

Introduction to Graphene

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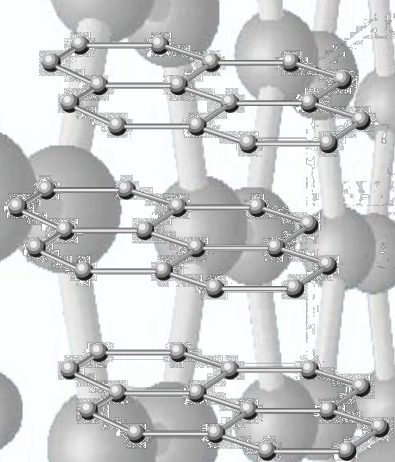
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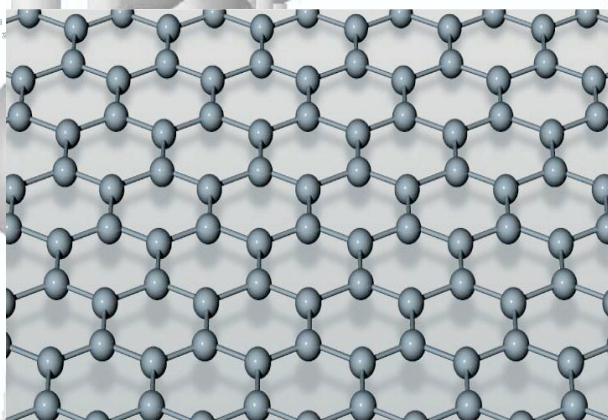
MOTHER OF ALL GRAPHITIC FORMS

3D



Graphite

2D



graphene

**PRESUMED
NOT TO EXIST
IN THE FREE STATE**
Manchester 2004

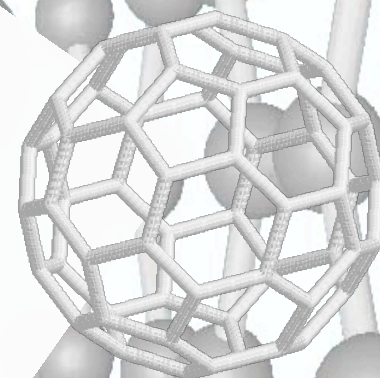
1D



*Carbon
Nanotube*

*from 1952 to
Iijima 1991*

0D



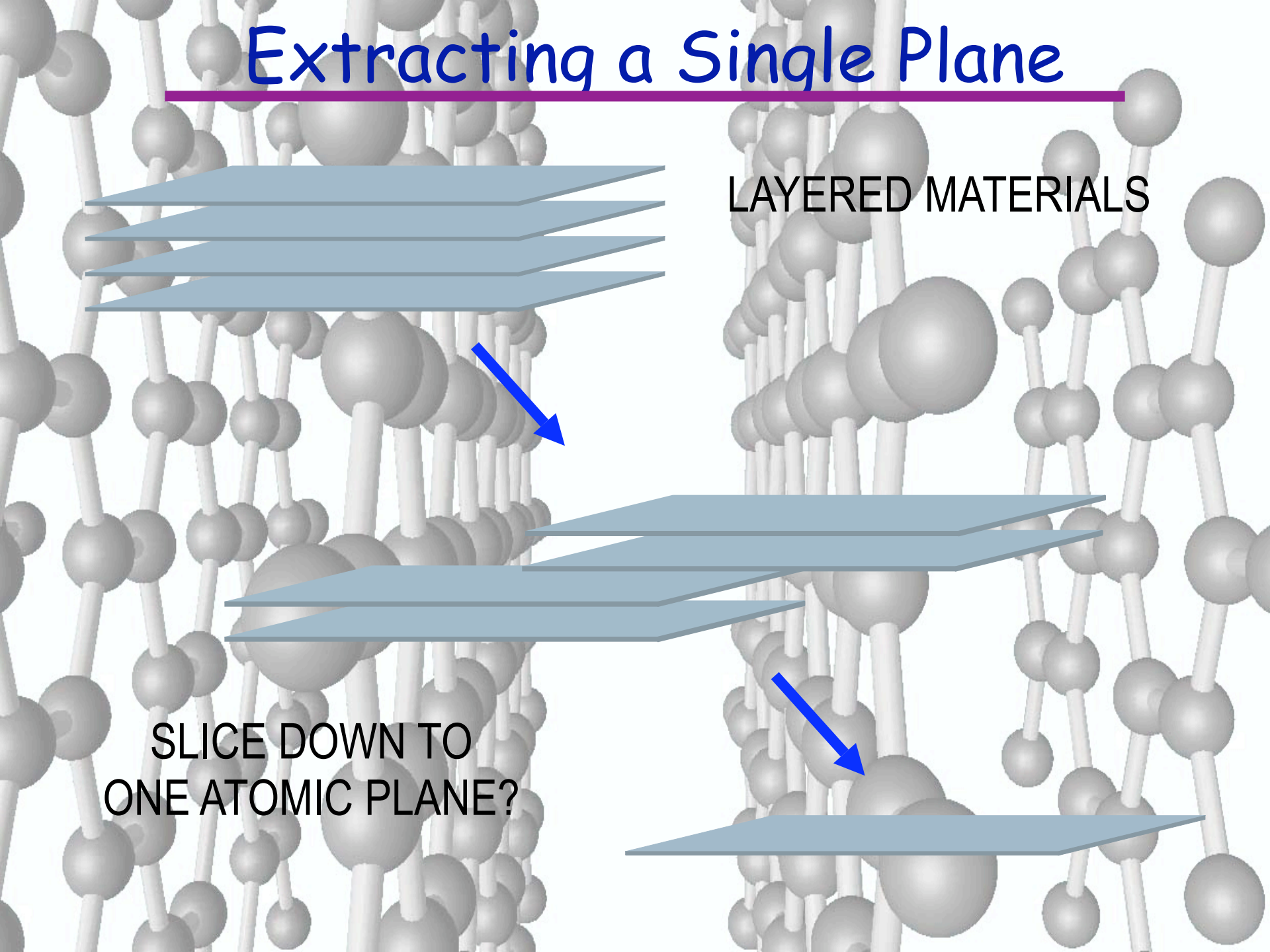
Buckyballs

Kroto et al 1985

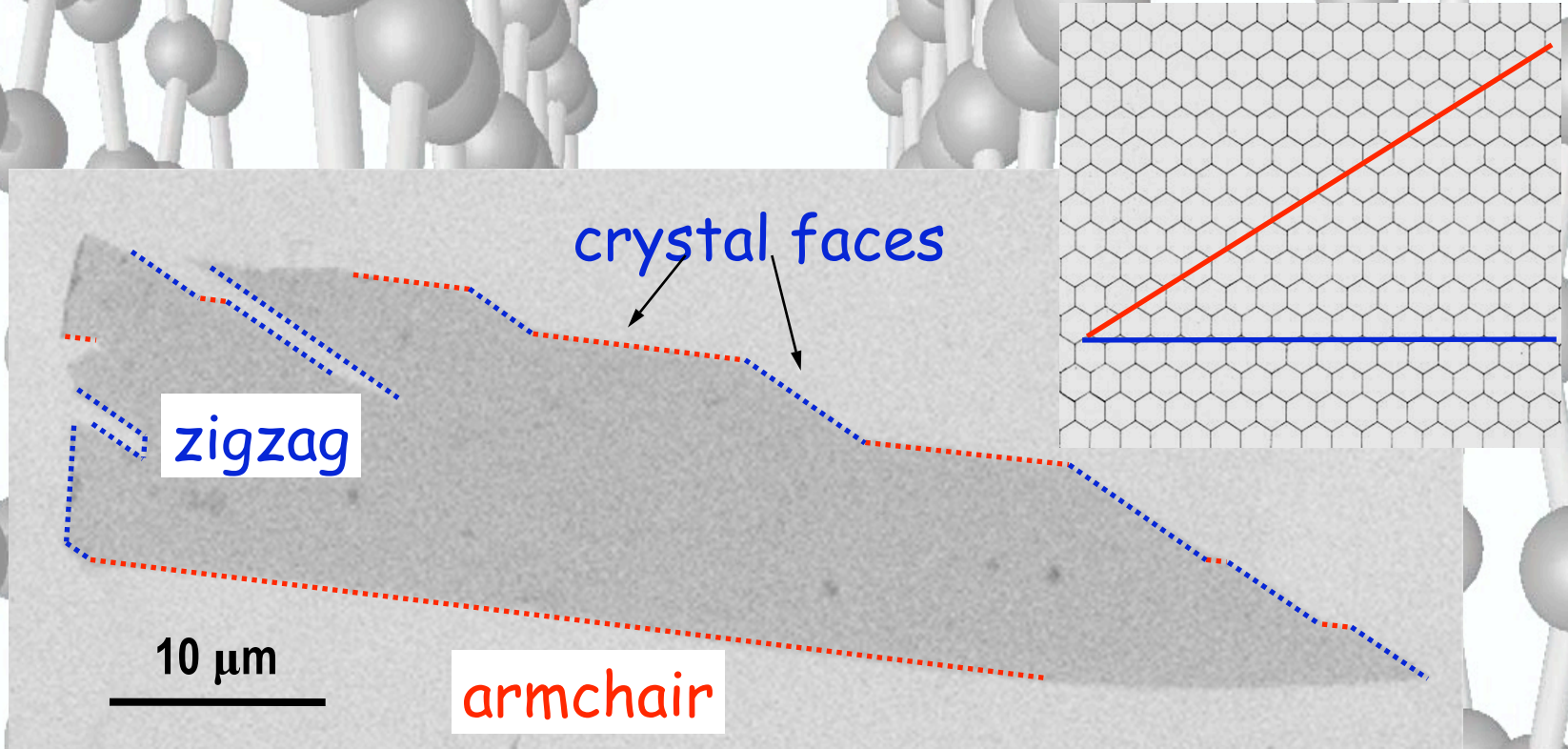
Extracting a Single Plane

LAYERED MATERIALS

SLICE DOWN TO
ONE ATOMIC PLANE?

