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Inversion Symmetry



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Valley Physics in 2D Materials

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Spin and pseudospins in layered transition metal dichalcogenides

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| Table 1 Internal degree of freedom of Bloch electrons in 2D hexagonal | |
|---|--|
| crystals and the associated physical phenomena. | |

| | Spin | Valley pseudospin | Layer pseudospin |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Magnetic moment | \checkmark | \checkmark | |
| Hall effect | \checkmark | × | |
| Optical selection rule | \checkmark | (\lambda | |
| Electrical polarization | | | \checkmark |

Broken Inversion Symmetry

⇒ Valley contrasting properties (spin texture, Berry curvature)







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Valley magnetoelectricity in single-layer MoS₂

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Key Challenges



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Spin- & Angle-resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy







Band-structures - Synchrotron ARPES on TMDCs





Valley Polarization in 2D TMDCs





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Valley Polarization in TMDCs





Lab-based ARPES/SARPES in IMRE (A*STAR)

ADVANCED PHOTOELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY lab (B2-07 Synthesis Bld) (Since Sept 2016)





- 1. UFO transfer chamber
- 2. Preparation chamber
- 3. Analysis chamber

- UHV
- 11 300 K
- ARPES: 20 meV resolution
- SARPES: 150 meV resolution



ARPES/SARPES Capabilities in IMRE







Home-built CDPL System



Degree of Circular Polarization (DOCP, ρ)

$$\rho = \frac{I(\sigma^+) - I(\sigma^-)}{I(\sigma^+) + I(\sigma^-)}$$

 $I(\sigma^{+})$: Intensity of co-polarized emission $I(\sigma^{-})$: Intensity of counter-polarized emission

- ≻ Home-built
- Continuous Wave laser (λ= 594nm, 2.087 eV)
- Spot size 4 µm
- Power: 30 μW-100 μW



PL and CDPL in Monolayer WSe₂





Circular Dichoric PL



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Anomalous WS₂

Anomalously robust valley polarization and valley coherence in bilayer WS₂

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We report the observation of anomalously robust valley polarization and valley coherence in bilayer WS₂. The polarization of the photoluminescence from bilayer WS₂ follows that of the excitation source with both circular and linear polarization, and remains even at room temperature. The near-unity circular polarization of the indices is taken into account. Note that the spin-valley coupling strength in WS₂ is around 0.4 eV (the counterpart in MoS₂ ~ 0.16 eV), which is significantly higher than the interlayer hopping energy (~0.1 eV); the interlayer coupling at K and K' valleys in WS₂ is greatly suppressed as indicated in Fig. 1B (7, 9). Consequently,





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Hidden spin polarization in inversion-symmetric bulk crystals

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Compensated (hidden) spin polarization: R-2 and D-2 effects (**Fig. 1c**). These can arise in crystal structures where inversion symmetry is present in the bulk space group, but not in the site point groups (Fig. 1c). This is the case when the individual sites carry either a local dipole field (for R-2) or a site inversion asymmetric crystal field (for D-2). A combination of a bulk centrosymmetric



R2-D2 "Hidden" Local Spin Polarizations in Bulk Centrosymmetric Crystals

| Bulk symmetry: | a Centrosymmetric | b Non-centrosymmetric (bulk inversion asymmetry) | | c Centrosymmetric | |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Site symmetry: | Inversion symmetry | Dipole field | Inversion asymmetry | Dipole field | Inversion asymmetry |
| Symmetry schematic: | | Site diagle field | • Site inversion | Site directe field | |
| Effect/ consequence: | Absence of spin splitting and spin polarization | induced net spin polarization | Site inversion asymmetry induced net spin polarization | induced spin polarization compensated by its inversion counterpart | Site inversion asymmetry induced spin polarization compensated by its inversion counterpart |
| Name: | | R-1 | D-1 | R-2 | D-2 |

gure 1 | The three classes of spin polarization in nonmagnetic bulk crystals. a, Absence of coir olarization in centrosymmetric crystals if all atomic sites e inversion symmetric. As the local environment (crystit coupling induced spin plarization the total (e dipole field or the site ion with a non-centrosymmetric space group, these local version asymmetry le arization (R-2 and D-2 effects); a local fects produce bulk R ts, respectively. **c**, Compensated (Indiren) but te dipole field or the site inversion asymmetry leads to In combination with a effects, respectively. Here the spin polarization from entrosymmetric space group, the partners, but is readily visible when the results from individual sectors are observed. ich sector is concealed by compe

