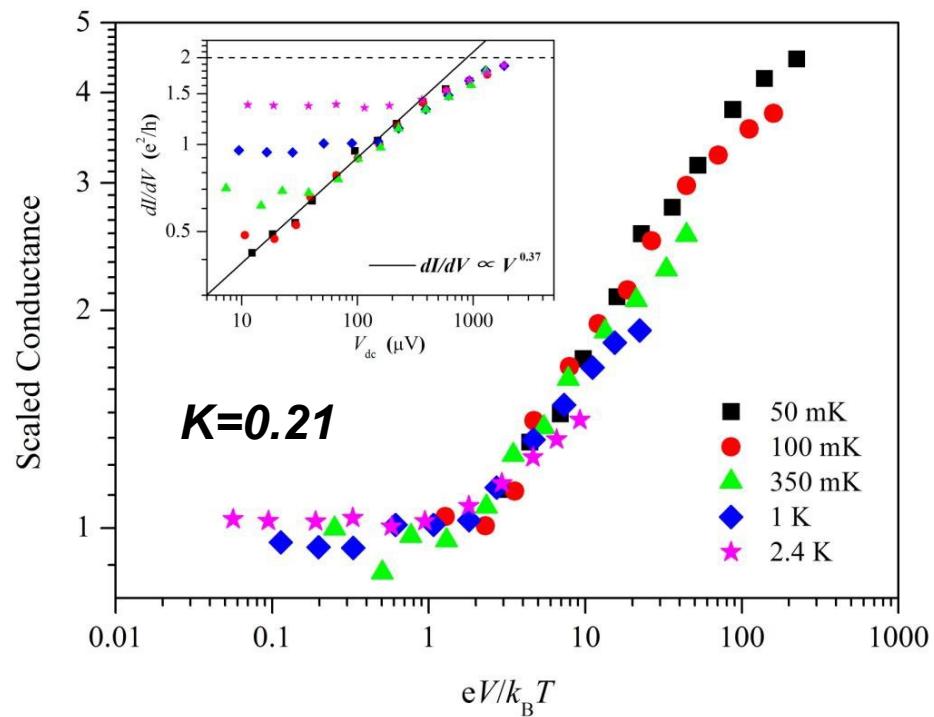
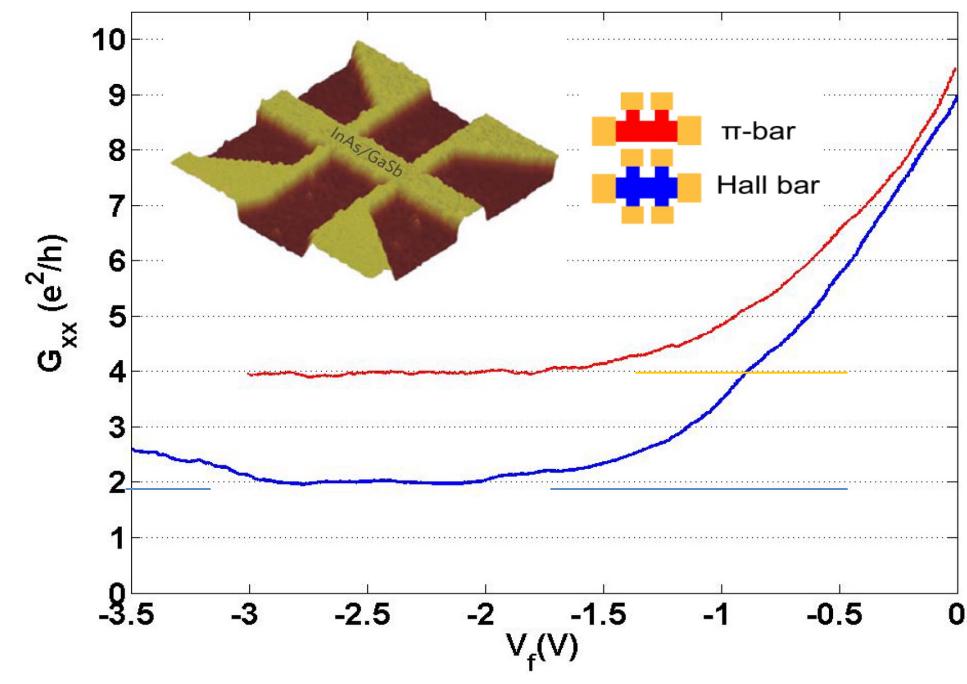


# Gate-Controlled Helical Luttinger Liquid In InAs/GaSb Edges

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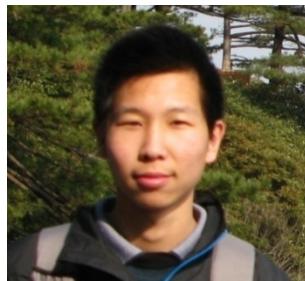
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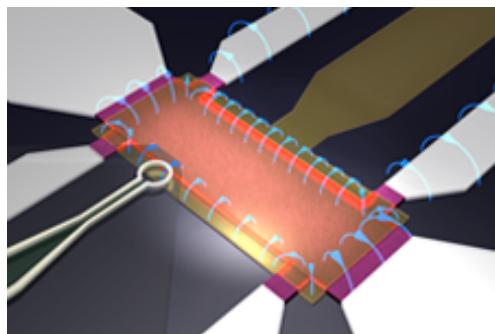
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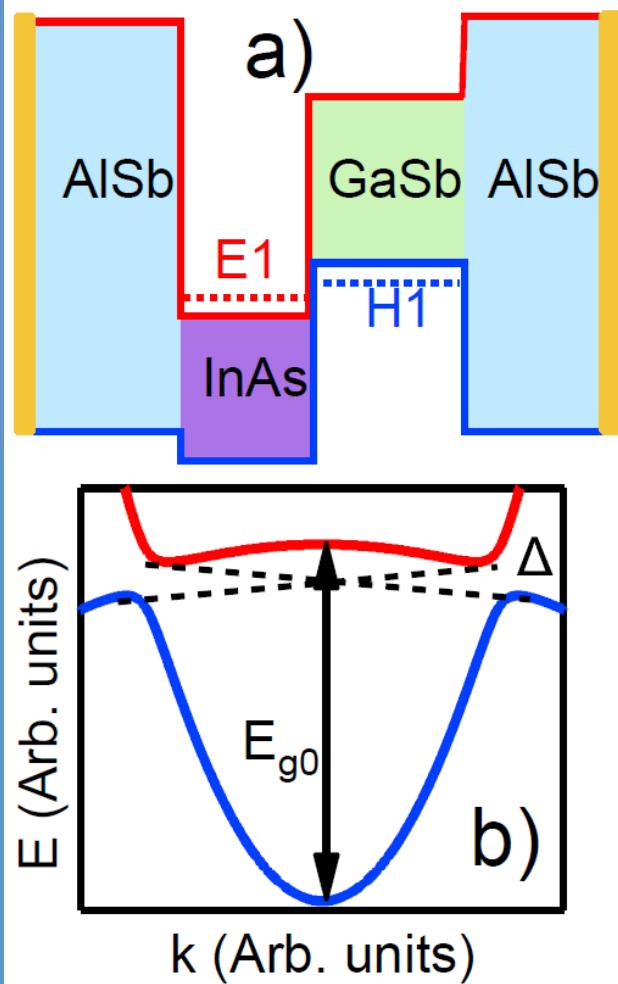
SQUID Imaging



