Artificial quantum matter in twisted van der Waals materials

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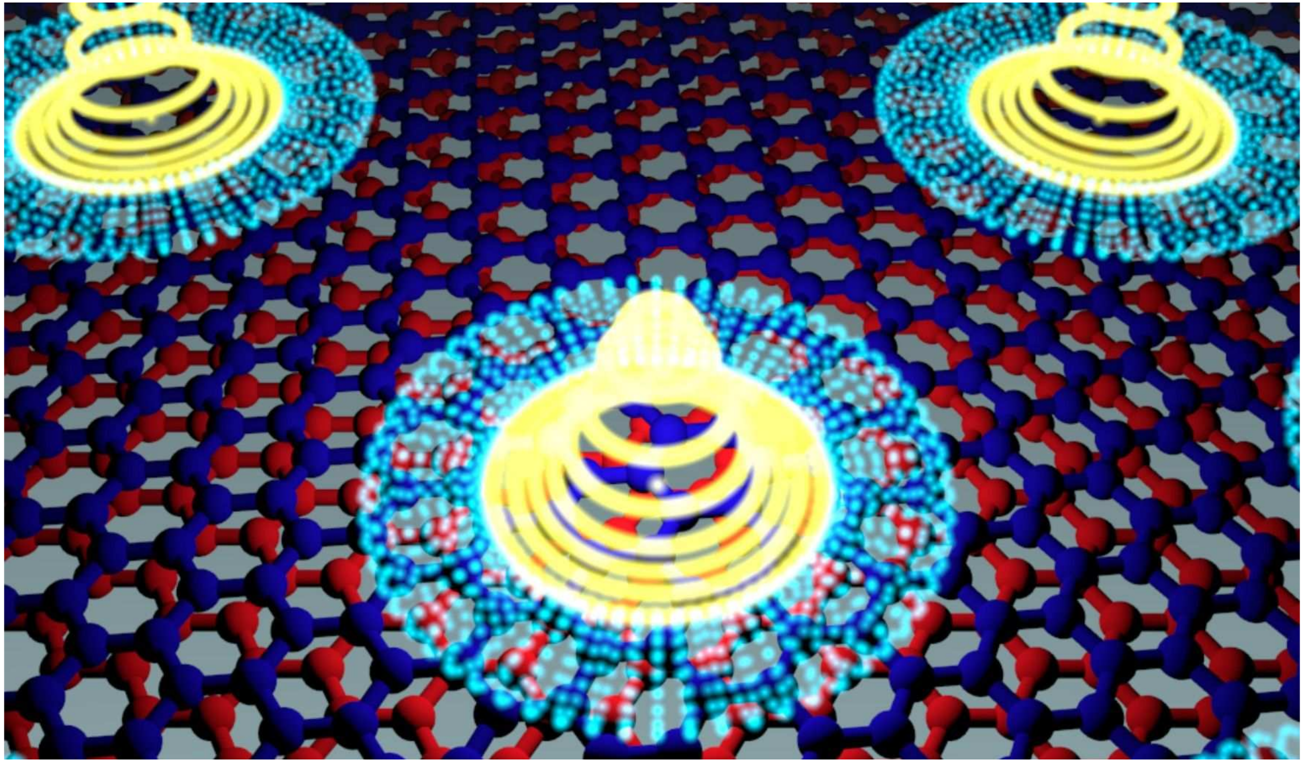

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The quantum materials age

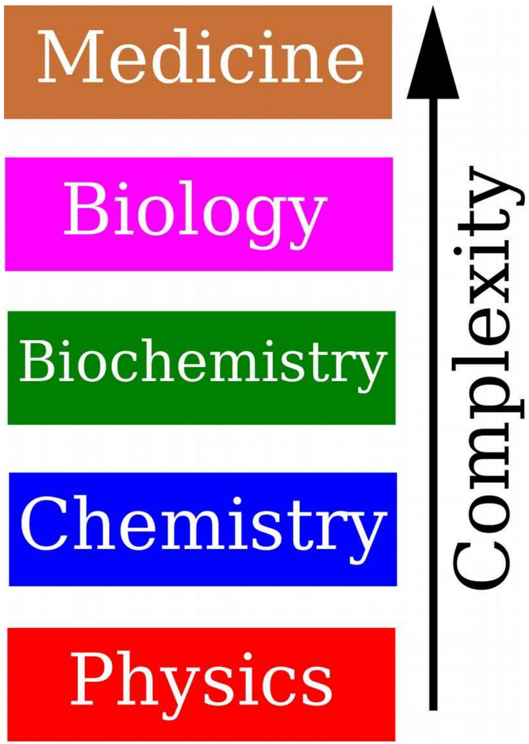
Electronics

Imaging techniques in medicine

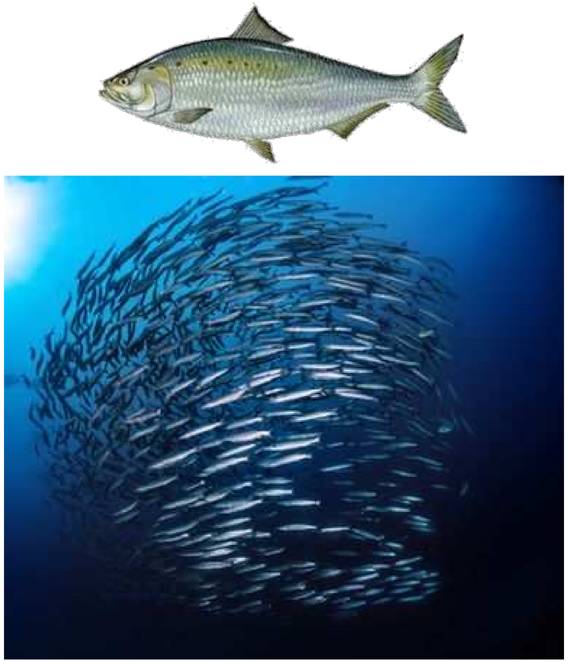
Renewable energy

Materials with exotic properties allow to tackle key technological challenges

Complexity, universality and emergence



Fish schools



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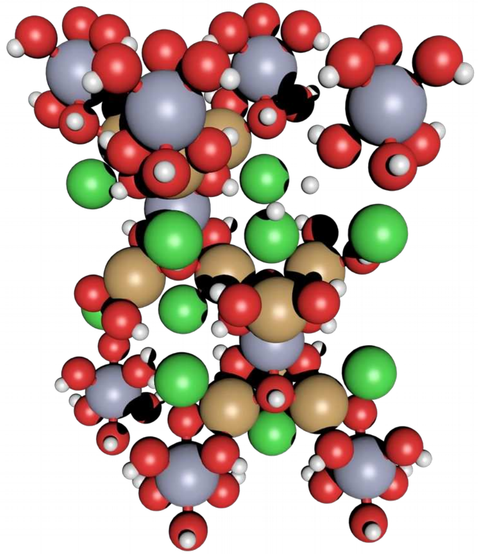
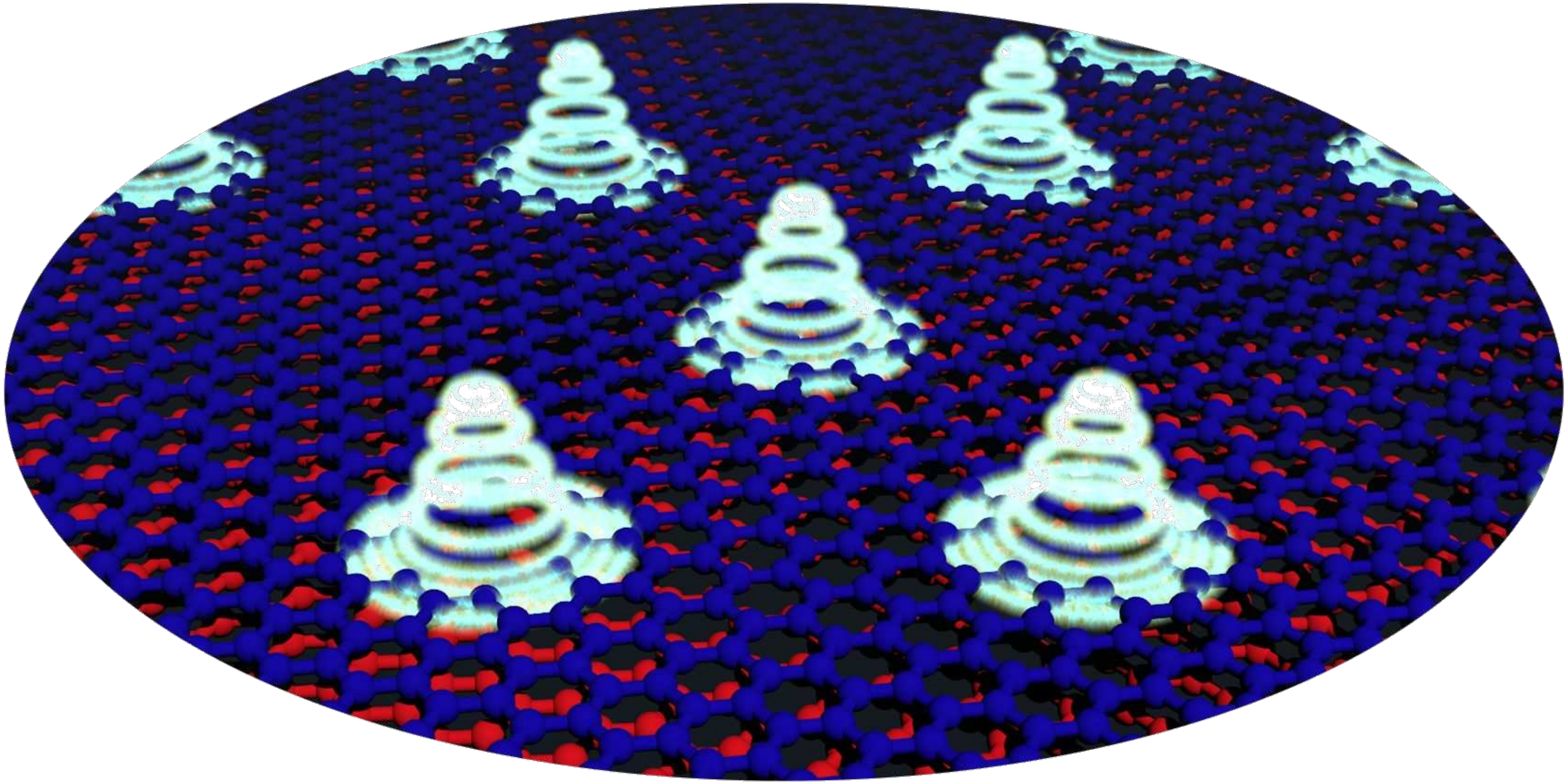
Complex compounds



Complex systems allow to have new phenomena that did not exist before

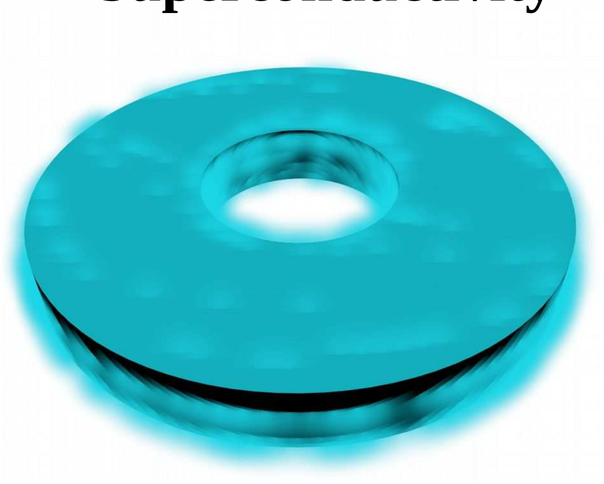
A new universe in each new material



Each material is a new universe for electrons, with laws that change from compound to compound

Macroscopic materials, emergence and fundamental physics

Superconductivity

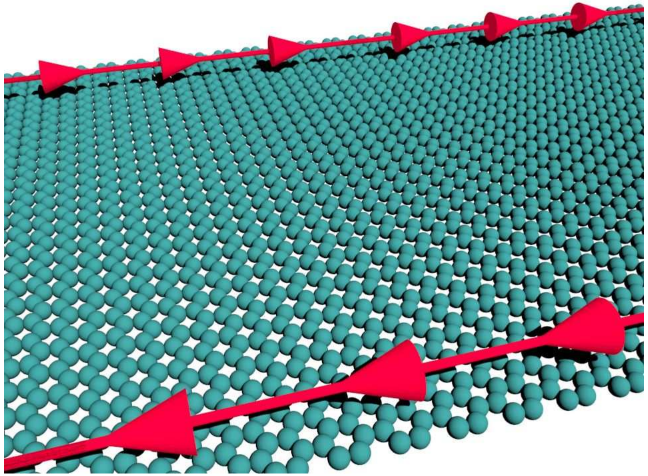


$$\Phi = \frac{h}{2e}$$

Many-body state

Quantization of flux

Quantum Hall effect



$$\sigma_{xy} = \nu \frac{e^2}{h}$$

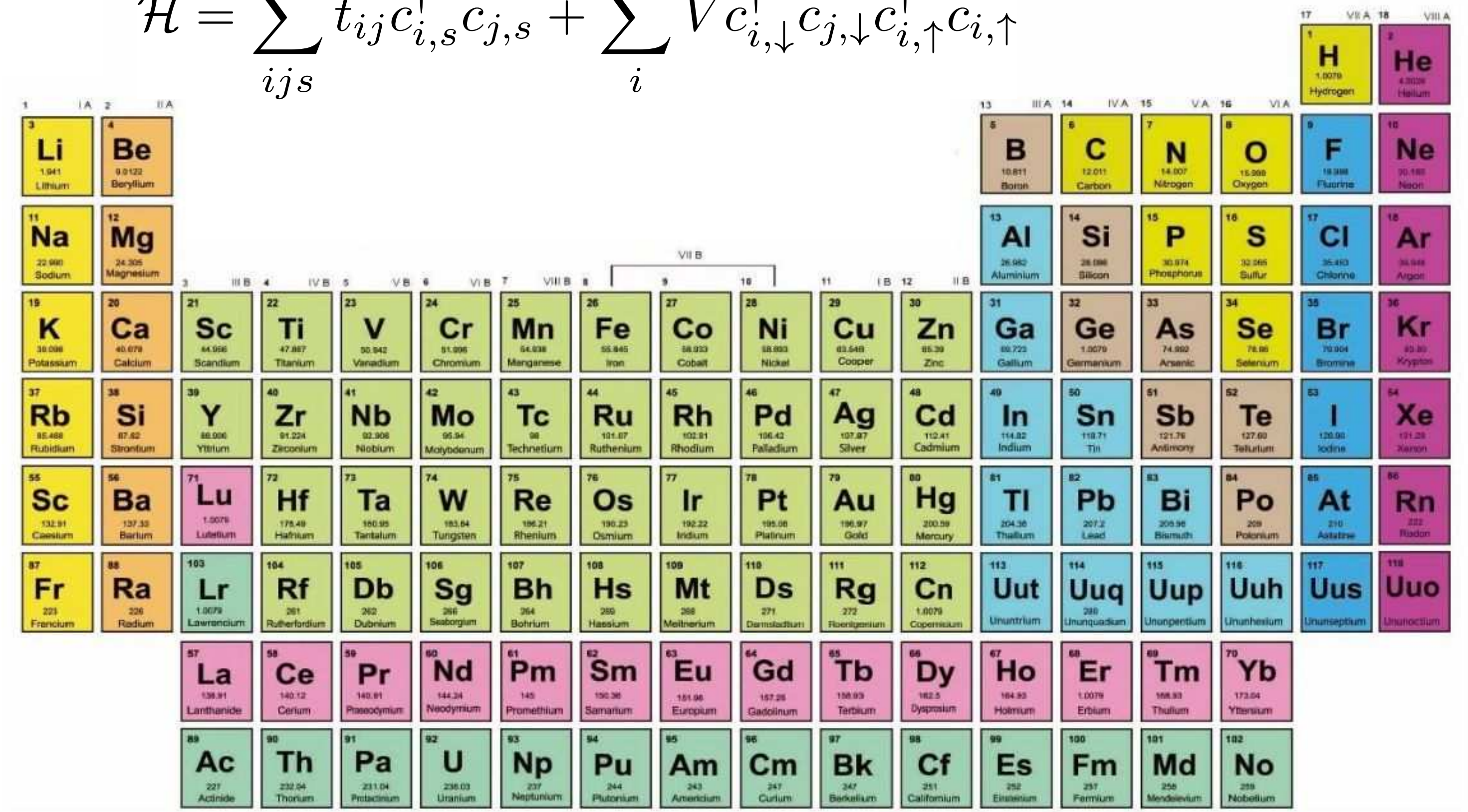
Single-particle state

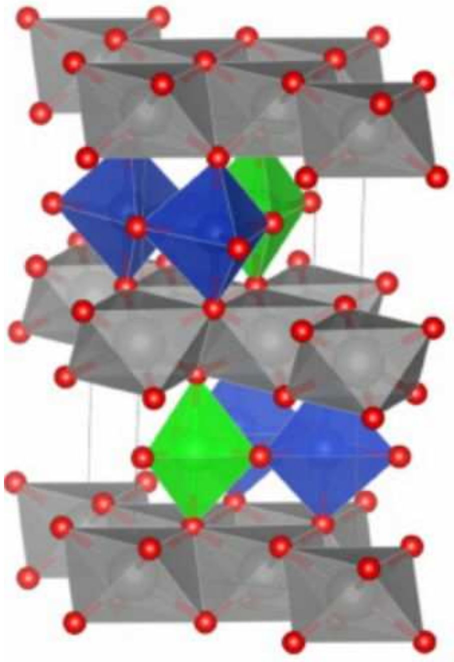
Quantization of conductance

Macroscopic quantum phenomena determine fundamental constants with the highest precision

Engineering quantum materials

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ijs} t_{ij} c^\dagger_{i,s} c_{j,s} + \sum_{i} V c^\dagger_{i,\downarrow} c_{j,\downarrow} c^\dagger_{i,\uparrow} c_{i,\uparrow}$$





Exotic physics in quantum materials

Quantum spin liquids

Unconventional superconductivity

Topological matter

Topological quantum computing

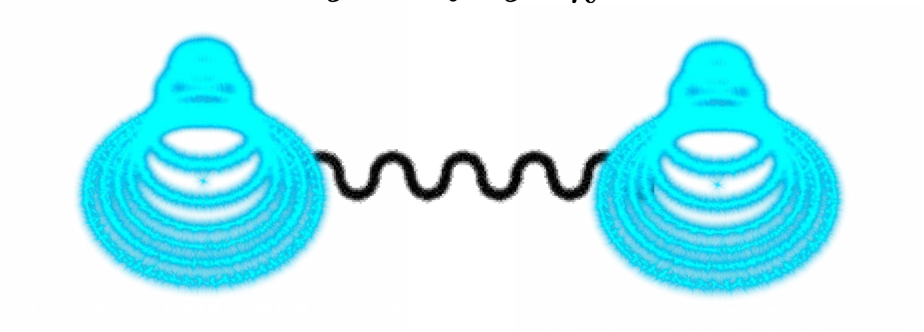
Low consumption electronics

New physics not yet realized in nature (fractional quantum particles)

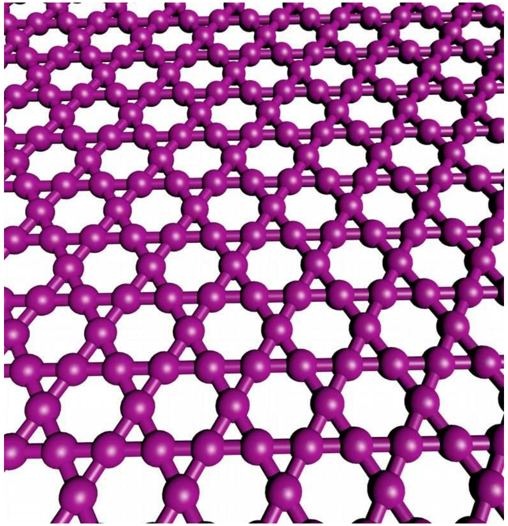
The Achilles' heel of quantum materials engineering

We can hardly control electronic correlations

$$V_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j c_k^\dagger c_l$$

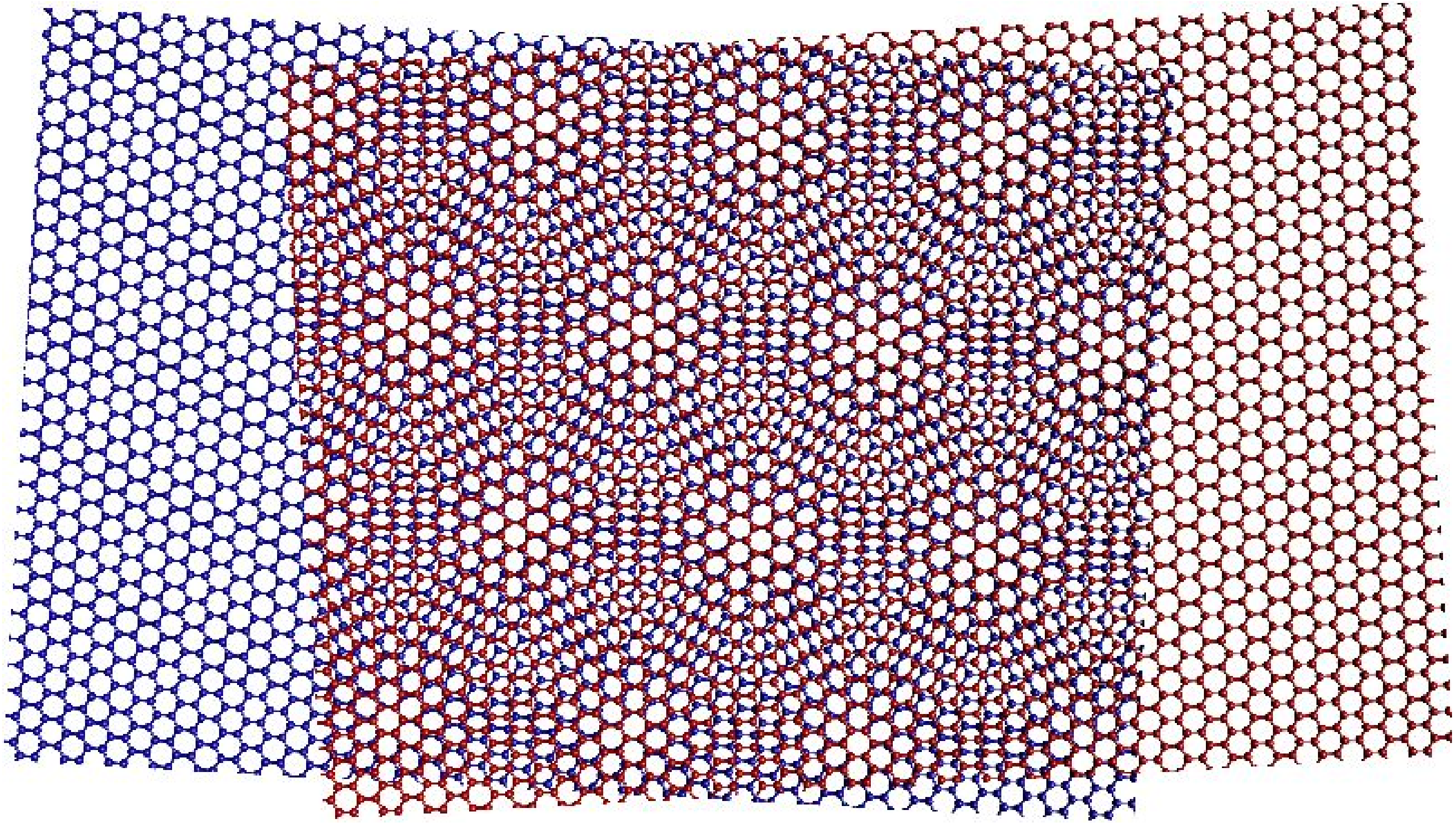


We depend on the microscopic geometry of the material



Can we control interactions and geometry in materials?

