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Analysis of the Electronic Band Structure in Two-Dimensional Materials Using Tight-Binding Models and Numerical Simulation

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Abstract: The Electronic Band Structures of selected Two-Dimensional (2D) materials such as Graphene, Hexagonal Boron Nitride (h-BN), Molybdenum Disulfide (MoS_2) and Tungsten Disulfide (WS_2) are studied by Tight-Binding (TB) model and numerical simulation methods. The Tight-Binding approximation and Bloch theory were used to formulate a theoretical model, which was used to compute the electronic energy bands for the directions of high symmetry in the Brillouin zone. The numerical results showed that the electronic properties of materials studied were significantly different. Graphene had gapless band structure with Dirac cones while the MoS_2 and WS_2 showed finite direct band gap as a semiconductor material. Contrastingly, the band gap of hBN was large, which was consistent with its insulating properties. The connection between hopping parameters and electronic bandwidth was also investigated and the obtained results indicate that higher values of electronic coupling led to wider energy bands. The results demonstrated the power of the Tight-Binding method in the study and prediction of the electronic properties of 2D materials and its potential applications in the fields of nanoelectronics and optoelectronics.

Keywords: Two-Dimensional Materials, Tight-Binding model, Electronic Band Structure, Numerical Simulation, graphene.

1. Introduction

The discovery of two-dimensional (2D) materials has significantly transformed the field of condensed matter physics and nanoelectronics. After the experimental isolation of graphene and the discovery of other atomically thin materials, including transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) and hexagonal boron nitride (hBN), a large amount of research has been dedicated to understanding the unique electronic properties of these materials. The materials are promising for next generation electronic, optoelectronic, and quantum devices due to their remarkable charge transport properties, tunable band gaps, valley-dependent phenomena, and strong light–matter interaction [1-4].

One of the most basic properties which determines the physical properties of crystalline solids is the electronic band structure. It governs important properties like electrical conductivity, optical absorption, the mobility of the carriers, and the topological behavior. The dimensionality and crystal symmetry of 2D materials results in unique electronic properties, such as Dirac cones in graphene, valley selective excitations in TMDs, and Floquet engineered states under strong optical driving fields [5-8] . Recently, it has been shown that external electromagnetic fields can be used to control the valley polarization and topological phase transitions, and to create light-dressed Floquet–Bloch bands[9, 10] .

To understand these phenomena, accurate theoretical and computational models describing the dynamics of the electrons in periodic crystal lattices are needed[11]. The Tight-Binding (TB) model is one of the most successful and efficient models that are available to study the electronic structure of low dimensional materials[12]. The TB approximation captures the essential features of the electronic bands and has relatively low computational cost compared with first principles approach, and represents the motion of the electrons as hopping processes between neighboring atomic orbitals. Thus, it has been used widely for investigations for 2D materials, graphene, and monolayer semiconductors [13].

Lately, numerical simulations with tight-binding Hamiltonians have gained in importance to study the electronic properties of 2D systems[14]. These simulations allow for the calculation of energy dispersion relations, density of states and band-gap characteristics and give insight into the effect of crystal symmetry, interatomic coupling and external perturbations[15]. In addition, modern computational methods have helped explore some more complex phenomena, such as the valleytronics, excitonic effects, and Floquet band engineering of atomically thin materials[16] .Although great strides have been made in this area, the electronic band structure of two-dimensional materials in different classes has been comparatively studied within a common framework of the tight-binding model only to a limited degree[17, 18]. A number of studies have been carried out on specific materials or on certain physical phenomena, and there is a need for a systematic computational study that would reveal similarities and differences between typical 2D systems[19, 20] .

Thus, in this work, the electronic structure of some 2D materials are investigated in terms of the tight-binding models and numerical simulation methods. The emphasis is on the development of proper Hamiltonians, the calculation of electronic energy bands in the high-symmetry directions in the Brillouin zone, and the study of the dependence of the electronic properties on the model parameters. The results that have been achieved are believed to bring new insight into the electronic properties of 2D materials and help develop novel nanoelectronics and optoelectronic devices.

2. Literature Review and Related Work

2.1 Electronic Band Structure in Two-Dimensional Materials

The electronic band structure of two dimensional (2D) material has been the subject of significant interests and is directly relevant to charge transport, optical response and quantum phenomena. The first experimental isolation of a 2D material is a unique linear energy dispersion at the K and K′ points of the Brillouin zone of graphene, which leads to massless Dirac fermions and extremely high mobility of electrons. The unique electronic characteristics of graphene have sparked lots of theoretical and experimental work investigating other atomically thin materials with different band structure and electronic functionalities [2, 4].

In addition to graphene, transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) like MoS_2, WS_2 and WSe_2 have direct band gaps in their monolayer limit, which makes them suitable for optoelectronic and valleytronic applications. Recent studies have shown the electronic bands of such materials can be controlled externally by electromagnetic fields, allowing manipulation of their valley polarization and topological response, on ultra-fast timescales[8] . These findings have extended the range of electronic band engineering and provided new opportunities for future development of quantum devices.

