

Carbon Nanostructures

I. Graphene

Outline:

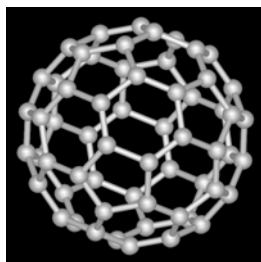
- Introduction (Making graphene, Applications, etc.)
- Band structure
- Physics of Dirac electrons (Barry phase, Klein tunneling)
- Half-Integer Quantum Hall Effect
- Mobility in Graphene

References:

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http://www.tntconf.org/2010/Presentaciones/TNT2010_Geim.pdf

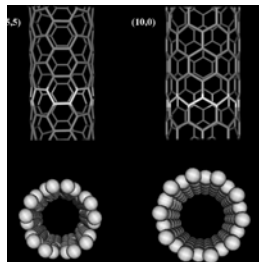
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Fullerene
0D



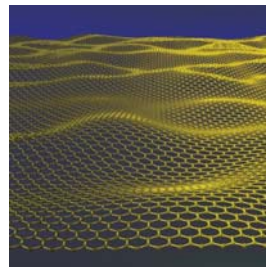
1985
H.W.Kroto
Mass spectrometer

Nanotube
1D



1991
S Iijima
Electron microscope

Graphene
2D



2004
K. S. Novoselov
Optical microscope

Graphene – Nobel Prize in Physics 2010



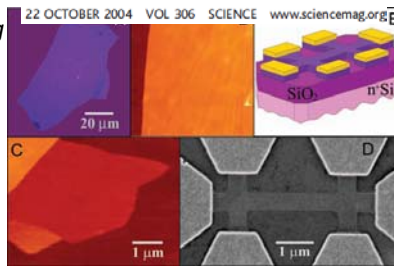
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Electric Field Effect in Atomically Thin Carbon Films

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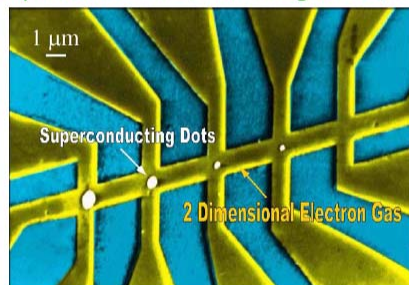
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GOING DUTCH

associate professor in Nijmegen: 1994-2000

FINDING RESEARCH NICHE:
possible but somewhat different

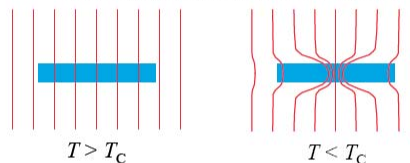
micron-sized Hall probes to investigate superconductors, ferromagnetics, etc



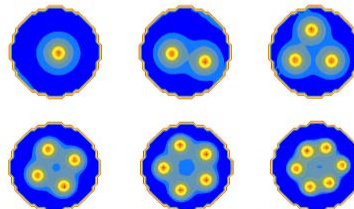
structures from Nottingham lithography in Russia: **Sergey Dubonos** measurements in Nijmegen

MESOSCOPIC SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

paramagnetic Meissner effect



fractional flux vortices & vortex shells



writing up with **Irina Grigorieva**:

Nature 390, 259 (1997); *Nature* 396, 144 (1998); *Nature* 407, 55 (2000); *PRL* 79, 4653 (1997); *PRL* 85, 1528 (2000)

PERCEPTION CHANGE

everything (and everybody) is magnetic;
ever present diamagnetism is NOT negligible



in many textbooks

messages to take away:

LOOK FOR

COMPETITIVE EDGE

even obsolete facilities

may offer some

sideline experience

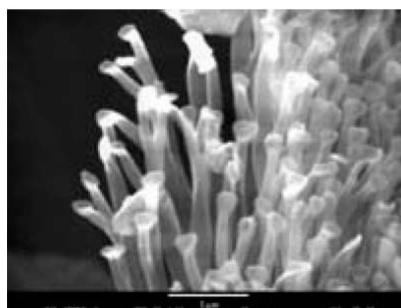
of the IgNobel Prize:

DON'T TAKE

YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY

"FRIDAY NIGHTS" in MANCHESTER

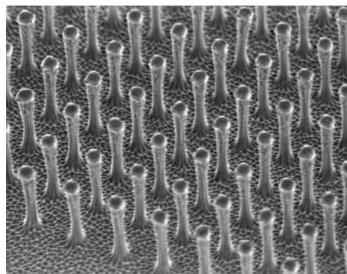
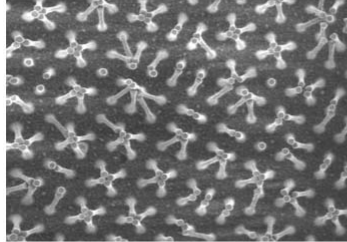
*sticky feet:
geckos climb due to their hairy toes*



submicron size (!) - standard spatial scale in our work

GECKO TAPE

proof of concept:
biomimetic dry adhesive
based on "gecko principle"



PLACING EMPHASIS



Geim, Sergey Dubonos,
Irina Grigorieva, Kostya Novoselov *et al*
Nature Materials 2003

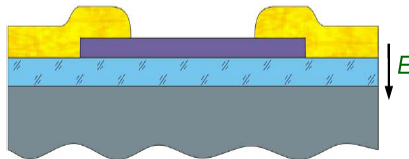
One Little Thought Cloud

metallic electronics

Schlesinger 2000
Lemanov & Kholkin 1994
Petrashov 1991

...
Bose (1906)
Mott (1902)

mostly, Bi
changes ~1%



change the number of electrons
-> change conductivity

electric breakdown ~1V/nm
max induced concentration $\approx 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

single atomic layer of a metal $\approx 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
rarely stable for thickness below 100 Å

Two More Little Clouds

metallic electronics

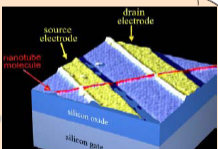
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Dresselhauses' review 1981
*little known
about thin films
of graphite*

Esquinazi & Kopelevich 2000-2002

*carbon
nanotube
transistors*

Ijima, Ebbesen, McEuen
Dekker, Avouris



THE LEGEND OF SCOTCH TAPE

2002 PhD project of **Da Jiang**:
make graphite films
as thin as possible
and study
their "mesoscopic" properties
including electric field effect
& metallic transistor

Oleg Shklyarevskii's idea



graphite flakes
on cellophane

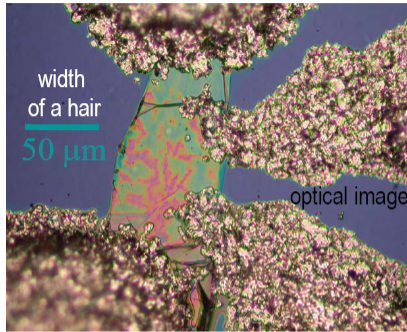


optical
image



HOPG vs HDPG

BEYOND OBSERVATION



hand-made devices (Novoselov)
first on glass slides,
then on oxidized Si wafer

EUREKA MOMENT

EXPERIMENT SPI-Th 2 No. Datum: 08 August 2004

$T = 5\text{K}$
 (1), (2), (3) contacts are $\approx 300\text{\AA}$
 (3) $\approx 9\mu\text{m}^2$
 Applying 5V AC to (1) and (2)
 and other contacts
 Contacts did not change much

Kostya's lab book

$T = 5\text{K}$
 $I_{\text{sat}} = 100\mu\text{A}$ $R_{23} = 6$
 Sensitivity to gate voltage:
 Time sweep:

| Time | V_g | T_{me} | V_g |
|------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| 0 | -120s 0V | 210s - 210s | 0V |
| 120s | -120s -2.0V | 230s - 240s | -4V |
| 240 | -140s 0V | 260s - 280s | 0V |
| 360 | -160s -2.0V | 310s - 320s | -8V |
| 480 | -180s 0V | 340s - 350s | 0V |
| 600s | -200s -4.0V | 390s - 400s | -16V |
| | | 440s - 450s | 0V |
| | | 460s - 480s | 20V |
| | | 490s - 500s | 0V |
| | | 510s - 520s | -20V |
| | | 530s - 540s | 0V |
| | | 550s - 560s | 20V |
| | | 570s - 580s | 0V |
| | | 590s - 600s | -20V |
| | | 610s - 620s | 0V |
| | | 630s - 640s | 20V |
| | | 650s - 660s | 0V |
| | | 670s - 680s | -20V |
| | | 690s - 700s | 0V |
| | | 710s - 720s | 40V |

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Resistance changed by as much as $\sim 3\%$

bad "metallic transistor"

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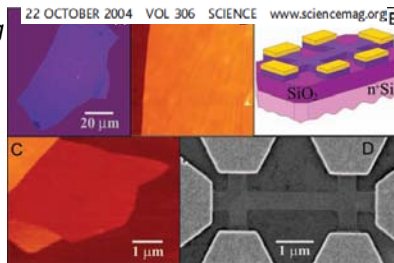
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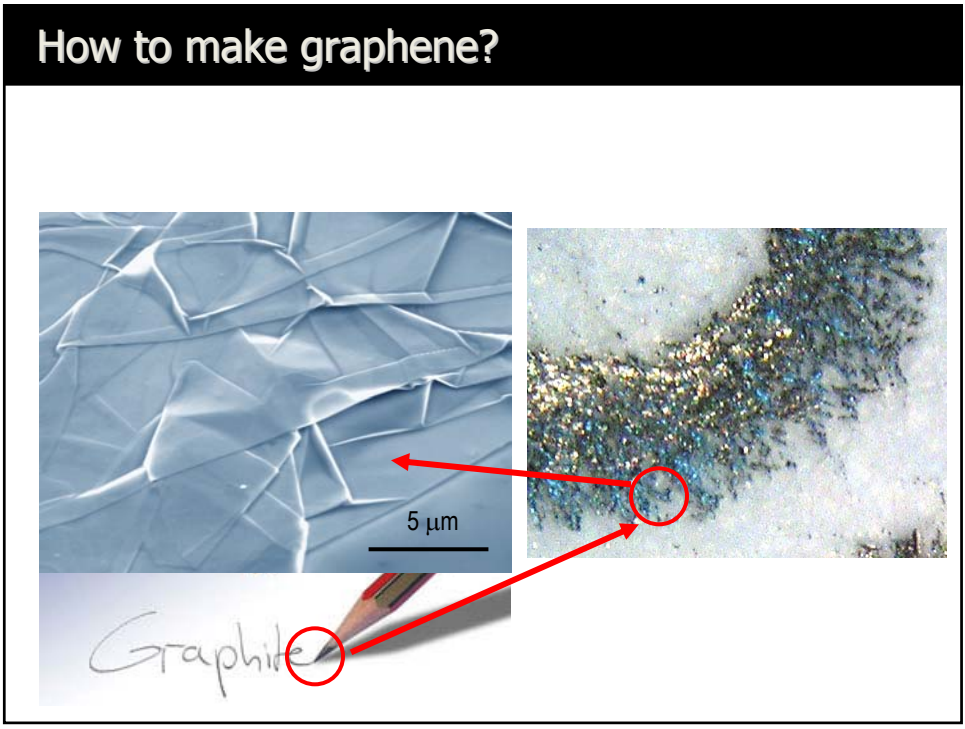
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a) Mechanical exfoliation

Manchester, Science 2004; PNAS 2005

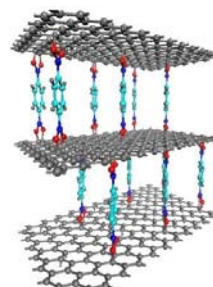
For proper SiO₂ thickness interference makes it visible by optical microscope
+ Even size of 1mm, + high quality, - low yield

b) Mechanical or Chemical extraction

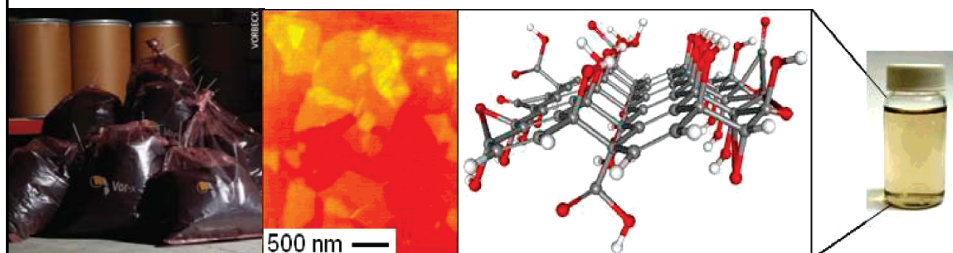
sonication + centrifugation, often intercalation

- Submicrometer crystallites
- + Mass production, industrial scale
- Small flake size
- Remaining attached chemicals (oxide)
- Good for polycrystalline films and composite materials. Suspension can be printed resulting highly conductive bendable film

Intercalation



Ruoff, Nature 2006, Manchester, Nanolett '08, Coleman et al, Nature Nano '08



b) Epitaxial growth of a monolayer

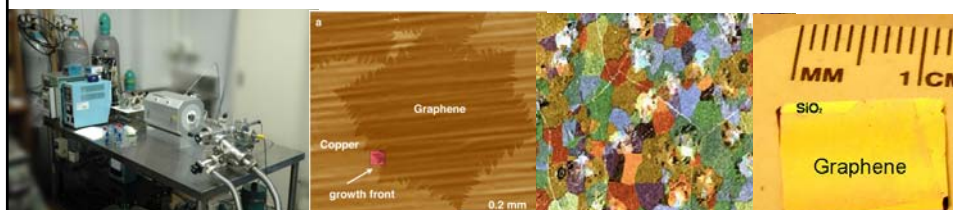
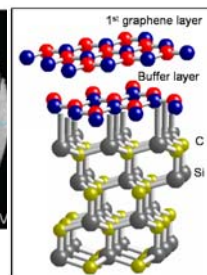
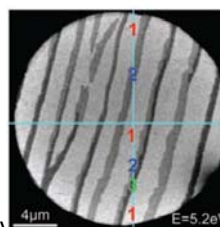
Grow a monolayer of C and chemically remove the substrate

1) SiC substrate: (upper figs.)

