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

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Outline

- Elementary Introduction
- Electronic Structure
- Disorder of Graphene
- Transport (Near and far from Dirac Cone)
- Quantum Hall Effect
- Summary

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

 $E_{\mathbf{k}}$

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(≈2.5eV)>>t'(≈0.1eV)

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

q is the momentum measured relatively to the Dirac points and V_f is the Fermi velocity, with a value $V_f \approx 10^6$ 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

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

 L_{T_i} is the thermal wavelength of flexural modes

- At T=300K,L~1 Å
- 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)



10 µm

Transport of Graphene



- Conductance increases linearly with increasing carrier concentration. $(n=V_g\varepsilon_0\varepsilon/te)$
- 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

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

For n>>n_i,
$$-\boldsymbol{v}_{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{r}f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k})-e(\boldsymbol{E}+\boldsymbol{v}_{k}\times\boldsymbol{H})\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{k}f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k})=-\left.\frac{\partial f_{k}}{\partial t}\right|_{\text{scatt}}$$

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 $\sigma = C$ 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.
- > A small shift of d~1-2 $\overset{\circ}{A}$
- 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 n_i is small, the point defect play a more dominal role.
- Conductance corresponding to defect constant.
- For most sample $n_p/n_i <<1$, for highe mobility samples, $n_p/n_i \sim 0.2$





Near Dirac Cone: Minimum Conductivity

- Theoretically Prediction:
- Experiment :

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

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

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

$$\sigma = \frac{e^2 n 2}{h n_{\rm imp} G[2r_s]},$$
$$\frac{G[x]}{x^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} + 3x - \frac{3\pi x^2}{2} + \frac{x(3x^2 - 2)\arccos[1/x]}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}},$$

• 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



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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!