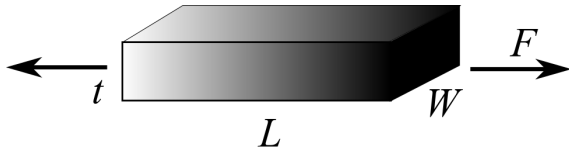


# Anomalous elasticity of graphene

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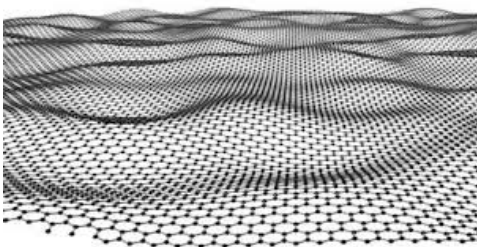
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- Hooke's law for bulk materials:  $\frac{F}{Wt} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L}$   
where  $E$  is bulk Young's modulus
- Hooke's law for thin films:  $\sigma = \frac{F}{W} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L}$
- Young's modulus  $Y = Et$  for monoatomic layers:

$Y$ , H/m	pine wood	aluminium foil	graphene
	1	7	340

Lamé coefficients  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ ,  $Y = 4\mu(\mu + \lambda)/(2\mu + \lambda)$

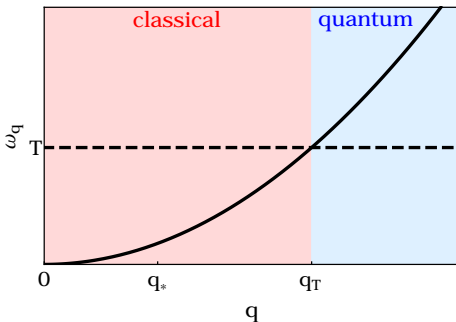


[adopted from Meyer et al. (2007)]

- bending rigidity  $\kappa \sim Yt^2$
- for graphene  $\kappa \approx 1 \text{ eV}$

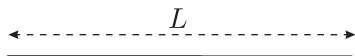
graphene density  $\rho \approx 7 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ g/cm}^2$

- spectrum of in-plane phonons:  $\omega_q^{(t)} = q\sqrt{\mu/\rho}$ ,  $\omega_q^{(l)} = q\sqrt{(2\mu + \lambda)/\rho}$ ,
- spectrum of flexural phonons:  $\omega_q = q^2\sqrt{\chi/\rho}$

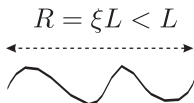


- temperature momentum:  $\hbar\omega_q \sim T \implies q_T = \frac{\rho^{1/4} T^{1/2}}{\hbar^{1/2} \chi^{1/4}}$
- ultra-violet momentum scale:  $q_{uv} \sim \sqrt{Y/\chi} \sim 1/t$
- ultra-violet energy scale:  $T_{uv} \approx g\chi$ ,  $g = \frac{\hbar Y}{\rho^{1/2} \chi^{3/2}}$
- for room-temperature graphene:  $q_T \approx 1 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ,  $g \approx 0.05$ ,  $T_{uv} \approx 500 \text{ K}$

membrane without fluctuations



membrane with fluctuations



- parametrization of the membrane surface:  $\mathbf{r} = \xi x \mathbf{e}_x + \xi y \mathbf{e}_y + \mathbf{u} + h \mathbf{e}_z$
- membrane surface:  $L^2 = \text{const}$
- stretching factor:  $\xi^2 \approx 1 - \langle (\nabla h)^2 \rangle / 2$
- instability of 2D membrane at finite temperature:

$$\xi^2 = 1 - T \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{q^2}{2\kappa q^4} = 1 - \frac{T}{4\pi\kappa} \ln \frac{L}{a}$$

[Peierls (1934), Landau (1937)]

- imaginary time Lagrangian ( $\alpha, \beta = x, y$ ):

$$\mathcal{L}[r] = \rho(\partial_\tau r)^2 + \frac{\kappa}{2}(\Delta r)^2 + \frac{\mu}{4}(\partial_\alpha r \partial_\beta r - \delta_{\alpha\beta})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{8}(\partial_\alpha r \partial_\alpha r - 2)^2$$

- interaction of phonons is important for  $q < q_*$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \sim \int_{q>q_*} \frac{d^2 q}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{T}{\kappa q^4} \sim \frac{T}{\kappa q_*^2} \sim \frac{\kappa}{Y} \sim t^2$$

- renormalized bending rigidity

$$\kappa(q) = \kappa(q_*/q)^\eta, \quad q \ll q_* = \sqrt{g}q_T = \sqrt{\mu T}/\kappa$$

for graphene:  $q_*^{-1} \approx 1 \text{ \AA}$  (for 1 mm thick paper sheet  $q_*^{-1} \approx 10^6 \text{ m}$ )

