## ECE 4070/MSE 5470: Physics of Semiconductor and Nanostructures

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## Homework 8: Solutions

### Problem 8.1 (ZigZag Carbon Nanotubes)

a) For graphene,  $E(\vec{k}) = E_p \pm \hbar v \sqrt{(k_x - K_x)^2 + (k_y - K_y)^2}$ For zigzag nanotubes,  $k_y = \frac{2\pi n}{ma}$ . Suppose, m = 3p, then  $k_y = \frac{2\pi n}{3pa}$ . For n = 2p,  $k_y = K_y$  and there is no bandgap. Now suppose  $m = 3p \pm 1$ . Then,  $k_y - K_y = \frac{2\pi n}{(3p \pm 1)a} - \frac{4\pi}{3a}$ . The smallest value of this difference will be when  $n = 2p \pm 1$  and in this case,

$$k_y - K_y = \frac{2\pi (2p \pm 1)}{(3p \pm 1)a} - \frac{4\pi}{3a} = \pm \frac{4\pi}{3(3p \pm 1)a} = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3C} = \pm \frac{1}{3R}$$

The subband dispersions for this value of  $\boldsymbol{k}_{\boldsymbol{V}}$  are:

$$E(\vec{k}) = E_p \pm \hbar v \sqrt{(k_x - K_x)^2 + (1/3R)^2}$$

The bandgap is the difference between the energies of the conduction and valence subbands when  $k_x = K_x$  and equals  $2\hbar v/3R$ . For a 1 nm radius nanotube, the bandgap is 0.44 eV.

b) Start from, 
$$n = 4 \times \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk_x}{2\pi} f(E(k_x) - E_f) = \frac{4}{\pi \hbar v} \int_{E_p + E_g/2}^{\infty} \frac{(E - E_p)}{\sqrt{(E - E_p)^2 - (E_g/2)^2}} f(E - E_f).$$
  
This implies  $q_{ip}(E) = \frac{4}{\pi \hbar v} \frac{(E - E_p)}{(E - E_p)}$ 

This implies,  $g_{1D}(E) = \frac{4}{\pi \hbar v} \frac{(E - E_p)}{\sqrt{(E - E_p)^2 - (E_g/2)^2}}$ 

c) At T=0K, 
$$n = \frac{4}{\pi \hbar v} \int_{E_p + E_g/2}^{E_F} \frac{(E - E_p)}{\sqrt{(E - E_p)^2 - (E_g/2)^2}} = \frac{4}{\pi \hbar v} \sqrt{(E_F - E_p)^2 - (E_g/2)^2}$$

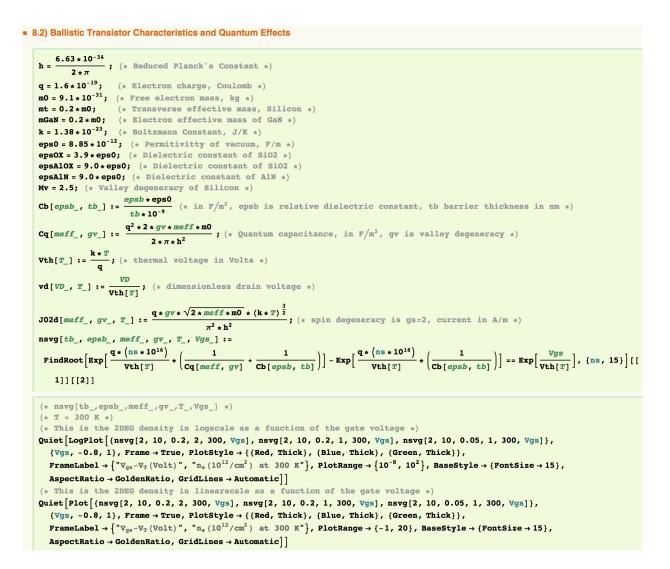
d) Start from:  $E(\vec{k}) = E_p \pm \hbar v \sqrt{(k_x - K_x)^2 + (1/3R)^2}$  and perform a Taylor expansion for small

values of 
$$(\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}})$$
 to get,  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{\vec{k}}) \approx \mathbf{E}_{p} \pm \frac{\hbar \mathbf{v}}{3R} \left(1 + \frac{(\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}})^{2}}{2(1/3R)^{2}}\right) = \mathbf{E}_{p} \pm \frac{\hbar \mathbf{v}}{3R} \pm \hbar \mathbf{v} \frac{(\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}})^{2}}{2(1/3R)}$ . This

