



OCTAGONAL DEFECT LINES IN GRAPHENE STRUCTURES

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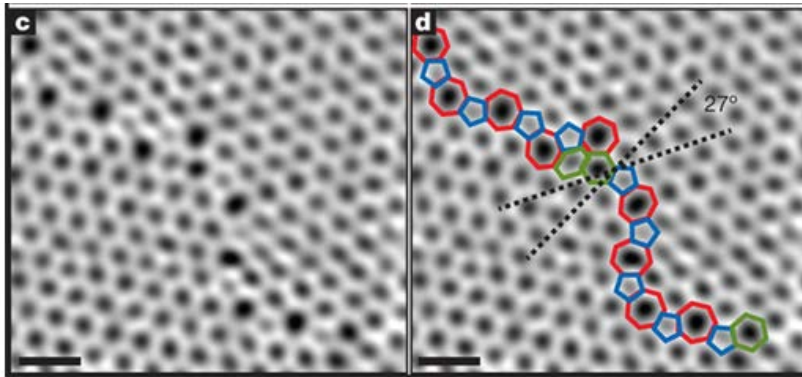
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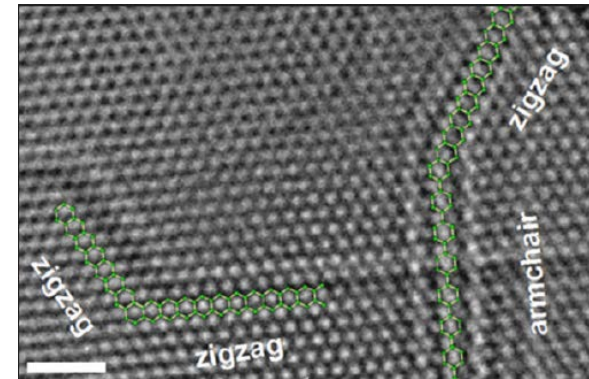
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topological **pentagon/heptagon** defects

- junctions between zigzag/armchair ribbons and grain boundaries

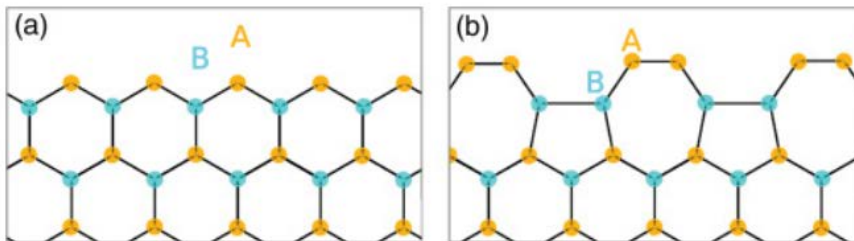


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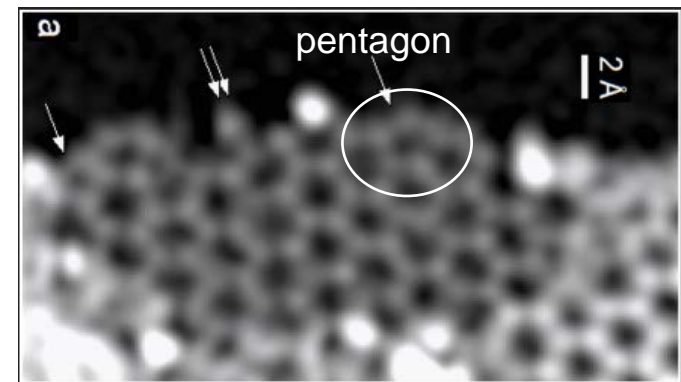


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- edge reconstructions in graphene nanoribbons



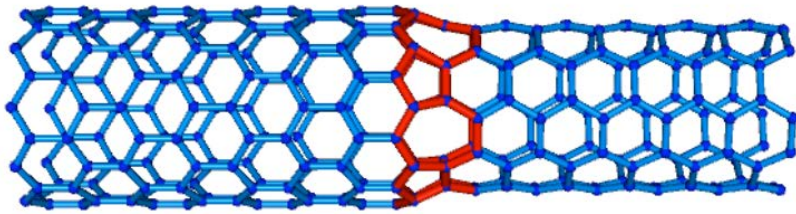
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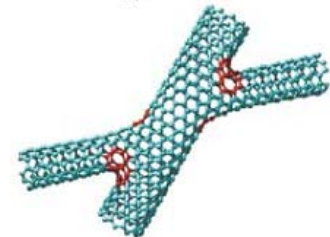
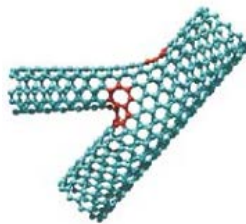
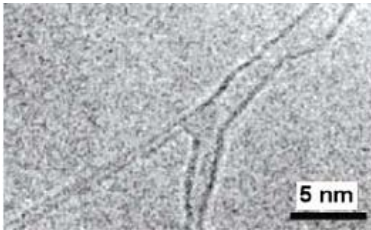
- junctions between carbon nanotubes



