

Magic-angle twisted 2D materials

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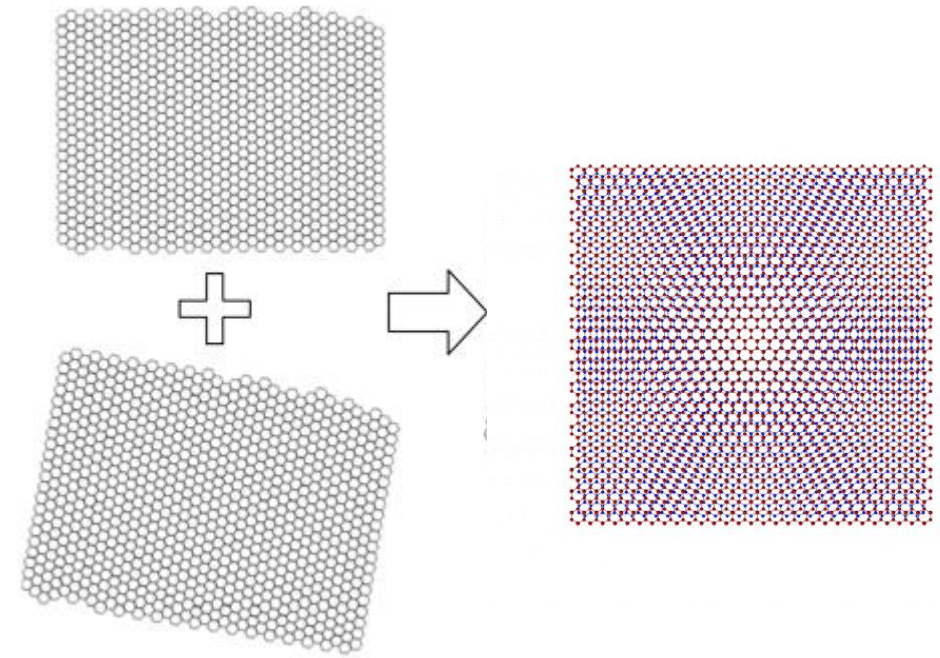
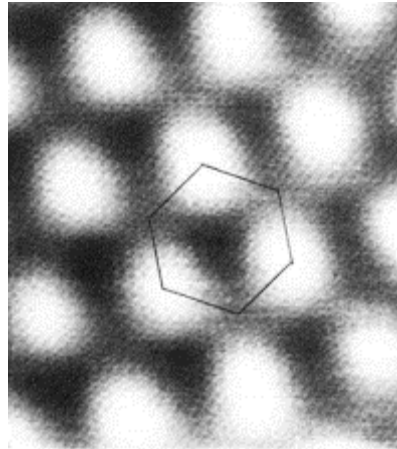
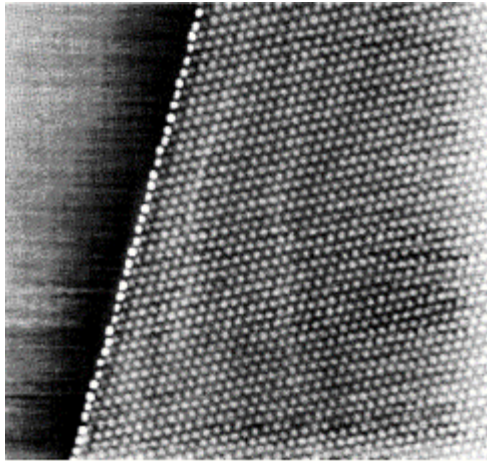
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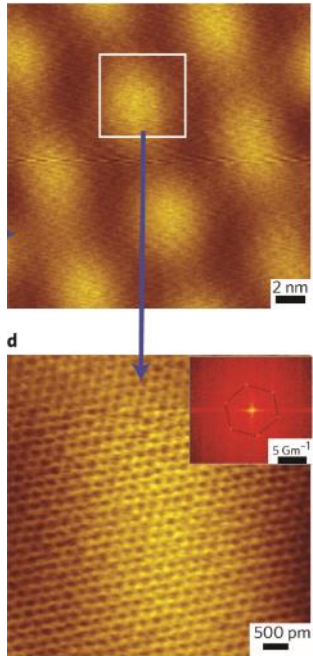
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Moire Pattern

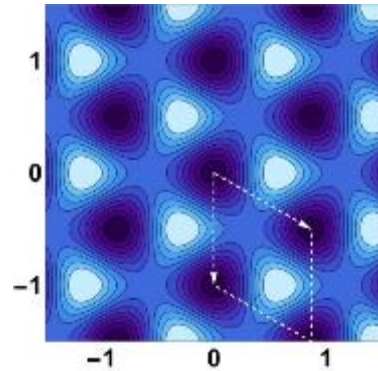


$$D = d/[2 \sin(\theta/2)]$$

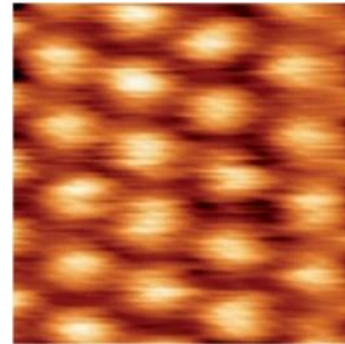
Twisted 2D materials & Twistronics



Twisted bilayer graphene



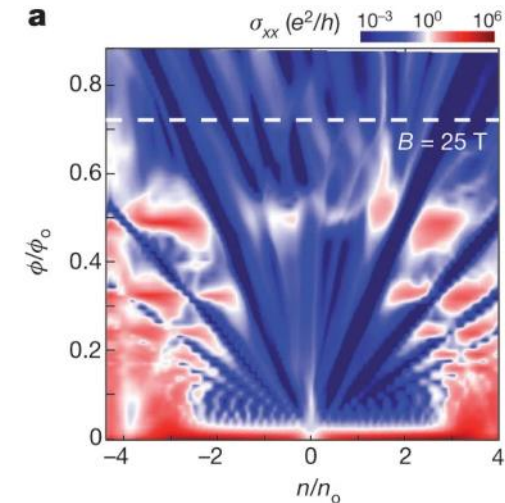
WS2/MoS2
heterobilayers



Bilayer graphene
on h-BN

Novel Physical Properties:

- Unconventional superconductivity
- Moire excitons
- Hofstadter's butterfly
- ...



