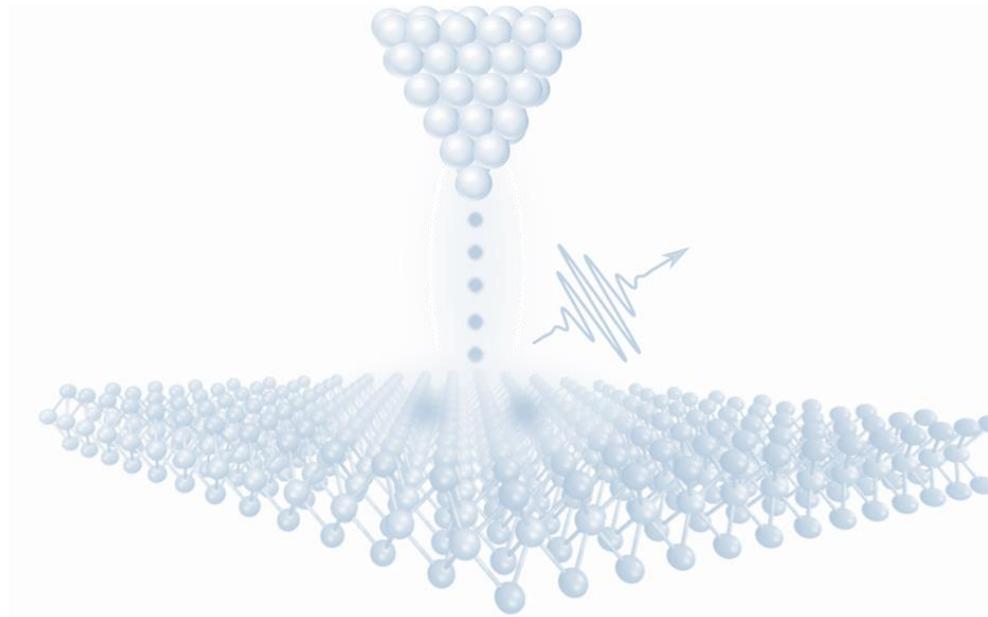


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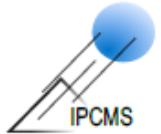
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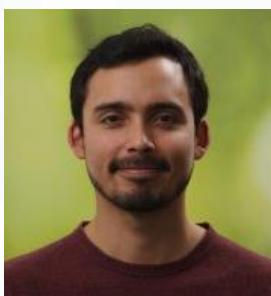
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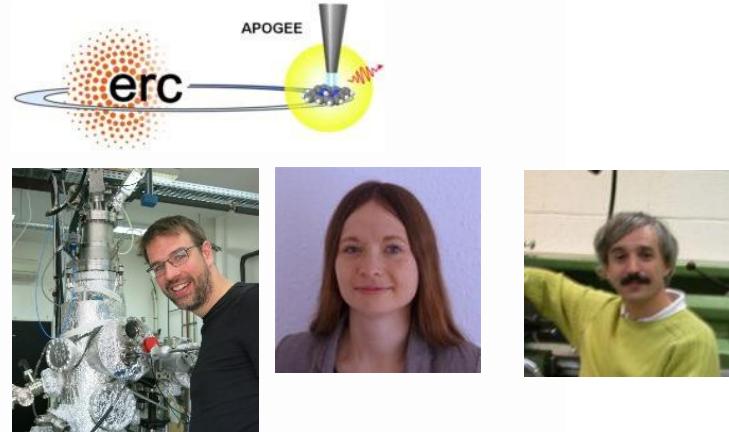
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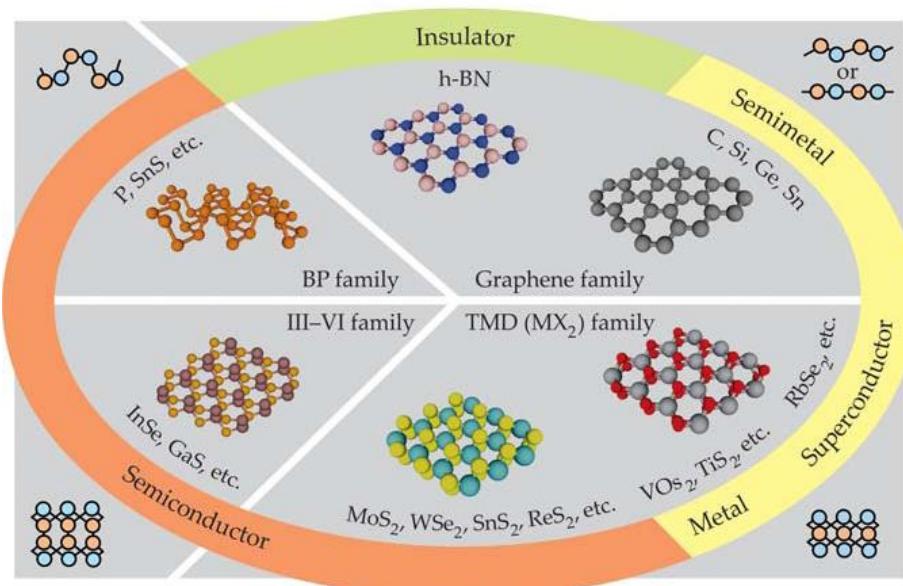
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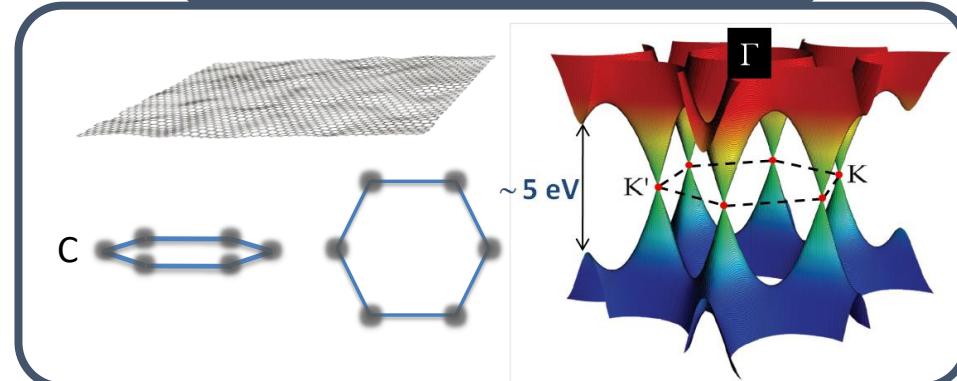
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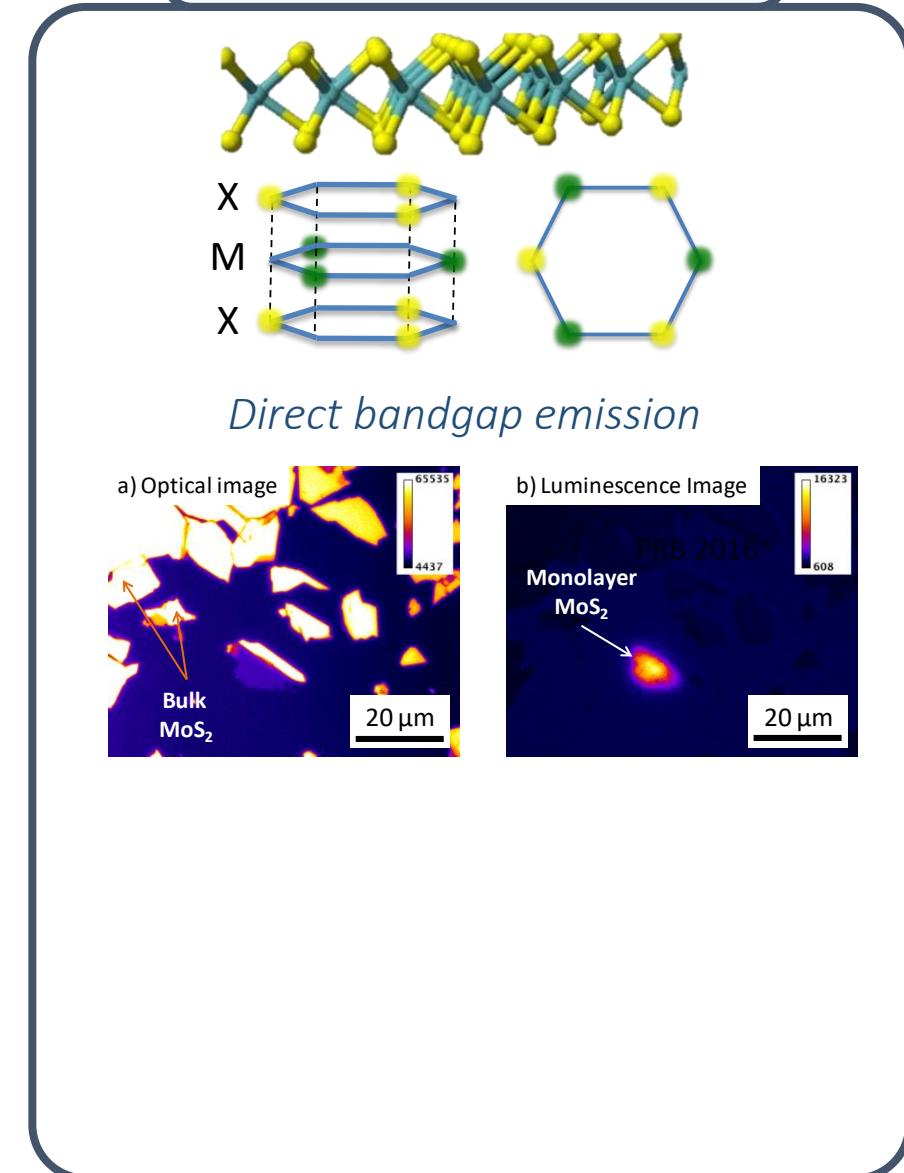
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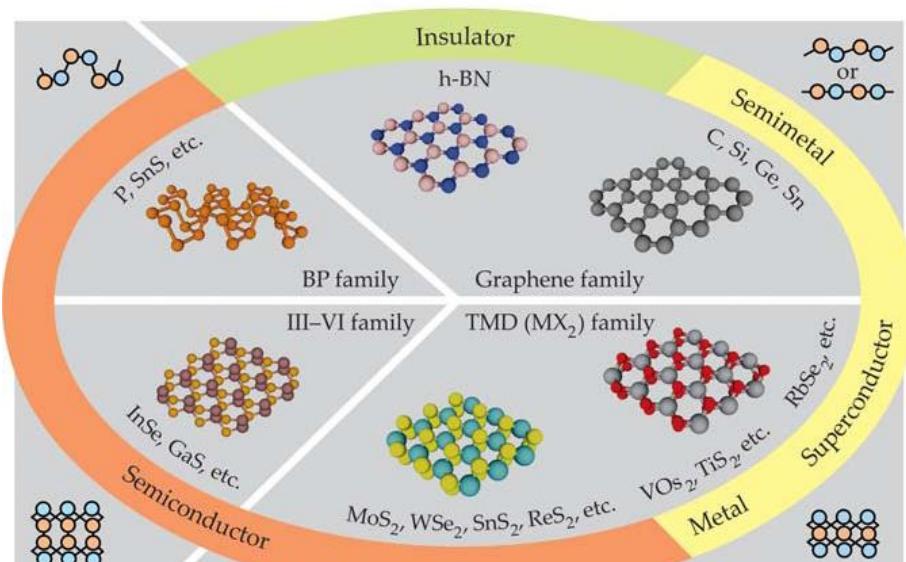
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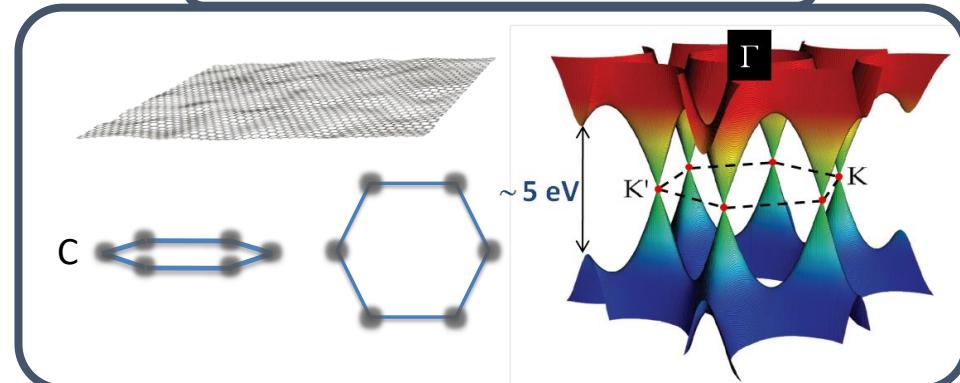


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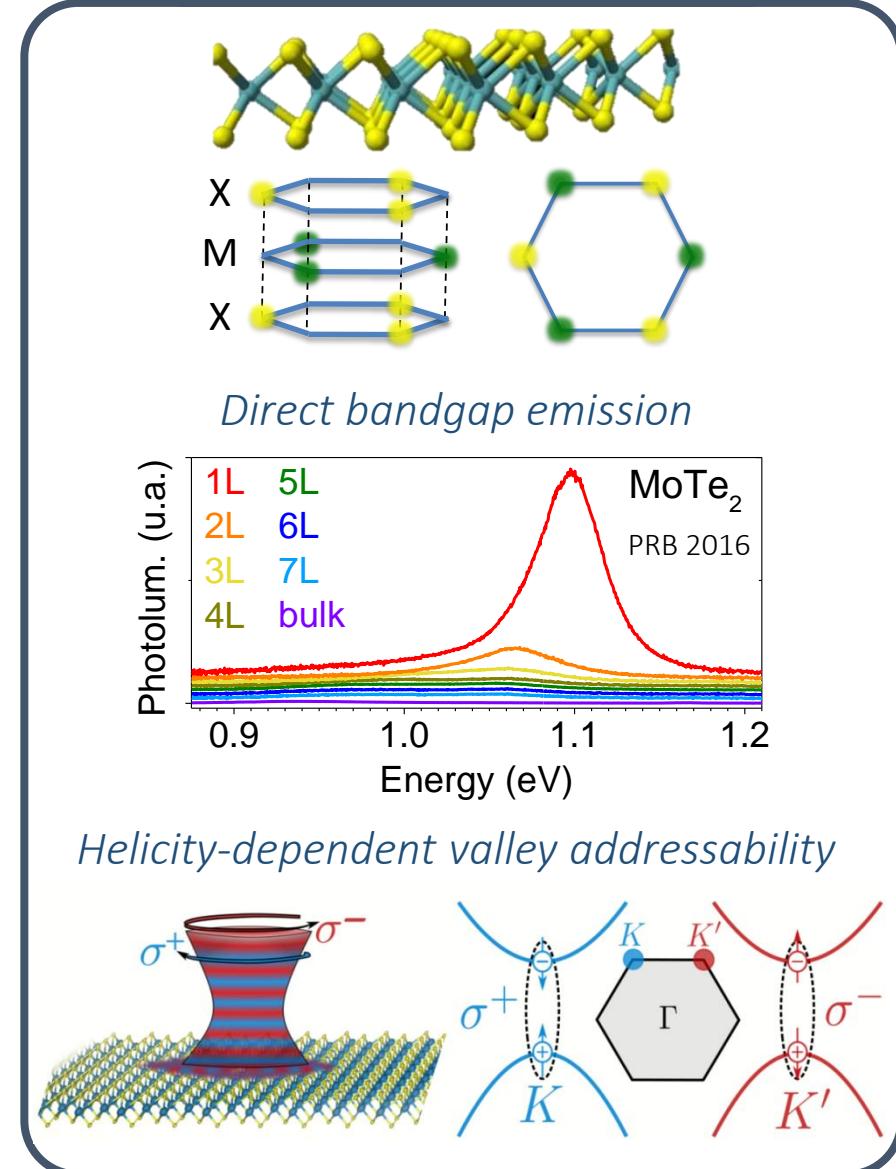


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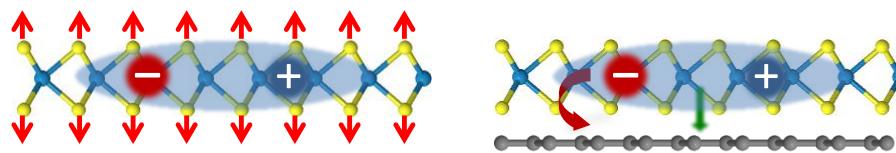
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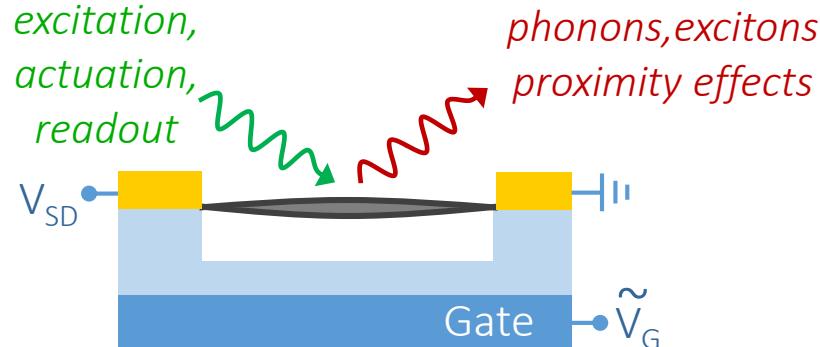
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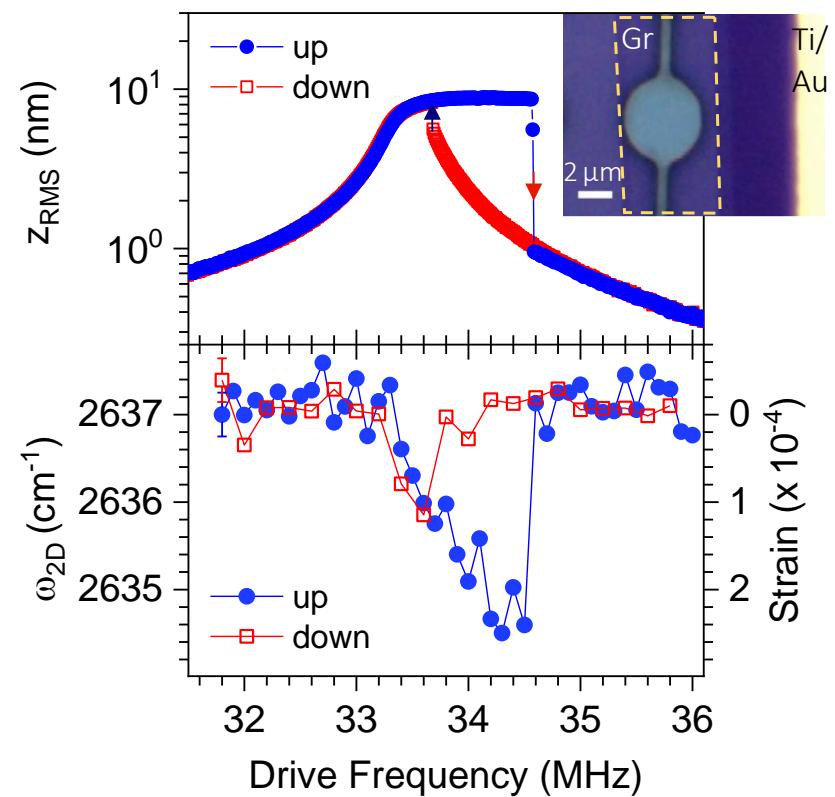
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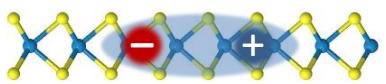


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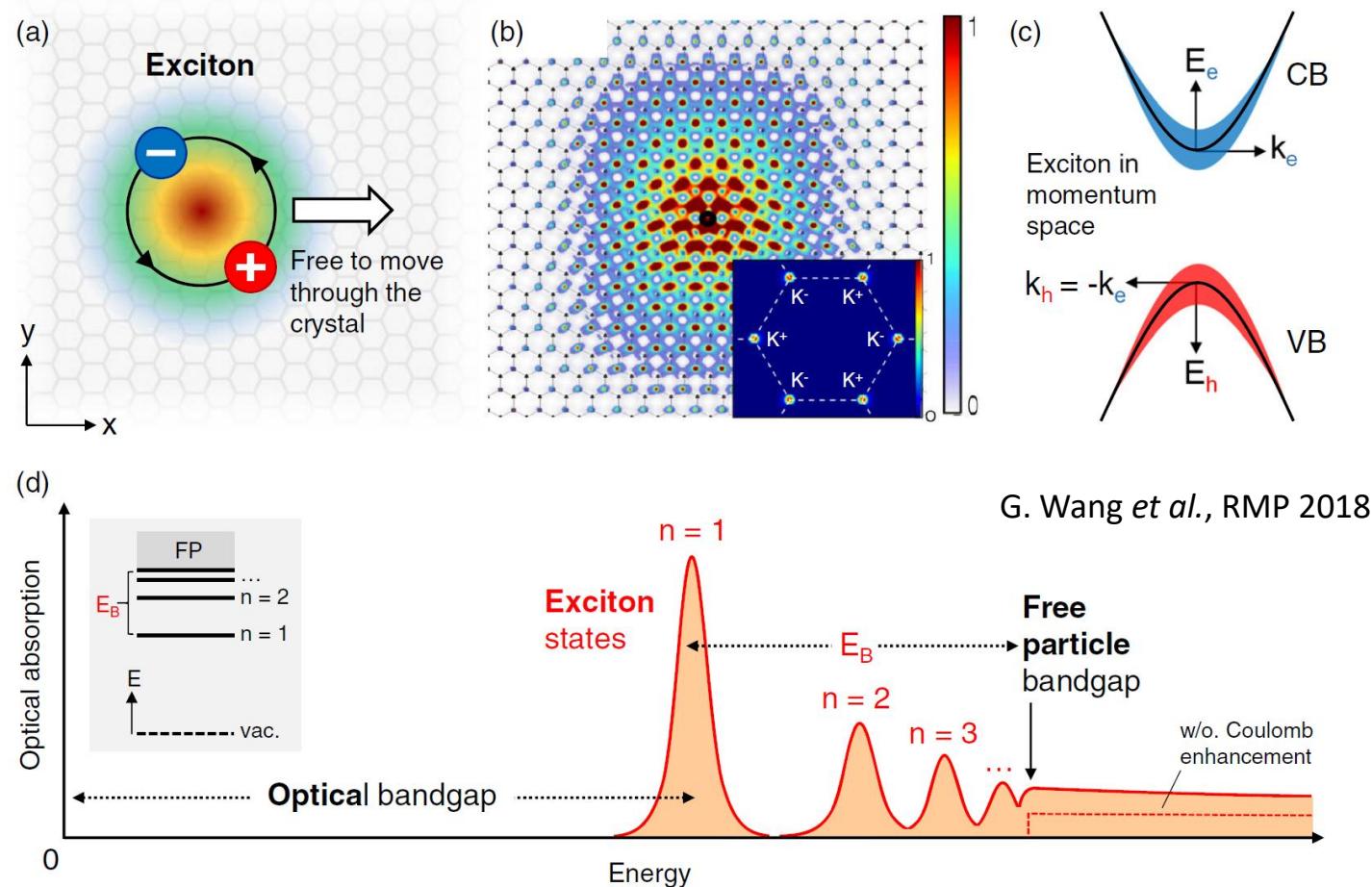
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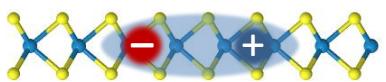


