

# Electron Transport Simulations of 4-Terminal Crossed Graphene Nanoribbons Devices

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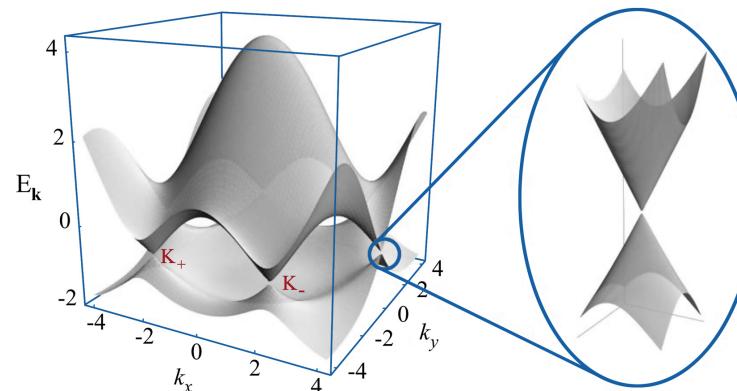
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## Graphene

- High mobility  $\rightarrow 10^5 \text{ cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Gap absence:

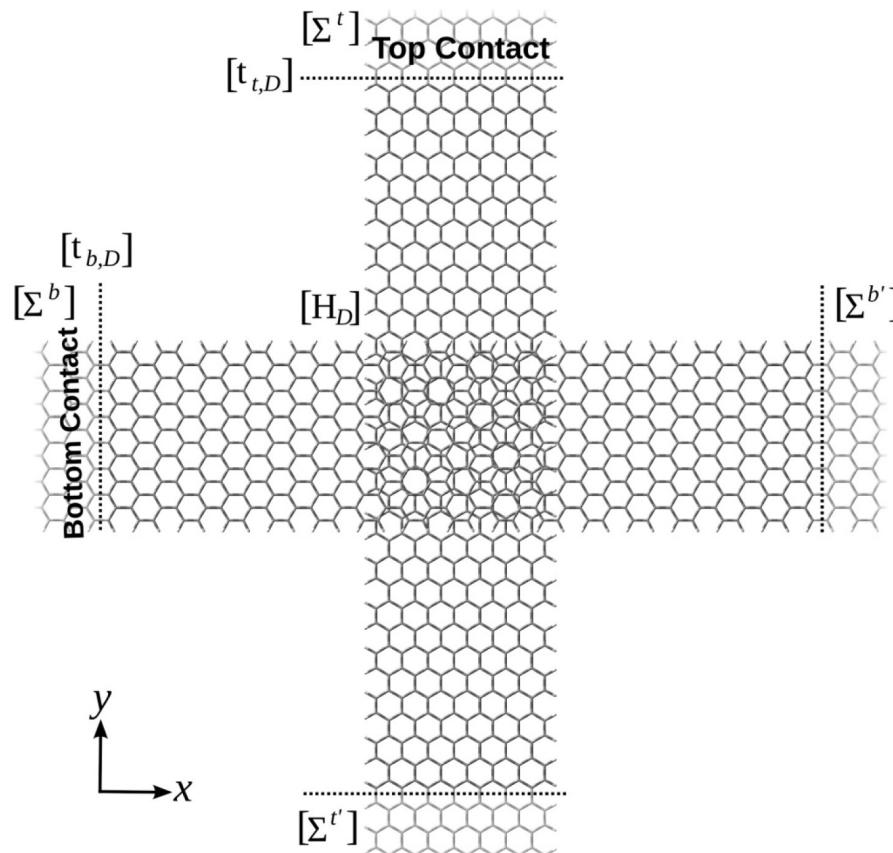
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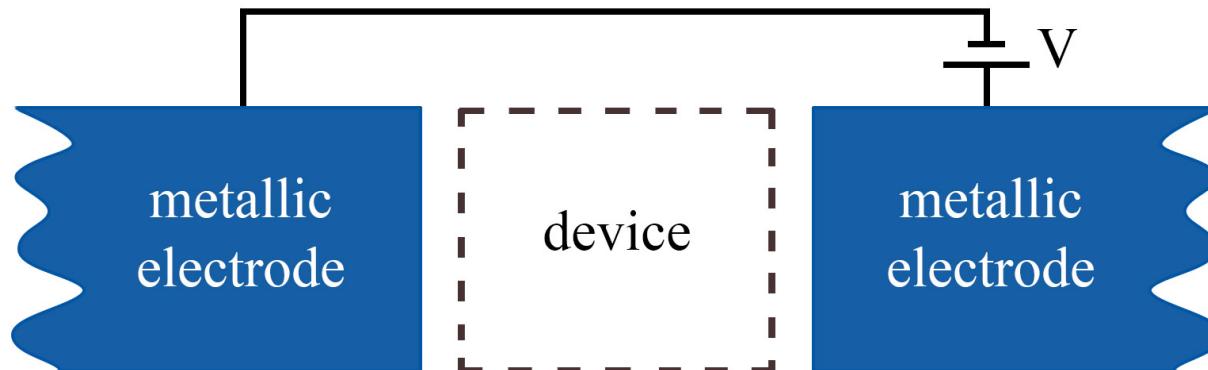
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Density-Functional Theory (DFT) **SIESTA**

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**TranSIESTA**

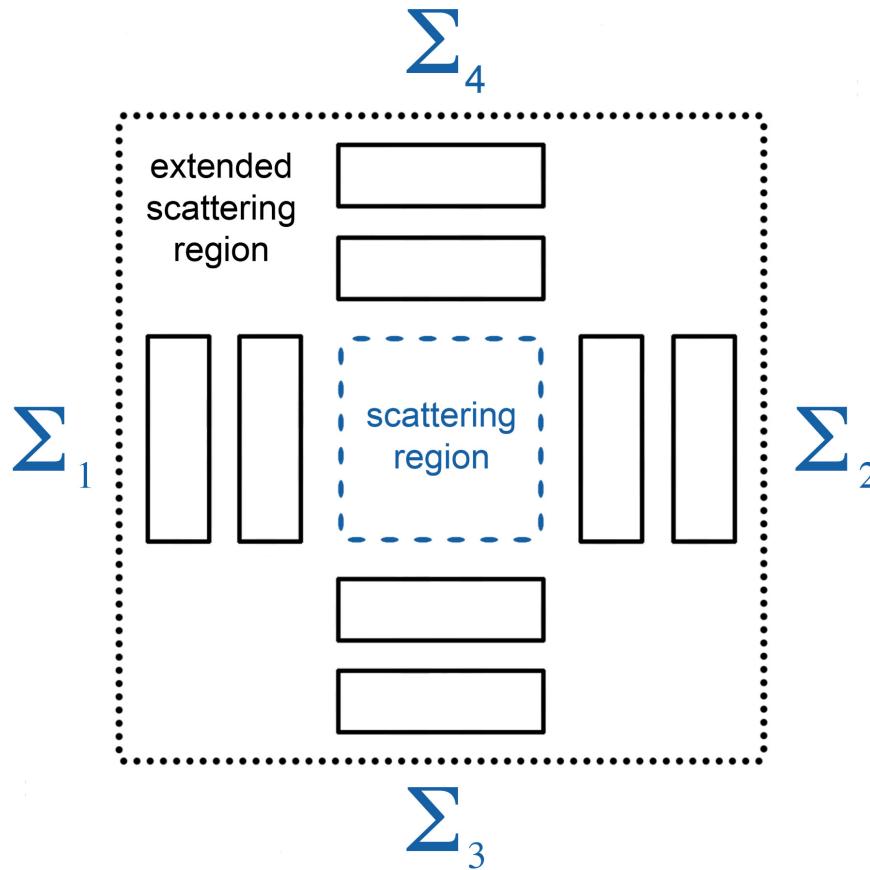
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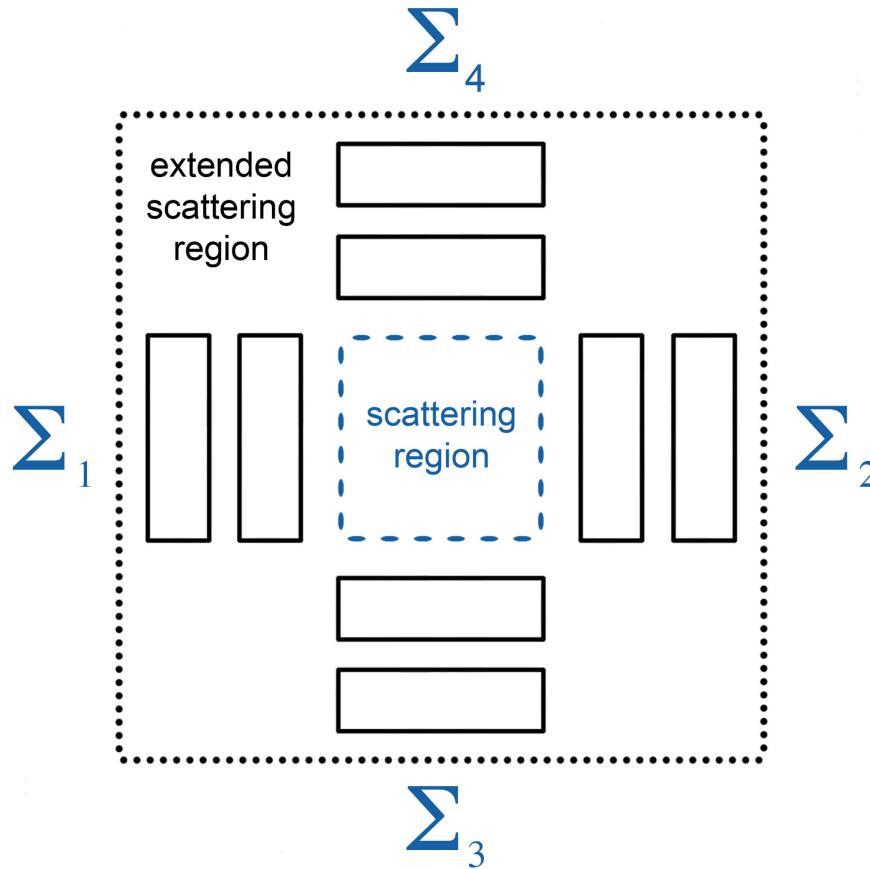
## Multi-terminal TranSIESTA



$N \geq 1$  arbitrarily distributed  
electrodes at finite bias



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$$V_H(\mathbf{r}) = \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{r}) + \begin{cases} \mu_j , & \text{for } \mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{r}_j \\ 0 , & \text{for } \mathbf{r} \notin \mathbf{r}_j \end{cases}$$

