



# Relativistic simulation in nanotube-graphene devices

Lorentz invariance and atomic collapse

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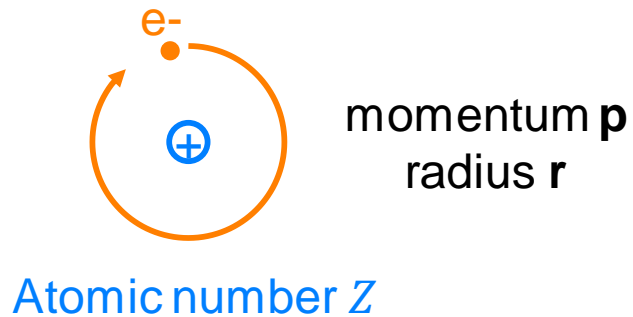
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Niels Bohr



$$2\pi r = n\lambda$$

Louis de Broglie

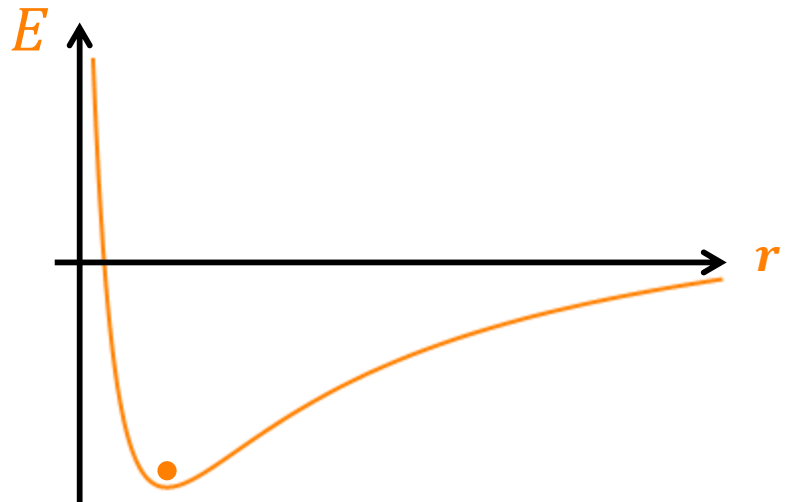
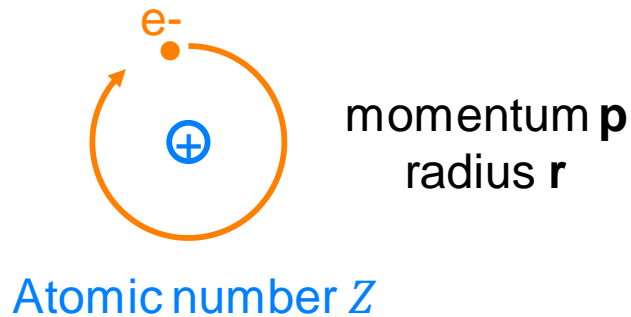


$$p = h/\lambda$$

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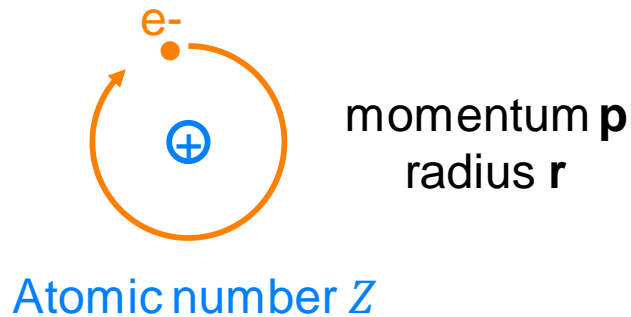
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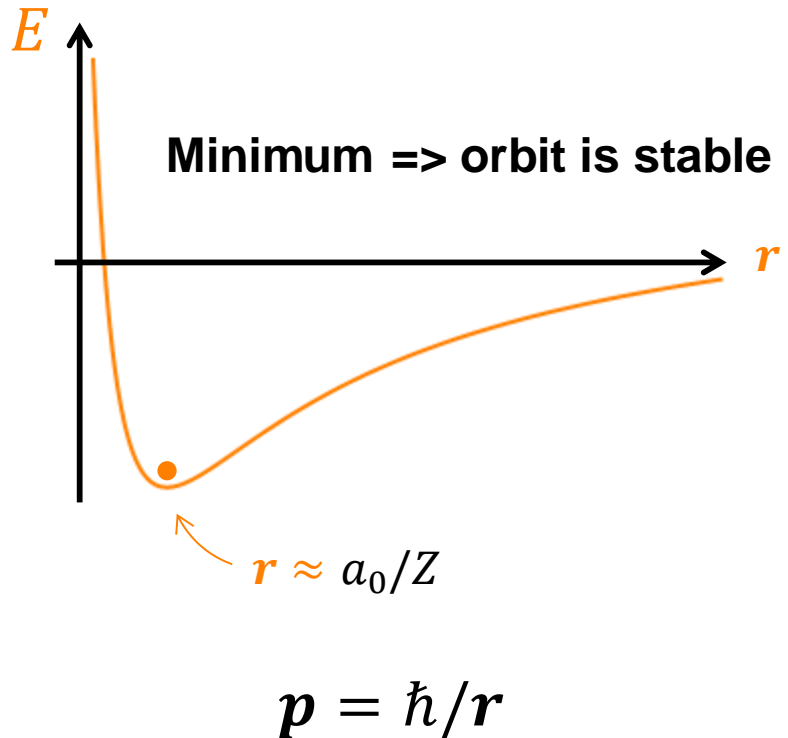
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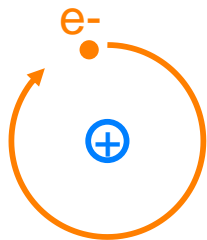


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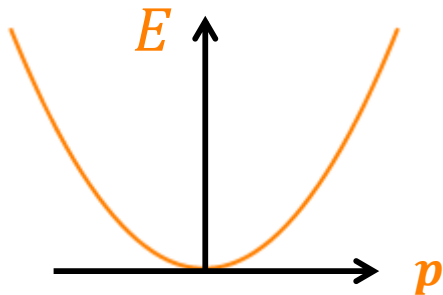
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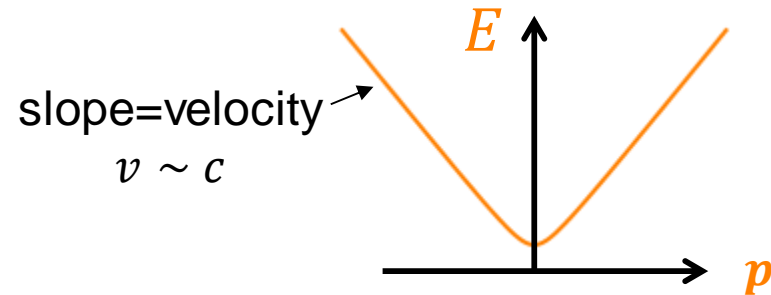
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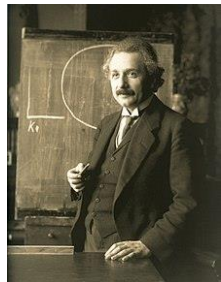


$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

Relativistic particle

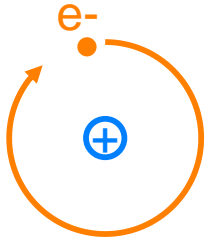


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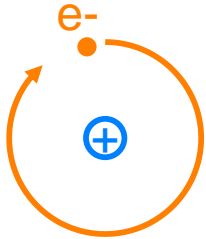
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Kinetic energy for relativistic particle



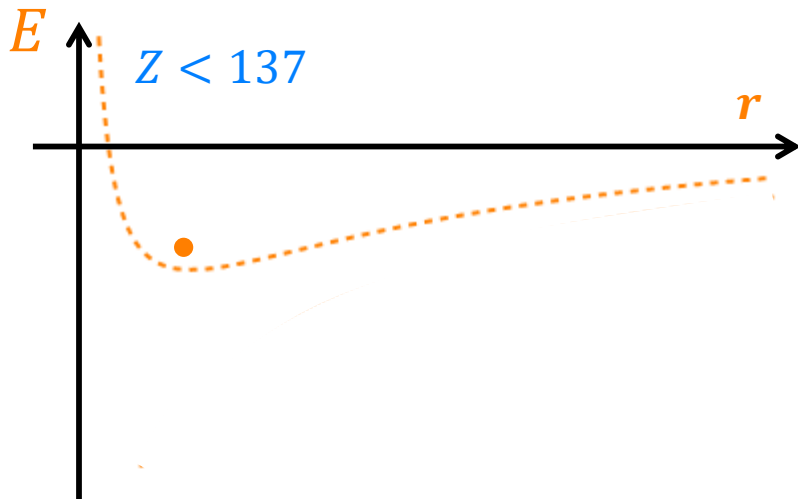
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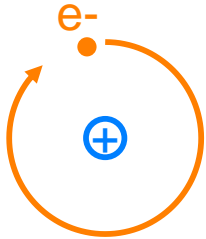


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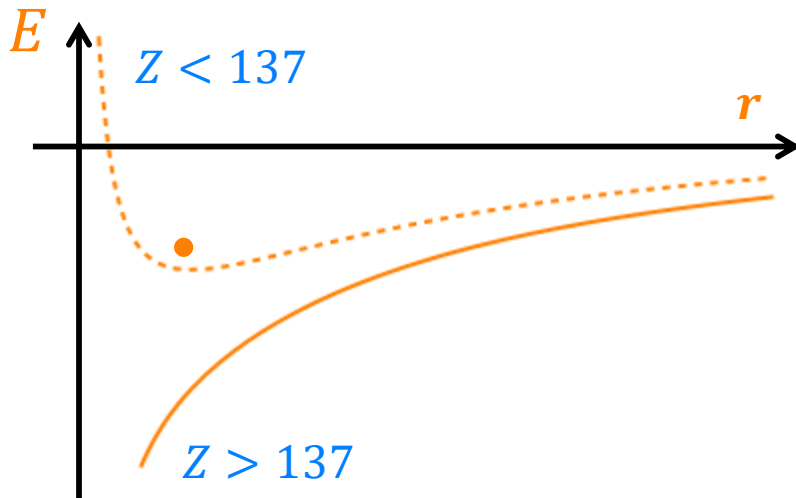
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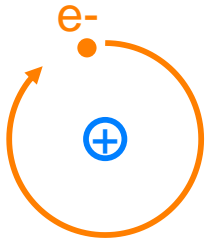


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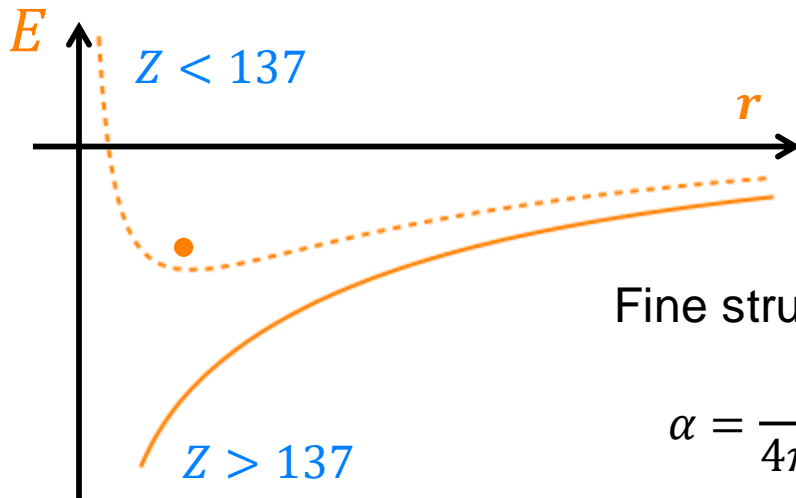
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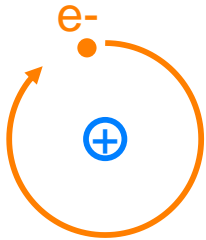
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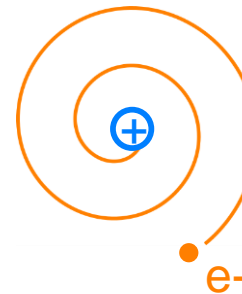
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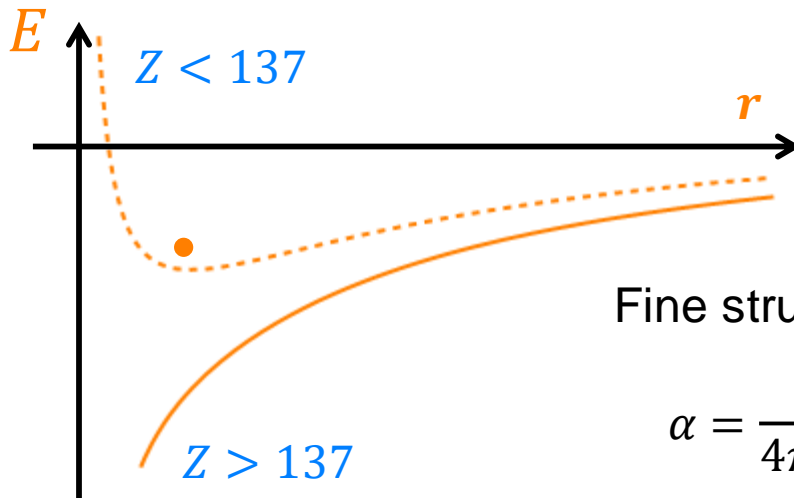


Atomic number  $Z$

No minimum for  $Z > 1/\alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow$  heavy atoms should collapse



Pomeranchuk et al.,  
J. of Phys. 1945

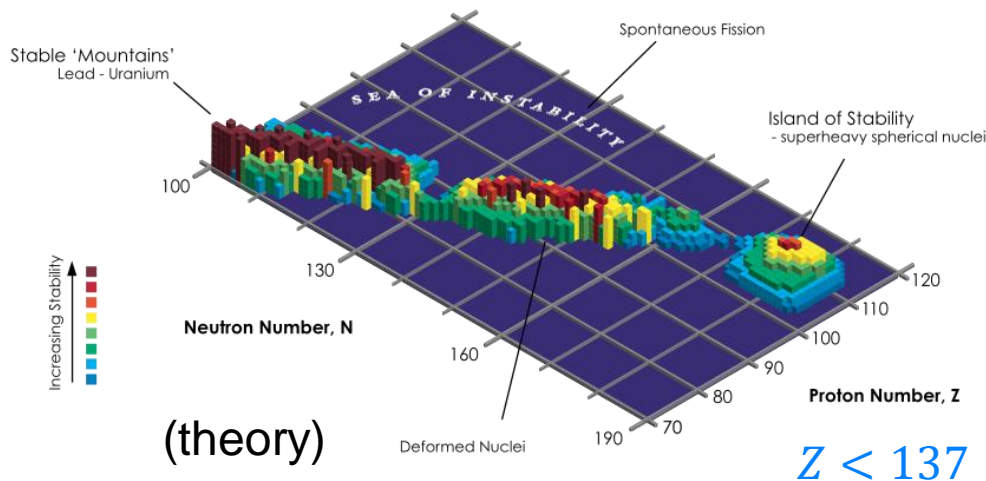


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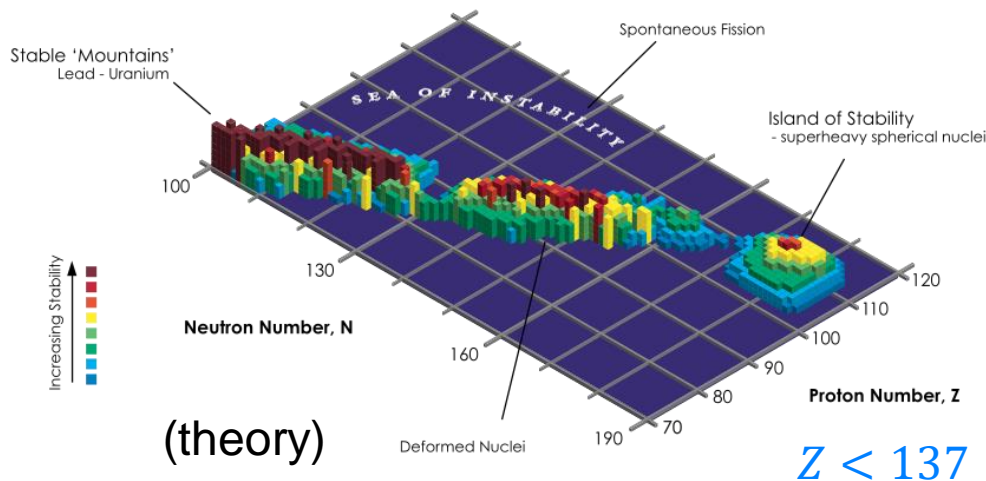
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=> Only solution: decrease the speed of light... or use graphene

Shytov et al., PRL 2007

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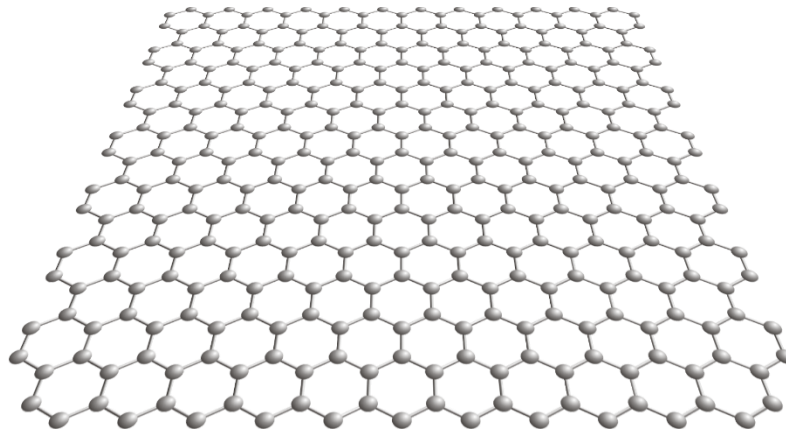
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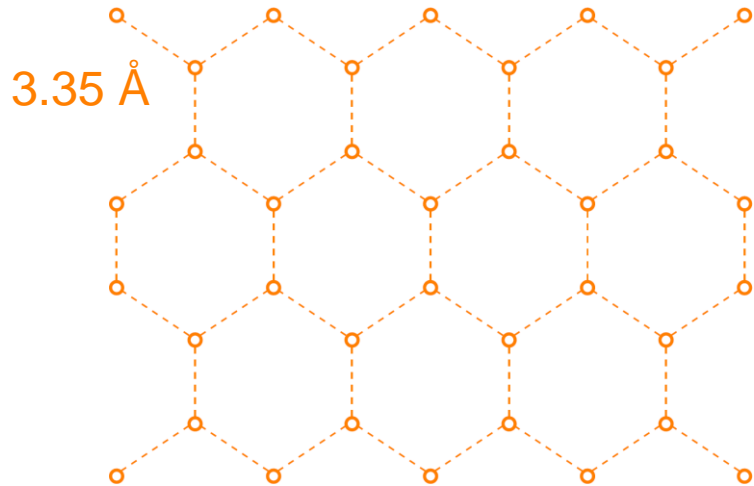
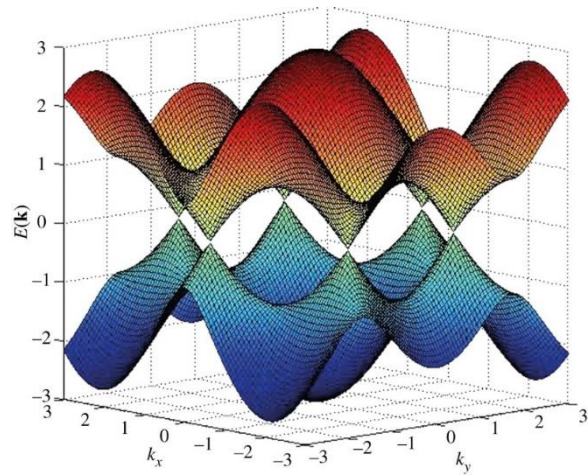
# Graphene

**Crystalline structure of carbon atoms**

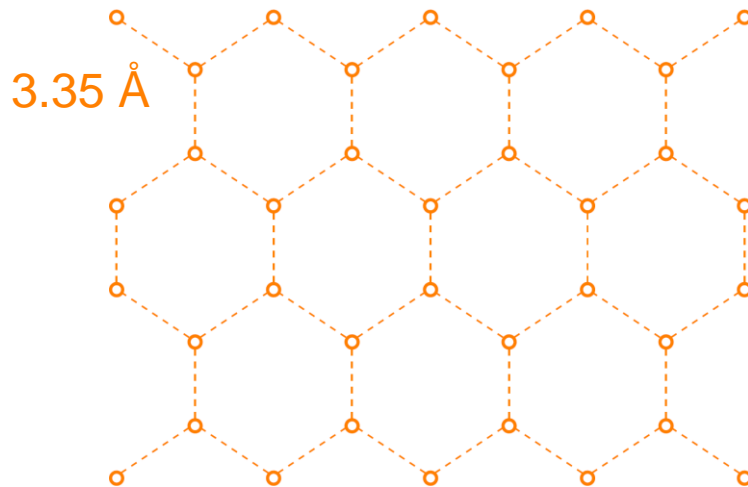
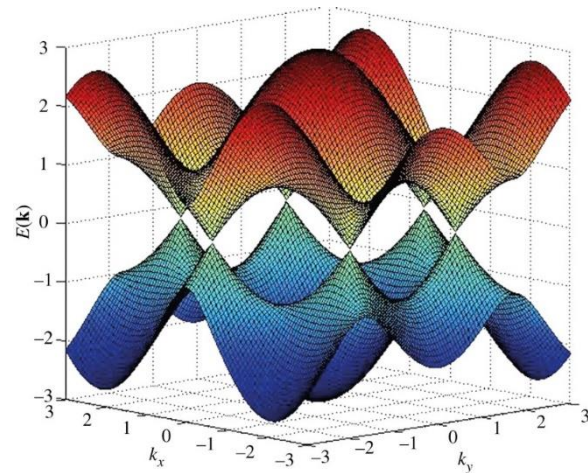


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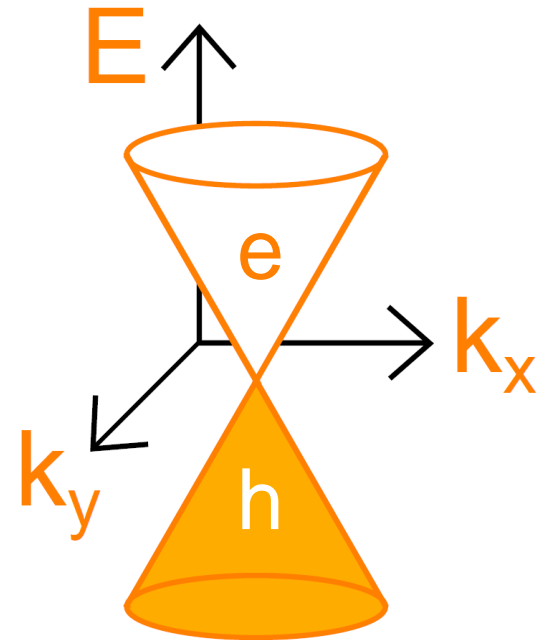
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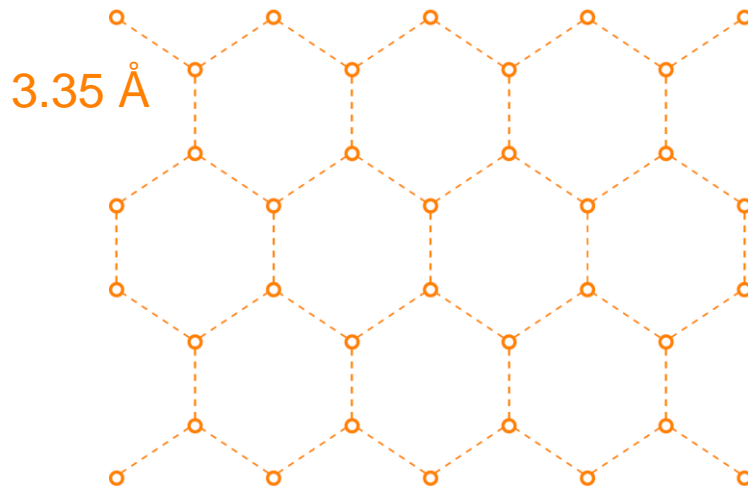
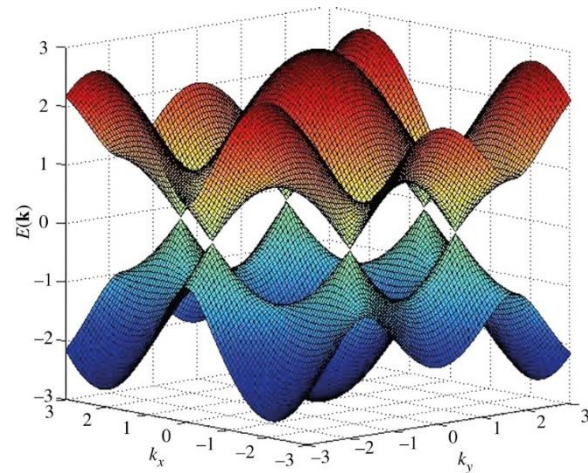
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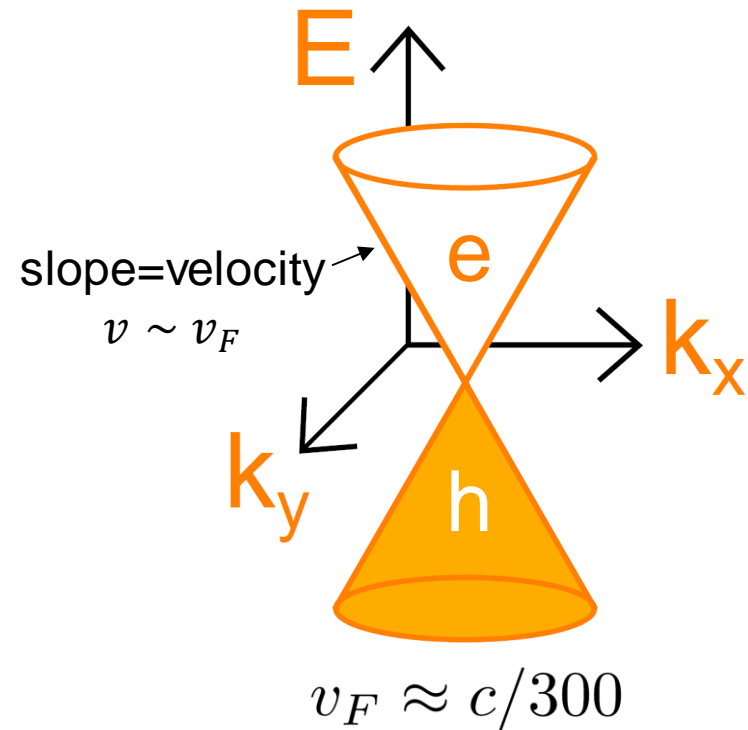
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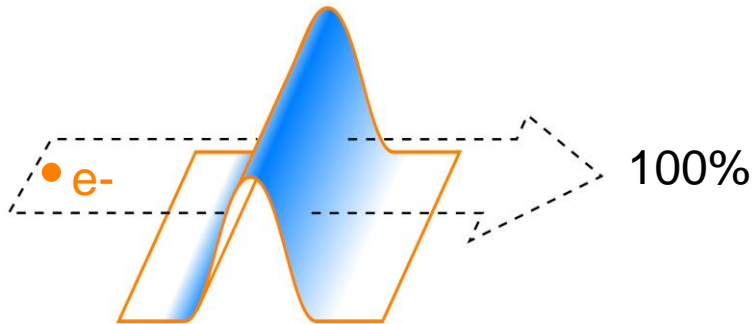
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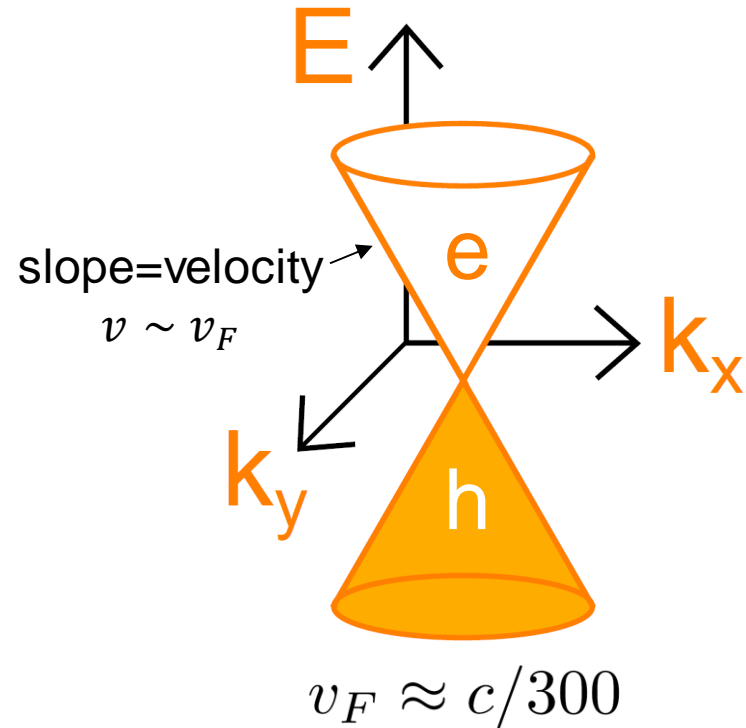
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## Klein tunneling

Perfect transmission through a barrier



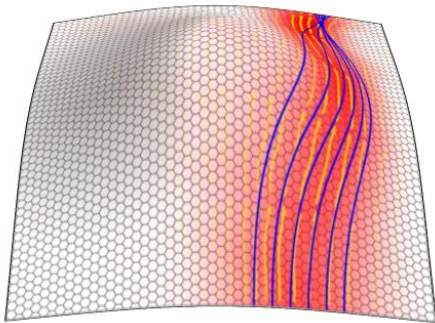
Standter et al., PRL 2009  
Young et al., Nat. Phys. 2009



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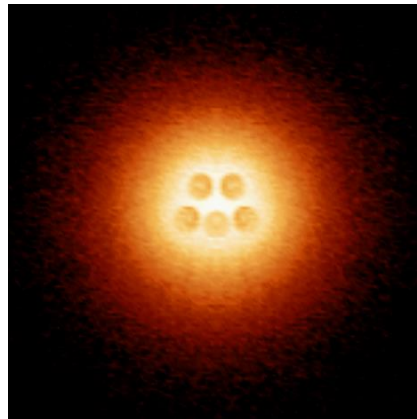
**Requires atomic scale defects**

Curvature

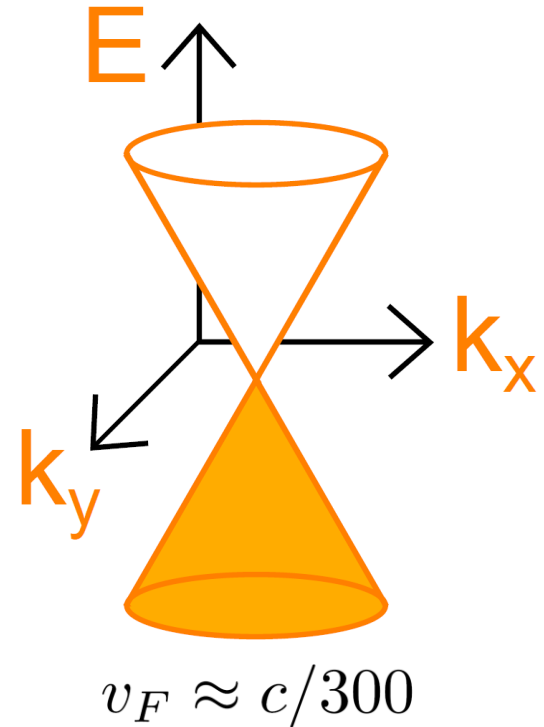


Stegmann et al., New J of Phys. 2016

Localized charges



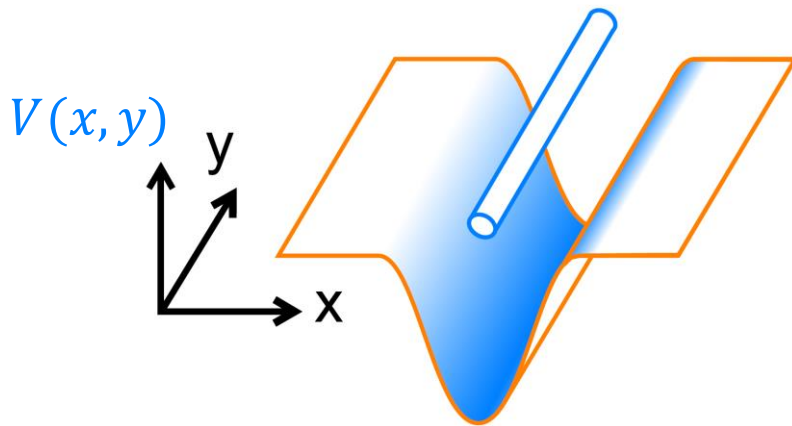
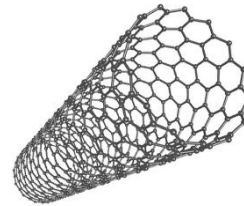
Wang et al., Science 2013  
(atomic collapse)



