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Cavity-enhanced optical Hall effect in epitaxial graphene detected at terahertz frequencies

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Abstract

Cavity-enhanced optical Hall effect at terahertz (THz) frequencies is employed to determine the free charge carrier properties in epitaxial graphene (EG) with different number of layers grown by high-temperature sublimation on 4H-SiC(0001). We find that one monolayer (ML) EG possesses p-type conductivity with a free hole concentration in the low 10^{12} cm^{-2} range and a free hole mobility parameter as high as $1550 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$. We also find that 6 ML EG shows n-type doping behavior with a much lower free electron mobility parameter of $470 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ and an order of magnitude higher free electron density in the low 10^{13} cm^{-2} range. The observed differences are discussed. The cavity-enhanced THz optical Hall effect is demonstrated to be an excellent tool for contactless access to the type of free charge carriers and their properties in two-dimensional materials such as EG.

Keywords: THz optical Hall effect, epitaxial graphene, free charge carrier properties

1. Introduction

Graphene has attracted significant scientific interest due to its outstanding electronic properties, which arise from the linear electronic band structure resulting in massless Dirac-type fermion behavior [1, 2]. Epitaxial graphene (EG) grown on silicon carbide (SiC) by sublimation allows wafer-scale production of large-area homogeneous graphene on semi-insulating substrates that could be easily integrated in the current device fabrication technologies [3, 4, 5]. However, EG is significantly affected by the substrate properties and shows lower free charge carrier mobility compared to exfoliated graphene transferred on

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