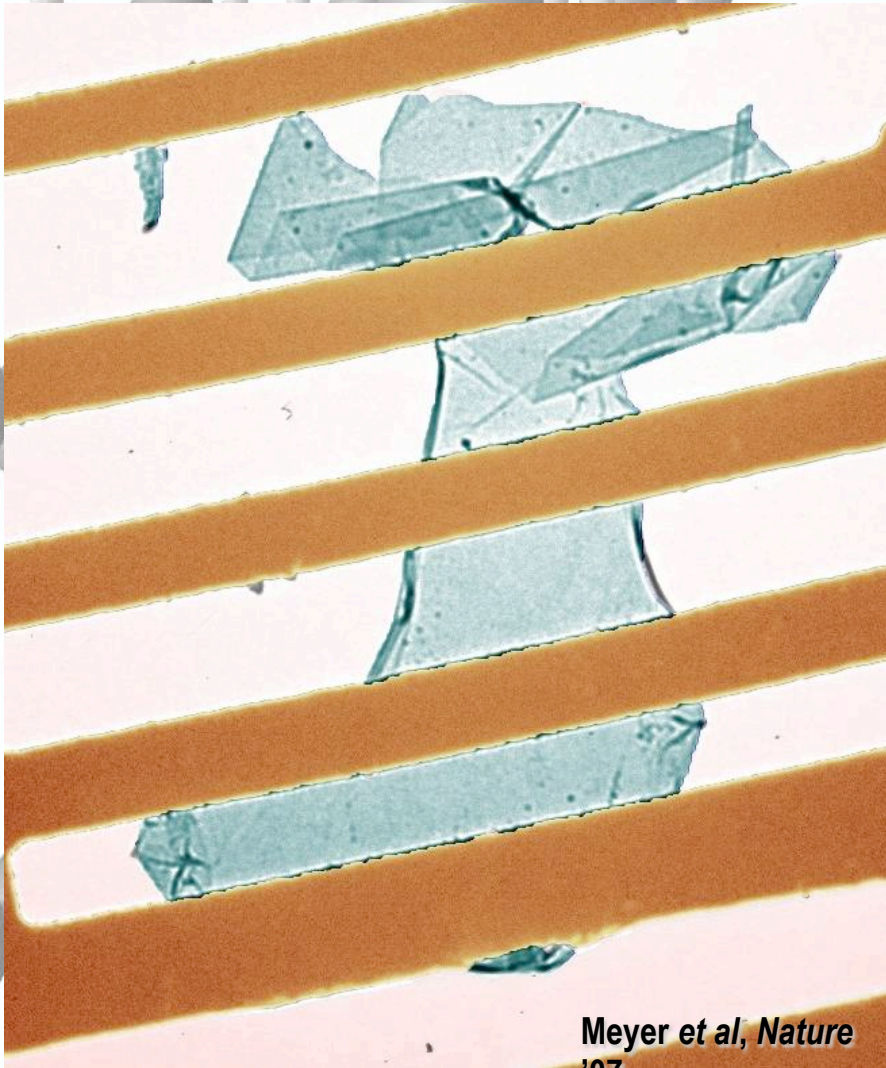


Two Dimensional Crystallites



not just flakes
but graphene crystallites

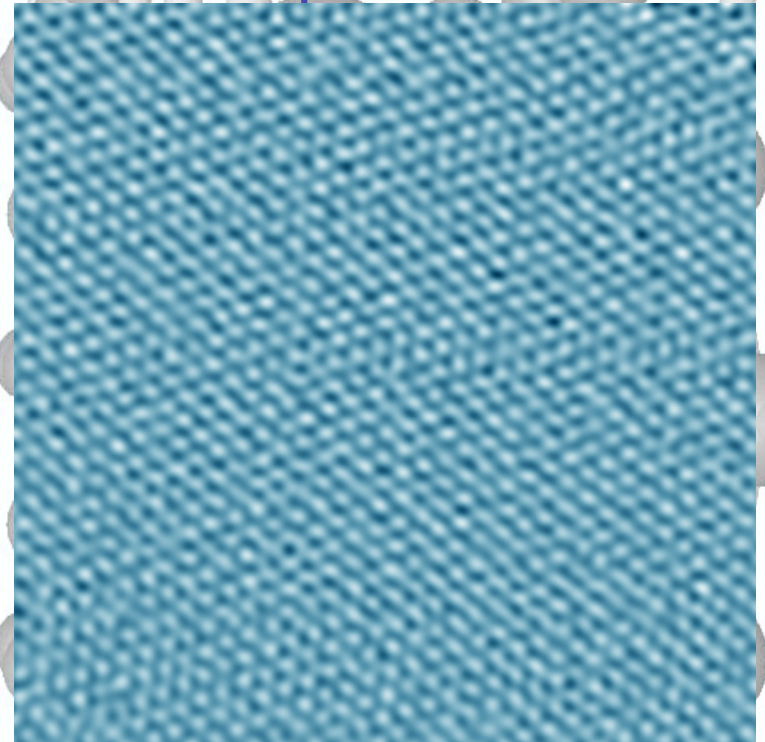
Two Dimensional Crystallites



Meyer et al, Nature
'07

one-atom-thick
single-crystals

graphene lattice
in SuperSTEM

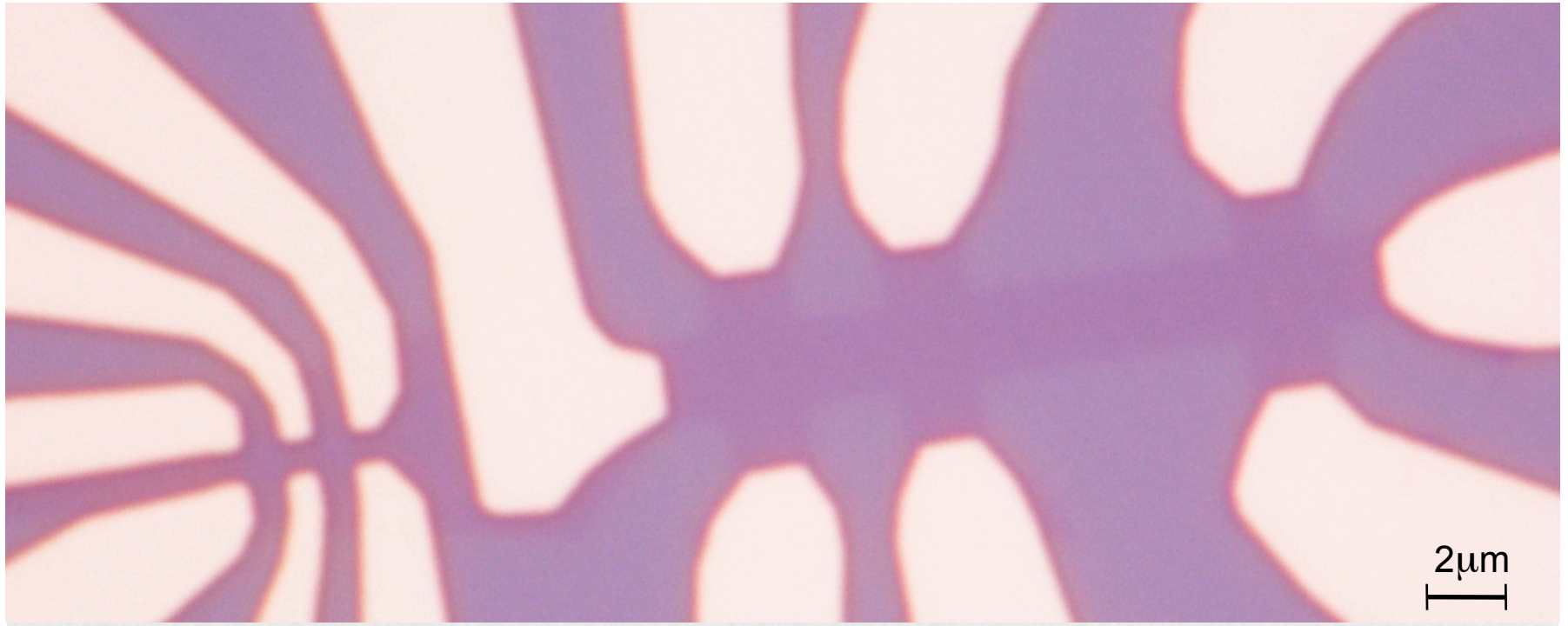


2D crystals first demonstrated
- Manchester, Science '04

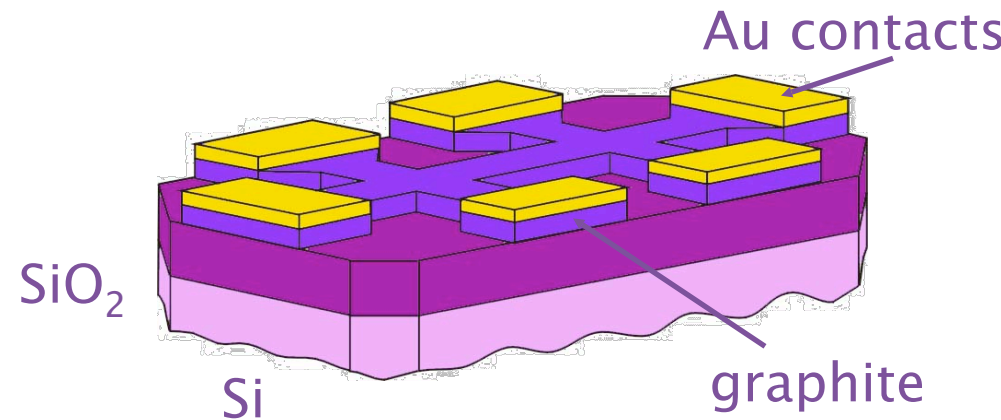


REASON # 1
EXCEPTIONAL
QUALITY

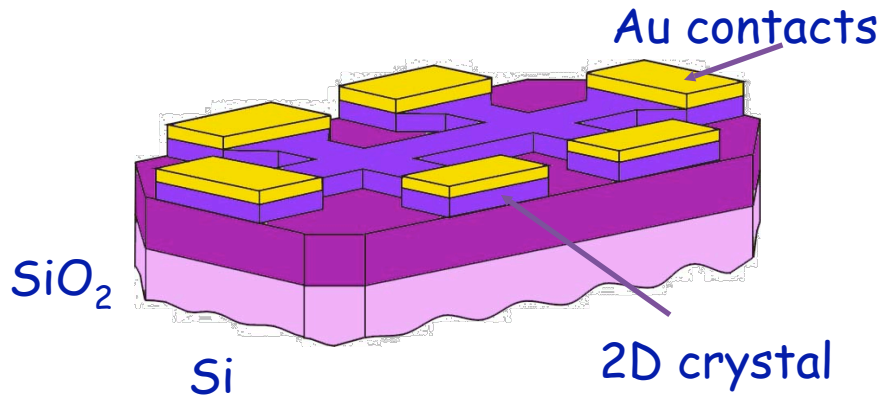
Graphene Devices



- optical image
- SEM image
- design
- contacts and mesa

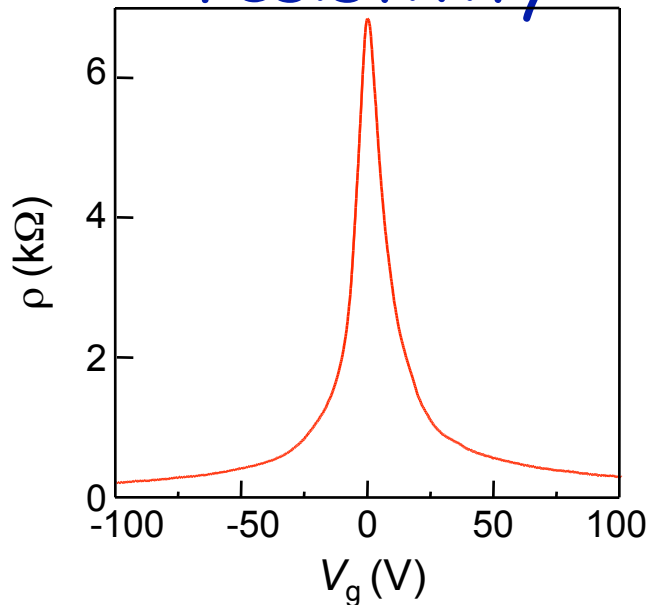


Exceptional Quality



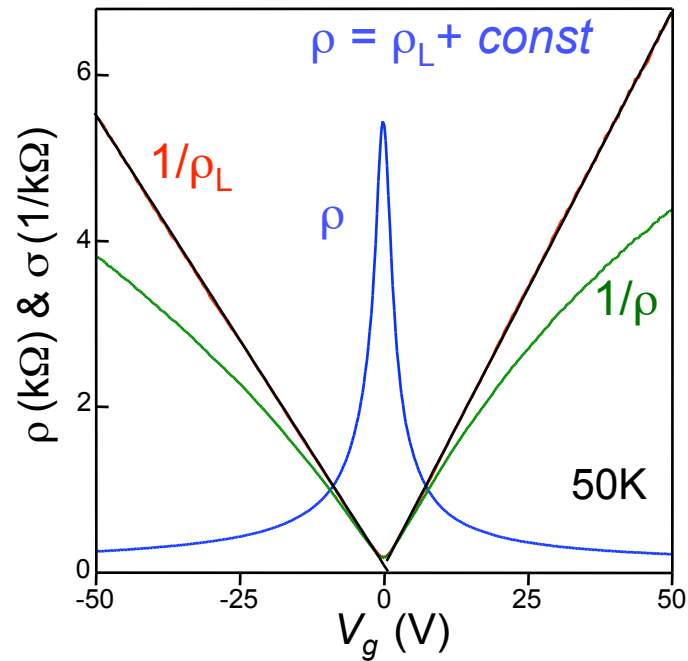
ballistic transport
on submicron scale
under ambient conditions

resistivity



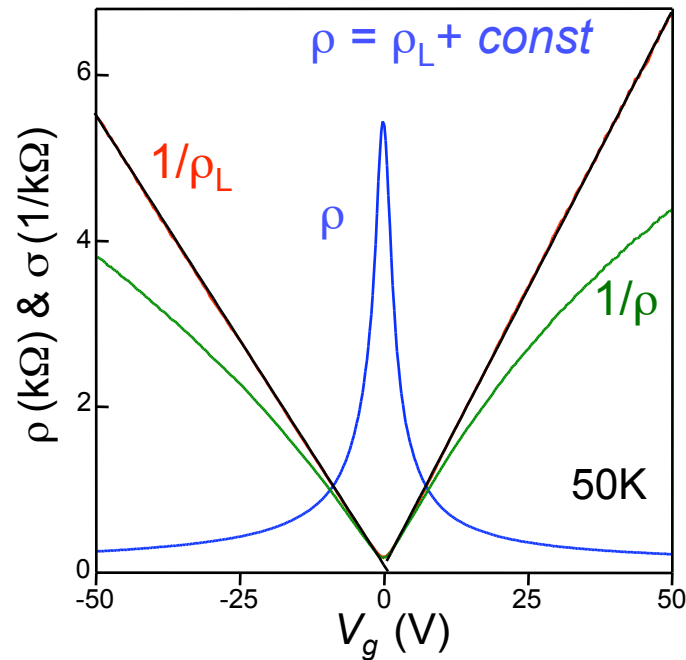
graphene: carrier mobility at **300K**
currently: up to 15,000 cm²/V·s
intrinsic: >200,000 cm²/V·s

Intrinsic Mobility

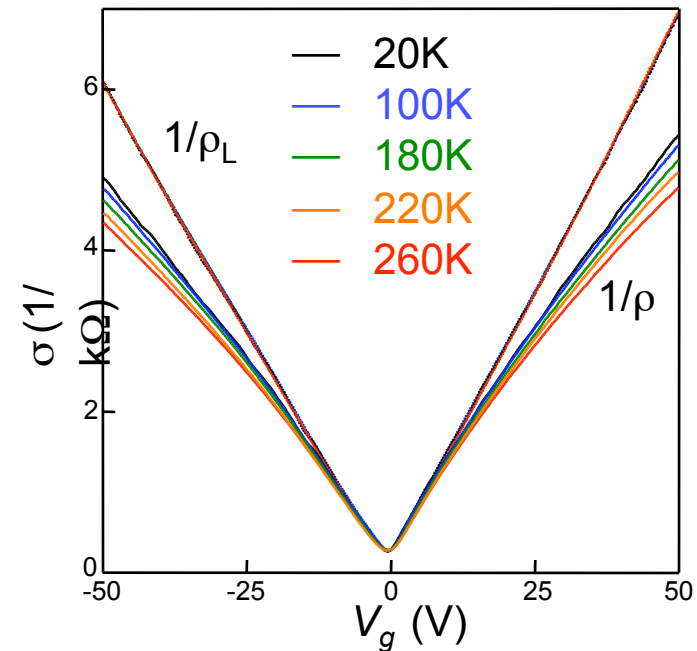


resistivity consists of
long ($\sigma \propto n$) and short (const ρ)
range contributions

Intrinsic Mobility



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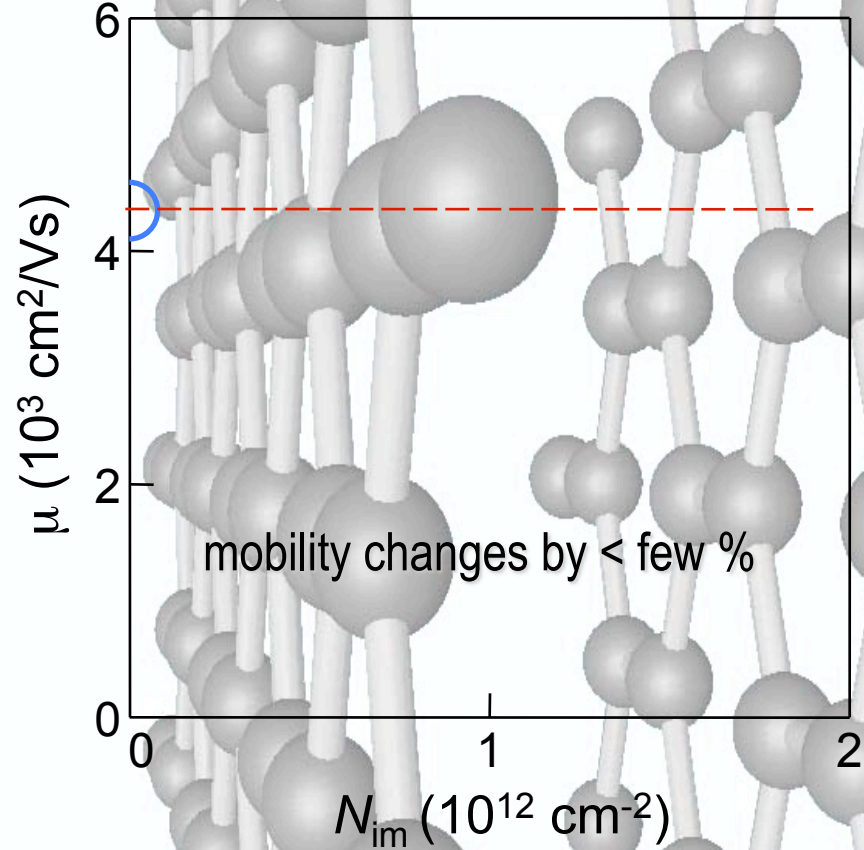
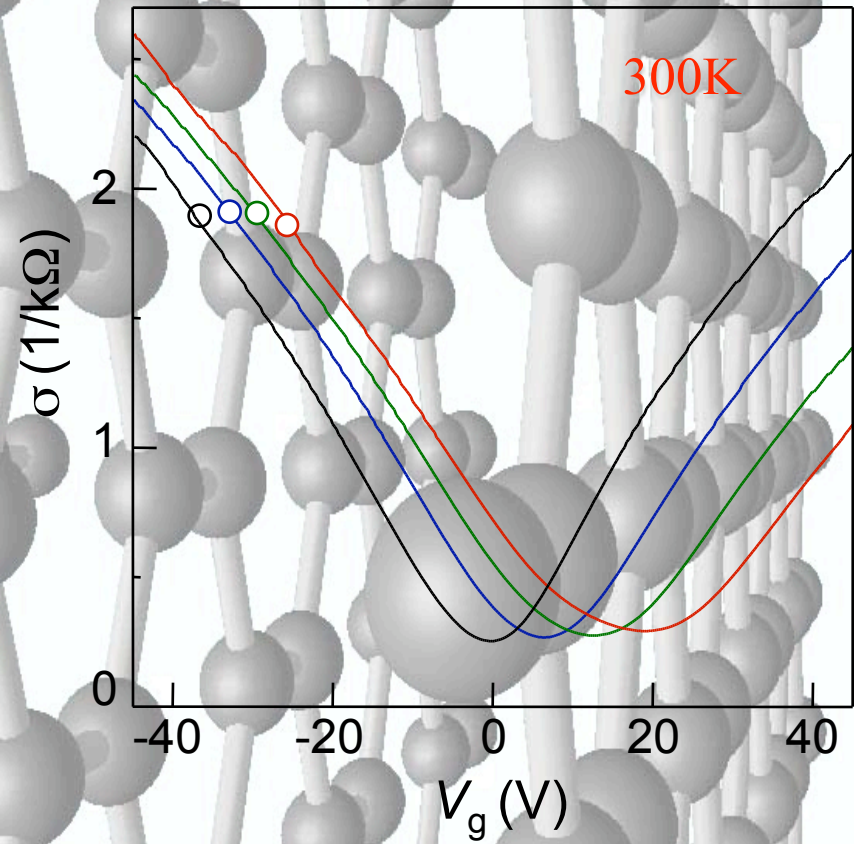
phonons are short-range scatterers contributing $\delta\rho < 50\Omega$ at 300 K (maybe, "extrinsic" phonons)

phonon-limited mobility $> 200,000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ at 300K

Doping Does Not Reduce Carrier Mobility

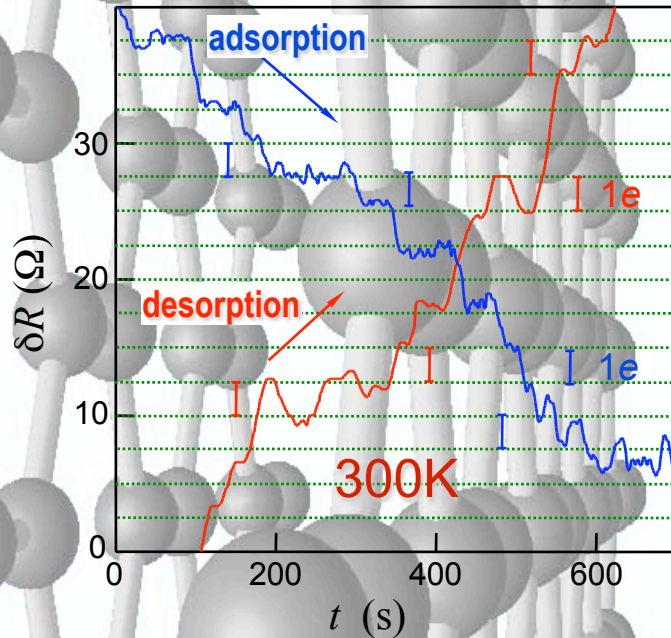
conductivity with increasing doping by NO_2

changes in mobility with increasing acceptor concentration



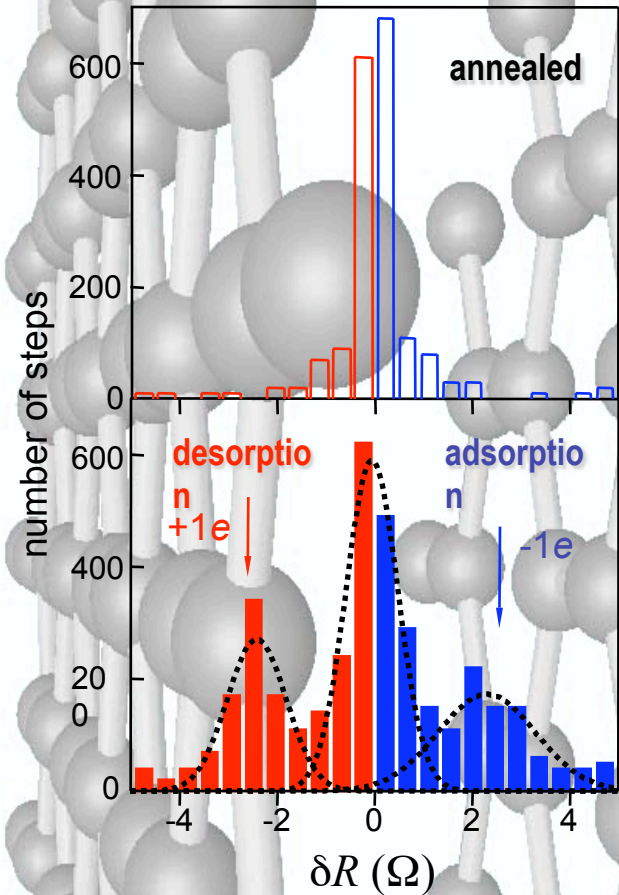
ballistic transport on $1\mu\text{m}$ scale
with charged impurities at $<10\text{nm}$ spacing