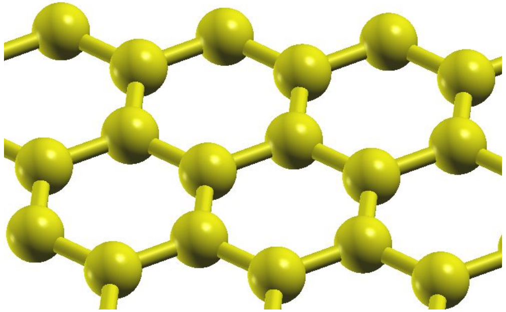
Twisted 2D materials as a platform for artificial quantum matter



The two-dimensional materials world

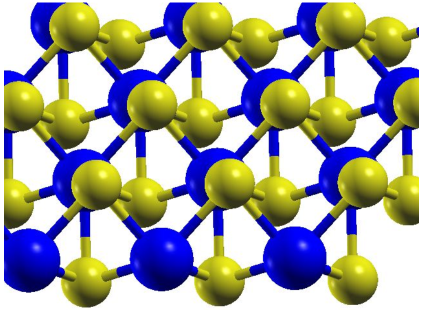
Semimetal

Graphene



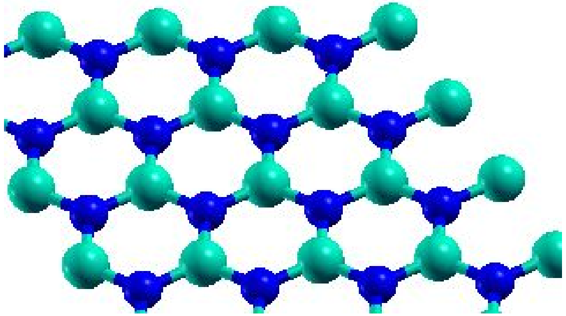
Superconductor

$NbSe_2$



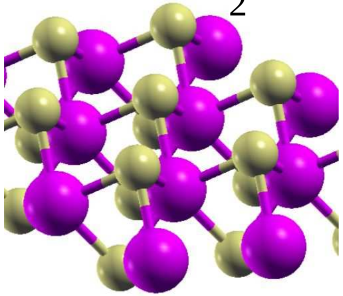
Insulator

BN



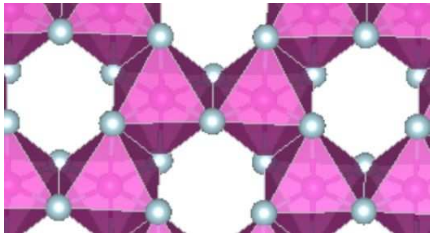
Semiconductor

MoS_2



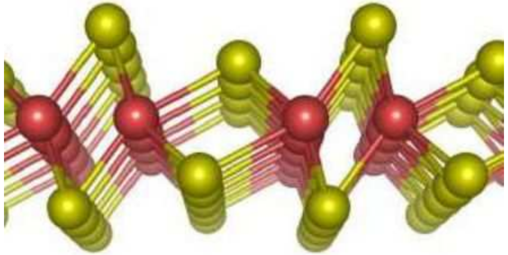
Ferromagnet

CrI_3



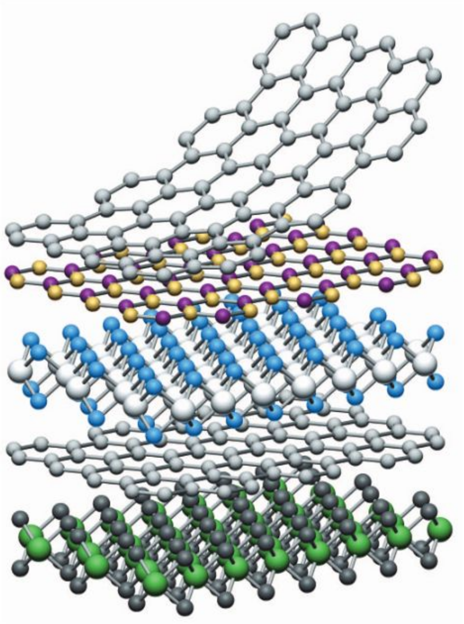
Quantum spin Hall insulator

WTe_2



The flexibility of two-dimensional materials

They can be stacked



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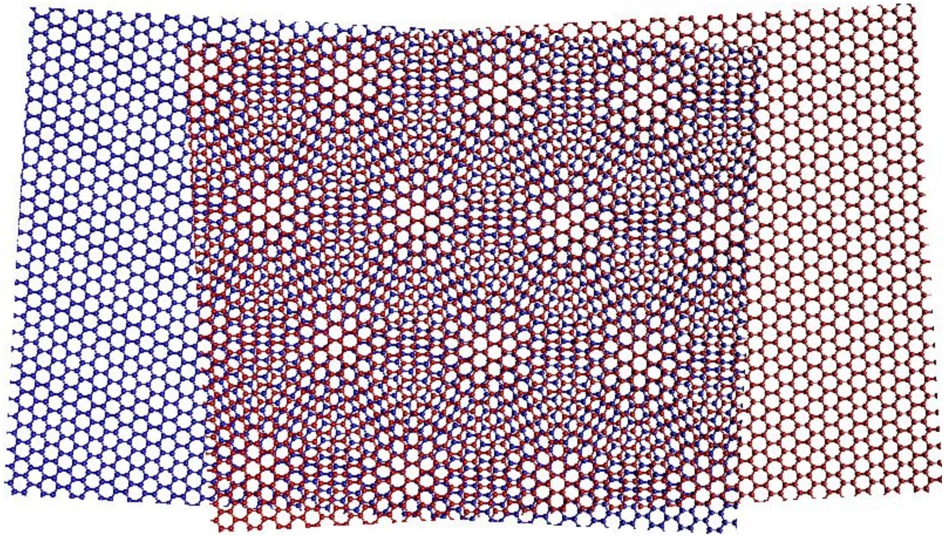
They can be rotated



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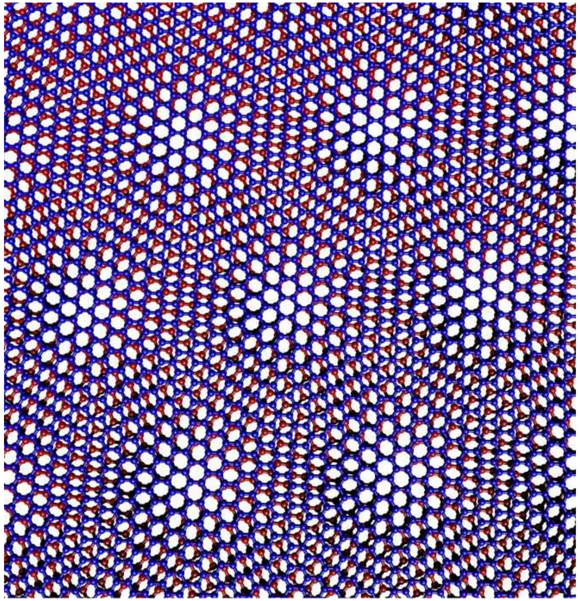
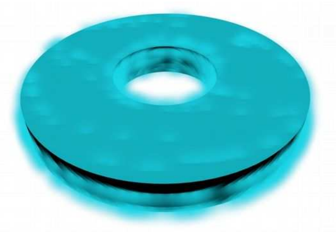
These are unique features of two-dimensional materials

One material, a zoo of electronic phases

Twisted bilayer graphene



Superconductivity



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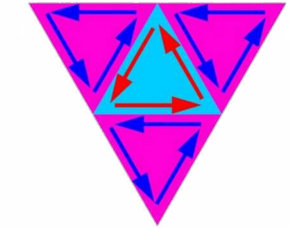
Topological networks



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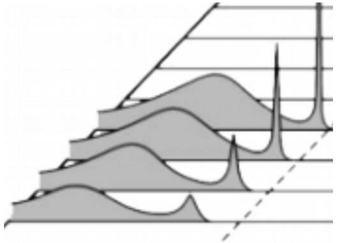
Strange metals



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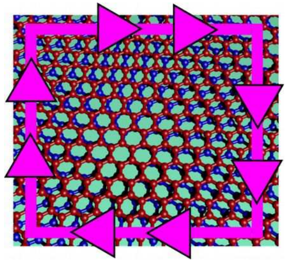
Chern insulators



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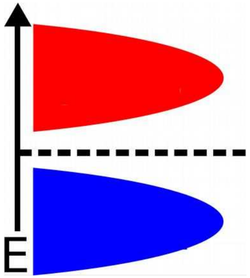
Correlated insulators



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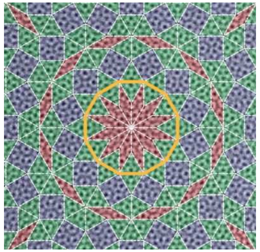
Quasicrystalline physics



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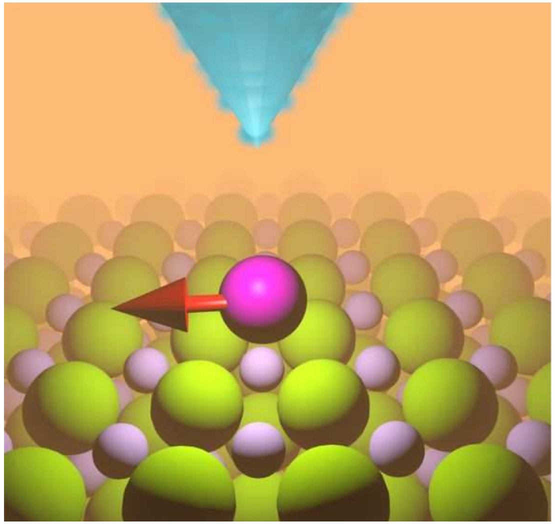
Twisted graphene multilayers provide a powerful platform for emergent phenomena

Building quantum matter with artificial lattices

Atomic lattices



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Nature Physics 12 (7), 656 (2016)
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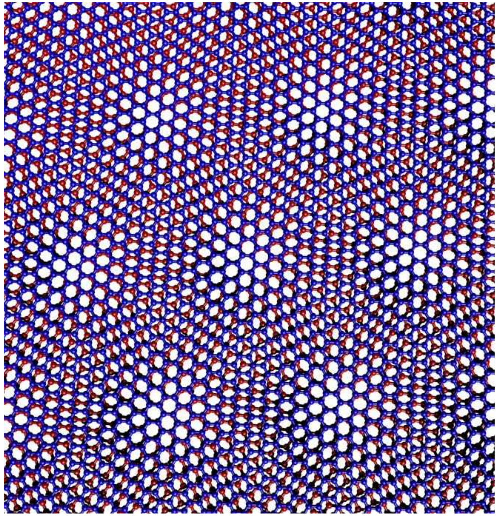
Twisted 2D moire materials



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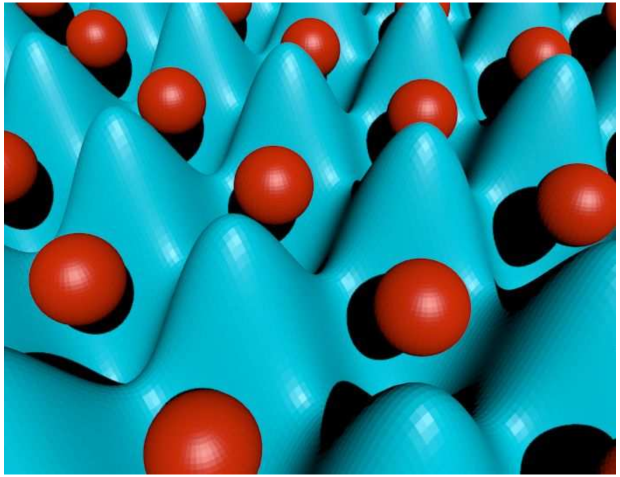
Cold atoms



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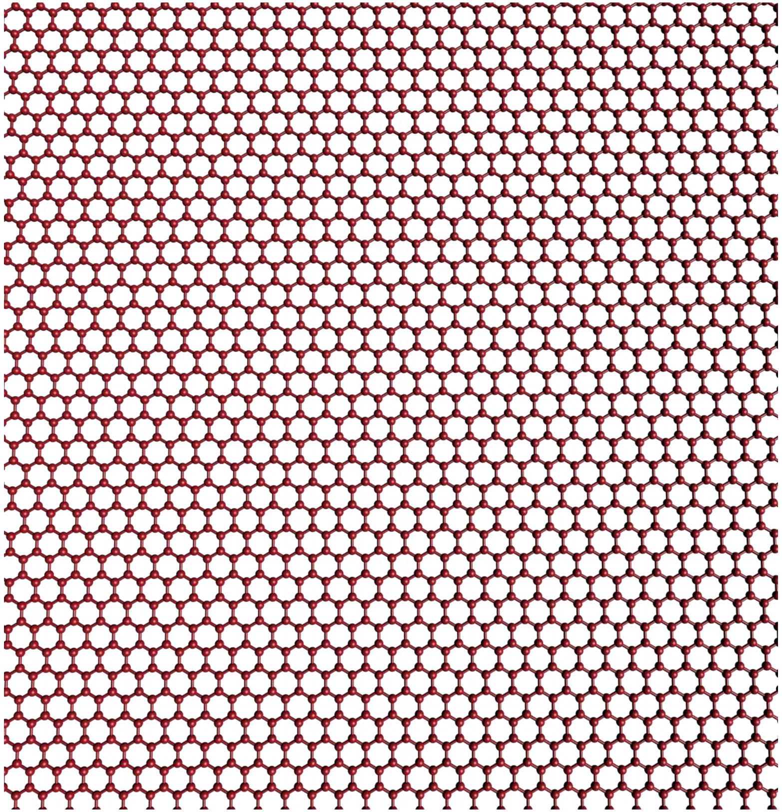
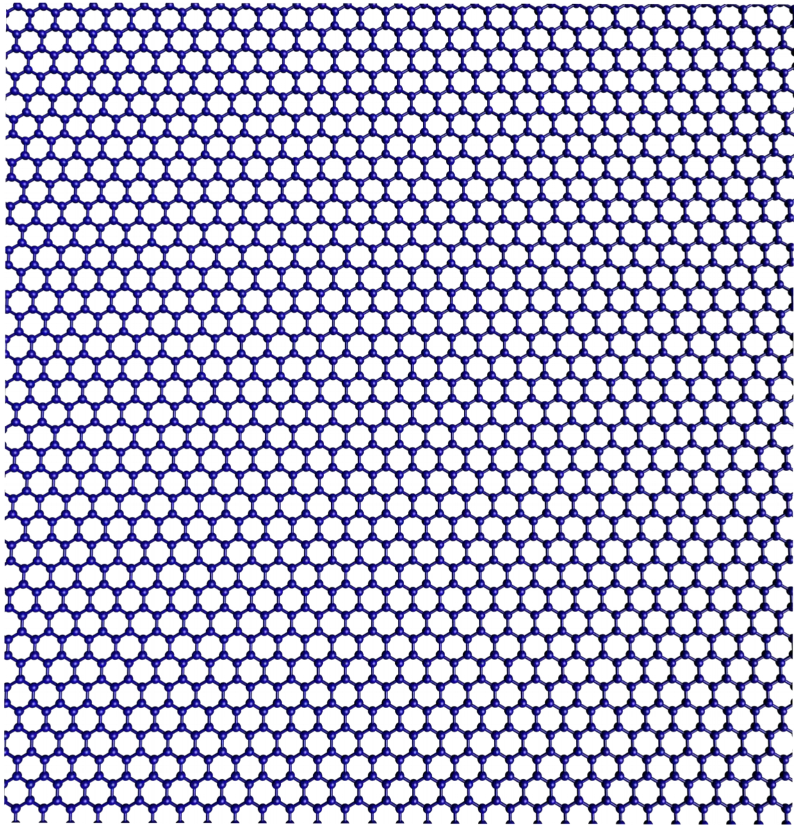
Moire in twisted bilayer graphene

Upper graphene layer



Lower graphene layer



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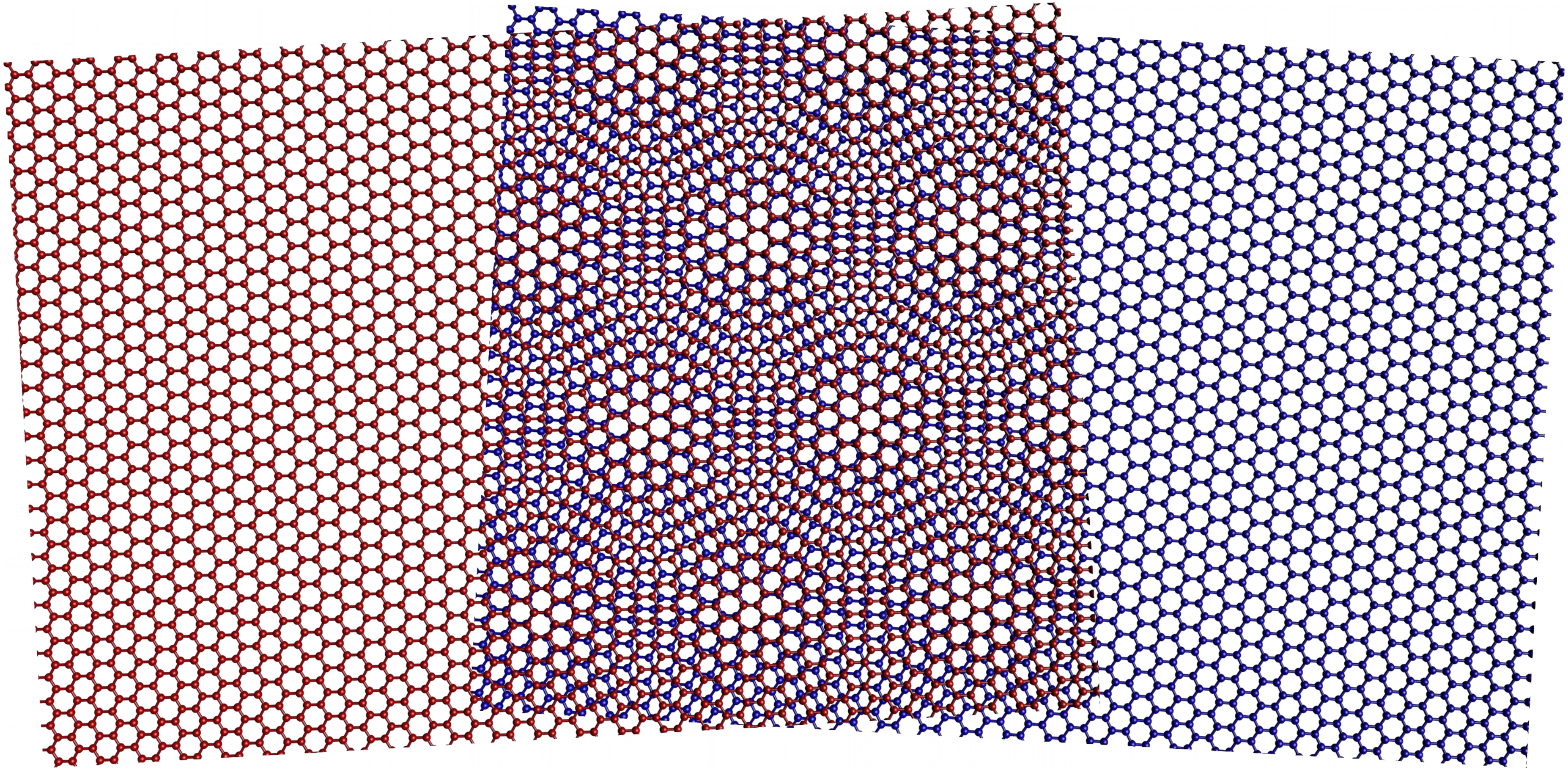

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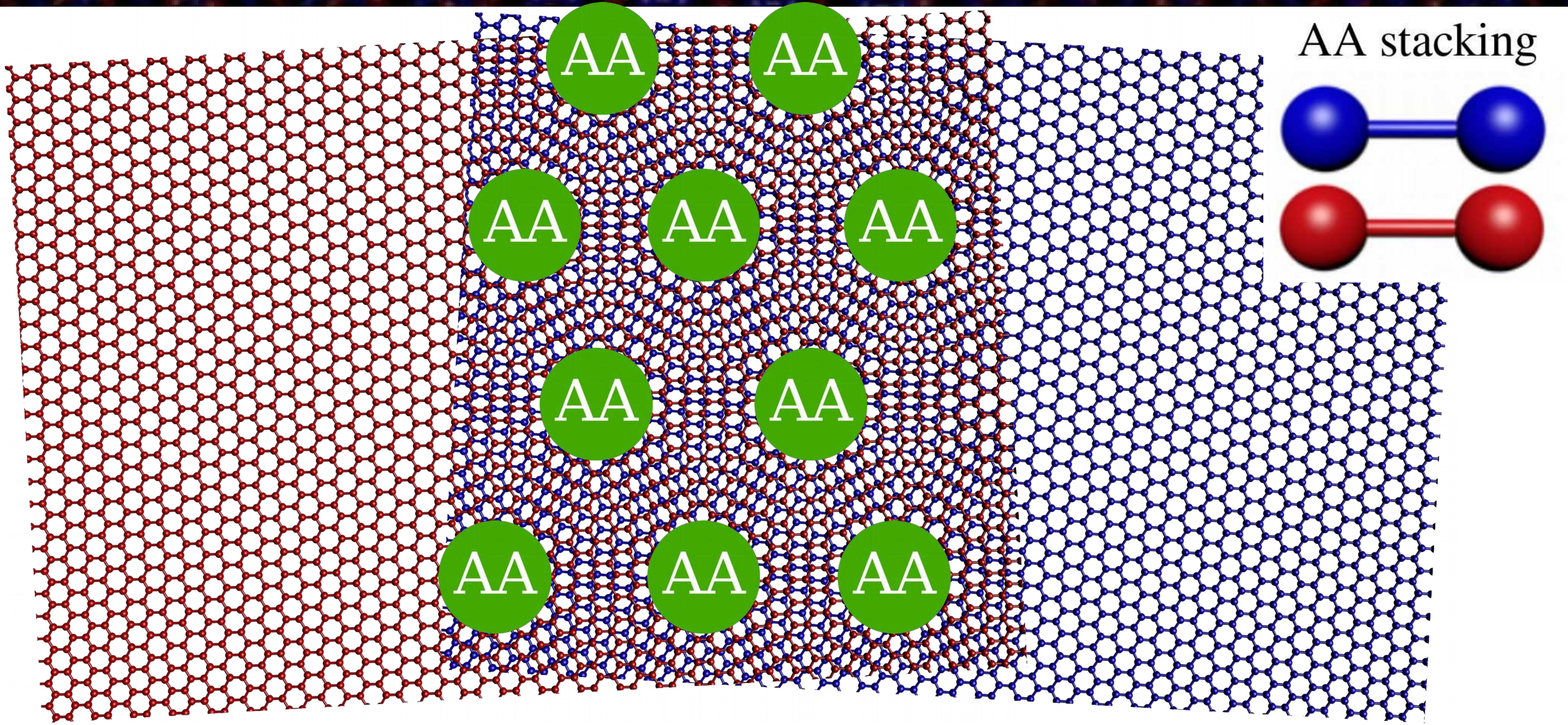