# Tightly bound excitons in TMDs

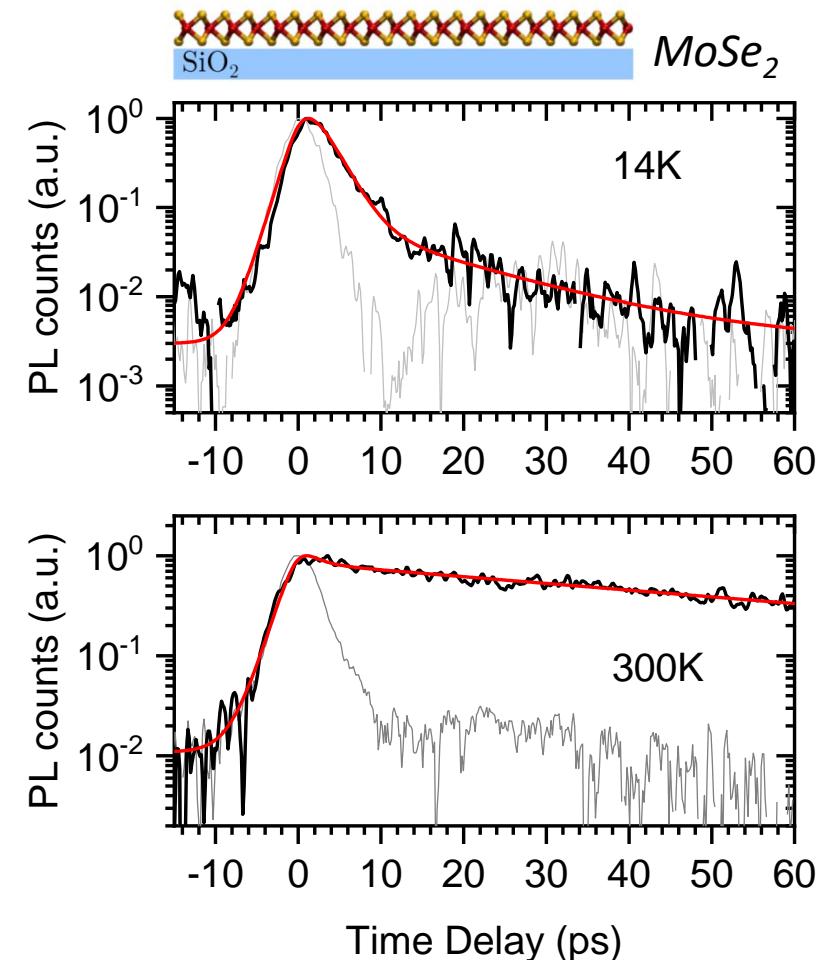
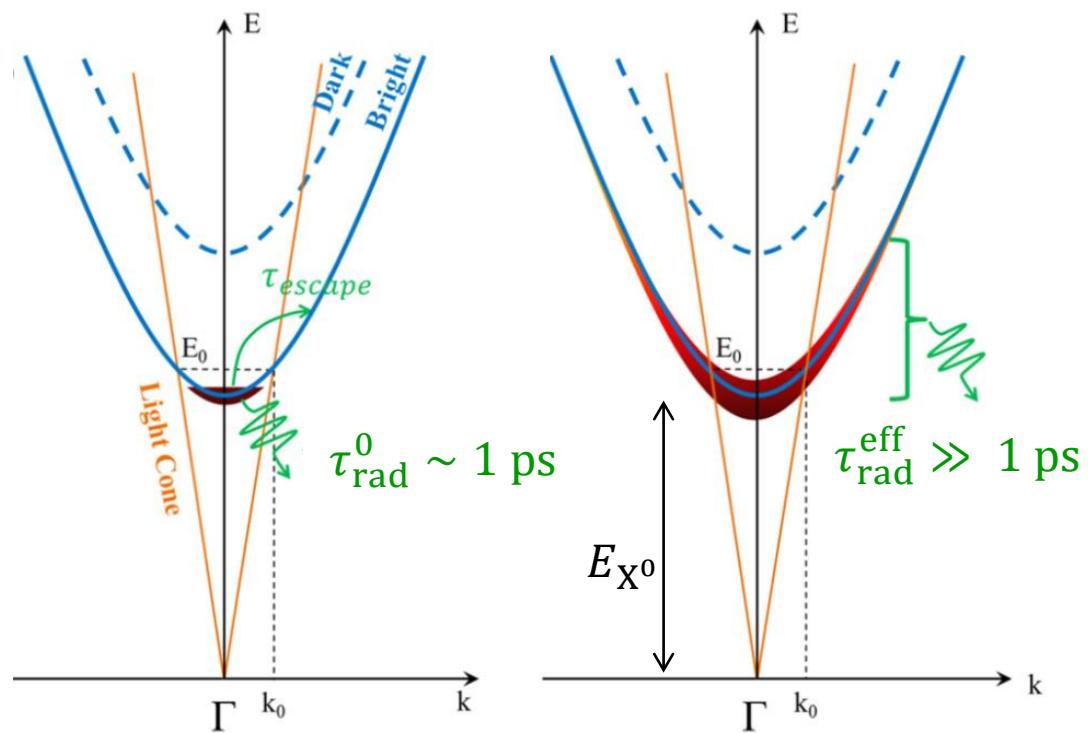


$$E_b = \frac{e^2}{2\pi \epsilon a_0} \approx 500 \text{ meV} \quad a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon \hbar^2}{\mu e^2} \approx 1 \text{ nm}$$

$\mu$ : exciton reduced mass  
 $\epsilon$ : dielectric constant

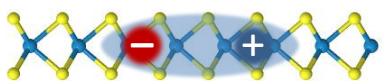


# Temperature-dependent exciton dynamics

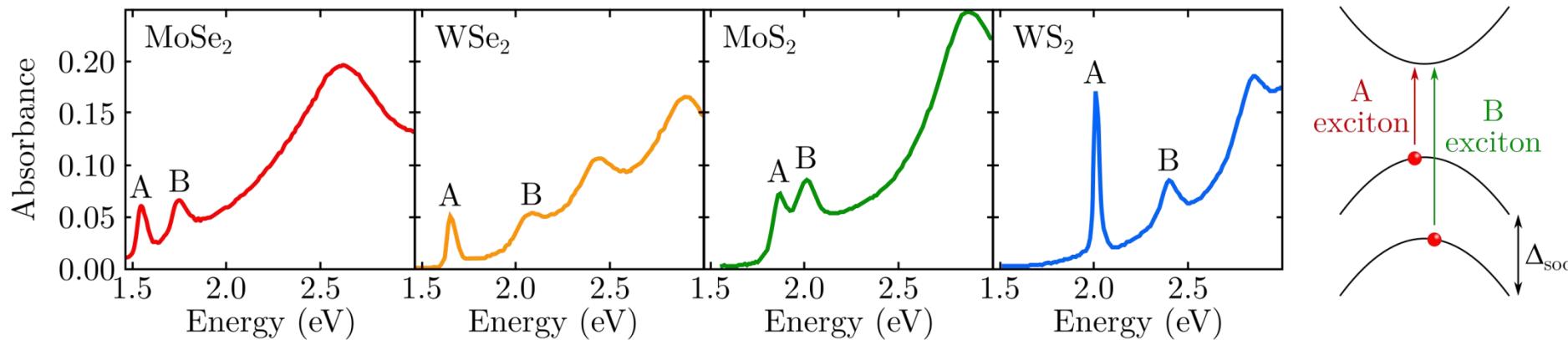


$$\tau_{\text{rad}}^0 = \frac{1}{2\Gamma_{\text{rad}}^0} = \frac{\hbar \varepsilon}{2k_0} \left( \frac{E_{X^0}}{e\hbar v} \right)^2 a_0^2 \quad \tau_{\text{rad}}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{3 k_B T}{2 E_0} \tau_{\text{rad}}^0$$

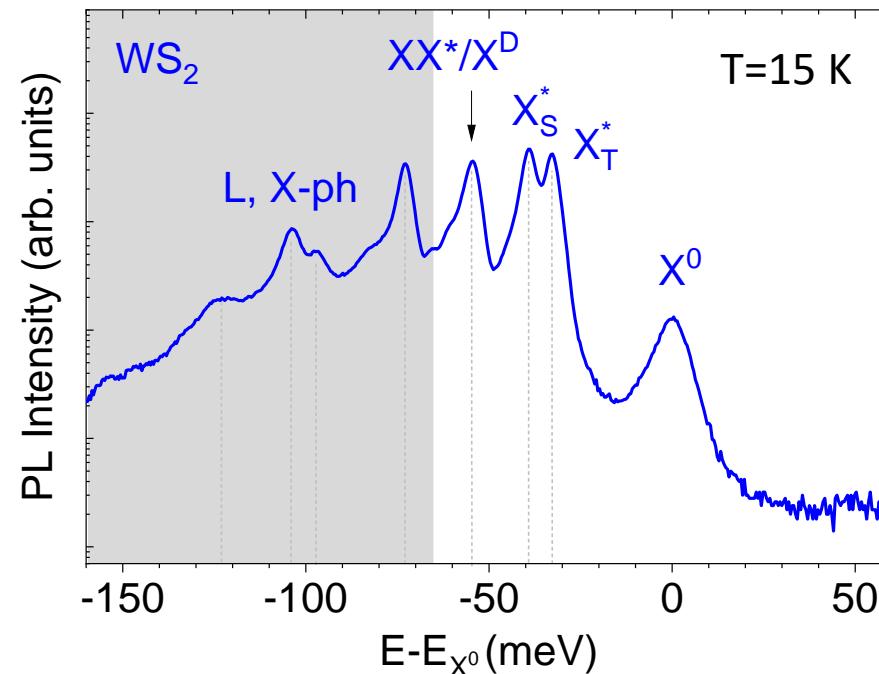
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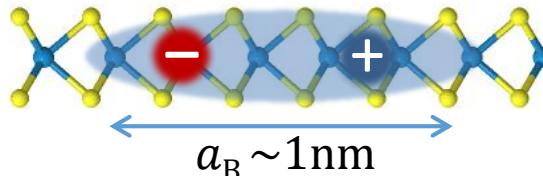


Y.Li *et al.* Phys. Rev. B 90, 205422, 2014



- $\tau_{X^0} \ll \tau_{X^*}, \tau_{XX^*}, \tau_{X^D}, \tau_L$
- *A spectroscopist's paradise? or...too complicated PL spectra?*

# Rich exciton physics...governed by nanoscale phenomena



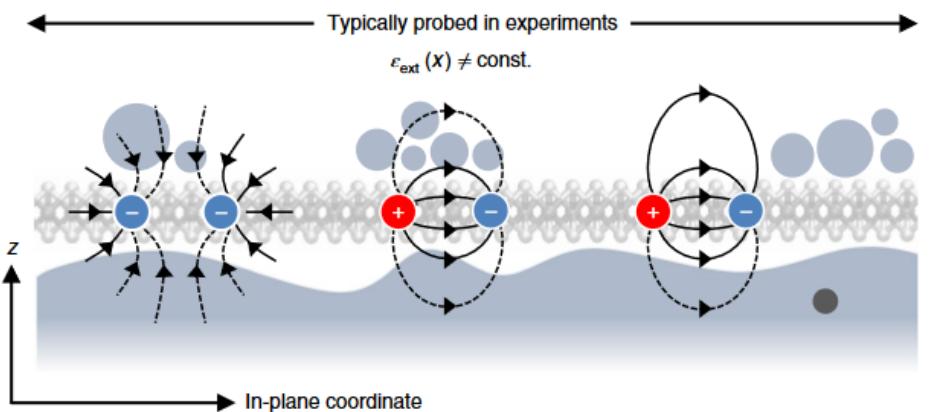
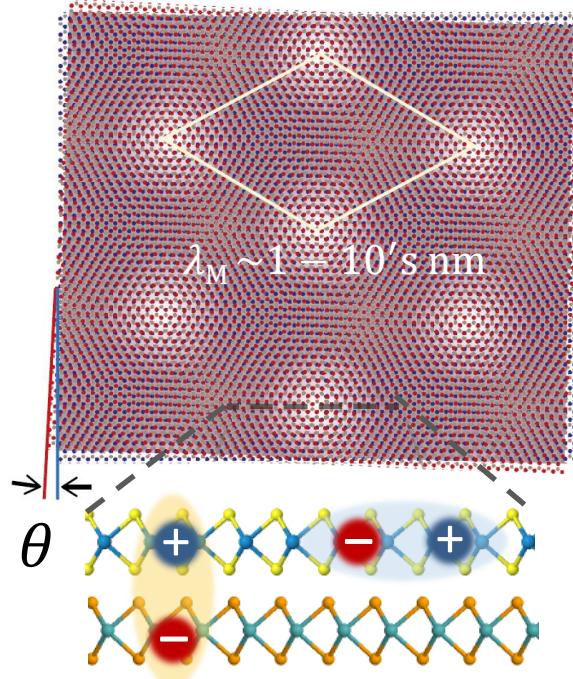
- Dielectric disorder
- Residual doping
- Strain gradients
- (too many?) defects
- Atomic reconstruction
- ...

**Main objective:** Tailoring the properties of excitons at ultimate scales (sub-nm, sub-ps)

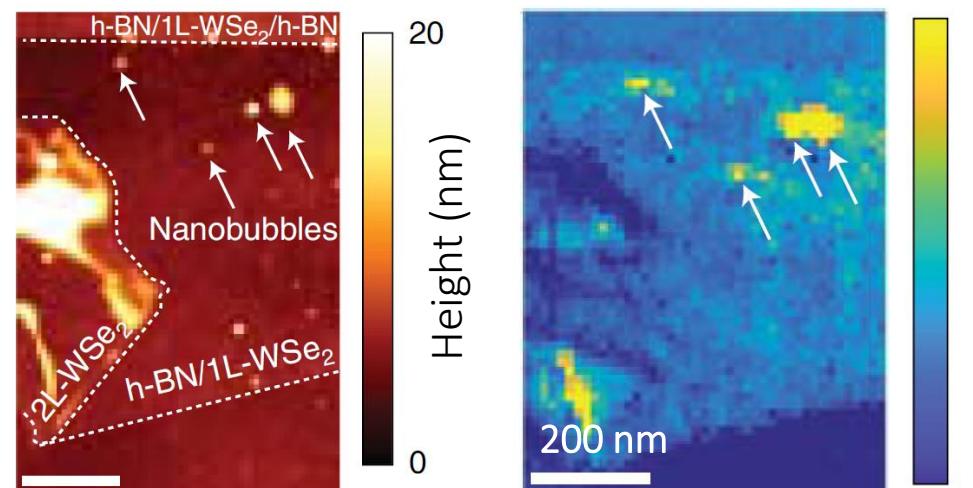
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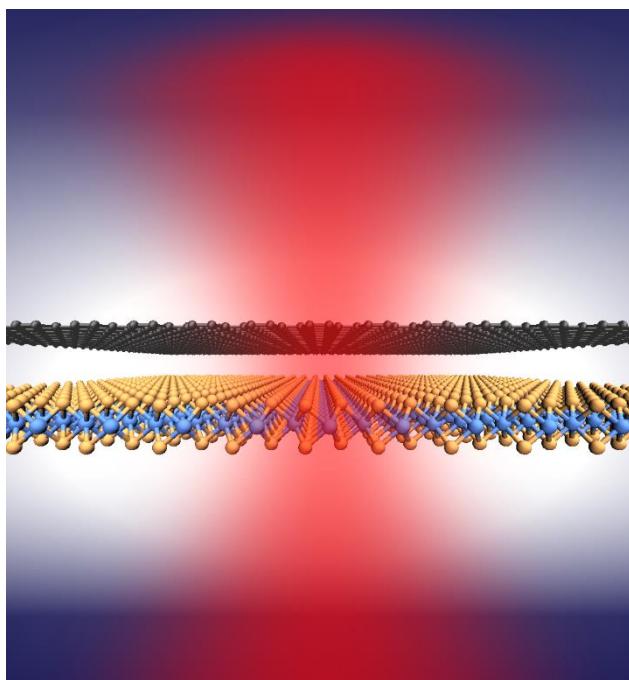


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Height (nm)  
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Localised PL Int.

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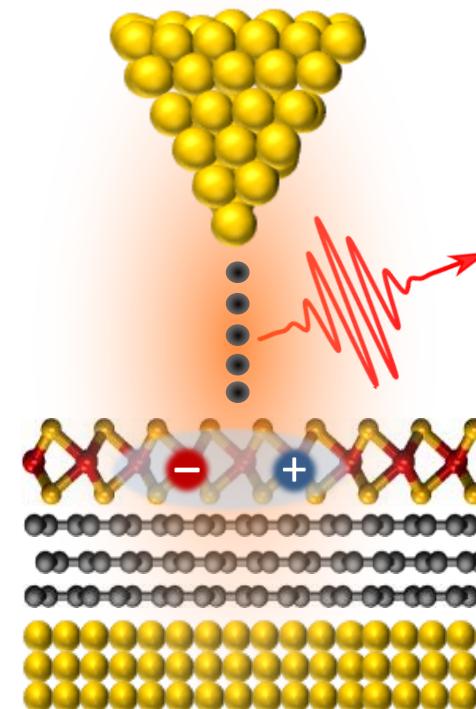
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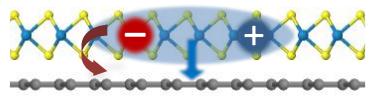
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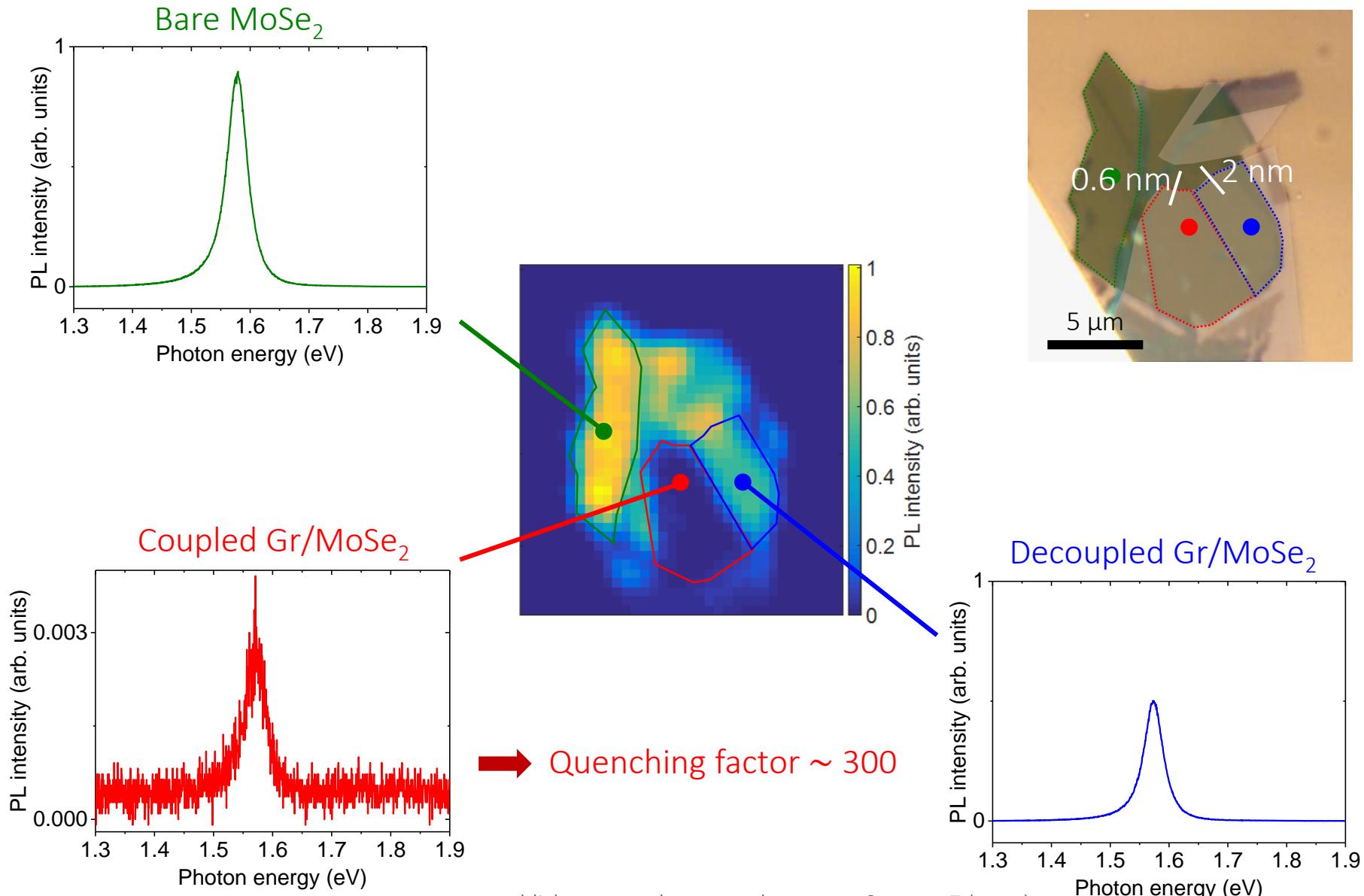
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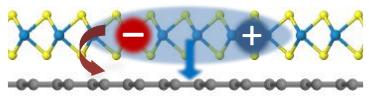


