

# Fermi edge singularity in cold neutral electron-hole system

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# Phase Diagram of Ultracold Neutral e-h Systems

Ultracold:  $T < E_b, T_q \quad T_q \sim \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m_x} n$

**Low Densities ( $n \ll 1/a_B^D$ )**

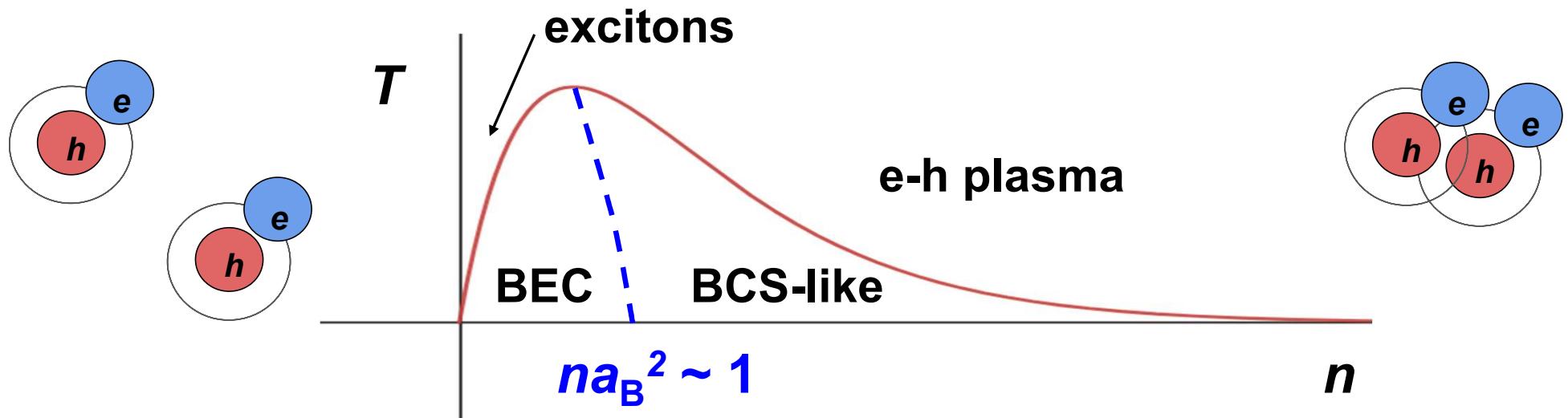
- Excitons are **hydrogen-like** bosons composed of  $k$ -states close to  $k=0$
- BEC of excitons below  $\sim T_q$

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**High Densities ( $n > 1/a_B^D$ )**

- Excitons are **Cooper-pair-like** bosons composed of  $k$ -states around  $k_F$
- BCS-like condensate of excitons

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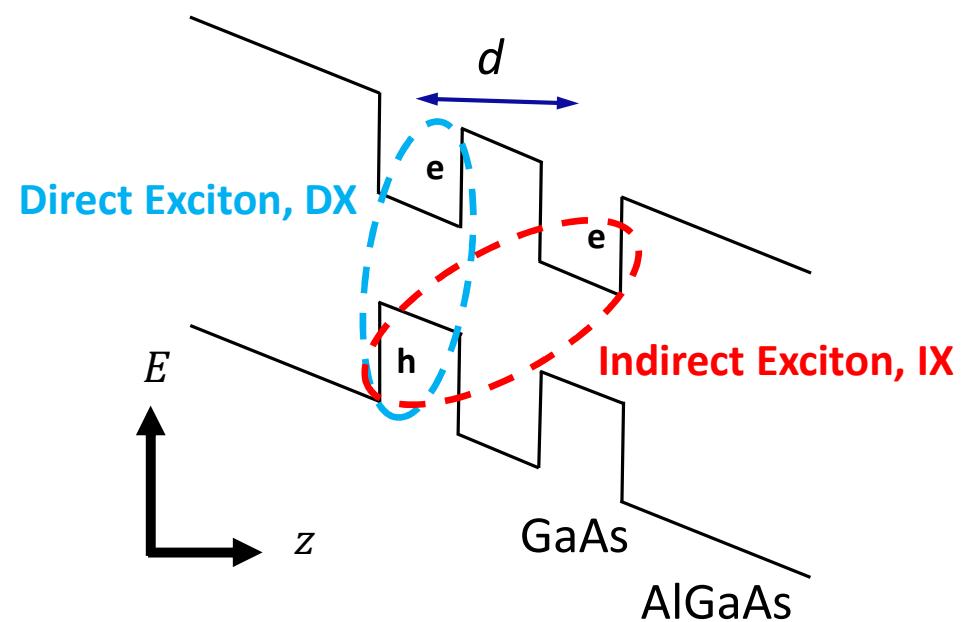
# Spatially Indirect Excitons (IXs)

