Ultranarrowband Chiral Absorbers Enabled by Brillouin Zone Folding

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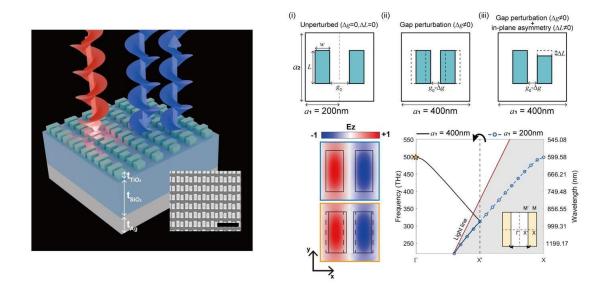
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Chiral absorbers with strong selectivity and narrow spectral linewidths are highly attractive for controlling light-matter interactions. In this work, we demonstrate ultranarrowband chiral perfect absorbers operating in the visible range, based on planar TiO₂ metasurfaces utilizing Brillouin zone folding (BZF) and in-plane symmetry breaking. By engineering the unit cell to induce band folding and asymmetric resonances, we achieve high-Q guided-mode resonances with a differential absorptance (ΔA) of 0.75 and a linewidth of 1.4 nm at normal incidence. The absorber structure, composed of a TiO₂ dimer array on a SiO₂ spacer and Ag mirror, allows for highly selective enhancement of circularly polarized light absorption. Furthermore, we realize strong chiral photoluminescence by coating colloidal quantum dots onto the absorber surface, achieving a degree of circular polarization (DCP) of 0.72 with a narrow emission linewidth of 1.75 nm. This approach provides a simple and reliable platform for achieving visible-range chiral light control, with potential applications in chiral sensing, quantum photonics, and polarization-selective optoelectronics.



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