

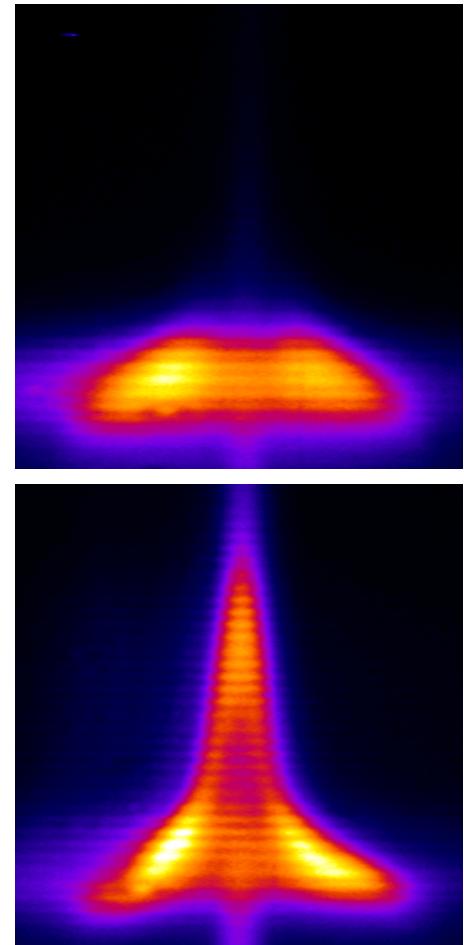
# Indirect excitons in high magnetic fields

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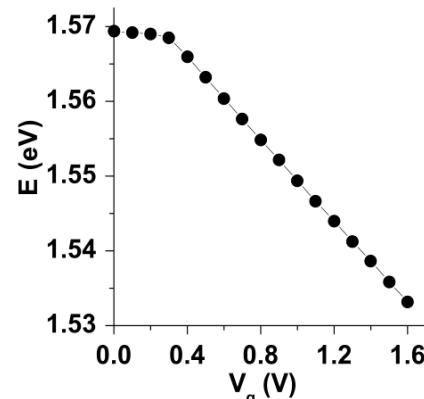
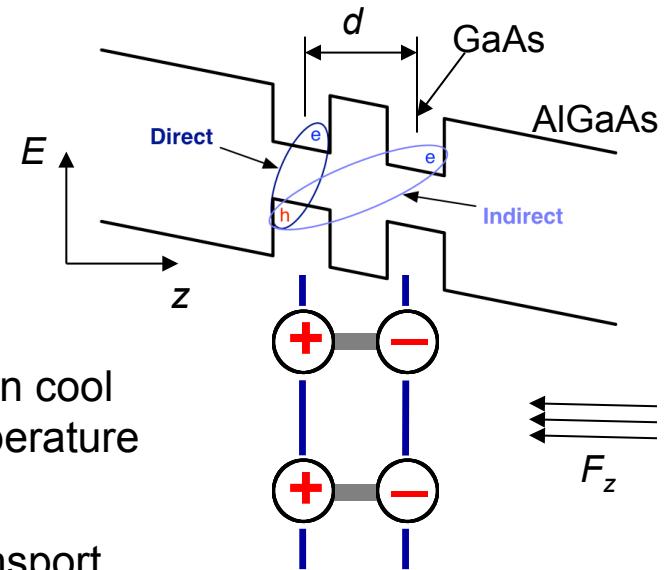
# Indirect excitons

*Exciton*: bound electron-hole pair

*Indirect exciton*: electron and hole are confined to spatially separated quantum well layers

*Properties*:

- bosons
  - long and controllable lifetime
  - built-in dipole moment
- excitons can cool to low temperature  
long-range exciton transport  
excitons screen disorder  
control of excitons by voltage:  
 $\delta E = e d F_z$



These properties allow for

- **basic studies**: exciton transport, spin transport, interaction, kinetics, coherence, condensation, composite bosons in strong magnetic field regime
- **development of excitonic devices**: excitonic transistors, traps, ramps, lattices, conveyers

# Excitons in high magnetic fields: Magnetoexcitons

Strong magnetic field regime for composite bosons:

$\hbar\omega_c \geq E_b$   
cyclotron energy  $\geq$  binding energy

This requires

- $\sim 10^6$  Tesla for atoms
- $\sim 10$  Tesla for excitons

due to large  $\hbar\omega_c = \hbar eB/(\mu c)$   
and small  $E_b \approx (\mu e^4)/(2\varepsilon^4 \hbar^2)$

