

# New concepts and new devices for microelectronics

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Quantum transport and Coulomb blockade  
in silicon nanodevices

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Lundi 11 Avril 2017 PHELMMA Maud Vinet

8h30-12h30

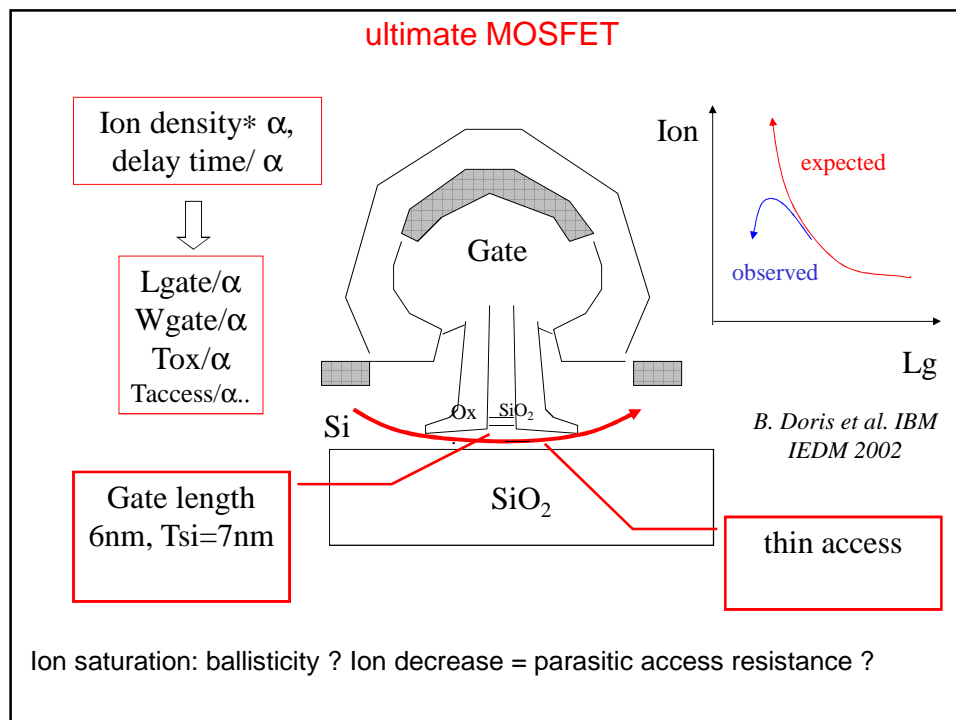
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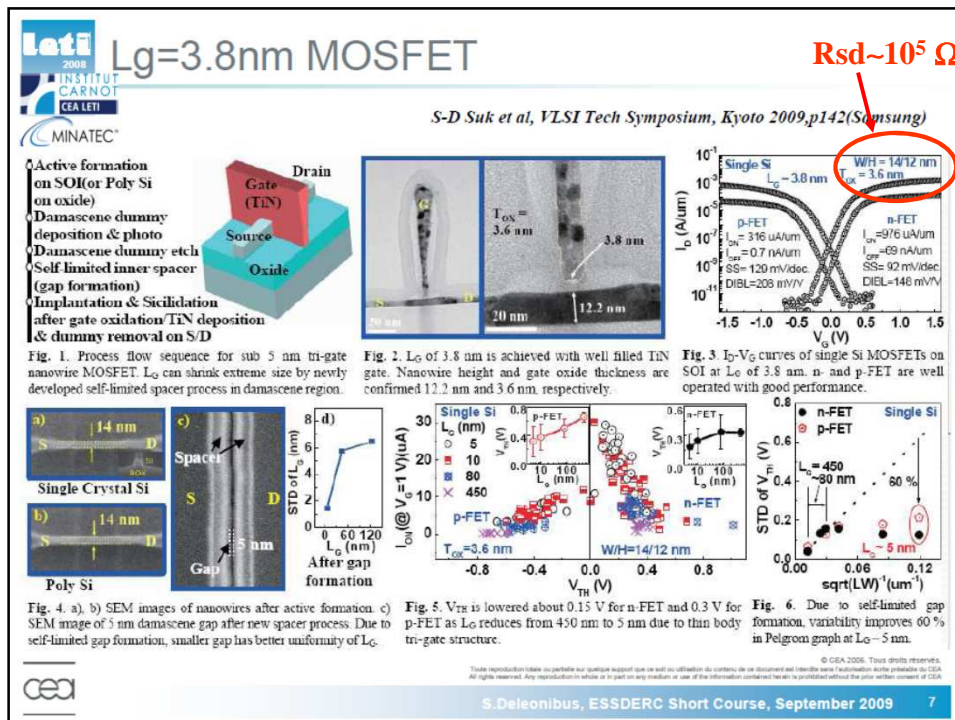
14h00-15h00	Scaling CMOS; energy-time consideration; Shrinking the MOSFET: single dopant variability ; Single dopant –single electron transport (slides 3-28)
15h00-15h10	Pause
15h10-16h00	SET-FET convergence, MOS-SET @ 300K What is the physics involved in single dopant transport? Resonant Tunnelling; (slides 29-68)
16h00-16h10	Pause
16h10-17h00	Coulomb blockade (Orthodox theory) (slides 69-92)

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14h00-15h00	Coulomb blockade (non-orthodox), quantum confinement effects (slides 93-109)
15h00-15h10	Pause
15h10-16h00	Coupled dopants, Coupled atom transistor, Double dots, Pumps (slides 110-132)
16h00-16h10	Pause
16h10-17h00	CMOS qubits (slides 133-150)

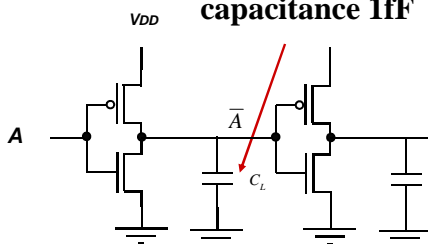
## Down-Scaling CMOS: energy-time considerations





(CMOS inverter)

Typical interconnect capacitance 1fF



Charging C<sub>L</sub> at constant Voltage V<sub>DD</sub> dissipated energy:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 0.5 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ (F)} \cdot 0.85 \text{ (V)}^2 = 0.36 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ (J)}$$

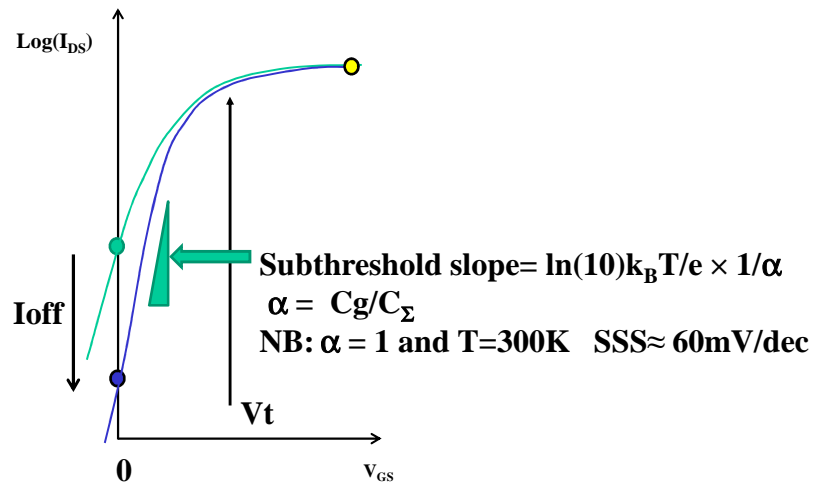
$$Ne = CV \rightarrow N \approx 5000 \text{ carriers}$$

$$N \rightarrow N/a^2$$

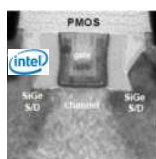
Switching energy (intrinsic device)	80 aJ
Dynamic Power (intrinsic device) (V <sub>DD</sub> *I <sub>on</sub> )	0.7(mW/μm)
Static Power (intrinsic device)	5.3pW
Drive voltage V <sub>DD</sub>	0.85V
I <sub>on</sub>	800 (μA/μm)
I <sub>off</sub>	6.3 pA/switch

## Reduction of $V_D$

Low sub- $V_T$  slope (i.e. electrostatic control) has become the key parameter for performance, with the need for  $V_d$  lowering.

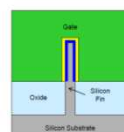
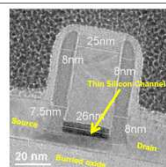
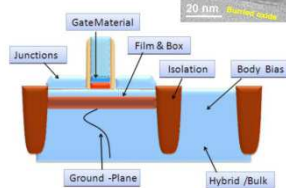


## Recent technology progresses in CMOS: transition to thin body devices

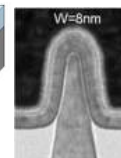
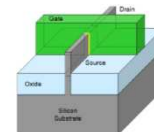


32nm bulk

### Planar FDSOI



3D Finfet

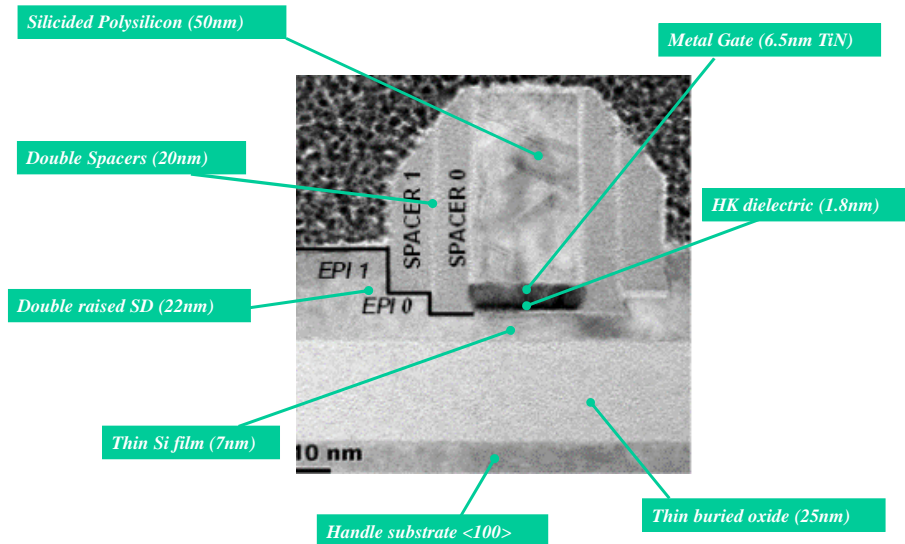


$V_T$  Modulation in FDSOI

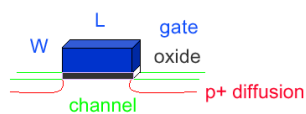




## 28FDSOI Transistor at a Glance (ST)



## Shrinking down the MOSFET:



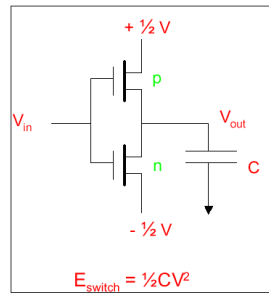
$$\begin{aligned}
 L &\Rightarrow L/\alpha \\
 W &\Rightarrow W/\alpha \\
 d_{\text{oxide}} &\Rightarrow d_{\text{oxide}}/\alpha \\
 V &\Rightarrow V/\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

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	$P = E/\tau$	$\propto 1/\alpha^2$

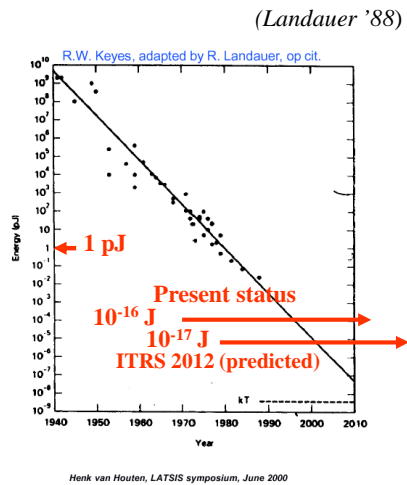
Power per unit area remains constant

Henk van Houten, LATSIS symposium, June 2000

## 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)

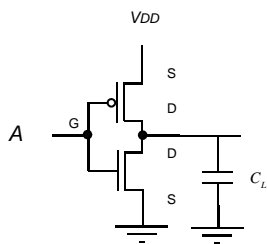


Today (energy switching, device level)  
a few  $10^{-16}$  J (  $V_{dd} \sim 0.8V$  )

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

$$C_g (C_L) \sim 10^{-15} \text{ F}$$

$$R \sim 10^3 \Omega$$



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

$$\frac{1}{2} C V_{dd}^2 \sim 1/\alpha^3$$

Reduce  $V_{dd}$

But problem with the standby power  
( $I_{dd}$  @  $V_g=0V$ )

## PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS / energy considerations

physical limitations for digital calculation:

switching energy larger than temperature and should obey  
Heisenberg uncertainty principle

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

10nm/10nm ballistic FET: Gate capacitance (Tsi=1nm):  $10^{-18}$  F

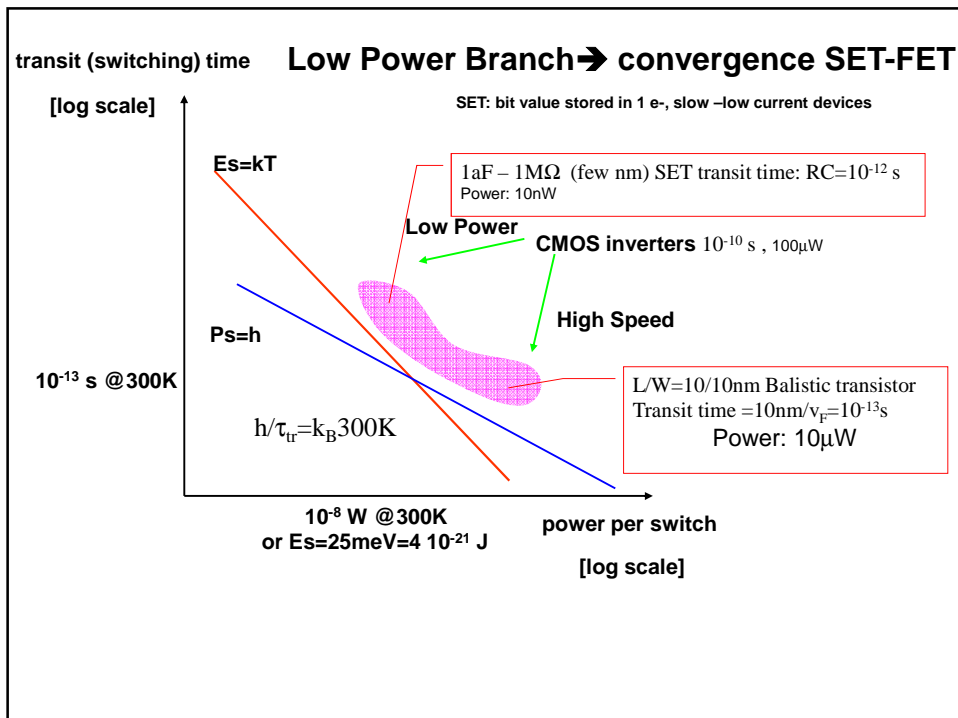
Channel resistance 30k $\Omega$

→ Ballistic Transit time =  $10\text{nm}/v_F \sim 10^{-13}$  s  
electronic circuit time constant :  $RC \sim 10^{-13}$  s

→  $E_{sw}$  (@V=0.5V) ~ 500 meV  $\gg 25\text{meV} = k_B 300\text{K}$

→  $E_{sw} \times \text{transit time} = 10^{-32} \gg \hbar = 10^{-34}$  Js

**still safe ....**



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

*Threshold voltage variability due to  
individual dopants in the channel*

M. Pierre *et al.*, Nat. Nanotechnol. **373**, 10.1038, (2009)

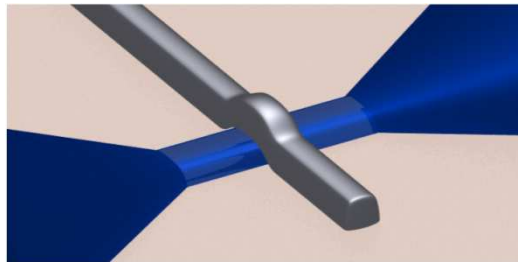
M. Fuechsle et al. 2012

Nat. Nanotechnol. DOI: 10.1038/NNANO.2012.21

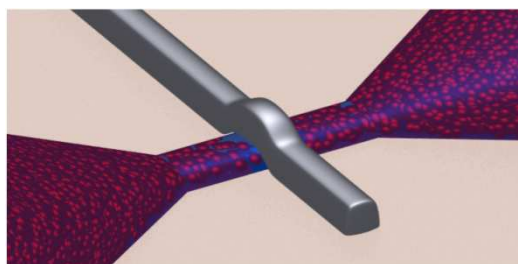
Sample fabrication: 200 mm wafers  
8-20 nm Thick Silicon-on-Insulator (SOI)  
e-beam litho of active layer (down to 20nm), Thermal oxidation (5nm SiO<sub>2</sub>)



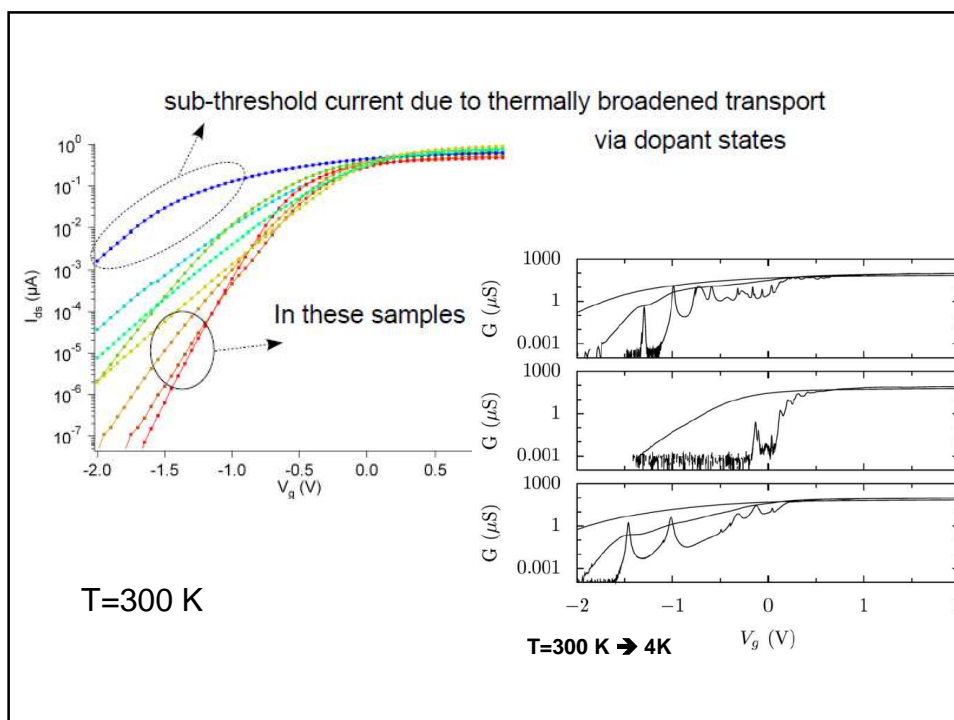
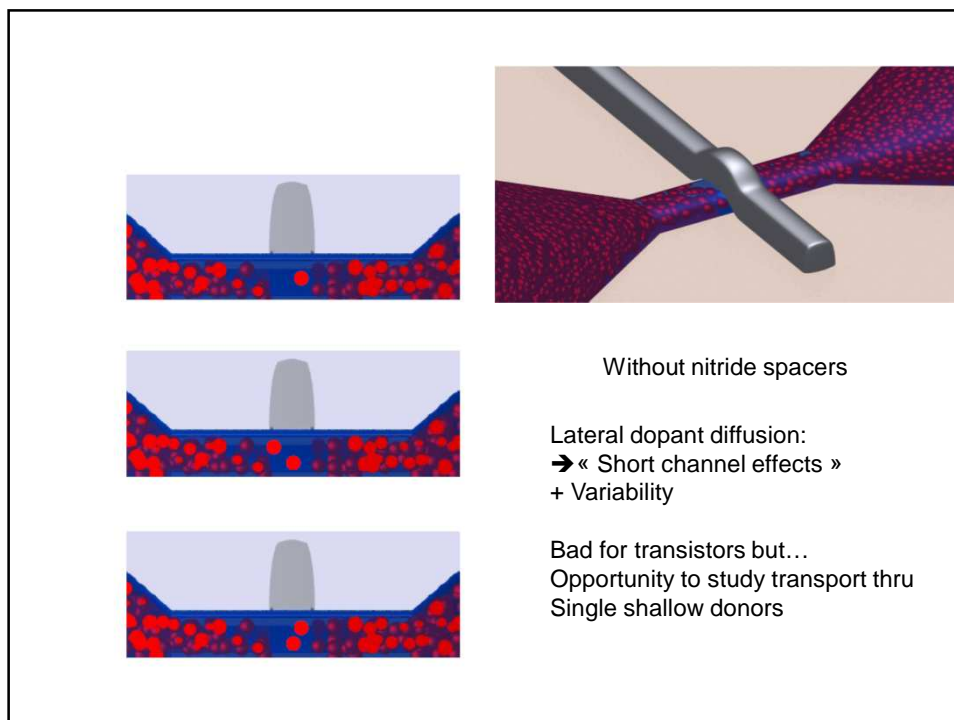
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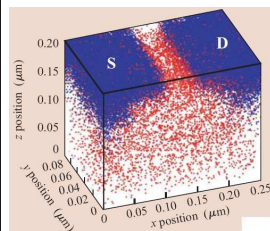
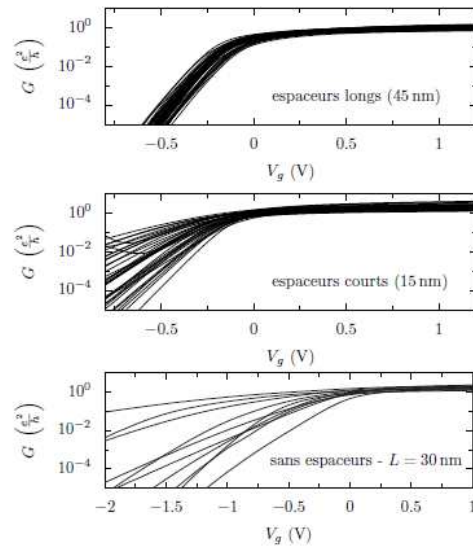
Arsenic implantation of highly doped Source and Drain  
( channel masked by the gate stack)



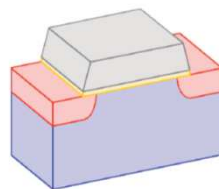
**OVERLAP GATE/SOURCE-DRAIN**  
**No ( or thin ) nitride spacers**



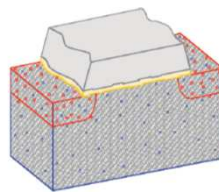
## Shrinking the mosfet: single dopant variability



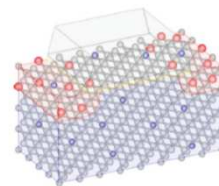
## Atomic-scale electronics



"bulk" MOSFET



32 nm MOSFET



4 nm MOSFET ???

