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# Ionic liquid gating of InAs nanowire-based FETs



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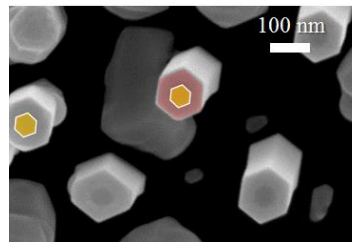
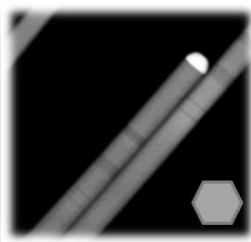
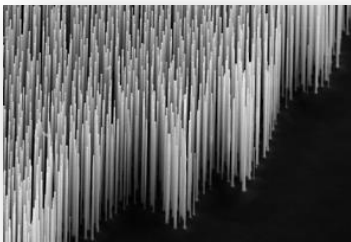
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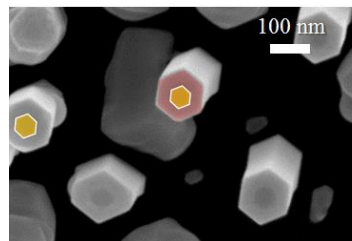
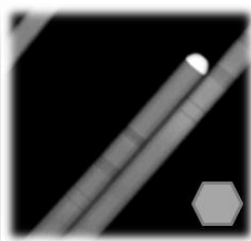
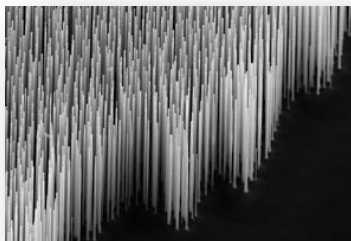
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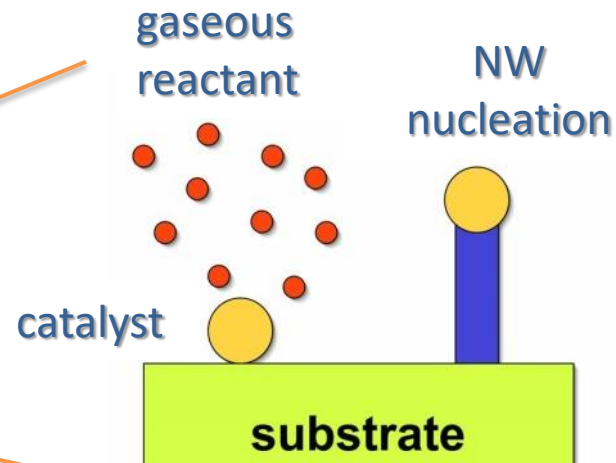
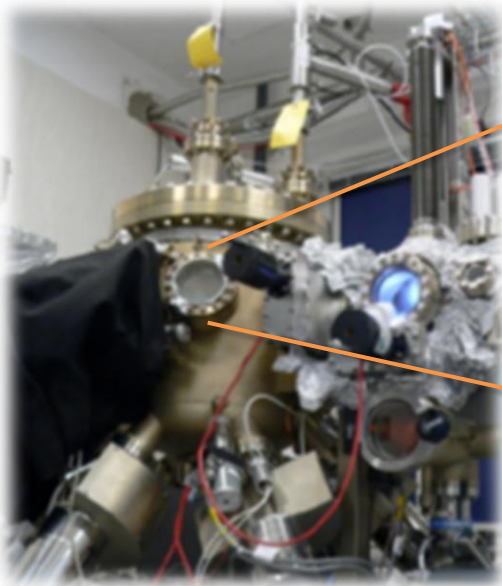




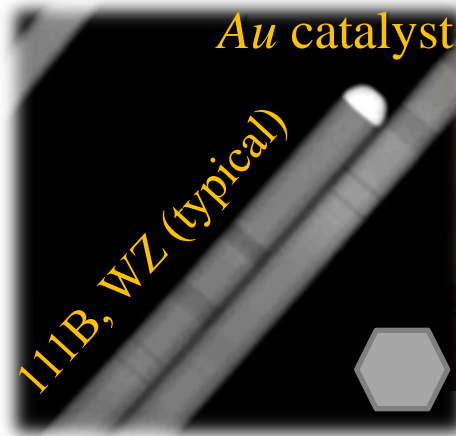
# Nanowire growth by CBE



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- Chemical beam epitaxy
- III-V Semiconductors
- Self-assembled nanocrystals (bottom-up approach)

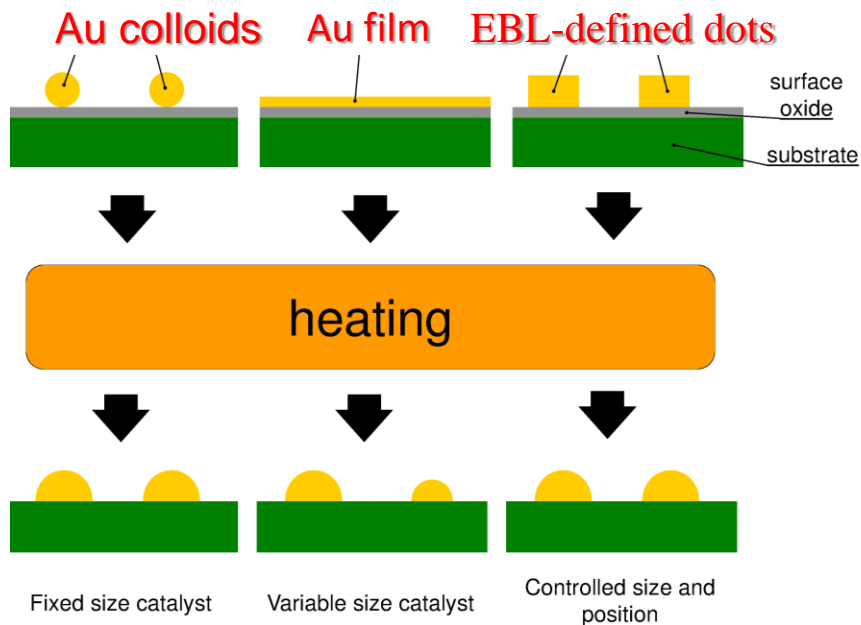


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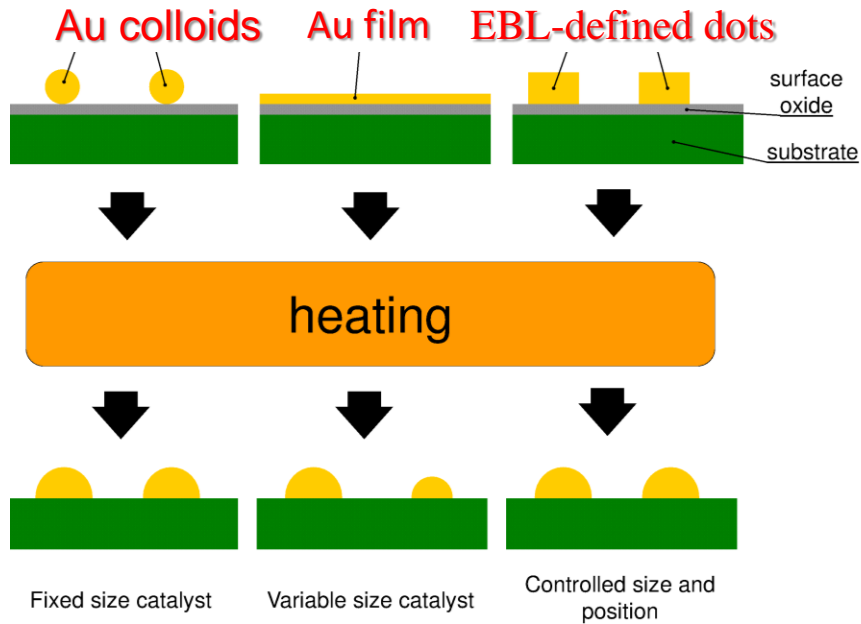


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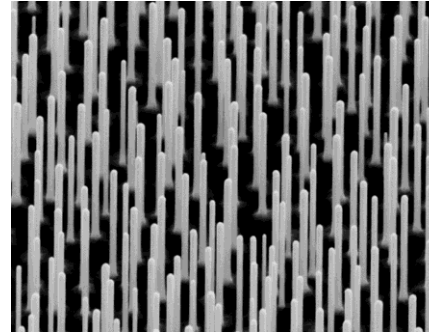
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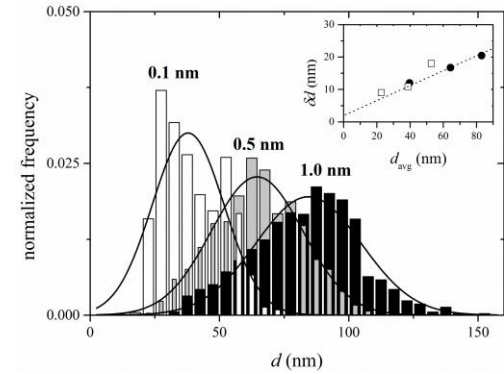
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## Au thin film



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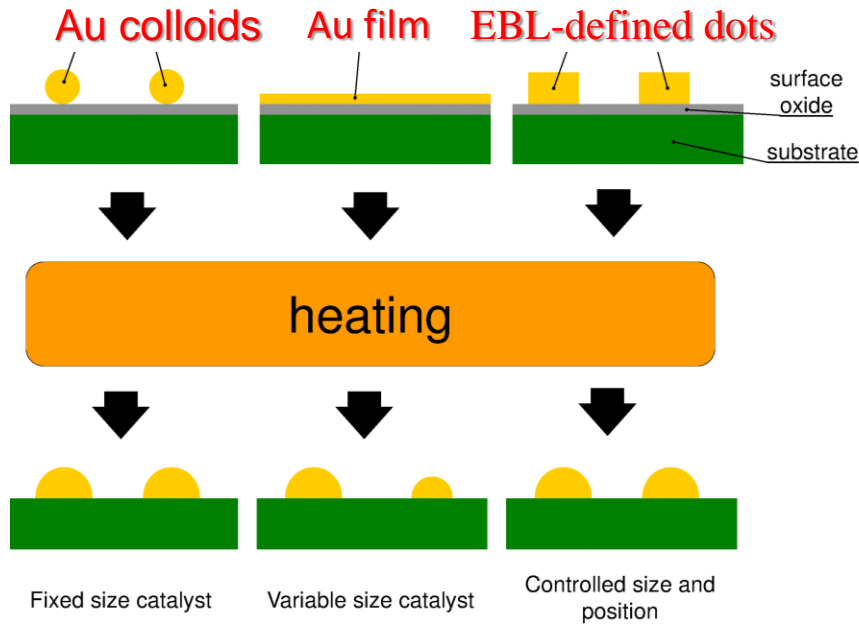


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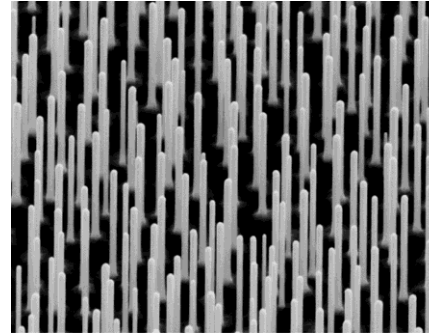
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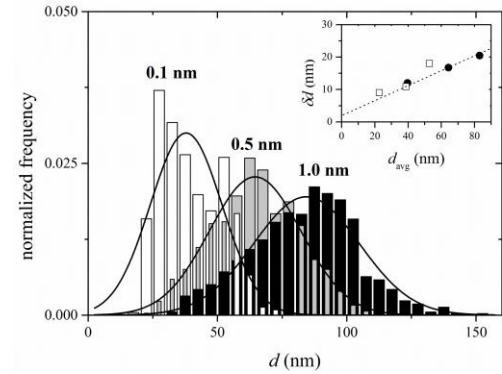
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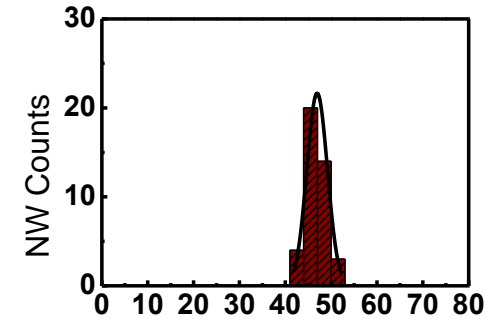
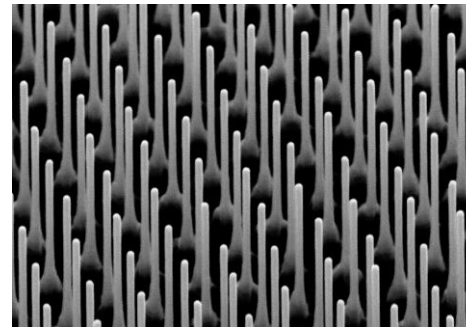
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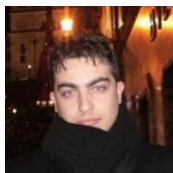
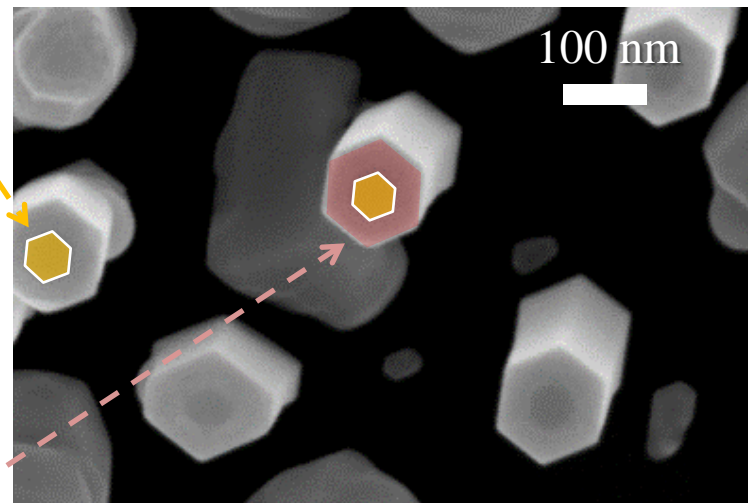
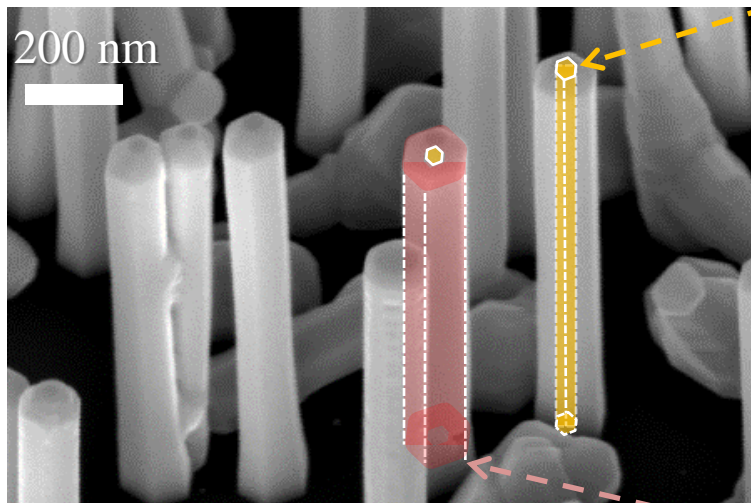
# Radial heterostructures: core-shell NWs