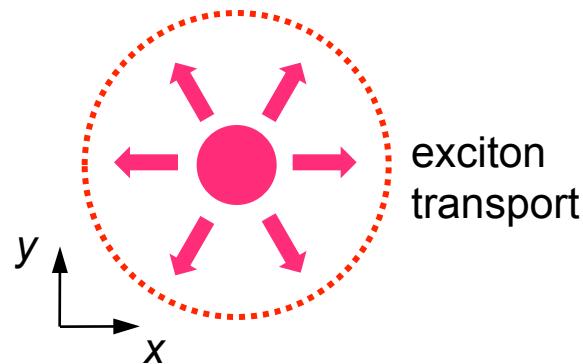
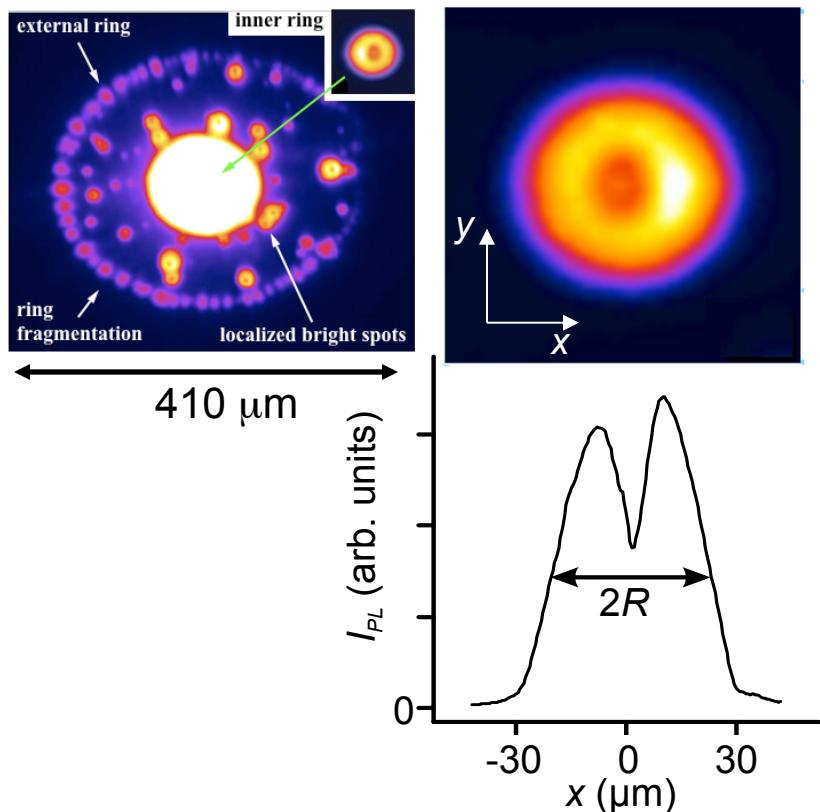
because of small mass and  $\varepsilon > 1$   
strong magnetic field regime for excitons is achieved in the lab



Optical dilution refrigerator

- 40 mK bath temperature
- 16 Tesla magnetic fields

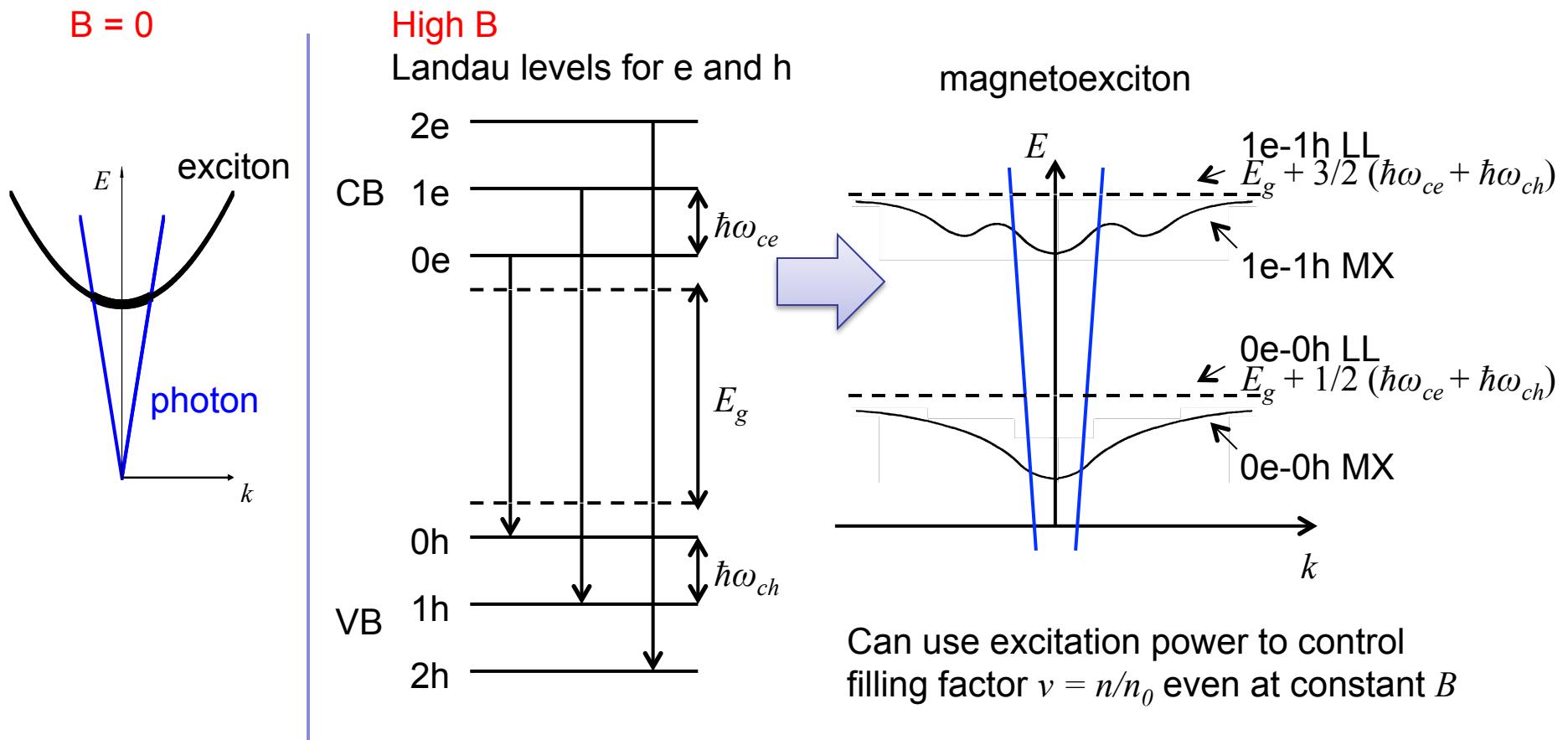
# Inner ring in the exciton emission pattern