PLE: FW3N.8 Marriot Salon 2, 5/10 14:45  
TMD: FW4N.5 Marriot Salon 2, 5/10 17:45

**IXs:** pairs of electrons and holes in separated layers

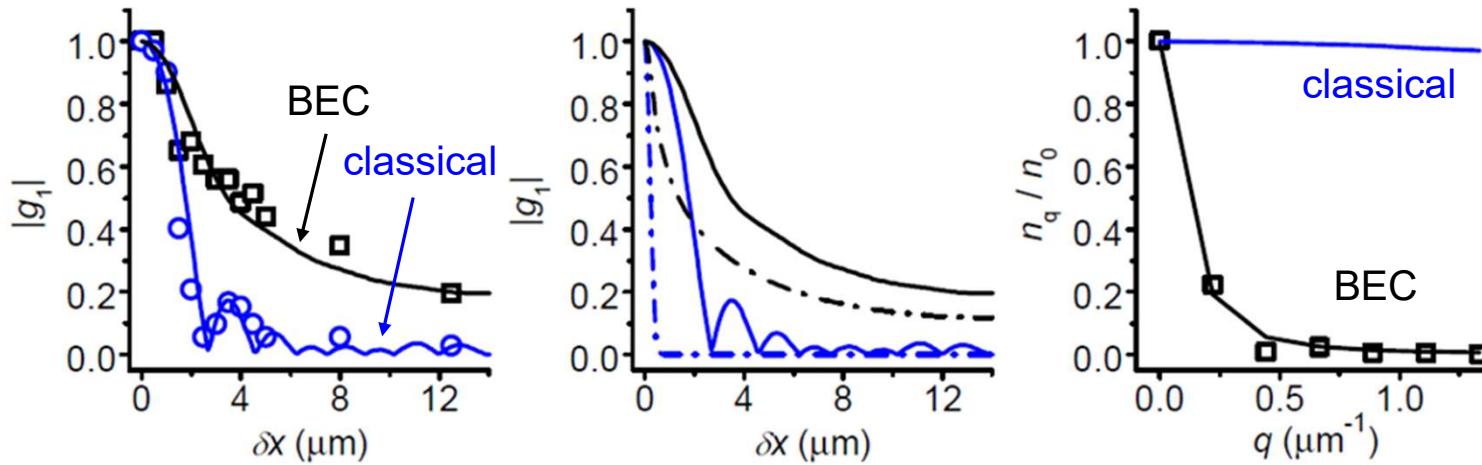
- Long lifetime ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{s}$ )  $\rightarrow$  ultracold
- Density controlled with excitation power
- Built in electric dipole moment  $ed$ 
  - Repulsive dipolar interaction:
    - screens disorder
    - prevents real-space condensation

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## Low-Density regime

### Spontaneous coherence and BEC of IXs

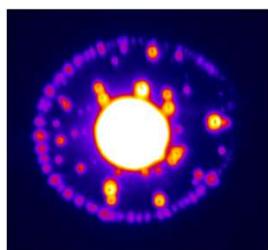


measured  $g_1(\delta x)$  and distribution in momentum space agree with theory of BEC of equilibrium bosons

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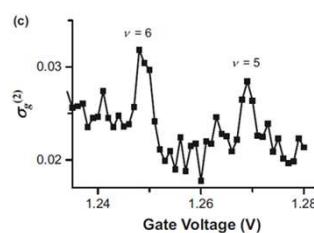
### Phenomena in IX BEC observed below BEC temperature

