## Elastic properties of graphene



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#### Outline

- The stiffness of graphene
- Defects and elastic constants
- Electronic transport and corrugations

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# Why are there two dimensional crystals?

#### STATISTICAL PHYSICS

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### Thermal fluctuations:

$$\left\langle \vec{u}(L)\vec{u}(0)\right\rangle \approx \frac{k_B T}{B}\log\left(\frac{L}{d}\right)$$



 $B_{graphene} = 22 \text{ eV} \text{ }^{-2} = 352 \text{ N/m}$  $B_{diamond} \times d = 52.4 \text{ N/m}$ 

> T=300K L=1Km (<u>u</u>(*L*)<u>u</u>(0)) ≈ 0.03Å<sup>2</sup>

### Elastic properties of graphene

#### Measurement of the Elastic Properties and Intrinsic Strength of Monolayer Graphene

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We measured the elastic properties and intrinsic breaking strength of free-standing monolayer graphene membranes by nanoindentation in an atomic force microscope. The force-displacement behavior is interpreted within a framework of nonlinear elastic stress-strain response, and yields second- and third-order elastic stiffnesses of 340 newtons per meter (N m<sup>-1</sup>) and -690 N m<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The breaking strength is 42 N m<sup>-1</sup> and represents the intrinsic strength of a defect-free sheet. These quantities correspond to a Young's modulus of E = 1.0 terapascals, third-order elastic stiffness of D = -2.0 terapascals, and intrinsic strength of  $\sigma_{\rm rot} = 130$  gigapascals for bulk graphite. These experiments establish graphene as the strongest material ever measured, and show that atomically perfect nanoscale materials can be mechanically tested to deformations well beyond the linear regime.

Fig. 1. Images of suspended graphene membranes. (A) Scanning electron micrograph of a large graphene flake spanning an array of circular holes 1 um and 1.5 um in diameter. Area I shows a hole partially covered by graphene, area II is fully covered, and area III is fractured from indentation. Scale bar, 3 µm. (B) Noncontact mode AFM image of one membrane, 1.5 µm in diameter. The solid blue line is a height profile along the dashed line. The step height at the edge of the membrane is



about 2.5 nm. (C) Schematic of nanoindentation on suspended graphene membrane. (D) AFM image of a fractured membrane.



**Fig. 2.** (A) Loading/unloading curve and curve fitting to Eq. 2. The curve approaches cubic behavior at high loads (inset). (B) Maximum stress and deflection of graphene membrane versus normalized radial distance at maximum loading (simulation based on nonlinear elastic behavior in Eq. 1). The dashed lines indicate the tip radius R and contact radius  $R_c$ .



### CLAIM #1: GRAPHENE CAN HOLD AN ELEPHANT

"...graphene as the strongest material ever measured, some 200 times stronger than structural steel. ... If a sheet of cling film (which typically has a thickness of around 100  $\mu$ m) were to have the same strength as pristine graphene, it would require a force of over 20,000 N to puncture it with a pencil."."

Jim Hone, Columbia U

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courtesy of M. M. Fogler

#### Self-Consistent Theory of Polymerized Membranes

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# Graphene

of the order of  $a^{-1}$  to make A dimensionless. One can assume also a Carbon in Two Dimension renormalization of effective Lamé constants:

 $\lambda_{\mathbf{R}}(q), \, \mu_{\mathbf{R}}(q) \sim q^{\eta_u},$ 

y a nontrivial fixed point, but with anomalous stants  $\lambda(q) \sim \mu(q) \sim q^{\eta_u}$ ,  $\eta_u > 0$ , with  $\eta_u$ 

(9.103)

Mikhail I. Katsnelson



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#### Self-consistent screening approximation for flexible membranes: Application to graphene