- numerics:  $\eta = 0.6 \div 0.8$

- for a review, see

[Nelson, Piran, Weinberg, *Statistical mechanics of membranes and surfaces* (2004)]

- stretching factor

$$\xi^2 = 1 - T \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{q^2}{2\kappa(q)q^4} = 1 - \frac{T}{4\pi\eta\kappa}$$

- flat phase ( $\xi^2 > 0$  at  $T < T_{\text{cr}} = 4\pi\eta\kappa$ )



- crumpled phase ( $\xi^2 = 0$ ) at  $T \geq T_{\text{cr}}$



[Paczuski, Kardar, Nelson (1988); David, Gitter (1988)]



- equation of state:

$$\xi^2 = 1 - \frac{T}{4\pi\eta\chi}$$

- **negative** thermal expansion coefficient:

$$\alpha_T = \frac{\partial \xi^2}{\partial T} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\eta\chi}$$

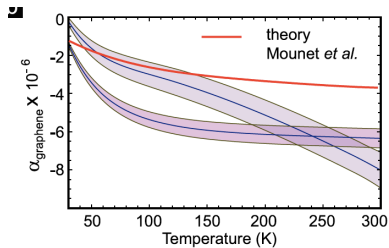
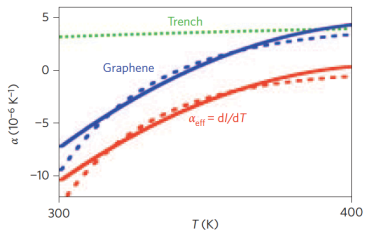
- constant  $\alpha_T$  down to zero  $T$  **contradicts** to the 3d law of thermodynamics since:

$$\alpha_T = - \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial \sigma} \right)_T$$

where  $s$  is entropy per unit area

**negative thermal expansion coefficient is due to the crumpling transition**

# Introduction: negative thermal expansion coefficient in graphene



[adopted from Bao et al. (2009); Singh et al. (2010)]

- spectrum of in-plane phonons:

$$\omega_q^{(t)} = q\sqrt{(\mu + \sigma)/\rho}, \quad \omega_q^{(l)} = q\sqrt{(2\mu + \lambda + \sigma)/\rho}$$

- spectrum of flexural phonons:

$$\omega_q = \sqrt{(\sigma q^2 + \varkappa q^4)/\rho} \approx \begin{cases} q\sqrt{\sigma/\rho}, & q \ll q_\sigma, \\ q^2\sqrt{\varkappa/\rho}, & q \gg q_\sigma. \end{cases}$$

strong modification of flexural phonon spectrum at  $q \ll q_\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma/\varkappa}$

- anomalous Hooke's law

$$B\varepsilon = \sigma + \frac{\sigma_*}{\alpha} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_*} \right)^\alpha, \quad \alpha = \frac{\eta}{2 - \eta}$$

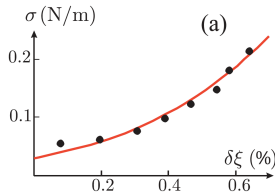
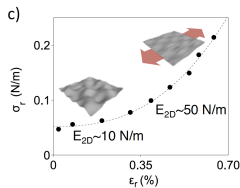
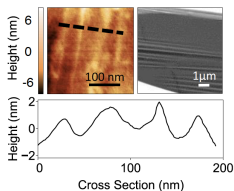
where  $\varepsilon = \xi^2 - 1 + T/T_{cr}$ ,  $B = \mu + \lambda$ ,  $\sigma_* \propto \mu T/\varkappa$  ( $q_\sigma = q_*$ ).

[Gitter, David, Leibler, Peliti (1988,1989); Aronovitz, Golubović, Lubensky (1989)]

- anomalous Hooke's law

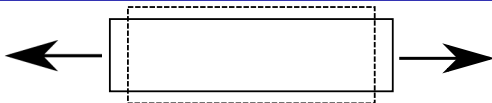
$$B\varepsilon = \sigma + \frac{\sigma_*}{\alpha} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_*} \right)^\alpha, \quad \alpha = \frac{\eta}{2 - \eta}$$

- experiment vs theory ( $\alpha = 0.1$ ); for graphene  $\sigma_* \approx 0.1$  N/m



[Nicholl et al. (2015); Kachorovskii, Gornyi, Mirlin (2017)]

- N.B.: the exponent  $\eta$  is affected by disorder,  $\eta \rightarrow \eta/4$ .



