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Edge pseudo-magnetoplasmons ALESSANDRO PRINCIPI,
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— We study the properties of edge plasmons in two-component electron liquids in
the presence of pseudomagnetic fields, which have opposite signs for the two different
electronic populations and therefore preserve the time-reversal symmetry. The phys-
ical realizations of such systems are many. We discuss the case of strained graphene,
solving the problem with the Wiener-Hopf technique. We show (i) that two charged
counter-propagating acoustic edge modes exist at the boundary and (ii) that, in the
limit of large pseudomagnetic fields, each of them involves oscillations of only one of
the two electronic components. We suggest that the edge pseudo-magnetoplasmons
of graphene can be used to selectively address the electrons of one specific valley, a
feature relevant for the emerging field of valleytronics. We speculate that electrons
in proximity to a Skyrmion lattice could exhibit the same phenomenology, and that
the resulting spin-polarized plasmons at the boundary of Skyrmion lattices could
be exploited for spintronics applications. Our solution highlights new features miss-
ing in previous (similar) results obtained with uncontrolled approximations, namely
a logarithmic divergence of the plasmon velocity, and the absence of gapped edge
modes inside the bulk-plasmon gap.

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