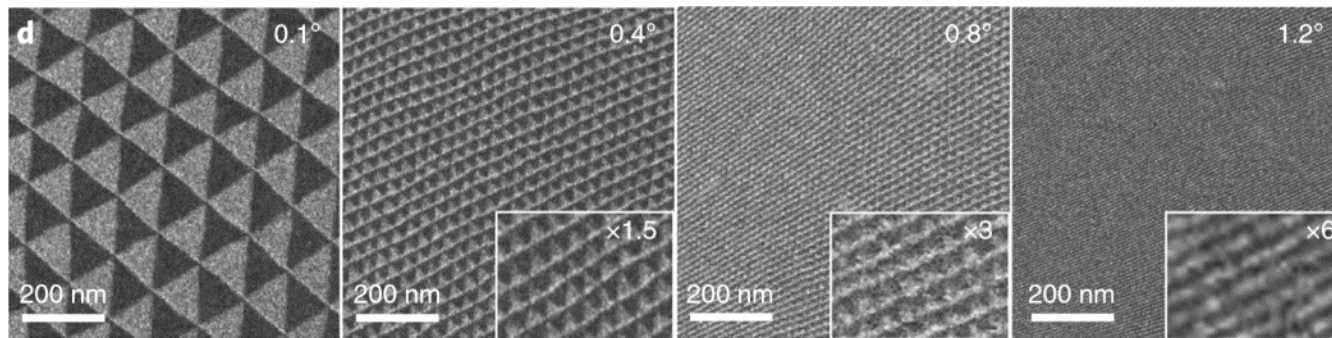
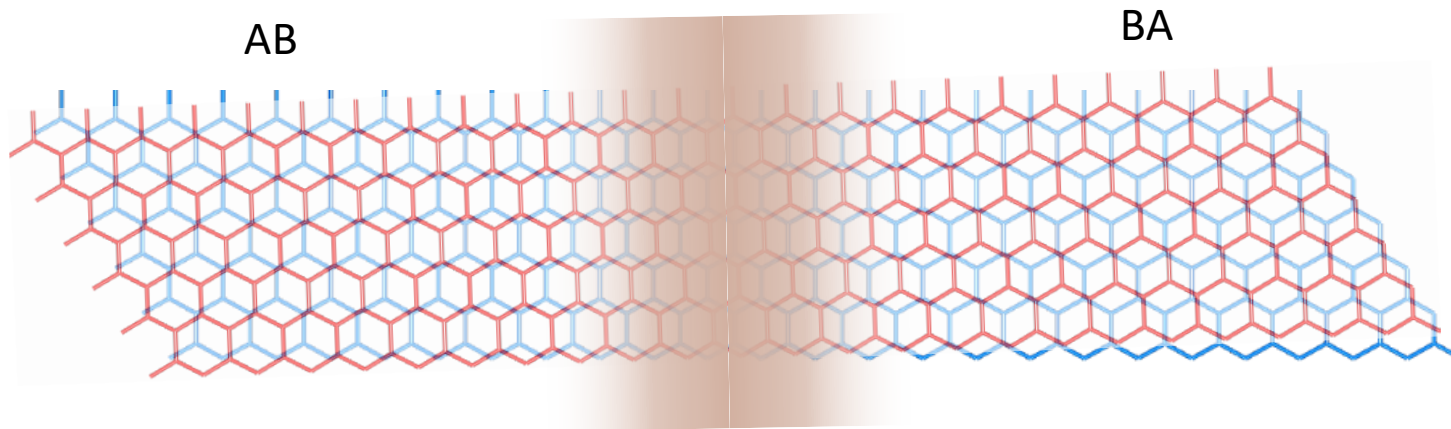
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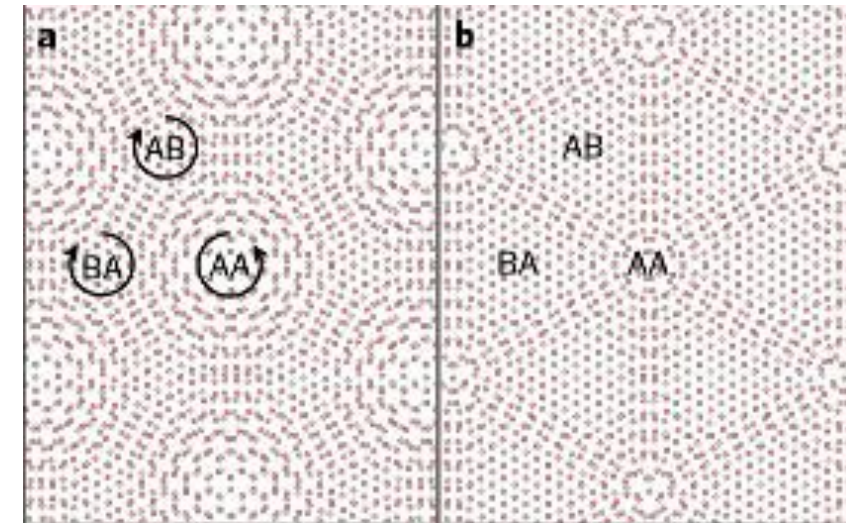
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Twisted bilayer graphene(TBG)



Formation of the “commensurate domains”



