

# What is Nanophysics: Survey of Course Topics

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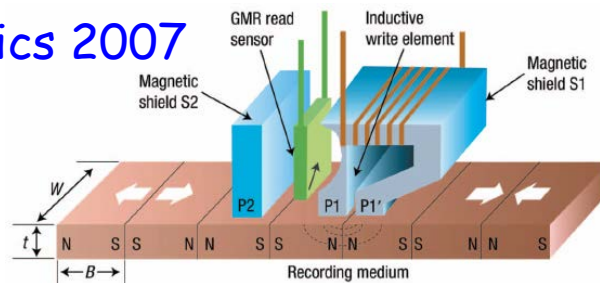
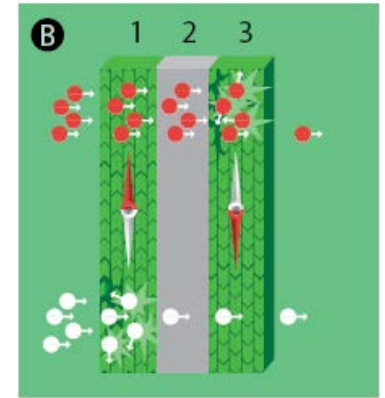
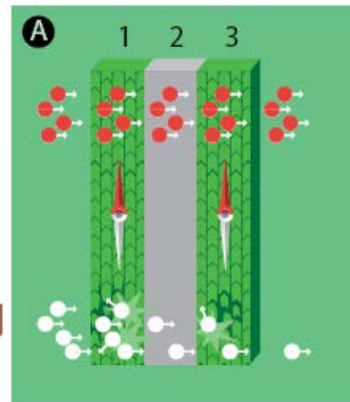
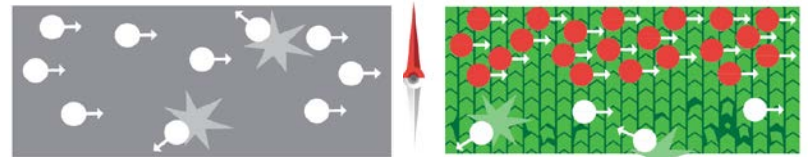
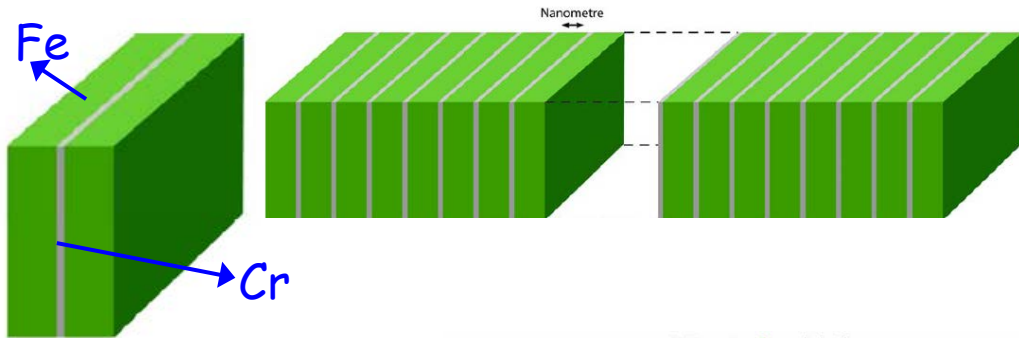
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- Course Topics:** A section with a diagram of a cross-shaped nanostructure and a list of topics:
  - Nanostructures in equilibrium:** graphene and other layered materials, carbon nanotubes, topological insulators, magnetic multilayers.
  - Nanostructure out of equilibrium:** conduction quantization, quantum interference, spin-dependent tunneling, spin-transfer torque, I-V curves.
  - Theoretical techniques:** elements of density functional theory (DFT), Boltzmann transport equation, spin and charge diffusion equations, Landauer-Büttiker scattering formalism, nonequilibrium Green function techniques.
  - Experimental techniques:** scanning tunneling and atomic force microscopy.
  - Applications:** nanoelectronics, spintronics, thermoelectrics.
- News:** A section with two bullet points:
  - Fall 2016 course will start on Tuesday, August 30.
  - For the first time, students have an option to select between research and conventional track for getting a grade in the course.
- Lecture In Progress:** A section with one bullet point:
  - Lecture 1: What is nanophysics: Introduction to course topics
- Quick Links:** A section with two bullet points:
  - KWANT package
  - GPAW package
- Course Motto:** A section with two bullet points:
  - In teaching, writing, and research, there is no greater clarifier than a well-chosen example
  - Formalism should not be introduced for its own sake, but only when it is needed for some particular

# Definition of Nanophysical Systems

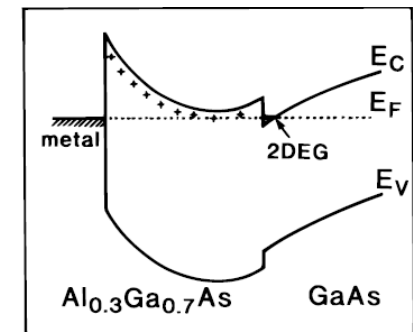
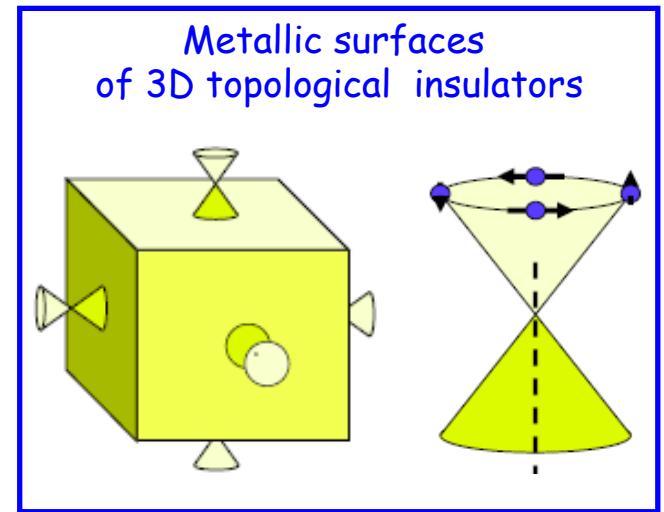
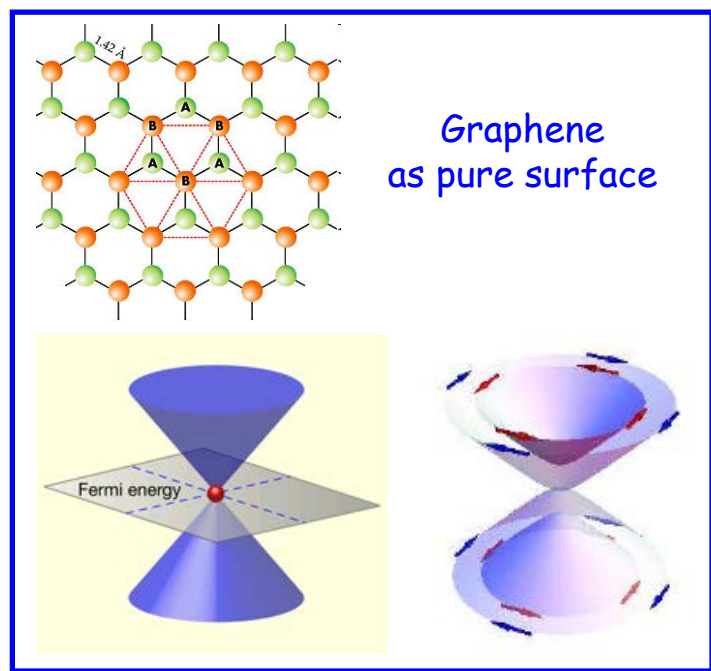
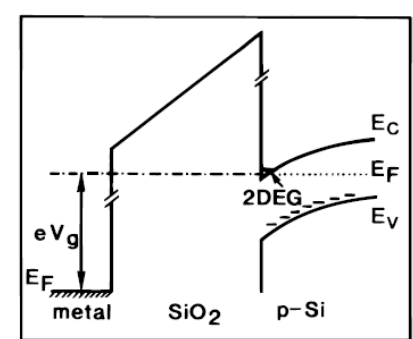
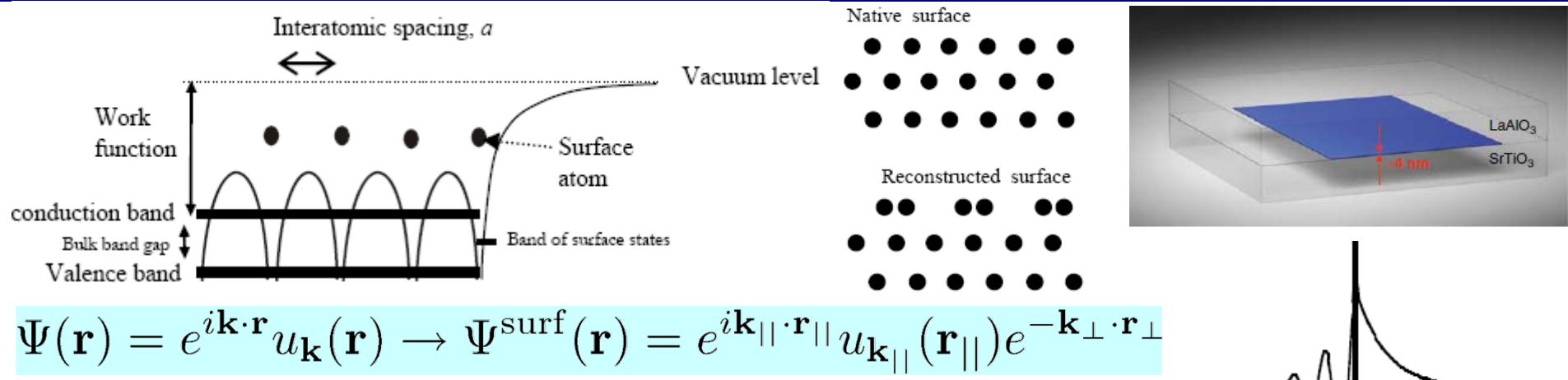
**Definition:** Any condensed matter systems whose at least one (out of three) dimension is of the order of **nanometre** can be considered as nanoscale system



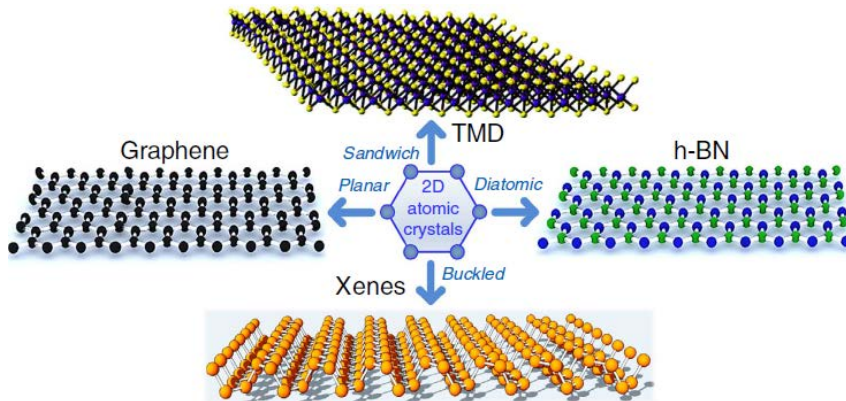
Nobel Prize in Physics 2007

Nanoscience and nanotechnology are all about relating and exploiting phenomena for materials having one, two or three dimensions reduced to the nanoscale. Their evolution may be traced to three exciting happenings that took place in a short span from the early to mid-1980s with the award of Nobel prizes to each of them. These were: (i) the discovery quantum Hall effect in a two-dimensional electron gas; (ii) the invention of scanning tunnelling microscopy (STM); and (iii) the discovery of fullerene as the new form of carbon. The latter two, within a few years, further led to the remarkable invention of the atomic force microscope (AFM) and, in the early 1990s the extraordinary discovery of carbon nanotubes (CNT), which soon provided the launch pad for the present-day nanotechnology. The STM and AFM have emerged as the most powerful tools to examine, control and manipulate matter at the atomic, molecular and macromolecular scales and these functionalities constitute the mainstay of nanotechnology. Interestingly, this exciting possibility of nanolevel tailoring of materials was envisioned way back in 1959 by Richard Feynman in lecture entitled "There's plenty of room at the bottom."

# W. Pauli: "God made solids, but surfaces were the work of Devil."



# Two-Dimensional Materials Beyond Graphene and their van der Waals Heterostructures



REVIEW

APPLIED PHYSICS

## 2D materials and van der Waals heterostructures

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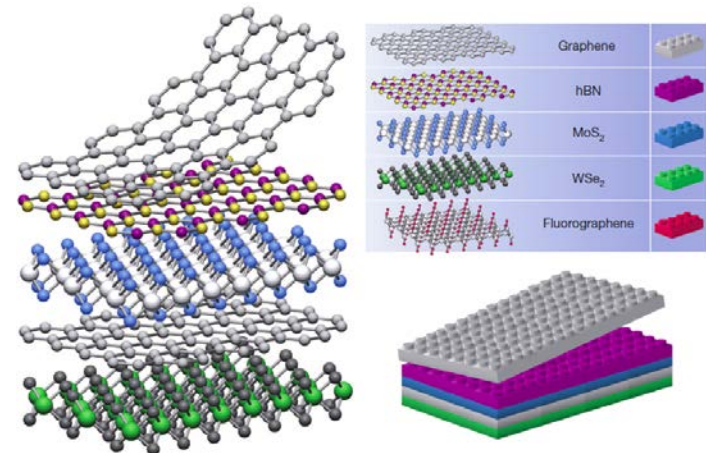
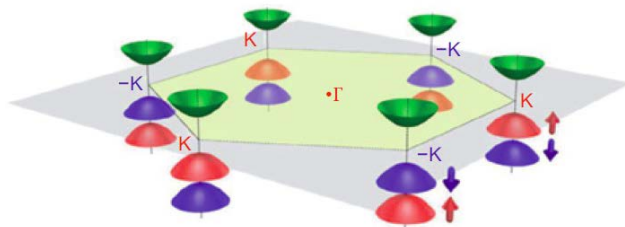
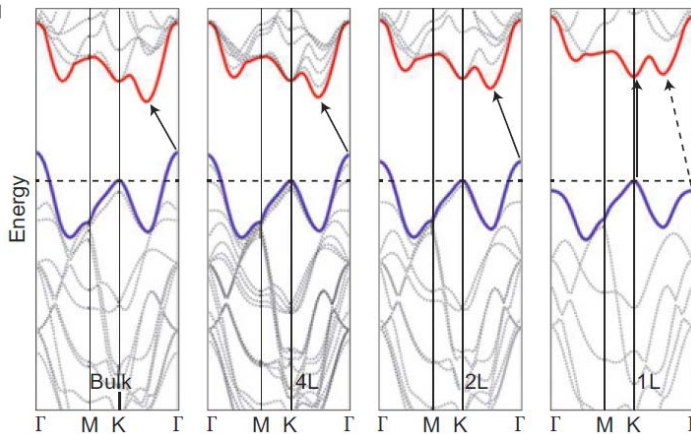
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## Van der Waals heterostructures