zigzag $(2n,0)$ – armchair (n,n) ; n pairs 5/7

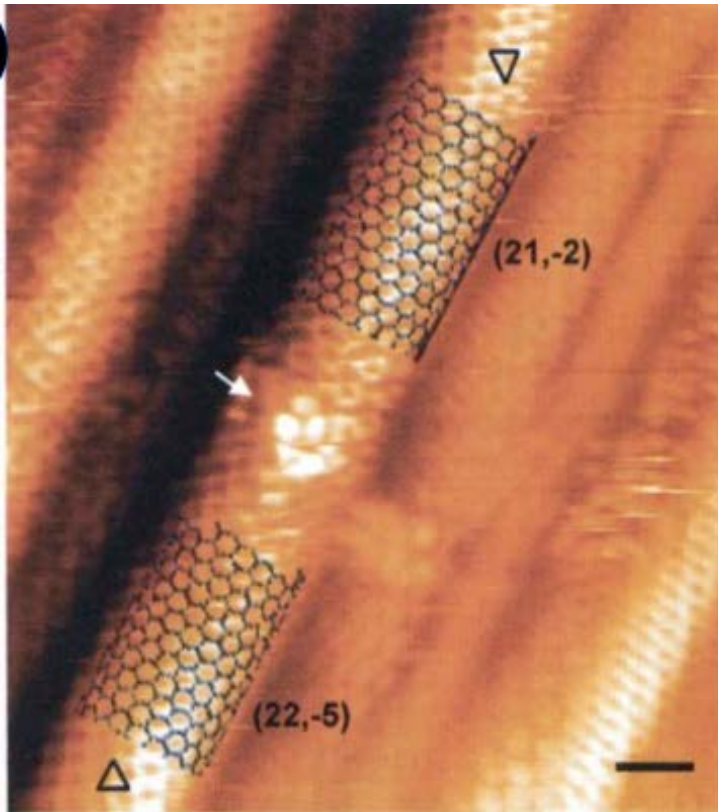


chiral nanotubes

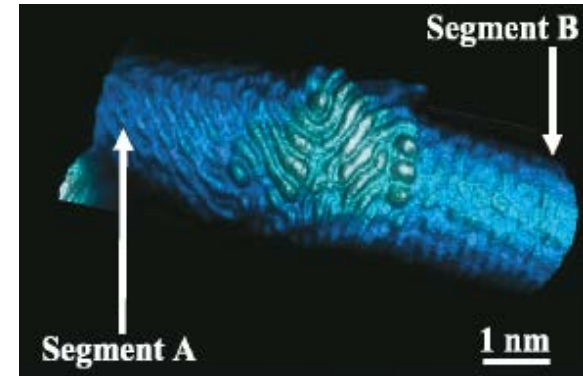


Interface localized states

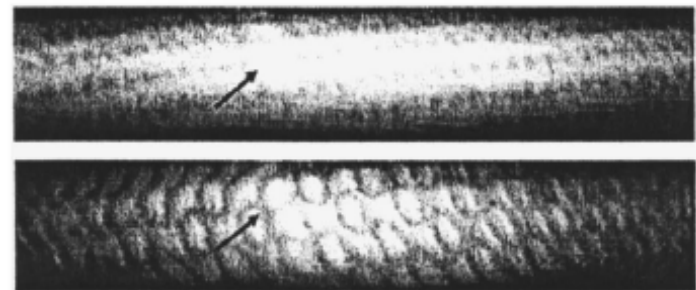
rolled up graphene junctions



M. Ouyang, et. al.,
Science 291, 97, 2001



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we have introduced simple rules and diagrams allowing to determine (foresee) the existence, localization and degeneracy of edge-localized states at Fermi level for any shape of the graphene edge

Edge states and flat bands in graphene nanoribbons with arbitrary geometries

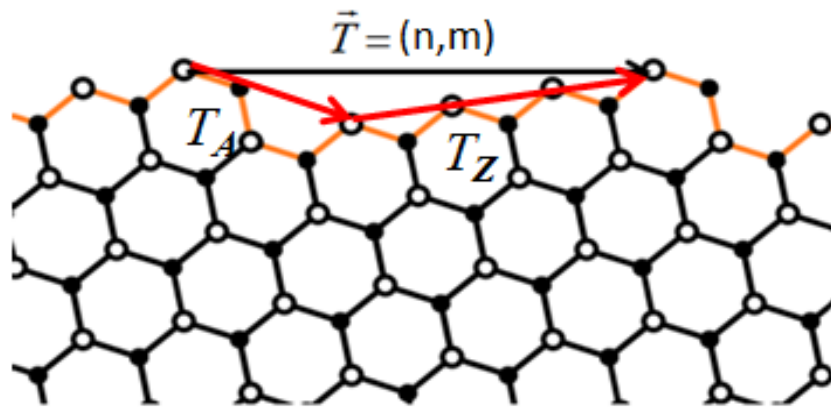
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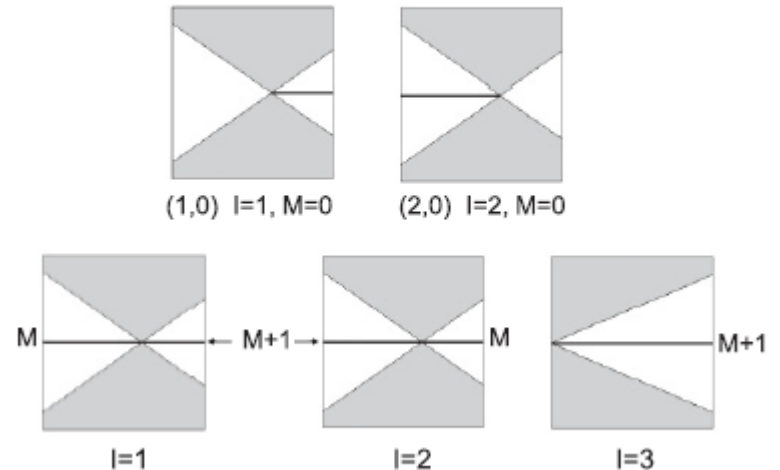
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$$T_A = (m, m), \quad T_Z = (n - m, 0)$$

$$n - m = l + 3M$$

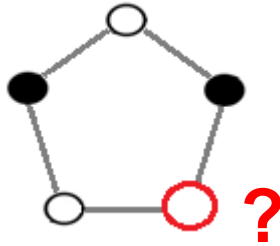


The fundamental condition for the existence
of localized states (flat bands) at Fermi energy

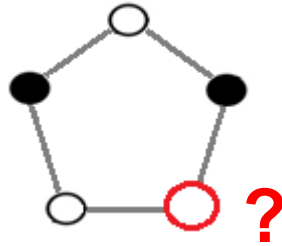
(at least in tight-binding approach)

is

localization of the wavefunction at one sublattice only

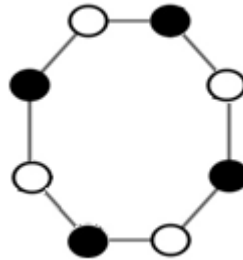


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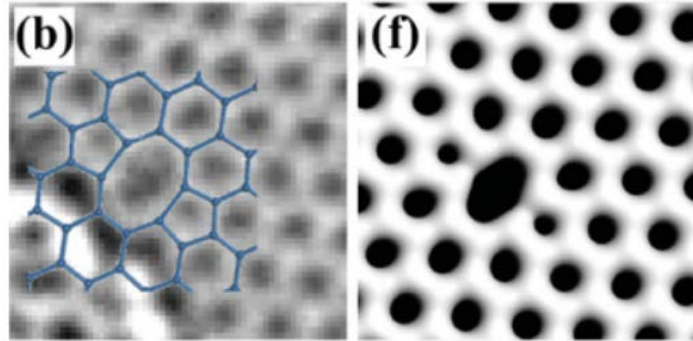
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in contrast, octagonal defects need not to mix sublattices
-they can yield localized states at E_F

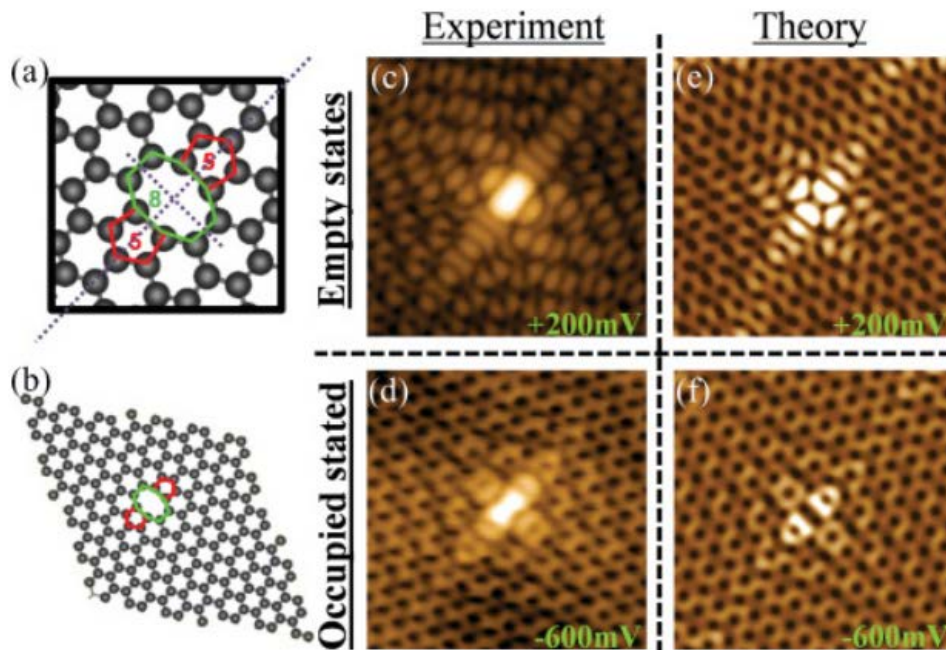


Octagonal defects

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Y. Kim, et. al.,
Phys. Rev. B 84, 2011