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InAs core

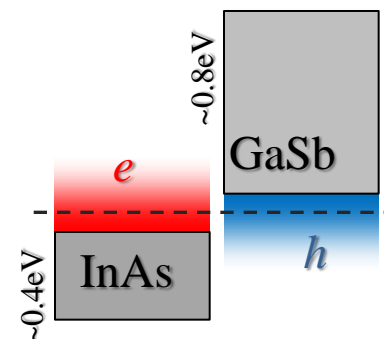
Umesh  
Gomes



Mirko  
Rocci

GaSb shell

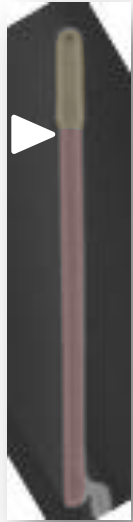
- Tunable Esaki effect
- Thermoelectrics in coupled 1D systems
- 1D-1D Coulomb drag



S.Pezzini, ... and F.Rossella, *in preparation*  
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# Axial heterostructures

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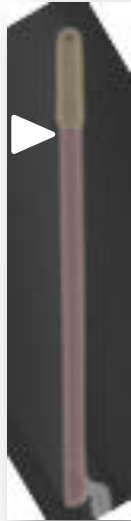


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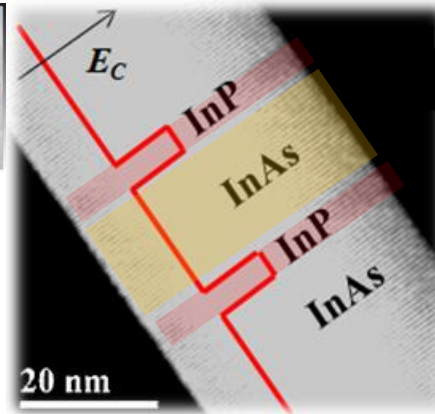
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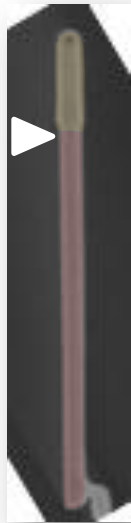
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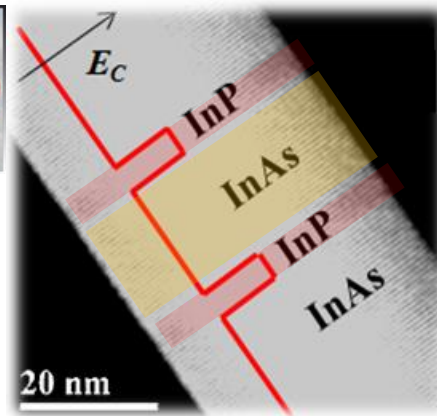
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## InAs/InP

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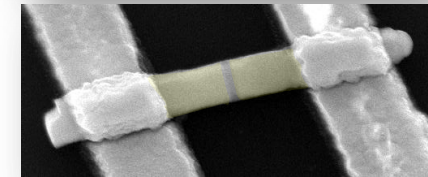
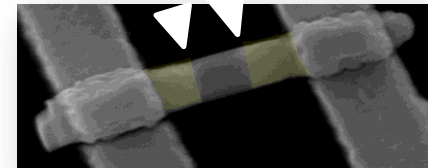
J.  
David



V.  
Piazza



## Hybrids



Metal/semiconductor  
**junctions**

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inside an InAs NW

- Tunneling processes in 0D and 1D (NW-QDs)
- Shottcky barriers → light emission, optoelectronics

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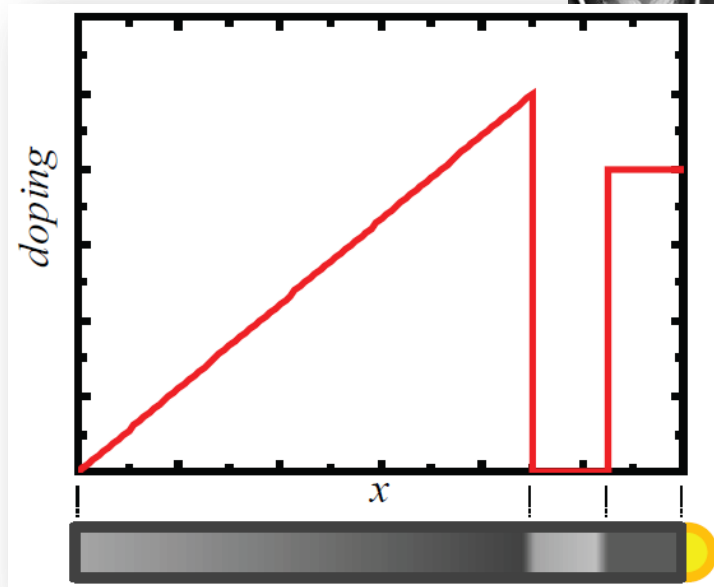
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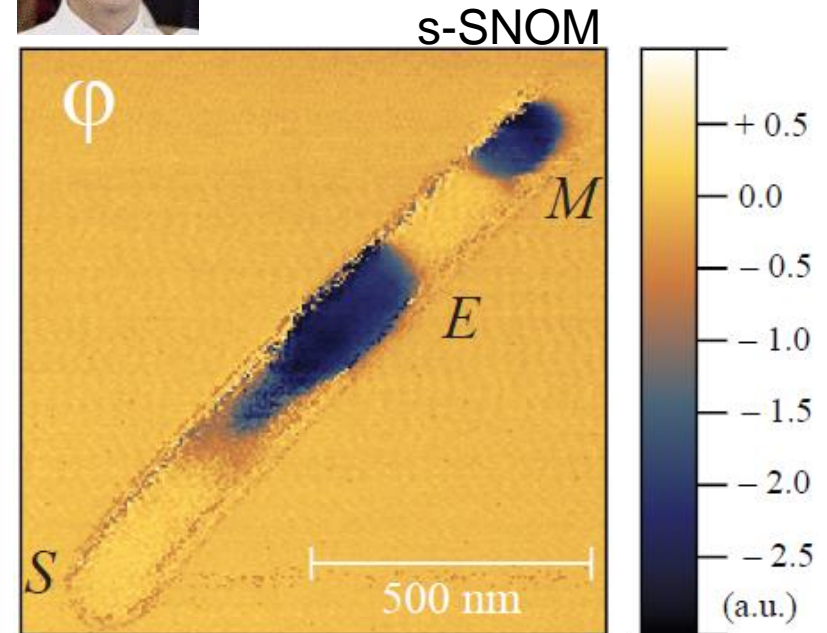


# Homostructures: graded n-type doping

A. Tredicucci



A. Arcangeli



- $n(x) \rightarrow \epsilon(x) \rightarrow$  tailoring dielectric response
- Semiconductor  $\rightarrow$  gate-tunable nano-plasmonics

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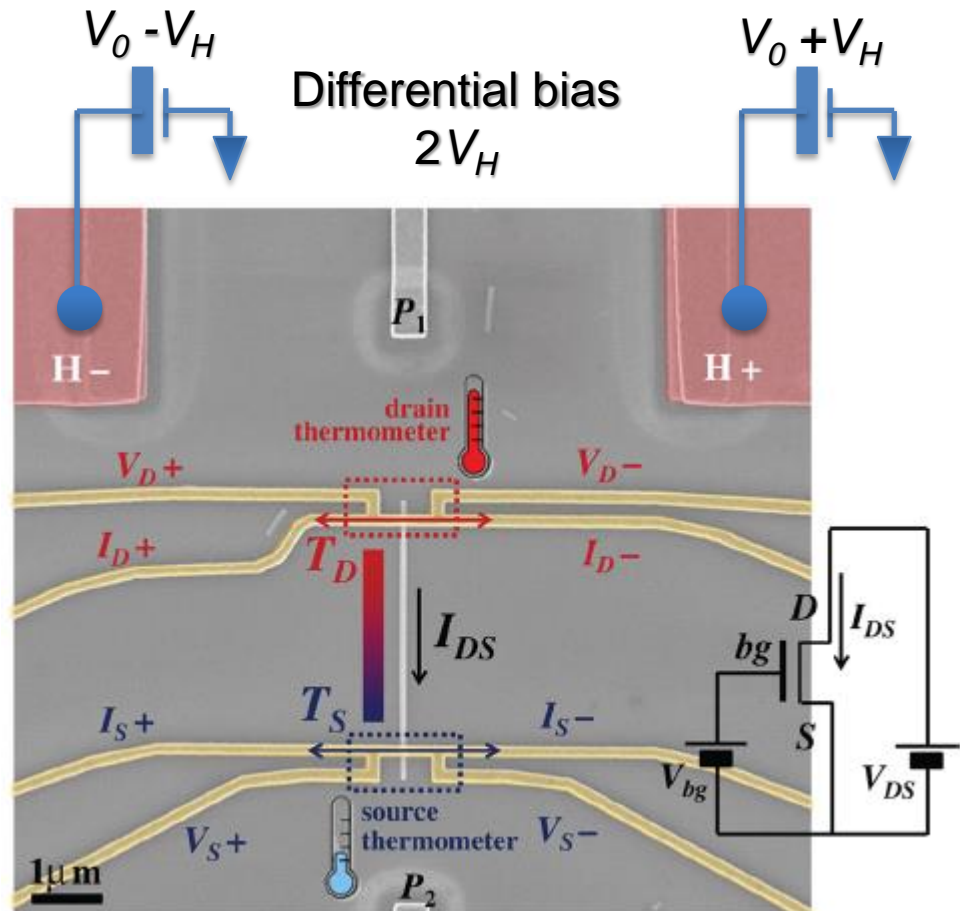
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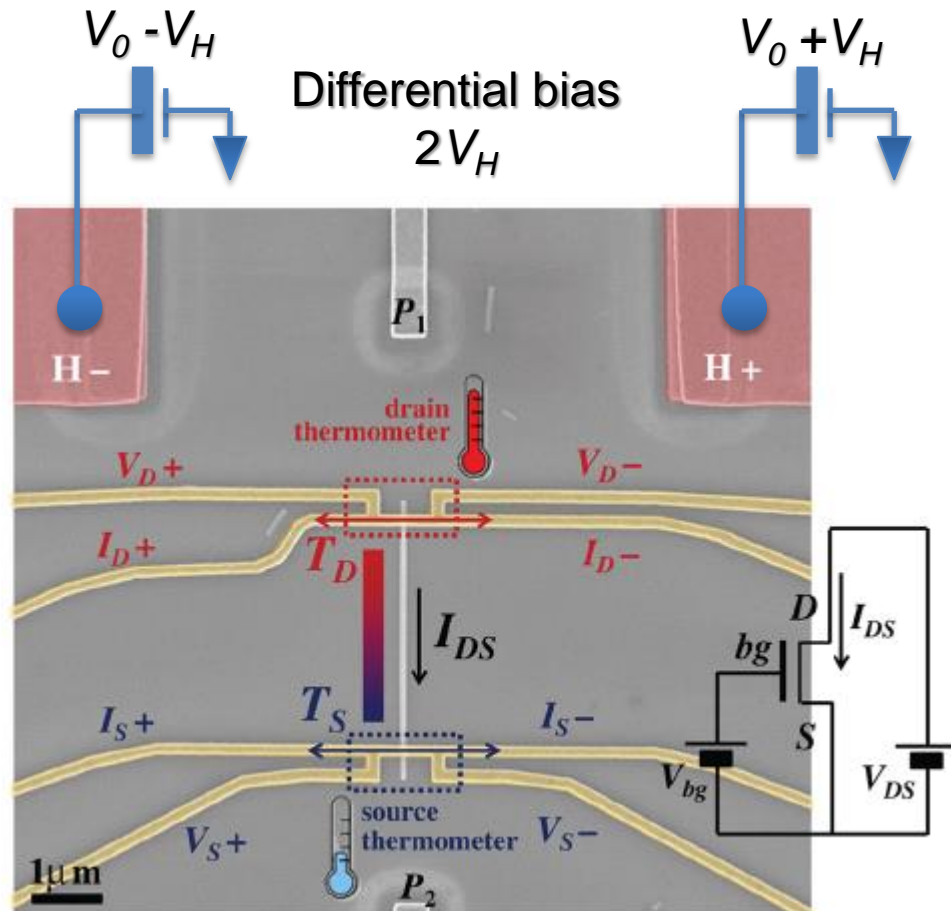
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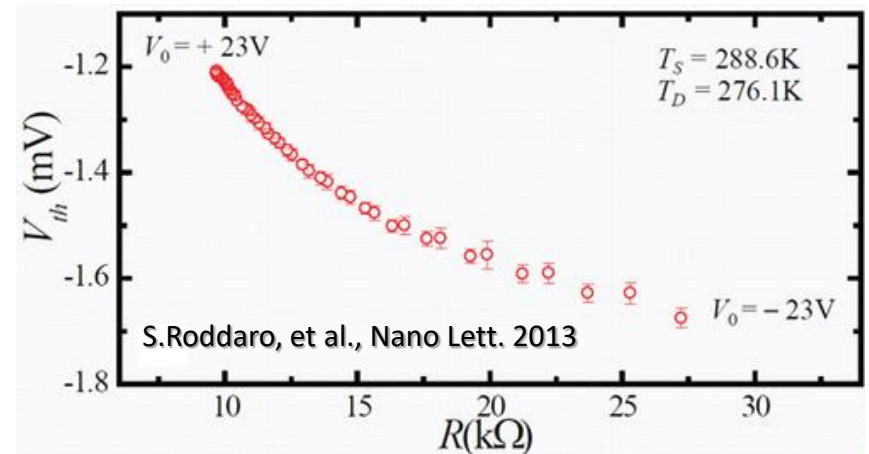
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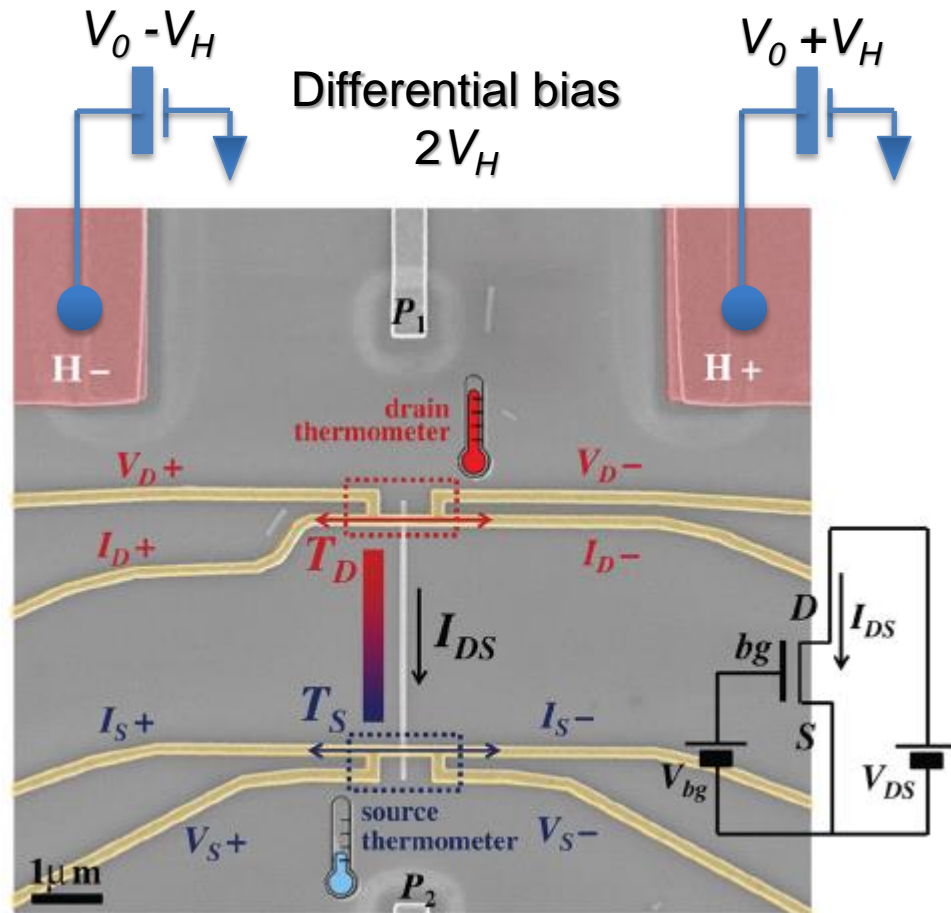
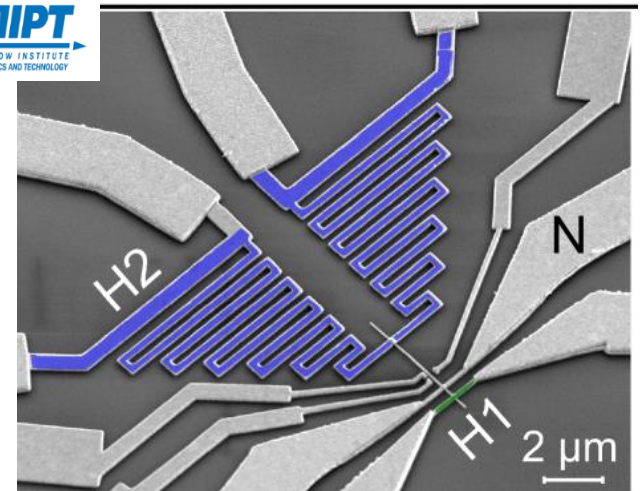


