

2024 IBS-CALDES Seminar

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✓ **Speaker & Title**

2:00PM~ Prof. Heejun YANG (KAIST)

Atomic-scale thermopower in 2D topological and correlated materials

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Thermoelectricity (i.e., thermopower generation) has been investigated mainly on the macroscopic scale despite its origin being linked to materials' local electronic band structure. Recently, the microscopic origins of thermopower have gained attention in the design of novel and efficient thermoelectric devices. In particular, distinct origins for thermopower have been expected with low-dimensional, strongly correlated, and topological materials. In this presentation, I will demonstrate our findings on thermoelectric puddles^{1,2}, phonon puddles³, and thermal biasing effects to break the atomic lattice symmetry⁴ in variously stacked graphene and 1T-TaS₂, using our Scanning ThermoElectric Microscopy (SThEM). Based on the sensitive probe of the local density of states' derivatives in SThEM, harnessing atomic-scale thermopower can be achieved above room temperature, distinguished from conventional low-temperature studies with scanning tunneling microscopy.

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