# Нелинейный классический и линейный квантовый транспорт экситонов в двумерных кристаллах

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### **Two-dimensional materials**



are the platform for van der Waals heterostructures





Withers et al. (2015)

Geim, Grigorieva (2013)

#### **Transition metal dichalcogenides**





#### Bulk materials are **indirect**-gap semiconductors



# Direct and inverse lattices of MX<sub>2</sub>





Review: Rev. Mod. Phys. 90, 021001 (2018); Phys. Usp. 61, 825 (2018)

#### **Band structure & selection rules**





Mo-based

#### **Excitons in atom-thin semiconductors**





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Краткое введение в физику двумерных кристаллов Нелинейный транспорт экситонов

Заключение

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# **Transport & optical effects**







Velocity fluctuations:

$$\langle \delta v_x(t) \delta v_x(0) \rangle = \frac{v_T^2}{2} e^{-|t|/\tau_p} \quad (2D)$$

**Diffusion coefficient** 

$$D = \int_0^\infty \langle \delta v_x(t) \delta v_x(0) \rangle dt = \frac{v_T^2 \tau_p}{2}$$



Prospects: solar energy harvesting



# **Exciton diffusion: experimental puzzles**





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### Increase of effective diffusion coefficient: Auger effect





**Diffusion equation** 

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D\Delta n - \frac{n}{\tau} - R_A n^2 \quad R_A = (0.1 \dots 0.5) \frac{\mathrm{cm}^2}{\mathrm{s}}$$

#### Ansatz solution

$$n(\boldsymbol{\rho}, t) = \frac{N(t)}{\pi (r_0^2 + 4D_{eff}t)} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2}{r_0^2 + 4D_{eff}t}\right), \quad D_{eff} = D + \frac{R_A n_0 r_0^2}{16}$$

#### **Encapsulation effect**





# **Excitonic halos: memory and heating effects**







Excitons are overheated as a result of the Auger process non-equilibrium phonons are produced

Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 207401 (2018)

# **Excitonic halos: memory and heating effects**







#### Hot spot: non-equilibrium phonons







- Efficient Auger recombination
- Large energy release
- Excitation of non-equilibrium phonons

Phonons propagate out of the hot spot and drag excitons  $\Rightarrow$  halo-like pattern is formed

Drift-diffusion model

$$rac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{j} + rac{n}{ au} + R_A n^2 = 0,$$

$$\boldsymbol{j} = -D\boldsymbol{\nabla}\boldsymbol{n} + \frac{\tau_p}{m}\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{\rho})\boldsymbol{n}$$

$$F = F_{\text{phonons}} + F_{\text{Seebeck}}$$

Phys. Rev. B 100, 045426 (2019)

# **Phonon wind effect**



#### Low temperatures, ballistic phonons

- Pump pulse creates hot spot
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- momentum flux



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Keldysh (1976); Zinov'ev, Ivanov, Kozub, Yaroshetskii (1983) Bulatov, Tikhodeev (1992) Force field produced by phonons (2D) can be found from the kinetic equation Exciton distribution function  $f_k$ :

$$\frac{\partial f_k}{\partial t} + v_k \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r} + \frac{f_k - \bar{f}_k}{\tau_p} = -\frac{f_k}{\tau_d} + g_k$$
$$+ Q_{\text{exc-ph}} \{f_k\}$$

At  $f_k \ll 1$ , and high phonon occupancies  $N_q \gg 1$ 

$$Q_{\rm exc-ph}{f_k} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_q |M_q|^2 (f_{k+q} - f_k) \times$$

$$[N_q\delta(E_{k+q}-E_k-\hbar\Omega_q)+N_{-q}\delta(E_{k+q}-E_k+\hbar\Omega_q)]$$

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 $F_{\rm wind}(\rho) = \frac{U}{\rho} \frac{\rho}{\rho}$ Hot spot acts as a repulsive center effective "Coulomb" repulsion Cloud expansion  $\rho(t) \approx \sqrt{Ut}$ 