#### Ordered Exciton State



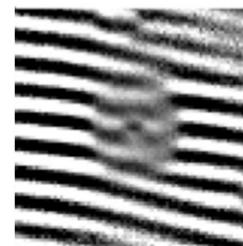
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#### Commensurability



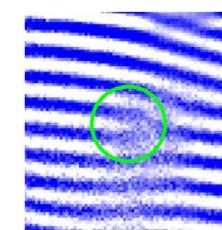
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#### PB Phase



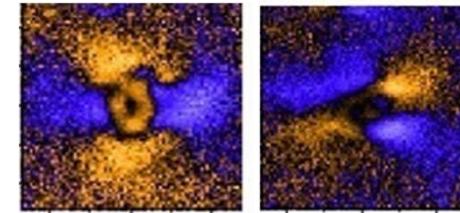
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#### Interference Dislocations



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#### Spin Textures



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# Fermi Edge Singularity In Electron Gas With Single Hole

## Mahan Exciton

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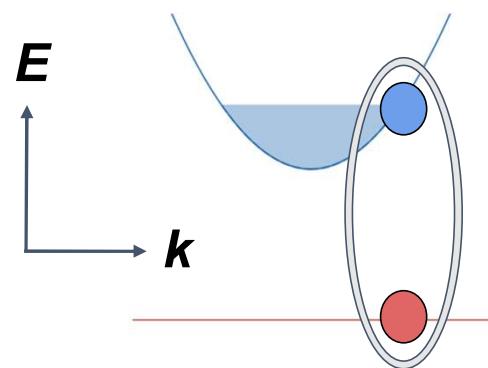
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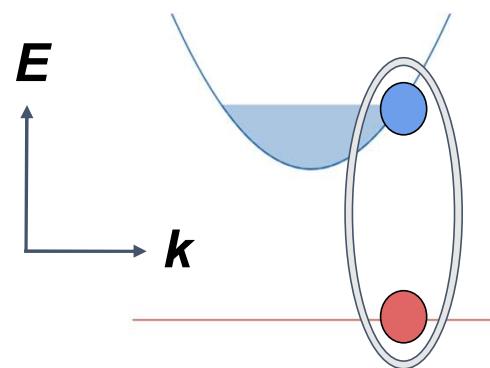
## Mahan Exciton

### Single Hole in Fermi-gas of electrons



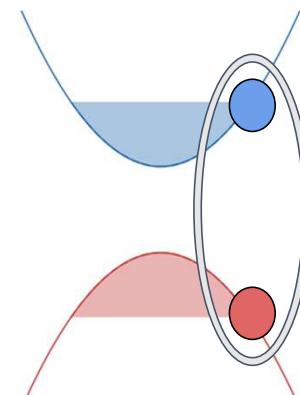
### Mahan Exciton

Single Hole in Fermi-gas of electrons



### Cooper-pair-like Excitons

Neutral System



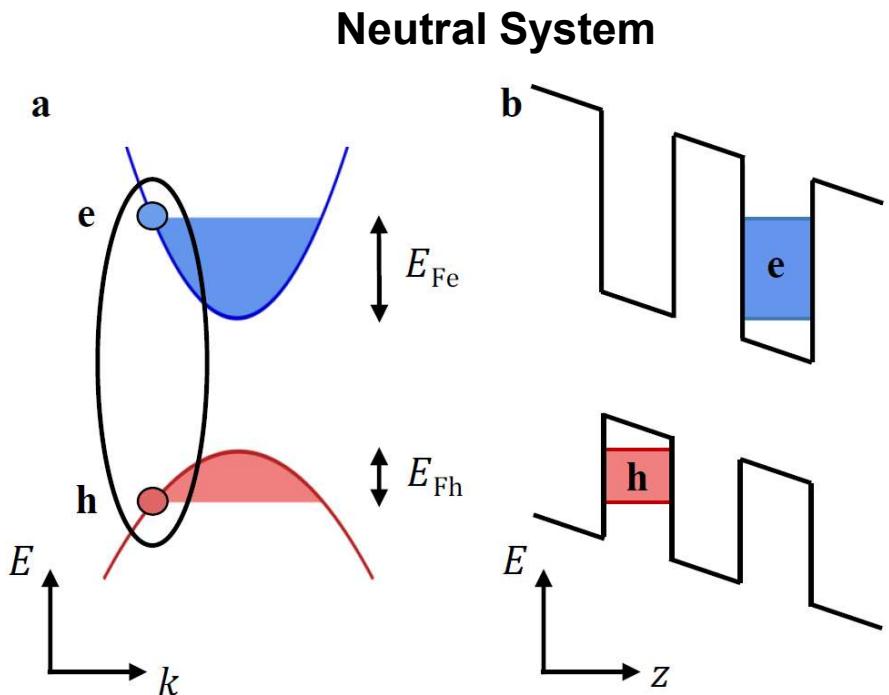
No Fermi edge singularity in neutral dense e-h plasma in single QW

