Nanotechnologies and new materials

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Summary

- 2D materials
- Graphene: Properties

 Exfoliation
 CVD growth Transfer
 Electronic Structure
- 2D heterostructures
- Conclusions

0D, 1D, 2D and 3D materials



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Graphene



weak inter-plane van der Waals bonds

2D Materials



Usually 2D materials have a 3D analog which are lamellar solids

They can be isolated as free-standing one-atom or few-atoms thick layers and can exists without a substrate

They exhibit optical and electronic properties different from their 3D analogs

Materials in the Flatland



Complex architecture

New materials create new challenges in condensed matter research.

Monolayer graphene properties



semi-metal or zero-gap semiconductor



at the Dirac points the dispersion is linear and electrons and holes behave like relativistic particles with Fermi velocity $v_F \simeq 10^6$ m/s

a=0.142 nm trasport is ambipolar

graphene lacks a bandgap around the Fermi level

Monolayer graphene properties



Graphene properties



Graphene:

- is a semimetal but conducts as the best metals
- transport can be modulated (it can be switched ON and OFF) possesses record electron and hole mobilities (>x100 than Si) allows very high current densities (~ 4-8 mA/ μ m, 10⁹ A/cm²)
- is the strongest material (>5x stailess steel and much lighter)
- is flexible
- is a super heat-conductor (>x40 than Si)
- is chemically inert
- is biocompatible

Mechanical exfoliation



Novoselov et al Phys. Scr. T146 014006 2012





white light $2.3\% \pm 0.1$

Raman spectroscopy



Raman spectroscopy of graphene





Production of graphene monolayers



Graphene-based devices

Field effect transistor Graphene V_{SD}=50mV NH₃ NH₃ Ŧ NH3 Stephene Cr/Au SiO₂ Gate Si Au 星 Sio2 VG Si 220 (b) 200 2.5 180 Conductivity (µS) 160 (VII) 1.5 140 120 100 80 60 1 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Gate Voltage (V) 0.5 -20 0 V_g(V) 20 40

Epitaxial graphene on TM metals



(Ir, Ru, Pt, Re, Rh, Ni, Fe, Cu, PtRh, NiAl,)

Large area graphene Self-limiting growth Low defect density

Epitaxial graphene on TM metals



Scanning Tunneling Microscopy

Gr/lr(111)

Gr/Ir(111)

Moiré pattern in epitaxial graphene



Graphene on Ir(111)



N'Diaye et al PRL 97, 215501 (2006)





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N'Diaye et al NJP 10 (2008) 043033

Graphene on TM surfaces

DFT

∆h=0.35 Å

Gr/Ru(0001)



Gr/lr(111)





SW ∆h=0.6±0.1 Å; ∆h=1.0±0.2 Å

Busse et al. PRL 107 (2011) 036101

Interaction between TM metals and graphene



Gr may grow on the bulk carbide



strongly interacting with Gr

weakly interacting with Gr

Batzill Surf. Sci. Rep. 67 (2012) 83

Angle resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES)



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 $KE=hv-BE-\phi$





Graphene/Ni(111)





Voloshina New J. Phys. 13(2011) 113028

Graphene/Ni(111)



No Dirac cones: the interaction between graphene and the Ni(11) substrate is too strong

Intercalation of below epitaxial graphene



Decoupled graphene

Scanning Tunneling Microscopy



lr(111)

Decoupled graphene/Ni(111): Au intercalation



Decoupling of Gr from the Ir(111) substrate by O intercalation



What we have learned :

- Graphene grows on reactive TM metal crystals
- The intercation with the metal substrate changes the electronic structure of graphene
- Graphene can be decoupled from the substrate
- Atoms in contact to graphene might induce doping

If we want to move to technology......

- Graphene grows on reactive TM metal crystals
- The intercation with the metal substrate changes the electronic structure of graphene weakly interacting metal
- Graphene can be decoupled from the substrate
- Atoms in contact to graphene might induce doping

It is convenient to switch to a cheap substrate polycrystalline copper foils **WEAKLY reactive**



and use furnaces to grow large area graphene





Graphene growth on copper



150 min

50 min

 $p_{CH4} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ torr } p_{H2} = 0.1 \text{ torr}$

Hao et al. Science 2013

Low domain density Dendritic edges High domain density Sharp edges

Graphene growth on copper

Carrier mobility 40.000-65.000 cm²/Vs (1.7 K) 15.000-30.000 m²/Vs (RT)



Hao et al. Science 2013

Electrical quality of large Gr domains is comparable to that of exfoliated graphene

Transfer of large area graphene



Drawbacks:

Structural defects, cracks, polymer residuals.

Additional processing: vacuum annealing, substrate treatment,...

Transfer of large area graphene



Gorantla, Nanoscale, 2014,6, 889

Mobility of 2DMs vs. preparation methods



Graphene nanoribbons



E_{gap}~1.38/W eV

carrier mobilities 50-200 cm² /Vs

relative increase in edge scattering events of charge carriers in the GNRs.

Graphane (CH)n

*sp*³ bonds



graphane is a 2-D analog of cubic diamond

DFT calculations reveal that fully hydrogenated graphene is a wide-bandgap semiconductor, whereas half-hydrogenated graphene has a bandgap of 0.43 eV



Balog et al. Nature mat. 9 (2010) 315

graphene hydrogenated from either one or both sides rapidly lost H at moderate *T*, which casts doubts that it could be used in applications where stability is required

Fluorographene: the world's thinnest insulator



FG can be seen as a 2D analogue of Teflon, which is a fully fl fuorinated 1D carbon chain, or as a 2D counterpart of graphite fluoride.



Zboril et al Small, Nov. 2010

2D materials



Fiori et al Nat. Nanotech 2014

New materials
 2D layers of IV group elements:
 silicene, germanene, stannene

Materials already known in their 3D form
 Nitrides h-BN

Transition metal dichalcogenides (MoS₂, WS₂...) MX₂ (M: Mo, W, Nb, Re, Ni, or V) (X: S, Se, or Te)



Oxides MoO₃, V₂O₅

Phosphorene

2D materials



S. Haigh et al. Nat. Mat. 11 764 (2012)

Field-Effect Tunneling Transistor Based on Vertical Graphene Heterostructures



Britnell et al. Science 335, 947 (2012)

van der Waals Epitaxy of MoS₂ Layers on graphene



Shi et al. Nano Lett. 2012, 12, 2784

Conclusions

- Growth of large area high-quality, single-crystal 2D materials , required for the practical realization of 2D material-based technologies and for high-volume manufacturing, is a challenging tasks.
- With respect to graphene, 2D materials (monolayer and few-layer films) growth processes are still in their infancy, and many groups around the world are investigating ways of producing them (control of thickness, purity and point defects, such as chalcogen vacancies).
- Another crucial point in the fabrication of electronic devices is related to the electric contact between 2D materials and metals, which needs to be ohmic and have low resistance.
- Before these production processes can be used in any high-volume manufacturing environment, the growth conditions that yield high-quality films need to be stablished and optimized.
- If large-area materials growth is successful, 2D material technology could enable a new generation of **flexible electronics** for wearable and bendable systems.



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