



Electronic dispersion in two overlapping graphene sheets: *Impacts of long-range atomic ordering and periodic potentials*

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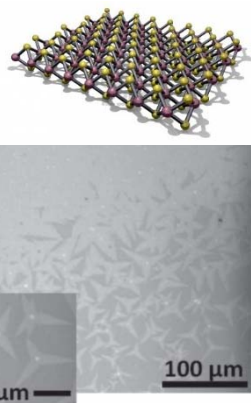
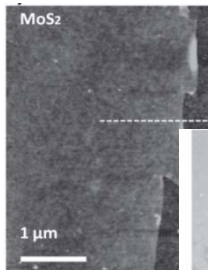
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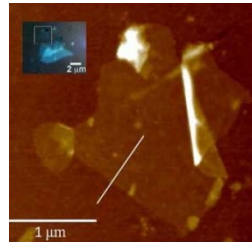
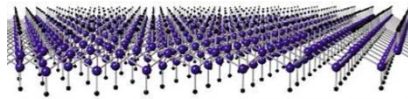
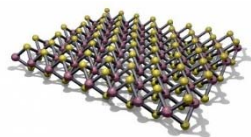
Stacked 2D-crystals: a new class of materials

- Various two-dimensional (2D) crystals



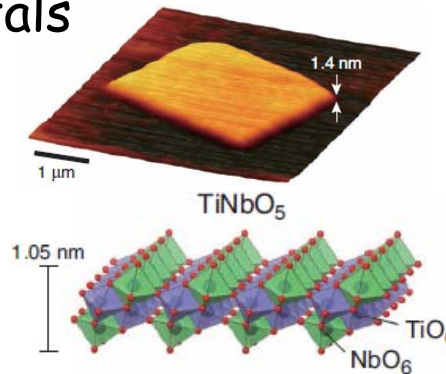
Molybdenum dichalcogenide

Lee et al., Advanced Materials, 24, 2320 (2012)



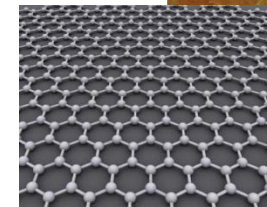
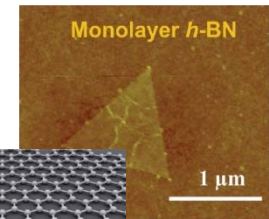
Germanane

Bianco et al., ACS Nano, 7, 4414 (2013)



Titanium Niobate

Osada et al., Adv. Funct. Mater. 21, 3482 (2011)

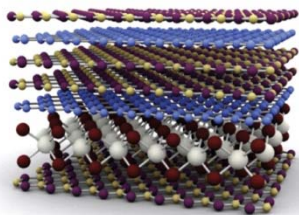


Graphene & h-BN

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graphene>

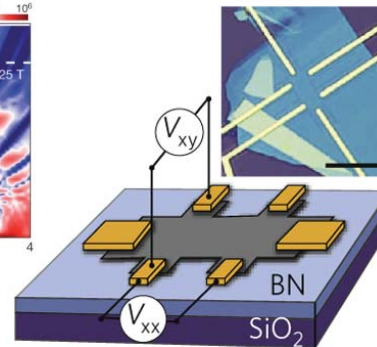
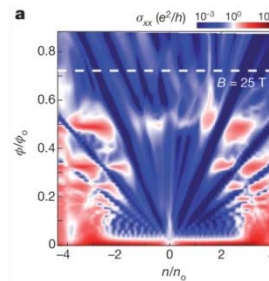
- Hybrid 2D-solids can be realized

- Combining materials
- Emerging properties



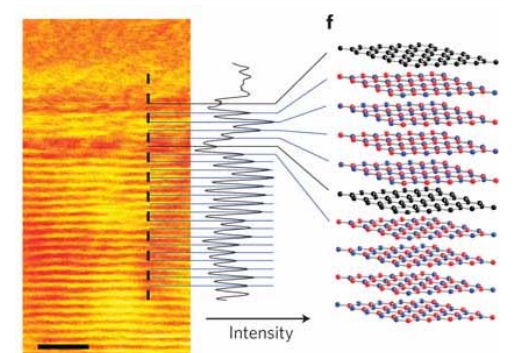
2D-based heterostructure

Novoselov et al., Nature 490, 192 (2012)



Graphene on BN

Dean et al., Nature Physics 7, 693 (2011); Dean et al., Nature 497, 598 (2013)



Graphene/BN superlattice

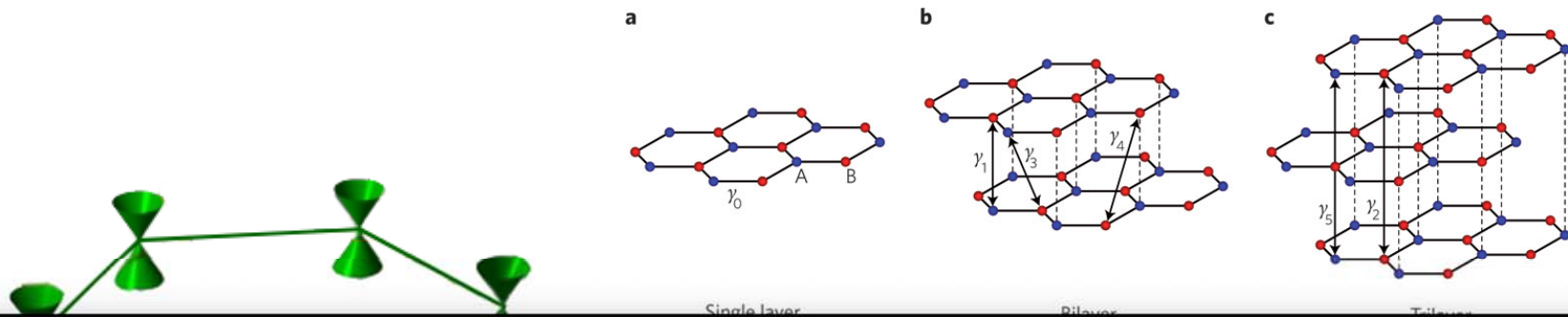
Haigh et al., Nature Materials 11, 764 (2012)

How would 2D-crystals interact electronically with each other?

- We examine **Twisted Bilayer Graphene (TBG)** assembled via transfer process

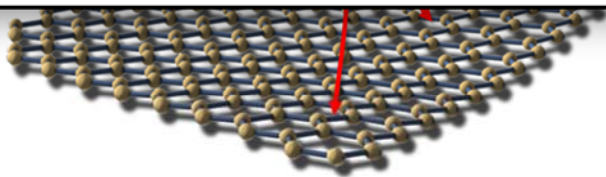
How does azimuthal misorientation manifest itself in bilayer graphene?

- Bernal stacked graphene: strong interlayer interaction

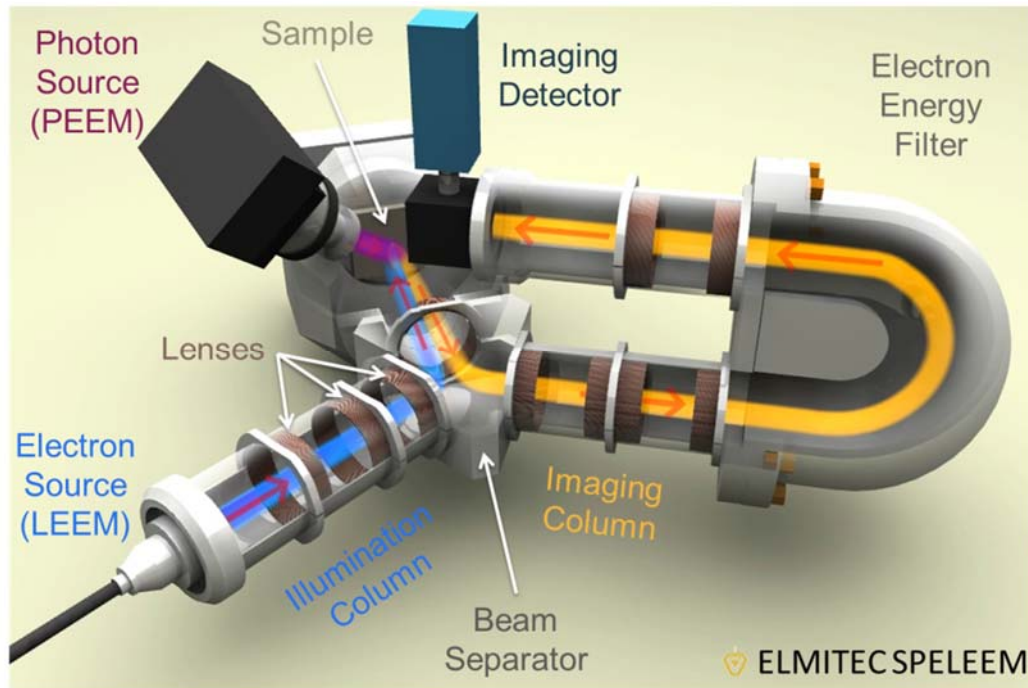


We study:

- Microscopic & atomic view of Twisted Bilayer Graphene (TBG)
- Interacting Dirac cones through moiré periodic potential
- Tunable optical absorption & emergent color domains
- Defects & inhomogeneities



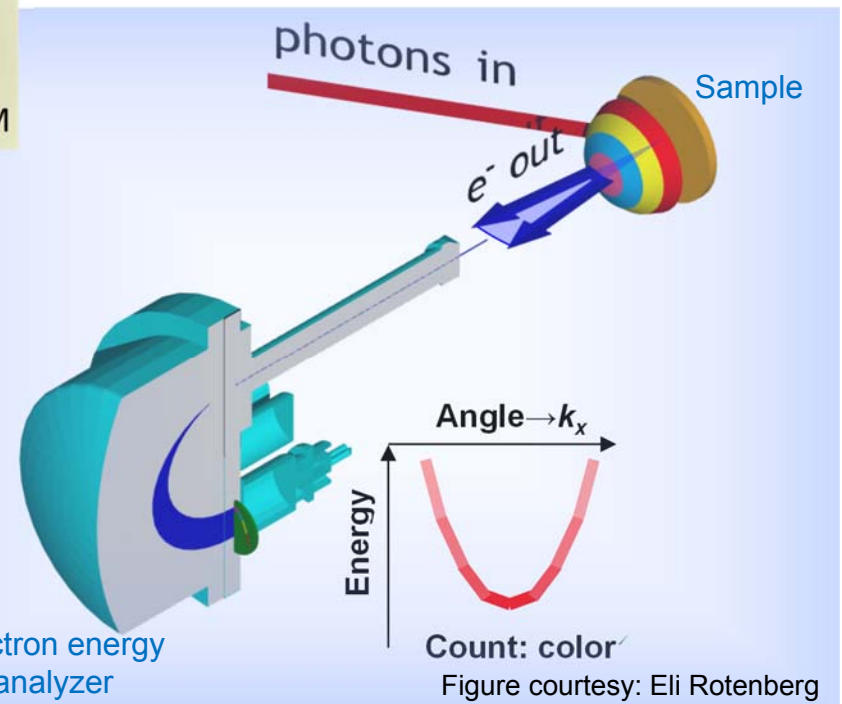
LEEM/PEEM and ARPES



LEEM

(Low Energy Electron Microscopy)