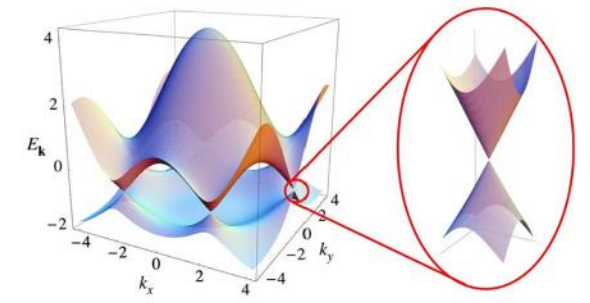
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Atomic and electronic reconstruction at the van der Waals interface in twisted bilayer graphene

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Moire band

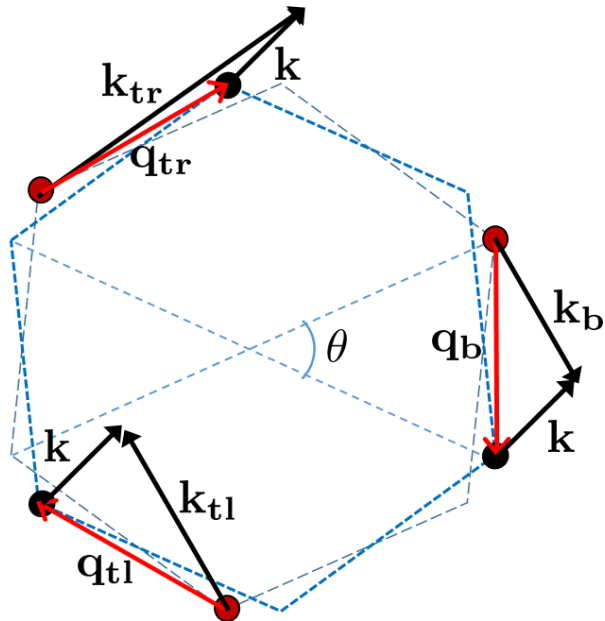


Problem:

- Breakdown of Bloch electron picture due to Incommensurate structure

Solution: Notion of Moire band

- 2011 Bistritzer, R.et.al. PNAS. *Moiré bands in twisted double-layer graphene*



$$H = \begin{pmatrix} h(-\theta/2) & T(\mathbf{r}) \\ T^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) & h(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

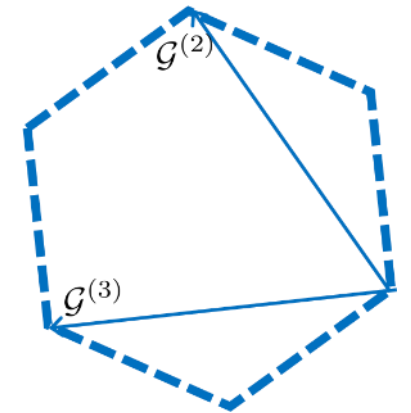
Layers' Dirac cone :

$$h = iv\sigma \cdot \nabla$$

Three types of interlayer hopping:

$$T(\mathbf{r}) = w \sum_j e^{-i\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}} T_j \quad w \sim \text{vdW interaction strength}$$

$$T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi} & 1 \\ e^{i\phi} & e^{-i\phi} \end{pmatrix}, T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} & 1 \\ e^{-i\phi} & e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } \phi = 2\pi/3$$



