Two-dimensional material

• Graphene

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- symmetries
- Effective Hamiltonian
- Transition metal dichalcogenide
 - Berry curvature
 - **Optical transitions**
- Haldane model
 - Haldane flux
 - Berry curvature
- Twisted bilayer graphene

- 1947, theory of graphene by Wallace
- 1968, Mermin-Wagner theorem (no long-range order in 2D)
- 1985, discovery of bucky ball by Kroto, Smalley, and Curl (1996 Nobel prize)
- 1991, discovery of carbon nanotube by lijima and Ichihashi.
- 2004, first graphene produced by Geim and Novoselov (2010 Nobel prize)



Extraordinary Properties of Graphene

□ Room-temperature electron mobility of 2.5x10⁵ cm²V⁻¹ s⁻¹

Nano Lett. 11, 2396–2399 (2011).

Young's modulus of 1 TPa and intrinsic strength of 130 Gpa, the strongest materials ever tested.

Cu: 0.117 TPa Phys. Rev. B 76, 064120 (2007).

□ High thermal conductivity: above 3,000 Wm⁻¹K⁻¹

Cu: 401 Wm⁻¹K⁻¹ Nature Mater. 10, 569–581 (2011).

- A prediction in 2015 suggested a melting point at least 5000 K.
- **Optical absorption of 2.3%**

Science 320, 1308 (2008).

- **No band gap for undoped graphene**
- The electrical resistivity of graphene < 10⁻⁶ Ω·cm, less than silver, the lowest known at RT.

From Raynien Kwo's ppt

1 Graphene lattice





Brillouin zone

- Lattice vectors
- $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{1} &= \sqrt{3}a\hat{x}, \\ \mathbf{a}_{2} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\hat{x} + \frac{3}{2}a\hat{y}, \\ \mathbf{a}_{3} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a\hat{x} \frac{3}{2}a\hat{y}. \end{aligned}$

• Reciprocal lattice vectors

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{x} + \frac{1}{3} \hat{y} \right),$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \frac{2}{3} \hat{y}.$$

$$a = 1.42 A$$
$$a_0 = \sqrt{3}a \simeq 2.46 \mathring{A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tight-binding model} \\ \text{(spin neglected)} \qquad & \hat{H} = \hat{H}_{NN} + \hat{H}_{NNN} + \hat{H}_{on-site}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(1)} \qquad & \hat{H}_{NN} = t_1 \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \left(d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} + d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_2}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} + d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_3}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} \right) + h.c. \\ \qquad & \overline{\delta_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{x} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{y},} \\ \delta_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{x} + \frac{1}{2} a \hat{y},} \\ \delta_3 = -a \hat{y}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(2)} \qquad & \hat{H}_{NNN} = t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \left(c_{\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{a}_1}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} + c_{\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{a}_2}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} + c_{\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{a}_3}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} \right) \\ & + t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \left(d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1+\mathbf{a}_1}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1} + d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1+\mathbf{a}_2}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1} \\ & + d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1+\mathbf{a}_3}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1} \right) + h.c., \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(3)} \qquad & \hat{H}_{on-site} = \Delta \sum_{\mathbf{R}} c_{\mathbf{R}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} - \Delta \sum_{\mathbf{R}} d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_1} \end{aligned}$$

Fourier
transform
$$c_{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} c_{\mathbf{k}}$$
$$d_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_{1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{R}+\delta_{1})} d_{\mathbf{k}}$$
e.g.,
$$\sum_{\mathbf{R}} d^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{R}+\delta_{1}} c_{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k})\cdot\mathbf{R}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\delta_{1}} d^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}'} c_{\mathbf{k}}$$
$$= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\delta_{1}} d^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}, \qquad \qquad \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k})\cdot\mathbf{R}} = N\delta_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k}}.$$

