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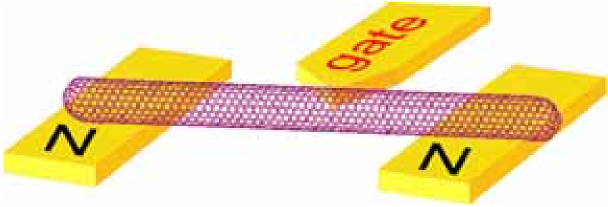

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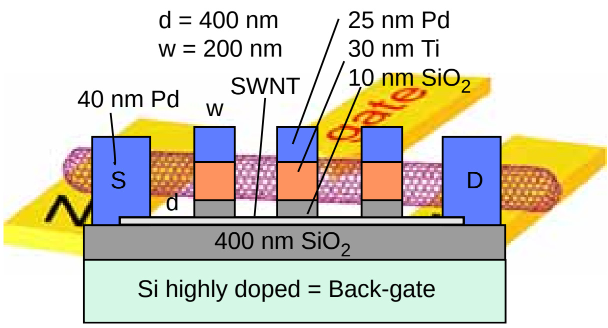

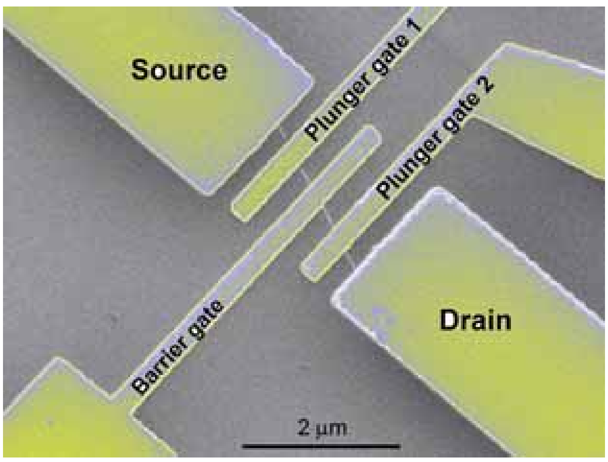

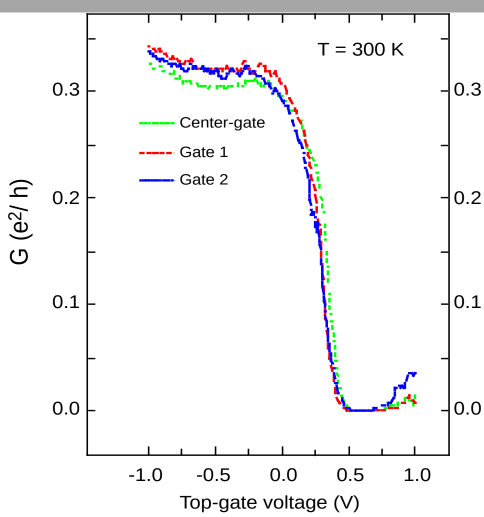

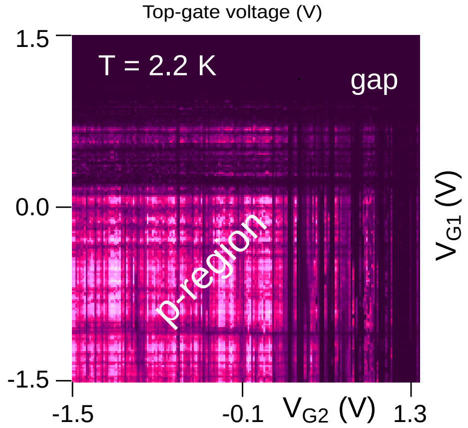

Local Gate Control of a Carbon Nanotube Double Quantum Dot

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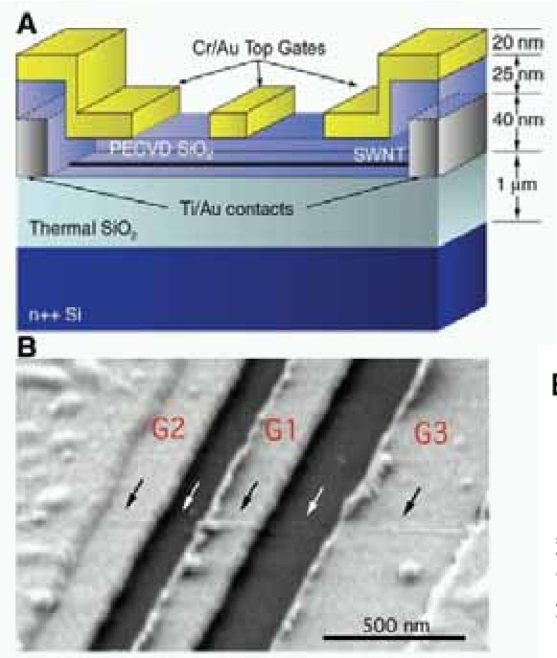

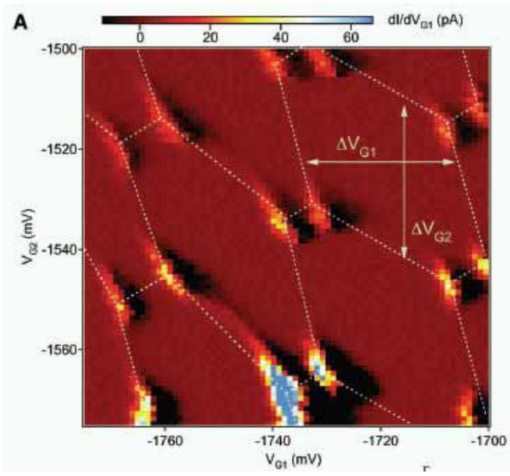

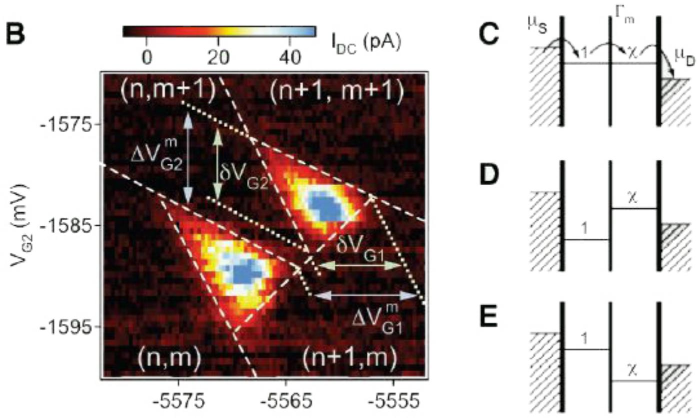

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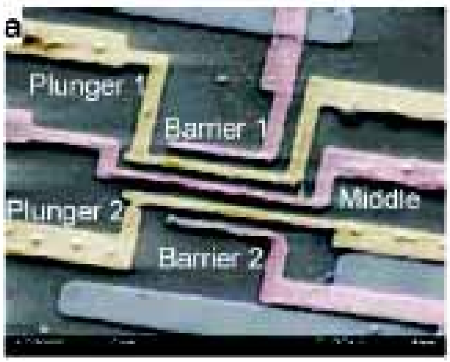
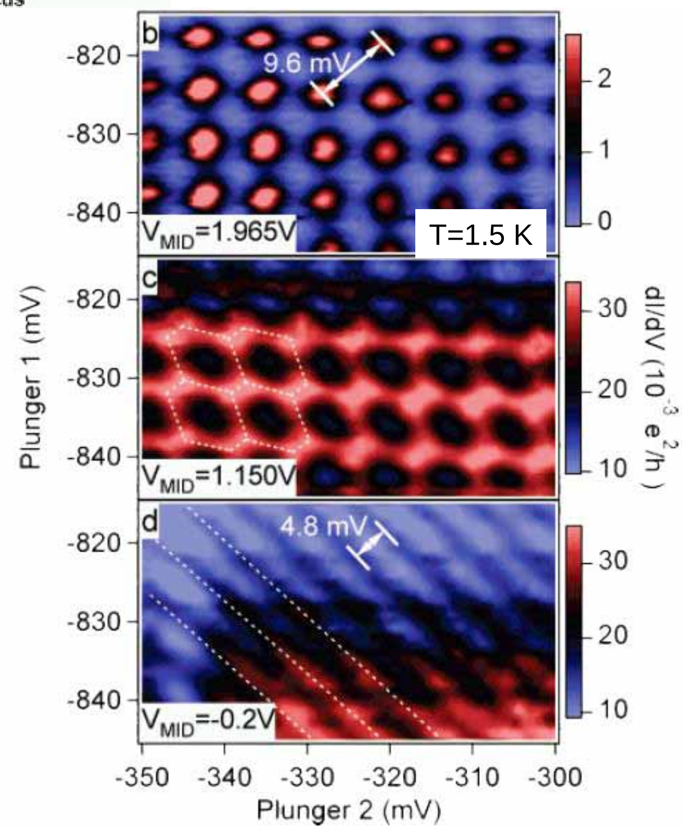
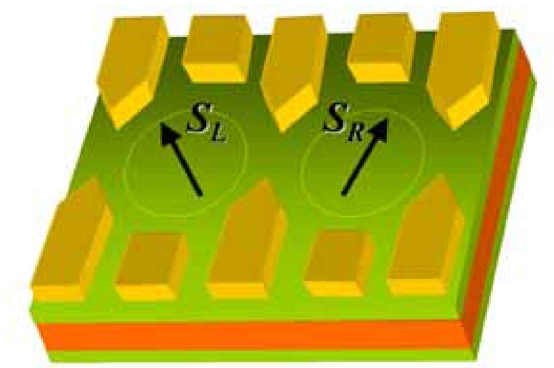




Motivation

- Local gate control of electronic transport in nanotubes
- Probing and controlling quantum effects
- Spin in a quantum dot as quantum bit?
- Long spin dephasing times in nanotubes?



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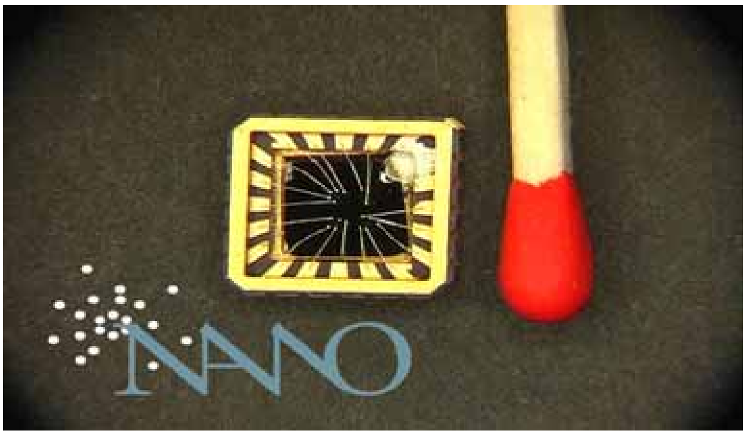

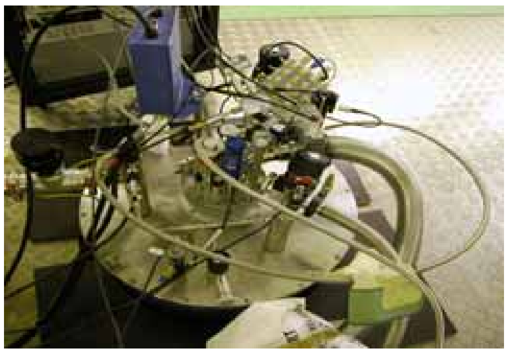

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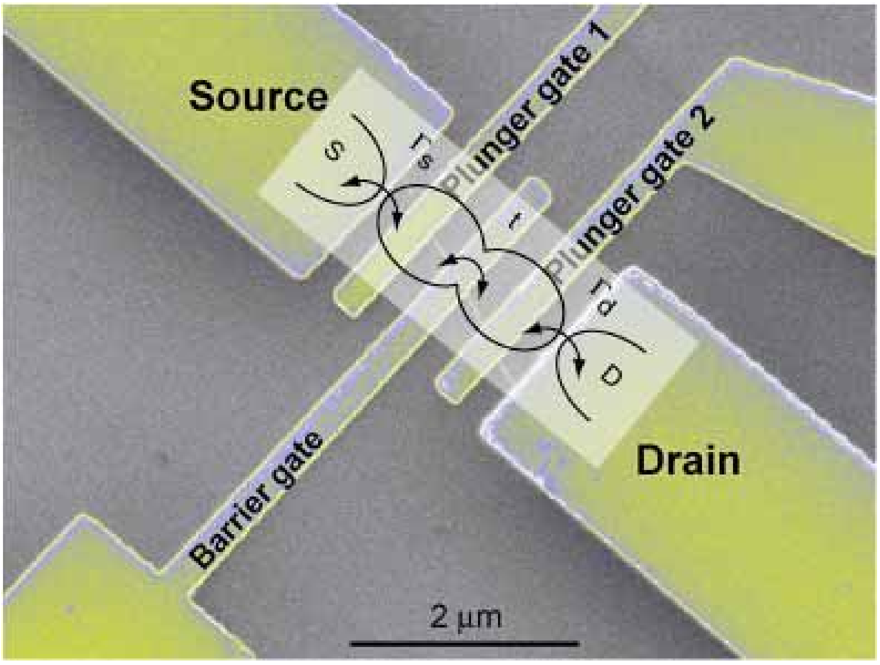
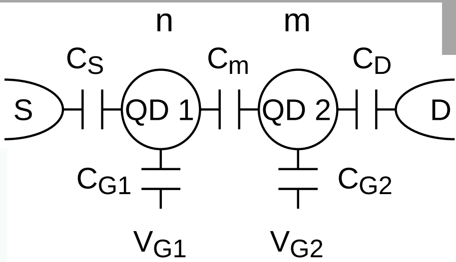
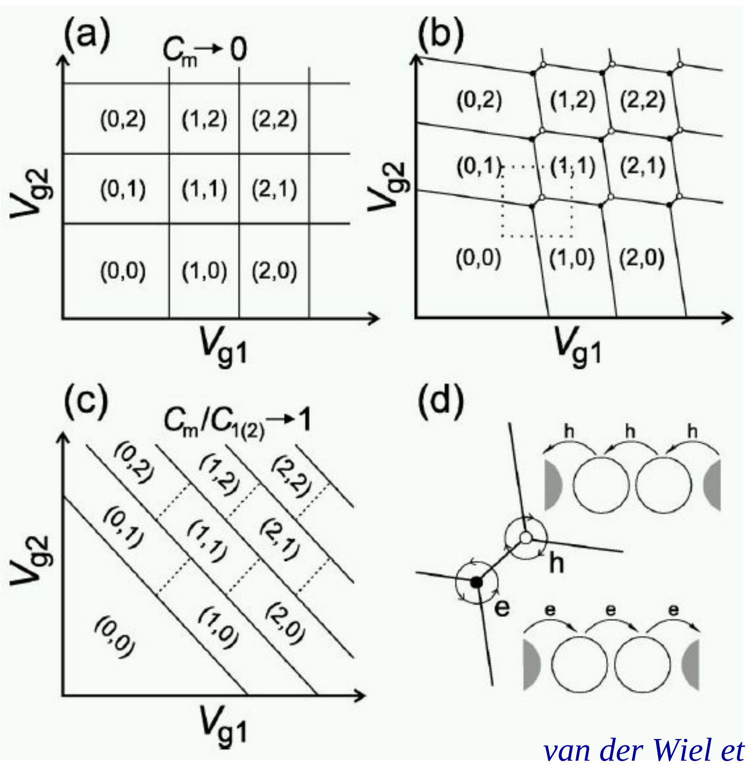
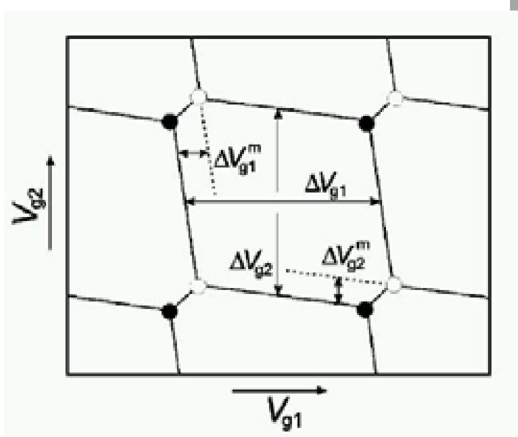


