

# How to Build a Quantum Computer (Putting Strangeness to Work)

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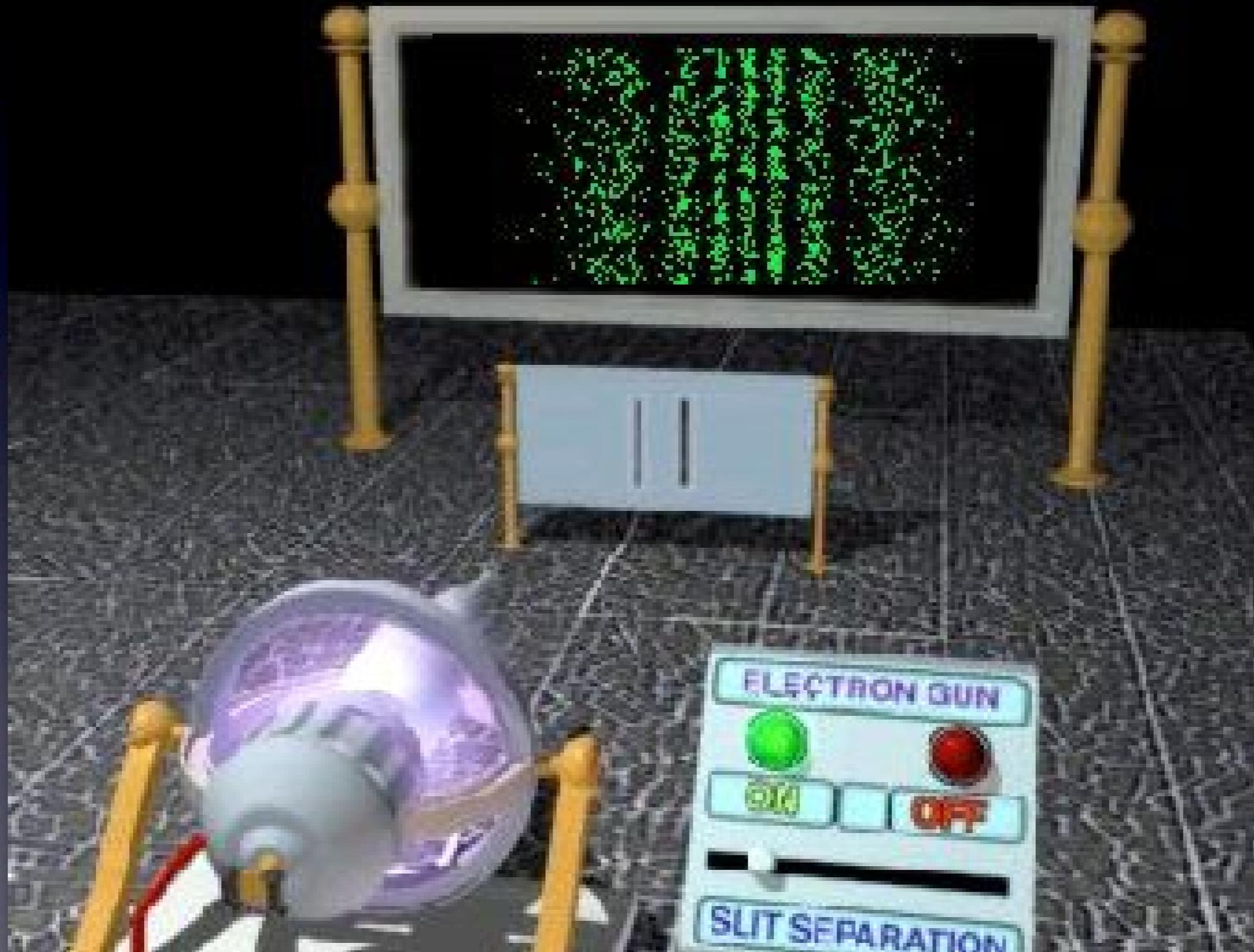
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# Quantum Strangeness I: Superposition – Measurement determines state



notation

$$|\text{switch up}\rangle = |1\rangle = \uparrow$$

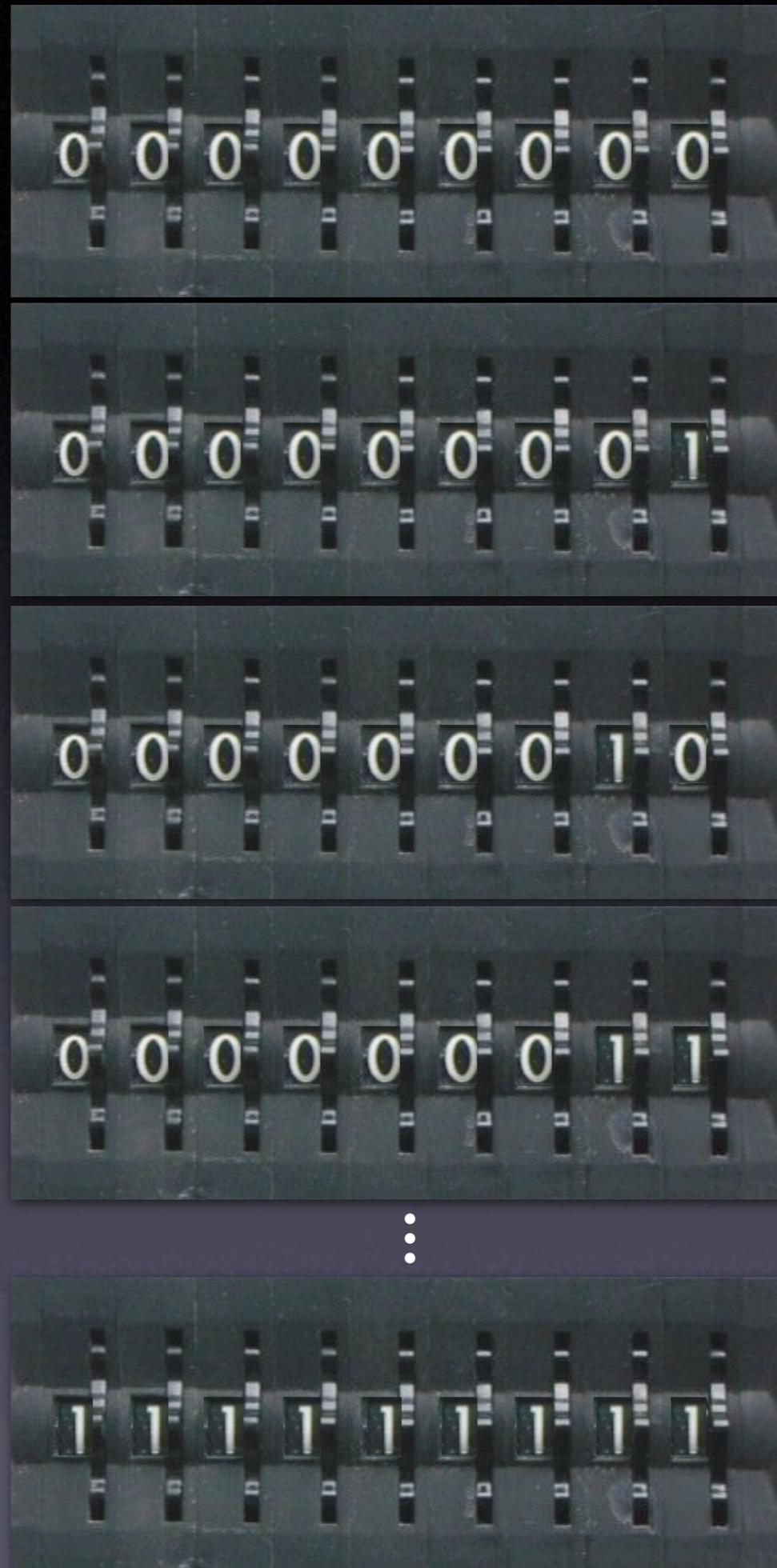
$$|\text{switch down}\rangle = |0\rangle = \downarrow$$

a quantum state:

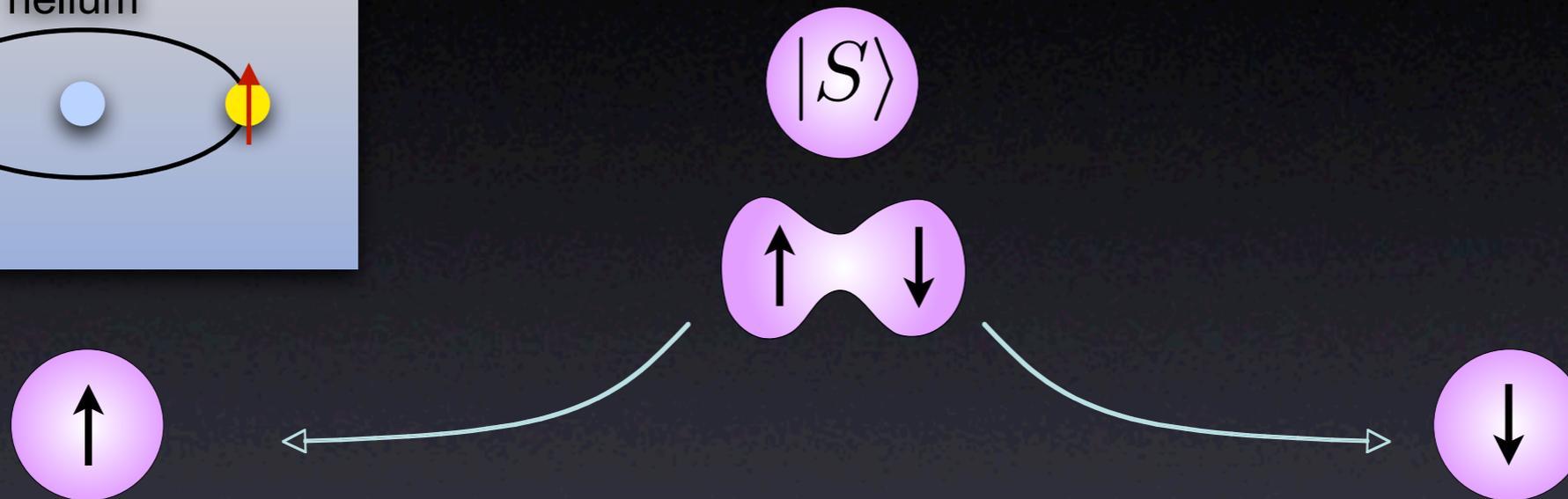
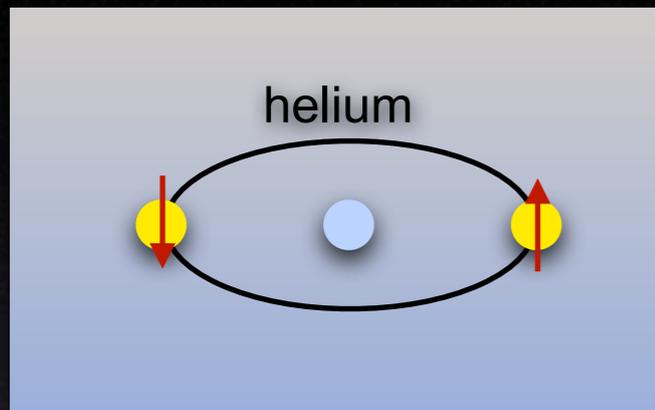
$$\psi = |\text{switch up}\rangle + |\text{switch down}\rangle$$

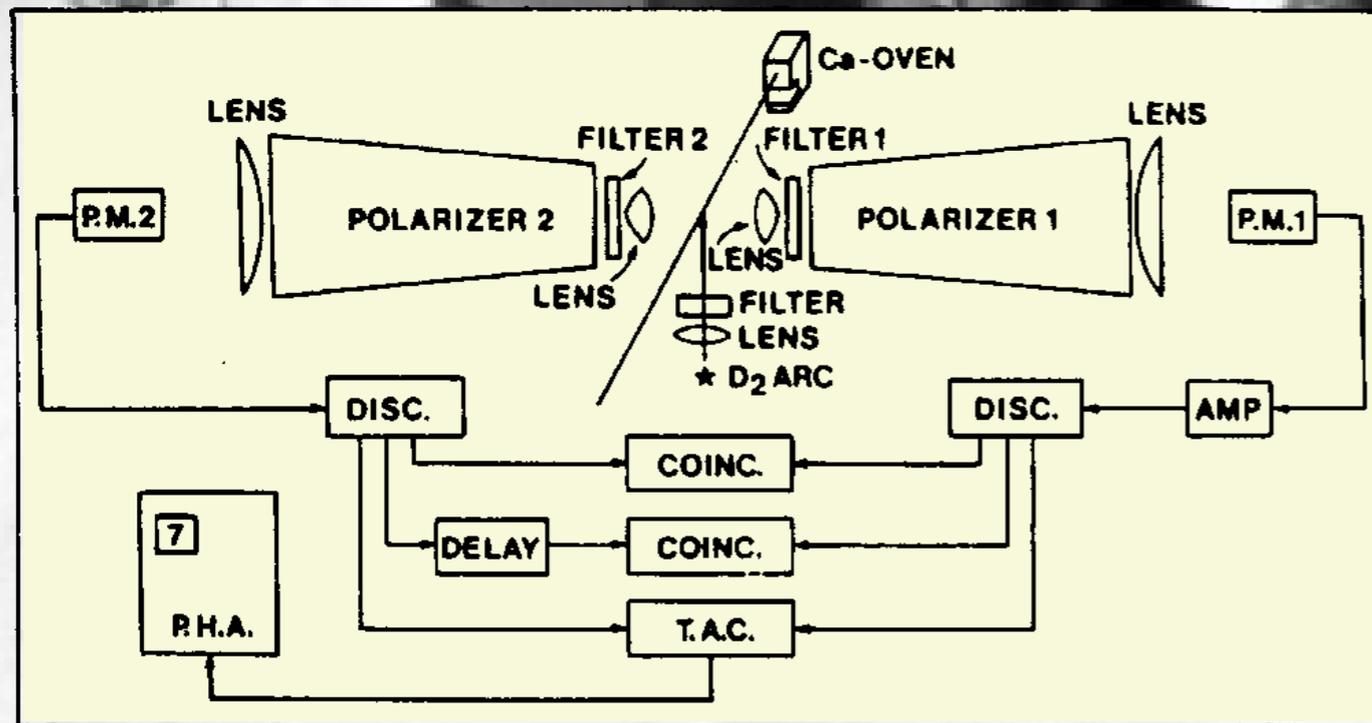
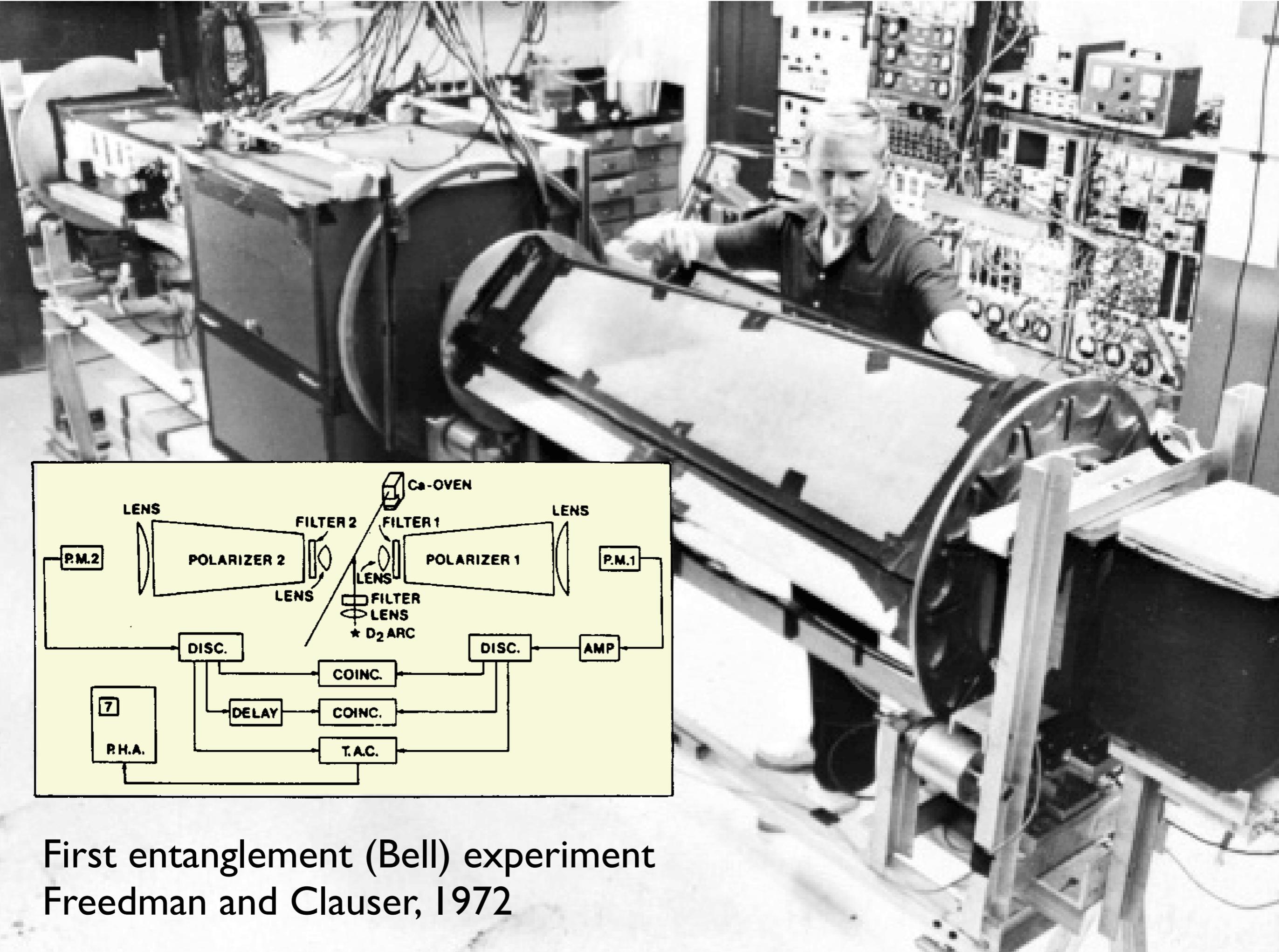
superposition as  
quantum  
parallelism