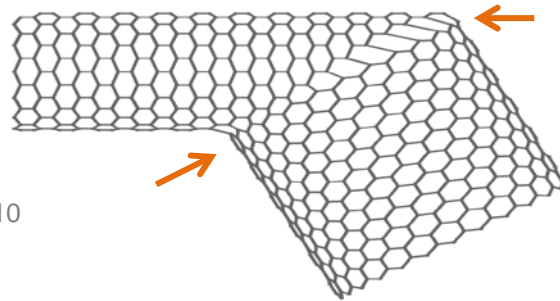
M.M. Ugeda, et. al., Phys. Rev. B 85, 2012

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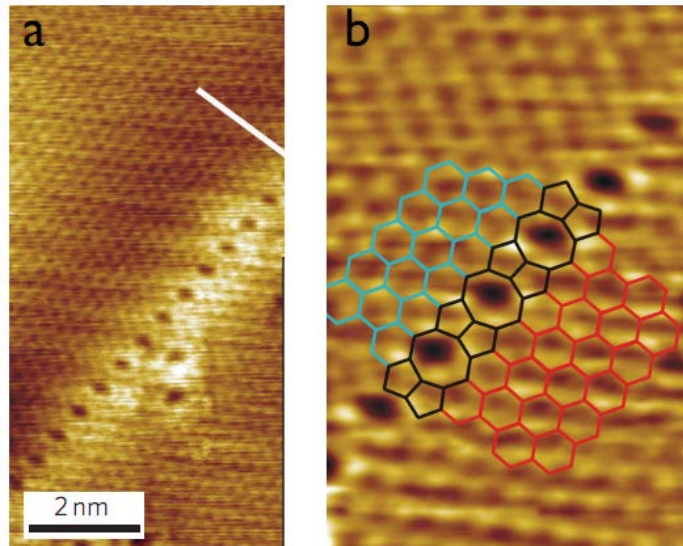
(strongly) curved systems

diagonal junctions between CNs

W. Jaskolski, et. al.,
phys. stat. sol. C7, 2010

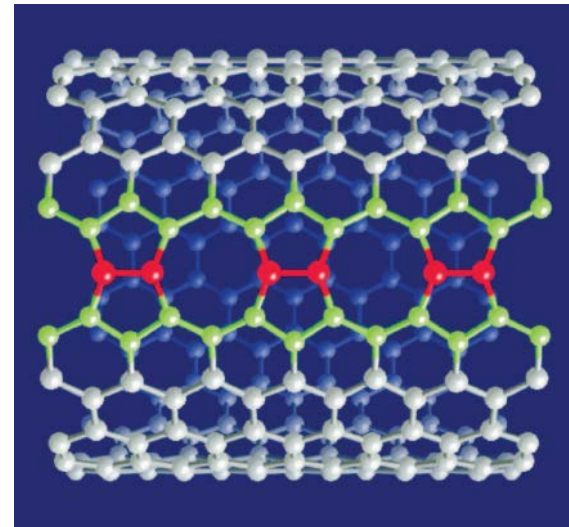


line defects in graphene



J. Lahiri et. al., Nature nanotech. 5, 2010

line defects in carbon tubes



S. Okada, et. al., Phys. Rev. B 74, 2006

We study graphene nanoribbons and carbon nanotubes containing defect lines built of octagonal rings.

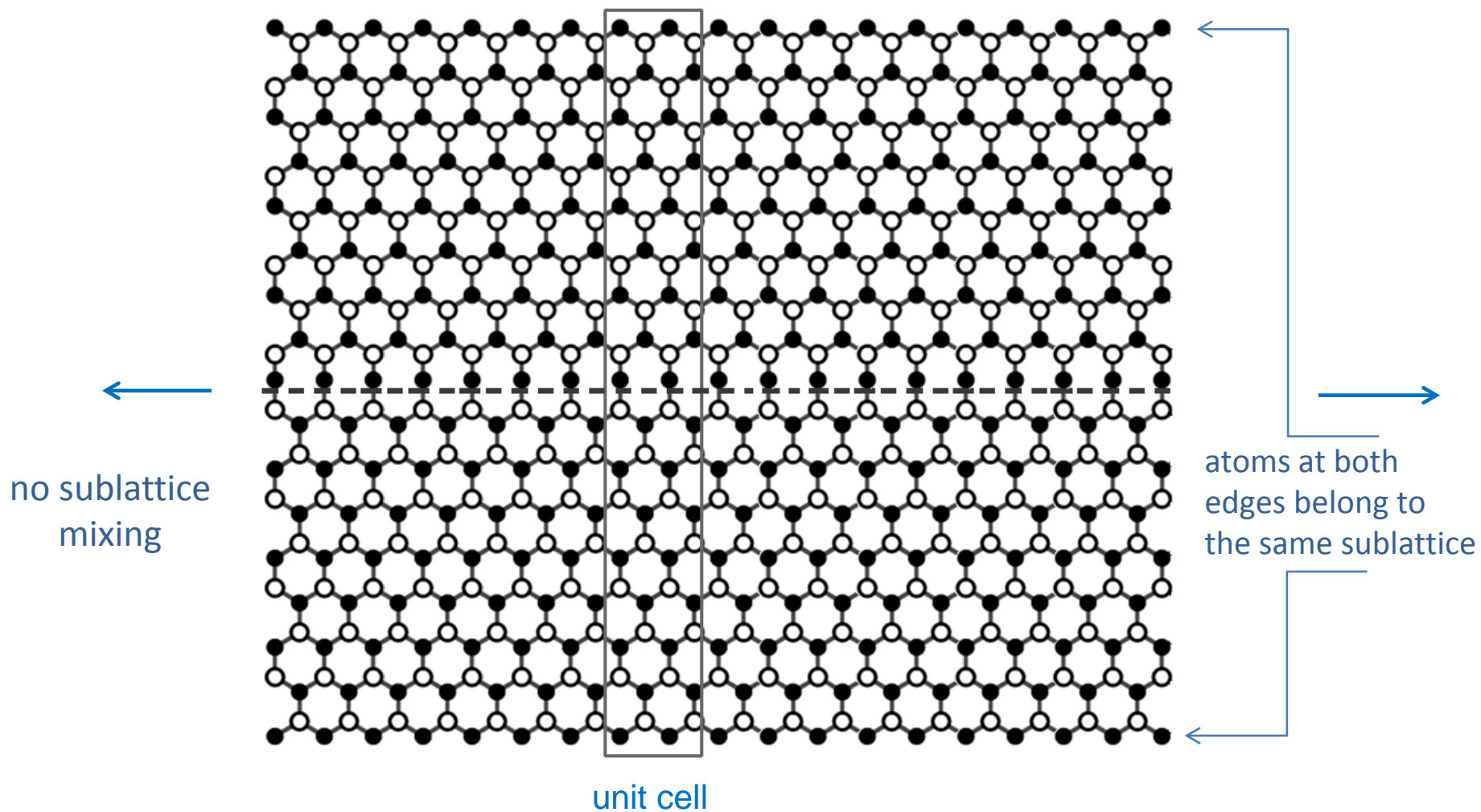
We show that octagonal defects localize states at Fermi energy even if their appearance mixes both graphene sublattices.

In some cases they may lead to spontaneous magnetization.

