

# Known and unknown about graphene.

I. Graphene 101: pure and disordered monolayer graphene.

Lectures 3&4

II. Electronic properties of bilayer graphene, from high to low energies.  
Interaction effects in graphenes.

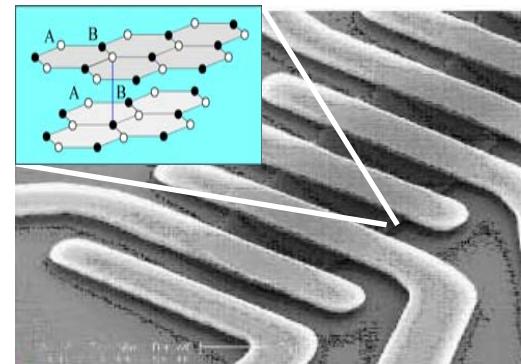
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$eV$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $meV$

Wallace, Phys. Rev. 71, 622 (1947)

Slonczewski, Weiss, Phys. Rev. 109, 272 (1958)

**Bloch function**

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

sum over N atomic positions

j<sup>th</sup> atomic orbital: j = A or B

**Eigenfunction**

$$\Psi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 C_{ji}(\mathbf{k}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$$

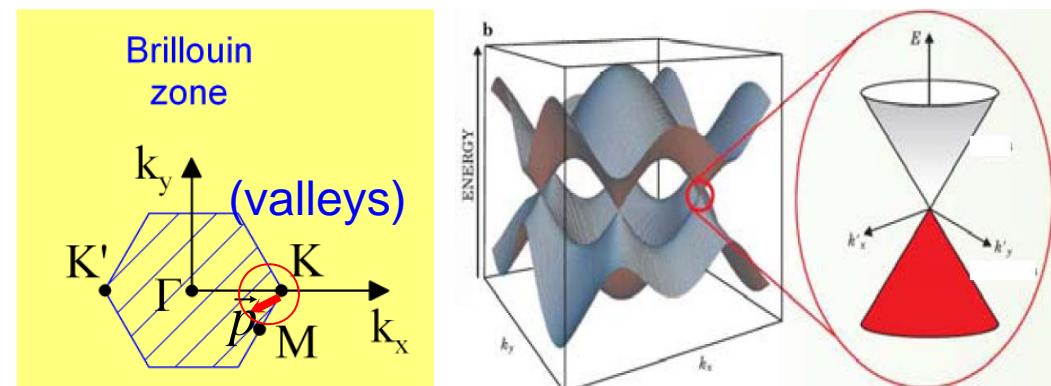
**Transfer integral on a hexagonal lattice**

$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \langle \Phi_A | H | \Phi_B \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_A}^N \sum_{\mathbf{R}_B}^N e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_B - \mathbf{R}_A)} \underbrace{\langle \phi_A(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_A) | H | \phi_B(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_B) \rangle}_{\gamma_0 \sim 3eV}$$

sum over 3 nearest neighbour positions

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_A \\ \varphi_B \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\pi = p_x + i p_y = p e^{i\vartheta}$$

$$= \gamma_0 \left[ e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} e^{-i(\frac{a}{2}p_x + \frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}}p_y)} + e^{i\frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}p_y} + e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} e^{i(\frac{a}{2}p_x - \frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}}p_y)} \right]$$

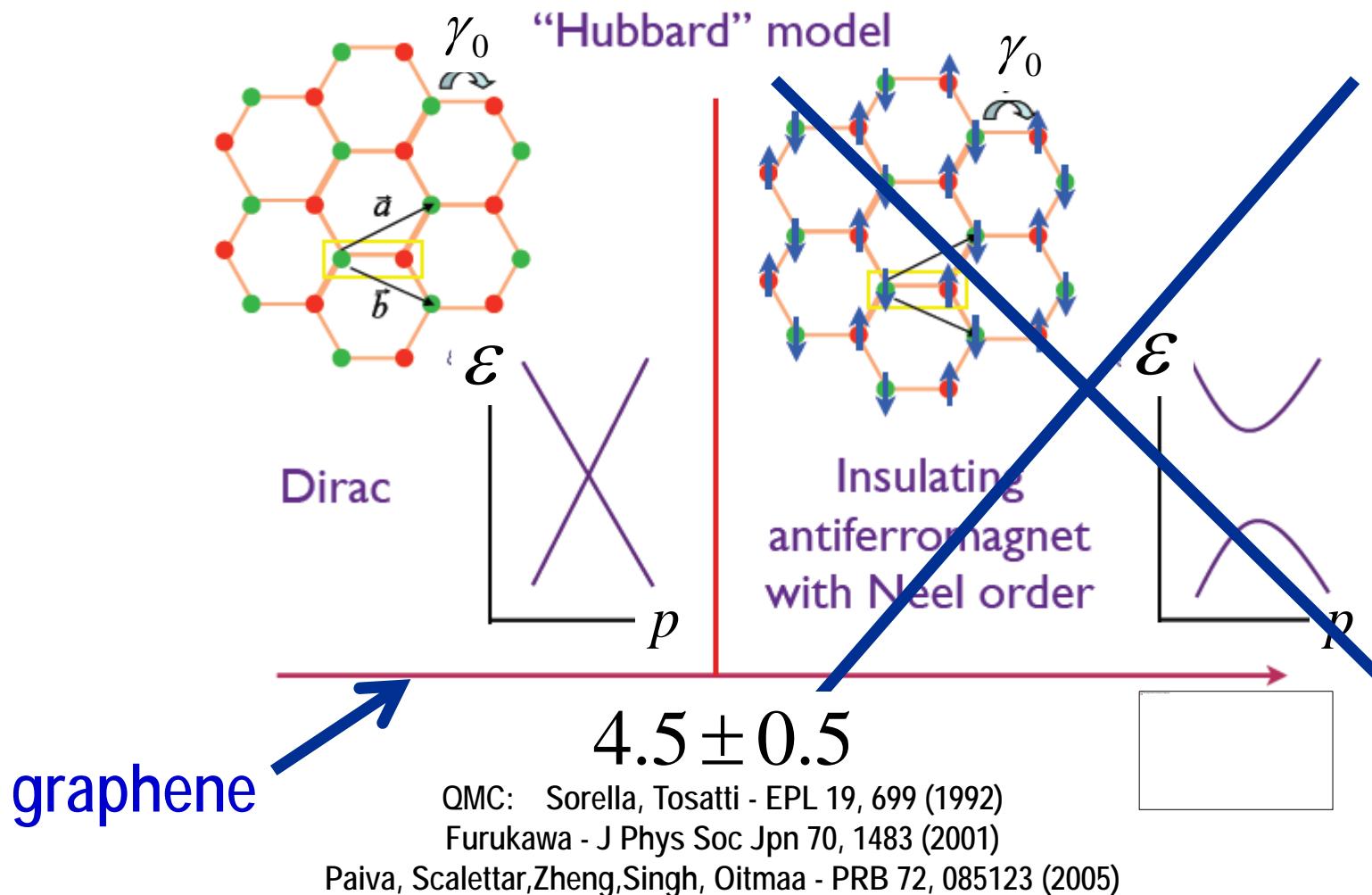
$$\approx \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \gamma_0 a (p_x - i p_y) = v \pi^+$$

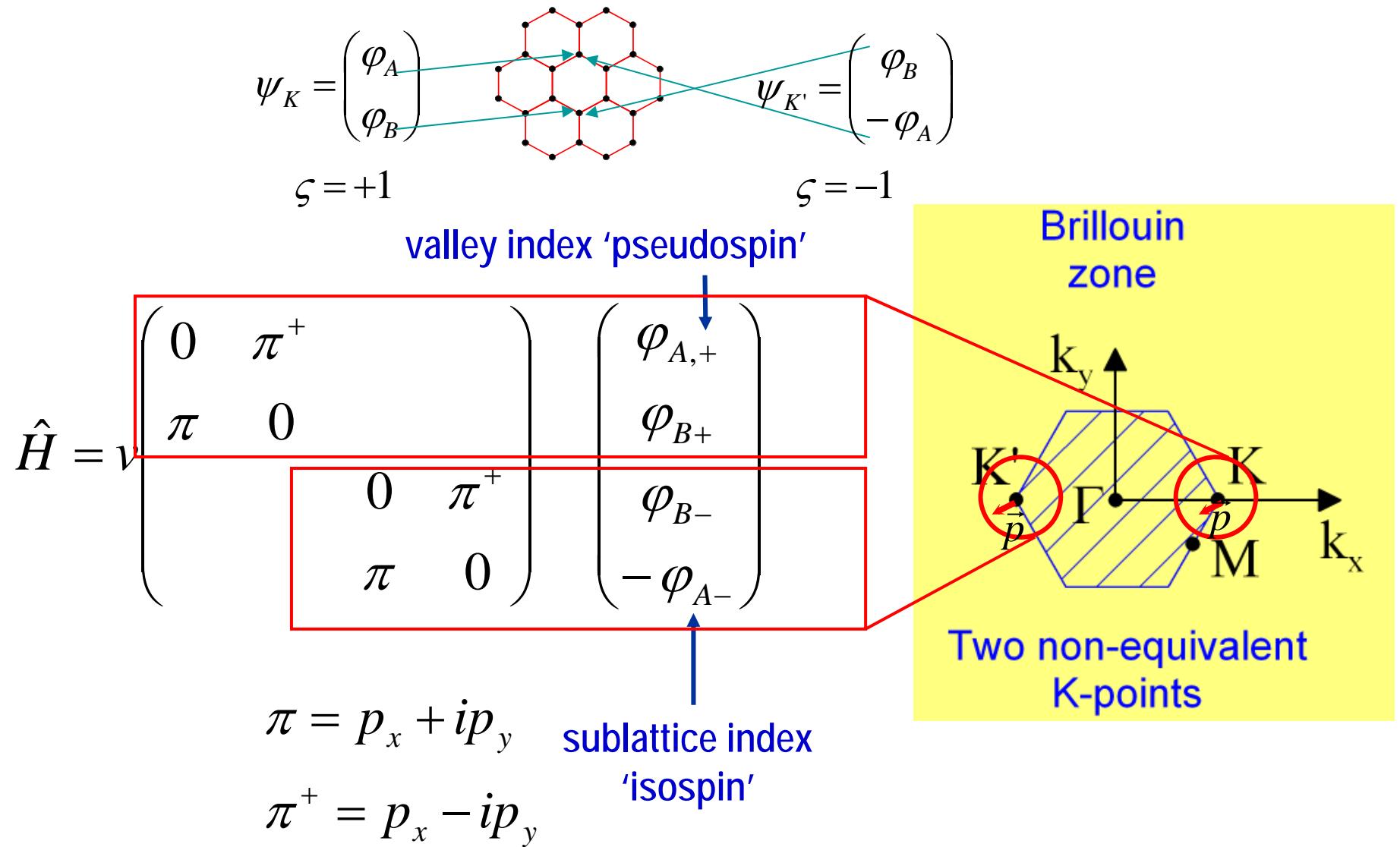
$$H_{BA,K} \approx \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \gamma_0 a (p_x + i p_y) = v \pi$$

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

McClure, PR 104, 666 (1956)

$$\gamma_0 \sum_{\{i,j\}-closest} \psi_{js}^+ \psi_{is} + U \sum_i \psi_{i\uparrow}^+ \psi_{i\uparrow} \psi_{i\downarrow}^+ \psi_{i\downarrow}$$

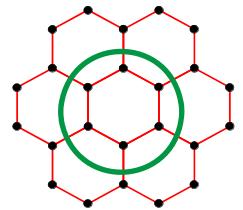




Also, one may need to take into account an additional real spin degeneracy of all states

$$H = \int d\vec{r} \psi_r^+ v \vec{\sigma} \cdot (-i\nabla) \psi_r + \frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \psi_r^+ \psi_r \psi_{r'}^+ \psi_{r'}$$

$$C_{6v} + T_a C_{6v} + T_a^2 C_{6v}$$



$$\sigma \left( \begin{array}{c} \varphi_{A,+} \\ \varphi_{B+} \\ \varphi_{B-} \\ -\varphi_{A-} \end{array} \right) \tau$$

sublattice                          valley

IrReps
$A_1$
$A_2$
$B_1$
$B_2$
$E_1$
$E'$
$E_2$
$E''$
$G$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l,n=0,1,2,3} g_l^n \int d\vec{r} [\psi_r^+ \sigma_n \tau_l \psi_r]^2$$

$$\sigma_3 \tau_0$$

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$$\sigma_1 \tau_0, \sigma_2 \tau_0$$

$$\tau_1 \sigma_0, \tau_2 \sigma_0$$

$$\sigma_1 \tau_3, \sigma_2 \tau_3$$

$$\sigma_3 \tau_1, \sigma_3 \tau_2$$

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A-B sublattice asymmetry

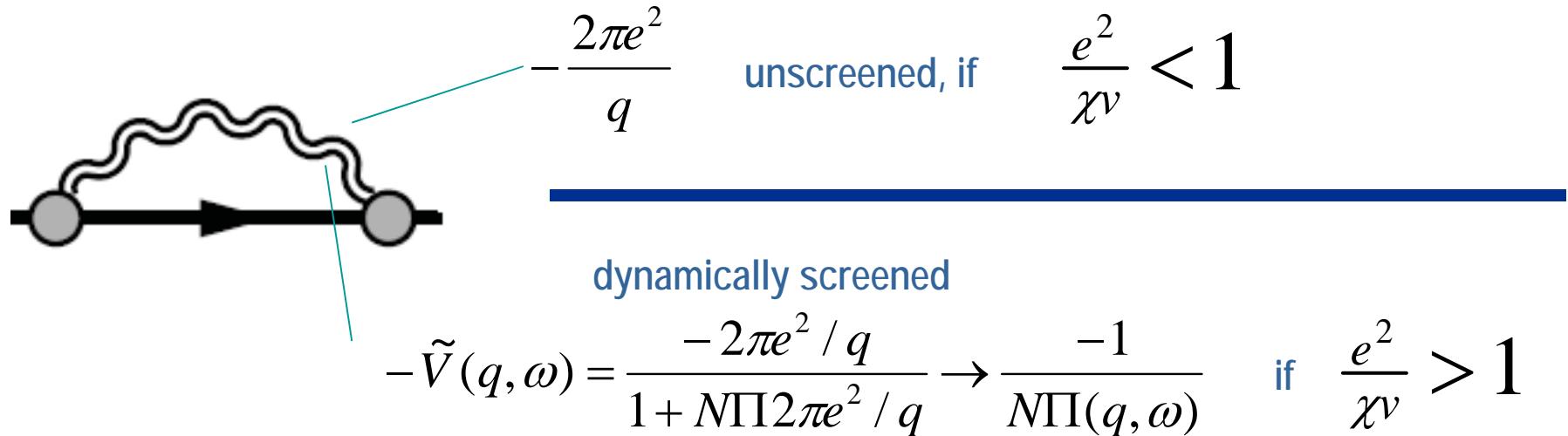
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$$\nu(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \nu + \frac{e^2}{8\chi\nu} \ln \frac{\gamma_0}{\varepsilon}$$

