

New concepts and new devices for microelectronics

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Quantum transport and Coulomb blockade
in silicon nanodevices

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Vendredi 23 mars 2012 M258 PHELMA Maud Vinet

14h00-15h15	Evolutions-Limites de la Microélectronique
15h15-15h30	Pause
15h30-16h15	Evolutions-Limites de la Microélectronique (suite)
16h15-16h30	Pause
16h30-17h30	Fabrication des SET, Multiple Tunnel Junctions, Few electrons memories, Digital and analog applications des SET ...

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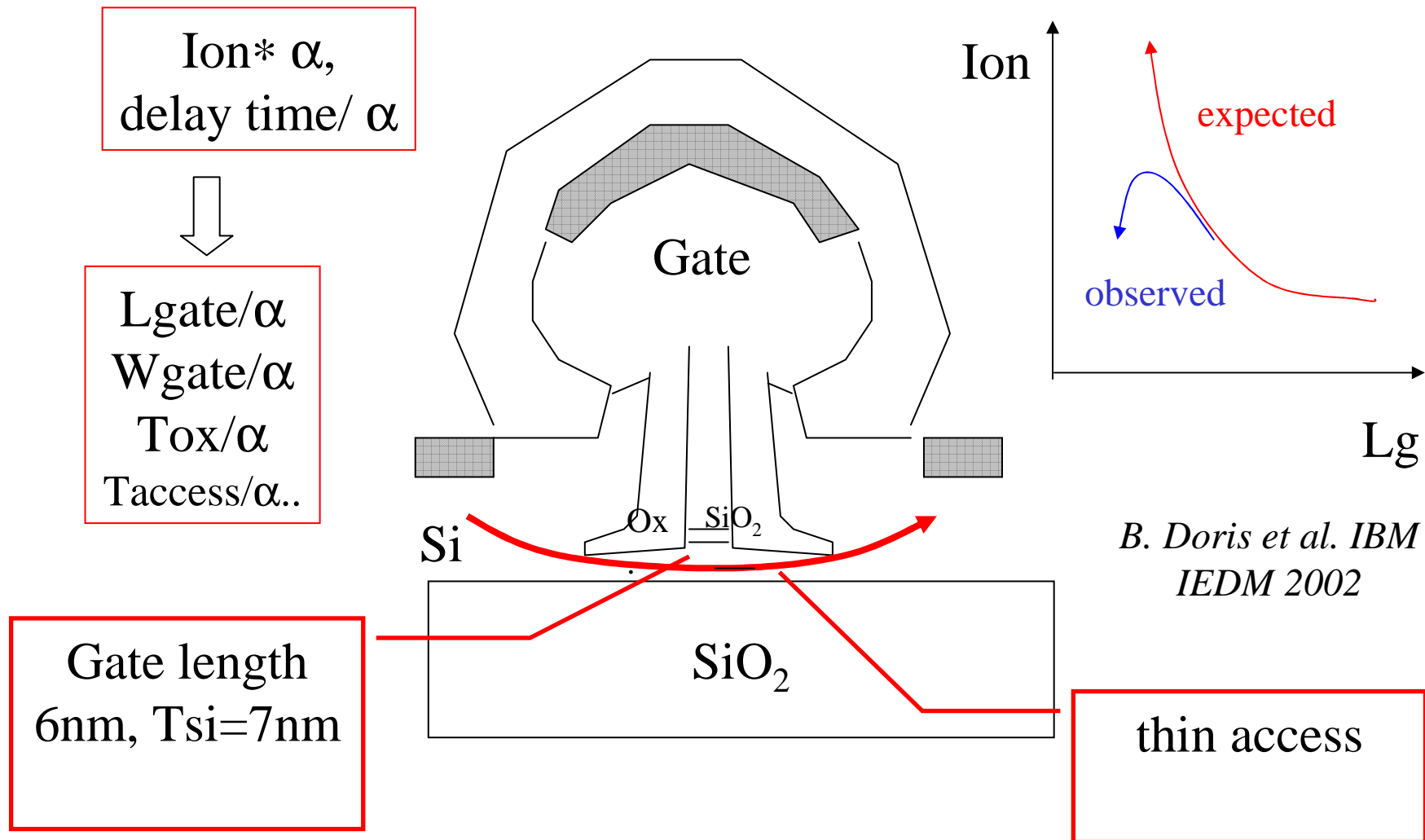
14h00-15h15	Scaling CMOS energy-time consideration; Shrinking the MOSFET: single dopant variability ; Single dopant –single electron transport
15h15-15h30	Pause
15h30-16h15	What is the physics involved in single dopant transport? Large mean level spacing, Resonant Tunnelling, confinement size close to Fermi wavelength ; Coupled dopants: electron interaction; Many dopants: impurity band, localization
16h15-16h30	Pause
16h30-17h30	Double occupation, Coulomb blockade, Orthodox theory ,Double dots,

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14h00-15h15	Qubits, orbital hybridization, ballistic transport, Landauer formula, transfer matrices,
15h15-15h30	Pause
15h30-16h15	SET versus FET MOS-SET devices
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16h30-17h30	Room temperature SETs and quantum confinement effects

Down-Scaling CMOS: energy-time considerations

ultimate MOSFET



Ion saturation: ballisticity ? Ion decrease = parasitic access resistance ?

Lg=3.8nm MOSFET

$R_{sd} \sim 10^5 \Omega$

S-D Suk et al, VLSI Tech Symposium, Kyoto 2009, p142 (Samsung)

- Active formation on SOI (or Poly Si on oxide)
- Damascene dummy deposition & photo
- Damascene dummy etch
- Self-limited inner spacer (gap formation)
- Implantation & Sicidation after gate oxidation/TiN deposition & dummy removal on S/D

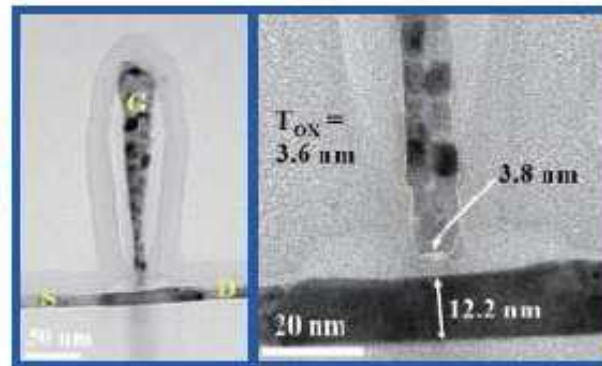
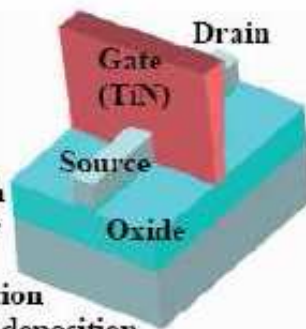


Fig. 2. L_g of 3.8 nm is achieved with well filled TiN gate. Nanowire height and gate oxide thickness are confirmed 12.2 nm and 3.6 nm, respectively.

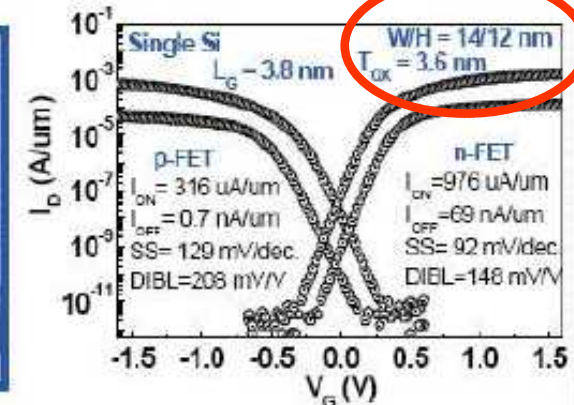


Fig. 3. I_D - V_G curves of single Si MOSFETs on SOI at L_g of 3.8 nm. n- and p-FET are well operated with good performance.

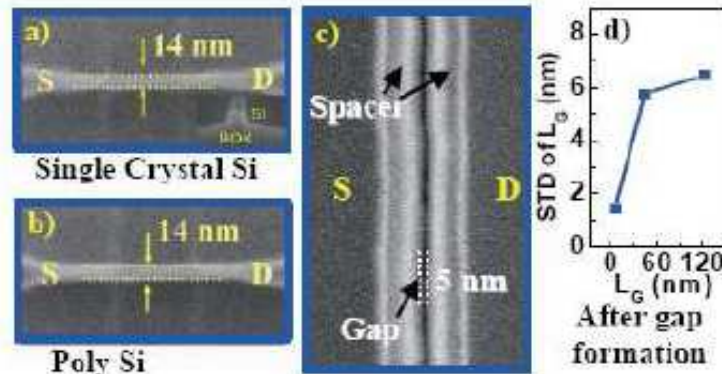


Fig. 4. a), b) SEM images of nanowires after active formation. c) SEM image of 5 nm damascene gap after new spacer process. Due to self-limited gap formation, smaller gap has better uniformity of L_g .

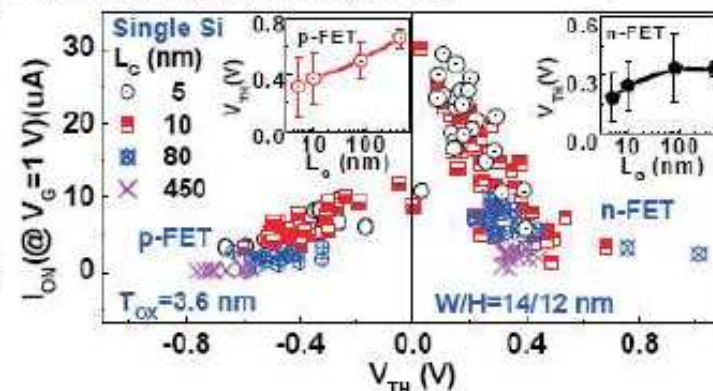


Fig. 5. V_{TH} is lowered about 0.15 V for n-FET and 0.3 V for p-FET as L_g reduces from 450 nm to 5 nm due to thin body tri-gate structure.

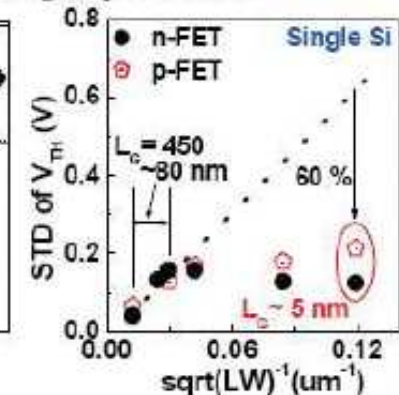
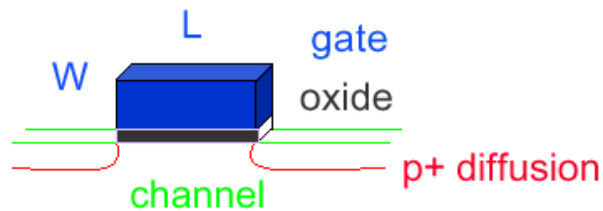


Fig. 6. Due to self-limited gap formation, variability improves 60 % in Pelgrom graph at L_g = 5 nm.

Shrinking down the MOSFET:



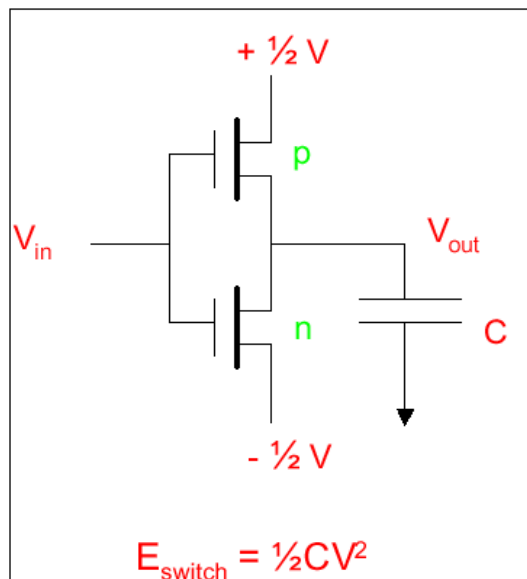
$$\begin{array}{lll}
 L & \Rightarrow & L/\alpha \\
 W & \Rightarrow & W/\alpha \\
 d_{\text{oxide}} & \Rightarrow & d_{\text{oxide}}/\alpha \\
 V & \Rightarrow & V/\alpha
 \end{array}$$



gate capacitance	$C = \epsilon W L / d_{\text{oxide}}$	$\propto 1/\alpha$
switching energy	$E = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$	$\propto 1/\alpha^3$
switching time	$\tau \propto L^2/V$	$\propto 1/\alpha$
switching power	$P = E/\tau$	$\propto 1/\alpha^2$

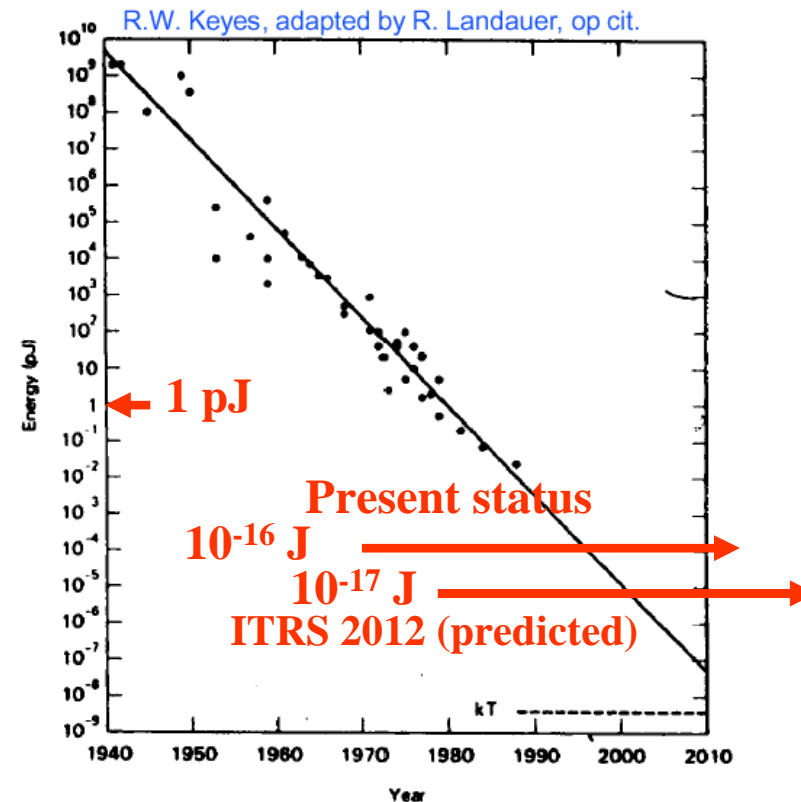
Power per unit area remains constant

Scaling of switching energy



Scaling : $E = \frac{1}{2} C V^2 \propto 1/\alpha^3$
 in 10 years $\alpha \approx 5$ (Moore's law)

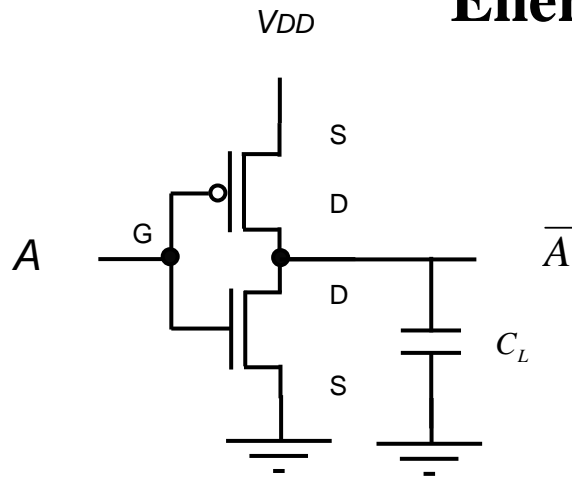
(Landauer '88)



Today (energy switching, device level)
 10^{-16} J

$$\tau = C_g V_{dd} / I = 1 \text{ ps (low power)}$$

Energy-time product $\sim 10^{-27}$ Js \gg $h = 10^{-34}$ Js



PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS / energy considerations

physical limitations for digital calculation:

switching energy larger than temperature and should obey
Heisenberg uncertainty principle

$$E_{sw} = 1/2 \times CV^2 > kT \quad \text{et} \quad E_{sw} \times \tau > h/2\pi$$

10nm/10nm ballistic FET: Gate capacitance ($T_{si}=1\text{nm}$): 10^{-18} F

Channel resistance $30\text{k}\Omega$

→ Ballistic Transit time $= 10\text{nm}/v_F \sim 10^{-13}\text{s}$ Power: $10\mu\text{W}$

→ electronic circuit time constant : $RC \sim 10^{-13}\text{s}$

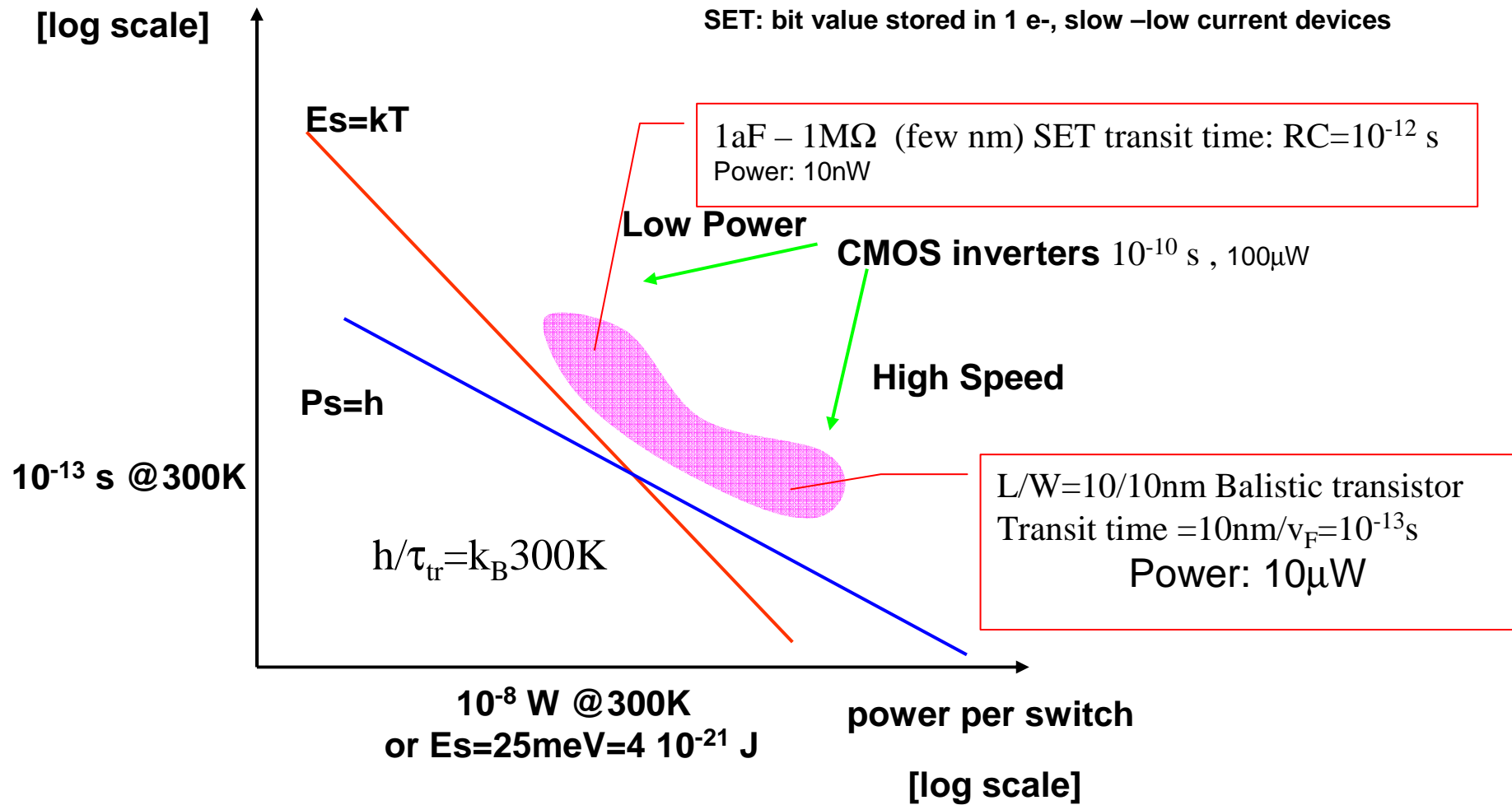
→ $E_{sw} (@V=1\text{V}) = 1\text{eV} \gg 25\text{meV} = k_B 300\text{K}$

→ $E_{sw} \times \text{transit time} = 10^{-31} \gg h = 10^{-34}\text{ Js}$

still safe

transit (switching) time

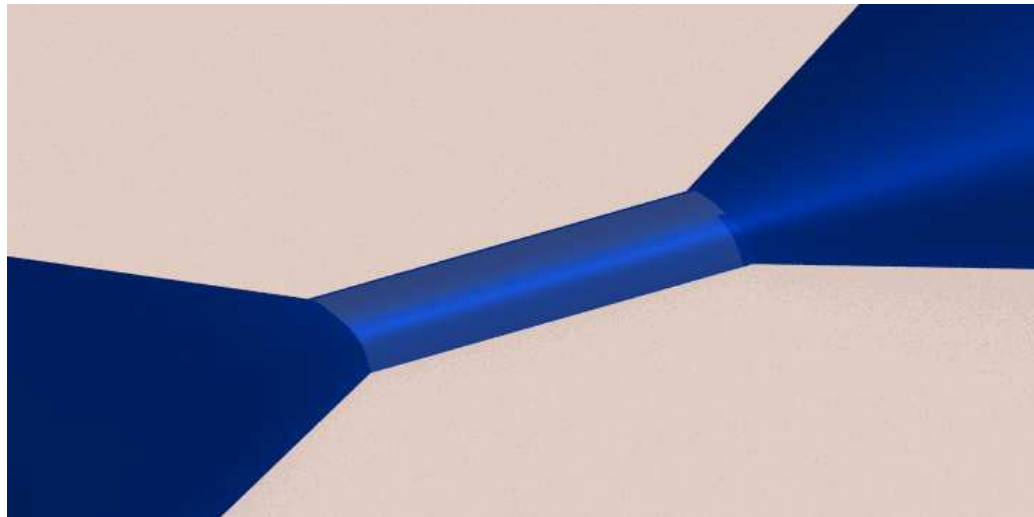
Low Power Branch → convergence SET-FET



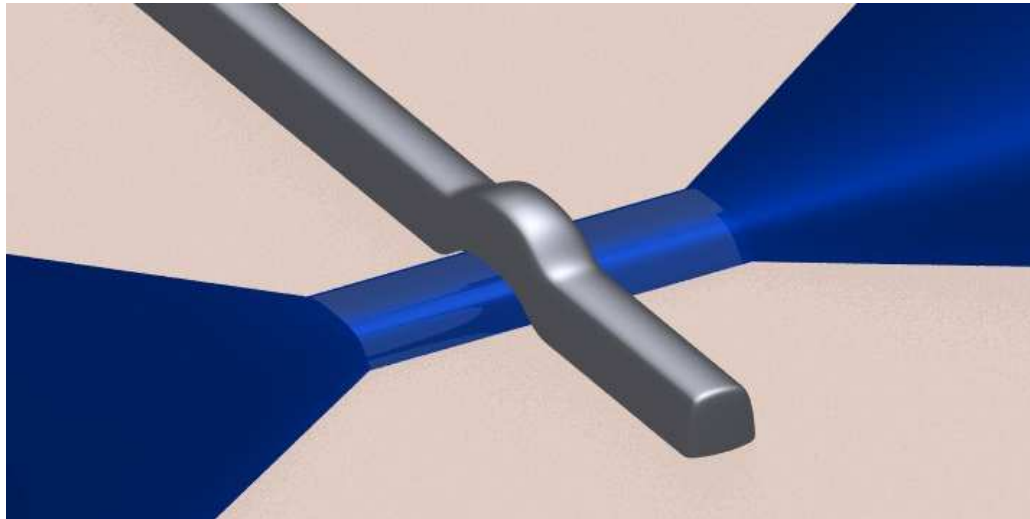
Short channel effect and dopant variability: An exemple: the Single Atom Transistor

See also Fuechsle et al. Nature Nano 2012 for a bottom-up approach

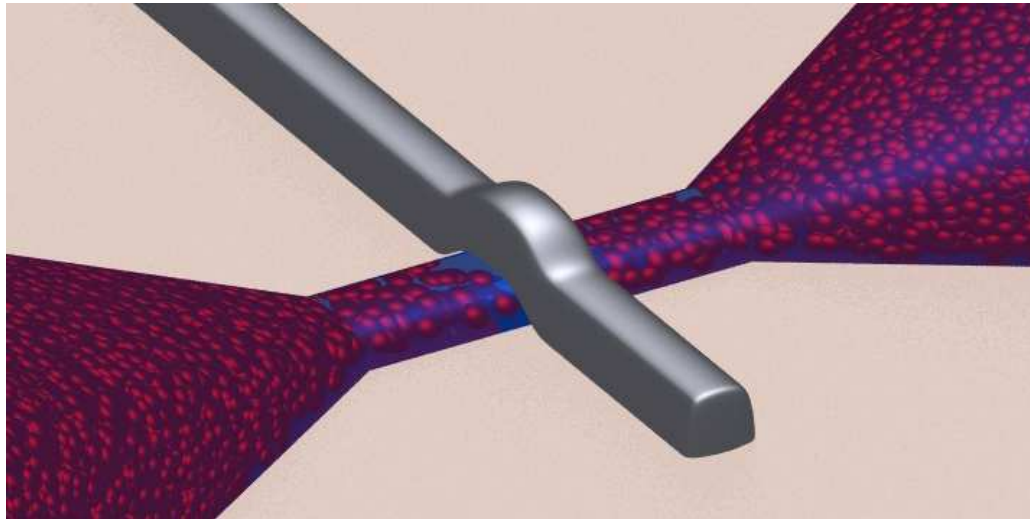
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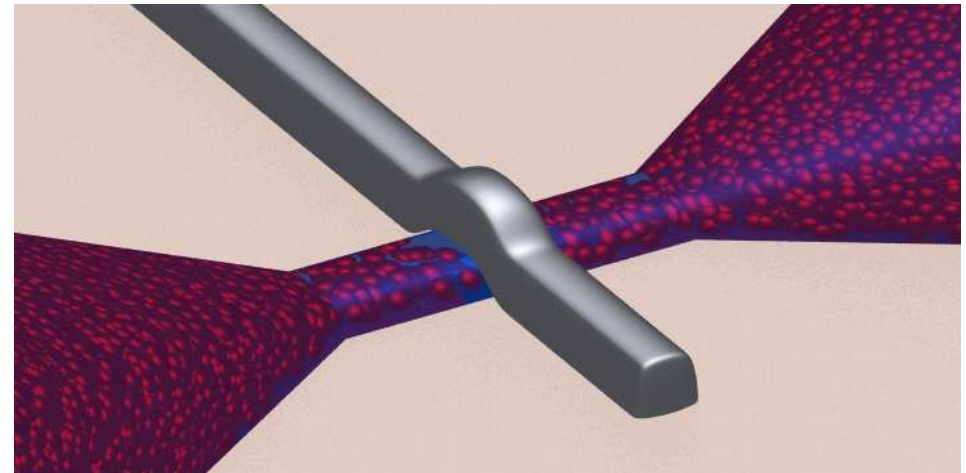
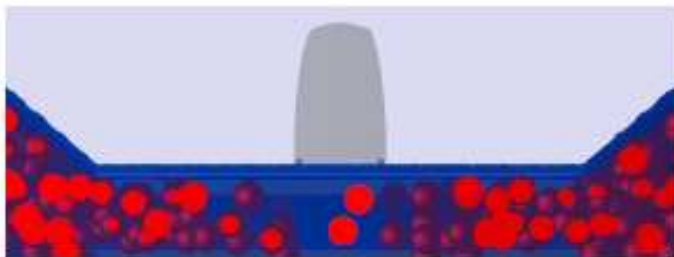
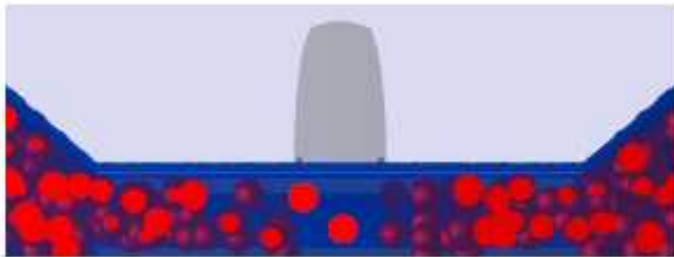
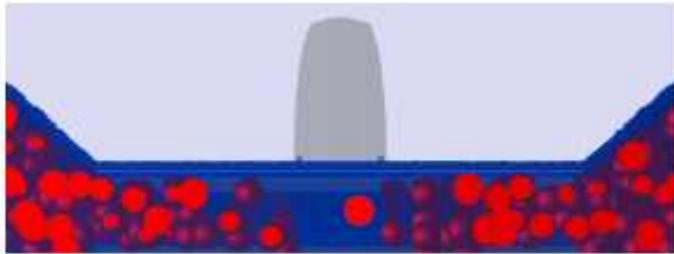
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Arsenic implantation of highly doped Source and Drain
(channel masked by the gate stack)



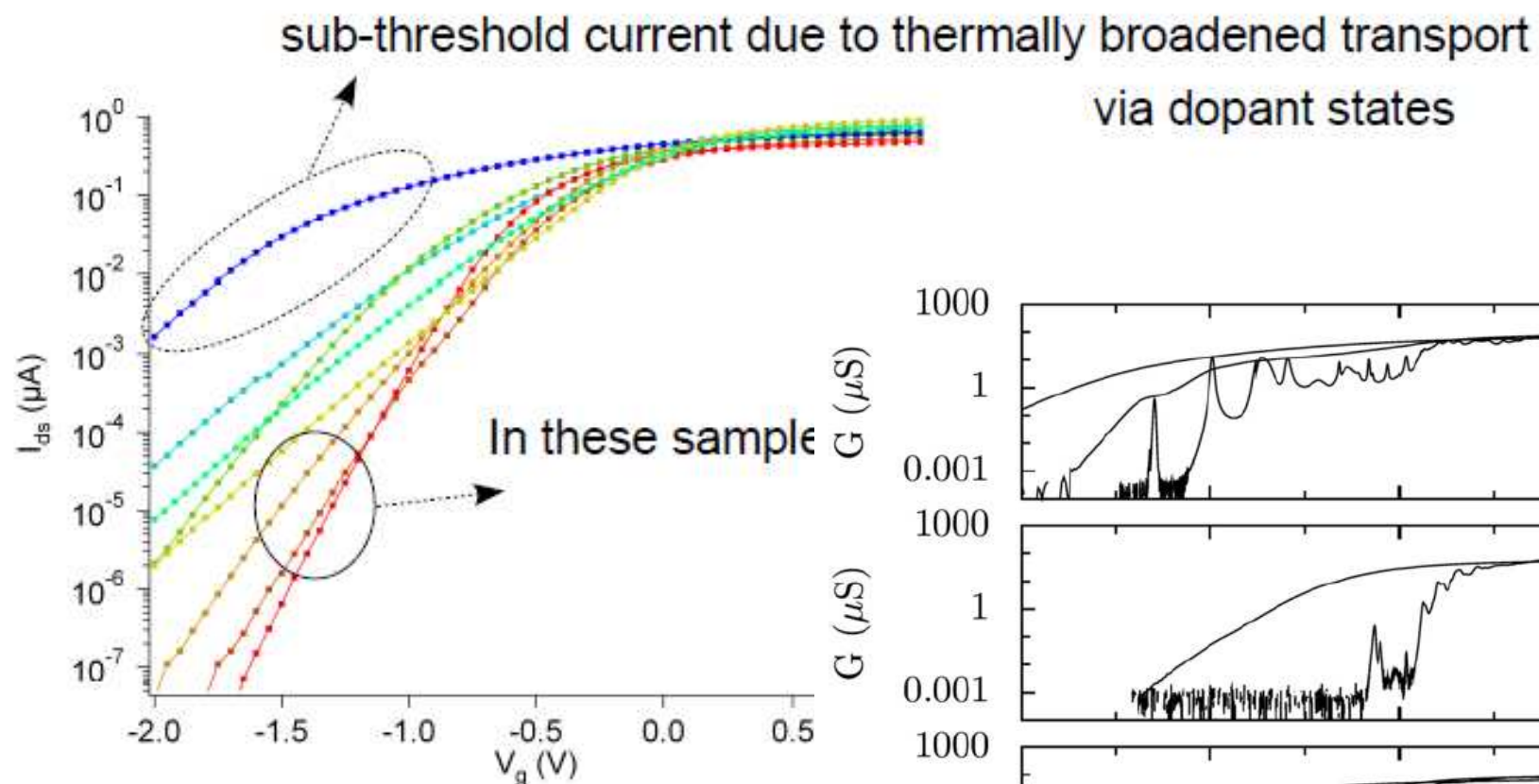
OVERLAP GATE/SOURCE-DRAIN
No (or thin) nitride spacers



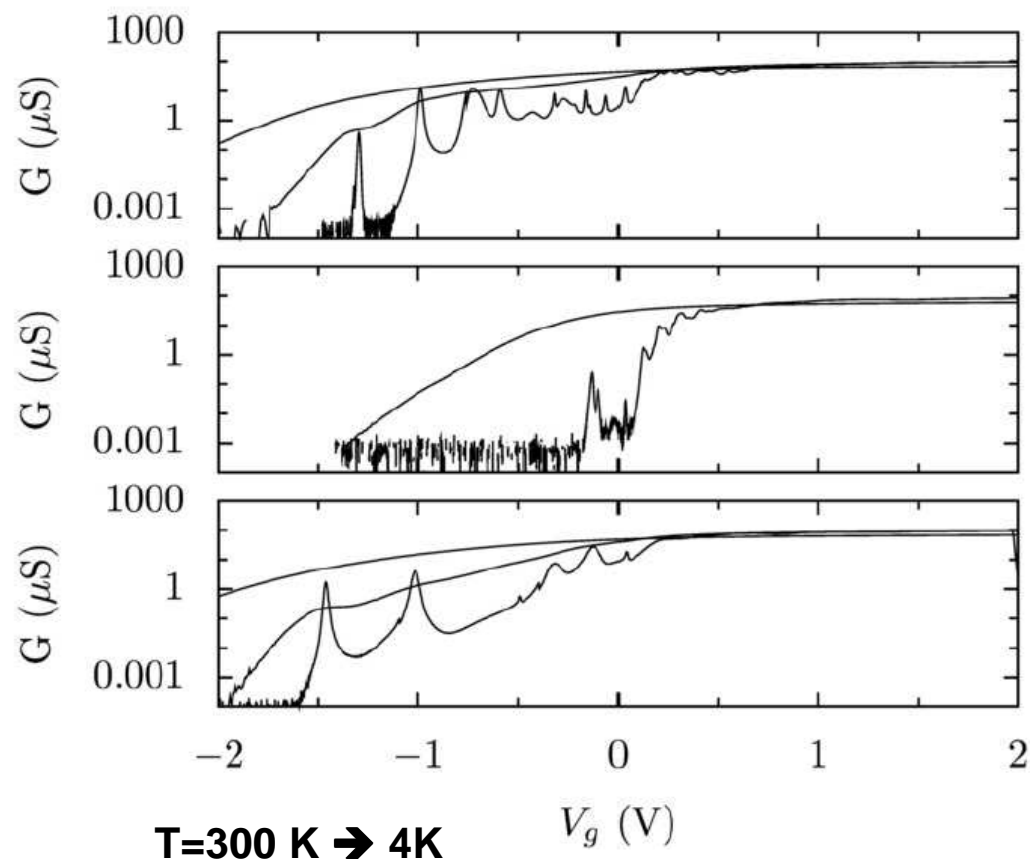
Without nitride spacers

Lateral dopant diffusion:
 → « Short channel effects »
 + Variability

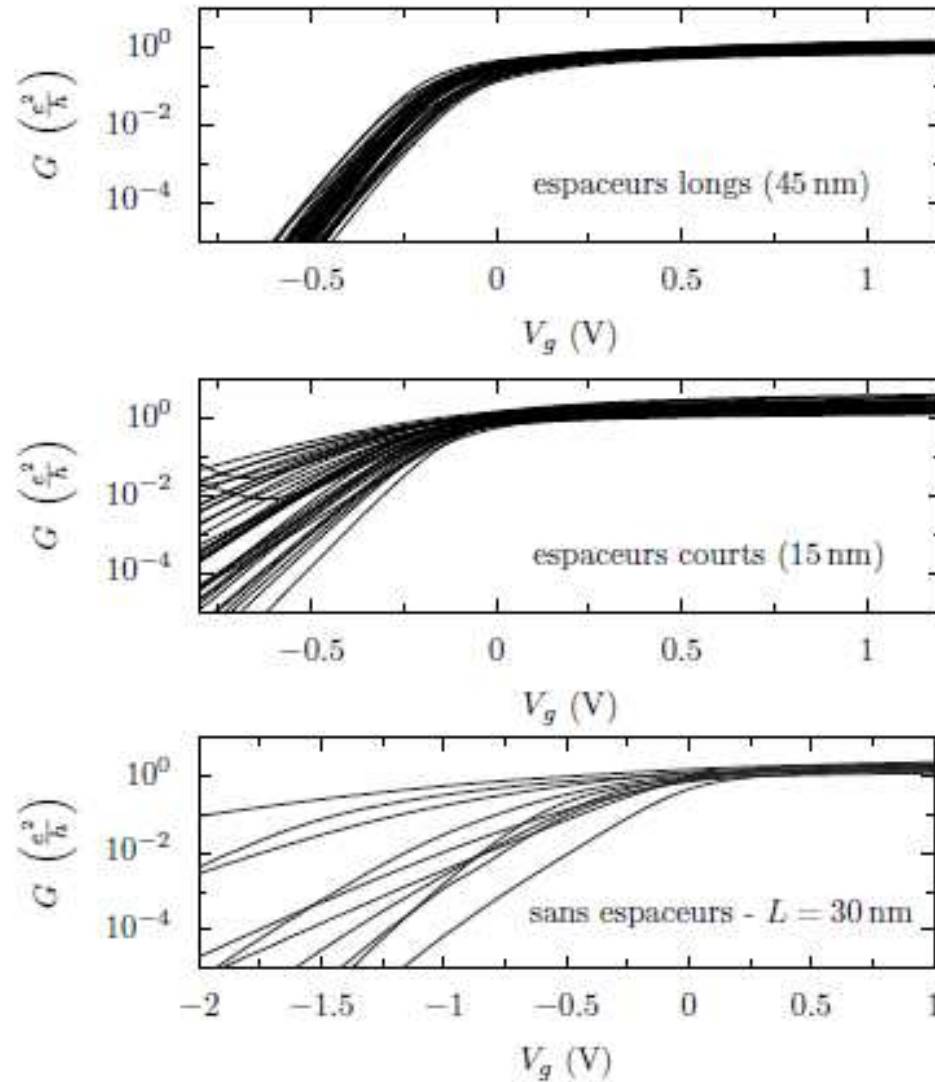
Bad for transistors but...
 Opportunity to study transport thru
 Single shallow donors

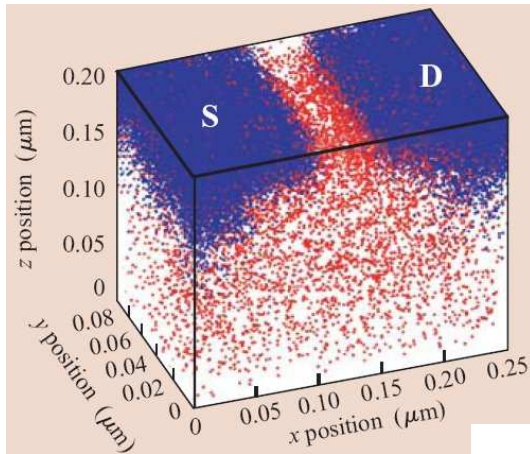


$T=300$ K

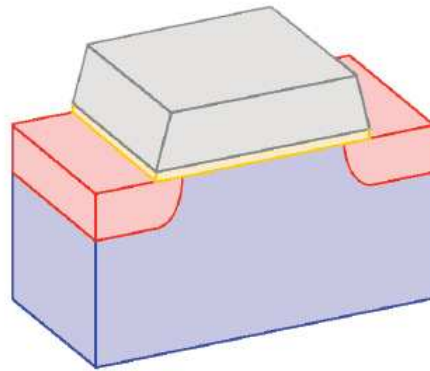


Shrinking the mosfet: single dopant variability

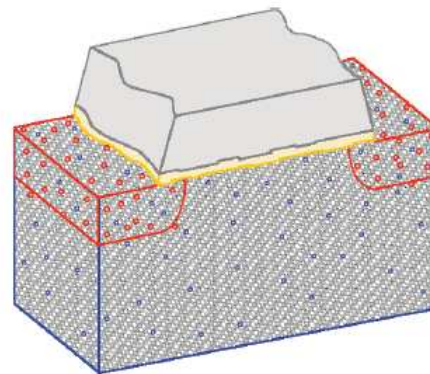




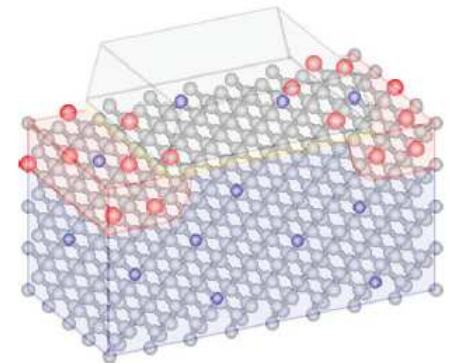
Atomic-scale electronics



"bulk" MOSFET



32 nm MOSFET



4 nm MOSFET ???

