

Interlayer Superconductivity in Graphene Materials

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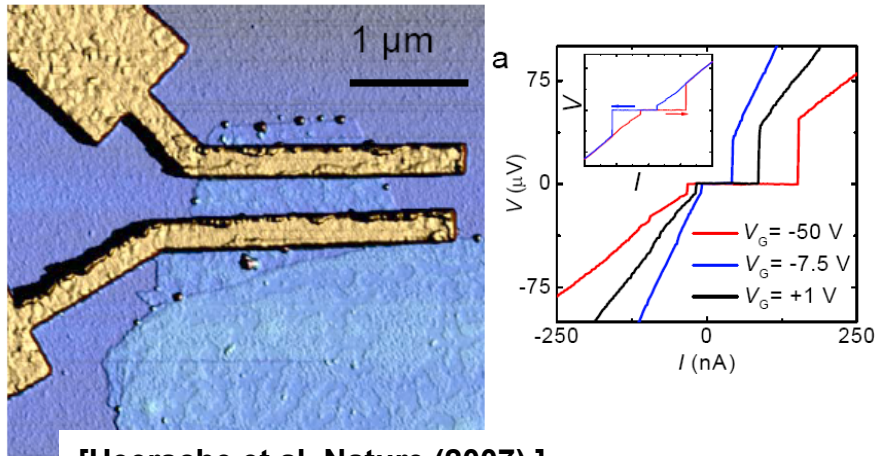


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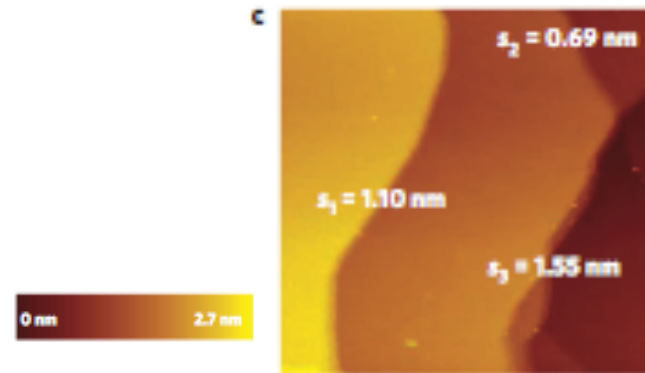
Proximity Induced Interlayer Superconductivity

Ti/AI (10/70nm) superconducting bilayer on top of graphene sheet



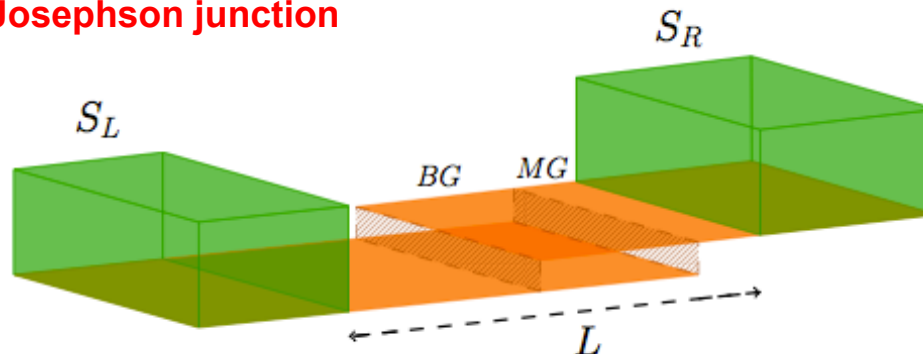
[Heersche et al, Nature (2007)]

Monolayer-Bilayer Step Structures



[Shuai-Hua Ji et al, Nature Materials (2011)]

Graphene Step Josephson junction



[B. Z. Rameshti, MZ, (2013)]

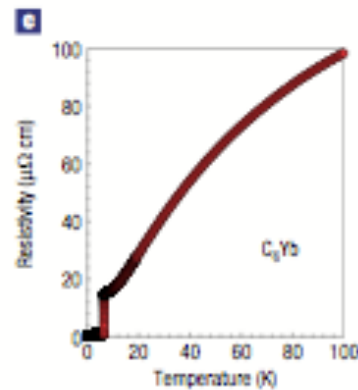
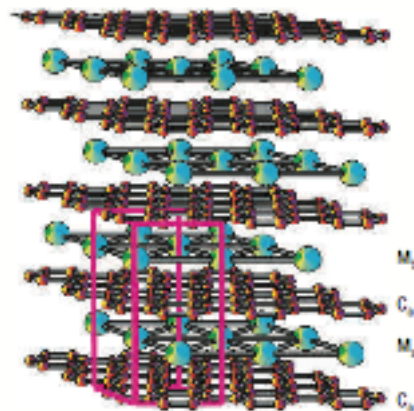
Superconductivity in the intercalated graphite compounds C_6Yb and C_6Ca