- definition:

$$\nu = -\frac{\varepsilon_{\perp}}{\varepsilon_{\parallel}}$$

where  $\varepsilon_{\parallel}$  - longitudinal stretching,  $\varepsilon_{\perp}$  - transverse deformation

- classical value for  $D$ -dimensional isotropic solid body

$$\nu_{\text{cl}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu + (D-1)\lambda}$$

- thermodynamic stability:

$$-1 < \nu < 1/(D-1)$$

- for example,  $\nu = 0.33$  for aluminum

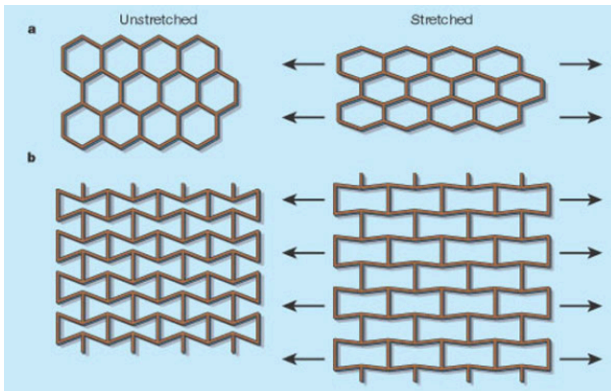
- polyurethane foam with reentrant structure:  $\nu = -0.7$

[Lakes, Science (1987)]



[adopted from Lakes, Annu. Rev. Mater. Res. (2017)]

- o positive vs negative Poisson's ratio:



[adopted from Lakes, Nature (2001)]

[Le Doussal, Radzihovsky (1992)]

- self-consistent screening approximation (approximate treatment of phonon's interaction at  $q \ll q_*$ )
- SCSA prediction for the bending rigidity exponent:

$$\eta_{SCSA} = \frac{4}{d_c + \sqrt{d_c^2 - 2d_c + 16}}$$

where  $d_c = D - 2$  is the number of flexural phonon modes.

$\eta_{SCSA} \approx 0.8$  for  $d_c = 1$ .

- SCSA prediction for the Poisson's ratio: it is independent of  $d_c$  at  $\sigma \rightarrow 0$  :

$$\nu_{SCSA} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

No small parameter for SCSA at finite  $d_c$ !



- exponent of bending rigidity for  $d_c = 1$

$$\eta = 0.6, 0.7, 0.85$$

[Gompper, Kroll (1991); Bowick et al. (1996); Los et al. (2009)]

- the Poisson's ratio for  $d_c = 1$  at  $\sigma \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\nu = -0.15, -0.32, -0.37$$

[Zhang et al. (1996); Falcioni et al. (1997); Bowick et al. (2001)]

- strong dependence of  $\nu$  on the boundary conditions

- how does to reconcile constant negative thermal expansion coefficient and the 3d law of thermodynamics?
- what is the value of the Poisson's ratio at  $\sigma \ll \sigma_*$ ?
- is the superuniversal result within SCSA is correct?
- how the Poisson's ratio depends on the boundary conditions (BC)?

- quantum fluctuations of phonons at  $q_T < q < q_{uv}$

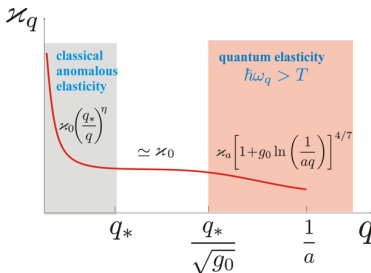
$$-\frac{d\alpha}{d \ln q} = \frac{4}{7}g\alpha, \quad -\frac{dg}{d \ln q} = -g^2$$

[Kats,Lebedev (2014); Burmistrov, Gornyi, Kachorovskii, Katsnelson, Mirlin(2016)]

- classical fluctuations of phonons at  $q < q_*$

$$-\frac{d\alpha}{d \ln q} = \eta\alpha$$

[David, Gutter (1988); Paczuski, Kardar, Nelson (1988)]



- high temperature:  $T \gg T_0 = g\kappa \exp(-2/g)$

$$\alpha_T = -\frac{1}{8\pi\kappa} \left[ \frac{2}{\eta} + \ln \frac{1}{g} \right]$$

[Andres, Guinea, Katsnelson (2012)]

- graphene:  $\alpha_{\max} \approx -0.23 \text{ eV}^{-1}$ ,  $T_0 \sim 10^{-14} \text{ K}$   
for comparison:  $\alpha_T \approx 0.1 \text{ eV}^{-1}$  (iron)

- low temperatures  $T \ll T_0 = g\kappa \exp(-2/g)$

$$\alpha_T \simeq -\frac{1}{8\pi\kappa} \frac{\ln \ln(T_{\text{uv}}/T)}{[(g/2) \ln(T_{\text{uv}}/T)]^{4/7}}$$