Single-Molecule Detection

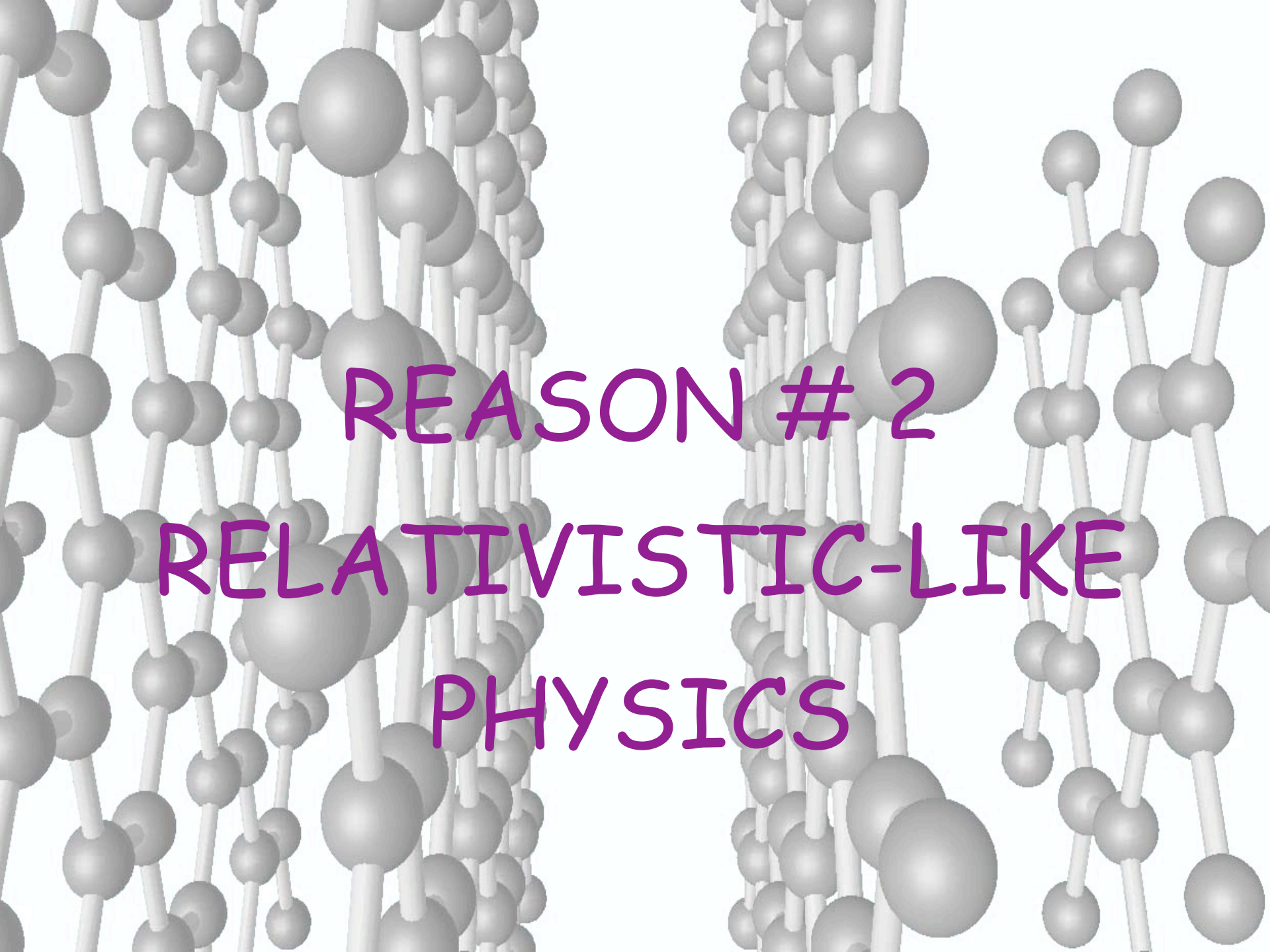


step-like changes near zero concentration

Manchester, *Nature Mat* '07

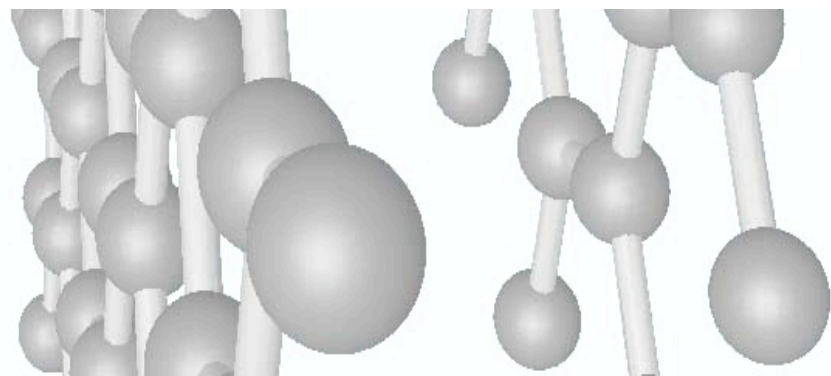
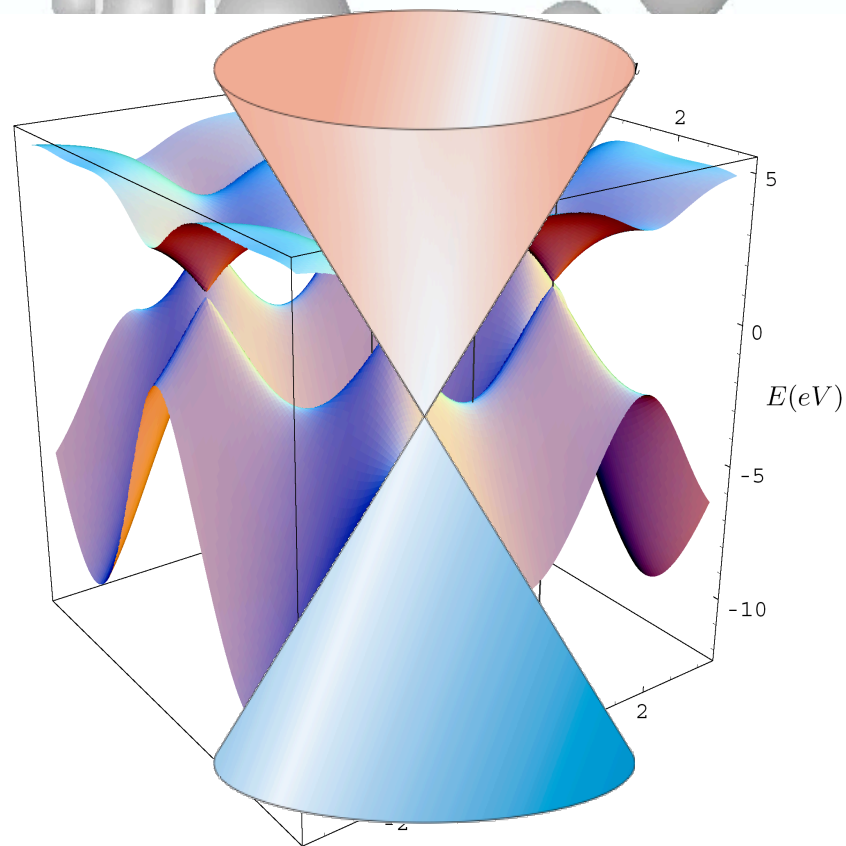
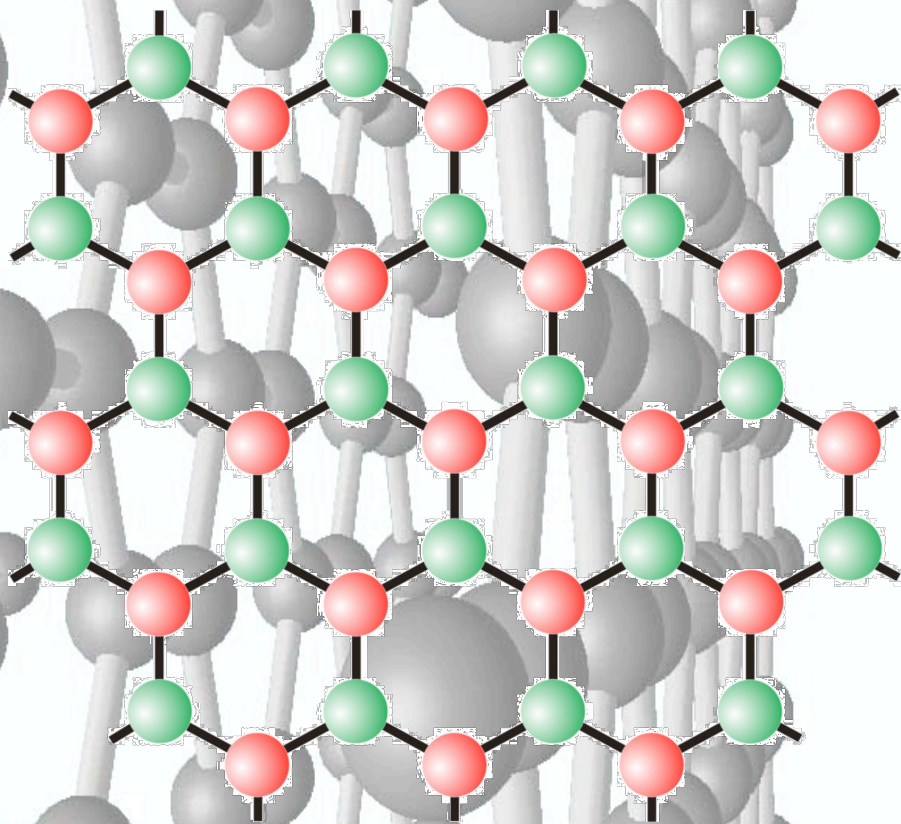


EXTREMELY ELECTRONICALLY QUIET: FEW UNSTABLE DEFECTS



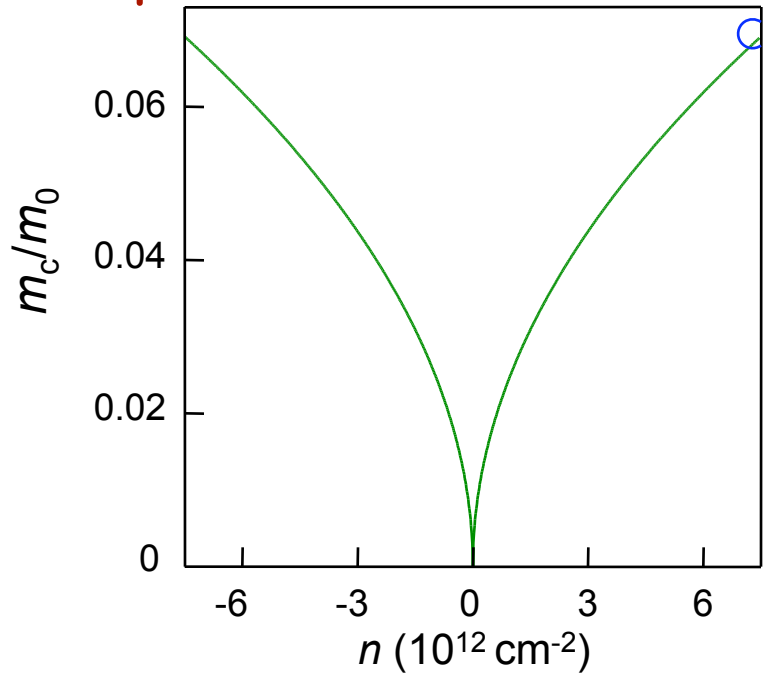
REASON # 2
RELATIVISTIC-LIKE
PHYSICS

Chiral Fermions in Graphene



Band Structure of Graphene

cyclotron mass strongly depends on concentration

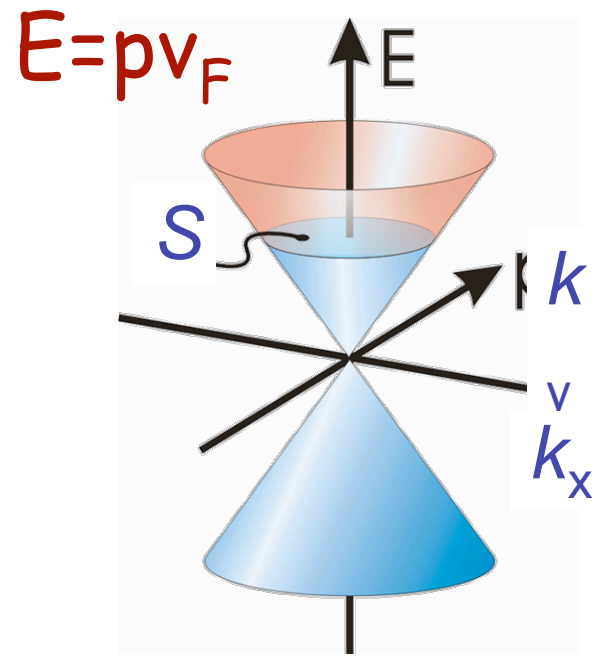


$$B_F = (\hbar/2\pi e)S \text{ and } m_c = (\hbar^2/2\pi)\partial S/\partial E$$

experimental dependences

$$B_F \sim n \text{ and } m_c \sim n^{1/2}$$

necessitates $S \sim E(k)^2$ or $E \sim k$

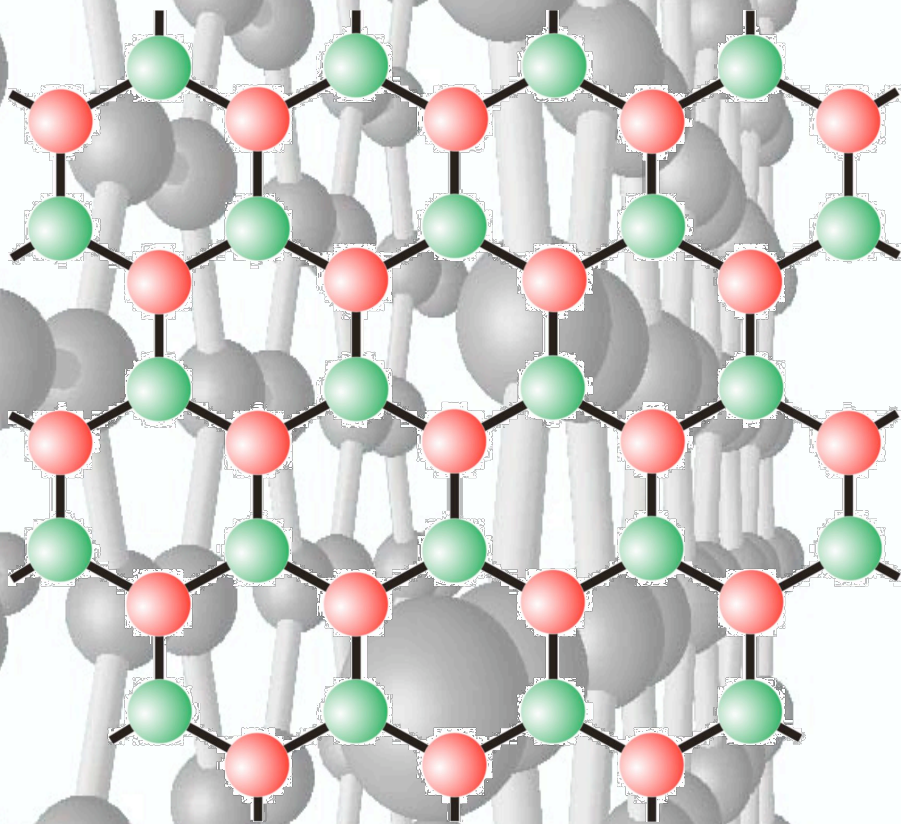


effective mass

$$E = m_c v_F^2$$

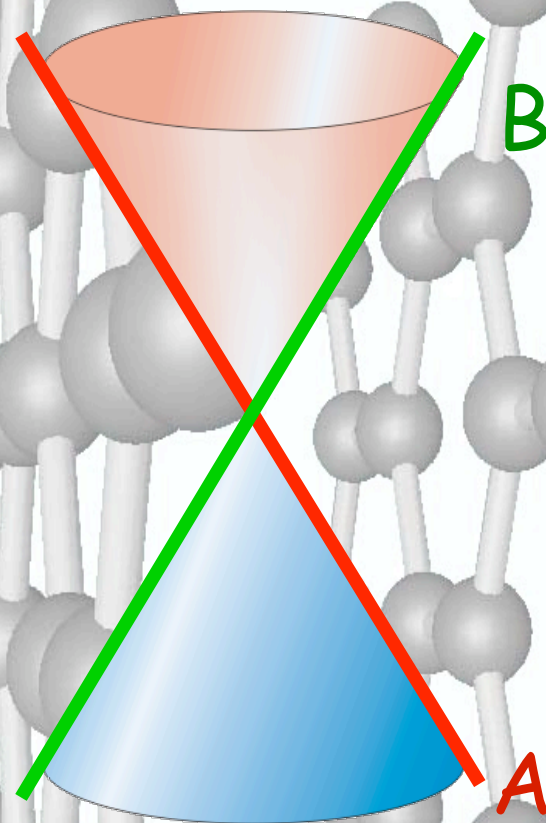
$$v_F = 10^6 \text{ m/s } \pm 5\%$$

Chiral Fermions in Graphene

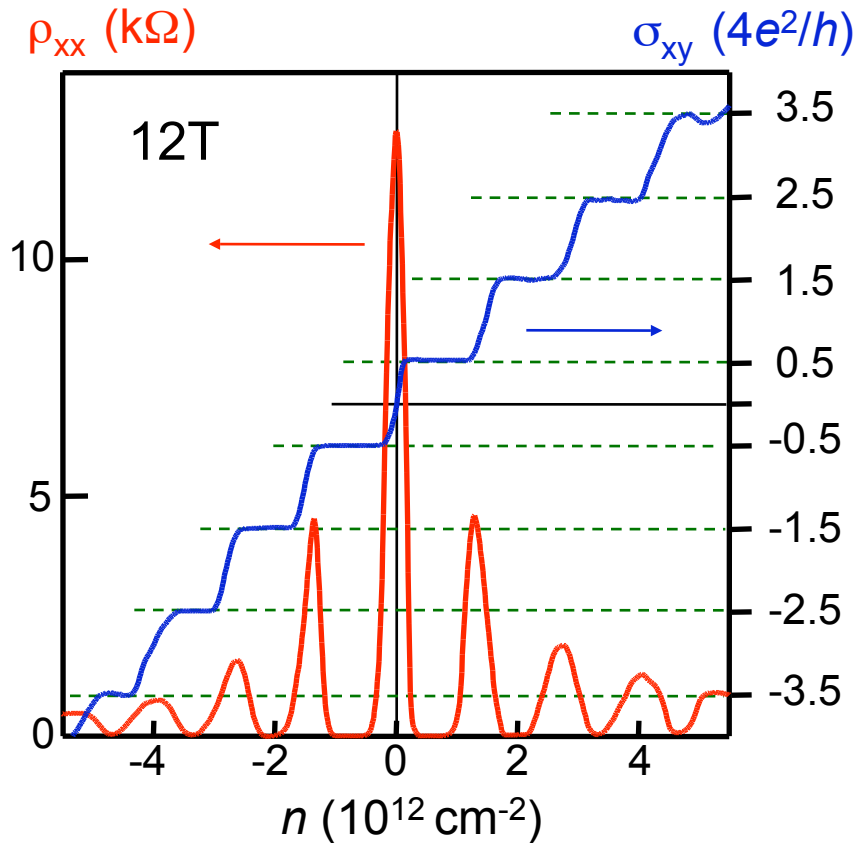


Dirac-like
equation:

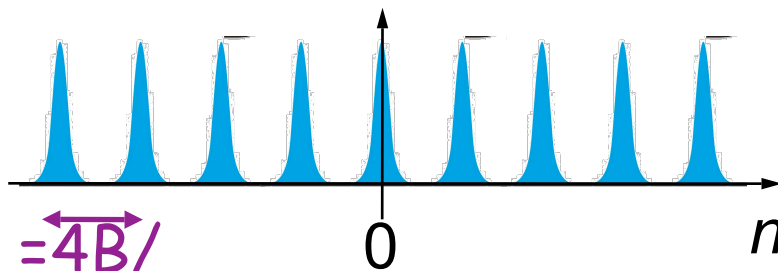
$$\hat{H} = v_F \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{p}_x + i\hat{p}_y \\ \hat{p}_x - i\hat{p}_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \hat{\sigma} = v_F \vec{\sigma} \times \vec{p}$$



half-integer quantum Hall effect



relativistic analogue
of the integer QHE



$$\Delta n = \frac{4B}{\Phi_0}$$

$$\Phi_0$$

Manchester, Nature 438, 197 ('05)

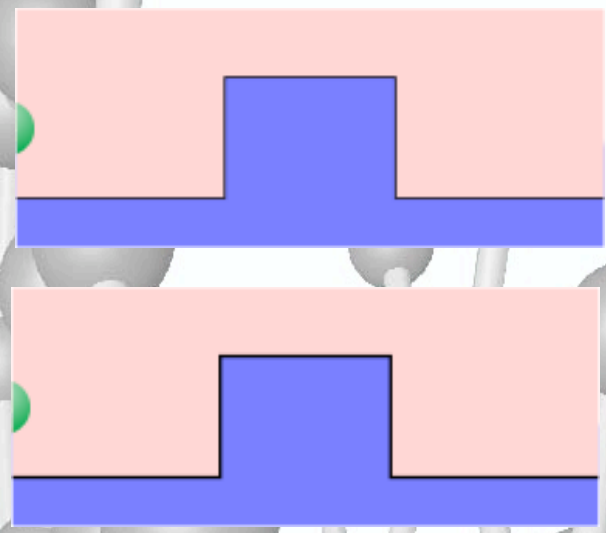
also, Philip Kim's group ibid 201 ('05)

ACCESS TO QED-LIKE PHYSICS
IN CONDENSED MATTER
EXPERIMENT

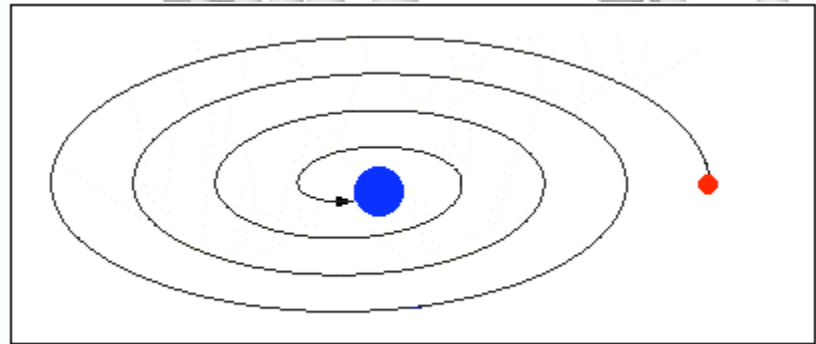
Klein "Paradox"

The End of
Periodic Table

Zitterbewegung



relativistic fall-down on the centre



$$Z > \hbar c / e^2 \approx 137$$

responsible for the finite
conductivity of $\approx e^2/h$ (?)

major observations

(... at these very early days)

conductivity 'without' charge carriers

chiral QHE in its bilayer

random vector & scalar fields

microscopic corrugations

suppression of weak localization

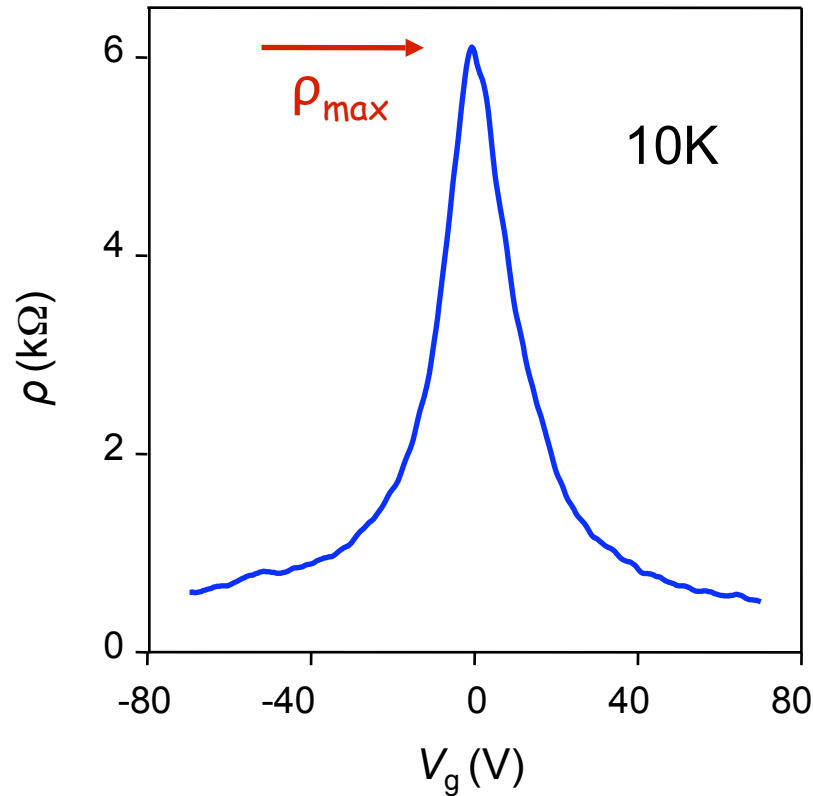
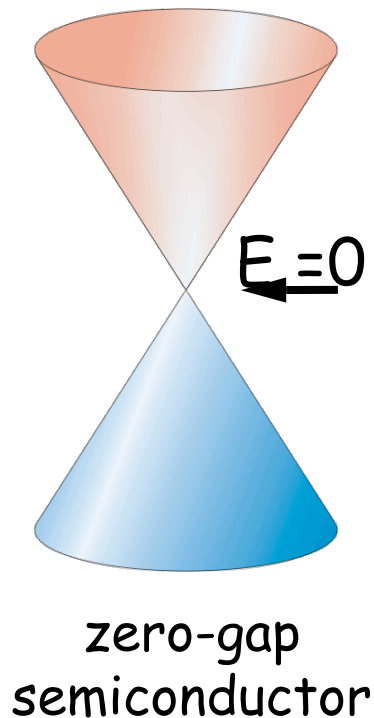
long-range spin transport at room T

quantum chaos in graphene dots



CONDUCTIVITY
"WITHOUT"
CHARGE CARRIERS

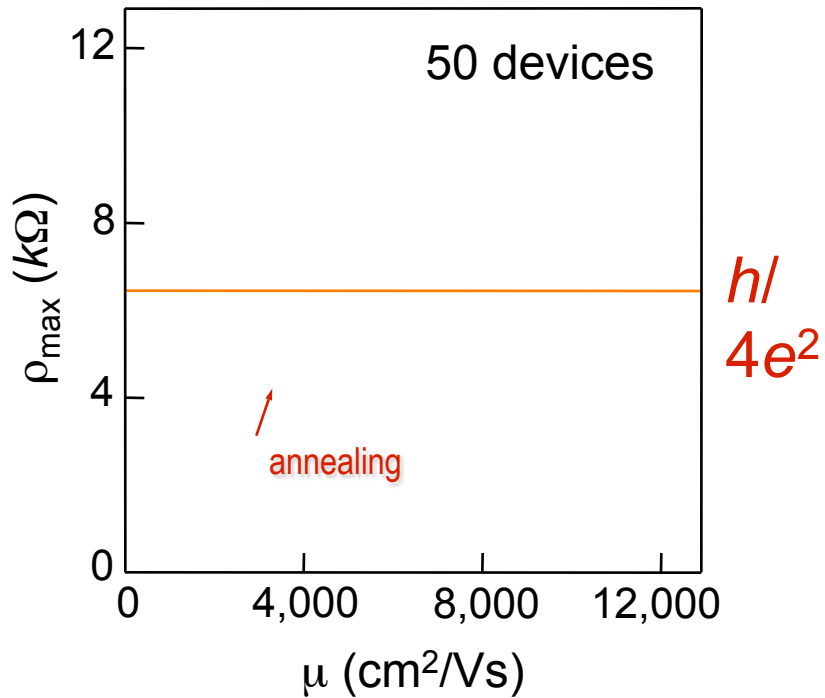
Minimum Quantum Conductivity



no temperature dependence
in the peak
from 3 to 300K

NO
metal-insulator
transition

Minimum Quantum Conductivity



most theories predict
 π -times larger value

Fradkin 1986

Lee 1993

Ludwig 1994

Morita 1997

Ziegler 1998

Peres 2005

Gusynin 2005

Katsnelson 2006

Tworzydlo 2006

Cserti 2006

Ostrovsky 2006

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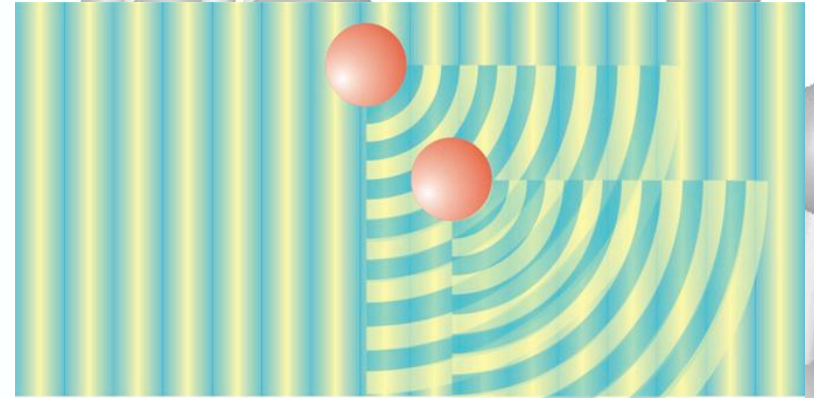
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quantized **resistivity** NOT resistance
(h/e^2 per spin and valley)

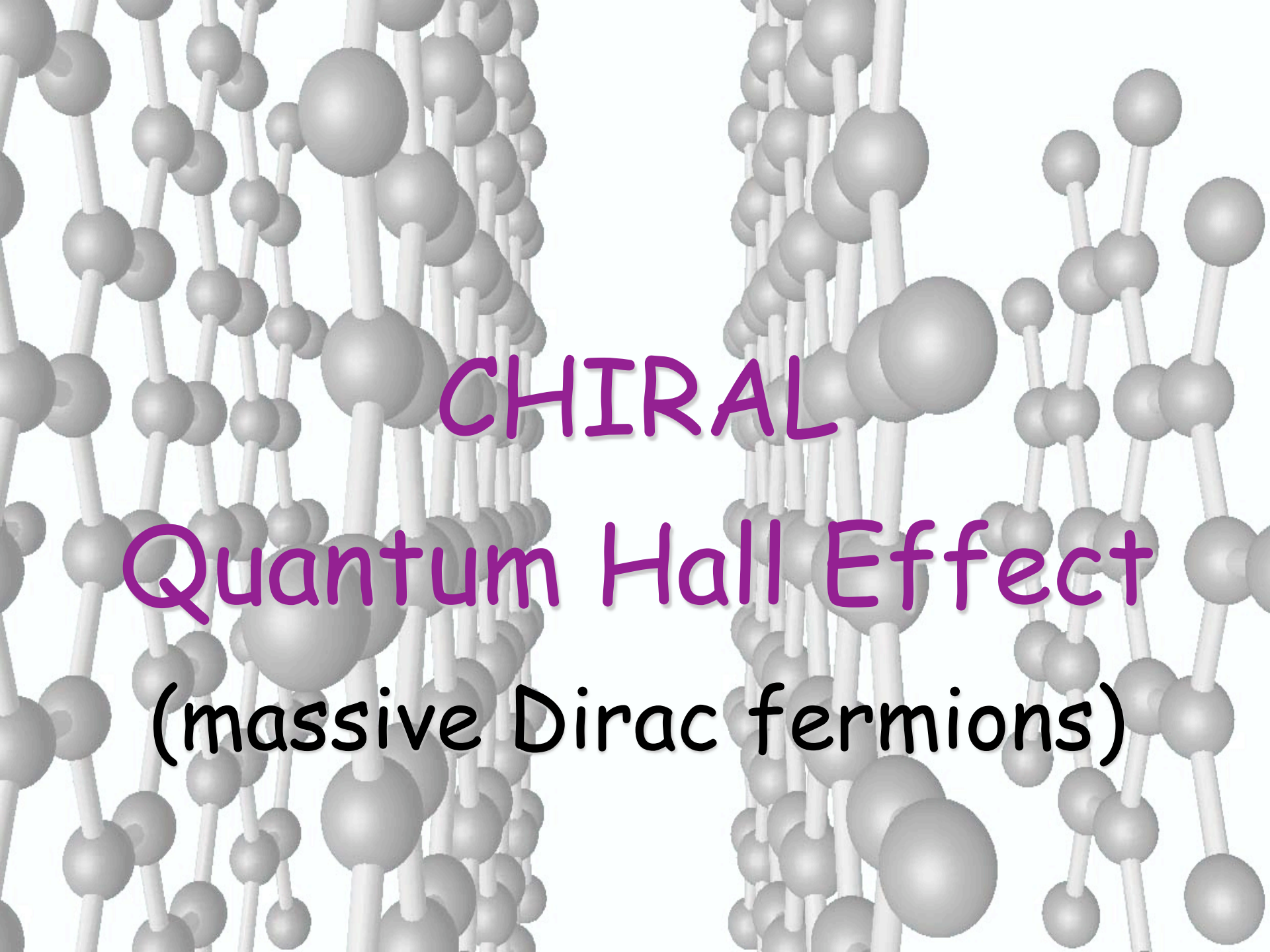
Minimum Quantum Conductivity

Mott's argument: $l \geq \lambda_F$

$$\sigma = ne\mu = \frac{e^2}{h} k_F l \geq \frac{e^2}{h}$$



NO LOCALIZATION
NO METAL-INSULATOR
TRANSITION

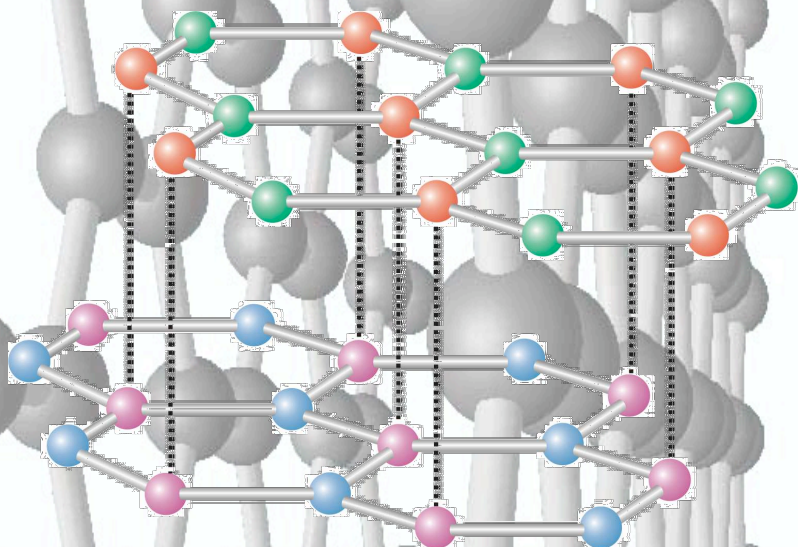


CHIRAL

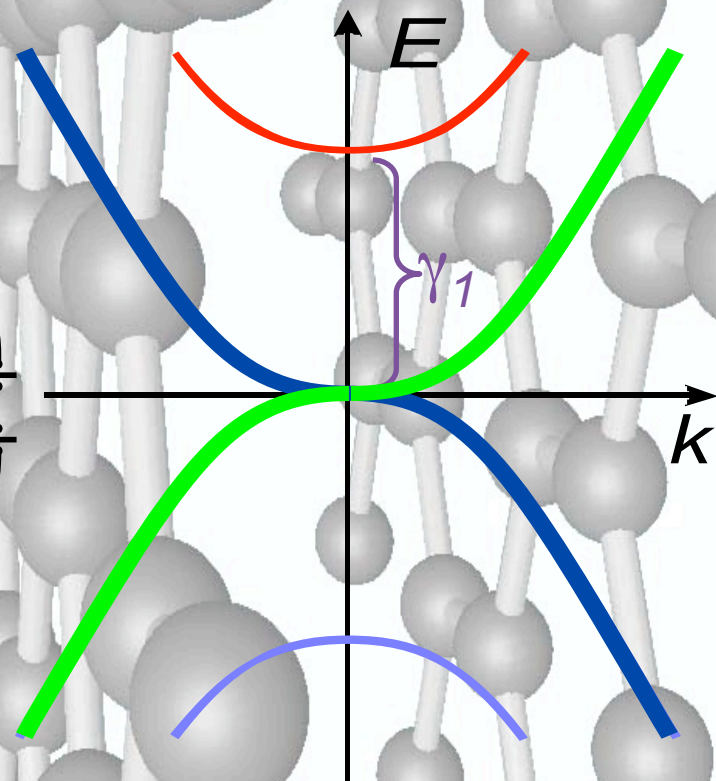
Quantum Hall Effect

(massive Dirac fermions)