$$|\psi\rangle =$$



# Quantum Strangeness II: Entanglement – nonlocal correlations





First entanglement (Bell) experiment  
Freedman and Clauser, 1972

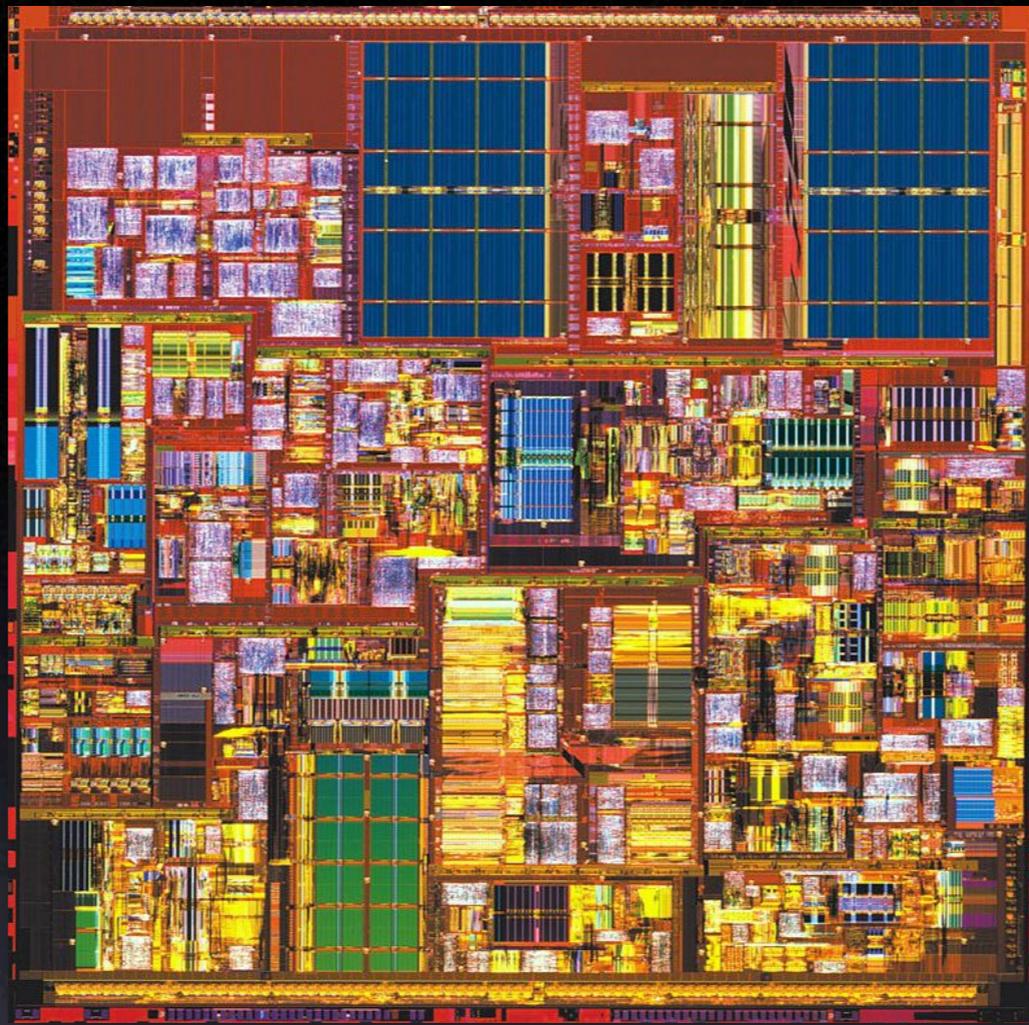


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- E. Schrödinger, 1935 (translated by J. Trimmer)



computer chip

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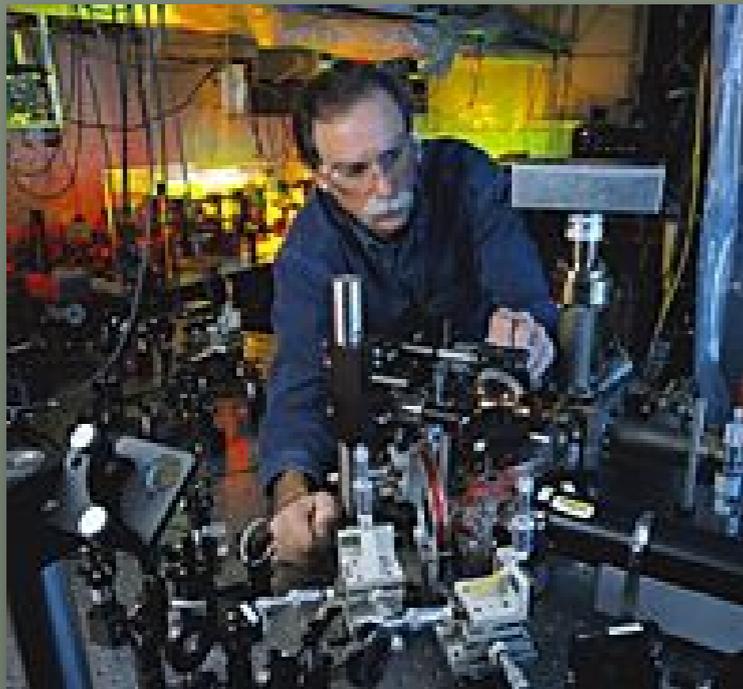
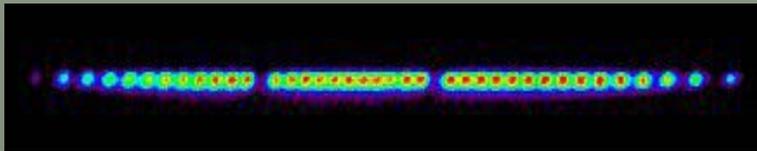
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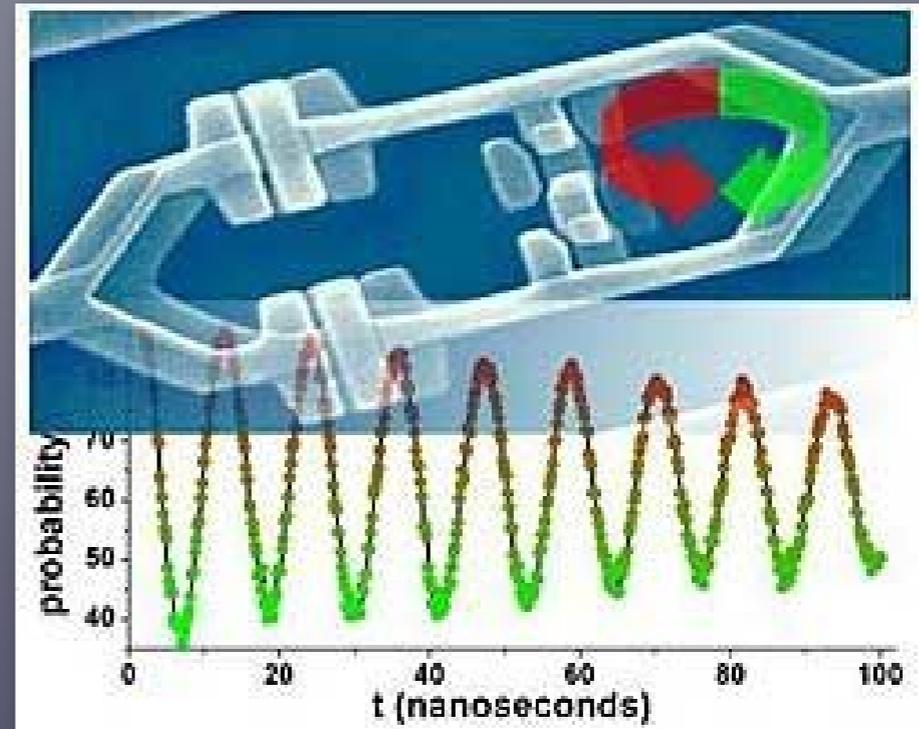
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# conventional qubits approaches