[Asenov IEEE Trans. Elec. Dev. 50, 1837, 2003]

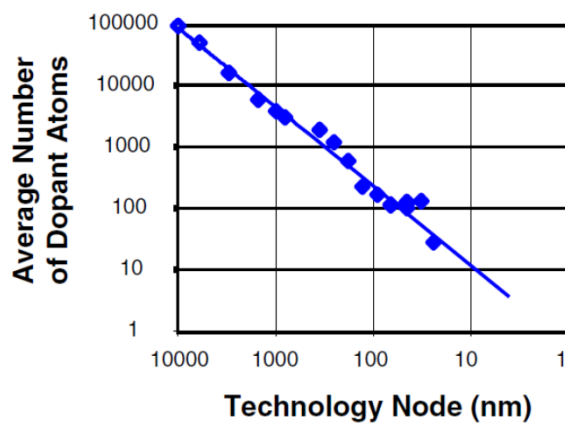
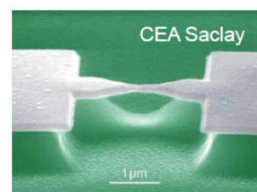
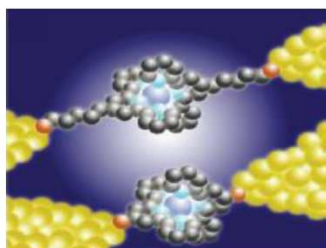
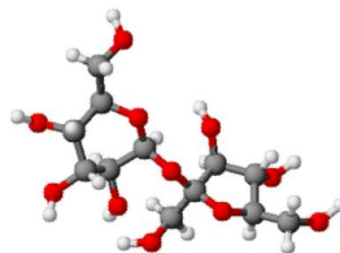
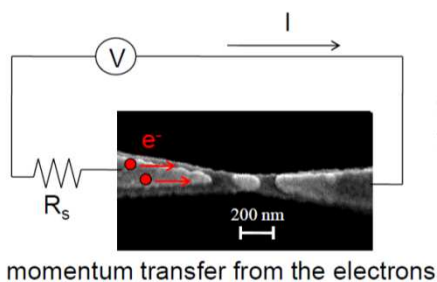


Figure 2: Average number of dopant atoms in the channel as a function of technology node



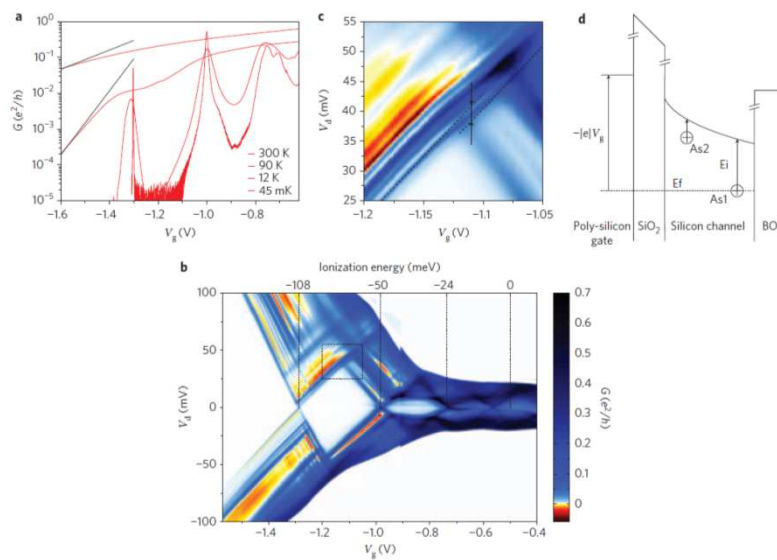
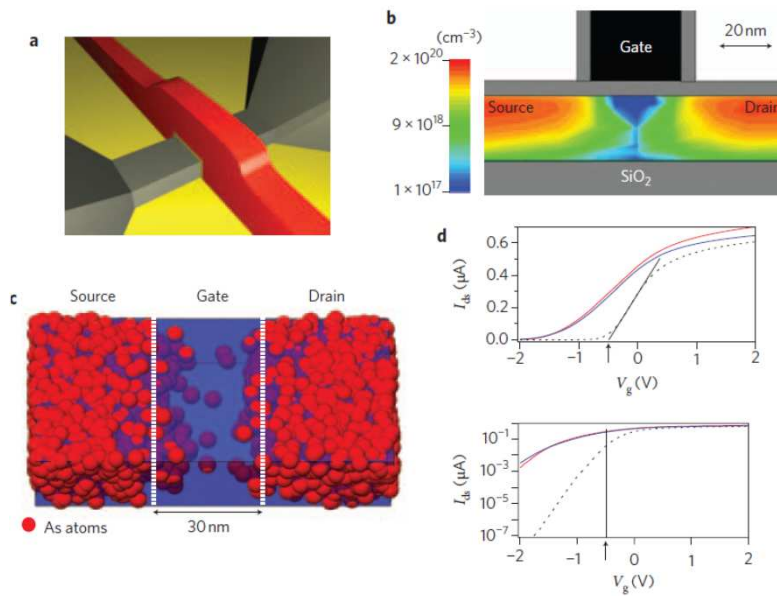
Mechanically controllable break junctions (MCBJ)

... circuit inside the molecule



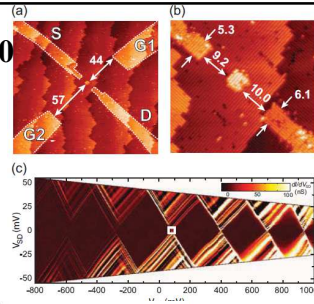


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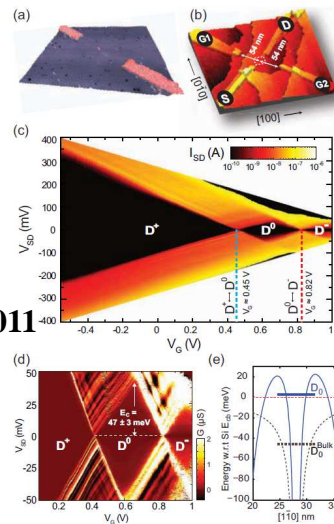


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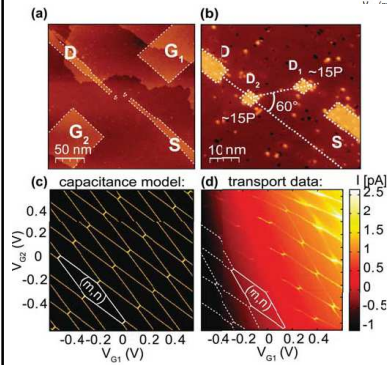
**Fuechsle 2010**



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**Weber 2012**



**STM assisted lithography  
Bottom-up approach of SAT**

## Convergence SET-FET: the MOS-SET

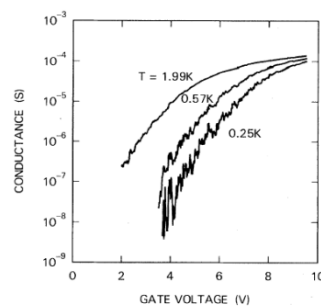
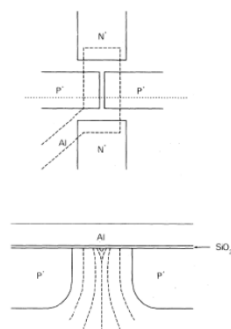
(the underlap analog of the preceding example)

*Limit variability due to  
individual dopants in the channel  
& push the energy stored by bit to its minimum  
physical value ( 1 electron stored on the gate)*

# **MOSFET scaling down at low temperature A brief chronology (1982→2017)**

## **Brief chronology:**

**Conductance in Restricted-Dimensionality  
Accumulation Layers  
A. B. Fowler, A. Hartstein, and R. A. Webb  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 48, 196 (1982)**



**Mesoscopic fluctuations ( « Fingerprint » )**

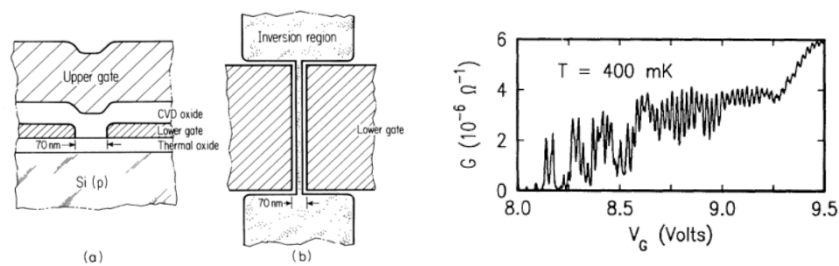
## First periodic Conductance Oscillations

“Conductance Oscillations Periodic in the Density of a One-Dimensional Electron Gas”

Scott-Thomas, J.H.F., S.B. Field, M.A. Kastner, H.I. Smith, and D.A. Antonadis, 1989, Phys. Rev. Lett. 62, 583.

Abstract:

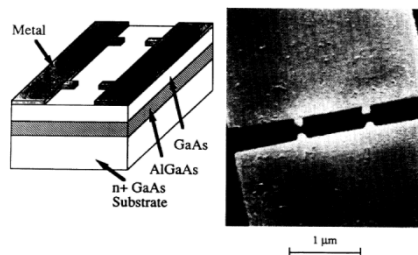
By use of x-ray lithography Si inversion layers have been fabricated with width  $\sim 25$  nm and mobility  $\sim 15000$  cm<sup>2</sup>/V s. These display oscillations in their conductance that are periodic in the number of electrons per unit length, even in zero magnetic field. The oscillations reflect an oscillatory activation energy of the conductance and are accompanied by unusual nonlinearities suggestive of pinned charge-density waves.



## First Geometry Controlled conductance oscillations (CBO ?)

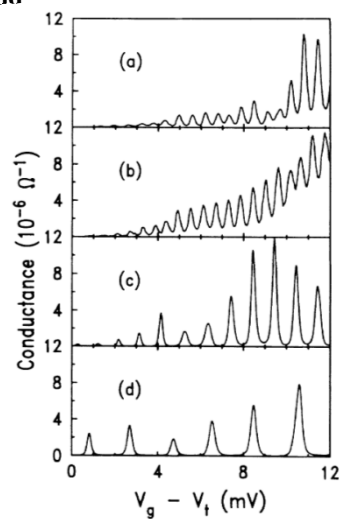
Single-electron charging and periodic conductance resonances in GaAs nanostructures

U. Meirav, M. A. Kastner, and S. J. Wind  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 65, 771 (1990)



**GaAs first quantum dot**  
**2 intentional constrictions**

$$\Delta V_g = e/C_g$$

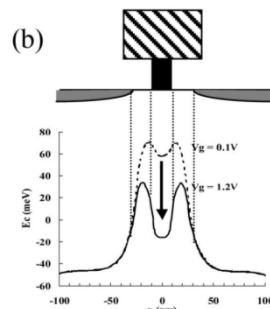
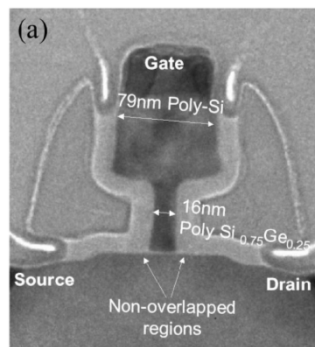
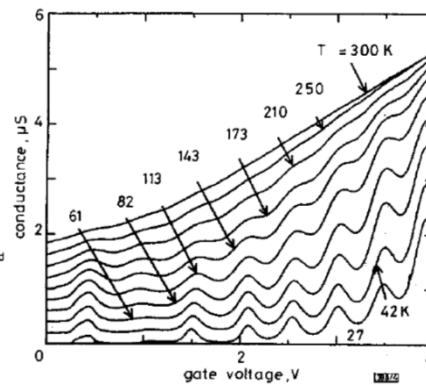
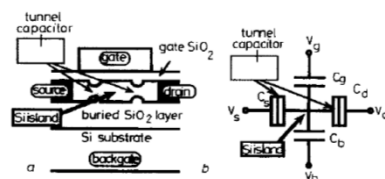


H. Matsuoka, T. Yoshimura, T. Ichiguchi and E. Takeda, "Coulomb blockade in the inversion layer of a Si metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor with a dual-gate structure," Appl. Phys. Lett., vol. 64, p. 586, 1994.

Ali, D., and H. Ahmed, 1994, Appl. Phys. Lett. 64, 2119.

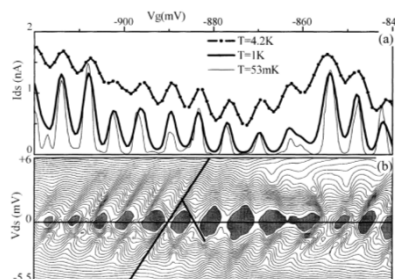
Takahashi, Y., M. Nagase, H. Namatsu, K. Kurihara, K. Iwdate, Y. Nakajima, S. Horiguchi, K. Murase, and M. Tabe, 1995, Electron. Lett. 31, 136

### First silicon quantum dot Two intentional constrictions



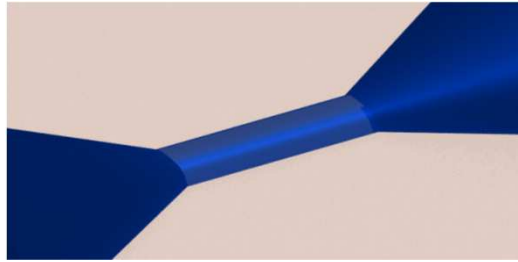
### First QuDot based on CMOS (bulk) (no constriction/ underlapped geometry)

Controlled Single-Electron Effects in Non overlapped Ultra-Short Silicon Field Effect Transistors  
Frédéric Boeuf, Xavier Jehl, Marc Sanquer, and Thomas Skotnicki,



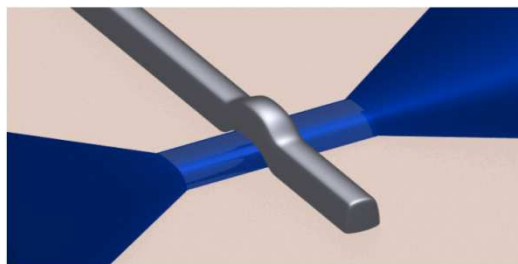
IEEE Trans. Nanotechnology 2 144  
(2003)

Sample fabrication: 200 mm wafers  
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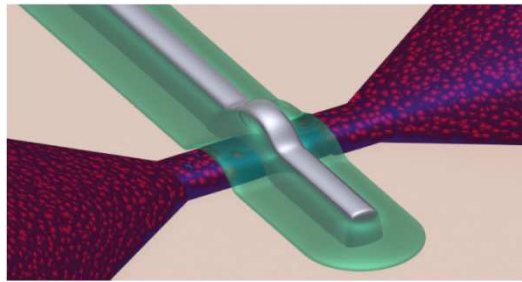


**Convergence SET-FET: the MOS-SET**  
**(underlapped geometry)**

e-beam litho of poly Si gate layer gate length down to 20nm  
Eventually multigate design= Pitch 70 nm

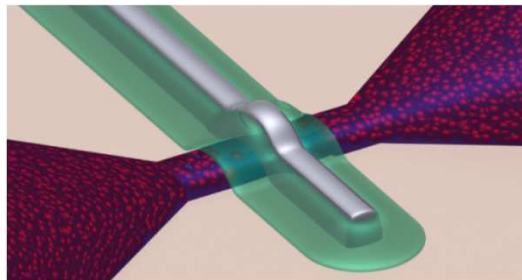


formation of self aligned  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  spacers before Arsenic implantation of highly doped Source and Drain



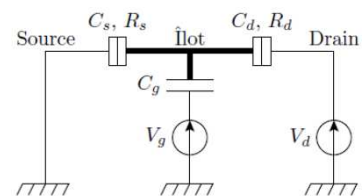
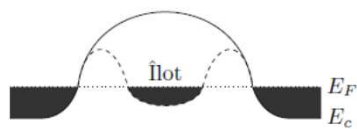
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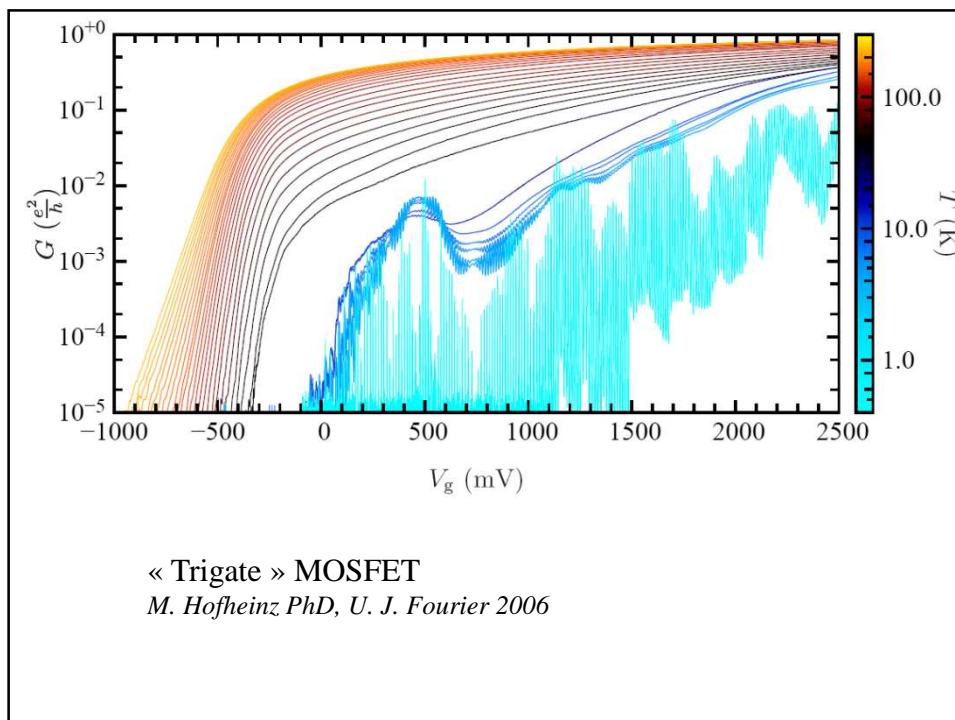
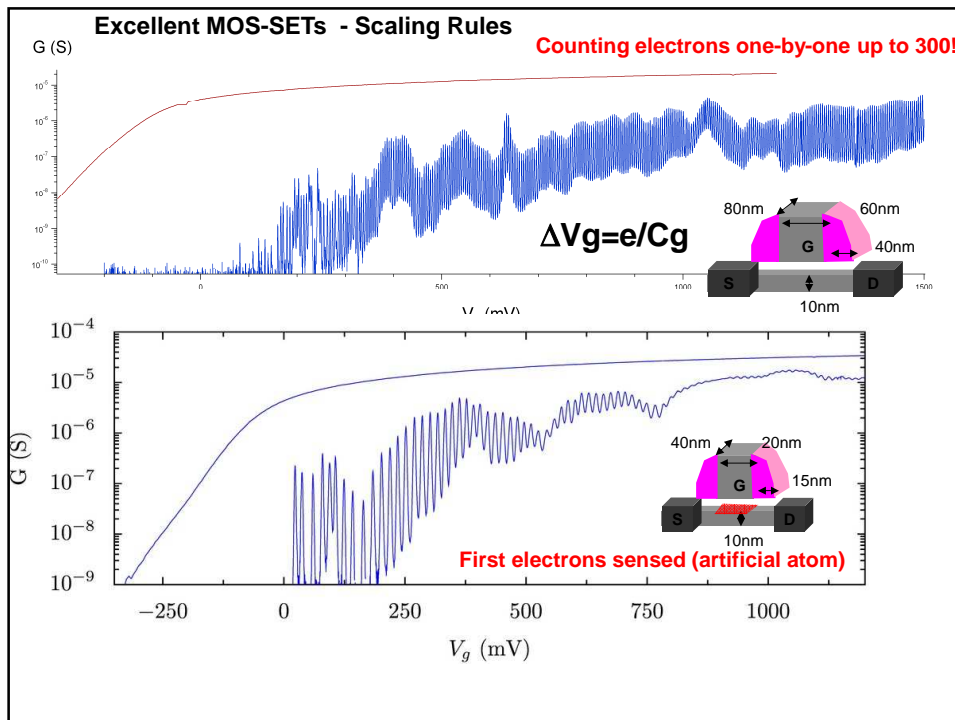
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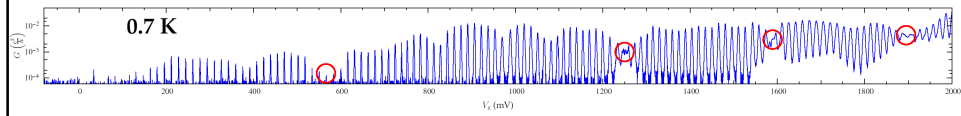
The MOS-SET



