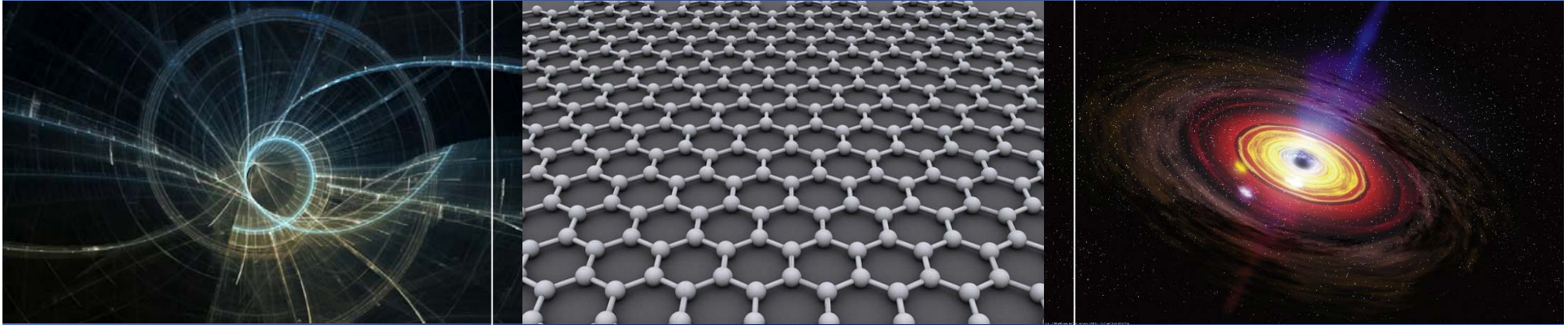




Physics of Moiré Pattern in Atomic Scale

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Physics



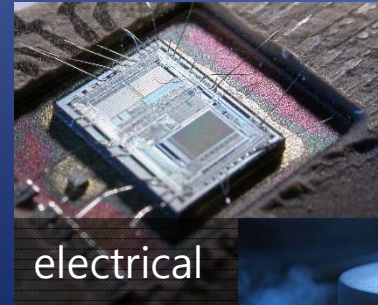
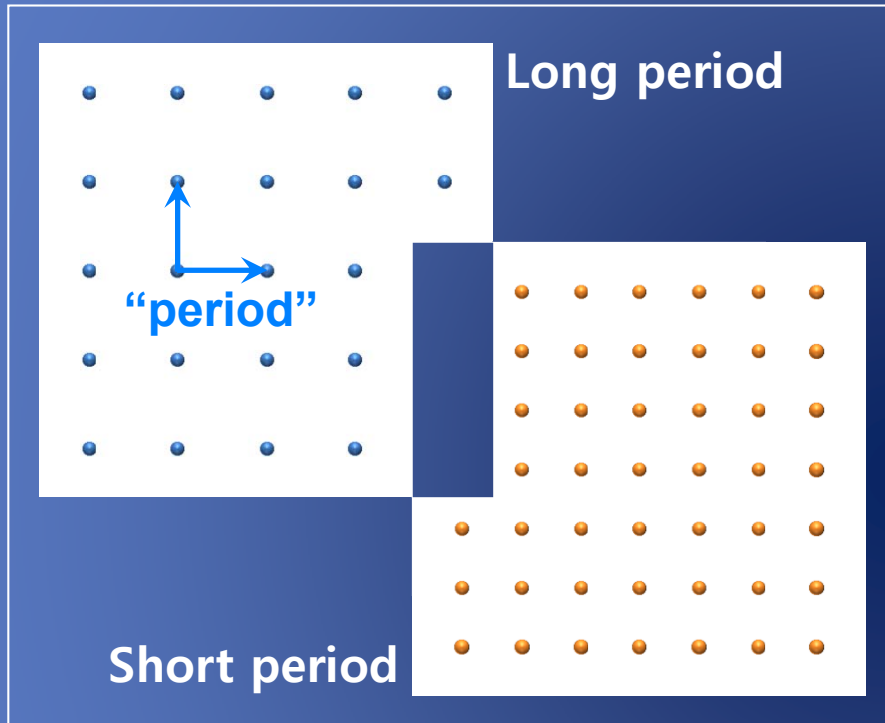
Solid State Physics

- **Atomic species**
 - **Periodicity of atoms**
- **determine material properties**

Period of atoms



Material properties



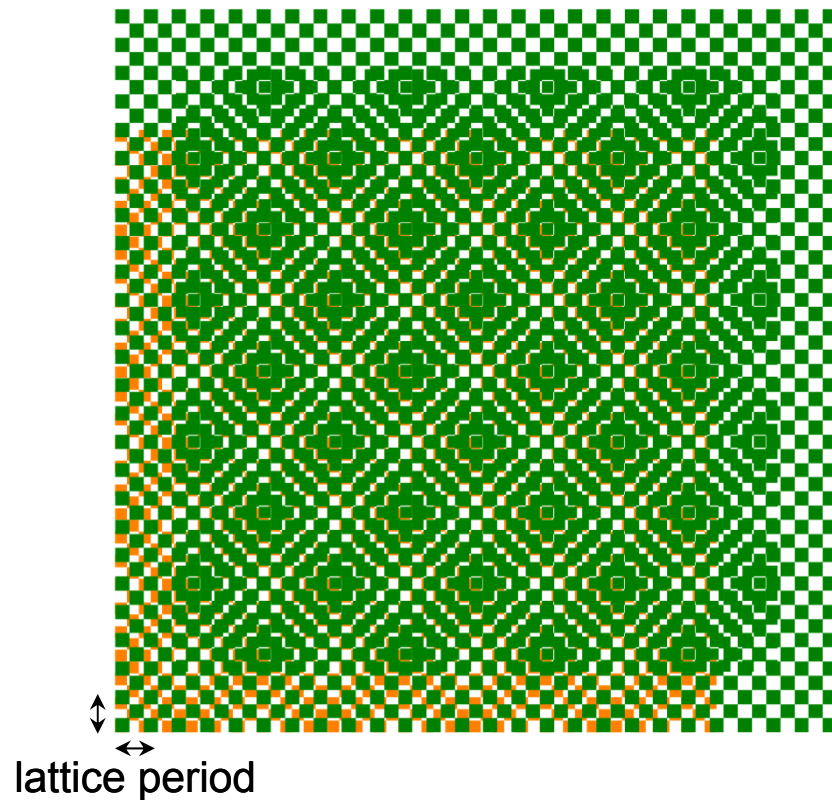
- Period : 0.1-1 nm (1 nm = 10^{-9} m)
- Compression / elongation : < 1%