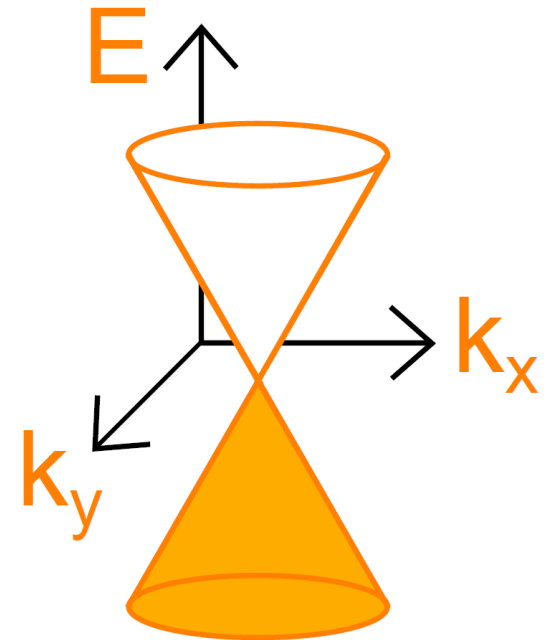
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Our solution

A carbon nanotube



2 functions: 1) an artificial/tunable **nucleus**  
2) a **probe**



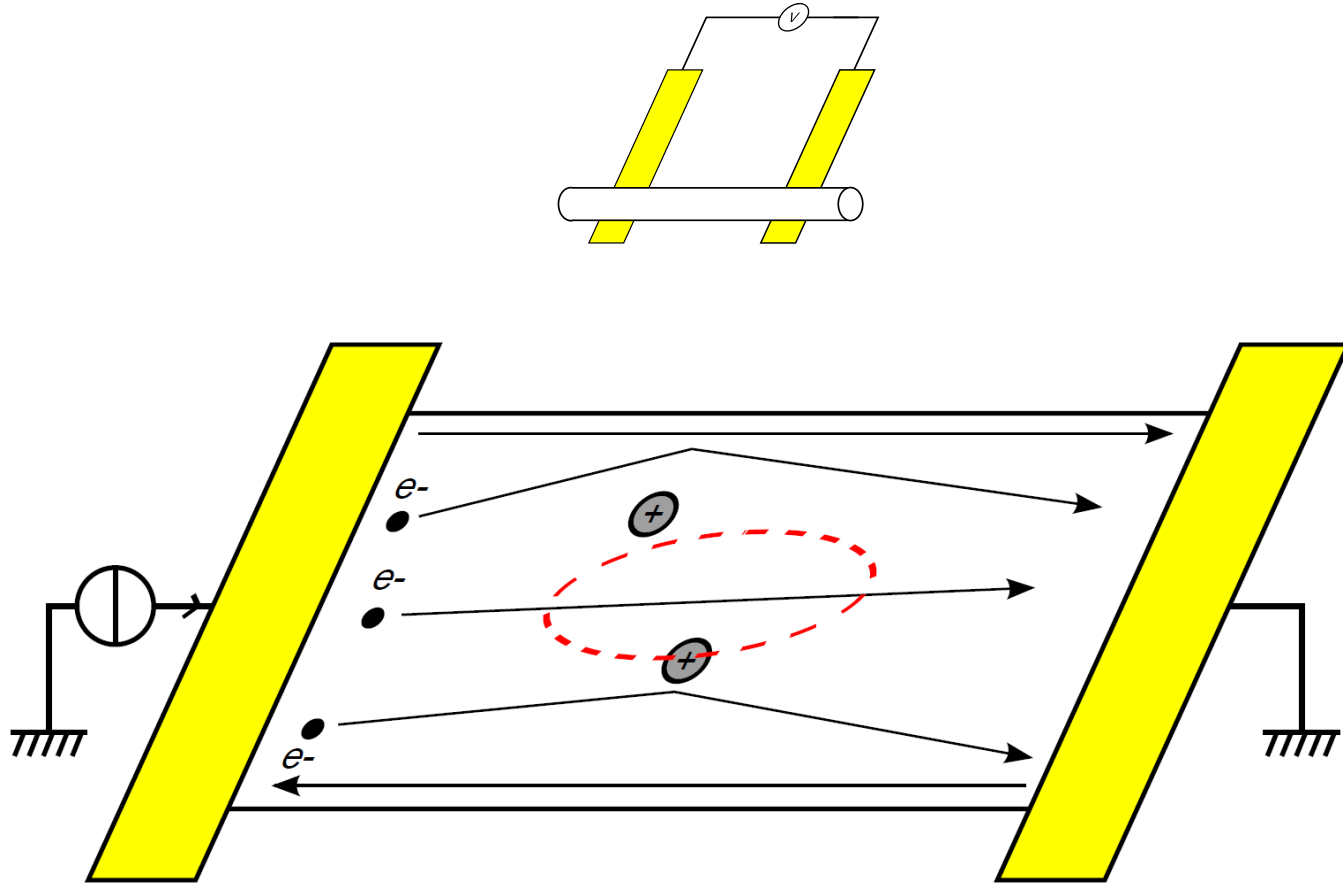
$$v_F \approx c/300$$

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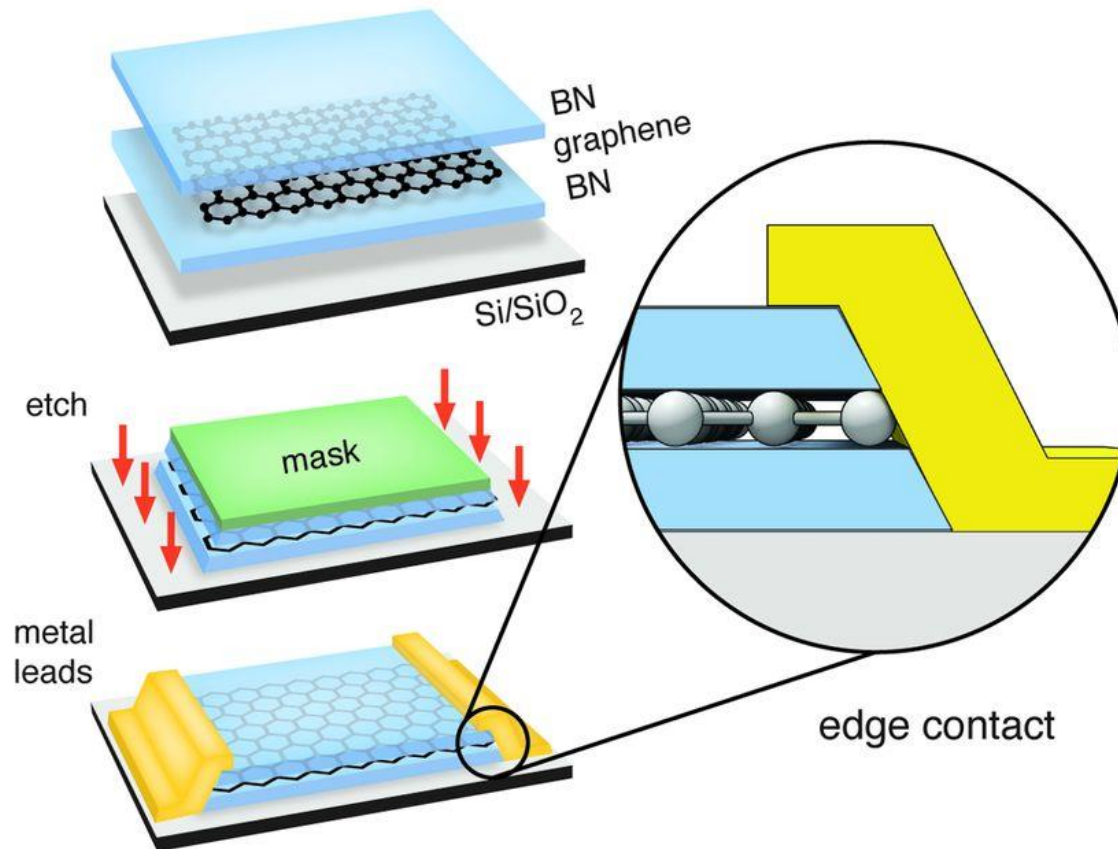
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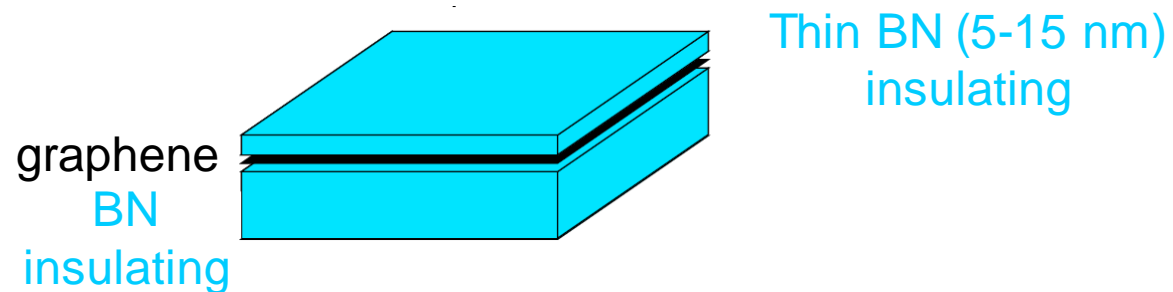
# 1D defect: a carbon nanotube



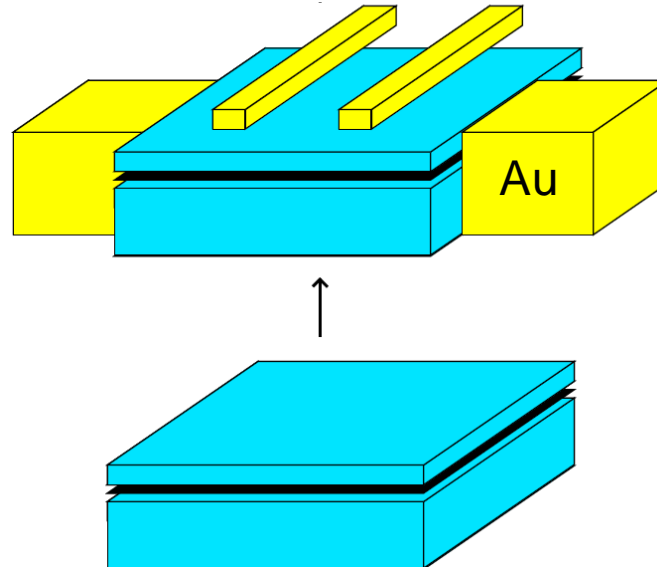
# Graphene-based electrical device



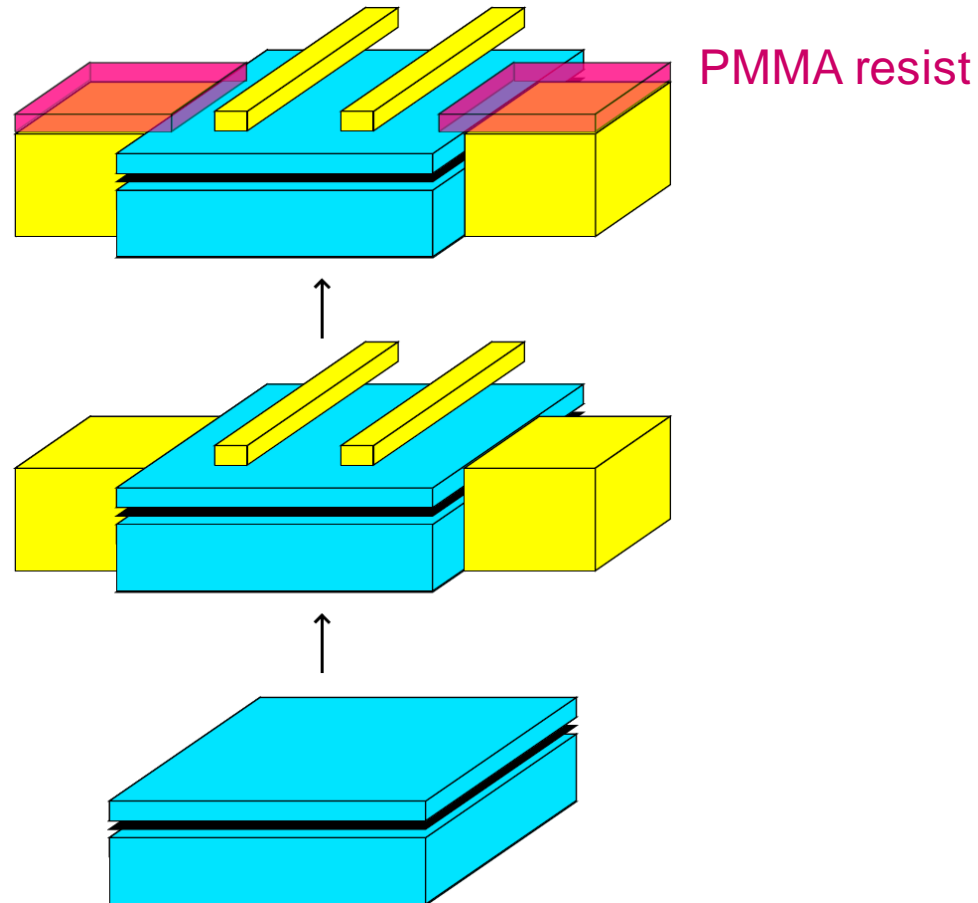
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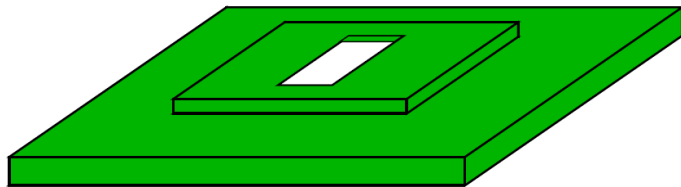
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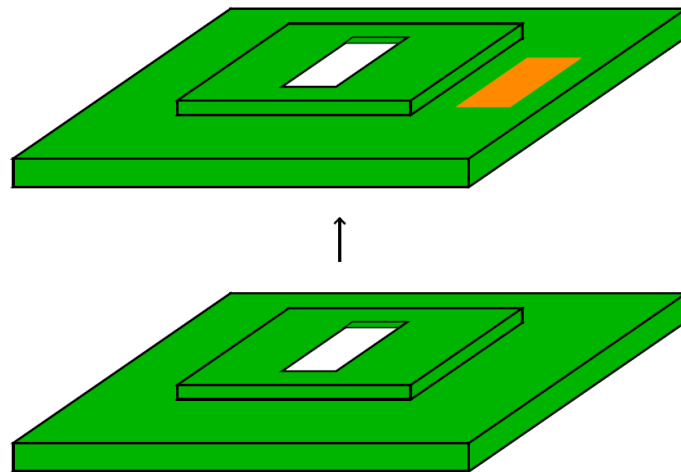


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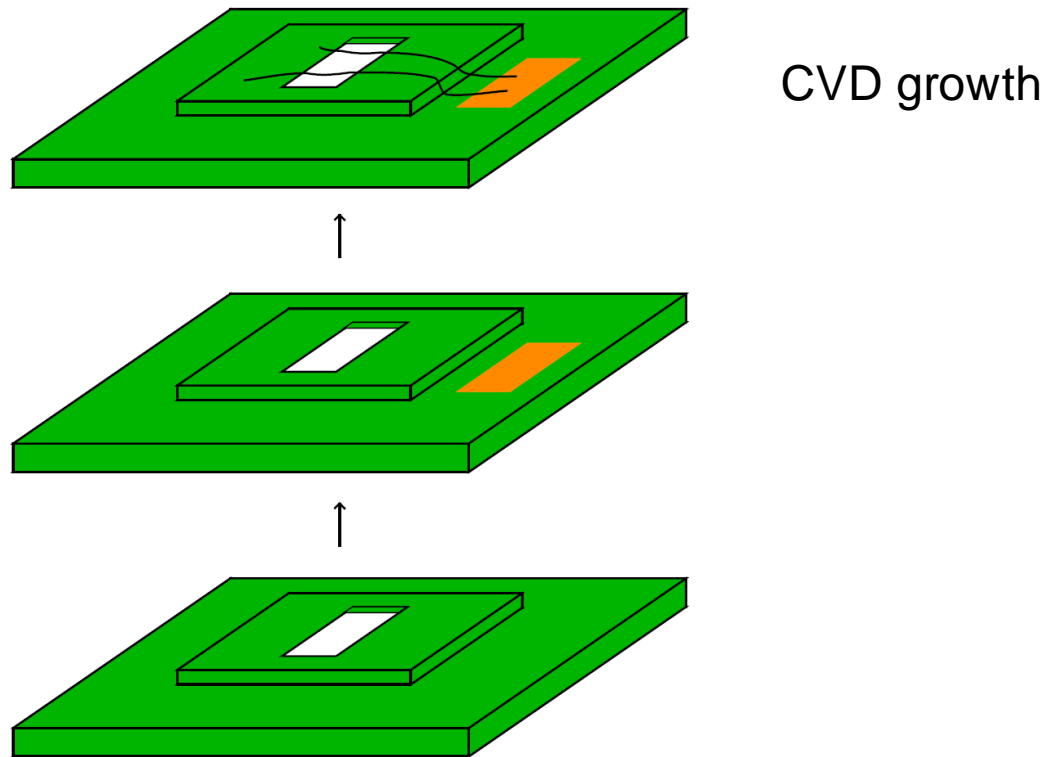
Silicon chip with a slit

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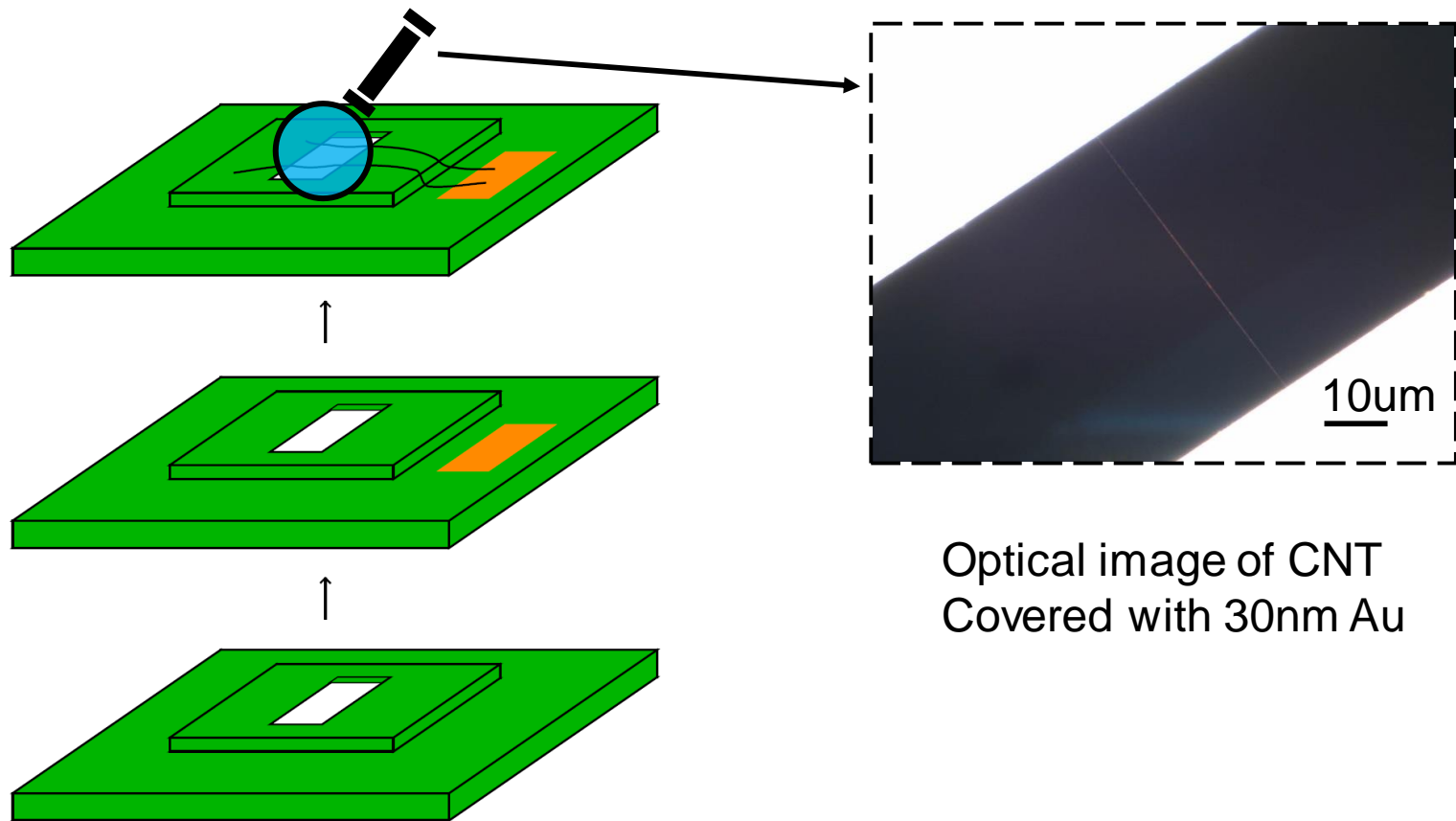
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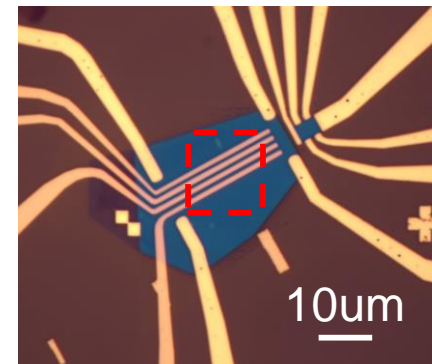
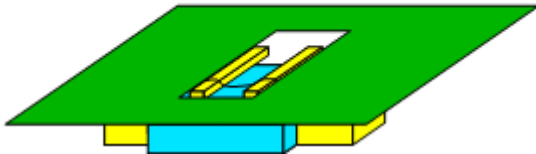


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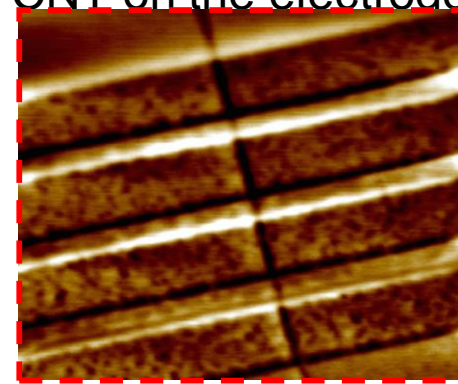


Melt resist by warming up to 180°C

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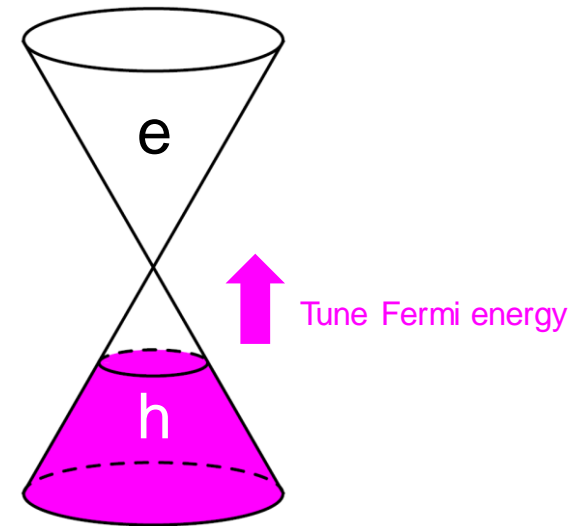
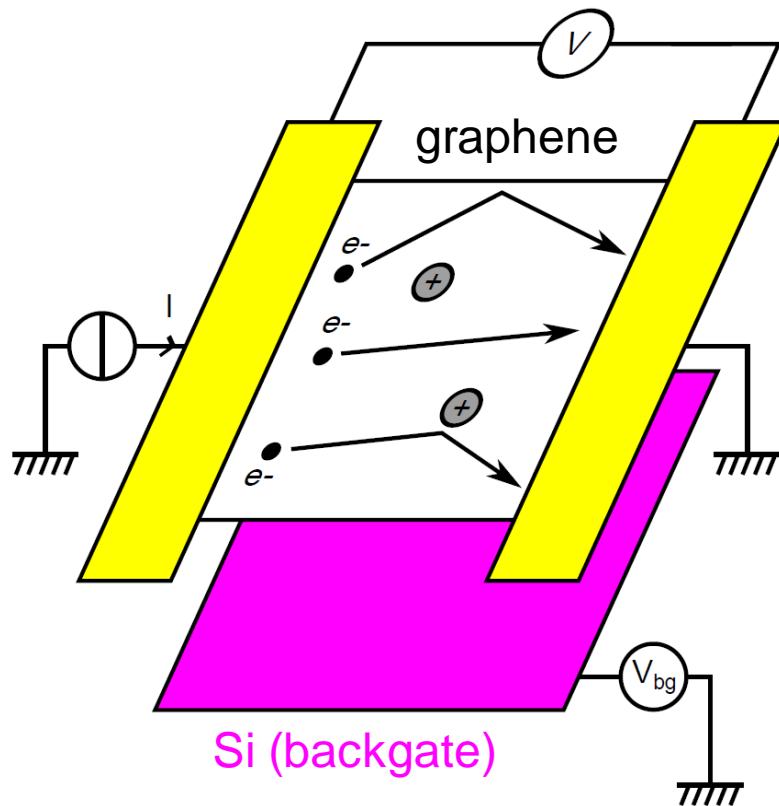


Leave the CNT on the electrodes

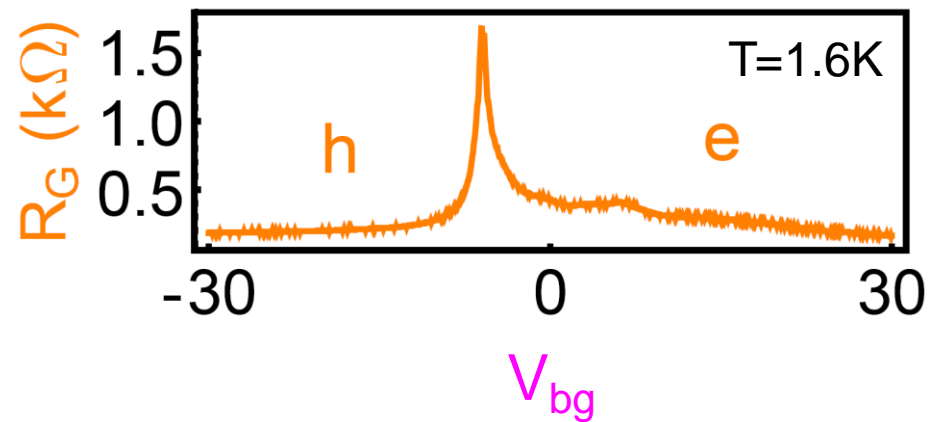
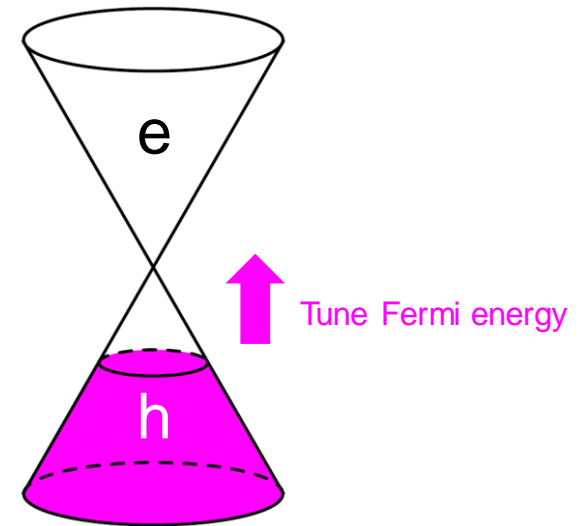
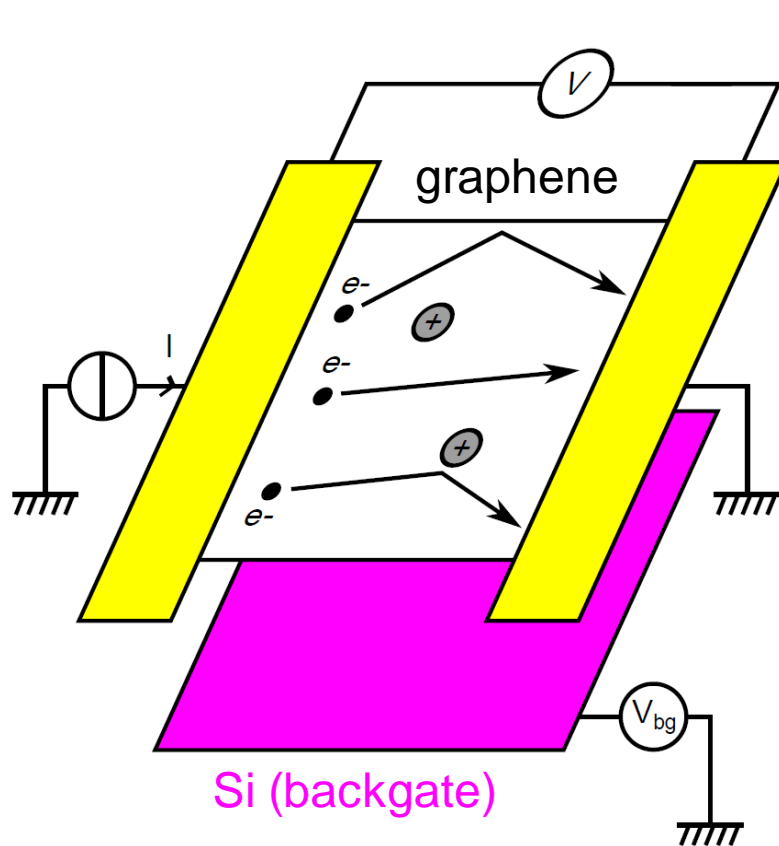


EFM image of CNT

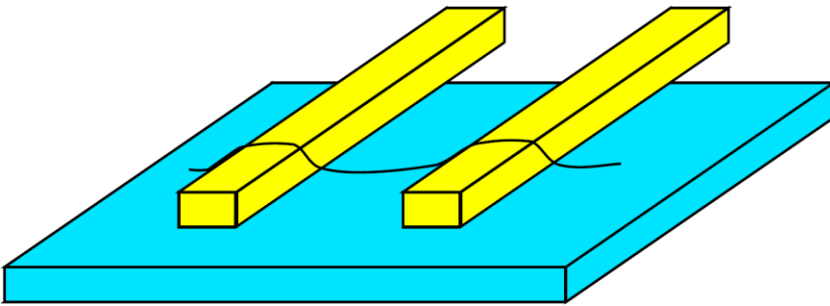
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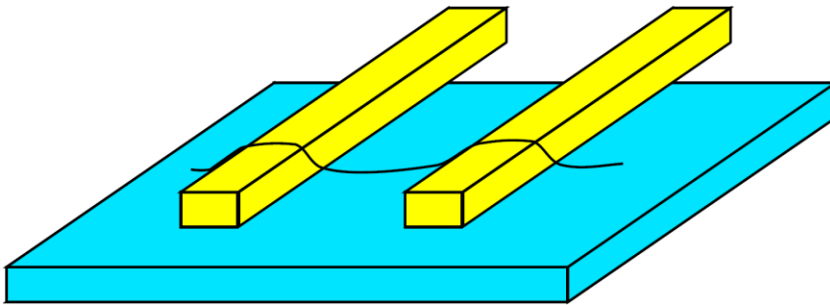
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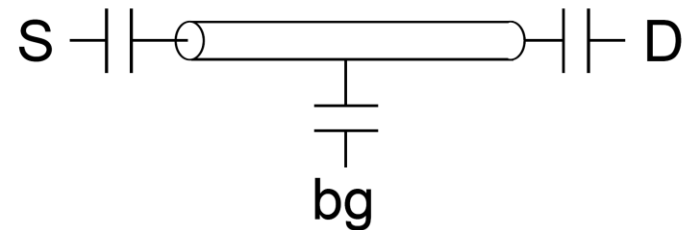


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Coulomb repulsion  
=> Charging energy

