

Quanten-Physik auf einem Chip

Technologie vom Feinsten!!

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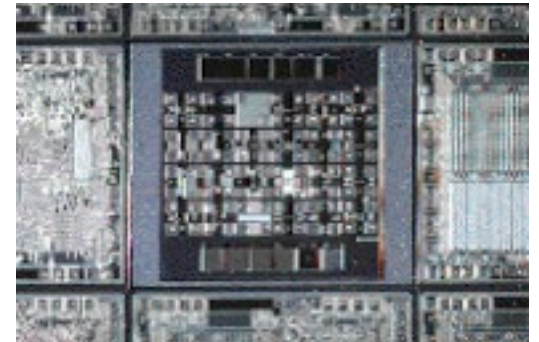
QSIT Quantum
Science and
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Classical technology



First transistor

modern
integrated
circuit



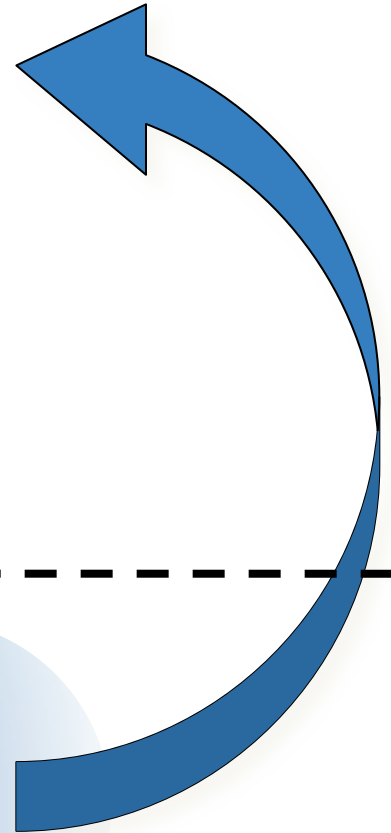
Quantum Technology

Scientific and technological
development

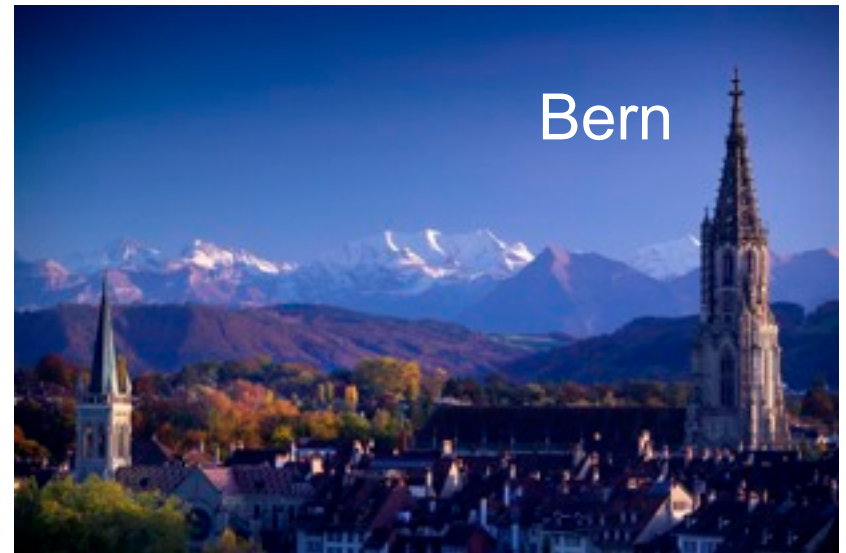
classical systems

shrinking scales:
space, energy, time

quantum systems



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Elektronen und Atome können das!!!

Wie Wasserwellen, die gleichzeitig an verschiedenen Stellen eines Sees sind

individual quantum objects

interference -> waves

waves -> particles

particles -> electrons, photons, atoms

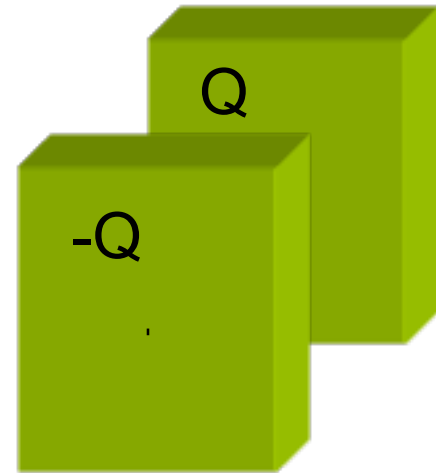
control over individual quantum systems

manipulation of quantum systems

Quantized charge

Capacitance of a capacitor:

$$C = \frac{|Q|}{U} = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{voltage}}$$



Energy to charge the capacitor:

$$E = \int_0^Q U dQ = \int_0^Q \frac{Q}{C} dQ = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

Energy to put one electron ($Q=e$) on a capacitor with $C = 1 \text{ nF}$

$$E = \frac{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ As})^2}{2 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ F}} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-29} \text{ Joule} = 8 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ eV}$$

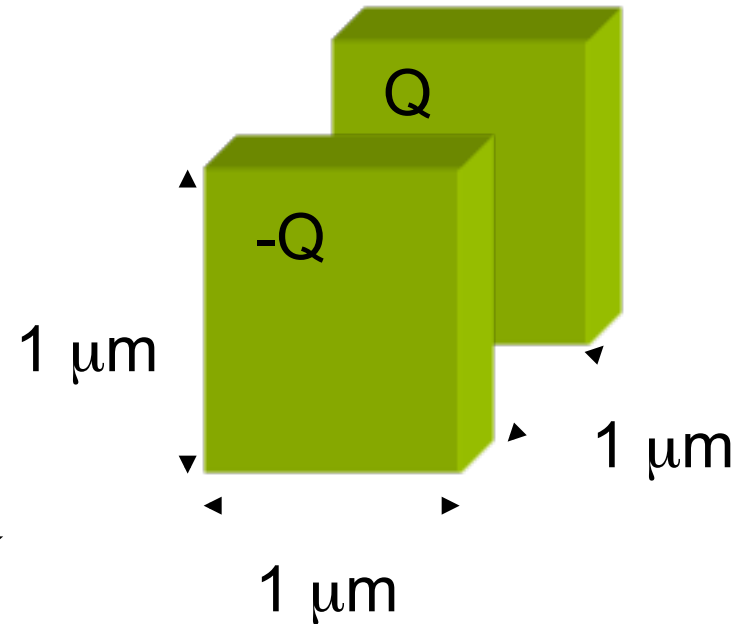
Equivalent to temperature $T=0.1 \text{ mK}$

Size of a capacitor

capacitance

$$C = \epsilon\epsilon_0 \frac{\text{area}}{\text{separation}} =$$
$$= \epsilon\epsilon_0 \frac{(1 \mu\text{m})^2}{1 \mu\text{m}} = 10^{-16} \text{ F}$$

