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Snake states and Majorana's in graphene quantum dots in the presence of a p-n junction FRANCOIS PEETERS, M. ZARENIA, Universiteit Antwerpen, Dept. Physics, J.M. PEREIRA, JR., G.A. FARIAS, UFC, Dept. de Fisica, Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil — We investigate the magnetic interface states of graphene quantum dots that contain p-n junctions. Within a tight-binding approach, we consider rectangular quantum dots in the presence of a perpendicular magnetic field containing p-n, as well as p-n-p and n-p-n junctions. The results show the interplay between the edge states associated with the zigzag terminations of the sample and the snake states that arise at the p-n junction, due to the overlap between electron and hole states at the potential interface. Remarkable localized states are found at the crossing of the p-n junction with the zigzag edge having a dumb-bell shaped electron distribution. These states are localized Majorana states. The results are presented as function of the junction parameters and the applied magnetic flux.

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