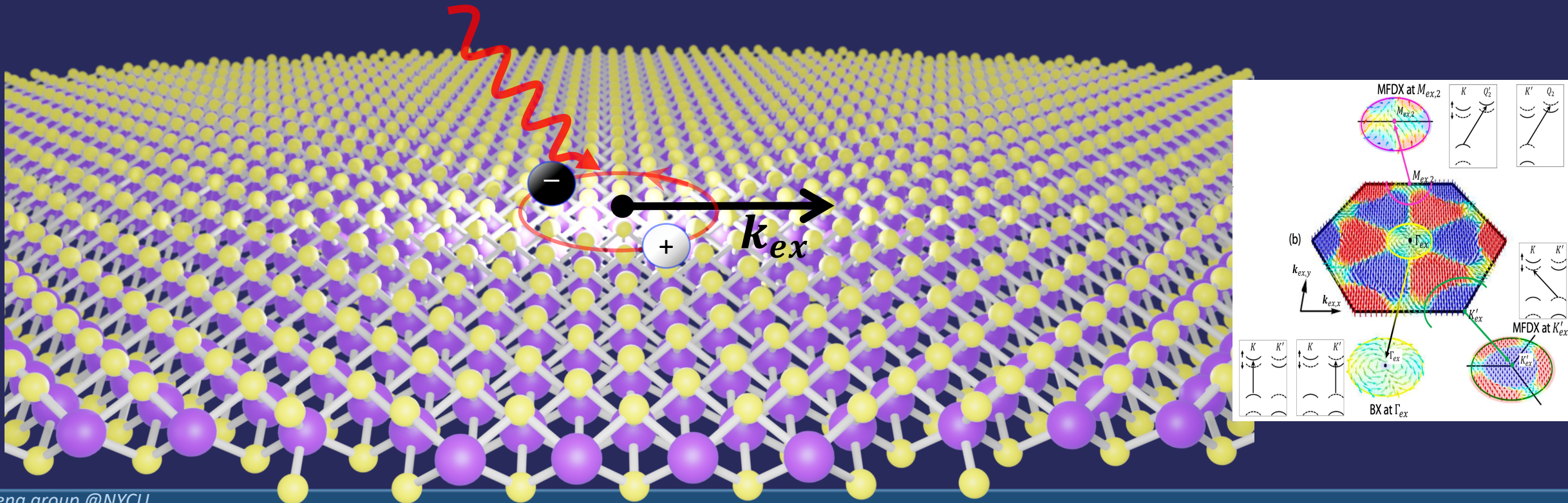


Full-Zone Landscape of momentum excitons in atomically thin transition metal dichalcogenides

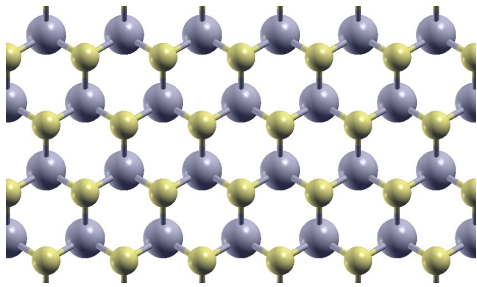
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Valley exciton in transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMDs)

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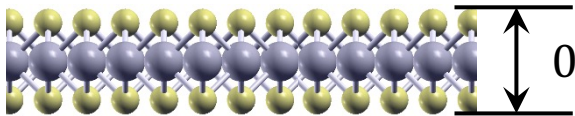


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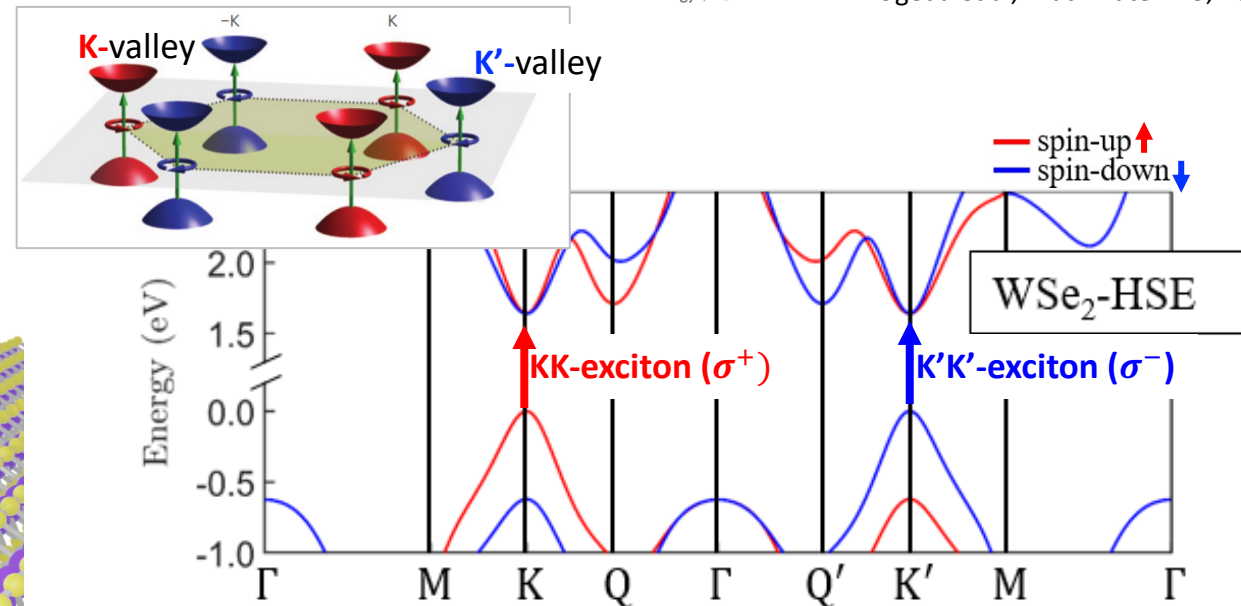
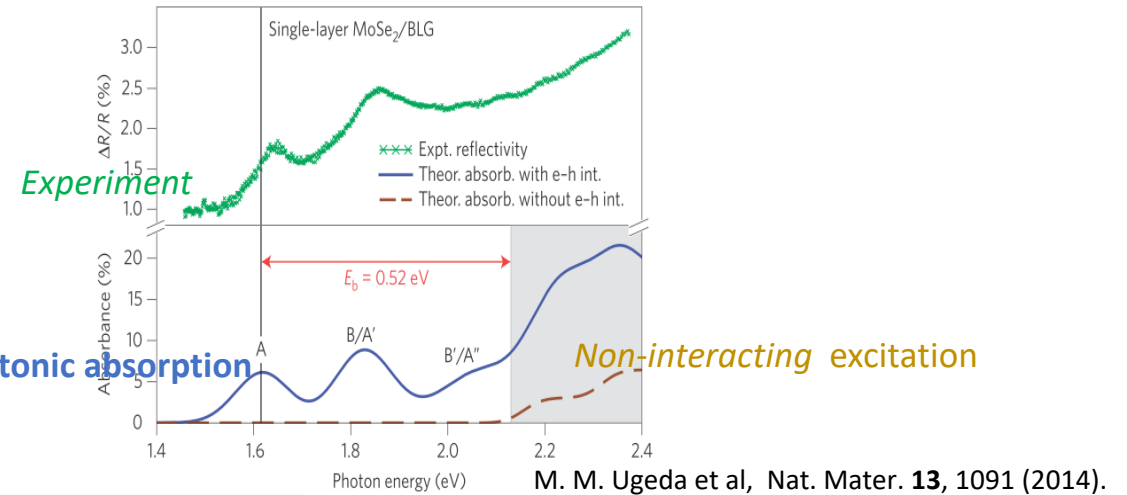
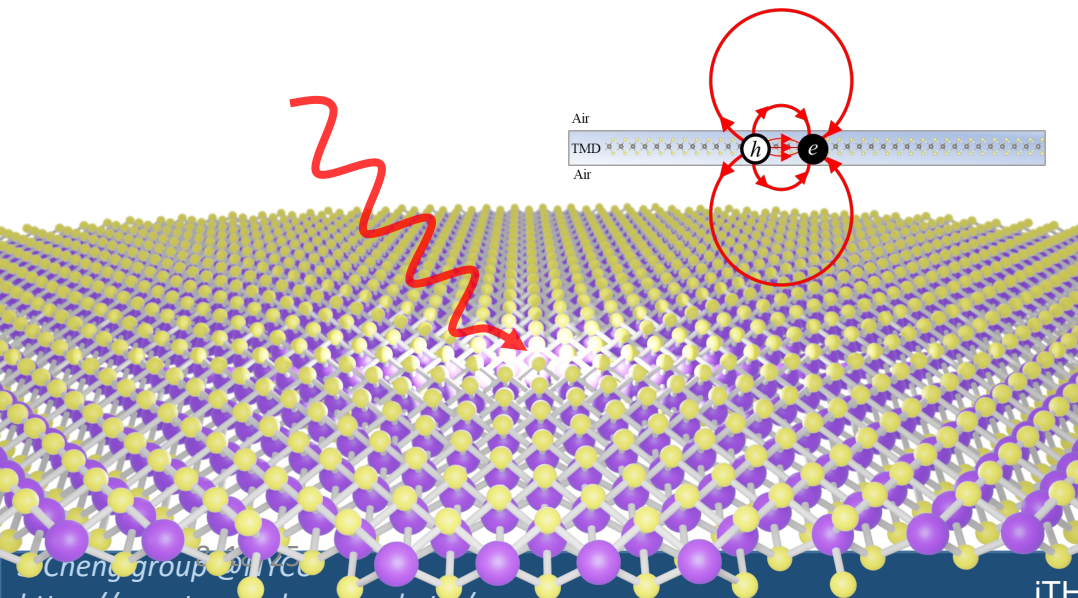
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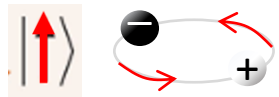
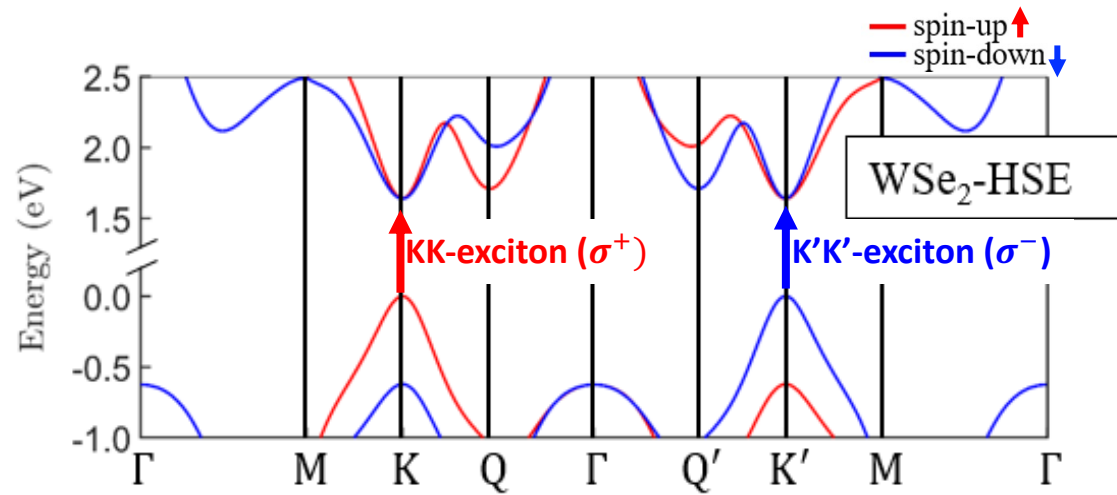
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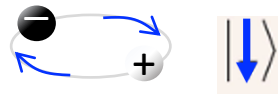
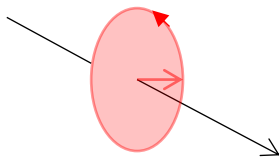
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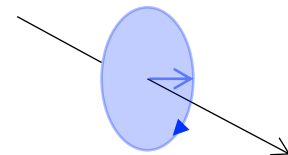
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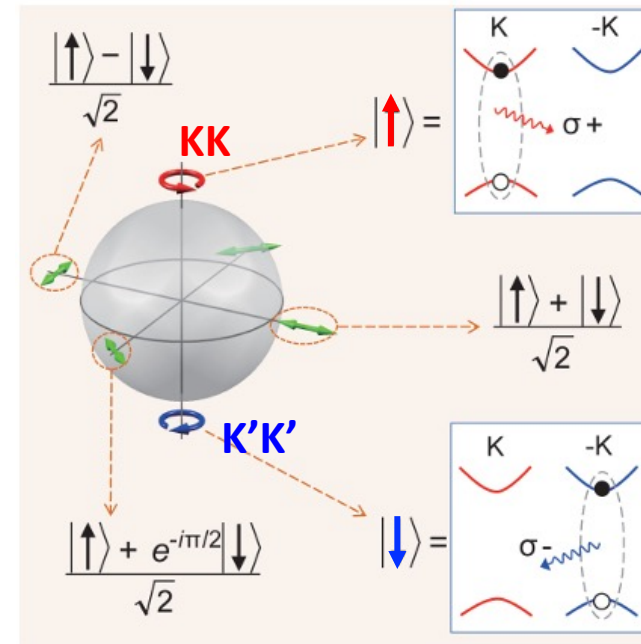
σ^+ -polarization



σ^- -polarization



Valley pseudospin



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Valley polarization of exciton complexes in 2D TMDs

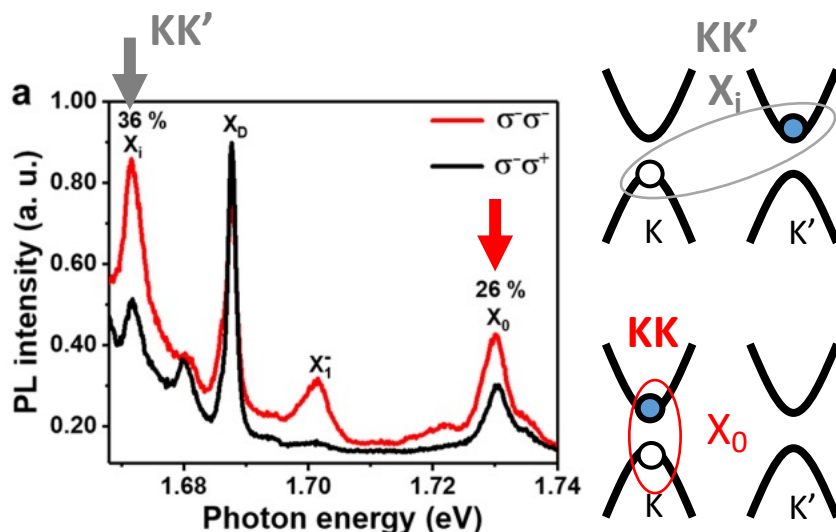


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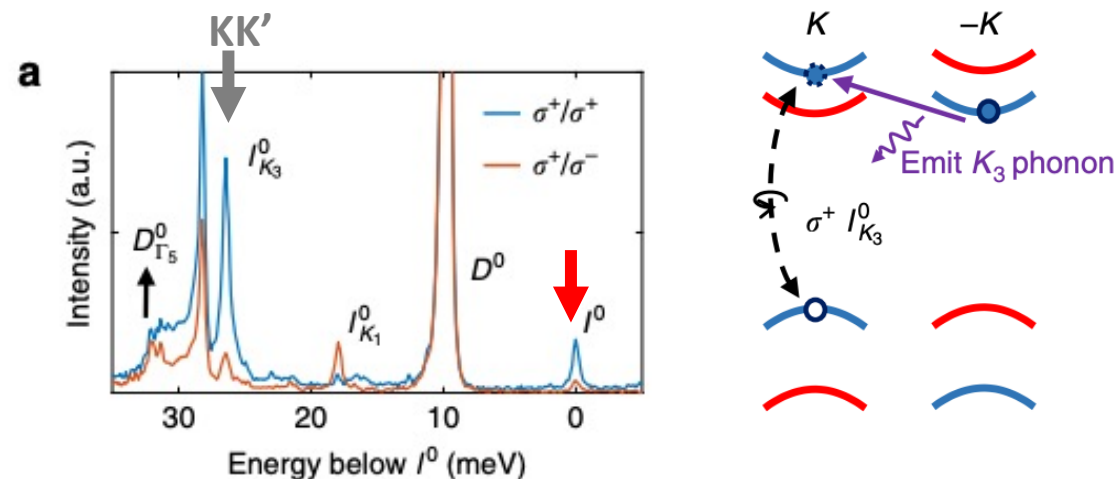
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Valley phonons and exciton complexes in a monolayer semiconductor

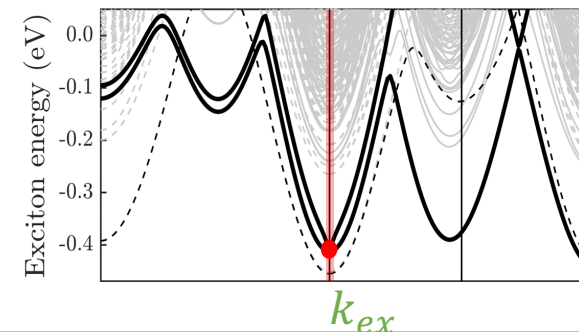
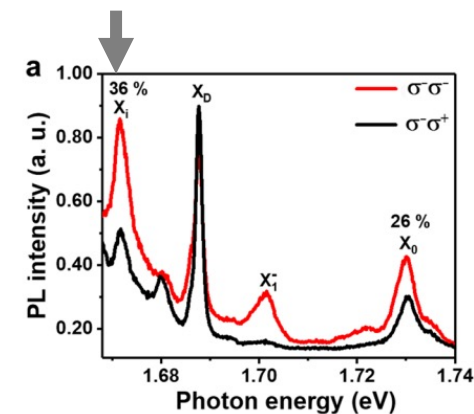
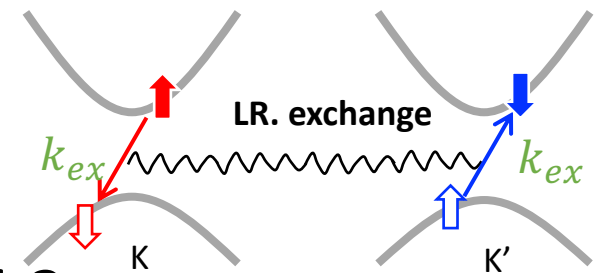
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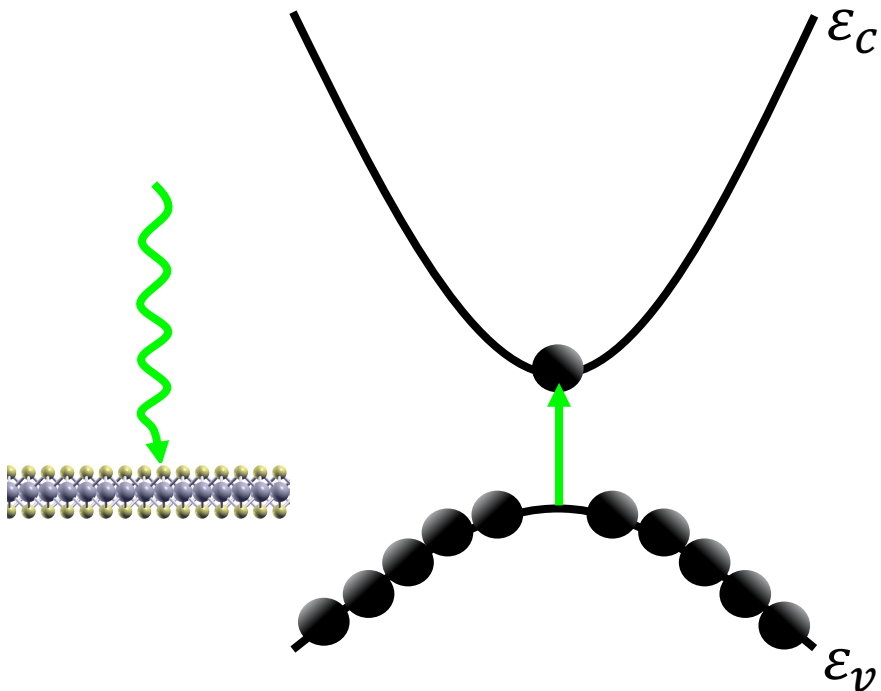
Momentum-dependent valley polarization of exciton

Questions:

- Why the degree of valley polarization of **BX** is **not high**?
- Why the degree of valley polarization of **intervalley FM-DX** is **higher** than the BX ?
- How is the exciton-momentum (k_{ex})-dependences of the valley polarization of exciton?