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Crystalline membranes at finite temperatures have an anomalous behavior of the bending rigidity that makes them more rigid in the long-wavelength limit. This issue is particularly relevant for applications of graphene in nanoelectromechanical and microelectromechanical systems. We calculate numerically the height-height correlation function G(q) of crystalline two-dimensional membranes, determining the renormalized bending rigidity, in the range of wave vectors q from  $10^{-7}$  Å<sup>-1</sup> till 10 Å<sup>-1</sup> in the self-consistent screening approximation (SCSA). For parameters appropriate to graphene, the calculated correlation function agrees reasonably with the results of atomistic Monte Carlo simulations for this material within the range of q from  $10^{-2}$  Å<sup>-1</sup> till 1 Å<sup>-1</sup>. In the limit  $q \rightarrow 0$  our data for the exponent  $\eta$  of the renormalized bending rigidity  $\kappa_R(q) \propto q^{-\eta}$  is compatible with the previously known analytical results for the SCSA  $\eta \simeq 0.82$ . However, this limit appears to be reached only for  $q < 10^{-5}$  Å<sup>-1</sup> whereas at intermediate q the behavior of G(q) cannot be described by a single exponent.



Load 2

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# Experiments

Stiffening graphene by controlled defect creation

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## Two dimensional membranes

### THEORY OF ELASTICITY

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Out of plane displacements lead to changes in area



Two dimensional crystaline membranes are intrinsically anharmonic

## **Thermal expansion**

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Bending modes, anharmonic effects, and thermal expansion coefficient in single-layer and multilayer graphene











### Substrate effects

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 88, 115418 (2013)

### Flexural mode of graphene on a substrate

Bruno Amorim<sup>\*</sup> and Francisco Guinea







Gapped flexural modes

Thermal expansion

Out of plane fluctuations screen the in plane elastic constants

$$E \approx \left( c_1 Y \overline{u} + c_2 \frac{\kappa}{\ell^2} \right) h^2$$
$$F \approx T \log \left( \frac{T}{c_1 Y \overline{u} + c_2 \frac{\kappa}{\ell^2}} \right)$$
$$\delta Y = \frac{1}{\ell^2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \overline{u}^2} \propto -\frac{Y^2 T \ell^2}{\kappa^2}$$

 $Y \approx 10 \text{eV}\text{Å}^{-2}$   $T \approx 300 \text{K} \approx 0.025 \text{eV}$   $\kappa \approx 1 \text{eV}$   $\ell \approx 10 \text{Å}$   $\frac{YT\ell^2}{\kappa^2} \approx 25 \gg 1$ 



# Numerical results

## NANOLETTERS

and Strained Graphene

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#### PHYSICAL REVIEW B 87, 214303 (2013)

#### Anharmonic properties from a generalized third-order *ab initio* approach: Theory and applications to graphite and graphene

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Acoustic Phonon Lifetimes and Thermal Transport in Free-Standing

**Figure 1.** Upper panel: scattering rates for LA and TA modes along the  $\Gamma$ -*K* direction in unstrained free-standing graphene at 300 K Lower panel: Contributions to the scattering rates due to decay (solid lines) and absorption (dashed line) processes.

Lorenzo Paulatto,\* Francesco Mauri, and Michele Lazzeri



$$\Gamma_{L} = \frac{(\lambda + \mu)^{2}T}{4(\lambda + 2\mu)\kappa^{3/2}\rho^{1/2}}$$
$$\Gamma_{T} = \frac{\mu T}{4\kappa^{3/2}\rho^{1/2}}$$

Theory of elasticity

## The self consistent screening approximation

#### Fluctuations in membranes with crystalline and hexatic order

D. R. Nelson and L. Peliti (\*)

#### J. Physique, 48, 1085 (1987)

$$\delta\kappa \propto \int d^2 ar q {TY\over \kappa ig| ar q ig|^4}$$

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$$G^{-1}(\vec{q}) = G_0^{-1}(\vec{q}) - \Sigma(\vec{q})$$
  

$$\Sigma(\vec{q}) = \frac{2}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2 \vec{q} b(\vec{q}) |\vec{q} P_T(\vec{p}) \vec{q}|^2 G(\vec{q} - \vec{p})$$
  

$$b(\vec{q}) = \frac{b_0}{1 + 3b_0 I(\vec{q})}$$
  

$$I(\vec{p}) = \frac{1}{8(2\pi)^2} \int d^2 \vec{q} |\vec{q}|^2 |\vec{p} - \vec{q}|^2 G(\vec{q}) G(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$$