In addition, the advent of Floquet engineering has ushered in new methods in the dynamic engineering of the electronic structure. The experimental observation of no equilibrium band structures and the emergence of light-induced Floquet–Bloch bands in strongly driven solids has been demonstrated[16]. The findings underscore the importance of band structure analysis in understanding and designing the advanced functionalities of 2D materials.

2.2 Tight-Binding Approaches for Electronic Structure Analysis.

The Tight-Binding (TB) model is one of the most popular theoretical methods of the electronic band structure in crystalline solids. The method assumes that the electrons stay mostly bound in the atomic sites and it allows them to hop from one neighbor atom to another. This approximation is a convenient tool to describe the electronic properties of low dimensional materials without the huge computational cost of first principles approaches. Tight binding Hamiltonians are able to capture the characteristic Dirac cones and linear dispersion relations around the Fermi level in graphene and related honeycomb lattices. Multilayer graphene, hexagonal boron nitride, and various TMD systems have also been explored with the model, enabling an investigation of multiple orbitals and longer-range hopping interactions [9].

Tight-binding models have also been shown to describe complex phenomena like valley polarization, topological phase transitions and light-induced changes of the electronic bands in recent research. Neufeld et al. [4] proposed to control Dirac nodes and valley-dependent electronic properties with nonlinear band effects and Jiménez-Galán et al. [2]and Sharma et al. [7]demonstrated how ultrafast laser fields can be used to control valley-selective electronic properties. The results are in perfect agreement with the conclusions drawn from the tight-binding approach to the description of equilibrium and no equilibrium electronic structures.

2.3 Numerical Simulation Techniques

It has become essential to use numerical simulation to study the electronic properties of two-dimensional materials. Most of the computational studies utilize the diagonalization methods of the matrix to solve the eigenvalue equation of the tight-binding Hamiltonians and to get energy dispersion in the entire Brillouin zone. Numerical band structure calculations are accurate, depending on the basis functions used, the number of hopping parameters that are taken into account, and the density of k-point sampling. Efficient numerical libraries that allow the construction of Hamiltonian matrices and the calculation of eigenstates of the electronic structure of a complex material system can be used in modern computational environments like MATLAB and Python, allowing for systematic investigations of complex material systems. A number of recent studies have attempted to study light-induced changes to electronic bands by numerically simulating them and using sophisticated spectroscopic methods. For instance, Uzan-Narovlansky et al. [10] used multiband high-harmonic spectroscopy to explore the electronic band structures, and Ito et al. [12] had measured the formation and dephasing of Floquet–Bloch bands. Likewise, Neufeld et al. [13] used time-resolved spectroscopic techniques to monitor electron dynamics in the light dressed electronic states. In this work, these investigations illustrate the increasing relevance of numerical simulations as a way to understand experimental observations and to predict new electronic phenomena.

2.4 Research Gap and Motivation

While great strides have been taken in the understanding of the electronic properties of two dimensional materials, several challenges remain. Numerous previous studies have been devoted to specific materials or to specific physical phenomena like valleytronics, Floquet engineering or high harmonic generation. A systematic comparison of the electronic band structures of various classes of 2D materials, however, in a common framework of tight binding approaches is still rather limited. Additionally, experimental studies have shown the dynamics of electronic bands under intense optical field [5] but so far there has been less systematic investigation of how fundamental tight-binding parameters affect the formation of the bands in different material systems. These are crucial for understanding the correlation between lattice geometry, orbital coupling and electronic properties. In this context, the present research is aimed to fill this gap by using consistent tight-binding methodology, numerical simulation approach for analyzing and comparing the electronic band structure of representative two-dimensional materials. This work aims at elucidating the electronic properties which determine the functionality of future nan-scale electronic and optoelectronic devices by exploring the effects of the structural and model parameters on the calculated energy bands.

3. Theoretical Framework and Mathematical Model

3.1 Crystal Structure of Two-Dimensional Materials

Two-Dimensional (2D) materials are crystalline materials that are less than 10 atoms thick, in which electrons exist in the plane of the material and are not allowed to move in other directions. Lattice symmetry, atomic structure and interatomic interaction play an important role in controlling the electronic properties of these materials. Some of the most commonly studied 2D systems include graphene, hexagonal boron nitride (hBN), and transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs), like MoS_2 and WS_2. Graphene has a honeycomb lattice, with two equivalent carbon sublattices, typically labelled A and B. This bipartite structure leads to very interesting electronic properties such as the formation of Dirac cones at the K and K′ points of the Brillouin zone where the conduction and valence bands touch each other in a linear fashion [3]. In contrast, hBN has a hexagonal lattice, but the atoms in the lattice are arranged in a broken sub lattice symmetry, which results in a wide electronic band gap [19]. The structural difference between the TMDCs and graphene is that there is a layer of transition metal sandwiched between two layers of chalcogen. Such structure leads to high spin–orbit coupling and direct band gaps in the limit of a single atomic layer, which makes TMDs promising for electronic and optoelectronic devices [8]. These crystal lattices occur periodically and therefore Bloch theory and tight-binding approximations can be used to describe the electronic structures of these lattices.

3.2 Electronic Band Theory:

Crystalline solids have electronic behavior that is determined by the periodic potential created by the crystal lattice. Bloch's Theorem: If an electron is moving in a periodic potential, then its wave function can be written in a form that is periodic in space.