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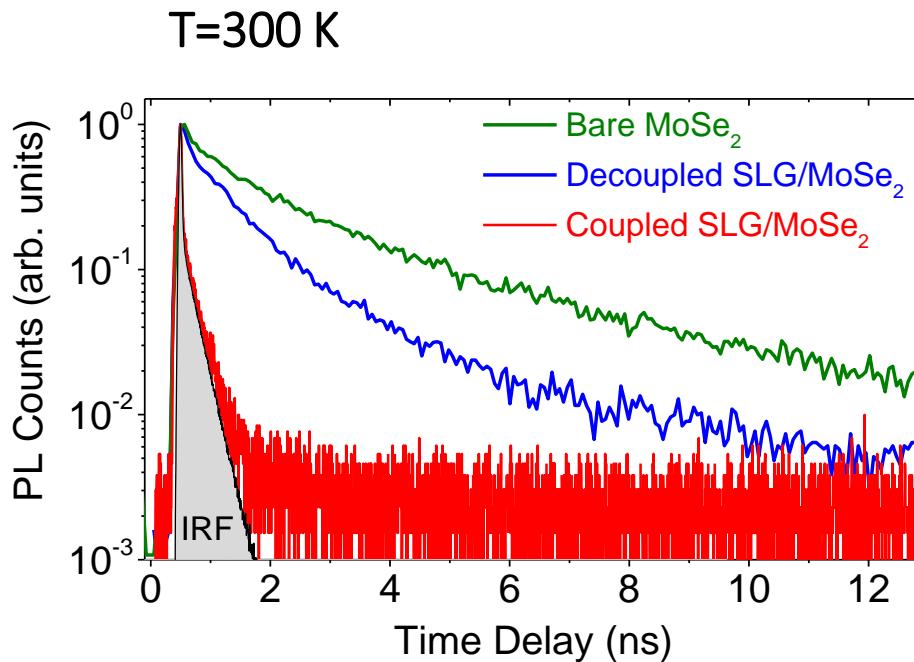


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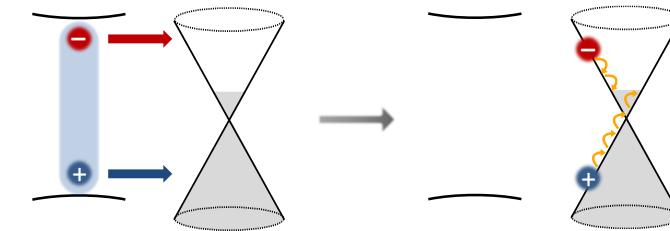




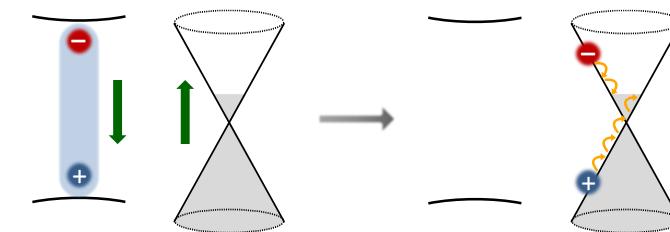
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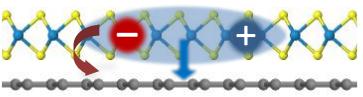
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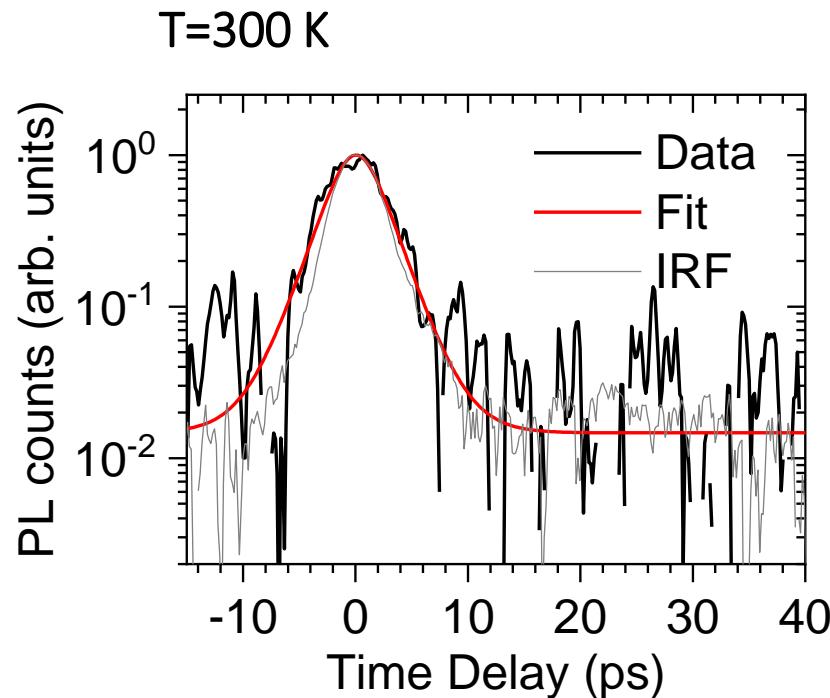
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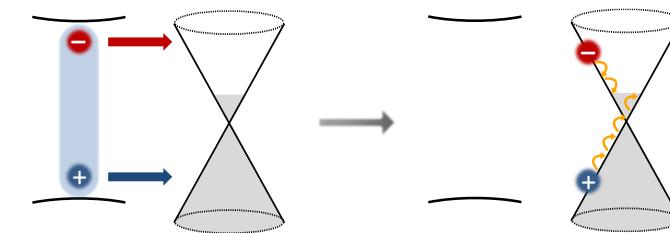
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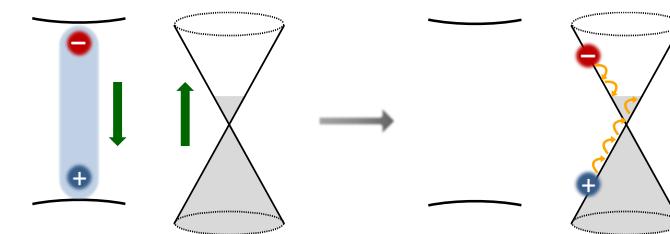
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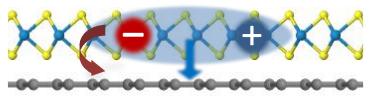


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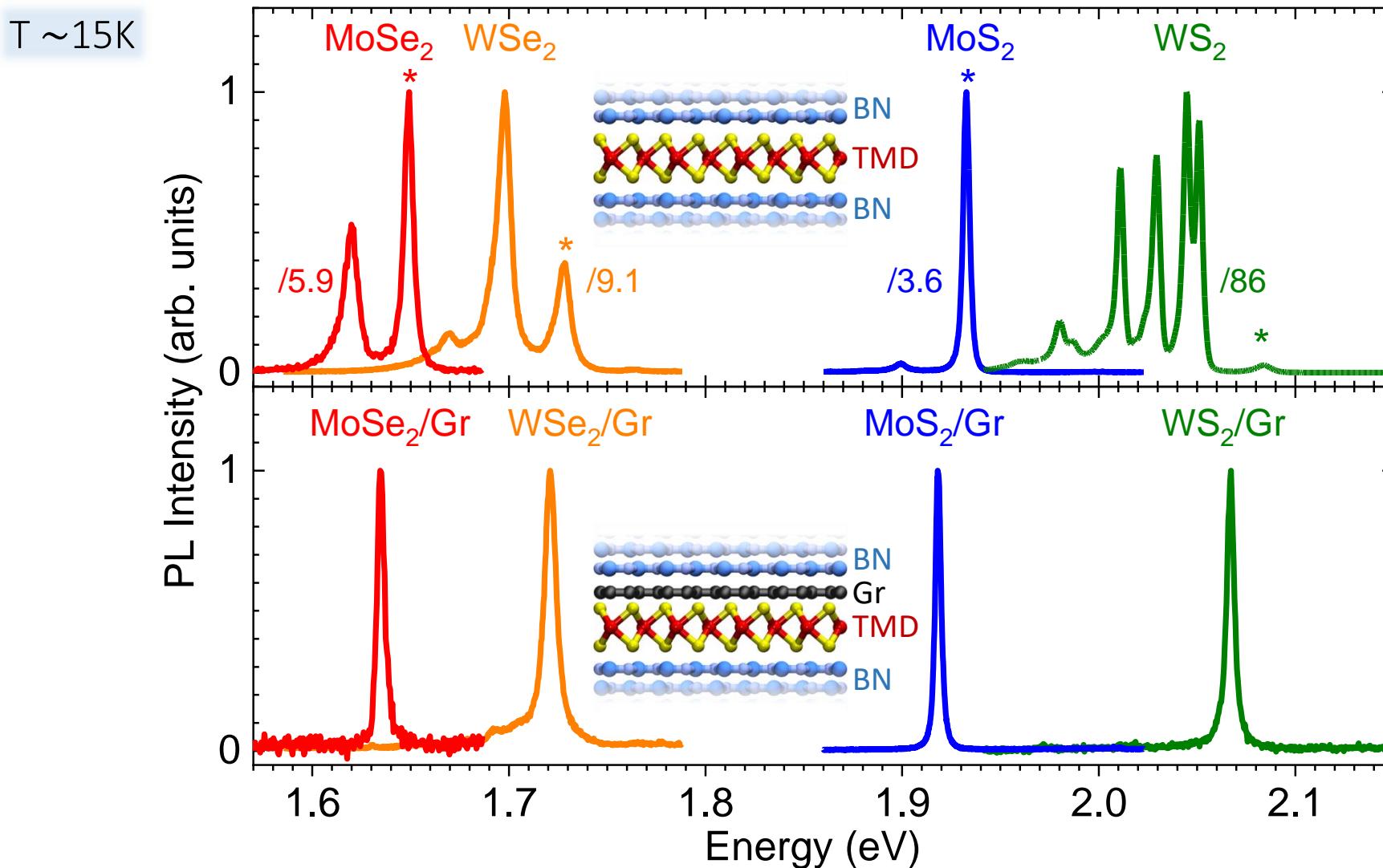


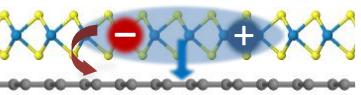
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→ *Question: what happens at low temperature?*

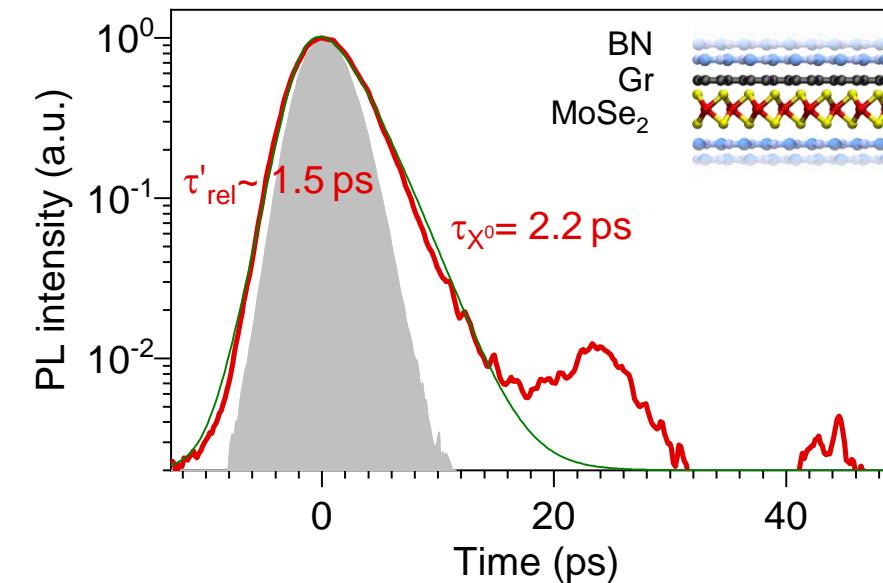
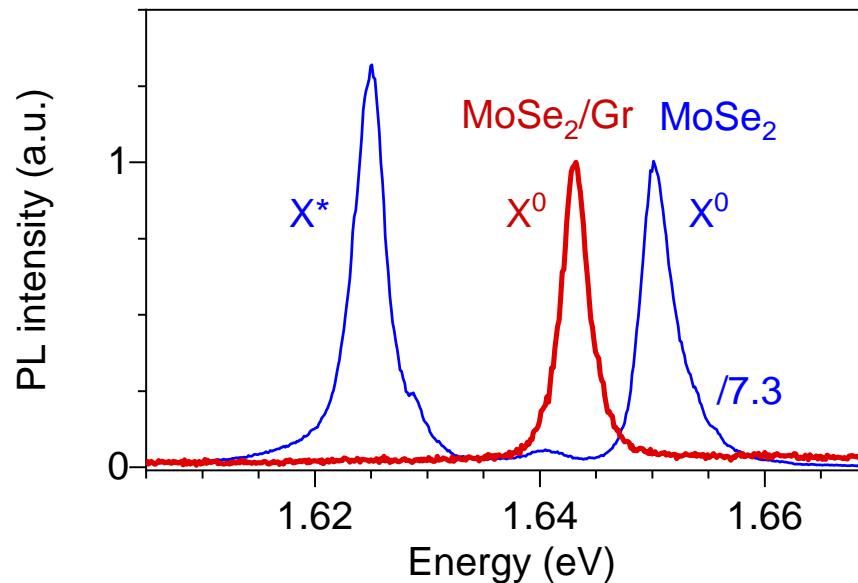


# Answer: graphene ‘filters’ TMD PL spectra

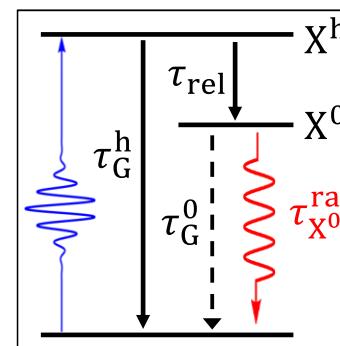




# Estimating the exciton transfer time



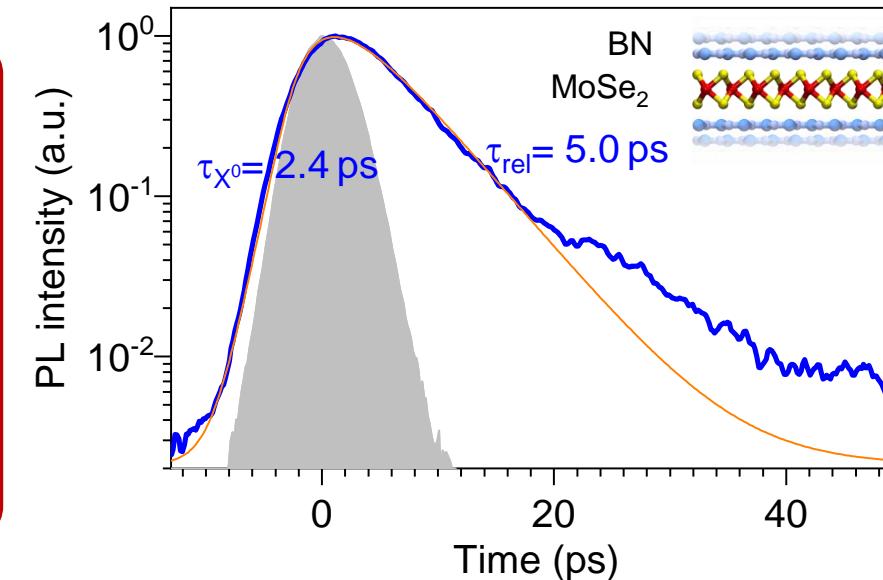
- $\tau_G^0 = \frac{\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} \tau_{X^0}}{\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} - \tau_{X^0}} \sim 4 \text{ ps}$

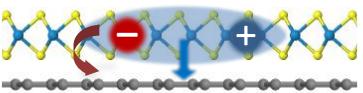


- $\eta_{X^0} = \frac{\tau_G^0}{\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} + \tau_G^0} \sim 50\%$

$$\rightarrow \tau_G^h \gg \tau_G^0$$

➤ Energy dependent exciton transfer





# Partial conclusion

- ✓ *Selective ps energy transfer yields bright, narrow line emission*
  - Microscopic mechanism?
  - Electrical control, cavity control
  
- ✓ *A 2D semiconductor coupled to a quasi-transparent 2D electrode*
  - Towards fast (up to  $\sim$  THz emission rate) electroluminescent devices approaching the homogeneous limit

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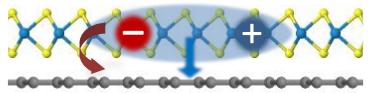
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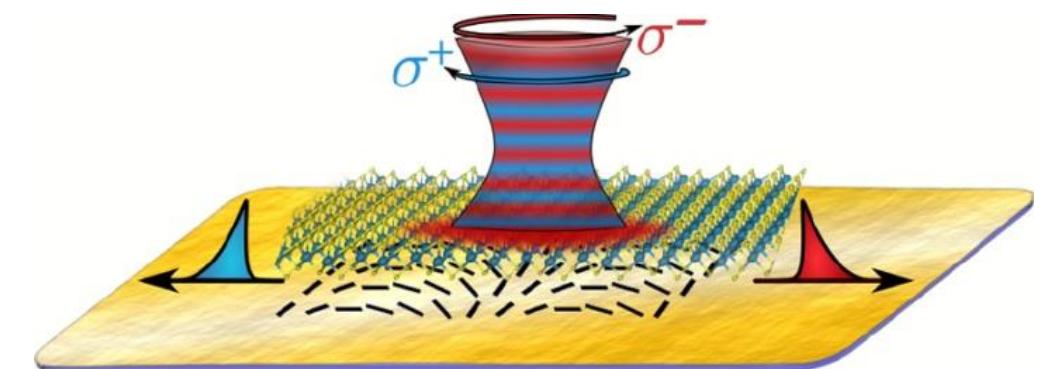
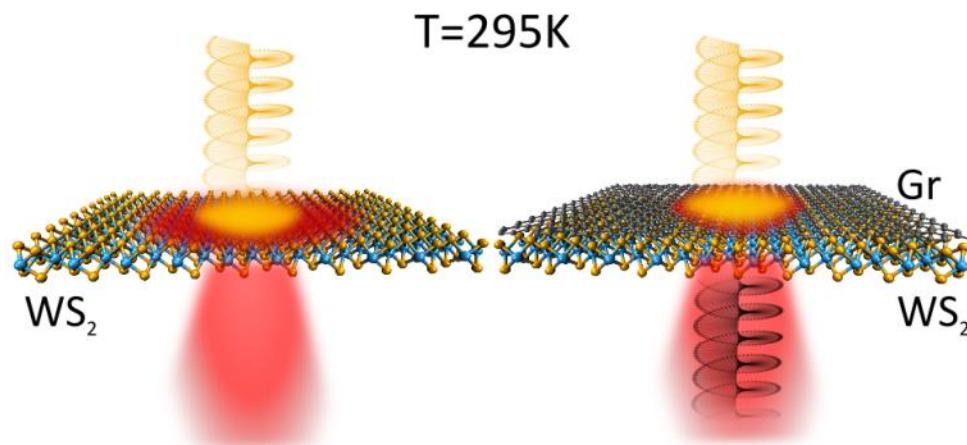
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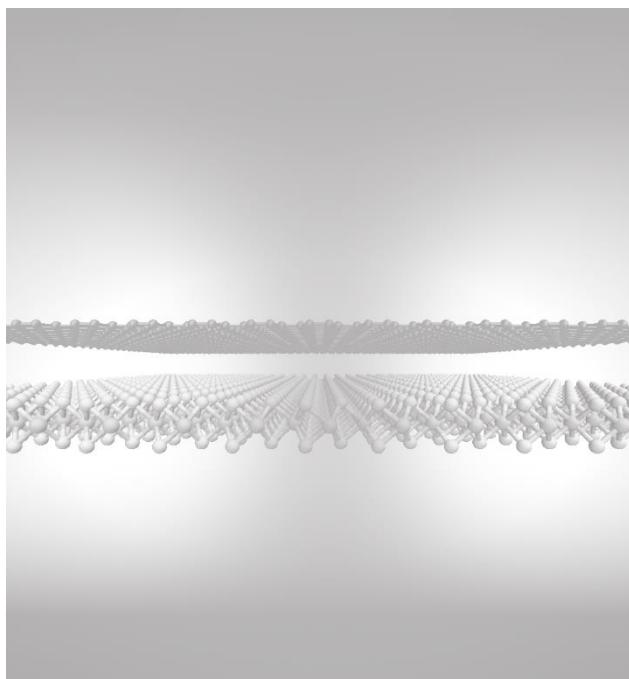
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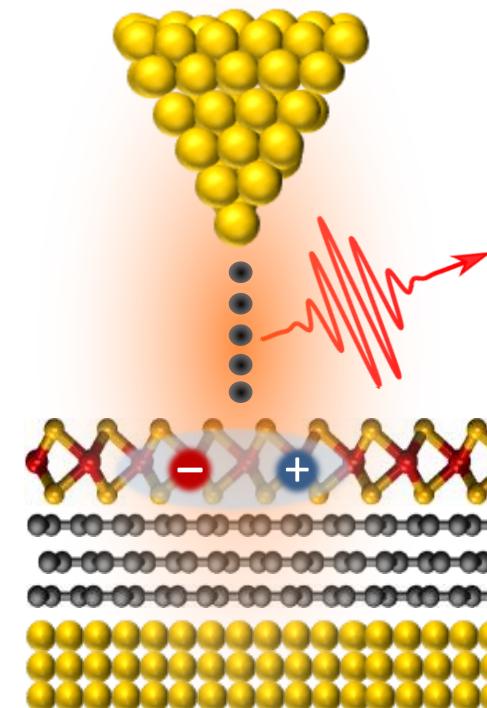
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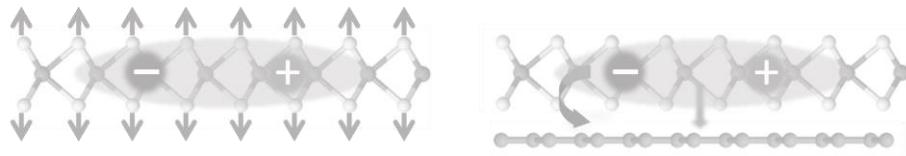