# OUTLINE

- 1. InAs/GaSb: Materials and Devices**
- 2. Quantized and Non-quantized Transport**
- 3. 1D- Helical Luttinger Liquid Transport**
- 4. Outlook: Tuning the Interactions**

## 6.1 A Family



### 1. Band parameter

$$\Delta E = E_1 - H_1$$

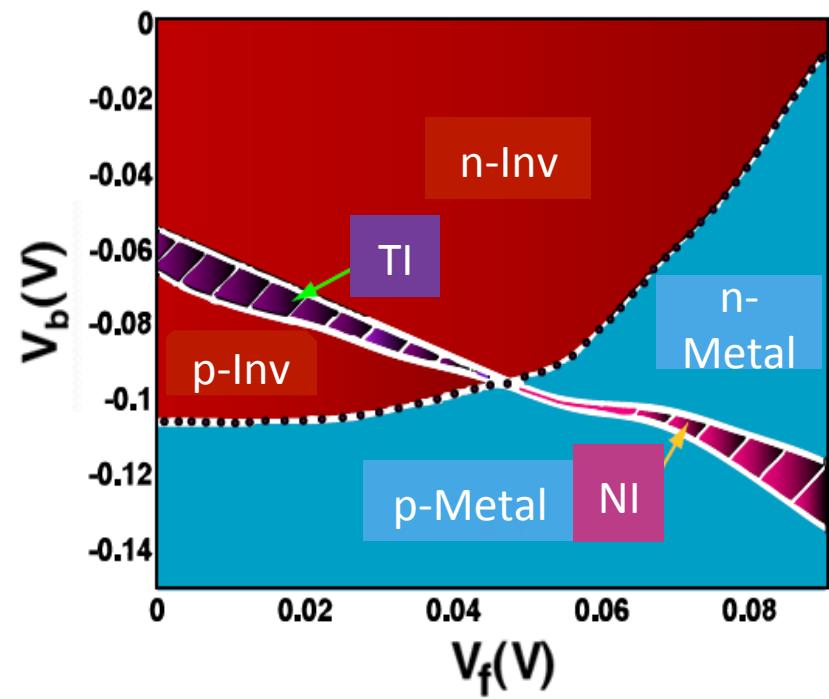
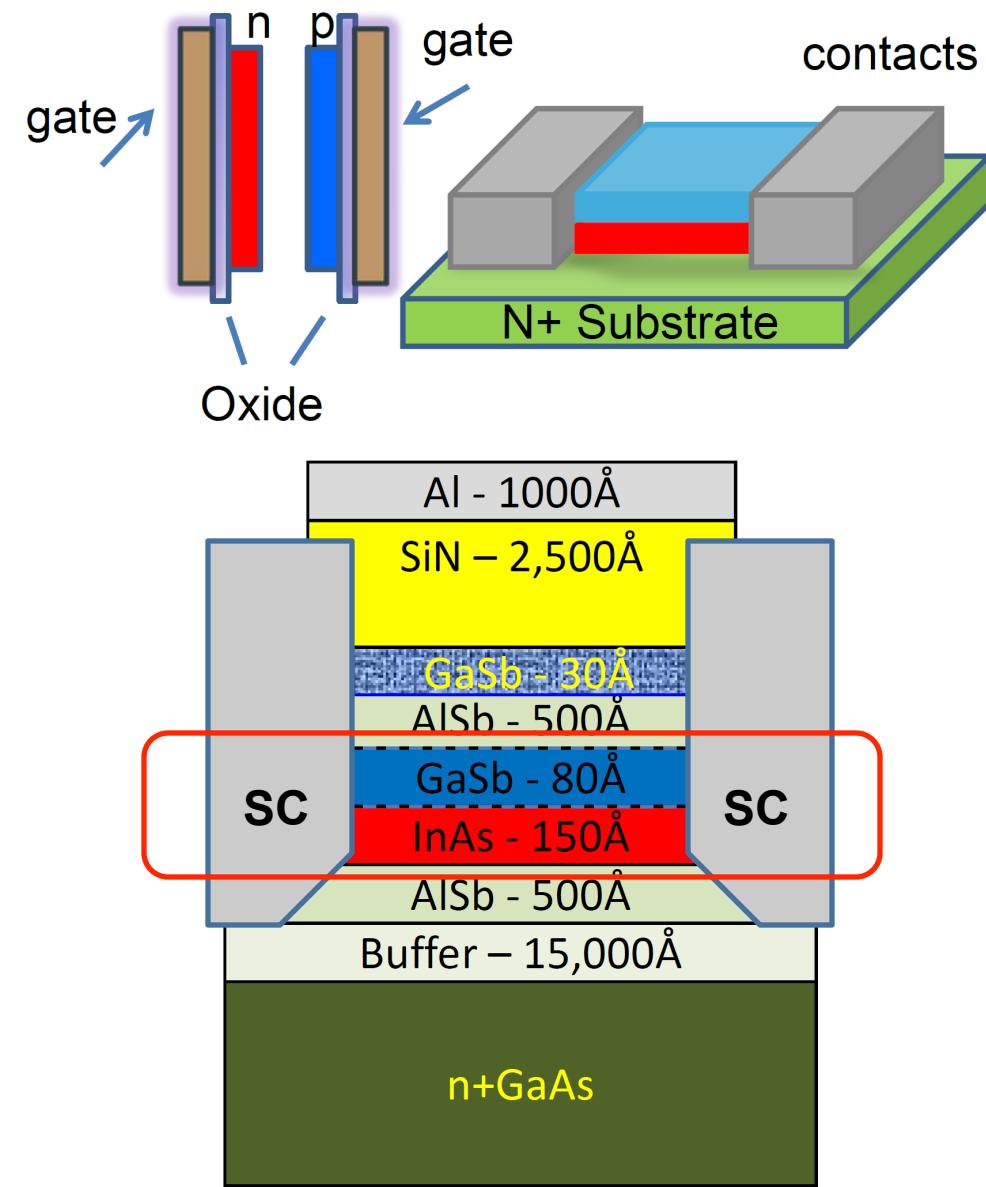
tuned by width, x, gates

