Hyperbolic cooling of graphene Zener-Klein transistors

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Engineering of cooling mechanisms is a bottleneck in nanoelectroniscs. In graphene/hBN transistors, Wiedemann-Frantz cooling¹ and supercollision-cooling² prevails, and the latter is suppressed in high mobility graphene/hBN samples and substituted bv the super-Planckian radiation³ of hyperbolic phonon-polaritons (HPPs) in the hBN substrate. Using electrical Joule heating sensitive noise and thermometry in several GHz range we report on prevailing HPP cooling in the upper Reststrahlen-band of hBN at high bias. We predict and observe its activation threshold, along with interband Zener-Klein tunneling. HPP cooling is able to evacuate at least several GW/m2 to the bottom gate, resulting in an unusual clipping of electronic temperature. As a scattering counterpart, HPPs of the lower Reststrahlen-band control current saturation at high doping. The combination of both mechanisms promotes graphene/hBN as α valuable nanotechnology for applications in the high devices and radio power frequency electronics.

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Figure 2: Measured electron temperature and simulation.