cmma$ ) phase transition at 134K, while magnetic order, SDW sets in at 114K. Partial replacement of Fe with Co/Ni is direct electron doping to  $(\text{FeAs})^{\delta+}$  layer.  $T_c \sim 15\text{K}$  in  $\text{CaFe}_{0.9}\text{Ni}_{0.1}\text{AsF}$ . Substitution of rare earth metal for alkaline earth metal suppresses anomaly in resistivity & induces superconductivity.  $T_c \sim 52\text{K}$  in  $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Pr}_{0.5}\text{FeAsF}$ . Characterized by resistivity, susceptibility, XRD & EDX-SEM. Upper critical field estimated from magneto resistance. Bulk superconductivity proved by DC magnetization. Hall coefficient  $R_H$  revealed hole-like charge carriers in parent compound CaFeAsF, while electron-type ( $R_H$  in normal state is  $-Ve$ ) for  $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Pr}_{0.5}\text{FeAsF}$ . Evolution of Raman active phonons of  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Pr}_x\text{FeAsF}$  measured with polarized Raman spectroscopy at room temperature from  $ab$  surfaces of impurity-free microcrystals. Spectra exhibit sharp phonon lines on very weak electronic scattering background. Frequency and symmetry of Raman phonons involving out-of-plane atomic vibrations are found at  $162.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $A1g$ , Pr),  $201\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $A1g$ , As),  $215.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $B1g$ , Fe),  $265\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $Eg$ , Fe) and  $334\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $B1g$ , F) for  $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Pr}_{0.5}\text{FeAsF}$ . Observations are compared with RFeAsO unconventional superconductors also possibly related to magnetic fluctuations

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