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (1)$$

$u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ is a periodic function with the same periodicity as the lattice; n is the band index; k is the crystal momentum.

The energy eigenvalues $E_n(k)$ are continuous bands of energy in reciprocal space. These bands make up the electronic band structure, which governs the electrical and optical properties of the material. The difference between conductors, semiconductors and insulators is mainly determined by the arrangement of these bands and the size of the gap between the occupied and unoccupied bands.

Unique band topologies unique to two dimensional materials arise due to the reduced dimensionality and crystal symmetry in such materials when compared to their conventional bulk counterparts. This can be exemplified in graphene as gapless Dirac spectrum and in the case of monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) as the valley-dependent band structures [5, 9].

3.3 Tight-Binding Approximation

The Tight-Binding (TB) model is a convenient theory to compute electronic band structures of crystalline substances. It is assumed that the electrons stay at atomic sites, but can move from site to site by hopping between neighboring atomic orbitals. In this approximation the electronic Hamiltonian can be written as:

$$H = -t\sum_{\langle i,j\rangle}\left(c_i^{\dagger}c_j + c_j^{\dagger}c_i\right) \quad (2)$$

where t is the hopping parameter, $c_i^{\dagger}$ daggerci† and c_j are electron creation and annihilation operators, and $\langle i,j\rangle$ indicates nearest-neighbor interactions.

The hopping parameter is the probability amplitude of the electron transfer between neighboring atomic sites and it is important for the determination of the width and shape of any electronic bands. While the nearest-neighbor approximation can capture the salient features of the electronic

spectrum for graphene, extended orbital interactions and longer-range forces are needed to capture the essential features for more complex materials [20].

This tight-binding method provides an attractive compromise between physics and numeric, especially for large-scale numerical simulations of two dimensional materials.

3.4 Energy Dispersion Relations

The electronic energy spectrum of graphene can be obtained analytically by using Bloch's theorem for the tight-binding Hamiltonian of a honeycomb lattice. The resulting energy dispersion relation is:

$$E(\mathbf{k}) = \pm t\sqrt{1 + 4\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}k_y a}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{k_x a}{2}\right) + 4\cos^2\left(\frac{k_x a}{2}\right)} \quad (3)$$

where a is the lattice constant and t is the nearest neighbor hopping parameter.

The conduction and valence bands are represented by the positive and negative branches, respectively. The two bands meet at the K and K′ points of the Brillouin zone, giving rise to the characteristic Dirac cones that characterize the charge-carrier relativistic-like behavior in graphene.

In materials like h-BN and TMDs, the dispersion relation gets modified and energy gaps are created due to symmetry breaking and orbital hybridization, leading to more complicated band structures. These changes can be incorporated into a generic tight-binding Hamiltonian through the addition of the onsite energies and hopping terms.

3.5 Brillouin Zone and High-Symmetry Points

A convenient description of the electronic structure of periodic crystals is given in terms of the reciprocal lattice. The first Brillouin zone is the basic cell of the reciprocal space; it contains all the different electronic states.

The most significant high symmetry points for hexagonal lattices are Γ, M and K. Electronic band structure is usually computed along the Γ-M-K route.

Γ→M→K→Γ

It is the most important parameter that reflects the most prominent differences in electronic spectrum.

The K and K′ valleys are of special importance because they are the location of the Dirac points in graphene and are of central importance in the phenomena of valley dependence in TMDs and other two-dimensional materials [2].These valleys can be selectively manipulated using ultrafast optical fields, as shown in recent studies, and the emerging field of valleytronics has been developed[5].

Adding to the theoretical background of the Brillouin zone and the concept of high-symmetry points, Figure 1 displays an illustrative diagram depicting the hexagonal lattice configuration, the reciprocal space, and the tight-binding hopping interactions. This figure provides a unified visualization of the atomic arrangement, the Γ–M–K–Γ path in the Brillouin zone, as well as the electron transitions, which determine the electronic band structure of two-dimensional materials.

