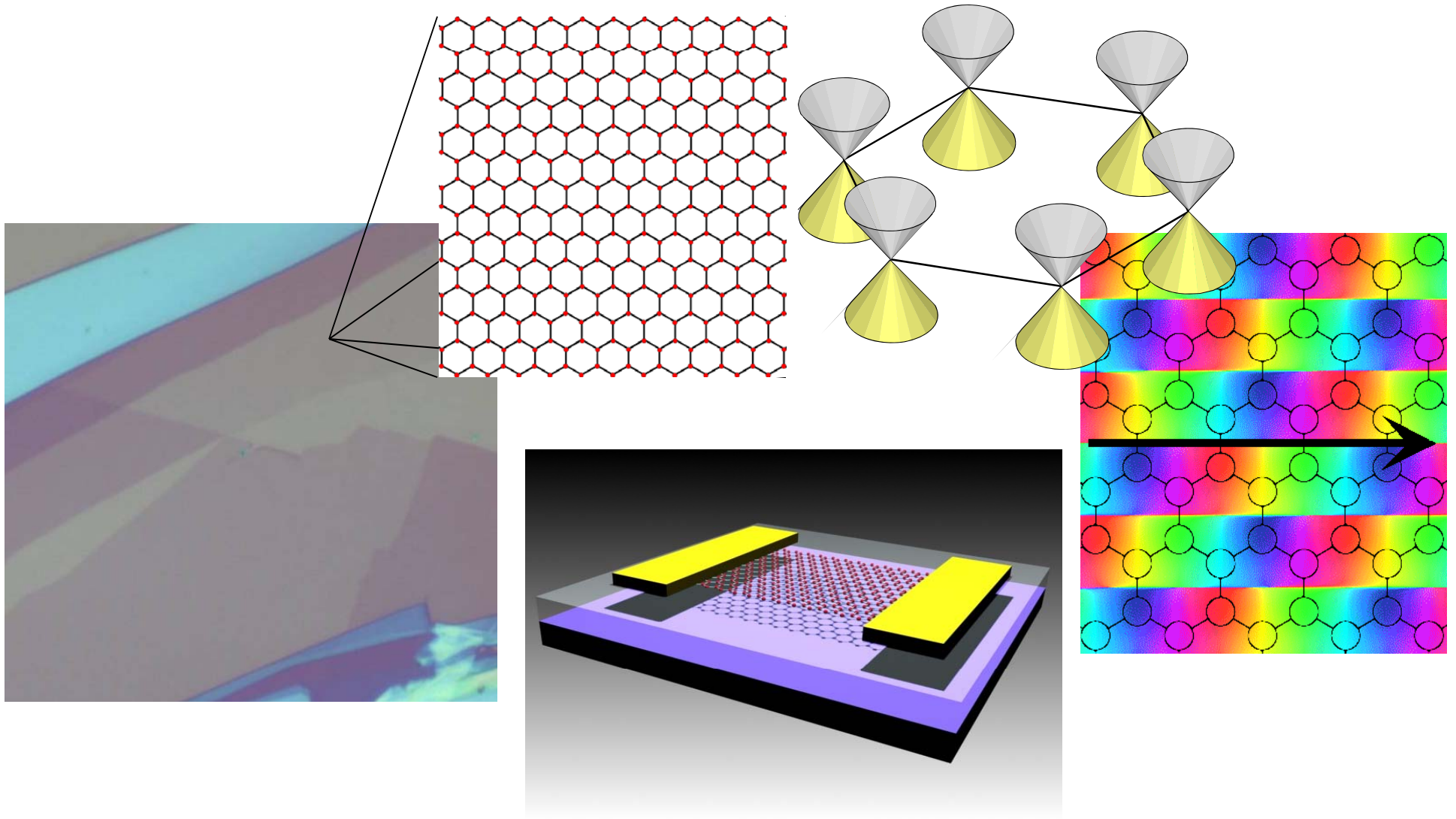


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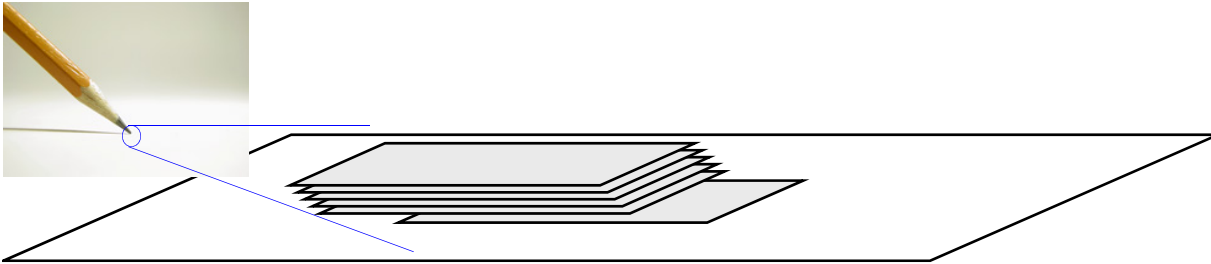
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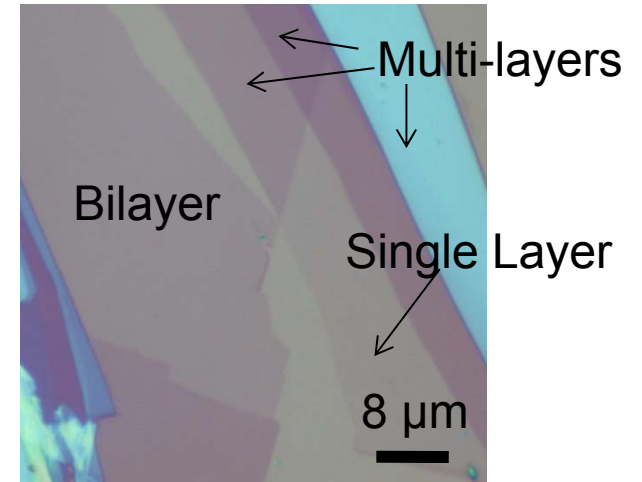
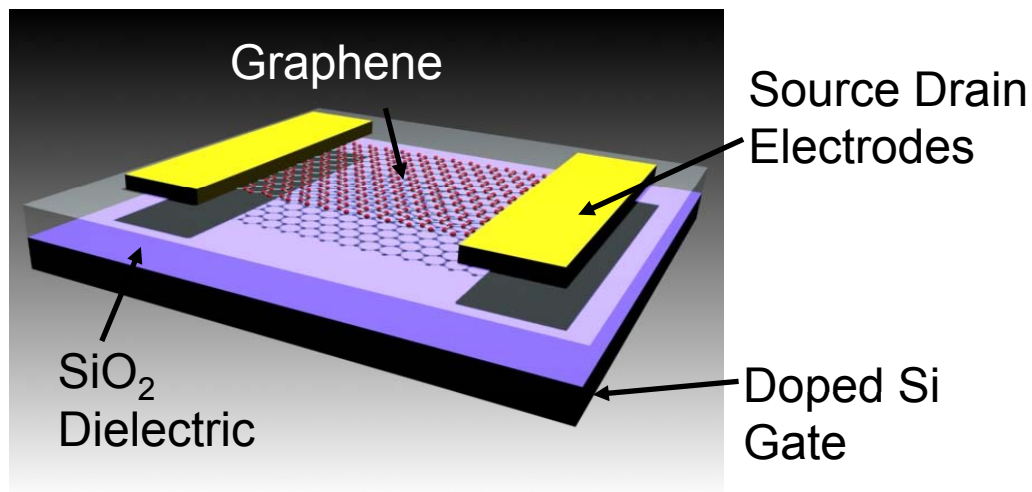
Graphene Devices – Fabrication

Method adapted from Novoselov, et al. *PNAS* **102** 10341 (2005)

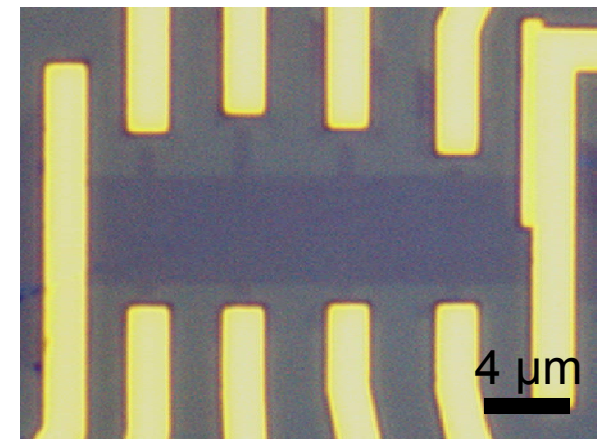


“Mechanical exfoliation”

- Starting material is single-crystal Kish graphite
- Mechanically exfoliate on 300 nm SiO₂/Si chips



As-exfoliated graphene

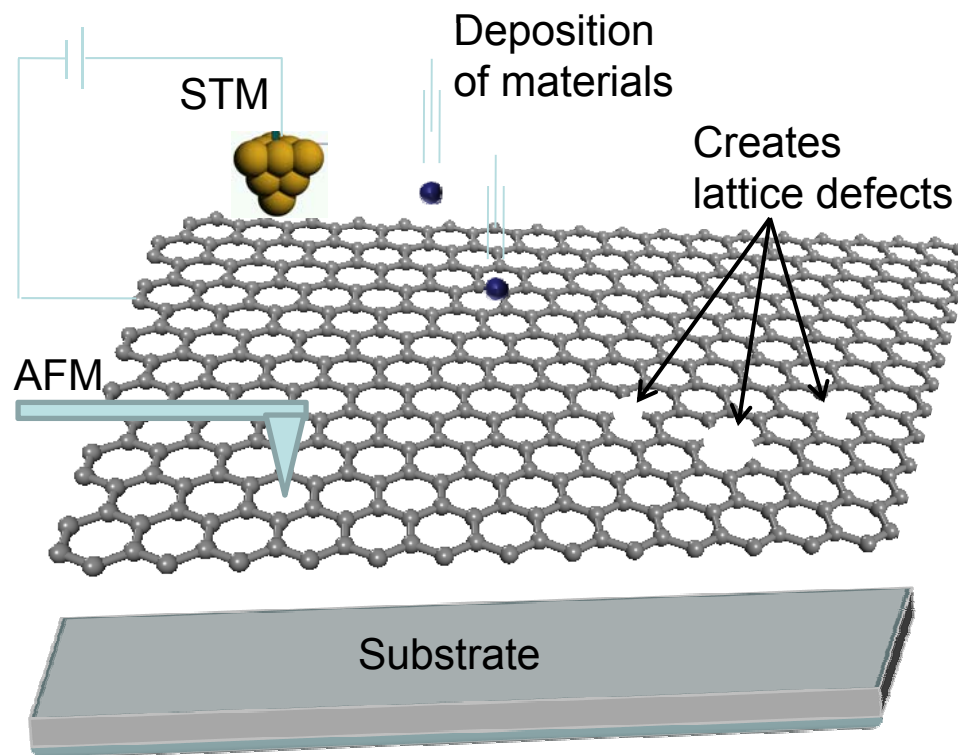


Single layer Hall-bar-shaped device after e-beam lithography and etching

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Every carbon atom in graphene is a surface atom

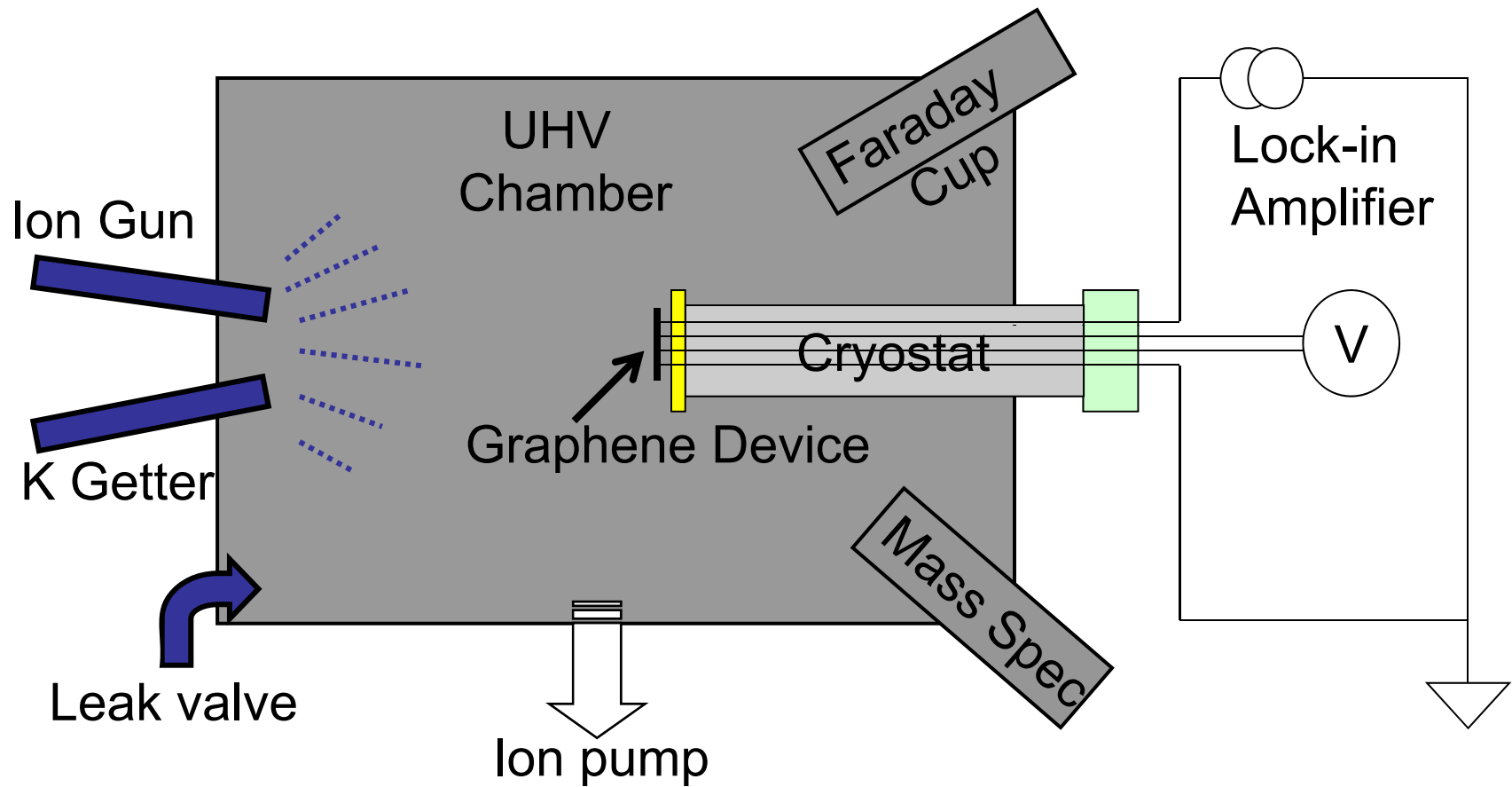
- Surface science tools well suited for characterization of Graphene
 - Ultra High Vacuum eliminates unwanted adsorption
- Enough time for well-controlled experiments!



