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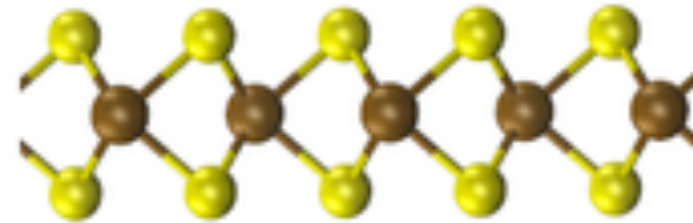
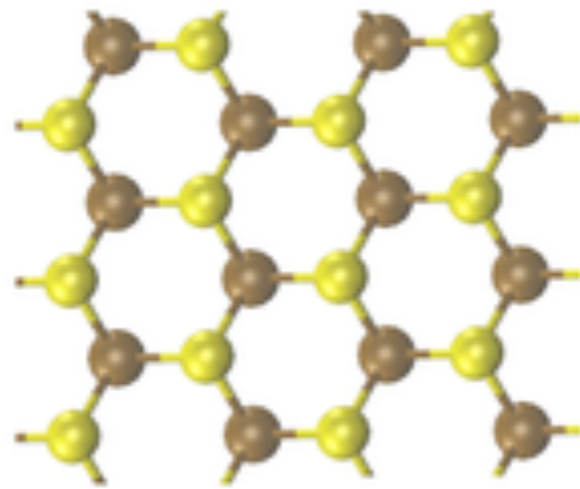
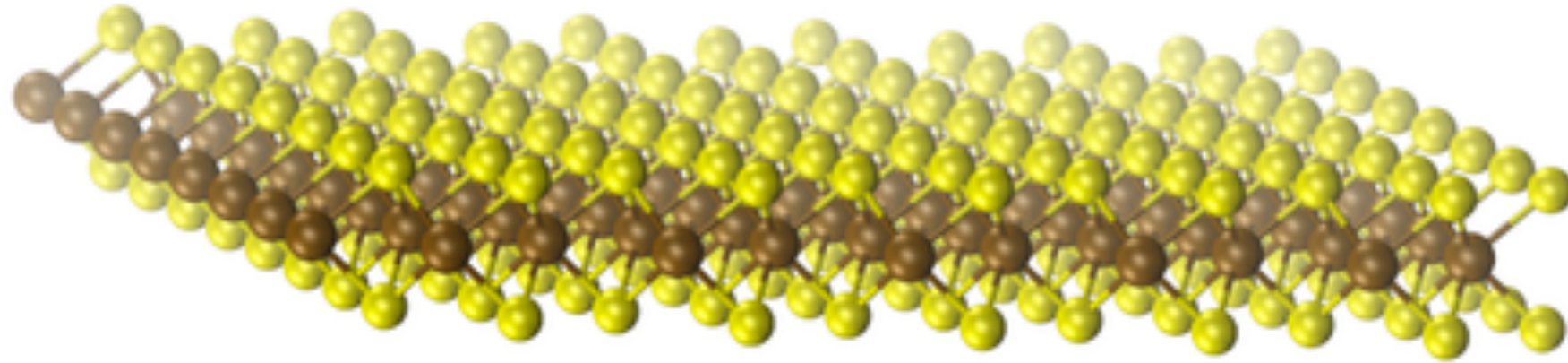


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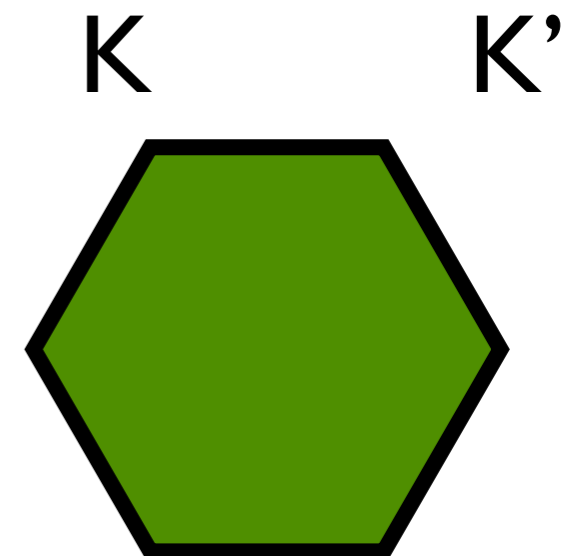
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MoS<sub>2</sub>:

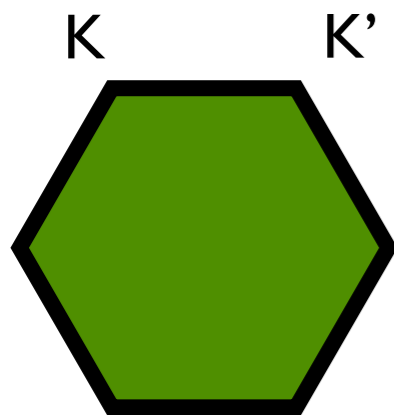


unit cell = 1 Mo atom + 2 S atoms

hexagonal Brillouin zone



# Low energy band structure:



$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} |d_{z^2}\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|d_{x^2-y^2}\rangle + i\tau|d_{xy}\rangle) \end{pmatrix}$$

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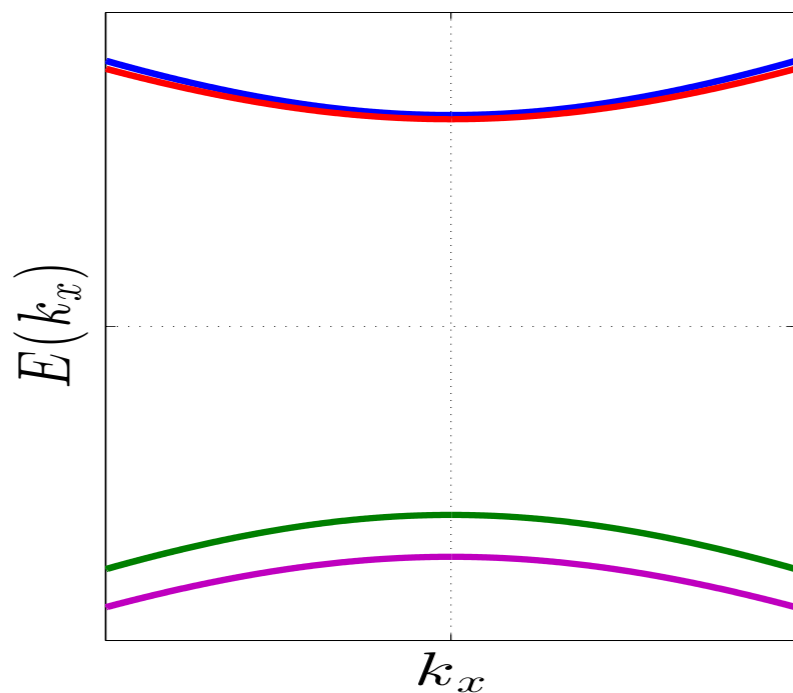
$\tau = \pm 1$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = v_\tau (\tau\sigma_x k_x + \sigma_y k_y) + \frac{1}{2} s\tau (\lambda_c(\sigma_0 + \sigma_z) + \lambda_v(\sigma_0 - \sigma_z)) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \sigma_z$$

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hopping term (through S p-like orbitals)

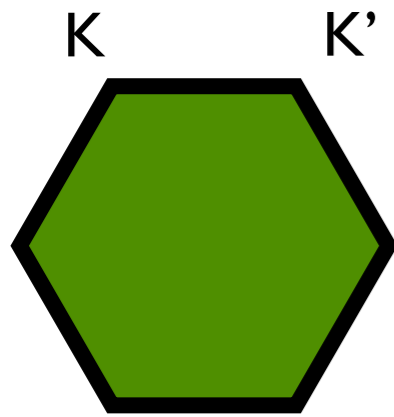
← spin-orbit interaction

↑ crystal field splitting



$$\lambda_c \simeq 0$$

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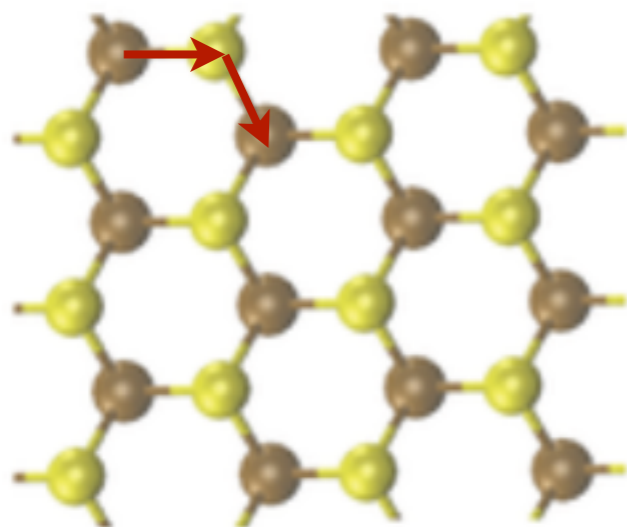
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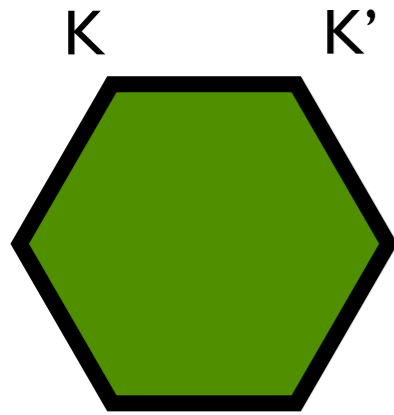


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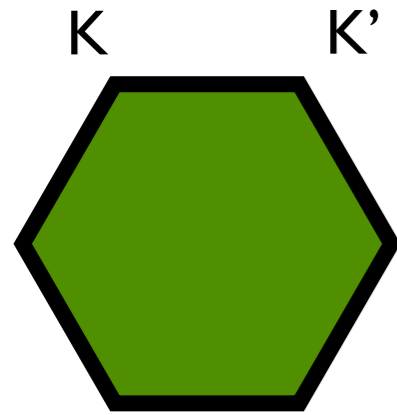
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how do we fix the parameters?