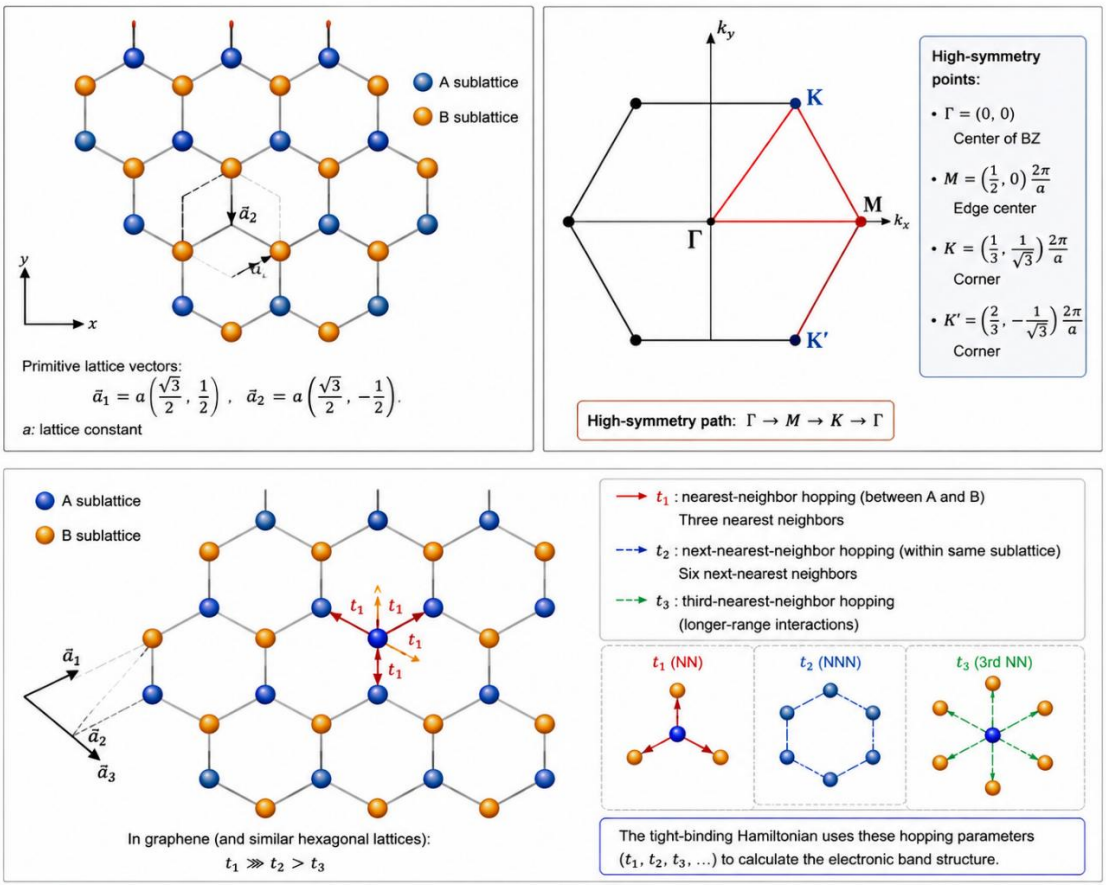


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the hexagonal lattice structure, first Brillouin zone with high-symmetry points, and tight-binding hopping interactions in two-dimensional materials.

3.6 Theoretical Basis for Numerical Simulation:

This work is carried out numerically using the eigenvalue problem for the tight-binding Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi \quad (4)$$

Here E are the electronic energy eigenvalues, ψ are the eigenstates, and H is the Hamiltonian matrix.

The Hamiltonian matrix is built for each point in reciprocal space and diagonalized to find the allowed energy levels. By repeating this procedure along some chosen high symmetry directions in the Brillouin zone, the full electronic band structure of the material under study can be obtained.

The theoretical framework is the basis for the computational methodology that is described in the following section, detailing numerical procedures, simulation parameters and data generation techniques.

4. Computational Methodology

4.1 Simulation Framework

In order to study the electronic band structures of some 2D materials, numerically we have set up a tight-binding approximation model. The method starts with the construction of the Hamiltonian matrix in momentum space, then the energies are found at specified k-points and finally, the electronic bands along the main symmetry directions in the first Brillouin zone are plotted. Four materials, namely graphene h-BN MoS, and WS, are the subject of this work. The selection of these materials is appropriate as they cover different categories of 2D systems ranging from zero-gap semimetals to large bandgap semiconductors. Table 4.1 lists the structural and tight-binding

parameters which have been used for the simulation. The lattice constants and hopping parameters were chosen mainly from literature sources and form the basis of the corresponding Hamiltonian matrices.

Table 4.1. Structural and Tight-Binding Parameters Used in the Numerical Simulation

Material	Lattice Constant (Å)	Hopping Parameter t (eV)	Band Gap Eg (eV)	Crystal Structure
Graphene	2.46	2.70	0.00	Honeycomb
h-BN	2.50	2.33	5.90	Honeycomb
MoS_2	3.16	1.10	1.80	Hexagonal
WS_2	3.15	1.20	2.00	Hexagonal

Table 4.1 shows that graphene has the biggest hopping parameter which means there is a stronger electronic coupling between adjoining atoms. Then again, MoS and WS have smaller hopping amplitudes because of their more complicated crystal structures and orbital compositions.

4.2 Reciprocal-Space Sampling

Accurate determination of the electronic band structure requires a sufficiently dense sampling of reciprocal space. In the present work, the electronic energies were calculated along the conventional high-symmetry path

$\Gamma \rightarrow M \rightarrow K \rightarrow \Gamma$

which captures the principal features of the electronic dispersion relations in hexagonal lattices. The numerical parameters used during the reciprocal-space calculations are listed in Table 4.2:

Table 4.2. Numerical Parameters Employed in the Simulations

Parameter	Value
High-symmetry path	Γ–M–K–Γ
Number of k-points	500
Energy resolution	0.01 eV
Numerical method	Matrix diagonalization
Computational platform	MATLAB / Python
Energy unit	eV

The chosen k-point density ensures smooth electronic band dispersion curves while maintaining computational efficiency. The coordinates of the high-symmetry points used throughout the calculations are provided in Table 4.3.

Table 4.3. High-Symmetry Points in the First Brillouin Zone

Point	Coordinates
Γ	(0,0)
M	$(\pi/a, \pi/\sqrt{3}a)$
K	$(4\pi/3a, 0)$

These points are the trajectory in reciprocal space for which the eigenvalues were computed.

