

Supporting Information for
Spin-Valley Dynamics in Monolayer WSe₂ Excited by
Circularly Polarised Light

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The Hamiltonian that includes the electromagnetic field can be written as :

$$H^{tot} = \frac{(p - eA)^2}{2m} + V_0(r)$$

Expand the above Hamiltonian :

$$H^{tot} = \left(\frac{p^2}{2m} + V_0(r) \right) + \left(\frac{eA \cdot p}{m} + \frac{e^2 A^2}{2m} \right)$$

$$H^{tot}(r,R,t) = H^0(r,R,t) + H^{LMI}(r,R,t)$$

Where $H^0(r,R,t) = \left(\frac{p^2}{2m} + V_0(r) \right)$, $H^{LMI}(r,R,t) = \left(\frac{eA \cdot p}{m} + \frac{e^2 A^2}{2m} \right)$

A represents the vector potential, and $E = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial t}$, under electric dipole approximation:

$$A(r,t) \approx A(t)$$

In non-adiabatic molecular dynamics, the wave function can be expanded using any complete set of basis:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_j |\phi_j\rangle \langle \phi_j | \psi \rangle = \sum_j c_j |\phi_j\rangle$$

Substituting the total Hamiltonian and wave function into the time-dependent

Schrödinger equation gives:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi(r,R,t)\rangle}{\partial t} = H^{tot}(r,R,t) |\psi(r,R,t)\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c_{j(t)}}{\partial t} &= \sum_k \left[i\hbar^{-1} \langle \phi_j | H^{tot} | \phi_k \rangle + \left\langle \phi_j \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right| \phi_k \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \sum_k \left[i\hbar^{-1} H_{jk}^0 \delta_{jk} + i\hbar^{-1} H_{jk}^{LMI} + T_{jk} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where } H_{jk}^{LMI} = -\frac{e}{m} \langle \phi_j | p | \phi_k \rangle \cdot A, \quad T_{jk} = \langle \phi_j | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \phi_k \rangle$$

In the momentum space approach, electron-phonon coupling takes the place of nonadiabatic coupling in the real space method:

Starting from the time-dependent Schrödinger equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\Psi(r;R(t))\rangle}{\partial t} = \hat{H}^{el}(r;R(t)) |\Psi(r;R(t))\rangle$$

Consider the motion of atoms as vibrations around their equilibrium positions. At this

time, the total Hamiltonian can be written as:

$$\hat{H}^{tot}(r;R(t)) = \hat{H}^{el}(r;R_0) + \Delta V(r;R(t))$$

$$\hat{H}^{el} = \left(\frac{p^2}{2m} + V_0(r) \right) + \left(\frac{eA \cdot p}{m} + \frac{e^2 A^2}{2m} \right)$$

Consider the basis set as the eigenstates $\hat{H}^{el}(r;R_0)$ of the equilibrium Hamiltonian

$$\{ |\psi_{nk}(r;R_0)\rangle \}$$

Expand the electronic wave function as :

$$|\Psi(r;R(t))\rangle = \sum_{nk} c_{nk}(t) |\psi_{nk}(r;R_0)\rangle$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} c_{mk}(t) = \sum_{nk} (H_{mk,nk}^0 + H_{mk,nk}^{LMI} + H_{mk,nk}^{ep}) c_{nk}(t)$$

Here, $H_{mk,nk}^0$ represents the eigenenergy term, $H_{mk,nk}^{LMI}$ is the light-matter interaction term, $H_{mk,nk}^{ep}$ is the electron-phonon coupling term.

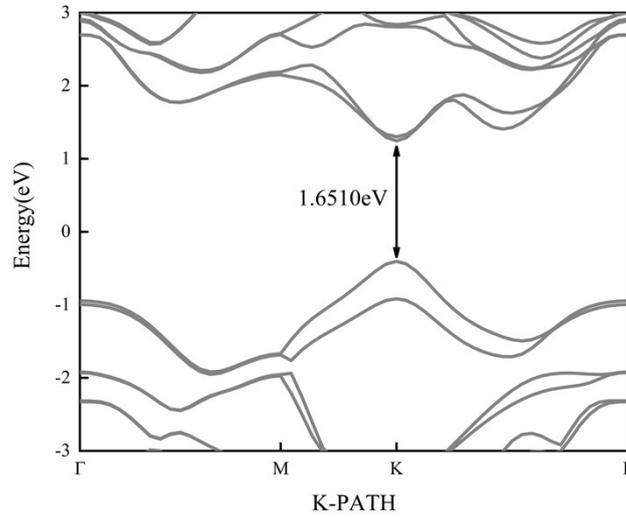


Figure S1. Energy band structure calculated using HSE06 with SOC.

