

Plasmarons and phonons in finite momentum optical conductivity of graphene

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Mid infrared nanoscopy has recently been successfully applied to graphene. In principle, this technique could be used to obtain some information on the finite momentum q optical conductivity $\sigma(q, \omega)$ as a function of energy ω . Consequently, this novel experimental probe could allow one to examine regions of momentum space (k) of the Dirac fermions in graphene which were not previously accessible to $q=0$ optics. With this in mind, we calculate $\sigma(q, \omega)$ for graphene in the presence of many-body renormalizations. We also demonstrate how $\sigma(q, \omega)$ could be used to image parts of the renormalized charge carrier dispersion curves. In particular, we discuss how electron-electron interactions as well as electron-phonon interactions present themselves in $\sigma(q, \omega)$. For instance, if the region near the Dirac point at $k=0$ is probed with a q of order the Fermi momentum k_F , structure is revealed which is due to plasmarons. These are collective modes of an electron plus a plasmon which have recently been seen in ARPES experiments on graphene. Here, we calculate that plasmarons will provide a visible signature in $\sigma(q, \omega)$ even for probing $q < k_F/2$.

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