A. K. Geim<sup>1,2</sup> & I. V. Grigorieva<sup>1</sup>

van der Waals heterostructure is a type of metamaterial that consists of vertically stacked two-dimensional materials as building blocks held together by the van der Waals forces between the layers

MoS<sub>2</sub>





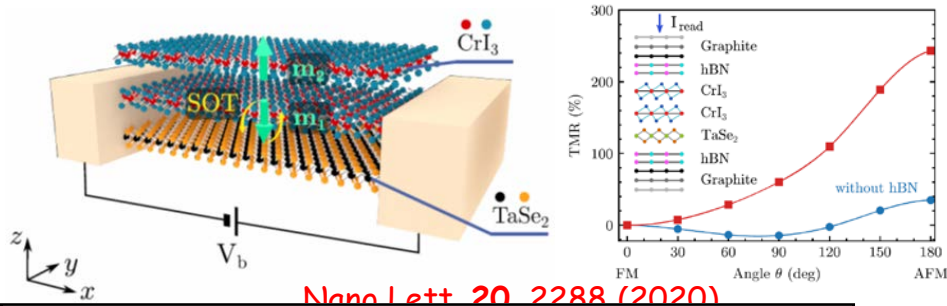
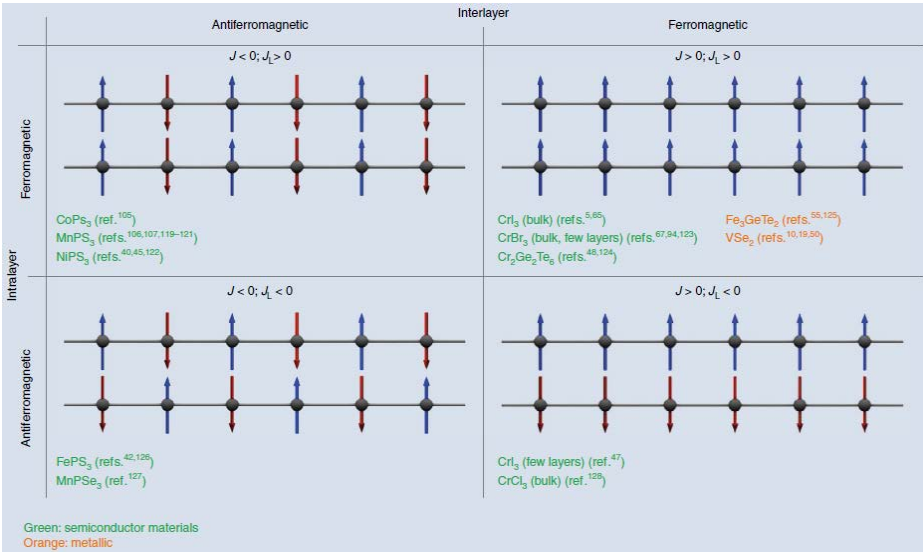
# Two-Dimensional Magnetic Materials

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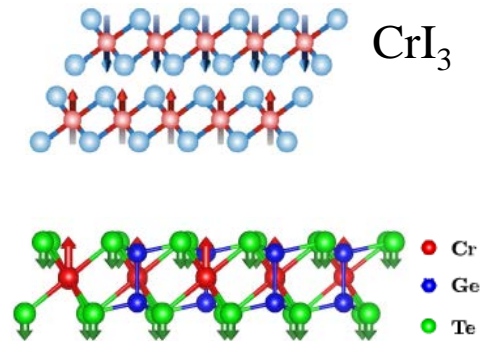
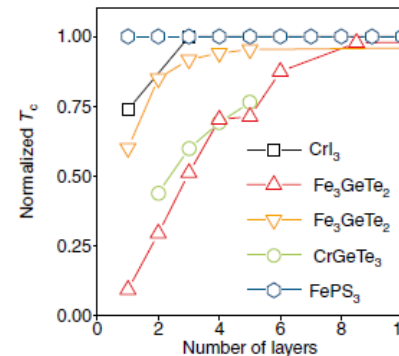
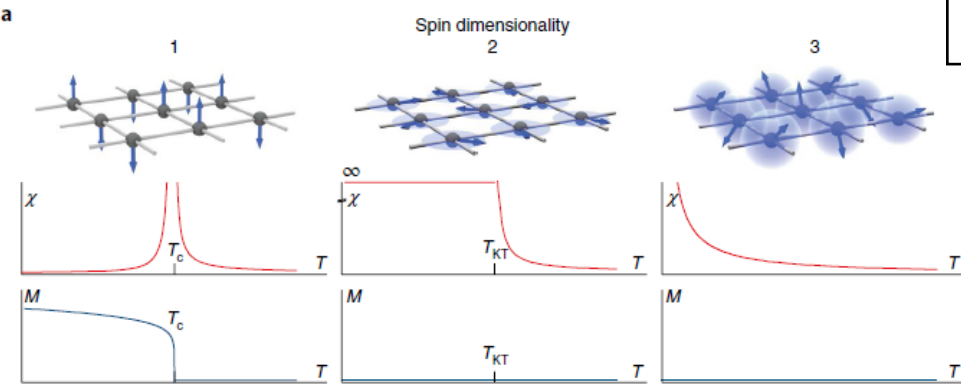
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## Magnetic 2D materials and heterostructures

M. Gibertini<sup>1,2</sup>, M. Koperski<sup>3,4</sup>, A. F. Morpurgo<sup>1,5</sup> and K. S. Novoselov<sup>1,4\*</sup>

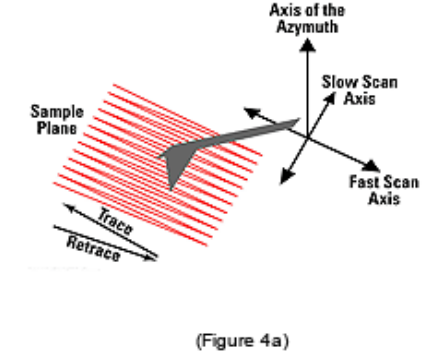
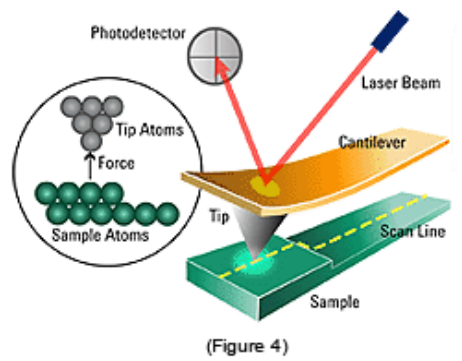
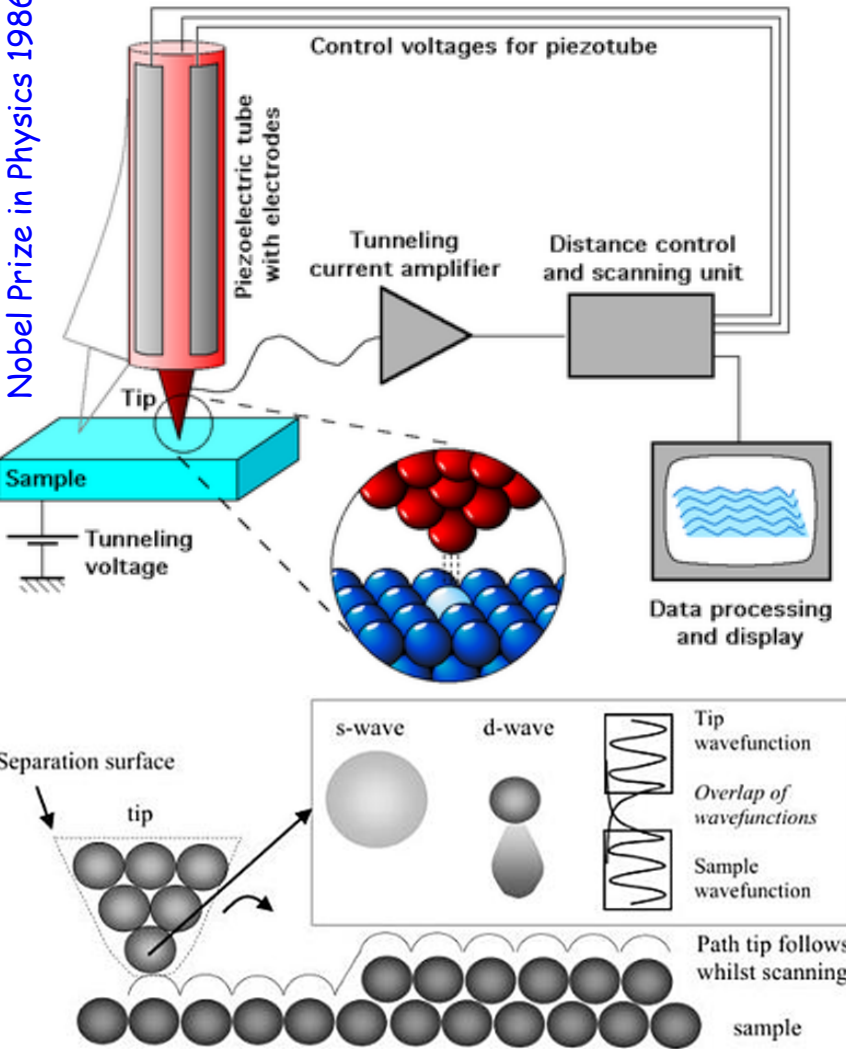


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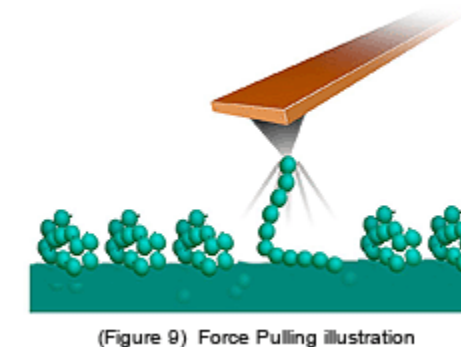
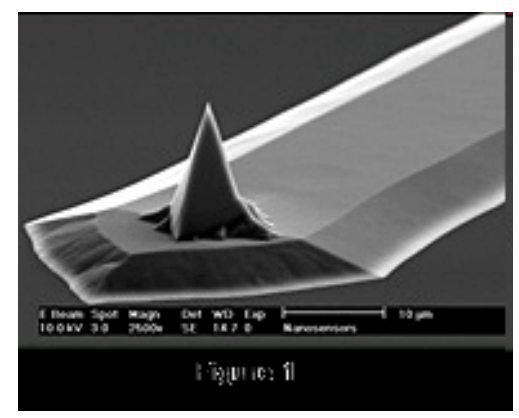


# Experimental Tools of Nanophysics: STM and AFM

Nobel Prize in Physics 1986

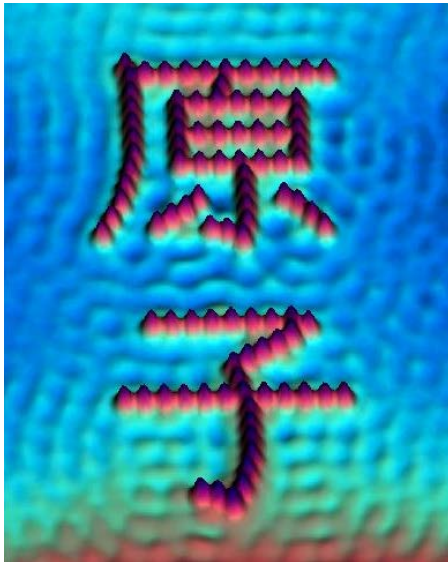
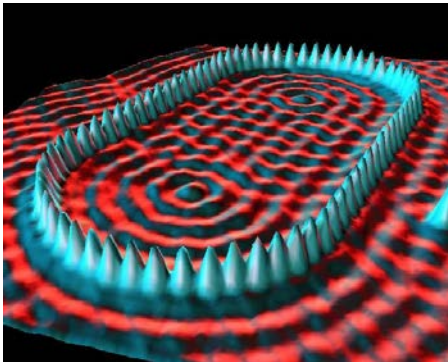


The main function of the feedback system is to move the sample and the tip relative to each other. The movement in the plane of the sample is called raster-scanning, and is well-defined once the user sets the scan area and scan speed (Figure 4a). The movement out of the plane of the sample is completely unpredictable, and it is this movement that underlies the construction of three dimensional topography images. The height of features in an AFM image is determined by how far up and down the tip or sample move relative to each other in order to maintain a constant tip-sample interaction force. In some AFM's the tip moves up-down while the sample stays at a constant height; in other AFM's this scheme is reversed. The end result is, in principle, the same.



# Examples of STM Images

Fe on Cu(111)



IBM Almaden

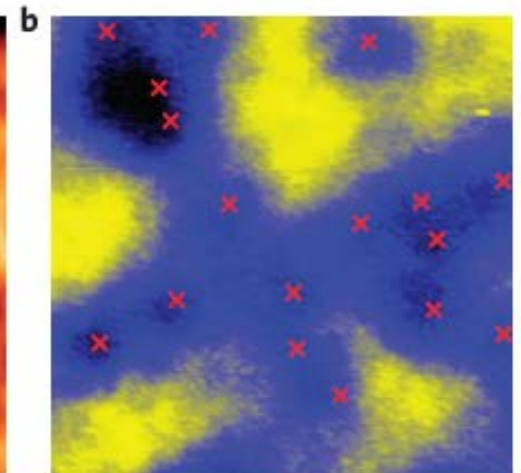
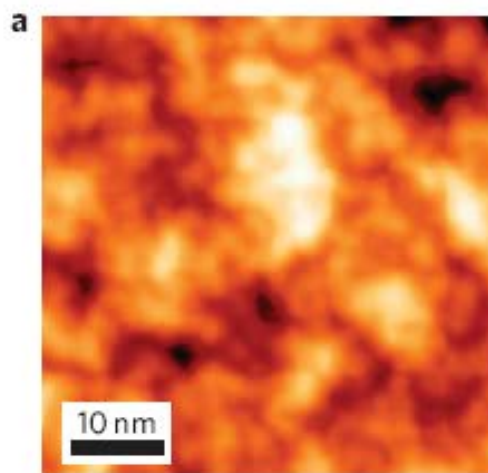
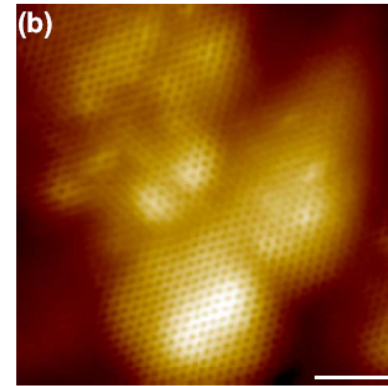
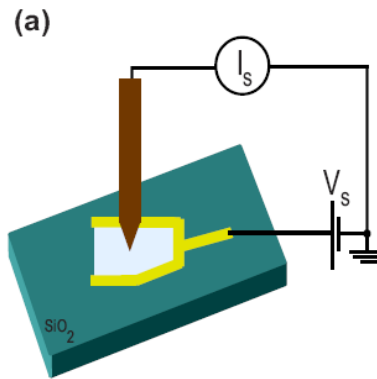
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## Origin of spatial charge inhomogeneity in graphene