Exciton: a many-body problem



Exciton: A many-body $((N_v - 1) + 1)$ problem

Exciton state: $|S \mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^\dagger \hat{h}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle$

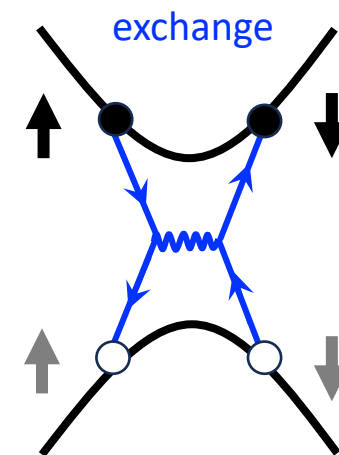
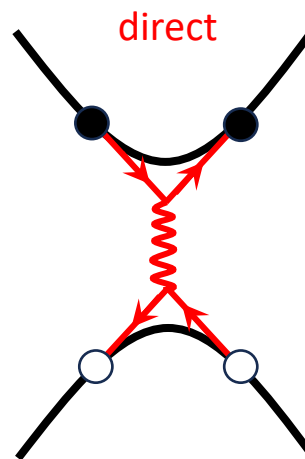
Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE):

$$(\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}}) A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) - \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}') = E_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^X A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k})$$

$$U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = W_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') - V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')$$

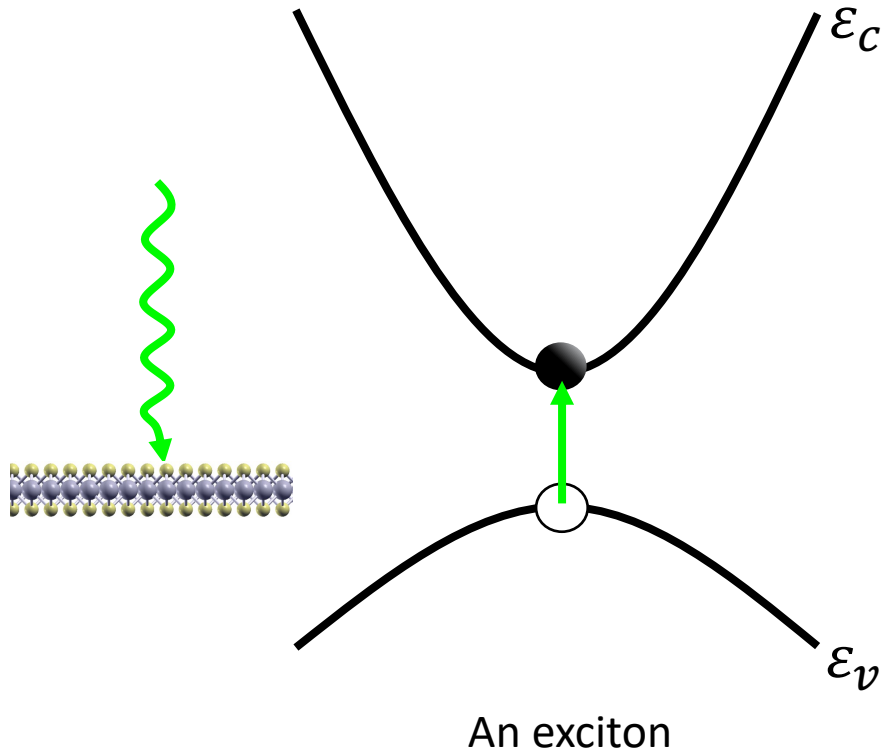
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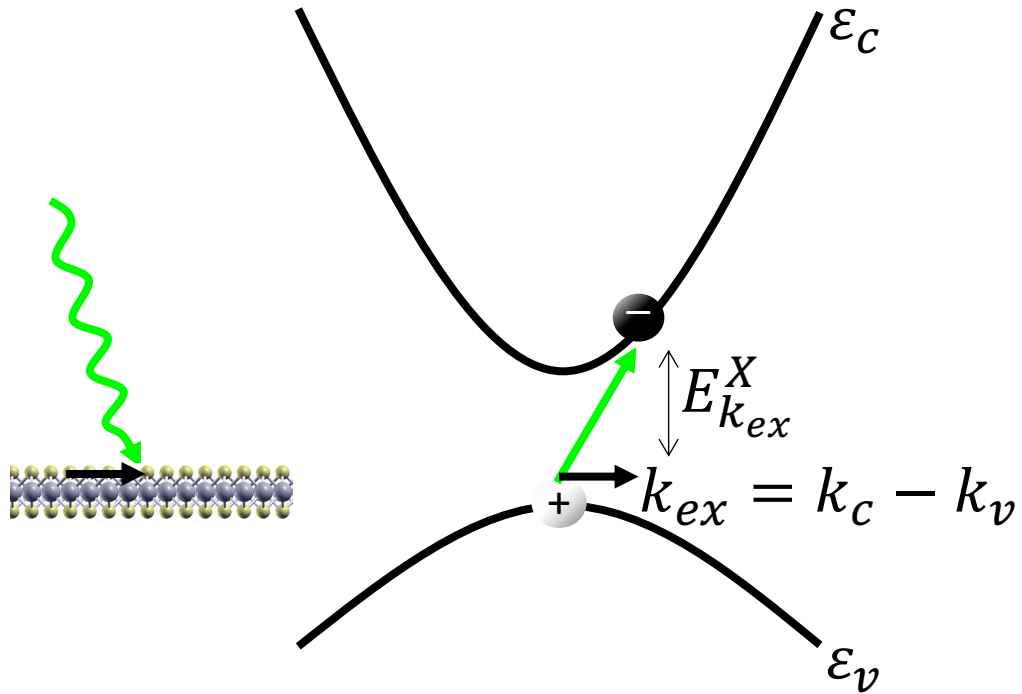


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Exciton: a many-body problem

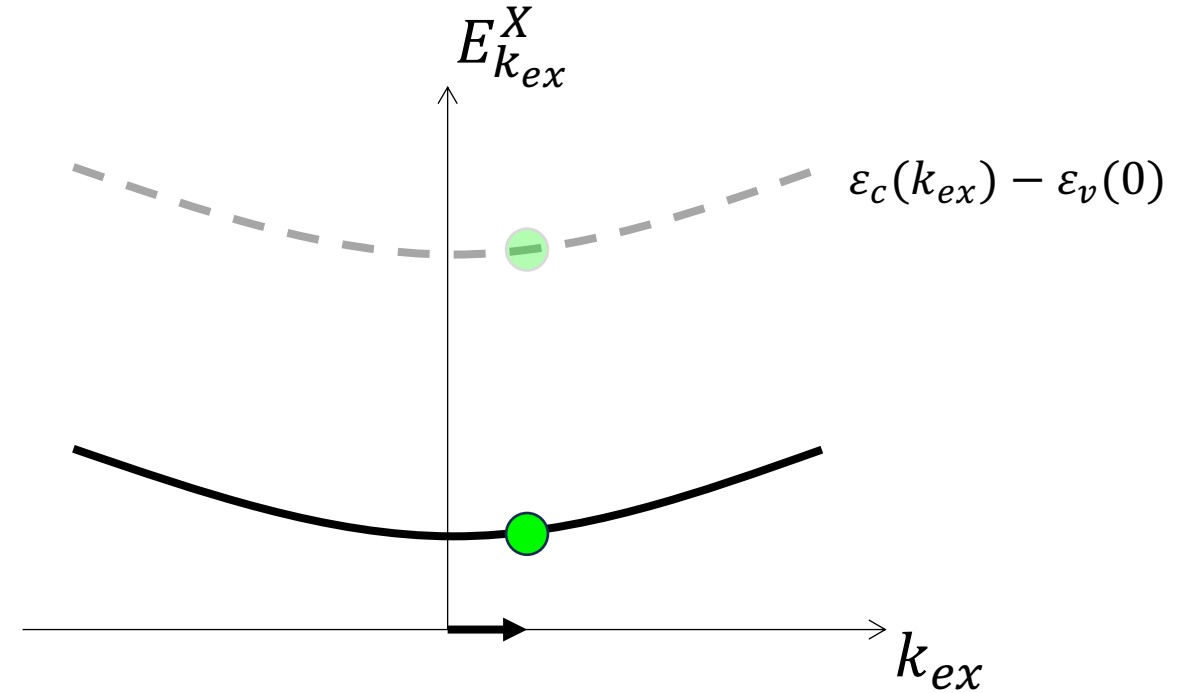


Exciton band: direct interaction

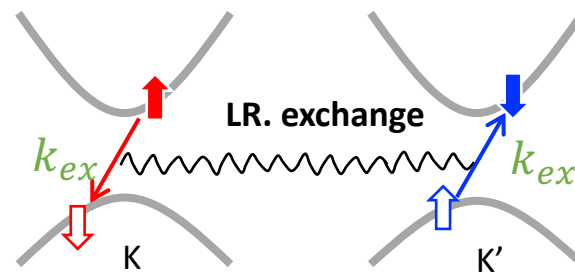
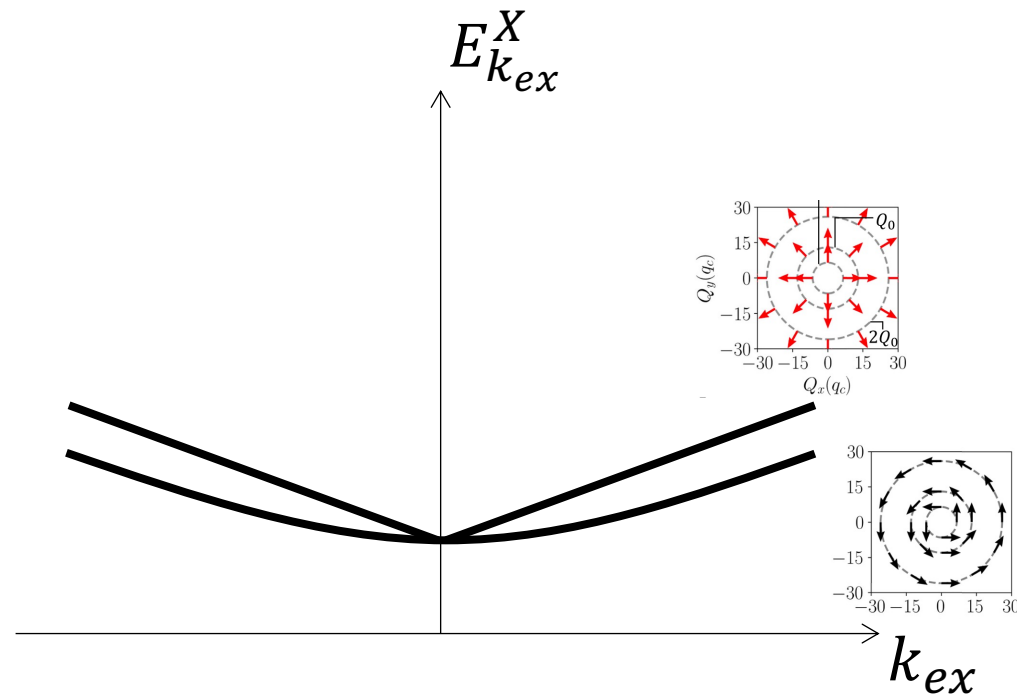
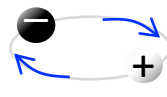
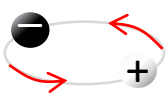
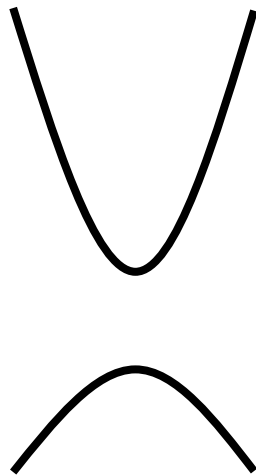
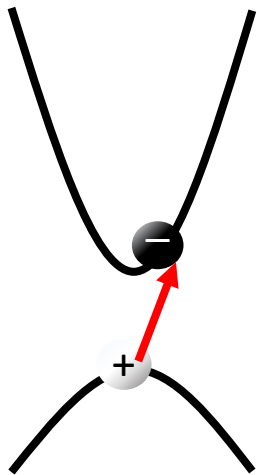
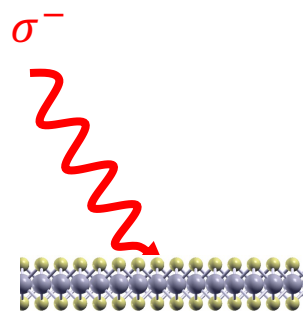


An exciton with finite momentum P_{CM}

$$\text{Diagram of exciton momentum } P_{CM} = \hbar k_{ex}$$



Exciton band dispersions $E_{k_{ex}}^X$ vs. k_{ex}



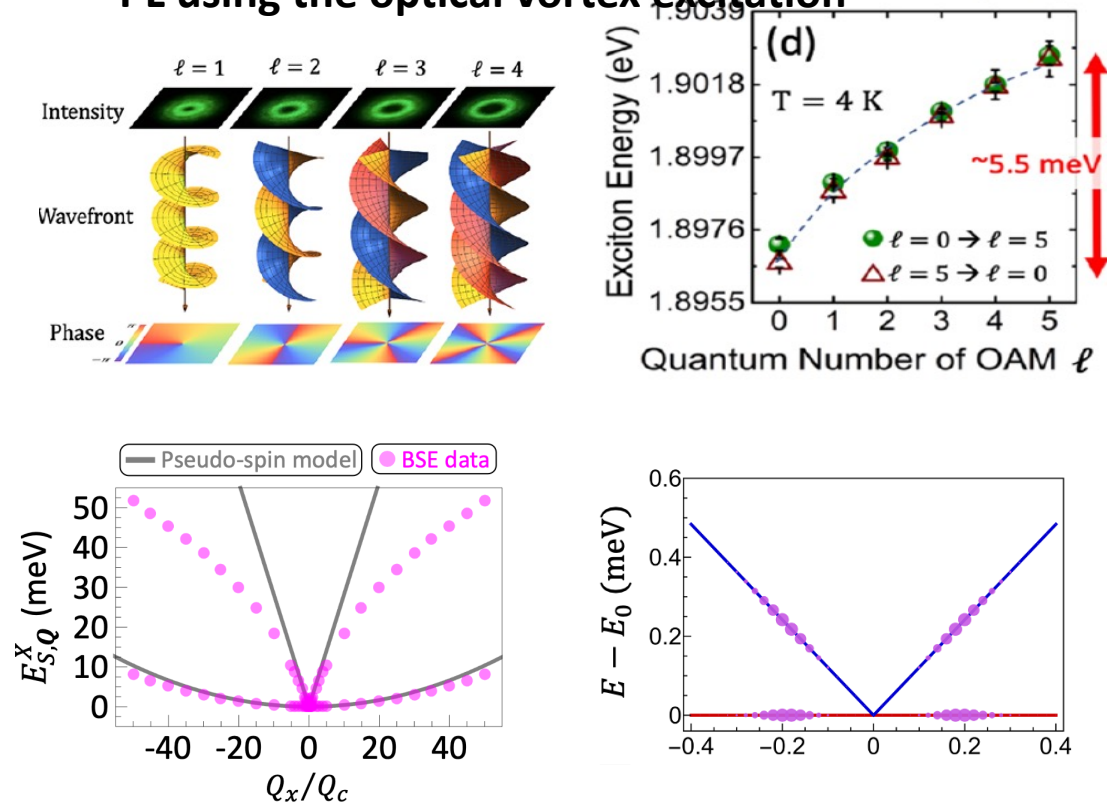


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PL using the optical vortex excitation