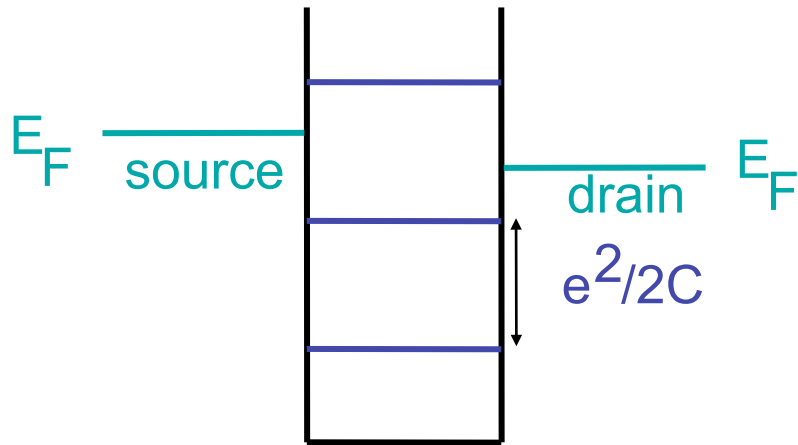
equivalent to temperature $T = 7 \text{ K}$



-> use nanotechnology to make a small capacitor

decoupled from its environment

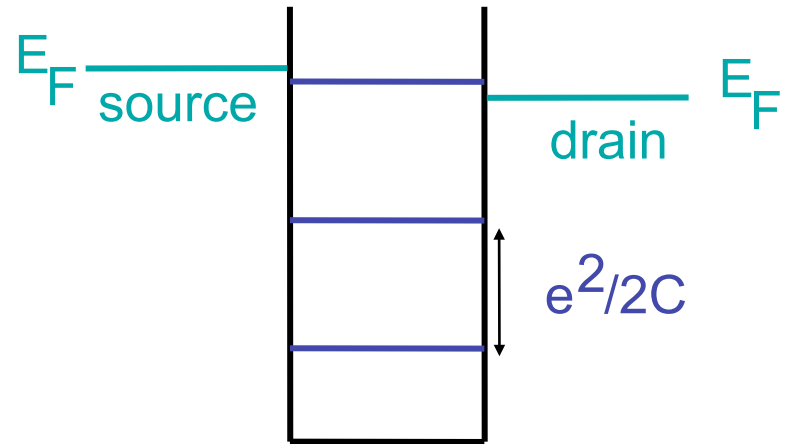
Coulomb blockade



$$kT \ll e^2/2C$$

$$eU = E_F^{\text{source}} - E_F^{\text{drain}} \ll e^2/2C$$

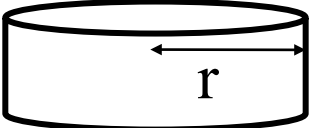
-> no current transport



discrete level between

$$E_F^{\text{source}} \text{ and } E_F^{\text{drain}}$$

-> coherent resonant tunneling

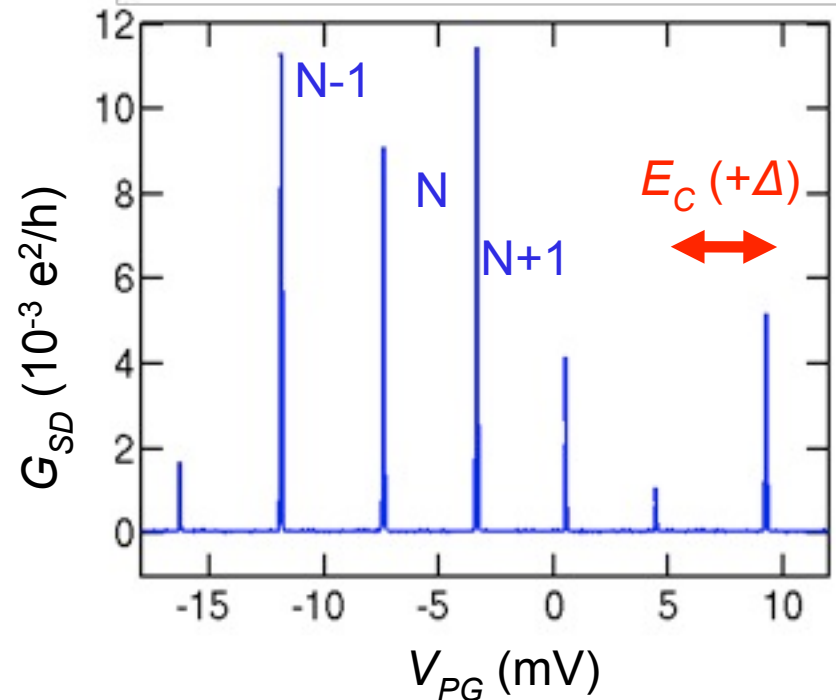
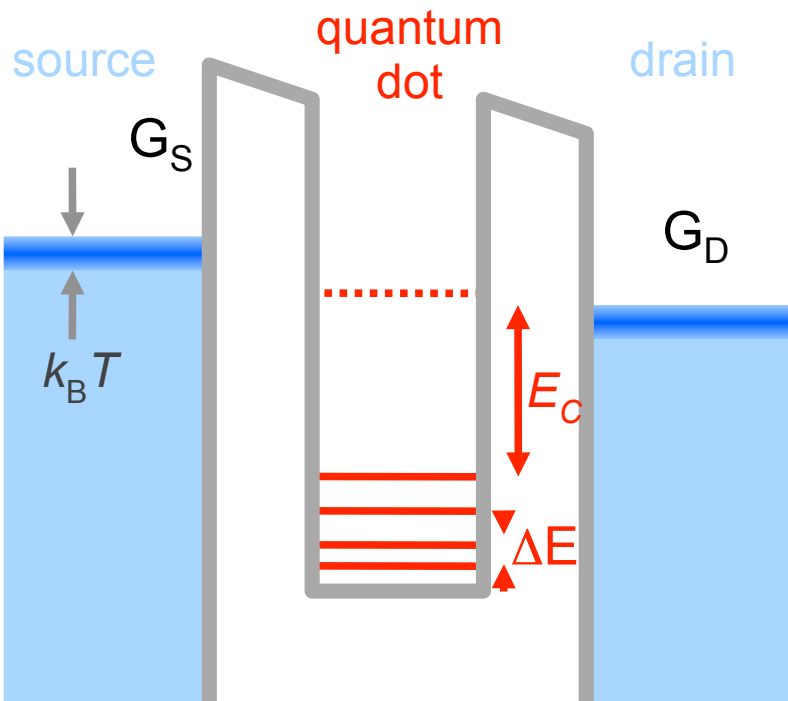
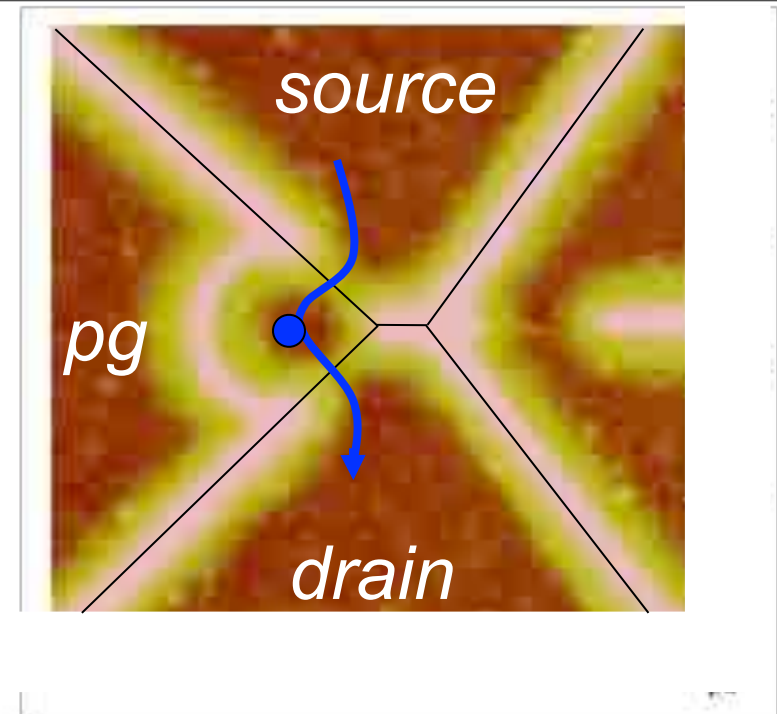
disk:  $C = 8\epsilon\epsilon_0 r$