Charge Stability Diagram







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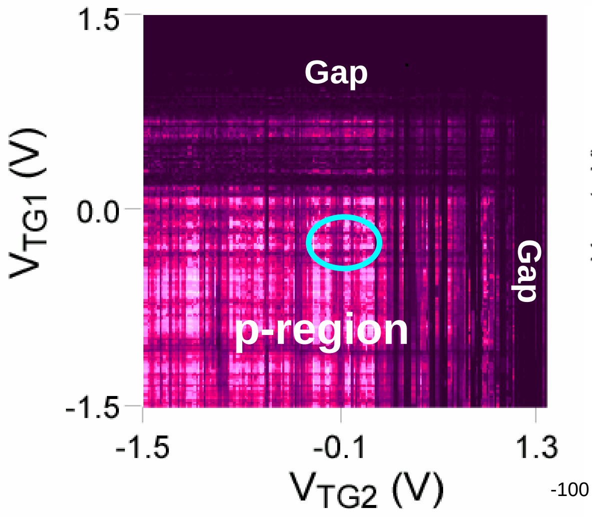
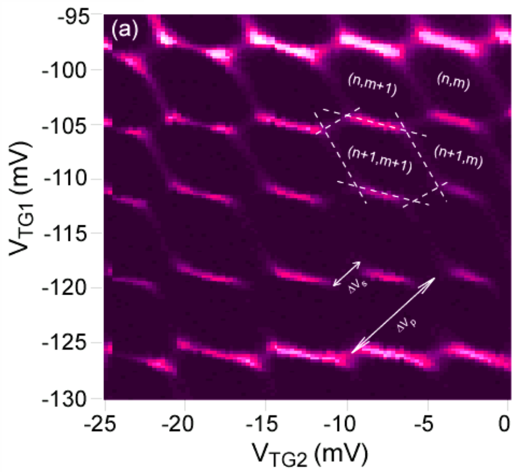
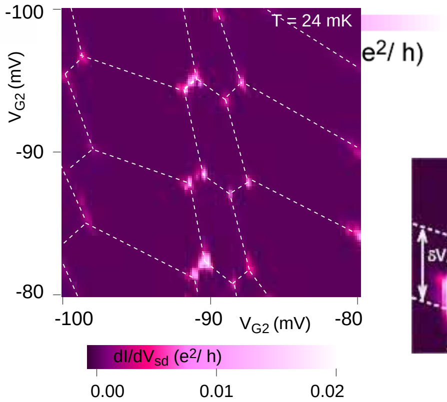
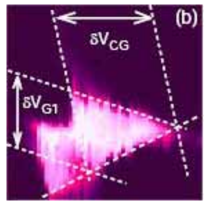


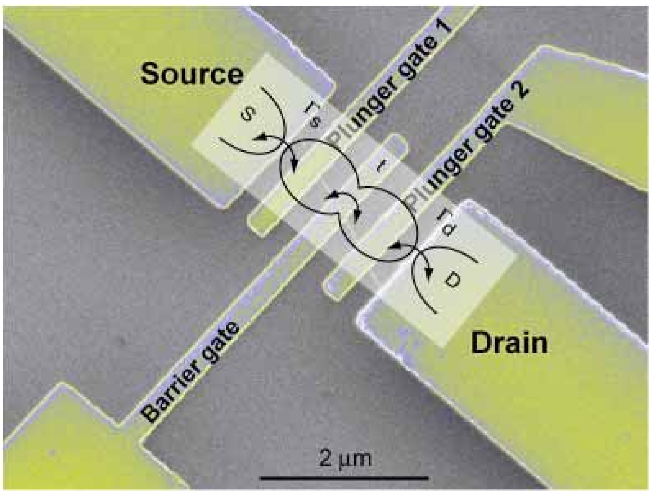


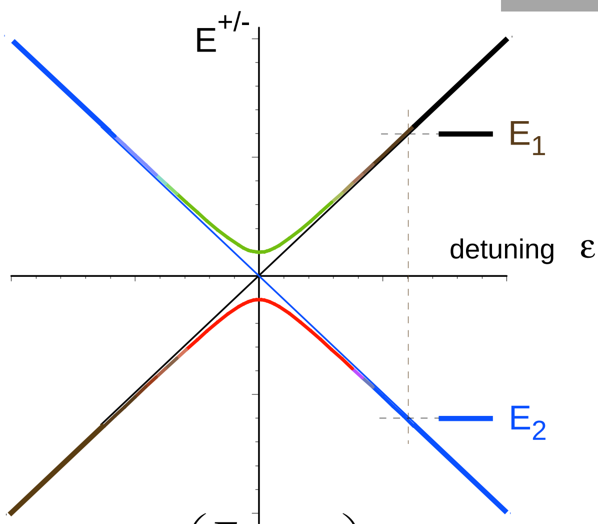


if two dots are
weakly coupled



molecular states (hybridization)





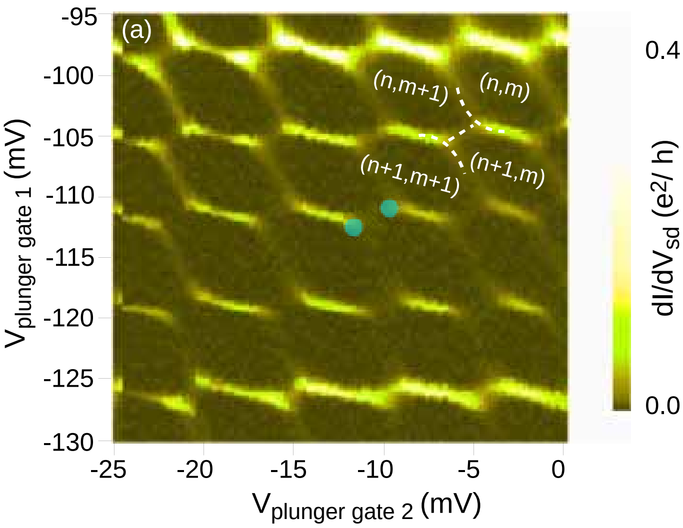
$$H\psi = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & t \\ t^* & E_2 \end{pmatrix}\psi$$

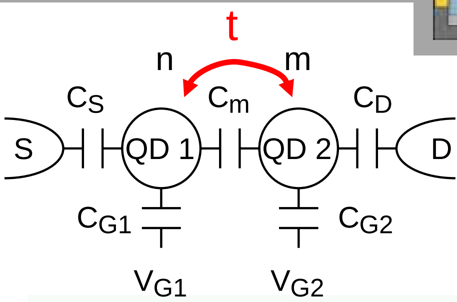
$$\Delta = \frac{E_1 + E_2}{2} \qquad \varepsilon = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{2}$$

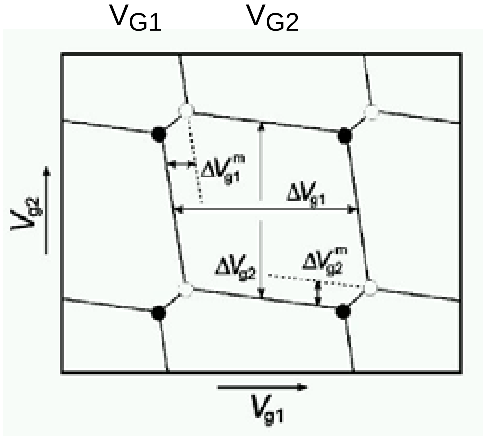
$$E^{+/-} = \Delta \mp \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

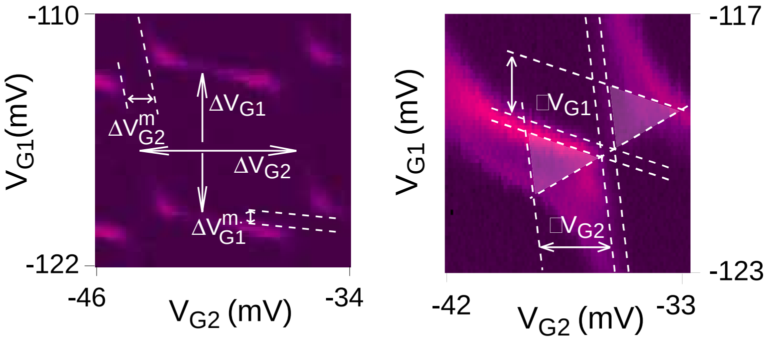
$C_{100'000} \rightarrow (C_{100'000})_2$

characterization







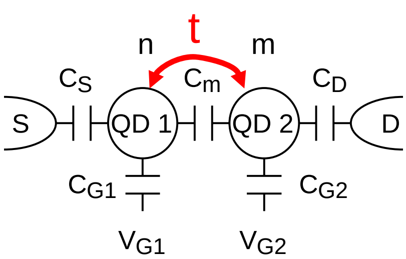


$C_{g1,g2}$ ~ 20 aF

$C_{1=S}$, $C_{2=D}$ ~ 85, 145 aF

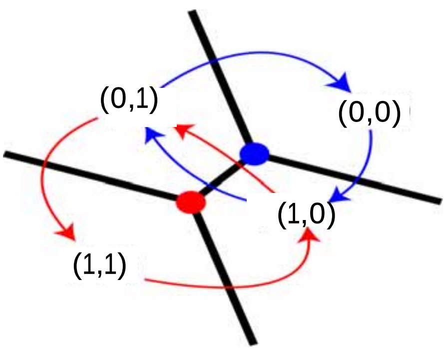
C_m ~ 15 aF

add tunnel coupling

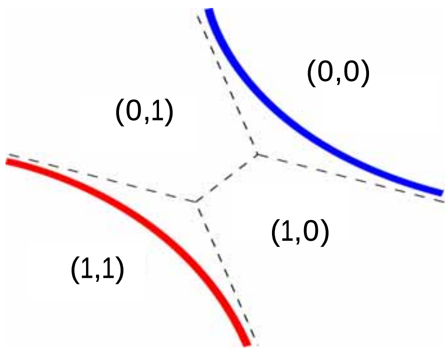


$$E^{+/-} = \Delta \mp \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

No tunnel-coupling



Tunnel-coupling



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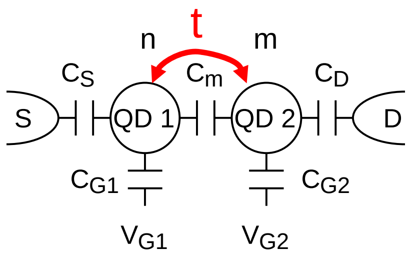
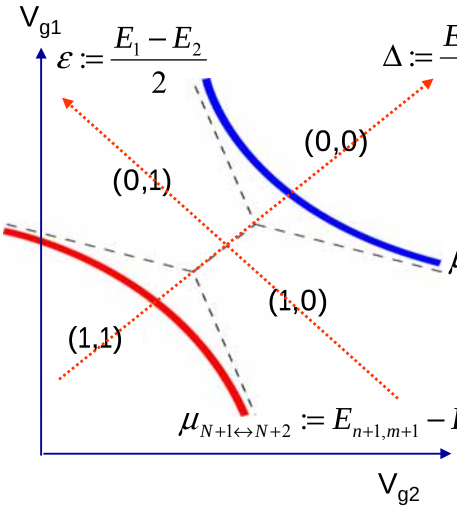


$$E^{+/-} = \Delta \mp \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

$$E_{n+1,m} - E_{n,m} = Un + U'm + E_1(V_{g1})$$

$$E_{n,m+1} - E_{n,m} = Um + U'n + E_2(V_{g2})$$

$$\psi^{\pm} = \alpha|n+1,m\rangle \pm \beta|n,m+1\rangle$$



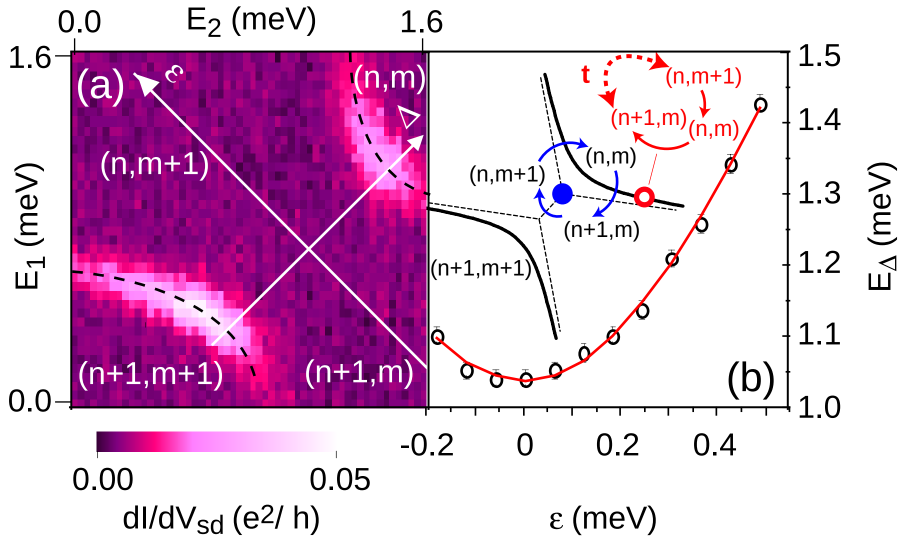
$$\varepsilon := \frac{E_1 - E_2}{2} \qquad \Delta := \frac{E_1 + E_2}{2}$$

$$\mu_{N\leftrightarrow N+1} := E^+ - E_{n,m} = \frac{1}{2}(U+U')(n+m) + \Delta_{N\leftrightarrow N+1}(\varepsilon) - \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

$$\mu_{N+1\leftrightarrow N+2} := E_{n+1,m+1} - E^+ = \frac{1}{2}(U+U')(n+m) + U' + \Delta_{N+1\leftrightarrow N+2}(\varepsilon) + \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

$$\mu_{reservoirs} = \mu_{N\leftrightarrow N+1} = \mu_{N+1\leftrightarrow N+2} \rightarrow \Delta_r(\varepsilon) - \Delta_l(\varepsilon) = U' + 2\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

level anti-crossing



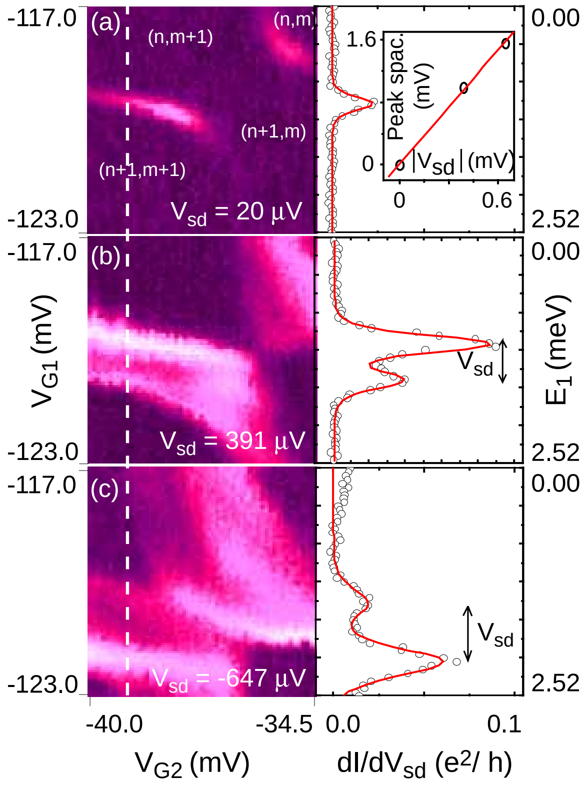
$$E^{+/-} = \Delta \mp \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}$$