Electron energy loss spectra

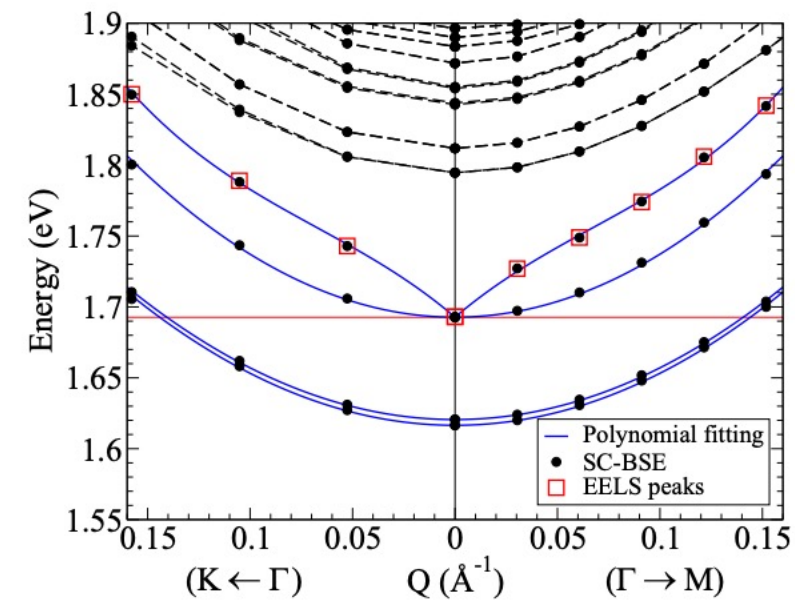


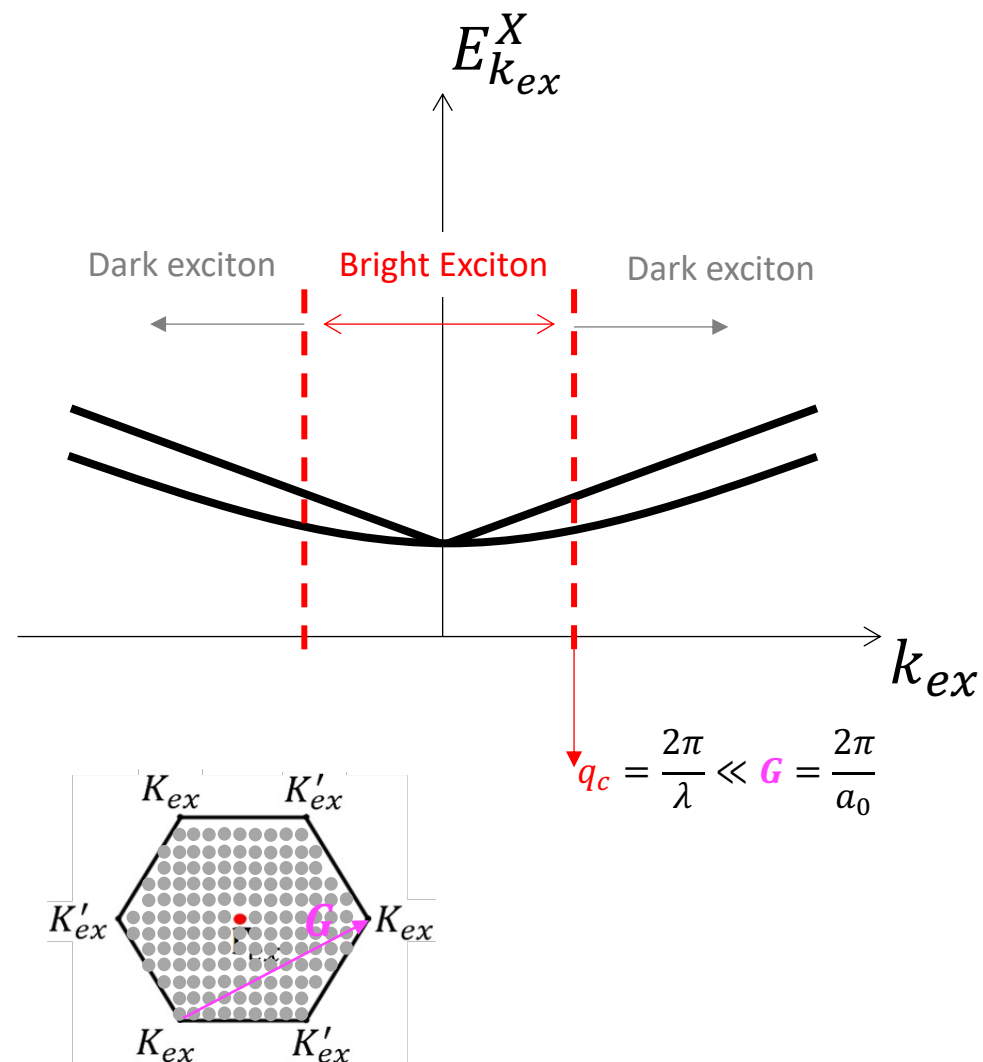
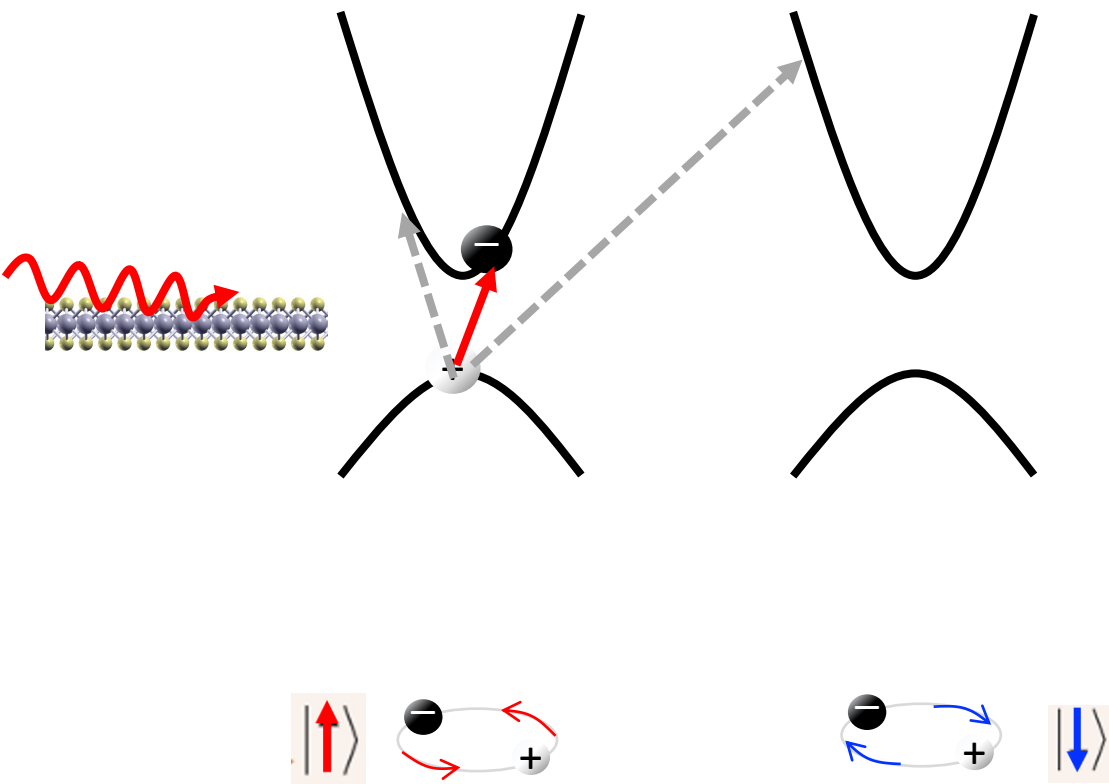
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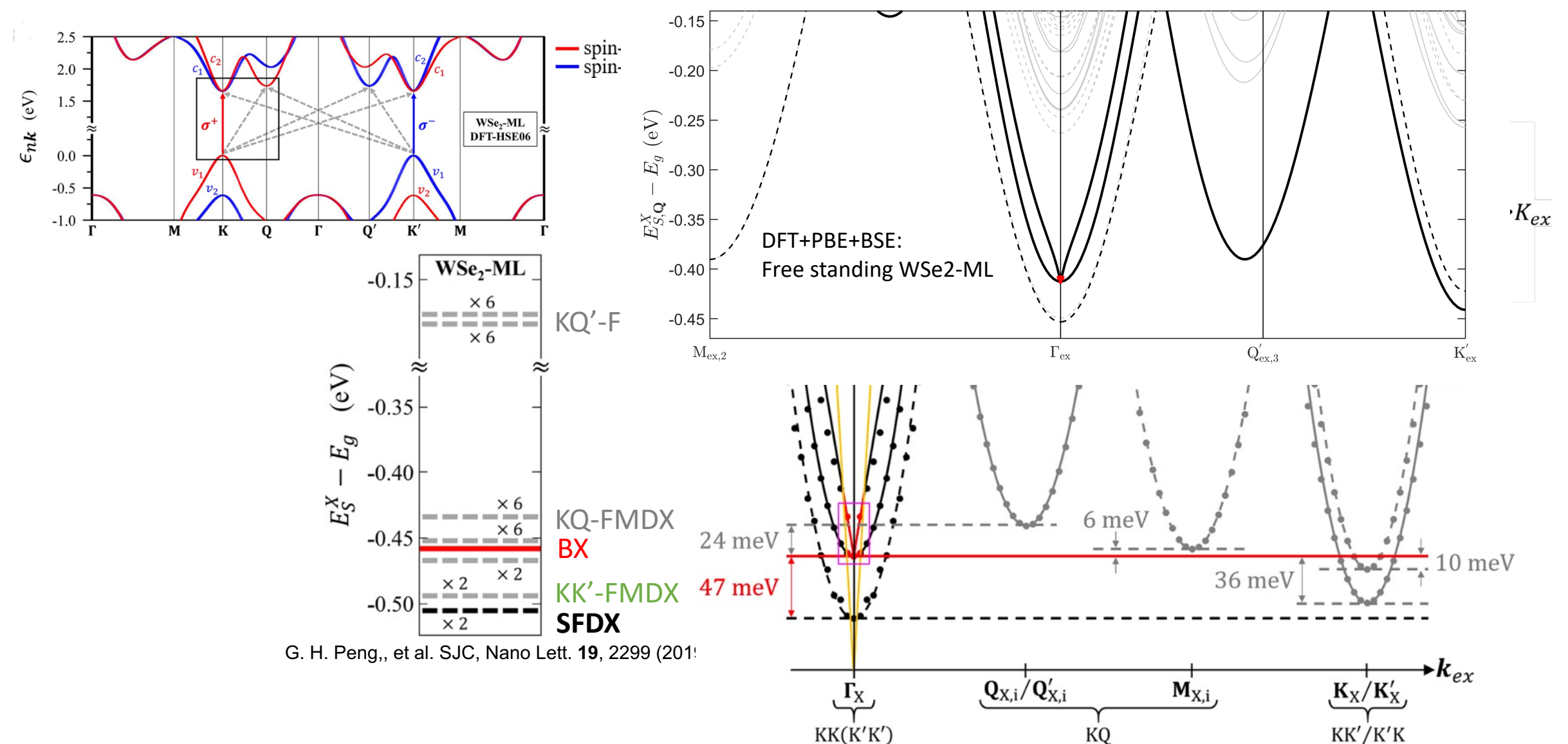
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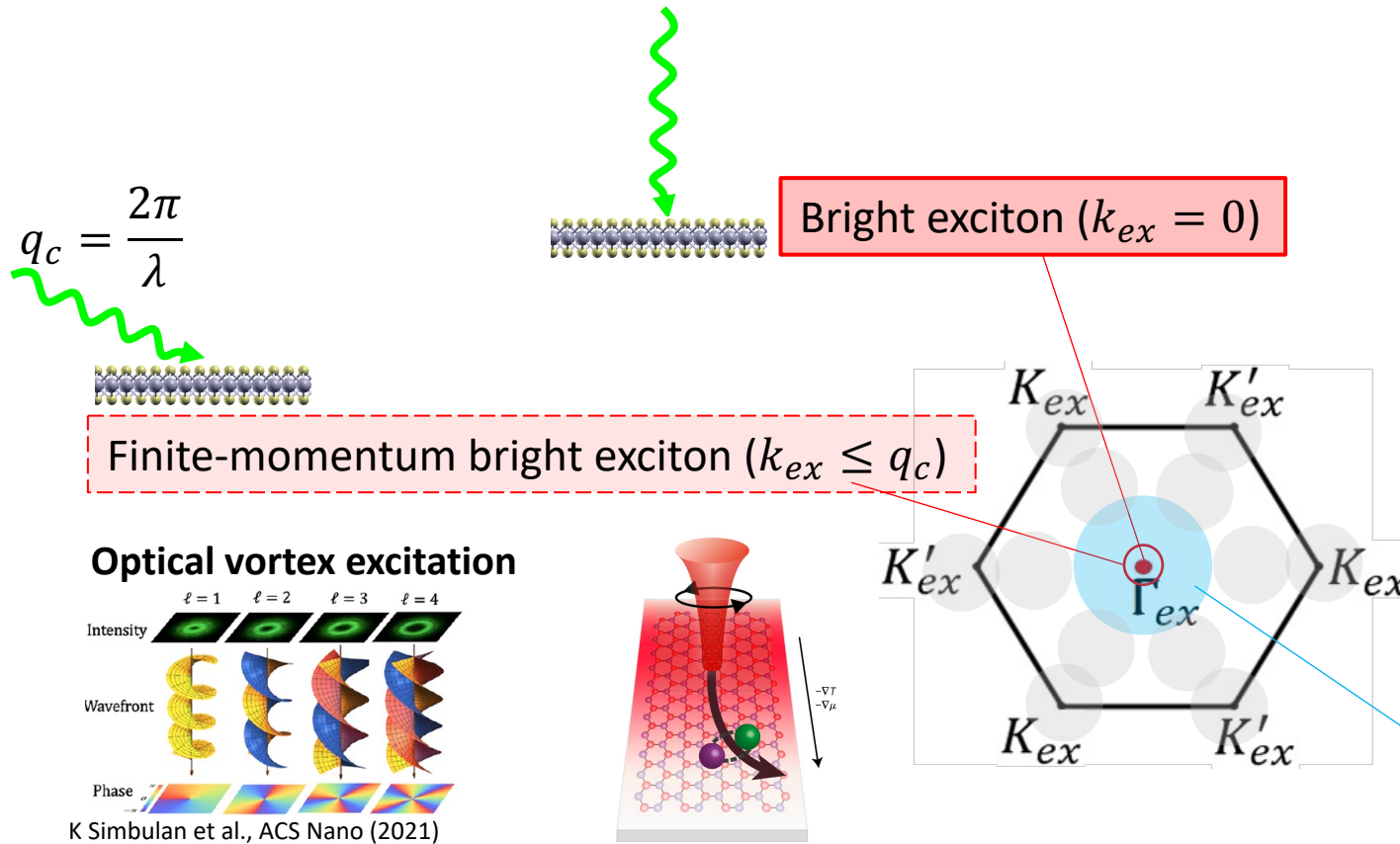


Finite momentum dark excitons (FM-DXs) in 2D TMDs



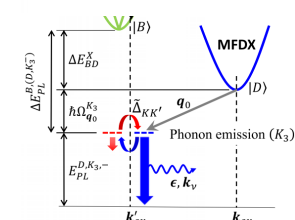
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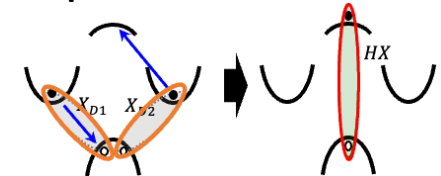


Inter-valley momentum dark exciton ($k_{ex} \gg q_c$)

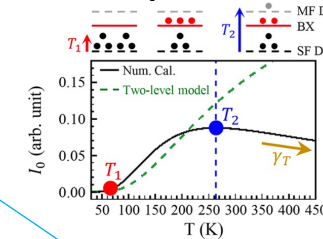
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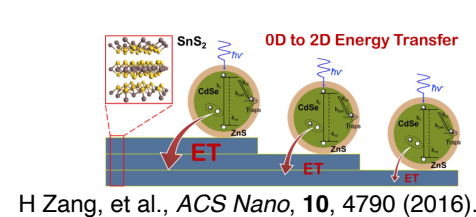
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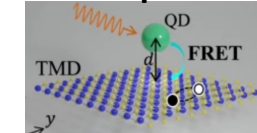
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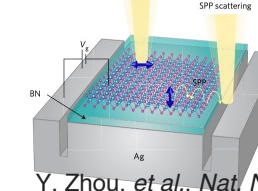
Intra-valley momentum dark exciton ($k_{ex} > q_c$)



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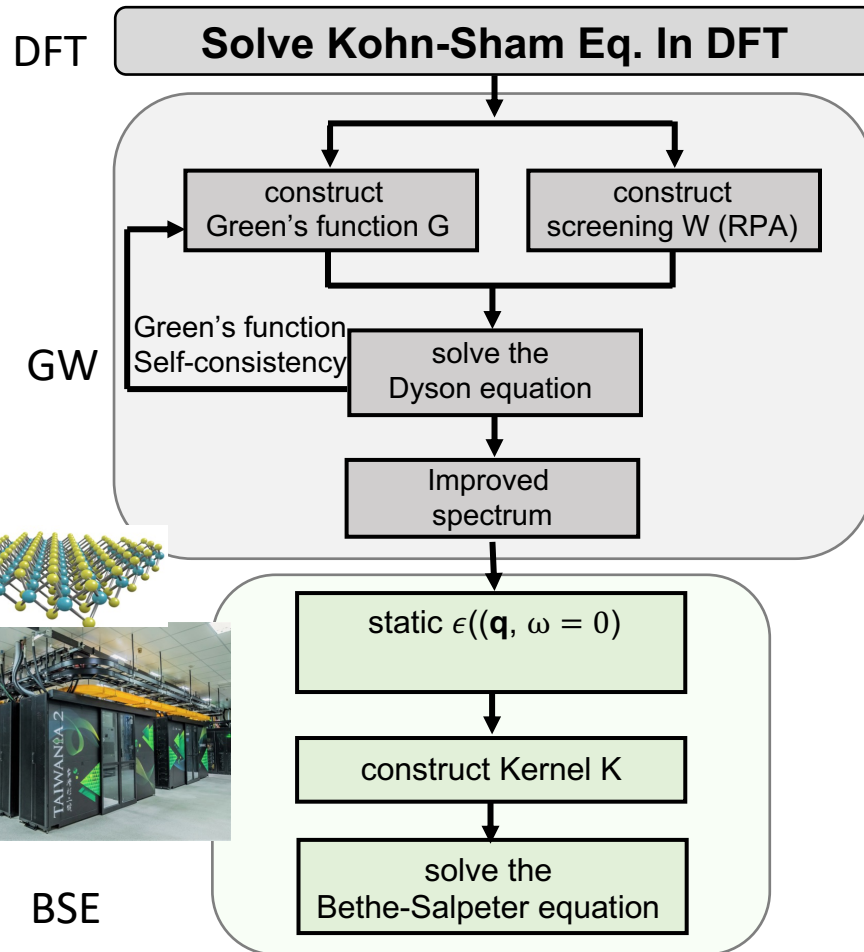


Surf. Plasmon-exciton conversion



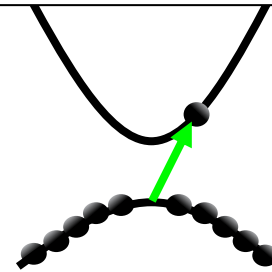
DFT-based Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) theory for exciton in 2D systems

VASP, Quantum Espresso, BerkeleyGW,...



Exciton:

A many-body ($N_{tot} = (N_v - 1) + 1$) problem



A finite-momentum ($\mathbf{k}_{ex}$) exciton state:

$$|S\mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^{\dagger} \hat{h}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} |0\rangle$$

Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE): Sham, L. J.; Rice, T. M. Phys. Rev. 144, 708 (1966).

$$[\epsilon_{c,\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}} - \epsilon_{v,\mathbf{k}}] A_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{v'c'\mathbf{k}'} U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k}, v'c'\mathbf{k}') A_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v'c'\mathbf{k}') = E_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}} A_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k})$$

Coulomb kernel:

$$U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k}, v'c'\mathbf{k}') = V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d(v\mathbf{k}, v'c'\mathbf{k}') - V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x(v\mathbf{k}, v'c'\mathbf{k}')$$

Direct interaction:

$$V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d(v\mathbf{k}, v'c'\mathbf{k}') = \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 \psi_{c,\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{v,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_2) W(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{v',\mathbf{k}'}^*(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{c',\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{r}_1)$$

Exchange interaction:

$$V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x(v\mathbf{k}, v'c'\mathbf{k}') = \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 \psi_{c,\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{v,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_1) V(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{v',\mathbf{k}'}^*(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{c',\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$V(r_1 - r_2) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0|r_1 - r_2|}$$

$$W(r_1 - r_2) = \int d^3r \epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}') V(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$\epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$: inverse dielectric function

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WannierBSE: an efficient methodology for solving a DFT-based BSE in WTB scheme

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Theoretical and computational research on exciton physics in 2D materials

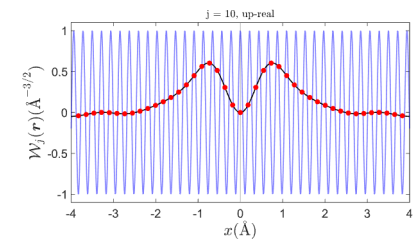
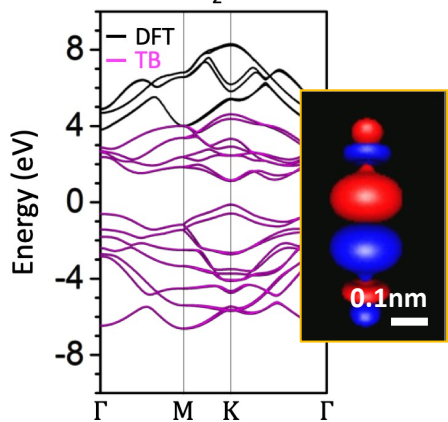


WannierBSE

Introduction

WannierBSE is an efficient computational package for solving the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) for neutral exciton in 2D materials within the Wannier tight-binding (WTB) framework, implemented in the MATLAB (single-machine version) or C++ (parallelized version) languages. Technically, it takes advantage of efficient integration algorithm combined with cubic spline interpolation for fast and accurate construction of electron-hole (e-h) Coulomb kernels of BSE. WannierBSE can efficiently construct the matrix elements of BSE in the Wannier tight-binding scheme, based on the first-principles-calculated band structures and Bloch wavefunctions, and no-local dielectric functions obtained from either the DFT+GW or macroscopic electromagnetic theories. This enables WannierBSE to perform the multiscale simulations of excitonic spectra, exciton dipoles and exciton-light interactions of hybrid 2D materials under complex dielectric environments in an efficient, flexible and portable manner.

WSe₂-ML



DFT calculation (QE, VASP,...)

Wannierization (Wannier90)

1. Max. Localized Wannier func.
2. Wannier Tight-binding model

$$H^{KS}|\psi_{n,k}\rangle = \epsilon_{nk}|\psi_{n,k}\rangle$$

$$|\mathcal{W}_{jR}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k e^{-ik \cdot R} \sum_n U_{ni}^{(k)} |\psi_{n,k}\rangle$$

$$H_{ij}^{TB}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_R e^{ik \cdot R} t_{ij}(\mathbf{R})$$

$$t_{ij}(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \mathcal{W}_{jR=0} | H^{KS} | \mathcal{W}_{jR} \rangle$$

Discretized with non-uniform $\mathbf{k}$ -grids
 $\mathbf{k} = \{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \dots\}$

Efficient Adaptive integrations

$$\mathcal{W}_{jR} \rightarrow \varrho_{j'j}^{(R)} \rightarrow \Xi_{j'j\ell\ell'}^{R,R'}$$

Coulomb kernel
 $U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}} = V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d + V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x$

Exchange term

$$C_j^{(n)}(\mathbf{k}), e^{ik \cdot \mathbf{R}}, \Xi_{j'j\ell\ell'}^{R,R'}$$

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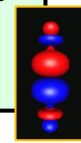
$$V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')$$

Screened Direct term

$$C_j^{(n)}(\mathbf{k}), e^{ik \cdot \tau_j}, \epsilon(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')$$



Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE)

$$|S\mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle = \sum_k A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^\dagger \hat{h}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$(\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}}) A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k})$$

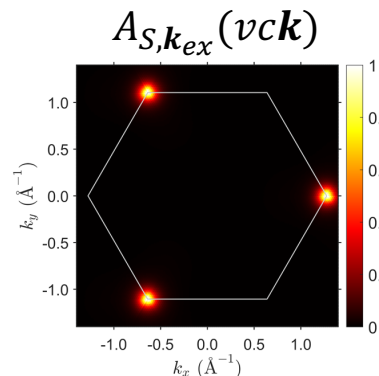
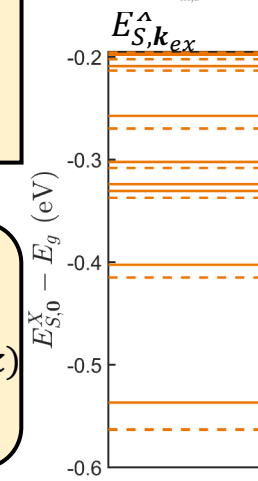
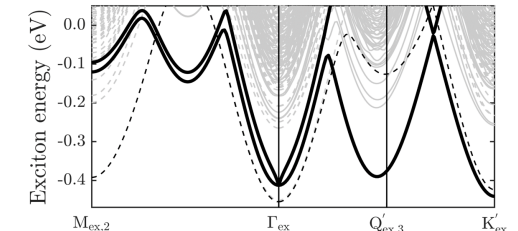
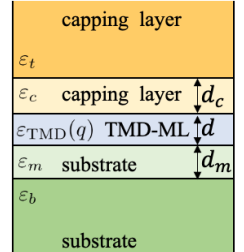
$$- \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}'} U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}') A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')$$

$$= E_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^X A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k})$$

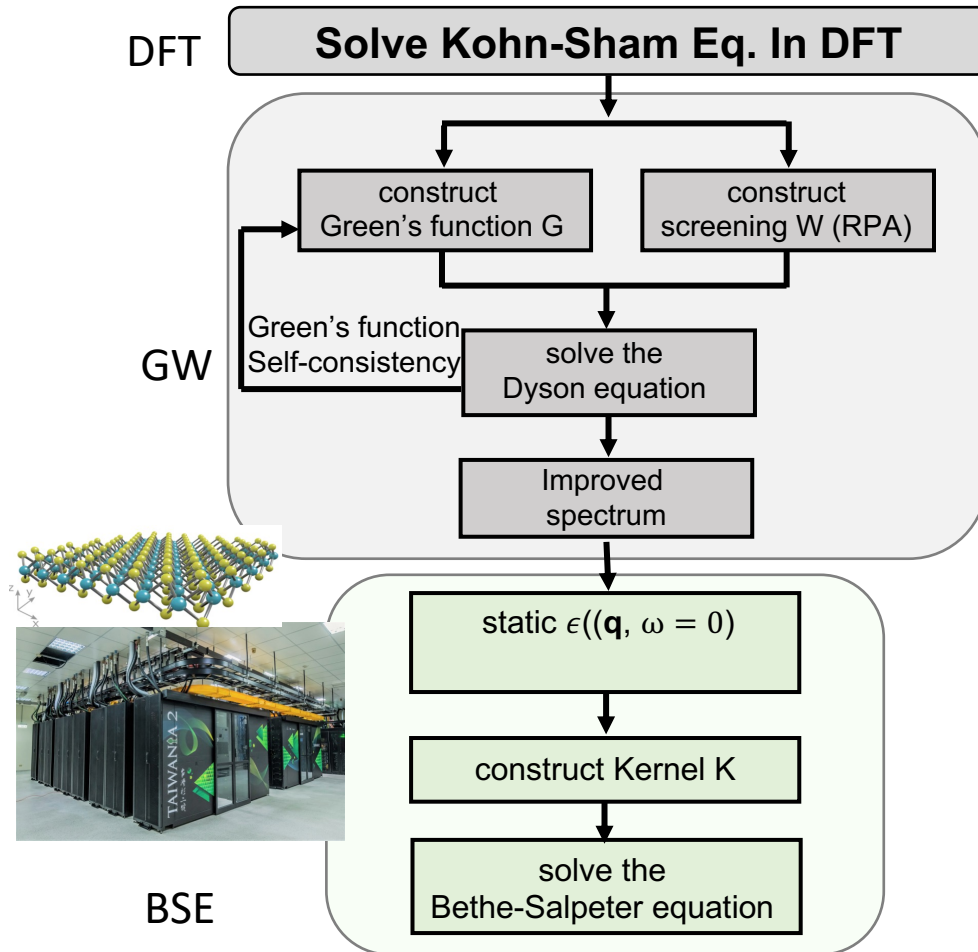
Diagonalization of BSE matrix

- Output:
1. Exciton bands: $E_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^X$
 2. Exciton wave func. $A_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k})$
 3. Exciton dipoles