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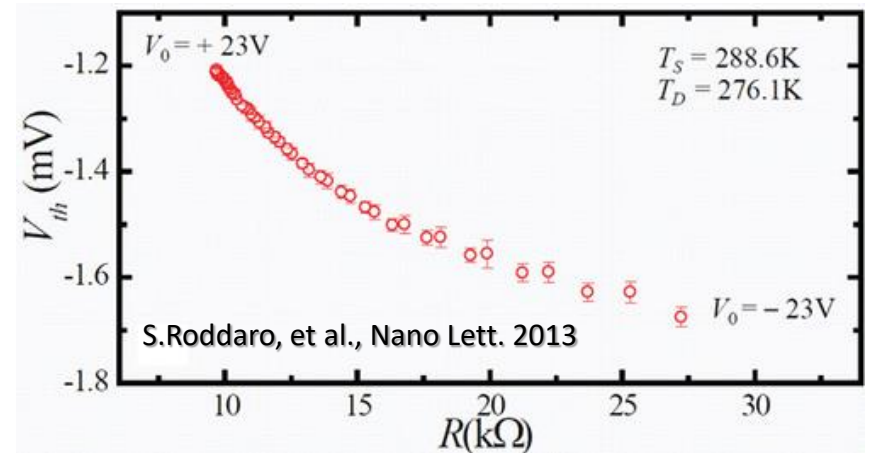
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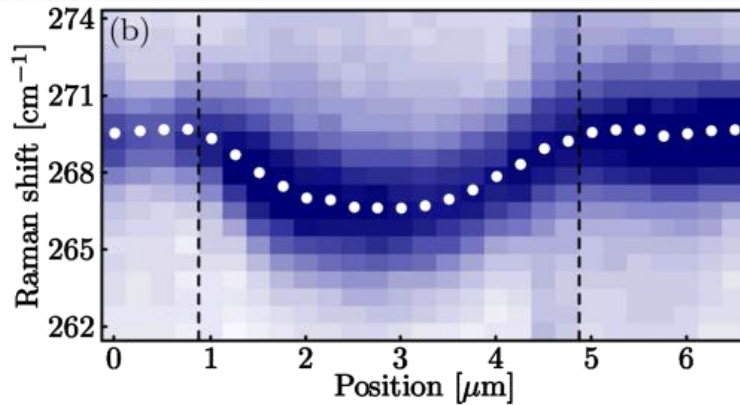
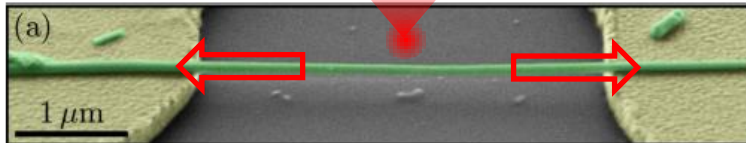
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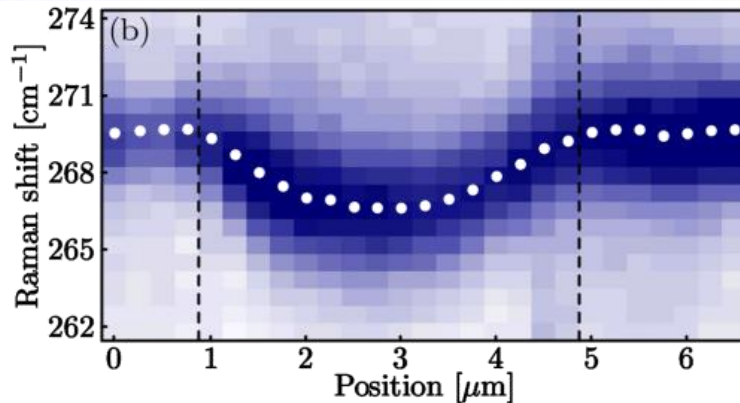
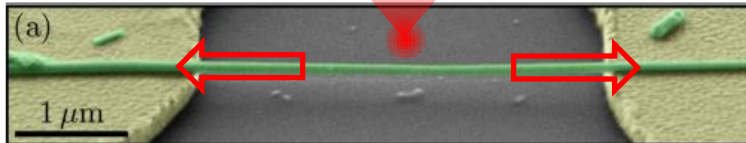
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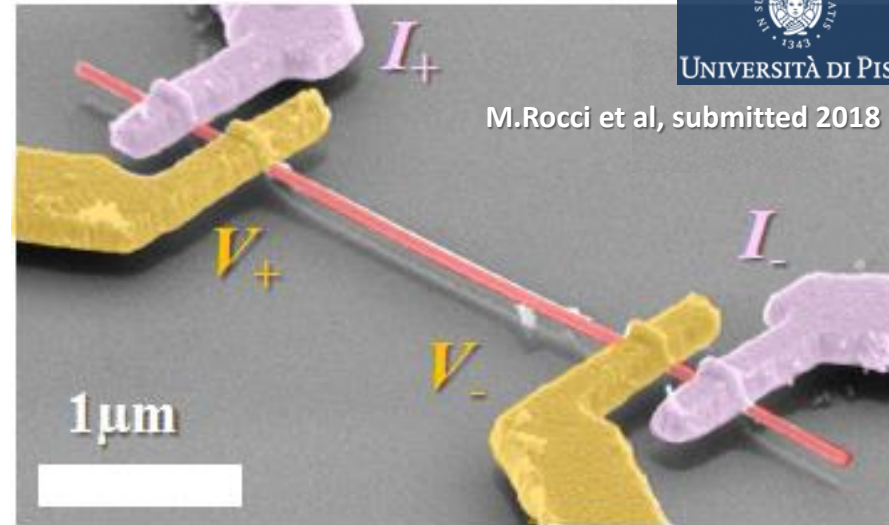
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### All-electrical method: Current injection at freq $\omega$ Voltage probing at freq $3\omega$



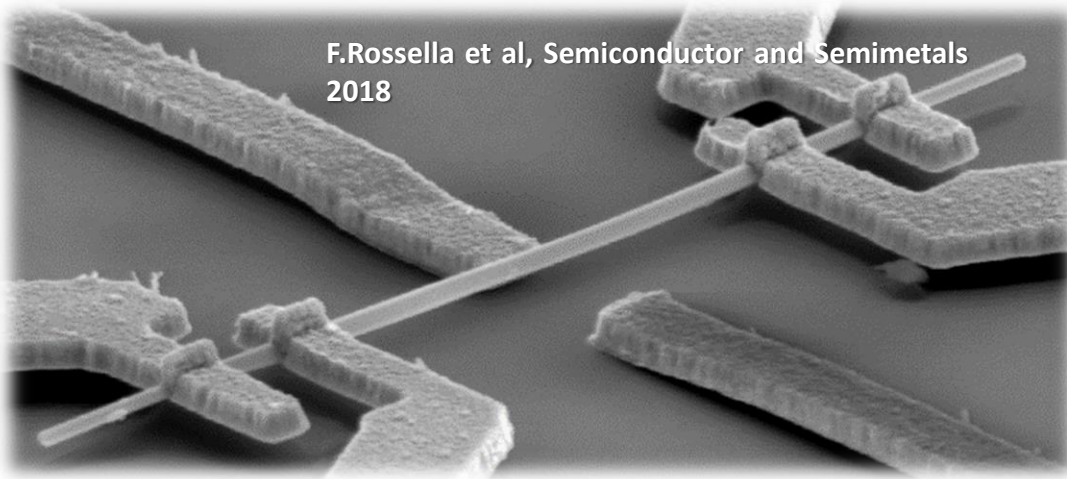
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# Suspended NW devices: strategies for gating?