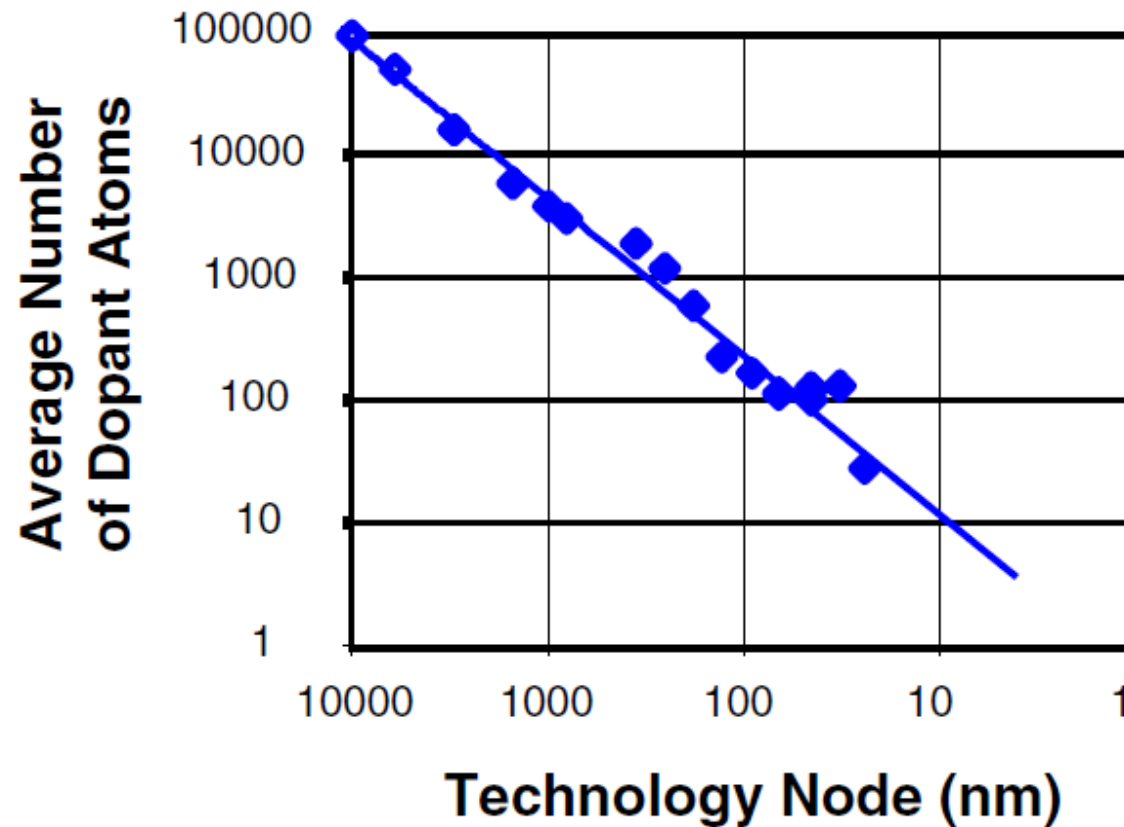
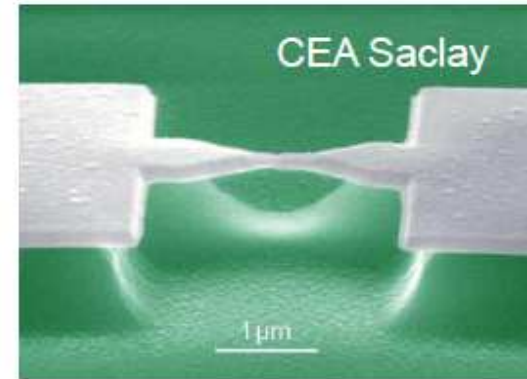
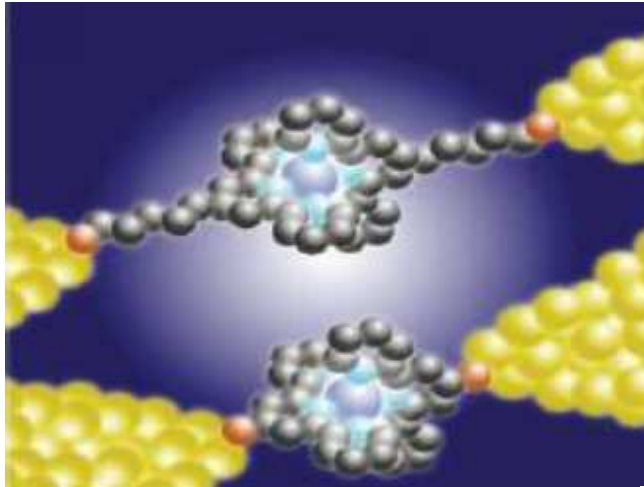
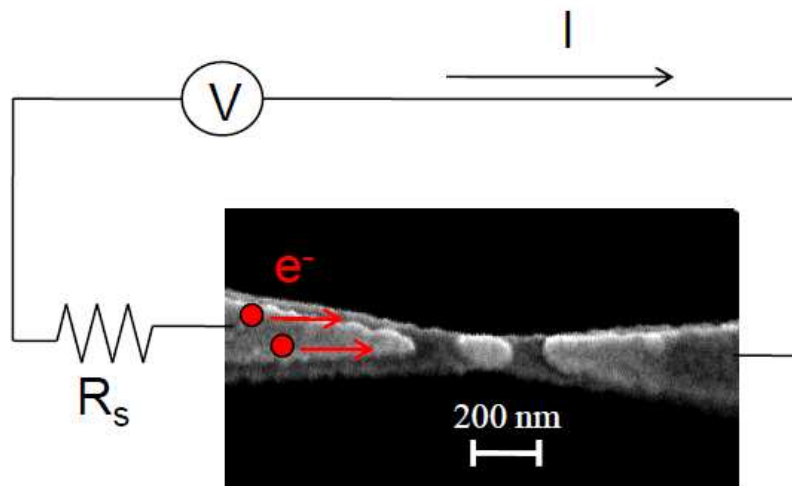


Figure 2: Average number of dopant atoms in the channel as a function of technology node

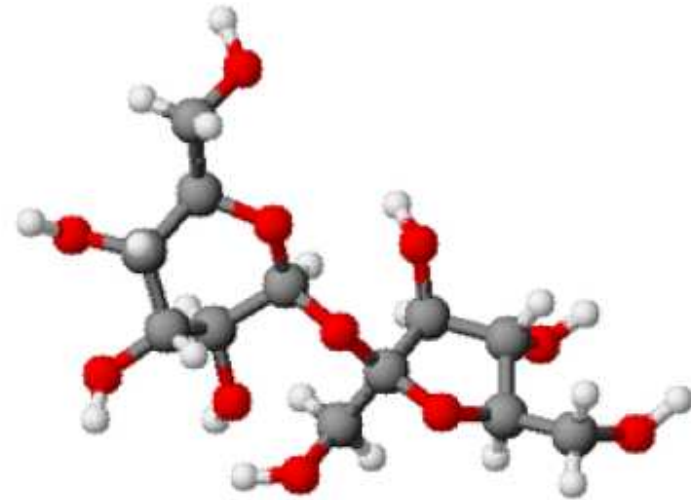


Mechanically controllable
break junctions (MCBJ)

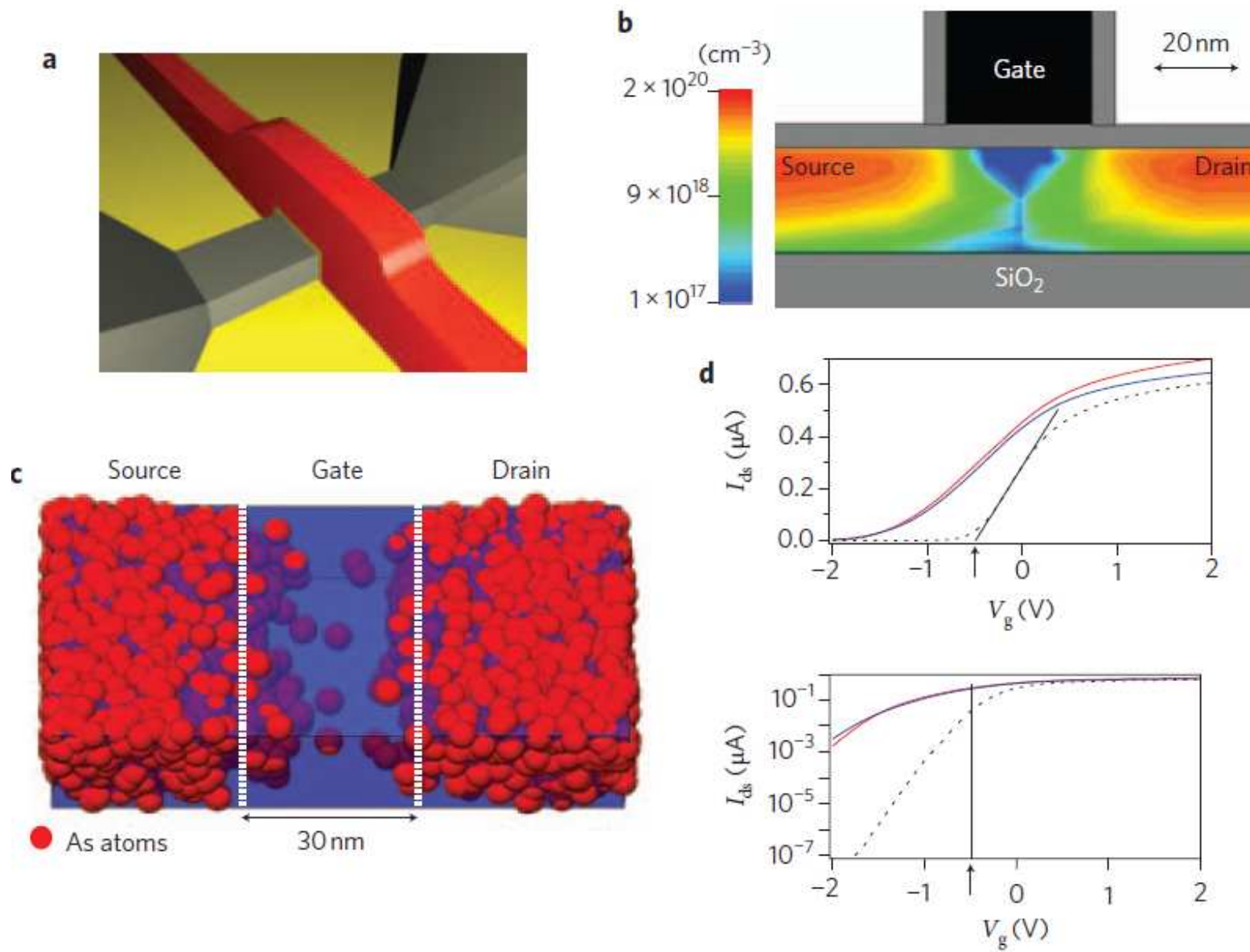
... circuit inside the molecule



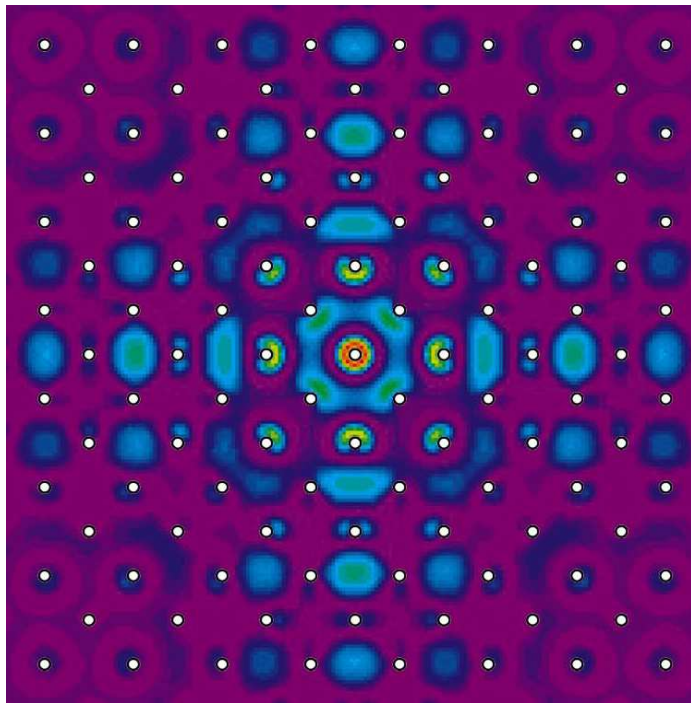
momentum transfer from the electrons



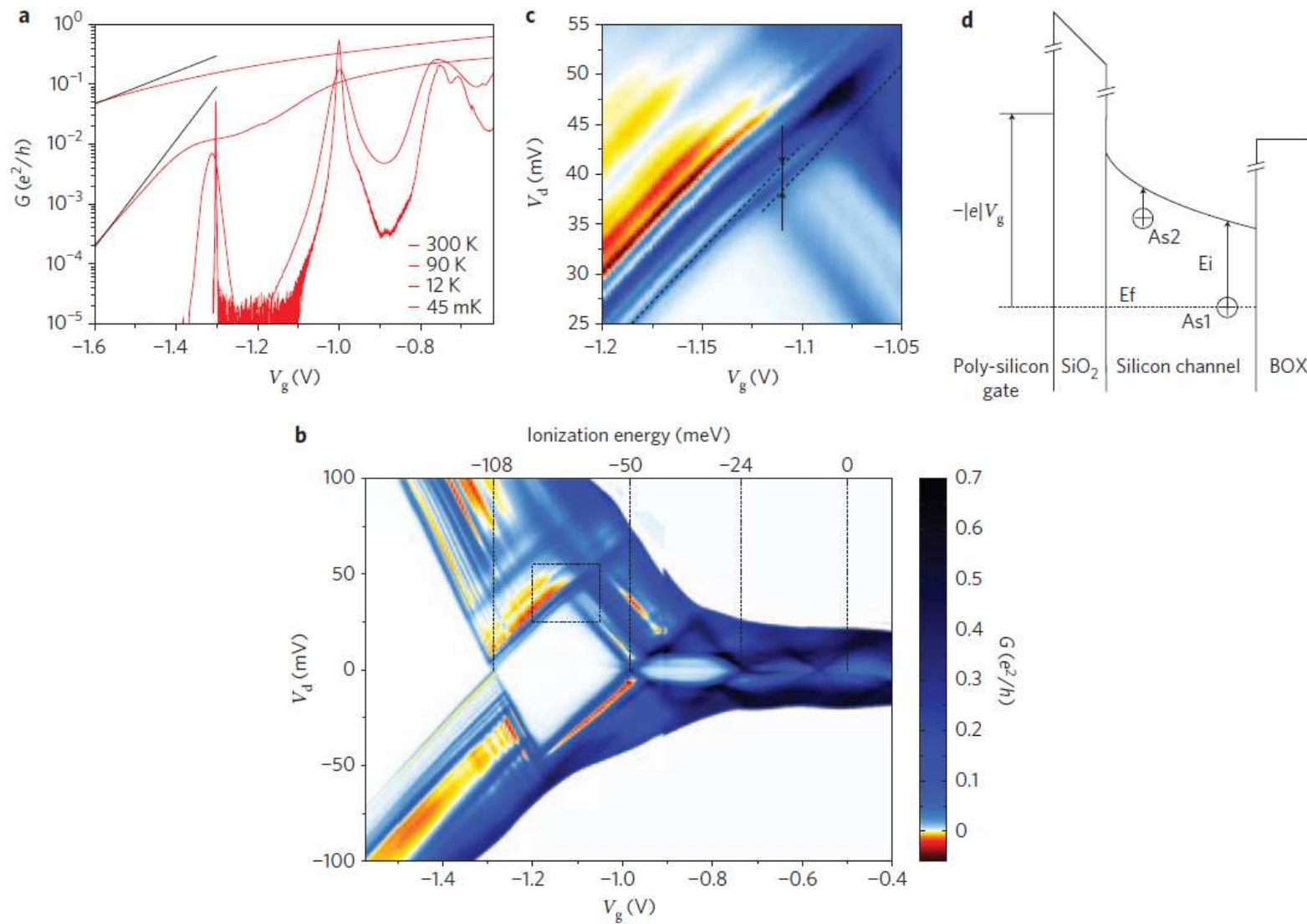
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Single dopant –single electron transport



Shallow donor electronic orbital in
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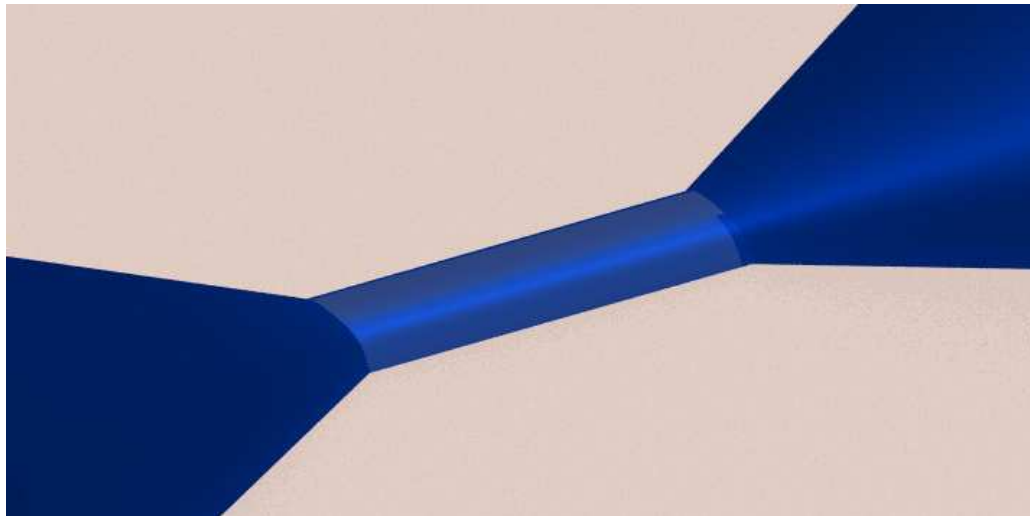


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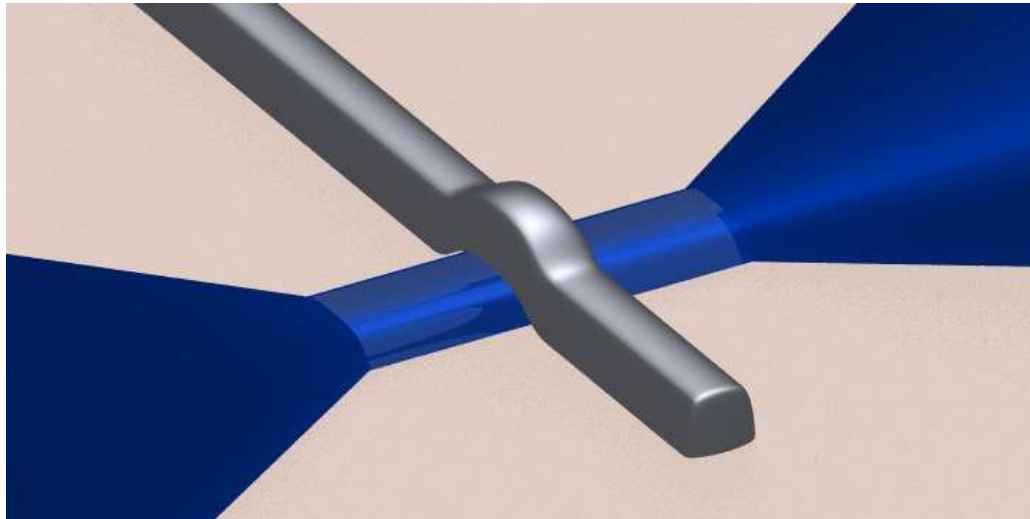
Convergence SET-FET: the MOS-SET

(the underlap analog of the preceding example)

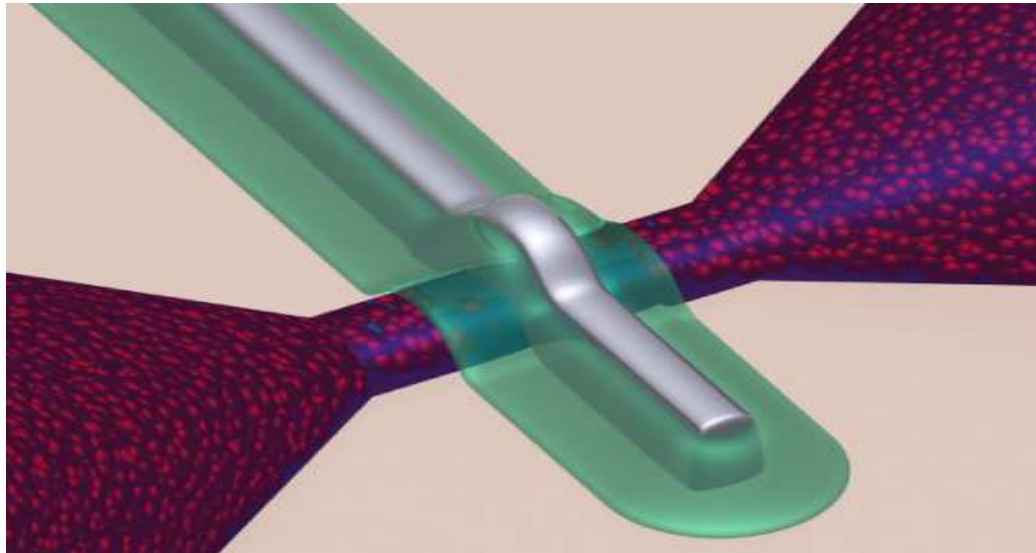
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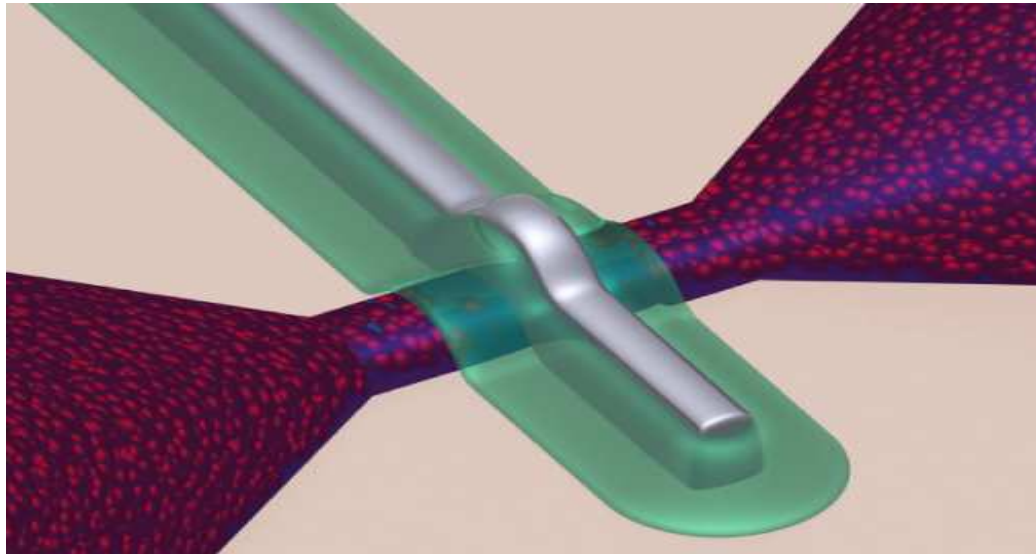
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formation of self aligned Si_3N_4 spacers before Arsenic implantation of highly doped Source and Drain

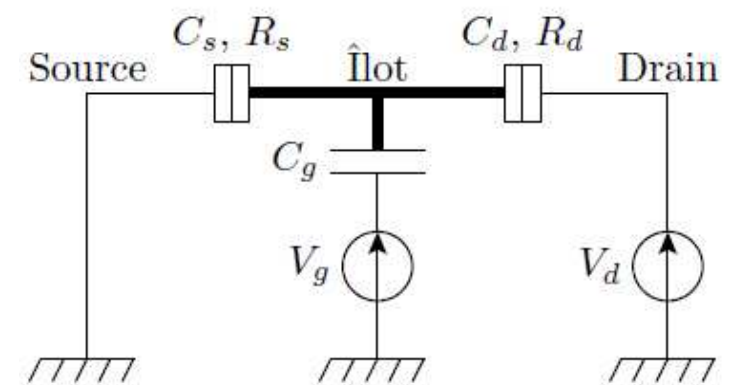
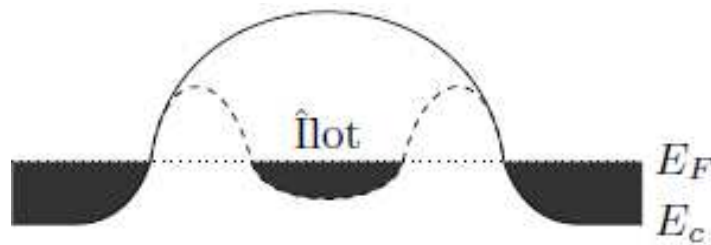


UNDERLAP GATE/SOURCE-DRAIN



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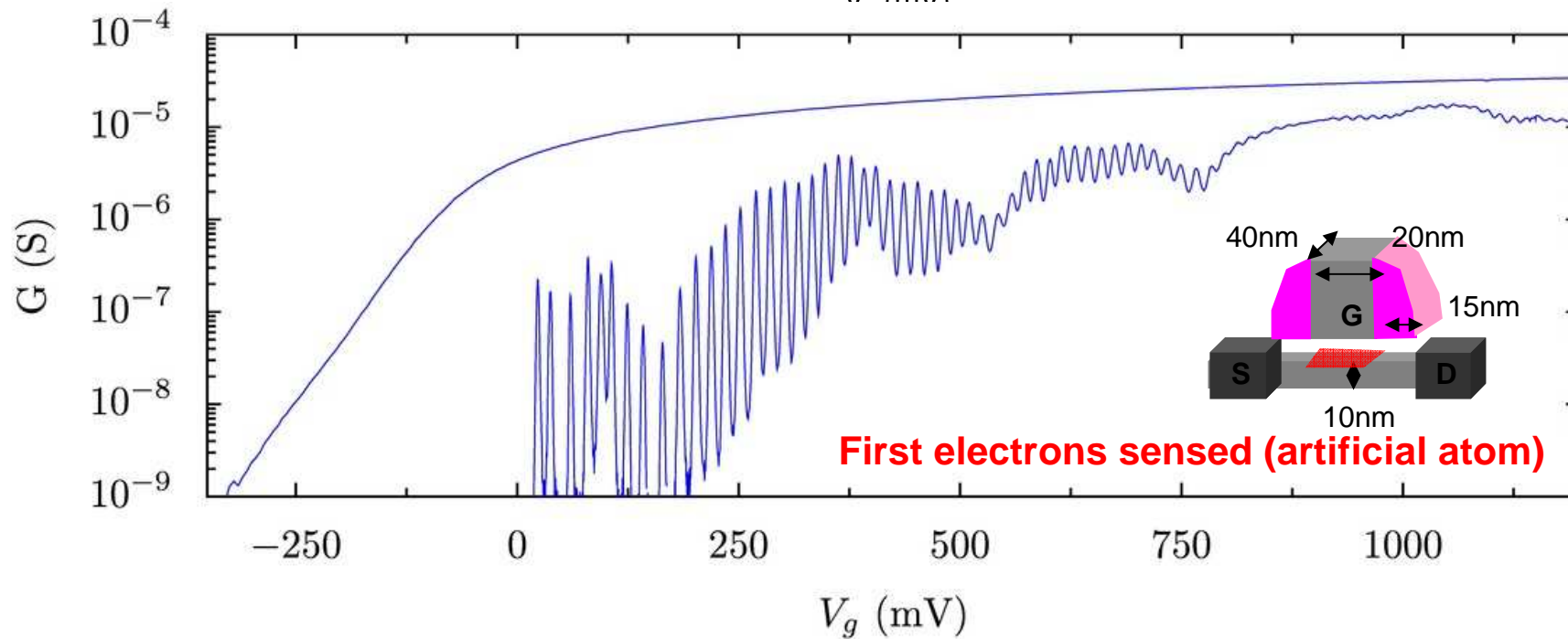
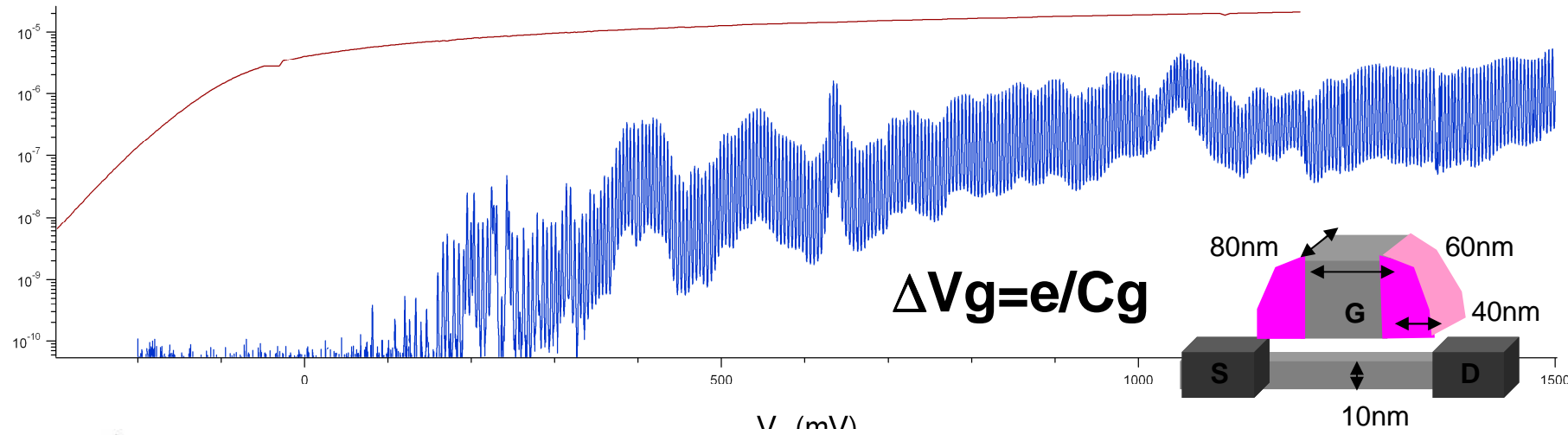
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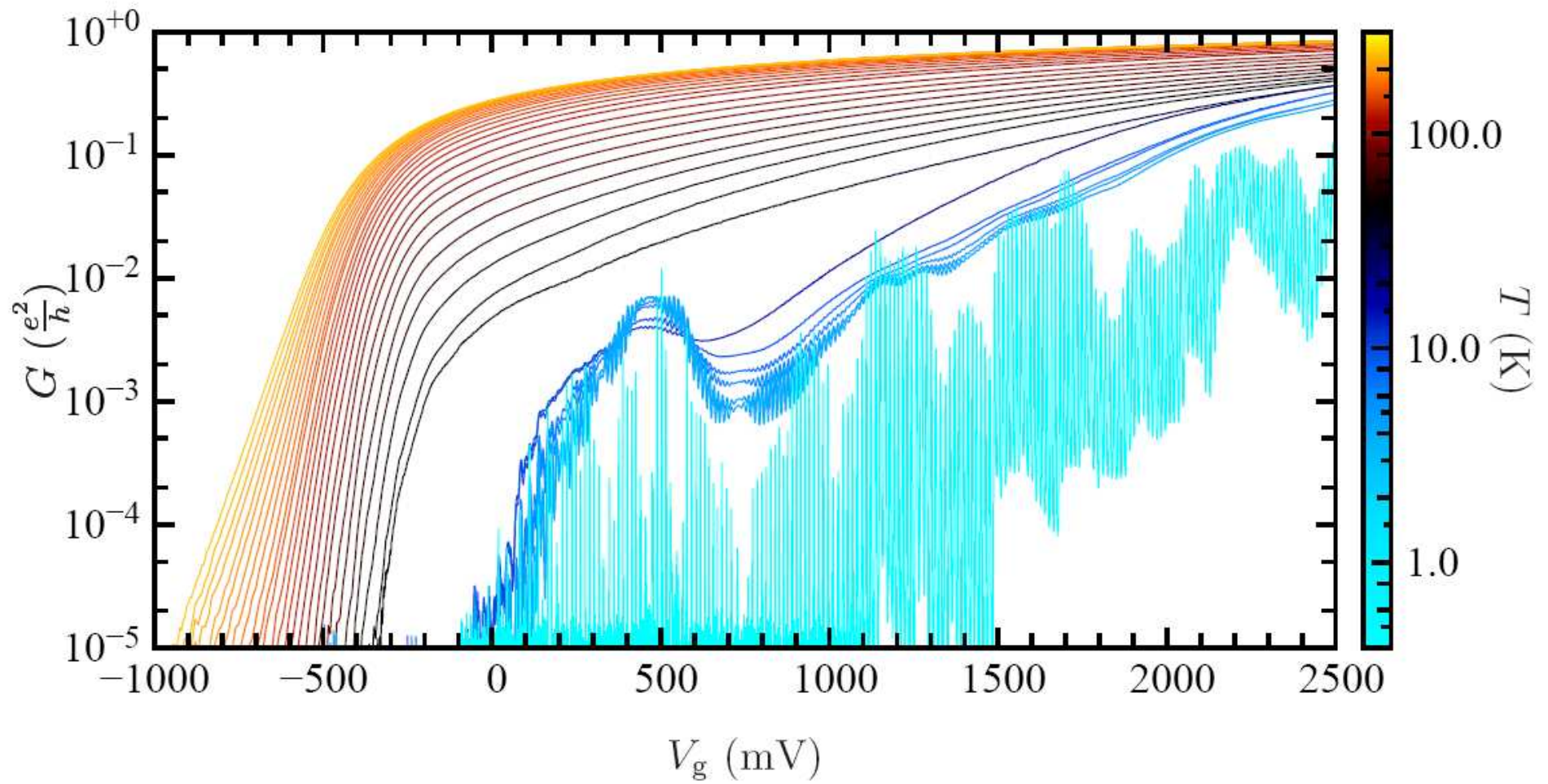


Excellent MOS-SETs - Scaling Rules

Counting electrons one-by-one up to 300!

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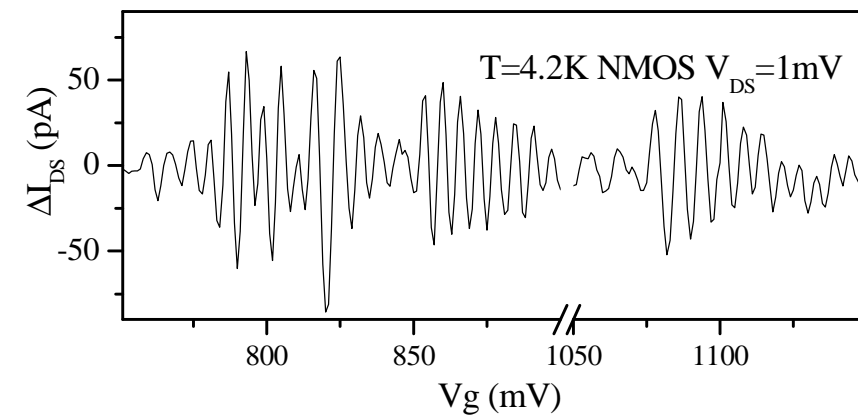
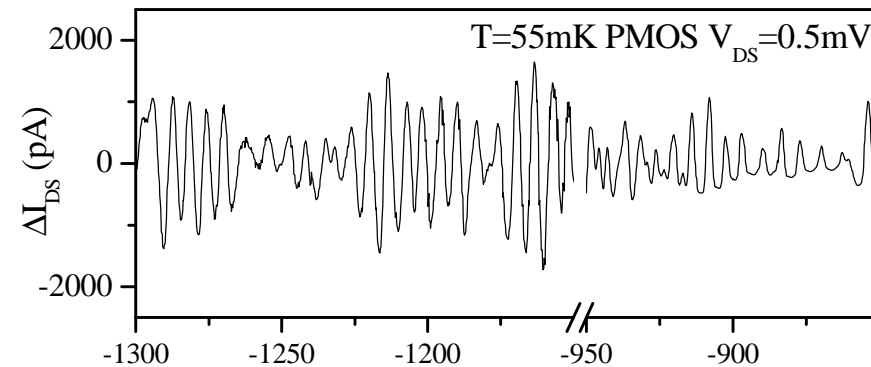
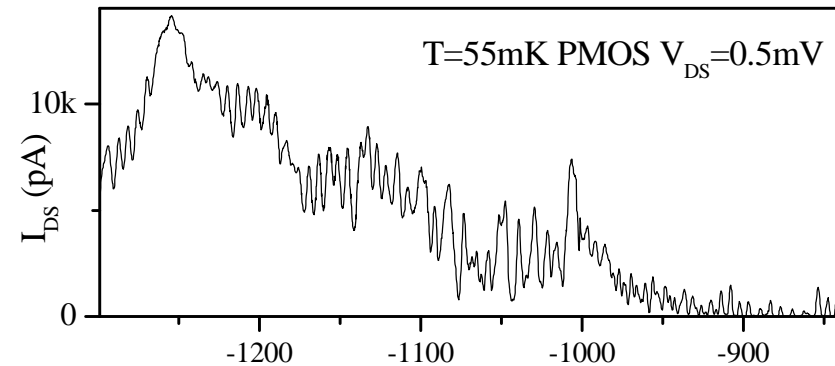
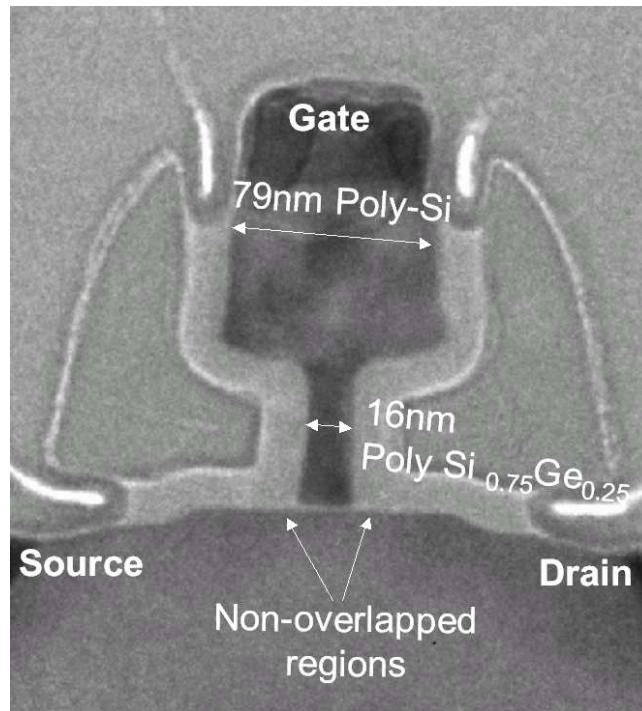
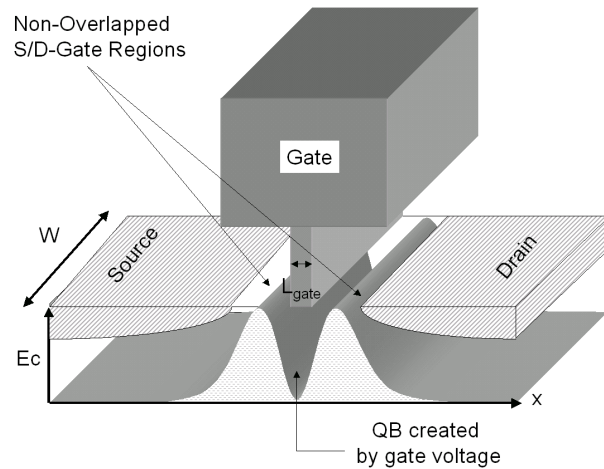