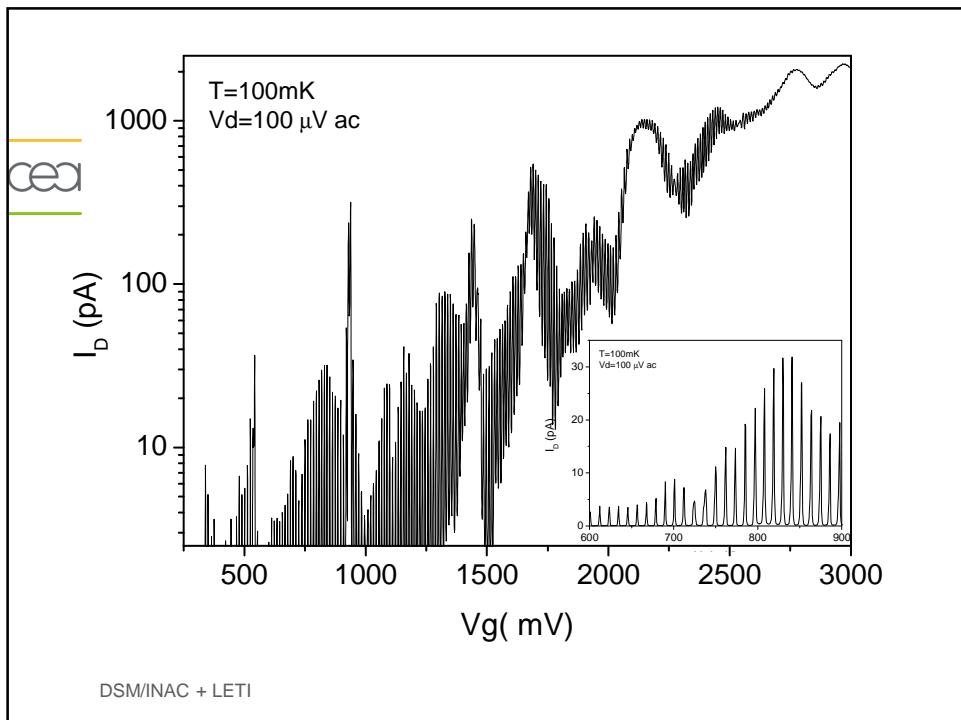
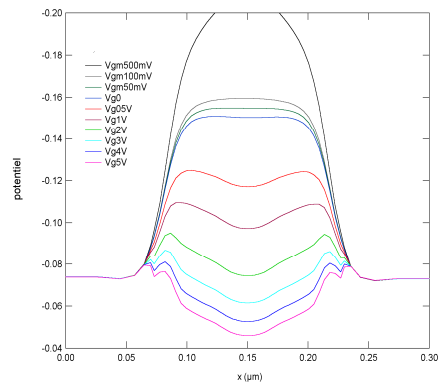
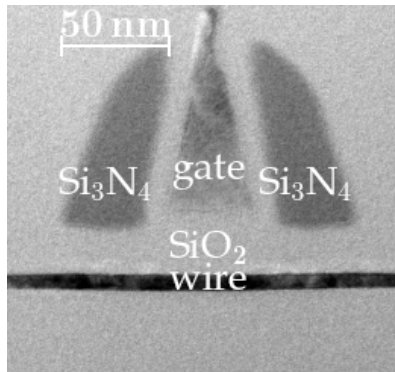




access resistances. ex: SOI Non-Overlapped nanowire FET



M. Hofheinz, X. Jehl, M. Sanquer, G. Molas, M. Vinet and S. Deleonibus,  
 "A simple and controlled single electron transistor based on doping modulation in silicon nanowires",  
*Applied Physics Letters* vol.89, 143504 (2006).  
 fabrication: **cea-leti**

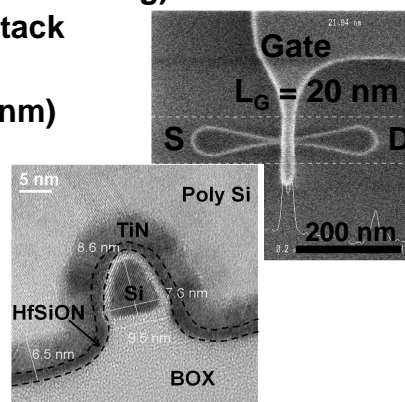


## MOS-SET at room temperature

## Device fabrication

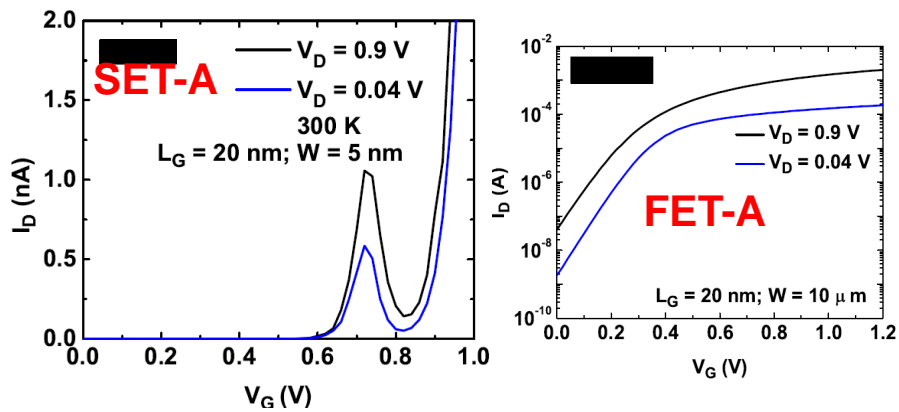
### Si Nanowire Integration scheme

- SOI Wafer (Mesa isolation)
- Si NW patterning (resist trimming)
- HfSiON/ALD TiN gate stack
- Gate patterning
- Spacer1 formation (25 nm)
- S/D Epitaxy (for RSD)
- LDD implantation
- Spacer2 formation
- HDD implantation
- Silicidation
- Back-End



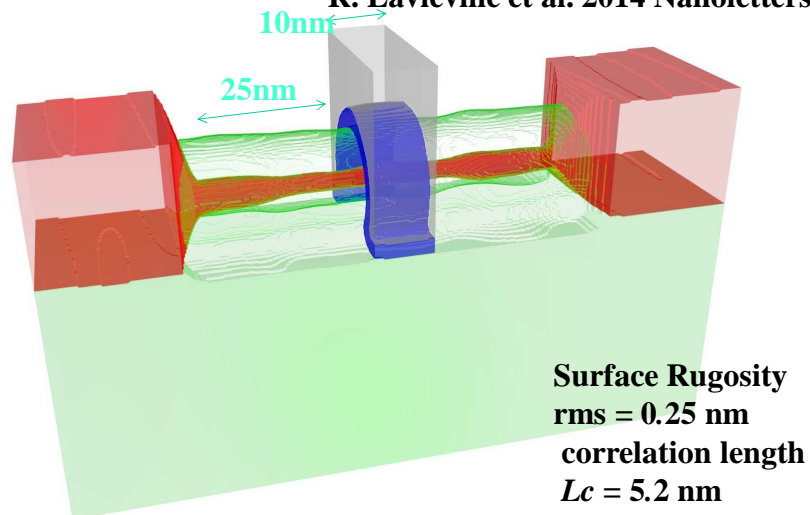
*V. Deshpande et al. IEDM2012*

Co-integration de FET et SET ( variation sur W )



*V. Deshpande et al. IEDM2012*

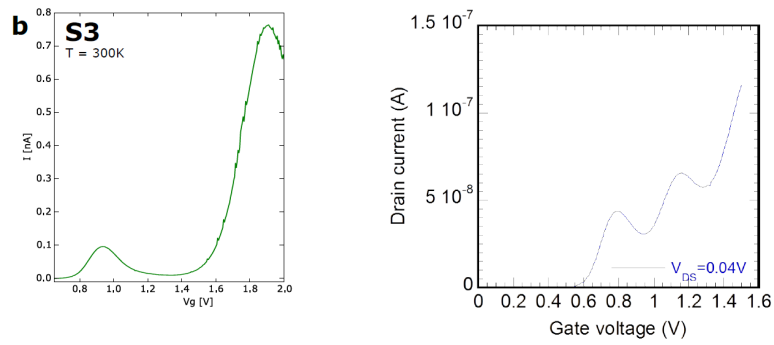
R. Lavieville et al. 2014 Nanoletters



**An undoped silicon nanowire Artificial atom**

see also S. J. Shin et al APL 103101(2010).

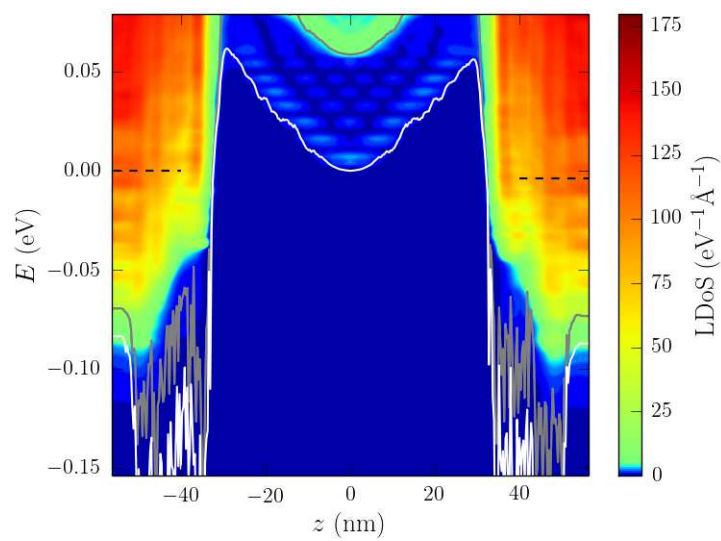
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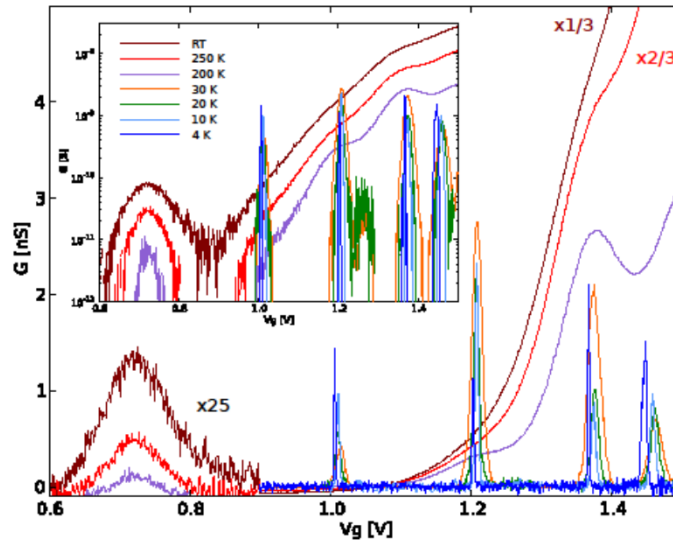
## LDOS@ first e<sup>-</sup>

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(W/O SR & VOS, NEGF + effective mass approx.)  $L_g = 10\text{nm}$



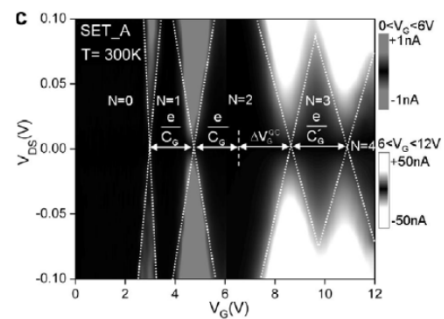
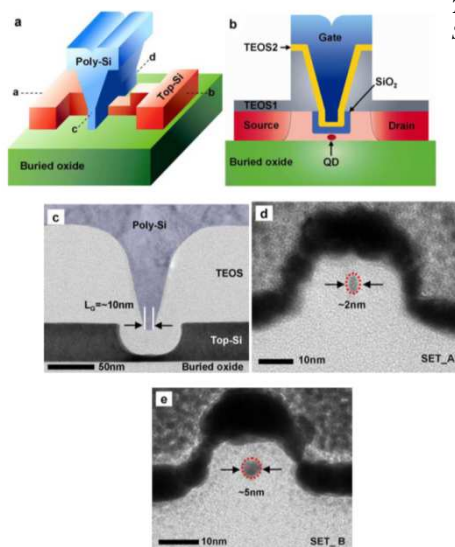
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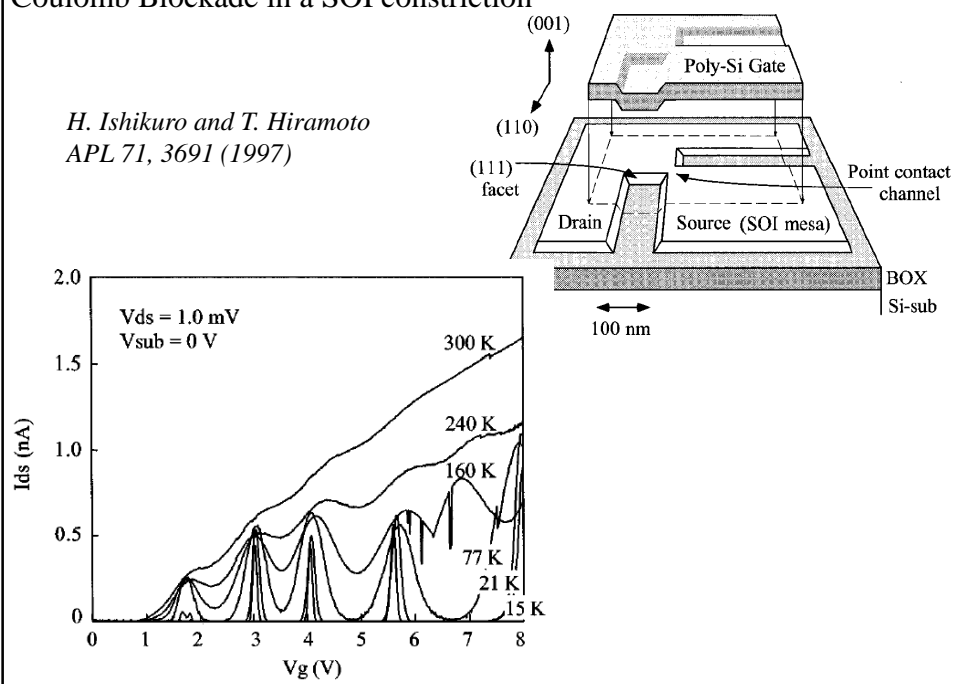
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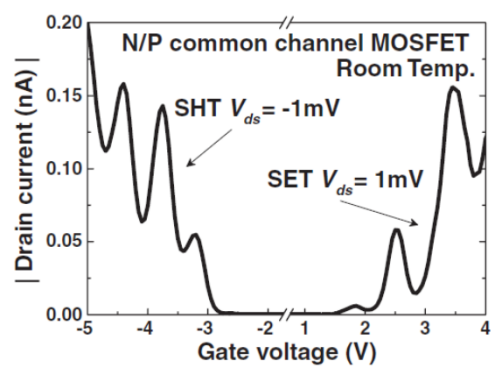
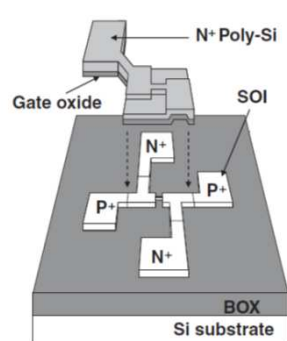


## Coulomb Blockade in a SOI constriction

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

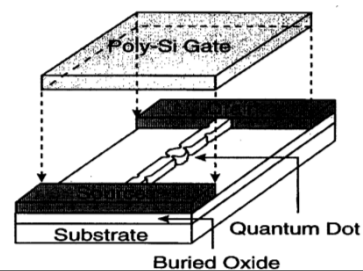


*M. Kobayashi et al, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 47, 1813(2008)*



## 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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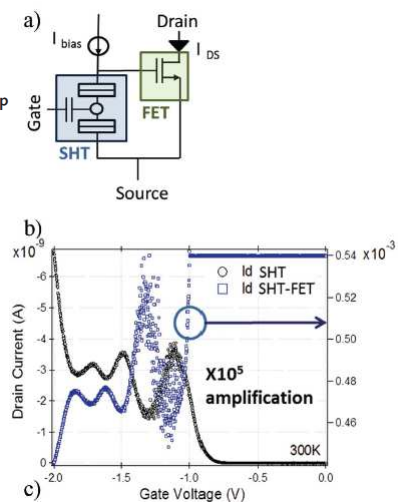


## Hybrid SET-FET

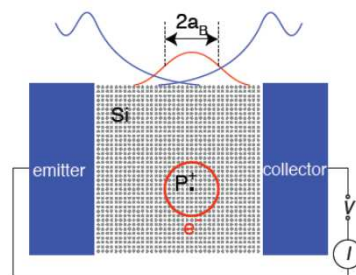
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# Confinement in dopants vs confinement in quantum dots



Scaling of the Bohr orbit:

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

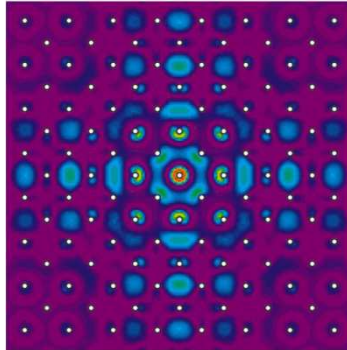
$$r_{\text{Hydrogen}} = 0.05 \text{ nm}$$

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

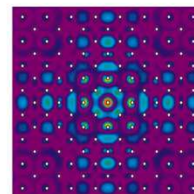
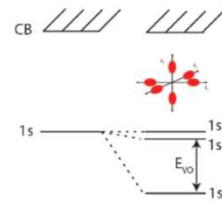
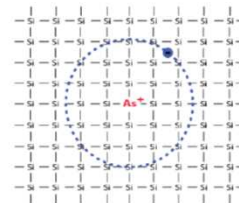
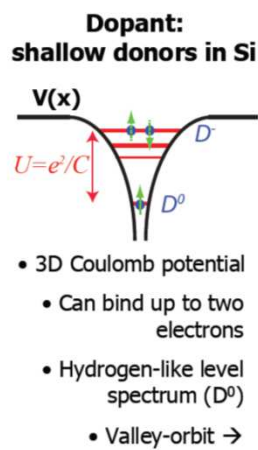
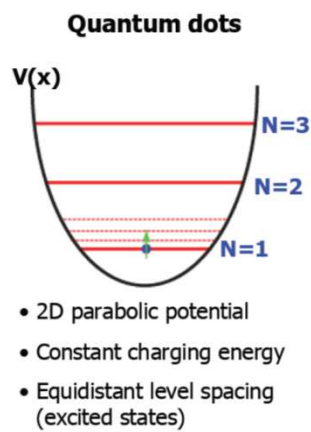
$$r_{\text{P:Ge}} = 6.4 \text{ nm}$$



## Single dopant

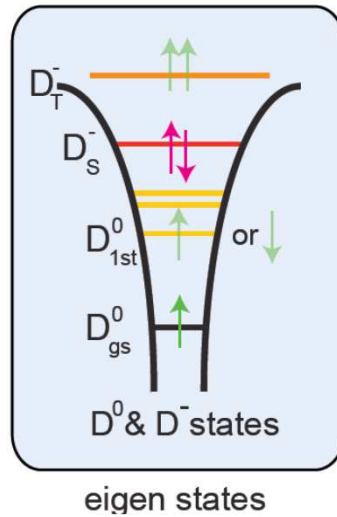


Shallow donor electronic orbital in Silicon ( Ground state, after B. Koiler et al Phys. Rev. B 70, 115207 (2004))