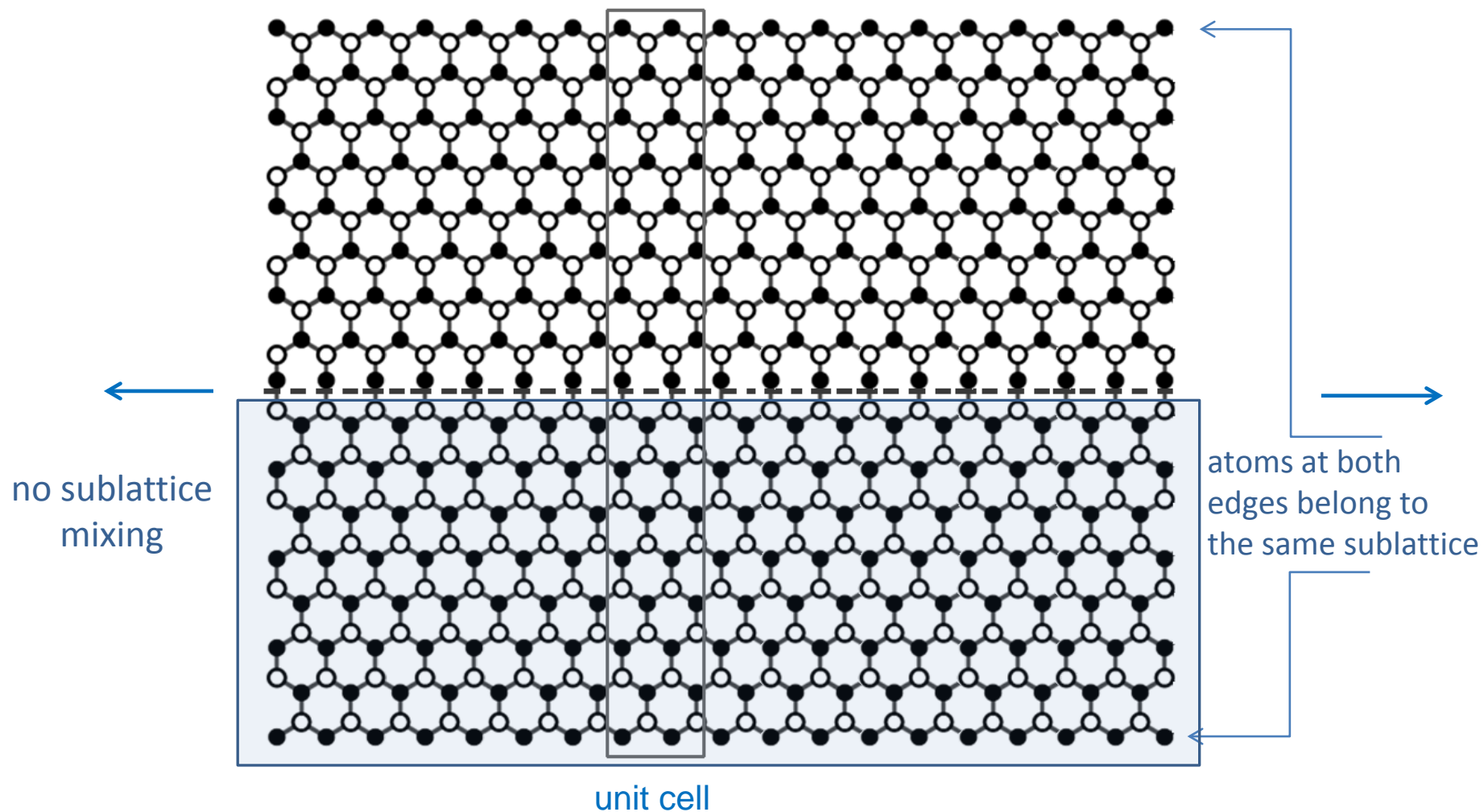
Calculation method: π -electron tight-binding approximation.

Electron interaction effects are taken into account by means of the Hubbard model.

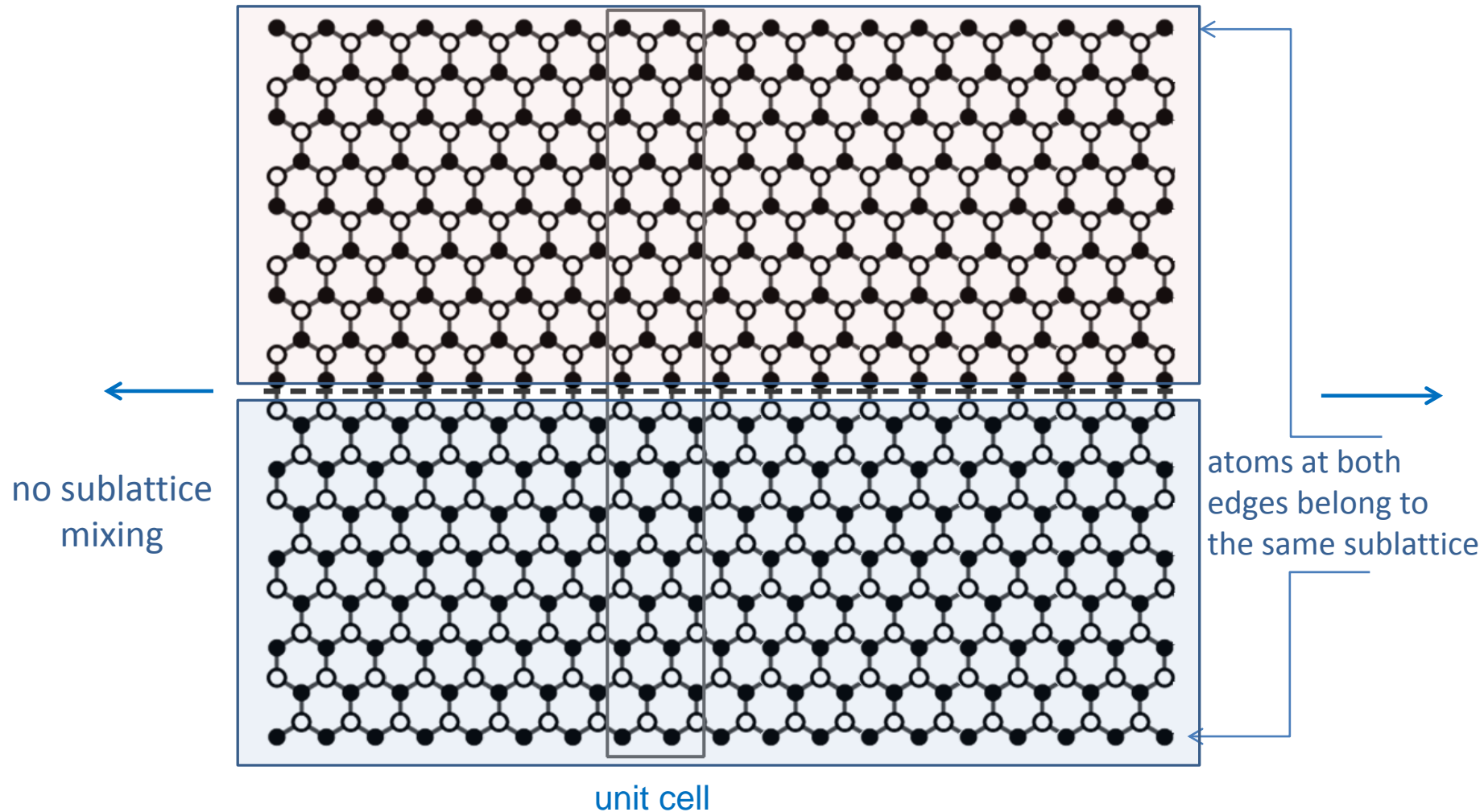
Localization at octagons is explained using simple rules presented in our previous paper on graphene ribbons with arbitrary edges(2011), but it is the presence of octagons, which focuse localization at E_F