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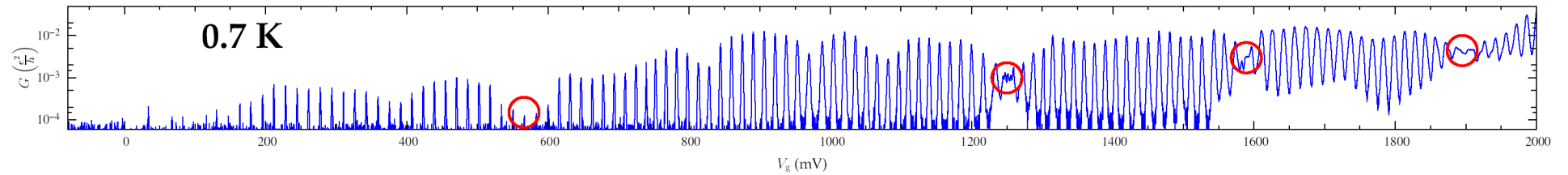
M. Hofheinz PhD, U. J. Fourier 2006

access resistances ex: MOS STMicro Non-Overlapped geometry



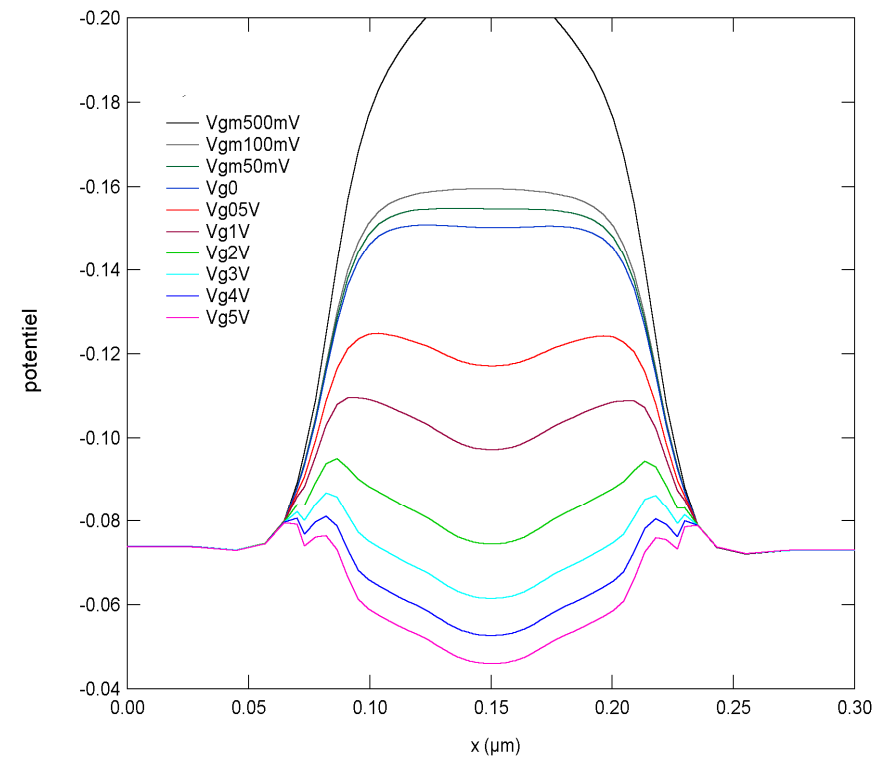
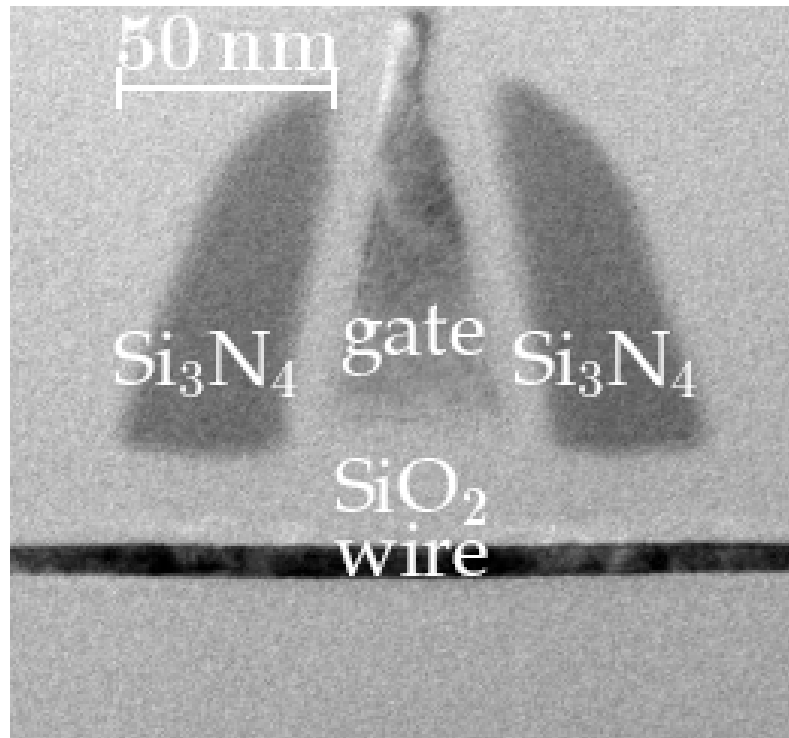
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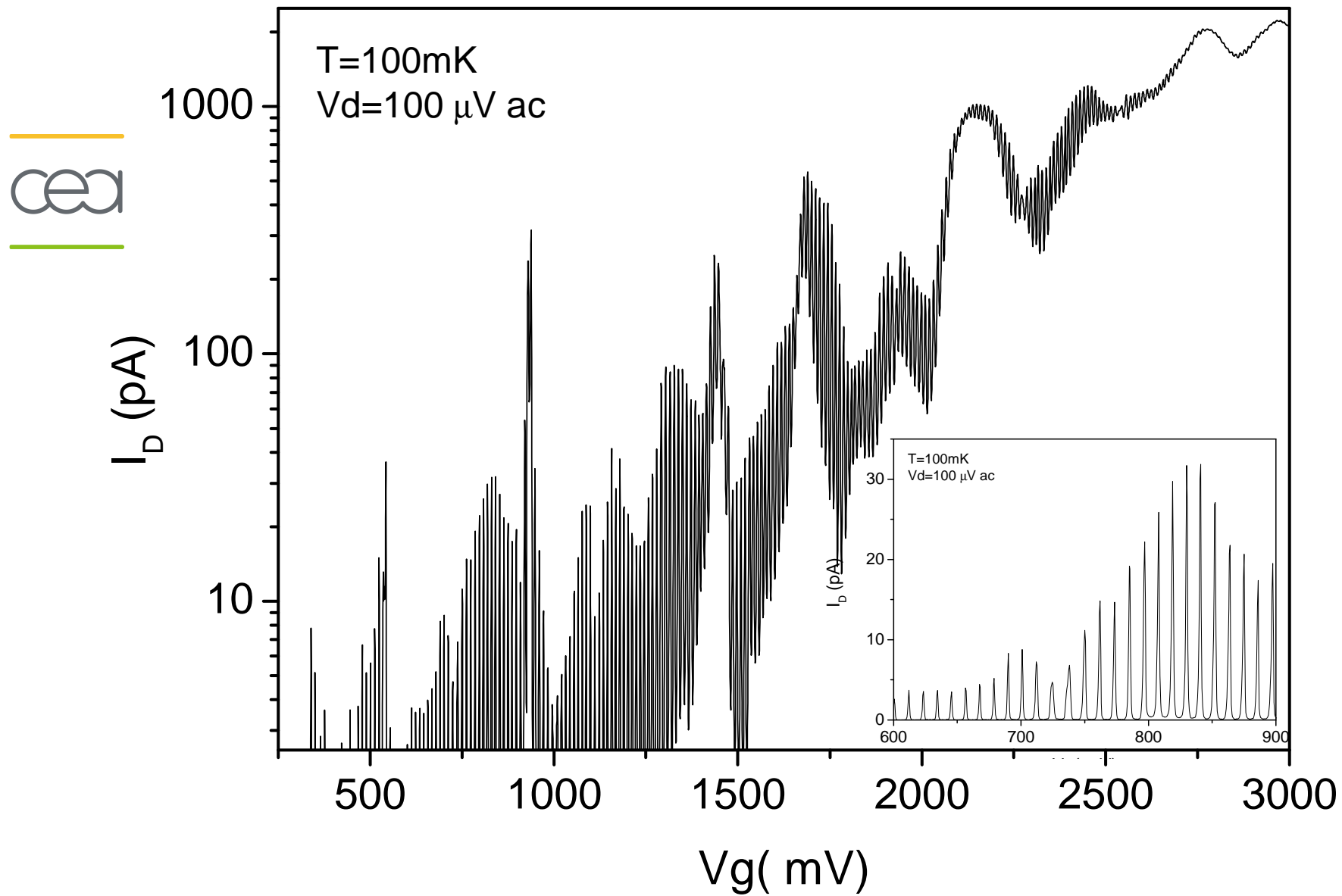
access resistances. ex: SOI Non-Overlapped nanowire FET



Max Hofheinz PhD 2006

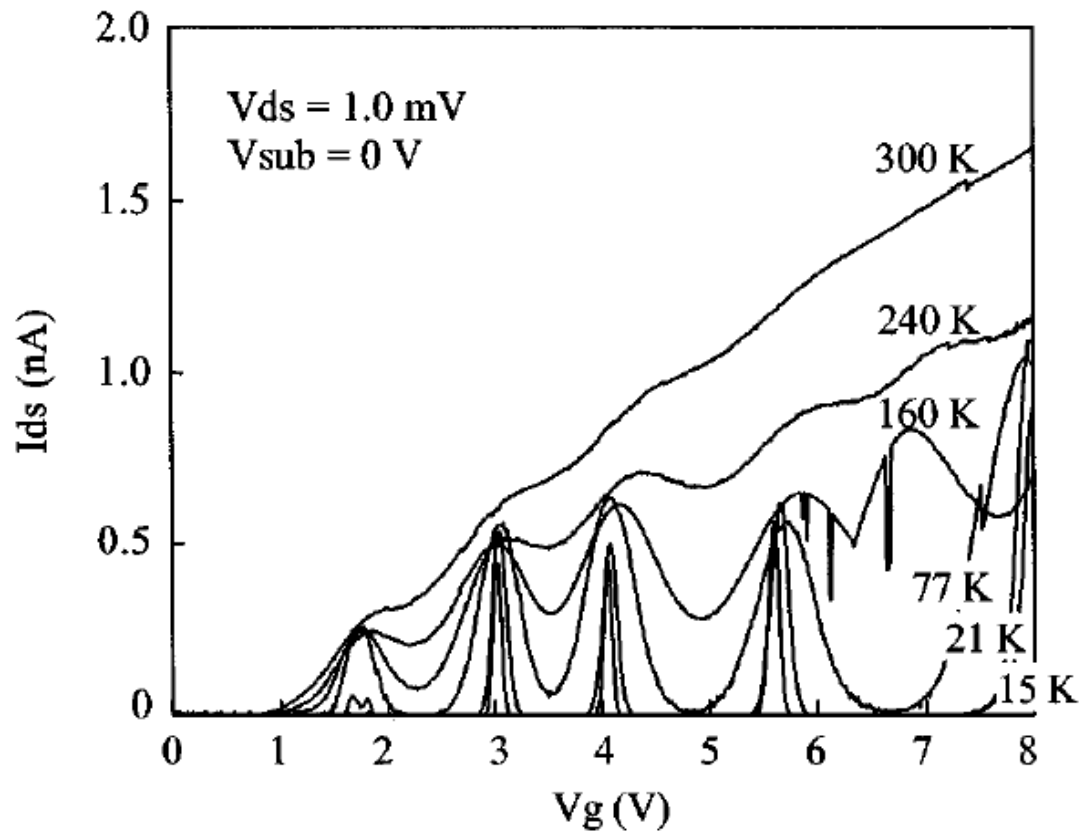
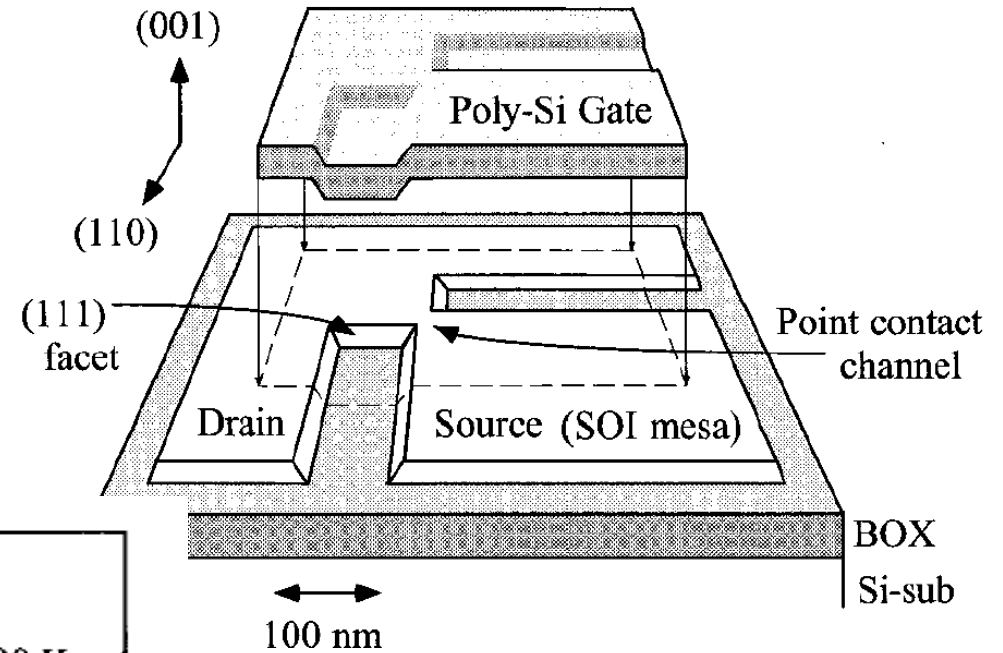
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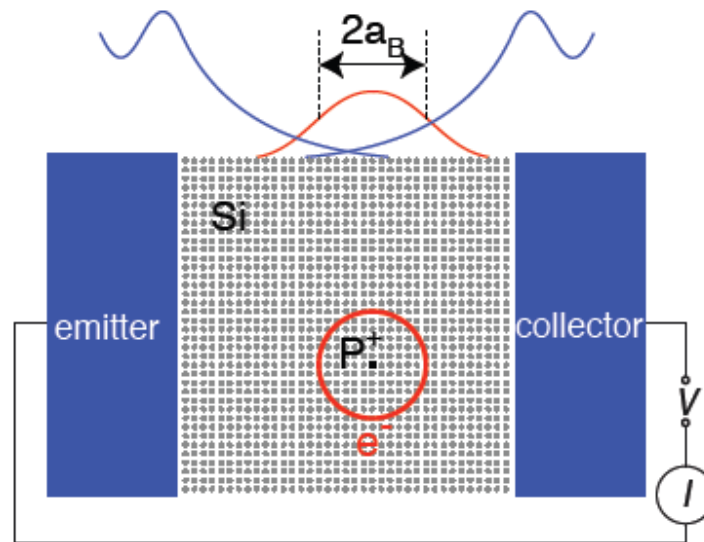


Coulomb Blockade in a SOI constriction

H. Ishikuro and T. Hiramoto
APL 71, 3691 (1997)



What is the physics involved in single dopant transport?



Scaling of the Bohr orbit:

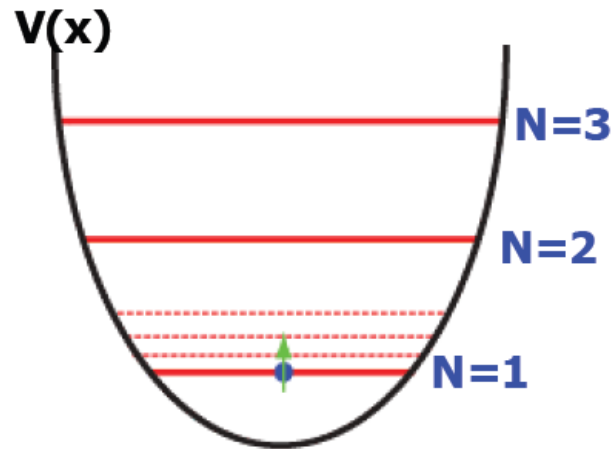
$$r_{\text{dopant}} = \frac{\epsilon_r}{m^*} \cdot r_{\text{Hydrogen}}$$

$$r_{\text{Hydrogen}} = 0.05 \text{ nm}$$

$$r_{\text{P:Si}} = 2.5 \text{ nm}$$

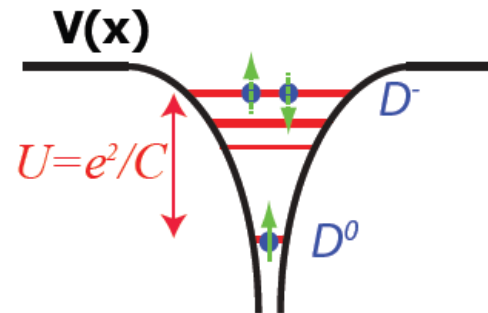
$$r_{\text{P:Ge}} = 6.4 \text{ nm}$$

Quantum dots

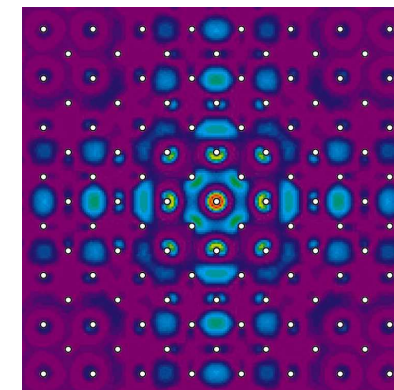
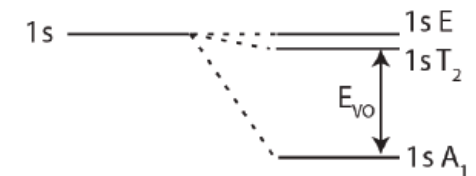
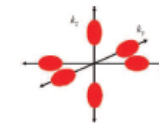
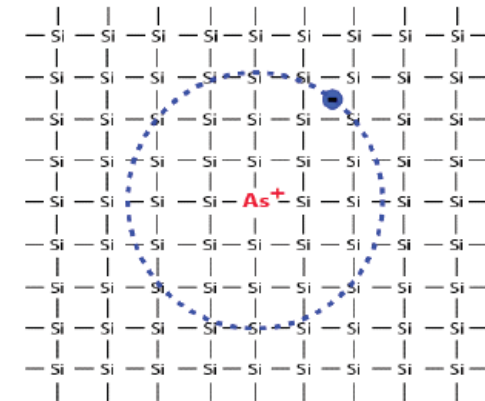


- 2D parabolic potential
- Constant charging energy
- Equidistant level spacing (excited states)

Dopant: shallow donors in Si

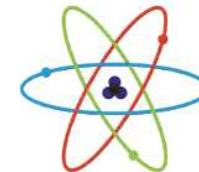
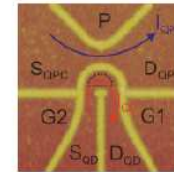


- 3D Coulomb potential
- Can bind up to two electrons
- Hydrogen-like level spectrum (D^0)
- Valley-orbit \rightarrow



Shallow donor electronic orbital in Silicon (Ground state, after B. Koiller et al Phys. Rev. B 70, 115207 (2004))

Relevant energy scales



Coulomb interaction:

$$E_C = \frac{e^2}{8\epsilon\epsilon_0 r}$$

1-10 meV 1-10 eV

Size quantization:

$$E_Q = \frac{\hbar^2}{m^* r^2}$$

0.1-10 meV 1-10 eV

Orbital magnetic energy:

$$E_L = \frac{\hbar e B}{m^*}$$

0-20 meV 0-1 meV

Zeeman energy:

$$E_Z = g^* \mu_B B$$

0-1 meV 0-1 meV

Thermal energy:

$$E_{th} = k_B T$$

25° C: 25 meV
-273° C: 15 μeV

One dopant, two dopants,... many dopants

One dopant, single occupation: resonant tunneling, no interaction

Two dopants: capacitive coupling, tunnel coupling, hybridization

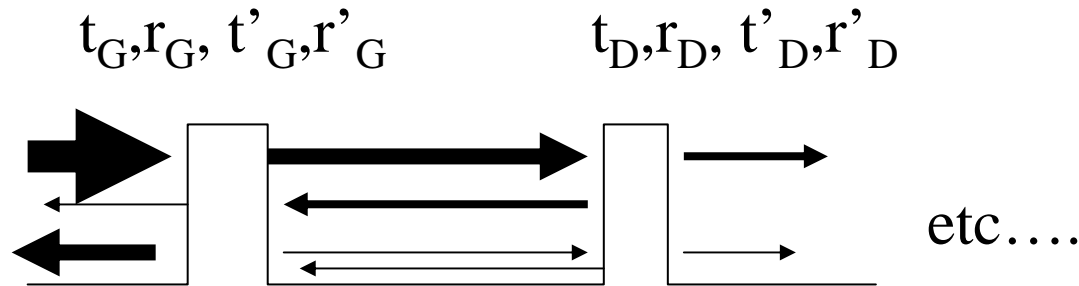
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Many dopants: impurity band, correlations, interferences

Large mean level spacing, Resonant Tunneling,
Confinement size close to Fermi wavelength
No interaction, no Coulomb blockade

Ex: a single shallow donor
an artificial atom (very small quantum dot)

**For a better understanding of the single dopant case,
we consider the (single channel) Resonant tunneling**



$$t_{total} = t_G t_D e^{ikL} (1 + r'_G m e^{2ikL} + (r'_G m e^{2ikL})^2 + \dots) = \frac{t_G t_D e^{ikL}}{1 - r'_G m e^{2ikL}}$$

$$T = \frac{T_G T_D}{1 + R_G R_D - 2\sqrt{R_G} \sqrt{R_D} \cos(2kL + \pi)}$$

$$\pi = \phi'_G + \phi_D \quad \text{dephasing inside (infinite) tunnel barriers}$$

(far from any Rayleigh (elastic) resonance , the transmission is purely imaginary)

M. Buttiker IBM Journal Res. Dev. 32,63 (1988)

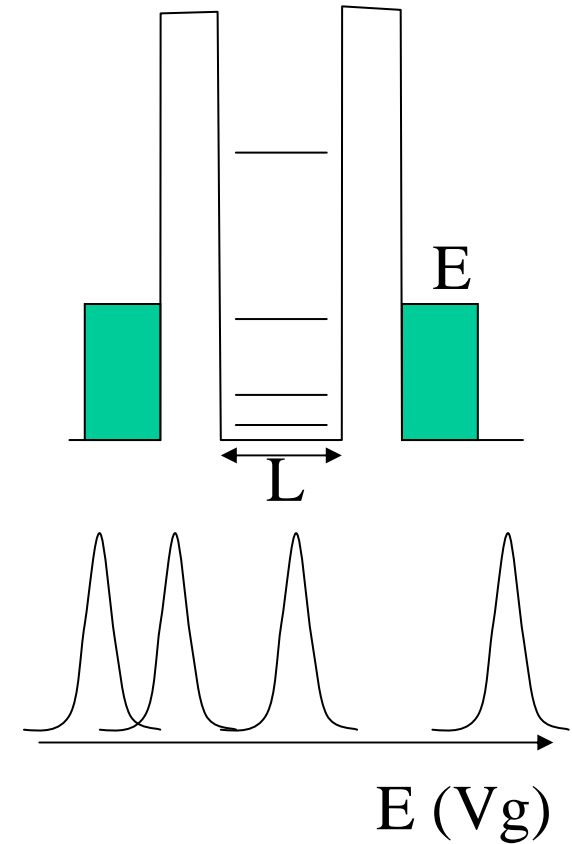
maximum transmission if $2kL=\pi$, i.e. for an infinite double well cavity:

$$E_n = \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \right) \left(\frac{n}{L} \right)^2$$

then:

$$T_{coherent} = \frac{4T_G T_D}{(T_G + T_D)^2}$$

$$T_{coherent} = 1 \text{ if } T_G = T_D$$



Far from resonance ($2kL=2n\pi$):

$$T_{coh,HR}=\frac{1}{4}T_G T_R$$

incoherent (sequential) transmission does not depend on energy:

$$T_{incoh.}=\frac{T_D T_G}{T_D+T_G}$$

$$T = \frac{T_G T_D}{1 + R_G R_D - 2\sqrt{R_G} \sqrt{R_D} \cos(2kL + \pi)}$$

$$\cong \frac{T_G T_D}{\left(\frac{T_G + T_D}{2}\right)^2 + 2(1 - \cos(\theta(E)))} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If } T_{D,G} \ll 1 \\ \text{weak transmission} \end{array}$$

$$1 - \cos(\theta(E)) \approx \frac{1}{2} (\theta(E) - 2n\pi)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\theta(E)}{dE} \right)^2 (E - E_{res})^2$$

Near a resonance

(Taylor series development)

$$T = \frac{(\Gamma_D \Gamma_G)}{(E_F - E_N)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\Gamma_D + \Gamma_G)^2} \quad \Gamma_{G,D} = \frac{dE}{d\theta} T_{G,D}$$

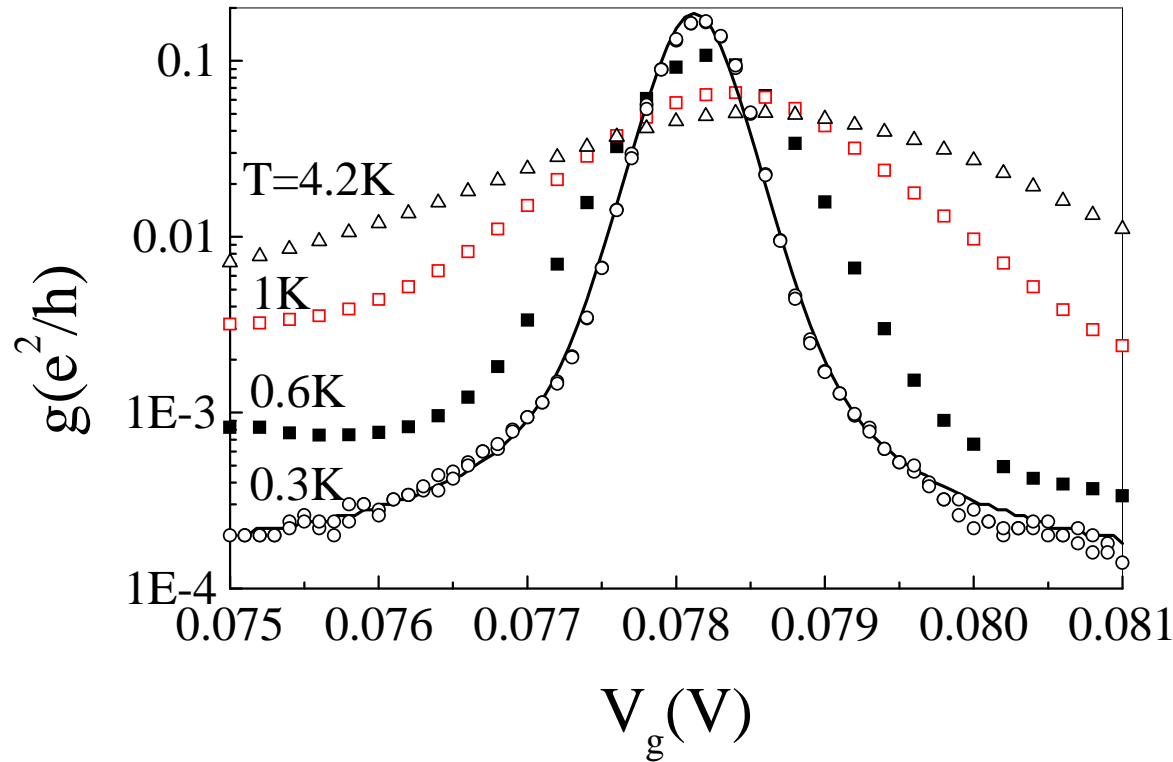
(Breit-Wigner formulae)

$$\Gamma_{G,D} = \frac{dE}{d\theta} T_{G,D} = \frac{dE}{dk} \frac{dk}{d\theta} T_{G,D} = \hbar v_F \frac{1}{2L} T_{G,D}$$

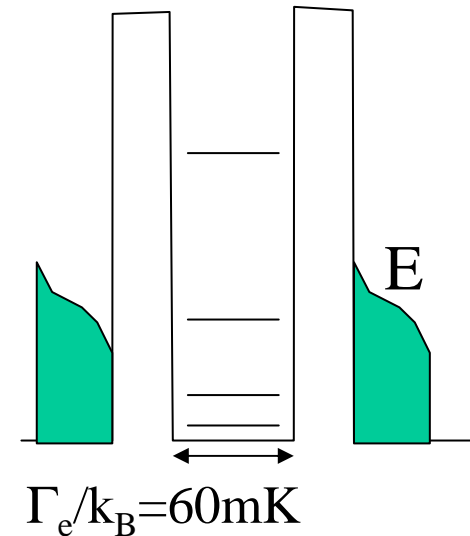
$$\Gamma = \omega (T_G + T_D) = \frac{\Delta}{\hbar} (T_G + T_D) = \frac{1}{v_{1D}} (T_G + T_D)$$

quality factor: $Q = \frac{\Delta}{\hbar \Gamma} = (T_G + T_D)^{-1}$

Thermal broadening of the resonant tunneling :



energy level separation Δ :
 $\Delta > k_B T > \Gamma_{in}, \Gamma_e$



$$G(V_g, T) = \frac{e^2}{h} \int \frac{\Gamma_e^2}{(e\alpha V_g - E)^2 + \Gamma_e^2} \frac{df(E, V_g)}{dE} dE$$

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - E_F}{k_B T}\right)} \quad -\frac{\delta f(E)}{\delta E} = \frac{1}{4k_B T} \cosh^{-2}\left(\frac{e\alpha V_g - E}{2k_B T}\right)$$

Thermal broadening of the resonant tunneling (2):

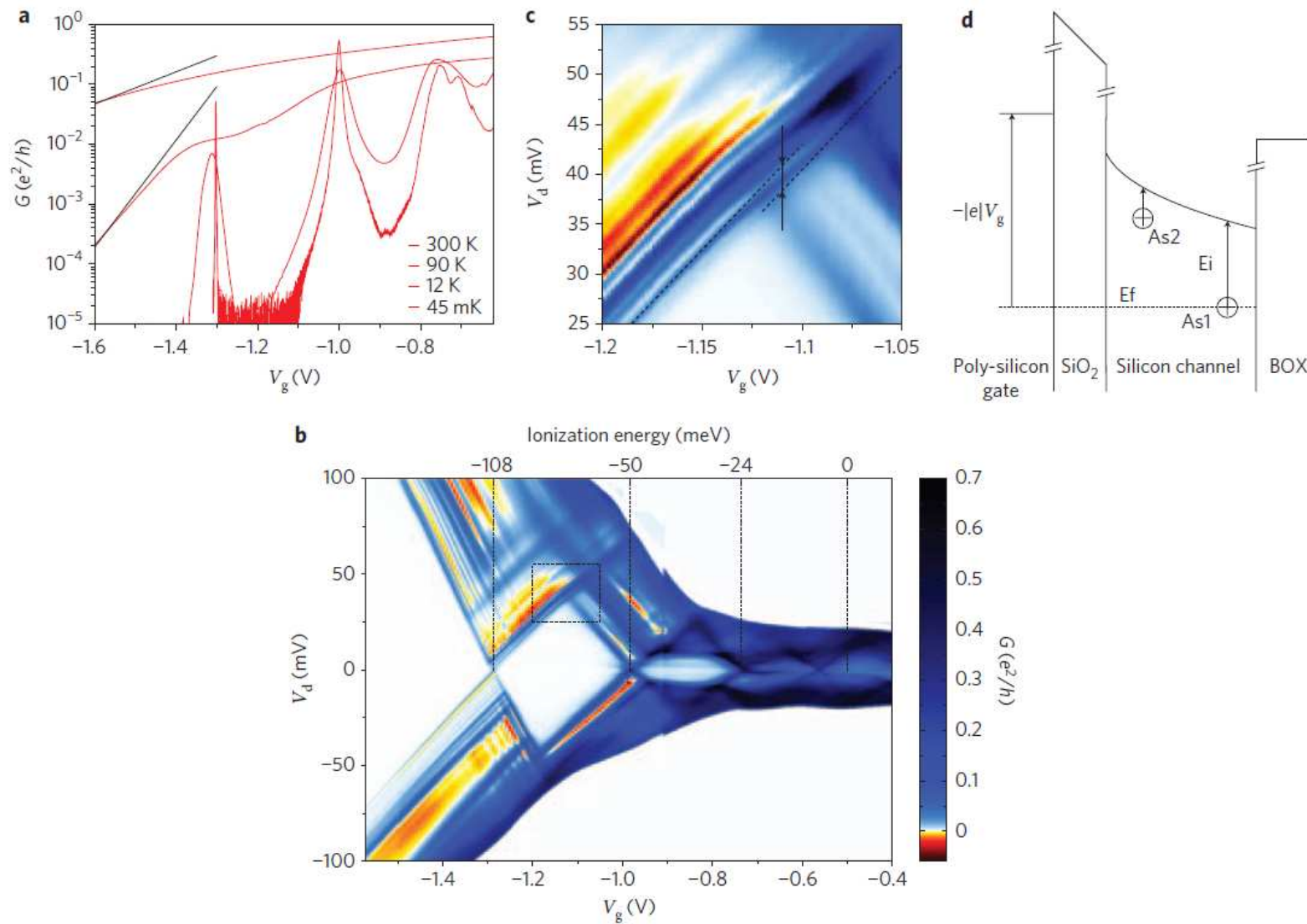
$$\text{If } \Delta > k_B T \gg \Gamma_{\text{in}}, \Gamma_e$$

$$G(V_g, T) = \frac{e^2}{h} \int \frac{\Gamma_e^2}{(e\alpha V_g - E)^2 + \Gamma_e^2} \frac{df(E, V_g)}{dE} dE$$

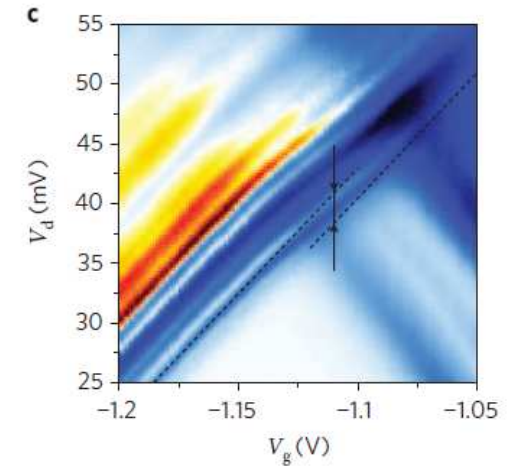
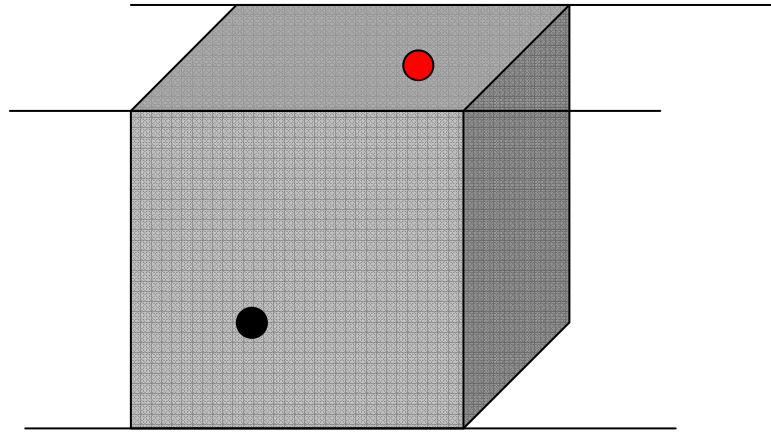
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$$G(V_g, T) = \frac{e^2}{h} \left(\frac{1}{4kT} \right) A \cosh^{-2} \left(\frac{e\alpha V_g - E_{\text{res}}}{2kT} \right)$$

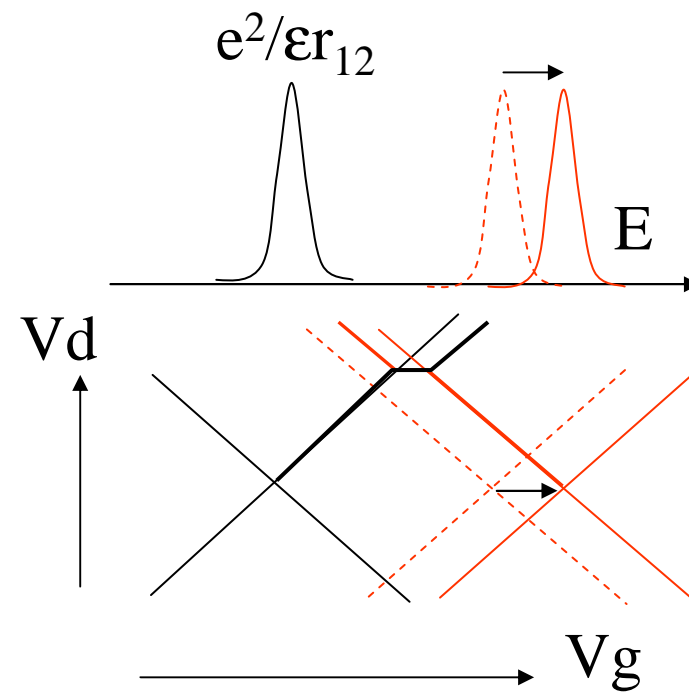
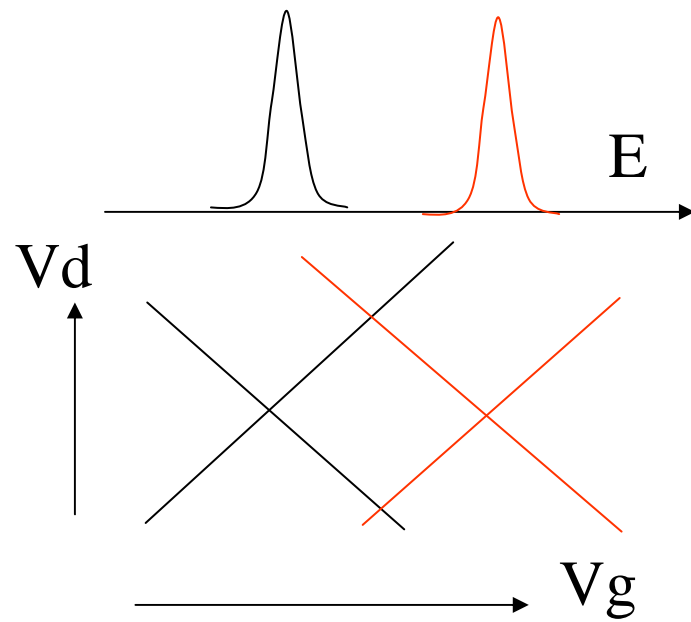
Coupled dopants: electron Coulomb repulsion

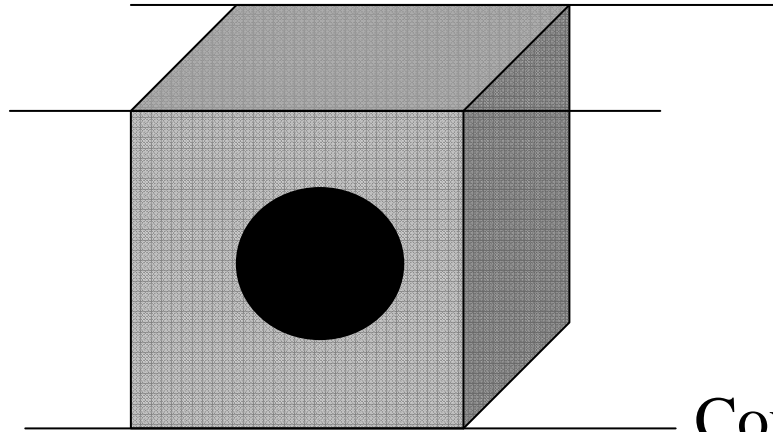


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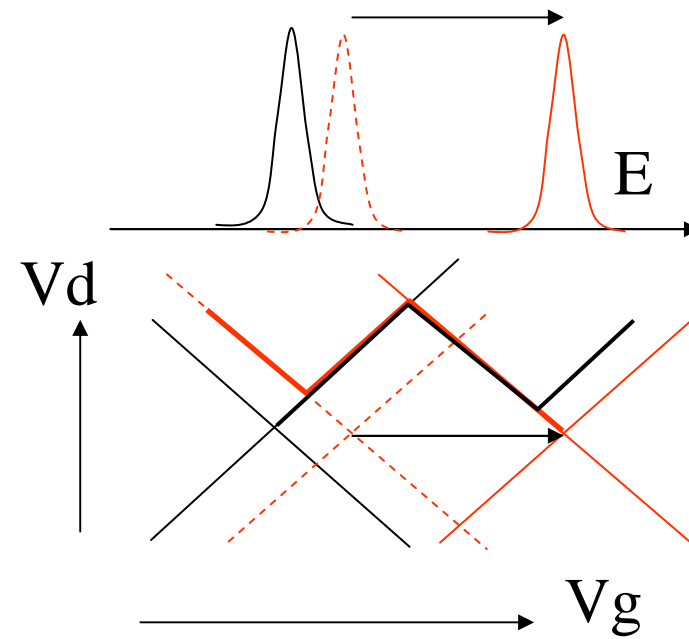
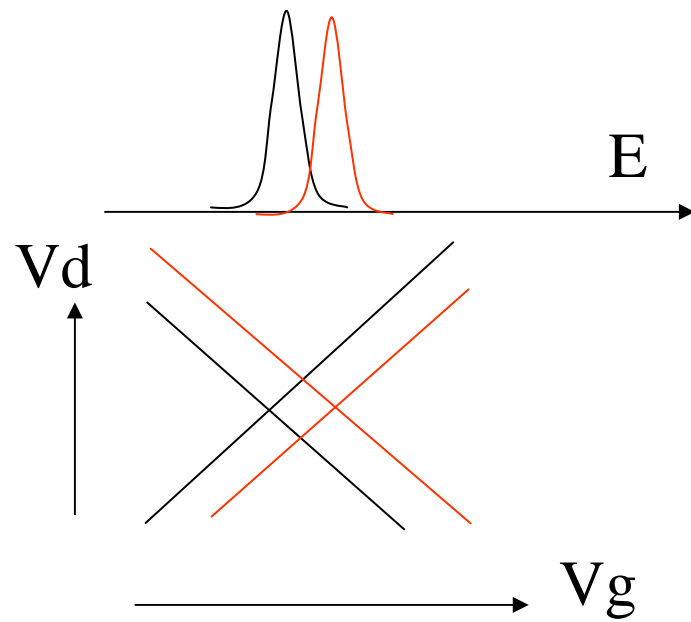


Coulomb repulsion:

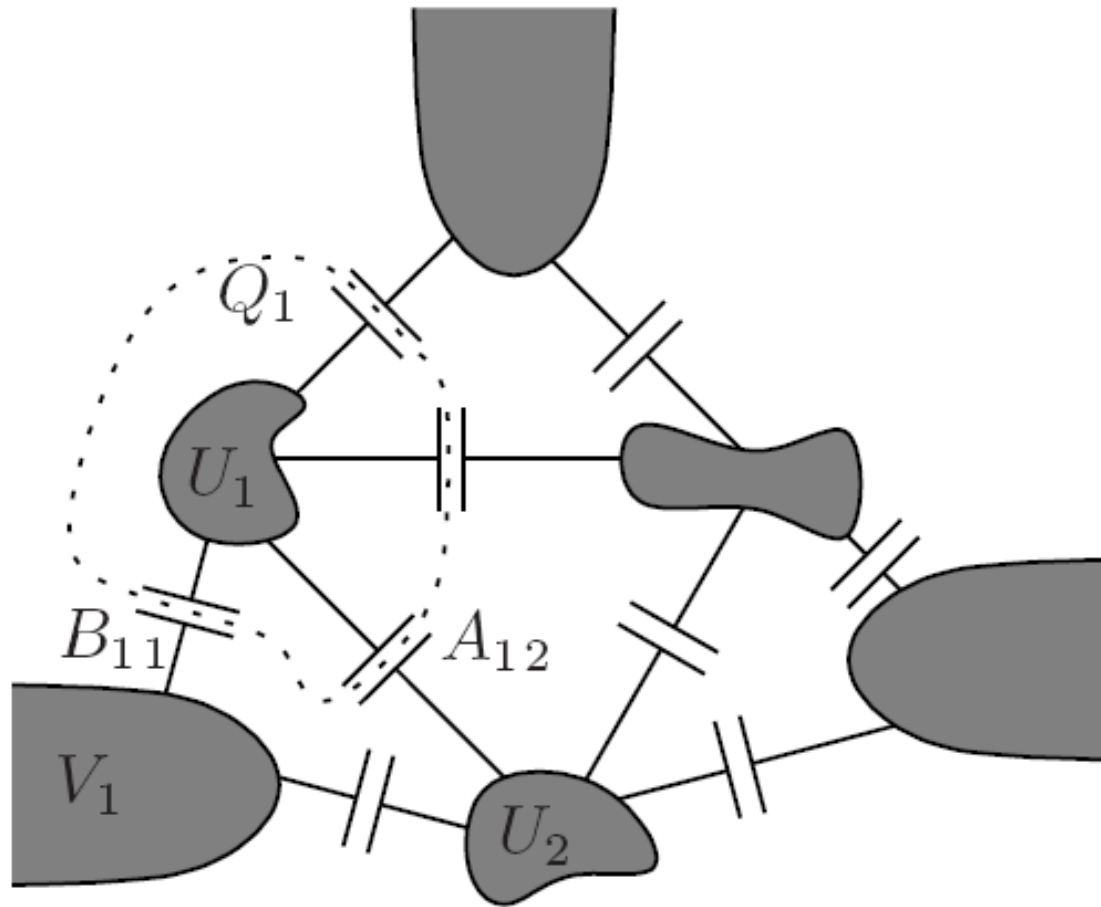




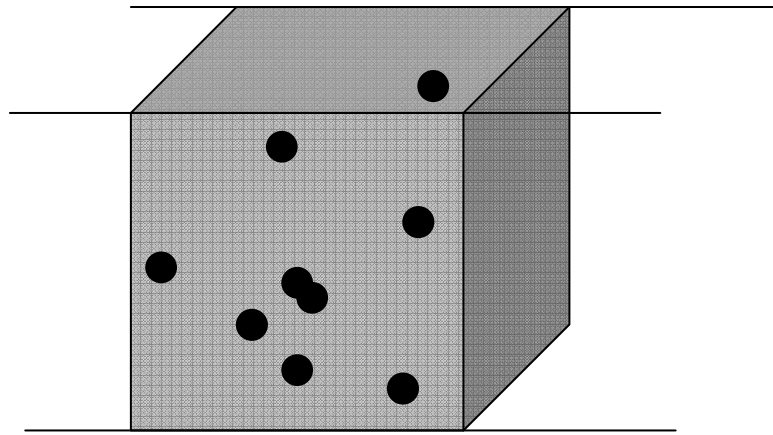
Coulomb repulsion:
 e^2/C with $C \sim \epsilon R$