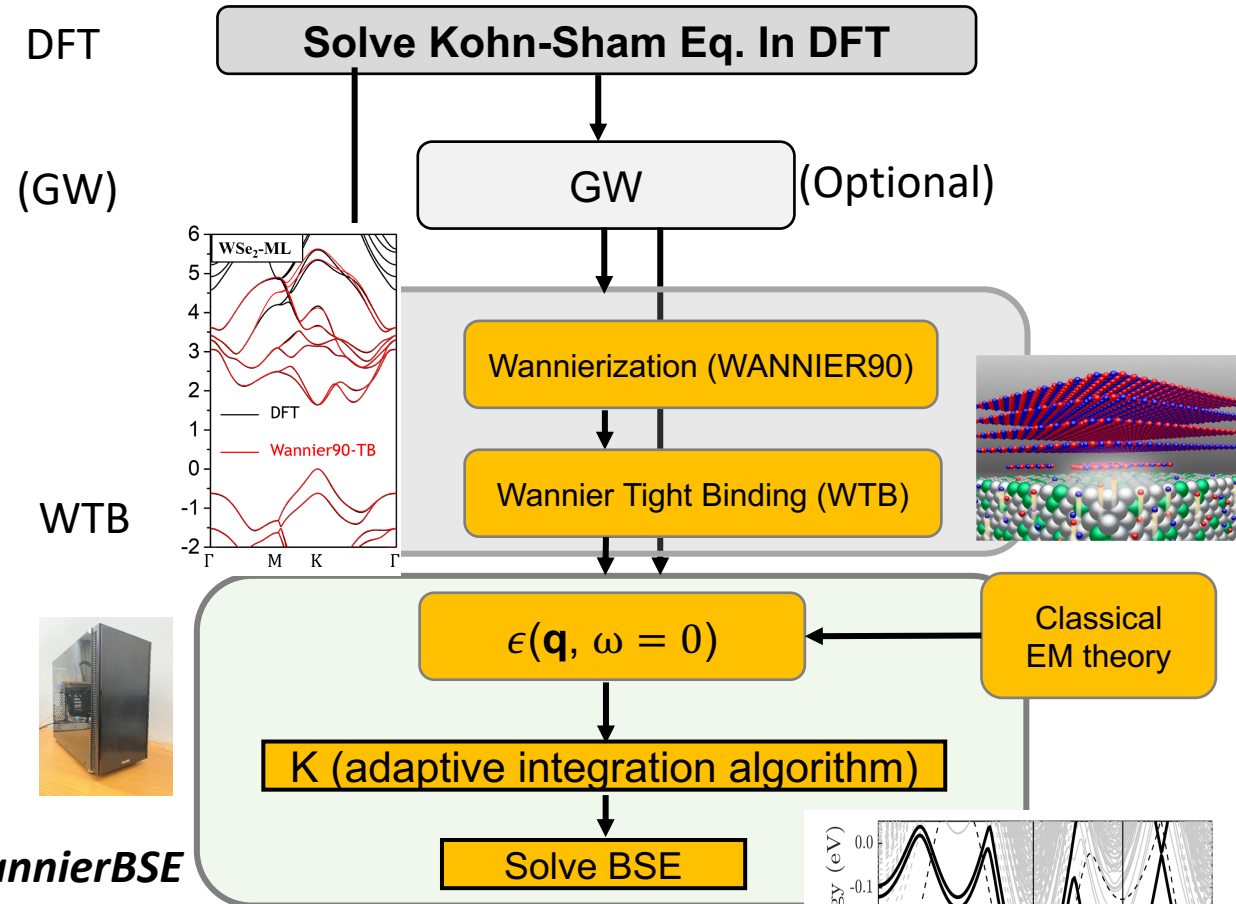
Multi-scaled
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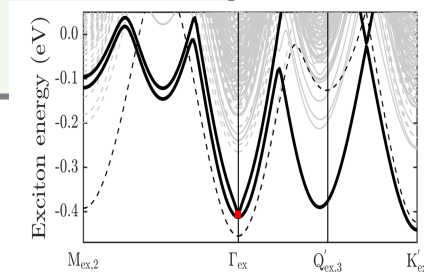
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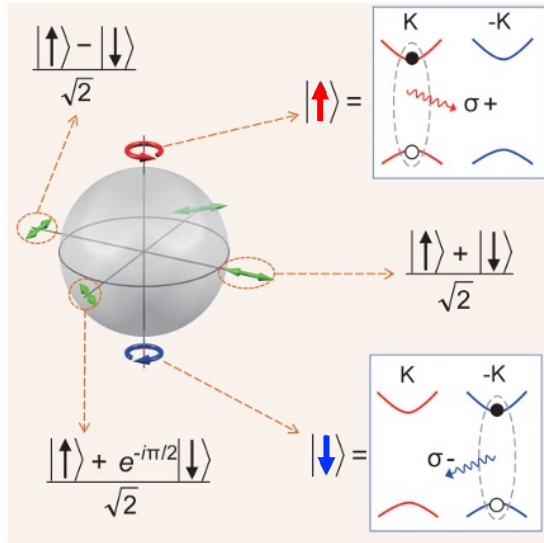
WannierBSE

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Momentum-dependent valley polarization (pseudo-spin) of valley exciton



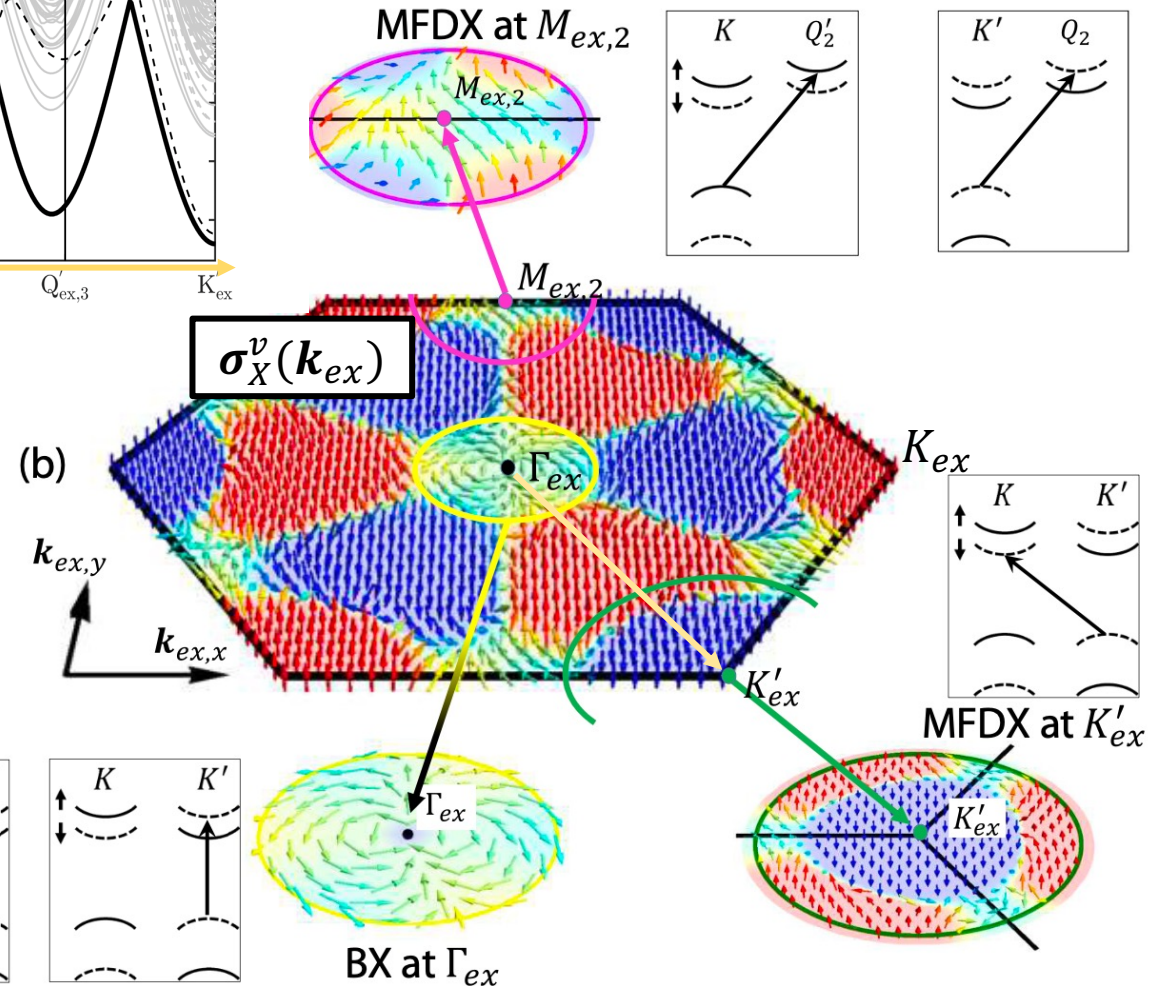
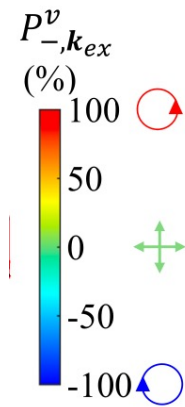
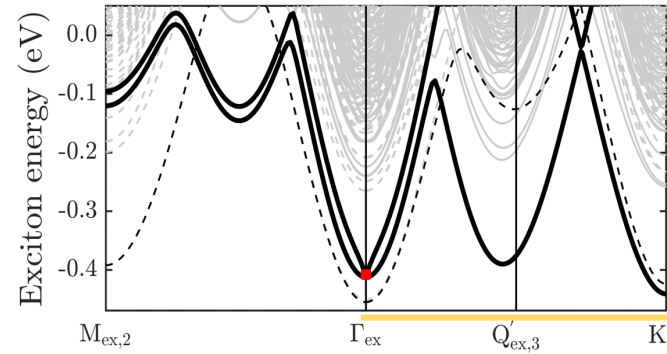
Fit the DFT-WannierBSE-calculated FM-DX states to the pseudo-spin model:

$$|S; \mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle \approx \alpha_S^K(\mathbf{k}_{ex})|K; \mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle + \alpha_S^{K'}(\mathbf{k}_{ex})|K'; \mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle$$

$$H_{eff}^X(\mathbf{k}_{ex}) = \mathbf{\Omega}_X(\mathbf{k}_{ex}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_X^v(\mathbf{k}_{ex})$$

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_X^v$: valley pseudo-spin of $\mathbf{k}_{ex}$ -exciton

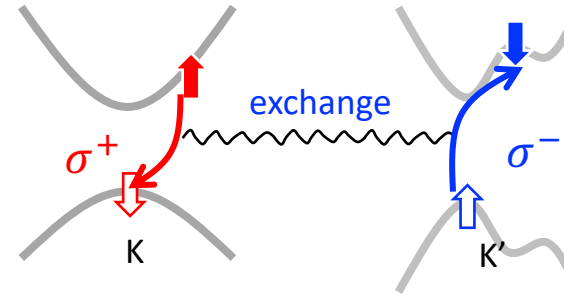
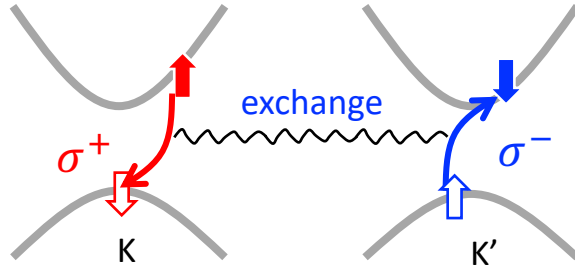
$$\text{Valley polarization: } P_{sk_{ex}}^v \equiv \frac{\alpha_S^K - \alpha_S^{K'}}{\alpha_S^K + \alpha_S^{K'}}$$



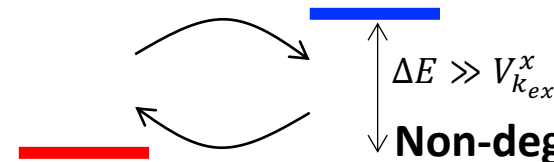
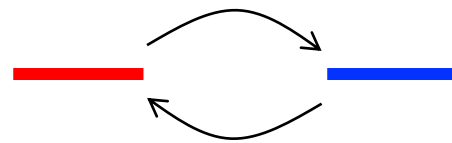
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Electron-hole exchange interaction: intervalley transfer of valley exciton



$$V_{k_{ex}}^{x,LR} \sim 1\text{meV}$$



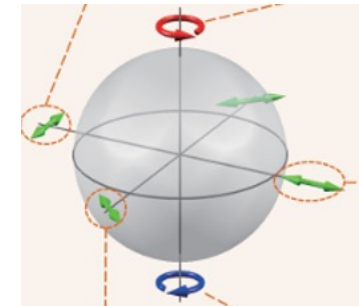
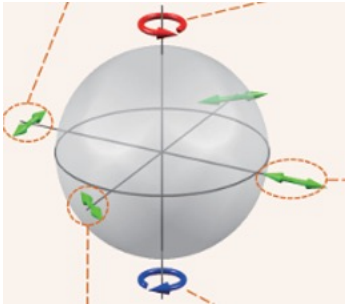
Non-degenerate valley states

$$|\pm\rangle \propto (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \pm |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

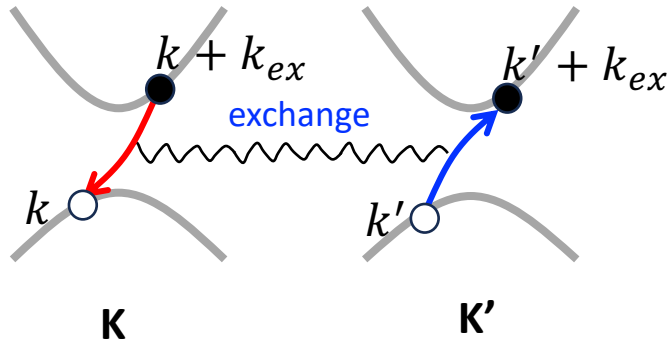
$$(\sigma^+ \pm \sigma^-) \propto \pi_{x/y}$$

$$|-\rangle \approx |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \quad \sigma^+$$

$$|+\rangle \approx |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \quad \sigma^-$$



Momentum-dependent valley depolarization: symmetry analysis



So, Let's derive the condition for the **degeneracy** of finite-momentum excited states:

$$\epsilon_{c,k+k_{ex}} - \epsilon_{v,k} = \epsilon_{c,k'+k_{ex}} - \epsilon_{v,k'}$$

TMD-MLs : $D_{3h} = \{E, C_3, C_3^{-1}, \sigma_h, S_3, S_3^{-1}, C'_{2,1}, C'_{2,2}, C'_{2,3}, \sigma_{v,1}, \sigma_{v,2}, \sigma_{v,3}\}$

Symmetry of 2D TMD ensures : $\epsilon_{n,Uk} = \epsilon_{n,k}$ with $U \in Q = D_{3h}$

From $\epsilon_{v,k} = \epsilon_{v,k'}$ and $\epsilon_{c,k+k_{ex}} = \epsilon_{c,k'+k_{ex}}$

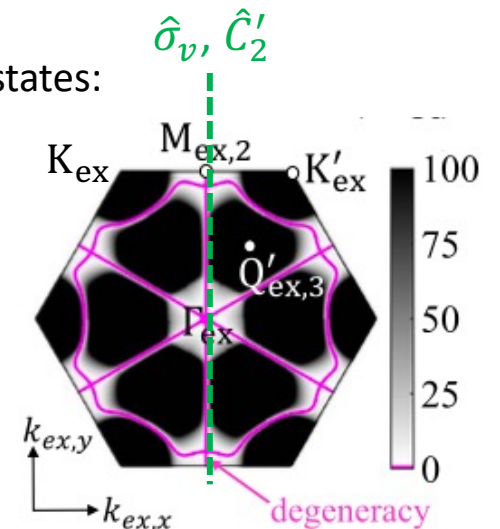
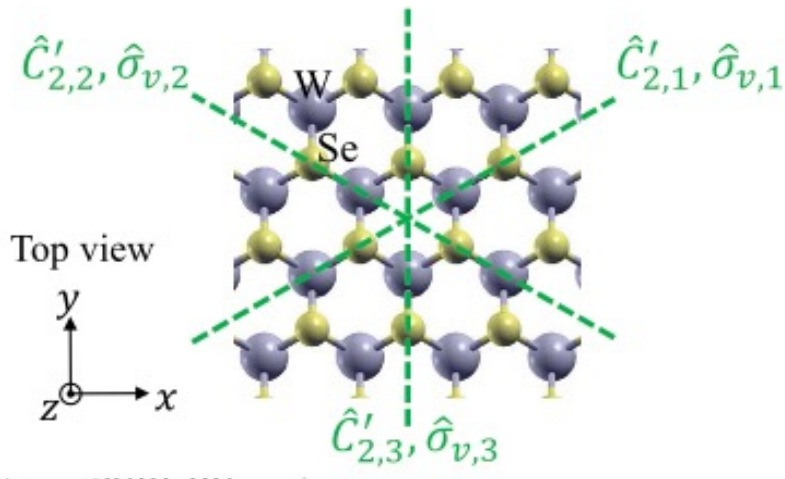
We find the condition of degeneracy of momentum exciton states:

$$k' = Uk \quad \text{and} \quad k_{ex} = Uk_{ex}$$

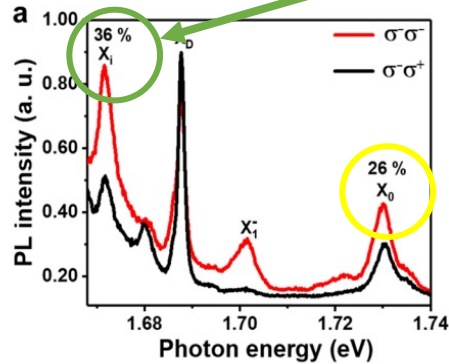
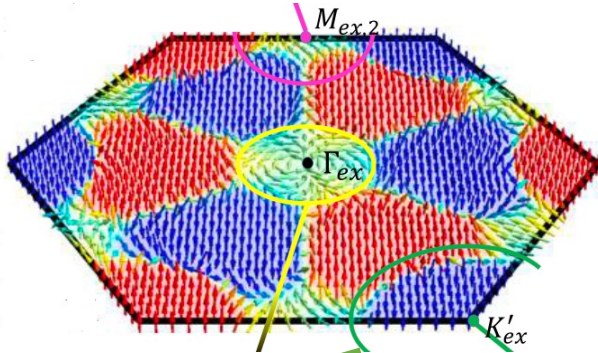
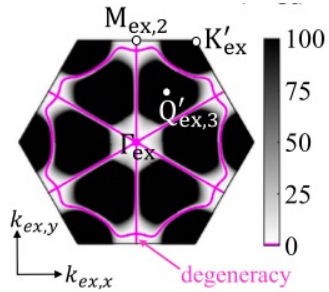
Accordingly, we find that the finite momentum exciton States should be degenerate only if

$$k_{ex} \in \overline{\Gamma_{ex} M_{ex,i}} \quad \text{with } i = 1, 2, 3$$

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Optical polarization of Phonon-assisted PL from intervalley DXs



In the 2nd-order perturbation theory, the phonon-assisted indirect transition rate reads:

$$\Gamma_i^{(2)} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_f \left| \sum_m \frac{\langle f | \hat{H}_{X-\nu} | m \rangle \langle m | \hat{H}_{X-ph} | i \rangle}{E_i - E_m + i0^+} \right|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i),$$

Exciton-phonon interaction:

$$\hat{H}_{X-ph} = \sum_{S'k'_{ex}} \sum_{Sk_{ex}} \sum_{\lambda q} \hbar g_{S',k'_{ex};S,k_{ex}}^{\lambda,q} \hat{X}_{S',k'_{ex}}^\dagger \hat{X}_{S,k_{ex}} (\hat{b}_{\lambda,q} + \hat{b}_{\lambda,q}^\dagger)$$

optical polarization of an indirect phonon-assisted transition via the BX intermediate states $P_D^{o(2)}$ can be related to the valley polarization of the initial MFDX state P_D^v by

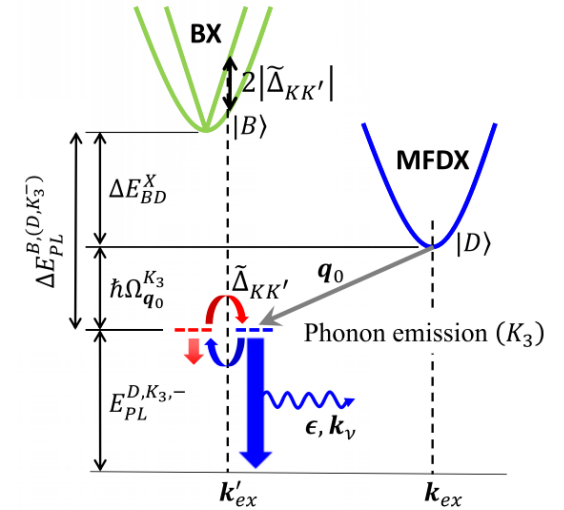
$$P_D^{o(2)} \approx P_D^v \{1 - 4\text{Re}[\tilde{\beta}_{BD}^{KK'}(k_{v,\parallel}) (\alpha_D^K)^* \alpha_D^{K'}]\},$$

where $\tilde{\beta}_{BD}^{KK'} \equiv -\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{KK'}(k_{v,\parallel})}{\Delta E_{BD}^X + \hbar\Omega_{q_0}^{K_3}}$ arises from the EHEI $\tilde{\Delta}_{KK'}$

$P_D^{o(2)} \equiv \frac{I_D^{(2)}(\epsilon_+) - I_D^{(2)}(\epsilon_-)}{I_D^{(2)}(\epsilon_+) + I_D^{(2)}(\epsilon_-)}$ is the degree of optical polarization of the indirect PL, $I_D^{(2)} \propto \Gamma_D^{(2)}$, of $|D\rangle$.

P_D^v is the degree of valley polarization of the intervalley momentum dark state $|D\rangle$.