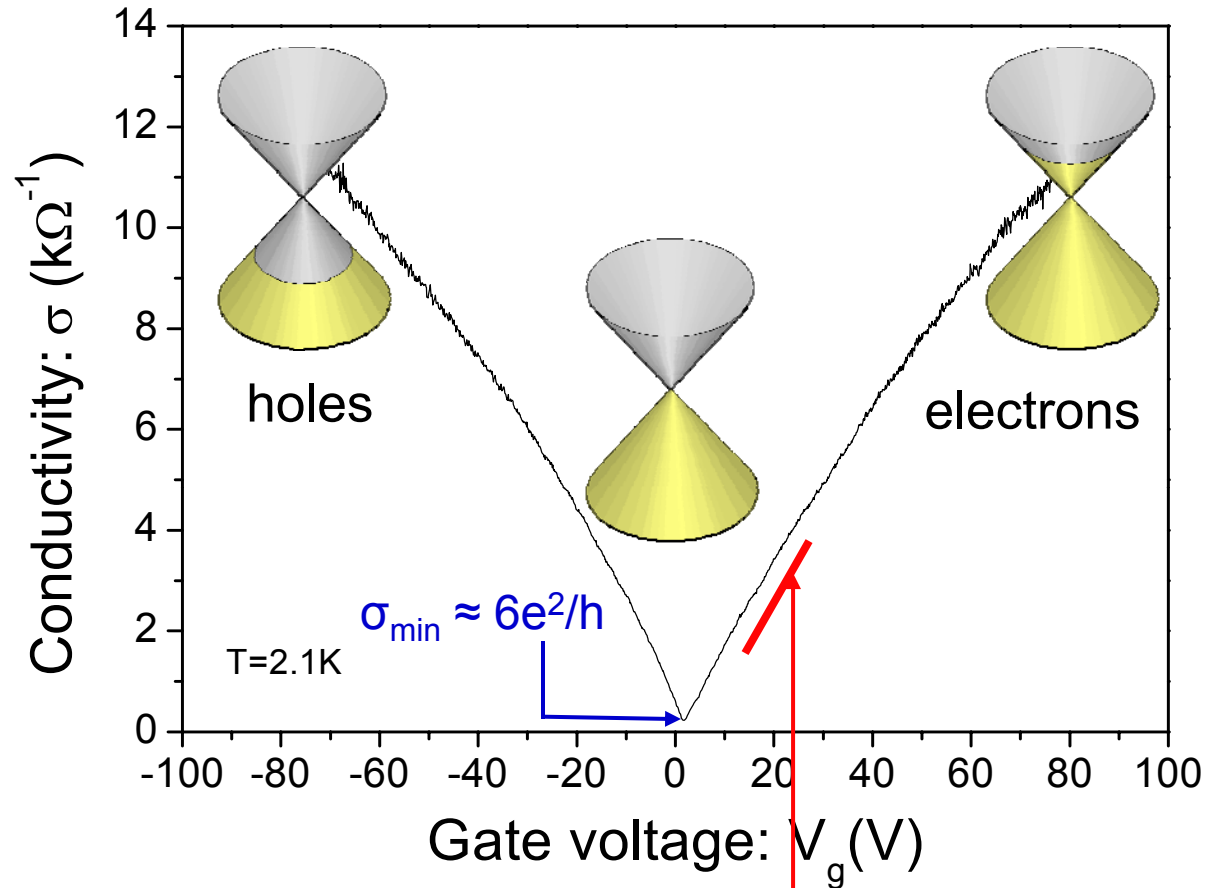
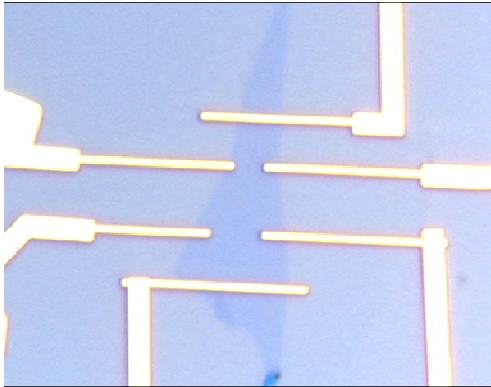
	Pressure	Minimum Coverage Time*
Atmospheric pressure	760 torr	10⁻⁹ sec
Ultra high vacuum	10⁻⁹ to 10⁻¹¹ torr	0.3 - 30 hrs

[*Minimum coverage time calculated using a sticking coefficient of 1]

Electronic transport in UHV: Experimental setup



Electrical Characterization of Graphene



- Ambipolar, symmetric conduction
- Finite minimum conductivity $\sim [4-10]e^2/h$
- Field-effect mobility up to 20,000 cm^2/Vs

$$\mu_{FE} = \frac{1}{e} \frac{d\sigma}{dn} = \frac{1}{c_g} \frac{d\sigma}{dV_g}$$

Graphene's Conductivity

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D(E) is density of states
 τ is momentum relaxation time
 v_F is Fermi velocity

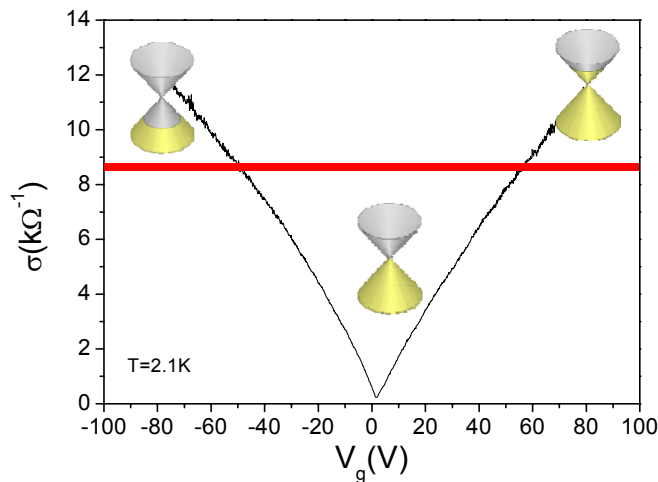
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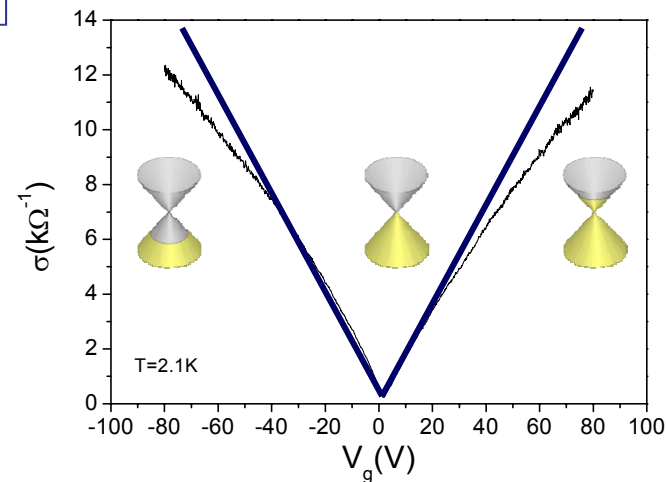


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Charged Impurity Scattering: Potassium Doping in UHV

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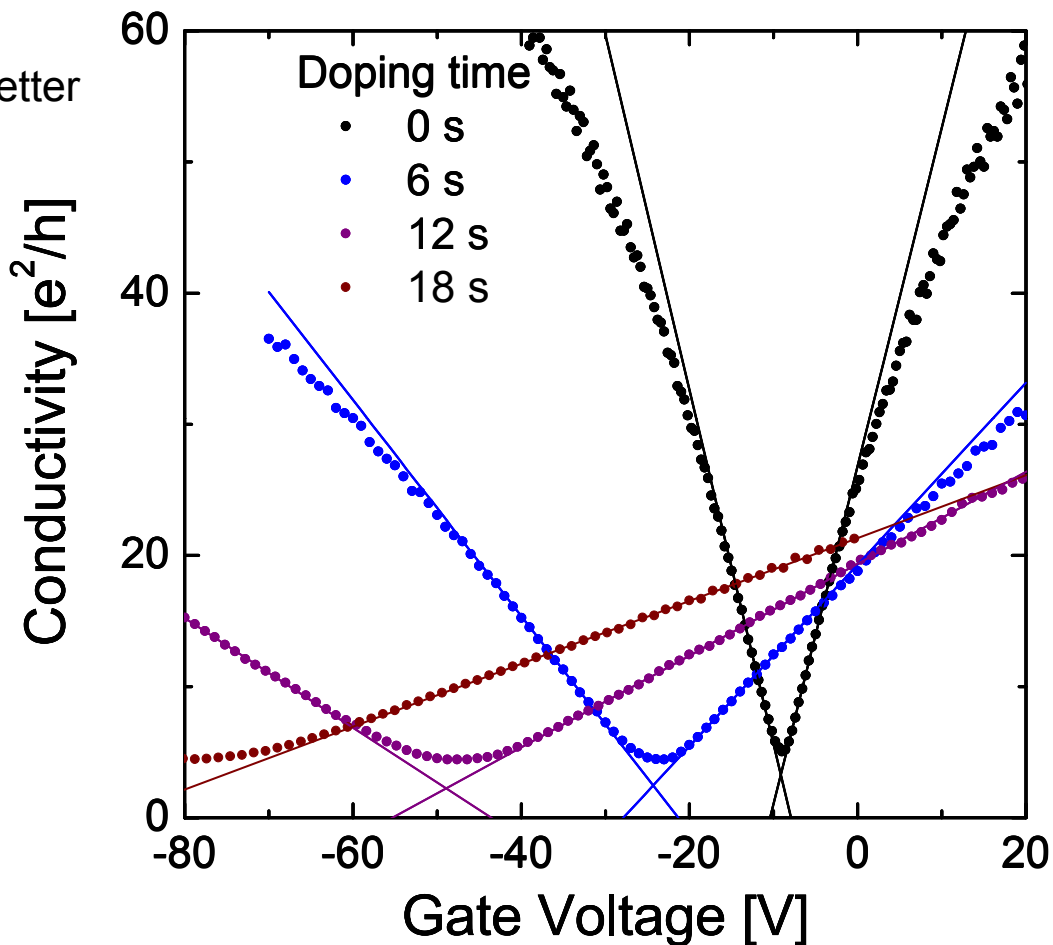
- Clean graphene in UHV at $T = 20$ K
- Potassium evaporated on graphene from getter

Upon doping with K:

- 1) mobility decreases
- 2) $\sigma(V_g)$ more linear
- 3) σ_{\min} shifts to negative V_g
- 4) plateau around σ_{\min} broadens
- 5) σ_{\min} decreases (slightly)

All these features predicted for Coulomb scattering in graphene

Adam, et al., PNAS 104, 18392 (2007)



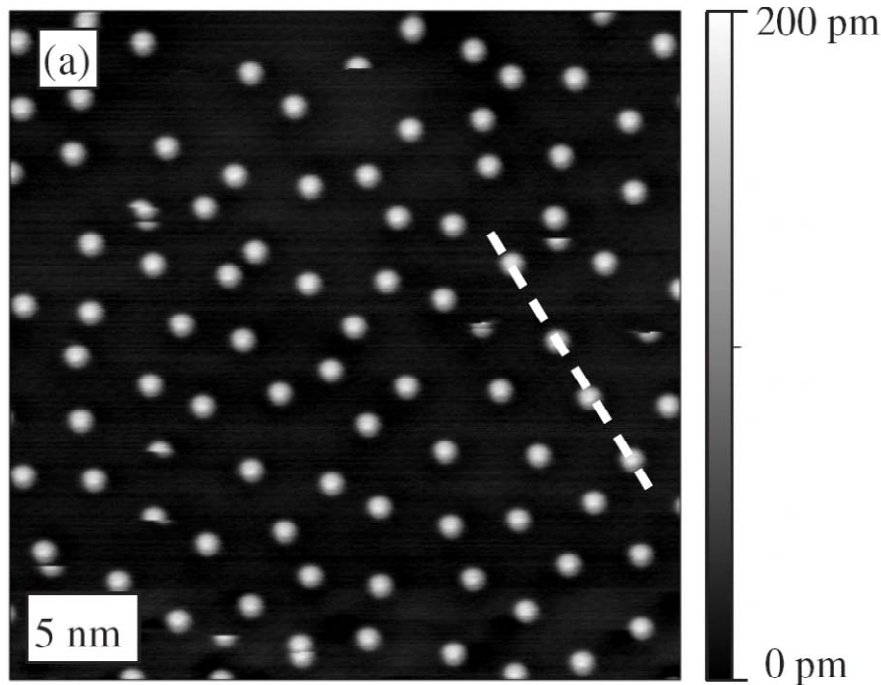
Magnitude of scattering in quantitative agreement with theory:

$$\sigma = 20 \frac{e^2}{h} \left(\frac{n}{n_{\text{imp}}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \mu = \frac{5 \times 10^{15} \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}}{n_{\text{imp}}}$$

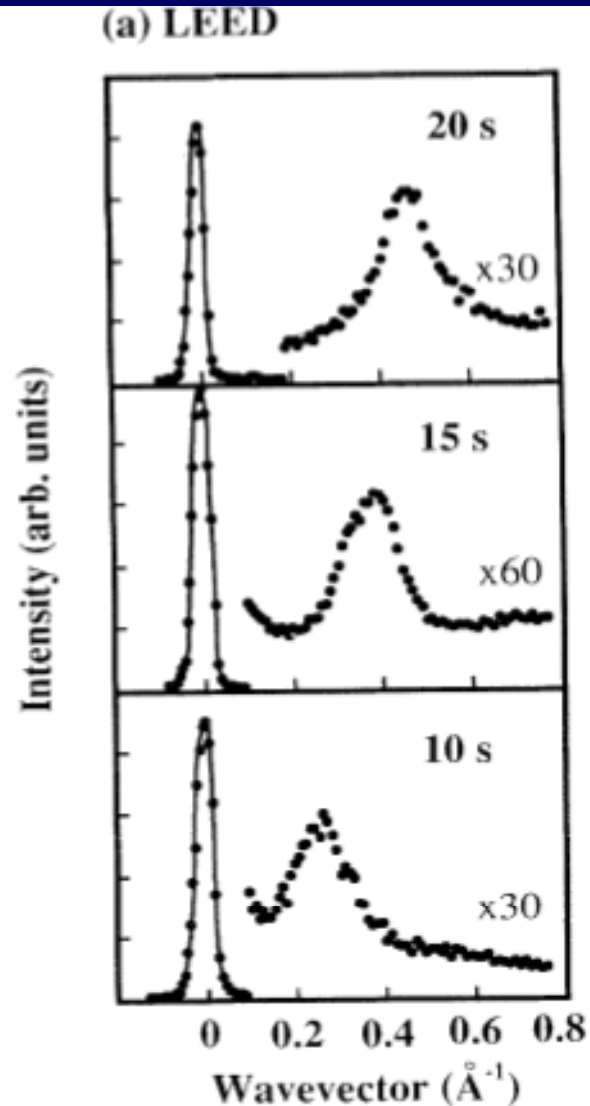
K on Graphite

Correlations in K on graphite:

- “dilute” phase is disordered lattice or liquid
- repulsive interactions between K
- coexistence with dense 2x2 phase (C_8K) when dilute phase is more dense than $\sim 7 \times 7$



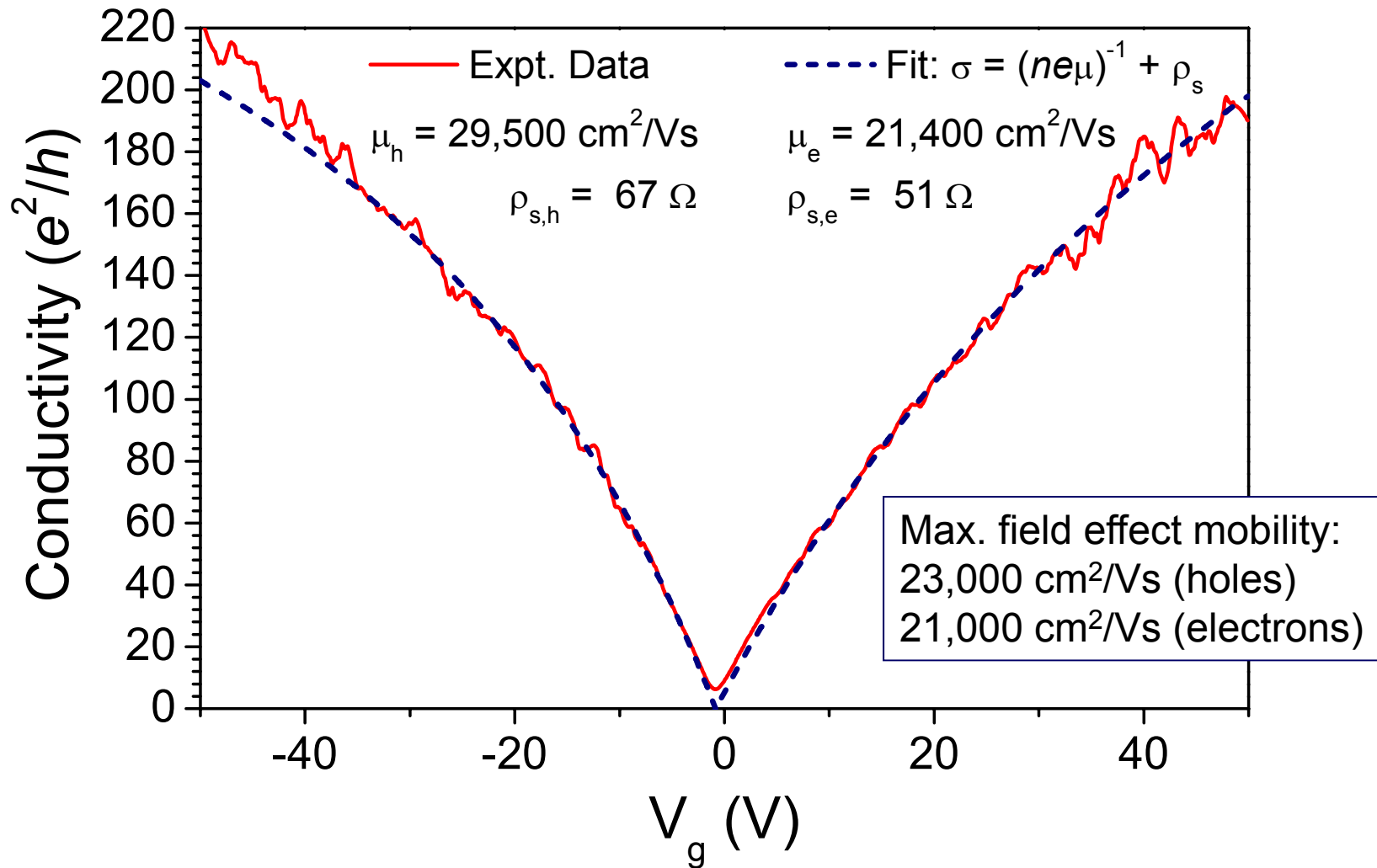
STM of K on graphite @ $T = 11$ K:
Renard et al., *PRL* **106**, 156101 (2011)



LEED of K on graphite @ $T = 90$ K
Li, Hock and Palmer, *PRL* **67**, 1562 (1991)

Pristine sample (before potassium)

