Spin-orbit interaction in graphene, nanotubes, fullerenes <u>Daniel Huertas-Hernando</u> (NTNU) Francisco Guinea (ICMM-CSIC) Arne Brataas (NTNU)

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E2 Fig. Y.Zhang et. al., Nature **438**, $H = \Psi^{\dagger} \left(-i \ \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right)$ Ψ 201-204, (2005) $\vec{\gamma} = \hbar v_F (\hat{\sigma}_x, \hat{\tau}_z \hat{\sigma}_y); \ \hbar v_F = \frac{\sqrt{3}\gamma_o a}{2} \sim 5.3 \text{ eV Å}$ $\hat{\sigma} - A, B$ sublattice $a \sim 2.46 \text{ Å}$ $\gamma_{\rm o} \sim 3 {\rm eV}$ **D** NT $\hat{\tau} - K, K'$ Innovation and Creativity <u>Is S-O important in graphene?</u>: •Atomic Spin-Orbit is supposed to be rather weak in Carbon as Z=6:

•Is S-O in graphene small?: YES. How small and why!!!

•Spin Quantum Hall effect proposal by Kane&Mele.

•Controlling pseudo-spin by means of coupling to the spin!

•Spintronics in graphene: •Spin-flip due to S-O. How important ?

•Induced Ferromagnetism in proton irradiated samples. [P. Esquinazi *et. al.*,PRL **91**, 227201 (2003)]



Atomic spin orbit

$$\mathcal{H}_{SO} = \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \tilde{\mathbf{s}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{SO} = \Delta \left[\frac{L_{+}s_{-} + L_{-}s_{+}}{2} + L_{z}s_{z} \right]$$

$$|p_{z}\rangle \equiv |L = 1, L_{z} = 0\rangle \pi - \text{bands}$$

$$|p_{x}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|L = 1, L_{z} = 1\rangle + |L = 1, L_{z} = -1\rangle)$$

$$|p_{y}\rangle \equiv \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} (|L = 1, L_{z} = 1\rangle - |L = 1, L_{z} = -1\rangle)$$

$$p_{z}$$
Debands

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⁵ The sigma σ bands: sp² hybridization

$$|1\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(|s\rangle + \sqrt{2} |p_x\rangle \right)$$

$$|2\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[|s\rangle + \sqrt{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} |p_x\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |p_y\rangle \right) \right]$$

$$|3\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[|s\rangle + \sqrt{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} |p_x\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |p_y\rangle \right) \right]$$

$$|2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[|z\rangle + \sqrt{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} |p_x\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |p_y\rangle \right) \right]$$

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M. F. Thorpe and D. Weaire, Phys. Rev. Lett. 27, 1581 (1971)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\sigma} = V_{1} \sum_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ i}} c_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{i\beta} + V_{2} \sum_{\substack{\langle i,j \rangle \\ \alpha,\alpha'}} c_{j\alpha'} + h.c.$$

$$V_{1} = \frac{\epsilon_{s} - \epsilon_{p}}{3} \qquad V_{2} = \frac{V_{ss\sigma} + 2\sqrt{2}V_{sp\sigma} + 2V_{pp\sigma}}{3}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ V_{1} \\ \downarrow 0 \\ \downarrow 0$$



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⁸ Curvature

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{SO1} + \mathcal{H}_{SO2} + \mathcal{H}_{ion1} + \mathcal{H}_{ion2} + \mathcal{H}_{T}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{SOi} = \Delta \left[c_{zi\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{xi\downarrow} + c_{zi\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{xi\uparrow} \right] + h.c.$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{ioni} = \epsilon_{\pi} \sum_{s} c_{zis}^{\dagger} c_{zis} + \epsilon_{\sigma} \sum_{s} c_{xis}^{\dagger} c_{xis}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{T} = \sum_{s} \left[V_{\pi} \cos^{2}(\theta) + V_{\sigma} \sin^{2}(\theta) \right] c_{z1s}^{\dagger} c_{z0s} - \left[V_{\pi} \sin^{2}(\theta) + V_{\sigma} \cos^{2}(\theta) \right] c_{x1s}^{\dagger} c_{x0s} + \frac{1}{s} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \left(V_{\pi} - V_{\sigma} \right) \left(c_{z1s}^{\dagger} c_{x0s} - c_{x1s}^{\dagger} c_{z0s} \right) + h.c.$$



$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{T}} = \sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)\left(V_{pp\pi} - V_{pp\sigma}\right)\left(c_{z1s'}^{\dagger}c_{x0s'} - c_{x1s'}^{\dagger}c_{z0s'}\right) + h.c.$$



¹⁰Atomic spin-orbit Δ +hopping $\sigma - \pi$

 $|p_z 0\uparrow\rangle \xrightarrow{\lambda \mathcal{E}} |s0\uparrow\rangle \xrightarrow{V'_{\sigma}} |p_x 1\uparrow\rangle \xrightarrow{\Delta} |p_z 1\downarrow\rangle$ $|p_z 0\uparrow\rangle \xrightarrow{\Delta} |p_x 0\downarrow\rangle \xrightarrow{V'_{\sigma}} |s1\downarrow\rangle \xrightarrow{\lambda \mathcal{E}} |p_z 1\downarrow\rangle$



$\lambda \equiv \langle p_z | \hat{z} | s \rangle$ Electric dipole transition Atomic Stark effect





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¹²Atomic spin-orbit Δ process bewteen π and σ

$$\mathcal{H}_{SOK} \equiv \frac{\Delta}{2} \int d^2 \vec{\mathbf{r}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \left[\Psi_{AK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\psi_{\sigma 1AK\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + \Psi_{BK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\psi_{\sigma 1BK\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \right] + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \left[\Psi_{AK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\psi_{\sigma 2AK\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + \Psi_{BK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\psi_{\sigma 2BK\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \right] \right\} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left[\Psi_{AK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + \Psi_{BK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \right] \phi_{1\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + h.c.$$

$$\alpha = \arctan\left[\frac{(3V_1)/2}{\sqrt{(9V_1^2)/4 + V_2^2}}\right]$$

Similar expression for K'



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¹³ Effective Hamiltonian
Order
$$\Delta$$

 $\mathcal{H}_{curvK\pi} \equiv -i \frac{\Delta(V_{pp\sigma} - V_{pp\pi})V_1}{2V_1^2 + V_2^2} \left(\frac{a}{R_1} + \frac{a}{R_2}\right) \int d^2 \vec{\mathbf{r}} \left(\Psi_{AK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\Psi_{BK\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) - \Psi_{BK\downarrow}^{\dagger}\Psi_{AK\uparrow}\right).$
 $\mathcal{H}_{curvK'\pi} \equiv -i \frac{\Delta(V_{pp\sigma} - V_{pp\pi})V_1}{2V_1^2 + V_2^2} \left(\frac{a}{R_1} + \frac{a}{R_2}\right) \int d^2 \vec{\mathbf{r}} \left(-\Psi_{AK'\downarrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\Psi_{BK'\uparrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + \Psi_{BK'\uparrow}^{\dagger}\Psi_{AK'\downarrow}\right)$
 $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{E}K\pi} \equiv -i \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\Delta\lambda e \mathcal{E}V_2}{2V_1^2 + V_2^2} \int d^2 \vec{\mathbf{r}} \left(\Psi_{AK\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\Psi_{BK\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) - \Psi_{BK\downarrow}^{\dagger}\Psi_{AK\uparrow}\right).$
 $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{E}K'\pi} \equiv -i \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\Delta\lambda e \mathcal{E}V_2}{2V_1^2 + V_2^2} \int d^2 (\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \left(-\Psi_{AK'\downarrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})\Psi_{BK'\uparrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + \Psi_{BK'\uparrow}^{\dagger}\Psi_{AK\uparrow}\right).$

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$$\frac{\text{Effective Hamiltonian}}{\underline{\text{Order }}\Delta^2} \\
\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}K(K')} = \pm \Delta_{\text{int}} \times \\
\int d^2 \vec{\mathbf{r}} \Psi^{\dagger}_{AK(K')\uparrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \Psi_{AK(K')\uparrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) - \Psi^{\dagger}_{AK(K')\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \Psi_{AK(K')\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \\
- \Psi^{\dagger}_{BK(K')\uparrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \Psi_{BK(K')\uparrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) + \Psi_{BK(K')\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \Psi_{BK(K')\downarrow}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \\
\Delta_{\text{int}} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\Delta^2}{V_1} \frac{V_1^4}{(V_2^2 - V_1^2)(2V_1^2 + V_2^2)} \simeq \frac{3}{4} \frac{\Delta^2}{V_1} \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2}\right)^4$$