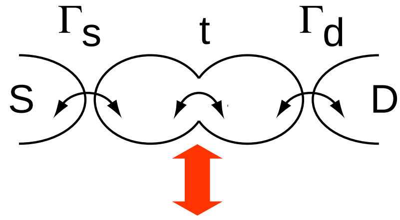
$$E_\Delta := |\Delta_l - \Delta_r| = U' + 2\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2} \qquad U' = \frac{2e^2 C_m}{C_1 C_2 - C_m}$$

t ~ 310-360 μeV

U' < 100 μeV

energy-scale





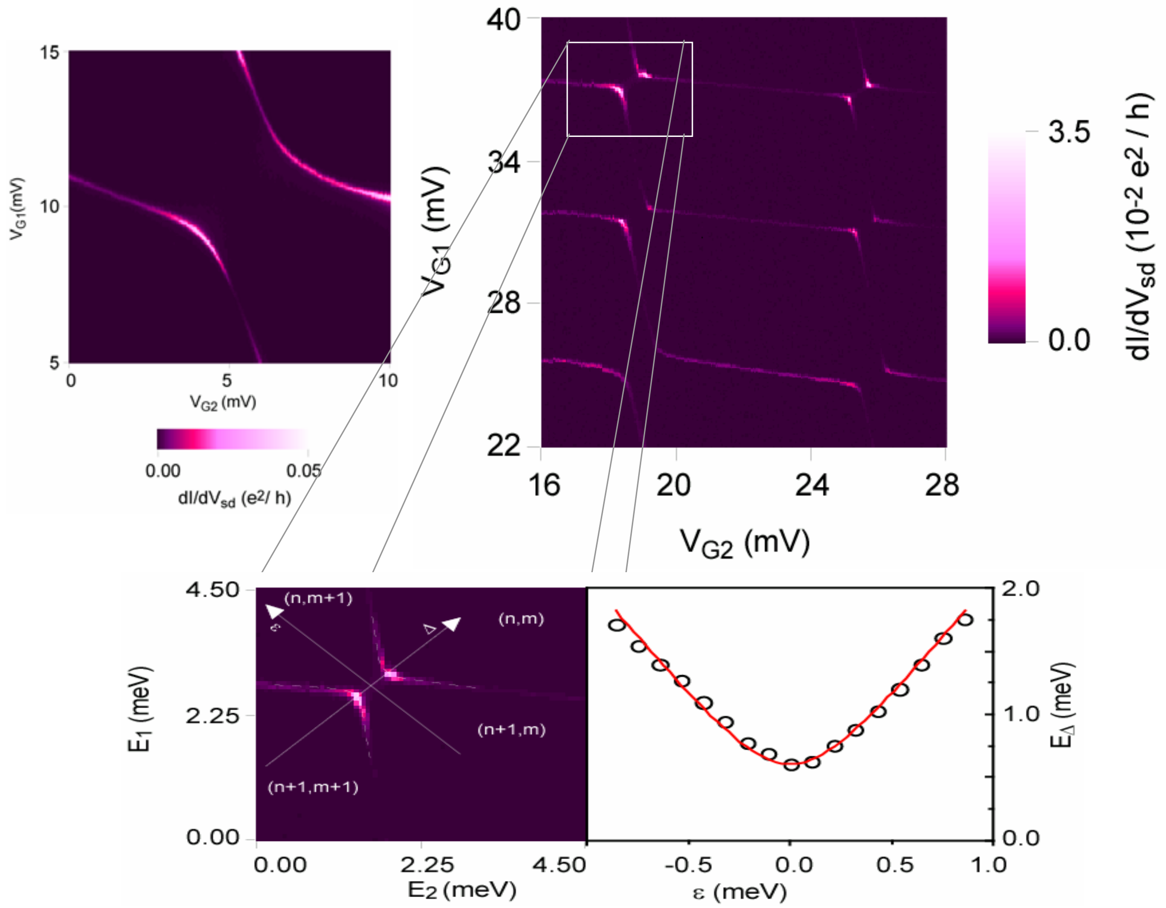
$$\psi^{+} = \alpha\left|n+1,m\right\rangle + \beta\left|n,m+1\right\rangle$$

$$I = e\Gamma\left|\alpha\cdot\beta\right|^2\left\{f\left(\mu_{2dot}-\mu_{source}\right) - f\left(\mu_{2dot}-\mu_{drain}\right)\right\}$$

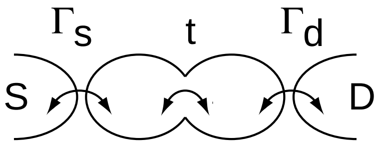
$$\frac{dI}{dV} = -e\Gamma\left|\alpha\cdot\beta\right|^2\left\{(1-r)\,f'(\Delta\mu_S) + r f'(\Delta\mu_D)\right\}$$

$$r := \frac{\partial\mu_{2dot}}{\partial\mu_{Source}} = \frac{C_S}{C_\Sigma}$$

more data



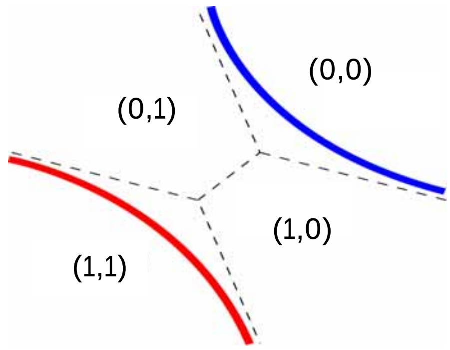
mapping of molecular states

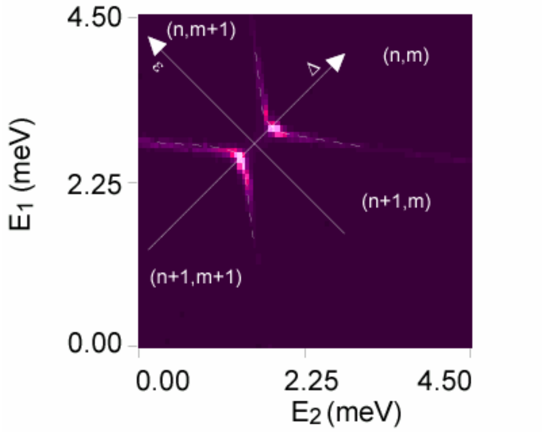


$$\psi = \alpha\left|n+1,m\right\rangle + \beta\left|n,m+1\right\rangle$$

$$\alpha,\beta(\varepsilon) = \frac{|t|^2}{|t|^2 + \left(\varepsilon \pm \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + |t|^2}\right)^2}$$

$$G = e\Gamma\left|\alpha(\varepsilon)\cdot\beta(\varepsilon)\right|^2$$





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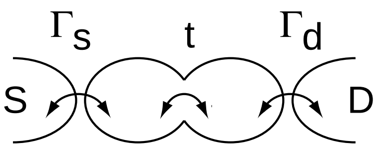

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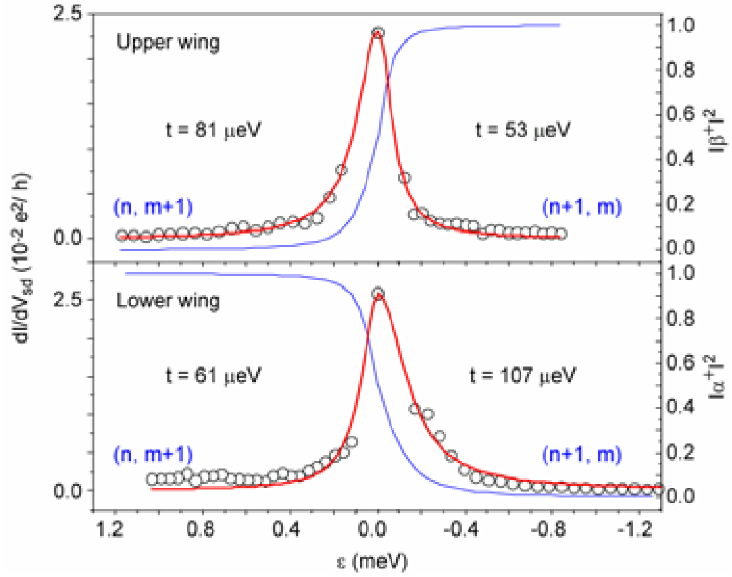

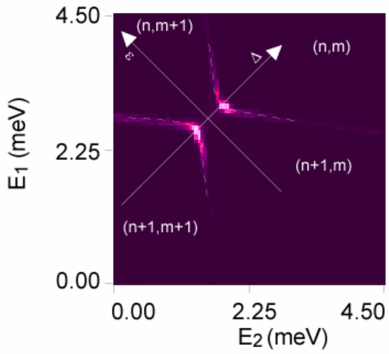

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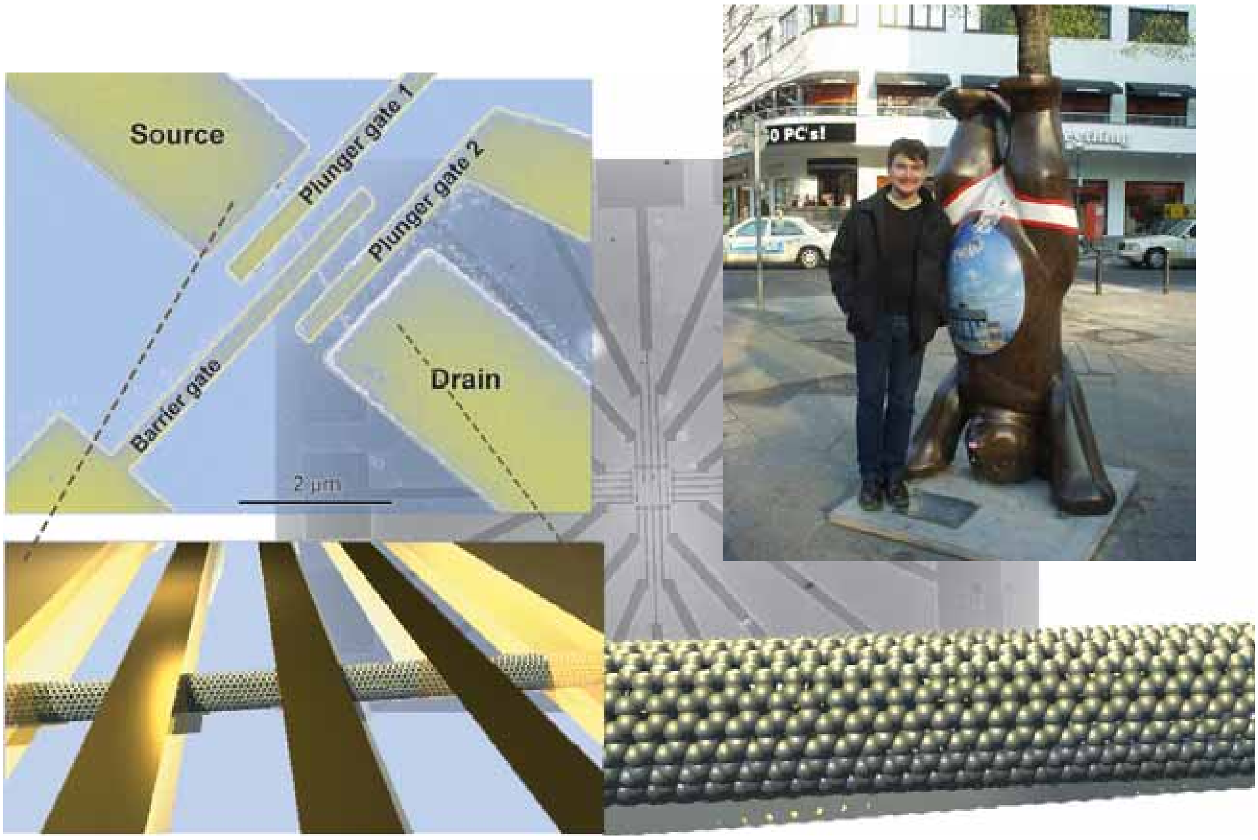

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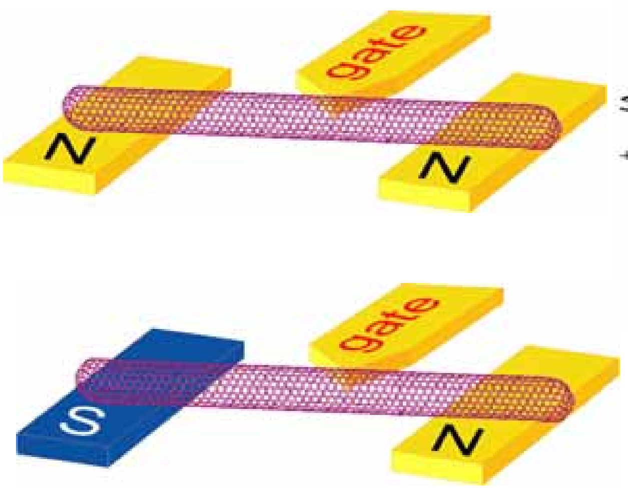