SiC is insulator, Graphene layers grow as a carpet on the surface. Layers are electrically well isolated (different stacking). Possible to grow 1,2 layers.

- Difficult growth process

2) CVD on Cu, Ni (Lower figs.) "Easy" to do: T + gas flow. Self terminating process. Result: single layer, - polycrystalline, it follows the crystallites of the metal surface, Use HCl to remove substrate. (commercial available)



Identification

Optically
Contrast of graphene at diff. SiO₂ thickness.

Raman spectroscopy *measure the energy difference of reflected laser light e.g. layer thickness can be determined from the 2D peak*

AFM *e.g. possible to determine thickness*

STM *e.g. exfoliated on metal substrate*

TEM *e.g. crystalite boarder SiC*

Properties, applications

Electronic properties:

- Truly 2D electron gas on the surface. New possibilities: SC, Ferro, high dielectrics, use local probes.
- Massless Dirac electrons
- Good electronic quality: submicrons without scattering @RT although adsorbates etc. Due to weak e-ph coupling mobility > 200000 cm²/Vs @ RT (Si: <1500 cm²/Vs)
- Quantum effect at RT

transistor @ 300 GHz
 Nature 467, 305 (2010)

Applications:

1) Ultra High Frequency Transistors

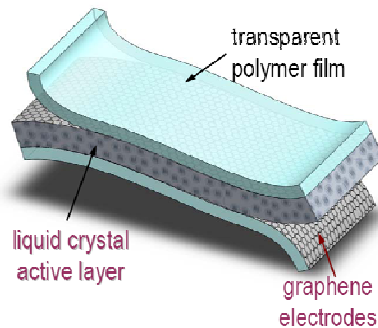
- Ballistic transport
- high velocity
- great electrostatics
- scales to nm size

2009: 100 GHz (IBM & HRL)
 2010: 300 GHz (UCLA & Samsung)
 scaling >1THz

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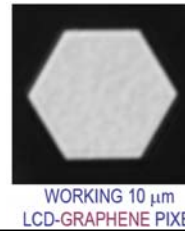
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Applications:

2) Electrode for liquid crystals

- transparent ~97%
- conductive $\rho < 100 \Omega/\square$
- flexible: strain >15%
- chemically inert
- reasonable chip 50\$/m²
- Bendable, wearable



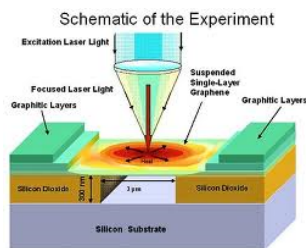
Flexible transparent electronics
Nature 457, 706 (2009) Hong, *Nature Nano* 2010

Map: first products in 2012

Properties, applications

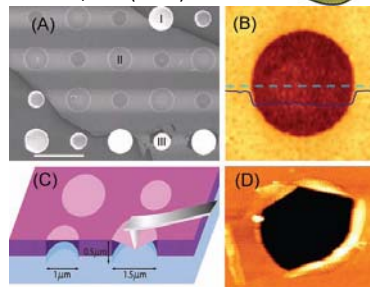
Thermal, mechanical properties

Heat conductivity 5000 Wm⁻¹K⁻¹
 (Cu 400 Wm⁻¹K⁻¹)



Nano Lett. 8, 902 (2008)

Science 321, 385 (2008)



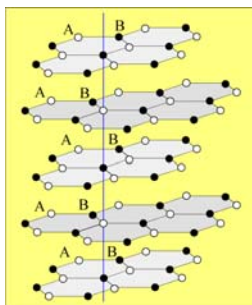
Strongest material, Most stretchable material
 Due to strong sp² bonds up to 20%
 $\rho = 0.77 \text{ mg/m}^2$

Impermeable to gases (also He)
 → When wafers will be available
 It will be ideal for biomolecular and
 ion transport membranes

Other possible applications: Ultrafast photo detectors, Strain sensor, TEM membranes, high sensitive sensors, DNA sequencing etc.

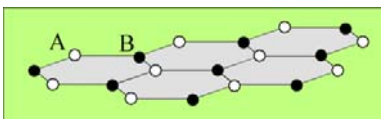
BANDSTRUCTURE OF GRAPHENE

Graphite



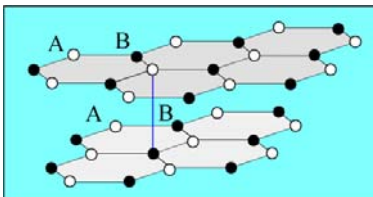
Three dimensional layered material with hexagonal 2D layers [shown here with Bernal (AB) stacking]

Monolayer



Two dimensional material;
zero gap semiconductor;
Dirac spectrum of electrons

Bilayer



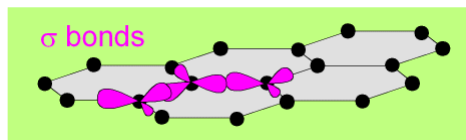
1 Tight binding model of monolayer graphene

1.1 sp² hybridisation

Carbon has 6 electrons: 2 are core electrons, 4 are valence electrons – one 2s and three 2p orbitals

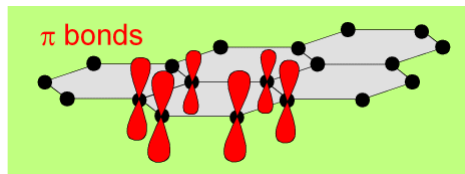
sp² hybridisation

- single 2s and two 2p orbitals hybridise forming three “σ bonds” in the x-y plane



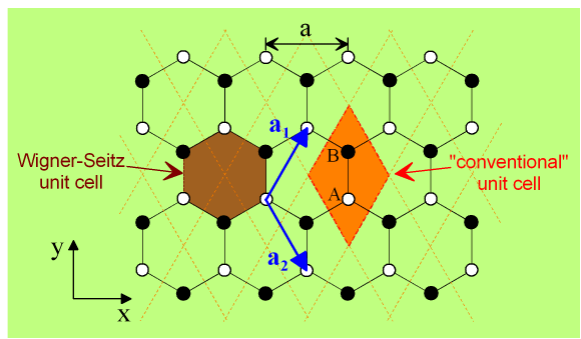
- remaining 2p_z orbital [“π” orbital] exists perpendicular to the x-y plane

only π orbital relevant for energies of interest for transport measurements – so keep only this one orbital per site in the tight binding model



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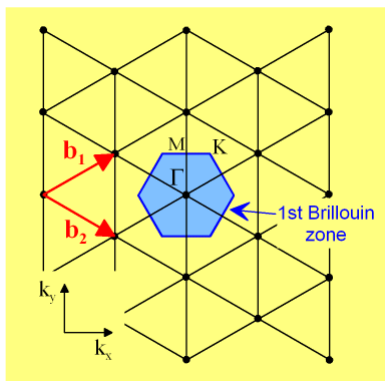
1.2 lattice of graphene



2 different atomic sites – 2 triangular sub-lattices

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1.3 reciprocal lattice



triangular reciprocal lattice
– hexagonal Brillouin zone

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1.4 Bloch functions

We take into account one π orbital per site, so there are two orbitals per unit cell.

Bloch functions

$$\Phi_A(\vec{k}, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}_A}^N e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_A} \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_A)$$

$$\Phi_B(\vec{k}, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}_B}^N e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_B} \varphi_B(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_B)$$

sum over all type B atomic sites in N unit cells

atomic wavefunction

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We take into account one π orbital per site, so there are two orbitals per unit cell.

Bloch functions : label with j = 1 [A sites] or 2 [B sites]

$$\Phi_j(\vec{k}, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}_j}^N e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_j} \varphi_j(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_j)$$

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1.5 Secular equation

Eigenfunction Ψ_j (for $j = 1$ or 2) is written as a linear combination of Bloch functions:

$$\Psi_j(\vec{k}, \vec{r}) = \sum_{j'=1}^2 C_{j'}(\vec{k}) \Phi_{j'}(\vec{k}, \vec{r})$$

Eigenvalue E_j (for $j = 1$ or 2) is written as :

$$E_j(\vec{k}) = \frac{\langle \Psi_j | H | \Psi_j \rangle}{\langle \Psi_j | \Psi_j \rangle}$$

substitute
expression in terms
of Bloch functions

$$E_j(\vec{k}) = \frac{\sum_{i,l} C_{ji}^* C_{jl} \langle \Phi_i | H | \Phi_l \rangle}{\sum_{i,l} C_{ji}^* C_{jl} \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_l \rangle} \equiv \frac{\sum_{i,l} H_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl}}{\sum_{i,l} S_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl}}$$

defining transfer
integral matrix
elements

$$H_{il} = \langle \Phi_i | H | \Phi_l \rangle;$$

and overlap
integral matrix
elements

$$S_{il} = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_l \rangle$$

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$$E_j(\vec{k}) = \frac{\sum_{i,l} H_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl}}{\sum_{i,l} S_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl}}$$

If the H_{il} and S_{il} are known, we can find the energy by minimising with respect to C_{jm}^* :

$$\frac{\partial E_j}{\partial C_{jm}^*} = \frac{\sum_l H_{ml} C_{jl}}{\sum_{i,l} S_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl}} - \frac{\sum_{i,l} H_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl} \sum_l S_{ml} C_{jl}}{\left(\sum_{i,l} S_{il} C_{ji}^* C_{jl} \right)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_j}{\partial C_{jm}^*} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{l=1}^2 H_{ml} C_{jl} = E_j \sum_{l=1}^2 S_{ml} C_{jl}$$

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$$\sum_{l=1}^2 H_{ml} C_{jl} = E_j \sum_{l=1}^2 S_{ml} C_{jl}$$

Explicitly write out sums:

$$m=1 \Rightarrow H_{11}C_{j1} + H_{12}C_{j2} = E_j(S_{11}C_{j1} + S_{12}C_{j2})$$

$$m=2 \Rightarrow H_{21}C_{j1} + H_{22}C_{j2} = E_j(S_{21}C_{j1} + S_{22}C_{j2})$$

Write as a matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_{j1} \\ C_{j2} \end{pmatrix} = E_j \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_{j1} \\ C_{j2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$HC_j = E_j SC_j$$

Secular equation gives the eigenvalues:

$$\det(H - ES) = 0$$

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1.6 Calculation of transfer and overlap integrals

$$H_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | H | \Phi_j \rangle; \quad S_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle \quad \Phi_j(\vec{k}, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}_j} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_j} \varphi_j(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_j)$$

Diagonal matrix element

$$H_{AA} = \langle \Phi_A | H | \Phi_A \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{R}_{Ai}} \sum_{\vec{R}_{Aj}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{R}_{Aj} - \vec{R}_{Ai})} \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | H | \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Aj}) \rangle$$