- Surface-sensitive “reflection” electron microscopy



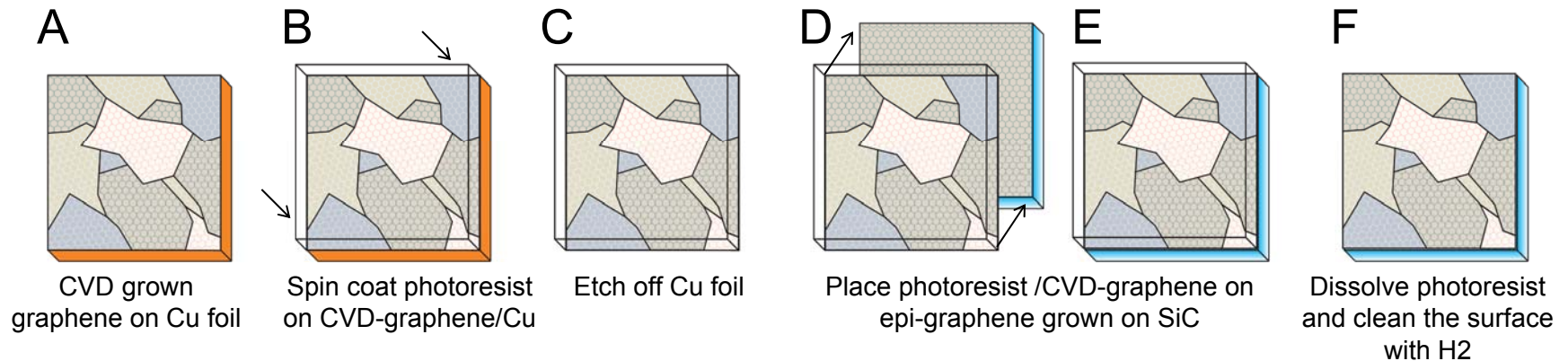
ARPES

(Angle-Resolved
Photoemission Spectroscopy)

- Occupied electronic states' dispersion

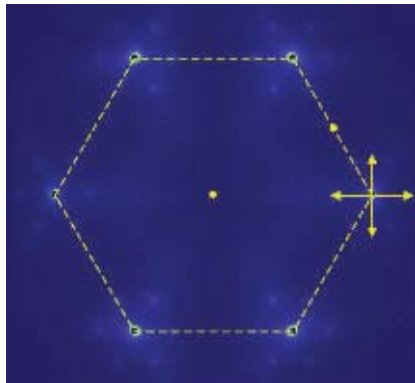
We make TBG by transfer

- Transferring CVD graphene onto epi-graphene (on SiC) yields large TBG domains with various twist angles
 - Carried out in collaboration with Jeremy Robinson at Naval Research Laboratory



- Monolithic epi-graphene
- Large-domain CVD graphene (>100 μ m-size domain)

Epi-graphene on SiC(0001)



Bostwick et al., Nature Phys. 3, 36 (2007)

CVD graphene

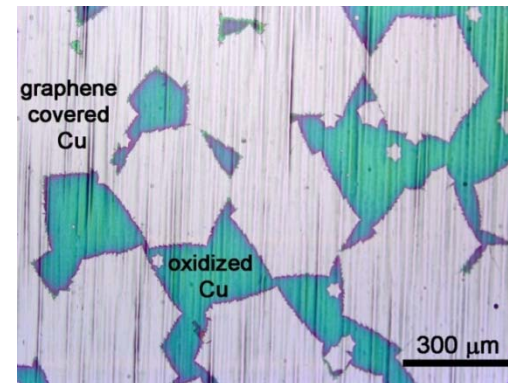
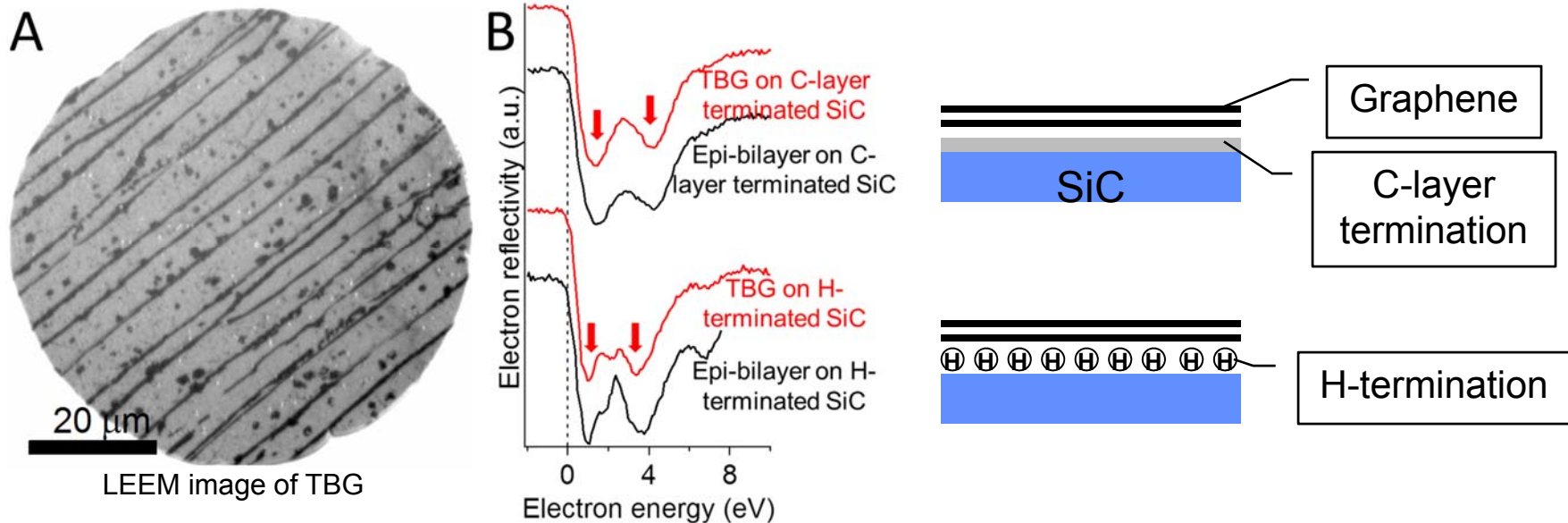


Figure courtesy: Jeremy Robinson

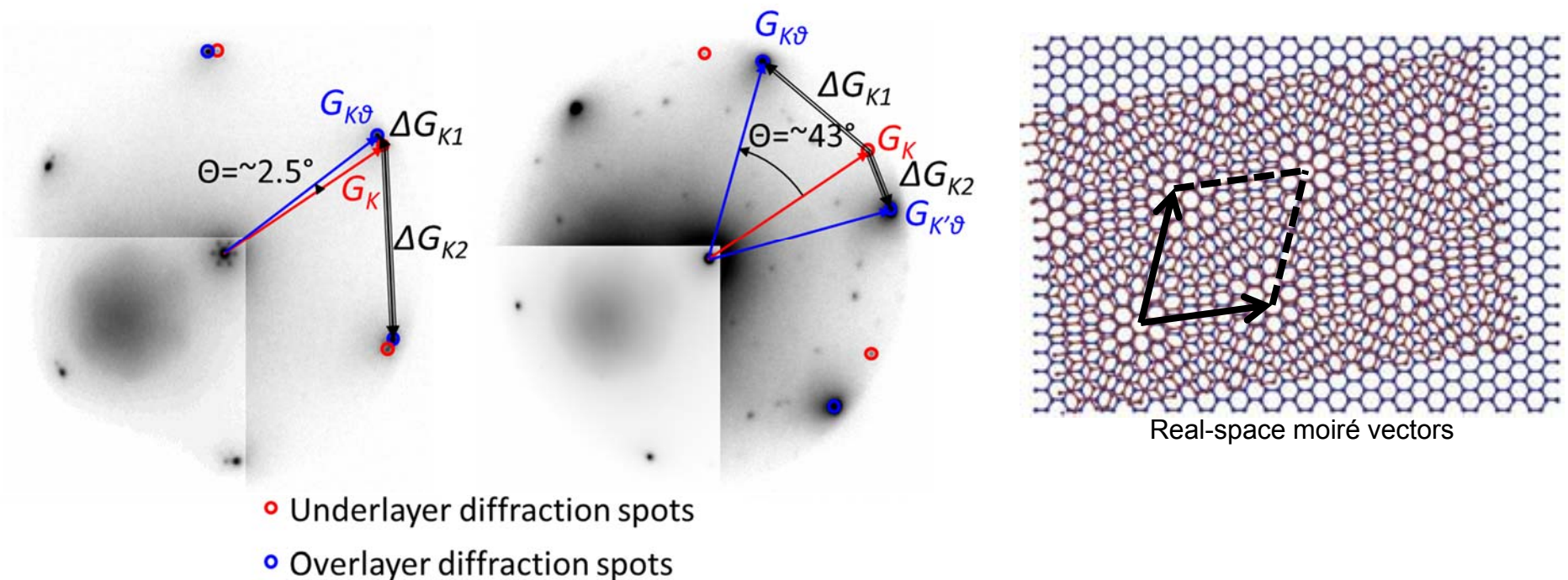
TBG shows electron reflectivity characteristic of bilayer graphene

- Two dips in electron reflectivity spectra: bilayer graphene on SiC
 - Low energy electron microscopy (LEEM) measurement



TBG has long-range atomic order

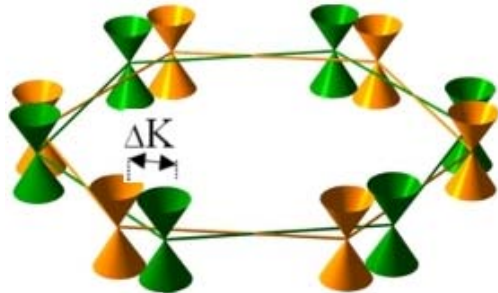
- Diffraction patterns from TBG with a small and a large twist angles
 - Diffraction spots due to moiré



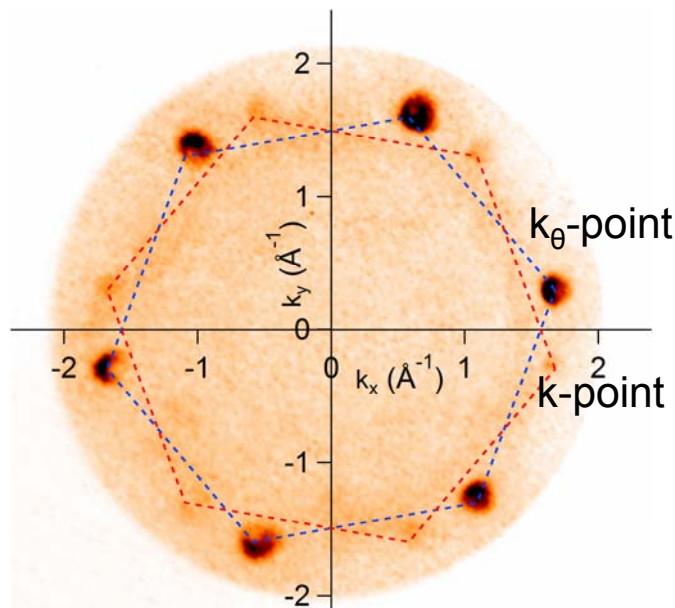
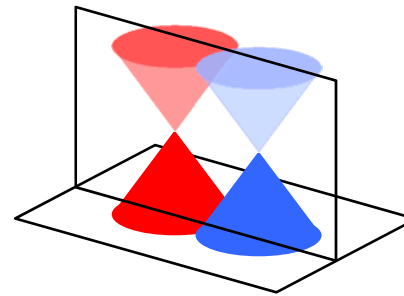
- Minimum damage of graphene was confirmed using Raman spectroscopy
 - Please see PRB, 85, 075415 (2012) for detail