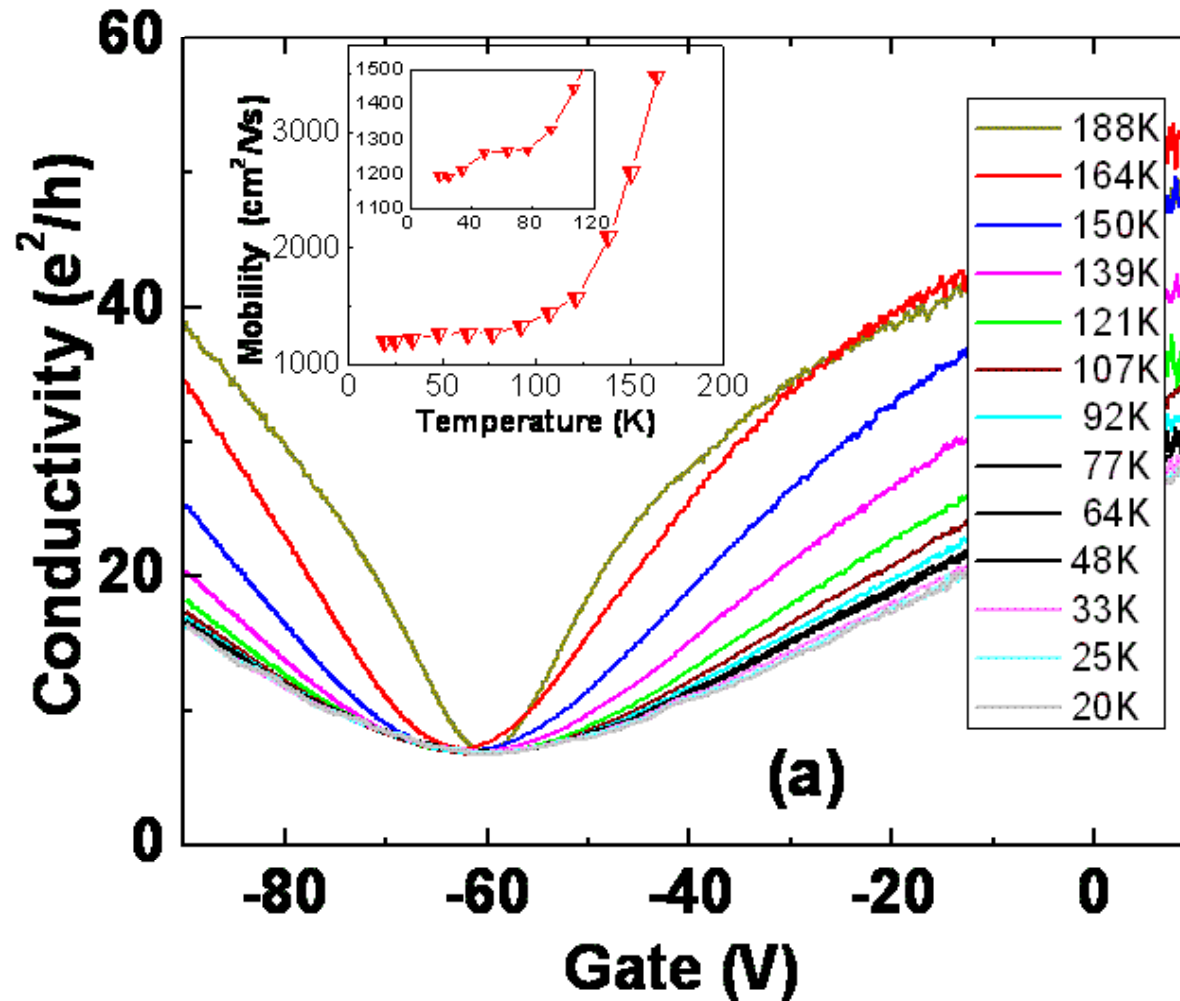
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Assume initial disorder μ_e , $\rho_{s,e}$ do not change; uncorrelated with K atoms

Annealing Potassium

J. Yan and M.S. Fuhrer, *PRL* 107, 206601 (2011)



- On heating: mobility increase $>4x$, doping persists to ~ 170 K
- Very little change in minimum conductivity

Theory of Correlated Disorder in Graphene

Li, Hwang, Das Sarma, *PRL* 107, 156601 (2011)

Assume spatial pair distribution function for impurities of form:

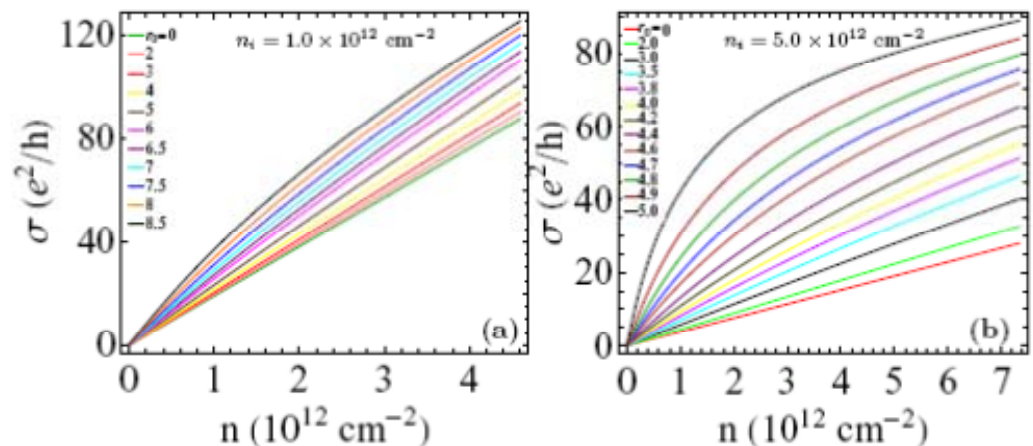
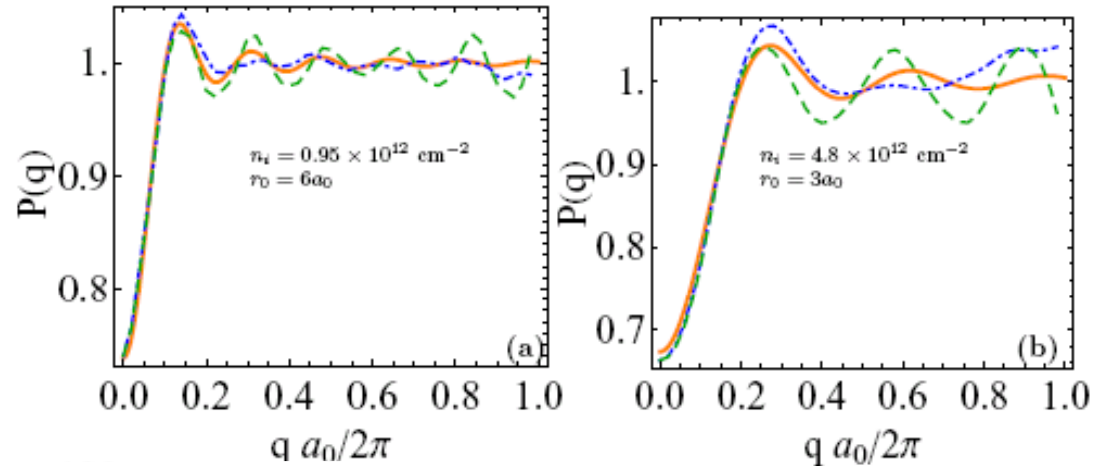
$$g(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} 0 & |\mathbf{r}| < r_0 \\ 1 & |\mathbf{r}| > r_0 \end{cases}$$

Calculate structure factor $P(\mathbf{q})$
Approximated analytically by:

$$P(q) = 1 - 2\pi n_{imp} \frac{r_0}{q} J_1(qr_0)$$

Disorder potential:

$$\left| \frac{V(q)}{\varepsilon(q)} \right|^2 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{V(q)}{\varepsilon(q)} \right|^2 P(q)$$



Fitting to Theory

Expt: *PRL* **107**, 206601 (2011)

Theory: *PRL* **107**, 156601 (2011)

Assume:

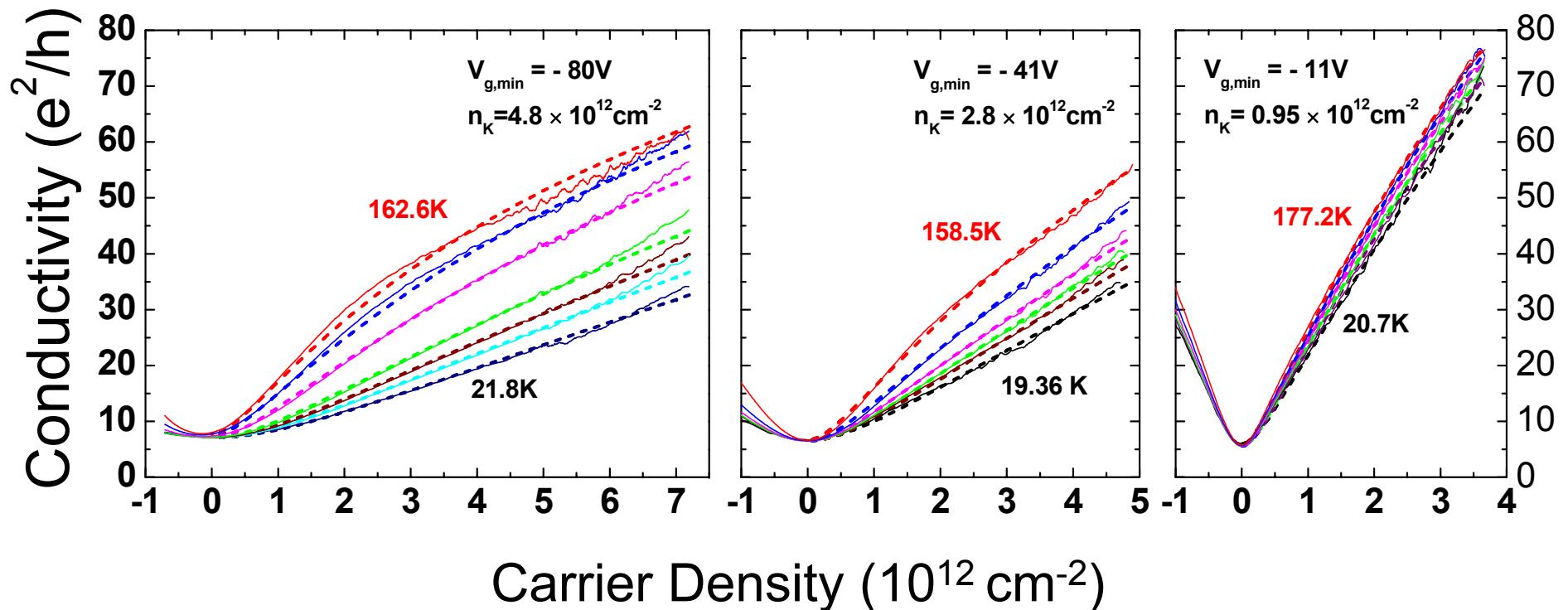
- $r_0 = 0.5$ nm at lowest T (K can be no denser than C_8K phase)
- Assume initial disorder before adding K is fixed
- Small acoustic phonon contribution of $0.1 \Omega/K$

Minimum conductivity treated by: $\sigma_{tot}(n) = \left(\sigma(n)^2 + \sigma_{min}^2 \right)^{1/2}$

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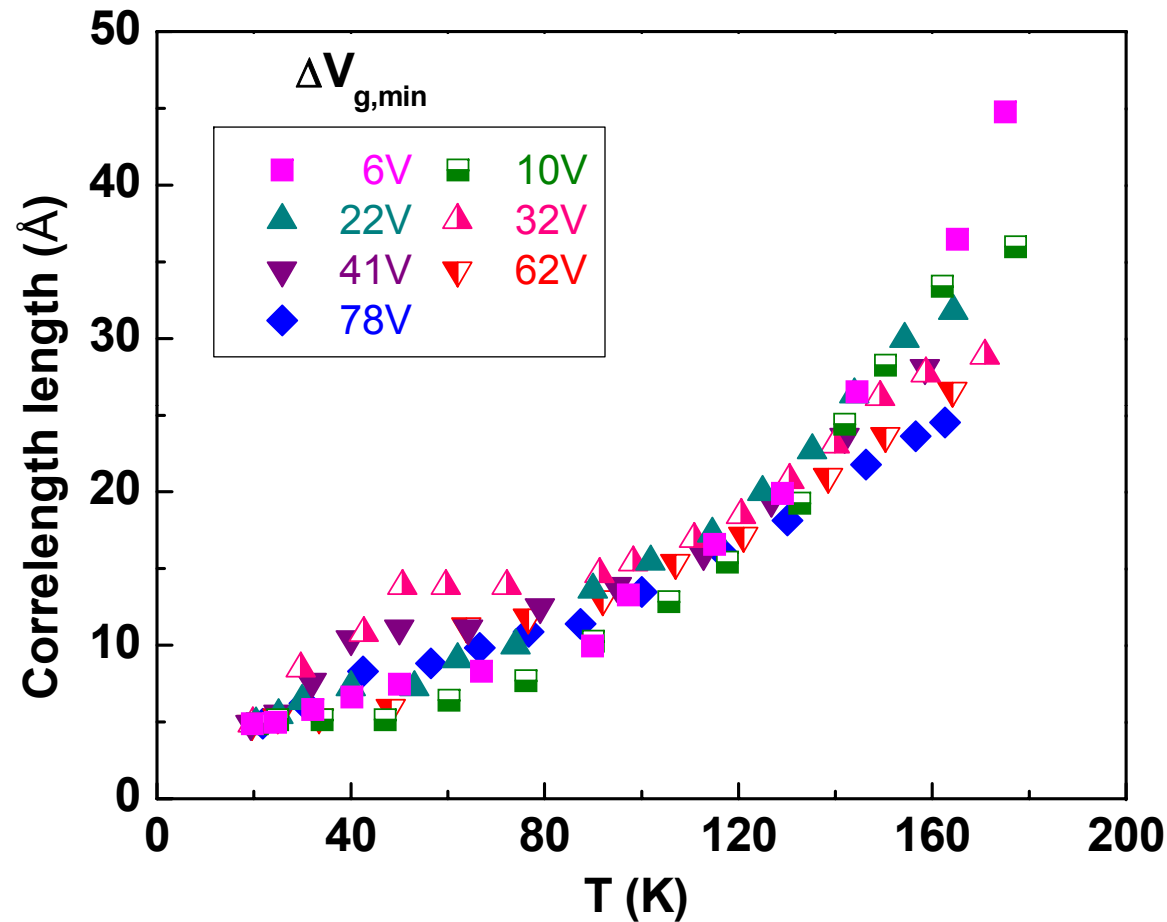
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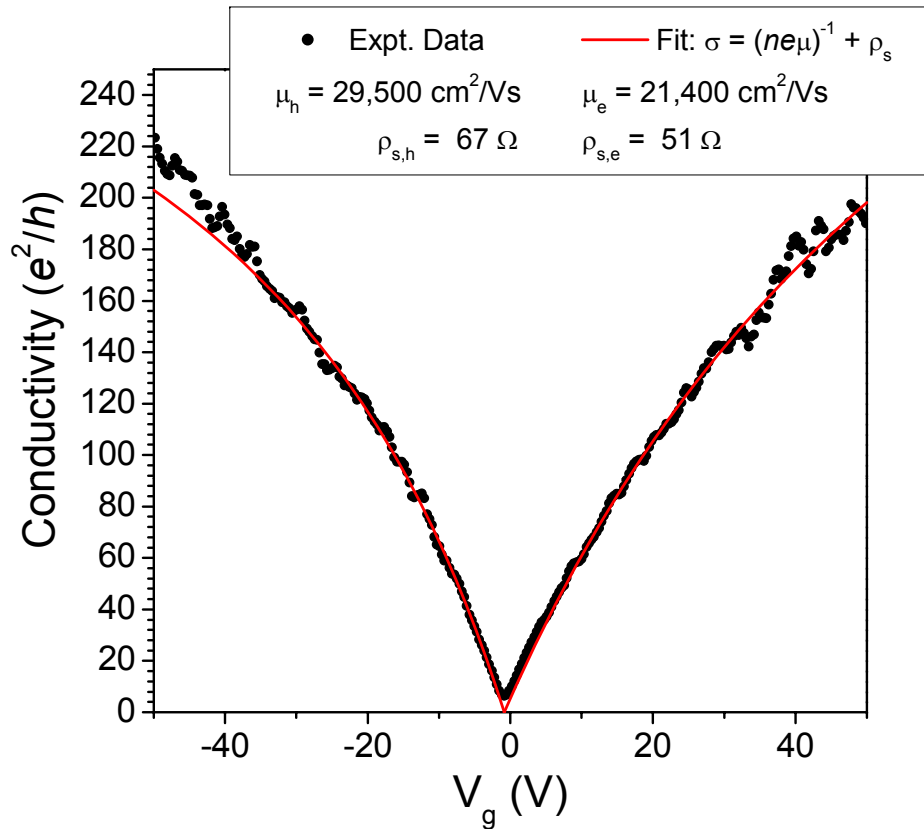
Correlation Length

J. Yan and M.S. Fuhrer, *PRL* **107**, 206601 (2011)



- Single add'l fit parameter: correlation length $r_0(T)$
- Potassium remains highly disordered; $r_0 < r_{imp}$.

Pristine sample revisited



Fit to:
$$\sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{ne\mu_L} + \rho_s$$

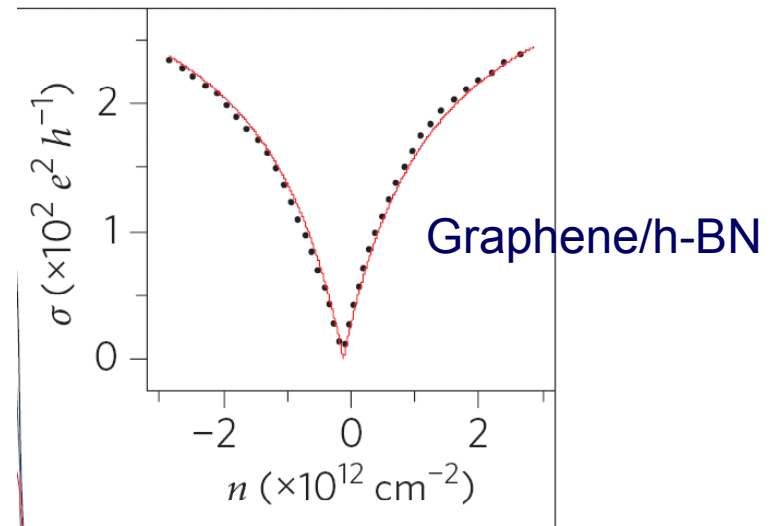
Assumptions: μ_L corresponds to long-range (charged impurity) disorder, ρ_s is short-ranged disorder (point defects).