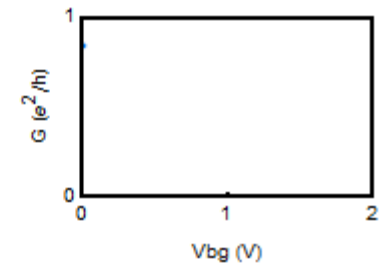
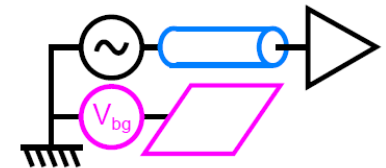
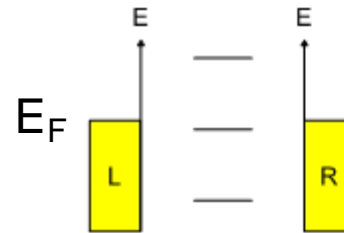
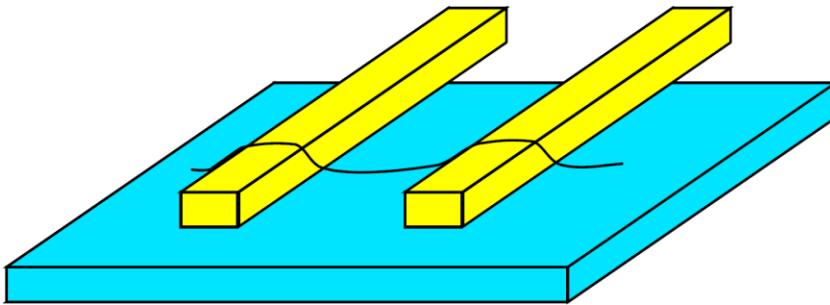
$$U = \frac{e^2}{2C}$$



$$U \approx \text{meV} \gg kT$$

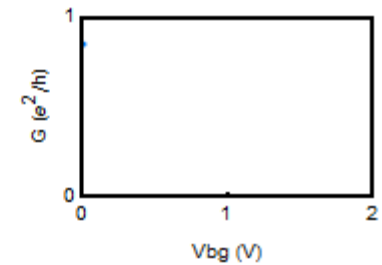
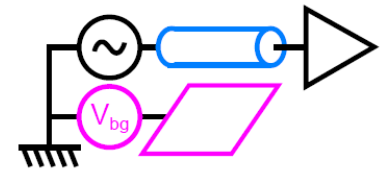
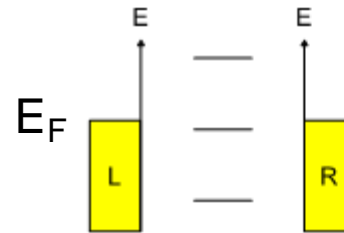
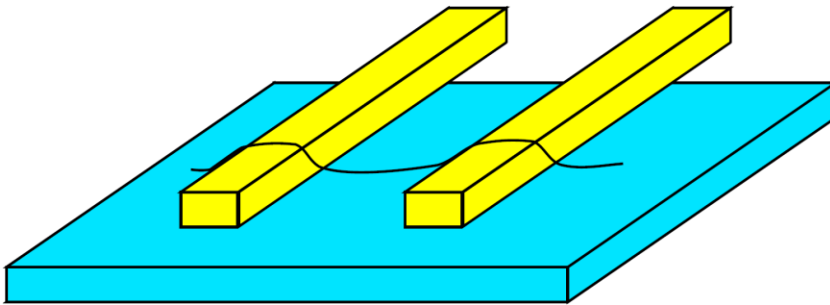
$$(T=1.5\text{K})$$

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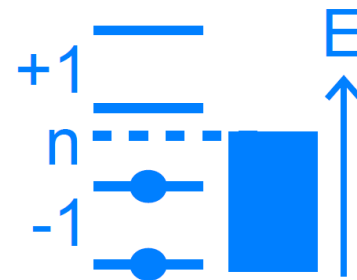
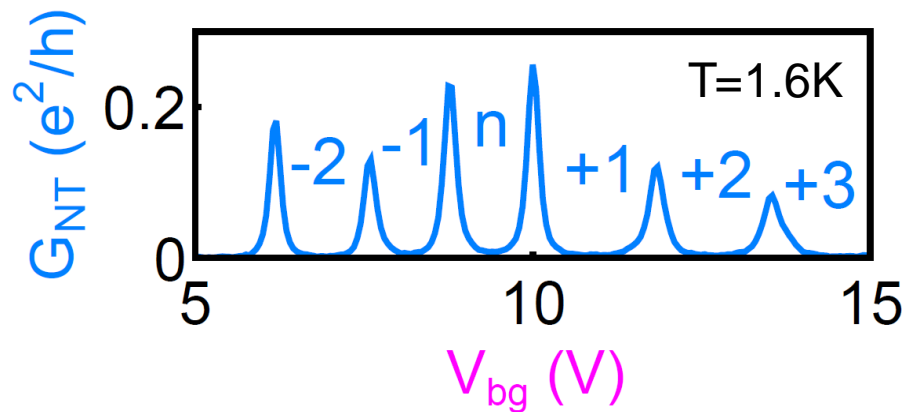
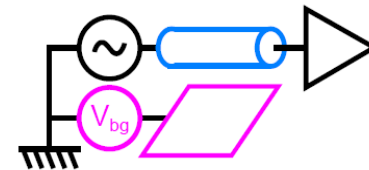
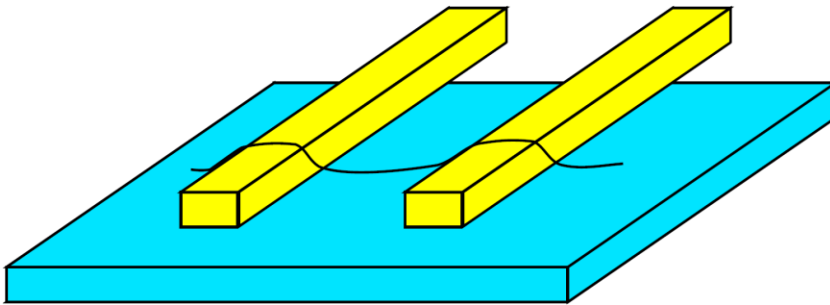




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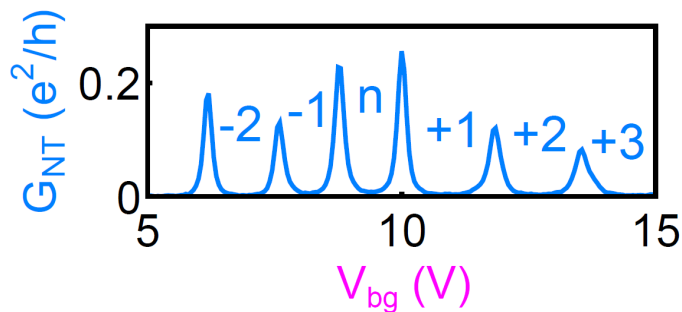


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# Nanotube as an artificial nucleus

Nanotube can be used as a tunable nucleus...



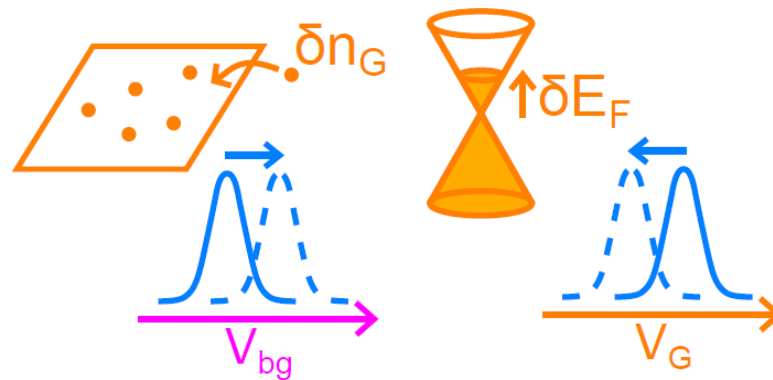
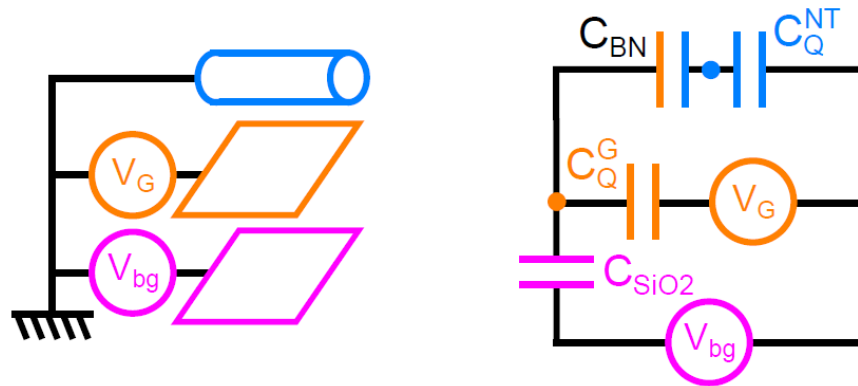
$$Z \propto n \pm 1, 2, 3 \dots$$



Atomic number  $Z$

# Nanotube as a detector

...and a charge detector

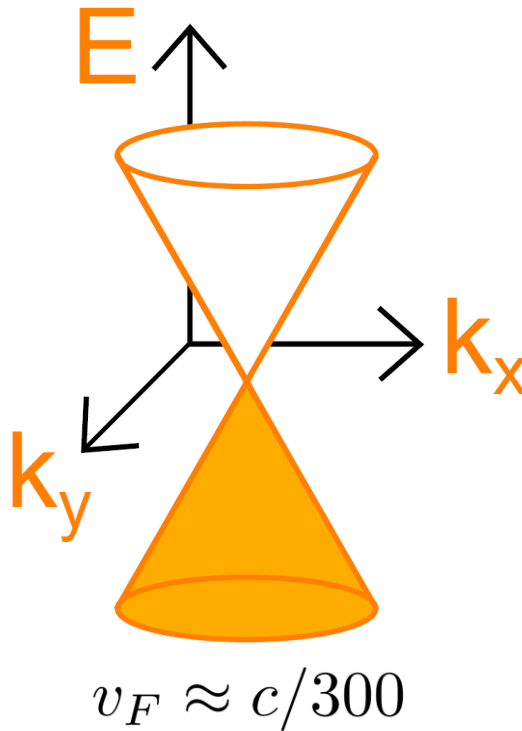


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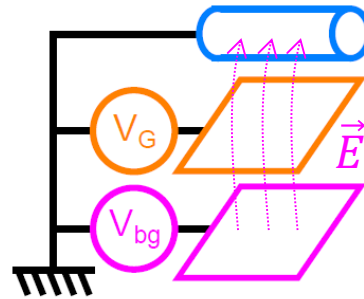
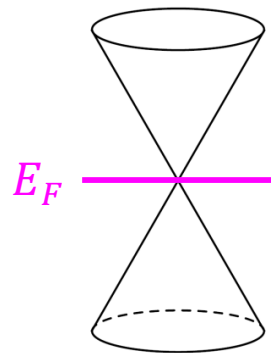
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- 2) Our strategy: a hybrid nanotube-graphene circuit
- 3) Signature of quasi-relativistic effects in graphene  
*Linear dispersion relation and Lorentz invariance*
- 4) Driving the circuit towards atomic collapse

# Test #1: Linear dispersion relation

Is the Fermi velocity  $v_F$  a constant?

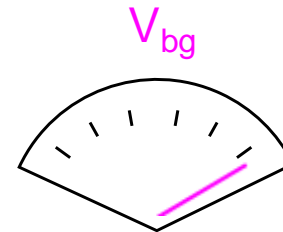
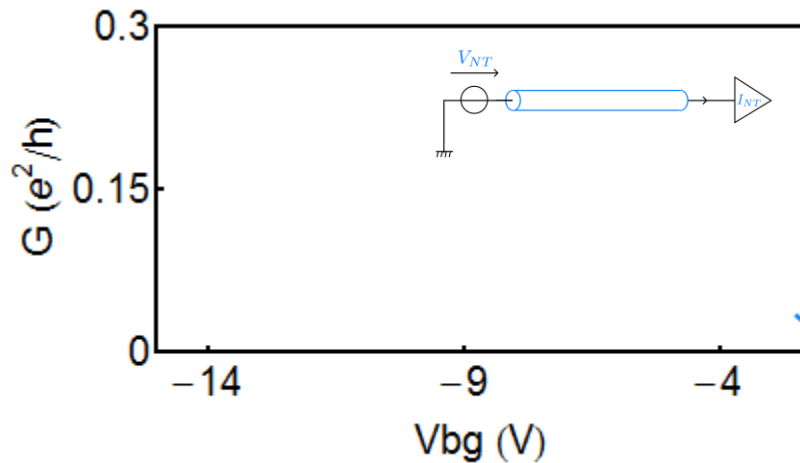


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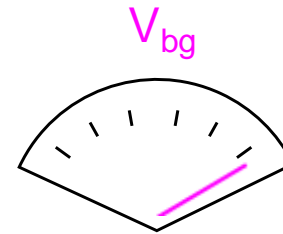
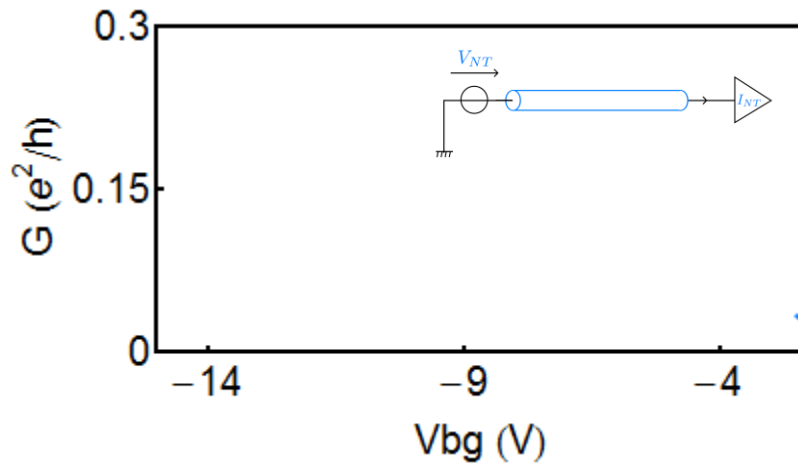
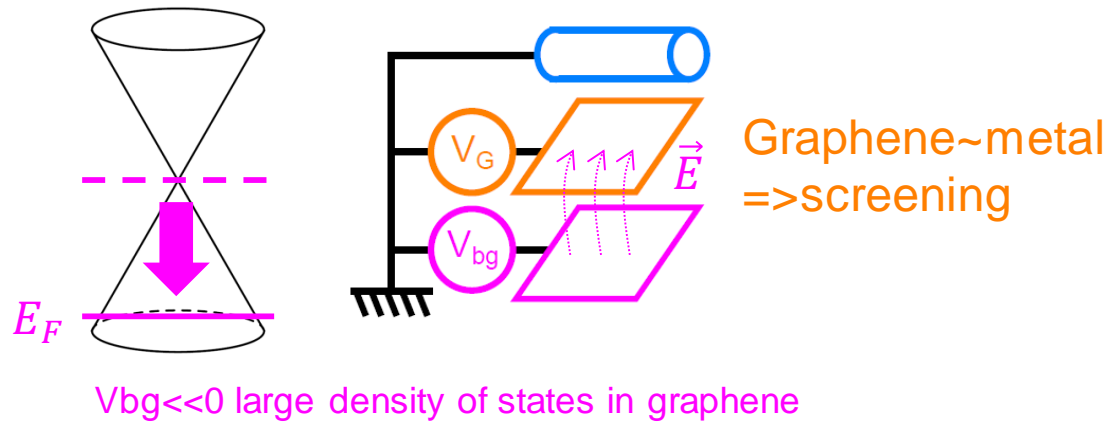
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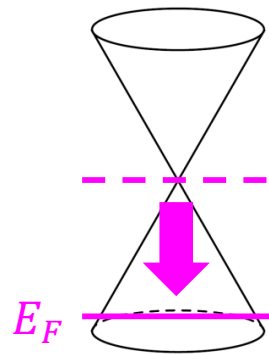
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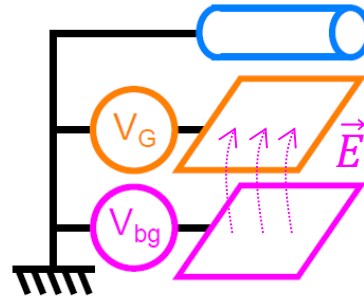
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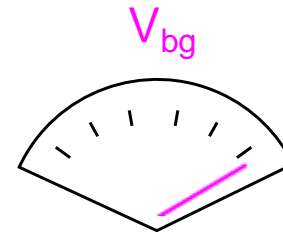
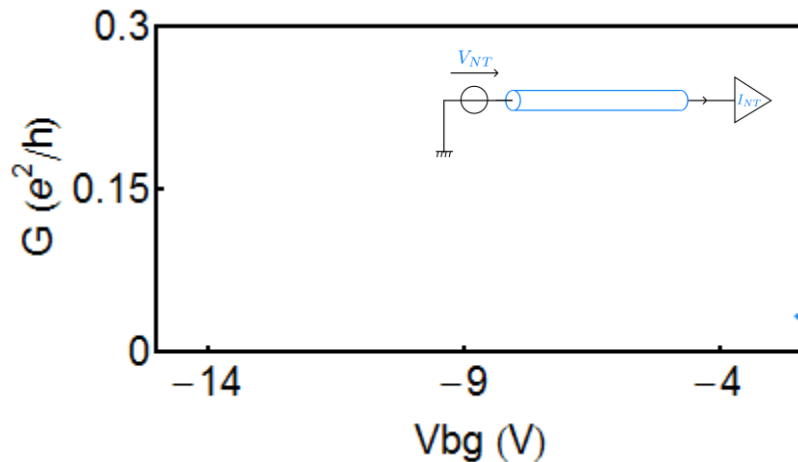
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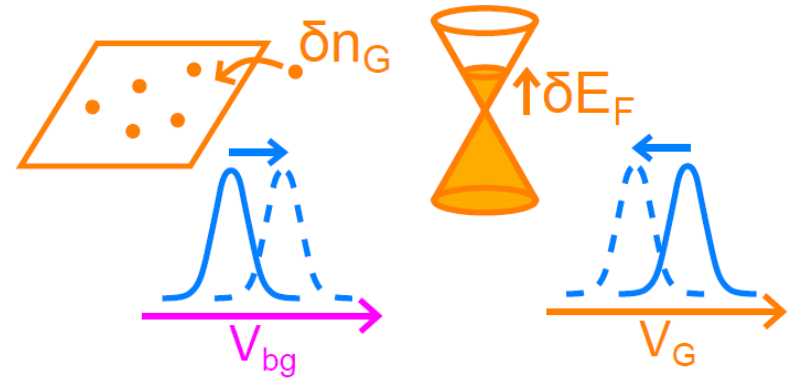
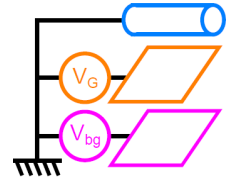
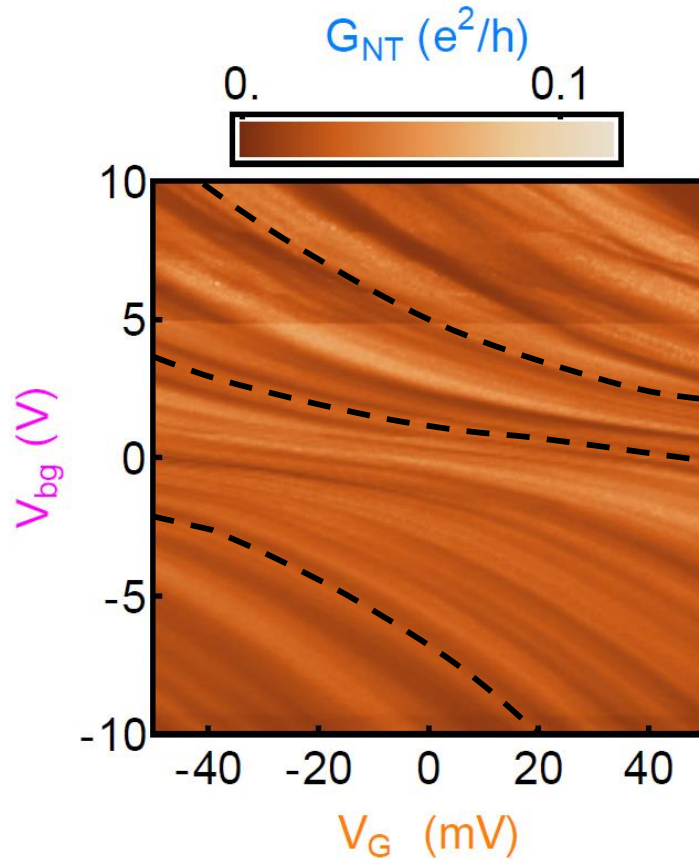


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=> screening

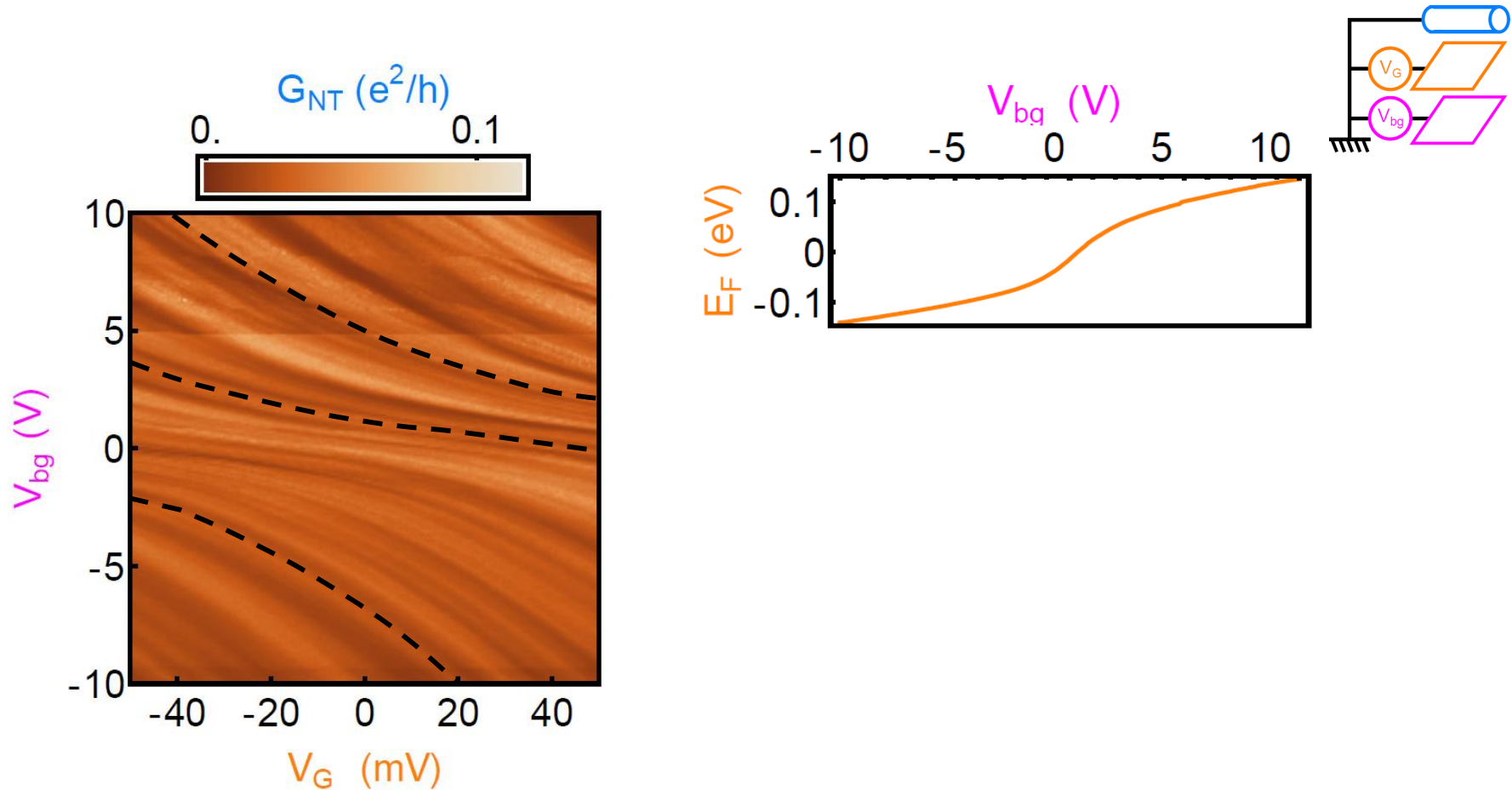


Nanotube less and less sensitive  
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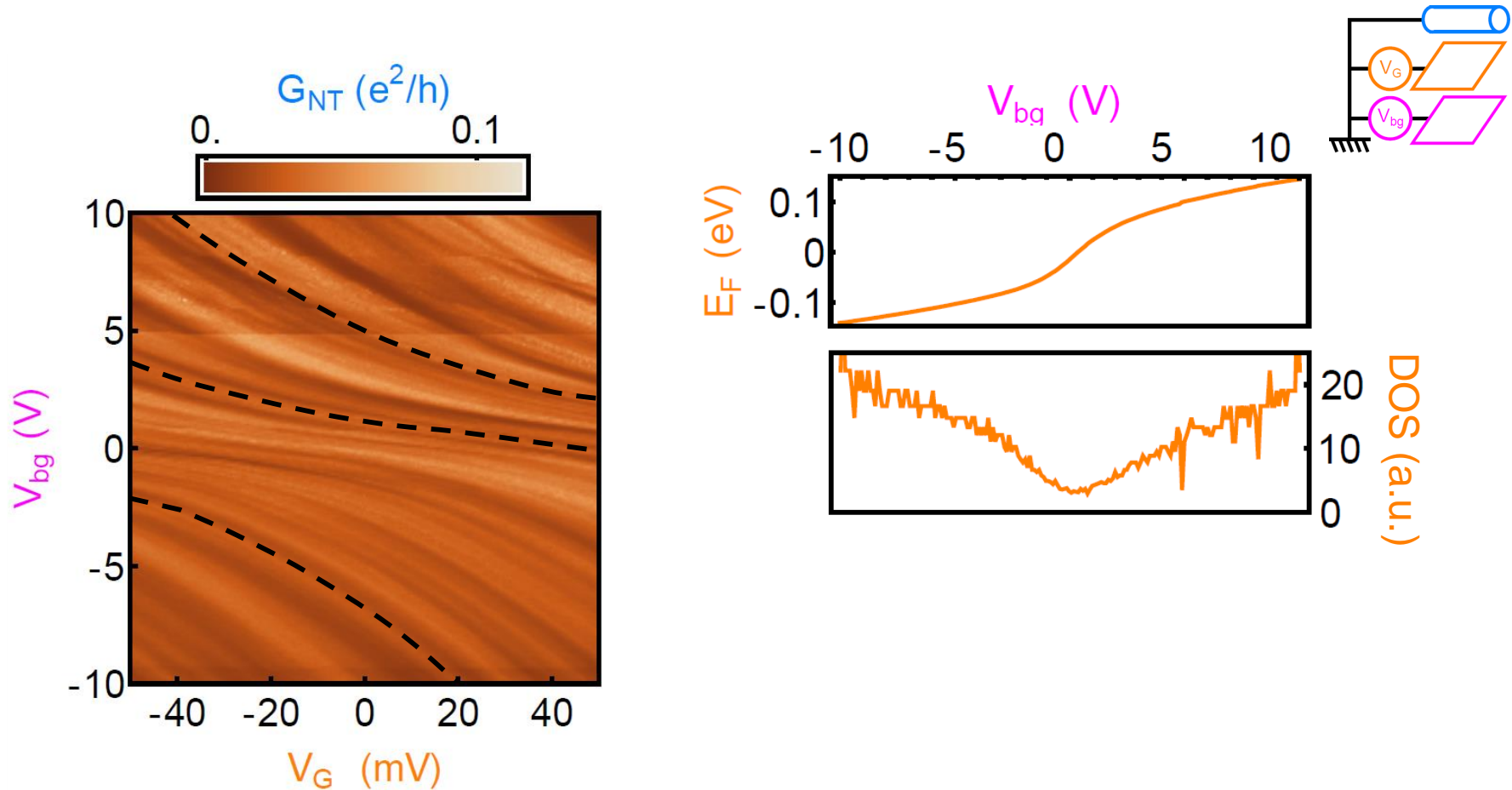
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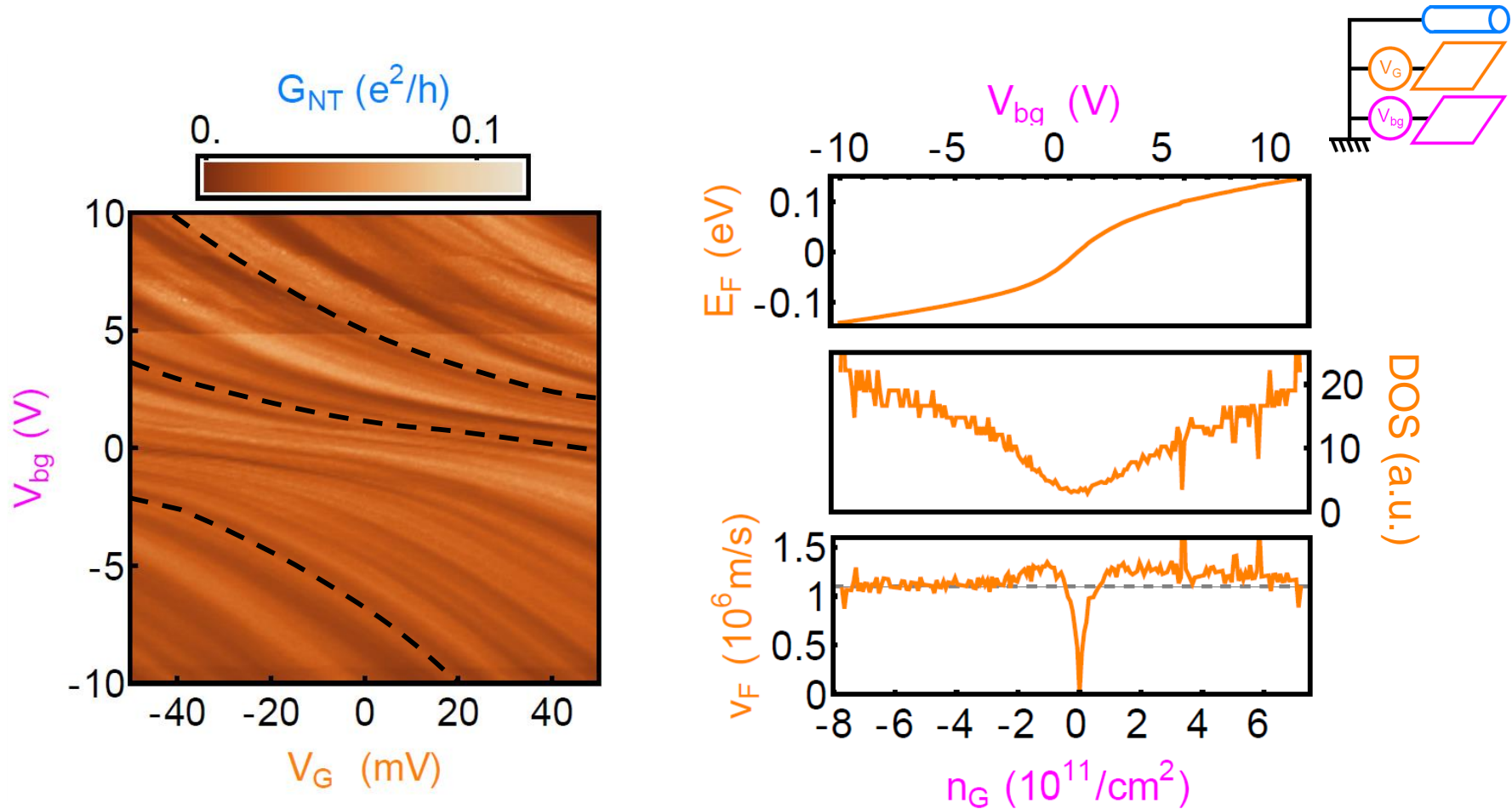
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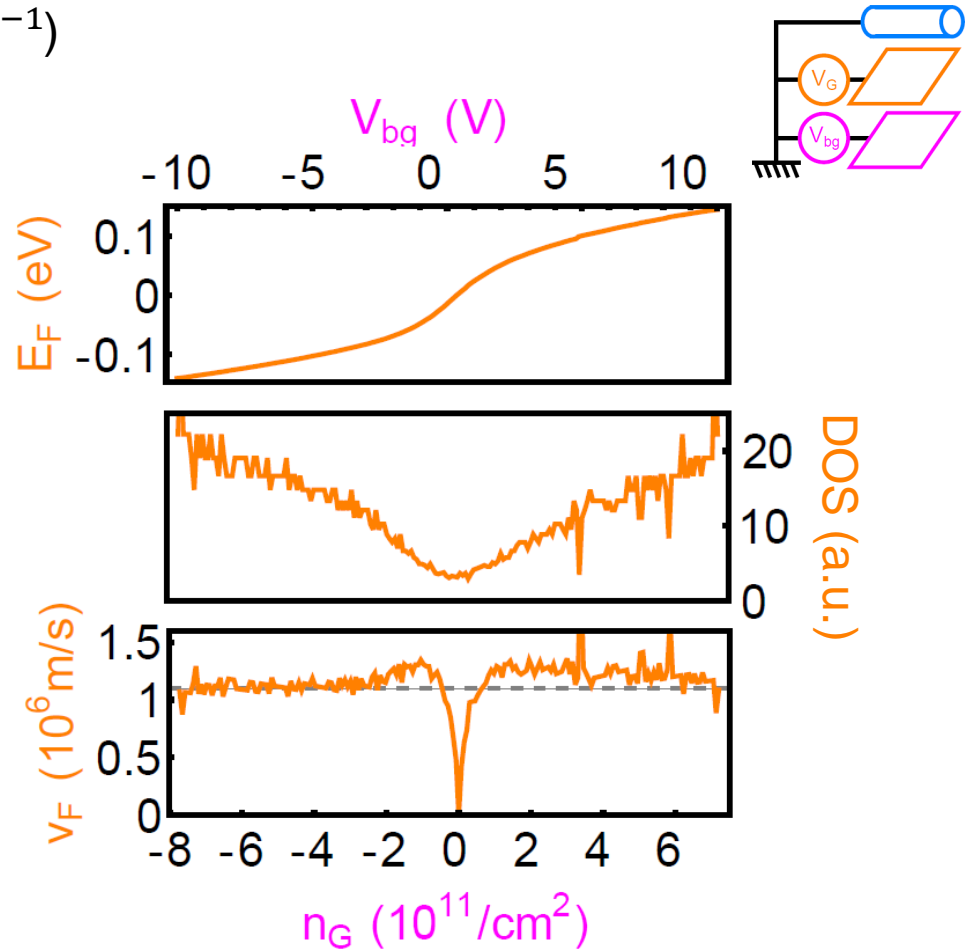
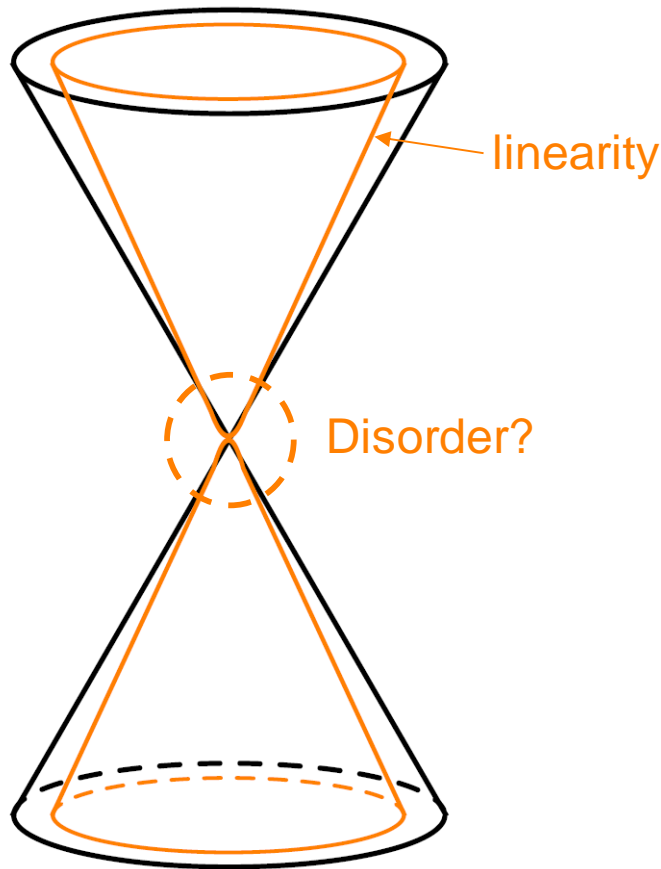


