

Novel optoelectronic properties of 2D materials:
Ultrafast Optical Studies of Valley States
in 2D Transition Metal Dichalcogenides

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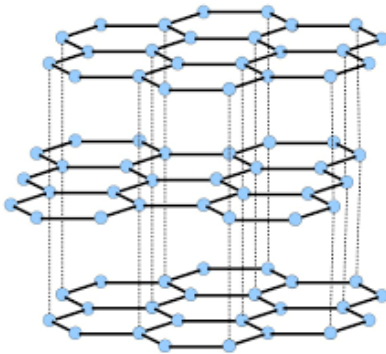
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Atomically Thin 2D Crystals

Graphite



Crystal structure



Graphene isolation

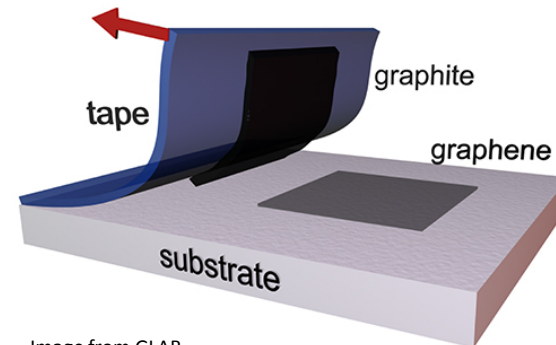
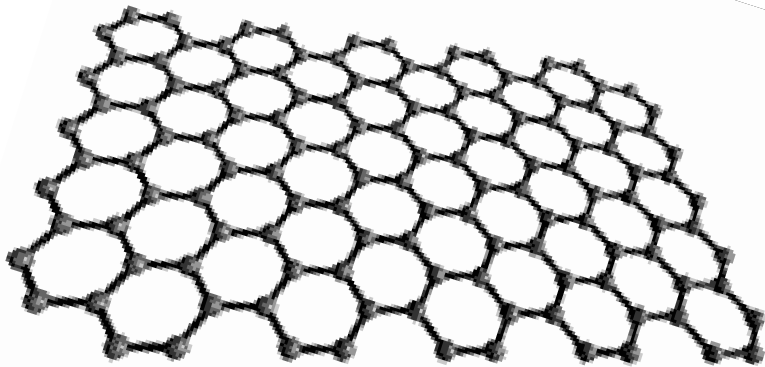


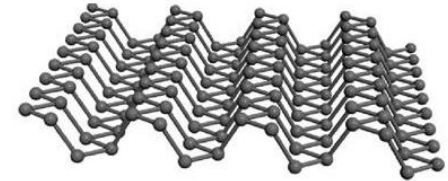
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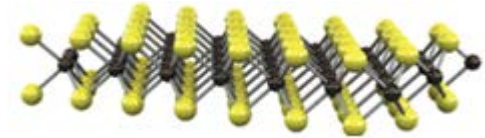


Graphene

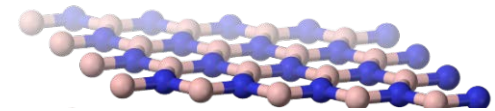
Single atomic layer of carbon



Phosphorene



MoS₂



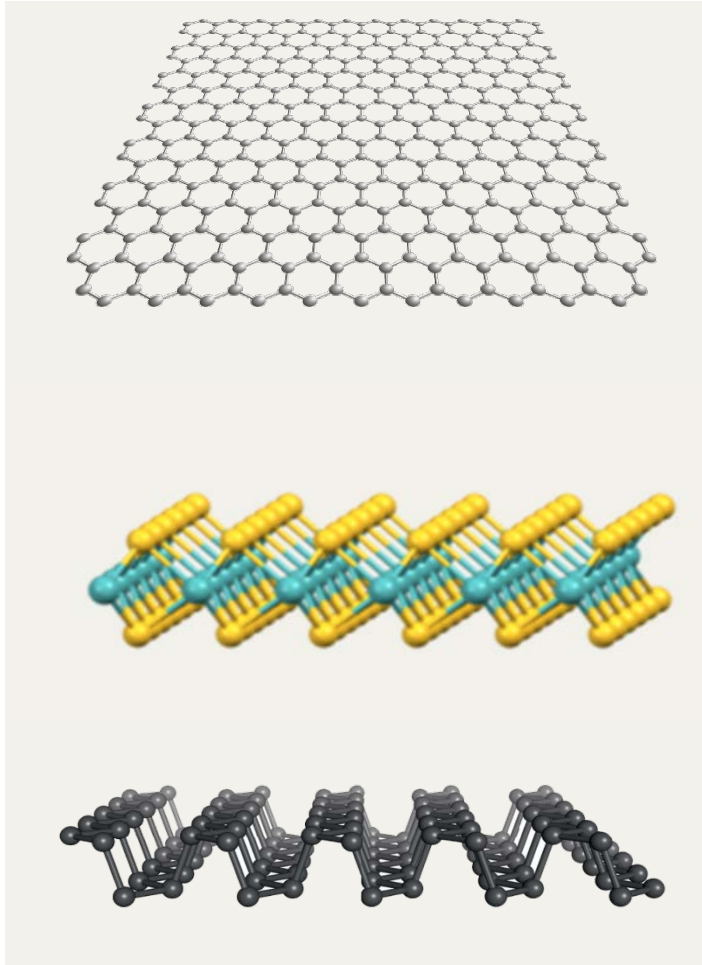
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Semiconductors

Metal: NbSe₂, TaS₂, WTe₂

Novel electronic states in the exact 2D materials!

Atomically Thin 2D Crystals



Graphene

Massless Dirac fermion
(Record high mobility)

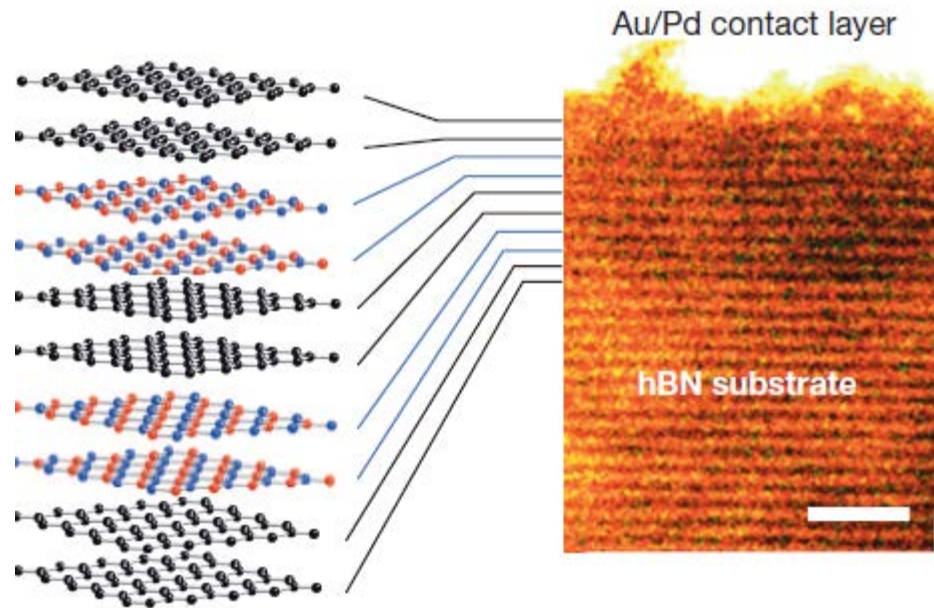
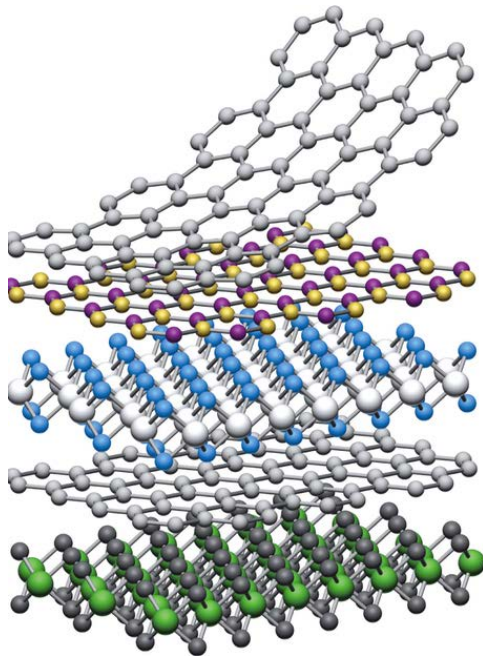
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Valley electronic state
(Future electronic memory)

Phosphorene

Interlayer interaction
(Tunable direct bandgap
visible to zero-band gap)

van der Waals 2D Heterostructures



Atomically engineered material for new physics

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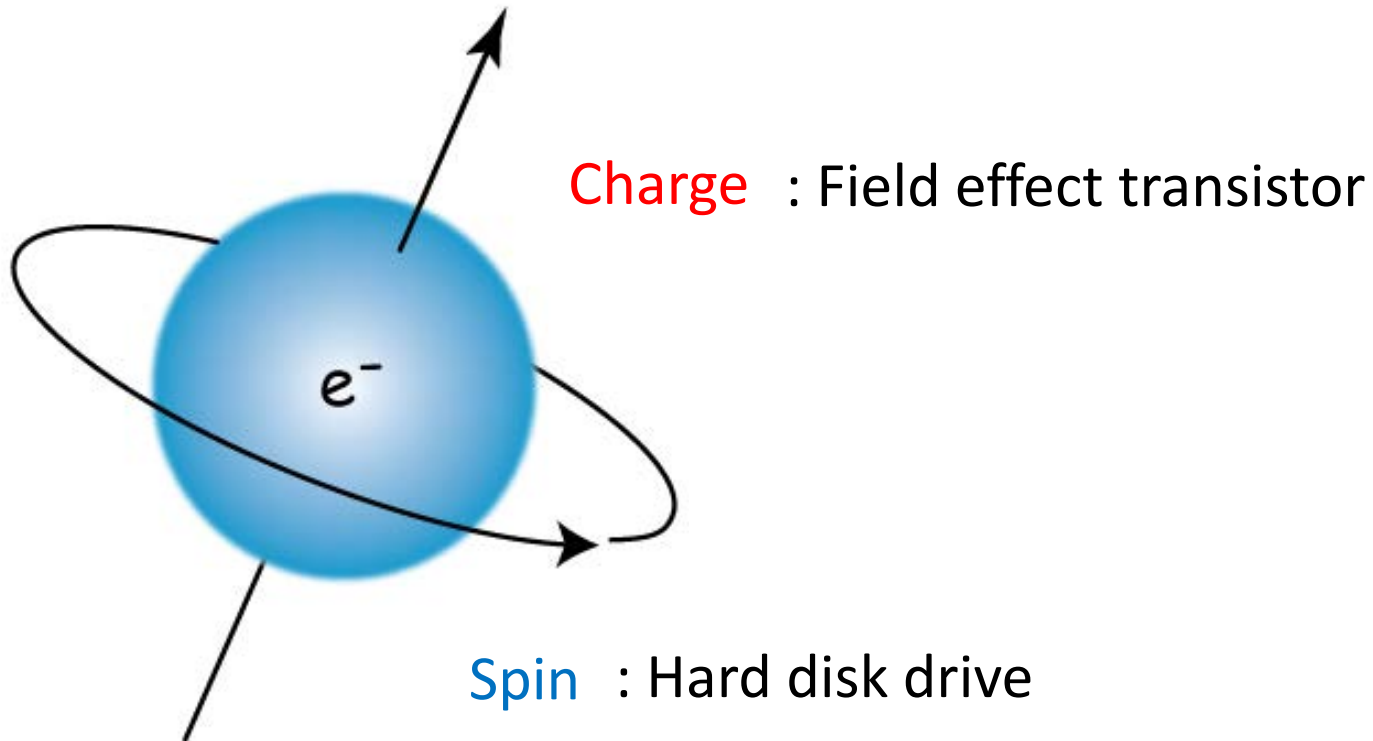
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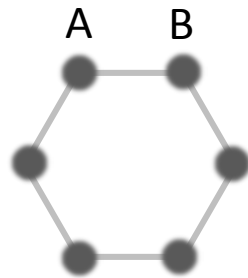
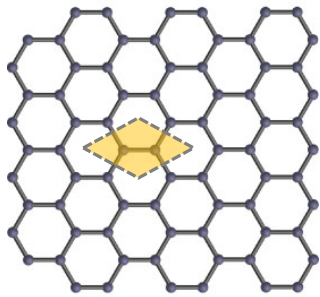
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Degree of Freedom in Electrons

