# Synthetic graphene in real bilayers and synthetic bilayers of real graphene

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#### First part: Artificial graphene / real bilayer

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## **First part:** Artificial graphene / real bilayer

### Why to build a bilayer?

#### Coulomb drag

[cf. B. N. Narozhny and A. Levchenko, Rev. Mod. Phys. 88, 025003 (2016)]

with two layers of graphene [e.g. Gorbachev, R. V. *et al. (Manchester)* Strong Coulomb drag and broken symmetry in double-layer graphene. Nat. Phys. **8**, 896 (2012)]

or two layers of non-relativistic 2DEG

or heterostructures (graphene + 2DEG) [see figure]

#### Single-particle effects when combining graphene and hexagonal boron nitride

[Yankowitz, M. *et al. (Tucson)* Emergence of superlattice Dirac points in graphene on hexagonal boron nitride. Nat. Phys. **8**, 382 (2012)]

Let's see what we can do with artificial graphene...

From

Anomalous low-temperature Coulomb drag in graphene-GaAs heterostructures

A. Gamucci, D. Spirito, M. Carrega, B. Karmakar, A. Lombardo, M. Bruna, L. N. Pfeiffer, K. W. West, A. C. Ferrari, M. Polini & V. Pellegrini *Nature Communications* 5, Article number: 5824 | doi:10.1038/ncomms6824



<sup>(</sup>**a**,**b**) Configurations for the Coulomb drag measurements. In **a**, a voltage drop  $V_{drag}$  appears in graphene, in response to a drive current  $I_{drive}$  flowing in the 2DEG. In **b**, the opposite occurs. The drag voltage is measured with a low-noise voltage amplifier coupled to a voltmeter as a function of the applied bias. The drive current is also monitored. (**c**) Conical massless Dirac fermion band structure of low-energy carriers in SLG. The SLG in this work is hole-doped. (**d**) Parabolic band structure of ordinary Schrödinger electrons in the 2DEG. (**e**) Optical micrograph of the device before the deposition of Ohmic contacts. The SL flake becomes visible in green light after the sample is coated with a polymer (PMMA)<sup>31</sup>. The scale bar is 10 µm long. (**f**) Optical microscopy image of the contacted SLG on the etched 2DEG GaAs channel. The red dashed line denotes the SLG boundaries. The scale bar is 10 µm long.

### **Artificial graphene**

Subject particles to hexagonal lattice potential!



### **Cold atom artificial graphene**



[Leticia Tarruell et al. Creating, moving and merging Dirac points with a Fermi gas in a tunable honeycomb lattice. Nature 483, 302 (2012)]

#### **Bilayer setup**



Graphene layer on top of "normal" layer: Combine brick-wall lattice and square lattice!

#### **Bilayer setup**



### **Bandstructure in the bilayer**



Tight-binding Hamiltonian:

$$H_{\rm tb} = -J_{\rm b} \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in A} \left( b_{\mathbf{i}+\hat{x}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{i}} + b_{\mathbf{i}-\hat{x}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{i}} + b_{\mathbf{i}+\hat{y}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{i}} \right) - J_{\rm s} \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{j}}^{\dagger} \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{i}} - J_{\perp} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \left( a_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{i}} + b_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{i}} \right) + \mathrm{H.c.},$$

#### Uncoupled bands:

$$E_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm E_{\rm br}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm J\sqrt{3 + 2\cos(2k_x a) + 2\cos[(k_x + k_y)a] + 2\cos[(k_x - k_y)a]},$$
  
$$E_{\rm sq}(\mathbf{k}) = -2J\left[\cos(k_x a) + \cos(k_y a)\right],$$





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- Interlayer coupling generates new Dirac points at intersections of square-layer band and brick-wall layer band.
- Interlayer coupling shifts graphene Dirac points towards the BZ center where they finally merge.





### A curiosity: Bandstructure at merging point

Excitations characterized by gap, velocity, effective mass:

$$E(k) \sim \Delta + \hbar v k + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \dots$$

Along the two in-plane directions, excitations look very differently when Dirac points merge: Coexistence of massless and massive excitations!



