


# Anisotropic electron-hole excitation and large linear dichroism in the two-dimensional ferromagnet CrSBr with in-plane magnetization

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The observation of magnetic ordering in atomically thin CrI<sub>3</sub> and Cr<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>6</sub> monolayers has aroused intense interest in condensed-matter physics and material science. Studies of van de Waals two-dimensional (2D) magnetic materials are of both fundamental importance and application interest. In particular, exciton-enhanced magneto-optical properties revealed in CrI<sub>3</sub> and CrBr<sub>3</sub> monolayers have expanded the understanding of exciton physics in 2D materials. Unlike CrI<sub>3</sub> and CrBr<sub>3</sub>, with out-of-plane magnetization, CrSBr has an in-plane magnetic moment, therefore providing a good opportunity to study the magnetic linear dichroism and high-order magneto-optical effects. Here, based on the many-body perturbation method within density-functional theory, we have studied quasiparticle electronic structure, exciton, and optical properties in CrSBr monolayer. A strongly bounded exciton has been identified with the first bright exciton located at 1.35 eV, in good agreement with an experiment of photoluminescence [Wilson *et al.*, *Nat. Mater.* **20**, 1657 (2021)]. Strong contrast in the optical absorption is found between the electric fields lying along the in-plane two orthogonal directions. In accordance with a typical and realistic experimental setup, we show that the rotation angle of linear polarized light, either reflected or transmitted, could be comparable with those revealed in black phosphorene. Such large linear dichroism arises mainly from the anisotropic in-plane crystal structure. The magnetic contribution from the off-diagonal component of dielectric function to the linear dichroism in CrSBr is negligible. Our findings not only have revealed the excitonic effect on the optical and magneto-optical properties in 2D ferromagnet CrSBr, but also have shown its potential applications in 2D optics and optoelectronics.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Due to strong light-matter interaction, two-dimensional (2D) materials have demonstrated potential applications in semiconductor optoelectronics and photonics [1–4]. The discovery of 2D van der Waals magnets Cr<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>6</sub> [5] and CrI<sub>3</sub> [6] monolayer, on the other hand, has provided an additional degree of freedom, where the out-of-plane magnetization could facilitate magneto-optical Kerr and Faraday effects in the ultrathin limit [7,8]. Based on many-body perturbation theory, Wu *et al.* have revealed the exciton effect on the magneto-optical effects in the monolayer of CrI<sub>3</sub> [9] and CrBr<sub>3</sub> [10]. The Kerr rotation angle for the reflected light could reach as high as 0.9°, and the Faraday angle for the transmitted light could reach as high as 0.3°. Recently, another kind of 2D magnet, CrSBr, with in-plane magnetization has been identified [11] and fabricated [12]

successfully. The bilayer system shows great contrast in the optical responses between antiferromagnetic and ferromagnetic interlayer coupling [12]. Considering the excitonic effect, such as a magnetic ordering dependence of optical properties, has been well explained by the many-body perturbation calculations [12]. In the monolayer limit, the system shows strong photoluminescence (PL) at 1.3 eV [12]. In the meantime, the exciton-coupled coherent magnons will lead to efficient optical access to spin information [13]. In contrast to Cr<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>6</sub> and CrI<sub>3</sub> (CrBr<sub>3</sub>), when the magnetization in CrSBr monolayer is lying along the easy axis within the 2D plane, as demonstrated in Fig. 1, the former magneto-optical Kerr and Faraday effects, which measure the rotation angle of linear polarized light, will be replaced by the Schäfer-Hubert (SH) effect and Voigt effect for reflected and transmitted lights, respectively [14]. The original purpose of this paper is to provide a comprehensive framework of the excitonic effect on the optical and high-order magneto-optical properties in 2D ferromagnetic CrSBr with in-plane magnetization. Generally, when the magnetization is pointing along the y direction, it is believed that [14]

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\text{SH}} &= \theta_{\text{SH}} + i\eta_{\text{SH}} = \frac{-i\omega d}{c(1 - n_{\text{sub}}^2)}(n_{\parallel}^2 - n_{\perp}^2) \\ &= \frac{-i\omega d}{c(1 - n_{\text{sub}}^2)}\left(\varepsilon_{yy} - \varepsilon_{xx} - \frac{\varepsilon_{zx}^2}{\varepsilon_{zz}}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

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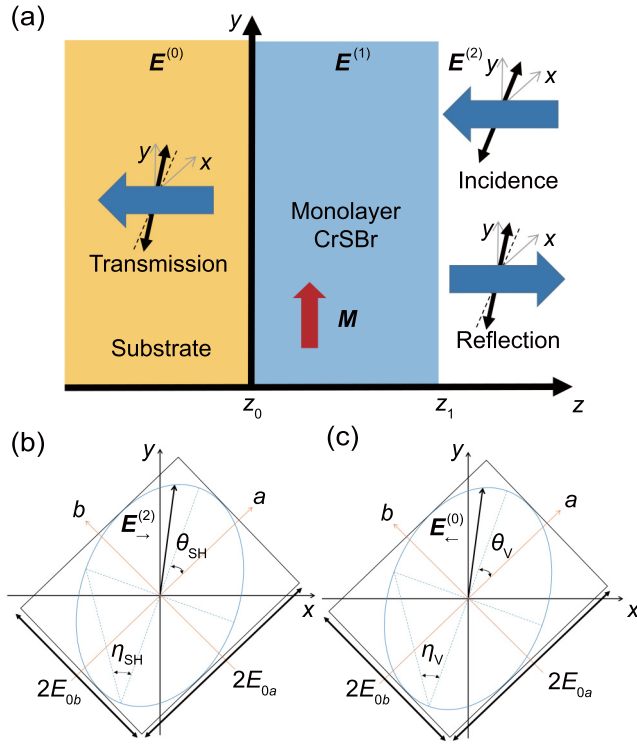


FIG. 1. Schäfer-Hubert (SH) and Voigt setup consisting of layers of vacuum, ferromagnetic monolayer CrSBr, and a substrate of semi-infinitely thick  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Red arrow denotes the in-plane magnetization, which is along the  $y$  axis. (b) Illustration of rotation angle and ellipticity for reflected (left panel) and transmitted (right panel) lights.

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_V &= \theta_V - i\eta_V = \frac{\omega d}{2ic} (n_{\parallel} - n_{\perp}) \\ &= \frac{\omega d}{2ic} \left[ \varepsilon_{yy}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left( \varepsilon_{xx} + \frac{\varepsilon_{zx}^2}{\varepsilon_{zz}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Here  $\theta_{SH}$  and  $\theta_V$  are rotation angles, and  $\eta_{SH}$  and  $\eta_V$  are ellipticities.  $c$  is the velocity of light,  $n$  is the complex refraction index, and  $\varepsilon$  is the dielectric function.  $\omega$  is the optical frequency,  $d$  is the thickness of magnetic material, and *sub* means the substrate. Clearly, such effects are closely related to the contrast between the dielectric properties of two in-plane diagonal components  $\varepsilon_{xx}$  and  $\varepsilon_{yy}$  as well as the magnitude of the off-diagonal component  $\varepsilon_{zx}$  of the system of interest. Based on independent particle approximation (IPA), such effects in 2D magnets CrXY ( $X = S, Se, \text{ and } Te; Y = Cl, Br, \text{ and } I$ ) were studied computationally [15]. For the monolayer geometry with particular 2D dielectric screening, the inherent many-body correction to the quasiparticle band structure and optical properties could not be ignored [16–21]. A huge excitonic effect with binding energy of as large as 1 eV (two orders larger than conventional semiconductors) will modify the optical spectrum from IPA strongly. Therefore, in this paper, based on density functional theory with many-body perturbation method, i.e., GW-BSE method (G for one-particle Green’s function, W for screened Coulomb interaction, and BSE for Bethe-Salpeter equation)

[22], we have studied the quasiparticle electronic structure, exciton, and optical properties in CrSBr monolayer. The first bright excitonic state is found located at 1.35 eV, in good agreement with experiment [12]. In the meantime, a large linear dichroism (optical birefringence) from the anisotropic in-plane crystal structure has been identified. The intrinsic magneto-optical effect from the off-diagonal components of the dielectric function, however, is found to be very small. CrSBr shows a large difference between  $\varepsilon_{xx}$  and  $\varepsilon_{yy}$  which will dominate the linear dichroism and, consequently, the magnitude of rotation angle  $\theta$  and ellipticity  $\eta$ . It has also been revealed that the excitonic effect has modified  $\varepsilon_{xx}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{yy}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{xz}$  dramatically, and consequently, the linear dichroism and the high-order magneto-optical properties. When the magnetization is tuned by the external perpendicular magnetic field toward the out-of-plane direction, the CrSBr monolayer could exhibit significant Kerr and Faraday effects, which are even larger than those in CrI<sub>3</sub> [9] and CrBr<sub>3</sub> [10]. Furthermore, the short lifetime of the first bright exciton suggests its potential application in infrared light emission. Our findings not only have revealed the excitonic effect on the optical and magneto-optical properties in 2D ferromagnet CrSBr but also have shown its potential applications in 2D optics and optoelectronics.

## II. COMPUTATIONAL METHOD

Our first-principles calculations are performed using density-functional theory (DFT) as implemented in the QUANTUM ESPRESSO package [23]. We use the generalized gradient approximation with Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) [24] and norm-conserving pseudopotentials with a plane-wave cutoff of 80 Ry [25]. The ground-state wave functions and eigenvalues are calculated within a  $k$  grid of  $16 \times 12 \times 1$ . The structures are relaxed until the total forces are less than 0.01 eV/Å, and the convergence criterion for total energies is set to  $10^{-5}$  eV. The quasiparticle band structure and excitonic properties are calculated with the BERKELEYGW package [26–29] (see Appendix A). We have included spin-orbit coupling with spinor GW-BSE calculations [29]. A slab model is used with vacuum layer of 15 Å along the out-of-plane direction, and a truncated Coulomb interaction between CrSBr monolayer and its periodic image is adopted [30]. Here the calculations are based on one-shot  $G_0W_0$  with generalized plasmon pole model. The mean-field wave functions and eigenvalues within PBE are chosen as the starting point for  $G_0W_0$ , as a first guess for quasiparticle wave functions and eigenvalues. For the convergence of quasiparticle energies [31], we have tested the dependence on  $k$ -grid size, number of bands, as well as dielectric cutoff. We use a coarse  $k$  grid of  $16 \times 12 \times 1$ , 1080 of number of bands, and a dielectric cutoff of 20 Ry (see Appendix B). The electron-hole excitations are then calculated by solving the BSE for each exciton state and frequency-dependent complex dielectric function  $\varepsilon(\omega)$ . For the BSE part, the fine  $k$  grid of  $64 \times 48 \times 1$  is used (see Appendix B). We use a Gaussian smearing with a broadening constant of 30 meV in the optical absorbance spectrum. The number of bands for optical transitions is six valence and eight conduction bands, which is sufficient to cover the span of the energies of visible light. Such treatment of excited states is

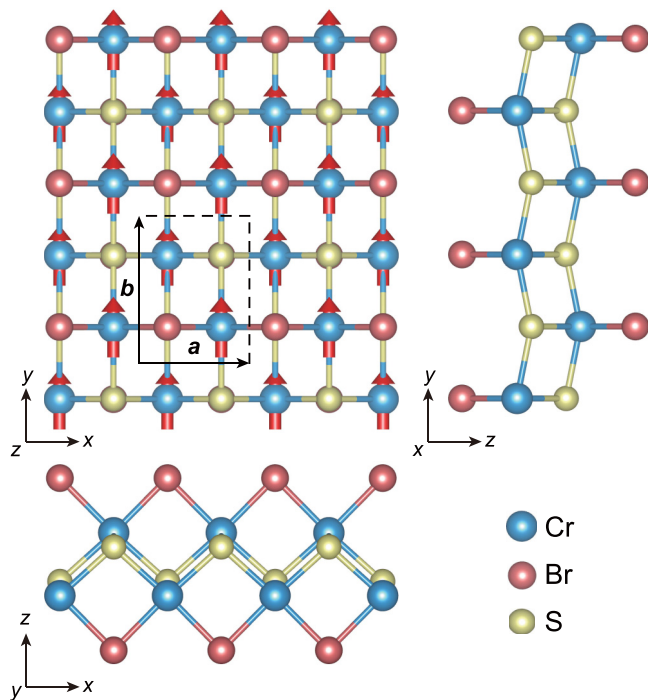


FIG. 2. Illustration of crystal structure of 2D magnet CrSBr monolayer. Local magnetic moment at Cr atoms pointing along  $y$  axis.

robust and has been applied successfully in a wide range of 2D materials [32], including graphene [33–39], graphyne [40], 2D transition-metal dichalcogenides [41–51], black phosphorene [52–56], blue phosphorene [57,58], violet (Hittorf’s) phosphorene [59,60], 2D monochalcogenides [61–63], 2D GaN [64], 2D boron nitrides [65–67], and 2D magnets [9,10,68].

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Bulk CrSBr belongs to an orthorhombic structure with crystal parameters  $a = 3.504 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 4.738 \text{ \AA}$ , and  $c = 7.907 \text{ \AA}$  in the space group  $Pm\bar{m}n$  (No. 59). This structure is built of monolayers of CrSBr, which are bonded through van der Waals interactions along the  $c$  axis. For monolayer CrSBr as demonstrated in Fig. 2, it still belongs to space group  $Pm\bar{m}n$  (No. 59) with an effective thickness of around  $5.7 \text{ \AA}$ . The monolayer CrSBr consists of two buckled rectangular planes of CrS fused together, with both surfaces capped by Br atoms. The top view of monolayer CrSBr in Fig. 2 shows a rectangular network lattice with  $a = 3.537 \text{ \AA}$  and  $b = 4.730 \text{ \AA}$ .