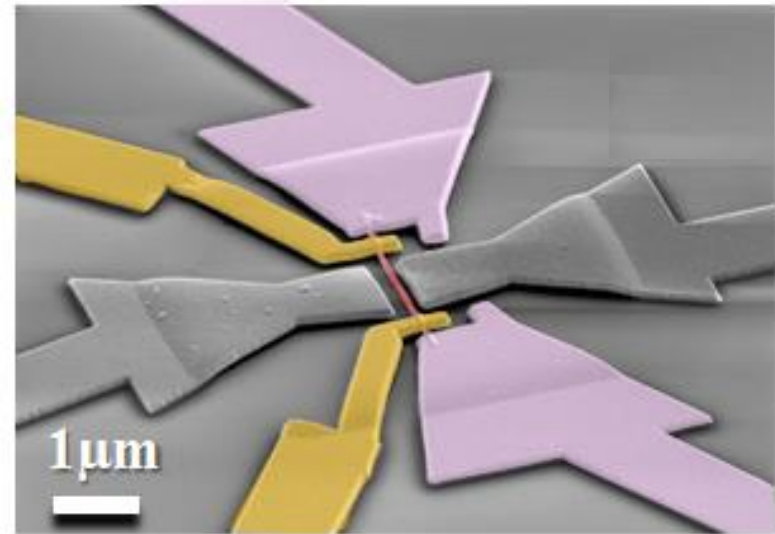
backgate, side gates



poor modulation of  $\sigma$   
at temperatures of interest

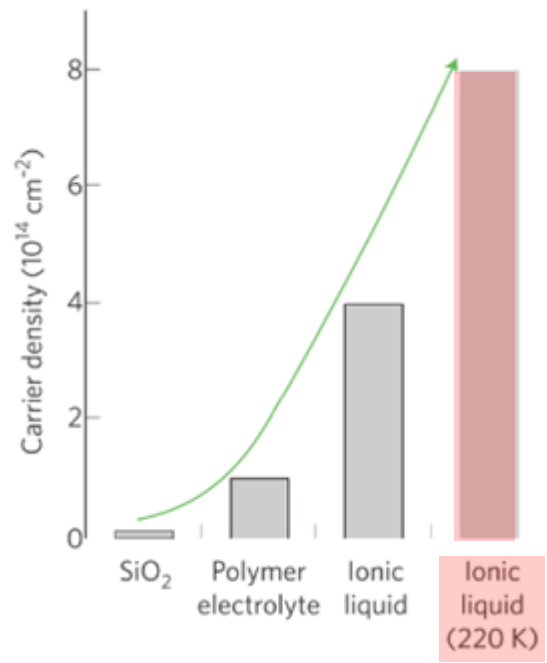
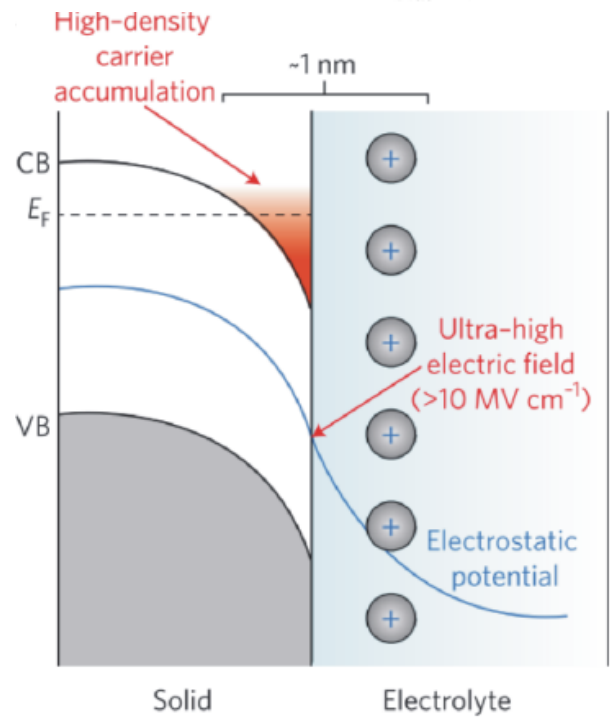
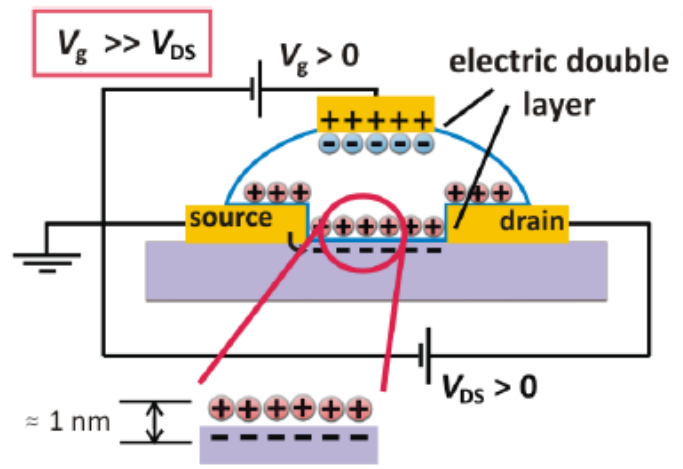
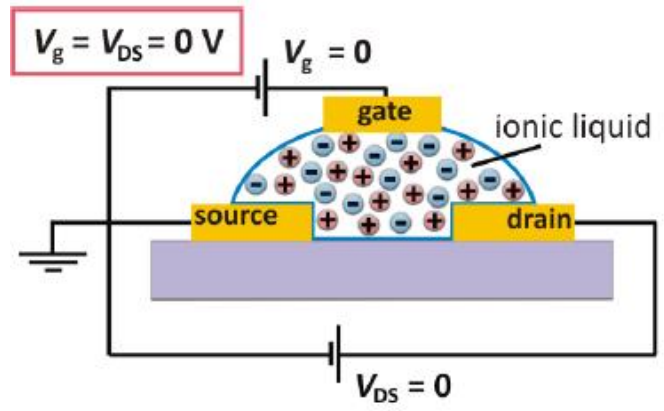


**15%  $R$  modulation  
within +/- 20V  
(combining BG and SG)**





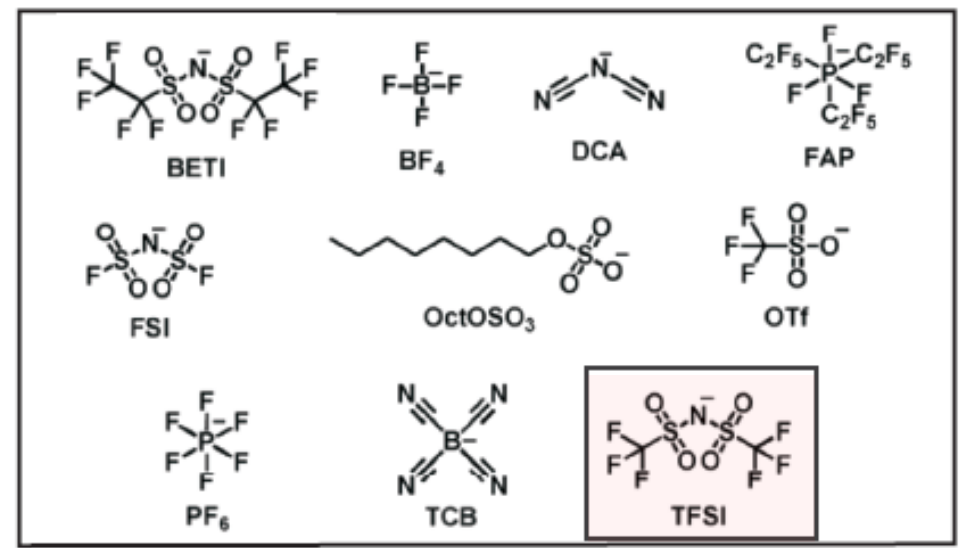
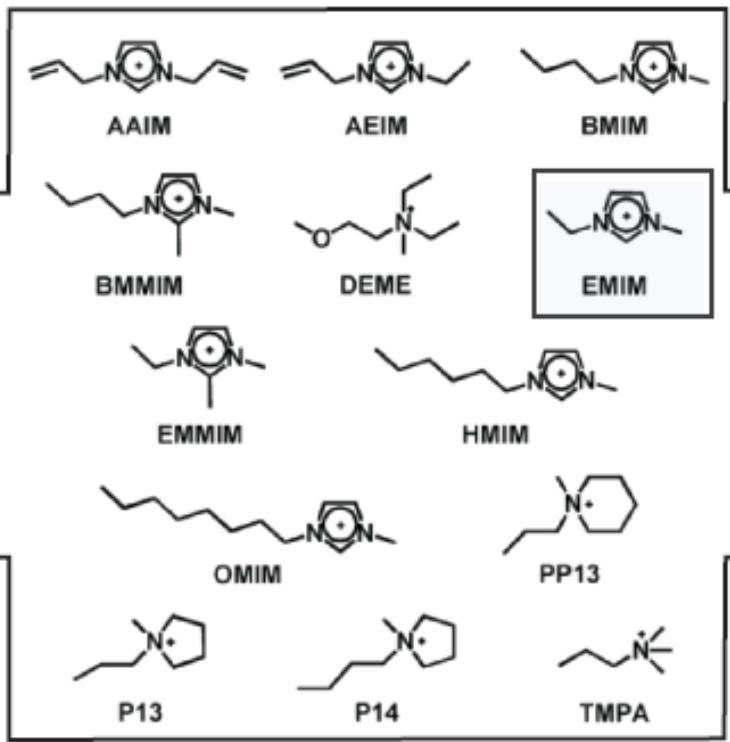
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# Zoology of ionic liquids

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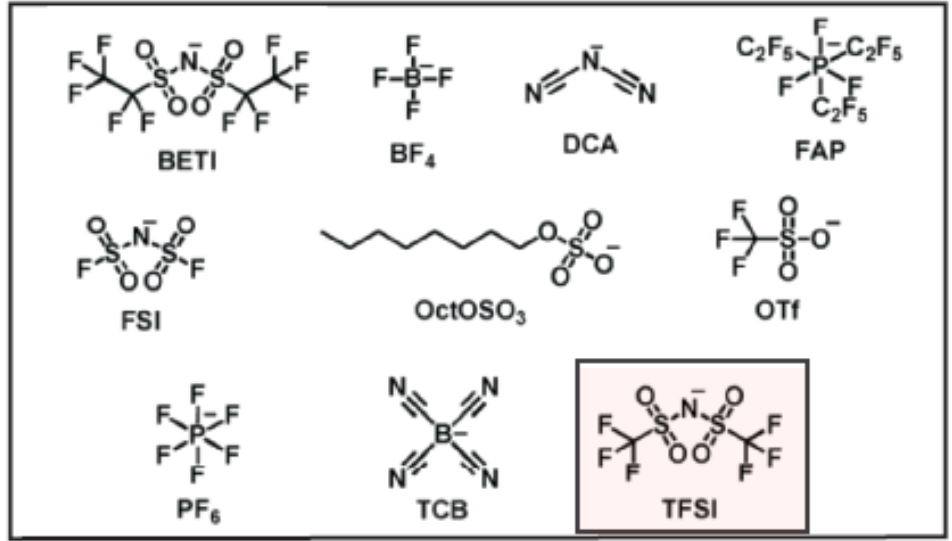
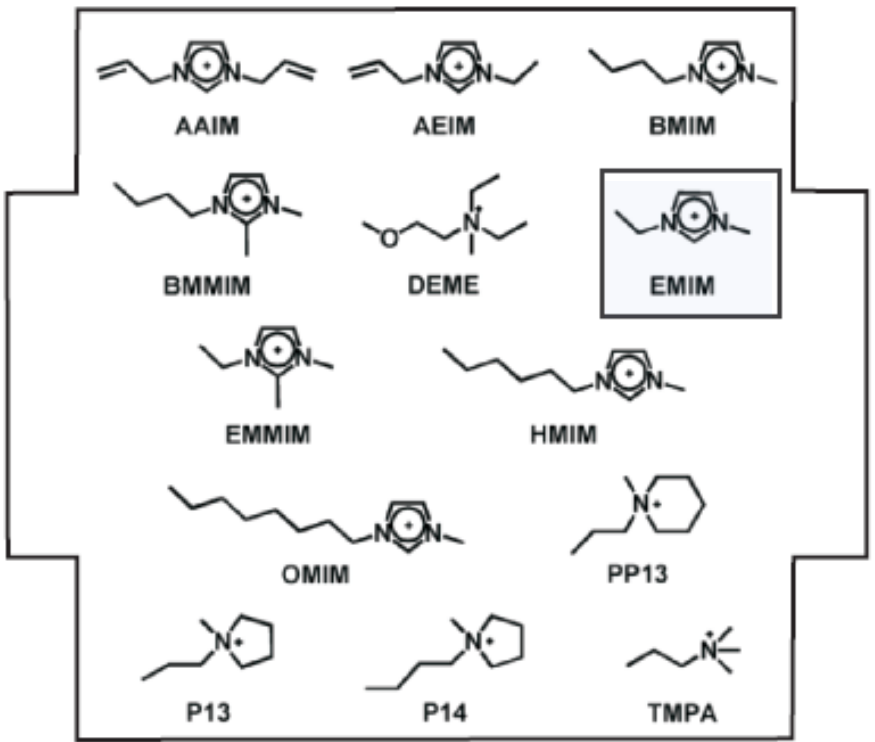


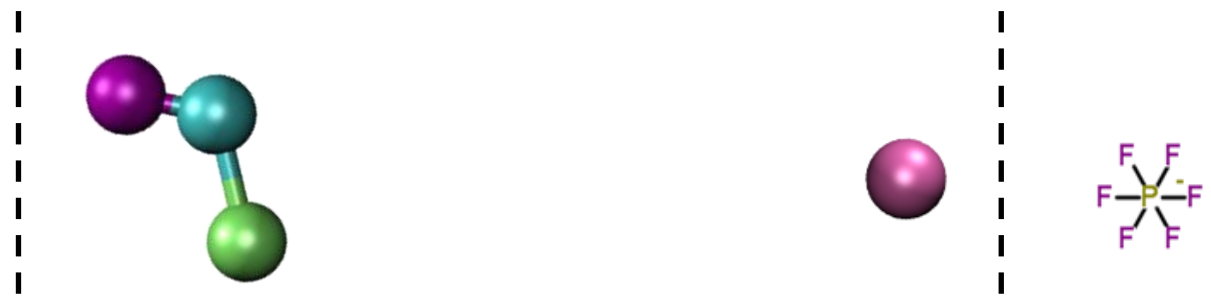
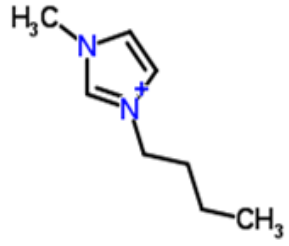
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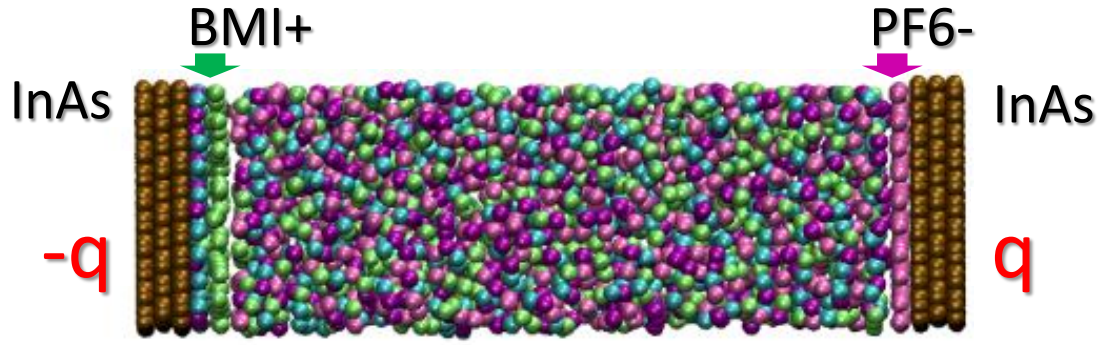