$$\hat{H} = t_1 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\delta}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\delta}_2} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\delta}_3} \right) d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} + t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_2} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_3} \right) c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} + t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_2} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_3} \right) d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} + h.c. + \Delta \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} - d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} \right) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}, d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \right) \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{k}) \begin{pmatrix} c_{\mathbf{k}} \\ d_{\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{H}(\mathbf{k}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2t_2 \sum_i \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i + \Delta & t_1 \sum_i e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \delta_i} \\ t_1 \sum_i e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \delta_i} & 2t_2 \sum_i \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i - \Delta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= h_0(\mathbf{k}) + \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \end{aligned} \\ \hline h_0(\mathbf{k}) &= 2t_2 \sum_i \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i, \\ \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{k}) &= \left(t_1 \sum_i \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \delta_i, -t_1 \sum_i \sin \mathbf{k} \cdot \delta_i, \Delta \right) \overset{3}{\underset{k \neq 0}{=}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{h}| &= \sqrt{3t_1^2 + 2t_1^2 \left(\cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 + \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 + \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3\right) + \Delta^2} \\ &= \sqrt{3t_1^2 + 2t_1^2 f(\mathbf{k}) + \Delta^2}, \quad t_1 \simeq 2.7 \ eV \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{k}) &\equiv \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 + \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 + \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 \\ &= \cos \sqrt{3}ak_x + 2\cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ak_x \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}ak_y. \end{aligned}$$

Stability of the nodal point in graphene

• TRS
$$H(\vec{k})^* = H(-\vec{k})$$

 $\rightarrow h_x(\vec{k}), h_y(\vec{k}), h_z(\vec{k}) = \text{even, odd, even}$

• SIS (for graphene,
$$\pi = \sigma_x$$
)

$$\sigma_x H(\vec{k}) \sigma_x = H(-\vec{k})$$

$$\rightarrow h_x(\vec{k}), h_y(\vec{k}), h_z(\vec{k}) = \text{even, odd, odd}$$

• TRS+SIS
$$\rightarrow$$
 no σ_z term \leftarrow Co-dimension is 2
(point degeneracy in 2D BZ)

 Global stability: point degeneracy is further protected by C₃ symmetry (Ch7, Bernevig)



Hasegawa et al, PRB 2006

Low-energy effective Hamiltonian near Dirac point

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{K}_1 &= \; \frac{2\pi}{a} \left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}, 0 \right), \\ \mathbf{K}_2 &= \; \frac{2\pi}{a} \left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{3} \right) & \text{Alternative:} \\ \mathbf{K}_2 = -\mathbf{K}_1 \end{split}$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{K}_i + \mathbf{k}_i, \ |\mathbf{k}_i| \ll |\mathbf{K}_i|; \ i = 1, 2.$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 800 \\ 700 \\ 600 \\ 600 \\ 600 \\ 600 \\ 600 \\ 700 \\ 600 \\ 700 \\ 600 \\ 700 \\ 600 \\ 700$$

$$H_{12}(\mathbf{k}) = t_1 \left(e^{i\mathbf{K}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_1} e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_1} + e^{i\mathbf{K}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_2} e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_2} + e^{i\mathbf{K}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_3} e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_3} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i=1}{\mathbf{K}_{1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i}} &= \frac{1+2\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3} & 0\\ \mathbf{K}_{2} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i} &= -\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3} & 0\\ e^{i\mathbf{K}_{1/2} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i - \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i & 1 \end{aligned}$$
(rewrite $k_{1,2}$ simply as k)

$$\Rightarrow H_{12}(\mathbf{k}) \simeq it_{1}a\mathbf{k} \cdot \left(\pm\frac{3}{2}i, -\frac{3}{2}\right) = t_{1}a\left(\pm\frac{3}{2}k_{x} - \frac{3}{2}ik_{y}\right)$$

$$= t_{1}a\left(\pm\frac{3}{2}k_{x} - \frac{3}{2}ik_{y}\right)$$

$$H(\mathbf{k}) \simeq \left(\begin{array}{c} \Delta & \frac{3}{2}t_{1}a(\pm k_{x} + ik_{y}) & -\Delta \\ \frac{3}{2}t_{1}a(\pm k_{x} + ik_{y}) & -\Delta \end{array}\right) = \hbar v_{F}(\tau k_{x}\sigma_{x} + k_{y}\sigma_{y}) + \Delta\sigma_{z}, \qquad v_{F} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}at_{1}}{\hbar} \simeq \frac{c}{300}$$

