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- 5. Phonon-assisted tunneling.
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For Lorentzian spectral tails, you can never turn off the tunnel-FET What happens in reality is not exponential decay:



There is an initial parabolic period of time $2\tau_p$!

The initial parabolic decay rescues the tFET concept:



We are setting forth, for the first time, the requirement: that the wires connecting to a tunnel FET should consist of 1-d conductors of heavy effective mass, a narrow band metal that can only be achieved by a metallic, graphene nano-ribbon





The predicted tFET I-V curves.

Engineering Metallic GNRs from Topological Superlattices



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New Requirement:

8. Prevent the Lorentzian lineshape by requiring narrow-band, heavy-effective-mass connecting leads to the tunneling device.
This has implications for other areas of scientific spectroscopy.