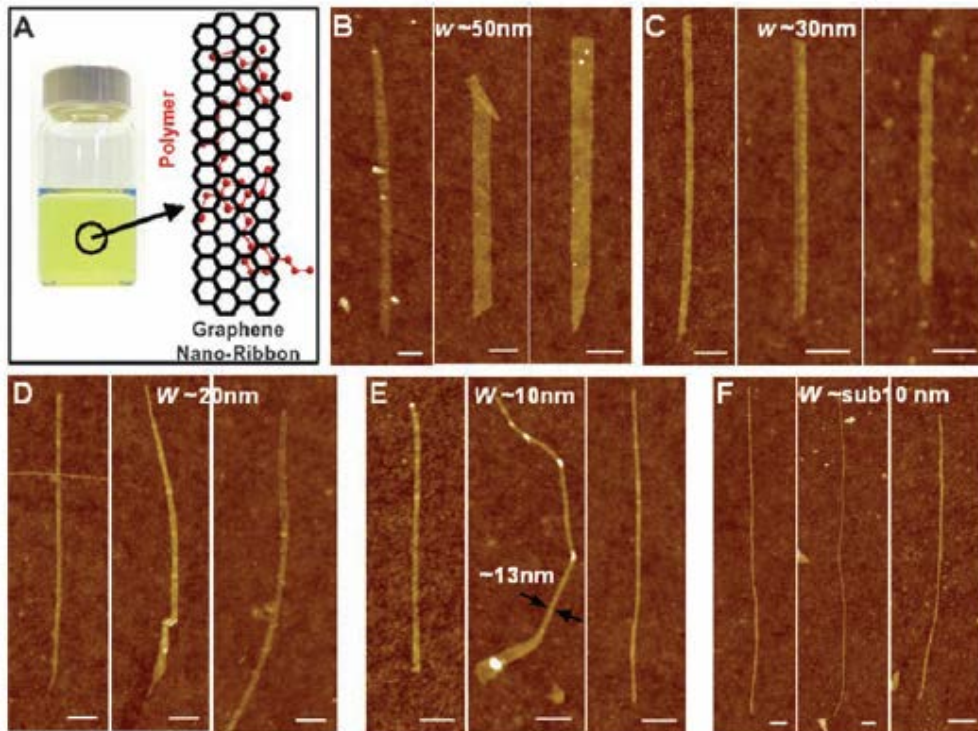
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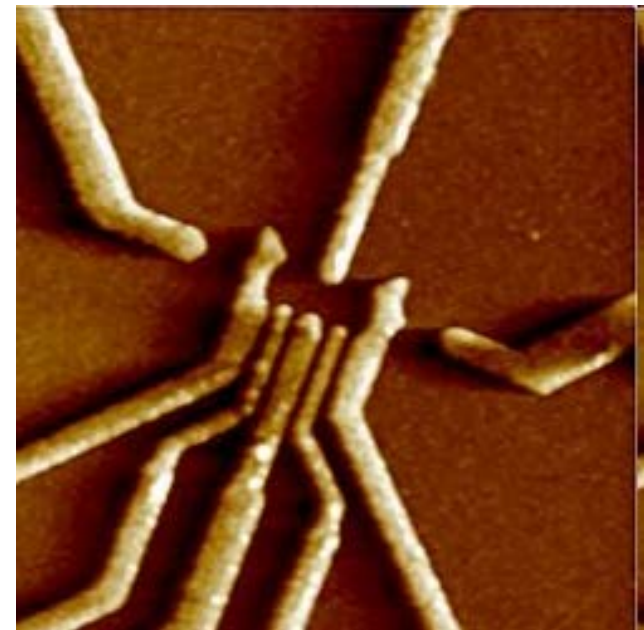


# Examples of AFM Images

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Graphene Nanoribbons with  
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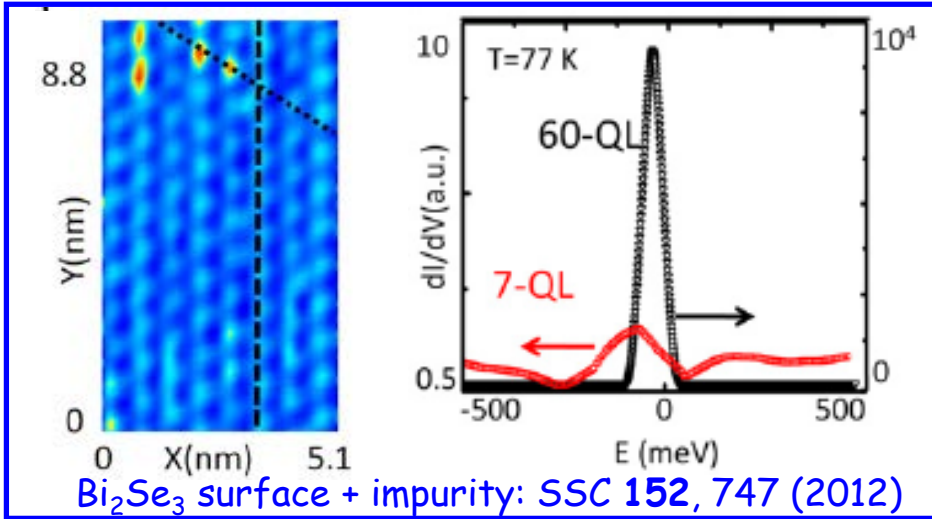
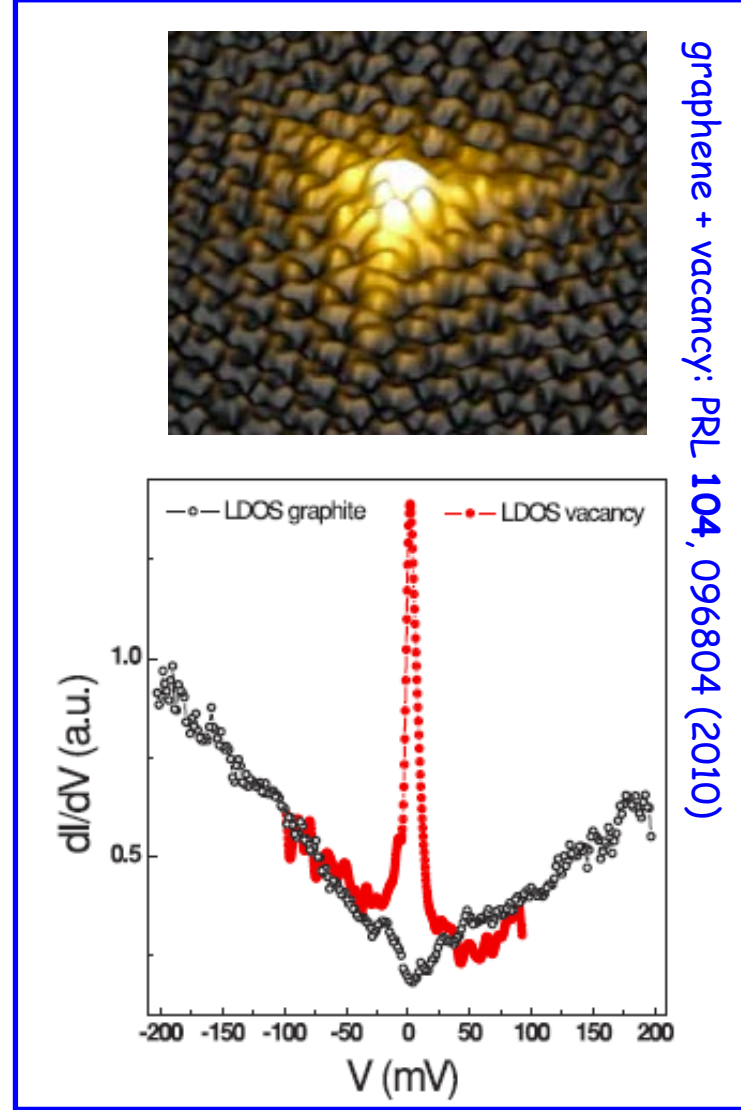
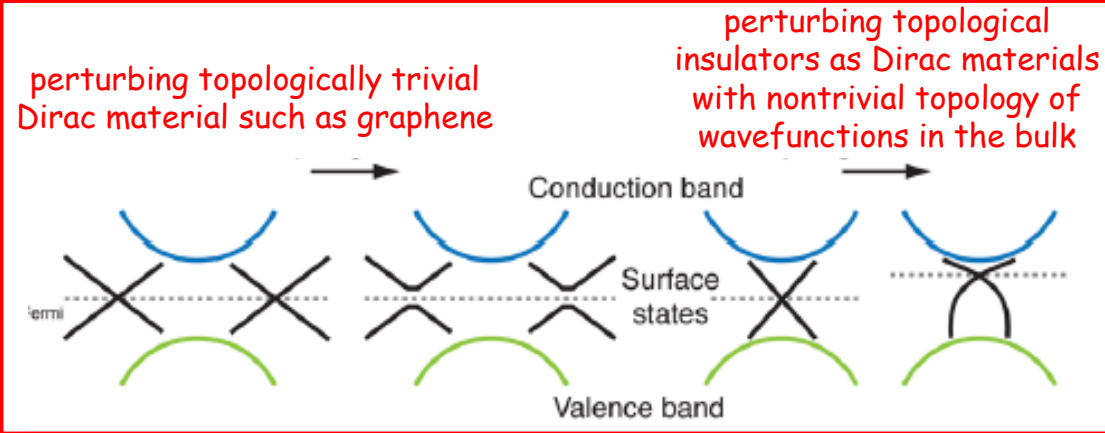


Kouwenhoven Lab:  
Double quantum dot  
integrated with quantum point  
contacts on both sides as a  
spin-based qubit



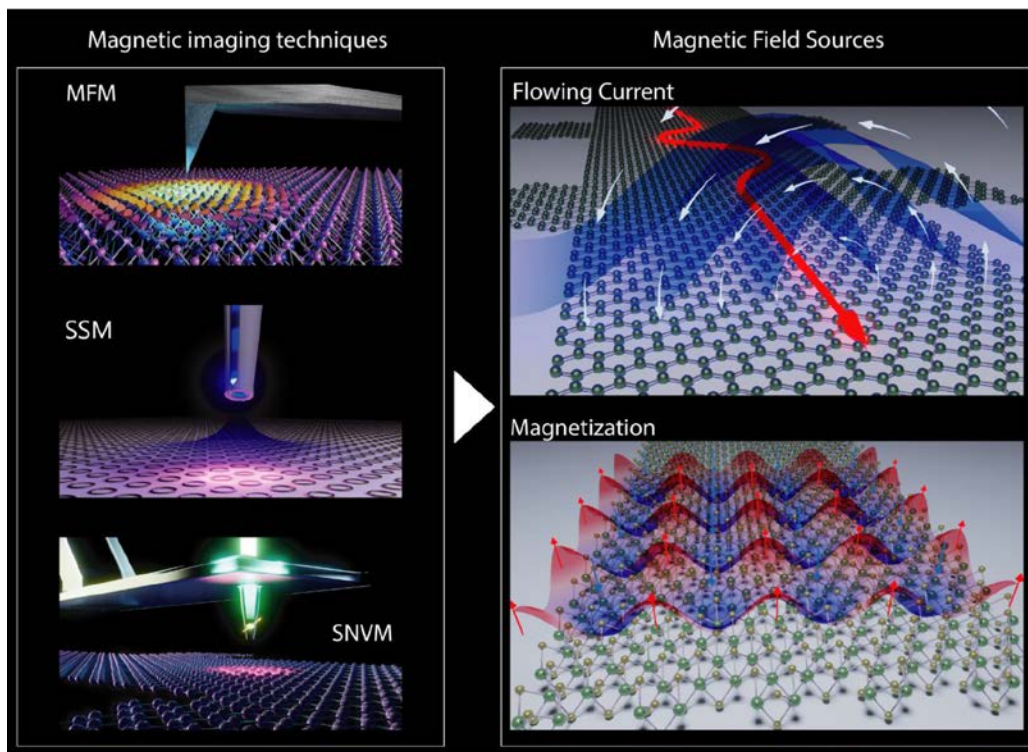
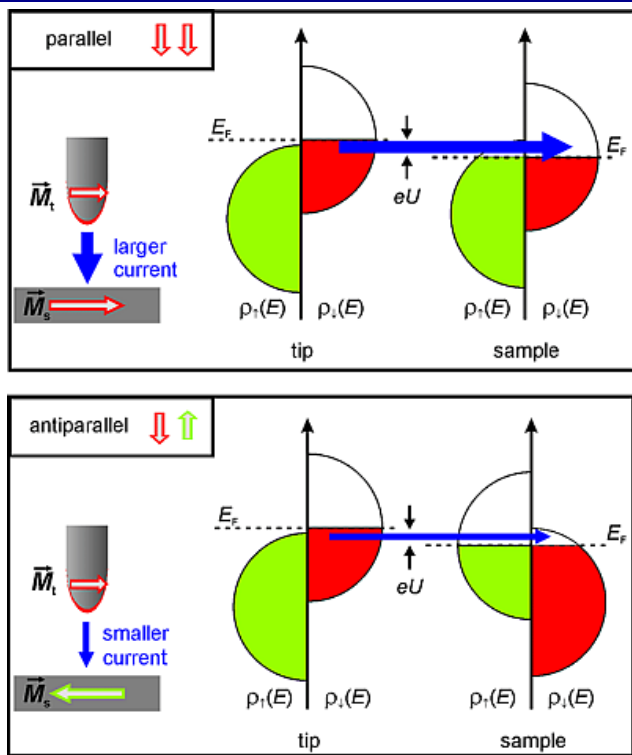


# Physical Meaning of Dirac Materials and Topological Protection Revealed by STM



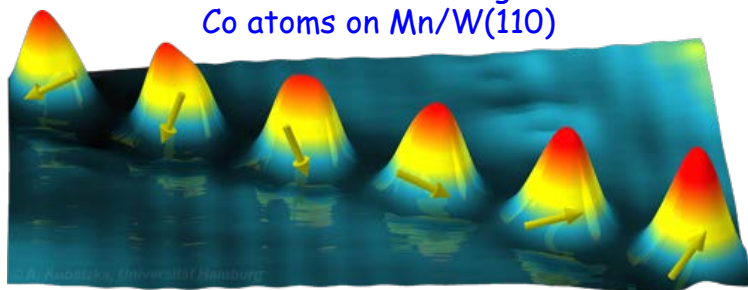
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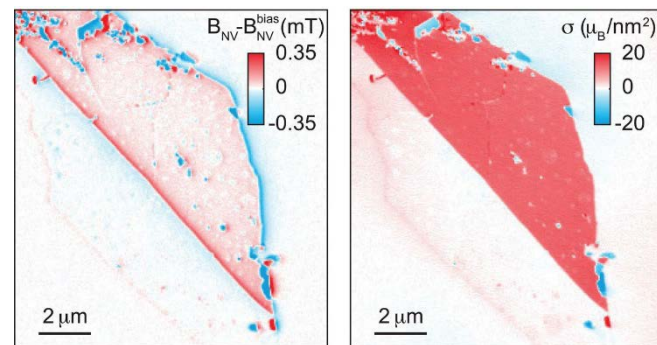
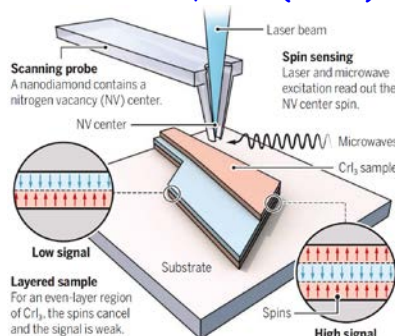


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constant current image of Co atoms on Mn/W(110)



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# Why are Nanostructures Interesting for Basic Research on Weakly Interacting Electrons?