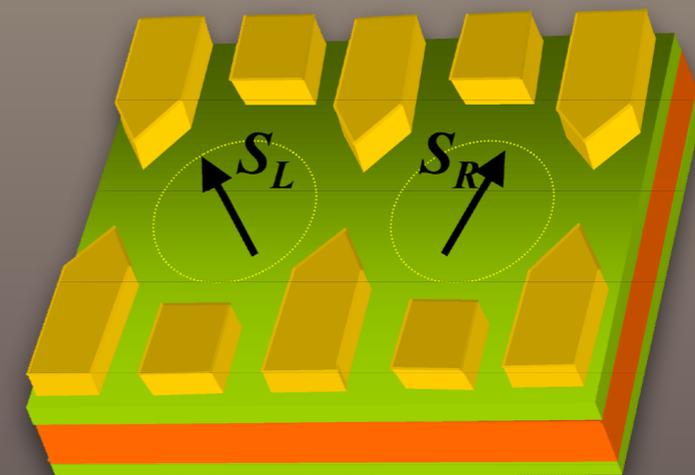
## ion traps



## Josephson devices



## Electron Spins in Dots



## Quantum computation with quantum dots

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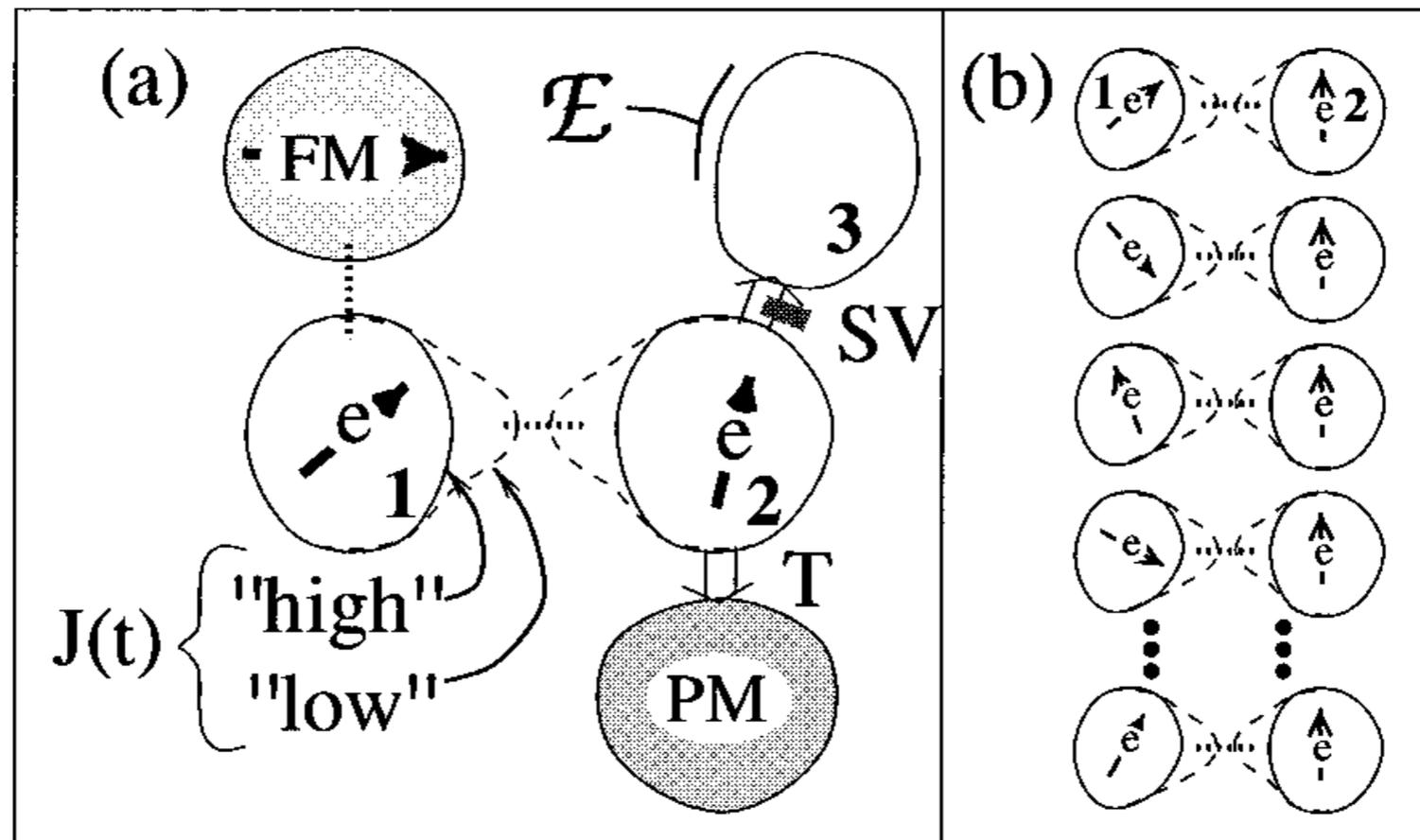
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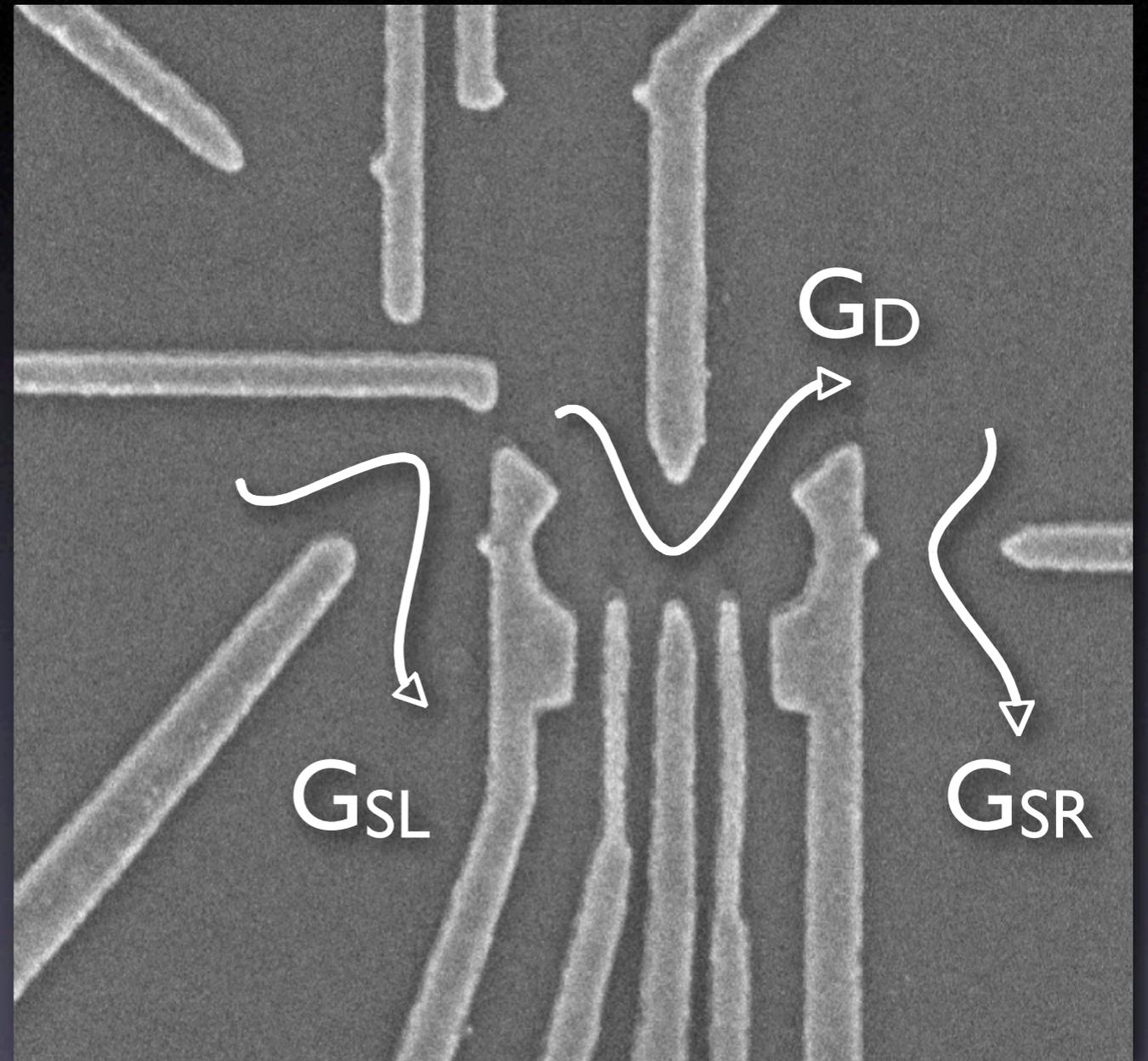
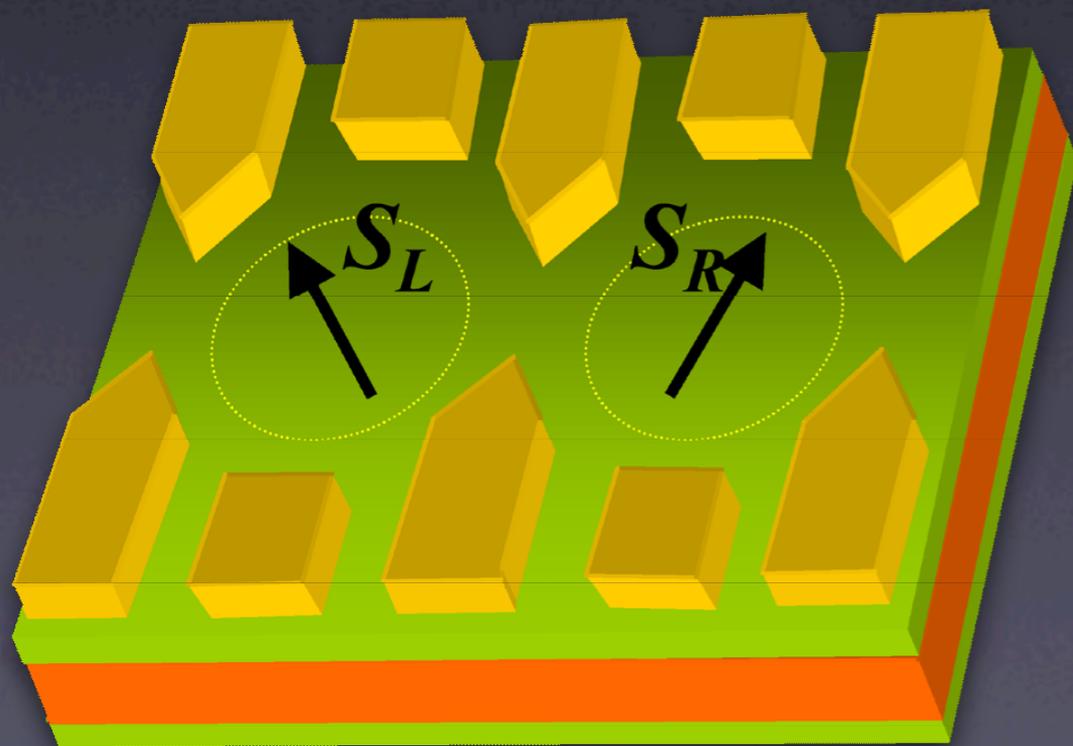
We propose an implementation of a universal set of one- and two-quantum-bit gates for quantum computation using the spin states of coupled single-electron quantum dots. Desired operations are effected by the gating of the tunneling barrier between neighboring dots. Several measures of the gate quality are computed within a recently derived spin master equation incorporating decoherence caused by a prototypical magnetic environment. Dot-array experiments that would provide an initial demonstration of the desired nonequilibrium spin dynamics are proposed. [S1050-2947(98)04501-6]



# Semiconductor Double Dot Device

10 nm GaAs cap
60 nm $\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{Ga}_{0.7}\text{As}$
40 nm $\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{Ga}_{0.7}\text{As}$
800 nm GaAs
50 nm GaAs
GaAs substrate

← 2D  
electron gas

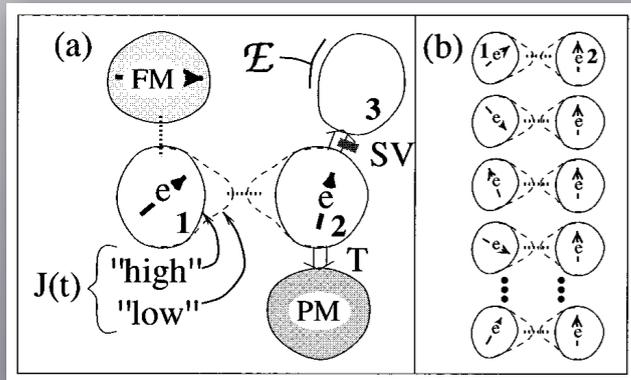


# Timeline for spin qubits



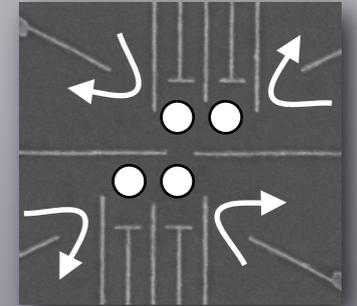
1998

Loss-DiVincenzo proposal



2010

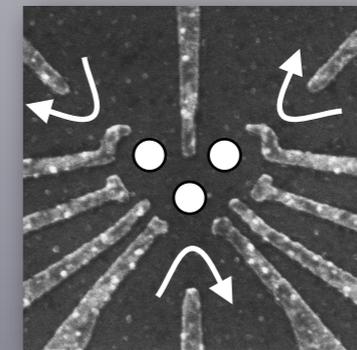
few-electron double double dot



Laird, et al.

2009

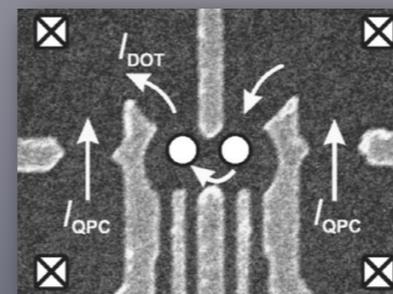
few-electron triple dot



Laird, Folletti, et al.

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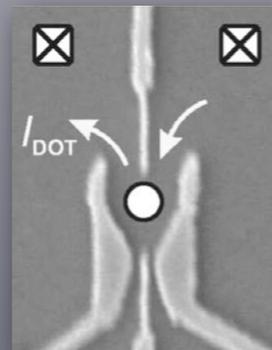
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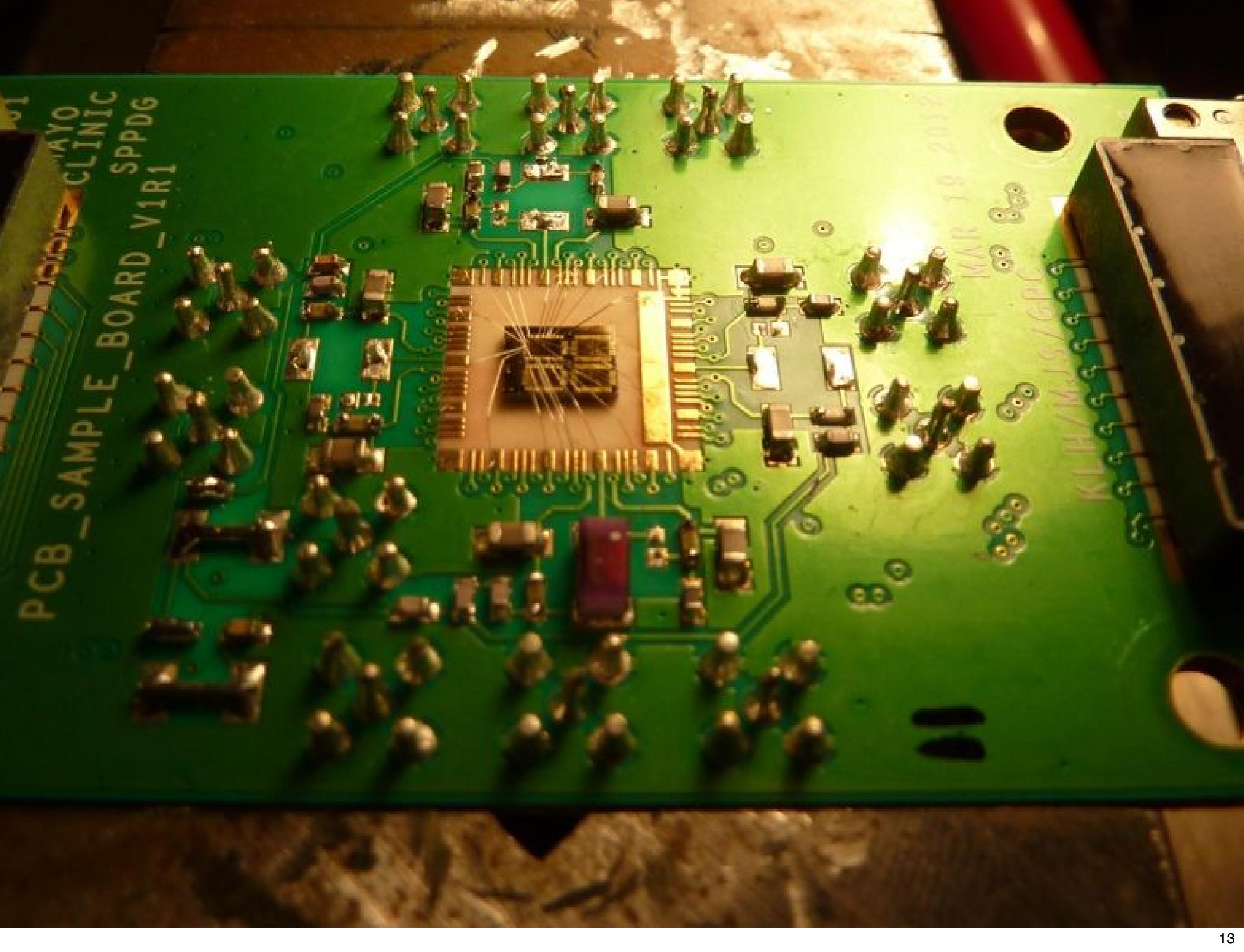
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first few-electron lateral dot