Problem: source of ρ_s is a mystery!

See also Geim group (graphene/SiO₂):
PRL **100**, 016602 (2008)

Kim group (graphene/SiO₂):
PRL **99**, 246803 (2007)

Kim group (graphene/h-BN):
Nature Nano. **5**, 722 (2010)



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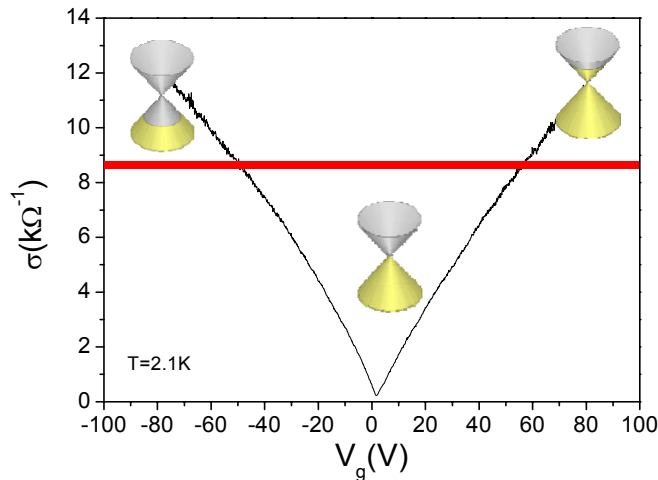
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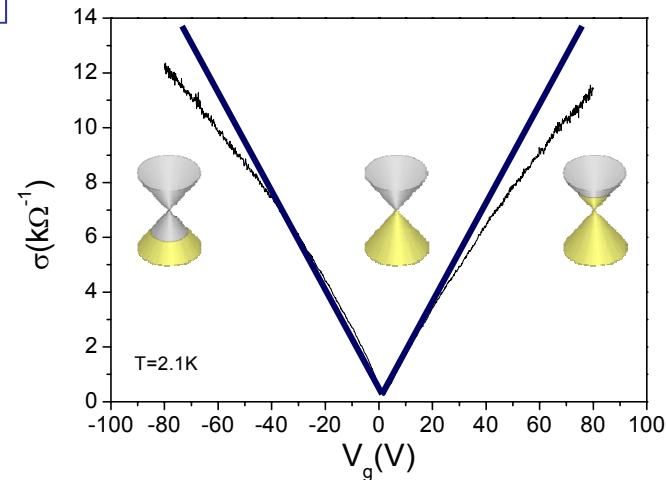


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Correlated Disorder

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Modify scattering potential with structure factor:

Fermi's Golden Rule:

$$|\tilde{V}(q)|^2 \Rightarrow |\tilde{V}(q)|^2 S(q)$$

$$\frac{\hbar}{\tau} = \left(\frac{n_K}{4\pi} \right) \int dq [\tilde{V}(q)]^2 S(q) [1 - \cos^2 \theta]$$

$$S(q) = 1 - 2\pi n_K \frac{r_c}{q} J_1(qr_c)$$

Expand for $k_F r_c \leq 1$:
$$S(q) = 1 - \pi n_K r_c^2 \left(1 - \frac{q^2 r_c^2}{8} \right)$$

Then:

$$\sigma(n) = \left(\frac{1}{ne\mu_L} + \rho_s \right)^{-1}$$

$$\mu_L = \frac{\mu_{L,0}}{1 - \beta}$$

$$\rho_s = \left(\frac{h}{e^2} \right) \left[r_s^2 G_2(r_s) \beta^2 \right] = 290 \Omega \times \beta^2$$

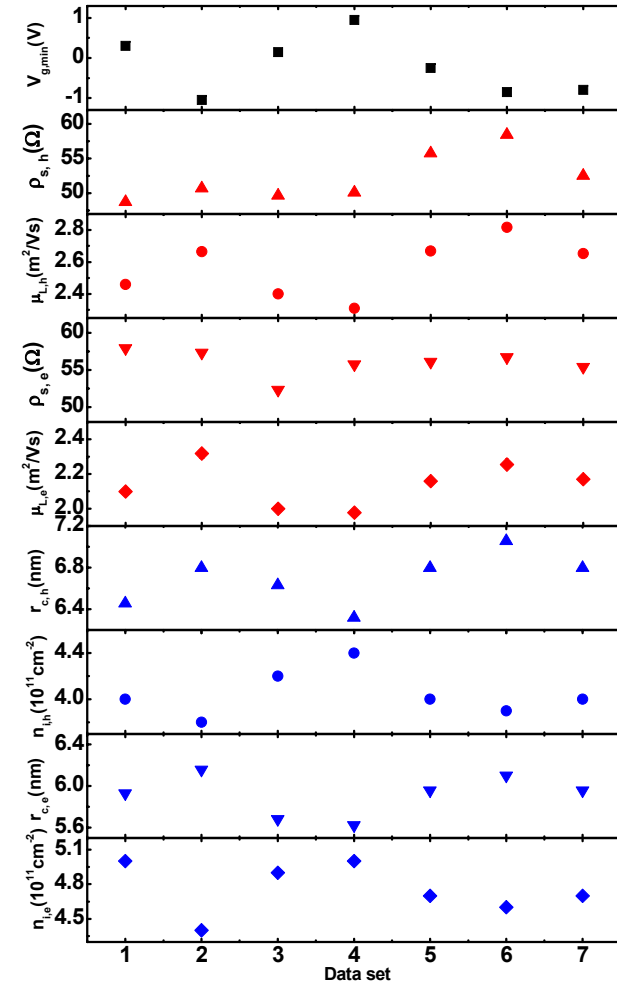
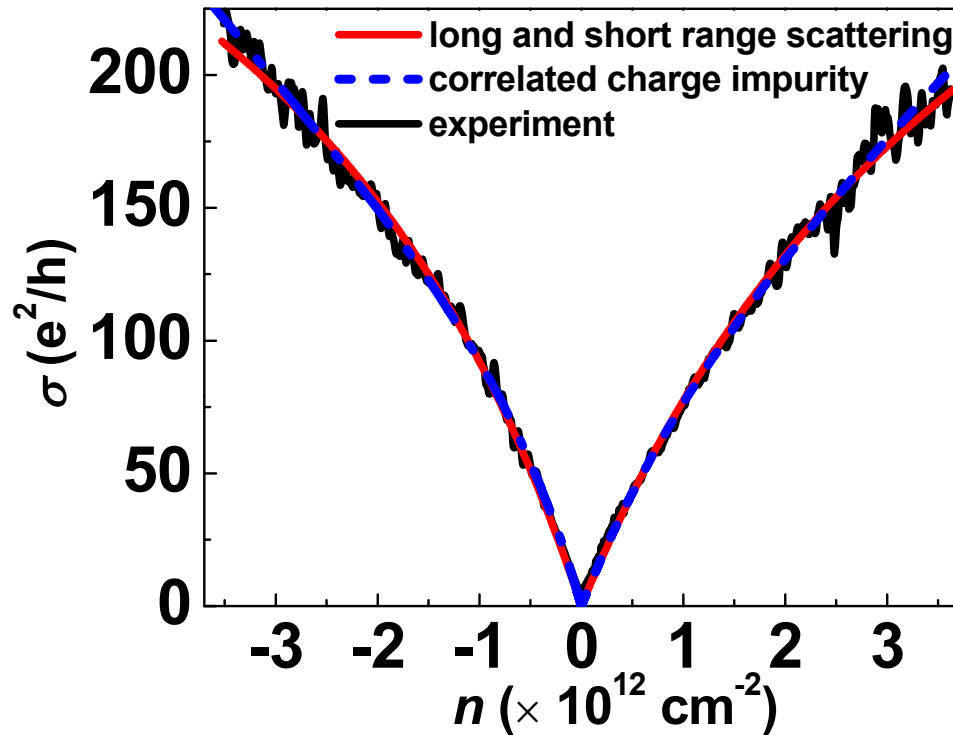
$$\beta = \pi n_{imp} r_c^2 < 1$$

$\beta < 1$ expresses degree of correlations

“ ρ_s ” term may be due to correlations in charged impurities; no need to invoke another disorder type!

Pristine sample revisited

J. Yan and M.S. Fuhrer, *PRL* 107, 206601 (2011)



$n_{imp} = 4.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $r_c = 6.1 \text{ nm}$ for electrons

$n_{imp} = 3.9 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $r_c = 7.0 \text{ nm}$ for holes

Note: $\beta \sim 1/6$

Assuming that the SiO_2 mobile surface charges correspond to a nondegenerate plasma frozen at a temperature T_0 , the correlation length $r_c = \kappa k_B T_0 / n_{imp} e^2 \sim 6 \text{ nm}$ predicts $T_0 \sim 170 \text{ K}$

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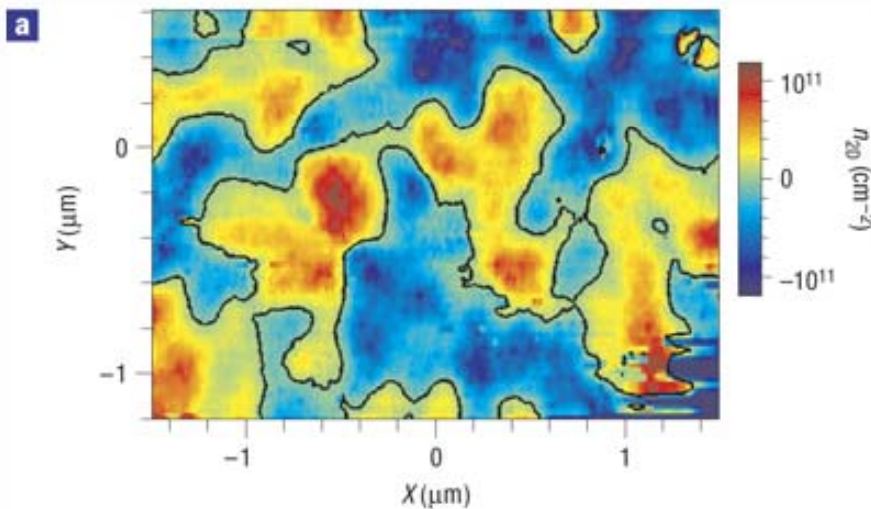
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First attempt to measure charge disorder on SiO₂: scanning SET

Martin *et al.* *Nature Physics* **4**, 144 (2008) (Yacoby group, Harvard)

- Potential mapping of graphene and SiO₂ using a single electron transistor (SET)
- High charge sensitivity: fraction of an electron
- Limited spatial resolution ~150nm

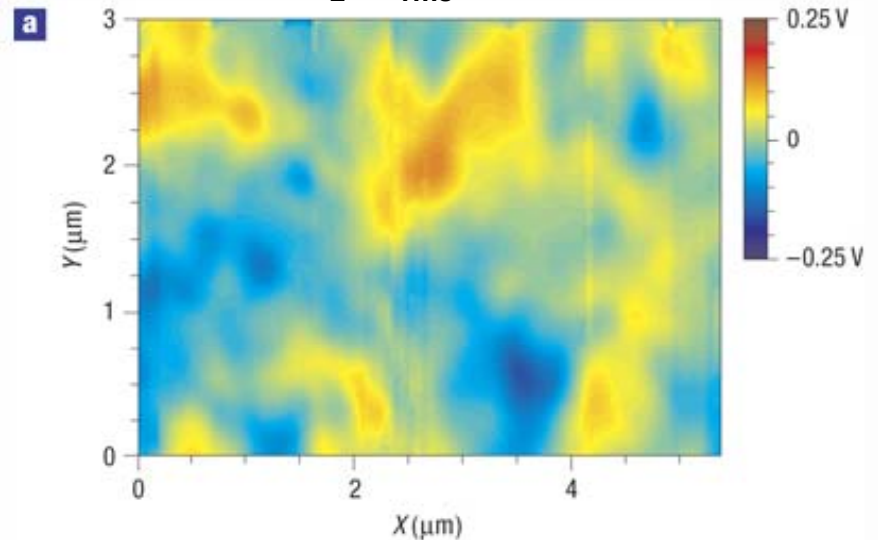


Graphene

$$\Delta n = \pm 3.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\text{Intrinsic: } \Delta n = 2.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

For SiO₂: $\sigma_{\text{rms}} \sim 50 \text{ mV}$



SiO₂ fluctuations:

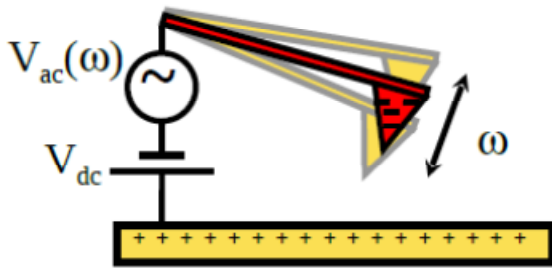
$$\Delta n = \pm 2 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$d = 150 \text{ nm from SiO}_2$$

- Concluded that fluctuations over SiO₂ could not cause observed fluctuations in graphene

Kelvin Probe Microscopy

- Topography and surface potential data are collected simultaneously
- V_{dc} nullifies the contact potential difference (CPD) between tip and sample
- Then $(V_{dc} + \Delta\phi) = 0$; $V_{dc} = -\Delta\phi$

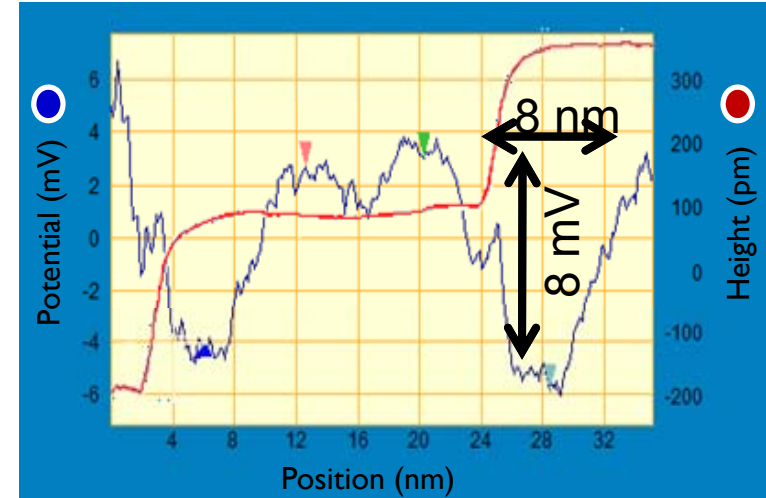


$$A \sim F_z(\omega) \sim \underline{(V_{dc} + \Delta\Phi)V_{ac}(\omega)}$$

Advantages:

- Spatial resolution ~tip size (~ 20 nm)
- ~ mV surface potential resolution

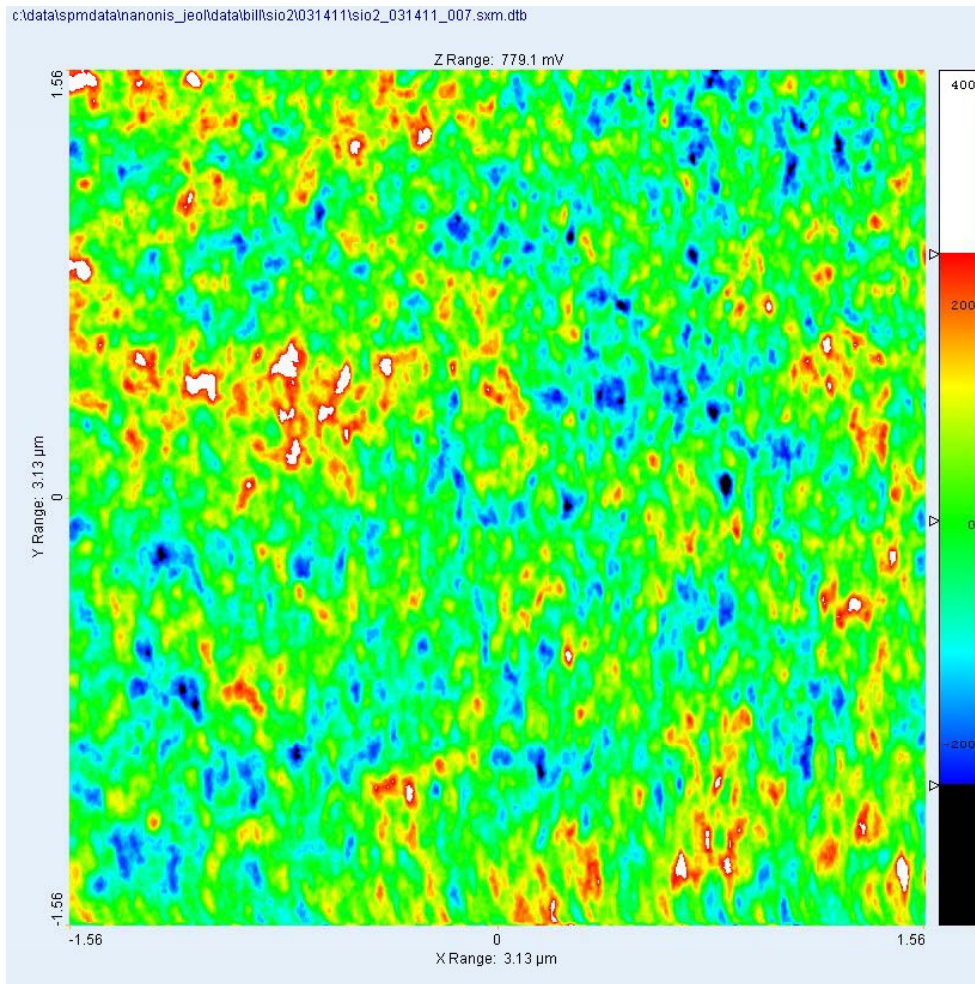
- Experiment conducted in UHV
- Tip is driven at V_{ac} applied at 450 Hz
- Topographical data is collected at resonance, ~300 kHz