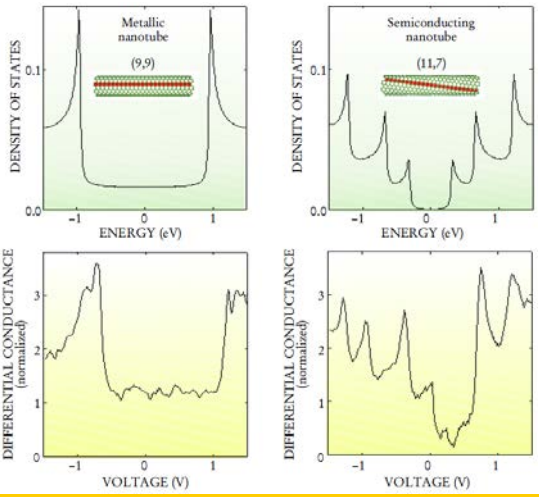
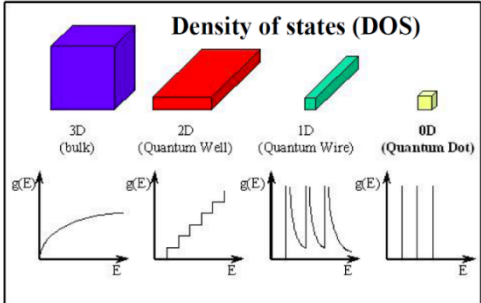
- Enhanced role of surface atoms with unpaired spins and uncompensated bonds
- Reduced dimensionality at the nanoscale = strongly modified density of states, enhanced Coulomb interaction, ...

equilibrium branch of the course

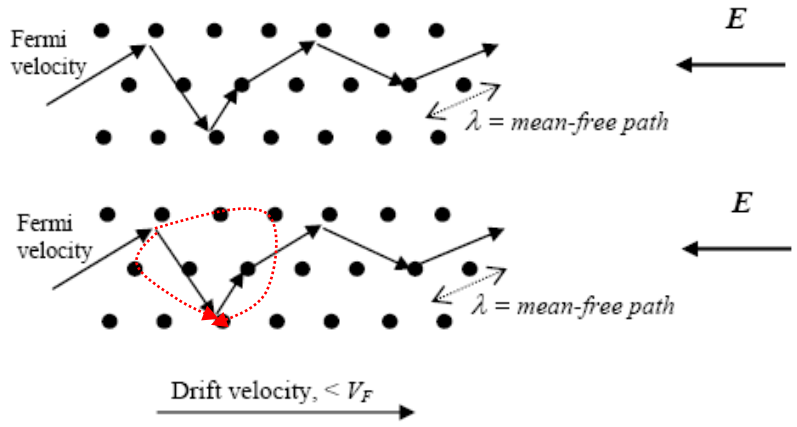
nonequilibrium branch of the course

- Quantum confinement effects = discrete energy levels, and modified DOS subbands

- Quantum interference effects in transport = quantum transport



Phys. Today, May 1999



$P_{cl} = P_1 + P_2$  vs.  $P_{qm} = |A_1 + A_2|^2$

$P_{qm} = P_1 + P_2 + 2\sqrt{P_1 P_2} \cos \phi$



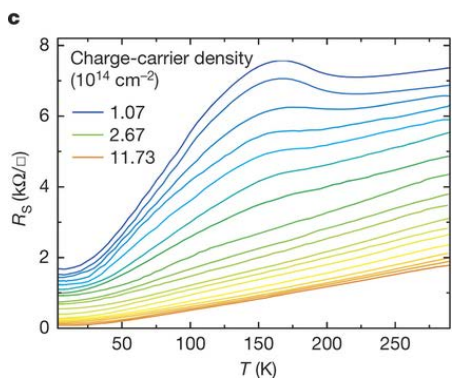
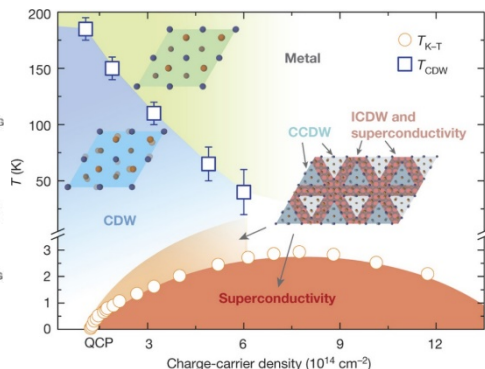
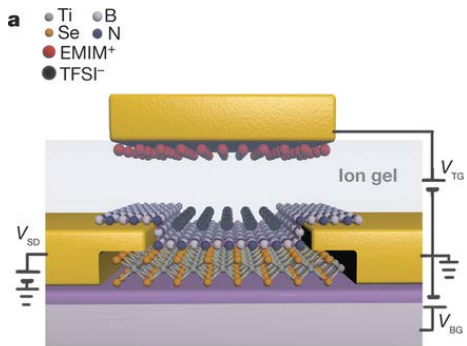
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### Controlling many-body states by the electric-field effect in a two-dimensional material

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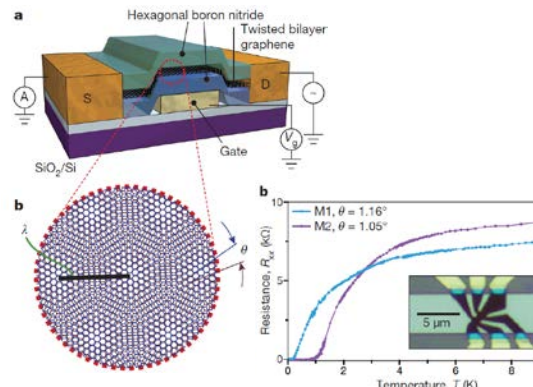


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### Unconventional superconductivity in magic-angle graphene superlattices

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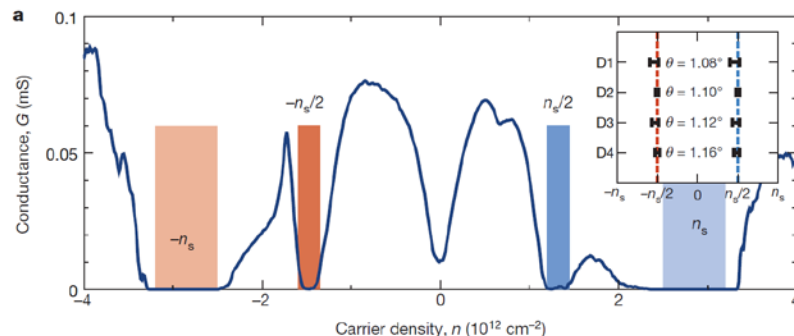


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### Correlated insulator behaviour at half-filling in magic-angle graphene superlattices

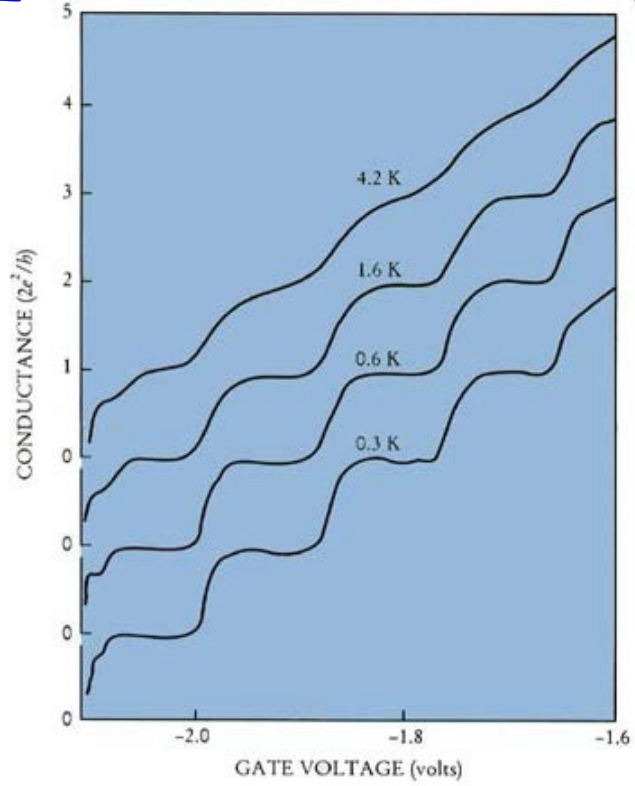
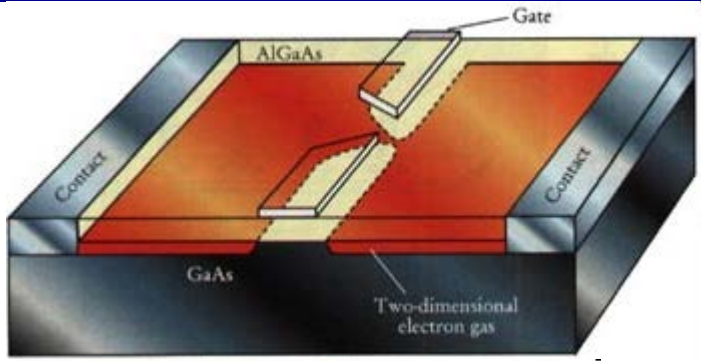
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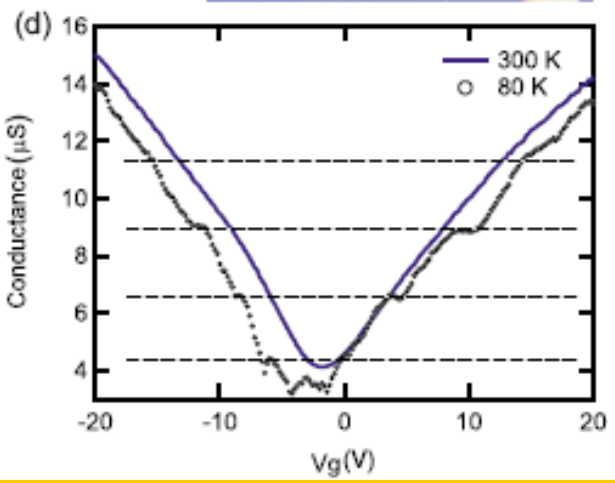
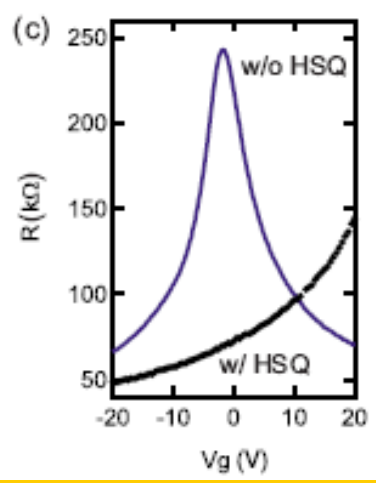
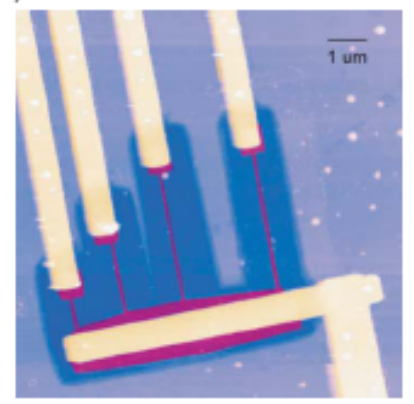
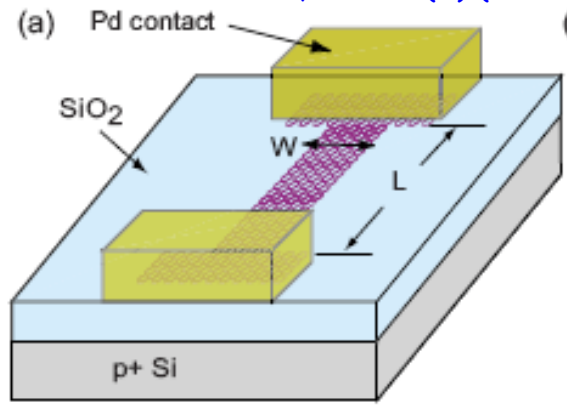


# Example: Conductance Quantization

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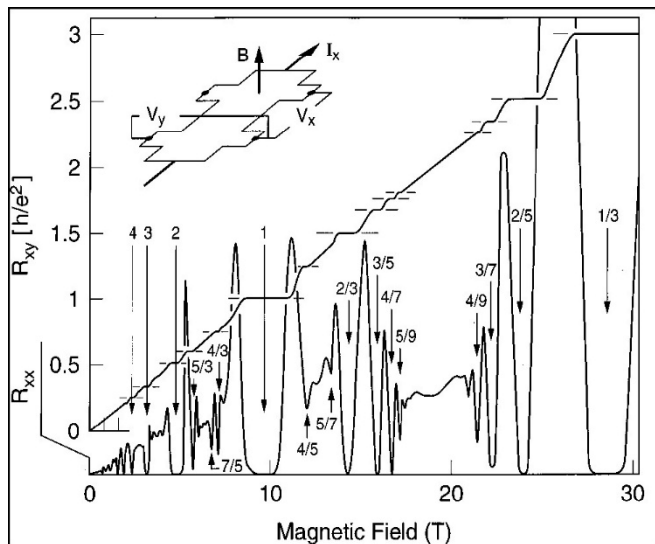


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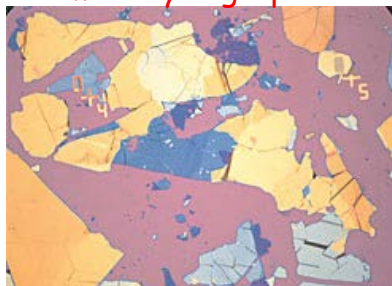
# Example: Resistance Quantization in Quantum Hall Effect and Topologically-Protected Edge Currents

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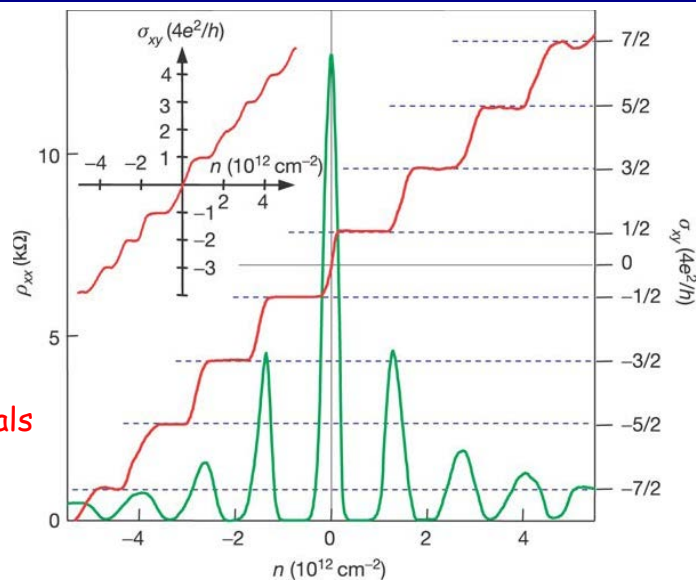
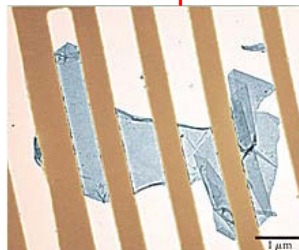


theoretical explanation of QHE introduces topologically protected edge (or surface in 3D) conducting states which play a key role in recently discovered topological materials