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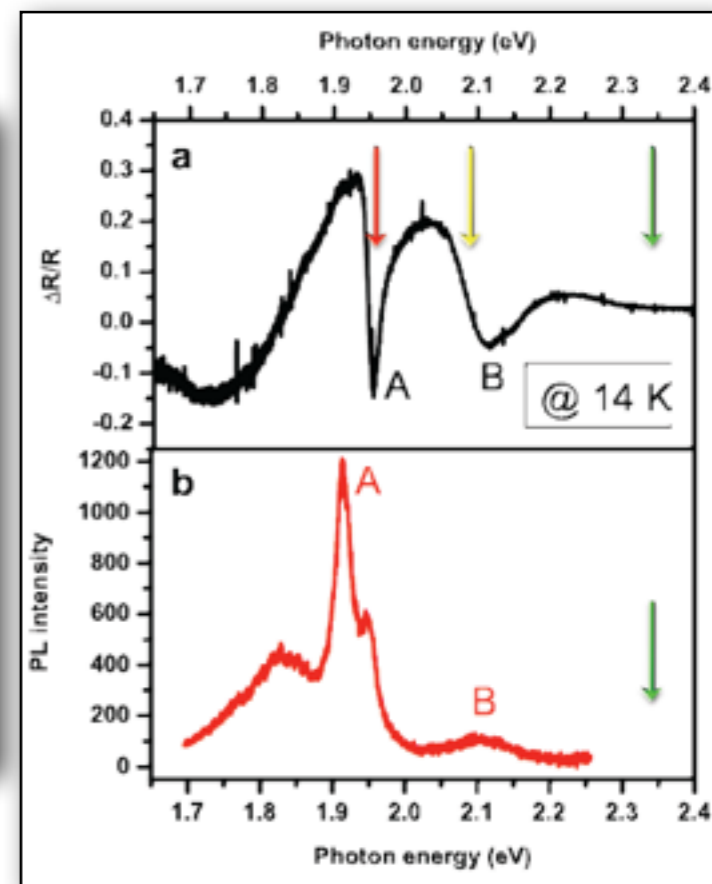
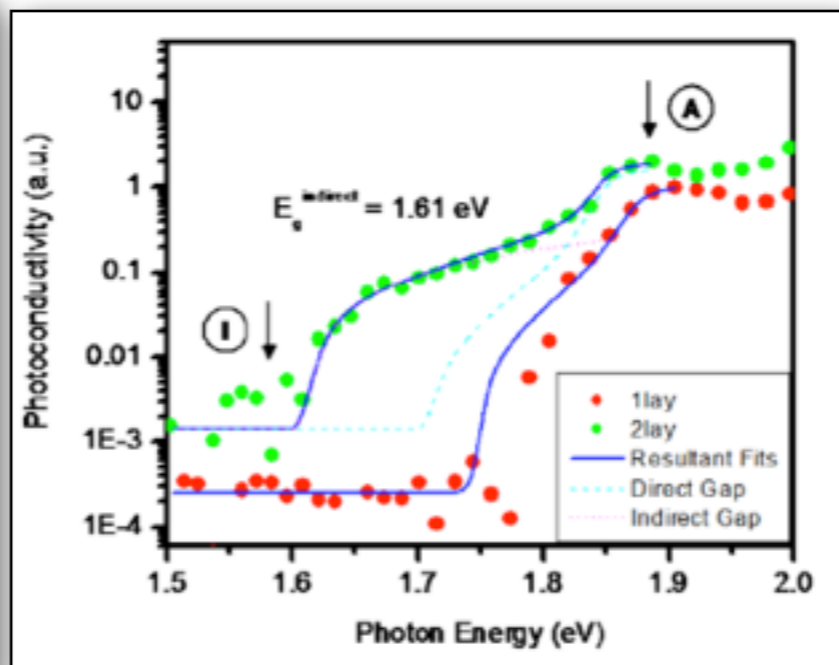
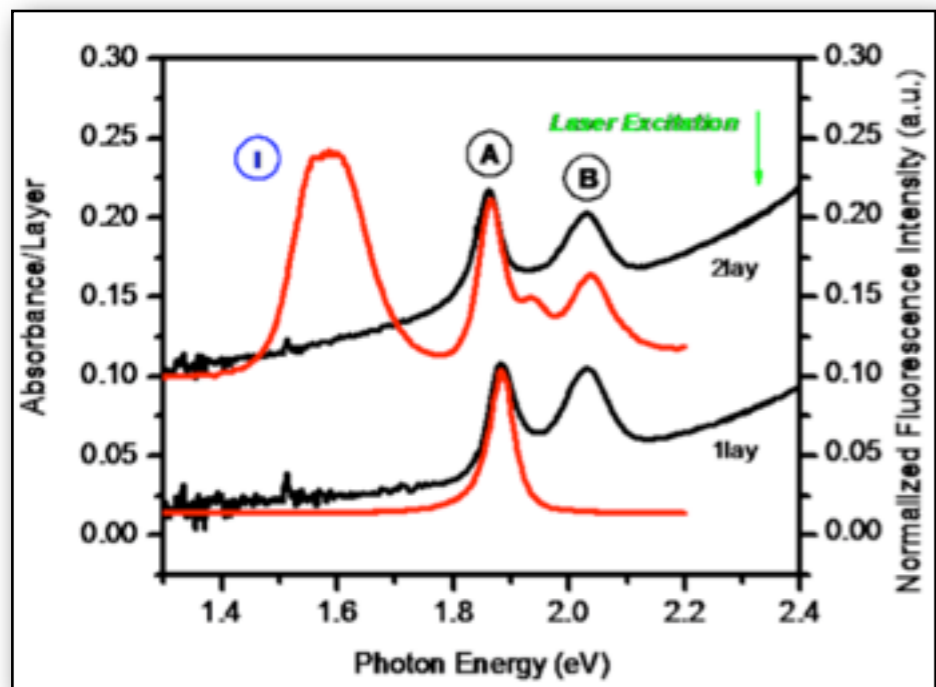
Role of interactions?

