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ABSTRACT

We report the effect of remote surface optical (RSO) phonon scattering on carrier mobility in monolayer graphene gated by ferroelectric oxide. We fabricate monolayer graphene transistors back-gated by epitaxial (001) $Ba_{0.6}Sr_{0.4}TiO_3$ films, with field effect mobility up to 23 000 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ achieved. Switching ferroelectric polarization induces nonvolatile modulation of resistance and quantum Hall effect in graphene at low temperatures. Ellipsometry spectroscopy studies reveal four pairs of optical phonon modes in $Ba_{0.6}Sr_{0.4}TiO_3$, from which we extract RSO phonon frequencies. The temperature dependence of resistivity in graphene can be well accounted for by considering the scattering from the intrinsic longitudinal acoustic phonon and the RSO phonon, with the latter dominated by the mode at 35.8 meV. Our study reveals the room temperature mobility limit of ferroelectric-gated graphene transistors imposed by RSO phonon scattering.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Leveraging its high mobility, superb mechanical strength, and optical transparency, extensive research has been carried out on graphene-based field effect transistor (FET) devices^{1,2} for developing radio-frequency transistors,^{3,4} nonvolatile memory,⁵ flexible electronics,⁶ and optoelectronics.^{7,8} As the electronic properties of graphene are highly susceptible to the interfacial dielectric environment due to its two-dimensional (2D) nature, the choice of the gate and substrate materials for graphene FETs can have a significant impact on the device performance.⁹ For example, the gate can be a major source of charged impurities¹⁰ as well as providing dielectric screening.^{11–13} The interfacial charge dynamics can induce undesired switching hysteresis and compromise the device retention.^{9,14} One important phenomenon is the remote surface optical (RSO) phonon from the dielectric layer, which is the major mechanism that limits room temperature mobility^{15–17} and saturation current^{9,18,19} in the graphene channel.

Recently, the ferroelectric/2D van der Waals heterostructure has emerged as a promising platform for developing high-performance logic, memory, and optical applications.^{14,20} Ferroelectrics possess nonvolatile switchable polarization with high doping capacity²¹ and exhibit second harmonic generation²² as well as negative capacitance effect,²³ which can be utilized to design novel functionalities in the 2D devices, such as electron collimation,²⁴ nonlinear optical filtering.,²⁵ steep slope switching,²⁶ and neuromorphic computing.²⁷ The widely explored ferroelectric systems include ferroelectric oxides,^{6,8,28-30} polymers,^{5,31,32} and 2D semiconductors.²⁰ Among them, the ferroelectric perovskite oxides have the distinct advantages of large bandgap, large polarization, high- κ dielectric constant, high endurance, low coercive field, and fast switching time.¹⁴ For electronic applications, it is important to understand the effect of interfacial ferroelectric layer on the channel mobility. The high- κ nature of ferroelectric oxides implies the presence of soft optical phonon modes, which can significantly affect the mobility of the 2D channel at room temperature.^{12,33} This effect is, especially, prominent in monolayer graphene (1LG) due to its linear dispersion.^{9,34} Despite the rapid progress in developing ferroelectric/graphene-based

applications, the effect of RSO phonon on the electronic and thermal transport of the device has not been examined to date.

In this work, we report a comprehensive magnetotransport study of graphene FETs back-gated by ferroelectric $Ba_{0.6}Sr_{0.4}TiO_3$ (BSTO) thin films. The devices exhibit high field effect mobility up to 23 000 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ and nonvolatile field effect modulation of quantum Hall effect. Four RSO phonon modes have been identified by considering the optical phonon modes in BSTO and the dielectric boundary condition. The temperature dependence of resistivity in graphene points to the dominant effect of the 35.8 meV RSO phonon at high temperature. Our study reveals the room temperature mobility limit in graphene imposed by the ferroelectric oxide gate, providing important material information for designing high-performance ferroelectric/graphene FETs for nanoelectronic applications.

