

2D materials and van der Waals heterostructures

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# All Natural Materials Are 3D

Peierls and Landau: No long-range crystalline order in 1D and 2D, but a melting transition in 3D.





largest known flat hydrocarbon: 222 atoms or 37 benzene rings (K. Müllen 2002)

## Graphene





Human endeavours in abstract thinking vs 2D material research

Evolutionists

Creationists

### Exfoliationists



### Growers



# **Mass Production**

### Mechanical Exfoliation

Manchester, Science '04 Thick films: Kurtz PRB1990 Ebbesen Adv Mat 1995 Ohashi Tanso 1997 Ruoff APL1999 Gan Surf Sci2003

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### **Epitaxial Growth on SiC**

Bommel 1975 Nagashima 1993 Forbeaux 1998 de Heer 2004 HRL 2009 IBM 2009

#### CVD growth McConville 1986 (on Ni) Land 1992 (on Pt) Transfer suggested: Geim & Novoselov Nature Mat. (2007) Realised : MIT (2008)

Chemical Exfoliation

Benjamin Brodie Phil Trans.1859 Ruess & Vogt 1948 Boehm & Hofmann 1962 Ruoff 2007 Coleman 2008 Manchester 2008



Yu(2008)

Hong (2009) Ruoff (2009)

# Can We Cheat Nature?

#### Slice down to one atomic plane

Strongly anisotropic material









## Graphite trace on oxidized Si wafer





first 2D material demonstrated - Manchester, Science '04



## graphite trace on oxidized Si wafer

## First Graphene Electronic Devices



Science 2004 PNAS 2005







# Electronic transport



## **Ambipolar Field Effect**







## Electro-neutrality point





CONDUCTIVITY WITHOUT CHARGE CARRIERS?

### Scanning Single-Electron Transistor Microscopy



#### Single electron transistor at the end of scanning probe!

# Electronic transport



Nature Physics 4, 144 - 148 (2008)

Near the electroneutrality point the system is dominated by the network of electron-hole puddles



Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 176801 (2007)

# Absence of Localization (Klein paradox)

### Massive particles in 2D:



## can be localized

### Massless particles in 2D:



## never localized



### Klein paradox (propagation of relativistic particles through a barrier) O. Klein, Z. Phys 53,157 (1929); 41, 407 (1927)

Consequence of pseudo-spin conservation

M.I.Katsnelson et al Nature Physics 2006

# How to confine electrons?





Large distance between the peaks in  $V_g$ (strong screening by side gates)

> Ponomarenko *et al* Science 2008

# Smallest Quantum Dots



- Only few benzene rings
- Remarkably stable
- Sustains large currents





#### **Controlling QD size with nm precision**

Previously: Nanoribbons

Ozyilmaz, et al. APL (2007); Han, et al. PRL (2007); Avouris, et al. Nat. Nanotech. (2007).



Etched graphene nanoribbons – edges destroy 1D channel, turning it into s series of 0D quantum dots

In the nanoribbon which is examined here, we find that transport must be dominated by two rather small quantum dots, which is consistent with previous transport experiments.



Rep. Prog. Phys. 75 (2012) 126502 (24pp)

# Transport through graphene quantum dots

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## Etching always create disordered edges

# **Chemical modification**



### **Reactive Plasma Etching**

## Hydrogenation

# Suspended devices

### G on SiO<sub>2</sub> device



### suspended





**Current annealing** 

Yield ~ 10% - 20%

first transport measurements: Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 096802, 2008

# Graphene devices





GSiO<sub>2</sub> 5 000 to 20 000 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs Suspended 100 000 to 1 000 000 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs

### available carrier densities:





Nature Phys. 7, 701-704 (2011)

Suspended devices have issues:

- Extremely fragile
- Two terminal (if homogeneous)



# Graphene on hBN (and beginning of vdW heterostructures)

# **BN** - substrate for Graphene



C.R. Dean et al., Nature Nanotechnology 5, 722-726 (2010)

### **Ballistic Transport at Room Temperature**



Fabry–Pérot interference in top gate controlled p-n-p structure

A. V. Shytov, M. S. Rudner, L. S. Levitov PRL 101, 156804 (2008)A.F. Young, Philip Kim, Nature Physics 5, 222 - 226 (2009)





Hexagonal Boron Nitride

# Hexagonal BN





BN is provided by Kenji Watanabe & Takashi Taniguchi



\*contrast digitally enhanced by 2

Optical contrast 5 times less compared to graphene

Extremely difficult to locate an hBN monolayer



Small 7, 4, 465, 2011



## Conductive AFM



Graphite, graphene or gold electrodes

## Tunnelling devices

# Conductive AFM Resistance mapping

### **Tunnelling resistance**

### Topography



## **Conductive AFM**



No pinholes or defects

# Transfer







### Air contamination and the surface



Image courtesy of Juan-Carlos Idrobo


#### 5 year progress »



#### Cross-sectional TEM imaging



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## How do we look inside a buried interface?