#### High temperatures, diffusive phonons

Temperature gradients of lattice and of excitons are formed

$$F_{\text{drag}} = -\frac{\tau_p}{\tau_x} k_B \nabla T_{\text{latt}}, \quad F_{\text{Seebeck}} = -k_B \nabla T_{\text{exc}}$$

Phonon drag scenario:



Phys. Rev. B 100, 045426 (2019); for Seebeck effect: Perea-Causin et al. Nano Lett. 19, 7317 (2019) 15 / 23

# Phonon wind vs. phonon drag



Phonon wind Phonons propagate ballistically

 $F_{\text{wind}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \frac{U}{\rho} \frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}}{\rho}$ 



These bluestripe snapper are schooling. They are all swimming in the same direction in a coordinated way.

Phonon drag Phonons propagate diffusively  $F_{\text{drag}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \frac{\Theta}{4\pi\varkappa t} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2}{4\varkappa t}\right)$ 



These surgeonfish are shoaling. They are swimming somewhat

independently, but in such a way that they stay connected.





- Какие механизмы определяют коэффициент диффузии экситонов?
- Всегда ли применимо квазиклассическое описание?



#### Non-degenerate excitons

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#### LA-phonon scattering in MX<sub>2</sub> MLs

$$\tau = \frac{Ms^2}{k_BT}\tau_0, \quad \tau_0^{-1} = \frac{M^2(\Xi_c - \Xi_v)^2}{\rho\hbar^3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad D = s^2\tau_0 \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

In this mechanism D is temperature independent



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#### Our goal

is to study the lowest order corrections in the parameter  $\hbar/(k_B T \tau) \ll 1$ .



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#### Self-intersecting trajectory:

 $\phi_{\circlearrowright} = \phi_{\circlearrowleft}$ 

Constructive interference  $\Rightarrow$  localization



# **Exciton weak localization**





Exciton weak localization: Ivchenko, Pikus, Razbirin, Starukhin (1977), Arseev, Dzyubenko (1998)

## **Time scales**



 $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$ 

Quasielasticity:

$$\Delta \epsilon \sim \sqrt{k_B T M s^2} \ll k_B T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \epsilon^2(t) \sim (\Delta \epsilon)^2 rac{t}{ au}$$

Momentum relaxation time

$$au = rac{Ms^2}{k_BT} au_0, \quad au_0^{-1} = rac{M^2(\Xi_c - \Xi_v)^2}{
ho\hbar^3}$$

Energy relaxation time

$$\delta \epsilon( au_{\epsilon}) \sim k_B T \quad \Rightarrow \quad au_{\epsilon} = rac{ au_0}{2} \gg au$$

Phase relaxation time

$$\delta \epsilon(\tau_{\phi}) \sim rac{\hbar}{\tau_{\phi}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad au_{\phi} \sim \left[rac{\hbar^2 au_0}{(k_B T)^2}
ight]^{1/3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad rac{ au_{\phi}}{ au} \propto T^{1/3}$$

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Quantum effects become more pronounced with the temperature increase

Golubentsev (1984); Afonin, Galperin, Gurevich (1985); Adams, Paalanen (1987); Stephen (1987); Dyakonov, Kopelevich (1988)

# Dephasing due to phonon propagation





$$C_{\phi} = \prod_{i} \exp\left\{i\frac{\Delta \boldsymbol{p}_{i}}{\hbar}[\boldsymbol{r}(t_{i}) - \boldsymbol{r}(-t_{i})]\right\}$$
  
$$\sim \exp\left\{-\frac{M\epsilon^{2}}{\hbar^{2}\tau}\int_{-t}^{t}[\boldsymbol{r}(t') - \boldsymbol{r}(-t')]^{2}dt'\right\}$$
  
$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{Ms^{2}\epsilon^{2}}{\hbar^{2}\tau}\int_{-t}^{t}(t')^{2}dt'\right\} \sim \exp\left[-\frac{t^{3}}{\tau_{\phi}^{3}(\epsilon)}\right]$$
  
ballistic phonons:  $\boldsymbol{r}(t) \sim st$ 

Phonons propagate with a constant velocity (s is the speed of sound), while the velocity of excitons increases with increasing the temperature.