excitons cool as they travel away from the excitation spot  
→ increased occupation of radiative zone  
→ enhancement of PL intensity  
→ inner ring

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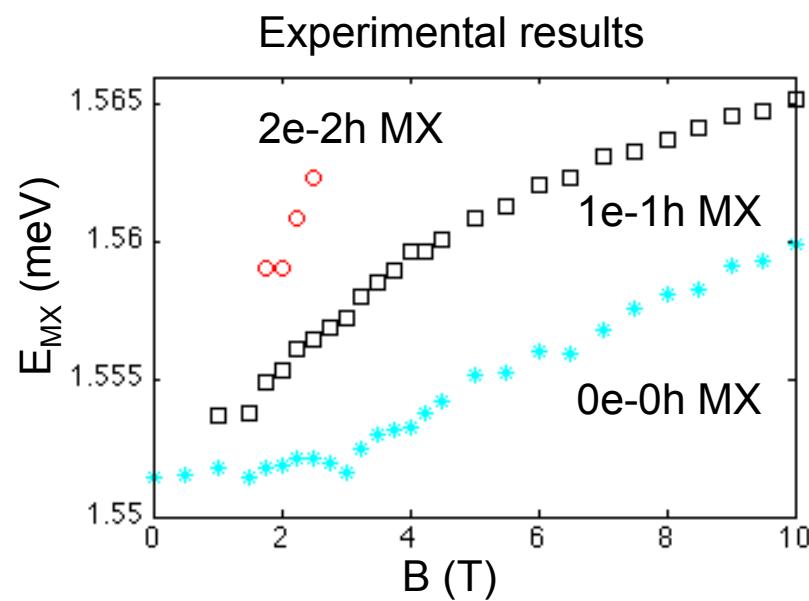
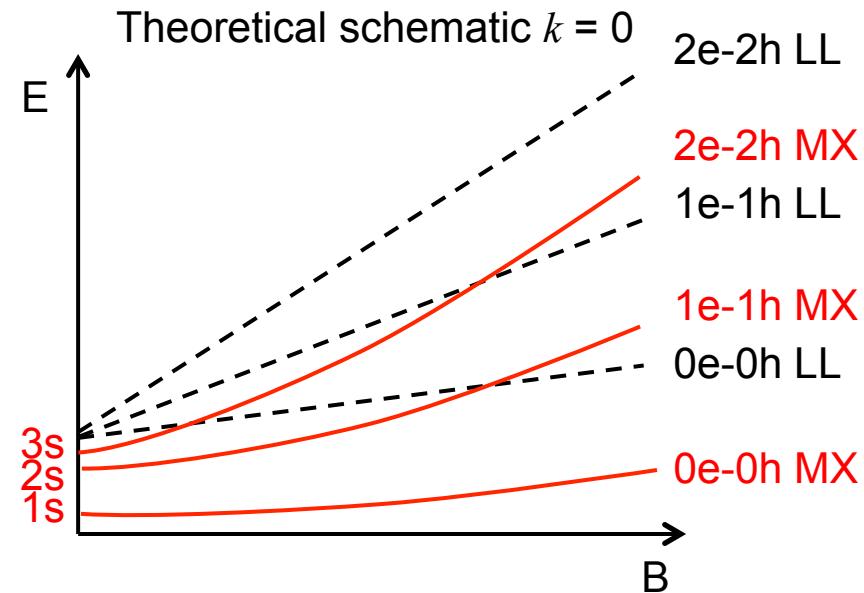
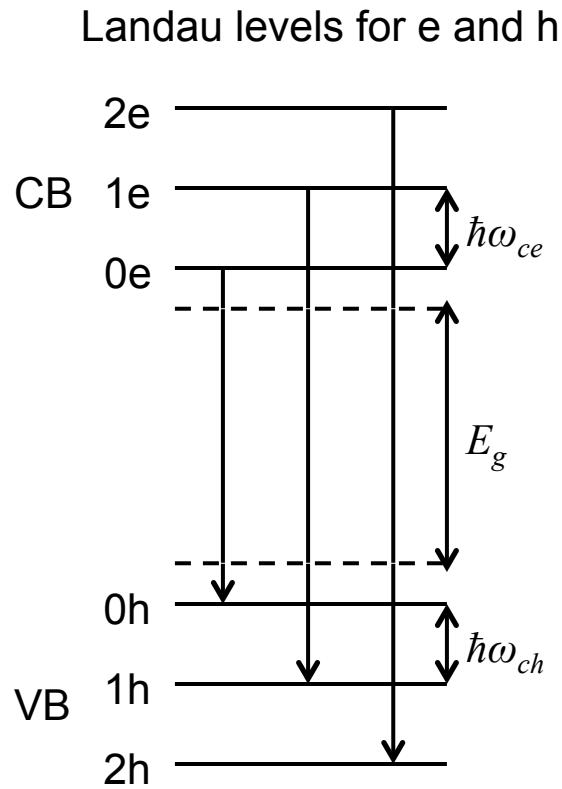


