PN Junction Based Devices in Ultra-Clean Graphene

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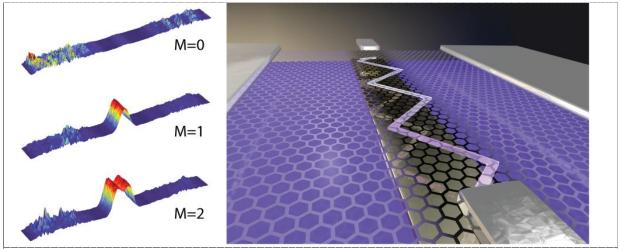
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Abstract

Encapsulated or suspended graphene offers a promising platform for electron optical devices due the ballistic nature of electron transport. In graphene gapless pn interfaces can be formed by electrostatic gating, showing intriguing effects like a negative index of refraction and tunneling with perfect transmission (Klein tunneling). We have developed a versatile technology that allows to suspend graphene and complement it with arbitrary bottom and top-gate structures. Using current annealing we demonstrate exceptional high nobilities in monolayer graphene approaching 10² m²/Vs. These suspended devices are ballistic over micrometer length scales and display intriguing interference patterns in the electrical conductance when different gate potentials and magnetic fields are applied. Specifically, ballistic electric graphene pn-devices will be discussed, in which one can study electric analogs of a mirror, a guiding fiber, and Fabry-Perot resonators, well known in optics. There are great similarities between the propagation of light in a dielectric and electrons in graphene, but also differences. In particular, a negative refractive index is straightforward to realize in graphene, but hard in optics. The effect of a magnetic field on the electron states in ultraclean pn junctions will also be discussed, where one can monitor the evolution from zero-field cavity standing waves and low field cavity modes to the quasicalassical snake-state and quantum Hall edge state at higher fields. If time permits, we will also discuss recent results on thermoelctric effects and groundstate properties in pn-junction based bilayer graphene.

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Guiding of electrons in graphene in a one-dimensional pnp channel defined by electric potentials alone, see Ref. [1]

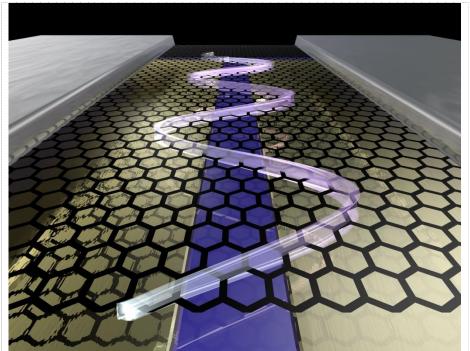


Illustration for snake state at a pn interface in graphene, see Ref. [2]