### 2. $\Delta E < 0$ inverted $-0.15 \text{ eV}$ to $0$

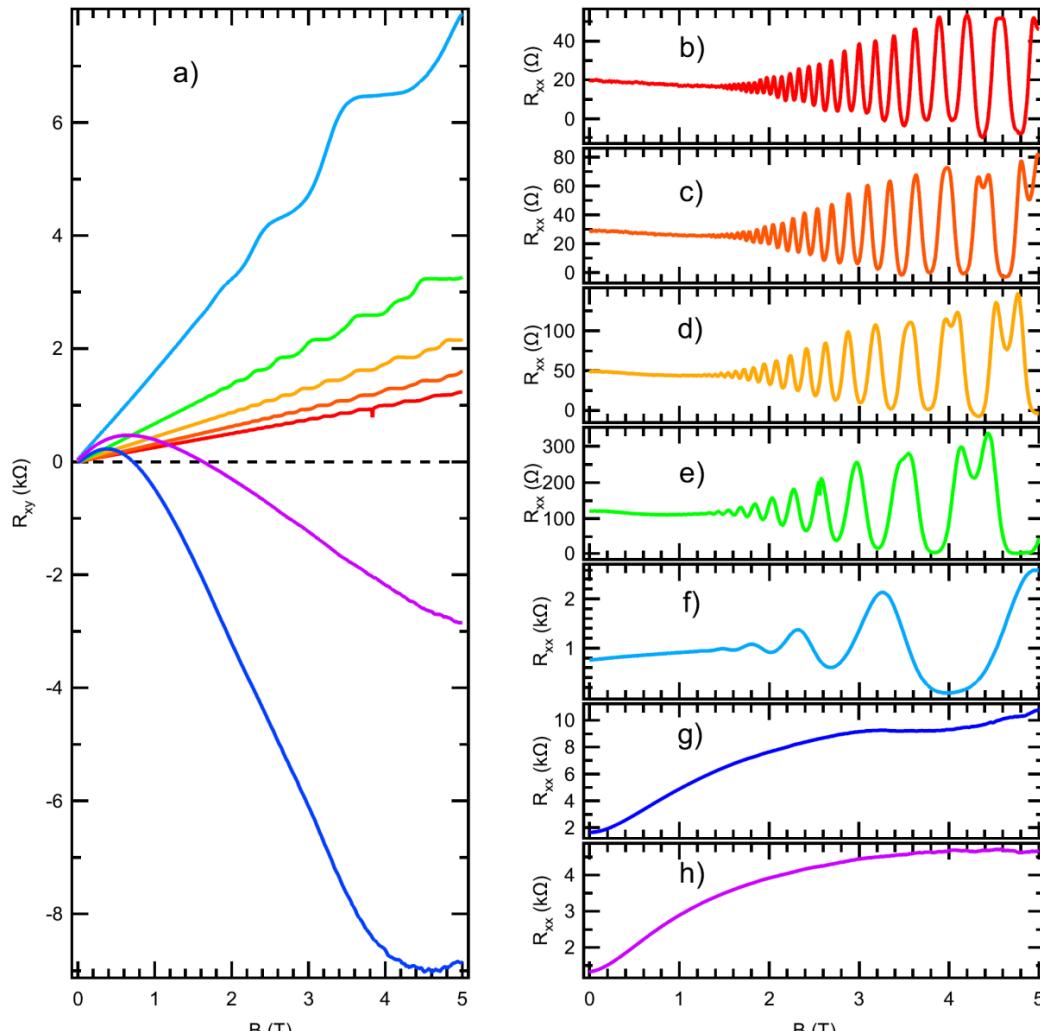
Tunneling mix e-h and opens a gap at finite  $k$ -vector

Liu *et al*, PRL 100, 236601 (2008)

# Wafer and Device



# General Quality



V front  
= +6 V

+4

+2

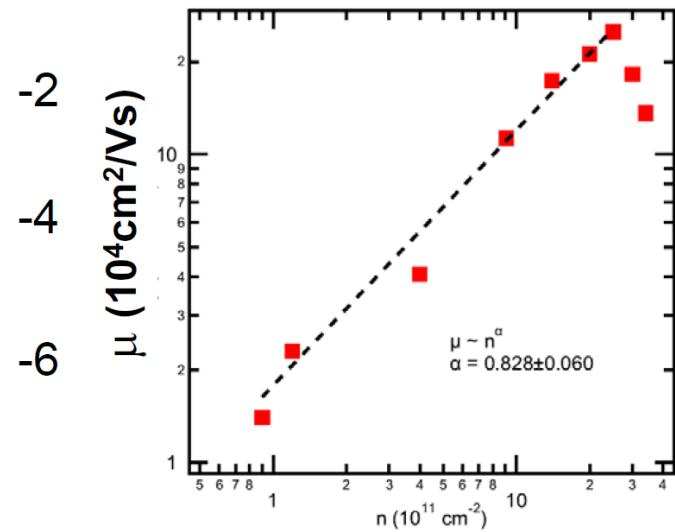
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Electron Mobility

