



Colloquium Notice

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Imaging Landau Quantized Polaritons Through Nano-light

Subwavelength confinement, chiral sensing, and frequency conversion of light at the nanoscale are highly desirable for future photonic and optoelectronic applications of quantum materials. By breaking the time-reversal symmetry, magnetic field enables novel light-matter interactions with important real-space features such as chiral magnetopolaritons, unidirectional edge photocurrent, and nonreciprocal light propagation at magnetic interfaces. However, due to many technical difficulties, these important magneto-optical phenomena and their applications at the nanoscale have not been investigated in real space at infrared (IR) or terahertz (THz) frequencies. In this talk, I report a direct visualization of the infrared magnetoexciton polaritons due to quantized Landau transitions in near-charge neutral graphene, using a novel magneto scanning near-field optical microscope (m-SNOM) working in a magnetic field up to 7 Tesla. We map the magnetic field-dependent polariton excitation and propagating at the edge of graphene and hBN and explore its associated enhanced chiral edge photocurrent down to the quantum Hall region. Our approach establishes m-SNOM as a versatile platform for exploring magneto-optical effects at the nanoscale. This preliminary research sets the stage for future spectroscopic investigations of the topological and chiral photonic phenomena in complex quantum materials using low-energy photons.

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