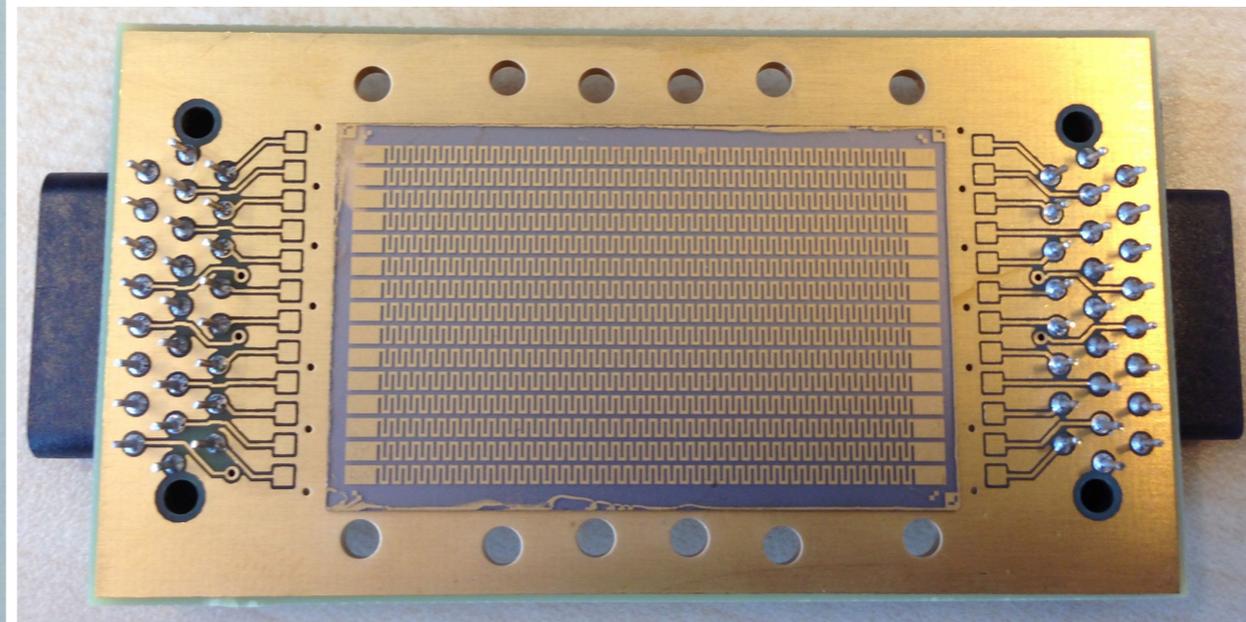
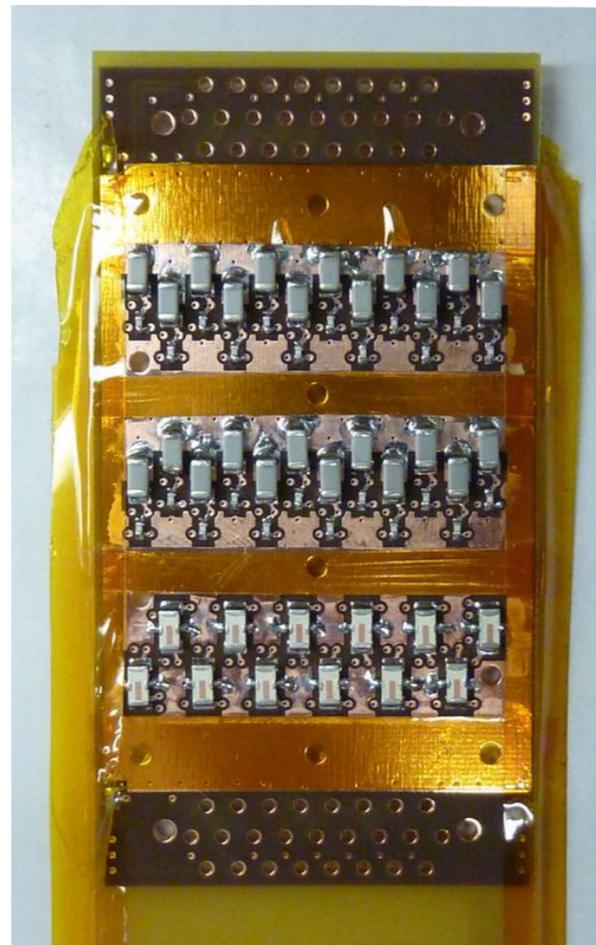
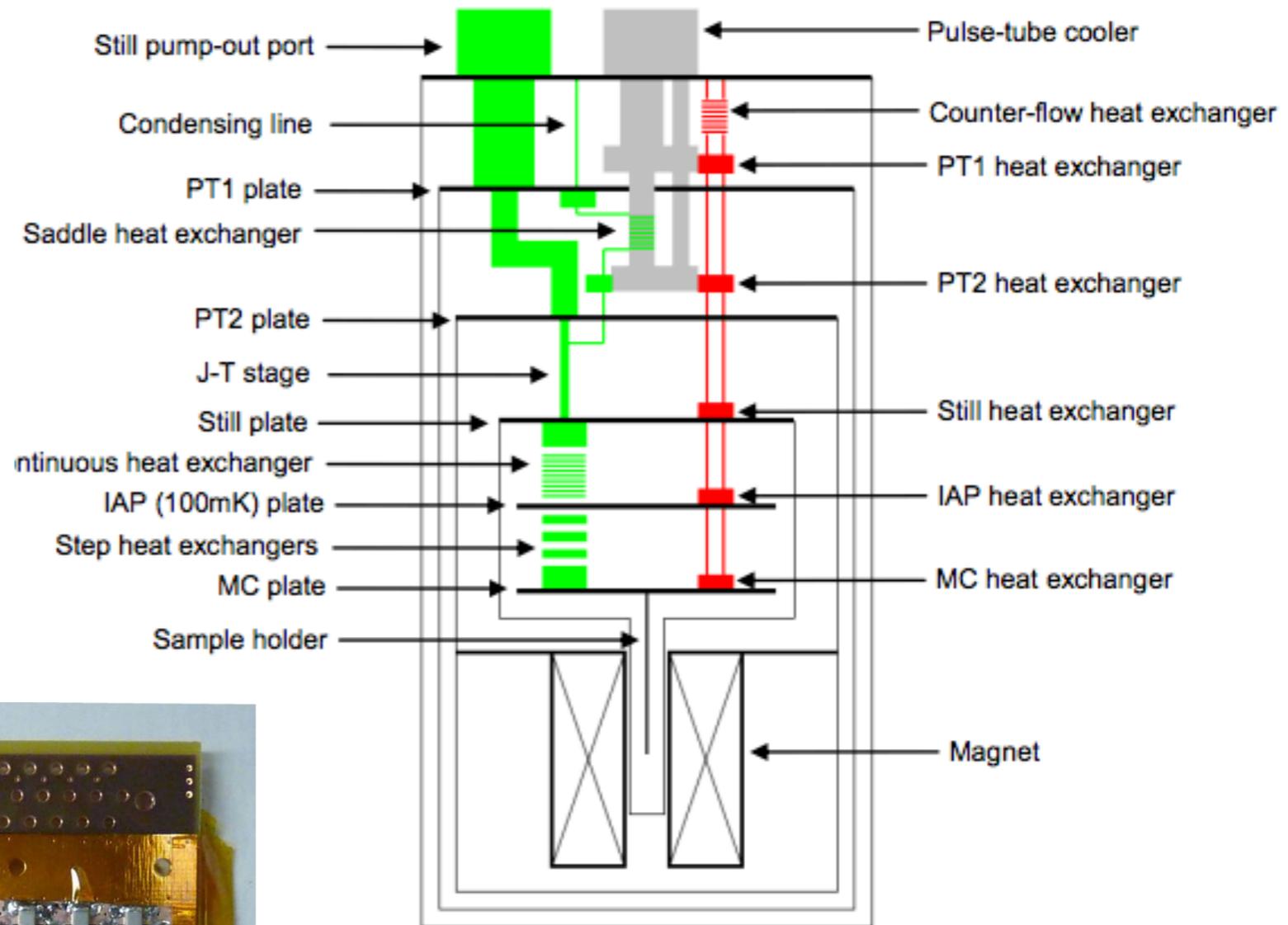
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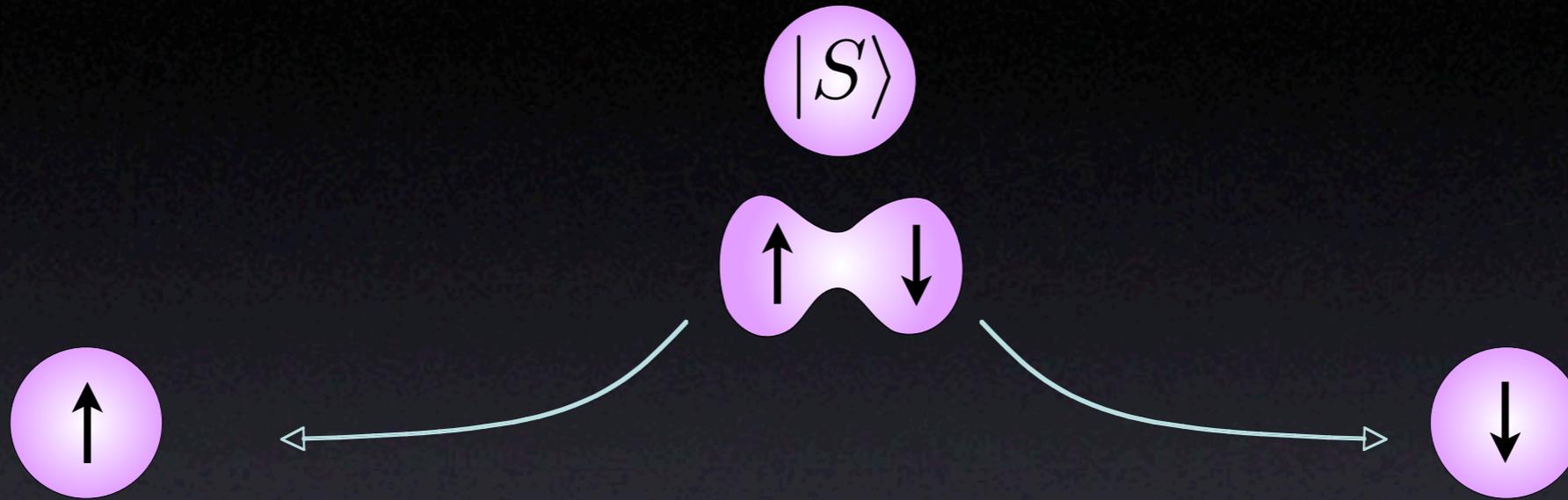
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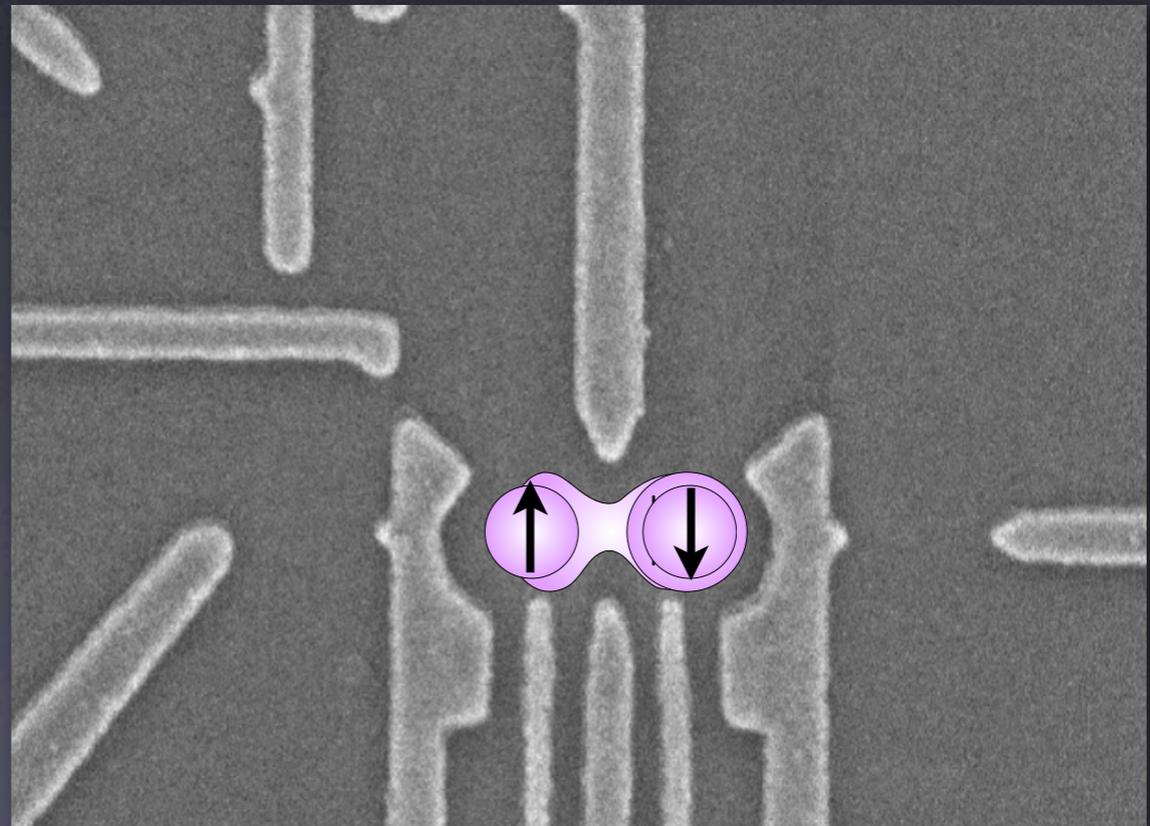




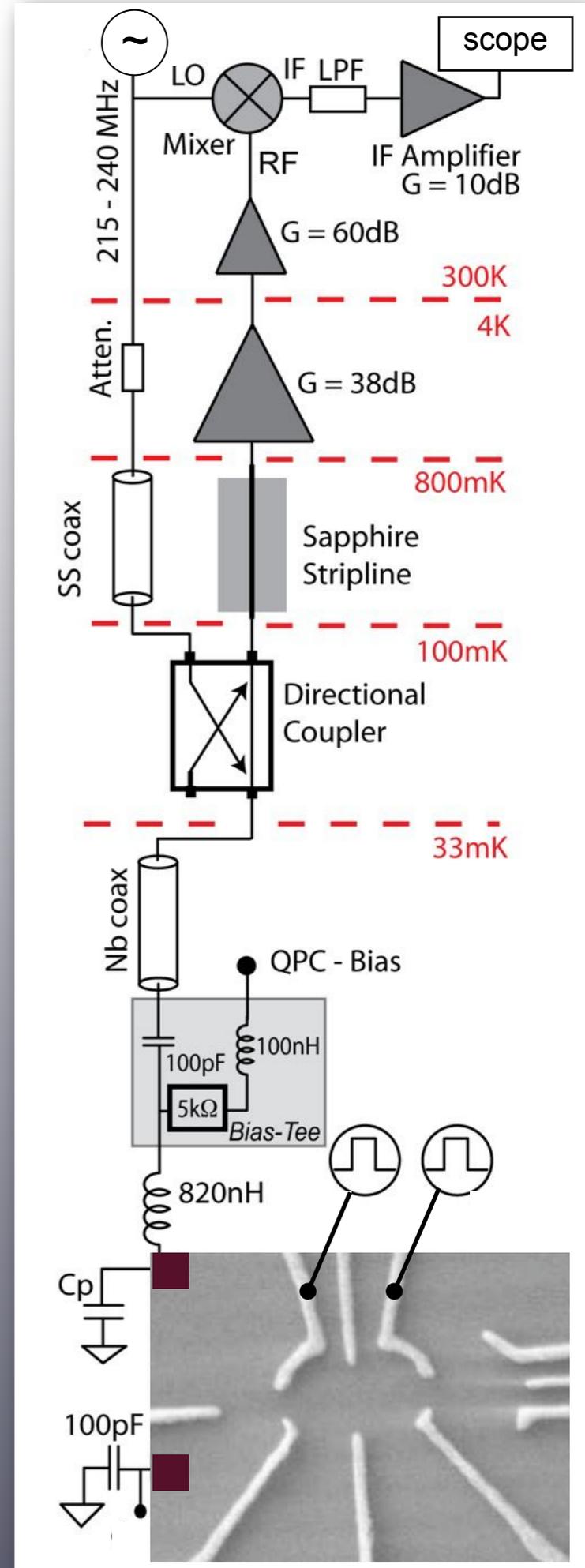
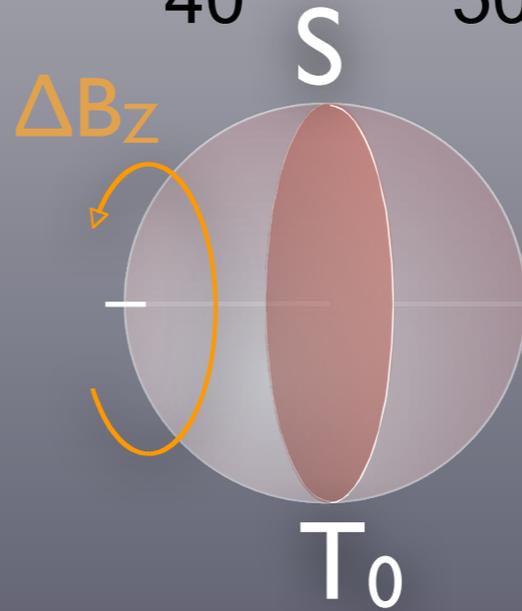
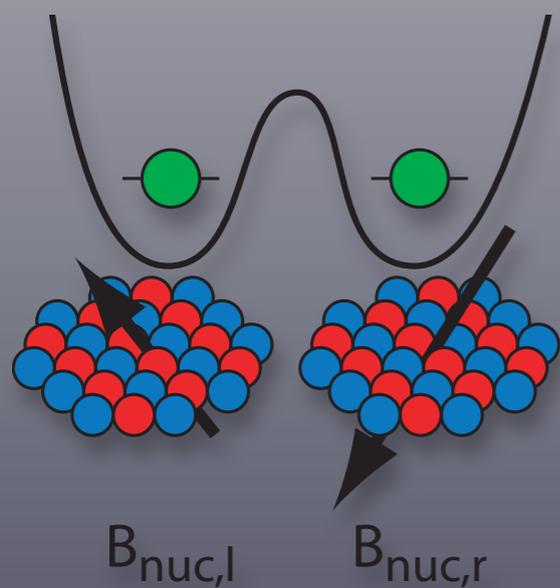
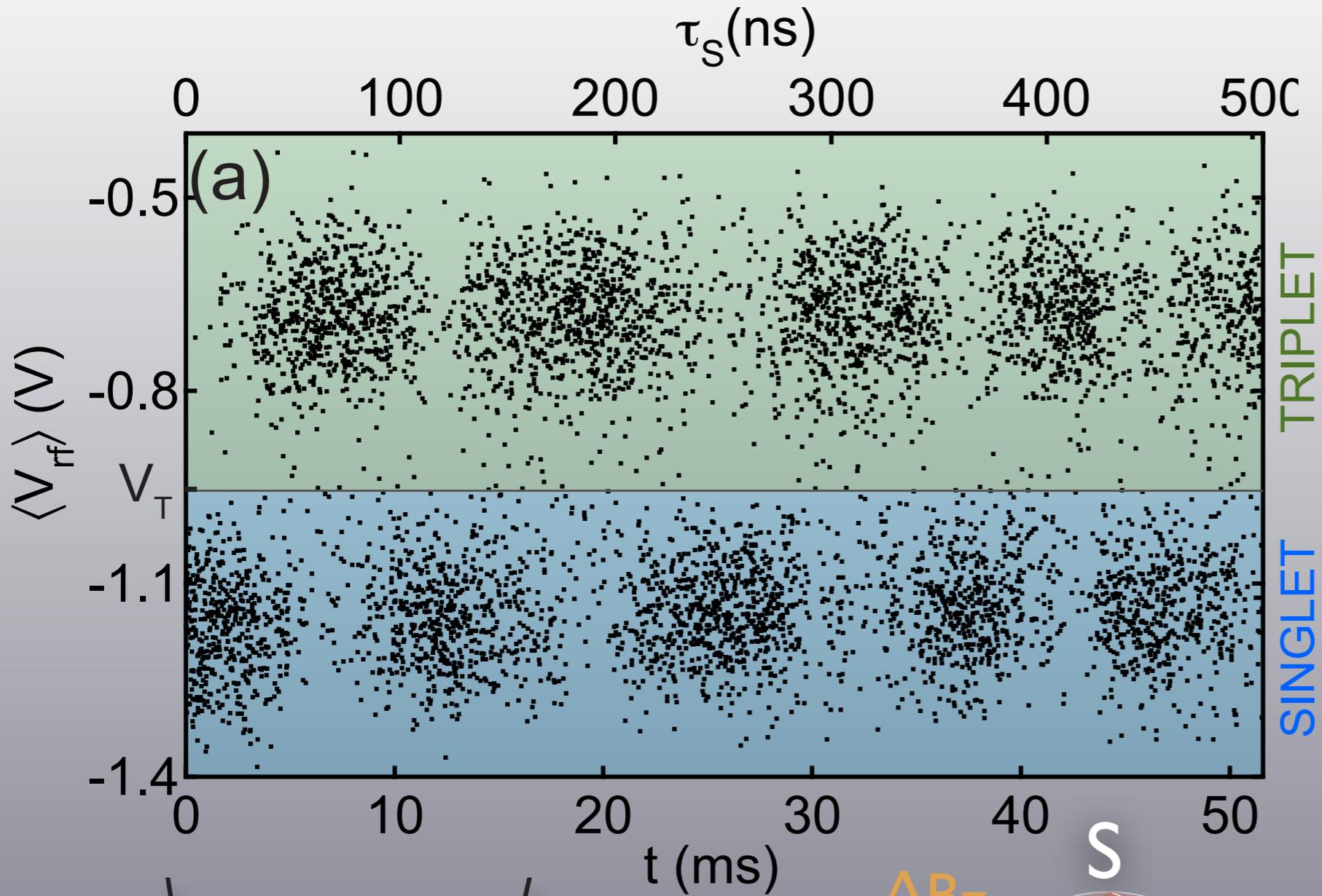
# Double Quantum Dot as Entanglement Generator