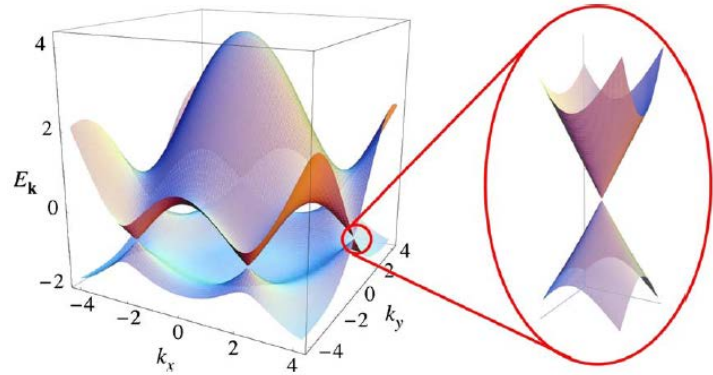
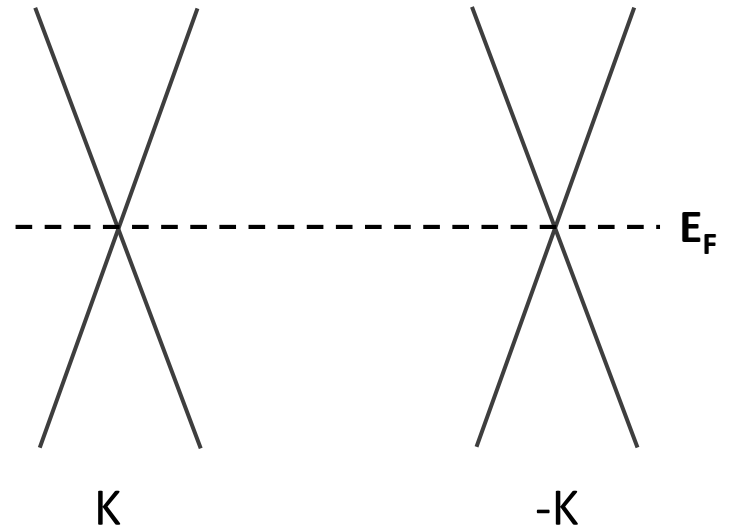


Valley Degree of Freedom

Graphene

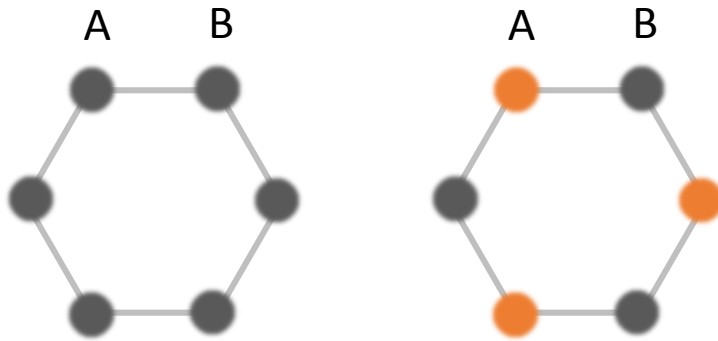


Time-reversal pair



Access to Valley State

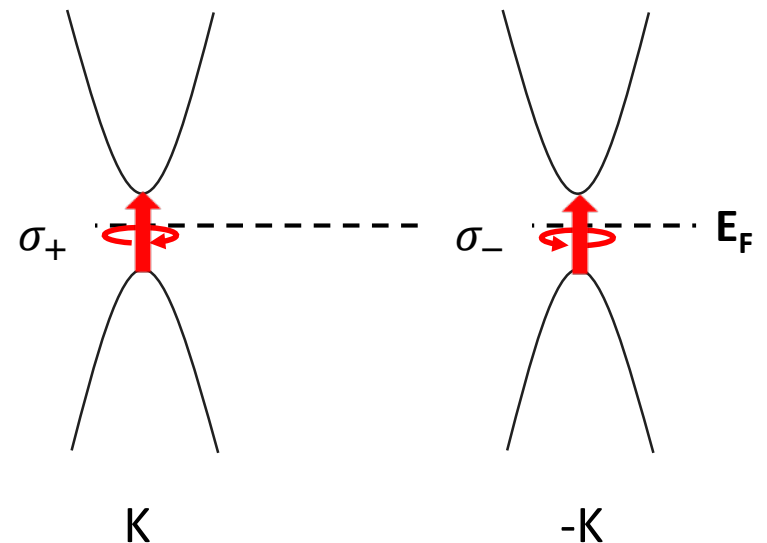
Inversion symmetry: Zero magnetic moment



Time reversal symmetry : $\mu_K = -\mu_{-K}$

Inversion symmetry : $\mu_K = \mu_{-K}$

$$\mu_K = 0, \mu_{-K} = 0$$

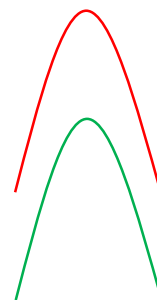
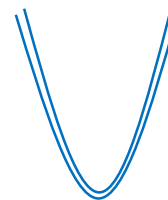
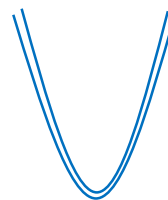
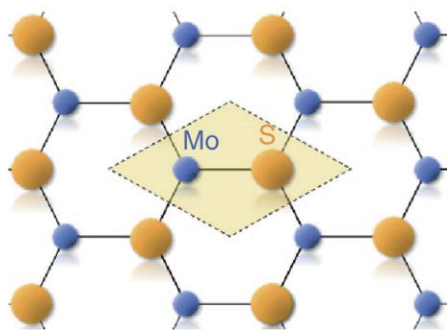
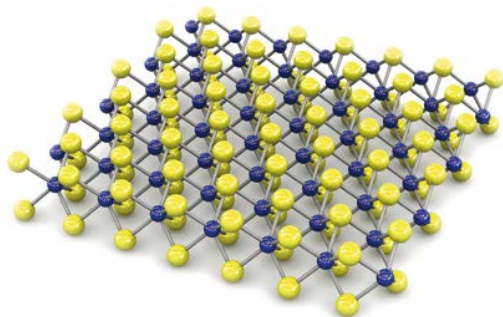


$$\mu_K = -\mu_{-K} \neq 0$$

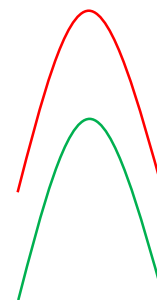
Helicity-dependent light absorption

TMD Monolayer

MX_2 : M = Mo, W; X = S, Se
 MoS_2 , MoSe_2 , WS_2 , WSe_2



K

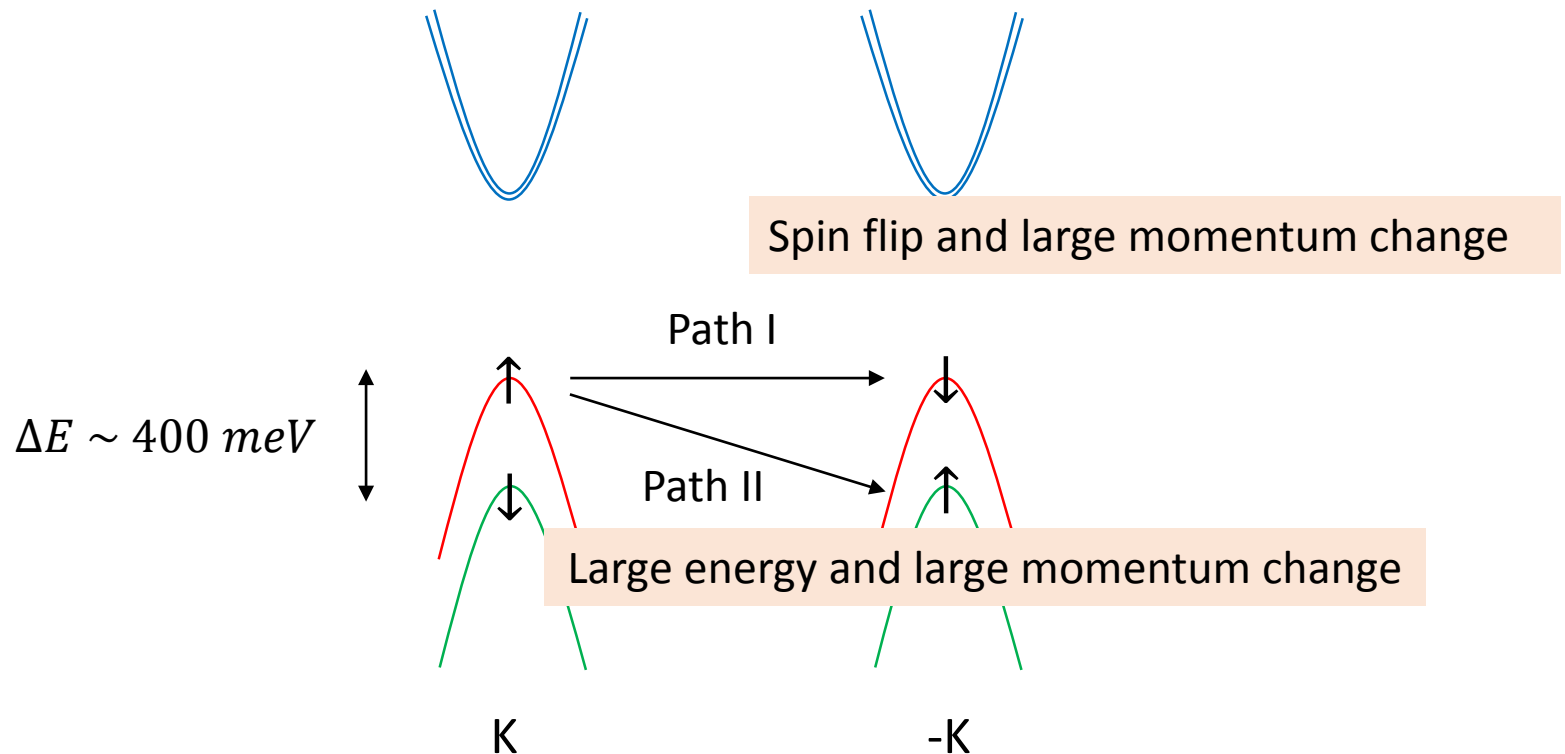


-K

Explicitly broken inversion symmetry

Valley State in 2D TMD

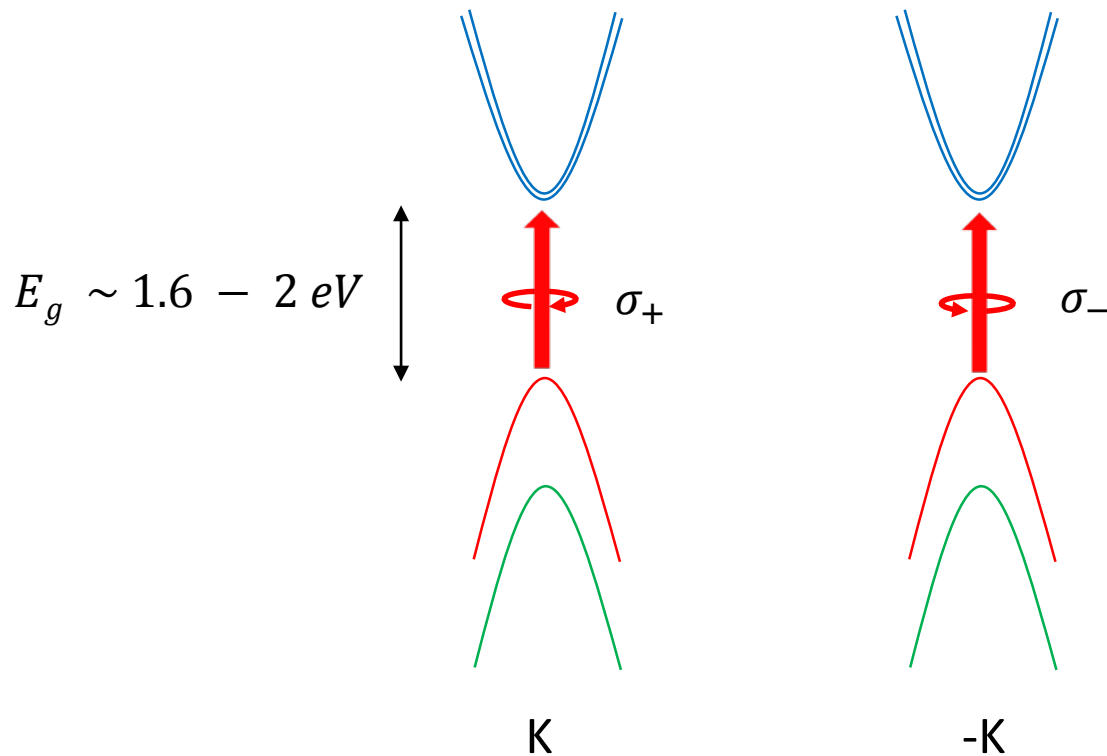
Strong SO coupling: Spin-Valley locking



Possibly ultralong spin/valley lifetime!