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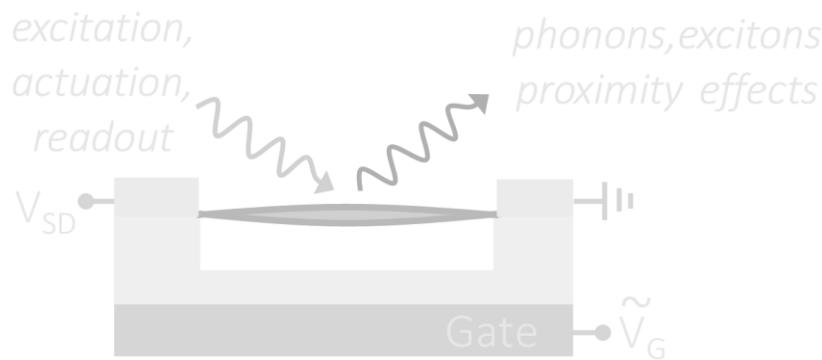
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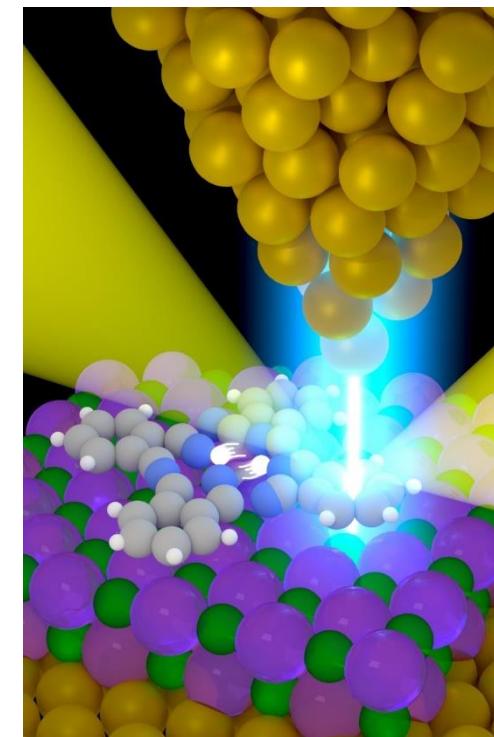
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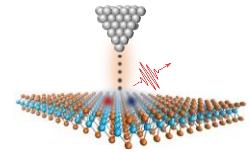
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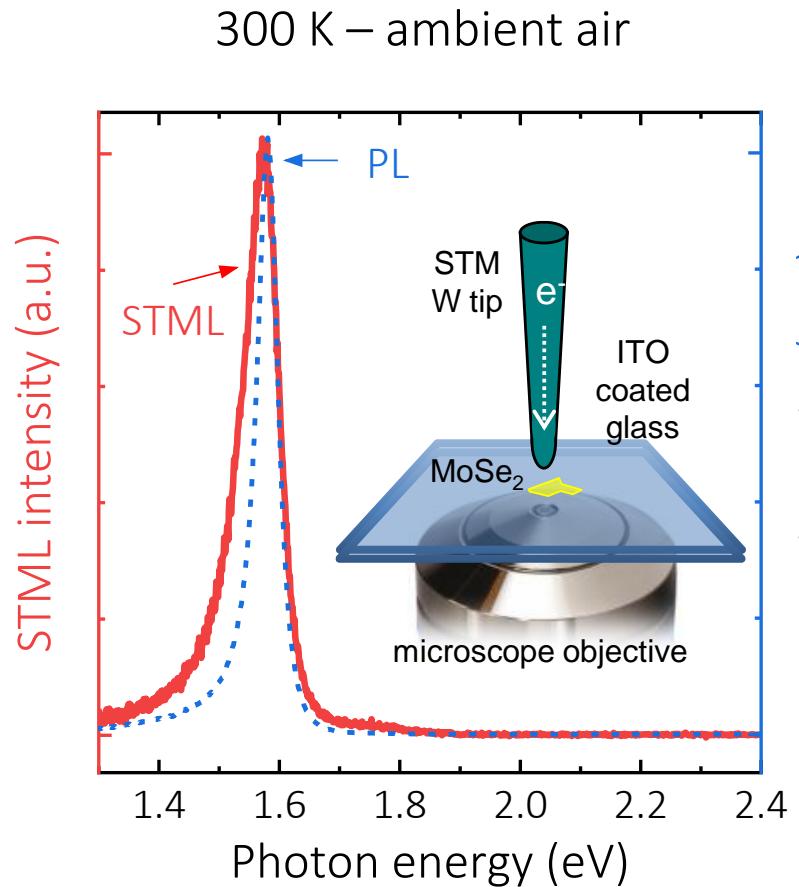
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  - ✓ Induced by the tunneling current (e- in, photon out)
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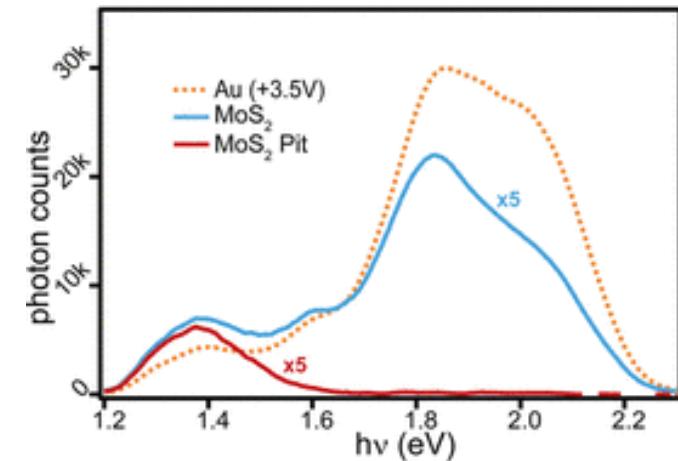
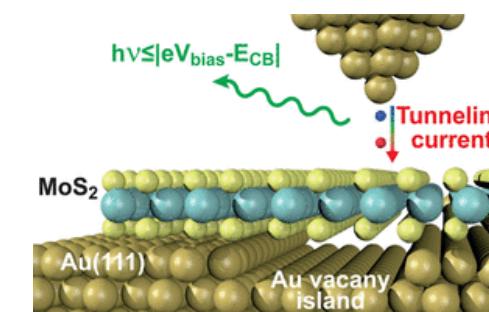


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4K – ultra high vacuum (UHV)

Defect-mediated broad, extrinsic emission



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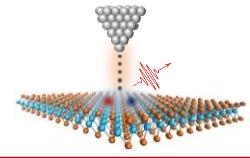
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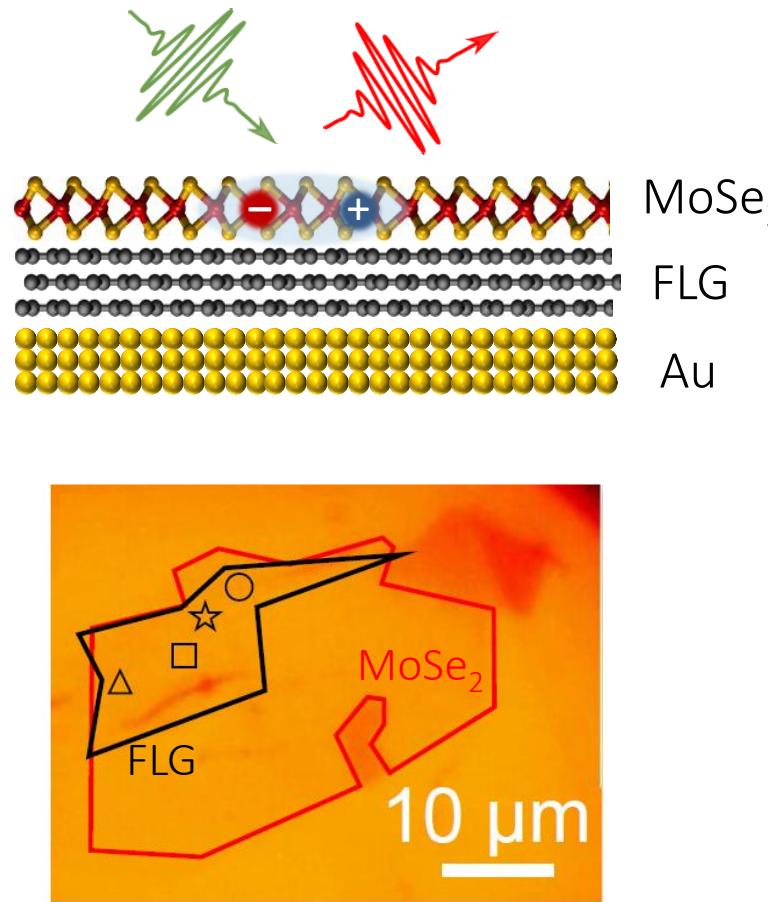
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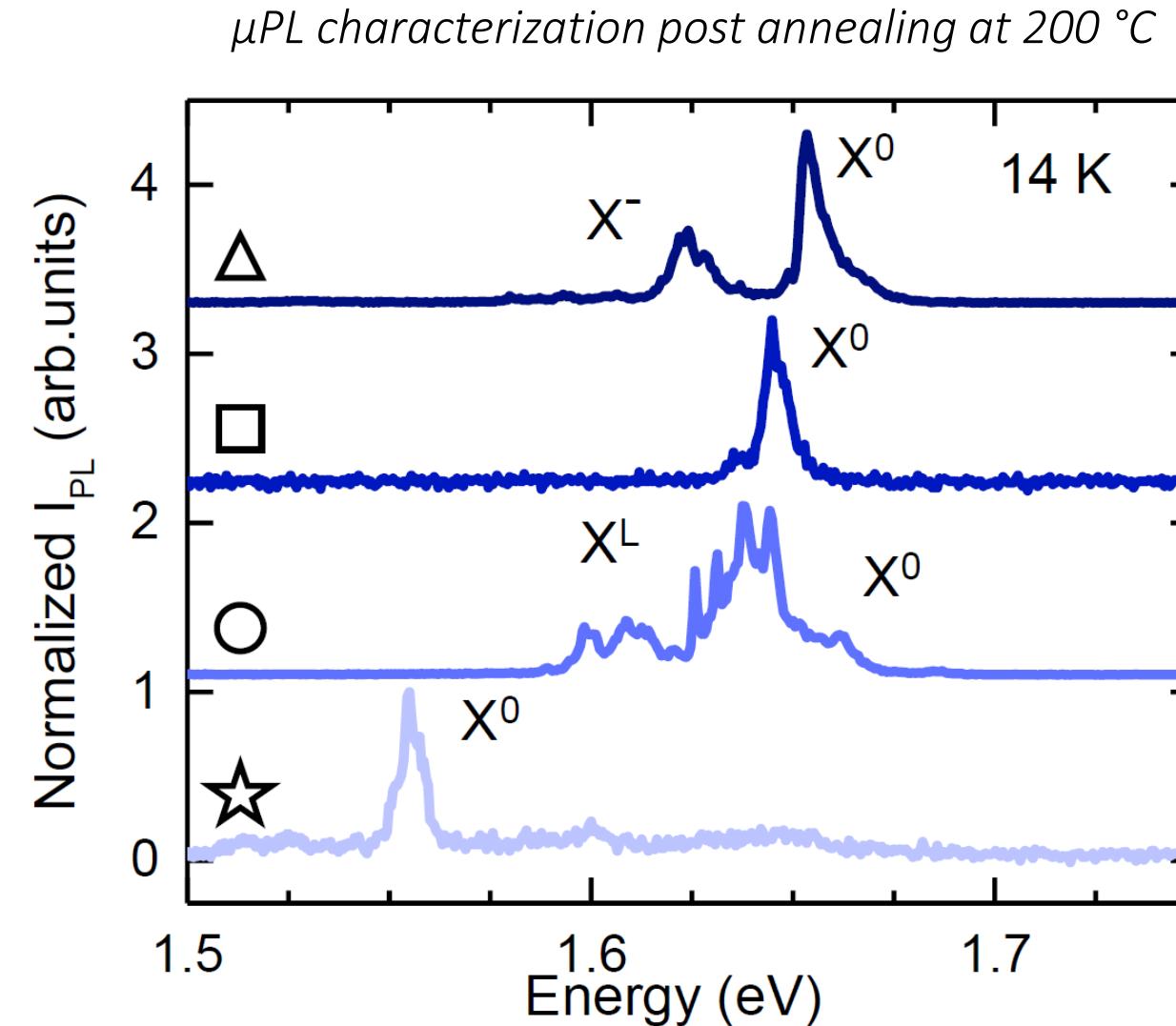
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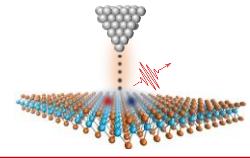


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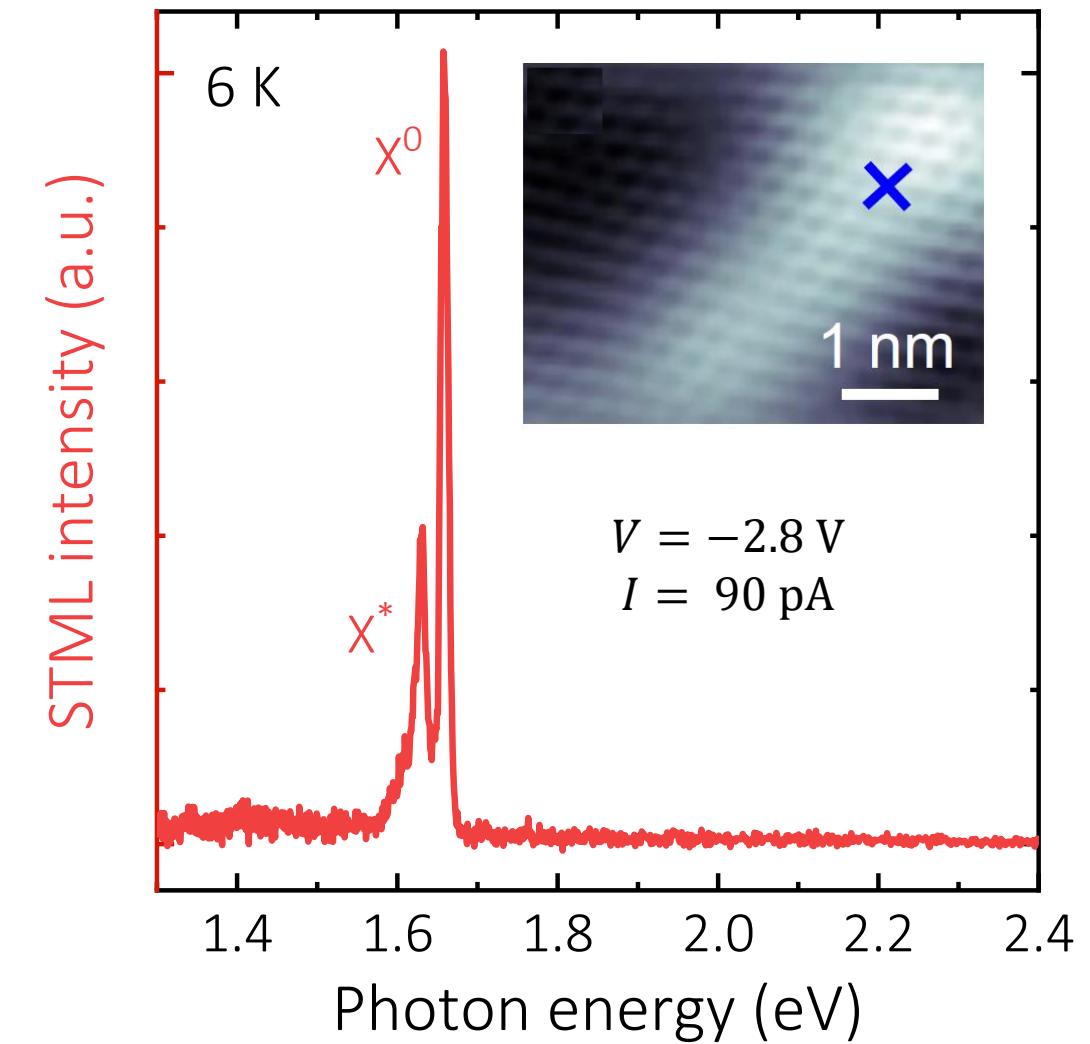
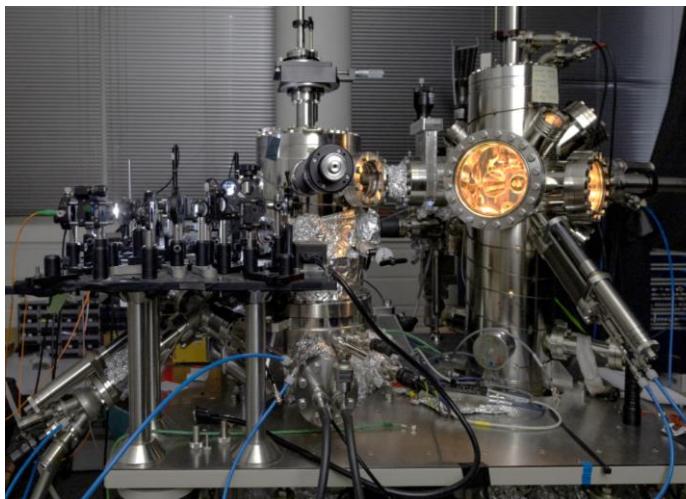
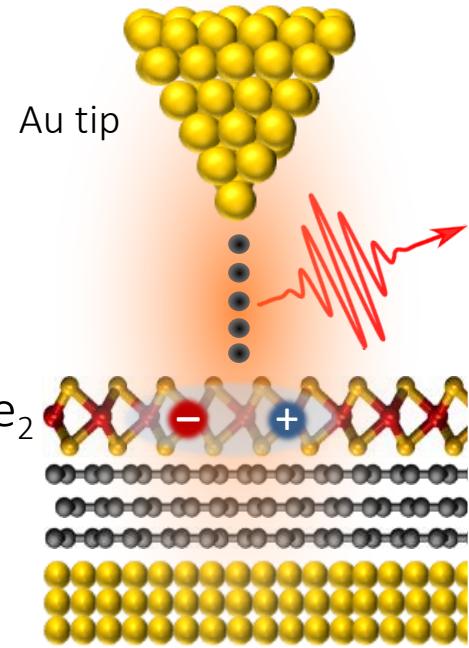


- Annealing induces local strain gradients
- Resolving this complexity using STML?