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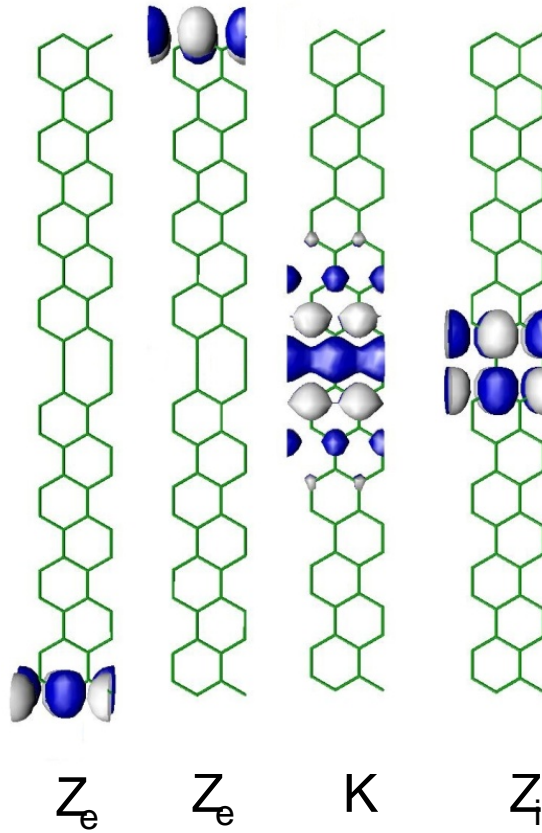
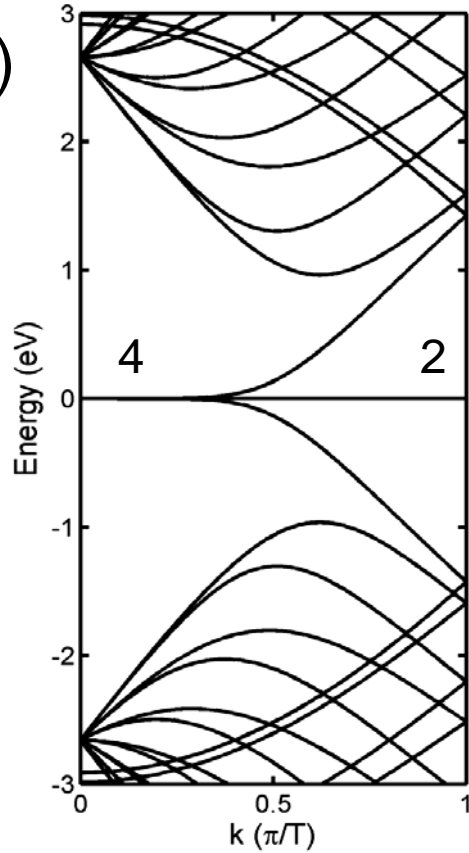
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results

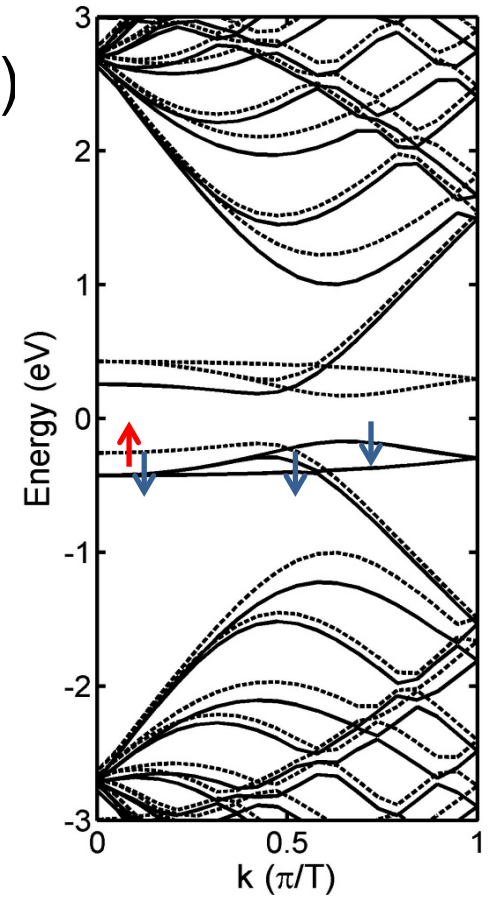
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Hubbard

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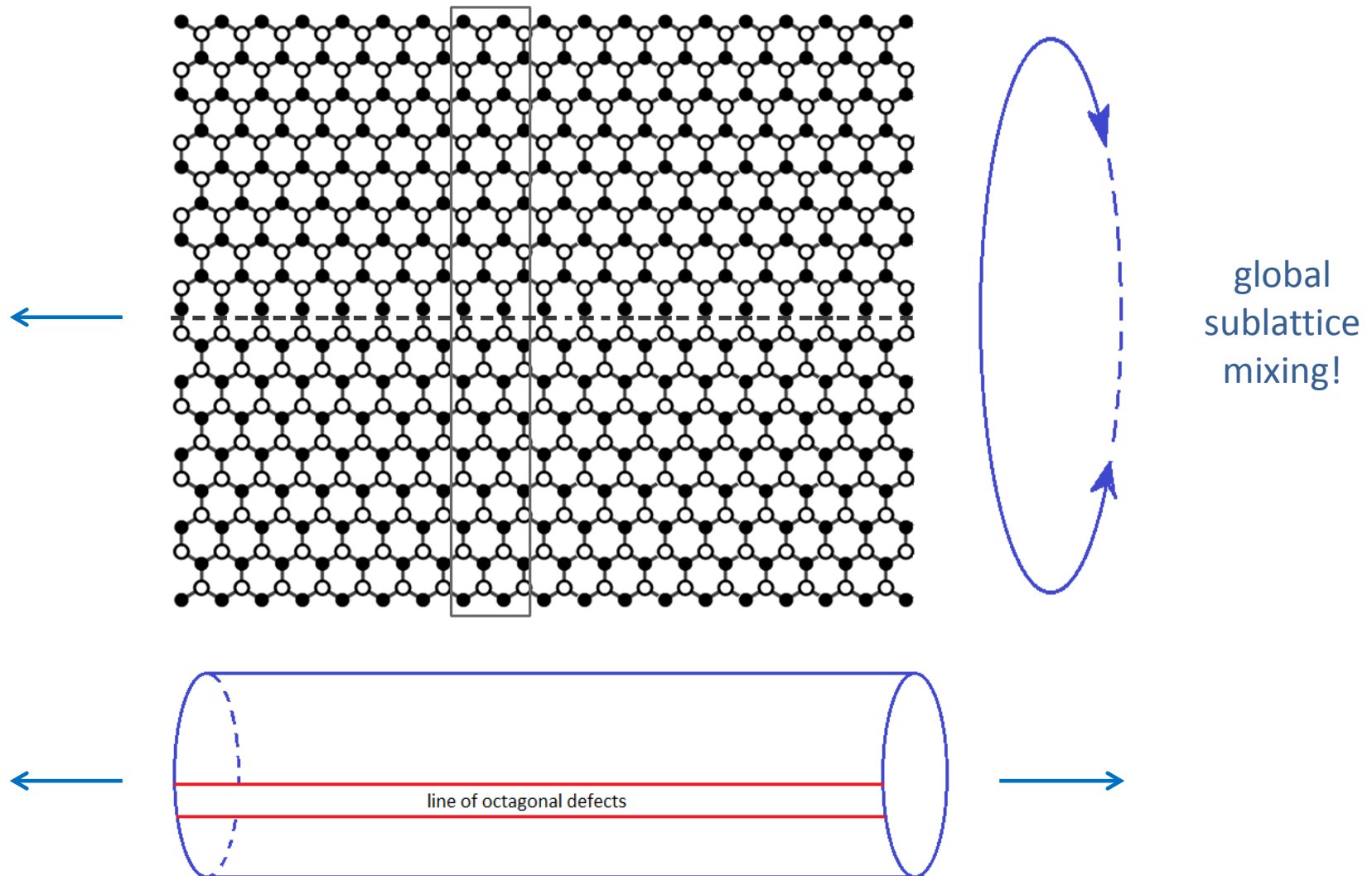