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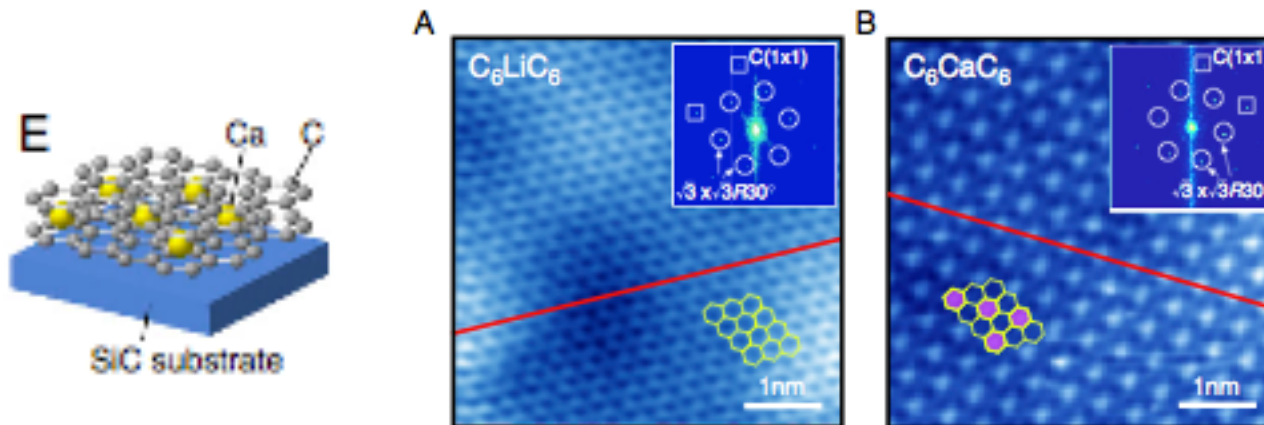
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Ca intercalated bilayer graphene as a thinnest limit of superconducting C_6Ca

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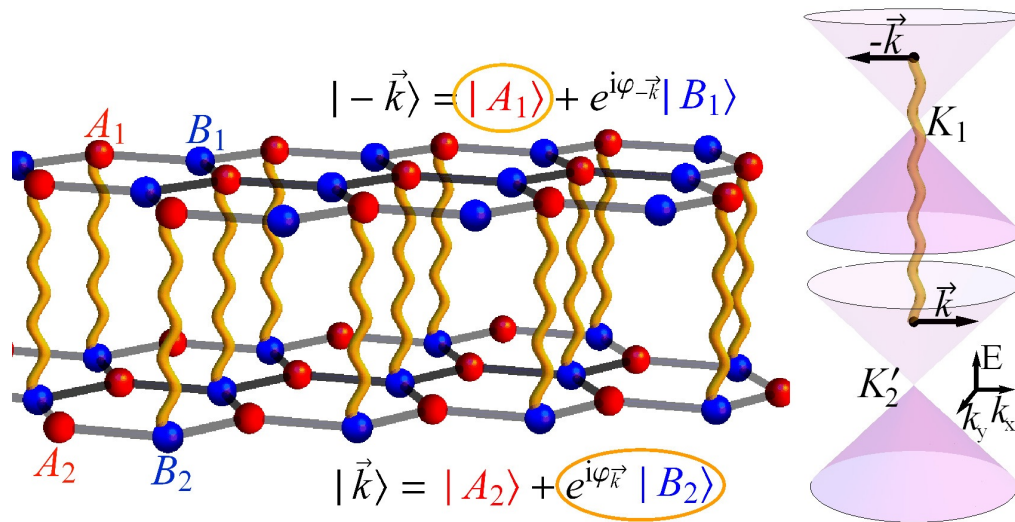
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BCS Theory of Interlayer Superconductivity