Moire band

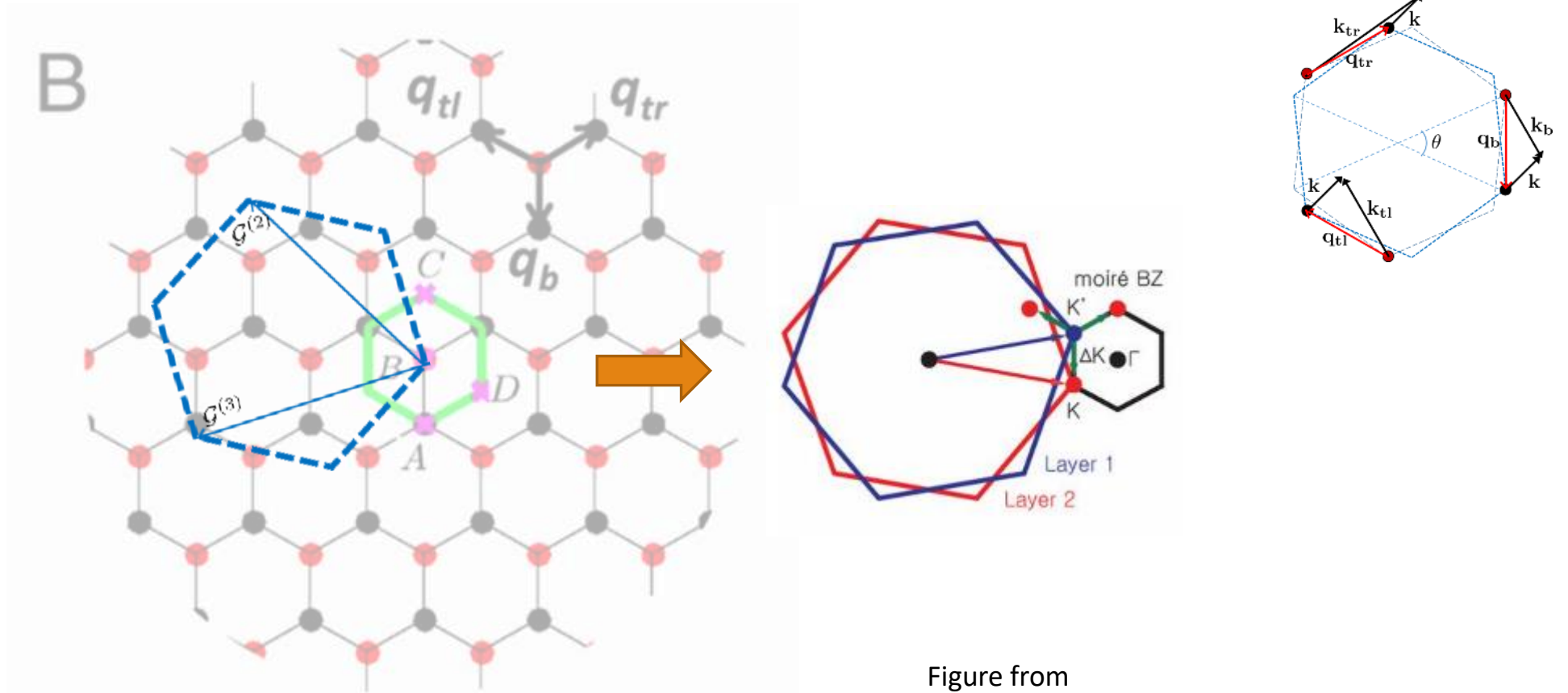
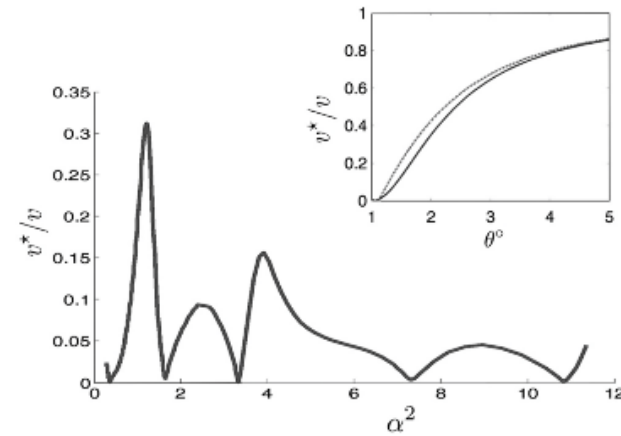
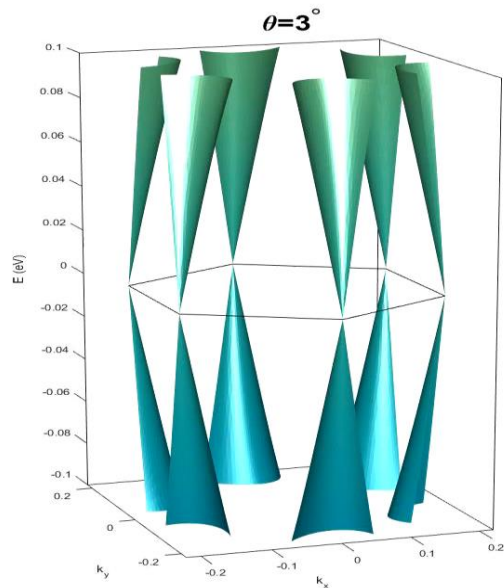
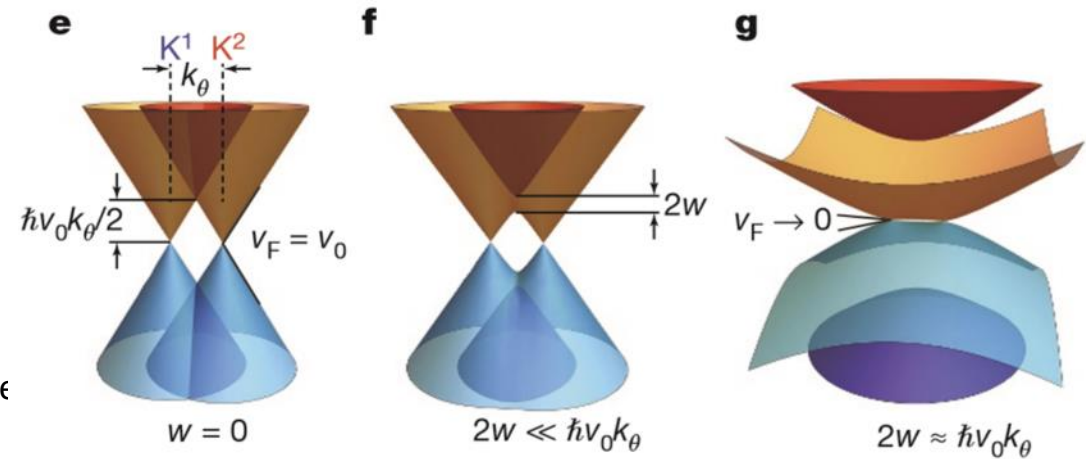


Figure from
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Emergence of “Magic angle”



Calculated Fermi velocity of Moire Dirac cones
 $\alpha = w/vk_\theta$



List of “magic angle” $\theta \approx 1.05^\circ, 0.5^\circ, 0.35^\circ, 0.24^\circ, 0.2^\circ$