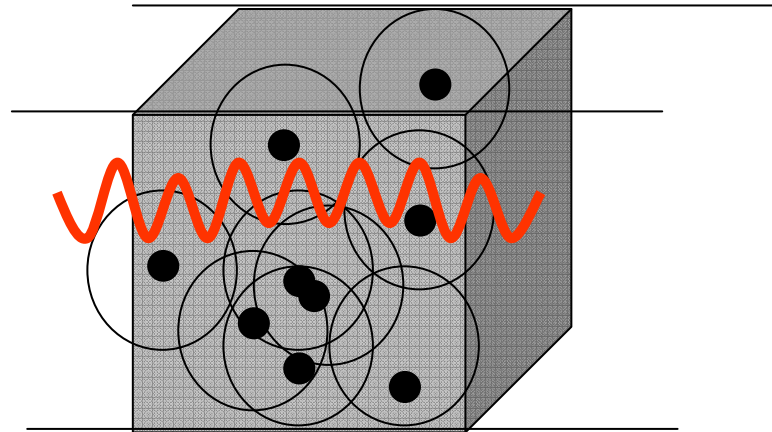
Coulomb blockade= classical effect which is due to the finite capacitances (well defined when the size are much larger than the Fermi wavelength)



Many dopants: impurity band, localization



First case: **electrons are delocalized**
and treated within the Fermi liquid theory
(interaction \rightarrow quasi particle)



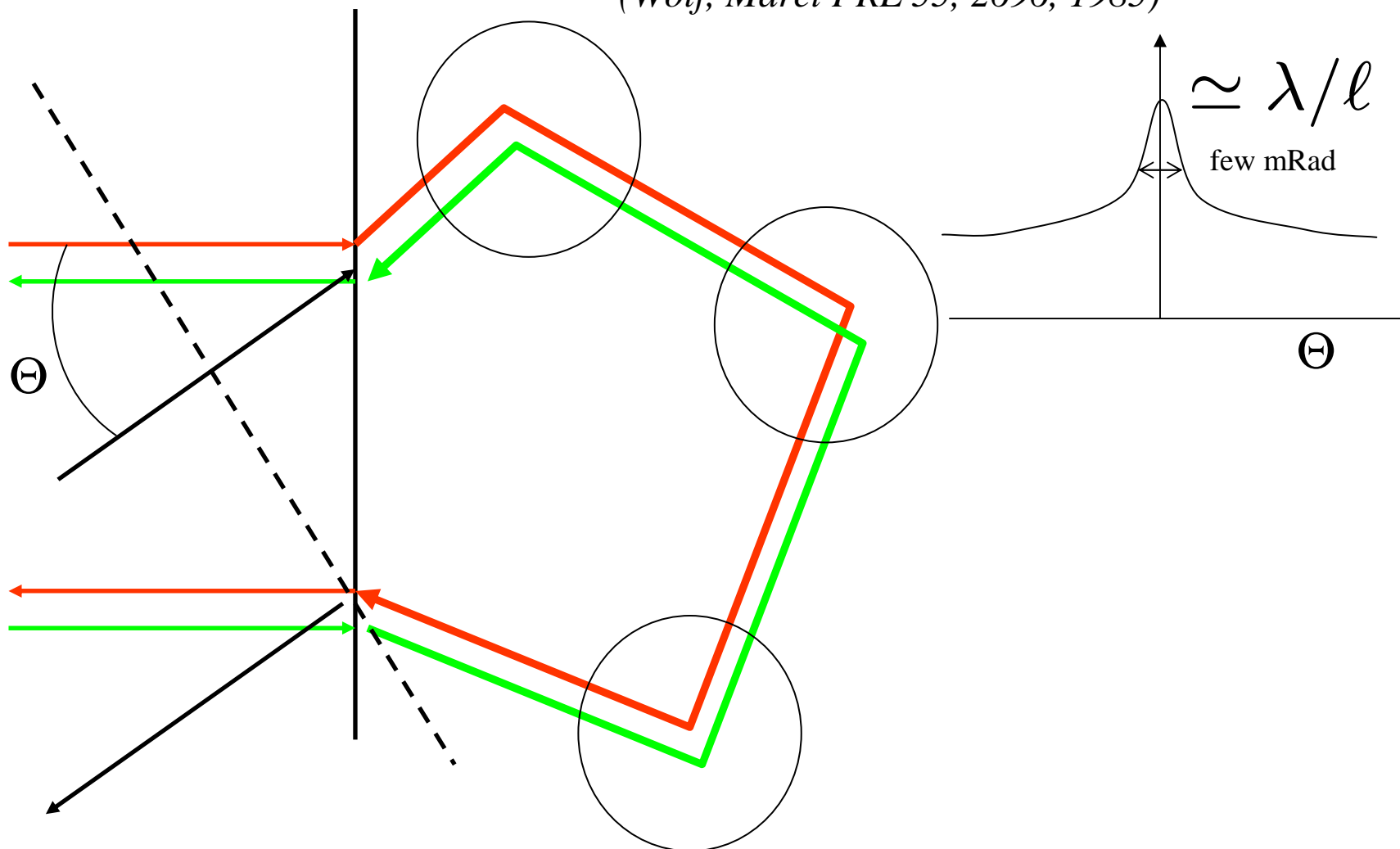
Interferences and diffraction of electronic waves

Calculate t_{ij} transmission amplitude (complex)
between i and j modes

$$|\psi\rangle = Ae^{i(px-\omega t)}$$

$$\left| A_1 e^{i\phi_1} + A_2 e^{i\phi_2} \right|^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1 A_2 e^{i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$$

back scattering cone for light (Wolf, Maret *PRL* 55, 2696, 1985)



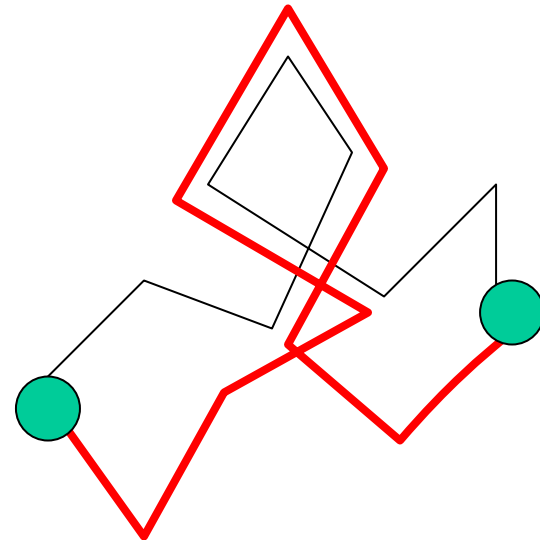
Boltzmann formulae neglects coherence among multi- diffusion.

$$\phi = \frac{\text{Action}}{\hbar} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int V dt + \frac{e}{c} A dr + \frac{1}{\hbar} \int p dr$$

Matthiessen rule:

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau_{el}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{in}}$$

elastic and inelastic scattering
on an equal footing



« Feynman paths »

interference effects are small at room temperature
for silicon devices larger than 10nm:

At $T=300\text{K}$, inelastic Acoustic Phonon scattering dominates
diffusion (*Long, Phys. Rev. 120, 2024 (1960)*)

(*with a certain proportion of surface roughness scattering*).

$\tau\phi \approx \tau_{in} \approx \tau_e \approx 0.1\text{ps}$ (i.e. $\mu \approx 10^4\text{cm}^2/\text{s/V}$,)

($V_F=10^5\text{m/s}$ gives (balist.) $L_{in}=10\text{nm}$)

Large interference effect at low temperature:

$\tau\phi$ versus $T(\text{K})$:

- at $T=1\text{K}$ varies like $1/T$ (2D Altshuler)

Data for silicon (Heslinga, Klapwijk SSC84, 739 (1992)):


$\tau\phi \approx 1\text{ns} \gg \tau_e \approx 0.1\text{ps}$

Quantum localization by elastic multi-diffusion

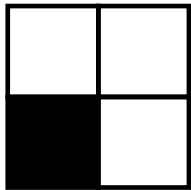
(important for films and wires)

disorder parameter: $k_F \ell$

$$\sigma = e^2 D \nu \quad (\text{Einstein})$$

 $G_{2D} = \frac{e^2}{h} k_F \ell \quad (\text{Boltzmann})$

$$G_{2D} = \frac{e^2}{h} k_F \ell - \alpha \frac{e^2}{h} \ln(L/\ell) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(interference} \\ \text{correction,} \\ L < L_{in}) \end{array}$$



$$\alpha = 2/\pi \quad (2D, \text{ without magnetic flux and spin-orbit})$$

weak localization

As : $k_F \ell \simeq 1$

or as: $L = \ell \exp(k_F \ell)$

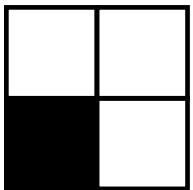
strong localization

$$G_{2D} \simeq \frac{e^2}{h} \exp(-L/\xi)$$

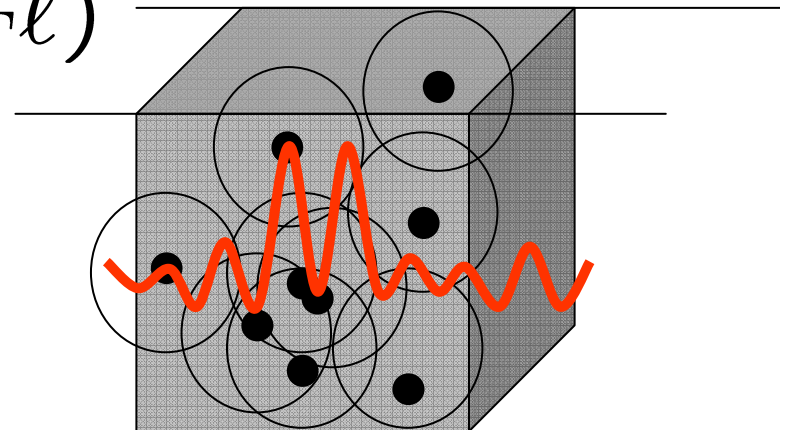


$$\xi = \ell \exp(k_F \ell)$$

conductance depends exponentially on the length



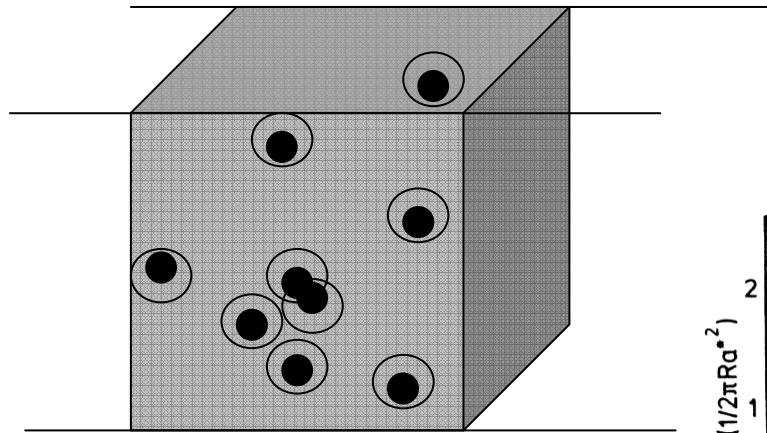
strong localisation



Second case: **electrons are localized** (lightly doped SC)
One should take care explicitly on Coulomb repulsion

Mott 1968

Efros Shklovskii « lightly doped semiconductors » 1984



Impurity band

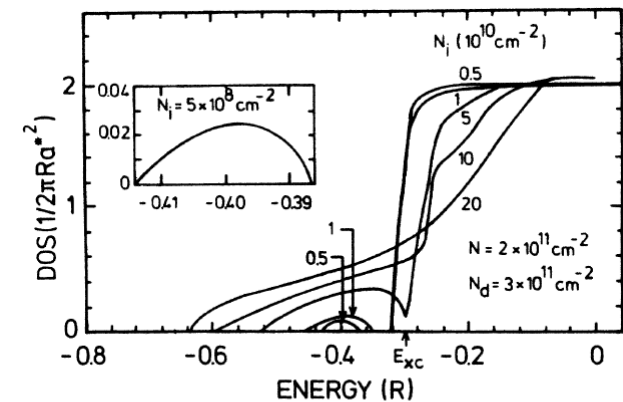
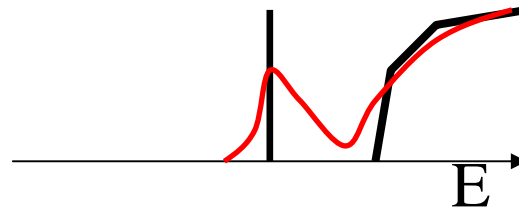
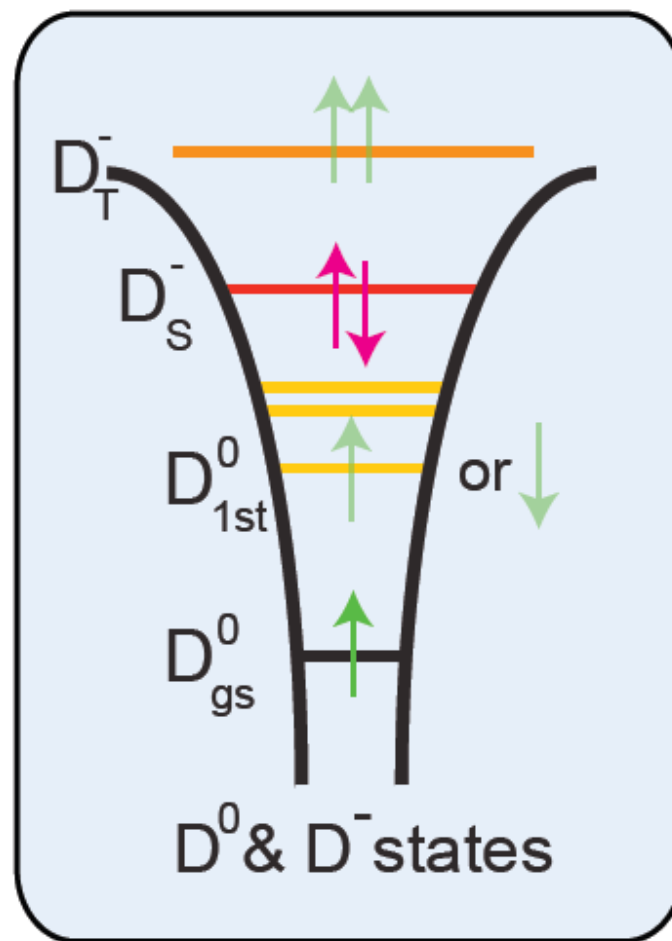


FIG. 1. Density of states (DOS) versus energy (E) for different impurity densities (N_i) according to the Klauder approximation and the random-phase approximation.

Ex: Gold et al PRB37,4589 (1988)

A « simple » problem for Coulomb repulsion

Double occupation of donors,
Coulomb blockade



eigen states

General case for a small numbers of electrons

(« artificial atom »)

$$N=0 \quad E=0$$

$$e\phi_{\text{ext}} = E_1$$

$$N=1 \quad E_1 - e\phi_{\text{ext}}$$

$$e\phi_{\text{ext}} = E_1 + U_{11}$$

$$N=2 \quad 2E_1 + U_{11} - 2e\phi_{\text{ext}} \quad E_1 + E_2 + U_{12} - 2e\phi_{\text{ext}}$$

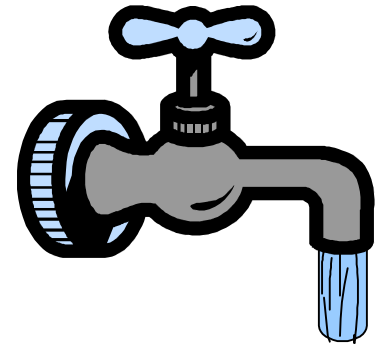
$$e\phi_{\text{ext}} = E_2 + 2U_{12}$$

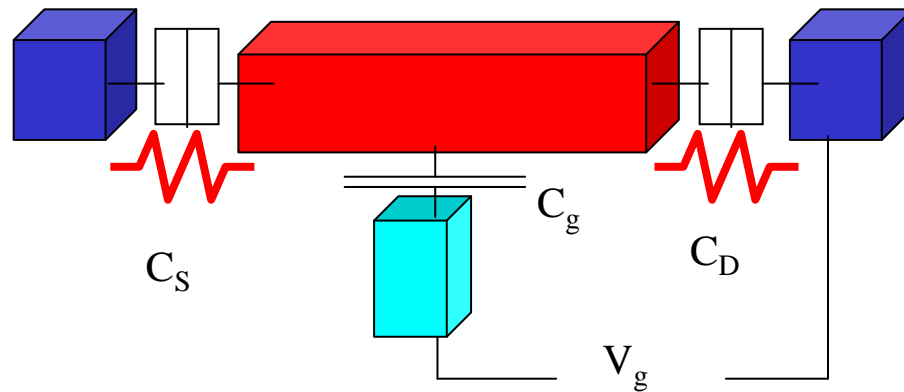
$$N=3 \quad 2E_1 + E_2 + U_{11} + 2U_{12} - 3e\phi_{\text{ext}} \quad \text{etc...}$$

$$U_{ij} \approx \iint \psi_i^*(r_1) \psi_j^*(r_2) V(r_1 - r_2) \psi_i(r_1) \psi_j(r_2) dr_1 dr_2 - \text{échange}$$

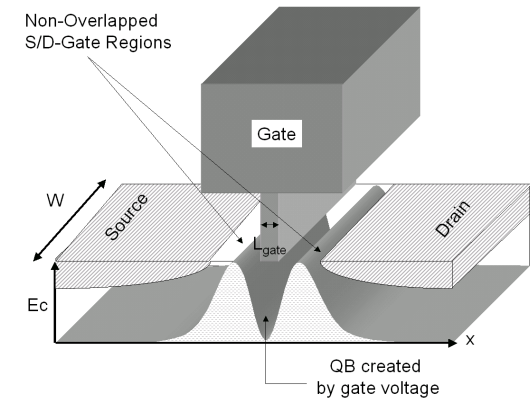
Generally $U_{ii} > U_{ij}$, spin polarization (Hund's rules)

- Conventional devices (MOSFET)
Continuous flow of charge carriers
 - Modelled by hydrodynamic equations
- Single Electron Devices
 - Operation based on the charge quantization
 - **One-by-one flow** of electron
 - Localization of electron wave function





$$E(N) = (Ne)^2 / 2C - Ne\phi_{\text{ext}}(V_g)$$

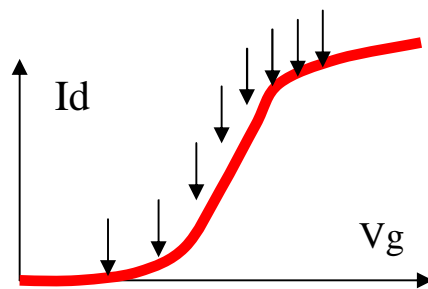


Depending on the access resistance:  (T=0K)

FET ($R < h/e^2$) or SET ($R > h/e^2$)

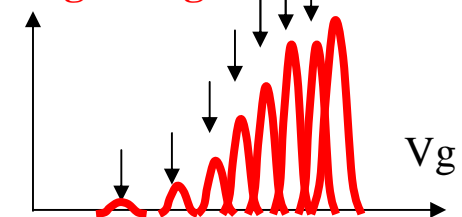
« The more electrons, the more current »

« e-periodic current: $E(N) = E(N+1)$ »



$$(N+1/2)e/C_g = V_g$$

$$kT < E_c = e^2/C$$



Classical Coulomb blockade,
Fermi wavelength \ll size

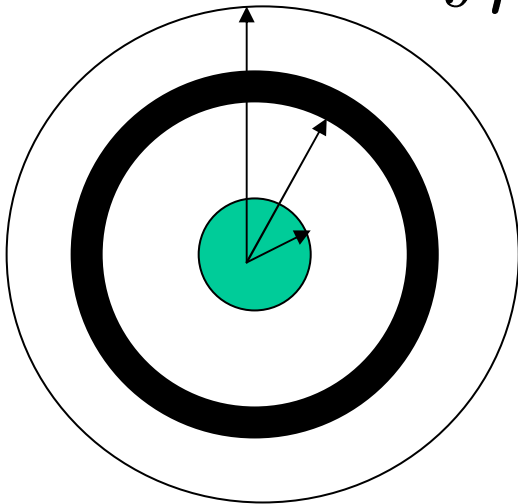
	Gate	S/D barriers	Advantages	Drawbacks
<i>metal</i>		<i>Metal oxide</i> <i>Al₂O₃⁷, NbO_x⁸</i>		<i>Offset charges</i> <i>Medium size</i>
		<i>Thin films</i> <i>resistors¹⁸</i>	<i>Minimizes co-</i> <i>tunneling</i>	<i>Offset charges</i> <i>Medium size</i>
	<i>Thin metallic</i> <i>film¹⁷</i>		<i>gain</i>	
<i>Metallic</i> <i>clusters¹⁹</i>	<i>No gate</i>	<i>Metal oxide</i>	<i>Small size</i>	<i>No control gate</i>
<i>Semiconducting</i> <i>clusters</i>	<i>Lateral¹⁴, front</i> <i>or back gate</i>	<i>oxide</i>	<i>Small size</i>	<i>Poor control</i>
<i>Vertical dot²⁰</i>	<i>Lateral gate</i>	<i>Epitaxially</i> <i>grown</i>	<i>Few electron</i> <i>regime, disorder</i> <i>free</i>	
<i>Lateral</i> <i>multigates</i> <i>cavities</i>	<i>Lateral, front or</i> <i>back gate</i>	<i>Split gate²¹,</i> <i>lateral gate¹³,</i> <i>top gate^{9,22}</i> <i>Schottky gate or</i> <i>local oxidation</i> <i>(AFM)</i>	<i>versatile</i>	<i>Medium or large</i> <i>size, crosstalk</i>
<i>Lateral single</i> <i>gate dot</i>	<i>Front or back</i> <i>gate</i>	<i>Oxide</i> <i>(PADOX)^{10,11},</i> <i>etched</i> <i>constriction^{1,2,3,5}</i> <i>,6,12,15,16,25,</i> <i>doping</i> <i>modulation⁴</i>	<i>Small size</i> <i>One control gate</i>	<i>Poor control of</i> <i>the D/S barriers</i>
<i>Dynamic</i> <i>Quantum dots²⁴</i>		<i>Moving</i> <i>electrostatic</i> <i>potential</i> <i>(surface</i> <i>acoustic</i> <i>waves..)</i>		

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electron-electron interaction on a disk:

$$\int_{r_0}^R \frac{2\pi r dr e^2}{a^2 \epsilon r} = \frac{2\pi e^2}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{R}{a^2} - \frac{r_0}{a^2} \right)$$



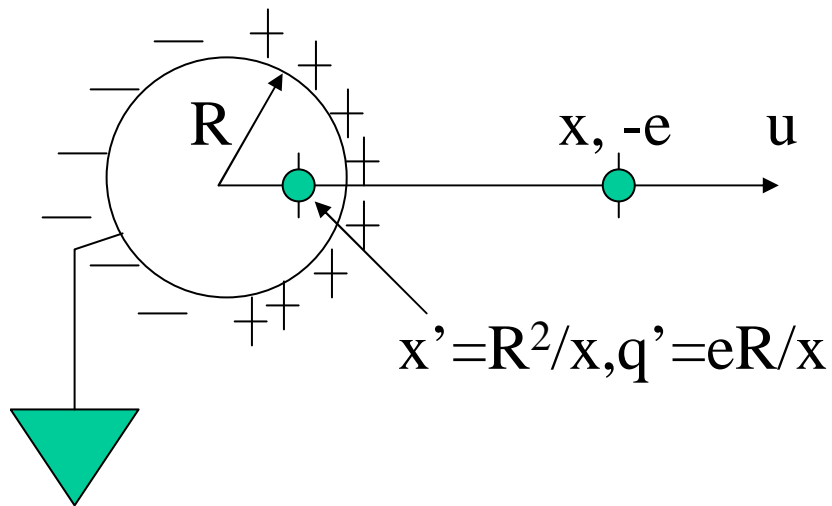
Electrostatic energy for $N=(R/a)^2$ electrons, i.e.:

$$E_1 = (Ne)^2 \frac{2\pi}{\epsilon R} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \quad E_2 = N \frac{2\pi e^2}{\epsilon a}$$

Charging energy + correlation energy ($r_0=a$)

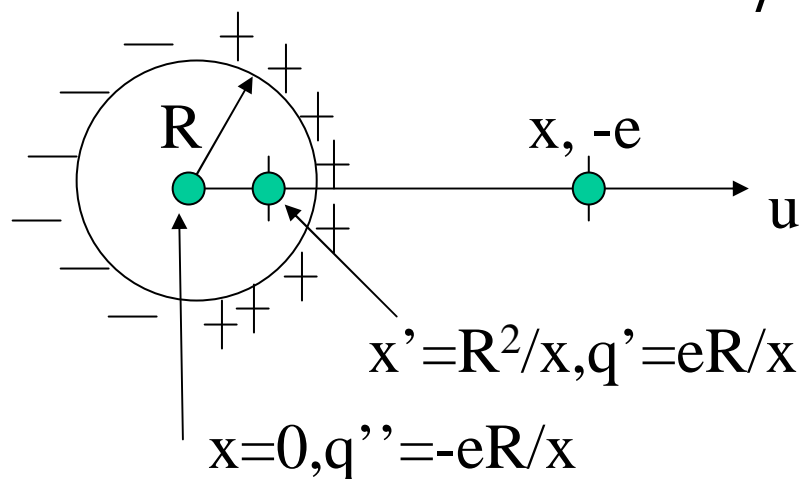
Charging energy for a metallic sphere:

$$E_c = e^2/2C$$



$$\phi_{im} = \frac{q'}{x-x'} \approx \frac{e}{2(x-R)} \Big|_{x \rightarrow R}$$

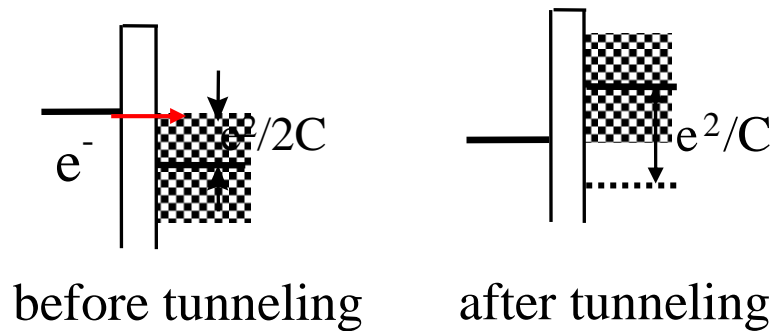
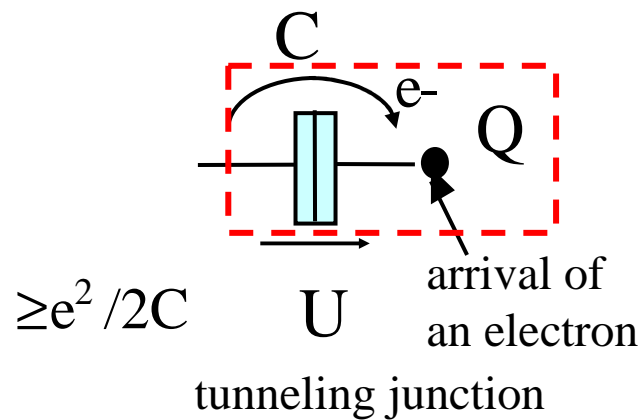
$$\epsilon_0 = 1$$



$$\phi(u, x) = \frac{-e}{|x-u|} + \frac{eR/x}{|u-R^2/x|} - \frac{eR/x}{u}$$

For $u=R$, the third term varies from 0 to $e/R = e/C$. Work needed to charge the sphere:

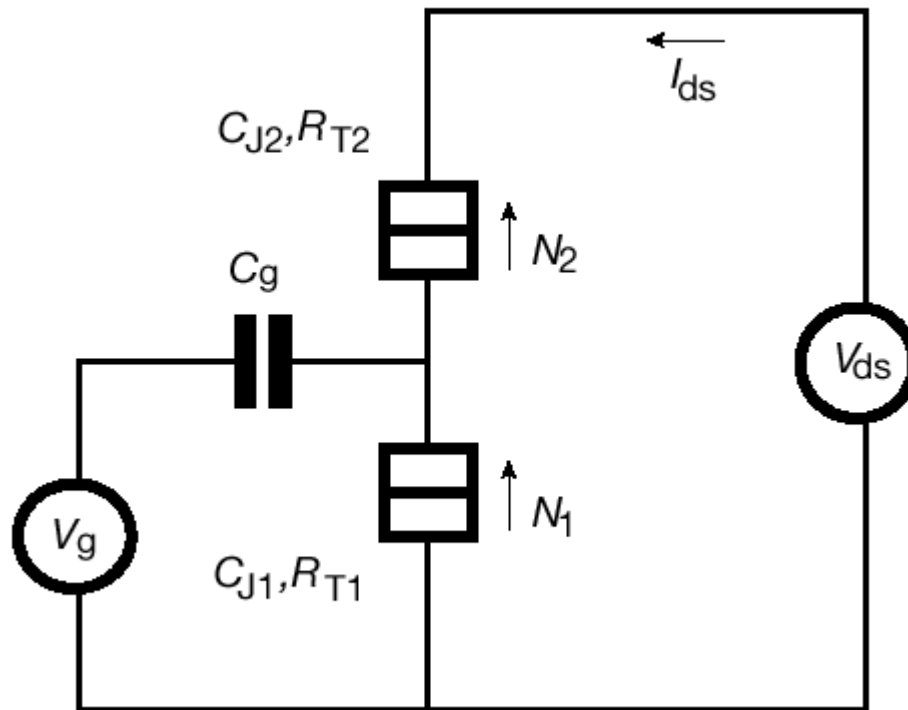
$$W = \int_{+\infty}^R dq'' \frac{q''}{R} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{C}$$



$$\Delta F = e \left(U - \frac{e}{2C} \right) \geq 0 \quad (\equiv \Delta W)$$

⇒ critical junction voltage for the arrival of an electron: **$U > e/2C$**

The Coulomb repulsion opens a gap for the arrival or departure of electrons



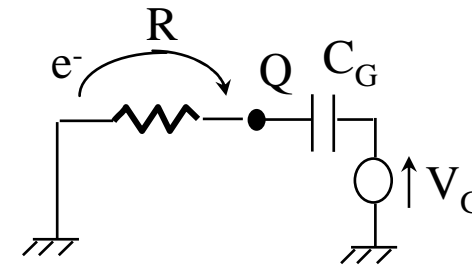
single-electron transistor

$$E_C = e^2 / C_\Sigma$$

$$E_{\text{el}} = E_C [N_2 - N_1 - (C_g V_g / e) - (C_2 V_{ds} / e) + q_0]^2 - e N_2 V_{ds}$$

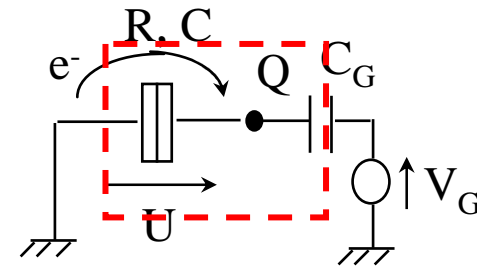
NB: sequential ($\Delta N_2 \neq \Delta N_1$) prevented, correlated events ($\Delta N_2 = \Delta N_1$) favorable

- Capacitor charged through a resistor



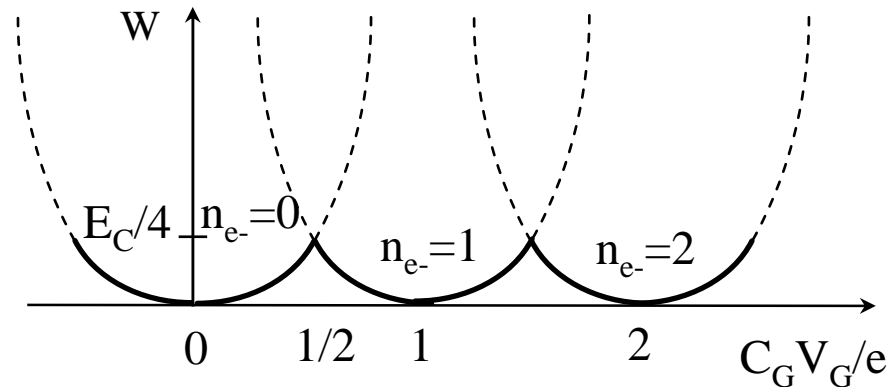
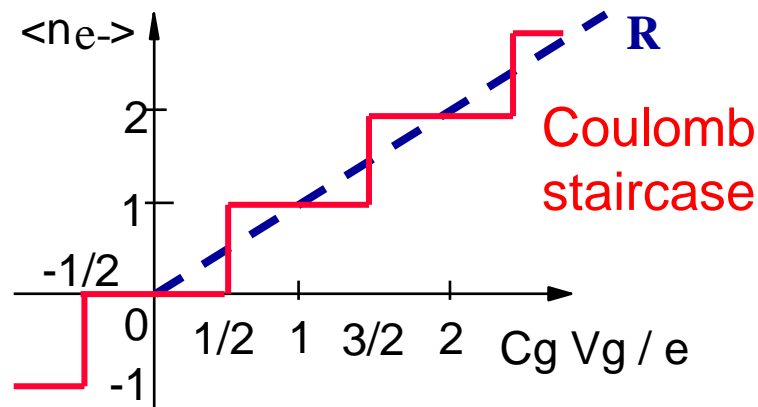
- Capacitor charged through a tunnel junction

$$kT \ll E_C = \frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma}$$



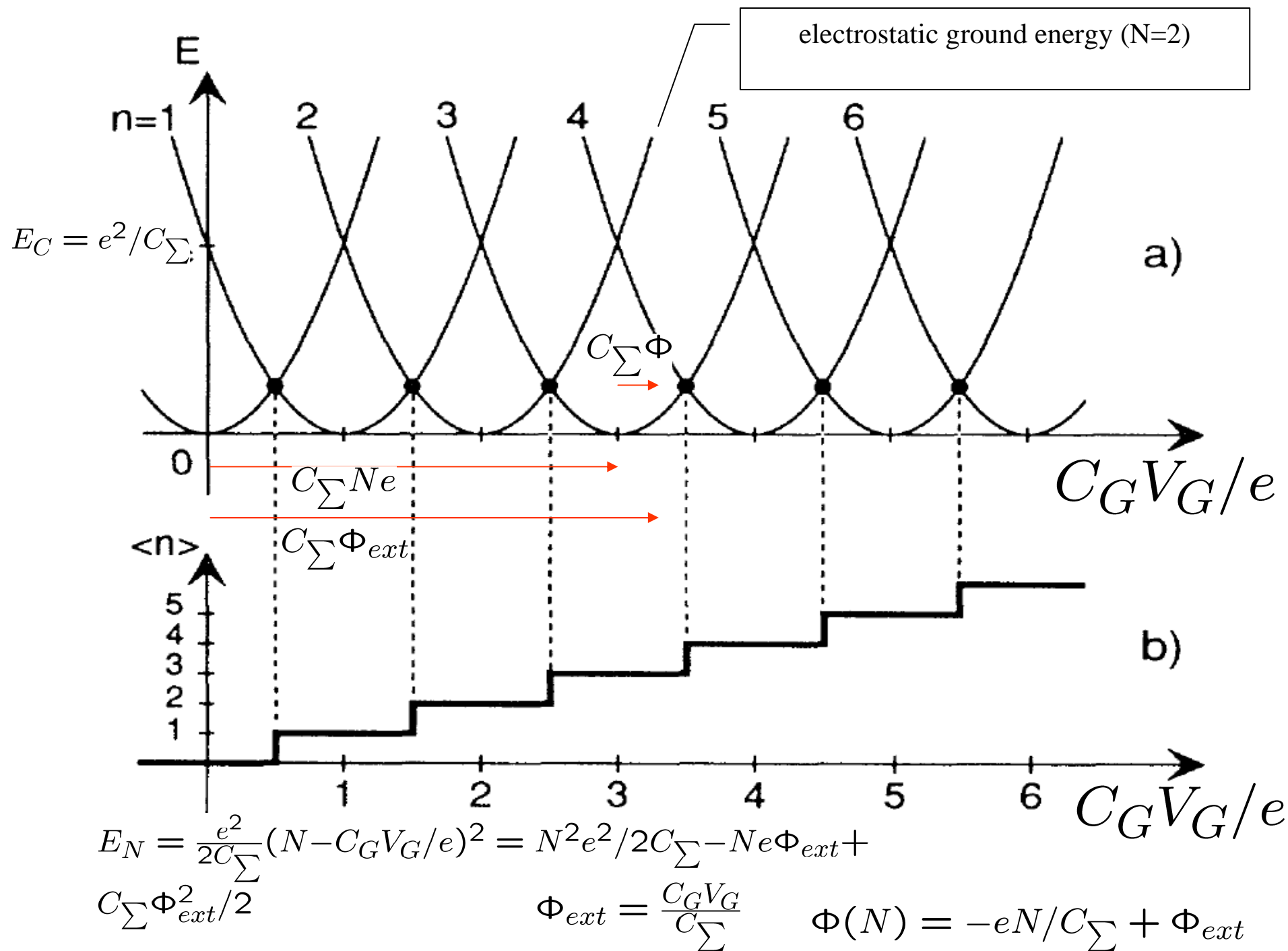
island
 $Q = -n e^-$

Electron Box



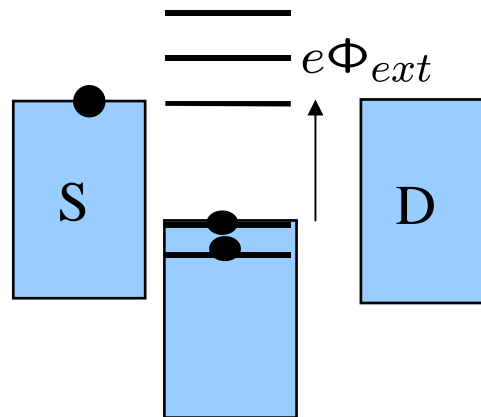
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electrochemical potential= energy to add one electron:
 $\mu(N)=E(N)-E(N-1)$

$$\mu(N) = E(N) - E(N-1) = (N - 1/2) \frac{e^2}{C_\Sigma} = \phi_{ext}$$

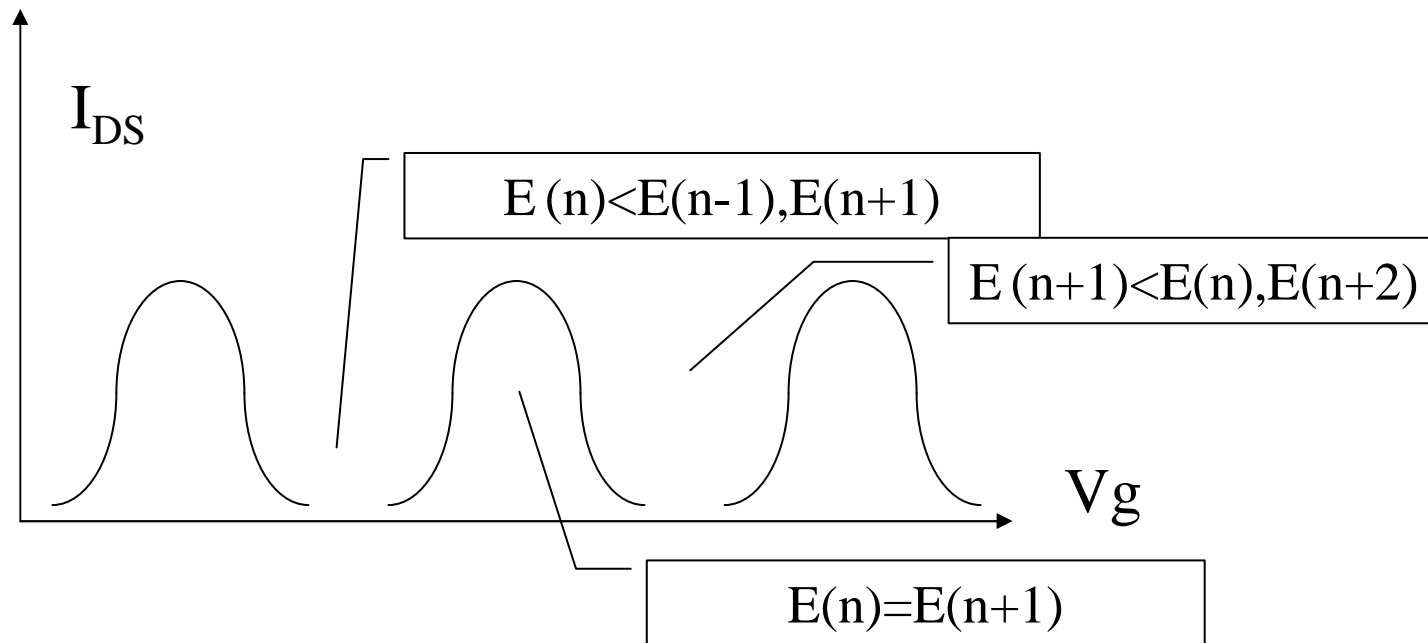


$$E_{\text{elec}}(N) = E_{\text{elec}}(N+1)$$

$$N^2 e^2 / 2C_{\Sigma} - Ne\Phi_{\text{ext}} + C_{\Sigma} \Phi_{\text{ext}}^2 / 2 = (N+1)^2 e^2 / 2C_{\Sigma} - (N+1)e\Phi_{\text{ext}} + C_{\Sigma} \Phi_{\text{ext}}^2 / 2$$