TBG has two sets of Dirac cones

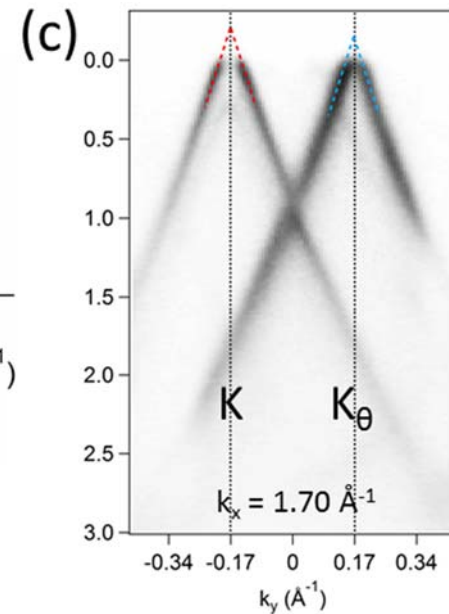
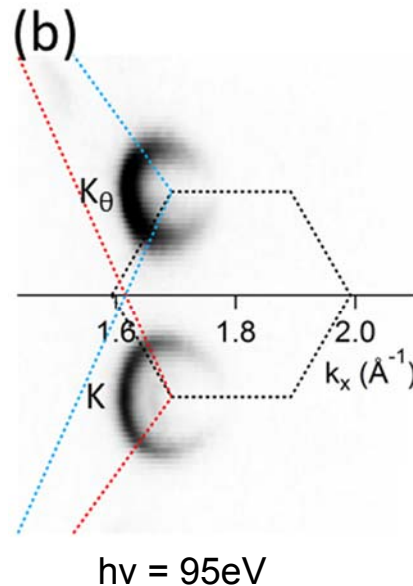
- Electronic dispersion is measured using PEEM (photoemission electron microscopy) and ARPES (angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy)
 - Upper (blue hexagon) and lower (red hexagon) graphene sheets create two sets of Dirac cones



Li et al., Nature Physics 6, 109 (2010)



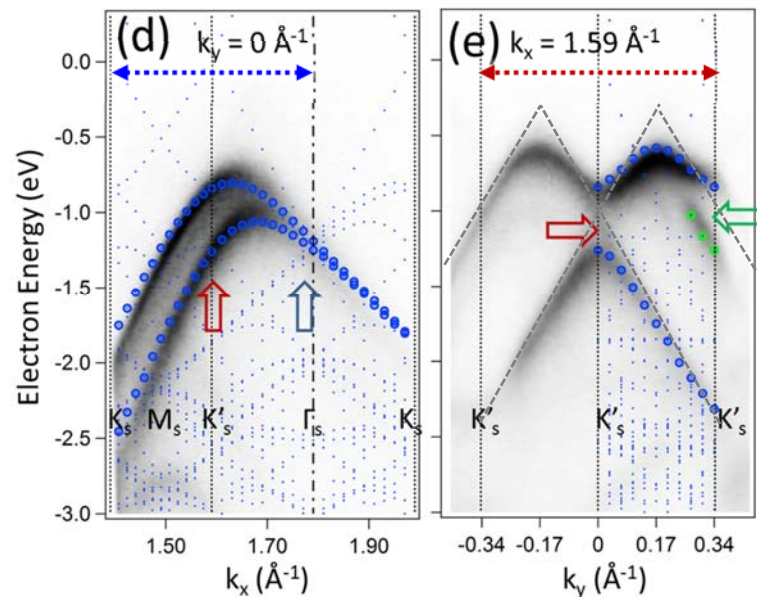
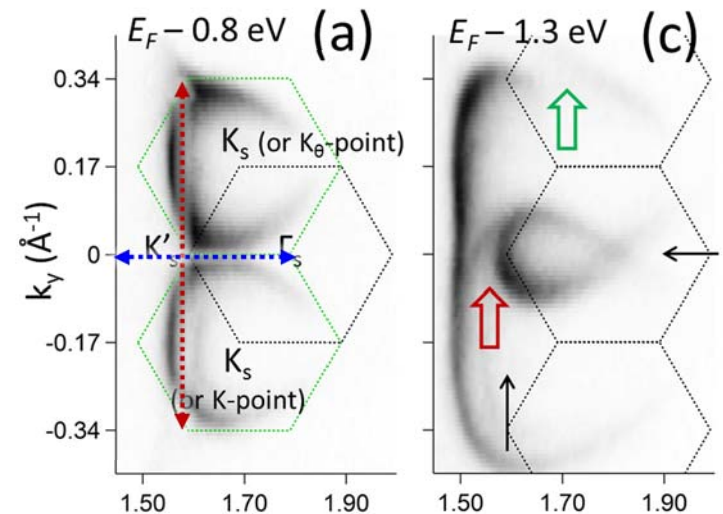
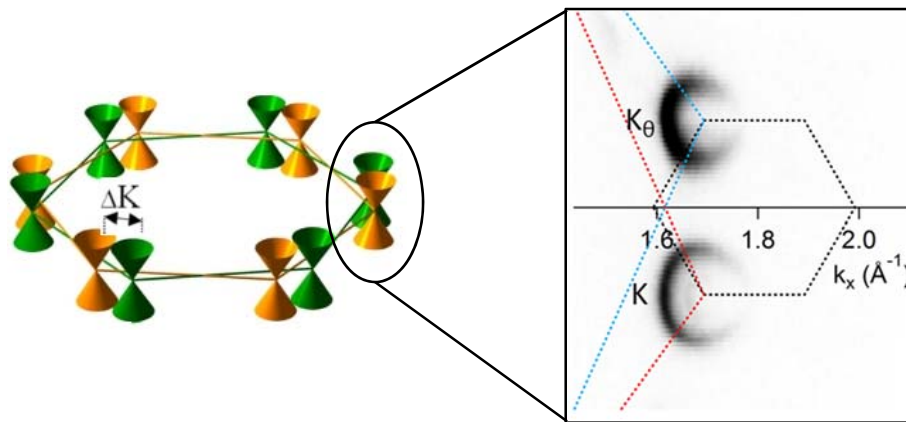
PEEM – ARPES: $h\nu = 20\text{eV}$



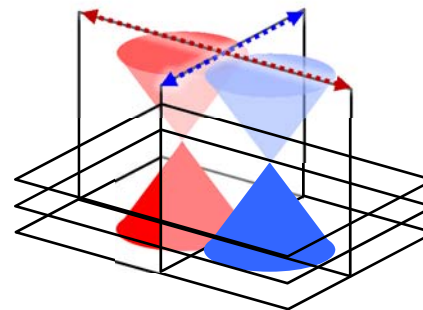
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Two Dirac cones display anti-crossing

- Departure from the simple Dirac cone picture
 - Twist angle, $\theta = 11.6^\circ$



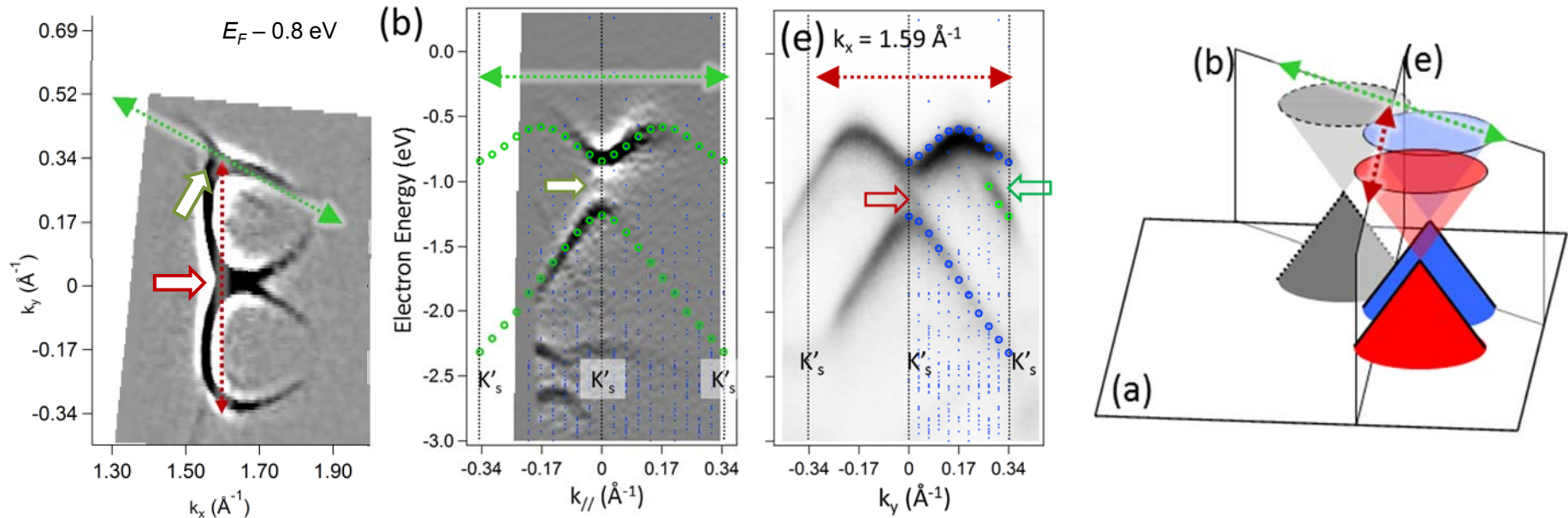
Blue dots/circles: DFT calculation



- Two cones' interaction leads to mini-gap and van Hove singularities
 - Match very well with DFT calculation
- Additional feature at the green arrow