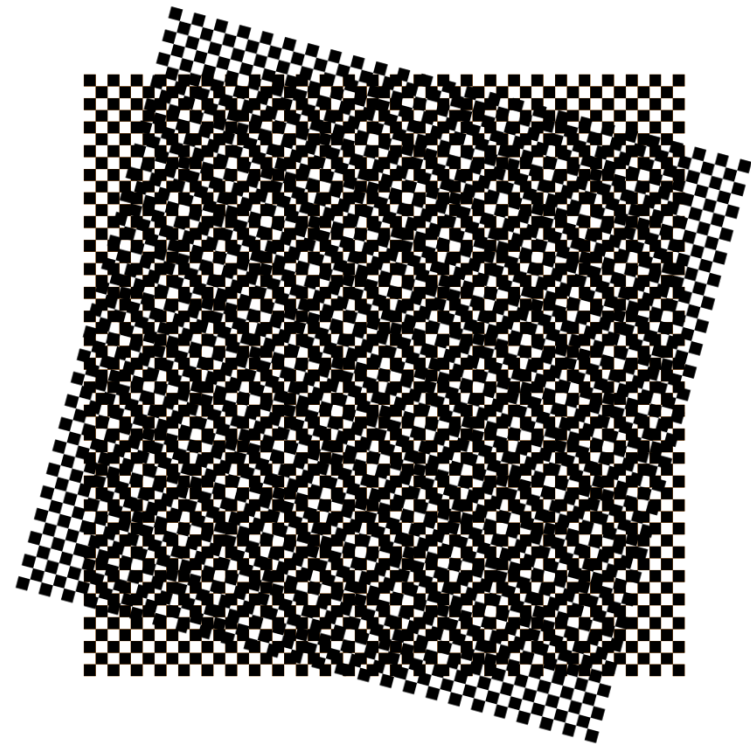
limit variability !!

Moiré Crystal

Interference of periodic patterns

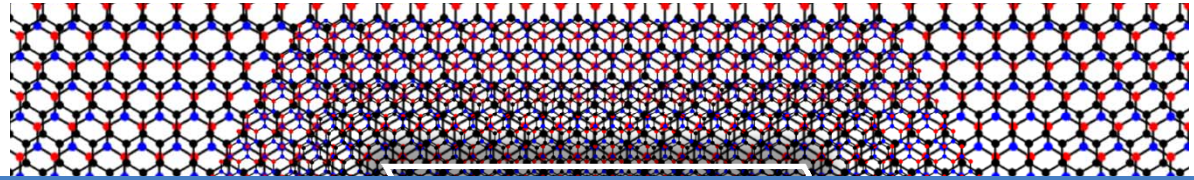
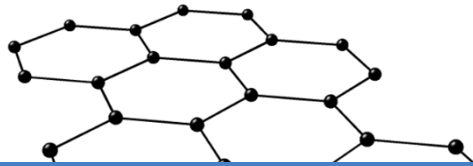


difference in lattice period



difference in lattice orientation

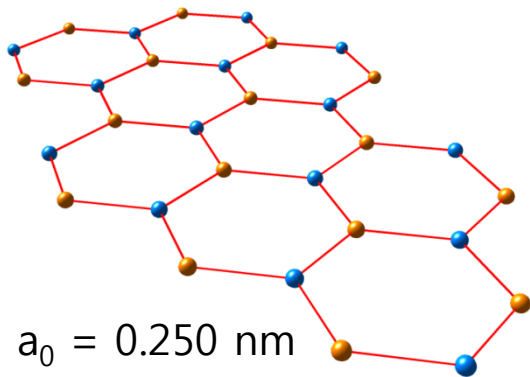
Moiré Crystal



conventional materials: $a_0 \sim 0.1-1 \text{ nm}$

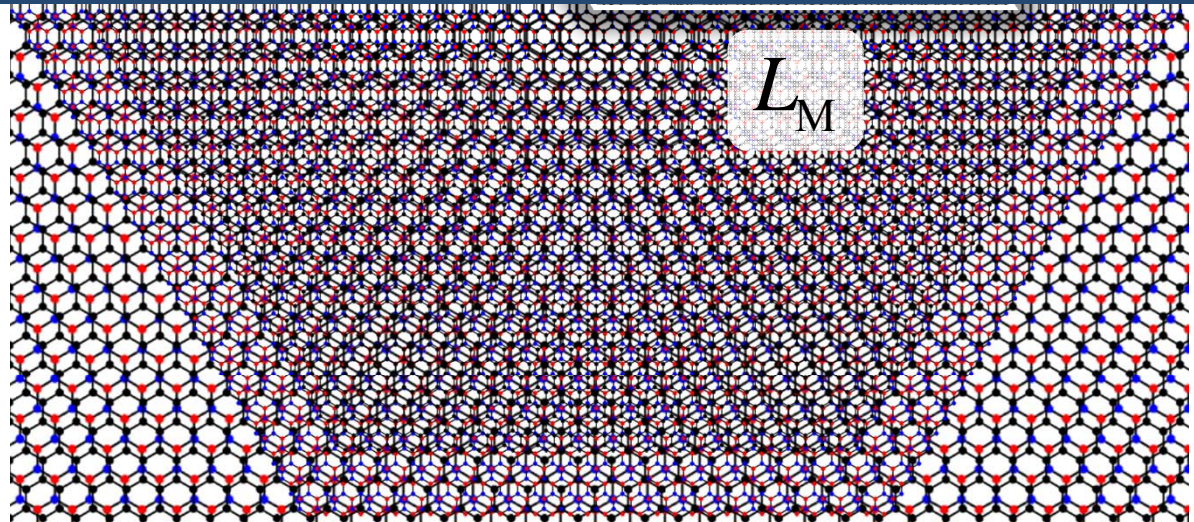
moiré crystal: $L_M \sim 1-100 \text{ nm (*)}$

* tunable with interlayer registry



$a_0 = 0.250 \text{ nm}$

hexagonal BN



$$L_M = \frac{(1+\varepsilon)}{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + 2(1+\varepsilon)(1-\cos\theta)}} a_0$$

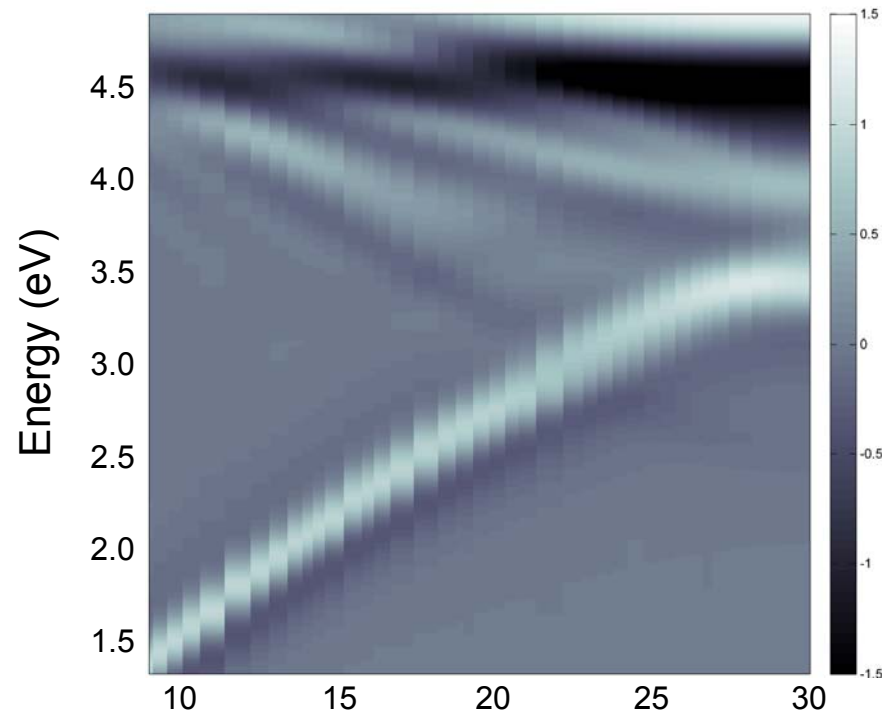
(ε : lattice mismatch,
 θ : lattice misorientation)