When kinetic energy \sim interlayer vdW interaction

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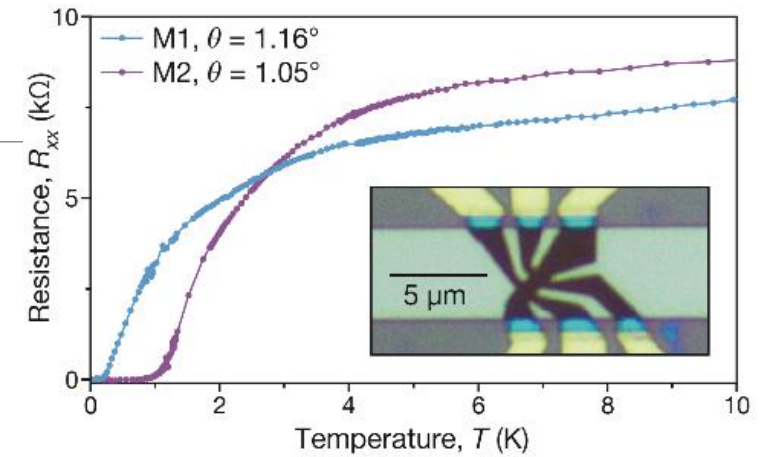
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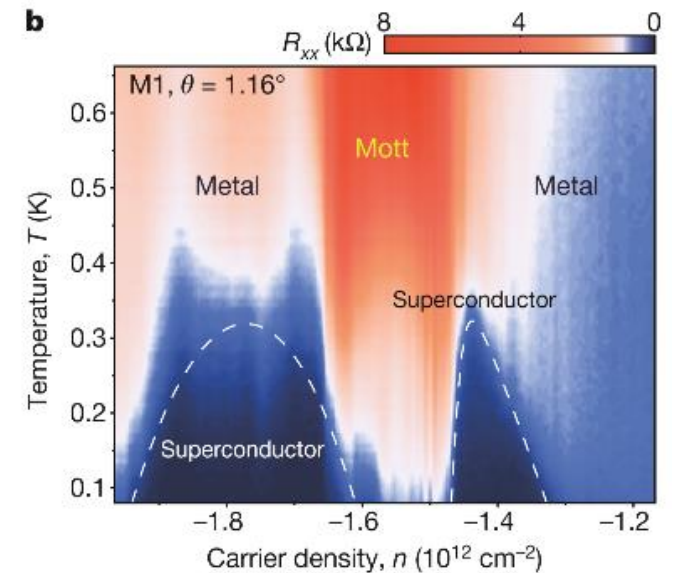
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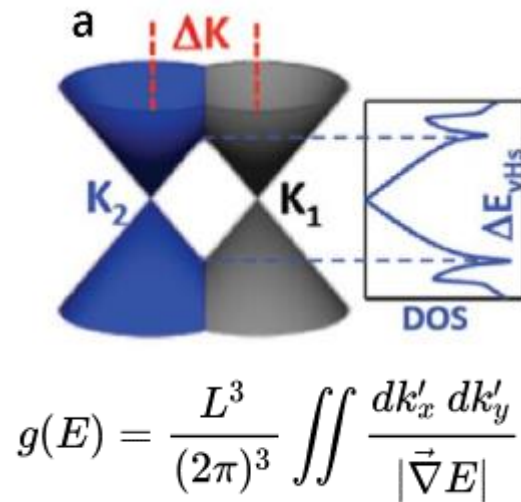


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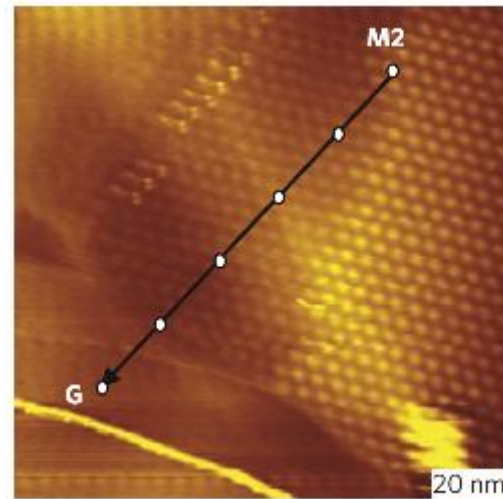
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Van Hove singularity

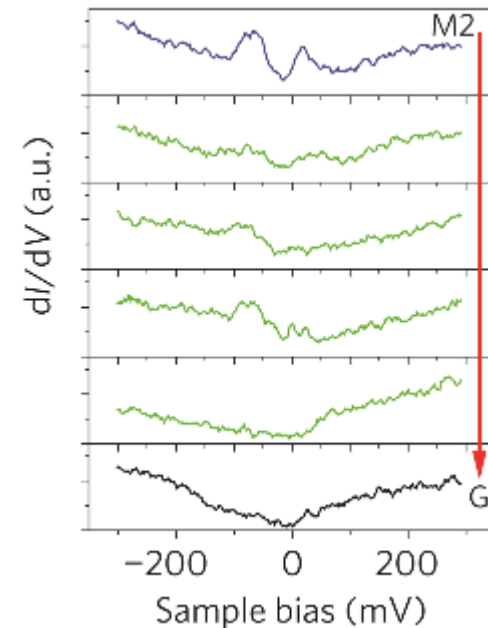
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Topography near the boundary of the pattern