Example: Smoluchowski smoothing at Ag(111) step (step dipole) – K. Burson, W.G. Cullen

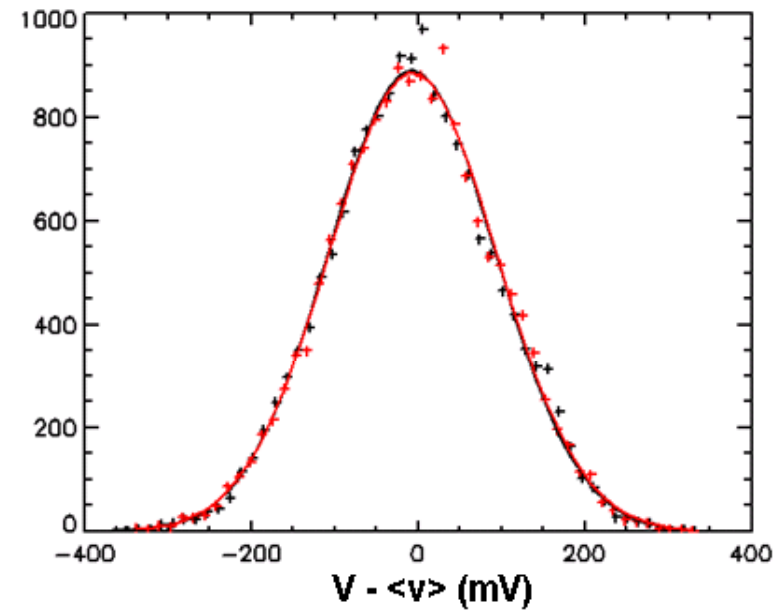
SiO₂ surface potential

Potential map – image size 3.128 μm x 3.128 μm



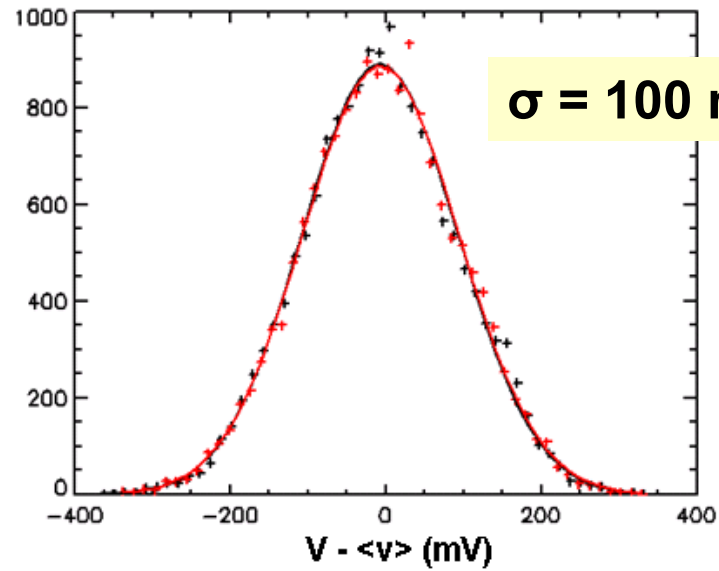
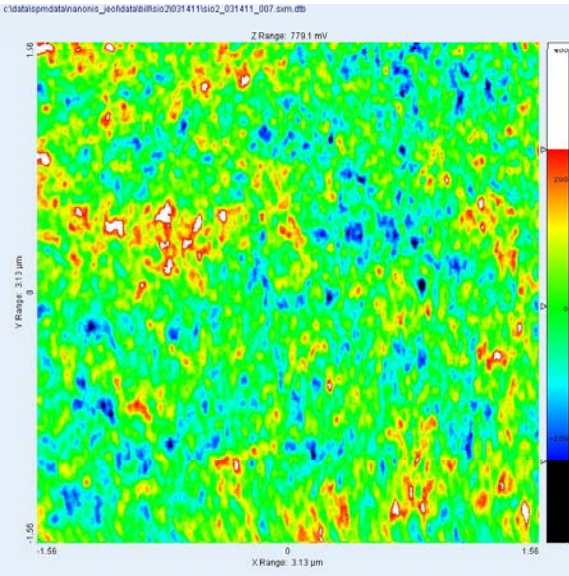
Fit Gaussian to histogram:

$$\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 100.3 \text{ mV}$$

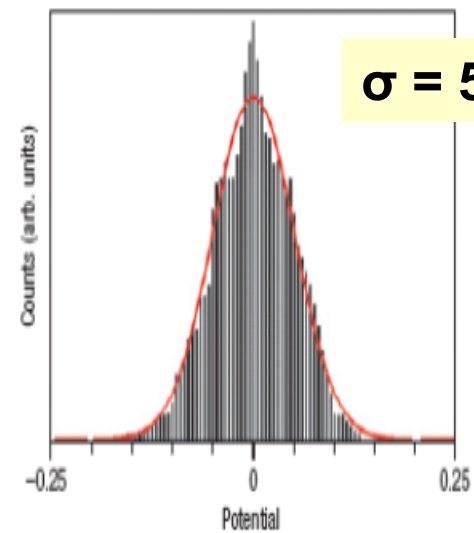
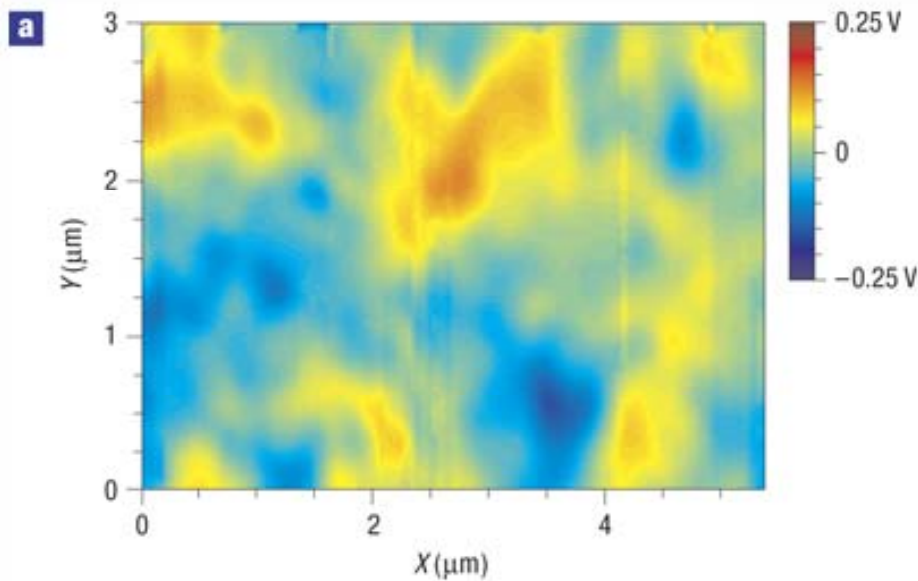


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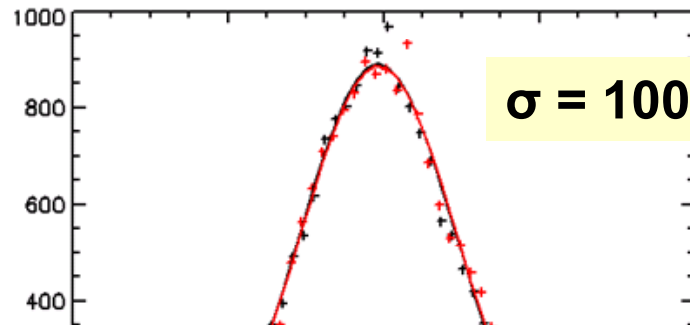
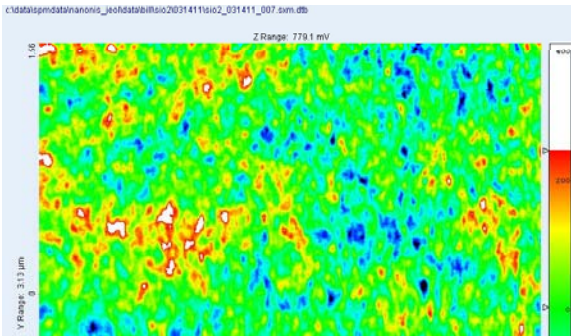


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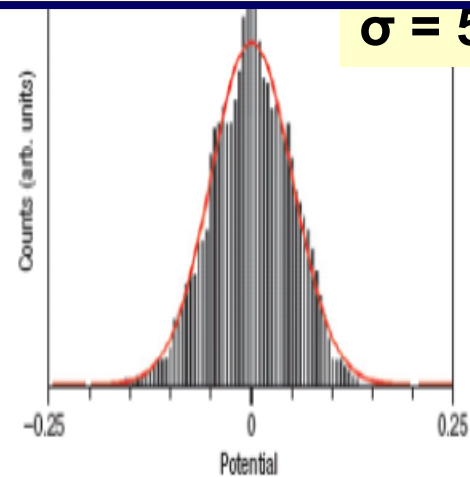
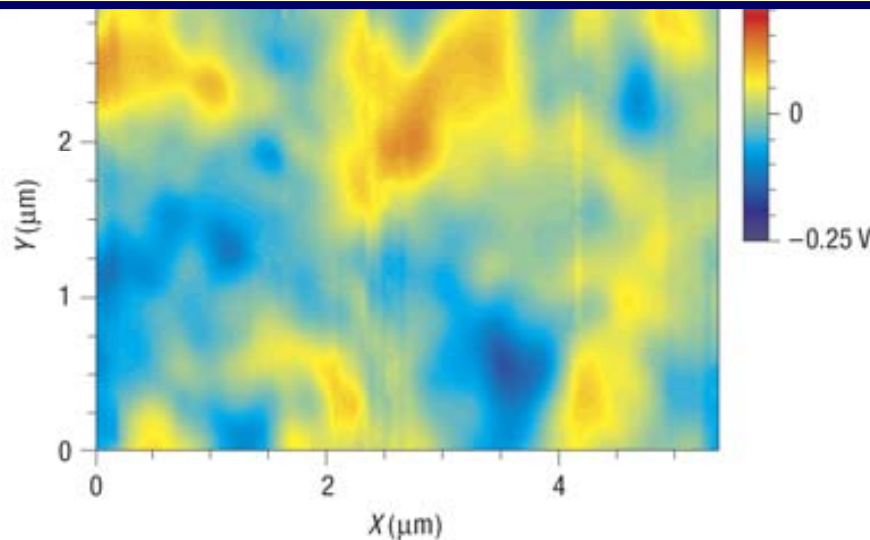
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But: variance of random $1/r$ potential diverges!

(experimentally: depends on details of spatial resolution, distance of impurities)

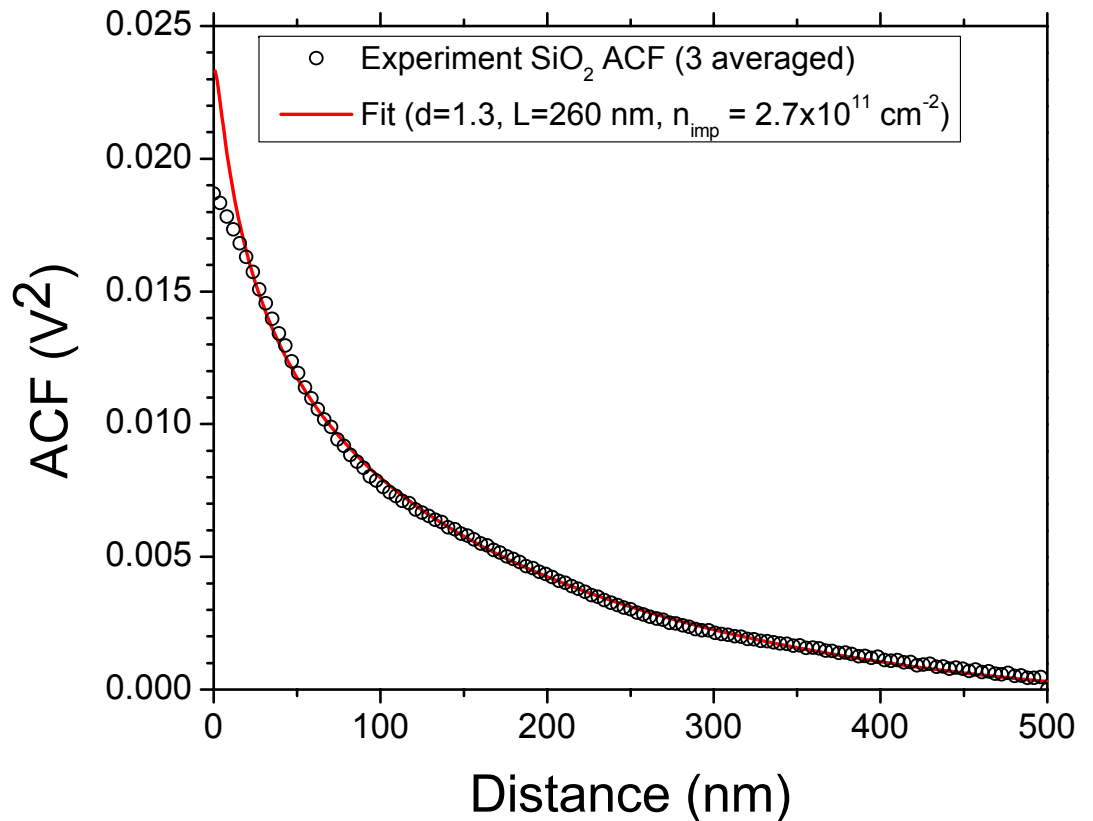


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Autocorrelation function of $V(r)$:

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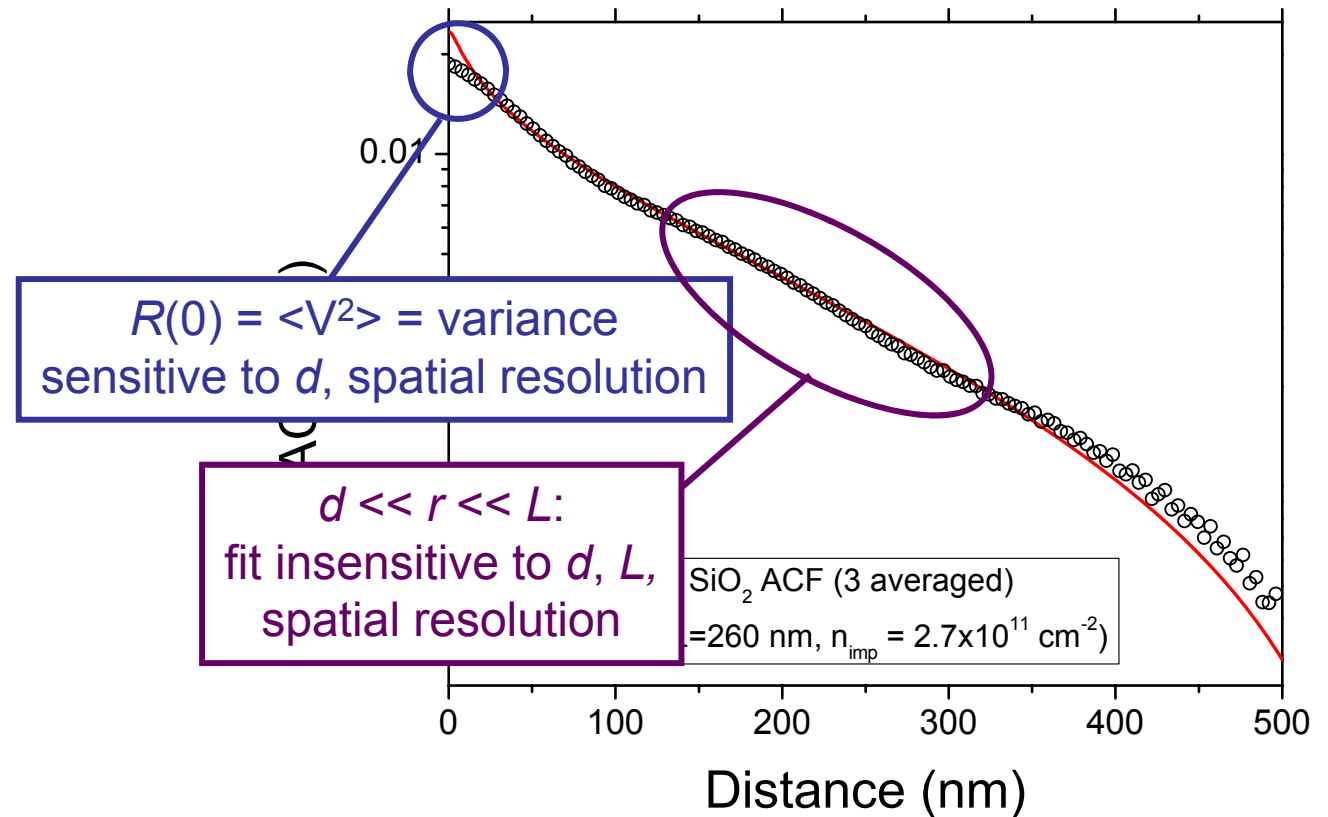


