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| Title: | Interface Driven Novel Electronic and Spin States Revealed by Spin-polarized Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy |
| Speaker: | Sujit Manna, Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA |
| Date: | January 10, 2018 (Wednesday) |
| Time: | 4:00 p.m. |
| Venue: | Theoretical Physics Seminar Room (C406), 3rd Floor, Centenary Building, IACS |
| Abstract: | Iron-chalcogenide based superconductor have set a new paradigm in exploring microscopic mechanism of superconductivity and a race to discover high-T _c interfacial superconductor. It also offer a new platform to realize pristine topological superconductivity and Majorana bound state at relatively high temperature [1, 2]. In this talk, I will discuss our recent findings of atomic scale spin structure and superconductivity in single layer Fe-chalcogenide (FeS _x Te _{1-x}) films grown on Bi-based 3D topological insulator, using state of art MBE-STM. At first, we show the existence of noncollinear antiferromagnetic state in a monolayer FeTe under 2D limit, as revealed by spin-polarized scanning tunnelling spectroscopy. A detailed investigation of the temperature, magnetic field and spatial evolution of the electronic structure across the magnetic domains indicates that the unit-cell |

of FeTe is in very close proximity to a superconducting phase transition that coexisting with the anti-ferromagnetism [3, 4]. This will followed by discussion in spatial distribution of superconductivity in single layer FeSe_{0.5}Te_{0.5} with higher critical temperature, which provides an ideal platform to study novel emergent phase in close proximity to a topological insulator [5]. Finally, I will discuss our unique experimental approach towards unveiling elusive Majorana fermion in epitaxial topological superconductor consist of Rashba nanowires coupled to an swavesuperconductor.

References: 1. G. Xu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 047001 (2016). 2. D. Wang et al., Arxiv: 1706.06074. 3. S. Manna et al., Nature Comm. 8, 14074 (2017). 4. T. Hänke et al., Nature Comm. 8, 13939 (2017). 5. A. Kamlapure et al., Phys. Rev. B 95, 104509 (2017).

All are cordially invited to attend the seminar