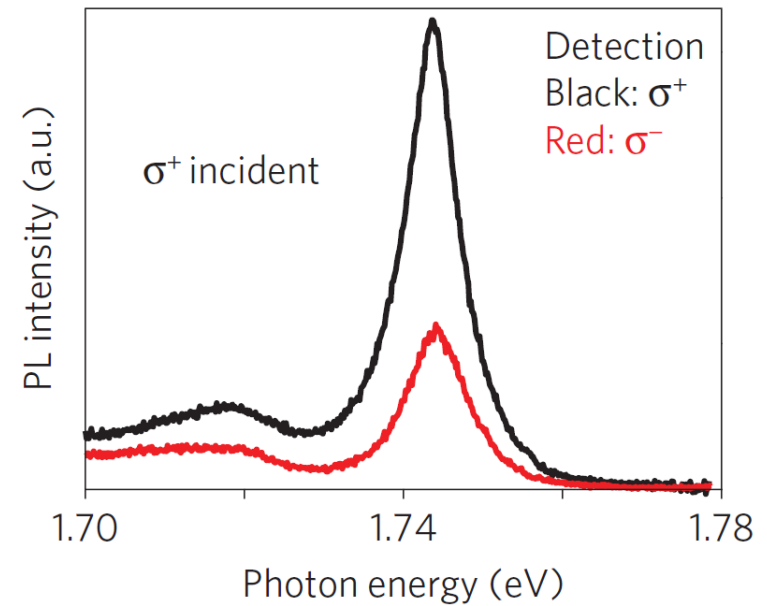
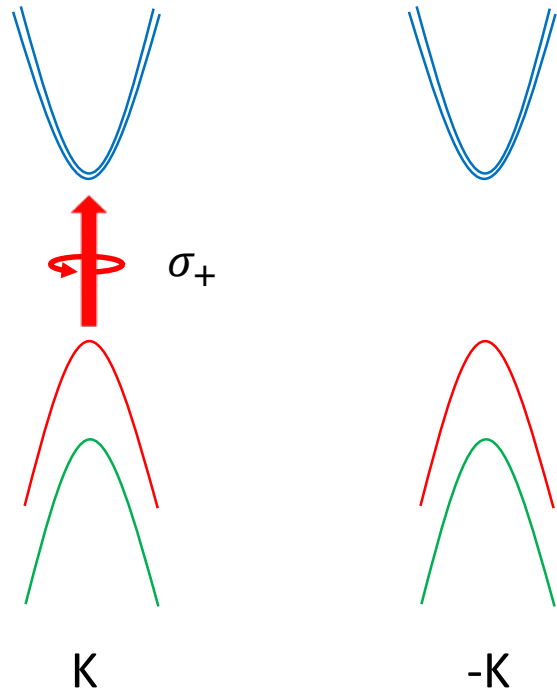
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Direct bandgap semiconductor at (near) visible frequency



Convenient valley control with helicity of visible photon

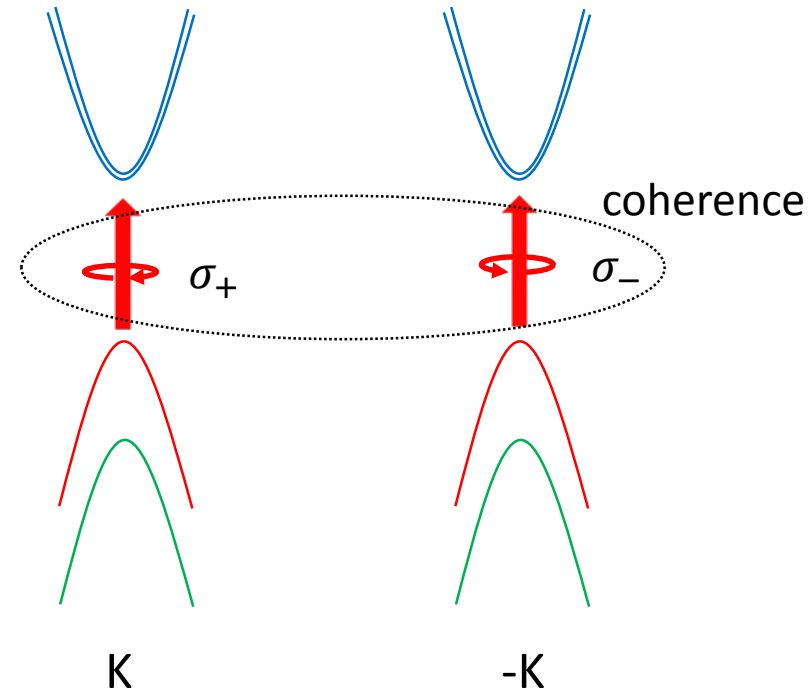
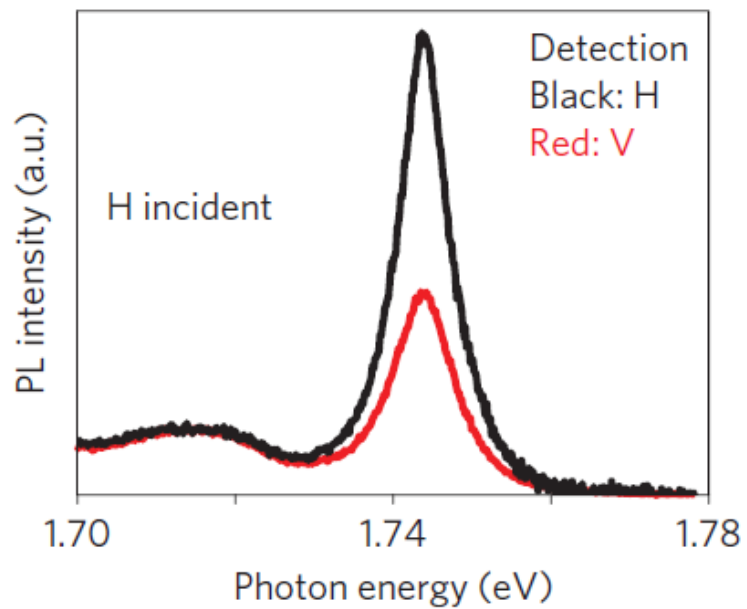
Valley Polarization Control



Heinz (Stanford), Cui (HKU), Xu (U. Washington), Feng (PKU)

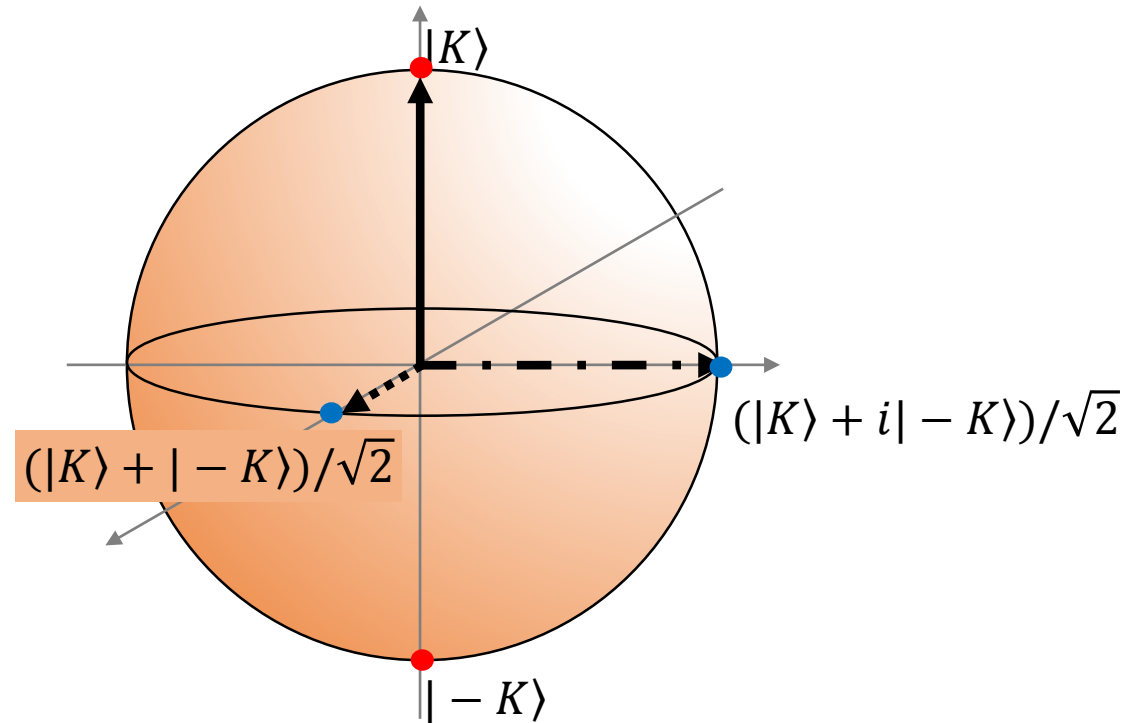
Review: X. Xu, et. al., Nature Physics **10**, 343 (2014)

Valley Coherence Control



Valley Information

Bloch sphere for coherent valley polarization



Write: Polarization-controlled photoexcitation, spin-polarized carrier injection

Read: Photoluminescence, circular dichroism, valley Hall effect

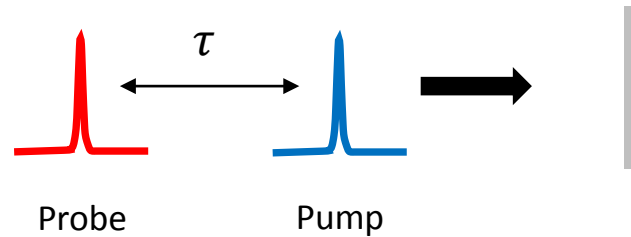
1. Manipulation of valley information?

2. Lifetime of valley information?

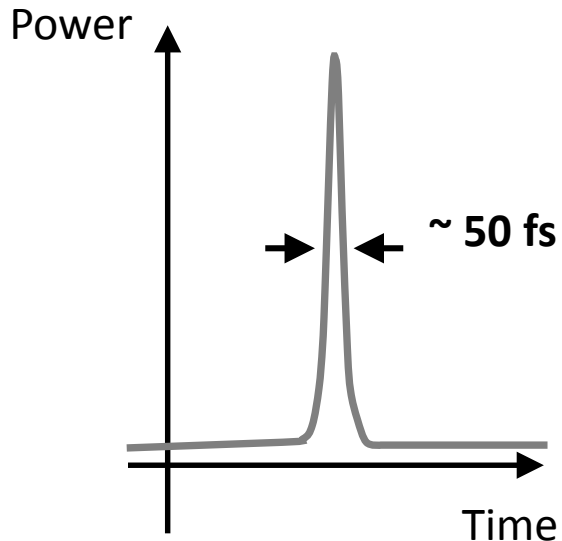
Femtosecond Optics

1. Ultrafast time resolution: fs time resolution

atomic motion : $\Delta t \sim 1 \text{ nm} / 1000 \text{ m/s} = 1 \text{ ps}$



Femtosecond optical pulse



2. Ultra high peak power

peak power : $1 \text{ mJ} / 100 \text{ fs} = 10 \text{ GW}$
(note. 4 GW for nuclear power plant)

Using light to control matter

Nonlinear optical phenomena

3. Ultra broadband tunability

Terahertz, infrared, visible to UV

Free electron
Superconductor

Phonon

Electronic
transition

Photoemission

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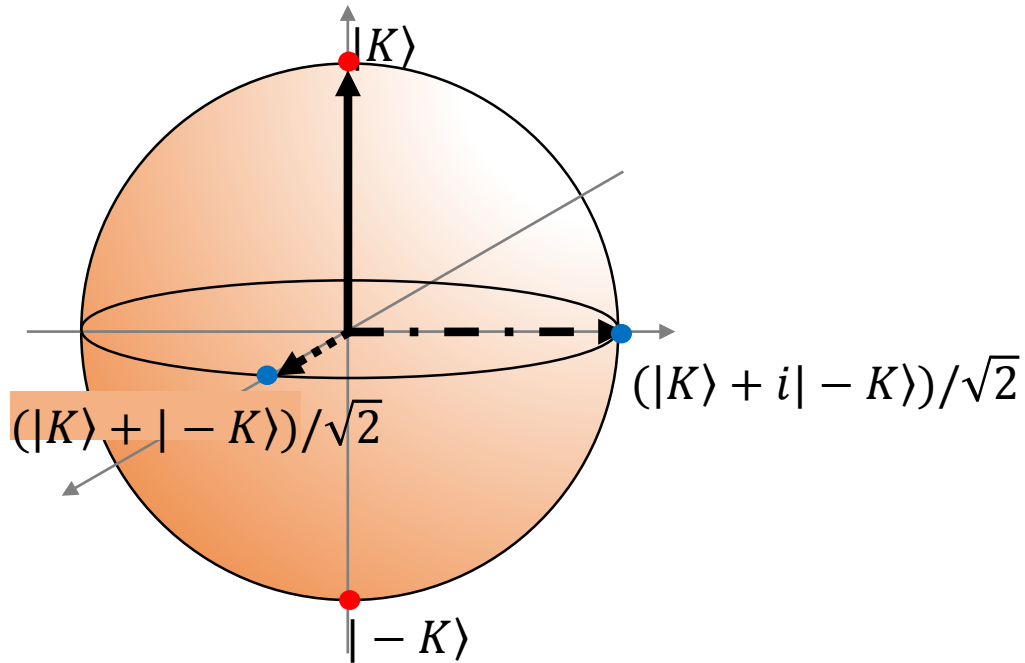
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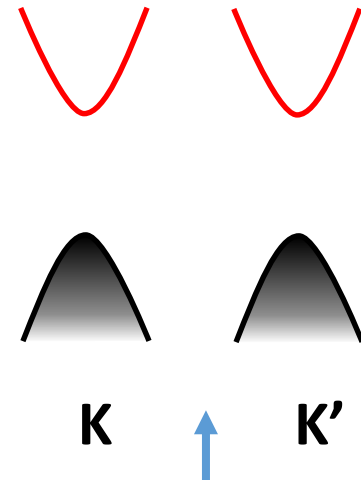
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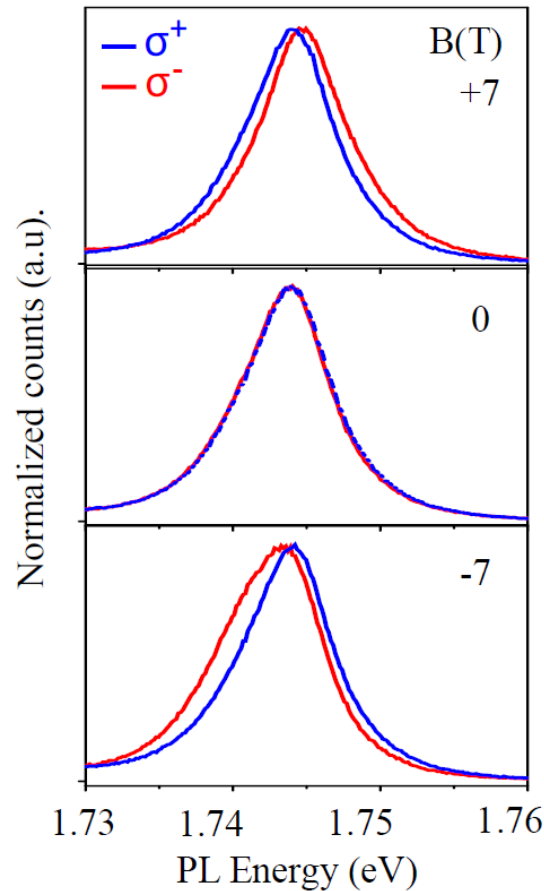