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Fit parameters:

$$d = 1.3 \text{ nm}$$

$$L = 260 \text{ nm } (\sim \text{SiO}_2 \text{ thickness})$$

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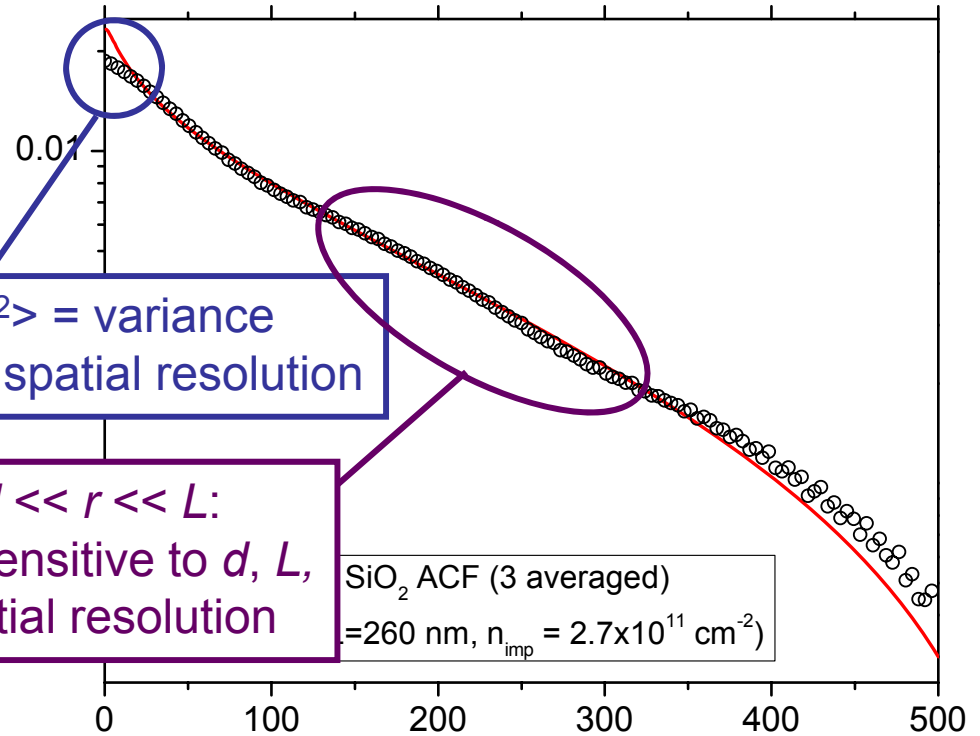
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$$n_{\text{imp}} = 2.7 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \rightarrow \mu = 18,500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$$

$R(0) = \langle V^2 \rangle = \text{variance}$
sensitive to d , spatial resolution

$d \ll r \ll L$:
fit insensitive to d , L ,
spatial resolution

SiO₂ ACF (3 averaged)
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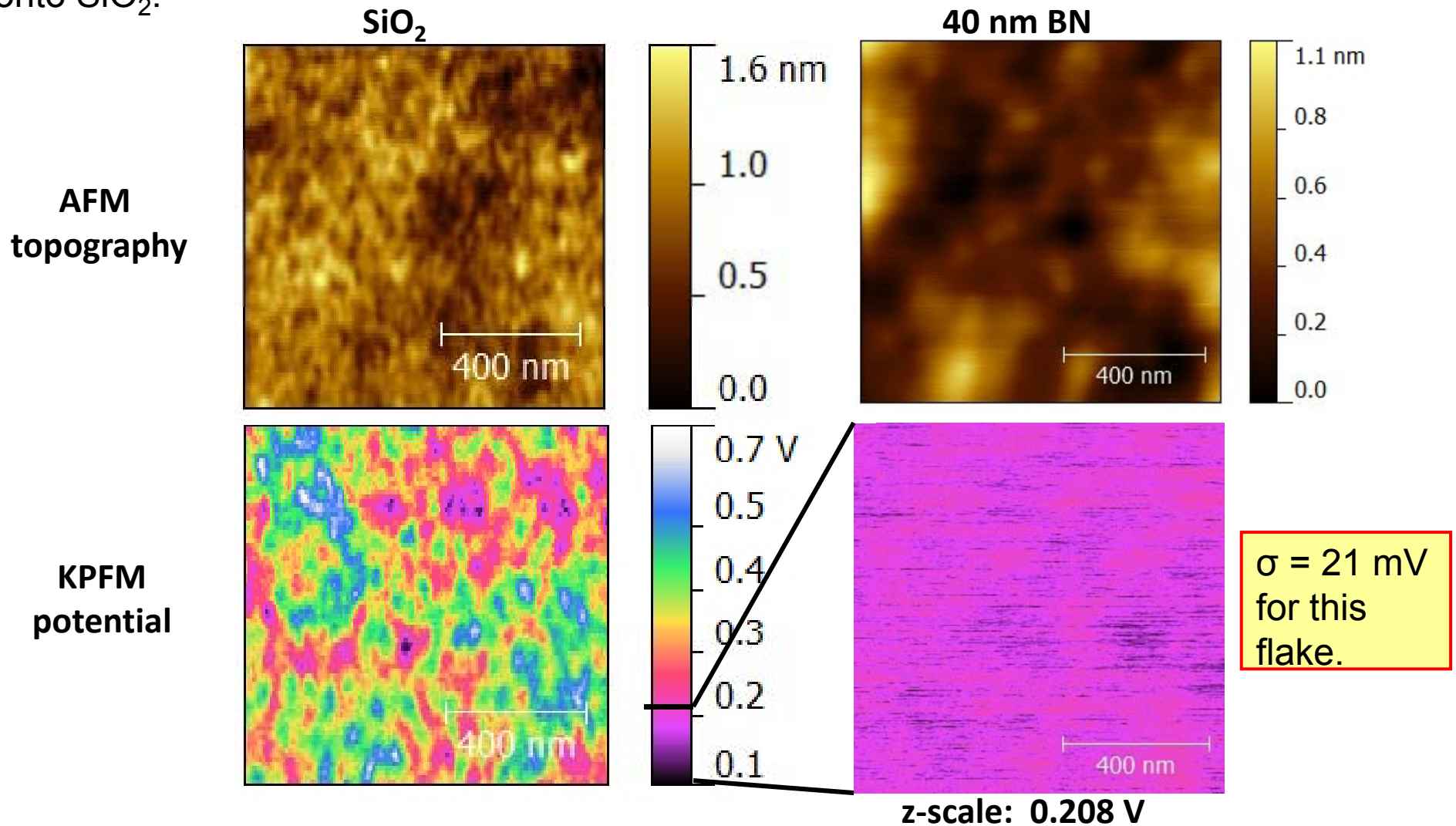


Distance (nm)

Random unit charges at surface of SiO₂ can explain observed mobility in graphene

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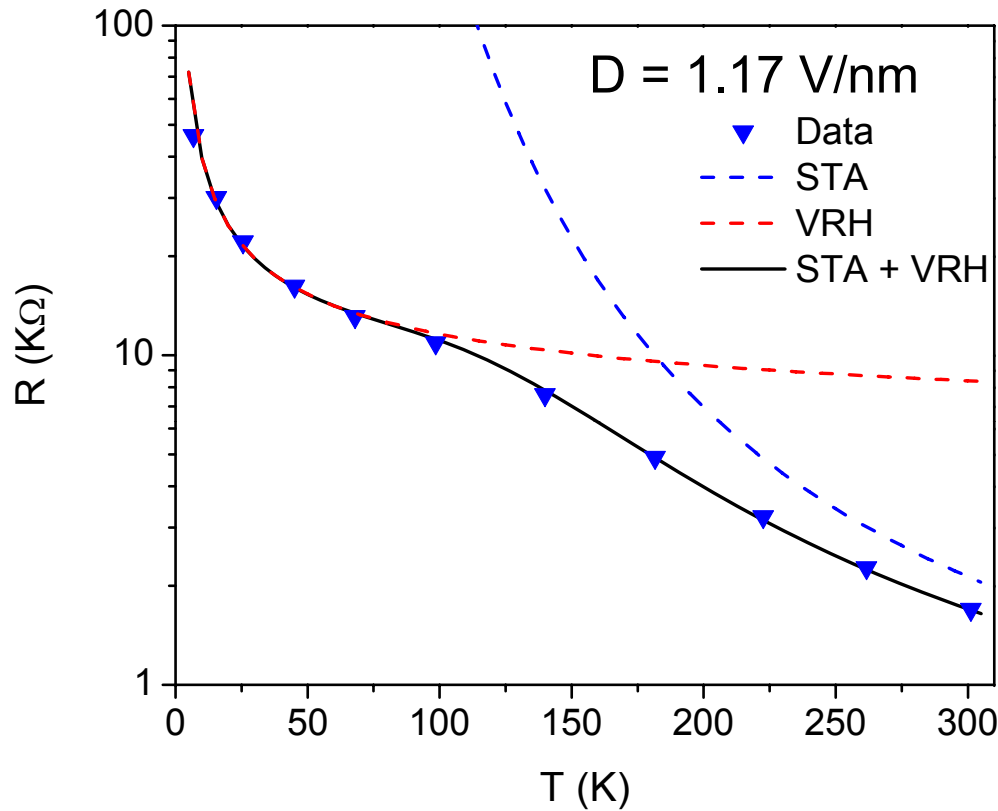
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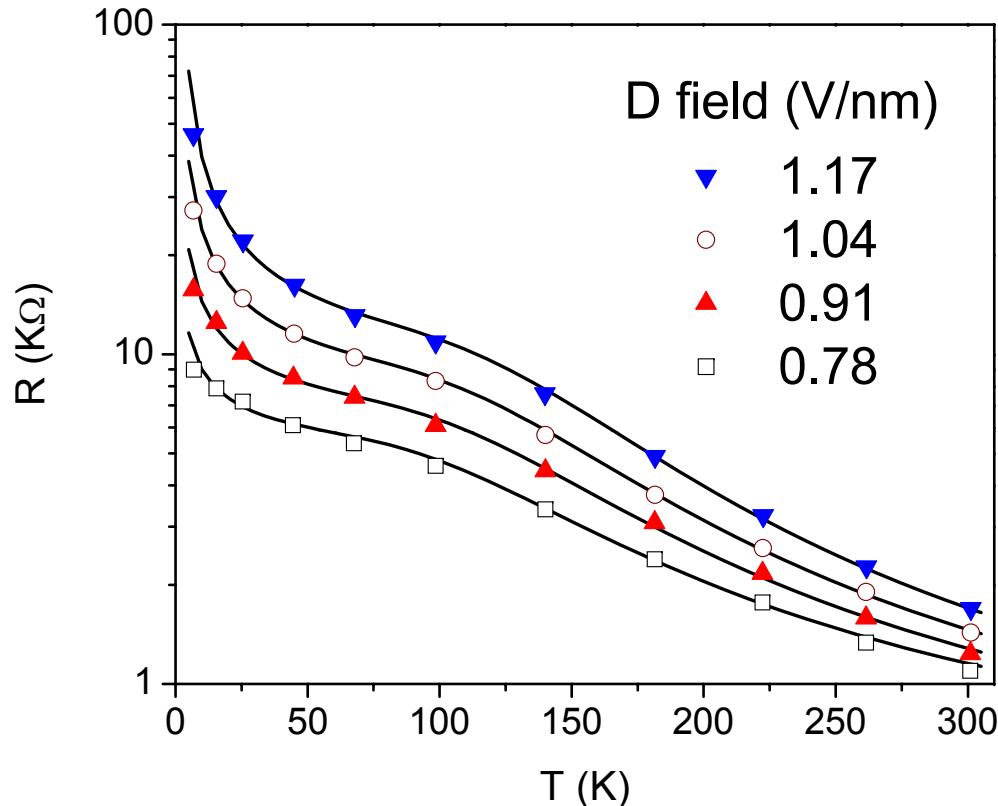
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see also: Jun Zhu group, Jarillo-Herrero group

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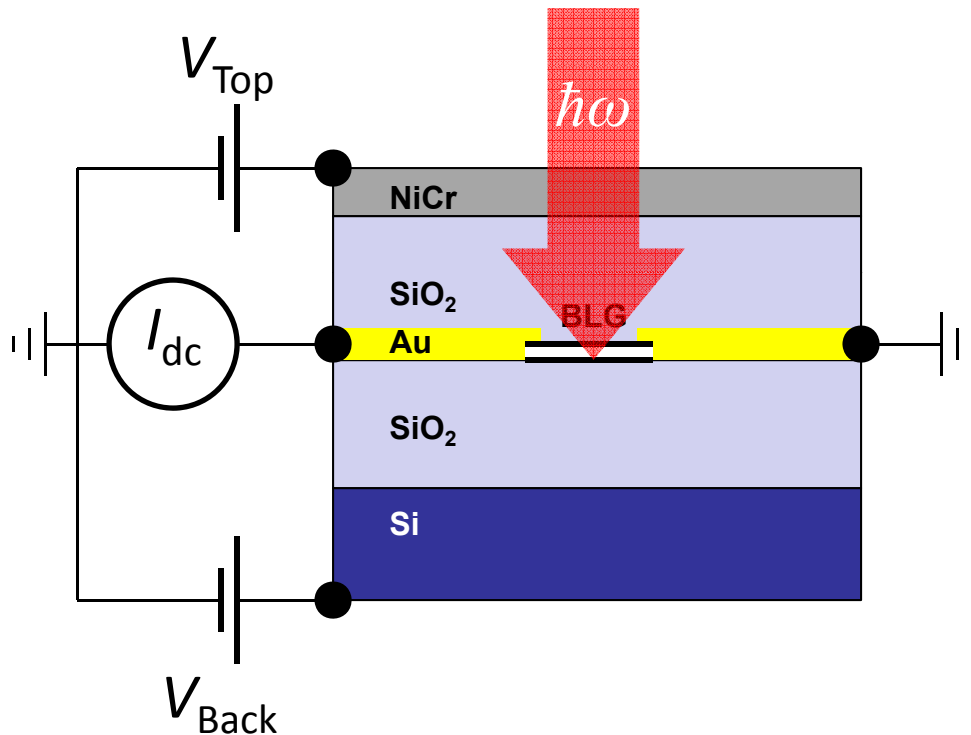
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D (V/nm)	Gap (meV)	T ₀ (K)	R _{S0} (Kohm)	R _{V0} (Kohm)
1.17	116±6	102±19	0.23±0.02	4.3±0.5
1.04	109±6	55±9	0.22±0.02	3.9±0.3
0.91	102±6	26±8	0.22±0.02	4.0±0.7
0.78	89±8	8±3	0.27±0.03	3.7±0.6

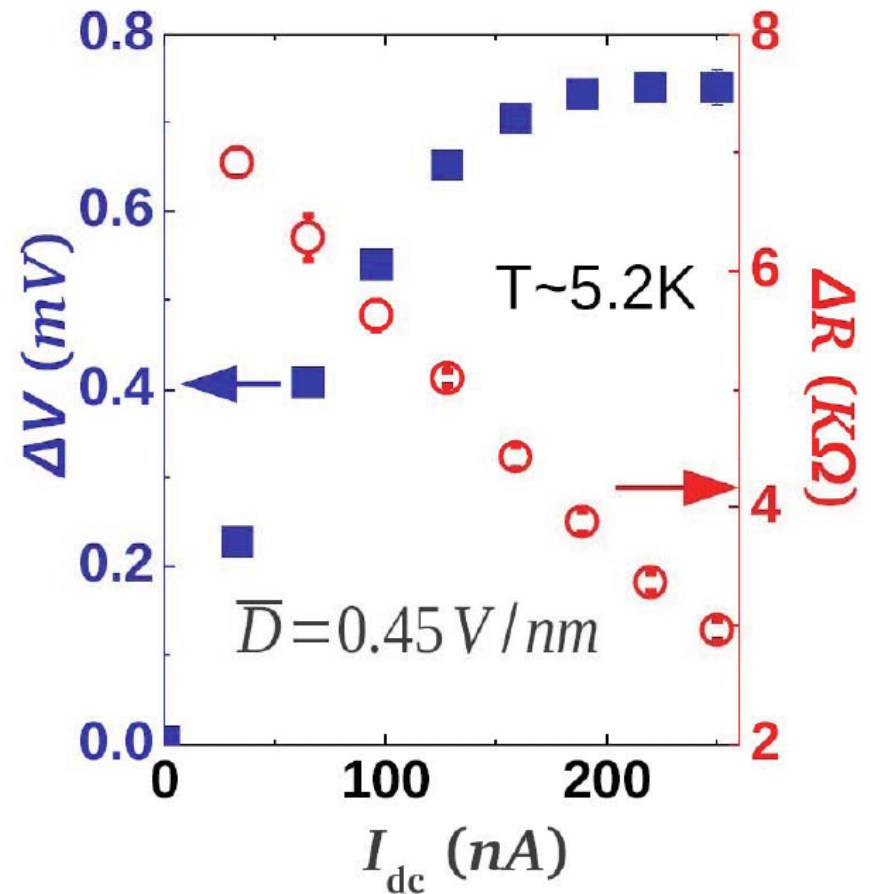
Bandgapped Bilayer Graphene as Photodetector

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CO₂ laser, photon energy 117meV



Source dc current I_{dc} , measure
 $\Delta V = I_{dc} \Delta R$
 $V_{sd}(\text{light off}) - V_{sd}(\text{light on})$



Absorbed light energy: 3.7nW
 Sensor responsivity: 2×10^5 V/W
Comparable to commercial silicon bolometers!