#### TEM sample prep







#### One dimensional contacts



#### L. Wang et al, Science 342(6158), 2013

#### One dimensional contacts





Science, 2013, 342(6158)

#### High mobility in CVD graphene



We report on ballistic transport over more than 28  $\mu$ m in graphene grown by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) that is fully encapsulated in hexagonal boron nitride. The structures are fabricated by an advanced dry van-der-Waals transfer method and exhibit carrier mobilities of up to three million cm<sup>2</sup>/(Vs).

#### Nano Lett., 2016, 16 (2), pp 1387–1391

## Graphene on hBN



1.8 % lattice mismatch determines

#### Maximum moiré size is 14 nm



STM, Nature Phys. 8, 382-386 (2012)



# Commensurate-incommensurate transition

1 dimensional situation: Frenkel-Kontorova model





# Commensurate-incommensurate transition

Soliton: Increased strain region

#### Incommensurate

#### Commensurate



**LARGE** angular mismatch between the two constituent lattices ( $\phi$ >1°)

(SMALL (< 10 nm) superlattice period)

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#### STM measurements



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#### Tensile vs Shear

#### **Tensile Soliton**





#### **Shear Soliton**





#### Consequences: Raman



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Self-aligning

Raman allows direct measurements of the alignment angle



Eckmann et al NanoLetters '13

Woods et al Nature Communications '16

### Self-aligning



Woods et al Nature Communications '16



Wang et al Science '15







 $E_s$   $-E_s$ 

Moire potential strength ~ 50 meV leads to changes in graphene's spectrum around

$$E_s = \frac{2\pi\hbar V_{\rm F}}{\sqrt{3}\,\lambda}$$

#### Specially aligned graphene devices



#### New dirac points

- New Dirac points emerge at ± E<sub>s</sub>
- Additional peaks in  $\rho_{xx}$  + reversal of the  $\rho_{xy}$  Hall sign
- Temperature dependence of the peak shapes consistent with Dirac-like spectrum near ± E<sub>s</sub>
- Broken electron-hole symmetry





### Magnetic field:





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Landau levels typically observed in graphene

## Magnetic field:

standard 4-fold degeneracy observed

distance between LL is greater than the miniband width above 1T





#### Hofstadter-Like Oscillations



#### 1/B oscillations independent of carrier density neither Landau nor Weiss oscillations



 $\phi_0$ /N: unit fractions of flux quantum per superlattice unit cell

#### Hofstadter-Like Oscillations



Repeating features are expected when  $\Phi/\phi_0 = 0,1,2...$ 

*Phys. Rev. B* **14**, 2239-2249 (1976) *Phys. Rev.* **134**, A1602–A1606 (1964)











Magnetic microbands at

$$\phi = \frac{p}{q} \phi_0$$

#### gapped Dirac electrons

$$H_{Dirac} = v_{mDP} (\vec{k} - \frac{e}{c} \, \delta \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \Delta \sigma_z$$

Patel, Wallbank, Mucha-Kruczynski, Fal'ko (2013)

#### Self-similar cloning of dirac specta



anomalies at unit fractions of  $\phi_0$ magnetic field clones numerous Dirac points at fractal flux quanta

Nature. 497: 594-597

Nature. 497: 598–602

# G/hBN/G
#### Vertical FET











#### Increasing ON/OFF







Gap in MoS<sub>2</sub>: 1.9eV

for BN barrier: dominated by the Density of States in graphene





for MoS<sub>2</sub> barrier: dominated by the barrier change

T. Georgiou et al Nature Nanotechnology '13



Yang et al Science '12

G / hBN / G Crystal alignment

## Tunnelling Transistor

L. Britnell et al Science '12





#### real space

#### reciprocal space

Align the two graphene layers

Mishchenko et al Nature Nano. '14



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Mishchenko et al Nature Nano. '14



Negative differential conductance:

- large peak to valley current
- tunable by gate



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#### Momentum conservation

Mishchenko et al Nature Nano. '14



#### In-plane magnetic field









#### In-plane magnetic field





#### Mishchenko et al Nature Nano. '14 Conical cross sections with a twist

**Chirality** introduces additional conservation restrictions











#### Room-temperature operation

Traditional RTD:

- Hard to make operation at room temperatures
- Trade-off between peak to valley current and total current



# hBN/G/hBN/G/hBN

# BN/G/BN/G







Flake transfer x 4

EBL x 6

Annealing x 4

Plasma etch x 4

Metal evaporation x 3

top gated double layer devices



Nature Physics 7, 958-961 (2011)

#### Double layer structures

Vertical: tunnelling





#### Metal – Insulator transition





Coulomb drag & Excitons

# End of part 1