Bloch, Landau, and Dirac : Hofstadter's Butterfly in Graphene

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Fractional & Integer Quantum Hall effect in graphene: electron correlation



Heteroepitaxy of Layered Materials:





Graphene Materials and Applications



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Will graphene appear in market soon?





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Bloch Waves: Periodic Structure & Band Filling

Zeitschrift für Physik, 52, 555 (1929)



Über die Quantenmechanik der Elektronen in Kristallgittern.

Von Felix Bloch in Leipzig.

Mit 2 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 10. August 1928.)









Block Waves:

 $\psi_{n,k}(x) = e^{ikx} u_{n,k}(x), \qquad u_{n,k}(x+a) = u_{n,k}(x)$



Landau Levels: Quantization of Cyclotron Orbits



Lev Landau

Free electron under magnetic field

 $\tilde{H} = \frac{(\tilde{\mathbf{p}} - e\mathbf{A}/c)^2}{2m}$

Energy and orbit are quantized:

$$\varepsilon_n = \hbar w_c (n+1/2), \qquad w_c = eB/mc$$

Each Landau orbit contains magnetic flux quanta

$$\phi_0 = \frac{hc}{e}$$

$$\ell_B = \sqrt{\hbar/eB}$$

Zeitschrift für Physik, 64, 629 (1930)

Diamagnetismus der Metalle.

Von L. Landau, zurzeit in Cambridge (England).

(Eingegangen am 25. Juli 1930.)

2-dimensional electron systems

Massively degenerated energy level

Landau level filling fraction:

$$\overline{\nu} = 2\pi \ell_B^2 n(\varepsilon_F)$$

Harper's Equation: Competition of Two Length Scales

Proc. Phys. Soc. Lond. A 68 879 (1955)

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The General Motion of Conduction Electrons in a Uniform Magnetic Field, with Application to the Diamagnetism of Metals

> By P. G. HARPER[†] Department of Mathematical Physics, University of Birmingham

> Communicated by R. E. Peierls; MS. received 19th January 1955 and in amended form 27th April 1955



Tight binding on 2D Square lattice with magnetic field

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{(\tilde{\mathbf{p}} - e\mathbf{A}/c)^2}{2m} + U(\mathbf{r})$$

Harper's Equation

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$$2\psi_l \cos\left(2\pi lb - \kappa\right) + \psi_{l+1} + \psi_{l-1} = E\psi_l$$

Two competing length scales: a : lattice periodicity l_B : magnetic periodicity

For $b \leq \mu^* H$, the broadening factor may be written approximately $\exp\left[-(bv\pi/\mu^*H)^2\right]$ and the broadening effect becomes additive to that due to collision as described by Dingle (1952 b).

The level structure in the vicinity of an energy gap near a zone boundary is all-important for the de Haas-van Alphen effect. Unfortunately, this seems very difficult to determine in detail, even for a sinusoidal potential. Apart from the regularity already mentioned there seems little one can say. It is likely, however, that if periodicity exists, the period will give rise to effective mass parameters much smaller than one would otherwise expect. This is because the level structure will consist of irregular groups, regularly repeated. Since the period is large, the oscillatory period will also be large and the effective mass correspondingly smaller.

Commensuration / Incommensuration of Two Length Scales

Spirograph



Hofstadter's Butterfly

PHYSICAL REVIEW B

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Energy levels and wave functions of Bloch electrons in rational and irrational magnetic fields*

Douglas R. Hofstadter[†] Physics Department, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403 (Received 9 February 1976)

Harper's Equation $2\psi_l \cos(2\pi lb - \kappa) + \psi_{l+1} + \psi_{l-1} = E\psi_l$

When b=p/q, where p, q are coprimes, each LL splits into q sub-bands that are p-fold degenerate

Energy bands develop *fractal structure* when magnetic length is of order the periodic unit cell



Energy Gaps in the Butterfly: Wannier Diagram



 n_0 : # of state per unit cell ϕ : magnetic flux in unit cell n: electron density