Important for spin relaxation studies

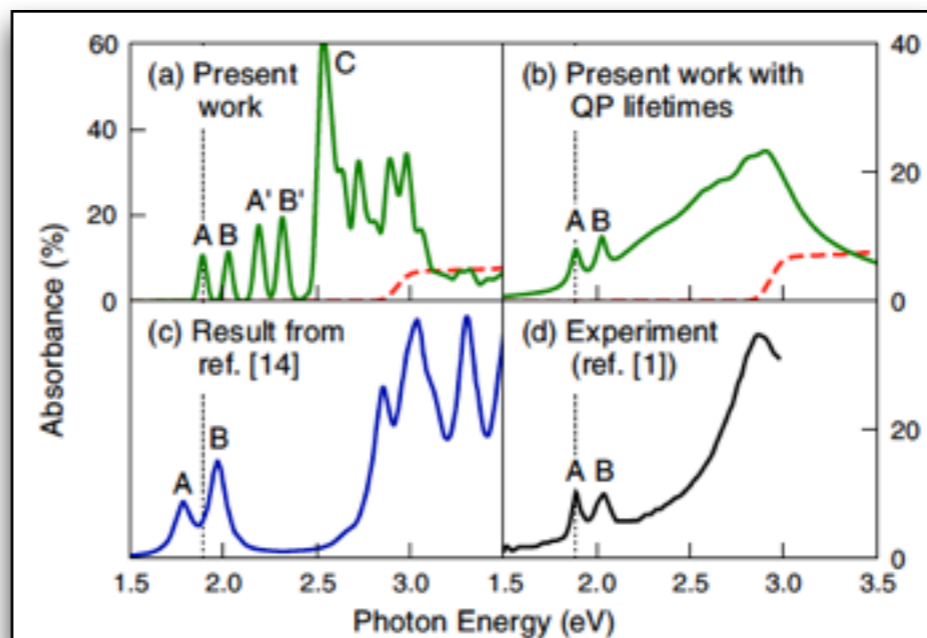
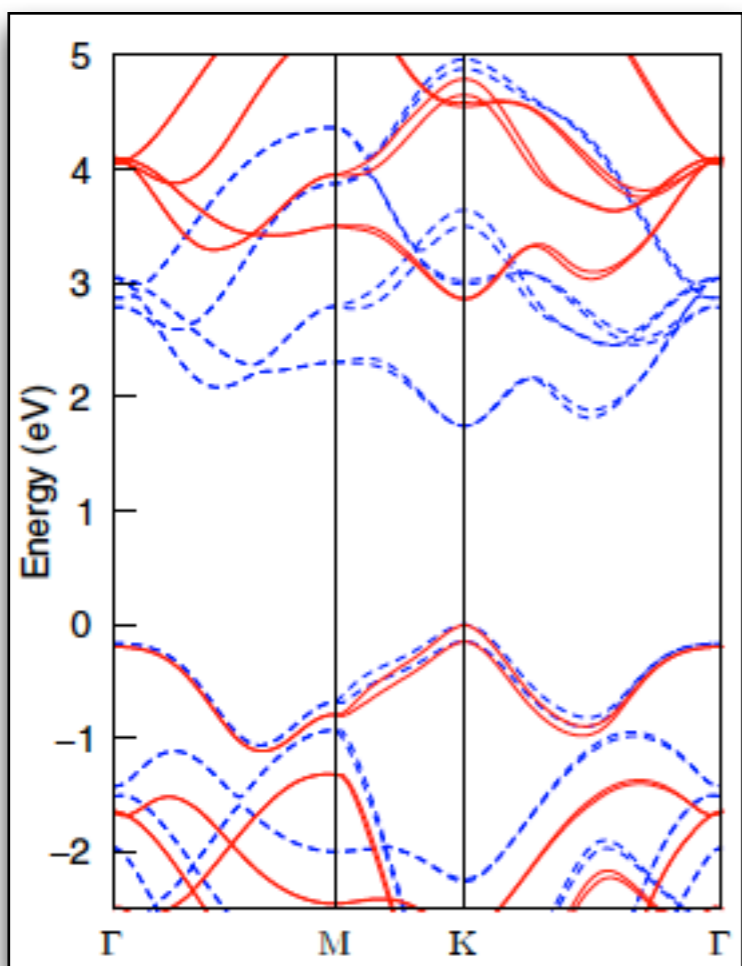
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experiments...

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DFT...

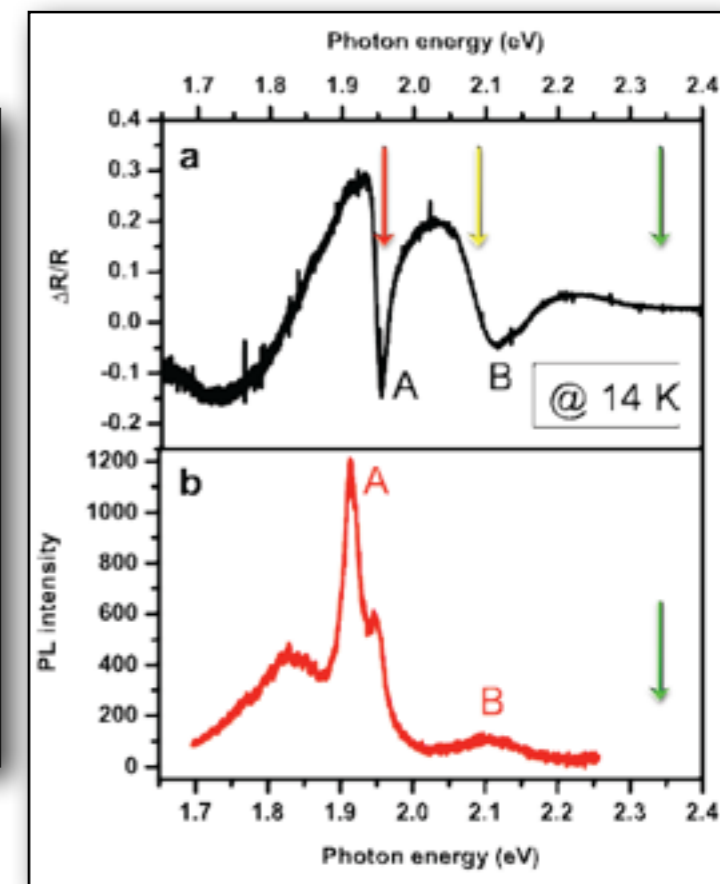
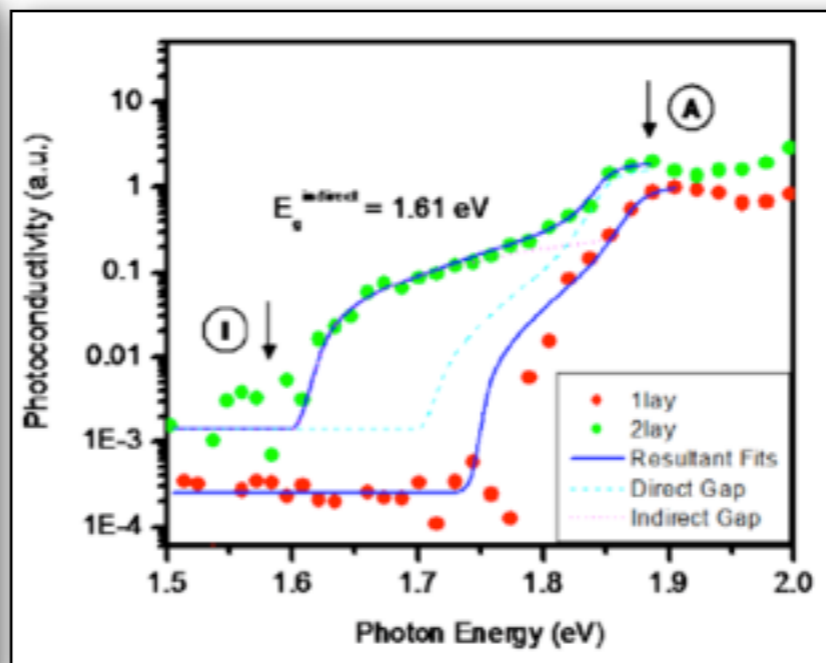
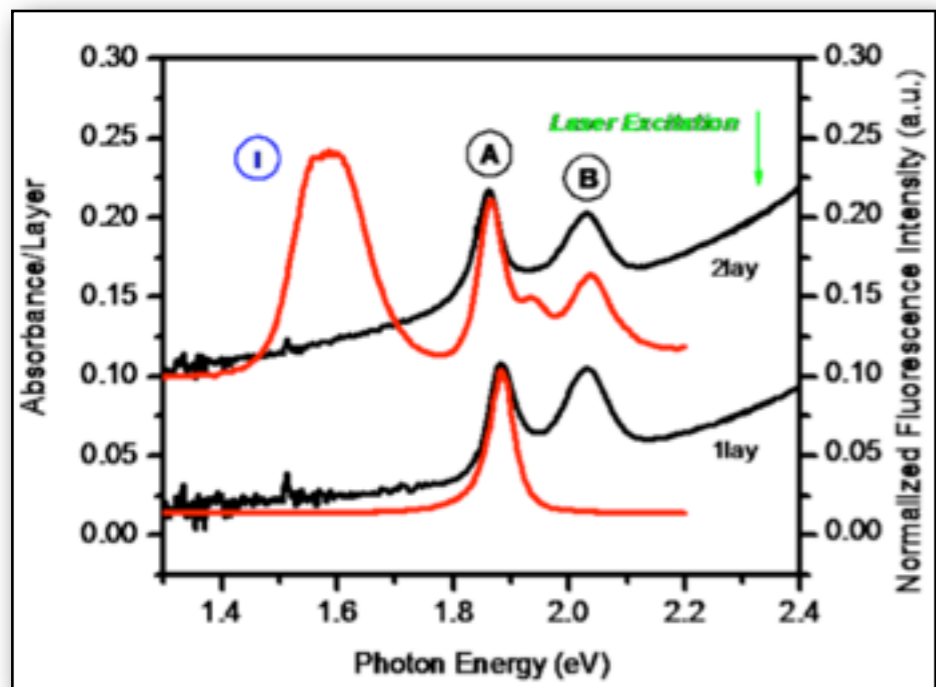


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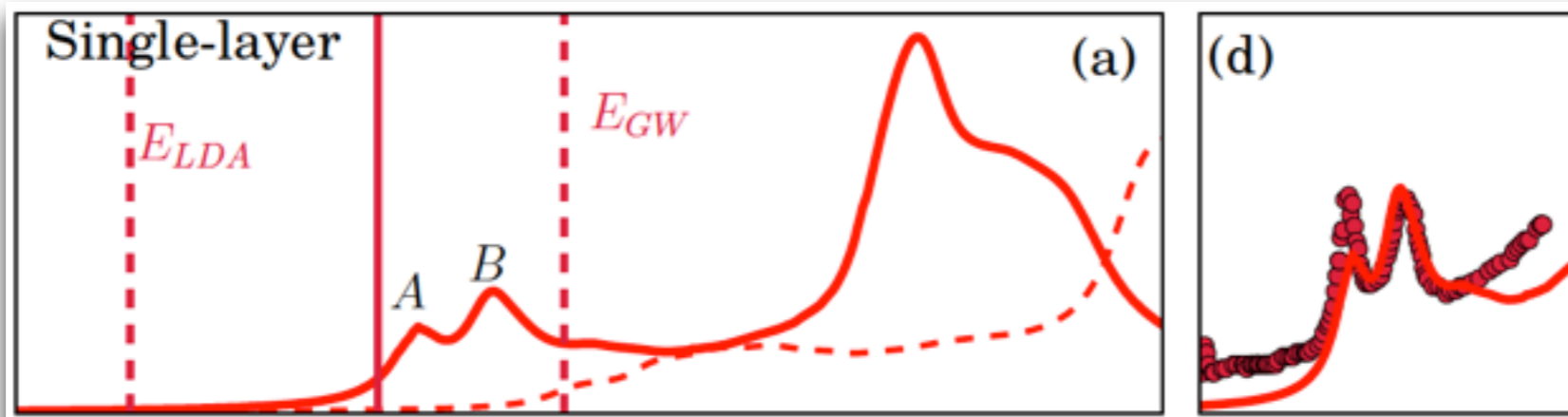


# experiments...

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# DFT...



finite k-point sampling. Panels (d)–(f): symbols: experimental absorption spectra<sup>3,4</sup> in comparison with the calculations (solid lines, shifted by about -0.2 eV).

A. Molina-Sanchez et al. PRB, 88, 045412 (2013)

# experiments...+ analytical GW calculation

$$G^{-1}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \omega - \mathcal{H}_0(\mathbf{k}) - \Sigma(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

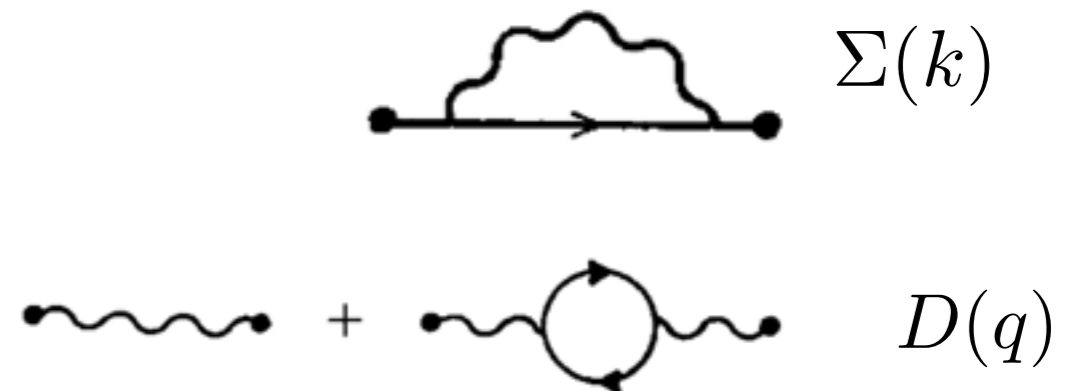


Unscreened Coulomb interaction:

$$\mathcal{H}_{int} = e\psi^\dagger(x)\psi(x)\varphi(x) + \epsilon\varphi(x)|\vec{\nabla}|\varphi(x)$$

$$D(q)_0 \equiv D_0(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|}$$

$$\Sigma(k) = e^2 \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} D(q)G(k-q)$$



$$D^{-1}(q) = 4\pi\epsilon(|\mathbf{q}| + \Pi(q))$$

$$\Pi(q) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} G(p)G(p-q)$$



# Analytical GW calculation

$$\Sigma(k) = e^2 \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} D(q) G(k-q) \Gamma(p, q)$$

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$\Pi(q) \rightarrow \Pi(0, \mathbf{q})$  instantaneous approximation

no vertex corrections



$$\frac{\partial \Sigma(k)}{\partial \omega} = \gamma^0$$

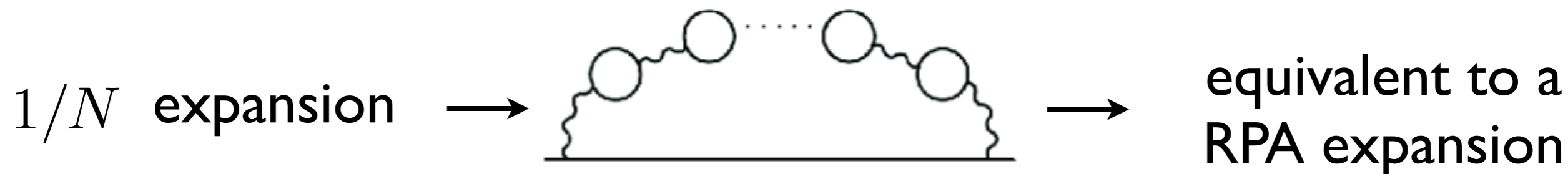
no wavefunction renormalization

$$\Sigma(k) = -(\tau \sigma_x k_x + \sigma_y k_y) \delta v_s - \frac{\delta \Delta}{2} \sigma_z - \frac{\delta \lambda_c}{2} \tau s (\sigma_0 + \sigma_z) - \frac{\delta \lambda_v}{2} \tau s (\sigma_0 - \sigma_z)$$

quantum corrections to be calculated

# Analytical GW calculation

we won't restrict ourselves to small values of  $g_s = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon v_s}$



$$\Pi(q) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} |\mathbf{q}| \sum_{s=\pm} \left[ \frac{2m_s}{q_s^2} + \frac{q_s^2 - 4m_s^2}{q_s^3} \arctan\left(\frac{q_s}{2m_s}\right) \right] \quad q_s^2 = q_0^2 + v_s^2 |\mathbf{q}|^2$$

$$m_s = (\Delta + s(\lambda_c - \lambda_v))/2$$

$$e^2 \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} D(q) G(k - q) = \tau_z \begin{pmatrix} I_\uparrow & 0 \\ 0 & I_\downarrow \end{pmatrix} \quad \Delta = \Delta^0 + \delta\Delta$$

$$\lambda_{c,v} = \lambda_{c,v}^0 + \delta\lambda_{c,v}$$

$$I_s = \frac{3m_r}{4m_s} \ln\left(1 + \frac{2g_s m_s}{3m_r}\right) + \frac{g_s}{4 + 2\pi g_r} \ln\left(\frac{v_s \Lambda}{m_s}\right) \quad I_s = I_s^z \sigma_z + I_s \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k} + \mathcal{O}(k^2)$$

$$I_s^z = \frac{3m_r}{4} \ln\left(1 + \frac{2g_s m_s}{3m_r}\right) + \frac{g_s m_s}{2 + \pi g_r} \ln\left(\frac{v_s \Lambda}{m_s}\right)$$

**logarithmic divergent cut-off  $\Lambda$**

# Analytical GW calculation

we have 5 (nonlinear) algebraic equations for 11 parameters!

$$\Sigma(k) = e^2 \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} D(q) G(k - q)$$

$$\delta v_{\uparrow\downarrow} = I_{\uparrow\downarrow} \quad \frac{1}{2}\delta\Delta + \delta\lambda_c = I_{\uparrow}^z \quad \frac{1}{2}\delta\Delta + \delta\lambda_v = I_{\downarrow}^z \quad \delta\lambda_c + \delta\lambda_v = 0$$

$\delta\lambda_c, \delta\lambda_v, \delta\Delta, \delta v_{\uparrow}, \delta v_{\downarrow}$  ← quantum corrections

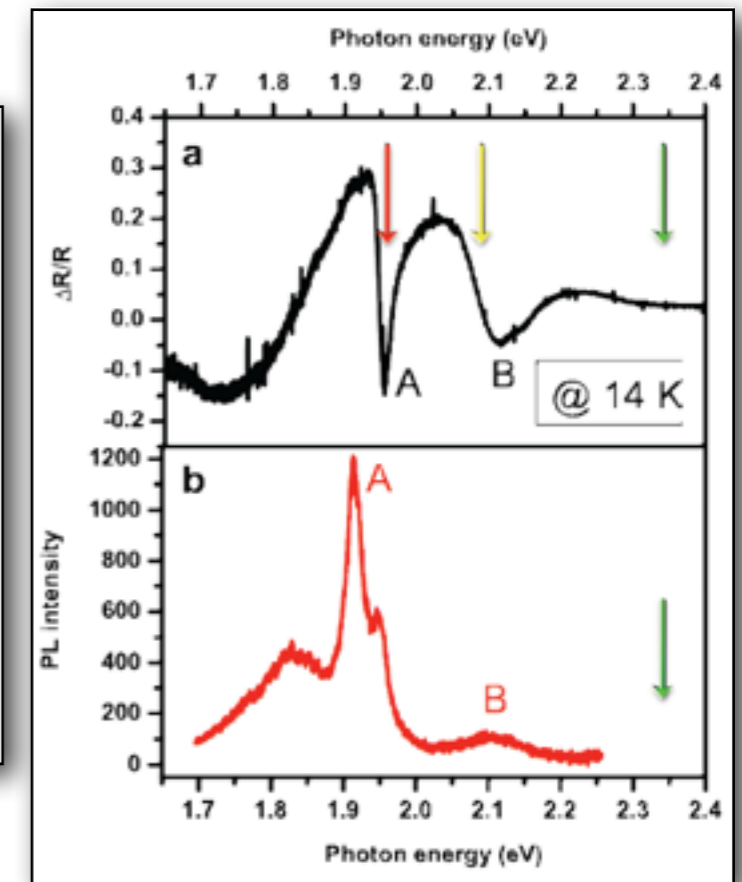
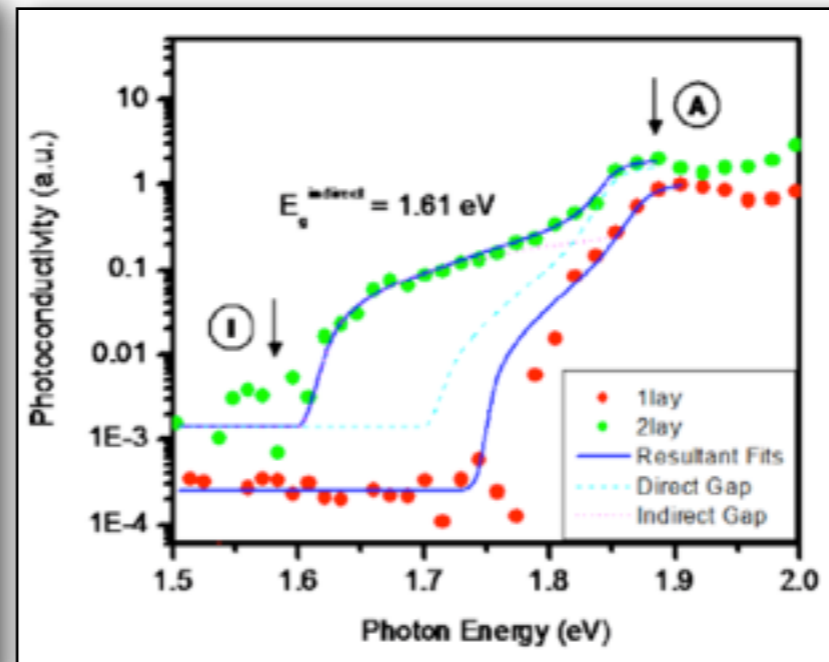
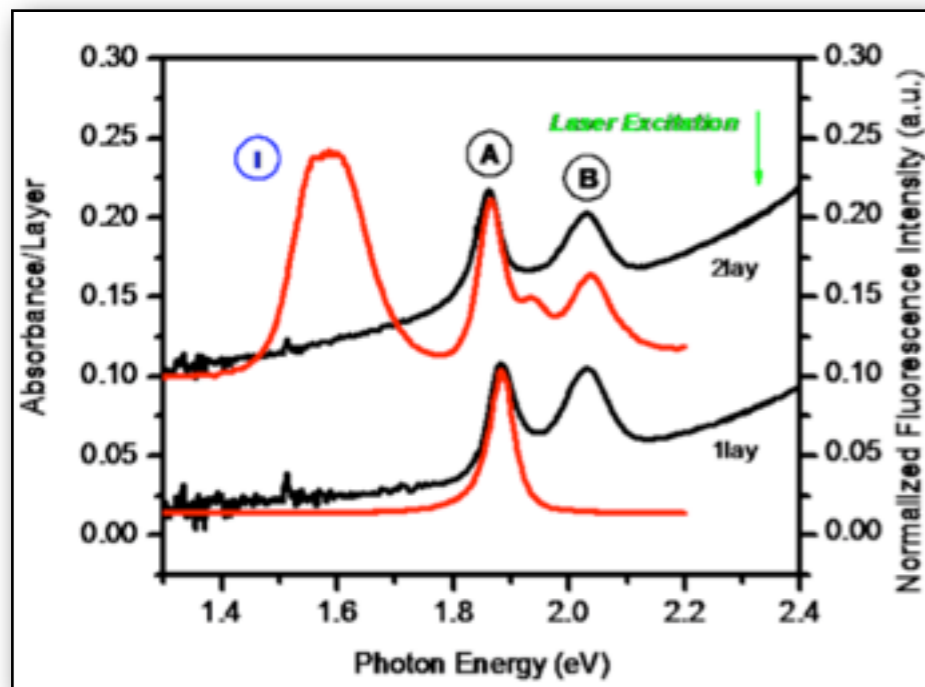
$\lambda_c^0, \lambda_v^0, \Delta^0, v_{\uparrow}^0, v_{\downarrow}^0$  ← bare parameters that are also unknown!

$\Lambda$  ← cut-off

we need 6 extra conditions to solve the problem!

“renormalization” conditions

# experiments...



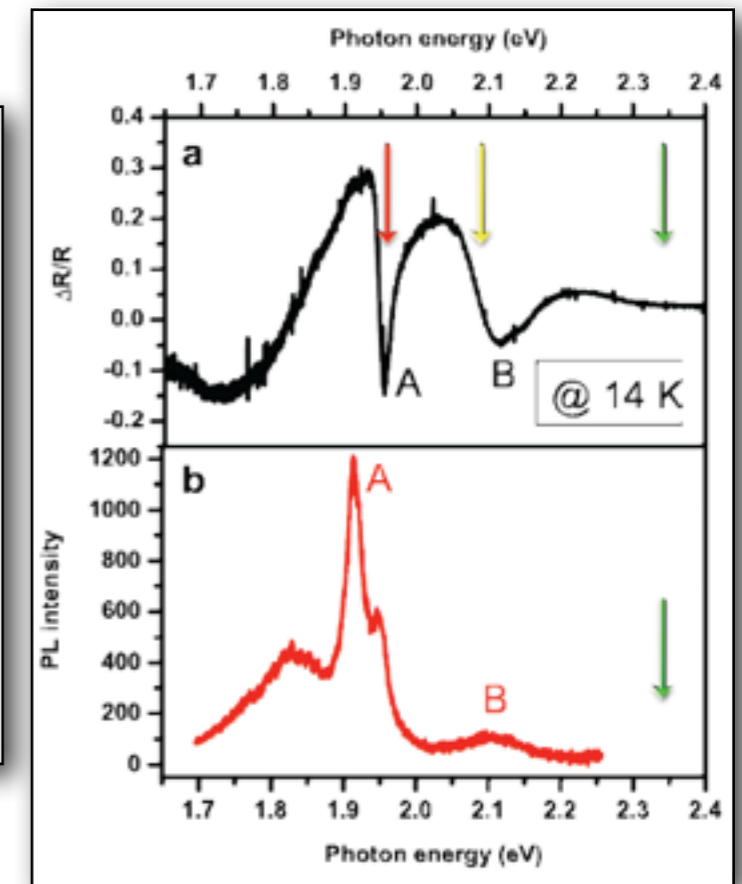
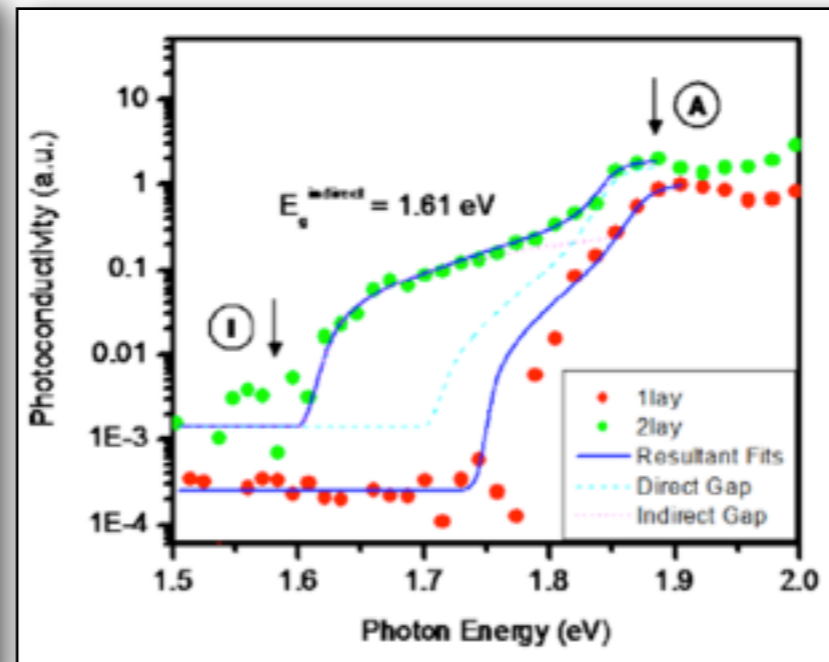
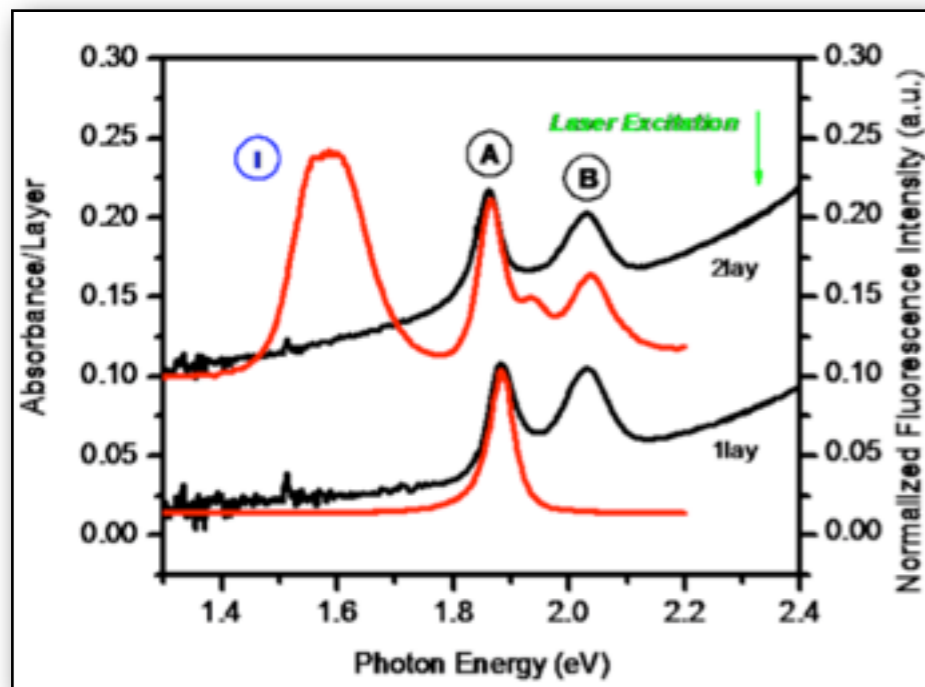
Absorption experiments see two exciton peaks

$$E_s(n, j) = m_s \left( 1 + \frac{n + \sqrt{j^2 - g_s^2/4}}{\sqrt{g_s^2/4 + (n + \sqrt{j^2 - g_s^2/4})}} \right)$$

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no more peaks are usually observed  
the electron-hole continuum is hardly observed!

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$$E_A = 1.85eV$$

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$$E_A = 1.98eV$$

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# physical insight?

(1). In absence of interactions the hopping process does not depend on spins

$$v_{\uparrow}^0 = v_{\downarrow}^0$$

(2). In absence of interactions the spin orbit interaction for  $m_z=0$  is (almost) zero

$$\lambda_c^0 \simeq 0$$

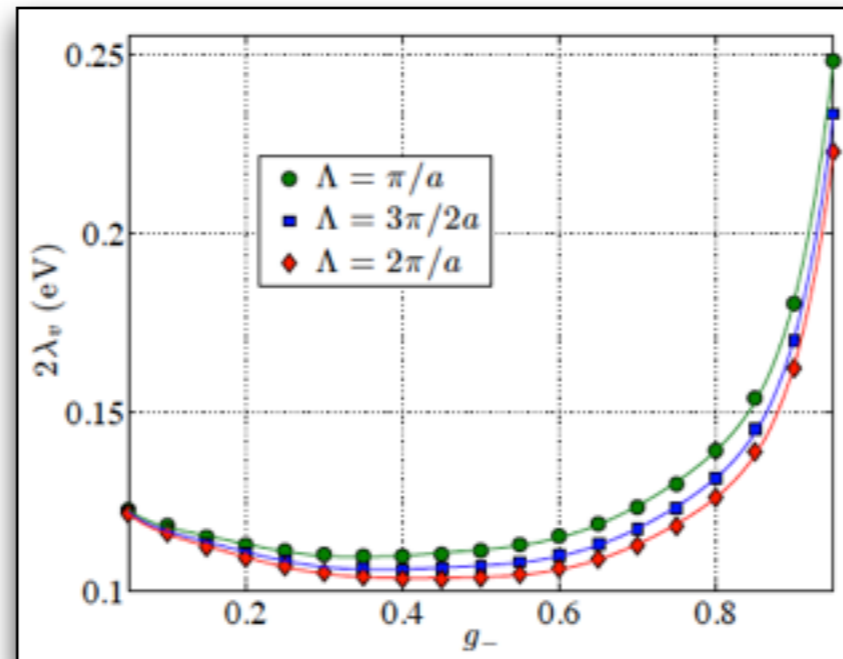
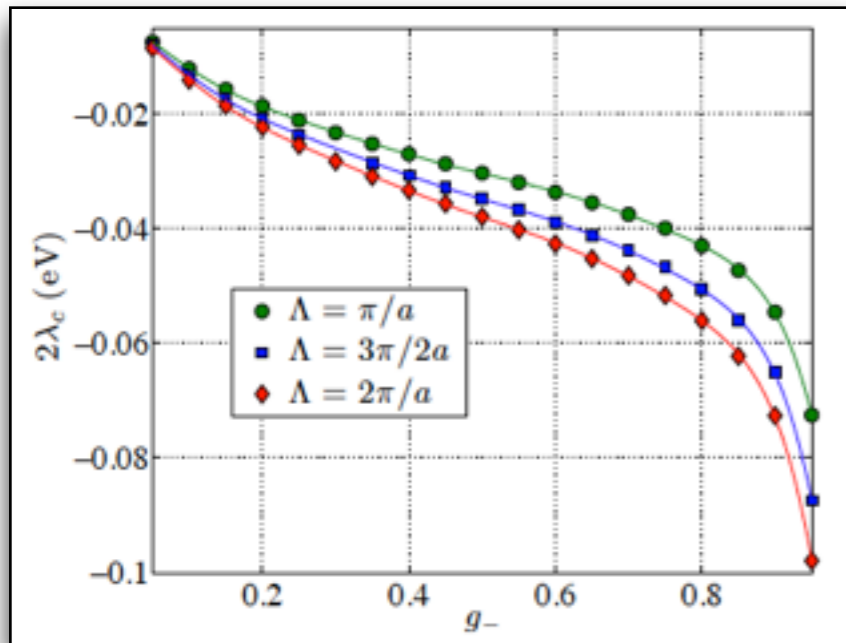
$11 - 5 - 4 = 2$  still unknown parameters in the theory





Let's see the outcome

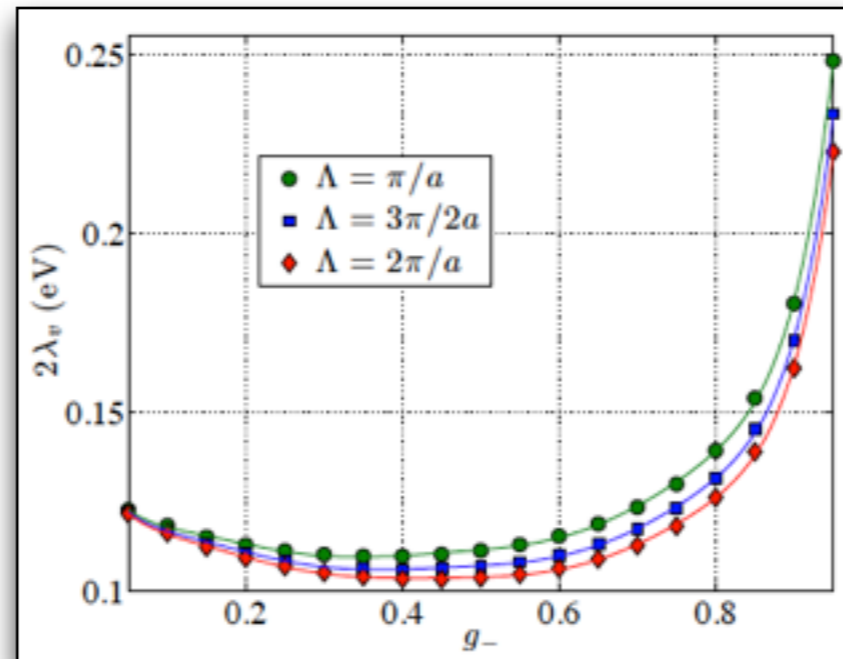
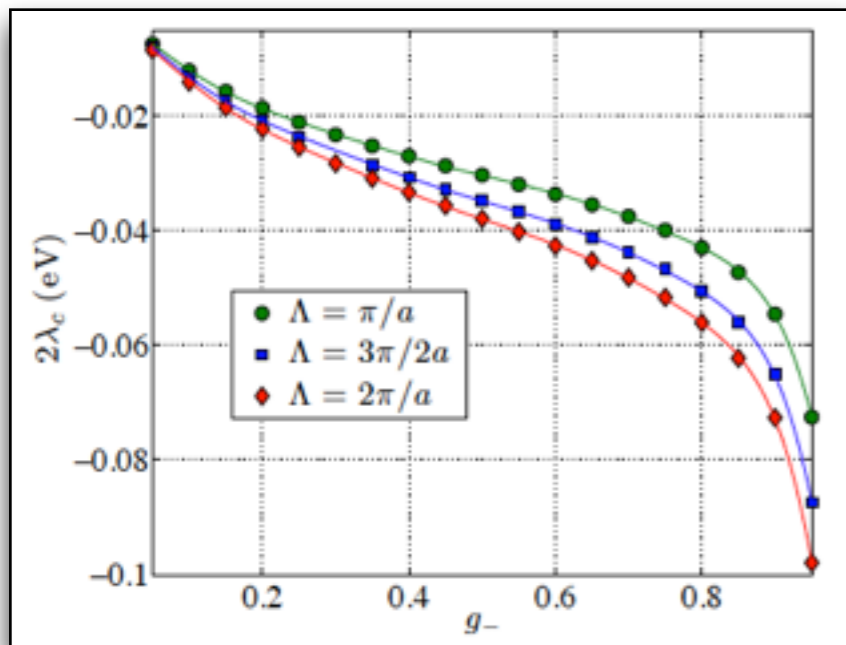
$$g_- < 1$$



spin splittings  
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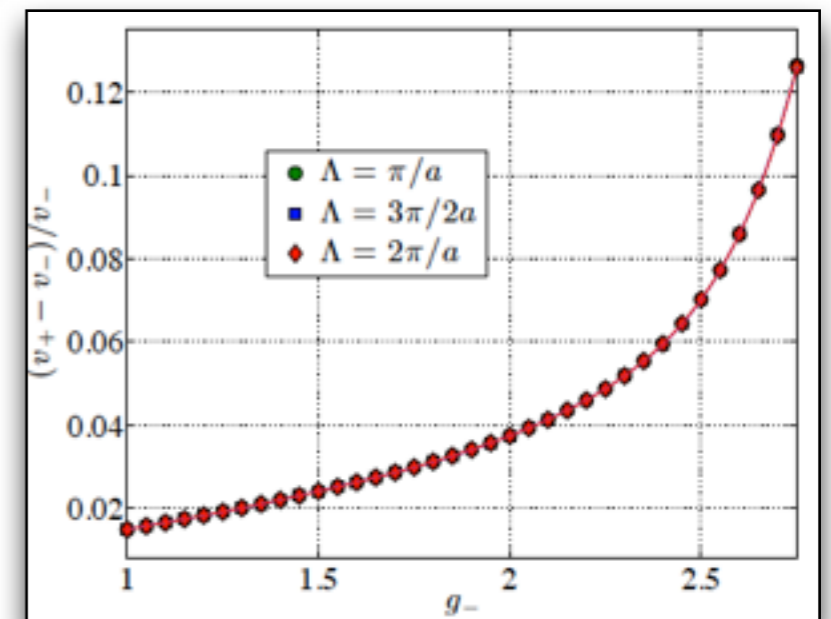
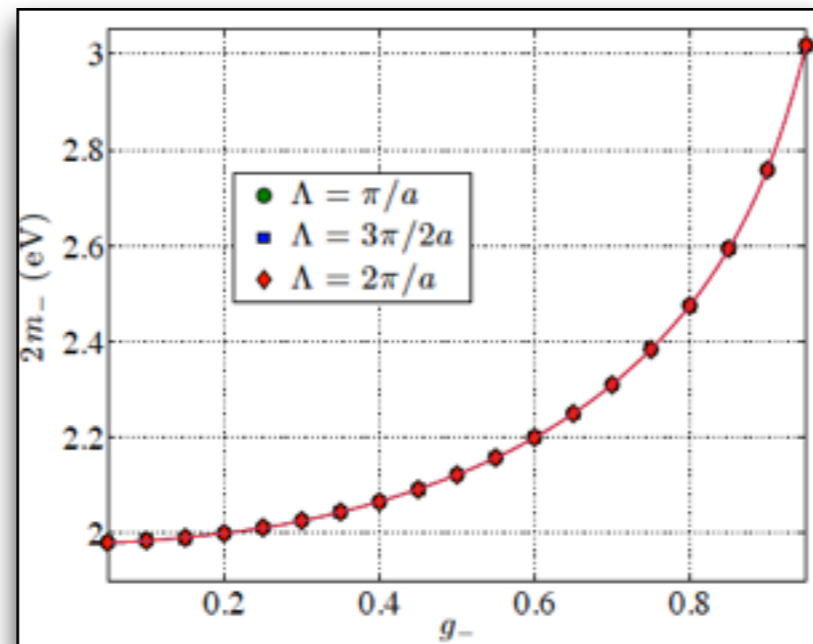
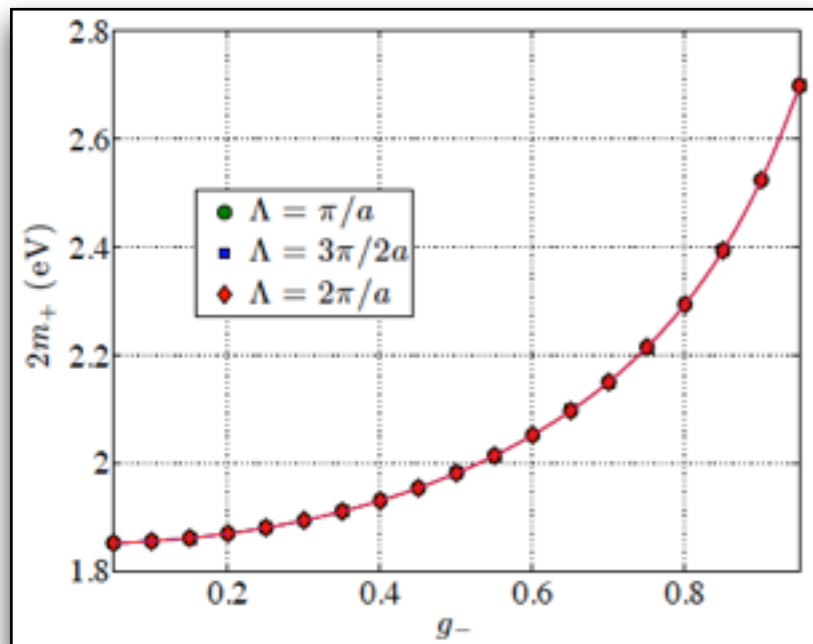
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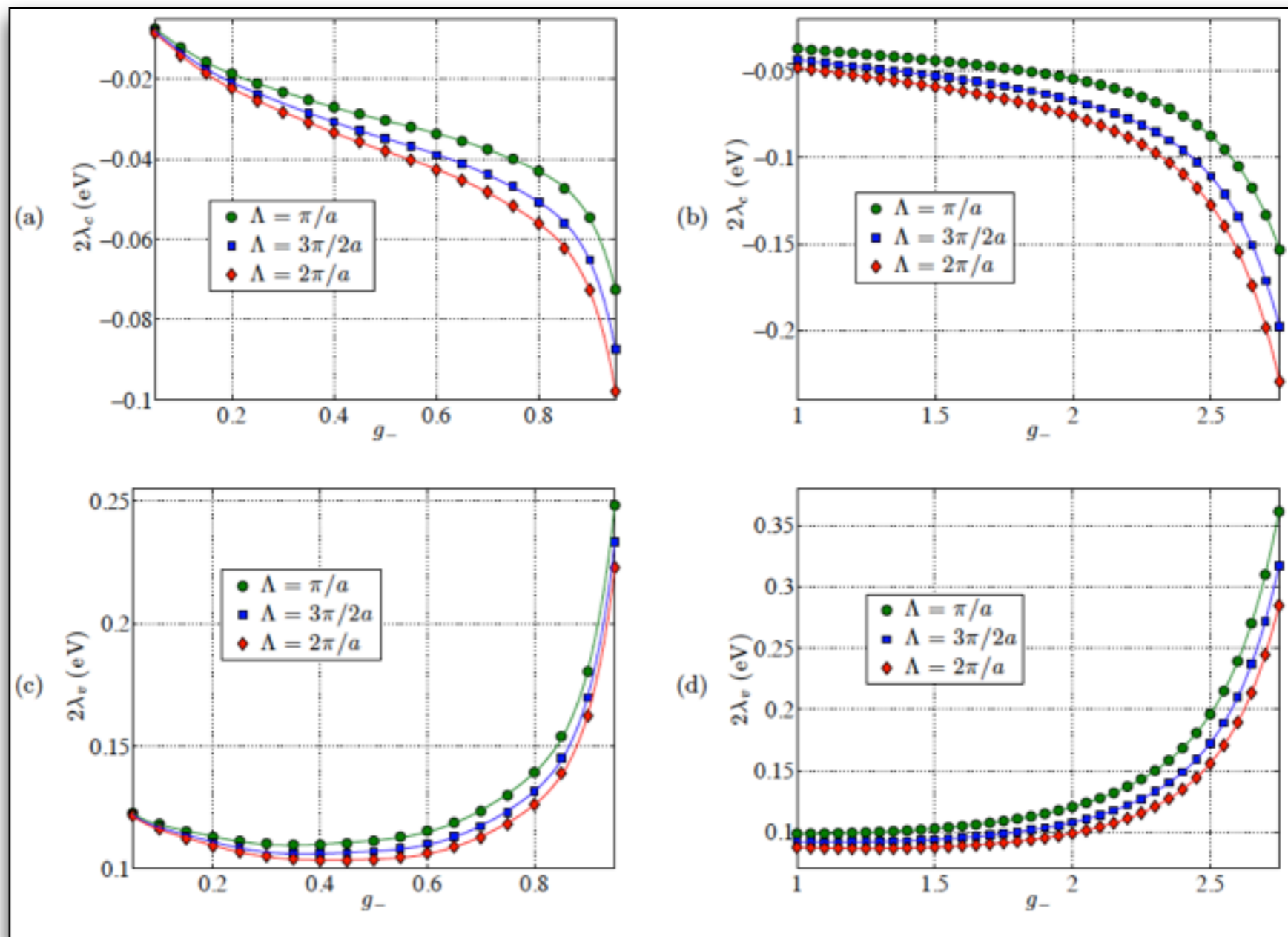
gaps are cutoff independent

spin dependent velocity  
“renormalization”

# Let's see the outcome

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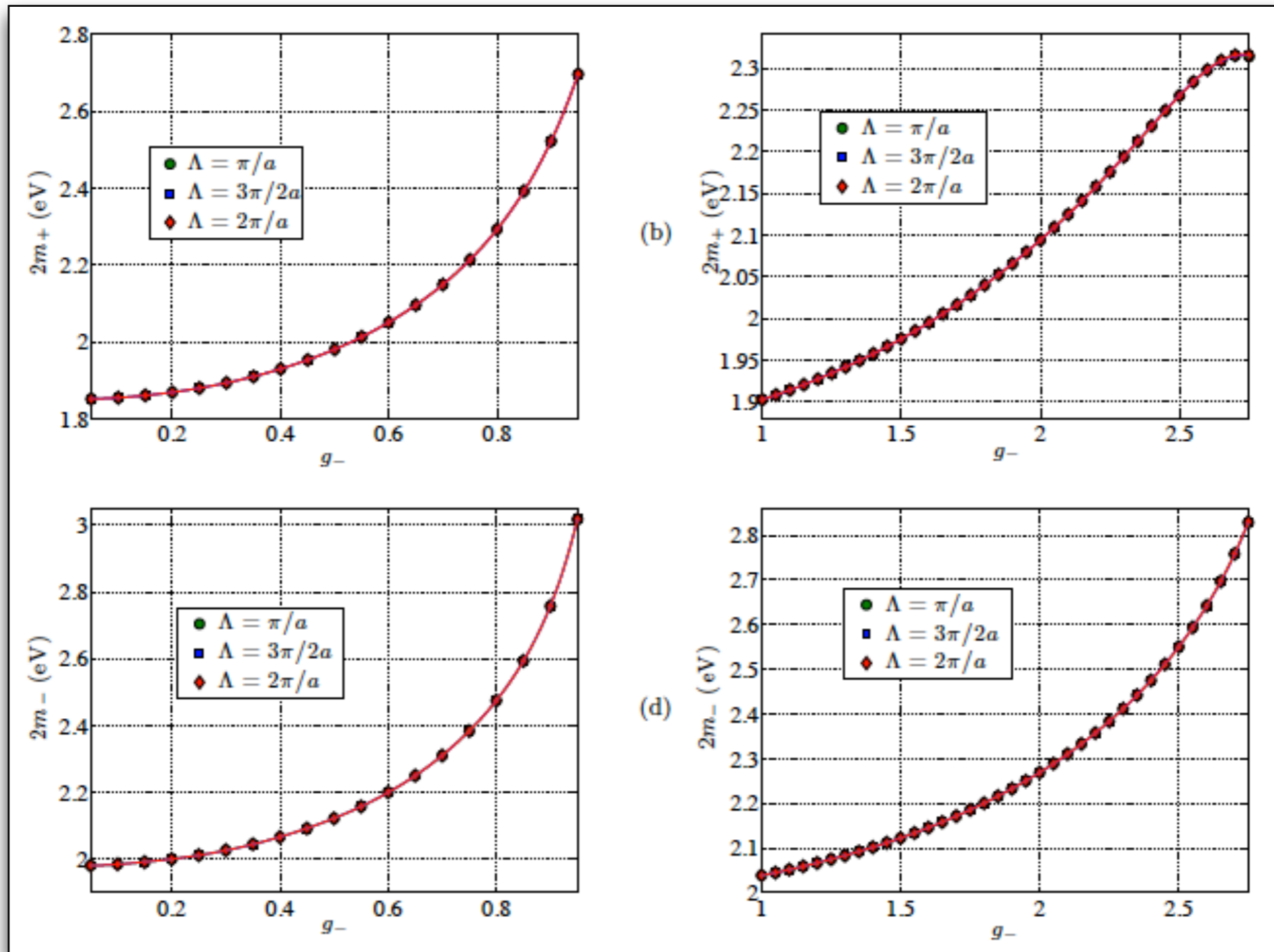
We can go beyond small couplings



at large  $g$ 's the exciton  $g_s$  can merge the valence band!

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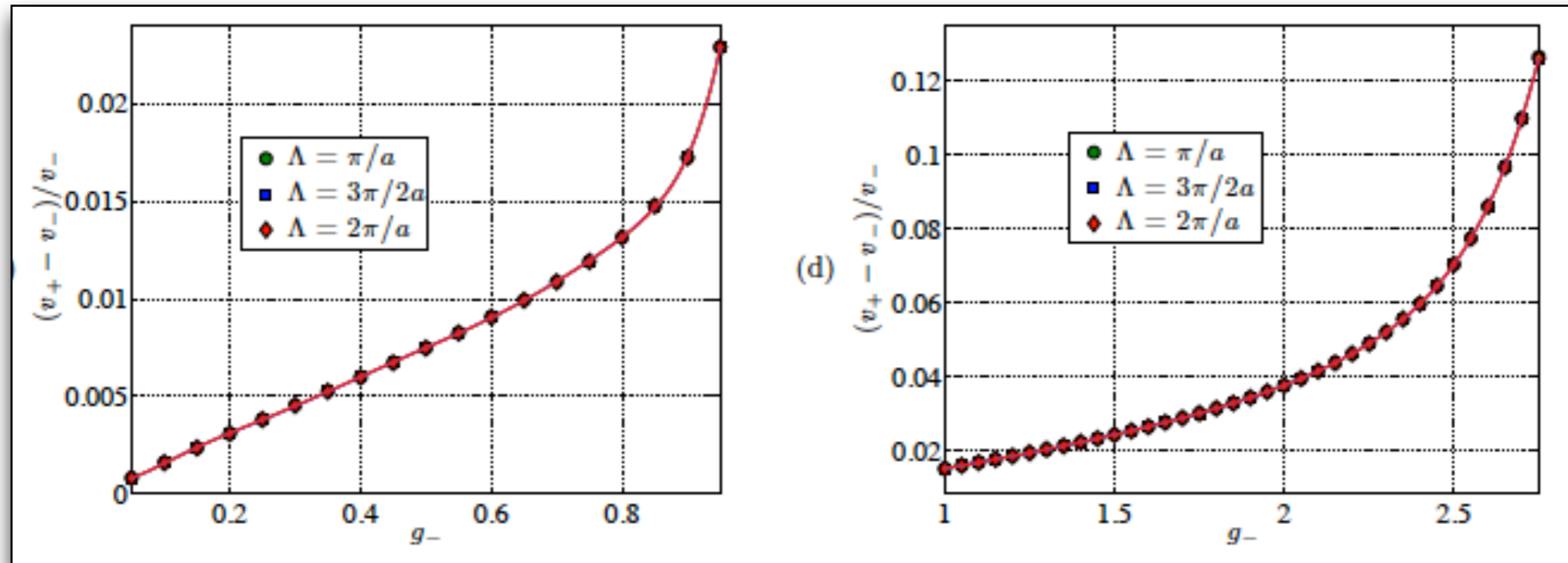
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exciton peaks correspond to higher exciton levels (?)

Let's see the outcome

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The trends do not match cause the exciton levels are not accurate close to a merging transition!

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# Conclusions:

1. The Coulomb interaction will modify the nominal value of the spin orbit splittings.
2. The conduction band can be significantly larger than the expected from DFT.
3. There is a spin dependent Fermi velocity renormalization can be observed?
4. Vertex corrections? Static approximation?
5. Redo the calculations in the doped regime. Screening effects.
6. Quantum corrections of quadratic terms.

Thank you for listening!