Gonzalez, Guinea, Vozmediano - PRB 59, 2474 (1999)



$$\frac{dv}{d \ln \frac{\gamma_0}{\varepsilon}} = \frac{4}{\pi^2 N} \nu \Rightarrow$$

$$\varepsilon(p) = Cp^{1-\delta} \quad 0.9 \div 1$$

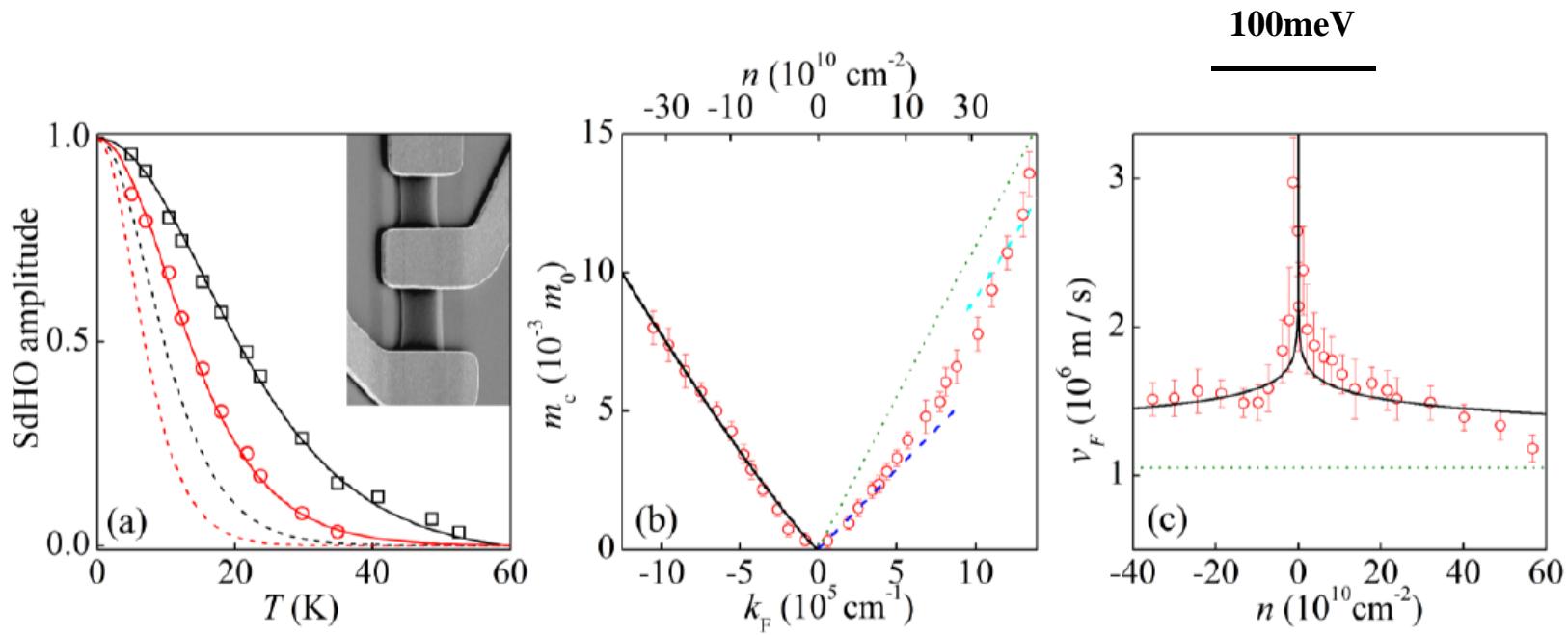
Son - PRB 75, 235423 (2007)

$g_l^n$  remain small (do not renormalize up)

Aleiner, Kharzeev, Tsvelik - PRB 76, 195415 (2007)

Drut, Son - PRB 77, 075115 (2008)

# Renormalisation of Dirac velocity in suspended monolayer graphene



Elias, Gorbachev, Mayorov, Morozov, Zhukov, Blake,  
Ponomarenko, Grigorieva, Novoselov, Guinea, Geim  
Nature Physics 7, 701 (2011)

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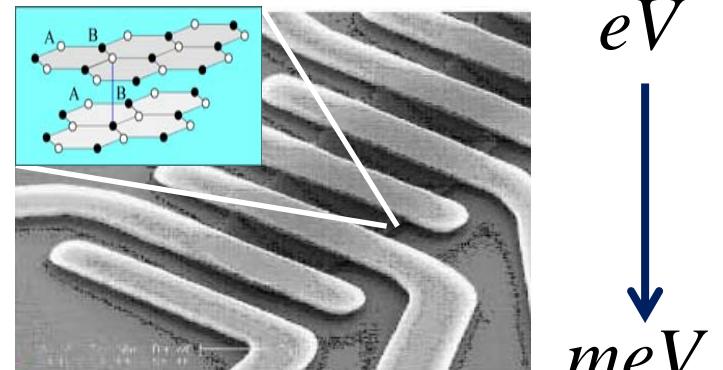
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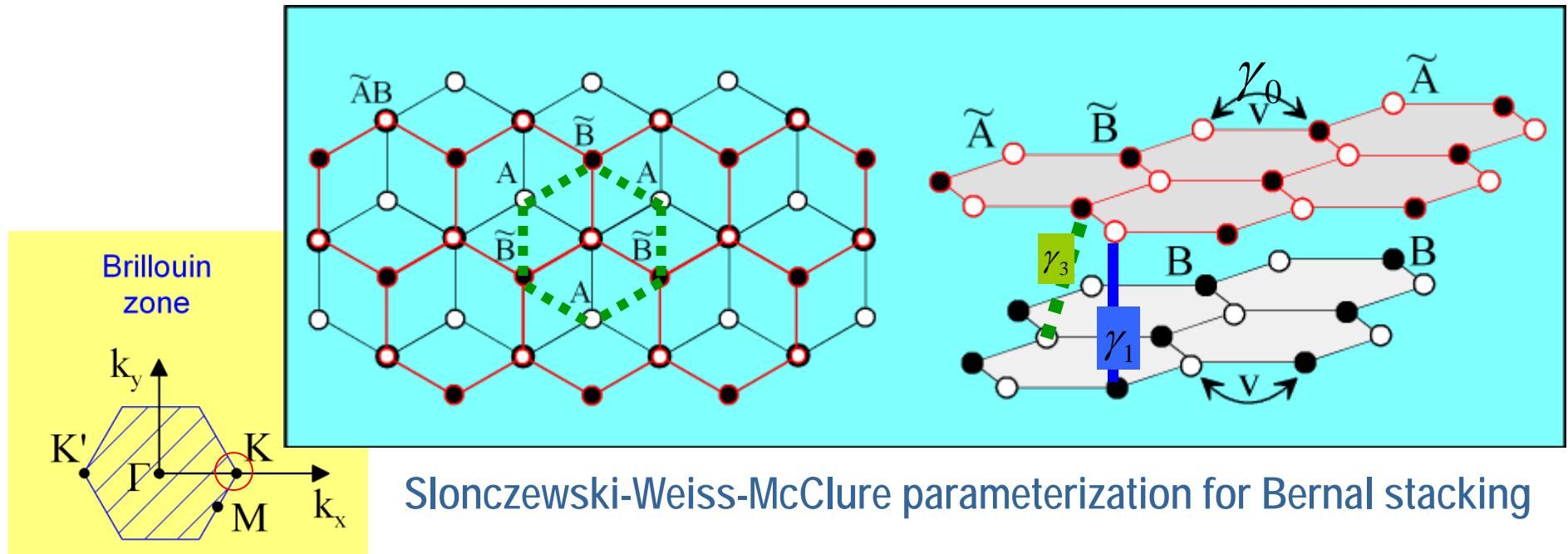
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# Minimal TB model for electrons in BLG

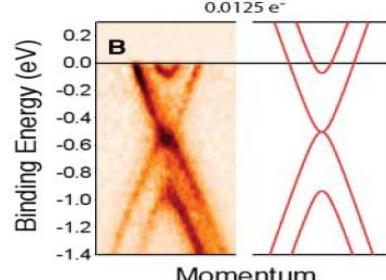


$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & v\pi^+ & \begin{matrix} A \\ \tilde{B} \\ \tilde{A} \end{matrix} \\ 0 & 0 & v\pi & 0 & \begin{matrix} B \\ \gamma_1 \end{matrix} \\ 0 & v\pi^+ & 0 & \gamma_1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$\pi = p_x + ip_y$

$v \sim 10^8 \frac{cm}{sec}$

McCann, VF - PRL 96, 086805 (2006)

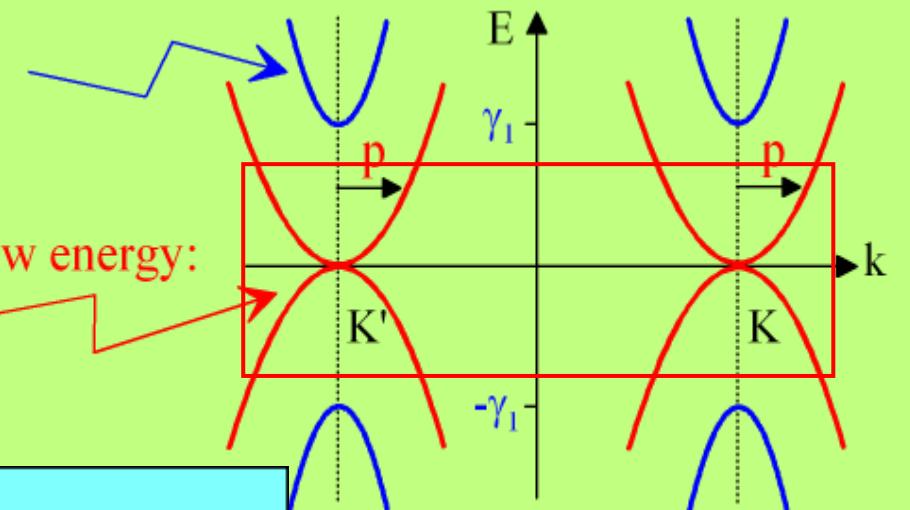


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$\tilde{A}B$  orbitals form dimers with energy  $|E| \gtrsim \gamma_1$

Quadratic dispersion at low energy:

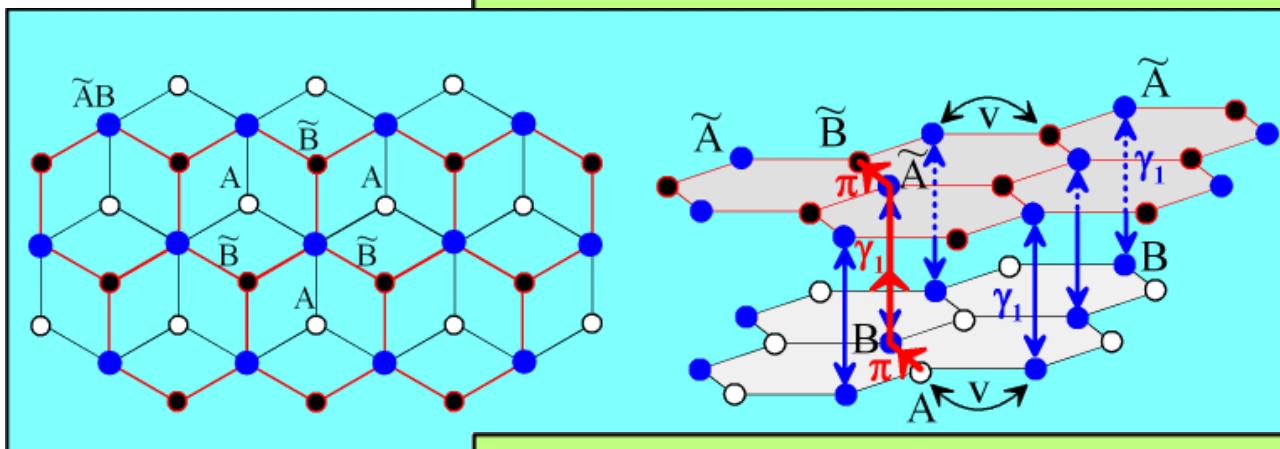
$$E = \pm \frac{p^2}{2m}$$



$$\gamma_1 \approx 0.4 \text{ eV}$$

$$m \approx 0.035 m_e$$

$$\psi_{\vec{p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm e^{-i2\vartheta} \end{pmatrix}$$



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Bilayer Hamiltonian written in a 2 component basis of A and  $\tilde{B}$  sites

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\pi^+)^2 \\ \pi^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{mass } m = \gamma_1 / v^2$$

A to  $\tilde{B}$  hopping

- bottom layer A  $\rightarrow$  B (factor  $\pi$ )
- switch layers via dimer  $B\tilde{A}$  ( $\gamma_1^{-1}$ )
- top layer  $\tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$  (factor  $\pi$ )

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

sublattice      valley

$$\sigma_n \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{A,+} \\ \varphi_{\tilde{B}+} \\ \varphi_{\tilde{B}-} \\ -\varphi_{A-} \end{pmatrix} \tau_l$$

$$t \rightarrow -t$$

$$\sigma_n \rightarrow -\sigma_n$$

$$\tau_l \rightarrow -\tau_l$$

$$\sigma_n \tau_l \rightarrow \sigma_n \tau_l$$

$$D_{3d} + T_a D_{3d} + T_a^2 D_{3d}$$

IrReps

$A_1$

1

$A_2$

$\sigma_3 \tau_0$

$B_1$

$\tau_3 \sigma_0$

$B_2$

$\sigma_3 \tau_3$

$E_1$

$\sigma_1 \tau_0, \sigma_2 \tau_0$

$E'$

$\tau_1 \sigma_0, \tau_2 \sigma_0$

$E_2$

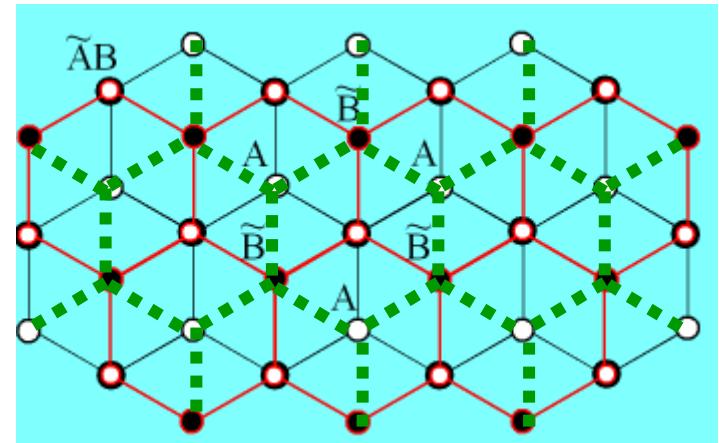
$\sigma_1 \tau_3, \sigma_2 \tau_3$

$E''$

$\sigma_3 \tau_1, \sigma_3 \tau_2$

$G$

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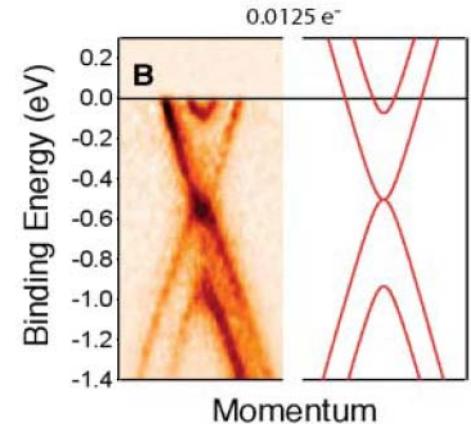
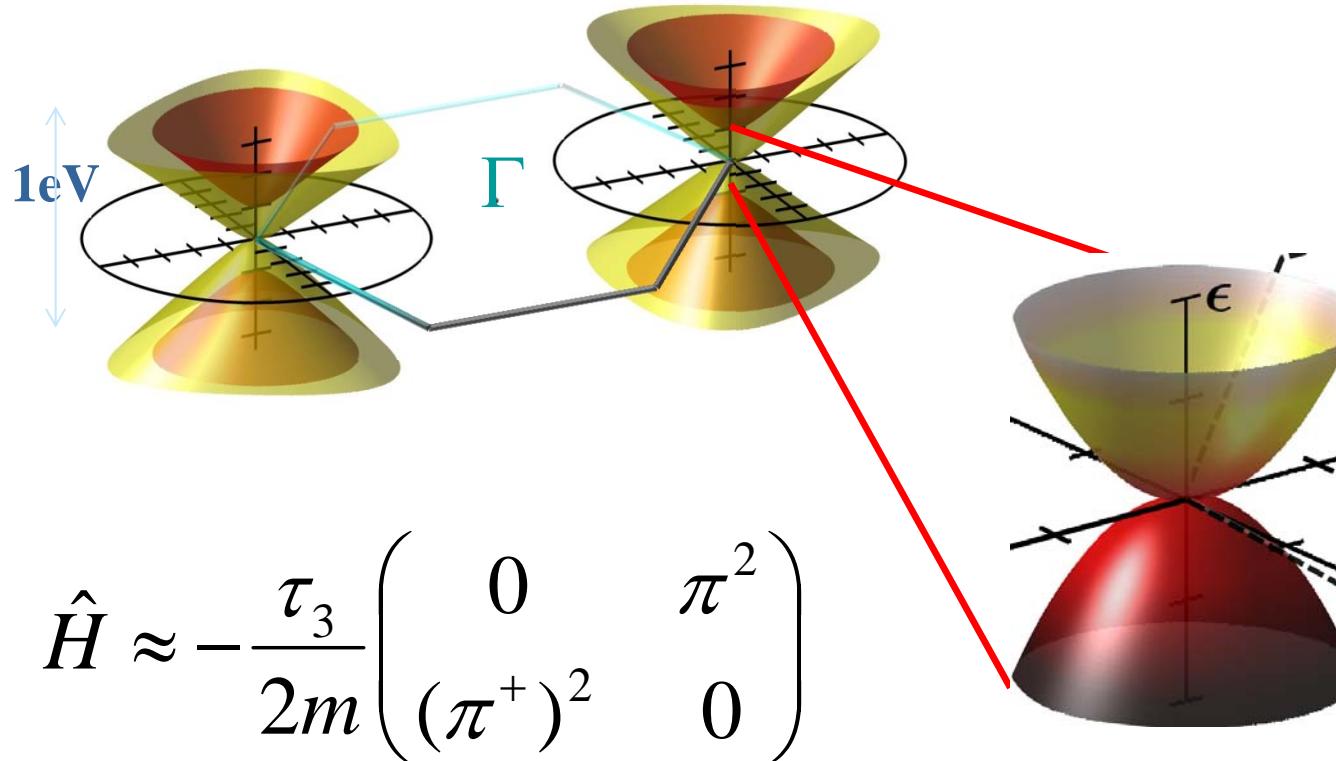
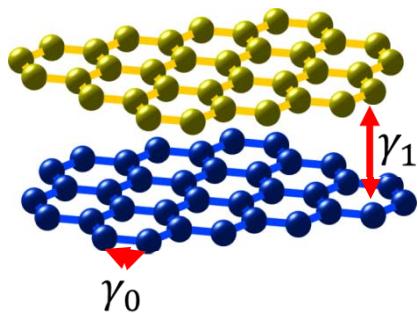
$$D_{3d} \cong C_{6v}$$