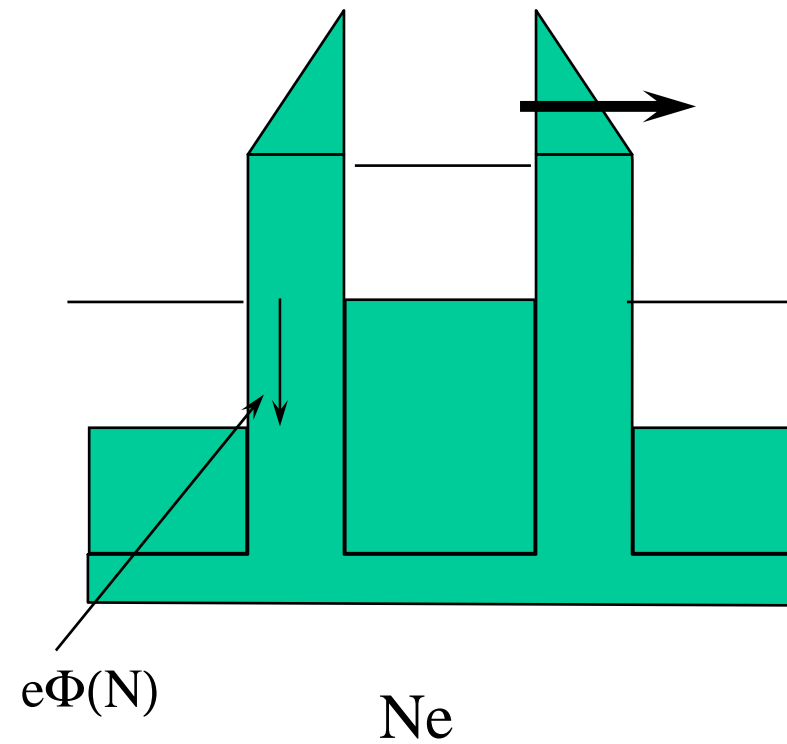
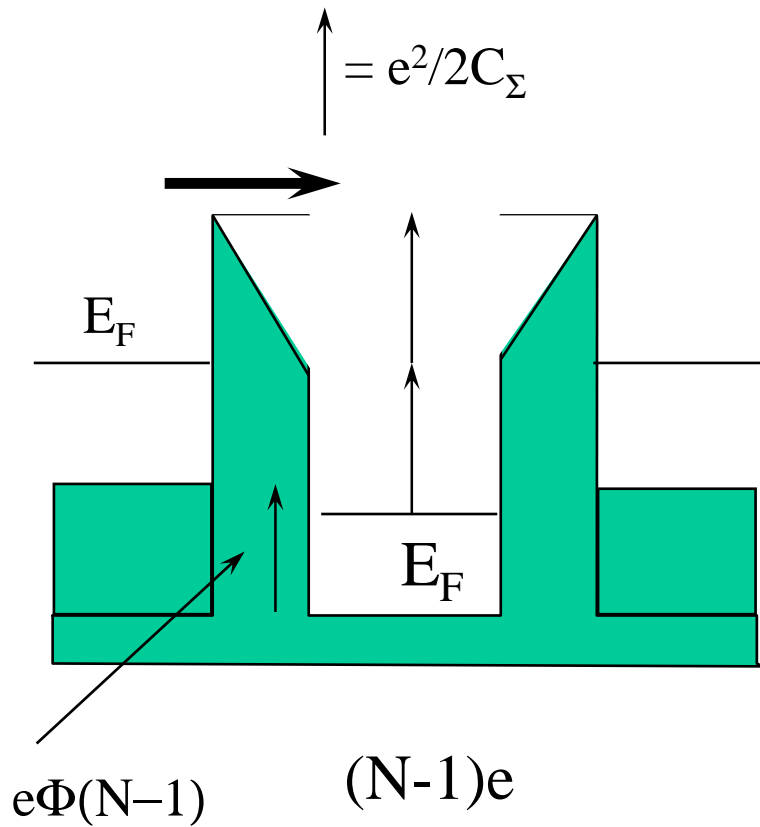
$$\Phi_{\text{ext}} = \frac{C_G V_G}{C_{\Sigma}}$$

$$e(N + 1/2) / C_G = V_G$$



$$\frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma} + E_F = E_F + e\phi(N-1)$$

$$-\frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma} + E_F = E_F + e\phi(N)$$

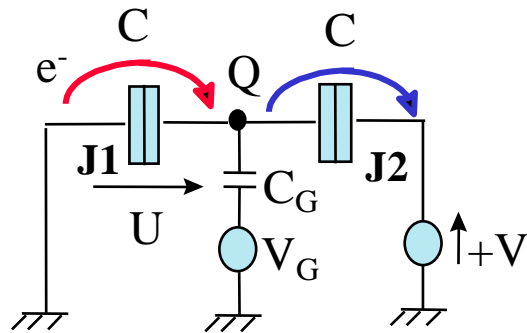


$$\Phi(N) = -eN/C_\Sigma + \Phi_{ext}$$

($e>0$)

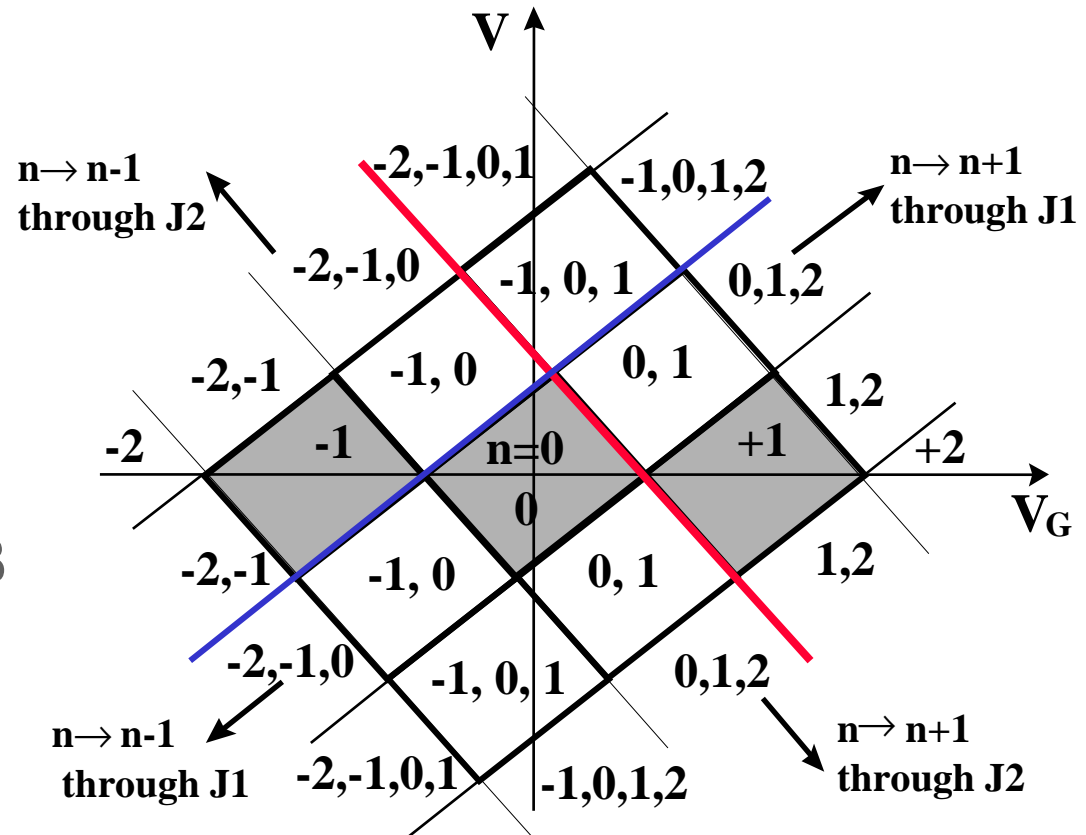
$$\Phi_{ext} = \frac{C_G V_G}{C_\Sigma}$$

Charge states of SETs

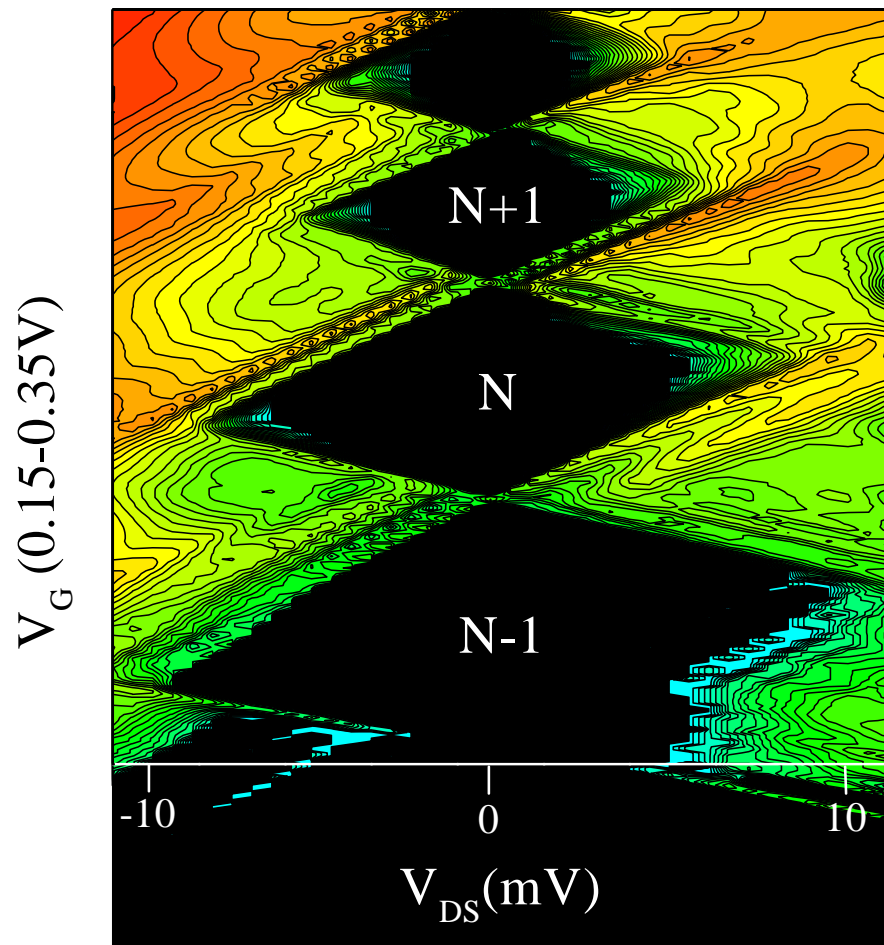


 SET off \rightarrow CB
 SET on
 (sequential arrival and departure of electrons)

$n \rightarrow n+1$ through J1



$$\Delta W = \frac{e}{C_{\Sigma}} \left(-\frac{e}{2} - ne + CV + C_G V_G \right) \geq 0$$



Stability diagram:

Si-MOSFET

gate length

= 100nm

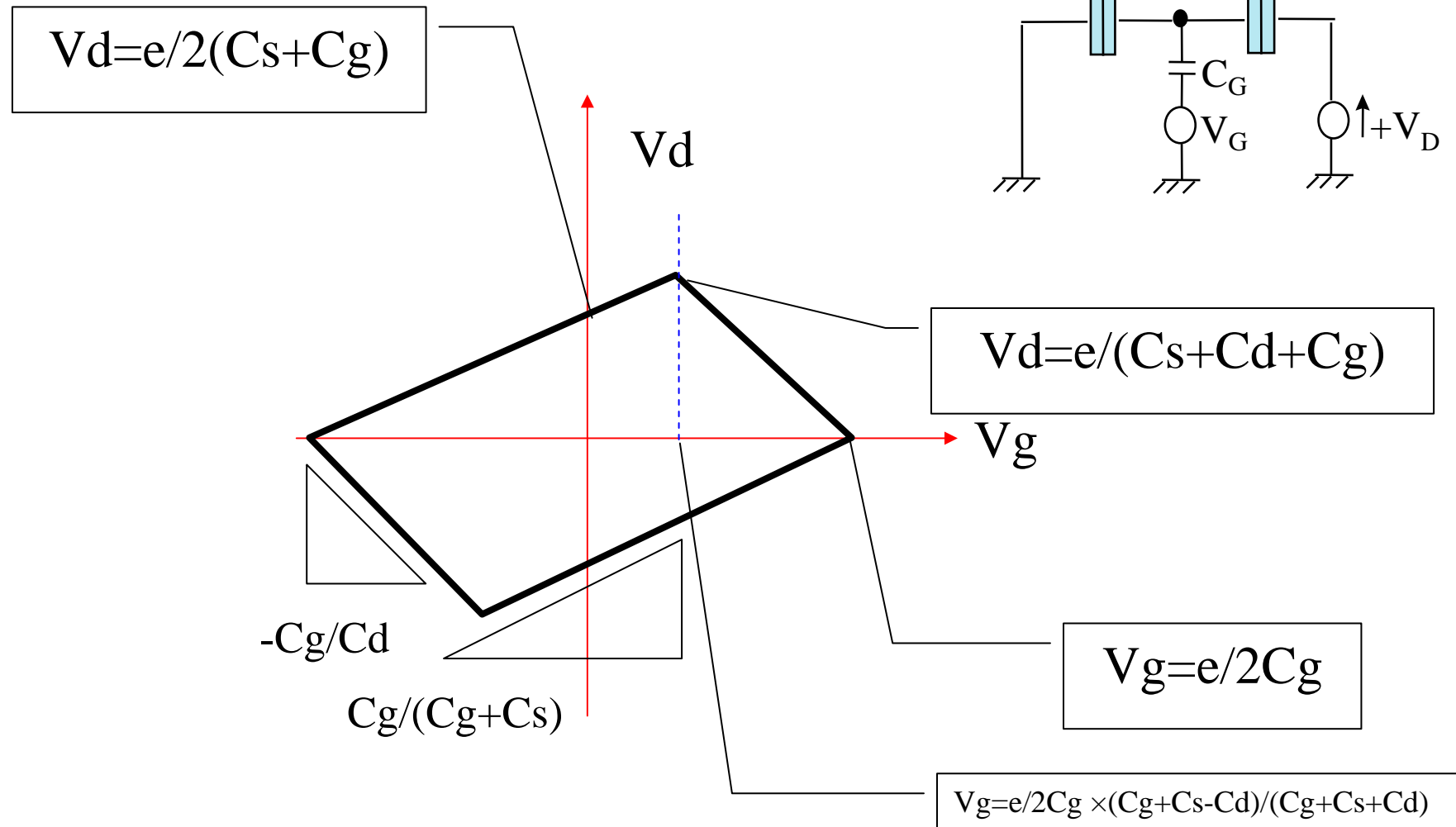
W=400nm

T=0.1 K

$C \cong 80\text{aF}$

$E_C \cong 2\text{meV}$

SET parameters extraction



-CBO period $\rightarrow C_g$

-Voltage gain $G_{SET} = C_g/C_2$

$-V_{th} = e/2(C_1 + C_g)$

Schema for $C_g = C_s = C_d$

Calculation of the currents:

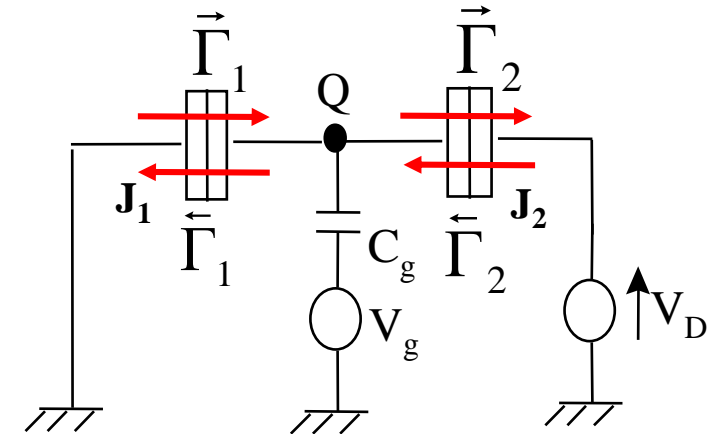
Hypothesis: stationary case, markovian process (no history),

No cotunneling (only single electron transfer, inelastic process: "simultaneous" tunneling of e- through two junctions,elastic process: same electron tunnels through both junctions)

electrostatic problem treated (outside the electron transfer, constant external potential)

Step 1: count all the possible single electron transfers

The **state** of the device is characterized by the number n of electrons on the island. Let p_n the probability to find the device in the state n .



$$Q = -ne$$

P_n may change:

- by leaving state n to $n-1$ or $n+1$
- or by coming into state n from $n-1$ or $n+1$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{p}_n = \Gamma_{n,n+1} p_{n+1} + \Gamma_{n,n-1} p_{n-1} - (\Gamma_{n+1,n} + \Gamma_{n-1,n}) p_n \quad (1)$$

Where $\Gamma_{k,l}$ is the rate for a transition from state l to state k

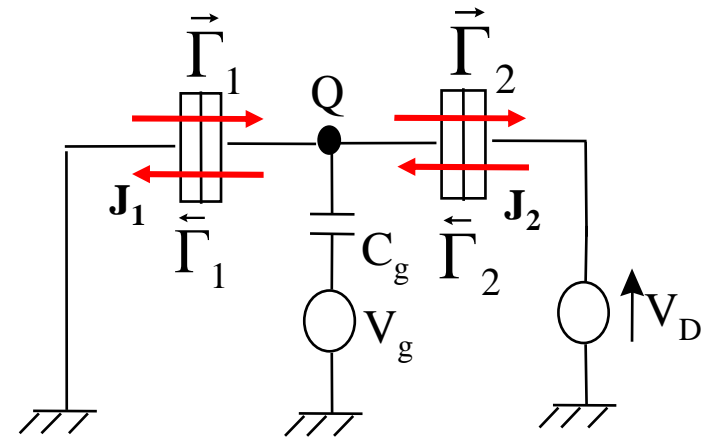
$$\Gamma_{n+1,n} = \vec{\Gamma}_1(n) + \vec{\Gamma}_2(n) \quad \Gamma_{n-1,n} = \vec{\Gamma}_1(n) + \vec{\Gamma}_2(n) \quad (2)$$

Where $\vec{\Gamma}_i$ are the electron tunneling rates

Step 2: Derivate the current (for the stationary case)

$$\dot{p}_n = 0$$

Current conservation



$$I(V) = e \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} p_n \left(\vec{\Gamma}_1(n) - \vec{\Gamma}_1(n) \right) \right) = e \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} p_n \left(\vec{\Gamma}_2(n) - \vec{\Gamma}_2(n) \right) \right)$$

$$I = e \Gamma$$

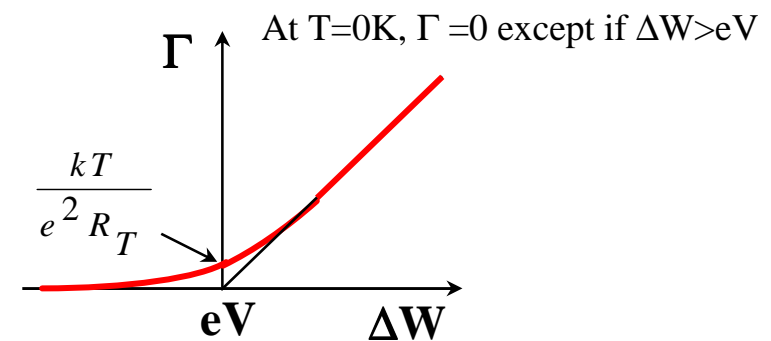
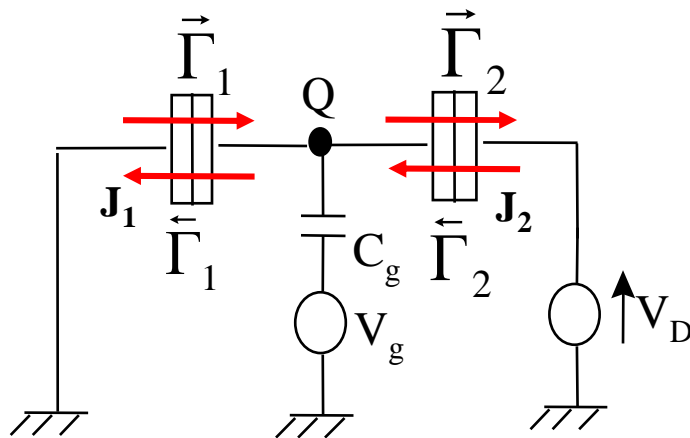
$$0.16 \text{ attoAmpère} = 1 \text{ électron/sec}$$

Step 3: calculate the tunneling rates (function of electrostatic energy before and after each electron transfer)

the rate of tunneling events is given by the "orthodox" theory, for the weak tunneling regime ($R_T \gg R_Q$):

$$\Gamma = \frac{\Delta W - eV}{e^2 R_T \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(\Delta W - eV)}{kT} \right) \right)}$$

- ΔW : drop of electrostatic energy
- R_T : tunneling resistance
- eV : work to be done by the voltage source

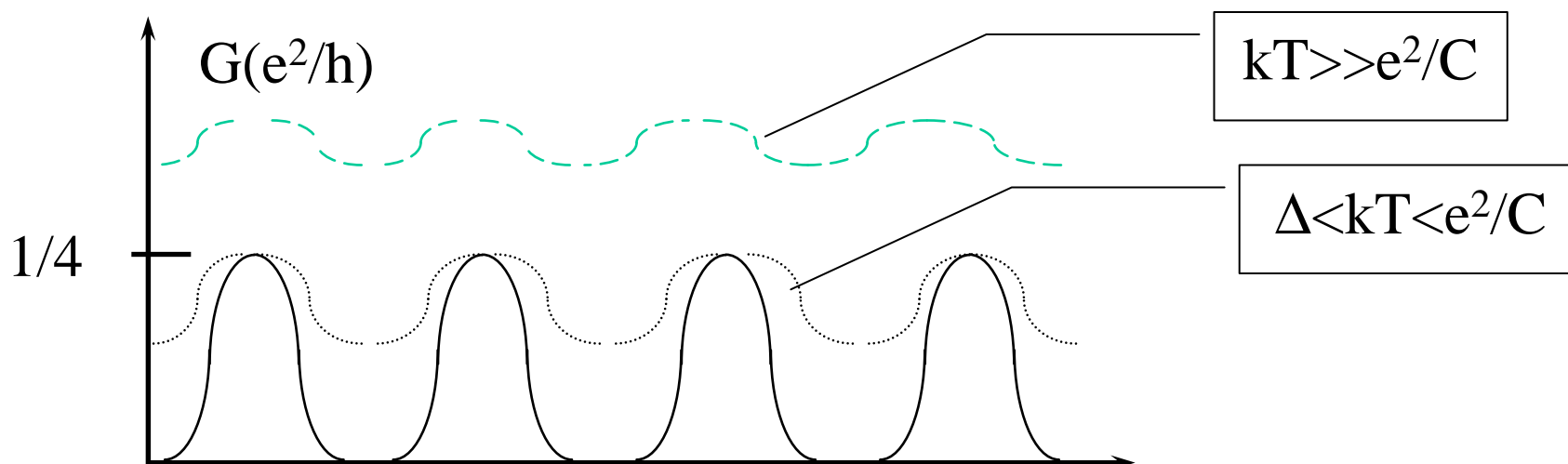


Results for the orthodox model in the linear regime ($V \sim 0$)

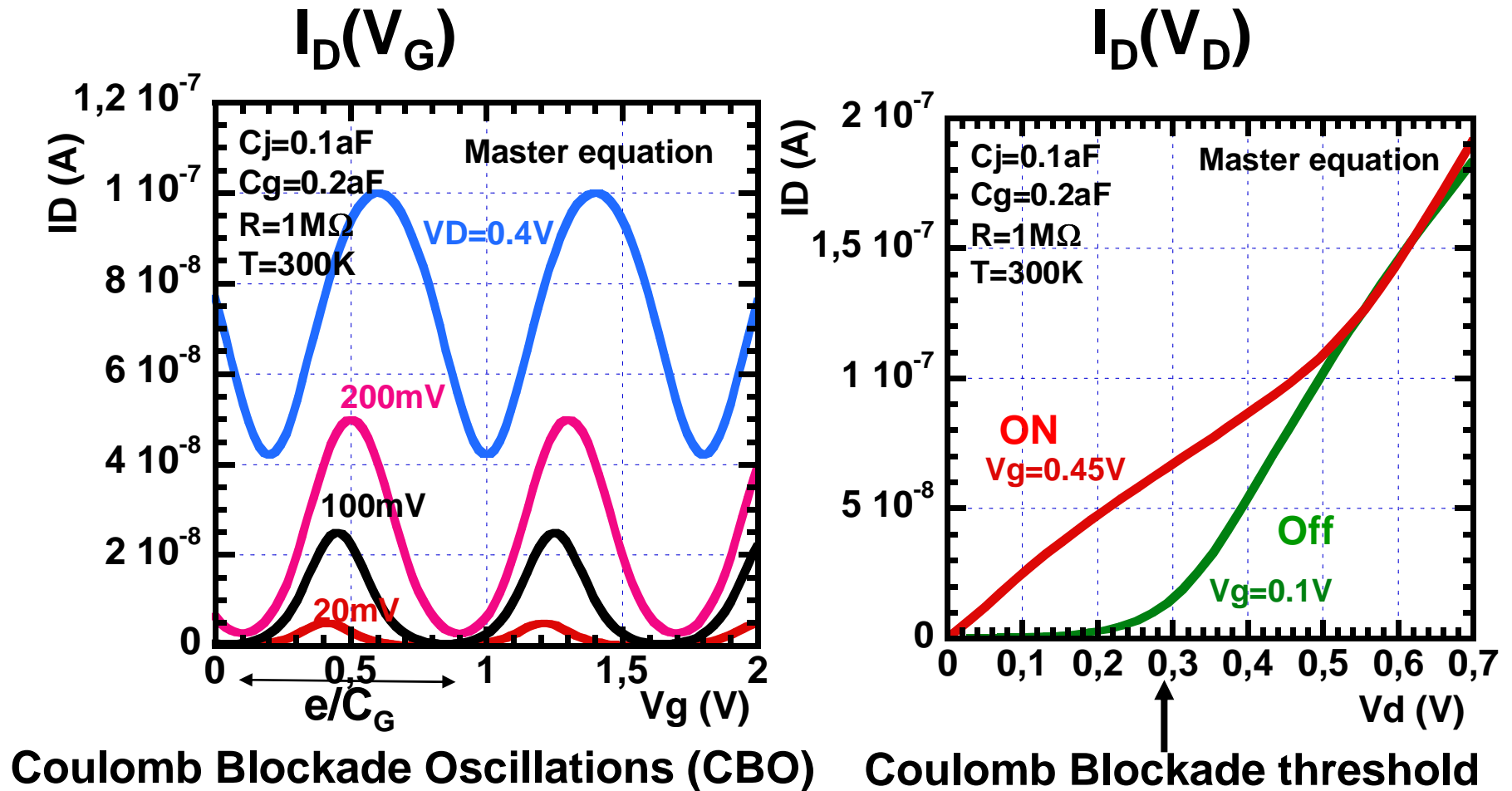
$$G_{\max} = \frac{e^2 \rho}{2} \frac{\Gamma^l \Gamma^r}{\Gamma^l + \Gamma^r} \quad \text{if } \Delta E \ll kT \ll e^2/C,$$

$$G = e^2 \rho \frac{\Gamma^l \Gamma^r}{\Gamma^l + \Gamma^r} \equiv G_{\infty} \quad \text{if } \Delta E, e^2/C \ll kT \ll \bar{\mu}, E_F$$

(means 2 barriers in series)



Exemple for a SET working at room temperature

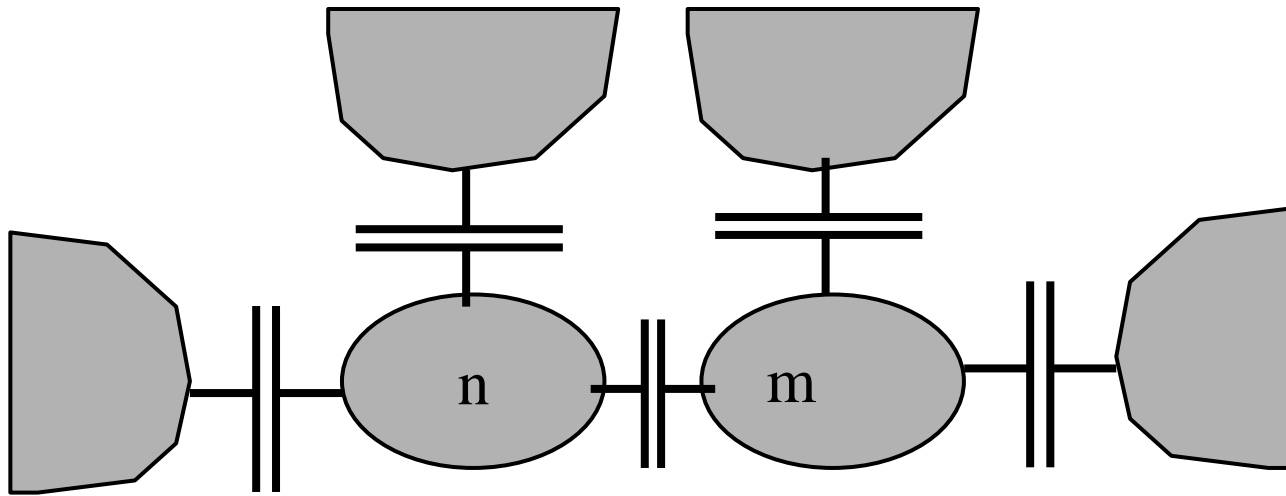


"on" $\rightarrow \langle n_e \rangle$ half-integer

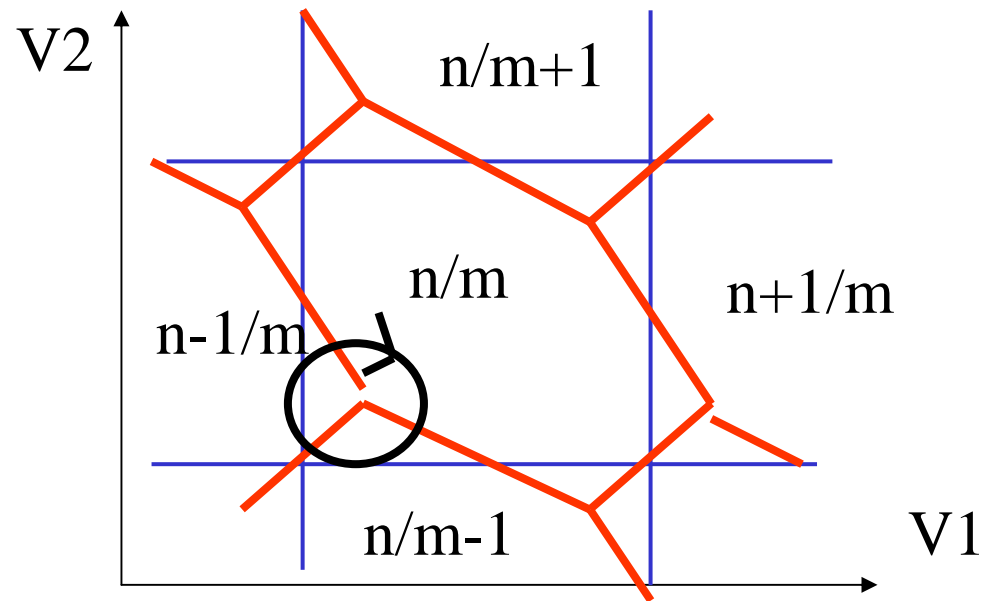
"off" $\rightarrow \langle n_e \rangle$ integer

Low V_D operation

Double dots & their applications as pumps

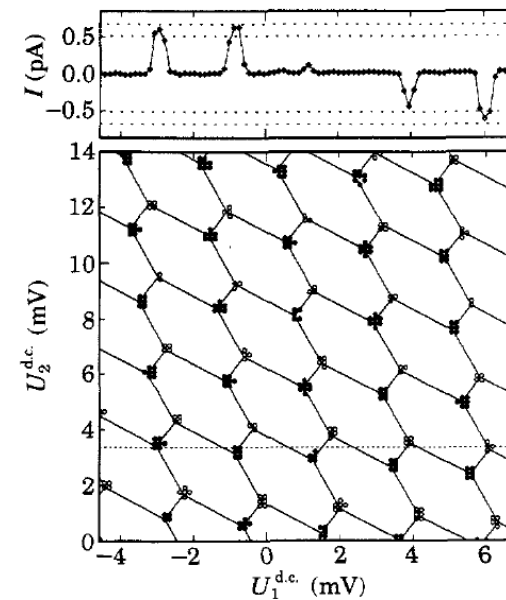
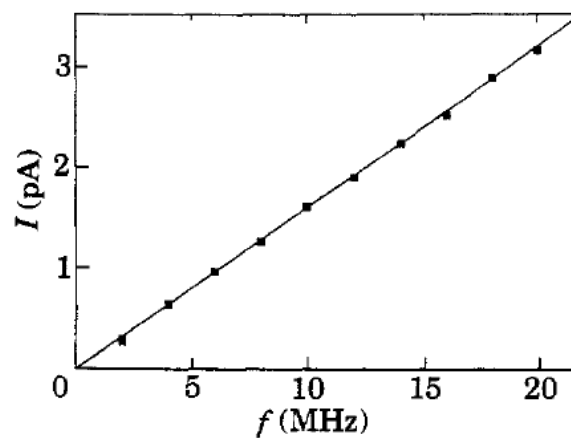
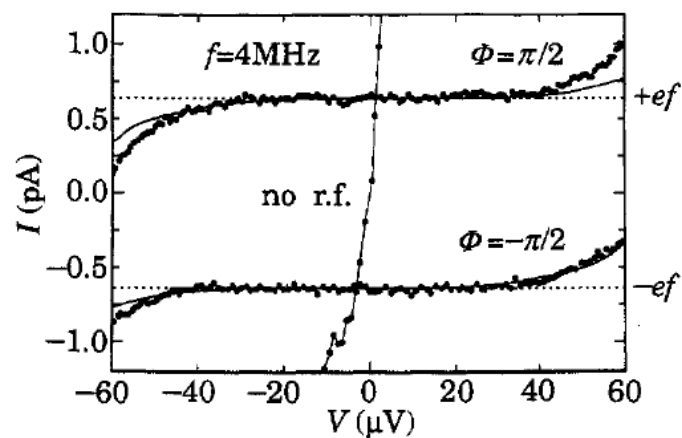


Doubled quantum dot= electron pump



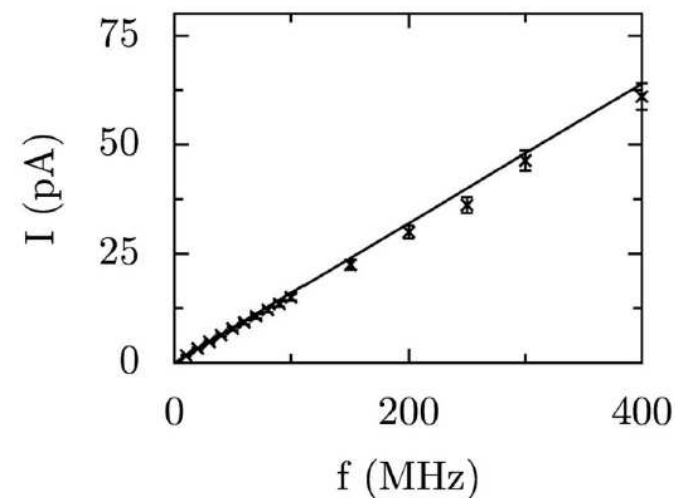
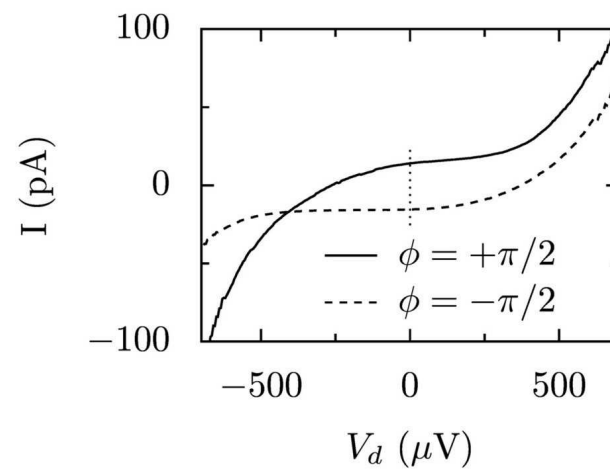
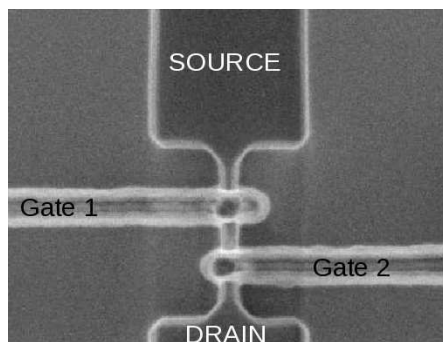
Van der wiel et al.
Rev. Modern Phys. 75,1 ('03)

Pothier et al. *Europhys. Lett*; 17 249 (1992)



See also: A. Fujiwara et al., "Nanoampere charge pump by single-electron ratchet using silicon nanowire MOSFET", *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, vol. 92, 042102, 2008.

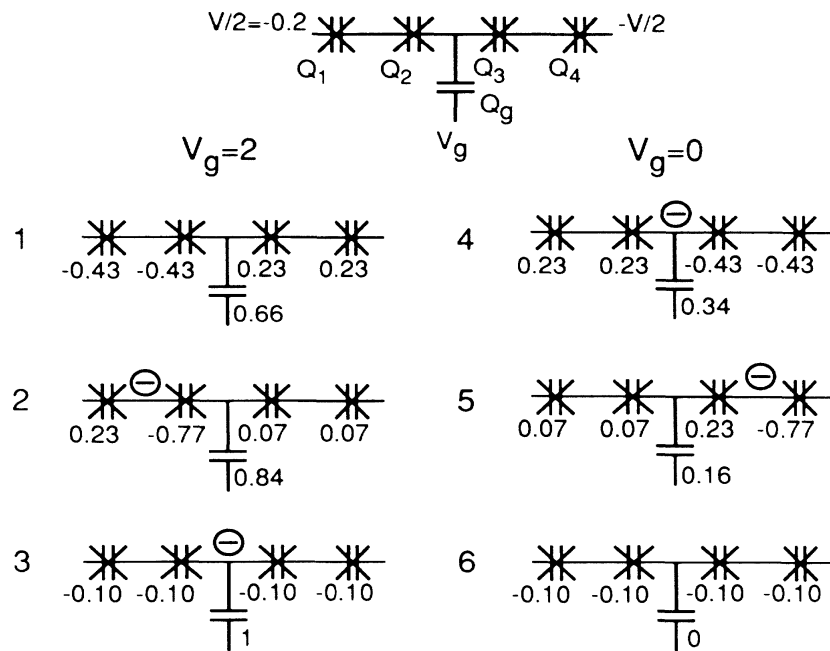
M. Pierre et al. *CPEM2010*



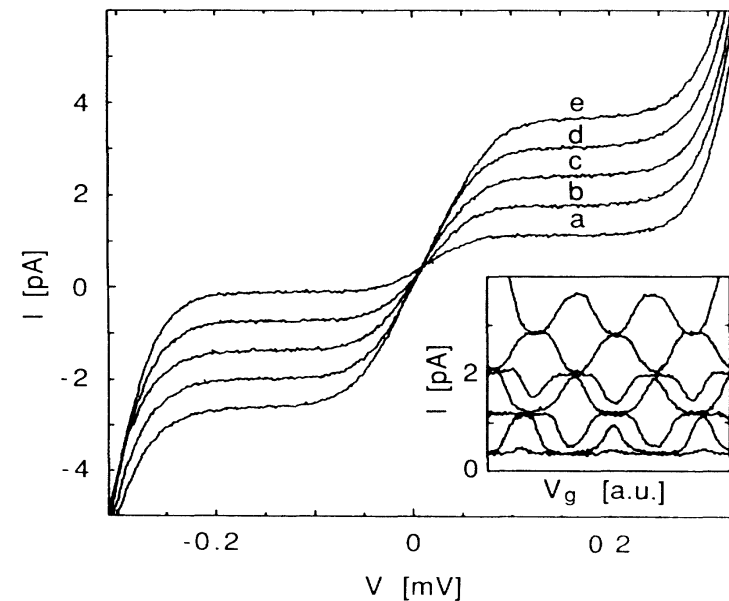
« electron turnstile », (non stochastic) current given
by the frequency :

$$I = ef$$

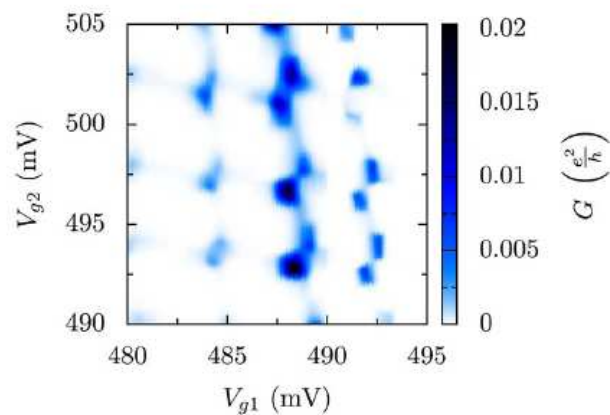
$$f=4,8,12,16,20 \text{ Mhz}$$



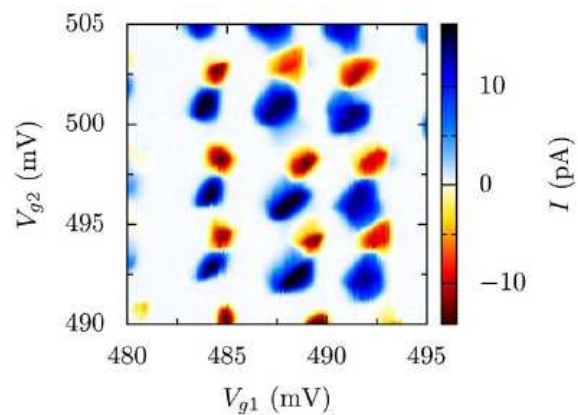
Pothier et al. 1991



electron pump (see later on)

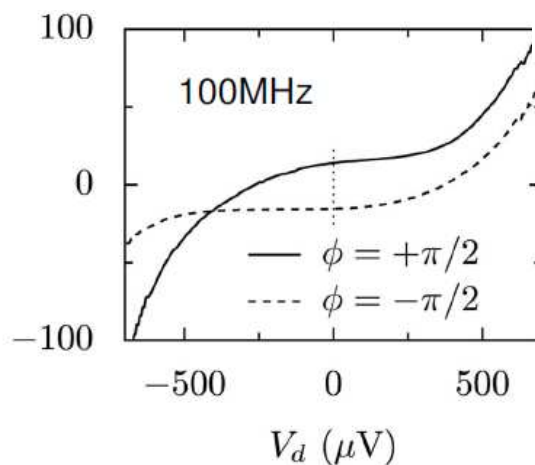
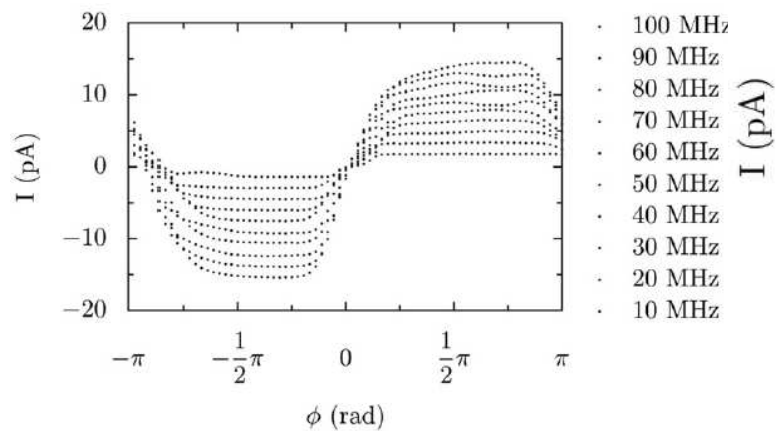
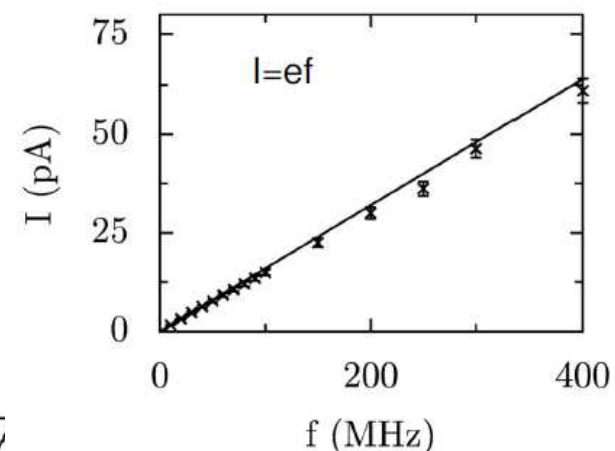