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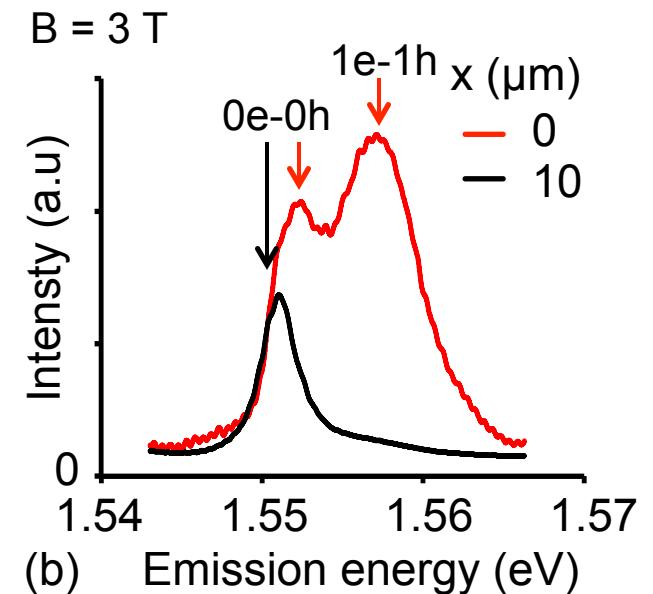
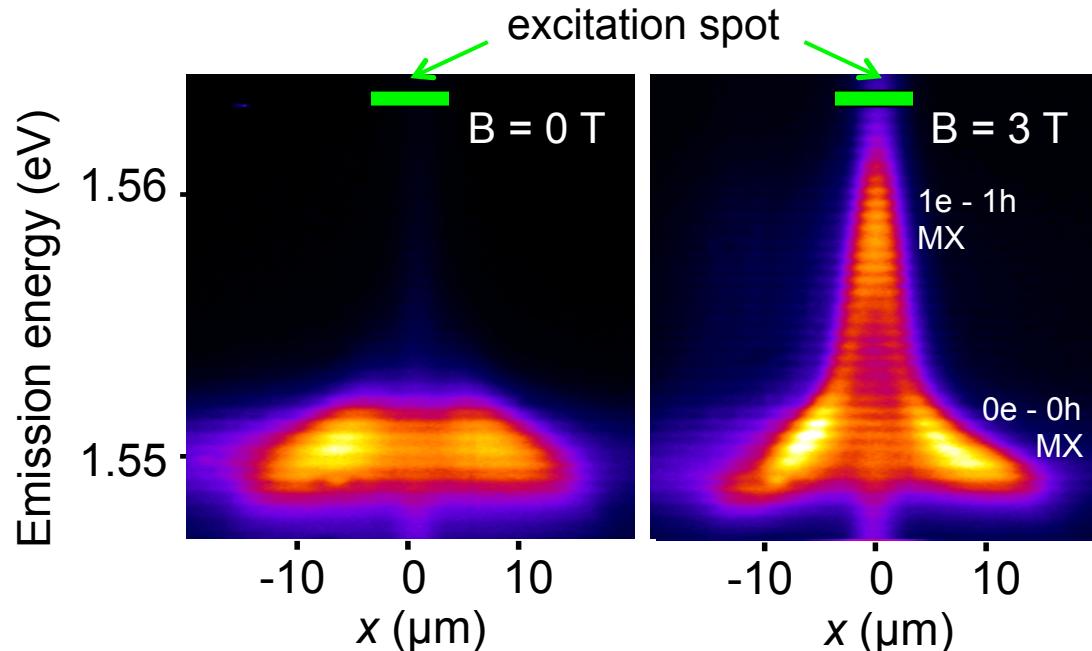
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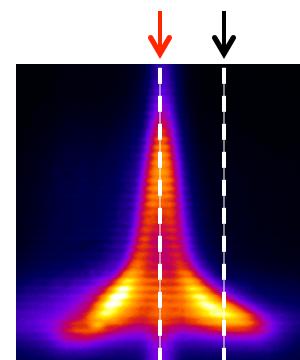
# Exciton emission pattern in high magnetic fields