Experimentally, using a second-harmonic generation technique, ferromagnetic order with the magnetic moment pointing along the  $y$  axis has been identified in CrSBr monolayer with a Curie temperature of  $T_C = 146 \pm 2 \text{ K}$  [69]. In the meanwhile, photoluminescence spectra show an obvious decrease at temperatures between 130 and 150 K, suggesting a phase transition therein [12]. This Curie temperature in CrSBr monolayer is therefore much higher than  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Te}_6$  monolayer (at 22 K under magnetic field of 0.075 T) [5] and  $\text{CrI}_3$  monolayer (at 45 K) [6]. Theoretically,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ion has a magnetic moment of  $3 \mu_B$ , pointing along the  $y$  axis of the 2D

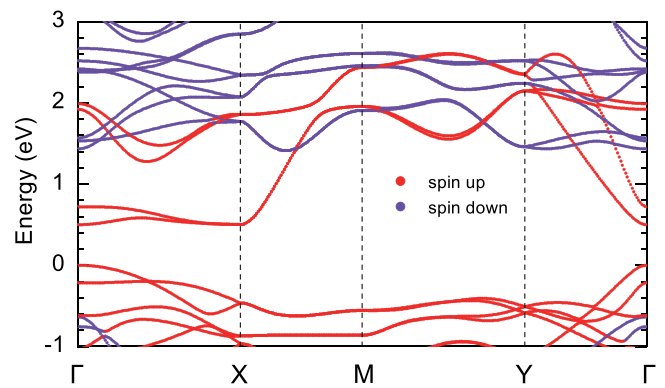


FIG. 3. PBE band structure with colors denoting the direction of spin polarization along the  $y$  axis.

plane. When the magnetization points along the  $x$  or  $z$  axis, the total energy is  $0.042$  and  $0.072 \text{ meV/Cr}$  higher, respectively, and the value along the  $z$  axis is in agreement with another theoretical result of  $0.078 \text{ meV/Cr}$  [70]. It is noted that the calculated total energy for the state with magnetization along the in-plane direction is  $0.025 \text{ meV/Cr}$  lower in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Te}_6$  monolayer [7] and  $0.263 \text{ meV/Cr}$  higher in  $\text{CrI}_3$  monolayer [8] when compared with the magnetic state of out-of-plane magnetization. On the other hand, the antiferromagnetic coupling between the in-plane two  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions is  $58.86 \text{ meV/Cr}$  higher than the ferromagnetic ground state. This result agrees with previous ground-state calculations [70]. For multilayer systems, the local magnetic moment still prefers the  $y$  axis, with the magnetic moment antiparallel with each other between neighboring layers [12].

As indicated by the band structure in Fig. 3, this monolayer of CrSBr is a direct-band-gap semiconductor with the top of the valence band and the bottom of the conduction band both located at the  $\Gamma$  point. The band gap increases a little along the  $x$  direction and increases sharply along the orthogonal direction, i.e.,  $\Gamma \rightarrow Y$ . Clearly, this monolayer structure shows anisotropic band dispersion. On the other hand, the two spin channels are well separated in the ferromagnetic ground state.

It should be pointed out that what we have simulated is a suspended monolayer, i.e., a single layer of CrSBr in vacuum. The strength of the Coulomb interaction in such material originates from weak dielectric screening in the 2D limit. For distances exceeding a few nanometers, the screening is determined by the immediate surroundings of the material, which can be vacuum or air in the ideal case of suspended samples. Compared to  $\text{MoS}_2$  [44] and blue phosphorene [57], such unique 2D dielectric screening in CrSBr should also be anisotropic. The static screened Coulomb interaction is constructed as [44]

$$W_{G'G}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}; 0) = \varepsilon_{G'G}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}; 0)v(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}'). \quad (3)$$

The effective static 2D dielectric function  $\varepsilon_{2D}(\mathbf{q})$  could be obtained [44],

$$\varepsilon_{2D}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{|\mathbf{q}|}{2\pi e^2 L_z} \sum_{\mathbf{G}_z, \mathbf{G}'_z} W_{\mathbf{G}_z \mathbf{G}'_z}(\mathbf{q}), \quad (4)$$

where the complicated details of the screening in the out-of-plane direction  $z$  have been integrated out. The dielectric screening in such a system obeys particular wavelength

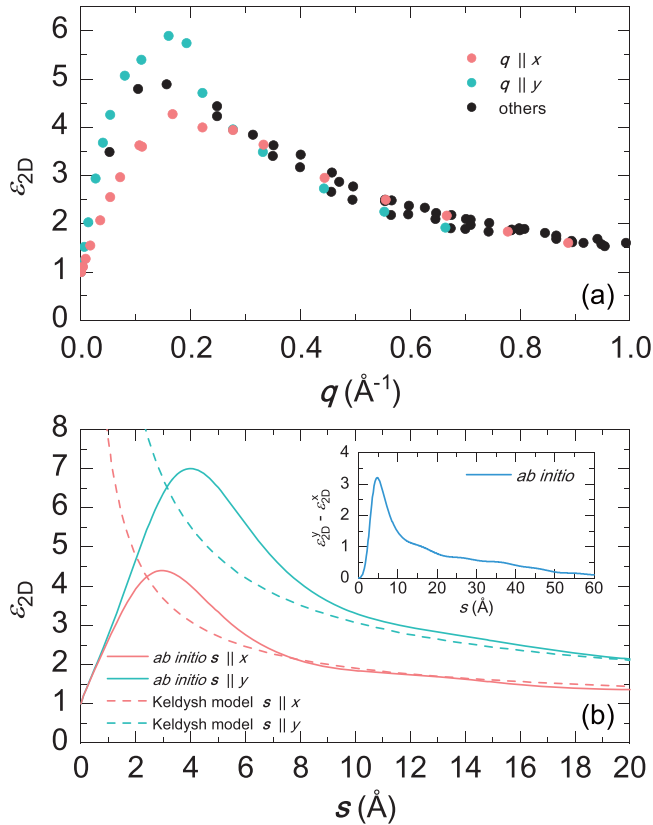


FIG. 4. (a) Frequency dependence of 2D dielectric screening in CrSBr monolayer under *ab initio* calculation. (b) Distance dependence of 2D dielectric screening in CrSBr monolayer under *ab initio* calculation (solid line) and Keldysh model (dashed line). Inset of (b) shows the difference between  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s)$  along the  $y$  and  $x$  axis.

dependence. As demonstrated in Fig. 4(a), in the long-distance limit the electron-electron interaction is like that in vacuum with  $\varepsilon = 1$ , while within the intermediate distance, the electron-electron interaction has effective dielectric screening by the 2D materials with  $\varepsilon \geq 1$ . The label “others” in Fig. 4(a) refers to the other  $\mathbf{q}$  points in the  $\mathbf{q}$  mesh which do not belong to  $(q_x, 0)$  or  $(0, q_y)$ . For the anisotropic nature, the dielectric screening changes along different directions. To accurately access the distance dependence of 2D dielectric screening, we have obtained  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s)$  through Hankel transformation of  $\varepsilon_{2D}(\mathbf{q})$  and shown it in Fig. 4(b). Clearly, if two charges are very close together, there is not enough space for the electronic cloud to polarize, so  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s \rightarrow 0) = 1$ . On the other hand, if the two charges are very far away, the field lines connecting the charges travel mainly through the vacuum, so they are not much affected by the intrinsic dielectric environment of the quasi-2D semiconductor and  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s \rightarrow \infty) = 1$ . Between these two ends,  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s)$  is influenced by the intrinsic material property of CrSBr monolayer and is larger than 1. At finite distance  $s_{\max}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s_{\max})$  will exhibit its maximum. Such 2D dielectric screening has also been revealed in MoS<sub>2</sub> monolayer with  $s_{\max} = 1.5 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s_{\max}) = 11$  [44]. For the CrSBr monolayer,  $s_{\max}$  is a little larger and  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s_{\max})$  is weaker. In the meantime, due to its anisotropic crystal structure, the 2D dielectric screening in CrSBr monolayer also exhibits strong anisotropy.  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s_{\max})$  is 4.4 and 7.0 for  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s)$  along the  $x$

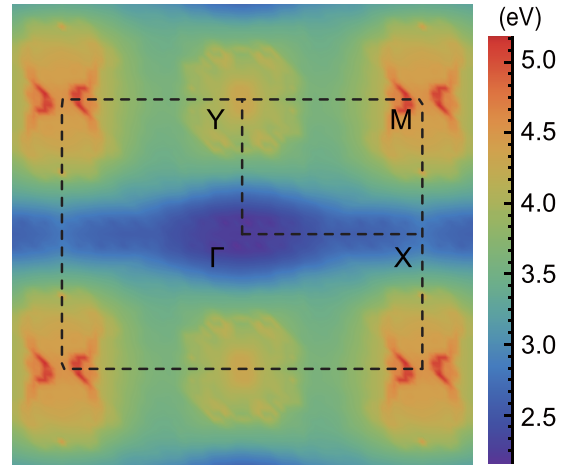


FIG. 5. The lowest valence to conduction-band transition energy (based on quasiparticle energies).

and  $y$  axis, respectively, and the corresponding  $s_{\max}$  is 3.0 and 4.0  $\text{\AA}$ , the same order with lattice constants. Interestingly, such anisotropy persists to long distance. As shown in the inset of Fig. 4(b), the difference between  $\varepsilon_{2D}(s)$  along the  $x$  and  $y$  axis does not vanish until 60  $\text{\AA}$ . So at the distance from 1  $\text{\AA}$  to ten times length of lattice constant, the anisotropic dielectric screening dominates Coulomb interaction in the CrSBr monolayer. For 2D systems, Coulomb potential could be described by the Keldysh model [17], where the potential between two charges has the form

$$V_{2D}(s) = \frac{\pi e^2}{2\rho_0} \left[ H_0\left(\frac{|s|}{\rho_0}\right) - Y_0\left(\frac{|s|}{\rho_0}\right) \right]. \quad (5)$$

Here  $H_0$  and  $Y_0$  are, respectively, the Struve and Bessel functions of the second kind.  $\rho_0$  is a screening length, which is  $\rho_0 = 2\pi\alpha_{2D}$ , and  $\alpha_{2D}$  is the 2D polarizability. Taking the 2D Fourier transform of Eq. (5) results in a dielectric function of the form

$$\varepsilon_{2D}(\mathbf{q}) = 1 + \rho_0|\mathbf{q}|. \quad (6)$$

We fit the Keldysh model to our *ab initio* effective dielectric function at small  $\mathbf{q}$ , where the Coulomb potential approaches  $1/s$ . The 2D polarizability, however, shows a large difference between the orthogonal two directions.  $\alpha_{2D}$  is 4.2  $\text{\AA}$  for  $\mathbf{q}$  along the  $x$  axis and 10.4  $\text{\AA}$  for  $\mathbf{q}$  along the  $y$  axis. Based on the above discussion, in sufficiently long range from 1  $\text{\AA}$  to 60  $\text{\AA}$ , the dielectric screening in CrSBr monolayer is anisotropic.

Due to the unique dielectric environment (monolayer 2D material suspended in vacuum or other dielectric surroundings), electron-electron and electron-hole interactions in 2D materials are much stronger than conventional bulk materials, like GaAs, Si, and so on. Therefore dielectric screening in 2D materials is reduced compared with conventional bulk materials. With the reduced dielectric screening in 2D CrSBr monolayer, the quasiparticle correction to the electronic band structure is large. At the  $\Gamma$  point, the quasiparticle band gap is 2.22 eV, where the value is 0.50 eV within PBE. In Fig. 5 we have shown the direct quasiparticle band gap in the Brillouin zone. The one-dimensional nature of the lowest transition energies is obvious.



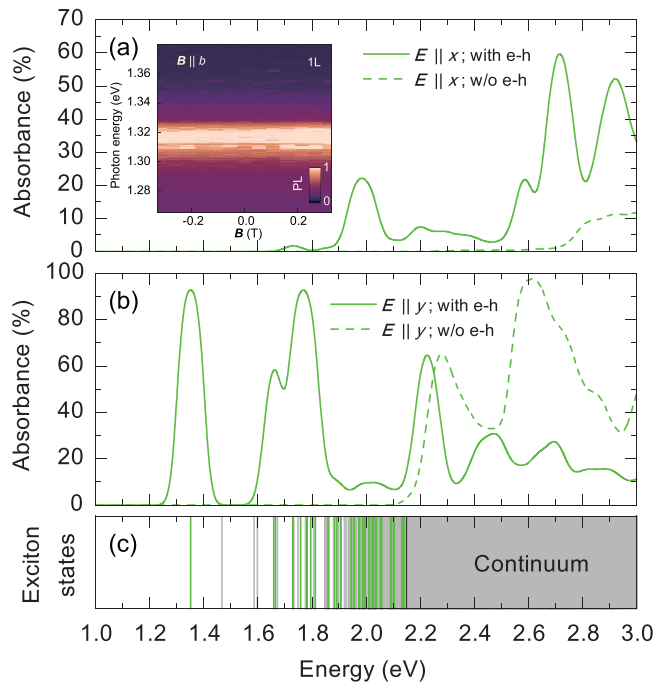


FIG. 6. Anisotropic optical absorbance with electric polarization along the  $x$  axis (a) and  $y$  axis (b) and corresponding exciton spectrum (c) in CrSBr monolayer. Here, green lines are for the bright excitons and the gray lines are for dark excitons. The dotted lines are for the optical absorption based on IPA. Inset shows the experiment data of PL spectrum of CrSBr monolayer under magnetic field along  $y$  axis [12].

