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**Introduction:** Fourier microscopy, wherein one images the back focal plane of a microscope objective to characterize the directionality of light emission/scattering has been used recently to characterize dipole orientation, emission pattern of nanowires coupled to plasmonic antenna, dispersion of microcavity polaritons and surface plasmon polaritons, light propagation and Bloch



Fig. 1. Photograph of the k-space imaging and excitation set up in the PIs lab.

modes in photonic crystals, and structure of self-assembled nanostructures [1]–[6]. While most of these demonstrations were carried out for imaging, one could also conceive reversing the strategy and carrying out excitation experiments in the *k*-space. Here, one can pick and choose the *k*-vectors for illumination. This can be implemented using an optical fiber with X/Y translation positioned at the Fourier plane and thereby control the exact k-value of excitation.

Under this instrumentation grant we developed a k-space imaging and excitation set up. Shown in Fig. 1 is the photograph of the set up in the PIs lab. The system consists of:

- A modified Olympus inverted microscope which allows for both upright and inverted illumination,
- The k-space imaging optics that is a 4f system that images the back plane of the microscope objective onto the monochromator slit.
- Princeton instruments half meter monochromator (SP2500) with one entrance and two exit slits
- Pro EM (electron multiplying) CCD camera with 1024 x 1024 array.
- The k-space excitation optics at the back entrance of the Olympus microscope to allow for k-specific excitation. This consist of an optical fiber tip on an x-y translation stage placed at the Fourier plane of the objective lens. The optical fiber at the other end is coupled to the laser source.
- The second exit port of the microscope takes the signal to a time resolved luminescence and photon correlation measurement set up from Picoquant.
- There is also a low resolution camera on the microscope for imaging.

The set up was built during summer 2015 and was fully operational by fall 2015. Schematic of the setup is shown in Fig. 2 below.



A variety of measurements have been carried out using the set up and have now become one of the most widely used set up in the lab and even by collaborators. Below we discuss some of the key results obtained using the set up.

## **Exciton-Polariton dispersion**

Through a prior ARO research grant PIs group demonstrated the strong coupling of excitons in 2D semiconductors of  $MoS_2$  to cavity photons [7]. More recently we have demonstrated strong coupling in an all-metal microcavity and also demonstrated the valley polarization property of the polaritons. This work is currently under review. Shown in Fig. 3 is the dispersion of three different microcavities with different detuning ( = Eex – Eph), where Eex and Eph are the exciton and cavity photon energies, respectively at k=0. The left panel shows angle resolved (k-resolved) white light reflectivity and the right panel shows



the angle dependent photoluminescence (PL) obtained using the k-space set up. Clear anticrossing is seen at different angle values for the different detuning. Using the k-space excitation we were able to further excite with specific k-value and energy and there by resonantly pump the polariton states. This was important to demonstrate the valley polarization property o the polaritons. This work is currently under review.

## **Dipole orientation in monolayer semiconductors**

In another project where we were studying the energy transfer between 2D monolayers of various transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) and organic thin films, we needed to establish the dipole orientation in these layers. Shown in Fig. 4 is the simulation of expected dipole radiation for in-plane dipoles along with the experimentally obtained k-space image using the experimental set up discussed above. This was important to establish the dipole orientations for studying energy between dissimilar excitonic transfer systems. Manuscript based on this work is currently being prepared for submission.



Fig. 4. Radiation pattern due to in-plane dipole orientation in 2D monolayer semiconductors. Left panel shows simulation and right panel shows experimental results.

### **Radiation pattern of photonic hypercrystal**

Through a previous and current ARO research grant we have developed the photonic hypercrystal, a new artificial photonic media that combines the large density of photonic states arising from the hyperbolic dispersion of the metamaterial constituent and the enhanced light out-coupling from the photonic crystal band structure which translates all the dark states that lie below the light line into radiative states. The k-space image shown in Fig. 5 shows the directional emission over a wide spectral range from the photonic hypercrystal and hence better detection of emitted radiation from embedded quantum dots. The hypercrystal consists of CdSe quantum dots embedded inside the hyperbolic metamaterial with a 2D lattice playing



the photonic crystal part (inset of Fig. 5). The k-space image shown in Fig. 5 was obtained using white light reflectivity. Using the hypercrystal, we were able to show 100x enhancement in light out-coupling compared to purely hyperbolic metamaterial and also 20x enhancement in the radiative rate (Purcell enhancement). This work is currently under review.

#### **Dispersion of all-dielectric metasurface**

Under the current ARO research grant we are investigating all-dielectric metasurfaces to enhance the luminescence of 2D TMDs. As a first step in this direction, we have fabricated all-silicon dielectric metasurface and investigated the *k*-space scattering to obtain the band structure. Shown in Fig. 6 is the obtained *k*-space image from an all-dielectric metasurface. This is work being carried out in collaboration with the group of prof. Alex Khanikaev at CCNY.



Currently we are investigating structures that can simultaneously enhance luminescence as well as have polarization selection to exploit the valley polarization in 2D TMDs, specifically WSe<sub>2</sub> and MoSe<sub>2</sub>.

**Summary:** Through this instrumentation grant we have successfully built a Fourier space imaging and excitation set up that has now been utilized to study dispersion and angular emission patterns of a variety of low-dimensional materials embedded in artificial media such as metamaterials as well as in microcavities. This system has become one of the most utilized tools in the lab currently with over 15 students already trained to use it. This includes 3 undergraduate, 9 graduate and 3 post-doctoral researchers.

In the future we will be carrying out *k*-space excitation experiments to study nonlinear optical properties of the strongly-coupled polariton states.

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