### Microscopic model: *k*-linear terms in the Hamiltonian



### Microscopic model: direct transitions

$$\boldsymbol{j} \propto W(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \vee (\boldsymbol{k}_{\boldsymbol{x}}) (\tau_{pi} - \tau_{pf})$$
$$\hbar \boldsymbol{\omega} > \hbar \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{LO}} \rightarrow \tau_{pi} >> \tau_{pf}$$



#### Microscopic model: direct transitions



#### Experiment: *e1-e2* direct transitions



#### Resonant inversion of the CPGE



 $j_x(CPGE) \propto (\tau_{p1} - \tau_{p2}) \frac{d \eta_{21}(\hbar \omega)}{d \hbar \omega} \frac{IP_c}{\hbar \omega}$ 

#### Microscopic model: direct transitions



#### Direct interband transitions

Regensburg group (S.Ganichev) & Hannover group(M.Oesstreich), solid state comm. (2003)

M. Sakaki, Y.Ohno, H.Ohno, ICPC-2004



#### Phenomenological description of PGE I

Fourier amplitudes:  $j_i(\omega), E_j(\omega)$ 

 $j(0) = \sigma_{ij}E_j(0)$  Ohm's law  $+ \alpha_{ijkl}E_j(0)E_k(\omega)E_l^*(\omega)$  Photoconductivity  $+ \lambda_{ijk}E_j(\omega)E_k^*(\omega)$  Photogalvanic effect (PGE)

# $E_{j}(0) = 0 \implies j(0) = \lambda_{ijk} E_{j}(\omega) E_{k}^{*}(\omega)$

see for review:

E.L. Ivchenko, G.E. Pikus, Superlattices and Other Heterostructures. Symmetry and Optical Phenomena, (second edition, Springer, Berlin 1999)
B.I. Sturman, V.M. Fridkin, The Photovoltaic and Photorefractive Effects in Non-Centrosymmetric Materials, Gordon and Breach Science Publishers, New York, 1992.

#### Phenomenological description of PGE II

Photogalvanic effect (PGE):

$$j_i (PGE) = \alpha_{ijl} e_j e_l^* = \chi_{ijl} \left[ e_j e_l^* + e_l e_j^* \right] / 2 + \gamma_{ij} i (e \times e^*)_j$$

*Linear PGE* (symmetric part)

Circular PGE (anti-symmetric part)

 $\chi_{ijl}$  - third rank *piezoelectric* tensor  $\gamma_{ij}$  - second rank *gyration* pseudo-tensor

$$j_i (CPGE) = \gamma_{ij} i (e \times e^*)_j \propto E_0^2 P_{circ} = E_0^2 \sin 2\varphi$$

at first theoretically considered by: Ivchenko&Pikus

and, independently, by Belinicher&Sturman

observed in a bulk tellurium by V.M. Asnin, A.A. Bakun, A.M. Danishevskii, and A.A. Rogachev,

### Symmetry:

- Bulk GaAs, InAs etc.: point group  $T_d$ 
  - inversion asymmetric, but *non-gyrotropic*
  - no CPGE (linear photogalvanic effect only)
- (001) oriented QWs: point group  $D_{2d}$  or  $C_{2v}$ 
  - CPGE -- only at oblique incidence



- (113) oriented QWs: point group  $C_s$ 
  - CPGE at normal and at oblique incidence

#### Mechanical analogues of the CPGE transversal -wheel longitudinal - propeller



#### Helicity dependent current

C<sub>s</sub> symmetry (113)A or miscut - grown QWs

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CPGE current occurs under oblique excitation only!



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#### Normal and Oblique Incidence



 $\Theta_0$  - angle of incidence

#### Si:Ge quantum wells

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symmetric Si:Ge QWs do not show CPGE.

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#### Si:Ge quantum wells





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### Spin-galvanic effect

$$j_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta} S_{\beta}$$
  
current averaged spin  
e.g. for C<sub>2v</sub>-symmetry and x || [110]: Q<sub>xy</sub>, Q<sub>yx</sub> are non-zero:  
$$j_{\chi} = Q_{\chi y} S_{y}$$

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