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Thus, dephasing is less efficient at elevated temperatures.

# Weak localization: results





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#### Take home message

Excitons in 2D crystals are ideal objects to study linear and nonlinear transport effects.

# Thank you for attention!

Kulig,, MMG, Chernikov,	Exciton Diffusion and Halo Effects in Monolayer Semiconductors, Phys. Rev. Lett. <b>120</b> , 207401 (2018)
MMG,	Phonon wind and drag of excitons in monolayer semiconductors, Phys. Rev. B 100, 045426 (2019)
Zipfel,, MMG, Malic, Chernikov,	Exciton diffusion in monolayer semiconductors with suppressed disorder, arXiv:1911.02909
MMG,	Quantum interference effect on exciton transport in monolayer semiconductors, arXiv:1911.10528

#### **Electron spectrum**





Kormanyos et al. (2015)

#### **Band structure & selection rules**





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# **Excitons in 2D semiconductors**



Optically created electron-hole pairs form excitons

$$\Psi_{\text{exc}} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}_e, \boldsymbol{k}_h} C_{\boldsymbol{k}_e, \boldsymbol{k}_h} | \boldsymbol{k}_e, s_e; \boldsymbol{k}_h, s_h \rangle = \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}_e, \boldsymbol{k}_h} C_{\boldsymbol{k}_e, \boldsymbol{k}_h} \mathcal{U}_{\mu}(\boldsymbol{k}_e, \boldsymbol{k}_h)$$

 $|\mathbf{k}_e, s_e; \mathbf{k}_h, s_h\rangle$  is the wavefunction of the state where the  $|\mathbf{k}_e, s_e\rangle$  conduction band state is occupied and the  $\mathcal{K}|\mathbf{k}_h, s_h\rangle$  valence band state is empty



# Exciton wavefunction $\Psi_{K;\nu,\mu}(\rho_e,\rho_h) = \frac{\exp{(iKR)}}{\sqrt{S}} \Phi_{\nu}(\rho) \mathcal{U}_{\mu}(\rho_e,\rho_h)$ Envelope function (1s, 2p, . . .) $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \Delta_{\rho} \Phi(\rho) + V(\rho) \Phi(\rho) = E \Phi(\rho)$

non-parabolicity & SO-coupling: Trushin, Goerbig, Belzig (2018)

#### **Encapsulated vs. non-encapsulated structures**



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#### Correlation of the diffusion coefficient and the lifetime



Exciton density near traps

 $D\Delta n_X = 0$ 

Flux to the trap

$$|\Phi| = 2\pi r_0 D_X \left. \frac{dn}{dr} \right|_{r=r_0}$$



#### Electron-hole plasma vs. excitons





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# Valley Hall effect: separation of valleys

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#### Valley Hall effect

Generation of the valley current transversal to the exciton flux  $i_{\sigma} \propto [\sigma \times F_{\text{drag}}]$ 



#### Drag force $F_{\rm drag}$ can be caused by

- Inhomogeneous deformation
- Exciton temperature gradient (Seebeck effect)
- Phonon wind/drag MMG (2019); Raül Perea-Causín et al. (2019)



#### In conventional systems

E. Hall (1881): AHE in ferromagnets Karplus, Luttinger (1954); Smith (1955): theory M.I. Dyakonov, V.I. Perel (1971): SHE prediction Y. Kato (2004); J. Wunderlich (2005): observation

# Microscopic theory: Three sources of the effect





# **Exciton valley Hall effect: theoretical expectations**





MMG, L.E. Golub, in preparation