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**BLG in ARPES**  
 T. Ohta *et al*  
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$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \varphi_{A,+} \\ \varphi_{\tilde{B}+} \\ \varphi_{\tilde{B}-} \\ -\varphi_{A-} \end{array} \right)$$

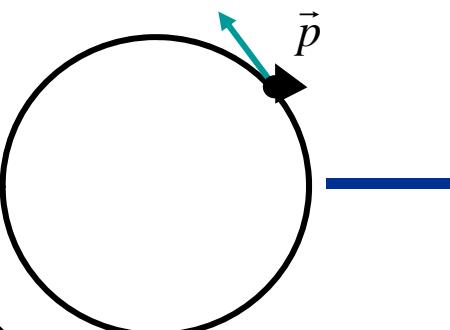
$\sim 100\text{meV}$

McCann, VF - PRL 96, 086805 (2006)

$$H_{MLG} = v \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}$$

$$\psi_{\vec{p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm e^{-i\vartheta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\psi_{\vec{p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm e^{-i2\vartheta} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\psi \rightarrow e^{2\pi \frac{i}{2}\sigma_3} \psi = e^{i\pi\sigma_3} \psi$$

Berry phase =  $i \int_0^{2\pi} d\vartheta \psi^+ \frac{d}{d\vartheta} \psi$

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{4\pi \frac{i}{2}\sigma_3} \psi = e^{i2\pi\sigma_3} \psi$$

$$H_{BLG} = \frac{\tau_z}{2m} \vec{\sigma} \cdot (p_y^2 - p_x^2, 2p_x p_y)$$

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

energy scale  $\hbar v / \lambda_B$

$$\text{where } \lambda_B = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{eB}}$$

state at zero energy:

$$\pi\phi_0 = 0$$

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\pi^+)^2 \\ \pi^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

energy scale  $\hbar\omega_c$

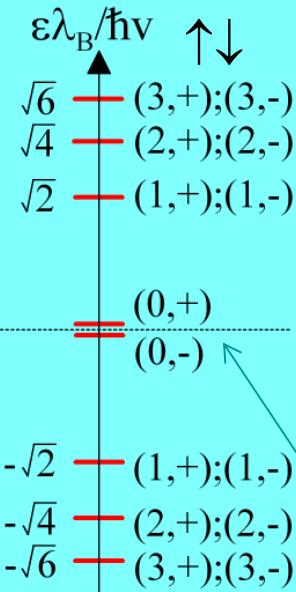
$$\text{where } \omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$$

$$m \approx 0.035m_e$$

states at zero energy:

$$\pi^2\phi_0 = 0$$

$$\pi^2\phi_1 = 0$$



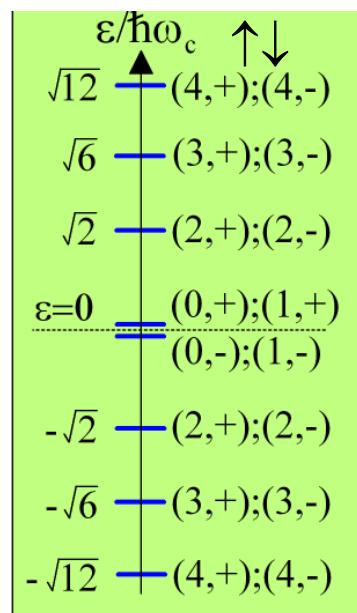
Dirac point generates  
a 4-fold degenerate  $\varepsilon=0$  Landau level

McClure, Phys. Rev. 104, 666 (1956)

$$\varepsilon^\pm = \pm \sqrt{2n} \frac{v}{\lambda_B}$$

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

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



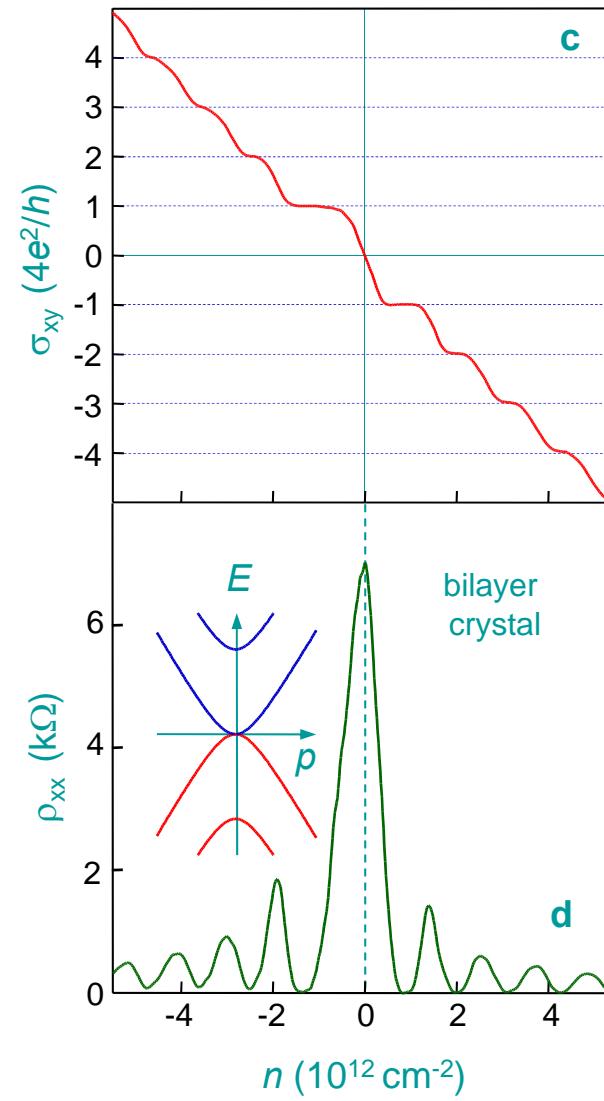
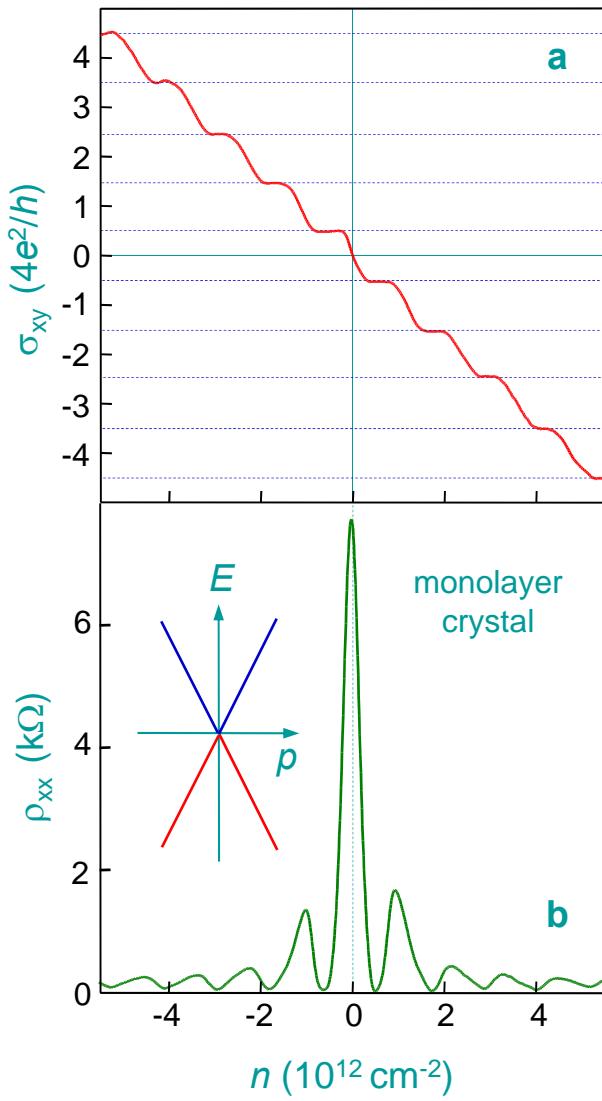
$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

J=2 chiral bilayer Hamiltonian:

$$\varepsilon^\pm = \pm \hbar\omega_c \sqrt{n(n-1)}$$

8-fold degenerate  $\varepsilon=0$  Landau level

McCann, VF - Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 086805 (2006)



## Quantum Hall effect in bilayer graphene

Novoselov, McCann, Morozov, VF, Katsnelson, Zeitler, Jiang, Schedin, Geim  
 Nature Physics 2, 177 (2006)

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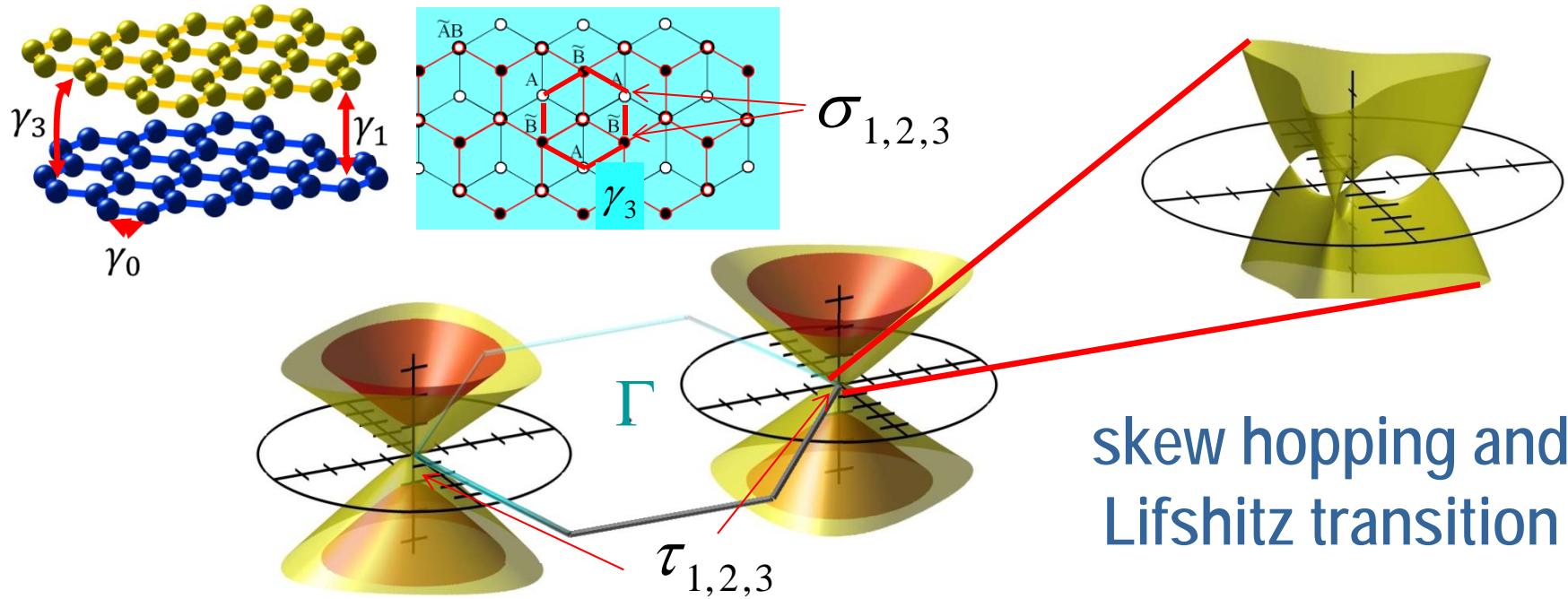
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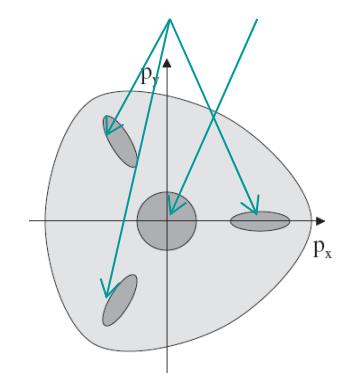
$$v_3 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \gamma_3 a \sim 0.1 v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} &= \frac{1}{2m} \tau_3 \vec{\sigma} \cdot (p_y^2 - p_x^2, 2p_x p_y) + v_3 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ &= -\frac{\tau_3}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^2 \\ (\pi^+)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

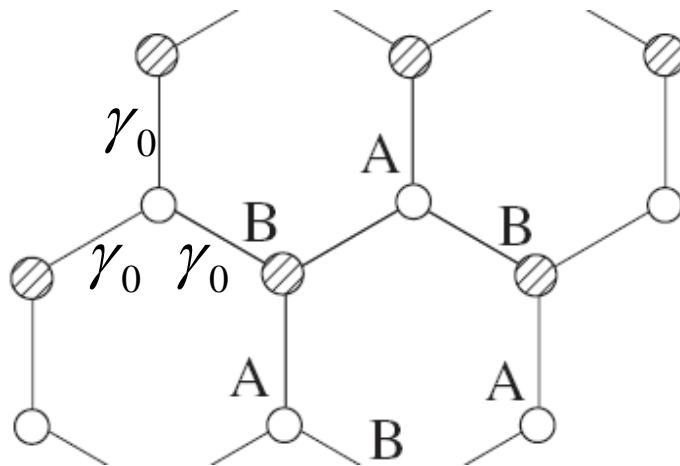
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$$\epsilon_{LiTr} = \frac{mv_3^2}{2} \sim 1 meV$$

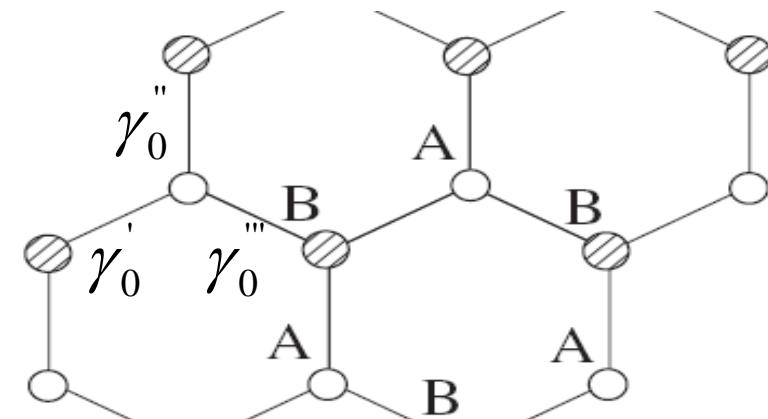
$$n_{LiTr} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{mv_3}{\hbar} \right)^2 \sim 10^{10} cm^{-2}$$