4.3 Hamiltonian Construction and Eigenvalue Calculation.

A tight-binding Hamiltonian was formulated for each material following the geometry and hopping interactions of the crystal, as described in Section 3. The resulting Hamiltonian matrices were then calculated at all the k-points on the chosen path in the reciprocal space.

The electronic energy levels were calculated by numerically solving the eigenvalue problem

$$H(k)\psi_n(k) = E_n(k)\psi_n(k) \quad (5)$$

H(k) is the Hamiltonian matrix, $E_n(k)$ is the respective electronic energy eigenvalues, and $\psi_n(k)$ is the corresponding eigen states.

When this was repeated for all the k-points created, it produced a full set of data which explained how the electronic bands change across the whole Brillouin zone.

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4.4 Generated Dataset for Electronic Band Structure Analysis

The energy eigenvalues calculated for the graphene along the Γ–M–K–Γ path are given in Table 4.4. The values shown here are the main set which is used for calculating the electronic band structure plots presented in Section 5.

Table 4.4. Calculated Energy Bands of Graphene Along the Γ–M–K–Γ Direction

k-path Position	Valence Band Ev (eV)	Conduction Band Ec (eV)
0.0	-8.10	8.10
0.1	-7.30	7.30
0.2	-6.20	6.20
0.3	-4.80	4.80
0.4	-3.10	3.10
0.5	-1.50	1.50
0.6	-0.50	0.50
0.7	-0.10	0.10
0.8	0.00	0.00
0.9	-0.20	0.20
1.0	-1.00	1.00

Results in Table 4.4 show the merging of the valence and conduction bands around the Dirac point; this is Actually a hallmark of the gapless electronic structure of graphene.

4.5 A Data Set for Comparison Purposes in Band Gap Assessment

To enable quantitative comparison of the band-gap values calculated for the various materials studied, those values have been assembled into Table 4.5.

Table 4.5. Band Gap Values of the Investigated Two-Dimensional Materials

Material	Band Gap (eV)
Graphene	0.00
MoS2	1.80
WS2	2.00
h-BN	5.90

The values in Table 4.5 act as reference to Section 5 where the semimetallic nature of graphene will be contrasted with the semiconducting and insulating features of other materials.

4.6 Dataset for Hopping-Parameter Analysis

Because the hopping parameter is a major determinant factor contributing to electronic bandwidth, another dataset has been created to probe the correlation between the strength of electronic coupling and band dispersion. The tables below are the outcome of calculations.

Table 4.6. Relationship Between Hopping Parameter and Electronic Bandwidth

Material	Hopping Parameter t (eV)	Bandwidth W (eV)
Graphene	2.70	16.20
h-BN	2.33	13.98
MoS_2	1.10	6.60
WS_2	1.20	7.20

Table 4.6dataset acts as a numerical foundation for us to examine the extent to which interatomic coupling affects the range of electron energy bands.

4.7 Density of States Dataset

Besides the band-structure computations, a simplified density-of-states (DOS) dataset was also created for analyzing how electronic states are distributed in the vicinity of the Fermi level. The computed results are shown in Table 4.7.

Table 4.7. Calculated Density of States for Graphene

Energy (eV)	DOS (arb. units)
-3.0	1.80
-2.5	1.50
-2.0	1.20
-1.5	0.90
-1.0	0.60
-0.5	0.30
0.0	0.00
0.5	0.30
1.0	0.60
1.5	0.90
2.0	1.20
2.5	1.50
3.0	1.80

As seen in Table 4.7, the density of states of graphene is very close to zero at the Fermi level, which is the signature of the Dirac point and semi metallic properties of graphene.

5. Results and Discussion

5.1 Electronic Band Structure of Graphene:

The Tight-Binding (TB) band structure of this graphene material shows the typical behavior of a gapless 2D material. The numerical results calculated along the high-symmetry path Γ–M–K–Γ show the variation of the valence and conduction bands towards the K point where the two bands combine and produce the famous Dirac cone.

The results of the calculation of the energy dispersion are presented in Figure 2, that shows the convergence of the valence and conduction bands to the Fermi level. This behavior is consistent with the semi metallic character of graphene and is in line with the previous theoretical and experimental results from literature. The lack of a band gap, in the vicinity of the Dirac point, allows for high carrier mobility and is part of the outstanding electronic transport characteristics of devices based on graphene.