Near K_1 -valley

$$H = \hbar v_F \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{K}_1)$$

Under time-reversal, $K_1 \rightarrow K_2 = -K_1$

$$H \longrightarrow H' = \hbar v_F \vec{\sigma}^* \cdot \left(-\vec{k} - \vec{K}_1 \right) = -\hbar v_F \vec{\sigma}^* \cdot \left(\vec{k} + \vec{K}_1 \right)$$

As a result, the Berry curvature and orbital magnetization at K_1 and $-K_1$ are opposite in signs Effective Hamiltonian near degenerate point

$$H_0 = \hbar v_F \left(\pm k_x \sigma_x + k_y \sigma_y \right) + \Delta \sigma_z \text{ at } \pm K, \quad \hbar v_F \equiv \frac{3}{2} t_1 a$$

• Berry curvature

$$F_{z\tau}^{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \mp \tau \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2 v_F^2 \Delta}{h^3}$$
$$\int_{all} d^2 k F_{\tau}^{\pm} = \mp \tau \pi \qquad \text{(Drop sub z)}$$
$$\bullet \quad \sigma_H = \frac{e^2}{L} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2 k F_{\tau}^{-} = \frac{\tau}{2} \frac{e^2}{L}$$

$$\bullet \quad \sigma_H = \frac{1}{h} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2 k F_\tau^- = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{h}$$

Total Hall conductivity is zero due to the cancellation between 2 valleys.

• Gapless limit (at +*K*):

Berry phase (surrounding +**K**): $\gamma_C = \mp \pi$

Berry phase remains the same

 $\implies F^{\pm}(\vec{k}) = \mp \pi \delta^2(\vec{k})$





Ε В Graphene in magnetic field orbits **Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization** k (Kittel) $\frac{1}{2}\oint_{C} \left(\vec{k} \times d\vec{k}\right) \cdot \hat{z} = 2\pi \left(n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma_{C}}{2\pi}\right) \frac{eB}{\hbar}$ graphene DOS 4 Orbital area Correction from Berry phase $\implies \pi k^2 = 2\pi \left(n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma_c}{2\pi} \right) \frac{eB}{\hbar}$ 2DEG DOS 1 $E(k) = \hbar v_F k$ $E_n = v_F \sqrt{2eB\hbar n}$ Landau levels



STM experiment (Cheng et al, PRL 2010)



Quantum Hall effect in graphene

Novoselov et al, Nature 2005

Valley Hall effect (Xiao et al, PRL 2007)

VALLEYTRONICS

Detecting topological currents in graphene superlattices Science, 2014

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Graphene on hBN (breaking inversion symm $\rightarrow 2\Delta = 30$ meV)

2D material: graphene, silicene, hBN, TMDe6c

а • C

Graphene on hBN breaks SIS,

opens a gap ~ 30 mV

b

An energy gap ~ 1.9 eV (easier for optical and electrical control)

monolayer MoS₂ (without SIS)

Mo S

Graphene (with SIS)

2 Transition Metal Dichalcogenide (TMD)

Fig from Qian et al, Science 2014

Transition Metal Dichalcogenide: MoS₂

- Bulk indirect band gap (with SIS); single layer direct band gap (without SIS)
- Massive Dirac fermion
- Large SO coupling, spin-valley locking (due to Kramer degeneracy)
- Room temperature mobility 3-4 order of magnitude lower than in graphene
- Strong Coulomb interaction, excitons