massive Dirac fermions



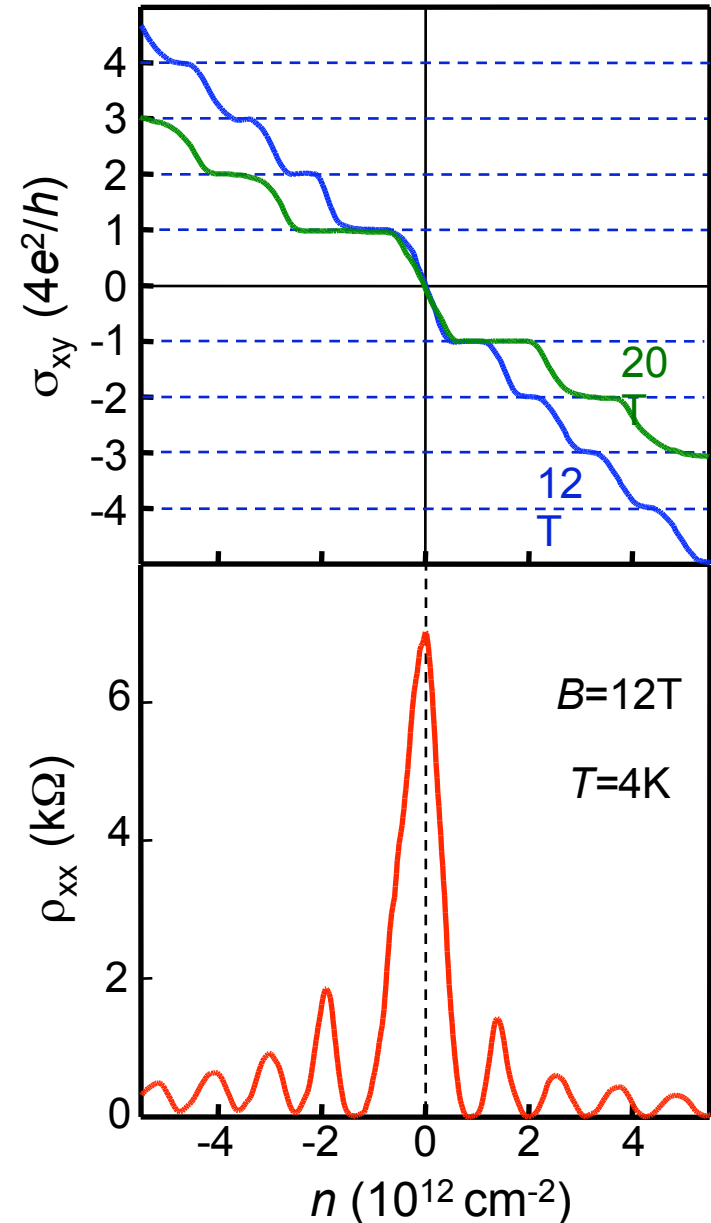
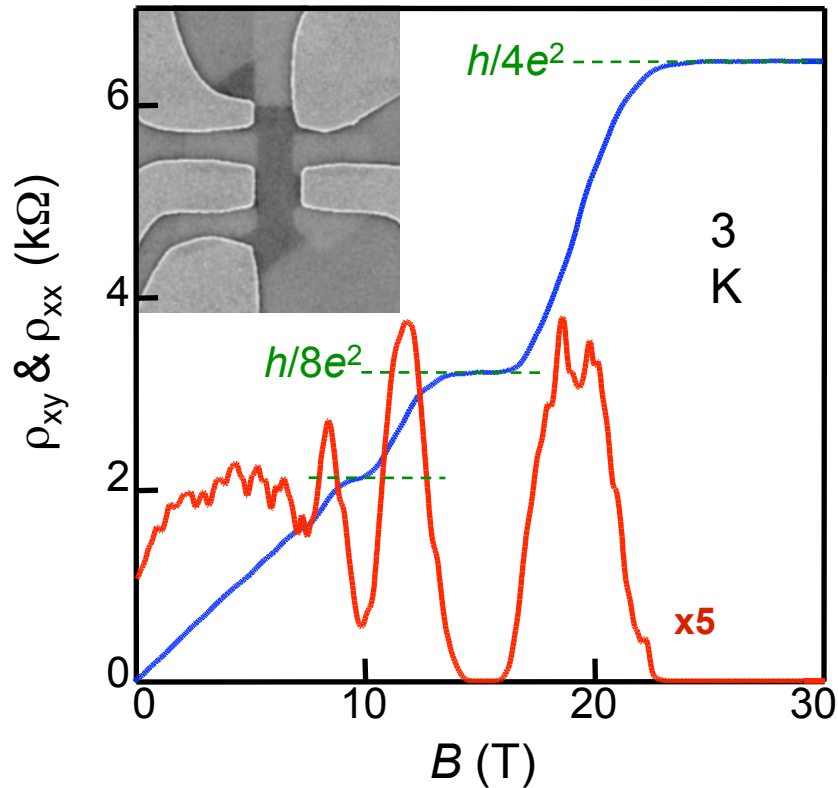
$$E(p) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \gamma_1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \gamma_1^2 + v_F^2 p^2}$$

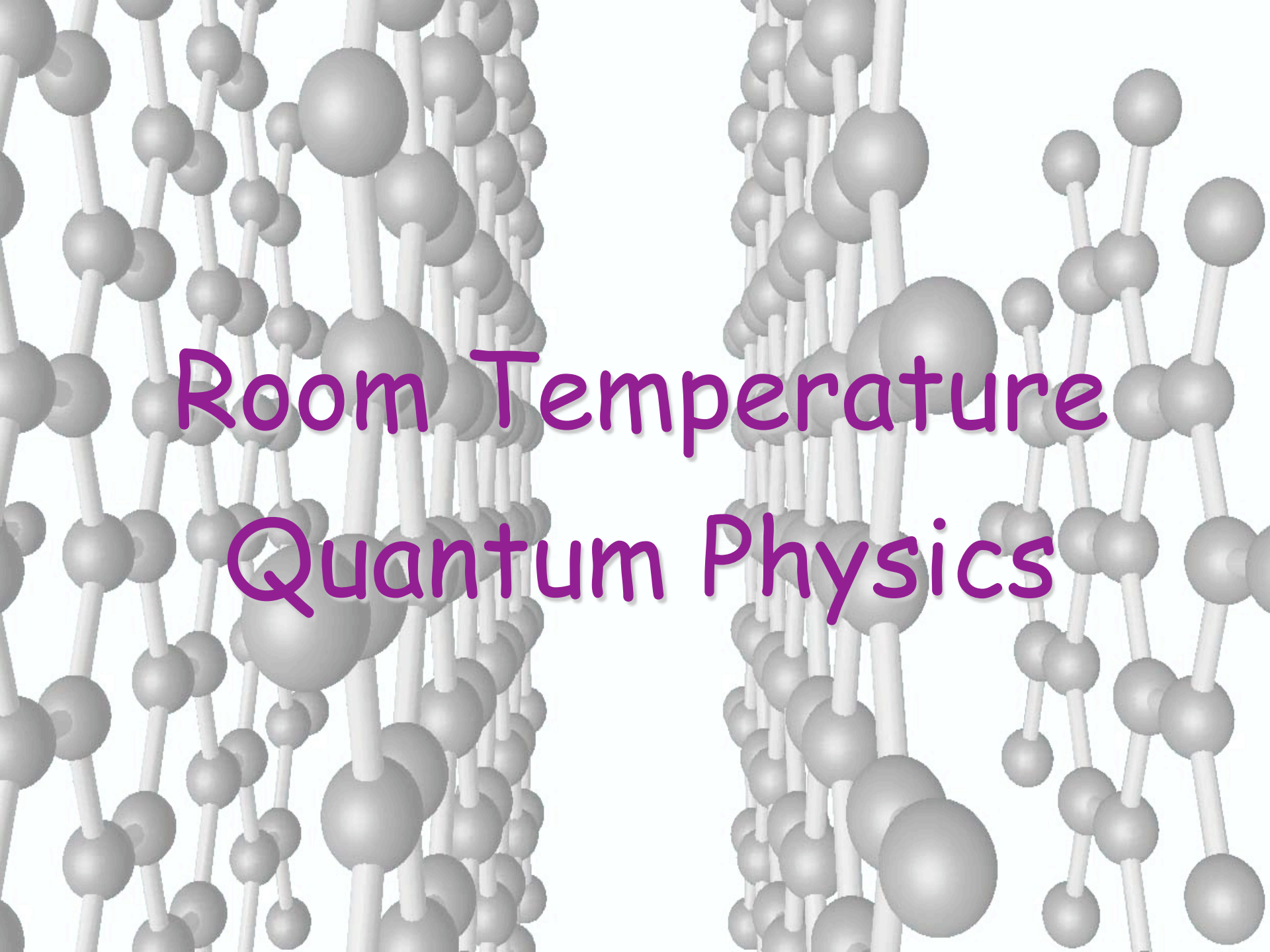


$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\hat{p}_x + i\hat{p}_y)^2 \\ (\hat{p}_x - i\hat{p}_y)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_N = \pm \hbar \omega_c \sqrt{N(N-1)}$$

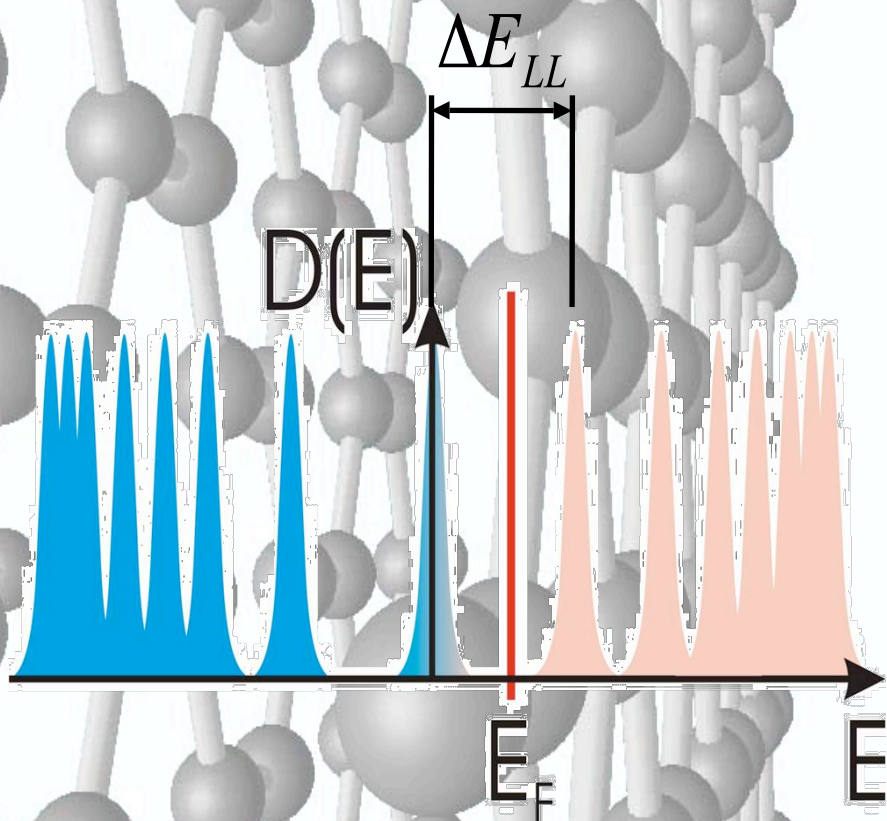
QHE in bilayer graphene





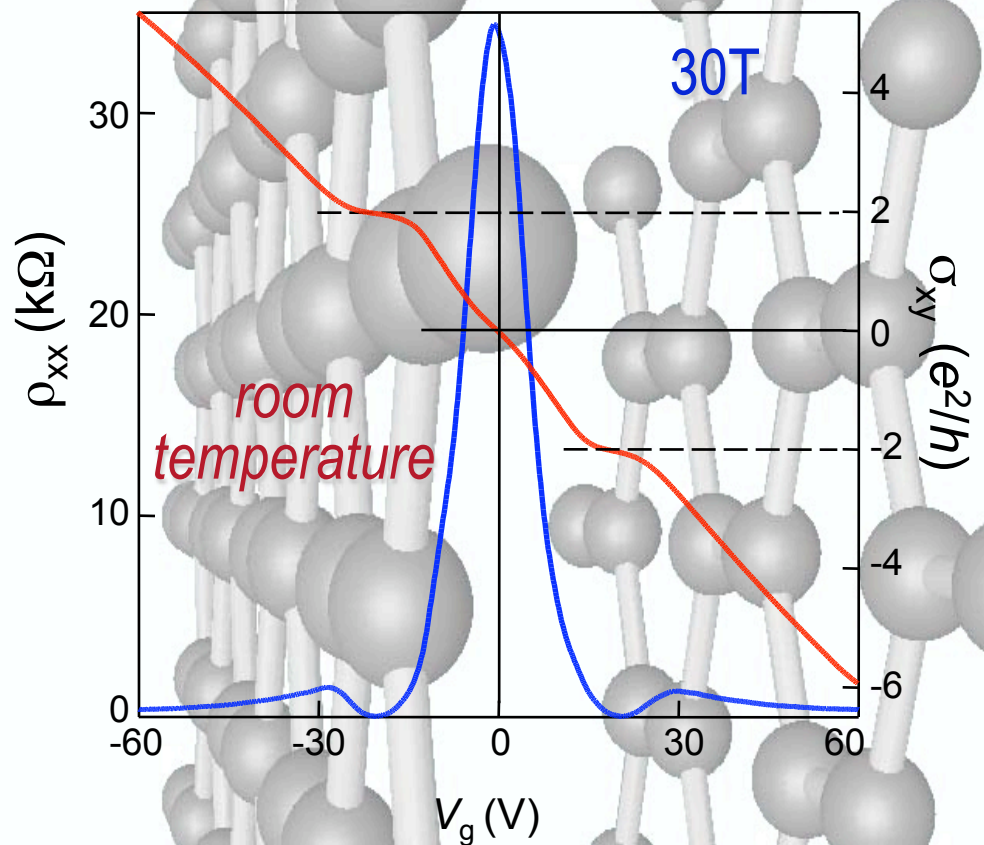
Room Temperature
Quantum Physics

room-temperature QHE



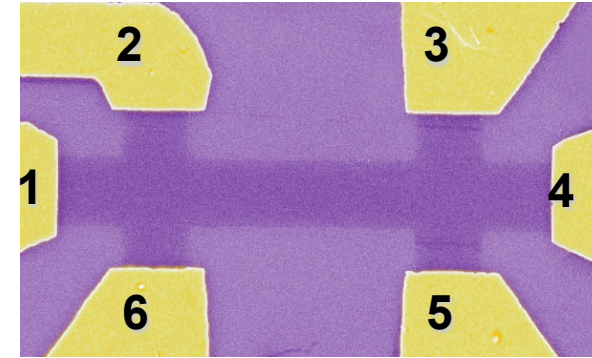
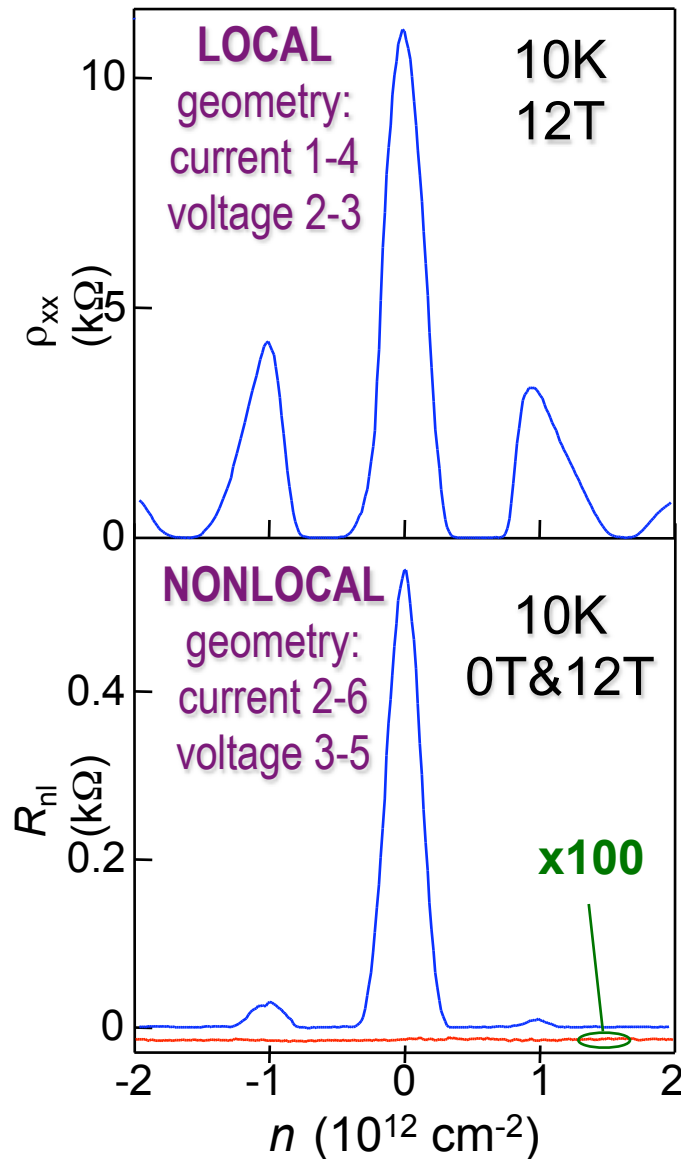
$$\Delta E_{LL} = v_F \sqrt{2e\hbar B}$$

