

Large positive linear magnetoresistance in the two-dimensional t_{2g} electron gas at the EuO/SrTiO₃ interface

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The high mobility two-dimensional t_{2g} electron gas (2DEG) present at oxide/oxide interfaces is currently under intense investigation [1-2]. In this talk, we will discuss the integration of highly spin-split ferromagnetic semiconductor EuO onto perovskite SrTiO₃ (001). A careful deposition of Eu metal by molecular beam epitaxy results in crystalline EuO growth via oxygen out-diffusion from SrTiO₃ [3]. This in turn leaves behind a highly conductive interfacial layer through generation of oxygen vacancies. Below the Curie temperature of 70 K of EuO, this spin-polarized two-dimensional t_{2g} electron gas at the EuO/SrTiO₃ interface displays very large positive linear magnetoresistance (MR). Soft x-ray angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (SX-ARPES) reveals the t_{2g} nature of the carriers. First principles calculations strongly suggest that Zeeman splitting, caused by proximity magnetism and oxygen vacancies in SrTiO₃, is responsible for the MR [4]. This system offers an as-yet-unexplored route to pursue proximity-induced effects in the oxide two-dimensional t_{2g} electron gas [5].

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