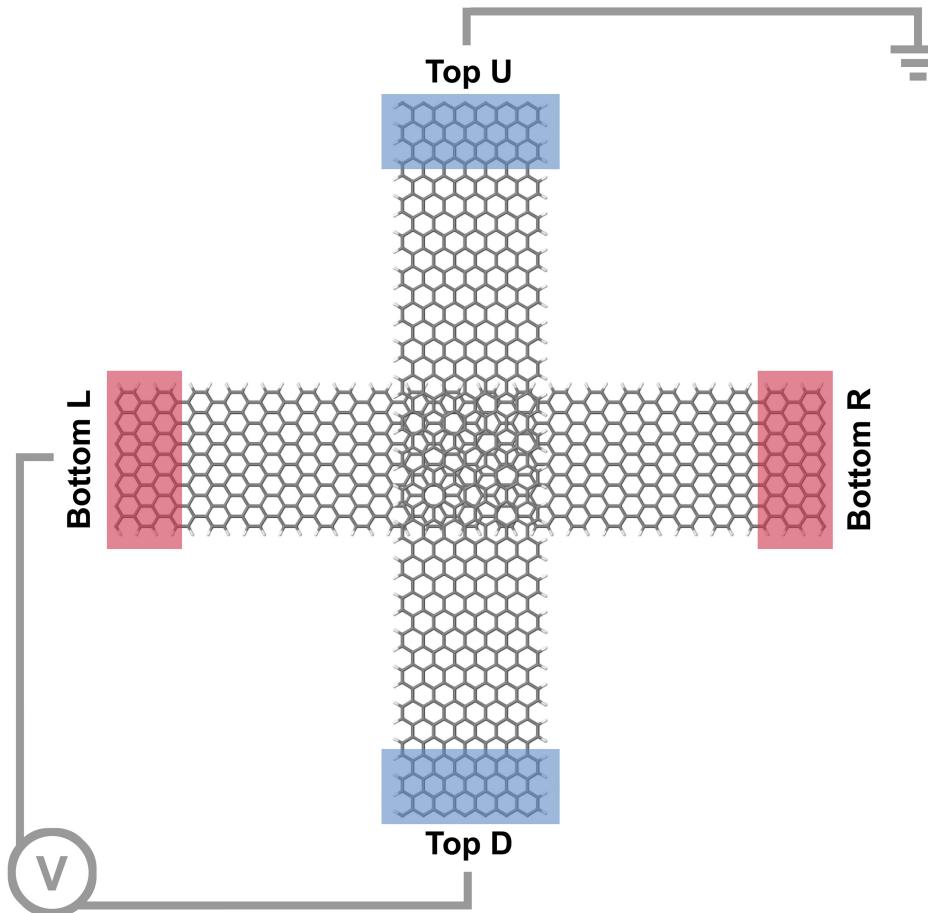
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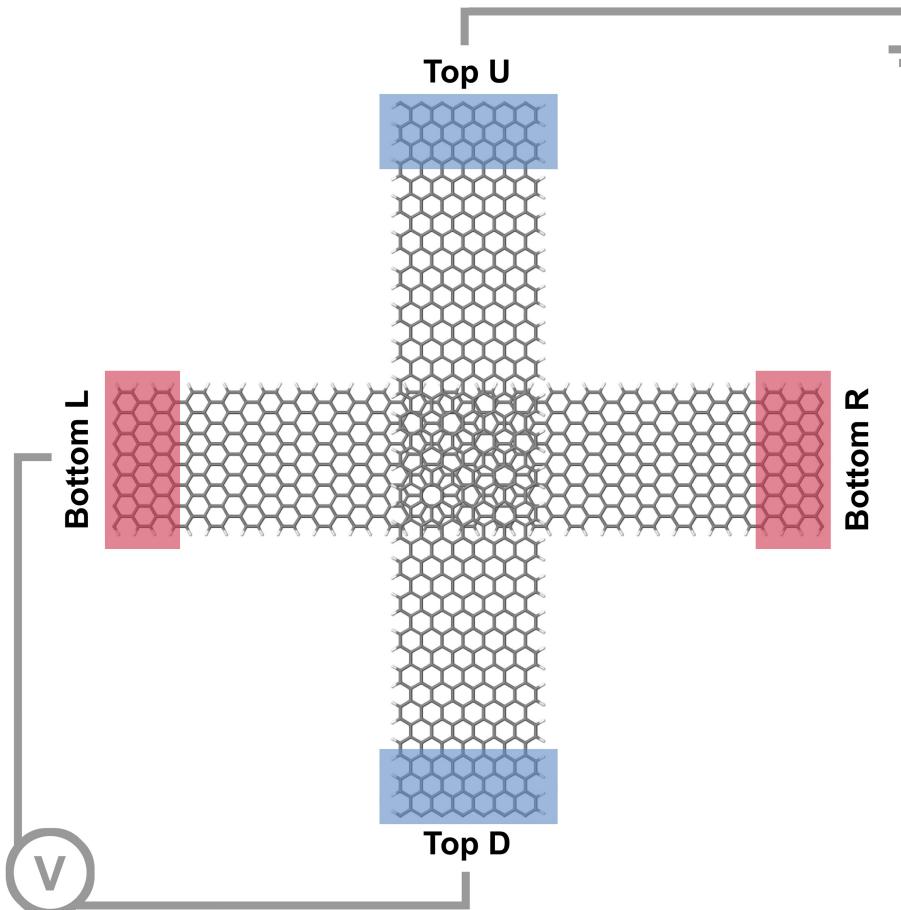
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## Crossed 14-AGNR





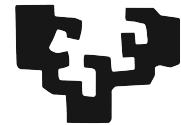
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### Simulation characteristics:

- 1280 atoms;
- double- $\zeta$  (9280 orbitals);
- vdW (optB88);
- real space grid cutoff: 350 Ry;
- forces < 5 meV/ $\text{\AA}$ ;
- interlayer distance: 3.34  $\text{\AA}$ .



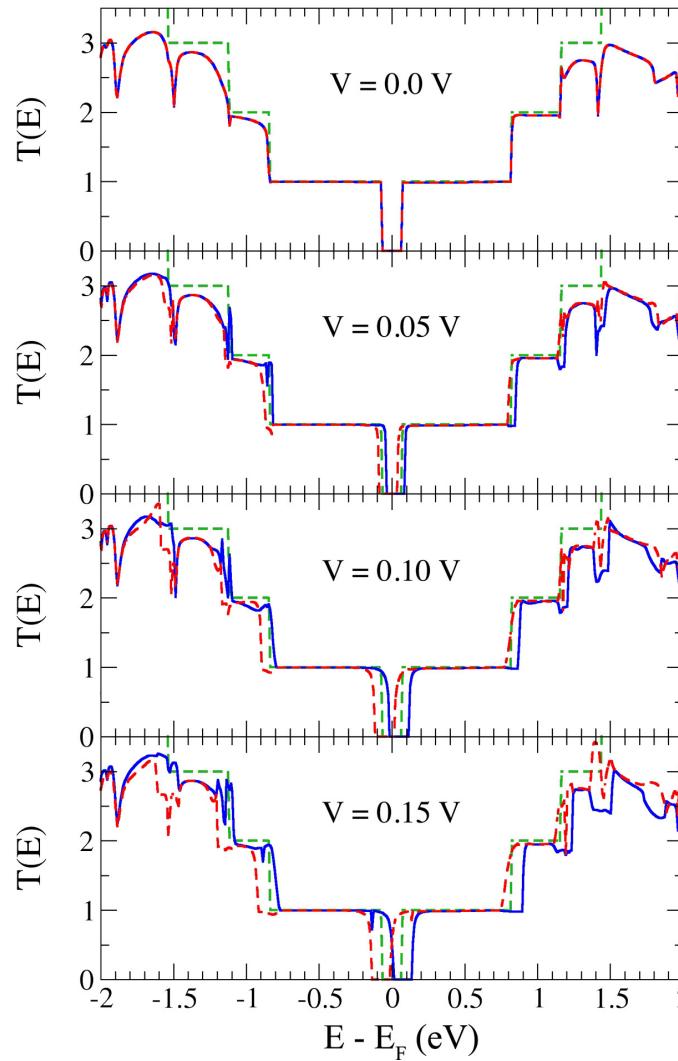


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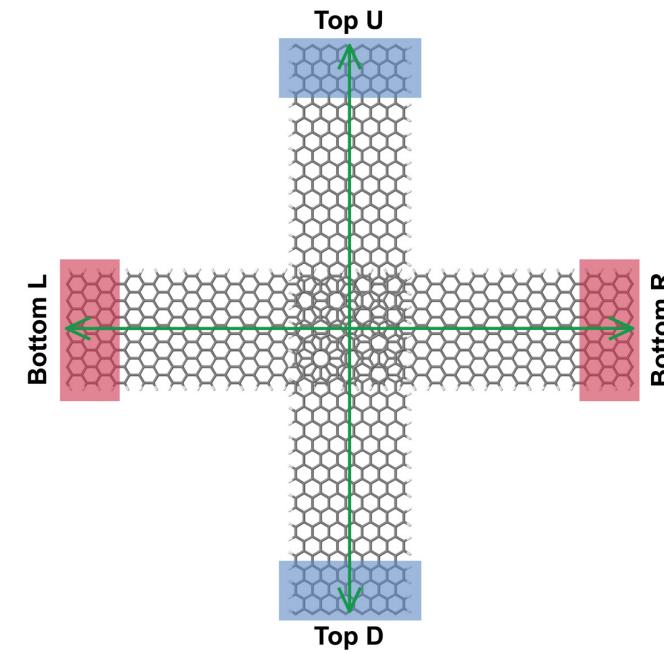
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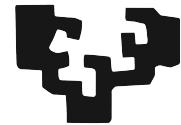
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### Direct transmission