# strained monolayer graphene



$$\gamma_0 e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} + \gamma_0 + \gamma_0 e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} = 0$$



$$\gamma_0' e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} + \gamma_0''' + \gamma_0'' e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} = u_x + iu_y \neq 0$$

$$\hat{H} = v \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \zeta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \equiv v \left[ \vec{p} + \frac{\tau_3}{v} \vec{u} \right] \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

shift of the Dirac point in the momentum space,  
opposite in K/K' valleys, like vector potential

$$B_{eff} = \tau_3 [\nabla \times \vec{u}(\vec{r})]_z$$

Iordanskii, Koshelev, JETP Lett 41, 574  
(1985)  
Ando - J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 75, 124701 (2006)

Iordanskii, Koshelev, JETP Lett 41, 574 (1985)  
Morpurgo, Guinea - PRL 97, 196804 (2006)

## The four-band Hamiltonian for one DP in BLG:

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi v_3 \hat{\pi} + \mathcal{A}_3 & 0 & \xi v \hat{\pi}^\dagger + \mathcal{A}_0^* \\ \xi v_3 \hat{\pi}^\dagger + \mathcal{A}_3^* & 0 & \xi v \hat{\pi} + \mathcal{A}_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi v \hat{\pi}^\dagger + \mathcal{A}_0^* & 0 & \gamma_1 \\ \xi v \hat{\pi} + \mathcal{A}_0 & 0 & \gamma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\psi \rightarrow \psi \exp \left\{ -\frac{i\xi}{\hbar v} (x \Re \mathcal{A}_0 + y \Im \mathcal{A}_0) \right\}$

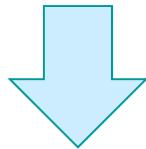
Vector potential

Removes constant vector potential from the anti-diagonal

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v_3 \pi + w & 0 & v \pi^\dagger \\ v_3 \pi^\dagger + w^* & 0 & v \pi & 0 \\ 0 & v \pi^\dagger & 0 & \gamma_1 \\ v \pi & 0 & \gamma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w = \frac{3}{4} (\delta - \delta') \gamma_3 (\eta_3 - \eta_0) e^{-i2\theta} - \frac{3}{2} \gamma_3 \eta_3 \frac{\delta r}{r_{AB}} e^{i\varphi}$$

high-energy  
4-band:



low-energy  
2-band:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v_3\pi + w & 0 & v\pi^\dagger \\ v_3\pi^\dagger + w^* & 0 & v\pi & 0 \\ 0 & v\pi^\dagger & 0 & \gamma_1 \\ v\pi & 0 & \gamma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\pi^\dagger)^2 \\ \pi^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi \\ \pi^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w \\ w^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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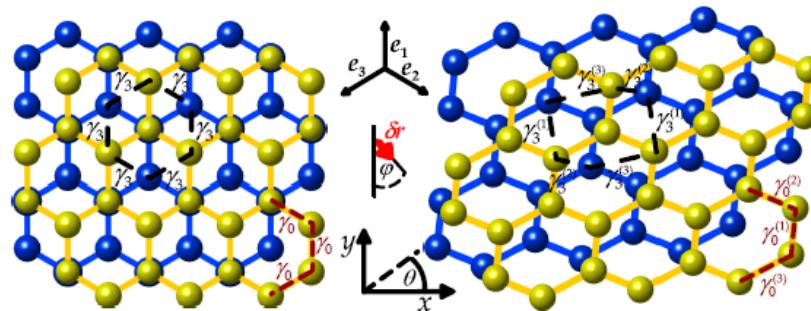
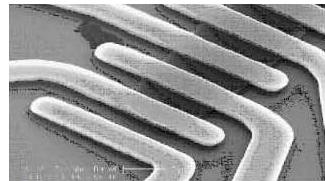
Mucha-Kruczynski, Aleiner, VF - PRB 84, 041404 (2011)

1% strain  $\Rightarrow |w| \sim 5 \text{ meV}$

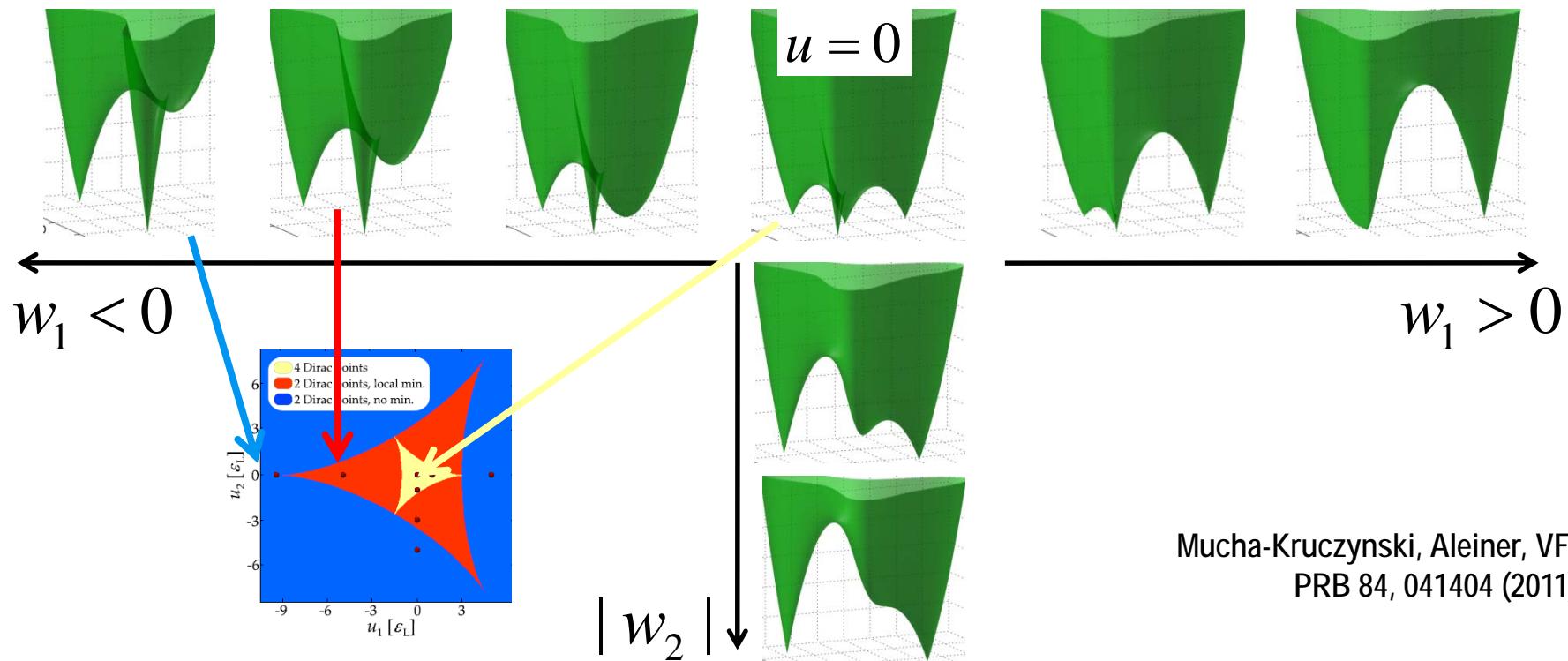
$$\eta_0 = \frac{d \ln \gamma_0}{d \ln r_{AB}} \approx -3 \quad (\text{Raman and DFT}) \text{ Basko et al., PRB 80, 165413 (2009)}$$

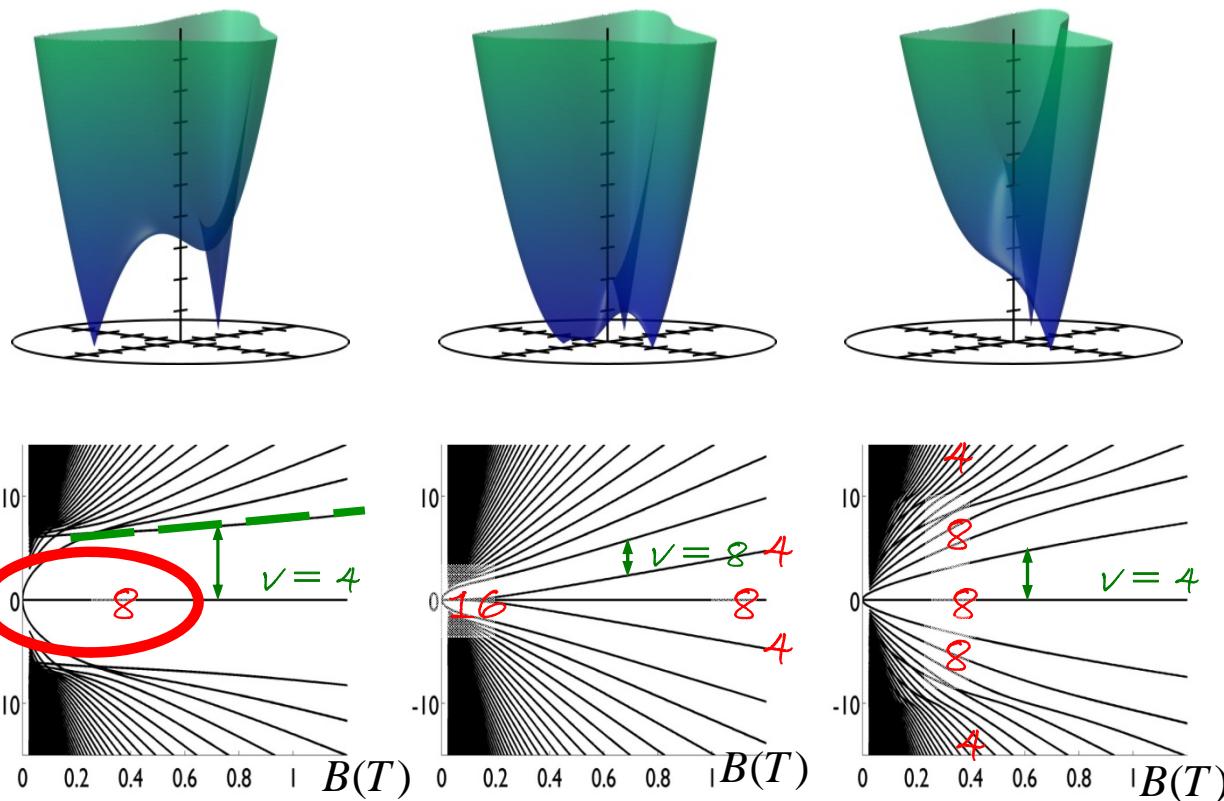
$$\eta_3 = \frac{d \ln \gamma_3}{d \ln r_{AB}} \ll \frac{d \ln \gamma_0}{d \ln r_{AB}}$$

# Strain effect on the BLG spectrum at low energies

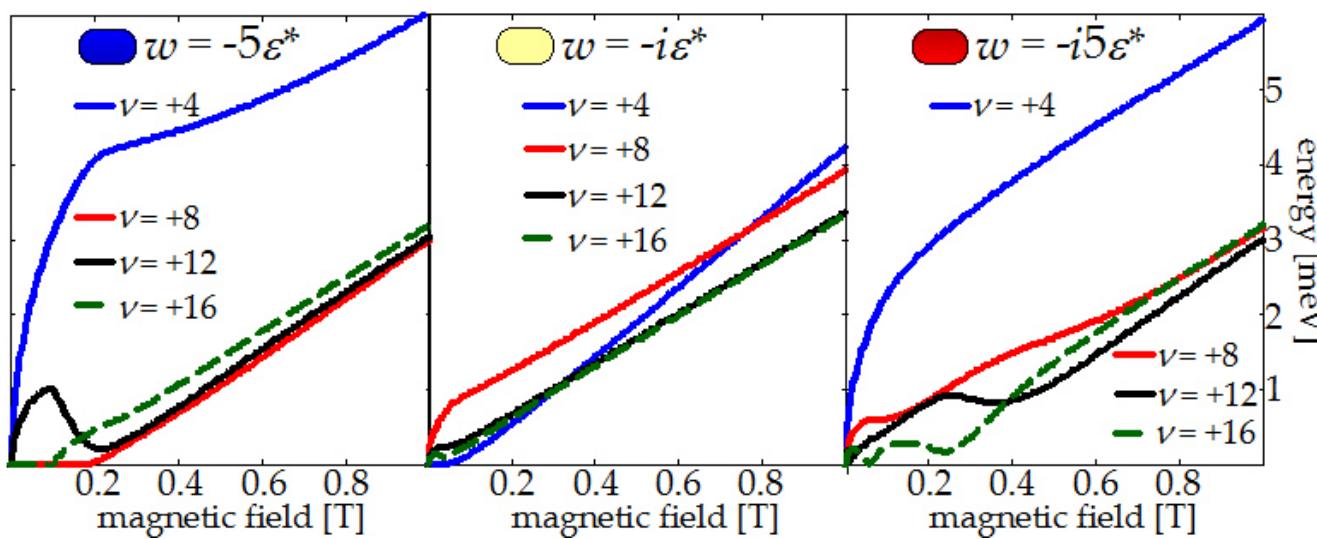
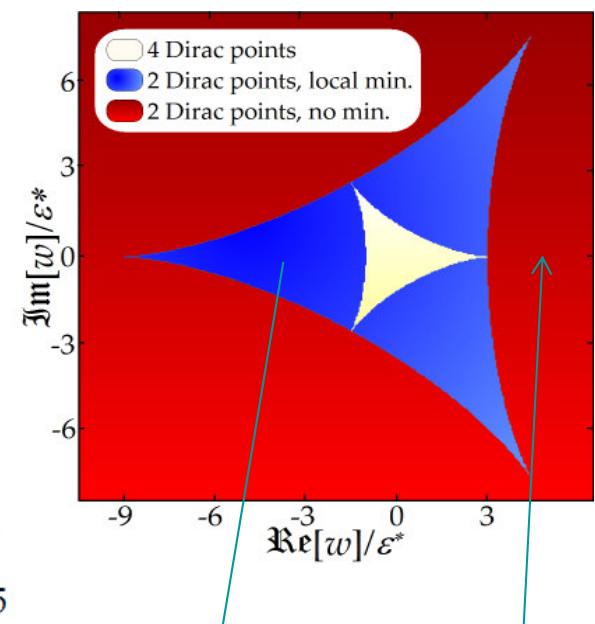


$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\tau_3}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^2 \\ (\pi^+)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^+ \\ \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \tau_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w_1 + iw_2 \\ w_1 - iw_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$





## Landau level in strained BLG



Persistence of  
 $\nu=4$  QHE state  
down to very low  
magnetic fields.