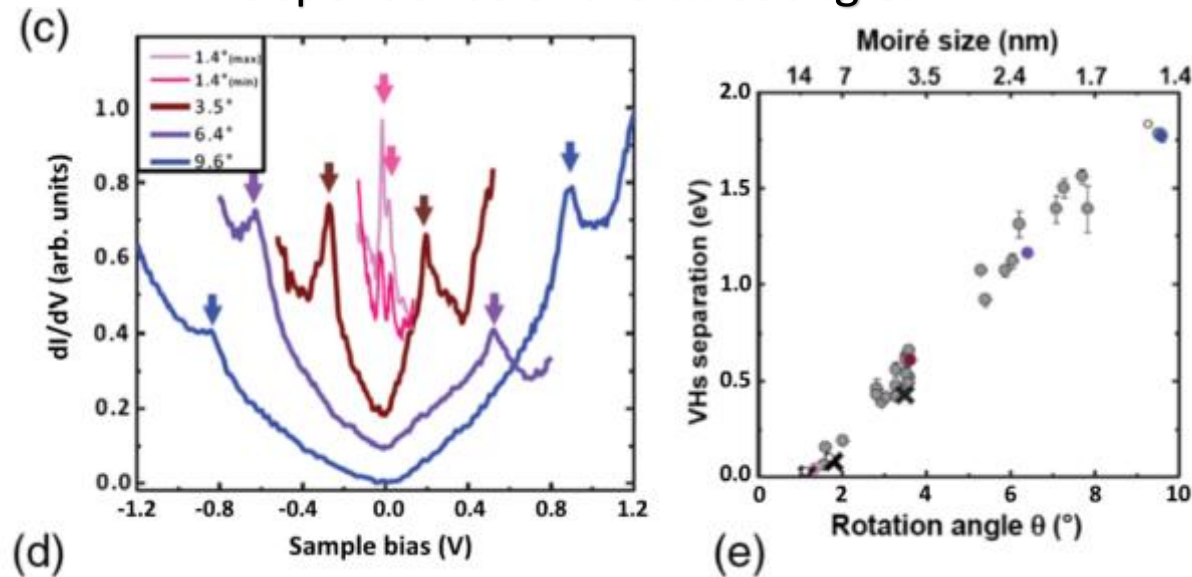


Spatial dependence of tunneling spectra along a line



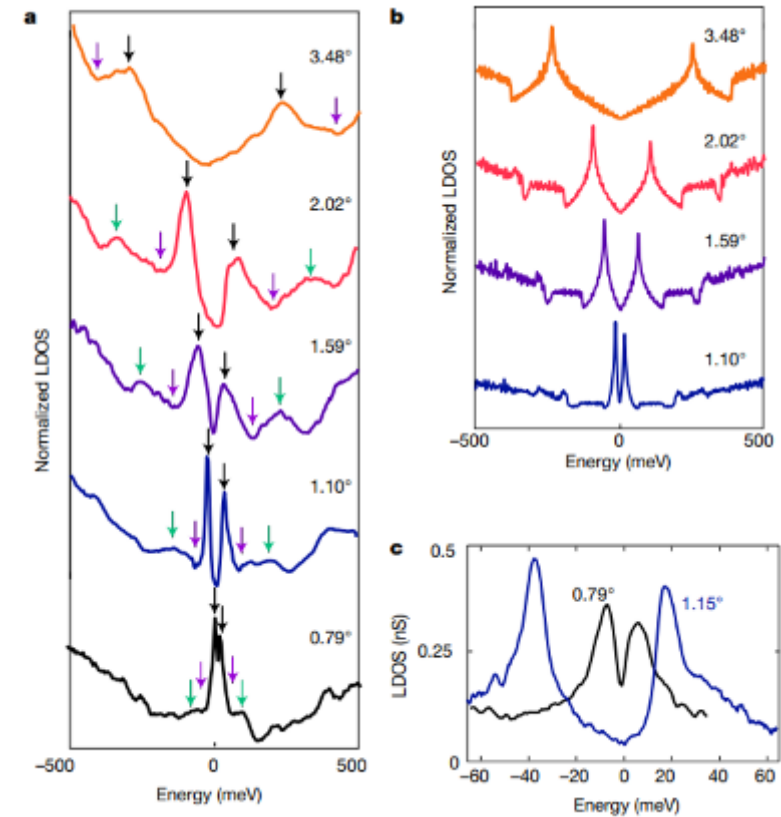
Van Hove singularity

The Van Hove singularity is in dependence of the twist angle.



$$\Delta E_{\text{VHS}} = 2\hbar v_F \Gamma K \sin(\theta/2) - 2t_\theta$$

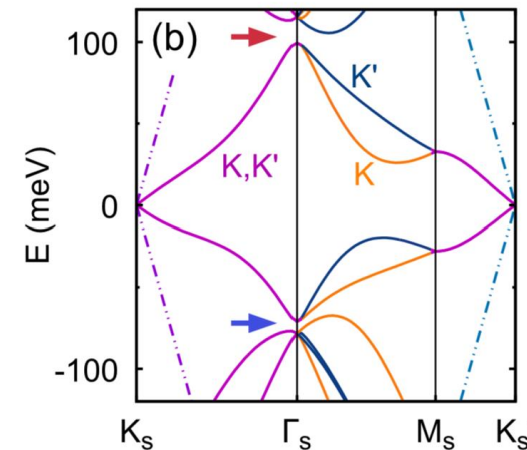
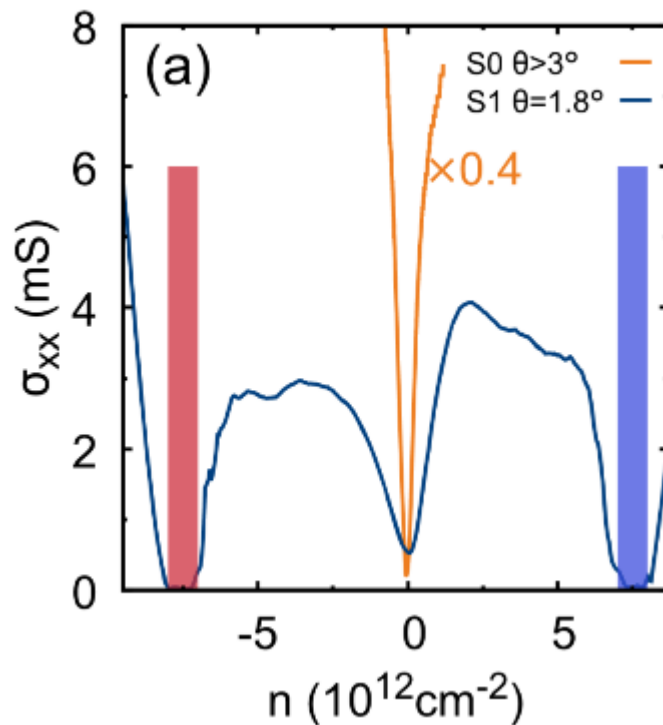
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Mott insulator & Superconductivity

The conductance of different twist angles.