$$|S\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$



# Fast Detection: Unexpected Oscillations



# Quantum Strangeness III: Particle Statistics and Topology

3 dimensions



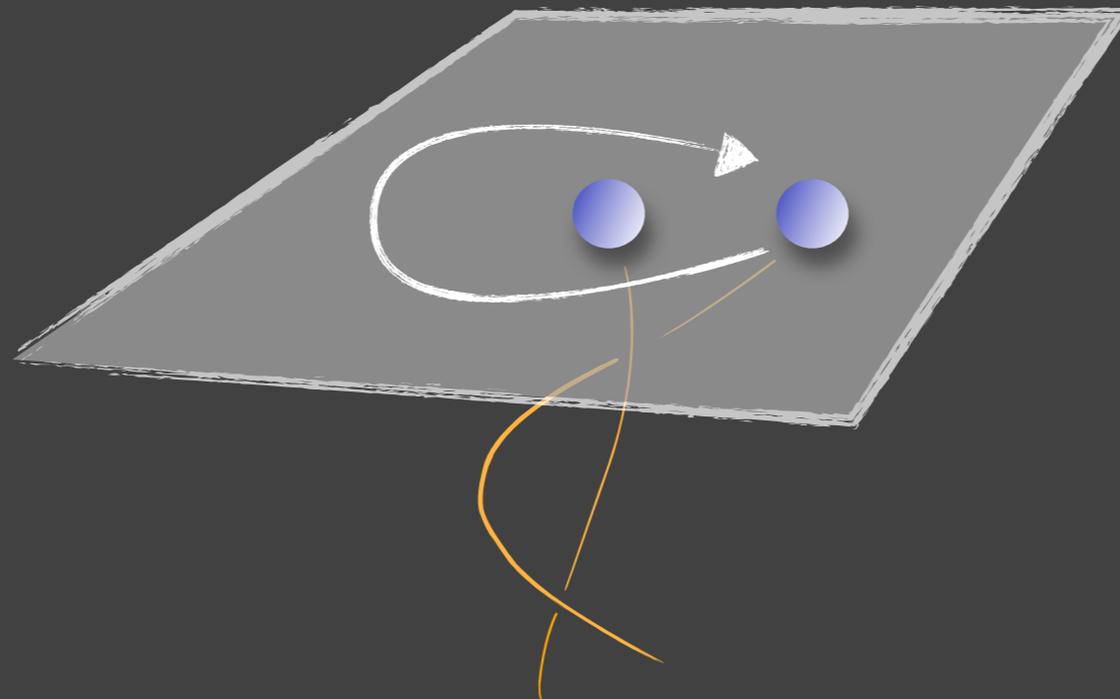
$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\psi\rangle \quad \text{Bosons}$$

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow -|\psi\rangle \quad \text{Fermions}$$



$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\psi\rangle$$

2 dimensions



$$|\psi_1\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_2\rangle$$

# New directions in the pursuit of Majorana fermions in solid state systems

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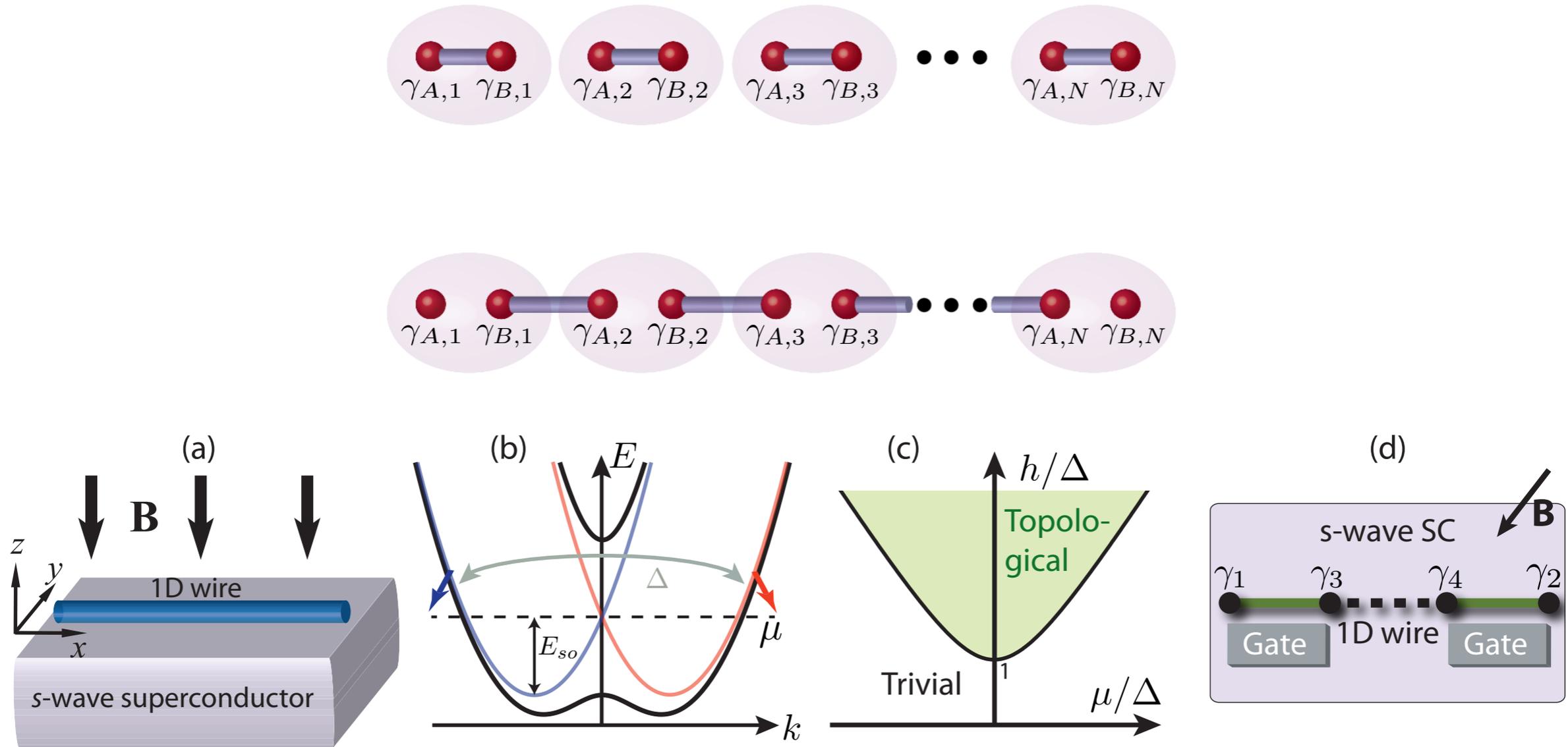
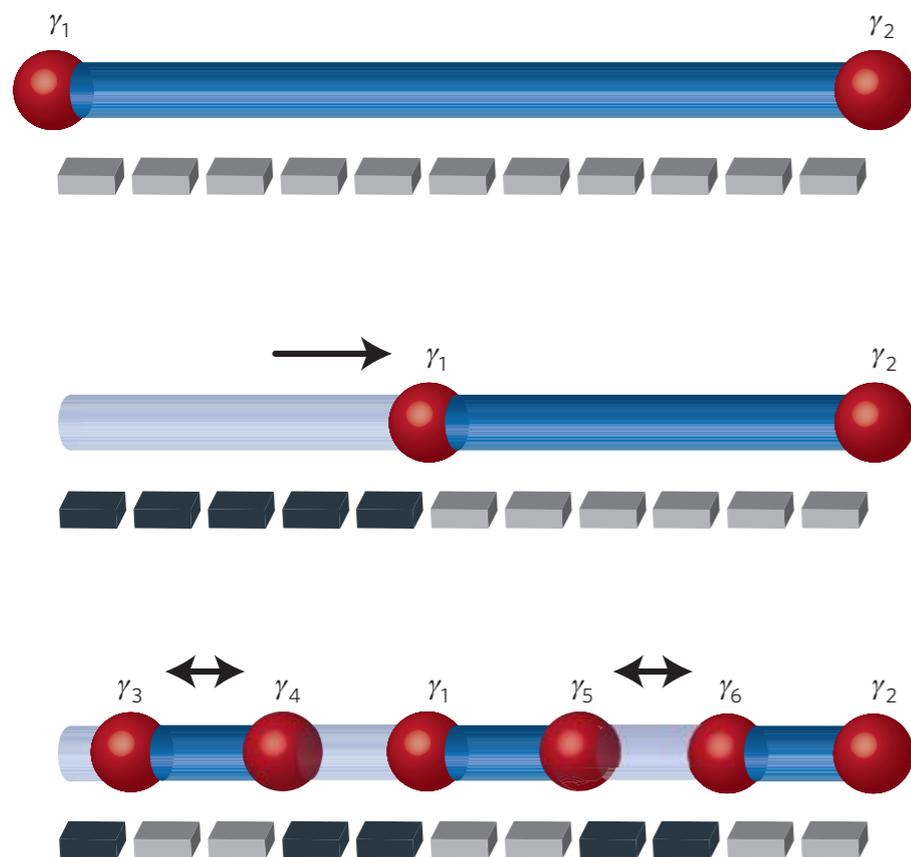


FIG. 6. (a) Basic architecture required to stabilize a topological superconducting state in a 1D spin-orbit-coupled wire. (b) Band structure for the wire when time-reversal symmetry is present (red and blue curves) and broken by a magnetic field (black curves). When the chemical potential lies within the field-induced gap at  $k = 0$ , the wire appears ‘spinless’. Incorporating the pairing induced by the proximate superconductor leads to the phase diagram in (c). The endpoints of topological (green) segments of the wire host localized, zero-energy Majorana modes as shown in (d).

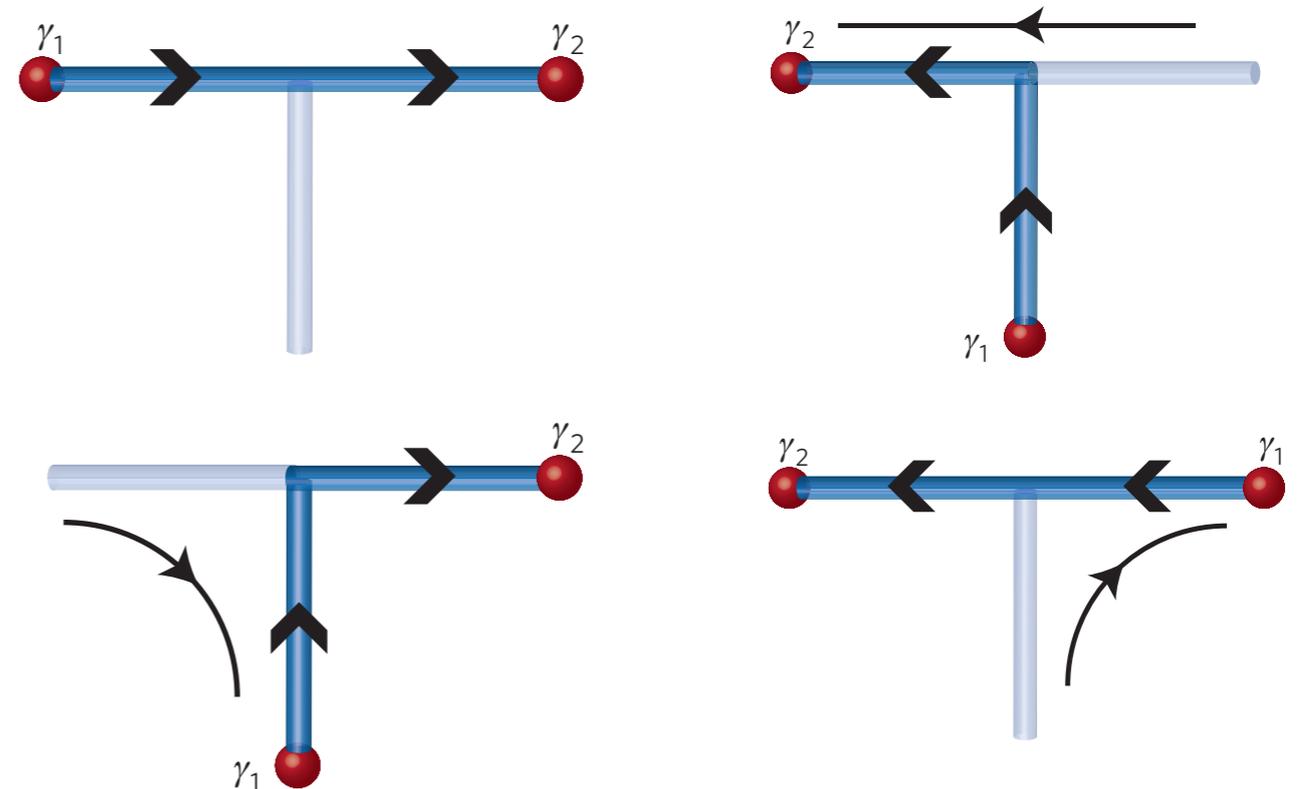
# Non-Abelian statistics and topological quantum information processing in 1D wire networks