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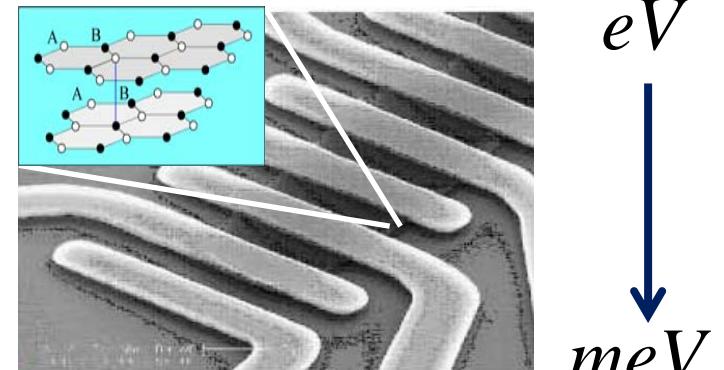
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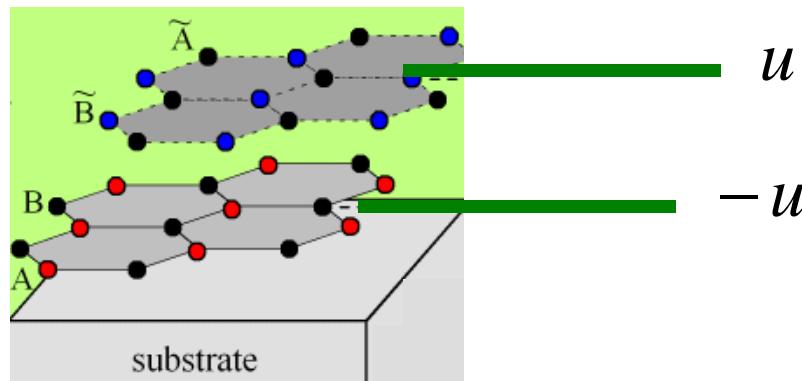
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# Interlayer asymmetry gap in bilayer graphene

$$\hat{H}_2 = -\frac{v^2}{\gamma_1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\pi^\dagger)^2 \\ \pi^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & -u \end{pmatrix}$$

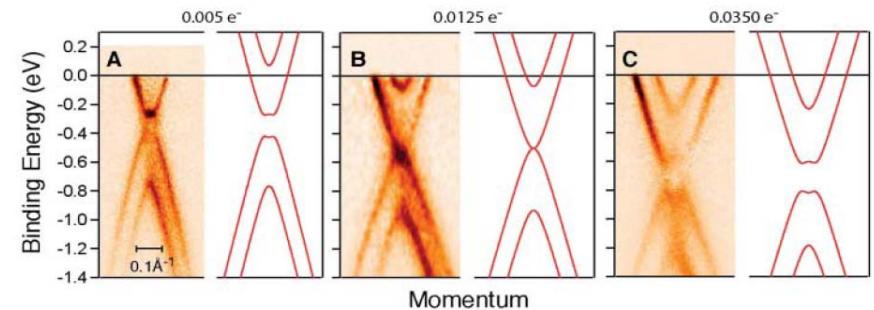
inter-layer  
asymmetry gap  
(can be controlled  
using electrostatic  
gates)



McCann & VF - PRL 96, 086805 (2006)

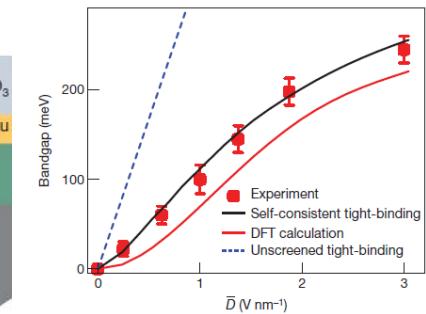
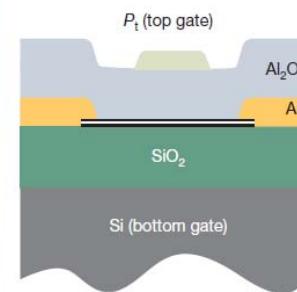
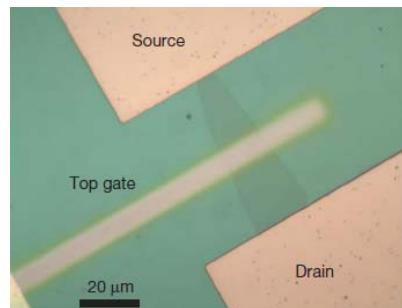
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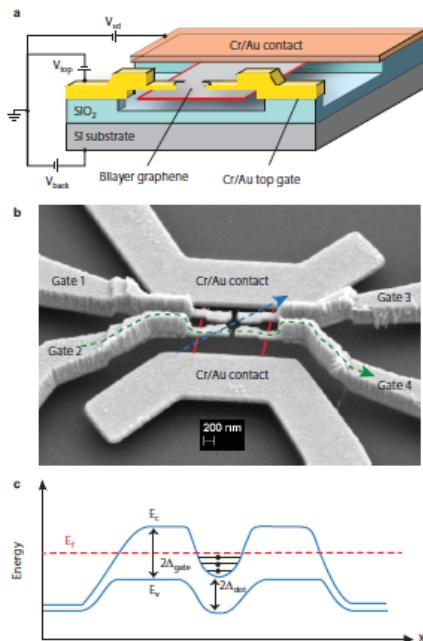
T. Ohta *et al* – Science 313, 951 (2006)

$$\epsilon = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{p^2}{2m}\right)^2 + u^2}$$

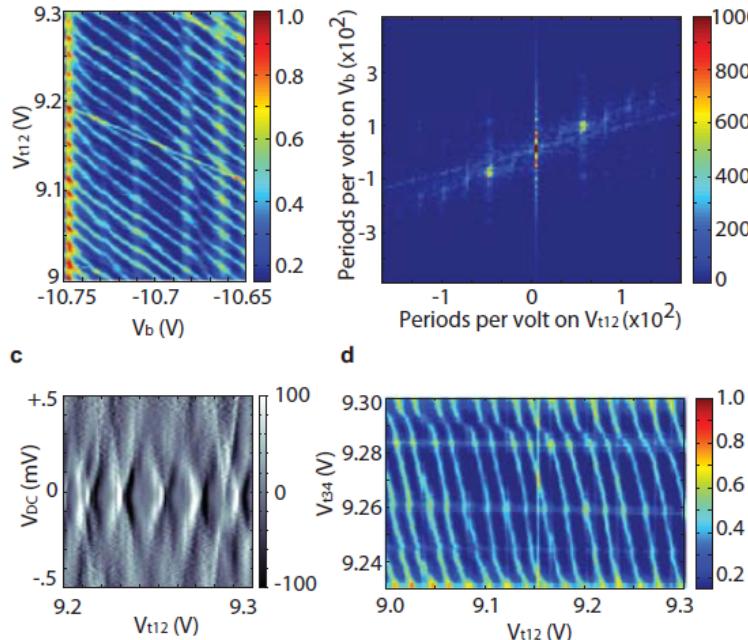


Zhang, *et al* - Nature 459, 820 (2009)

# Gate defined quantum confinement in suspended bilayer graphene



Allen, Martin, Yacoby - arXiv:1202.0820



Interlayer asymmetry-gap can be used to induce confinement in BLG to make quantum dots for spin qubits.

VF – Nature Physics 3, 151 (2007)

Encapsulation of BLG in BN films improves performance QDs circuits (larger gaps better controlled by the gates).

Vandersypen's group, Delft (2012)

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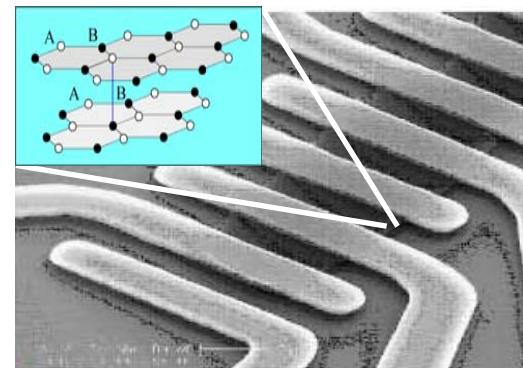
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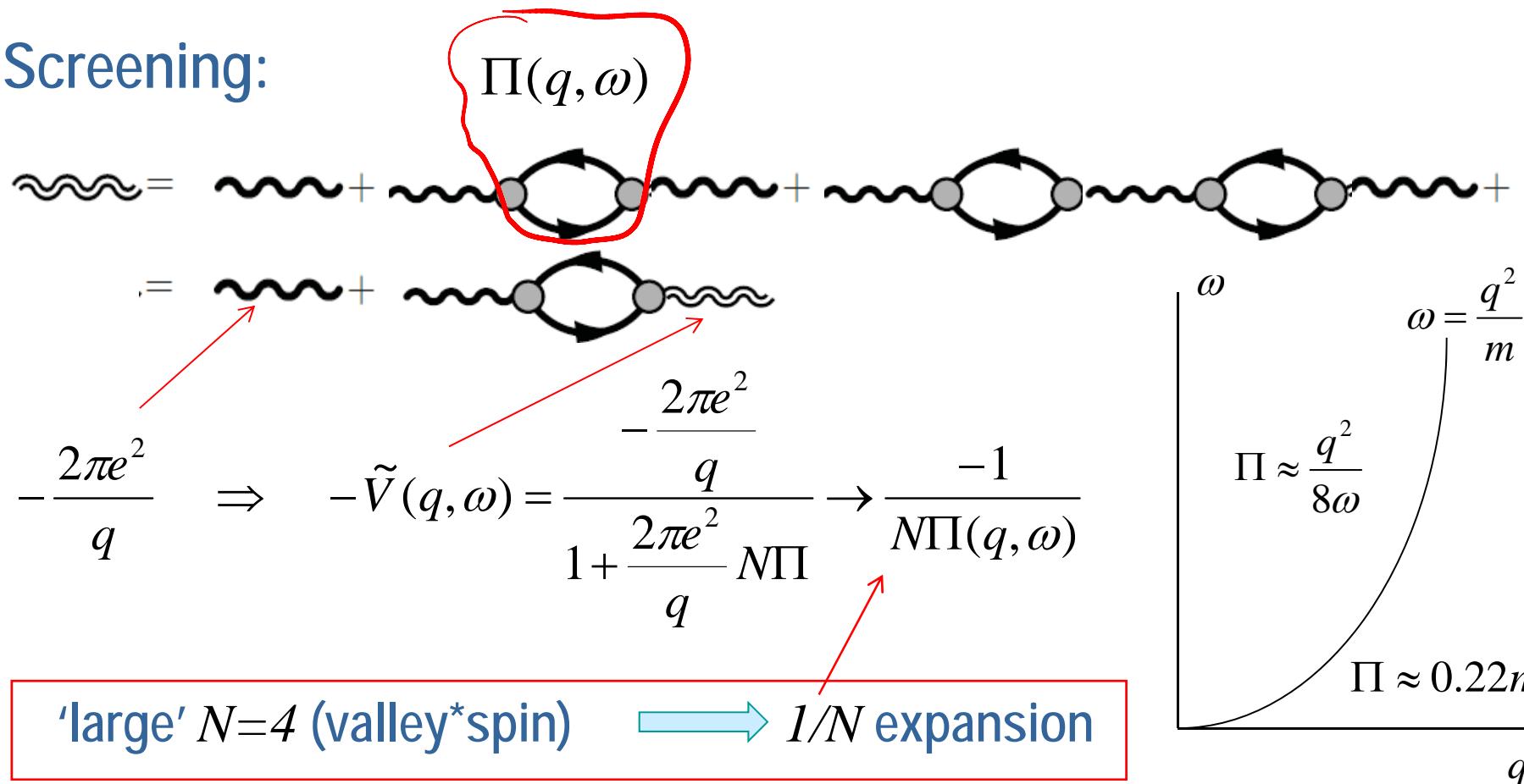


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Electron-electron  
interaction in BLG

$$V(r) = \frac{e^2}{r} \Rightarrow \text{strong} \quad V\left(\frac{h}{p}\right) \sim \frac{e^2}{h} p > \frac{p^2}{m} \quad \text{for } p < \frac{me^2}{h} = \frac{\hbar}{a_{Bohr}} \\ \varepsilon(p) < Ry \sim 1eV \\ [\varepsilon \ll \gamma_1 \sim 0.4eV]$$

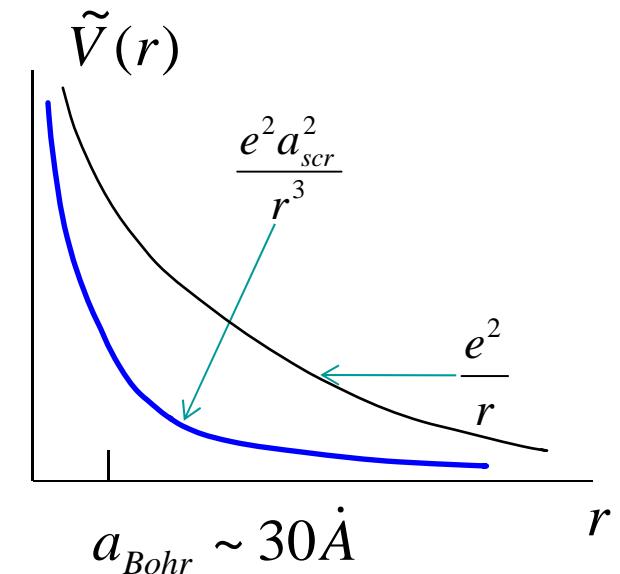
Screening:



## 2D-screened Coulomb interaction:

$$V(q) = \frac{2\pi e^2}{q} \Rightarrow \tilde{V}(q < a_{scr}^{-1}, \omega = 0) \rightarrow \frac{2\pi e^2}{q + Na_{Bohr}^{-1}} \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{Nm}$$

'large'  $N=4 \rightarrow 1/N$  expansion  
justifying the use of perturbation theory



produces a negligibly small renormalisation of the band mass



$$\frac{d \ln m}{d \ln p} \sim 10^{-2}$$

Lemonik, Aleiner, Toke, VF  
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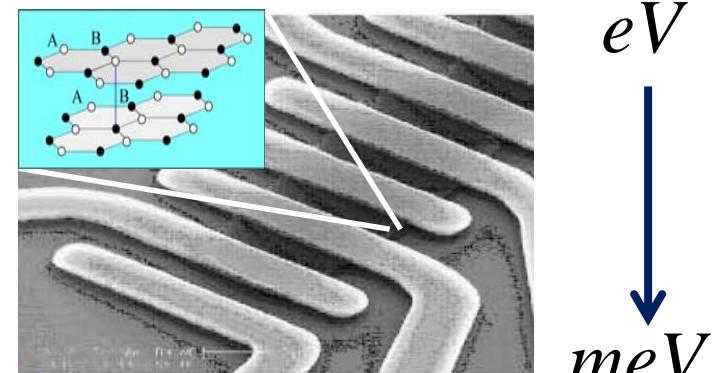
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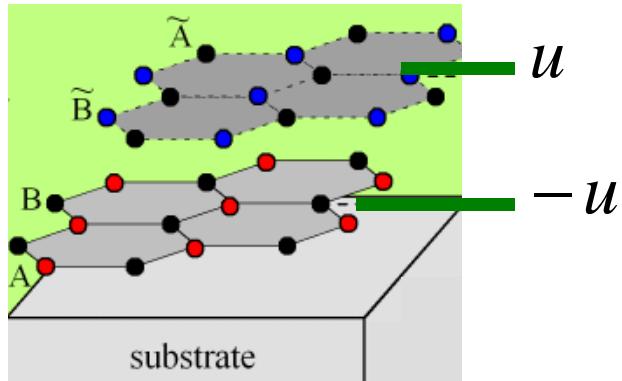
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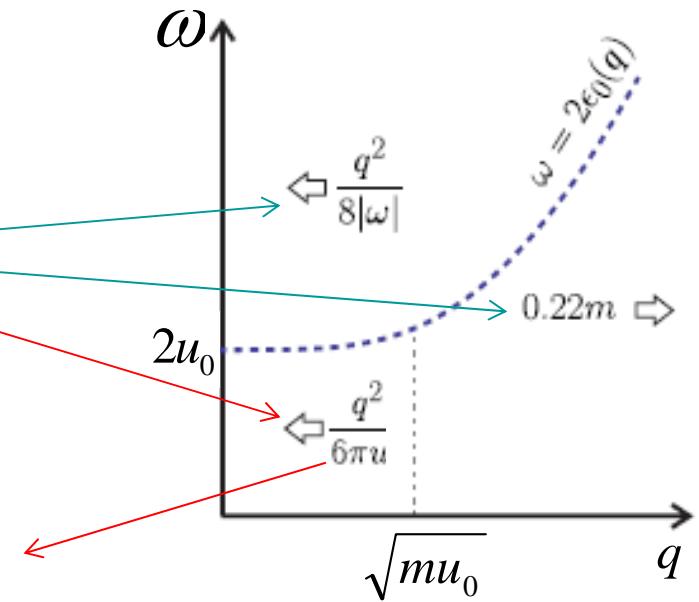
## gapped BLG