~  $2 \times 10^5$  cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs

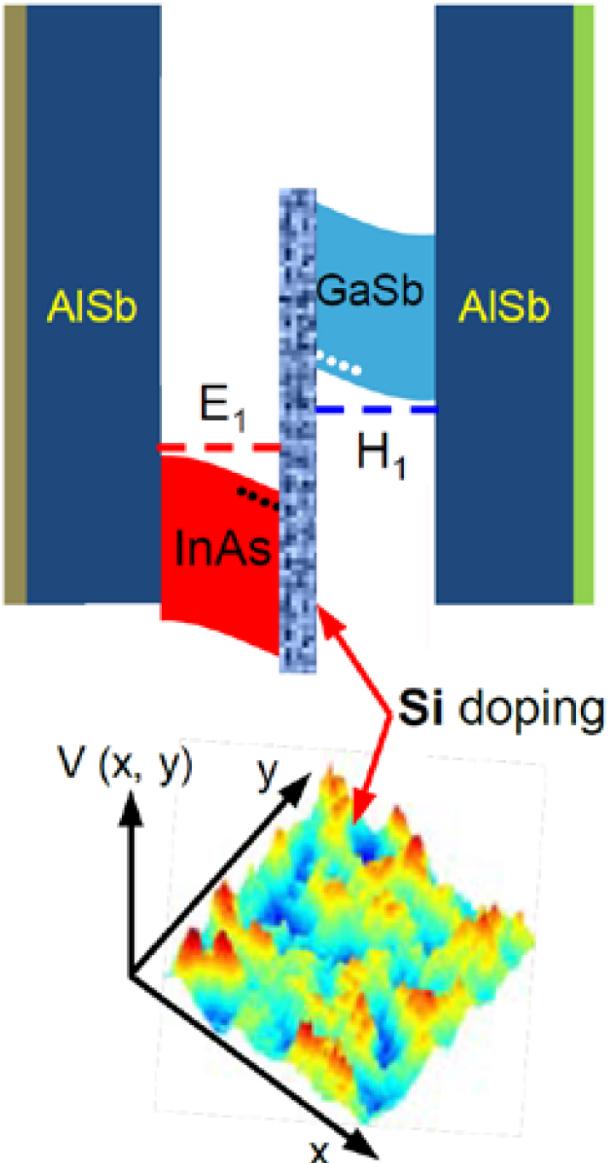
Hole mobility

~  $2 \times 10^4$  cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs



# **Quantized and Non-quantized Edge Transport**

# Si-doping at the interface

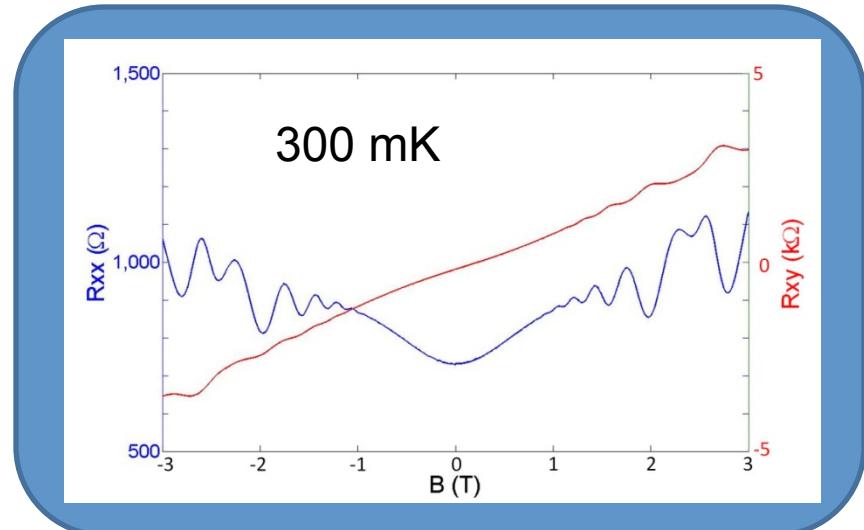


**Si**: donor in InAs, acceptor in GaSb

\*Localize residual e and  $h$

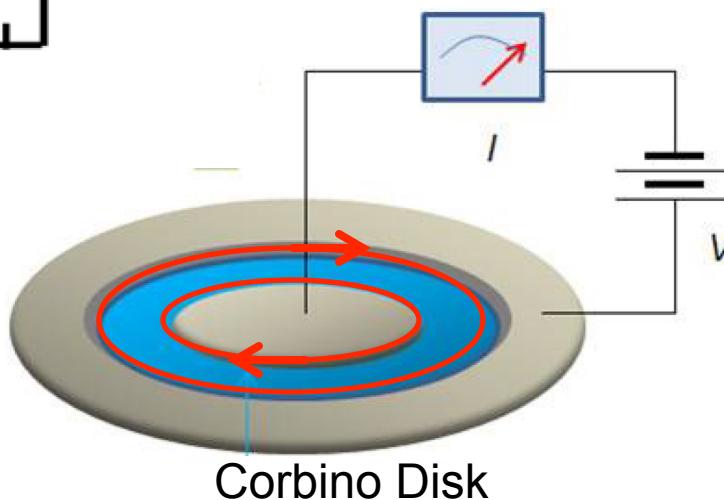