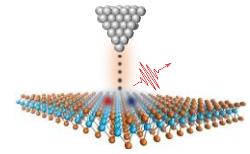




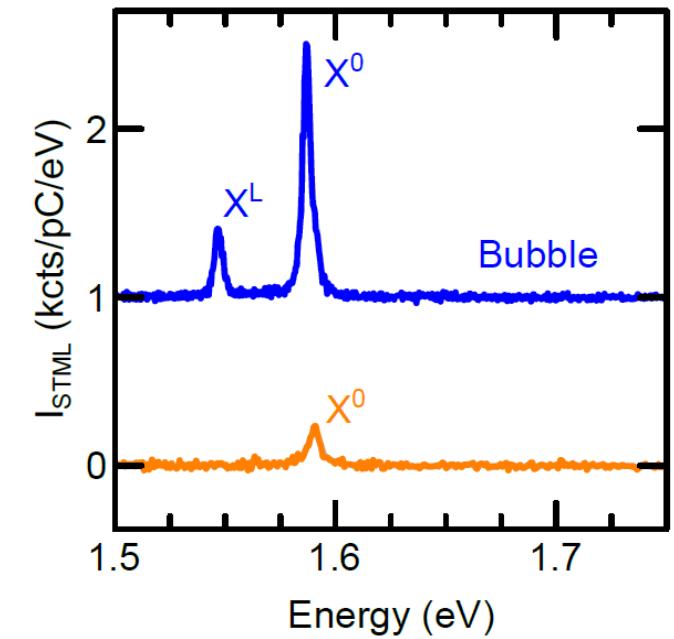
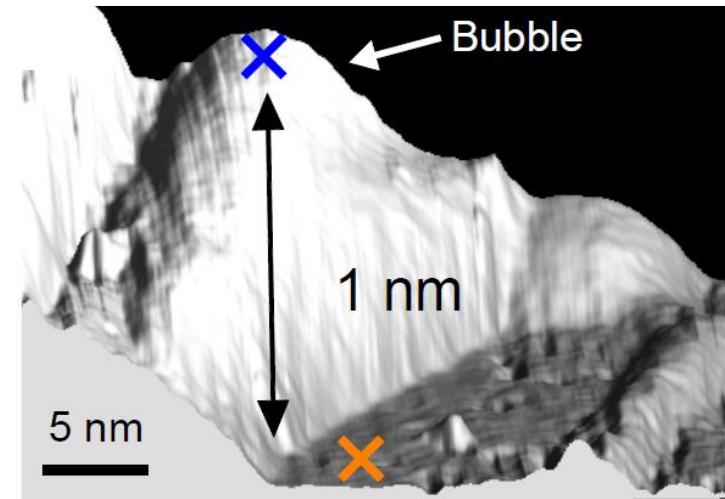
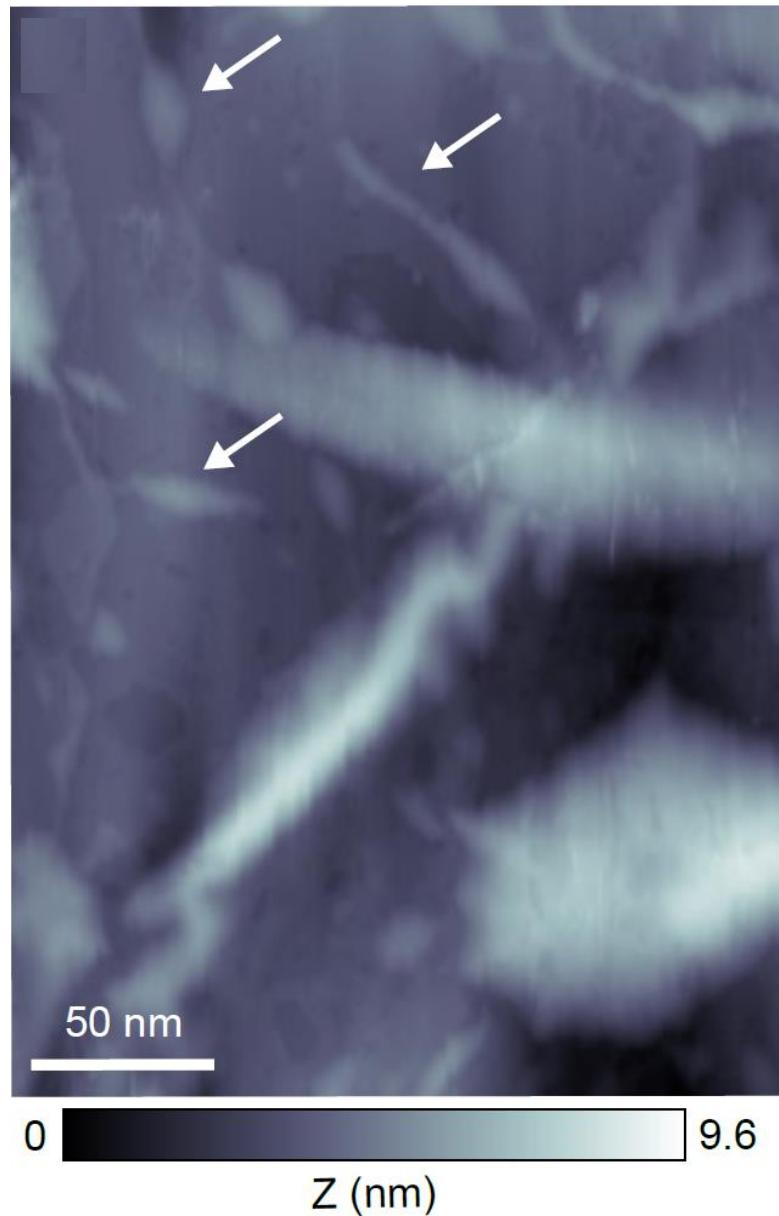
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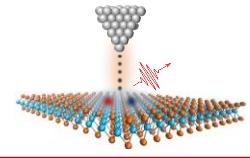
$V = -2.8 \text{ V}$   
 $I = 90 \text{ pA}$



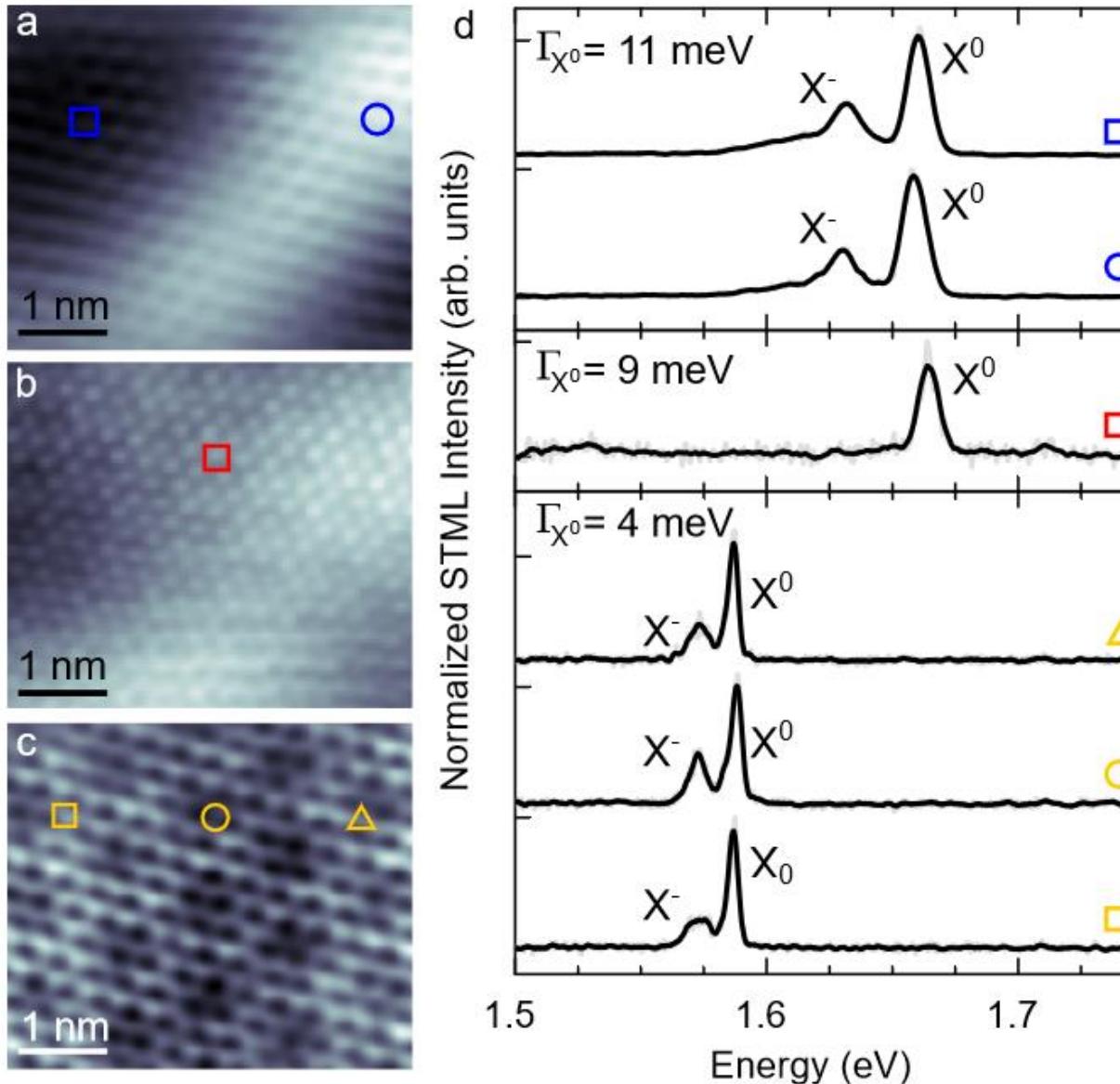
# Spatially-resolved STML in an inhomogeneous nanoscale landscape



The STML spectrum varies strongly for an in-plane displacement of  $\approx 5$  nm  
→ Upper bound of the spatial resolution



# STM on atomically-resolved areas



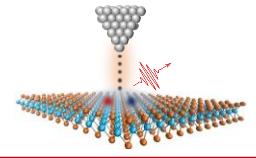
Weakly coupled TMD/Gr/Au

Coupled TMD/Gr  
→ weaker coupling to Au

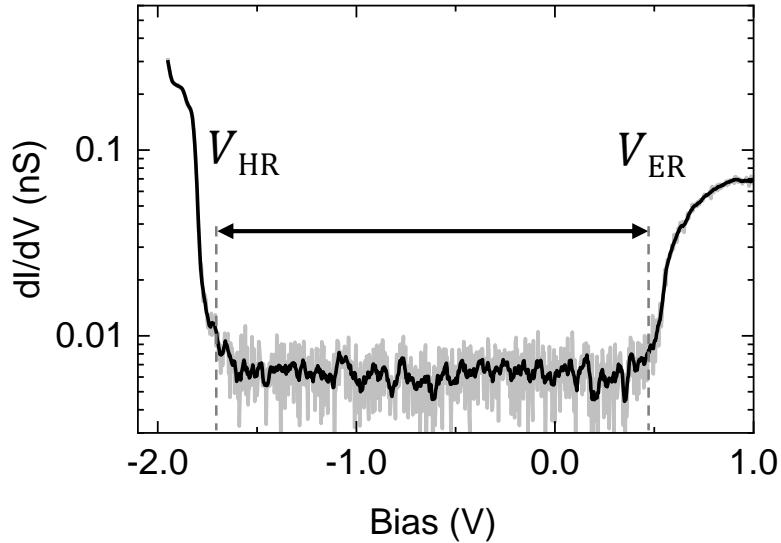
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$$\lambda_M \lesssim a_B$$

No expected spatial modulation  
of the excitonic characteristics



# Proposed STML mechanism



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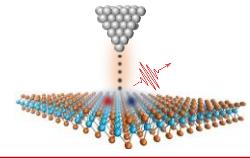
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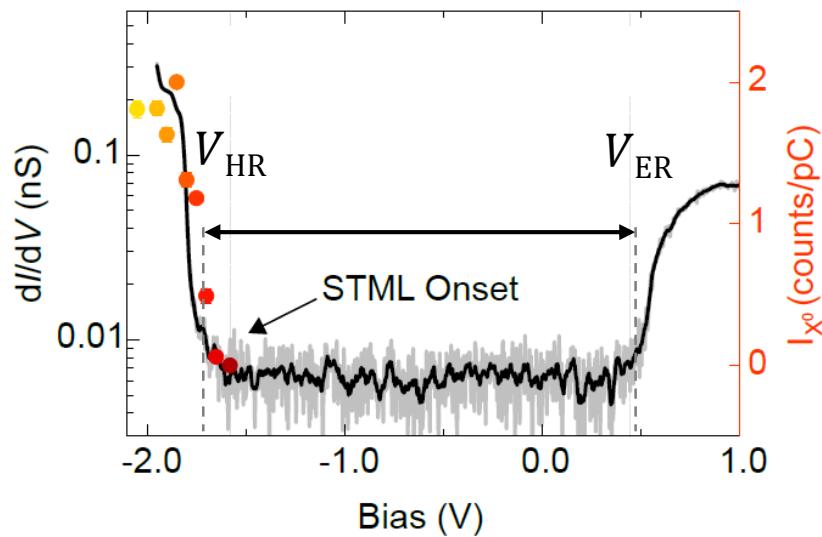
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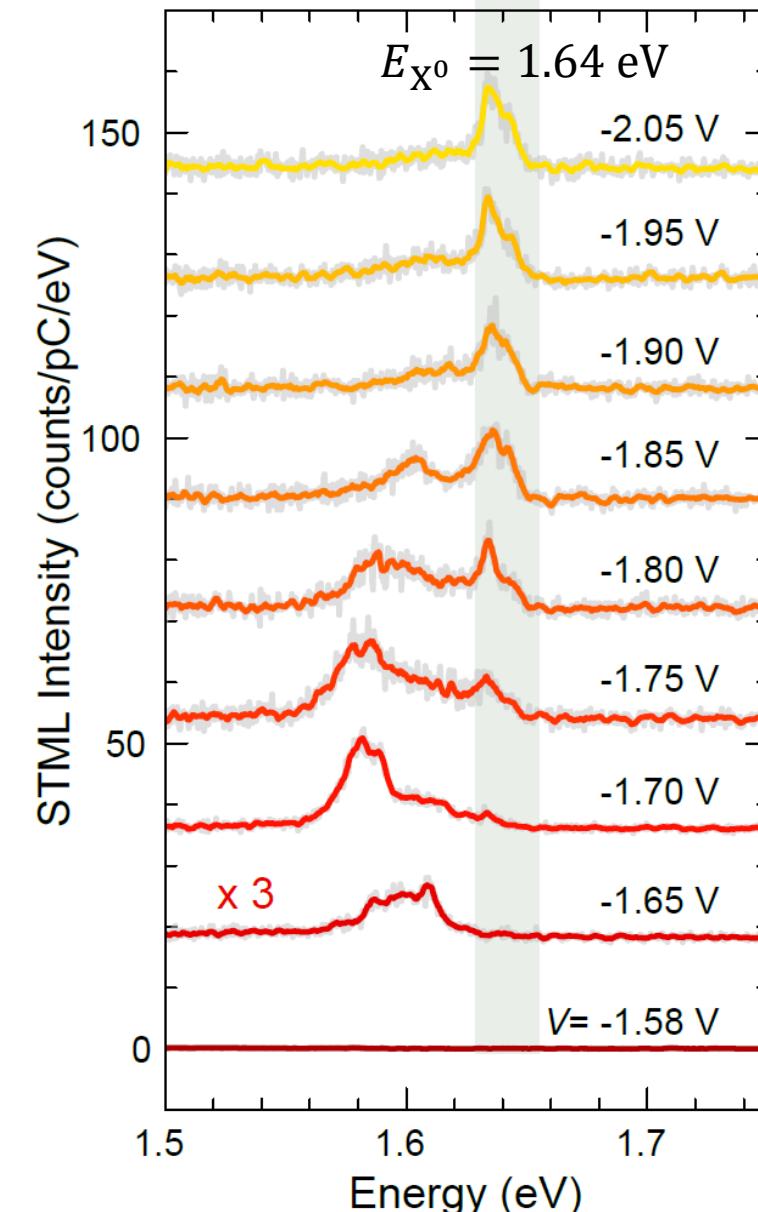


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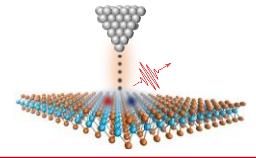
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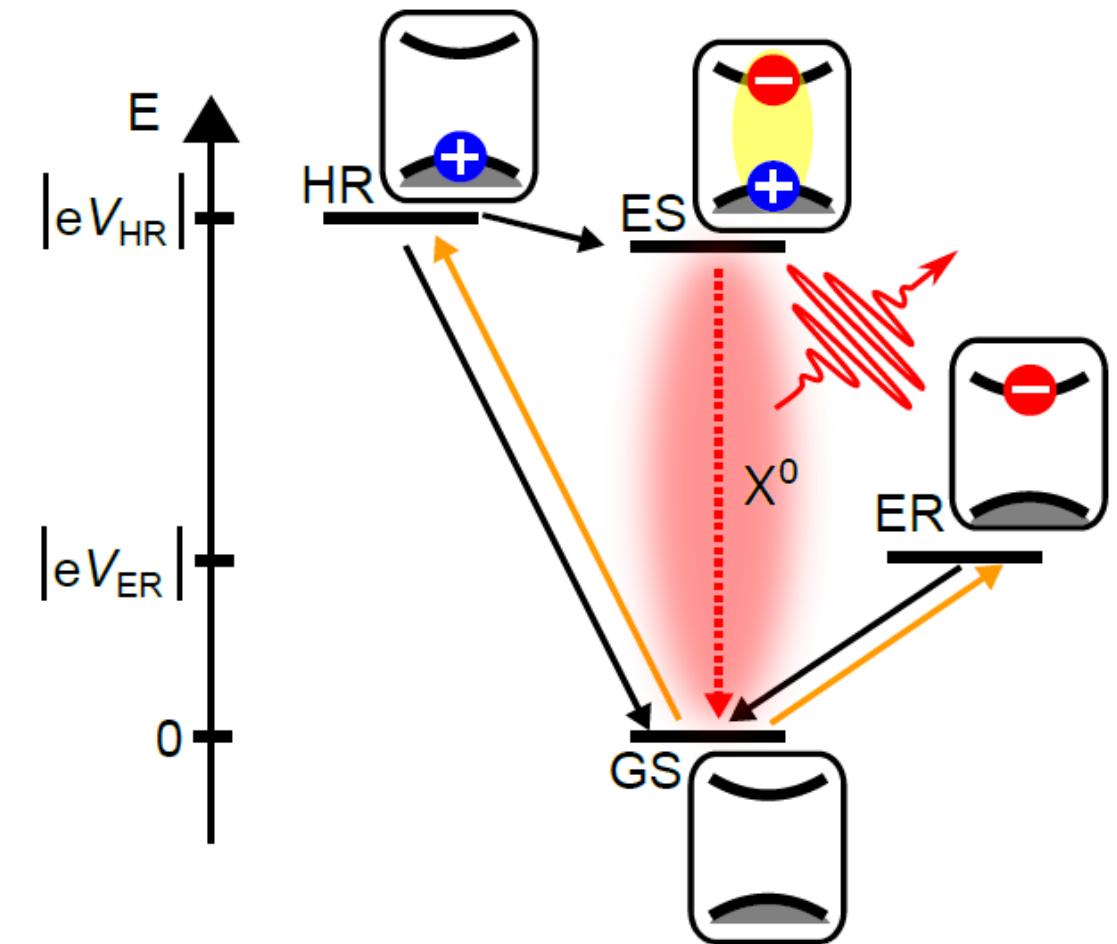
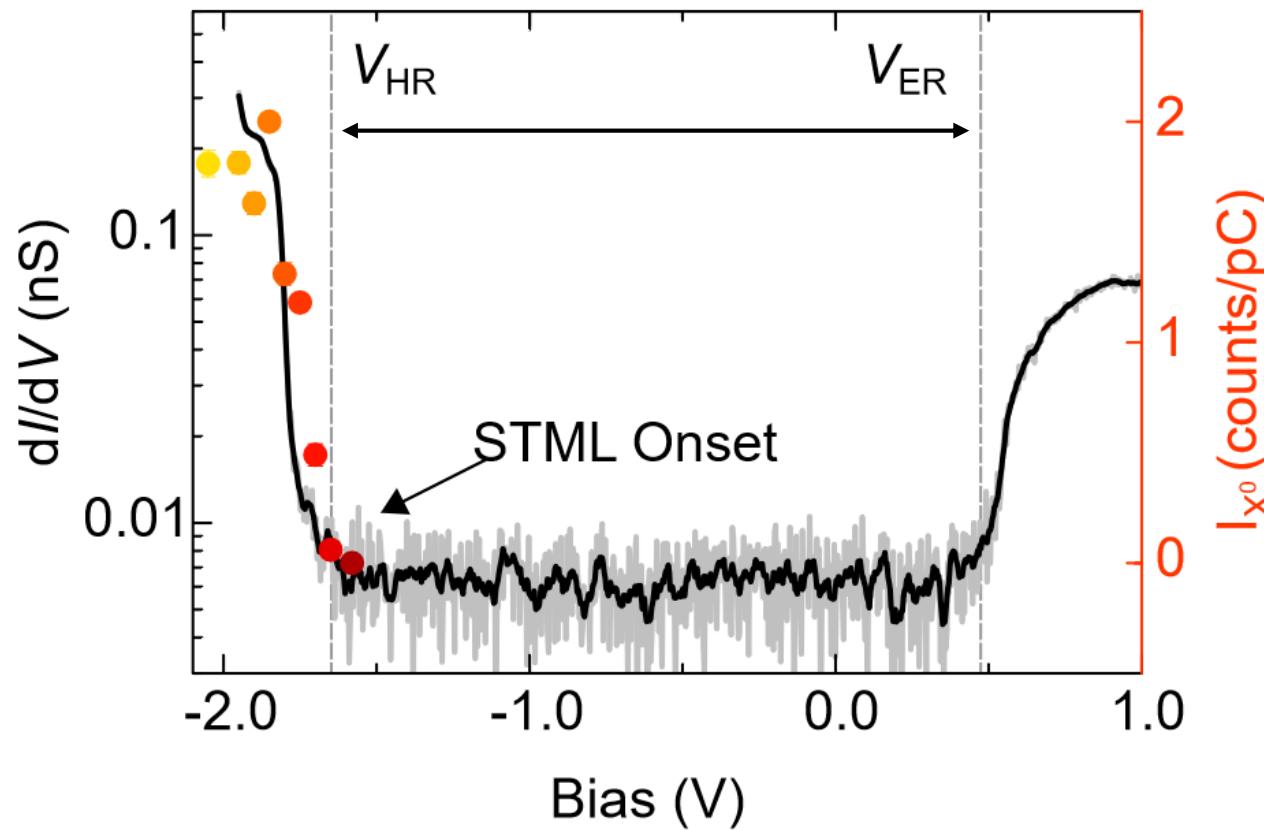
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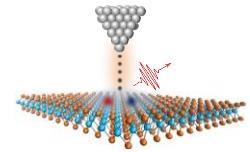
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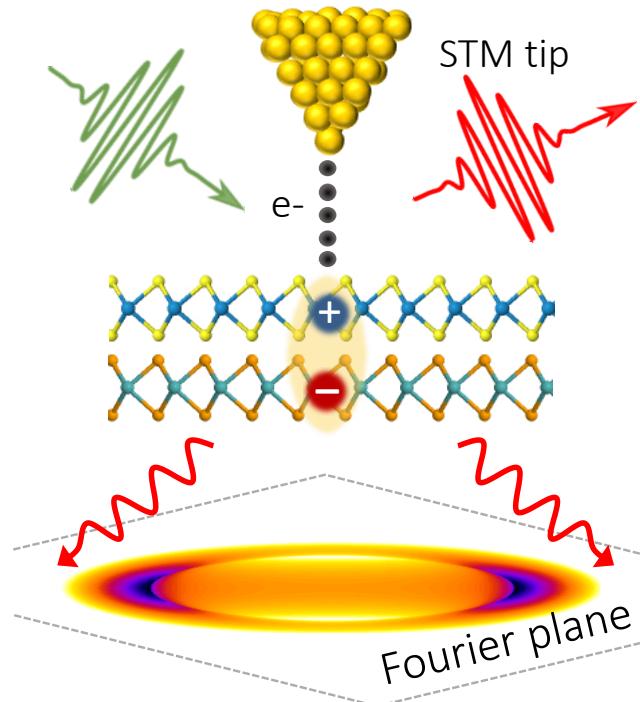