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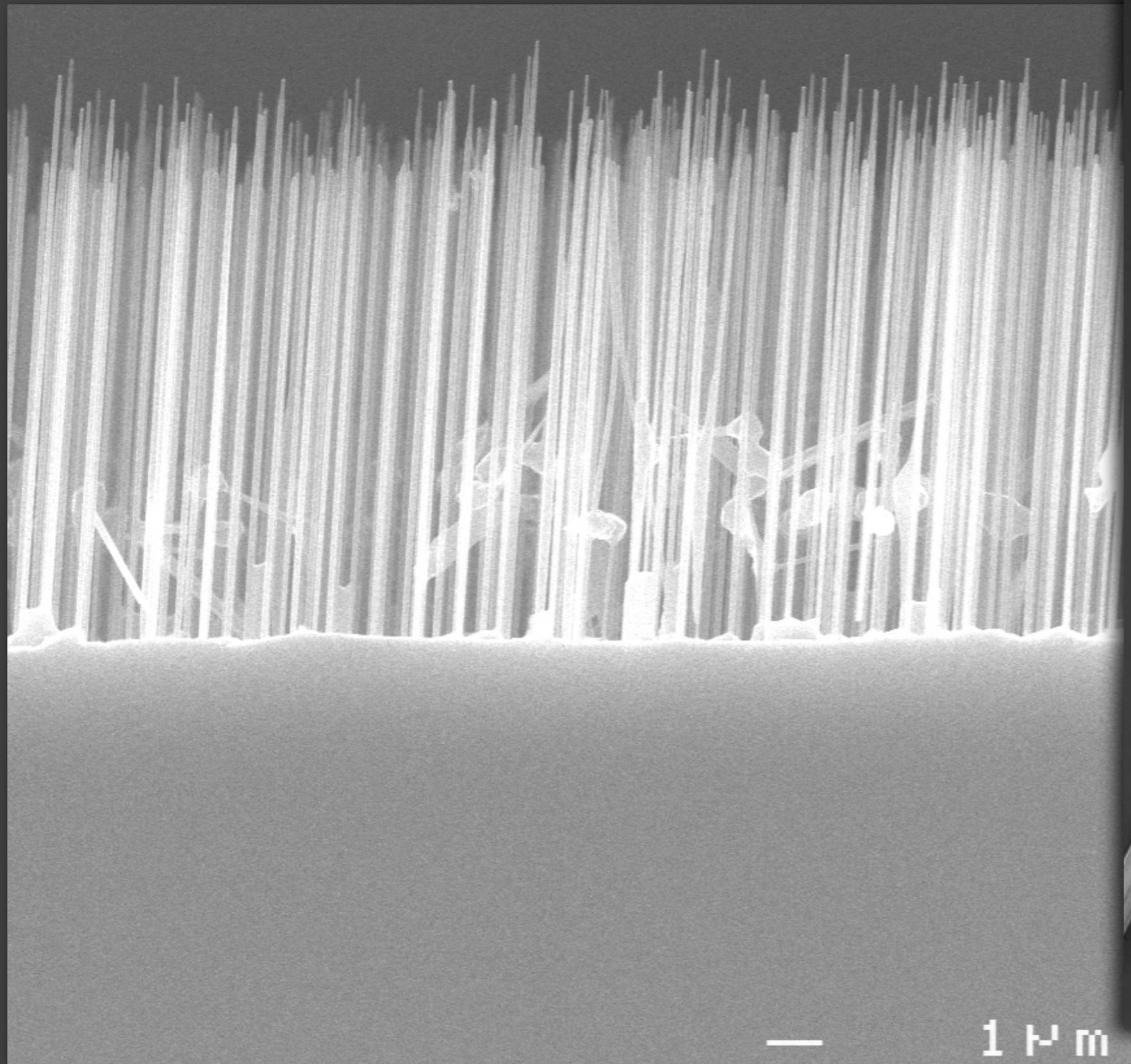
creation and movement



braiding

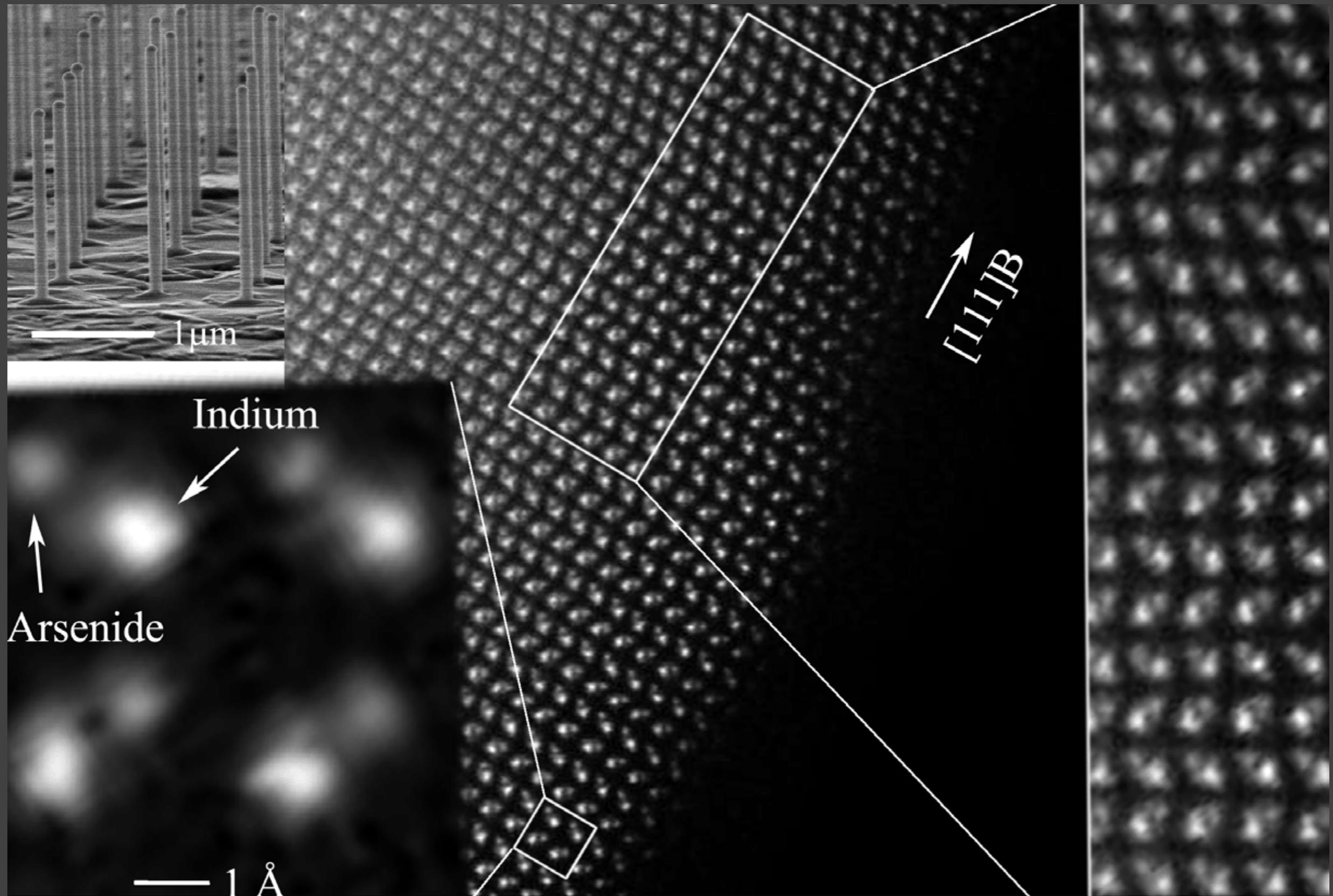


# 10 $\mu\text{m}$ wires, pure wurzite structure



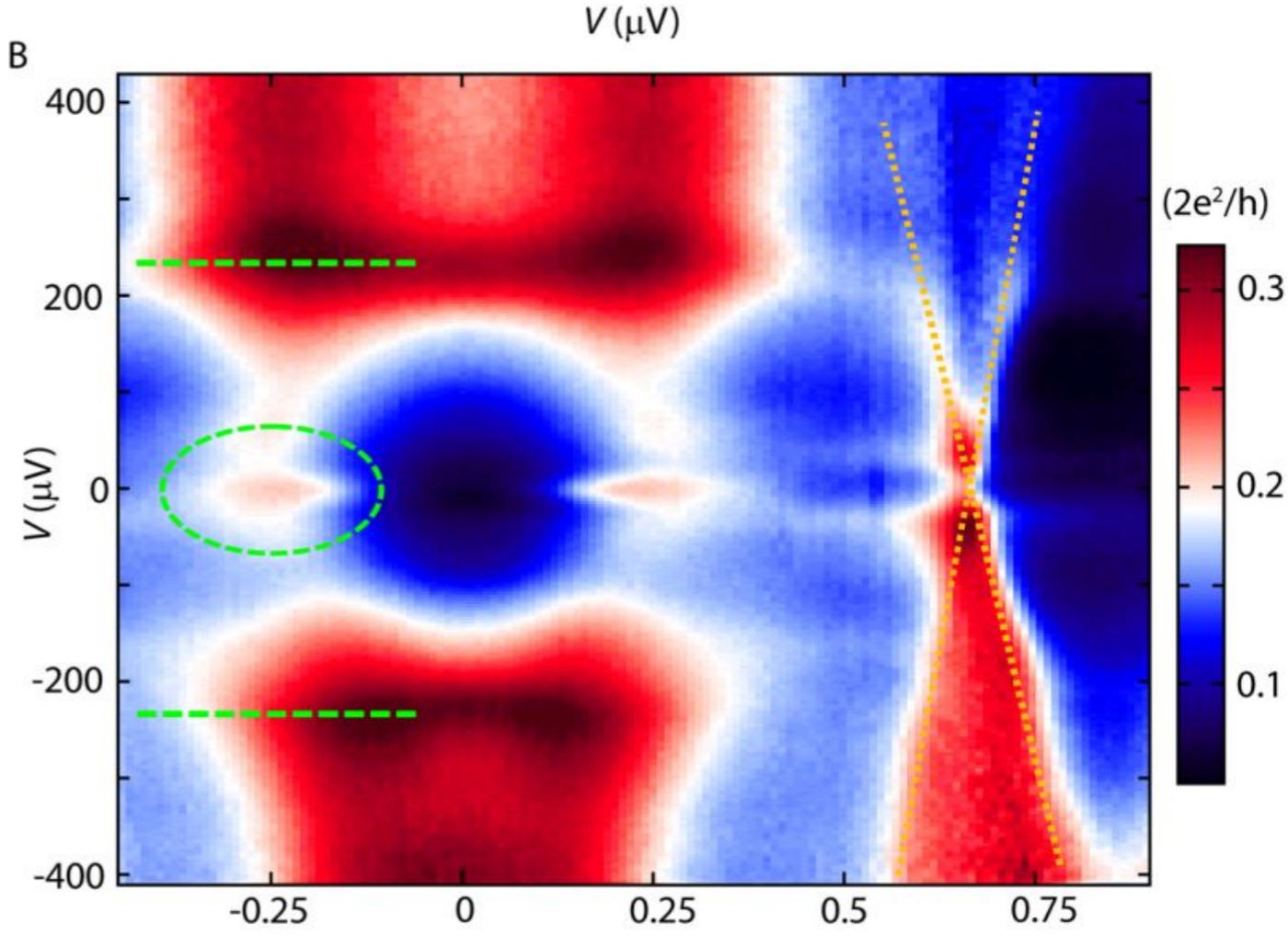
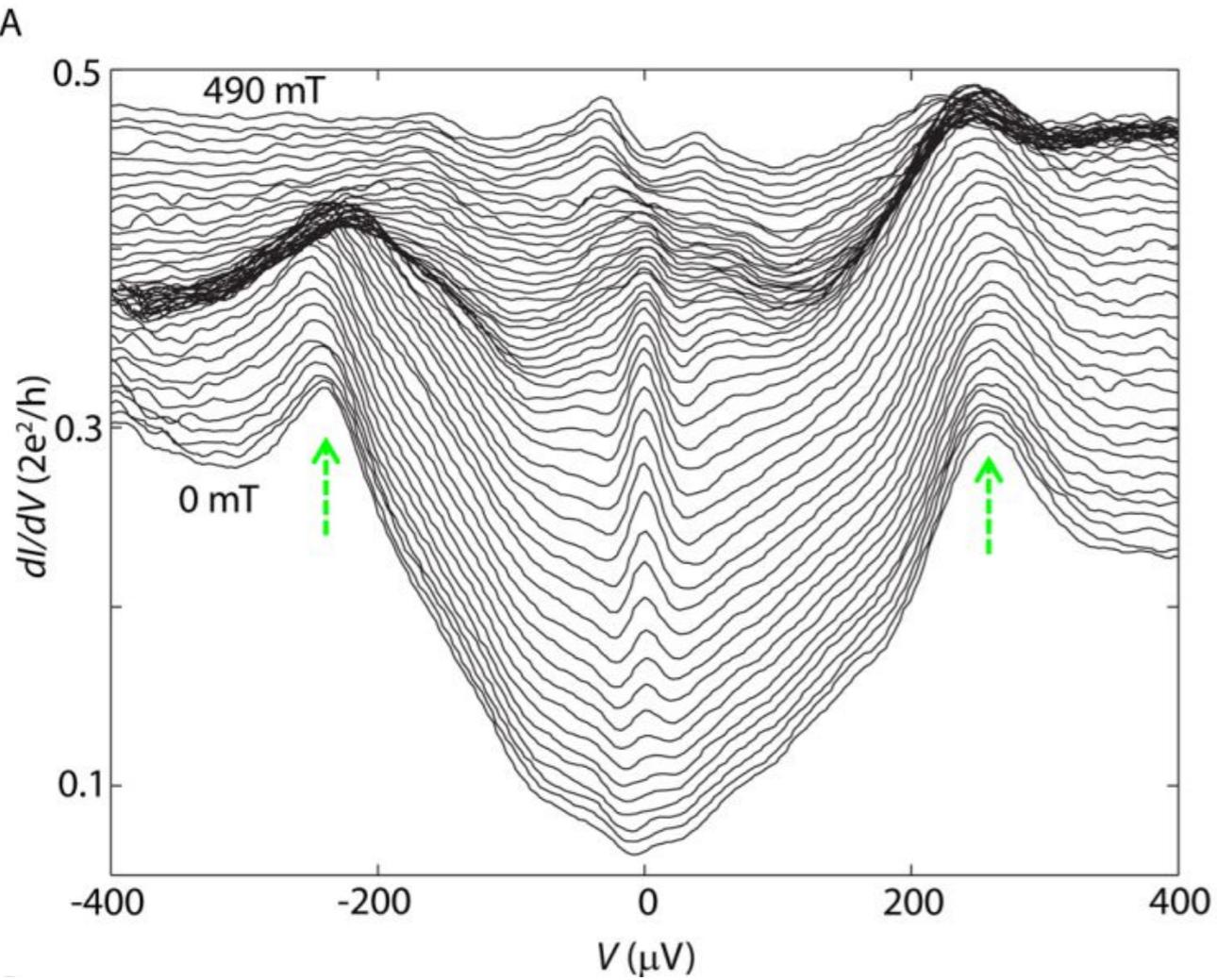
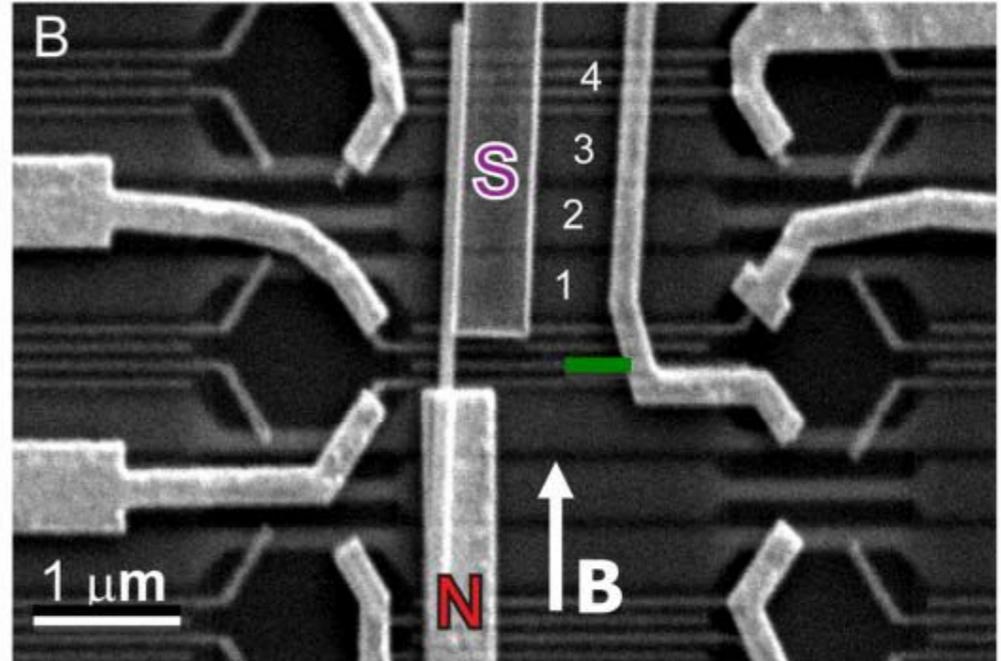
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# Epitaxial growth of InAs nanowires