Power law divergences Self consistent theory, valid in high dimensions Agrees well with numerical simulaions

$$\kappa(q) \propto q^{-\eta}$$
  
 $\lambda(q), \mu(q) \propto q^{\eta_u}$   
 $\eta \approx 0.821$   
 $\eta_u \approx 0.358$ 

## Vacancies and flexural modes

mass

ncies

$$G(q,\omega) = \frac{1}{\rho\omega^2 - \kappa q^4 - \Sigma(q,\omega)}$$

### T-matrix approximation

$$\Sigma(\omega) \approx \begin{cases} n_V \sqrt{\kappa \rho \omega^2} & h^2 = 0 & \text{infinite} \\ n_V \frac{\sqrt{\kappa \rho \omega^2}}{\log\left(\frac{\kappa}{a^4 \rho \omega^2}\right)} & |\nabla h|^2 = 0 & \text{vacal} \end{cases}$$

localization length

$$\frac{\kappa}{\ell^4} \approx \Sigma \left( \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\rho \ell^4}} \right)$$
$$\ell \approx n_V^{-1/2}$$



Vacancies localize flexural modes
 Long wavelength flexural modes do not contribute to the screening of the elastic constants



## Young modulus and induced strains

Impermeable Atomic Membranes from **Graphene Sheets** 

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Hydrostatic pressure. Formation of bubbles

### Theory

### **Graphene thermal expansion coefficient**



L<sub>D</sub>: Mean distance between defects as measured by Raman

## **Electron-phonon coupling**

### Ripples induced by electrons



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#### Electron-hole puddles in the absence of charged impurities

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### Charge puddles induced by strains

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0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8

 $q/\Lambda$ 

1.0



FIG. 2. (Color online) Left: Color/grayscale plot of the scalar potential  $V_1(r)$  (in units of meV) calculated using Eq. (4) with  $g_1 = 3 \text{ eV}$ . Center: The x-component Ax(r) of the vector potential (in units of meV) calculated using Eq. (4). Right: Same as in the central panel but for the  $\hat{y}$ -component  $A_y(r)$  of the vector potential.

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## Strains and conductivity in graphene

### Random strain fluctuations as dominant disorder source for high-quality on-substrate graphene devices

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#### ArXiv:1401.5356, Phys. Rev. X, in press

DC transport on graphene on BN High mobility samples Multiterminal devices



Magnetoresistance: Scattering due to intravalley processes



# Puddles and mobility





Mobility vs puddle density Correlation independent of sample characteristics • DC transport: mobility (roughly) independent of carrier concentration

• DC transport: correlation between mobility and puddles

• Weak localization: long range scatterers

Long range scattering mechanisms:

- Coulomb impurities
- Strains

### Strains induce scalar and vector potentials



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#### Electron scattering on microscopic corrugations in graphene

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$$V_{s}(\vec{q}) = g_{1} \frac{\mu_{L}}{\lambda_{L} + 2\mu_{L}} \left[ u_{xx}(\vec{q}) + u_{yy}(\vec{q}) \right]$$
$$\vec{A}_{x}(\vec{q}) = g_{2} \frac{\lambda_{L} + \mu_{L}}{\lambda_{L} + 2\mu_{L}} \left[ u_{xx}(\vec{q}) - u_{yy}(\vec{q}) \right]$$
$$\vec{A}_{y}(\vec{q}) = 2g_{2} \frac{\lambda_{L} + \mu_{L}}{\lambda_{L} + 2\mu_{L}} u_{xy}(\vec{q})$$

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FIG. 1. (Color online) Three-dimensional plot of the corrugated graphene sample studied in this work [experimental data are a courtesy of Geringer (Ref. 20)]. The color/grayscale coding of the surface labels the local value of the induced carrier density  $\delta n(r)$  as calculated from the Kohn-Sham-Dirac self-consistent theory, Eqs. (5)–(9). The data in this figure have been obtained by setting  $g_1 = 3 \text{ eV}$ ,  $\alpha_{cc} = 0.9$ , and  $\tilde{n}_c \approx 2.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  (see text).