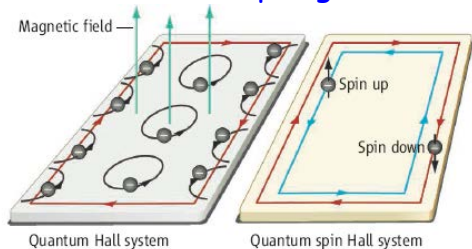
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monolayer graphene is 2D electrons gas with nontrivial landscape of orbitals



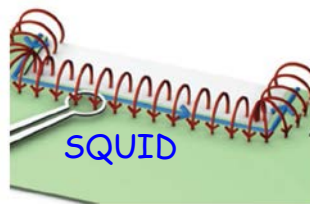
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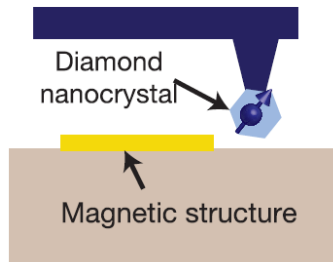
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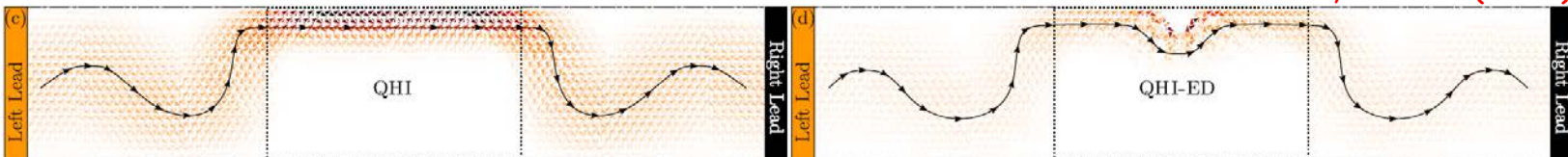
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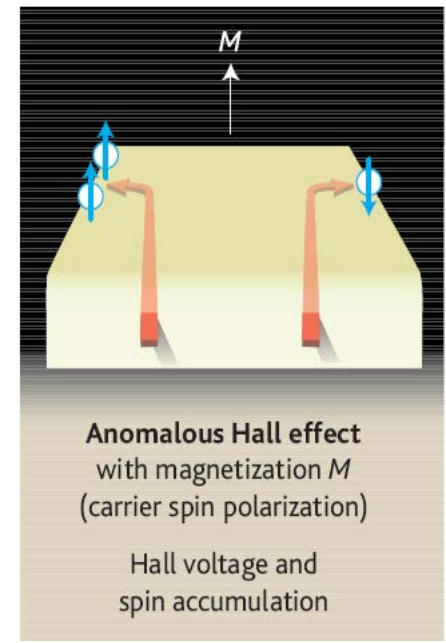
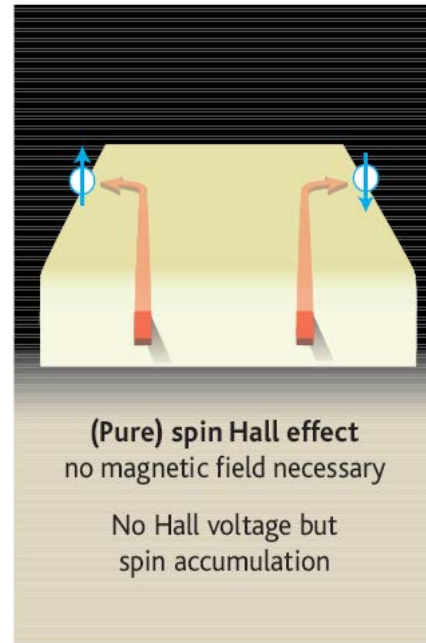
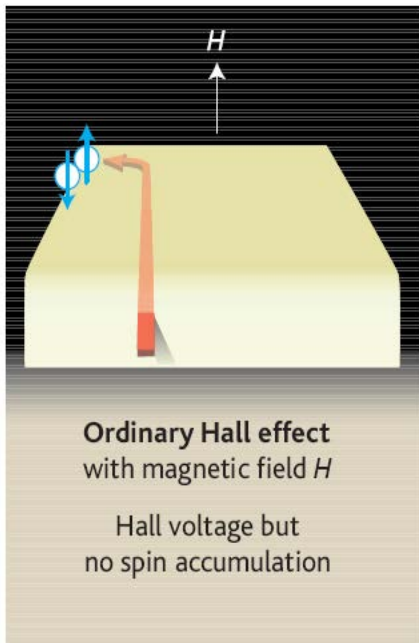


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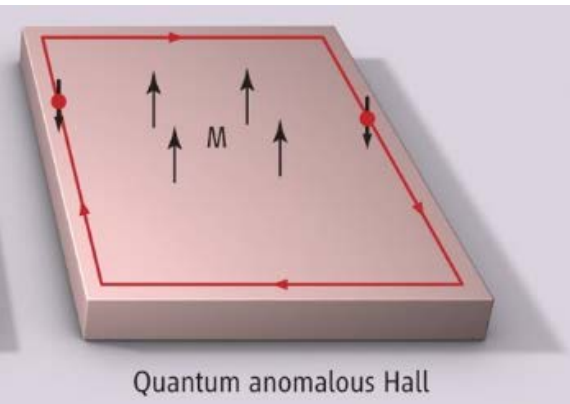
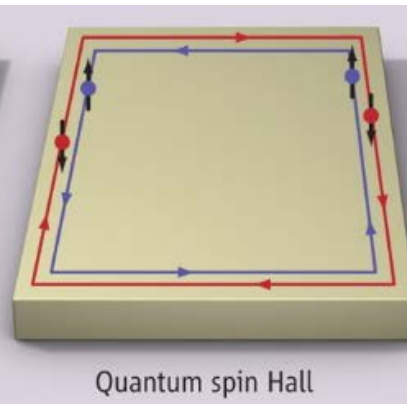
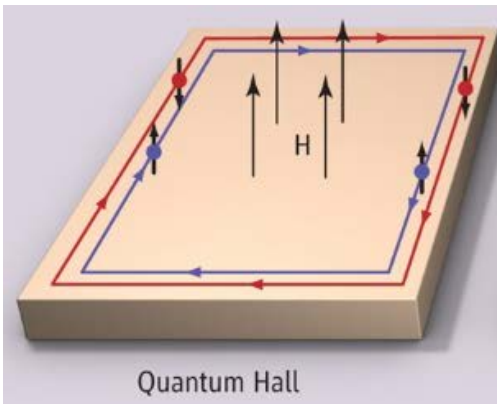


# Classical and Quantum Hall Trio

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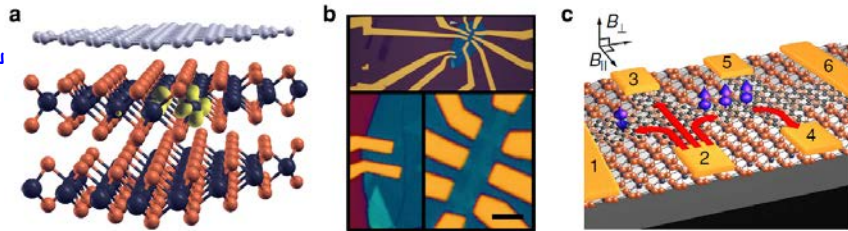




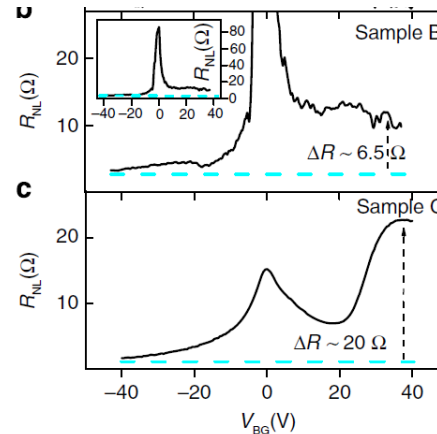
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□ Direct and inverse spin Hall effect

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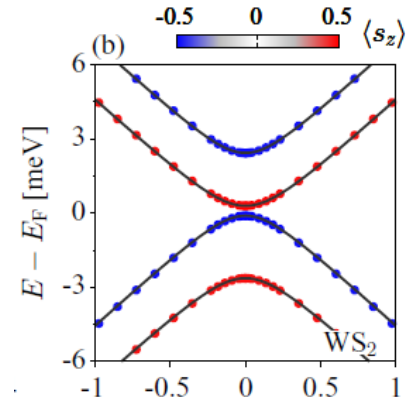


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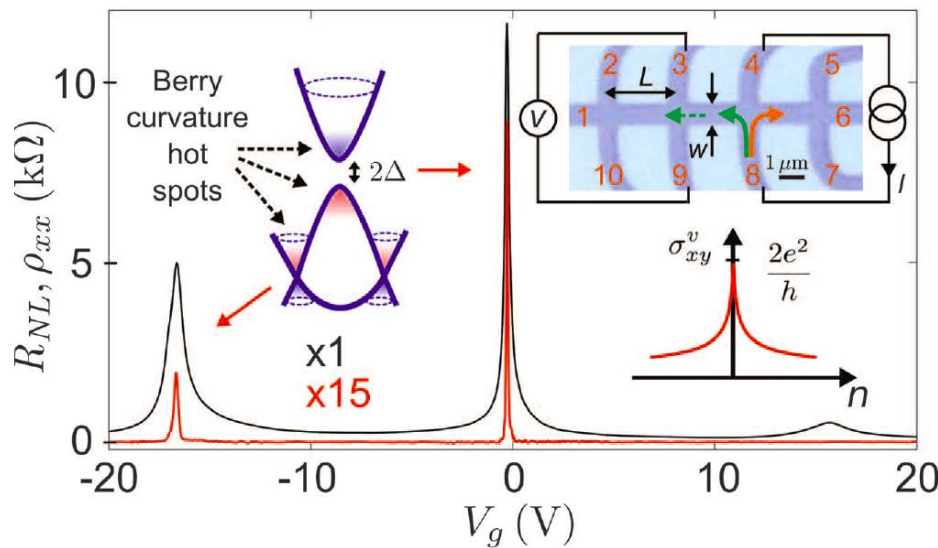
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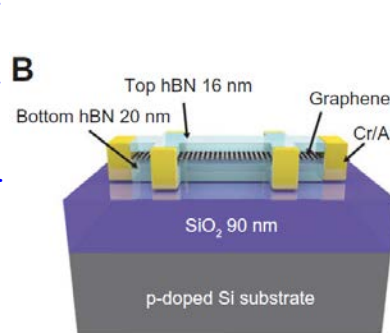


□ Direct and inverse valley Hall effect in graphene/hBN

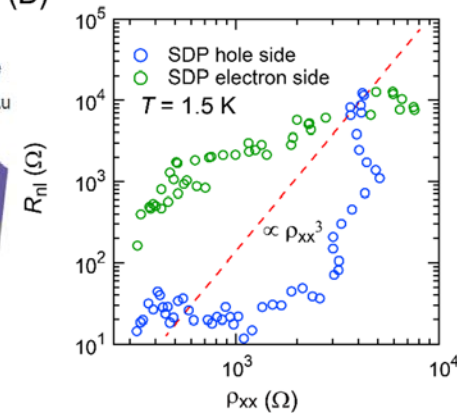
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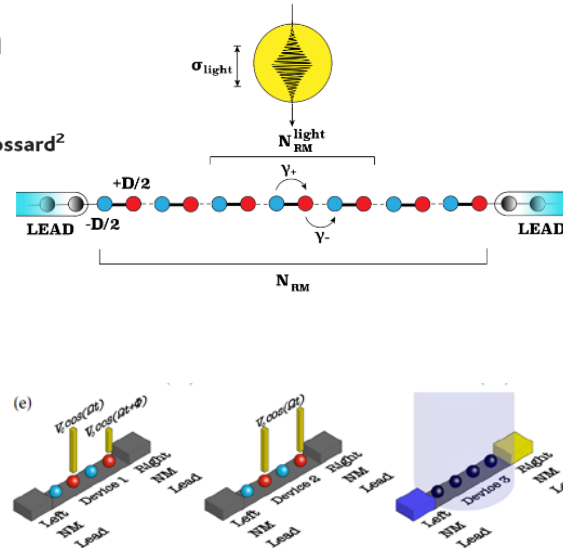
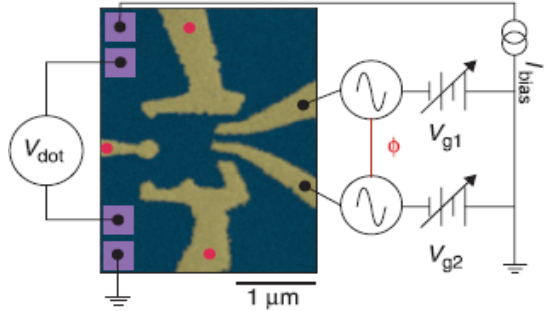
# Example: Quantum Pumping of Charge and Spin

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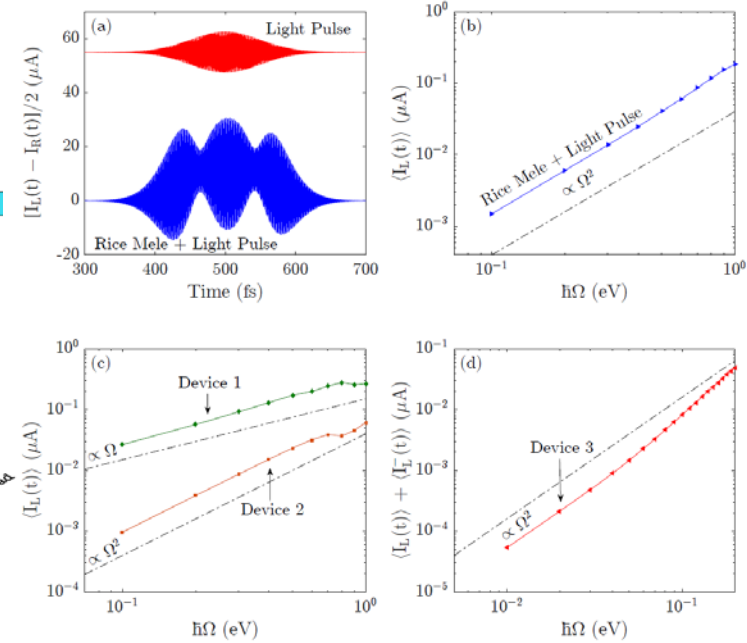
## An Adiabatic Quantum Electron Pump