The optical absorbance in CrSBr monolayer is further calculated and shown in Fig. 6, where the difference between two in-plane orthogonal directions is obvious. Although the main optical absorption is located at 3.01 eV, the small peak located below could catch as high as 20% of the incident light. The optical absorption edge is located at 1.35 eV when the electric field is along the  $y$  direction. For the other direction, the absorption edge is 1.73 eV. Compared with the results without the consideration of electron-hole interaction, the excitonic effect is obvious in this 2D material. In Fig. 6(c) the exciton states are demonstrated and agree with the optical spectrum well. Dark excitons are also indicated in these non-Rydberg series. Clearly the binding energy for the first exciton state could reach as high as 1.0 eV, almost 1/3 of the quasiparticle band gap for the center of electron-hole excitations. When the electric field is rotated along the  $xy$  plane, as shown in Fig. 7 for several bright exciton states, the oscillator strength shows an anisotropic distribution.

We now look at the character of the first eight excitons, which are all excited around the  $\Gamma$  point. In Fig. 8 we show the modulus squared of the real-space exciton wave function when the hole is fixed near a Cr atom. Electron-hole pair amplitudes (the envelope functions) of low-energy exciton wave functions in reciprocal space are plotted in the down panel of each figure. From these plots the nodal structures of the envelope functions of the states are apparent. The  $1s$  state has only one node with the strongest transition at  $\Gamma$  point. In detail, in Fig. 8(a) the character of the exciton corresponding

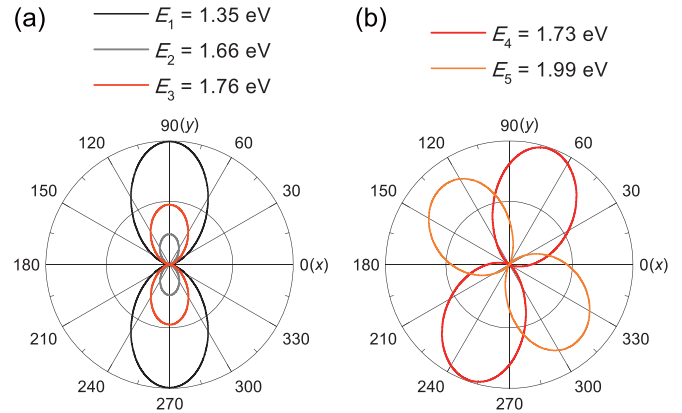


FIG. 7. Optical anisotropy (absorbance amplitude) for the five excitonic states with wavelengths of 1.35 eV (918 nm), 1.66 eV (747 nm), 1.76 eV (705 nm), 1.73 eV (716 nm), and 1.99 eV (623 nm), respectively.

to the first peak in the absorption spectrum ( $E \parallel y$ ) reflects the transitions from the top of the valence band to the lowest conduction band around the  $\Gamma$  point. The envelope of the exciton wave function is almost azimuthally symmetric. The root-mean-square radius of the exciton in real space is around 1.4 nm. The second excitonic state is a dark exciton. It is also a  $1s$  state and also arises from the electron-hole excitations around the  $\Gamma$  point, but the orbitals for the electron-hole formation are different from the first bright state. Although it has a much smaller oscillator strength, the electric polarization along the  $y$  direction is much higher than that along the  $x$  direction. The next two dark excitons shown in Figs. 8(c) and 8(d) are  $2p$  states. The bright exciton shown in Fig. 8(e) is a  $2s$  state, and the exciton in Fig. 8(h) is a  $3d$  state. Together with the first state, these five states could be categorized into the series of electron-hole excitations from  $v1$  to  $c1$  mainly at the  $\Gamma$  point. This can also be judged from the energy distribution in Fig. 9, where the distribution of the constituent free electron-hole pairs specified by  $(E_v, E_c)$  for selected exciton states weighted by the module squared exciton envelope function for each specific interband transition is plotted for all these eight excitonic states. Clearly, these five states have similar patterns. As shown in Appendix C, the orbitals corresponding to the electron-hole pairs are Cr  $d_{yz}$  and Cr  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  [71]. For the second and sixth excitons, it involves  $v1$  to  $c2$  transitions, i.e., from Cr  $d_{yz}$  to Cr  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  hybrid with S  $3p$ . These transitions bring the above-mentioned dark  $1s$  state in Fig. 8(b) and the bright  $2p$  state in Fig. 8(f). For the exciton shown in Fig. 8(g), it involves more complicated electron-hole pair formation [from  $v2$  to  $c1$  and  $v1$  to  $c2$ , as indicated in Fig. 9(g)], and it is a dark state. Characterization of all the node structures of these excitons is summarized in Table I. Obviously, these excitons process an increased real-space extension of the wave function. The effective electron-hole interaction is therefore reduced strongly, consistent with the smaller binding energy as shown in Table I. The difference in the oscillator strength between the  $x$  and  $y$  direction is obvious for all the exciton states.

With the above revealed anisotropic quasiparticle electronic band structure, electron-hole excitation, and optical

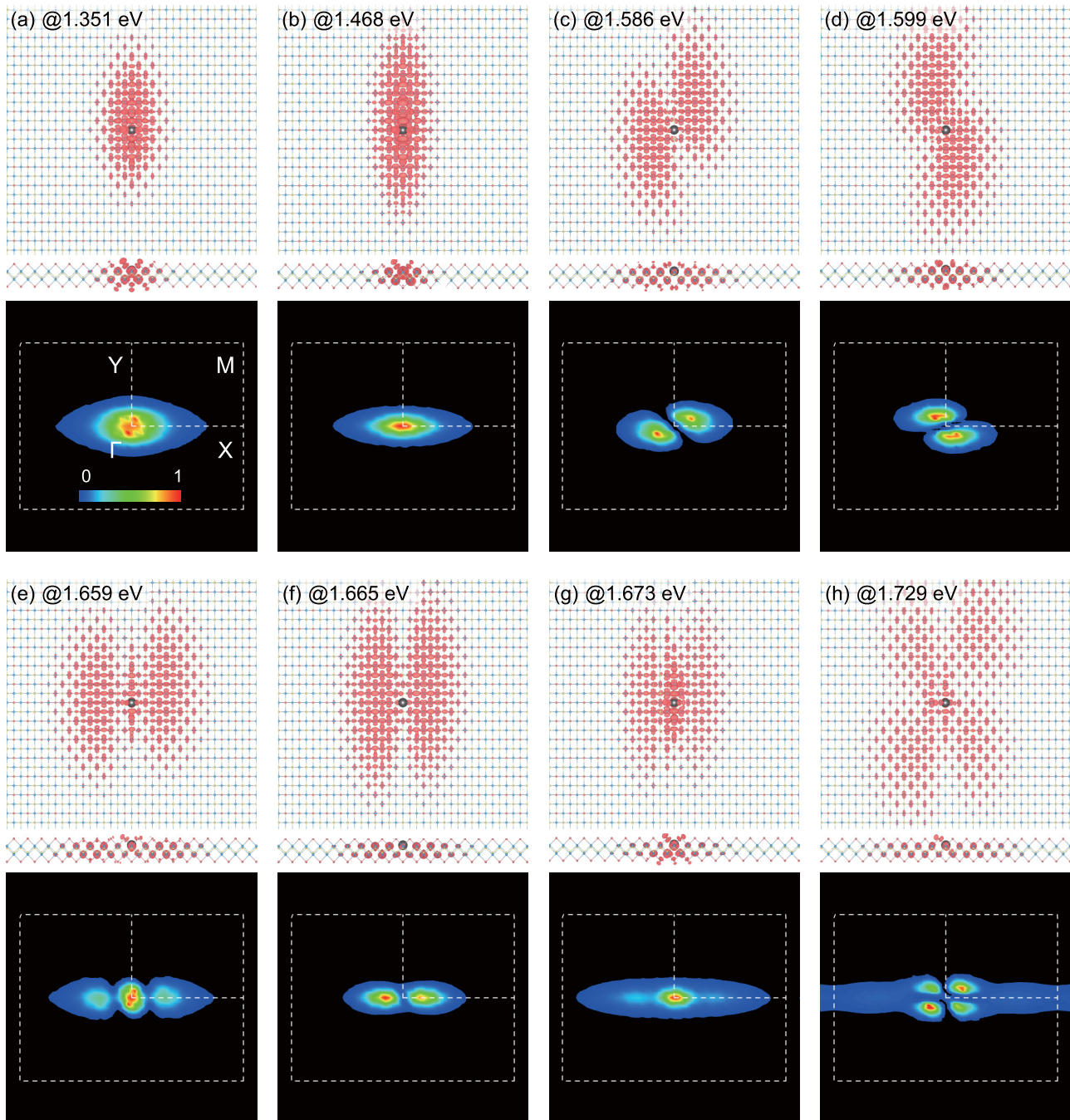


FIG. 8. Real-space plots (upper panel) of modulus squared of the exciton wave function and corresponding reciprocal-space plots (down panel) for the first eight excitons. Here the hole (black circle) is fixed at Cr.

absorption, we continue to show the (magnetic) linear dichroism and MO SH and Voigt effects in CrSBr monolayer. The essence of a theoretical modeling of the MO effects lies in accurately accounting for the diagonal and off-diagonal frequency-dependent macroscopic dielectric functions, which have been readily available from our  $G_0W_0$ -BSE calculations with electron-hole interaction included. As verified by the agreement between our theoretical calculations and experiments of CrSBr, as well as the fact that the exciton effect in ferromagnetic monolayer  $\text{CrI}_3$  and  $\text{CrBr}_3$  has strongly modified its MO responses [9,10], significantly different behaviors going beyond those from a treatment considering only

transitions between noninteracting Kohn-Sham orbitals should be expected in CrSBr. To simulate the experimental setup, as demonstrated in Fig. 1, we consider CrSBr monolayer deposited on a dielectric substrate  $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , which has a wide band gap of 8.7 eV with refraction constant of 1.75 [10]. Assuming a linearly polarized incident light, we calculate the SH and Voigt signals by analyzing the polarization plane of the reflection (transmission) light, which is in general elliptically polarized with a rotation angle and an ellipticity. The detailed calculations are based on the transfer matrix method and could be found in Appendix D. In Fig. 10 we have found that the rotation angle could be larger than  $10^\circ$  for the

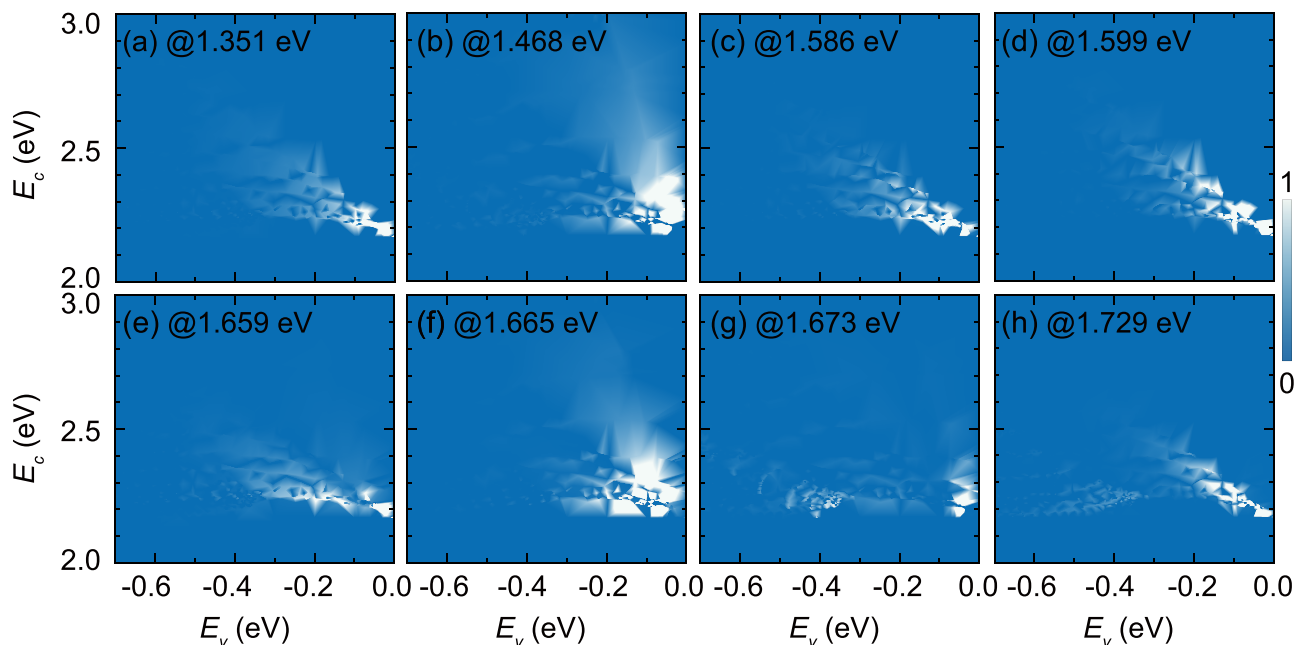


FIG. 9. The distribution of free electron-hole pair with electron energy at  $E_c$  and hole energy at  $E_v$  for selected exciton states weighted by module squared exciton envelope function for each of the interband transitions between states  $|\mathbf{vk}\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{ck}\rangle$ , with quasiparticle energies of  $E_{vk}^{\text{QP}}$  and  $E_{ck}^{\text{QP}}$ , respectively.

reflected light. For transmitted light the largest rotation angle is around  $8^\circ$ . On the other hand, the revealed SH and Voigt effects dominate within the quasiparticle band gap. When the electron-hole interaction is not considered, both the amplitude and the position of the spectrum are modified significantly (see Fig. 15 in Appendix E). This verifies again the fact that it is the exciton effect that leads to the large linear dichroism in CrSBr monolayer. In addition, we can find that the off-diagonal component of dielectric function plays little role in the above-revealed large linear dichroism in CrSBr, where as shown in Fig. 16 (Appendix E),  $\theta_{\text{SH}}$  and  $\theta_{\text{V}}$  do not change.