## Relaxation times, mobilities, and puddles

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma}{ne} = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\nabla_F k_F \tau}{ne}$$
  
$$\tau_s^{-1} = \tau_s^{-1} + \tau_g^{-1}$$
  
$$\tau_s^{-1} \approx \frac{2\pi}{h^2} \frac{N(\epsilon_F)}{4\pi^2} \times \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \frac{1 - \cos^2(\theta)}{2} \frac{\langle V_s(\vec{q}) V_s(-\vec{q}) \rangle}{\epsilon(\vec{q})^2} \Big|_{|\vec{q}| = 2k_F \sin^2(\theta/2)}$$
  
$$\tau_g^{-1} \approx \frac{2\pi}{h^2} \frac{N(\epsilon_F)}{4\pi^2} \times \int_0^{\pi} d\theta [1 - \cos(\theta)] \langle \vec{A}_{\perp}(\vec{q}) \vec{A}_{\perp}(-\vec{q}) \rangle \Big|_{|\vec{q}| = 2k_F \sin^2(\theta/2)}$$

$$n^{*}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{V(\vec{r})}{\hbar \mathsf{v}_{F}} \right]^{2} \qquad \bar{n}^{*} = \frac{\langle V(\vec{r})^{2} \rangle}{\pi \hbar^{2} \mathsf{v}_{F}^{2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^{3} \hbar^{2} \mathsf{v}_{F}^{2}} \int d^{2}\vec{q} \, \frac{\langle V_{s}(\vec{q})V_{s}(-\vec{q}) \rangle}{\epsilon^{2}(\vec{q})}$$

# Wrinkles and transport



$$V_{s}(\vec{\mathbf{q}}) = -g_{1} \frac{\mu_{L}}{\lambda_{L} + 2\mu_{L}} \frac{q_{x}^{2} + q_{y}^{2}}{\left|\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right|^{2}} \mathcal{F}(\vec{\mathbf{q}})$$
$$A_{x}(\vec{\mathbf{q}}) = g_{2} \frac{\lambda_{L} + \mu_{L}}{\lambda_{L} + 2\mu_{L}} \frac{q_{x}^{2} - q_{y}^{2}}{\left|\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right|^{2}} \mathcal{F}(\vec{\mathbf{q}})$$
$$A_{y}(\vec{\mathbf{q}}) = -2g_{2} \frac{\lambda_{L} + \mu_{L}}{\lambda_{L} + 2\mu_{L}} \frac{q_{x}q_{y}}{\left|\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right|^{2}} \mathcal{F}(\vec{\mathbf{q}})$$

Corrugations induce scalar and gauge potentials

$$\begin{split} \tau^{-1} &= \tau_s^{-1} + \tau_g^{-1} \\ \tau_s^{-1} &= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar^2} \frac{N(E_F)}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \frac{\left[1 - \cos^2(\theta)\right]}{2} \left. \frac{\langle V_s\left(\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right) V_s\left(-\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right) \rangle}{\epsilon^2\left(\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right)} \right|_{|\vec{\mathbf{q}}| = 2k_F \sin(\theta/2)} \\ \tau_g^{-1} &= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar^2} \frac{N(E_F)}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \left[1 - \cos(\theta)\right] \langle \vec{\mathbf{A}}_{\perp}\left(\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right) \vec{\mathbf{A}}_{\perp}\left(-\vec{\mathbf{q}}\right) \rangle \bigg|_{|\vec{\mathbf{q}}| = 2k_F \sin(\theta/2)} \end{split}$$

$$n^* = \frac{\langle V_s^2(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \rangle}{\pi \hbar^2 v_F^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi^3 \hbar^2 v_F^2} \int d^2 \vec{\mathbf{q}} \frac{\langle V_s(\vec{\mathbf{q}}) V_s(-\vec{\mathbf{q}}) \rangle}{\epsilon^2(\vec{\mathbf{q}})}$$

#### Strains:

- Supress either weak localization, or weak antilocalization.
- Lead to long range, intravalley scattering.
- Induce puddles near the neutrality point.