Low bias conductance
(lock-in with $V_{ac}=50\mu V$)



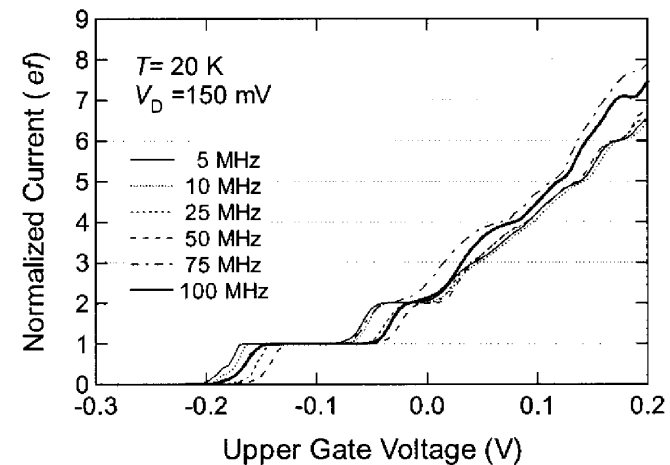
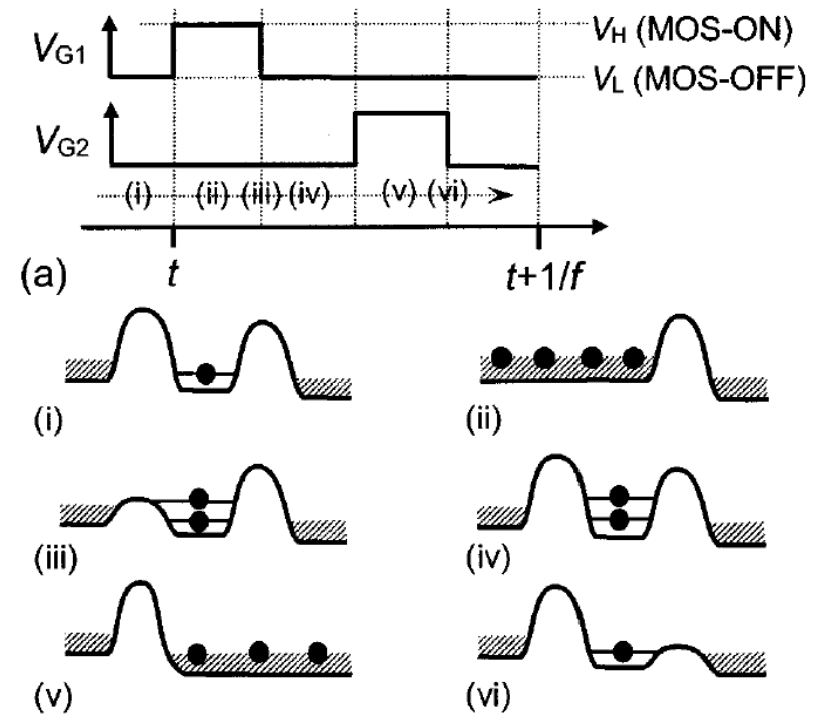
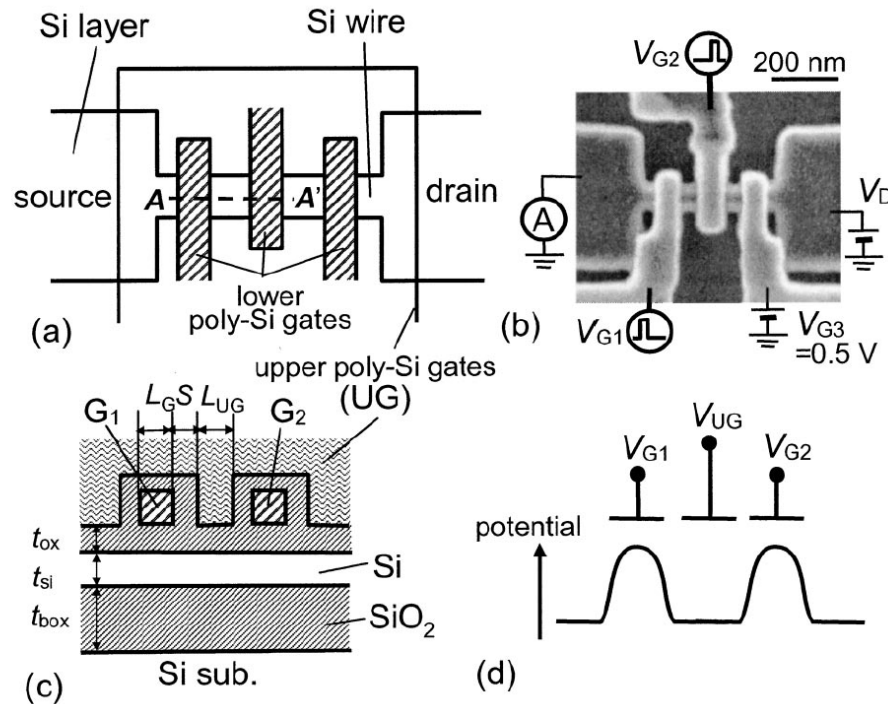
Pumped current at 100MHz

700mK



CB vs CCD electron pump

Fujiwara et al. APL2004

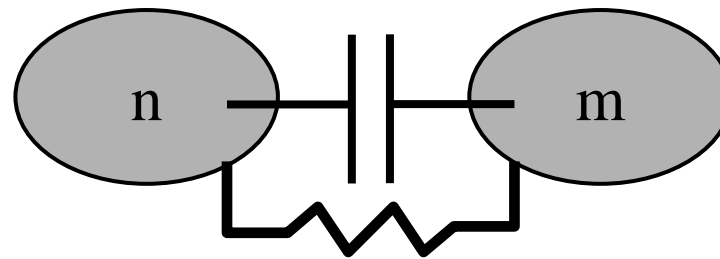


$$I = Nef$$

f = pump frequency
(not eV_d/h) ; N depends on potentials

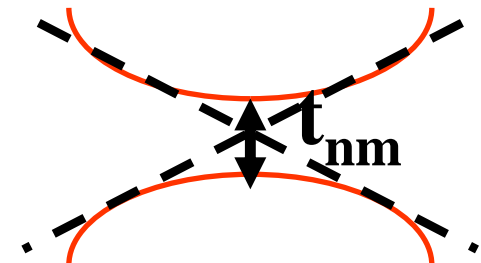
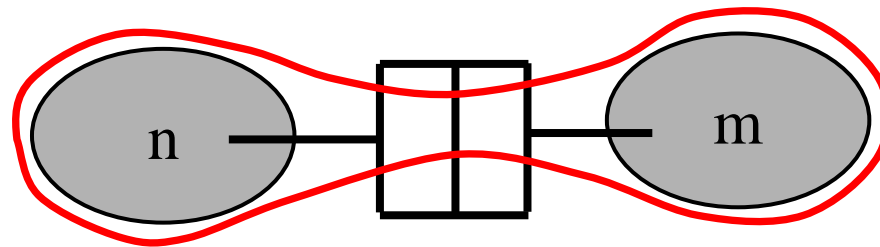
Double dots for quantum bits

fréquence des pompes à électrons:
 RC^{-1} (processus stochastiques)
faible en général (voir transparent 49)

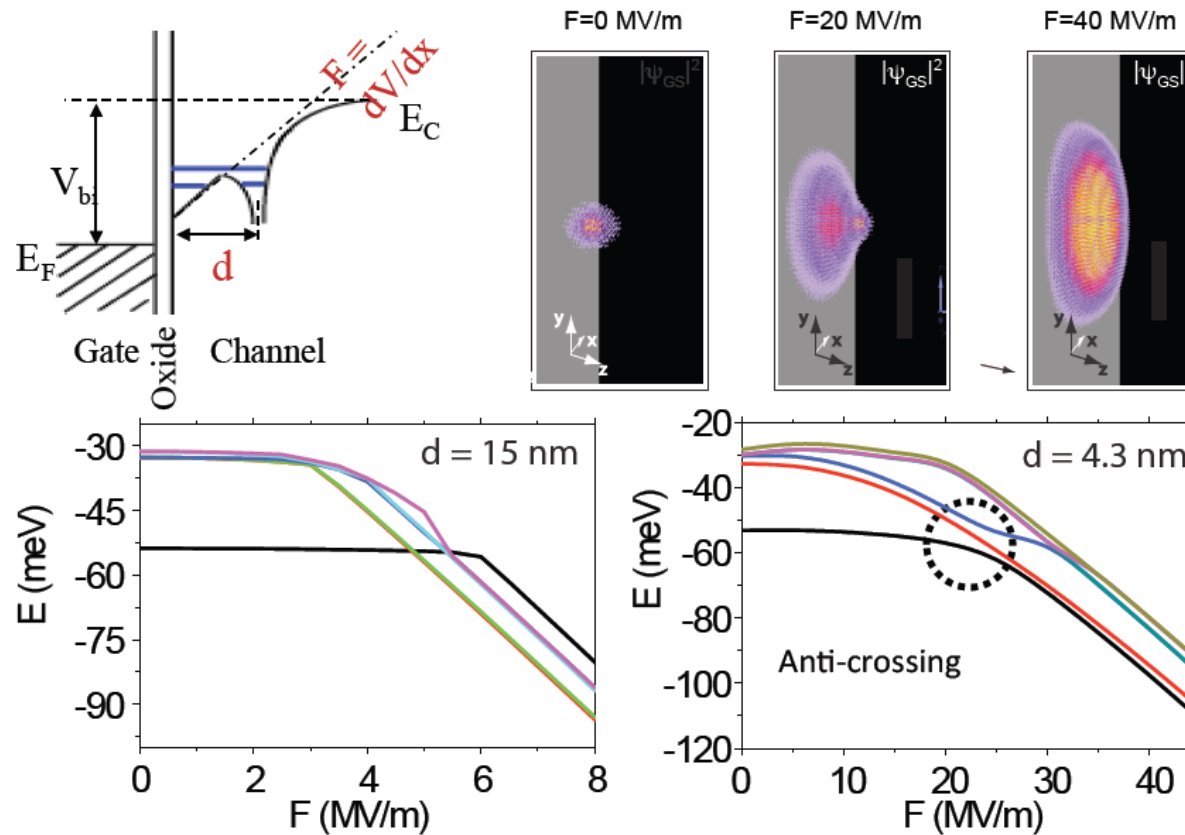


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oscillations de Bloch (entre deux états quantiquement cohérents)



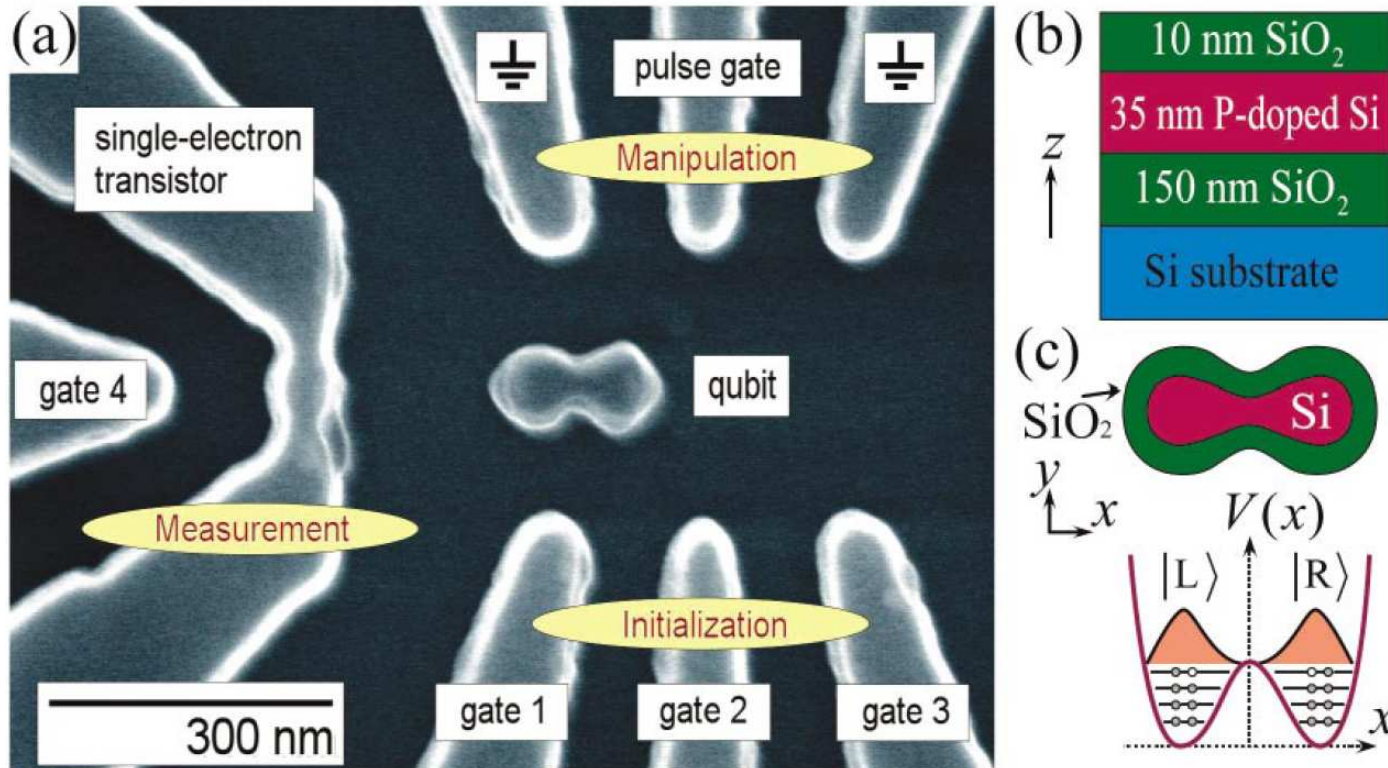
Hybridization with well state leads to a molecular system



[Lansbergen & Rahman, Nature Physics 4, 656, 2008]

Charge Qubit

J. Gorman, et al, PRL **95**, 090502 (2005)



**NB: Double dots are also important for spin qubits
(via spin/charge conversion for detection and for coupled spin Qubits)**

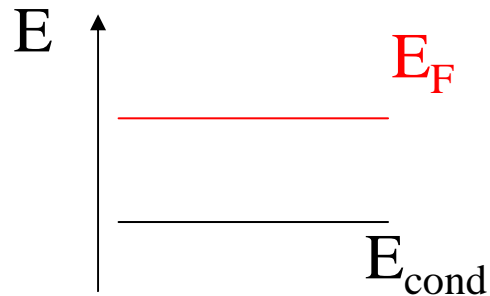
Ballistic transport, Landauer
formula, diffusive transport,
transfer matrices, ...

Nota:

degenerate case mainly considered

($n_s > \text{few } 10^{12} \text{cm}^{-2}$ at $T = 300 \text{K}$):

$$k_B T \leq E_F - E_{\text{Cond}}$$



quantum interferences revealed at
low temperature

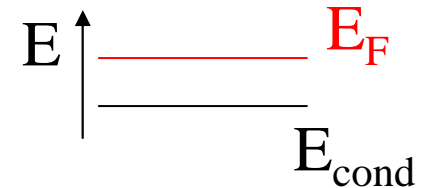
Transport properties are determined at the Fermi level

$$J = env_{drift}$$

« All the electrons participate »

$$v_{drift} = \frac{eE\tau}{m}$$

$$n = \nu(E_F - E_{cond})$$



Warning: degenerate case!

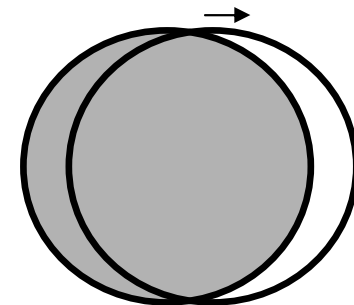
$$J = en \frac{v_{drift}}{v_{Fermi}} v_{Fermi} \quad \frac{nv_{drift}}{(typ\ 10^5 m/s\ for\ 10^{12} cm^{-2}) v_{Fermi}} \ll n$$

« only a small part of electrons at the Fermi level participate »

$$\nu = \frac{\delta n}{\delta \mu} = \frac{m g_V g_S k_F}{\hbar^2 \pi^2} = \frac{g_V g_S n}{2 E_F} \quad 3D$$

$$\nu = \frac{g_V g_S m}{\pi \hbar^2} \quad 2D$$

$$k_{drift} = eE\tau / \hbar$$



$$\sigma = ne\mu \quad \mu = e\tau/m$$


conductivity proportional to n and to the mobility

small electric field
(J proportional to E ,
constant mobility,
without saturation)

but equivalently

$$\sigma = e^2 D \nu \quad D = \frac{1}{d} v_F^2 \tau \quad (\text{Einstein})$$

conductivity proportional to D and not to n .

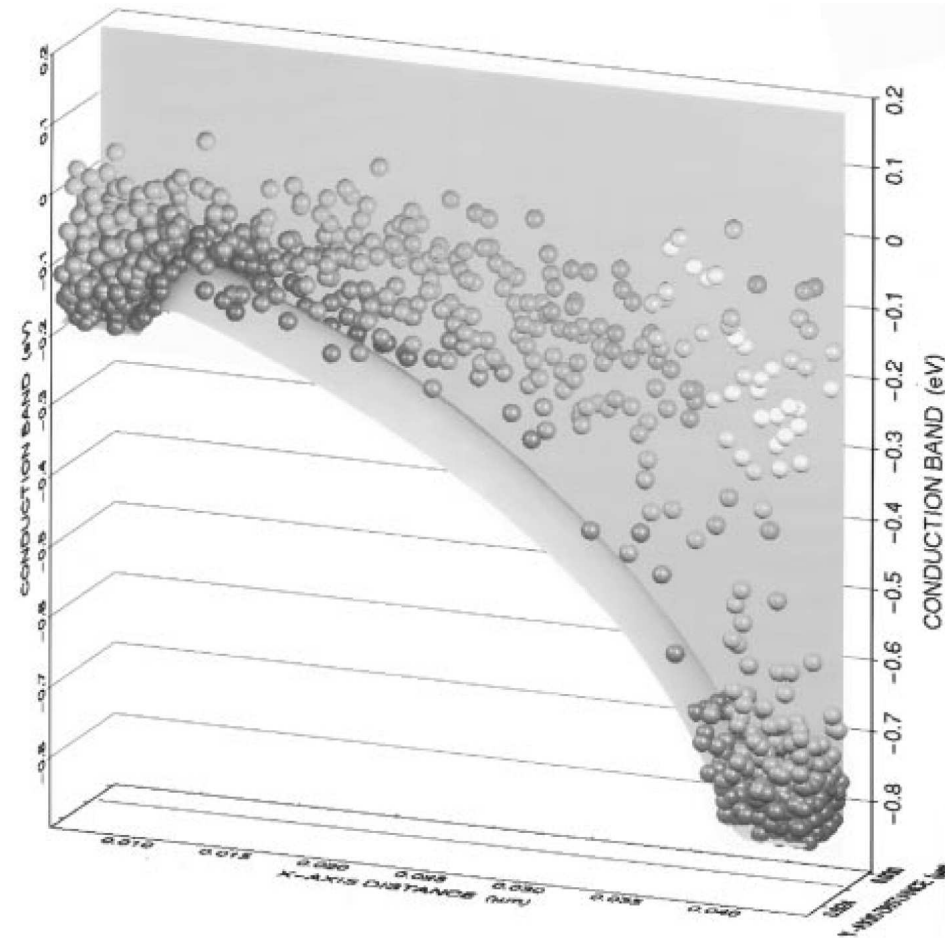
$$\left. \begin{aligned} eD/\mu &= E_F - E_{cond} \\ n &= \nu(E_F - E_{cond}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{degenerate}$$


The diagram shows a vertical axis labeled 'E' with an upward arrow. Two horizontal lines represent energy levels: the upper line is red and labeled E_F , and the lower line is black and labeled E_{cond} .

non-degenerate:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} eD/\mu &= k_B T \\ (k_B T &\geq E_F - E_{Cond}) \end{aligned} \right.$$

replace ν par $n \times k_B T$ (end of the nota)

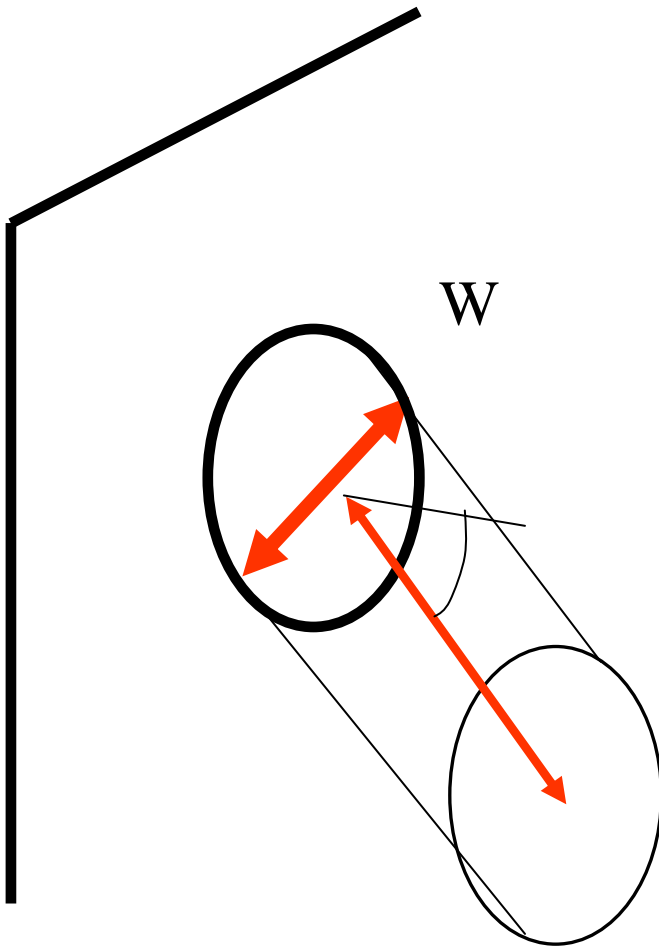


Monte Carlo simulation of electron energy versus position down the channel of an n-channel double-gate MOSFET. The points represent electrons and the line indicates the conduction band edge. The height of the points above the band edge indicates their kinetic energy. Taur et al. IEDM1997

	D (degenerate)	ν	$\sigma_{Boltzmann} = e^2 D \nu$
1D	$\nu_F^2 \tau$	$\frac{g_V g_S m}{2\pi \hbar^2 k_F}$	$\frac{e^2}{h} \ell \times g_V g_S$
2D	$\frac{1}{2} \nu_F^2 \tau$	$\frac{g_V g_S m}{\pi \hbar^2}$	$\frac{e^2}{h} (k_F \ell) \times \frac{g_V g_S}{2}$
3D	$\frac{1}{3} \nu_F^2 \tau$	$\frac{g_V g_S m k_F}{\hbar^2 \pi^2}$	$\frac{e^2}{h} k_F (k_F \ell) \times \frac{2g_V g_S}{3\pi}$

Sharvin resistance of a point-contact

$$I = \frac{eV\nu}{\tau} e \int W \cos(\theta) d\theta \ell$$



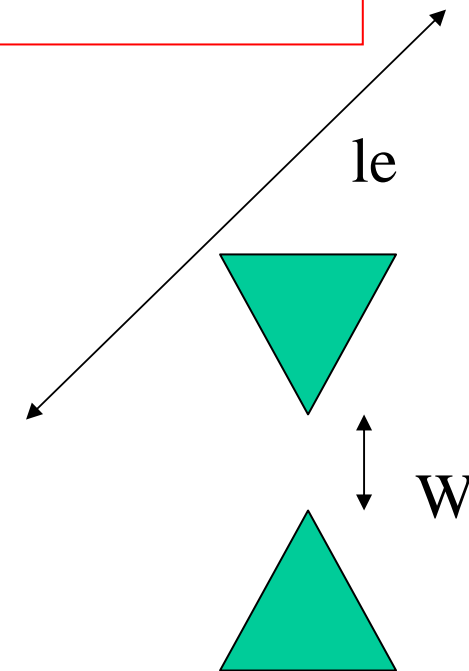
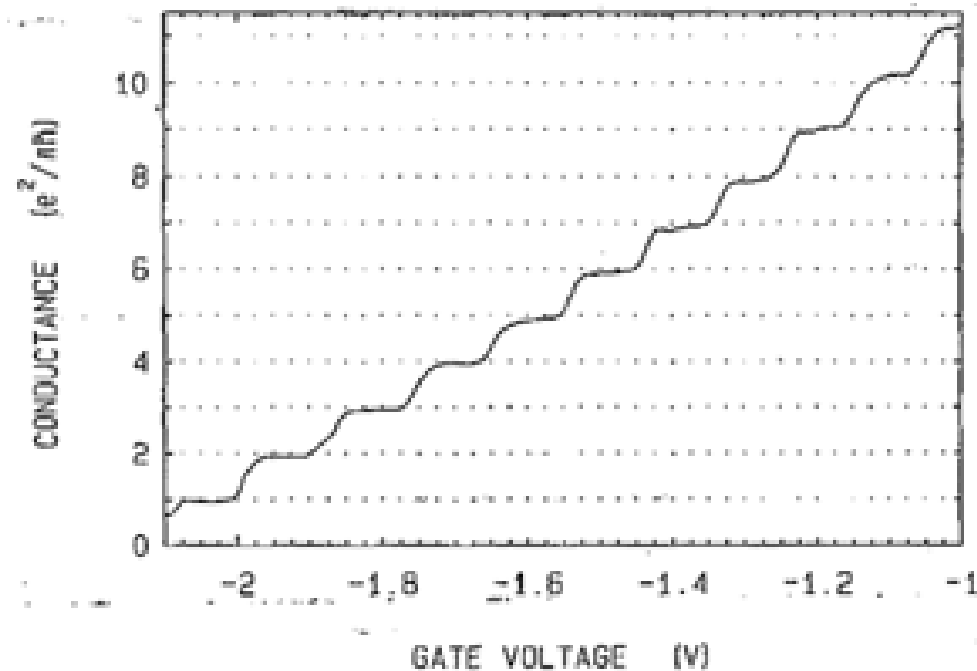
$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} W k_F^2 = \frac{W}{\ell} \sigma_{3D}$$

$$\sigma_{3D} = e^2 D \nu = \frac{e^2}{h} k_F (k_F \ell)$$

ballistic quantum point-contact (experiments):

The conductance -as function of width- is quantized

van Wees et al. , Wharam et al. (1988)



at low temperature

see Buttiker (PRB 41, 7906, '90) for a realistic simulation of the energy-dependent transmission

Landauer formulae (two-probes, ballistic)

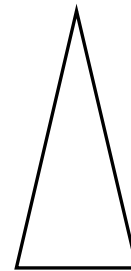
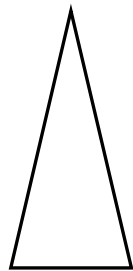
$$G = 2e^2/h \times N$$

adiabatic contact:

$$R \gg \lambda_F$$



$$N = 2W/\lambda_F$$



four probes=different case

$$I = e \times eV/h \times 2N$$

Conductance = Transmission

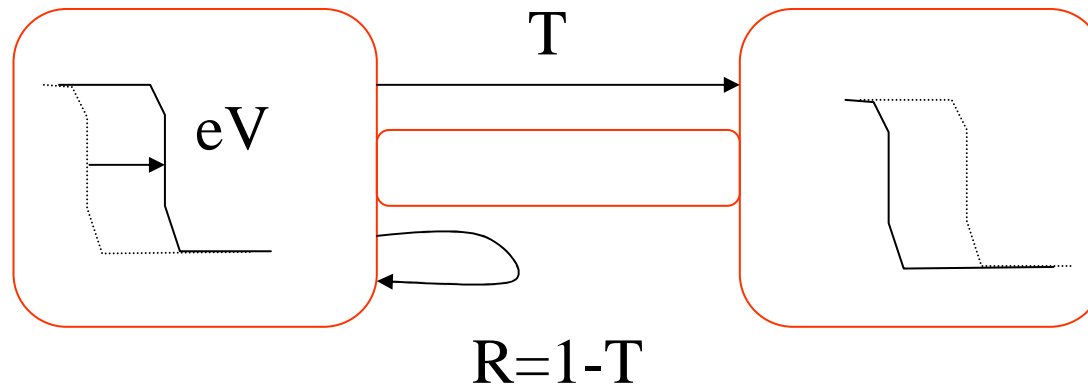
electrons emitted at frequency: eV/h



$$I = e \times eV/h \times T$$

$$I = [e/h][\text{energy}]$$

Perfect Réservoirs = no resistance, black bodies



Classically: either $T=1$ or $T=0$, stochastic emission

Quantum mechanics: $0 < T < 1$ partition noise

$$I = e \times n \times v_F = e \times \nu eV \times v_F$$

$$I = e \times \frac{1}{h v_F} eV \times v_F$$

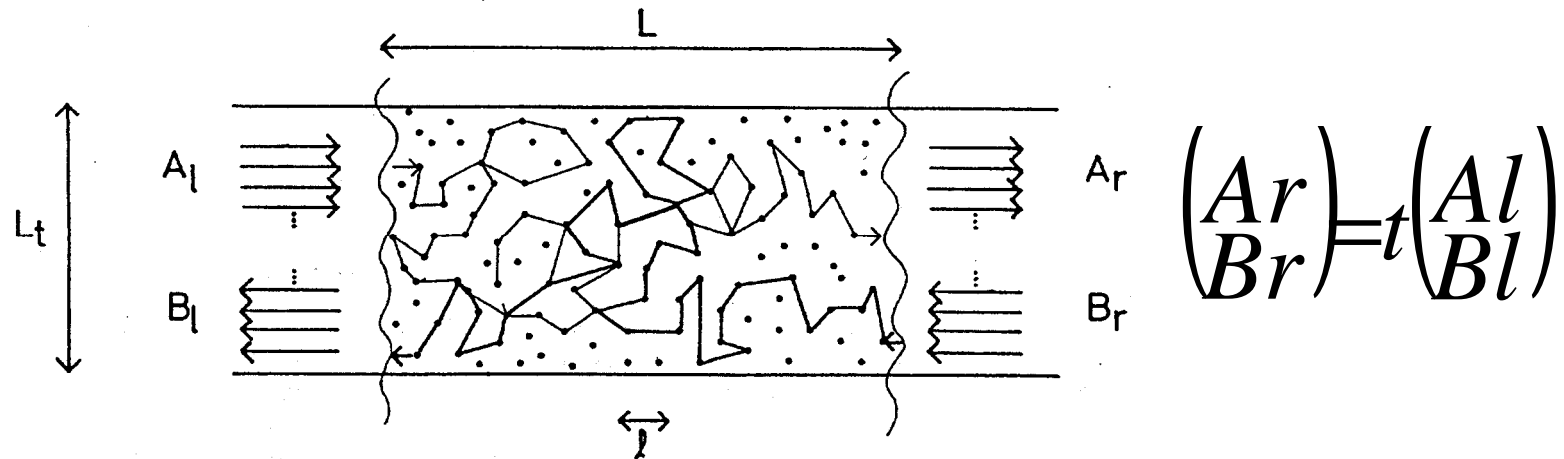
$$\nu_{1D} = \frac{g_V g_S m}{2\pi \hbar^2 k_F} = \frac{g_V g_S}{h v_F}$$

I does not depend on the Fermi velocity, but on the transmission < 1

$$I = e \times eV/h \times T$$

about 40nA/meV

Landauer Formulae (two-probes)



$$G = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \text{tr}(tt^\dagger) = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{i,j}^{N,N} |t_{ij}|^2 = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_i^N T_i$$

matrix traces properties

$$I = e \times eV/h \times T$$

$$I = \frac{e}{\pi \hbar} \int T(E) [f(E - (E_F + eV_B), T) - f(E - E_F, T)] dE$$

$$T(E) = T'(E)$$

Summing all modes with identical energy

$$I = \frac{e}{\pi \hbar} \int T(E) [f(E - (E_F + eV_B), T) - f(E - E_F, T)] dE$$

$$G = \frac{e^2}{\pi \hbar k_B T} \int T(E) f(E) [1 - f(E)] dE = \frac{e^2}{\pi \hbar} \int T(E) \left[-\frac{\partial f(E)}{\partial E} \right] dE$$

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - E_F}{k_B T}\right)}$$

$$-\frac{\delta f(E)}{\delta E} = \frac{1}{4k_B T} \cosh^{-2}\left(\frac{E - E_F}{2k_B T}\right)$$

Landauer formulae does not tell anything about [Ti]

addition rules (see next slide)

diffusive case:

$$\langle T \rangle = \frac{\ell}{L + \ell}$$

NB: small electric field

Demo: using addition rules:

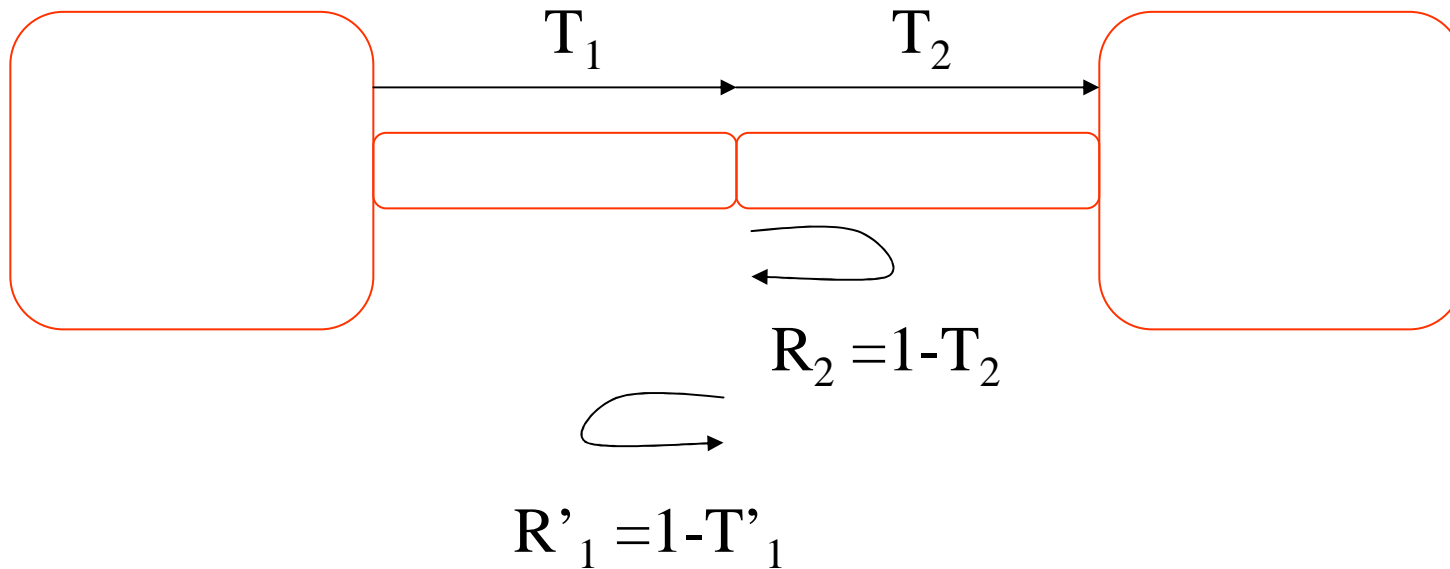
$$\frac{1 - T_N}{T_N} = N \frac{1 - T_1}{T_1}$$

$$T_N = \frac{T_1}{N(1 - T_1) + T_1} \quad N = L \times \nu_{scatterers}$$

$$\ell = \frac{T_1}{\nu_{scatterers}(1 - T_1)} \quad 1 - T_1 \simeq 1$$

$$T_{12} = T_1 \times T_2$$

Is not finished!



$$T_{12} = T_1 T_2 \times (1 + R_2 R'_1 + R_2 R'_1 R_2 R'_1 + \dots) = \frac{T_1 T_2}{1 - R'_1 R_2}$$

addition rules:

$$\frac{1 - T_{12}}{T_{12}} = \frac{1 - T_1}{T_1} + \frac{1 - T_2}{T_2}$$

Landauer formulae is equivalent to Boltzmann, Einstein, and Thouless formula *for the diffusive case*:

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} N \frac{\ell}{L + \ell} \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{3D} = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m} \Leftrightarrow \sigma = e^2 D \nu \Leftrightarrow G = \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{E_{Th}}{\Delta}$$

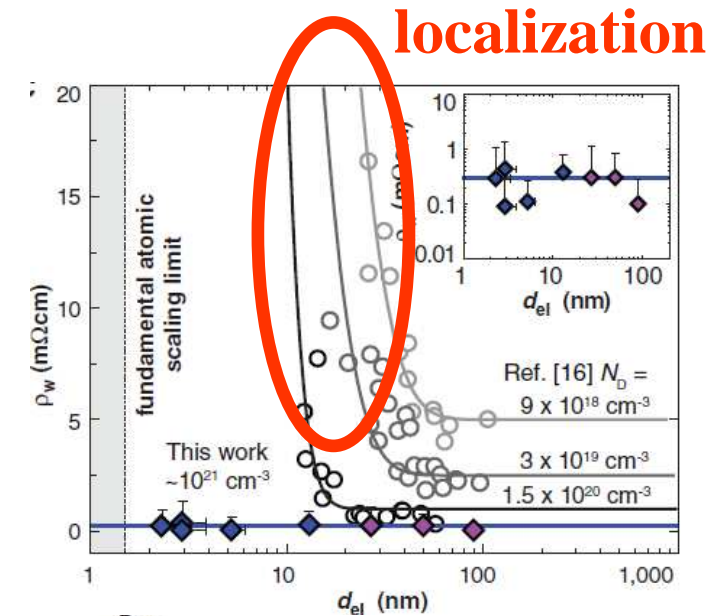
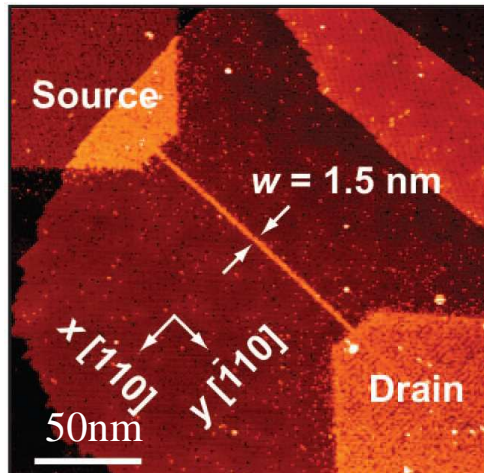
(3D case) $D = \frac{1}{3} v_F^2 \tau$ degenerate case, if not $|e|D / \mu = k_B T$

$$E_{Th} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{hD}{L^2}$$

Thouless energy , diffusion time across length L

Ohm's Law Survives to the Atomic Scale

B. Weber et al. Science 335 ,64, 2012



Sample	w (nm)	L (nm)	A_{el} (nm ²)	d_{el} (nm)	R_W (kΩ)	ρ_w (mΩ cm)	n_{calc} (kΩ)
W1	11.0	312	27.5	13.1	48.6	0.43	30 ± 4
W2	4.6	47	9.8	5.2	5.3	0.11	7 ± 1
W3	2.3	54	5.0	2.9	10.1	0.10	15 ± 2
W4	2.3	20	5.0	2.9	17.1	0.42	6 ± 1
W5	1.5	106	3.8	2.3	82.3	0.26	31 ± 4

T=4.2K

As long as the resistance is below h/e^2 the Boltzmann resistance is valid (if small disorder) : $G = e^2/h \times N \times \ell/L$

Comparison diffusive/tunnel:

$$G = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \text{tr}(tt^+) = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{i,j}^{N,N} |t_{ij}|^2 = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_i^N T_i$$

$$\langle T_i \rangle = \ell / L$$

$$\ell \ll L$$

but $N = S/(\lambda_F/2)^2$ channels, some of them ℓ / L transmissive ($T=1$) and some of them poorly transmissive ($T=0$)

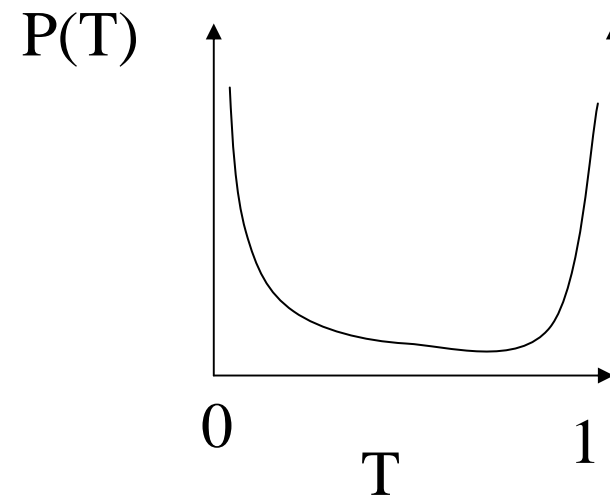
Tunnel case: $G_T = e^2/h S v^2 t^2$

with $\langle T_i \rangle = t^2$ et $N = S/(\lambda_F/2)^2 \propto S.v^2$ identical channels

(Dorokhov bimodal distribution of T_i)

$$L \gg \ell$$

$$P(T) = \frac{\ell}{2L} \frac{1}{T\sqrt{1-T}}, T_{\min} = 4\exp\left(-\frac{2L}{\ell}\right) < T < 1$$

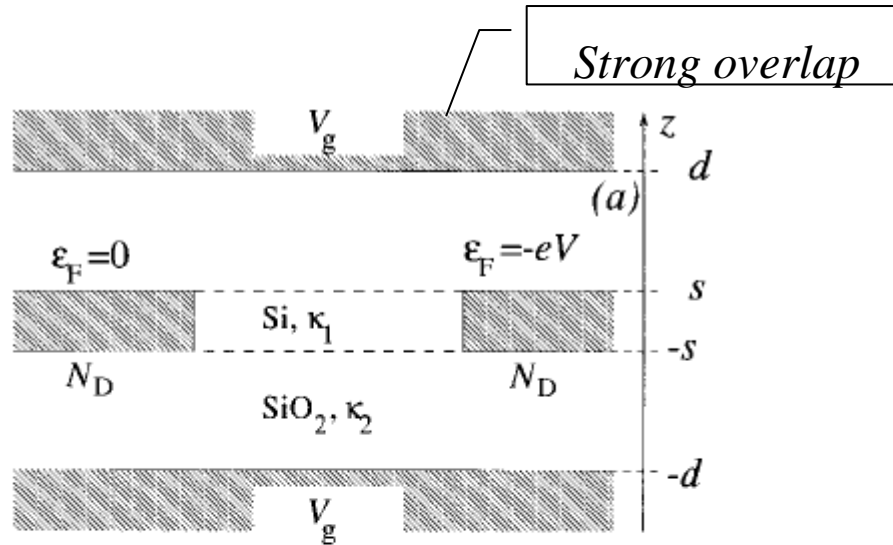


Fano factor(shot noise reduction):

$$F = \frac{\langle T(1-T) \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} = \frac{1}{3}$$

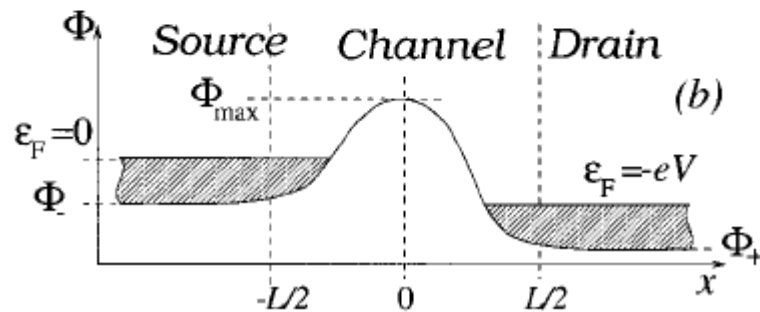
Physical limits for an ideal MOSFET

$T=300\text{K}$



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Hypothesis: perfect reservoirs



$T=300\text{K}$

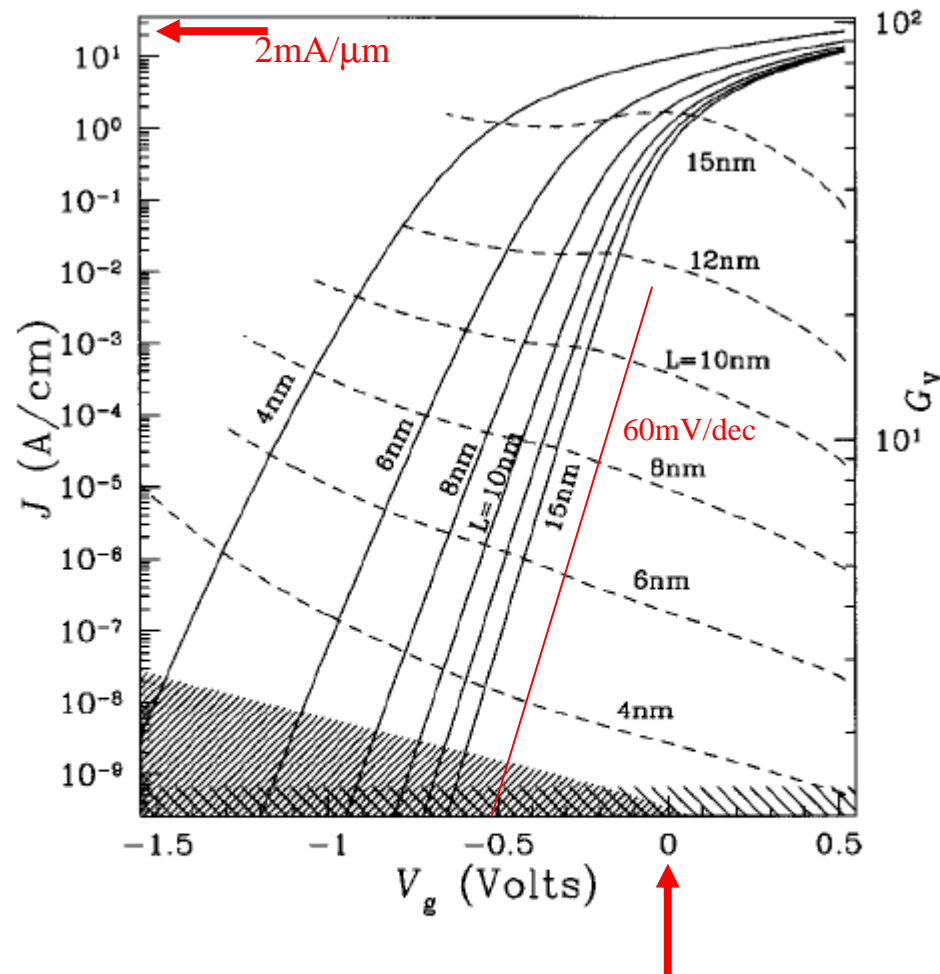


FIG. 4. Linear current density j (solid lines) and voltage gain $G_V = dV/dV_g|_{I=\text{const}}$ (dashed lines) as functions of gate voltage V_g for various channel lengths L and source-drain voltage near the onset of saturation ($V = 0.52\text{ V}$). The fine hatching shows the area of parameters where the gate leakage current exceeds the drain current. The coarse hatching shows the region where the intrinsic carriers in the channel cannot be ignored.