# Conclusions and outlook

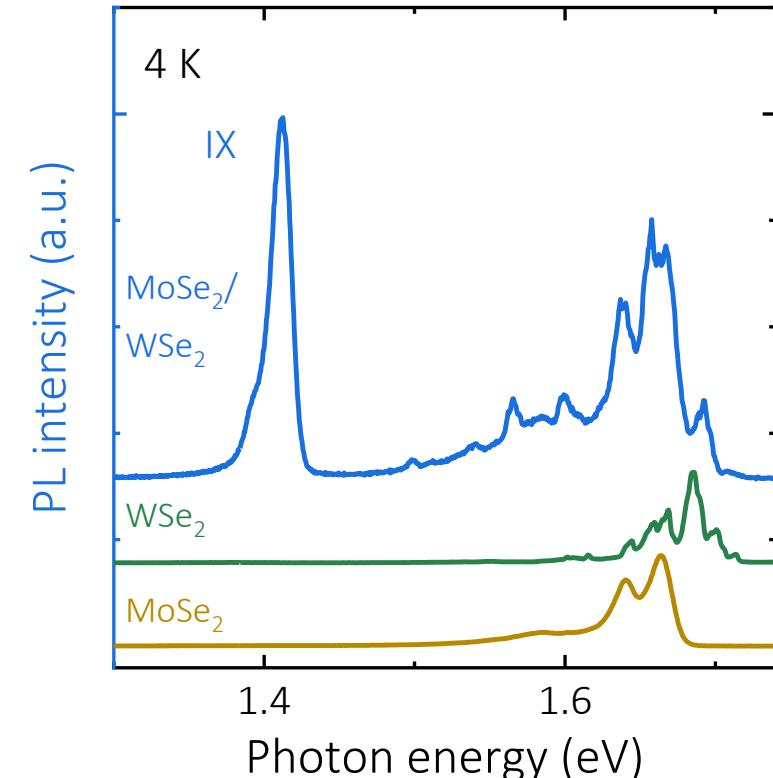
- Hyperspectral mapping
- Spatial resolution
- Exciton diffusion
- Tip-enhanced PL
- Time-resolved studies
- Sample/interface optimization?
- Do we need plasmonic enhancement?
- Can we further exploit it?

STM in twisted TMD heterobilayers

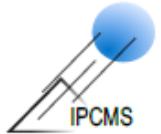
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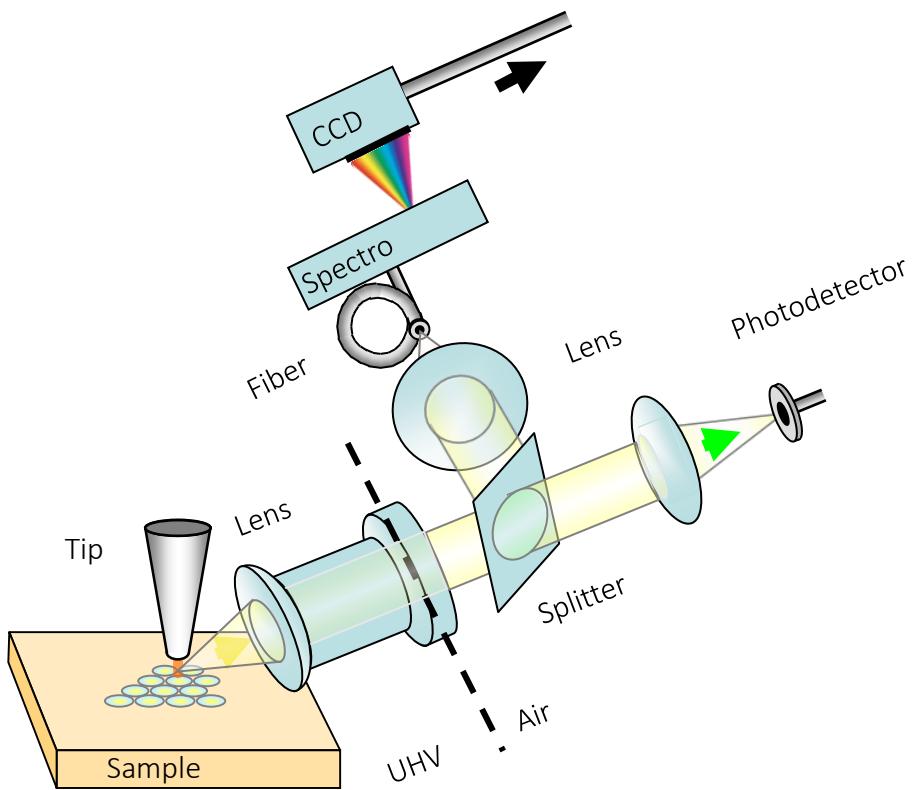
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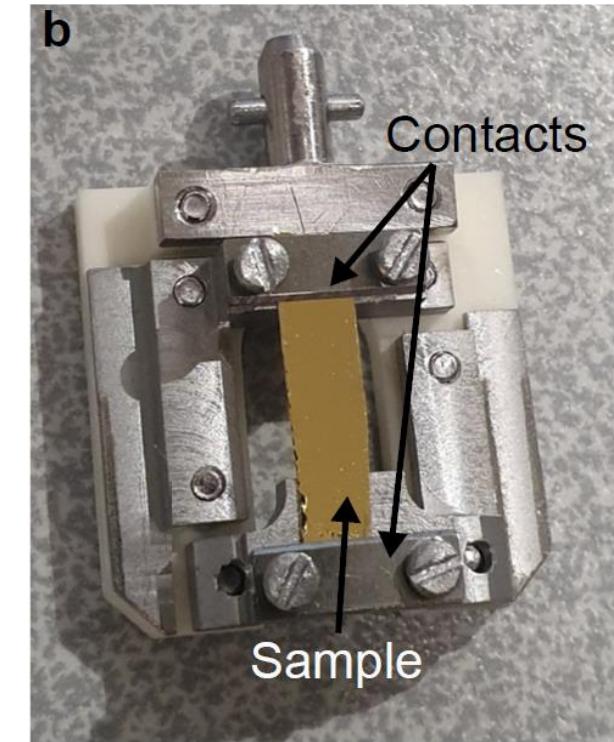


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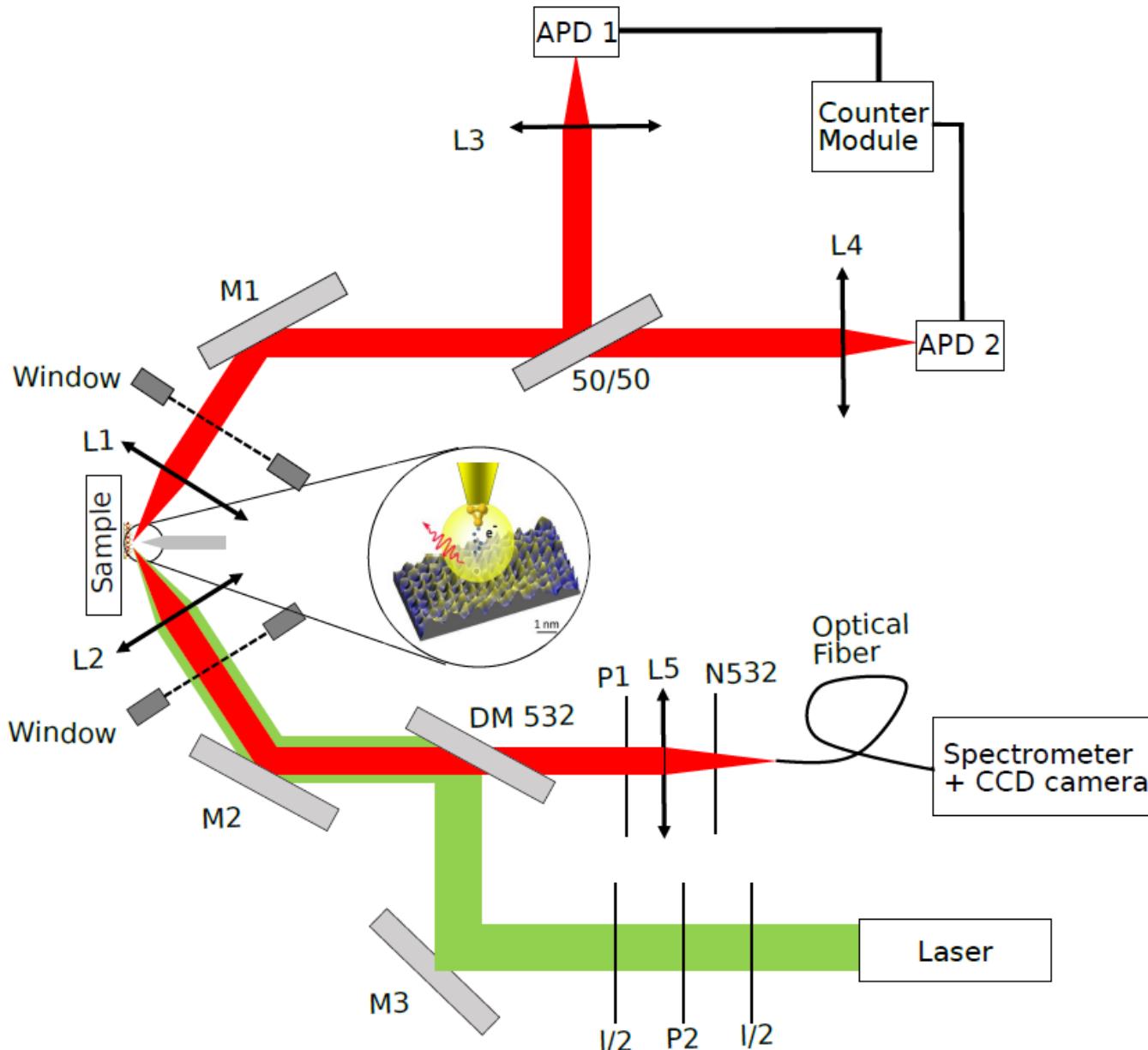
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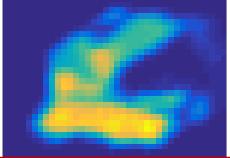


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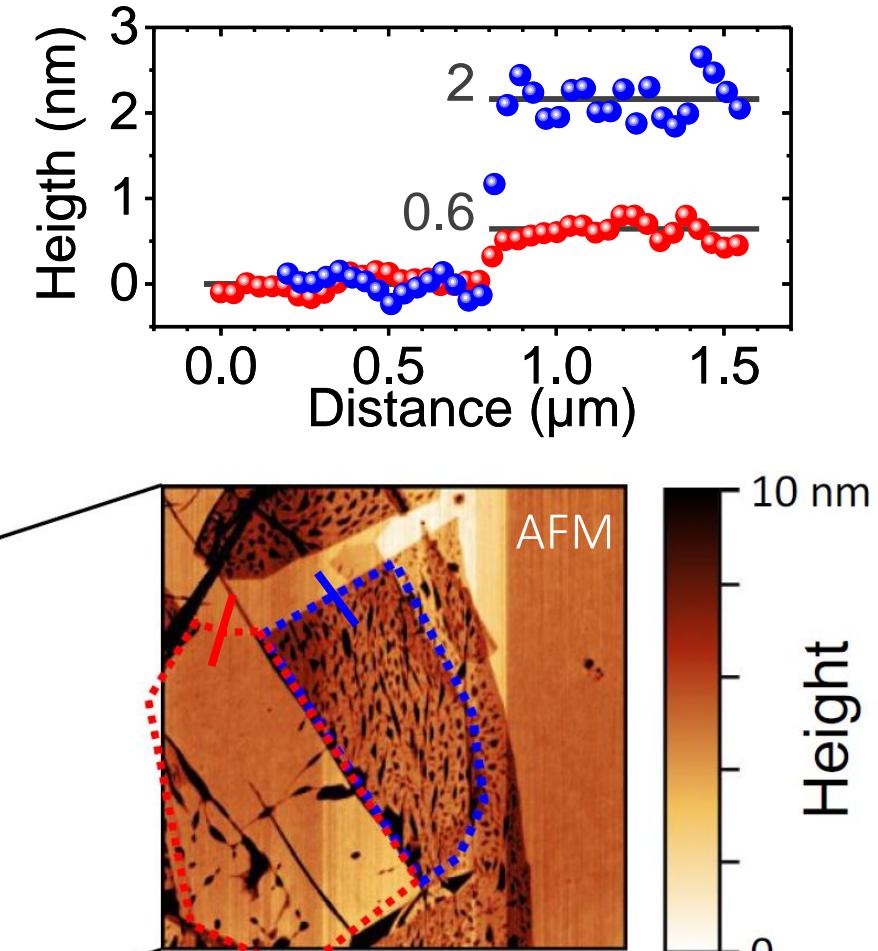
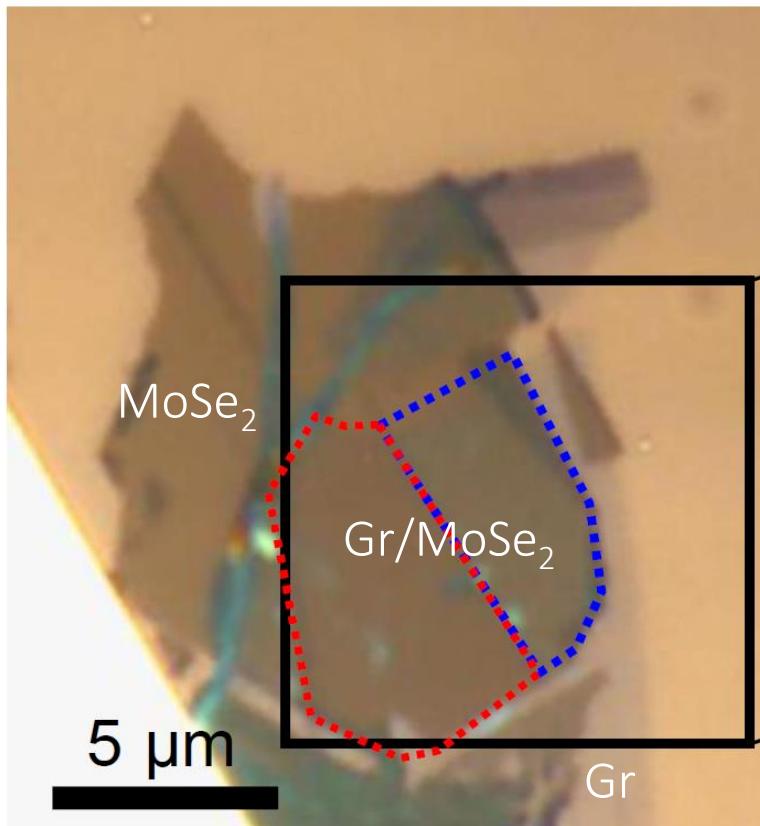


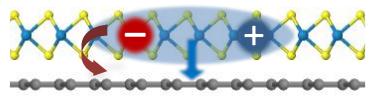
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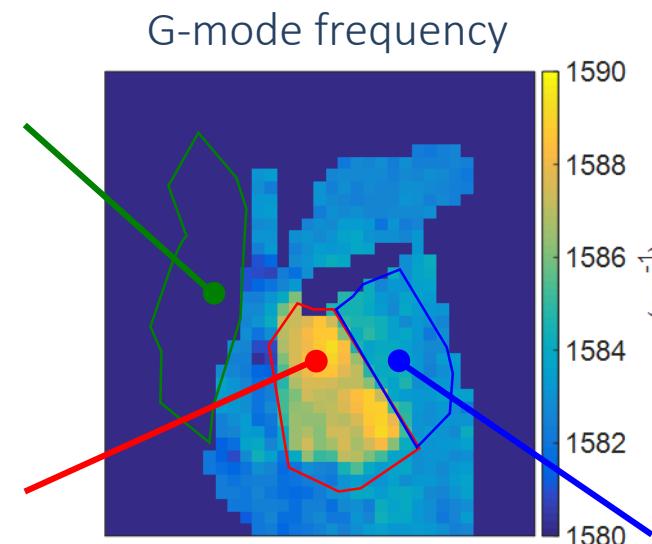
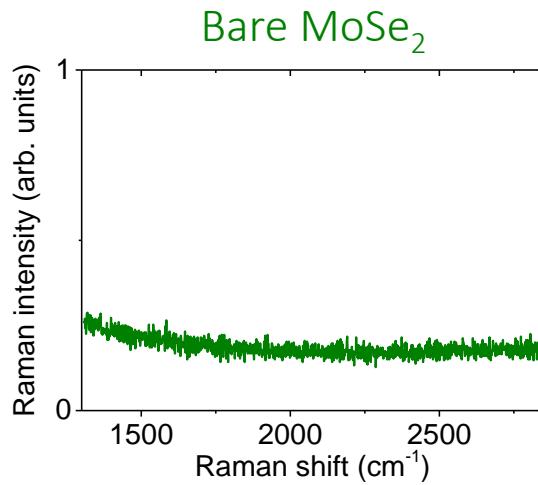


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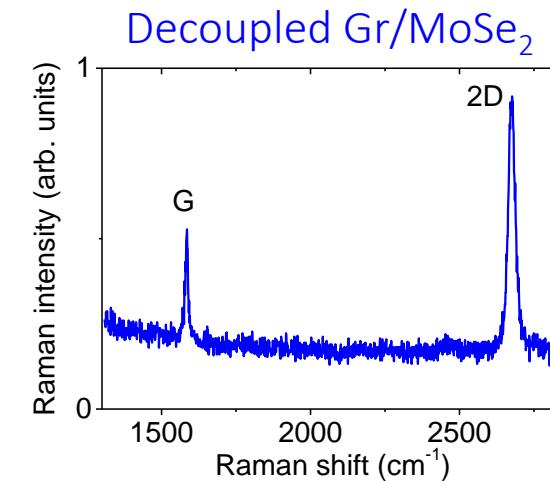
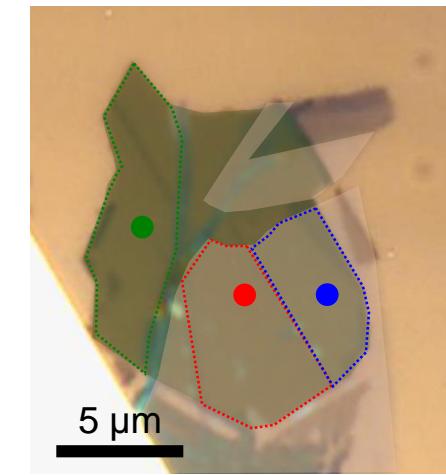
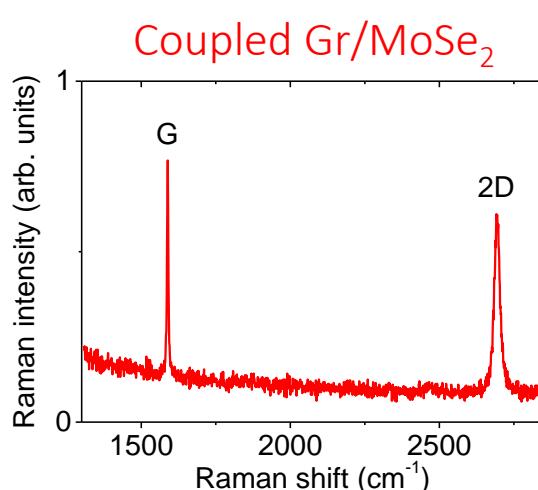