 $V_1 \ll V_2$ (widely separated σ bands)



$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\text{Effective Hamiltonian for graphene}}_{\mathcal{H}_{T}} \\ & \mathcal{H}_{T} = \int d^{2}\vec{\mathbf{r}}\Psi^{\dagger} \left(-i\hbar v_{F}[\hat{\sigma}_{y}\hat{\partial}_{x} - \hat{\tau}_{z}\hat{\sigma}_{x}\hat{\partial}_{y}] + \Delta_{\text{int}}[\hat{\tau}_{z}\hat{\sigma}_{z}\hat{s}_{z}] + \frac{\Delta_{R}}{2}[\hat{\sigma}_{x}\hat{s}_{y} + \hat{\tau}_{z}\hat{\sigma}_{y}\hat{s}_{x}] \right) \Psi \end{aligned}$$

•We obtain an effective Hamiltonian equivalent to the one of Kane &Mele PRL **95**,226801 (2005).

•Y. Yao *et al.*, cond-mat/0606350 : Δ_{int}

•H. Min *et al.*, cond-mat/0606504 : $\Delta_{\rm R} = \Delta_{\epsilon}$ but no $\Delta_{\rm curv}$



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¹⁷Estimates





¹⁸<u>Estimates for ripples curvature</u> ripples of lateral size ranging 50nm -100nm





K. Novoselov et. al., Science **306**, 666 (2004);

Nature **438**,197 (2005); S.V. Morozov *et. al.*, PRL **97**, 016801 (2006)



Estimates for ripples curvature ripples of lateral size ranging 50nm -100nm l R 500 nm $h \ll R$ $l \approx R$ $R_1 \sim R_2 \sim 50 - 100$ nm 2) A. F. Morpurgo and F. Guinea, 150nm cond-mat/0603789 Random elastic strain $\times 3$ $R^{-1} \sim h/l^2$ $l \sim 100$ Å $h \sim 10$ Å $R_1 \sim R_2 \sim 100 \mathrm{nm}$ $\Delta_{\mathrm{curv}} \sim 1.22 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{eV} \rightarrow 0.14 \mathrm{K}$ Innovation and Creativity www.ntnu.no Spin-orbit interaction in graphene, nanotubes and fullerenes





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B. An *et. al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. **78**, 3696, (2001)

$$l \approx 5$$
nm $h \approx 0.5$ nm

$$R \approx \frac{l^2}{h} = 50$$
nm

$$\Delta_{\rm curv} \sim 0.28 {\rm K}$$





$$\begin{split} |+1 \, s \,\mathcal{K}\rangle &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle\\i|BK'\rangle\end{array}\right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |0 \, s \,\mathcal{K}\rangle &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle\\i|BK'\rangle\end{array}\right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |-1 \, s \,\mathcal{K}\rangle &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{-i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle\\i|BK'\rangle\end{array}\right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |+1 \, s \,\mathcal{K}'\rangle &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle\\-i|BK'\rangle\end{array}\right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |0 \, s \,\mathcal{K}'\rangle &\equiv -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle\\-i|BK'\rangle\end{array}\right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |-1 \, s \,\mathcal{K}'\rangle &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{-i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle\\-i|BK'\rangle\end{array}\right) \otimes |s\rangle \end{split}$$



$$\begin{split} \tilde{\Psi}_{A\mathcal{K}\tilde{\mathbf{k}}s}(\mathbf{\tilde{r}}) &= \Psi_{AK\tilde{\mathbf{k}}s}(\mathbf{\tilde{r}}) + i\Psi_{BK'\tilde{\mathbf{k}}s}(\mathbf{\tilde{r}}) \\ \tilde{\Psi}_{B\mathcal{K}'\tilde{\mathbf{k}}s}(\mathbf{\tilde{r}}) &= -i \ \Psi_{BK'\tilde{\mathbf{k}}s}(\mathbf{\tilde{r}}) + \Psi_{AK\tilde{\mathbf{k}}s}(\mathbf{\tilde{r}}). \end{split}$$