Same site only:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{AA} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{R}_{Ai}} \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | H | \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) \rangle & S_{AA} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{R}_{Ai}} \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | H | \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) \rangle & &= \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) \rangle \\ &\equiv \varepsilon_0 & &\equiv 1 \end{aligned}$$

A and B sites are chemically identical:

$$H_{AA} = H_{BB} = \varepsilon_0$$

$$S_{AA} = S_{BB} = 1$$

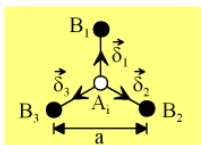
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Off-diagonal matrix element

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Every A site has 3 B nearest neighbours:



$$\vec{\delta}_1 = R_{B1} - R_{Ai} = \left(0, \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} \right); \quad \vec{\delta}_2 = R_{B2} - R_{Ai} = \left(\frac{a}{2}, -\frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}} \right);$$

$$\vec{\delta}_3 = R_{B3} - R_{Ai} = \left(-\frac{a}{2}, -\frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$H_{AB} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{R_{Ai}} \left[\sum_{\vec{\delta}_j=1}^3 e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\delta}_j} \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | H | \varphi_B(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Bj}) \rangle \right] = \sum_{\vec{\delta}_j=1}^3 e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\delta}_j} \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | H | \varphi_B(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Bj}) \rangle$$

Parameterise nearest neighbour transfer integral:

$$\gamma_0 = -\langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | H | \varphi_B(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Bj}) \rangle$$

$$s = \langle \varphi_A(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Ai}) | \varphi_B(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{Bj}) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{AB} = -\gamma_0 f(\vec{k});$$

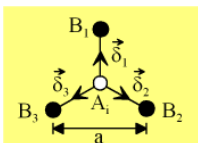
$$f(\vec{k}) = \sum_{\vec{\delta}_j=1}^3 e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\delta}_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{AB} = s f(\vec{k})$$

1 Tight binding model of monolayer graphene

1.6 Calculation of transfer and overlap integrals

Off-diagonal matrix element



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1 Tight binding model of monolayer graphene

1.7 Calculation of energy

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 & -\gamma_0 f(\vec{k}) \\ -\gamma_0 f^*(\vec{k}) & \varepsilon_0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & sf(\vec{k}) \\ sf^*(\vec{k}) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Secular equation gives the eigenvalues:

$$\det(H - ES) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 - E & -(\gamma_0 + Es)f(\vec{k}) \\ -(\gamma_0 + Es)f^*(\vec{k}) & \varepsilon_0 - E \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(E - \varepsilon_0)^2 - (\gamma_0 + Es)^2 |f(\vec{k})|^2 = 0$$

$$E = \frac{\varepsilon_0 \pm \gamma_0 |f(\vec{k})|}{1 \mp s |f(\vec{k})|}$$

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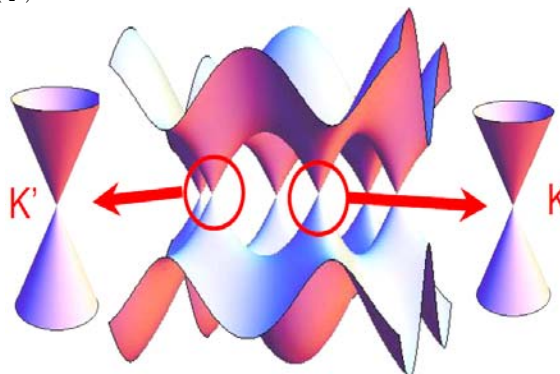
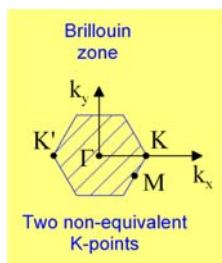
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Typical parameter values [quoted in Saito *et al*]:

$$\varepsilon_0 = 0, \gamma_0 = 3.033eV, s = 0.129$$

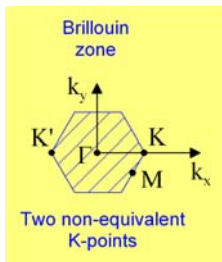
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→ Gapless semiconductor

2 Expansion near the K points

2.1 Exactly at the K point



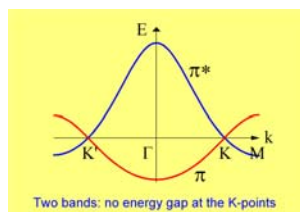
$$\vec{K} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{3a}, 0 \right)$$

$$\vec{\delta}_1 = \left(0, \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} \right); \Rightarrow K \cdot \vec{\delta}_1 = 0$$

$$\vec{\delta}_2 = \left(\frac{a}{2}, -\frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}} \right); \Rightarrow K \cdot \vec{\delta}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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$$f(\vec{K}) = \sum_{\delta_j=1}^3 e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{\delta}_j} = e^0 + e^{2\pi/3} + e^{-2\pi/3} = 0$$



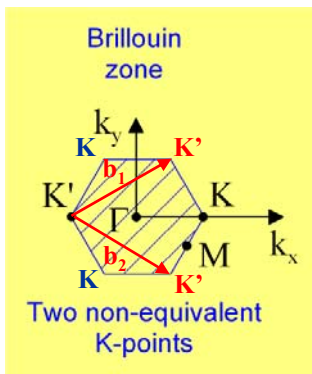
At the corners of the Brillouin zone (K points), electron states on the A and B sub-lattices decouple and have exactly the same energy

K points also referred to as “valleys”

2 Expansion near the K points

2.1 Exactly at the K point

6 corners of the Brillouin zone (K points), but only two are non-equivalent

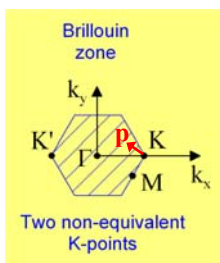


We consider two K points with the following wave vectors:

$$\vec{K} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{3a}, 0 \right); \quad \vec{K}' = \left(-\frac{4\pi}{3a}, 0 \right)$$

2 Expansion near the K points

2.2 Linear expansion



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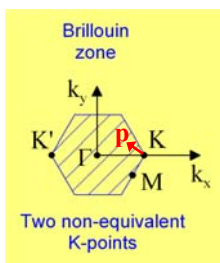
$$\vec{K}, \vec{K}' = \xi \left(\frac{4\pi}{3a}, 0 \right); \quad \xi = \pm 1$$

and small momentum near them:

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Linear expansion in small momentum: $f(\vec{k}) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2\hbar} (\xi p_x - i p_y) + O(pa/\hbar)^2$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\gamma_0 f(\vec{k}) \\ -\gamma_0 f^*(\vec{k}) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \approx v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi p_x - i p_y \\ \xi p_x + i p_y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & sf(\vec{k}) \\ sf^*(\vec{k}) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + O\left(\frac{spa}{\hbar}\right) \quad v = \frac{\sqrt{3}a\gamma_0}{2\hbar} \approx 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

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New notation for components on A and B sites

$$C_j = \begin{pmatrix} C_{j1} \\ C_{j2} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A \\ \psi_B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S^{-1}HC_j = E_j C_j \Rightarrow v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi p_x - ip_y \\ \xi p_x + ip_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A \\ \psi_B \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A \\ \psi_B \end{pmatrix}$$

2 Expansion near the K points

2.3 Dirac-like equation

For one K point (e.g. $\xi=+1$) we have a 2 component wave function,

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A \\ \psi_B \end{pmatrix}$$

with the following effective Hamiltonian:

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_x - ip_y \\ p_x + ip_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} = v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} = v(\sigma_x p_x + \sigma_y p_y) = v\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}$$

$$\pi = p_x + ip_y = pe^{i\phi}$$

$$\pi^+ = p_x - ip_y = pe^{-i\phi}$$

Bloch function amplitudes on the AB sites ('pseudospin') mimic spin components of a relativistic Dirac fermion.

Pseudospin is an index that indicates on which of the two sublattices a quasi-particle is located

2 Expansion near the K points

2.3 Dirac-like equation

To take into account both K points ($\xi=+1$ and $\xi=-1$) we can use a 4 component wave function,

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{AK} \\ \psi_{BK} \\ \psi_{AK'} \\ \psi_{BK'} \end{pmatrix}$$

with the following effective Hamiltonian:

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_x - ip_y & 0 & 0 \\ p_x + ip_y & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -p_x - ip_y \\ 0 & 0 & -p_x + ip_y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Isospin K and K' valleys are also called isospin.

2 Expansion near the K points

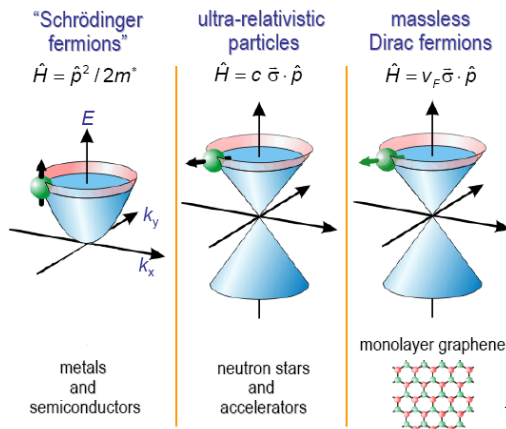
2.3 Dirac-like equation

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} = v \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = v p \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}$$

Chiral electrons
pseudospin direction
is linked to an axis
determined by
electronic momentum.

for conduction band
electrons,
 $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} = 1$
valence band ('holes')
 $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} = -1$

It is due to
symmetry of the
honeycomb lattice



$$v_F = c/300 = 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

Basic transport characteristics

Measurement:

Graphene (blue) is etched to a Hall bar shape and contacted by metal leads (yellow). Si layer is doped, used as a backgate (G). By applying voltage on G the chemical potential of graphene can be varied.

Effect of gate voltage, V_g ?

$$N = C_g V_g / e \rightarrow n \sim V_g \rightarrow k_F \sim \sqrt{V_g}$$

Drude model:

$$v_d \equiv \mu E, j \equiv en v_d = en \mu E = \sigma E, \sigma = en \mu$$

$$\sigma = 1/\rho = \frac{e^2 n \tau}{m}, \mu = \frac{e \tau}{m}, R_H = \frac{V_y}{I} = \frac{E_y}{j_x} = -\frac{B}{ne}$$

Measurement of Hall resistance allows to determine n .

Combining it with ρ, μ can be derived.

Fig. a: longitudinal resistance vs. V_g , $\Delta R \approx 100$ times!

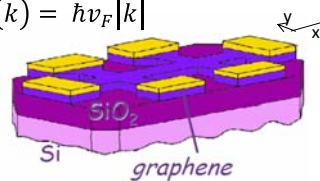
Fig. b: mobility and charge carrier density vs. V_g

- At $V_g=0$, R_H (and n) changes sign \rightarrow border between e and h bands

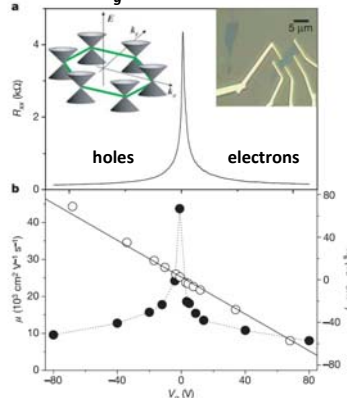
- If $V_g \rightarrow 0$ $R \nearrow$, however R is finite ($\approx 4k\Omega$) at Dirac point although $n=0$. (No real OFF state.)

- mobility largest at Dirac point ($V_g = 0$).

$$E(\vec{k}) = \hbar v_F |\vec{k}|$$



R vs. V_g characteristics



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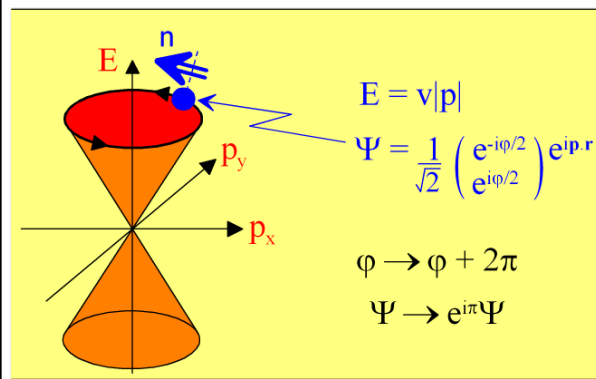
3 Consequences of Dirac like spectrum 3.1 Berry's phase π

Massless Dirac fermions with Berry's phase π

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} = vp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\varphi} \\ e^{i\varphi} & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

Solution:

$$E = vp \Leftrightarrow \psi(\varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix}$$



Making a loop around $k=0$ induces a phase shift of π .
Similar to the 360° rotation of an 1/2 e spin.