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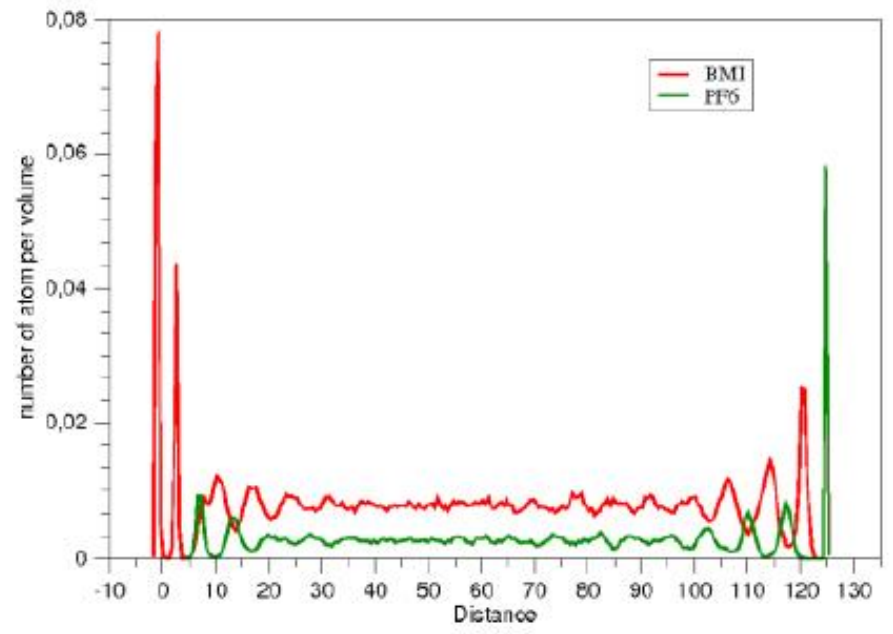




**DFT**  
Hexafluorophosphate  
(coarse grain)  
+ layered electrodes  
+ porosity



**Molecular dynamics**  
diffusion coefficients



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L. Bellucci

## Many additional problems in simulations!

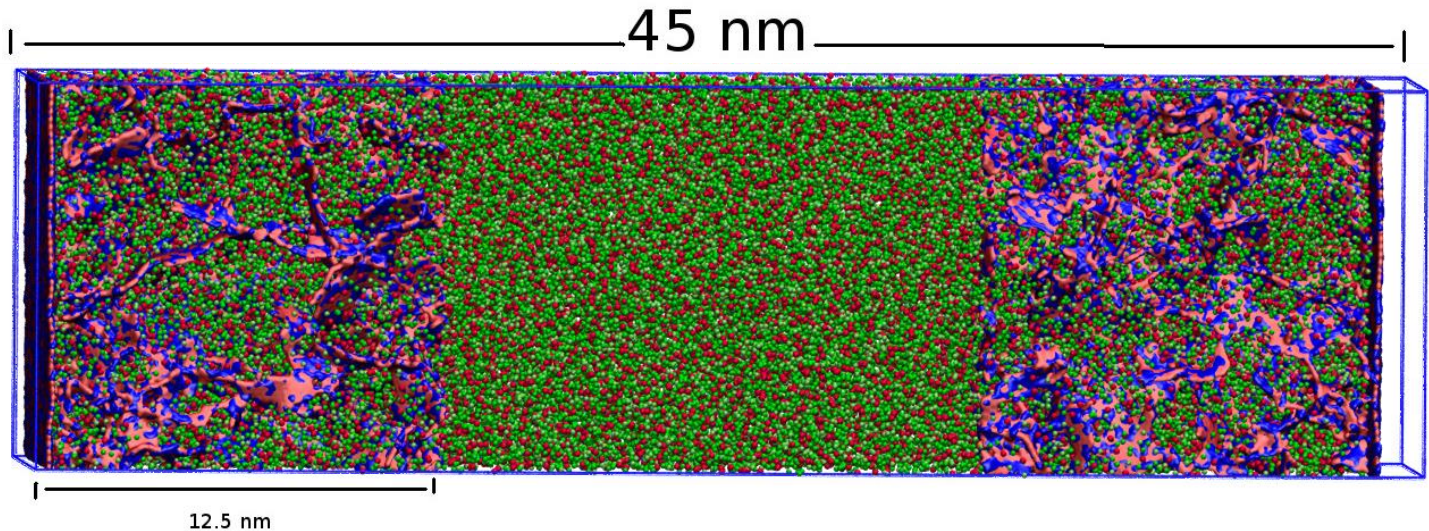
- ✓ realistic structure of the porosity (→ sponge builder)
- ✓ Size of the system
- ✓ The model of electrode must be polarizable

## Tests to

- ✓ validate the model
- ✓ optimize the simulation parameters

Test with mechanically induced diffusion:  
anion has a larger diffusivity than the cation

Test with nanoporous charged polarizable electrodes



# Electric Double Layer Transistors & Thermoelectrics

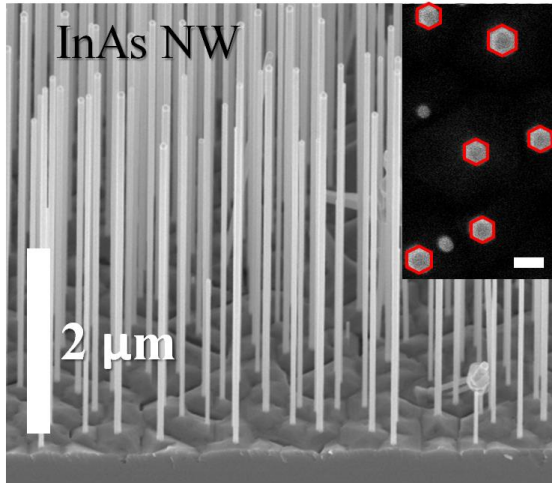
- Test-bed for confinement effects  
(DOS discretization)  $\rightarrow$  ZT,  $S^2\sigma$  enhancement
- oxides (SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, ZnO, Cu<sub>2</sub>O)  
Thin films  
2D materials  
SWCNTs  
NWs ??





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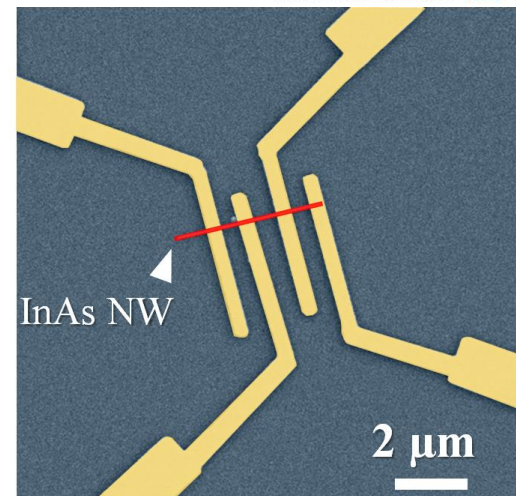
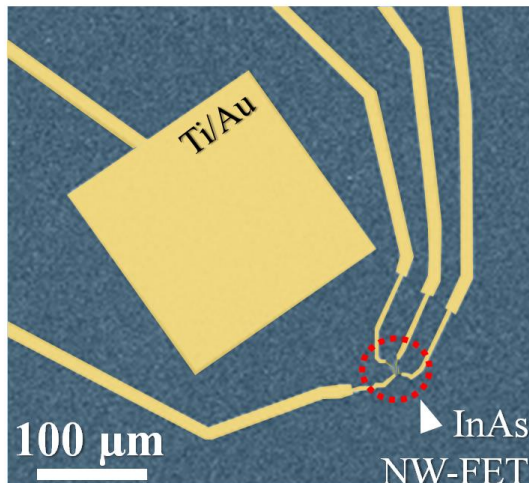
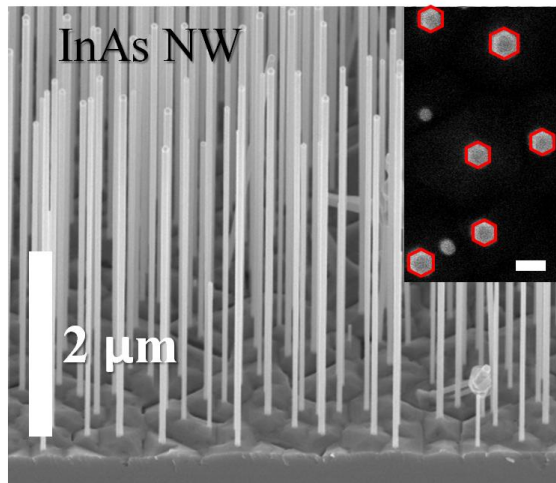
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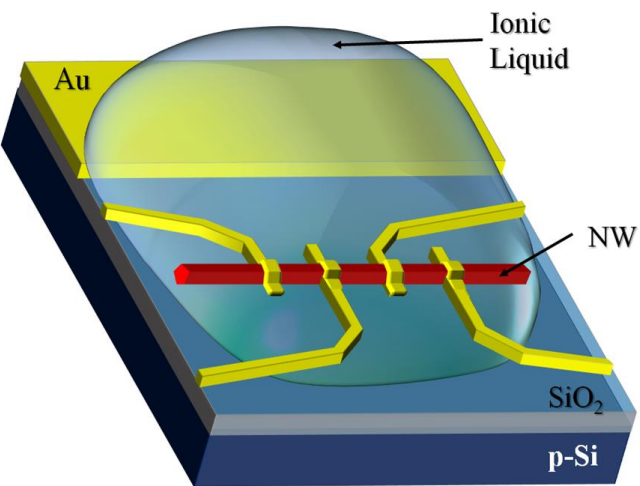
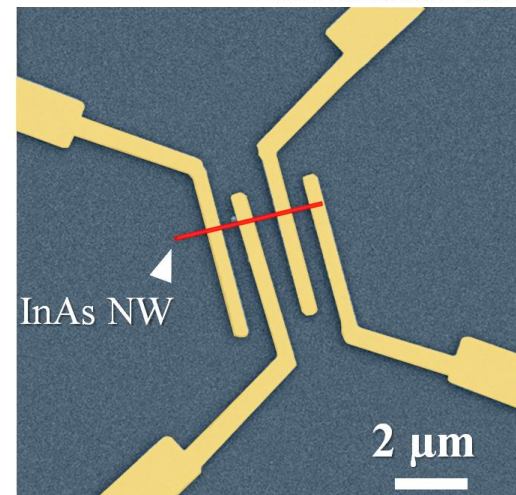
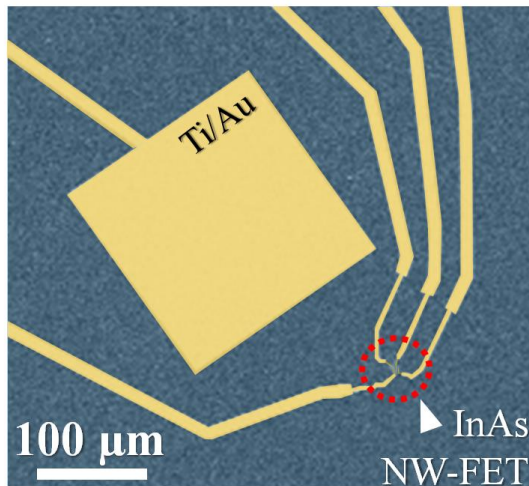
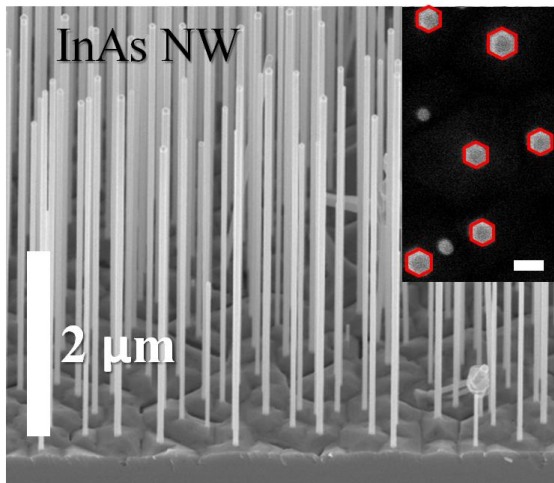
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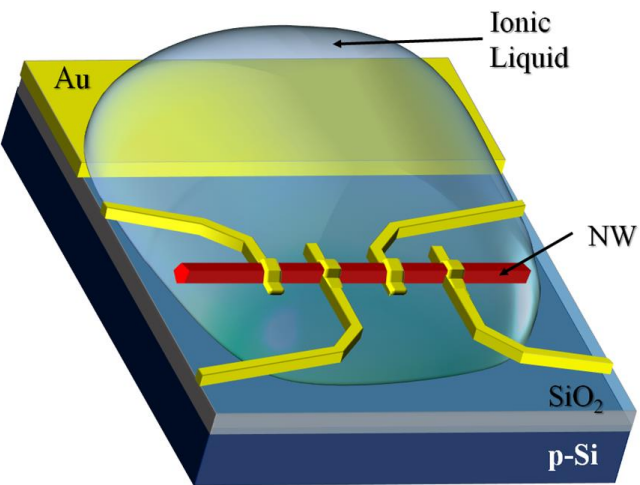
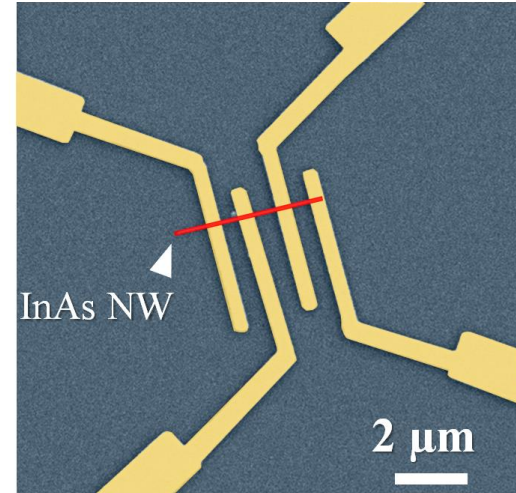
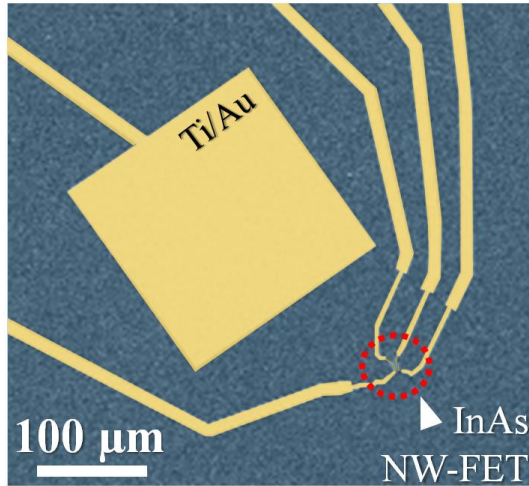
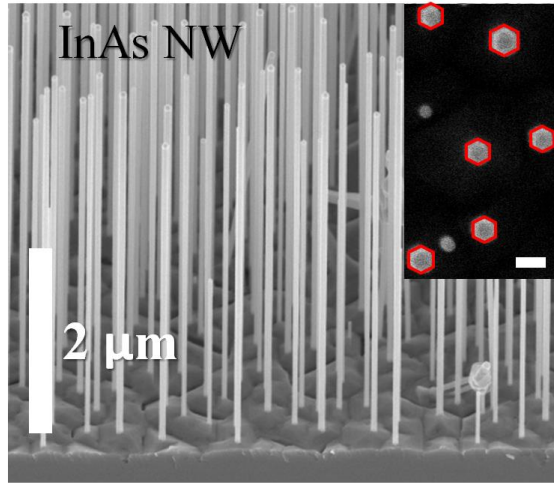