González,Vozmediano,Guinea, PRL **69**, 172 (1992)



²⁴<u>Fullerenes</u>

$$|+1\uparrow
angle, |+1\downarrow
angle, |0\uparrow
angle, |0\downarrow
angle, |-1\uparrow
angle, |-1\downarrow
angle$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rm S-O\,int}^{\mathcal{K}} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{\rm int} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\Delta_{\rm int} & \sqrt{2}\Delta_{\rm int} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}\Delta_{\rm int} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\Delta_{\rm int} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\Delta_{\rm int} & -\Delta_{\rm int} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \Delta_{\rm int} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= +\Delta_{\rm int} \to \Psi_{\Delta} : \{ |+1\uparrow\rangle, |-1\downarrow\rangle, \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |+1\downarrow\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |0\uparrow\rangle, \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |-1\uparrow\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |0\downarrow\rangle \} \\ \epsilon &= -2\Delta_{\rm int} \to \Psi_{-2\Delta} : \{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |+1\downarrow\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0\uparrow\rangle, \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |-1\uparrow\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0\downarrow\rangle \} \end{aligned}$$







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²⁷Fullerenes+Nanotubes: Cap states

$$\begin{split} |+1s\rangle_{A} &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|+1s\mathcal{K}\rangle + |+1s\mathcal{K}'\rangle \right) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |-1s\rangle_{A} &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|-1s\mathcal{K}\rangle + |-1s\mathcal{K}'\rangle \right) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{-i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} |AK\rangle \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |+1s\rangle_{B} &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|+1s\mathcal{K}\rangle - |+1s\mathcal{K}'\rangle \right) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ i|BK'\rangle \end{array} \right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |-1s\rangle_{B} &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|-1s\mathcal{K}\rangle - |-1s\mathcal{K}'\rangle \right) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{-i\phi} \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ i|BK'\rangle \end{array} \right) \otimes |s\rangle \\ |+1, s = \uparrow, \downarrow\rangle_{B} \to \epsilon_{\uparrow,\downarrow} = \pm \Delta_{\mathrm{int}} \\ |-1, s = \uparrow, \downarrow\rangle_{B} \to \epsilon_{\uparrow,\downarrow} = \mp \Delta_{\mathrm{int}}. \end{split}$$



²⁸Fullerenes+Nanotubes: Cap states

$$\Psi_{m=2}(z,\phi) \equiv \frac{C}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{2i\phi} e^{\kappa z/R} \left(\begin{array}{c} |K\rangle - |K'\rangle\\i|K\rangle + i|K'\rangle \end{array} \right)$$

$$\epsilon^2 R^2$$

$$C^{-2} = \frac{13}{16} + \frac{1}{4\kappa} \qquad \kappa^2 = n^2 - \frac{\epsilon^2 R^2}{v_{\rm F}^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa^2 R^2}{v_{\rm F}^2} \right)$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Rashba}} \approx \pm C^2 \Delta_{\text{R}} \left(\frac{1}{16\kappa} + \frac{31}{80} \right) \approx \pm \frac{\Delta_{\text{R}}}{4} \left(1 - \frac{59\kappa}{20} \right)$$

$$C_{60} \text{ fullerene of radius } R \sim 3.55\text{\AA}$$

$$\Delta_R/4 \sim 3\text{K}$$

29 Conclusions

- •TB model+Atomic s-o \rightarrow Effective s-o for π bands in graphene
- •Atomic stark effect: Effective Rashba s-o ~ Δ
- •Local Curvature: Extra "Rashba-like" s-o coupling ~ Δ

•Intrinsic ripples in Graphene:

•Flat graphene +Pentagons. Topological defect.

•Intrinsic s-o coupling ~ Δ^2

$$c_{curv} \sim 0.2 K$$

•Our estimates: $\Delta_{\varepsilon} \sim 0.07K$ Kane&Mele different estimates!! $\Delta_{int} \sim 10mK$

•Spin-orbit in Fullerenes, Nanotubes, Caps:

•Curvature more pronounced

•Topology also important

