

Probing exotic superconductors by high sensitivity microcalorimetry

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After a short description of the principle and methods of AC microcalorimetry, I will first focus on the thermodynamic properties of the normal state in high- T_c cuprates, giving evidence for quantum criticality at the onset of the pseudogap phase. Second, I will discuss how specific heat can be used to obtain fruitful information on the $H-T$ phase diagram in “exotic” superconductors, or as a very efficient tool to probe the structure of the superconducting gap in the nematic FeSe superconductor.