$$\Delta E_{LL} (K) = 420 \sqrt{B(T)}$$



previously, QHE only below 30K

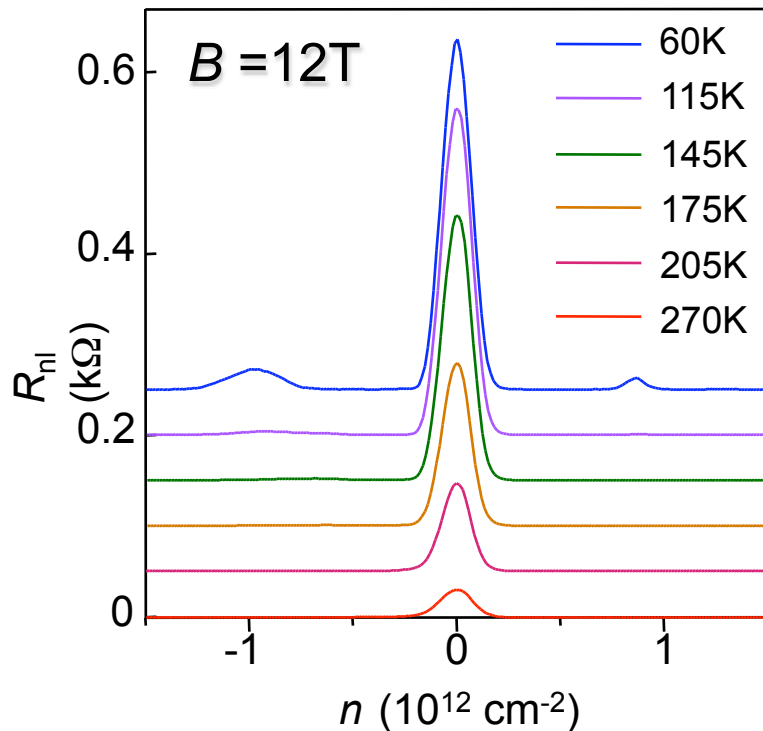
Nonlocal Edge-State Transport



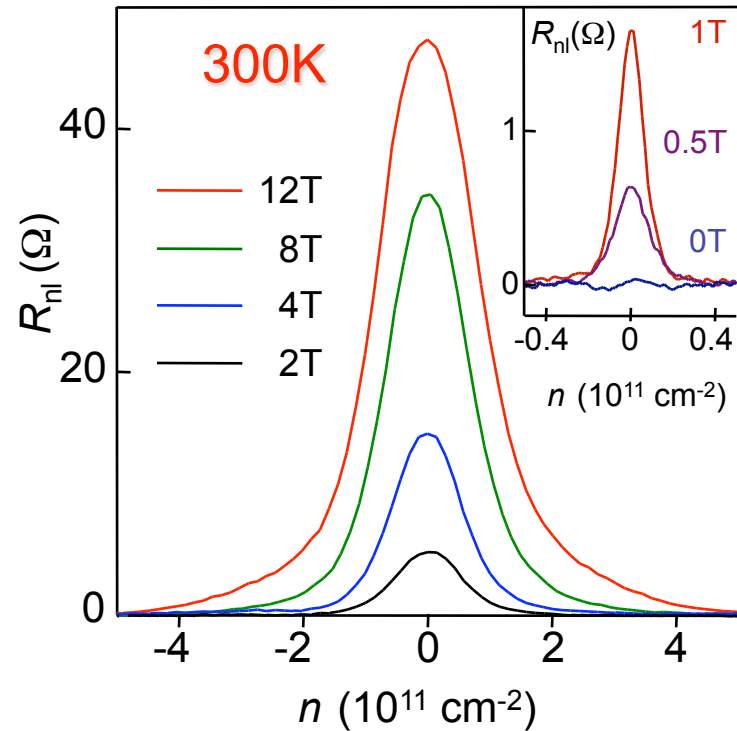
*in magnetic field,
current starts flowing
in classically
inaccessible regions*

Room-T Nonlocal Transport

slow decay with T

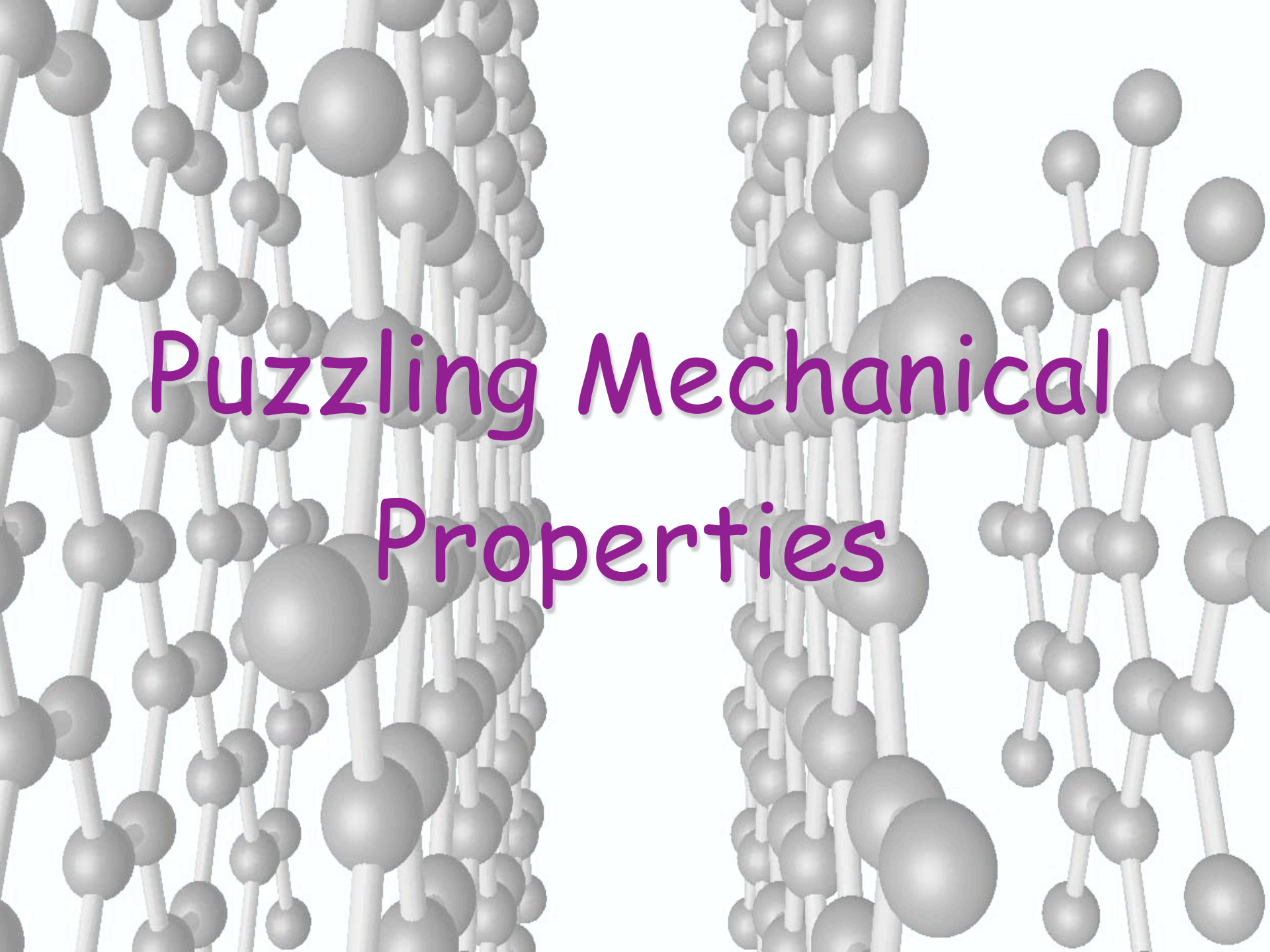


slow decrease with B



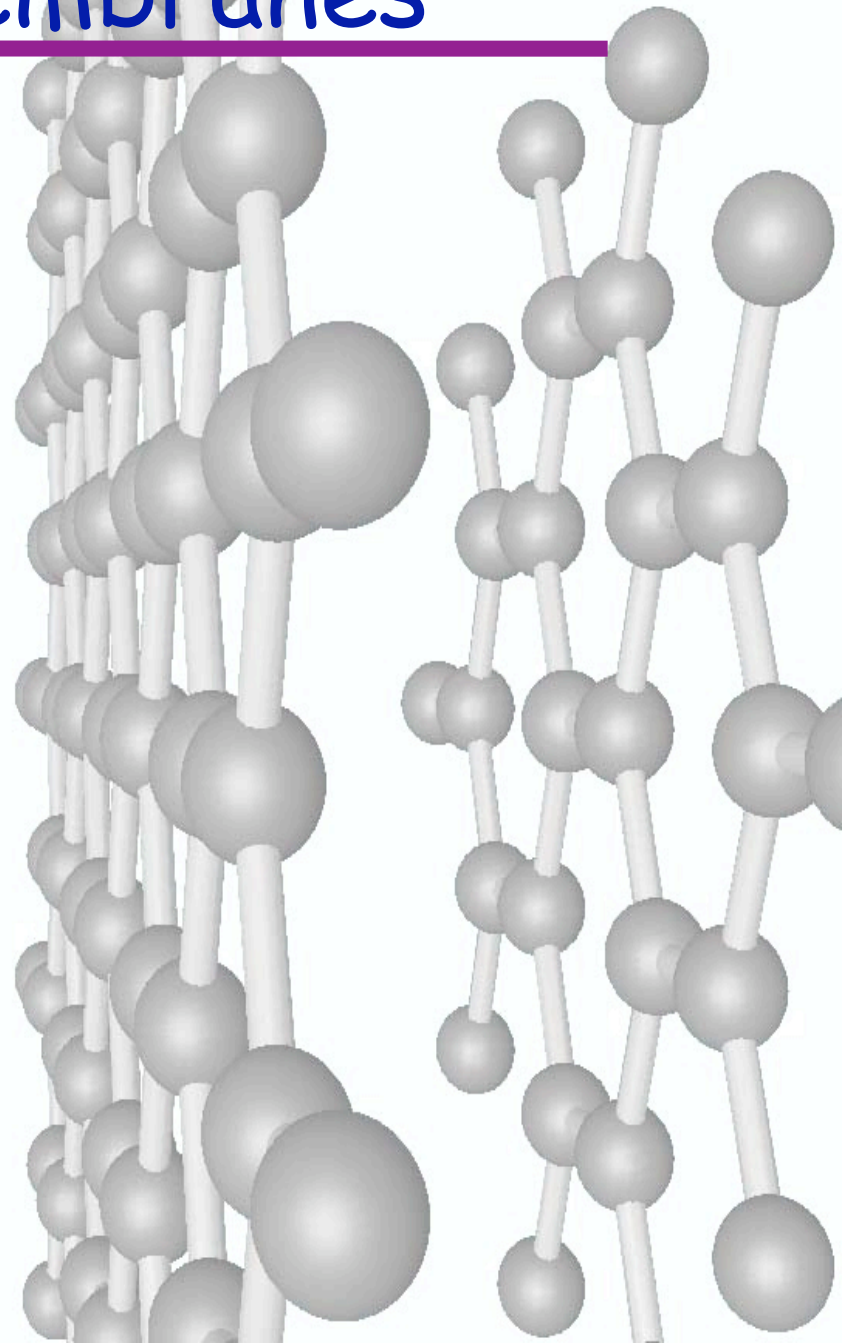
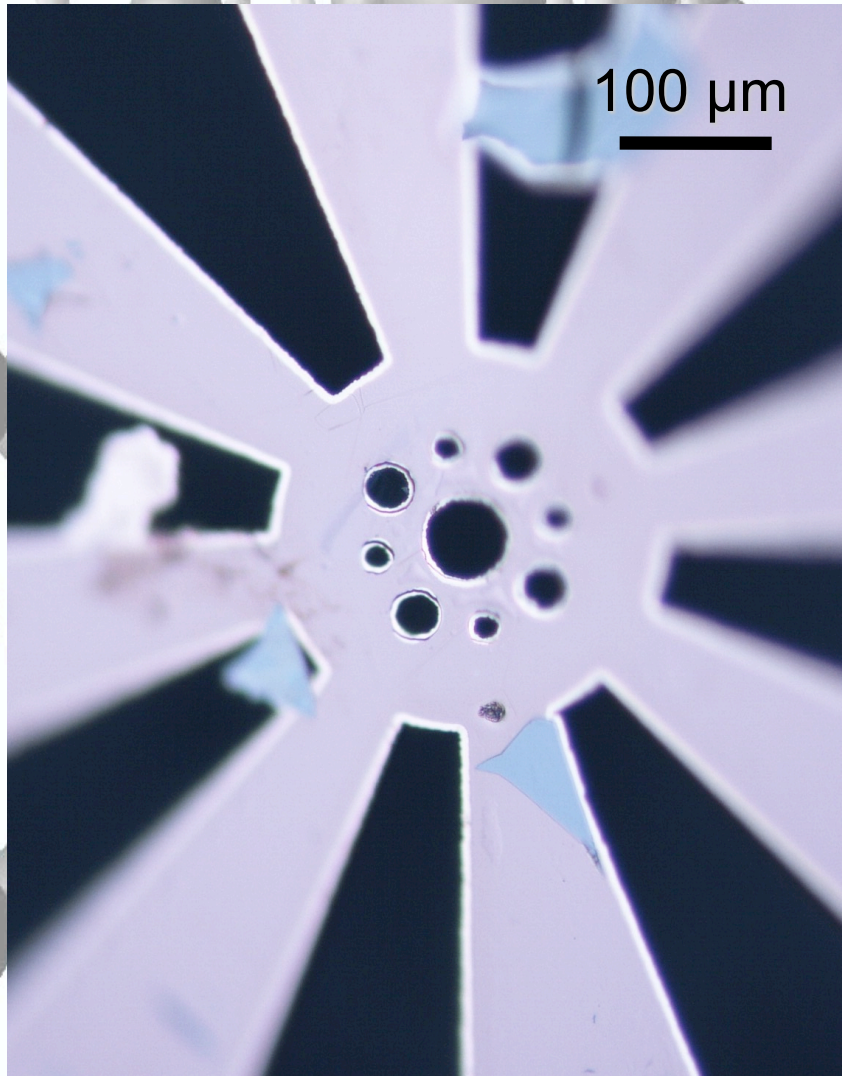
macroscopic-scale quantum effect
at 300K in fields < 1 Tesla

valley- or spin- polarized boundary states ?



Puzzling Mechanical
Properties

Graphene Membranes



Free-Standing Graphene

0.5 μm

(black dots are Cu particles)

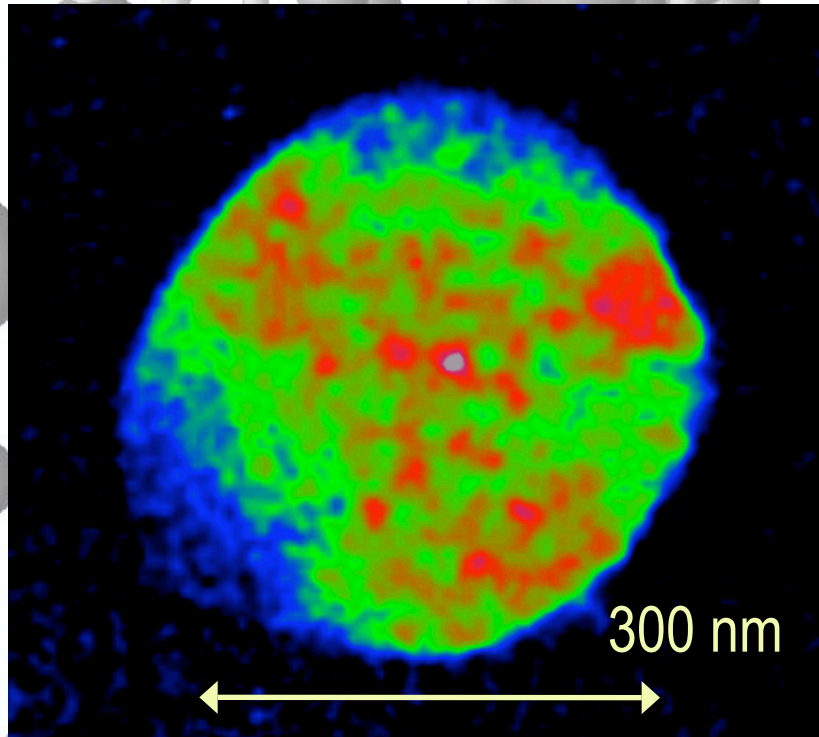


TEM image:
graphene crystals
supported by one side
DO NOT BEND!