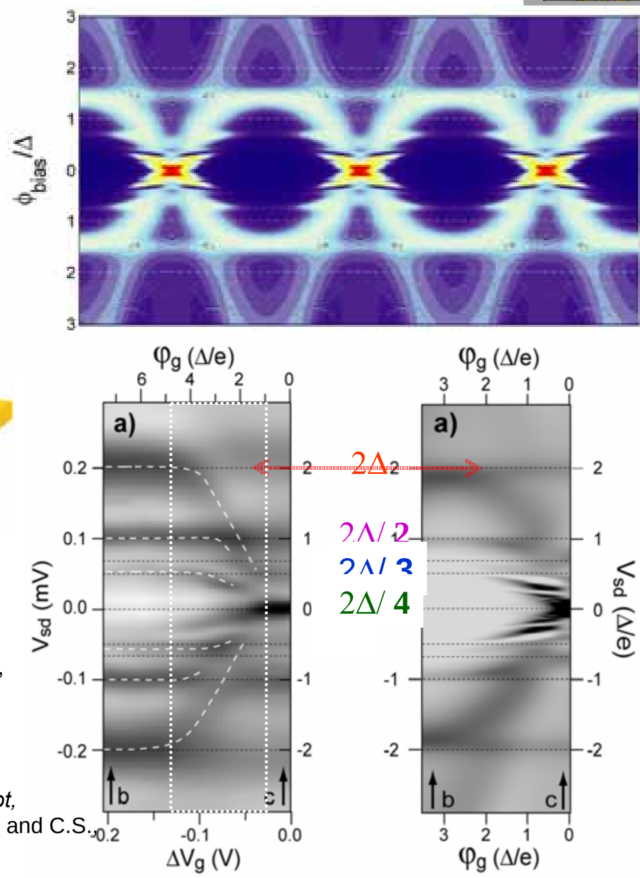

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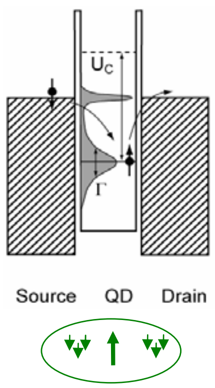
Carbon Nanotube Hybrid Dots

Kondo effect & Superconductivity



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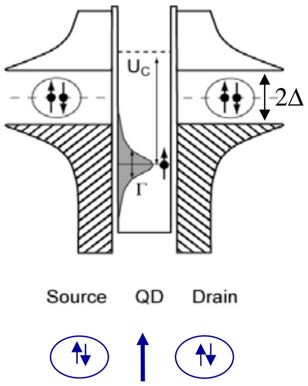
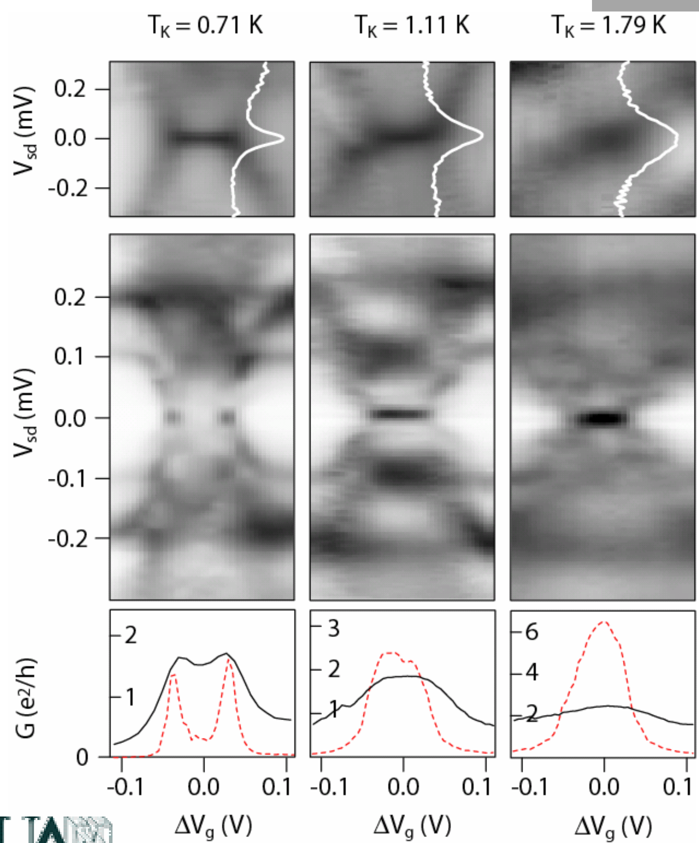


Energy scale : ~ Δ

A cross-over at $k_B T_K \sim \Delta$



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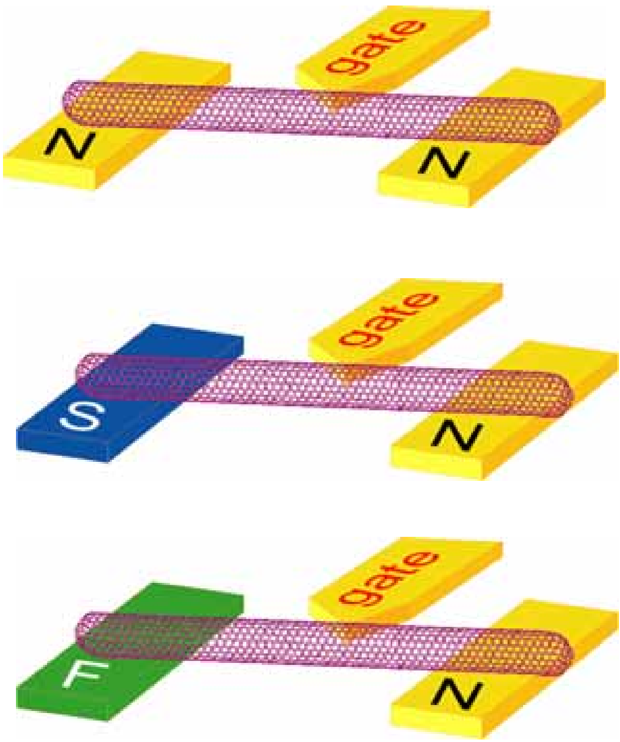
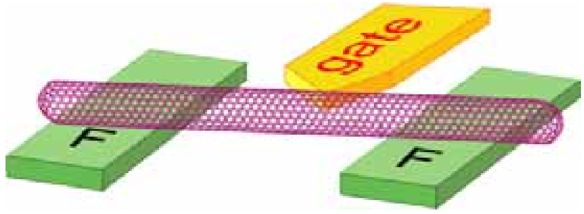
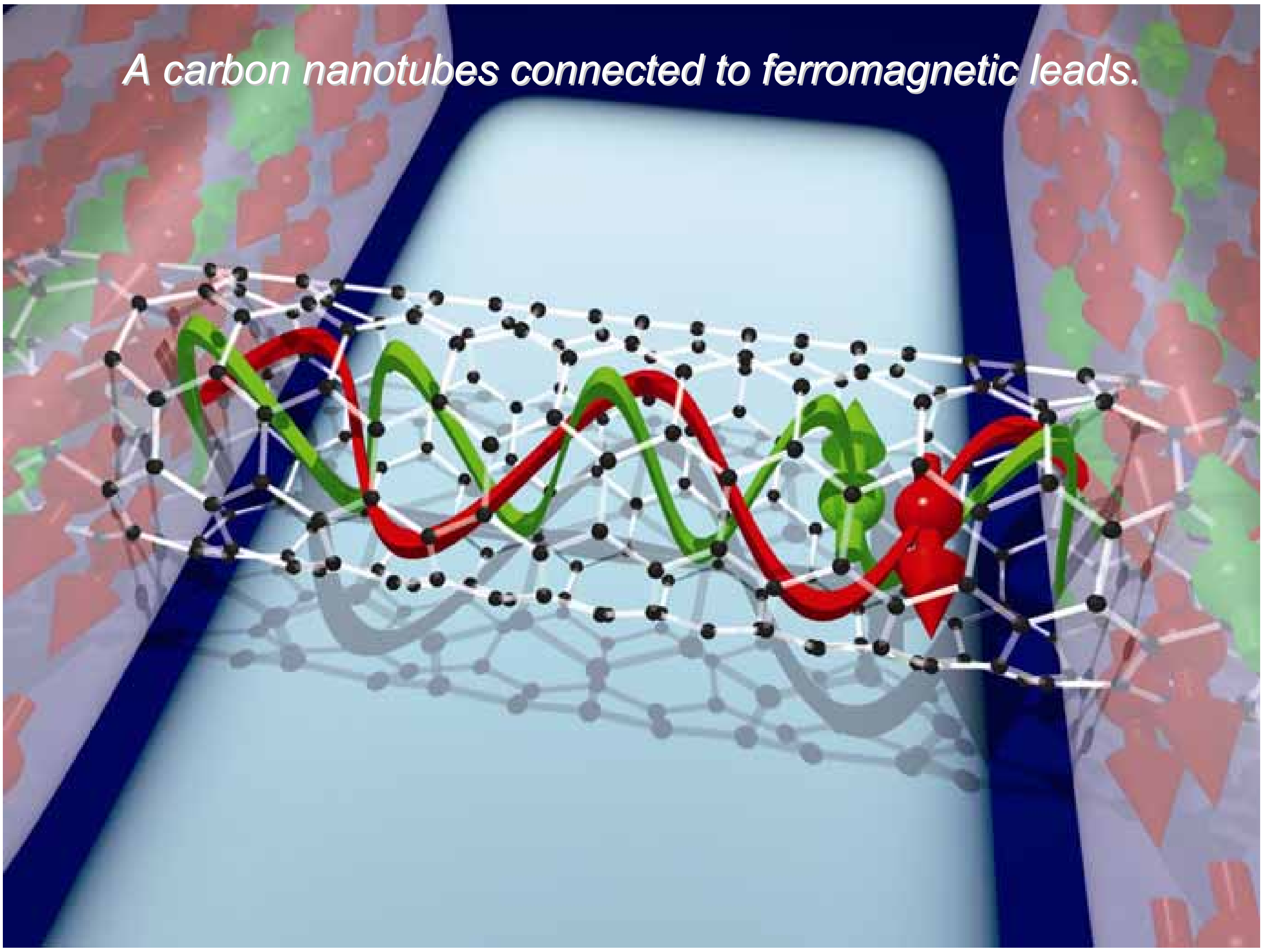


Carbon Nanotubes are great because novel quantum devices (hybrid devices) can be realized





Motivation

Spin dependent transport in nanostructures

- Importance of quantum coherence and interference

→ Effect of size quantization on spin transport ?

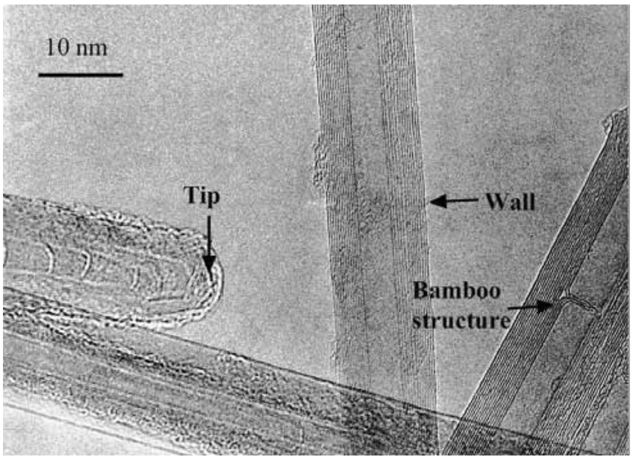
Spin vs Charge in low dimensional conductors

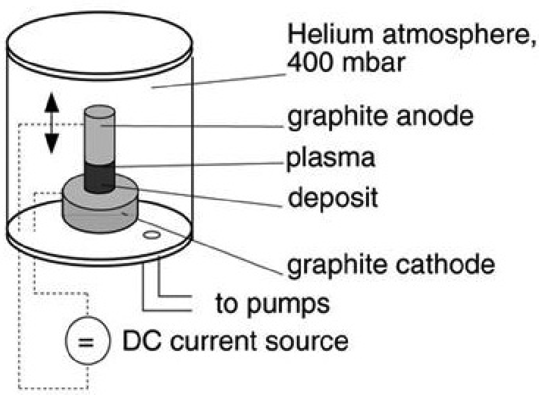
- Importance of electron-electron interactions
- Tunability of electronic transport (weak screening).

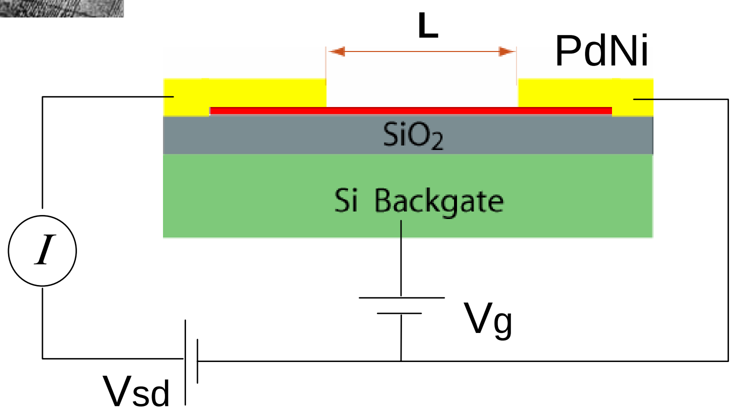
→ Manipulation of spins for quantum computing.

→ Realization of spin FETs.

Multi-Wall Carbon Nanotubes







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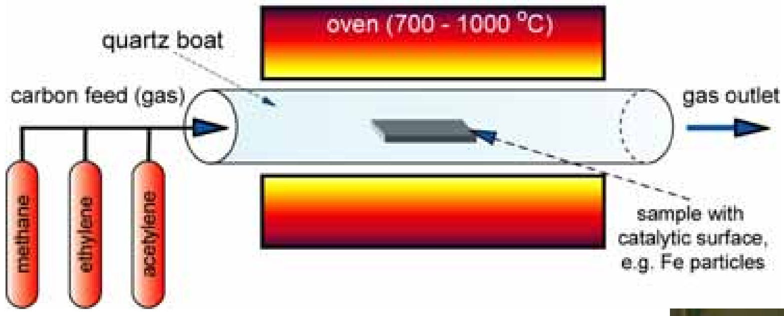
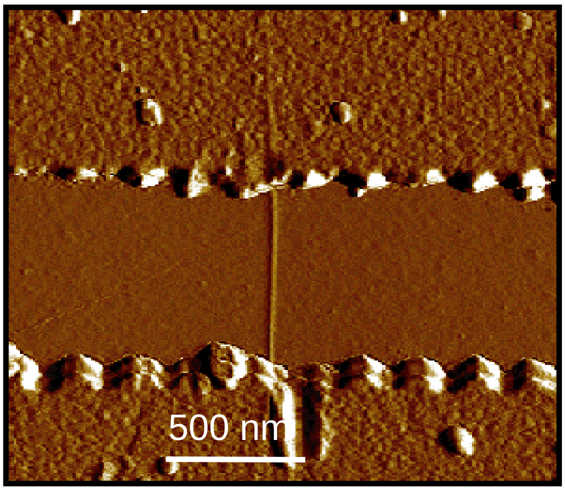
Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes





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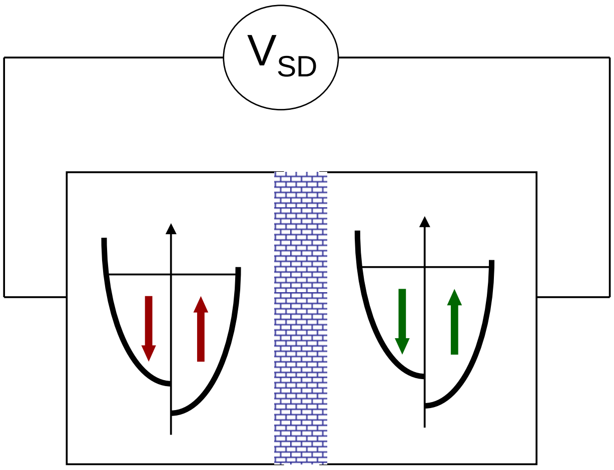