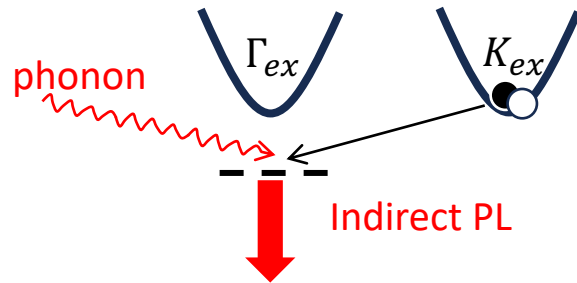
$$\Rightarrow P_D^{o(2)} \approx P_D^v$$



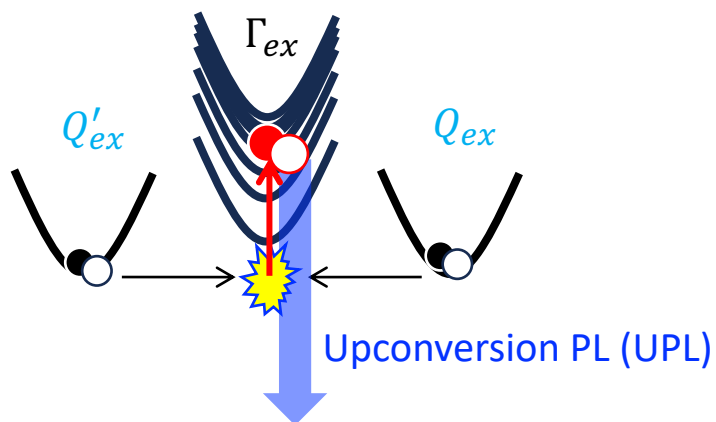
For 2D TMD, $|\tilde{\beta}_{BD}^{KK'}| \sim 10^{-2}$ is negligible, with $|\tilde{\Delta}_{BD}^{KK'}| \sim 1\text{meV}$ and $\Delta E_{BD}^X + \hbar\Omega \approx 55\text{meV}$

Efficient up-conversion PL via exciton-exciton annihilation (EEA)

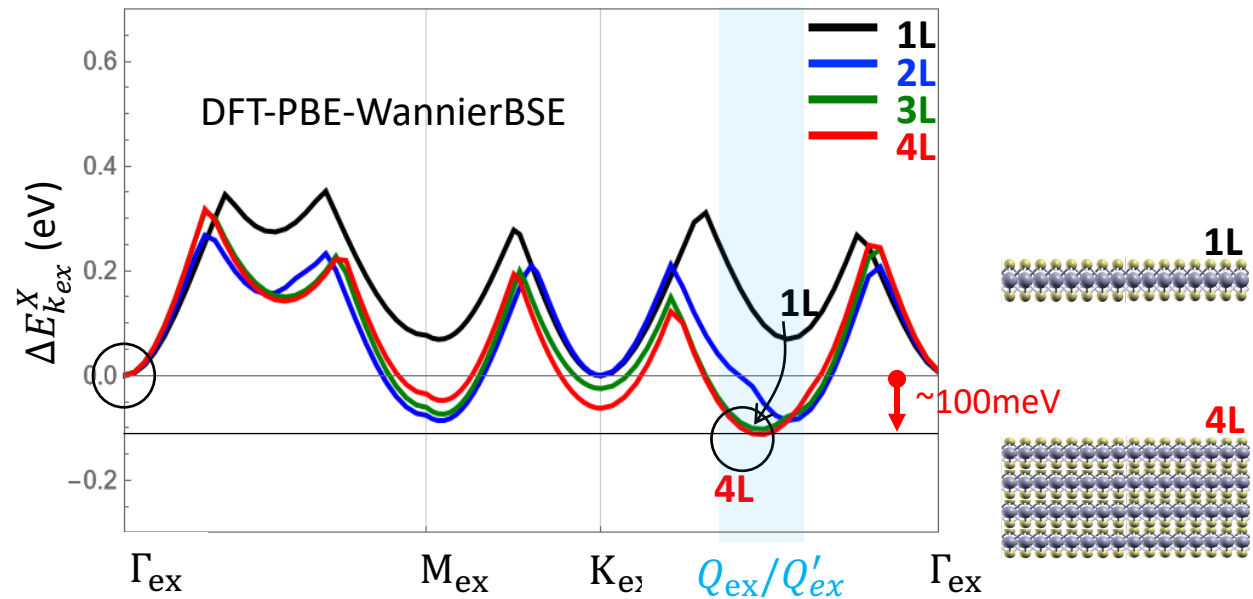
Phonon-assisted PL from FMDXs



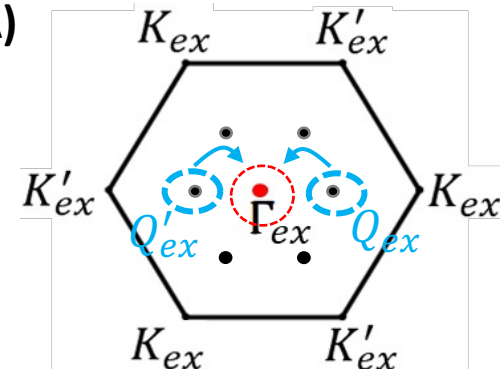
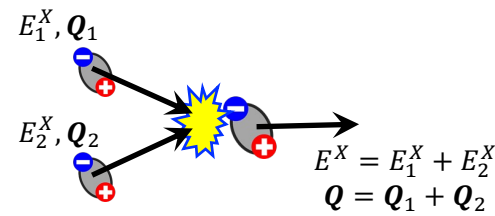
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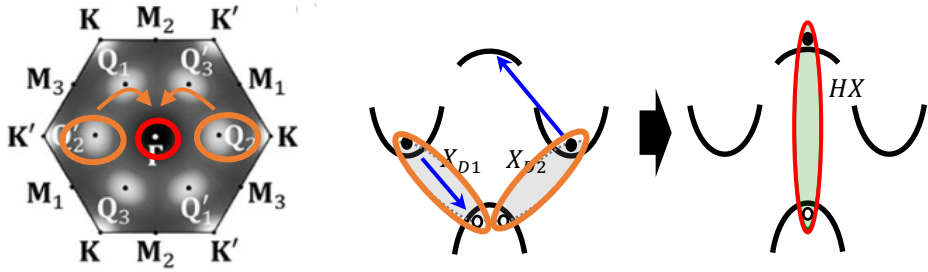
Full-zone exciton bands of multilayer WSe₂



Exciton-exciton annihilation (EEA)



Efficient up-conversion PL (UPL) of intervalley FMDXs via EEA



X-XX-coupling Hamiltonian:

$$H^X = H_C^X + H_{NC}^X$$

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Effective EEA-Hamiltonian:

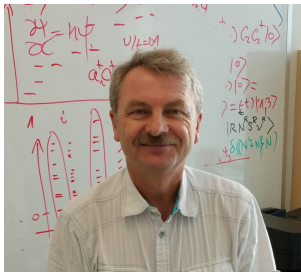
$$\hat{H}_X^{\text{EEA}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{S,S_1,S_2} \sum_{Q_1,Q_2} W_{SQ;S_1Q_1,S_2Q_2}^{X,\text{EEA}} \hat{X}_{SQ}^\dagger \hat{X}_{S_1Q_1} \hat{X}_{S_2Q_2} + h.c.,$$

$$\Gamma_{SQ;S_1Q_1,S_2Q_2}^{\text{EEA}} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |W_{SQ;S_1Q_1,S_2Q_2}^{X,\text{EEA}}|^2 \bar{n}_{S_1Q_1}^X \bar{n}_{S_2Q_2}^X \delta(E_{SQ}^{HX} - E_{S_1Q_1}^X - E_{S_2Q_2}^X).$$

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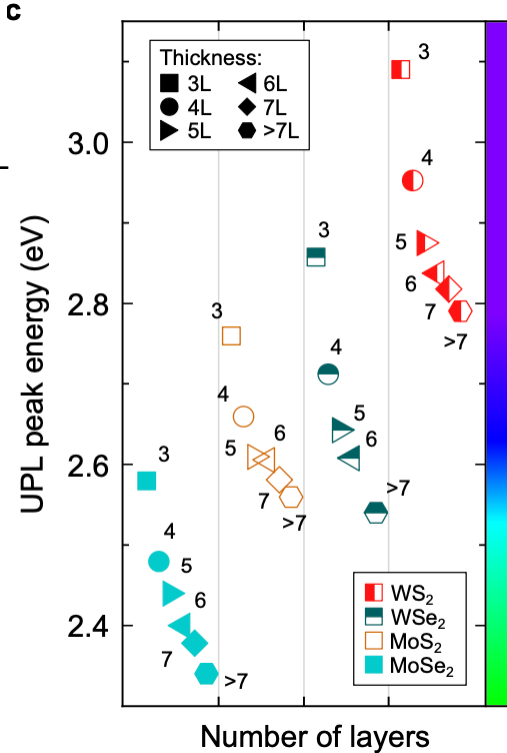
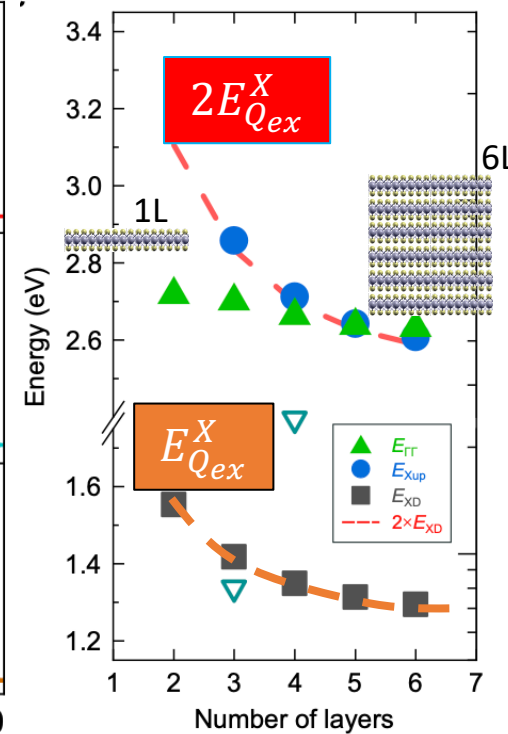
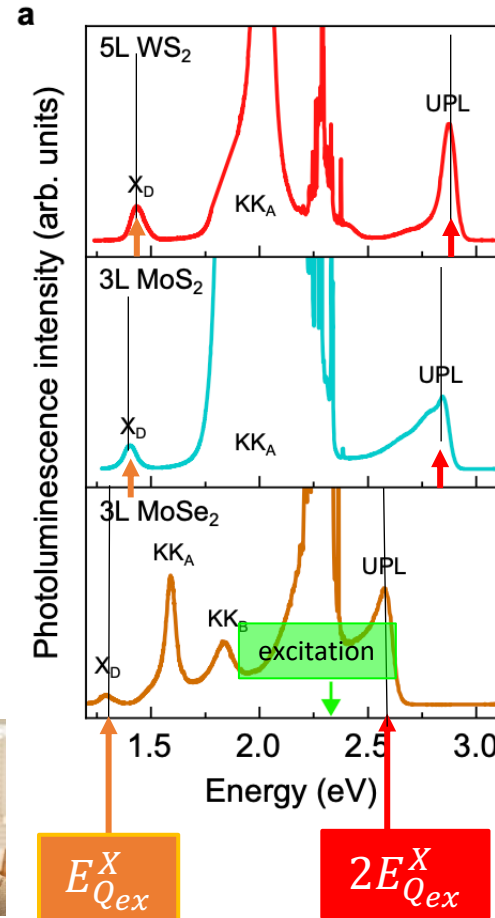


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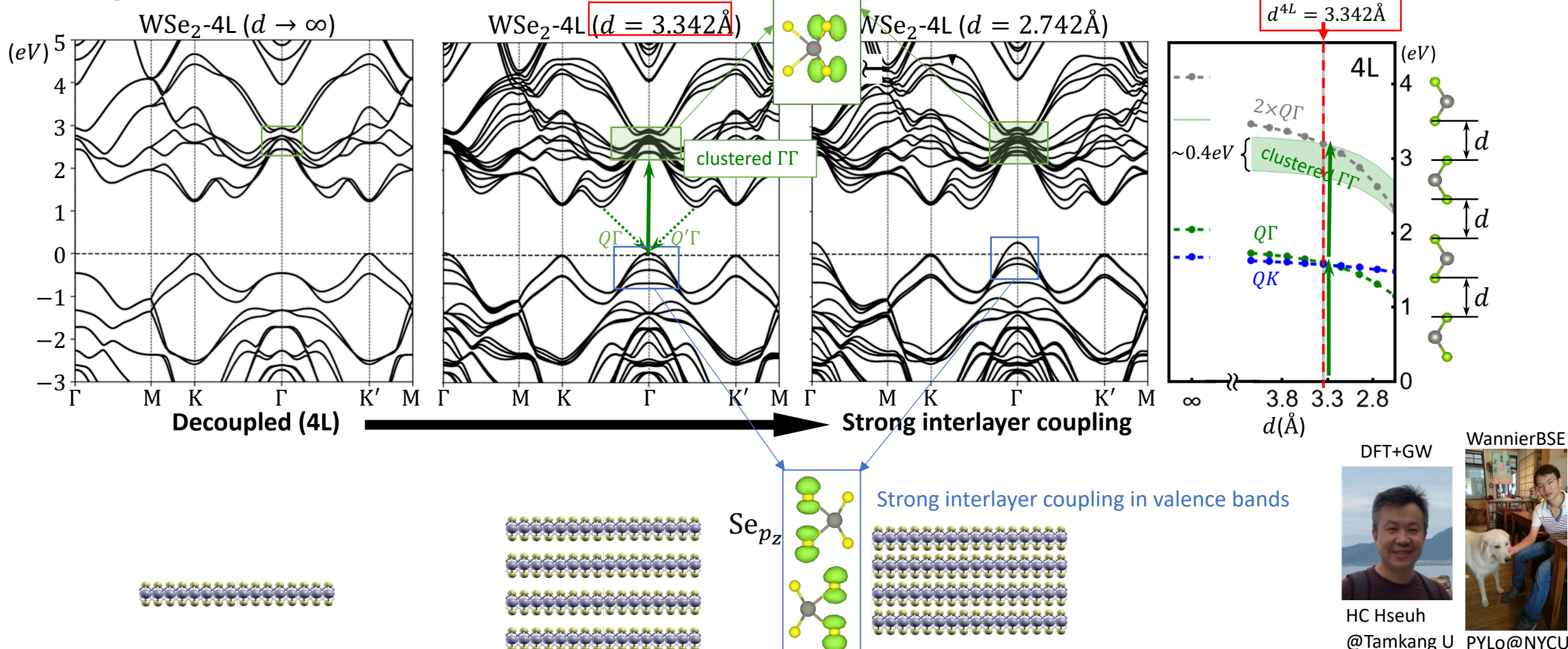


- The UPL energy is 2x of that of the weak indirect PL from intervalley dark excitons.
- The UPL emerges as the thickness of TMDs >3L.
- The upconversion efficiency increases as increasing the thickness of TMDs.
- The UPL features are generic for all multi-layer TMDs.

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UPL of multi-layer TMDs: $2 \times Q\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma\Gamma$

DFT+GW



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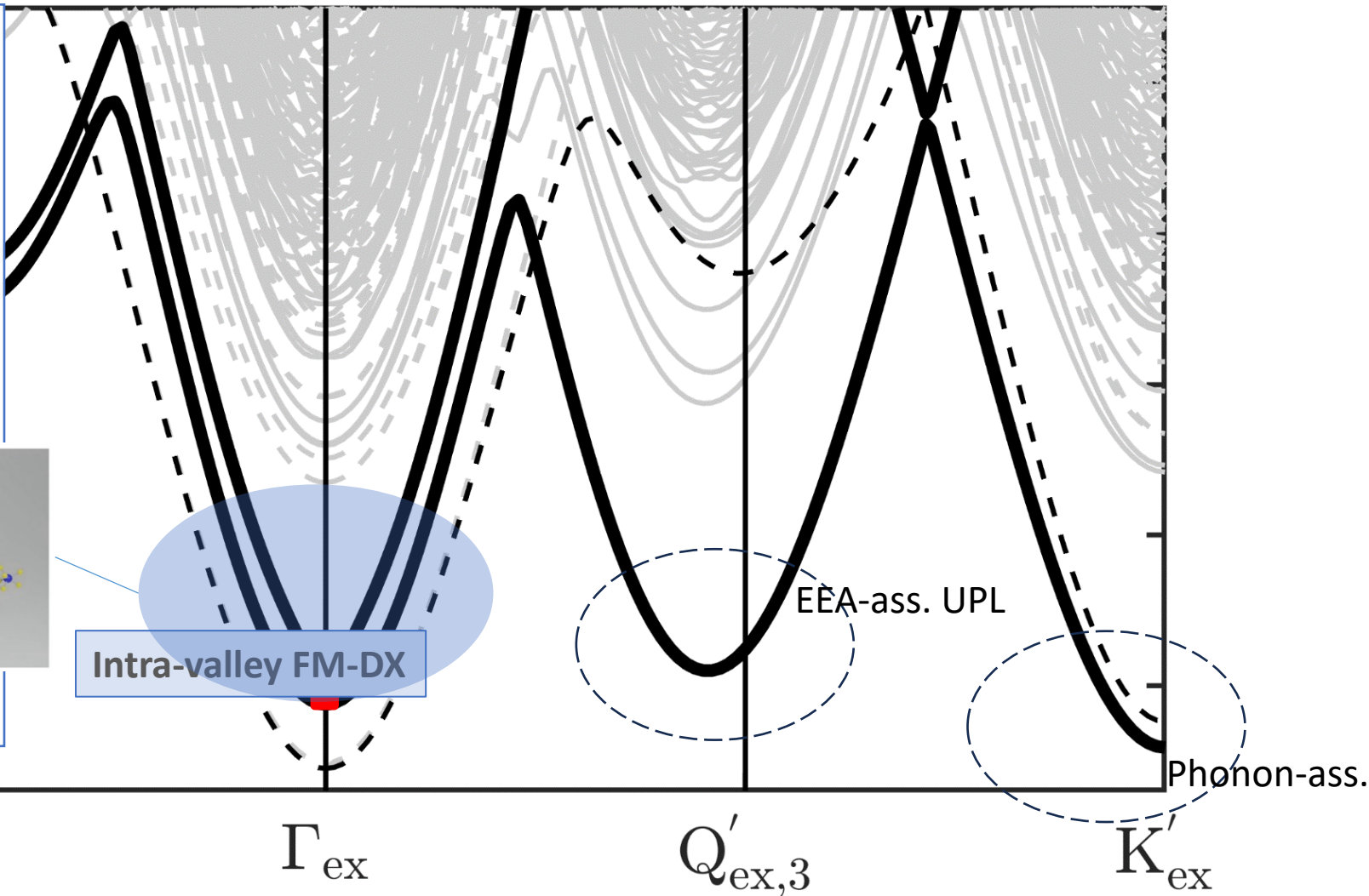
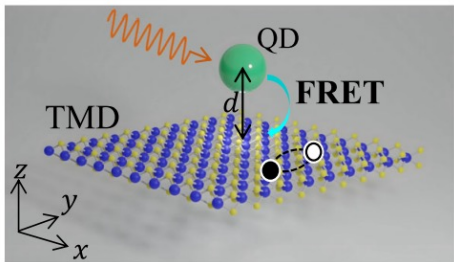
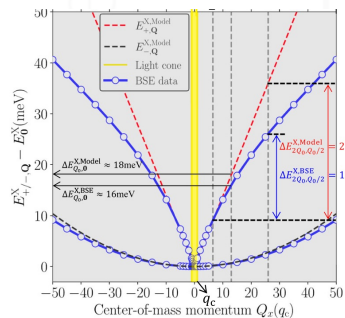


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DX-mediated fast energy transfer



Twisted-light-controlled photoexcitation of intra-valley FM-BXs

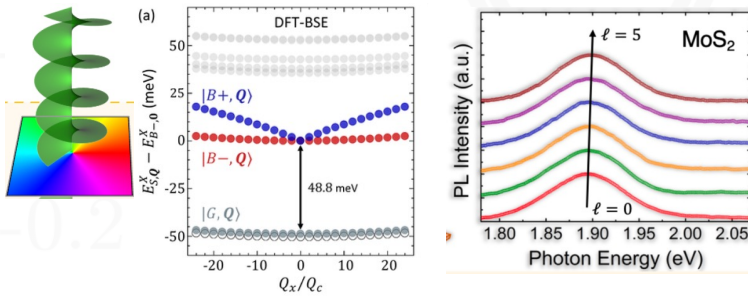
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Exciton energy (eV)

WSe₂-ML (DFT-HSE-WTB-BSE)

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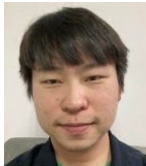
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FM-BX

Γ_{ex}

$Q'_{\text{ex},3}$

K'_{ex}

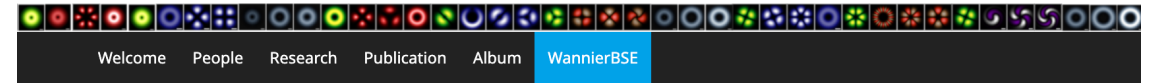
Summary

- We have developed a DFT-based BSE solver (**WannierBSE**) in the Wannier tight-binding (WTB) framework that serves as a multi-scaled computational platform for efficient simulation of exciton complexes in 2D materials under multi-layer dielectric environment.
- We simulate and analyze the landscape of the momentum-dependent valley polarization of TMD monolayer and interpret the observed **high degree of polarization of intervalley exciton**, in terms of the inherent **crystal symmetry** of TMD-ML.
- Using WannierBSE, we show that a pair of intervalley Q_{ex}/Q'_{ex} dark excitons of multi-layer TMDs are likely coupled to a high-lying bright single exciton ones via the **exciton-exciton-annihilation (EEA)**, leading to the **upconversion PLs (UPL)**.

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WannierBSE

Introduction

WannierBSE is an efficient computational package for solving the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) for neutral exciton in 2D materials within the Wannier tight-binding (WTB) framework, implemented in the MATLAB (single-machine version) or C++ (parallelized version) languages. Technically, it takes advantage of efficient integration algorithm combined with cubic spline interpolation for fast and accurate construction of electron-hole (e-h) Coulomb kernels of BSE. WannierBSE can efficiently construct the matrix elements of BSE in the Wannier tight binding scheme, based on the first-principles-calculated band structures and Bloch wavefunctions, and no-local dielectric functions obtained from either the DFT+GW or macroscopic electromagnetic theories. This enables WannierBSE to perform the multiscale simulations of excitonic spectra, exciton dipoles and exciton-light interactions of hybrid 2D materials under complex dielectric environments in an efficient, flexible and portable manner.

