



## Felicidades al nuevo graduado de doctorado del ICFO

El Dr. Geng Li se ha doctorado con una tesis titulada "Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy of Twisted Bilayer Graphene"

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Felicidades al Dr. Geng Li que ha defendido su tesis esta mañana en el Auditorio del ICFO. El Dr. Li obtuvo su Master en Ciencia por la University of Buffalo, antes de unirse al grupo de investigación de Quantum Nano-Optoelectronics dirigido por el profesor ICREA en ICFO el Dr. Frank Koppens. Su tesis titulada "Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy of Twisted Bilayer Graphene" ha sido supervisada por el Prof. Dr. Frank Koppens.

### **RESUMEN:**

The goal of this thesis is to probe the infrared optical response of twisted bilayer graphene (TBG) using Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). First, I used a commercial FTIR to measure the TBG in the mid-infrared range at room temperature. I improved the device fabrication technique and fabricated the TBG devices with a large area and simultaneously a low inhomogeneity. I observe that the TBG has abundant optical absorption features

originating from the interband transitions that are uniquely determined by the twist angle. Then, I want to probe the interband transition of the TBG that lies in the terahertz range, which evolves the flat band of the TBG that hosts strongly correlated effects. I built a homemade FTIR that works in both the mid-infrared and terahertz range. I wired the cryostat carefully and achieved an electrical noise level approaching the Johnson noise limit. By guiding the light from the FTIR into the cryostat, I successfully measured the exciton states in the Bernal bilayer graphene device over a broad spectral range, demonstrating that the system is ready for future experimental study of TBG.

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