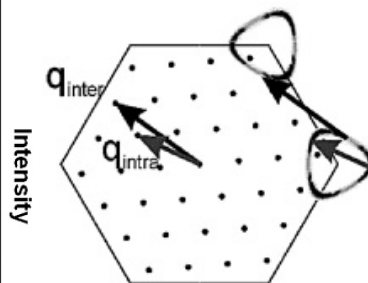
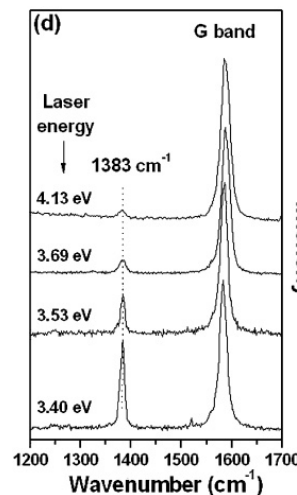
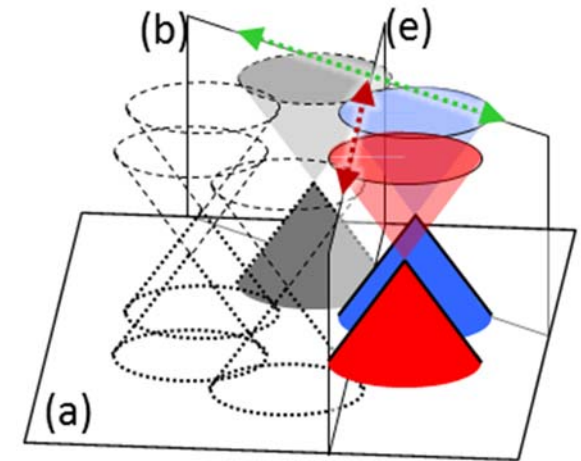
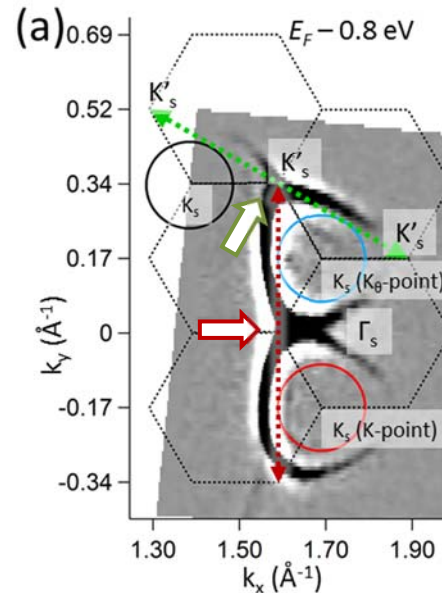
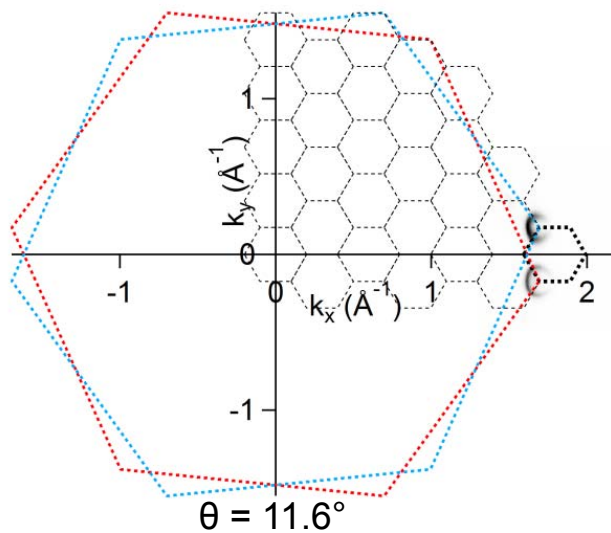
Additional Dirac cone emerges

- Anti-crossing is found b/w the original and the additional Dirac cone

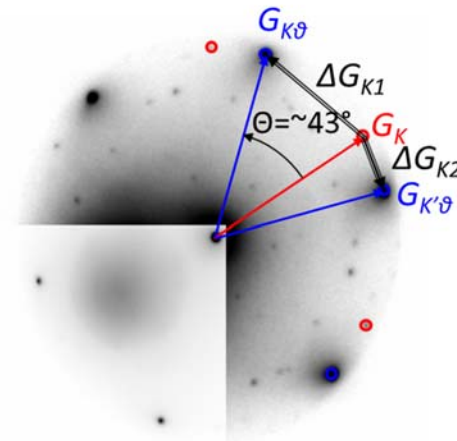


Moiré periodic potential produces Dirac cones

- Umklapp scattering by moiré periodic potential
 - Similar to moiré-induced Raman band and LEED spots



Righi et al., PRB 84, 241409(R) (2011)

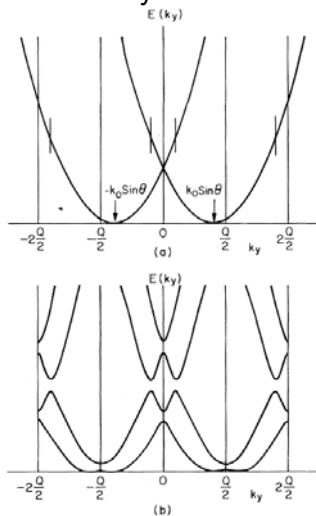


Superlattice changes electronic dispersion

- Substrate or neighboring material provides periodic potentials

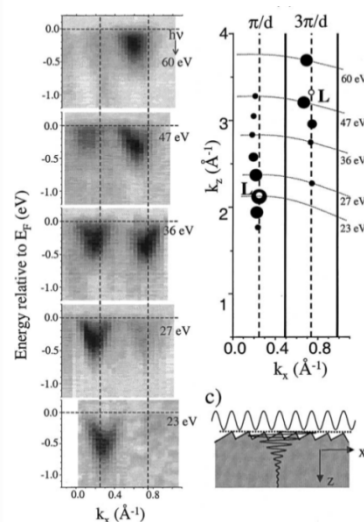
Surface superlattice

Mini-bands & gaps formed in inversion layer of vicinal Si



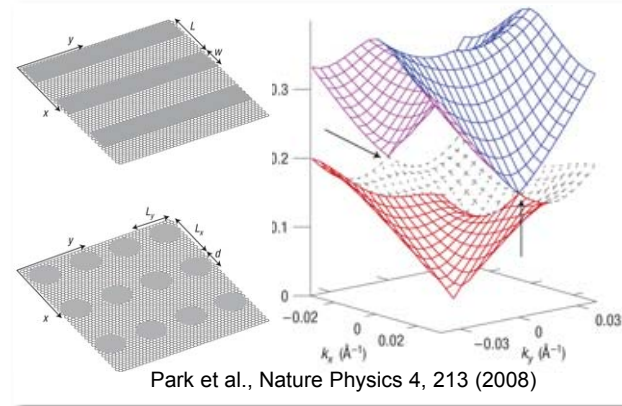
Tsui et al., PRL 40, 1667 (1978)

Surface state on Au(322) vicinal surface



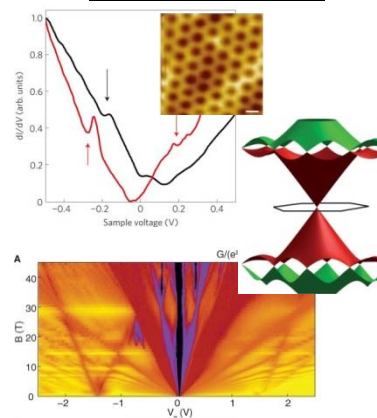
Ortega et al., Materials Science and Engineering B96 154 (2002)

Graphene superlattice



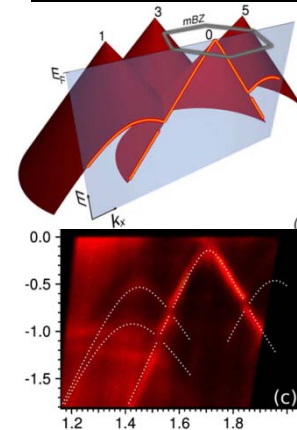
Park et al., Nature Physics 4, 213 (2008)

Graphene on hBN



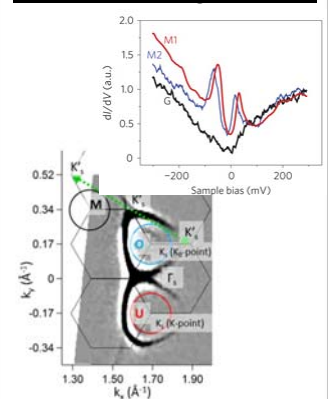
Yankowitz et al., Nature Phys. 8, 382 (2012); Ponomarenko et al., Nature, 497, 594 (2013); Hunt et al., Science 340, 1427 (2013)

Graphene on Ir(111)



Pletikosic et al., PRL 102, 056808 (2009)

Graphene on graphene

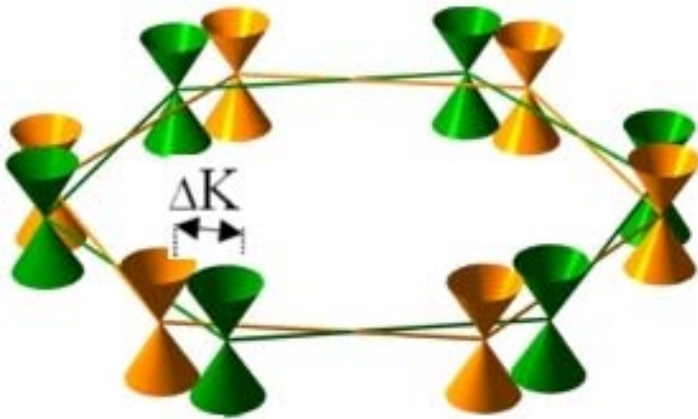


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Moiré is ubiquitous in hybrid 2D-crystal stacks!

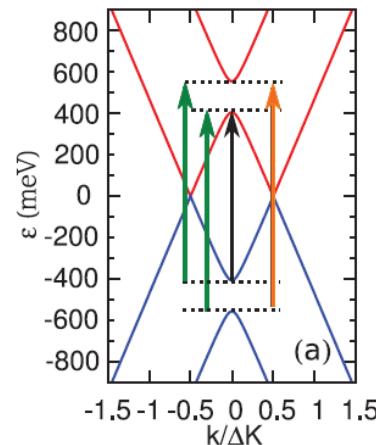
How does the band renormalization affect the properties of TBG?

- Does interlayer interaction lead to changes in properties of TBG other than electronic dispersion?
 - How does it vary as a function of twist angle?

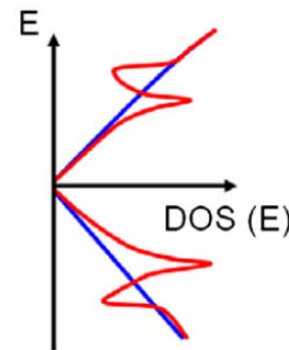


Li et al., Nature Physics 6, 109 (2010)

- Color variation is found in TBG!