The WannierBSE package is developed to numerically solve the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE)

$$(\epsilon_{ck+Q} - \epsilon_{vk})A_{SQ}(vck) - \sum_{v'c'k'} [W_Q^{eh,d}(vck, v'c'k') - V_Q^{eh,x}(vck, v'c'k')]A_{SQ}(v'c'k') = E_{SQ}A_{SQ}(vck)$$

where ϵ_{nk} is the kinetic energy, E_{SQ} is the energy of exciton state labeled by quantum number S with center-of-mass (CoM) wave vector Q , and the e-h direct and exchange Coulomb kernels read

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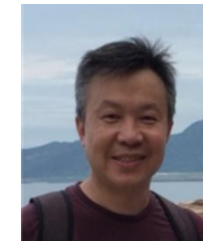
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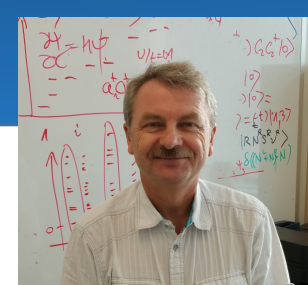
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$$\hat{H}_C = \sum_j \epsilon_j \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_j - \sum_\alpha \epsilon_\alpha \hat{h}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{h}_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k,k',j'} W_{jkk',j'}^{ee} \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_k^\dagger \hat{c}_{k'} \hat{c}_{j'} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\beta',\alpha'} W_{\alpha'\beta'\beta\alpha}^{hh} \hat{h}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{h}_\beta^\dagger \hat{h}_{\beta'} \hat{h}_{\alpha'} - \sum_{j,\alpha,\alpha',j'} [W_{j\alpha'\alpha j'}^{eh,d} - V_{j\alpha'j'\alpha}^{eh,x}] \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{h}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{h}_{\alpha'} \hat{c}_{j'}$$

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$$\hat{H}_{NC} = - \sum_{j,k,k',\alpha} W_{kj\alpha k'}^{eeh\leftarrow e} \hat{h}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_k^\dagger \hat{c}_{k'} - \sum_{j,\beta',\beta,\alpha} W_{\beta'j\alpha\beta}^{ehh\leftarrow h} \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{h}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{h}_\beta^\dagger \hat{h}_{\beta'} - \sum_{j,\alpha',k',j'} W_{j\beta'k'j'}^{e\leftarrow eeh} \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_{j'} \hat{c}_k \hat{h}_{\alpha'} - \sum_{\alpha',\beta',\beta,j'} W_{\beta'\alpha'j'\beta}^{h\leftarrow ehh} \hat{h}_\beta^\dagger \hat{h}_{\beta'} \hat{h}_{\alpha'} \hat{c}_{j'}$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k,\beta,\alpha} V_{jk\beta\alpha}^{XX,+} \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_k^\dagger \hat{h}_\beta^\dagger \hat{h}_\alpha^\dagger + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha',\beta',k',j'} V_{\alpha'\beta'k'j'}^{XX,-} \hat{h}_{\alpha'} \hat{h}_{\beta'} \hat{c}_{k'} \hat{c}_{j'}$$

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(5) e-h dir.

(6) e-h exch.

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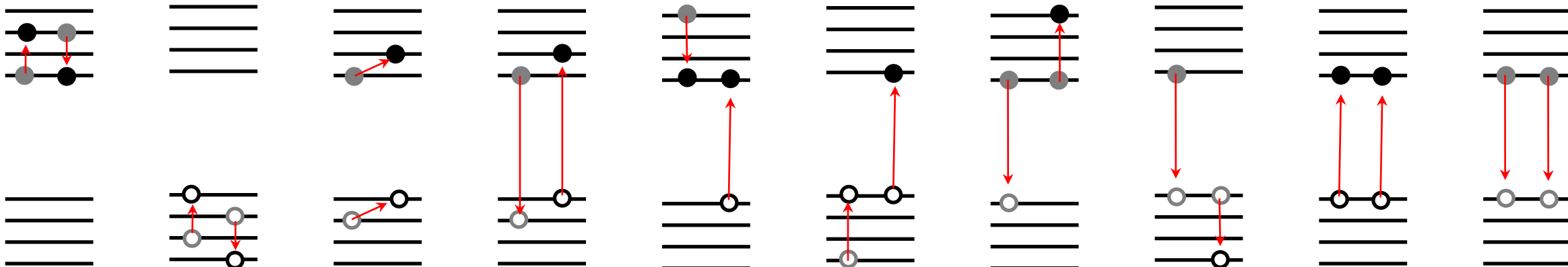
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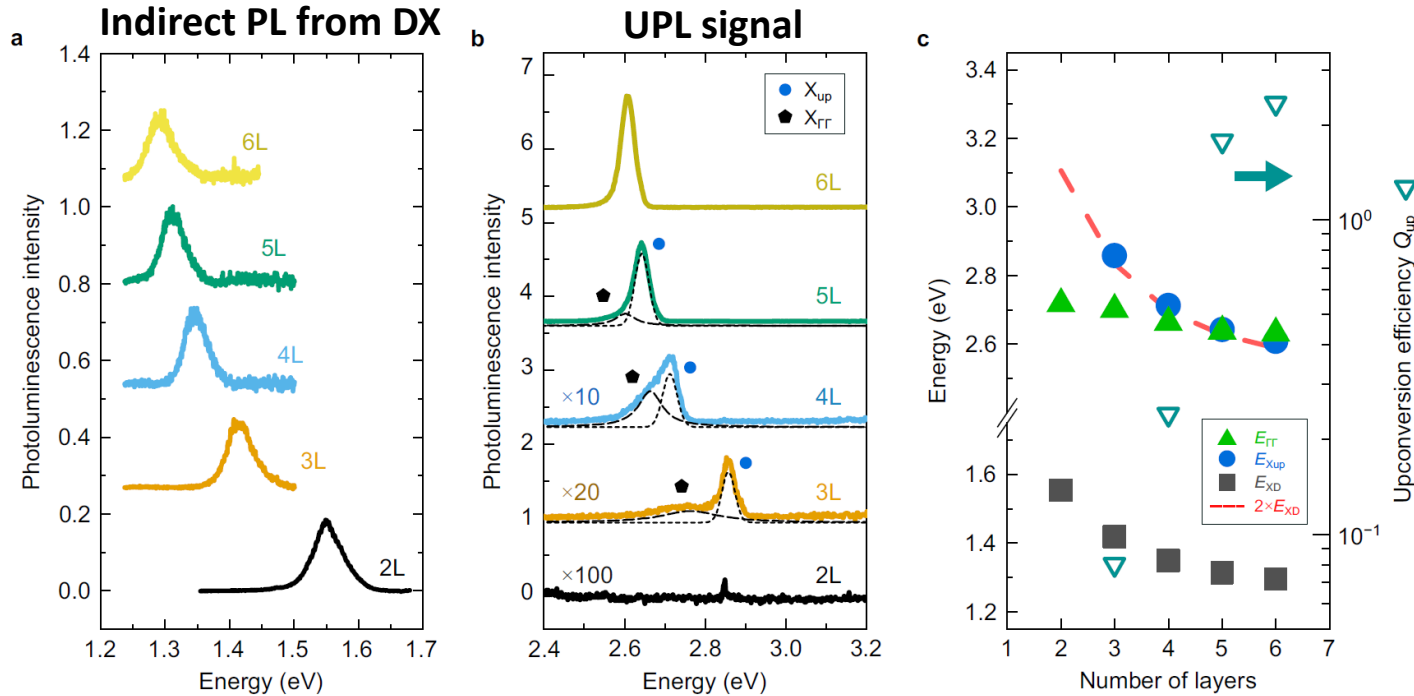
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Layer dependence of UPL in few-layer TMDs



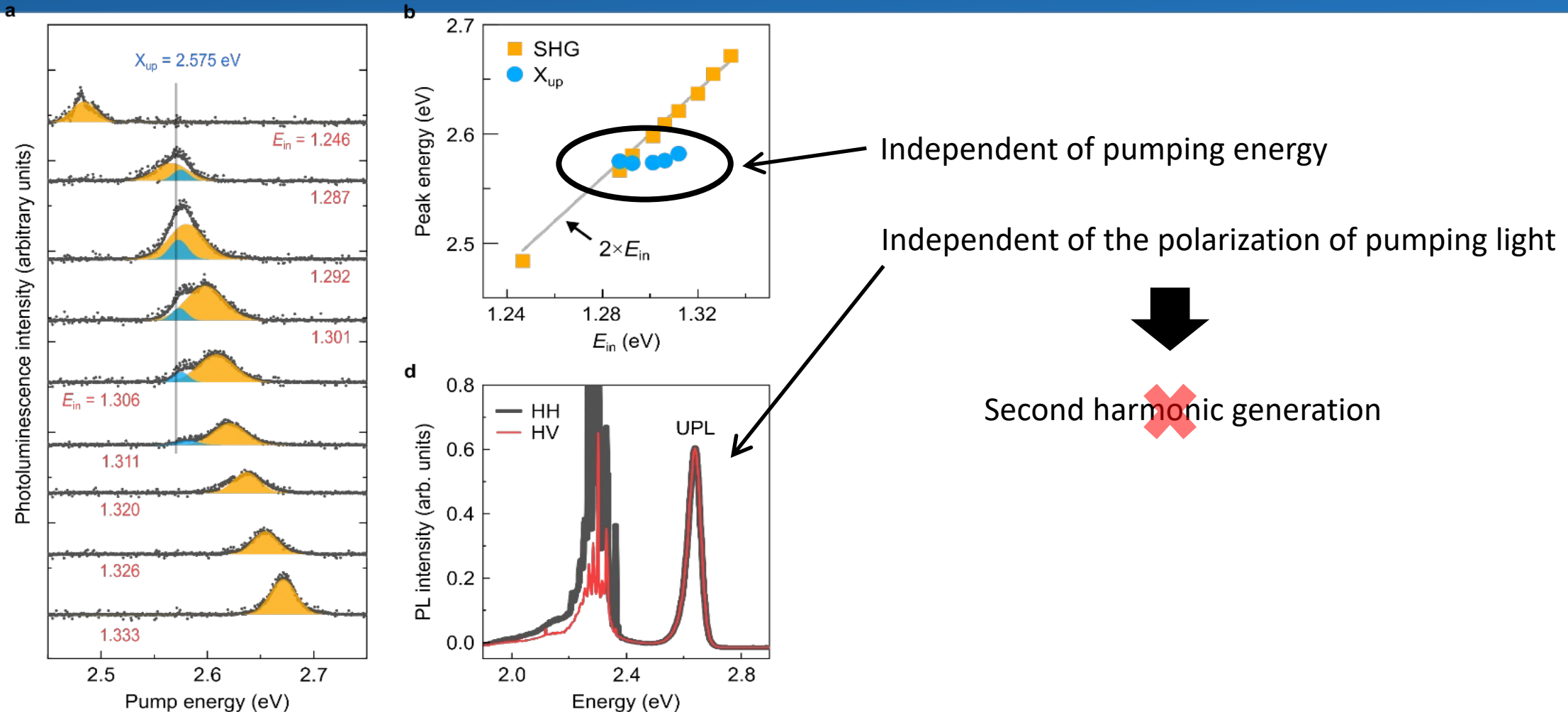
- The UPL energy is 2x of indirect PL from dark excitons
- The UPL emerges for 3L and thicker TMDs
- The upconversion efficiency increases as TMDs becomes thicker

Possibilities of UPL:

- Second harmonic generation (SHG)?
- Phonon-assisted UPL?
- Auger recombination?
- Exciton-exciton annihilation (EEA)?



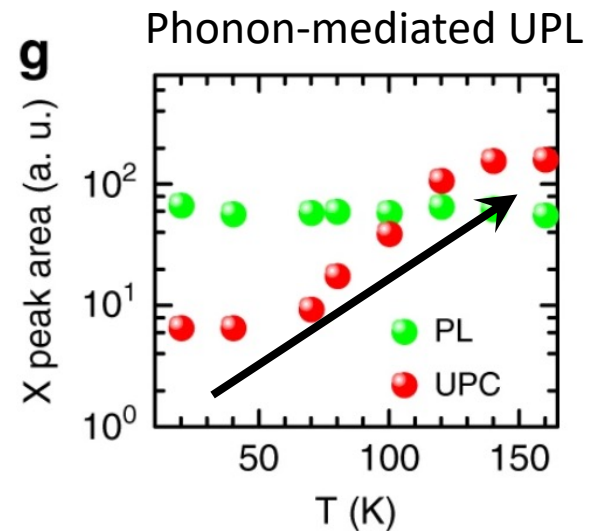
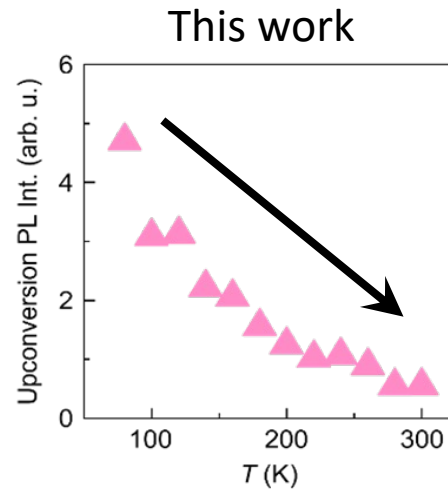
UPL via second harmonic generation (SHG)?



Sample: WSe₂-5L

Is the UPL a phonon-assisted PL ?

Temperature dependence of the UPL

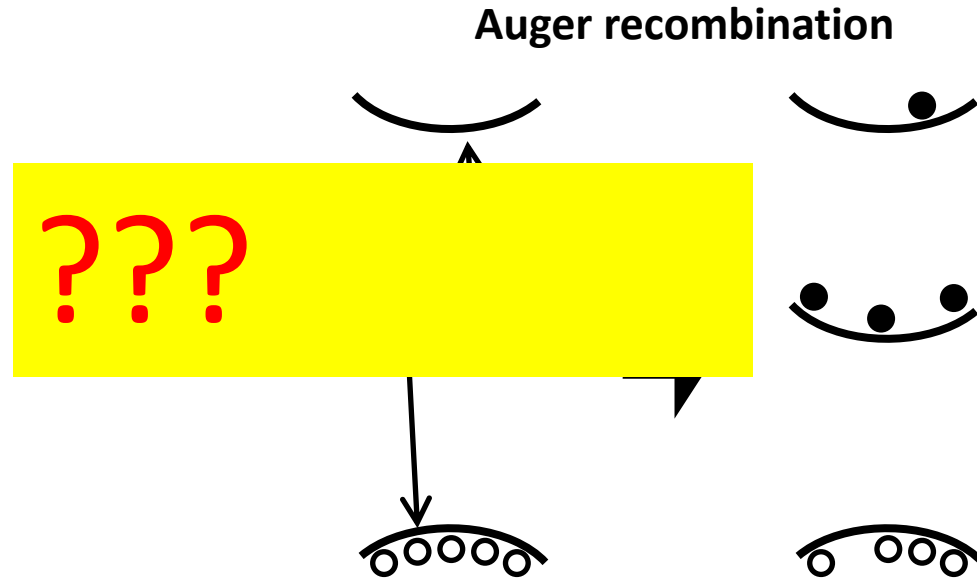
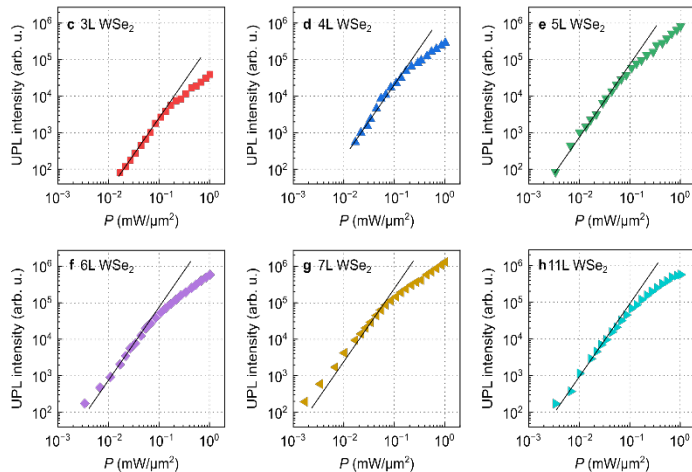
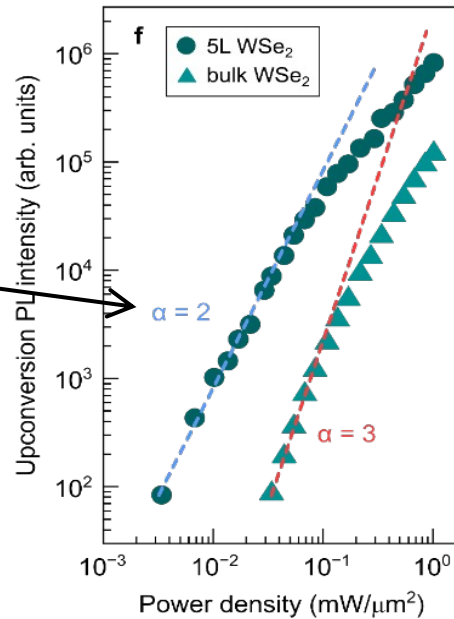


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Power dependence of the UPL in few-layer TMDs

Exciton effects!!

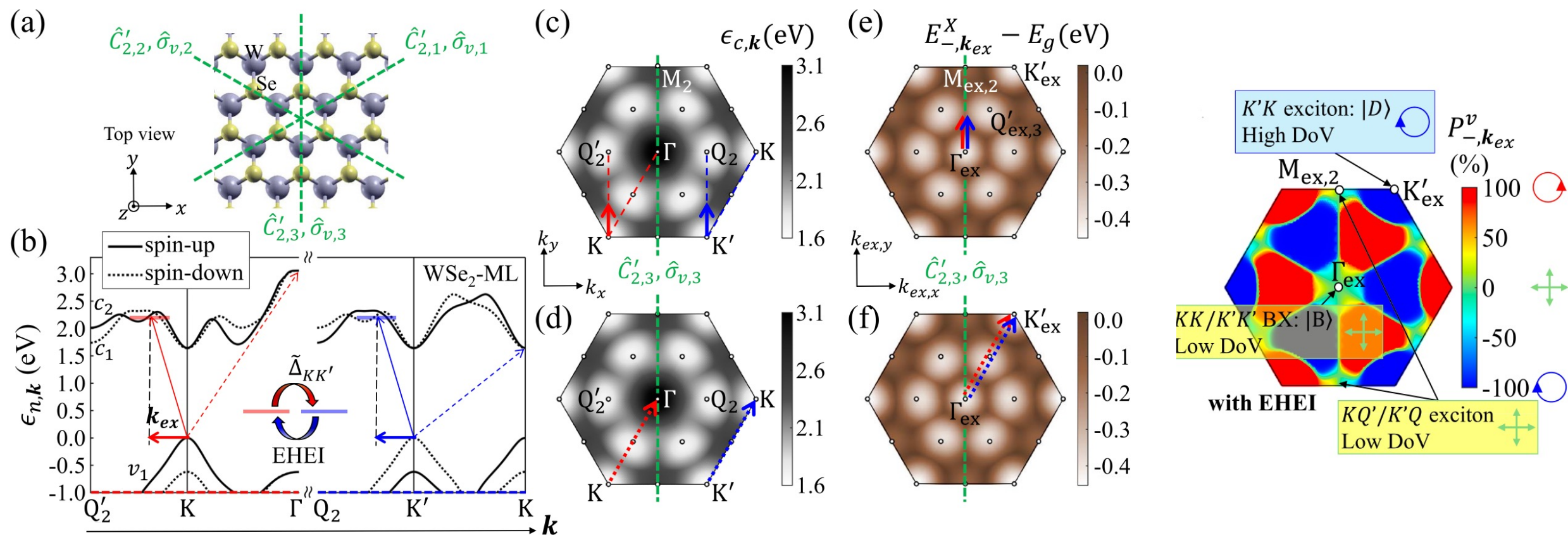


Assume $\bar{n}_e = \bar{n}_h = \bar{n}$, and are unbounded (no exciton effects)

Probability of e-h recombination $\propto \bar{n}^2$,

Probability of finding another electron to be scattered $\propto \bar{n}$

Power dependence of Auger recombination $\propto \bar{n}^3$



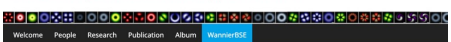
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Theoretical and computational research on exciton physics in 2D materials

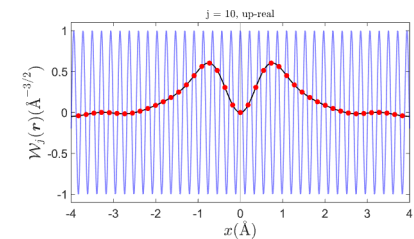
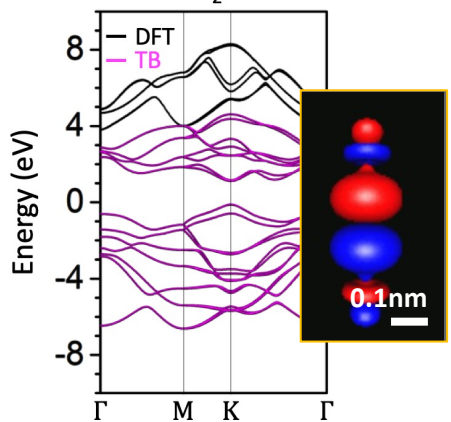


WannierBSE

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WSe₂-ML



DFT calculation (QE, VASP,...)