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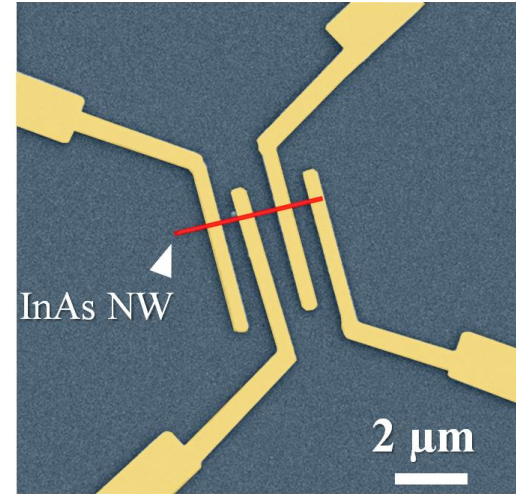
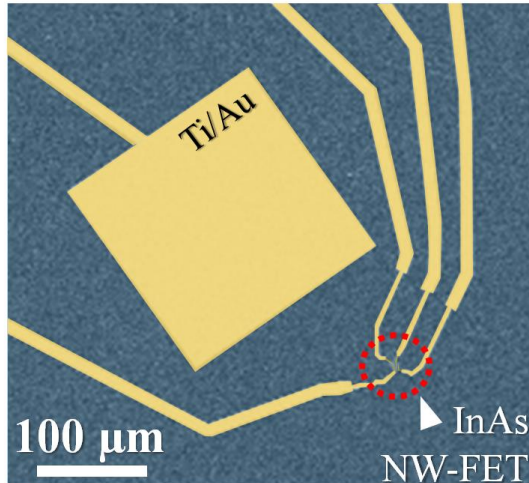
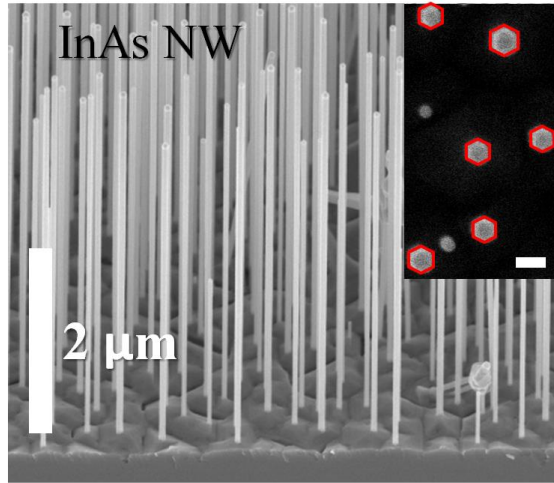
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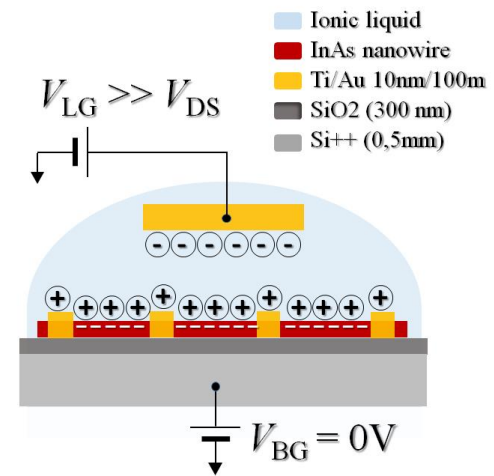
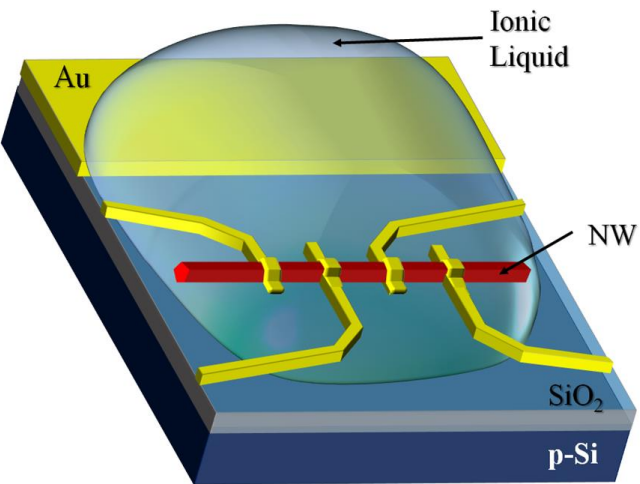
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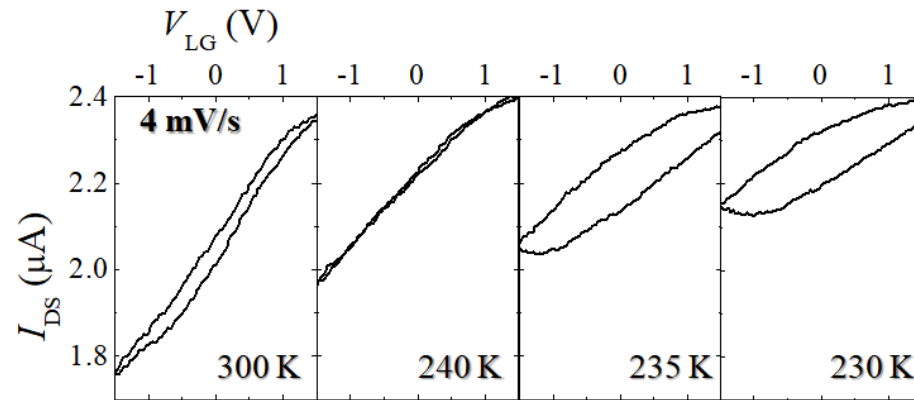




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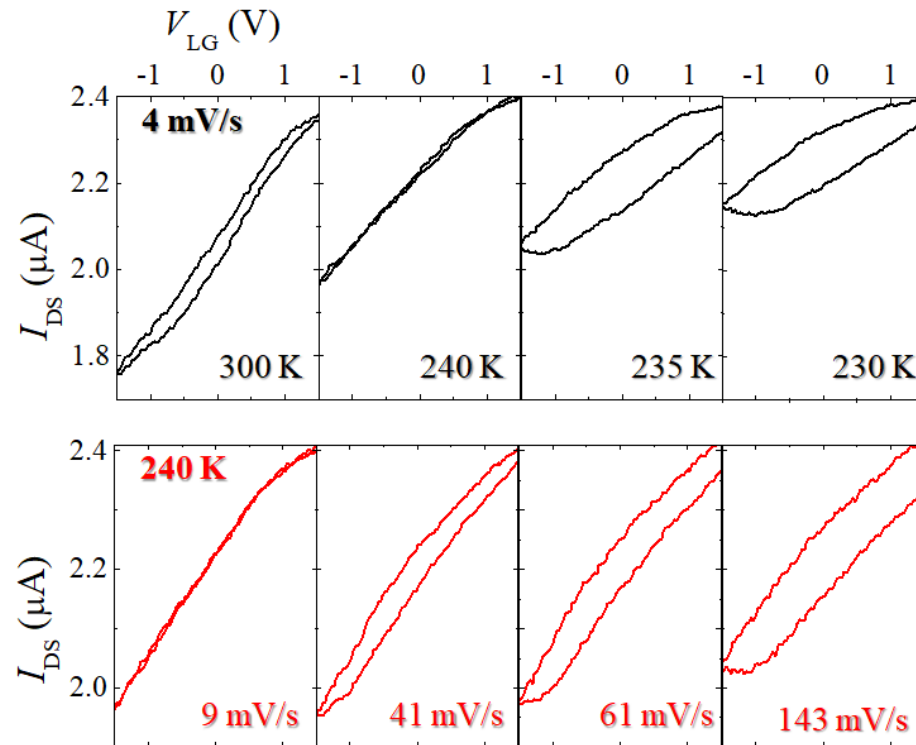




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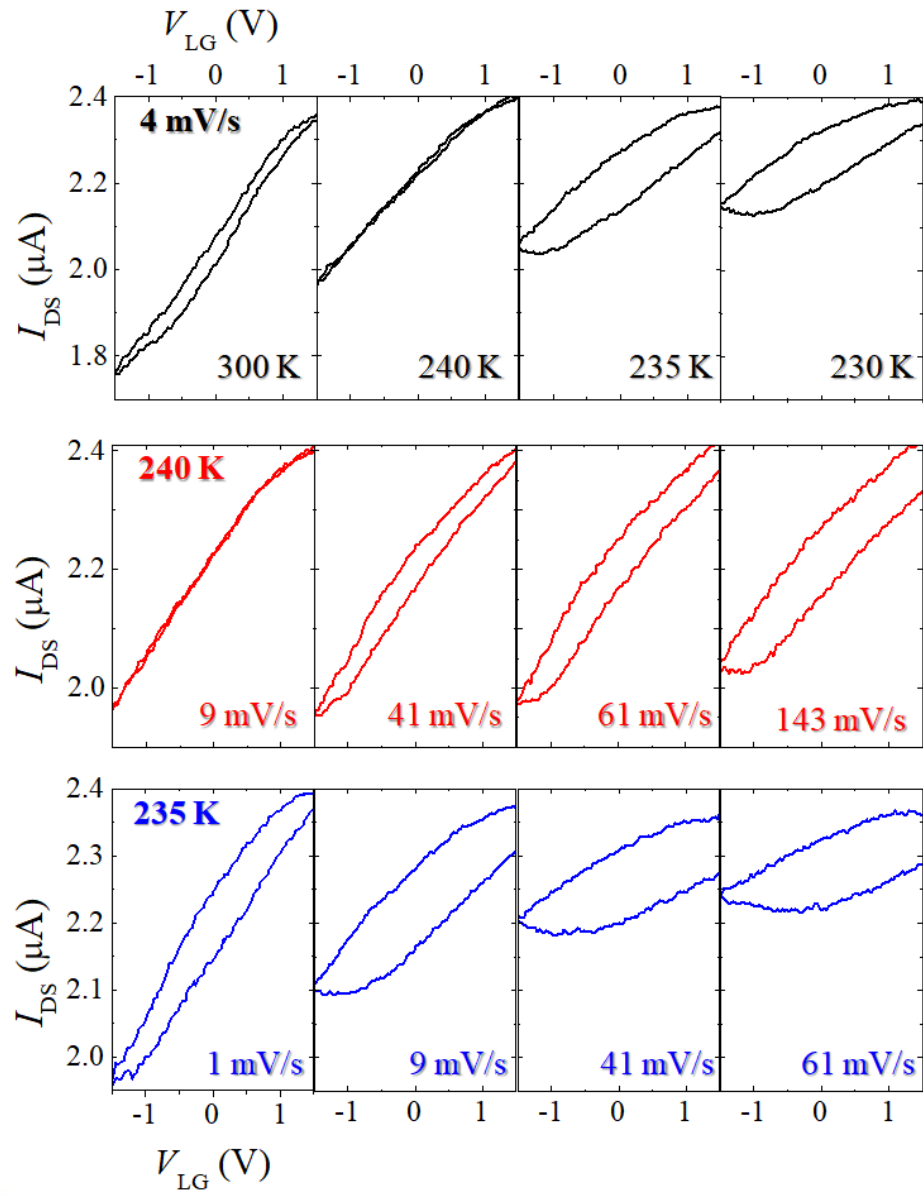
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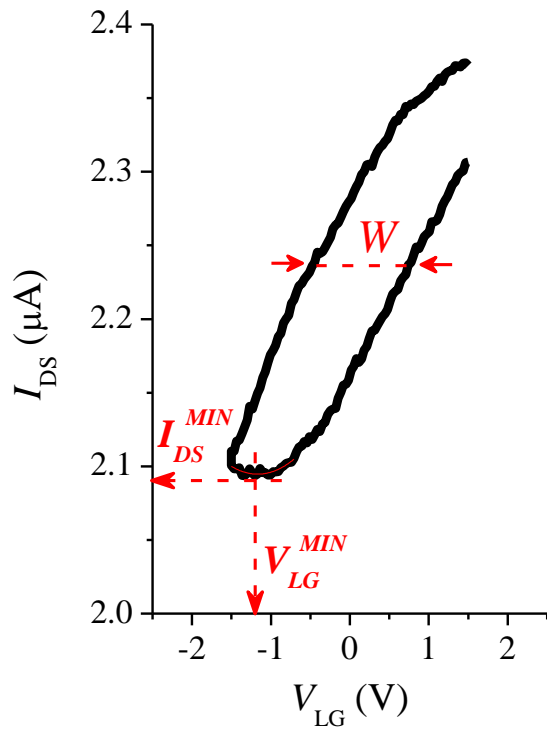