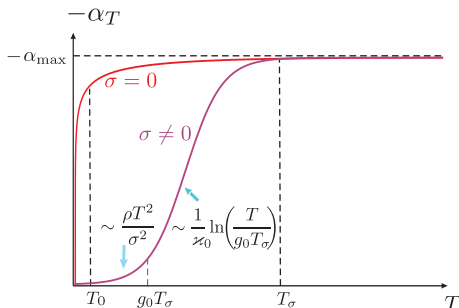
- $\alpha_T \rightarrow 0$  at  $T \rightarrow 0$  in accordance with the 3d law of thermodynamics

- high temperatures:  $T \gg T_\sigma \sim \kappa\sigma/\mu$ :

$$\alpha_T \approx -\frac{1}{8\pi\kappa} \left[ \frac{2}{\eta} + \ln \frac{1}{g} - C_1 \left( \frac{T_\sigma}{T} \right)^{\eta/(2-\eta)} \right]$$

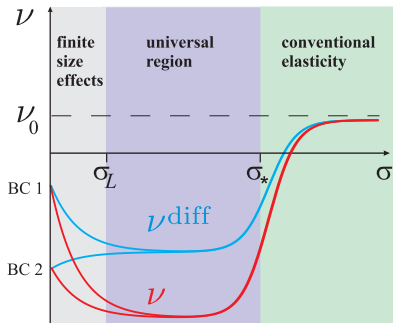
- intermediate temperatures:  $gT_\sigma \ll T_\sigma$ :  $\alpha_T \approx -\frac{1}{8\pi\kappa} \ln \frac{T}{gT_\sigma}$

- low temperatures  $T \ll gT_\sigma$ :  $\alpha_T \approx -\frac{3\zeta(3)\rho}{2\pi\sigma^2} T^2$



○ differential Poisson's ratio,  $\sigma_x = \sigma + \delta\sigma$ ,  $\sigma_y = \sigma$ :  $\nu_{\text{diff}} = -\delta\epsilon_y/\delta\epsilon_x$

○ absolute Poisson's ratio,  $\sigma_x = \sigma$ ,  $\sigma_y = 0$ :  $\nu = -\epsilon_y/\epsilon_x$



$$\nu = \nu_{\text{diff}} = \nu_{\text{cl}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu + \lambda}, \quad \sigma \gg \sigma_*$$

$$\nu \neq \nu_{\text{diff}}, \quad \sigma_L \ll \sigma \ll \sigma_*$$

$$\nu = \nu_{\text{diff}}, \quad \sigma \ll \sigma_L$$

$$\sigma_L = \sigma_*(q_*L)^{\eta-2} \text{ for } q_*L \gg 1$$

○ for graphene  $\sigma_* \approx 1 \text{ N/m}$  and  $\nu_{\text{cl}} \approx 0.1$

Results: 2D crystalline membrane in  $D = d_c + 2$  dimensional space,  $d_c \gg 1$

- the bending rigidity exponent

$$\eta = \frac{2}{d_c} + \frac{73 - 68\zeta(3)}{27d_c^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{d_c^3}\right)$$

- universal differential Poisson's ratio at  $\sigma_L \ll \sigma \ll \sigma_* = \sqrt{d_c \mu T / \chi}$

$$\nu_{\text{diff}} = -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{0.016}{d_c} + O\left(\frac{1}{d_c^2}\right)$$

- universal absolute Poisson's ratio at  $\sigma_L \ll \sigma \ll \sigma_*$

$$\nu = -1 + \frac{2}{d_c} - \frac{1.57}{d_c^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{d_c^3}\right)$$

- non-universal Poisson's ratio at  $\sigma \ll \sigma_L$ :

$$\nu = \begin{cases} -0.135 + O(1/d_c), & \text{for periodic BC} \\ -0.075 + O(1/d_c), & \text{for free BC} \\ -0.735 + O(1/d_c), & \text{for zero BC} \end{cases}$$

N.B. strong thermodynamic fluctuations of tension  $\sqrt{\langle(\Delta\sigma)^2\rangle} \sim \sigma_E/\sqrt{d_c}$  at  $\sigma \ll \sigma_L$

## Conclusions:

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- thermal expansion coefficient is negative upto extremely low  $T$
- thermal expansion coefficient is zero at  $T = 0$
- distinction between absolute and differential Poisson's ratios for  $\sigma \ll \sigma_*$
- Poisson ratio is a function of tension  $\sigma$  and system size  $L$ ; the limits  $L \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sigma \rightarrow 0$  do not commute
- in the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$  differential and absolute Poisson's ratios acquire universal values which are depend on  $d_c$
- in the limit  $\sigma \ll \sigma_L$  Poisson's ratio depends on boundary conditions