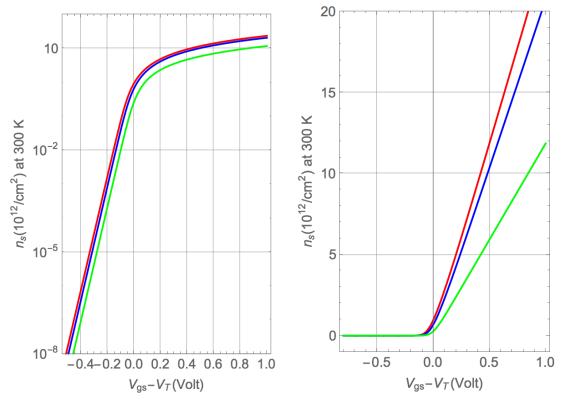
implies,  $m_e = m_h = \hbar/3Rv$ . So the effective masses get smaller with increase in radius (or decrease in bandgap). This relation between bandgaps and effective masses is a common property of almost all semiconductor systems in 1D, 2D, and 3D.

# Problem 8.2 (Ballistic Transistor Characteristics and Quantum Effects)

(a) Here is the Mathematica code:



The plots are in the next page:



Plots for Problem 8.2 (a): Logscale and Linear plots of the 2DEG density vs the gate voltage. The colors: Red is for  $m^*=0.2m_0$ ,  $g_s=2$ ,  $g_v=2$ , Blue for  $m^*=0.2m_0$ ,  $g_s=2$ ,  $g_v=1$ , and Green for  $m^*=0.05m_0$ ,  $g_s=2$ ,  $g_v=1$ . As the net DOS increases with higher effective mass or number of valleys, a smaller gate voltage generates more 2DEG charge.

(b) This follows directly from the definition of the 3D band edge DOS  $N_{\rm C}$  and the formulae derived in class and notes for the ballistic FET.

#### (c) Here is the Mathematica code:

(\* dimensionless source voltage parameter \*)

 $\eta \mathbf{s} [\forall g \mathbf{s}_{-}, \forall \mathbf{T}_{-}, \mathbf{t} \mathbf{b}_{-}, e p s \mathbf{b}_{-}, m e f f_{-}, g \mathbf{v}_{-}, \mathbf{T}_{-}, \forall \mathbf{D}_{-}] := \mathbf{Log} \Big[ \mathbf{Exp} \Big[ \frac{\mathbf{q} * \left( \mathbf{nsvg} [tb, e p s b, m e f f, g \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{T}, \forall g s] * \mathbf{10}^{16} \right)}{\mathbf{Cq} [m e f f, g \mathbf{v}] * \mathbf{Vth} [\mathbf{T}]} \Big] - \mathbf{1} \Big];$ 

(\* Fermi Dirac Integral of order j=1/2 \*)

 $\mathbf{F}[\mathbf{u}_{]} := \mathbf{NIntegrate} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{y}}}{1 + \mathbf{Exp}[\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{u}]} \text{, } \{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{100}\} \right] (* \text{Fermi Dirac Integral of order } j=1/2 *)$ 

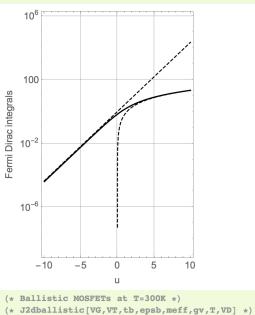
(\* checking values of the Fermi-Dirac integral \*)

 $Quiet\left[LogPlot\left[\left\{F\left[u\right], \ Exp\left[u\right], \ \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2}\right\}, \ \{u, \ -10, \ 10\}, \ Frame \rightarrow True, \ PlotStyle \rightarrow \{\{Black, \ Thick\}, \ \{Black, \ Dashed\}, \ Black, \ Dashed\}, \ \{Black, \ Dashed\}, \ Black, \ Dashed\}, \ Black, \ Black, \ Dashed\}, \ Black, \ Black, \ Dashed\}, \ Black, \ B$ 