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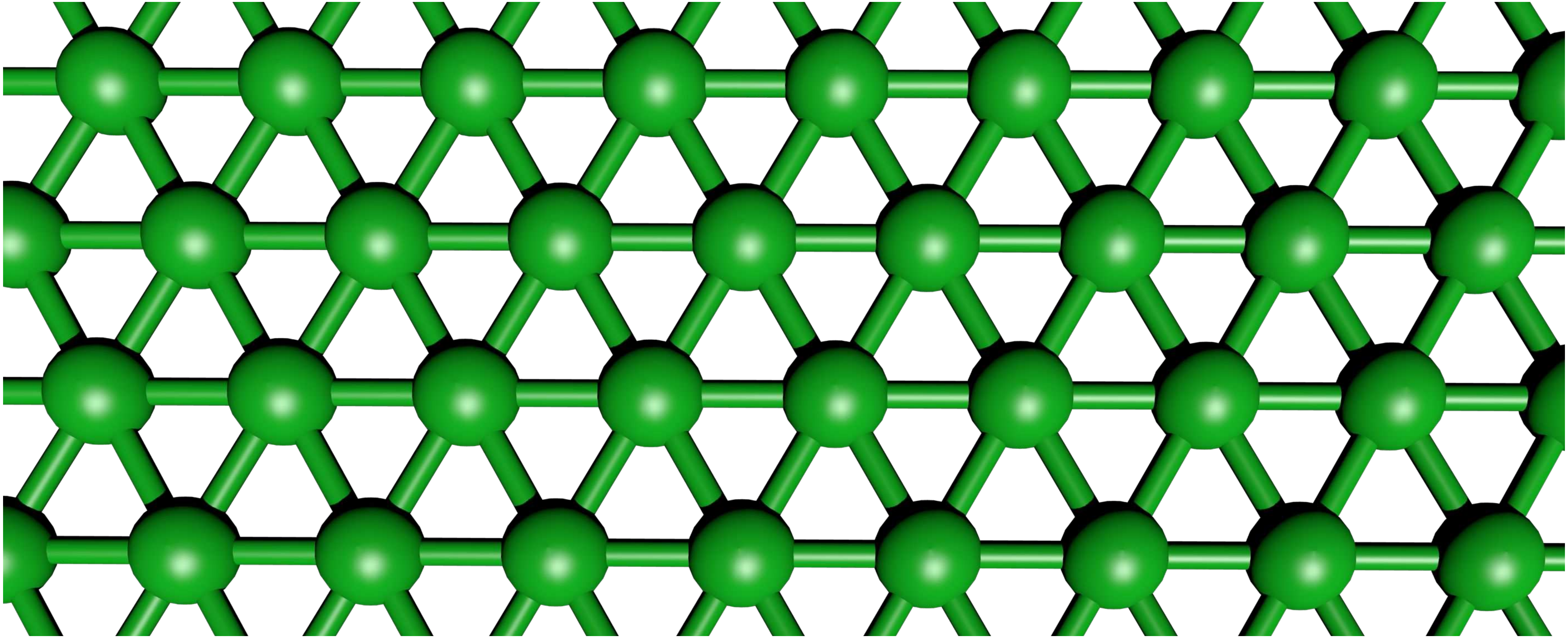

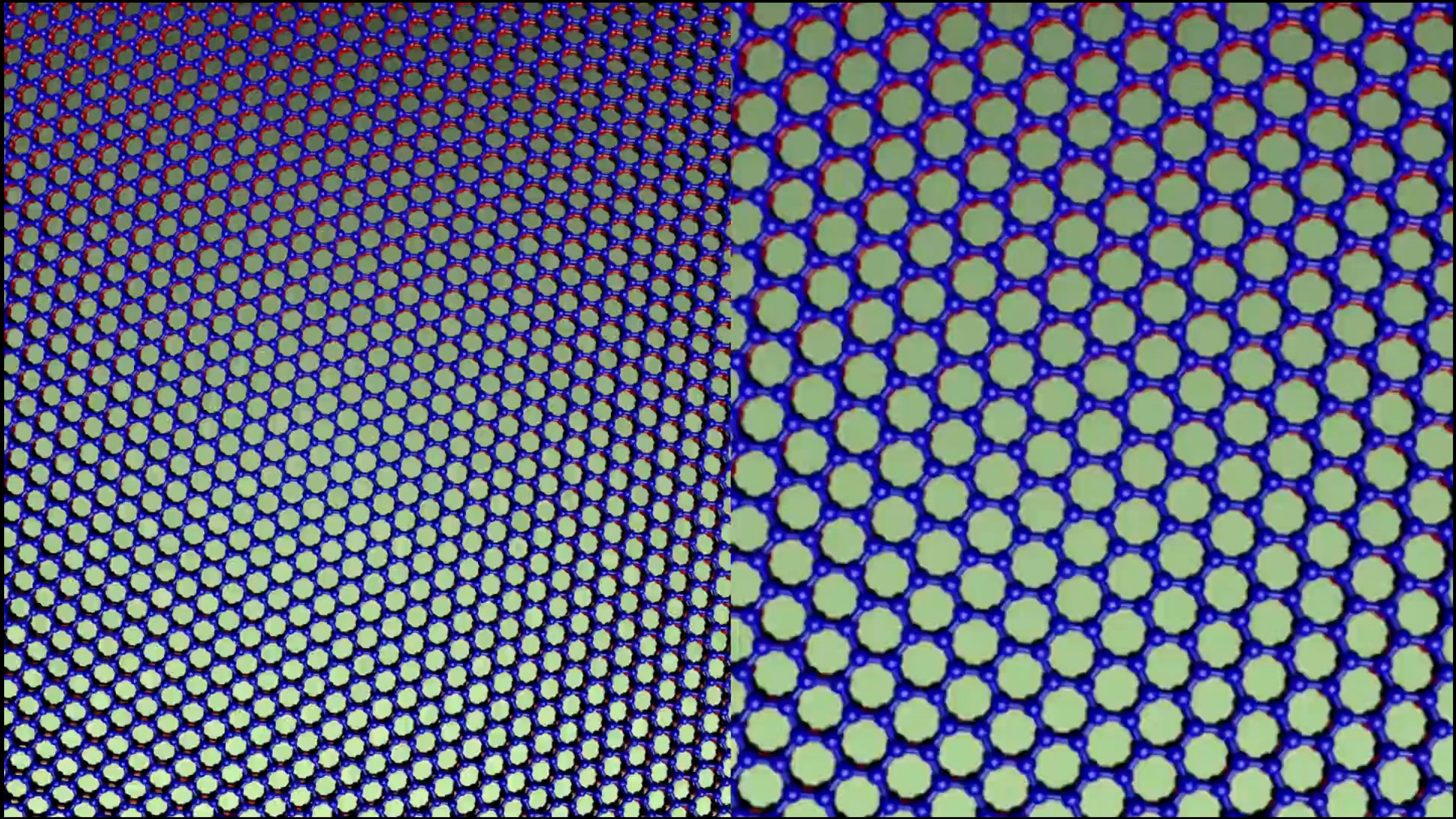

Graphene

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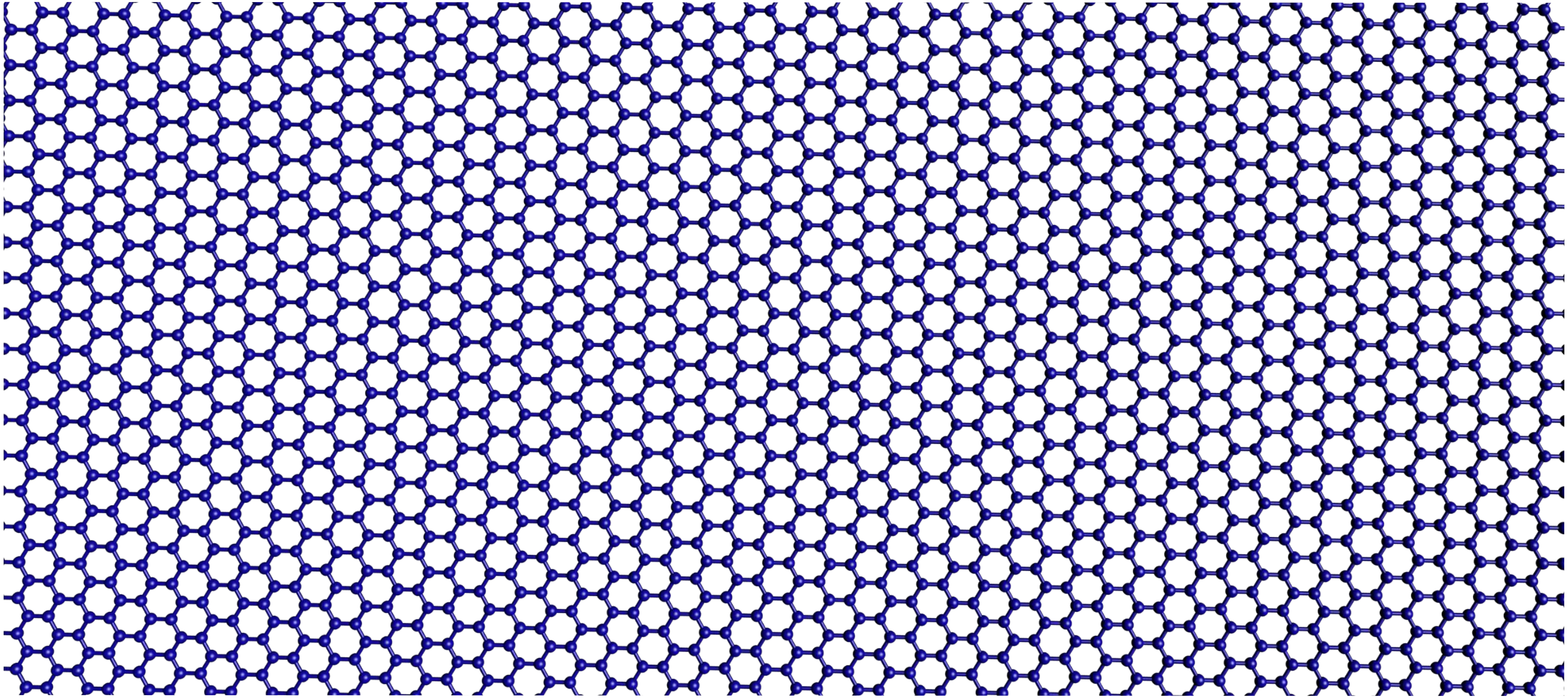
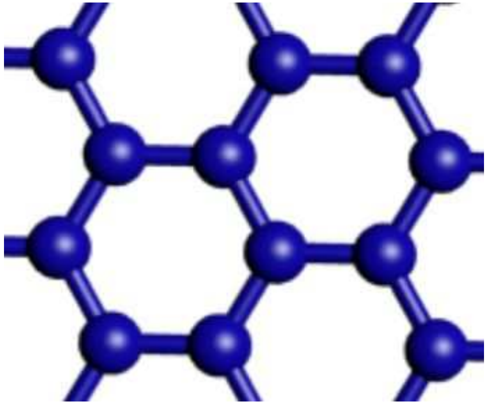


Graphene: a honeycomb lattice of carbon atoms

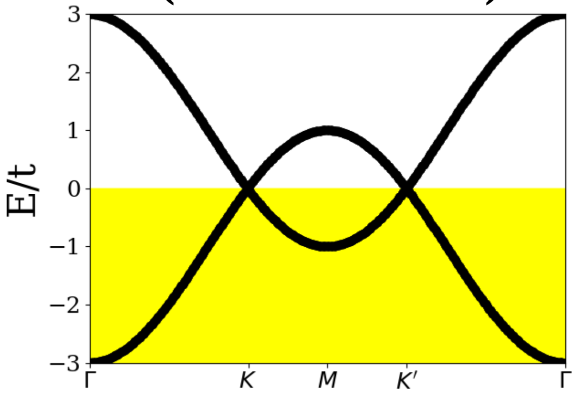
The electronic structure of graphene

Graphene: a honeycomb lattice of carbon atoms

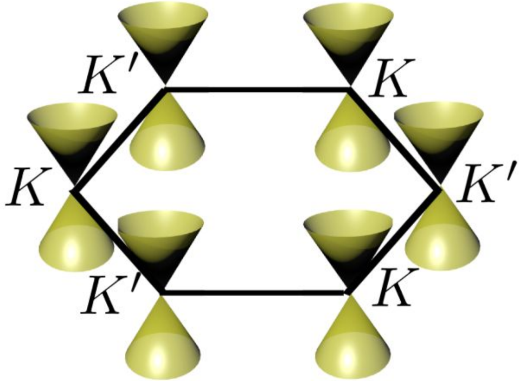
Structure



Energy VS momentum (Band structure)



Momentum space



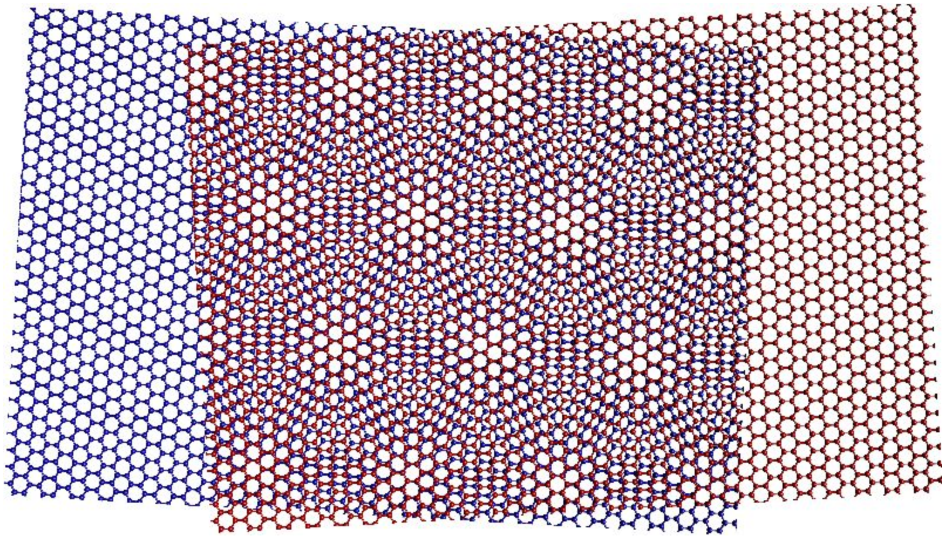
Dirac electrons in graphene

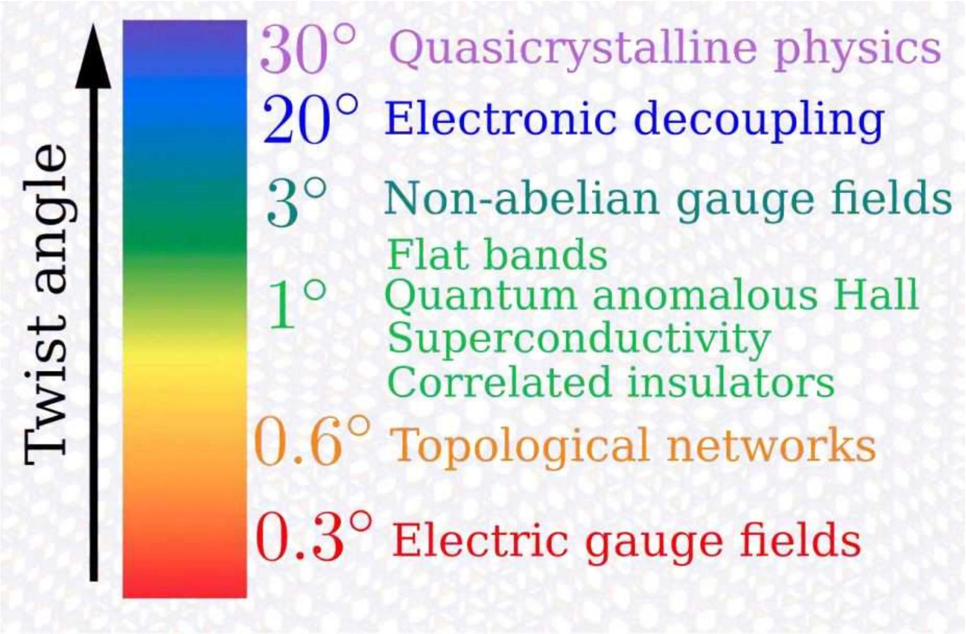
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_x \pm i p_y \\ p_x \mp i p_y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = p_x \sigma_x \pm p_y \sigma_y$$

Interactions in graphene were considered to be unimportant

Twisted bilayer graphene

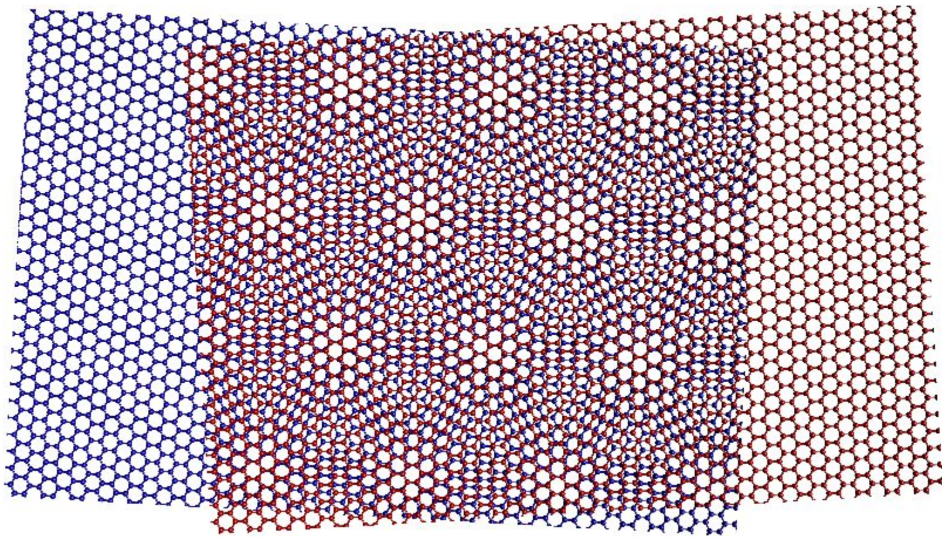




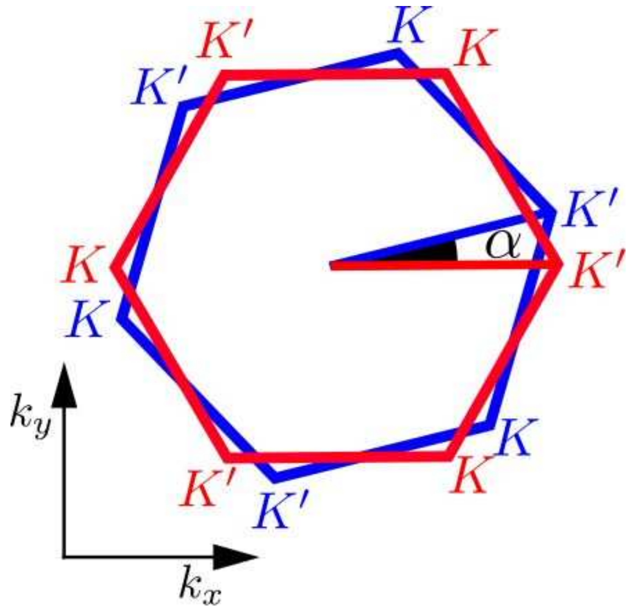
How does the twist angle impact the electronic dispersion?