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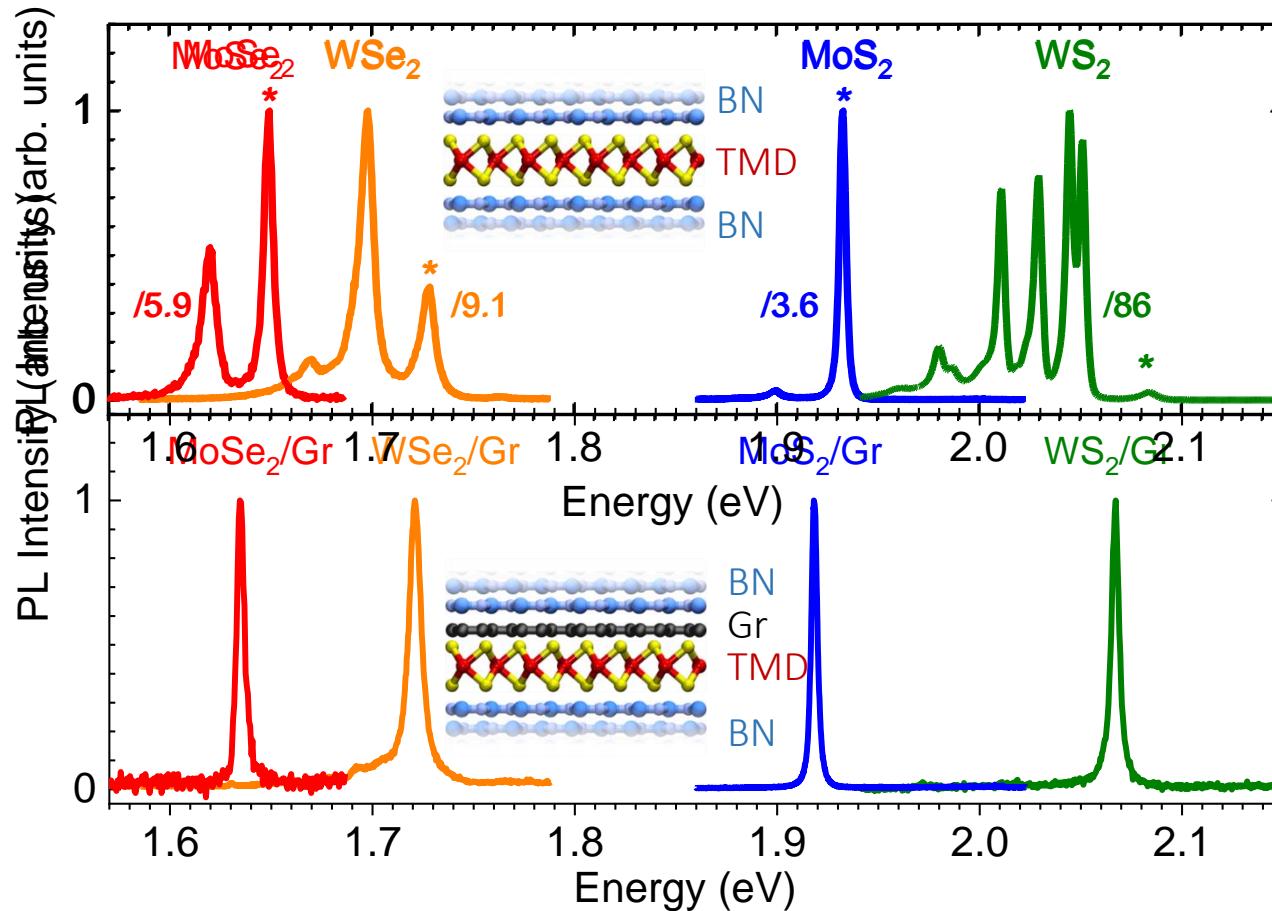


*(Photo-induced) doping:  
Slow, partly extrinsic effect  
No impact on exciton dynamics*



# TMD/Graphene: a model system for STML?

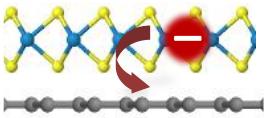
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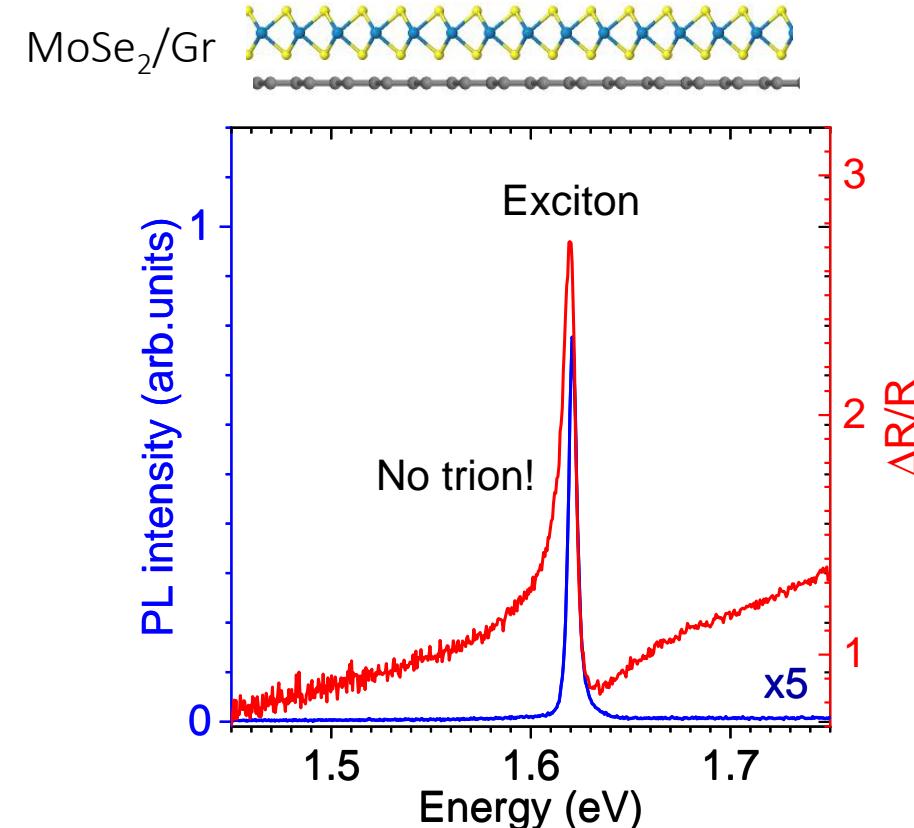
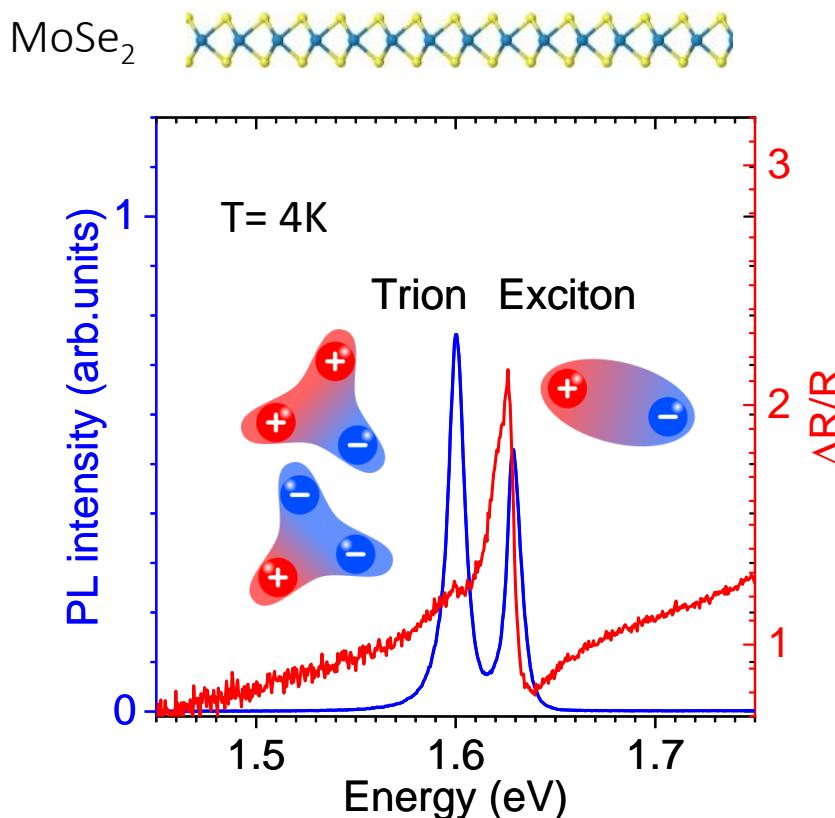
## "Filtering effect"

- Neutralization + picosecond exciton transfer  
→ Bright, single-line emission
- Approaching the homogeneous linewidth
- Short  $X_0$  lifetime  $\sim 2$  ps
- Graphene as a smooth metallic contact

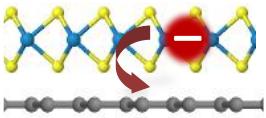
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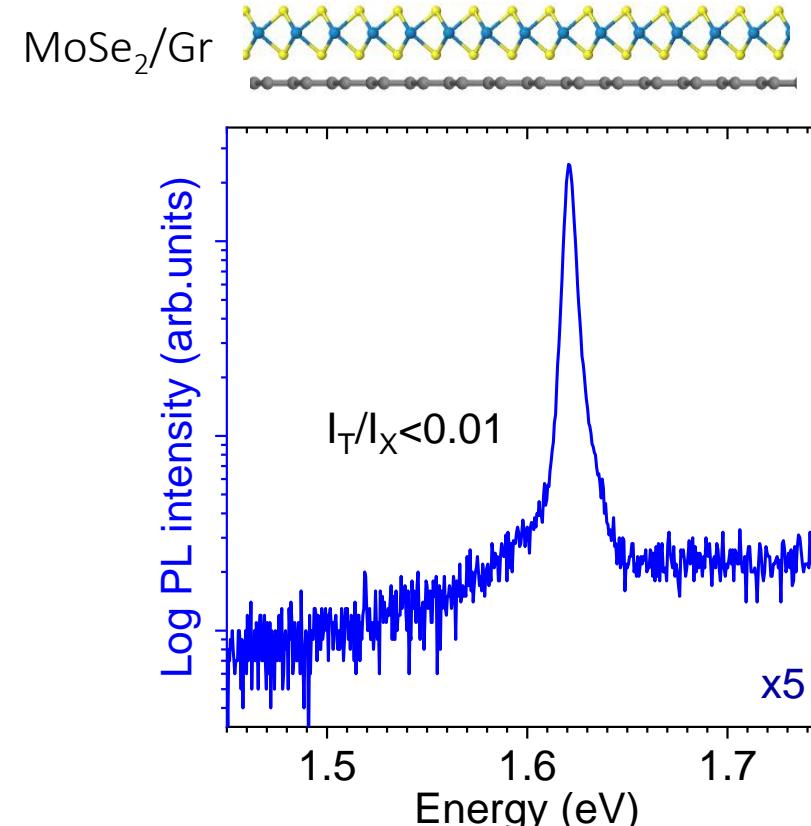
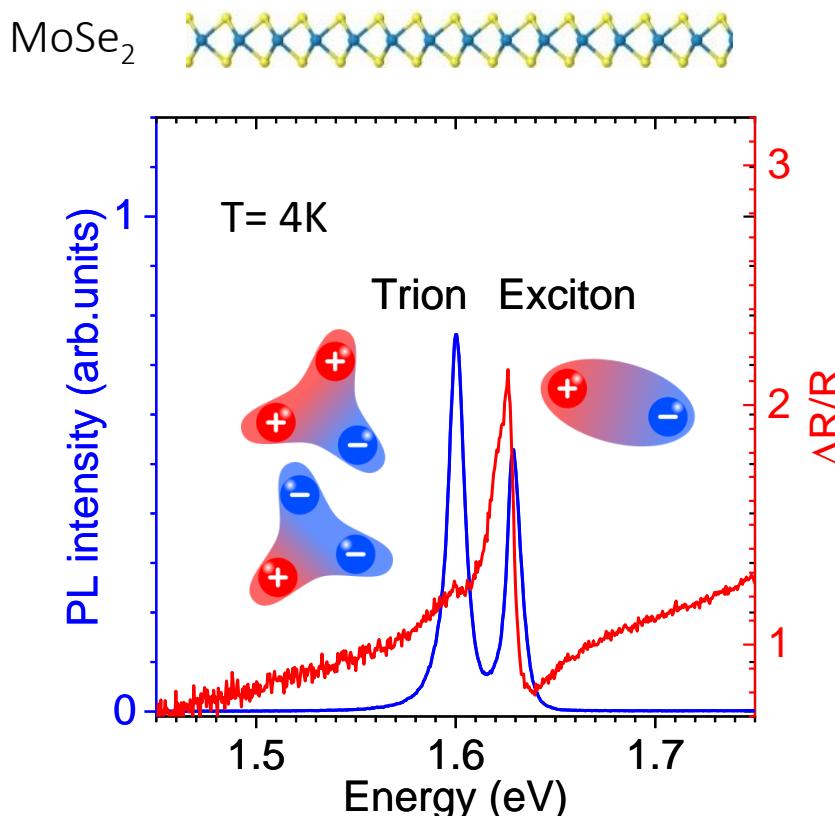
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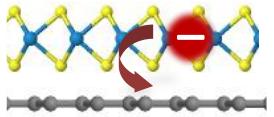
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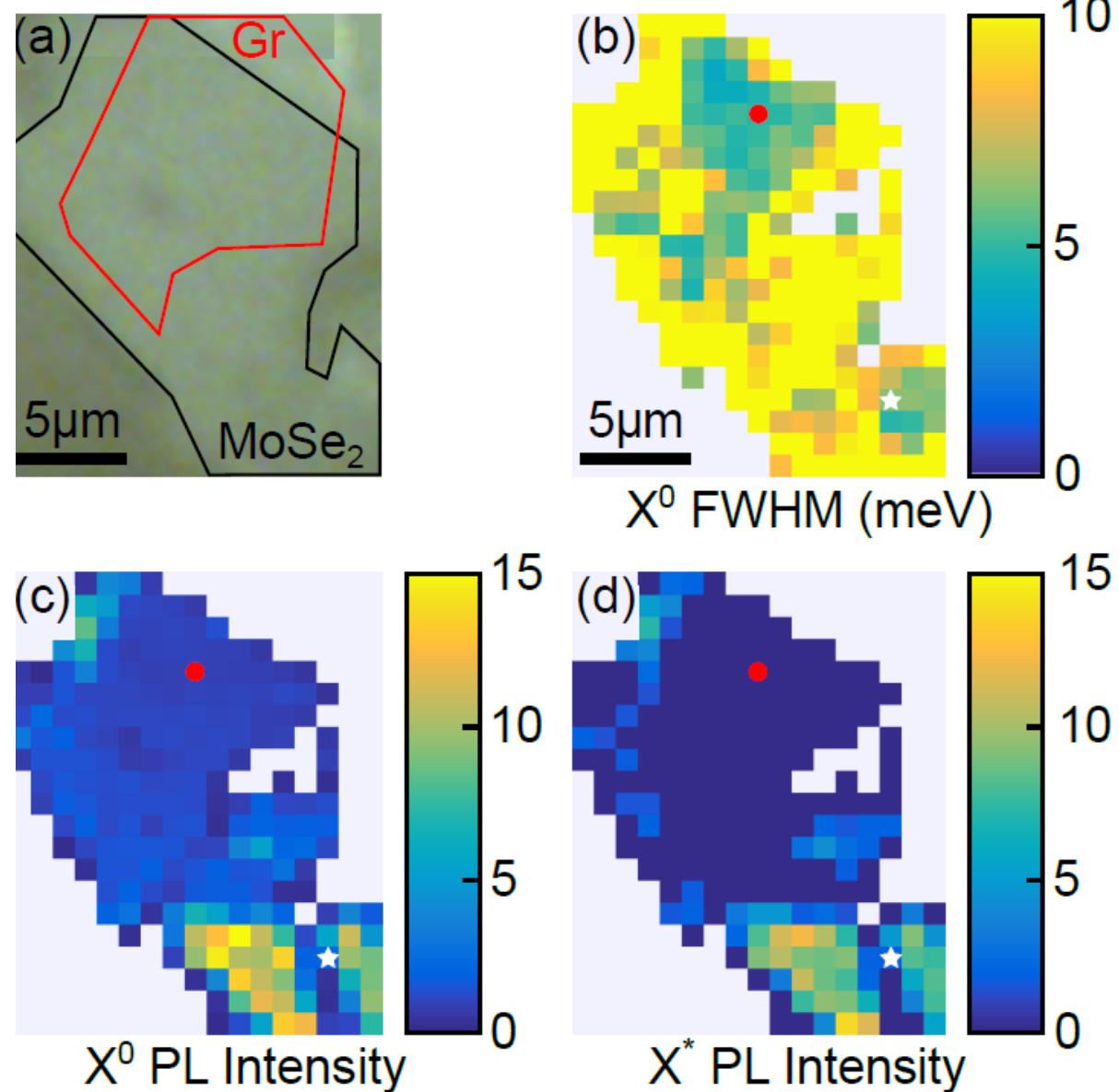
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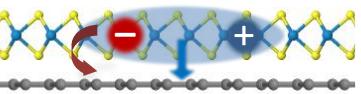


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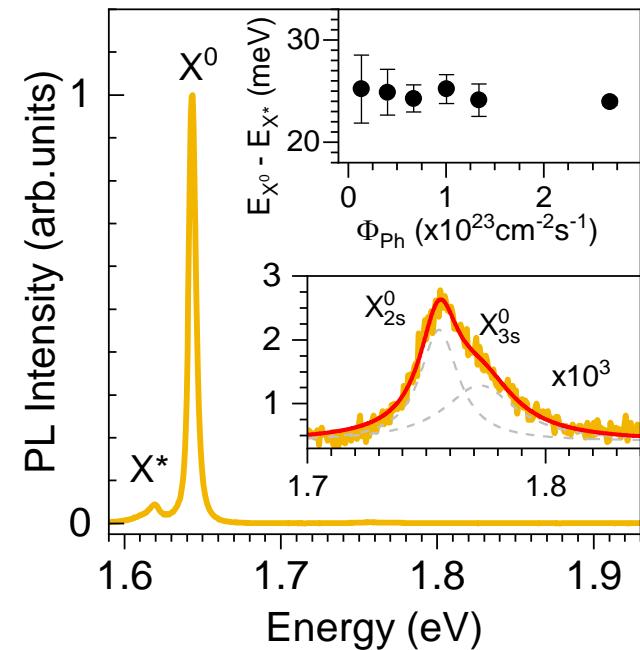
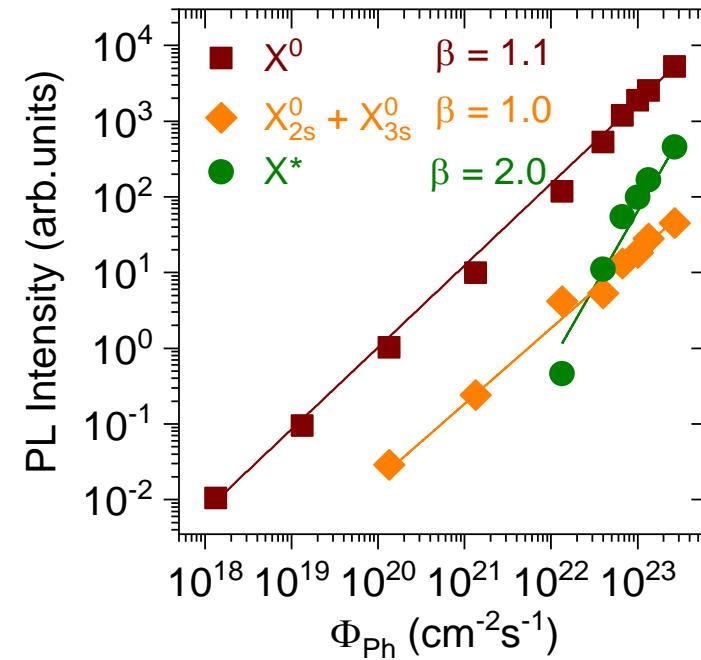
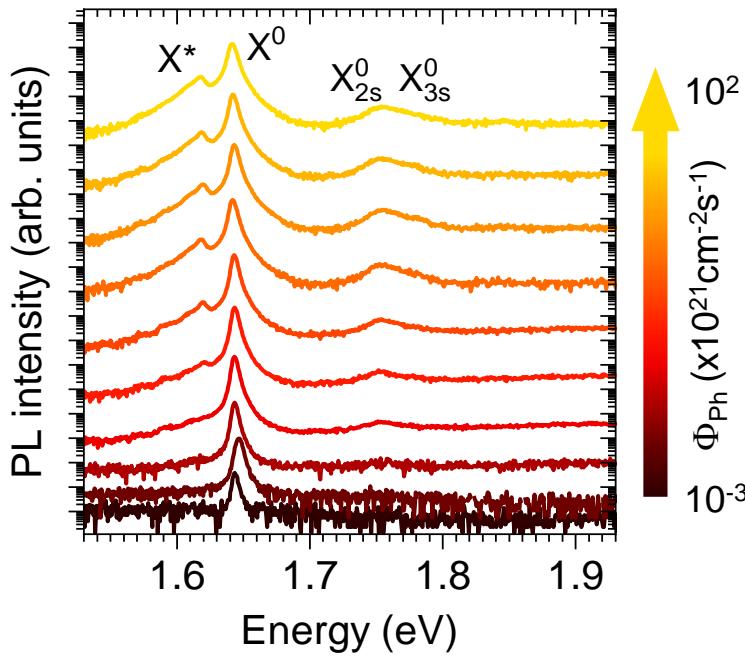
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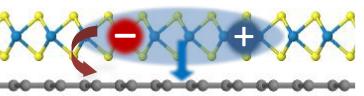