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Double occupation of donors,  
Coulomb blockade



### 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:**

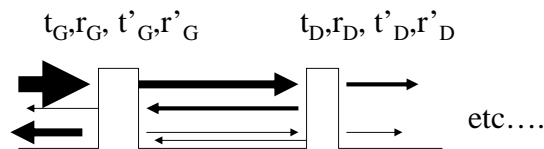
$$E_{th} = k_B T$$

25° C: 25 meV  
-273° C: 15 μeV

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**



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

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

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

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

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

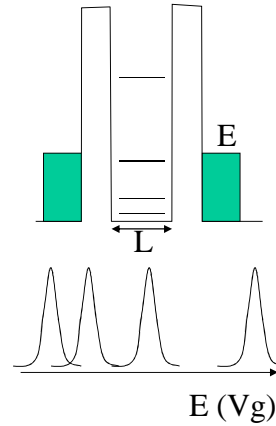
maximum transmission if  $2kL=\pi$ , i.e. for an infinite double well cavity:

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

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)

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

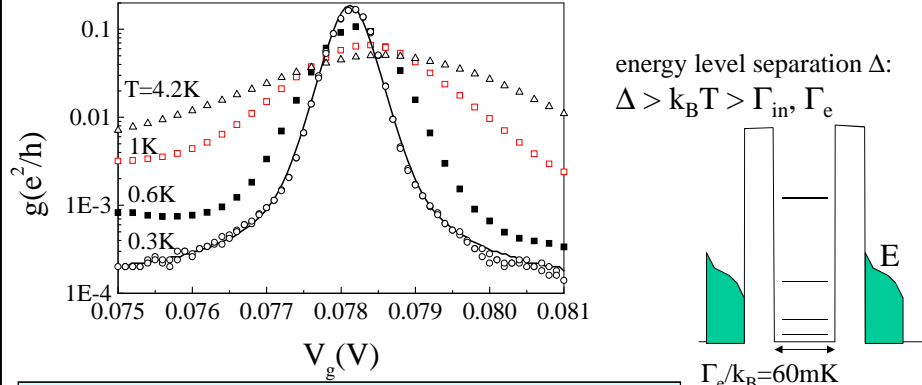
(Breit-Wigner formulae)

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

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

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

## Thermal broadening of the resonant tunneling :



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

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

## Thermal broadening of the resonant tunneling (2):

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

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

→

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

Classical Coulomb blockade,  
Fermi wavelength  $\ll$  size

General case for a small numbers of electrons

(« artificial atom »)

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

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

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

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

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

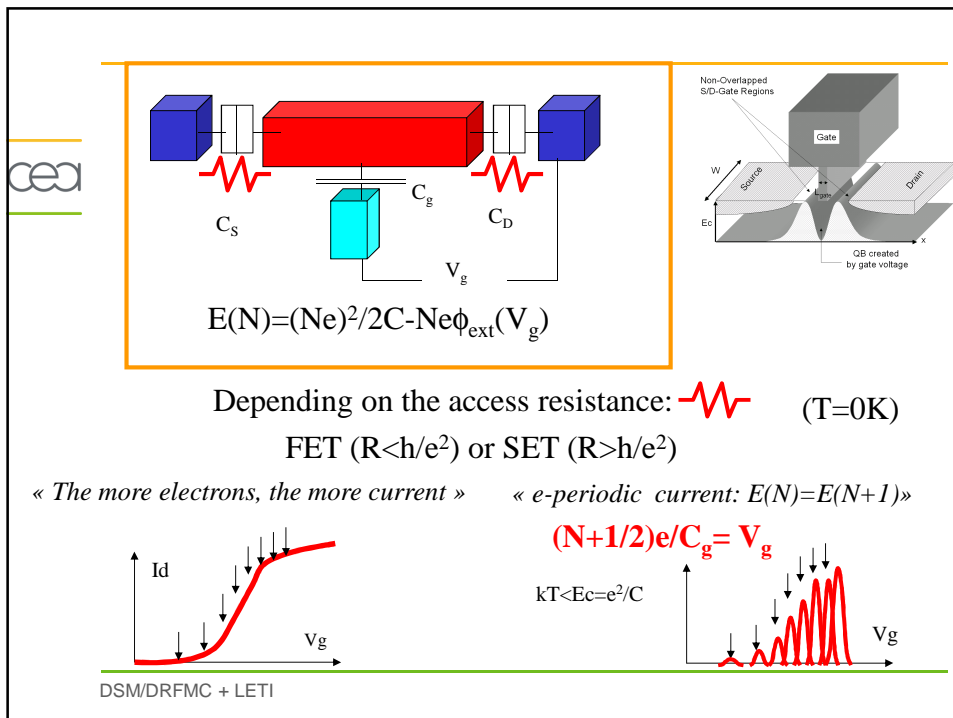
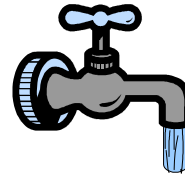
$$N=3 \quad 2E_1 + E_2 + U_{11} + 2U_{12} - 3e\phi_{\text{ext}} \quad \text{etc...}$$

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

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

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

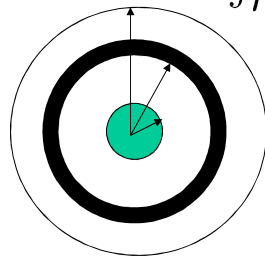
- Conventional devices (MOSFET)
  - Continuous flow** of charge carriers
  - Modelled by hydrodynamic equations
- Single Electron Devices
  - Operation based on the charge quantization
  - **One-by-one flow** of electron
  - Localization of electron wave function





	Gate	S/D barriers	Advantages	Drawbacks	Partial list in a very large literature:  1 H. Ishikuro et al. APL71, 3691 (1997) 2 L. Guo et al. APL70, 850 (1997) 3 Sakamoto et al. APL72, 795 (1998) 4 Peters et al. J of Appl. Phys. 84, 5052 (1998) 5 Tilke et al. APL75, 3704 (1999) 6 L. Zhuang et al. APL72, 1205 (1998) 7 Nakamura APL76 (2000) 8 Shirakashi APL72 (1998) 9 A. Fujiwara et al. APL 88, 053121 (2006). 10 H. Namatsu et al, J. Vac. Sci. Technol. B21, 2869 (2003). 11 S. Horiguchi et al. Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. Part 2, 40, L29 (2001). 12. J. Gorman et al. PRL95, 090502 (2005). 13 P. A. Chain, H. Ahmed and D. A. Williams, J. Appl. Phys. 92, 346 (2002). 14 Y. T. Tan et al. J. Appl. Phys. 94, 633 (2003) 15 E. Leobandung et al. APL67, 2338 (1995). 16. M. Saitoh et al. APL84, 3172 (2004). 17 Yu. A. Pashkin et al. APL74, 132 (1999). 18 V. A. Krupenin et al., J. Appl. Phys., 90, 2411 (2001) 19 D.C. Ralph et al. PRL74, 3241 (1995). 20 S. Tarucha et al. PRL77, 3613 (1996) 21 J. A. Folk et al. PRL76, 1699 (1996). 22 D. H. Kim et al. APL79, 3812 (2001) 23 C. Single et al. APL78, 1421 (2001). 24 J.A.H. Stotz et al. Nat. Materials 4, 585 (2005) 25 R. Augke et al. APL76, 2065 (2000)
metal		Metal oxide $Al_2O_3^7$ , $NbOx^8$		Offset charges Medium size	
		Thin films resistors <sup>18</sup>	Minimizes co-tunneling	Offset charges Medium size	
	Thin metallic film <sup>17</sup>		gain		
Metallic clusters <sup>19</sup>	No gate	Metal oxide	Small size	No control gate	
Semiconducting clusters	Lateral <sup>14</sup> , front or back gate	oxide	Small size	Poor control	
Vertical dot <sup>20</sup>	Lateral gate	Epitaxially grown	Few electron regime, disorder free		
Lateral multigates cavities	Lateral, front or back gate	Split gate <sup>21</sup> , lateral gate <sup>13</sup> , top gate <sup>22</sup> Schottky gate or local oxidation (AFM)	versatile	Medium or large size, crosstalk	
Lateral single gate dot	Front or back gate	Oxide (PADOX) <sup>10,11</sup> , etched constriction <sup>1,2,3,5,6,12,15,16,25</sup> , doping modulation <sup>4</sup>	Small size One control gate	Poor control of the D/S barriers	
Dynamic Quantum dots <sup>24</sup>		Moving electrostatic potential (surface acoustic waves...)			

electron-electron interaction on a disk:



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

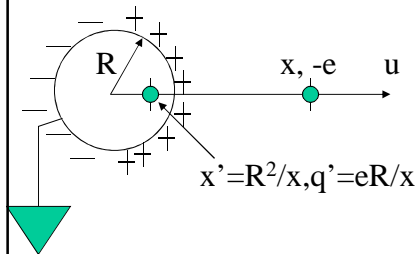
Electrostatic energy for  $N=(R/a)^2$  electrons, i.e.:

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

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

Charging energy for a metallic sphere:

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



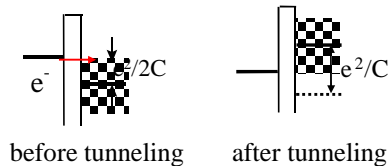
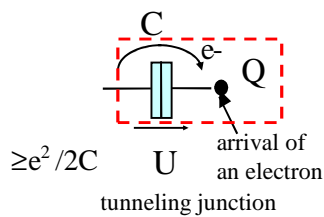
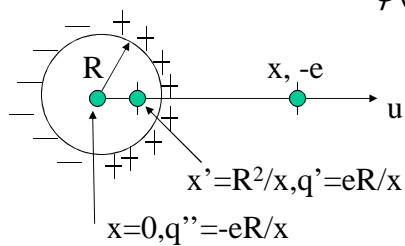
$$\phi_m = \frac{q'}{x-x'} \approx \frac{e}{2(x-R)} \Big|_{x \rightarrow R}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 1$$

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

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

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



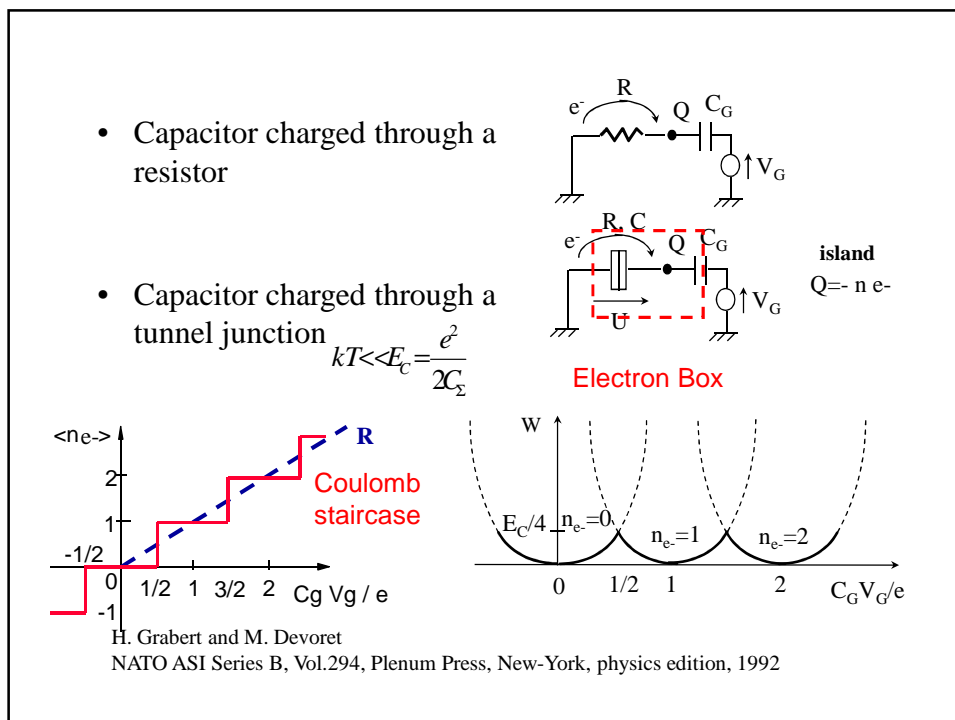
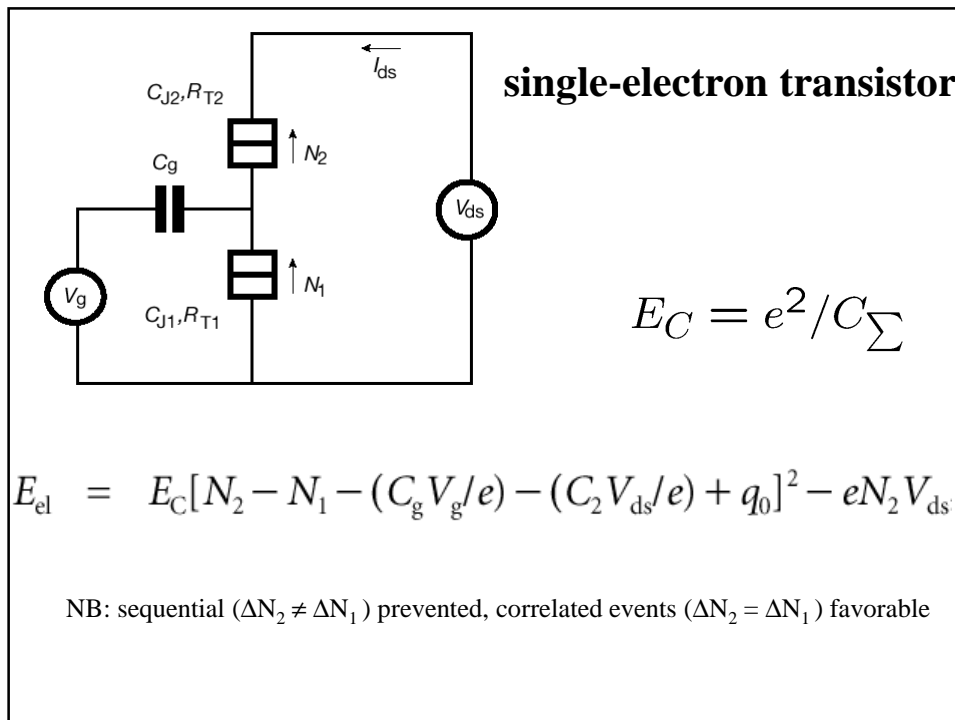
$\Rightarrow$  critical junction voltage for the arrival of an electron:

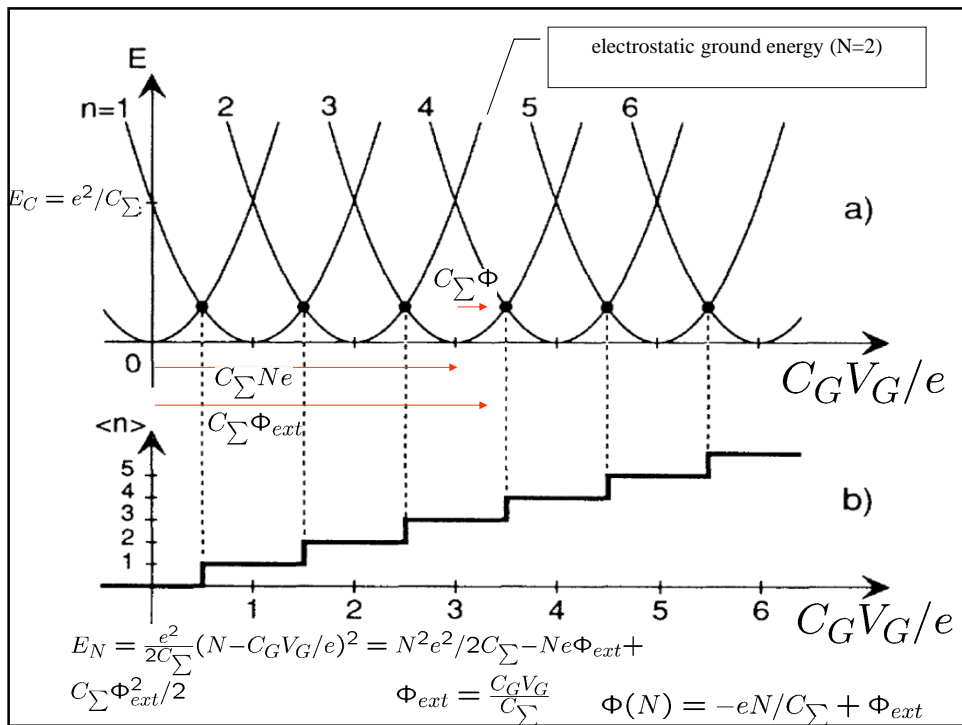
$$U > e/2C$$

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

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

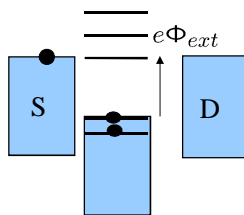
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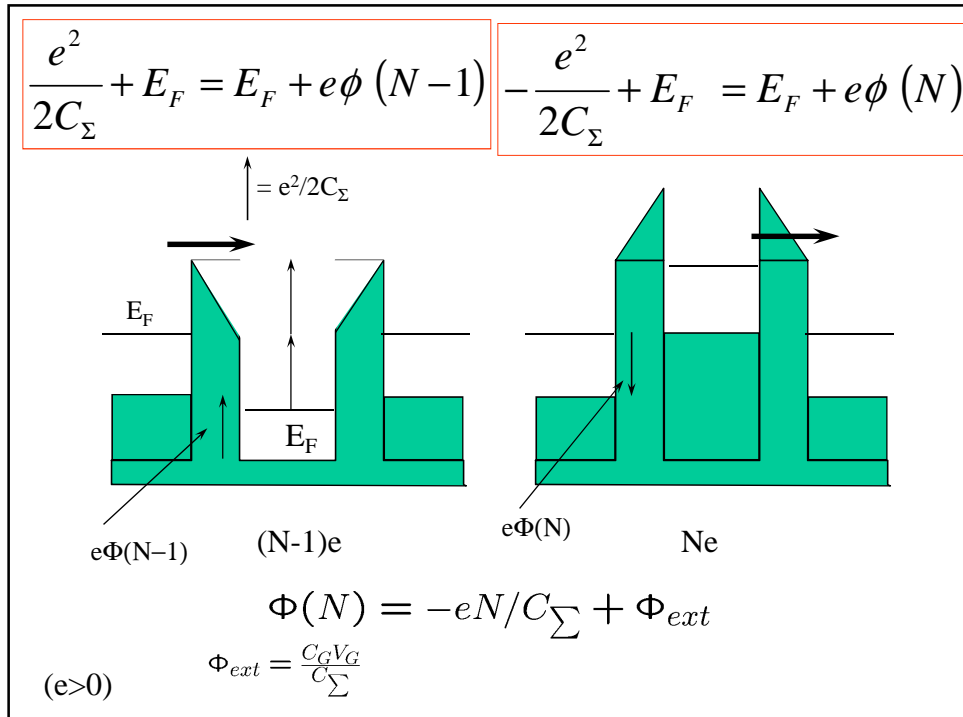
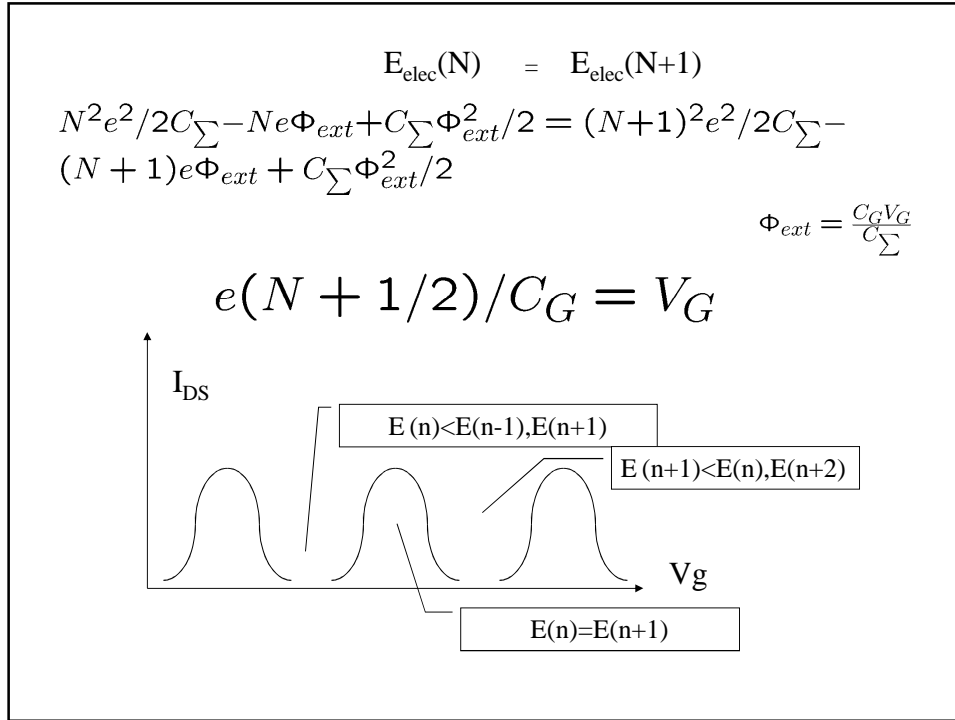