Break valley degeneracy



Spin/Valley Manipulation

Valley Zeeman effect observation



8 T ~ 1 meV

Y. Li, *et. al.*, PRL **113**, 266804 (2014)

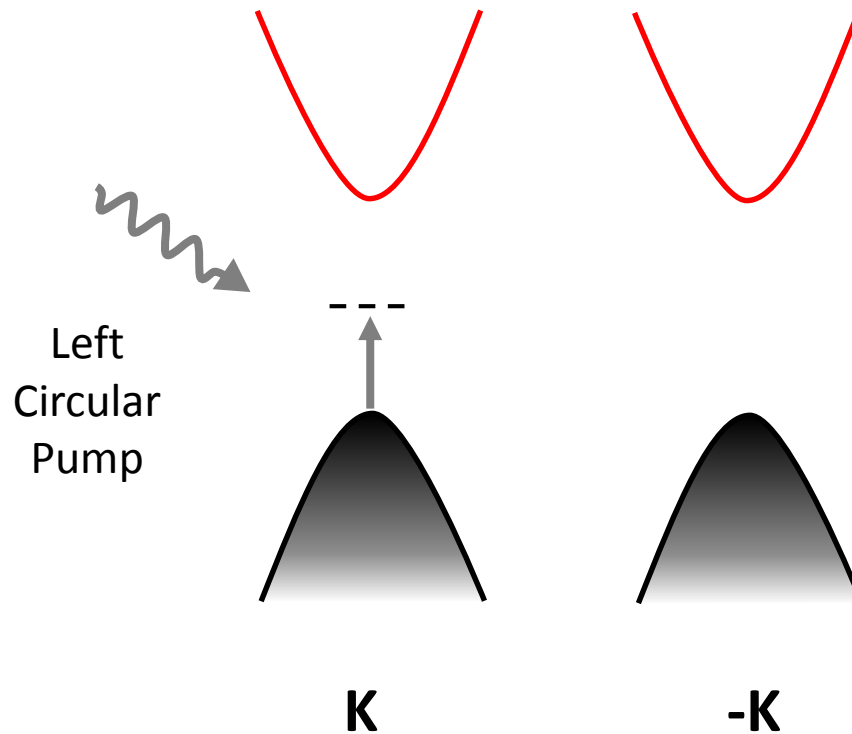
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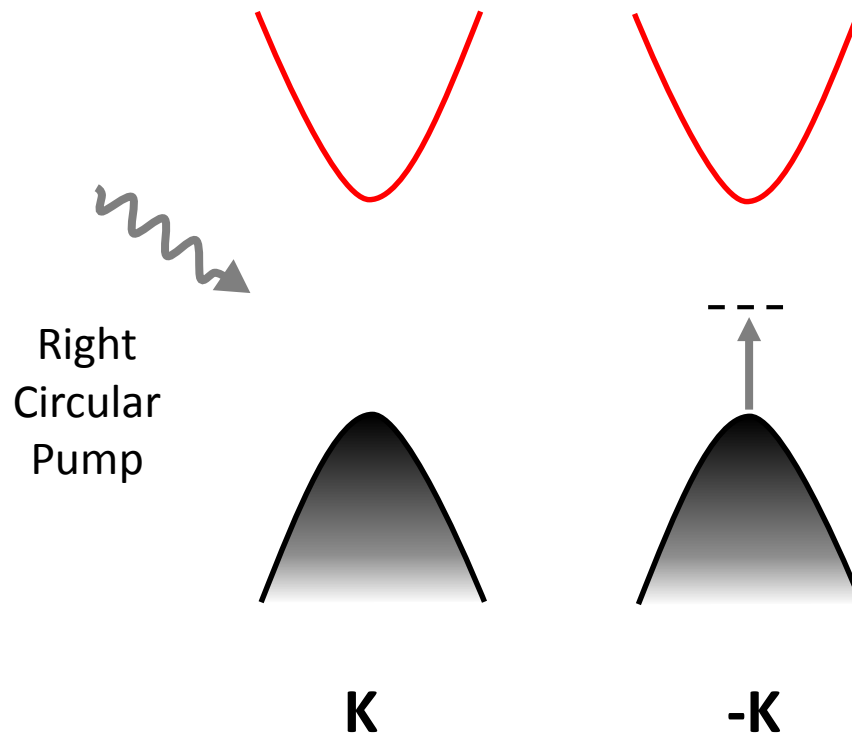
Ultrafast and Efficient Valley Control

Non-resonant femtosecond pulse with circular polarization



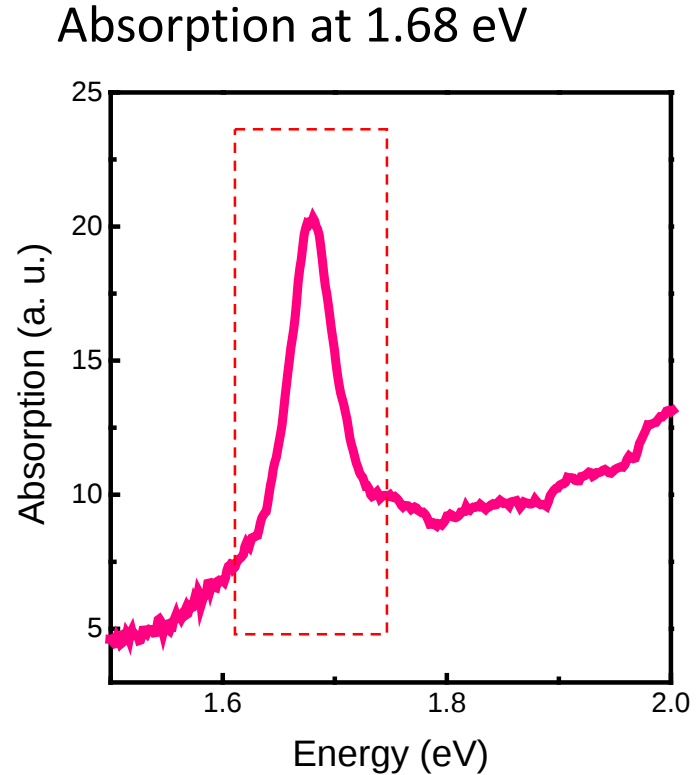
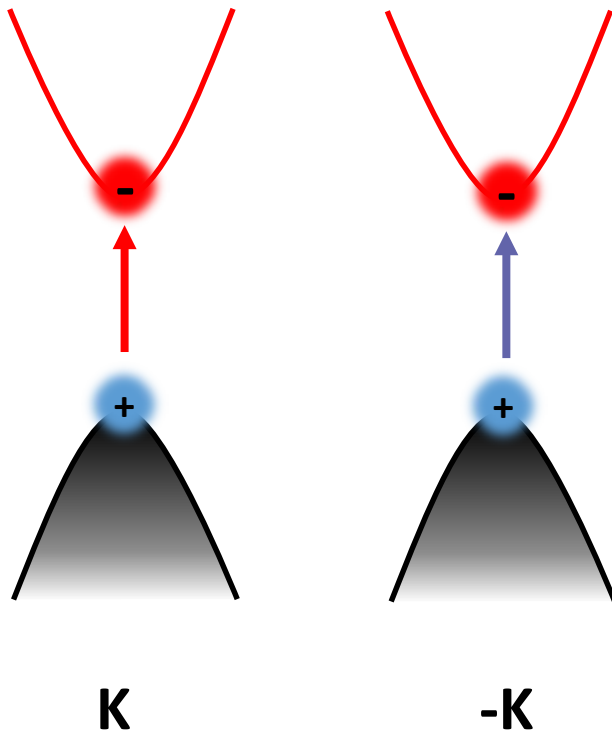
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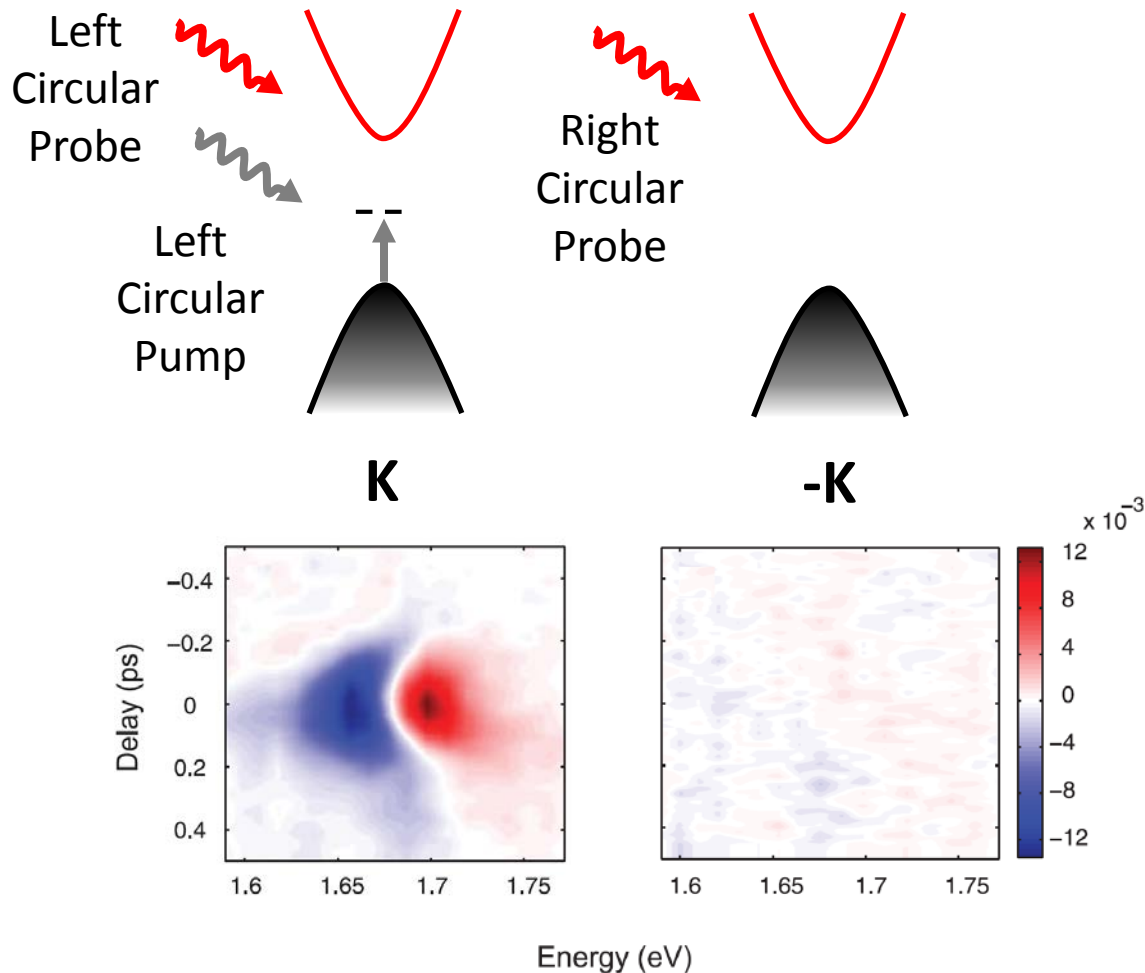