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CHARGE

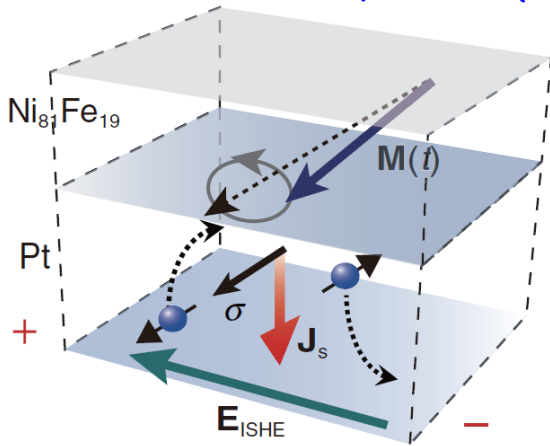


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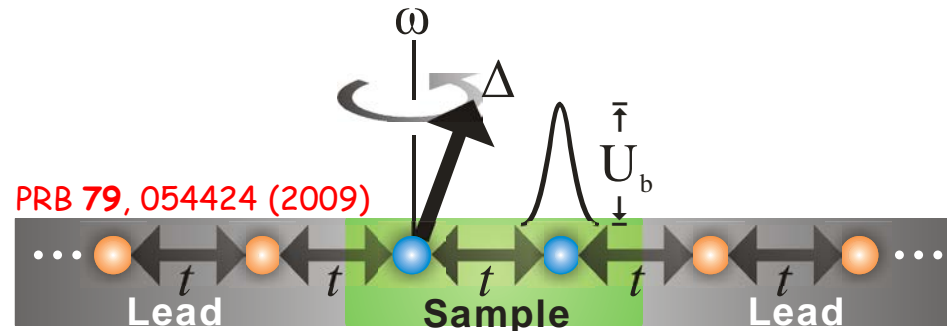


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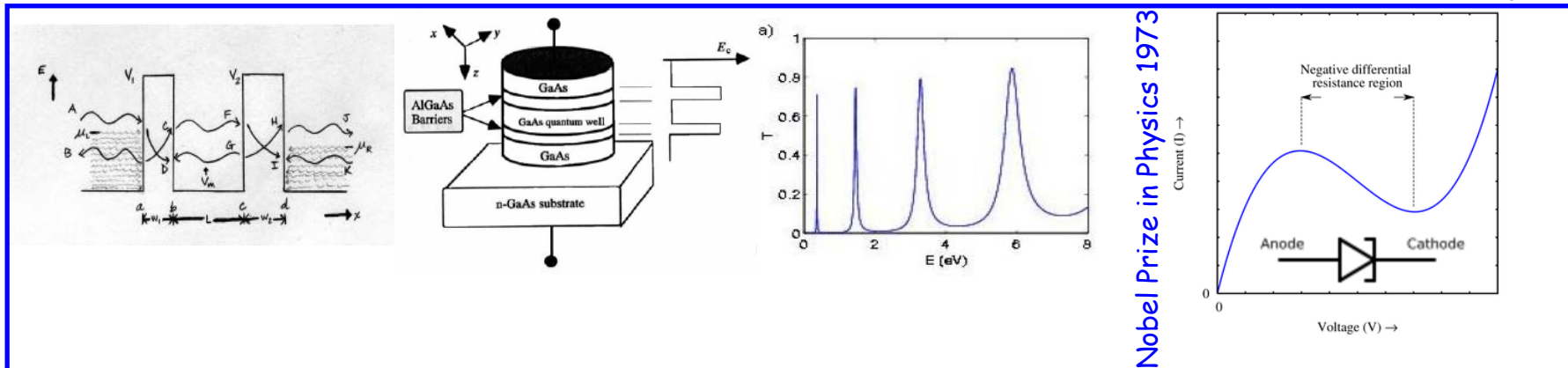


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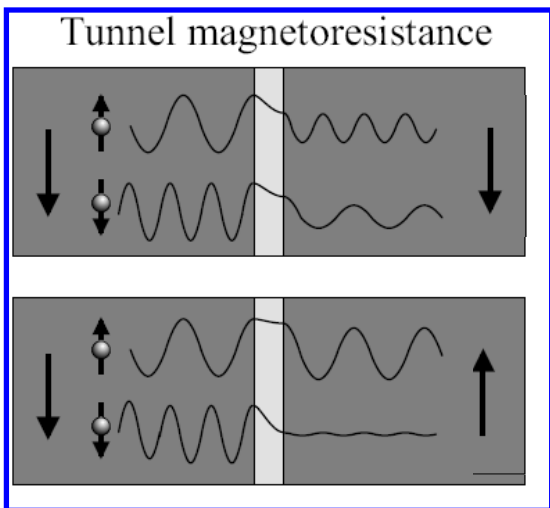


# Example: Good and Bad Consequences of Quantum Tunneling for Electronics and Spintronics

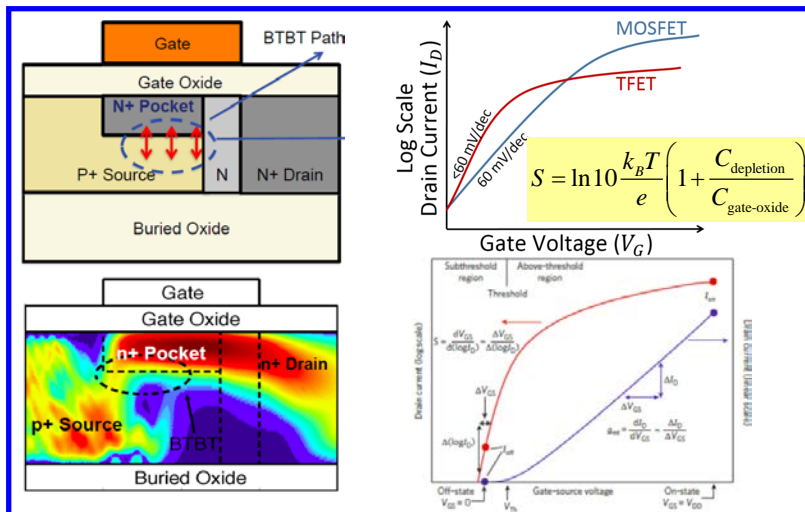
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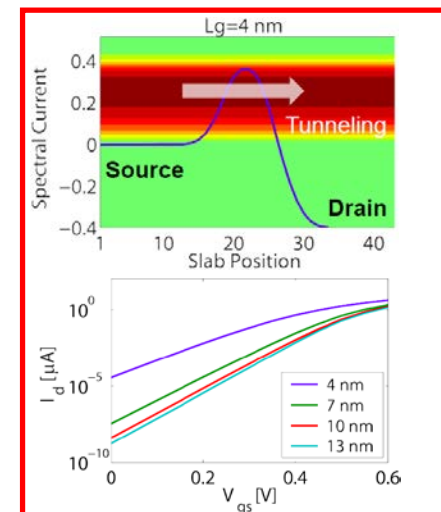
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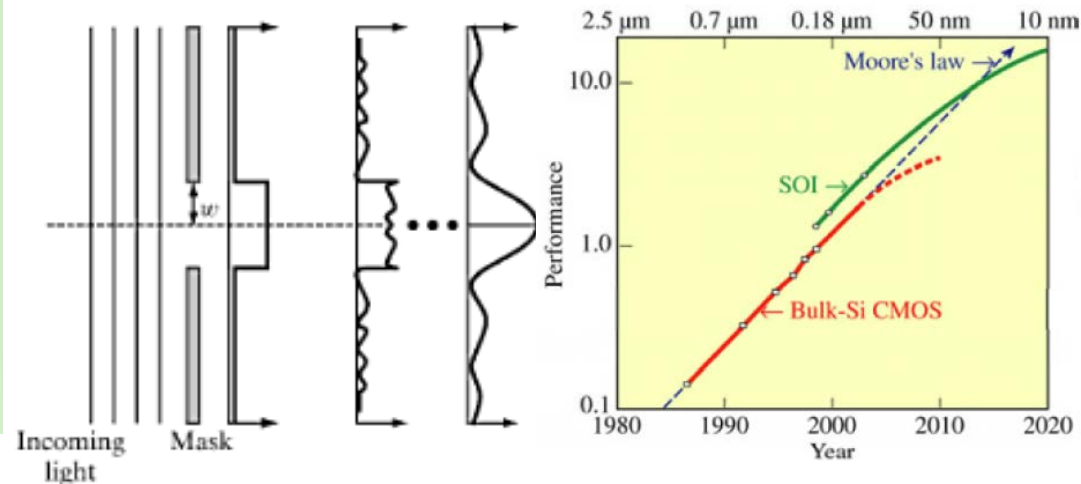
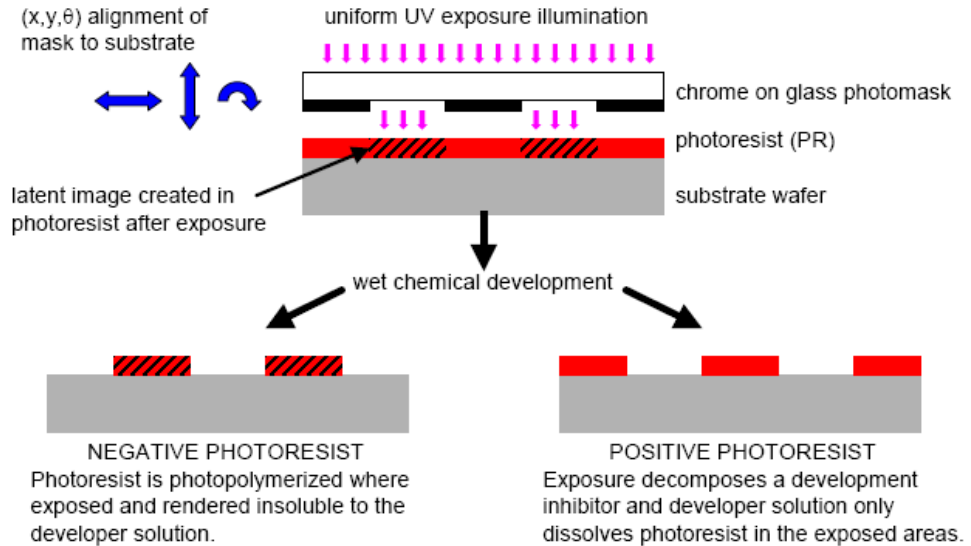
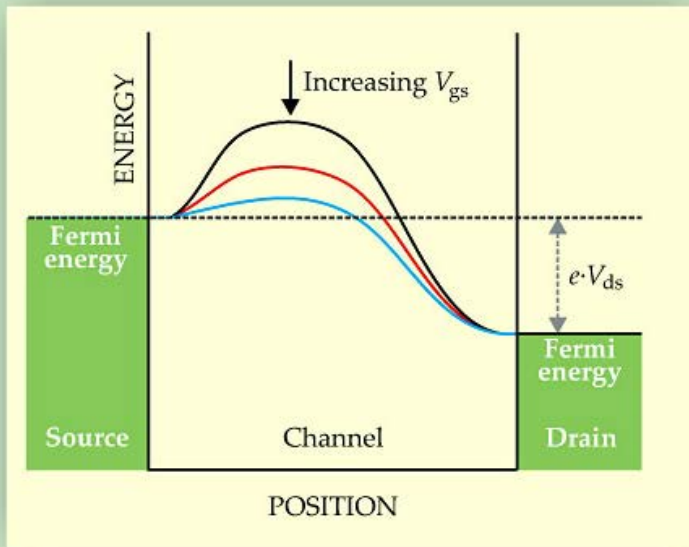
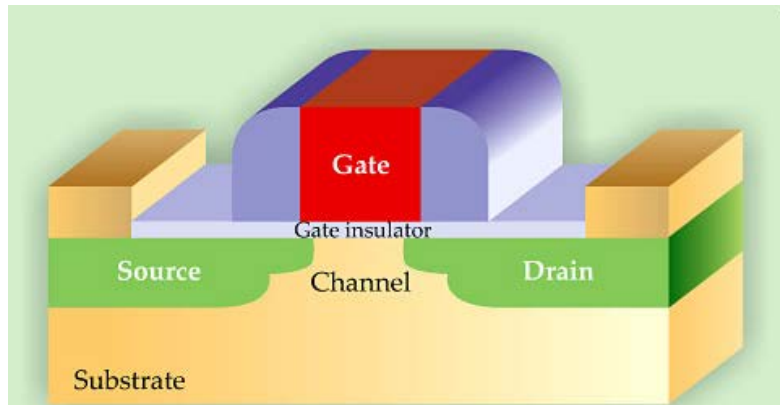
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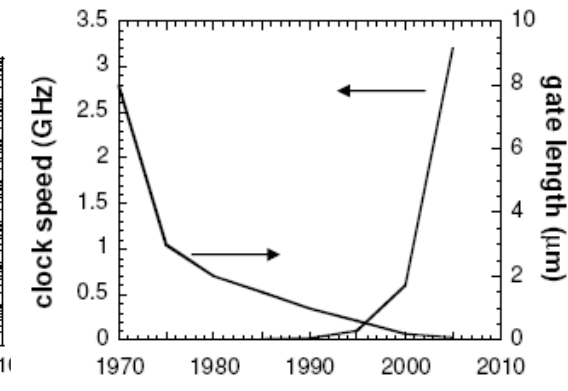
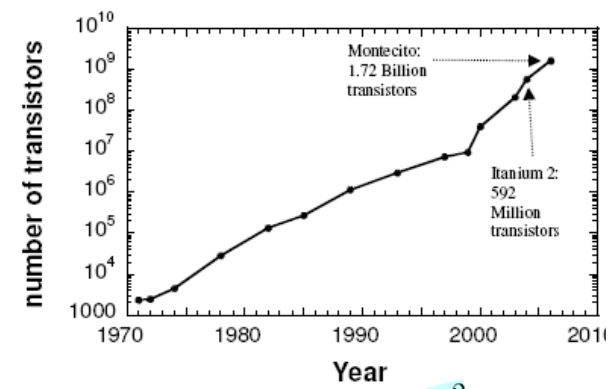
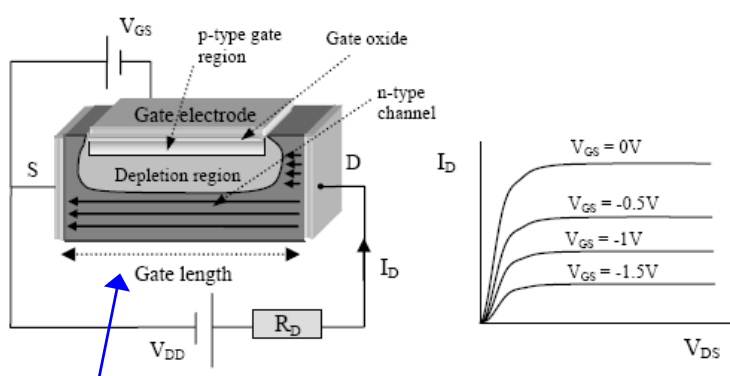
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# Limits of Top-Down Approach in Conventional Electronics