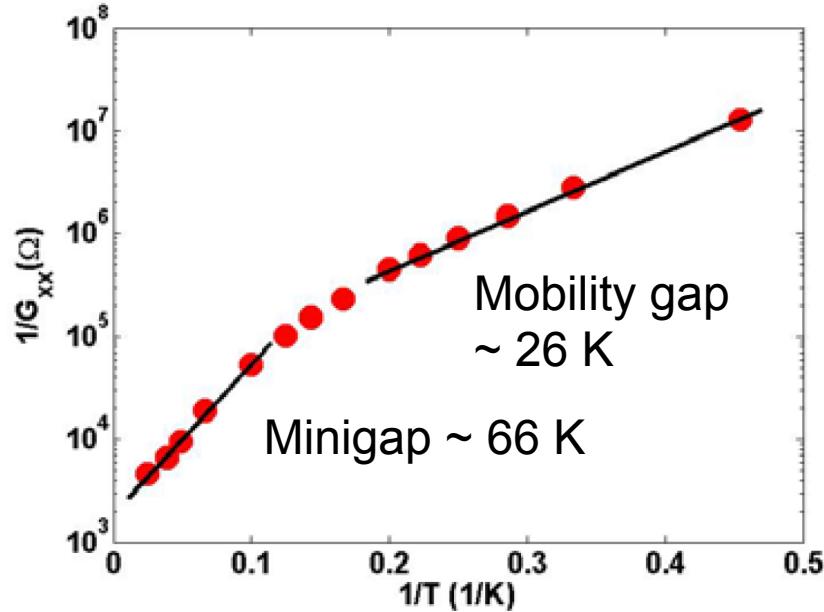
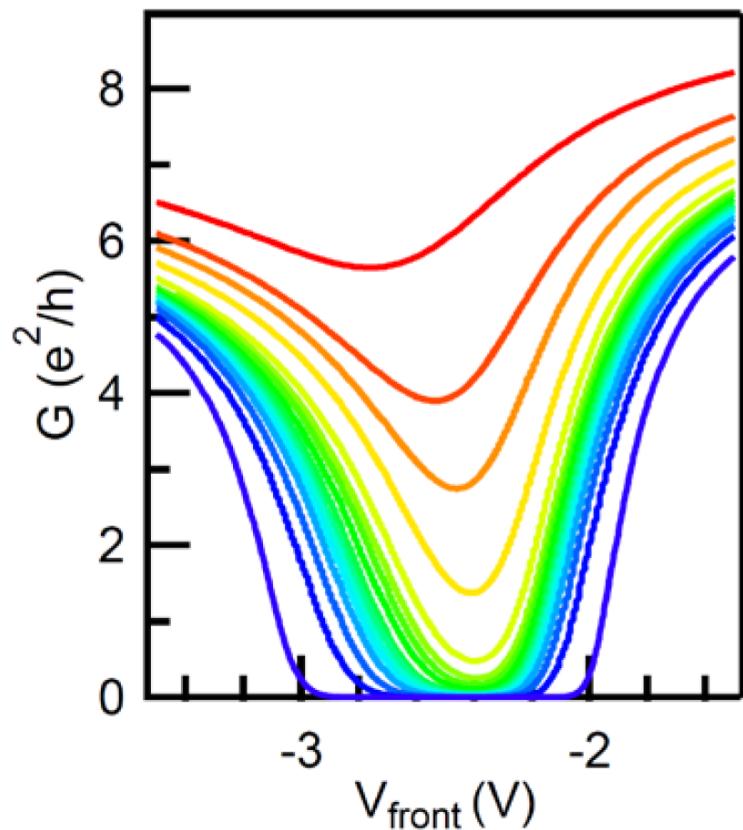
\*Less effective for hybridized e-h

\* Dipole field opposite to carrier field



40,000 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs

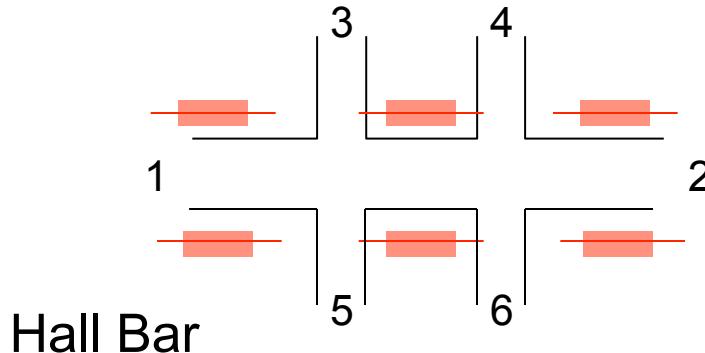
Truly Insulating Bulk     $\rho_{\text{Bulk}} > 100 \text{ M}\Omega/\text{Sqr}$   
4 order of mag.



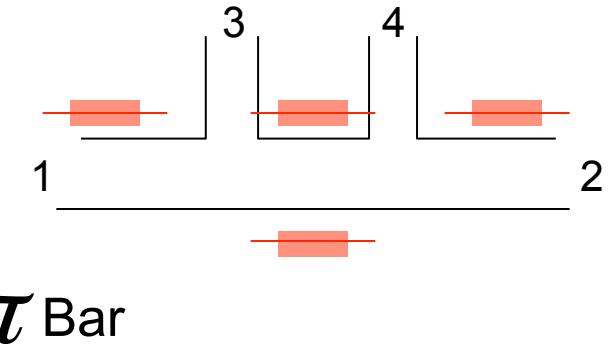
# Conductance of Helical Edge Modes:

Nonlocal -  
Transport

- For phase coherent sample Landauer-Buttiker formula gives conductance value



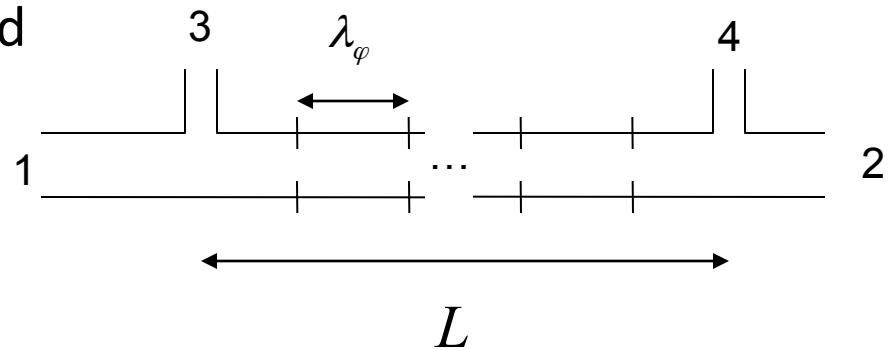
$$G_{12,34} = \frac{2e^2}{h}$$



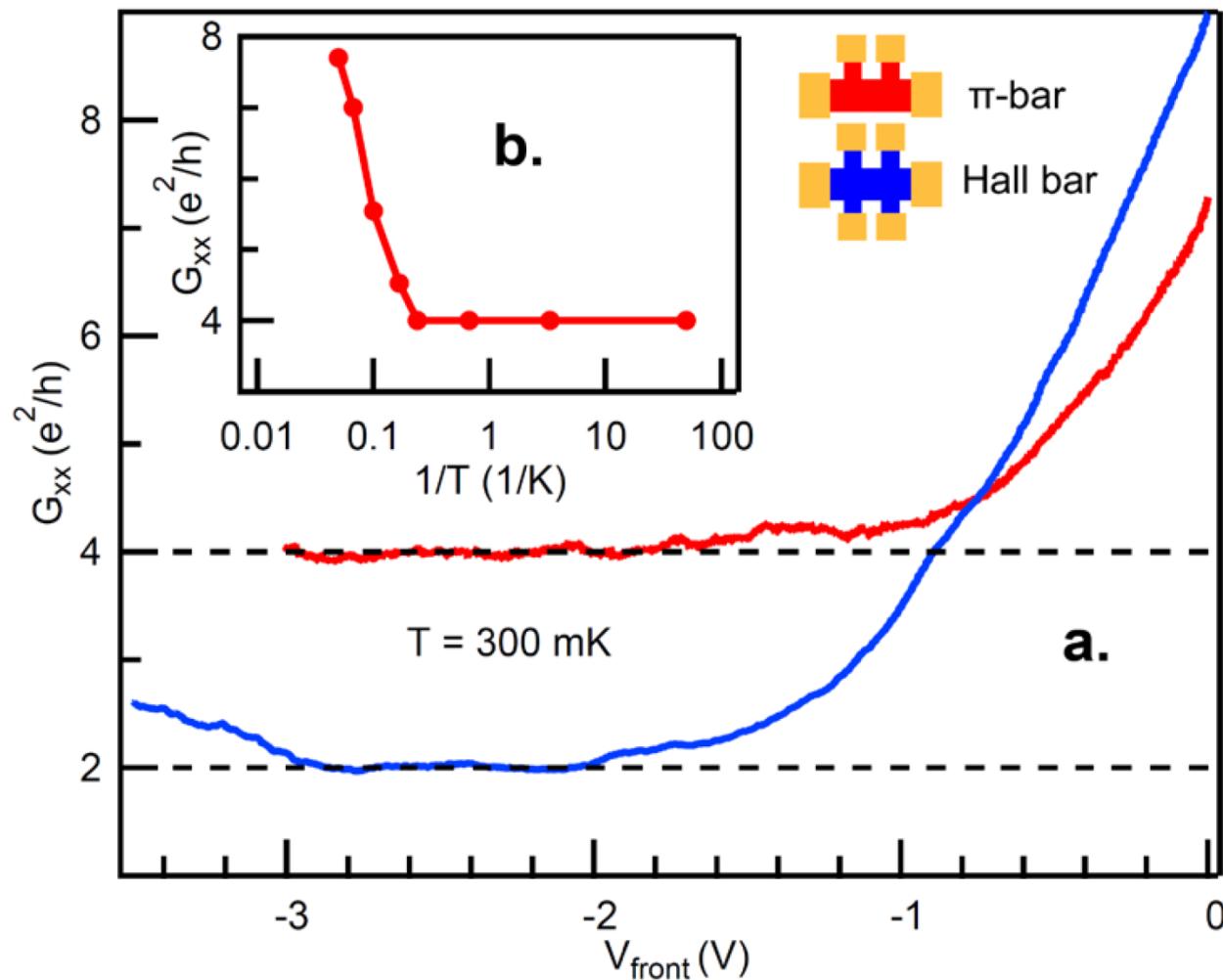
$$G_{12,34} = \frac{4e^2}{h}$$

- Longer samples can be modeled by inserting phase breaking probes and applying Buttiker formula:

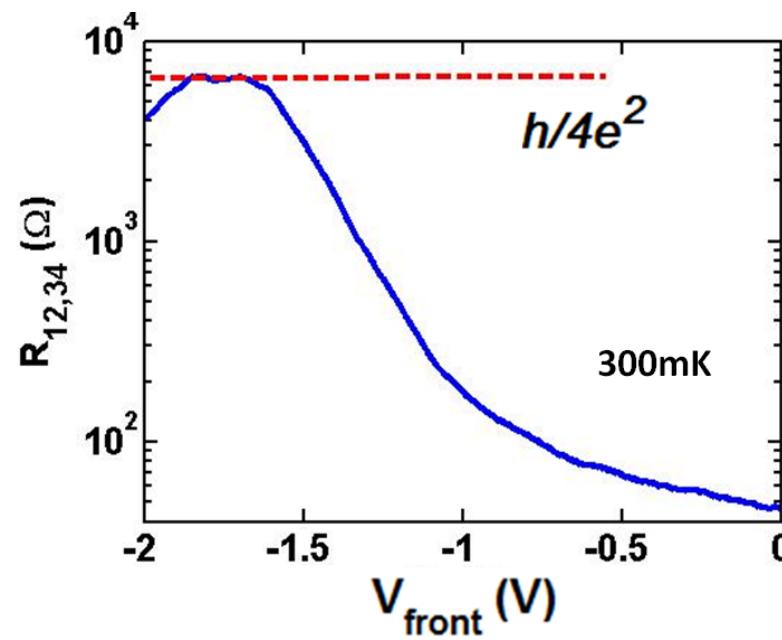
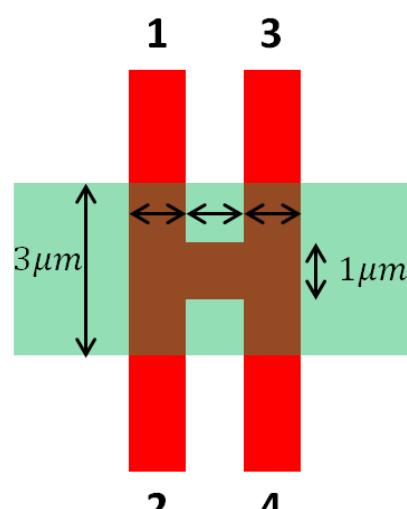
$$G_{12,34} = \frac{2e^2}{h} \left( \frac{\lambda_\varphi}{L} + \left( \frac{\lambda_\varphi}{L} \right)^2 \right)$$