Tabert et al., PRB 87, 121402(R) (2013)



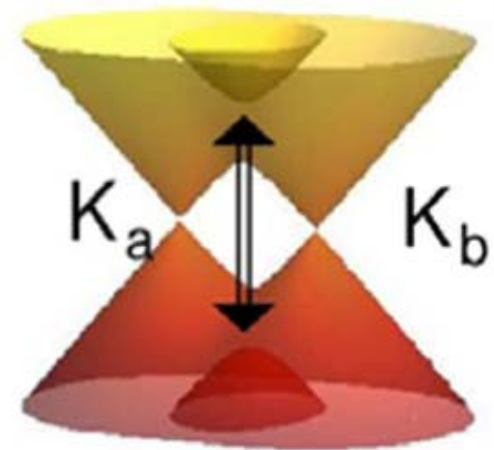
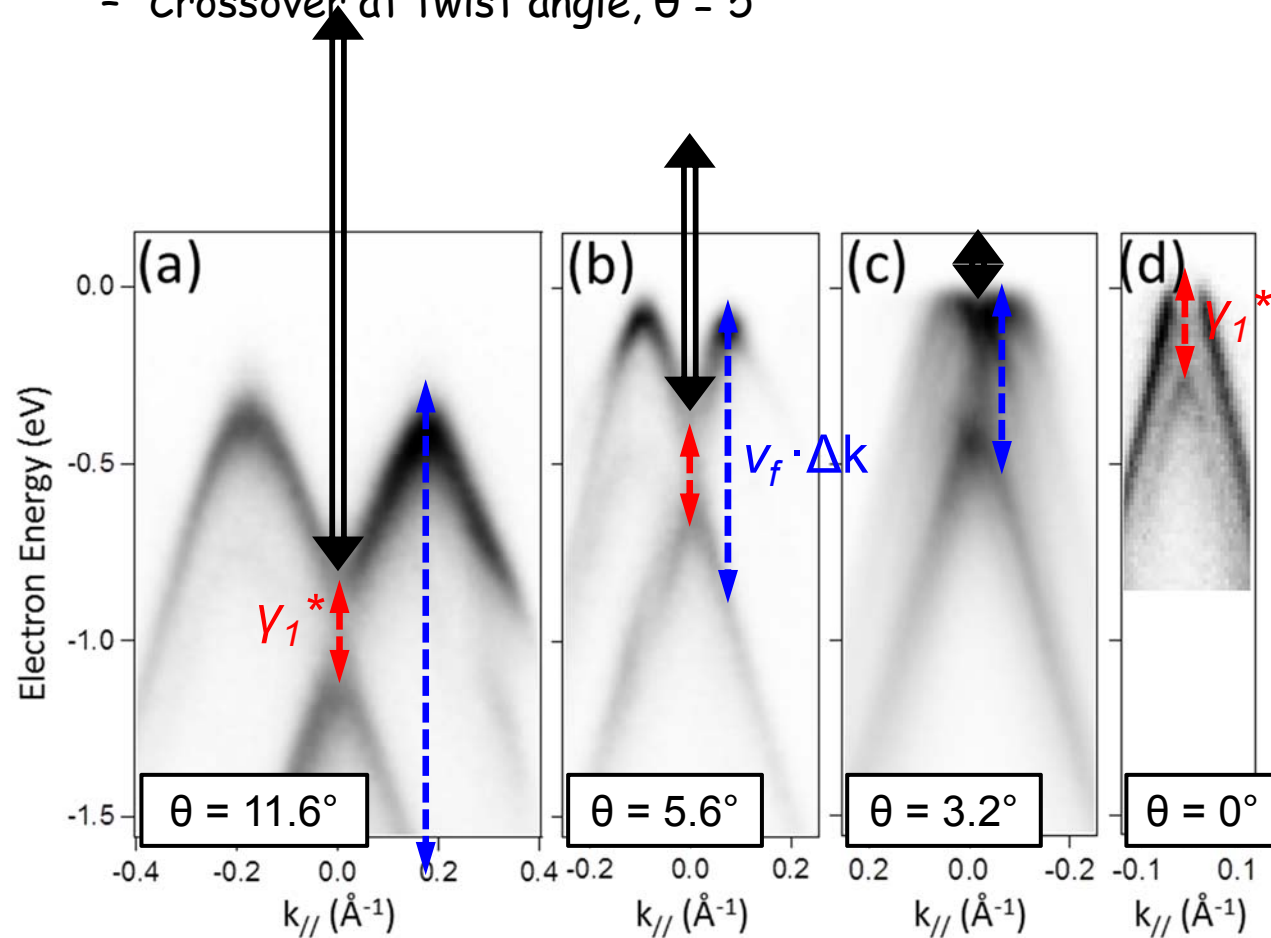
Kim et al., PRL 108, 246103 (2012)



Graphene in Color, Science 152, 374 (2013)

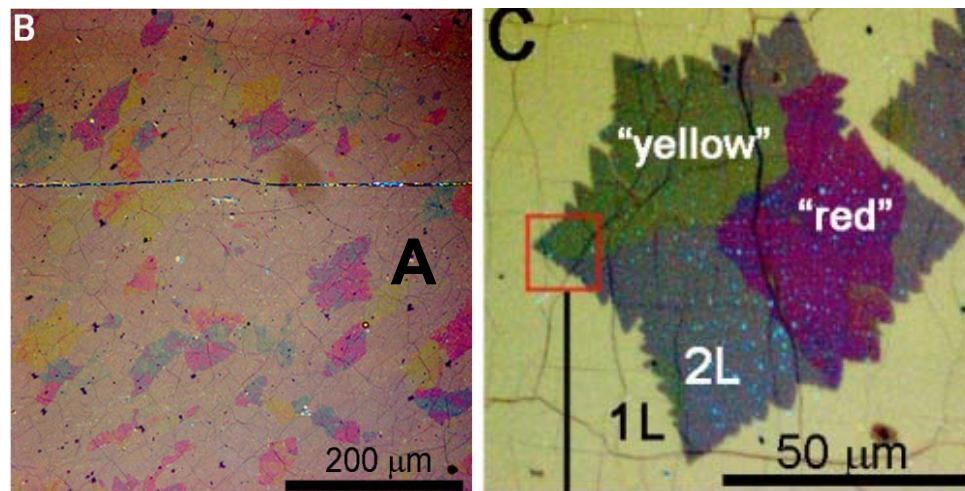
Electronic dispersion changes as a function of twist angle

- Interlayer overlap integral (V_1^*) and the characteristic energy ($v_f \cdot \Delta k$) dictate band renormalization
 - Crossover at twist angle, $\theta = 5^\circ$

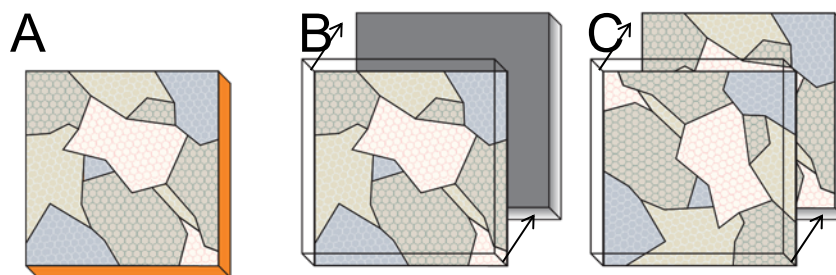


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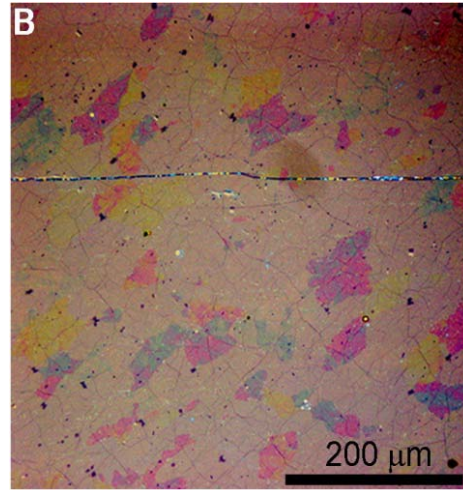
"Colored grain" are observed for TBG on SiO_2/Si substrate



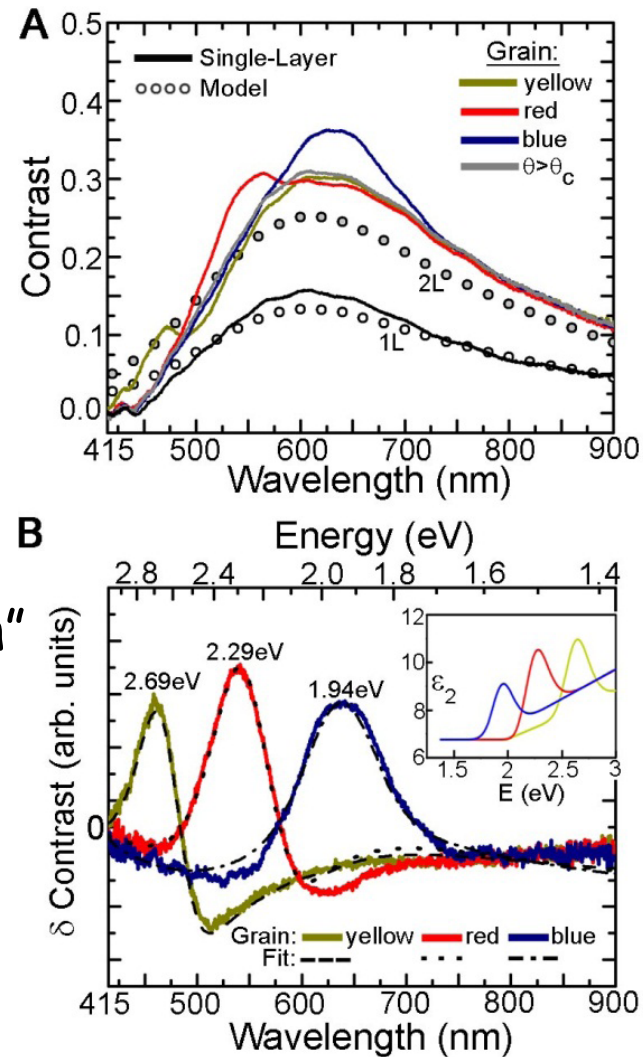
- Patches of "colored grain" observed in optical microscope
 - TBG on SiO_2/Si substrate



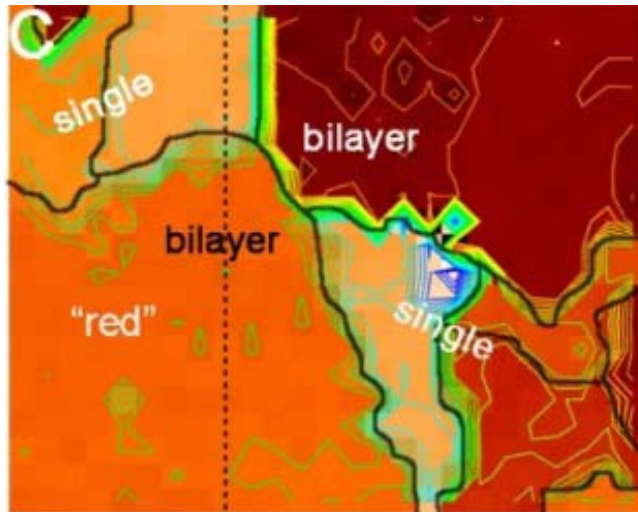
Emerging absorption band is responsible for "Colored grain"



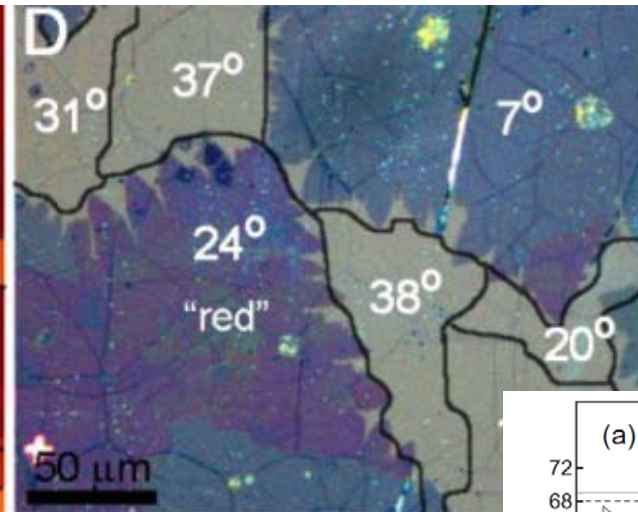
- Optical spectroscopy reveals an absorption band for "colored grain"