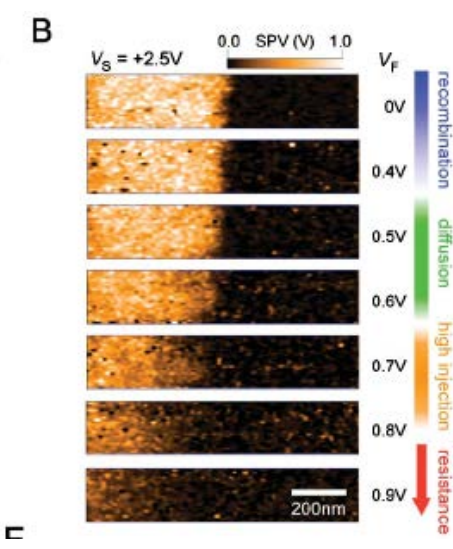
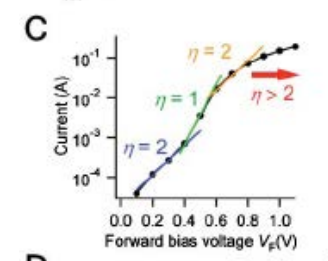
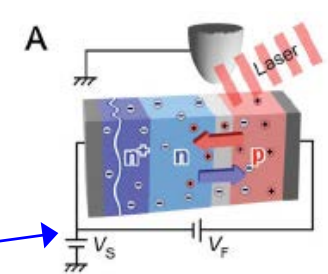
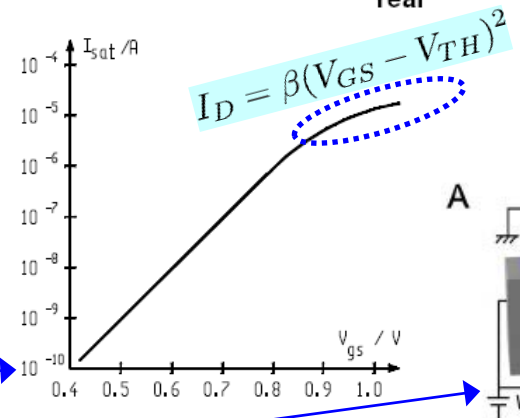


# Fundamental Quantum Effects at the Nanoscale Act Against Moore's Law for Conventional FETs



## Nonscaling effects at nanometer MOSFETs:

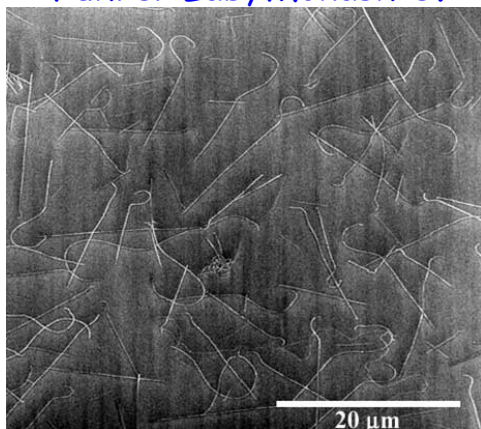
- quantum tunneling of carriers through the gate insulator and through the body-to-drain junction
- dependence of sub-threshold behavior on temperature
- discrete doping effects
- power dissipated in various leakage mechanisms



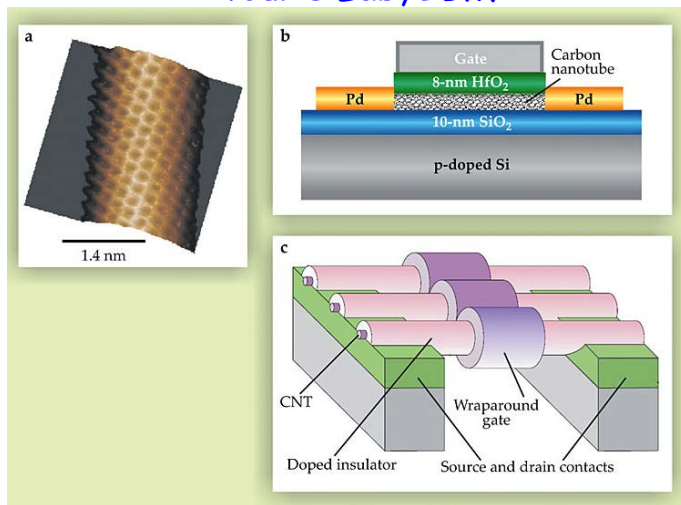


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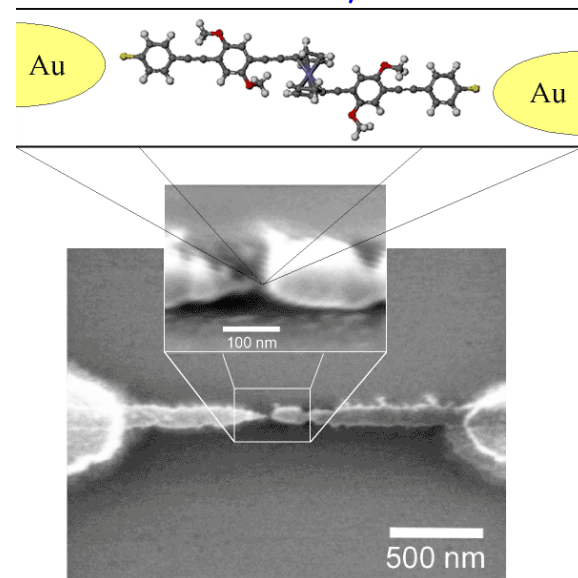
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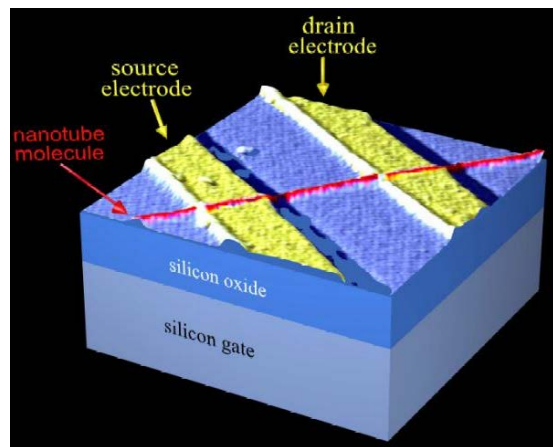
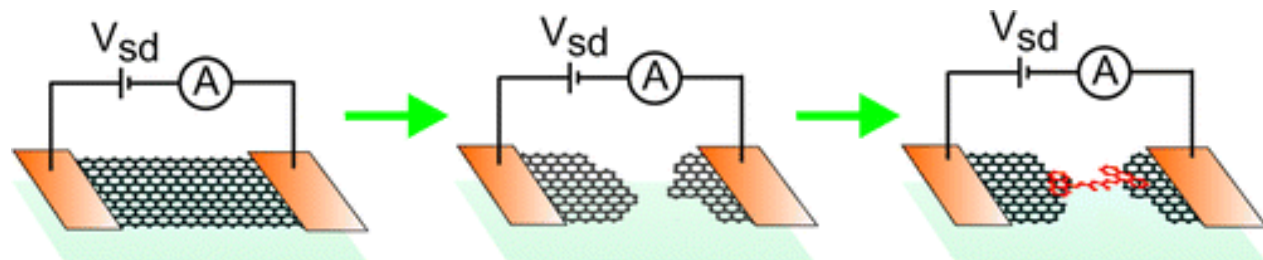
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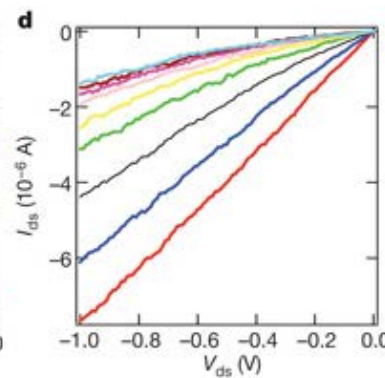
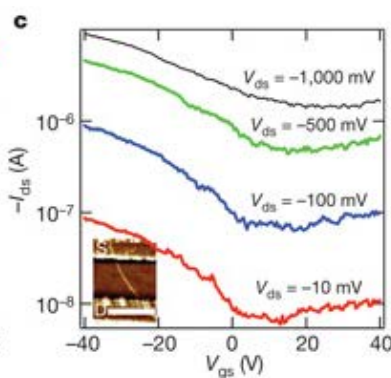
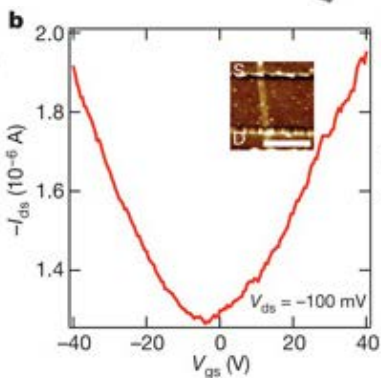
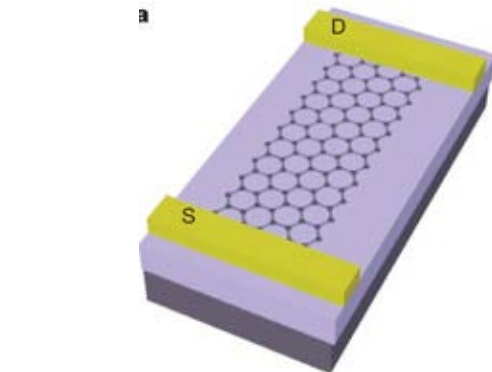
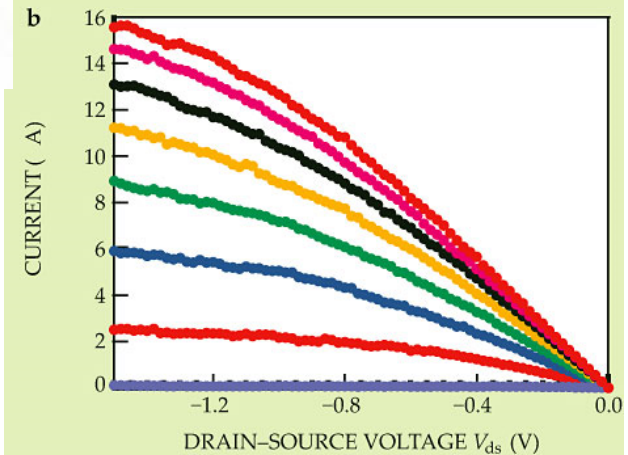
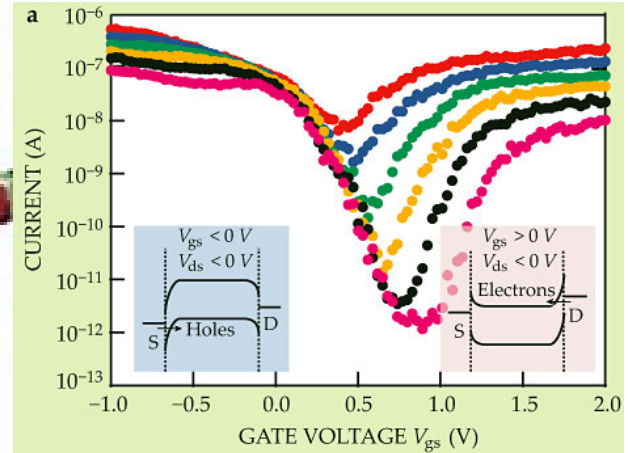
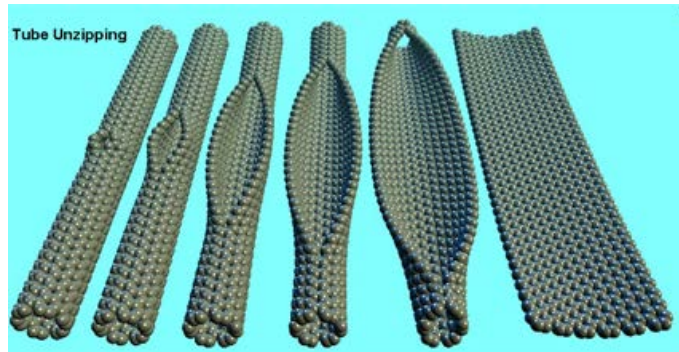
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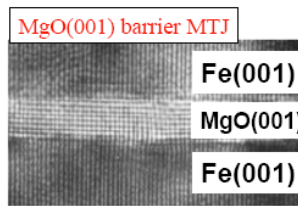
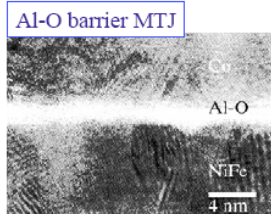
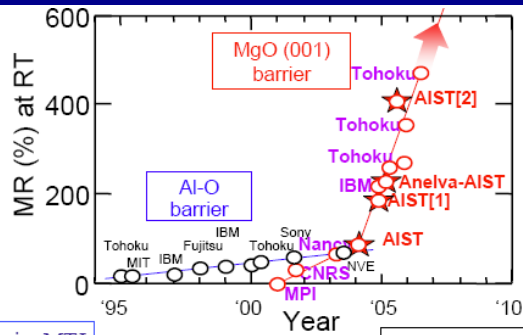
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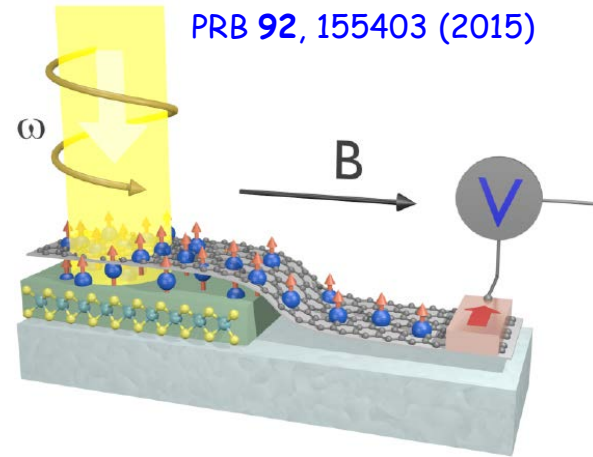
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# Nanotechnology: Spintronics and Optospintronics



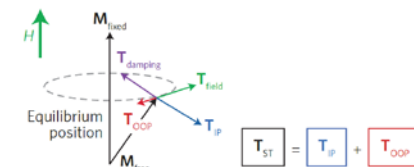
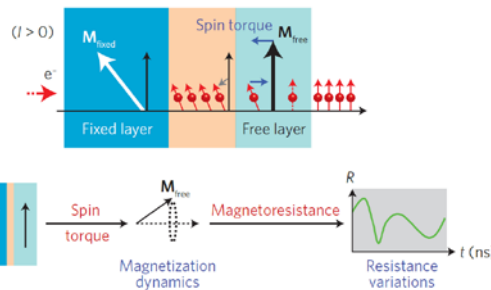
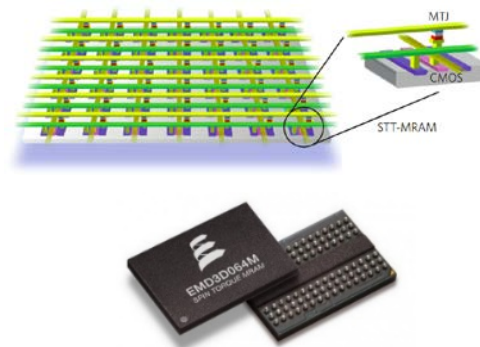
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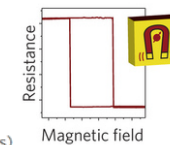
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## Spin-torque building blocks