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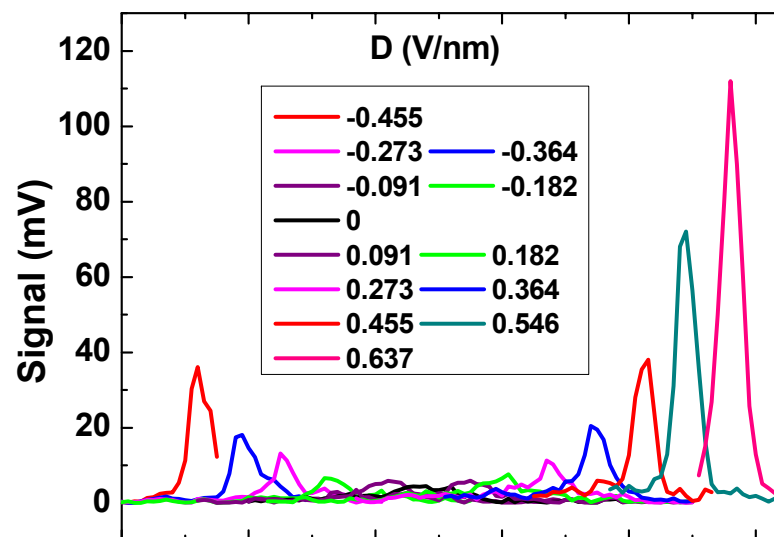
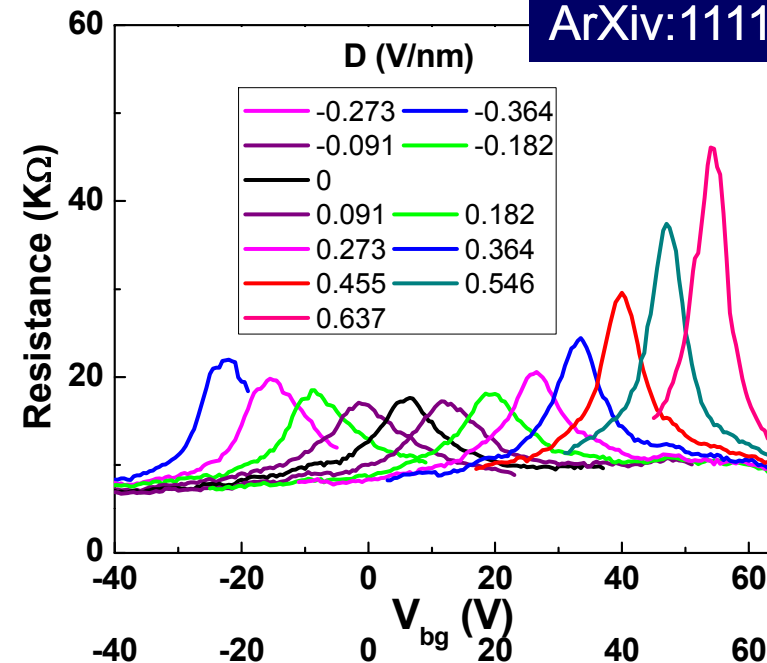
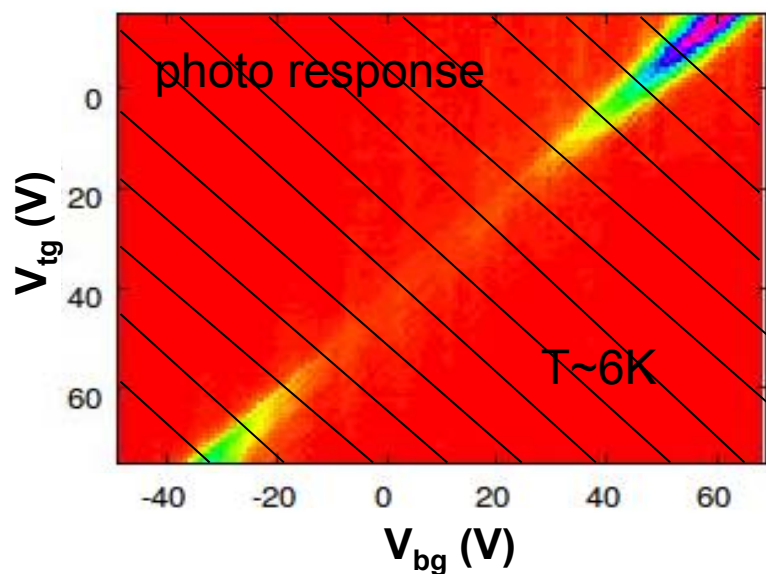
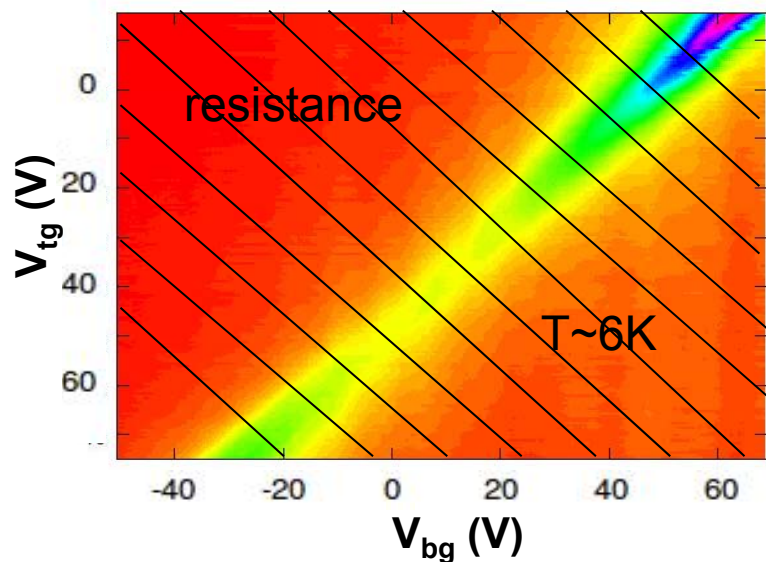
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- **Bolometric: Absorbed radiation heats device; temperature-dependent resistance leads to a response:**

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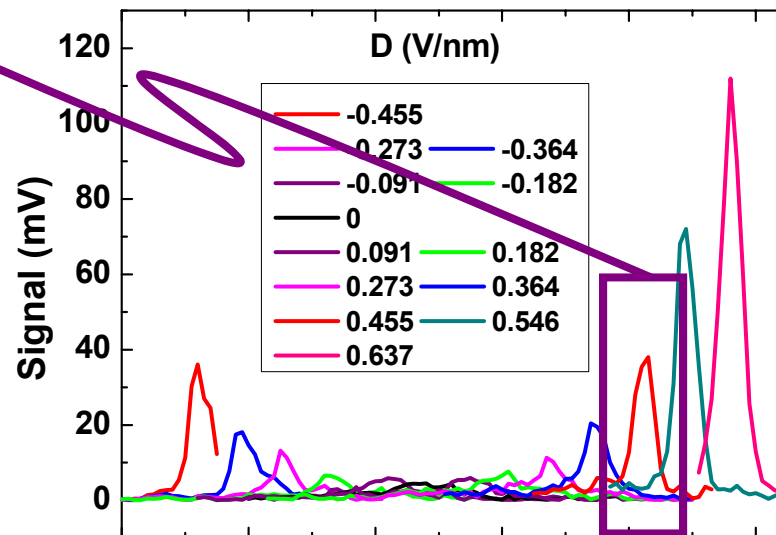
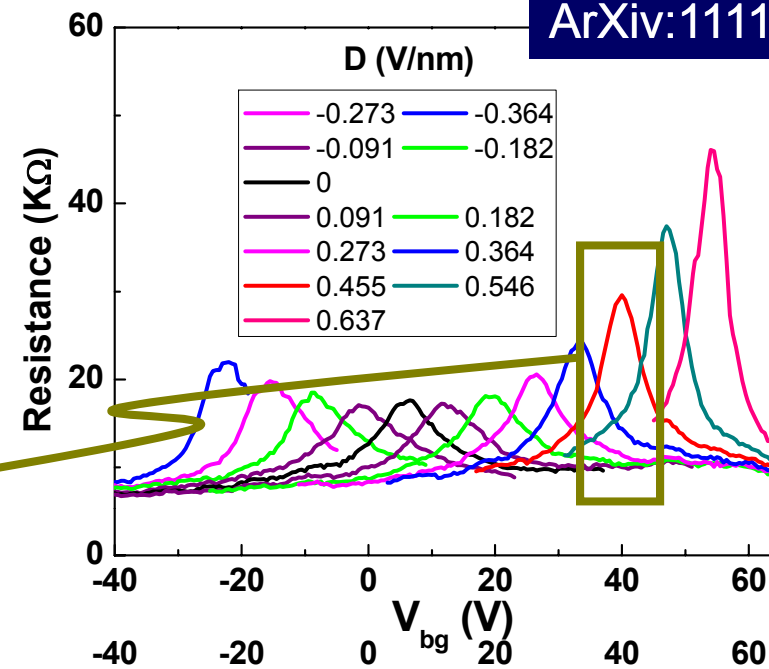
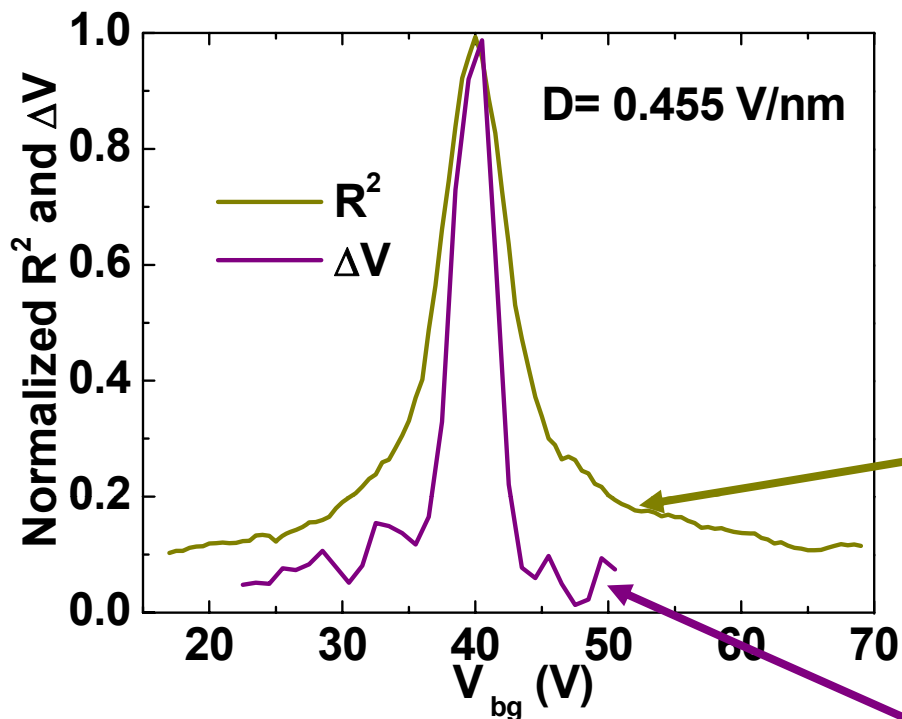
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$$\Delta V = IR^2 \Delta \sigma$$

$$\Delta V \propto R^2$$

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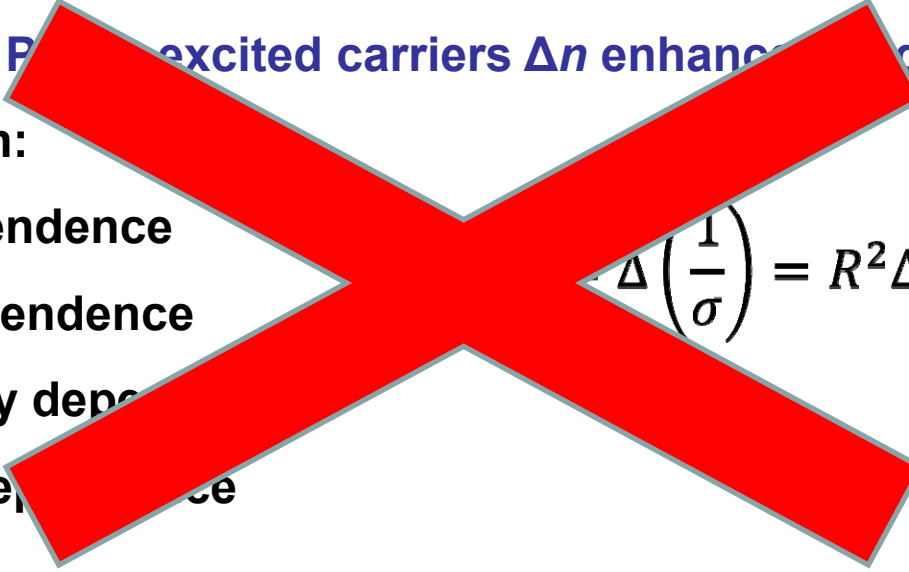
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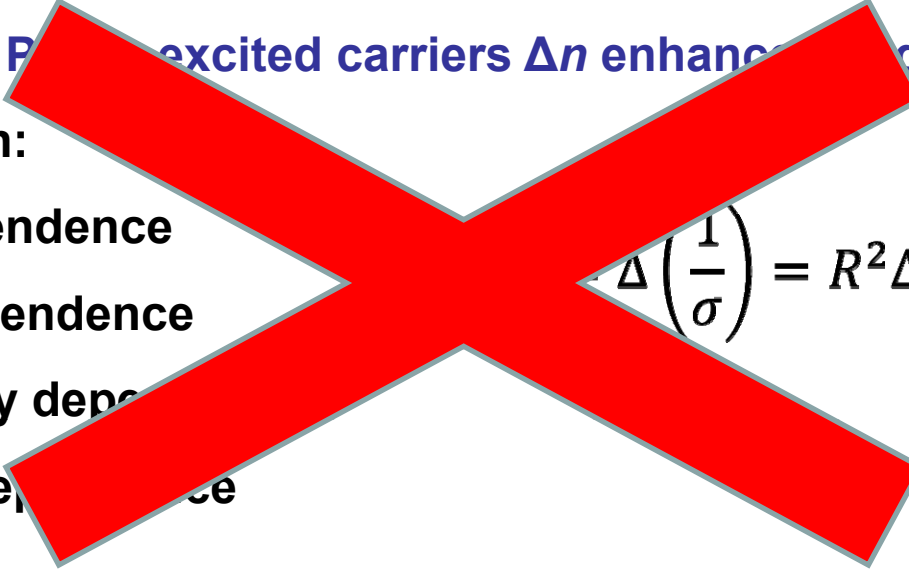
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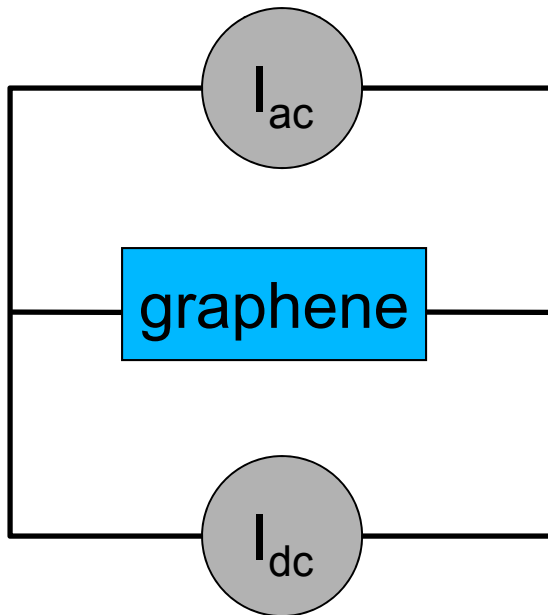
$$\frac{dR}{dP} = \frac{dR}{dT} \frac{dT}{dP} \quad \frac{dT}{dP} \equiv R_h \quad \text{Heat resistance}$$

Can we measure $R_h = dT/dP$ directly?