3.2 Massless Dirac Fermions?

Consider Quasi Classical Dynamics of Dirac electrons

$$\vec{v} \equiv \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial \vec{k}} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \hbar v_F \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|} = v_F \vec{e}_k = v_F^2 \frac{\vec{k}}{E}$$

$$\text{thus } |v| = v_F, \vec{v} \parallel \vec{k}$$

→ Speed of e is constant independent of momentum, like photons ($v_f \leftrightarrow c$)

What is m, effective mass?

$$\frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{m_{xx}} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial k_x^2}$$

For quadratic dispersion: $E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_{eff}}$, $m = m_{eff}$

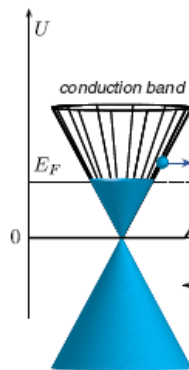
For Dirac electrons, where $E(\vec{k}) = \hbar v_F |\vec{k}|$?

Naively $1/m = 0$, but NOT. To calculate $1/m$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 |k|}{\partial k_x^2} = \dots = \frac{k_y^2}{|k|^3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{m_{xx}} = \frac{1}{\hbar} v_F \frac{k_y^2}{k^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial |k|}{\partial k_x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2k_x}{|k|} \rightarrow \text{Effective mass depends on } k$$

$$E(\vec{k}) = \pm \hbar v_F |\vec{k}|$$



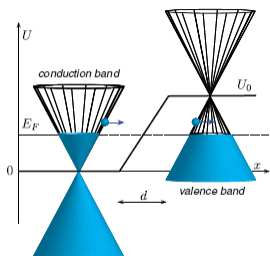
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3.3 Klein tunneling and backscattering

$$\frac{1}{m_{xx}} = \frac{v_F}{\hbar} \frac{k_y^2}{|k|^3}$$

N-P junction:

Potential profile with a step of U_0 at a distance d



Klein scattering:
perfect transmission
at normal incident

Evolution of group velocity:

$$\frac{dv_x}{dt} \equiv \frac{1}{m_{xx}} F_x = \frac{1}{m_{xx}} (-e) E_0 \quad (*)$$

In linear electrostatic potential (e.g. slope in Figure) :

$$V = E_0 x, \quad E_x = E_0, \quad F_x = -e E_0$$

At normal incident: $k_y = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dv_x}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow$

backscattering is avoided. Electron can propagate through an infinite high potential barrier.

$$\hbar \dot{\vec{k}} \equiv \vec{F} = -e E_0 \vec{e}_x \quad (**)$$

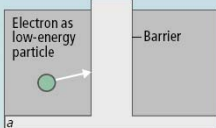
Effect of the potential profile, U (see figure):

- k decreases and changes sign (**)
- based on (*), \vec{v} stays constant, i.e. $\vec{v} = v_F \vec{e}_x$.
- e ends up in the valence band

3.3 Klein tunneling and backscattering

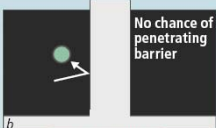
1 CLASSICAL PHYSICS

Electron as low-energy particle



a

No chance of penetrating barrier

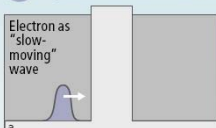


b

No tunneling

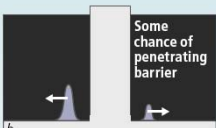
2 QUANTUM MECHANICS

Electron as "slow-moving" wave



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Some chance of penetrating barrier

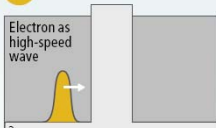


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Partial tunneling

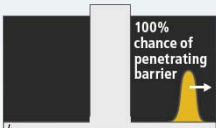
3 QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS

Electron as high-speed wave



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100% chance of penetrating barrier



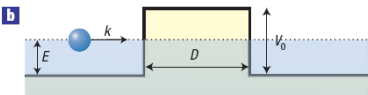
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Perfect tunneling

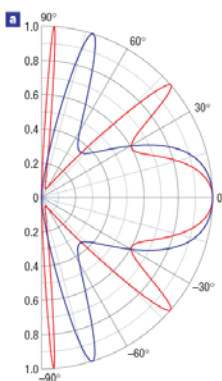
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Klein tunneling and backscattering

Result of proper calculation
Wave function matching



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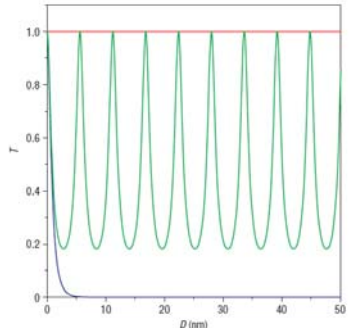


Transmission probability T through a 100-nm-wide barrier as a function of the incident angle, two different barrier height

Katsnelson et al Nature Physics, 2, 620 (2006)

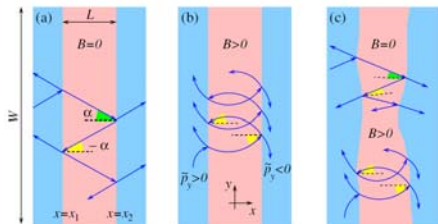
Transmission probability vs. D
of normally incident electrons

- in single- and bi-layer graphene (red and blue curves, respectively) and in a non-chiral zero-gap semiconductor (green curve)



→ Difficult to measure whether it is 100%, since e-s out of normal incident also arrive

Klein backscattering & Fabry-Perot Interferences



Interferences on P-N-P junction

When incident angle, α is varied from positive to negative, phase of the reflection amplitude (R) jumps π . Its sign changes. (At $\alpha=0$, $R=0$).

If $\alpha \ll 0 \rightarrow R > 0$, several scatterings in P-N-P \rightarrow interference pattern

Accumulated phase in one circle:

$$\Delta\theta = 2\theta_{\text{WBK}} + \Delta\theta_1 + \Delta\theta_2$$

where θ_{WBK} phase from travelling in N

$\Delta\theta_1, \Delta\theta_2$ Klein back reflection phase of the interfaces

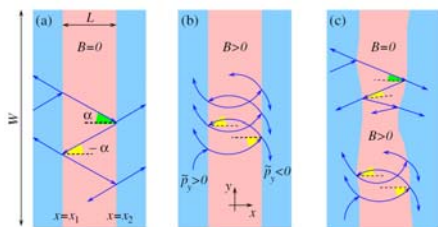
At $B=0$ (see Fig. a) the incident angles $\Delta\theta_{1(2)}$ at P-N and N-P have opposite signs \rightarrow jumps in $\Delta\theta_1, \Delta\theta_2$ cancels

At $B>0$ (see Fig. b), trajectories are curved, \rightarrow incident angles at P-N and N-P can be equal
 In this case one can show that $\Delta\theta_1 + \Delta\theta_2 = \pi$ (It is the Barry phase previously derived!)
 Thus for $B=0 \nearrow$ and trajectories with small p_y π shift is expected (i.e. sign change) transmission amplitude

(Fig.c) one can show, it is robust against barrier roughness

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Klein backscattering & Fabry-Perot Interferences

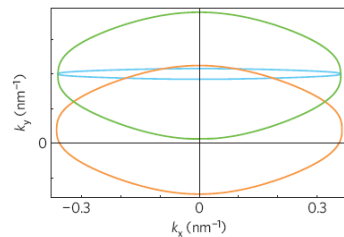
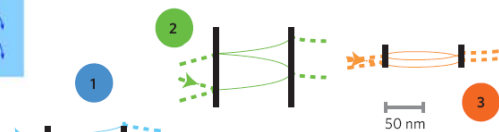


Remark (Barry-phase):

Trajectory in Fig.a corresponds to **1**
 Trajectory in Fig.b corresponds to **3**
 The main difference that during one circle between P-N and N-P:
 the k vector of **3** goes around $k=0$ while for **1** NOT.

This generates the Barry phase:
 Due to the chiral symmetry, topological singularity at degeneracy point of the band structure $k=0$.

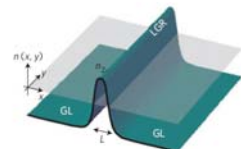
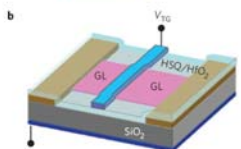
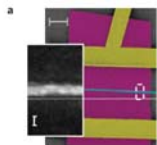
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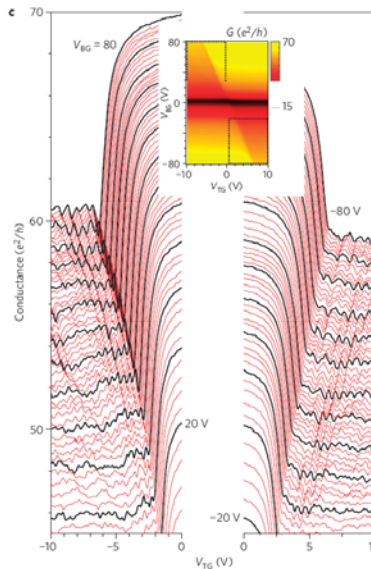
N-P-N device

Separate gating by backgate and topgate
Topgate width=20nm! → ballistic



G vs. V_{TG} vs. V_{BG}

- Conductance is lower when N-P-N setting instead of N-N-N
- Oscillations at N-P-N configuration:
 - V_{TG} varies pot. barrier → $\delta\theta_{WBK}$ → oscillations
 - Oscillatory G is induced by trajectories with incident angle where neither T, nor R is large (i.e. α not too small)

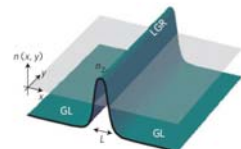
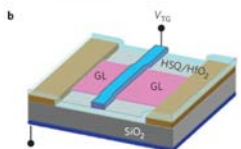
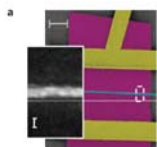


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Klein backscattering & Fabry-Perot Interferences

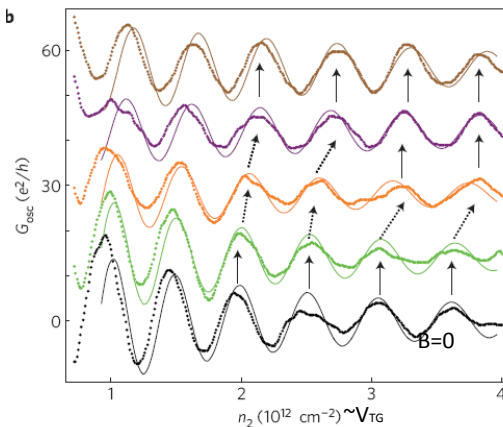
N-P-N device

Separate gating by backgate and topgate
Topgate width=20nm! → ballistic



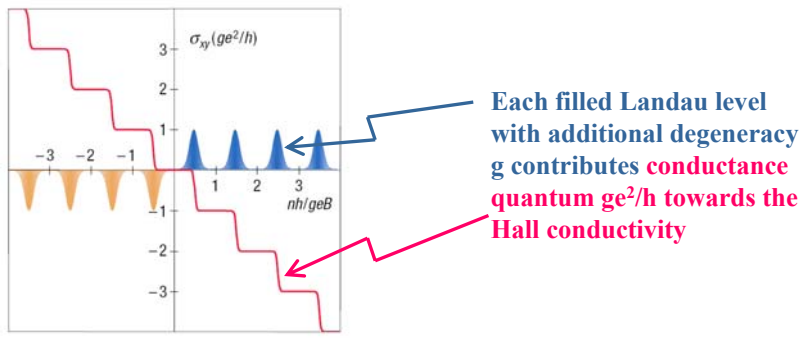
G oscillations vs. B (Dots experiment, line theory)

At different B fields (B=0, 200, 400, 600, 800mT from bottom to top) the oscillations of G. In this B range $\approx \pi$ shift is induced in the interference pattern.

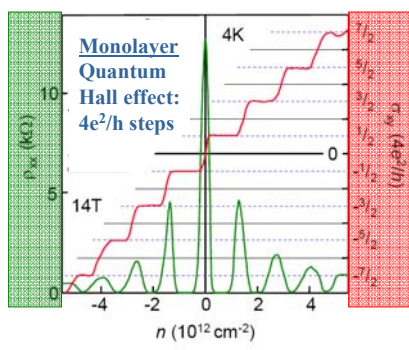
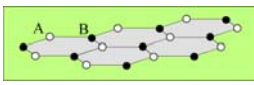


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Integer Quantum Hall effect in a 2d semiconductor



3 Integer quantum Hall effect Graphene monolayer



In graphene the electron density can be easily varied. QHE investigated as a function of n , not only B .