# Signatures of Majorana Fermions in Hybrid Superconductor-Semiconductor Nanowire Devices

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## Superconductor-nanowire devices from tunneling to the multichannel regime: Zero-bias oscillations and magnetoconductance crossover

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Device #1: one-sided (N-wire-S)

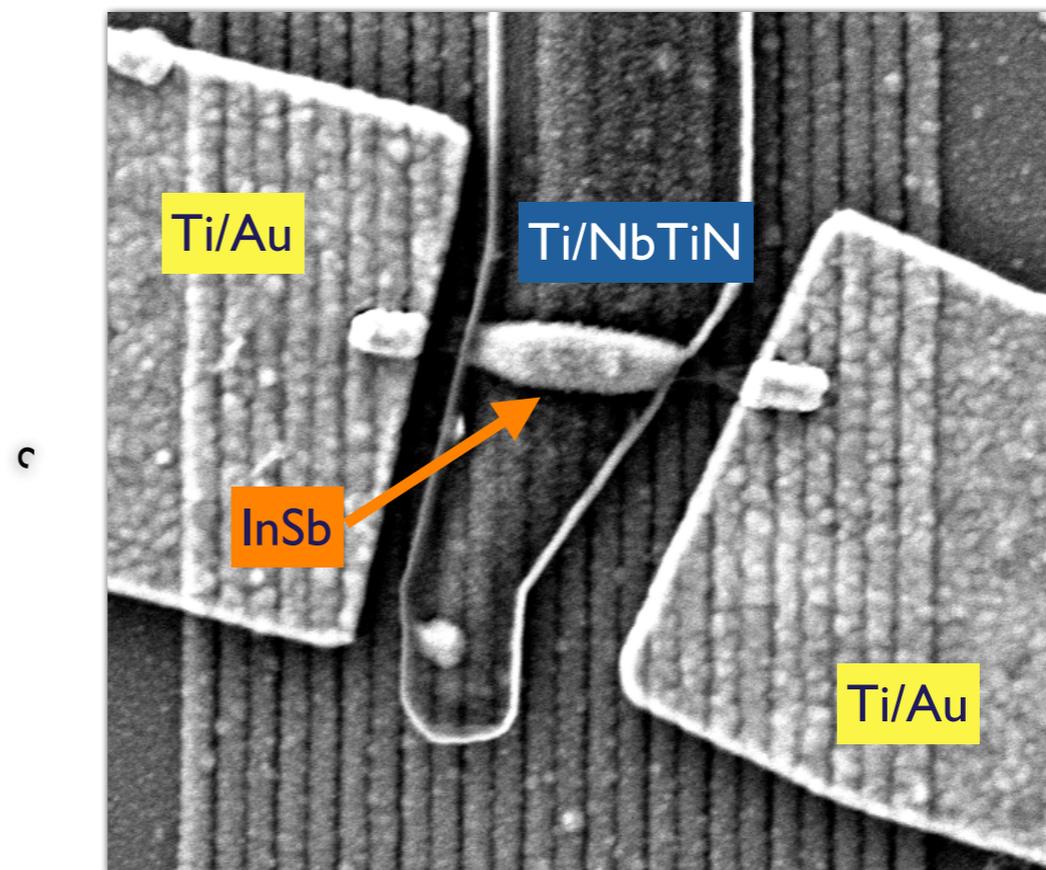
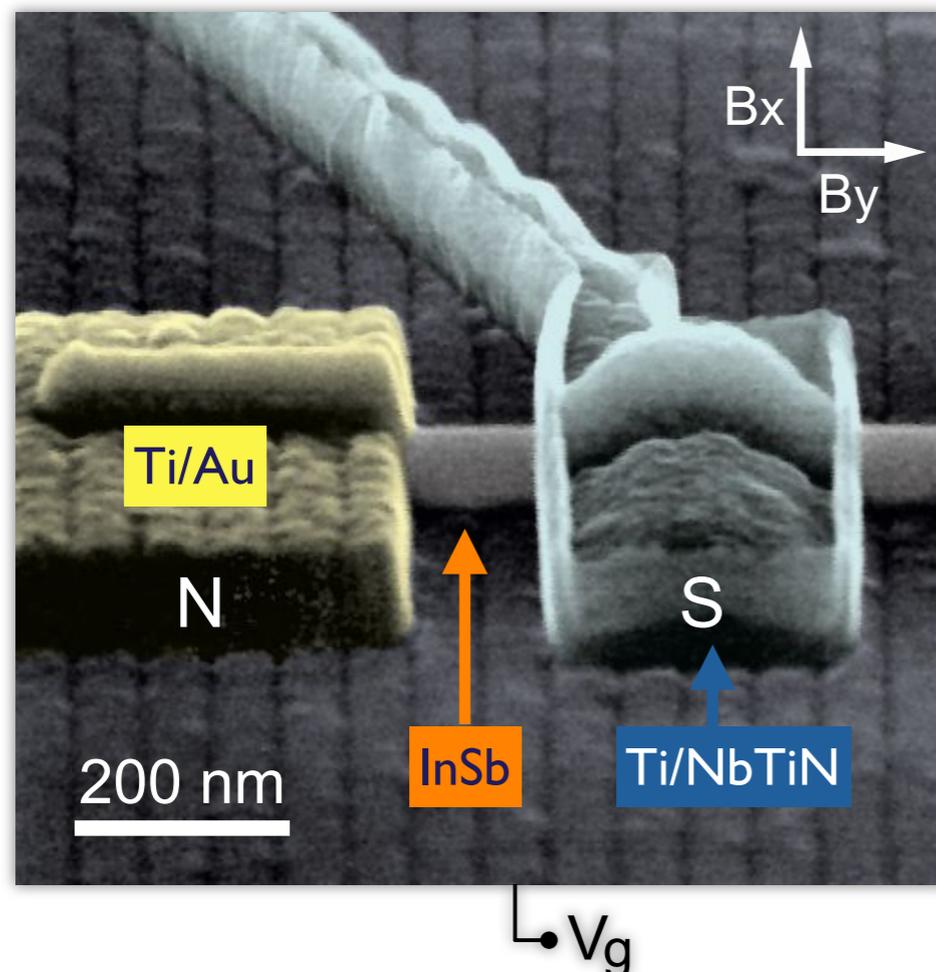
150 nm wide uncovered region

350 nm wide superconducting contact

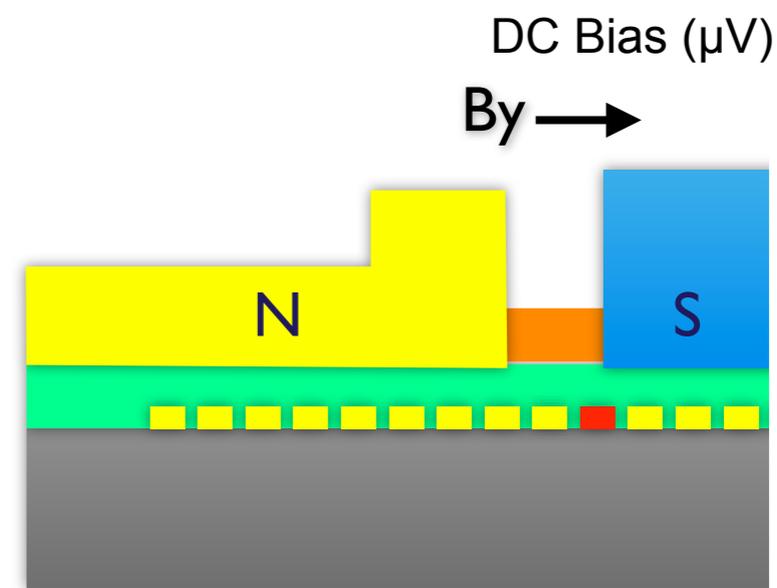
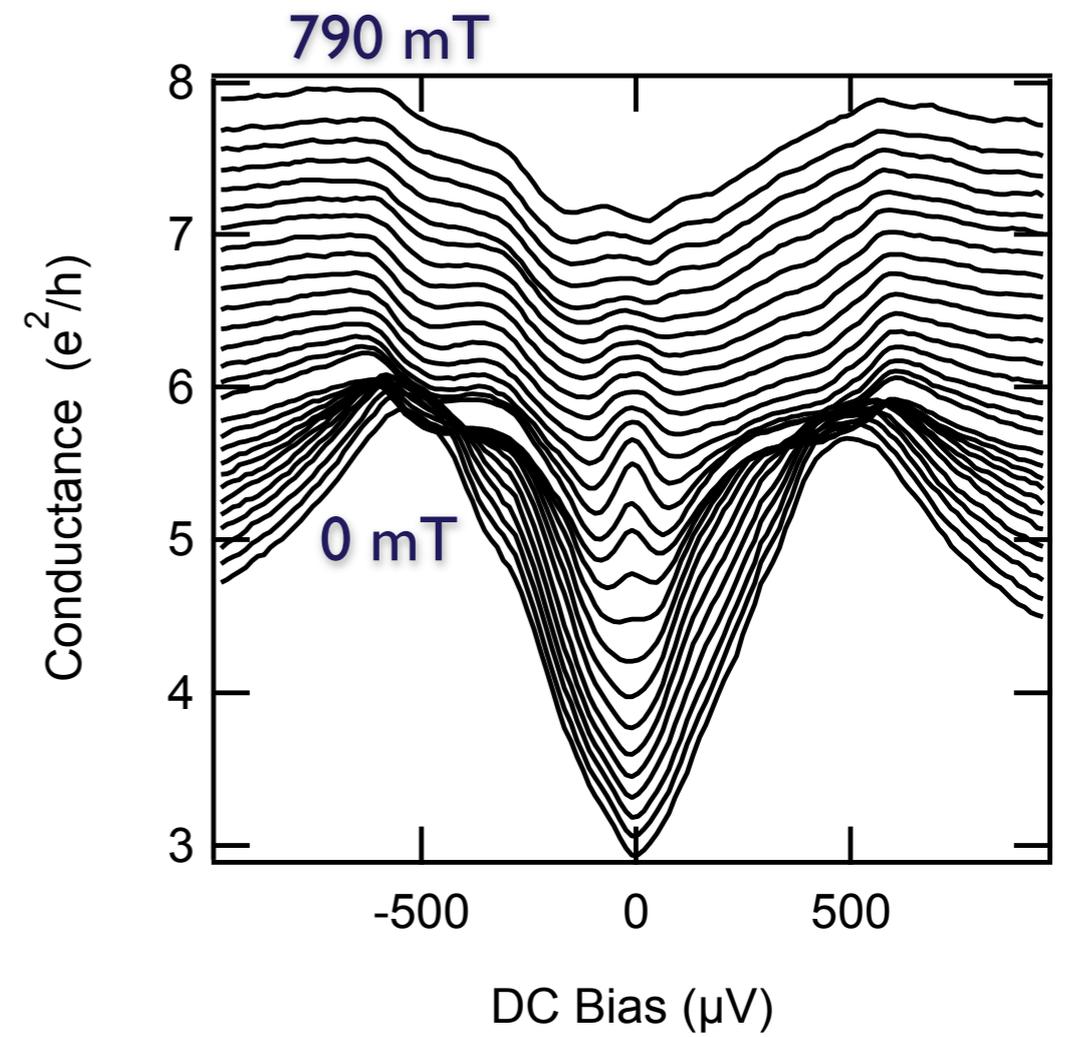
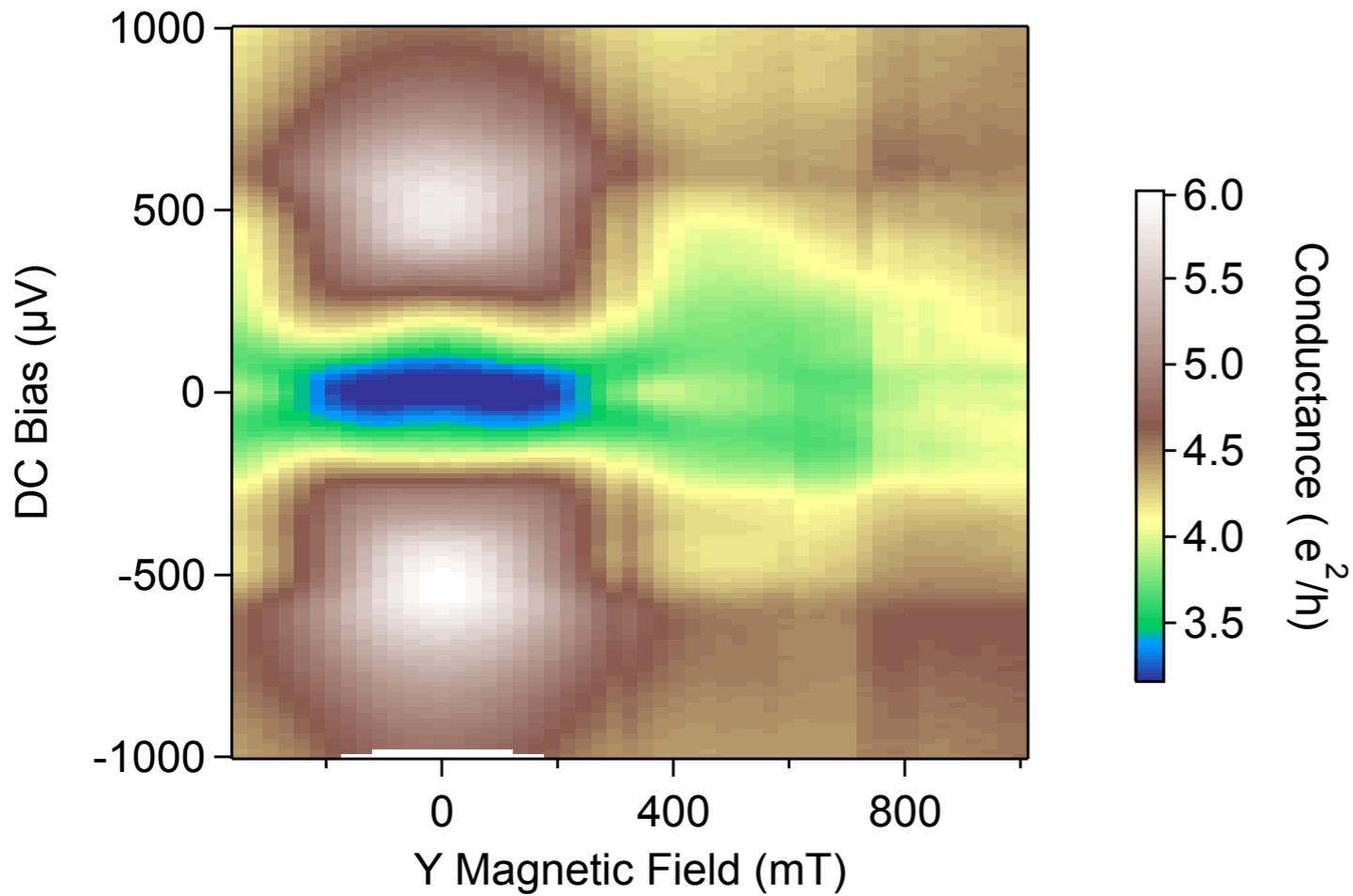
Device #2: two-sided (N-wire-S-wire-N)