Twisted bilayer graphene

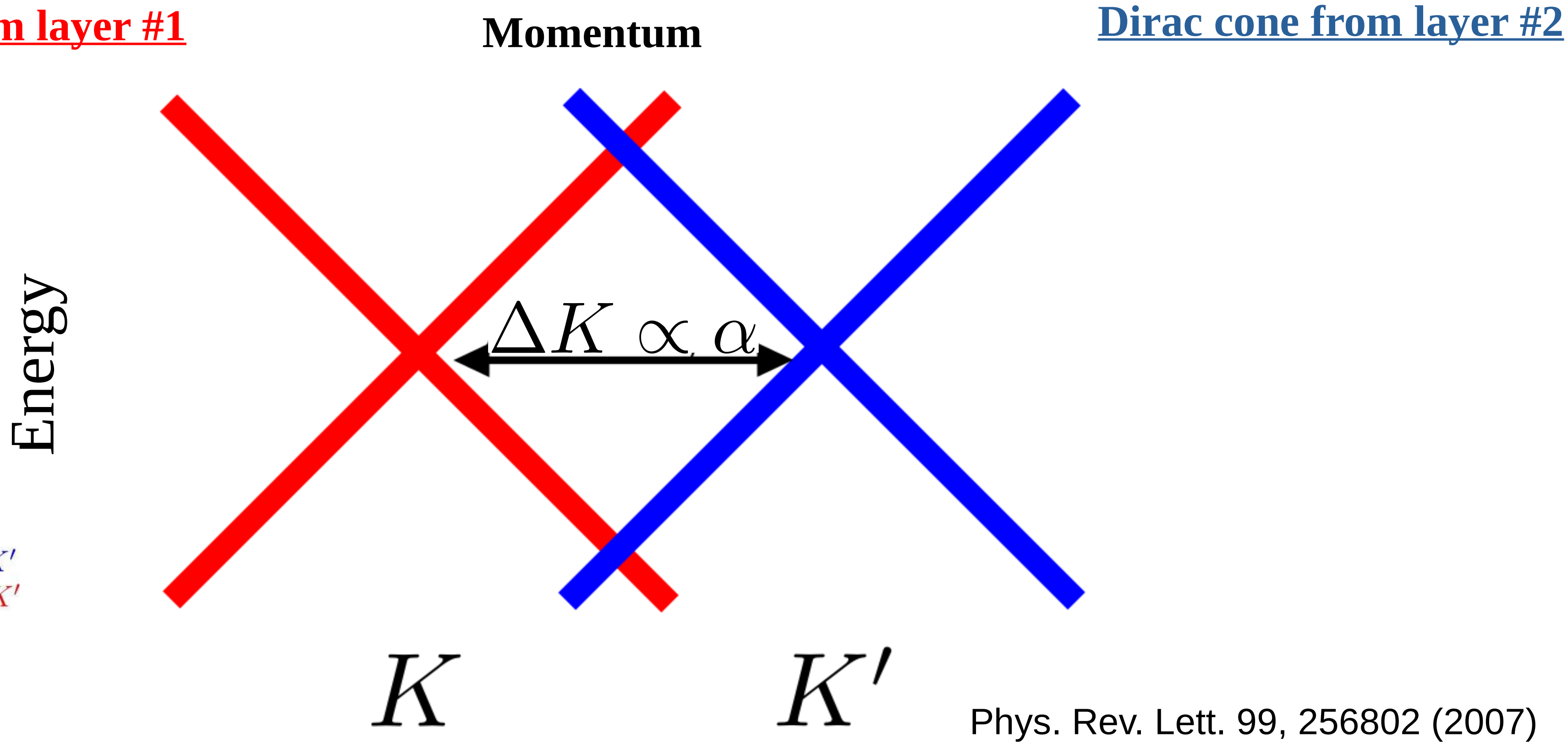
Real space structure

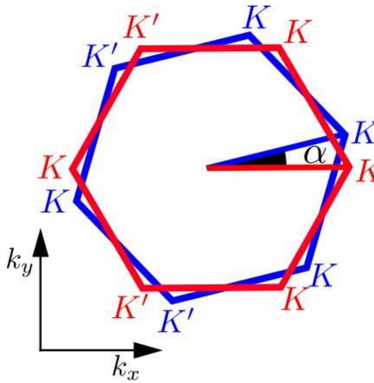


Momentum space



Uncoupled layers





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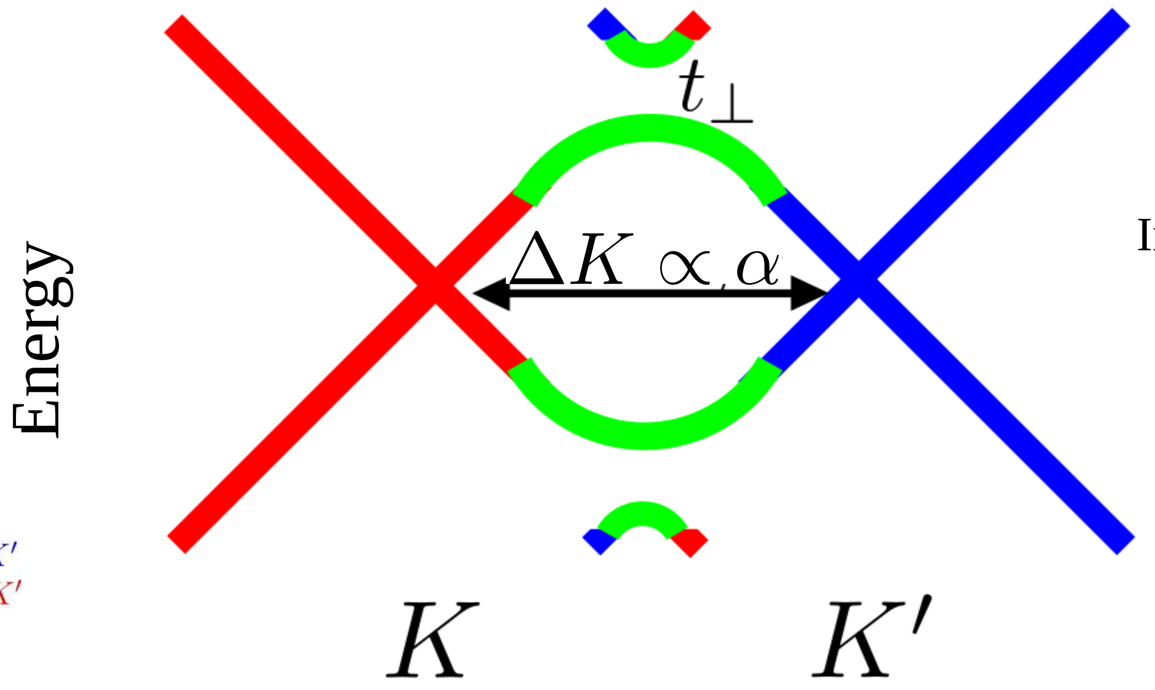
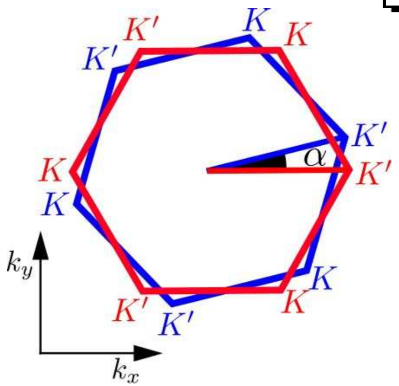
Coupling the layers





Relevant ratio

Inter-layer coupling / Twist angle

$$\frac{t_\perp}{\alpha}$$

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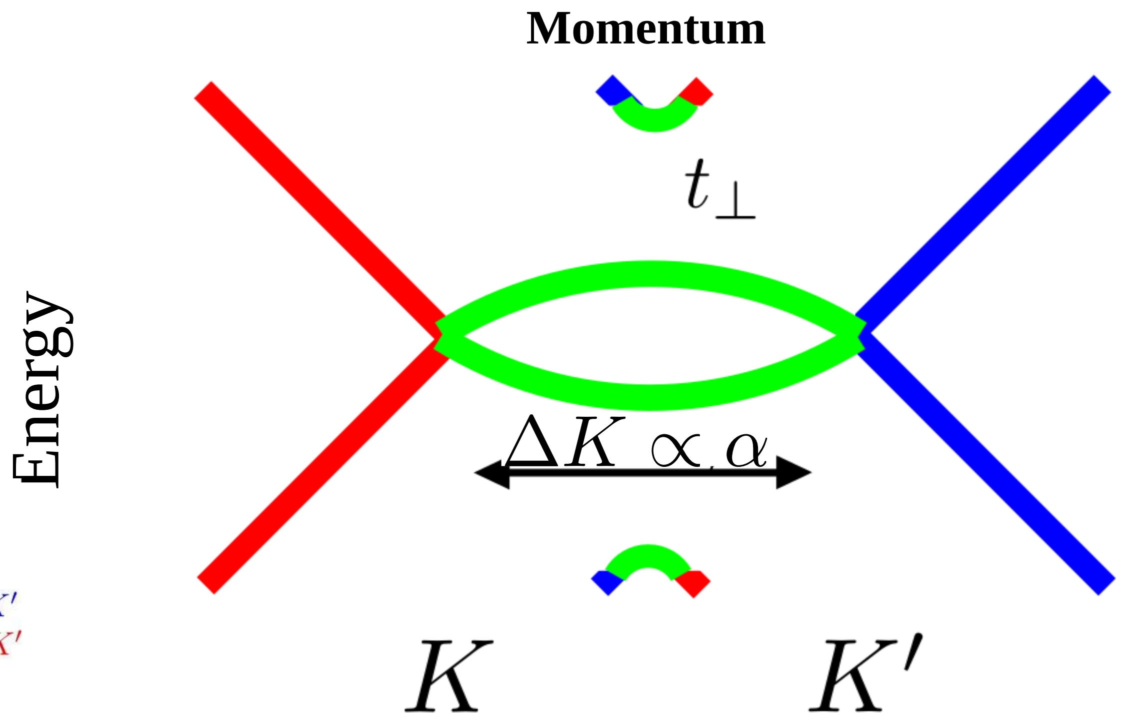

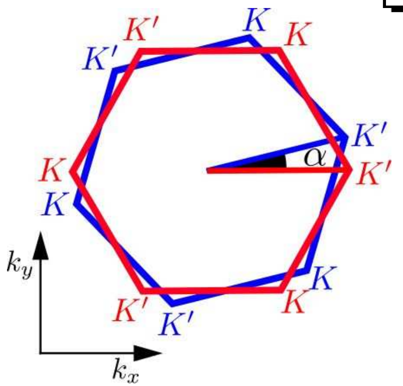

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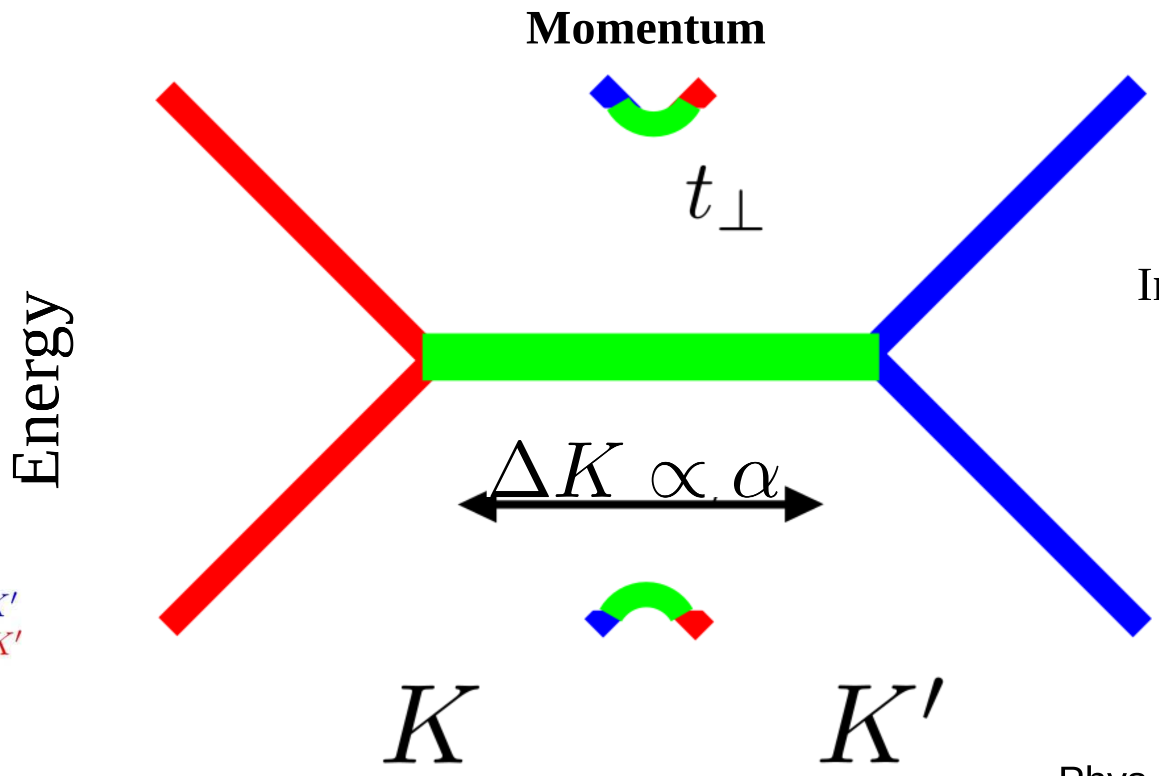
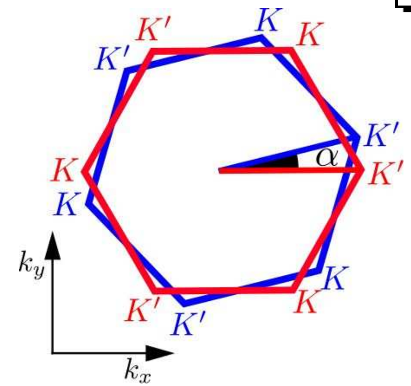


Relevant ratio

Inter-layer coupling / Twist angle: $\dfrac{t_\perp}{\alpha}$



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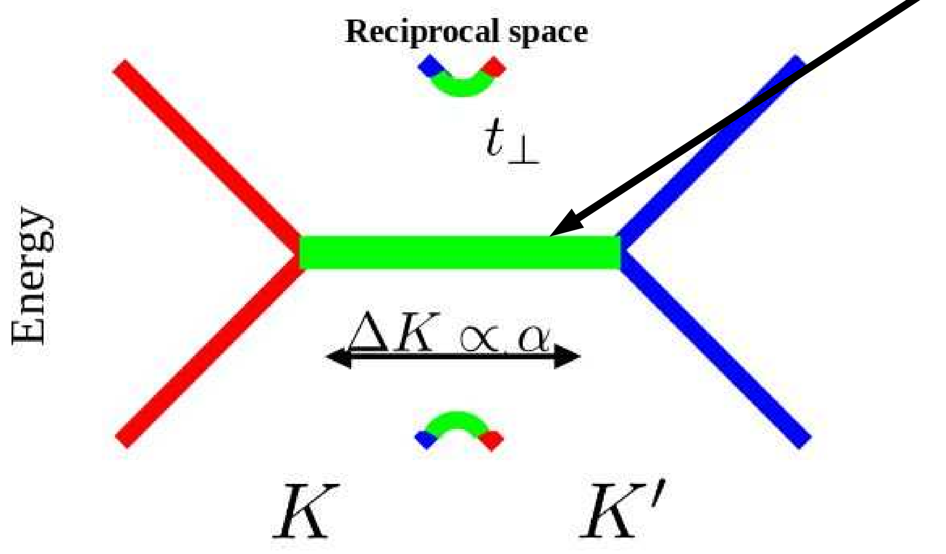
Density of states

Why could such “flat band” be important?



The density of states (DOS):
number of states (at the Fermi energy)

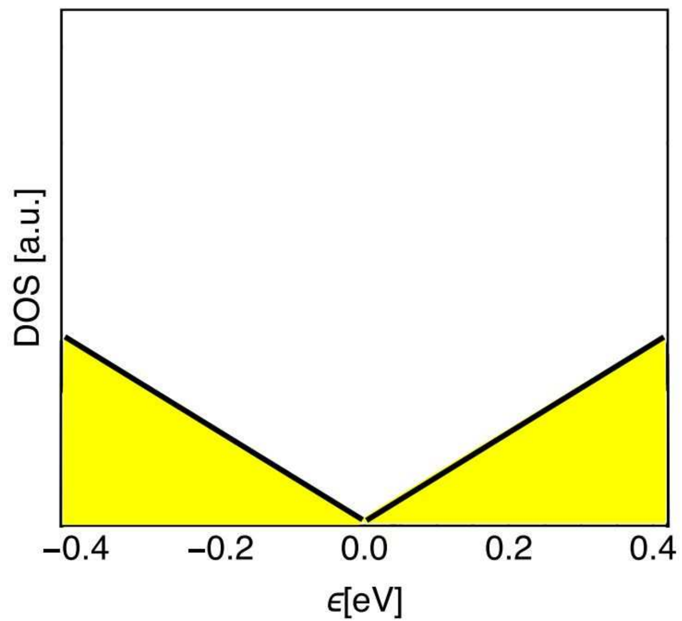
→ ***Flat band means large DOS***

When the DOS is large, electronic interactions take over, and

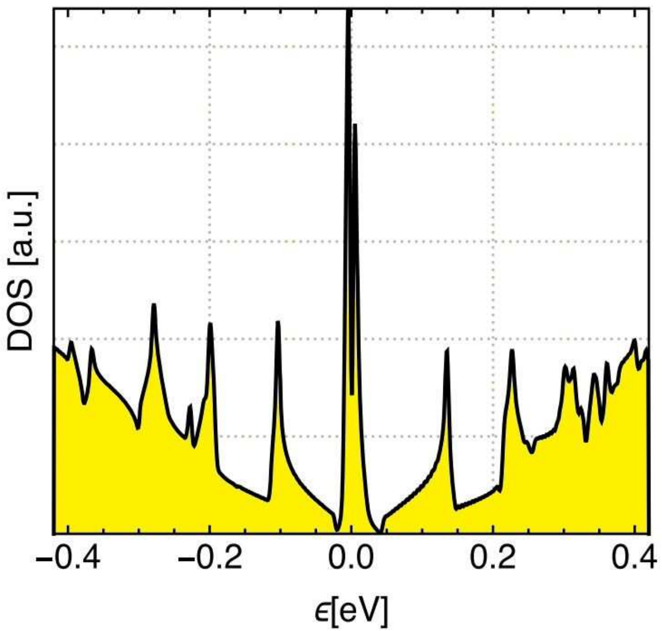
ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE!!! (but this is what we like)

Controlling the density of states with the twist angle

At large angles



At small angles



The twist between the layers strongly impacts the density of states

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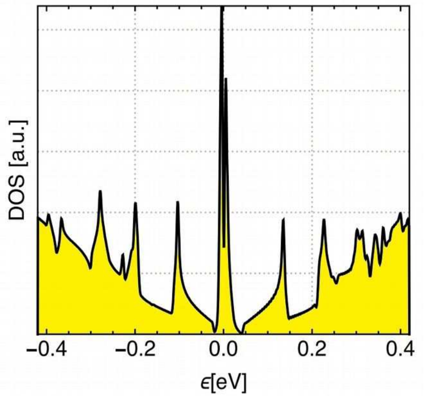
Towards strongly correlated physics

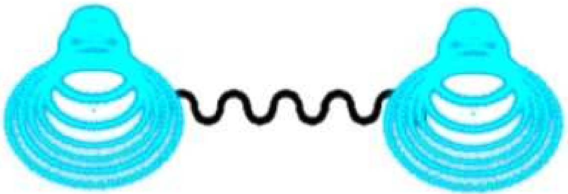
How to get into the strongly correlated regime?

$$|DOS(E_F)V| \gg 1$$

Density of states (DOS) at the Fermi energy



Electronic interaction



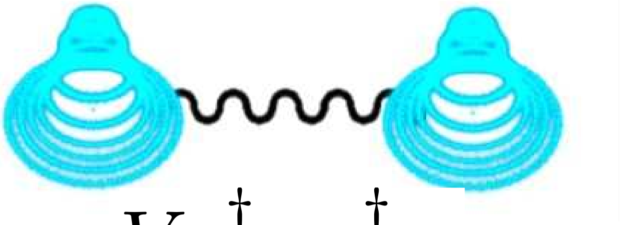
What can happen?

Fractional excitations
Exotic superconductivity, Majorana physics
Macroscopically entangled matter

Flat bands create large DOS, opening up a new strongly correlated universe

Towards strongly correlated physics

$V \equiv$ Electronic interaction

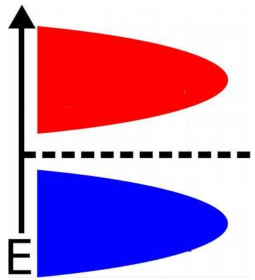


$$V c_i^\dagger c_i c_j^\dagger c_j$$

$V > 0$ **Repulsive interactions**

From electrostatic interactions

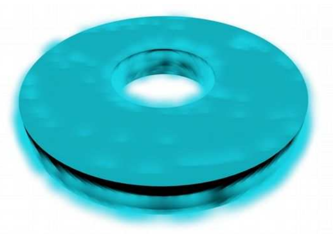
<u>Insulating state</u>



$V < 0$ **Attractive interactions**

From phonons, spin-waves, plasmons...

<u>Superconductivity</u>



The two regimes can be explored in the very same sample, changing the filling electrically

Correlations and superconductivity in twisted bilayer graphene

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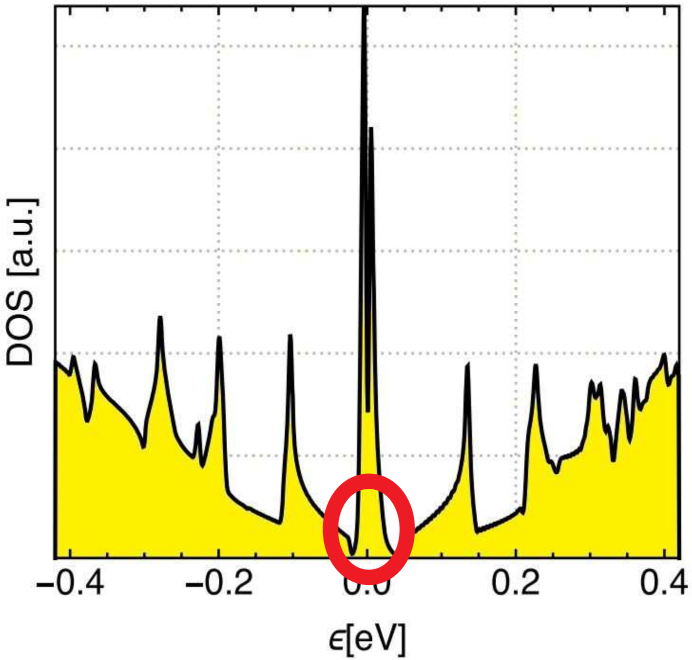
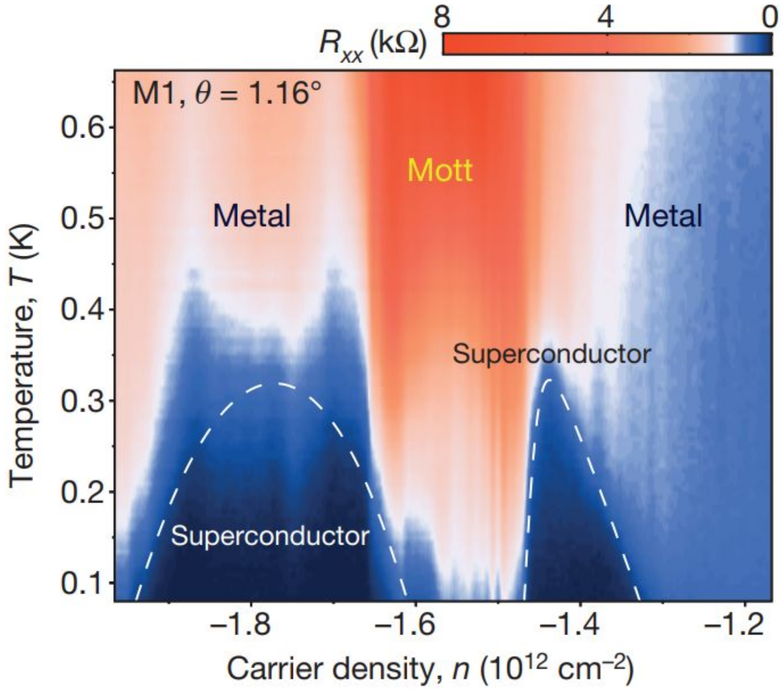
Theoretical DOS



