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Cavity-mediated electron interactions and Mott polaritons in quantum materials

Recent years have witnessed the development of a new generation of nanoplasmonic cavities, which can reach the ultrastrong coupling regime with cyclotron transitions in two-dimensional electron gases [1]. This has triggered considerable interest in the possibility of manipulating electronic ground states and shaping collective excitations in two-dimensional materials with cavities.

In my talk, I will provide an overview of current ideas and challenges in this emerging field. Specifically, I will discuss our proposal of inducing electronic interactions through the coupling to a cavity [2]. Such interactions, mediated by the transverse electromagnetic field, are restricted to unobservably low temperatures in free space. I will argue that the strong confinement in nanoplasmonic cavities could enhance these exotic effects to experimentally accessible temperatures. Furthermore, at the hand of the 1D Fermi-Hubbard model, I will describe how the strong coupling to a cavity can affect the ground and excited states of correlated electron materials [3].

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