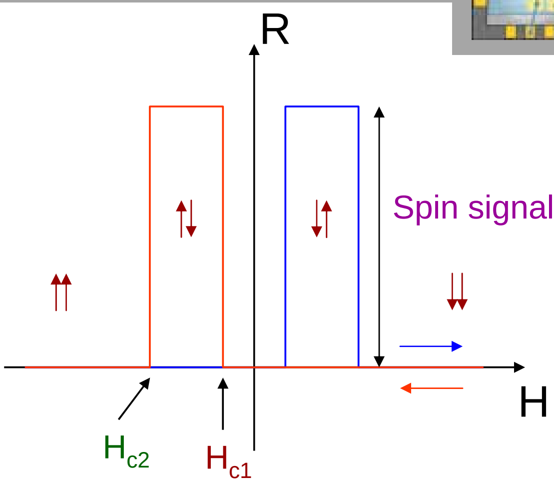

H_{c1} < H_{c2}

Jullière's model

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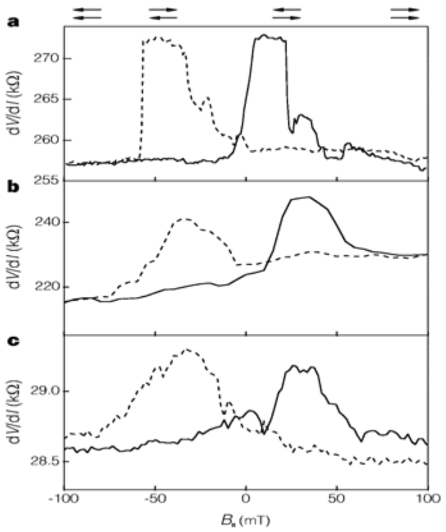
Previous work

Co contacts

K. Tsukagoshi et al., Nature, **401**, 572 (1999)



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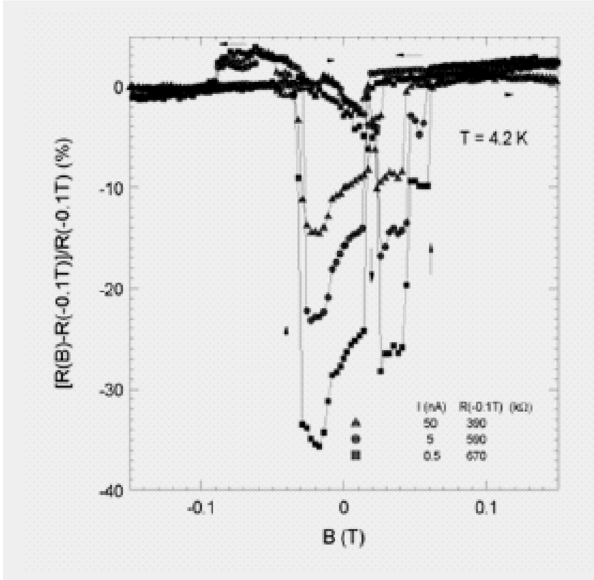
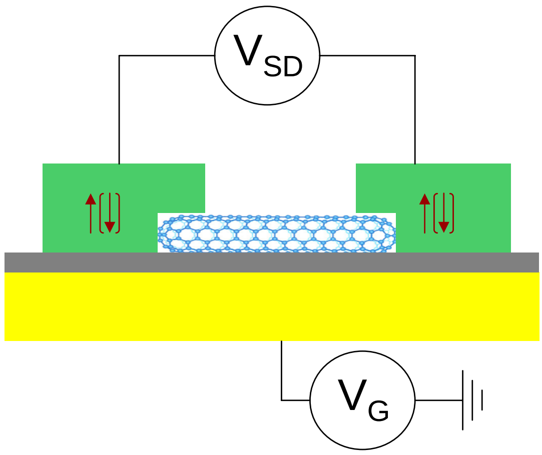


- ❑ Positive TMR ~5%
- ❑ No gate !

- ❑ Negative TMR ~ -30%
- ❑ No gate !

Normal as well as anomalous TMR...?

Spin Injection in NTs



Gate

Spin valve geometry (2 terminal)

- ❑ Injection and detection of spins with ferromagnetic electrodes.
- ❑ Study as a function of V_{SD} and V_G.

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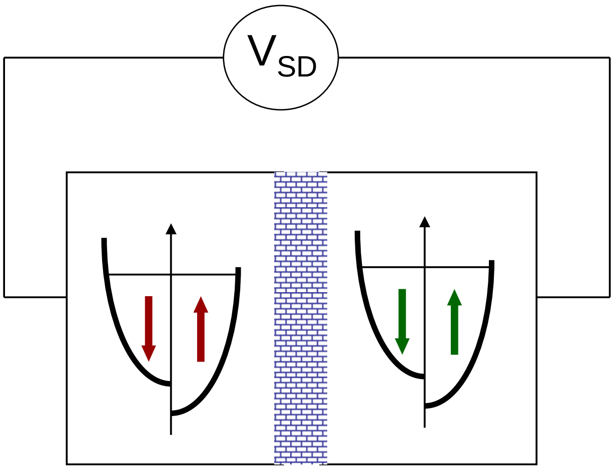
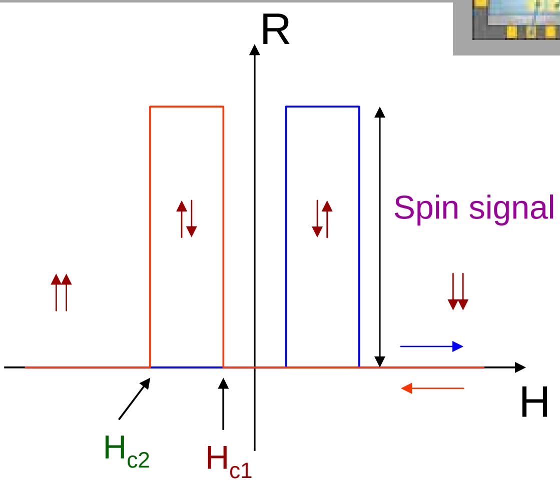
Introduction: Spin Valve Effect





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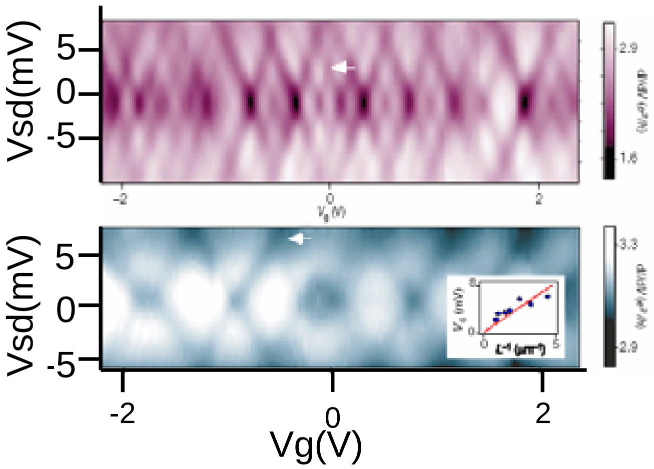
quantum interference and charging

W. Liang et al., Nature **411**, p 665 (2001)



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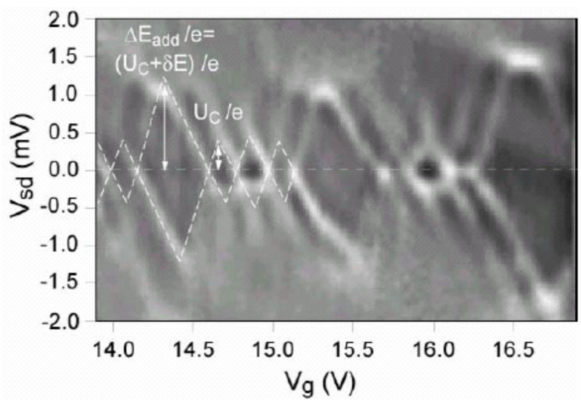
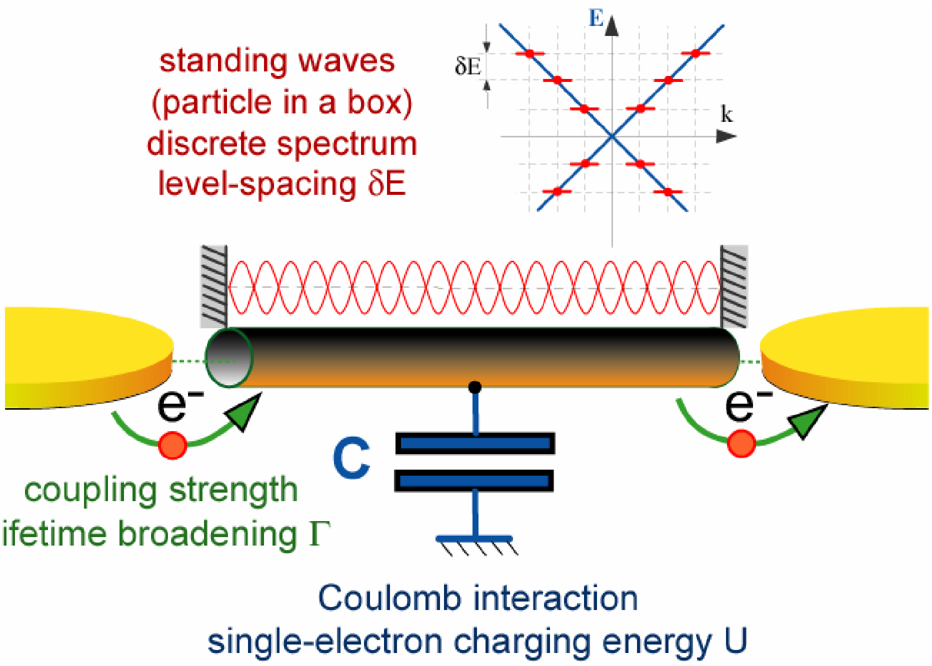


- Fabry-Perot in SWNTs
- Quantum dot in MWNTs

$E = hv_F/2L$ ⟶ 1.67 meV/µm

➡ Energy dependent transmission in NTs…

Nanotubes as quantum dots



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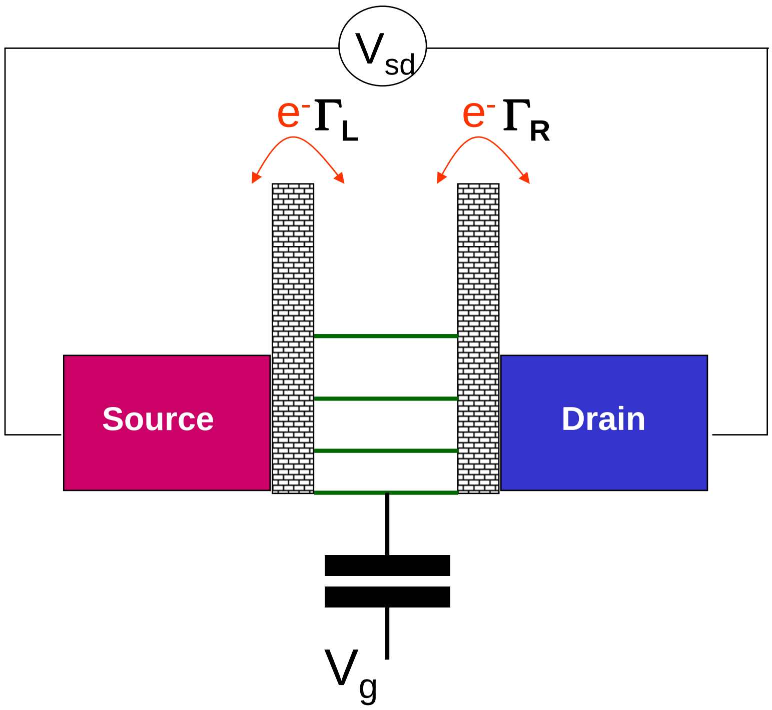
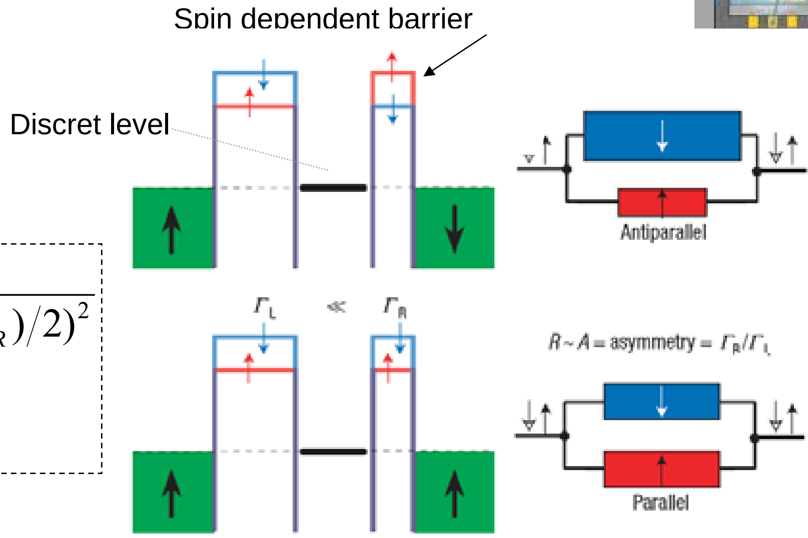


TMR and quantum interference



$$T(E) = \frac{\Gamma_L \Gamma_R}{(E-E_0)^2 + ((\Gamma_L + \Gamma_R)/2)^2}$$
$$\Gamma_L = \Gamma_L(1 \pm P_L)$$
$$\Gamma_R = \Gamma_R(1 \pm P_R)$$

Off-resonance,

$$T(E) \propto \Gamma_R \Gamma_L, TMR = \frac{2P_L P_R}{1 - P_L P_R}$$

On resonance with asymmetry,

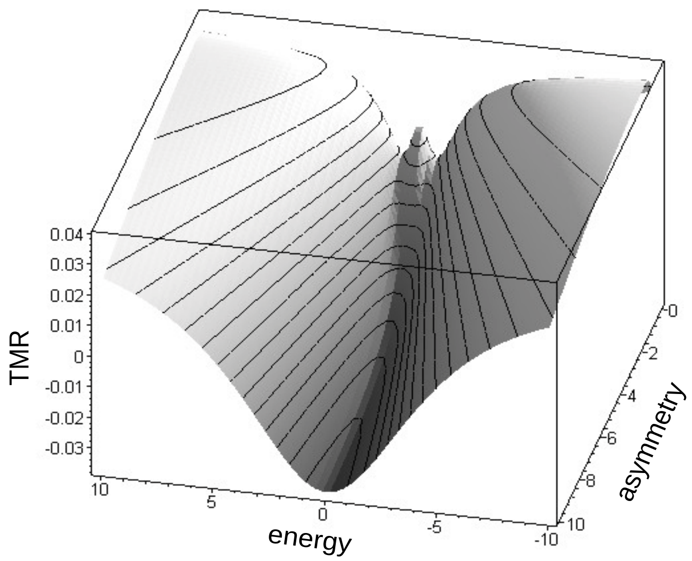
$$\Gamma_L >> \Gamma_R \Rightarrow T(E) = 4\Gamma_R / \Gamma_L, TMR = \frac{-2P_L P_R}{1 + P_L P_R}$$

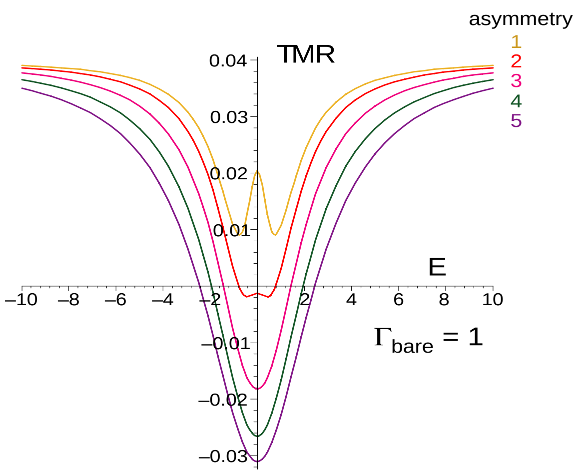
→ SpinFET behavior because E_0 controlled by gate.