Massive Dirac points of MoS₂ monolayer

Berry curvature

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Fig from Xiao et al, PRL 2012

Effective 2-band model near Dirac points

$$H = \alpha (\tau k_x \sigma_x + k_y \sigma_y) + \Delta' \sigma_z + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$
$$\Delta' \equiv \Delta - \lambda/2$$
$$\varepsilon_k^{c/v} = \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 k^2 + {\Delta'}^2} + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\downarrow \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \downarrow \Delta \\ 0 \\ \hline -K \uparrow \qquad \frac{2\lambda}{K} \downarrow \qquad -\Delta + \lambda$$

$$F_c^{\tau}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\tau}{2} \frac{\alpha^2 \Delta'}{\left[\alpha^2 k^2 + {\Delta'}^2\right]^{3/2}}$$

Opposite valleys have opposite BCs

For partially-filled valence band,

$$\begin{split} \sigma^{\tau}_{H} &= \; \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^{2}k F^{\tau}_{c}(\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \; \frac{\tau}{2} \left[1 - \frac{\Delta'}{\sqrt{\alpha^{2}k_{F}^{2} + {\Delta'}^{2}}} \right] \end{split}$$

The Berry curvatures of monolayer MoS₂

The valley Hall effect in MoS₂ transistors

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Lee et al, Nature Nano Tech, 2016 Bilayer MoS₂ with SIS (broken by E field)

Valley-selective optical pumping (Yao et al, PRB 2008)

- *K*, *K*' population imbalance induced by optical pumping
- \rightarrow photo-induced AHE

Optical field couples only to the orbital part of the wave function and spin is conserved in the optical transitions. Solid circles: electrons - and holes + in K-valley. The currents add up.

Xiao et al, PRL 2012

Two-dimensional material

1 • Graphene

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- symmetries
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- 2 Transition metal dichalcogenide
 - Berry curvature
 - Optical transitions
 - Haldane model
 - Haldane flux
 - Berry curvature
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First, electron hopping in a magnetic field

• Aharonov-Bohm (AB) phase

For a closed loop C,

$$\psi' = e^{i\frac{e}{\hbar}\oint_C d\vec{r}\cdot\vec{A}}\psi = e^{2\pi i\frac{\Phi_B}{\Phi_0}}, \ \Phi_0 \equiv h/e$$

• AB phase and electron hopping

 $v_{ij} \equiv sign(\hat{d}_{ij}^1 \times \hat{d}_{ij}^2)_z$

NNN coupling

$$\hat{H}_{NNN} = t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left(c_{\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{a}_i}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-i\phi} + h.c. \right) + t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\dagger}{\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{a}_i} d_{\mathbf{R}} e^{+i\phi} + h.c. \right) .$$
$$= 2t_2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{i} \left[\cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i + \phi) c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} + \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i - \phi) d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} \right] = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}, d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \right) H_{NNN}(\mathbf{k}) \left(\frac{c_{\mathbf{k}}}{d_{\mathbf{k}}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}, d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \right) H_{NNN}(\mathbf{k}) \left(\frac{c_{\mathbf{k}}}{d_{\mathbf{k}}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i + \phi) = 0 \\ \sum_{i} \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i - \phi) \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i - \phi)$$
$$= -2t_2 \sum_{i} \sin \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_i \sin \phi + \Delta$$

Near Dirac point

$$h_3(\mathbf{k}) = \pm 3\sqrt{3}t_2 \sin\phi + \Delta + O(k^2).$$

let $h_3 = m_{ au}(\phi, \Delta)$ a ϕ -dependent effective mass

$$\mathbf{H}_{\tau}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{h_{11} + h_{22}}{2} + \begin{pmatrix} m_{\tau} & \hbar v_F(\tau k_x - ik_y) \\ \hbar v_F(\tau k_x + ik_y) & -m_{\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{z\tau}^{+}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\tau}{2} \frac{\hbar^2 v_F^2 m_{\tau}}{\left(\hbar^2 v_F^2 k^2 + m_{\tau}^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

The Dirac gap is closed when

$$m_{\pm}(\phi, \Delta) = \pm 3\sqrt{3}t_2 \sin \phi + \Delta = 0$$

Phase diagram Zero-field quantum Hall effect phases ($v = \pm 1$, where $\sigma^{xy} = ve^2/h$) occur if $|M/t_2| < 3\sqrt{3} |\sin\phi|$.