0e - 0h MX PL extends beyond the excitation spot  
→ magnetoexciton transport

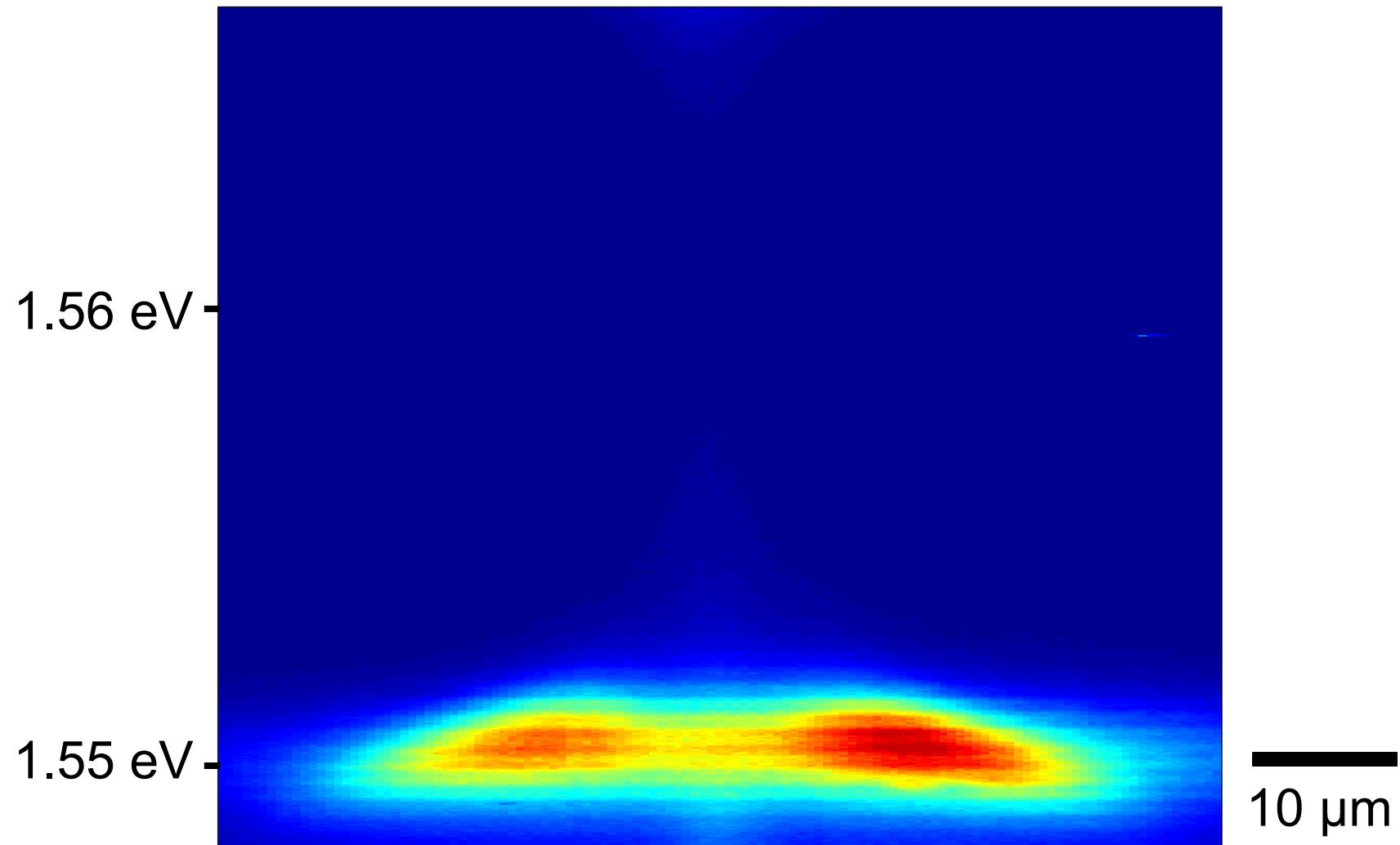
0e - 0h MX PL intensity enhanced outside the excitation spot  
→ magnetoexciton inner ring

1e - 1h MX transport distance is smaller than for 0e - 0h MX  
→ energy relaxation and density decay