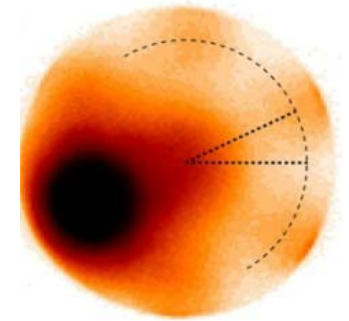
Optical absorption depends on the twist angle



Map of LEED pattern orientations across the sample surface

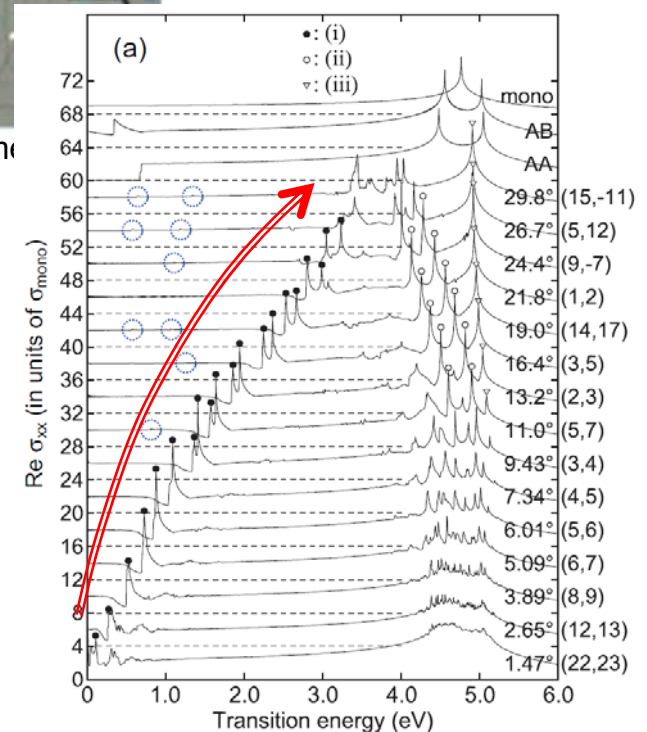


Optical micrograph of the same area



Typical μ -LEED pattern of TBG

- LEED correlates the color to the twist angle
 - LEED sensitive to the top layer only



Moon & Koshino, PRB 87, 205404 (2013)

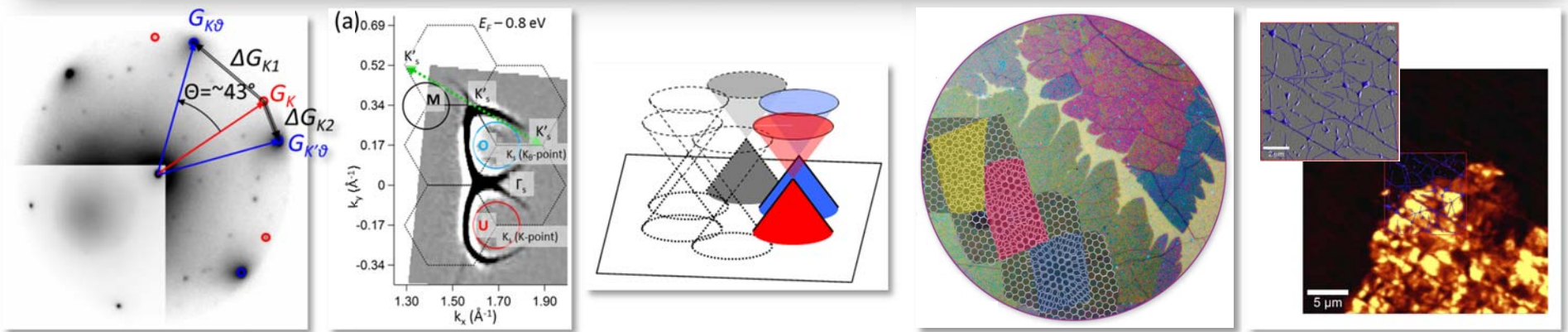
- Supported theoretically

Summary

Moiré influences the electronic structure of TBG

- Twisted Bilayer Graphene (TBG) can be produced using transfer approach
- Electronic dispersion is altered by moiré (long-range periodicity)
- Optical properties can be tuned by the twist angle
- Band renormalization is relatively robust against rotational disorders

Moiré is ubiquitous in 2D-solids: handle to tailor electronic properties

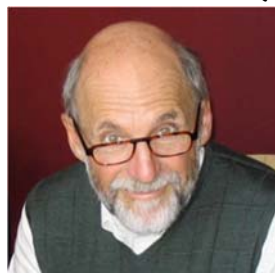
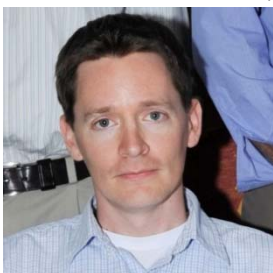


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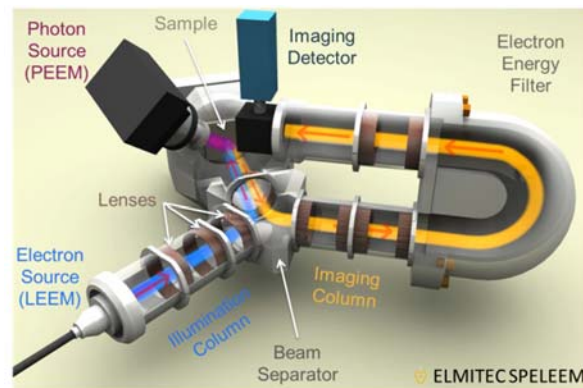
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LEEM-PEEM research opportunities

- Postdoc in LEEM group at Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque
 - Defects and 2D-electron gas in nitride semiconductor heterostructures
 - Electronic properties of 2D-crystals and their stacks
- New research capabilities: energy-filtered LEEM-PEEM
 - Real-time surface imaging and diffraction
 - Electronic structure study using EELS and ARPES (UV-light sources)

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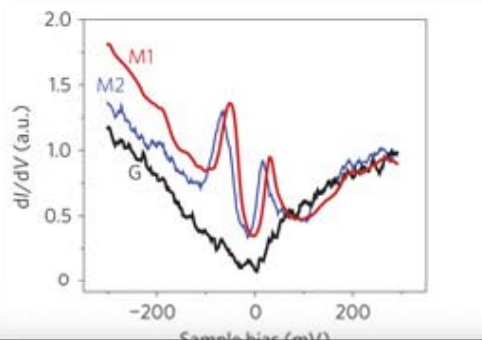




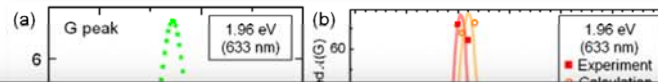
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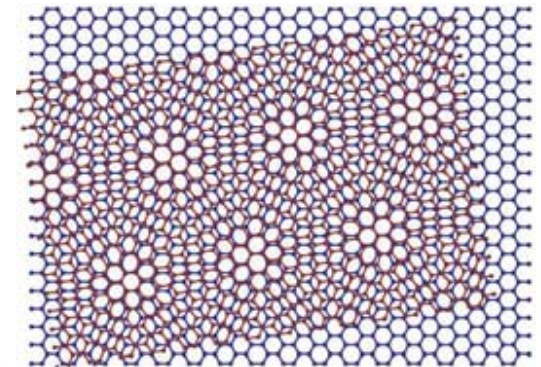
STS indicates van Hove singularities (vHs)



Raman shows resonant transition due to vHs or parallel states

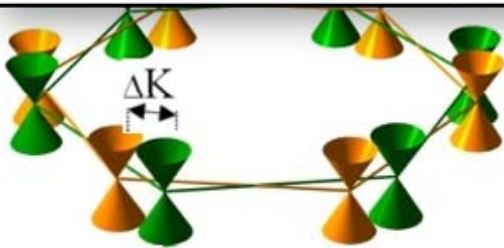


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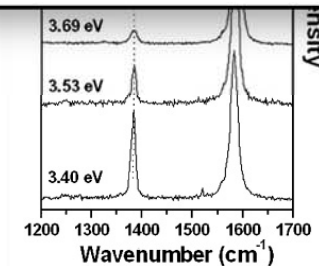


We study:

- Microscopic & atomic view of Twisted Bilayer Graphene (TBG)
- Interacting Dirac cones through moiré periodic potential
- Tunable optical absorption & emergent color domains
- Defects & inhomogeneities



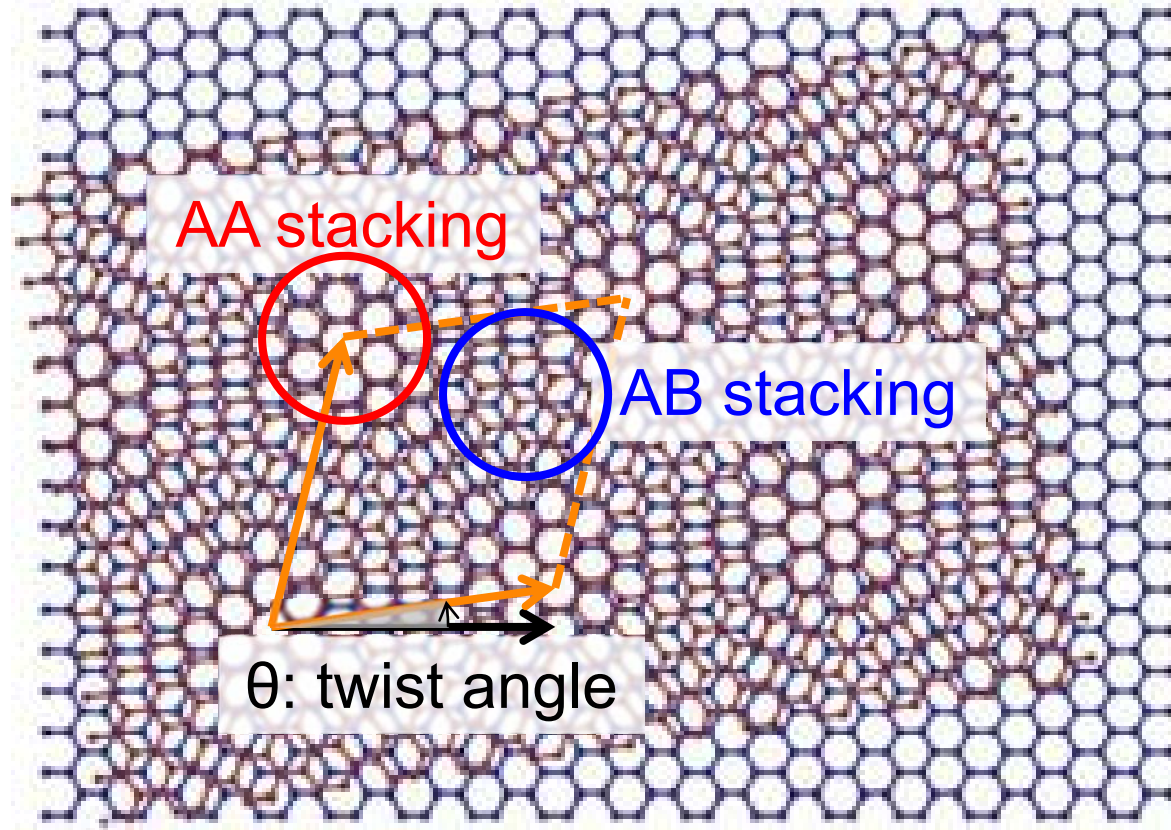
Li et al., Nature Physics 6, 109 (2010)