- Semenoff mass (PRL 1984)
- Haldane mass (PRL 1989) · Kane-Mele mass (PRL 2005)

~ 2 copies of Haldane model

 $H^{\pm K} = H_0 + m\sigma_z$

Fig from Ren et al, Rep Prog Physics 2015

Zigzag edge

Armchair edge

Edge states for zigzag edge (Fujita, 1996)

Edge state in different graphene models (for zigzag edge)

Haldane, Nobel lecture

Kane-Mele model

Trilayer graphene

Bao et al, Nano Lett 2017

The Magic of Two-Dimensional Materials : Eva Andrei

Predicted magic angle for flat band (Bistritzer and MacDonald PNAS 2011)

0.3 Fig. 4. Renormalized Dirac-point band velocity. The band velocity of the twisted bilayer at the Dirac point v^* is plotted vs. α^2 , where $\alpha = w/vk_{\theta}$ 0.25 for $0.18^{\circ} < \theta < 1.2^{\circ}$. The velocity vanishes for $\theta \approx 1.05^{\circ}$, 0.5° , 0.35° , 0.24° , v^{\star}/v 0.2 and 0.2°. 0.15 0.1 0.05 0 0 2 4 6 10 12 8 α^2

0.35

Flat band condition

$$\begin{split} \hbar v_F \frac{k_\theta}{2} &= w \simeq 0.1 \text{ eV} \\ \hbar v_F &= \frac{3}{2} a t_1 \\ k_\theta &= 2K \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ K &= \frac{4\pi}{3\sqrt{3}a} \end{split} \qquad \textcircled{\theta} = \frac{\sqrt{3}w}{\pi t_1} \simeq 1.17^o \end{split}$$

Why are we interested in flat (narrow) bands?

- Flat band dispersion \rightarrow small kinetic energy \rightarrow enhanced correlations E = K + U $t_{\text{travel}} \approx \frac{10^{-16}}{\theta} s$ θ $t_{\text{travel}} \approx 10^{-14} s$
- Mott insulator
- CDW (nematic order)
- Superconductivity
- Chern insulator
- Fractional Chern insulator
- Ferromagnetism

Systems with flat bands

- Landau levels (Quantum Hall systems), need B field.
- Twisted bilayer (trilayer...) graphene
- Twisted bilayer TMD or other superstructures
- Heavy fermion materials

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Magic-Angle Graphene Superlattices: Pablo Jarillo-Herrero

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Energy scales in Magic Angle TBG

- Without spin, there are 2+2 nearly flat electron+hole bands.
- With spin, there are 4+4 bands, and the range of filling factor

v=[-4,4]

(v = number of carriers/moire cell)

Near half-filled regime

0.2

Damascelli et al, RMP 2003

Quantized anomalous Hall effect in twisted bilayer graphene at 1.6 K

Table 1 | Advantages offered by moiré superlattices compared with atomic lattices in the exploration of Berry physics

