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k · **p** theory for two-dimensional transition metal dichalcogenide semiconductors ANDOR KORMANYOS, GUIDO BURKARD, University of Konstanz — We present **k** · **p** Hamiltonians (for a review see [1]) parametrised by ab initio density functional theory calculations to describe the dispersion of the valence and conduction bands at their extrema (the K, Q, Γ , and M points of the hexagonal Brillouin zone) in atomic crystals of semiconducting monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides. We review the parametrisation of the essential parts of the **k** · **p** Hamiltonians for MoS₂, MoSe₂, WS₂, and WSe₂, including the spin-splitting and spin-polarisation of the bands We use **k** · **p** theory to analyse: i) optical transitions in two-dimensional transition metal dichalcogenides over a broad spectral range; ii) to discuss magnetotransport properties of the charge carriers in the K and -K valleys. [1] A. Kormányos, G. Burkard et al, arXiv:1410.6666

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