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e-h plasma did not cool to ultralow T

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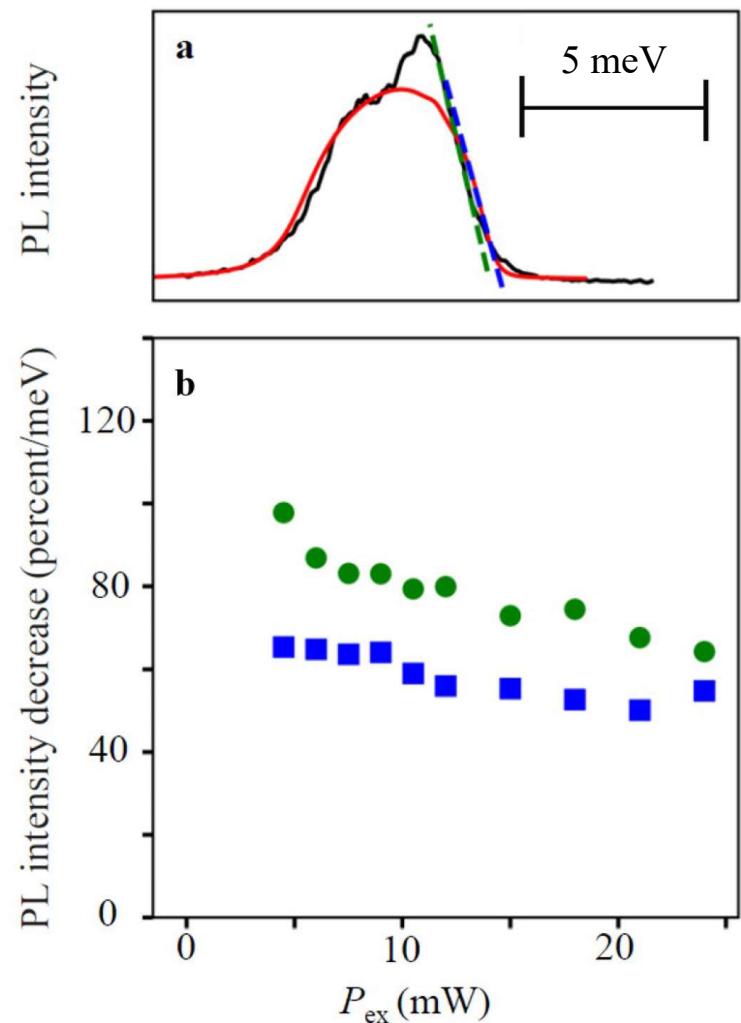
**Neutral e-h plasma in separated electron and hole layers can cool to ultralow T**

- Spatial separation of electron and hole layers
- In-plane separation from excitation spot
- Separation in time from excitation pulse
- Resonant excitation to DX absorption