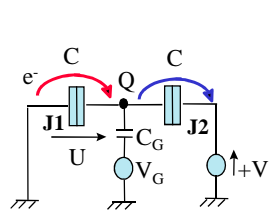
electrochemical potential= energy to add one electron:  
 $\mu(N) = E(N) - E(N-1)$

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



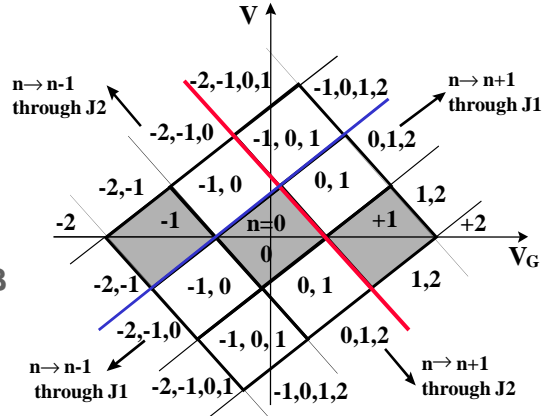


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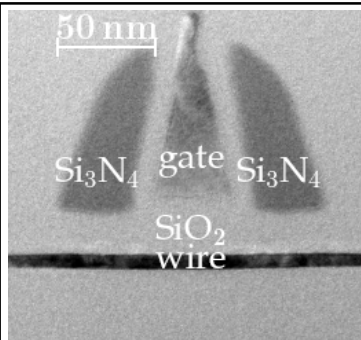


 SET off  $\rightarrow$  CB  
 SET on  
 (sequential arrival and departure of electrons)

$n \rightarrow n+1$  through J1



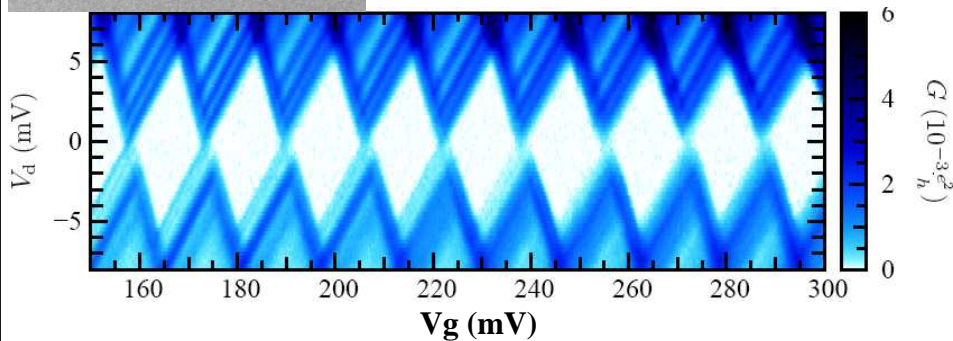
$$\Delta W = \frac{e}{C_{\Sigma}} \left( -\frac{e}{2} - ne + CV + C_G V_G \right) \geq 0$$

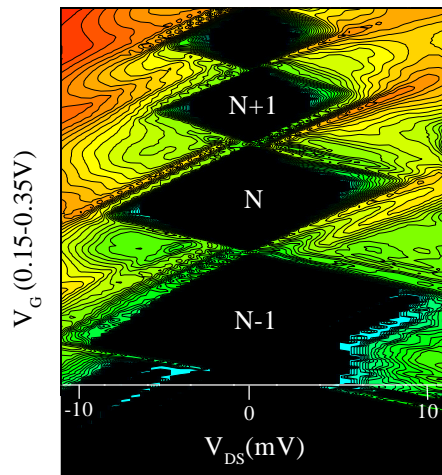


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"A simple and controlled single electron transistor based on doping modulation in silicon nanowires",  
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**(V<sub>g</sub>, V<sub>d</sub>) Stability diagram**





Stability diagram:

Si-MOSFET

gate length

= 100nm

W=400nm

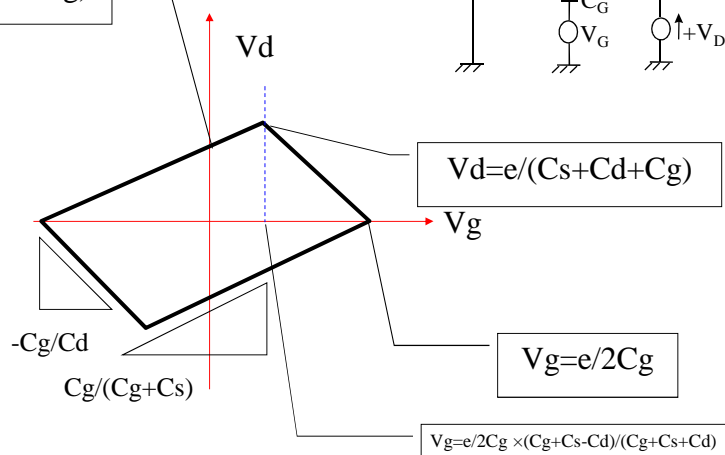
T=0.1 K

$C \cong 80\text{aF}$

$E_C \cong 2\text{meV}$

### SET parameters extraction

$$V_d = e/2(C_s + C_g)$$



-CBO period  $\rightarrow C_g$

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

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

Schema for  $C_g = C_s = C_d$

## Calculation of the currents:

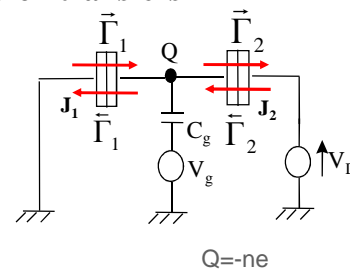
**Hypothesis: stationary case, markovian process ( no history),**

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

**electrostatic problem treated ( outside the electron tranfer, 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  $n$ .



$P_n$  may change:

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

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

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

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

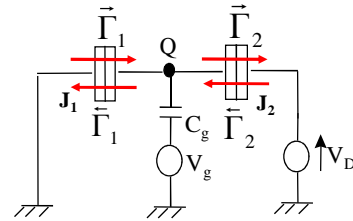
Where  $\bar{\Gamma}_i$  are the electron tunneling rates



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

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

Current conservation



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

$$I = e \Gamma$$

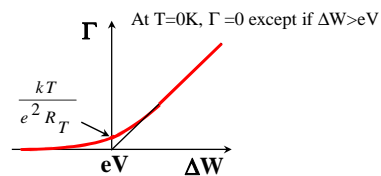
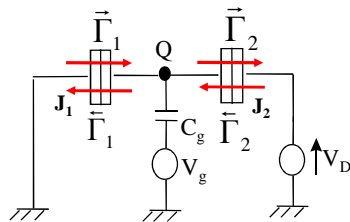
0.16 attoAmp = 1 electron/sec

### 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 ( $R_T \gg R_Q$ ):

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

- $\Delta W$ : drop of electrostatic energy
- $R_T$ : tunneling resistance
- $eV$ : work to be done by the voltage source



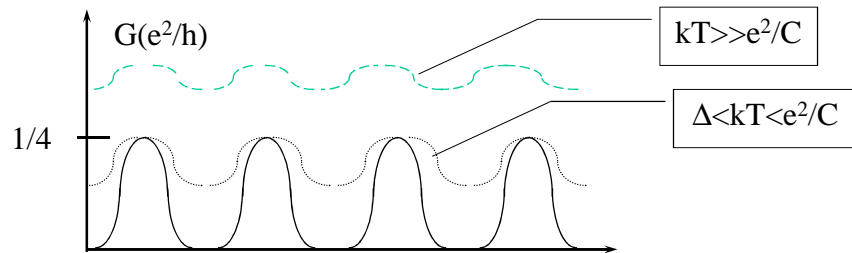
I. Kulik and R. Shekhter 1975, D. Averin and K. Likharev 1985

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

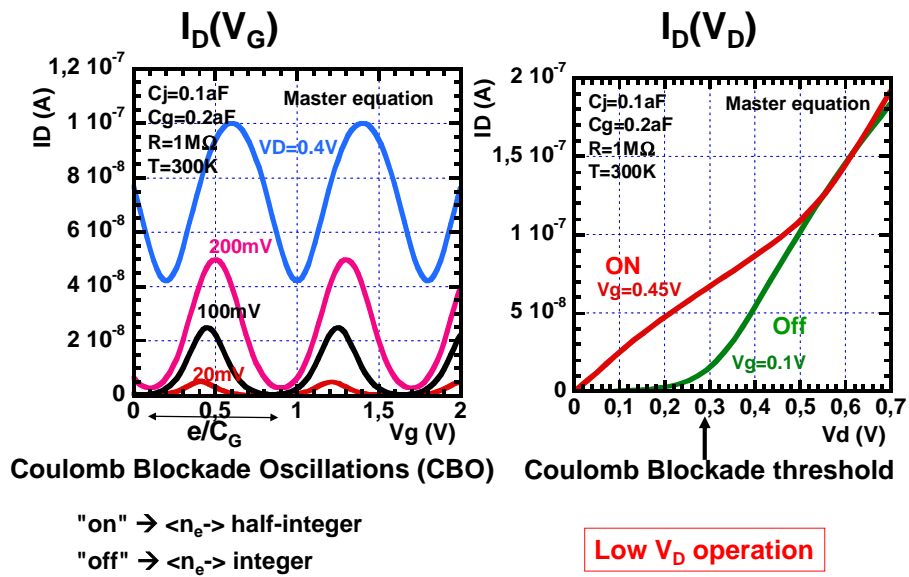
$$G_{\max} = \frac{e^2 \rho}{2} \frac{\Gamma^l \Gamma^r}{\Gamma^l + \Gamma^r} \quad \text{if } \Delta E \ll kT \ll e^2/C,$$

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

(means 2 barriers in series)



### Exemple for a SET working at room temperature



### Complex Coulomb blockade when :

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

General case for a small numbers of electrons

(« artificial atom »)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\Delta$  varies like  $L^{-d}$ ,  $E_c$  varies like  $L^{-1}$

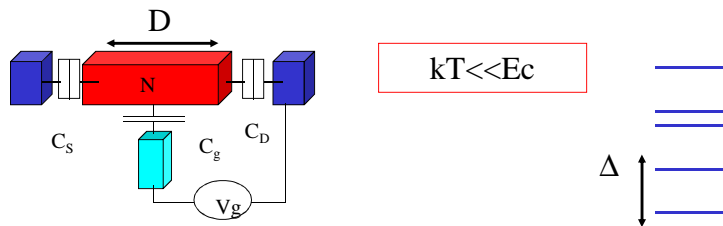
Large  
( $e^2/C$ ) means small size

small size + semiconductors  
means large  $\Delta$

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:  $D \approx 1-2\text{nm}$**



$$kT \ll E_c$$

- Size of the box  $\gg \lambda_F$  : many electrons in the box
- $E_c = e^2 / 2(C_g + C_s + C_d) \gg \Delta$  mean level spacing due to confinement
- Decrease of the size:

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

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

$$D \approx \lambda_F$$

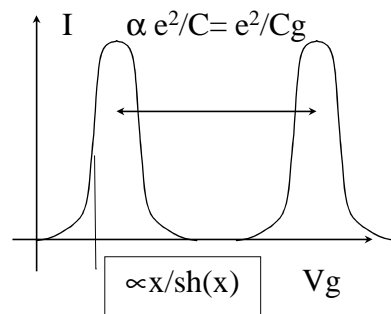
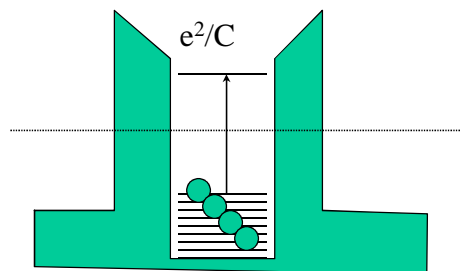
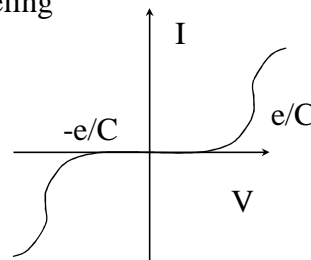
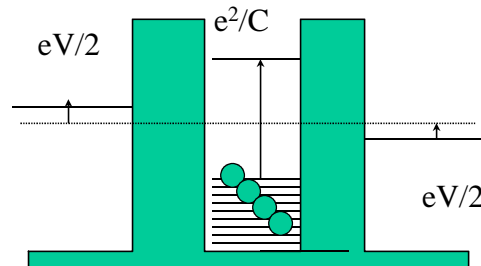
How robust are charging and quantum effects at room temperature ?

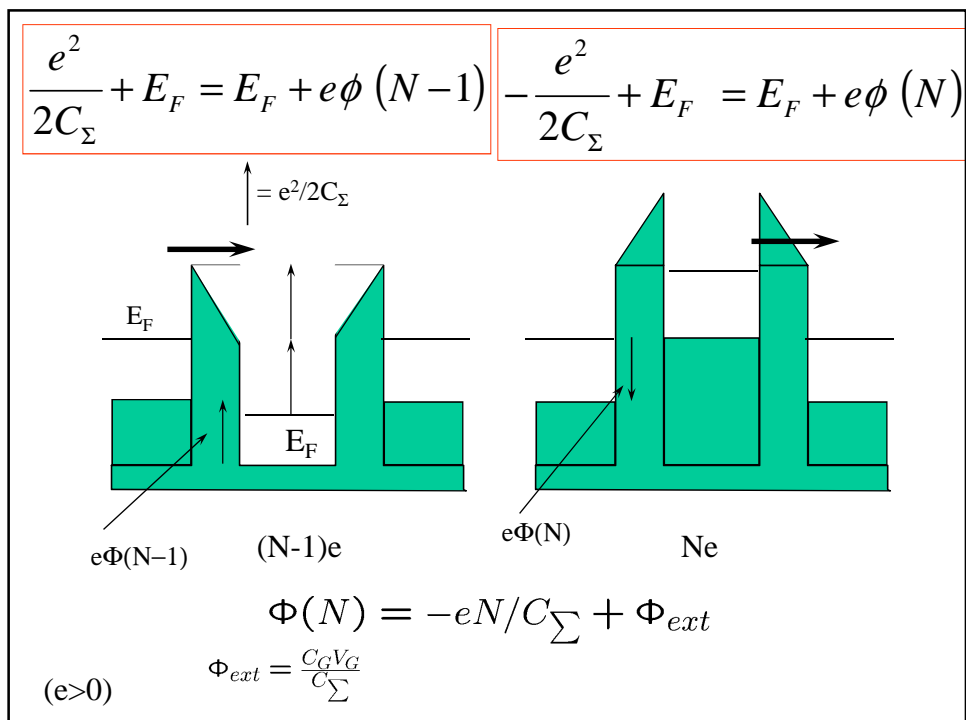
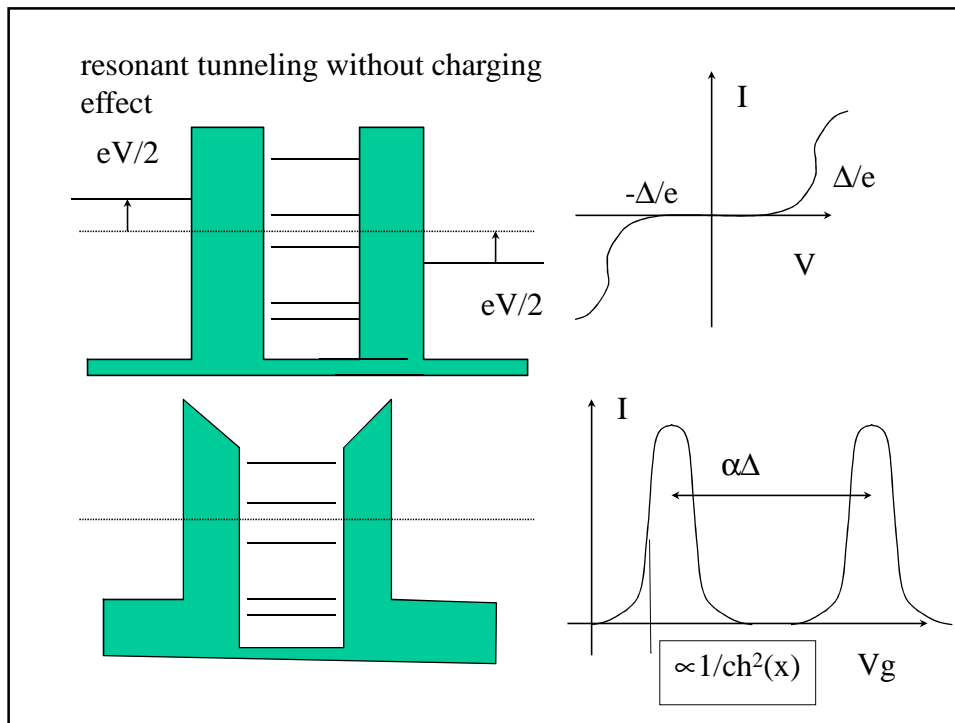
$e^2/2C$  (charge effect) and  $\Delta$  (resonant tunneling) (much) larger than  $k_B T = 25 \text{ meV}$  at  $T = 300 \text{ K}$

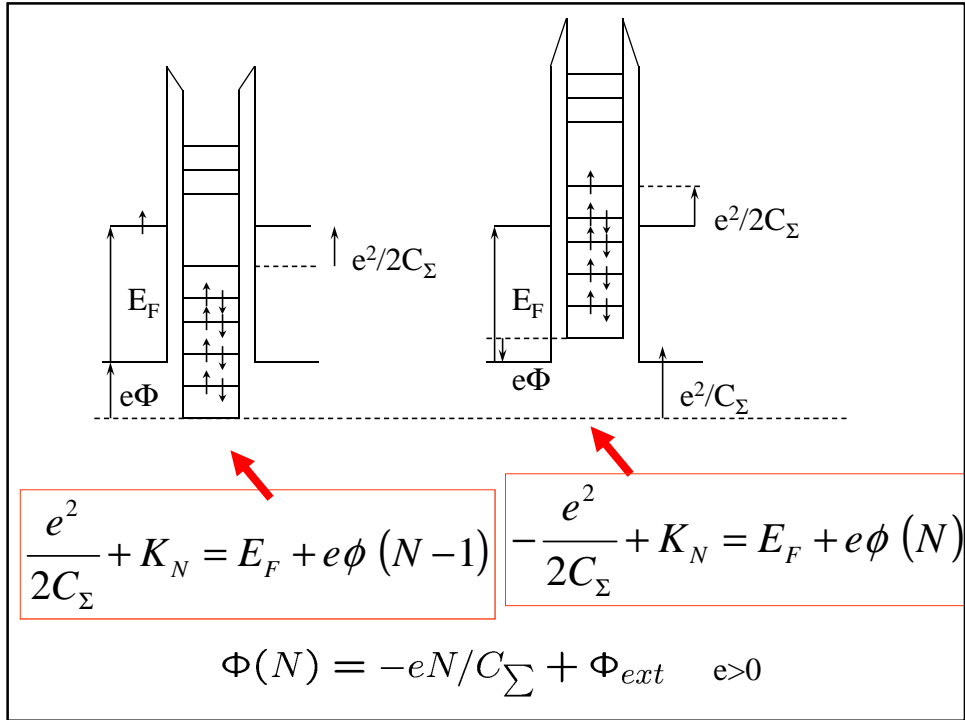
Also larger than  $eV_d$  : small  $V_d$ , small current (eventually high current density)