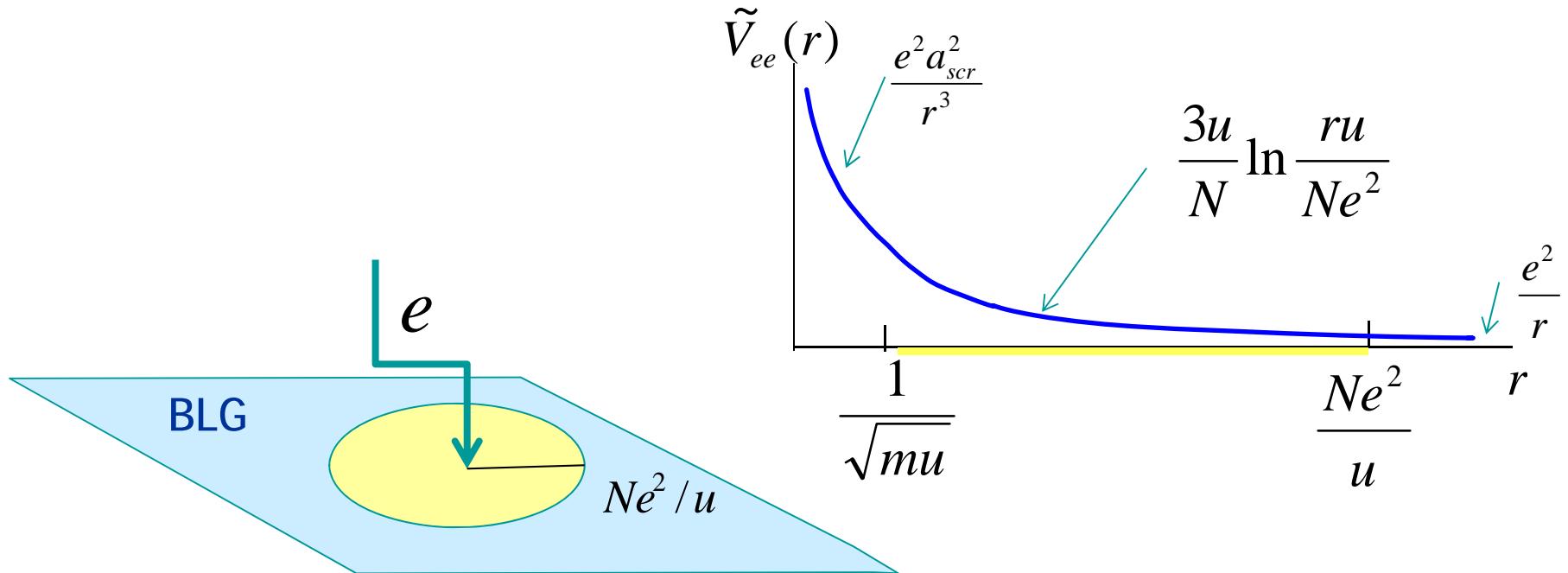
$$\epsilon_{e/h} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{p^2}{2m}\right)^2 + u^2} \approx u + \frac{p^4}{8m^2 u}$$

$$\tilde{V}\left(\frac{u}{Ne^2} < q < \sqrt{mu}, \omega = 0\right) = \frac{-1}{N\Pi}$$

$$\tilde{V}\left((mu)^{-1/2} < r < \frac{Ne^2}{u}\right) \sim \frac{3u}{N} \ln \frac{ru}{Ne^2}$$



imperfect 2D screening



$$\varepsilon_{\text{int}} \approx \frac{3u}{2N} \ln \frac{Nme^4}{u}$$

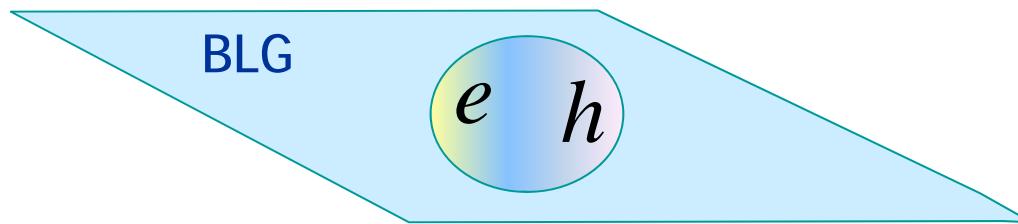
$$u \ll Ne^{-\frac{2}{3}N} Ry \sim 200 \text{ meV}$$

when  $u$  is small,

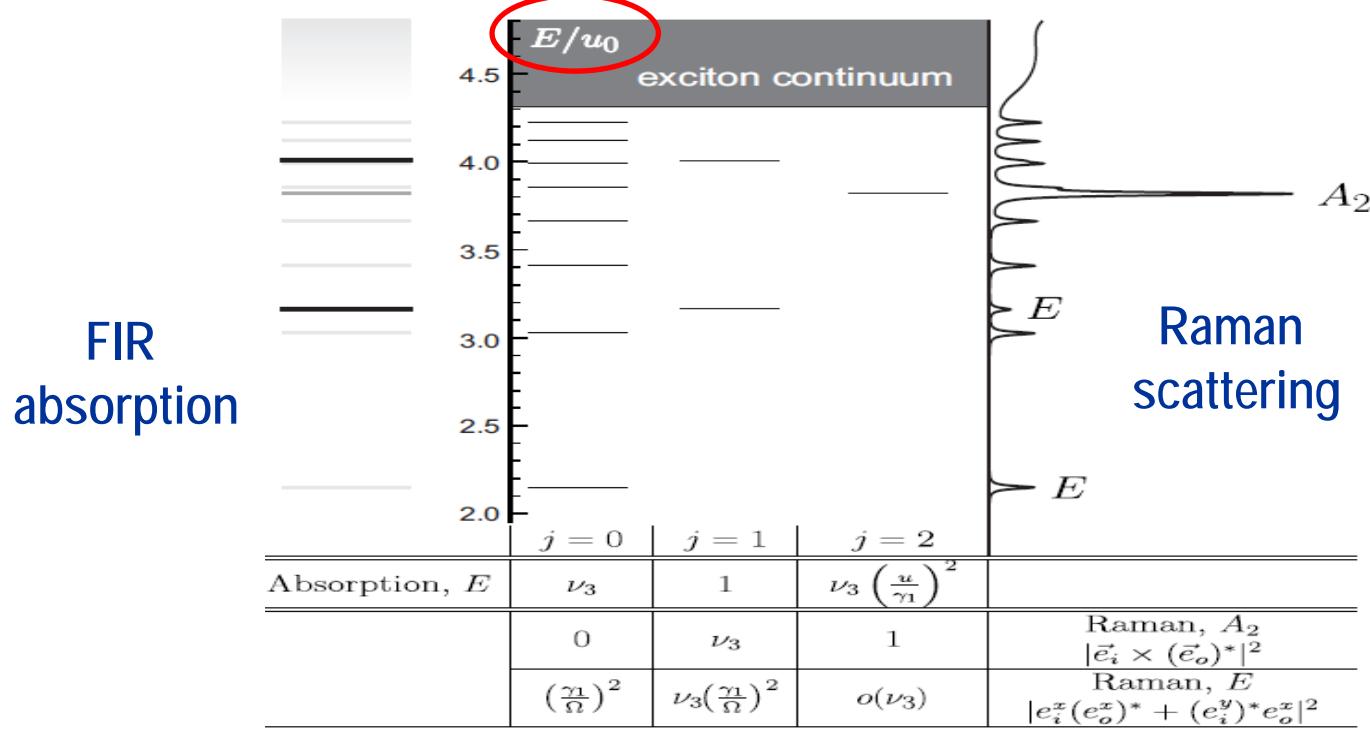
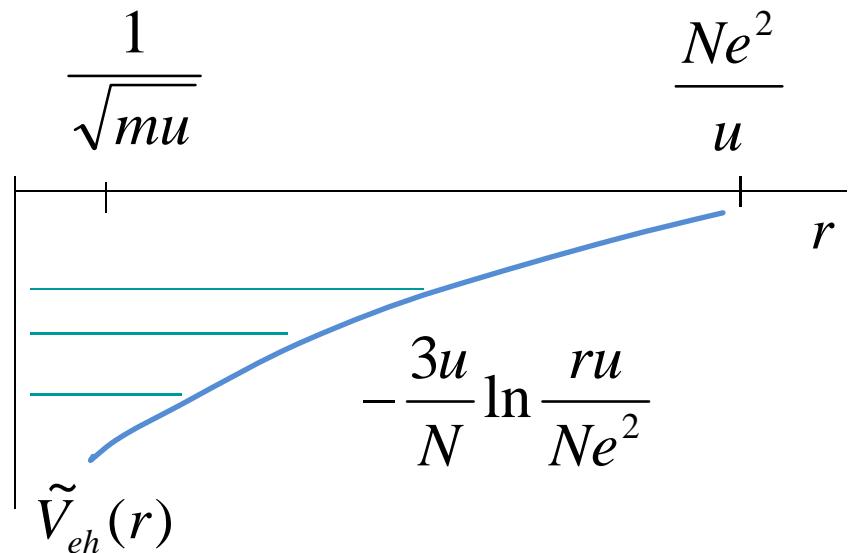
single-particle energy  
(electron/hole injected  
in gapped BLG)

$$\varepsilon_0 \approx u \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2N} \ln \frac{Nme^4}{u} \right) \gg u$$

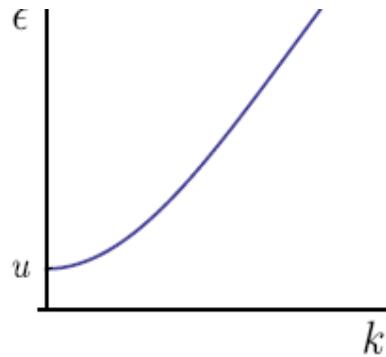
electron-hole bound states: excitons



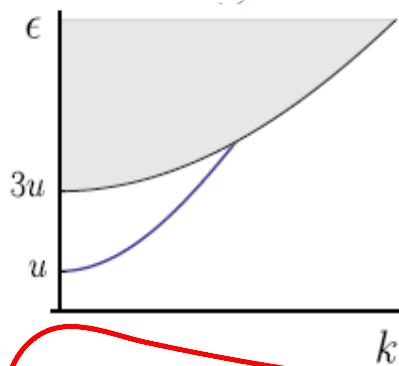
$$2\epsilon_0 - \epsilon_{binding} \approx 2u \ll \epsilon_0$$



single electron/hole



non-interacting



BLG with a large gap :  
weak interaction

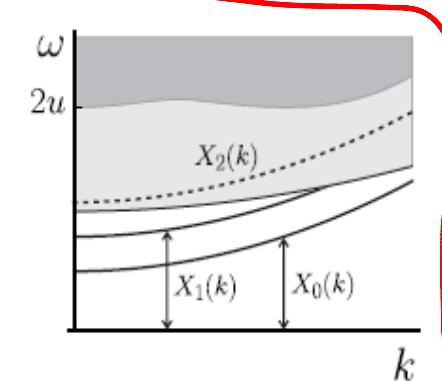
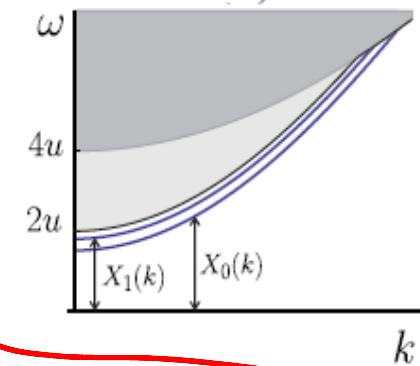
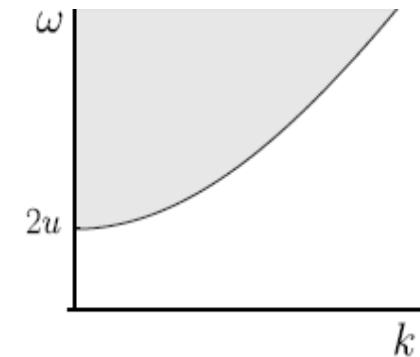
BLG with a small gap:  
a strongly correlated insulator.

$$\epsilon_{sp} \approx \epsilon_0 - \frac{0.7}{N} \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{p^4}{8m^2 u}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \approx u \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2N} \ln \frac{Nme^4}{u} \right)$$

$$\epsilon_{e-h} \sim 2u \ll \epsilon_{SPE}$$

el-hole excitations



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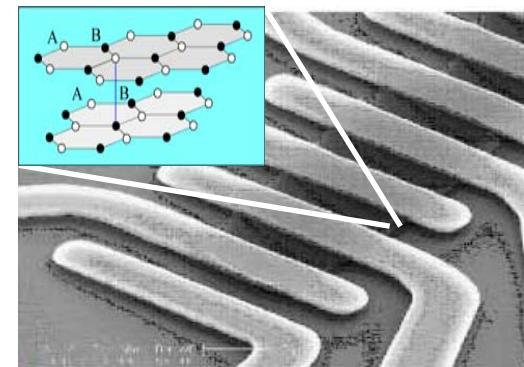
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# Is 'vacuum state' in pristine bilayer graphene stable against spontaneous symmetry breaking due to e-e interaction?

for BLG in a zero magnetic field, there were several suggestions:

**ferroelectric 'excitonic insulator'**

Nandkishore, L. Levitov, -PRL104, 156803 (2010); Jung, Zhang, MacDonald - PRB 83, 115408 (2011)

**layer polarized antiferromagnetic**

Kharitonov arXiv:1109.1553; Min, Borghi, Polini, MacDonald - PRB 77, 041407(2008); Vafek - PRB 82 205106 (2010)

**quantum anomalous Hall state**

Nandkishore, Levitov - PRB 82, 115124 (2010); Zhang, Jung, Fiete, Niu, MacDonald - PRL106, 156801 (2011)

**charge density wave state**

Dahal, Wehling, Bedell, Zhu, Balatsky - Physica B 405, 2241 (2010)

**nematic (breaking rotational symmetry)**

Vafek, Yang - PRB 81, 041401 (2010) , Lemonik, Aleiner, Toke, VF - PRB 82, 201408 (2010)

**nematic, antiferromagnetic, spin flux state.**

Lemonik, Aleiner, VF - PRB 85, 245451 (2012)

# interaction-driven phases of electronic liquid in bilayer graphene

$$H_{s-p} = -\frac{1}{2m} \left[ (p_x^2 - p_y^2) \sigma_1 - 2 p_x p_y \sigma_2 \right] \tau_3 + v_3 \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$H_C = \frac{e^2}{2} \int d^2r d^2r' \frac{\psi_r^+ \psi_r \psi_{r'}^+ \psi_{r'}}{|r-r'|}$$

$$H_{sr} = \frac{2\pi}{m} \sum_{l,n=0123} g_l^n \int d^2r \left[ \psi_r^+ \sigma_n \tau_l \psi_r \right]^2$$

↑      ↑  
sublattice    valley

electron spin degree of freedom  
included and used when  
calculating exchange energy

Irreps. R

strain     $g_3^1 = g_3^2 = g_{E_2}$

interlayer asymmetry  
(ferroelectric fluctuations)     $g_3^3 = g_{B_2}$

$g_0^3 = g_{A_2}$

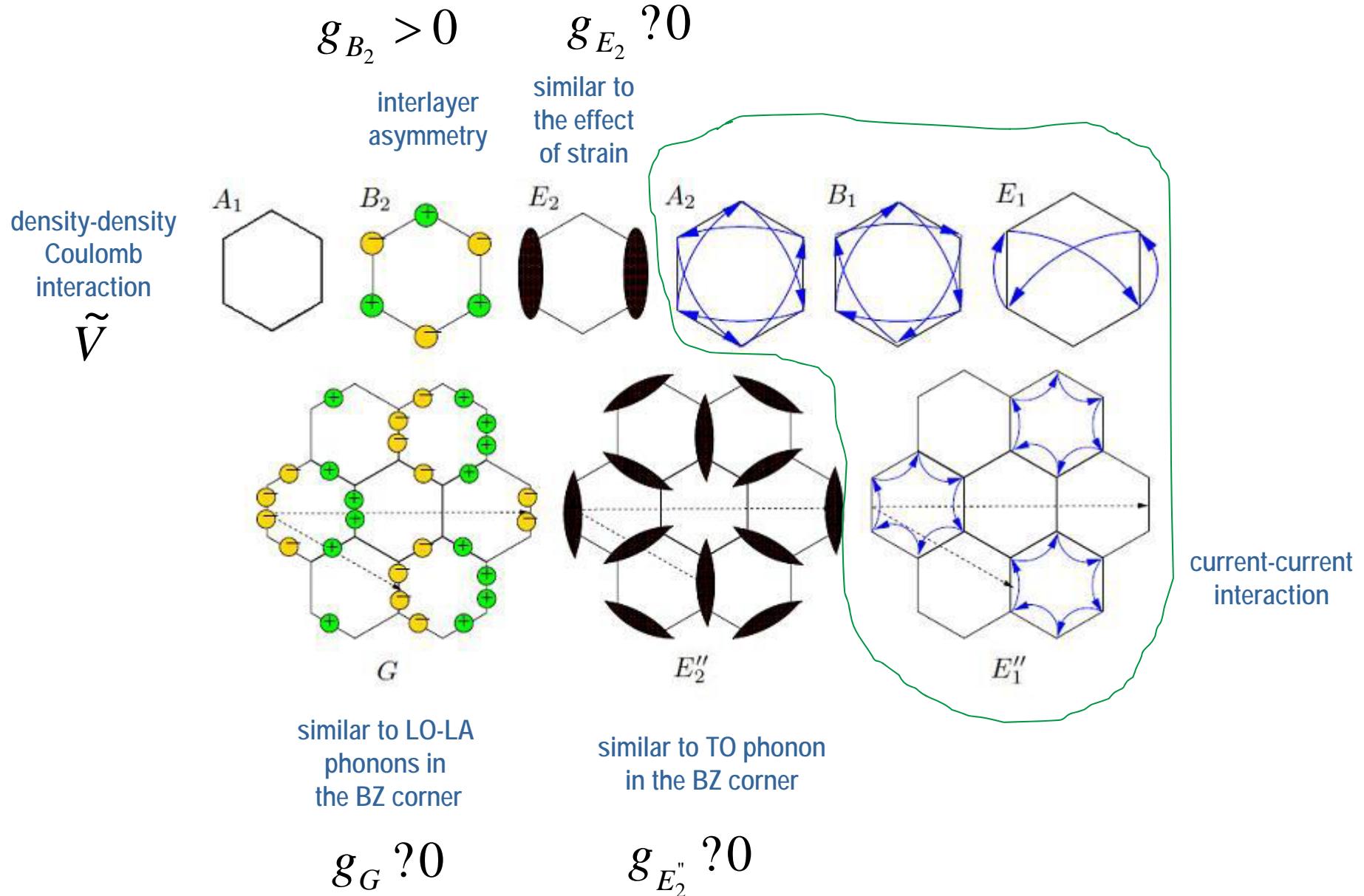
$g_3^0 = g_{B_1}$

charge-density  
wave     $g_1^3 = g_2^3 = g_{E''}$

$g_1^0 = g_2^0 = g_{E'}$

$g_0^1 = g_0^2 = g_{E_1}$

$g_1^1 = g_2^2 = g_1^2 = g_2^1 = g_G$



construction blocks

one interaction, mean field theory & Hartree-Fock

$$H_{sr} = -\frac{2\pi}{m} |g| \int d^2r \left[ \psi_r^+ \hat{R} \psi_r \right]^2$$

$$\Delta = |g| \langle \psi_r^+ \hat{R} \psi_r \rangle$$

$$E_{MF} = -N \int_{\frac{k^2}{2m} < \frac{\gamma_1}{2}} \frac{kdk}{2\pi} \varepsilon(k, \Delta) + \frac{m\Delta^2}{8\pi c_R |g|}$$