- - - 14AGNR  
 - - - Bott-L to Bott-R  
 - - - Top-U to Top-D

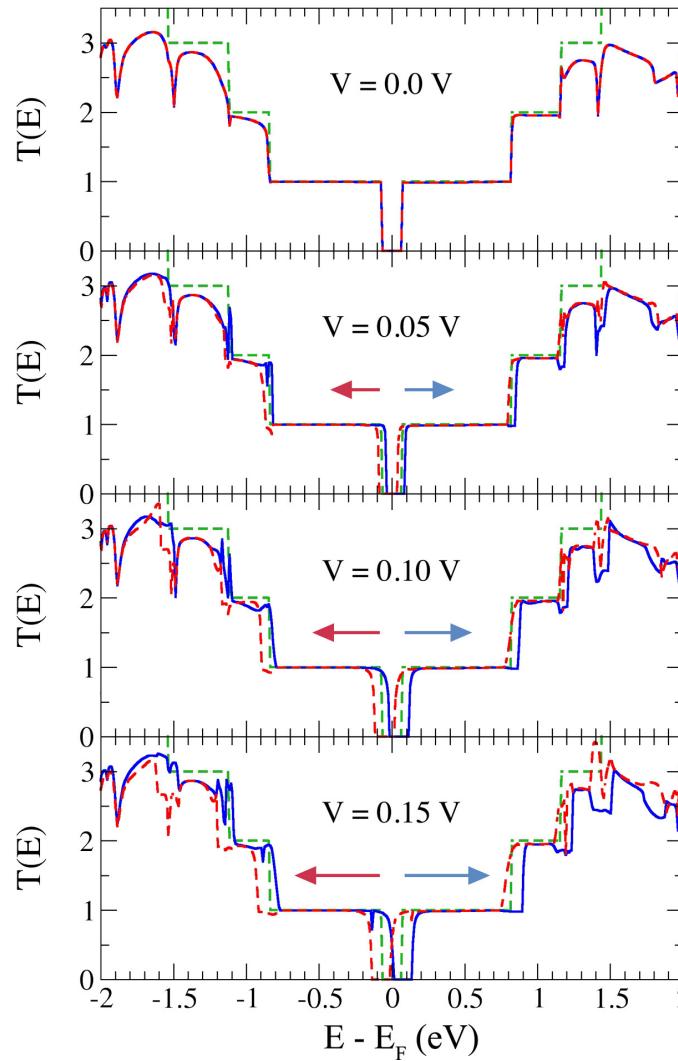




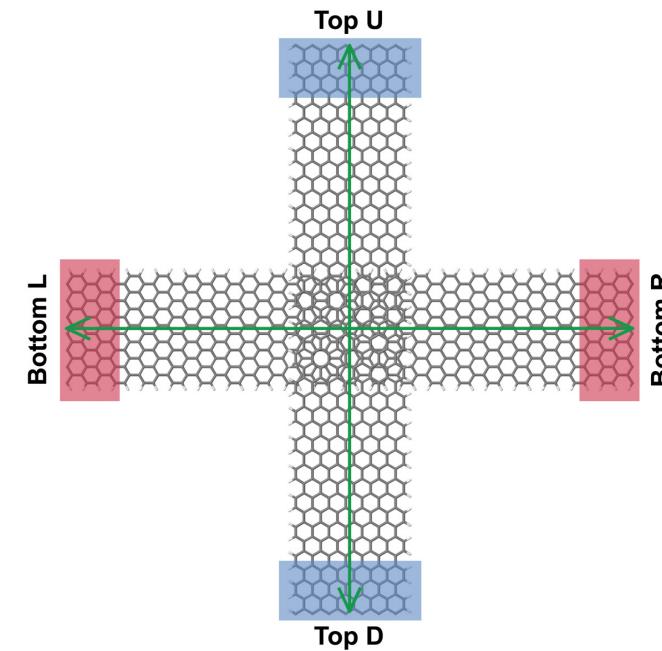
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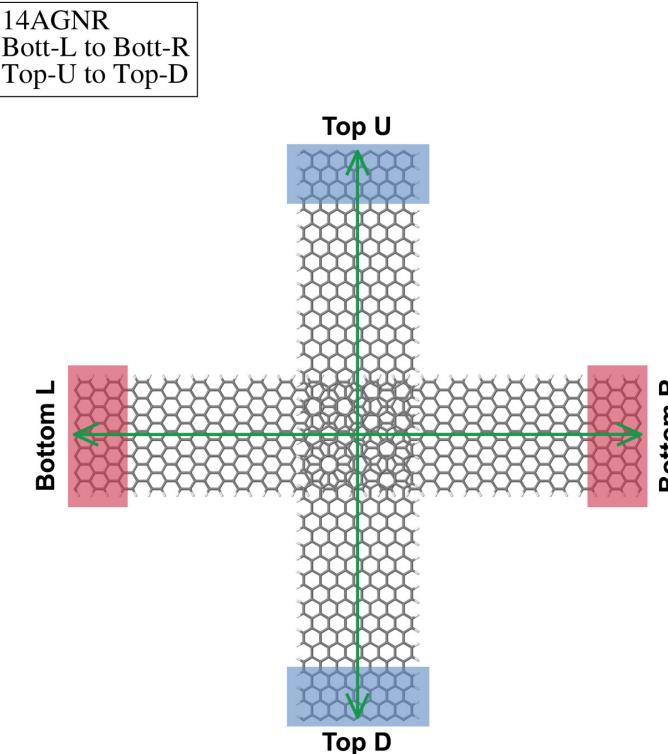
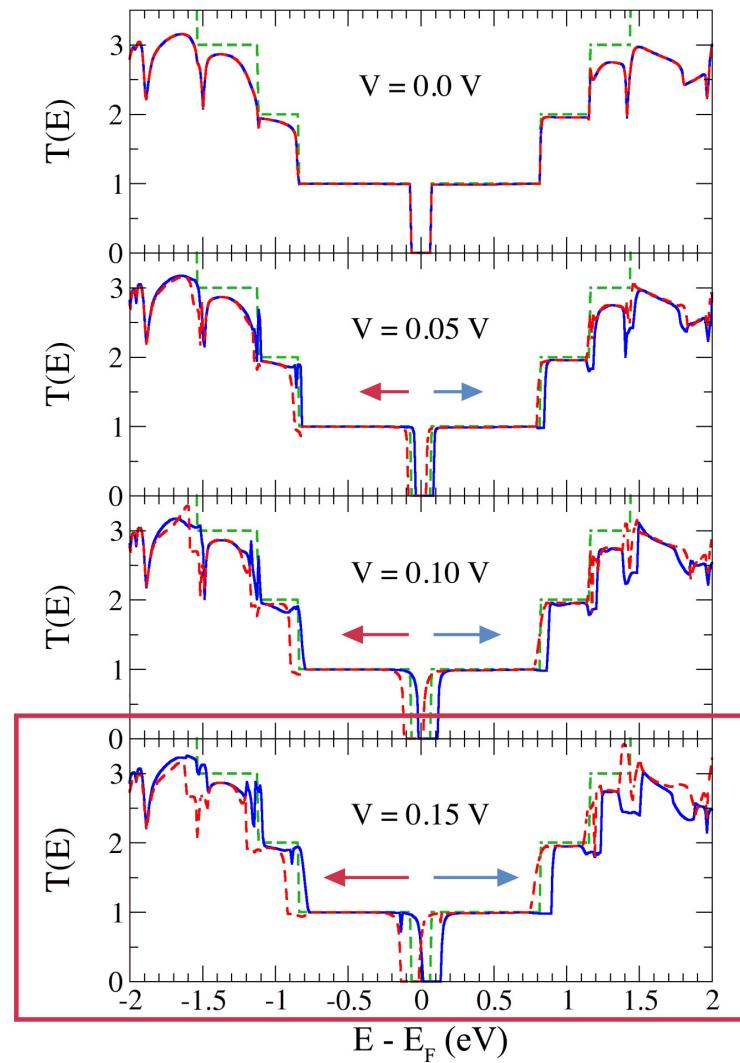
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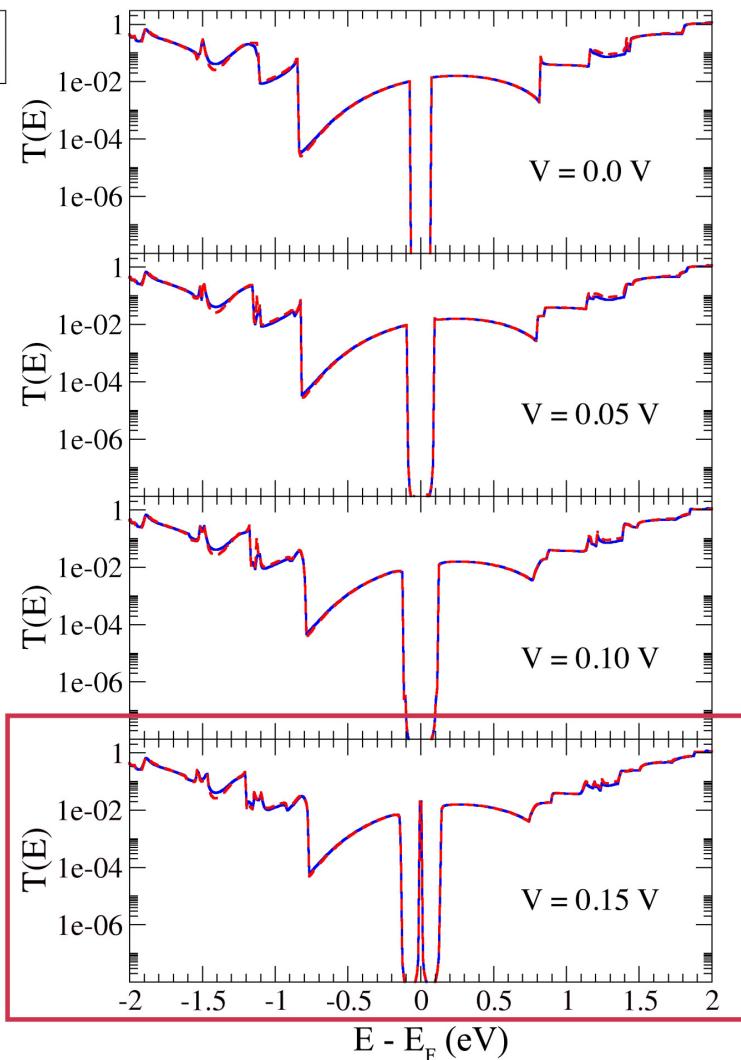
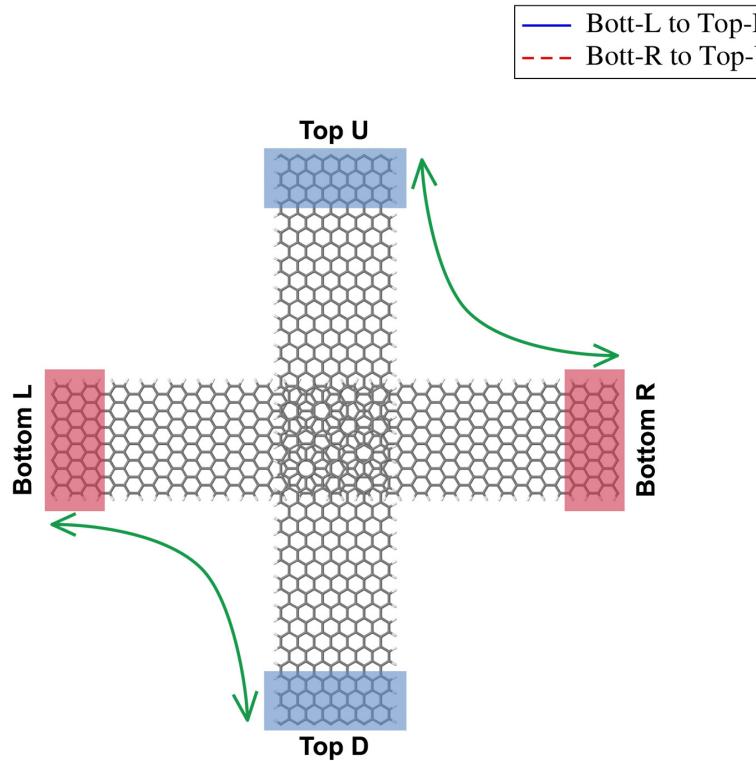
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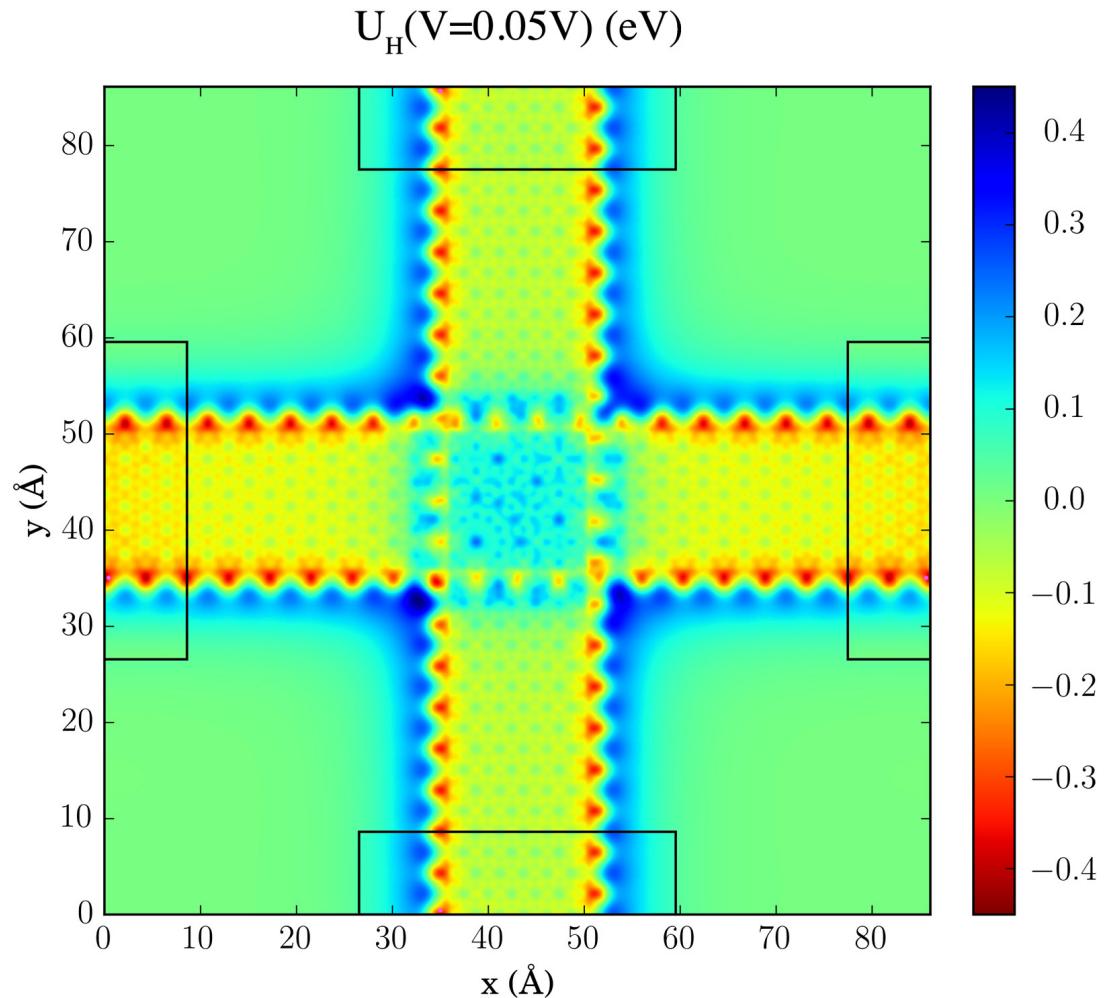