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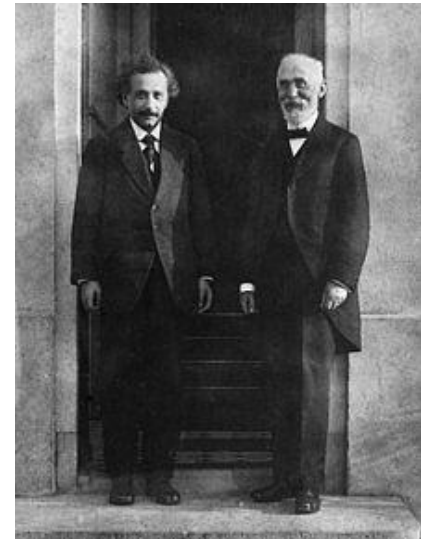
$v_F > v_F$  from tight-binding ( $10^6 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ )



Linear over a large energy range

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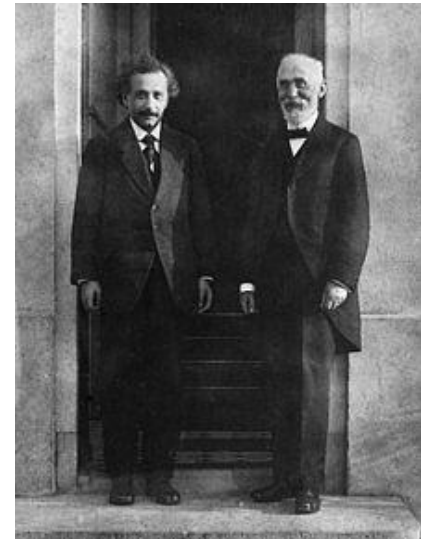
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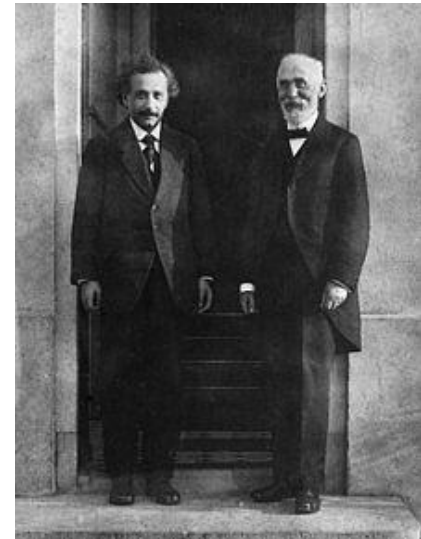


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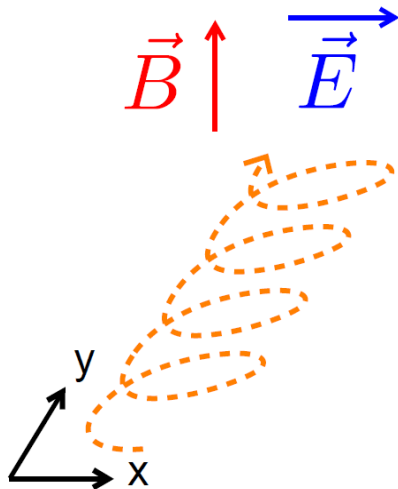
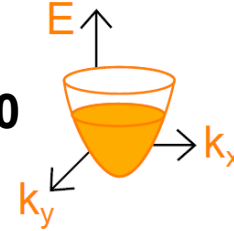
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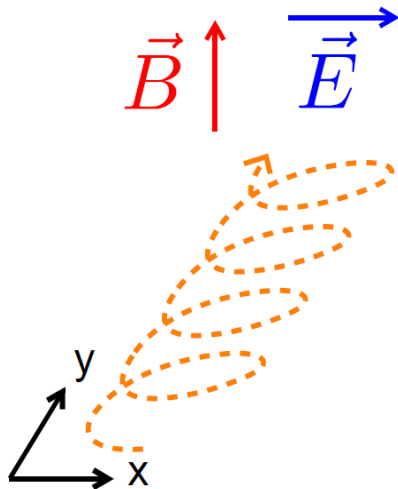
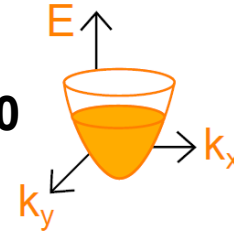
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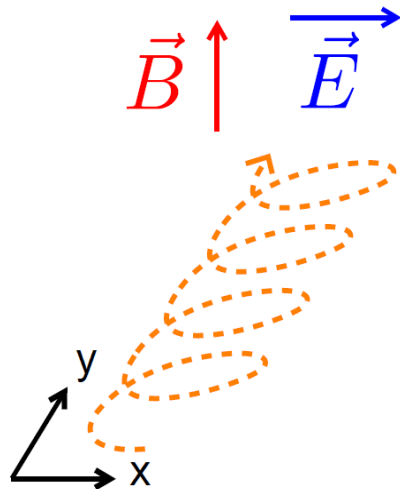
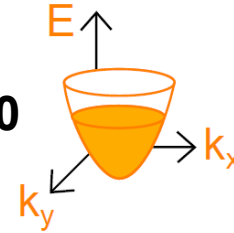
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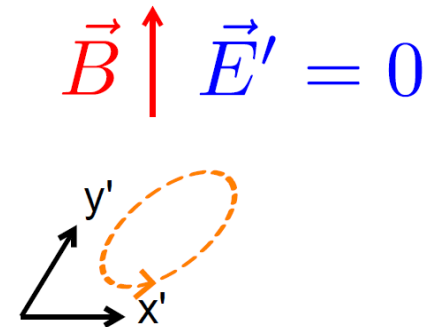
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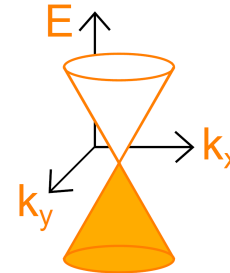
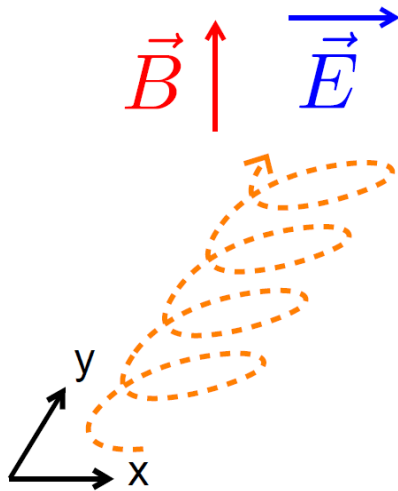
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Electric field cancels in moving frame but magnetic field remains identical  
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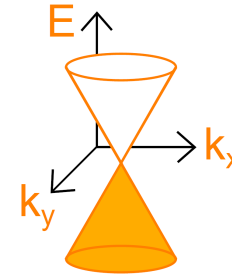
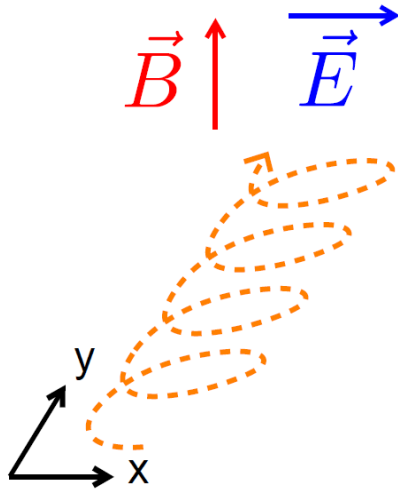
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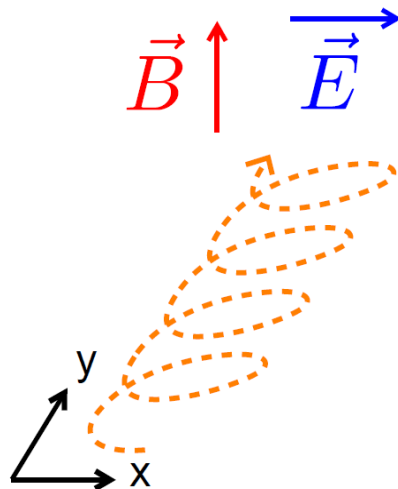
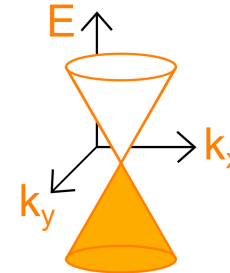
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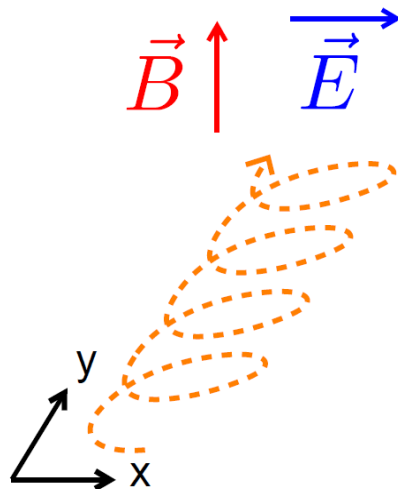
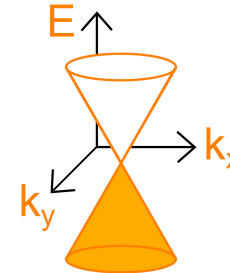
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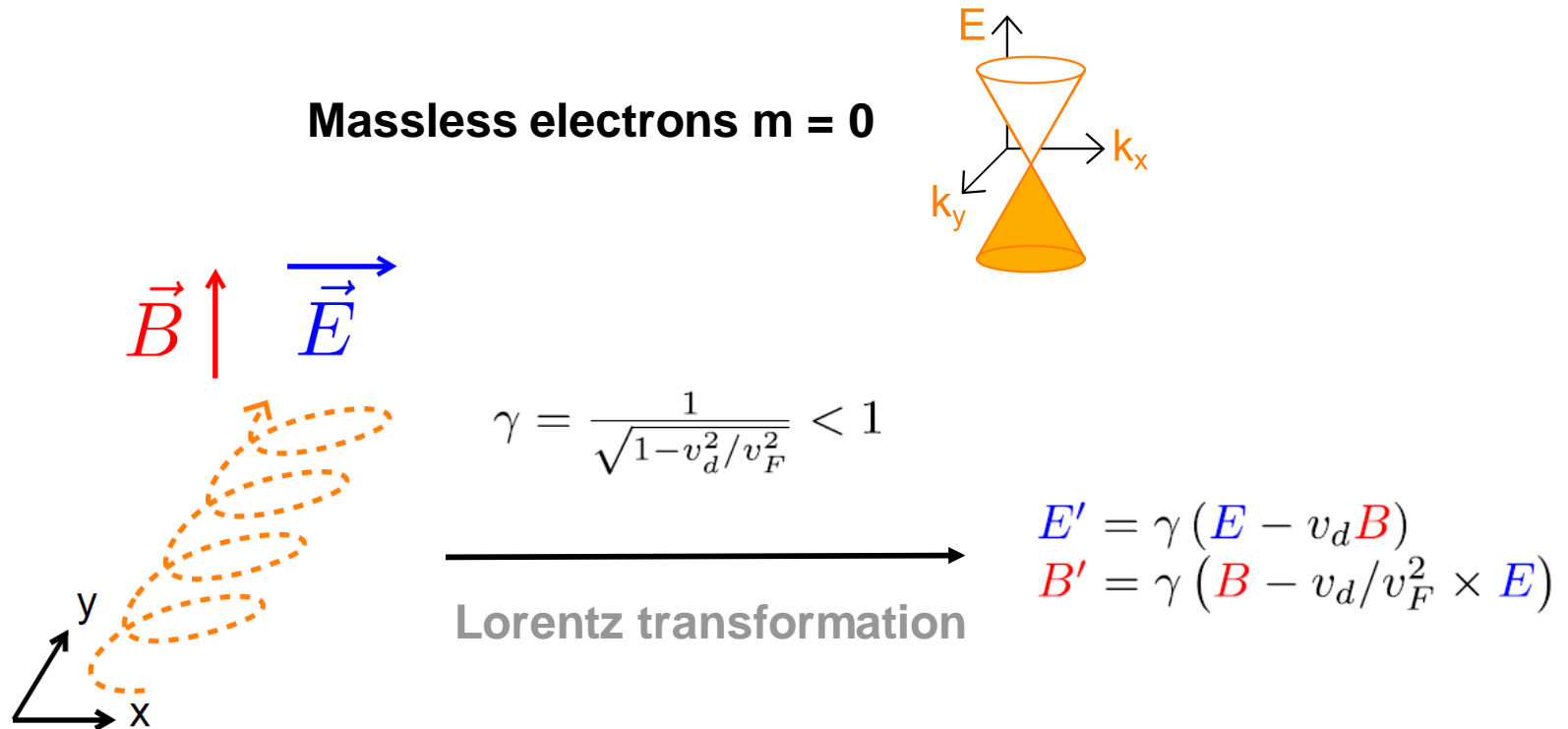
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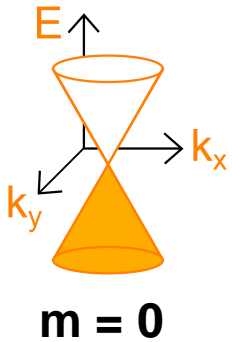
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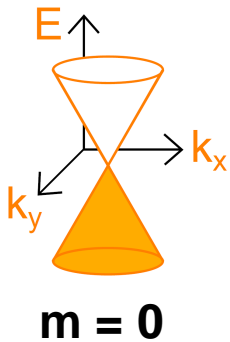
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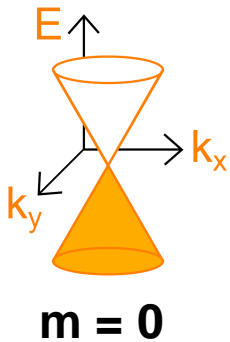
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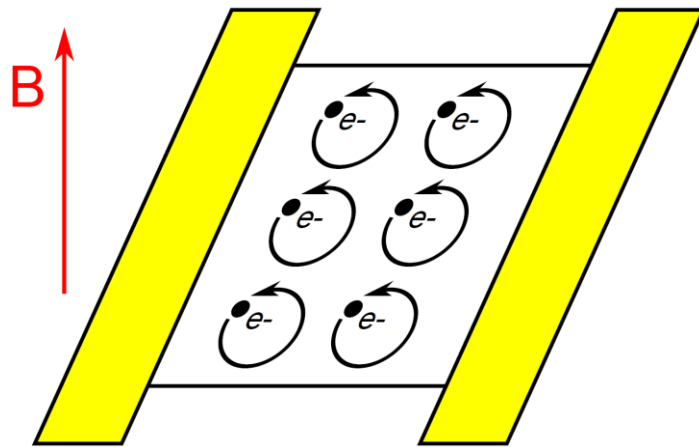
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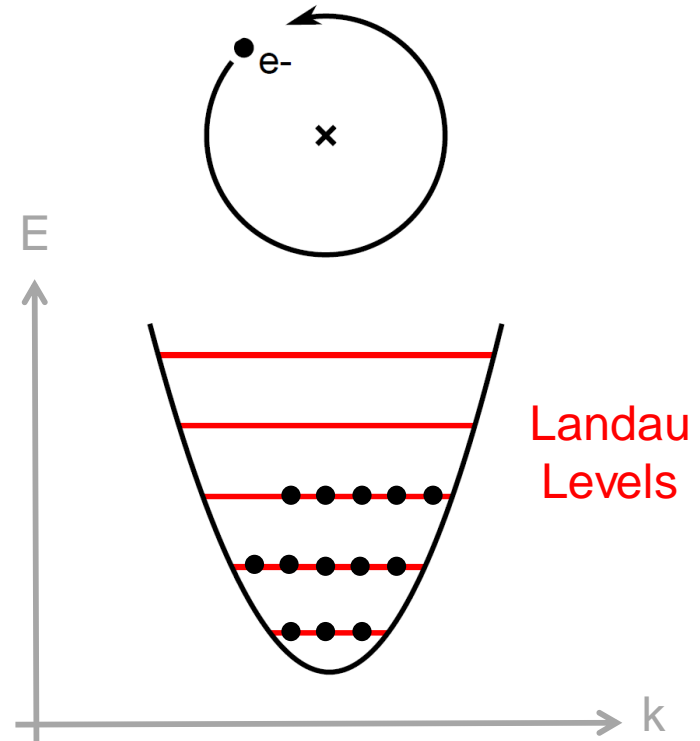


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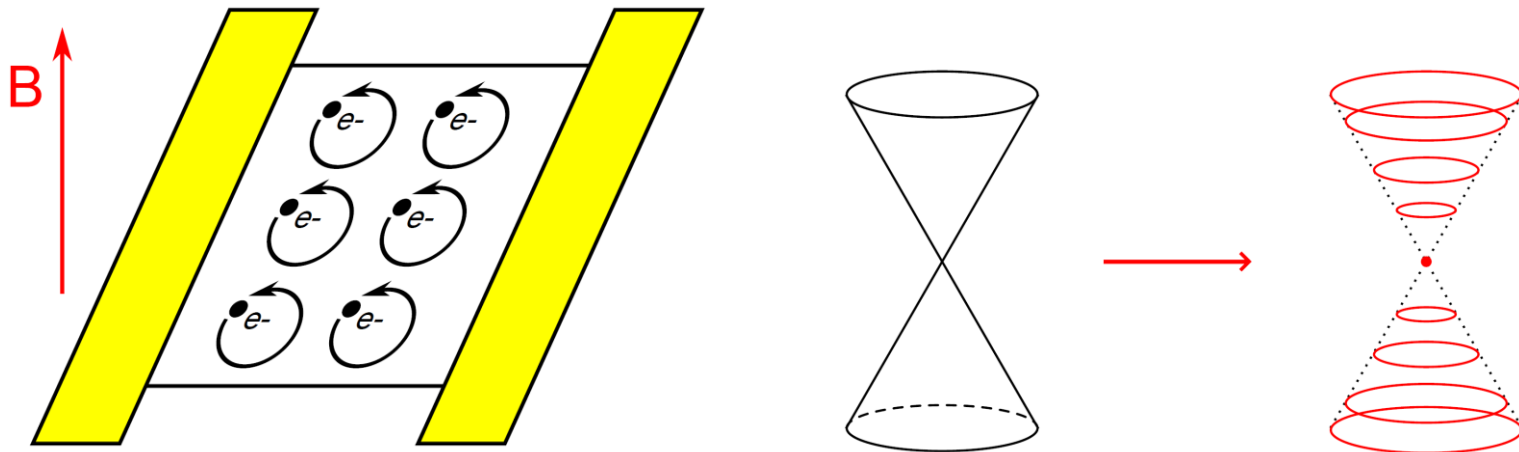


$$E_n = \hbar \omega_c \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$
$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$$

Free electron in magnetic field  
= harmonic oscillator  
=> Quantization into discrete levels

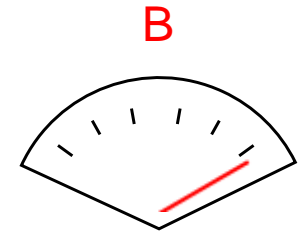
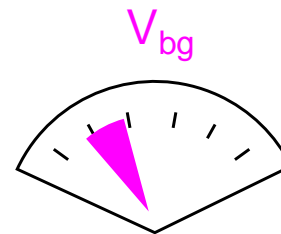
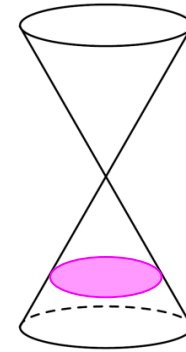
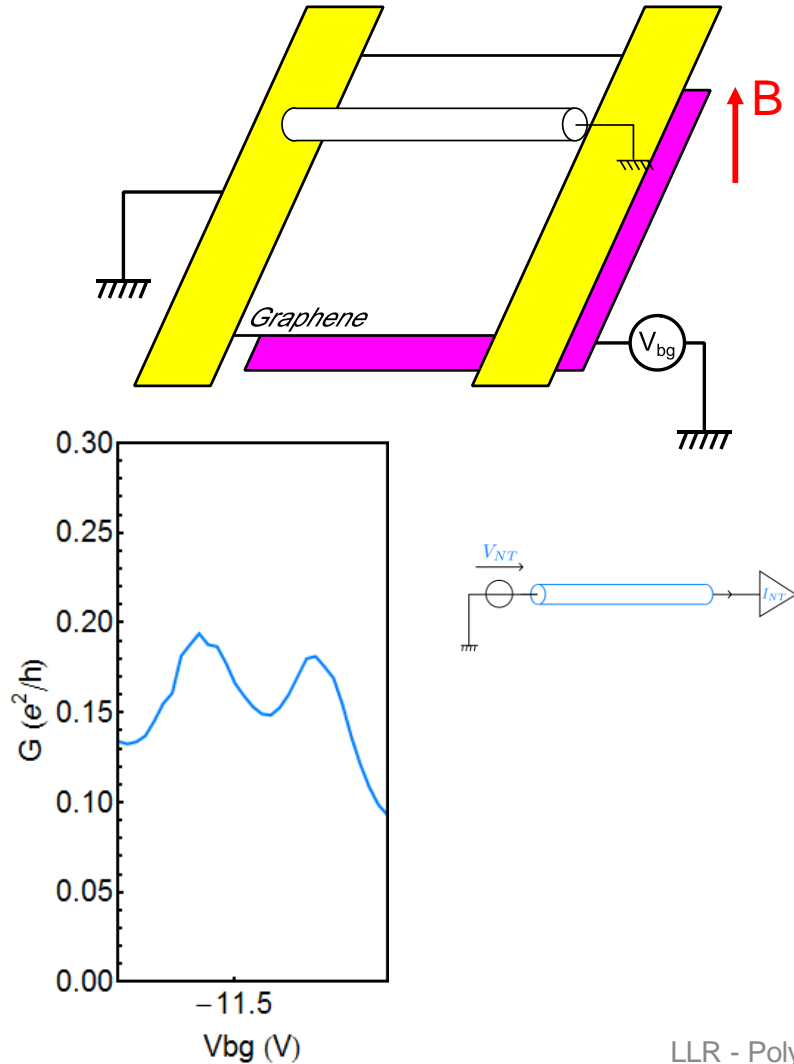


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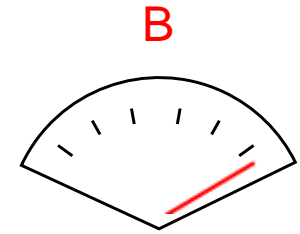
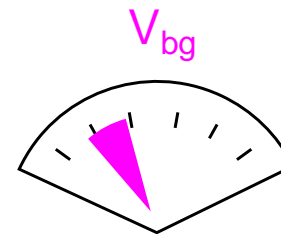
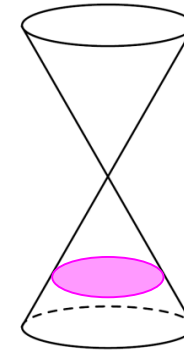
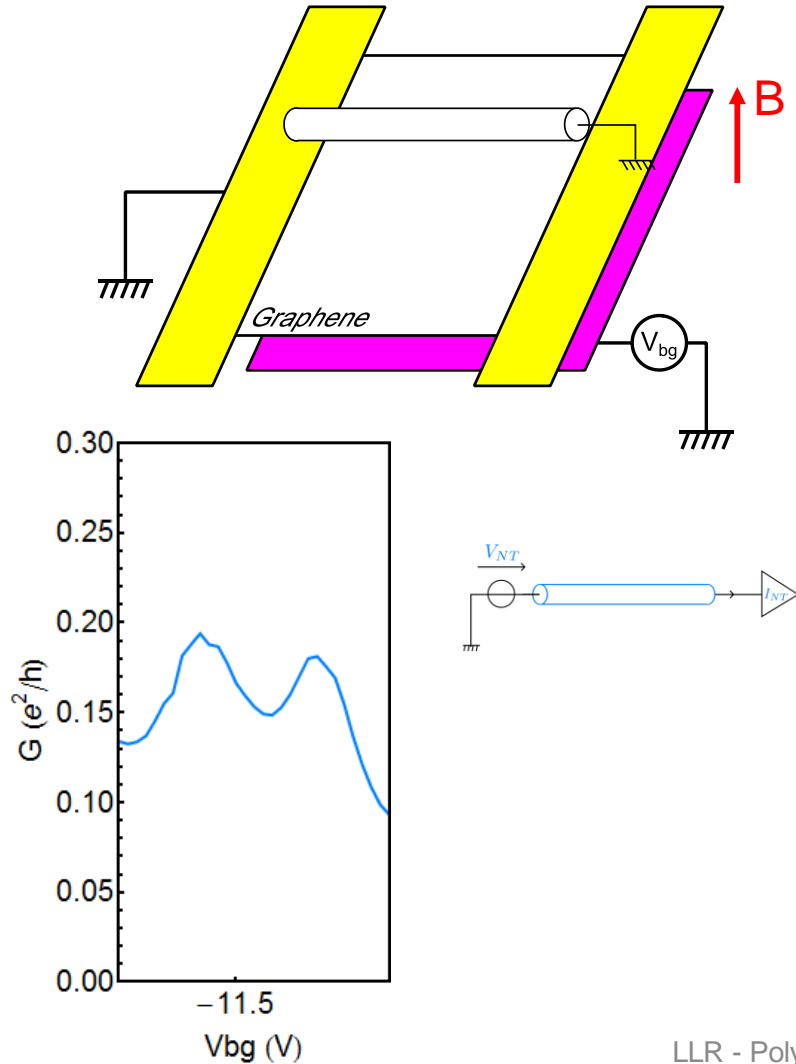


$$E_n = \text{sign}(n) \sqrt{2\hbar B e n}$$

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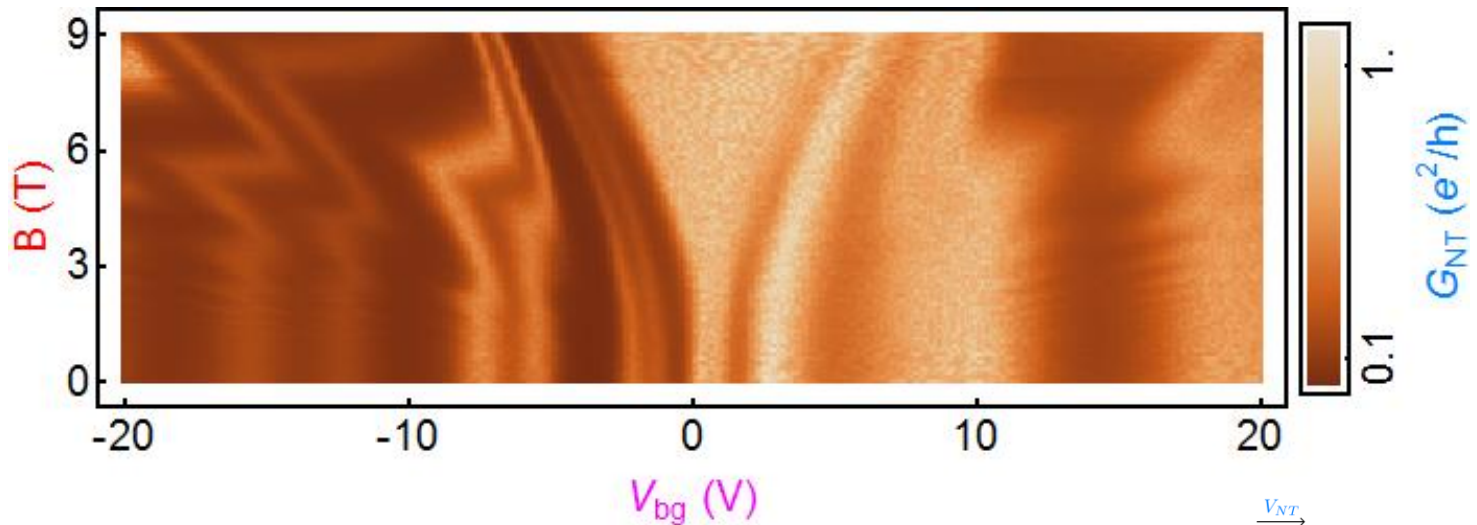
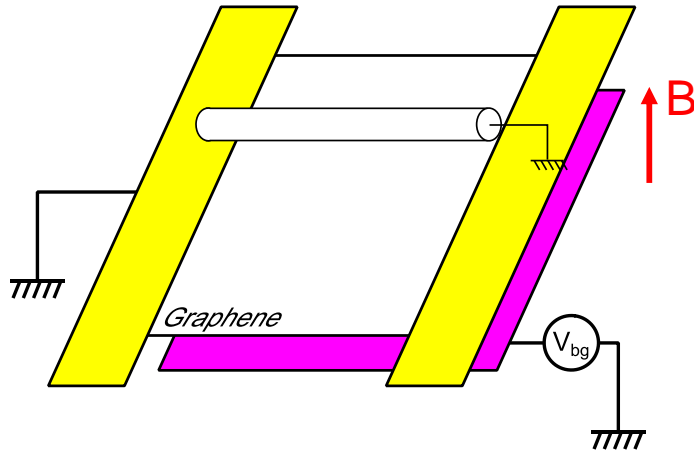