We have also performed the calculations of magneto-optical effects when spin orientation is pointing along the  $x$  and  $z$  axis. As shown in Figs. 17 and 18 (Appendix F), the absorbance spectrum and exciton states are similar to those for the state with spin orientation along the  $y$  axis. In the meantime, due to extremely small  $\varepsilon_{yz}$ , the revealed

rotation angle of the long axis of the polarization ellipse for reflection and transmission light is still determined by the large ratio of  $\varepsilon_{xx}/\varepsilon_{yy}$  (see Fig. 19 in Appendix G). On the other hand, when spin orientation is tuned by an external perpendicular magnetic field towards the out-of-plane direction, i.e., the  $z$  axis, the magneto-optical Kerr and Faraday effects will appear in the CrSBr monolayer. In this case, a linearly polarized continuous-wave light is modified by the presence of an out-of-plane magnetic field when

TABLE I. Excitonic properties of first eight excitons with excitation energy ( $E_{\text{xcit}}$ ), exciton binding energy ( $E_b$ ), and oscillator strength for electric field along  $x$  and  $y$  directions.

Excitons	$E_{\text{xcit}}$ (eV)	$E_b$	Oscillator strength	
			$\mathbf{E} \parallel x$	$\mathbf{E} \parallel y$
1	1.351	0.870	$1.9 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.3 \times 10^4$
2	1.468	0.735	$2.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-4}$
3	1.586	0.635	$3.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.7 \times 10^0$
4	1.599	0.622	$2.8 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.1 \times 10^0$
5	1.659	0.562	$6.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.8 \times 10^3$
6	1.665	0.556	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.6 \times 10^2$
7	1.673	0.548	$3.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-1}$
8	1.729	0.492	$8.3 \times 10^1$	$3.8 \times 10^2$

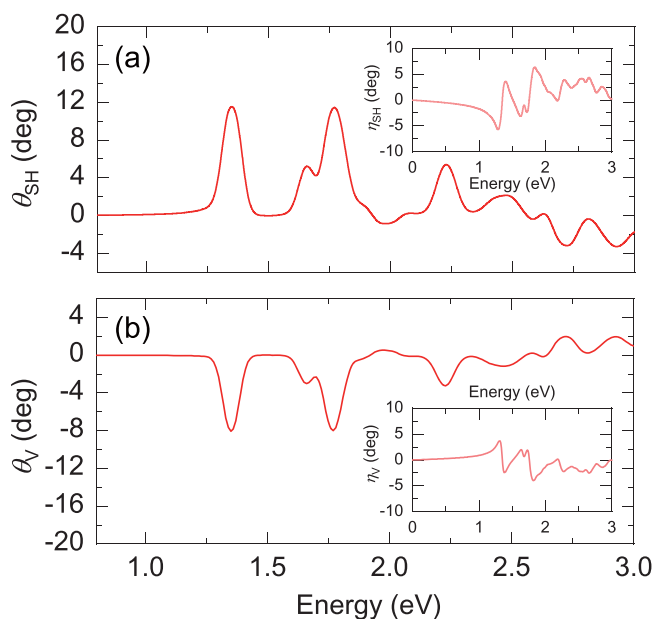


FIG. 10. Rotation angles of (a) reflected and (b) transmitted light in CrSBr monolayer. Insets are ellipticity.



TABLE II. Comparison of magneto-optical effects for reflection and transmission lights, polarization of lights propagating in CrSBr monolayer, off-diagonal elements, and maximums of corresponding rotation angles with electron-hole interaction when spin orientation is along  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axis in the energy range of  $0 \sim 3$  eV.

Spin orientation	Magneto-optical effects	Polarization	Off-diagonal elements	Rotation ( $^\circ$ )
$x$	SH/Voigt	linear	$\varepsilon_{yz}$	11.6/8.1
$y$	SH/Voigt	linear	$\varepsilon_{xz}$	11.6/8.1
$z$	Kerr/Faraday	circular	$\varepsilon_{xy}$	1.1/0.6

propagating through CrSBr monolayer. The left- and right-circularly polarized components will propagate with different refractive index and will pick up different optical path length and absorption. Therefore the reflected or transmitted light becomes elliptically polarized (characterized by an ellipticity  $\eta$ ), and the long axis of the polarization ellipse is rotated (characterized by a rotation angle  $\theta$ ). The detailed theoretical calculations of rotation angles and ellipticities are shown in Appendix H. Meanwhile, as shown in Fig. 21 (Appendix H), the maximal rotation angles of Kerr and Faraday effects are  $1.1^\circ$  and  $0.6^\circ$ , respectively, which are even larger than  $0.9^\circ$  and  $0.3^\circ$  in CrI<sub>3</sub> [9] and  $0.3^\circ$  and  $0.2^\circ$  in CrBr<sub>3</sub> [10]. Similar to the cases with in-plane magnetization, the optical spectrum has been modified significantly for the exciton effects (see Fig. 22 in Appendix H). We list the maximal rotation angles in Table II for different spin orientations. Therefore for both linearly and circularly polarized light, the large phase shift facilitates the applications of CrSBr monolayer as optical polarizers and waveplates.

For black phosphorene, it is noted that the ratio between the long axis and short one is 1.4 for the anisotropic crystal structure, and a 1.5-eV energy difference between absorption edges for the electric field along two axes could be found (see Fig. 23 in Appendix I). For comparison, it is noted that the rotational angle in black phosphorene is of similar magnitude. However, CrSBr shows two broad peaks at the energies of both infrared and red lights, whereas black phosphorene exhibits a single narrow peak in this energy window

(see Fig. 24 in Appendix I). Additionally, obvious linear dichroism has been revealed experimentally in black phosphorene and its few layers [72–75]. Therefore, a polarization-sensitive broadband photodetector using a CrSBr vertical  $p$ - $n$  junction could be constructed successfully for the application in 2D semiconductor optoelectronics.

To demonstrate other potential applications in 2D semiconductor optoelectronics, we further calculate the lifetime of the first bright exciton. Using “Fermi’s golden rule,” the radiative lifetime  $\tau_S(0)$  at 0 K of an exciton in state  $S$  is derived according to [76,77]

$$\tau_S(0) = \frac{\hbar^2 c}{8\pi e^2 E_S(0) \mu_S^2} A_{uc}, \quad (7)$$

where  $c$  is the speed of light,  $A_{uc}$  is the area of the unit cell,  $E_S(0)$  is the energy of the exciton in state  $S$ , and  $\mu_S^2 = (\hbar^2/m^2 E_S(0)^2) (|\langle G|p_{||}|\Psi_S\rangle|^2/N_k)$  is the square modulus of the BSE exciton transition dipole divided by the number of unit cells in this 2D system. The exciton radiative lifetime  $\langle\tau_S\rangle$  at temperature  $T$  is obtained as

$$\langle\tau_S\rangle = \tau_S(0) \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{E_S(0)^2}{2M_S c^2} \right)^{-1} k_B T, \quad (8)$$

where  $k_B$  is Boltzmann’s constant, and  $M_S = m_e^* + m_h^*$  is the exciton effective mass. The computed radiative lifetime of the first bright exciton in CrSBr monolayer at 4 and 300 K is 0.001 and 0.100 ns, respectively, which is even smaller than those in the conventional transition-metal dichalcogenides, e.g., 0.004 and 0.270 ns in MoS<sub>2</sub> [77]. In Table III we have listed the exciton lifetime of some typical 2D semiconductors [56,57,59,64,77–86], as well as conventional semiconductor GaInN/GaN quantum wells [87]. Clearly, such a short lifetime in CrSBr monolayer together with its direct band gap shows its advantages in infrared light-emitting applications. Moreover, as shown in Fig. 11, the strong optical absorption of CrSBr monolayer covering the whole solar spectrum as well as its optimized band gap (1.35 eV) within the Shockley-Queisser limit also suggests efficient solar energy conversion. Therefore, from gapless graphene to narrow-band-gap black phosphorene, intermediate-band-gap transition-metal dichalcogenides, and wide-band-gap semi-

TABLE III. Collection of exciton radiative lifetime  $\tau$  (ns) for various 2D materials.  $\tau_S^{LT}$  and  $\tau_S^{RT}$  are the computed radiative lifetimes at low temperature ( $\approx 4$  K) and room temperature, respectively. Experimental data of  $\tau_{exp}^{LT}$  and  $\tau_{exp}^{RT}$  are also listed for comparison.

	$\tau_S^{LT}$	$\tau_S^{RT}$	$\tau_{exp}^{LT}$	$\tau_{exp}^{RT}$
CrSBr monolayer	0.001	0.100		
Black phosphorus monolayer	$3 \times 10^{-5}$ [56]	0.002 [56]		0.221 [78]
Hittorf’s phosphorus monolayer	0.24 [59]	18 [59]		
GeS monolayer	$7 \times 10^{-5}$ [56]	0.005 [56]		
ReS <sub>2</sub> monolayer				0.04 [79]
Blue phosphorus monolayer	0.003 [57]	0.24 [57]		
MoS <sub>2</sub> monolayer	0.004 [77]	0.27 [77]	0.005 [80], 0.005 [81]	0.85 [82]
MoSe <sub>2</sub> monolayer	0.005 [77]	0.38 [77]	0.002 [83]	0.9 [84]
WS <sub>2</sub> monolayer	0.002 [77]	0.17 [77]		
WSe <sub>2</sub> monolayer	0.004 [77]	0.29 [77]	0.002 [83], 0.004 [85]	4 [86]
2D GaN			0.6 [64]	
GaInN/GaN QW				$10^2$ [87]



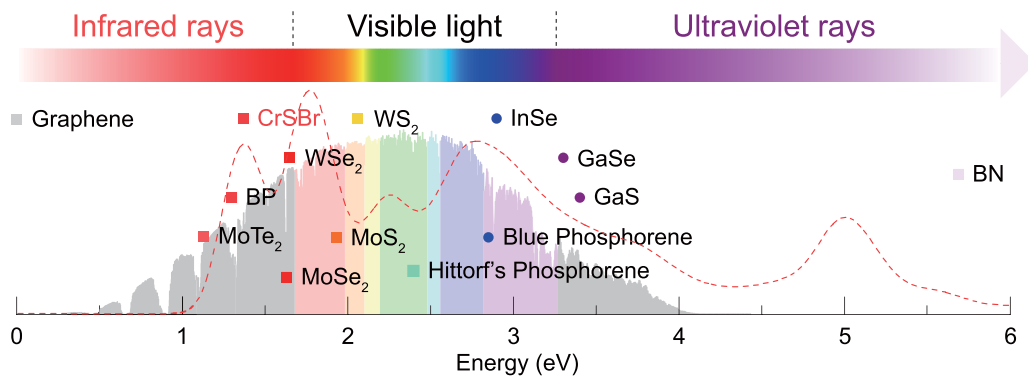


FIG. 11. Some 2D materials covering a broad spectral range, from gapless graphene to narrow-band-gap black phosphorene, intermediate-band-gap transition-metal dichalcogenides, and wide-band-gap semiconductors of Hittorf's phosphorene, blue phosphorene, III-V monochalcogenides, and boron nitride. Squares and circles represent direct- and indirect-band-gap semiconductors, respectively. The solar spectrum [88] and averaged absorbance (dashed red line) of light polarized along the  $x$  and  $y$  axis in CrSBr monolayer are also shown.

conductors of Hittorf's phosphorene, blue phosphorene, III-V monochalcogenides, and boron nitride, magnetic CrSBr could play an important role in infrared optoelectronics and 2D photovoltaics.

#### IV. SUMMARY

To summarize, by considering explicitly many-body effects of the electron-electron and electron-hole interactions in 2D ferromagnet CrSBr, we have demonstrated unusual large optical anisotropy in this 2D material. The inherent in-plane magnetization with the consideration of spin-orbit coupling is found to contribute little to the revealed large linear dichroism. The giant SH and Voigt effects, which are comparable with those in black phosphorene, originate from the inherent anisotropic crystal structure and coherent one-dimensional band dispersion for anisotropic electron-hole pair excitation. Our calculation of the first exciton located at 1.35 eV agrees with a recent experiment of photoluminescence. The in-gap exciton states of either bright or dark show the diversity of electron-hole excitation in this 2D magnet. Compared with black phosphorene, the relative delocalization of exciton in  $k$  space indicates the nature of electron-hole excitation in CrSBr is in-between Wannier-Mott type and Frenkel type. The excitonic effect has modified  $\epsilon_{xx}$ ,  $\epsilon_{yy}$ , and  $\epsilon_{xz}$  dramatically and, consequently, the linear dichroism and the magneto-optical properties. With out-of-plane magnetization, Kerr and Faraday effects have been revealed in CrSBr monolayer that are even larger than those in CrI<sub>3</sub> and CrBr<sub>3</sub>. Furthermore, the short exciton lifetime as well as the strong optical absorption covering the whole solar spectrum shows its advantages in the application of light-emitting diodes and solar cells. Our studies have provided a basic framework to account for the high-order magneto-optical effects in 2D magnets and have also shown potential applications of CrSBr in 2D optics and optoelectronics.