# Conductance Plateau up to 4 K

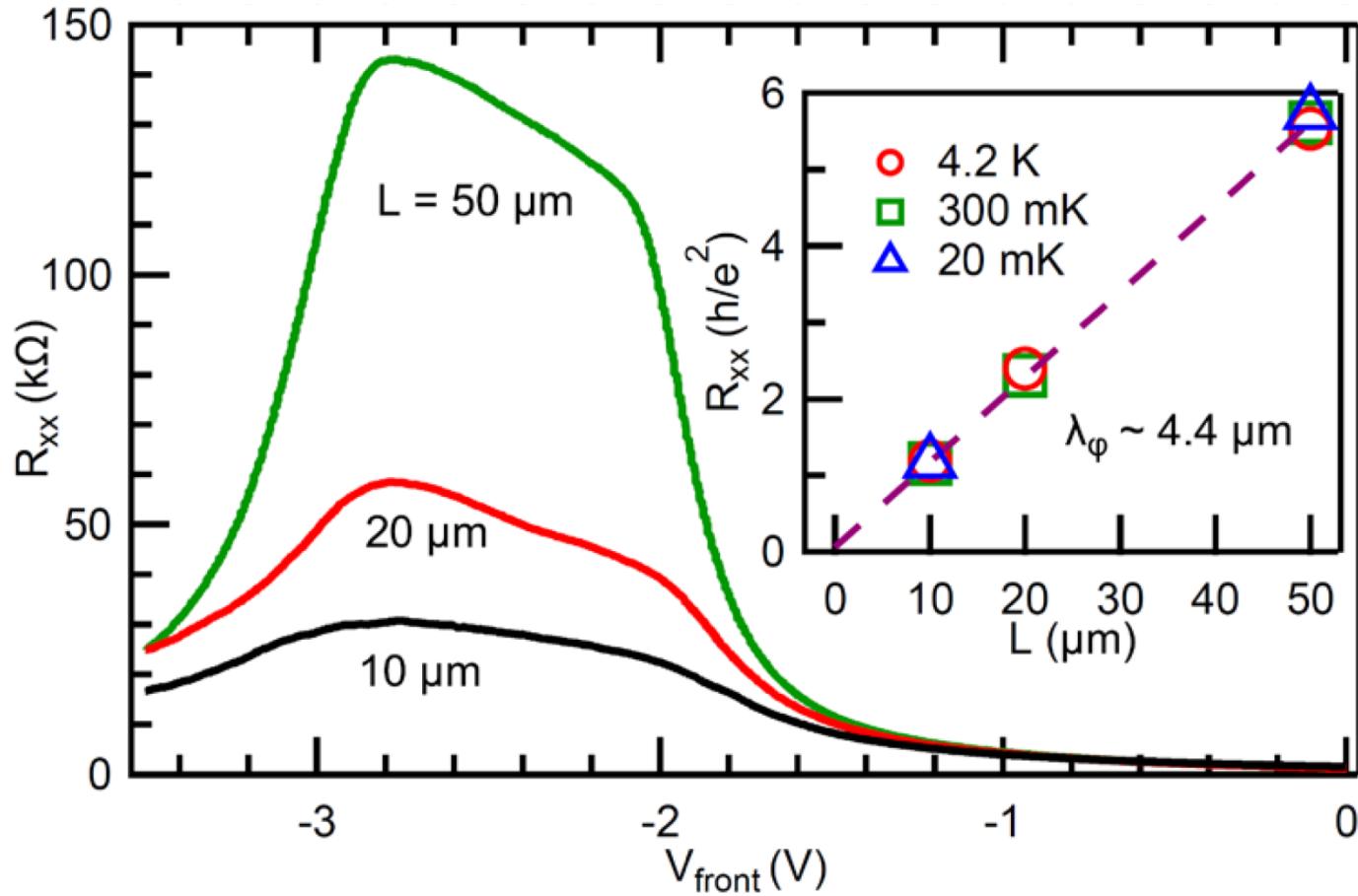


# Non-Local Edge Transport: H-Bar



Lingjie Du

# Longer Samples



$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} \left( \frac{\lambda_\phi}{L} + \left( \frac{\lambda_\phi}{L} \right)^2 \right)$$