## Inter-ribbon transmission





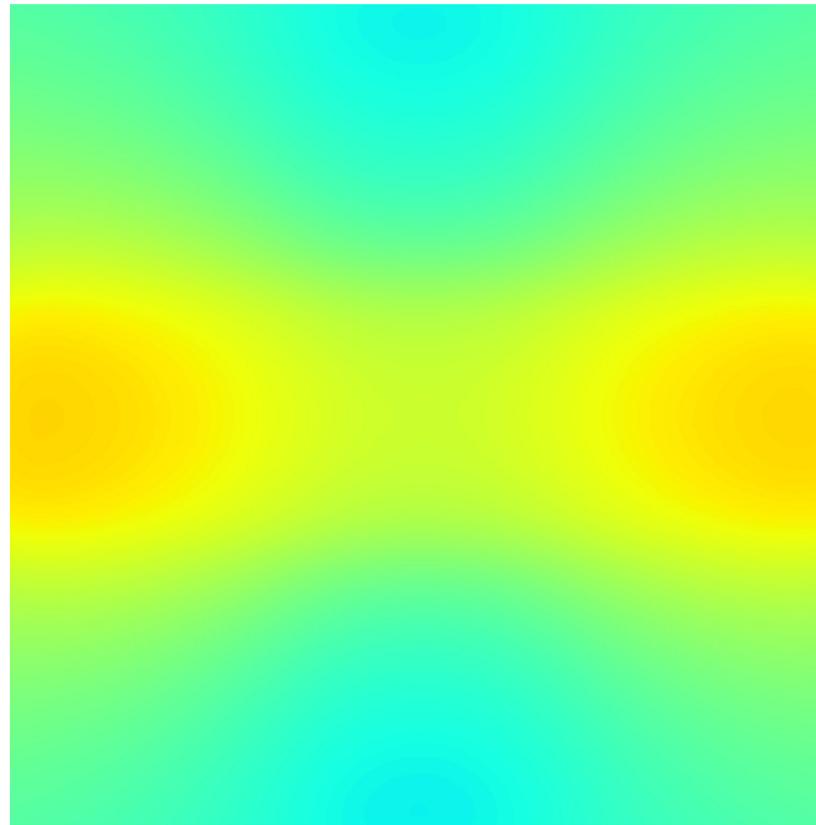
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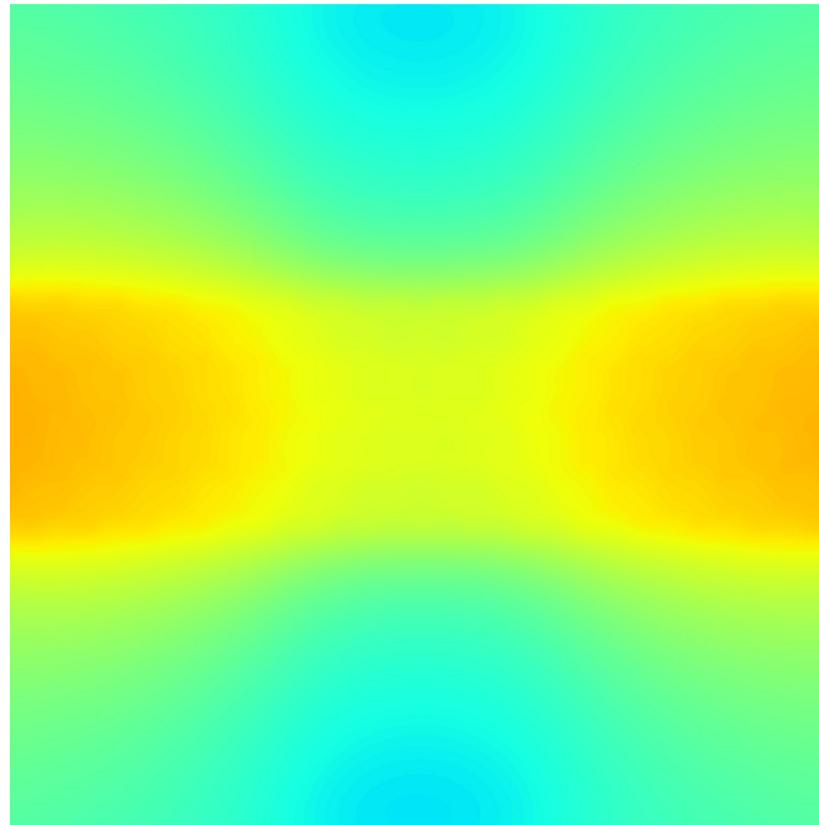
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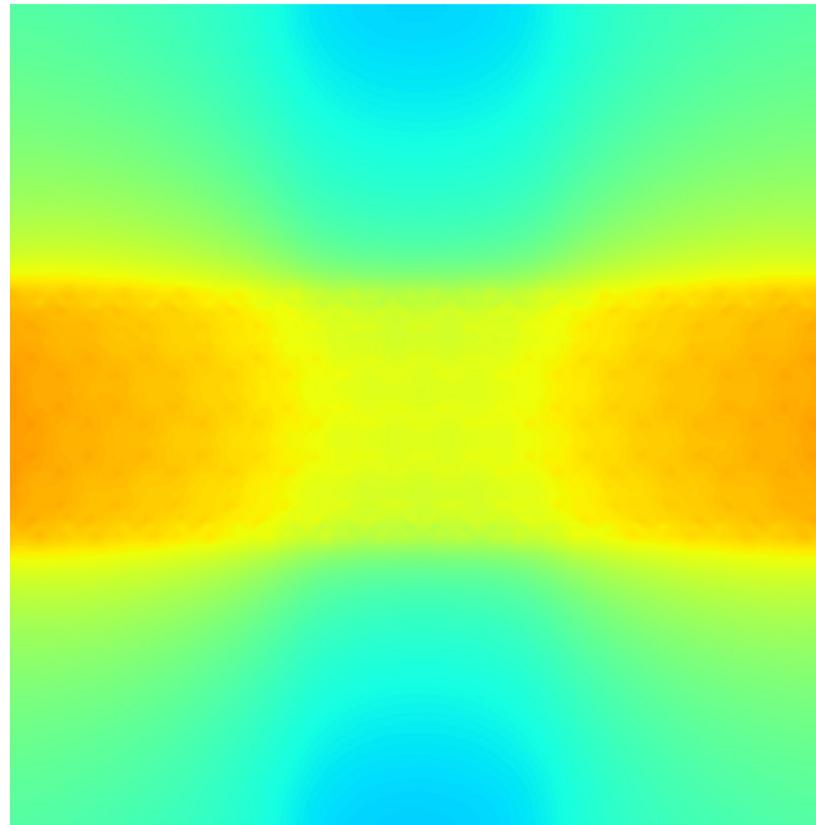
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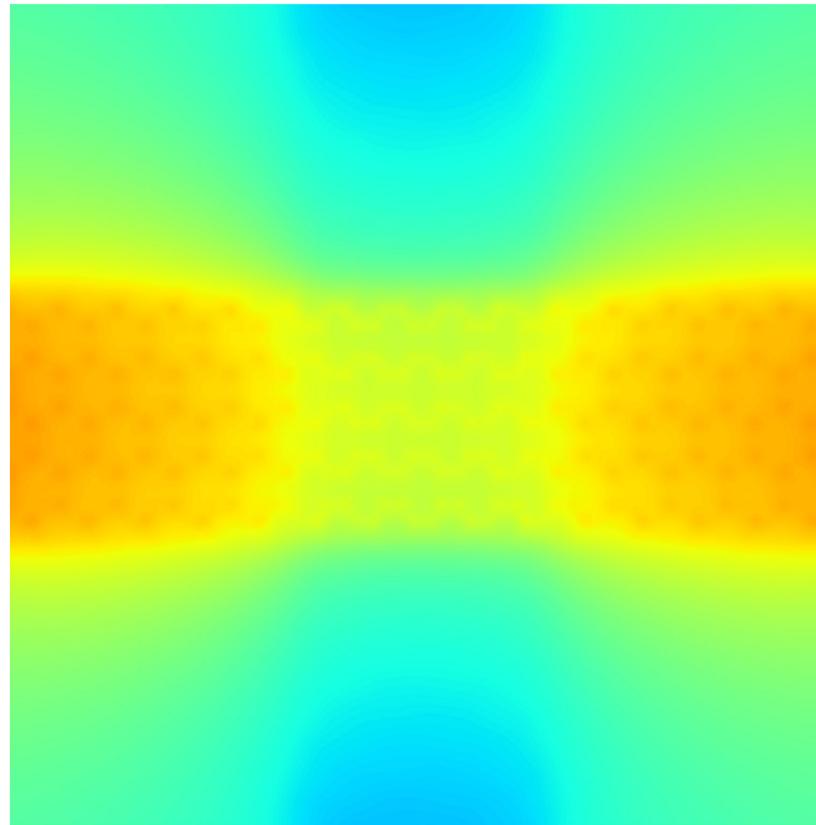
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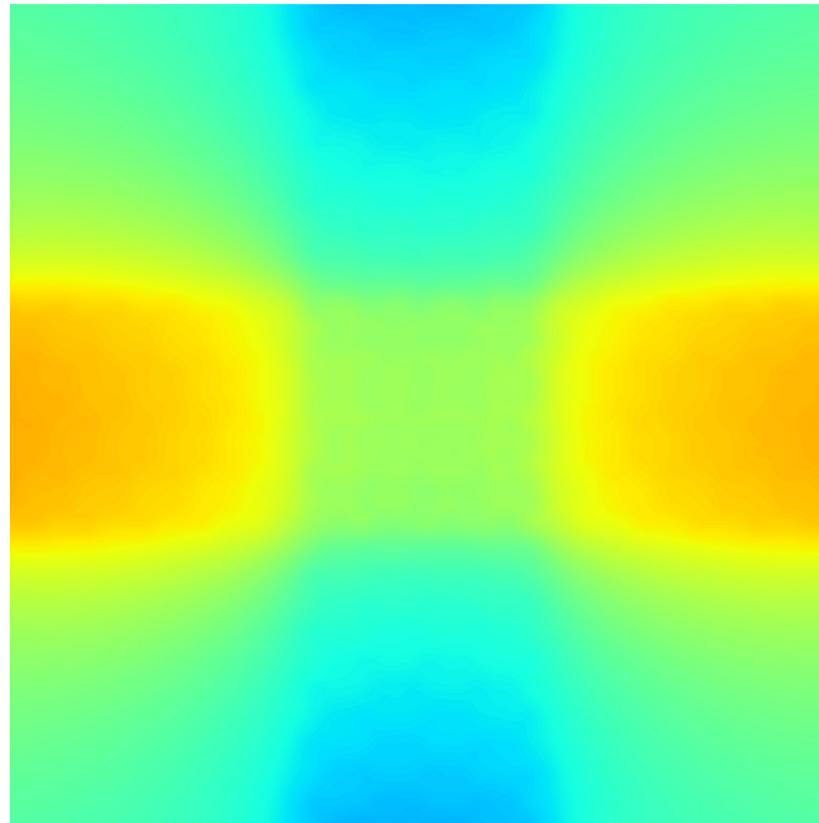
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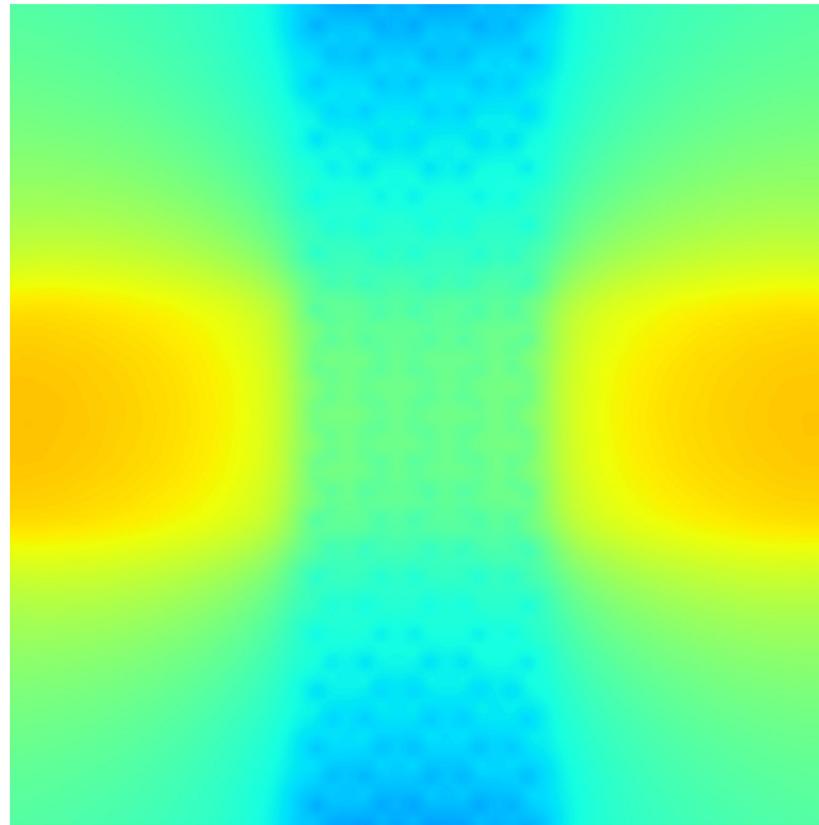
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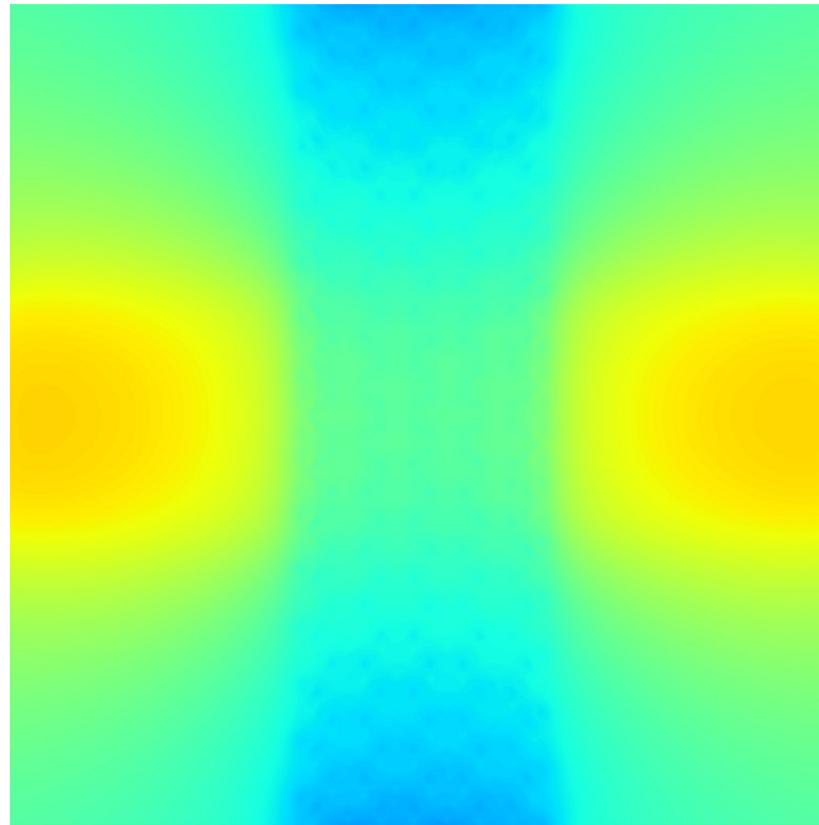