Electrical resistance



Twisted graphene bilayers at 1.1 degrees show correlations and superconductivity

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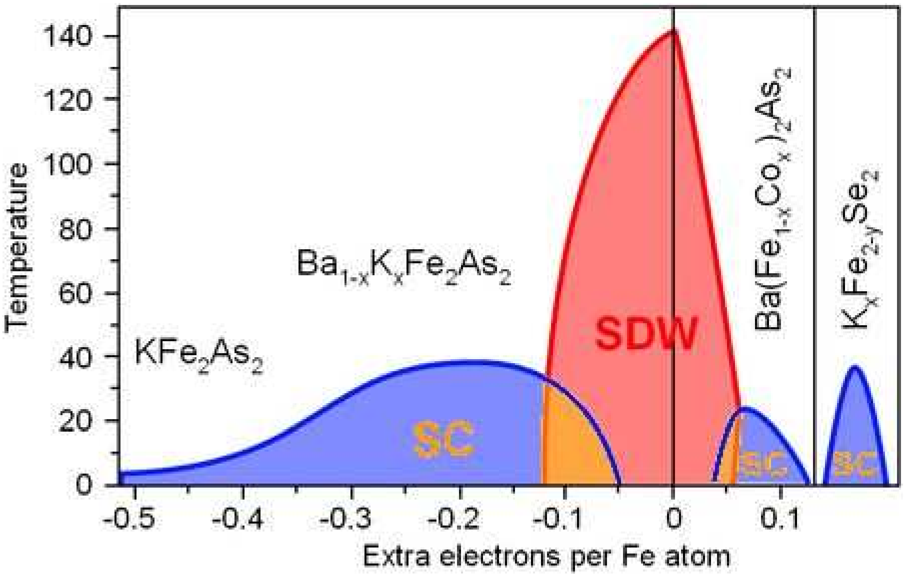
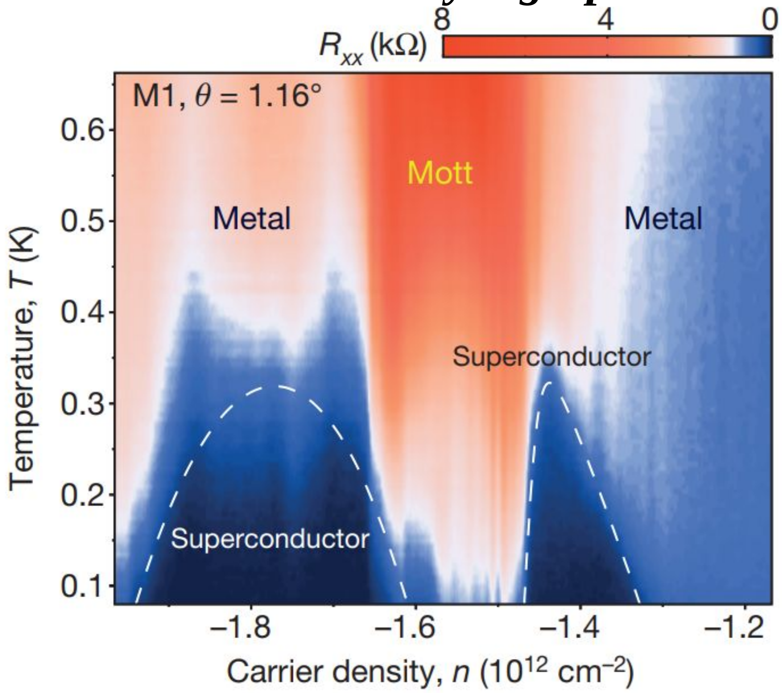
Correlations and superconductivity in twisted bilayer graphene

High temperature superconductors



Twisted bilayer graphene

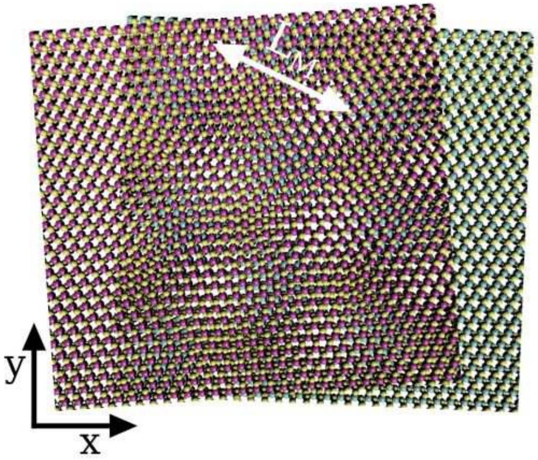


A single graphene sample allows to explore the full correlated phase diagram

The generality of correlated physics in twisted 2D materials

Superconductivity & Correlated behavior found also in

Twisted dichalcogenides



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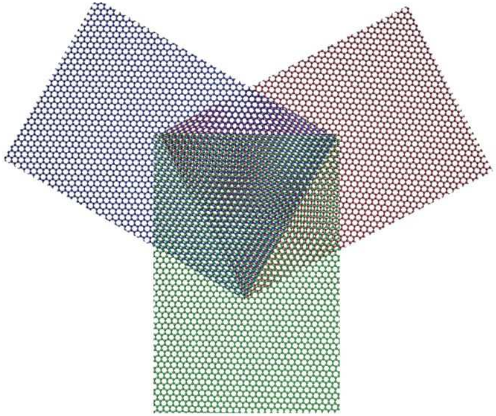
Twisted graphene trilayers



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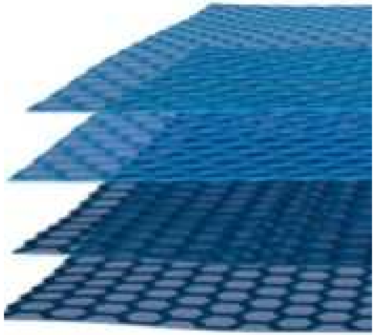
Twisted graphene tetralayers

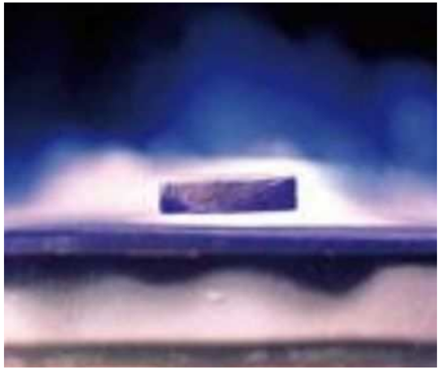


arXiv:1903.08130 (2019)

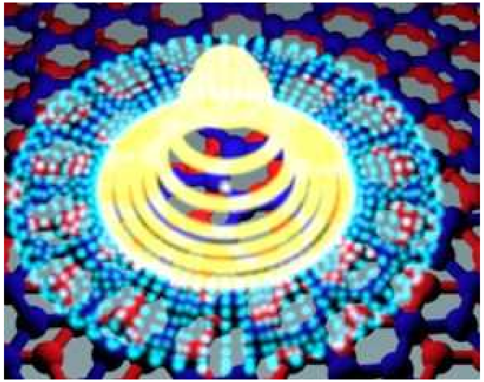
<u>Some of new physics observed were only realized before in rare, heavy or even toxic compounds</u>

The opportunities of twisted van der Waals materials

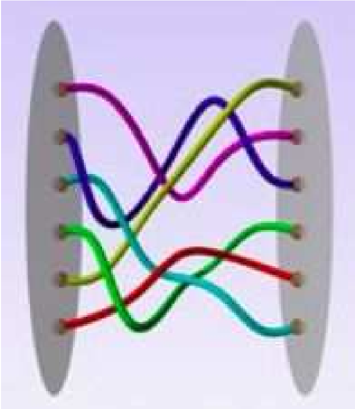
“Unveil” the nature of high T_C superconductivity (?)



Controllable exotic quantum matter (?)



A platform for topological quantum computing (?)



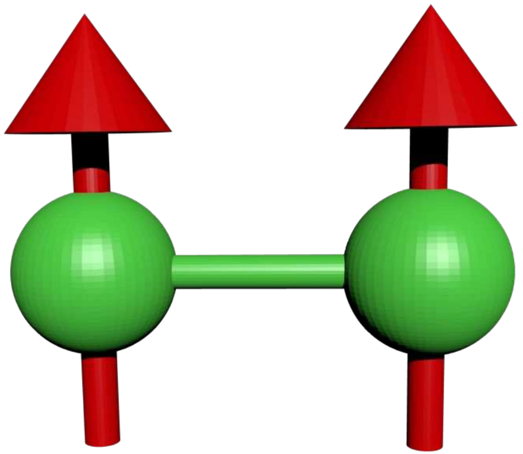
Explore exotic physics with a degree of control unprecedented in any other material

→ *Control of single particle and many-body interactions*
→ *Explore physics that only appear in rare or toxic compounds*

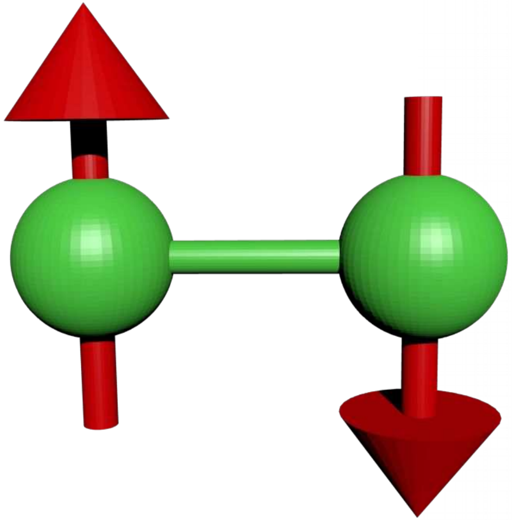
Frustration

A bird's eye view on magnetism

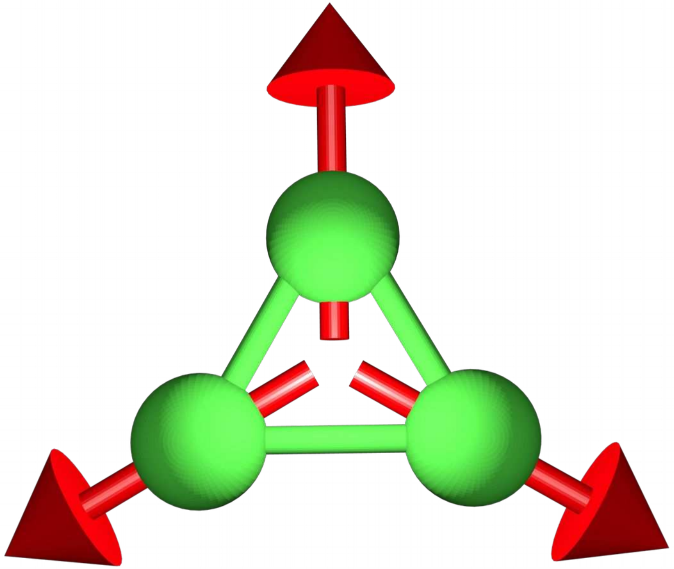
Ferromagnetism



Antiferromagnetism



Frustrated magnetism



Can we control the microscopic properties of a magnet?

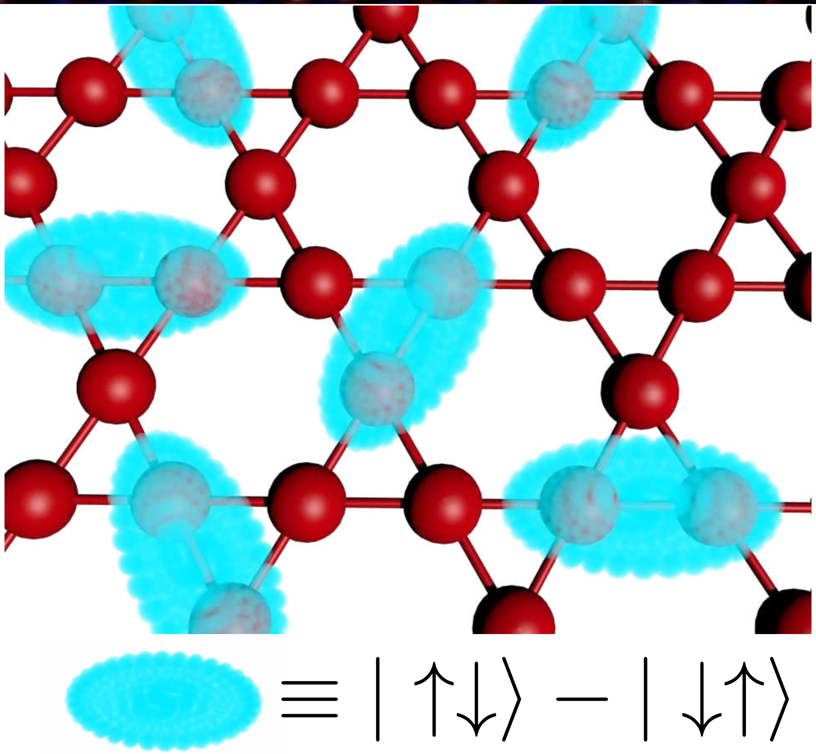
Quantum spin liquids in frustrated magnets

Quantum spin liquids

→ *Fractional excitations*
→ *Macroscopic quantum state*
→ *“Ultra-quantum” matter*

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij} \vec{S}_i \hat{J}_{ij} \vec{S}_j$$

Rep. Prog. Phys. 80, 016502 (2017)



Extended triangular Heisenberg

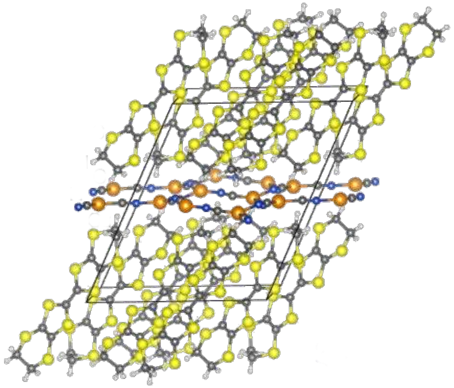
J. Phys. Soc. Jpn 83, 093707 (2014)

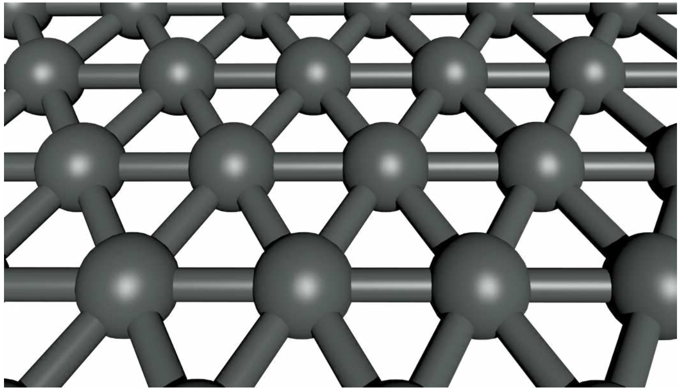
Kagome Heisenberg

Science 332, 1173-1176 (2011)

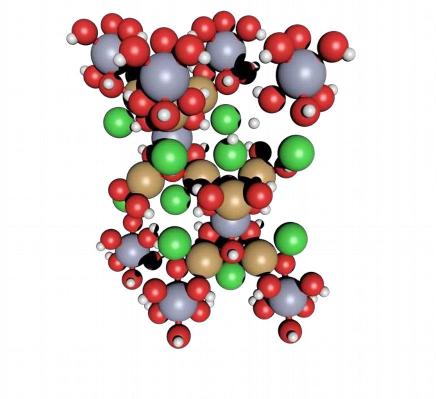
A quest for frustrated quantum magnets

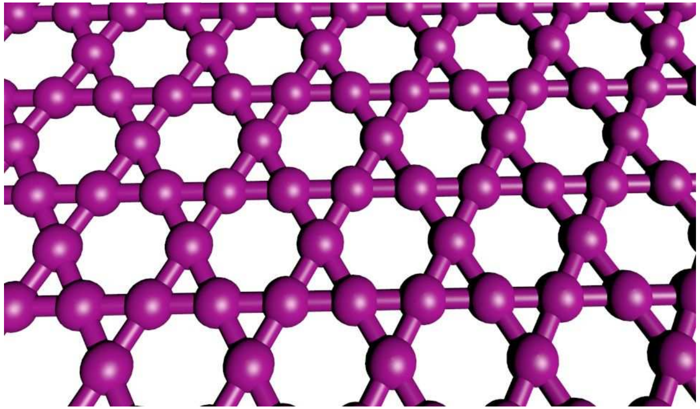
κ-$(ET)_2Cu_2(CN)_3$ (Triangular)





Herbertsmithite (Kagome)





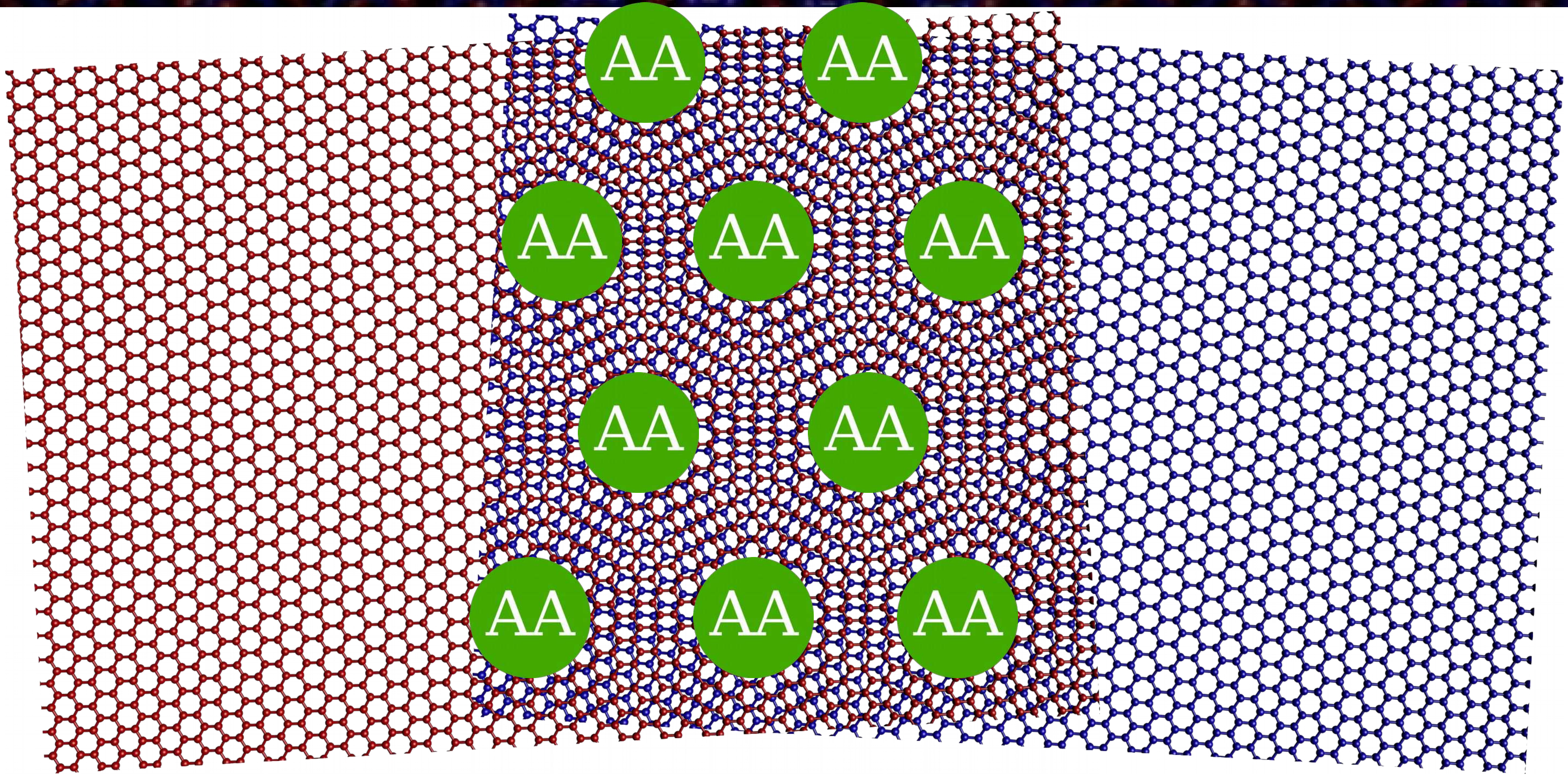
A recipe for frustrated magnets

How to create a frustrated magnet

→ Localize electrons in a frustrated lattice

→ Add strong interactions

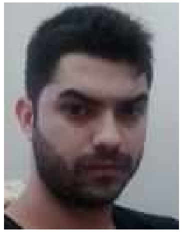
Triangular lattice in twisted bilayer graphene



Twisted 2D materials as a platform for controllable frustrated magnets

Controllable magnetic interactions (1.5°)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 107201 (2017)



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Tuning topology to quench correlations (0.8°)

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Controllable Kagome lattices (0.3°)

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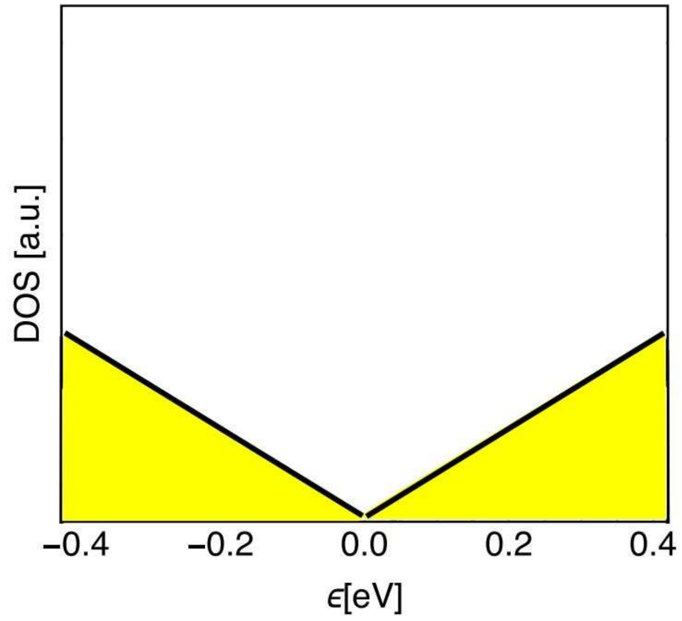
Controlling electronic properties with the twist angle