II. SAMPLE PREPARATION AND CHARACTERIZATION

We work with epitaxial 100 and 300 nm (001) BSTO thin films deposited on Nb-doped SrTiO₃ (Nb:STO) substrates using off-axis RF magnetron sputtering. The films are deposited in 25 mTorr process gas of Ar and O2 (ratio 2:1) at 600 °C. X-ray diffraction (XRD) studies show that these films are single crystalline with a *c*-axis lattice constant of 3.99 Å [Fig. 1(a)]. Atomic force microscopy (AFM) images reveal smooth surface morphology with a typical root-mean-square roughness of 3-4 Å [Fig. 1(a) inset]. Thin graphite flakes (kish graphite from Sigma-Aldrich®) are mechanically exfoliated on BSTO. The monolayer flakes are identified optically and characterized via Raman spectroscopy. Figure 1(b) compares the Raman spectra of graphene on BSTO and bare BSTO. There is no appreciable D band observed in the 1LG sample, indicating a lack of atomic defects. From the Lorentz fits to each peak, we deduce a large 2D to G band intensity ratio I(2D)/I(G) = 3.7, which is comparable to those observed in highmobility graphene sandwiched between SiO₂ substrates and HfO₂ top-layers,¹⁷ confirming the high quality of our samples.³⁵ Selected flakes are fabricated into Hall bar devices via electron-beam lithography followed by electron-beam evaporation of 5 nm Cr/25 nm Au as the electrodes [Fig. 1(c)]. The conductive Nb:STO substrate serves as the back-gate electrode for field effect studies [Fig. 1(d)]. We perform variable temperature magnetotransport measurements in a Quantum Design PPMS using standard lock-in technique (SR830) at an excitation current of 50 nA. The results are based on three graphene samples (denoted as devices A, B, and C).

The BSTO-gated graphene FETs show high mobility compared with those gated by SiO₂. Figure 1(e) shows the Shubnikov-de Haas oscillation of the longitudinal resistivity ρ_{xx} taken on device A at 10 K and the back-gate voltage of $V_g = -1$ V. The oscillation period corresponds to a charge density of $n = 5.36 \times 10^{12}$ cm⁻². The oscillatory amplitude $\delta \rho_{xx}$ is given by¹⁰

$$\frac{\delta\rho_{xx}}{\rho_0} = 4\gamma_{th} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{\omega_c \tau_q}\right),\tag{1}$$

where $\rho_0 = 157 \ \Omega$ is the zero-field resistivity, $\gamma_{th} = \frac{2\pi^2 k_B T/\hbar\omega_c}{\sinh(2\pi^2 k_B T/\hbar\omega_c)}$ is the thermal factor, $\omega_c = eB/m^*$ is the cyclotron frequency with *e* being the elementary charge, and τ_q is the quantum scattering



FIG. 1. (a) XRD θ -2 θ scan of a 100 nm BSTO film on Nb:STO. Inset: AFM topography image. (b) Raman spectra of 1LG on BSTO normalized to the G band intensity and bare BSTO. (c) Optical image of device A, with the graphene edge outlined (dotted line). (d) Device schematic. (e) ρ_{xx} vs 1/*B* at 10 K with the background resistivity subtracted, and (f) the corresponding semi-log plot of $\delta \rho_{xy}/\gamma_{th}$ vs 1/*B*. The dashed lines are fits to Eq. (1).

time. Here, $m^* = \hbar \sqrt{\pi n} / v_F$ is the effective mass in monolayer graphene, with $v_F \sim 10^6$ m s⁻¹ being the Fermi velocity. Fitting $\delta \rho_{xx} / \gamma_{th}$ vs 1/*B* reveals $\tau_q \sim 33$ fs [Fig. 1(f)], while the extracted Hall mobility $\mu_{\text{Hall}} = \frac{1}{ne\rho_0} = P7420 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, corresponding to a transport scattering time of $\tau_t = \frac{m^* \mu_{\text{Hall}}}{e} = 200$ fs. These results are comparable to previous reports for graphene on BSTO²⁹ and SiO₂.¹⁰ The large ratio between the transport and quantum scattering times $\frac{\tau_t}{\tau_q} \sim 6.1$ indicates that the mobility is dominated by small-angle scattering events, e.g., from charged impurities residing within the BSTO substrate.¹⁰ This ratio is larger than those reported for graphene gated by HfO₂ and SiO₂⁹ and agrees well with the theoretical value for long-ranged scatterers considering the dielectric screening of BSTO.¹⁴

Figure 2(a) shows $\rho_{xx}(V_g)$ of device A measured at 2 K. We observe a hysteresis between the up-sweep and down-sweep curves, which corresponds to ferroelectric polarization switching.¹⁴ The Dirac points locate at $V_g = 2.4$ V for the up-sweep state and $V_g = 0.9$ V for the down-sweep state. To determine the carrier density *n*, we characterize the Hall resistivity $\rho_{xy}(B)$ [Fig. 2(b) inset] at different back-gate voltages and deduce the Hall coefficient

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FIG. 2. Magnetotransport studies of device A. (a) $\rho_{xx}(V_g)$ at 2 K. The arrows label the V_g sweeping direction. Inset: σ vs -n with fits (dashed lines), with n_h and n_e denoting the hole- and electron-doped regions, respectively. (b) $1/eR_H$ vs V_g at 2 K. Inset: ρ_{xy} vs B at $V_g = -1$ V for up-sweep with a linear fit (dashed line). (c) $\rho_{xx}(V_g)$ at 10 K and 8.9 T. The filling factors for the down-sweep branch are labeled.