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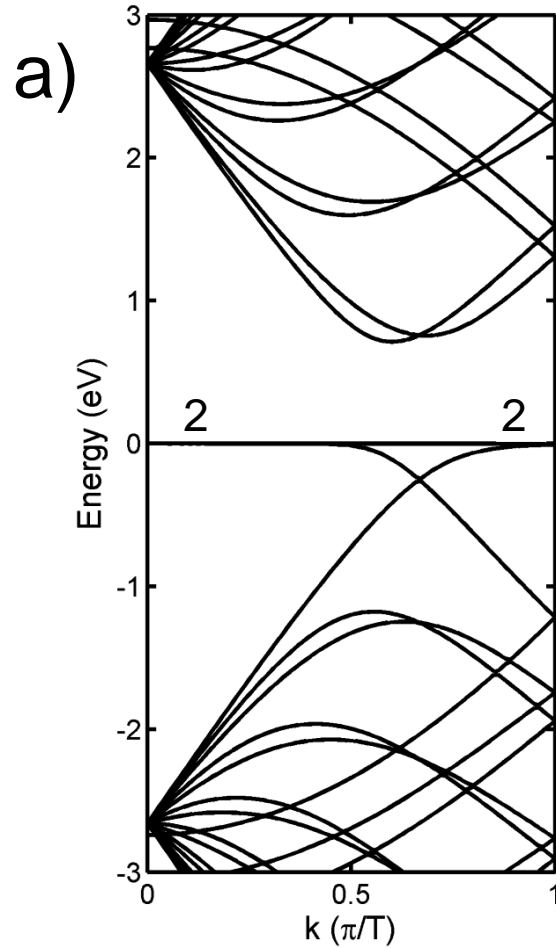
calculated magnetization equals $2\mu_B$
 consistent with Lieb theorem -
 two sublattice atoms imbalance in the unit cell

Rolled up zigzag GNR with defect line built of octagonal rings
i.e.,
armchair carbon nanotube with octagonal defect line along the axis