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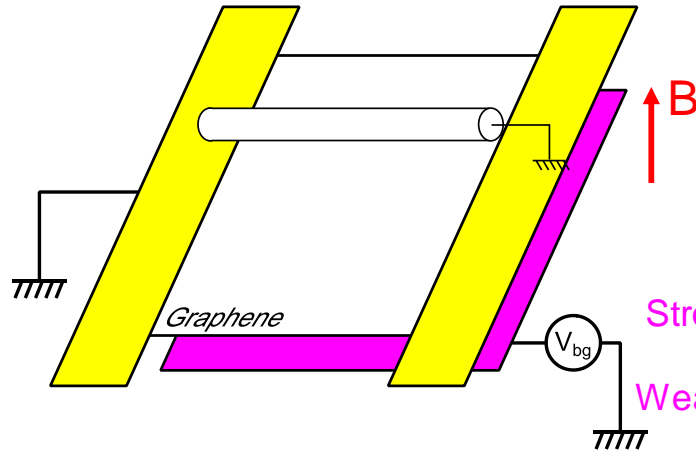




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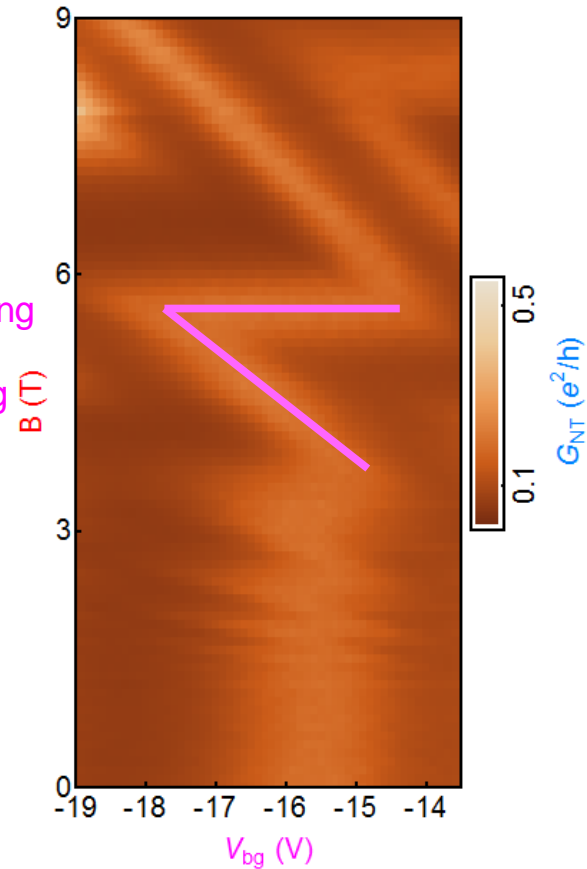


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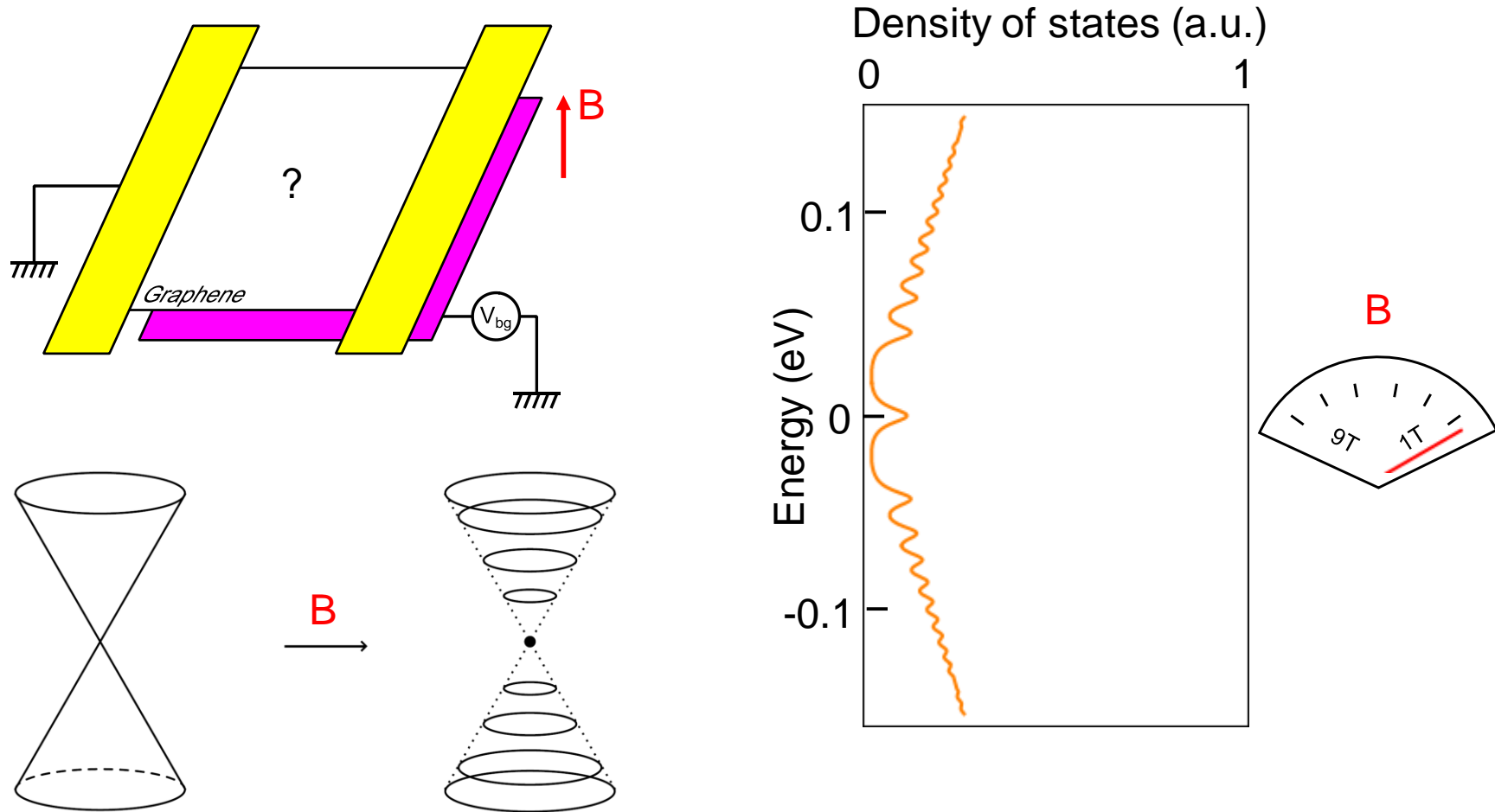


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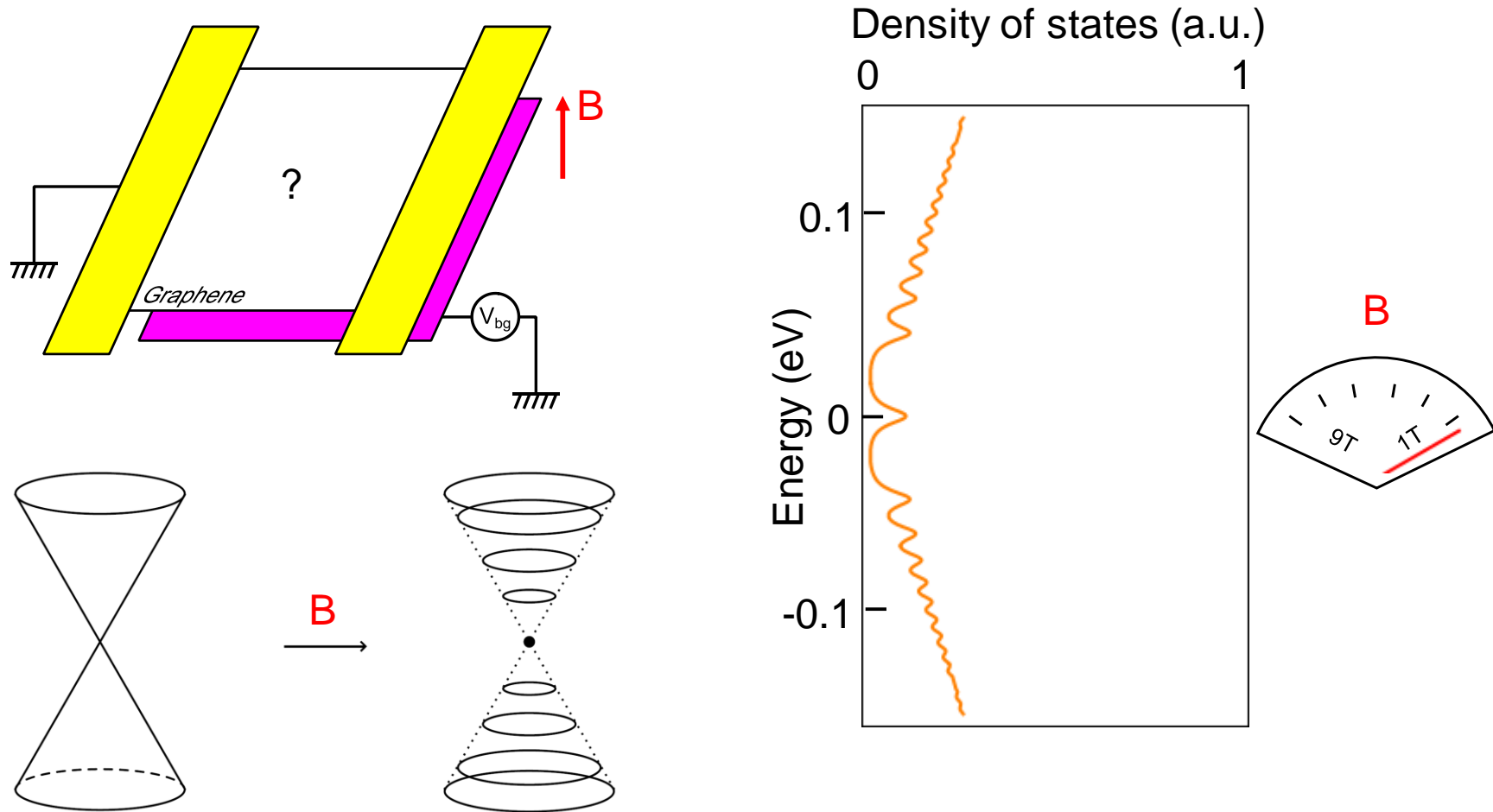
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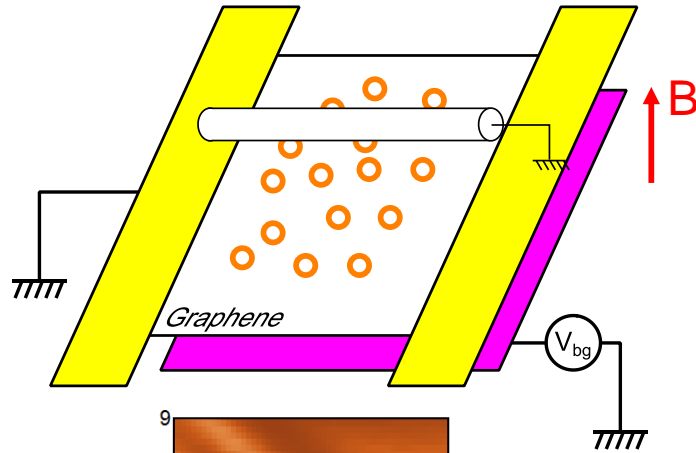
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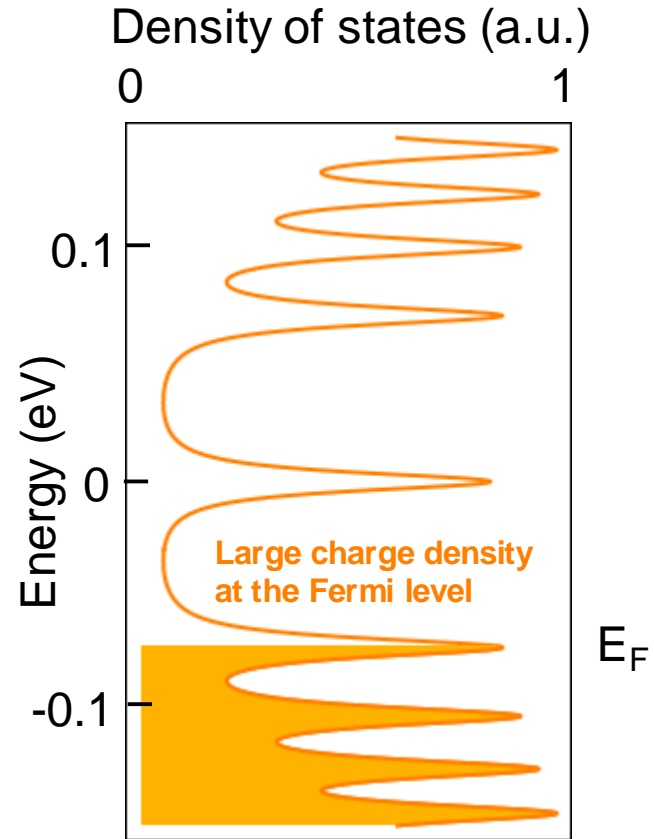
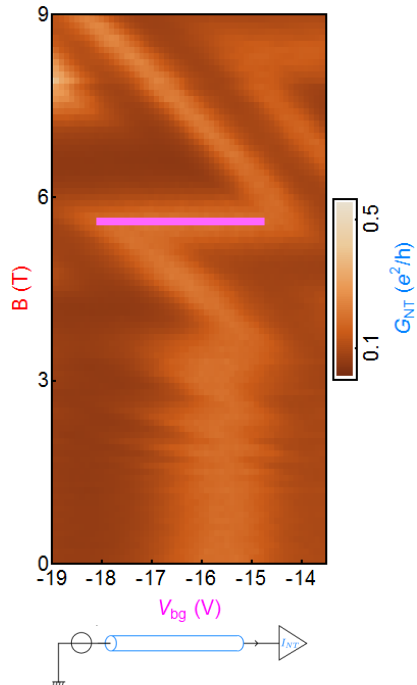
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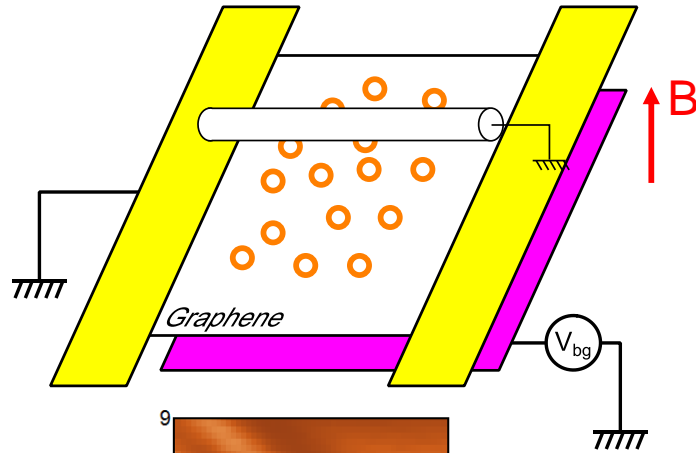
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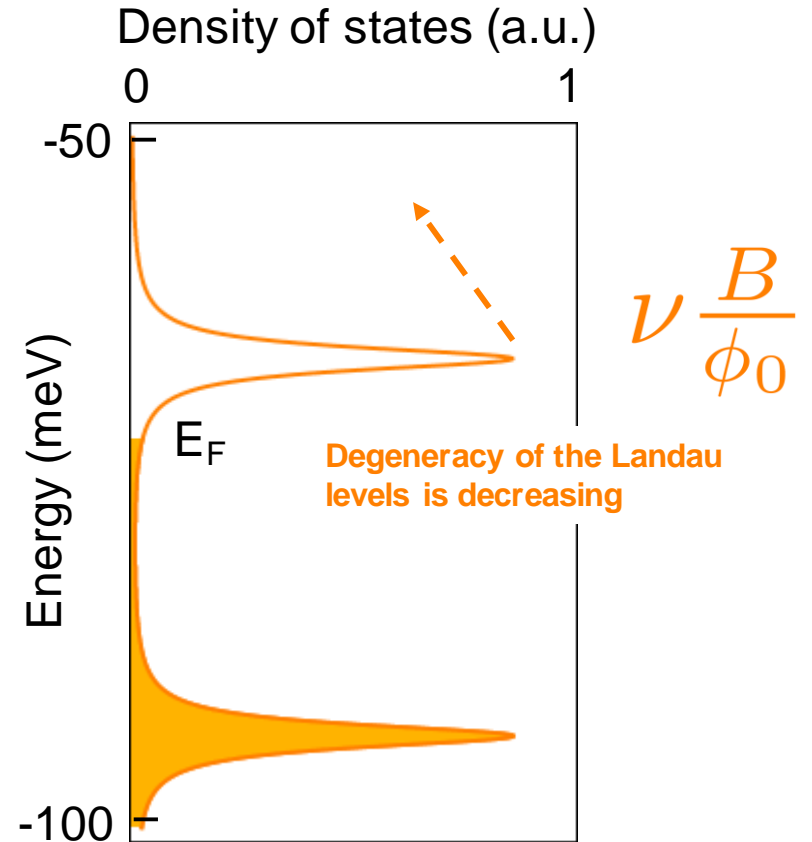
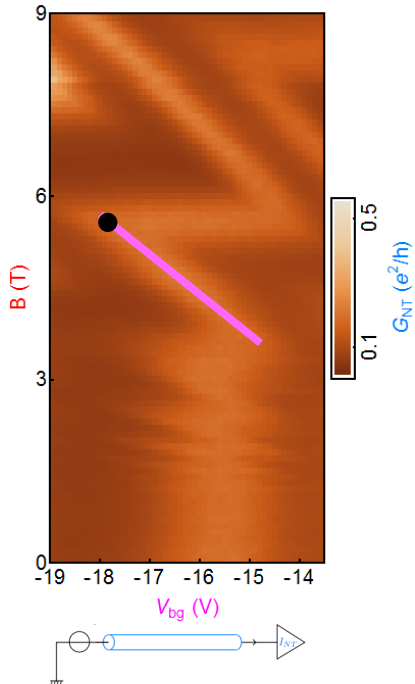
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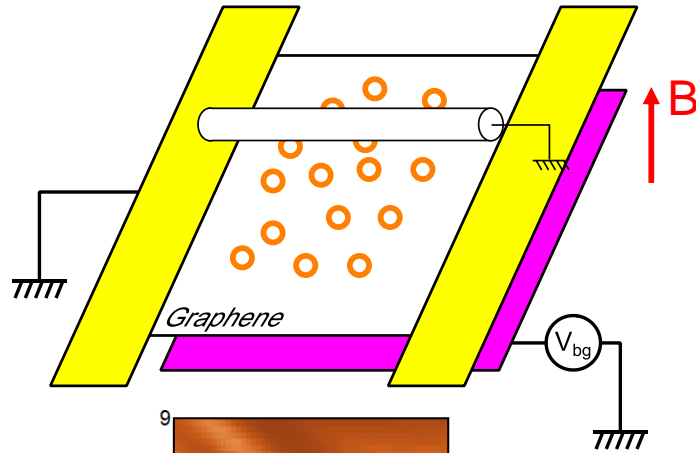
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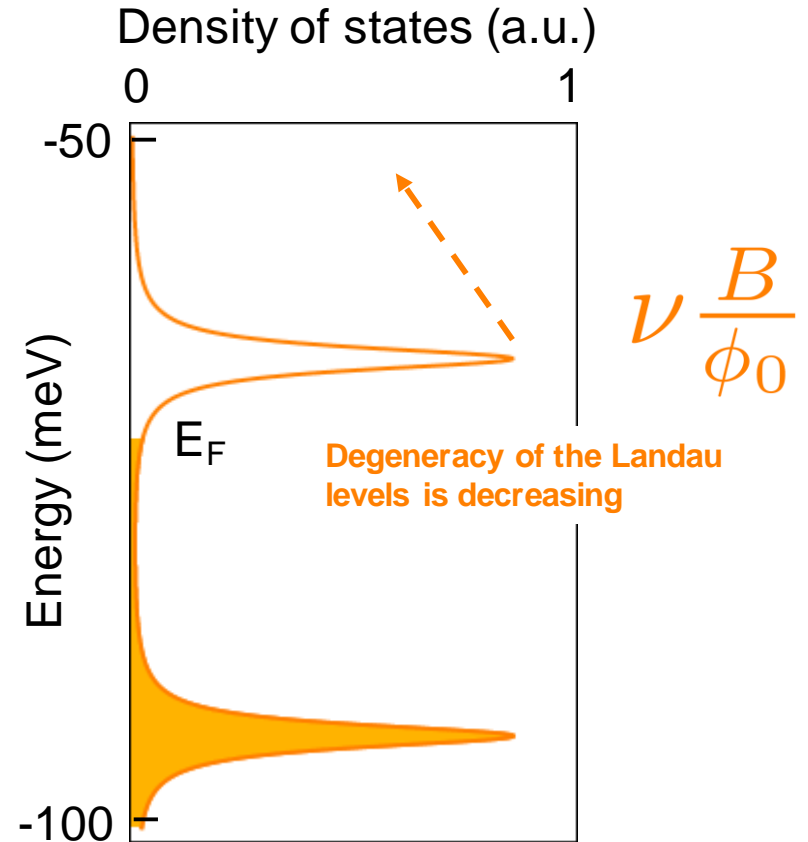
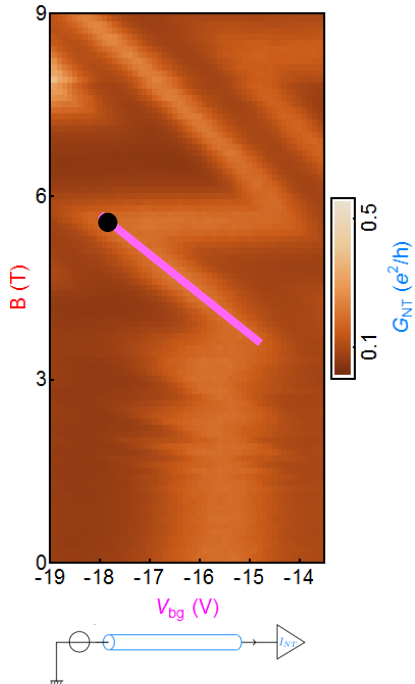
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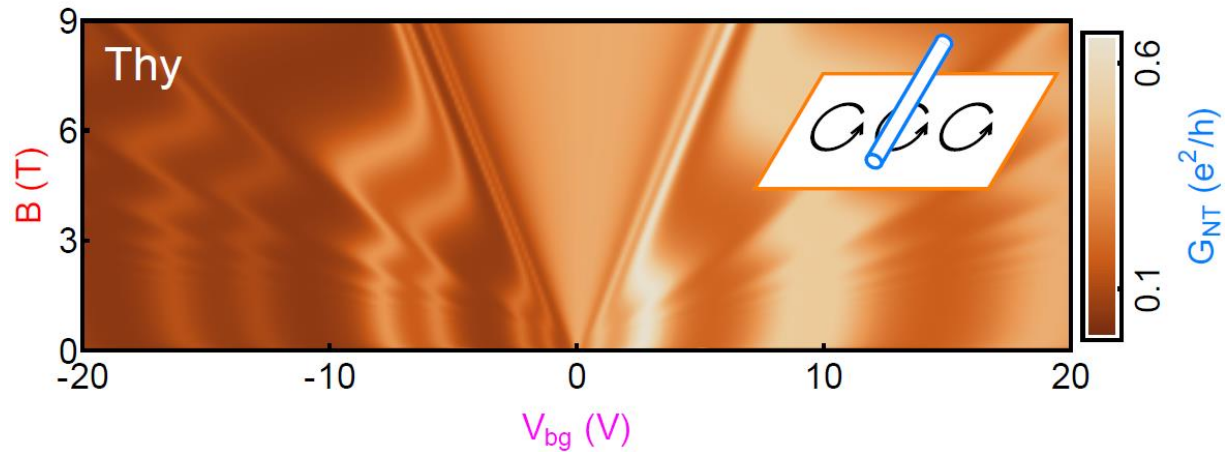
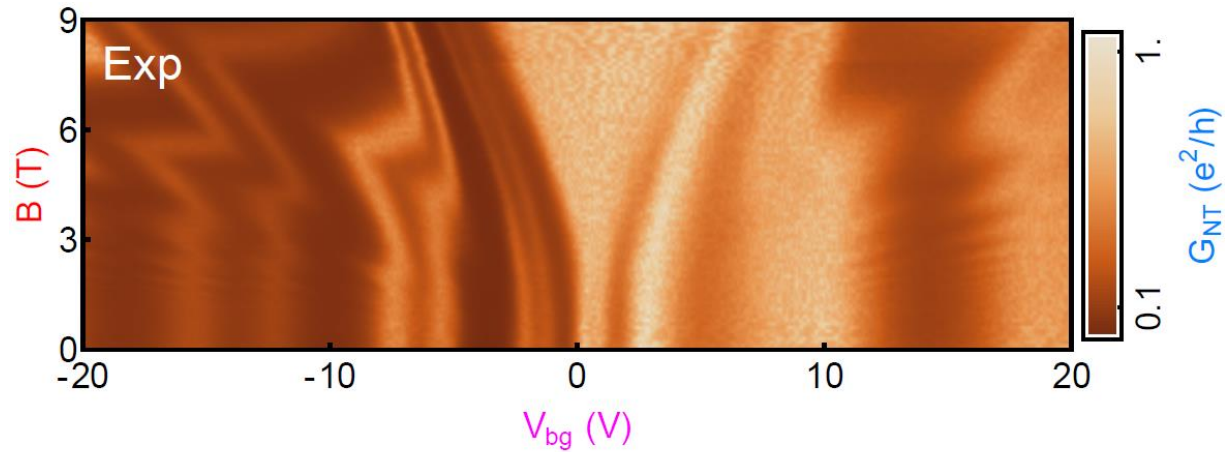
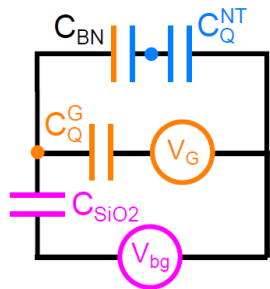
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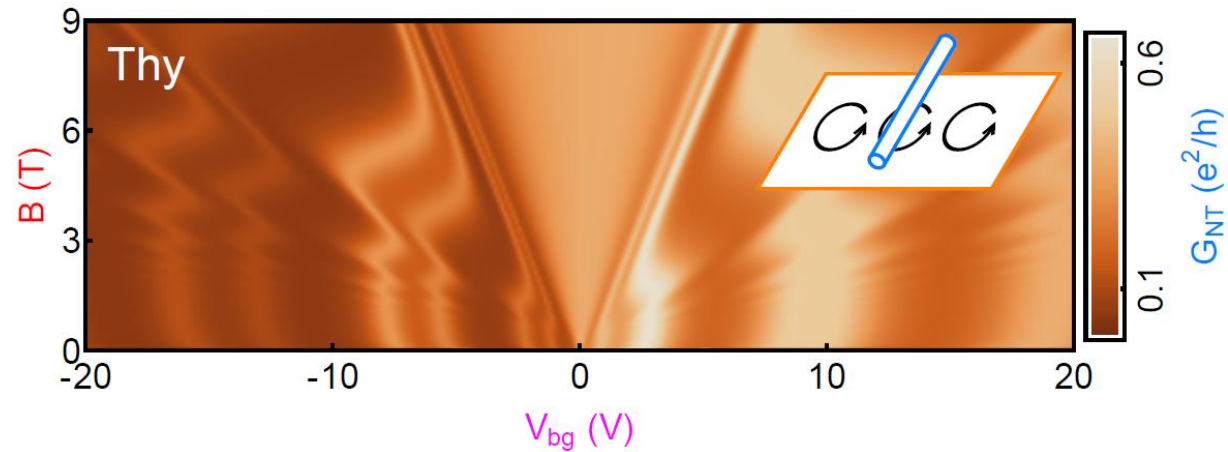
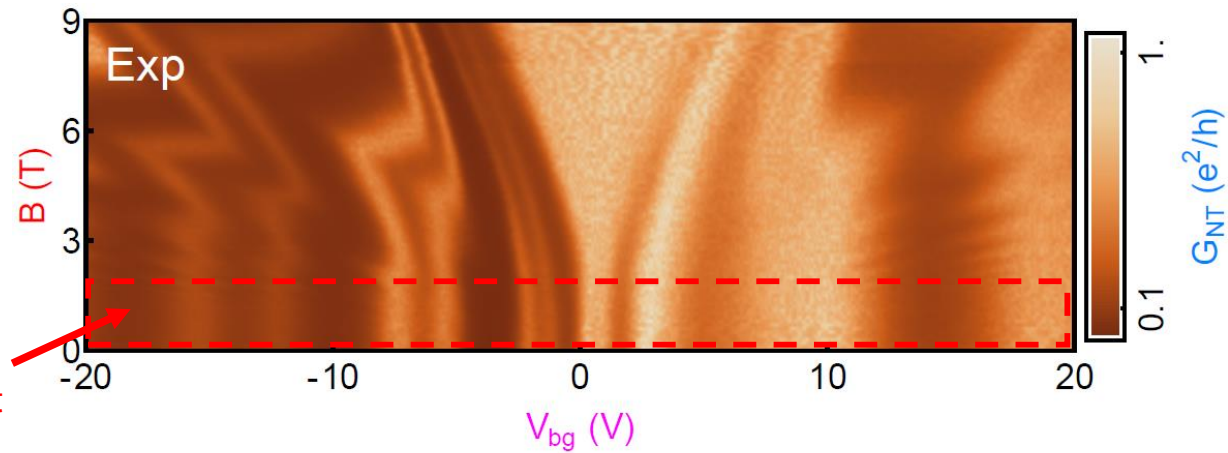


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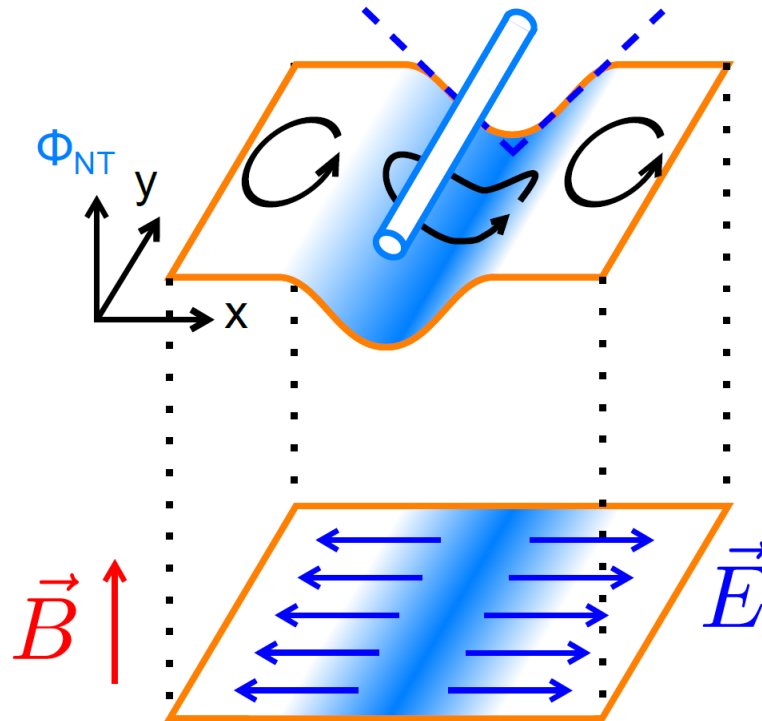