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Gate oxide 2nm,
channel thickness
1.5nm

screening length
2.5nm

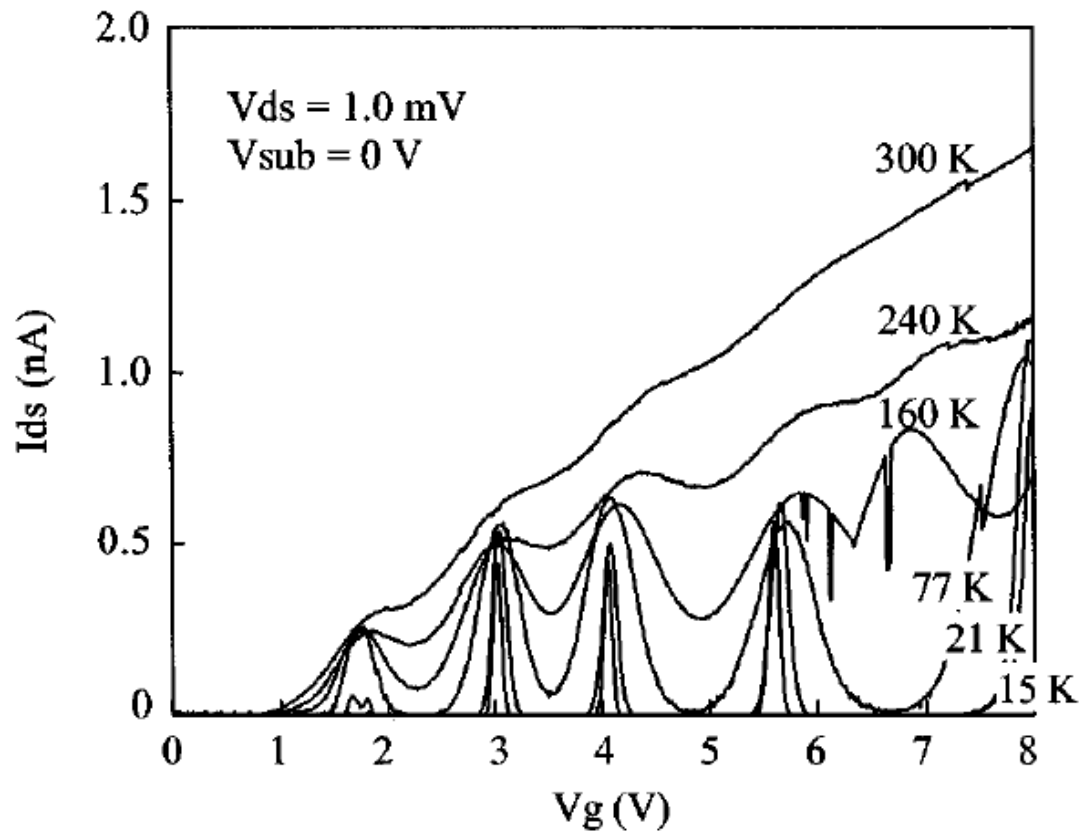
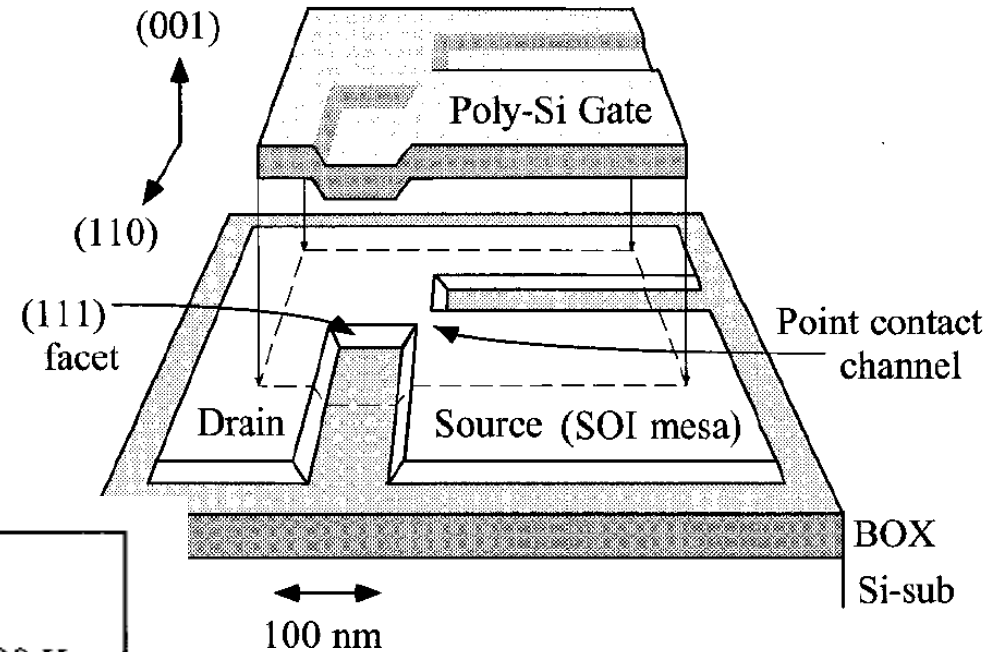
S/D doping:

$3 \times 10^{20}\text{cm}^{-3}$

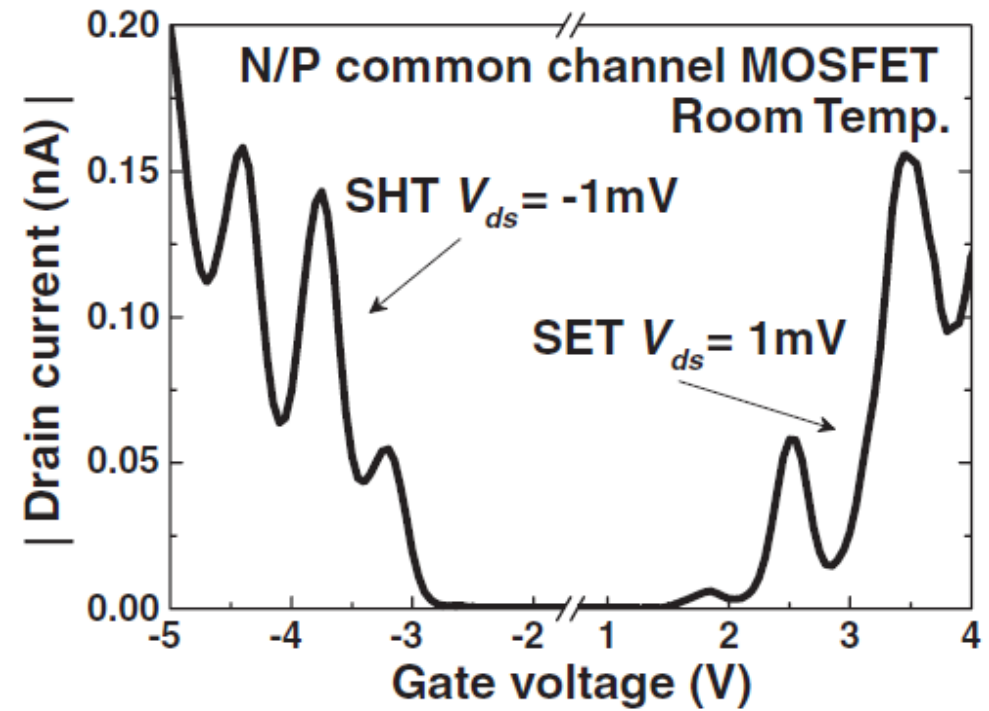
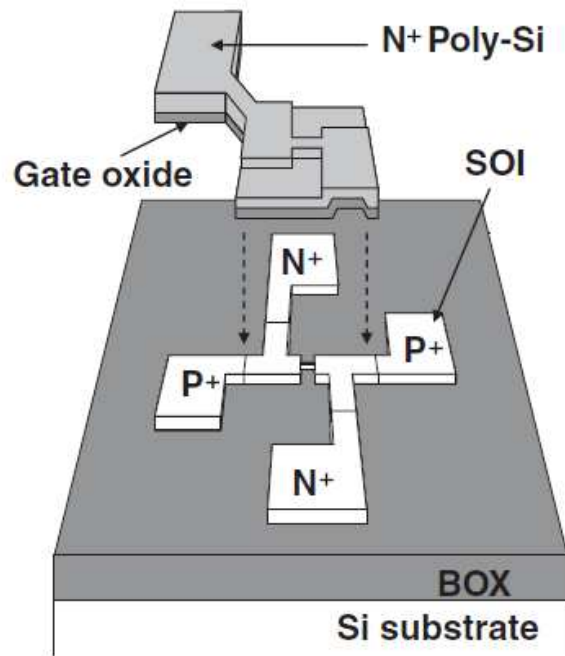
Room temperature SETs

Coulomb Blockade in a SOI constriction

H. Ishikuro and T. Hiramoto
APL 71, 3691 (1997)

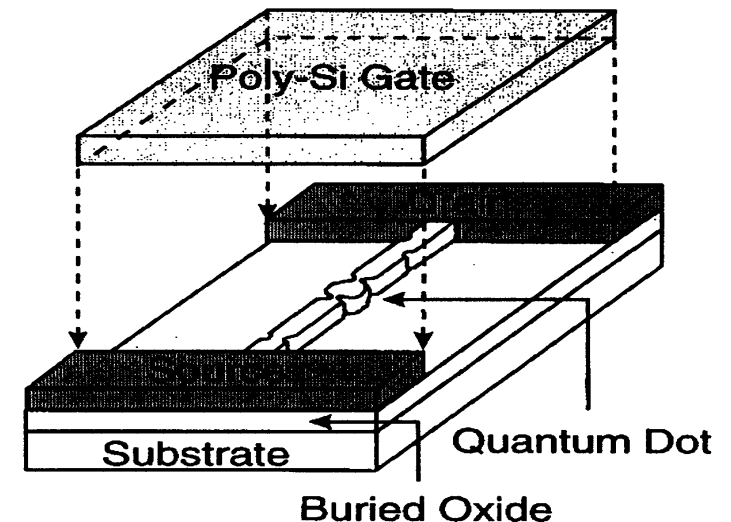


M. Kobayashi et al, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 47, 1813(2008)



Ex: CB in silicon devices at room temperature

- Hiramoto, Ishikuro (Tokyo) point contact MOSFETs
(*Ishikuro et al. APL71, 3691 (1997).*)
- Chou, Tsui (Princeton) MOSFET quantum dot
(*L. Guo et al. APL70, 850 (1997).*)
- Sakamoto, Baba (NEC) doped Silicon (SOI)
(*Sakamoto et al. APL72, 795 (1998).*)
- Peters, Dijkhuis (Utrecht) SOI MOSFET
(*Peters et al. J of Appl. Phys. 84, 5052 (1998).*)
- Kotthaus, Wharam (Munich, Tübingen) SOI wires
(*Tilke et al. APL75, 3704 (1999).*)
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Δ varies like L^{-d} , E_c varies like L^{-1}

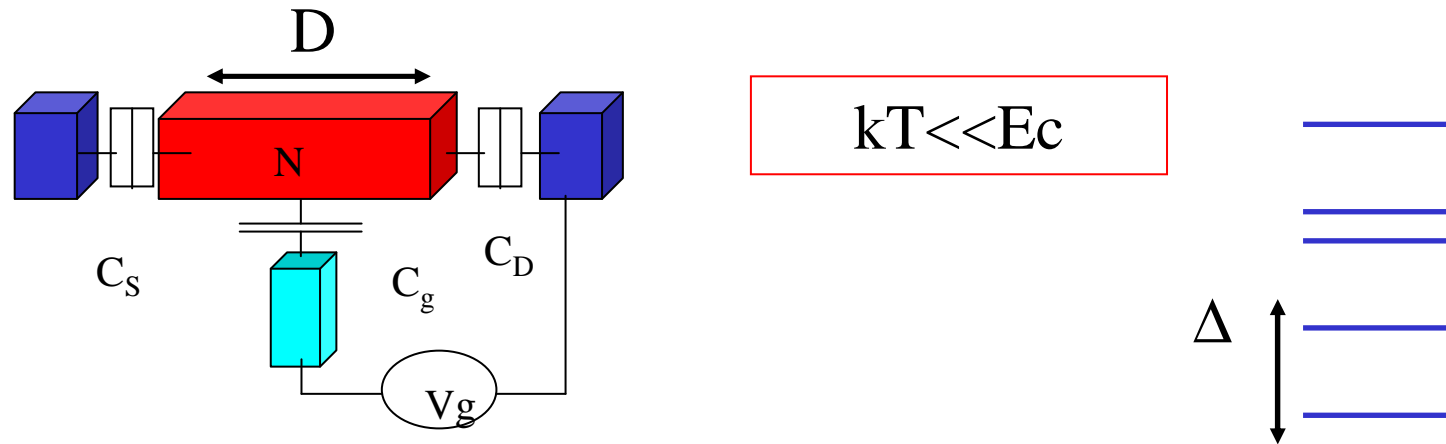
Large
(e^2/C) means small size

small size + semiconductors
means large Δ

SET at room temperature
means size of few nm.

system	estimated size	Charging energy	mean level spacing
doped SiDot (baba)	20nm	1.4meV (56 aF)	0.5 meV
SOI FET wire (Tilke)	70nm	15meV	-----
SOI FET wire (Rokhinson)	10-40nm	13meV (12.3aF)	-----
SOI FET wire (Zhuang APL72, 98)	12nm	96meV	17meV
SOI point contact (Ishikuro)	6nm	58 meV (1.4aF)	30meV
Niobium island (Shirakashi APL72,98)	<10-20nm	1000 meV(0.16aF)	negligible (orthodox theory)
Aluminum island (Nakamura APL76,2000)	2-4nm	45-115meV	25-100meV
SOI FET wire (Augke)	20nm	4.9meV (32aF)	1.4meV

Room temperature SET: $D \approx 1\text{-}2\text{nm}$



- Size of the box $\gg \lambda_F$: many electrons in the box

$$E_C = e^2 / 2(C_g + C_S + C_D) \gg \Delta \text{ mean level spacing due to confinement}$$

- Decrease of the size:

$$E_C \text{ increases as } D^{-1}, \Delta \text{ increases as } D^{-2}$$

- Small size: large $E_C \approx \Delta$, Coulomb blockade + resonant tunneling:

$$D \approx \lambda_F$$

How robust are charging and quantum effects at room temperature ?

$e^2/2C$ (charge effect) and Δ (resonant tunneling) (much) larger than $k_B T = 25 \text{ meV}$ at $T = 300 \text{ K}$

Also larger than eV_d : small V_d , small current (eventually high current density)

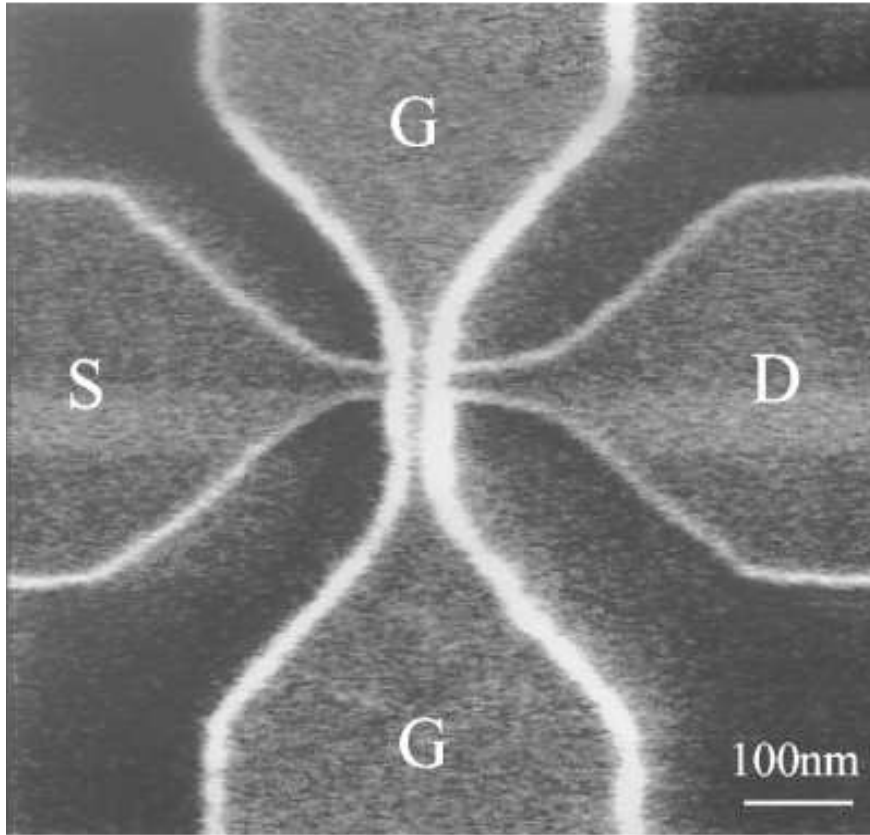
Should be verified for 2-5 nm size

ultra short MOSFET : Ballisticity

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VersuS

ultra short MOS-SET :
Coulomb Blockade due to
access resistance

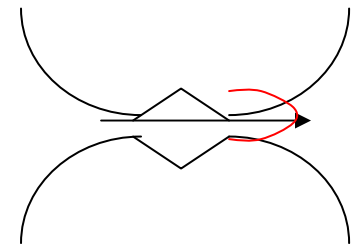
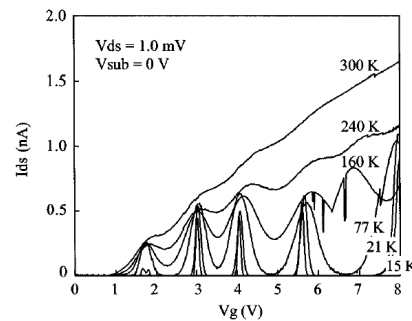
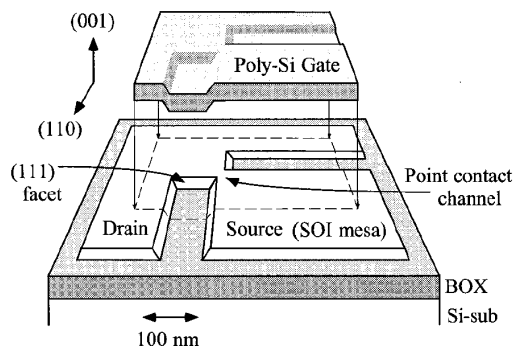


$\text{Lin}(T,E)$: 10nm at 300K

Lin comparable to ℓ at 300K

Lin :few 100 nm at low temperature $\text{Lin} \gg \ell$

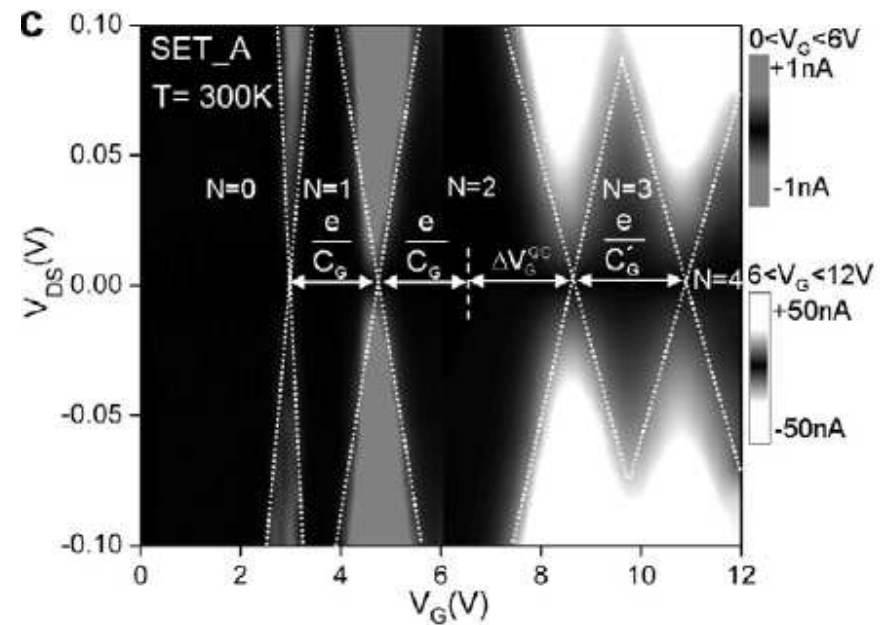
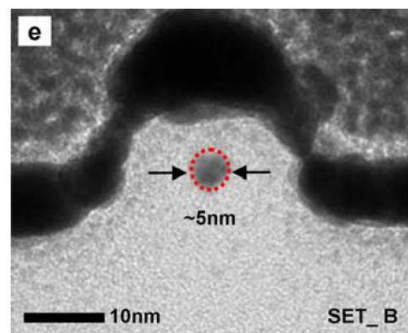
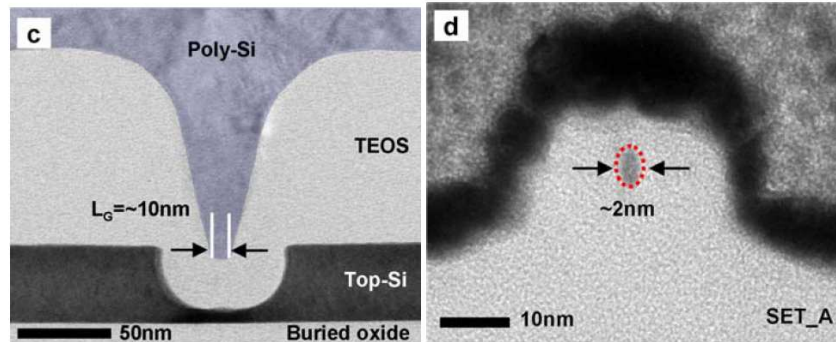
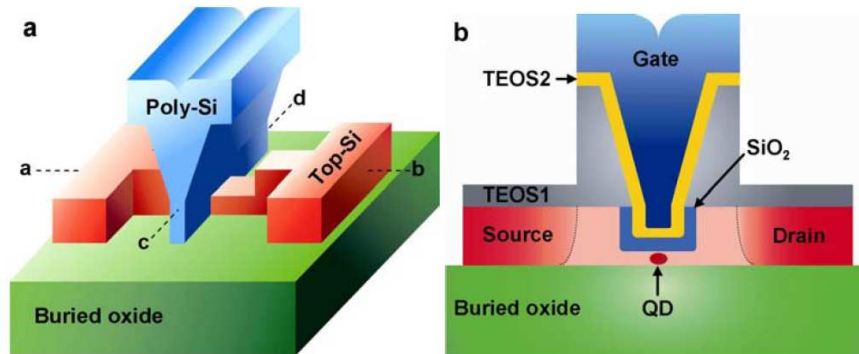
sufficient confinement
resistance at 300K means
small cross-section of the
wire (comparable to the
Fermi wave length)



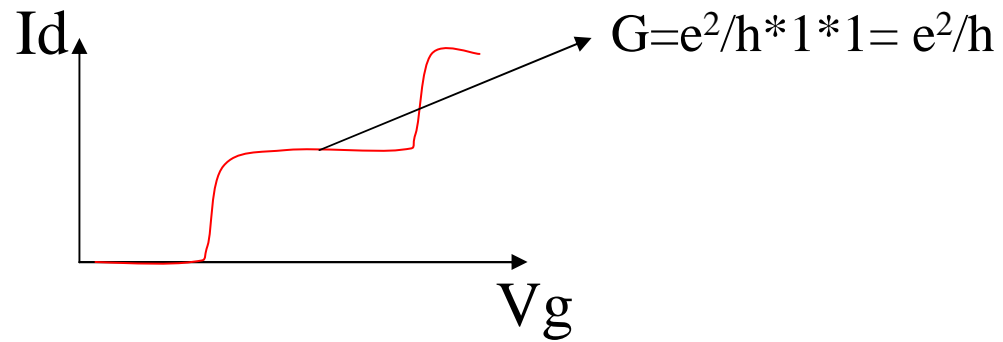
A room temperature MOS-SET

Enhanced Quantum Effects in an Ultra-Small Coulomb Blockaded Device Operating at Room-Temperature

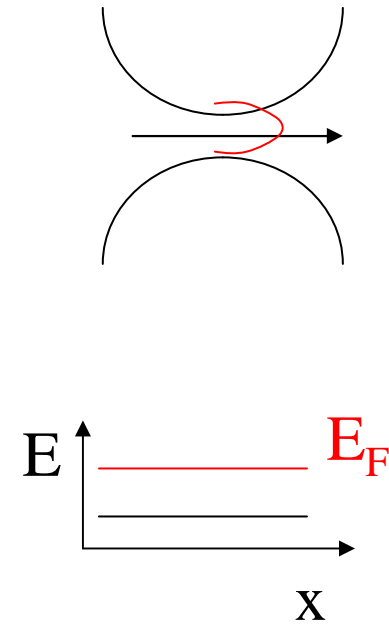
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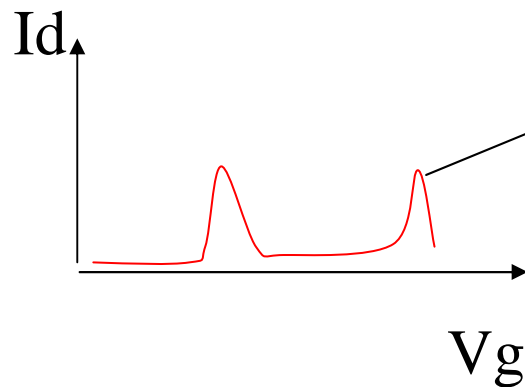
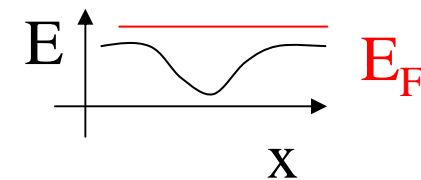
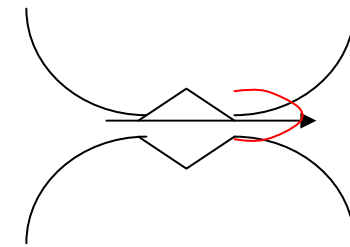
Ultimate Ballistic FET= Quantum point contact



$$I_{bal} = \frac{e^2}{h} V$$



Ultimate SET = Resonant tunneling through a few-electrons state

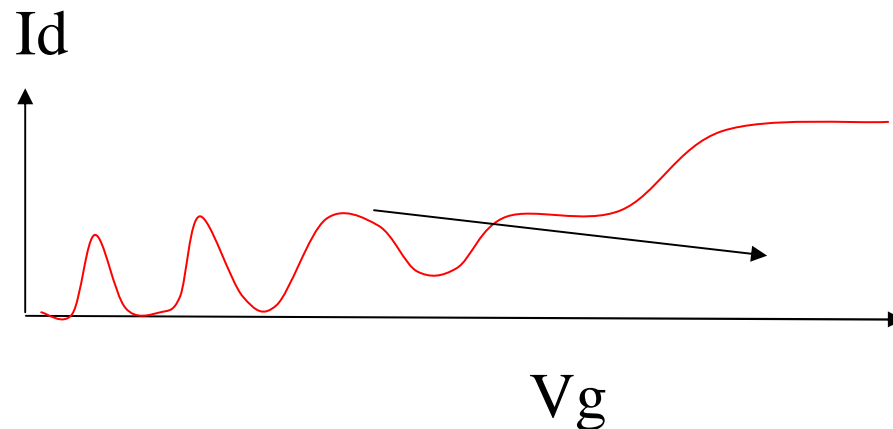


$$G = e^2/h$$

$$I_{max} = \frac{e^2}{h} \Gamma$$

$$\Gamma \leq eV \leq \Delta_1$$

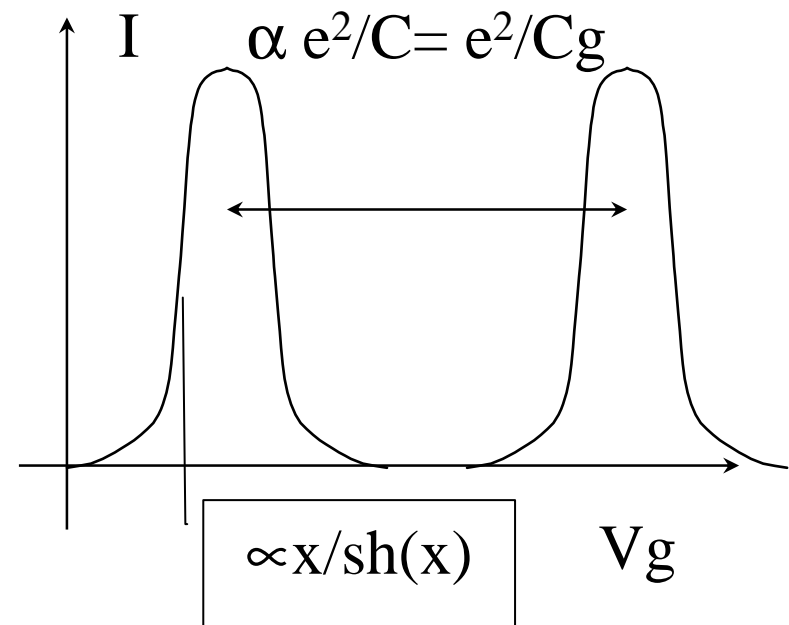
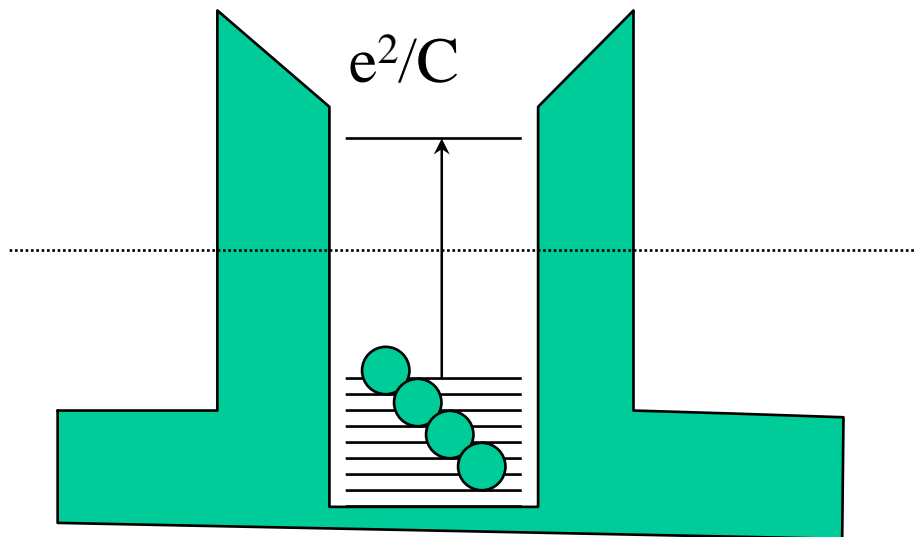
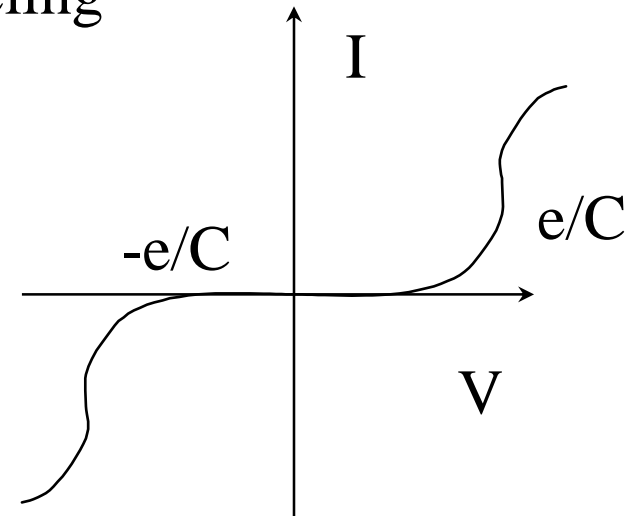
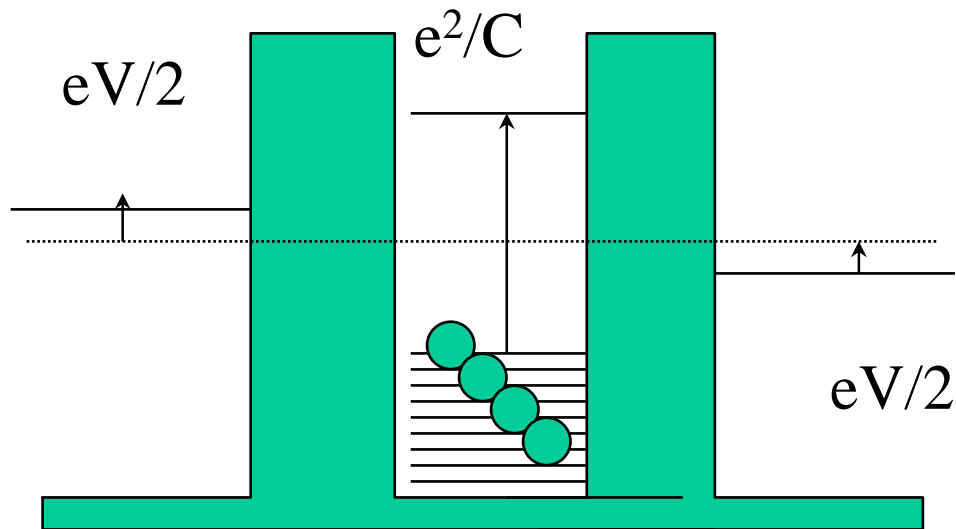
$$\Gamma \geq 10^{13} \text{ Hz for } T=300\text{K}$$



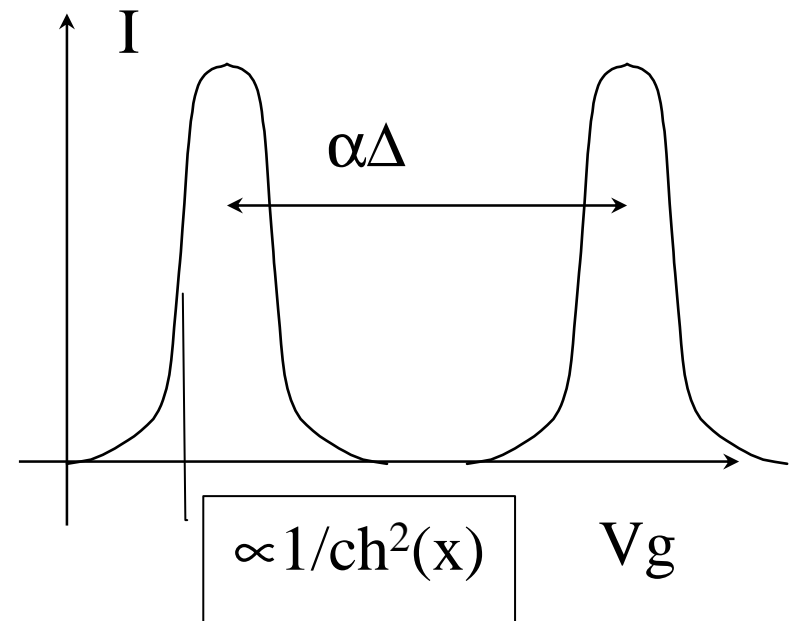
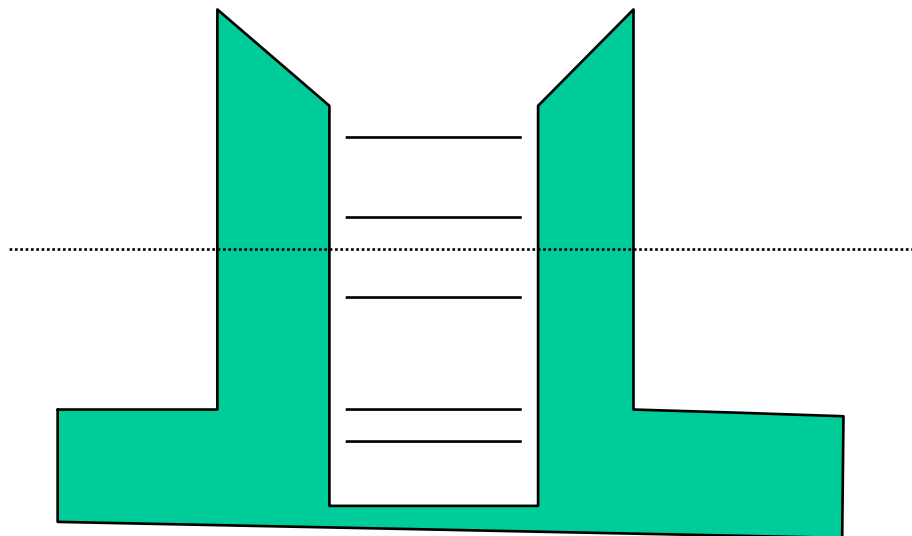
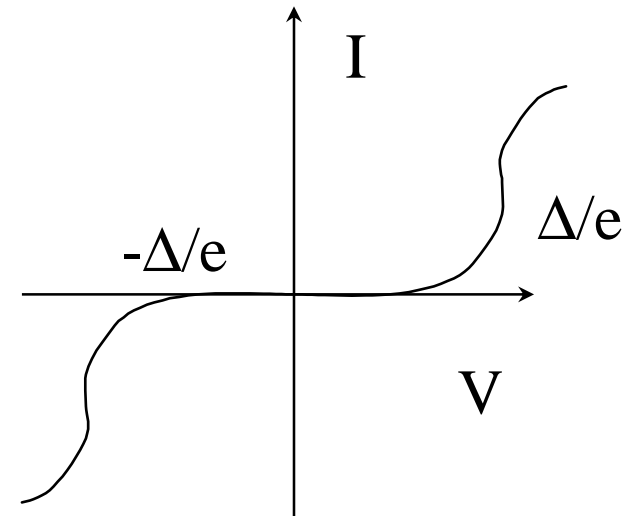
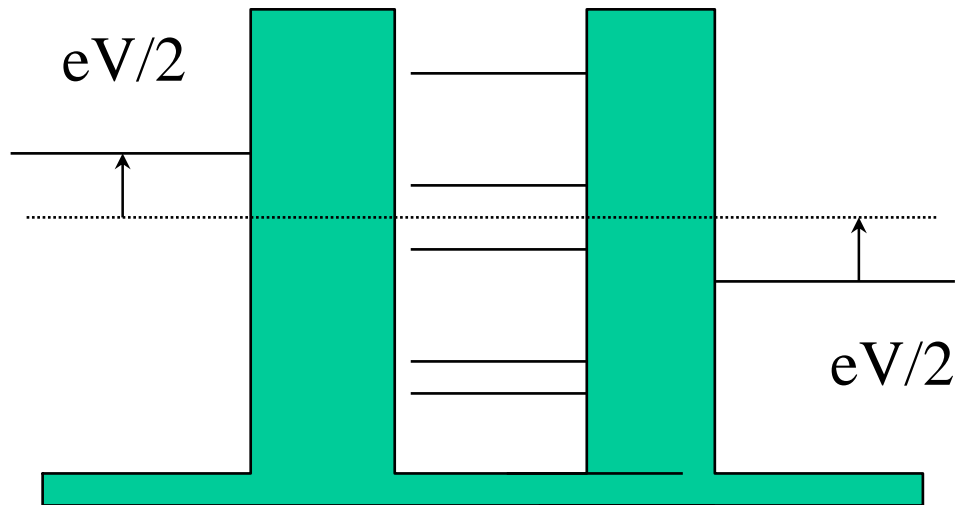
$$\Gamma \simeq \Delta_1$$

