

## CHAPTER 18

### 1. Carbon nanotube band structure.

(a)  $\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j = 2\pi\delta_{ij} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}_1 = \left(-\frac{2\pi}{a}, \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}a}\right), \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \left(\frac{2\pi}{a}, \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}a}\right).$

(b) The angle between  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_1$  is  $30^\circ$ ; A right triangle is formed in the first BZ with two sides of length  $K$  and  $b_1/2$ . Now  $b_1 = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3}a}$ , so:

$$K = (b_1/2)/\cos(30^\circ) = 4\pi/3a.$$

(c) Quantization of  $k$  along  $x$ :  $k_x(na) = 2\pi j = k_x = 2\pi j/na$ .

Assume  $n = 3i$ , where  $i$  is an integer. Then:  $k_x = K(j/2i)$ . For  $j = 2i$ ,  $k_x = K$ . Then

$$\Delta\mathbf{K} = k_y \hat{j} \text{ and there is a massless subband.}$$

(d) For  $n = 10$ ,  $k_x = 2\pi j/10a = K(3j/20)$ . The closest  $k$  comes to  $K$  is for  $j = 7$ , where  $\Delta k_x = K/20$ . Then:

$$\varepsilon_{11} = 2\hbar v_F (4\pi/3a)/10 = 1.8 \text{ eV.}$$

The next closest is for  $j = 6$ , where  $\Delta k_x = K/10$ , twice the previous one. Therefore:

$$\varepsilon_{22} = 2\varepsilon_{11}.$$

(e) For the lowest subband:  $|\Delta\mathbf{k}|^2 = (K/20)^2 + k_y^2$ , so:

$$\varepsilon^2 = [(\hbar K/20v_F)v_F^2]^2 + (\hbar k_y v_F)^2$$

This is of the desired form, with  $m^* = \hbar K/20v_F$ .

$$m^*/m = \hbar K/20mv_F = 0.12.$$

### 2. Filling subbands

$$\varepsilon(n_x, n_y) = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mW^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2) \Rightarrow \text{States are filled up to } \varepsilon(2,2) = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mW^2} (8) \quad (8)$$

$$(1,1) \text{ subband: } \frac{\hbar^2 k_{1,1}^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mW^2} (8-2) \Rightarrow k_{1,1} = \frac{\sqrt{6}\pi}{W} \Rightarrow n_{1,1} = \frac{2}{\pi} k_{1,1} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{W}$$

$$(2,1) \text{ subband: } \frac{\hbar^2 k_{2,1}^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mW^2} (8-5) \Rightarrow k_{2,1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{W} \Rightarrow n_{2,1} = \frac{2}{\pi} k_{2,1} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{W}$$

(2,1) subband: same.

$$n = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{W} + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{W} = 5.9 \times 10^8 / \text{m}.$$

### 3. Breit-Wigner form of a transmission resonance

(a)  $\cos(\delta\varphi) \cong 1 - \delta\varphi^2 / 2$  ;  $|r_i| = \sqrt{1 - |t_i|^2} \cong 1 - \frac{1}{2}|t_i|^2 - \frac{1}{8}|t_i|^4$

The denominator of (29) is then:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + (1 - |t_1|^2)(1 - |t_2|^2) - 2(1 - \frac{1}{2}|t_1|^2 - \frac{1}{8}|t_1|^4)(1 - \frac{1}{2}|t_2|^2 - \frac{1}{8}|t_2|^4)(1 - \frac{1}{2}\delta\varphi^2) \\ = \frac{1}{4}(|t_1|^4 + |t_2|^4) + \frac{1}{2}|t_1|^2|t_2|^2 + \delta\varphi^2 = \frac{1}{4}(|t_1|^2 + |t_2|^2)^2 + \delta\varphi^2 \\ \mathfrak{D} = \frac{4|t_1|^2|t_2|^2}{(|t_1|^2 + |t_2|^2)^2 + 4\delta\varphi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\delta\varphi = 2L\delta k$  and  $\delta k / \delta\varepsilon = \Delta k / \Delta\varepsilon = (\pi / L) / \Delta\varepsilon$ . Combining:

$$\delta\varphi = (2L)(\pi / L)\delta\varepsilon / \Delta\varepsilon \Rightarrow \delta\varphi / 2\pi = \delta\varepsilon / \Delta\varepsilon$$

(c) Combining:

$$\mathfrak{D} = \frac{4|t_1|^2|t_2|^2(\Delta\varepsilon / 2\pi)^2}{(\Delta\varepsilon / 2\pi)^2(|t_1|^2 + |t_2|^2)^2 + 4\delta\varepsilon^2} \text{ which is (33).}$$