200 nm wide uncovered regions

250 nm wide superconducting contacts



# Important check: Reproduce previously observed behavior



# Epitaxial Aluminum contacts to InAs nanowires

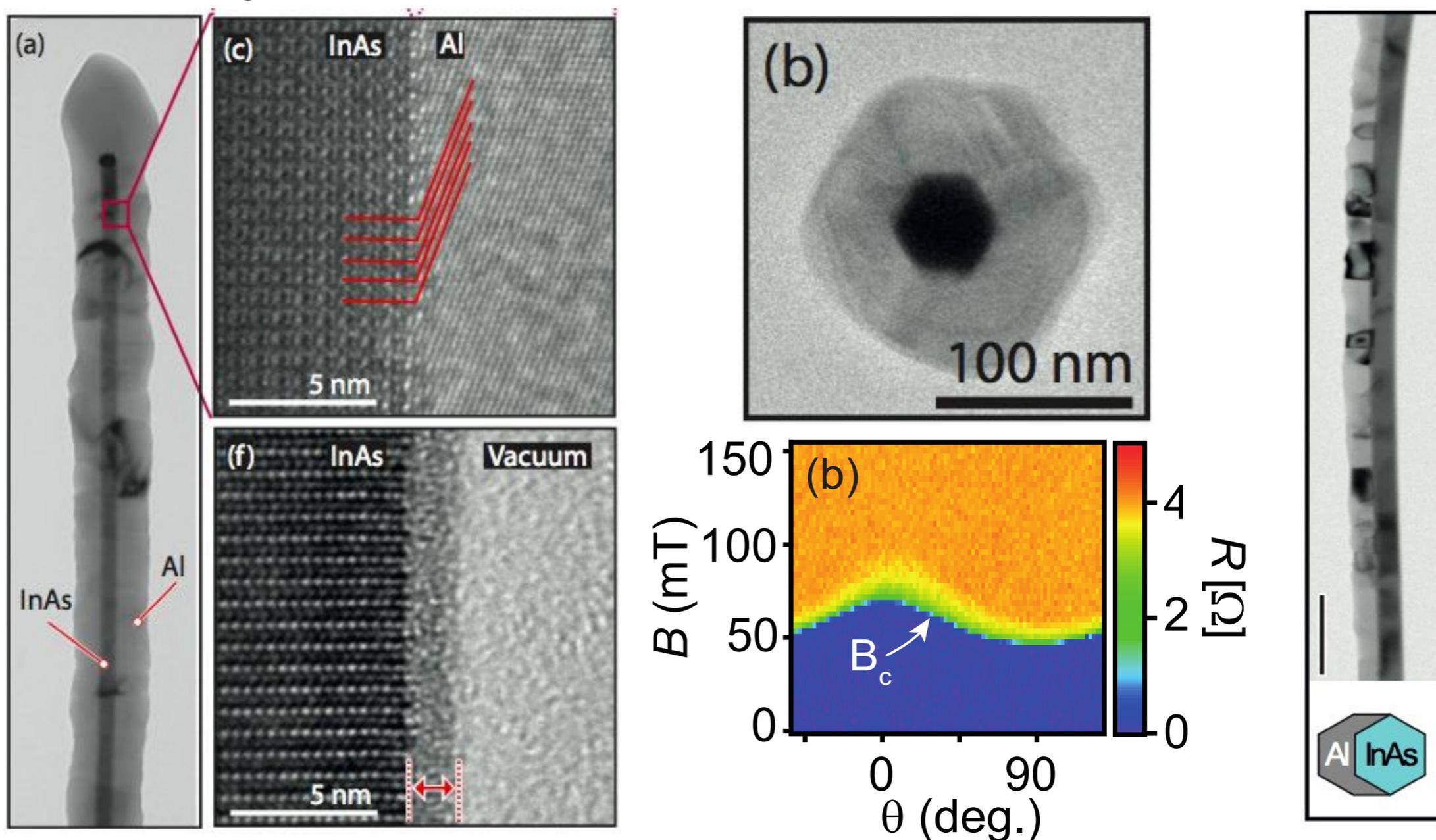
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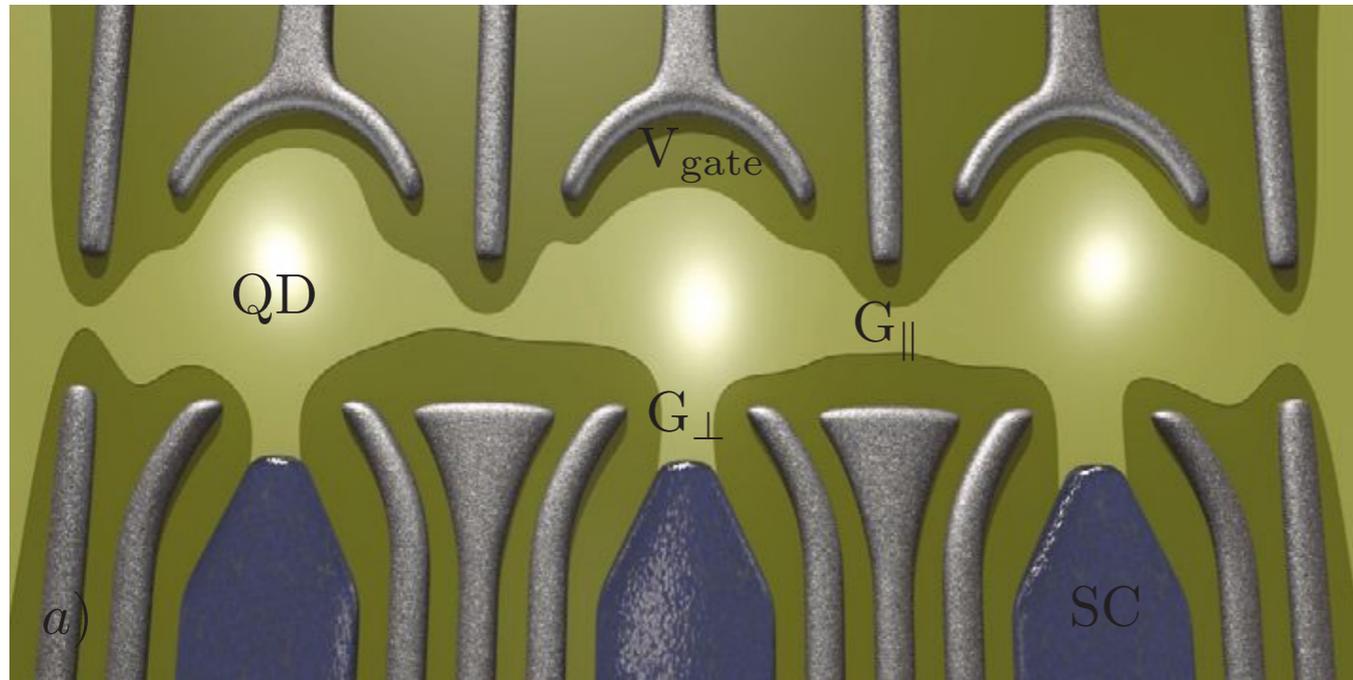
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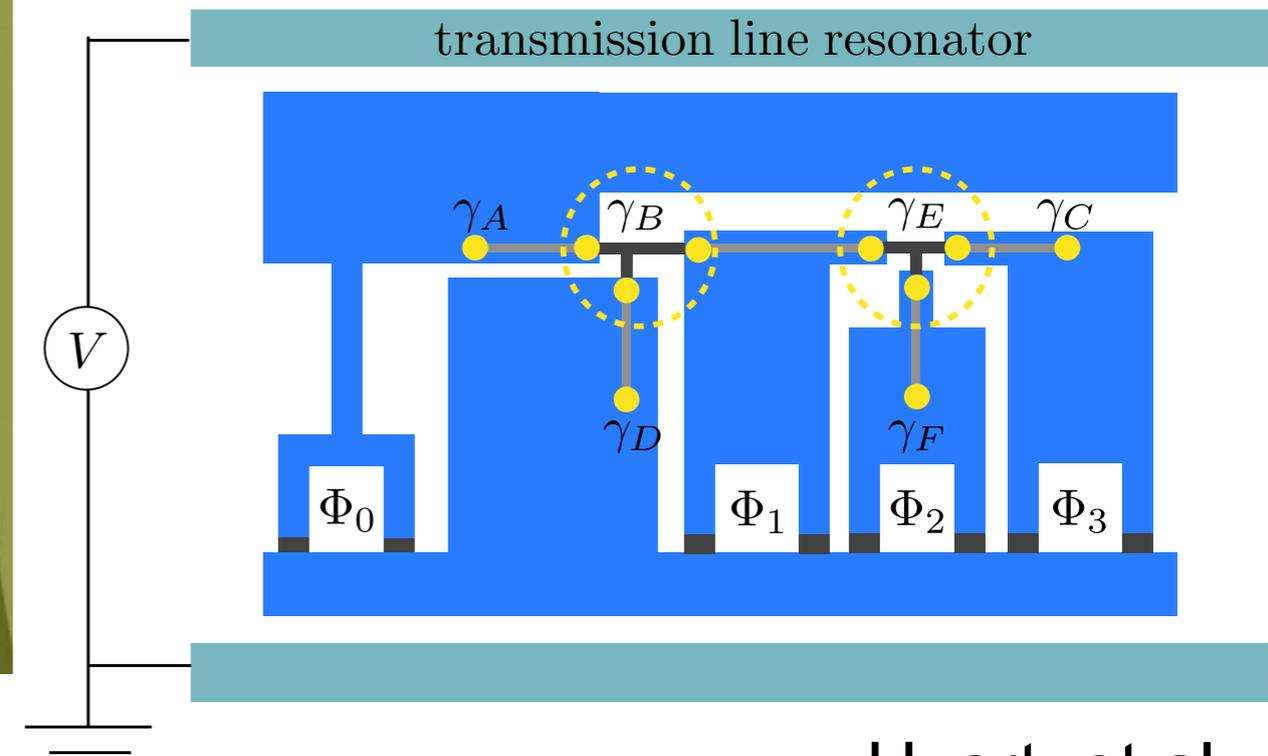
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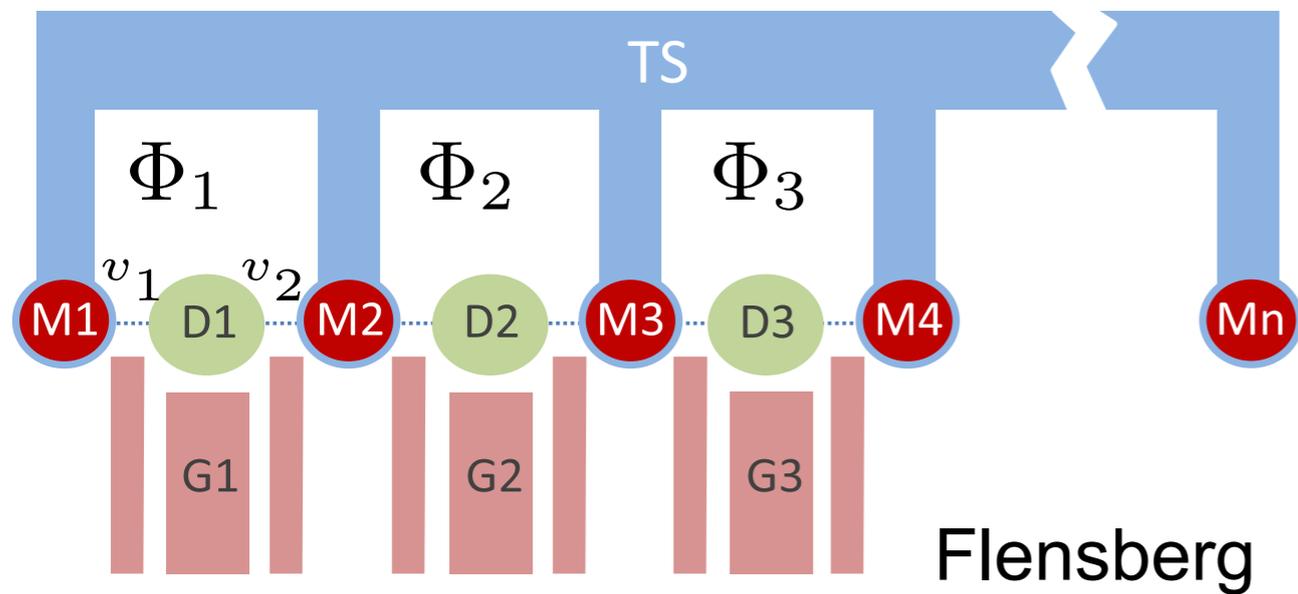
# Approaches benefitting from 2D top-down fabrication



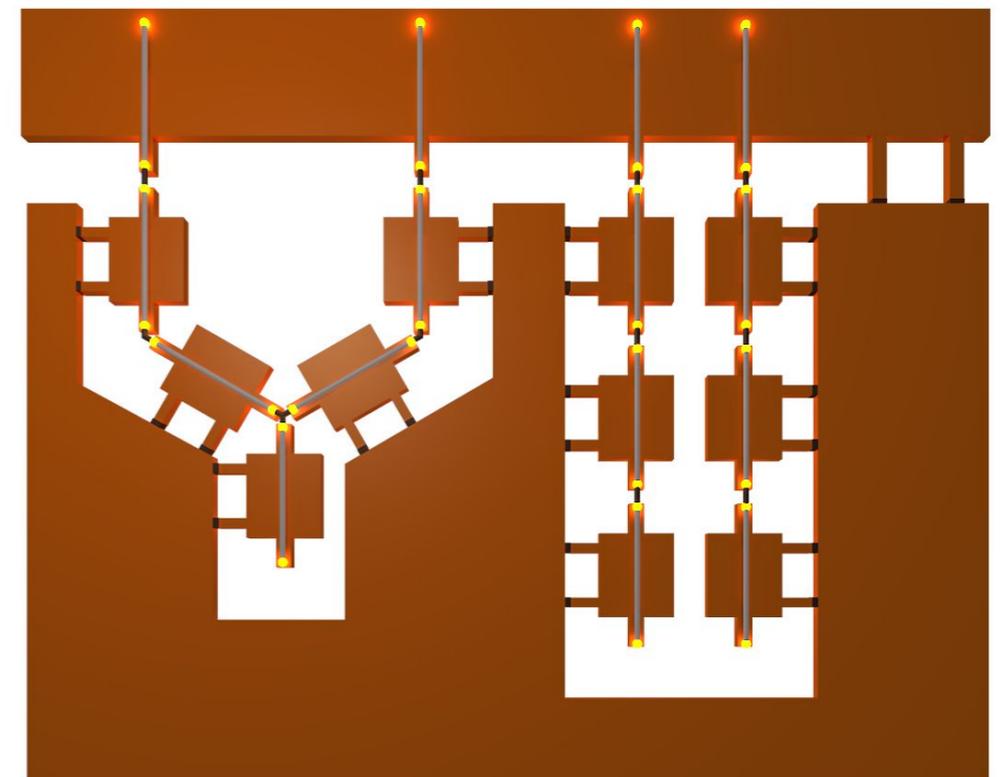
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Hyart, et al.



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# Proximity effect in InSb quantum well