Optical Stark Effect: Pseudomagnetic field (Atomic physics)

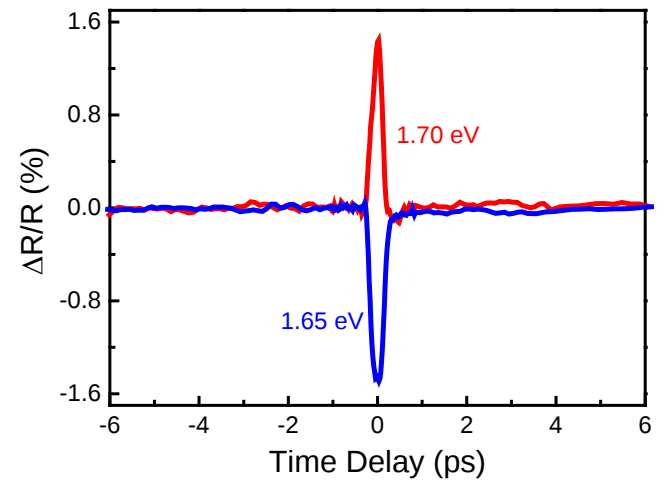
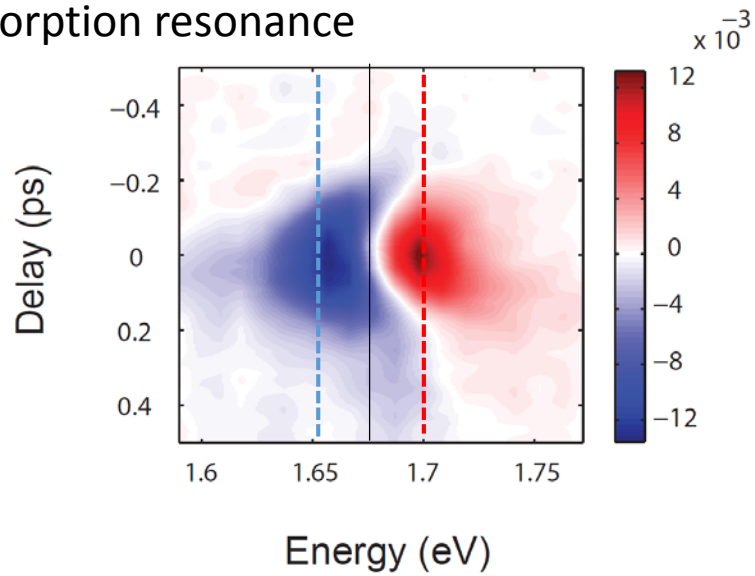
Sample and Absorption Spectrum



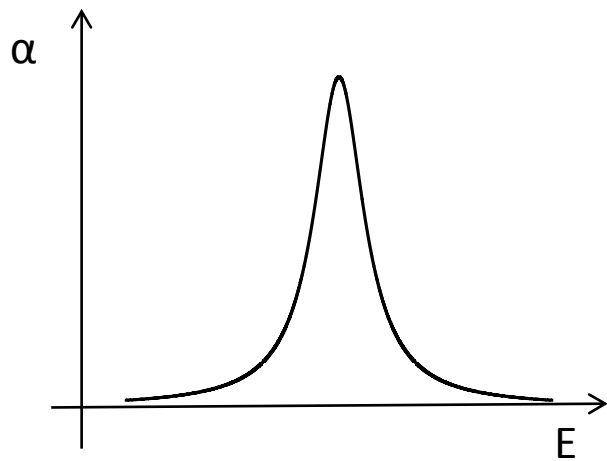
Transient Absorption Spectrum



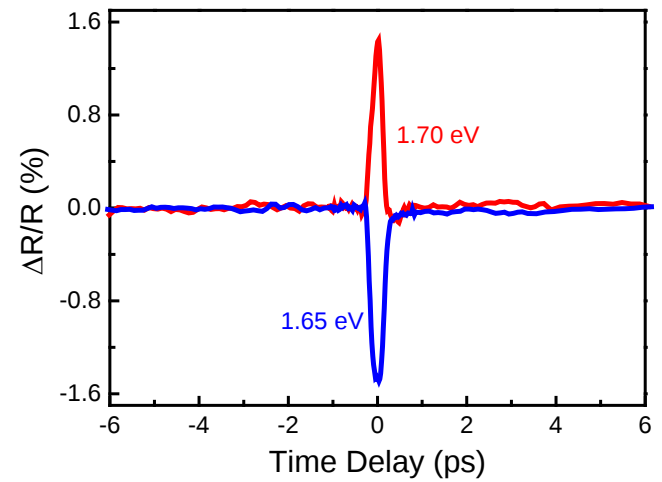
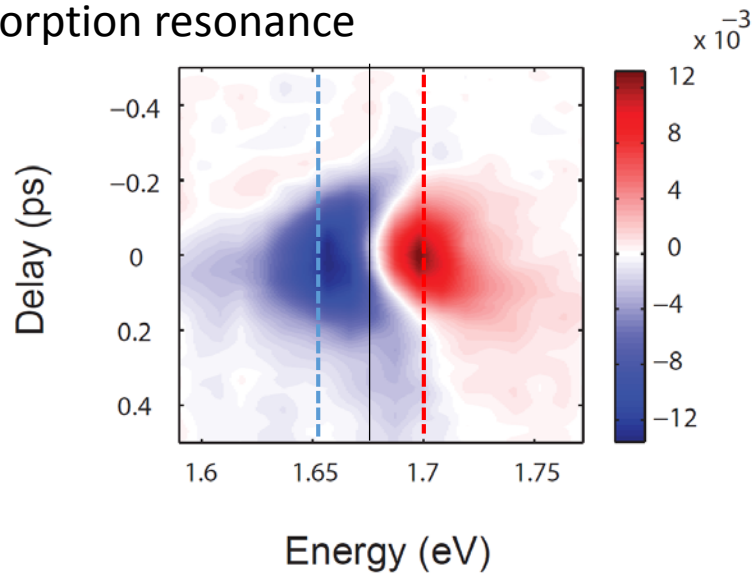
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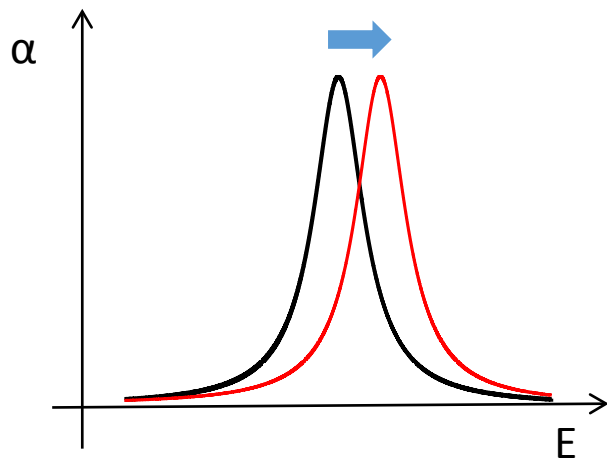
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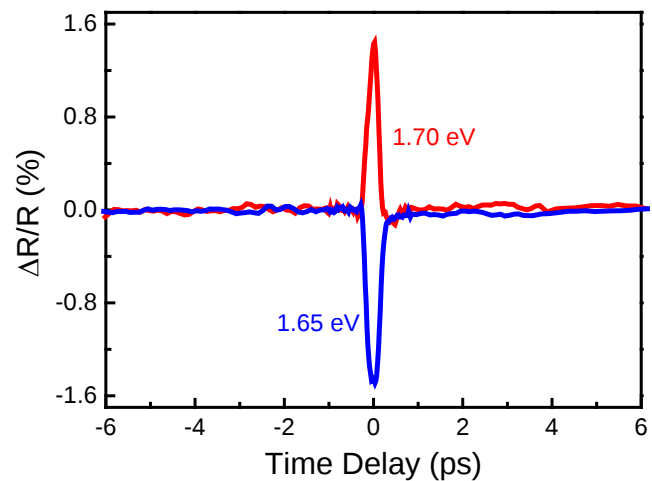
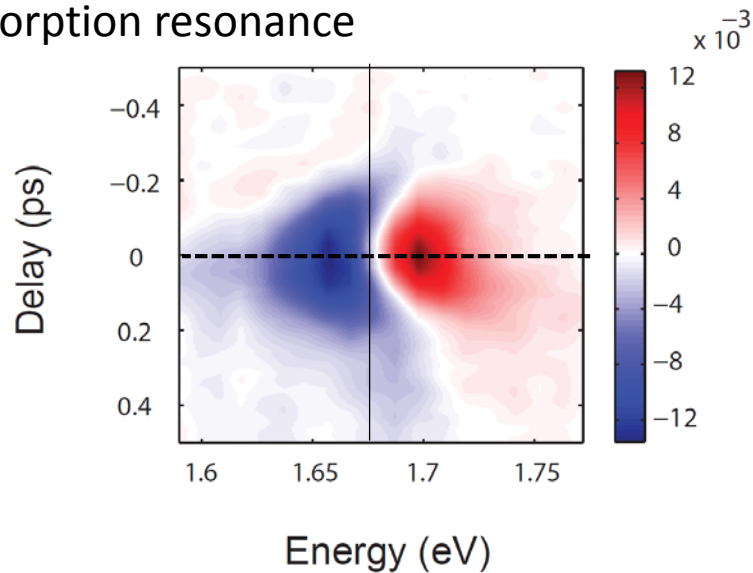
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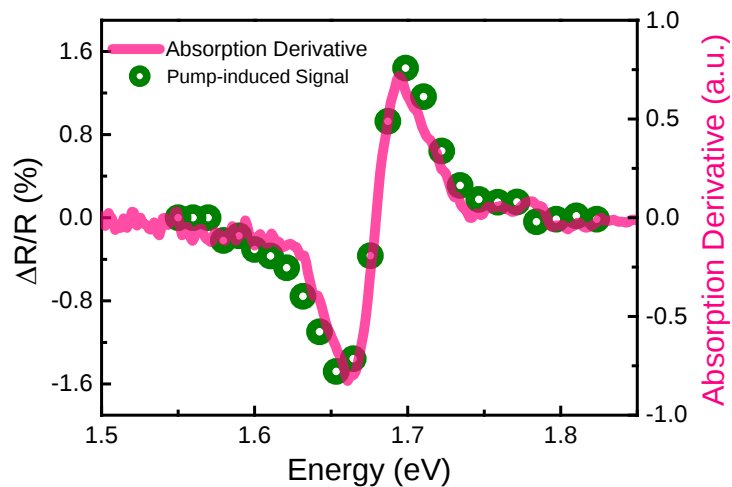
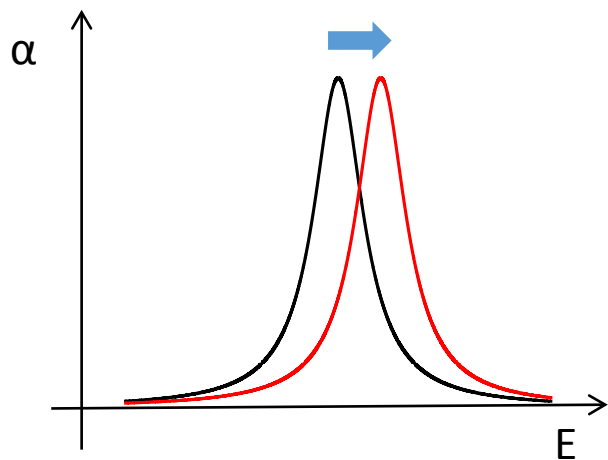
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Energy blueshift : 4 meV