 $R_{\rm H} = \rho_{xy}/B$, with $n = 1/eR_{\rm H}$. We denote the carrier density in electron- and hole-doped regions as $n_{\rm e}$ and $n_{\rm h}$, respectively. Figure 2(b) plots $1/eR_{\rm H}$ vs $V_{\rm g}$, where we identify three distinct regions for the up-sweep branch associated with different polarization states of BSTO. When BSTO is uniformly polarized in $P_{\rm up}$ (region III) and $P_{\rm down}$ (region I) states, it behaves as a normal

high- κ dielectric. In the intermediate V_g-range (region II), we observe a gradual change of carrier density with a steeper slope in $n(V_{\sigma})$. As BSTO is a relaxor, the polarization switching is associated with the alignment of polar nanoregions,³⁶ in contrast to the abrupt switching in canonical ferroelectrics such as Pb(Zr,Ti)O₃. The induced polarization corresponds to the enhanced doping efficiency. Similar behaviors are also observed in the down-sweep branch. Around the Dirac point, we fit the conductivity by $\sigma(n) = [(n_{e,h}e\mu_{FE})^{-1} + \rho_{short}]^{-1}$, where μ_{FE} is the field effect mobility and ho_{short} is the resistivity due to short-ranged scatterers. Figure 2(a) inset shows the fits to the up-sweep branch, which yields μ_{FE} of 4700 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ for holes and 23 000 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ for electrons. For the down-sweep branch, we extract $\mu_{\rm FE}$ of $2700 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for holes and $10\,300 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for electrons. Figure 2(c) shows $\rho_{xx}(V_g)$ of this device at 8.9 T, which exhibits well-developed quantum Hall states in both branches. The filling factors' sequence corresponds to $4(n + \frac{1}{2})$, which is the signature behavior of monolayer graphene.

III. TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF RESISTIVITY

To investigate the temperature dependence of resistivity in BSTO-gated graphene, we conduct Hall measurements at different temperatures to convert V_g to *n*. Here, we choose to work with the hole-doped region for the up-sweep branch, where we have access to the largest density range. Figure 3(a) shows *n* vs V_g at 80 K. BSTO exhibits a linear $n(V_g)$ relation, $n = -\alpha V_g$, with α being the gating efficiency. We extract the dielectric constant of BSTO $\epsilon_{BSTO} = \alpha e d/\epsilon_0$, where *d* is the BSTO film thickness and ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity. The temperature dependence of ϵ_{BSTO} [Fig. 3(b)] is consistent with previous report.²⁹ We then shift the



FIG. 3. (a) $n(V_g)$ at 80 K with a linear fit (dashed line). (b) ϵ_{BSTO} vs *T* for 100 nm (solid dots) and 300 nm (open circles) BSTO. (c) ρ_{xx} vs -n at 20–200 K with 20 K intervals. Inset: color map of $\rho_{xx}(V'_g, T)$.

charge neutral point at different temperatures to $V'_g = 0 V$ and convert the resulting $\rho_{xx}(V'_g)$ [Fig. 3(c) inset] to $\rho_{xx}(n)$ based on the gating efficiency [Fig. 3(c)]. At low *n*, ρ_{xx} increases with decreasing temperature, which can be attributed to thermally activated charge carriers in the electron-hole puddle region.³⁷ At high doping level, the sample exhibits metallic *T*-dependence associated with phonon scattering.^{15,17}

In graphene, the temperature dependence of resistivity can be modeled as $^{\rm 15}$

$$\rho(T, n) = \rho_0(n) + \rho_{\rm LA}(T, n) + \rho_{\rm RSO}(T, n).$$
(2)

Here, $\rho_0(n)$ is the residual resistivity due to impurity scattering, which is temperature-independent; $\rho_{LA}(T, n)$ is associated with the longitudinal acoustic (LA) phonon scattering intrinsic to graphene; and $\rho_{RSO}(T, n)$ is associated with RSO phonon scattering from the interfacial dielectric layer.