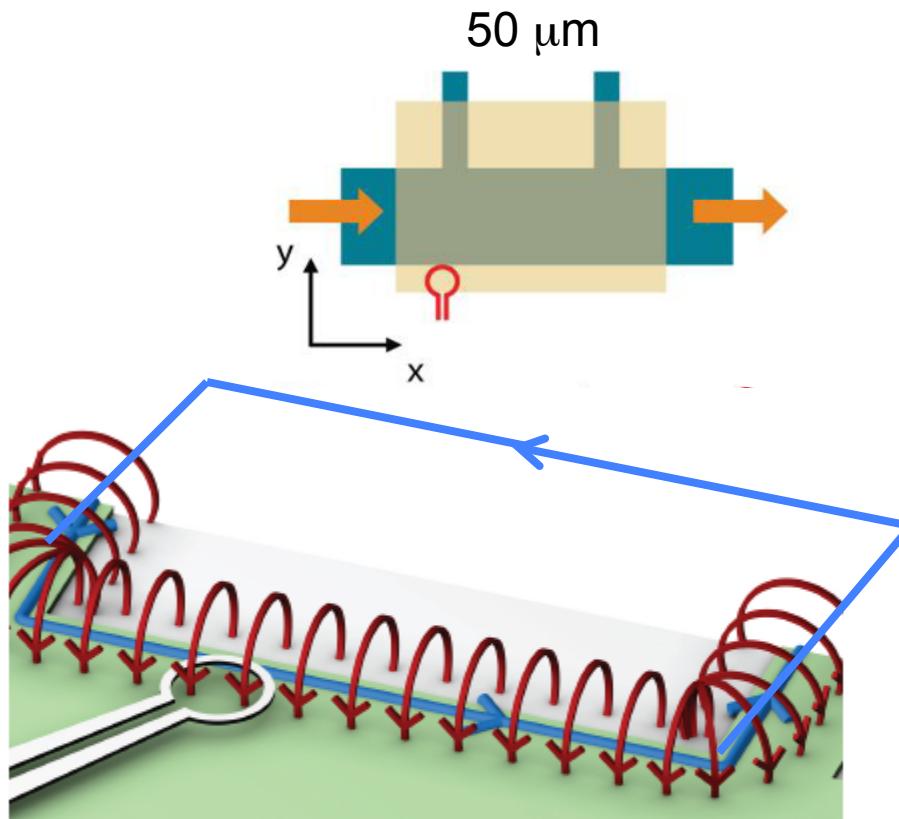
"Mean-Free-Path"  $\lambda_\phi \sim 4 \mu\text{m}$   
Indep. with T 20 mK - 4K

# SQUID Imaging of InAs/GaSb Edge Modes

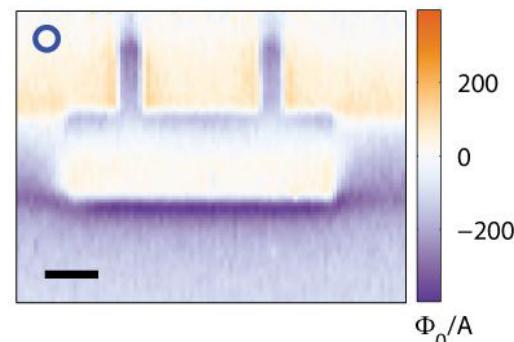
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Rice: Lingjie Du, RRD

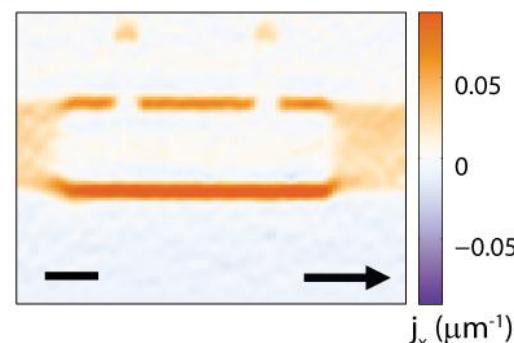
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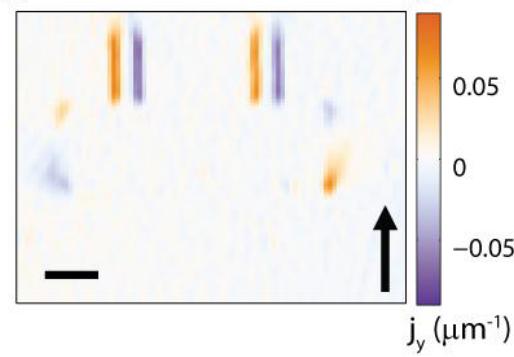
Flux



Current  
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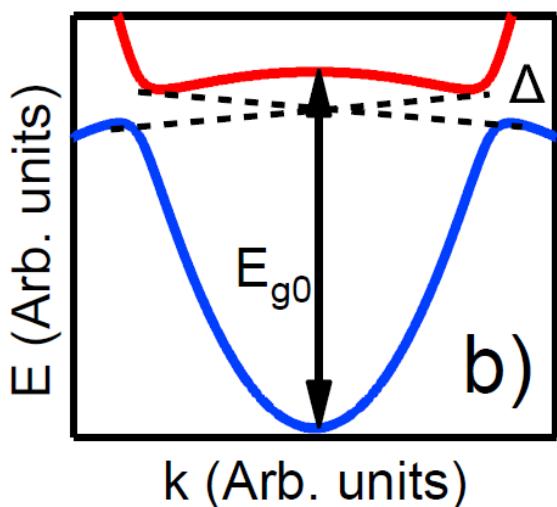


Current  
(Vertical)



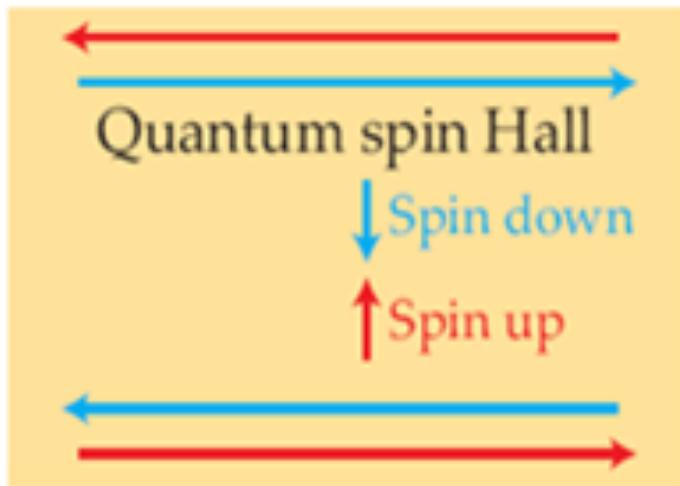
# Properties of InAs/GaSb Edge States

- Quantized plateau for short samples (a few  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Non-quantized conductance for long samples
- Conductance nearly T-independent over large range of T
- Robust under high B



- