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On the origin of circular dichroism in angle resolved photoemission from graphene, WSe2, and other quantum materials



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On the example of graphene, within the dipole approximation, we will discuss various contributions to circular dichroism in angle-resolved photoemission (CD-ARPES) [1,2] which include phase shifts of the participating partial waves in the atomic photoionization [3], the finite inelastic mean free path induced CD [4], the interatomic phase shifts [5], and the CD due to elastic scattering of an excited electron [6]. Using tabulated phase shifts and radial integrals [7] we predict photon energies at which CD signal might exhibit sign changes, and compare the prediction to experimental results. Subsequently, we perform similar analysis for WSe2, a material where orbital characters are relatively well-defined, however, varying over BZ, with different contributions at K, K', and Gamma points.

Subsequently, we will proceed with the simple interatomic intererence model that qualitatively explains asymmetric spin-polarized ARPES (SARPES) spin texture from WTe2 single crystal surface.

If time allows, we will in addition discuss preliminary experimental CD-ARPES and SARPES results from PtTe2.

The main objective of this study is to investigate how CD-ARPES and SARPES techniques can contribute to a better understanding of the topological properties exhibited by novel quantum materials.

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