## Achievement of an ultracold e-h plasma

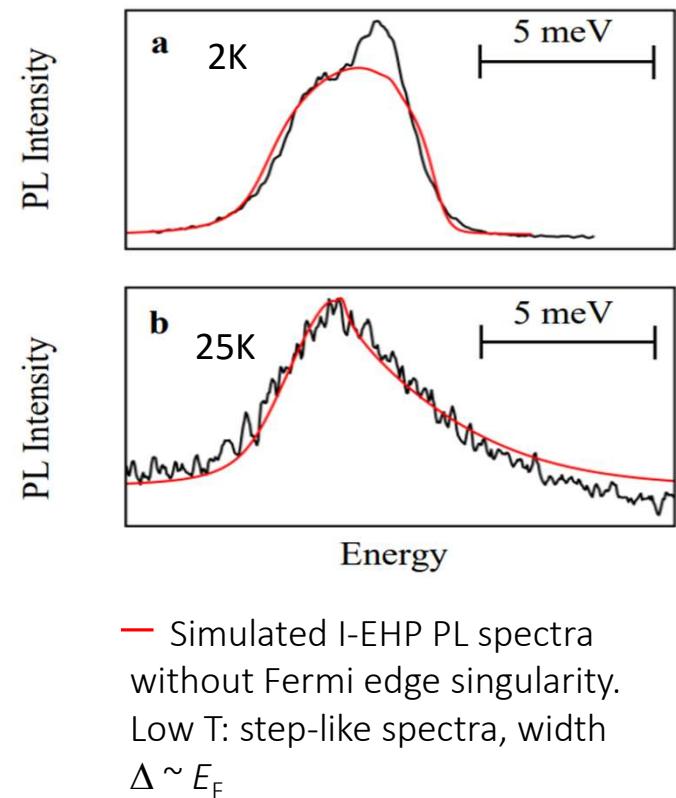
- Ultracold e-h plasma achieved
- $T_{\text{eh}}$  in I-EHP can be estimated from the sharpness of the high-energy side of the spectrum
- Compare the simulation at  $T = T_{\text{bath}} = 2 \text{ K}$  and the experiment
- The sharpness of the high-energy side in simulations and experiment are close  $\rightarrow T_{\text{eh}}$  of the dense optically created e-h system lowers to 2 K



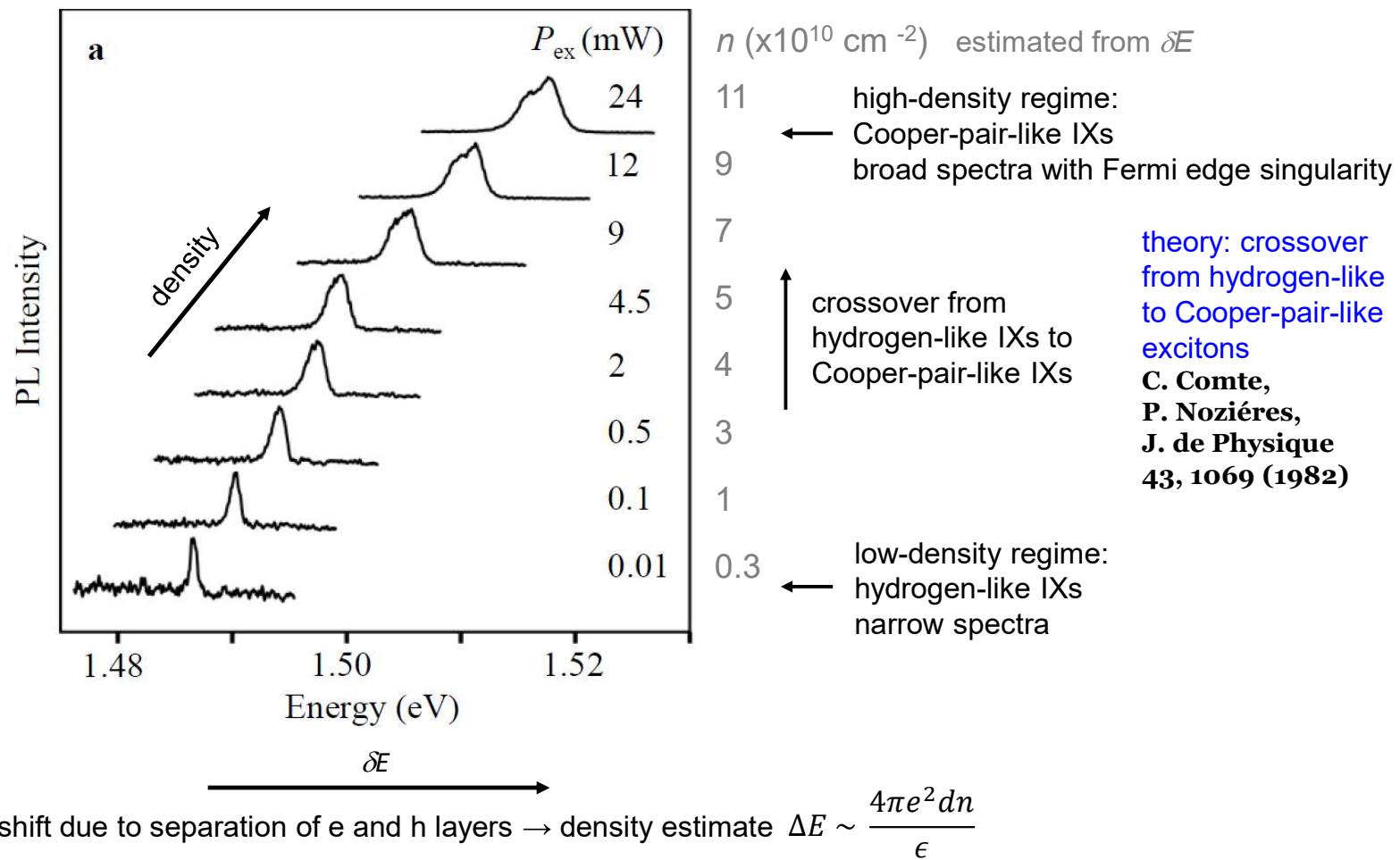
# Emergence of Fermi edge singularity in ultracold neutral e-h plasma in separated e and h layers