Angle Dependence (Absorption Spectrum)

$$(\sigma_{\text{twisted bilayer graphene}} - \sigma_{\text{Bernal}})$$

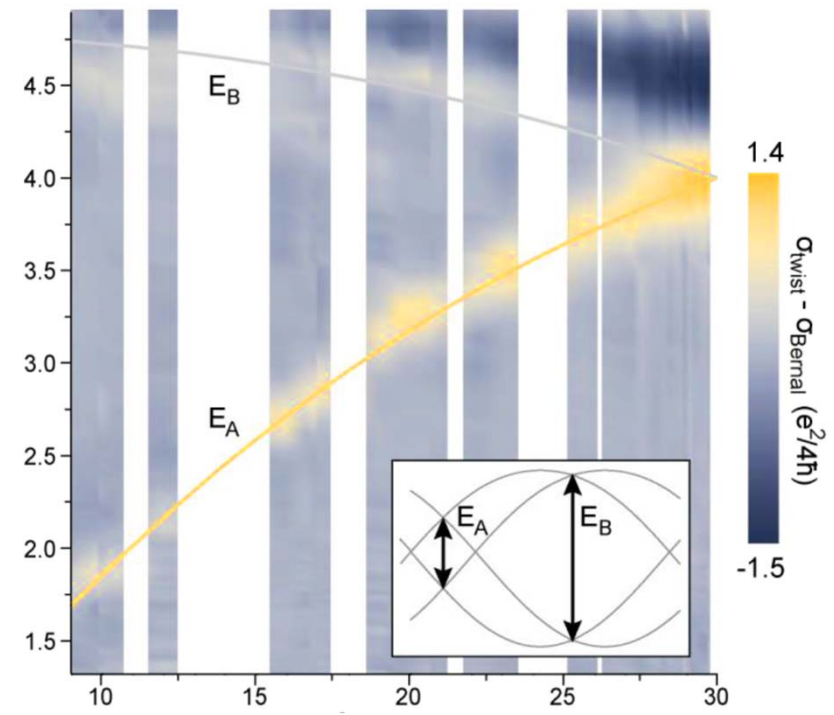
Theory

Moon and Koshino,
Phys. Rev. B 87, 205404 (2013).



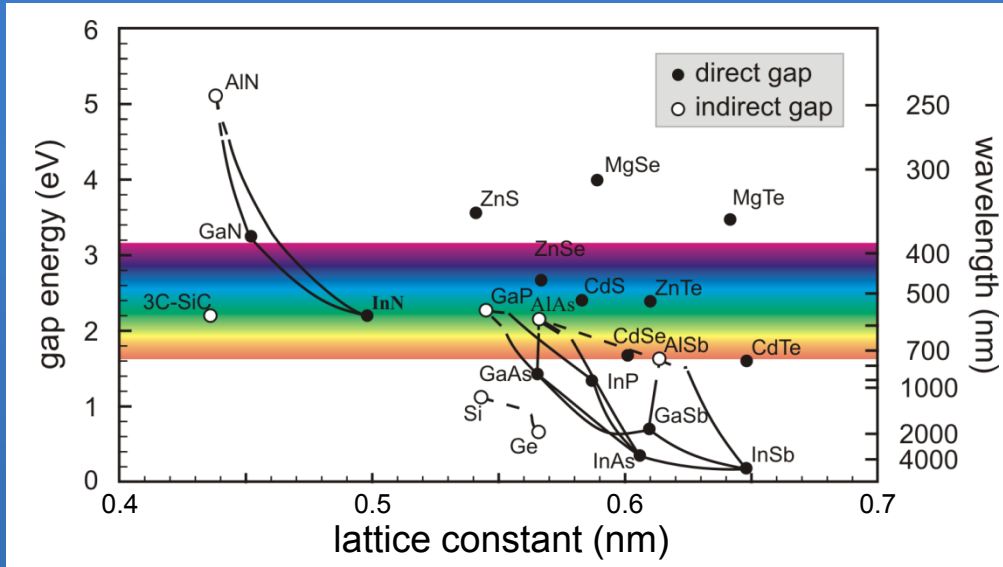
Experiment

R. W. Havener, Y. Liang, L. Brown,
L. Yang, and J. Park, Nano Lett. 14, 3353 (2014).



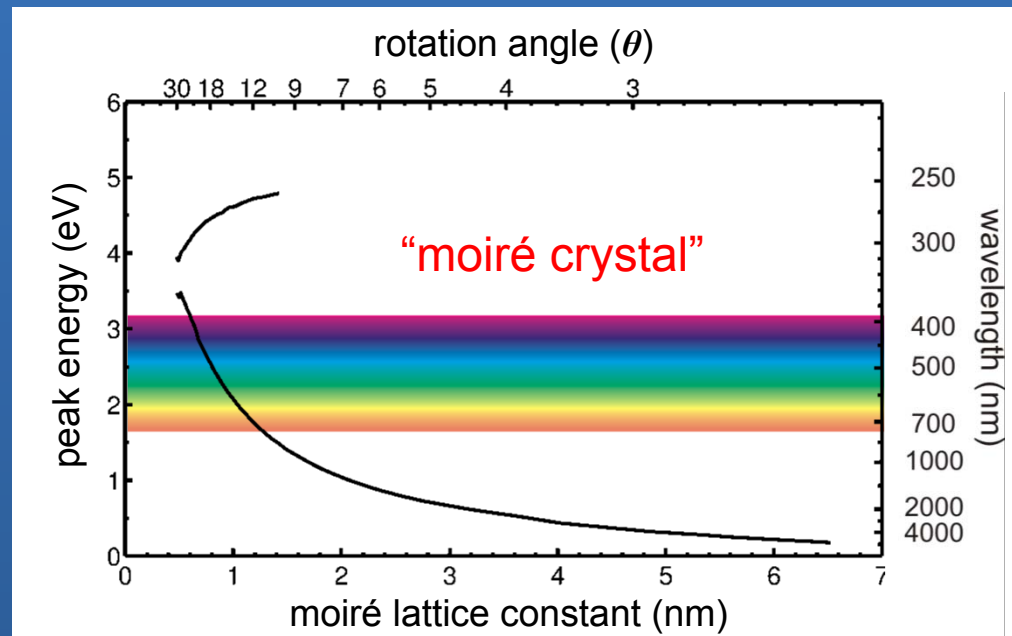
Rotation angle θ (degree)

