



## Ph.D. Course in Materials Science and Nanotechnology

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## Spinor and nonlinear effects in Excitonpolariton lattices

Exciton-polaritons are hybrid states of light and matter existing in semiconductor heterostructures. They have been typically studied in planar microcavities containing quantum wells, exhibiting spin-sensitive phenomena such as the optical spin Hall effect and nonlinear effects such as solitons and bistability. More recently, there has been a growing interest in studying exciton-polaritons in patterned lattices, where the interplay of spin-orbit interaction with magnetic field was shown to give rise to topological physics. Furthermore, as we will show, the spin sensitivity of nonlinear interactions allows exciton-polaritons in lattices to demonstrate complex phenomena, such as that of cellular automata."

PhD students and all interested in the seminar are kindly invited to participate.