FrameLabel → {"u", "Fermi Dirac integrals"}, BaseStyle → {FontSize → 15}, AspectRatio → GoldenRatio, GridLines → Automatic]]
(\* Ballistic current per unit width in mA/micron \*)

J2dballistic[VG\_, VT\_, tb\_, epsb\_, meff\_, gv\_, T\_, VD\_] :=

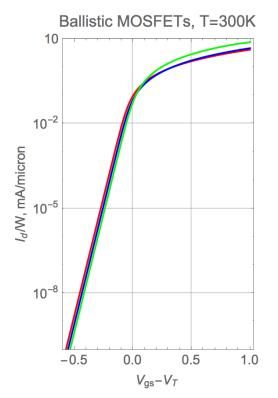
10<sup>-3</sup> \* J02d[meff, gv, T] \* (F[ηs[VG, VT, tb, epsb, meff, gv, T, VD]] - F[ηs[VG, VT, tb, epsb, meff, gv, T, VD] - vd[VD, T]]);



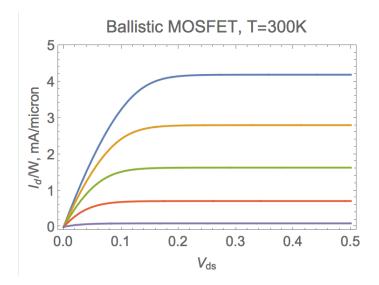
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Quiet[LogPlot[{J2dballistic[Vg, 0, 2, 10, 0.2, 2, 300, 0.5], J2dballistic[Vg, 0, 2, 10, 0.2, 1, 300, 0.5],
J2dballistic[Vg, 0, 2, 10, 0.05, 1, 300, 0.5]}, {Vg, -1, 1}, Frame → True, PlotRange → {10<sup>-10</sup>, 10},
FrameLabel → {"Vgs-V<sub>T</sub>", "I<sub>d</sub>/W, mA/micron"}, PlotLabel → "Ballistic MOSFETs, T=300K",
PlotStyle → {{Red, Thick}, {Bue, Thick}, {Green, Thick}}, BaseStyle → {FontSize → 15}, AspectRatio → GoldenRatio,
GridLines → Automatic]]
(* Ballistic MOSFETs at T=300K )
(* J2dballistic[VG, VT, tb, epsb, meff, gv, T, VD] *)
Quiet[Plot[{J2dballistic[1.0, 0, 2, 10, 0.2, 2, 300, VD], J2dballistic[0.75, 0, 2, 10, 0.2, 2, 300, VD],
J2dballistic[0.5, 0, 2, 10, 0.2, 2, 300, VD], J2dballistic[0.25, 0, 2, 10, 0.2, 2, 300, VD],
FrameLabel → {"Vds", "I<sub>d</sub>/W, mA/micron"}, PlotLabel → "Ballistic MOSFET, T=300K", PlotStyle → Thick,
BaseStyle → {FontSize → 15}]
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(\* valley degeneracy gv=2.0, meff=0.2\*m0, gate sweeps Vgs-Vt=1.25 V to 0.0 V in steps of 0.25 V, tb=2 nm, dielectric epsb=10 \*)

And the ballistic FET plots are in the next page:



Plots for Problem 8.3: Logscale and Linear plots of the Ballistic FET characteristics. The colors: Red is for  $m^*=0.2m_0$ ,  $g_s=2$ ,  $g_v=2$ , Blue for  $m^*=0.2m_0$ ,  $g_s=2$ ,  $g_v=1$ , and Green for  $m^*=0.05m_0$ ,  $g_s=2$ ,  $g_v=1$ . As the net DOS increases with higher effective mass or number of valleys, a smaller gate voltage generates more 2DEG charge, but the group velocity of the low effective mass semiconductor lets it drive more on current, and slightly lower off current. In the Id-Vds curves below, the current saturates, which is an important characteristic of any transistor that has gain.



(d) The qualitative features of a 1D channel FET will not be much different from the 2D channel. The maximum conductance will however be limited by the quantum of conductance for the 1D channel. See Problem 8.3 (b), where this is derived for a topological edge state – but this is universal, and does not depend on the bandstructure details. Also look at the notes on quantum transport, where this is derived.

