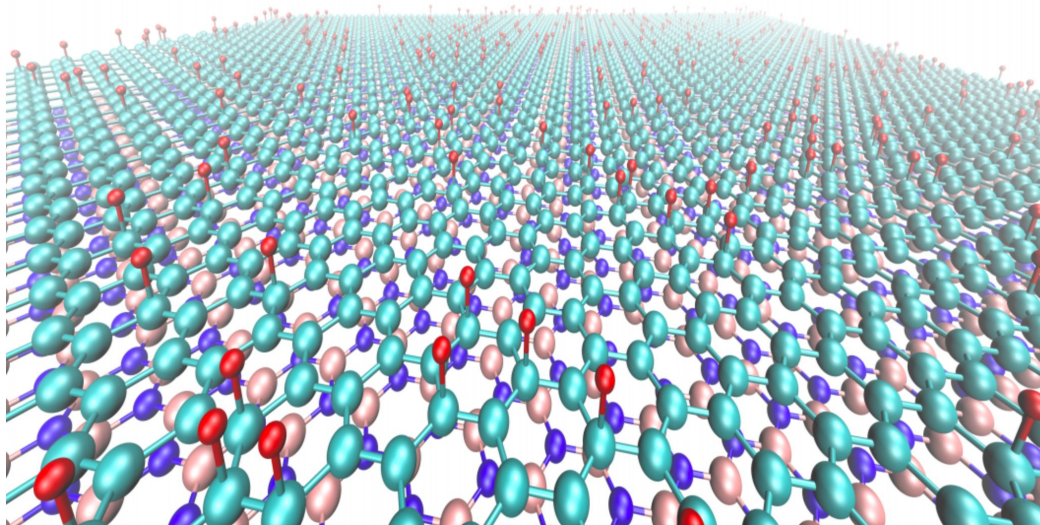


Real-space calculations to obtain a quantitative understanding of the electronic structure of layered materials such as tBG, tNG, GBN and hBN encapsulated BG

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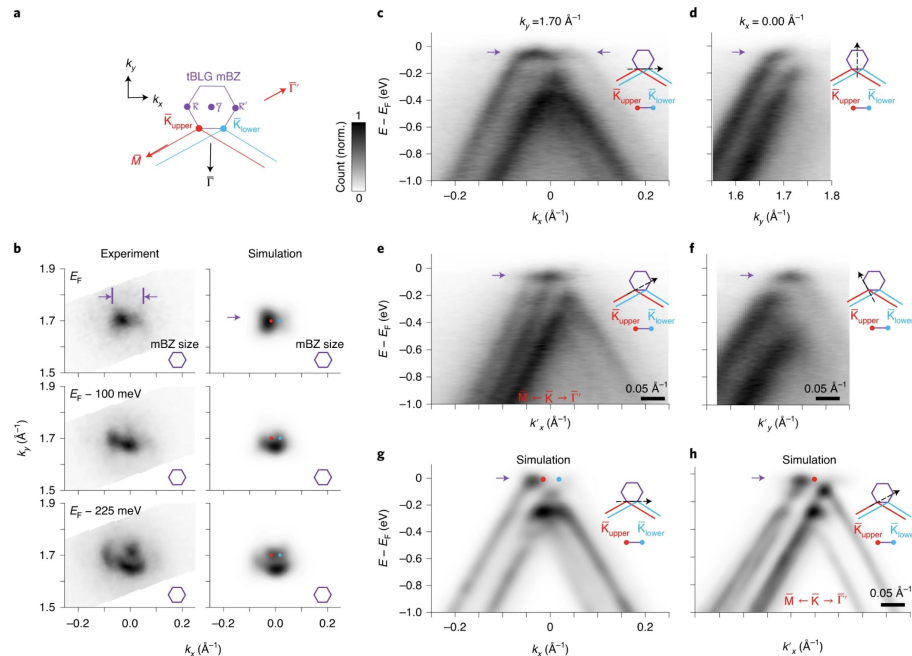
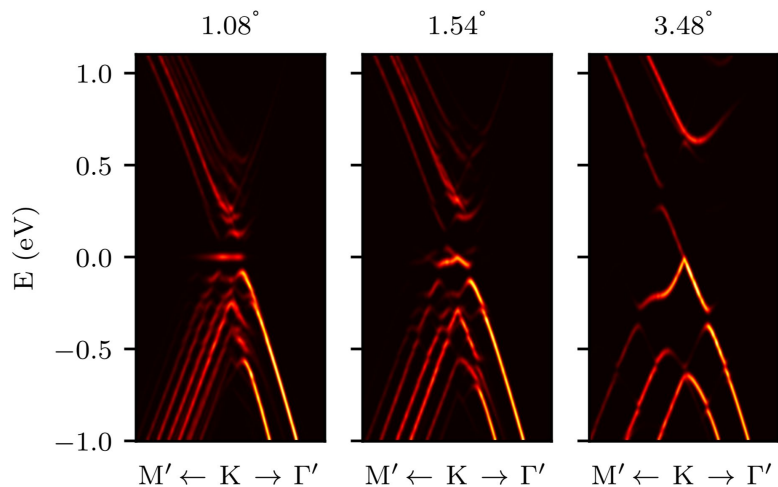
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Direct observation of flat bands in twisted bilayer graphene

- Experimental ARPES observation
- Multi-scale approach to match experimental observations



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Visualization of the flat electronic band in twisted bilayer graphene near the magic angle twist

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Real-space multiscale methodology

Multi-scale approach

vdW physics with a covalent flavor: atoms try to hybridize to minimize their energies

Lattice reconstruction

Large systems: limited applicability of DFT

Classical energy minimizations and TB models to the rescue!

Develop an accurate force-field and simple TB model combination which reproduces experimental predictions quantitatively

Methodology

DFT calculations:

- Accuracy, computationally expensive
- Appropriate scheme (LDA, RPA, etc)
- For select number of commensurate stackings

(Accurate continuum models)

Real-space tight-binding (TB) model

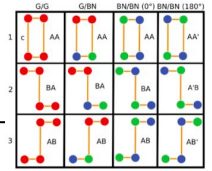
Large scale TB simulations:

- Compare rigid and relaxed structures
- Electronic band structure
- Spectral function
- Electronic transport

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Classical potential fitting:

- Registry-dependent potentials (Kolmogorov-Crespi, Drip, ILP,...)
- Rebo, Tersoff,... intralayer potentials
- Machine learning potentials (Gap20)



Energy minimizations

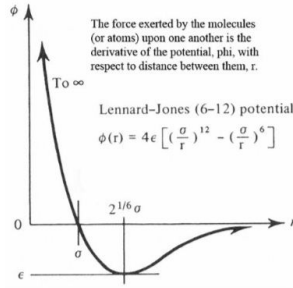
- Use LAMMPS (or Gromacs, or...)
- Quantify relaxation effects such as lattice reconstruction, corrugation, etc

Relaxation effects in twisted bilayer graphene: A multiscale approach

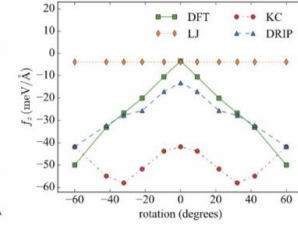
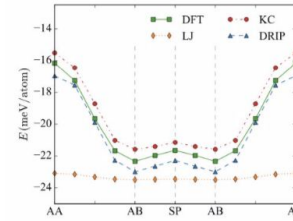
LAMMPS...

Pairwise potential

- Lennard-Jones



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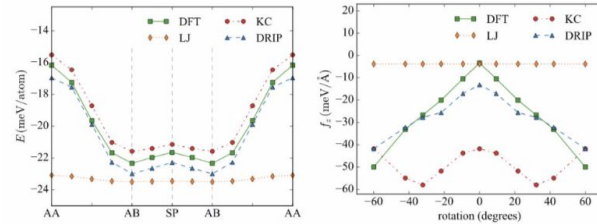
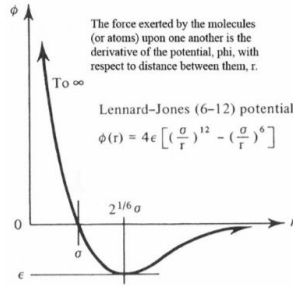


LAMMPS...

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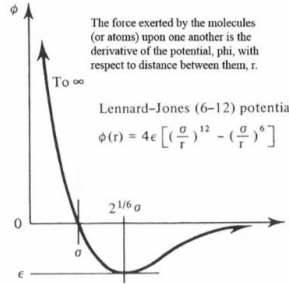
LAMMPS...

New drip parameters (also for G-BN and BN-BN interactions)

DRIP	C ₀	C ₂	C ₄	C	δ	λ	A	z ₀	B	η
EXX-RPA	CC 8.568E-03	1.781E-03	-3.277E-08	-4.616E-02	0.465	1.259	-4.049E-02	3.305	1.552E-02	1.026
	CB 2.650E-02	5.326E-02	7.749E-02	4.037E-08	0.881	3.055	1.544E-08	3.133	8.052E-03	1.277
	CN 3.585E-02	1.710E-04	2.061E-02	7.224E-03	0.773	3.115	5.188E-02	3.084	4.222E-03	1.083
	BB 0.211	9.106E-02	3.252E-02	0.232	0.939	2.834	4.292E-08	2.735	3.324E-12	1.141
	BN 1.446E-06	0.108	0.186	1.085E-02	1.076	5.112	4.071E-08	2.871	7.748E-03	2.748
	NN 1.176E-02	4.701E-03	8.315E-03	4.293E-02	0.779	1.310	0.197	2.958	1.787E-03	2.073
LDA	CC 5.889E-02	2.150E-02	5.265E-02	1.601E-11	0.760	3.987	1.550E-02	2.988	1.181E-04	1.791
	CB 3.811E-02	3.606E-02	0.105	2.903E-06	0.875	5.291	3.243E-02	2.931	2.691E-03	1.147
	CN 6.882E-02	2.227E-02	3.967E-02	1.589E-07	0.743	3.007	7.131E-07	2.941	1.093E-02	1.268
	BB 0.274	0.142	3.252E-02	8.587E-07	0.696	3.121	9.474E-07	2.677	3.662E-10	1.120
	BN 8.727E-08	0.245	0.302	7.015E-02	1.225	5.929	5.785E-08	2.834	6.142E-03	2.950
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- DRIP (dihedral-angle-corrected registry-dependent) Potential

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \notin \text{layer } i} \phi_{ij}$$

$$\phi_{ij} = f_c(x_r) \left[e^{-\lambda(r_{ij}-z_0)} [C + f(\rho_{ij}) + g(\rho_{ij}, \{\alpha_{ij}^{(m)}\})] - A \left(\frac{z_0}{r_{ij}}\right)^6 \right]$$

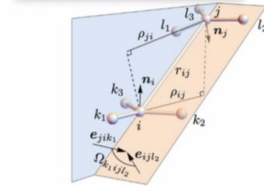
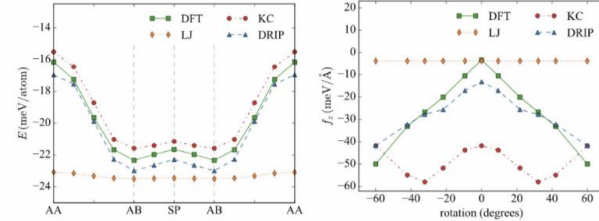


FIG. 2. Schematic representation of an atomic geometry that defines the normal vectors \mathbf{n}_i and \mathbf{n}_j and the dihedral angle Ω_{i,j_1j_2} .

TB models: interlayer and intralayer terms

Intralayer:

- Use F2G2 models to simulate intralayer terms of hBN, G, BG, etc systems
- Add moire induced-intralayer modifications of onsite energies and first-nearest neighbor hopping terms

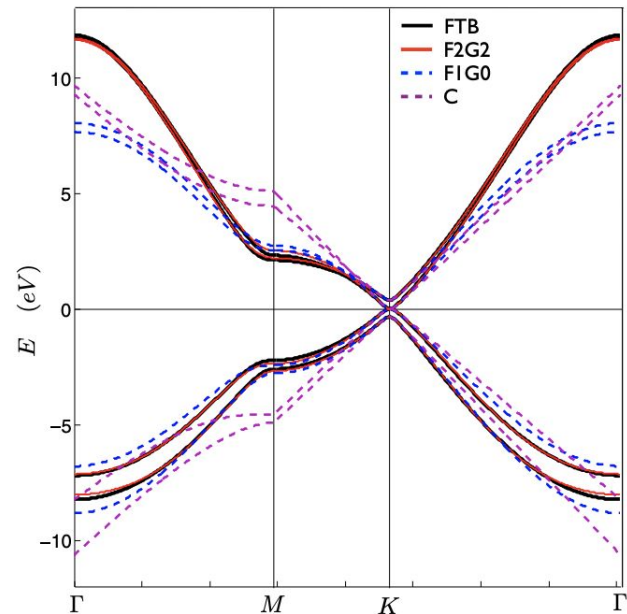
Interlayer:

- Modified two center approximation models for interlayer hoppings

F2G2 Models

- Wannierization of the pi-orbitals centered around the carbon atoms...
- Long-range interactions are reduced to relatively short-range effective models that capture the DFT pi-bands

	t_{ABn}	$t_{AA'n}$	$t_{AB'n}$
f_1	-3.010	0.09244	0.1391
f_2	-0.1984	-0.02299	-0.07211
	$t'_{AA'n}$	t'_{BBn}	$t'_{BA'n}$
g_0	0.4295	0.4506	0.3310
g_1	0.2235	0.2260	-0.01016
g_2	0.04016	0.0404	0.0001



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Accurate tight-binding models for the π bands of bilayer graphene

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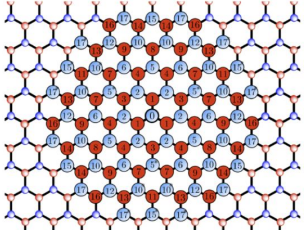
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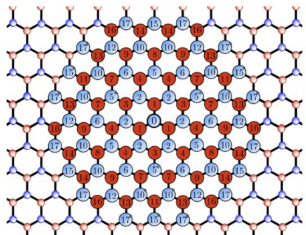
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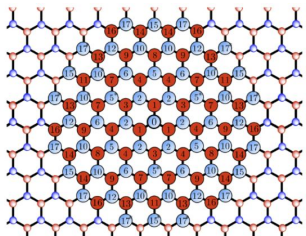
Average from AA, AB and BA
commensurate cell DFT calculations

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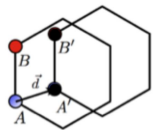
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Moire bands

Take information from different local stacking configurations in the unit cell

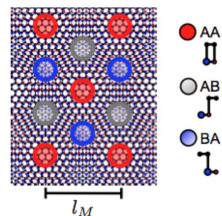
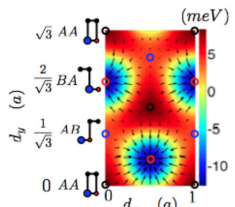
Lattice mismatch Twist angle

$$\vec{d}_0(\vec{r}) \equiv \epsilon \vec{r} + \theta \hat{z} \times \vec{r}$$



Moire periodicity $\vec{d}(\vec{r} + \vec{L}_M) = \vec{d}(\vec{r}) + \vec{L}$

From local stacking to moiré superlattices



$$H_{\text{onsite}} = H_{ii} \quad \text{for } g_0 = 1$$

$$H_{\text{onsite}}(\vec{d}) = C_{0ii} + 2C_{1ii} \text{Re} \left[f(\vec{d}) \exp(i\phi_{ii}) \right]$$

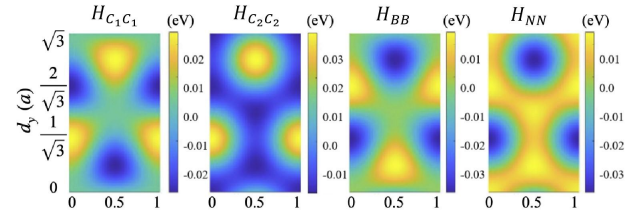
$ii = C_1, C_2, B \text{ or } N$

$$f(\vec{d}) = \exp(-iG_1 d_y) + 2 \exp\left(i \frac{G_1 d_y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} G_1 d_x\right)$$

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	a	b	c	
$H_{C_1C_1}$	A	-0.770	0.589	-1.510
	B	-0.154	1.178	-2.641
	C	-0.028	1.125	-0.754
$H_{C_2C_2}$	A	-0.149	1.125	-2.513
	B	-0.121	0.940	-2.204
	C	0.030	-0.214	0.005
H_{BB}	A	-1.579	10.444	-19.057
	B	-0.972	6.388	-12.266
	C	-2.092	14.097	-25.568
H_{NN}	A	-0.468	3.278	-3.384
	B	-0.188	1.318	0.065
	C	-0.290	2.315	-2.208

$$A(B, C) = a(c^\perp)^2 + bc^\perp + c$$

$$D = (A - B)/(B - C)$$

$$\phi_{ii} = \arctan \left[-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2(D + 1/2)} \right]$$

$$C_{1ii} = (C - B)/6\sqrt{3} \sin \phi$$

$$C_{0ii} = -6C_1 \cos \phi + A$$

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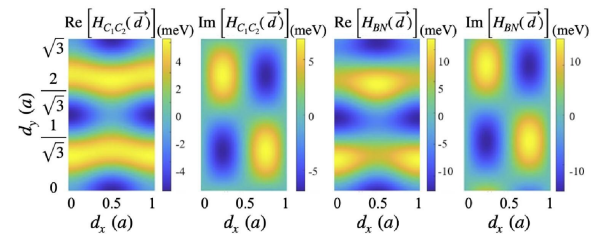
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	A	B	C	Average
C ₁	-0.39969	-0.37776	-0.4277	-0.4017
C ₂	-0.42011	-0.36739	-0.42048	-0.4027
B	2.3222	2.2731	2.3476	2.3143
N	-1.7795	-1.8324	-1.7778	-1.7966

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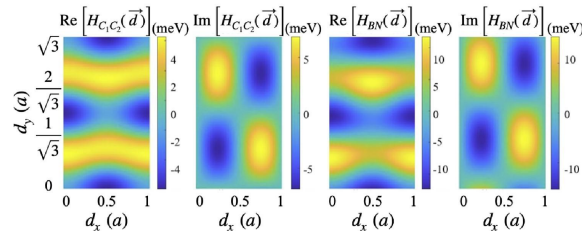
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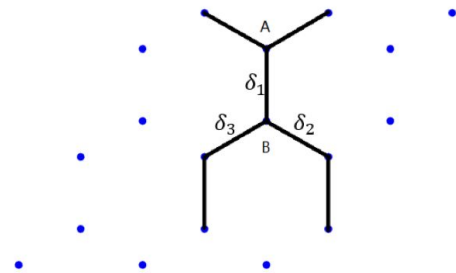


TB-mapping

$$H_{ij}(\vec{d}) = 2C_{ij} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}G_1 d_x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{G_1 d_y}{2} - \varphi_{ij}\right) - 2C_{ij} \cos(G_1 d_y + \varphi_{ij}) - i2\sqrt{3}C_{ij} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}G_1 d_x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{G_1 d_y}{2} - \varphi_{ij}\right)$$

$$C_{ij} = 1.987 \text{ meV and } \varphi_{ij} = 3.5^\circ$$

$$C_{ij} = 4.418 \text{ meV and } \varphi_{ij} = 26.10^\circ$$



$$t = t_0 + \delta_i, i=1,2,3.$$

$$\delta_1 = 2A'/3, \delta_2 = -(A' + \sqrt{3}B')/3, \delta_3 = (-A' + \sqrt{3}B')/3$$

$$A' = \text{Re}(H_{ij}), B' = \text{Im}(H_{ij}).$$

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$$t_{\text{model},ij}^{\text{inter}} = \exp\left[\frac{r_z - p}{q}\right] t_{\text{TC},ij}^{\text{inter}}$$

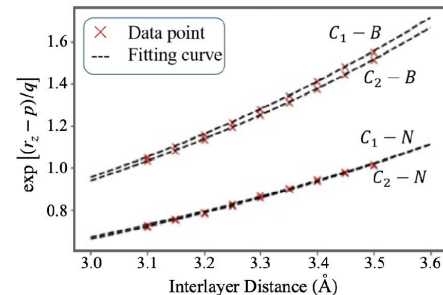
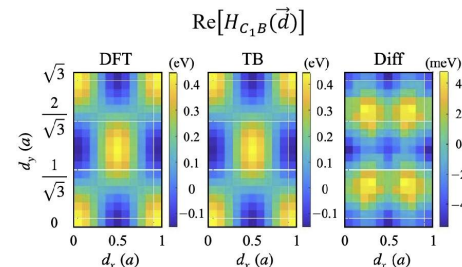
$$t_{\text{TC},ij}^{\text{inter}} = V_{pp\pi}(r_{ij}) \left[1 - \left(\frac{r_z}{r_{ij}}\right)^2\right] + V_{pp\sigma}(r_{ij}) \left(\frac{r_z}{r_{ij}}\right)^2$$

$$V_{pp\pi}(r_{ij}) = V_{pp\pi}^0 \exp\left(-\frac{r_{ij} - a_{cc}}{r_0}\right)$$

$$V_{pp\sigma}(r_{ij}) = V_{pp\sigma}^0 \exp\left(-\frac{r_{ij} - c_0}{r_0}\right)$$

	p (Å)	q (Å)
$C_1 - B$	3.0477	1.0280
$C_1 - N$	3.4755	1.1922
$C_2 - B$	3.0646	1.0492
$C_2 - N$	3.4799	1.1622

$$H_{ss'}(\mathbf{K} : \mathbf{d}) = \sum_{j_s'} t_{i_s j_s'}^{\text{inter}} \exp[i\mathbf{K} \cdot (\mathbf{d} + \mathbf{r}_{i_s j_s'})]$$



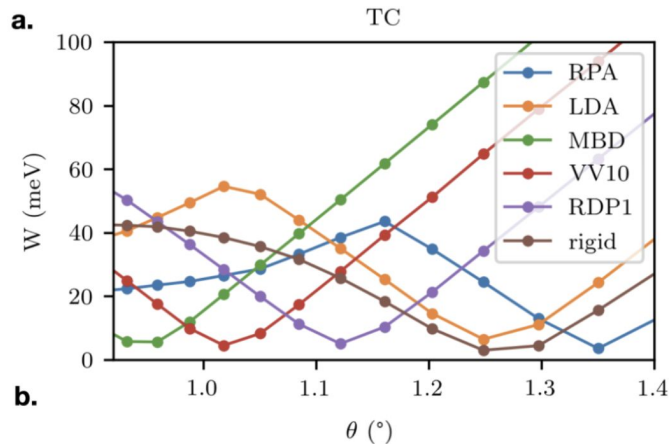
Magic angle renormalization in tBG

$$t_{\text{SHE},ij} = \begin{cases} t_{\text{F3G2},ij}^{\text{intra}} & \text{if } i \in \text{layer } j \\ S \exp[(c_{ij} - p)/q] t_{\text{TC},ij}^{\text{inter}} & \text{if } i \notin \text{layer } j \end{cases}$$

if $i \in \text{layer } j$
if $i \notin \text{layer } j$

$$S' = C_1' s = C_1 \left(1 + \frac{\delta\theta}{\theta_1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\delta v_F}{v_F}\right) \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega + \delta\omega}\right)$$

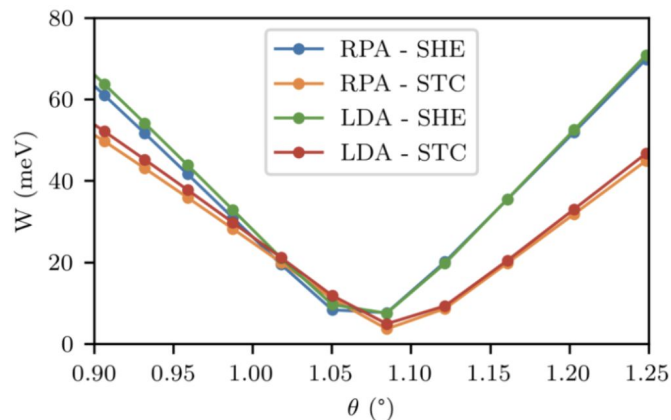
Wide bracket of magic angles



S	STC	SH	SHE
RPA	0.752	0.951	0.895
LDA	0.804	1.018	0.945
MBD	1.069	1.353	1.144
KC-VV10	0.970	1.247	1.091
KC-RDP1	0.884	1.136	1.018
Rigid	0.856	1.083	1.008

$$S = \frac{\theta_1 |t_{\text{eff}}|}{\omega} s = C_1 s$$

Magic angle at chosen value



Intra-layer force field effect

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Method	a (Å)	d_{AB} (Å)	d_{AA} (Å)	d_{graphite} (Å)	E_{AB} (eV/atom)	E_{coh} (eV/atom)	E_v (eV)	C_{11} (GPa)	C_{12} (GPa)	C_{13} (GPa)	C_{33} (GPa)	C_{44} (GPa)	Time (relative)
hNN-Gr _x (present)	2.467	3.457	3.618	3.402	21.63	8.07	8.08	978.31 (1061.83)	176.54 (208.77)	-66.74	40.35	1.79	279.4
AIREBO [20]	2.419	3.392	3.416	3.358	23.61	7.43	7.94	1153.50 (1162.46)	144.87 (147.64)	0.08	40.40	0.28	4.5
AIREBO-M [23]	2.420	3.299	3.324	3.294	16.18	7.42	7.93	1174.25 (1157.43)	147.66 (146.23)	-0.02	35.72	0.28	4.9
LCBOP [22]	2.459	3.346	3.365	3.346	12.52	7.35	8.13	1049.91 (1054.32)	157.29 (159.03)	0.04	29.80	0.23	1.6
ReaxFF [25]	2.462	3.285	3.294	3.260	34.59	7.52	7.52	1147.67 (1119.84)	831.84 (811.43)	-0.77	34.41	0.15	26.1
Tersoff [17]	2.530					7.39	7.12	(1274.00)	(-240.11)				1
REBO [19]	2.460					7.39	7.82	(1059.25)	(148.33)				1.6
GAP-Gr [38]	2.467					7.96	6.55	(1108.81)	(212.19)				3814.7
KC [12]		3.374	3.602	3.337	21.60						34.45		36.6
DRIP [26]		3.439	3.612	3.415	23.05						32.00		35.5
DFT(PBE+MBD)	2.466	3.426	3.641	3.400	22.63	8.06	7.93	1080.12 (1084.41)	162.25 (161.25)	-4.63	33.18	3.32	$\sim 10^7$
ACFDT-RPA		3.39 ^a		3.34 ^b							36 ^b		
Experiment	2.46 ^c			3.34 ^d				1060 ^e (1018 ^f)	180 ^e	15 ^e	36.5 ^e	0.27 ^e	
	2.46 ^g			3.356 ^h				1109 ^h	139 ^h	0 ^h	38.7 ^h	4.95 ^h	

Table I. Linearly elastic properties of monolayer graphene predicted by first principles and empirical potential based calculations.

Method	2D Young's modulus Y_{2D} (N/m)	Poisson's ratio	Biaxial modulus (N/m)	Bending modulus D_m (eV)	Gaussian modulus D_G (eV)
DFT [46]	345	0.149	406	1.49	-
DFT [48]	348	0.169	419	-	-
DF-TB [44]	-	-	-	1.61	-0.7
DFT [58]	-	-	-	1.44	-1.52
REBO-1 [51]	236	0.412	401	0.83	-
REBO-2 [52]	243	0.397	403	1.41	-
AIREBO [53]	279	0.357	434	1.56	-
REBO-LB [56]	349	0.132	402	-	-
LCBOPII [59]	343	0.156	406	-1.1	-

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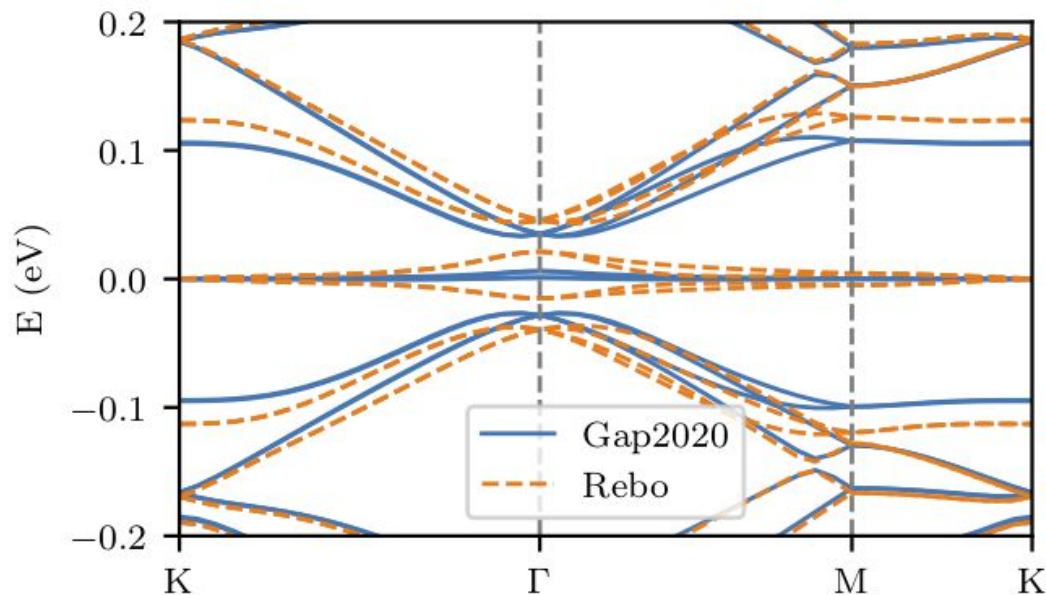
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Naturally recover flat band at 1.08°



Building the commensurate cell

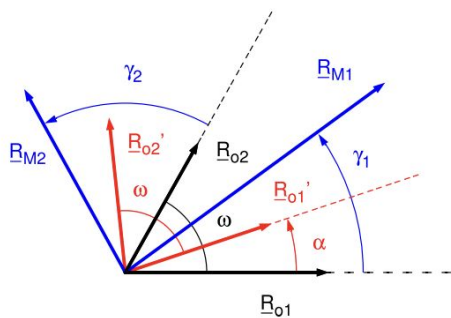
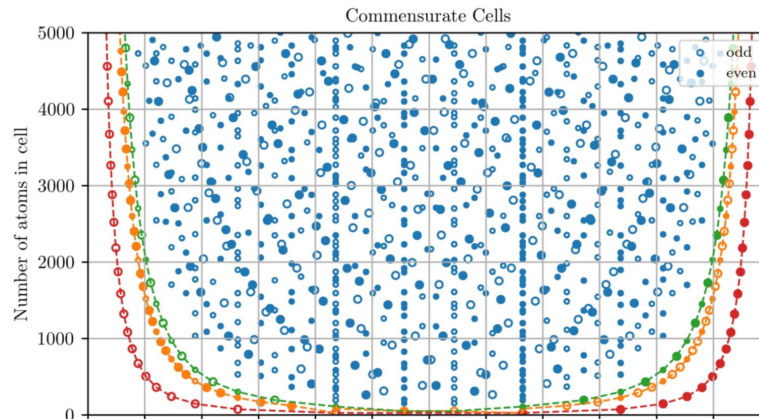


Figure 2. Definition of lattice vectors and angles of the substrate, \underline{R}_{o1} , \underline{R}_{o2} , ω , of the overlayer, \underline{R}'_{o1} , \underline{R}'_{o2} , and of the moiré lattice, \underline{R}_{M1} , \underline{R}_{M2} , γ_1 , γ_2 .

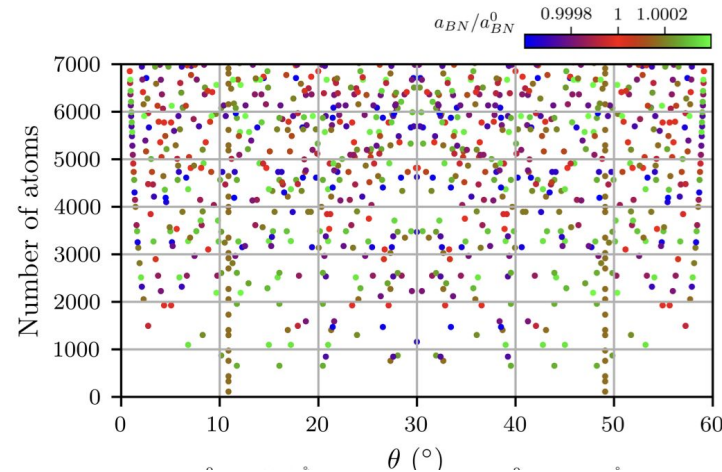


< 30 degree:
 $|i - j| = 1$ and $|i' - j'| = 1$
 $|i + j| = 1$ and $|i' + j'| = 1$
 $|i - j| = 2$ and $|i' - j'| = 2$

> 30 degree:
 $|i - j| = 1$ and $|i + j| = i'$
 $j = i' = 1$
 $|i - j| = 2$ and $|i + j| = i'$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a+b \end{pmatrix}, M' = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ -b' & a'+b' \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} R_{o1} \\ R_{o2} \end{pmatrix} = M' \begin{pmatrix} R'_{o1} \\ R'_{o2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2p\Gamma} [2a'a + 2b'b + a'b + b'a] \quad p = \sqrt{\frac{a'^2 + b'^2 + a'b'}{a^2 + b^2 + ab}}$$



Supermoire commensurate cells (e.g. hBN encapsulated BG)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_{2/3} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}'_1 \\ \mathbf{a}'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_4 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}''_1 \\ \mathbf{a}''_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i & j \\ -j & i + j \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{2/3} = \begin{pmatrix} i' & j' \\ -j' & i' + j' \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{M}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} i'' & j'' \\ -j'' & i'' + j'' \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\alpha_{12} = \frac{|\mathbf{a}_1|}{|\mathbf{a}'_1|} = \sqrt{\frac{i'^2 + j'^2 + i'j'}{i^2 + j^2 + ij}},$$

$$\alpha_{43} = \frac{|\mathbf{a}''_1|}{|\mathbf{a}'_1|} = \sqrt{\frac{i'^2 + j'^2 + i'j'}{i''^2 + j''^2 + i''j''}},$$

$$\theta_{12} = \theta_1 - \theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{2ii' + 2jj' + ij' + ji'}{2\alpha_{12}(i^2 + j^2 + ij)} \right],$$

$$\theta_{43} = \theta_4 - \theta_3 = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{2i''i' + 2j''j' + i''j' + j''i'}{2\alpha_{43}(i''^2 + j''^2 + i''j'')} \right].$$

Electronic structure of lattice
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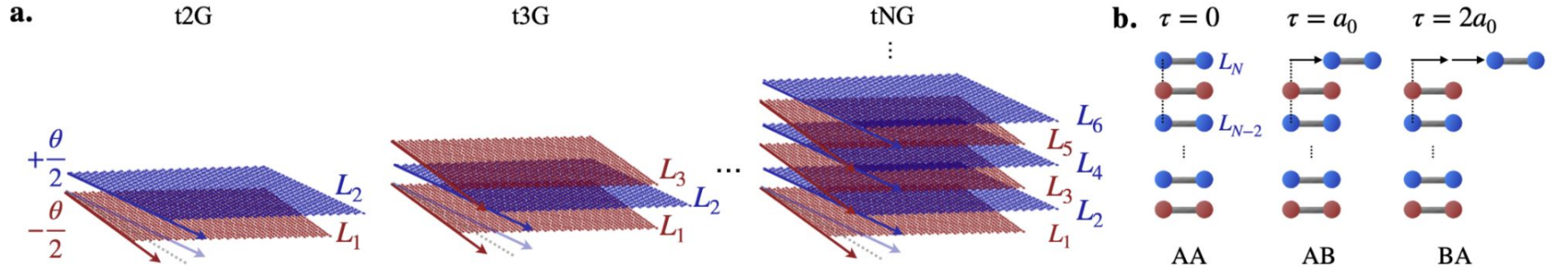
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System



- Alternating twists
- Sliding between layers N and N-2

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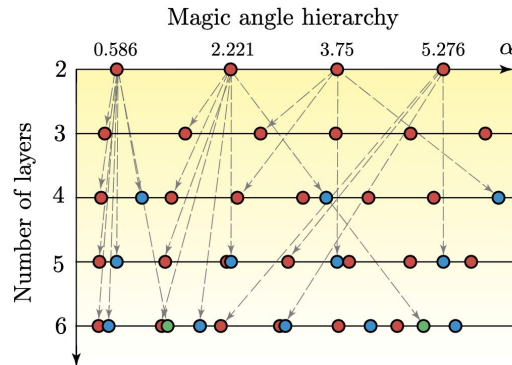
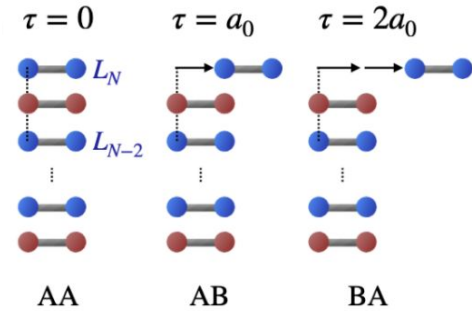
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2 questions

- Energetic stability?
- Accuracy of analytical magic angle predictions?

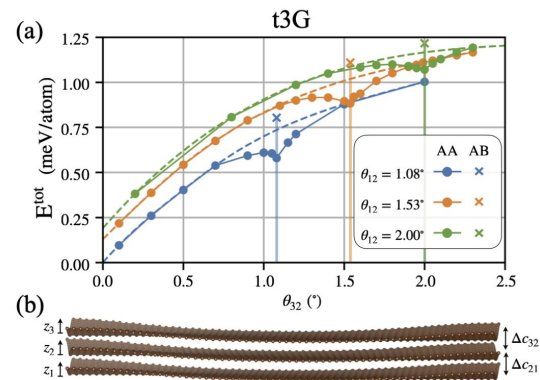
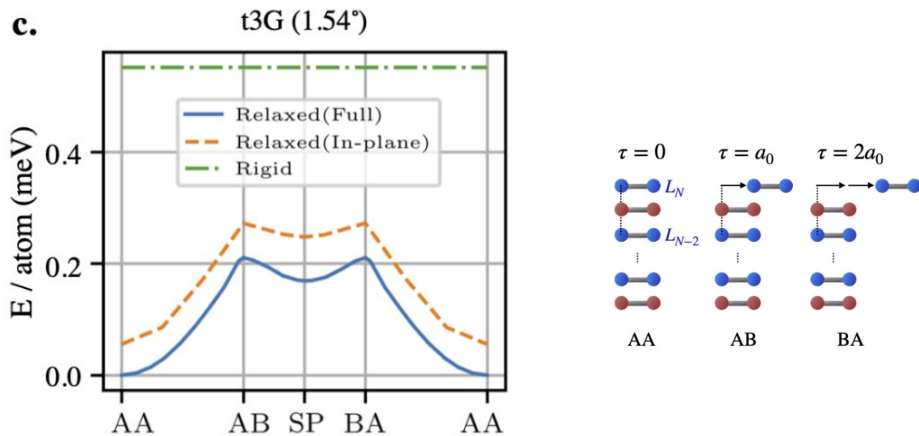


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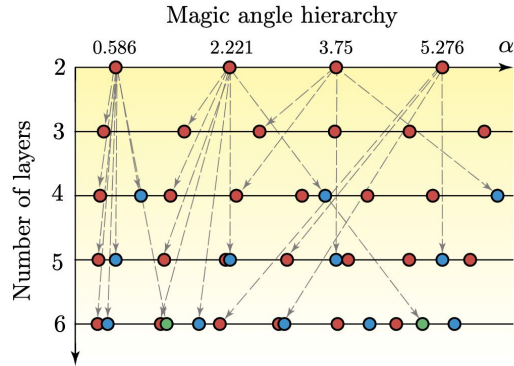
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Magic angle numerical estimation: method

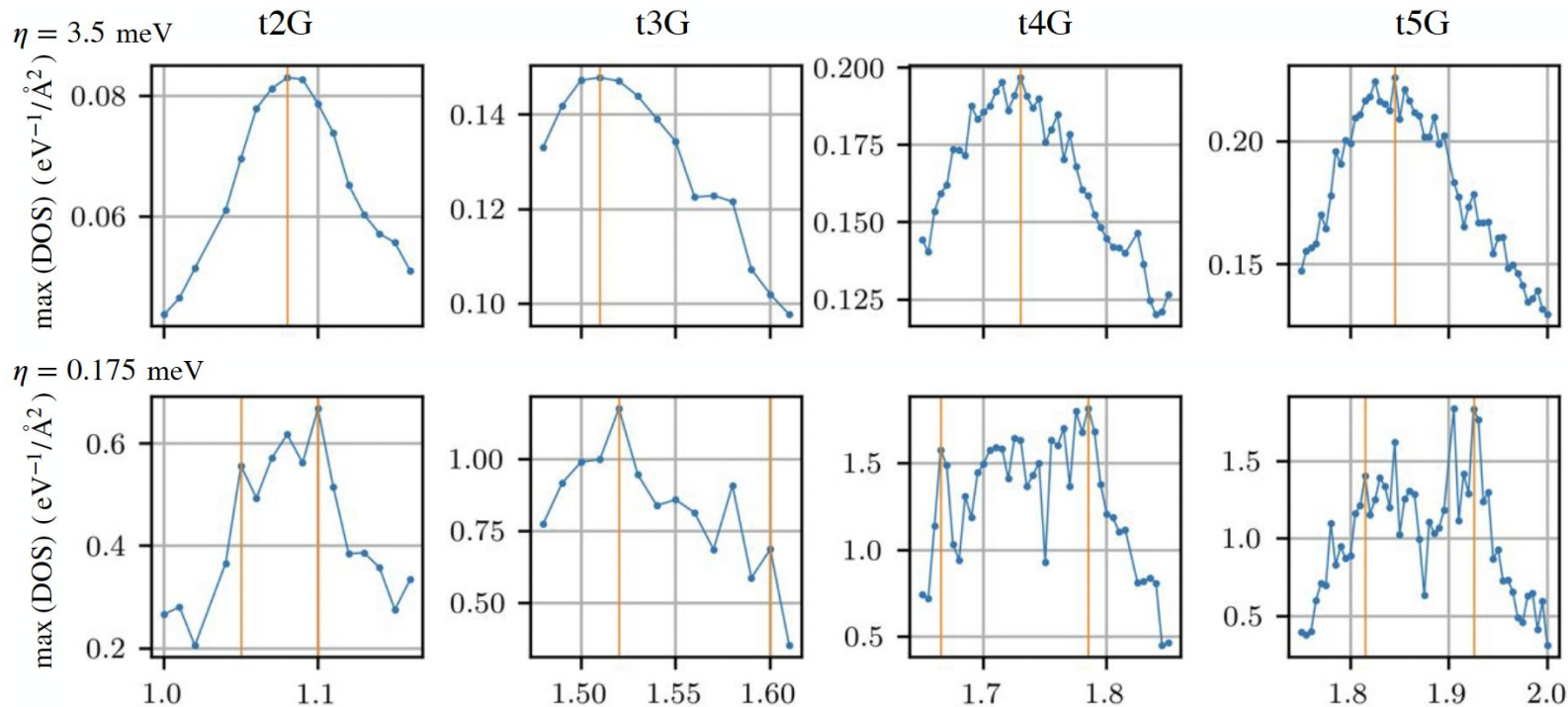


$$\theta^{(N)} = \omega / (v_F k_D \alpha_k^{(N)}) \quad \alpha_k^{(N)} = \alpha^{(2)} / \lambda_k$$

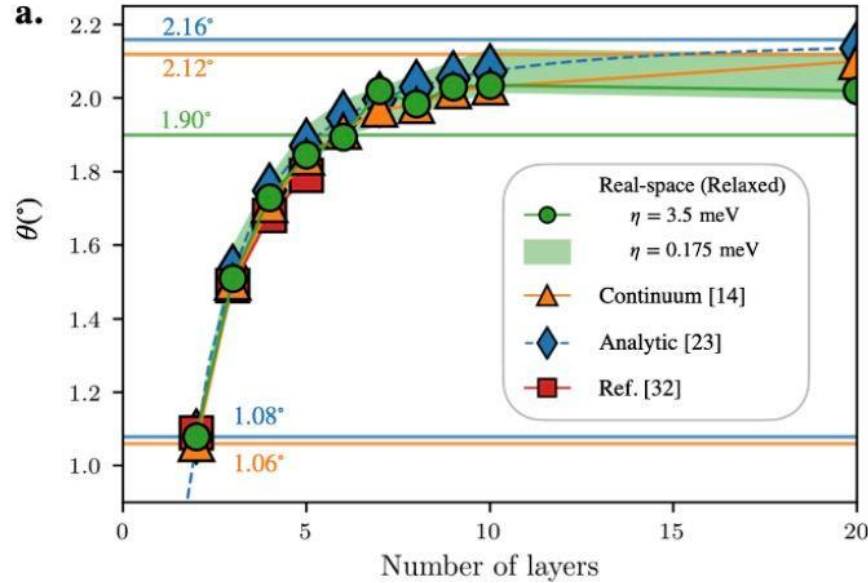
$$t_{\text{SHE},ij} = \begin{cases} t_{\text{F3G2},ij}^{\text{intra}} & \text{if } i \in \text{layer } j \\ S \exp[(c_{ij} - p)/q] t_{\text{TC},ij}^{\text{inter}} & \text{if } i \notin \text{layer } j \end{cases}$$

- Fix t2G magic angle at 1.08 degree using S
- Analytically estimate first magic for N>2 based on t2G coupling strength
- Calculate DOS for range of magic angles around this estimate (Lanczos recursion to tackle very large commensurate cells)
- Extract magic angle where DOS is largest`

Extracting the magic angle from DOS calculations



Magic angle reduction due to relaxation effects...



- Numerical magic angle (green) smaller than t2G-informed magic angle predictions (blue)
- Why...?

$$\kappa = w_{AA'}^{ij} / w_{AB}^{ij}$$

$$T(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=0,\pm} e^{-i\mathbf{Q}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \omega' & \omega e^{-i\phi_j} \\ \omega e^{i\phi_j} & \omega' \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\mathbf{G}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}_s} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{XX'}(\mathbf{G}_j) &= H_{XX'}(\mathbf{K} : \mathbf{G}_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{A_M} \int_{A_M} d\mathbf{r} \left[e^{i\mathbf{G}_j \cdot \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{r})} H_{XX'}(\mathbf{K} : \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{r})) \right] \end{aligned}$$

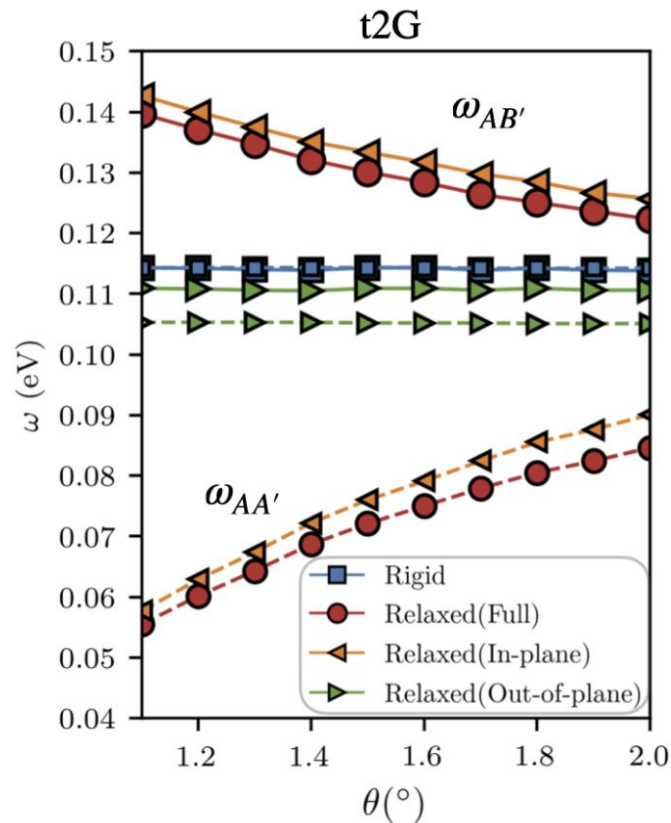
Magic angle reduction: explanation

$$\alpha_k^{(n)} = \alpha^{(2)} / \left(2 \cos \frac{\pi k}{n+1} \right) \quad \alpha_i = w_{AB} / (v_F k_D \theta_i)$$

- Reduced AB' coupling strength (see red dotted line) when increasing twist angle (reduced lattice reconstruction)
- Magic angle happens at larger angle for larger N

Weaker coupling implies magic angle reduction

(In-plane relaxation degree of freedom contributes primarily)



Take home message:

Reduction of magic angle values in tNG due to (in-plane) relaxation effects

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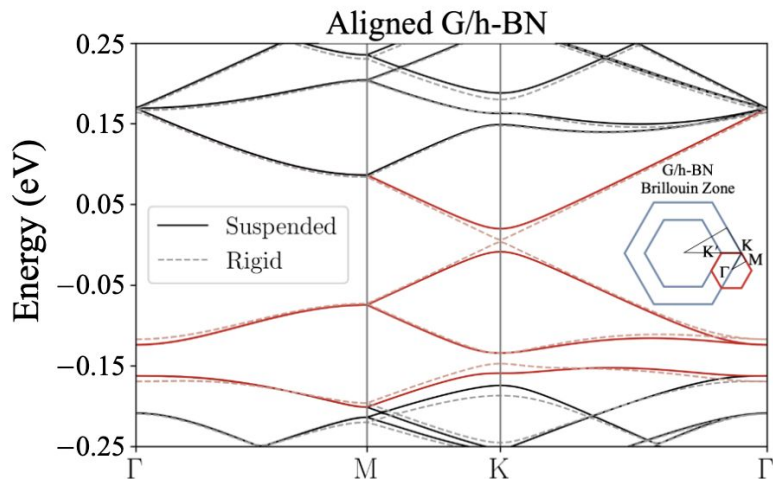
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Motivation



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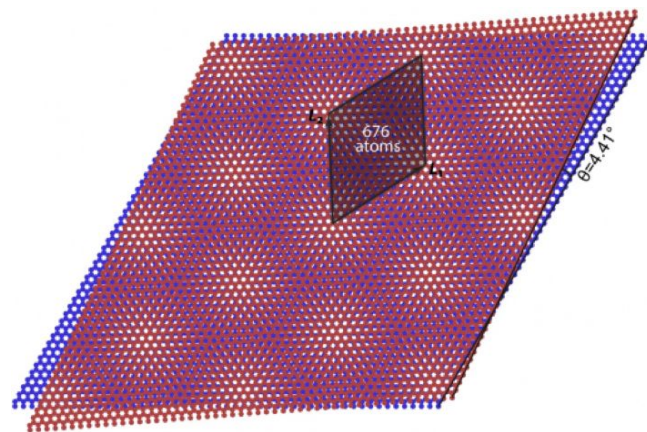
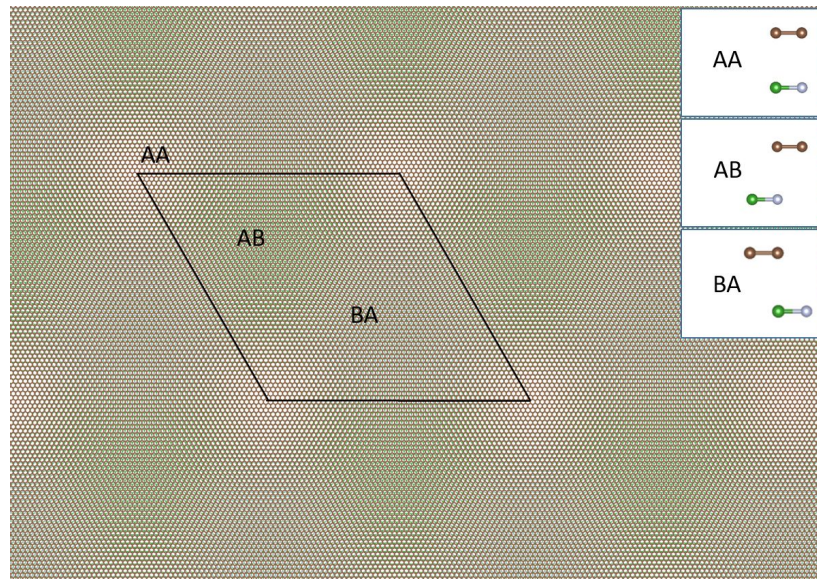
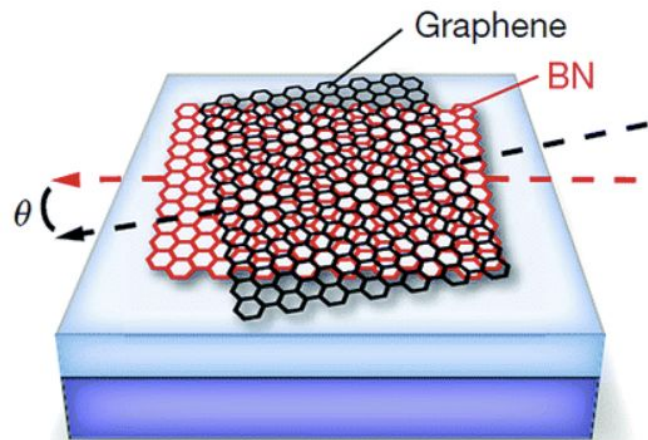
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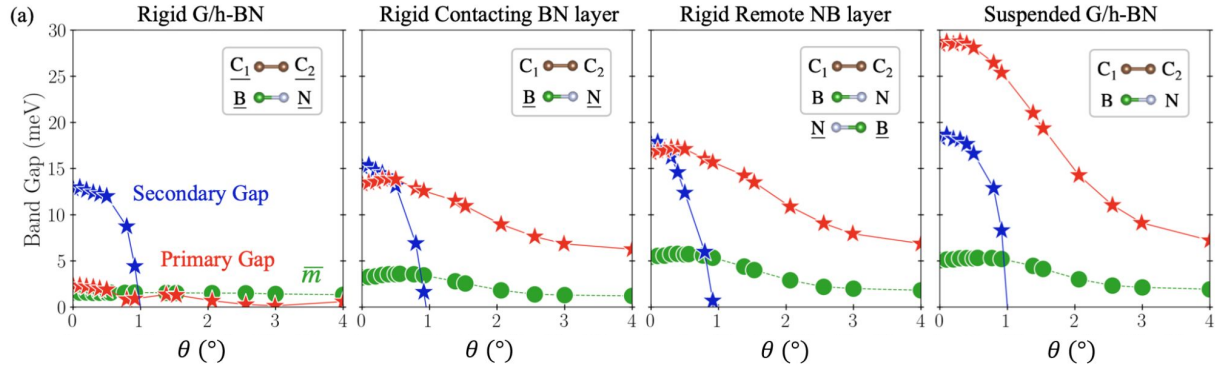
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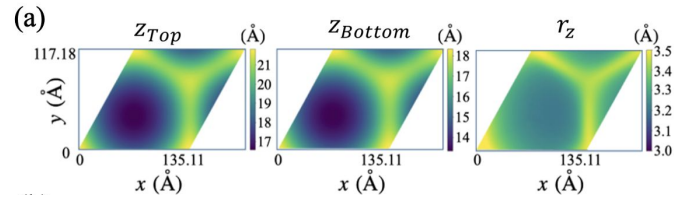


Primary and secondary gap: low angle regime

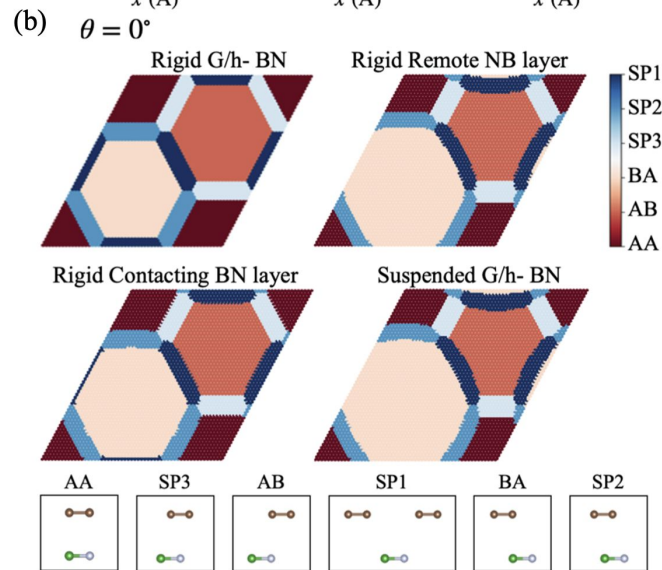
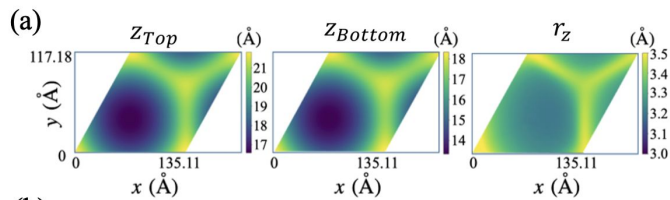
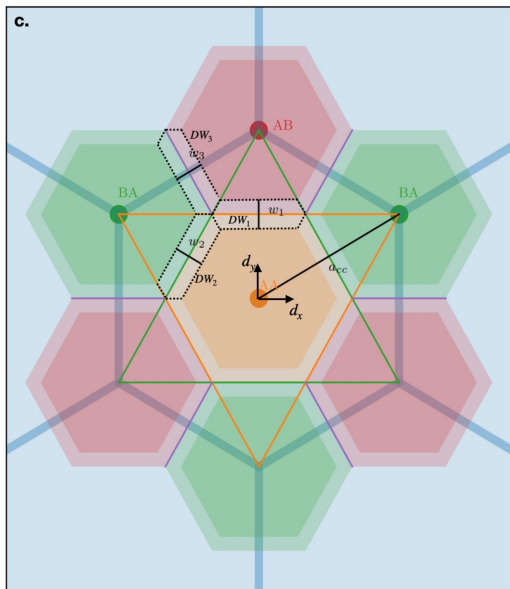


- Zero alignment: suspended G/h-BN shows largest gaps
- Increased rigidication of system: weak secondary gap reduction, large primary gap reduction
- Small increase of primary gap around 0.5 degree
- Relatively weak contribution of average mass-term gap to global gap value

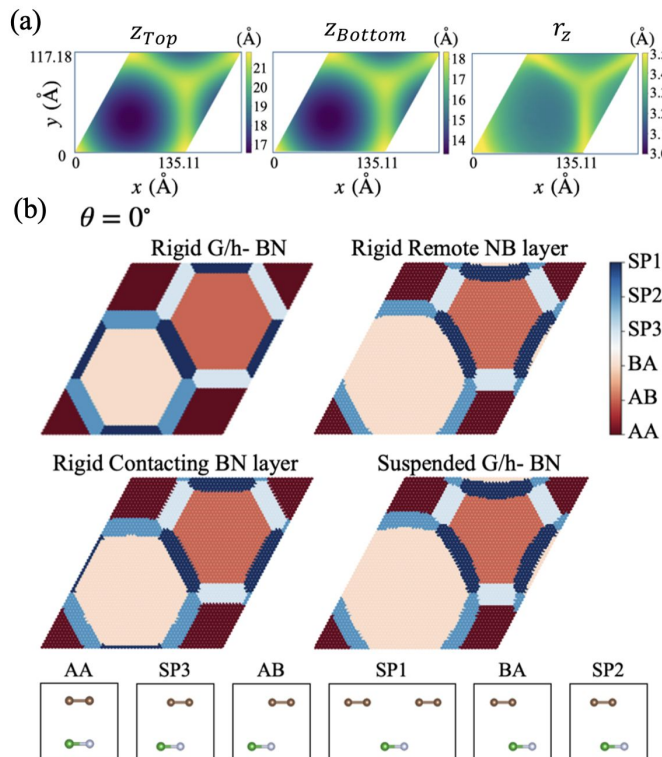
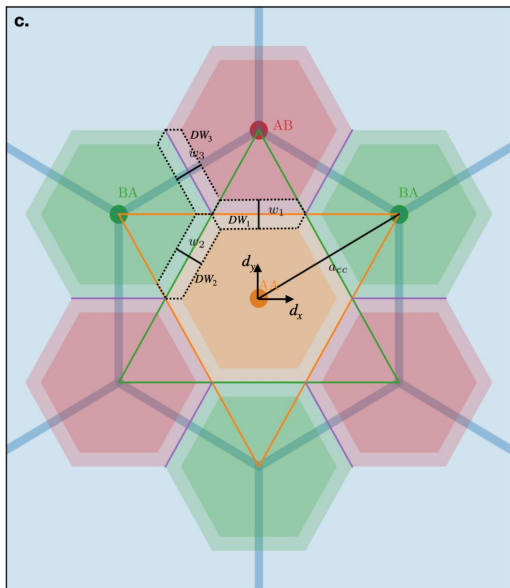
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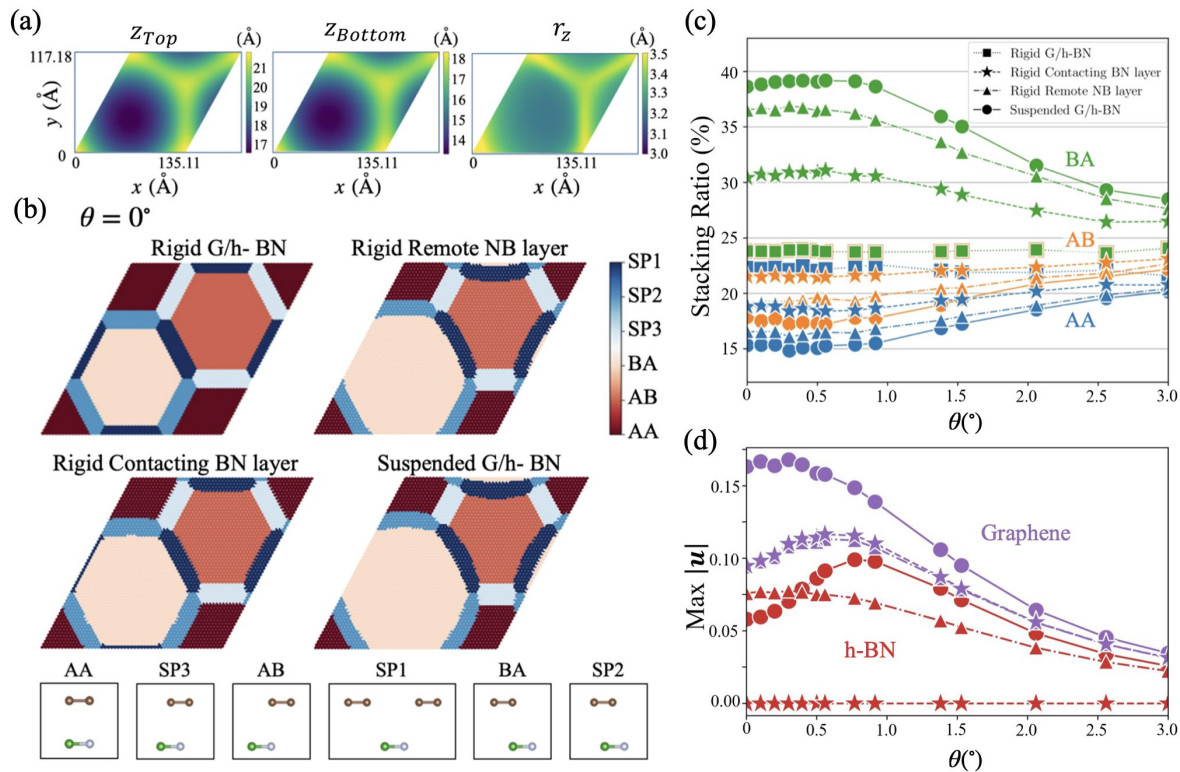
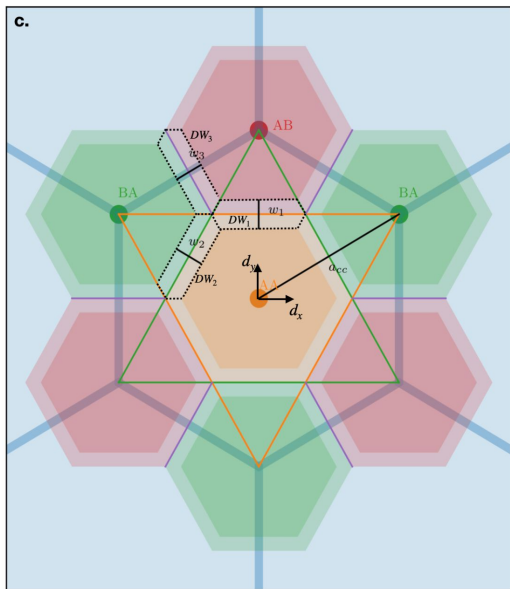
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Understanding the primary gap increase: local rotation angle

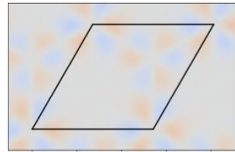
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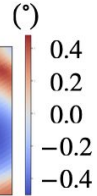
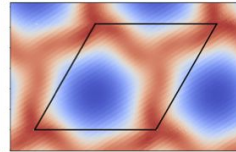
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(a) θ_R (Continuum)

$\theta = 0.0^\circ$



$\theta = 0.558^\circ$



Red: against global rotation
Blue: with global rotation

Simple shear strain

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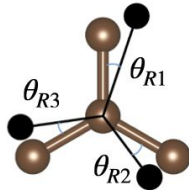
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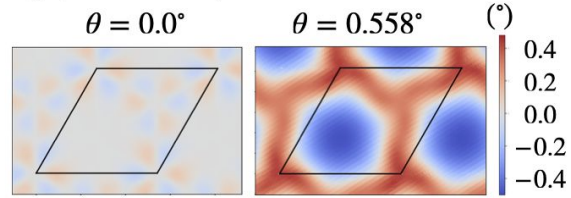
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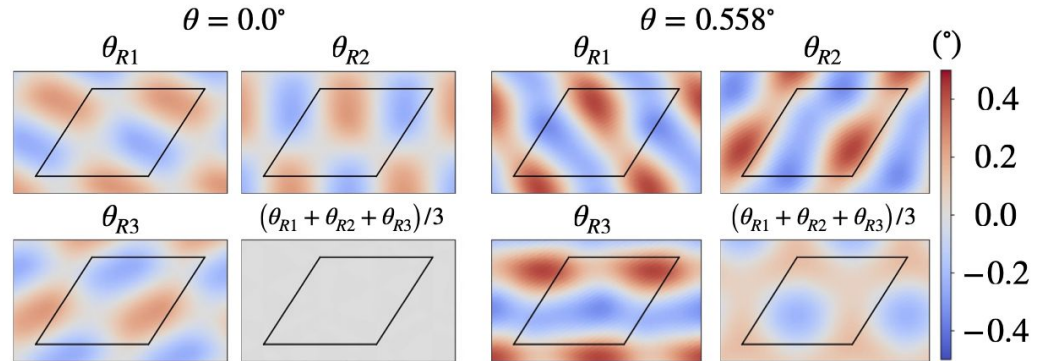


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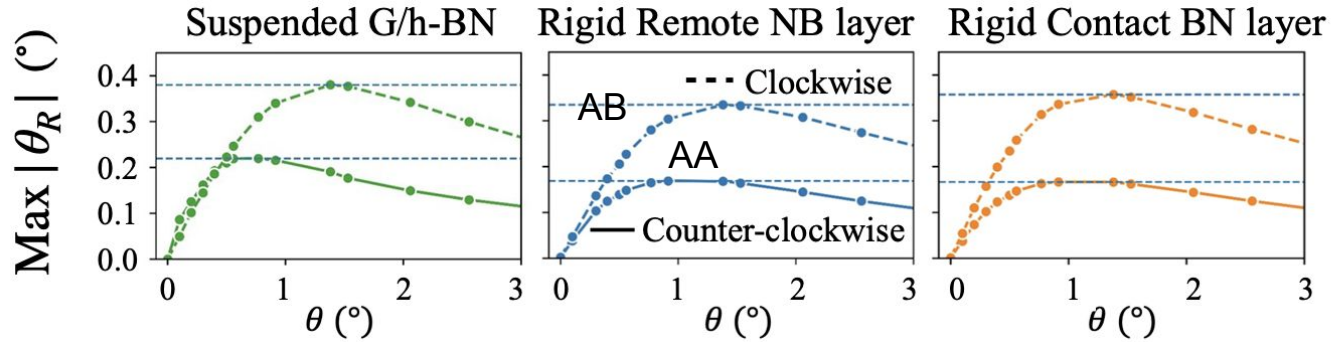


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(b) θ_R (Real-space)



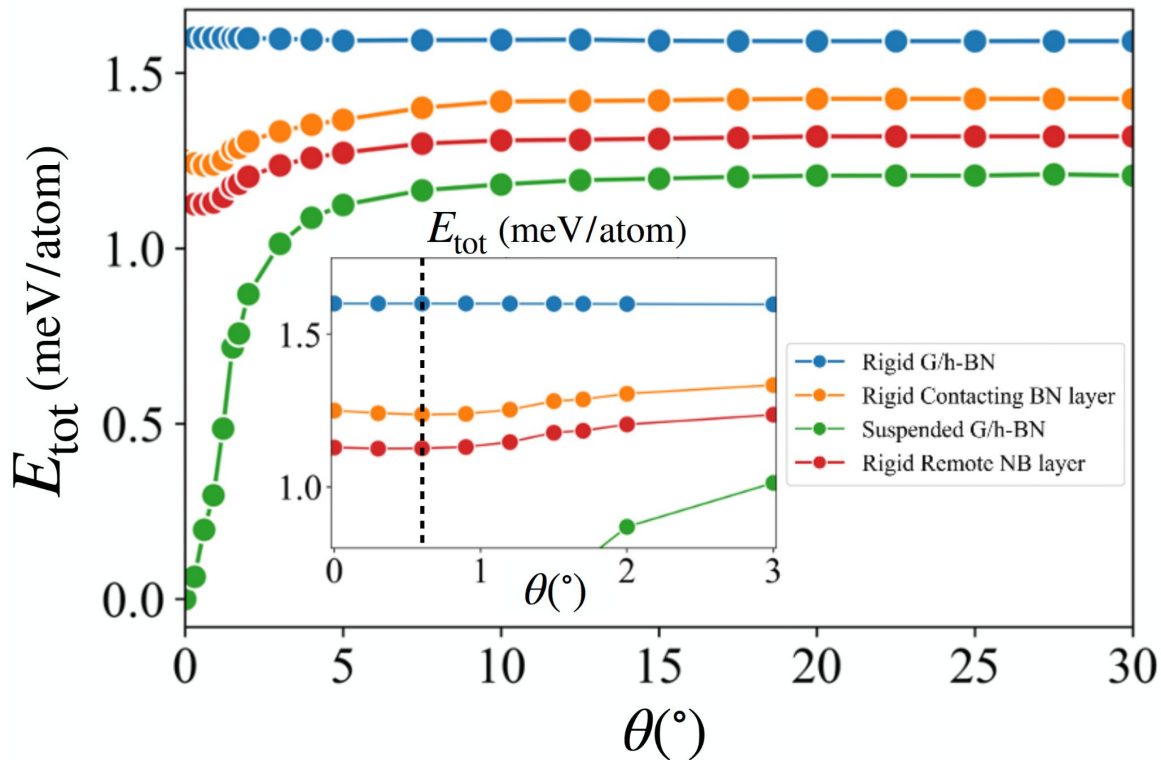
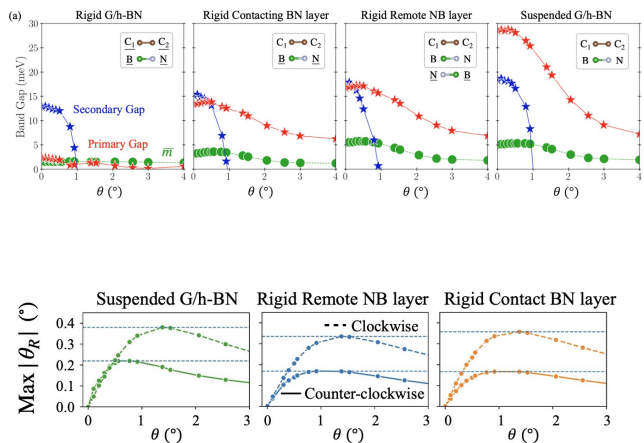
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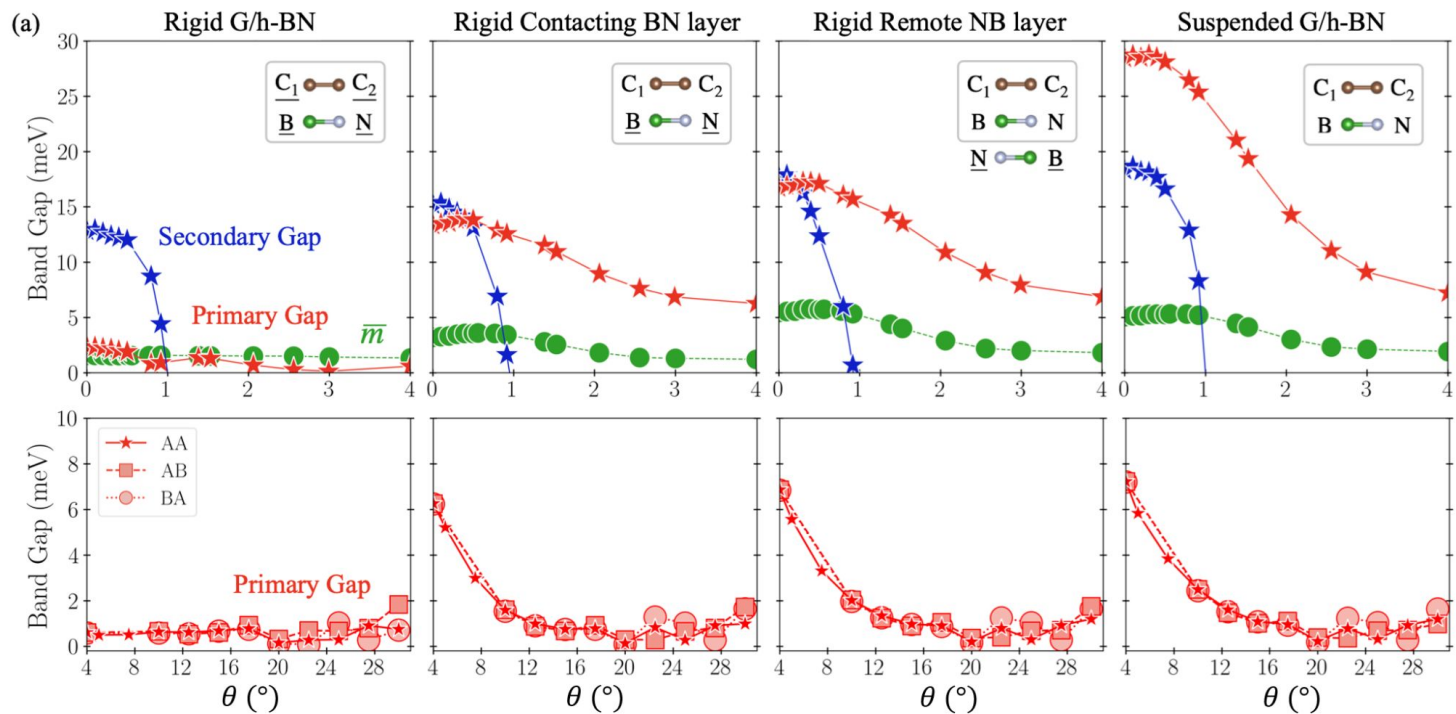
Increased local rotation at the AA (counter-clockwise) and AB stacking (clockwise) matches the larger lattice reconstruction for these angles.

Energetic stability?

Energetic stability



Large angle regime: robust 1 meV gap up to 30 degree



Take-home messages

- Substrate reduces the amplitude of the primary and secondary gaps in G-hBN
- Substrate causes larger lattice reconstruction away from perfect alignment
- Robust primary gap at large angle

Atomistic calculations of band gaps in graphene on hexagonal boron nitride

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Charge transfer in h-BN encapsulated BG

Motivations

interfacial ferroelectricity by stacking non-polar materials in a symmetry-breaking way

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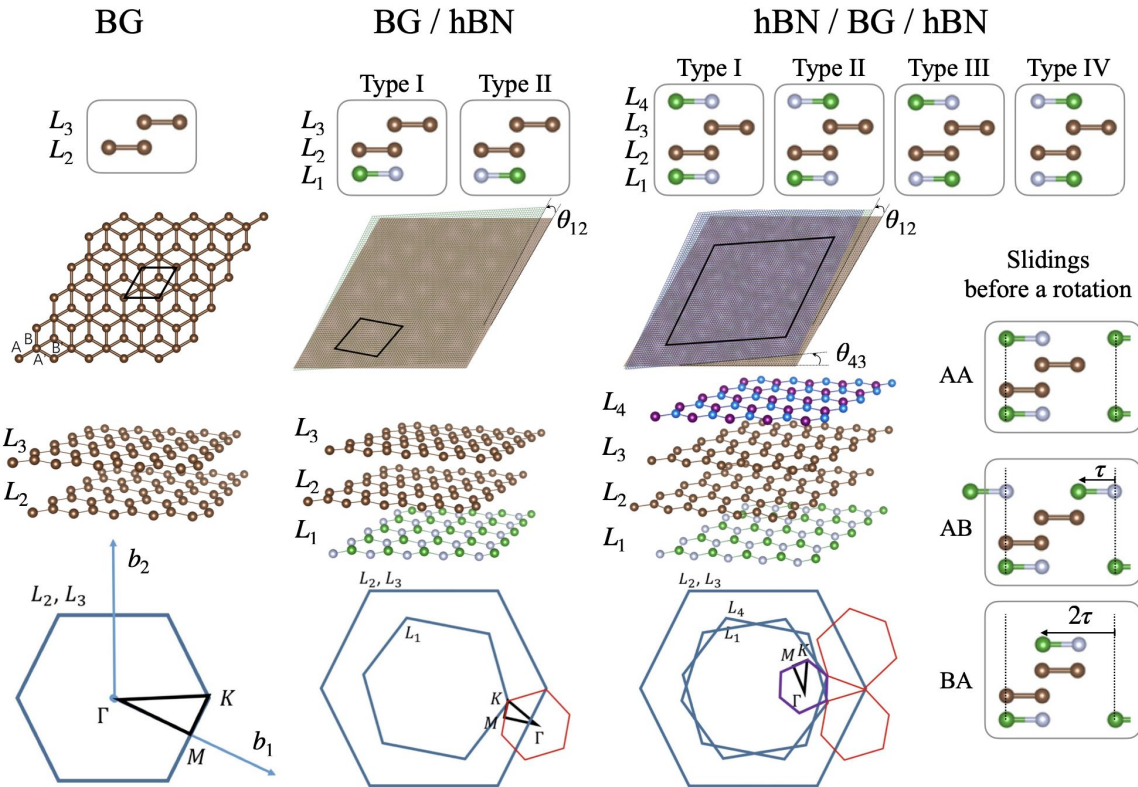
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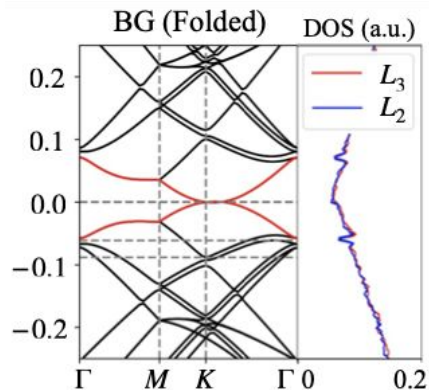
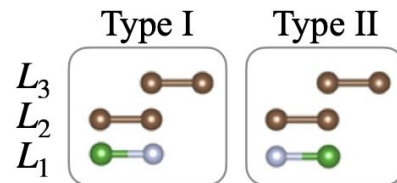
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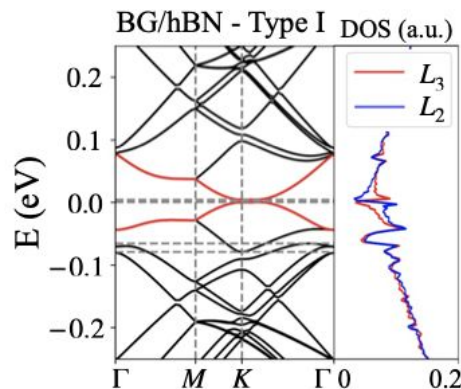


Charge transfer in BG on hBN

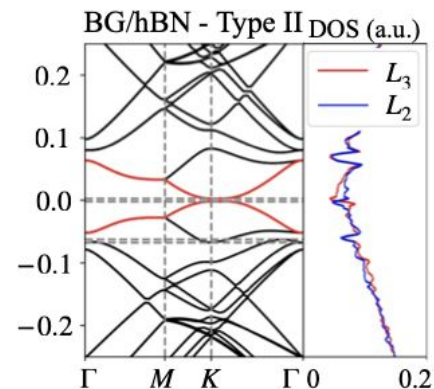
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No charge transfer

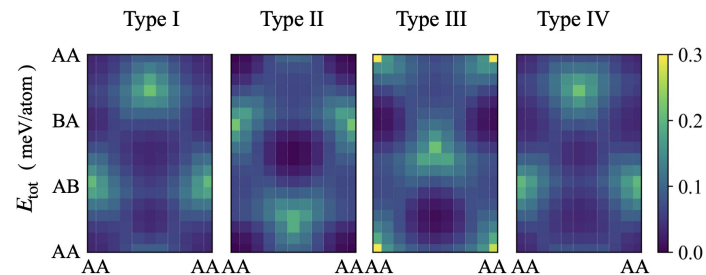
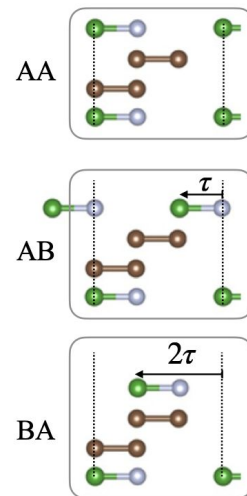
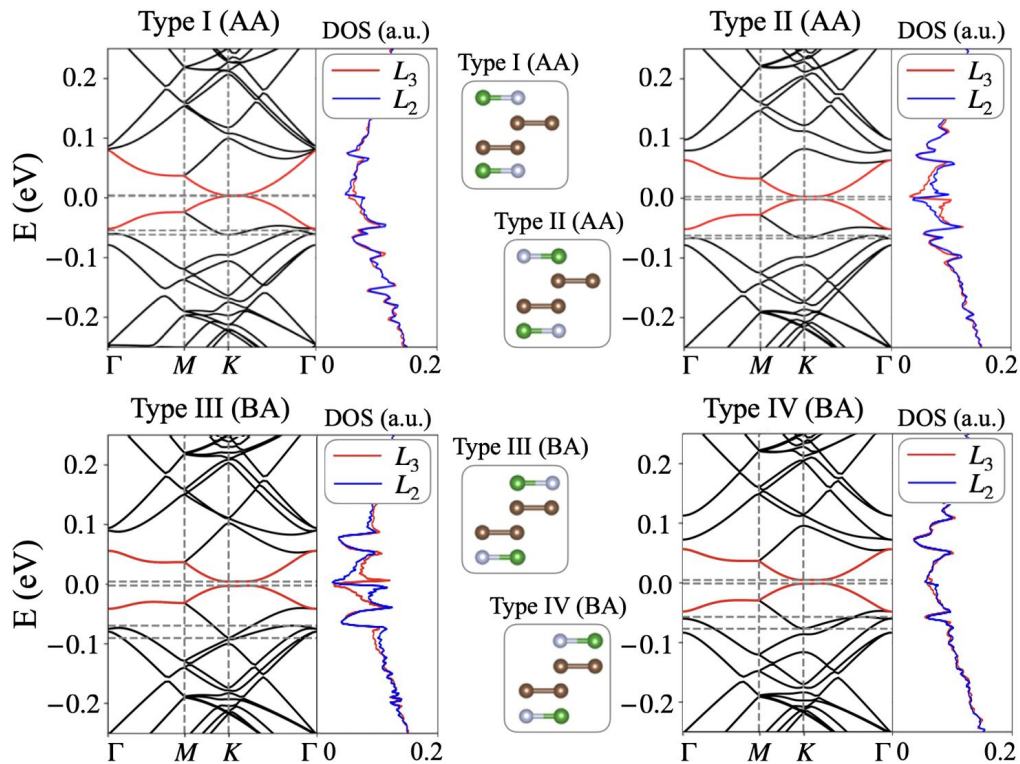


Larger charge on
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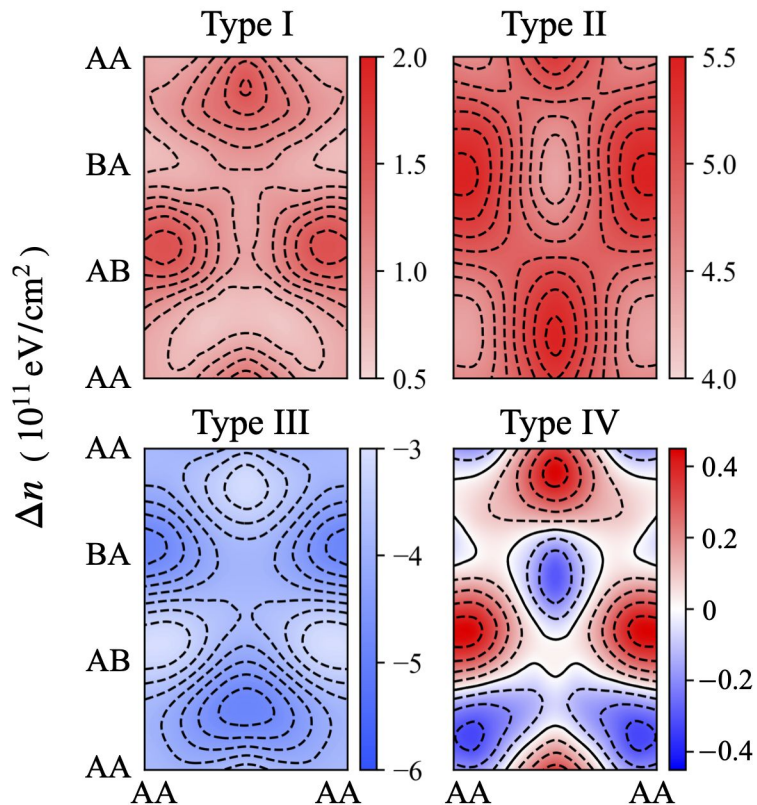
Larger charge on
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Charge transfer in encapsulated systems



Energetic stability

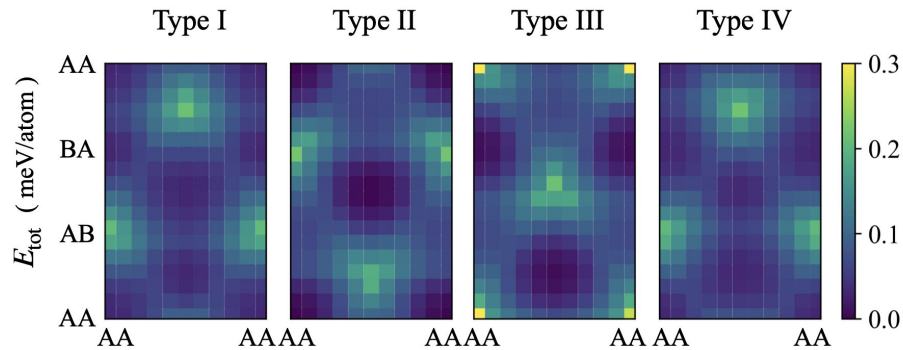
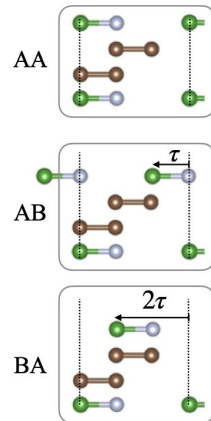
Sliding-dependence of the charge transfer



$$\Delta n = n_{L_3} - n_{L_2} \text{ [eV/cm}^2\text{]}$$

Red: more charge on layer 2

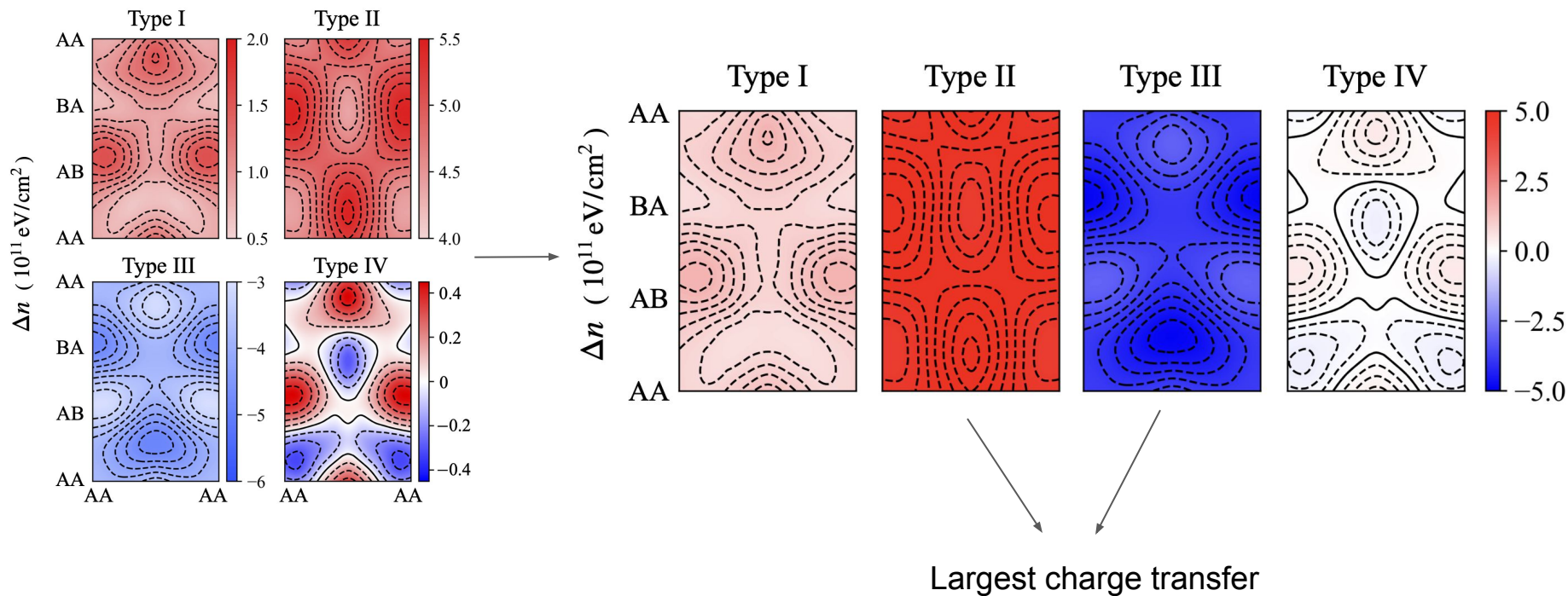
Blue: more charge on layer 3



Shared colormap range...

Red: more charge on layer 2

Blue: more charge on layer 3

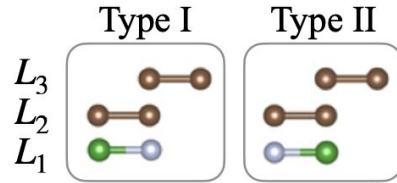


Understanding...

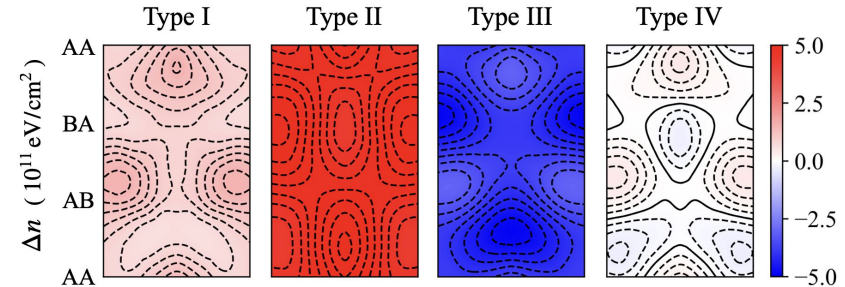
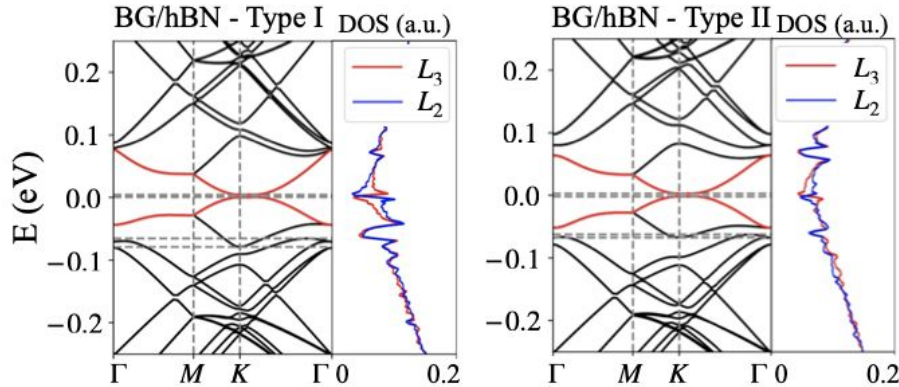
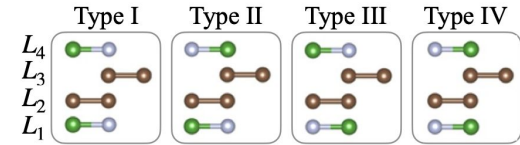
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BG / hBN

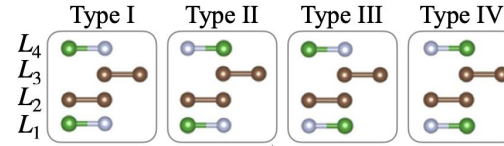


hBN / BG / hBN

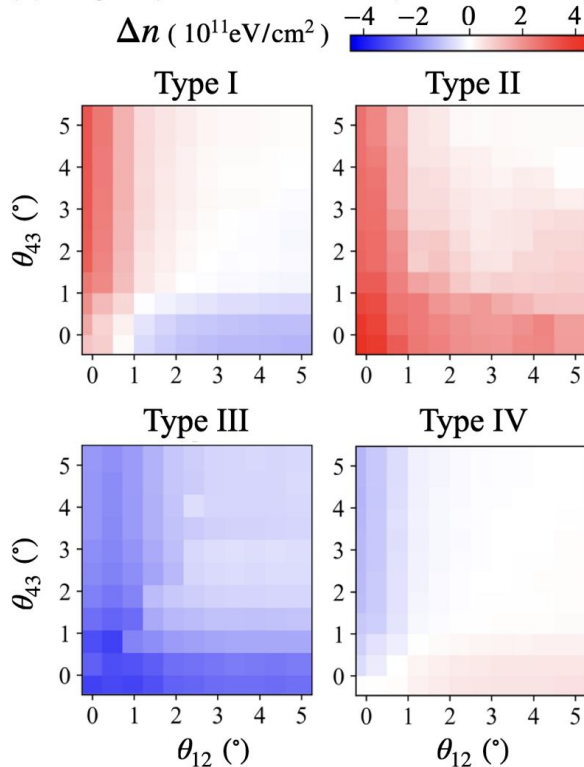


Effect of rotation

hBN / BG / hBN



(a) Rigid (Effective model)



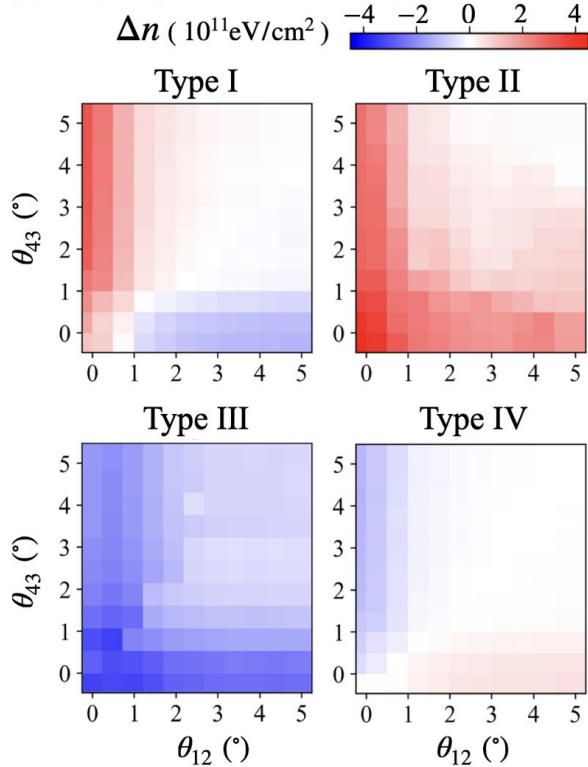
- Twisting away from alignment: decoupling between layers
- At 5 degree, hBN barely has a charging effect
- Behavior is explained by respective contribution of individual hBN layers

Red: more charge on layer 2

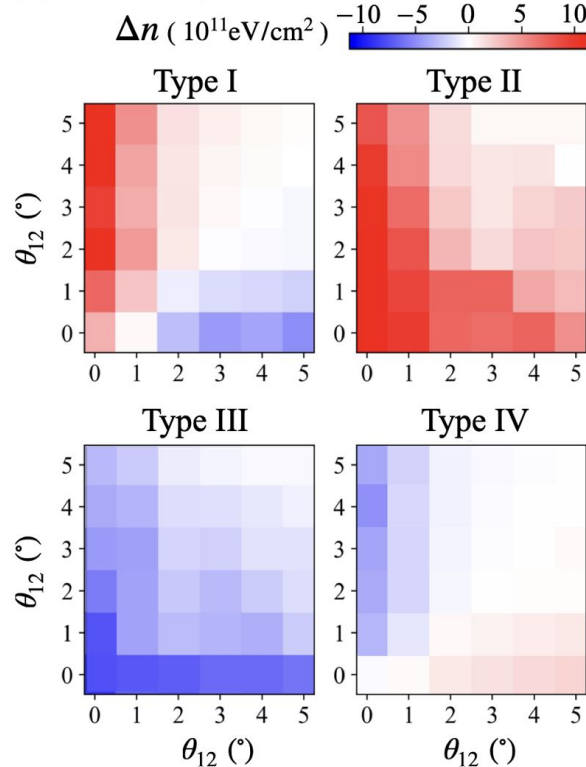
Blue: more charge on layer 3

Effect of relaxation

(a) Rigid (Effective model)



(b) Relaxed (Full TB model)



Factor 2.5 increase
in charge transfer

Take home message

Charge transfer from double moire can mostly be understood from single moire charge transfer contributions

Layer Polarization and Charge Transfer in h-BN Encapsulated Bilayer Graphene

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Conclusions

- The more accurate the force-field and tight-binding model parametrization, the better the quantitative comparison with experiment
- Lattice reconstruction affects the analytically predicted magic angles in tNG
- Substrate affects the primary and secondary angle-dependent gaps in G-hBN
- Charge transfer in encapsulated BG can be modulated by aligning the hBN layers in a parallel or antiparallel manner
- Methodology easily applicable for other layered materials

Thank you for your attention.

Questions?

Continuum and TB models

Continuum

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{\mathbf{k}}^- & T(\mathbf{r}) & 0 & \dots \\ T^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) & H_{\mathbf{k}'}^+ & T^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) & \dots \\ 0 & T(\mathbf{r}) & H_{\mathbf{k}}^- & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} + \Delta\epsilon,$$

$$H_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm = \hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{\mp i\theta/2} \\ \pi_{\mathbf{k}} e^{\pm i\theta/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\pi_{\mathbf{k}} = \bar{k}_x + i\bar{k}_y$$

bulk

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}}(k_z) = \begin{pmatrix} H_{\mathbf{k}}^- & 2T(\mathbf{r}) \cos(k_z c_0) \\ 2T^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \cos(k_z c_0) & H_{\mathbf{k}'}^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=0,\pm} e^{-i\mathcal{Q}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \omega' & \omega e^{-i\phi_j} \\ \omega e^{i\phi_j} & \omega' \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\mathcal{G}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_s} \right]$$

$$\Delta\epsilon = \text{diag} \left(-\frac{N-1}{2}, -\frac{N-1}{2} + 1, \dots, +\frac{N-1}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\Delta V}{N-1} \mathbb{1}$$

Tight-binding

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i^{n_{at}} \epsilon_i |i\rangle \langle i| + \sum_{i,j}^{n_{at}} t_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j| \quad |k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{at}}} \sum_j^{n_{at}} e^{ik \cdot \mathbf{r}_j} |j\rangle$$

$$t_{ij} = t_{ij}^{\text{intra}} + t_{ij}^{\text{inter}}$$

F2G2

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$$t_{ij}^{\text{inter}} = S \exp \left[\frac{c_{ij} - p}{q} \right] t_{\text{TC},ij}^{\text{inter}}$$

$$t_{\text{TC},ij} = V_{pp\pi}(r_{ij}) \left[1 - \left(\frac{c_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^2 \right] + V_{pp\sigma}(r_{ij}) \left(\frac{c_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^2$$

$$V_{pp\pi}(r_{ij}) = V_{pp\pi}^0 \exp \left(-\frac{r_{ij} - a_0}{r_0} \right)$$

$$V_{pp\sigma}(r_{ij}) = V_{pp\sigma}^0 \exp \left(-\frac{r_{ij} - c_0}{r_0} \right)$$

$$S = \frac{\theta_1 |t_{\text{eff}}|}{\omega} s = C_1 s$$

Understanding charge distribution

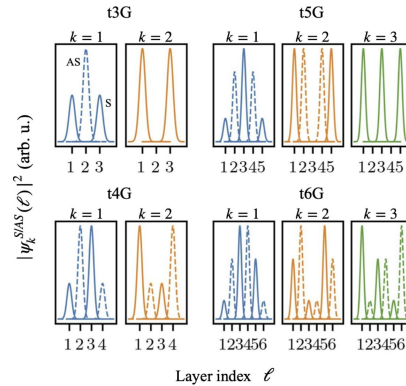
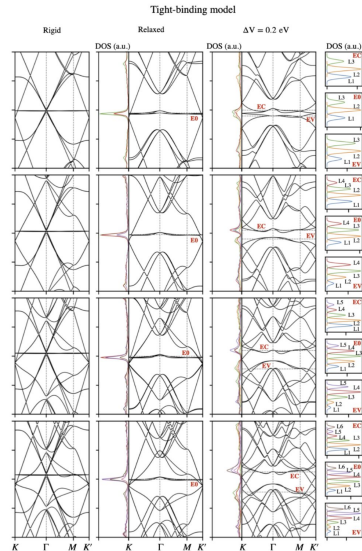
Separate tNG multilayer Hamiltonian into smaller subsystems using basis of odd layer symmetric or even layer antisymmetric wave functions based on the eigenstates of opposite sign eigenvalues $\lambda_k = -\lambda_{N+1-k}$

$$|\tilde{\psi}_k^{\text{odd}}\rangle = \frac{|\psi_k\rangle + |\psi_{N+1-k}\rangle}{\sqrt{2}},$$