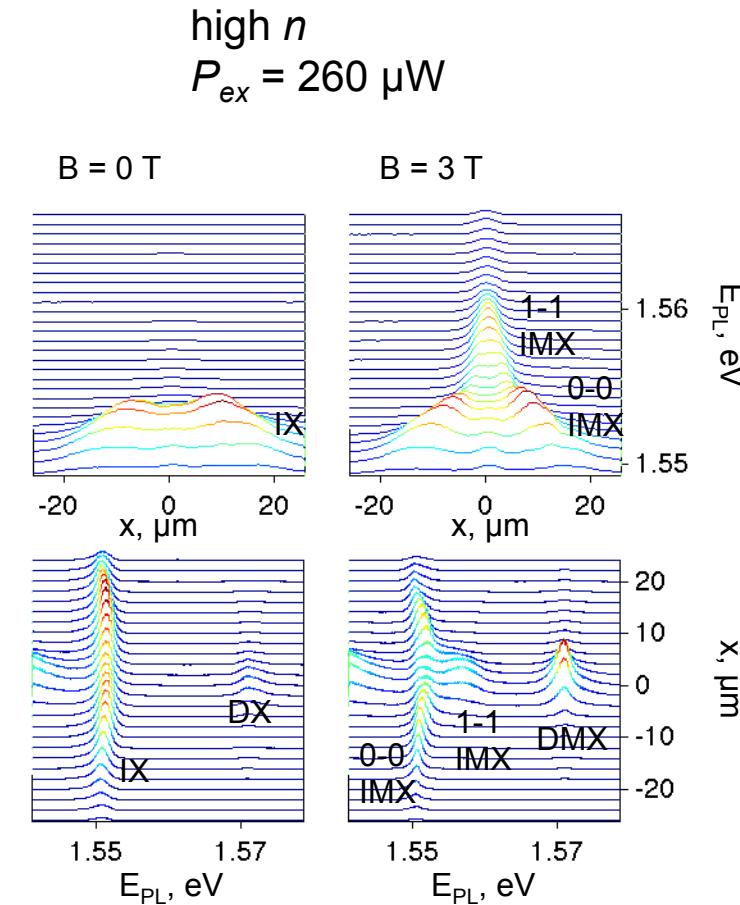
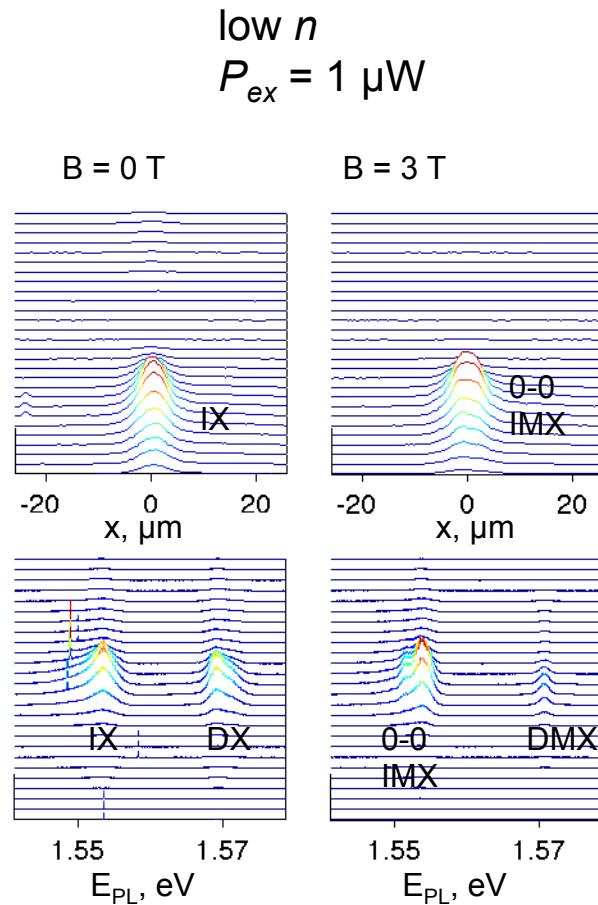


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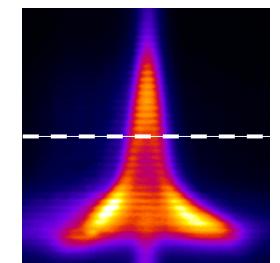
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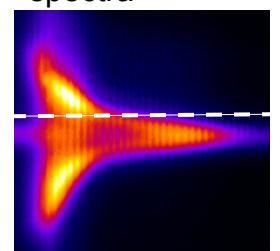
# Spatial and energy profiles of indirect magnetoexciton emission