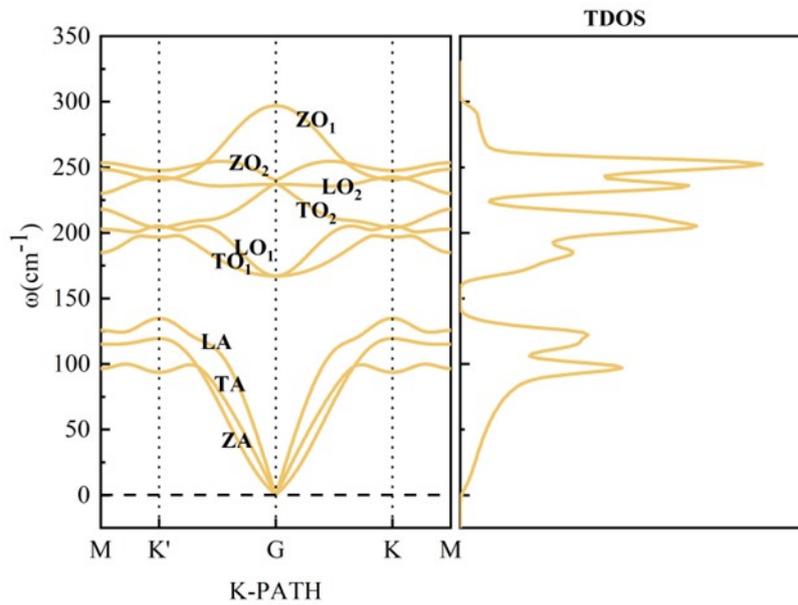


Figure S2. Phonon spectra and phonon density of states calculated using time-dependent density functional theory.

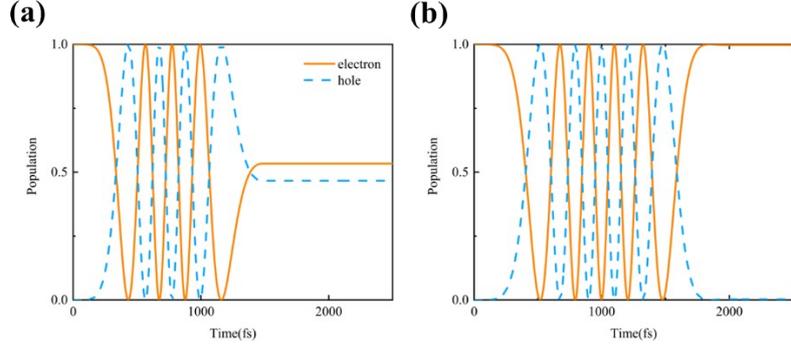


Figure S3. (a) The evolution of the electronic configuration of correlated energy states at 0K with a pulse duration of 1000 fs and a pulse intensity of 0.01 eV/Å. (b) The evolution of the electronic configuration of correlated energy states at 0K with a pulse duration of 2000 fs and a pulse intensity of 0.005 eV/Å.

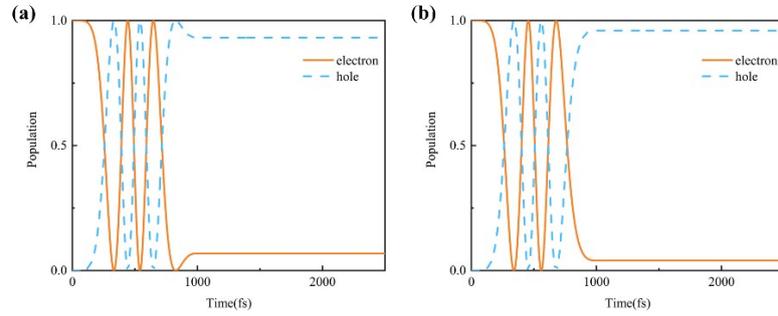


Figure S4. (a) Time-dependent evolution of the left-handed circularly polarised light-excited K-valley electron distribution with a pulse duration of 1000 fs and a pulse intensity of 0.005 eV/Å. And the band gap is shifted to 1.6010 eV using the “scissors operator”. (b) Time-dependent evolution of the left-handed circularly polarised light-excited K-valley electron distribution with a pulse duration of 1000 fs and a pulse intensity of 0.005 eV/Å. And the band gap is shifted to 1.7010 eV using the “scissors operator”.

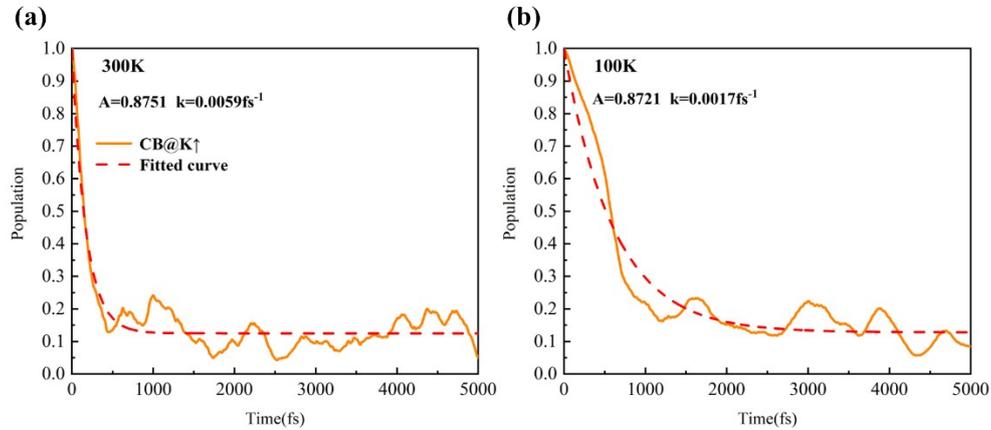


Figure S5. The electron population on CB@K \uparrow using the exponential function $y = 1 - A(1 - \exp(-kt))$, for (a) 300K (b) 100K.