Novoselov *et al*, Nature 438, 197 (2005);
Zhang *et al*, Nature 438, 201 (2005).

Landau levels and QHE

Monolayer:

$$H = v\xi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In a perpendicular magnetic field B:

$$\vec{p} = -i\hbar\nabla - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}, \text{ rot}\vec{A} = B\vec{l}_z$$

$$\pi = p_x + ip_y; \pi^+ = p_x - ip_y$$

$\pi \rightarrow$ lowering operator } of magnetic oscillator
 $\pi^+ \rightarrow$ raising operator } eigenstates ϕ_n

We are able to determine the spectrum of discrete Landau levels

States at zero energy are determined by

$$\text{monolayer: } \pi\phi_0 = 0$$

2D Landau levels of chiral electrons

J=1 monolayer

J=2 bilayer

$$\pi \varphi_0 = 0$$

$$g \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\pi^+)^J \\ \pi^J & 0 \end{pmatrix} \psi = \varepsilon \psi$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \varepsilon = 0$$

valley index



also, two-fold real spin degeneracy

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\pi^+) \\ \pi & 0 \\ & & 0 & (-\pi^+) \\ & & (-\pi) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A + \\ \tilde{B} + \\ \tilde{B} - \\ A - \end{pmatrix}$$

monolayer:

$$H = v\xi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

state at zero energy:

$$\pi\phi_0 = 0$$

monolayer
 $\varepsilon\lambda_B/\hbar v \uparrow\downarrow$

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| $\sqrt{6}$ | (3,+);(3,-) |
| $\sqrt{4}$ | (2,+);(2,-) |
| $\sqrt{2}$ | (1,+);(1,-) |
| 0 | (0,+);(0,-) |
| $-\sqrt{2}$ | (1,+);(1,-) |
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$\sigma_{xy} (-4e^2/h)$

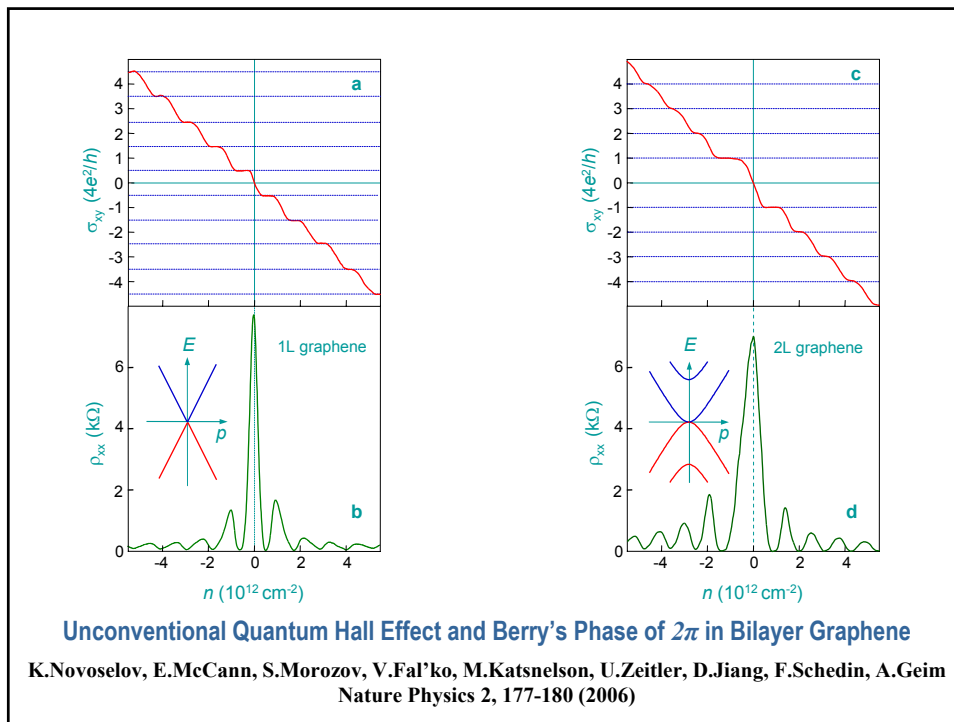
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with Berry's phase π**

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QHE in graphene

monolayer

bilayer



Carbon Nanostructures – Part II

I. Graphene

Outline:

- Introduction (Making graphene, Applications, etc.)
- Band structure
- Physics of Dirac electrons (Berry phase, Klein tunneling)
- Half-Integer Quantum Hall Effect
- Mobility in Graphene (ways to improve...)

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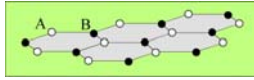
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Half Integer Quantum Hall effect in graphene

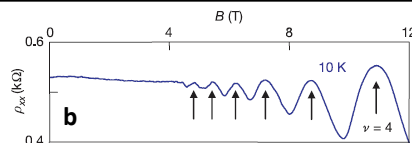
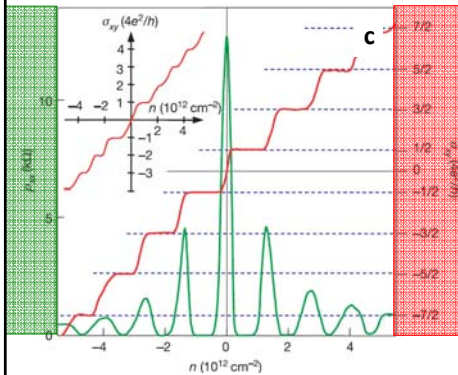
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Graphene in Hall geometry
 Sample width of 200nm
 - Sample: Hall geometry is etched from graphene flakes by oxygen plasma (a)



QHE vs. density (gate voltage)



Longitudinal and Hall measurements vs B field
 Conventional way of QHE measurement

- In magnetic field Shubnikov-de Haas oscillations are presented. (b) At large B field, ρ_{xx} gets zero as for QHE.
- Great advantage of graphene, that the charge density (n) can be varied by gate voltage. QHE effect can be studied as a function of n .
- Figure c: QHE measurement at 14T, 4K.

Half-Integer Quantum Hall effect

Properties:

- Height of the Hall plateaus is $4e^2/h$
- First e (h) plateau is at $2e^2/h$
- ρ_{xx} is zero at the place of the plateaus.

$$\sigma_{xy} = 4e^2/h(n+1/2)$$

(Inset: same for multilayer graphite. The first plateau has the same height as the rest)

ρ_{xx} has maximum at $n=0 \rightarrow$ There is Landau level at zero energy. Electrons or holes contribute?

Half Integer Quantum Hall effect in graphene

Solution of the graphene Hamiltonian in B field

Let us start with the effective Dirac Hamiltonian at the K point

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} & \pi^+ \\ \pi & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pi = p_x + ip_y, \quad \pi^+ = p_x - ip_y.$$

Hint: Besides a constant π and π^+ are the same operators as the raising and lowering operators of the harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian of the normal 2DEG in B field, i.e.

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_c \left(\hat{a}^+ \hat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

In case of magnetic field: $\vec{p} = \hbar \vec{\nabla} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}$, $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = B \vec{e}_z$

Let us use a gauge of $\vec{A} = (-By, 0, 0)$:

$$\pi = \hbar \partial_x + \frac{e}{c} By + \hbar \partial_y,$$

$$\pi^+ = \hbar \partial_x + \frac{e}{c} By - \hbar \partial_y.$$

Take the wave function ansatz, $\Psi(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \phi_n \\ c_2 \phi_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{ik_x x}}{\sqrt{L}}$:

$$\pi = \hbar k_x + \frac{e}{c} By + \hbar \partial_y,$$

$$\pi^+ = \hbar k_x + \frac{e}{c} By - \hbar \partial_y.$$

Replacing y by y' , where

$$\hbar k_x + \frac{e}{c} By = \frac{e}{c} By' :$$

$$\pi = \frac{e}{c} By' + \hbar \partial_{y'},$$

$$\pi^+ = \frac{e}{c} By' - \hbar \partial_{y'}.$$

N.Peres et al., PRB 73, 125411 (2006)

Half Integer Quantum Hall effect in graphene

Solution of the graphene Hamiltonian in B field

Let us introduce a^+, a which fulfills the algebra of the raising and lowering operators of the harmonic oscillator: $a = \pi^+ \frac{c}{eB} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}r_c}$, $a^+ = \pi \frac{c}{eB} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}r_c}$, where r_c is the cyclotron radius $r_c^2 = \frac{\hbar c}{eB}$.

It gives

$$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}r_c}(y' + r_c^2 \partial_{y'}),$$

$$a^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}r_c}(y' - r_c^2 \partial_{y'}).$$

These two operators fulfill: $[a, a^+] = 1$.

ϕ_n is the eigenfunction of the a related harmonic oscillator, i.e.

$$a|\phi_n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|\phi_{n-1}\rangle, \quad a^+|\phi_n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|\phi_{n+1}\rangle.$$

Returning to the Dirac Hamiltonian:

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} & \pi^+ \\ \pi & \end{pmatrix} = -v \left(\frac{c}{eB} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}r_c} \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} & a \\ a^+ & \end{pmatrix} = -v \frac{\sqrt{2}\hbar}{r_c} \begin{pmatrix} & a \\ a^+ & \end{pmatrix}$$

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Half Integer Quantum Hall effect in graphene

Solution of the Hamiltonian of Dirac electrons in B field

Let us start with the wavefunction $\Psi_n(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_n \\ \alpha \phi_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{ik_x x}}{\sqrt{L}}$ where $\alpha = \pm 1$.

$$H\Psi_n \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} & a \\ a^+ & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_n \\ \alpha \phi_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{n+1}\alpha \phi_n \\ \sqrt{n+1}\phi_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{n+1}\alpha \begin{pmatrix} \phi_n \\ \alpha \phi_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H\Psi_n = -v \frac{\sqrt{2}\hbar}{r_c} \sqrt{n+1} \alpha \Psi_n$$

$$\text{Landau levels in graphene: } E_n = \pm v \frac{\sqrt{2}\hbar}{r_c} \sqrt{n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

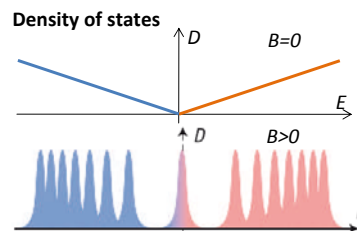
There is an extra solution as well: $\Psi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{ik_x x}}{\sqrt{L}}$. $H\Psi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = E\Psi_0 \rightarrow E_0 = 0$.

Degeneracy of the levels:

Similar to normal Landau Levels. $L > y > 0 \rightarrow L > \frac{\hbar c}{eB} k_x > 0$ and $k_x = \frac{2\pi}{L} n$ where n is integer.

→ The degeneracy: $N = \frac{L^2 B/c}{h/e}$ i.e. number of flux quantum penetrating the sample.

Solving the problem for the K' effective Hamiltonian gives the same spectrum as the one for K. Therefore each E_n energy level has a degeneracy of $N * 2 * 2$. 2 from the two valleys, 2 from the real spin of the electrons.



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Élállapotok

Élállapotok (edge states): a minta szélén lokalizált állapotok

Elektron állapotok x irányú sebessége:

$$v_x(n, k) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E(n, k)}{\partial k} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E_S(y)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y_k}{\partial k} = \frac{1}{eB} \frac{\partial E_S(y_k)}{\partial y_k}$$

→ a minta belsejében $v_x(n, k) = 0$
 → az él állapotokra $v_x(n, k) \neq 0$, a minta két szélén az elektronok ellentétes irányba haladnak

Az élállapotoknak a minta falán pattogva előre haladó klasszikus elektron mozgás felel meg, (a minta belsejében lévő e állapotoknak körpályát leíró e mozgás feleltethető meg)

Mivel $L_y \gg \Delta y$ ($\Delta y \sim 25\text{nm}/B[\text{T}]^{0.5}$) → a mintában a **jobbra és balra haladó állapotok térben (y irányban) szeparálódnak**.