$$r = 100 \text{ nm}$$

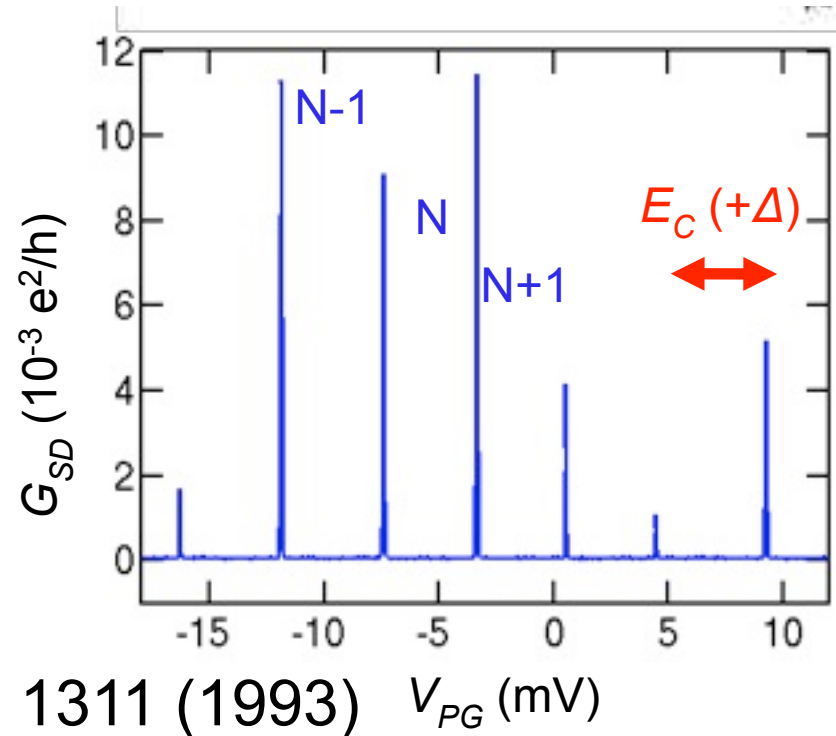
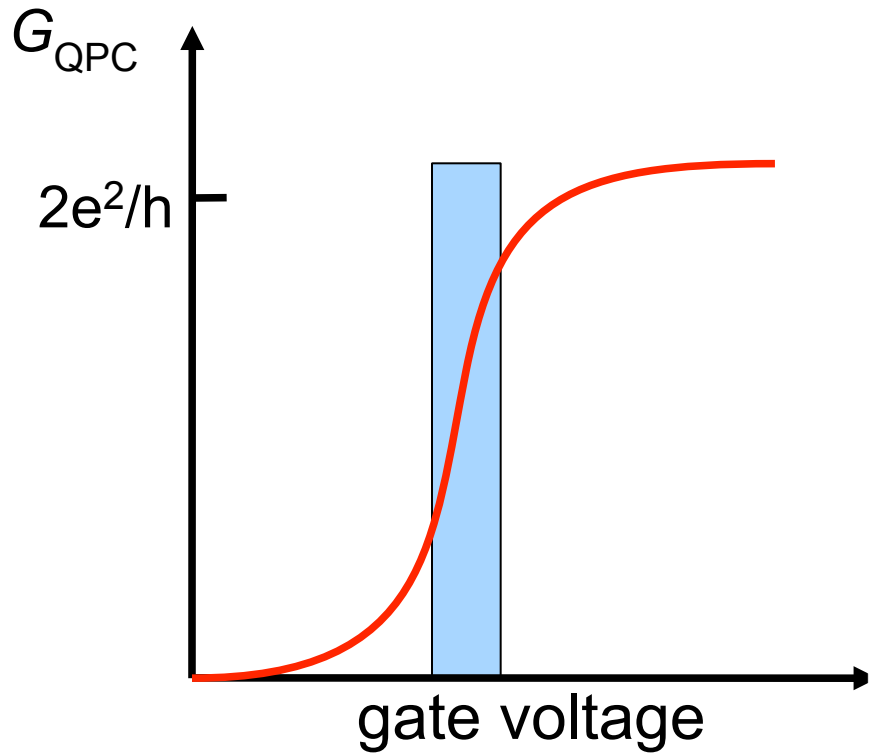
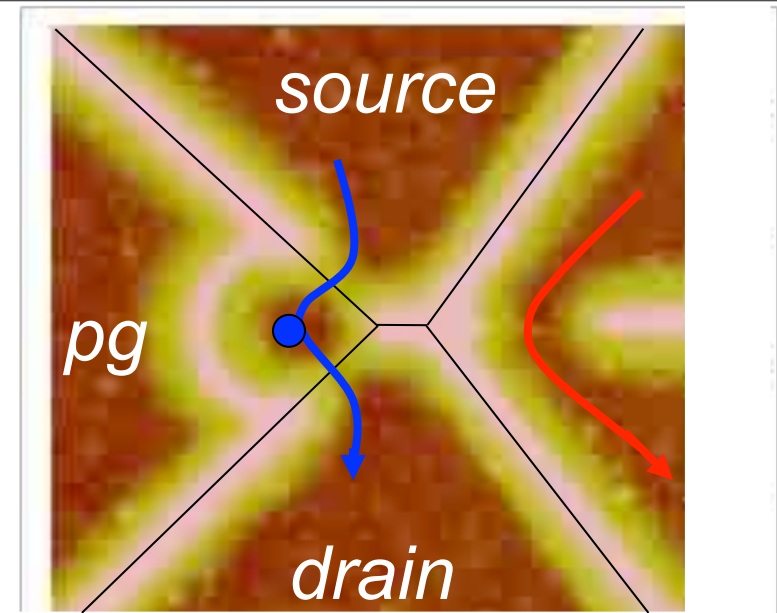
$$\rightarrow C = 84 \text{ aF}$$