At large angles



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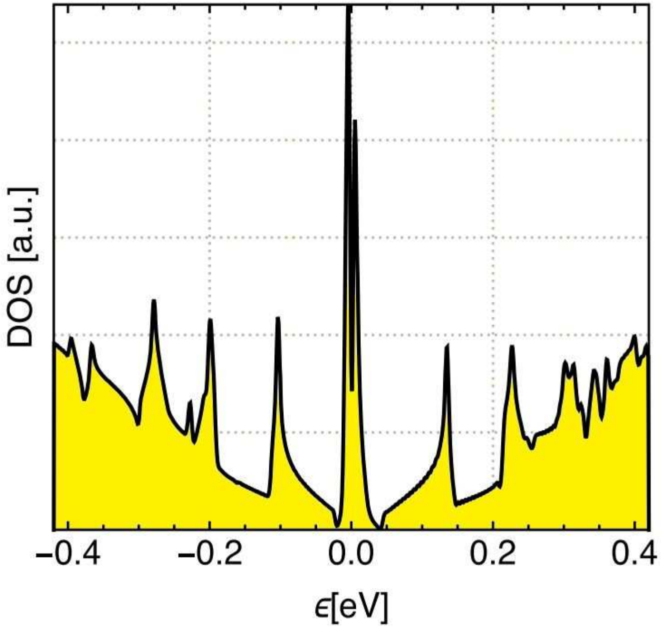
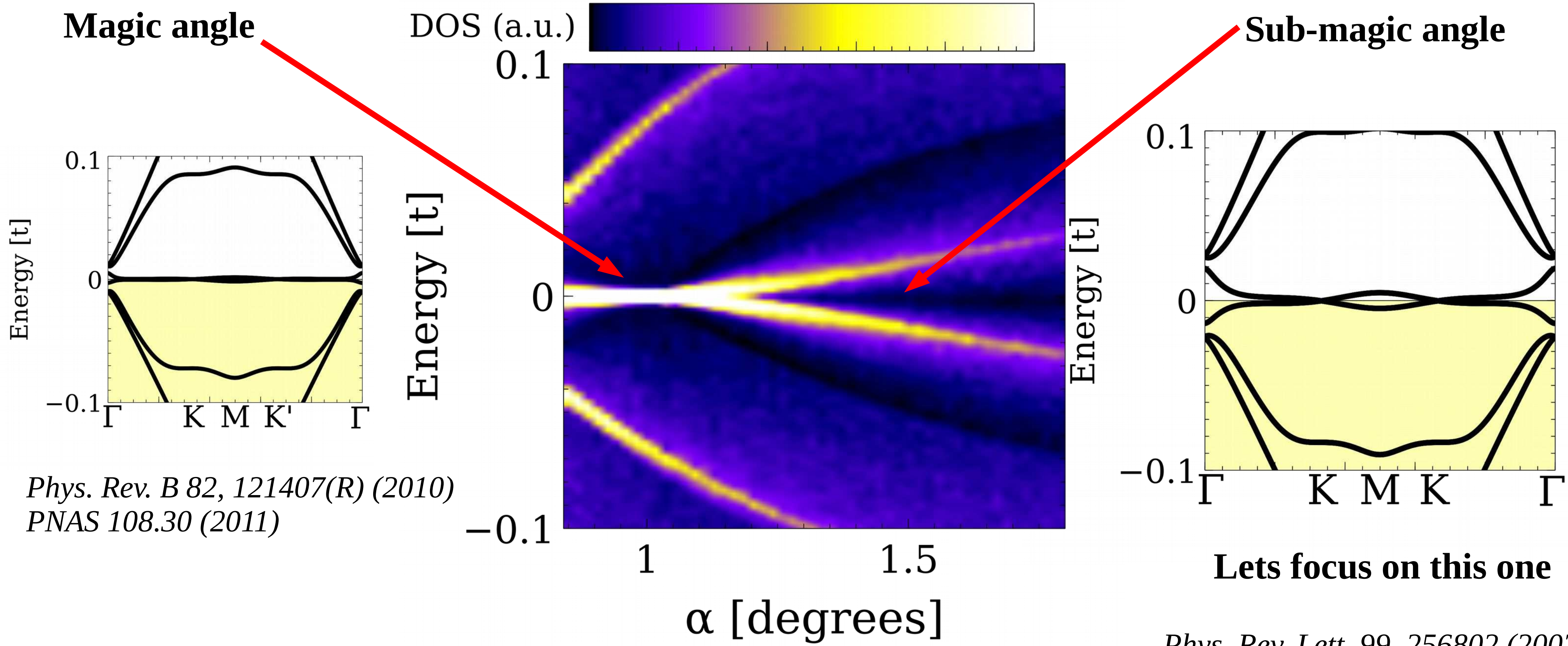


The twist between the layers strongly impacts the density of states

Controlling electronic properties with the twist angle



Phys. Rev. B 82, 121407(R) (2010)
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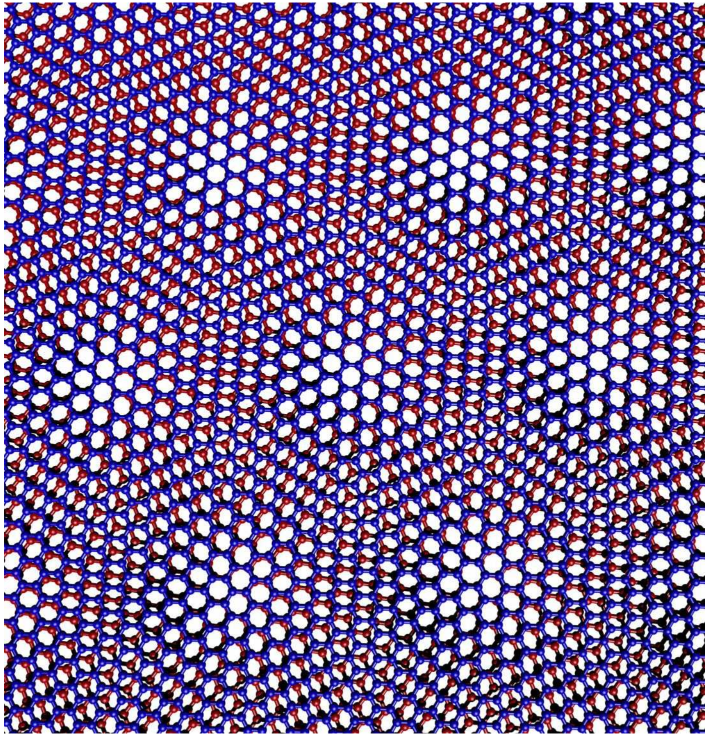
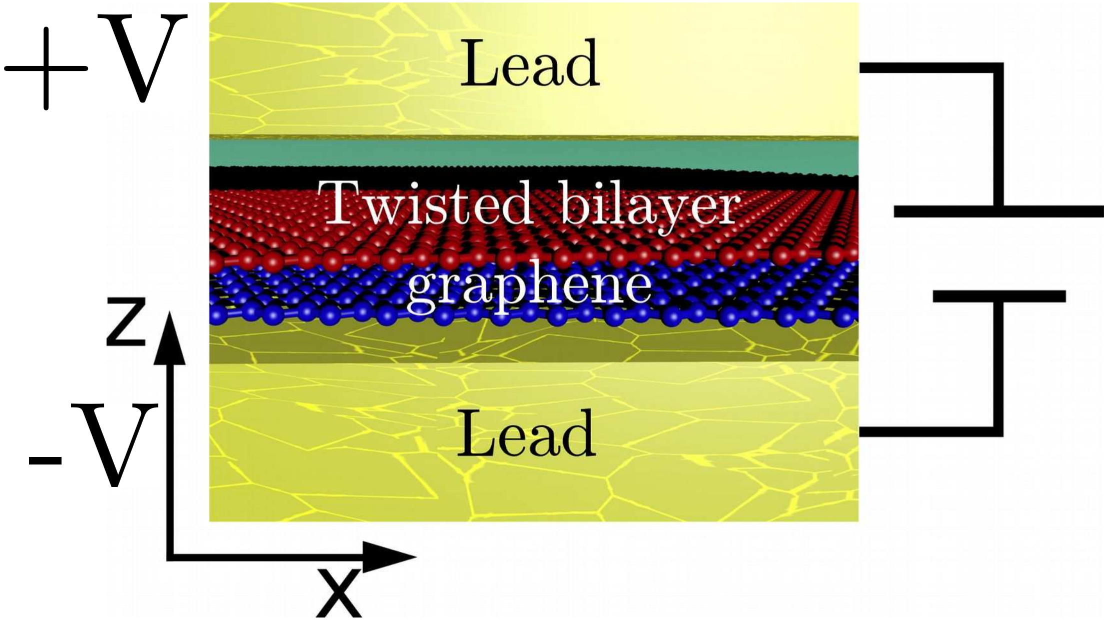
Lets focus on this one

Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 256802 (2007)

Enhancing DOS electrically at 1.5 degrees

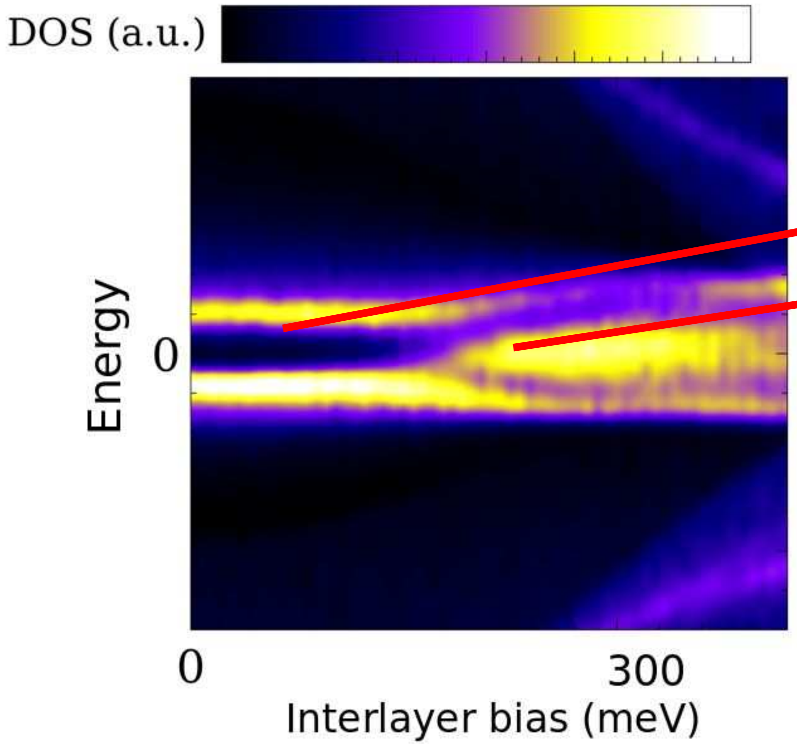
$$\alpha = 1.5^\circ$$





Controlling DOS and magnetism electrically

Without interactions



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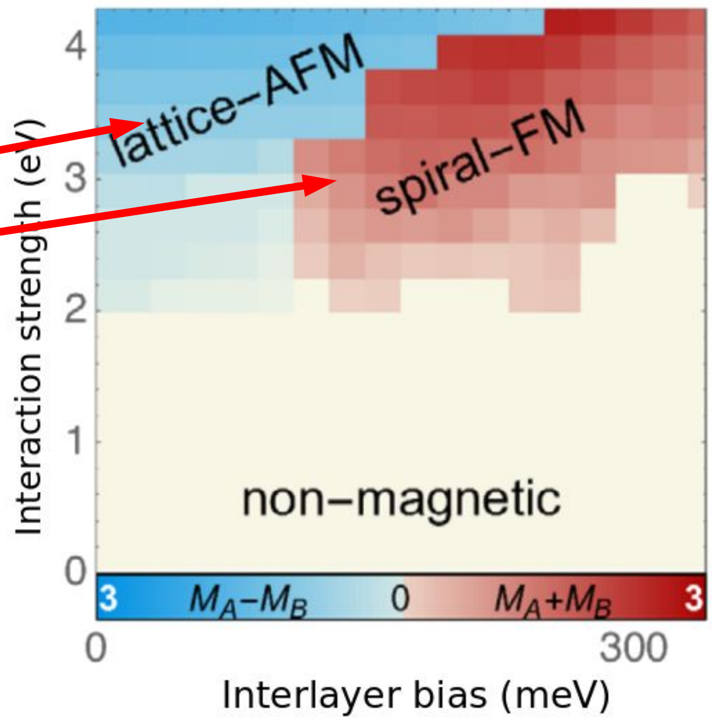

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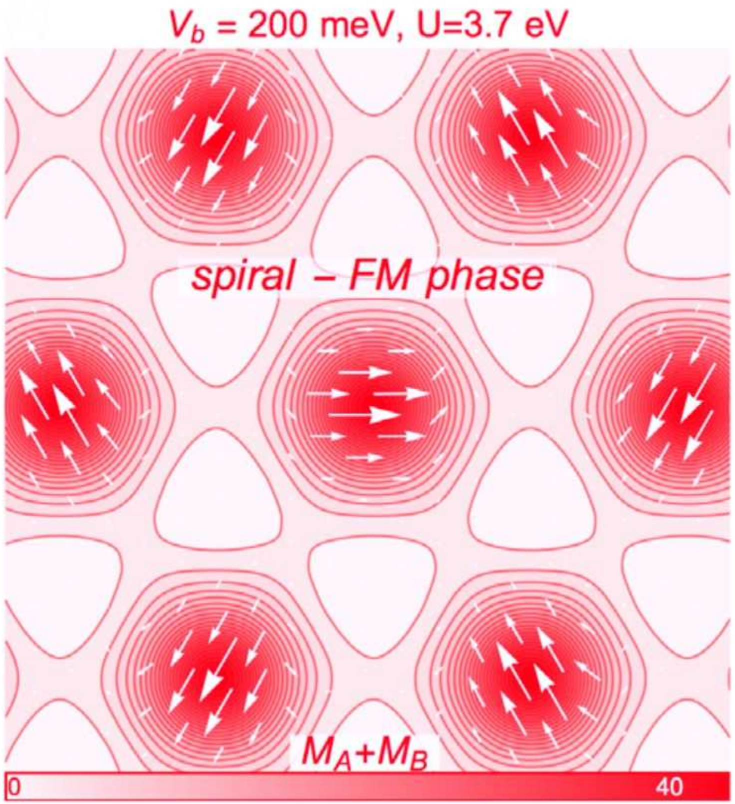

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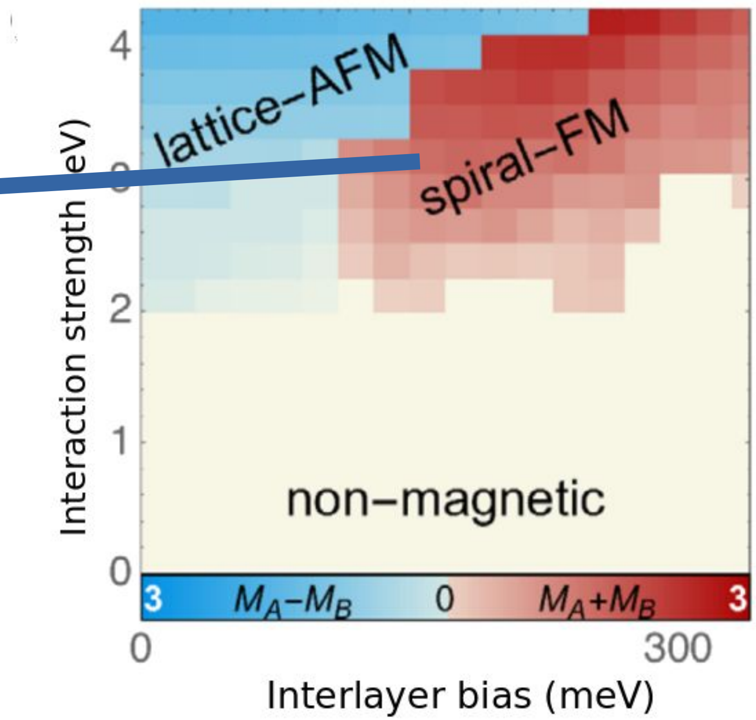
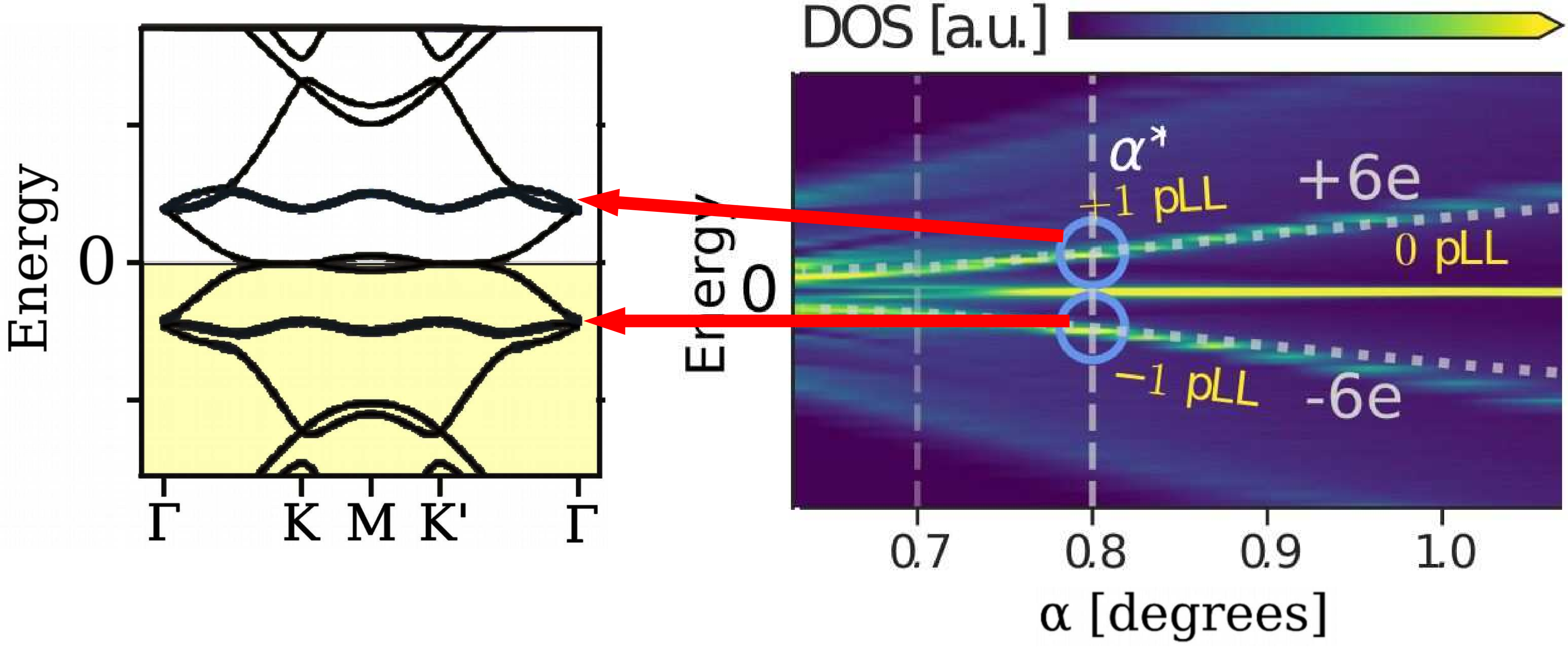


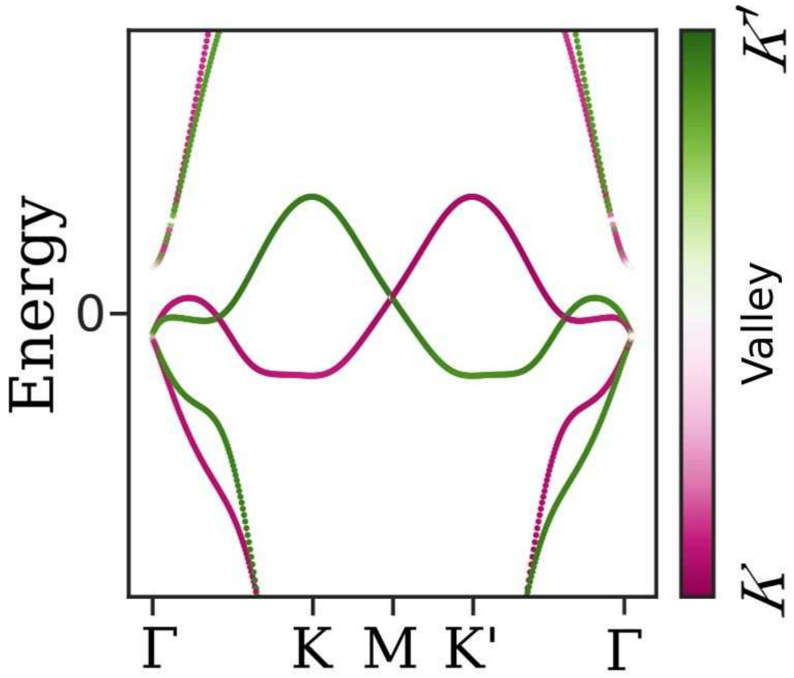
Tuning topology to quench correlations in twisted bilayer graphene (0.8°)

Flat bands above charge neutrality at 0.8 degrees

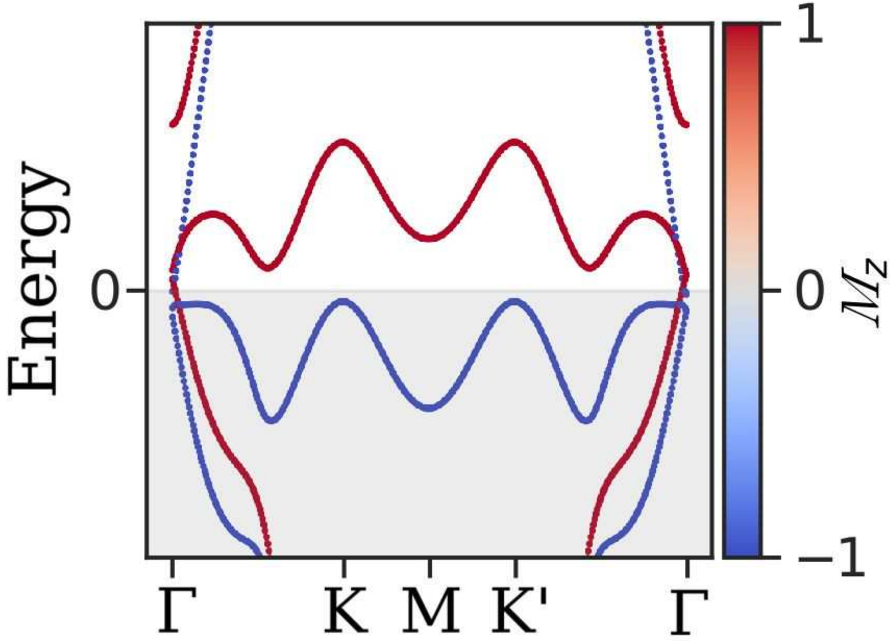


Interlayer bias VS interactions (-6e)

Only interlayer bias (valley topology)



Only interactions (magnetism)



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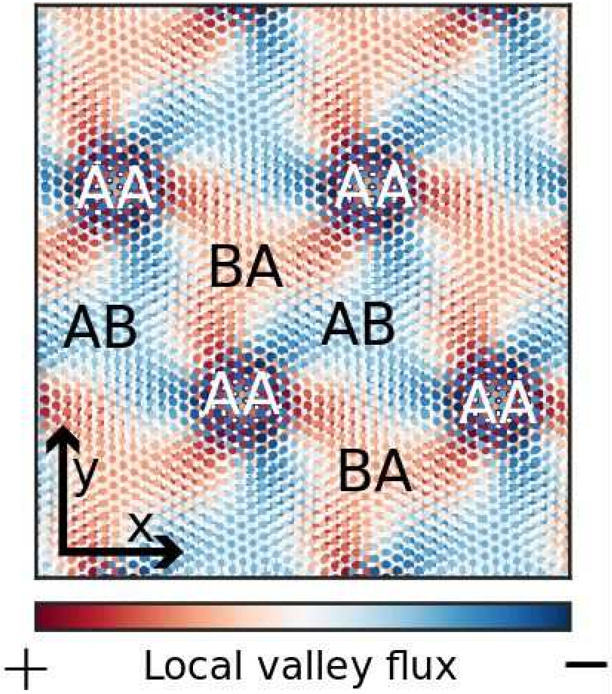
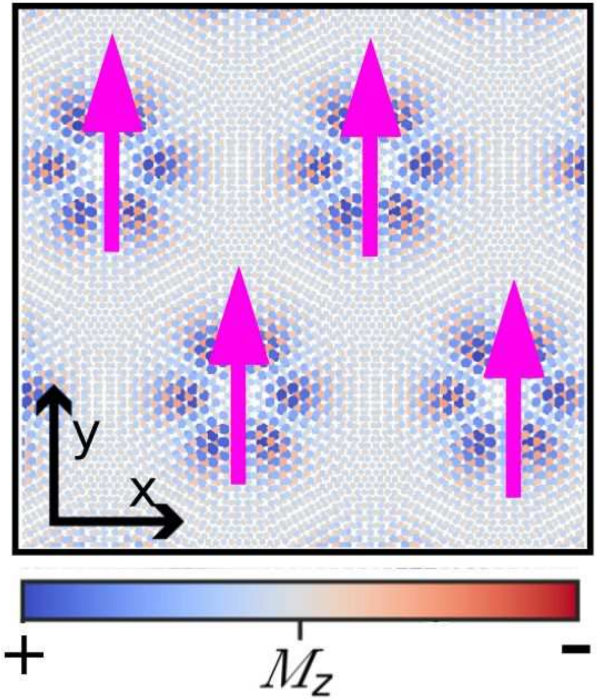