- Fermi edge singularity is observed at low temperatures
- At high temperatures PL is characteristic of plasma

PL intensity enhancement at the Fermi energy evidences excitonic Fermi edge singularity due to **Cooper-pair-like excitons** at the Fermi energy



# Crossover from hydrogen-like IXs to Cooper-pair-like IXs



## Density estimates

in high-density regime:

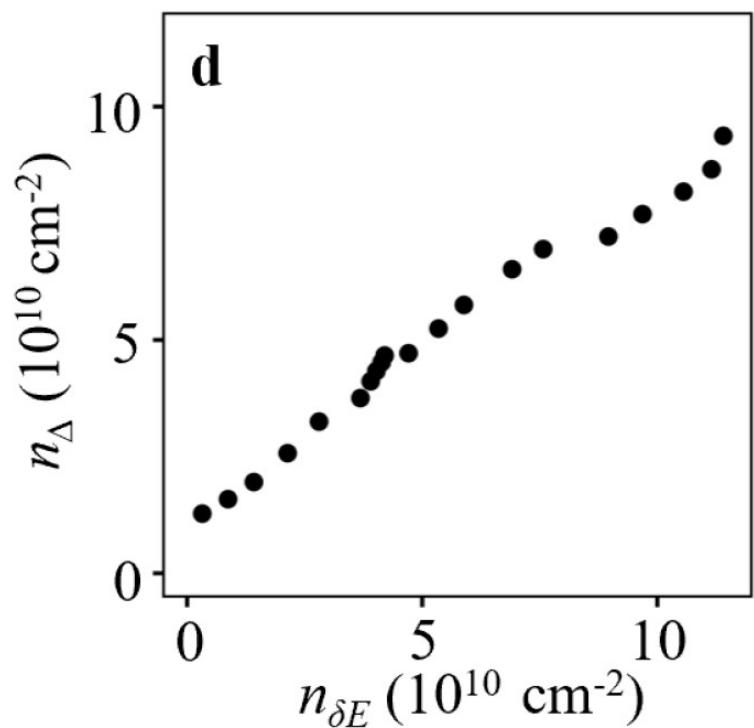
density can be estimated from energy shift  $\delta E$