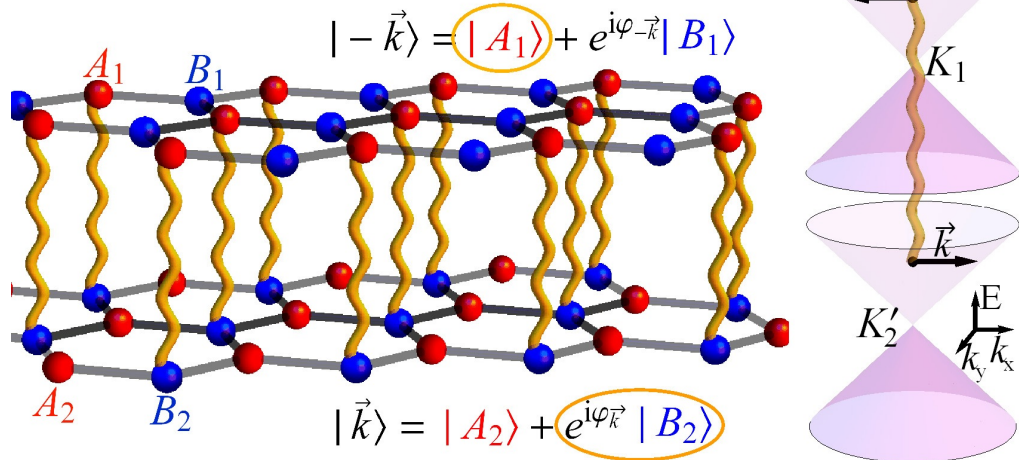
$$H_0 = -\mu \sum_{\ell, \sigma, i} n_{\ell, i, \sigma} - t \sum_{\ell, \sigma, (i, j)} (a_{\ell, i, \sigma}^\dagger b_{\ell, j, \sigma} + \text{H.c.}) - t_\perp \sum_{i, \sigma} (a_{1, i, \sigma}^\dagger b_{2, i, \sigma} + \text{H.c.}),$$

$$V_\perp = -g_\perp \sum_i \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} a_{1, i, \sigma}^\dagger a_{1, i, \sigma} b_{2, i, \sigma'}^\dagger b_{2, i, \sigma'}$$



[M. V. Hosseini, MZ, Phys. Rev. Lett (2012), Phys. Rev. B (2012)]

Symmetry of the Order Parameter



Local pairing interaction:
orbital part s-wave (symmetric)

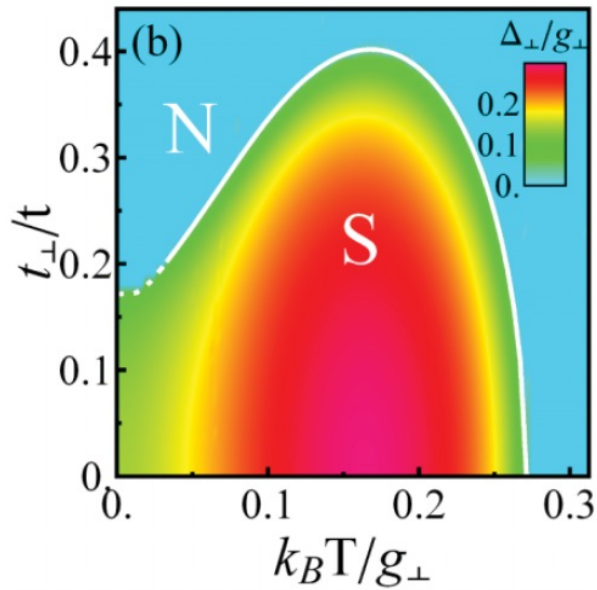
Bernal Stacking:
Pseudospin part is anti-symmetric

Pauli exclusion principle:
 ➡ *Spin-Triplet State*

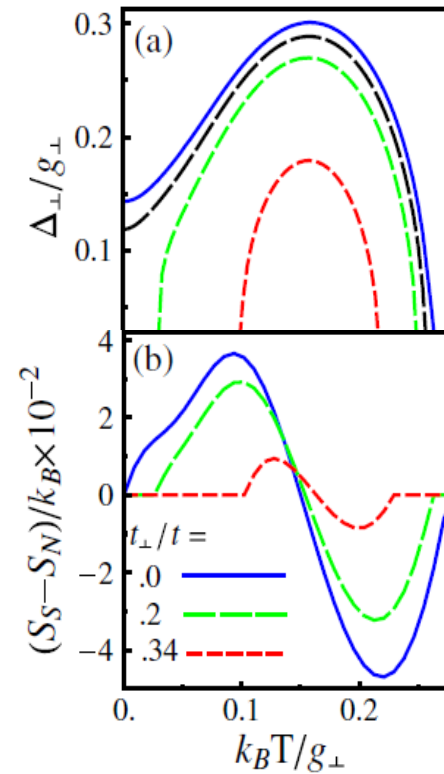
Pair wave function:
s-wave Spin-Triplet state

$$\Delta_{i,\perp} = -g_{\perp} \langle a_{1,i,\downarrow} b_{2,i,\uparrow} + a_{1,i,\uparrow} b_{2,i,\downarrow} \rangle$$