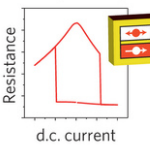
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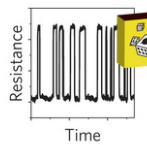
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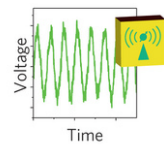
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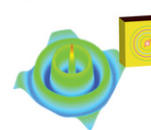
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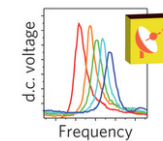
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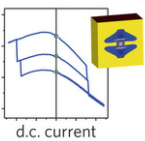
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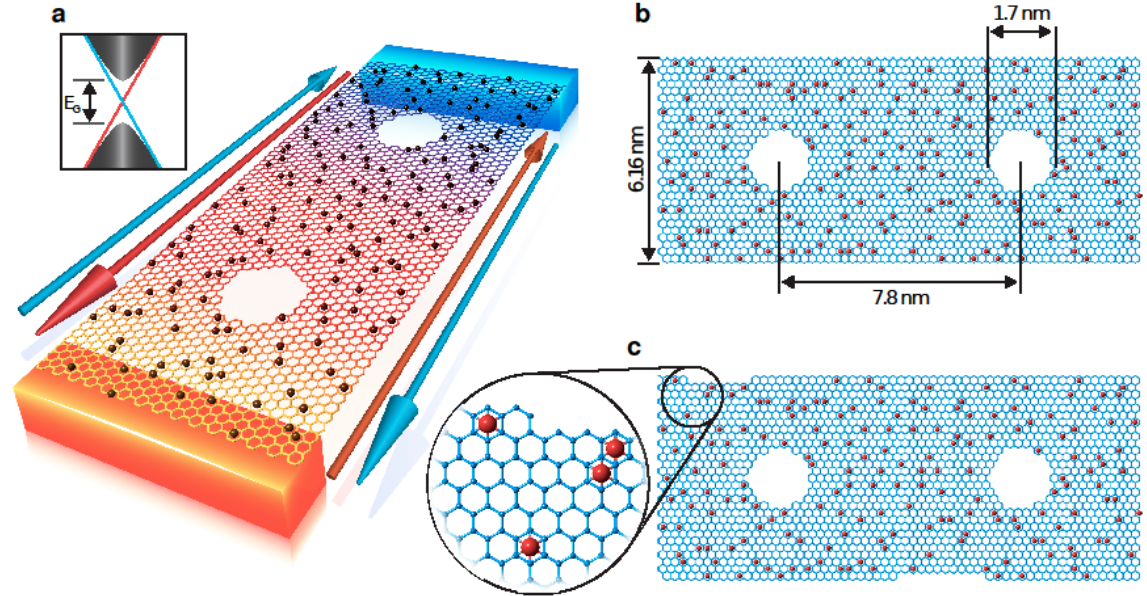
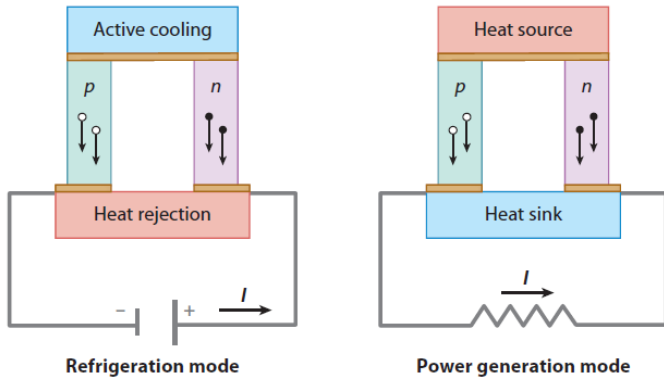


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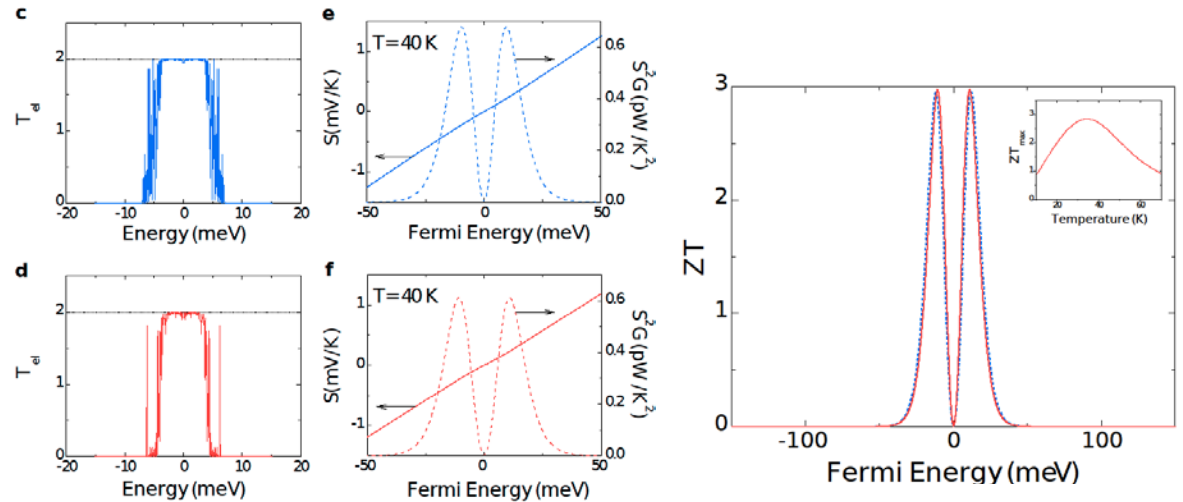
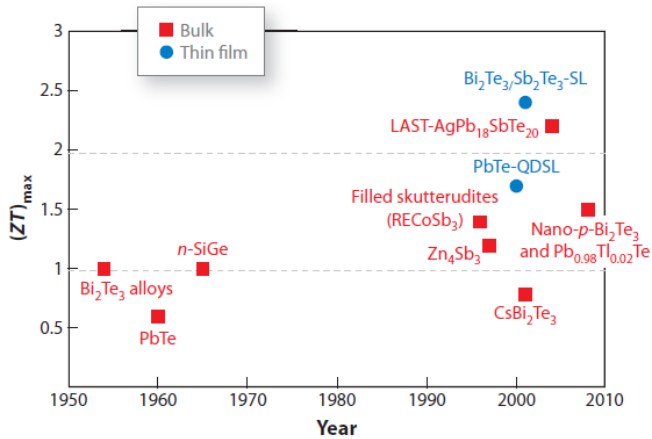




# Nanotechnology: Nanoscale Thermoelectrics



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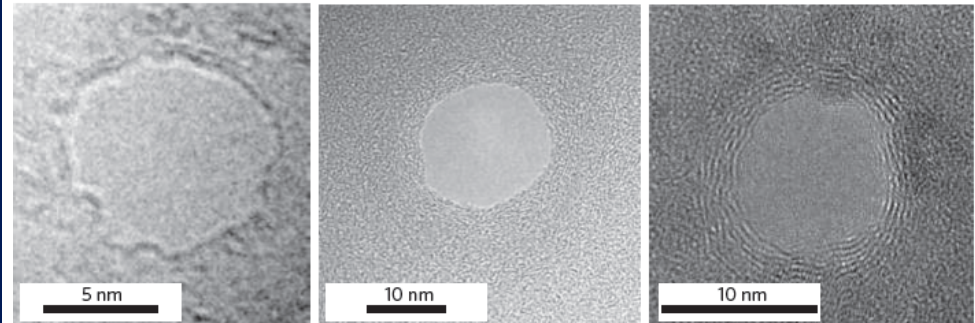
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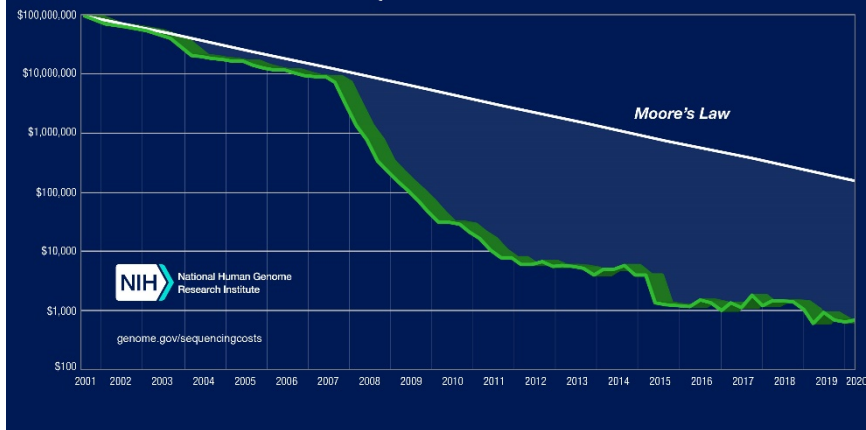
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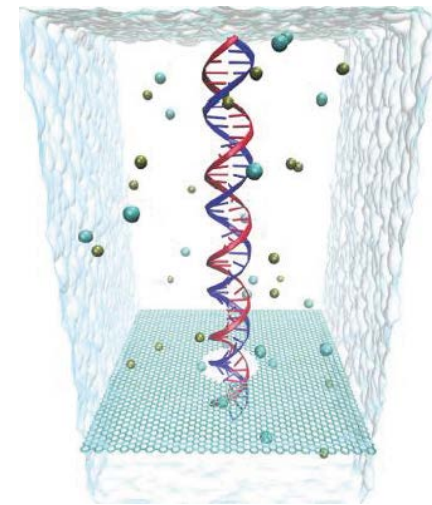
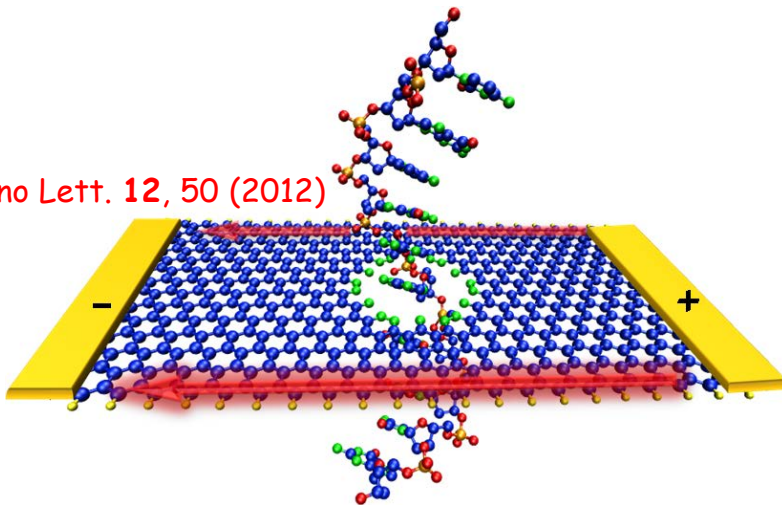
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Cost per Human Genome

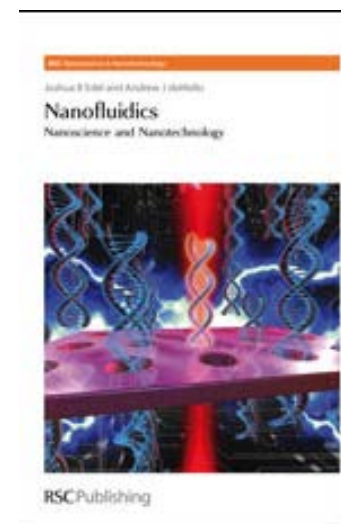
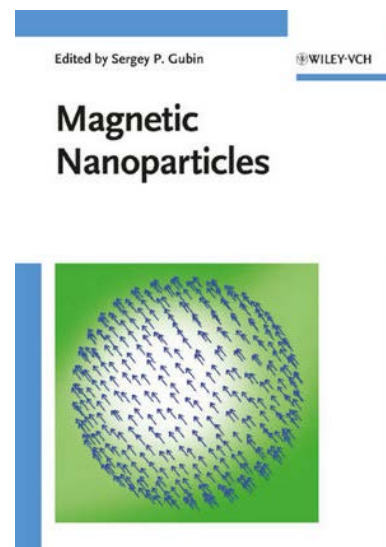
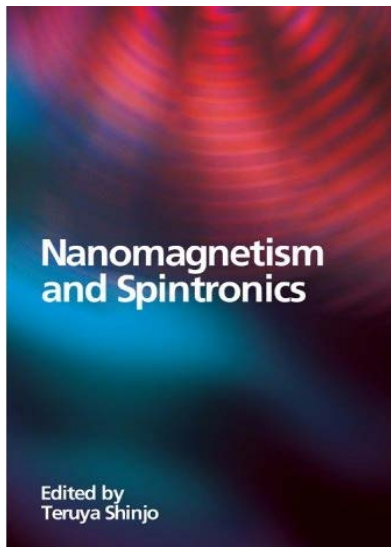
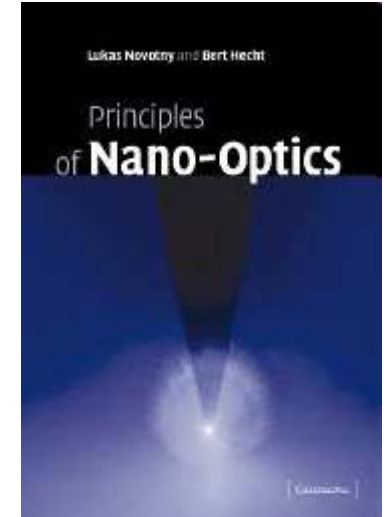
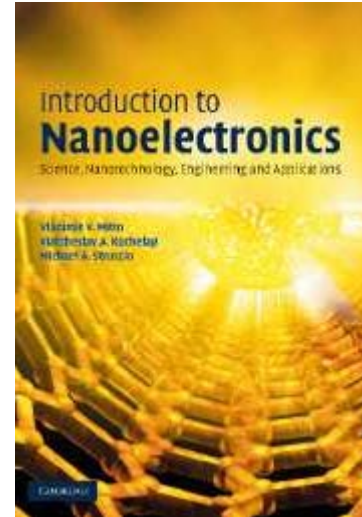
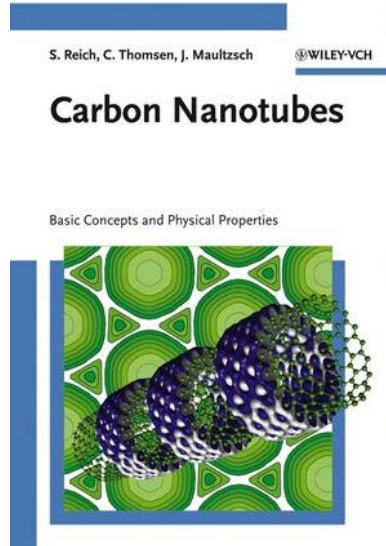
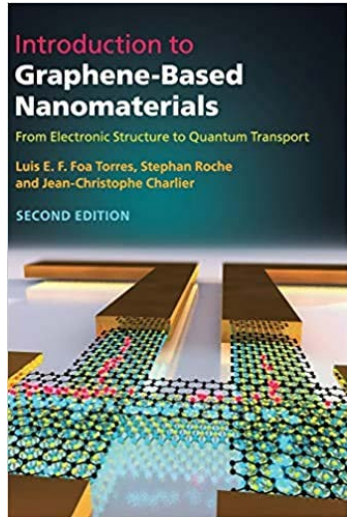


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# Branches of Nanophysics & Nanotechnology



## Nanoplasmonics: The physics behind the applications

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