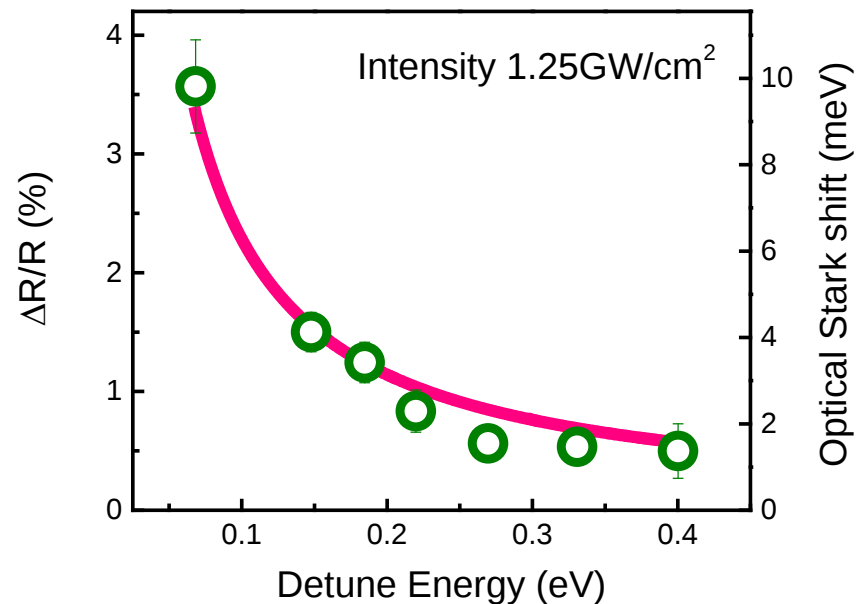
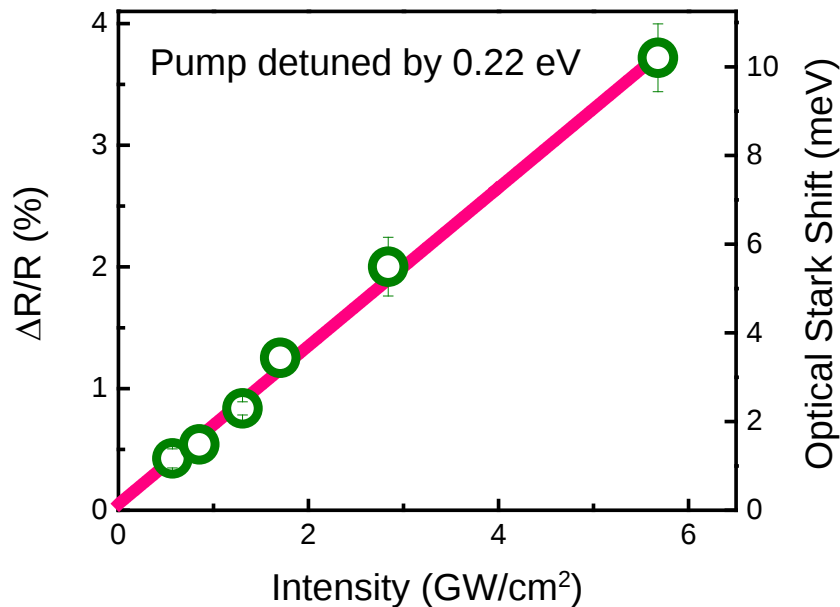
Pump Power and Detuning Dependence

Energy shift : $\delta(\hbar\omega) = \frac{2S \cdot E_p^2}{\hbar\Omega}$

S : optical Stark effect coefficient

E_p : Electric field of pump pulse

Ω : pump energy detuning



Estimation of Pseudo-magnetic Field

Pseudomagnetic field :

$$B_{eff} = \frac{\Delta E}{2g_{ex}\mu_B}$$

g-factor of valley exciton in WSe₂ :

$$g_{ex} \sim 1.5 \text{ (theory)}$$

$$\Delta E = 10 \text{ meV} :$$

$$B_{eff} \sim 60 \text{ T}$$

PRL **113** 266804 (2014)

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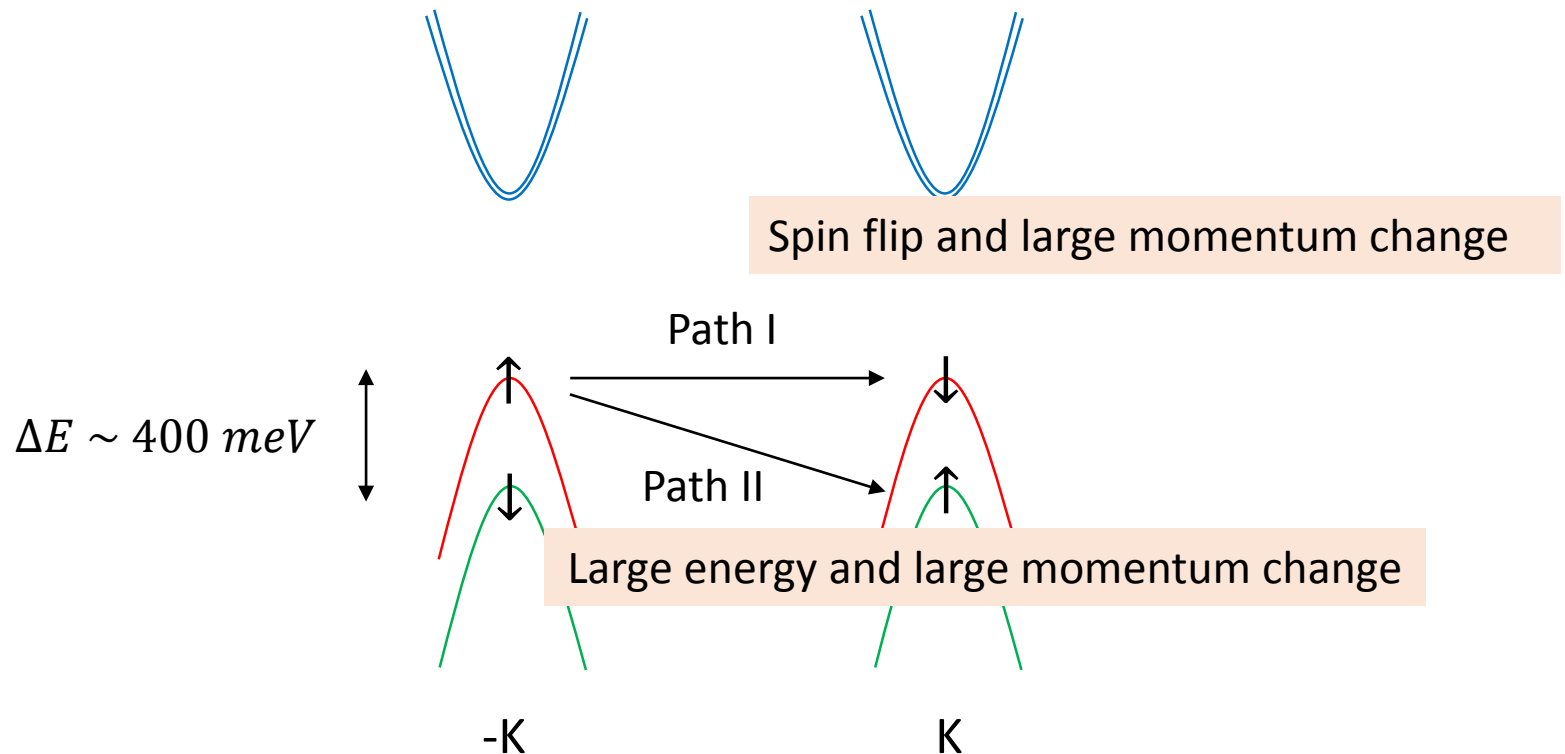
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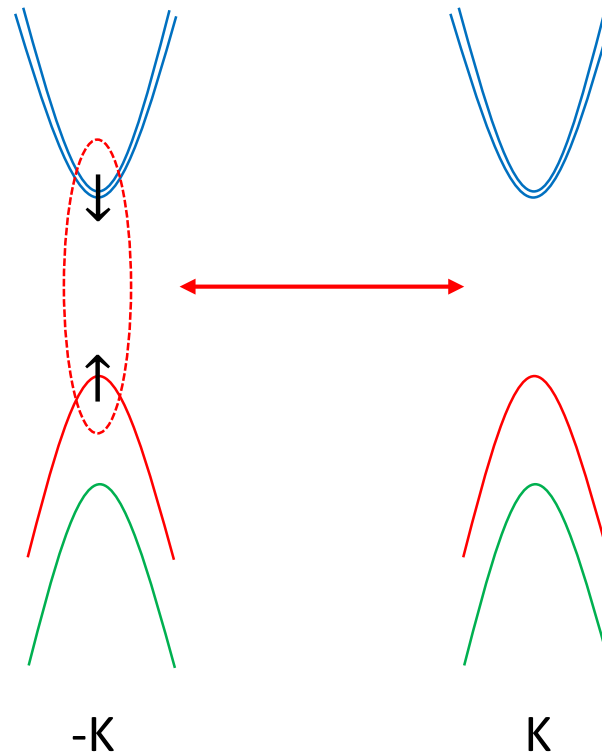
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Exciton flips valley state fast!



Exchange interaction: ~ 300 fsec

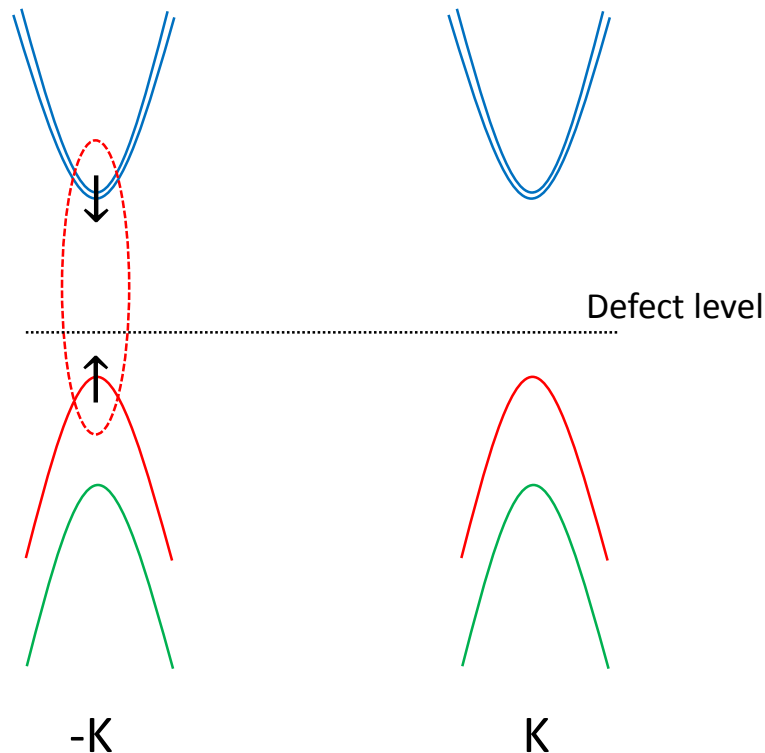
Maialle, Silva and Shan, 1993

Yao group, 2014

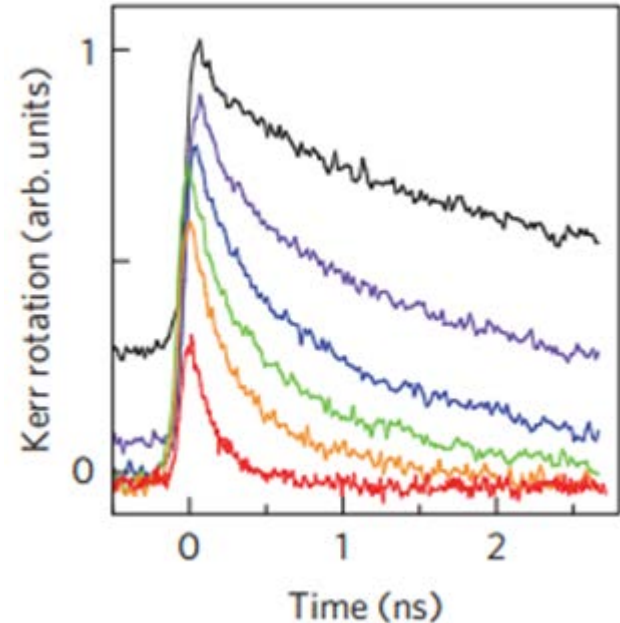
Wu group, 2014

Valley State in 2D TMD

What if we can break exciton and leave only carriers? : Resident carrier



nsec valley lifetime

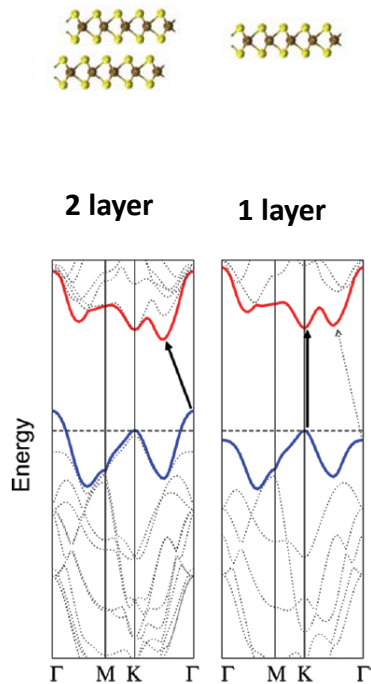


Lifetime limited by defect and low valley polarization

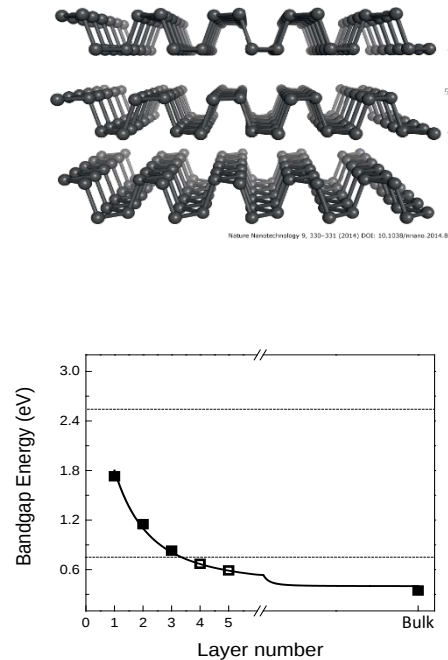
‘Ultrafast’ and ‘intrinsic’ process for exciton dissociation?