A. Effect of LA phonon

In the nondegenerate equipartition acoustic phonon system,³⁸ the LA phonon contribution depends linearly on temperature,^{15,28}

$$\rho_{\rm LA}(T, n) = \frac{\pi^2 D_{\rm A}^2}{2h^2 \rho_m v_{\rm ph}^2 v_{\rm F}^2} \frac{h}{e^2} k_B T, \qquad (3)$$

where D_A is the acoustic deformation potential, $\rho_m = 7.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ kg m}^{-2}$ is the areal mass density of graphene, and $\nu_{\rm ph} = 2.1 \times 10^4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ is the sound velocity for LA phonons in graphene. Equation (3) can well describe the low temperatures data of our samples, where ρ_{xx} exhibits a linear *T*-dependence that is independent of *n*. From the slopes of low temperature $\rho_{xx}(T)$ for devices A–C, we obtain $D_A = 20 \pm 6 \text{ eV}$, which is within the range of previous reports (10–30 eV).⁹

B. Effect of RSO phonon

With increasing temperature, $\rho(T)$ becomes nonlinear and highly dependent on *n*, which can be attributed to the onset of RSO phonon contribution $\rho_{\rm RSO}(T, n)$. The RSO phonon effect has previously been studied in graphene interfaced with SiO₂,¹⁵ Al₂O₃,¹⁶ and HfO₂.¹⁷ Under relaxation time approximation,^{12,34,39} $\rho_{\rm RSO}(T, n)$ can be expressed as the sum of independent contributions from individual RSO phonon modes,

$$\rho_{\rm RSO}(T,n) = \sum_{i} \rho_{\rm RSO}^{(i)}(T,n) \tag{4}$$

where $\rho_{\text{RSO}}^{(i)}(T, n) = \int d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{q} A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \frac{g_i}{e^{\hbar \omega_i / k_B T} - 1}$ is the contribution from *i*th RSO phonon mode ω_i . Here, $A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$ is the matrix element for scattering between electron (\mathbf{k}) and phonon (\mathbf{q}) states; $g_i = \hbar \omega_i \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_i + 1} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{i-1} + 1}\right)$ is the corresponding electron-phonon coupling strength,¹⁷ with ϵ_i being the *i*th intermediate dielectric constant depending on the frequency-dependent dielectric function $\epsilon(\omega)$ of BSTO. At $k_B T \ll E_F$, we can assume $A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$ and g_i are temperature-independent and, thus, decouple the density and temperature dependences of resistivity as $\rho_{\text{RSO}}^{(i)}(T, n) = C(n) \frac{\tilde{g}_i}{e^{\hbar \omega_i / k_B T} - 1}$. where C(n) captures the density dependence of resistivity and \tilde{g}_i is the unitless magnitude of g_i .

We first consider the temperature dependence of $\rho_{\text{RSO.}}^{(i)}$. Phenomenologically, $\epsilon(\omega)$ can be expressed by the generalized Lyddane–Sachs–Teller (LST) relation,

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\infty} \prod_{i} \frac{\omega_{\text{LO}}^{(i)^{2}} - \omega^{2} - i\omega\gamma_{\text{LO}}^{(i)}}{\omega_{\text{TO}}^{(i)^{2}} - \omega^{2} - i\omega\gamma_{\text{TO}}^{(i)}},$$
(5)

where ϵ_{∞} is the optical permittivity and $\omega_{\rm TO}^{(i)}$ and $\omega_{\rm LO}^{(i)}$ are the frequencies of the *i*th transverse optical (TO) and longitudinal optical (LO) phonon modes, respectively. The independent broadening parameters, $\gamma_{\rm TO}^{(i)}$ and $\gamma_{\rm LO}^{(i)}$, account for anharmonic lattice interactions. From Eq. (5), in the case of zero phonon broadening, the dielectric function diverges to infinity at the TO modes and approaches zero at the LO modes. The intermediate dielectric constants ϵ_i are defined by rewriting the real part of the LST relation [Eq. (5)] into the form of lossless Lorentzian oscillator approximation,

