Fantastic and Physically Appealing: the Electronic Structure and Properties of Graphene

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Elementary Introduction

- **Strictly 2D crystals were thermodynamically unstable and could not exist.(Landau& Peierls)**
- **Theorical study: Electronic structure(Philip Wallace,1947) name 'graphene'(S.Mouras,1987)**
- **Experiment seeking:**

Extract by AFM (P.Kim Group, Columbia University)

Epitaxy on SiC (Walt A. de Heer Group,Georgia Institute of Technology)

Success:

Scotch tape technique(Andre Geim and Kostya Novoselov, Manchester University)

Nobel Prize 2010!

 Ripples made graphene possible (~1nm height ,~10nm in planar)

Electronic Structure

 $2 k_v$

2

 θ

 $E_{\bf k}$

Above left: lattice structure of graphene Above right: corresponding Brillouin zone. Below: Band structure of graphene

Band (Tight-binding approach) $E_{\pm}(\mathbf{q}) \simeq 3t' \pm v_F |\mathbf{q}| - \left(\frac{9t'a^2}{4} \pm \frac{3ta^2}{8}\sin(3\theta_{\mathbf{q}})\right) |\mathbf{q}|^2,$

where

$$
\theta_{\mathbf{q}} = \arctan\left(\frac{q_x}{q_y}\right)
$$

Considering $t(\approx 2.5 \text{eV}) >> t'(\approx 0.1 \text{eV})$

 $E_{+}(q) = \pm \hbar v_{F} q + O(q/k)^{2}$

q is the momentum measured relatively to the Dirac points and Vf is the Fermi velocity, with a value V_f ≈10⁶ **m/** s.(c/300)

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• **Considering the degeneracy is four, (spin&valley),**

$$
\rho(E) = \frac{2A_c}{\pi} \frac{|E|}{v_F^2},
$$

where A_c is the unit cell area given by $A_c = 3\sqrt{3}a^2/2$.

Wallace, 1947;Rev. Mod. Phys. 81, 109–162 (2009)

Surface(Edge) State & Nanoribbon

- **Armchair nanoribbons: zero or no-zero gap** ,**based on width(N), no edge state**
	- **Zigzag nanoribbons: zero gap, exist localized edge state(near fermion energy)**

Brey and Fertig, 2006a , 2006b; Rev. Mod. Phys. 81, 109–162 (2009)

Disorder in Graphene

- **Ripples**
- **Topological defects**
- **Impurities**
- **Ad-atoms**
- **Cracks**
- **Edges**

Meyer J C, et al. Nature, 2007, 446(7131): 60-63.

Why Ripples

• **Number of flexural modes per unit of area at a certain temperature T**

$$
N_{\rm ph} \approx \frac{2\pi}{L_T^2} \ln\left(\frac{L}{L_T}\right), \qquad L_T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k_B T}} \left(\frac{\kappa}{\sigma}\right)^{1/4}
$$

 L_T is the thermal wavelength of flexural modes

- **At T=300K,L~1** A \circ
- **Indicating that free-floating graphene should always crumple at room temperature due to thermal fluctuations associated with flexural phonons**

Topological Lattice Defects

• Structural defects of the honeycomb lattice like **pentagons**, **heptagons**, and their combination such as **Stone-Wales defect** are named **topological lattice defect**.

Oleg V. Yazyev et al. PHYSICAL REVIEW B 81, 195420 2010; zhiyong wang et al. Acta Phys. Sin. Vol. 60,*No. 1 (2011) 017102; Jannik C. Meyer et al. 2008 Vol. 8, No. 11 3582-3586*

Ad-atoms& Cracks & Edges

Above: ad-atoms.

Crystal faces

Below: left(cracks) right(edges)

Meyer, Jannik C., et al. "Imaging and dynamics of light atoms and molecules on graphene." Nature 454.7202 (2008): 319-322.

 $10 \mu m$

Transport of Graphene

- **Conductance increases linearly with increasing carrier concentration.** $\left(n = V_{\epsilon} \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon / t e \right)$
- **Asymmetry of electron and hole**
- **Minimum conductivity near Dirac cone** $\sim 4e^2/h$

Novoselov, K. S. et al. Two-dimensional gas of massless Dirac fermions in graphene.Nature438, 197–200 (2005).