Controlling Electronic Structure in vdW crystals

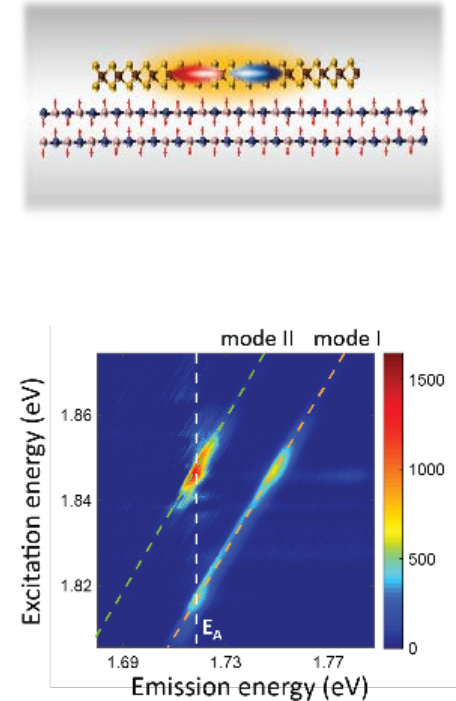
Indirect to direct gap transition
(MoS₂)



Direct bandgap 1.7 – 0.3 eV
(Phosphorene)



Interlayer electron-phonon
Interaction (WSe₂/hBN)



A. Splendiani, **J. Kim** et. al. *Nano Lett.* **10**, 1271 (2010)

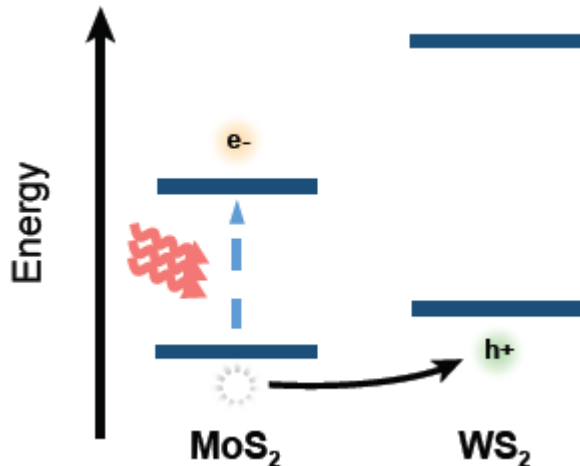
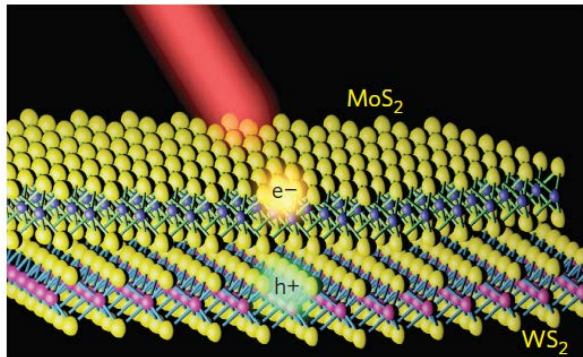
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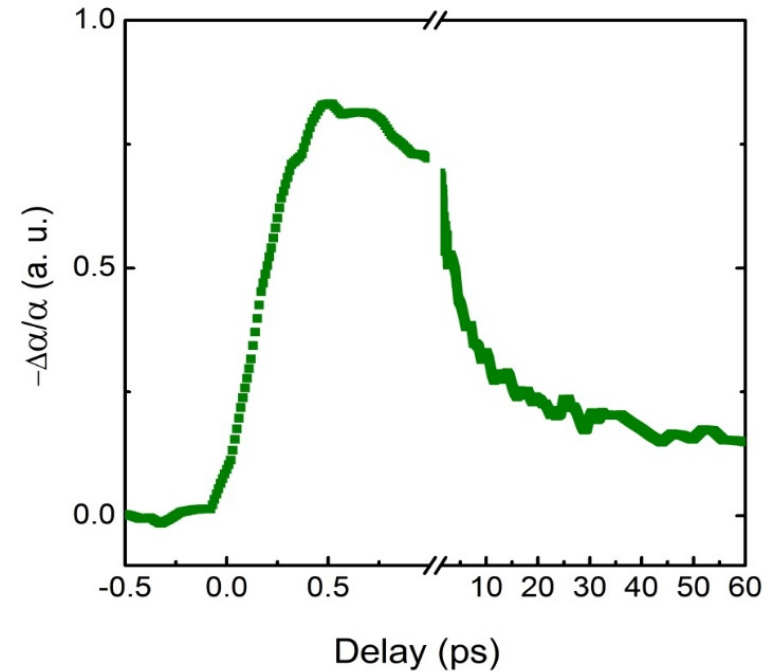
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Controlling Carrier Dynamics

Ultrafast charge separation in TMD heterostructure

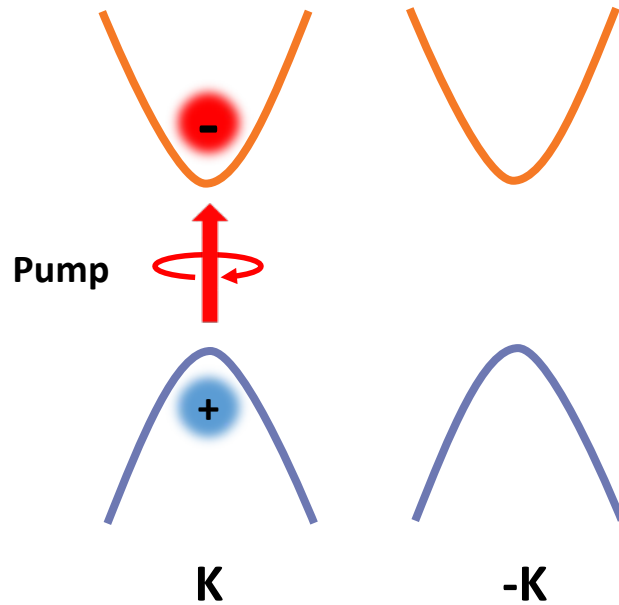


Charge transfer dynamics

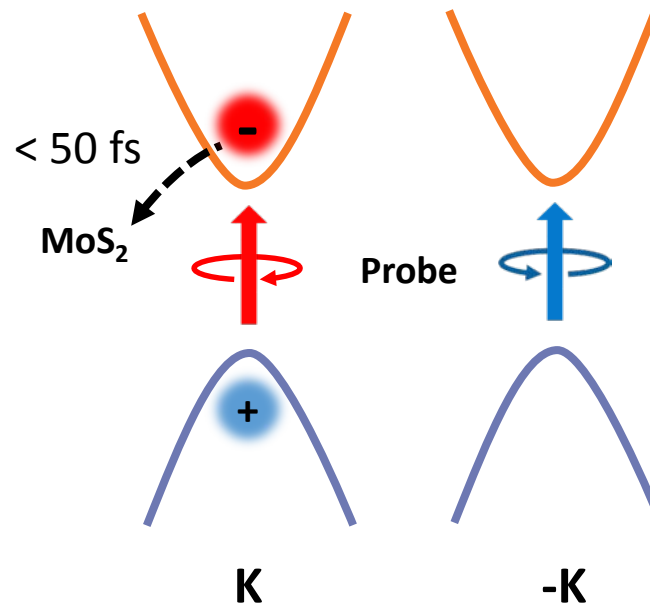


Charge transfer time < 50 fs

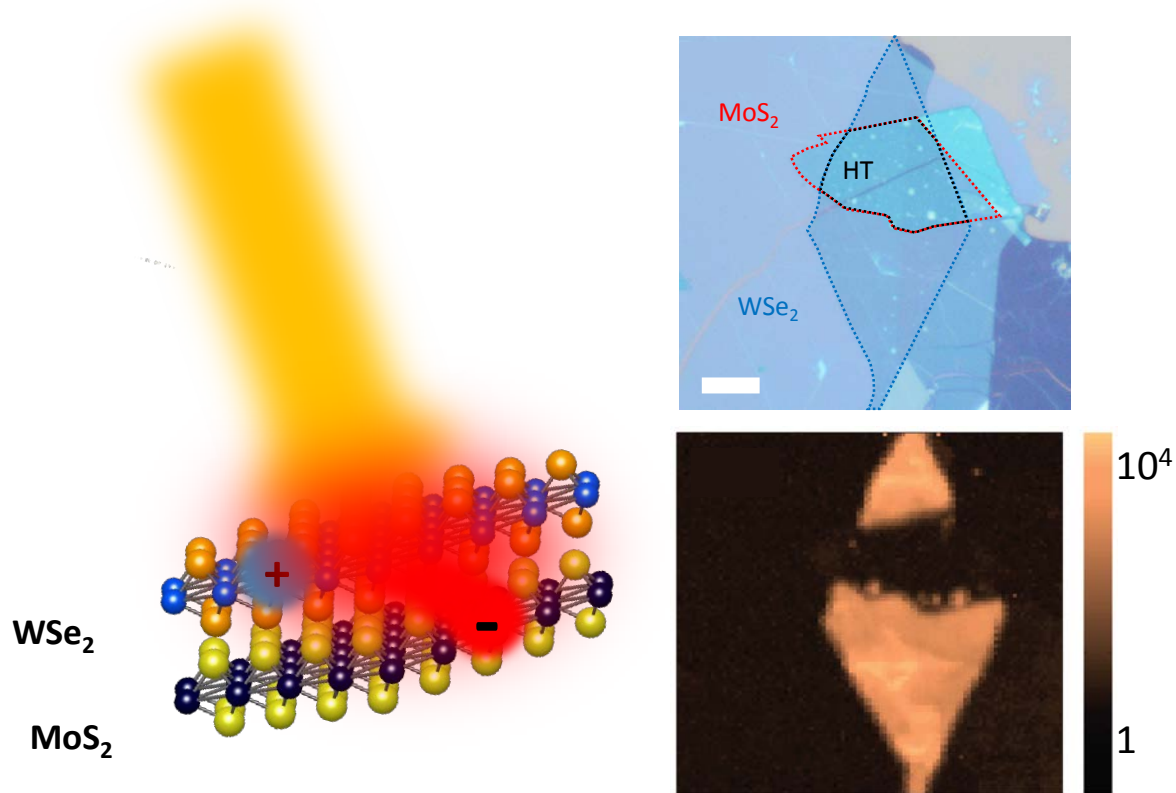
Generation of Valley-Polarized Holes



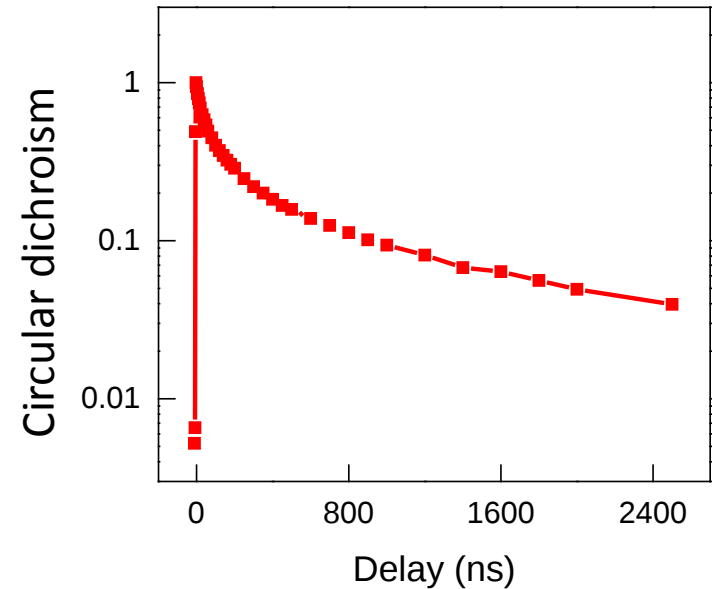
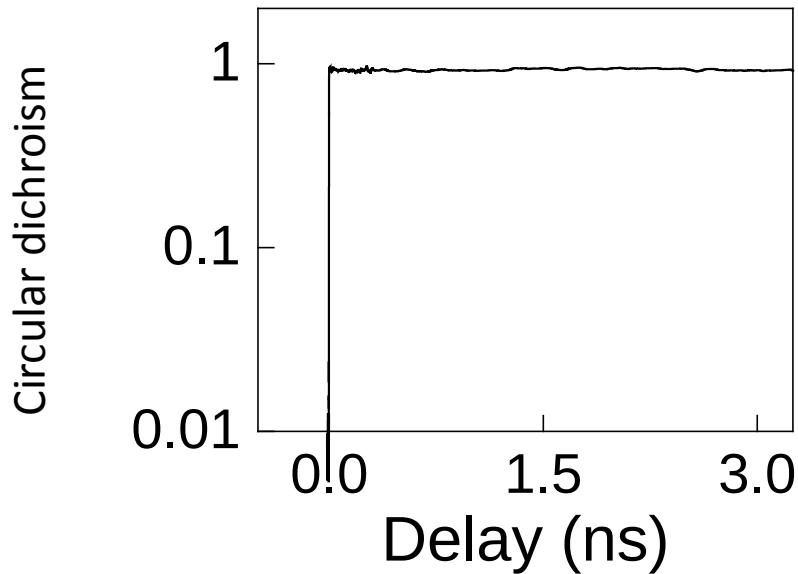
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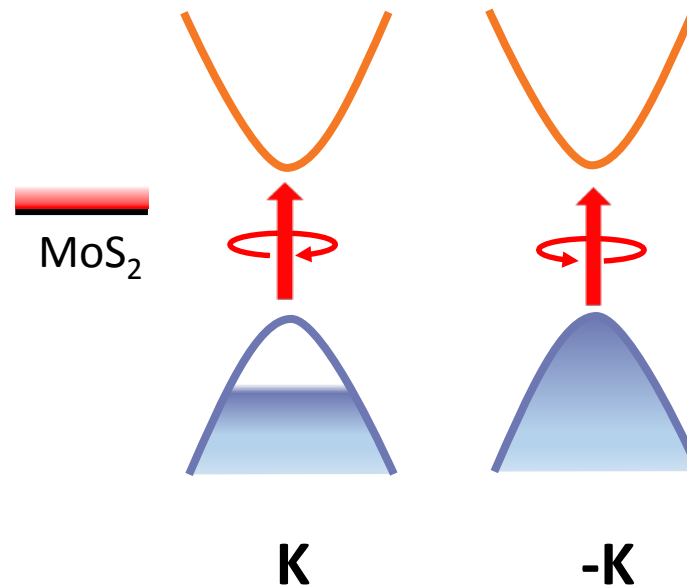