$$\rightarrow e^2/2C = 900 \text{ } \mu\text{eV} \cong 11 \text{ K}$$

Spectroscopy of electronic states

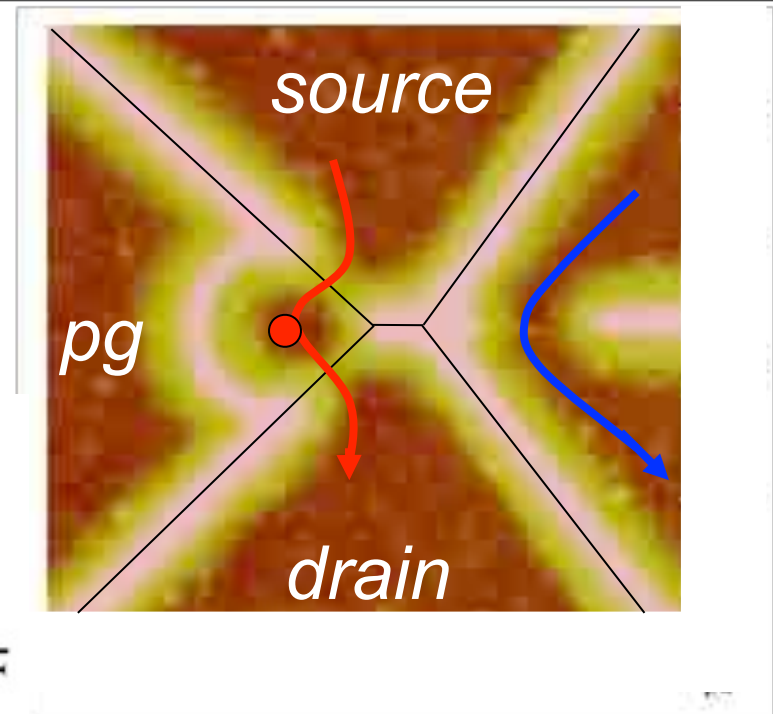
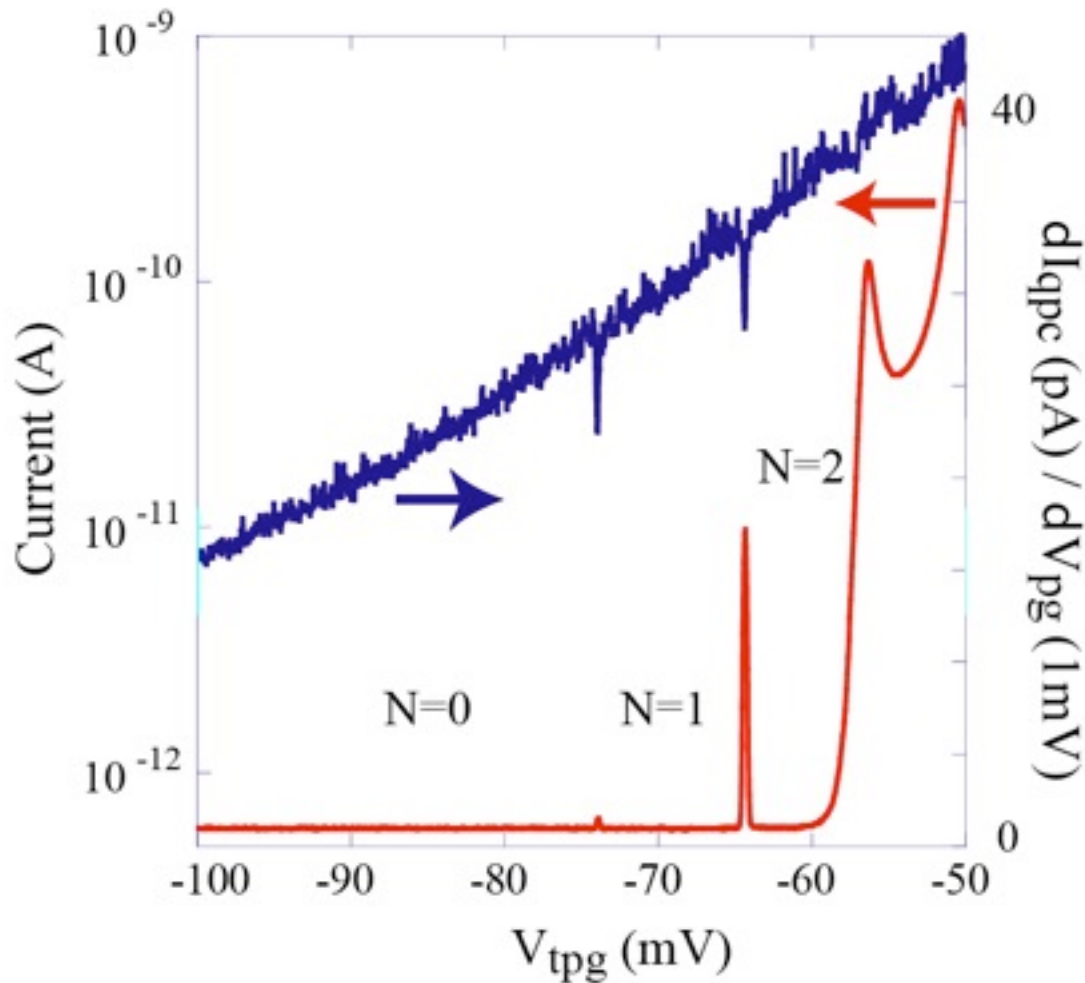