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#### APPENDIX A: BASIC FRAMEWORK OF GW-BSE IN BERKELEYGW PACKAGE

Generally, the quasiparticle self-energies are obtained by solving the Dyson equation [26]:

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 + V_{\text{ion}} + V_{\text{H}} + \Sigma(E_{nk}^{\text{QP}})\right]\psi_{nk}^{\text{QP}} = E_{nk}^{\text{QP}}\psi_{nk}^{\text{QP}}, \quad (\text{A1})$$

where  $\Sigma$  is the self-energy operator within the GW approximation, and  $E_{nk}^{\text{QP}}$  and  $\psi_{nk}^{\text{QP}}$  are the quasiparticle energies and wave functions, respectively. The self-energy operator  $\Sigma$  is invoked for the quasiparticle behavior with quasiparticle energies  $E_{nk}^{\text{QP}}$  and wave functions  $\psi_{nk}^{\text{QP}}$ . Here we use the many-body perturbation method with one-shot  $G_0W_0$  framework. The mean-field wave functions within DFT-PBE are used as quasiparticle wave functions, and the quasiparticle energy is approached starting from the DFT-PBE eigenvalue.

We first compute static polarizability based on the random-phase approximation (RPA) [26]:

$$\chi_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}; 0) = \sum_{n, n', \mathbf{k}} \langle n, \mathbf{k} | e^{-i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} | n', \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} \rangle \langle n', \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} | e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}'} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle \frac{1}{E_{n'\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{n\mathbf{k}}}, \quad (\text{A2})$$

where  $n, n'$  are occupied and unoccupied band indices,  $\mathbf{k}$  is a wave vector,  $\mathbf{q}$  is a vector in the first Brillouin zone,  $\mathbf{G}$  is a reciprocal-lattice vector, and  $|n, \mathbf{k}\rangle$  and  $E_{n\mathbf{k}}$  are the mean-field electronic eigenvectors and eigenvalues, respectively.

Then the dielectric matrix is constructed as [26]

$$\epsilon_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}; 0) = \delta_{GG'} - v(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G})\chi_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}; 0), \quad (\text{A3})$$

with the slab-truncated Coulomb interaction included [30],

$$v_{\text{t}}^{\text{slab}}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{4\pi}{q^2} [1 - e^{-q_{xy}z_c} \cos(q_z z_c)], \quad (\text{A4})$$

where  $z_c$  is the truncation distance in the perpendicular direction. Such kinds of treatment could guarantee the convergence of dielectric screening (“head” in  $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}$ ) to approach the unit in the long-wavelength limit.

Within the generalized plasmon pole (GPP) model, the imaginary and real part inverse dielectric matrix with finite frequencies are given by [26]

$$\text{Im}\varepsilon_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})}{\tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q})} \{ \delta[\omega - \tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q})] - \delta[\omega + \tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q})] \}, \quad (\text{A5})$$

and

$$\text{Re}\varepsilon_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = 1 + \frac{\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})}{\omega^2 - \tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})}, \quad (\text{A6})$$

where  $\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q})$  and  $\tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q})$  are the effective bare plasma frequency and the GPP mode frequency, defined as [26]

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q}) = \omega_p^2 \frac{(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}) \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}')}{|\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}|^2} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}')}{\rho(\mathbf{0})}, \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})}{\delta_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \omega = 0)}. \quad (\text{A8})$$

Here  $\rho$  is the electron charge density in reciprocal space, and  $\omega_p^2 = 4\pi\rho(\mathbf{0})e^2/m$  is the classical plasma frequency.

Using the form of the above frequency-dependent dielectric function, the self-energy operator  $\Sigma$  is solved in two parts,  $\Sigma = \Sigma_{\text{SEX}} + \Sigma_{\text{COH}}$ , where  $\Sigma_{\text{SEX}}$  is the screened exchange operator and  $\Sigma_{\text{COH}}$  is the Coulomb-hole operator [26],

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n, \mathbf{k} | \Sigma_{\text{SEX}}(E) | n', \mathbf{k} \rangle &= - \sum_{n_1}^{\text{occ}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}'} \langle n, \mathbf{k} | e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} | n_1, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} \rangle \langle n_1, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} | e^{-i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}'} | n', \mathbf{k} \rangle \\ &\times \left( 1 + \frac{\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})}{(E - E_{n_1\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}})^2 - \tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})} \right) v(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}'), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A9})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n, \mathbf{k} | \Sigma_{\text{COH}}(E) | n', \mathbf{k} \rangle &= \sum_{n_1} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}'} \langle n, \mathbf{k} | e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} | n_1, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} \rangle \langle n_1, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} | e^{-i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}'} | n', \mathbf{k} \rangle \\ &\times \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}^2(\mathbf{q})}{\tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q}) [E - E_{n_1\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} - \tilde{\omega}_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q})]} v(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}'). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A10})$$

With the above-obtained quasiparticle energies and static dielectric screening from RPA, the electron-hole excitations are then calculated by solving the BSE for each exciton state  $S$  [27]:

$$(E_{\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}} - E_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}) A_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k}}^S + \sum_{\mathbf{v}'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}'} \langle \mathbf{v}\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k} | K^{\text{eh}} | \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}' \rangle A_{\mathbf{v}'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}'}^S = \Omega^S A_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k}}^S, \quad (\text{A11})$$

where  $A_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k}}^S$  is the exciton wave function,  $\Omega^S$  is the excitation energy, and  $K^{\text{eh}}$  is the electron-hole interaction kernel.

The kernel contains two terms, a screened direct interaction and a bare exchange interaction,  $K^{\text{eh}} = K^{\text{d}} + K^{\text{x}}$ , defined as [27]

$$\langle \mathbf{v}\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k} | K^{\text{d}} | \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}' \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'} \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} | e^{-i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} | \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{k} \rangle W_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q}; 0) \langle \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{k} | e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}} | \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} \rangle \quad (\text{A12})$$

and

$$\langle \mathbf{v}\mathbf{c}\mathbf{k} | K^{\text{x}} | \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{k}' \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'} \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} | e^{-i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} | \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{k} \rangle \delta_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'} v(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}) \langle \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{k} | e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}} | \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} \rangle. \quad (\text{A13})$$

Finally, we obtain the imaginary parts of frequency-dependent complex dielectric function  $\varepsilon_2(\omega)$  as [27]

$$\varepsilon_2(\omega) = \frac{16\pi^2 e^2}{\omega^2} \sum_S |\mathbf{e} \cdot \langle \mathbf{0} | \mathbf{v} | S \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \Omega^S), \quad (\text{A14})$$

where  $\mathbf{v}$  is the velocity operator and  $\mathbf{e}$  is the polarization of the incoming light. Here we use the absorbance  $\mathcal{A}$  of 2D materials to measure their optical properties, which is expressed as [62]

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega) = 1 - e^{-\alpha(\omega)d} = 1 - e^{-\frac{\omega\varepsilon_2 d}{\hbar c}}, \quad (\text{A15})$$

where  $\alpha$  is the absorption coefficient,  $d$  is the thickness of the simulation cell along the direction perpendicular to the layer,

$\varepsilon_2$  is the imaginary part of the dielectric function, and  $\omega$  is the photon energy.

## APPENDIX B: CONVERGENCE OF $G_0W_0$ -BSE CALCULATIONS OF CrSBr MONOLAYER

In Fig. 12 we show the convergence of quasiparticle energies in CrSBr with respect to (a) the scale of  $k$  grid (coarse grid), (b) the number of bands, and (c) the dielectric cutoff. It is noted that fine sampling is necessary to capture the rapid variation in screening at small wave vectors and the fine features in the exciton wave functions, which are tightly localized in  $k$  space. In Fig. 13, besides the RPA dielectric function, we show the convergence of exciton energy in CrSBr with respect to the scale of the  $k$  grid (fine grid).

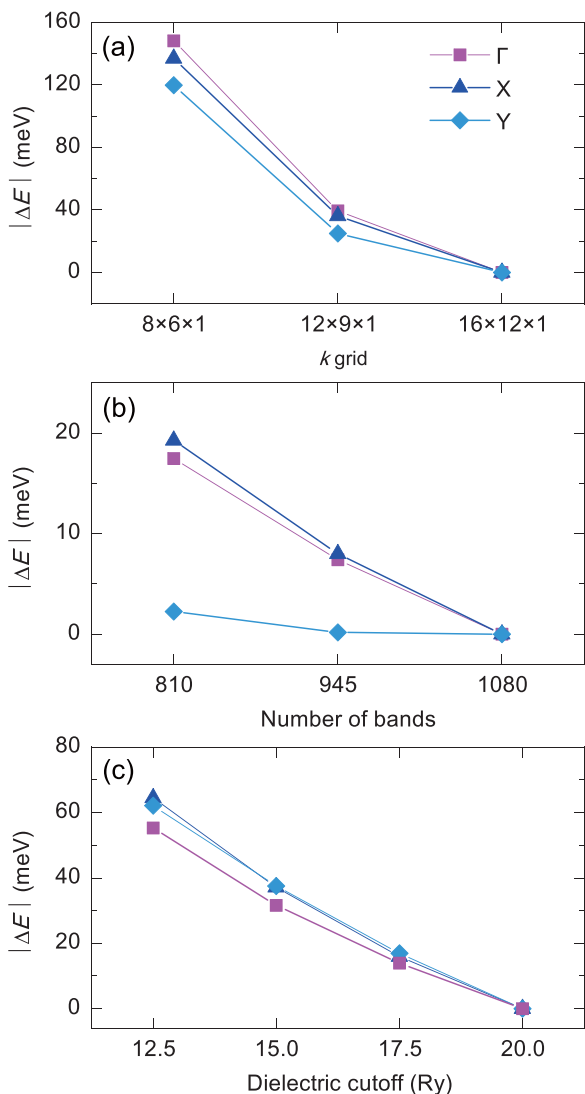


FIG. 12. Convergence of the quasiparticle ( $G_0W_0$ ) band gap at three high-symmetry  $k$  points with respect to the scale of coarse  $k$  grid (a), number of bands (b), and dielectric cutoff energy ( $\epsilon_{\text{cutoff}}$ ) (c). In (a) we use a  $\epsilon_{\text{cutoff}}$  of 20 Ry and 1080 bands; in (b) we use a  $k$  grid of  $16 \times 12 \times 1$  and 1080 bands; and in (c) we use a  $\epsilon_{\text{cutoff}}$  of 20 Ry and a  $k$  grid of  $16 \times 12 \times 1$ . With the above consideration, we use a  $16 \times 12 \times 1$   $k$  grid, a  $\epsilon_{\text{cutoff}}$  of 20 Ry, and 1080 (20 times larger) bands for our  $G_0W_0$  calculations.

### APPENDIX C: MAXIMUM LOCALIZED WANNIER ORBITALS IN CRSBR

Using WANNIER90 [71], the orbital-decomposed band structure (PBE level) is shown in Fig. 14.

### APPENDIX D: CALCULATIONS OF LINEAR DICHRISM (OPTICAL BIREFRINGENCE) AND SCHÄFER-HUBERT AND VOIGT EFFECTS

As shown in Fig. 1, considering the in-plane magnetization along the  $y$  axis ( $\mathbf{B} = B\hat{y}$ ), the dielectric tensor is expressed

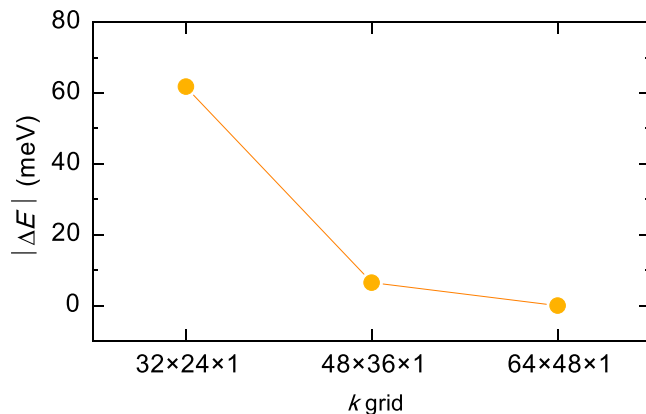


FIG. 13. Convergence of the energy of the  $1s$  exciton state in BSE calculations with respect to the scale of the fine  $k$  grids, including  $32 \times 24 \times 1$ ,  $60 \times 60 \times 1$ ,  $48 \times 36 \times 1$ , and  $64 \times 48 \times 1$ . With the above consideration, we use a  $64 \times 48 \times 1$   $k$  grid in our BSE calculations.

as

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{xx}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & 0 & \epsilon_{xz}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) \\ 0 & \epsilon_{yy}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & 0 \\ -\epsilon_{xz}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & 0 & \epsilon_{zz}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{D1})$$

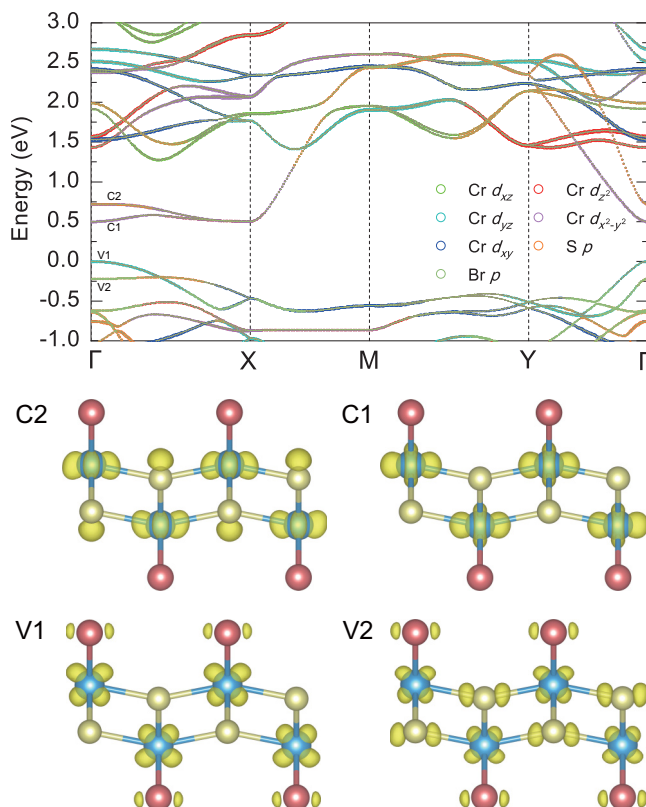


FIG. 14. The up panel shows the orbital-decomposed band structure (DFT-PBE level) of CrSBr from maximum localized Wannier orbitals using WANNIER90 [71]. The partial charge at  $\Gamma$  point is shown in the down panel.