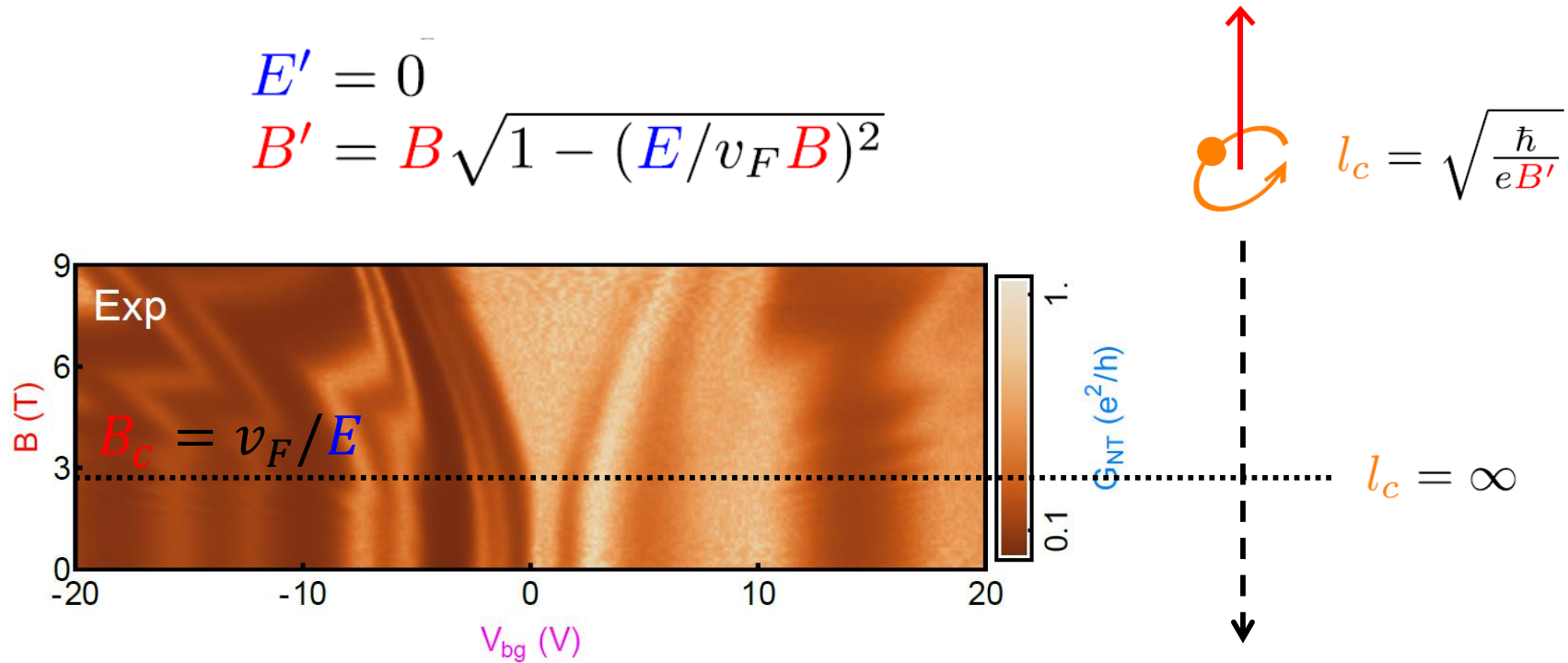
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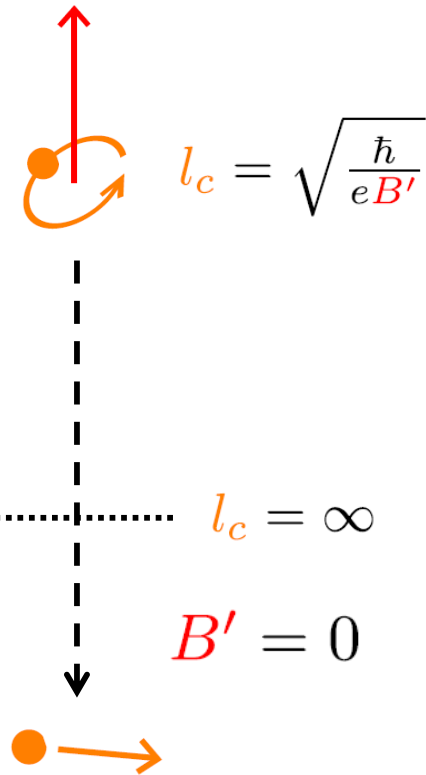
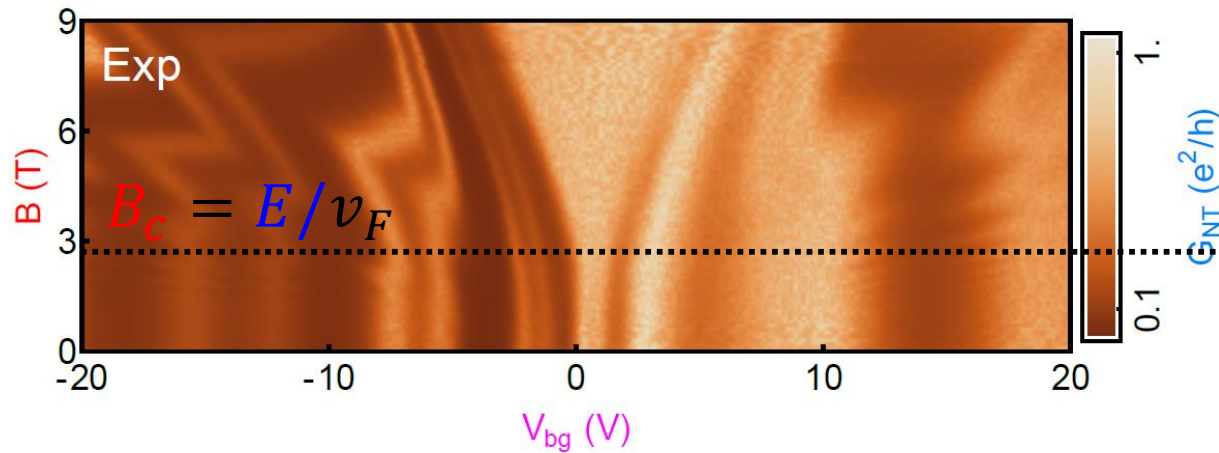
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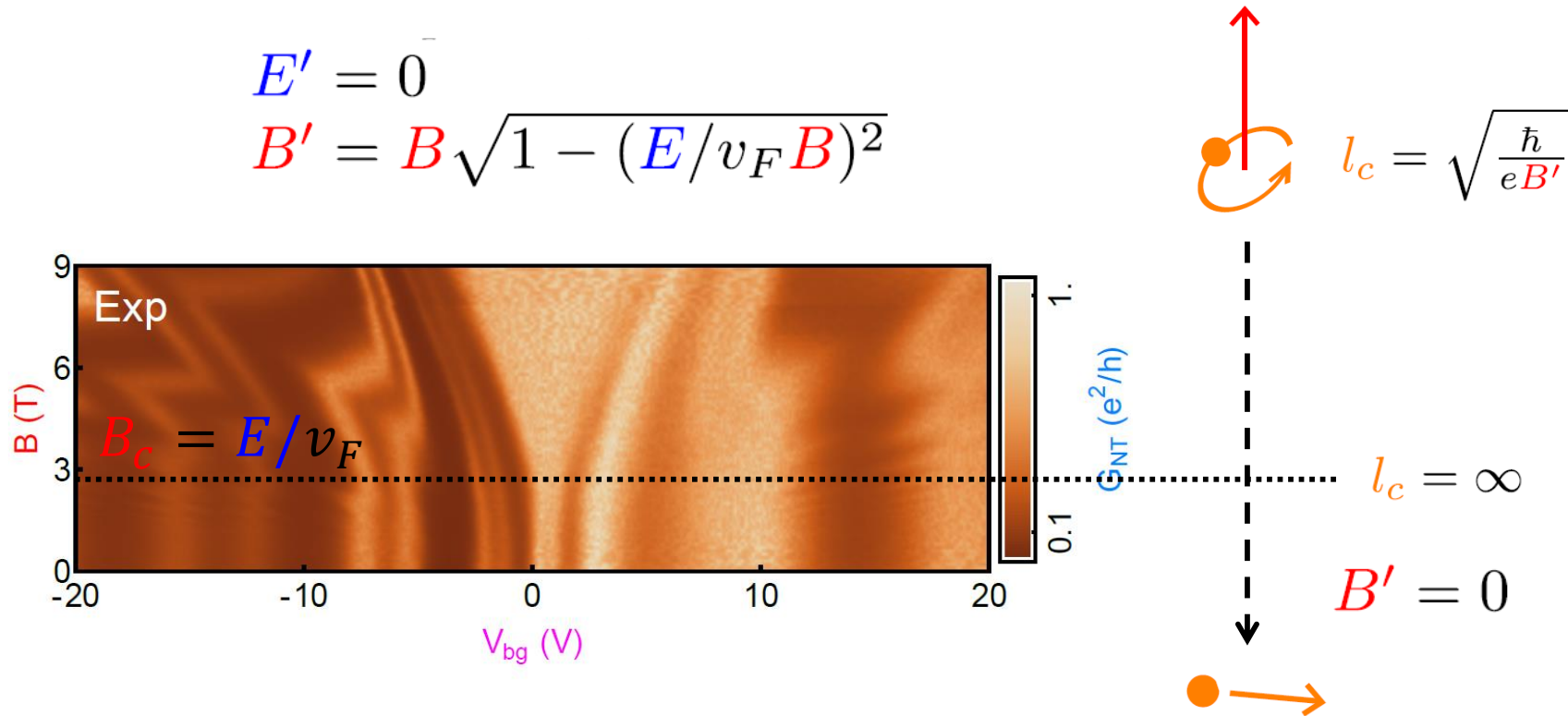
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# Collapse of Landau Levels

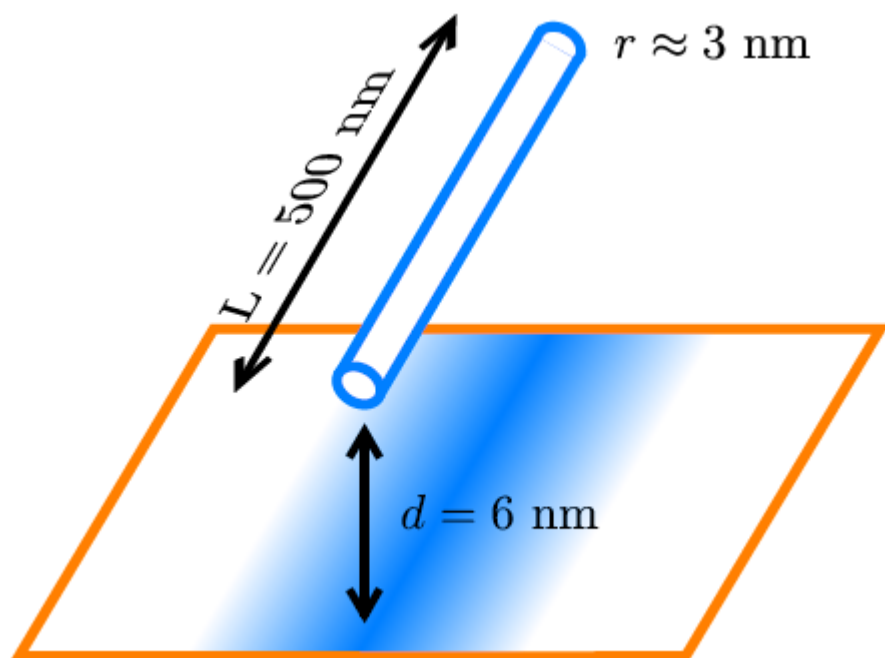
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This insensitivity of magnetic field for  $B < B_c$  is a signature of the Lorentz invariant Physics of quasi-relativistic electrons.

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$$C = \log(2d/r) / \pi\epsilon L$$

Critical magnetic field

$$B_c = \underbrace{n_{NT}/dC}_{\text{Electric field}} v_F$$

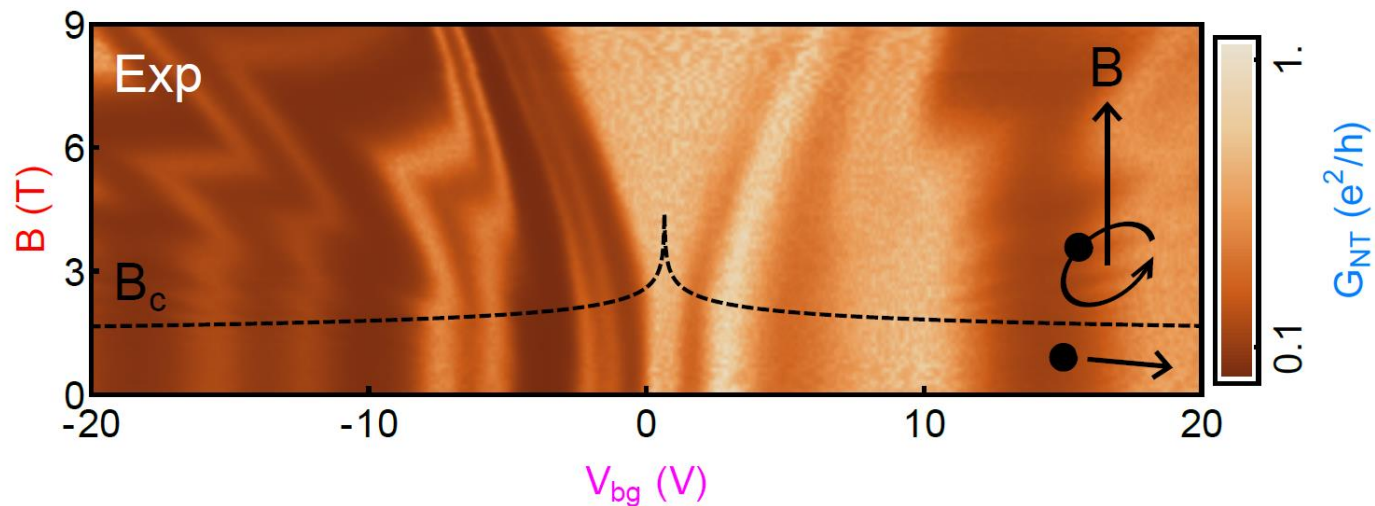
Dielectric response of graphene

$$d_{eff} = d + d_{TF}$$

Thomas Fermi screening length

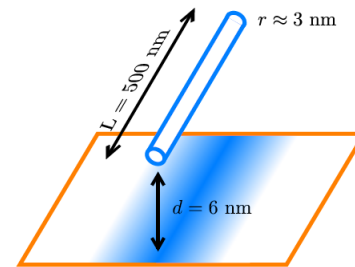
$$d_{TF} = 2/\sqrt{\pi n_G}$$

# Critical magnetic field



$$n_{NT} = 2 \quad \text{Chemical doping}$$

$$|E| = 1.25 \times 10^6 \text{ V.m}^{-1}$$

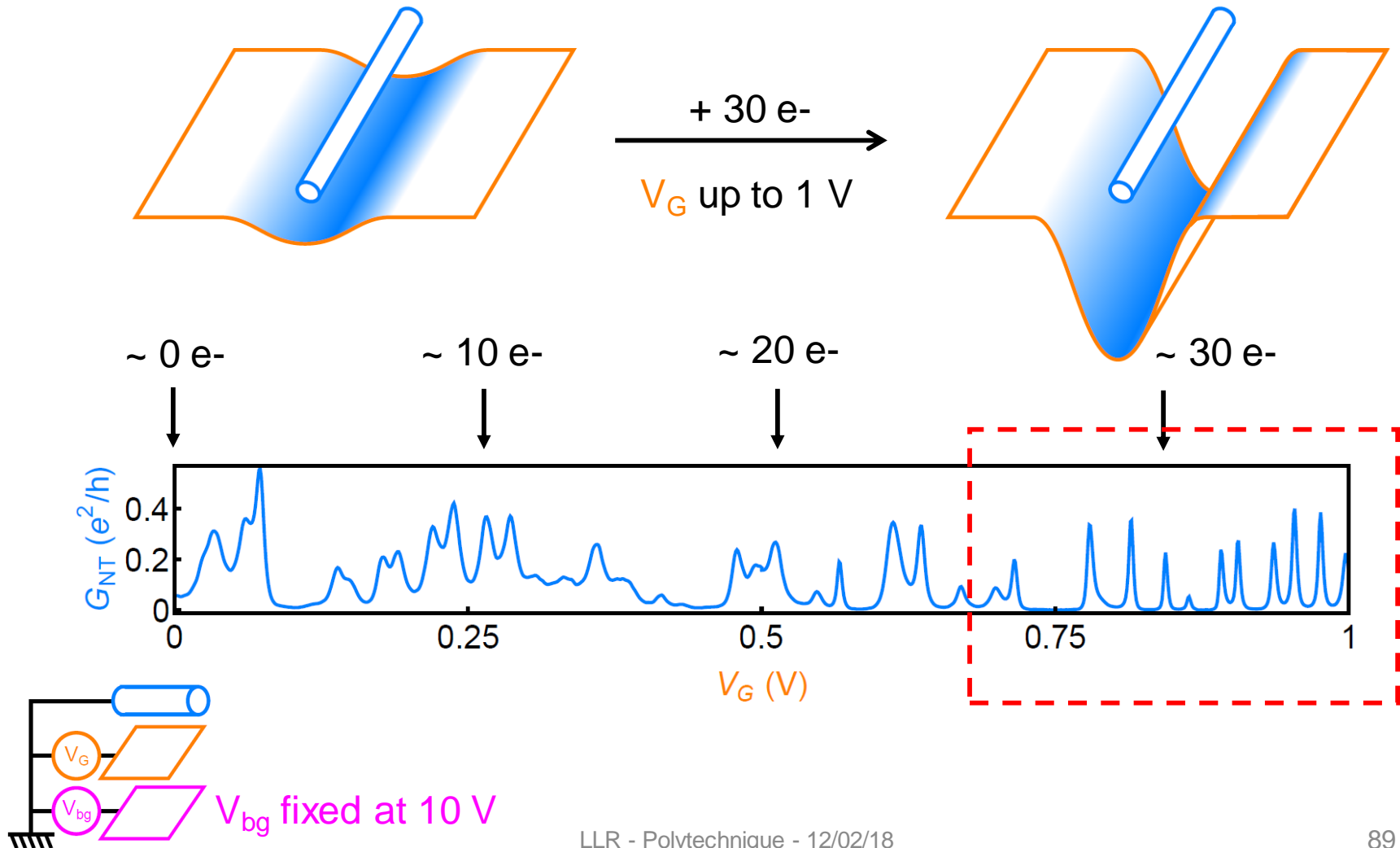


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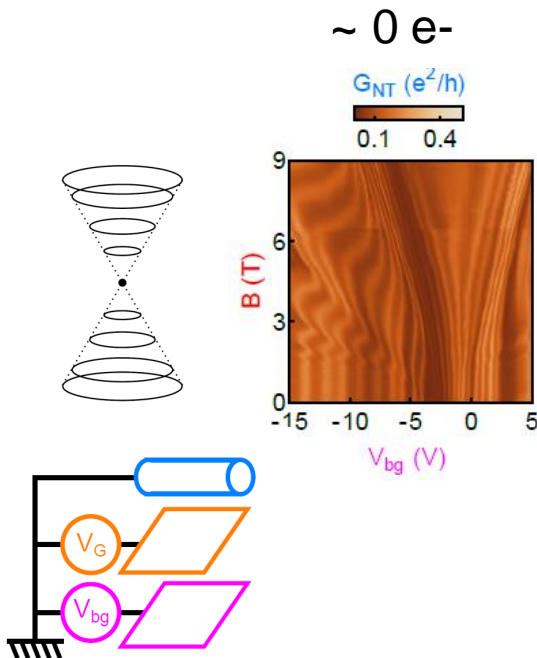
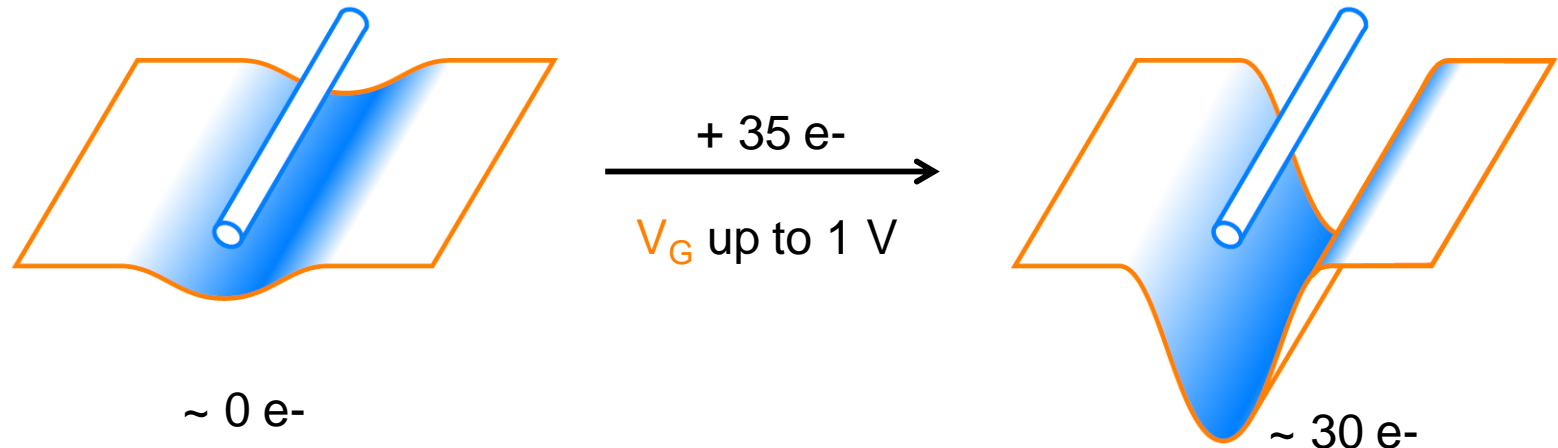
- 1) Why is graphene a solution to simulate relativistic effects?
- 2) Our strategy: a hybrid nanotube-graphene circuit
- 3) Signature of quasi-relativistic effects in graphene
- 4) Driving the circuit towards atomic collapse  
*Heavily charging the artificial nucleus (nanotube)*



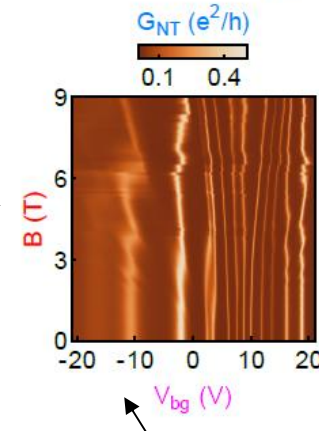
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Landau levels's manifestation much weaker



Irregular spacing of NT e- levels

# Analogy with atomic collapse



Atomic number  $Z$

# Analogy with atomic collapse

## Real atom

The atom is stable only if

$$Z < \frac{1}{\alpha} \approx 137$$



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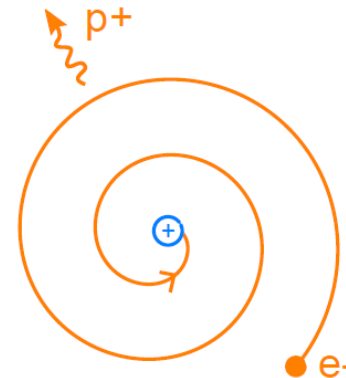
For a heavy nucleus

$$Z > \frac{\hbar c}{e^2} \approx 137$$

$\Rightarrow$  Atomic collapse



Atomic number  $Z$



Signature: emission of an escaping positron

# Analogy with atomic collapse

In graphene

$$Z > \frac{\hbar v_F}{e^2} \approx 0.5$$



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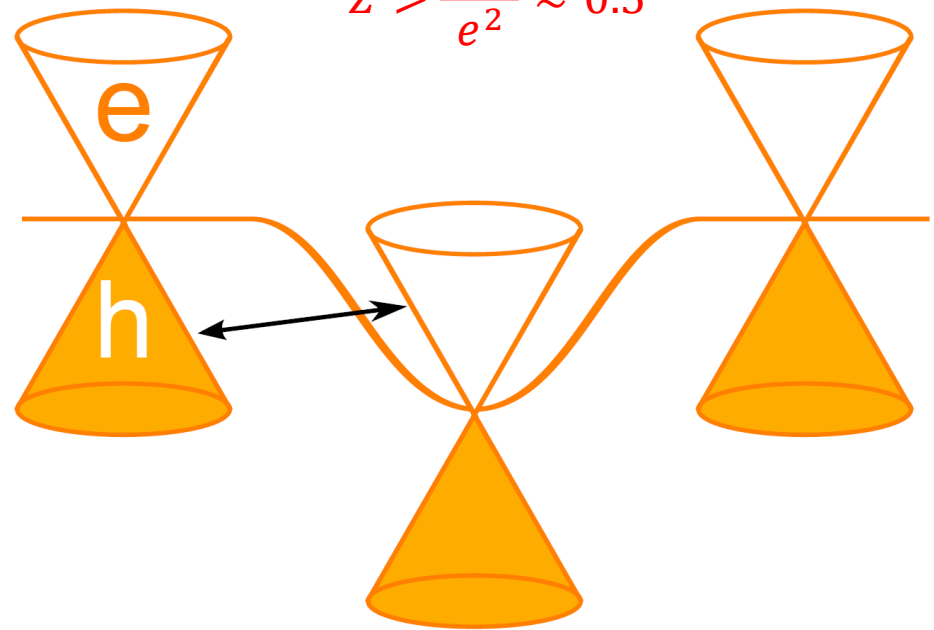
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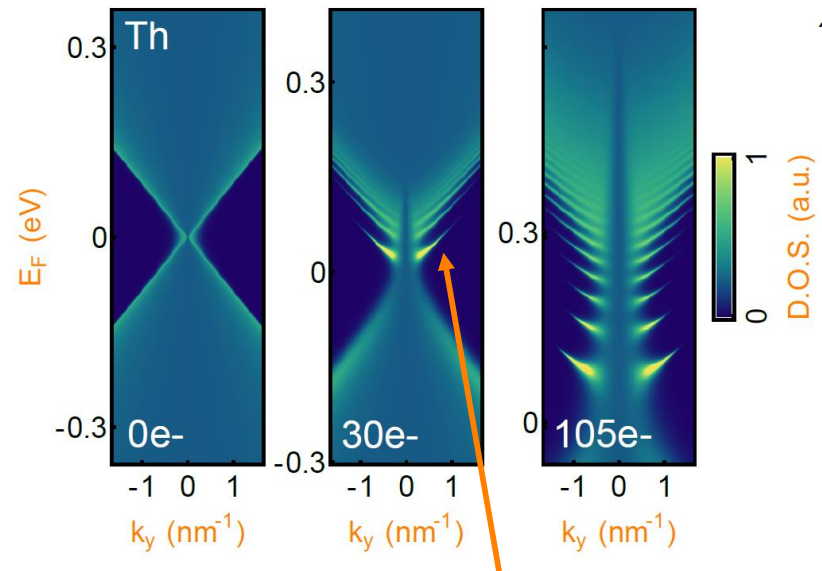
Tunneling between electrons  
and holes bands  
 $\Rightarrow$  e-h quasi-bound states

# Analogy with atomic collapse



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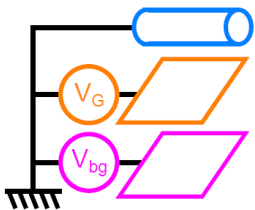
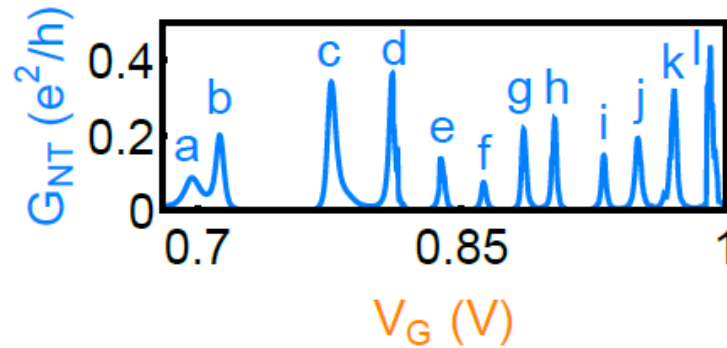
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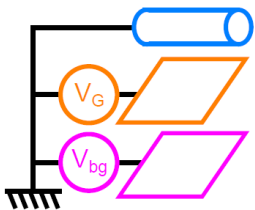
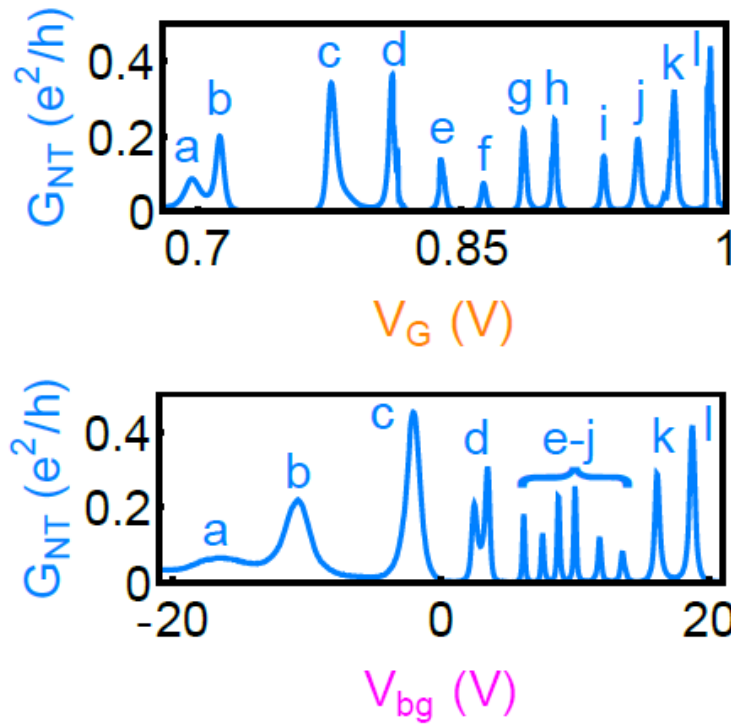
Atomic collapse quasi-bound states  
e-h plasmonic mode



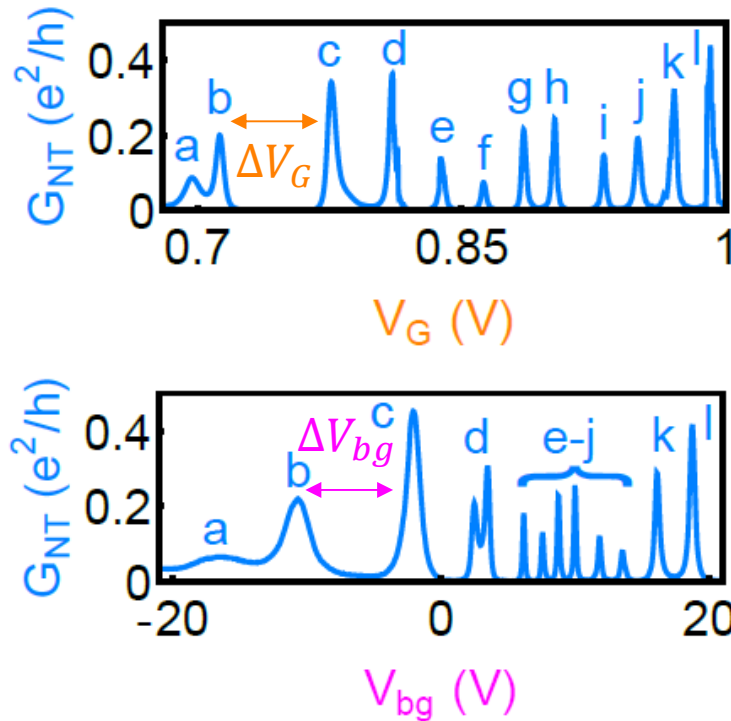
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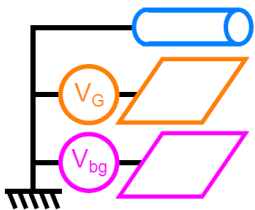
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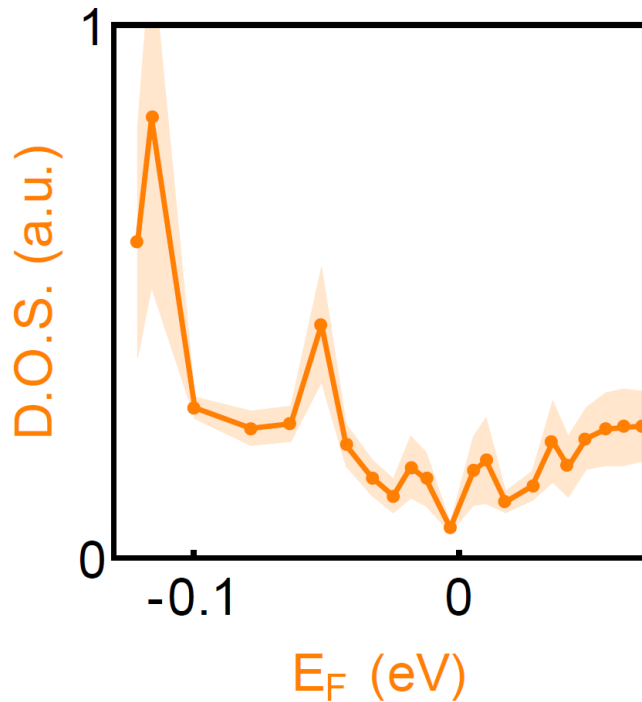
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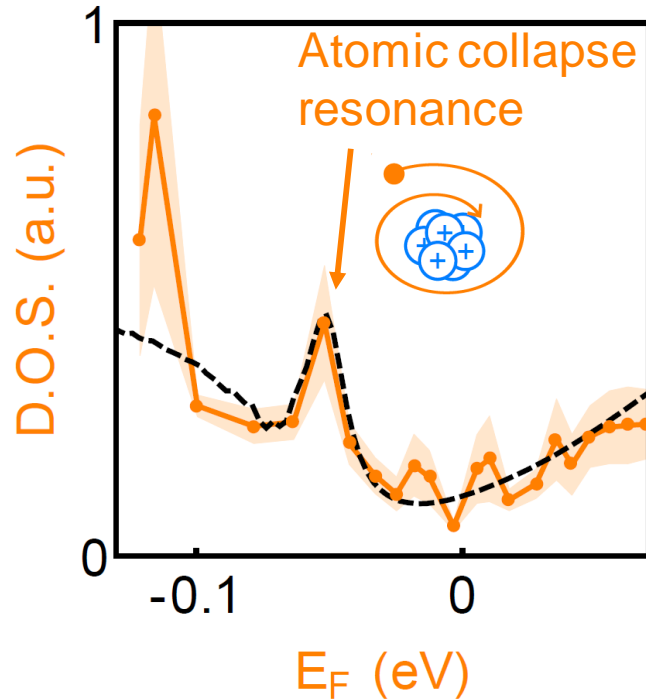