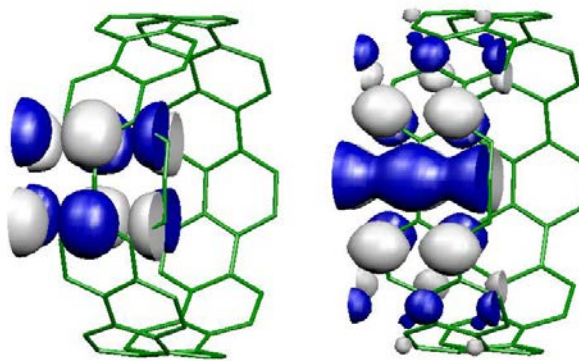


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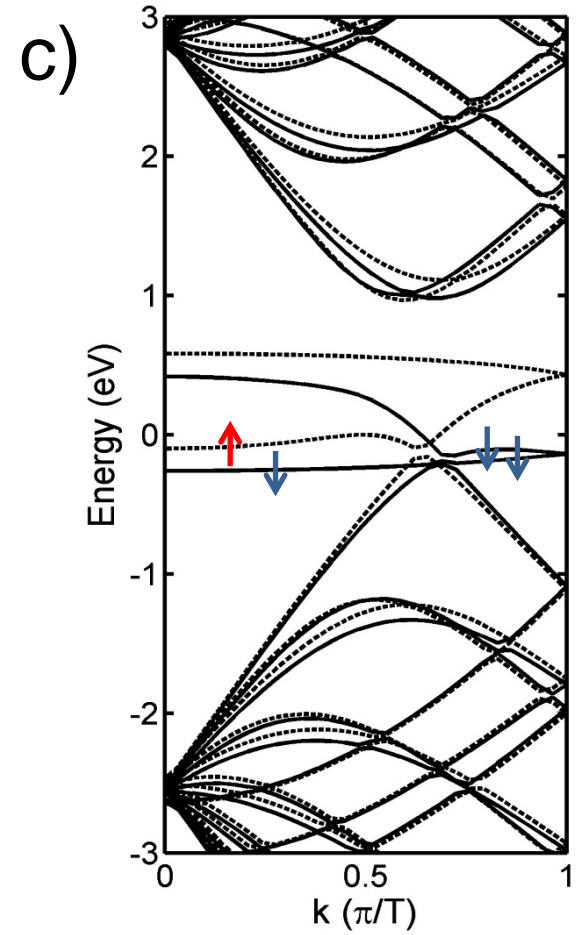
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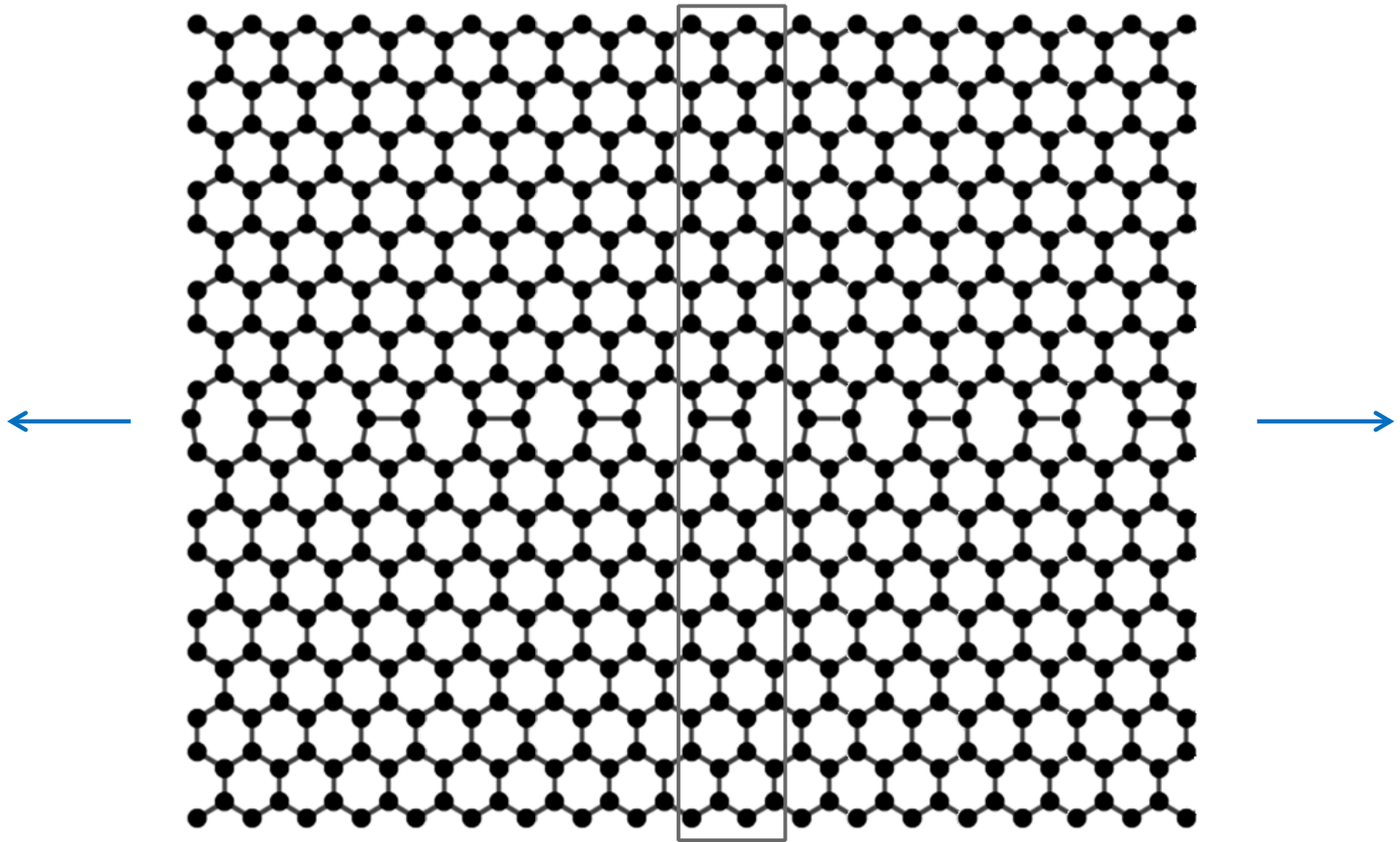
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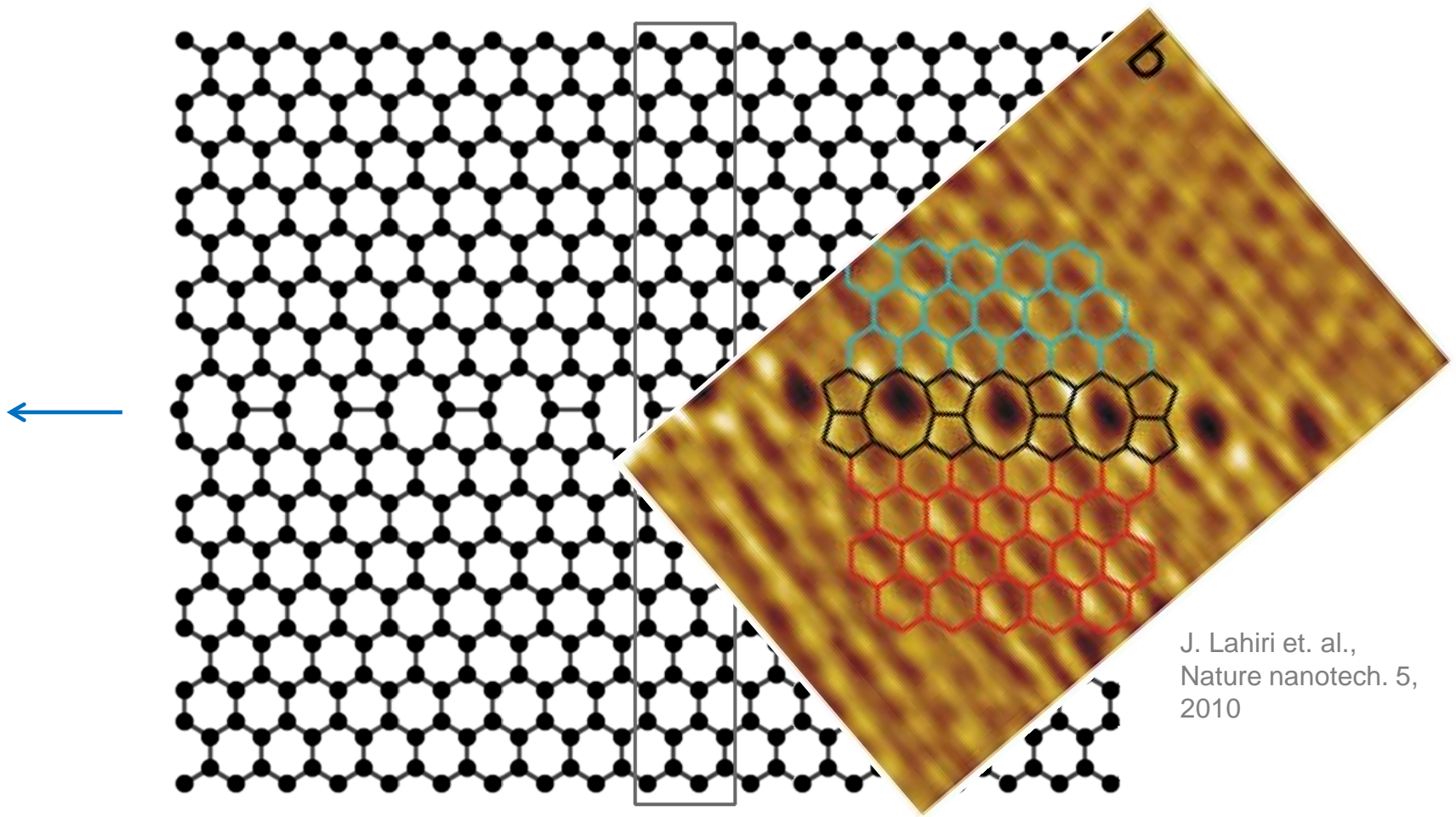
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magnetization $\sim 0.6\mu_B$