$$\delta E \sim \frac{4\pi e^2 dn}{\epsilon}$$

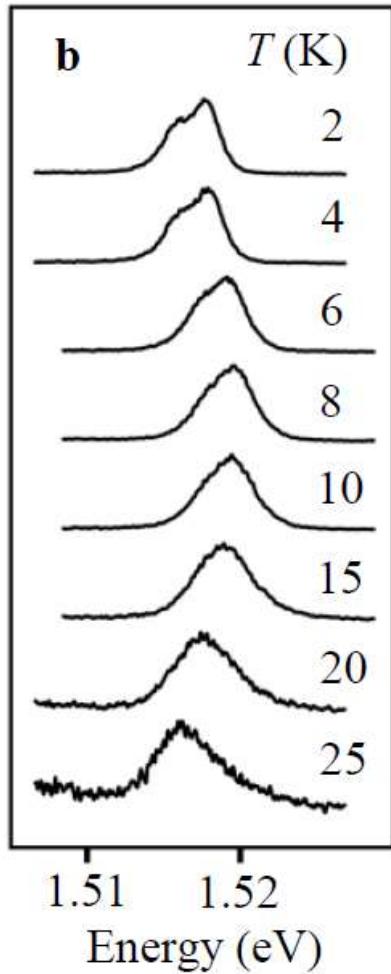
and from linewidth  $\Delta$

$$\Delta \sim E_{Fe} + E_{Fh} = \pi \hbar^2 n \left( \frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_h} \right)$$