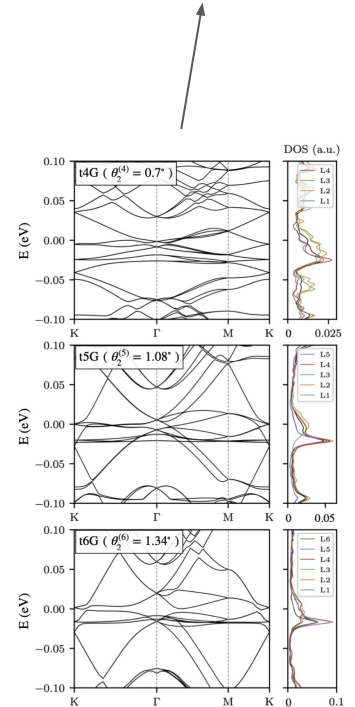
$$|\tilde{\psi}_k^{\text{even}}\rangle = \frac{|\psi_k\rangle - |\psi_{N+1-k}\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

$$|\psi_k\rangle \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N_e$$

$$\psi_k(\ell) \quad \ell = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



k=2, states are on outer layers, thus weaker angle reduction effects



Separation into elastic and potential energy maps

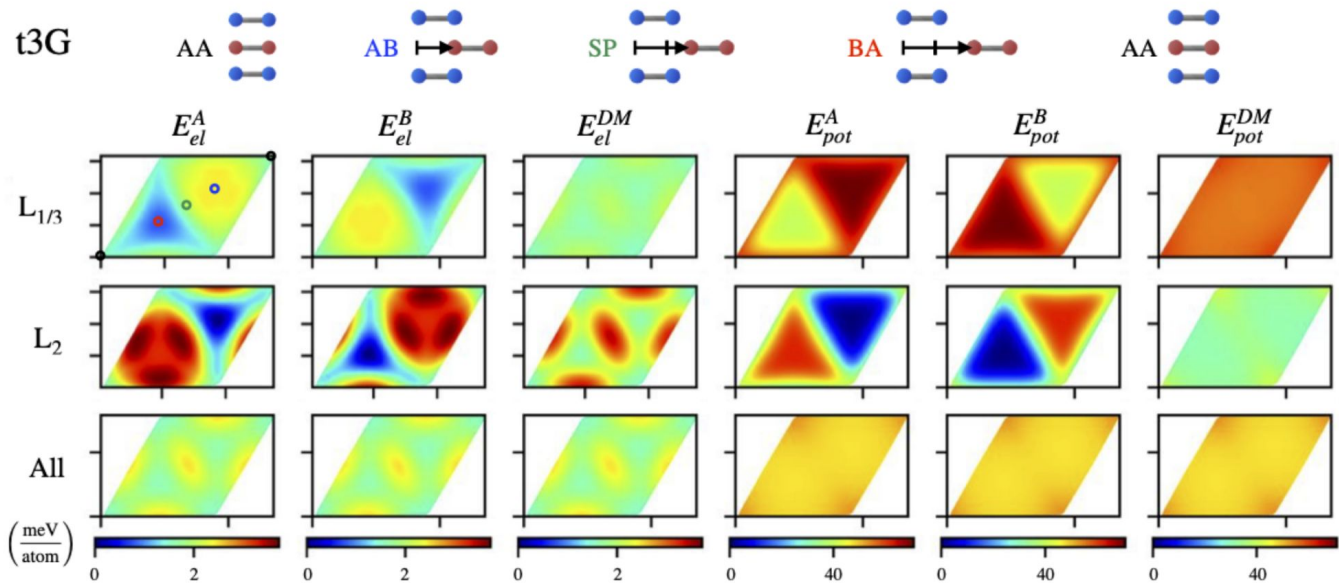
$$E_i^{\text{el}} = \sum_{j \in \text{layer } i} \phi_{ij} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$E_i^{\text{pot}} = \sum_{j \notin \text{layer } i} \phi_{ij} = \sum_{j \in \text{any layer}} \phi_{ij} - E_i^{\text{el}} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Extracted from LAMMPS:

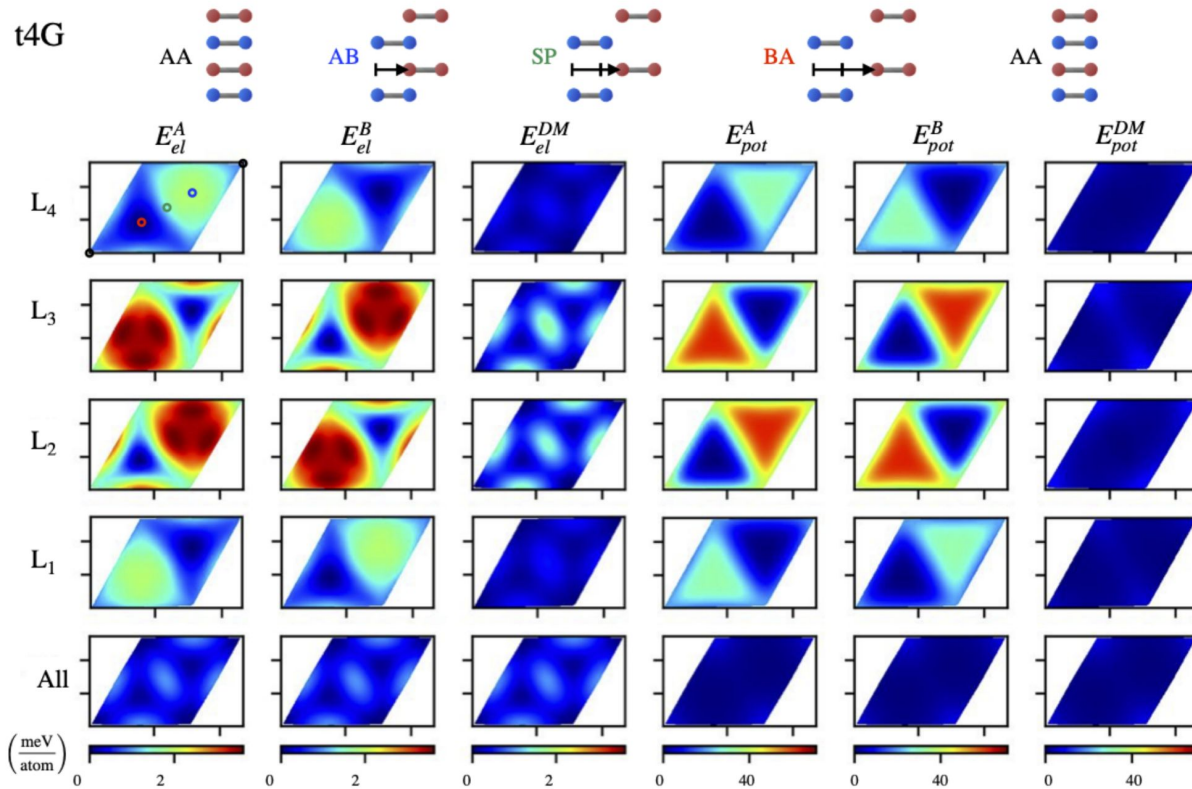
- Get the atom-resolved energy maps
- Separate into elastic (only in-plane interactions) and potential (only out-of-plane pairwise interactions) during post-processing

t3G maps



- Layer and sublattice-resolved contributions
- Order of magnitude larger potential energy contribution: energetically favorable regions can be fully inferred from the potential energy
- Elastic energy shows the largest contributions in the SP regions when adding up all layer contributions
- L_2 shows twice as large contributions compared to L_1 and L_3
- Chiral signatures are observed (add Ref 35, 36)

t4G maps

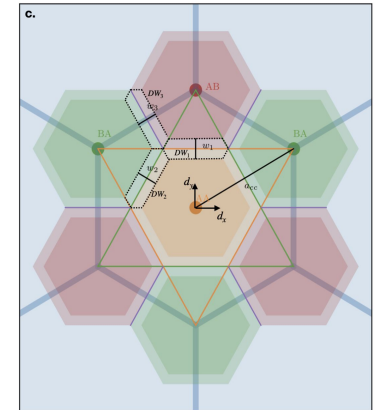
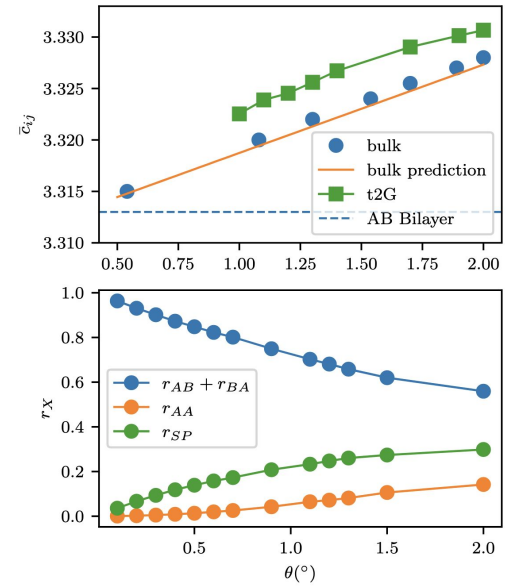


For increasing N, the trends can be inferred from N=3 and N=4 maps.

Magic angle predictions: explanations

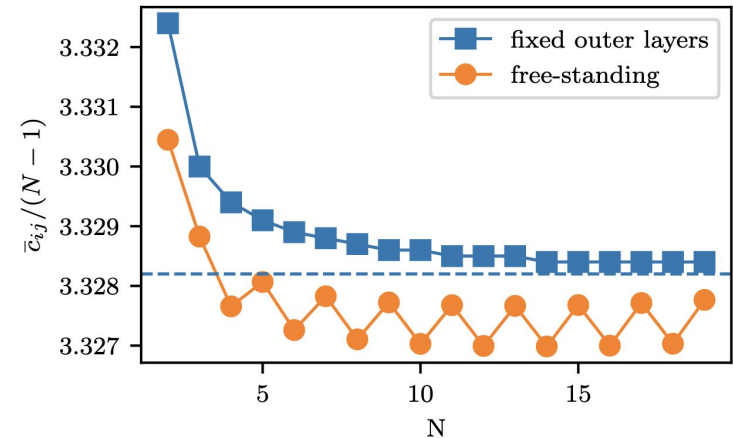
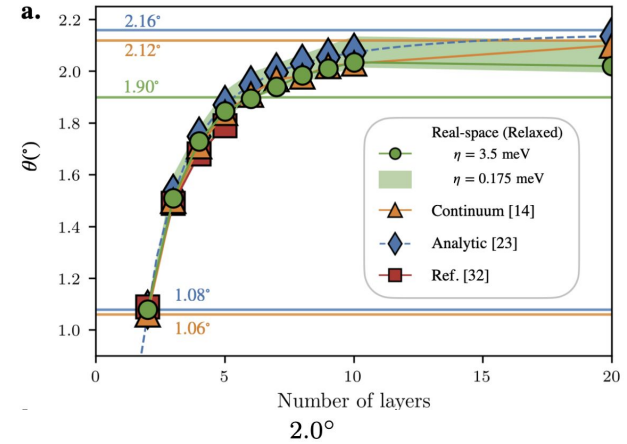
- Remember: stronger coupling implies larger magic angle
- Largest drop for bulk: decreased coupling?
- Yes: distance increases from 3.313 Ang (AB stacked) to 3.328 Ang for bulk system at 2 degree. Why?
- Increasing AA contribution/weakening AB contribution for larger angle (weaker lattice reconstruction), increased estimates for average interlayer distance:

$$\bar{c}_{ij}^{\text{bulk}} = r_{AA} c_0^{\text{AA}} + r_{AB/BA} c_0^{\text{AB/BA}} + r_{\text{SP}} c_0^{\text{SP}}$$



Magic angle predictions: explanations

- N-dependence of average interlayer distance: converges to bulk value with increasing N
- Monotonic decrease for fixed outer layers (no out-of-plane relaxation)
- Gradual convergence when allowing for out-of-plane relaxation in case of free-standing configuration
- Minimum average distance at N=14 agrees with observed maximum angle for N=10
- Open question: how many layers to recover bulk behavior?



$$W_{\Gamma} = E_{\text{cond}}(\Gamma) - E_{\text{val}}(\Gamma)$$

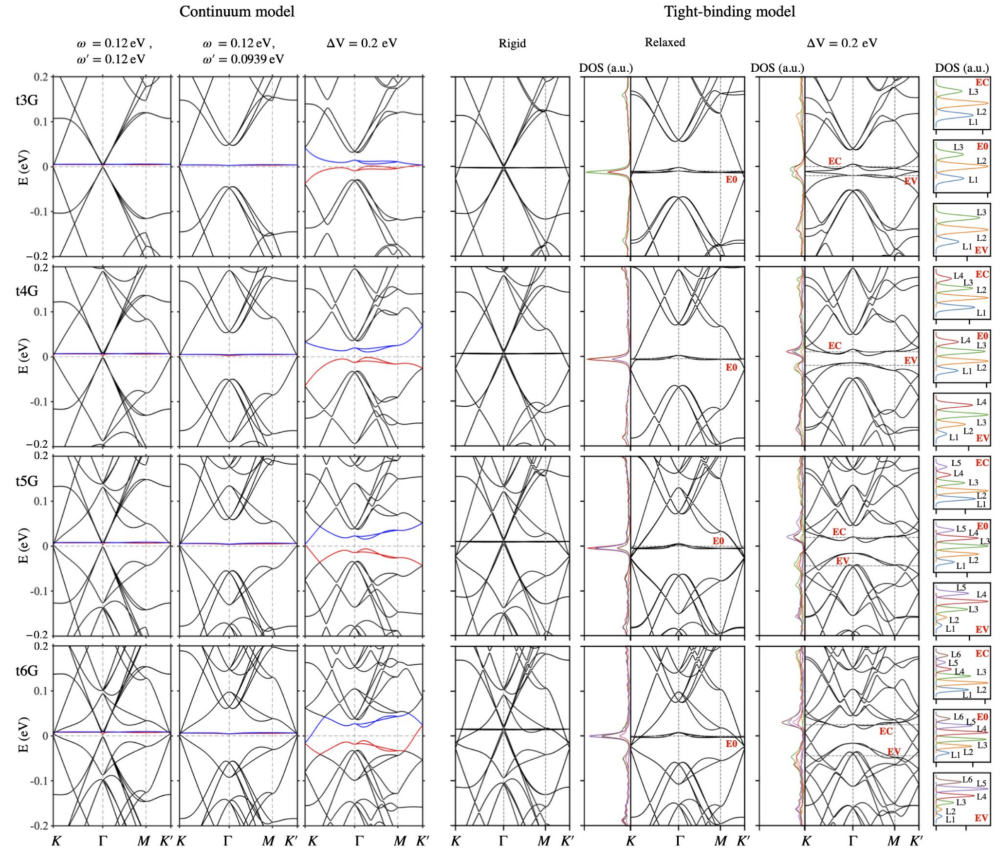
$$\theta_{\text{eff}} = \theta_{\text{ref}} - \delta\theta = \frac{S}{S'}\theta_{\text{ref}}$$

$$S = \frac{\theta_1 |t_{\text{eff}}|}{\omega} s = C_1 s$$

$$S' = C_1' s = C_1 \left(1 + \frac{\delta\theta}{\theta_{\text{ref}}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\delta v_F}{v_F}\right) \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega + \delta\omega}\right) s.$$

Electronic band structures up to N=6

- Modify S' to get the bandstructure for effective angle using reference commensurate angle
- Minimize band-width at Gamma
- Relaxation effect: el-hole asymmetry, separation of high energy bands from low energy bands at Gamma
- States are mostly located on the inner layers
- Layer asymmetry in DOS when applying electric field
- E-field: gap in the case of t4G



Bulk mapping

Analogy with 1d-chain

$$\lambda_k = 2 \cos(\kappa_k),$$

$$\psi_k(\ell) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N+1}} \sin(\kappa_k \ell)$$

$$k = 1, 2, \dots, N_e.$$

$\ell = 1, 2, \dots, N$ are the layer indices.

$$\kappa_k = \pi k / (N+1)$$

$$k_z c_0 = \frac{\pi k}{N+1}$$

$$N = 8$$