« Kondo ridge » = spin dependent cotunneling
(Goldhaber-Gordon et al. PRL 81 5225 '98)

charging effect without resonant tunneling



resonant tunneling without charging effect

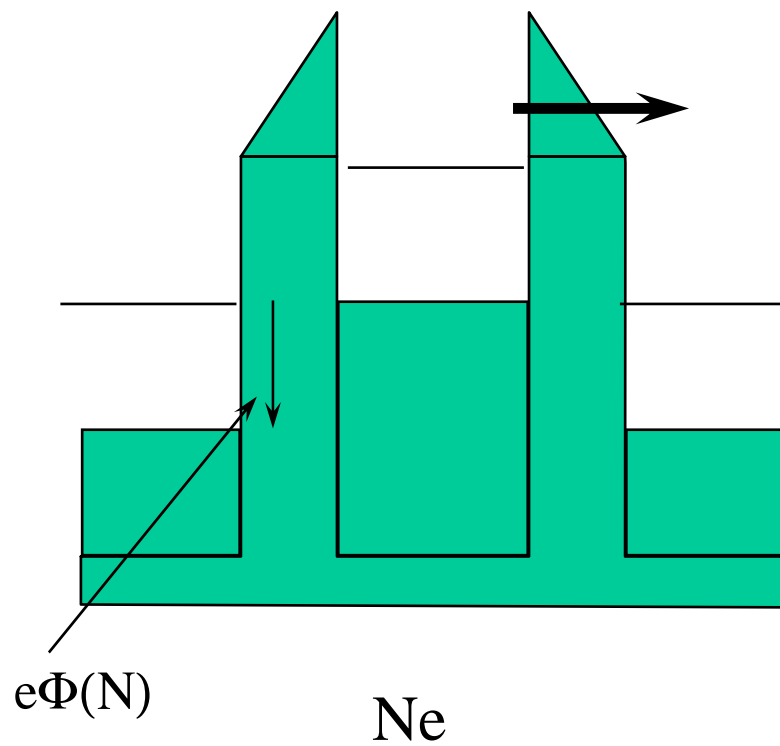
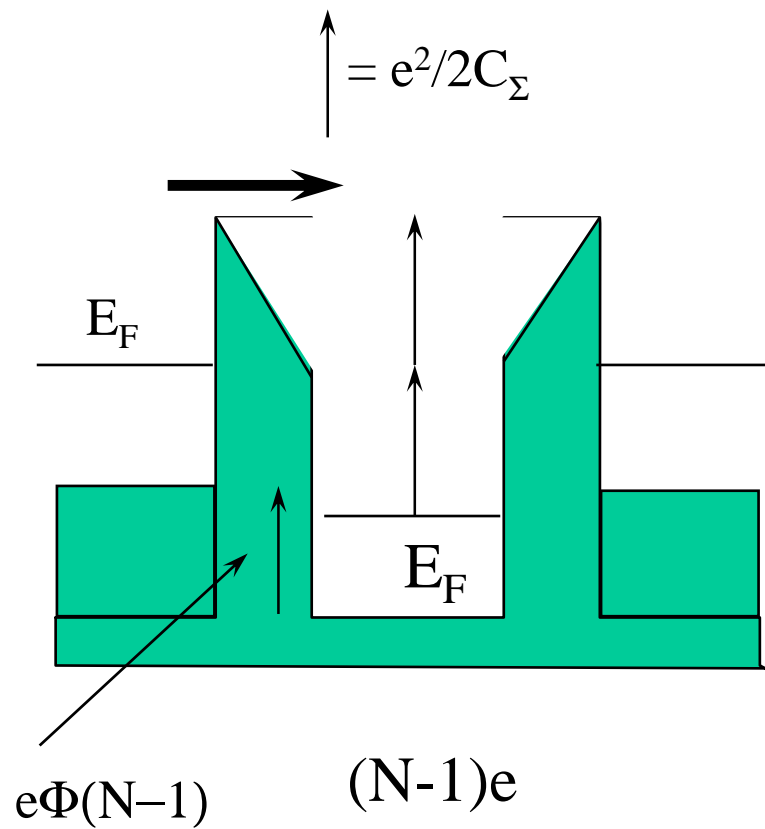


complex Coulomb blockade when :

- i) Δ is non negligible (« quantum capacitance »)
- ii) when the size becomes comparable to the mean distance between carriers.

$$\frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma} + E_F = E_F + e\phi(N-1)$$

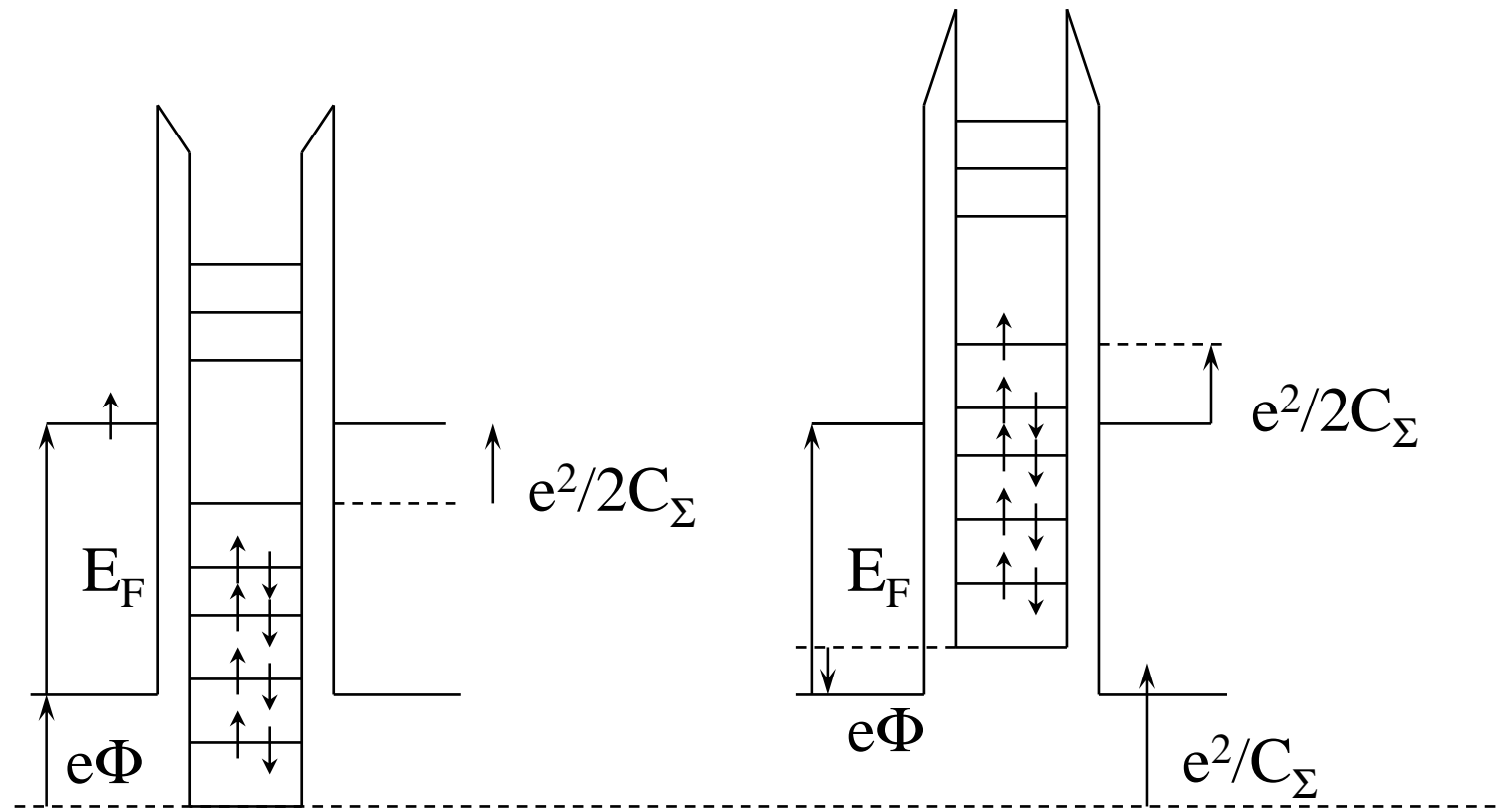
$$-\frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma} + E_F = E_F + e\phi(N)$$



$$\Phi(N) = -eN/C_\Sigma + \Phi_{ext}$$

$$\Phi_{ext} = \frac{C_G V_G}{C_\Sigma}$$

($e > 0$)



$$\frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma} + K_N = E_F + e\phi (N-1)$$

$$-\frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma} + K_N = E_F + e\phi (N)$$

$$\Phi(N) = -eN/C_\Sigma + \Phi_{ext} \quad e>0$$

orthodox model:

$$E(N) - E(N-1) = 0 \quad \left(N - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{e^2}{C_\Sigma} = e \phi_{ext}$$

with an E_N spectrum

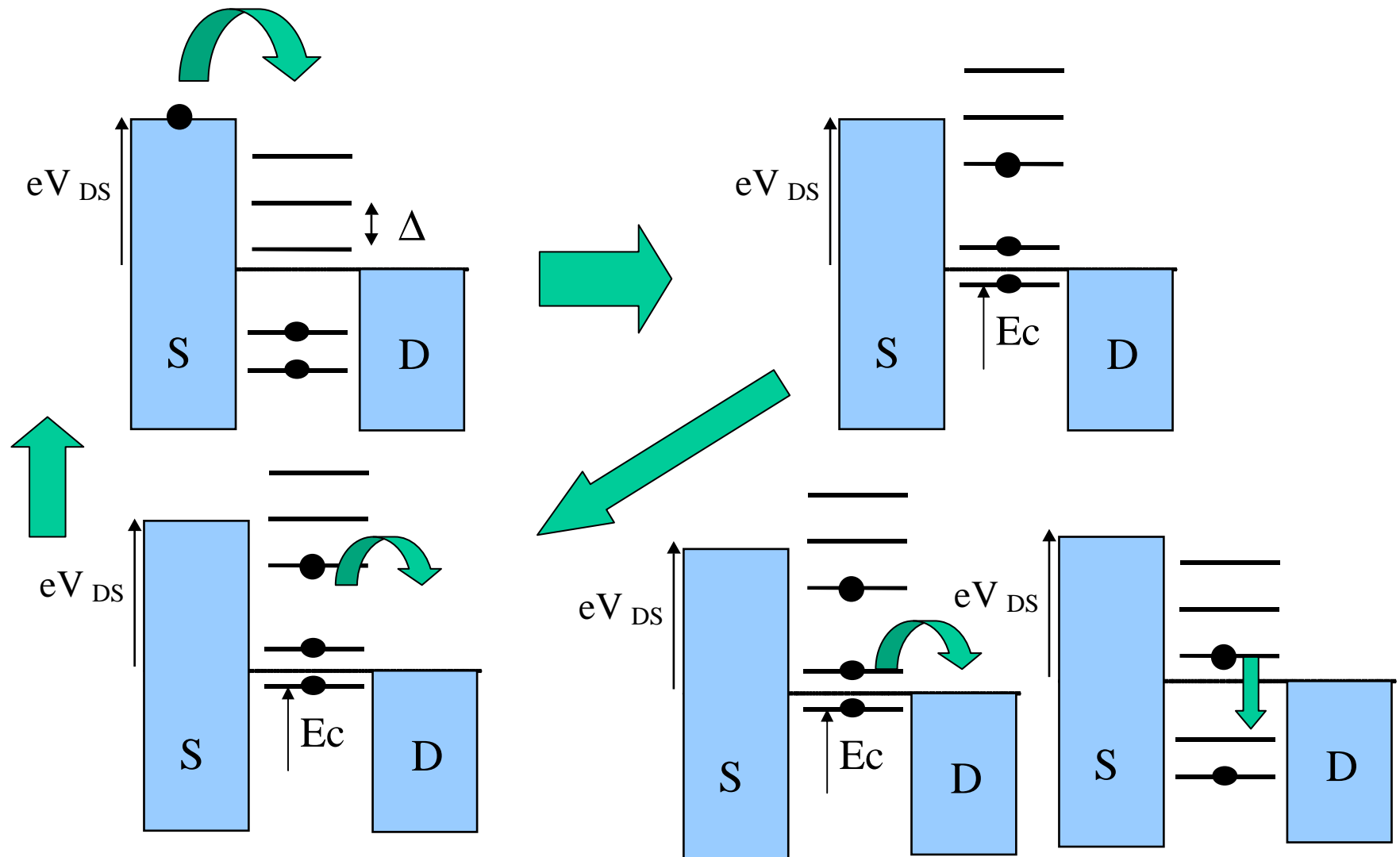
$$E(N) - E(N-1) = E_F - K_N$$

$$\left(N - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{e^2}{C_\Sigma} + K_N = E_F + e \phi_{ext}$$

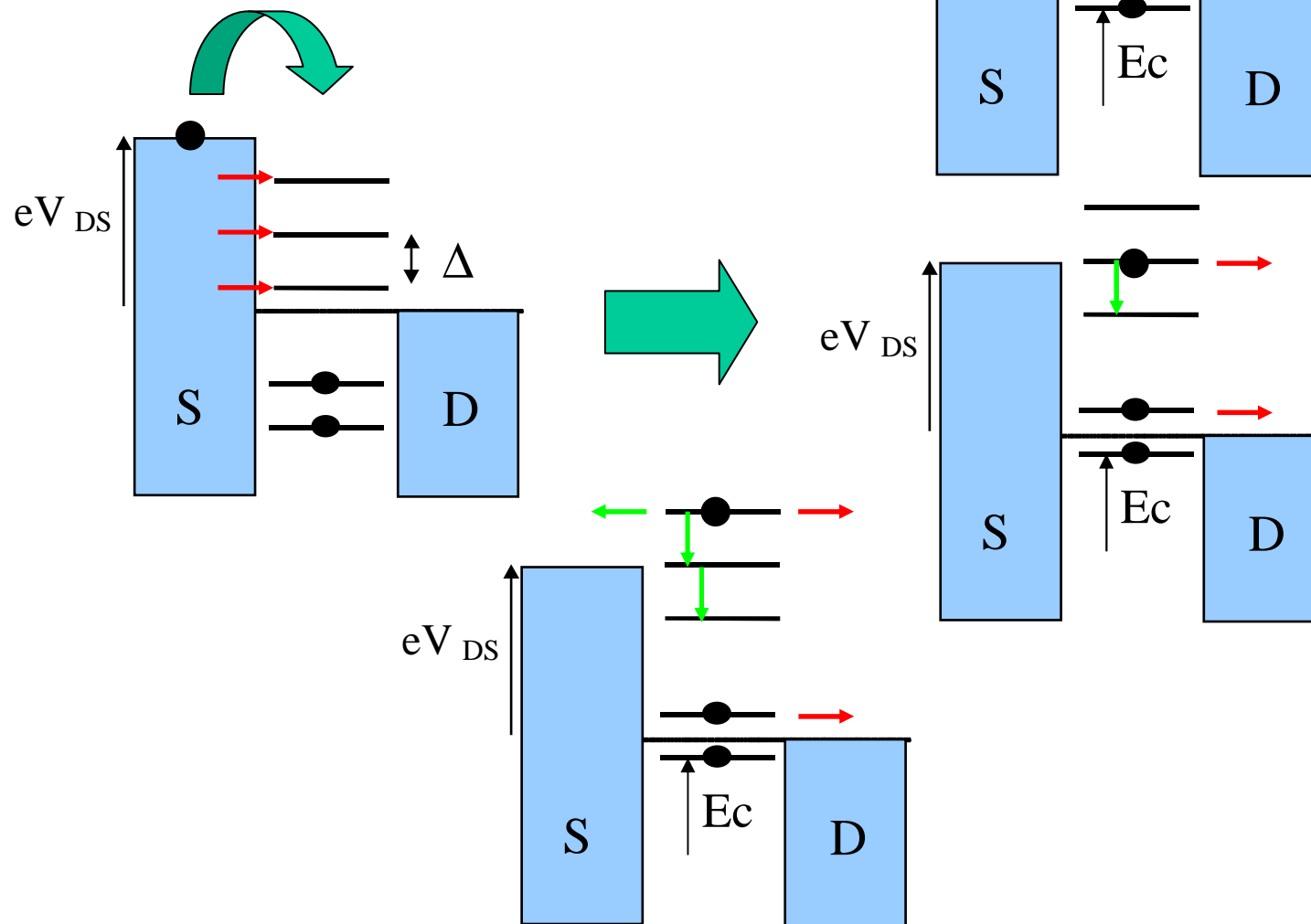
Hypothesis: E_F does not vary with ϕ_{ext}

$$\frac{e^2}{C_\Sigma} + \Delta K_N = e \Delta \phi_{ext} = e \frac{C_G}{C_\Sigma} \Delta V_G$$

Some effects of finite Δ (at finite bias)

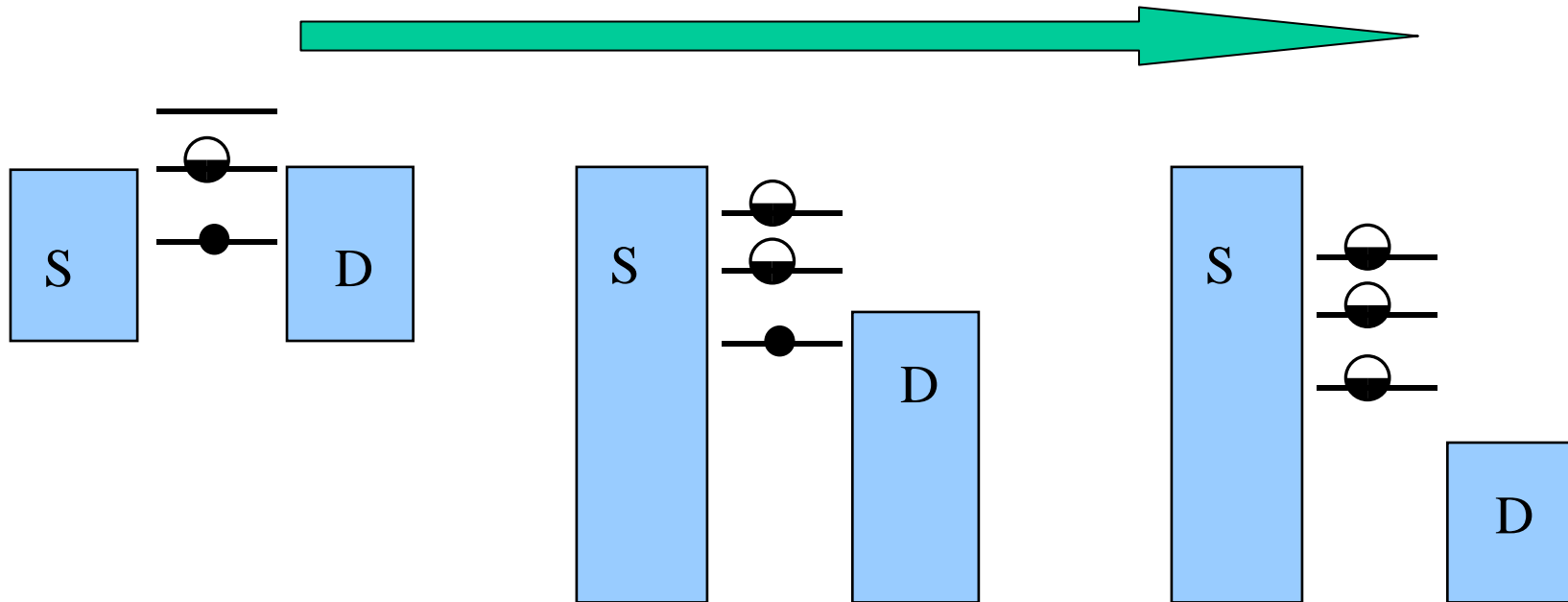


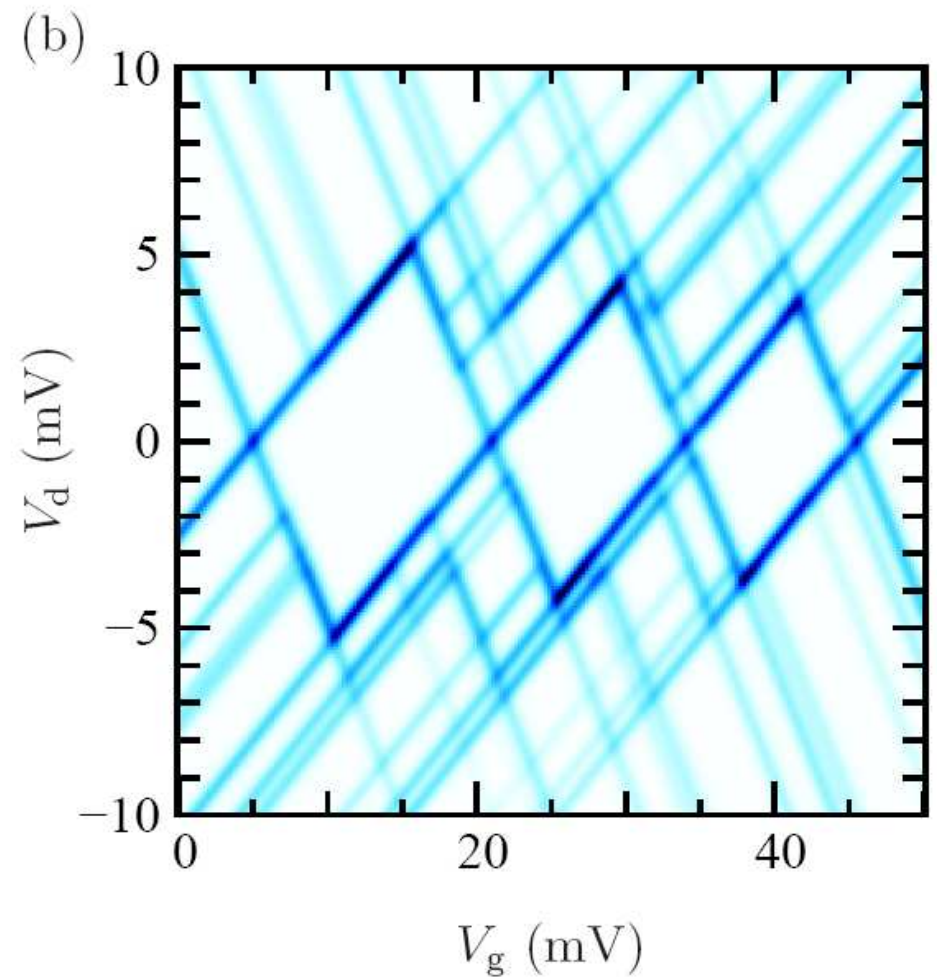
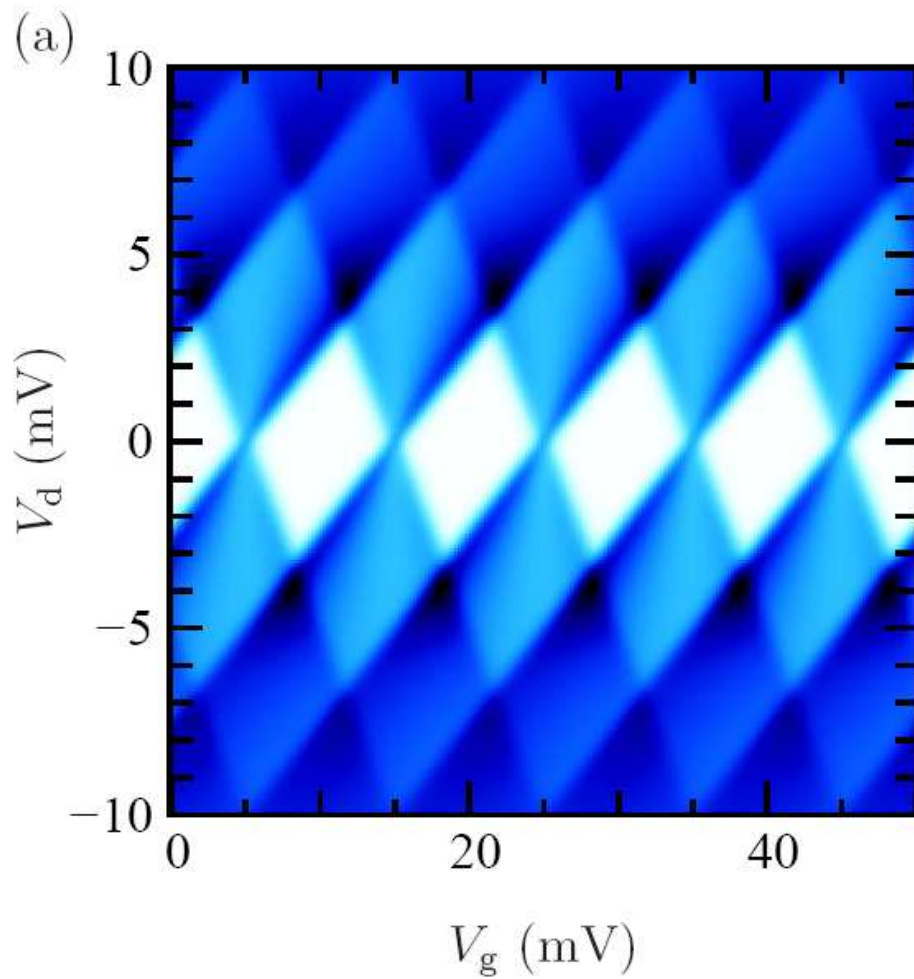
Count the available states:
example : 3 IN- 2 OUT



1-2 electrons

I_d increases



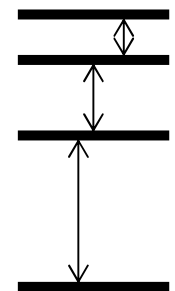


calculated spectrum : $T=1\text{K}$, $C_s=C_d=C_g=100\text{ e/V}$ for both cases

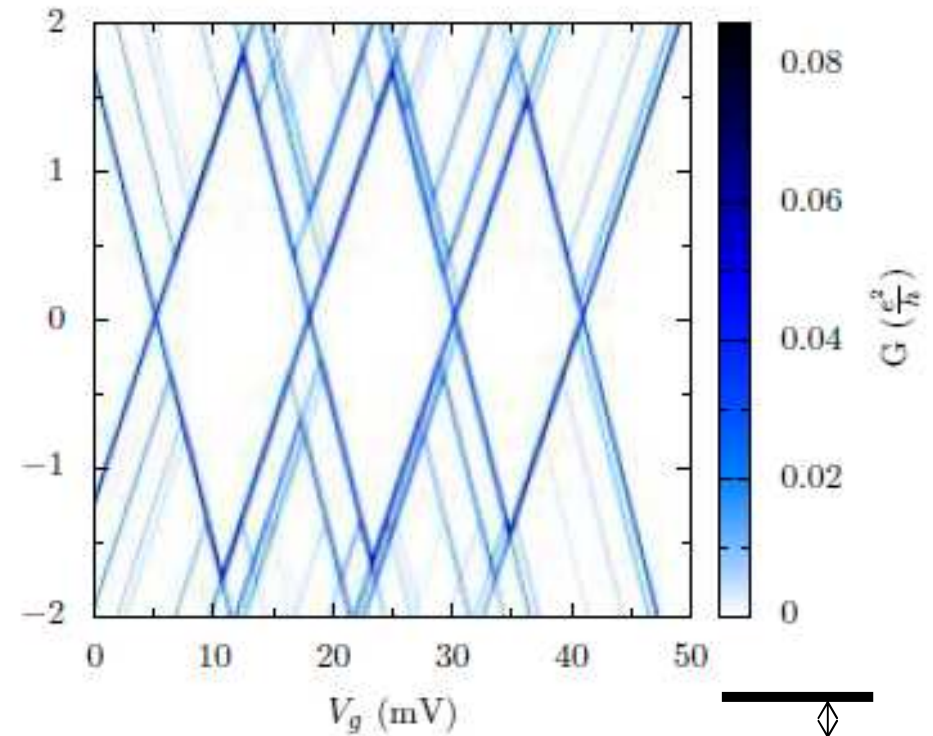
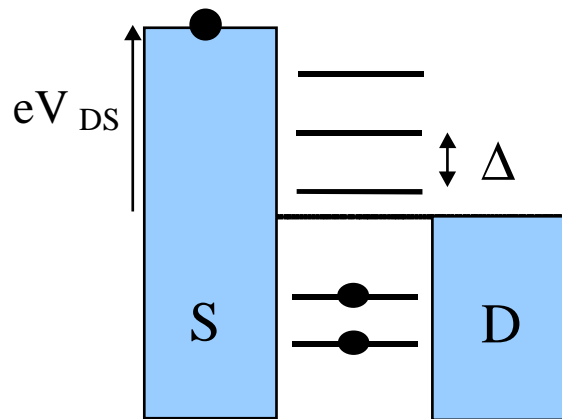
left =continuum

$\Delta=2, 1, 0.5\text{ meV}$

PhD Max Hofheinz 2006



Excitation spectrum of the dot

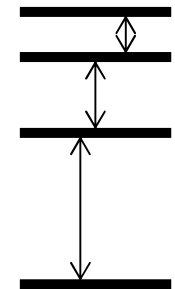


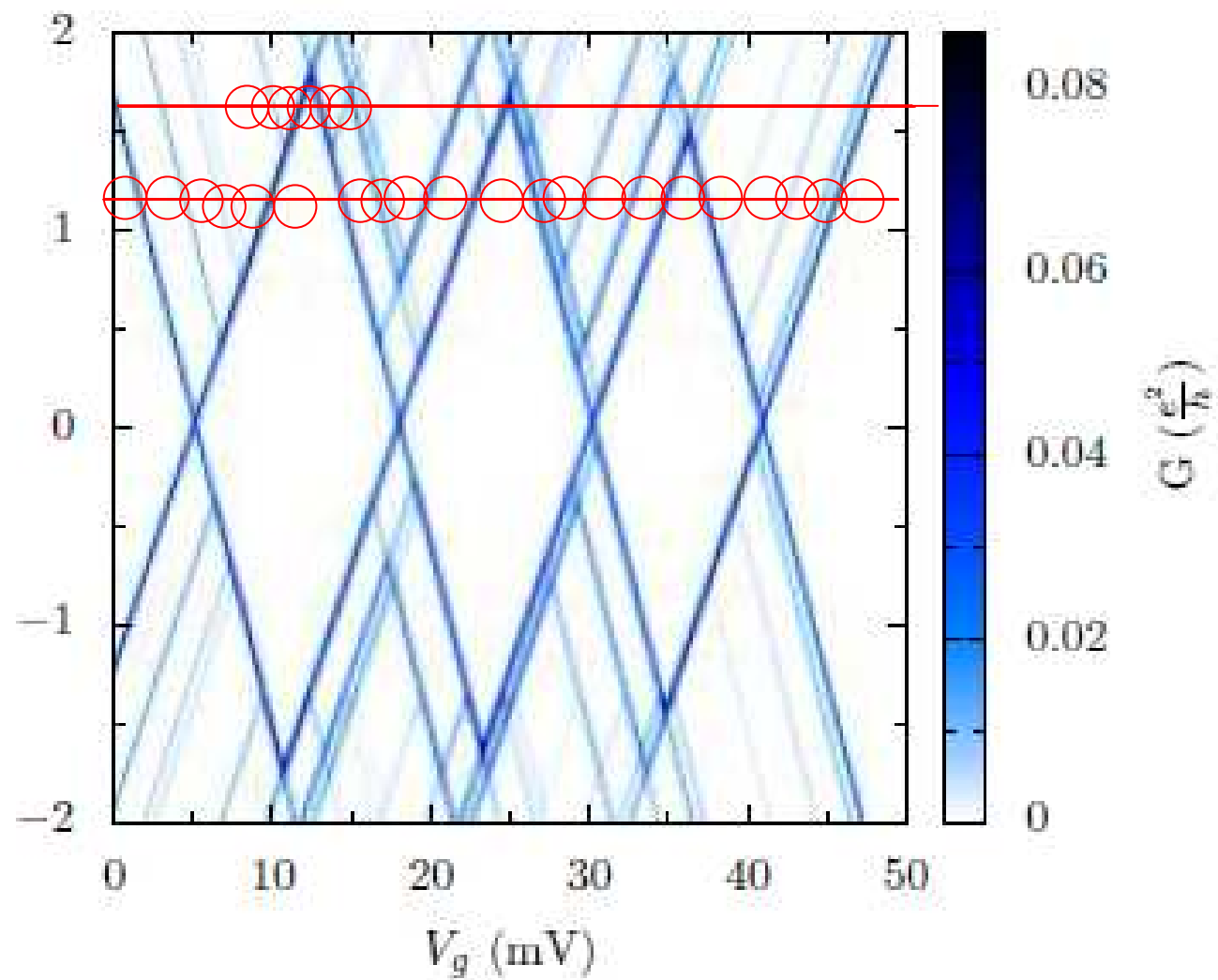
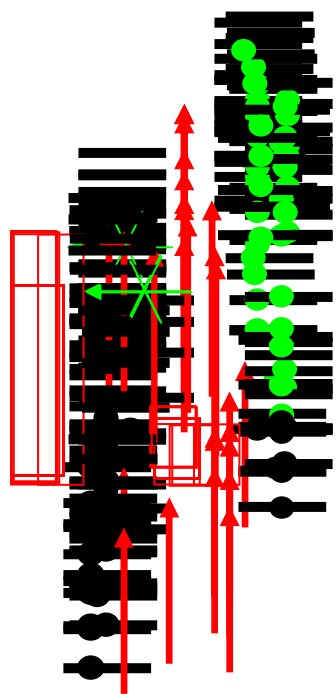
E_c increases as D^{-1} , Δ increases as D^{-2}

$$\Delta = 0.4, 0.3, 0.1 \text{ meV}$$

$$E_c = 1.38 \text{ meV}$$

$$T = 0.1 \text{ K}$$



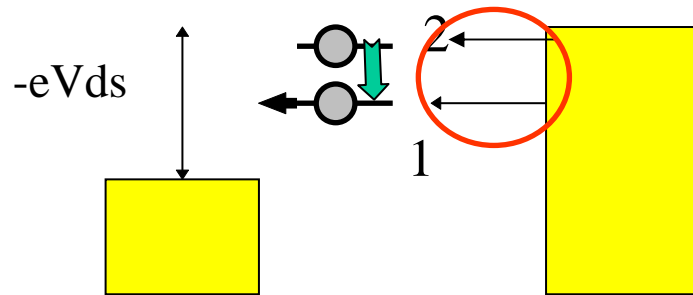


Current levels: (simplified) master rate equation for **asymmetric contacts**
 quick relaxation to the ground state #1 (compared to Γ 's) :

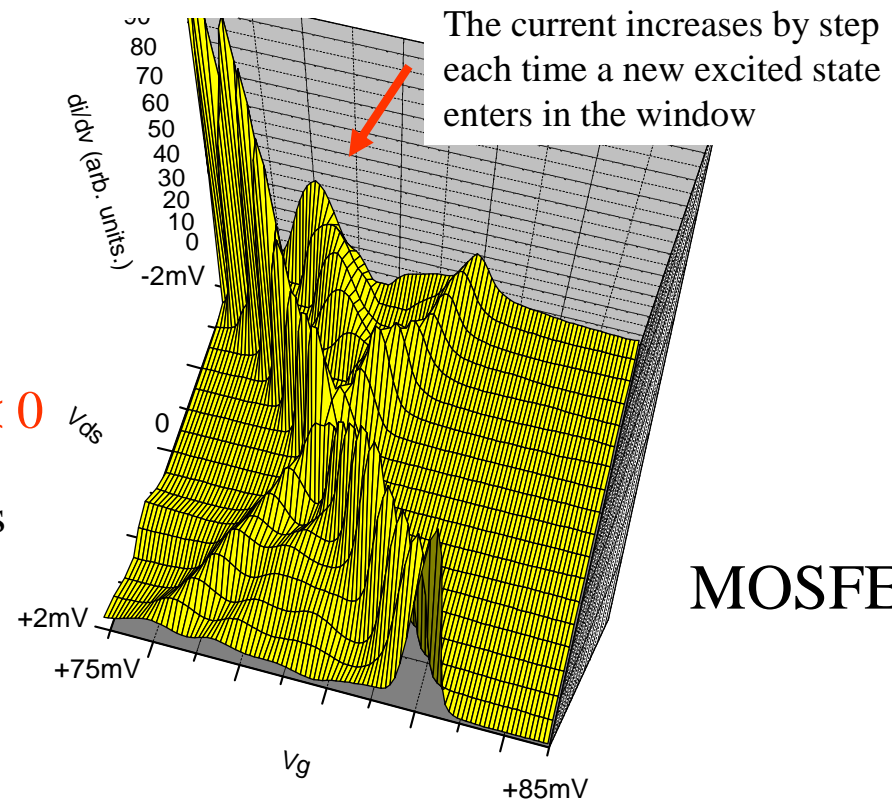
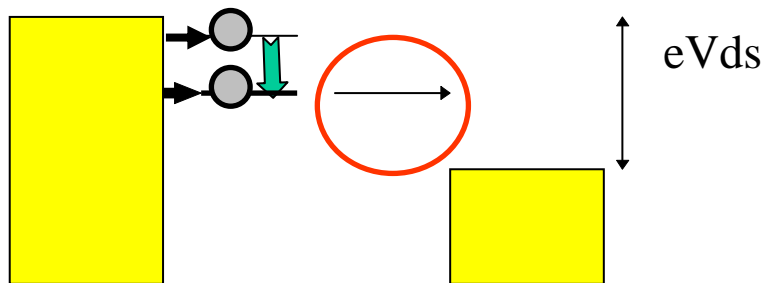
Sequential tunneling

$$I = e \frac{(\Gamma_{in}^1 + \Gamma_{in}^2 + \dots + \Gamma_{in}^n) \Gamma_{out}^1}{\Gamma_{in}^1 + \Gamma_{in}^2 + \dots + \Gamma_{in}^n + \Gamma_{out}^1}$$

$\Gamma_{in} \ll \Gamma_{out}$ for $V_{sd} < 0$ $I = e (\Gamma_{in}^1 + \Gamma_{in}^2)$ for $V_{sd} < 0$



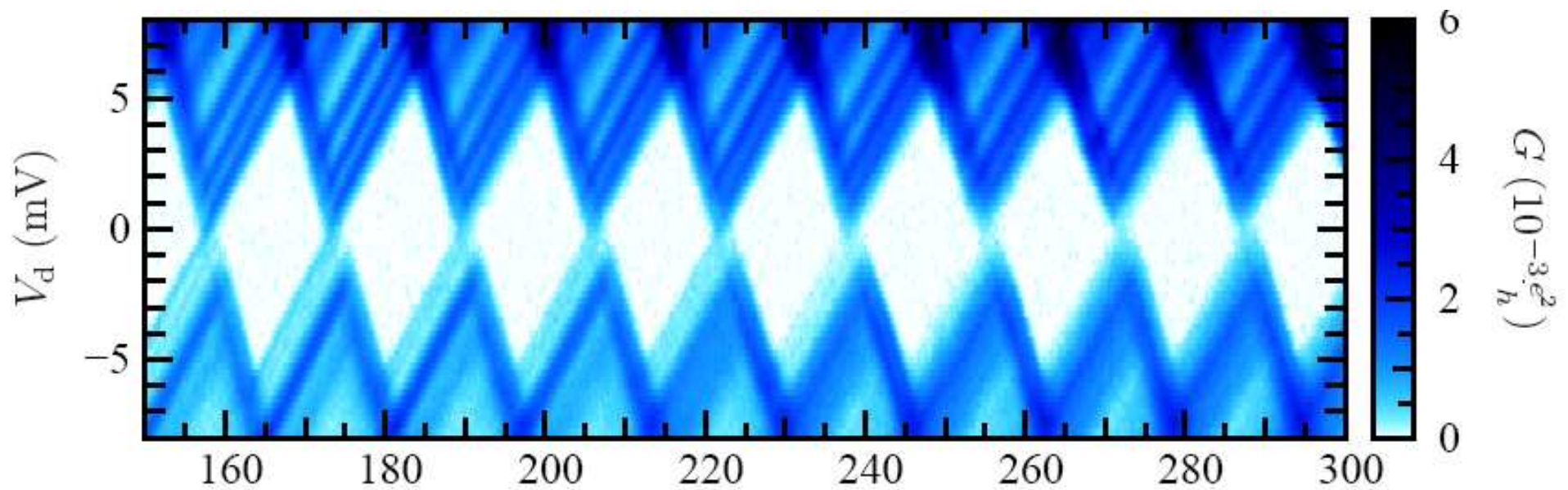
$\Gamma_{in} \gg \Gamma_{out}$ for $V_{sd} > 0$ $I = e \Gamma_{out}^1$ for $V_{sd} < 0$



MOSFET

Stability diagram anomalies due to offset charges

(*M. Hofheinz et al. 2007*):



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