estimates from  $\delta E$  and from  $\Delta$   
give similar  $n$



## Temperature dependence

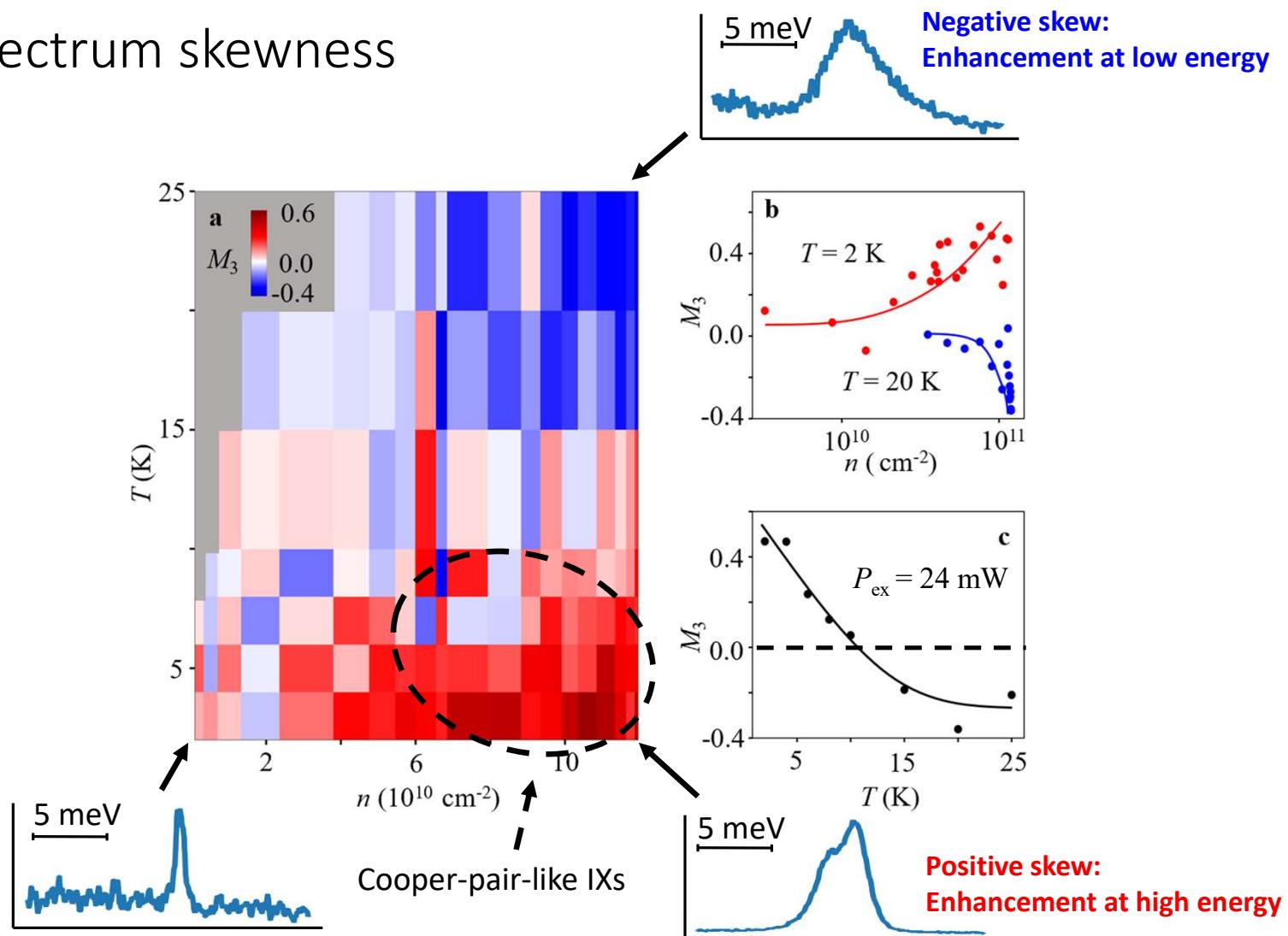


estimated condensation temperature

$$T \sim 2\pi\hbar^2 n/m \sim 10 \text{ K}$$

Fermi edge singularity vanishes at  $T \sim 10 \text{ K}$

## Spectrum skewness

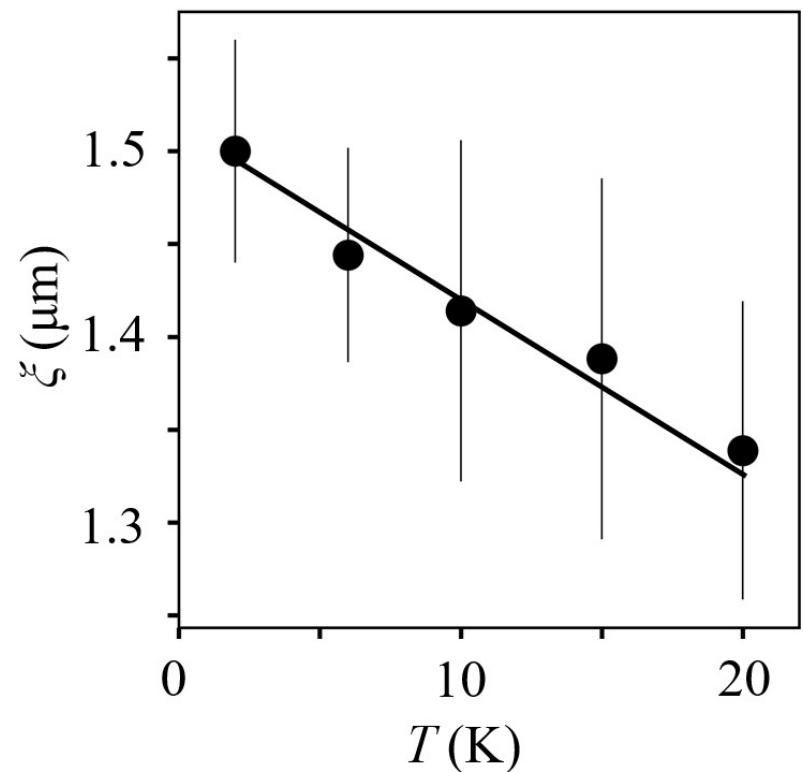


## Spontaneous coherence

- Measured via shift interferometry
- Coherence length  $\xi \gg \xi_{\text{classical}}$

$\xi_{\text{classical}} \sim \lambda_{\text{dB}} \sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$  at 2 K

suggest that Cooper-pair-like  
excitons form in condensate



## Summary

### Observed Fermi edge singularity in PL of neutral cold e-h plasma

- Found how to realize ultracold e-h plasma
- Enhancement of PL intensity at the Fermi energy evidences the emergence of Fermi edge singularity due to the Cooper-pair-like excitons at the Fermi energy
- Fermi Edge singularity is observed at low temperatures and high densities
- Crossover from the hydrogen-like excitons to the Cooper-pair-like excitons with increasing density, consistent with the theory predicting a smooth transition