Quantum point contact as a charge detector



M. Field et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 70, 1311 (1993)

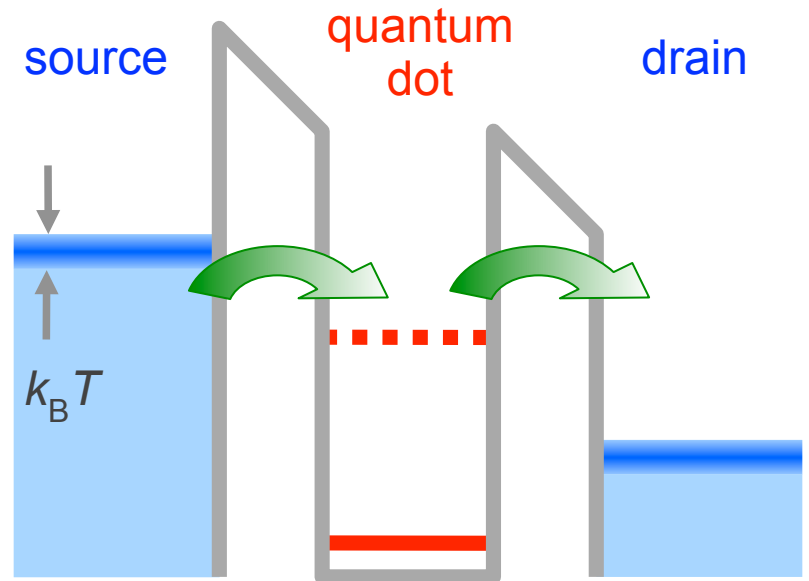
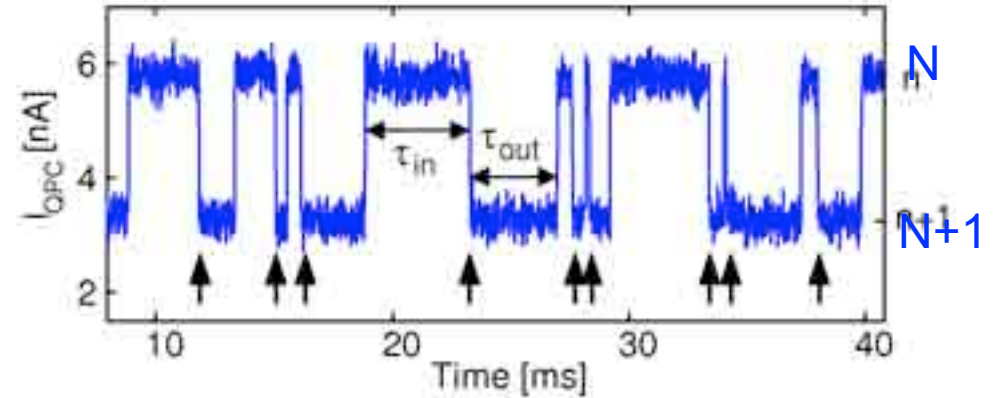
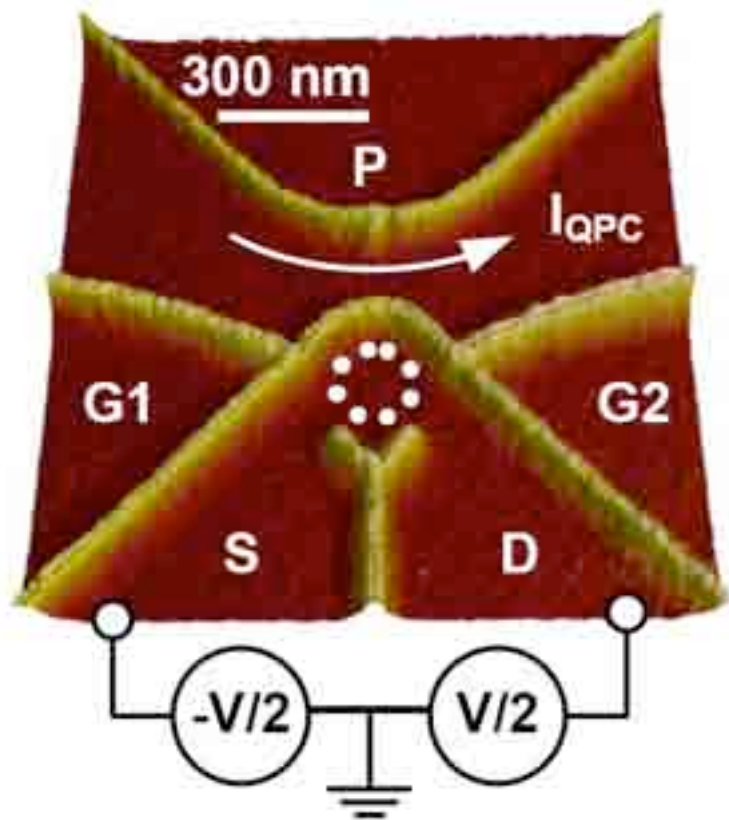
A few electron quantum dot



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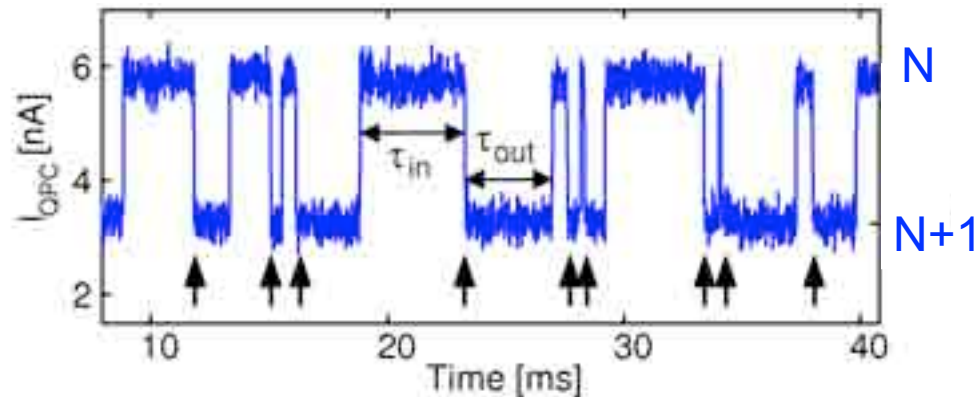
Ciorga et al.,
PRB 61, R16315 (2000)
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Time-resolved detection of single electron transport



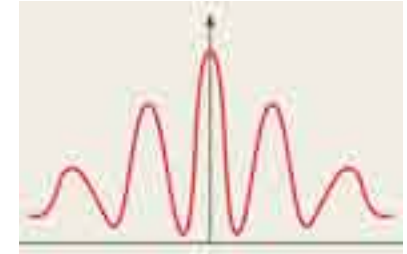
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Measuring the current by counting electrons



- Count number n of electrons entering the dot within a time t_0 : $I = e\langle n \rangle / t_0$
- Max. current = few fA (bandwidth = 30 kHz)
- BUT no absolute limitation for low current and noise measurements
-> here: $I \approx$ few aA, $S_I \approx 10^{-35}$ A²/Hz

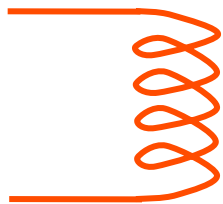
The most beautiful experiment in physics



The most beautiful experiment in physics, according to a poll of *Physics World* readers, is the interference of single electrons in a Young's double slit.

Robert P Crease, *Physics World*, Sep 1, 2002

- Young, photons, first decade of the 1800s
- Davisson and Germer, 1927: diffraction of electron beams from a crystal
->1937 Nobel prize
- Jönsson (Tübingen), 1961: double-slit experiment with electrons for the first time (*Zeitschrift für Physik* **161 454**).
- Merli, Pozzi and Missiroli (Bologna), 70's: double-slit interference experiments with single electrons
- Tonomura et al (Hitachi) 1989: experiment with just one electron in the apparatus at any one time (*American Journal of Physics* **57 117-120**).