Problem 8.3 (Topological Insulator Field-Effect Transistors)

8:3) Topological insulator Field-Effect Transistors. For a normal bellistic 2)-channel FET, the carrent is (a)  $I_{d} = J_{d} * W = (J_{2d}^{0} \cdot W) \cdot \left\{ F_{l_{2}}(\eta_{5}) - F_{l_{2}}(\eta_{5} - \mu_{d}) \right\}$ flog (I) Æ  $F_{12}(h_{13}) \propto (n_{13})$ For 1/2 <<-1,  $F_{l_2}(\eta) \approx e^{\eta_s}$ Id at e Vite EF. ~ (Vgs-V7)"- TE / (lose to 60 mV/decide - -(À) Ec 06/ B Egg (DOS)  $= \left( V_{gS} - V_T \right)_{E_1}$ (b) -Ebulk (k) kg)  $\frac{\left(\frac{g_{edge} - g_{spin}^{\star} \cdot g_{V}}{2\pi t_{V_{F}}}\right)}{\int_{OS}} = \left(\frac{g_{edge} - g_{spin}^{\star} \cdot g_{V}}{2\pi t_{V_{F}}}\right)$ · Ec Endge ( by ) = tilp by -Ð g(í)  $\langle |$ 1 - Ev 1 gs<sup>G</sup>V<u>m</u><sup>2</sup> (L 2Tik<sup>2</sup> (eV·(m<sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>mits. Since the edge-state dispersion is  $2\pi k^{2}$  true...  $E_{edge}(k_{y}) = hv_{F}k_{x,s} \# \int edge states for deg. i) edge states <math>valles deg = h edge states$   $\frac{dE_{edge}(k_{x}) = hv_{F}}{dk_{x}} = \frac{g(E) \cdot dE}{gedge + g_{spin} + g_{y}} \cdot \frac{dk}{dk} = g(E) \cdot dE$   $\frac{dE_{edge}(k_{x}) = hv_{F}}{dk_{x}} = \frac{g(E) \cdot dE}{gedge} \cdot \frac{gedge + g_{spin} + g_{y}}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{gedge}{fedge} \cdot \frac{gedge}{f$ all TI states = UF

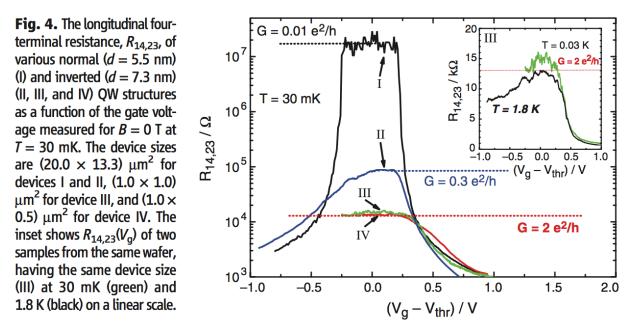


Figure from "Quantum Spin Hall Insulator State in HgTe Quantum Wells", Markus Konig et al., Science vol 318, pg 766, 2007.

8.3(f) This is a research problem. If you are interested in working on it, please talk to me!

Problem 8.4 (Boltzmann Transport in d-dimensions)

(8.4)  $f(k) \approx f_0(k) + \tau(k) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{H_0(k)}{\partial E(k)} & \vec{v}_k & \vec{F} \\ & f_0(k) & f_0(k) \end{pmatrix} \\ \approx f_0(k) + q \tau(k) \begin{pmatrix} +\frac{2f_0(k)}{\partial E(k)} & \vec{v}_k & \vec{E} \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\sim} f_0(k) + q \tau(k) \begin{pmatrix} +\frac{2f_0(k)}{\partial E(k)} & \vec{v}_k & \vec{E} \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\sim} f_0(k) + q \tau(k) \begin{pmatrix} +\frac{2f_0(k)}{\partial E(k)} & \vec{v}_k & \vec{E} \end{pmatrix}$ Carrier density:  $n = \frac{g_s g_v}{1d} \sum_{k} f(k) = \frac{g_s g_v}{2} \int \frac{d^2k}{(\frac{2\pi}{1})^d} \frac{f(k)}{f(k)}$  $\Rightarrow$  $n = \frac{g_s g_v}{(2\pi)^d} \int d^d k \quad f_o(k)$  $\frac{f_{o}(k) + 9 CW(\frac{2H_{o}}{2E})}{even}$  $(2\pi)^{d}$ (2\pi)^{d} "Surface" of a d-dimensional opperer in k-space: 1=3 => 45Tk3 . ..  $S_{1} = \nabla_{k}V_{1} = \frac{d}{T}\frac{d^{2}k}{d^{2}k}\frac{d^{-1}}{d^{2}k} (heck: \frac{d^{-1}k}{d^{2}k^{2}} + \frac{d^{-1}k}{d^{2}k^{2}} +$ ⇒ Carrier density in d-dimensions is.  $h = \frac{J_{s} \, 5\nu}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int \frac{d \cdot \pi^{d/2} k^{d-1} \, dk}{T(\frac{d}{2}+1)} \cdot f_{p}(k) \qquad \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{c} + \frac{t}{2k}$  $= 9_{S}9_{V} \cdot \frac{d \cdot \pi^{d/2}}{(2\pi)^{d}T(\frac{d}{2}+1)} \int k^{d-1} \frac{dk}{dk} \cdot \frac{dk}{f_{0}(k)} \xrightarrow{\Rightarrow} k^{d-1} \frac{dk}{dk} = \frac{2h^{2}}{2h^{2}} \frac{dE}{\frac{l^{1}h^{k}(E-E_{0})}{k^{2}}}{2 \cdot h^{2} \left(\frac{l^{1}h^{k}}{k^{2}}(E-E_{0})\right)^{2}}$   $= \frac{9_{S}9_{V}}{(2\pi)^{d}T(\frac{d}{2}+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2h^{2}}{k^{2}}\right)^{2} \int dE \cdot \frac{dE}{2} \cdot \frac{d$ h. h generalized d-dimensional DOS

Similarly, 
$$\overline{f}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{J} = \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{s}{L} \cdot \frac{z}{L} f(k) \cdot \overline{v}_{\mathbf{k}}$$
  
Let the electric field foint along a fixed direction  $\overline{E}$ , say  $\hat{x}$ .  
Then,  
 $f(\vec{w} \approx f_{0}(\vec{k}) + q\tau(\vec{k})(\frac{2f_{0}}{2f_{k}}) \cdot \overline{v}_{k} \cdot \overline{E}$   
 $\Rightarrow \quad \overline{J} = q \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{s}{L^{d}} \cdot \int_{\frac{2\pi}{2\pi}}^{\frac{d}{d}} \frac{1}{v} \cdot \overline{v}_{k} \cdot \left[ f(\vec{k}) + q\tau(\vec{k})(\frac{2H_{0}(\vec{k})}{2f_{0}}) \cdot \overline{v}_{k} \cdot \overline{E} \right]$   
 $= q^{2} \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{s}{L^{d}} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{d}{d}} \frac{1}{v} \cdot \frac{v}{k} \cdot \left[ f(\vec{k}) + q\tau(\vec{k})(\frac{2H_{0}(\vec{k})}{2f_{k}}) \cdot \overline{v}_{k} \cdot \overline{E} \right]$   
Now  $\tilde{v}_{k}(\vec{v}_{k} \cdot \vec{E}) = \vec{v}_{k} \cdot v_{k} \times E = \vec{v}_{k} \cdot v_{k} \left( s \cdot \partial_{k} E \right)$   
 $\frac{1}{2\pi} = q^{2} \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot \frac{q}{2} \cdot v_{k} \cdot \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{d}{d}} \frac{1}{v_{k}} \cdot \frac{v}{v_{k}} \left( c_{k}^{2} \partial_{k} \tau \cdot c(\vec{k}) \left( - \frac{2H_{0}(\vec{k})}{3f_{k}} \right) \right] \frac{1}{v_{k}} \cdot E$   
 $\frac{1}{2\pi} = q^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \cdot \frac{1}$ 

## Problem 8.5 (Scattering from uncorrelated events)