See also E.Y. Tsymbal et al. PRL 90, 186602 (2003) in Ni/NiO/Co nanojunctions

RT yields a symmetric TMR

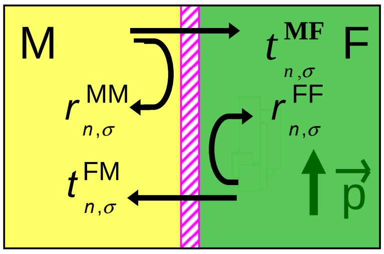
Γ=1 and P=0.2, one resonance





Description of spin injection

Spin-Dependence of Interfacial Phase Shifts (SDIPS)



n : channel index
σ : spin

Transmission amplitude $t_\sigma^{FM(MF)} = \sqrt{T_\sigma}\, e^{i\varphi_\sigma^{FM(MF)}}$

Reflexion amplitude $r_\sigma^{FF(MM)} = \sqrt{1-T_\sigma}\, e^{i\varphi_\sigma^{FF(MM)}}$

SDIPS

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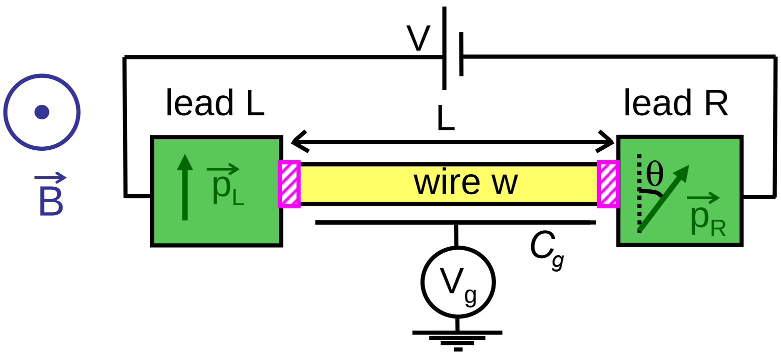
Ballistic channel with F-leads



Assumptions :

- interactions neglected
- single channel wire
- $e\kappa V_g, g\mu_B B << E_F^W$

  $\kappa = C_g / C_W$

<u>Scattering description with parameters:</u>

$\delta_0 = L(k_F^W + (e\kappa V_g - E_F^W)/\hbar v_F^W)$ Phase acquired by carriers along w at B=0

$T_{L(R)} = (T^{\uparrow}_{L(R)} + T^{\downarrow}_{L(R)})/2 \qquad P_{L(R)} = (T^{\uparrow}_{L(R)} - T^{\downarrow}_{L(R)})/(T^{\uparrow}_{L(R)} + T^{\downarrow}_{L(R)})$

$\varphi^{WW}_{\sigma,L(R)} \longrightarrow \boxed{\Delta\varphi_{L(R)} = \varphi^{WW}_{\uparrow,L(R)} - \varphi^{WW}_{\downarrow,L(R)} \neq 0}$ SDIPS parameters

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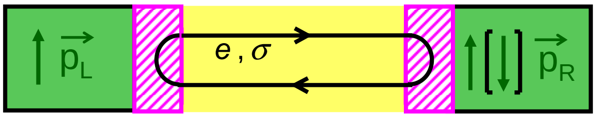
Bound states are spin-dependent



Resonance condition for θ=0 [θ= π] :

$$2\delta_0 + \varphi^{WW}_{\sigma,L} + \varphi^{WW}_{[-]\sigma,R} = 2\pi j,\ j \in \mathbf{Z}$$

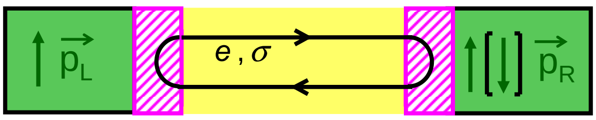
tunneling limit

$$T_\sigma^{m_1,m_2} = \frac{4\Gamma_{1\sigma}^{m_1}\Gamma_{2\sigma}^{m_2}}{4\varepsilon^2 + (\Gamma_{1\sigma}^{m_1} + \Gamma_{2\sigma}^{m_2})^2}$$ (no **SDIPS**)

$$T_\sigma^{m_1,m_2} = \frac{4\Gamma_{1\sigma}^{m_1}\Gamma_{2\sigma}^{m_2}}{4\left(\varepsilon_\sigma^{m_1,m_2}\right)^2 + (\Gamma_{1\sigma}^{m_1} + \Gamma_{2\sigma}^{m_2})^2}$$

$$\varepsilon_\sigma^{m_1,m_2} := \varepsilon_0(V_g) + \kappa\sigma\left(P_1 m_1 + P_2 m_2\right)$$

extended model allows for asymmetric TMR



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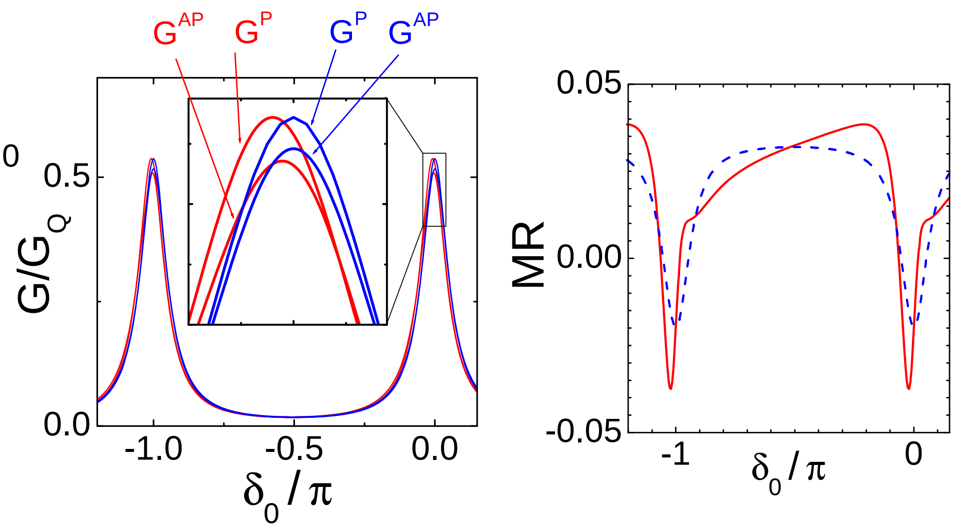
$T_L = 0.5$, $T_R = 0.05$,

$P_{L(R)} = 0.3$, $\varphi^{WW}_{\downarrow,L(R)} = 0$

$\varphi^{WW}_{\uparrow,L(R)} = 0$

$\varphi^{WW}_{\uparrow,L(R)} = 0.05$

weak SDIPS



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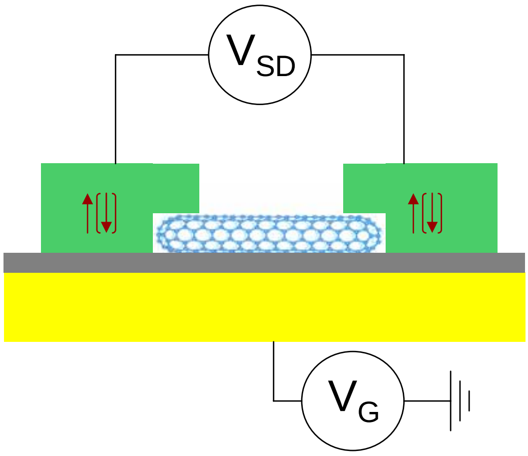
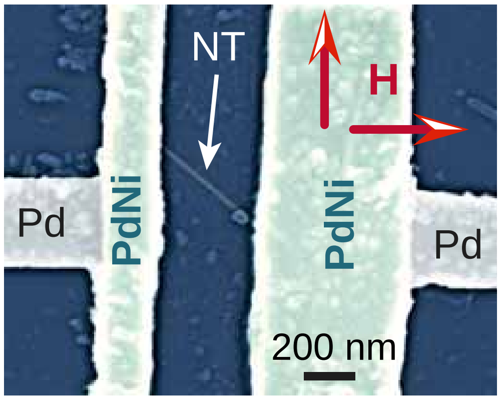
an actual device (MWNT)

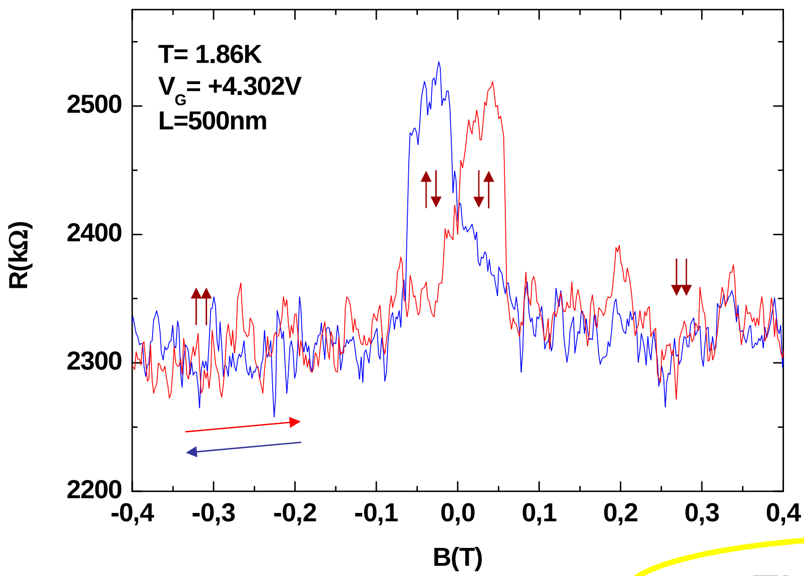


Spin valve geometry



- Transparent contacts using a new contacting scheme with $Pd_{0.3}Ni_{0.7}$
- Shape anisotropy to control switching of magnetizations.