# Photostability and dielectric screening

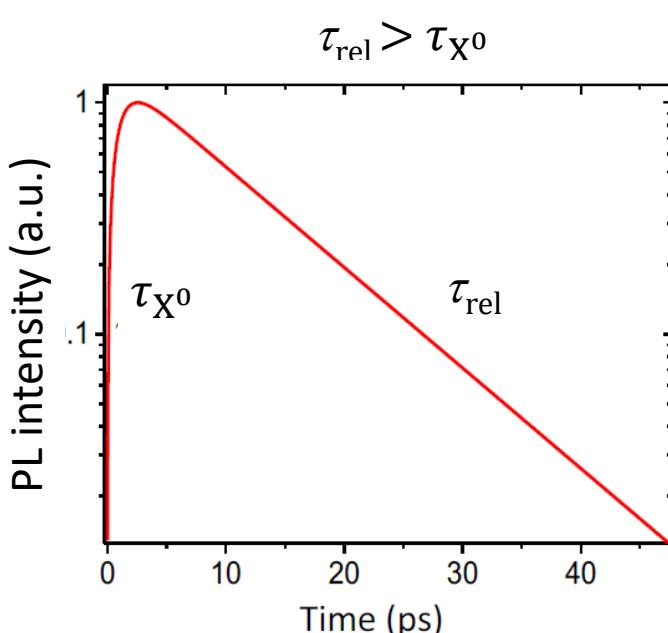
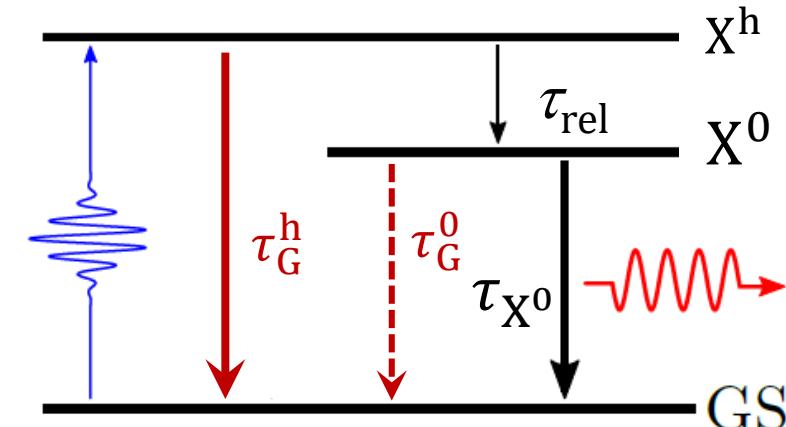
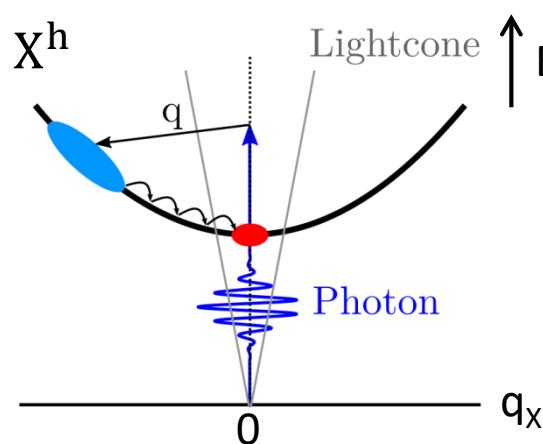
*BN-capped MoSe<sub>2</sub>/Gr, T= 4 K*



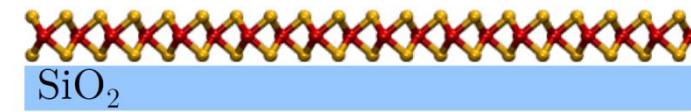
- Auger-mediated process → scales as  $\Phi_{\text{ph}}^2$
- TMD/Gr sustains larger photon fluxes than bare TMD monolayers
- Reduced  $\Delta_{1s-2s}$  → reduced  $E_b$  by ~ 30 – 50 %  
→ Determination of  $\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} \propto E_b^{-2}$  in TMD/Gr



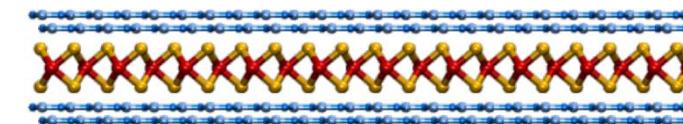
# Low temperature exciton dynamics



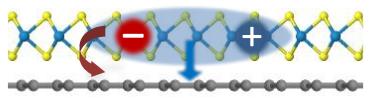
$$I(t) \propto \frac{n_h(0)}{\tau_{\text{rel}} - \tau_{X^0}} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{rel}}}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{X^0}}\right) \right]$$



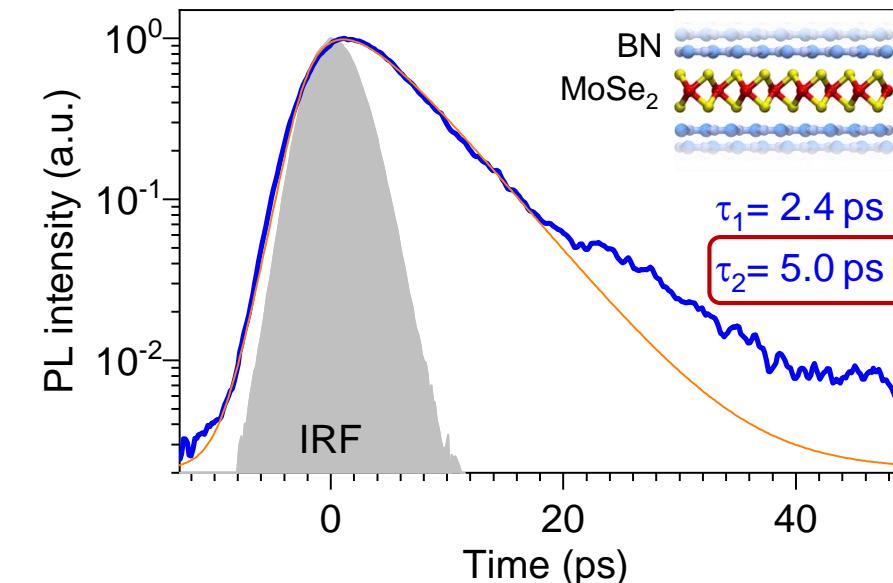
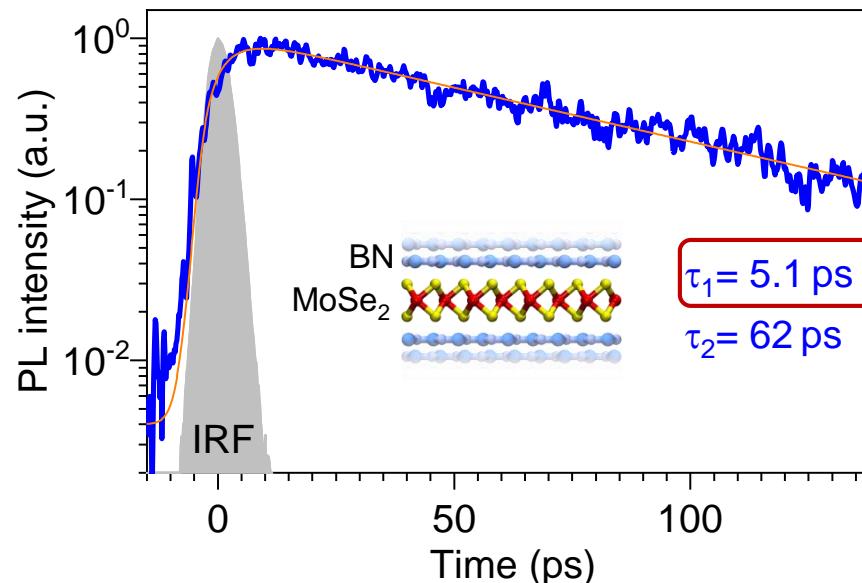
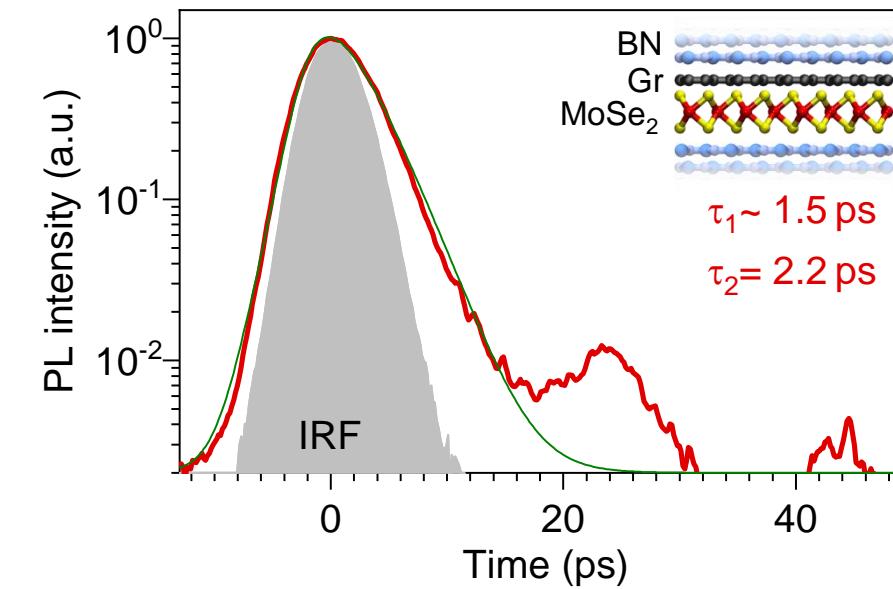
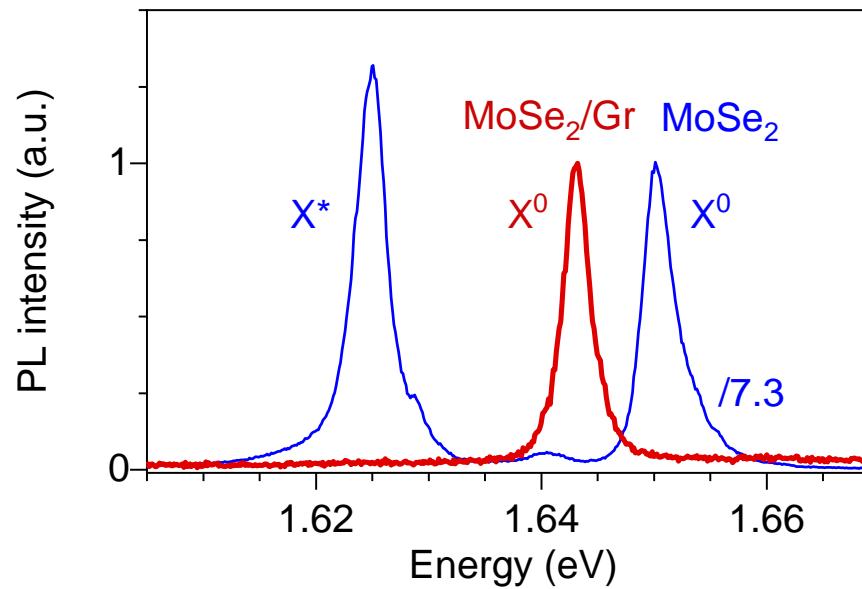
$\tau_{\text{rel}} < 1 \text{ ps}, \tau_{X^0} \sim 2 \text{ ps} (\text{i.e., } 0.3 \text{ meV})$

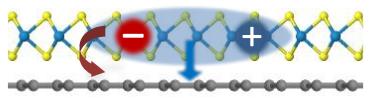


$\tau_{\text{rel}} \gg 1 \text{ ps}, \tau_{X^0} \sim 1 - 10 \text{ ps} (\text{i.e., } 0.6 - 0.06 \text{ meV})$

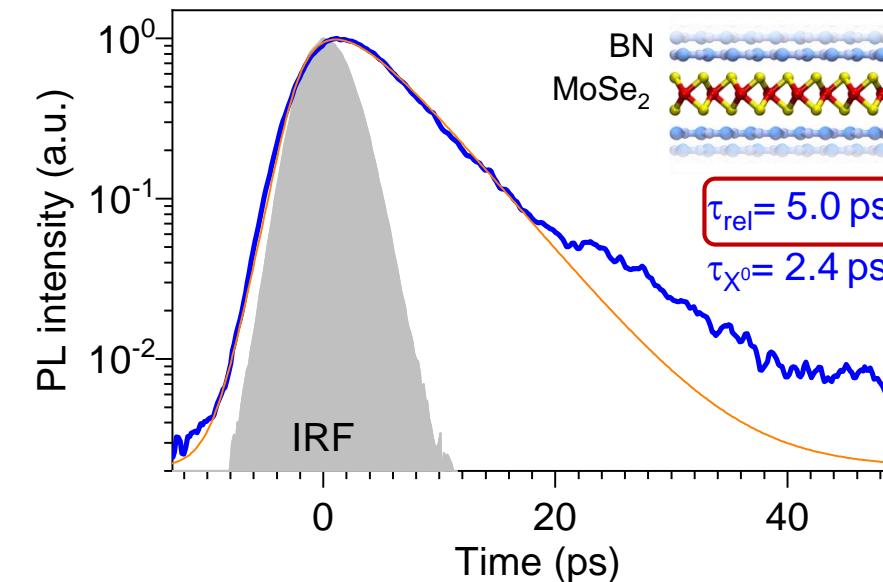
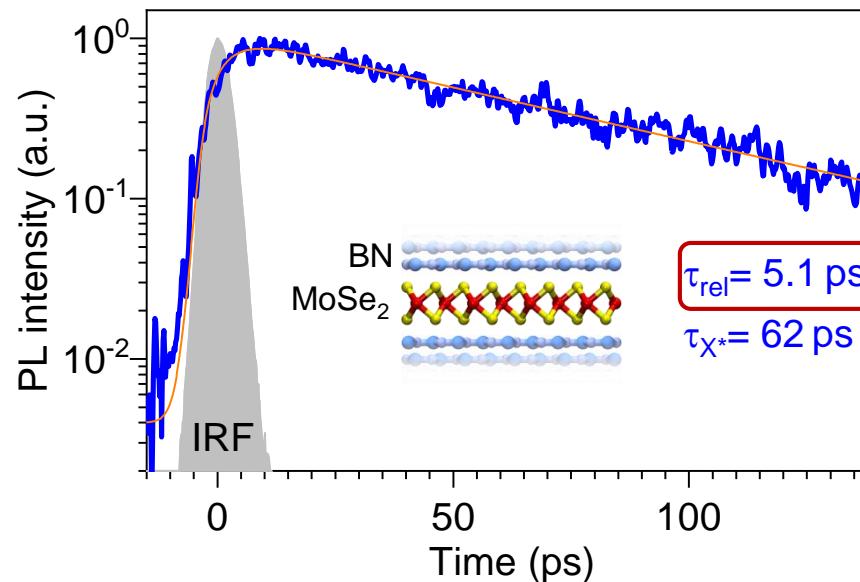
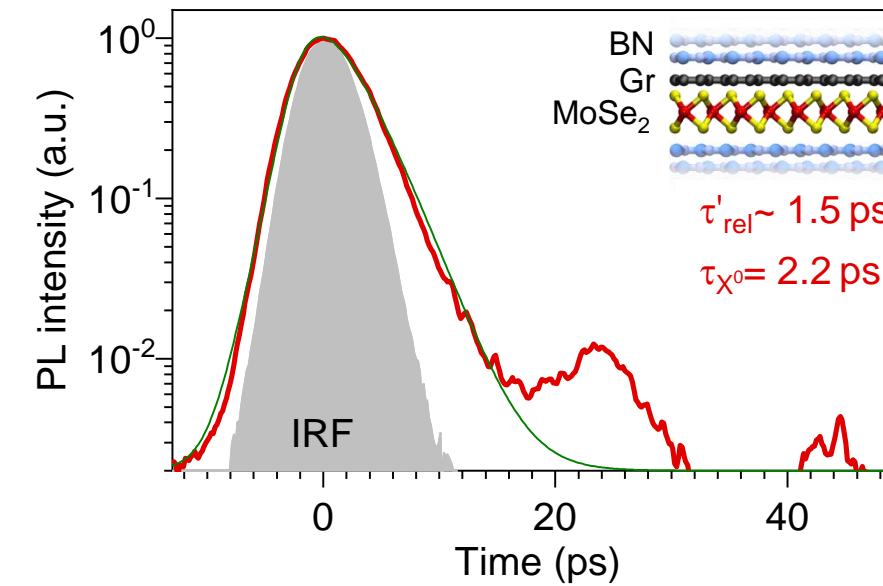
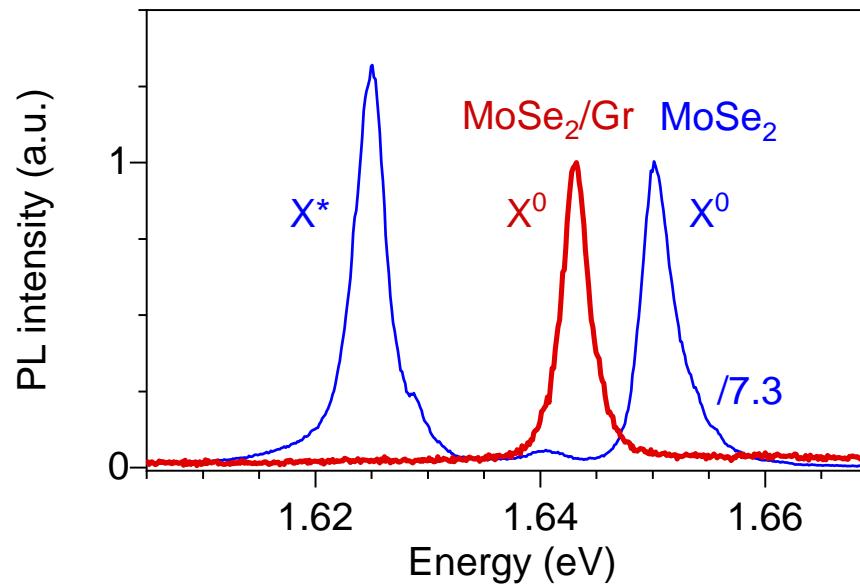


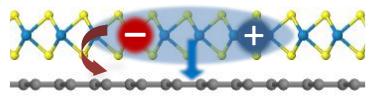
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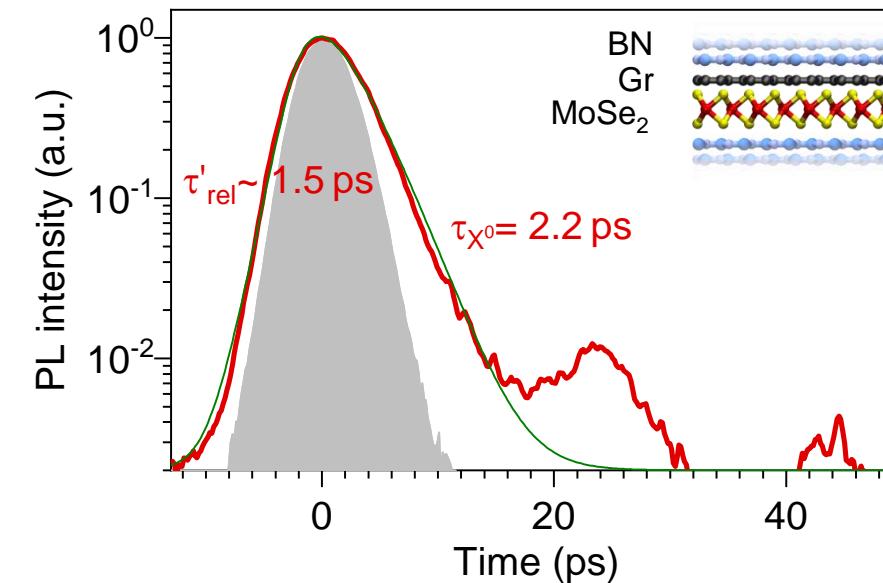
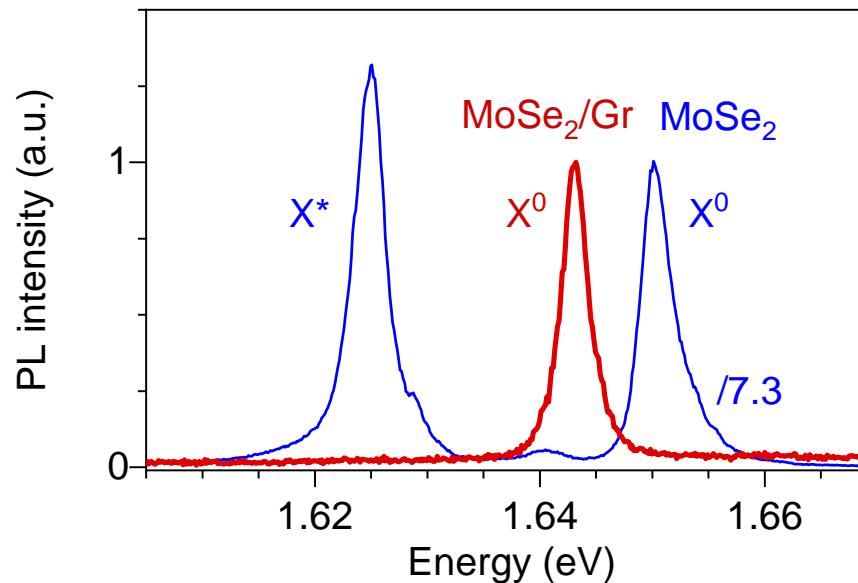


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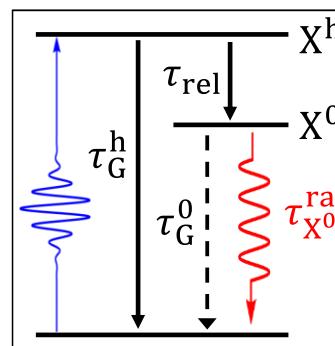




# Evidence for hot exciton transfer



- $\tau_G^0 = \frac{\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} \tau_{X^0}}{\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} - \tau_{X^0}} \sim 4 \text{ ps}$



- $\eta_{X^0} = \frac{\tau_G^0}{\tau_{X^0}^{\text{rad}} + \tau_G^0} \sim 50\%$

$$\rightarrow \tau_G^h \gg \tau_G^0$$

➤ Energy dependent exciton transfer