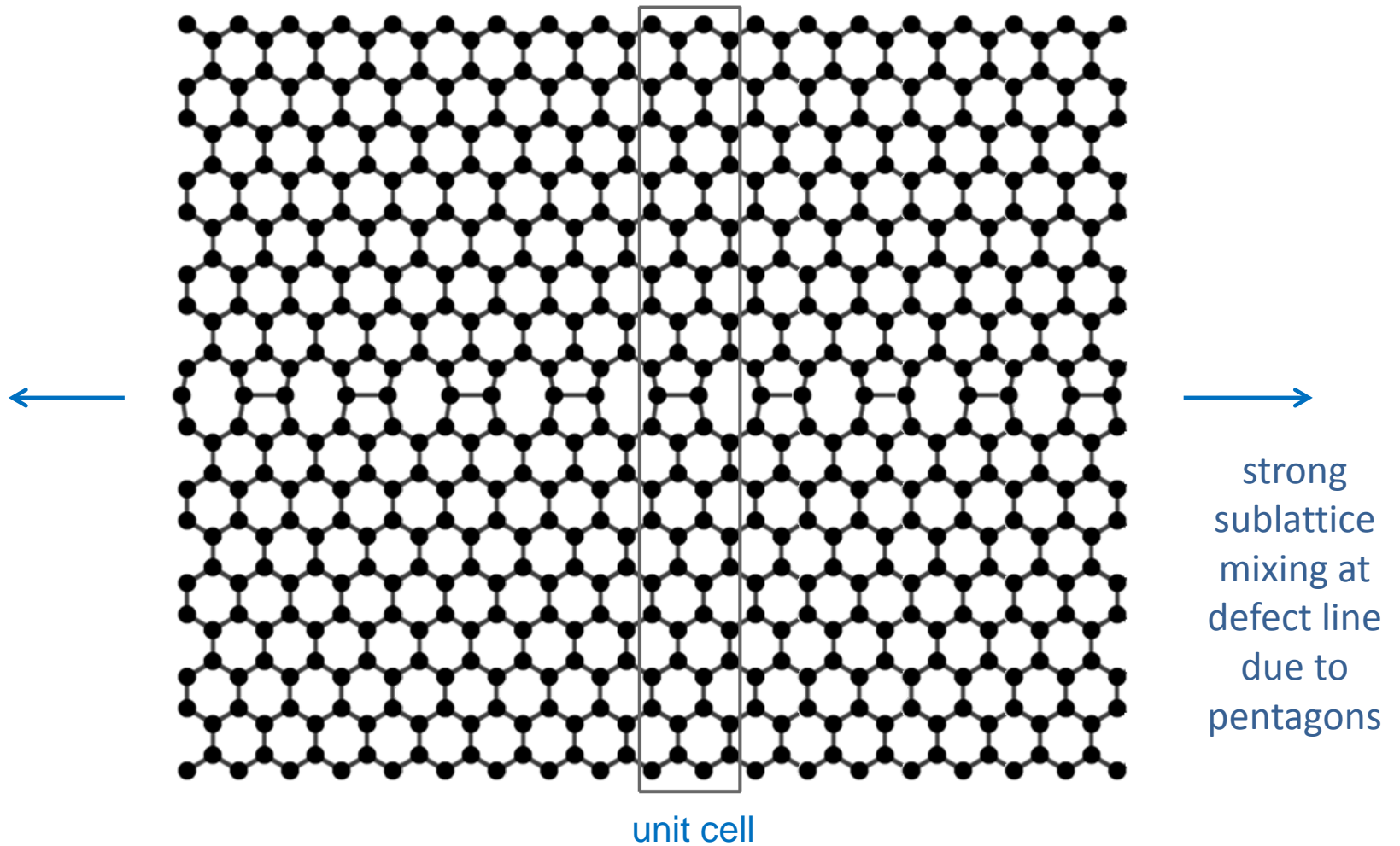


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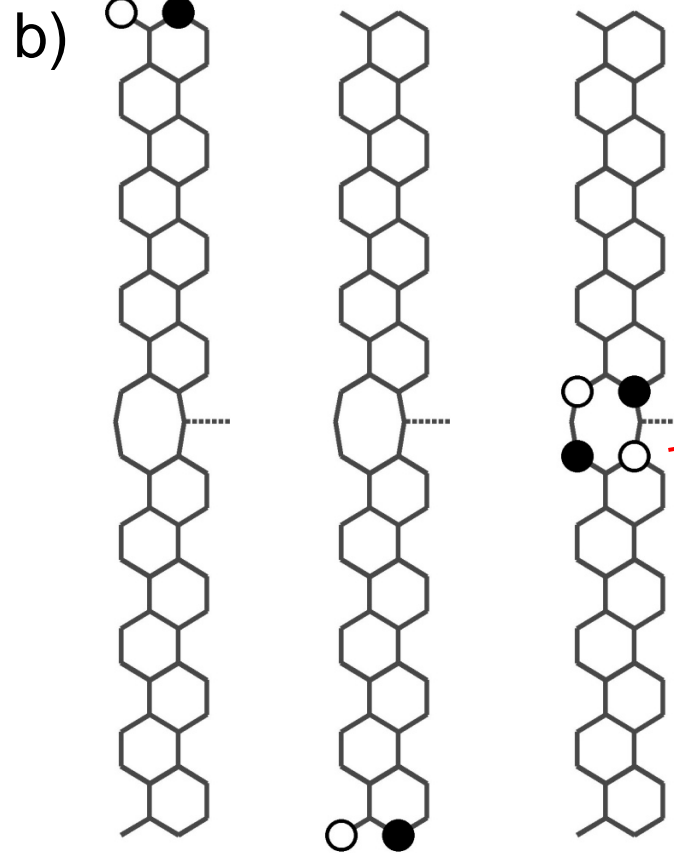
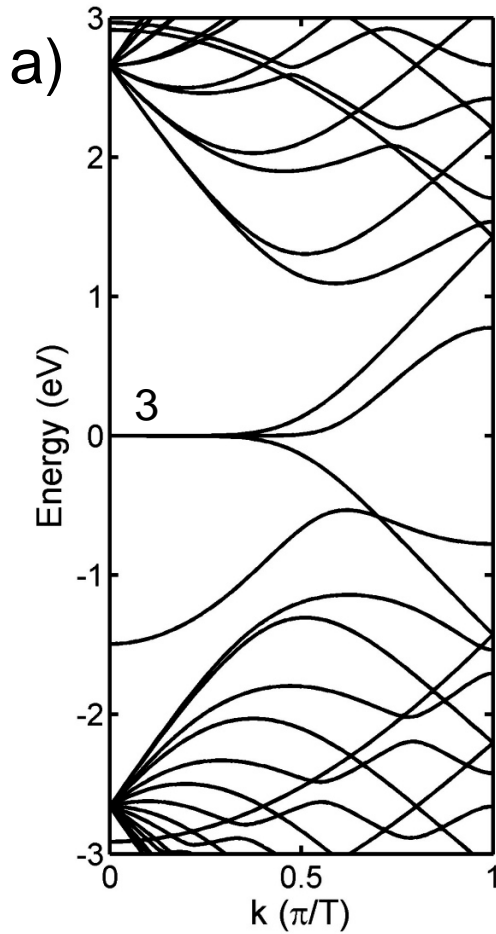
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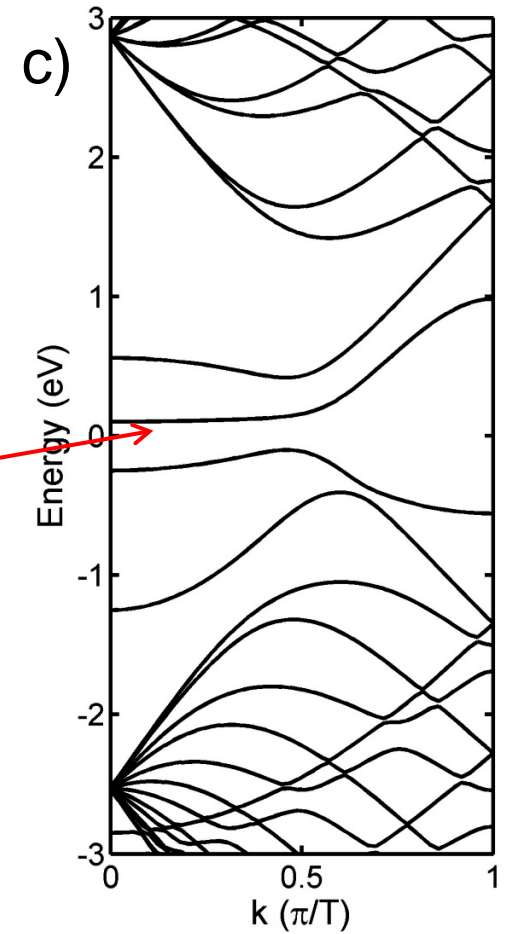
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character of the resonance between two states
belonging to the inner zigzag edges confining
the line of defects

all the calculated flat bands
can be obtained *without calculations*
by applying our rules introduced in 2011
for finding edge-states in graphene nanoribbons;
however, the presence of octagons,
which do not mix graphene sublattices
is responsible for localization just at the Fermi energy

Conclusions

- ❑ octagonal defect lines in graphene structures lead to state localization with energies close to the Fermi level
- ❑ the localization happens independently on the sublattice mixing
- ❑ some of the investigated structures reveal spontaneous magnetization
- ❑ the appearance of localized flat bands at octagonal defects can be explained using simple rules introduced in our previous work, but octagons are responsible for the localization just at Fermi energy