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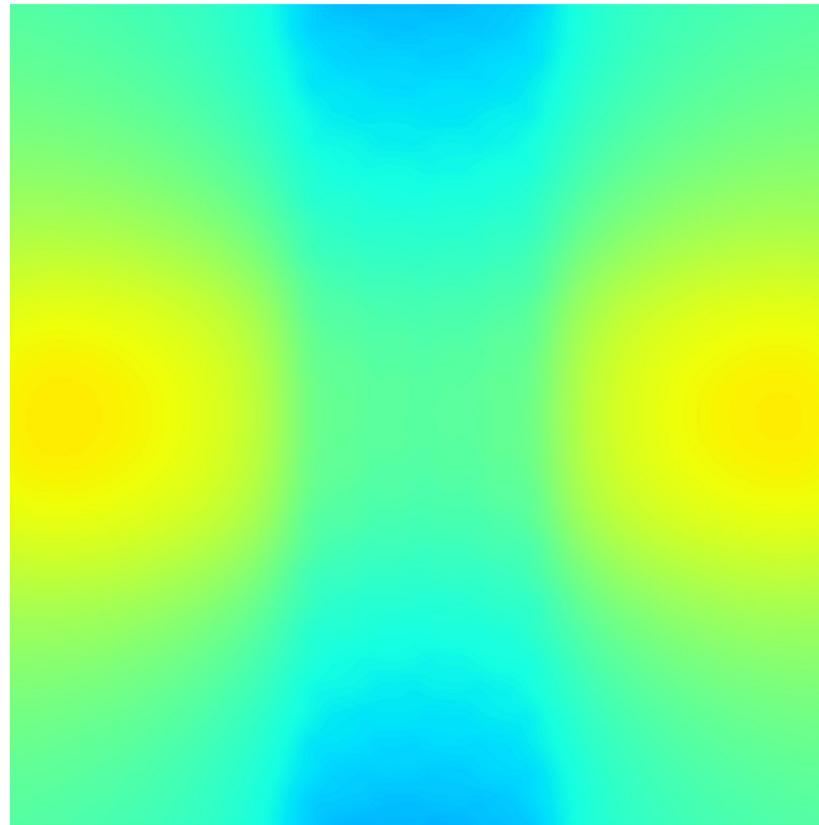
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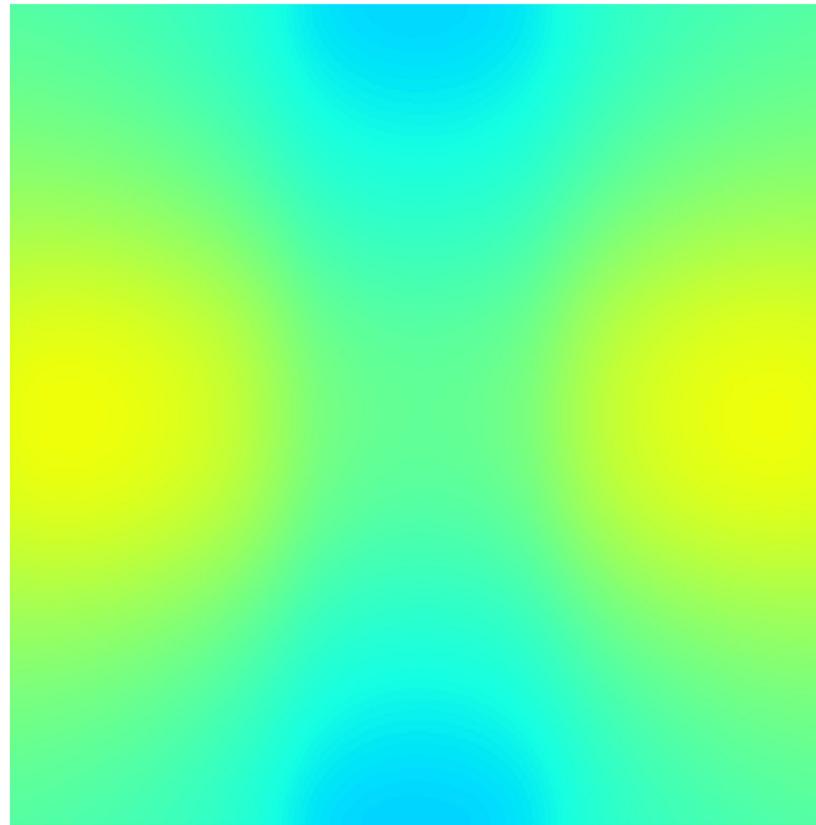
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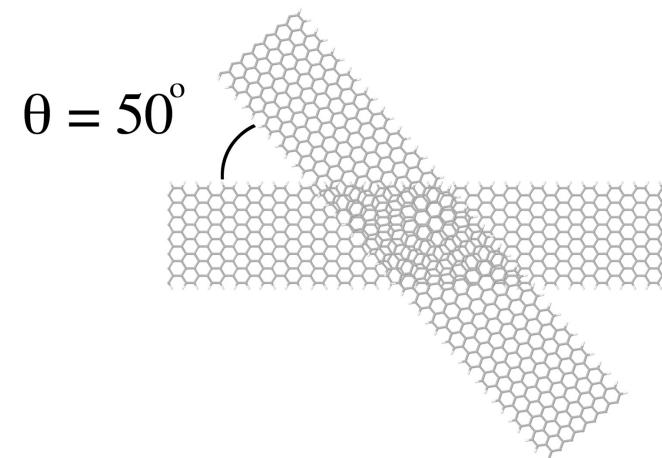
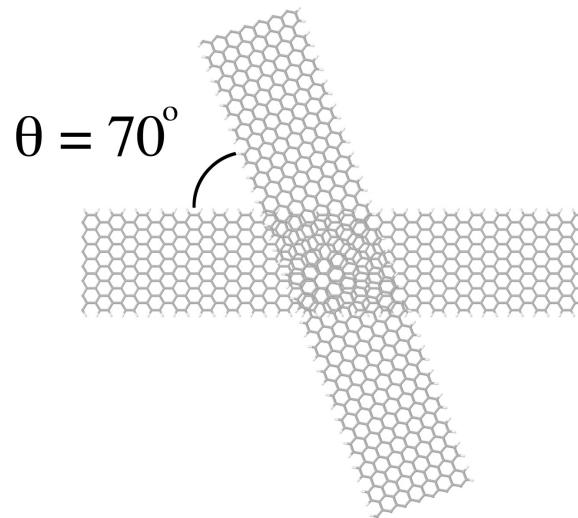
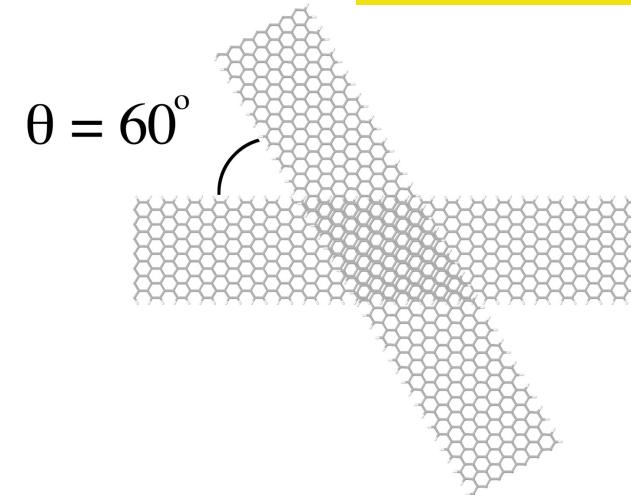
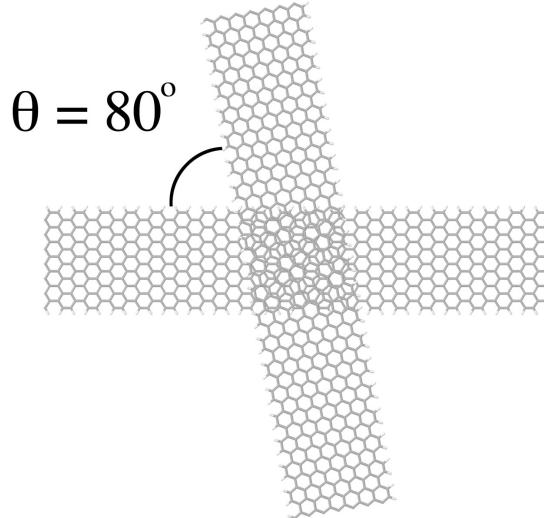
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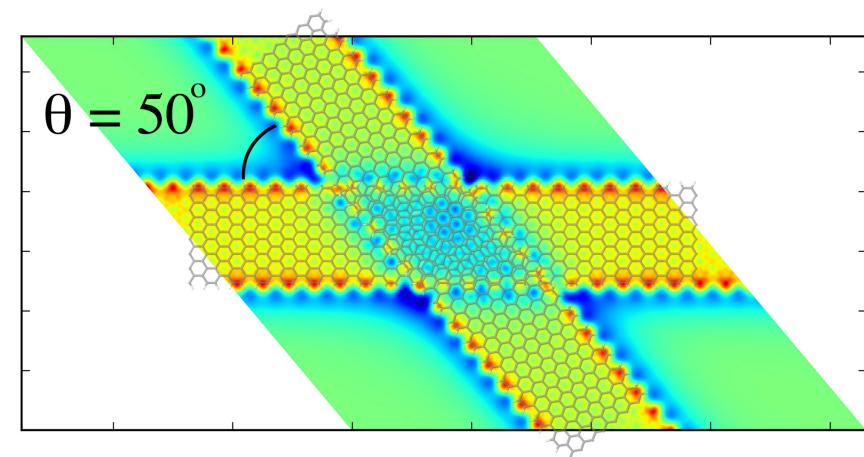
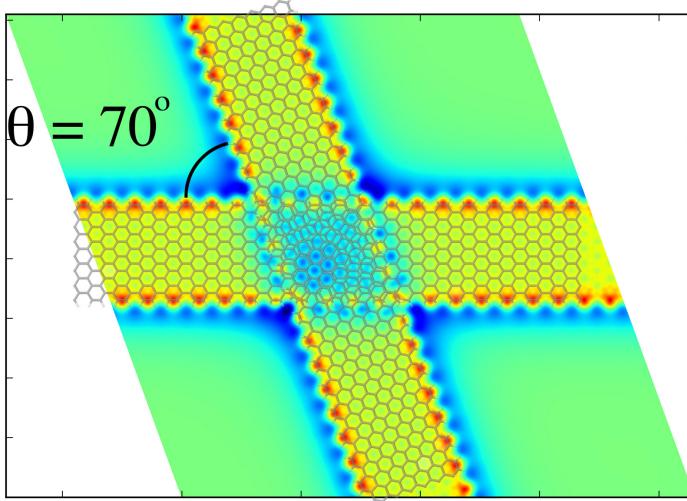
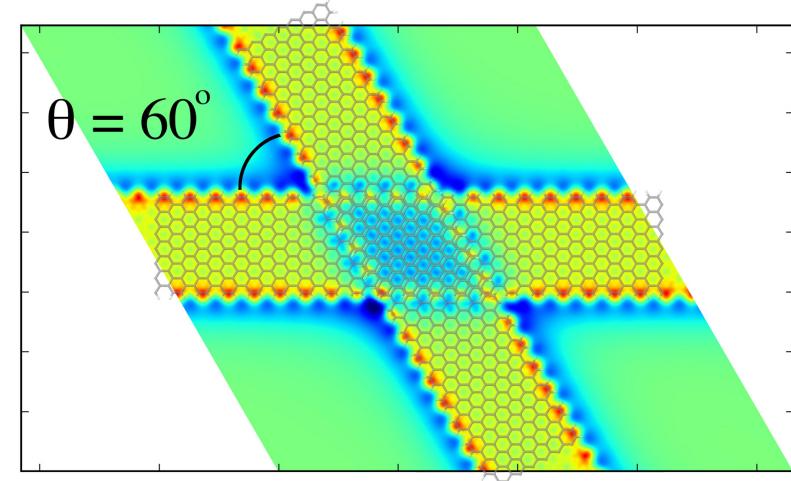
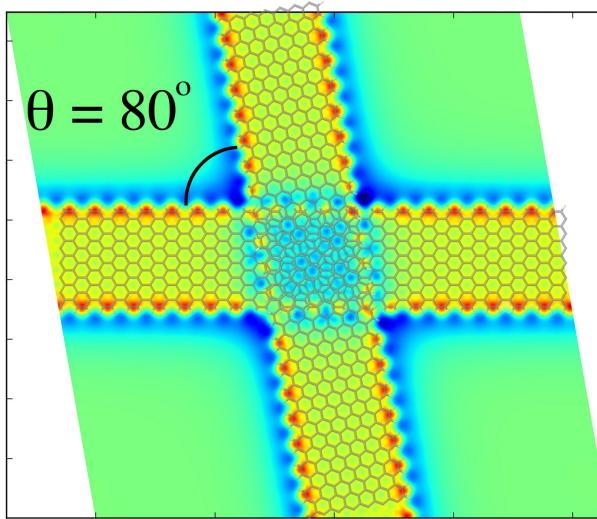