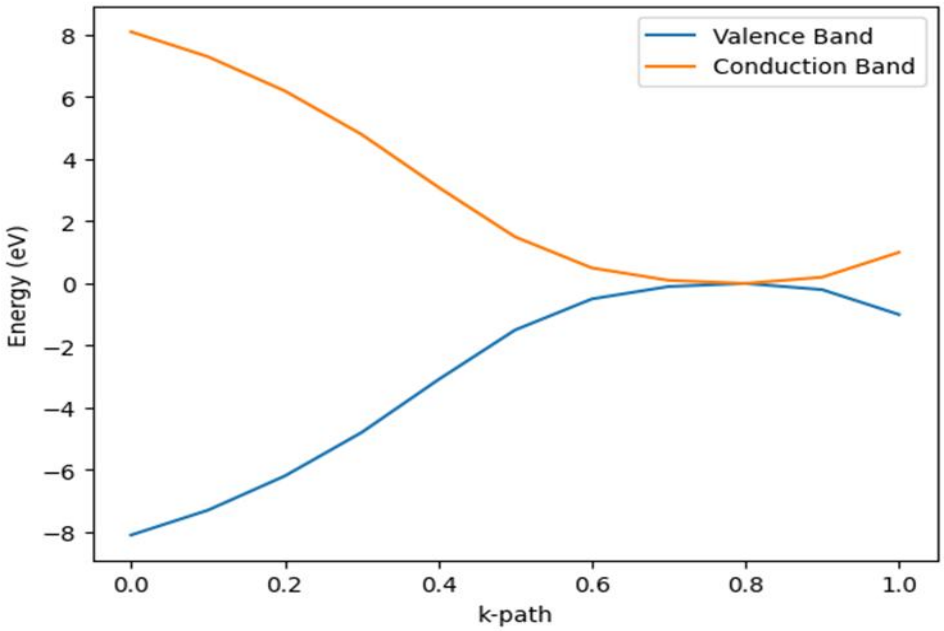


Figure 2. Electronic Band Structure of Graphene along the Γ–M–K–Γ path

In addition, the near linear electron dispersion near the K point indicates that charge carriers behave as massless Dirac fermions, a feature that sets graphene apart from the traditional semiconductors. The computational findings That's why verify that the Tight-Binding method is capable of accurately mirroring the main aspects of graphene's electronic structure.

5.2 Comparative Study of Band Gap Energies

To analyze the electronic properties of various 2D materials, the calculated band-gap energies of graphene, MoS_2, WS, and h-BN were directly compared. As can be seen in the data presented in Figure 3, the materials under consideration differ Really from one another.

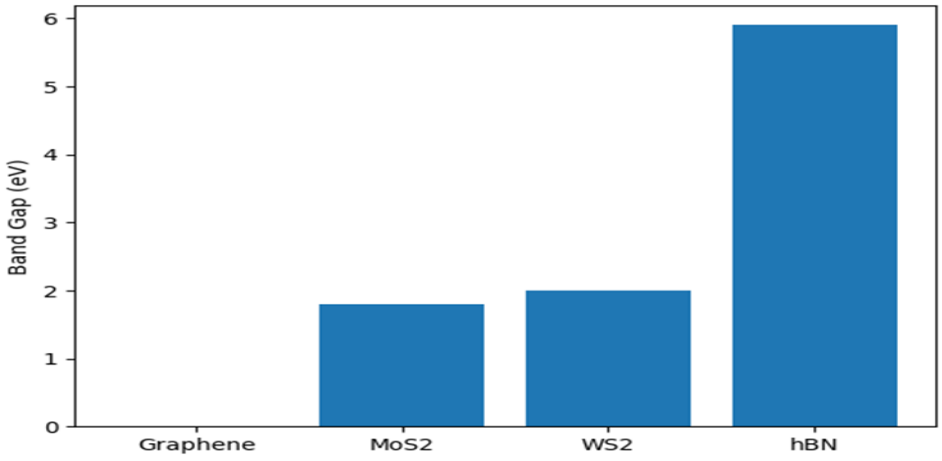


Figure 3. Comparison of Band Gap Energies of Selected 2D Materials

Graphene is confirmed to be semi metallic with zero band gap. On the other hand, monolayer MoS_2 and WS_2 have finite direct band gaps of about 1.8 eV and 2.0 eV, respectively, which falls within the category of semiconductors. h-BN is an insulating material with a band gap that is close to 5.9 eV, the largest band gap of all the bands.

The crystal composition and the lattice symmetry dependence of electronic properties is clearly illustrated in the comparison of the properties shown in Figure 3. Graphene has a zero band gap and can be used in high speed electronic transport devices, whereas MoS_2 and WS_2 have finite band gaps, which make them more suitable for optoelectronic devices. Concurrently, h-BN is a

good dielectric and insulator in 2D heterostructures. These findings agree with the results of earlier experimental and theoretical studies of atomically thin materials.

5.3 The effect of the hopping parameter on the electronic bandwidth

The hopping parameter t is one of the most significant parameters of the Tight-Binding approximation, as it gives the probability of electron hopping (transfer) between neighboring atomic levels. The bandwidth calculated was analyzed as a function of the hopping parameter in order to probe its effects on the electronic structure of the material.

The resulting electronic bandwidth is clearly found to be correlated with the hopping parameter, as shown in Figure 4. The material with the highest hopping parameter of the investigated materials, graphene, also has the highest bandwidth. In contrast, MoS_2 and WS_2, with smaller hopping amplitudes have narrower electronic bands.