Diophantine equation for gaps

 $(n/n_0) = t(\phi/\phi_0) + s$

 $t,s\in\mathbb{Z}$

Streda Formula and TKNN Integers



Osadchy and Avron, J. Math. Phys. 42, 5665 (2001)

Experimental Challenges



Obvious technical challenge:

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_o} = \frac{Ba^2}{h/e} \sim 1$$



Hofstadter (1976)

manufacture a synthetic two-dimensional lattice of considerably greater spacing than that which

characterizes real crystals. The technique in-

volves applying an electric field across a fieldeffect transistor (without leads). The effect of

Experimental Search For Butterfly



- Unit cell limited to ${\sim}100~\text{nm}$
- limited field and density range accessible, weak perturbation
- Do not observe 'fully quantized' mingaps in fractal spectrum

Electrons in Graphene: Effective Dirac Fermions



Effective Dirac Equations

$$H_{eff} = \pm \hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k_x - ik_y \\ k_x + ik_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \pm \hbar v_F \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k}_{\perp}$$

DiVincenzo and Mele, PRB (1984); Semenov, PRL (1984)





Paul Dirac

Graphene: Under Magnetic Fields



Bilayer Graphene



Hofstadter's Butterfly in Twisted Graphene

-Moon and Koshino, PRB (2012); See also Bistrizer and MacDonald (2011)



Moire Pattern in Twisted Graphene Layers



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Observation of Van Hove singularities in twisted graphene layers

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Quantum Hall Effect in Twisted Bilayer Graphene



Quantum Hall Effect, Screening, and Layer-Polarized Insulating States in Twisted Bilayer Graphene

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Hexa Boron Nitride: Polymorphic Graphene





Boron Nitride

Comparison of h-BN and SiO₂

	Band Gap	Dielectric Constant	Optical Phonon Energy	Structure
BN	5.5 eV	~4	>150 meV	Layered crystal
SiO2	8.9 eV	3.9	59 meV	Amorphous

Stacking graphene on hBN

Polymer coating/cleaving/peeling

Dean et al. Nature Nano (2009)



- Co-lamination techniques
- Submicron size precision
- Atomically smooth interface







Mobility > $100,000 \text{ cm}^2 V^{-1} s^{-1}$

Moire pattern in Graphene on hBN:

a new route to Hofstadter's butterfly?



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	Matthew Yankowitz ¹ , Jiamin Xue ¹ , Daniel Corm T. Taniguchi ³ , Pablo Jarillo-Herrero ² , Philippe Ja	ode ¹ , Javier D. Sanchez-Yamagishi [;] Icquod ^{1,4} and Brian J. LeRoy ¹ *	² , K. Watanabe ³ ,
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	Minigap formation near the Dirac point due to Moire superlattice	a 0.0 - -0.1 - Superlattice Dirac points -0.2 - -0.3 -	Dirac point

Some Bilayer Graphene on hBN



Bilayer graphene on BN substrates shows strong signature of satellite peaks...some times... (~ 30%)

Abnormal Landau Fan Diagram in Bilayer on hBN



How to "Read" Normal Landau Fan Diagram?



Abnormal Quantum Hall Effect



Size of the Moire Supper Lattice in Graphene



Normalized Fan Diagrams



Normalized Fan Diagrams





Tracing gaps in Hofstadter's Butterfly



slope offset

$$(n/n_0) = t(\phi/\phi_0) + s$$

 $R_{xy}^{-1} = \frac{e^2}{h}t$

Landau Fan in Low Magnetic Field Regime



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Hall Conductance in Fractal Band



Recursive QHE near the Fractal Bands

Higher quality sample with lower disorder



Summary

- Graphene on hBN with high quality interface created Moire pattern with supper lattice modulation
- Quantum Hall conductance are determined by two TKNN integers.
- Anomalous Hall conductance at the fractal bands

$(n/n_0) = t(\phi/\phi_0) + s$



Open Questions:

- Elementary excitation of the fractal gaps?
- Role of interactions, Hofstadter Butterfly in FQHE?

Fractal Gaps: Energy Scales



Single Layer Graphene Hofstadter's Butterfly



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