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Two graphene lattices form moiré

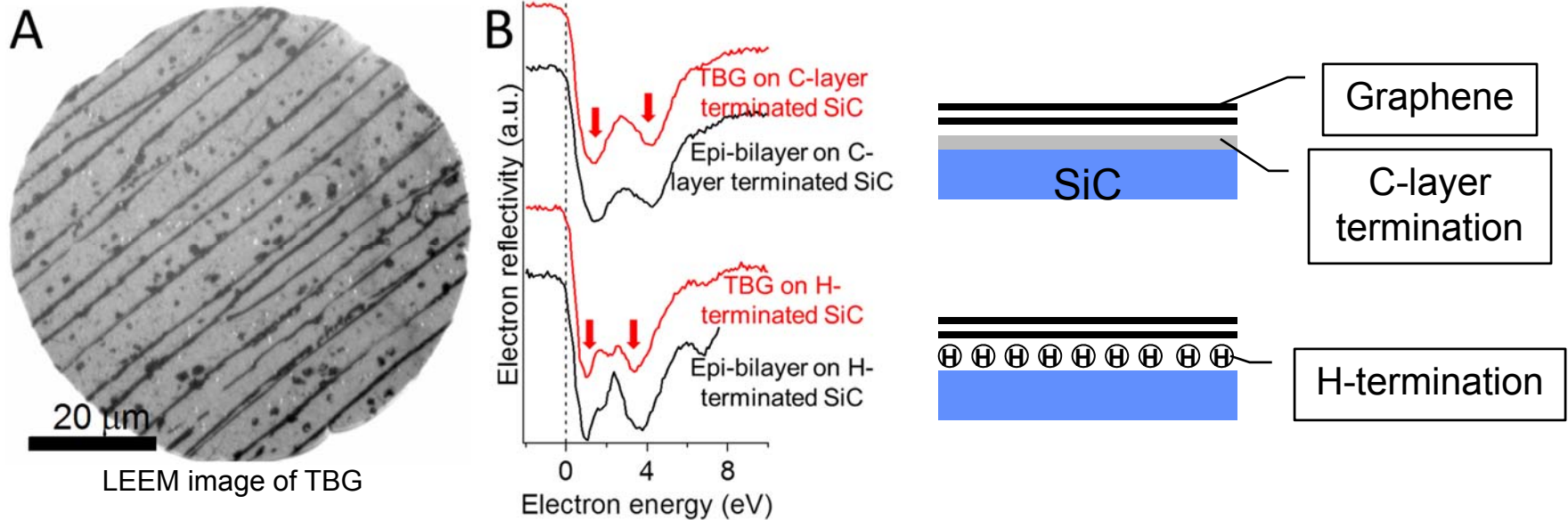
- Two layers of graphene stacked with an azimuthal (in-plane) misorientation



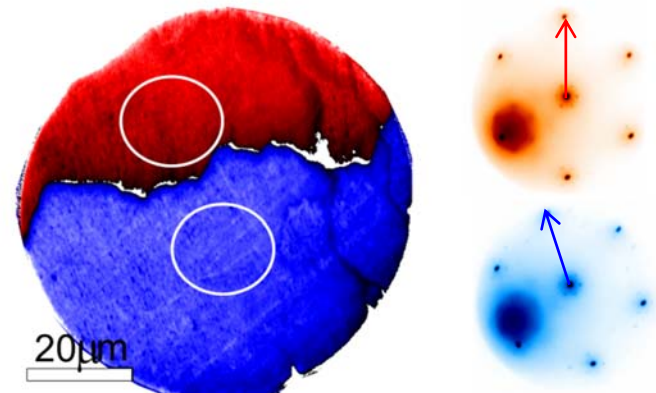
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TBG shows characteristic electron reflectivity of bilayer graphene

- Two dips in electron reflectivity spectra: bilayer graphene on SiC
 - Low energy electron microscopy (LEEM) measurement

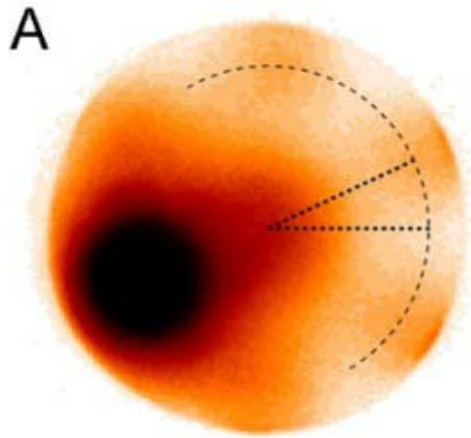


- Diffraction experiments and dark-field imaging show large domain each with a unique twist angle

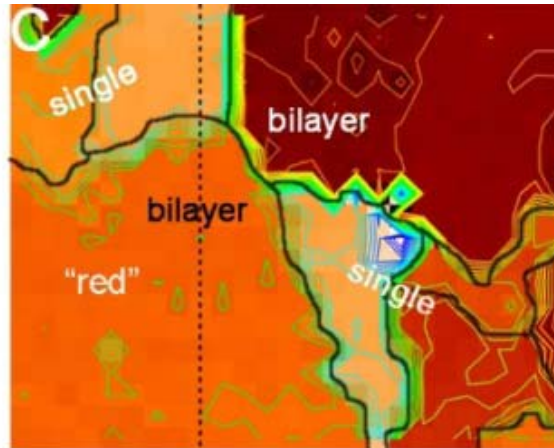


We confirmed the twist angle using LEED

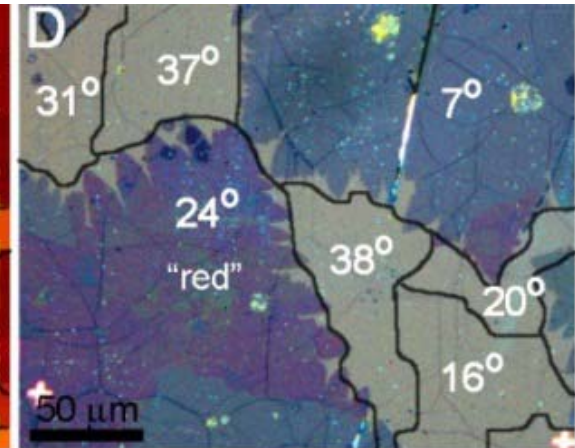
- Twist angle was determined by comparing LEEM pattern orientation and the information of thickness using optical image
 - LEED is sensitive to only the top layer



Typical LEED pattern of TBG

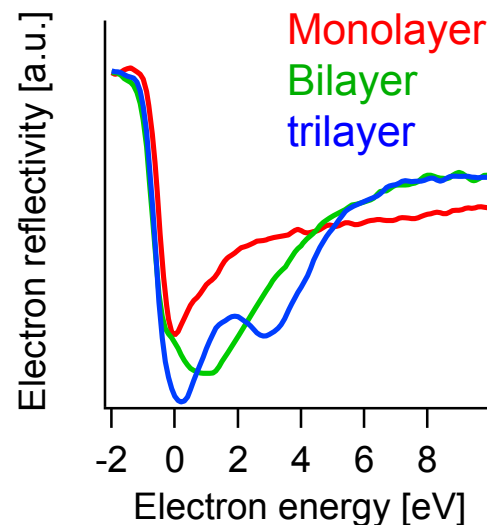


Map of LEED pattern orientations across the sample surface

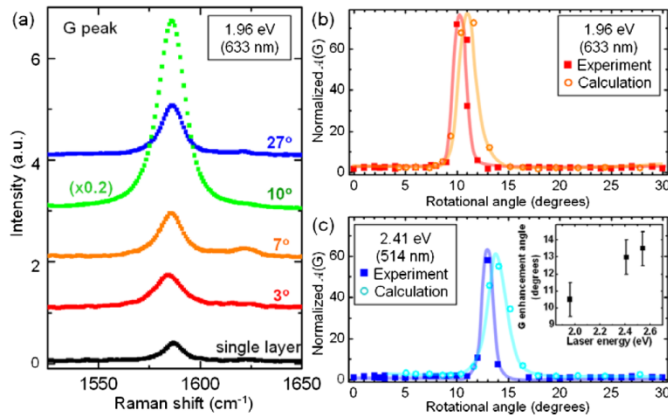


Optical micrograph of the same area

- Graphene thickness confirmed using LEEM-IV



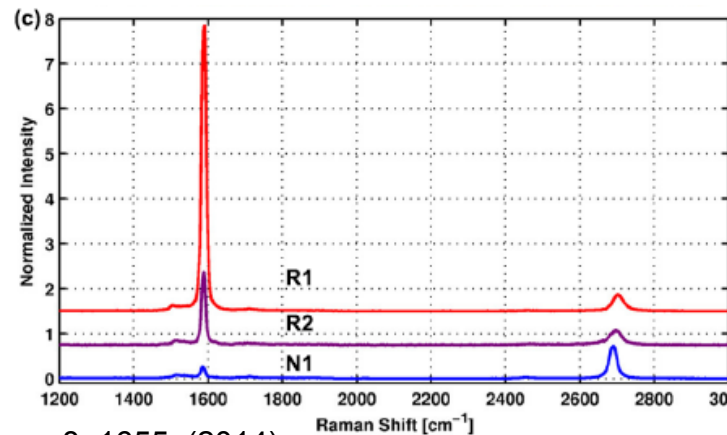
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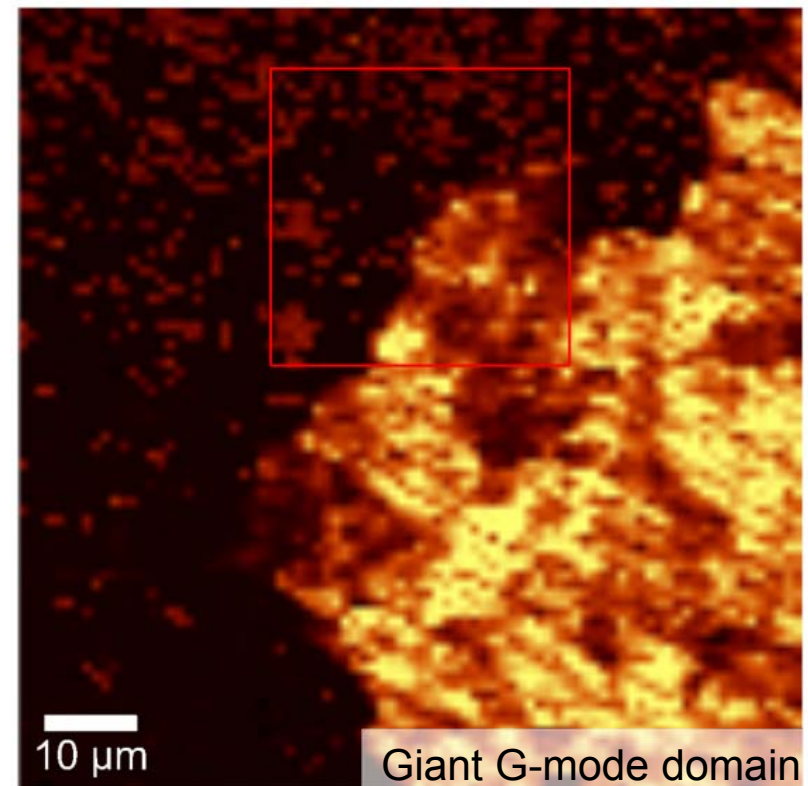
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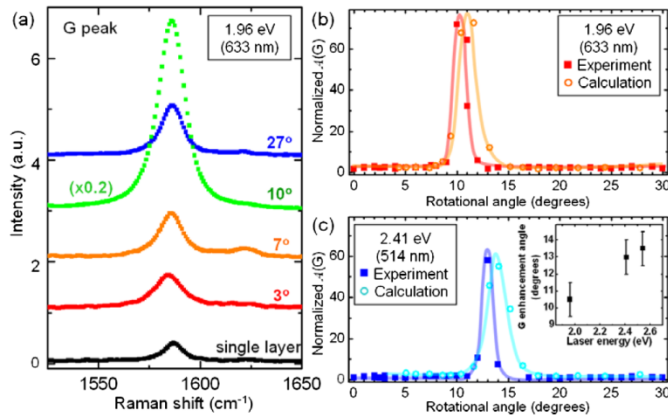
- Grains with giant Raman G-mode are found in TBG on SiC