Ha E_F két LL között helyezkedik el, akkor csak a minta szélén vannak e-k a Fermi-felületen → Szennyezők nem képesek az e-t az egyik irányba haladó élállapotból a másik irányba haladóba átszórni → **Nincs visszaszórás**

Élállapot szóródása szennyezőn

Élállapotok árama

áramot adó állapotok

Visszaszórás hiányában a minta szélei úgy viselkednek, mint tökéletes transzmissziójú ballisztikus vezetők. A minta $y=L_y/2$ szélén az e-k 1. kontaktusból jöttek, így μ_1 lesz a kémiai potenciáljuk, míg az $y=-L_y/2$ szélén lévő állapotok 2. kontaktussal lesznek egyensúlyban.

Ha V feszültséget kapcsolunk a mintára → $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = eV$ ($eV \ll \hbar\omega$, μ_1 és μ_2 ugyanazon két LL között van) → a μ_1 és μ_2 közötti élállapotok nettó áramot eredményeznek:

$$I = \frac{2e}{L_x} \sum_{n,k} \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial k} = \frac{2e}{L_x} \sum_n \int_{\mu_2}^{\mu_1} \frac{L_x}{2\pi \hbar} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial k} dk = \frac{2e}{h} \sum_n \int_{\mu_2}^{\mu_1} d\varepsilon = \frac{2e}{h} M (\mu_1 - \mu_2),$$

ahol M a E_F alatti LL száma.

Az ebből négypont és Hall-ellenállások:

$$R_{xx} = \frac{V_{xx}}{I} = \frac{V_4 - V_3}{I} = \frac{\mu_4 - \mu_3}{el} = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_2}{el} = 0$$

$$R_H = \frac{V_H}{I} = \frac{V_5 - V_4}{I} = \frac{\mu_5 - \mu_4}{el} = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{el} = \frac{\hbar}{e^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2M}$$

→ **Visszaszórás nélkül vezető élállapotok felelősek a kvantum Hall-effektusért**

Half Integer Quantum Hall effect in graphene

Solution of the Hamiltonian of Dirac electrons in B field

Remark:

The edge states behave similar to the ones of QHE of normal 2DEGs.

$$v_x = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k_x} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial k_x} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial y} \frac{1}{eB/c}$$

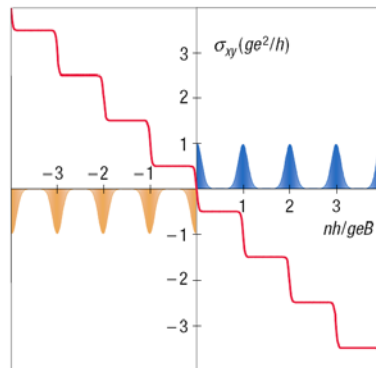
On the two sides of the sample they propagate to opposite direction.

Half-integer quantum Hall-effect:

Due to the 2 spin and 2 valley, there are 4-fold degenerate Landau levels. Each degeneracy provides a conductance channel with $G = \frac{e^2}{h}$. Therefore each filled LL enhance the Hall conductance by $G = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot e^2}{h}$. When E_F is placed on a LL, the Hall conductance changes from a quantized plateau to the next one. Since there is a LL at ZERO ENERGY the first electron like Hall plateau is at $G = \frac{2 \cdot e^2}{h}$ and the rest are at $G = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot e^2}{h} (n + \frac{1}{2})$.

The zero energy LL makes the QHE of graphene special. It consist e and hole states as well.

Charge density of Landau levels



N.Peres et al., PRB 73, 125411 (2006)

Quantum Hall effect at room temperature

Landau-levels

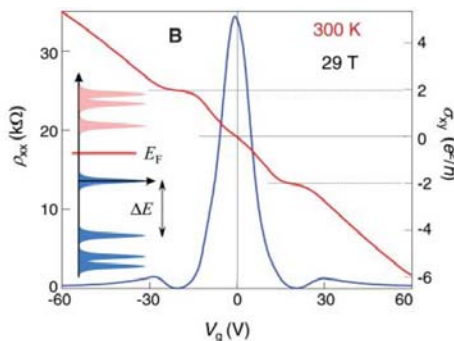
$E_n = \pm \sqrt{2e\hbar v^2 |n| B}$ 2D Dirac fermions (m=0)

$E_n = \hbar \omega_c (n + 1/2)$ 2D free electrons

Comparing to GaAs based 2DEGs

| | |
|---|---|
| Graphene: | GaAs/AlGaAs: |
| $E_1(B=1T) \approx 350K$ | $\hbar\omega(B=1T) \approx 20K$ |
| $E_1(B=10T) \approx 10^3K$ | $\hbar\omega(B=10T) \approx 200K$ |
| $\mu \approx 10^4 \text{ cm}^2/Vs$ (2006) @4K | $\mu \approx 10^5 \text{ cm}^2/Vs$ (1980) |
| $\mu \approx 10^6 \text{ cm}^2/Vs$ (2010) @4K | $\mu \approx 10^7 \text{ cm}^2/Vs$ (2004) |

Experiment



Novoselov, Science 315, 1379 (2007)

$E_1(29T) \approx 1800K \gg kT$
 $\mu \approx 10^4 \text{ cm}^2/Vs$ @RT (weak T dependence)

Limitation of B, that $\omega_c \tau \gg 1$ (τ elastic mean free path).

If the amount of scattering can be further decreased, QHE gets visible at lower B fields.

→ New possibilities for current standard, quantum circuits at room temperature

Mobility and scattering mechanisms

Conductance in simple Drude picture:

$$\sigma = e^2 \tau \frac{n}{m}$$

However the effective mass depends on k, thus one has to average 1/m for all filled states.

Accurate calculation of σ , from Boltzmann equation (see Solyom 24.3.39.):

$$\sigma = e^2 \tau \frac{n}{m} = e^2 \tau \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \int_{\text{filled } k \text{ states}} \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{m_{xx}}$$

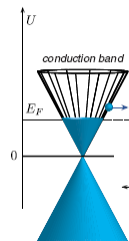
Result:
$$\sigma = e^2 \tau \frac{v_F}{\hbar \pi} k_F$$

with relaxation length $l \equiv v_F \tau$

$$\sigma = \frac{2e^2}{h} l k_F$$

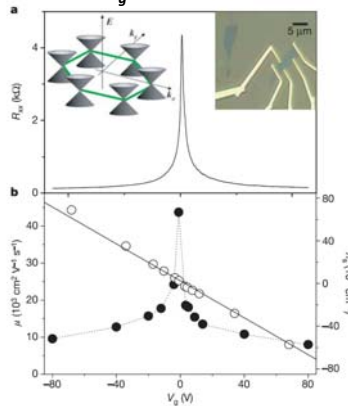
Mean free path:
$$l = \frac{\hbar}{e} \mu \sqrt{n \pi}$$

E.g. for mobility = 600.000, l is $\approx 3 \mu\text{m}$



$$E(\vec{k}) = \hbar v_F |\vec{k}|$$

R vs. V_g Transport characteristics



Nature 438, 201 (2005)

Mobility and scattering mechanisms

What limits the mobility at room T?

Source of $1/\tau$?

Scattering mechanisms resulting resistivity:

- potential scattering: impurities, defects, vacancies
- Electron – phonon scattering
- Etc.

Usual terms: (see Solyom II.)

- Residual resistivity (ρ_0): T independent
- Longitudinal acoustic phonons (ρ_A): linear in T

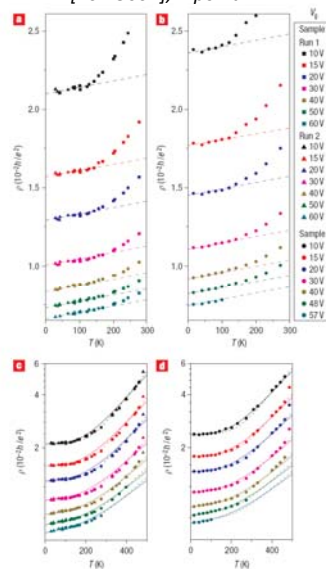
$$\rho(V_g, T) = \rho_0(V_g) + \rho_A(T); \quad \rho_A(T) = \left(\frac{\hbar}{e^2}\right) \frac{\pi^2 D_A^2 k_B T}{2h^2 \rho_s v_s^2 v_F^2}$$

Measurements (see Fig. a,b)

- At higher T, strong deviation from linear T dependence
- Dependence also on V_g
- It suggests scattering on high energy phonon modes

Chen Nature Nanotech. 3, 206, (2008)

Graphene on SiO_2 substrate, UHV
 $T=[20\text{K}-500\text{K}]$, 4-point



Mobility and scattering mechanisms

$$\rho(V_g, T) = \rho_0(V_g) + \rho_A(T) + \rho_B(V_g, T);$$

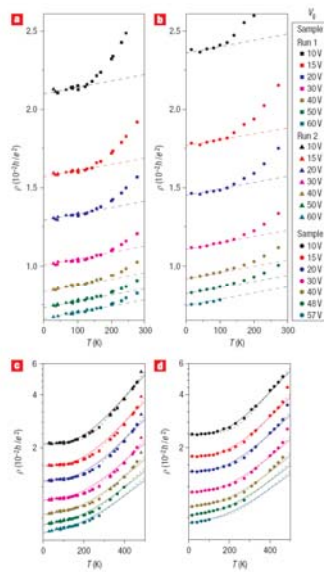
$$\rho_B(V_g, T) = B_1 V_g^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{e^{(59\text{meV})/k_B T} - 1} + \frac{6.5}{e^{(155\text{meV})/k_B T} - 1} \right)$$

ρ_B : additional term to fit the measurements (see Fig. c,d)
 Bose-Einstein distribution \sim population of high energy phonon modes, e.g. optical phonons
 Very good fit of the measured curves with $\alpha=1.04$

Optical phonons of graphene?

- Strong V_g dependence is not expected
- Mainly out of plane phonons at this energy. It is not expected to give strong contribution

Interfacial phonon scattering: Surface optical phonon modes in SiO_2 couples to e-s in graphene
 The expected phonon energies and coupling strength (1:6.5) are inserted into ρ_B
 Strong V_g dependence is also expected



Mobility and scattering mechanisms

What limits the mobility at room T?

Different T dependence of ρ_0 , ρ_A , ρ_B allows to separate the three contributions. ($\rho_B = \rho - \rho_0 - \rho_A$)

Fig. a

ρ_A V_g independent

$\rho_B \sim V_g^{-1.04}$ relation confirmed

→ **Residual resistivity dominates**

Fig. b

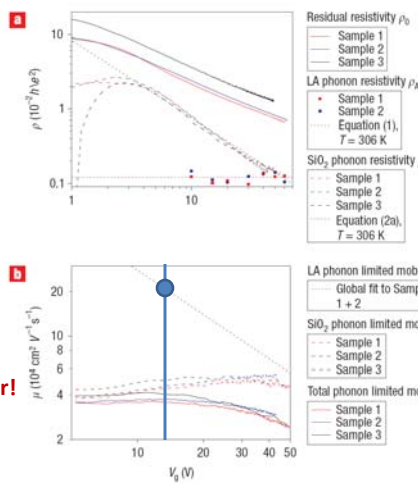
Derive the mobility related to two e-p processes :

$$\mu = 1/nep = 1/c_g V_g e \rho$$

→ SiO_2 contribution (c) dominates

→ **The intrinsic, LA phonon scattering mobility** at $n = 10^{12} \text{cm}^{-2}$ (technologically relevant) : $\mu \approx 200\,000$ (see blue dot) **Higher than any known semiconductor!** (E.g. InSb $\approx 77\,000$ and carbon nanotubes $\approx 100\,000$).

Contributions at Room T



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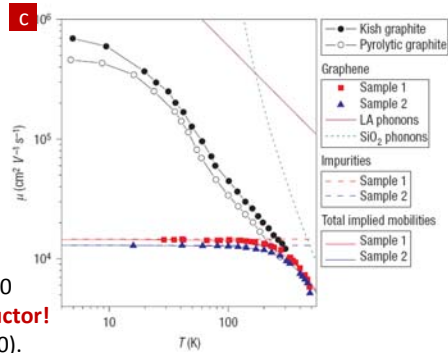
Comparison with graphites, sources of exfoliated graphene

Mobility is much smaller than for graphites. It is impurity dominated.