## Substrate induced random forces



$$\vec{F}_{\vec{k}} = i\vec{k}V_{\vec{k}}$$
$$\vec{u}_{\vec{k}} = -\frac{\vec{F}_{\vec{k}}^{\parallel}}{(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)\left|\vec{G} - \vec{k}\right|^2} - \frac{\vec{F}_{\vec{k}}^{\perp}}{\mu_L\left|\vec{G} - \vec{k}\right|^2}$$

$$\langle V_{\vec{k}}, V_{-\vec{k}} \rangle \simeq \bar{V}^2 \xi^2 \Big|_{|\vec{k}| \simeq G}$$





$$\frac{1}{\tau_s} \simeq \frac{\pi g_1^2 \bar{V}^2 \xi^2}{18(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2 d_G^6 \alpha^4 \mathsf{v}_F k_F}$$
$$\frac{1}{\tau_g} \simeq \frac{16\pi g_2^2 \bar{V}^2 \xi^2}{9(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2 d_G^6 \alpha^4 \mathsf{v}_F k_F} \left[\frac{1}{(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2} + \frac{1}{\mu_L^2}\right]$$
$$\bar{n}^* \simeq \frac{32g_1^2 \bar{V}^2 \xi^2}{9(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2 \hbar^2 \mathsf{v}_F^2 d_G^6} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{k_F^*}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu\bar{n}^*} \simeq \frac{\hbar}{e} \frac{1}{4\log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{k_F^*}\right)} \left[ \frac{1}{16\alpha^2} + \frac{g_2^2}{g_1^2} \left( 1 + \frac{(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2}{\mu_L^2} \right) \right]$$

 $g_1 \approx 6.9 \, \mathrm{eV}$ 

## Bilayer graphene

$$H_g^{BLG} = \frac{t_\perp}{\hbar^2 \mathsf{v}_E^2} \left[ \left( k_x A_x - k_y A_y \right) \sigma_x + \left( k_x A_y + k_y A_x \right) \sigma_y \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_s^{BLG}} = \frac{4v_F k_F}{t_\perp} \frac{1}{\tau_s^{SLG}} \\ \frac{1}{\tau_g^{BLG}} = \frac{2v_F k_F}{t_\perp} \frac{1}{\tau_g^{SLG}} \\ n_{BLG}^* = \frac{\sqrt{\langle V_s(\vec{r})^2 \rangle} t_\perp}{\pi \hbar^2 v_F^2} \approx \frac{t_\perp}{\pi \hbar^2 v_F^2} \sqrt{\frac{32\pi g_1^2 \mu_L^2 \bar{A}}{9(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2 d_G^6} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{k_F^*}\right)} \\ \frac{1}{1 - h_c} = \frac{h_c}{\pi v_F^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{1 - g_1^2} \left( -\frac{(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2}{(\lambda_L + 2\mu_L)^2} \right) \right] - h_c = h_c$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_{BLG}(\bar{n}_{BLG}^*)^2} \simeq \frac{n}{e} \frac{n v_F}{2t_\perp^2 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{k_F^*}\right)} \left[\frac{1}{16\alpha^2} + \frac{g_2}{g_1^2} \left(1 + \frac{(\kappa_L + 2\mu_L)}{\mu_L^2}\right)\right] \simeq 920 \frac{n}{e} \text{\AA}^{-2}$$



Raman measurements: Correlations between strains and mobilities in graphene on BN





### Anharmonic properties of graphene

- Anharmonic effects in membranes
- Negative thermal expansion coefficient
- Screening of the in plane stiffness

• The elastic response of graphene depends on the experimental setup (size, temperature, defects, pre existing strain, ...)

#### Stiffening graphene by controlled defect creation

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### Universal properties of transport in graphene

- Scattering is due to intravalley processes
- Interference processes (weak localization) are suppressed
- Puddles and transport are correlated
- Strains are the most likely origin of puddles and scattering



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