Should be verified for 2-5 nm size

charging effect without resonant tunneling







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

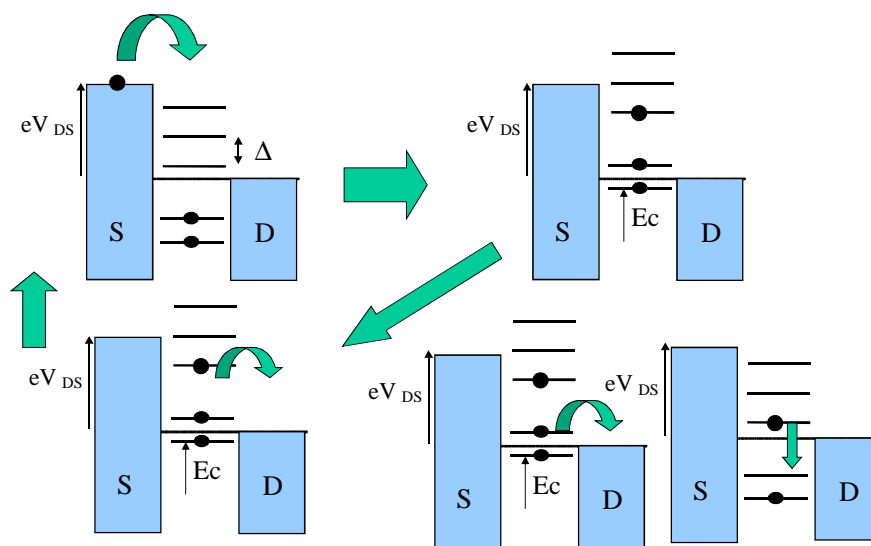
$$E(N) - E(N-1) = E_F - K_N$$

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

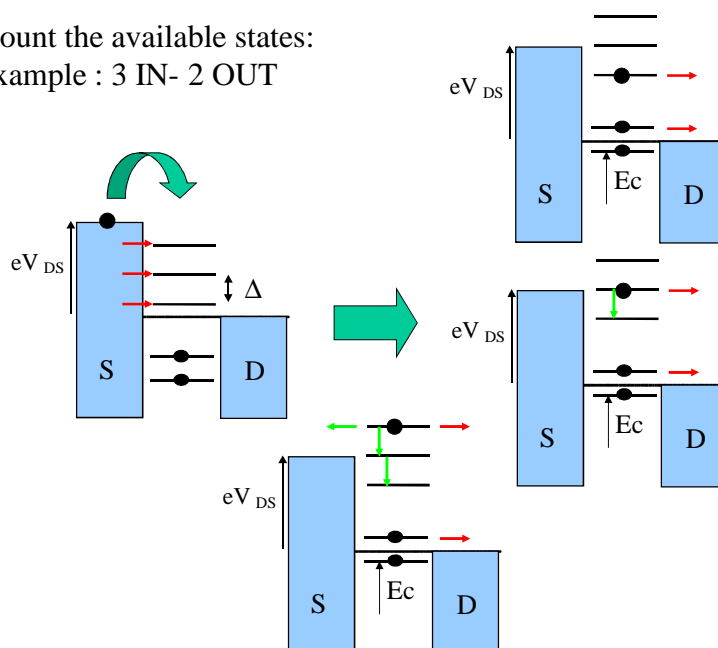
Hypothesis:  $E_F$  does not vary with  $\phi_{ext}$

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

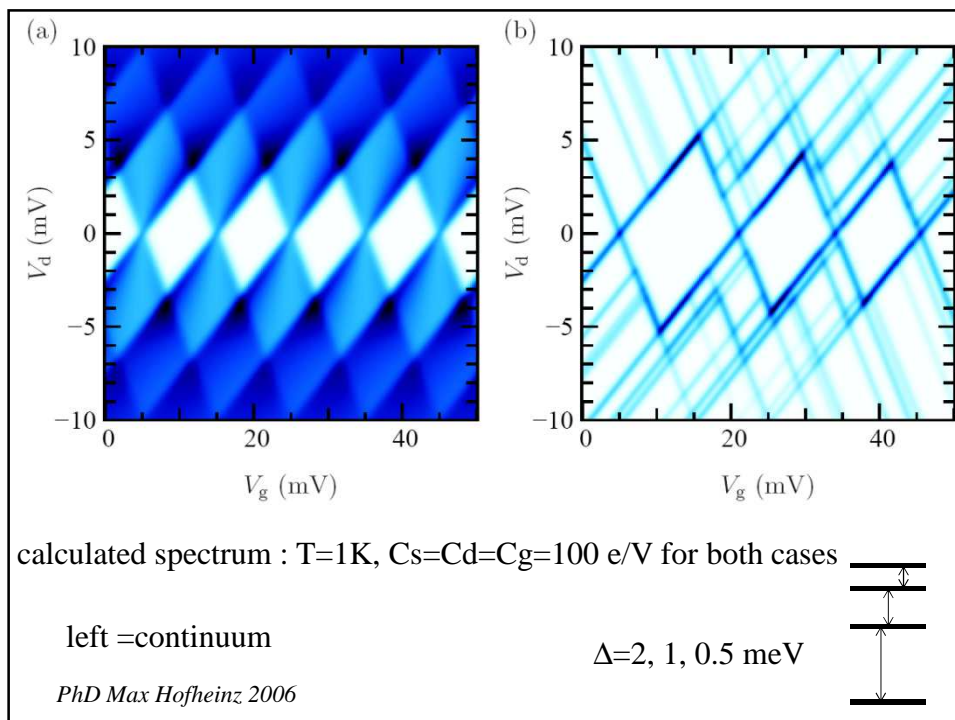
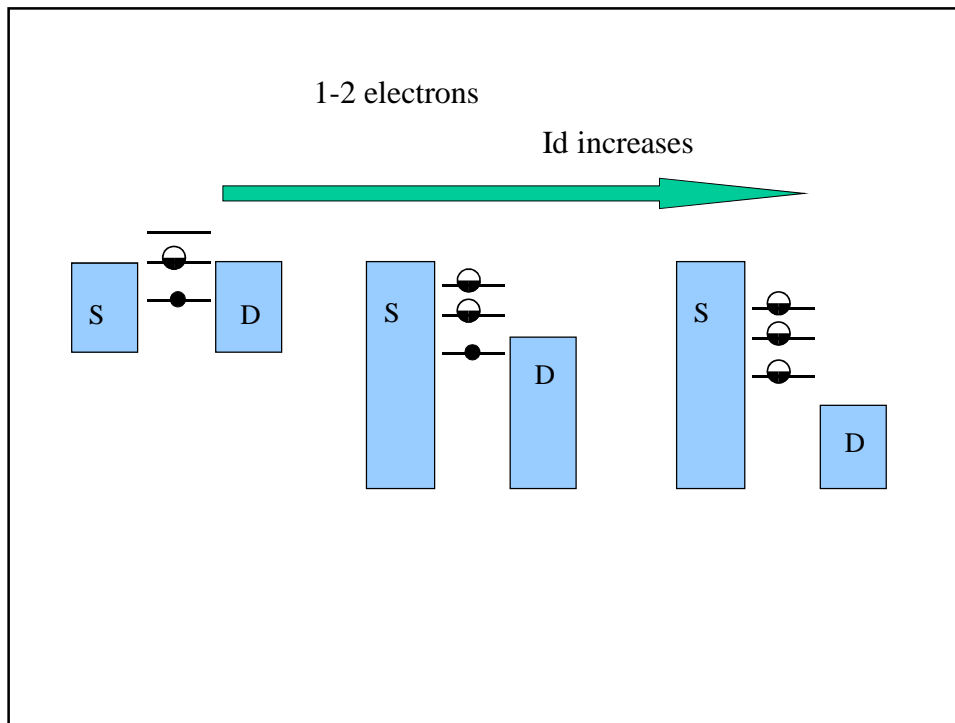
Some effects of finite  $\Delta$  ( at finite bias)



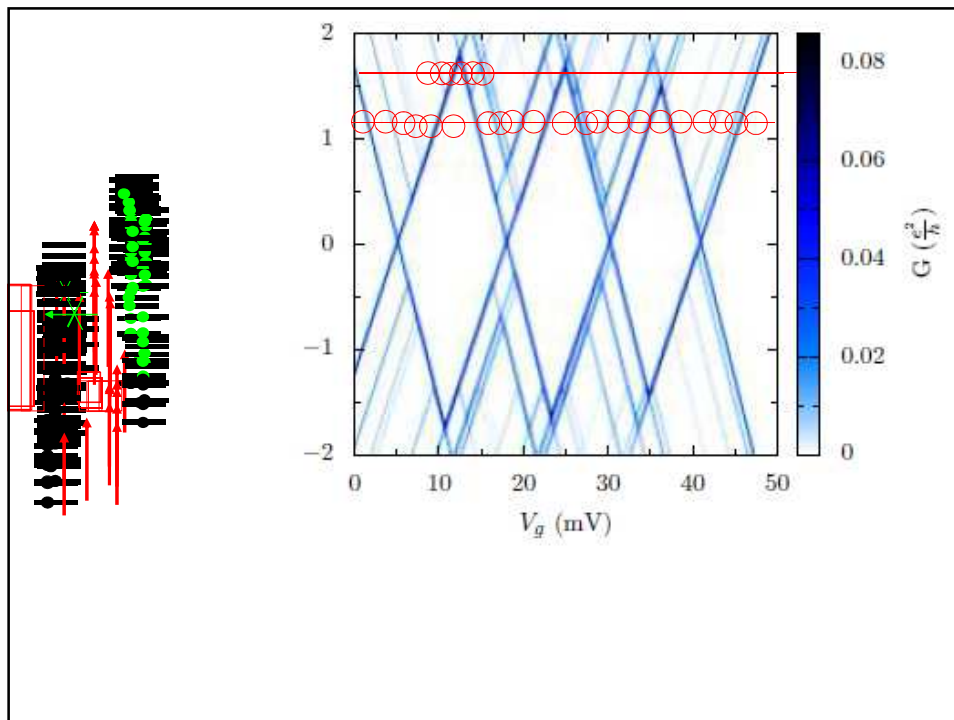
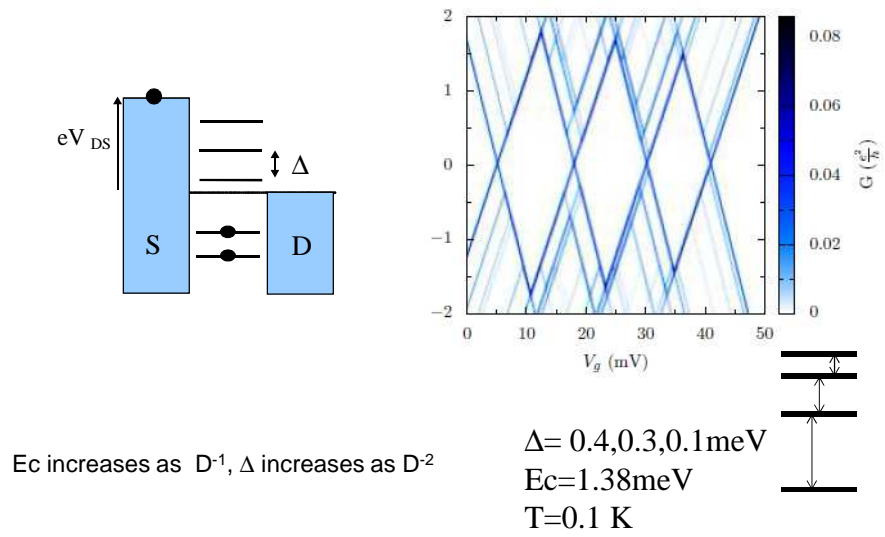
Count the available states:  
example : 3 IN- 2 OUT



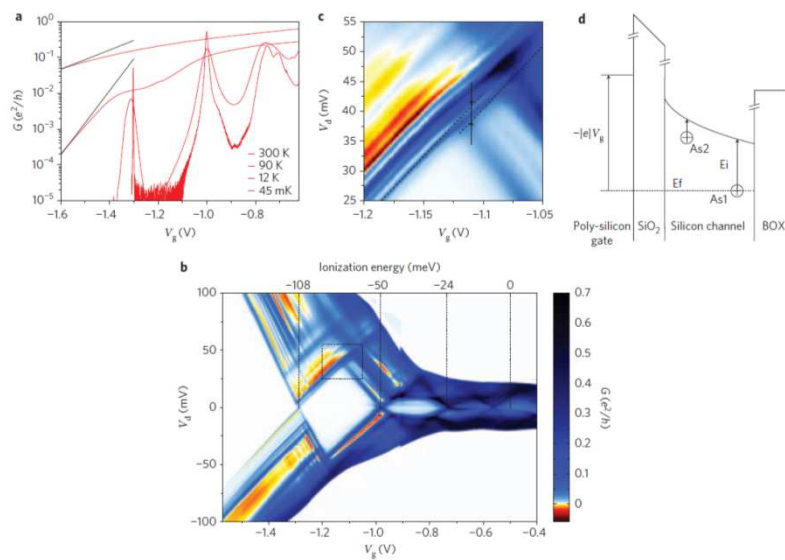




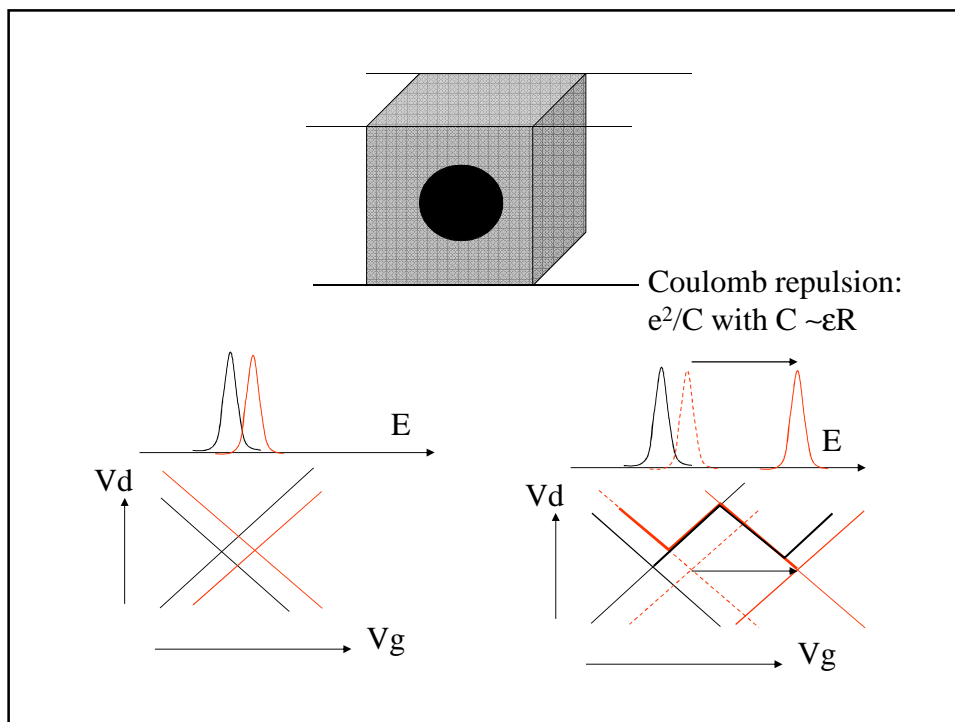
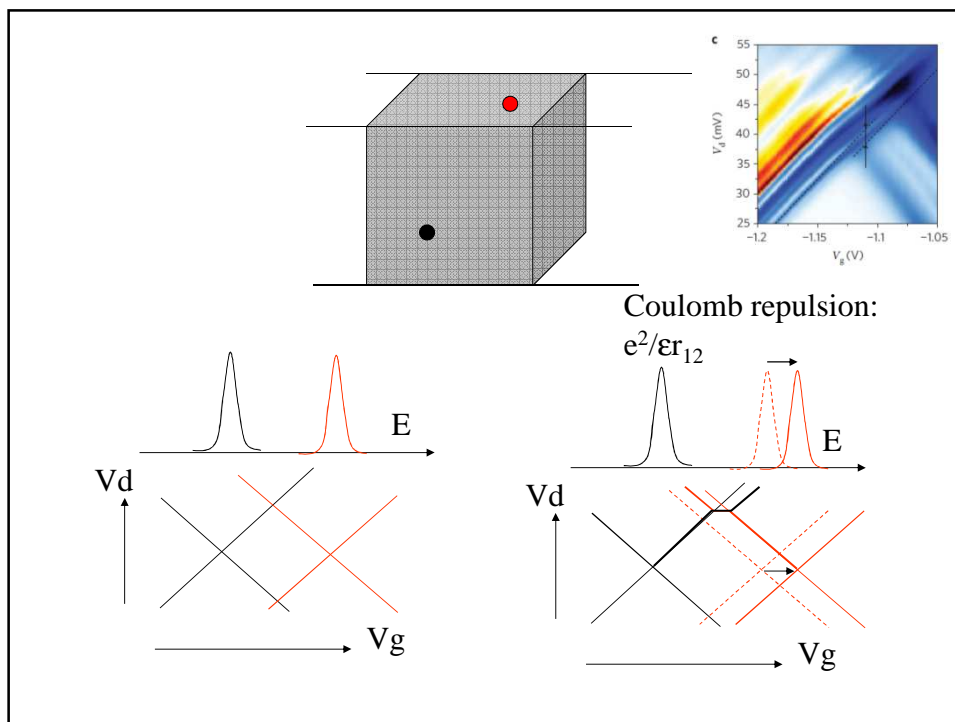
Excitation spectrum of the dot



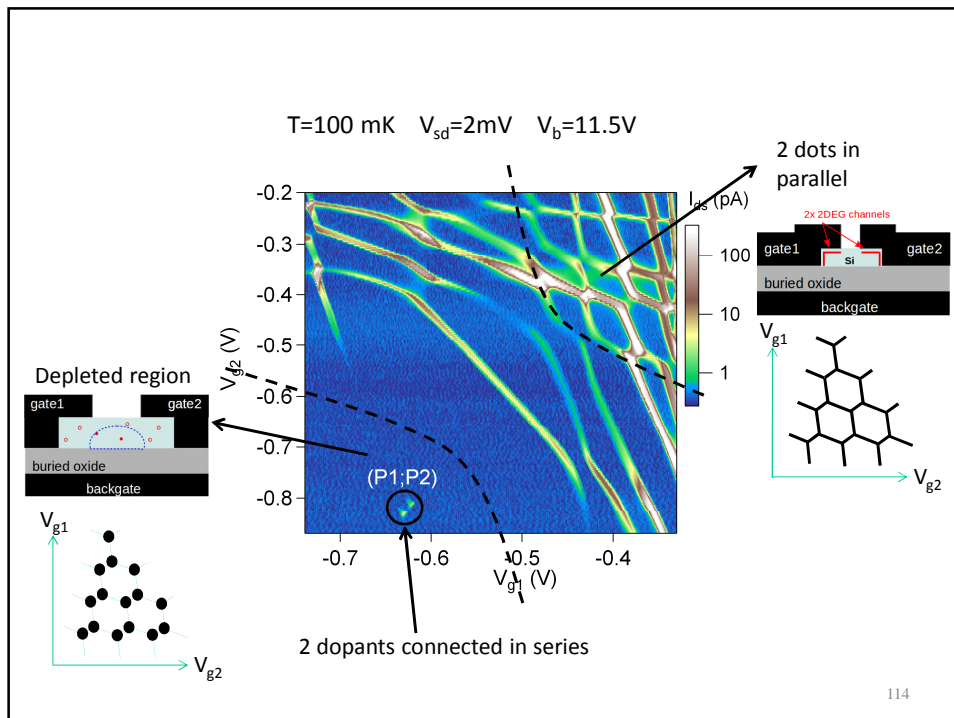
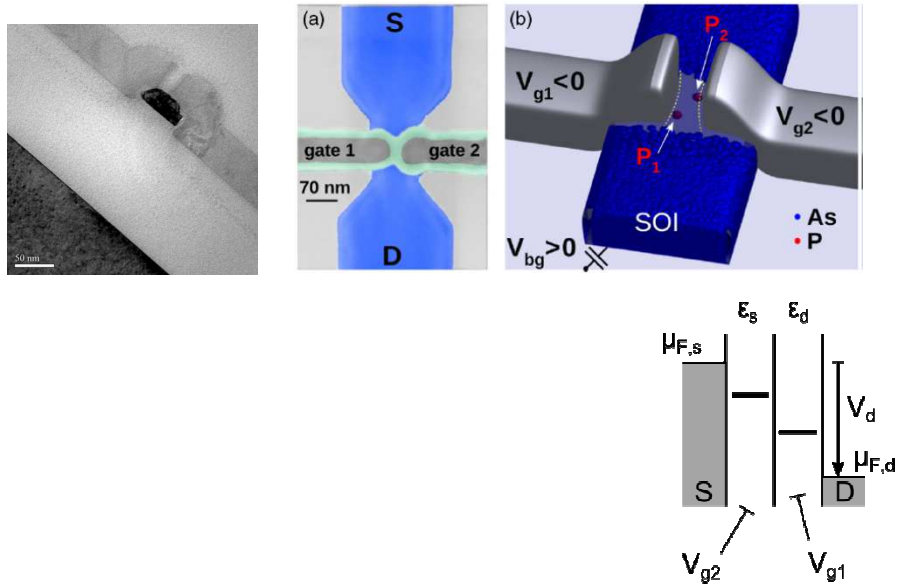
## Coupled dopants: electron Coulomb repulsion



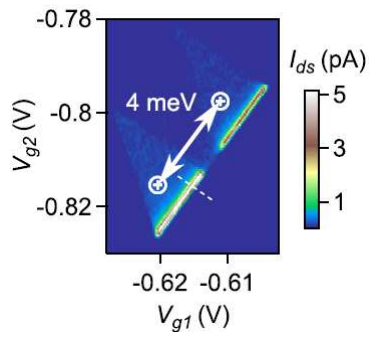
M. Pierre *et al.*, Nat. Nanotechnol. **3**, 10.1038, (2009)



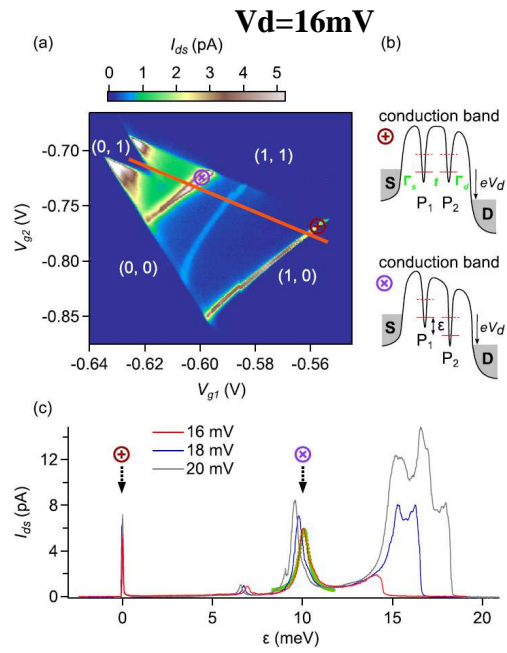
# The coupled atom transistor ( B. Roche et al. PRL2012)