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No fit parameter

$$n_{NT} \approx 30, L \approx 500 \text{ nm}, d \approx 6 \text{ nm}, \epsilon \approx 4, v_F \approx 1.15 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

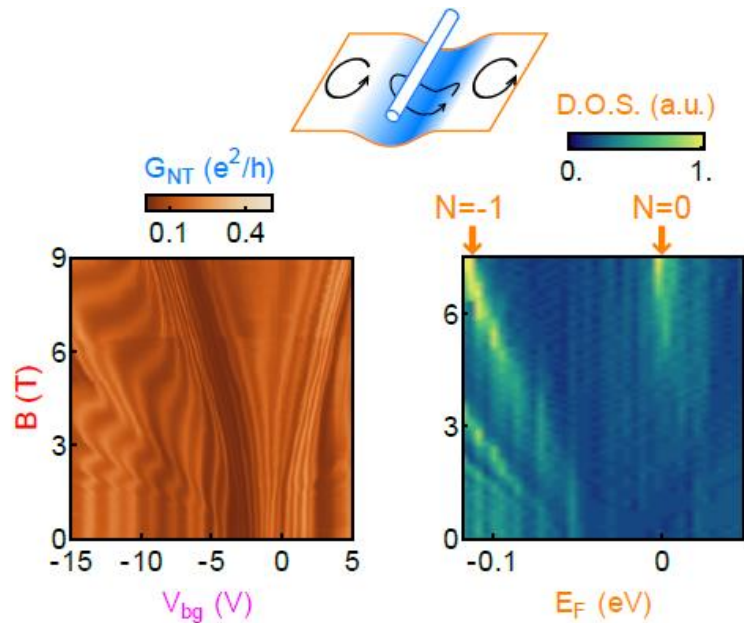


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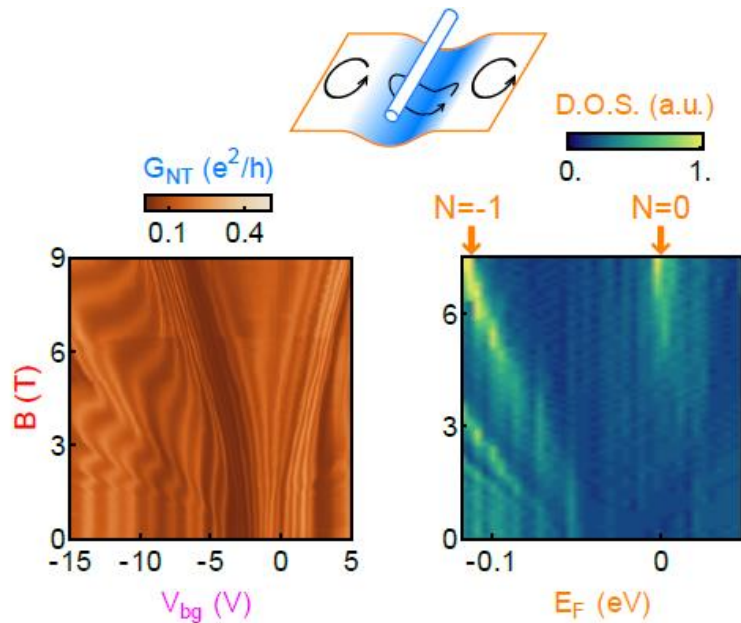
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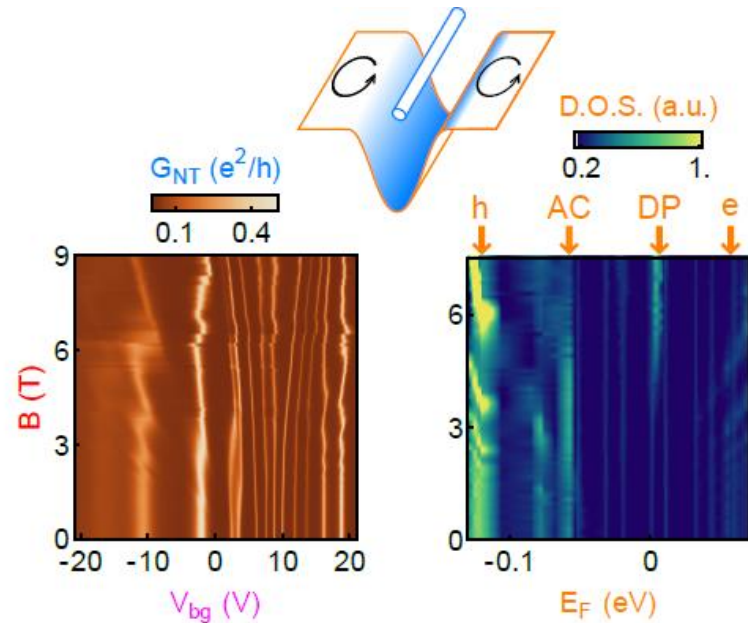


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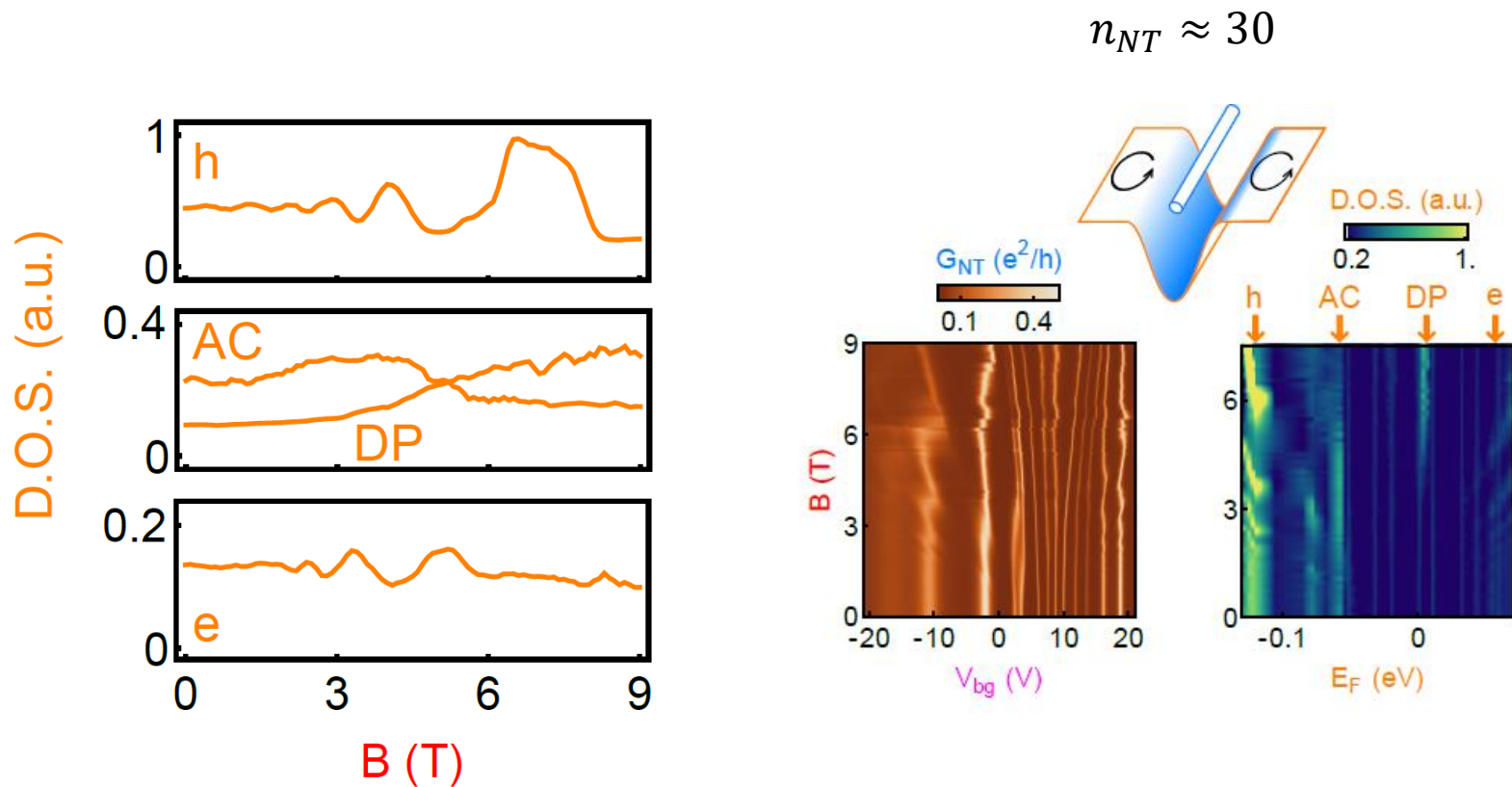
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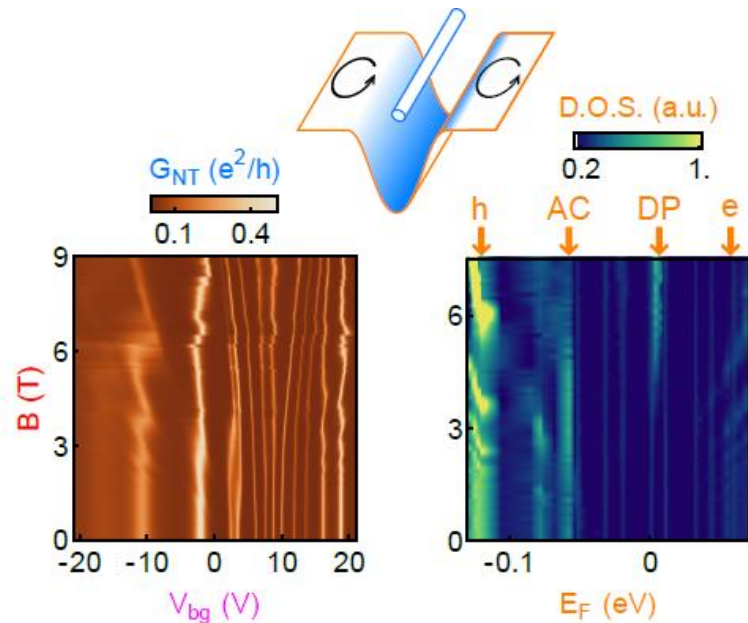
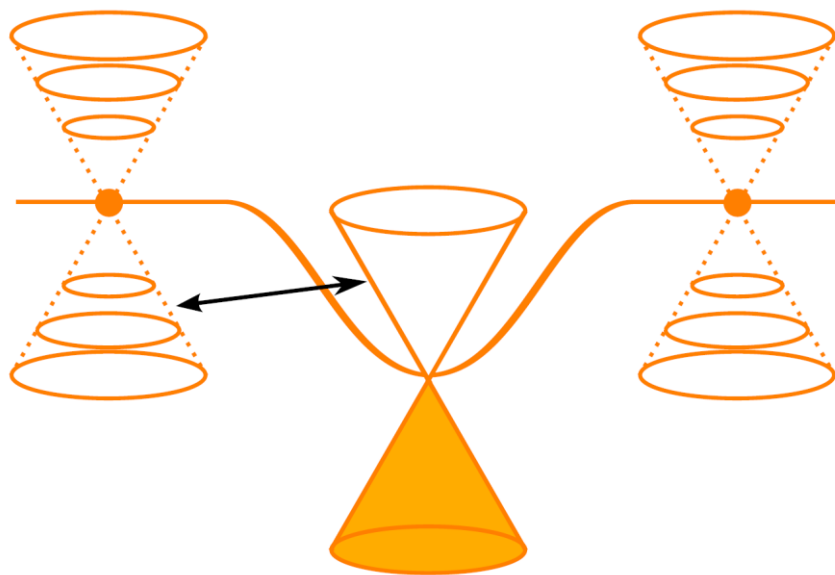




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Hybridization of hole Landau levels  
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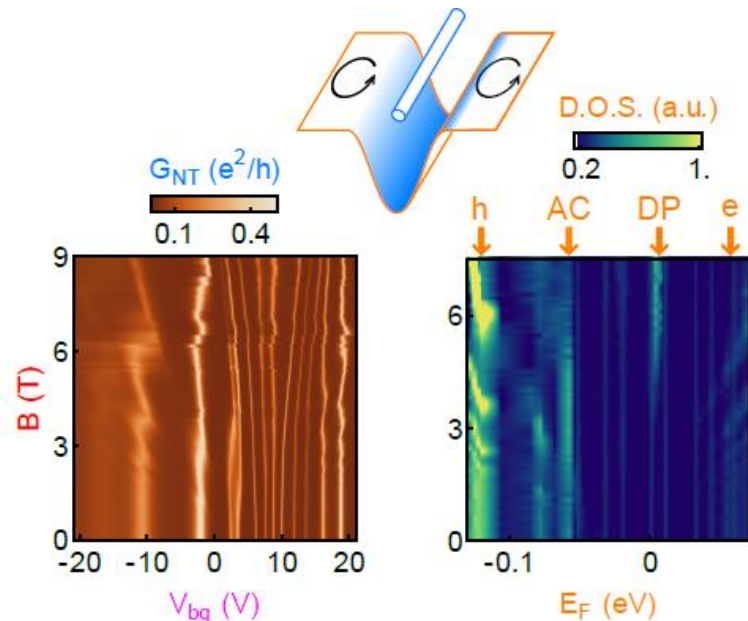
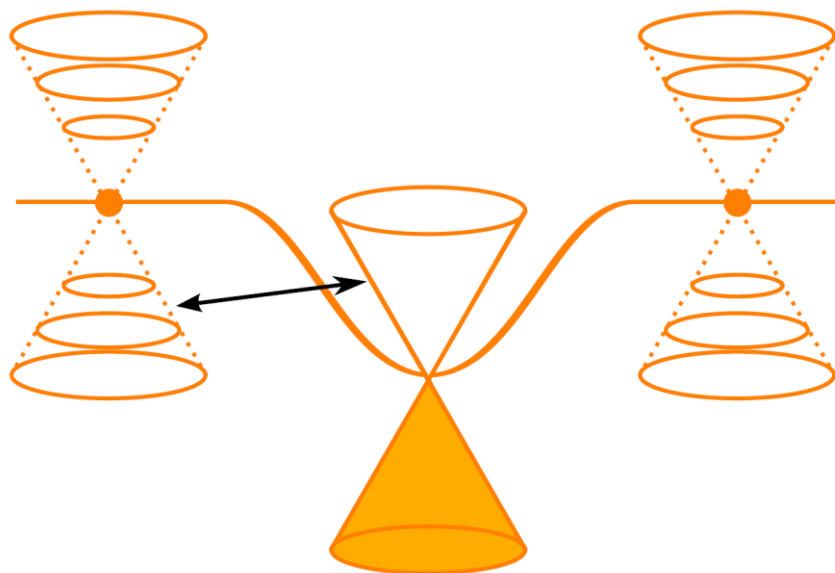
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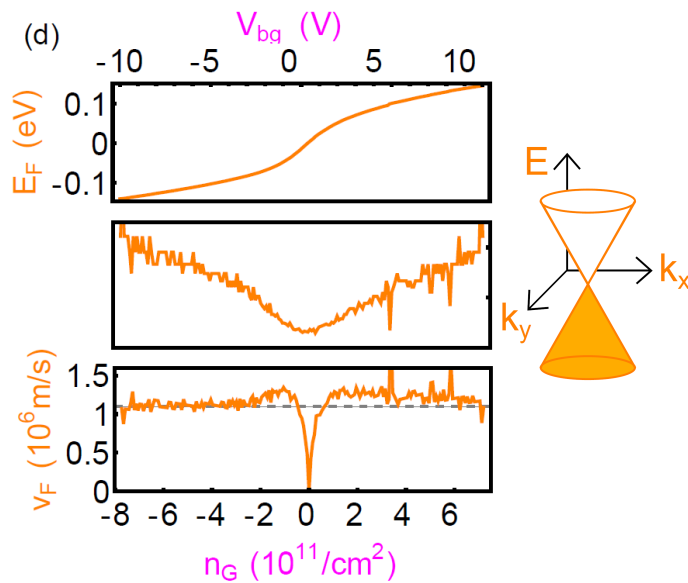


We can turn ON and OFF atomic collapse with magnetic field

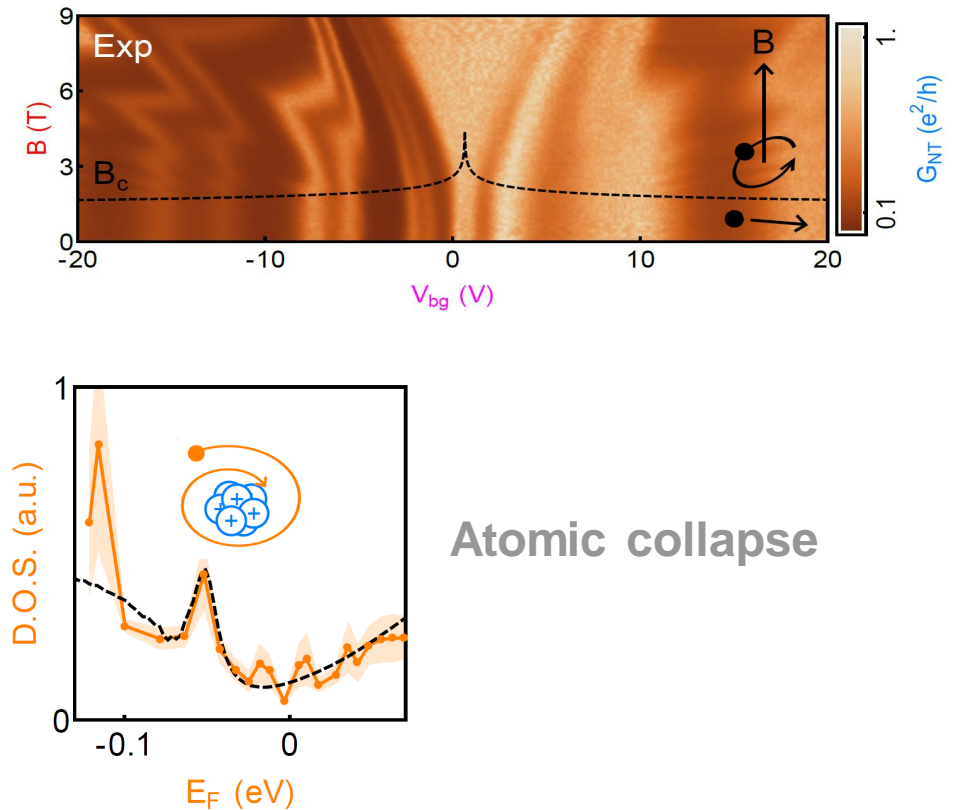
# Conclusions

## Analogue relativity in nanotube-graphene devices

### Constant velocity



### Lorentz invariance



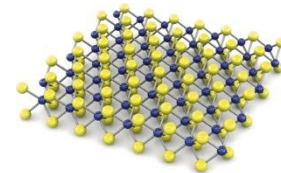
### Atomic collapse

# Perspectives

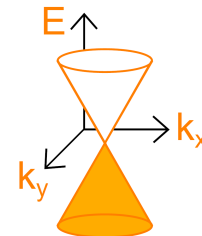
**Continuous monitoring of atomic collapse as a function of electric field intensity, plasmonic effect** Akkaravarawong et al. arXiv 2015



**Use NT single electron transistor on other two-dimensional materials ( $\text{MoS}_2$ ,  $\text{WSe}_2$ ...)**  
Novoselov et al., Science 2016



**Probe relativistic-like effects in other “Dirac” materials (Weyl semi-metal, etc...)**  
Tchoumakov et al. PRL 2016



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# Relativistic simulation in nanotube-graphene devices

Lorentz invariance and atomic collapse

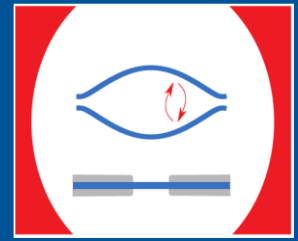
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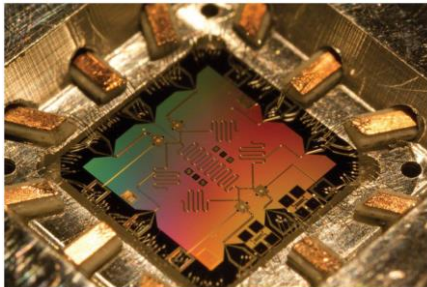
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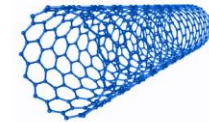
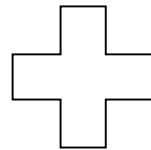


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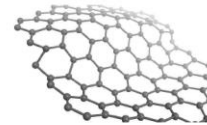
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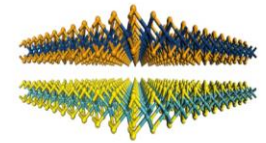
*Carbon nanotube*

Stanford



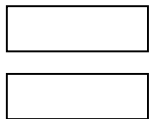
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*2D materials*

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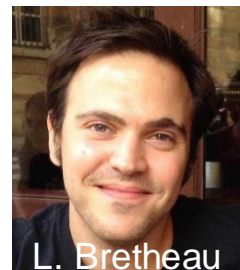


**Probe Quantum properties of matter**

**Develop new quantum technologies**

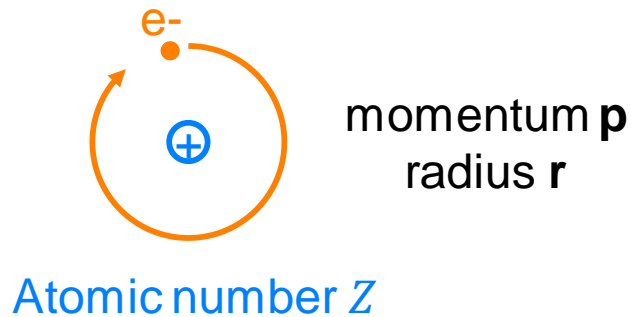
**Simulate complex many-body problem**

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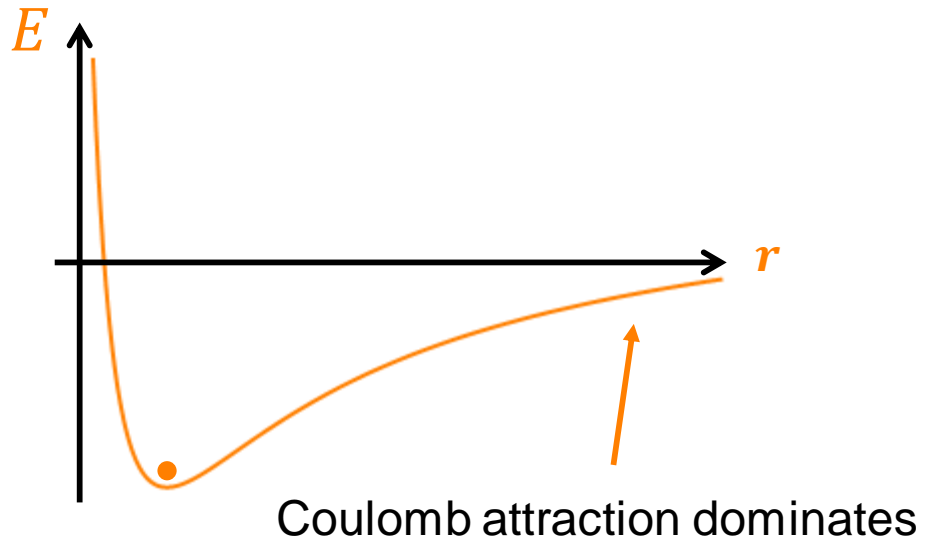


L. Brethau

# Atomic collapse in a nutshell



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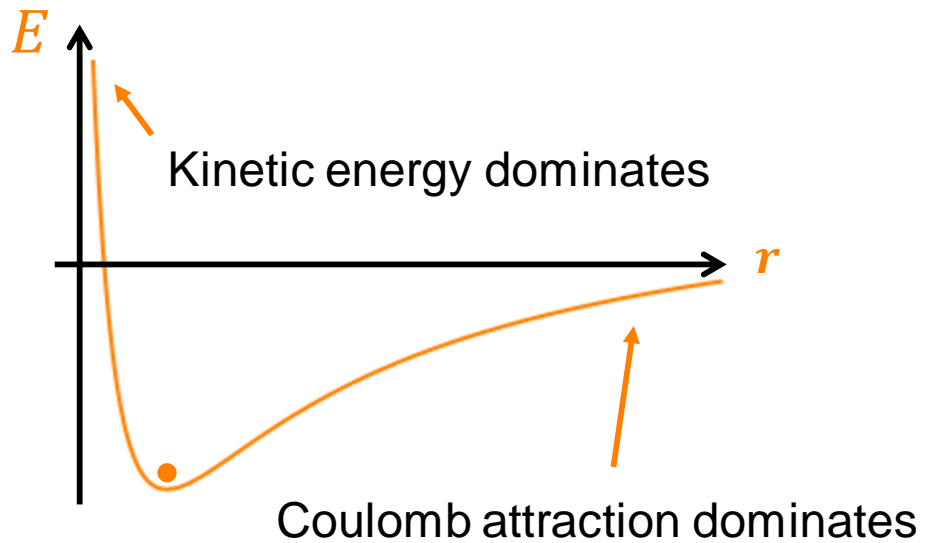


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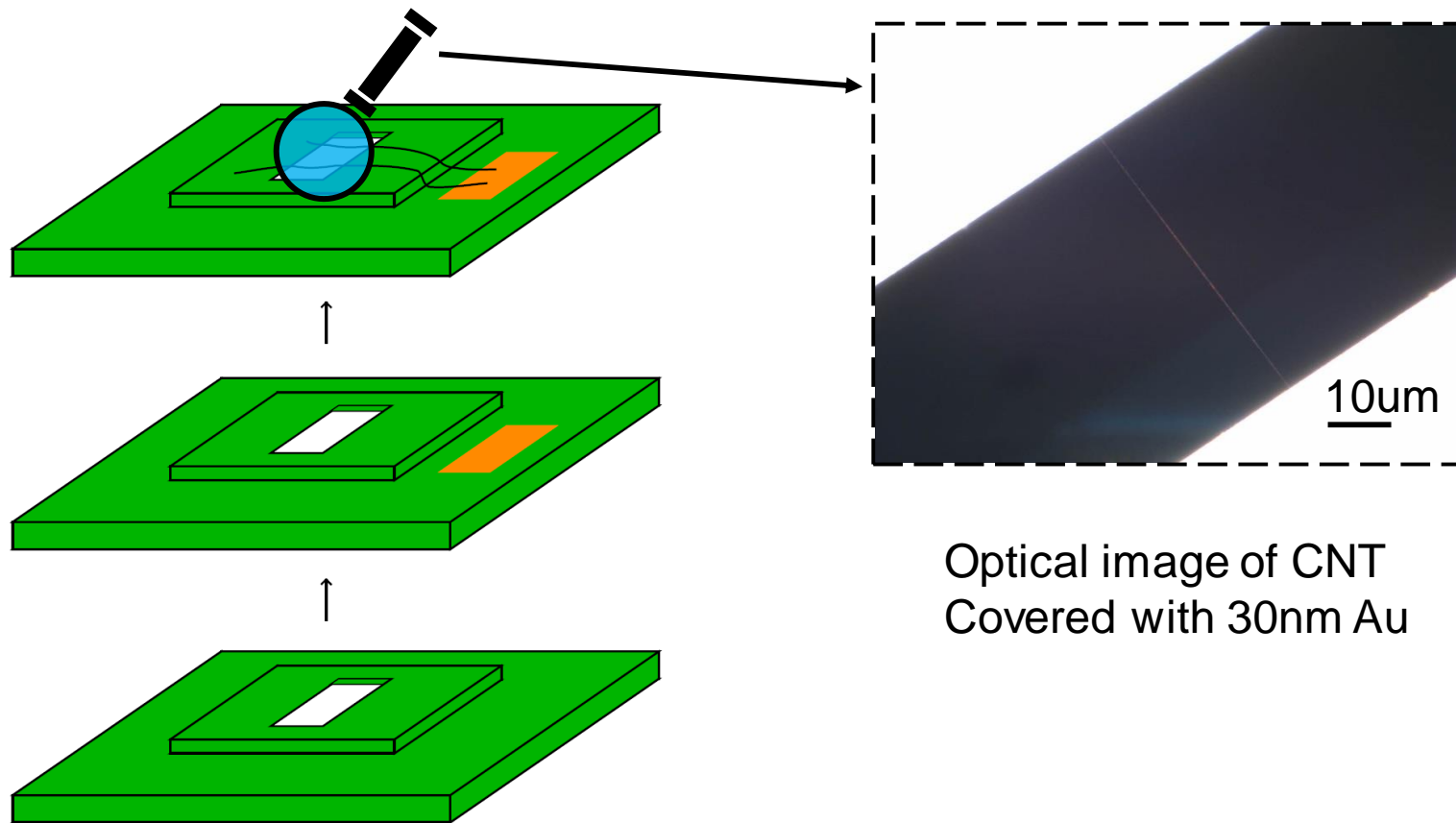


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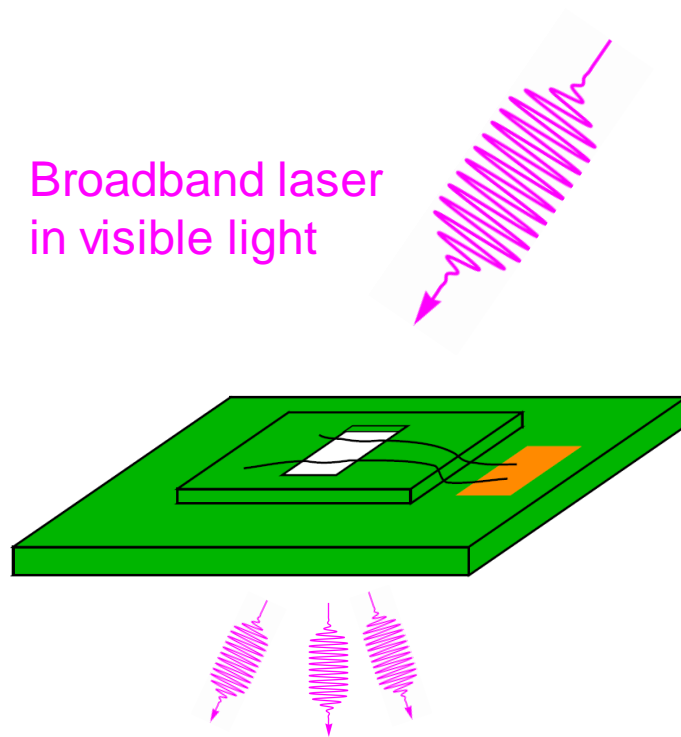
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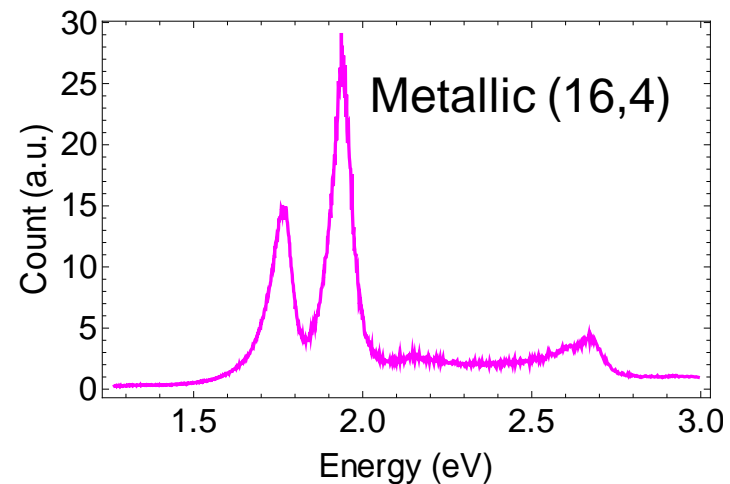
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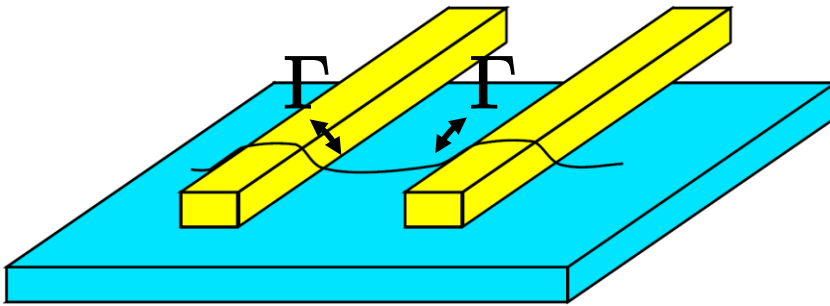
Rayleigh spectrum