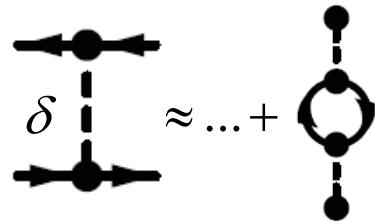
$$= const - N \frac{m\Delta^2}{8\pi} \left( \alpha + \beta \ln \frac{\gamma_1}{\Delta} \right) + \frac{m\Delta^2}{8\pi b_R |g|} = \min$$

$$T_c \sim \Delta \sim \gamma_1 e^{-\frac{\#}{N|g|}}$$

The expected small bare values of  $g$  determines an exponentially weak phase transition (BCS)

construction blocks

renormalisation of one interaction  
followed by mean field theory & Hartree-Fock



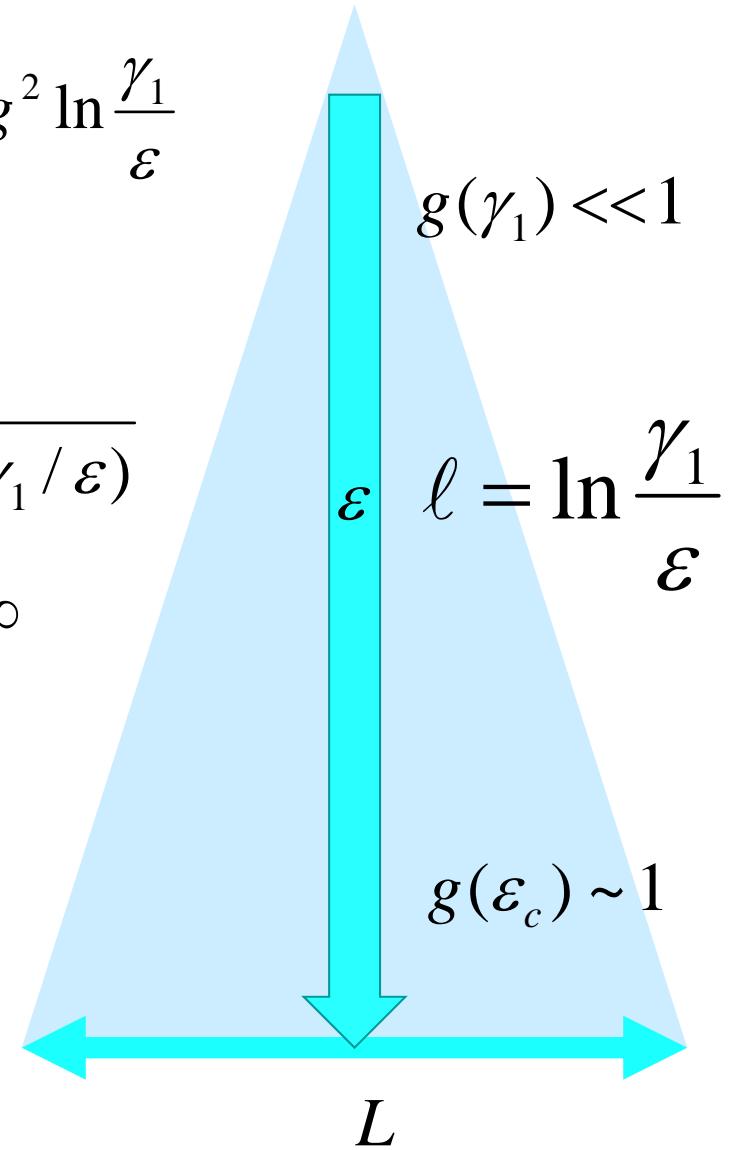
$$\sim -Ng^2 \int_{\varepsilon}^{\gamma_1} \frac{d\omega d^2 q}{(\omega - q^2)^2} \sim -Ng^2 \ln \frac{\gamma_1}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{dg}{dl} = -\# Ng^2 \Rightarrow g(\varepsilon) = \frac{g(\gamma_1)}{1 + \# Ng(\gamma_1) \ln(\gamma_1 / \varepsilon)}$$

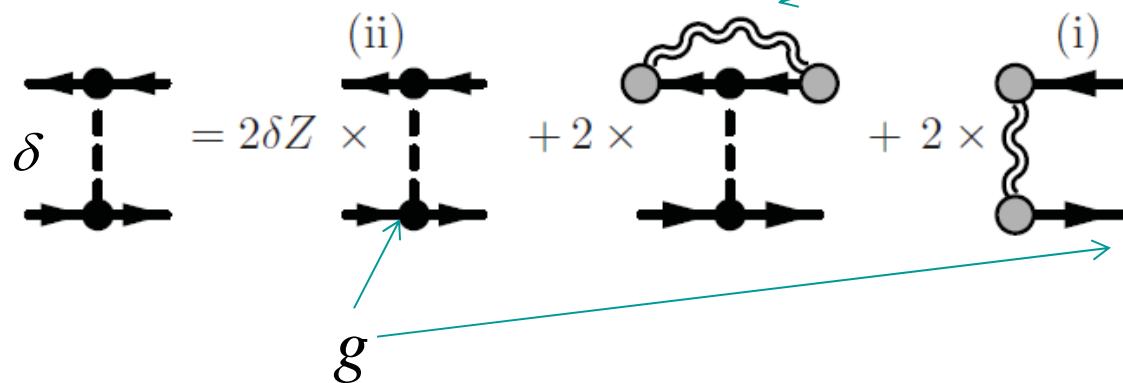
$$g(\varepsilon_c) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$T_c \sim \varepsilon_c \sim \gamma_1 e^{-\frac{\#}{N|g(\gamma_1)|}}$$

for one attractive interaction  
gives the same as MF-FH.



construction blocks

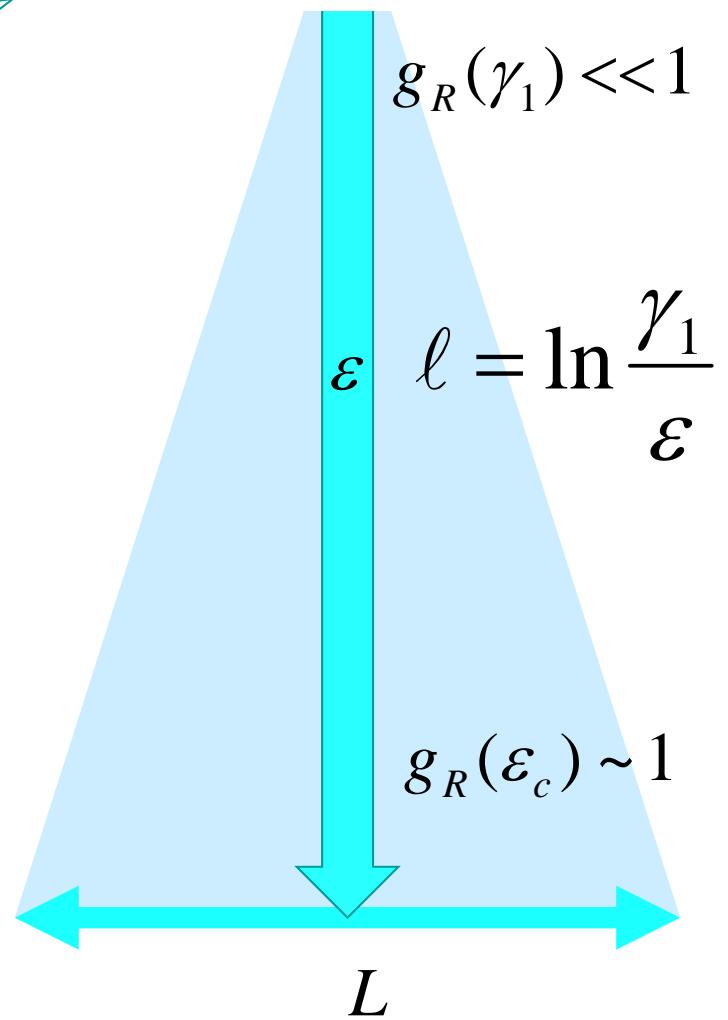


Screened Coulomb

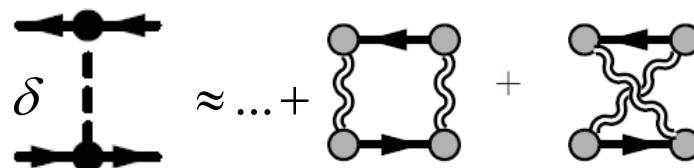
$$\frac{-1}{N\Pi(q, \omega)}$$

renormalisation of  $g$  can be helped by  
Coulomb interaction

$$\frac{dg}{dl} = \dots + \frac{\#}{N} g$$



For one interaction channel,  $E_2$   
renormalisation of  $g$  can be helped by  
Coulomb interaction even more:



$$\frac{dg_{E_2}}{dl} = \dots - \frac{\#}{N^2}$$

$$g_{E_2}(\gamma_1) = 0$$

$$\varepsilon \quad \ell = \ln \frac{\gamma_1}{\varepsilon}$$

$$g_{E_2}(\varepsilon) < 0$$



$L$

Altogether: simultaneous renormalisation group analysis  
of all short-range interactions helped by screened Coulomb interaction

Lemonik, Aleiner, Toke, VF - PRB 82, 201408 (2010)

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at the shortest range of applicability of  
two-band model

$$g_R(\gamma_1 \sim \hbar^2 / m\lambda^2) \ll 1$$



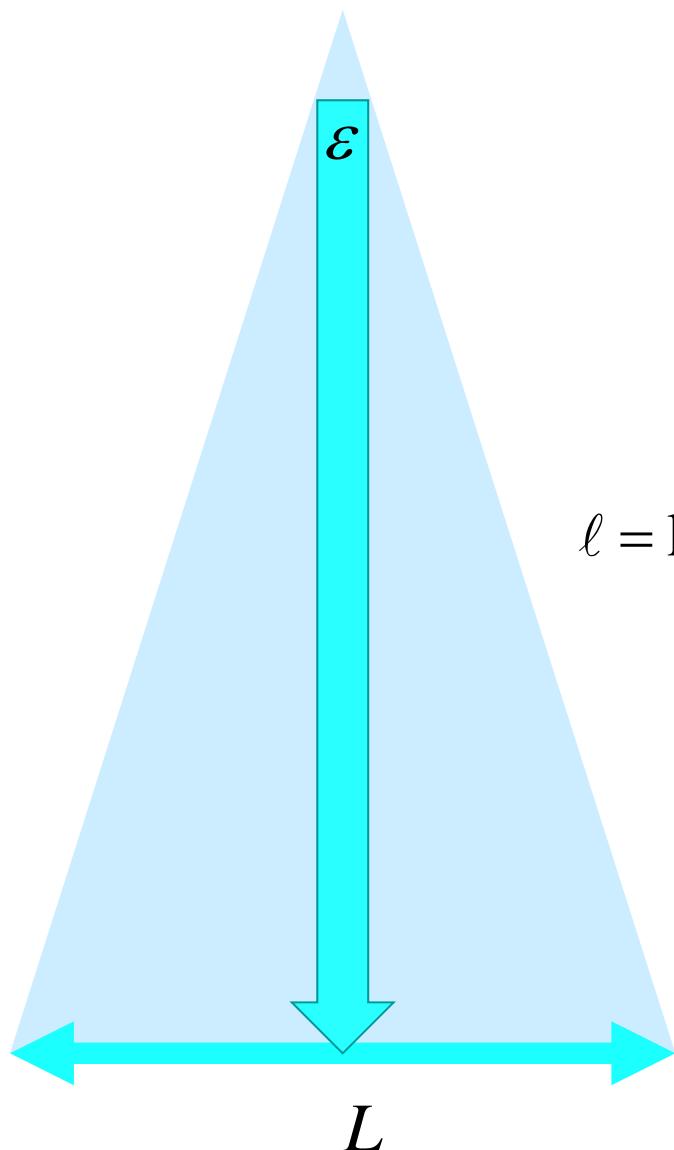
$$\ell = \ln \frac{\gamma_1}{\varepsilon} \equiv 2 \ln \frac{L}{\lambda(\gamma_1)} \quad g_R(\varepsilon \sim \hbar^2 / mL^2)$$