### 4. Barriers in series and Ohm's law

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\mathfrak{D}} &= \frac{1 - |r_1|^2|r_2|^2}{|t_1|^2|t_2|^2} = 1 + \frac{1 - |r_1|^2|r_2|^2 - |t_1|^2|t_2|^2}{|t_1|^2|t_2|^2} = 1 + \frac{1 - (1 - |t_1|^2)|r_2|^2 - (1 - |r_1|^2)|t_2|^2}{|t_1|^2|t_2|^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - (|r_2|^2 + |t_2|^2) + |t_1|^2|r_2|^2 + |r_1|^2|t_2|^2}{|t_1|^2|t_2|^2} = 1 + \frac{|r_2|^2}{|t_2|^2} + \frac{|r_1|^2}{|t_1|^2} \text{ which gives (36).} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\sigma_{1D} = \frac{n_{1D}e^2\tau}{m} = \frac{2k_F e^2\tau}{\pi m}$ , and  $\frac{\hbar k_F}{m} = v_F \Rightarrow \sigma_{1D} = \frac{2v_F e^2\tau}{\hbar\pi} = \frac{2e^2(2v_F\tau)}{h}$

But:  $\ell_B = v_F\tau_B = 2v_F\tau \Rightarrow \sigma_{1D} = \frac{2e^2\ell_B}{h}$ .

### 5. Energies of a spherical quantum dot

(a)  $\int_A \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = Q_{encl} / \varepsilon\varepsilon_0 \Rightarrow E = q / 4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_0 r^2$  Integrating from inner to outer shell:

$$V = \int_R^{R+d} \frac{qdr}{4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{R+d} \right) = \frac{q}{4\pi\varepsilon\varepsilon_0} \frac{d}{R(R+d)}$$

$$C = \frac{q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 \frac{R(R+d)}{d} \quad \text{and therefore} \quad U = \frac{e^2}{C} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0} \frac{d}{R(R+d)}.$$

(b) For  $d \ll R$ ,  $C \cong 4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 \frac{R^2}{d} = \epsilon\epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$ .

(c) For  $d \gg R$ ,  $U = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 R}$ . Also  $\epsilon_{0,0} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m^* R^2} \Rightarrow \frac{U}{\epsilon_{0,0}} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 R} \cdot \frac{2m^* R^2}{\hbar^2 \pi^2}$

$$\frac{U}{\epsilon_{0,0}} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 R} \cdot \frac{2m^* R^2}{\hbar^2 \pi^2} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{2m^* R}{\hbar^2 \pi^2} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{R}{a_B^*}$$

## 6. Thermal properties in 1D

(a)  $D(\omega) = \frac{2K}{2\pi/L} \frac{1}{v} = \frac{L}{\pi v}$

$$U_{tot} = \int_0^{\omega_p} \frac{d\omega D(\omega) \hbar \omega}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1} \cong \frac{\hbar L}{\pi v} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega d\omega}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1} = \frac{\hbar L}{\pi v} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\hbar} \right)^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x dx}{\exp(x) - 1}$$

Obtaining value from table of integrals:

$$U_{tot} = \frac{L k_B^2 T^2}{\hbar \pi v} \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{\pi^2 L k_B^2 T^2}{3\hbar v}$$

$$C_V = \partial U_{tot} / \partial T|_V = \frac{2\pi^2 L k_B^2 T}{3\hbar v}$$

(b) The heat flow to the right out of reservoir 1 is given by:

$$J_R = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{D_R(\omega)}{L} \cdot v \cdot \frac{d\omega \hbar \omega}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T_1) - 1} \mathfrak{S} = \frac{\hbar \mathfrak{S}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega d\omega}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T_1) - 1} = \frac{\hbar \mathfrak{S}}{2\pi} \left( \frac{k_B T_1}{\hbar} \right)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T_1^2}{6\hbar} \mathfrak{S}$$

and similarly for  $J_L$ . The difference is:

$$J_R - J_L = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 \mathfrak{S}}{6\hbar} (T_1^2 - T_2^2)$$

Let  $T_1 = T + \Delta T$ ,  $T_2 = T \Rightarrow (T_1^2 - T_2^2) \approx 2T\Delta T$  for small  $\Delta T$ .

$$\Rightarrow J_R - J_L = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 \mathfrak{S}}{3\hbar} \Delta T \quad \text{which gives (78).}$$