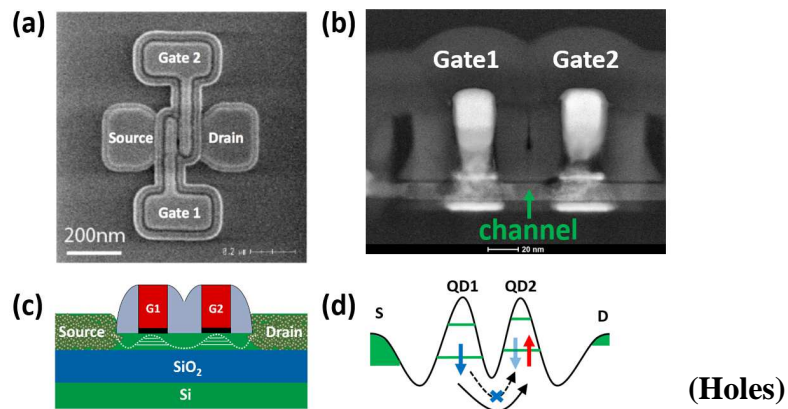
# **Finite bias triangles** *Roche et al PRL 2012*

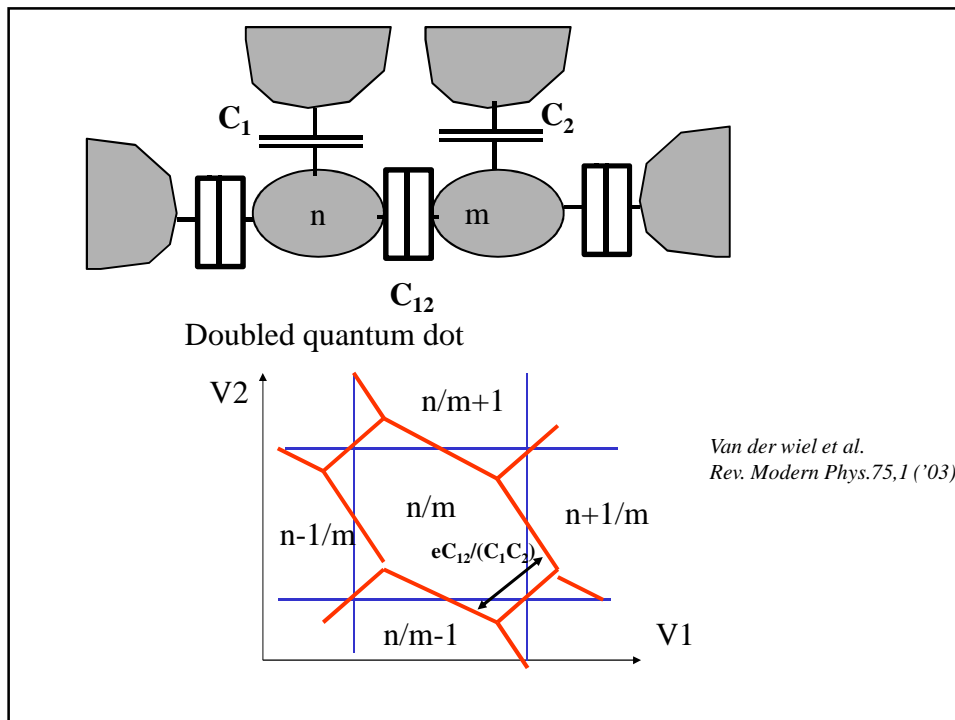


**$V_d = 3\text{ mV}$**

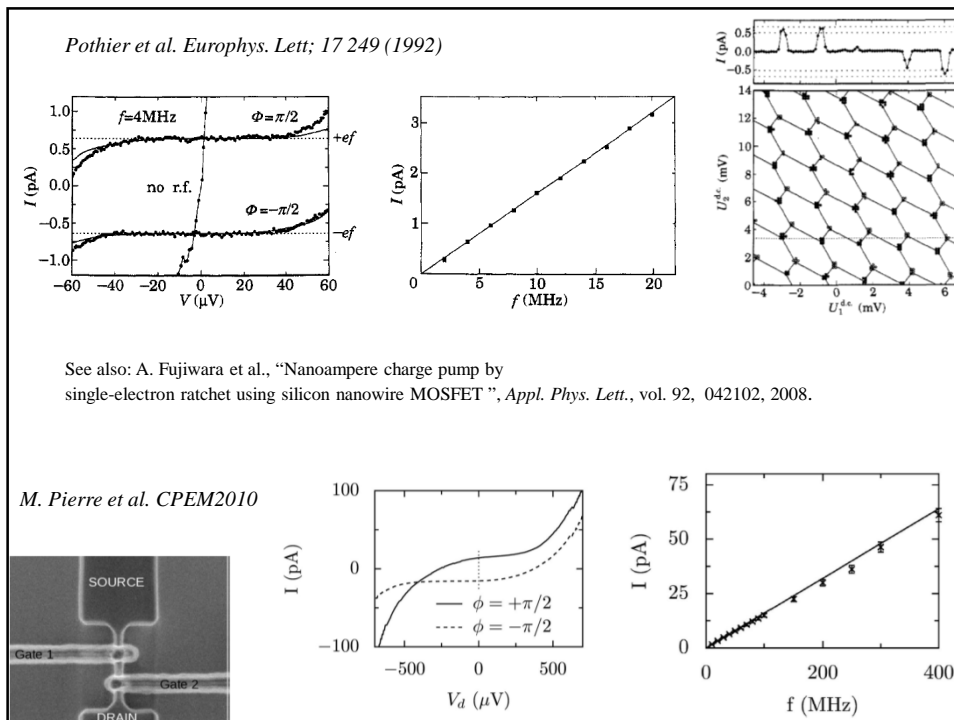
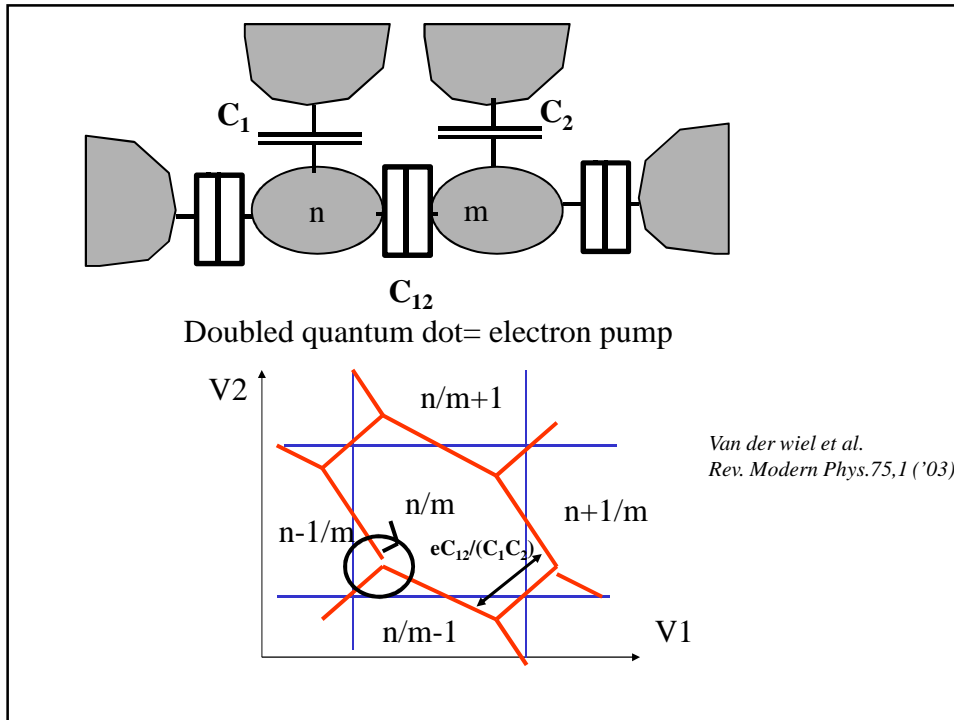


## **Coupled quantum dots**





Double dots & their applications as pumps

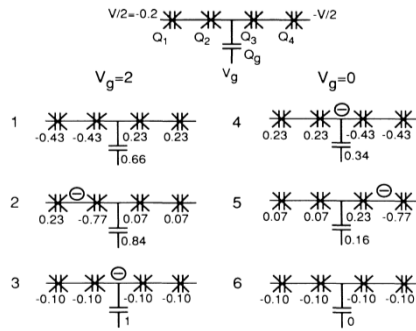




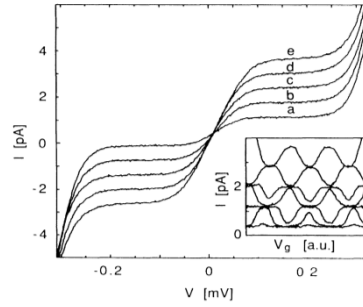
« electron turnstile », ( non stochastic) current given  
by the frequency :

$$I = ef$$

$f=4,8,12,16,20$  Mhz

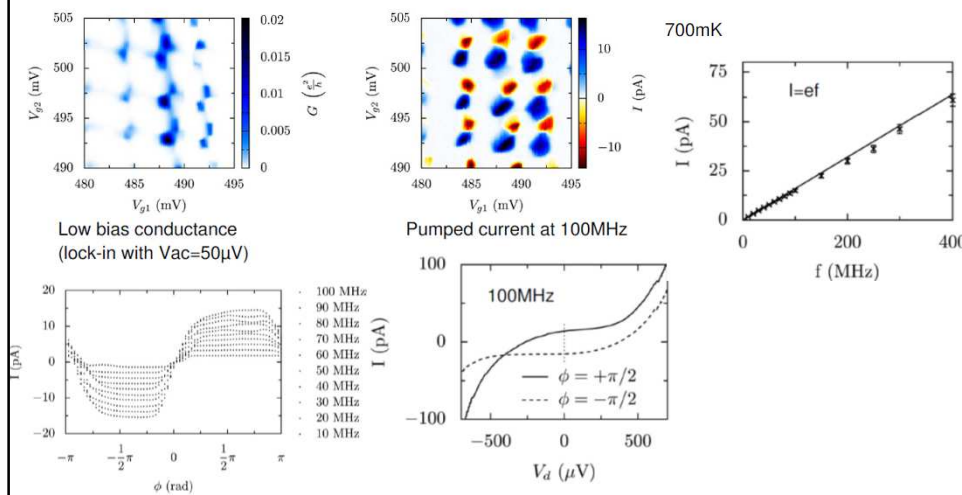


Pothier et al. 1991



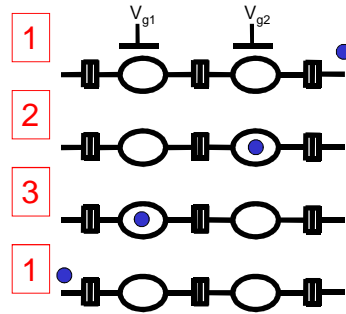
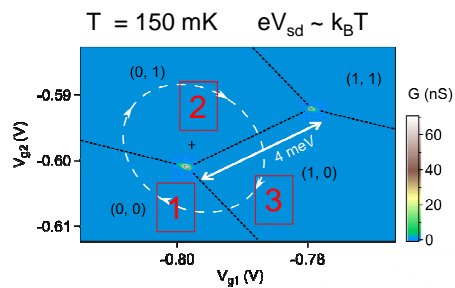
electron pump ( see later on)

M. Pierre et al. CPME2010



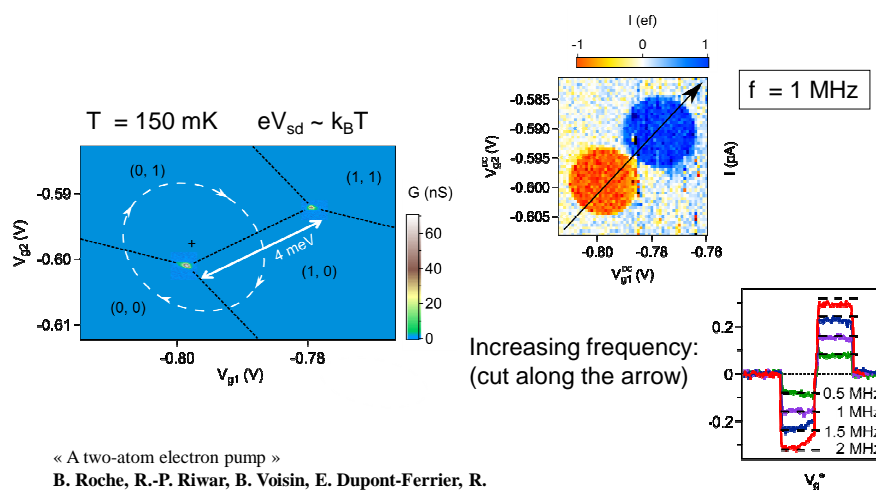
## Electron pumping ( $V_{sd} = 0$ )

If one electron is transferred each period:  $I_{ds} = ef$   
(= 0,16 pA / MHz)



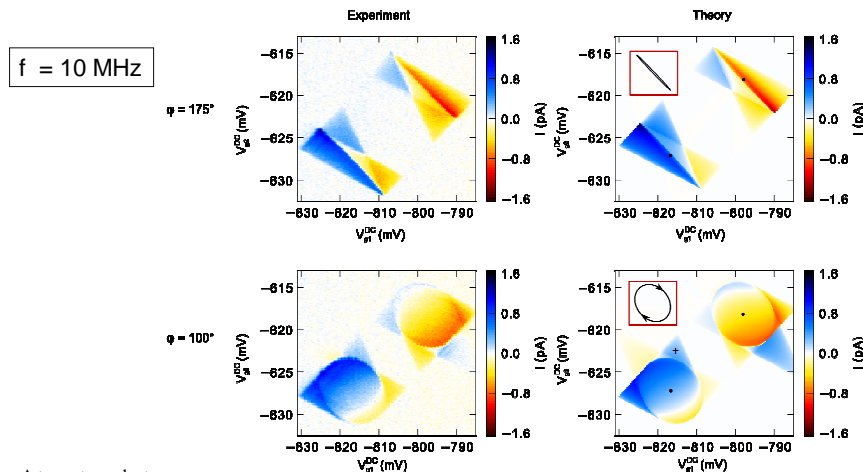
Pothier et al.  
Europhysics Letters **17**, 249 (1992)

## Electron pumping – adiabatic regime



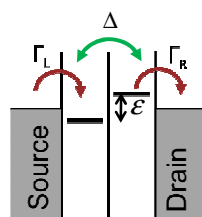
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*Nature Communications* 2013

# Electron pumping – nonadiabatic regime



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## Model



$$\begin{aligned} \Delta/h &= 1.2 \text{ GHz} \\ \Gamma_L &= 20 \text{ MHz} \\ \Gamma_R &= 700 \text{ MHz} \end{aligned}$$

- Master equation:

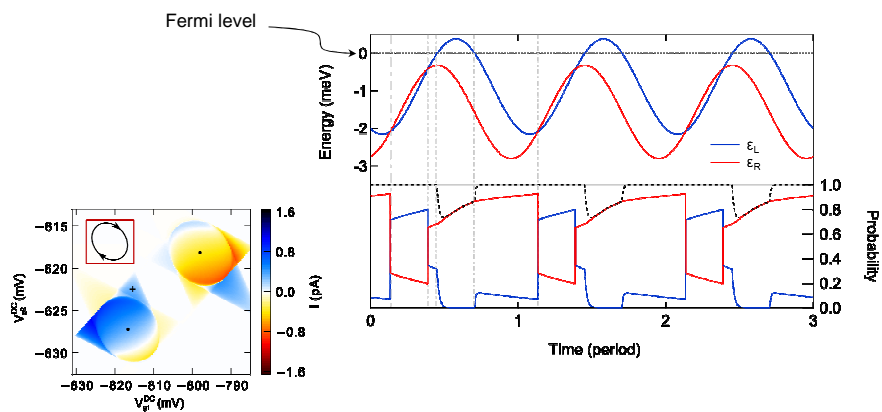
$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{W}(t) \cdot \mathbf{P}(t)$$

- When the levels cross  
 $\rightarrow$  Landau-Zener transition

Probability for the electron to hop on the other donor:

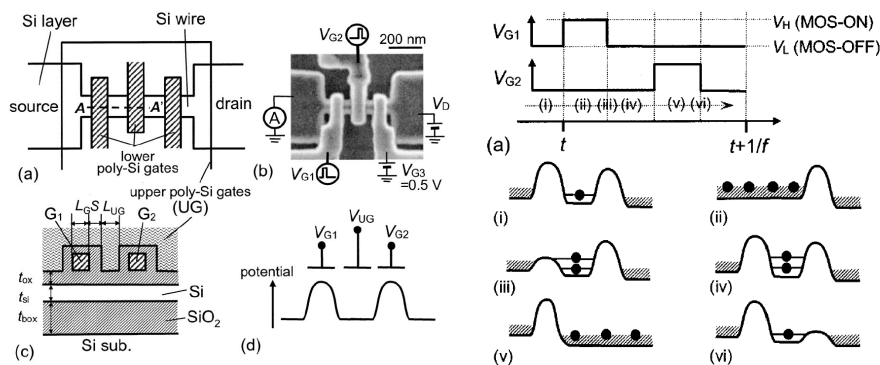
$$P_{LZ} = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi \Delta^2}{2 \hbar v}\right) ; \quad v = \frac{d\epsilon}{dt}$$

# Levels & probabilities during pumping



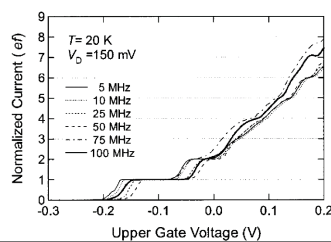
## CB vs CCD electron pump

Fujiwara et al. APL2004

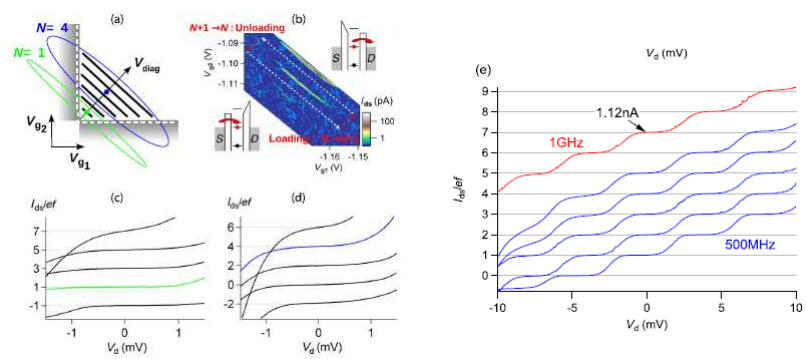
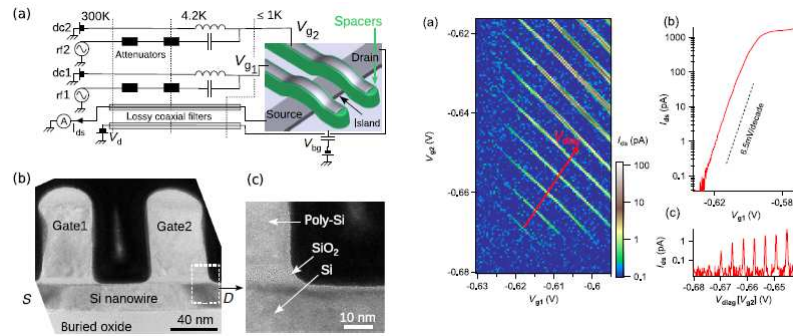


$$I = Nef$$

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



Hybrid Metal-Semiconductor Electron Pump for Quantum Metrology



## Silicon quantum bits

### Quantum Logic

Ordinary computer with binary logic:

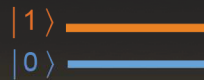
Classical bit: 0,1

N-bit state: defined by a **single combination of N bits** (e.g. 01001...01)



Quantum computer with two-level qubits:

Quantum bit:  $|\psi\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$



2-qubit state:  $|\psi\rangle = a|00\rangle + b|10\rangle + c|01\rangle + d|11\rangle$

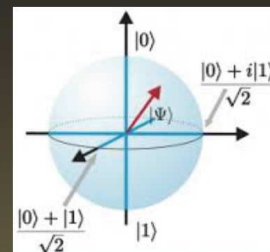
3-qubit state:  $|\psi\rangle = a|000\rangle + b|100\rangle + c|010\rangle + \dots$

....

N-qubit state defined by  $2^N$  complex numbers!