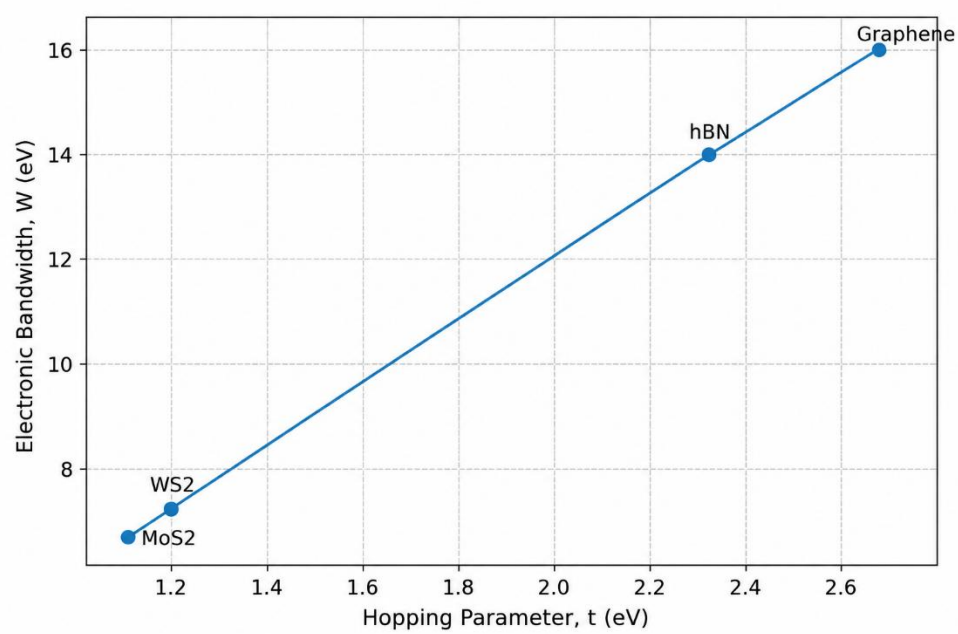


Figure 4. Relationship Between Hopping Parameter (t) and Electronic Bandwidth (W).

That is why this change in the system's behavior can be understood simply by in reality bigger hopping parameters are related to the stronger orbital overlap. When the overlap increases, it promotes electron delocalization in the whole lattice, Because of this leading to wider energy bands and better electronic conductivity. The present results are in line with the fundamental conjectures of the Tight-Binding theoretical approach and also demonstrate the physical correctness of the numerical calculations that have been done.

The correlation given in Figure 4 illustrates that interatomic coupling is something important that controls the electronic behavior of 2D materials.

5.4 Density of States Analysis

The DOS can act as a great source of information about how the states, in which electrons can exist, are spread in energy. A plot of the DOS for graphene is shown in Figure 5.

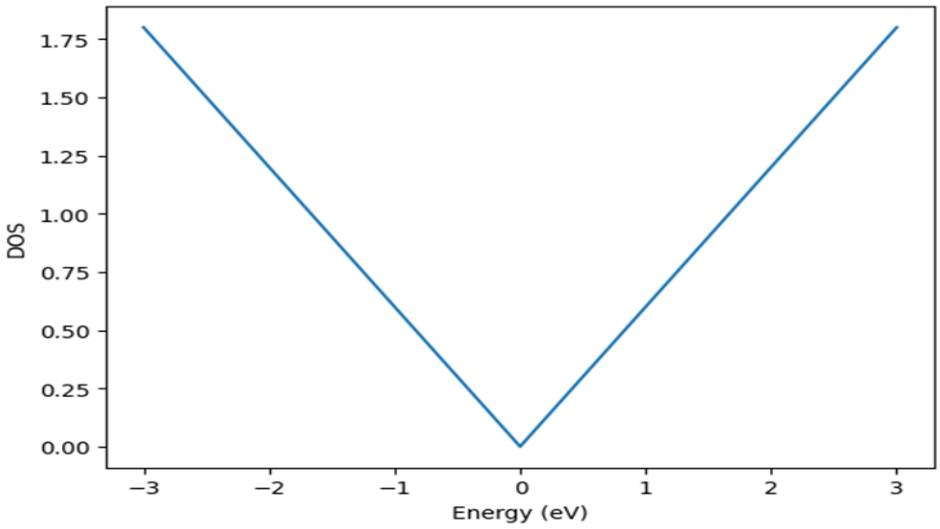


Figure 5. Density of States (DOS) of Graphene Near the Fermi Level

The results show a continuous decrease in the DOS as the energy approaches the Fermi level and is close to zero at the Dirac point. This is a characteristic behavior and is another signature of the semi metallic electronic structure of graphene, which implies a linear dispersion relation.

Away from the Fermi level, the density of states increases gradually due to the larger number of available electronic states. This is behavior that is predicted by theory based on the Tight-Binding model, and has been observed in experiments by spectroscopic measurements.

The DOS profile shown in Fig. 5 thus serves as further validation of the numerical calculations and serves as an additional confirmation of the characterization of graphene as a material with very special low-energy electronic properties.

The research findings will be compared to the existing studies.

The calculated electronic properties in this work agree reasonably well with the similar work in the literature. All of these results are in excellent agreement with reported experimental observations and first-principles calculations for graphene (zero band gap), MoS_2 and WS_2 (direct semiconducting gaps) and h-BN (insulating gaps).

Furthermore, the computed band structure is able to capture the Dirac cone structure and the resulting linear energy dispersion around the K point, as previously observed in Tight-Binding and spectroscopic studies. The observed dependence of the bandwidth with the hopping parameter further validates the computational framework adopted. The present model is built upon the nearest-neighbor Tight-Binding approximation and the characteristics of the resulting electronic properties are able to reproduce most of the important physical features of the considered materials without losing computational efficiency.