"Hidden" Spin Polarizations in Bulk TMDCs

| Site point group | Non-ce | Centrosymmetric (all sites) | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| | Non-polar (all sites) $(D_2, D_3, D_4, D_6, S_4, D_2, C_2, D_2, T, T_4, O)$ | Polar (at le (C ₁ , C ₂ , C ₃ , C ₄ , C ₆ , C | $(C_i, C_{2h}, D_{2h}, C_{4h}, D_{4h}, S_6, D_{3d}, C_{6h}, D_{6h}, T_h, O_h)$ | |
| Bulk space group | - 2a' - 3n' - 3n' - ' a' - ' | Dipoles add up to zero | Dipoles add up to non-zero | |
| Non-centrosymmetric (for example, F43m) | a D-1 Example: GaAs, ZrCoBi | b D-1 Example: γ-LiAlO ₂ | c R-1 & D-1 Example: BiTel, α-SnTe | Not possible (Site point group cannot be centrosymmetric if space group is non-centrosymmetric) |
| Centrosymmetric (for example, Rउॅंm) | d D-2 Example: Si, NaCaBi | e R-2 & D-2 Example: MoS ₂ , Bi ₂ Se ₃ , LaOBiS ₂ MOS ₂ | | f Absence of spin polarization Example: β-SnTe |



Light in the valley?

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The circular polarization (CP) that the photoluminescence inherits from the excitation source in n monolayers of transition-metal dichalcogenides $(MX_2)_n$ has been previously explained as a special feature of *odd* values of n, where the inversion symmetry is absent. This "valley polarization" effect results from the fact that, in the absence of inversion symmetry, charge carriers in different band valleys could be selectively excited by different circular polarized light. Although several experiments observed CP in centrosymmetric MX_2 systems, e.g., for bilayer MX_2 , they were dismissed as being due to some extrinsic sample irregularities. Here we show that also for n = even, where inversion symmetry is present and valley polarization physics is strictly absent, such intrinsic selectivity in CP is to be expected on the basis of fundamental spin-orbit physics. First-principles calculations of CP predict significant polarization for n = 2 bilayers; from 69% in MoS₂ to 93% in WS₂. This realization could broaden the range of materials to be considered as CP sources.



Re-Learning Valley Polarization in TMDCs

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Circular Dichoric PL in MoS₂ due to R2-D2?



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Layer spin polarization in centrosymmetric TMDC single crystal: The case of bulk WS₂



Detecting 1st Layer Spin Polarization

WS₂ SARPES @ 300K



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CDPL: Valley Polarization in WS2 mono- & multi-layers



> p increases with T, highest observed at ~150 K
> p decreases for T > 150 K, but up to ~40% remains at 300 K

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Expectations vs Observations

| Expectation for Valley Polarization | Observation/New understanding |
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| ONLY if inversion symmetry broken | YES for MoS ₂ (CDPL: 2012) NO for WS ₂ (CDPL: 2015, 2017) NO for MoS ₂ , WSe ₂ (SARPES: 2014, 2016, 2017) NO , local SOC dominates (Theory: 2015) |
| Quenched at high T (inter-valley scattering) | YES for MoS ₂ and WSe ₂ in most studies NO for WS ₂ , in fact >70% for 4ML or more at 300K (2017) |
| Reduced as number of layers increases (inter-layer scattering) | YES for MoS ₂ (CDPL: 2012) NO for MoS ₂ , WSe ₂ (SARPES: 2014, 2016, 2017) NO for WS ₂ , apparent correlation with bandgap decrease with number of layers (CDPL 2017) |





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