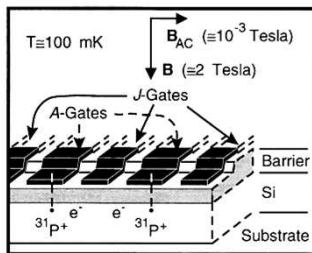
**Naturally built-in parallelism**



$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

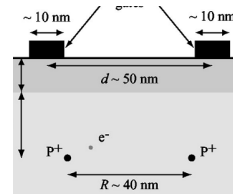
## Silicon Spin qubit

### Spin qubit

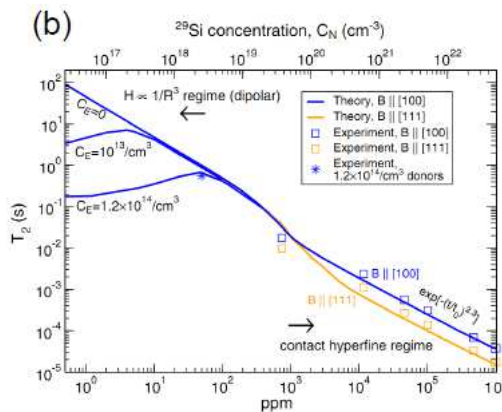


B. E. Kane, *Nature* 393, 133 (1998)

### Charge qubit



**Advantage of silicon: few nuclear spins/  
isotopic purification= « spin vacuum »**



**Electron spin on donor  
in isotopically pure Si**

Witzel et al. *PRL* 105 187602 (2010)

**Nuclear spin on donor P:  $T_{2N}=192s$  @  $T=1,8K$  in  $^{28}Si:P$  ( $5 \cdot 10^{11}cm^{-3}$ )**  
*Science* 336, 1280 Muhonen et al., arXiv:1402.7140

**$T_{2e}^*=0,12ms$   $T_{2e}=28ms$  electron spin on quantum dot in  $^{28}Si$**   
**( $T_{2e}=40\mu s$  ,  $T_{2e}^*=1\mu s$  in QuDot  $^{nat}SiGe$ )**

Veldhorst et al., *Nature Nano.* 2014  
arXiv: 1407.1950

## Setup for isotopes separation at LLC „Electro-Chemical Plant“ (ECP) in Zelenogorsk, Krasnoyarsk region (Siberia)



(Courtesy P. Sennikov IChHPS, Nizhny-Novgorod (RF))

Si species	28	29	30
nat	92,23	4,67	3,1
$^{28}\text{Si}$	99,9986	0,00082	0,00058

« Silicon Vacuum »

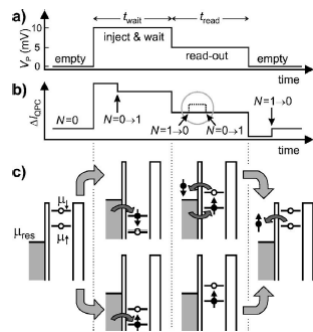
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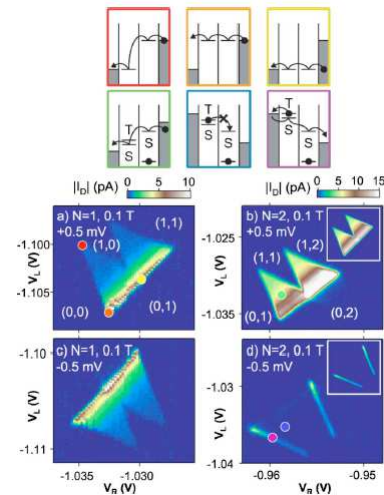
## Pauli spin blockade in Double Quantum Dots

« Spins in few-electron quantum dots »

R. Hanson et al Rev. Mod. Phys. **79**, 1217



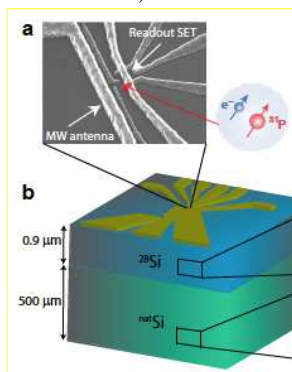
**Detection of single spin  
In QDot**



## Silicon spin qubit (magnetic manipulation)

### Electron bound to $^{31}\text{P}$

Muhonen et al., Nature Nanotechnology **9**, 986 (2014).



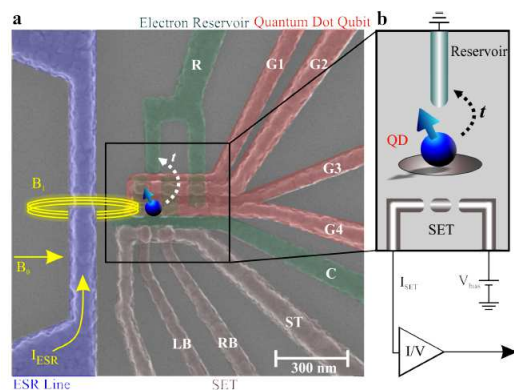
$$T_2^* \sim 270 \mu\text{s}$$

$$T_2^{\text{echo}} \sim 1 \text{ ms}$$

$$T_\pi \sim 150 \text{ ns}$$

### Electron in Quantum Dot

Veldhorst et al., Nature Nanotechnology **9**, 981 (2014).

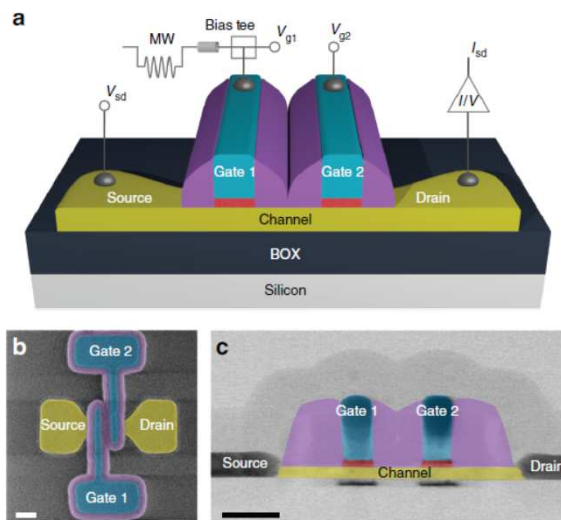
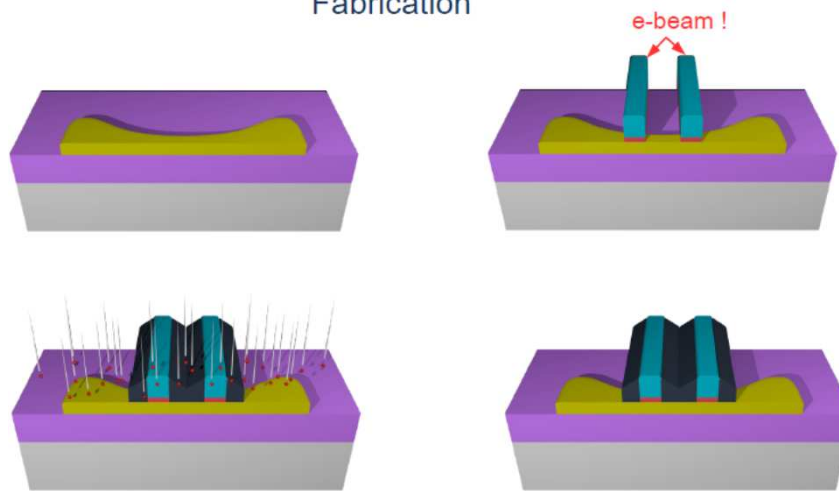


$$T_2^* \sim 120 \mu\text{s}$$

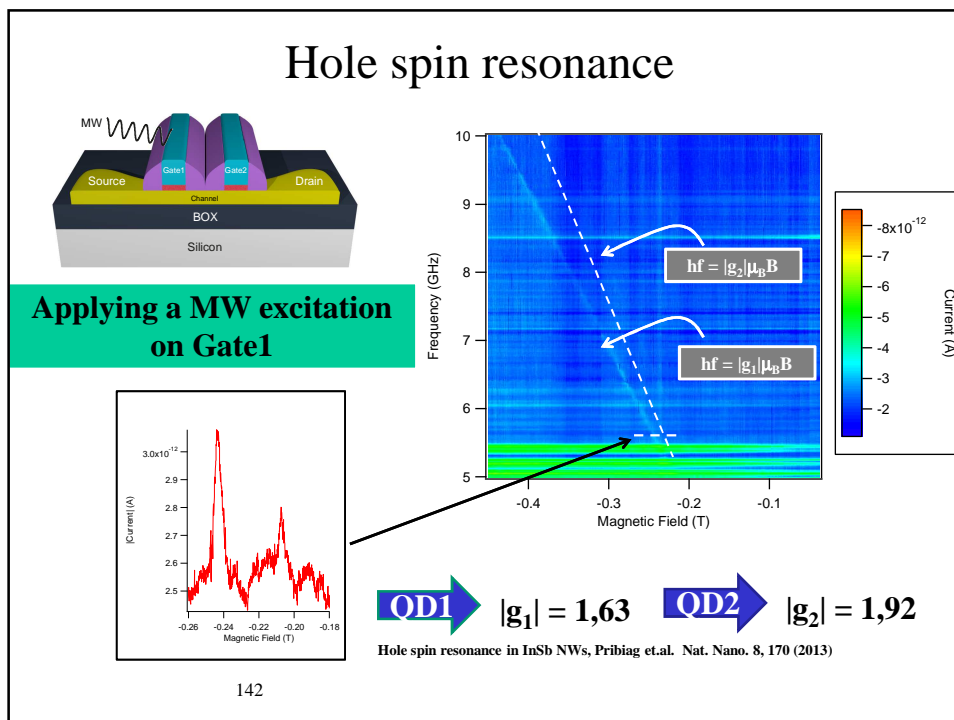
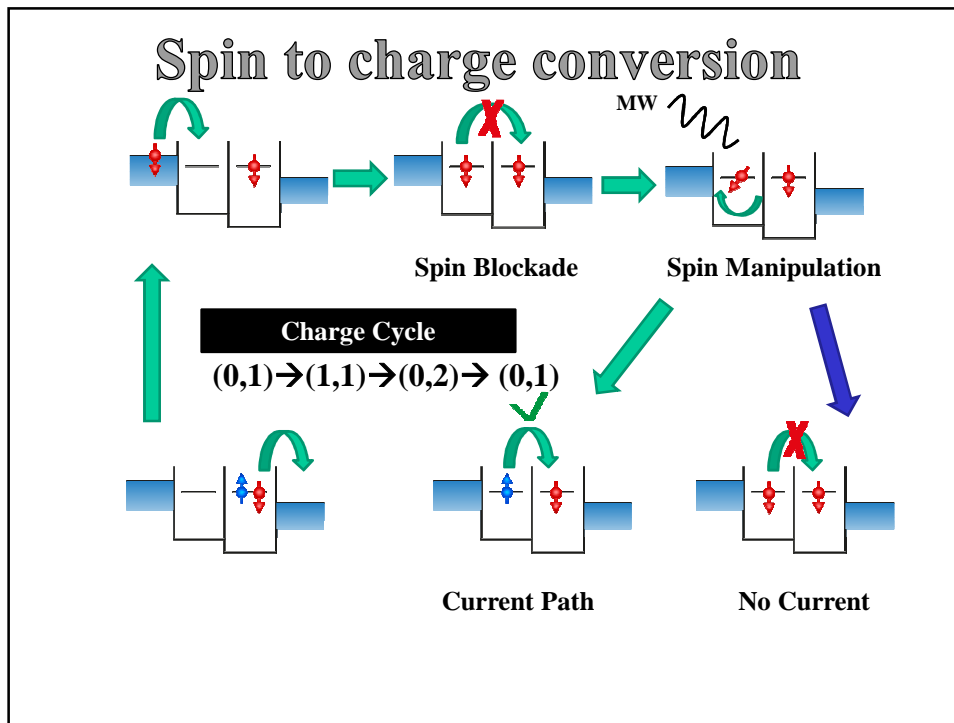
$$T_2^{\text{echo}} \sim 30 \text{ ms}$$

$$T_\pi \sim 1 \mu\text{s}$$

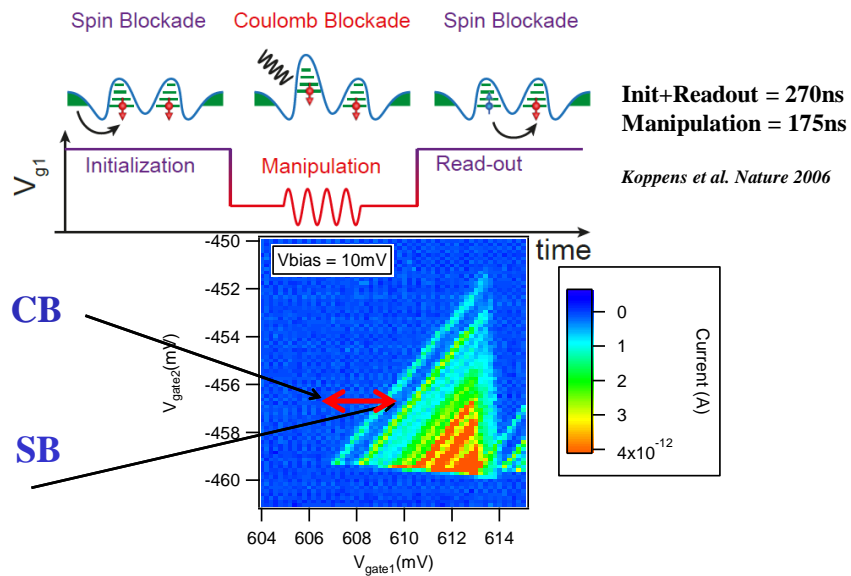
## Fabrication



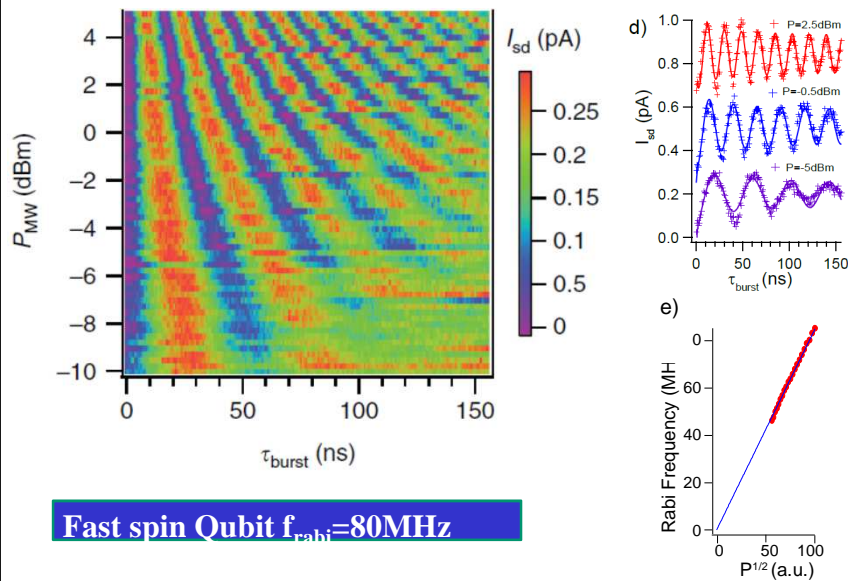
Scale bar 50 nm



## Gate voltage cycle

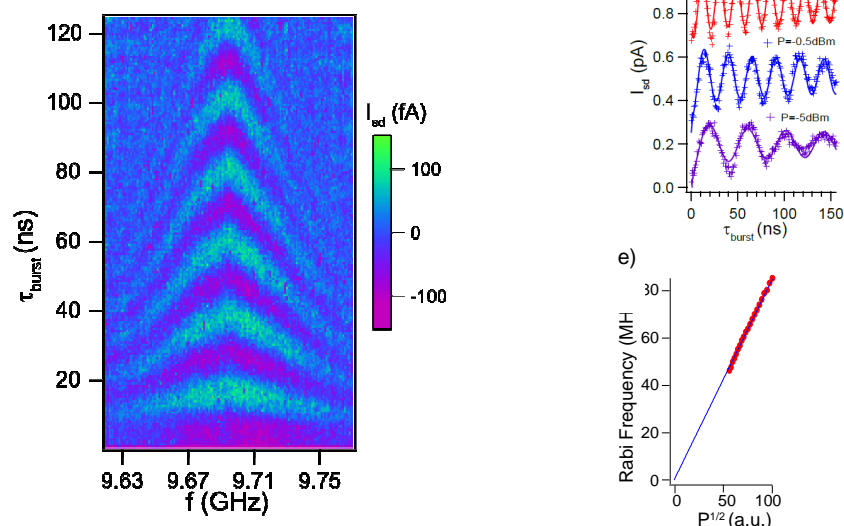


## Rabi oscillations

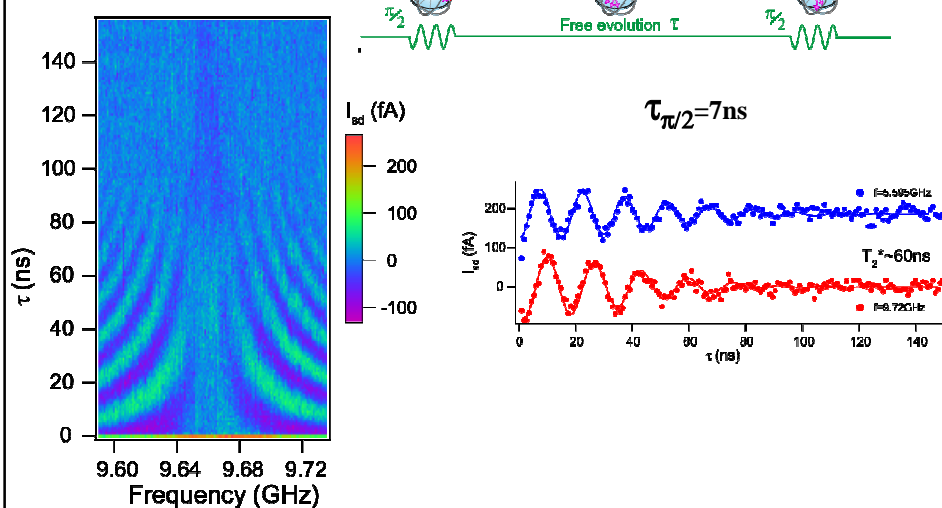


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## Rabi oscillations

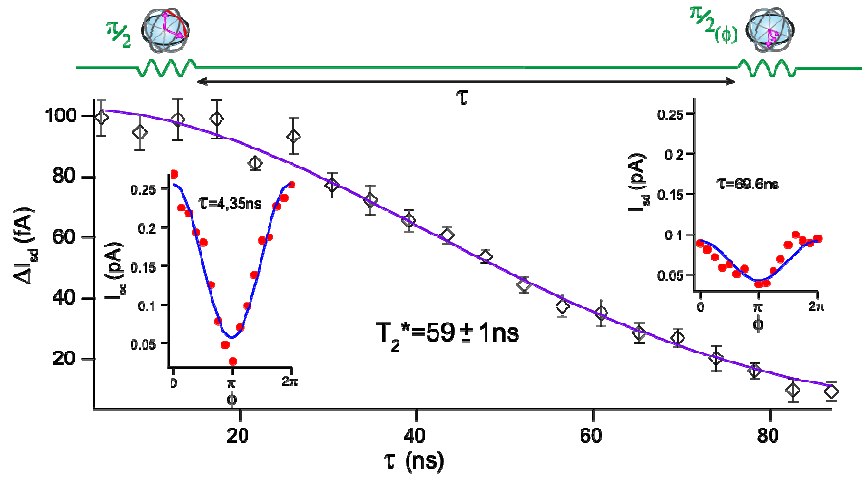


## Ramsey fringes

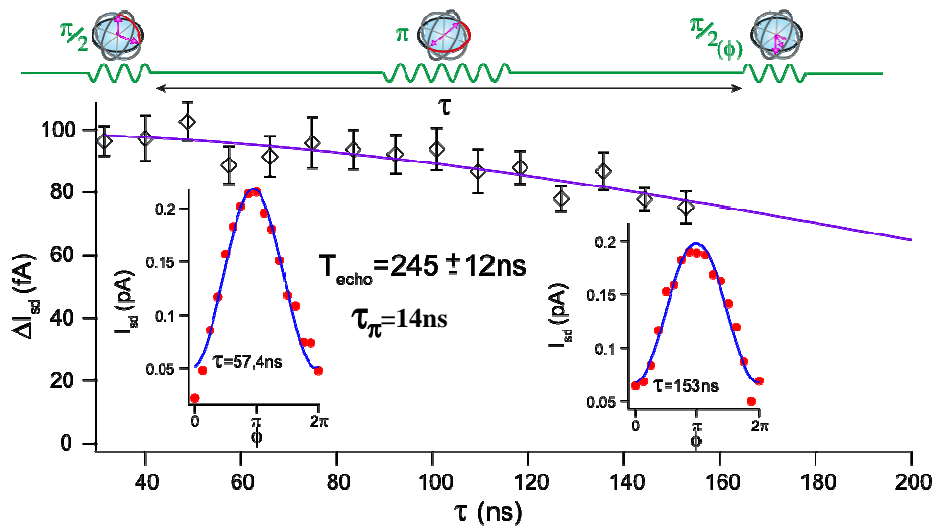


## Ramsey fringes/ phase pulse control

Dephase the two bursts by  $\Phi$



## Hahn Echo Sequence



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