Far From the Dirac Cone

Scattering mechanics

- \triangleright random charged impurity centers (long range scattering)
- \triangleright short-range scattering (e.g. defects).
- \triangleright Phonon (no need considering)
- **Boltzmann transport theory**

$$
\triangleright \text{ For } n \gt\gt\textbf{n}_i, \quad -\boldsymbol{v}_k \cdot \nabla_r f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k) - e(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{v}_k \times H) \cdot \nabla_k f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k) = -\left. \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial t} \right|_{\text{scatt}}.
$$

Coulomb potential scattering

$$
\sigma_{xx} = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\mu^2}{u_0^2} = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\pi v_F^2}{u_0^2} n,
$$

 Short-range scattering σ = C **So, impurity scattering!**

Hwang, E. H., S. Adam, & S. Das Phys. Rev. Lett.98, 186806 (2007). Nomura K et.al. Phys. Rev. Lett, 2007, 98(7): 076602.

Asymmetry of Electron and Hole

- **Approximate:**
- **The impurities are confined in a 2D plane located at distance d from the interface.**
- \triangleright A small shift of d~1-2 $\stackrel{\circ}{\rho}$ A
- **Approximate that the impurities are confined in a 2D plane located at distance d from the interface**

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Sublinear for High Mobility Sample

- **For high mobility sample, charged Impurity concentration nⁱ is small, the point defect play a more dominant as** $\begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 60 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix}$ **
role. role.**
- Conductance corresponding to defec $\frac{8}{20}$ **constant.**
- For most sample $n_p/n_i \ll 1$, for highest **mobility samples, n^p /ni~0.2**

Near Dirac Cone: Minimum Conductivity

- **Theoretically Prediction:**
- **Experiment :**

$$
\frac{m}{\sigma} = \frac{4e^2}{\sigma}
$$

 $\sigma = \frac{4e^2}{l}$

- Intrinsic or extrinsic property of $_{\text{graphene}}^h$?
- **Extrinsic** :
- **2D electrons and hole conducting puddles caused by impurities**
- **Considering screened impurity scattering,**

$$
\sigma = \frac{e^2 n}{h n_{\rm imp} G[2r_s]},
$$

$$
\frac{G[x]}{x^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} + 3x - \frac{3\pi x^2}{2} + \frac{x(3x^2 - 2)\arccos[1/x]}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}},
$$

• For Graphene on SiO₂: $\sigma = 20(e^2/h)(n/n_{imp})$

S. Adam.et .al. PNAS, 104, 18392 (2007). Nomura K et.al. Phys. Rev. Lett, 2007, 98(7): 076602.

Near Dirac Cone: Minimum Conductivity

- **Observation of electron–hole puddles in graphene using a scanning single-electron transistor**
- **Experimental Verification**

J. Martin.et.al. Nature Physics,4,144(2007). Chen J H, et al. Nature Physics, 2008, 4(5): 377-381.

Quantum Hall Effect

- **Half-integer Quantum Hall Effect (SDH Oscillation)**
- **Landau-Level Splitting in High Magnetism**
- **Fractional Quantum Hall Effect**

Half-integer Quantum Hall Effect (SdHO)

Two-dimensional gas of massless Dirac fermions in graphene

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Half-integer Quantum Hall Effect (SdHO)

Experimental observation of the quantum Hall effect and Berry's phase in graphene

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Different Types of Landau quantization

Landau Level:

 $E_n = sgn(n)v_F \sqrt{2e\hbar B|n|}$

Observation of Landau Level in Graphene

Infrared Spectroscopy of Landau Levels PRL 98, 197403 (2007)

STM Observation of LLs Miller et al., Science 324, 924 (2009)

Symmetry Breaking: Landau-Level Splitting

- **New sets:** $v = 0, \pm 1, \pm 4$
- **n=0 LL splits into four sublevels, lifting spin and sub-lattice degeneracy**
- **n=1 LL, only the spin degeneracy is lifted**

Zhang Y, Jiang Z, Small J P, et al. Physical review letters, 2006, 96(13): 136806.

Room-Temperature QHE

At 10T,cyclotron gaps~1000K for graphene ,~10K (2DEG)

Room-Temperature Quantum Hall Effect in Graphene

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Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

Thank you!