Cesium induced linear dispersion of the Graphene/Ni(111) interband plasmon

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Abstract

We present the comparative study of the graphene/Ni(111) and the graphene/Cs/Ni(111) systems by means of angle resolved electron energy loss spectroscopy (AREELS), in order to investigate modifications of the collective electronic properties caused by Cs intercalation.

In our experimental results, the π plasmon dispersion of epitaxial graphene on Ni(111) changes drastically as a result of Cs intercalation: we measure a square-root behavior in absence of Cesium atoms ¹ and a linear dependence in the intercalated system. The dispersion curve of π plasmon shows that alkali metal atoms make graphene to be quasi-free with the recovery of the typical Dirac cones observed in free standing flakes².

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