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Transport modeling for Nanowires and Nanotubes

Quasi-one-dimensional nanostructures have attracted much interest

as they are recognized as promising building blocks for future nanoelectronic devices. A model for electronic transport in these

structures has to address various physical effects:

Quantum mechanical confinement, tunneling and

interference, coupling of

the semiconductor region to the contacts (open systems), non-equilibrium

conditions (voltage applied to the contacts, irradiation), electron-phonon scattering and electron-photon interaction.

The

non-equilibrium Green's function (NEGF) technique has proven well suited

for the numerical study of such problems. A device simulator based on

the NEGF method and a tight-binding model for the band structure has

been developed. We present a numerical analysis of the thermoelectric

properties of scaled silicon nanowires, and of the optoelectronic

response of CNT-based photodetectors.