Spectrally resolved  
spatial profiles

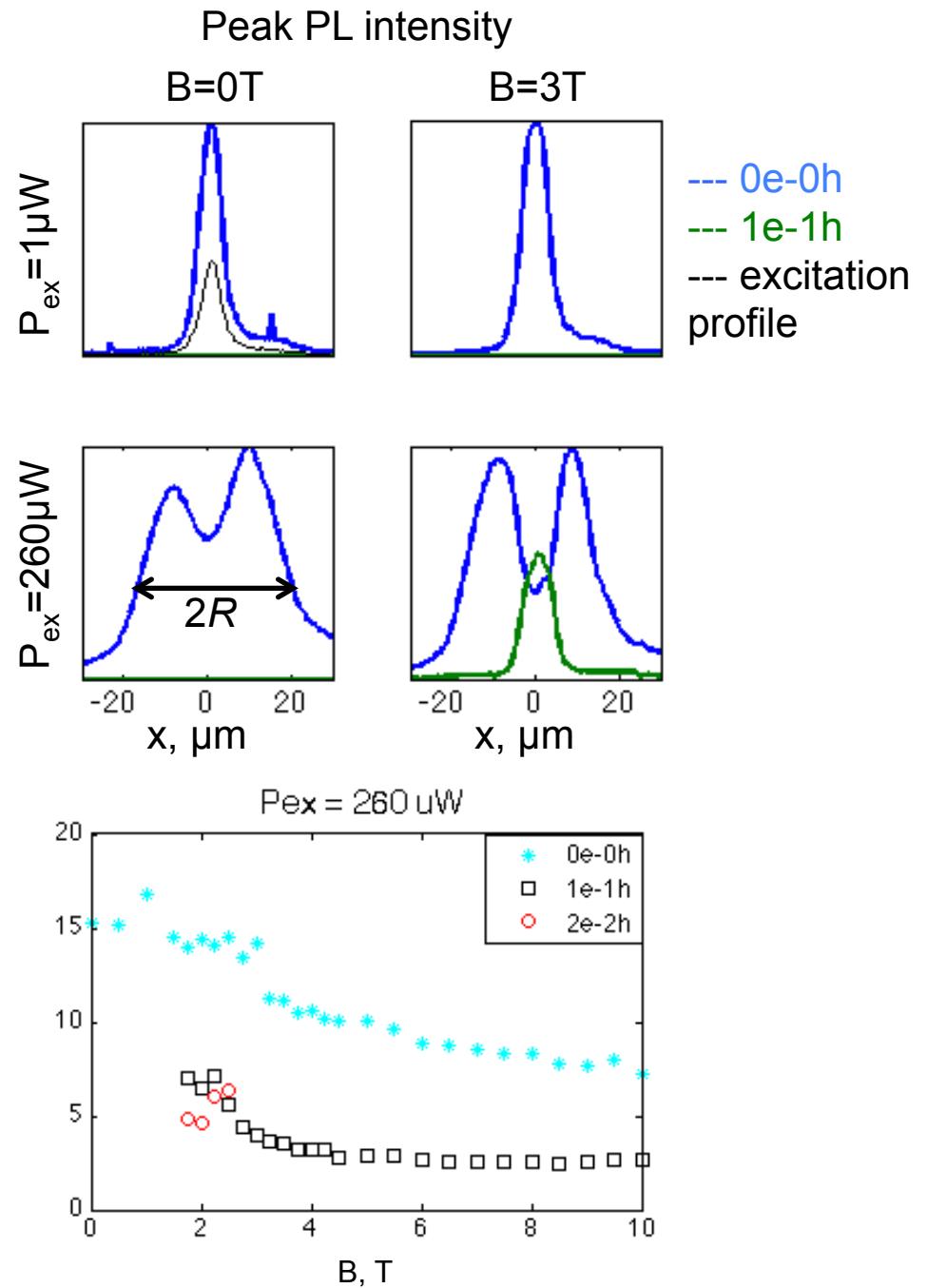
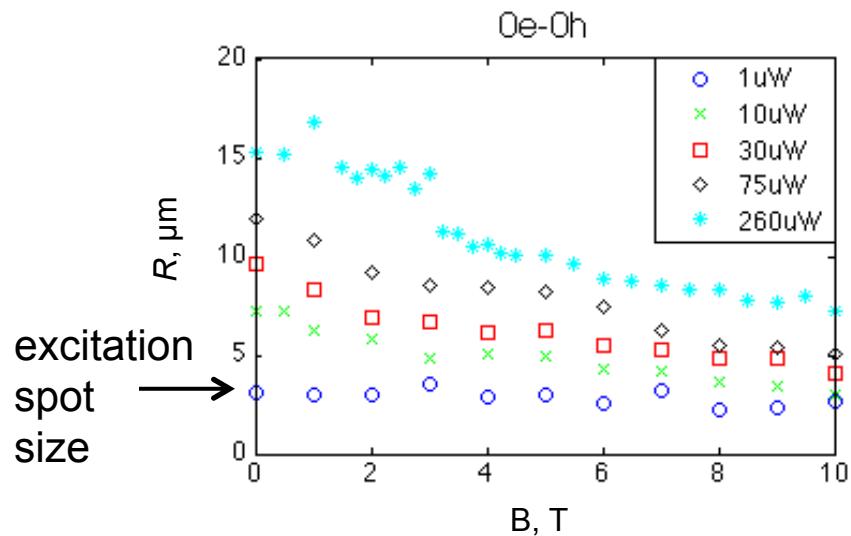


Spatially resolved  
spectra



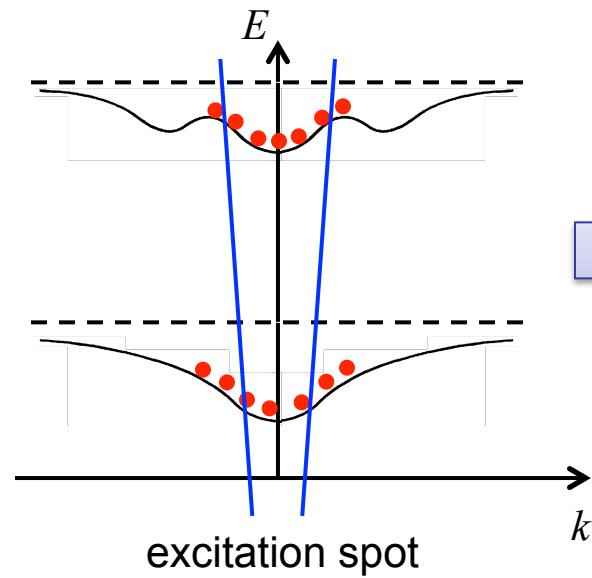
# Kinetics of indirect magnetoexcitons

- At low densities, MX localized  
At high densities, MX delocalized
- MX transport length decreases with increasing  $B$
- 0e-0h MX PL: ring shape  
1e-1h and 2e-2h MX PL: bell-like shape
- 0e-0h MX travel farther than 1e-1h and 2e-2h MX



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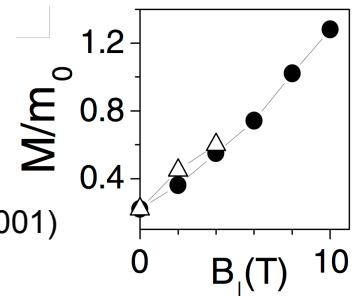
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→ disorder screening