Wide Spectral Range

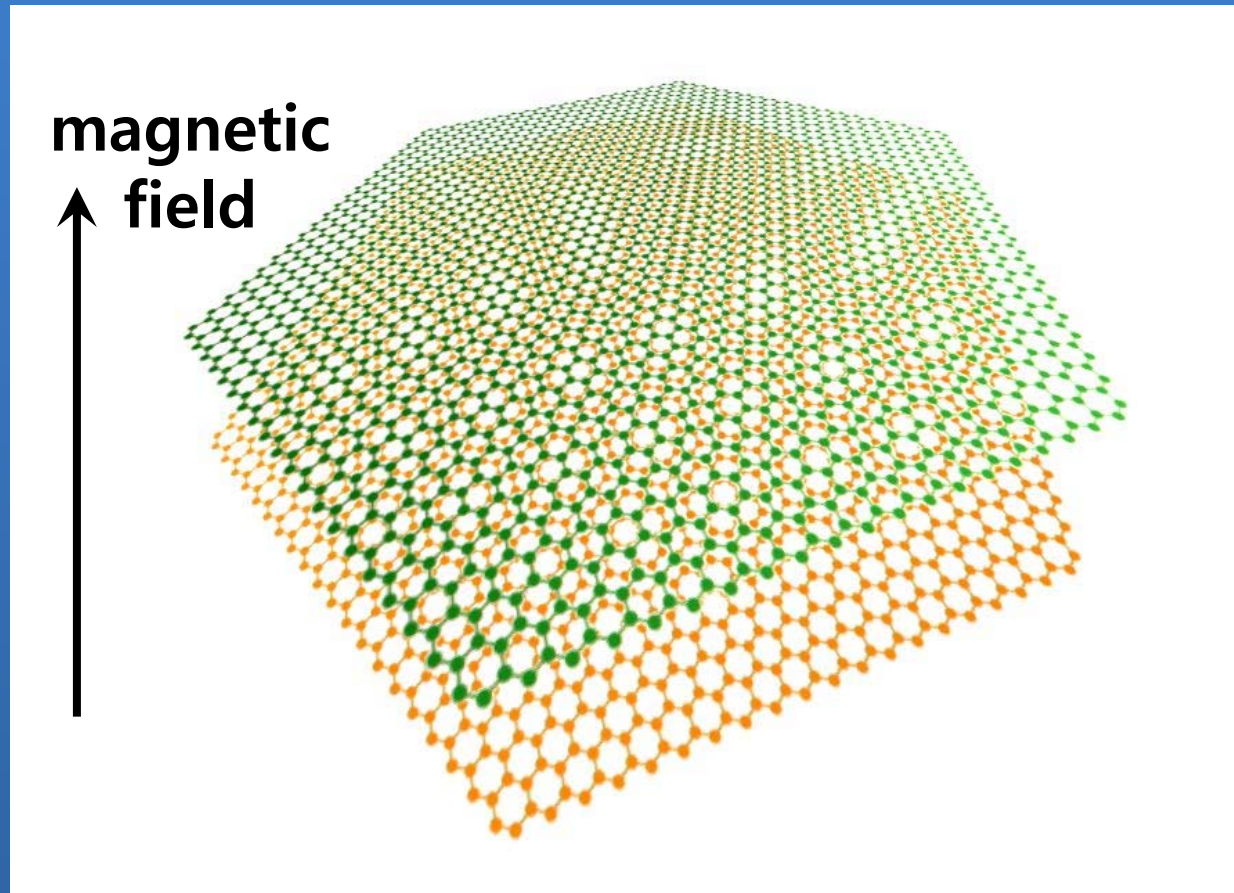


III-V materials, composite

Moiré crystal
 - from terahertz to UV -
 ([Moon](#) and Koshino)

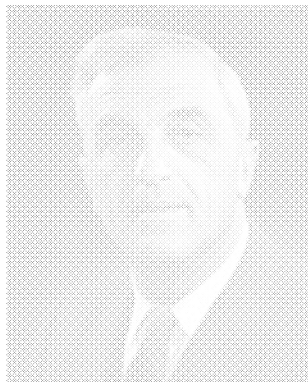
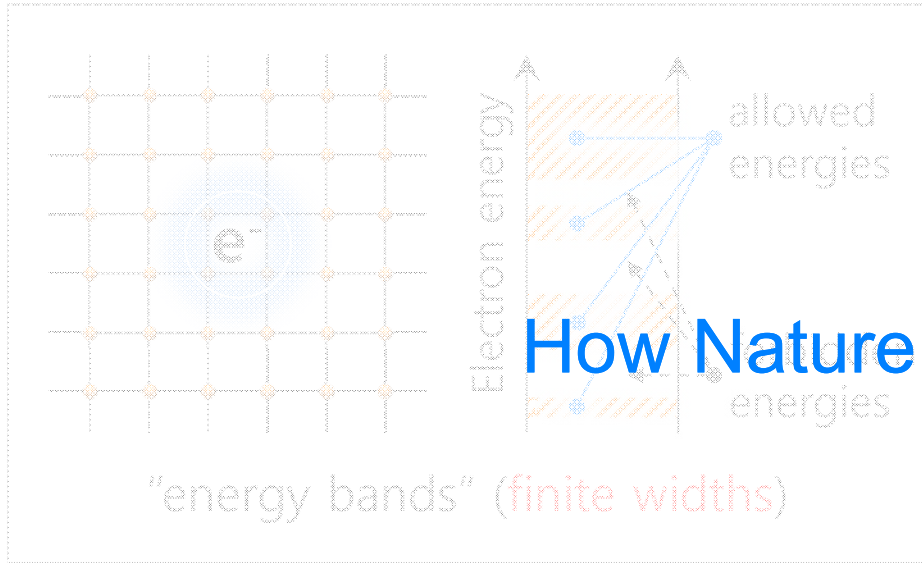


Moiré Crystal in Magnetic field



How the spectrum looks like?

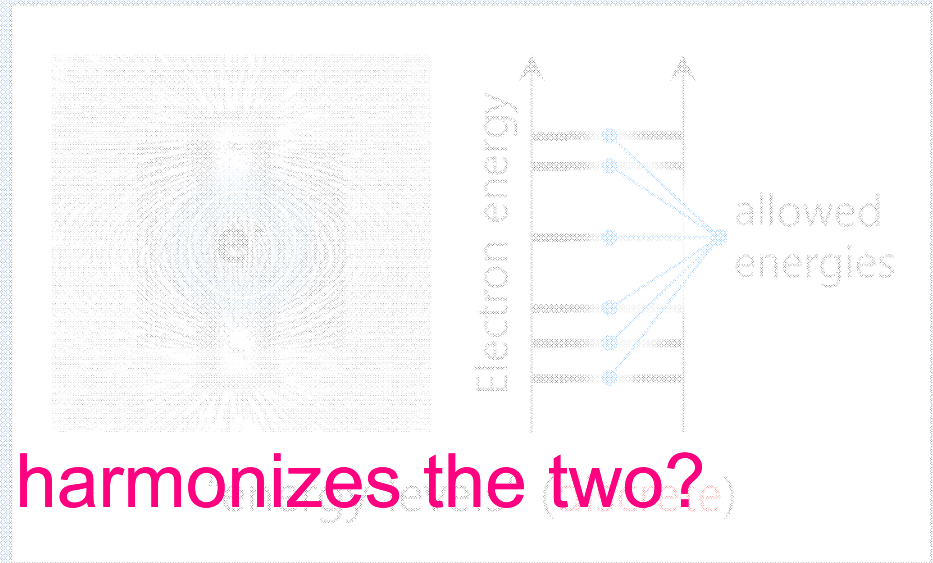
Electron in Periodic Lattice



Felix Bloch

Zeitschrift für Physik
52, 555 (1929)

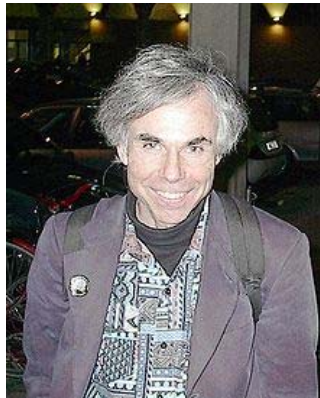
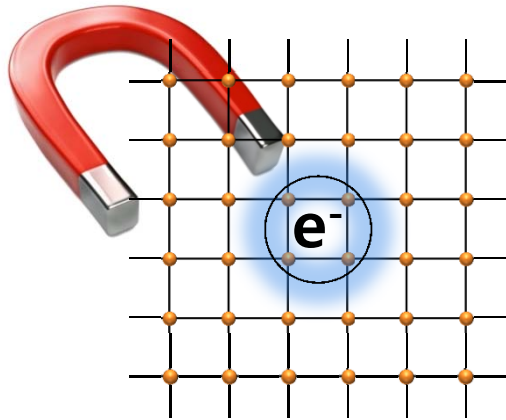
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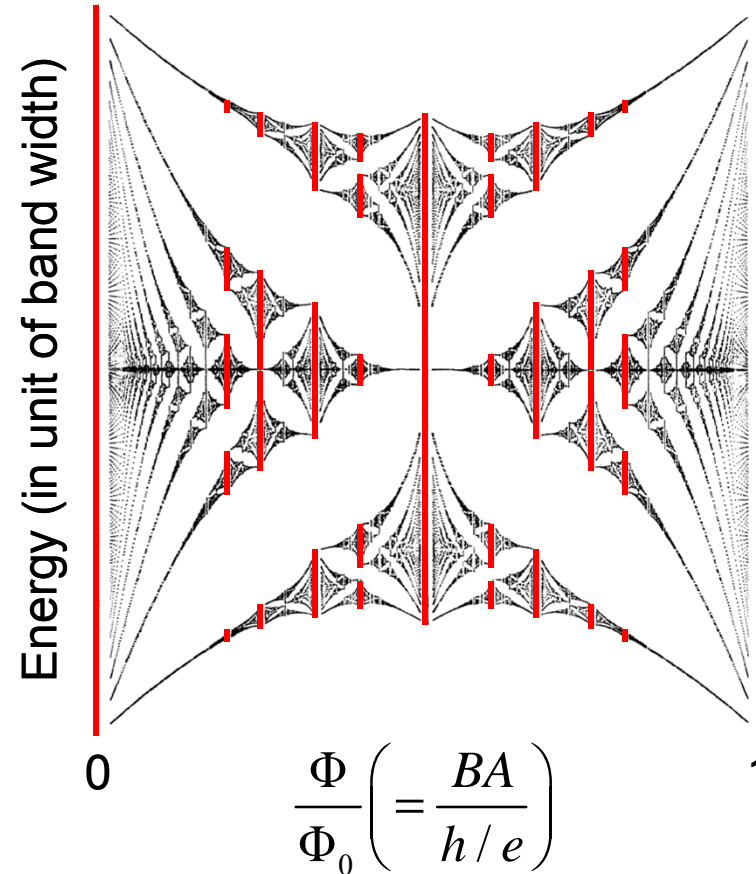
Lev Landau

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64, 629 (1930)*
...(*age 22)

Hofstadter Butterfly

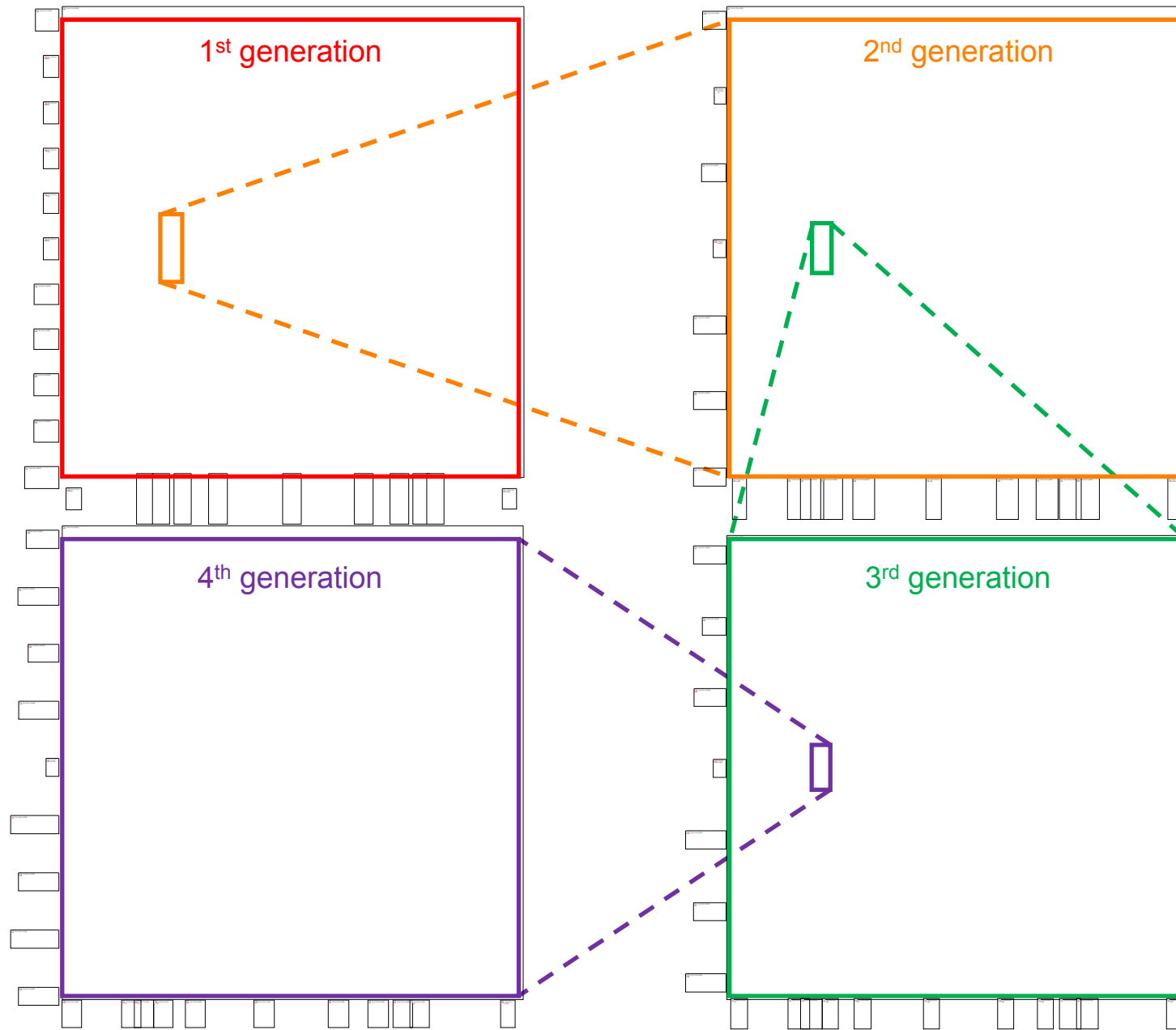


D. R. Hofstadter,
Phys. Rev. B 14, 2239 (1976)



-
- Φ magnetic flux
 - Φ_0 magnetic flux quantum
 - B magnetic field
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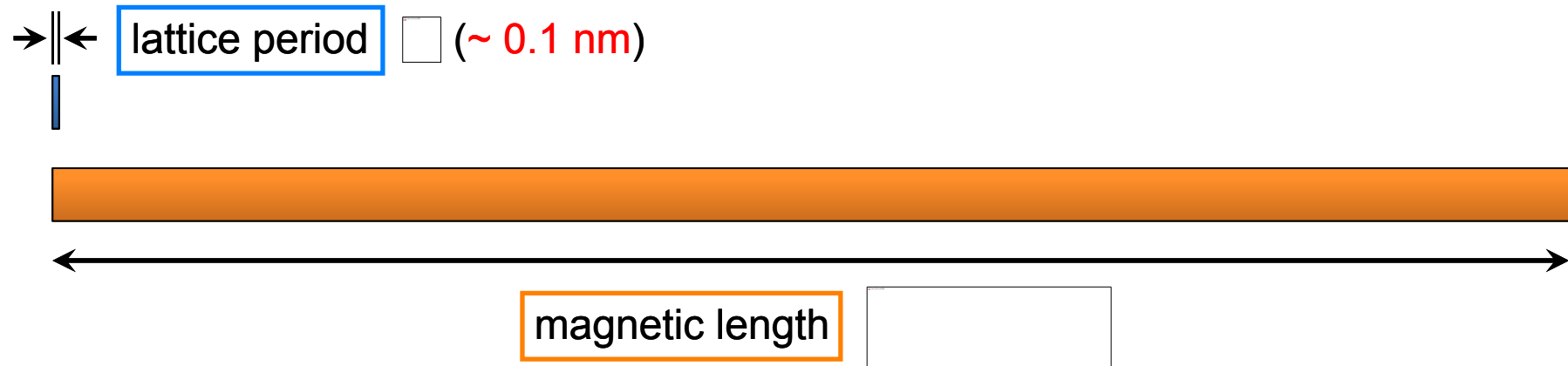
Fractal (Self-Similar) Energy Spectrum



Condition to Observe Hofstadter Butterfly

The two scale are quite different !!

→ || ← lattice period \square (~ 0.1 nm)



The diagram illustrates the relative scales of the lattice period and the magnetic length. On the left, a vertical blue line is flanked by arrows, with a small square labeled 'lattice period' and the value '(~ 0.1 nm)'. Below this, a long orange horizontal bar represents the 'magnetic length', which is significantly larger than the lattice period. A double-headed arrow below the orange bar indicates its extent.

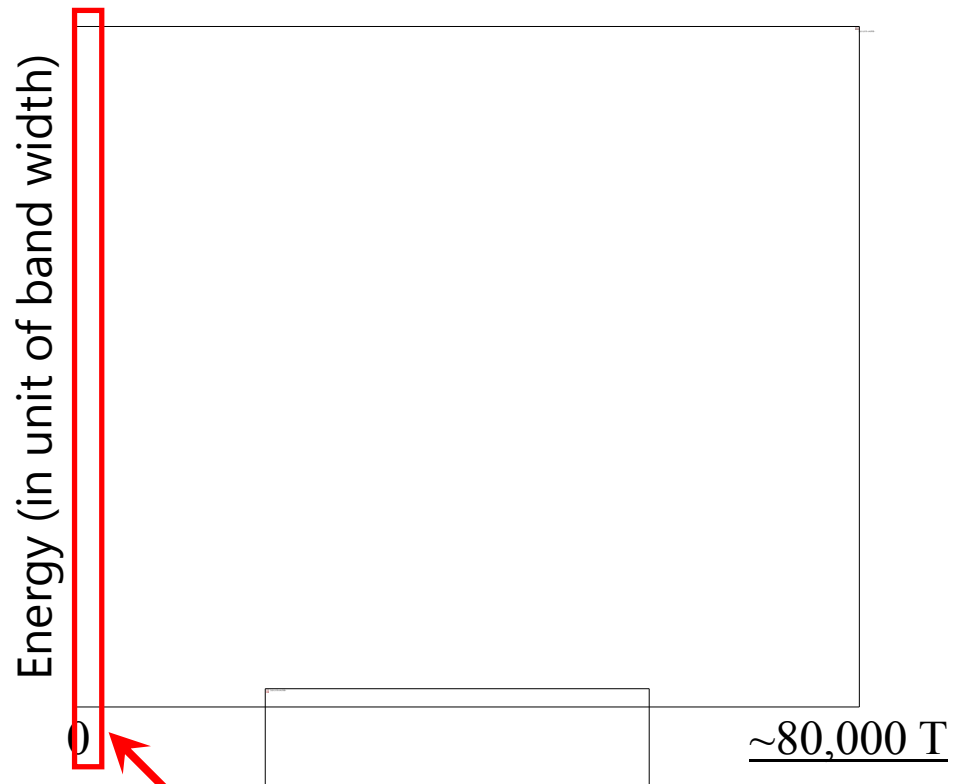
magnetic length \square

B (T)	l_B (nm)
1	25.7
10	8.11
\vdots	\vdots
10,000	0.257

Hofstadter Butterfly by High Magnetic Field

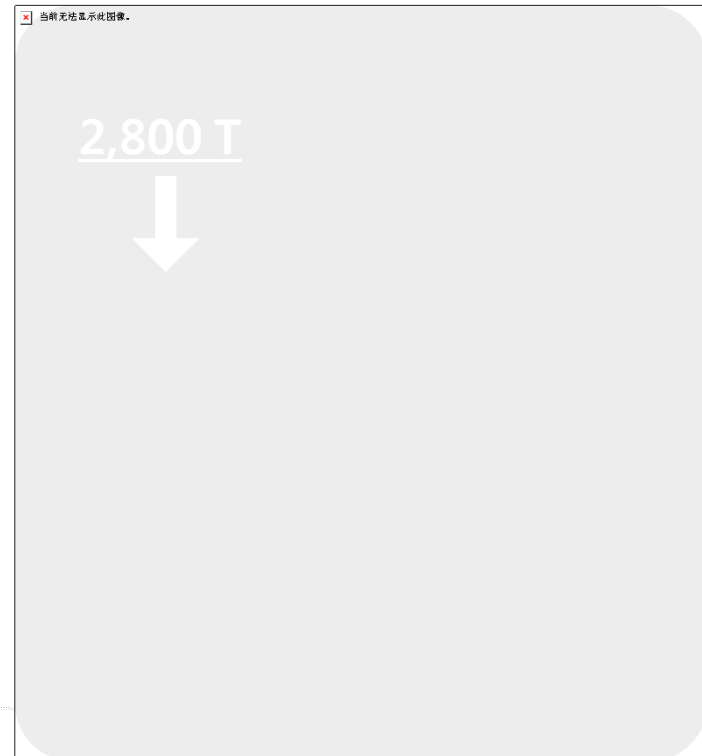


$B \sim O(10^4 \text{ T})$ for usual crystalline solids [$L \sim O(0.1 \text{ nm})$]

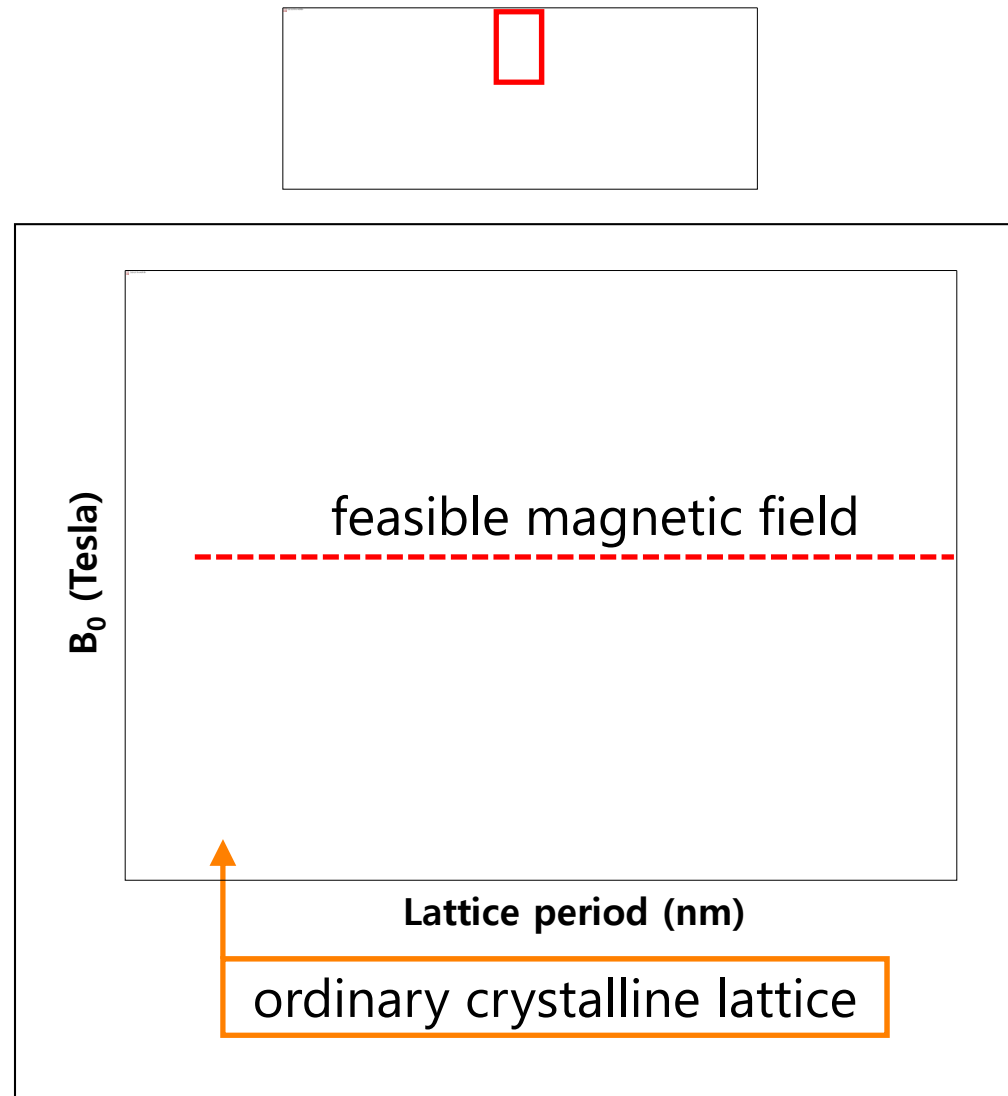


spectrum obtained by blowing off the facility

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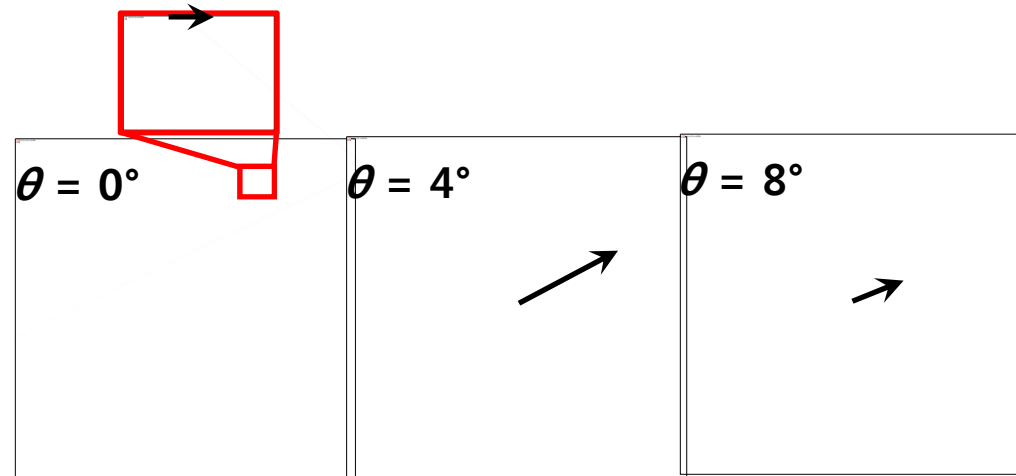
Hofstadter Butterfly by Large Lattice



Hofstadter Butterfly by Large Lattice

Moiré Superlattice

superlattice by incoherent stacking of atomic lattices



$\Phi / \Phi_0 \geq 1$
(strong field regime)

R. Bistritzer and A. H. MacDonald,
Phys. Rev. B 84, 035440 (2011).

$\Phi / \Phi_0 \geq 0$
(entire regime)

Moon and Koshino,
Phys. Rev. B 85, 195458 (2012).

**Hofstadter butterfly
at moderate B !**

Hofstadter Butterfly by Moiré Superlattice

$\theta = 9.43^\circ$ nearly monolayer's Landau levels

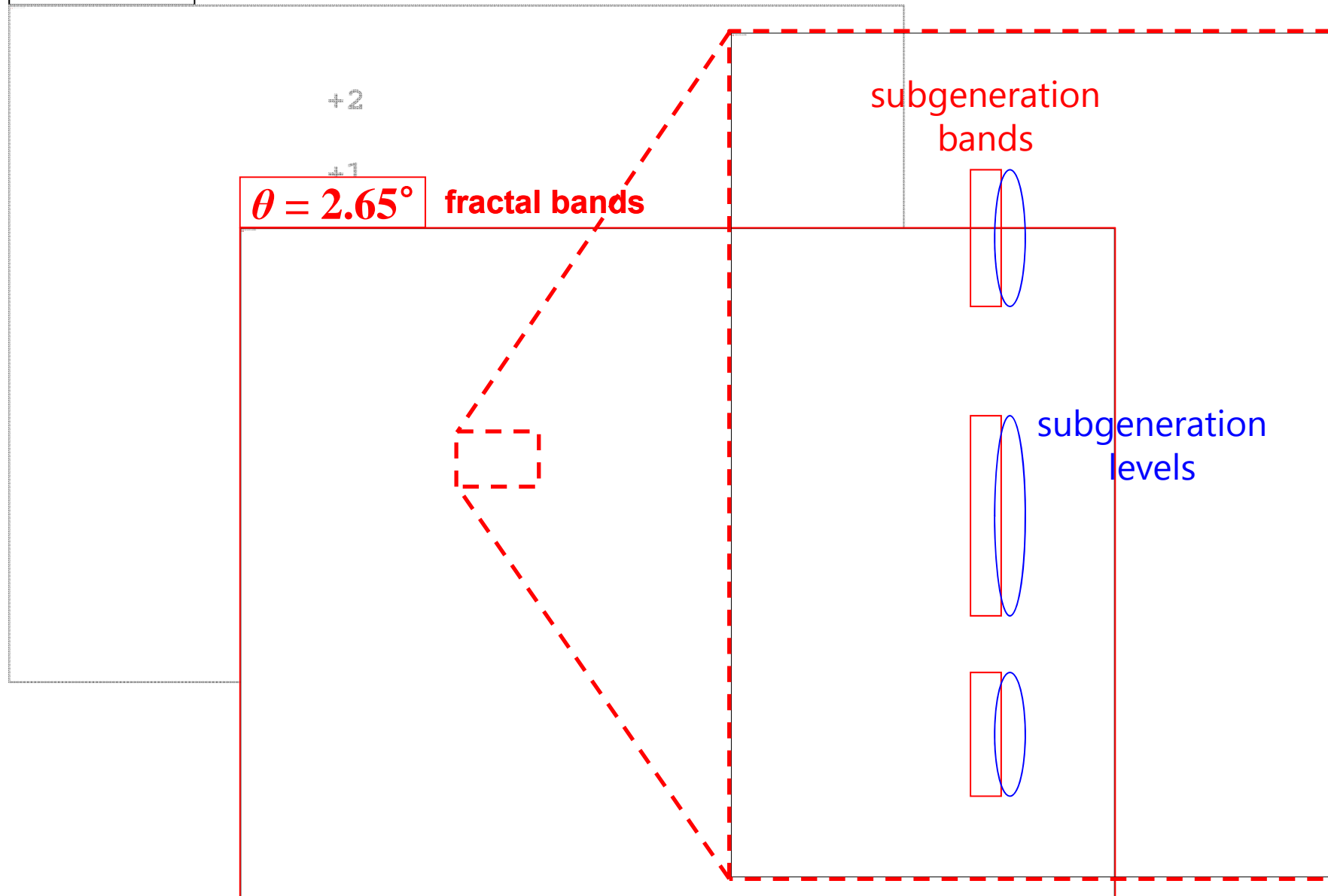
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+2
+1
n = 0
-1
-2

Hofstadter Butterfly by Moiré Superlattice

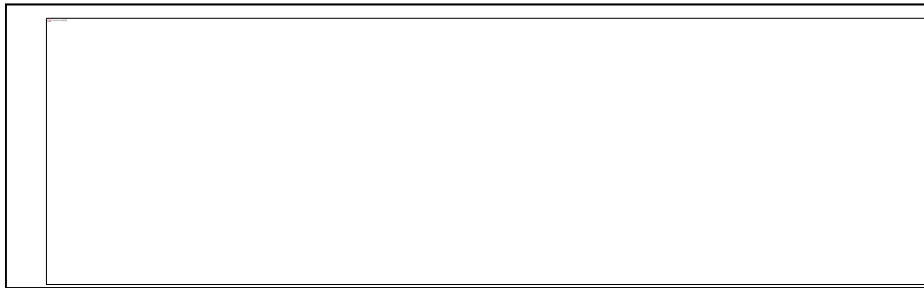
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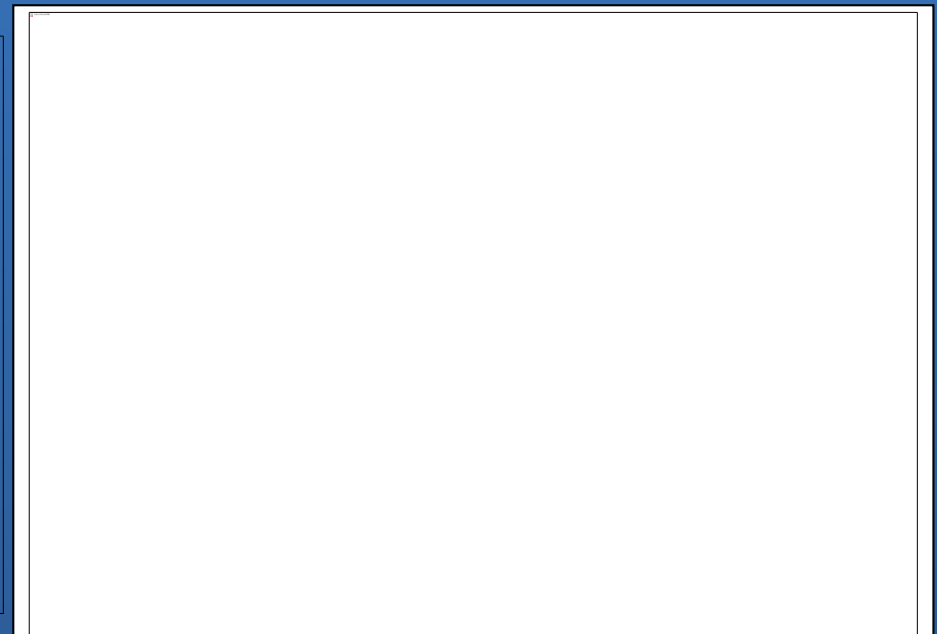
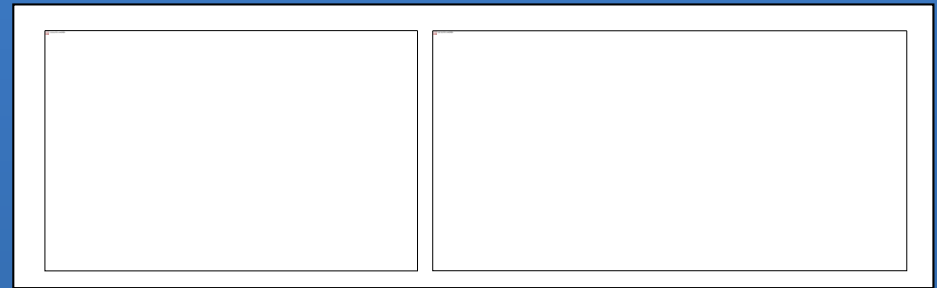
Bilayer graphene / hBN

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Monolayer graphene / hBN

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Conclusion



Der Schmetterlingsjäger (The butterfly hunter) by Carl Spitzweg (1840), Butterfly and Chinese wisteriaflowers by Xü Xi (970)



Thank you for your attention

- Absorption spectra
- Optical dichroism

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