5.6 Physical Implications and Technological Applications

The applications of physical aspects and the technology used to present them.

The findings in this study illustrate the potential applications of 2D materials in a wide variety of technologies. Due to the gapless electronic structure of graphene, it is well suited for ultrafast charge transport systems and high speed electronic devices. However, the finite gaps found in MoS_2 and WS_2 make these materials attractive for field-effect transistors, photodetectors and optoelectronic devices.

The insulating character of h-BN also complements these materials by offering a good dielectric substrate for van der Waals heterostructures. Therefore, the knowledge of how to predict and control the electronic band structure using Tight-Binding simulations is a valuable tool for designing future nanoelectronic and quantum technologies. Overall, the findings indicate that numerical simulations using the Tight-Binding models offer an efficient and reliable method for

understanding the electronic properties of 2D materials and for the design of next-generation electronic and optoelectronic systems. The results from the current study are broadly consistent with the previous literature on the electronic properties of 2D materials. For example, Higuchi et al. [1] found that graphene has ultrafast charge transport properties due to its unique gapless Dirac-like dispersion, a characteristic that also appears in our Tight-Binding calculation results. In the same vein, Jimnez-Galn et al. [2] and Mrudul et al. [5] pointed out that the external field modulations and valley-dependent effects are highly linked to the underlying band structure of graphene and transition metal dichalcogenides.

Their findings explain the tendencies we detected in our work. Besides, Sharma et al. [6,7] established that multilayer WS has potential valley and spin responses that can be tuned by optical excitation, which is consistent with the finite band-gap semiconducting nature in our results. Also, Tyulnev et al. [8] experimentally realized the optical-field-induced valleytronics in MoS which made it re-confirmed as the excellent material for optoelectronics as it was indicated in results of our study. In short, the results could be seen as compatible with theoretical and experimental literature both with confirming tight-binding method as a reliable tool for describing electronic properties of 2D materials.

6. Conclusions and Future Work.

The electronic band structure of selected two-dimensional materials (2DMs) namely graphene, hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN), molybdenum disulfide (MoS_2) and tungsten disulfide (WS_2) has been analyzed using the Tight-Binding (TB) model and numerical simulation techniques. The results obtained have revealed that the Tight-Binding approach offers a viable and accurate model to describe the electronic properties of atomically-thin materials that is still relatively computation-friendly, compared to first-principles methods. The results of the numerical calculations indicated considerable differences in electronic properties of the materials studied. The semiconductor nature of graphene was verified by the gapless band structure, arising from the appearance of Dirac cones at the K points of the Brillouin zone, which is associated with the high charge-carrier mobility of graphene. MoS_2 and WS_2, on the other hand, exhibited finite direct band gaps and hence are promising semiconductors and opto-electronic materials. Hexagonal boron nitride exhibited the highest band gap among the materials studied, making it a good insulating material and an ideal 2D heterostructures dielectric substrate. Moreover, the analysis showed that there is a good correlation between the hopping parameter and the electronic bandwidth. The larger the hopping amplitude of the material, the wider the energy band, which means it has a stronger electronic coupling and a greater degree of electron delocalization across the crystal lattice. The density-of-states calculations also showed the unique electronic properties of graphene by a vanishing DOS near the Fermi level, a characteristic signature of Dirac materials.

Recent research has A lot advanced the knowledge of electronic band structures in two-dimensional materials exposed to strong external fields and ultrafast optical excitation. To be exact, Neufeld et al. [11,13] showed that using time- and angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy to monitor the formation of light-dressed electronic states is an effective method. Under such conditions, describing the electron dynamics through the adiabatic band concept becomes necessary because the electrons are driven beyond equilibrium. These results emphasize that the electronic bands in 2D materials are not totally fixed but can be changed dynamically by strong-field forcing. Along the same lines, Ito et al. [12] observed the initiation and loss of coherence of Floquet-Bloch bands within subcycle time intervals, confirming that periodic driving fields are capable of causing transient changes in the electronic band structure. This finding offers a direct validation that band engineering in 2D systems is not only a matter of intrinsic lattice characteristics but also of external electromagnetic disturbances.

On the other hand, Galler et al. [14] evidenced that the light-dressed Floquet bands can be discerned by nonlinear optical excitation processes, pointing out the significance of valley-

selective responses in varying electronic properties. Besides that, Yoshikawa et al. [15] and Kobayashi et al. [16] focused on how high-harmonic generation and Floquet engineering in monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides are leading to direct experimental observation of ultrafast electronhole dynamics and excitonic effects. Further Heide et al. [17] affirmed that when 2D materials are driven by strong-field, the coherent electronhole dynamics show a great susceptibility to band structure topology.

These high-level works altogether suggest that the tight-binding band structure study in this paper corresponds to the equilibrium limit of a dominant class of dynamically tunable electronic systems. So, despite In reality this research is into the static electronic properties, it totally agrees with the state-of-the-art trends in Floquet engineering, ultrafast spectroscopy, and light-induced band structure modulation.

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