See also:

G. Montambaux, F. Piéchon, J.-N. Fuchs, and M. O. Goerbig, Phys. Rev. B 80, 153412 (2009) P. Dietl, F. Piéchon, and G. Montambaux, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 236405 (2008)

#### **Mean-field for attractive interactions**

#### Fill bilayer with spin-1/2 fermions $\rightarrow$ interactions on doubly occupied sites:

$$H_{\rm int} = U \sum_{\mathbf{i}} (a^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} a^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} a_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} a_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} + b^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} b^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} b_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} b_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} + \tilde{a}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} \tilde{a}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} + \tilde{b}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} \tilde{b}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow}),$$

Mean-field decoupling for attractive interactions (U=-u<0):

$$\Delta_{\rm br} \equiv (4u/N) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle a_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} a_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} \rangle = (4u/N) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle b_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} b_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} \rangle, \qquad \Delta_{\rm sq} \equiv (4u/N) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \tilde{a}_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} \rangle = (4u/N) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \tilde{b}_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} \rangle.$$

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Quadratic Hamiltonian:

$$H_{\rm BCS} = \sum_{\sigma \neq \sigma'} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left( a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger}, a_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma'}, b_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger}, b_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma'}, \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger}, \tilde{a}_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma'}, \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger}, \tilde{b}_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma'} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\mu & \Delta_{\rm br} & -J_{\mathbf{k}}^{\rm br} & 0 & -J_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_{\rm br}^{\rm br} & \mu & 0 & J_{\rm br}^{\rm br} & 0 & J_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ -J_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\rm br} & 0 & -\mu & \Delta_{\rm br} & -0 & 0 & -J_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & J_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\rm br} & \Delta_{\rm br}^{\star} & \mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & J_{\perp} \\ -J_{\perp} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mu & \Delta_{\rm sq} & -J_{\mathbf{k}}^{\rm sq} & 0 & J_{\mathbf{k}}^{\rm sq} \\ 0 & J_{\perp} & 0 & 0 & \Delta_{\rm sq}^{\star} & \mu & 0 & J_{\mathbf{k}}^{\rm sq} \\ 0 & 0 & -J_{\perp} & 0 & -J_{\mathbf{k}}^{\rm sq} & 0 & -\mu & \Delta_{\rm sq} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & J_{\perp} & 0 & J_{\mathbf{k}}^{\rm sq} & \Delta_{\rm sq}^{\star} & \mu \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \\ a_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma'}^{\dagger} \\ b_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \\ \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \\ \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \\ \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \\ \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

Self-consistent solution:



#### **Superfluid vs. semimetal**

#### Half-filling (1 atom per site):



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#### Half-filling (1 atom per site):



2

0

1

 $J_{\perp}/J$ 

3

Uncoupled brickwall layer exhibits SM-SF transition.

For weak interactions, interlayer coupling suppresses SF in square layer.

For intermediate interactions, coupling enhances SF in brick-Strong coupling suppresses SF in both layers.





#### **Quantum magnetism**

Effective Hamiltonian for strongly repulsive system:

$$H_{\rm eff} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij}^{\rm ex} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \quad \text{with} \quad J_{ij}^{\rm ex} = J_{ij}^2 / U$$

Neel-to-dimer transition upon increasing interlayer coupling:





#### Summary ...

- Shift and merge Dirac points by layer coupling!
- New Dirac points!
- Give rise to SM-SF transition at filling one-fourth.
- Interlayer coupling can enhance or suppress SF phase.
- Magnetic transition in Mott phase: long-range Neel to dimer.

### ... and Outlook

- What happens when one layer becomes topological? Proximity-induced topological order?
  - $\rightarrow$  Haldane model
  - ightarrow shaken gauge field
- Quantum magnetism with anisotropic coupling strengths: competition between dimer phase in brick-wall and long-range ordered phase in square lattice
- Mott transition in the bilayer?



Unique dimer order in brick-wall...