Wannierization (Wannier90)

1. Max. Localized Wannier func.
2. Wannier Tight-binding model

$$H^{KS}|\psi_{n,k}\rangle = \epsilon_{n,k}|\psi_{n,k}\rangle$$

$$|\mathcal{W}_{jR}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k e^{-ik \cdot R} \sum_n U_{ni}^{(k)} |\psi_{n,k}\rangle$$

$$H_{ij}^{TB}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_R e^{ik \cdot R} t_{ij}(\mathbf{R})$$

$$t_{ij}(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \mathcal{W}_{jR=0} | H^{KS} | \mathcal{W}_{iR} \rangle$$

Discretized with non-uniform $\mathbf{k}$ -grids
 $\mathbf{k} = \{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \dots\}$

Efficient Adaptive integrations

$$\mathcal{W}_{jR} \rightarrow \varrho_{j'j}^{(R)} \rightarrow \Xi_{j'j\ell'\ell}^{R,R'}$$

$$U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}} = V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d - V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x$$

Coulomb kernel

Exchange term

$$C_j^{(n)}(\mathbf{k}), e^{ik \cdot \mathbf{R}}, \Xi_{j'j\ell'\ell}^{R,R'}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')$$

Screened Direct term

$$C_j^{(n)}(\mathbf{k}), e^{ik \cdot \tau_j}, \epsilon(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')$$

Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE)

$$|S\mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^\dagger \hat{h}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$(\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}}) A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k})$$

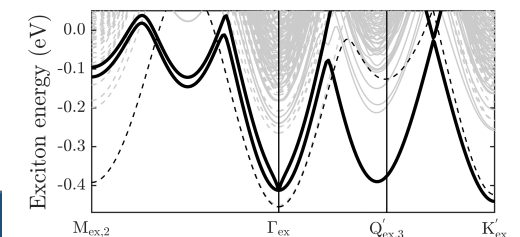
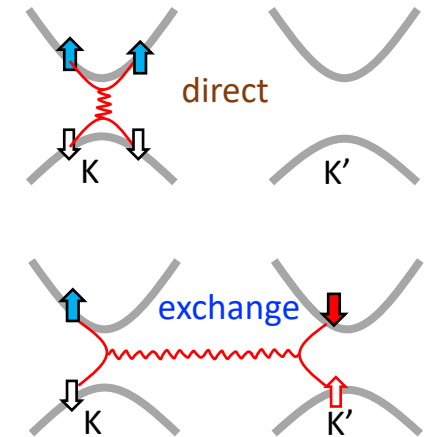
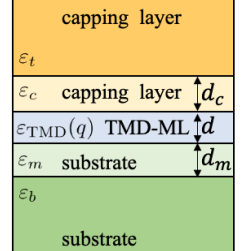
$$- \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}'} U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}') A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')$$

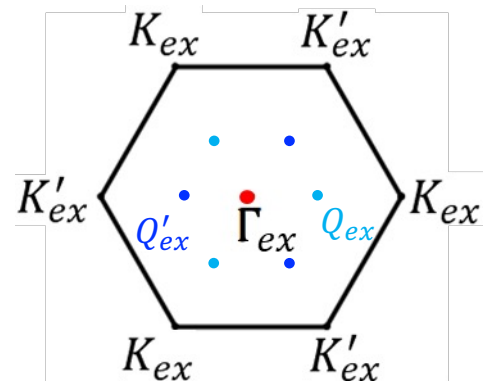
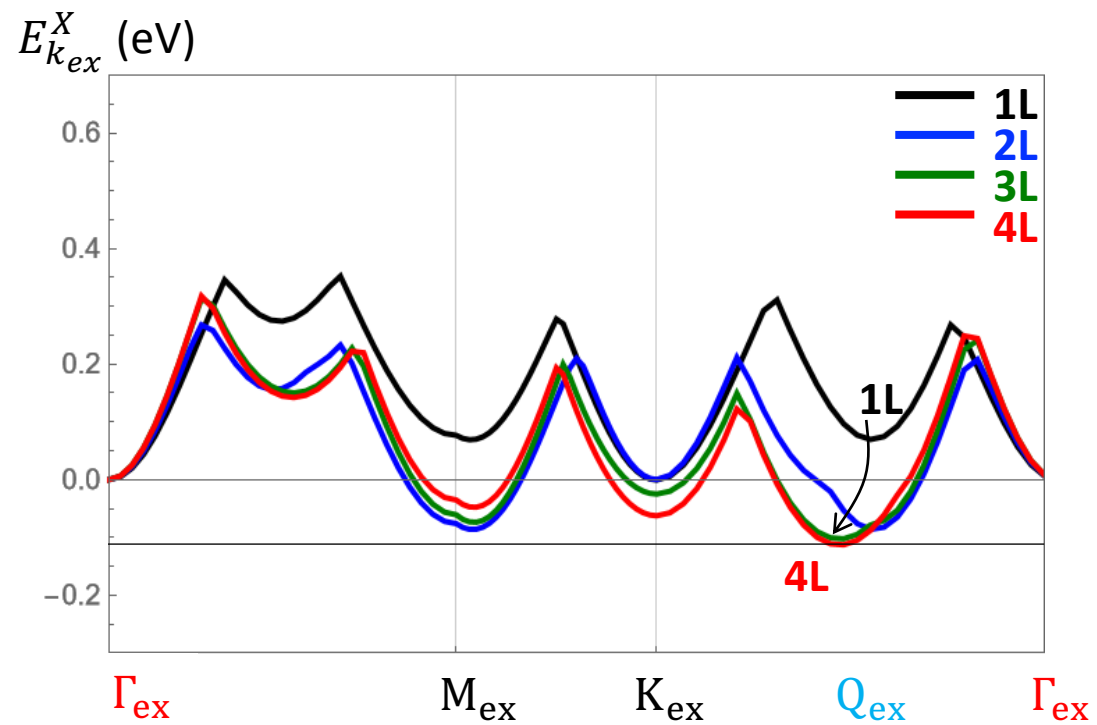
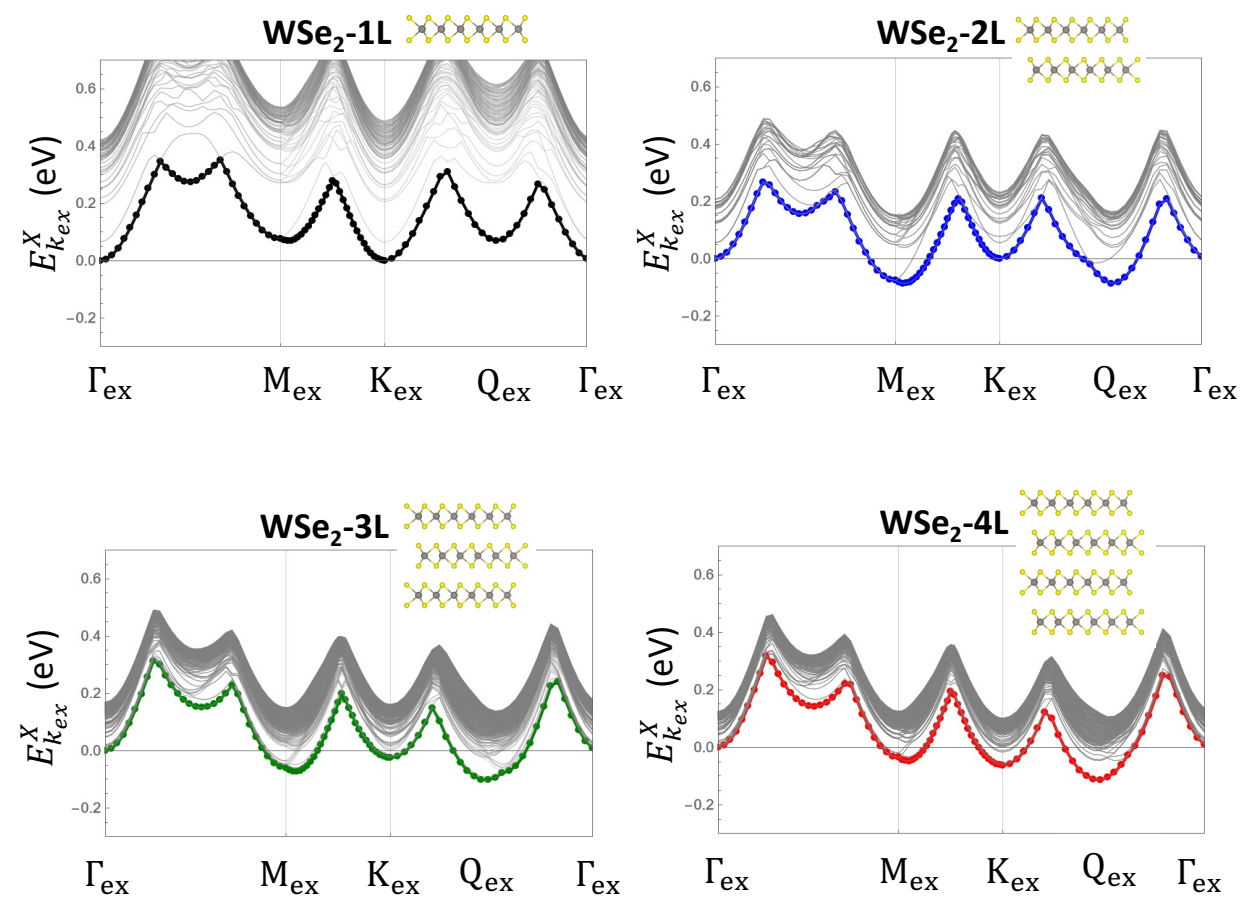
$$= E_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^X A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k}), \quad U_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}} = V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^d - V_{\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^x$$

Diagonalization of BSE matrix

- Output:
1. Exciton bands: $E_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^X$
 2. Exciton wave func. $A_{S,\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(v\mathbf{k})$
 3. Exciton dipoles

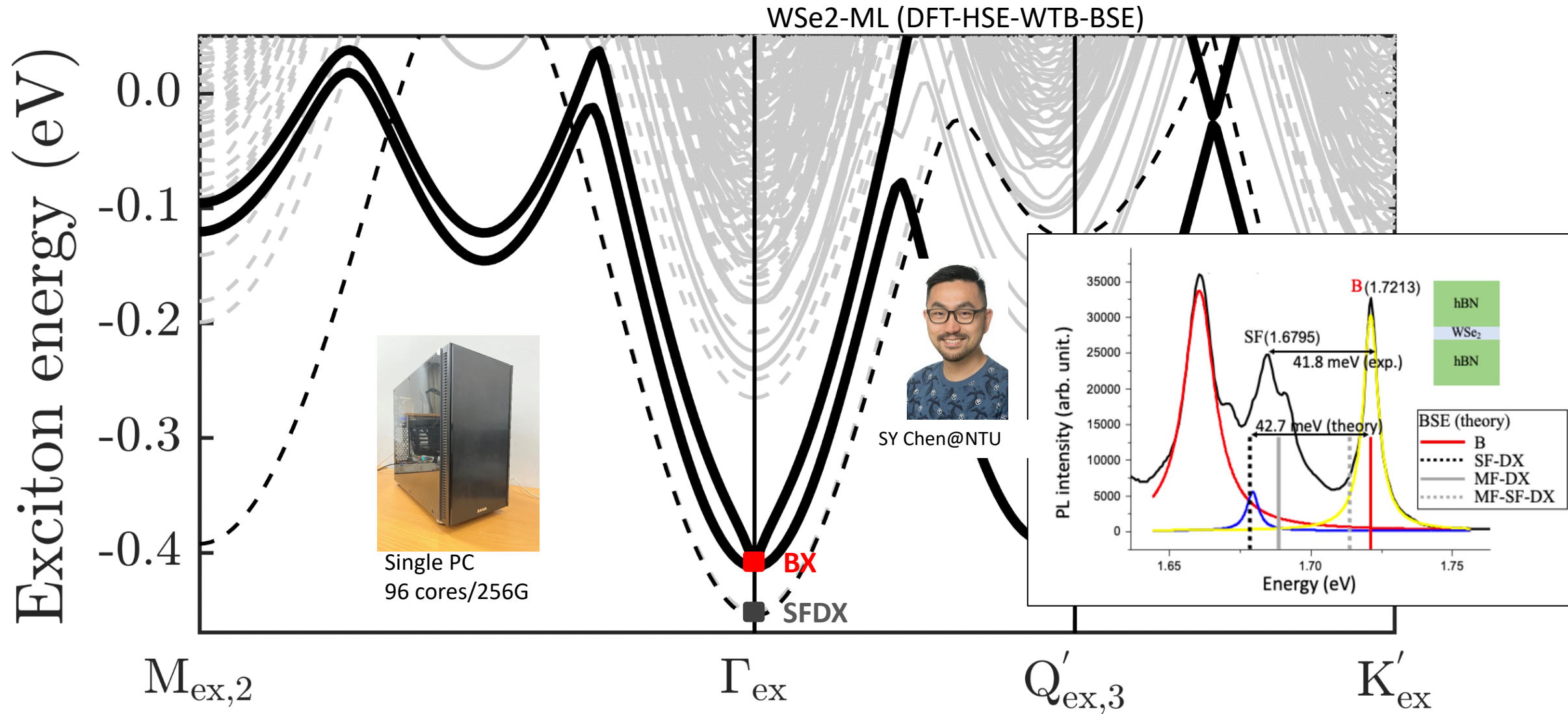
Multi-scaled
electromagnetic theory





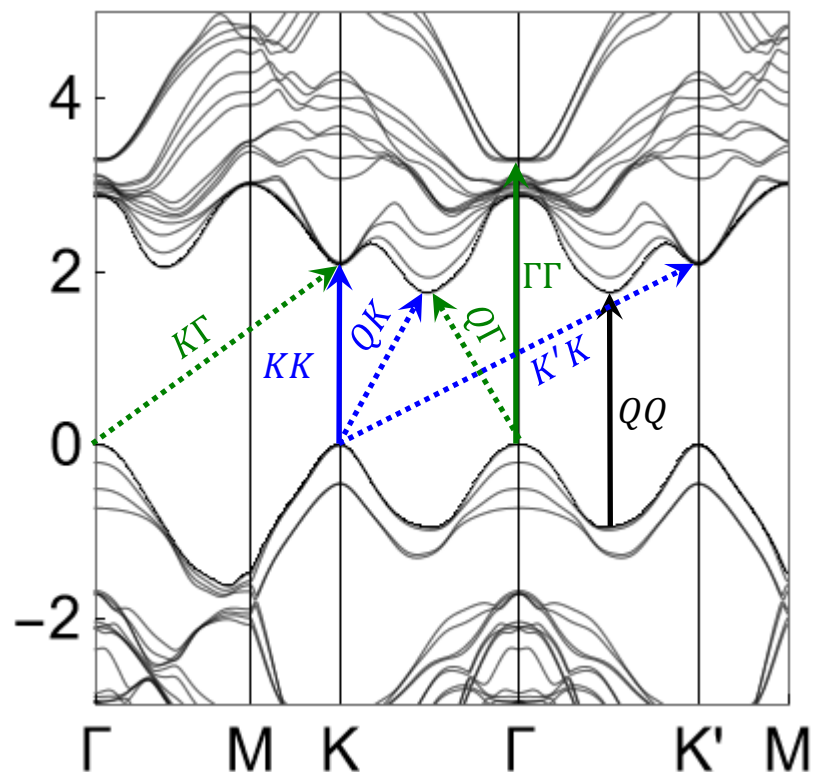
Exciton fine structure: BX and SFDX

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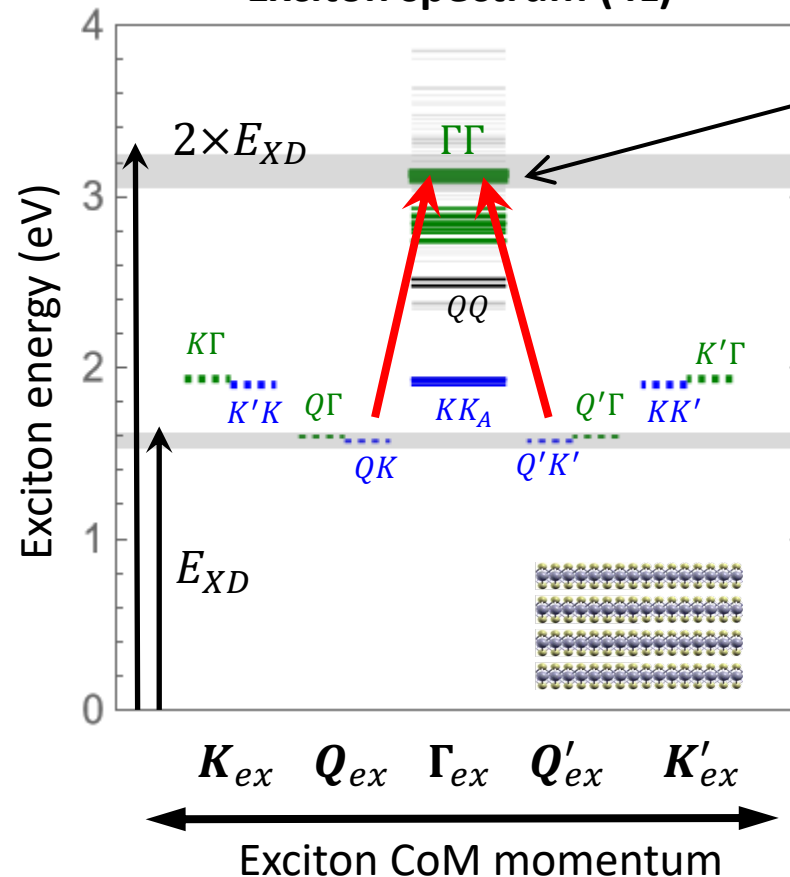


Viable pathways for resonant EEA in **WSe₂**-4L

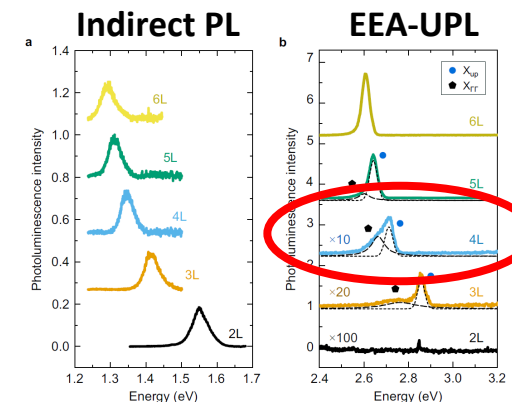
Quasiparticle band structure (4L)



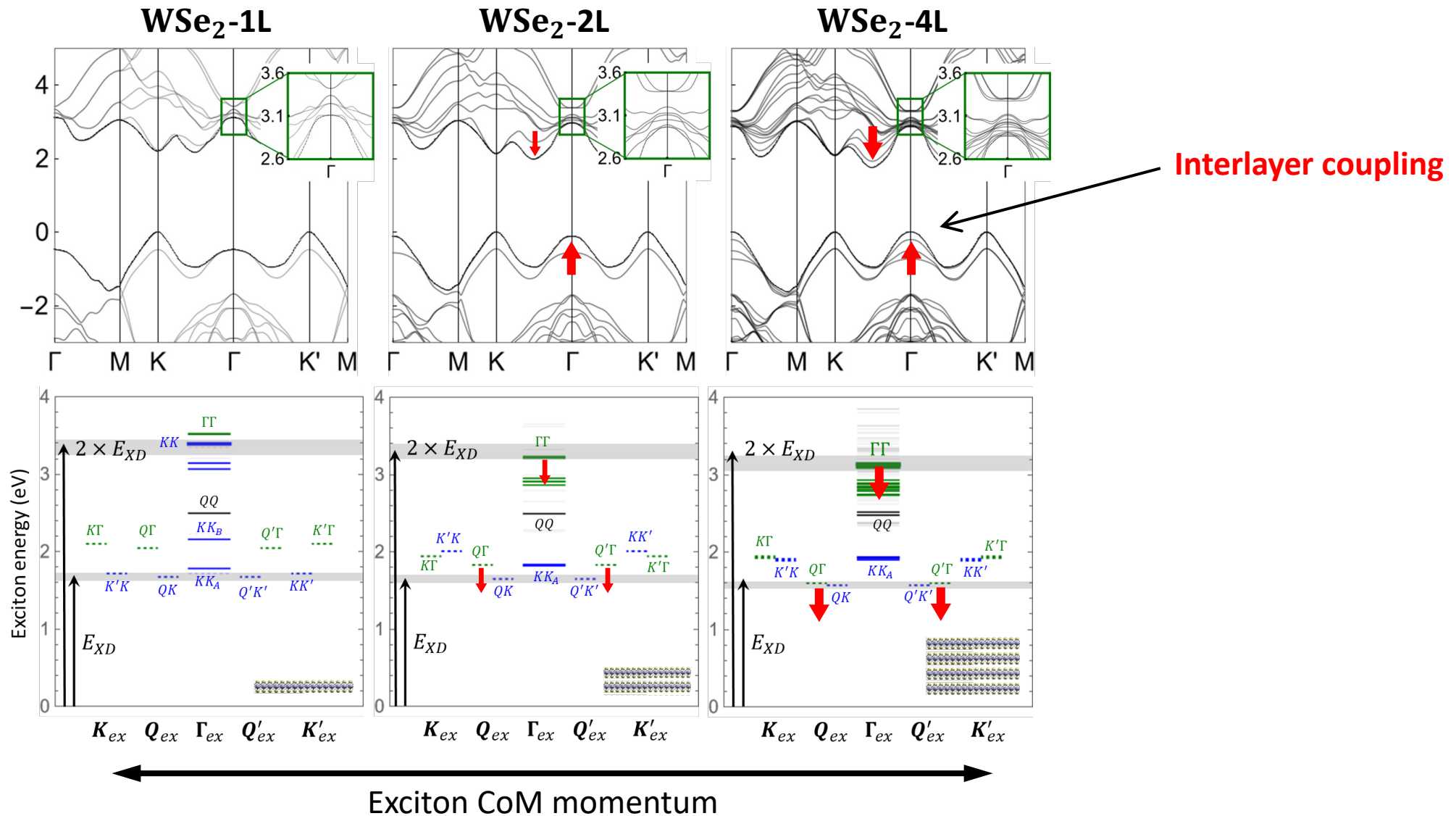
Exciton spectrum (4L)



A cluster of $\Gamma\Gamma$ exciton states in 4L WSe₂ fulfill the criteria of resonant EEA!!