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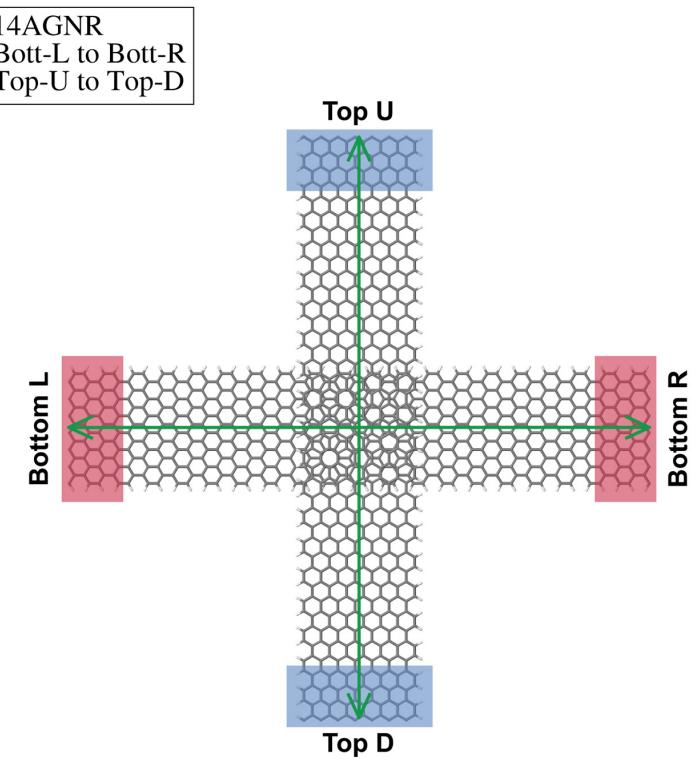
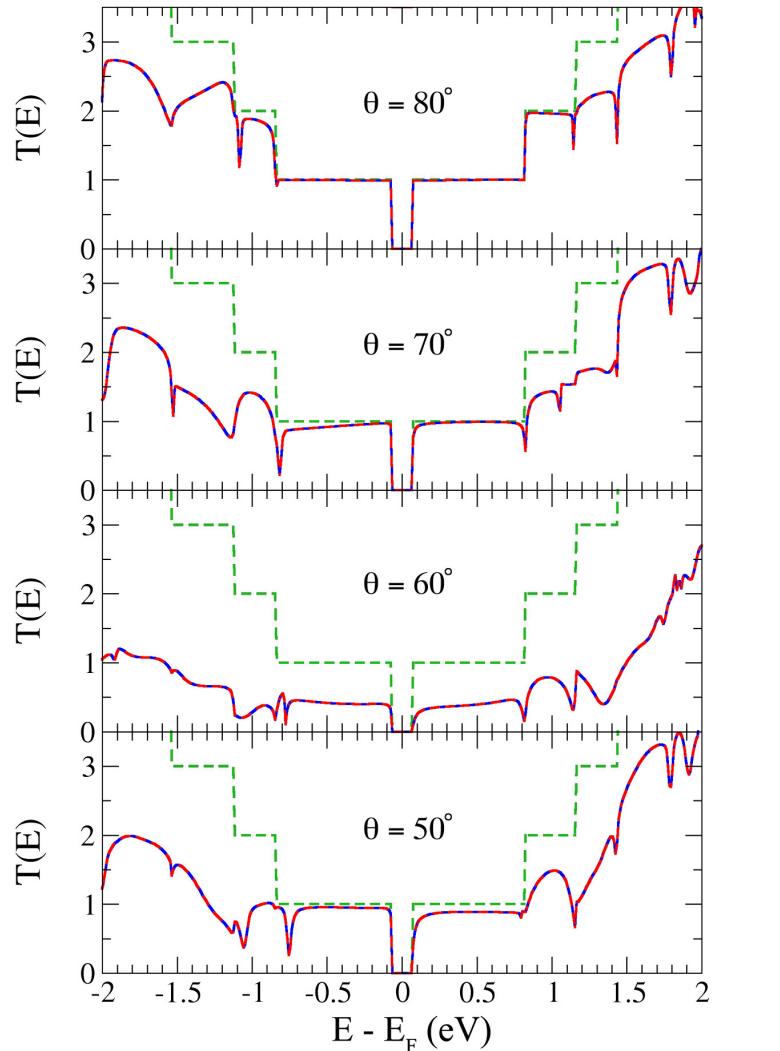
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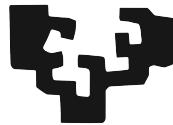