... but no corresponding order in the square lattice

## Second part: Real Graphene / Artificial Bilayer

More precisely:

Light-controlled Fractional Quantum Hall Effect in Graphene

### **Quantum Hall Effect**

### As transport phenomenon: Quantized Hall Resistance





#### Explanation in terms of topology: Protected Edge States



right-moving skipping orbit

#### Fractional Quantum Hall Effect and Anyonic Quasiparticles

$$\Psi_{\text{Laughlin}} = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{1/\nu} \mathrm{e}^{-\sum_i |z_i|^2/4}$$
1998



Robert B. Laughlin Prize share: 1/3



Horst L. Störmer Prize share: 1/3



Daniel C. Tsui Prize share: 1/3



Non-Abelian Anyons and

**Topological Quantum Computing** 

Use non-Abelian anyons as robust quantum memory. Quantum information is processed by braiding these anyons.

#### NO NOBEL PRIZE YET!!

David Thouless

### **Graphene in magnetic field: Landau levels**



Effective Hamiltonian around Dirac point:

$$H_{\xi} = \xi v_{\rm F} (p_x \sigma_x + p_y \sigma_y)$$
$$\xi = \pm \text{ for } K, K'$$

Pauli matrices represent sublattice structure!

In magnetic field:

$$p_i \to \Pi_i = p_i + eA_i$$
$$\Pi_x = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}l_{\rm B}}(a^{\dagger} + a) \text{ and } \Pi_y = \frac{\hbar}{i\sqrt{2}l_{\rm B}}(a^{\dagger} - a)$$
$$H_{\xi} = \xi\sqrt{2}\frac{\hbar v_{\rm F}}{l_{\rm B}}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a\\ a^{\dagger} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

"Standard" Landau level wave functions:

$$a^{\dagger}\varphi_{n,m} = \varphi_{n+1,m}$$

Graphene Landau level wave functions:

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{n=0,m} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ \varphi_{0,m} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \quad \Psi_{n>0,m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{n-1,m}\\ \xi\lambda\varphi_{n,m} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{At energies} \quad \epsilon_{\lambda n} &= \lambda \frac{\hbar v_{\mathrm{F}}}{l_{\mathrm{B}}} \sqrt{2n} \qquad \qquad \lambda = \pm \end{split}$$

Features of relativistic Landau levels:

- Spinor wave function
- Spin and valley degeneracy:
   4 bands per energy level
- Particle-hole symmetry
- Non-equidistant energy levels!



See also review article: M. Goerbig, Electronic properties of graphene in a strong magnetic field, Rev. Mod. Phys. 83 4 (2011)

### **Optical coupling of graphene Landau levels**



Depending on properties of the light, the orbital quantum number *m* is changed or not.

Symmetric gauge:  $m \leftrightarrow$  orbital angular momentum Landau gauge:  $m \leftrightarrow$  momentum

$$H_0(t) = \sum_m \left[ \frac{\Delta E}{2} \left( c_{n+1,m}^{\dagger} c_{n+1,m} - c_{n,m}^{\dagger} c_{n,m} \right) + \hbar \Omega \left( c_{n+1,m+\mu}^{\dagger} c_{n,m} e^{-i(\Delta E - \delta)t} + \text{h.c.} \right) \right]$$

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In rotating frame after rotating wave approximation (RWA):

$$H_0 = \sum_m \left( \hbar \Omega c_{n+1,m+\mu}^{\dagger} c_{n,m} + \text{h.c.} + \hbar \delta c_{n+1,m}^{\dagger} c_{n+1,m} \right)$$

Interactions after RWA:

$$V_{m_1,m_2,m_3,m_4}^{n_1,n_2,n_3,n_4(\text{RWA})} = \delta_{n_1+n_2-n_3-n_4} V_{m_1,m_2,m_3,m_4}^{n_1,n_2,n_3,n_4}$$

Tunable Fractional Quantum Hall Hamiltonian (assuming spin and valley polarization):

$$H = H_0 + V^{(\text{RWA})}$$

Areg Ghazaryan, Michael J. Gullans, Pouyan Ghaemi, Mohammad Hafezi, Light-induced fractional quantum Hall phases in graphene (arXiv:1612.08748)

### **Optical coupling of graphene Landau levels**



#### Three scenarios (all work in progress):



#### **Strong coupling: Haldane pseudopotentials**



Modification of pseudopotentials are rather small.