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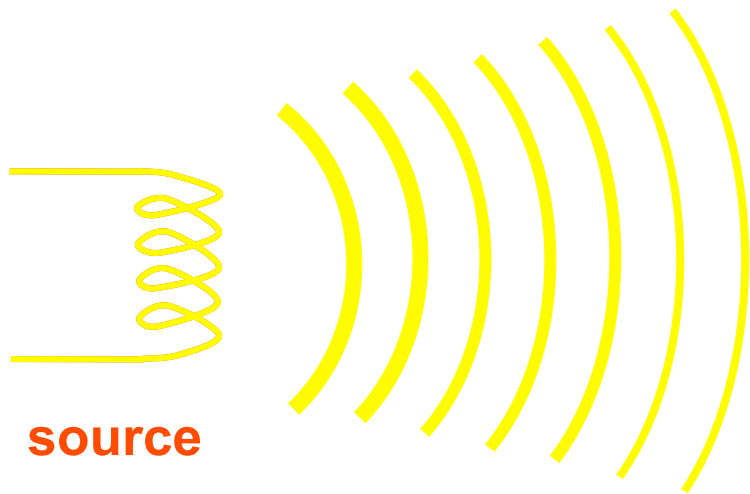


**double
slit**



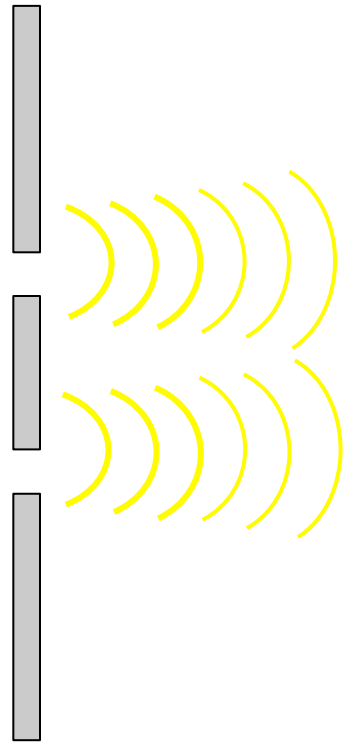
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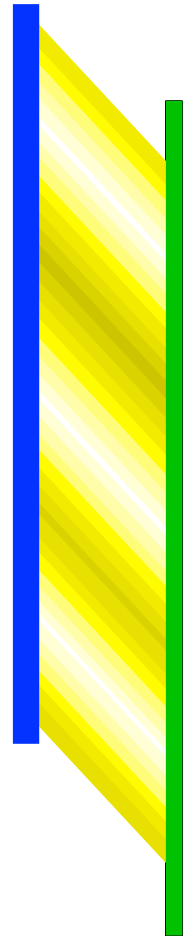


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Light

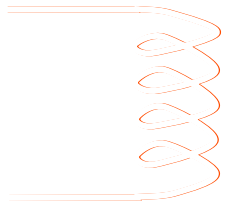


double slit



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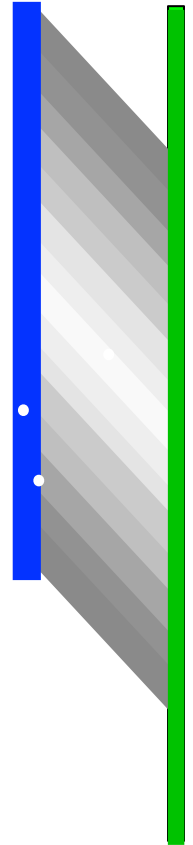
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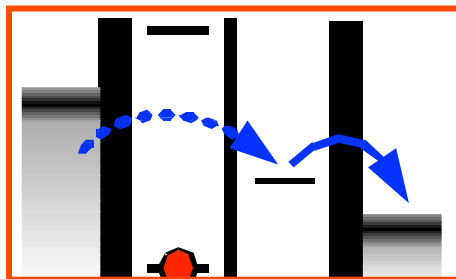
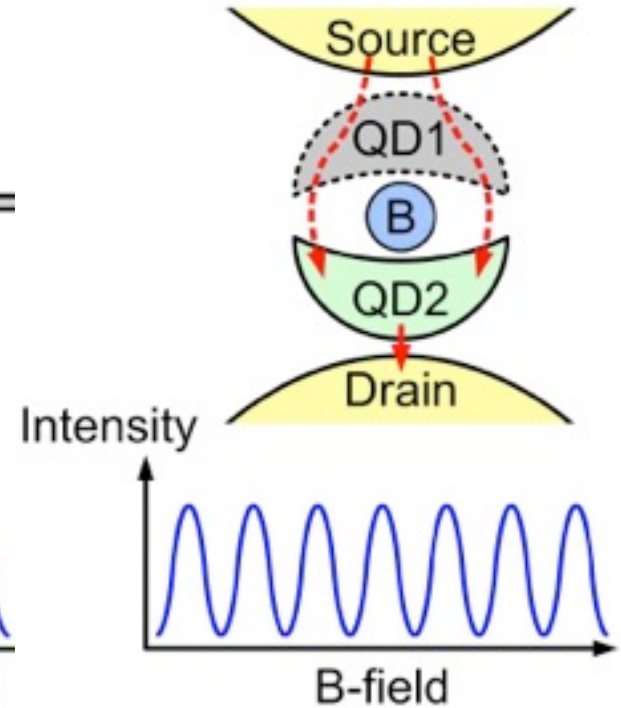
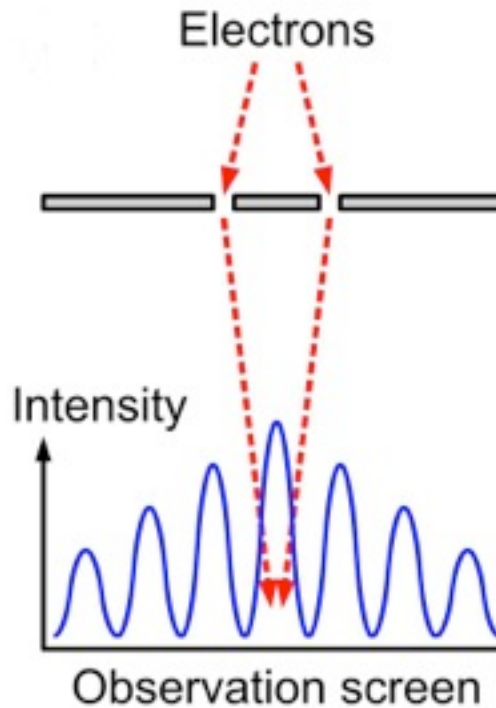
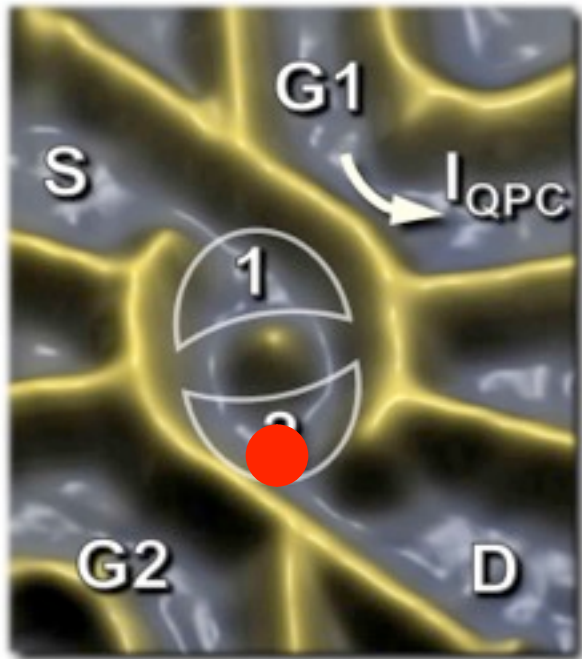