Electrostatic potential at  $V = 0$ 



## Direct transmission at $V = 0$





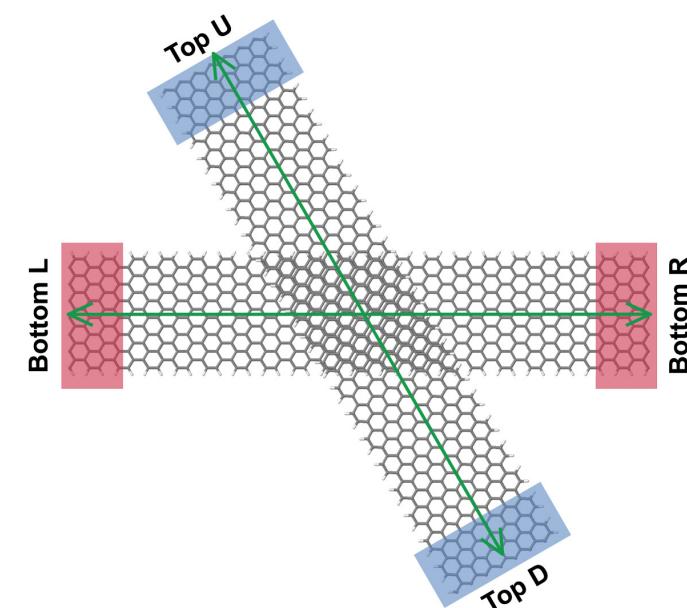
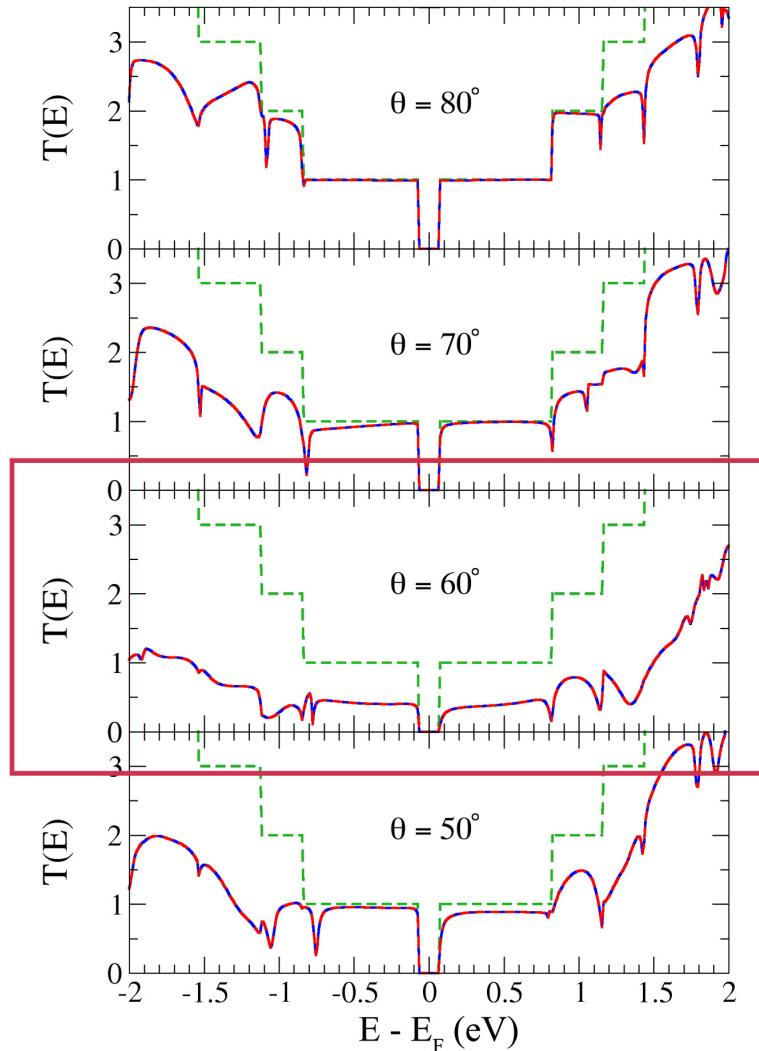
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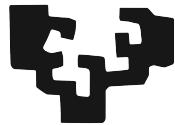
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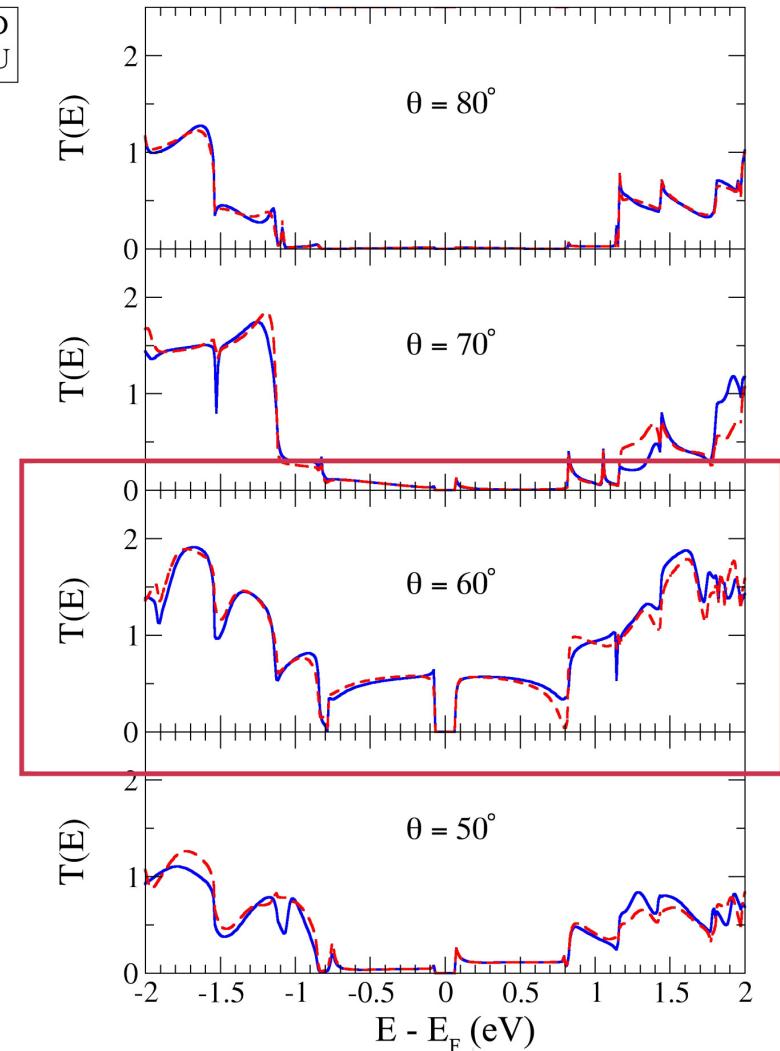
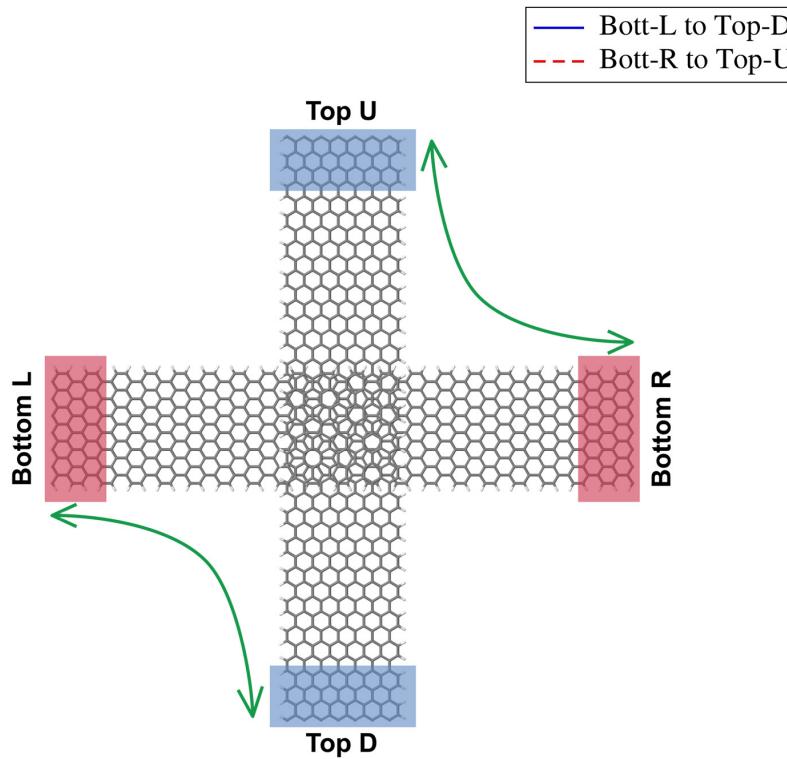
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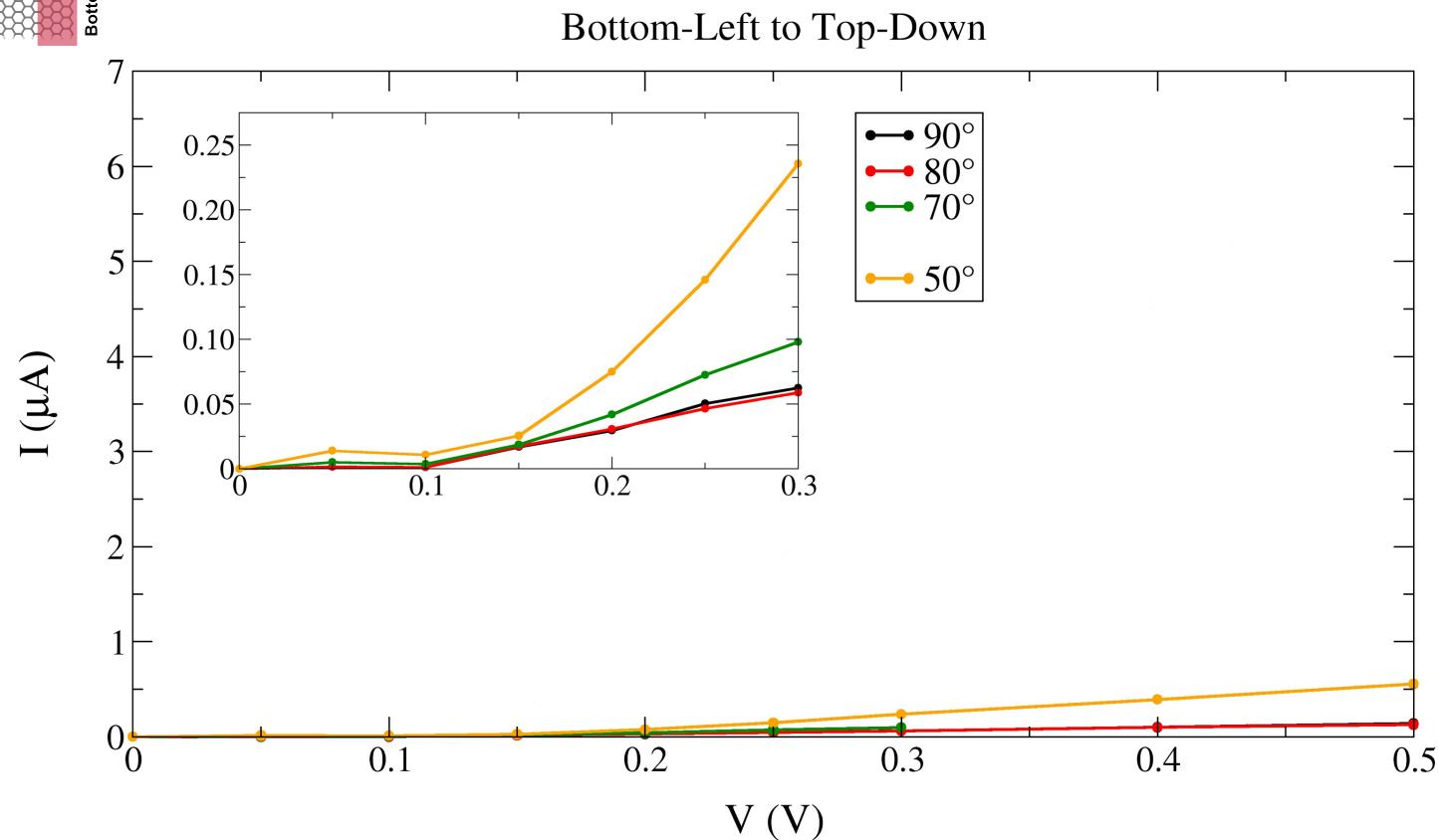
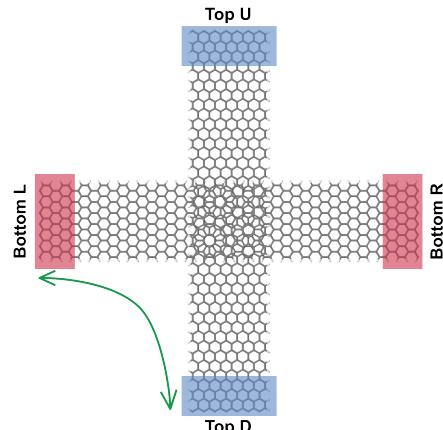


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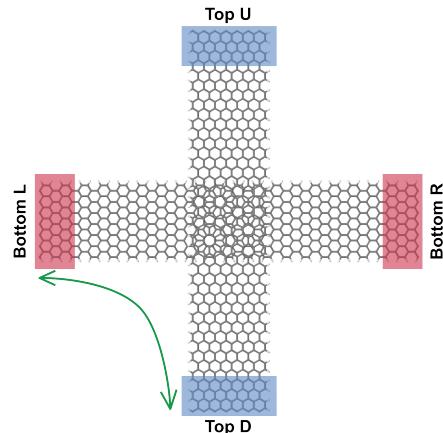


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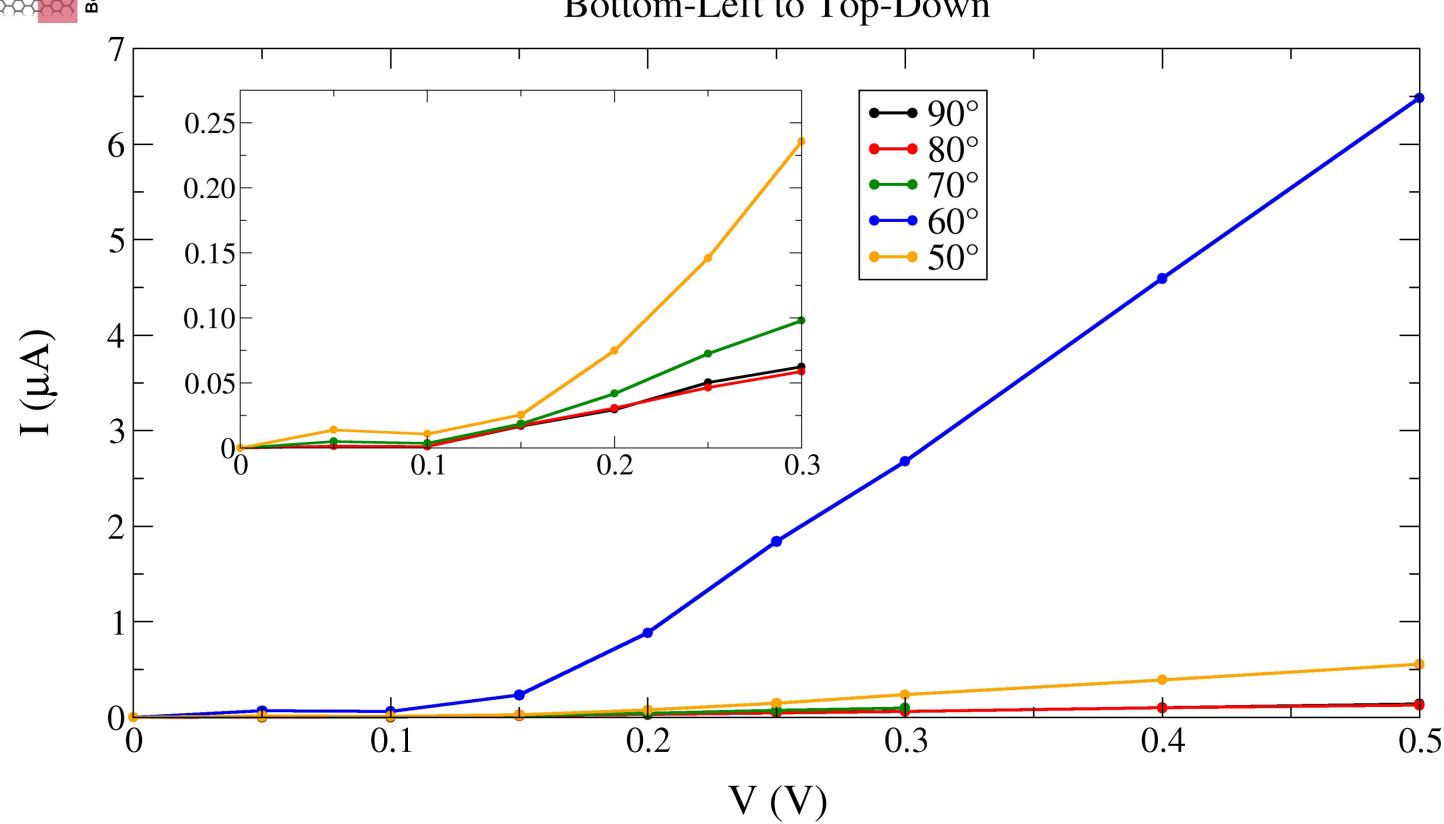




