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Topological Insulators, Superconductors and Majorana Fermions

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Following original idea¹ leading to a discovery of Topological Insulators we describe the recent developments of the subject in a detail. In particular we focus on Topological Superconductors and Majorana Fermions. Such Majoranas have strong potential to be used in various graphene devices² as well as in future topological adiabatic quantum computers³ due to their non-Abelian braiding statistics. We describe the theory of topological insulators and superconductor and show how Majorana fermions and topological superconductivity may arise there considering the spinless $p_x \pm ip_y$ superconductors and hybrid systems. Graphene is not flat and has microscopic lattice nano-corrugations inherent to all two-dimensional crystals⁴. We show that such corrugations may provide channeling opportunities for electrons⁵ that can be used in a new design of p-n junctions and transistors² or for a creation of Majoranas. The graphene lattice distortions can not only generate the state of topological insulator but also induce the magnetization oscillations and the Hofstadter butterfly in graphene flakes⁶. We discuss also physical properties of Zenertunnelling nano-devices⁷ and Aharonov-Bohm effect in graphene nanoring focusing on the case when there are arising levitons⁸. Graphene bubbles is another example where topological states may exist⁹. We also discuss tunneling, stochastic and extraordinary magnetoresistance phenomena arising in these systems^{10,11,12}.

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