The Fresnel equation for the propagation of the electromagnetic wave is given by

$$[n^2\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \mathbf{n} : \mathbf{n}] \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0. \quad (\text{D2})$$

For normal incidence, the complex refractory index  $\mathbf{n}$  is

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{ck}{\omega} = \frac{ck}{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z. \quad (\text{D3})$$

By solving the above Fresnel equations, we get the normal modes as  $\parallel$  and  $\perp$  for linearly polarized plane waves which are parallel and perpendicular to  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y$  (magnetization direction), with distinct refractive indices:

$$n_{\parallel}^2(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y) = \varepsilon_{yy}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y), \quad (\text{D4})$$

and

$$n_{\perp}^2(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y) = \varepsilon_{xx}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y) + \frac{\varepsilon_{xz}^2(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)}{\varepsilon_{zz}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)}. \quad (\text{D5})$$

To mathematically describe how an electromagnetic wave interacts with such stratified and anisotropic media, we adopt a  $4 \times 4$  formalism involving the in-plane components of both electric ( $E_x, E_y$ ) and magnetic fields ( $B_x, B_y$ ). We consider a monolayer material magnetized along the  $+y$  direction, and the second layer is vacuum. Within each layer ( $l = 0, 1, 2$ ), we choose the four eigenmodes of light as follows:  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y$ , with the corresponding refractive indices:  $n_1^{(l)} = -n_2^{(l)} = n_{\perp}^{(l)}$ ,  $n_3^{(l)} = -n_4^{(l)} = n_{\parallel}^{(l)}$ . The electric and magnetic fields of light in the first and second layers are given by

$$\mathbf{E}^{(l)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(l)} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(l)} \exp \{i[k_j^{(l)}(z - z_{l-1}) - \omega t]\}, \quad (\text{D6})$$

and

$$c\mathbf{B}^{(l)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}_j^{(l)} \exp \{i[k_j^{(l)}(z - z_{l-1}) - \omega t]\}, \quad (\text{D7})$$

with  $\mathbf{b}_j^{(l)} = n_j^{(l)} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(l)}$ . The electric and magnetic fields of light in the zeroth layer are given by

$$\mathbf{E}^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(0)} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(0)} \exp \{i[k_j^{(0)}(z - z_0) - \omega t]\} \quad (\text{D8})$$

and

$$c\mathbf{B}^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(0)} \mathbf{b}_j^{(0)} \exp \{i[k_j^{(0)}(z - z_0) - \omega t]\}. \quad (\text{D9})$$

The requirement of the continuity of the tangential field components at the interfaces connects the field amplitudes  $E_{0j}^{(l)}$  between two neighboring layers. The dynamical matrix within each layer is given by a block-diagonal form:

$$\mathbf{D}^{(l)} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ n_{\perp}^{(l)} & -n_{\perp}^{(l)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -n_{\parallel}^{(l)} & n_{\parallel}^{(l)} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{D10})$$

The propagation matrix is defined as a diagonal matrix:

$$\mathbf{P}^{(l)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\delta_{\perp}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\delta_{\perp}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\delta_{\parallel}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{\parallel}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{D11})$$

where  $\delta_{\perp} = \frac{\omega}{c} n_{\perp} d$ ,  $\delta_{\parallel} = \frac{\omega}{c} n_{\parallel} d$ , and  $d$  is the thickness of layer 1, i.e., monolayer CrSBr.

In this two-interface setup,  $\mathbf{E}_0^{(0)}$  and  $\mathbf{E}_0^{(2)}$  are related by the transfer matrix  $\mathbf{M}_c$  in the basis of linearly polarized lights:

$$\mathbf{E}_0^{(2)} = \mathbf{M}_c \mathbf{E}_0^{(0)} = [\mathbf{D}^{(2)}]^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{(1)} \mathbf{P}^{(1)} [\mathbf{D}^{(1)}]^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{(0)} \mathbf{E}_0^{(0)}. \quad (\text{D12})$$

$\mathbf{M}_c$  has a simple block-diagonal form:

$$\mathbf{M}_c = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{M}_{\parallel} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{D13})$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\perp} = \frac{1}{t_{21}^{\perp} t_{10}^{\perp}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\delta_{\perp}} + e^{-i\delta_{\perp}} r_{21}^{\perp} r_{10}^{\perp} & e^{i\delta_{\perp}} r_{10}^{\perp} + e^{-i\delta_{\perp}} r_{21}^{\perp} \\ e^{i\delta_{\perp}} r_{21}^{\perp} + e^{-i\delta_{\perp}} r_{10}^{\perp} & e^{i\delta_{\perp}} r_{21}^{\perp} r_{10}^{\perp} + e^{-i\delta_{\perp}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{D14})$$

where  $r_{mn}$  and  $t_{mn}$  are the Fresnel coefficients of the interface from the  $m$ th layer to the  $n$ th layer, and  $\mathbf{M}_{\parallel}$  has the same form. In the left and right layers we adopt a basis transformation from the linearly polarized light ( $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y$ ) to the light ( $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_a, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_b$ ) with  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$ .  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_a$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_b$ , and  $n_1^{(l)} = -n_2^{(l)} = n_3^{(l)} = -n_4^{(l)} = n^{(l)}$ , for  $l = 0, 2$ . This new basis of linearly polarized plane waves is denoted as  $\{a \rightarrow, a \leftarrow, b \rightarrow, b \leftarrow\}$ . In this basis of linearly polarized lights, the electric field amplitudes in the left and right layer are related by the transfer matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{0a\rightarrow}^{(2)} \\ E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(2)} \\ E_{0b\rightarrow}^{(2)} \\ E_{0b\leftarrow}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} E_{0a\rightarrow}^{(0)} \\ E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(0)} \\ E_{0b\rightarrow}^{(0)} \\ E_{0b\leftarrow}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{D15})$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\perp} + \mathbf{M}_{\parallel} & -\mathbf{M}_{\perp} + \mathbf{M}_{\parallel} \\ -\mathbf{M}_{\perp} + \mathbf{M}_{\parallel} & \mathbf{M}_{\perp} + \mathbf{M}_{\parallel} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{D16})$$

Because the angle of electric field of incident light and the direction of magnetization ( $+y$ ) is  $45^\circ$ ,  $E_{0b\leftarrow}^{(2)} = 0$ . In addition, there are no reflecting lights from the zeroth medium (semi-infinite substrate) to CrSBr, which means  $E_{0a\rightarrow}^{(0)} = E_{0b\rightarrow}^{(0)} = 0$ . With these two conditions, by calculating Eq. (D15), we can get

$$t_{ss} \equiv \frac{E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{M_{44}}{M_{22}M_{44} - M_{24}M_{42}}, \quad (\text{D17})$$

$$t_{sp} \equiv \frac{E_{0b\leftarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{-M_{42}}{M_{22}M_{44} - M_{24}M_{42}}, \quad (\text{D18})$$



$$r_{ss} \equiv \frac{E_{0a\rightarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{\mathbf{M}_{12}\mathbf{M}_{44} - \mathbf{M}_{14}\mathbf{M}_{42}}{\mathbf{M}_{22}\mathbf{M}_{44} - \mathbf{M}_{24}\mathbf{M}_{42}}, \quad (\text{D19})$$

$$r_{sp} \equiv \frac{E_{0b\rightarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{\mathbf{M}_{32}\mathbf{M}_{44} - \mathbf{M}_{34}\mathbf{M}_{42}}{\mathbf{M}_{22}\mathbf{M}_{44} - \mathbf{M}_{24}\mathbf{M}_{42}}. \quad (\text{D20})$$

The SH signals for the reflected (right-moving) electric field  $E_{\rightarrow}^{(2)} = E_{0a\rightarrow}^{(2)}\hat{e}_a + E_{0b\rightarrow}^{(2)}\hat{e}_b$  are expressed as

$$\tan 2\theta_{\text{SH}} = \frac{2\left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right| \cos\left(\arg\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right)}{1 - \left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right|^2}, \quad (\text{D21})$$

$$\sin 2\eta_{\text{SH}} = \frac{2\left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right| \sin\left(\arg\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right)}{1 + \left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right|^2}. \quad (\text{D22})$$

Similarly, the Voigt signals for the transmitted (left-moving) electric field  $E_{\leftarrow}^{(0)} = E_{0a\leftarrow}^{(0)}\hat{e}_a + E_{0b\leftarrow}^{(0)}\hat{e}_b$  are expressed as

$$\tan 2\theta_{\text{V}} = \frac{2\left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right| \cos\left(\arg\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right)}{1 - \left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right|^2}, \quad (\text{D23})$$

$$\sin 2\eta_{\text{V}} = \frac{2\left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right| \sin\left(\arg\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right)}{1 + \left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right|^2}. \quad (\text{D24})$$

In this work we rescale the calculated dielectric function in a slab model by the thickness of a monolayer material:

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha} = 1 + \frac{l}{d}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\alpha\alpha} - 1) \quad (\text{D25})$$

and

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{l}{d}\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (\text{D26})$$

where  $l$  and  $d$  are thicknesses of the slab model along the out-of-plane direction and monolayer material, and  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\alpha\alpha}$  and  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\alpha\beta}$  are calculated dielectric functions in the BERKELEYGV package.

$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\alpha\alpha}$  and  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\alpha\beta}$  can be expressed as follows:

$$\text{Im}[\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}(\omega)] = \frac{\pi\hbar^2}{\varepsilon_0 N_k V} \sum_S \frac{1}{\Omega_S^2} |\langle 0 | \hat{j}_p^\alpha | S \rangle|^2 [\delta(\hbar\omega - \Omega_S)], \quad (\text{D27})$$

$$\text{Re}[\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}(\omega)] = -\frac{\hbar^2}{\varepsilon_0 N_k V} \sum_S \frac{1}{\Omega_S^2} |\langle 0 | \hat{j}_p^\alpha | S \rangle|^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\hbar\omega - \Omega_S} \right], \quad (\text{D28})$$

and

$$\text{Im}[\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)] = \frac{i\hbar^2}{\varepsilon_0 N_k V} \sum_S \frac{1}{\Omega_S^2} \left[ \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{j}_p^\alpha | S \rangle \langle S | \hat{j}_p^\beta | 0 \rangle}{\hbar\omega - \Omega_S} \right], \quad (\text{D29})$$

$$\text{Re}[\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)] = \frac{i\pi\hbar^2}{\varepsilon_0 N_k V} \sum_S \frac{1}{\Omega_S^2} [\langle 0 | \hat{j}_p^\alpha | S \rangle \langle S | \hat{j}_p^\beta | 0 \rangle \delta(\hbar\omega - \Omega_S)], \quad (\text{D30})$$

where  $N_k$  is the number of  $k$  points,  $V$  is the volume of a unit cell,  $\hat{j}_p = -e\hat{v}$ , and  $\langle 0 | \hat{j}_p^\alpha | S \rangle = \sum_{cvk} A_{cvk}^S \langle v\mathbf{k} | \hat{j}_p^\alpha | c\mathbf{k} \rangle$ .