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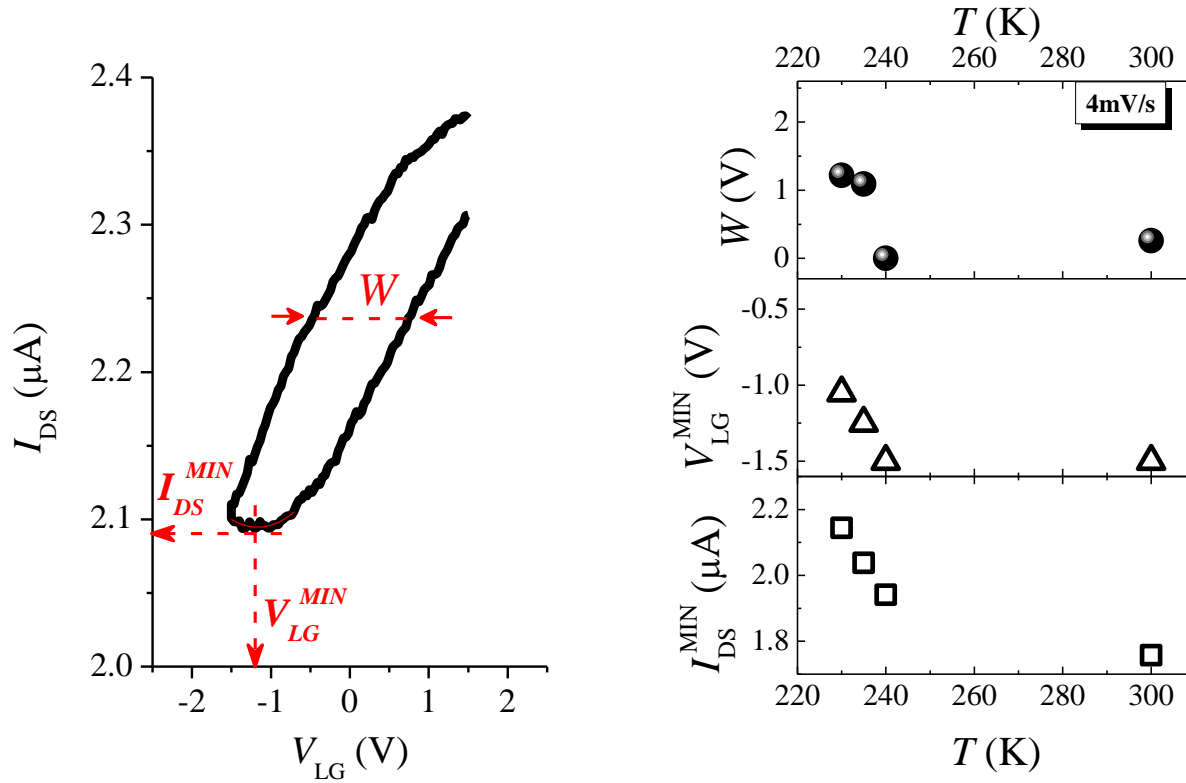


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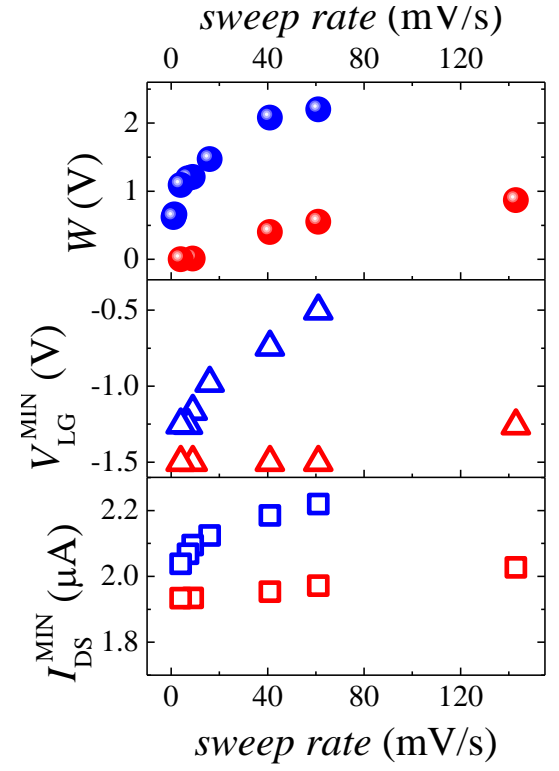
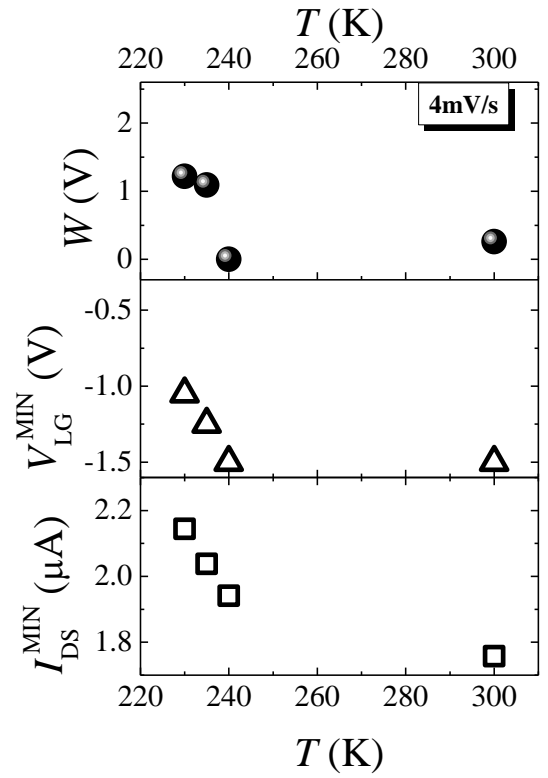
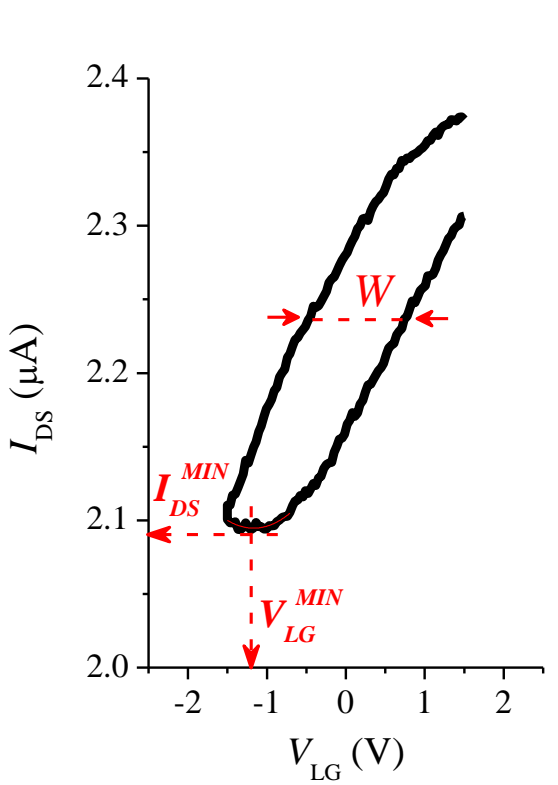


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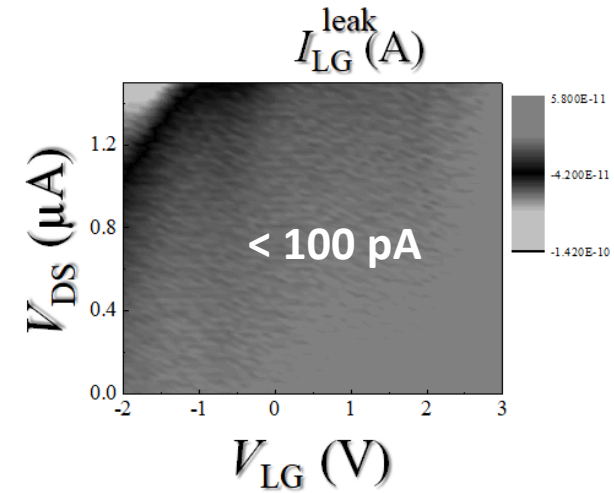
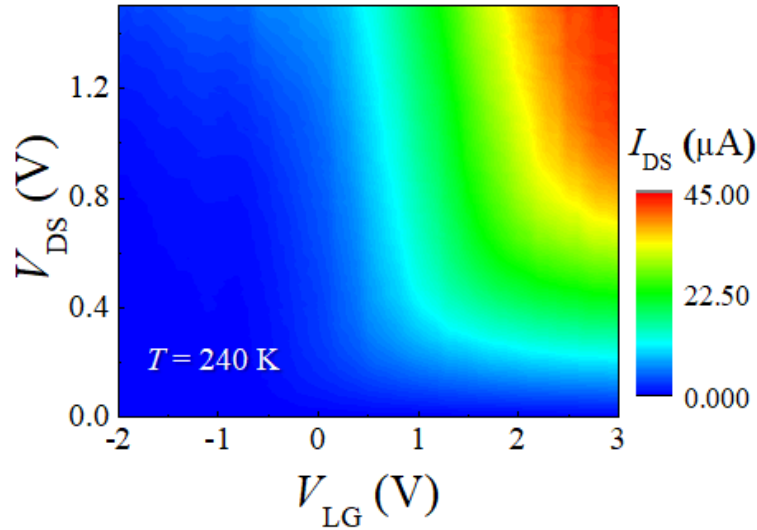


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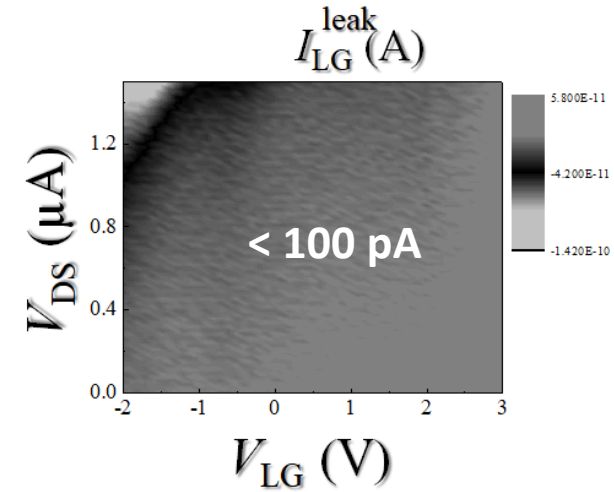
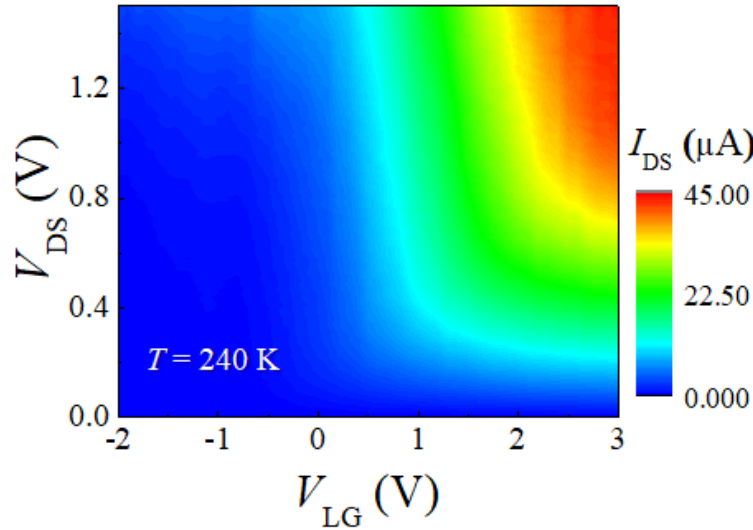
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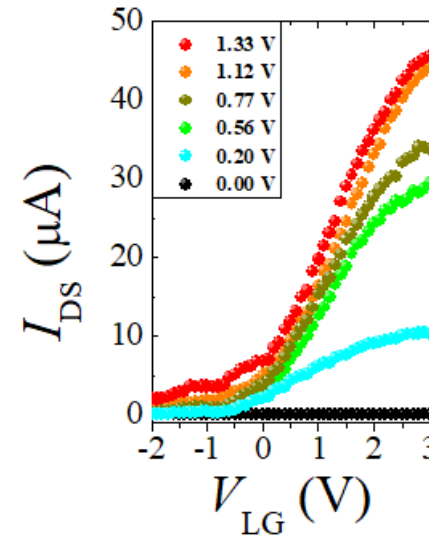
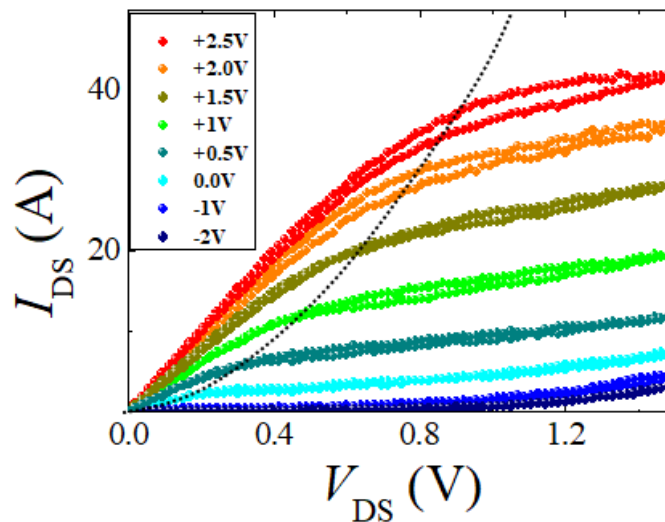