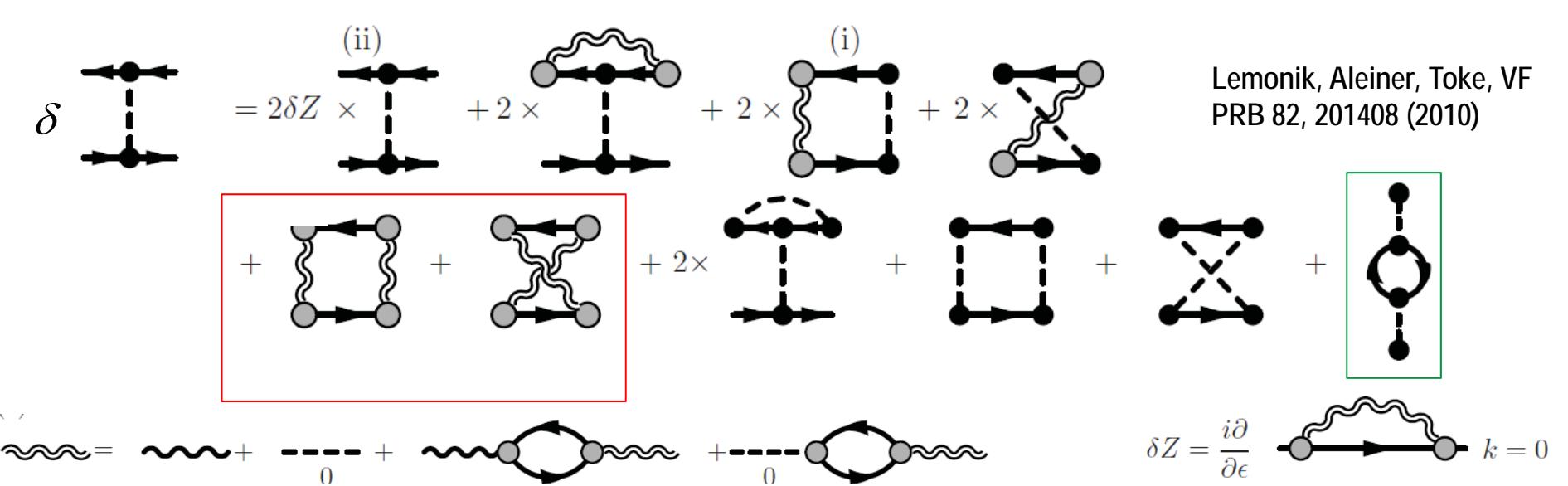
$$c_A(\varepsilon_c) = \sum b_R g_R \sim -\frac{1}{N}$$

signals phase transition into a broken  
symmetry state  $A$ , with

$$T_c \sim \varepsilon_c$$



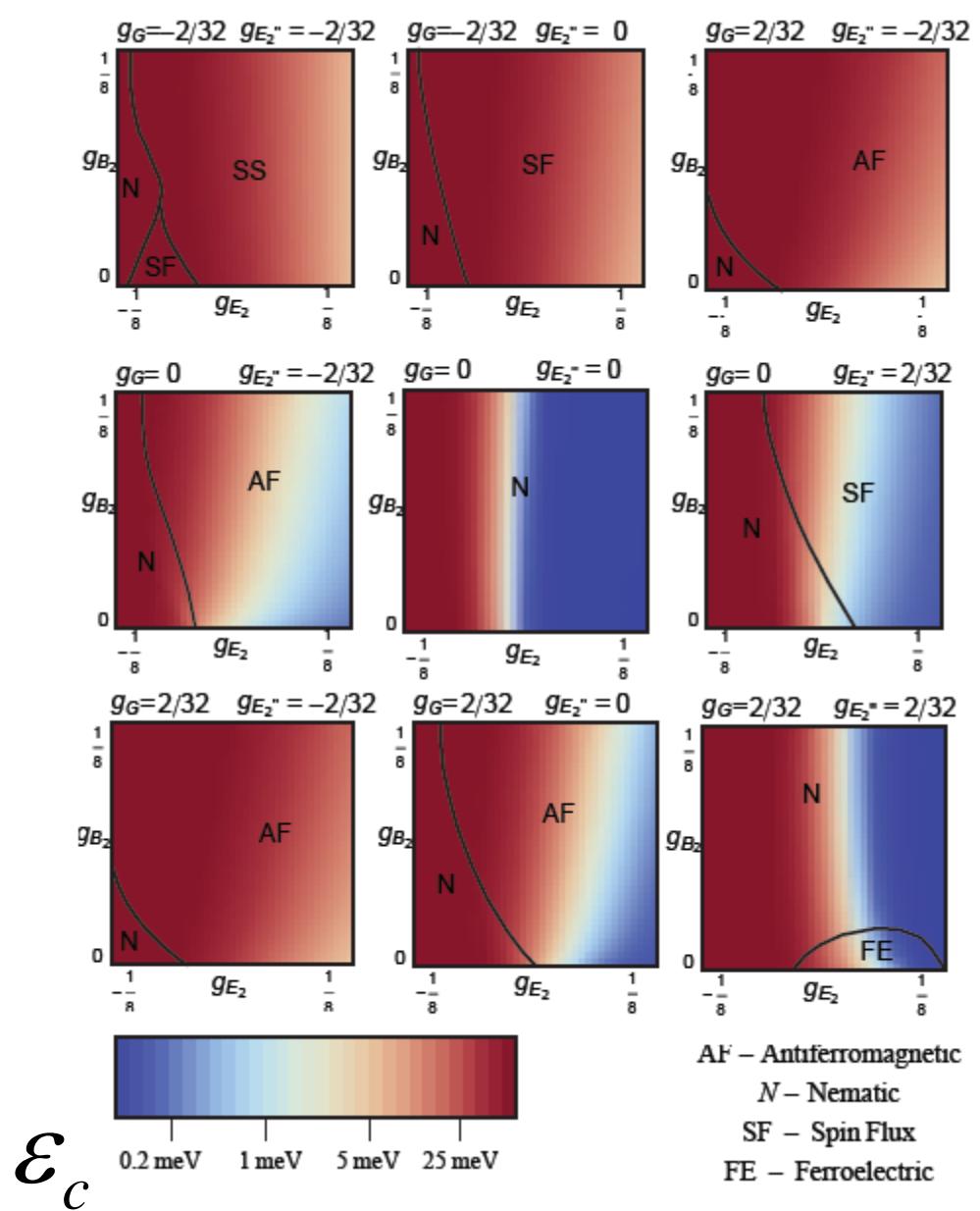
# Renormalisation of short-range interactions



$$\delta(E_2)_{i=3}^{j=1,2} = 1 \text{ and } \delta(E_2)_i^j = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$



$$\frac{dg_i^j}{d\ell} = -\frac{\tilde{\alpha}\delta(E_2)_i^j}{N^2} - \frac{\alpha_1 g_i^j}{N} - \frac{NB_i^j (g_i^j)^2}{N} - \sum_{k,l,m,n=0}^3 C_{i;km}^{j;ln} \tilde{g}_k^l \tilde{g}_m^n$$

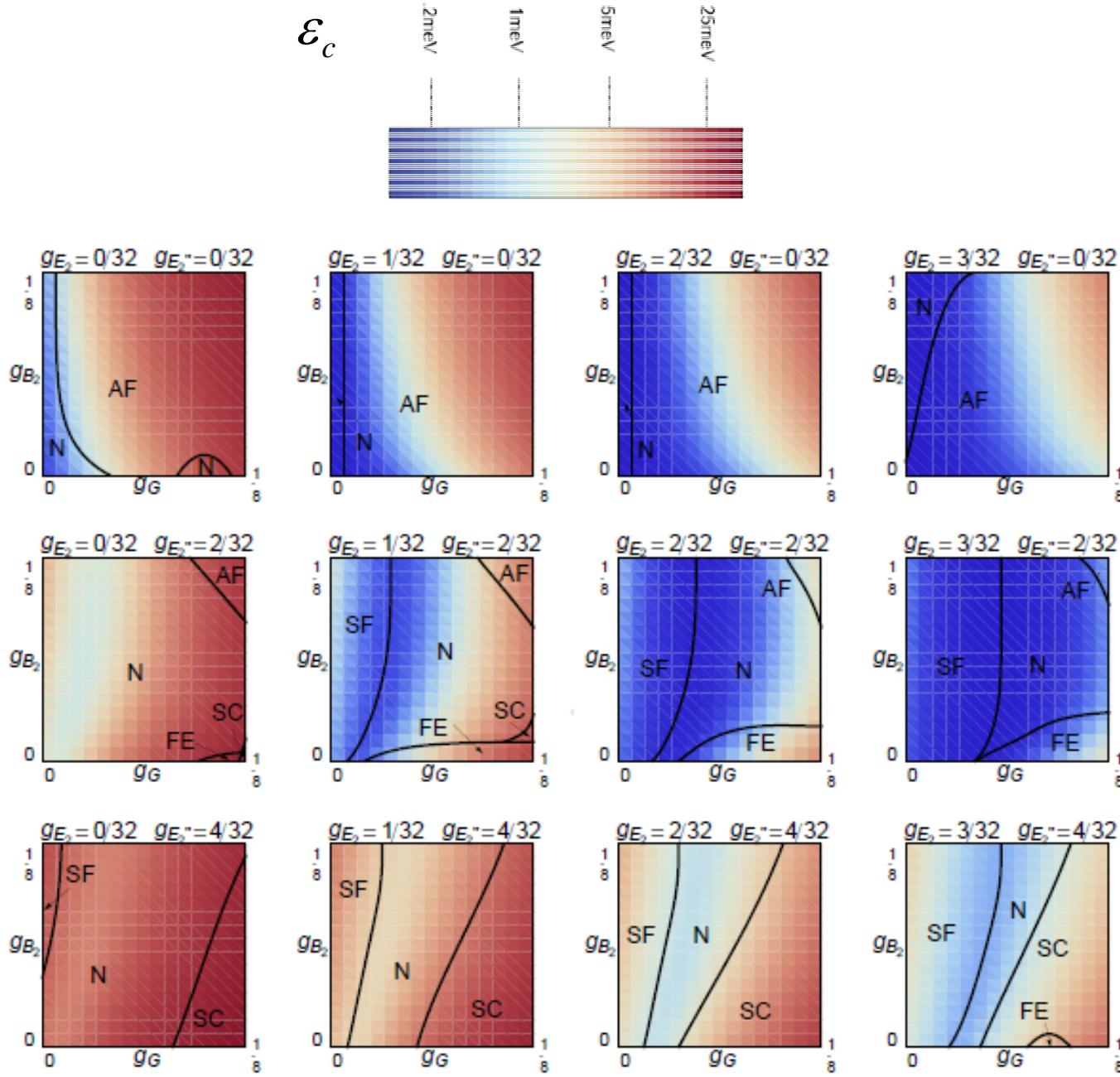


$$\delta H \propto \langle \psi \psi^+ \rangle$$

**Nematic  $\sigma_{1,2}\tau_3$**   
 mimics effect of strain:  
 gapless with LiTr

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 opposite spin  
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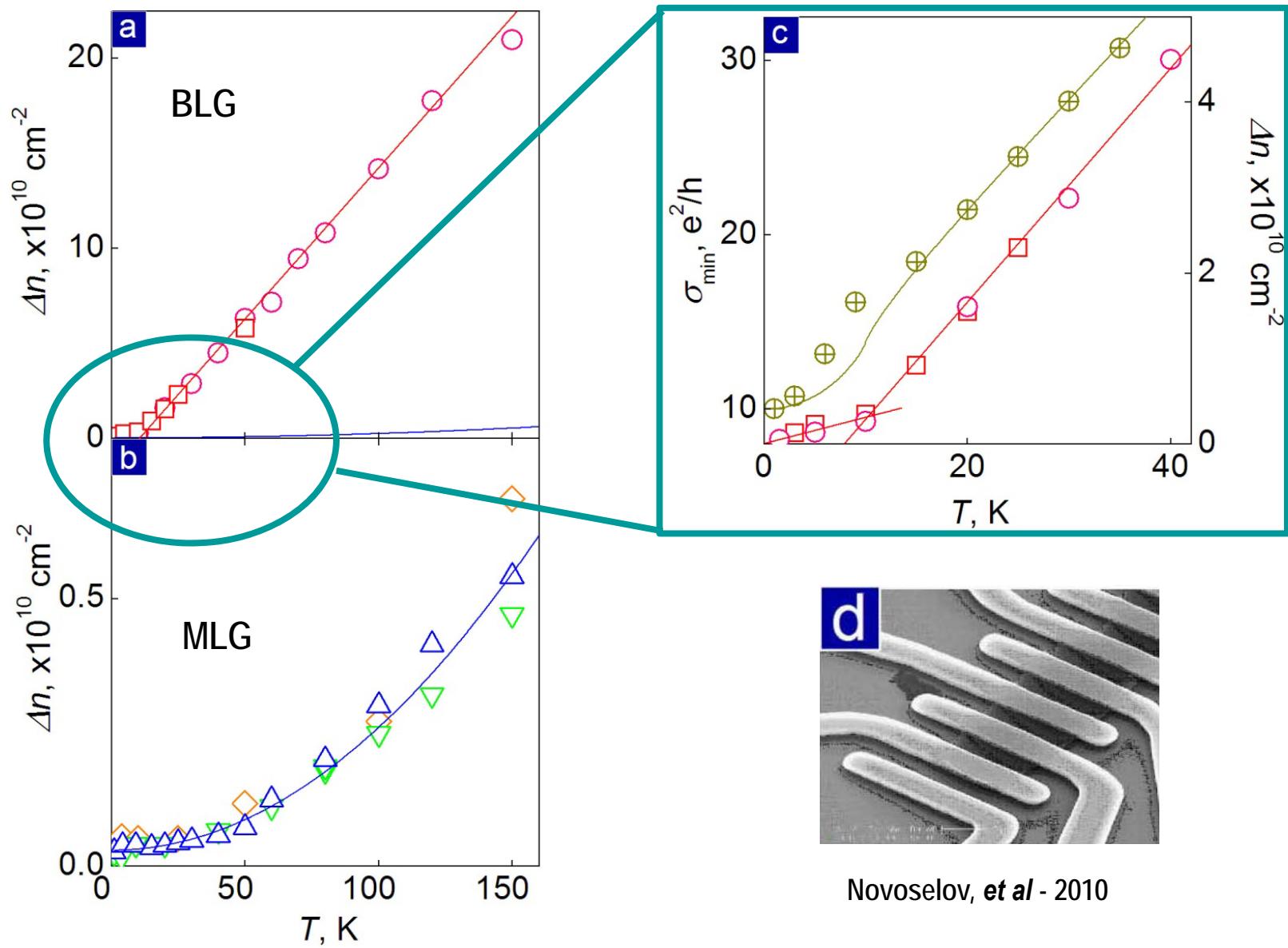
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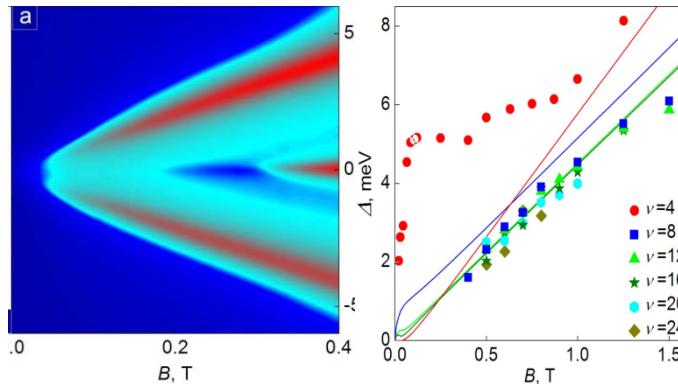
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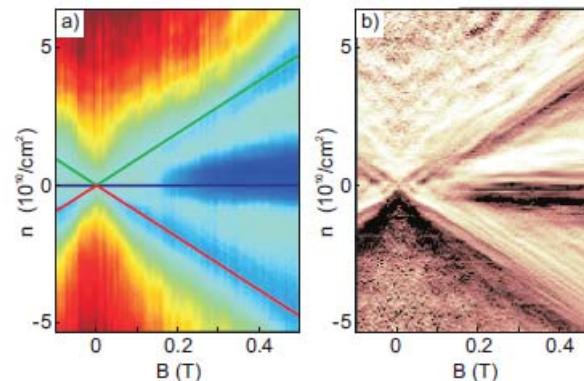
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Science 333, 860 (2011)



Gapless persistence of  $\nu=4$  SdHO to the lowest fields with activation energy indicating LiTr, Nematic (or strain ?)

Feldman, Martin, Yacoby,  
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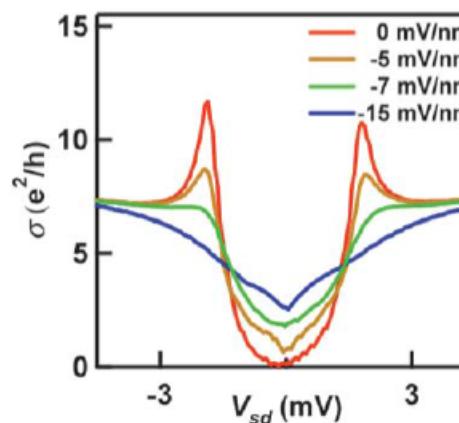
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Suppressed compressibility and conductance

Persistence of  $\nu=4$  SdHO to the lowest fields: what is the phase?

Bao, Velasco, Zhang, Jing, Standley,  
Smirnov, Bockrath, MacDonald, Lau  
arXiv:1202.3212



Gapped state AntiFerro ?

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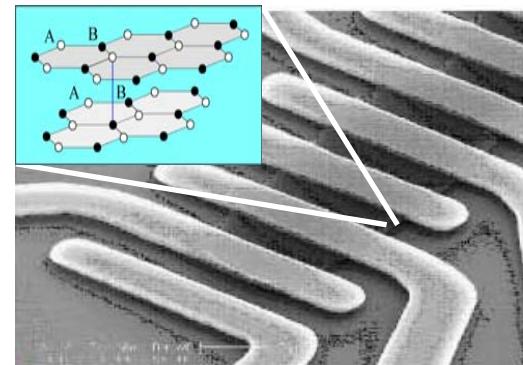
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