# **Tunable nanodevices based on carbon nanotubes and graphene.**

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PROPERTIES OF IMPORTANT SEMICONDUCTORS FOR RF POWER GENERATION

	Si	GaAs	InΡ	6H-SiC (4H-SiC)	GaN	Diamond
Band Gap (eV) (@ 300 K)	1.12	1.42	1.34	3.06 (3.26)	3.39	5.5
Electron mobility (@ 300 K, cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs) c-axis c-axis	1400	8500	4600	400 (850) 80 (1020)	900	2200

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#### Two-Terminal Millimeter-Wave Sources

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Carbon nanotube and graphene physical properties

Parameter	Value and units	Observations			
Length of the unit vector	2.49 Å	1.44 Å is the carbon bond length			
Current density	>10 <sup>9</sup> A/cm <sup>2</sup>	-1000 times larger than the current density in copper - Measured in MWCNTs			
Thermal conductivity	6600 W/mK	More thermally conductive than most crystals			
Young modulus	1 TPa	Many orders of magnitude stronger than the steel			
Mobility	10000-50000 cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	Simulations indicate mobilities beyond 100 000 cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> /graphene 200 000 cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>			
Mean free path (ballistic transport)	300-700 nm semiconducting CNT 1000-3000 nm metallic CNT	<ul> <li>Measured at room temperature</li> <li>At least three time larger than the best semiconducting heterostructures</li> </ul>			
Conductance in ballistic transport					
Luttinger parameter g	0.22	The electrons are strongly correlated in CNTs			
Orbital magnetic moment	0.7 meVT <sup>-1</sup> ( <i>d</i> = 2.6 nm) 1.5 meVT <sup>-1</sup> ( <i>d</i> = 5 nm)	The orbital magnetic moment depends on the tube diameter			

# **SUSPENDED CNT FET DEVICE**



Gold





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#### Multiple negative resistances in trenched structures bridged with carbon nanotubes

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The  $I_D - V_D$  dependence on the gate voltage for  $V_G = 0$  (solid line), 4 V (dotted line), 8 V (dashed line), and 12 V (dashed-dotted line).



Multiple negative resitances at  $V_G = 14$  V,vertical :500  $\mu$ A/div, horizontal 2V/div

The jumps in the  $I_D - V_D$  characteristics are most probably due to charge accumulation followed by potential lowering at the potential step discontinuities between different CNTs in the bundle. A similar mechanism has been evidenced in . After overcoming the potential barrier at the electrode–CNT interface, which is responsible for the initial low-current region, the electrons in the CNT that is in direct contact with the electrode must overcome a potential barrier in order to penetrate in an adjacent CNT in the bundle (the potential barrier between adjacent CNTs is about 50 meV in height and 4 Å in width . Charge accumulation at this potential barrier and the subsequent potential lowering, i.e. the jump in the  $I_D - V_D$  curve, signifies that electron transport occurs through another conduction channel/CNT each time such a jump is observed.

#### Observation of multi-state negative differential conductivity in periodic delta-doped superlattice







The  $I_D - V_D$  dependence on the gate voltage for  $V_G = 0$  (solid line), 4 V (dotted line), 8 V (dashed line), and 12 V (dashed-dotted line).







maximum stable gain G[dB]= 10\*Log(|S21|/|S12|)

# **CROSSED CARBON NANOTUBES**







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Drain current versus (a) negative and (b) positive drain voltage values, in the presence and absence of a gate voltage at room temperature.

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the crossed CNT device is modelled by considering that each CNT is formed from two coupled quantum wells. The first quantum well extends from the left contact up to the crossing point while the second is formed between the crossing point and the right side contact. In wide quantum wells, as is the situation in our case, there are numerous resonances/maxima in the quantum transmission, which generate oscillations in the drain current if the there is a sufficiently high contrast between the effective electron masses in the quantum well and the surrounding barriers This is not our case, however, because there are no oscillations in the drain current-drain voltage characteristic in suspended non-crossed CNTs (these experiments are not shown here) fabricated in the same time, in the same conditions and located elsewhere on the wafer. Hence, the observed current oscillations in the crossed-CNT situation are due to the coupling between the two quantum wells.



# **CNT ink devices on paper substrate**



CNT ink prepared by Prof. E. Flahaut, Univ. Paul Sabatier, Toulouse







The radio on paper concept; CNT inks of various concentrations are used to implement various functions which are usually done by R, L, C components and copper.





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A PMMA bi-layer was spin coated on the sample and baked in oven at 150 °C. A JEOL 7000F SEM equipped with a RAITH Elphy quantum attachment was used to directly pattern the PMMA layer with an electron beam. The sample was developed in MIBK: IPA 1:3 and was subsequently introduced in a Temescal e-gun evaporation chamber where 2 nm Ti/300 nm Au electrodes were deposited. The lift-off process was completed using acetone to remove the PMMA. Since graphene is not visible when coated with the PMMA, the exact co-ordinates of the graphene piece were previously mapped with the SEM. The distance between the electrodes is L =1.7 mm and the width W of the graphene flake across the electrodes is more than 80 mm.

# GRAPHENE



Graphene produced by Graphene Industries

sample 2229







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#### Microwave switches based on graphene

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 $\theta = \tan(k_v / k_x)$ 

The origin of this effect is the carrier transport dependence on the two spatial components of the wave vector, dependence that becomes evident for wide contacts and affects the transmission of ballistic electrons, similar to the case of non-normal incidence.  $\theta = \tan(k_y/k_x)$ 



simulated

#### Conclusion

These results which demonstrate a various of tunable effects in CNT and graphene based devices were obtained in one year in IMT-Bucharest in cooperation with FORTH-Crete and LAAS-CNRS Toulouse.

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