Real space valley Berry flux

Only interactions (magnetism)

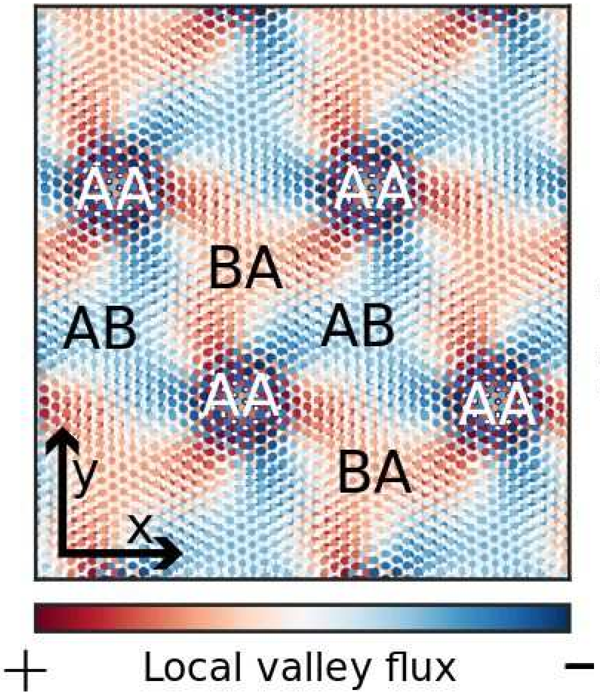


Real space magnetic moment

Interlayer bias & interactions (-6e)

Magnetic correlations quenched by the bias-induced valley flux

Bias



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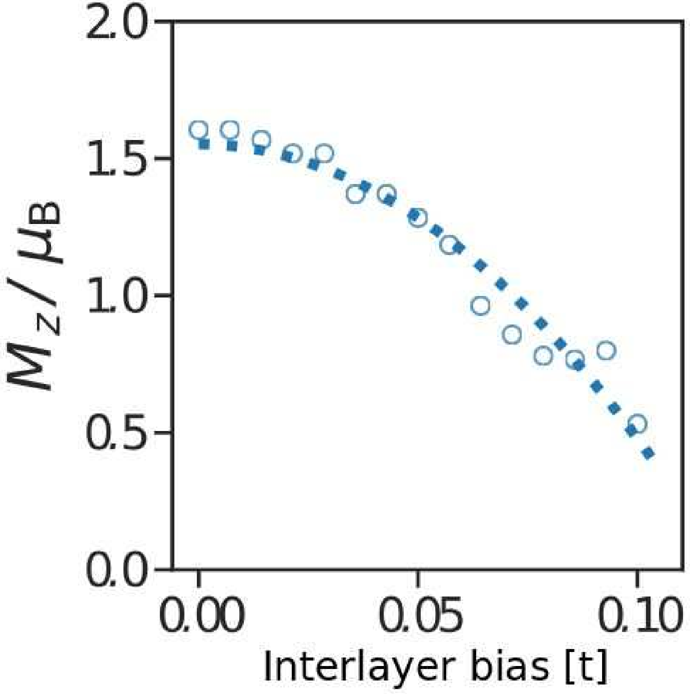

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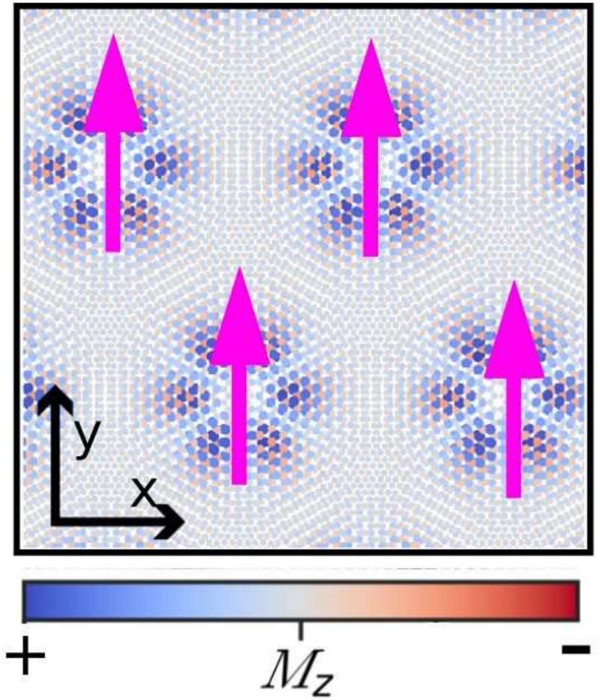
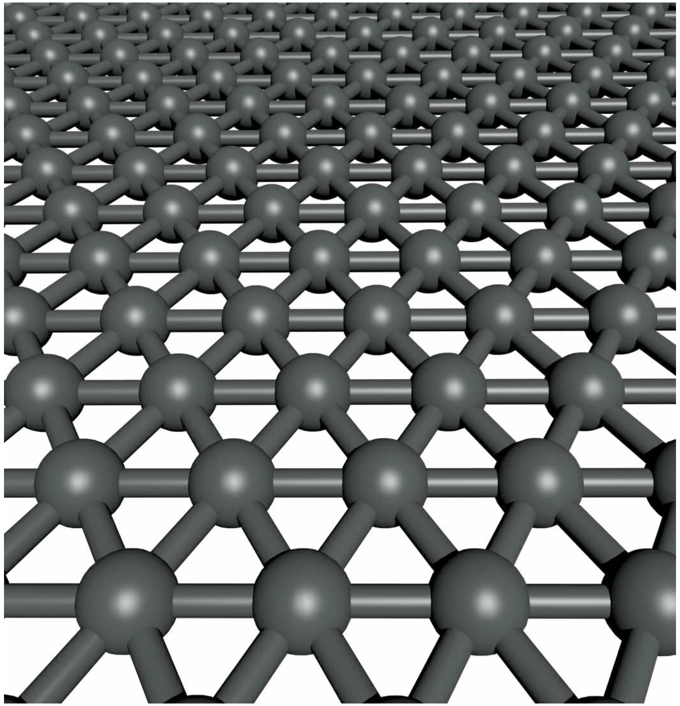


Controllable Kagome lattices in twisted bilayer graphene (0.3°)

From triangular to Kagome



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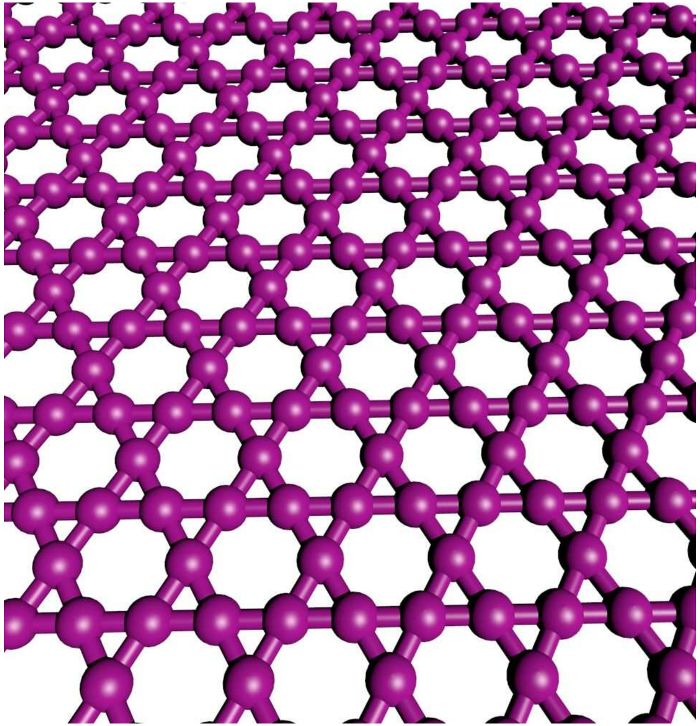
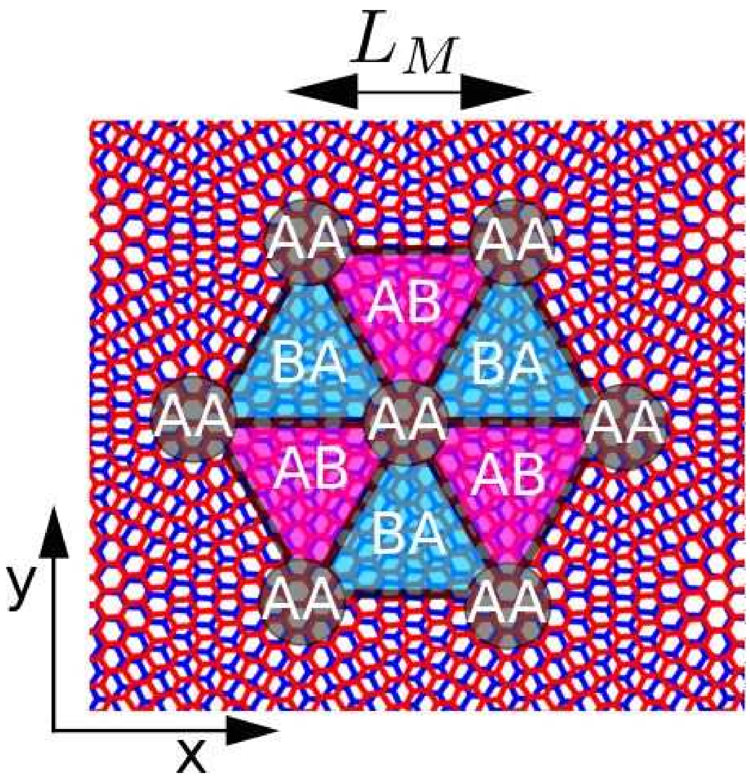
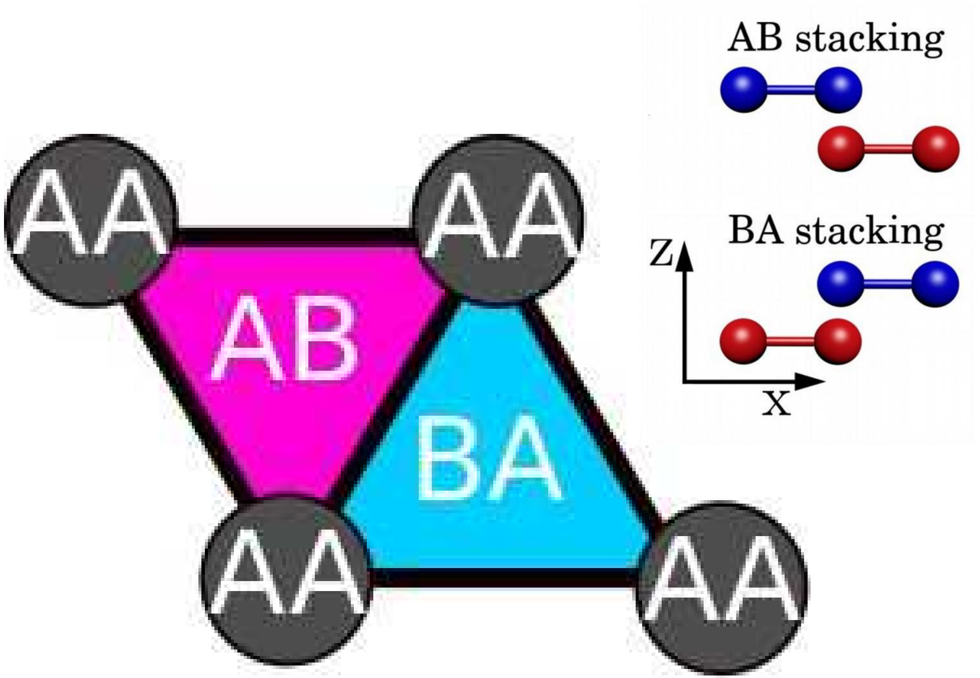


How do we generate a Kagome lattice in graphene?

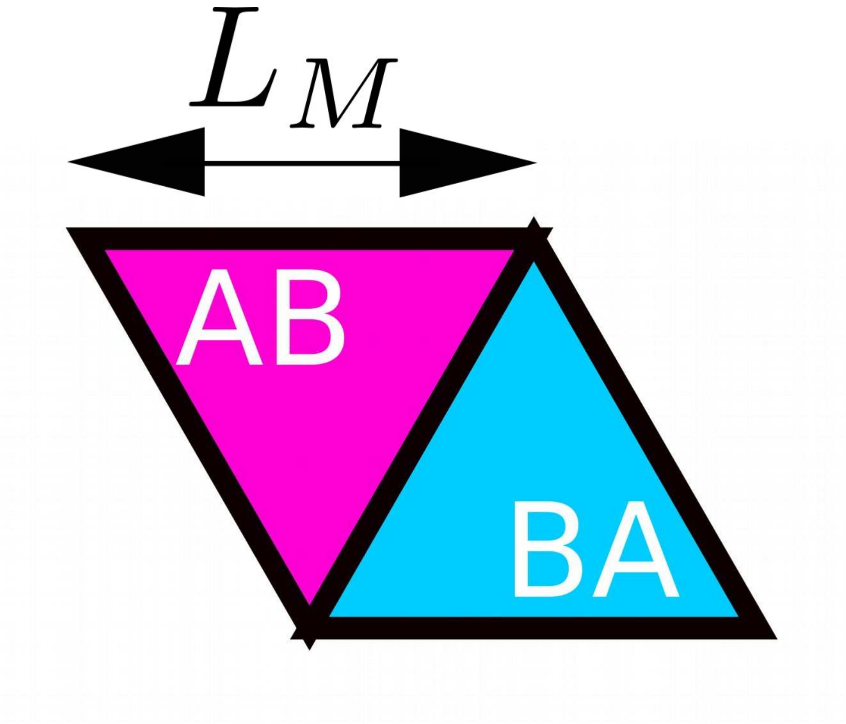
Towards a possible Kagome lattice

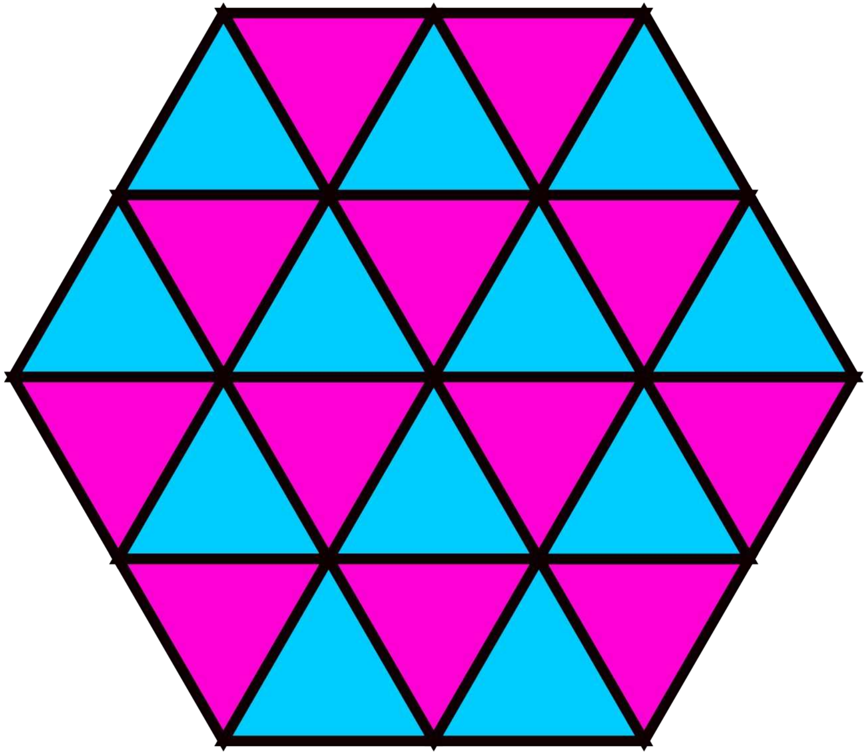




Let us look at the AB/BA structure

The possible Kagome lattice in TBG





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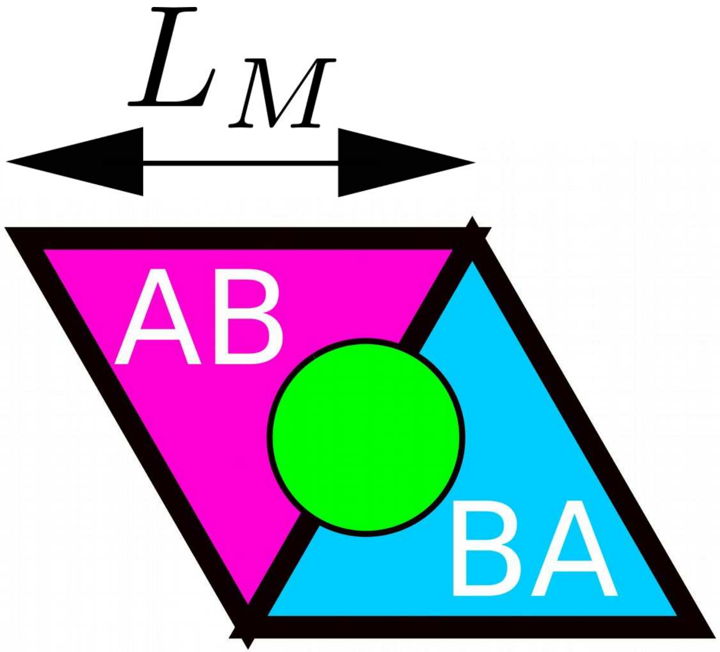
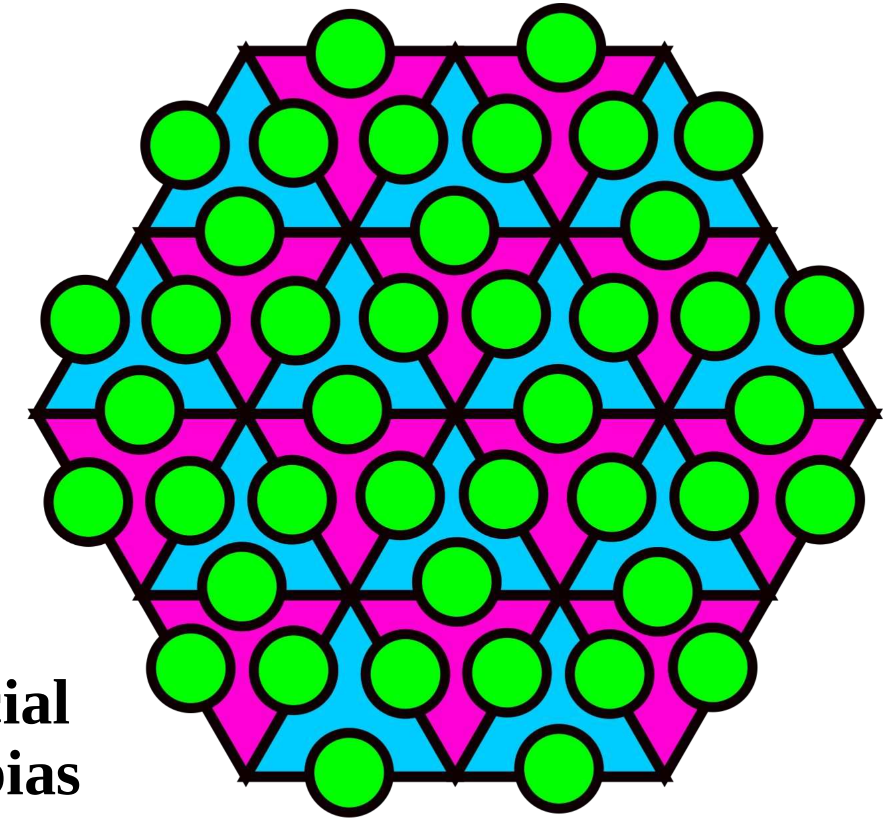
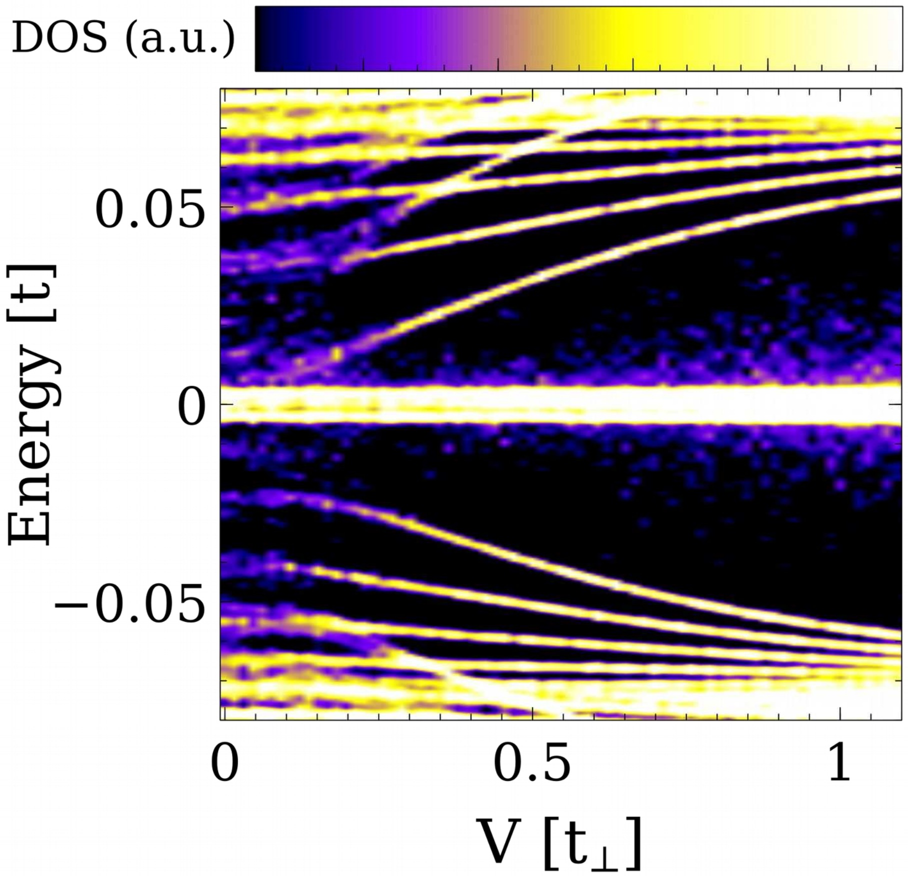
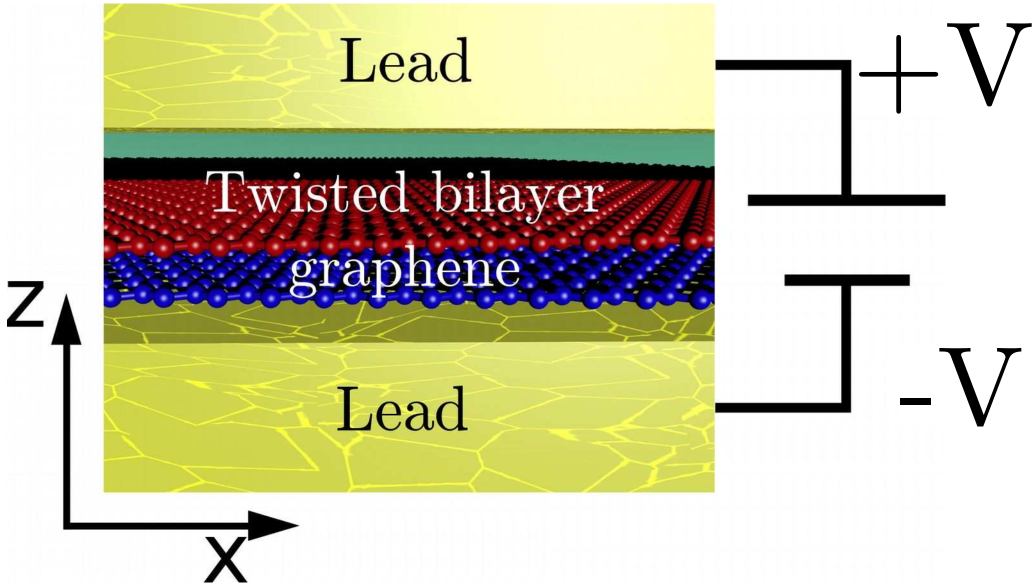