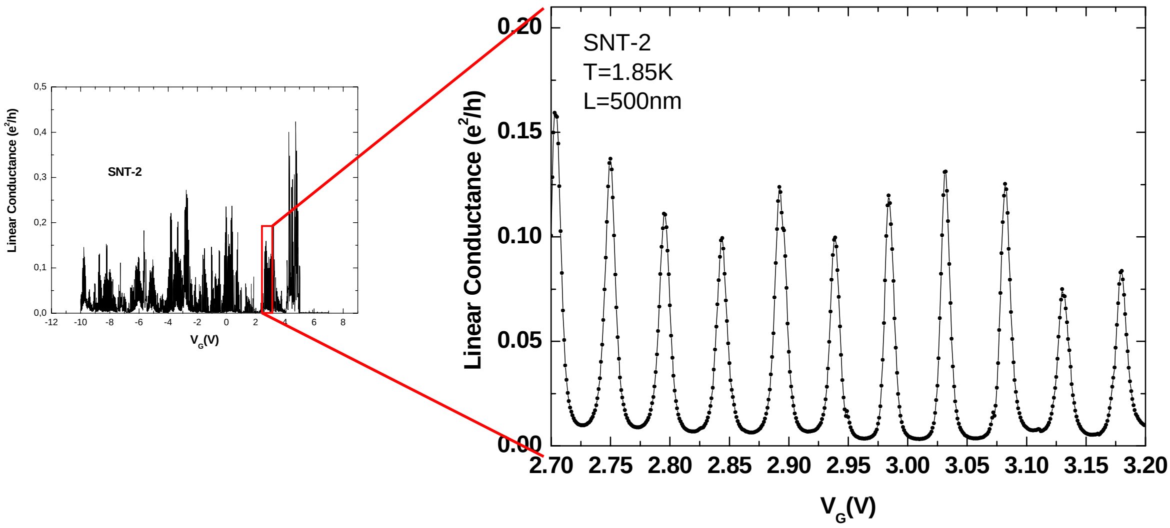
Spin signal for a SWNT-device



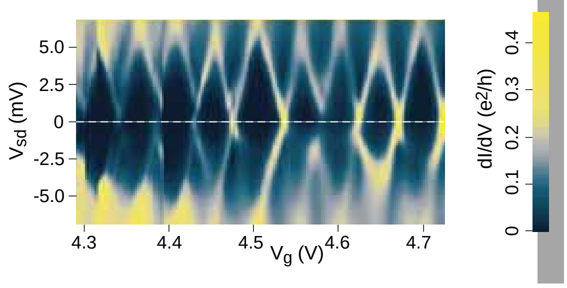
$TMR=(R_{AP}-R_P)/R_P$

- Hysteresis ~ 5-10 %
- Sharp switching for ~ 100mT
- TMR ~ $2P^2$ with P~0.2

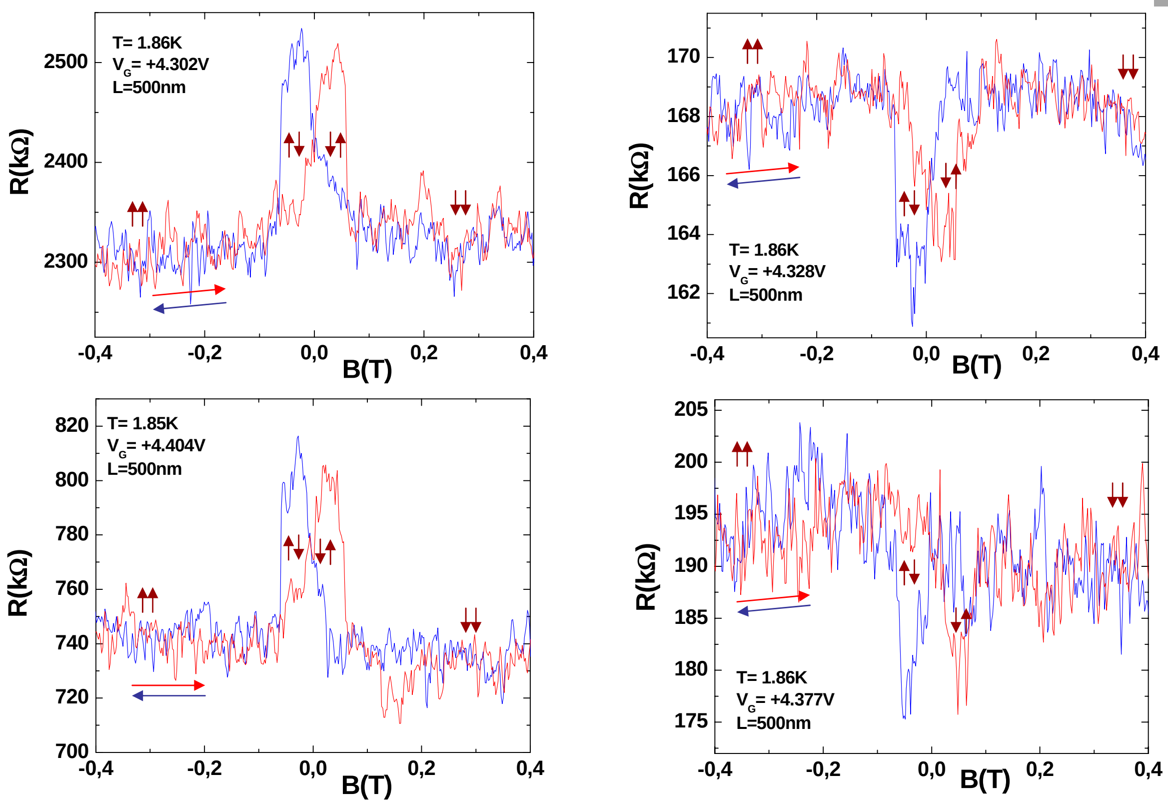
Linear conductance



- Resonances in conductance at 1.85K
- Peaks always symmetric about maximum

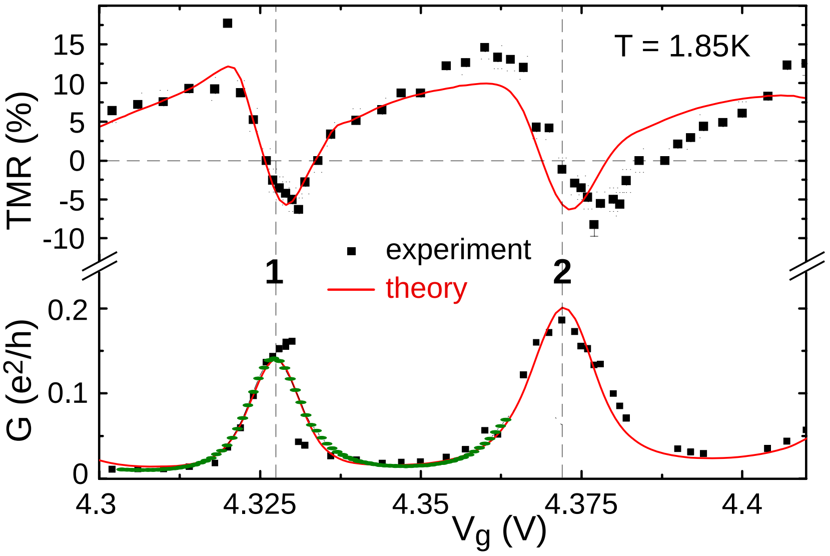


Gate dependence of TMR



- Sign and amplitude of TMR gate controlled.

Comparison G and TMR vs Gate



Asymmetry in TMR

$$E_{\uparrow} - E_{\downarrow} = 0.26meV$$

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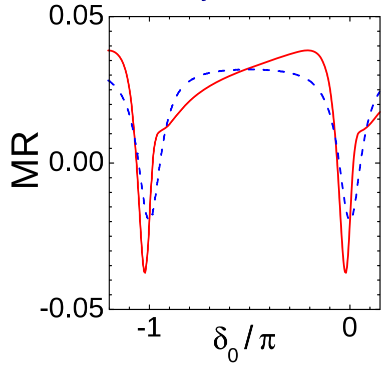

- Oscillations of TMR between -8% and +17%.
- Spin dependent resonant tunneling mechanism.
- Direct measurement of spin imbalance ~ 2.2 T.

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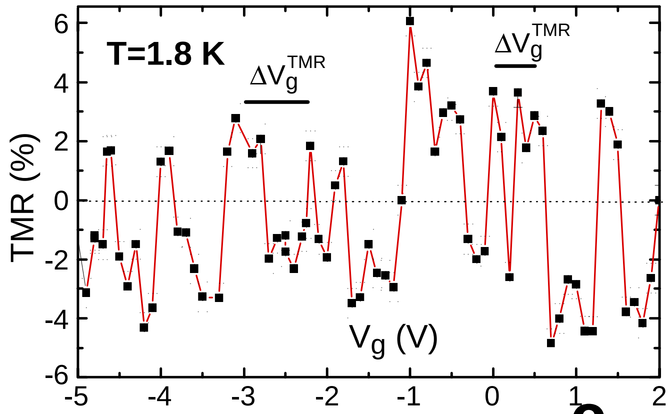
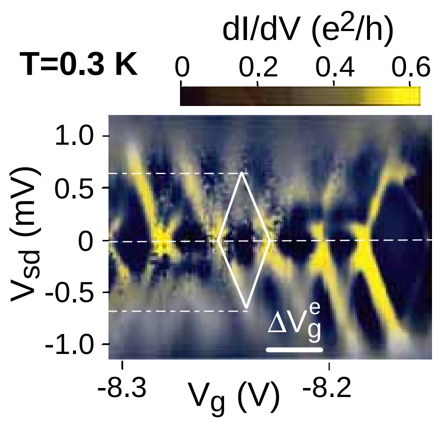
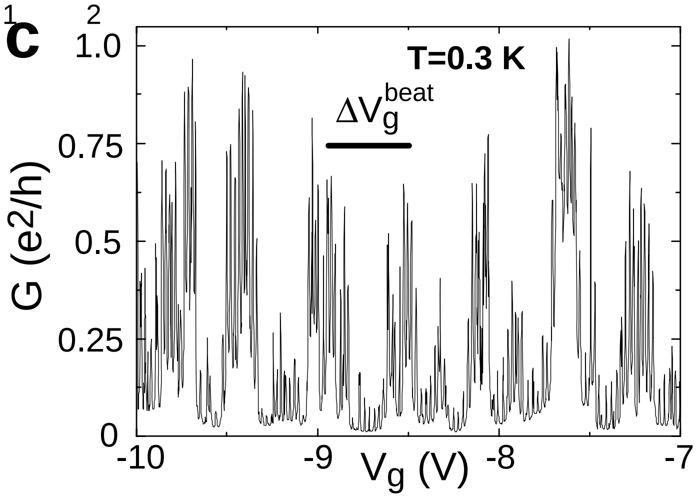
„universial“, also seen in MWNTs







Problems…artefacts…?

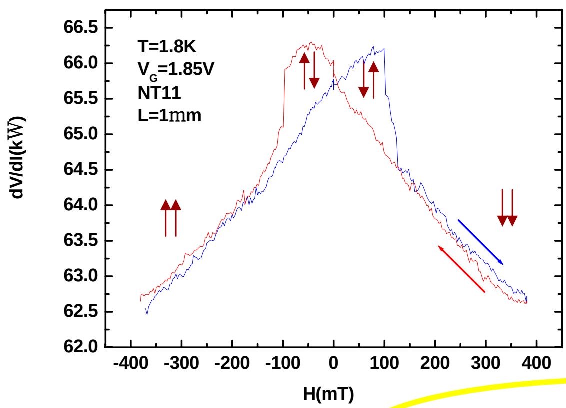
1. stray field
2. magneto-Coulomb effect
3. magnetostrictive effects very locally on the contacts

1. magnetic **stray-field** many change R via some „background“ MR of CNT (other than spin-valve)

   ➔ have a look at background

Background and MR

H parallel to leads axis



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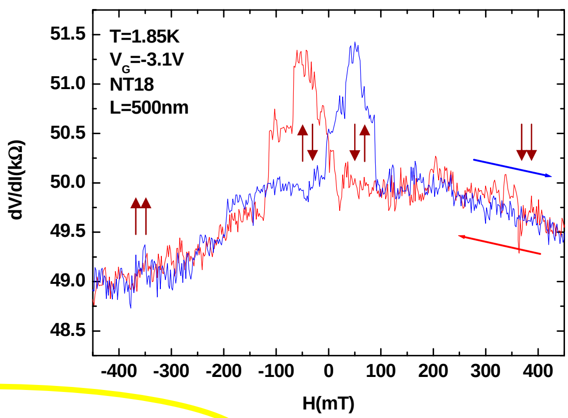
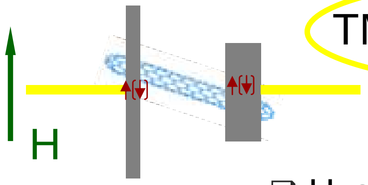
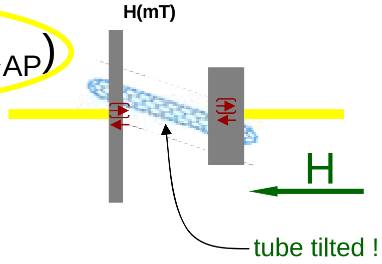


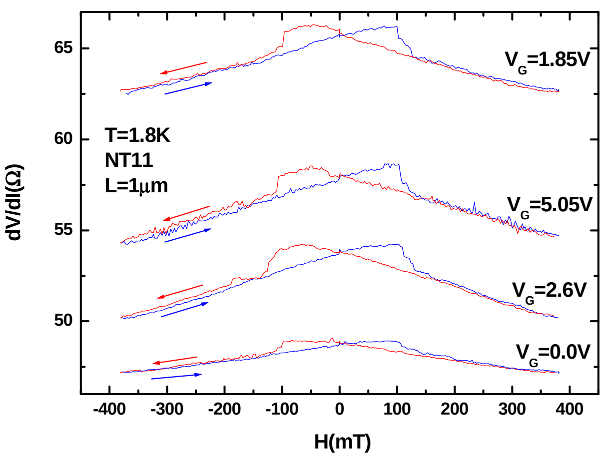
$$TMR=2(R_{AP}-R_P)/(R_P+R_{AP})$$

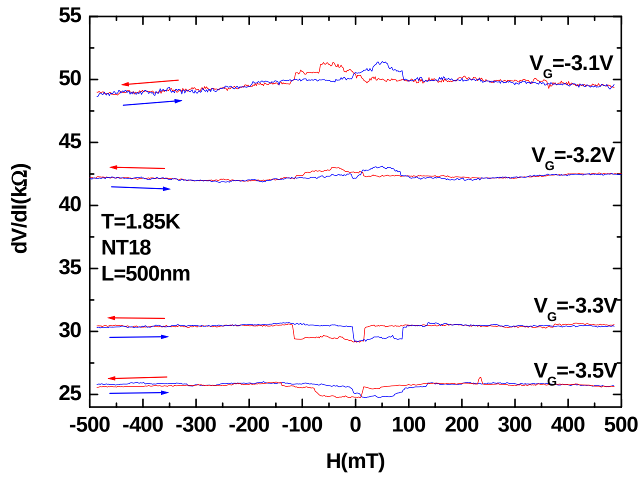




- ❑ Hysteresis with TMR ~ +3%
- ❑ Sharp switching for ~ 100mT
- ❑ Sharper switching for ~ 0mT for perpendicular H

Background and MR





NT11 **NT18**

- ❑ Amplitude of TMR depends on gate voltage !
- ❑ **Sign and amplitude** of TMR depend on gate voltage !

Background and MR

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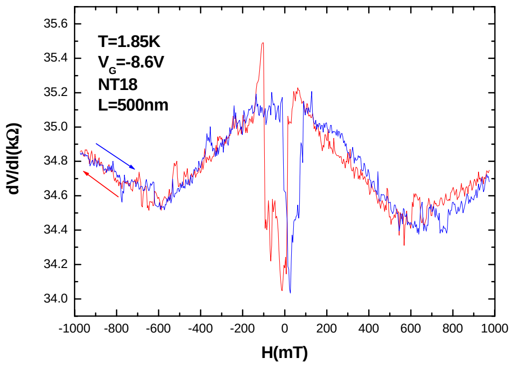

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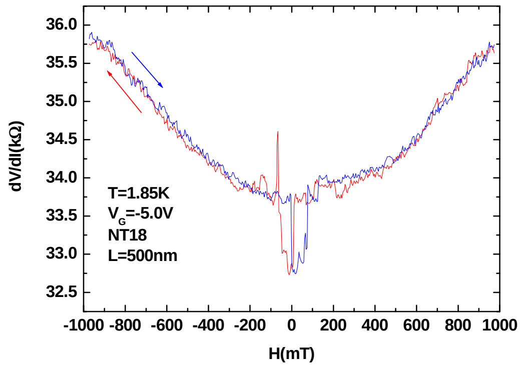

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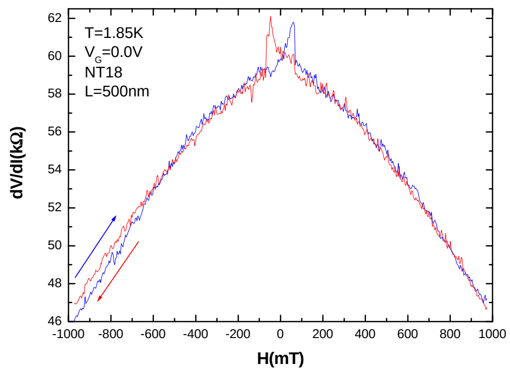
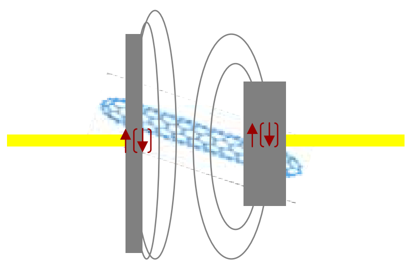
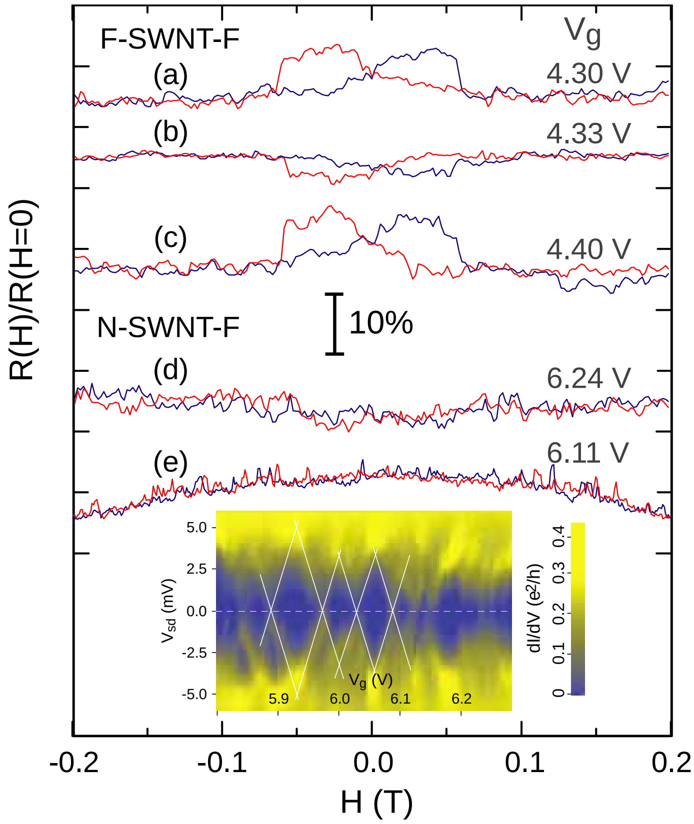




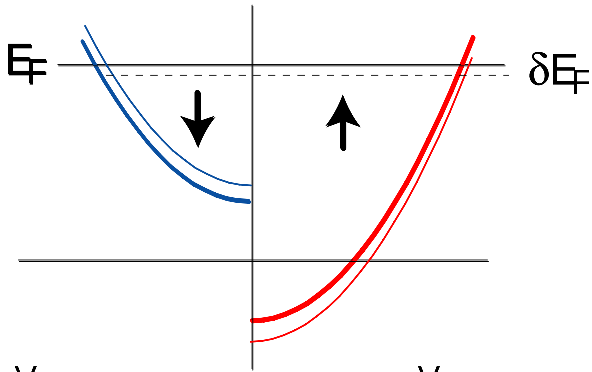
❑ No stray field effect...