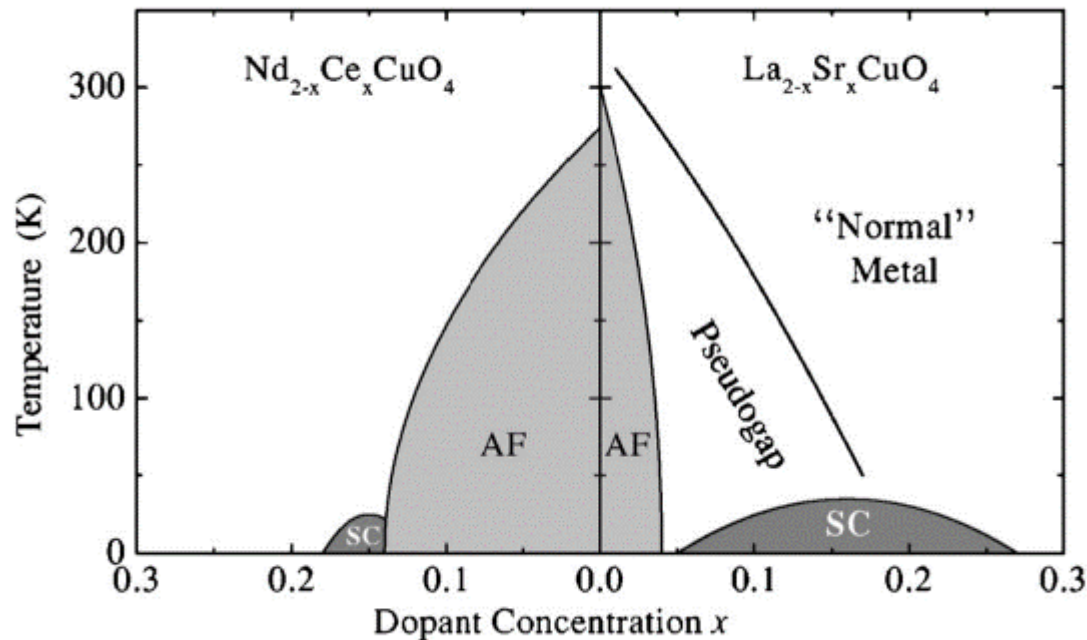


$n = 7.5 \times 10^{12} \text{cm}^{-2}$, is 4 times of the mini Brillouin zone area

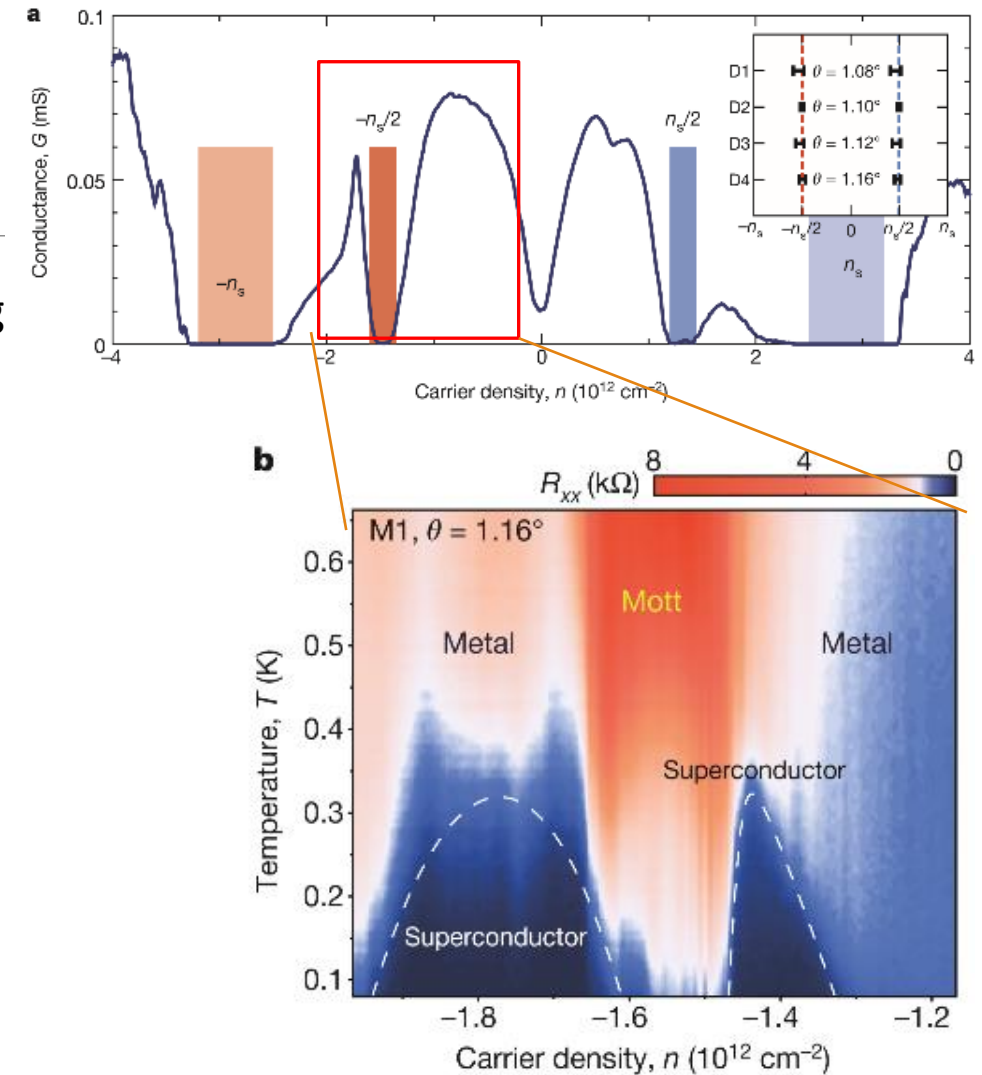
$$A_{\text{SL}} = 4/n = 53.3 \text{ nm}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \theta = 1.8^\circ$$

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Schematic phase diagram of high-Tc superconductors showing hole doping right side and electron doping left side.