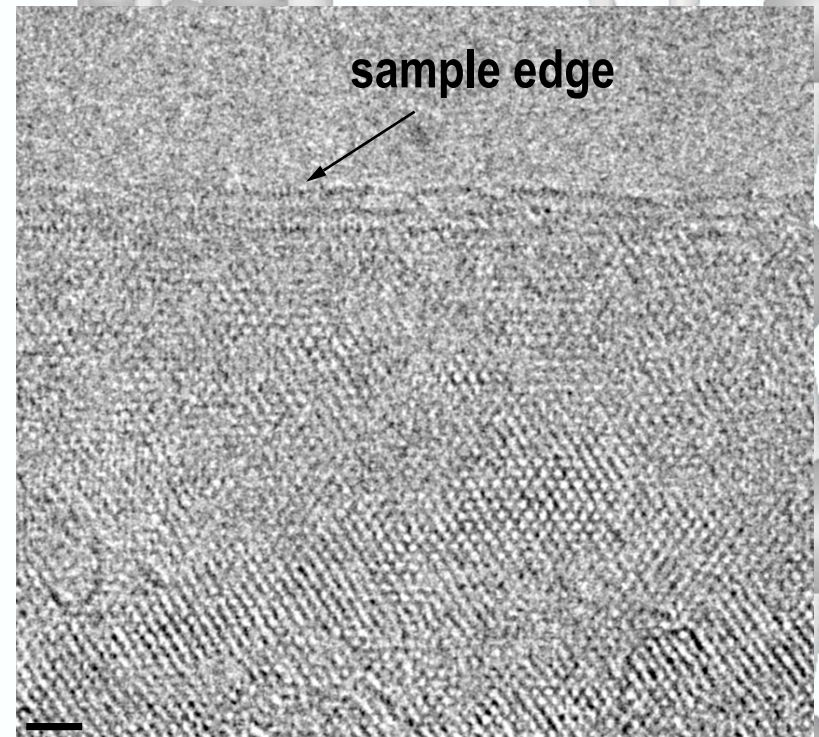
atomic sheets are extremely stiff

Graphene Is Not Flat

microscopic ripples visualized in TEM

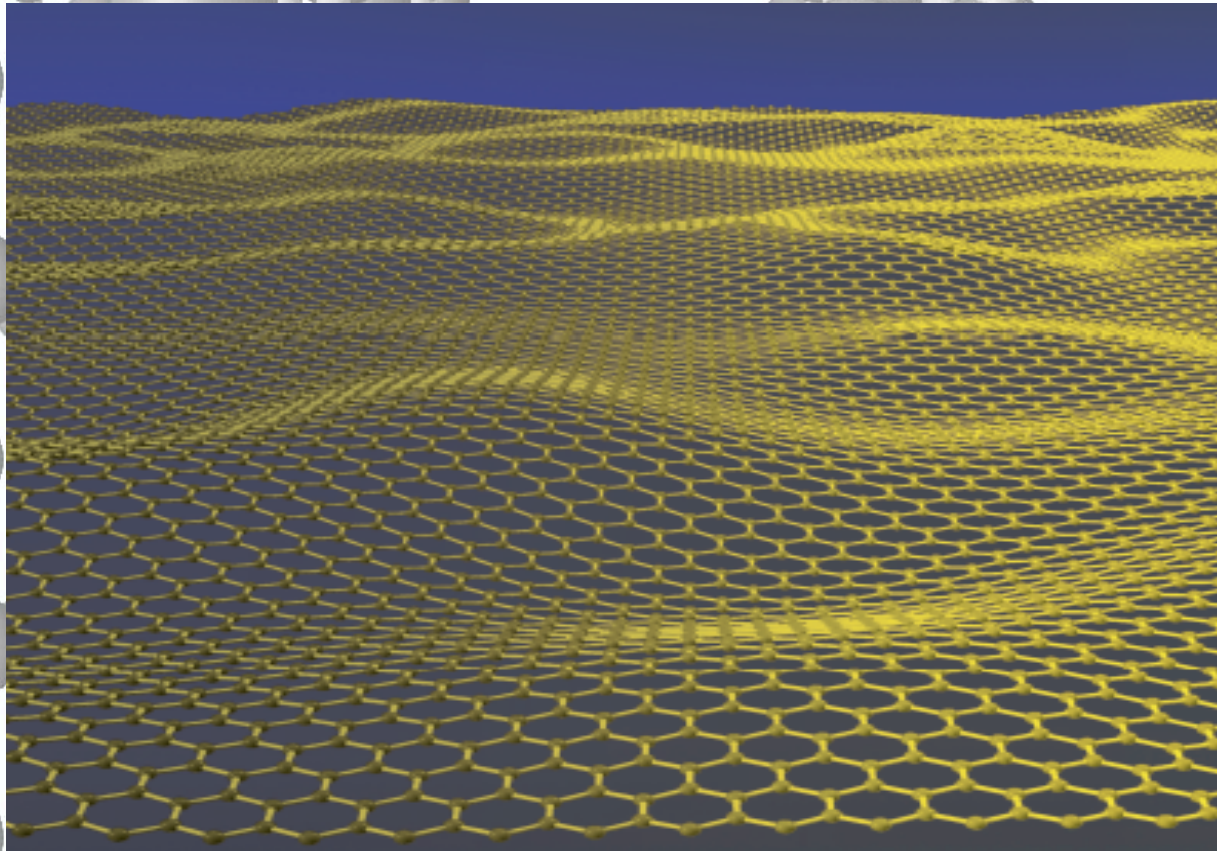


diffraction contrast:
visible ripples > 10 nm



atomic resolution TEM
ripples visible in a bilayer;
down to 5 nm in size

Puzzling Micro-Mechanics



all scales present
but typical size ≈ 10 nm with height ≈ 1 nm
induced elastic strain $\approx 1\%$

Intrinsic Property (?)

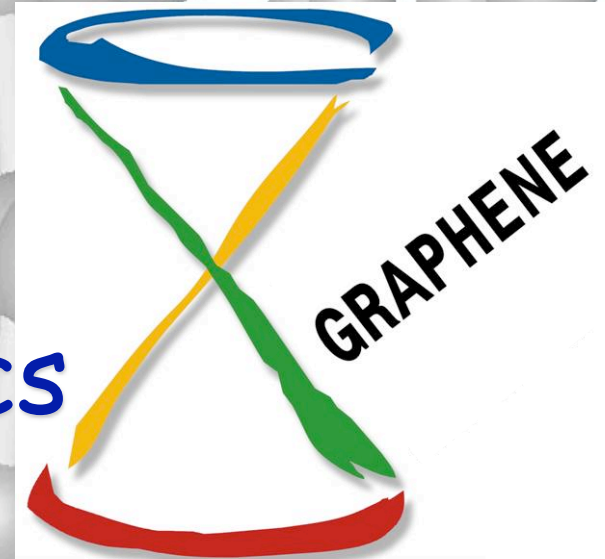
CONCLUSIONS

new class of materials:
individual atomic planes

graphene: high-quality system

"relativistic"

condensed matter physics



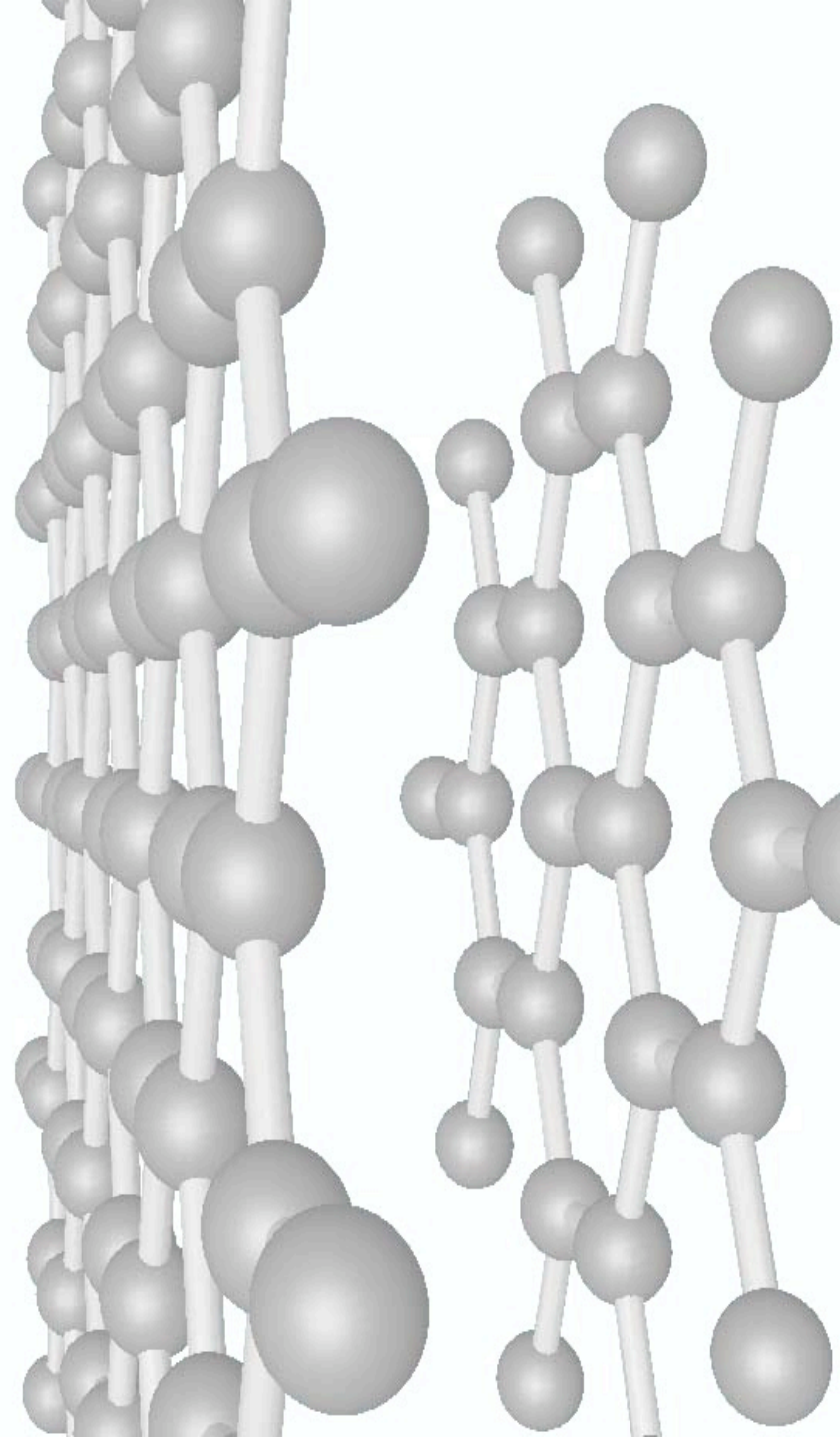
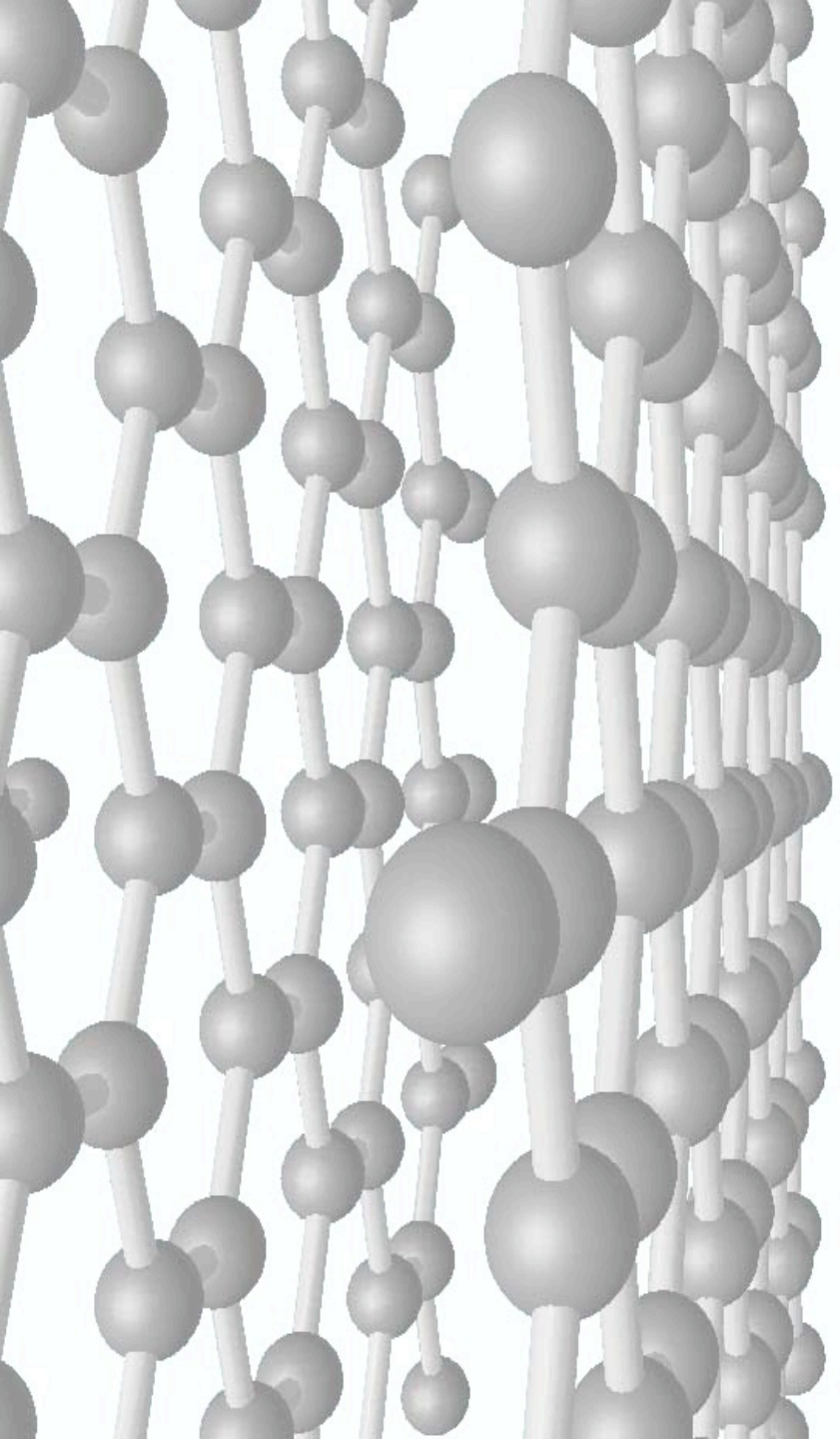
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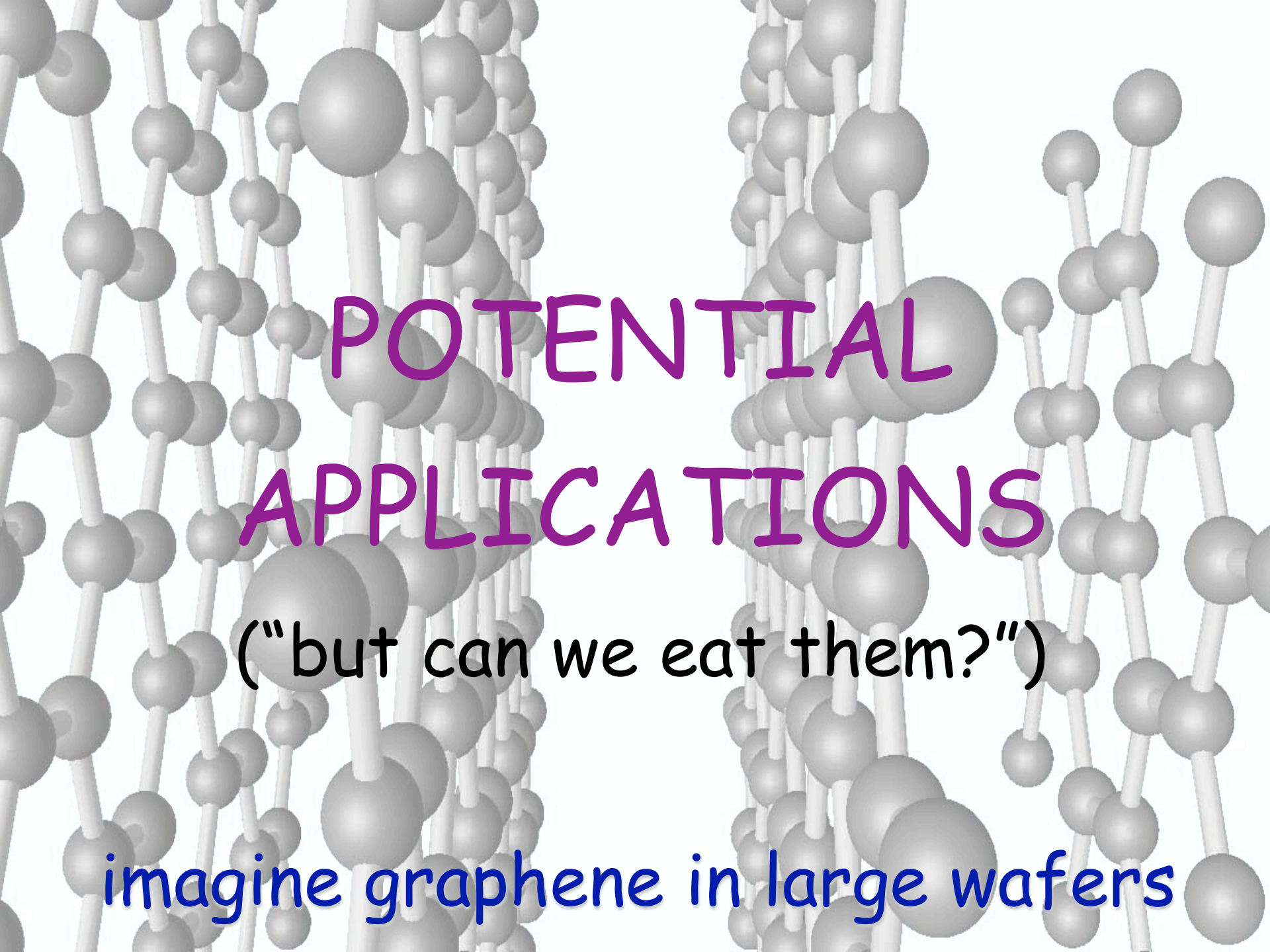
carbon nanotubes serve as excellent guide



THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
FOR LISTENING

for review, see
Nature Materials **6**, 183 (2007)