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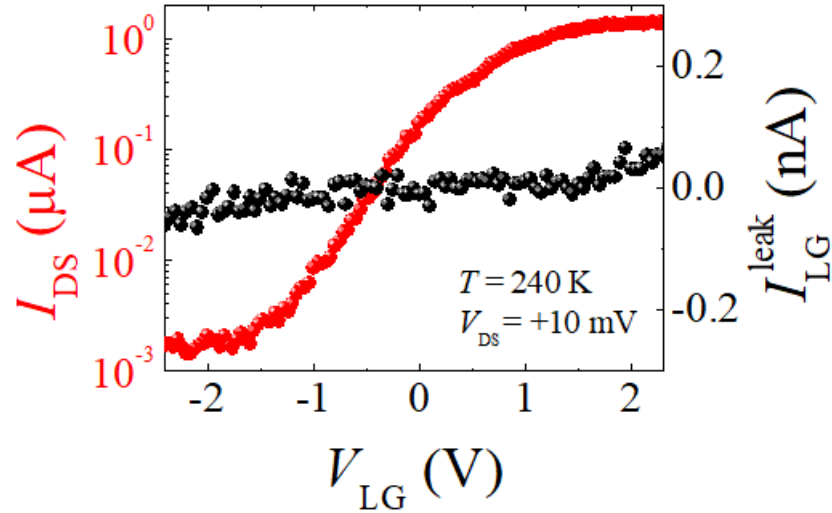
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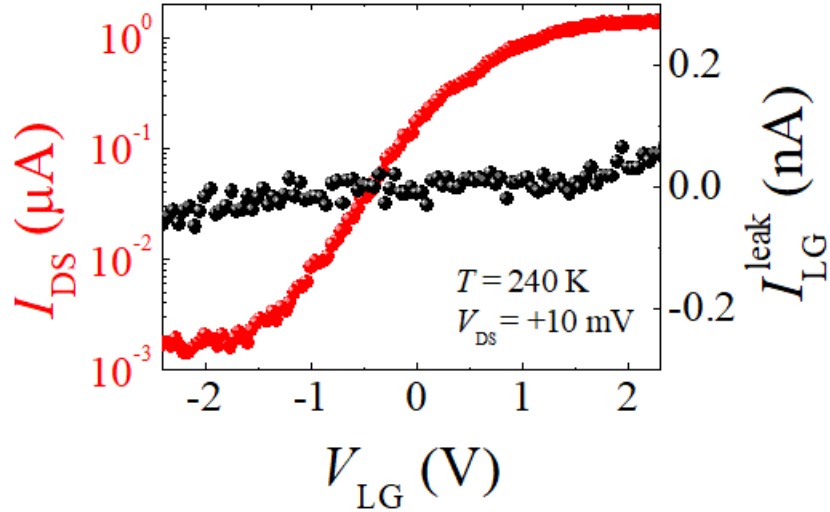
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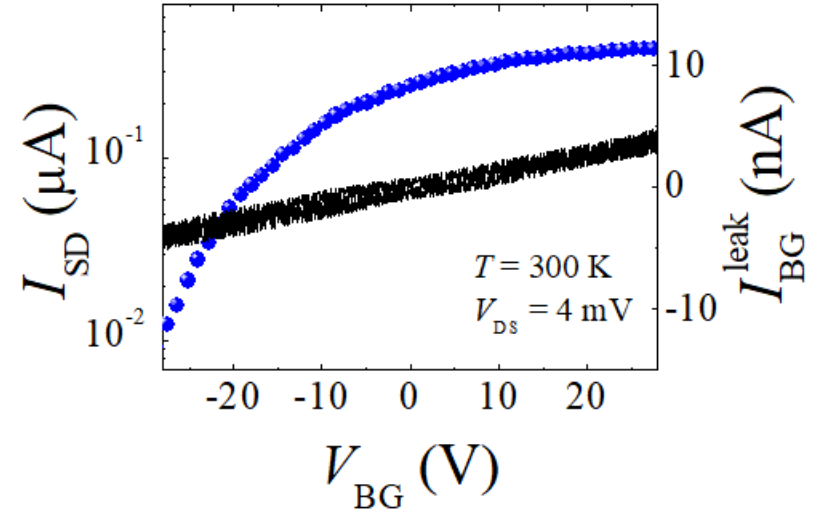


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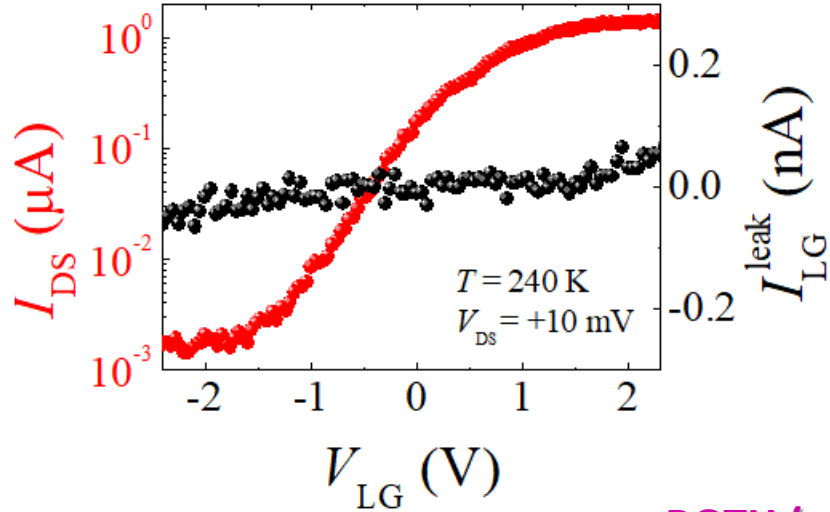
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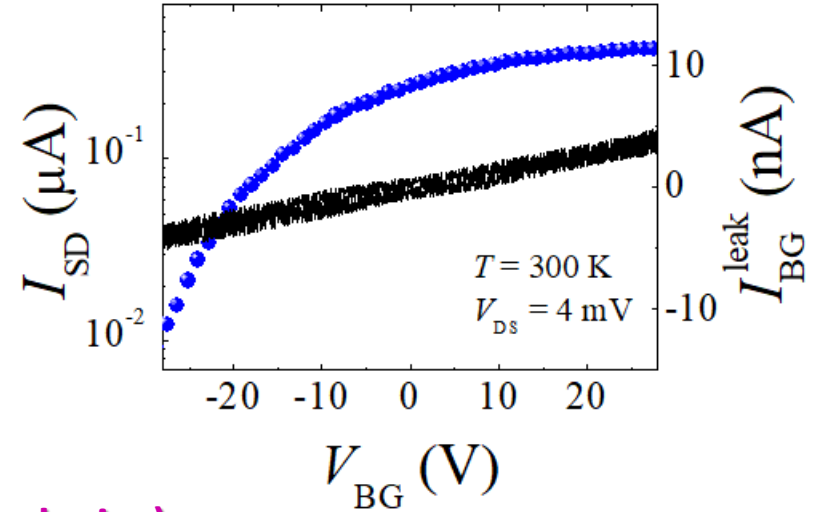
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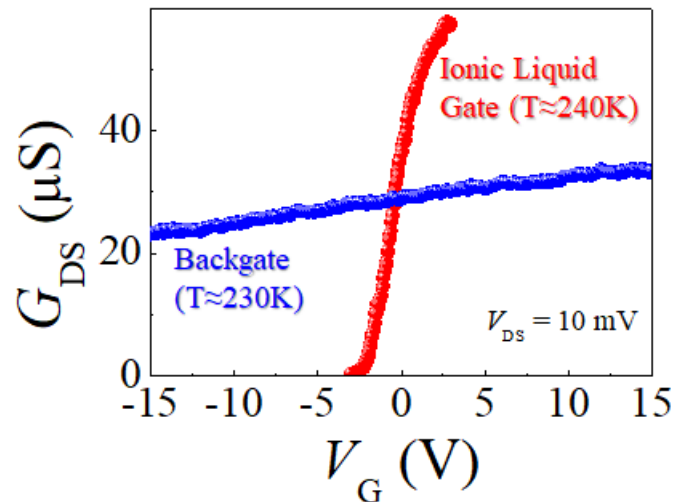
**LIQUID GATE**



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**BOTH (same device)**



$$C_{\text{LIQUID GATE}} \approx 30 * C_{\text{BG}}$$

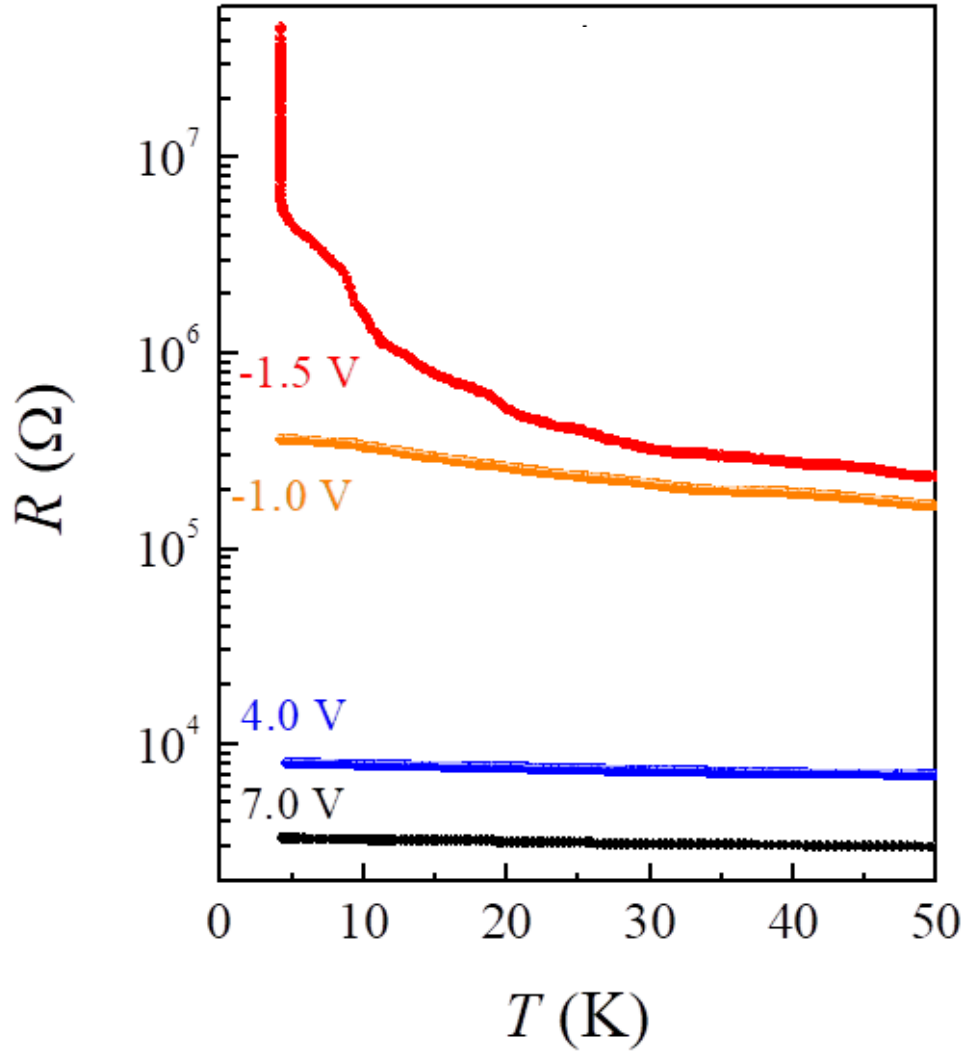
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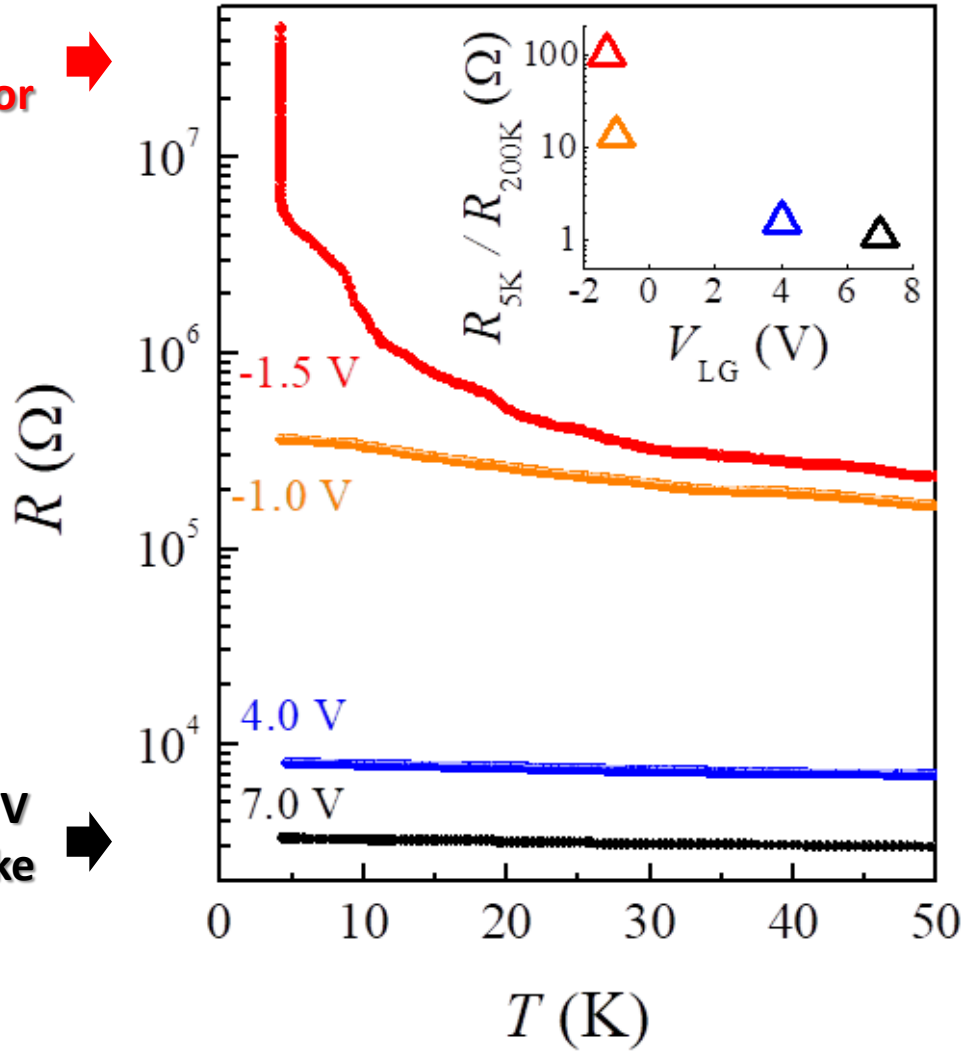
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$V_{LG} \ll 0V$   
semiconductor  $\rightarrow$

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Metal-like  $\rightarrow$



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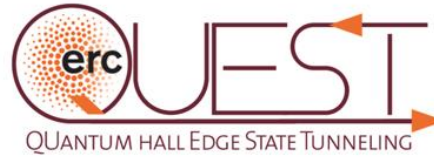


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