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\infty} + \sum_{i} (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i-1} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}) \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathrm{TO}}^{(i)}}{\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathrm{TO}}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\omega}^{2}}, \tag{6}$$

where $\epsilon_{i_{\text{max}}}$ is defined as $\epsilon_{i_{\text{max}}} = \epsilon_{\infty}$. From the deduced ϵ_i , we can calculate the electron–phonon coupling strength g_i . For graphene sandwiched between BSTO and vacuum, the RSO modes can be determined by matching the dielectric boundary condition $\epsilon(\omega_i) + 1 = 0.^{33,39}$

To obtain ω_i and g_i , we carry out spectroscopic ellipsometry to study the frequencies of the optical phonon modes and dielectric properties of BSTO. Two ellipsometer apparatuses are used for measurements performed at room temperature. A commercial variable angle of an incidence spectroscopic ellipsometer (IR-VASE Mark-II; J.A. Woollam Co., Inc.) is employed for the infrared spectral range $(650-3000 \text{ cm}^{-1})$. An in-house built instrument is used for the far-infrared spectral range $(50-650 \text{ cm}^{-1})$.⁴⁰ Ellipsometry data are obtained in the Ψ - Δ notation, and the measurements are taken at multiple angles of incidence.⁴¹ A bare SrTiO₃ substrate is measured in addition for comparison with model calculations using literature values for phonon mode parameters.⁴² The ellipsometry data are analyzed for the phonon mode properties of the epitaxial thin film. A three-phase (substrate-film-ambient) model is established, where the film is modeled by the BSTO layer thickness. The far-infrared and infrared dielectric function is modeled using Eq. (5), where the LO phonon mode frequency can be directly obtained from the best-match model analysis. The broadening parameters in the best-match model calculations account for finite absorption losses or phonon damping near TO and LO modes. A detailed discussion of the phonon mode analysis can be found in Refs. 43-45. The BSTO dielectric function is modeled with four phonon mode pairs, $\omega_{\rm TO}^1 - \omega_{\rm LO}^1$, $\omega_{\rm TO}^2 - \omega_{\rm LO}^2$, $\omega_{\rm TO}^3 - \omega_{\rm LO}^3$, $\omega_{\rm TO}^4 - \omega_{\rm LO}^4$. The calculated Ψ and Δ data using the above model description are compared against the measured ellipsometry data, while the model parameters are varied until reaching a best match between the calculated and measured data. Parameters for variation

are BSTO optical permittivity ϵ_{∞} and film thickness, TO and LO phonon frequencies, and their broadening parameters.

Figure 4(a) shows the frequency dependence of the real part of the complex dielectric function of BSTO $\epsilon_{BSTO}(\omega)$. This function is calculated from Eq. (5) by setting all broadening parameters to zero and using the TO and LO mode parameters obtained from the bestmatch model calculation using the measured ellipsometry data as target values. In the frequency range of interest, we identify four pairs of TO and LO phonon modes: $\omega_{TO}^1 = 14.4 \text{ meV}$, $\omega_{\rm LO}^1 = 15.2 \text{ meV}; \quad \omega_{\rm TO}^2 = 17.3 \text{ meV}, \quad \omega_{\rm LO}^2 = 35.8 \text{ meV}; \quad \omega_{\rm TO}^3 = 36.2 \text{ meV}, \quad \omega_{\rm LO}^3 = 58.5 \text{ meV}; \quad \omega_{\rm TO}^4 = 64.0 \text{ meV}, \text{ and } \omega_{\rm LO}^4$ $\omega_{\rm TO}^3$ = 93.9 meV. By solving the dielectric boundary condition, we deduce four RSO phonon modes, with each one located between a pair of TO and LO modes: $\omega_1 = 15.1 \text{ meV}$, $\omega_2 = 35.8 \text{ meV}$, $\omega_3 = 57.9$ meV, and $\omega_4 = 86.8$ meV. The corresponding coupling strength is calculated based on the intermediate dielectric constants ϵ_i deduced from Eq. (6): $g_1 = 0.046$ meV, $g_2 = 4.2$ meV, $g_3 = 0.54$ meV, and $g_4 = 2.1$ meV. Figure 4(b) plots the individual contribution of each RSO phonon scattering to the temperature dependence of resistivity in graphene: $\rho_i(T) \propto \frac{g_i}{e^{\hbar \omega_i/k_B T}-1}$. At T > 50 K, it is clear that $\rho(T)$ is dominated by the $\omega_2 = 35.8$ meV mode. The lowest phonon mode $\omega_1 = 15.1$ meV has a negligibly small g_1 , as revealed by the dielectric function spectrum so it does not couple



FIG. 4. (a) Real function of $\epsilon(\omega)$ for BSTO simulated based on the ellipsometry data. (b) Simulated $\rho_i(T)$ for four RSO phonon modes.

strongly to the graphene channel. As a result, even though it has the highest excited phonon population, its contribution to resistivity is insignificant.

