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## Problem 5 Semiconductor Materials

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The *E* vs  $(k_x, k_y)$  diagram for graphene, a 2D material, is given by  $E_{\pm} = \pm \hbar v_F k$  where  $v_F = 10^8$  cm/s. An electric field is applied by a voltage  $V_G$  to a parallel metal plate separated from the graphene sheet by a 500 nm thick film of SiO<sub>2</sub>. The Fermi level is at 0 eV when  $V_G = 0$ .

- A. (1 pt) Calculate the density of states in the conduction band as a function of E from the Fermi level set at  $V_G = 0$ . Note that the bands are doubly degenerate and there is electron spin.
- B. (2 pts) Find the position of the Fermi level when  $V_G = 20V$ , negative with respect to the graphene at T = 0K. How does this result change at room temperature?
- C. (1 pt) The graphene Bravais lattice vectors are  $\vec{a_1} = a/2\hat{x} a\sqrt{3}/2\hat{y}$  and  $\vec{a_2} = a/2\hat{x} + a\sqrt{3}/2\hat{y}$  with basis vectors  $u_1 = 0$  and  $\vec{u_2} = 1/3\vec{a_1} + 2/3\vec{a_2}$ . Draw the lattice. If the lattice parameter of graphene is 2.47 Å, what is the atomic density? From the result of the previous part, how many electrons per atom are added by application of  $V_G = 20$  V?



9	$1.6  imes 10^{-19} \mathrm{C}$	electron charge
$\epsilon_{o}$	$8.85 imes10^{-14}~\mathrm{F/cm}$	permittivity of free space
$K_s$	11.8 (Si)	relative dielectric constant
Ko	3.9 (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	relative dielectric constant
$k_B$	$8.617 imes10^{-5}~{ m eV/K}$	Boltzman's constant
h	$6.63  imes 10^{-34} \text{ J} \text{ s}$	Planck constant
$m_o$	$9.11  imes 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	electron mass
$k_BT/q$	0.0259 V at 300 K	thermal voltage
С	$3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$	speed of light