Electrical heating of graphene

$$I = I_{dc} + I_{ac} \cos(\omega t)$$

$$R = R_0 + \frac{dR}{dP} I^2 R_0 = R_0 + \frac{dR}{dP} \left(I_{dc}^2 + \frac{I_{ac}^2}{2} + 2I_{dc}I_{ac} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{I_{ac}^2}{2} \cos(2\omega t) \right) R_0$$



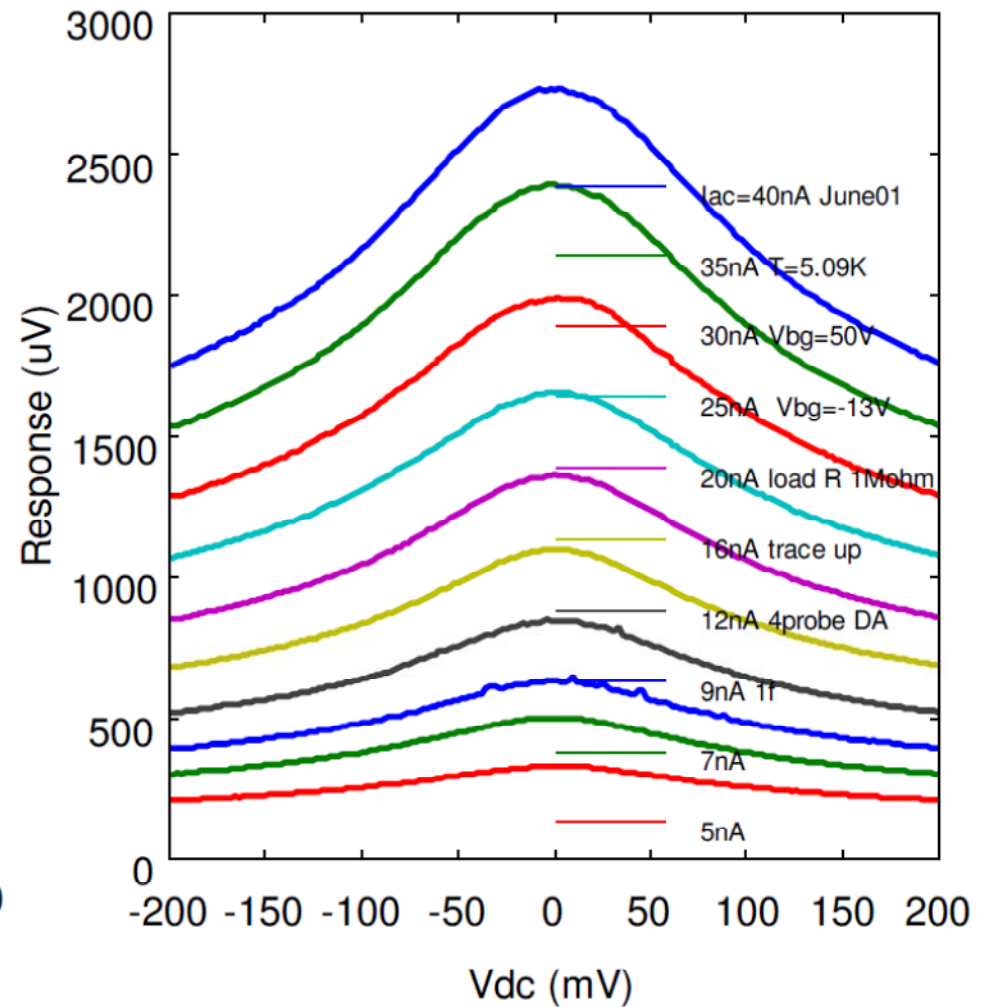
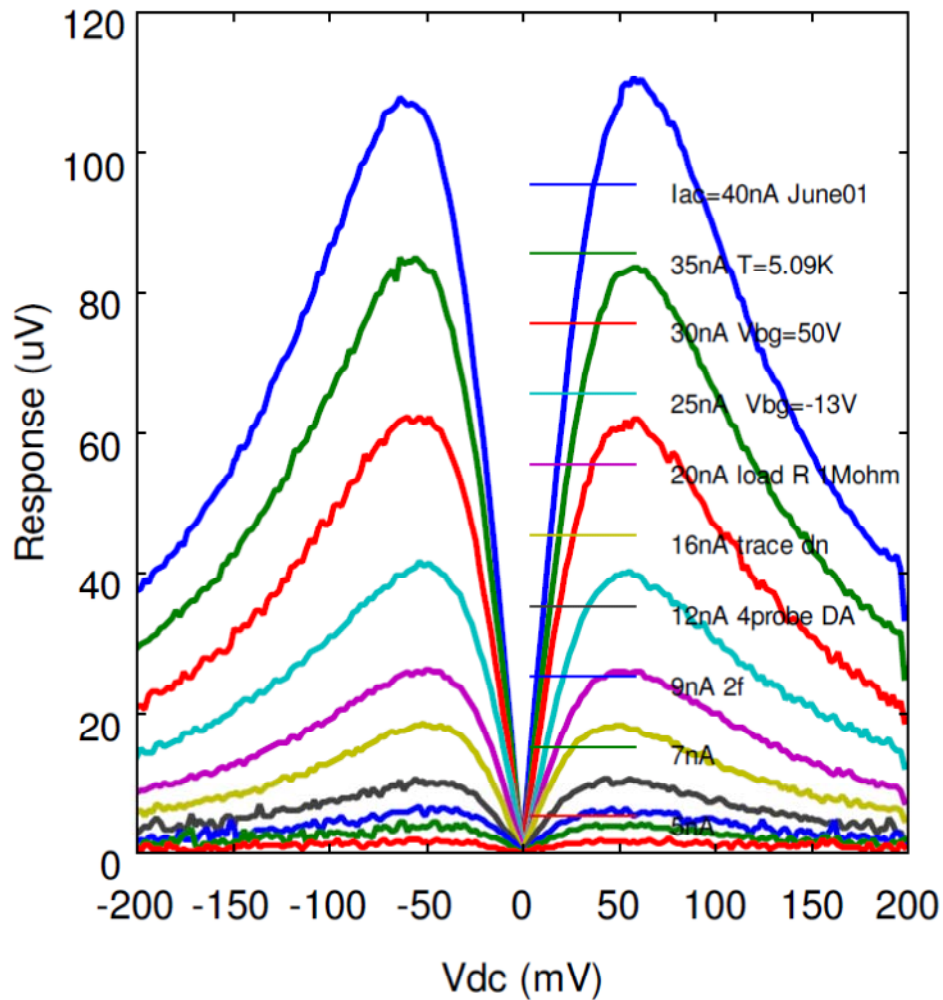
2ω signal given by:

$$V(2\omega) = I_{dc} \frac{dR}{dP} \left(\frac{3}{2} I_{ac}^2 R_0 \right) \cos 2\omega t$$

2nd harmonic signals of graphene: I_{ac} and I_{dc} dependence

$$V(2\omega) \Rightarrow \frac{dR}{dP}$$

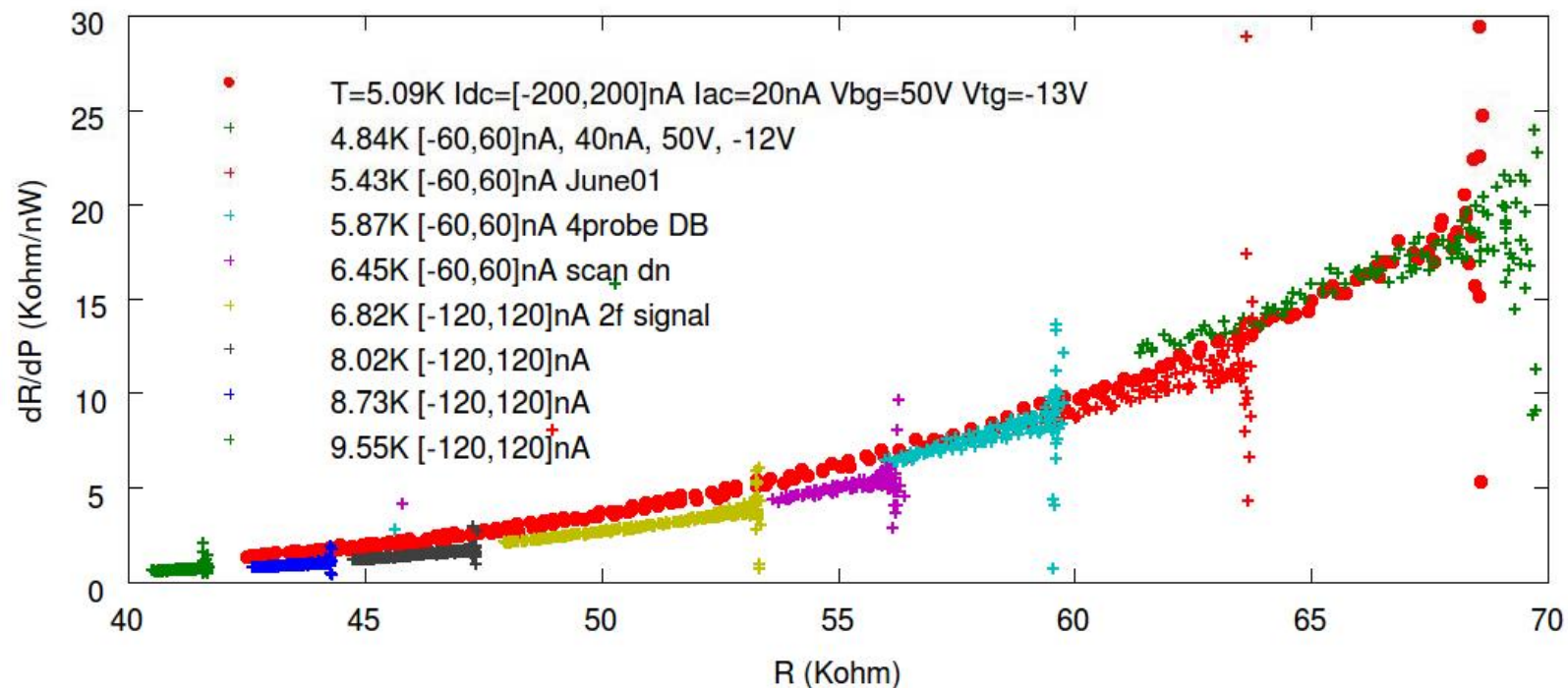
$$V(1\omega) \Rightarrow R$$



Temperature and I_{dc} dependence of 2f signal

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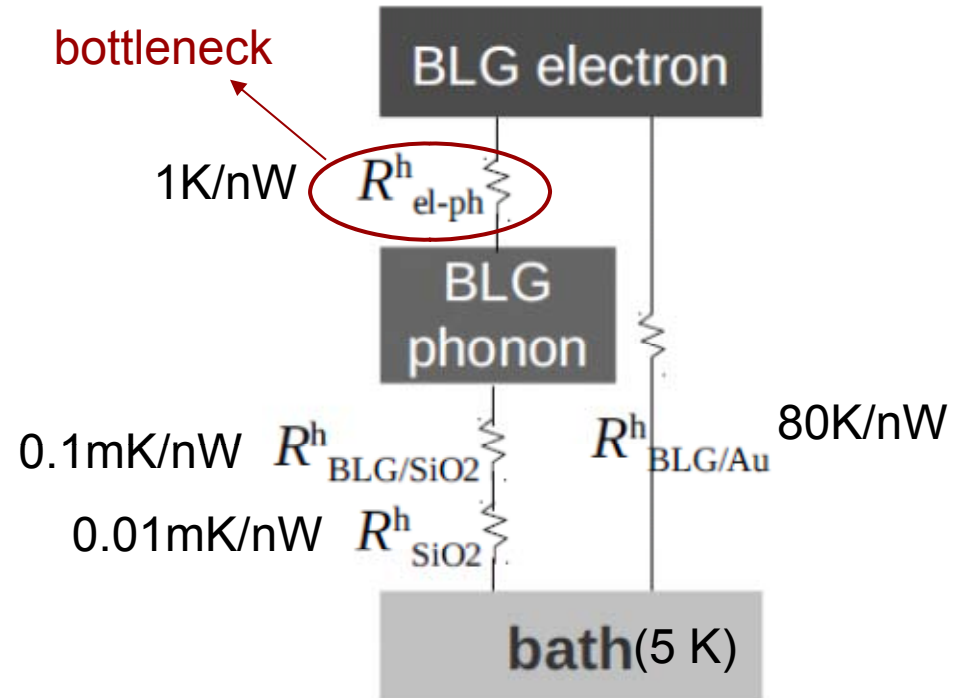
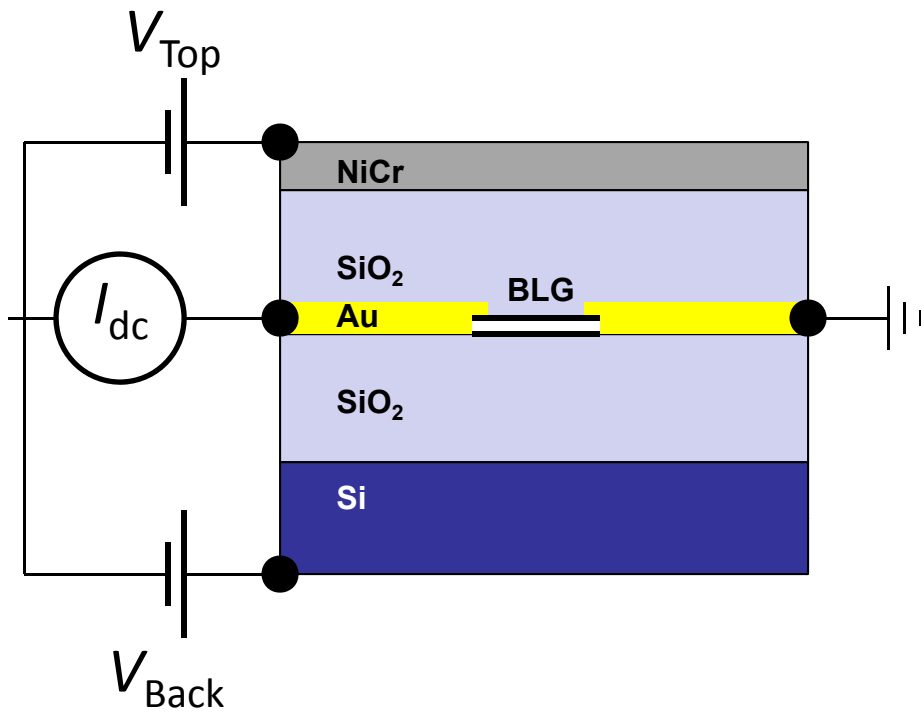
dR/dP is a unique function of resistance R indicating that non-linearity is due to heating



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Heat conduction pathways

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Assuming charge density of 10^{12} cm^{-2} , $\Theta_{\text{BG}} = 70\text{K}$

Theory:
$$R^h = \frac{dT}{dP} = 0.6 \left(\frac{T}{5} \right)^{-3} \text{ K / nW}$$

Viljas and Heikkila PRB, 81, 245404 (2010)

Experiment:
$$R^h = \frac{dT}{dP} = 2 \left(\frac{T}{5} \right)^{-3.45} \text{ K / nW}$$

Good agreement betw. theory and experiment
 → small electron-phonon coupling allows large bolometric effects!

Time-resolved photoresponse

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Time constant: $\tau = R^h C$ $R^h = \frac{dT}{dP} = 2 \left(\frac{T}{5} \right)^{-3.45} K / nW$ (expt.)

$$C = (\pi^2 / 3) \nu(E_F) k_B^2 T \approx (1.1 \times 10^{-19}) \times \left(\frac{T}{5} \right) \quad (\text{estimate})$$

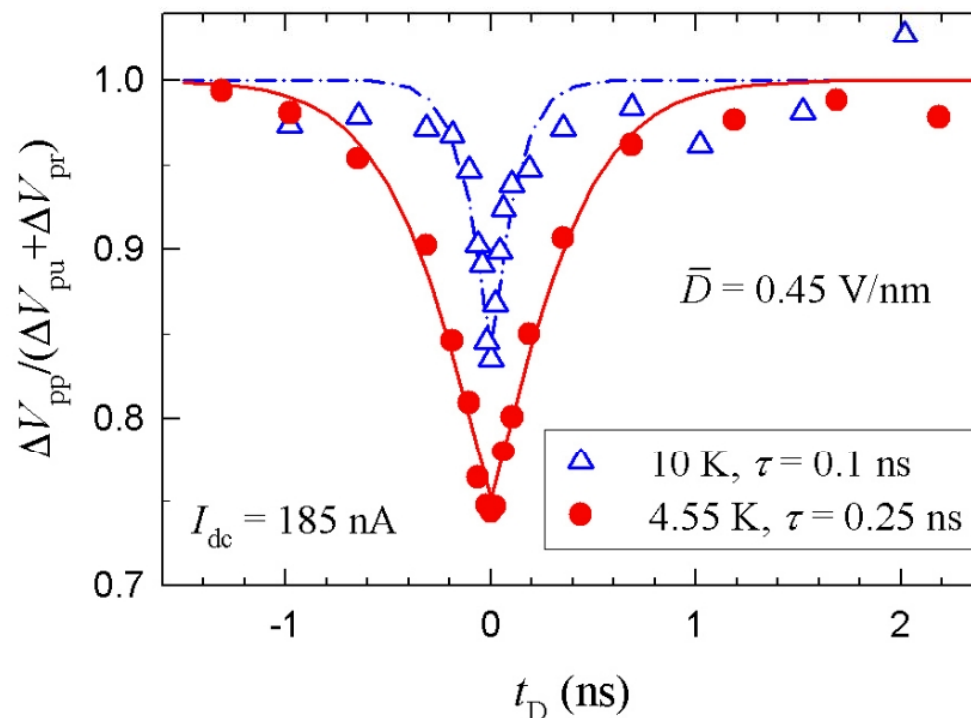
$$\tau = R^h C \approx 0.2 \times (T / 5)^{-2.45} \text{ ns}$$

Pump-probe experiment:

Pump/probe in optical, detect dc

Non-linearity gives reduced response when pump/probe are coincident

Excellent agreement with estimate!



Photoresponse time agrees with estimate of e-ph relaxation time from DC measurements

Graphene Hot Electron Bolometer: results and prospects

Current device: Graphene hot electron bolometer @ T = 5K:

$$\text{NEP}_{\text{phonon}} = 2.6 \times 10^{-16} \text{ W/Hz}^{1/2}$$

$$\text{NEP}_{\text{Nyquist}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ W/Hz}^{1/2}$$

$$\tau = 0.2 \text{ ns}$$

Compare:

Superconducting bolometer @ T = 4K:

$$\text{NEP} = 10^{-13} \text{ W/Hz}^{1/2}$$

$$\tau = 1 \text{ ms}$$

[Skidmore et al. *APL* **82**, 469 (2003)]

Graphene HEB @ T = 100 mK:

$$\text{NEP}_{\text{phonon}} = 6 \times 10^{-21} \text{ W/Hz}^{1/2}$$

$$\text{NEP}_{\text{Nyquist}} = ?$$

$$\tau = 3 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$$

Future improvements:

Proximity-induced superconductivity (transition-edge detection) in graphene

Cleaner devices (stronger activated behavior) using BN substrates

Lower impedance devices/higher quantum efficiency using multilayer graphene

Thank you!

Correlated charged impurity scattering in graphene

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Imaging charge disorder of bare SiO₂

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