Figure 5 shows $\rho_{xx}(T)$ of device A at various carrier densities beyond the electron-hole puddle region and the corresponding fitting curves using Eq. (2). We first consider the contributions from all four RSO phonons to $\rho_{\text{RSO}}(T, n)$ models. Based on the RSO phonon frequencies ω_i and their corresponding coupling strength g_i , Eq. (4) can be rewritten as

$$\rho_{\rm RSO}(T, n) = C(n) \left(\frac{0.046}{e^{15.1 \text{ meV}/k_B T} - 1} + \frac{4.2}{e^{35.8 \text{ meV}/k_B T} - 1} + \frac{0.54}{e^{57.9 \text{ meV}/k_B T} - 1} + \frac{2.1}{e^{86.8 \text{ meV}/k_B T} - 1} \right).$$
(7)

As shown in Fig. 5(a), this model well captures the temperature dependence of resistivity at all densities. We then consider fitting $\rho(T)$ using a single effective Bose–Einstein distribution with the dominant phonon frequency of 35.8 meV [Fig. 5(b)],

$$\rho_{\rm RSO}(T,n) = \frac{C'(n)}{e^{35.8 \,\,{\rm meV}/k_BT} - 1} \tag{8}$$

where C'(n) is the fitted density dependent resistivity. This model also yields excellent fit to the experimental results for devices A [Fig. 5(b)], B, and C. These results further confirm the dominating role of the 35.8 meV RSO phonon mode in determining the high temperature resistivity of graphene on BSTO, consistent with the simulation result in Fig. 4(b).

Figure 6(a) shows the density dependence of the coefficient C(n) extracted from these three devices. All samples exhibit a power-law density dependence $C(n) \propto n^{-\beta}$, which can be attributed to the long-range nature of RSO phonon scattering. The exponent β ranges from 0.9 to 1.3, consistent with the values reported in graphene interfaced with SiO₂¹⁵ and HfO₂.¹⁷ This value is higher than the predicted $\beta = 1/2$ for Thomas–Fermi



FIG. 5. $\rho_{xx}(T)$ at selected hole densities taken on device A with fits to Eq. (2), with ρ_{RSO} given by (a) Eq. (7) (solid lines) and (b) Eq. (8) (dashed lines).



FIG. 6. (a) Resistivity coefficient *C*(*n*) vs carrier density *n* on devices A–C with fits to $n^{-\beta}$ (dashed lines). Here, $\beta = 1.3$ (device A), 0.9 (device B), and 1.2 (device C). (b) Mobility limit at 300 K from scattering imposed by LA and RSO phonon modes in device A.

approximation for electron screening.³⁴ The stronger *n*-dependence has been attributed to the finite-*q* corrections to the scattering matrix element $|H_{kk'}|^{2,33,34}$

C. Modeling of room temperature mobility

Based on the fitting results, we calculate the mobility limit of graphene on BSTO imposed by the LA phonon and various RSO phonon modes using $\mu_i = 1/ne\rho_i(n)$. Figure 6(b) summarizes the mobilities at 300 K from the individual phonon scattering mechanisms using the parameters extracted from device A. The LA phonon limited mobility has 1/n dependence on the density, which gives $\sim 10^5$ cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ at the doping level of interest. Among all RSO phonons, the 35.8 meV mode is the dominating scattering source at 300 K, yielding $\mu \sim 3 - 4 \times 10^4$ cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹. Combining all phonon contributions, the overall mobility is around 3×10^4 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ and exhibits very weak density dependence. This result is about twice of the room temperature mobility limit for HfO₂-gated graphene,¹⁷ despite the significantly higher doping capacity of BSTO.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, we have investigated the effect of RSO phonon scattering in graphene FET back-gated by ferroelectric BSTO. The high-temperature resistance is dominated by the 35.8 meV RSO phonon mode, which limits the room temperature mobility of graphene FET to about 3×10^4 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹. The BSTO gate provides efficient dielectric screening, high doping capacity, and the promise for local doping control via nanoscale domain patterning, while its impact on the room temperature mobility in graphene FET is highly competitive compared with high- κ dielectrics such as HfO₂. Our study sheds light on the technological potential of ferroelectric

perovskite oxide as the gate material for graphene-based nanoelectronics.

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