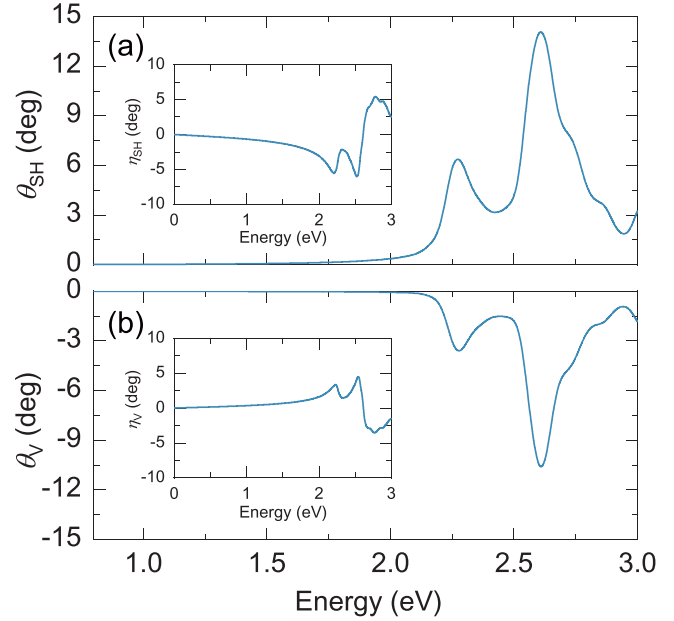


FIG. 15. Rotation angles of (a) reflected and (b) transmitted light in CrSbR monolayer without the inclusion of electron-hole interactions. Insets are the corresponding ellipticities.

#### APPENDIX E: CALCULATIONS OF SH AND VOIGT EFFECTS IN CRSBR

In Fig. 15 we show the calculated results without the consideration of electron-hole interaction, i.e., under independent particle approximation. In Fig. 16 we compare the results with and without the inclusion of off-diagonal components of dielectric function from BSE.

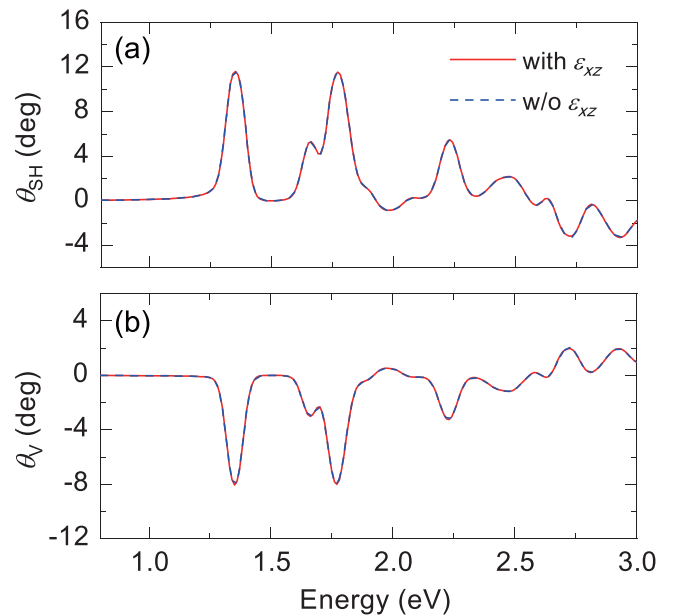


FIG. 16. Comparison of rotation angles for both (a) reflected and (b) transmitted lights in CrSbR monolayer between the situations with and without the inclusion of off-diagonal component  $\varepsilon_{xz}$ .

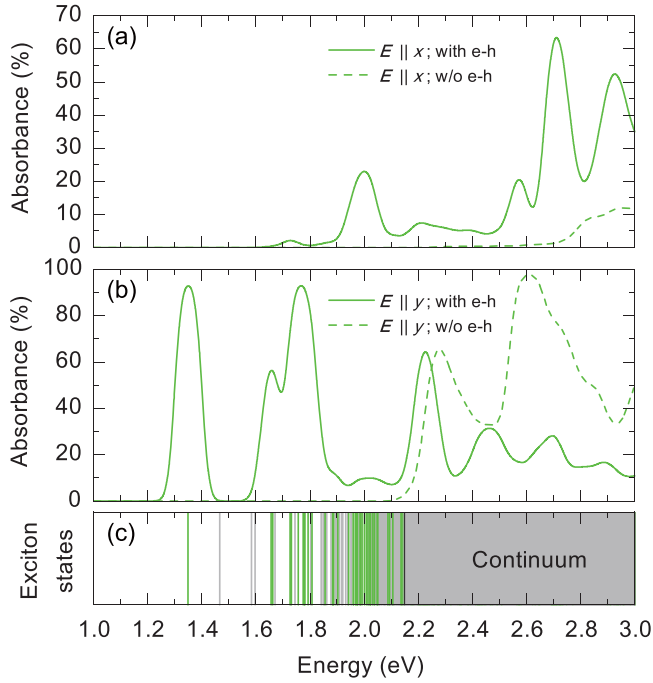


FIG. 17. Anisotropic optical absorbance in CrSBr monolayer with spin orientation along  $x$  axis for the electric polarization along  $x$  (a) and  $y$  (b) directions, respectively. (c) Exciton spectrum.

**APPENDIX F: ABSORBANCE AND EXCITON SPECTRUM WITH SPIN ORIENTATION ALONG X AND Z AXIS**

In Figs. 17 and 18 we show the anisotropic optical absorbance and exciton spectrum in CrSBr monolayer for states

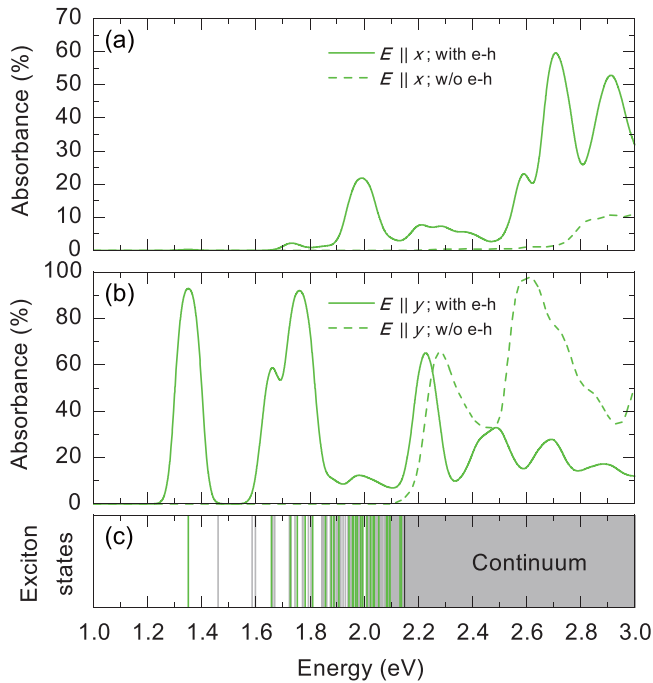


FIG. 18. Anisotropic optical absorbance in CrSBr monolayer with spin orientation along  $z$  for the electric polarization along  $x$  (a) and  $y$  (b) directions, respectively. (c) Exciton spectrum.

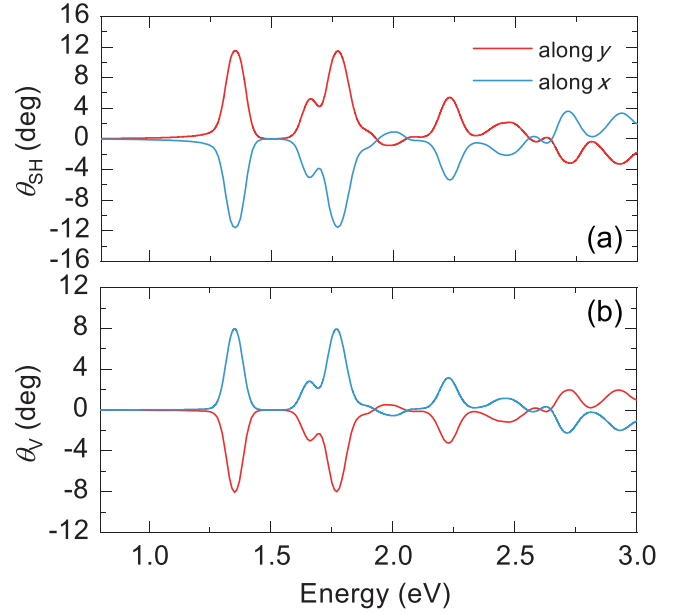


FIG. 19. Rotation angles of (a) reflected and (b) transmitted light in CrSBr monolayer for states with spin orientation along  $x$  (blue) and  $y$  (red) axis considering electron-hole interactions.

with spin orientation along the  $x$  axis and  $z$  axis, respectively. The optical absorbance and exciton spectrum for the state with spin orientation along the  $x$  axis are similar to those for the state with spin orientation along the  $z$  axis.

**APPENDIX G: COMPARISON OF ROTATION ANGLES OF SH AND VOIGT EFFECTS FOR THE STATES WITH SPIN ORIENTATION ALONG X AND Y AXIS**

In Fig. 19 we compare rotation angles for states with spin orientation along the  $x$  and  $y$  axis. It is obvious that rotation angles for the state with spin orientation along the  $x$  axis are nearly unchanged compared with those for the state with spin orientation along the  $y$  axis.

**APPENDIX H: CALCULATIONS OF KERR AND FARADAY EFFECTS IN CRSBR WITH OUT-OF-PLANE MAGNETIZATION**

In 2D magnets, the in-plane spin orientation could be tuned to the out-of-plane direction by an external perpendicular magnetic field. As shown in Fig. 20, here we consider the out-of-plane magnetization along the  $z$  axis ( $\mathbf{B} = B\hat{e}_z$ ). For an isotropic system the dielectric tensor is expressed as

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{xx}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & \epsilon_{xy}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & 0 \\ -\epsilon_{xy}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & \epsilon_{xx}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{zz}(\omega, \mathbf{B}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{H1})$$

The Fresnel equation for the propagation of an electromagnetic wave is given by

$$[n^2\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \mathbf{n} : \mathbf{n}] \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0. \quad (\text{H2})$$

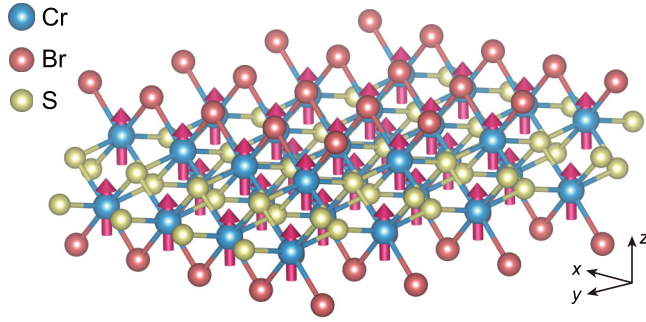


FIG. 20. Illustration of crystal structure of 2D magnet CrSBr monolayer with out-of-plane magnetization.

For normal incidence, the complex refractive index  $\mathbf{n}$  is

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{ck}{\omega} = \frac{ck}{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z. \quad (\text{H3})$$

By solving the above Fresnel equations, we get the normal modes as the  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  for circularly polarized plane waves, with distinct refractive indices:

$$n_{\pm}^2(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) = \varepsilon_{xx}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) \pm i\varepsilon_{xy}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z). \quad (\text{H4})$$

For an anisotropic system, the distinct refractive indices are

$$n_{\pm}^2(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) = \varepsilon_0(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) \pm i\varepsilon_{xy}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z), \quad (\text{H5})$$

$$\varepsilon_0(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) = \frac{\varepsilon_{xx}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) + \varepsilon_{yy}(\omega, B\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z)}{2}. \quad (\text{H6})$$

To mathematically describe how an electromagnetic wave interacts with such stratified and anisotropic media, we adopt a  $4 \times 4$  formalism involving the in-plane components of both electric ( $E_x, E_y$ ) and magnetic fields ( $B_x, B_y$ ). We consider a monolayer material magnetized along the  $+z$  direction, and the second layer is vacuum. Within each layer ( $l = 0, 1, 2$ ), we choose the four eigenmodes of light as follows:  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-$ , with the corresponding refractive indices:  $n_1^{(l)} = -n_2^{(l)} = n_+^{(l)}$ ,  $n_3^{(l)} = -n_4^{(l)} = n_-^{(l)}$ . The electric and magnetic fields of light in the first and second layers are given by

$$\mathbf{E}^{(l)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(l)} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(l)} \exp\{i[k_j^{(l)}(z - z_{l-1}) - \omega t]\} \quad (\text{H7})$$

and

$$c\mathbf{B}^{(l)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}_j^{(l)} \exp\{i[k_j^{(l)}(z - z_{l-1}) - \omega t]\}, \quad (\text{H8})$$

with  $\mathbf{b}_j^{(l)} = n_j^{(l)} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(l)}$ . The electric and magnetic fields of light in the zeroth layer are given by

$$\mathbf{E}^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(0)} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(0)} \exp\{i[k_j^{(0)}(z - z_0) - \omega t]\} \quad (\text{H9})$$

and

$$c\mathbf{B}^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^4 E_{0j}^{(0)} \mathbf{b}_j^{(0)} \exp\{i[k_j^{(0)}(z - z_0) - \omega t]\}. \quad (\text{H10})$$

The requirement of the continuity of the tangential field components at the interfaces connects the field amplitudes  $E_{0j}^{(l)}$  between two neighboring layers. The dynamical matrix within each layer is given by a block-diagonal form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}^{(l)} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_+^* \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_3^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_4^{(l)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-^* \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -in_+^{(l)} & in_+^{(l)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & in_-^{(l)} & -in_-^{(l)} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{H11})$$

The propagation matrix is defined as a diagonal matrix:

$$\mathbf{P}^{(l)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\delta_+} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\delta_+} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\delta_-} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\delta_-} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{H12})$$

where  $\delta_+ = \frac{\omega}{c} n_+$ ,  $\delta_- = \frac{\omega}{c} n_-$ , and  $d$  is the thickness of layer 1, i.e., monolayer CrSBr.