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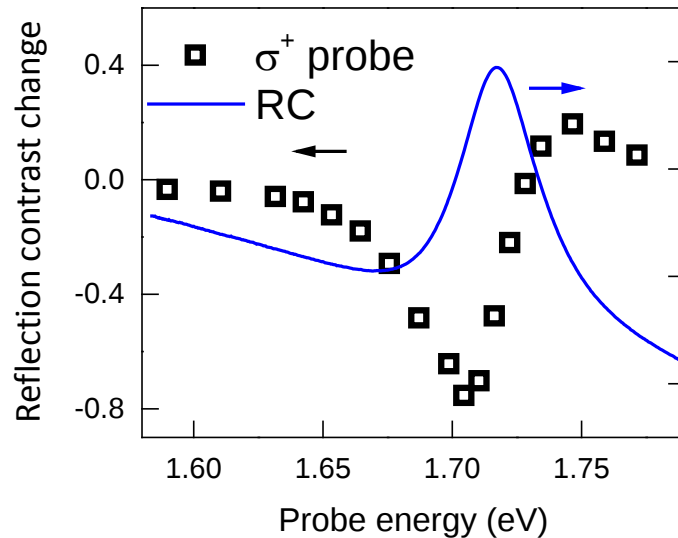
Microsecond valley lifetime! : Orders of magnitude longer than previous report

Valley Polarization Analysis

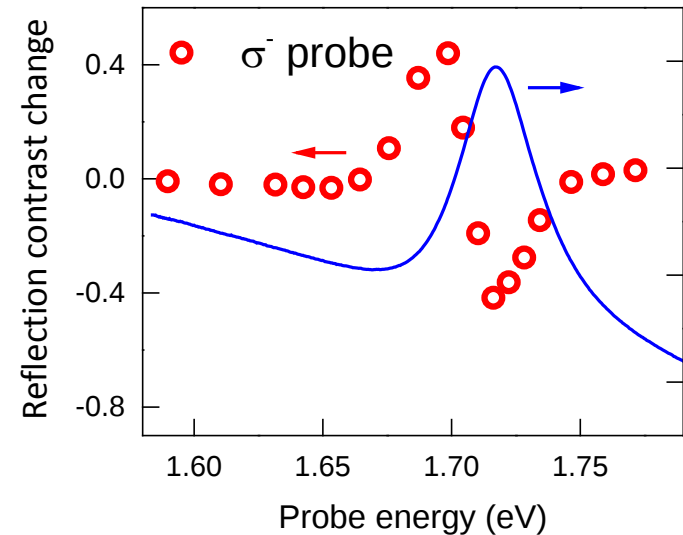


Carrier population at a valley induces “oscillator strength decrease”.

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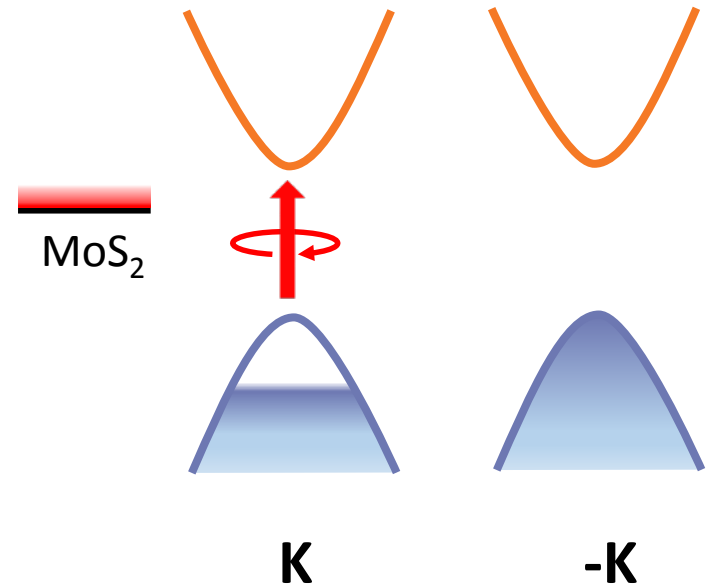
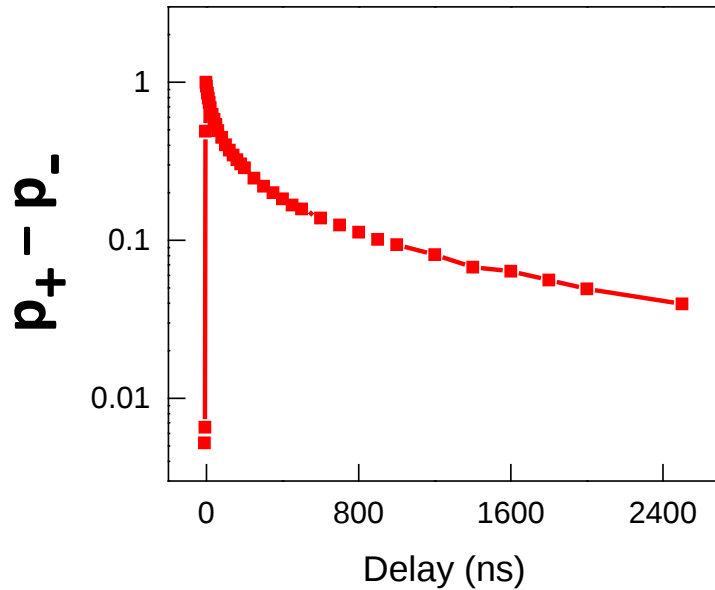
Large oscillator strength decrease



Pure resonance shift

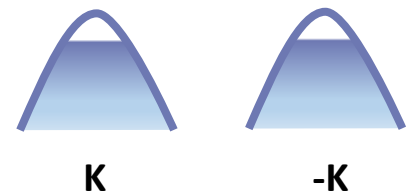
Oscillator strength decrease occurs only at K valley: 100 % valley polarization

Valley Relaxation Mechanism

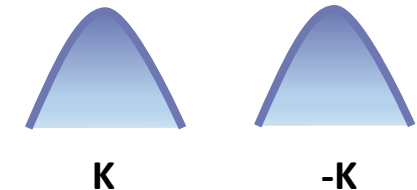


$p_+ - p_- = 0$ means:

1) Intervalley scattering:

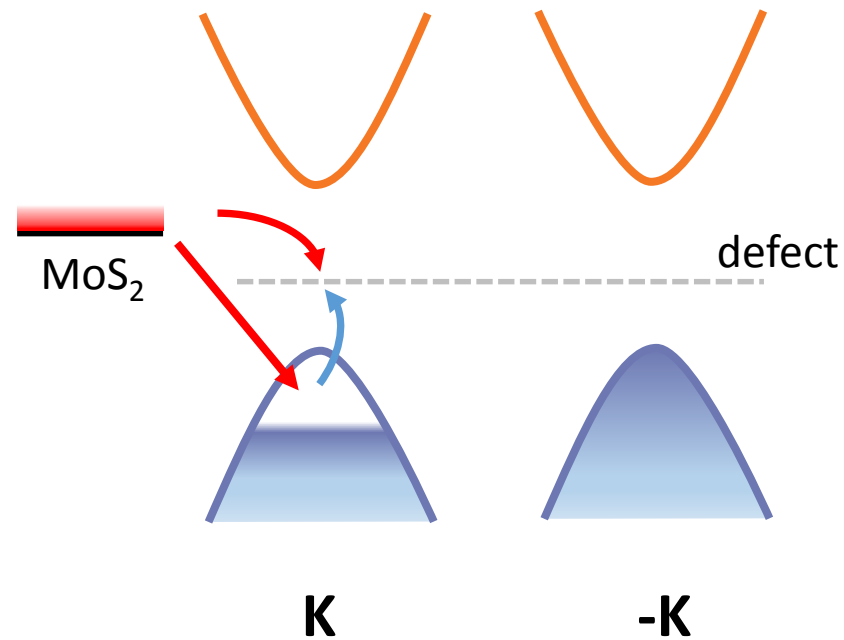
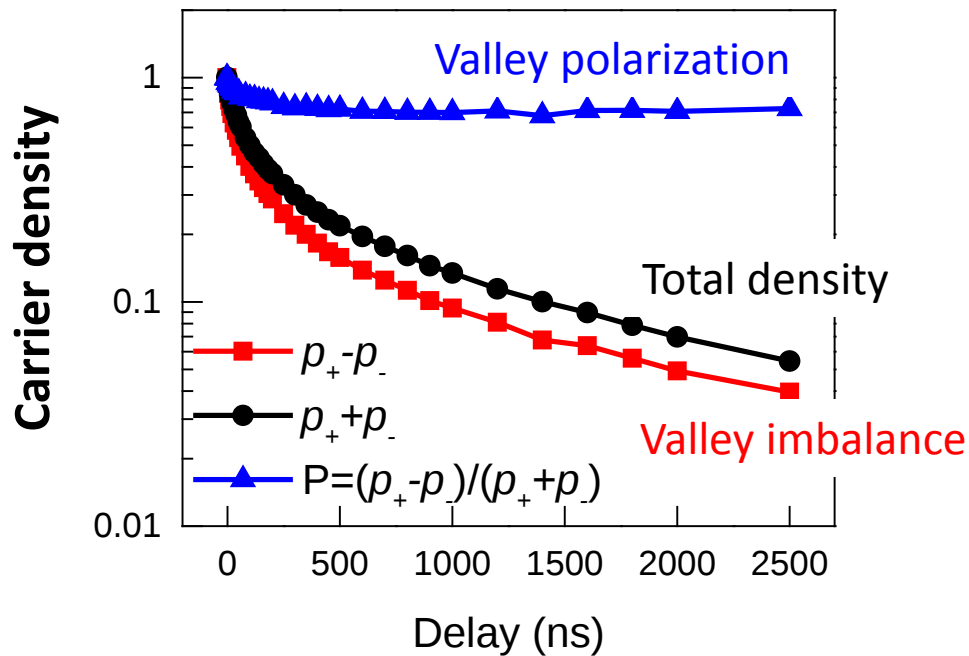


2) Population relaxation:



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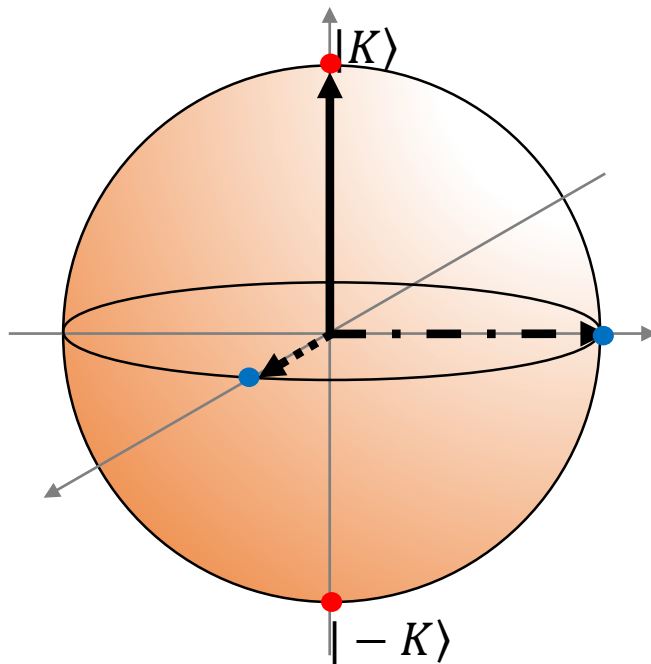
Population relaxation dominates valley relaxation



Intervalley scattering rate > 40 microsecond!

Summary

Valley state in 2D TMD: Novel information carrier



1. Valley state manipulation

Optical Stark effect:

Ultrafast pseudomagnetic field > 60 T

2. Valley lifetime

Ultrafast charge transfer

process in TMD heterostructure:

Lifetime > 1 us (can be longer than 40 us)

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