A localized mode is created by an artificial gauge field controlled by an interlayer bias

Controlling pseudo Landau levels electrically





$B_{eff} \propto V$

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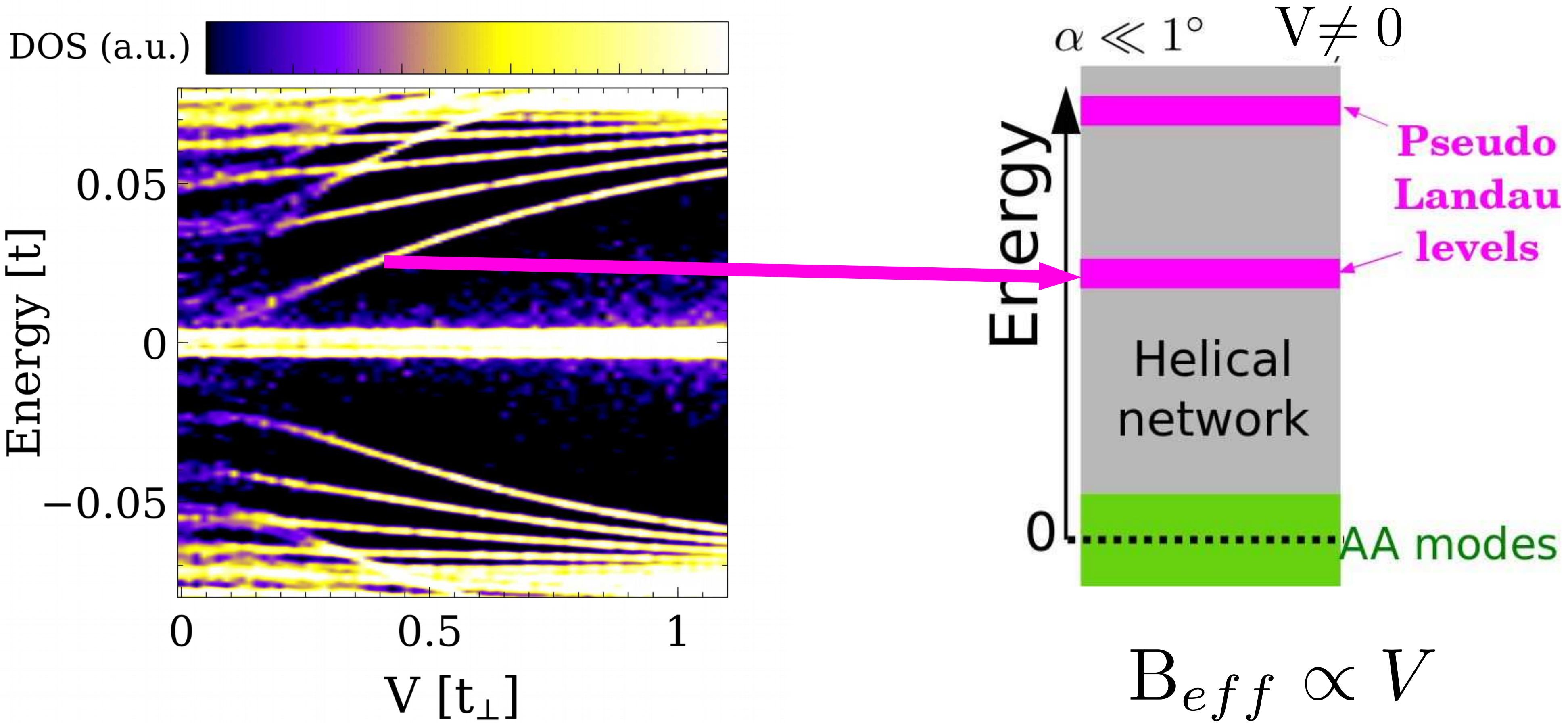

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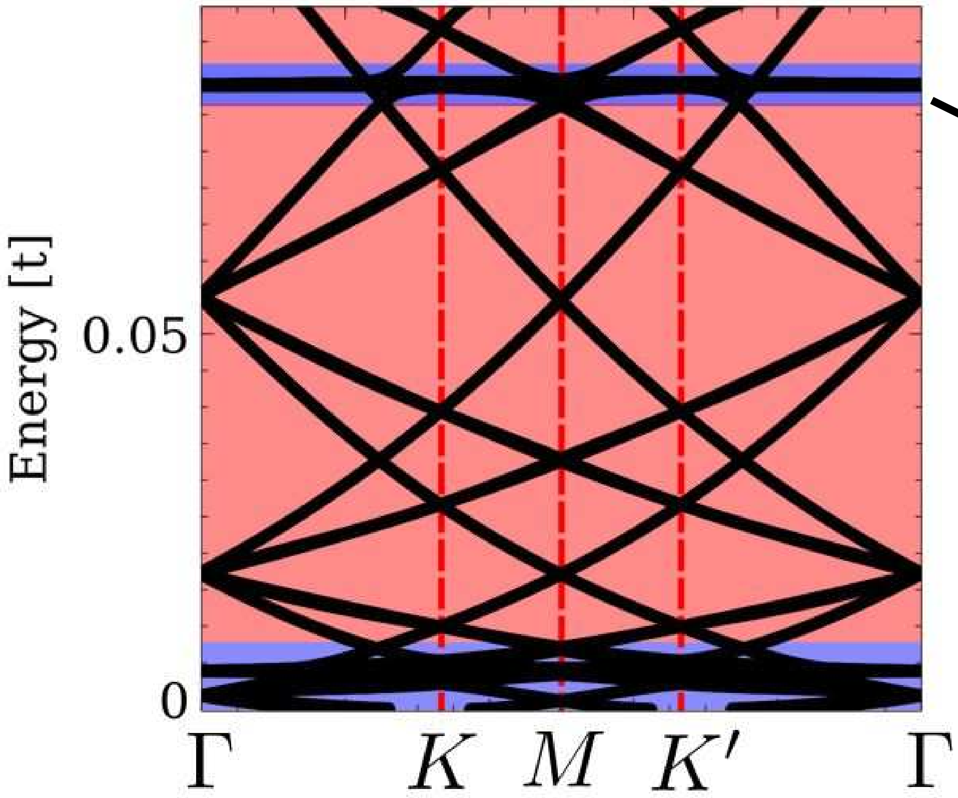
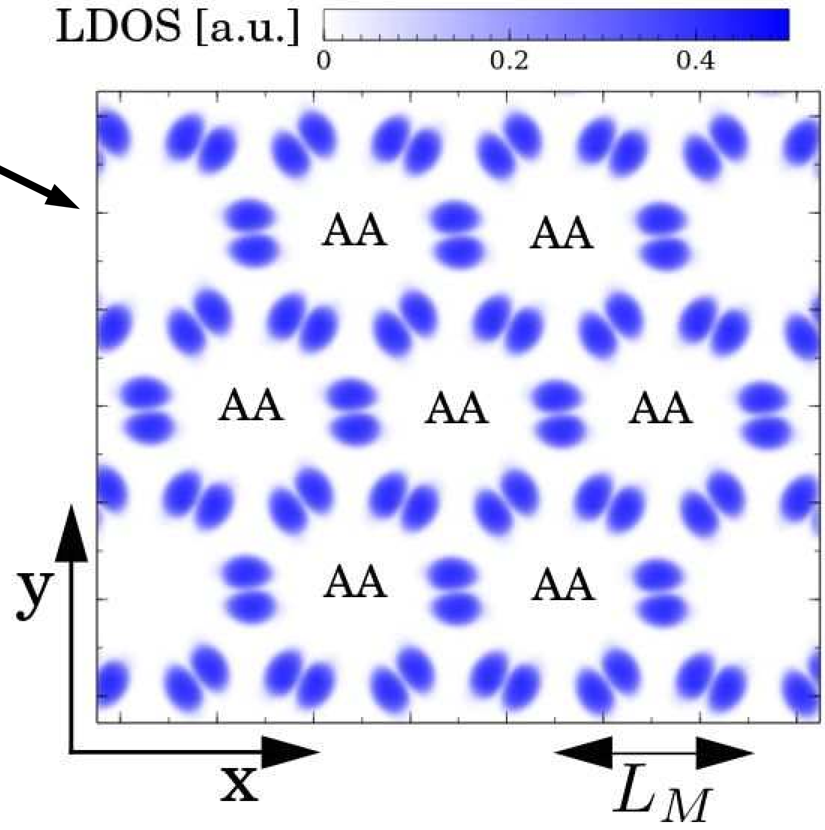
The Kagome lattice in twisted bilayer graphene





Electrically controllable gauge fields and the American Physical Society

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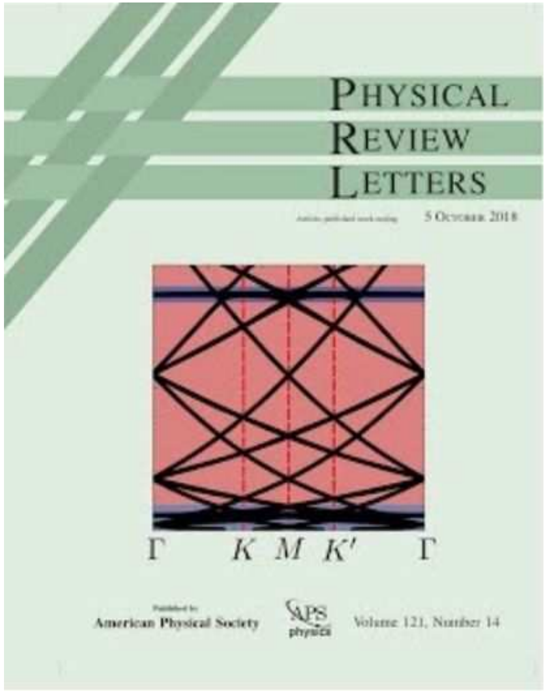

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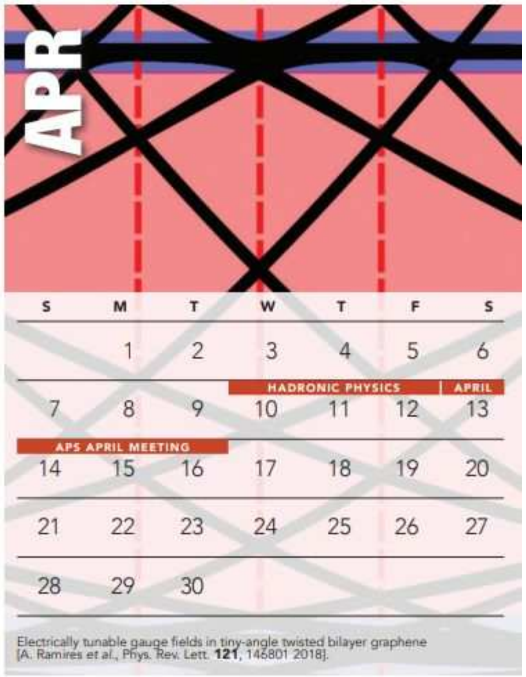

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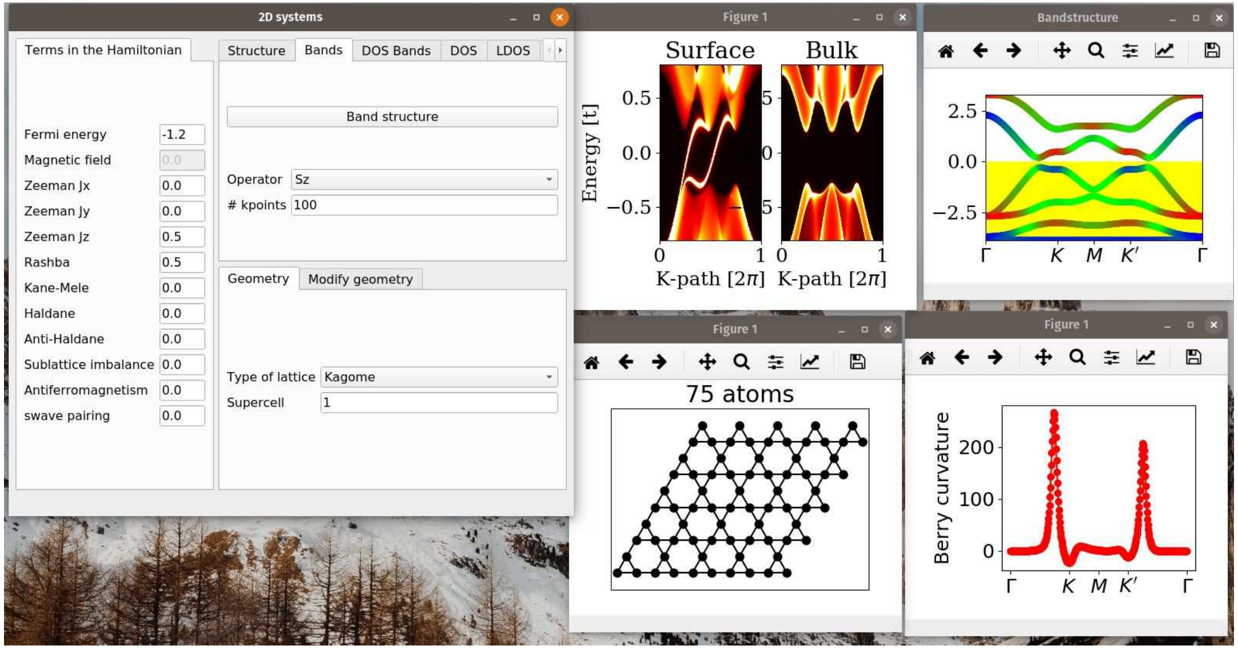
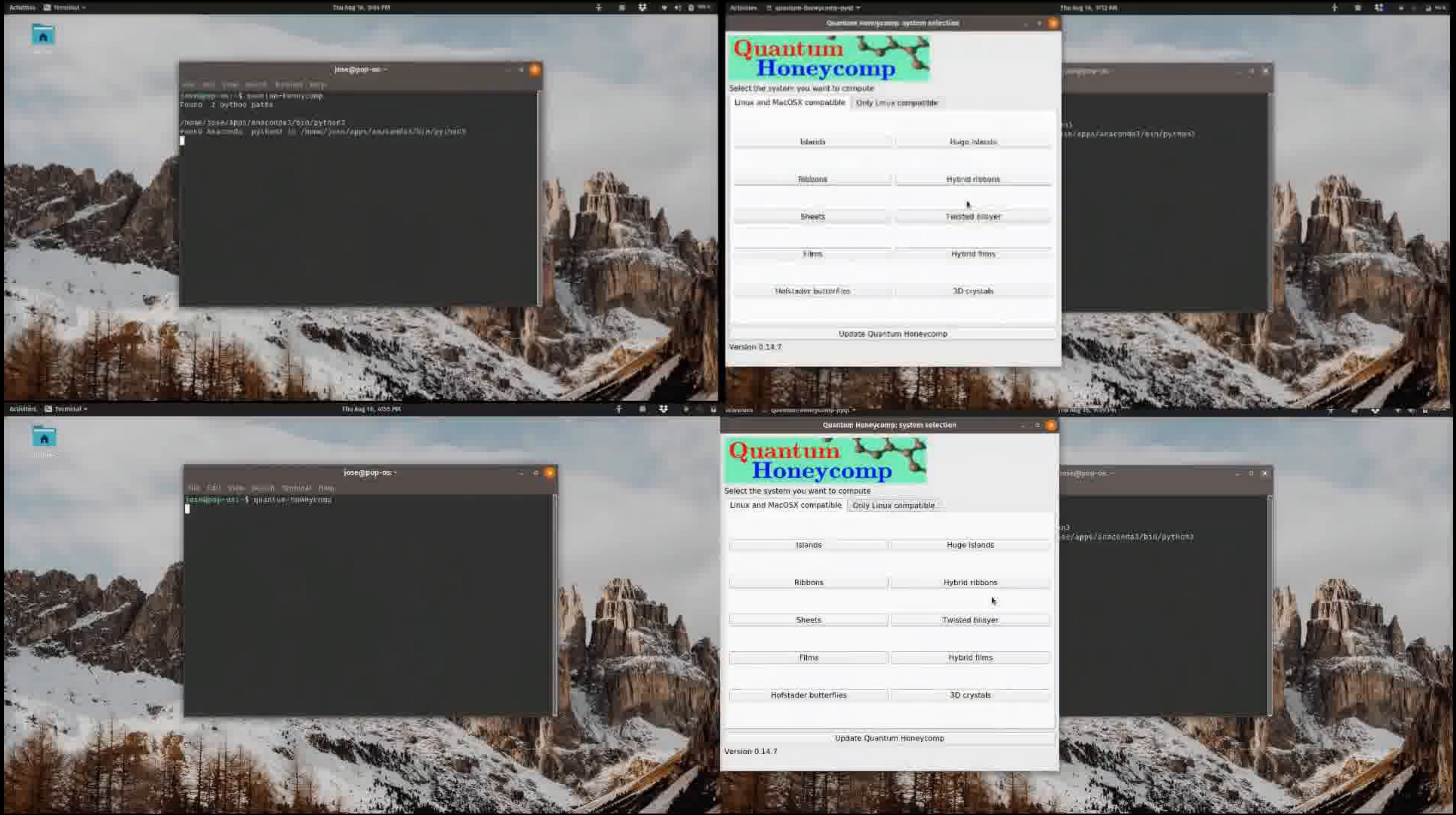
Computing electronic properties

A user interface to compute electronic properties



Quantum Honeycomp: open source interactive interface for tight binding modeling

https://github.com/joselado/quantum-honeycomp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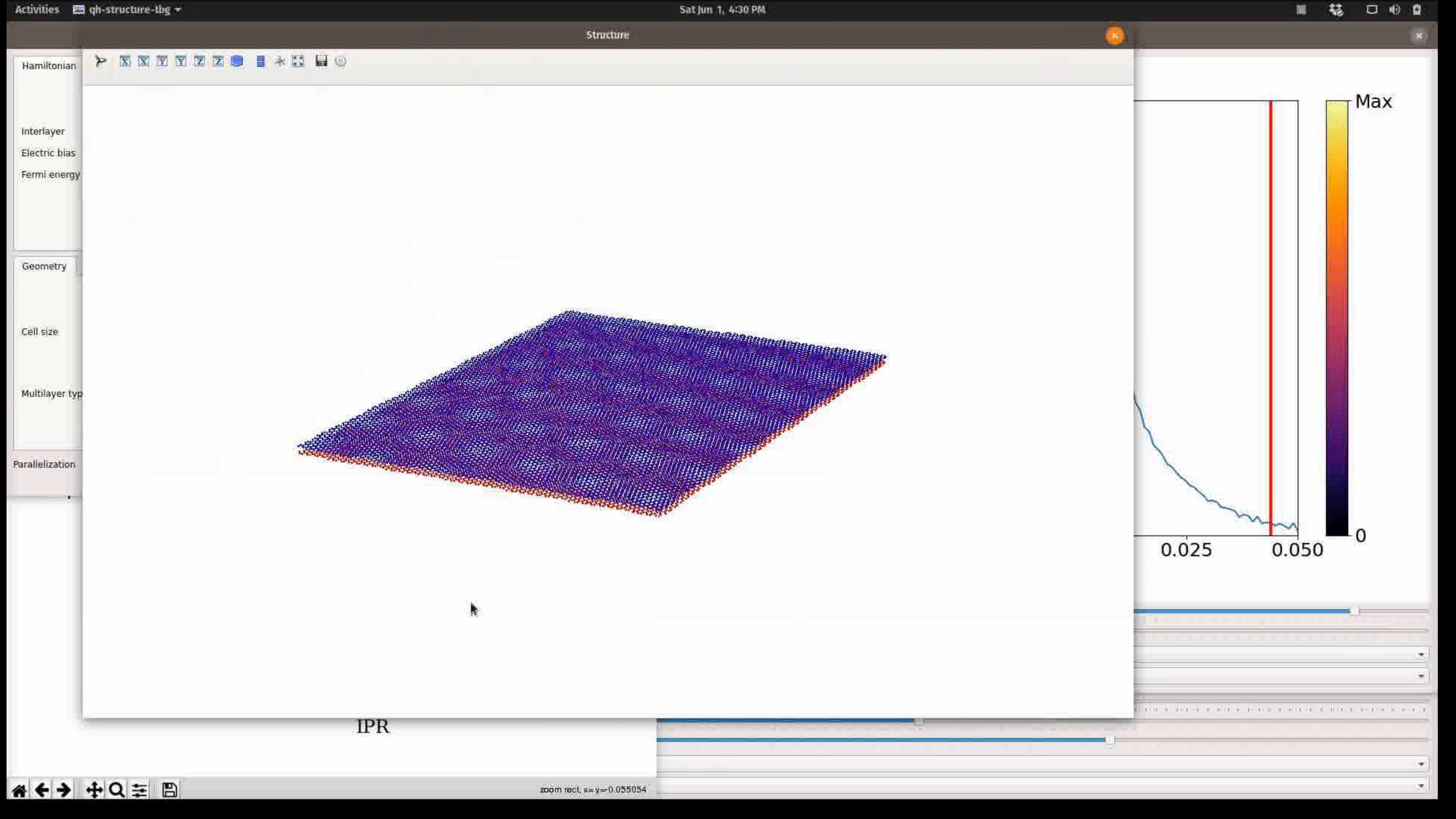
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Twisted van der Waals materials open up a new route to explore exotic quantum states, offering an unprecedented degree of control.