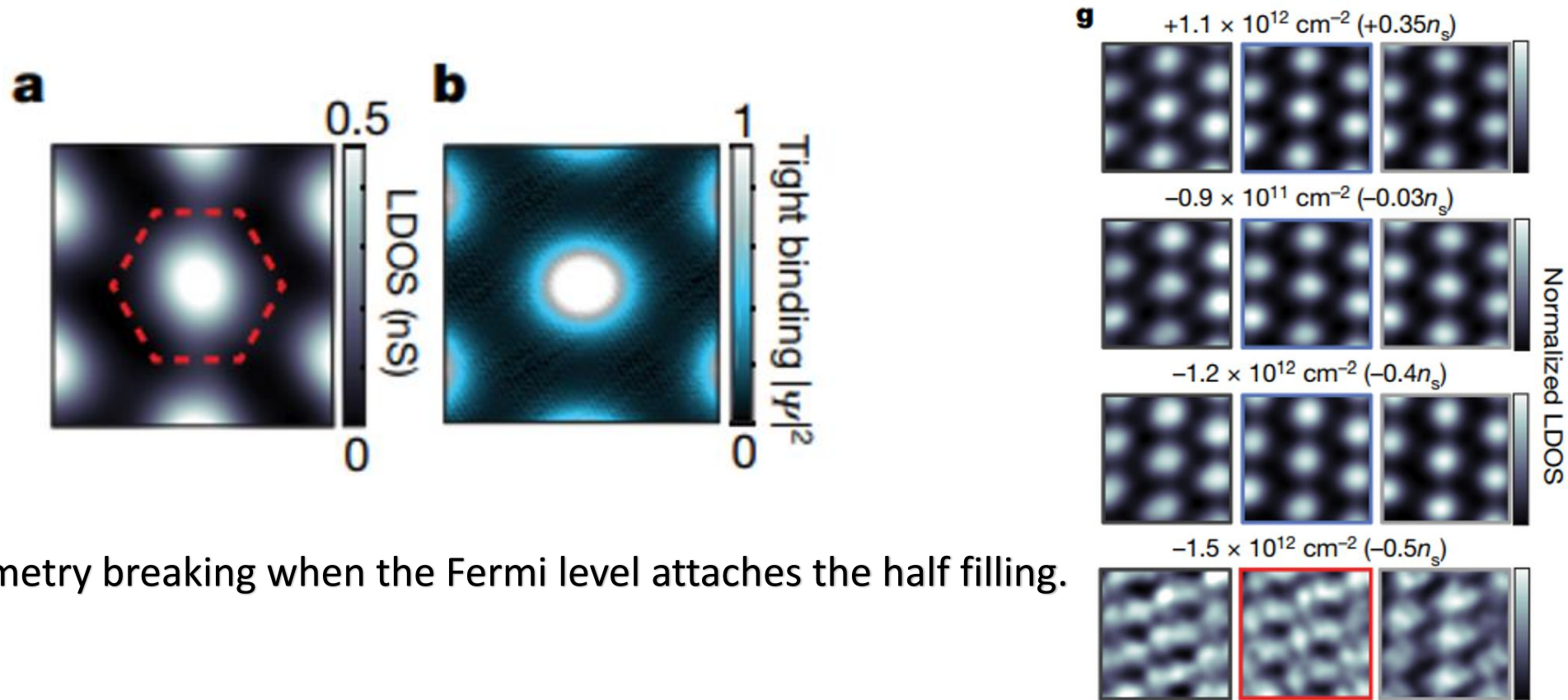


Measured conductance G of magic-angle TBG device.



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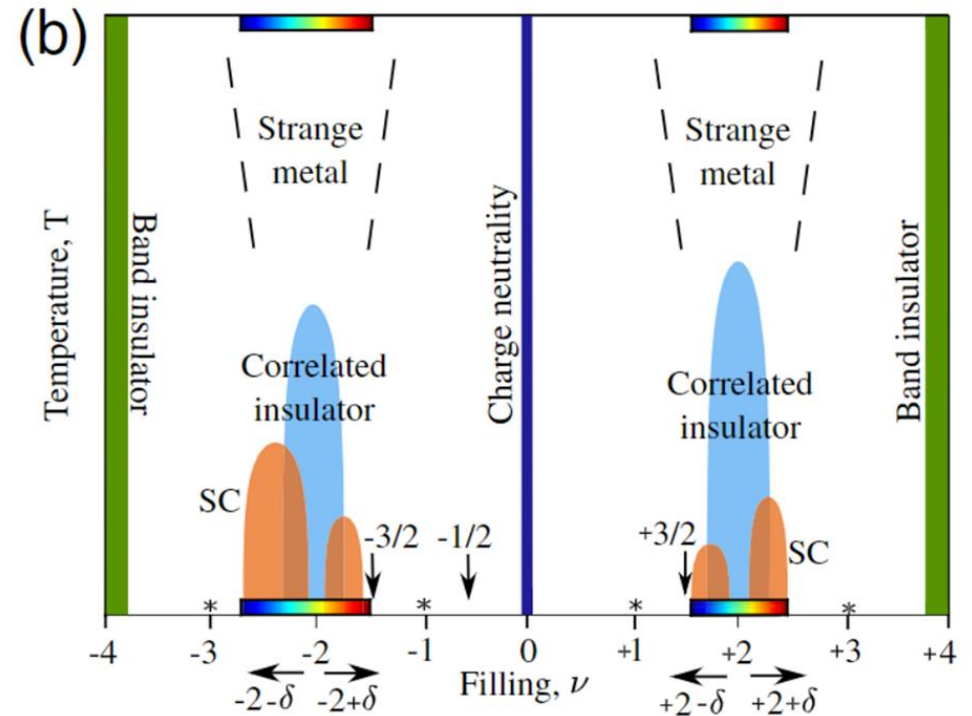
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C3-Symmetry breaking when the Fermi level attaches the half filling.

Summary

- Van Hove singularity
- Superconductor
- CDW
- Magnetism
- Strange metal
- ...
- Twistronics
- Multilayer twistronics



2020 Cao, Y. et.al. PRL 124(7),076801

Thank you for attention