Partial pairing: exotic thermodynamics



Temperature-induced condensation

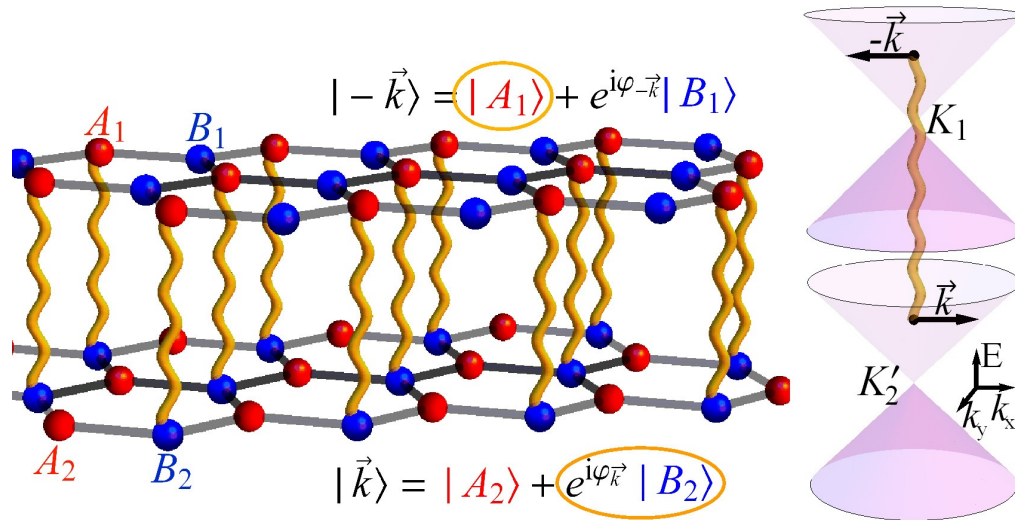


Entropy of S (ordered) state can be higher than the N (less ordered) state!

[M. V. Hosseini, MZ, Phys. Rev. Lett (2012)]

Partial pairing due to Bernal Stacking

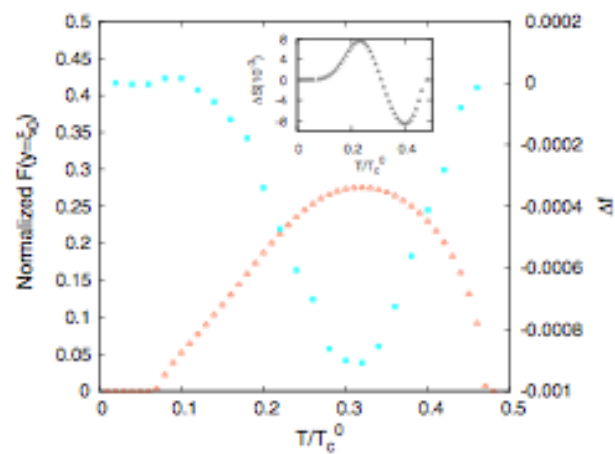
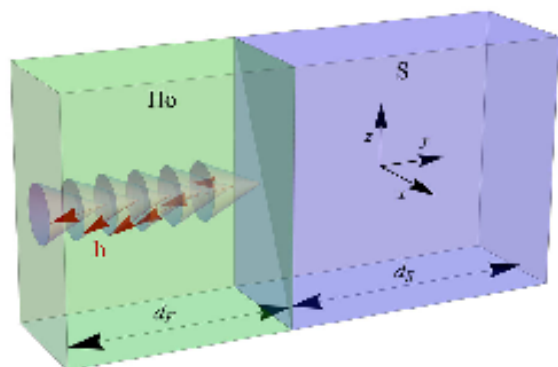
Starting from a partially paired state at low temperature: thermal excitation can redistribute unpaired electrons in the states with partial pairing



Partial pairing: exotic thermodynamics

Reentrant Superconducting Phase in Conical-Ferromagnet-Superconductor Nanostructures

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Conclusion

◆ Interlayer pairing of chiral electrons in graphene materials:

Relativistic quantum mechanical nature of electrons:

-temperature induced condensation (pairing)

-Step monolayer-bilayer proximity systems