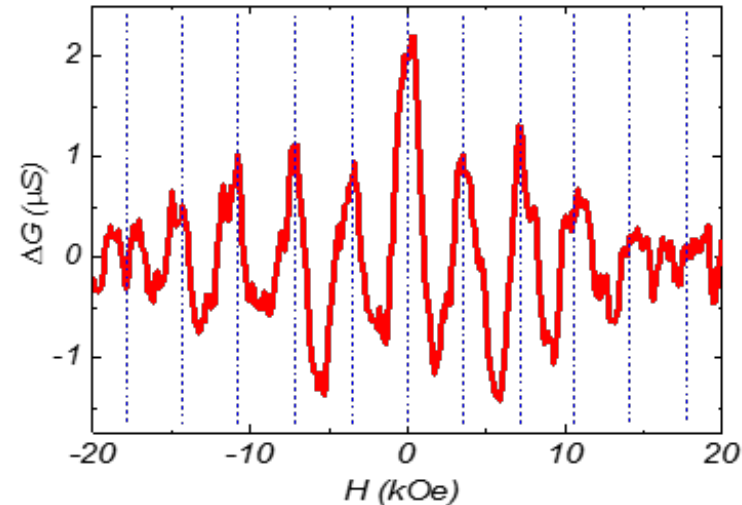
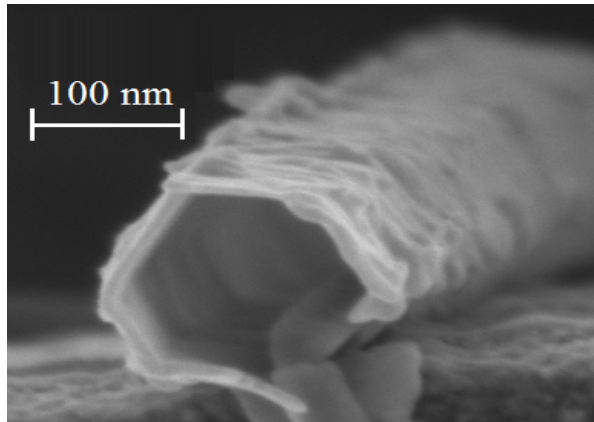


Resistance quantum oscillations in topological nanotubes



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We synthesized thin nanotubes of Bi_2Te_3 with extremely insulating bulk at low temperatures due to disorder. Using nanotube structures, we optimized the surface to bulk volume ratio. The nanotubes were synthesized by a solution phase method. Cross sectional SEM image of the nanotube is shown on the left. Strong oscillations in electrical conductance were observed as a function of the magnetic field applied parallel to the nanotube as shown on the right panel. The period of the oscillation matches $h/e \pi r^2$, with h , e , and r being respectively the Plank's constant, charge of the electron and r the radius of the outer surface of the nanotube. This observation demonstrates coherent quantum transport on the surface even for highly disordered samples providing a direct confirmation of the inherent topological character of the nanotube.

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