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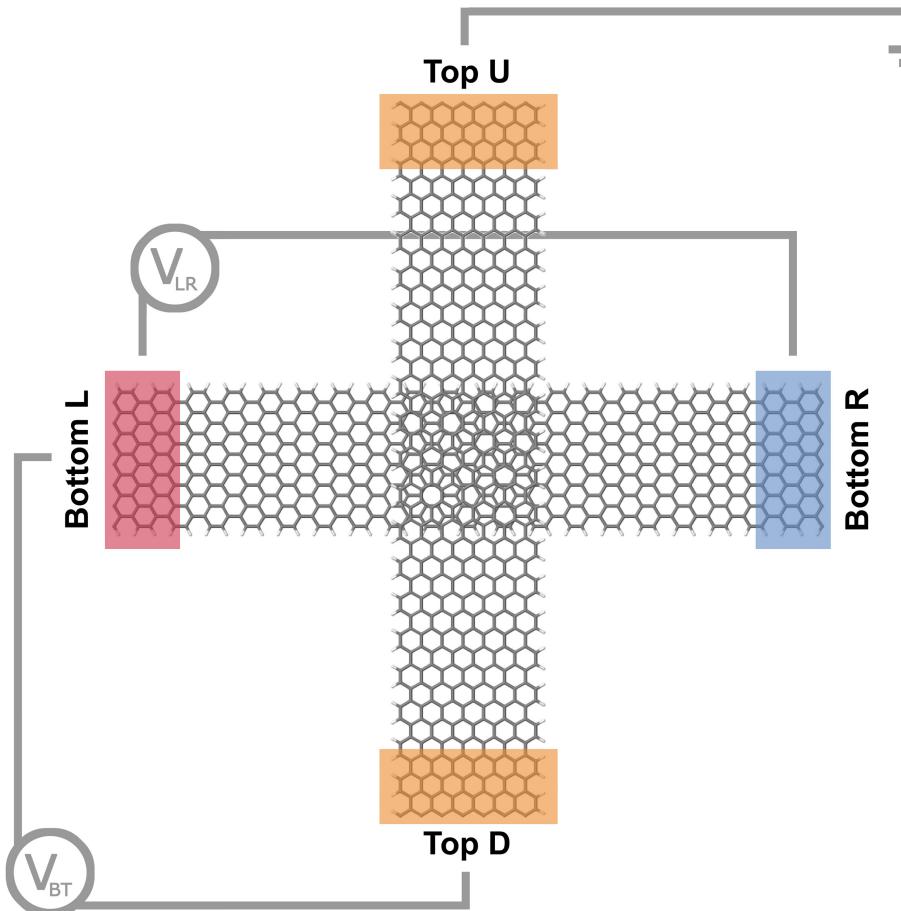


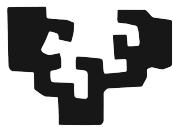
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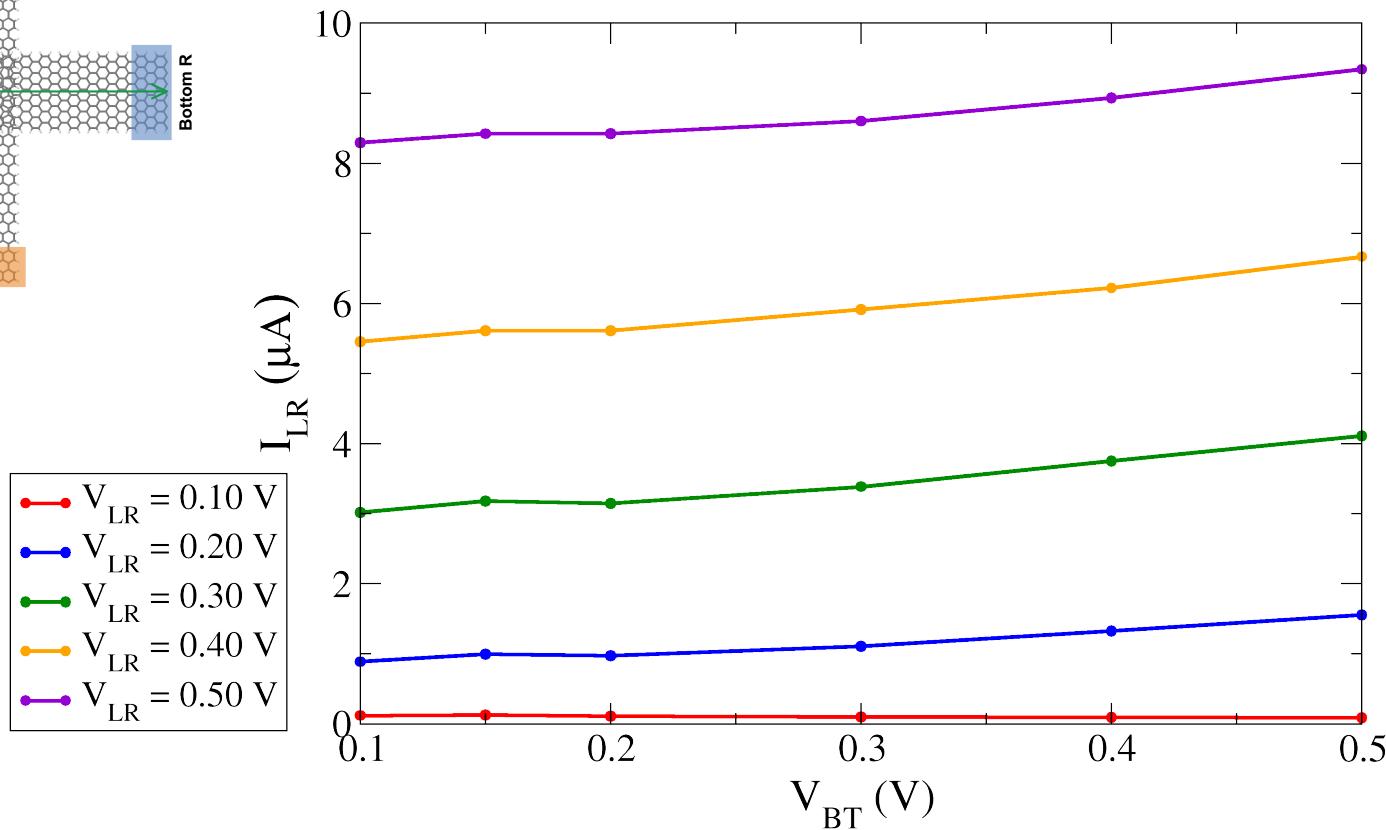
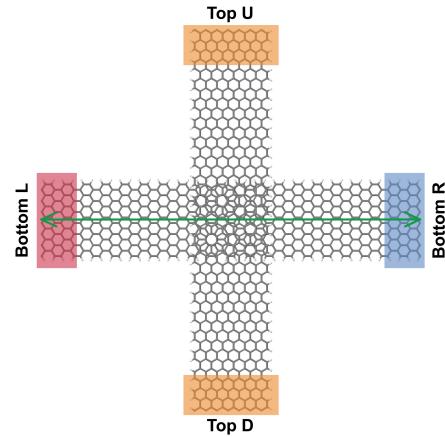


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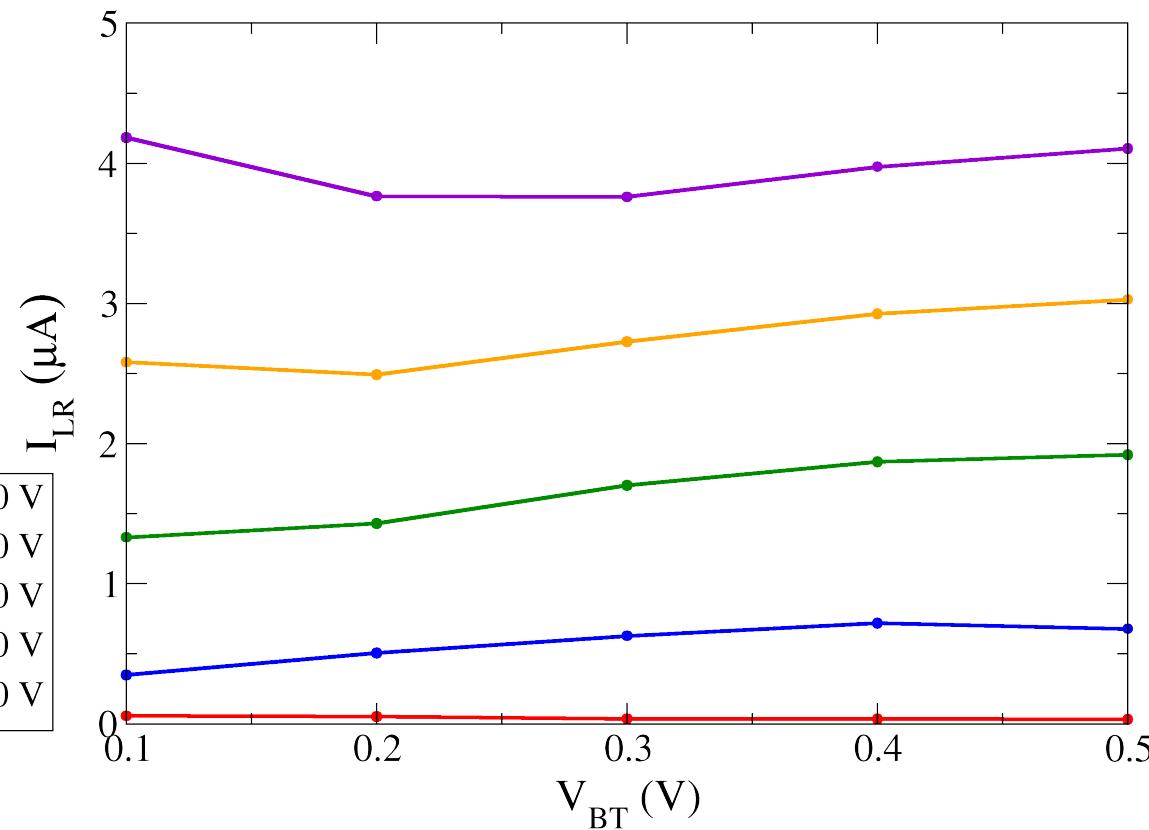
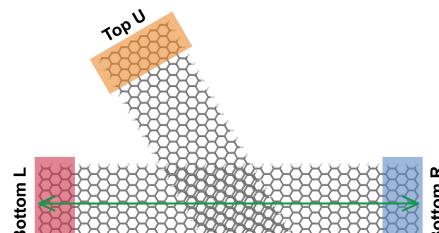


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## Conclusions

- TranSIESTA for **N≥1 arbitrarily distributed** electrodes at finite bias;
- Transmission **strongly depends on the stacking**;
- For a 60° rotation angle one finds a **higher inter-layer transmission**;
- In our calculations we observe a **small gating effect** due to the top ribbon.



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