Parameter	Atomic 2D lattices	Moiré 2D lattices
Lattice period <i>l</i>	~0.1nm	~10 nm
Bandgap Δ	~1eV	~10 meV
Berry curvature of gapped graphene	$\sim \frac{1}{1 \text{ eV}^2}$	$\sim \frac{1}{0.01 \text{eV}^2}$
$\Omega^{z}(k) = \frac{(\hbar v_{\rm F})^{2} \Delta}{2[(\hbar v_{\rm F} k)^{2} + \Delta^{2}]^{3/2}}$		
At $\kappa = 0$: $\frac{(\hbar v_F)^2}{(\hbar v_F)^2} = \frac{1}{2\Delta^2}$		
Berry curvature	~(0.1nm) ²	~(10 nm) ²
$[r_i, r_j] = i\varepsilon^{ijk}\Omega(k) \Rightarrow \Omega(k) \sim l^2$		
Berry curvature dipole BCD $\hbar \propto \int f(E) \frac{\partial \Omega(k)}{\partial k} dk$ BCD in 2D ~1/k~l	~0.1nm	~10 nm
Tunable gap	Some, such as bilayer graphene	Yes, mostly
Tunable Fermi velocity	No	Yes
Tunable Berry curvature dipole	Yes, in WTe ₂	Yes, with electric field and density of carriers
Tunable valley Chern transitions	No	Yes

Highly tunable: Twist angle, gate bias, strain ... etc

Twistronics (Carr PRB 2017)

See Twistronics@wikipedia

Twisted bilayer graphene

- Integer quantum Hall effect (Lee et al, Phys Rev Lett 2011)
- Hofstadter butterfly (Hunt et al, Science 2013)
- Fractal quantum Hall effect (Dean et al, Nature 2013)
- Fractional quantum Hall effect (Wang et al, Science 2015)
- Insulating state at half filling (Cao et al, Nature 2018)
- Superconducting states (Cao et al, Nature 2018)
- Orbital ferromagnetism (Sharpe et al, Science 2019)
- Quantum AHE (Serlin et al, Science 2019)
- Chern insulators (Nuckolls et al, Nature 2020)
- Fractional Chern insulator (Xie et al, Nature 2021)
- BCD, nonliner Hall effect (Sinha et al, 2204.02848)
- ...

A platform for rich physics

Correlated Insulators (MATBG, ABC/hBN, Twisted Bi-Bi, TMD moiré, etc)

Topological Phases (MATNG, MATBG/hBN, ABC/hBN, Twisted Bi-Bi, Twisted Mono-Bi, etc))

> Nematicity (MATBG, TMD moiré)

Superconductivity (MATBG, MATTG, MATNG, 2ATTG signatures in others)

> Magnetism (MATBG/hBN, ABC/hBN, Twisted Mono-Bi)

Moiré Ferroelectricity (Twisted BN/BN, TMD/TMD, BLG/BN)

Strange Metal (MATBG, MATTG) Generalized Wigner Crystals (TMD/TMD) Excitonic Insulators (TMD/TMD) Moiré Quasicrystals (2ATTG)

From Pablo Jarillo-Herrero's talk @ Aspen 2023

Beyond graphene layers

With hundres of 2D van der Waals materials... we have barely started to scratch the surface of the moiré quantum matter universe...

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{T}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} &= \mathsf{T}(Q_0)\delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} + \mathsf{T}(Q_1)\delta_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{G}_1,\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{G}_1'} \\ &+ \mathsf{T}(Q_2)\delta_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}_2,\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{G}_2'} \cdot \end{aligned} \\ \mathsf{T}(Q_0) &= t \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 1 \\ 1 & \gamma \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathsf{T}(Q_1) &= t \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & e^{i2\pi/3} \\ e^{-i2\pi/3} & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \qquad t \equiv t_{\perp}^{AB}(Q_\ell), \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{t_{\perp}^{AA}}{t_{\perp}^{AB}} \simeq 0.8 \\ \mathsf{T}(Q_2) &= t \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & e^{-i2\pi/3} \\ e^{i2\pi/3} & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hbar v_F \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{K}) & \mathsf{T}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \\ \mathsf{T}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k}} & \hbar v_F \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{+\frac{\theta}{2}} \cdot (\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{K}') \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(\mathbf{k}) \\ \psi_2(\mathbf{k}') \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(\mathbf{k}) \\ \psi_2(\mathbf{k}') \end{pmatrix}$$