In this two-interface setup,  $\mathbf{E}_0^{(0)}$  and  $\mathbf{E}_0^{(2)}$  are related by the transfer matrix  $\mathbf{M}_c$  in the basis of linearly polarized lights:

$$\mathbf{E}_0^{(2)} = \mathbf{M}_c \mathbf{E}_0^{(0)} = [\mathbf{D}^{(2)}]^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{(1)} \mathbf{P}^{(1)} [\mathbf{D}^{(1)}]^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{(0)} \mathbf{E}_0^{(0)}. \quad (\text{H13})$$

$\mathbf{M}_c$  has a simple block-diagonal form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_c &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{M}_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{H14}) \\ \mathbf{M}_+ &= \frac{1}{t_{21}^+ t_{10}^+} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\delta_+} + e^{-i\delta_+} r_{21}^+ r_{10}^+ & e^{i\delta_+} r_{10}^+ + e^{-i\delta_+} r_{21}^+ \\ e^{i\delta_+} r_{21}^+ + e^{-i\delta_+} r_{10}^+ & e^{i\delta_+} r_{21}^+ r_{10}^+ + e^{-i\delta_+} \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{H15})$$

where  $r_{mn}$  and  $t_{mn}$  are the Fresnel coefficients of the interface from the  $m$ th layer to the  $n$ th layer, and  $\mathbf{M}_-$  has the same form. In the left and right layers we adopt a basis transformation from the circularly polarized light ( $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_+, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_-$ ) with  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_+ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + i\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - i\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$  to the light ( $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y$ ).  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_4^{(l)} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y$ , and  $n_1^{(l)} = -n_2^{(l)} = n_3^{(l)} = -n_4^{(l)} = n^{(l)}$ , for  $l = 0, 2$ . This new basis of linearly polarized plane waves is denoted as  $\{x \rightarrow, x \leftarrow, y \rightarrow, y \leftarrow\}$ . In this basis of linearly polarized lights, the electric field amplitudes in the left and right layer are related by transfer matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{0x\rightarrow}^{(2)} \\ E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(2)} \\ E_{0y\rightarrow}^{(2)} \\ E_{0y\leftarrow}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} E_{0x\rightarrow}^{(0)} \\ E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(0)} \\ E_{0y\rightarrow}^{(0)} \\ E_{0y\leftarrow}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{H16})$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_+ + \mathbf{M}_- & -i(\mathbf{M}_+ - \mathbf{M}_-) \\ i(\mathbf{M}_+ - \mathbf{M}_-) & \mathbf{M}_+ + \mathbf{M}_- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{H17})$$

Because the electric field of incident light is along the direction of magnetization (+z),  $E_{0y\leftarrow}^{(2)} = 0$ . In addition, there are no reflecting lights from the *zeroth* medium (semi-infinite substrate) to CrSBr, which means  $E_{0x\rightarrow}^{(0)} = E_{0y\rightarrow}^{(0)} = 0$ . With these two conditions, by calculating Eq. (G16) we can get

$$t_{ss} \equiv \frac{E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{M_{44}}{M_{22}M_{44} - M_{24}M_{42}}, \quad (\text{H18})$$

$$t_{sp} \equiv \frac{E_{0y\leftarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{-M_{42}}{M_{22}M_{44} - M_{24}M_{42}}, \quad (\text{H19})$$

$$r_{ss} \equiv \frac{E_{0x\rightarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{M_{12}M_{44} - M_{14}M_{42}}{M_{22}M_{44} - M_{24}M_{42}}, \quad (\text{H20})$$

$$r_{sp} \equiv \frac{E_{0y\rightarrow}^{(0)}}{E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(2)}} = \frac{M_{32}M_{44} - M_{34}M_{42}}{M_{22}M_{44} - M_{24}M_{42}}. \quad (\text{H21})$$

The Kerr signals for the reflected (right-moving) electric field  $E_{\rightarrow}^{(2)} = E_{0x\rightarrow}^{(2)}\hat{e}_x + E_{0y\rightarrow}^{(2)}\hat{e}_y$  are expressed as

$$\tan 2\theta_K = \frac{2\left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right| \cos\left(\arg\left(\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right)\right)}{1 - \left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right|^2}, \quad (\text{H22})$$

$$\sin 2\eta_K = \frac{2\left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right| \sin\left(\arg\left(\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right)\right)}{1 + \left|\frac{r_{sp}}{r_{ss}}\right|^2}. \quad (\text{H23})$$

Similarly, the Faraday signals for the transmitted (left-moving) electric field  $E_{\leftarrow}^{(0)} = E_{0x\leftarrow}^{(0)}\hat{e}_x + E_{0y\leftarrow}^{(0)}\hat{e}_y$  are expressed as

$$\tan 2\theta_F = \frac{2\left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right| \cos\left(\arg\left(\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right)\right)}{1 - \left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right|^2}, \quad (\text{H24})$$

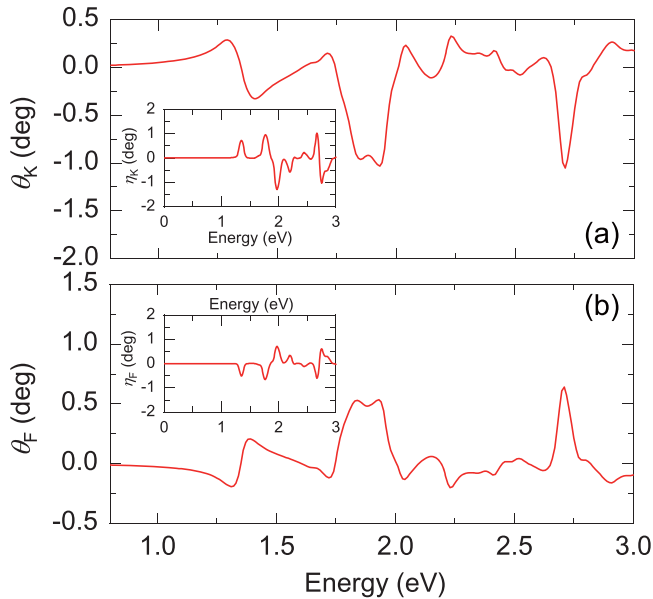


FIG. 21. Magneto-optical Kerr and Faraday effects. Rotation angles of (a) reflected and (b) transmitted light in CrSBr monolayer for the state with spin orientation along the  $z$  axis considering electron-hole interactions. Insets are the corresponding ellipticities.

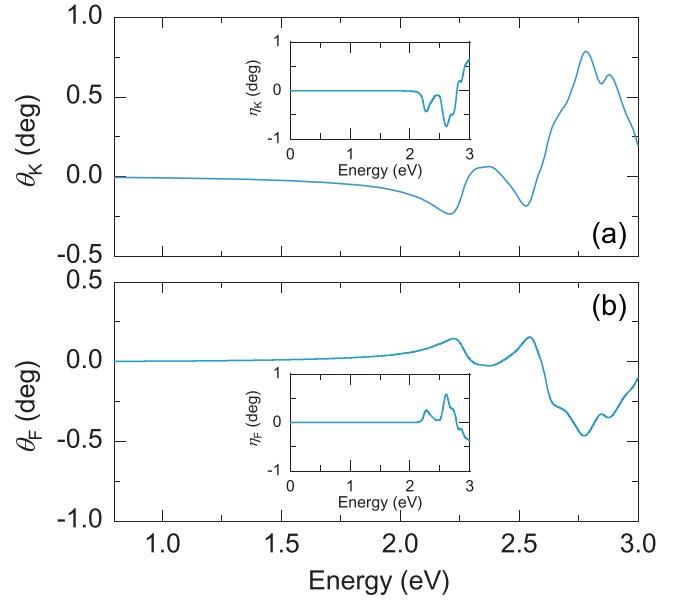


FIG. 22. Magneto-optical Kerr and Faraday effects. Rotation angles of (a) reflected and (b) transmitted light in CrSBr monolayer for the state with spin orientation along  $z$  axis without the inclusion of electron-hole interactions. Insets are the corresponding ellipticities.

$$\sin 2\eta_F = \frac{2\left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right| \sin\left(\arg\left(\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right)\right)}{1 + \left|\frac{t_{sp}}{t_{ss}}\right|^2}. \quad (\text{H25})$$

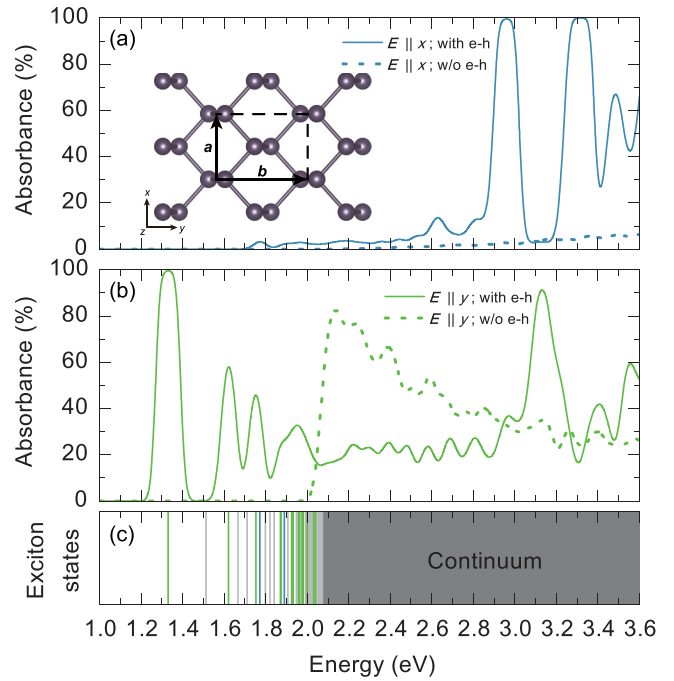


FIG. 23. Anisotropic optical absorbance in black phosphorene monolayer for the electric polarization along  $x$  (a) and  $y$  (b) directions, respectively. (c) Exciton spectrum. Both optical spectra with and without the consideration of electron-hole interaction are presented. Inset of (a) is the crystal structure of black phosphorene, and the gray lines are for dark excitons.



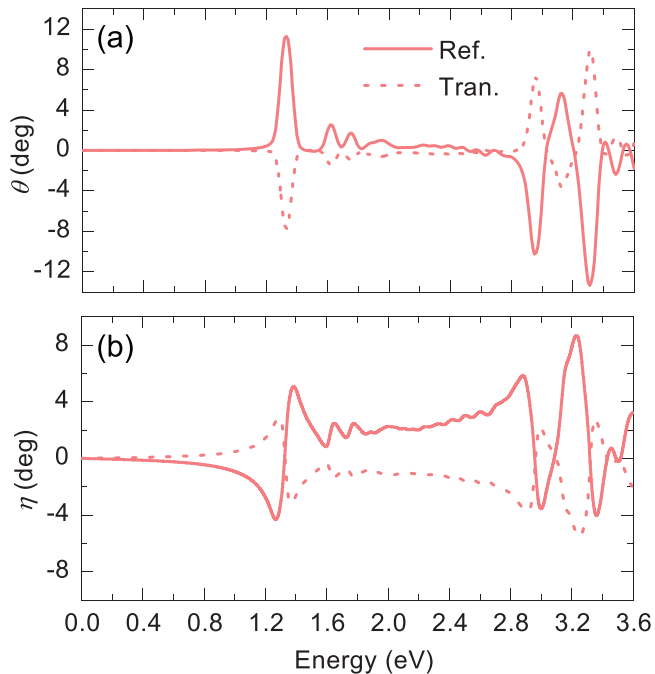


FIG. 24. Rotation angles (a) and ellipticities (b) in black phosphorene.

Based on the above derivation, in Fig. 21 we show rotation angles and ellipticities of Kerr and Faraday effects considering

electron-hole interaction. The maximal rotation angles of Kerr and Faraday effects are  $1.1^\circ$  and  $0.6^\circ$ , respectively, which are larger than  $0.9^\circ$  and  $0.3^\circ$  in  $\text{CrI}_3$  [9] and  $0.3^\circ$  and  $0.2^\circ$  in  $\text{CrBr}_3$  [10]. Compared with Fig. 22, both the amplitude and the position of the spectrum are modified significantly for excitonic effect. This verifies the fact that it is the excitonic effect that enhances the Kerr and Faraday effects in the  $\text{CrSBr}$  monolayer.

#### APPENDIX I: $G_0W_0$ -BSE CALCULATIONS OF OPTICAL PROPERTIES IN BLACK PHOSPHORENE

In Fig. 23 we show the anisotropic optical absorption spectrum and exciton states (within the  $G_0W_0$ -BSE framework) for black phosphorene. We use the norm-conserving PBE pseudopotentials with a plane-wave cutoff of 80 Ry. For the  $G_0W_0$  part we use a coarse  $k$  grid of  $18 \times 12 \times 1500$  empty bands (five valence bands), and a dielectric cutoff of 10 Ry. For the BSE part, a fine  $k$  grid of  $72 \times 48 \times 1$  is used. A Gaussian smearing with a broadening constant of 30 meV is used in optical absorption spectrum. The number of bands for optical transitions is four for both valence and conduction bands, which is sufficient to cover the span of the visible light. The lattice constants are 3.303 Å for  $a$  and 4.625 Å for  $b$ . In Fig. 24 we show the linear dichroism for both reflected and transmitted light with rotation angle and ellipticity.

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