Control Experiment



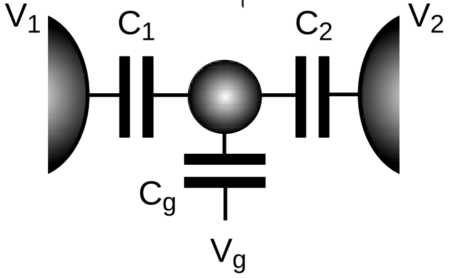
Magneto-Coulomb Effect

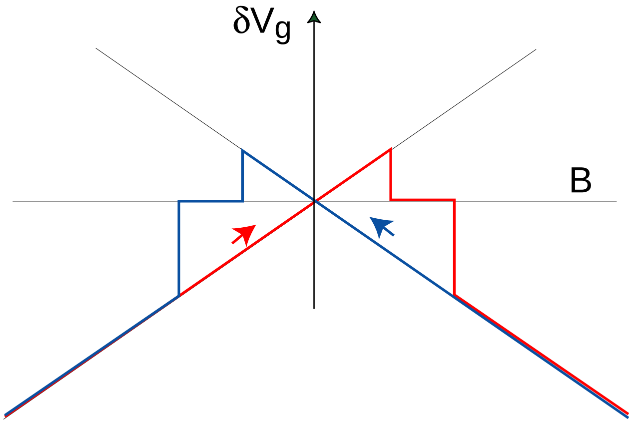
brought to my attention by Bart van Wees and Sense Jan van der Molen



$$\delta E_F = -\frac{1}{2} g P \mu_B B$$

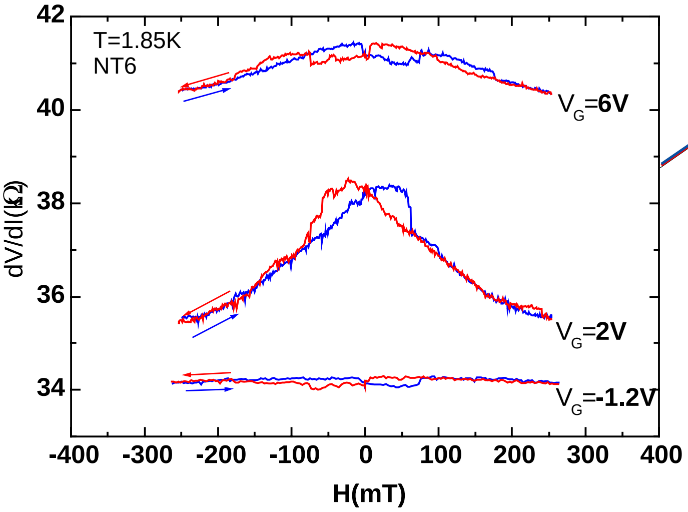
$$P := \frac{N_\uparrow - N_\downarrow}{N_\uparrow + N_\downarrow}$$

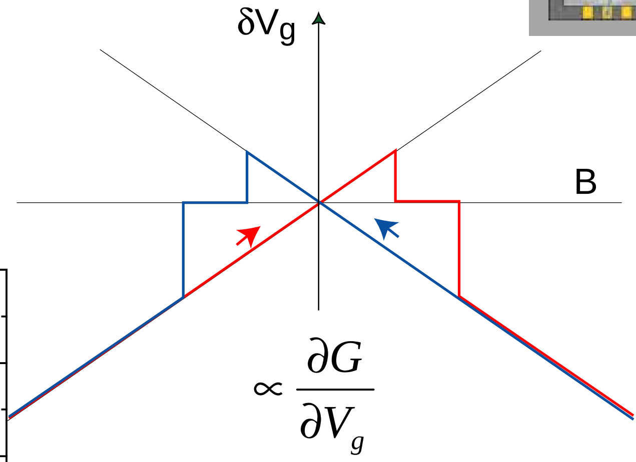




$$\delta V_g = \pm \frac{g\mu_B}{2eC_g} \vec{B} \bullet \left(C_1 \vec{P}_1 + C_2 \vec{P}_2 \right)$$

Magneto-Coulomb





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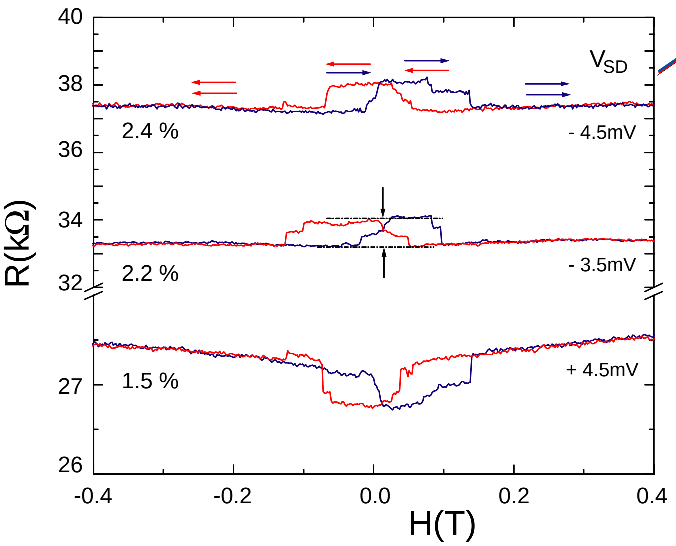

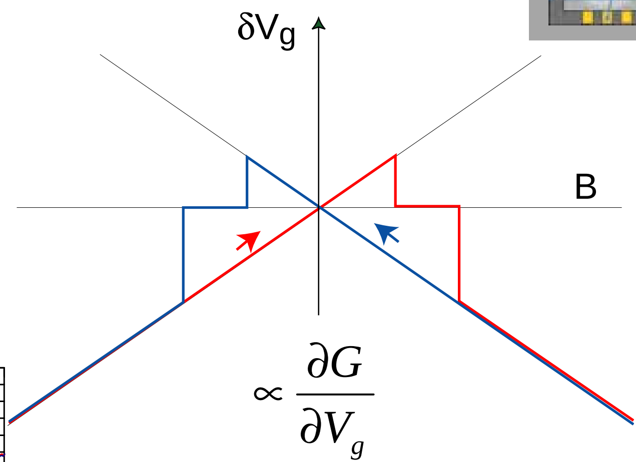

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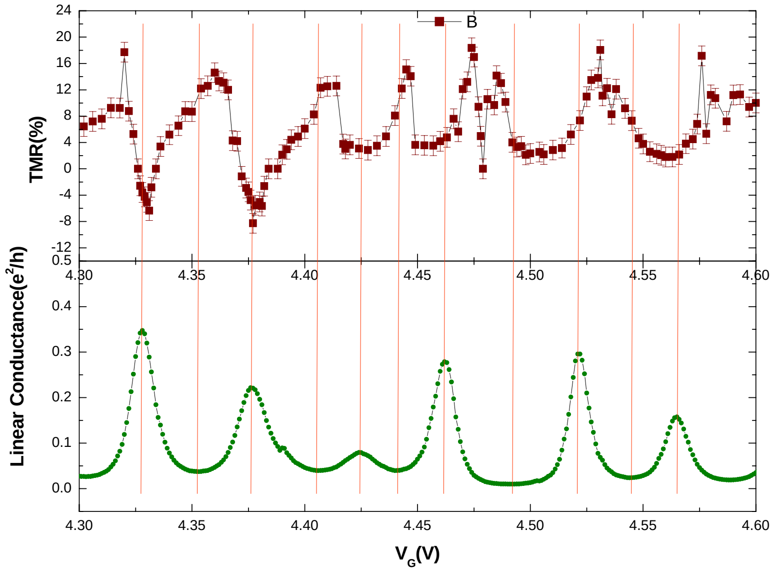

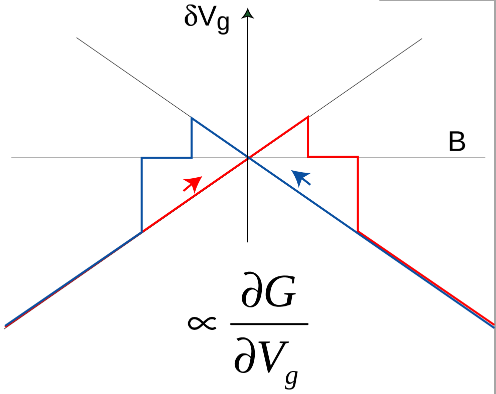

- ❑ Correlation between conductance and TMR.
- ❑ Not always sign change on a peak...

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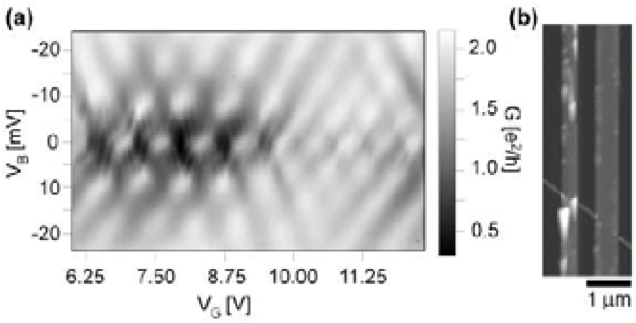

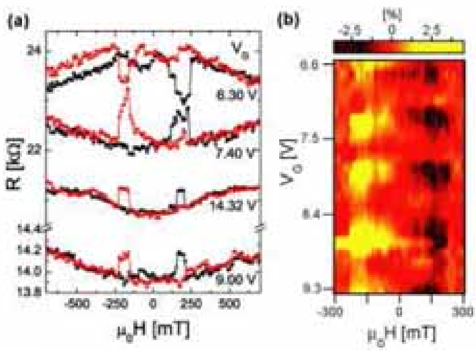

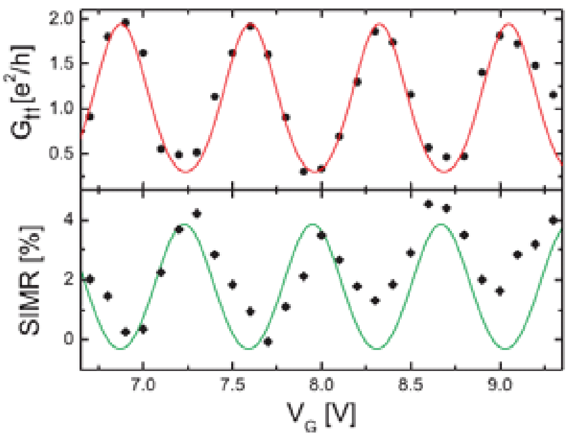

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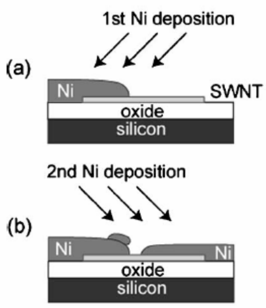
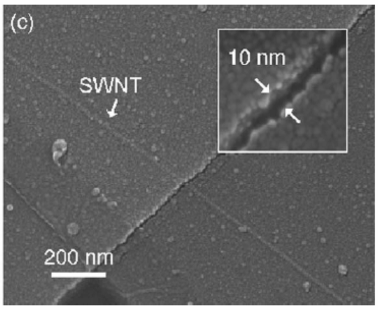
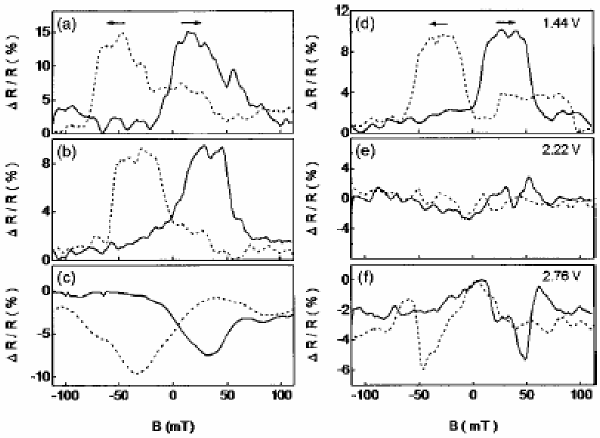
Hysteretic switching in the magnetoresistance of short-channel, ferromagnetically contacted individual single wall carbon nanotubes is observed, providing strong evidence for nanotube spin transport. By varying the voltage on a capacitively coupled gate, the magnetoresistance can be reproducibly modified between +10% and −15%. The results are explained in terms of wave vector matching of the spin polarized electron states at the ferromagnetic / nanotube interfaces. © *2006 American Institute of Physics*. [DOI: 10.1063/1.2164367]

some non-trivial gate-effect, but not (yet) periodic





very short channel



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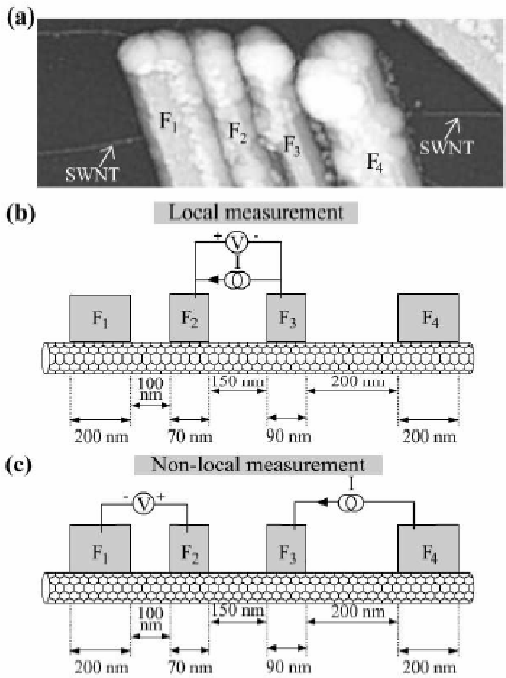
Separating spin and charge transport in single wall carbon nanotubes

We demonstrate spin injection and detection in single wall carbon nanotubes using a 4-terminal, non-local geometry. This measurement geometry completely separates the charge and spin circuits. Hence all spurious magnetoresistance effects are eliminated and the measured signal is due to spin accumulation only. Combining our results with a theoretical model, we deduce a spin polarization at the contacts, α_F, of approximately 25 %. We show that the magnetoresistance changes measured in the conventional two-terminal geometry are dominated by effects not related to spin accumulation.



- no gate
- all contacts ferro (rather than N-F-F-N)
- contact transparency may be critical

Conclusion

- Spin injection in carbon nanotubes TMR ~10% (SWNTs)
- Spin FET-like behavior in spin valves with nanotubes due to quantum dot behavior

→ Importance of spin dependent quantum interference

- Can one make effective spin FETs ?
- Direct control of spin possible ?
- Effect of e-e interactions ?

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