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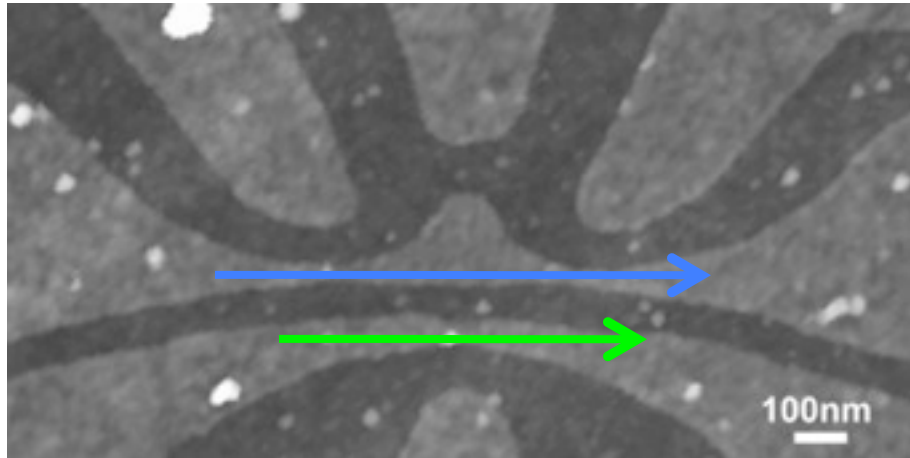


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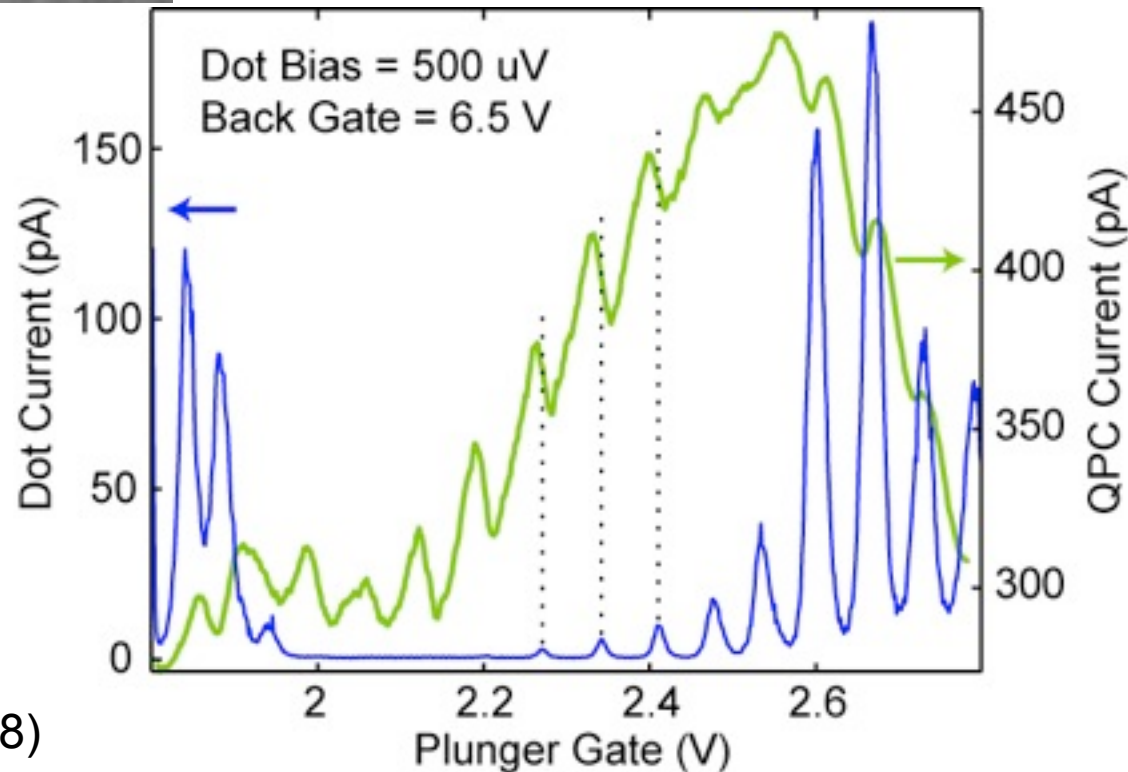
Double slit experiment <-> Aharonov Bohm