Beechem et al., ACS Nano, 8, 1655, (2014)



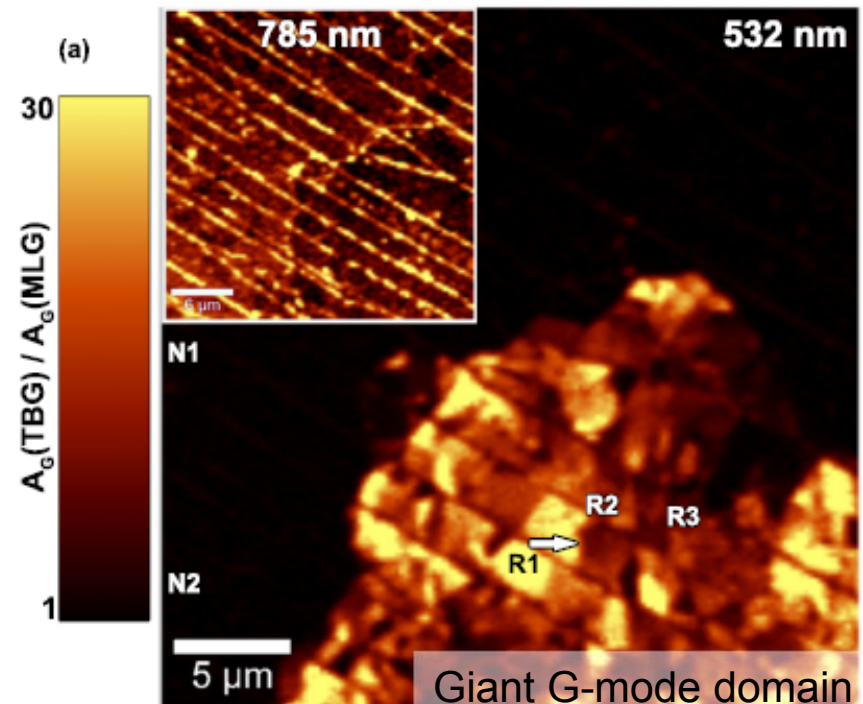
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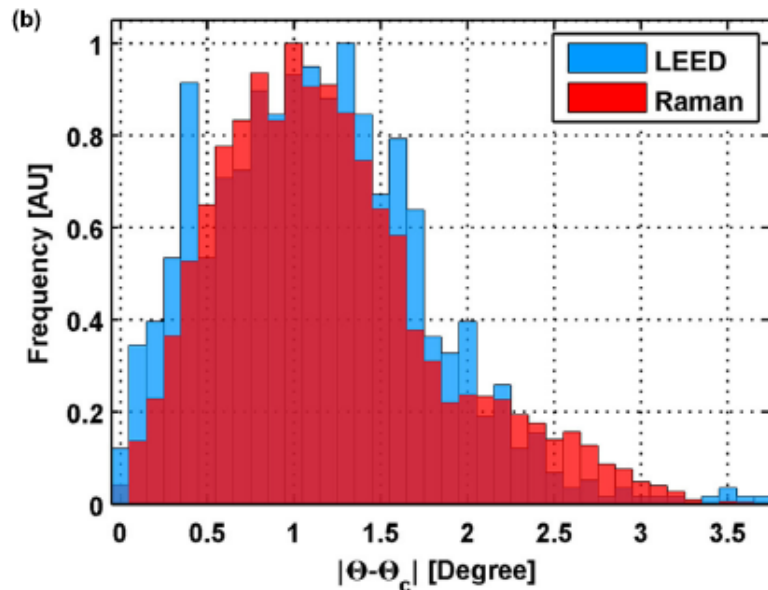
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- Sub-grains separated by wrinkles and blisters
 - Rotation disorders make Raman G-mode intensity variation

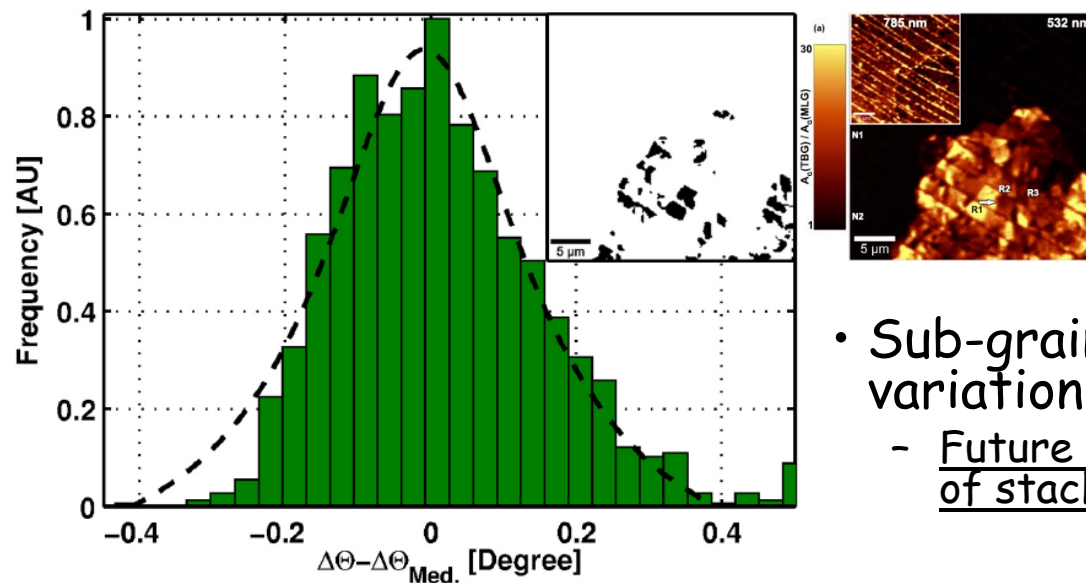


Rotational disorder is quantified using Raman



- Twist angle varies by $\sim 1^\circ$ within CVD graphene domain

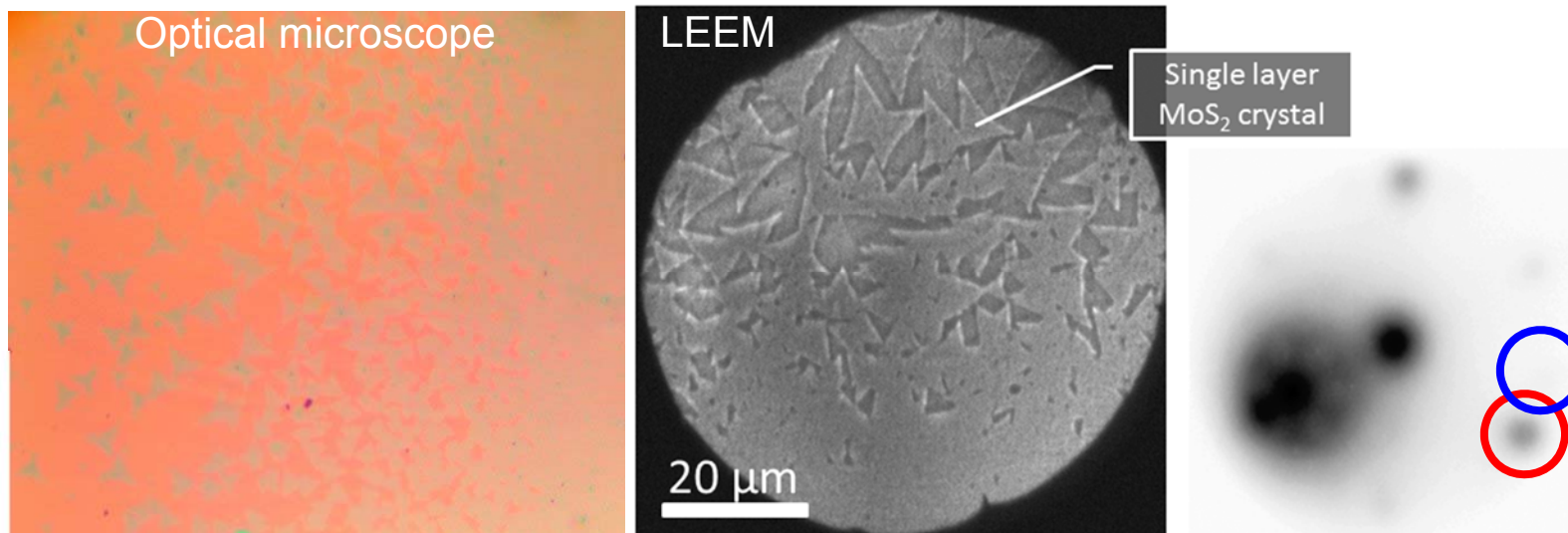
- Twist angle variations from Raman and LEED match



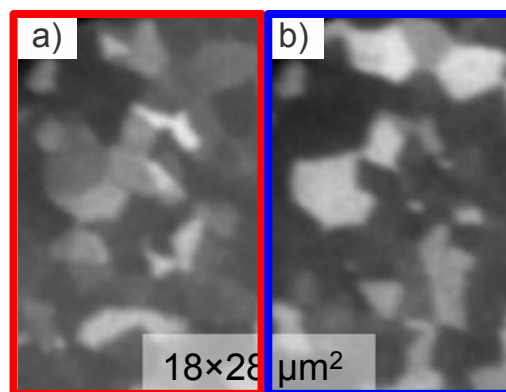
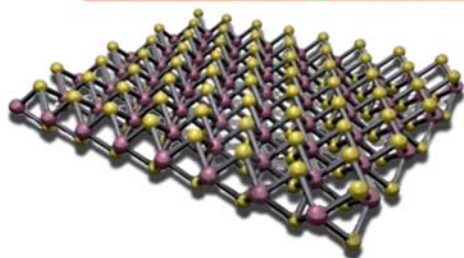
- Sub-grains show $\sim 0.1^\circ$ twist angle variation (below measurement limit)
 - Future opportunity to improve the properties of stacked 2D-crystals

We study MoS₂ using LEEM

- Identifying the crystallographic orientation and the domain size of single-crystal MoS₂ monolayer



MoS₂ monolayer grown on SiO₂



- Dark-field images of MoS₂ film