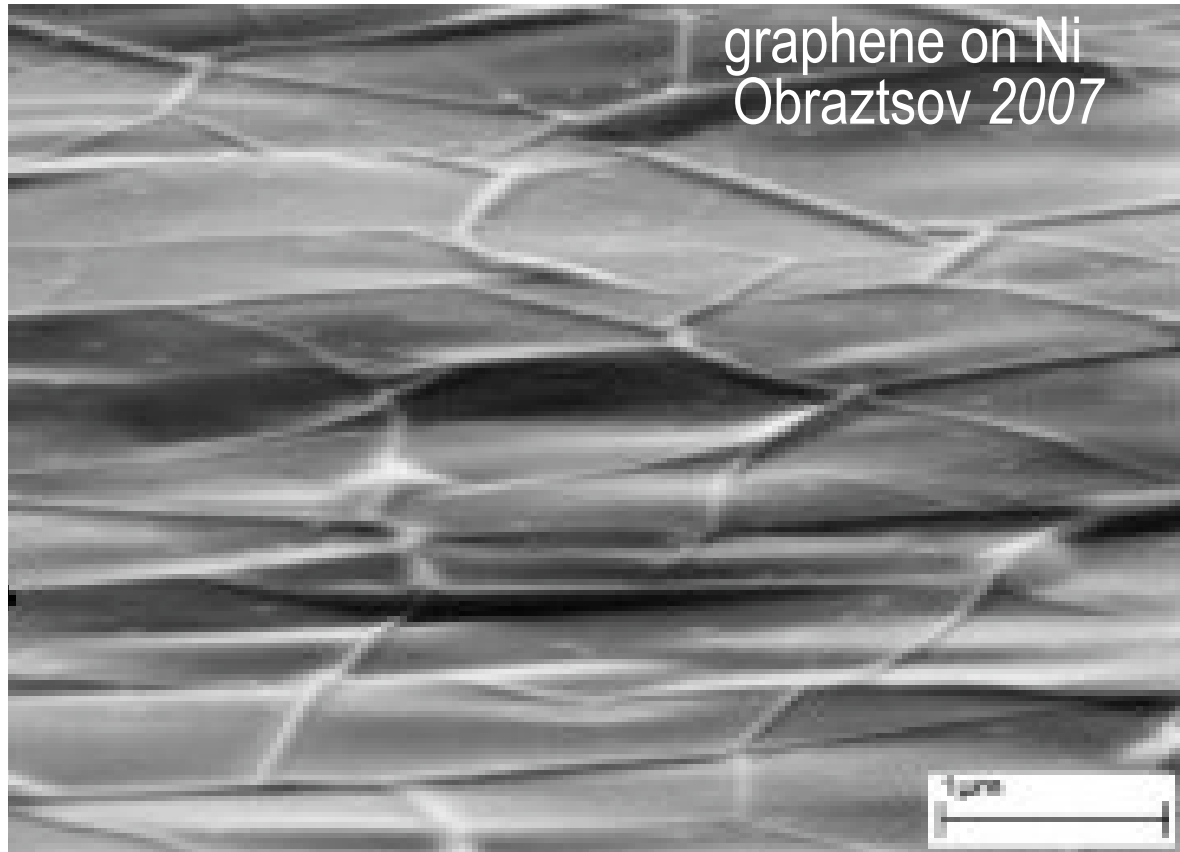


POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

("but can we eat them?")

imagine graphene in large wafers

Graphene Wafers?



epitaxial growth on top of bulk crystals

GRAPHENE-BASED ELECTRONICS

✓ ballistic field-effect transistor

(large but still low on-off ratio ~ 100 at room T; Science '04)

⊕ THz-frequency operation

✓ chemical sensors

(detection of a single gas molecule!)

✓ micromechanical devices (McEuen's group)

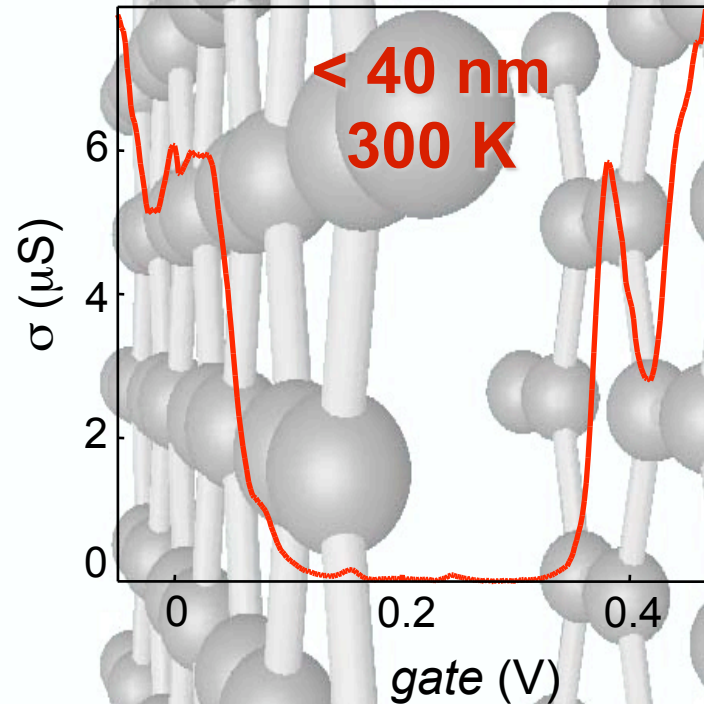
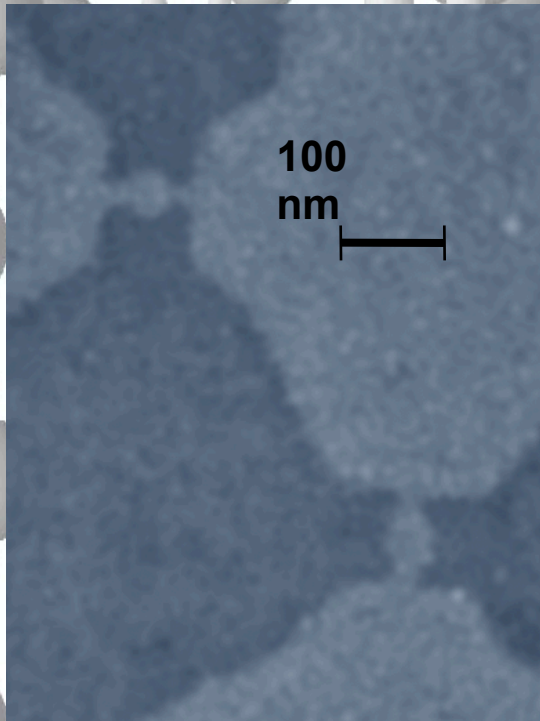
✓ superconducting FETs (Morpurgo's group)

✓ room-T graphene spintronics

⊕ gate control

GRAPHENE DREAMS

entire circuitry carved in graphene



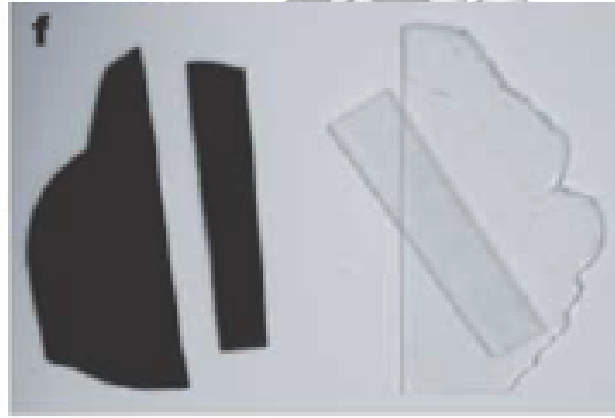
combines several proposed "beyond-Si" technologies:
single electronics plus carbon nanotubes
plus molecular electronics (but top-down approach)



NOT ONLY ABOUT ELECTRONICS

carbon nanotubes
serve as a good guide

composite materials



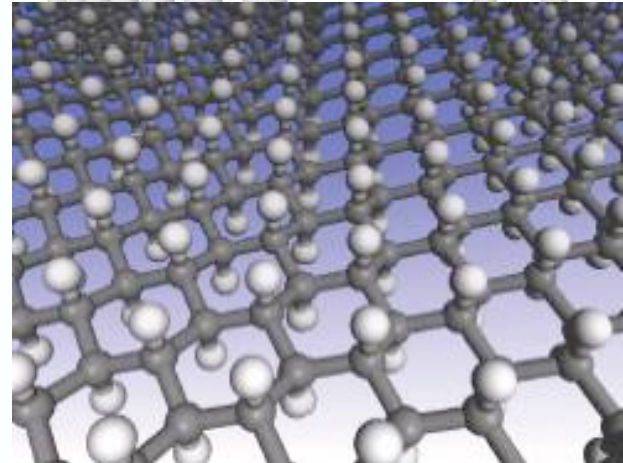
graphene-based
composite
Ruoff 2006

field-emitters



very thin graphite flakes
(already used; PFE Ltd)

hydrogen storage



"GRAPHANE"

electrical batteries

"Applied" Conclusions

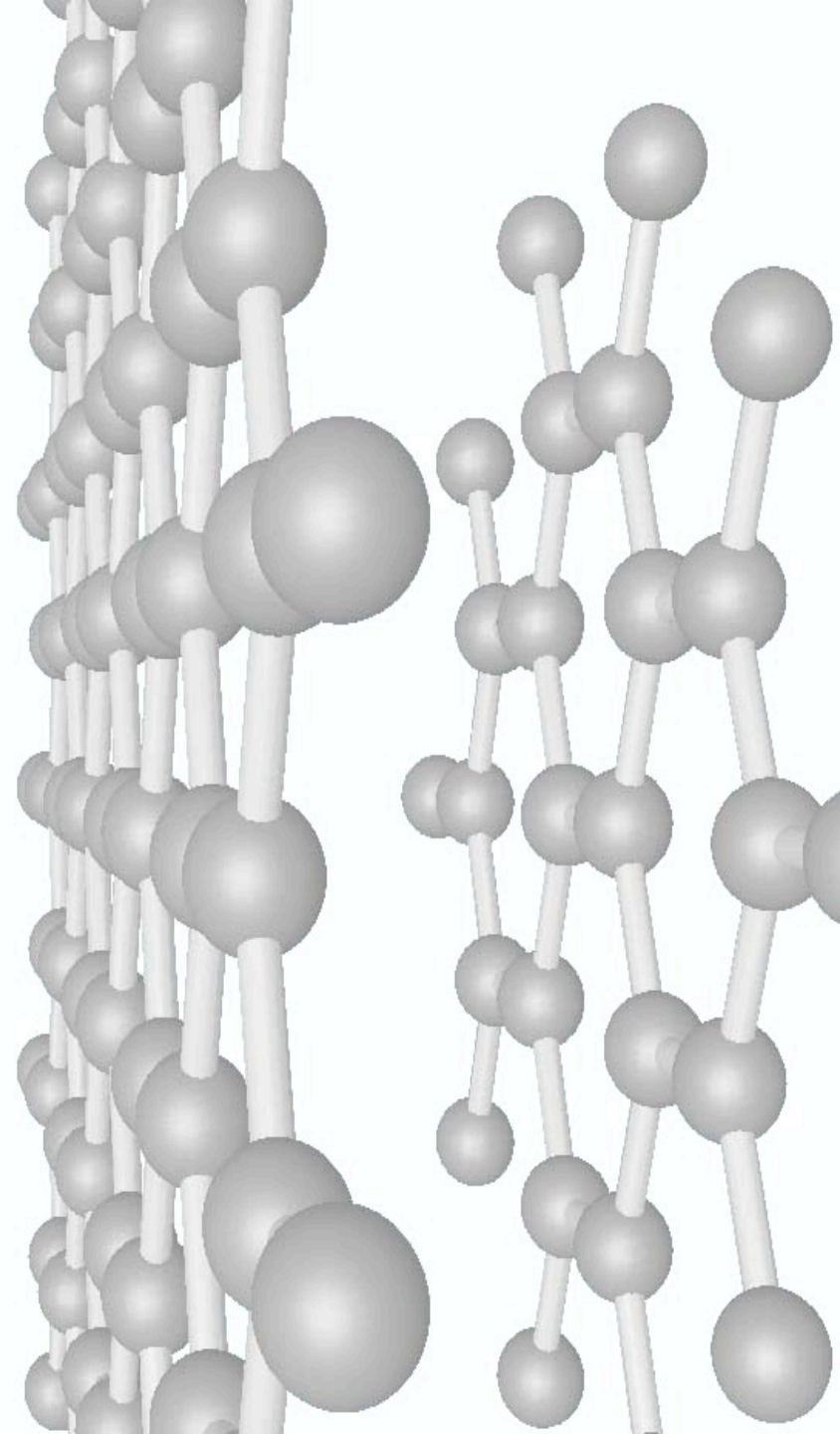
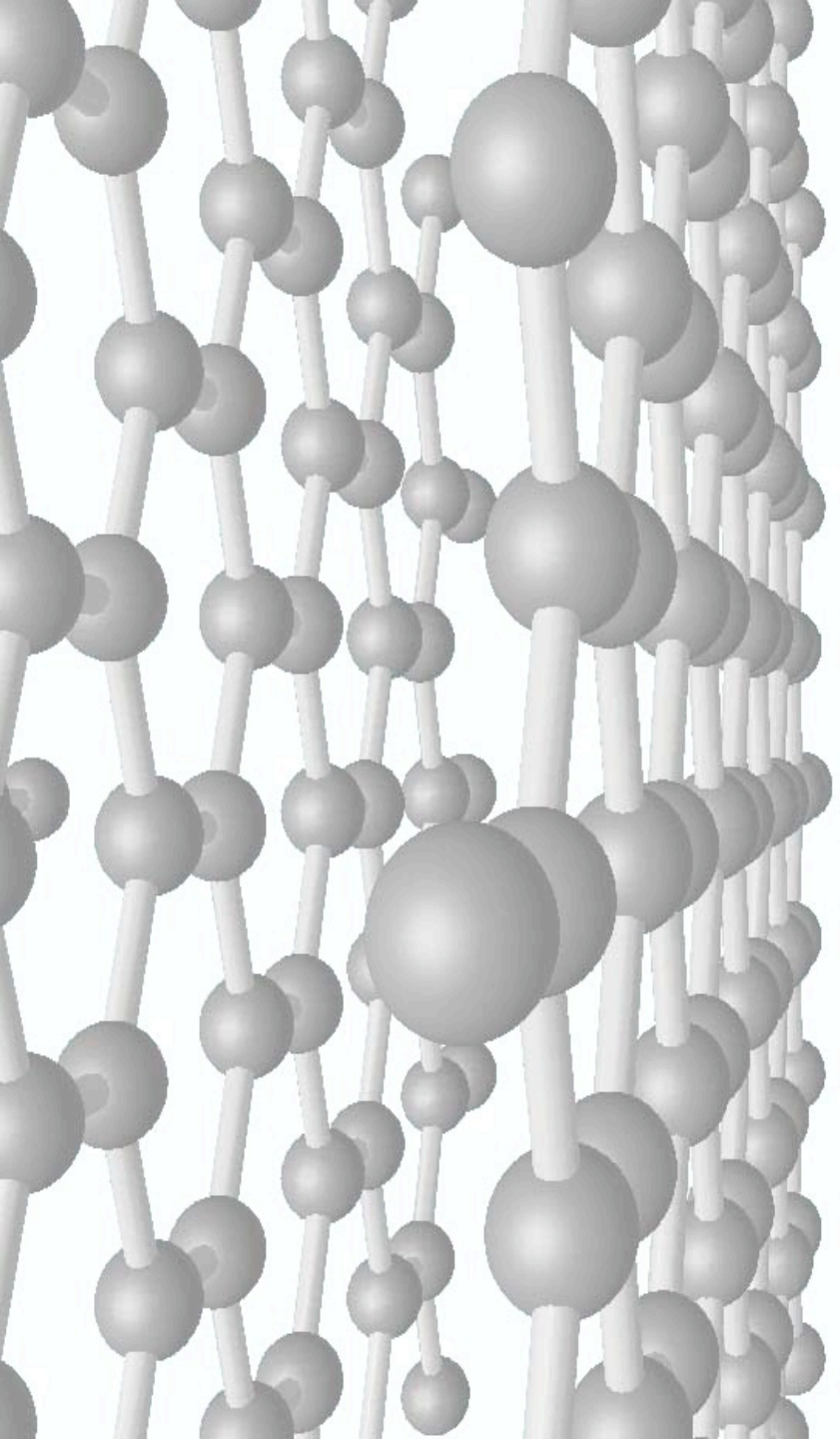
SPOILING CHOICE OF DIRECTIONS

(no choice: all must be investigated)

TOO EARLY DAYS TO JUDGE

(if you are not a nanotube believer)

HOPEFULLY, NOT ANOTHER
MUCH-ADO-ABOUT-NANOTHING



mechanical cleavage in retrospect

Ohashi (1997, 2000)

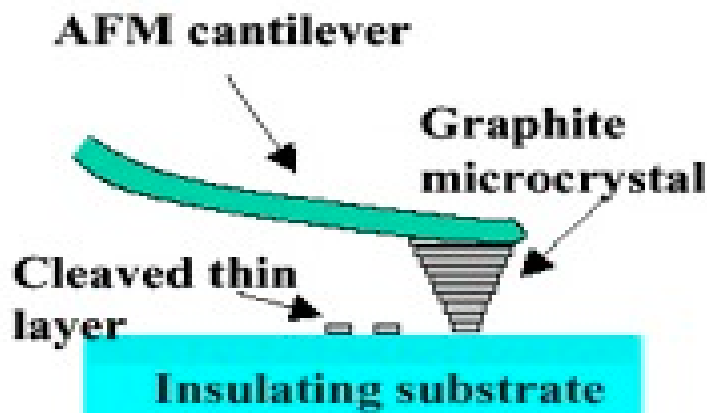
from 1000 down to 50 layers

single layer demonstrated

(Novoselov et al, Science 2004)

Philip Kim's & Paul McEuen's groups
(PRL 2005 & Nanoletters 2005) down to 30 layers

Nanopencil



for >10 layers,
electronic structure
of bulk graphite

(Partoens 2006, Guinea 2006)