We checked at filling v=2/3 that strongly coupled system forms a PH-conjugated Laughlin phase, just as the uncoupled system does.

Effects at other filling factors?

#### Weak coupling: bilayer quantum Hall phases

**Yrast line for coupling**  $\{2, m\} \leftrightarrow \{1, m\}$ 

 $(N = 6, \Omega = 0.001, \delta = 0.02)$ 



Competitors: M=18 IR-Pfaffian vs. 330-state (both v=2/3) M=24 HR state vs. Jain singlet (v=1/2 and v=2/3)

### Weak coupling: bilayer quantum Hall phases

#### Many competing quantum Hall states at v=2/3:

	Layer polarization	Quasiparticles	Torus degeneracy
PH Laughlin	Mono-layer	Abelian	3
$\mathbb{Z}_4$ (Read-Rezayi)	Mono-layer	Non-Abelian	15
330-Halperin	Singlet/bilayer	Abelian	9
112-Halperin	Singlet/bilayer	Abelian	3
CF (Jain)	Singlet/bilayer	Abelian	3
Interlayer Pfaffian	Singlet/bilayer	Non-Abelian	9
Intralayer Pfaffian	Singlet/bilayer	Non-Abelian	27
Fibonacci	Singlet/bilayer	Non-Abelian	6



#### Some results on the torus ...

 $\nu = 2/3, N = 8, \Omega = 0.001, \delta = 0.02$ 



- 3-fold degenerate singlet
- but no good overlap with Jain state or 112-Halperin state
- Overlap with 330-state: 0.44

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Fibonacci phase?

instability?

#### Some results on the torus ...





- No gap for  $N=10 \rightarrow$  Compressible phase?
- Or is it an even/odd effect?
- Maybe interesting non-Abelian phases appear only in small systems?
- Or only for coupling with angular momentum exchange?

#### **Coupling of two levels by a pulse**

On the single-particle level, a  $\pi$ -pulse coupling "flips" the LL index:

 $\varphi_{n,m} \to \varphi_{n+1,m+1} = a^{\dagger} b^{\dagger} \varphi_{n,m}$ 

Angular momentum is conserved here!  $l = \hbar(m - n)$ 

Does this also work on the many-body level?

$$\Psi \to \prod_{i=1}^N a_i^{\dagger} b_i^{\dagger} \Psi$$

This could be used to produce quasiholes:

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#### **Modeling the time evolution**



We model the wave function by superposition of *initial* <u>state</u>, <u>quasihole state</u>, and <u>edge-like excitations</u>:

$$\Psi_{\text{model}}(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{N} \sqrt{\binom{N}{s}} \cos(\Omega t)^{N-s} \sin(\Omega t)^{s} \Psi^{(s)},$$
$$\Psi^{(s)} = \sum_{\{k_1, \dots, k_s\}} (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{s} k_j} (-i)^{\text{mod}(s,2)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\binom{N}{s}}} \prod_{j=1}^{s} a_{k_j}^{\dagger} b_{k_j}^{\dagger} \Psi_{\text{L}}.$$

Measure fractional charge/statistics by interference of Laughlin and quasihole state?

[cf. proposal for atoms by Paredes, Fedichev, Cirac, Zoller, PRL 2001]

System is never in a superposition of only these two states.

#### **Summary & Outlook**

- Light can be used to control/ manipulate condensed matter
- Quantum Hall effect with graphene: Non-equidistant Landau levels → can selectively couple to two levels
- Different control scenarios are possible:

#### STRONG COUPLING

Engineer Haldane pseudopotentials!

#### WEAK COUPLING

Create new degree of freedom e.g. bilayer phases!

Maybe supporting non-Abelian anyons?

#### PULSED COUPLING

Create and braid quasiholes generated by light!

Thank you!