Highly Ordered Metal Nanoribbons

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Abstract:

Carbon generates a variety of materials due to its hybridization (sp, sp², sp³) [1]. Since the experimental production of graphene and its applications in nanotechnology, research into carbon allotropes has gained prominence [2]. Among the proposed allotropes, we highlight the planar net- τ network [3], see Figure 1(a), a high-order allotrope with 4-5-6-8-10 carbon rings. Figure 1(b) exhibits the unit cell from planar netτ network with hydrogenated edges, in which we investigated a possible application in nanotechnology. We optimized the geometry of the unit cell with Density Functional Theory (DFT) methodology based on the Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA) using the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) and the Single-Zeta Polarized (SZP) basis net in the SIESTA package [4]. We used a convergence criterion of less than 10⁻⁴ for the self-consistent field (SCF), the lowest energy value for a mesh cut of 400 Ry, 10x1x1 k-points and the interatomic residual force is less than 5.10⁻³ eV/Å. Our results exhibit metallic character as show the band structure (BS) crossing the Fermi Level (E- $E_F = 0 eV$) and the Density of States (DOS) presents accessible states at E-E_F=0 eV, see Figure 1(c). Figure 1(d) shows the hybrid (zigzag and armchair) net- τ nanoribbon device and its dimensions. The device shows a dual application for the bias window $(0.0 \text{ V} \le V_b \le 1.0 \text{ V})$: (i) $0.0 \text{ V} \le V_b \le 0.4 \text{ V}$ the device behaves like an ohmic resistor and (ii) $V_b > 0.4 \text{ V}$, the device behaves like a Field Effect Transistor (FET), see Figure 1(e). In Figure 1(f), the best transmission values are between 0.0 V and 0.8 V, from 0.8 V there is a small drop in transmission values in the region between -0.48eV and -0.20eV which corresponds to the Highest Occupied Molecular Orbitals (HOMO) region. At 1.0 V is observed a negative differential resistance (NDR) in the differential conductance (-2.97µS).

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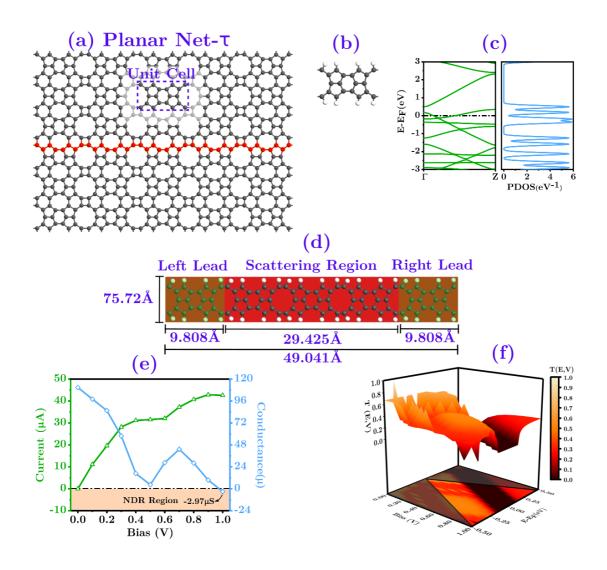


Figure 1: (a) Planar Net- τ (b) unit cell (c) DOS and BS (d) nanoribbon (e) current and differential conductance curves versus V (f) 2D and 3D transmittance versus E,V.

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