Chirality and nature (semiconducting or metallic)

Sfeir et al., Science 2004

# CNT behaves as a Quantum Dot



$$\Delta E \approx U \approx \text{meV} \gg kT$$

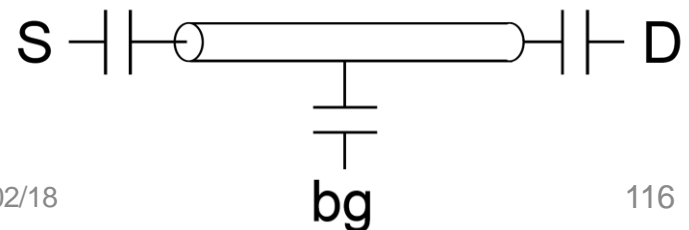
Quantization due to spatial confinement

$$\Delta E = \frac{h v_F}{2L}$$

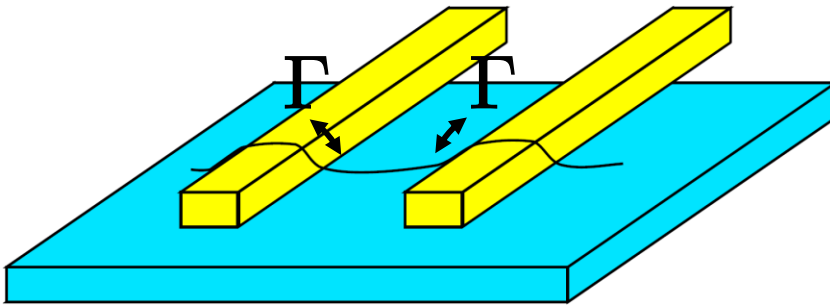


Coulomb repulsion  
=> Charging energy

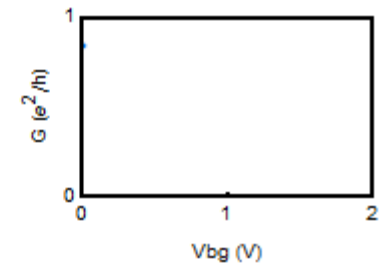
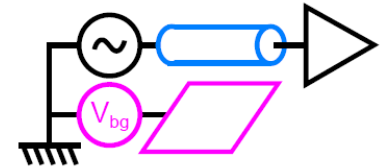
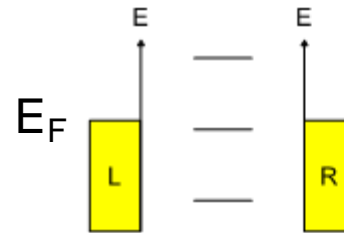
$$U = \frac{e^2}{2C}$$



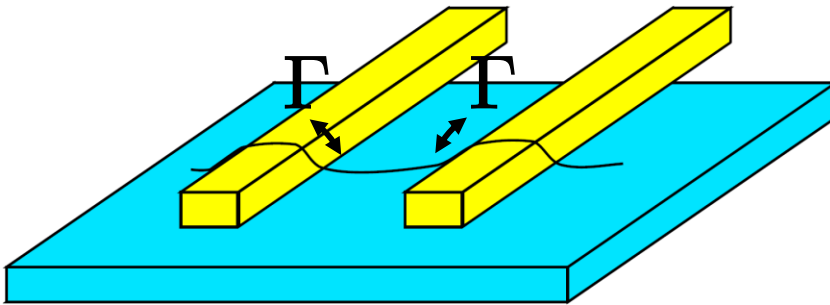
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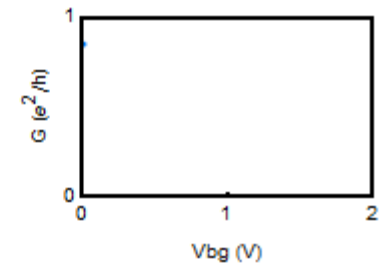
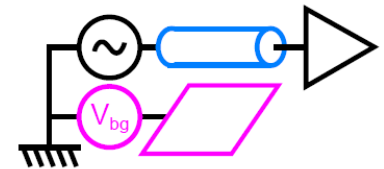
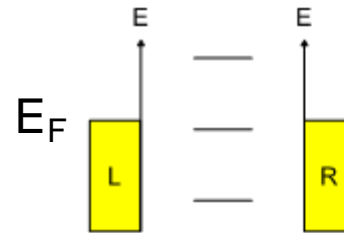
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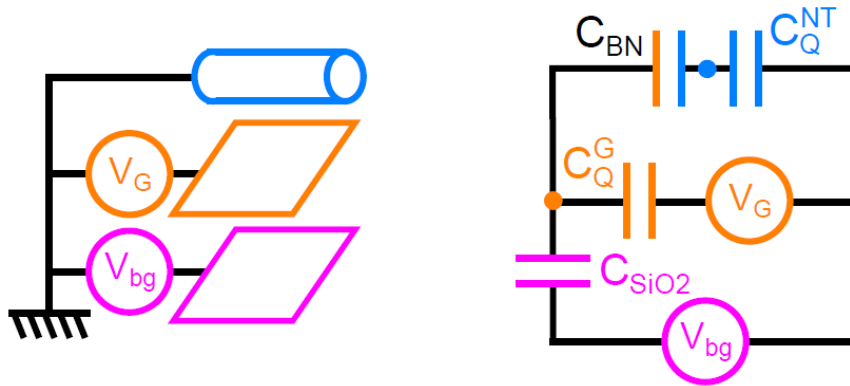


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# A network of capacitances

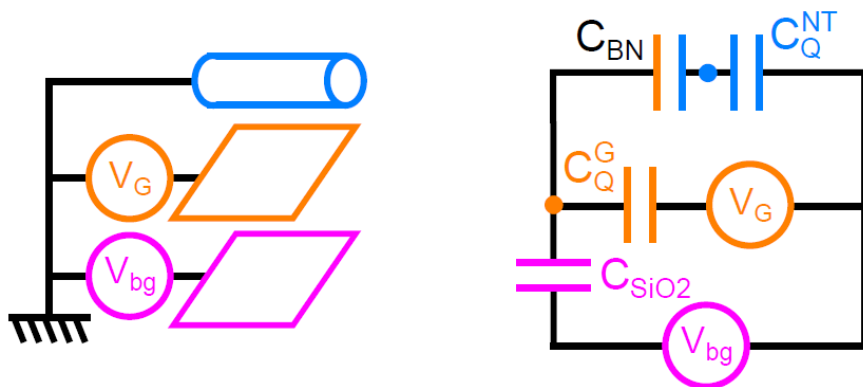
Independent control of charges in **nanotube** and **graphene**



Two voltages:  $V_{bg}$  and  $V_G$

# Principle of nanotube detector

Kim et al., PRL 2012



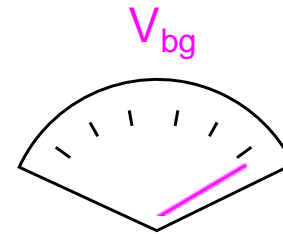
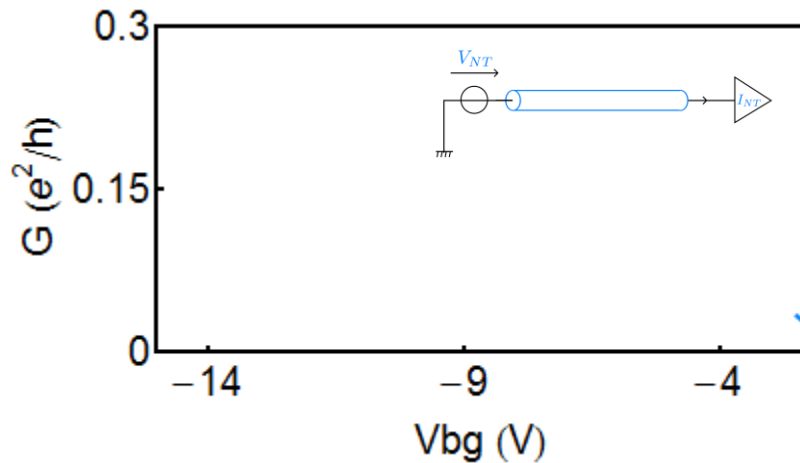
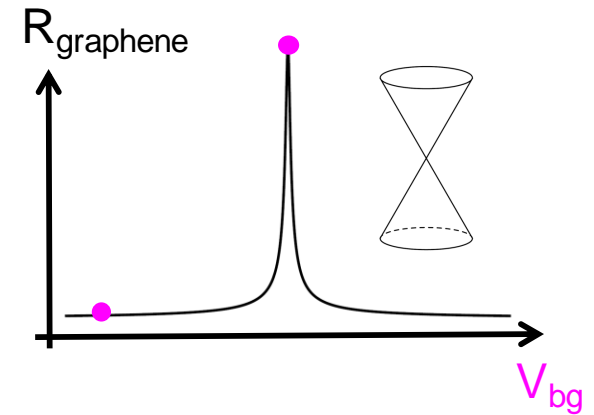
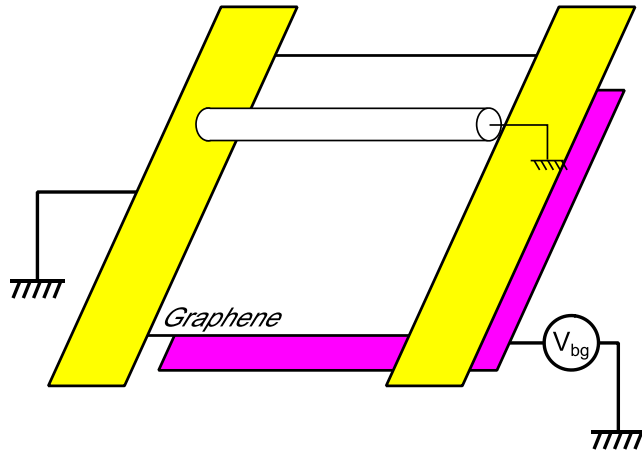
$$H = e^2 \frac{(n_G + n_{NT})^2}{2C_{SiO_2}} + e^2 \frac{n_{NT}^2}{2C_{BN}} \quad \text{Charging energy}$$

$$+ \int_{-\infty}^{E_F^G} D_G(E) E dE + \int_{-\infty}^{E_F^{NT}} D_{NT}(E) E dE \quad \text{Quantum capacitance}$$

$$+ eV_{bg}(n_G + n_{NT}) - eV_G n_G \quad \text{Work of voltage sources}$$

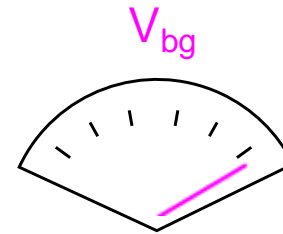
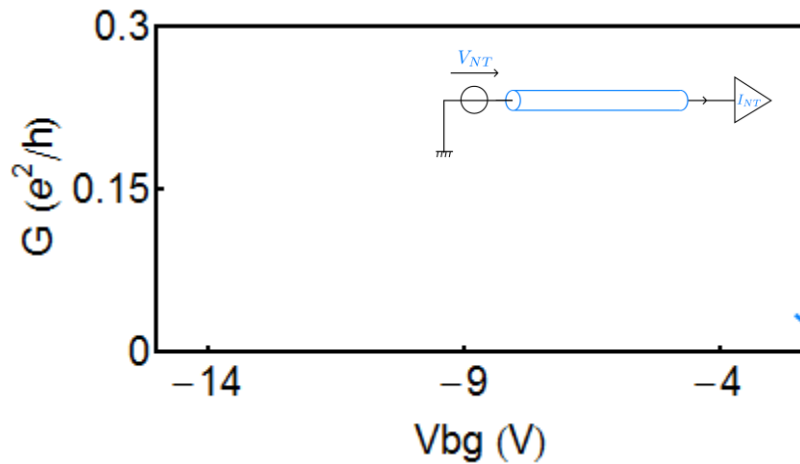
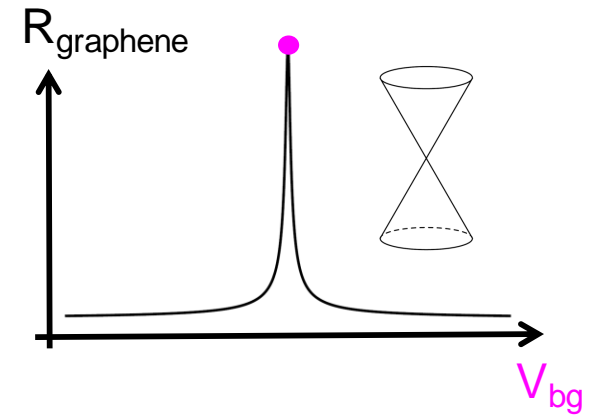
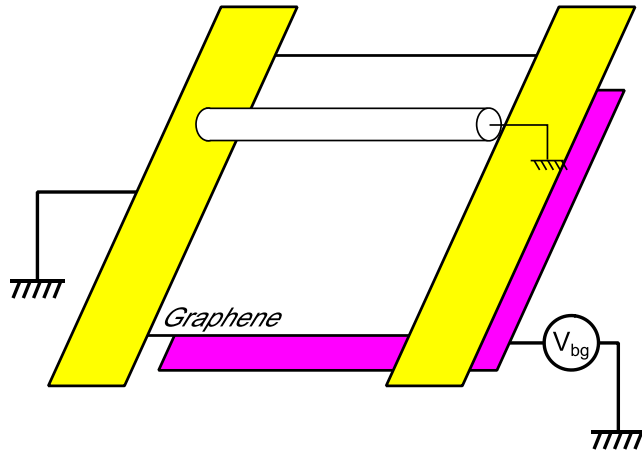


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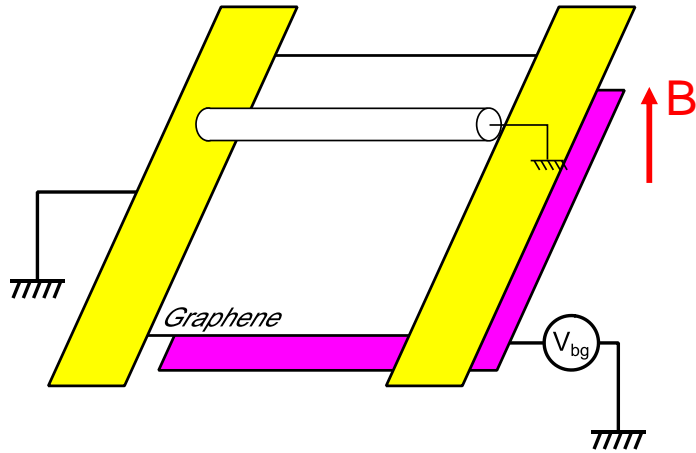


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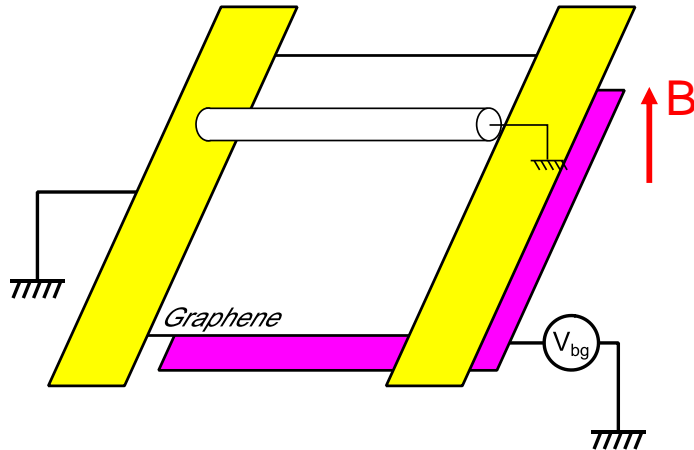
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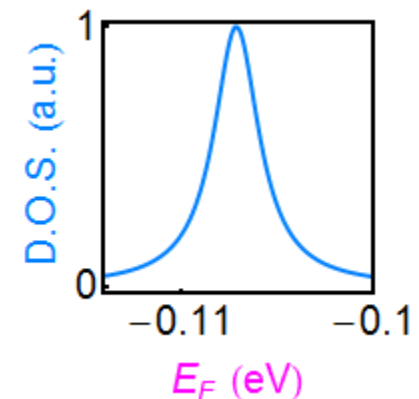
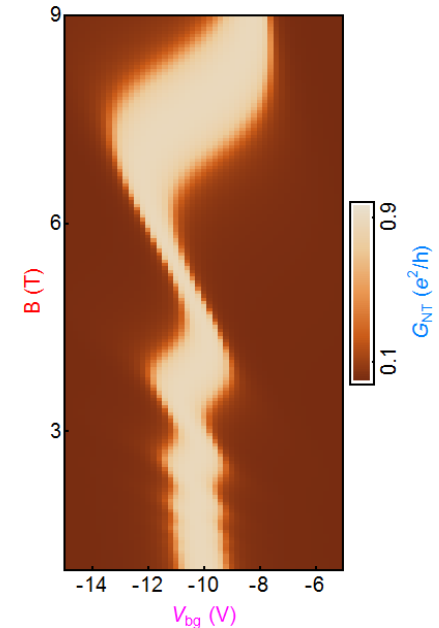
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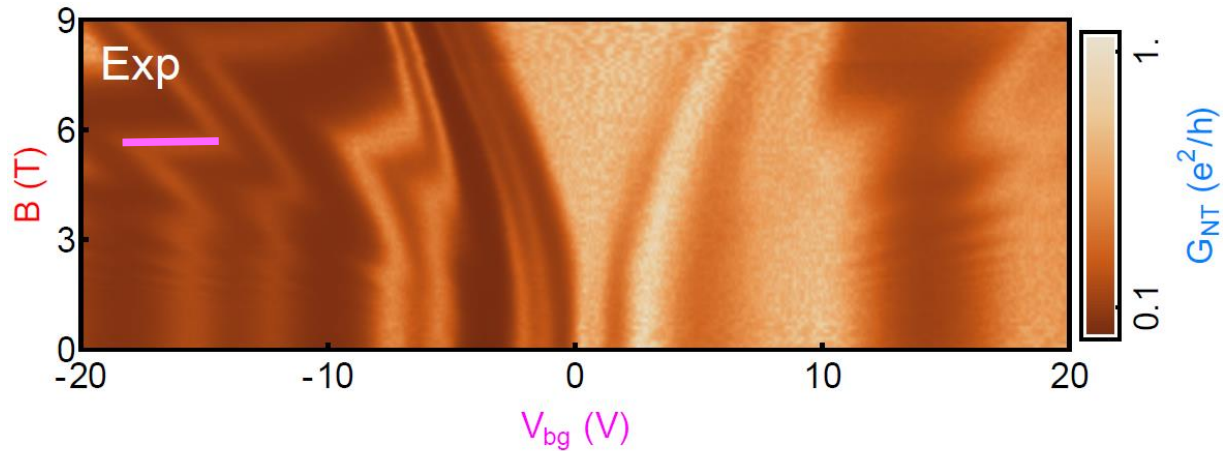
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 & + eV_{bg}(n_G + n_{NT}) - eV_G n_G
 \end{aligned}$$



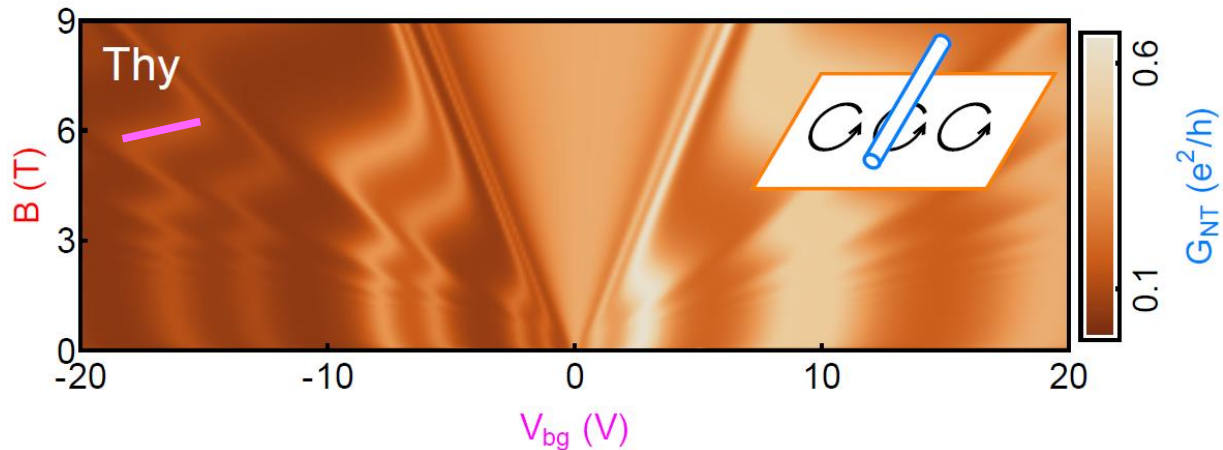
# NT probe is non-invasive

Slope given by  
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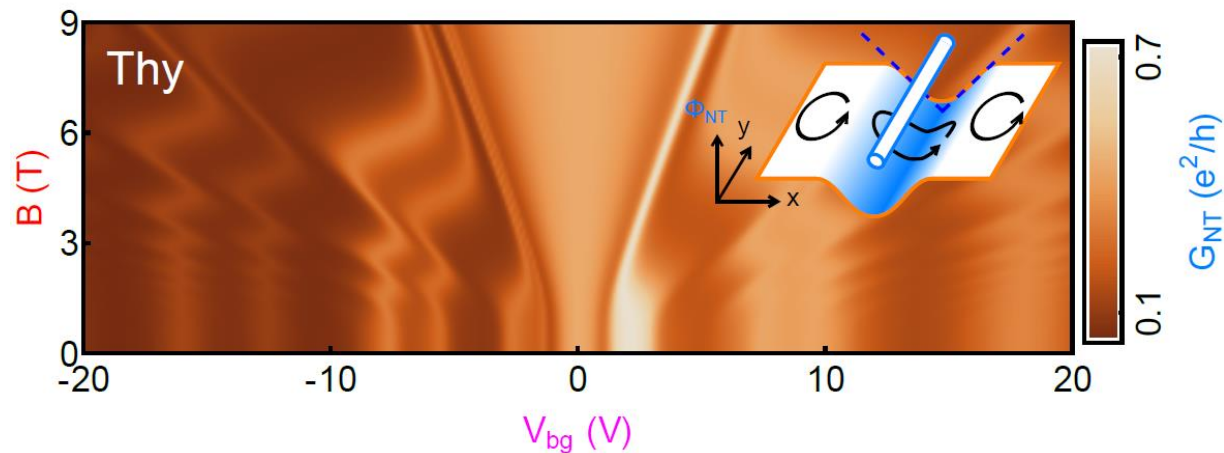
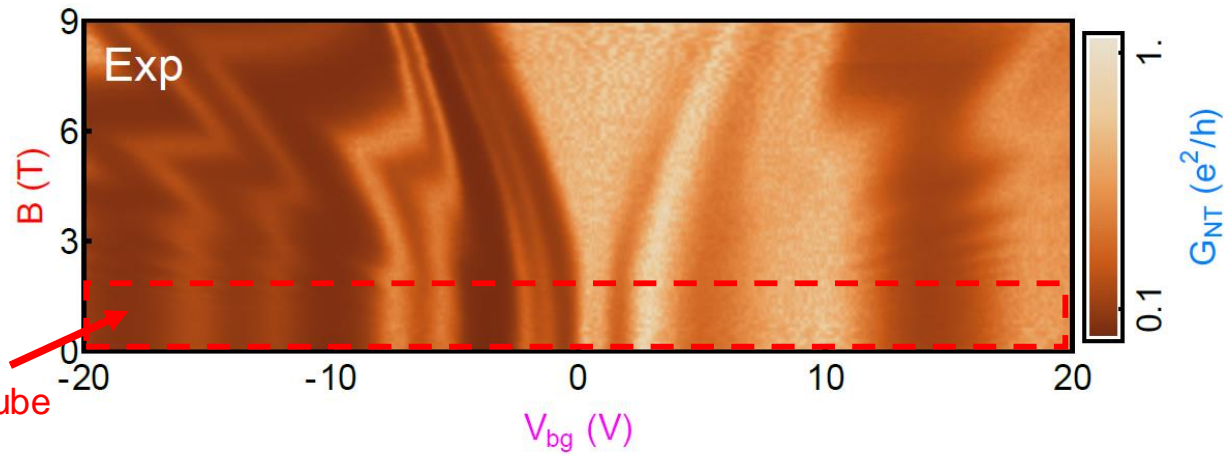
$\gamma \ll 1$  meV  
Nanotube is an  
weakly  
invasive probe



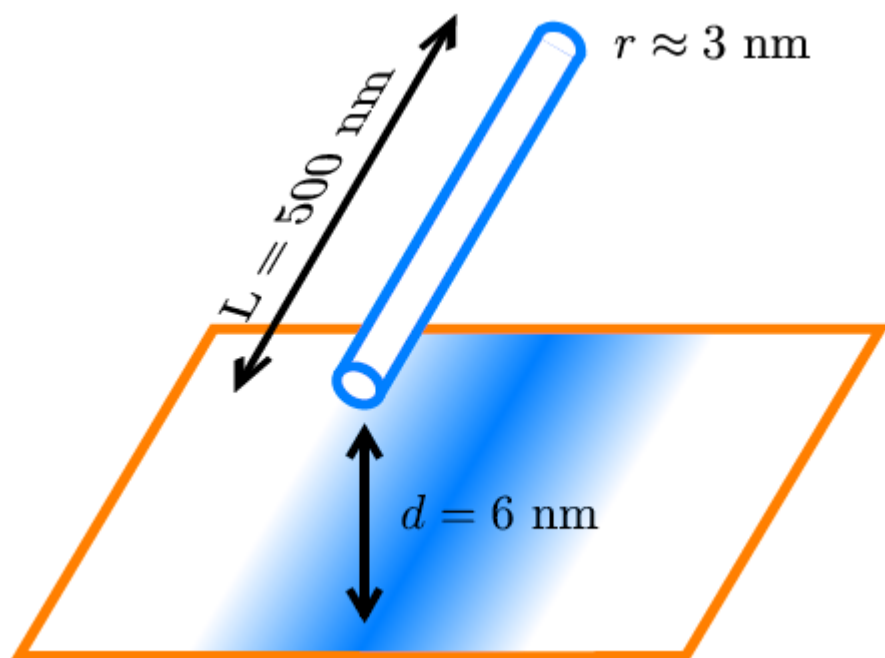
$\gamma = 5$  meV



# Deviation from electrostatic description



# Critical magnetic field



$$C = \log(2d/r) / \pi\epsilon L$$

Critical magnetic field

$$B_c = \underbrace{n_{NT}/dC}_{\text{Electric field}} v_F$$

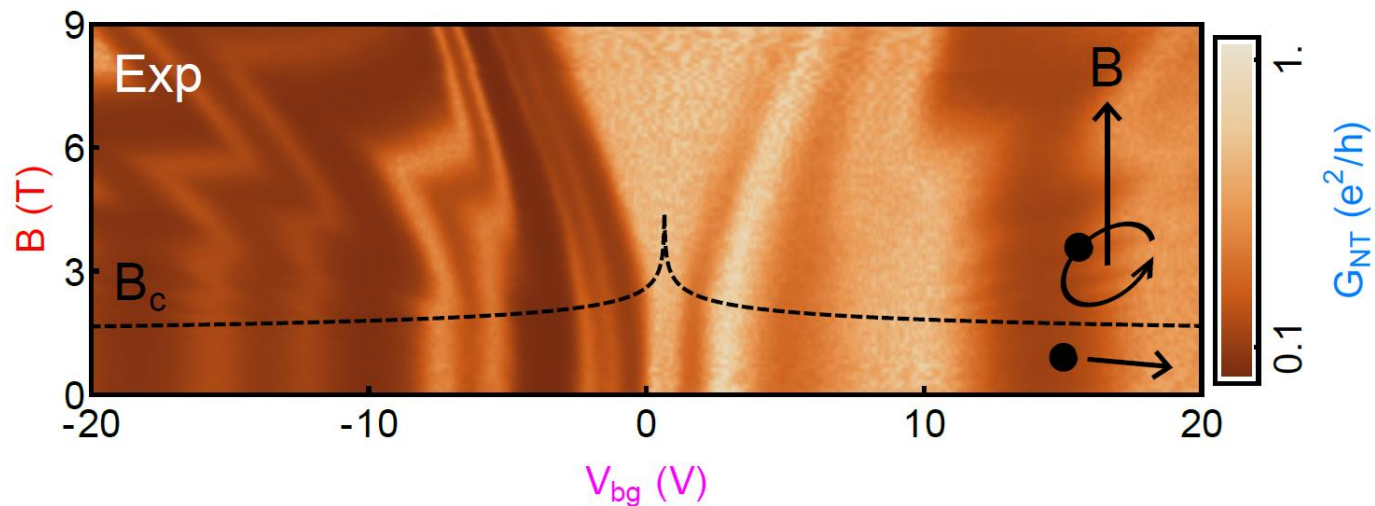
Dielectric response of graphene

$$d_{eff} = d + d_{TF}$$

Thomas Fermi screening length

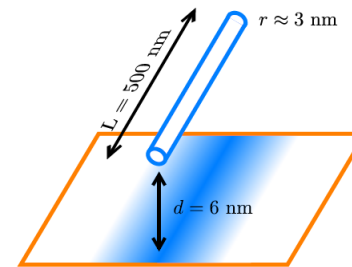
$$d_{TF} = 2/\sqrt{\pi n_G}$$

# Critical magnetic field



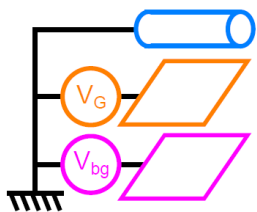
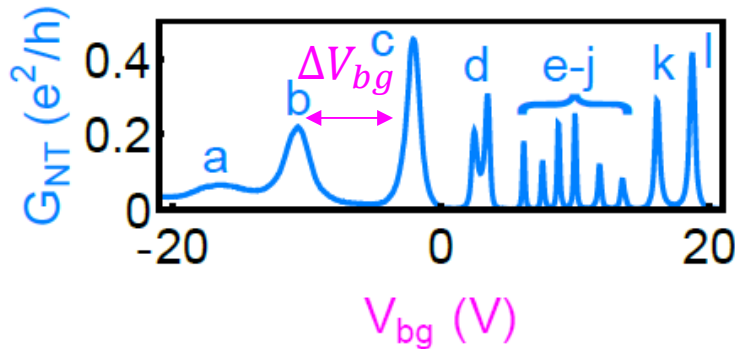
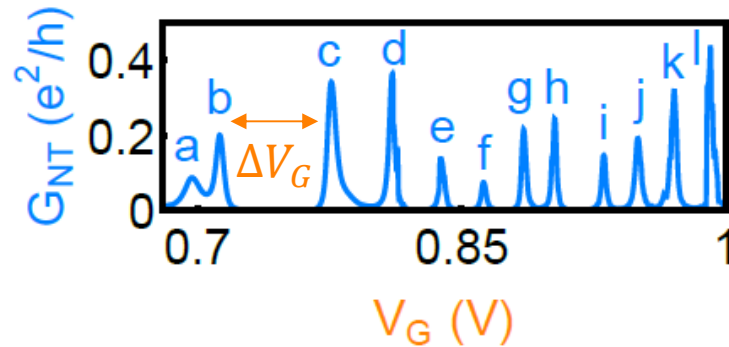
$$n_{NT} = 2 \quad \text{Chemical doping}$$

$$|E| = 1.25 \times 10^6 \text{ V.m}^{-1}$$





# Extracting density of states



Coulomb spectroscopy calibration



$$\text{D.O.S.} = \frac{dn_G}{dE_F} \propto \frac{\Delta V_{bg}}{\Delta V_G}$$

