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Reflectance from single excitons: context and prospects

Reflectivity is one of the most straightforward and insightful approaches of optical spectroscopy. It consists in measuring spectral changes in the light reflected from a piece of material, as governed by its optical susceptibility. In semiconductors, the latter displays resonances below the bandgap owing to formation of excitons. In this talk, I will highlight how to measure reflectance from a **single** exciton and why. I hope to convince the audience that such experiment, combined with theoretical guidance, yields pertinent results and prospects in the field of coherence of condensed matter and optical quantum engineering.



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