→ Residual res. not due to point defects

but due to **charge impurities in SiO₂ substrate**

T dependence



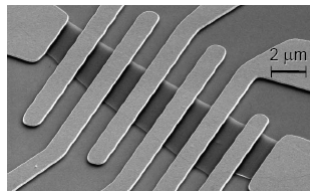
Σ: Problem, SiO₂ is bad substrate

Suspended flakes

To improve mobility eliminate the substrate. → Suspended graphene samples

Two techniques:

- Etched SiO by BHF

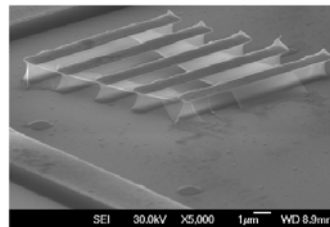


low-T mobilities: few million cm²/V·s
This high quality samples allowed to demonstrate Fractional QHE in graphene

At room T the mobility is 10k- 100k cm²/V·s ?
New flexural phonons appears in suspended samples, low energy out of plane vibrations
→ Try to apply tension

Andrei, Kim & Yacoby also Manchester

- Use an organic polymer bellow, expose and desolve



PMGI based organic polymer
Possible with any metal contacts! → spin physics, superconductivity
600.000 cm²/Vs @5.0 E9 cm⁻², 77K. L~3μm
→ Observation of

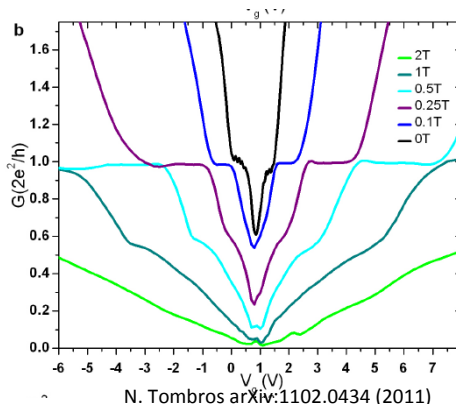
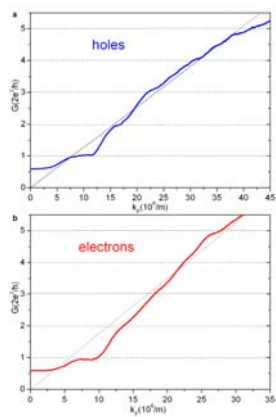
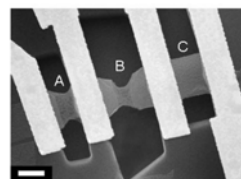
conductance quantization,
0.7 anomaly

N. Tombros [arXiv:1009.4213](https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.4213)

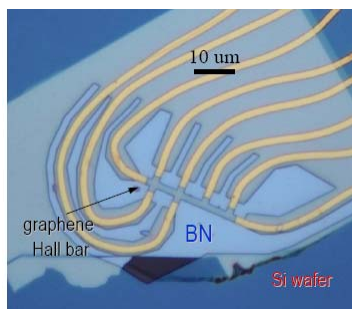
Suspended flakes

Conductance quantization in graphene

- PMGI based organic polymer
- short and wide channels, reduce the role of edge roughness
- K-K' valley degeneracy is lifted.



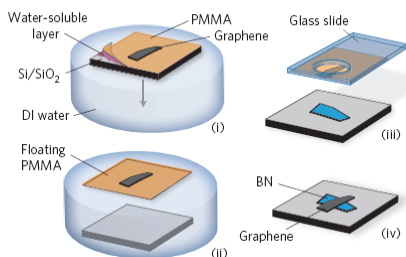
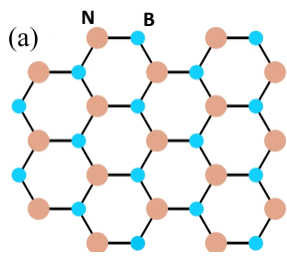
Better substrate – Boronnitride



room-T mobility
close to 100,000 cm²/V·s

Advantages:

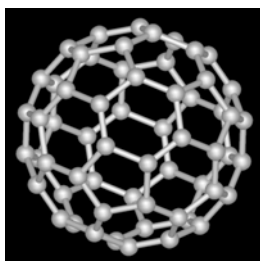
- Atomically smooth surface that is relatively free of dangling bonds and charge traps.
- Lattice constant similar to that of graphite, and has large optical phonon modes and a large electrical bandgap.



Dean et. al., Nature Nanotech 5, 722 (2010)

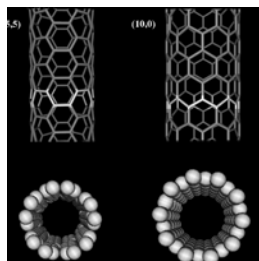
Carbon nanostructures

Fullerene
0D



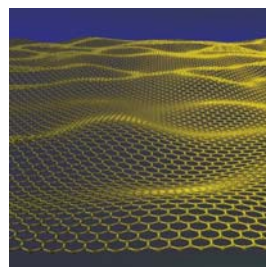
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H.W.Kroto
Mass spectrometer

Nanotube
1D



1991
S Iijima
Electron microscope

Graphene
2D



2004
K. S. Novoselov
Optical microscope

Carbon Nanostructures

II. Carbon Nanotubes (CNT)

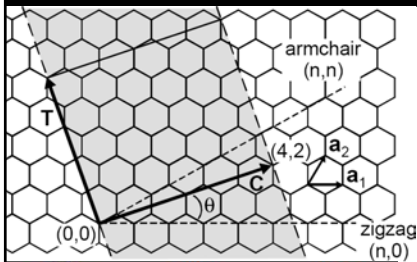
Outline:

- Single walled carbon nanotubes (wrapping)
- Synthesis
- Electronic properties (metallic vs. semiconducting CNT)
- Quantum transport (Ballistic conductance, Fabry-Perot interference)
- CNT Quantum dots (spin, orbital degeneracy, Orbital and SU(4) Kondo effect)

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Carbon Nanotubes (CNT)

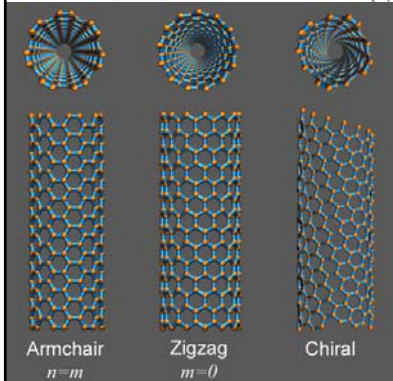


CNT = Big carbon molecule, Rolled up graphene with half buckyballs at the ends.

Diameter ~nm, length up to 15cm

Single-walled CNT

Multi-walled CNT



Single walled nanotubes:

Band gap 0-2eV, semiconductor or metallic

Wrapping vector (n,m) :

determines the waist of the CNT

$$C = na_1 + ma_2$$

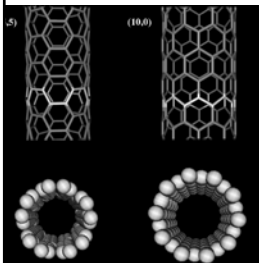
Special CNT, which are not chiral:

- Zigzag CNT: $m=0$:

- Armchair CNT: $m=n$

Synthesis of CNT

Nanotube
1D



1991
S Iijima
Electron microscope

- **Arc discharge** (original method)

graphite electrode + voltage,
30% of weight could generate CNT

- **Laser ablation**

pulsed laser on graphite target in inert gas.

CNT are forming on cold surface yield of 70%, mainly single wall

- **CVD (Chemical vapor deposition)**

Metal catalyst particle (Ni, Fe) on the surface, high T (700C)
and carbon containing gases (e.g. acetylene)

Advantage: Possible to grow directly on the surface

Big challenge: controlled growth only certain chirality, or large scale separation

90-95% selection of semiconducting or metallic SWCNT is possible

Similar good mechanic, heat conducting and electric properties as for graphene

Electronic properties of CNT

Band structure

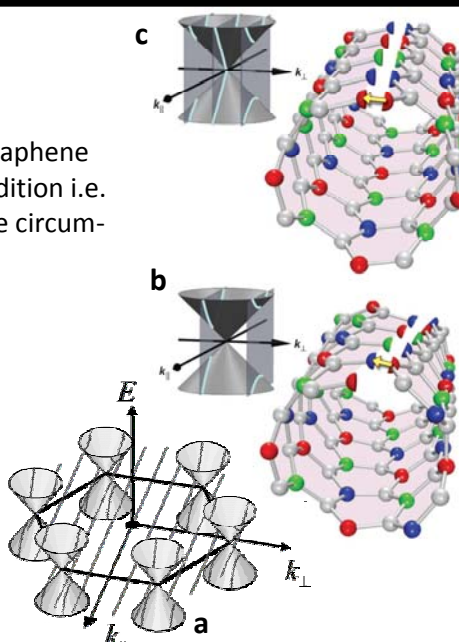
Metallic or semiconducting?

Starting point is the band structure of graphene (a). Rolling up \rightarrow periodic boundary condition i.e. quantization of the e wavenumber in the circumferential direction, k_{\perp} :

$$\Delta k_{\perp} \pi d = 2\pi,$$

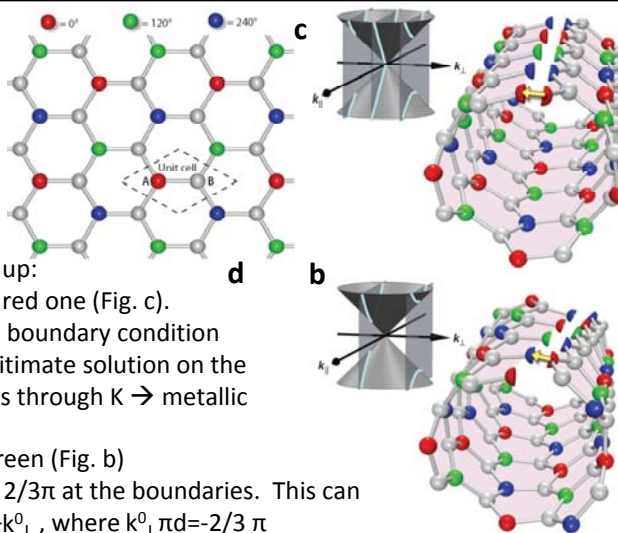
where d is the diameter of the tube.
 \rightarrow 1D bands form from discrete slices of the graphene spectrum

If a slice passes through the Dirac point (see Fig. c) \rightarrow Metallic CNT
 If not \rightarrow Semiconducting CNT (see Fig. b)



Electronic properties of CNT

Fig. d: phase of K point wavefunction of graphene. Due to 3-fold symmetry A atoms have three possible phases: 0, 120°, 240°, color coded by red, green, blue.



There are two ways of rolling up:

- Red atom rolled to another red one (Fig. c). \rightarrow Wave function satisfies the boundary condition i.e. wave function in K is a legitimate solution on the cylinder. \rightarrow There is slice pass through K \rightarrow metallic CNT (Fig. c) (MCNT)

- Red atom rolled to blue or green (Fig. b)

There is a phase mismatch of $2/3\pi$ at the boundaries. This can be solved by changing K to $K+k_{\perp}^0$, where $k_{\perp}^0 \pi d = -2/3 \pi$

\rightarrow lowest quantized wavefunction is away from K \rightarrow semiconducting CNT (Fig. b) (SCNT)

Consequences: - 2/3 of CNTs are semiconducting
 - with energy gap of $E_g = 2 \cdot \hbar v_F k_{\perp}^0 = 4 \hbar v_F / 3d \approx 0.7 \text{ eV} / d[\text{nm}]$

Electronic properties of CNT

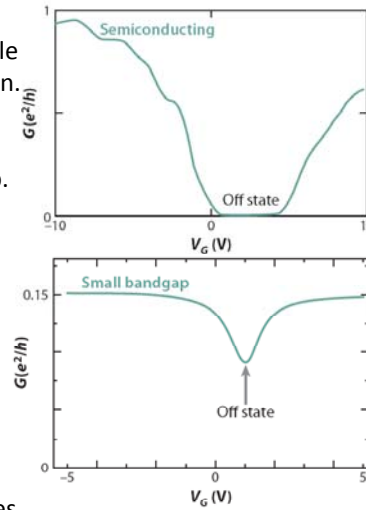
In reality usual metallic tubes also shows **small bandgap**. Since the metallic band structure is instable against perturbation like e.g. mechanical deformation. Everything what destroys $A \leftrightarrow B$ symmetry (i.e. pseudospin) generates gap. Taken into account the curvature of small diameter CNTs also generates gap.

Figures: measured transport characteristics @RT. Gate electrode is used to change the e filling.

Maximal conductance:

In Landauer picture each ballistic subband gives a maximal conductance of e^2/h . In CNT there are 4 subbands, due to 2 spin and 2 isospin (valley K, K') degeneracies. I.e. $G_{max} = 4e^2/h$.