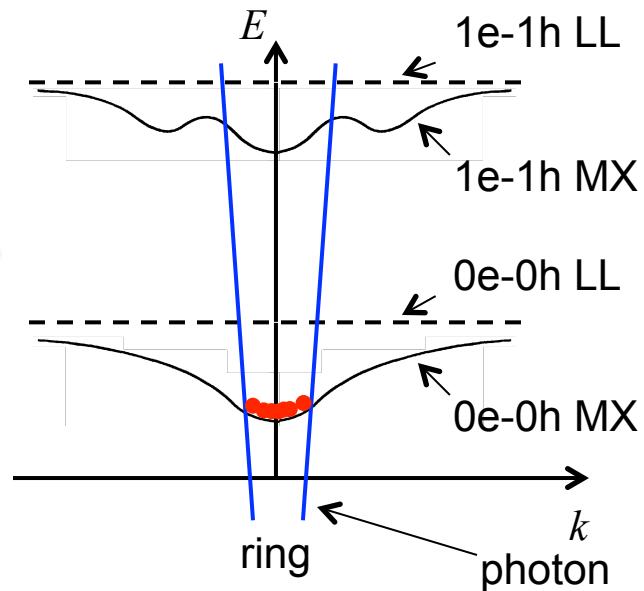
→ effective mass increase

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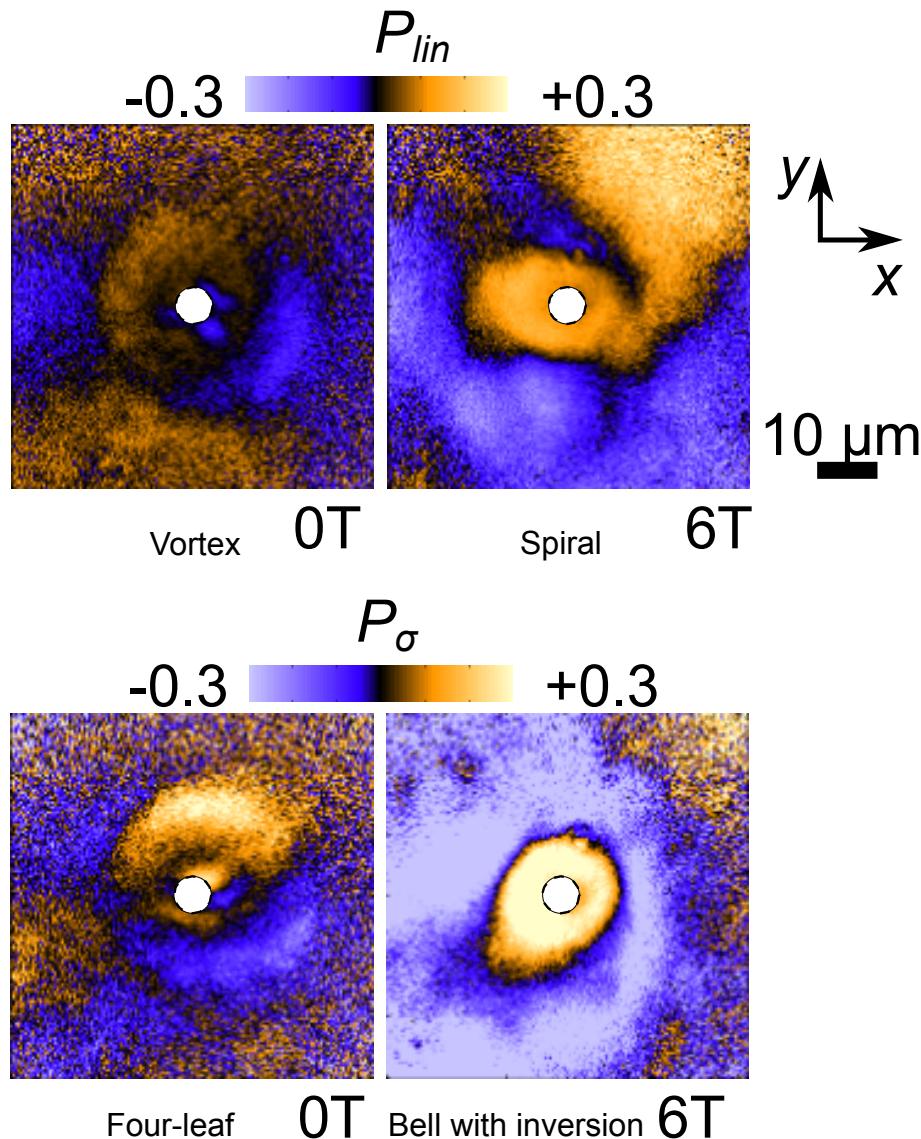


→ increased occupation of radiative zone away from excitation spot

→ energy relaxation and density decay



# Poster MoP23: Spin currents in exciton inner ring



Inner ring polarization patterns

	$B = 0$	large $B$
linear	Vortex	Spiral
circular	Four-leaf	Bell-like with inversion

# Conclusions

- At low densities, magnetoexcitons are localized.

At high densities, magnetoexcitons are delocalized: magnetoexciton transport.
- Magnetoexciton transport length decreases with increasing magnetic field.
- 0e-0h magnetoexciton PL has ring shape.

1e-1h and 2e-2h magnetoexciton PL has bell-like shape.
- 0e-0h magnetoexcitons have higher transport distance than 1e-1h and 2e-2h magnetoexcitons.