Graphene dot with charge detector

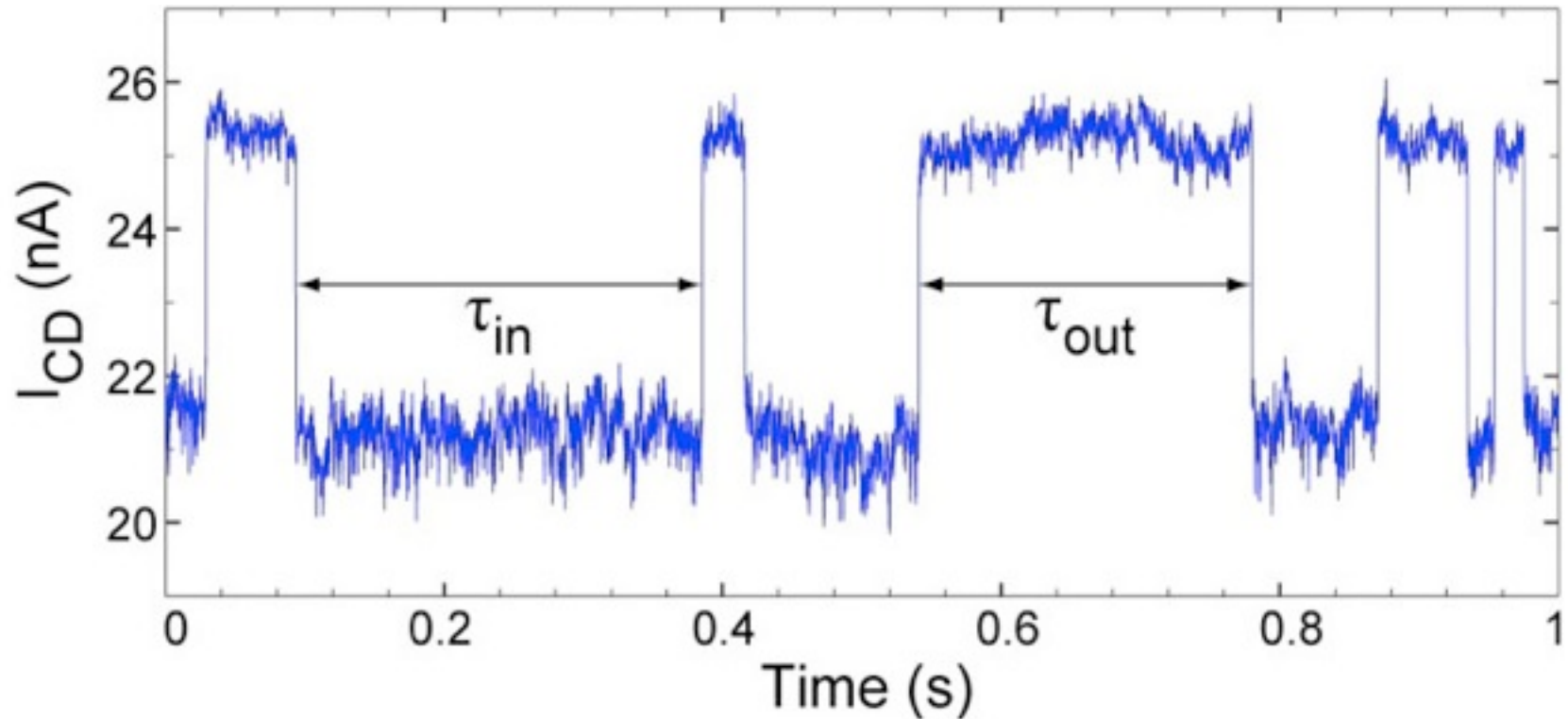
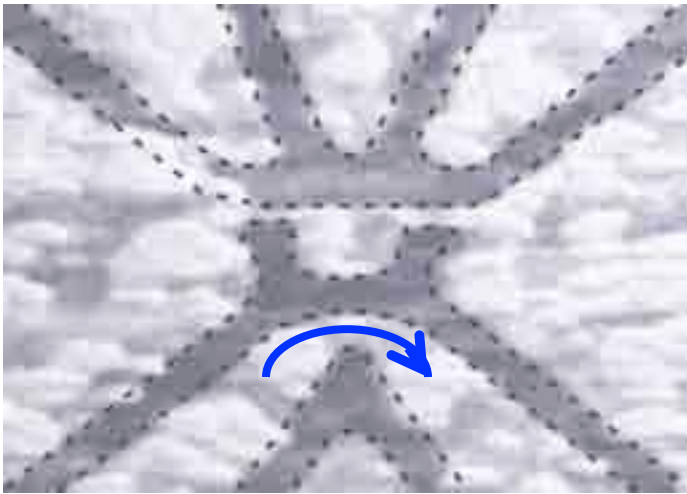


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Güttinger et al. APL **93**, 212102 (2008)

Electron counting



J. Güttinger, C. Achille, C. Stampfer

Klassischer Computer

Information ist in Einheiten von bits gespeichert:
(0) und (1)

Vergleich **Dezimal-System** – **Binärsystem**:

$$0 - 0$$

$$1 - 1$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 10^0 - 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$

$$3 = 3 \cdot 10^0 - 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

Quanten-Computer

Information ist in Einheiten von qubits gespeichert:
gleichzeitig (0) und (1)

Klassischer Computer

Bits:

Entweder (0) oder (1)

Seriell: addiert eine Nummer nach der anderen

Inkohärent, keine Interferenz (Billard-Kugeln)

Quanten-Computer

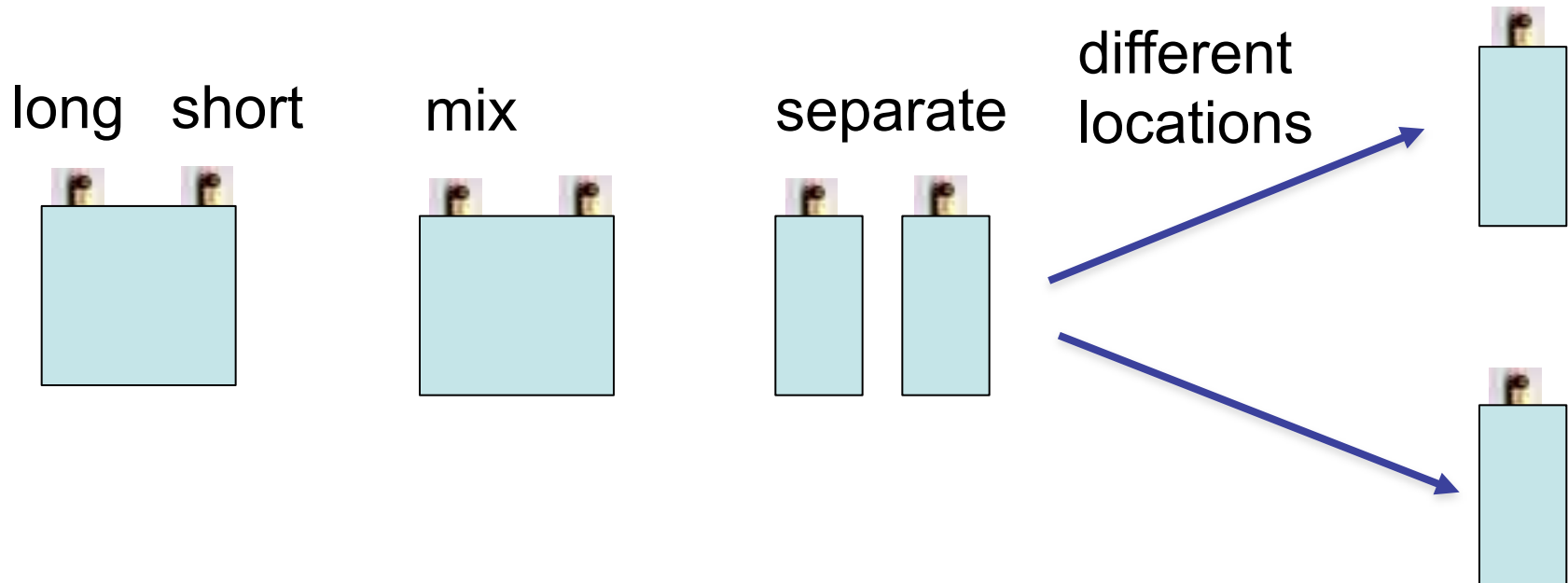
Qubits:

Sowohl (0) als auch (1)

Parallel: verarbeitet Daten gleichzeitig

Kohärent, Überlagerung (Wasserwellen)

Classical correlation



Quantum correlation

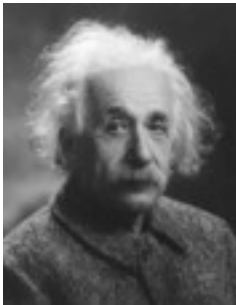
Is much stronger and can be measured
application: Quantum cryptography, data decoding

Aussagen über Quantenmechanik



Erwin Schrödinger:

“Ich mag es nicht, und es ist mir unangenehm, dass ich jemals etwas damit zu tun hatte.”



Albert Einstein:

“Wunderbar, welche Ideen die jungen Leute heutzutage haben. Aber ich glaube kein Wort davon.”



Richard Feynman:

“Ich denke, dass man mit Sicherheit sagen kann, dass niemand die Quantenmechanik versteht.”