Evolution of quasiparticle band structures & exciton spectra



Multi-layer more pronounced EEA

Summary

- We have developed a computational methodology for establishing and solving a DFT-based BSE in Wannier tight-binding (WTB) scheme (*WannierBSE*), which enable the quantitatively precise simulation of the energy bands, exciton dipoles, exciton wave functions of exciton complexes in 2D materials with drastically reduced numerical cost. The DFT-WTB-BSE solver serves as a **multi-scaled computational platform** for the computational and theoretical studies of exciton complexes in 2D materials, which can straightforwardly integrate the microscopic DFT and macroscopic electro-magnetic theory.
- Employing the *WannierBSE*, we have performed the theory-experiment-joint research on the intriguing physics of bright-, dark-, gray-, and finite-momentum excitons in variety. In this project, the code will be a useful tool for the theoretical simulation of the trARPES on the 2D systems.

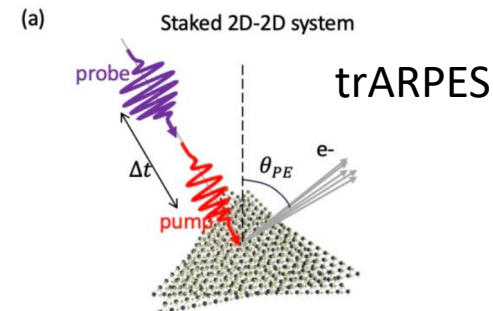


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Subject (研究主題):



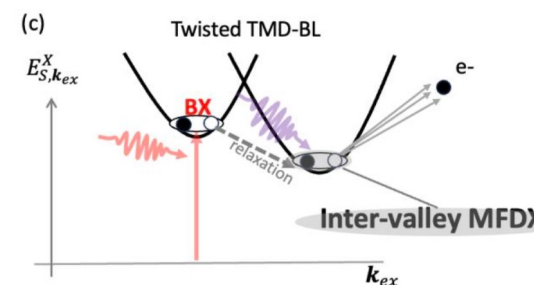
Theory-experiment-joint studies of momentum- and time-resolved spectroscopy for exciton dynamics in hybrid-structured 2D materials (二維複合材料中激子動力學之時間與動量解析光譜研究)



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The WannierBSE package is developed to numerically solve the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE)

$$(\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}})A_{SQ}(v\mathbf{k}) - \sum_{v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}'} [W_Q^{eh,d}(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}') - V_Q^{eh,x}(v\mathbf{k}, v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}')]A_{SQ}(v'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}') = E_{SQ}A_{SQ}(v\mathbf{k})$$

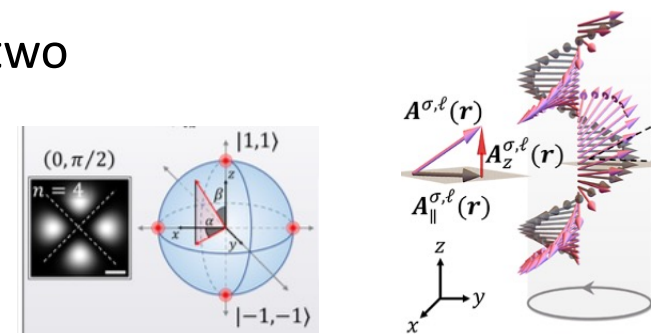
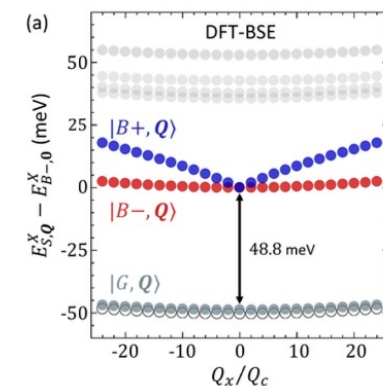
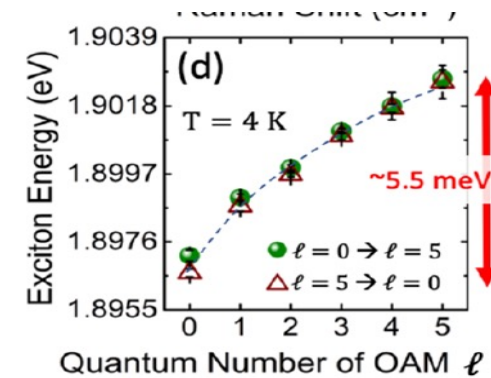
where $\epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$ is the kinetic energy, E_{SQ} is the energy of exciton state labeled by quantum number S with center-of-mass (CoM) wave vector $\mathbf{Q}$, and the e-h direct and exchange Coulomb kernels read

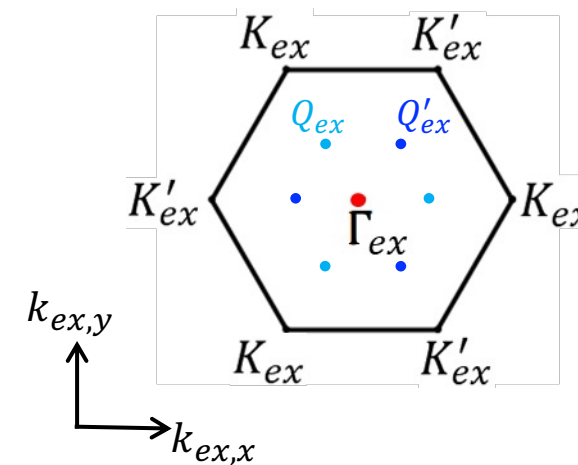
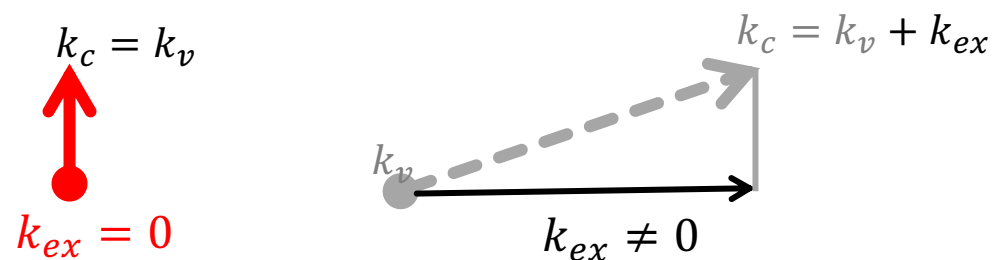
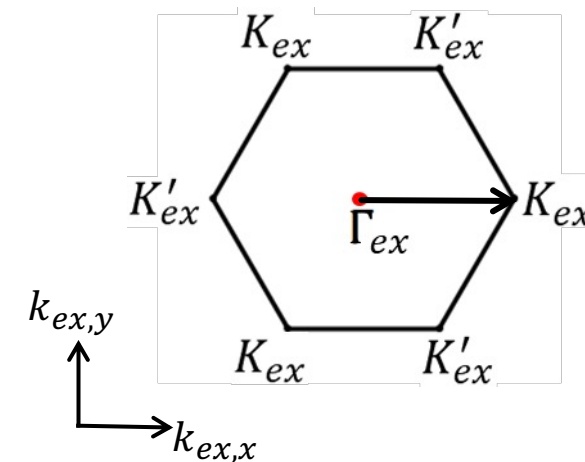
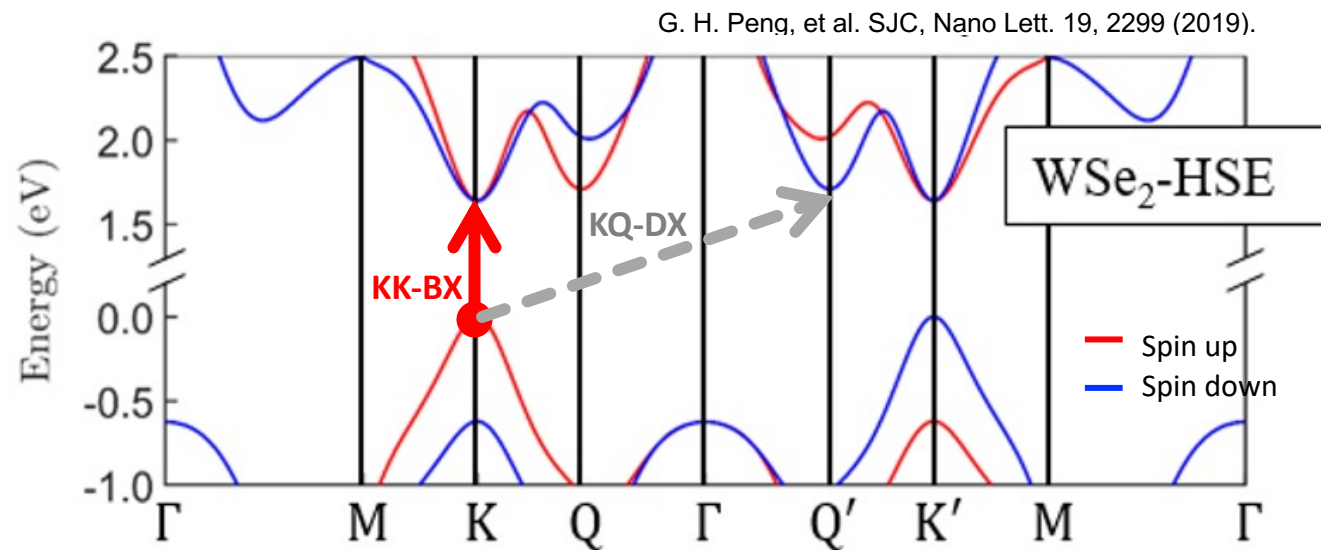
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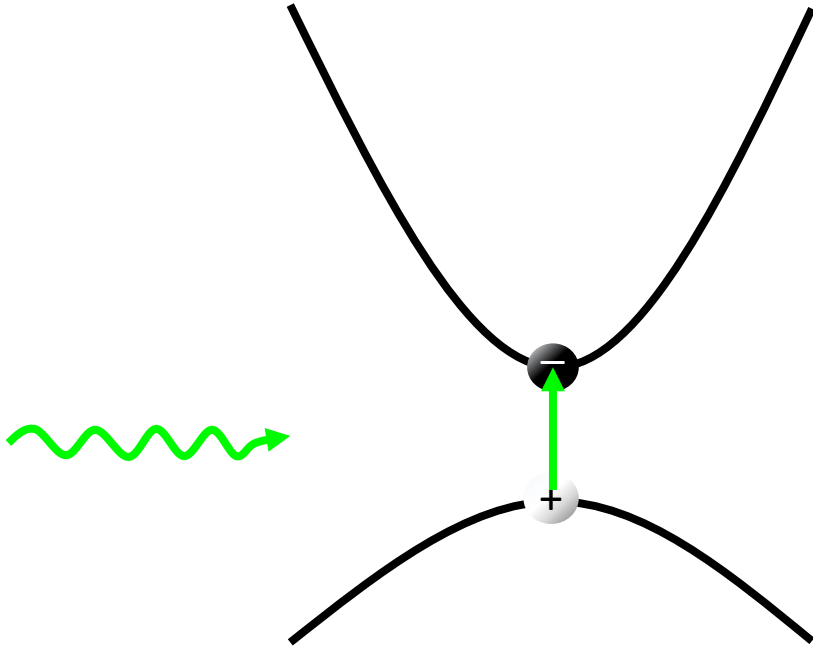
Summary

- We have presented a comprehensive theoretical study of the light-matter **interaction between OAM-TLs and exciton in TMD-MLs** by using the efficient in-house code to solve the **DFT-WTB-BSE**.
- We show that, in the electrical dipole approximation, a incident TL couples the **center-of mass motion** of bright exciton (BX) in a TMD-ML, and selectively photo-excites **finite-momentum excitons**, leading to the blue-shifted PLs with increasing the OAM of TL and formation of **localized exciton wave packet**.
- Due to the **photonic spin-orbital interaction**, a TL possesses the **longitudinal field**, which enhances the photo-excitation of spin-forbidden **gray exciton (GX)**.
- Employing a **vector vortex beam (VVB)** formed by the superposition of two distinct TLs with opposite AM to excite a TMD-ML enable the **angular momentum imprint** of the **GX** states.

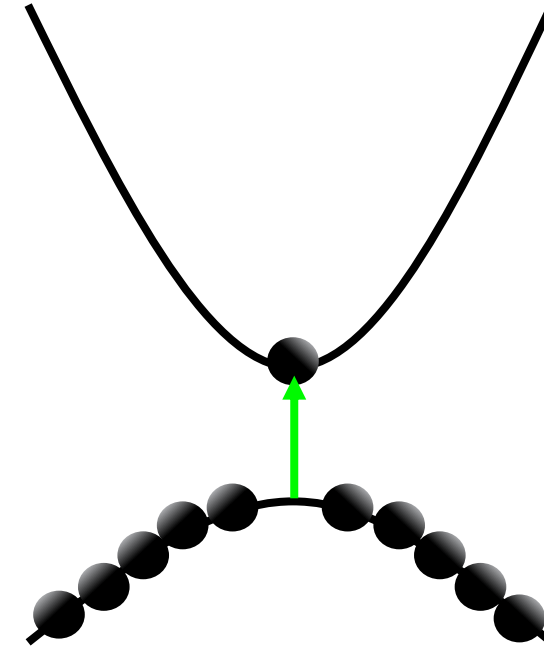




Exciton: a many-body problem



A naive picture: two-body problem



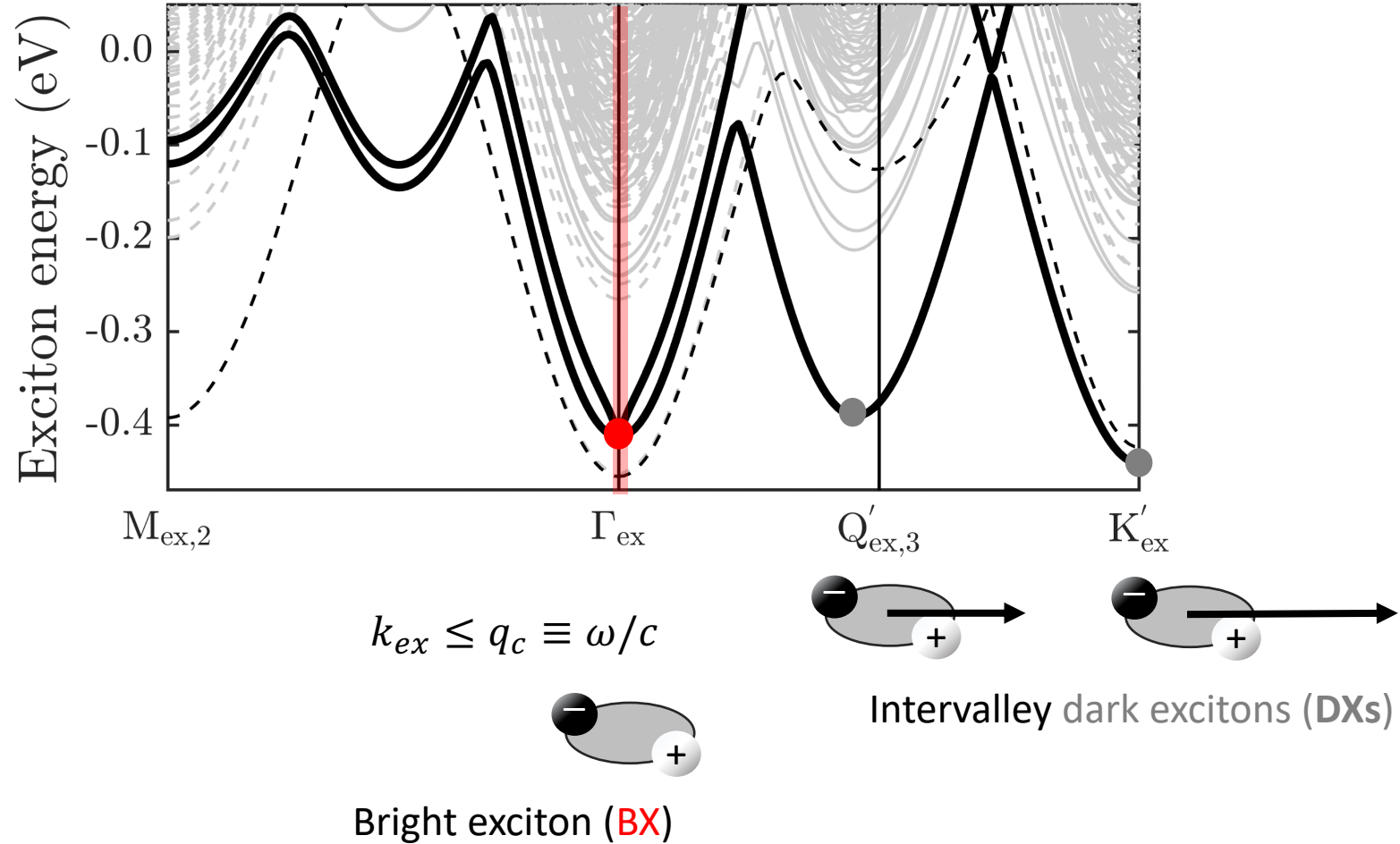
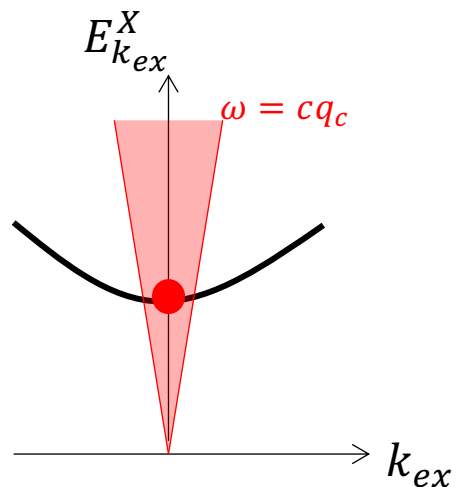
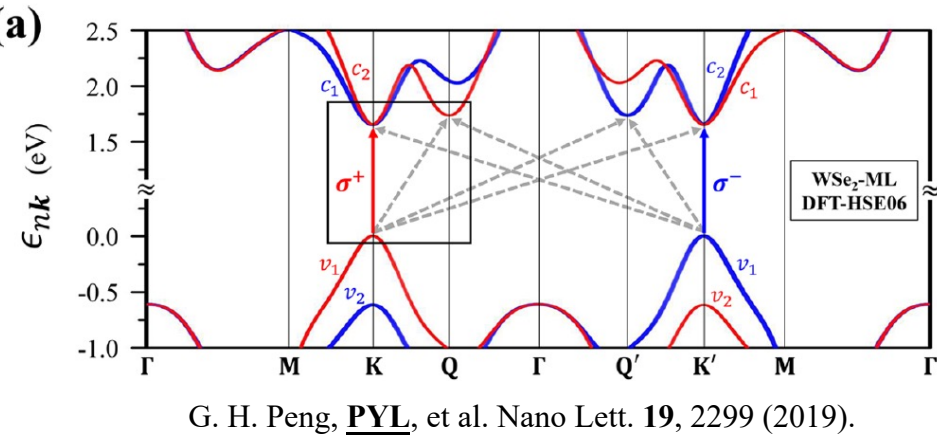
Reality: A many-body ($N_{tot} = (N_v - 1) + 1$) problem

Exciton state: $|S\mathbf{k}_{ex}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A_{S\mathbf{k}_{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_{ex}}^\dagger \hat{h}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle$

Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE):

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Exciton with finite momentum

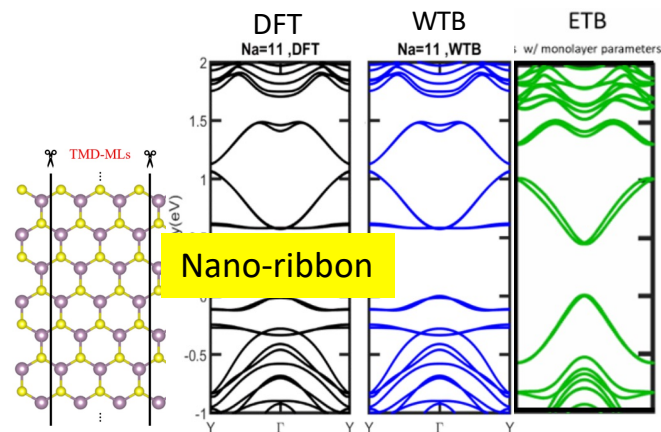
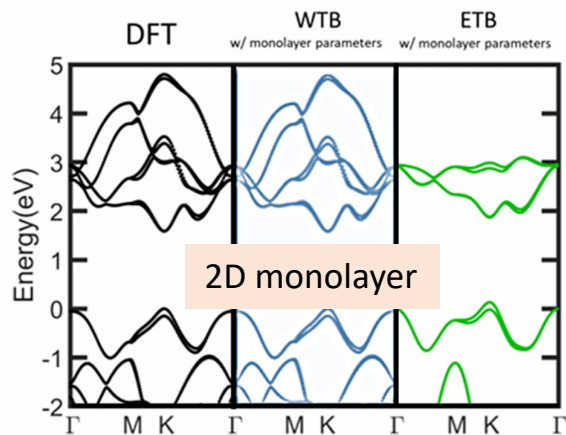
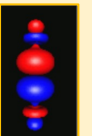


Dark exciton physics:

Theoretical challenges: --exciton band
-- generalized LMT beyond BX

Band theories: ETB vs. DFT vs. WTB

	ETB	WTB (WANNIER90)	DFT (Q. Espresso, ...)
Band theories	Empirical tight-binding theory (ETB)	DFT-based Wannier tight binding (WTB) theory	Density-functional theory (DFT)
Applicable scales	Atomistic	Atomistic and microscopic	Atomistic and microscopic
Numerical cost	Low cost 😊	Low cost 😊	High cost 😞
Advantages/Disadvantages	- Empirical parameters, not physics-based. Non-transferrable and non-universal parameters $ \phi_i\rangle$ 😞	- An ab-initio method - Deliver full microscopic wave functions 😊	- An ab-initio method - Deliver full microscopic wave functions 😊



ETB:

$$H_{ij}^{TB}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} t_{ij}(\mathbf{R})$$

WTB:

$$H_{i,j}^{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} H_{i,j}^{\lambda}(\mathbf{R}),$$

Calculated time DFT vs. TB