The conductance is also limited by contact resistances. It has to be a clear transparent barrier. For semiconductor tubes palladium gives Schottky-barrier free contacts for p-type CNTs. While Al with low work function gives good contact to n-type CNTs.



Electronic properties of CNT

Typical numbers of mean free path and mobility:
 $l_e \sim 100\text{nm}$ (SCNT) $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$ (MCNT) @RoomT and
 $\mu > 100.000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ (SCNT), $l_e \sim 10\mu\text{m}$ (MCNT) @ <50K

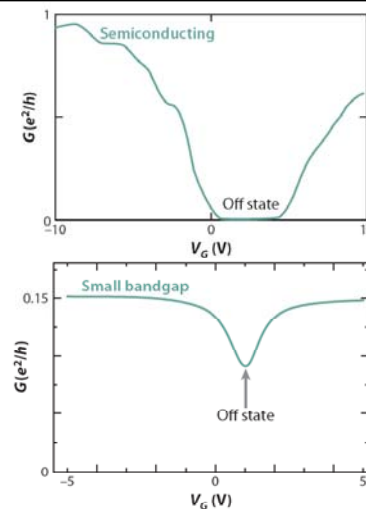
The large mean free path has the same origin as for graphene. C has light mass, sp^2 is a strong bonds \rightarrow high energy phonons, which are only populated at high T.

Limit of maximal current

At large source drain biases, e-s accelerate in the tube and can excite optical zone boundary phonons. This dramatically decrease l_e to 10nm, and thereby this voltage threshold limits the current:

$$I_{max} \sim 4e^2/h \hbar\omega_0/e \sim 25\mu\text{A}$$

$$\hbar\omega_0 = 160\text{meV}.$$



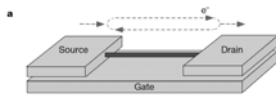
Quantum transport of CNT

Ballistic and coherent transport at low T ($T < 5K$)

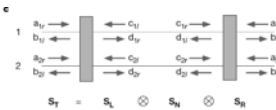
Fabry-Perot cavity

Due to coherent scattering on the imperfect contacts interferences occur: periodic oscillations as a function of gate and bias. V_g or bias changes k and thereby the accumulated phase on one loop. Periodicity (V_C) is proportional to L^{-1} , where L is the length of CNT segment.

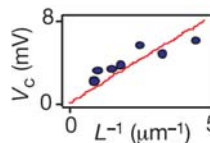
Sample geometry with electron path scattered on the contact interfaces



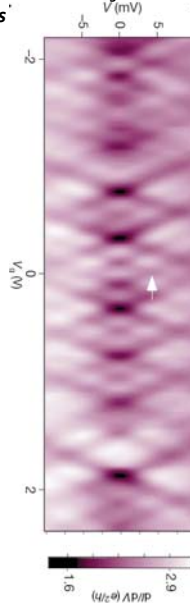
Corresponding scattering matrix problem



Periodicity of the oscillations vs. Length of the CNT segment periodicity determined by arrow position in right figure



G vs. V_g and Bias



CNT Quantum dots

Quantum dots:

If the barrier resistance $R \sim h/e^2$, e-s are localized between the contacts.

→ Qdot physics.

Typical charging energy:

$$U \approx 5-20 \text{ meV}/L[\mu\text{m}]$$

For short segments also large level spacing, transport through individual quantum levels.

Shell structure:

Graphene has three 2-fold symmetries:

Pseudo spin $A \leftrightarrow B$, Isospin (K, K'), electron spin

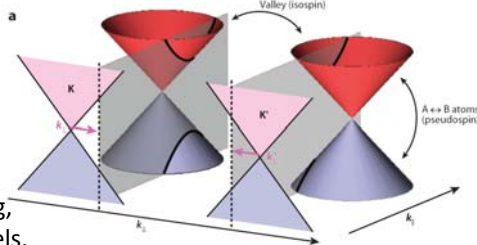
First generates the Dirac spectrum (e-h symmetry)

Second two induce 4-fold degenerate levels of Qdot with $SU(4)$

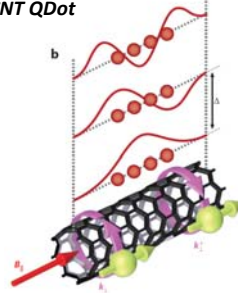
The K'/K isospin corresponds to solution encircle clockwise /anticlockwise around the tube. From valley degeneracy of graphene → orbital degeneracy of Qdot levels.

In a Qdot longitudinal momentum is also quantized: $\Delta k_{||} = \pi/L$ resulting a level spacing of: $\Delta = \hbar v_F \Delta k_{||}$

Dispersion relation of CNT



Level spectrum and symmetries of CNT QDot



CNT Quantum dots

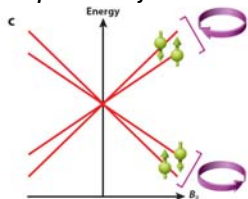
Experiments:

The 4-fold degenerate shells were observed in experiments. Every 4th Coulomb diamond is wider. Level spacing has to be paid when a new shell opens. If there is disorder the isospin degeneracy is lifted. (see right lowest Fig.) Mostly this is the case, only newest ultraclean CNT devices show 4-fold degeneracy.

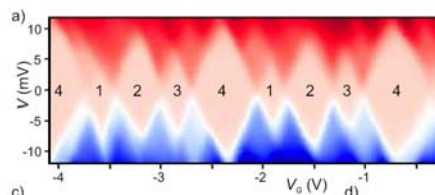
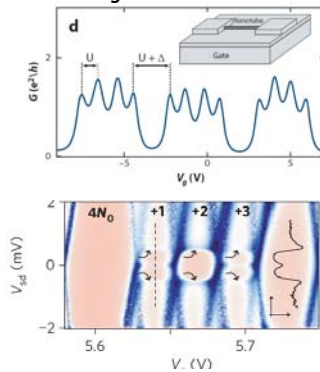
The 4 states in the shell can be split by applying B field parallel to tube axis:

$$E_{CW/CCW}^{1/1} = -(\mu_{orb} + \mu_{spin}) \cdot B_{||} = \left(\pm \frac{dev_F}{4} \pm \frac{1}{2}g\mu_B \right) B_{||}$$

B field dependence of the 4 levels



Qdot levels demonstrating the shells with 4 levels



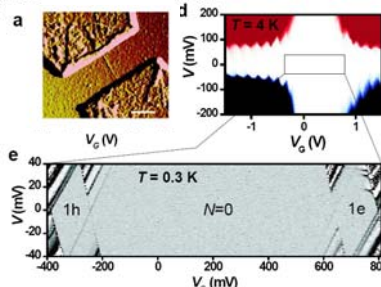
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CNT Quantum dots

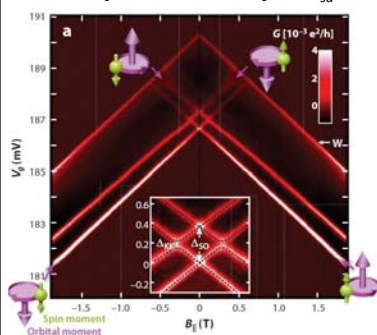
In semiconducting CNTs one can access the single electron and single hole filling of the quantum dot (see right figs). Large diamond corresponds to the empty quantum dot.

In ultraclean CNTs (grown on top of the electrodes) shell structure was studied at single e filling (see bottom left fig.).

1e and 1 hole state of semiconducting CNTs



Evolution of the 4 states in B field V_{sd} = -2mV



As B_{||} increased E of K states are decreasing while one of K' increasing, similar to figure on previous slide.

Surprising that at B=0 the four states are split in two 2-fold degenerate levels. See also inset for zoom in. Reason: **spin orbit coupling**. E-s on K and K' orbitals induce B field, which effects the e spin

$$\mathbf{B}_{SO} = -(\vec{v} \times \vec{E})/c^2$$

→ K↓ and K'↑ get lower energy. SU(4) symmetry is lifted.

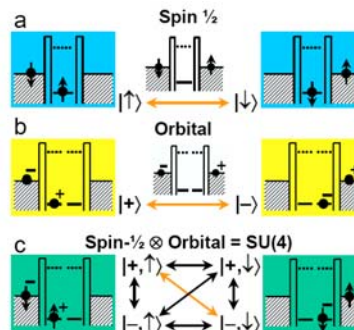
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SU(4) and orbital Kondo effect in CNT

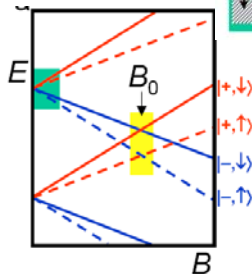
Kondo situations in CNT Qdot:

- a) Normal Kondo: Two degenerated spin states
- b) Orbital Kondo: Two orbitals have the same energy
- c) Two orbitals x two spin states are degenerate

Kondo situations in CNT



Yellow region: at finite B field two states with same spin get degenerate, inducing a situation of orbital Kondo effect
 Green region: 4-fold degeneracy, spin and orbital induces a $SU(2) \times SU(2) = SU(4)$ Kondo situation

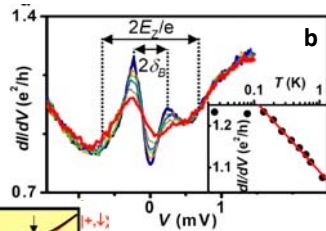
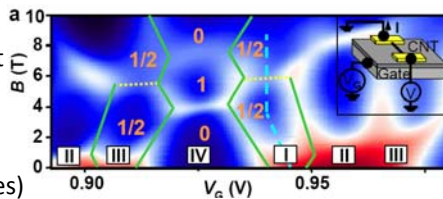


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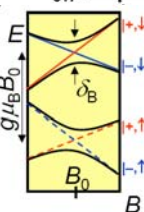
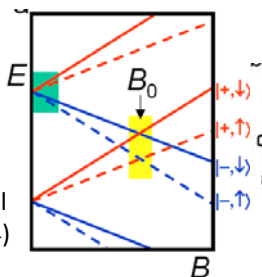
SU(4) and orbital Kondo effect in CNT

Orbital Kondo effect

Fig. a) At $B=5.8T$ for $1e$ occupation of the last shell (I) there is a conductance increase due to Kondo effect, see yellow dotted line. (Orange numbers are the spin of the dot, green lines are boarder between charge states)
 Fig. b) Bias slice at the Orbital Kondo situation ($B=5.9T, V_g=937mV$). Inset: Peak height follows Kondo scaling.



Yellow region: at finite B field two states with same spin get degenerate, inducing a situation of orbital Kondo effect
 Green region: 4-fold degeneracy, spin and orbital induces a $SU(2) \times SU(2) = SU(4)$ Kondo situation



Zoom in of yellow region: anticrossing δ_B due to coupling between $|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$

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SU(4) and orbital Kondo effect in CNT

SU(4) Kondo effect signatures

Fig. a) Decreasing T, G increases in the valley of state I and III.

Fig. b) B=0 zero bias resonance appears in state I and III. (There is no orbital splitting as in previous slide due to higher Kondo temperature $\delta_B < T_K$)

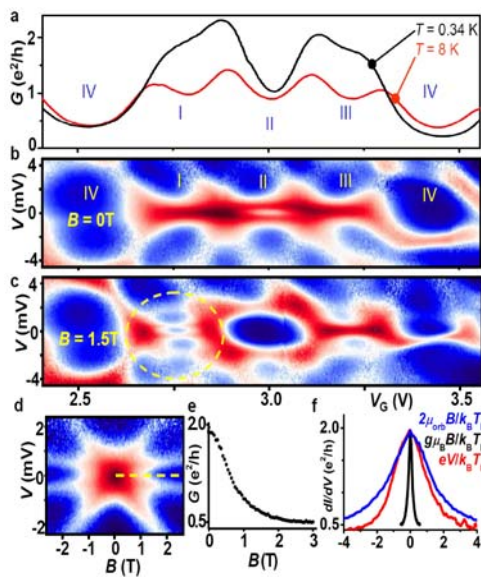
Fig. c) At B=1.5T the Kondo resonance splits into 4 branches for state I

Fig. d) The splitting of the 4 states vs. B field for state I.

Outer lines are cotunneling from $|- \rangle$ to $|+ \rangle$ orbitals, while the inner lines are cotunneling process from $|- , \uparrow \rangle$ to $|- , \downarrow \rangle$. ($\mu_{spin} = \mu_B$, $\mu_{orbital} = 13\mu_B$)

The multiple splitting provides direct evidence of the SU(4) Kondo resonance.

(For B=1.5T & III the inner two states are not split. Since T_K large spin-1/2 SU(2) Kondo remains.)



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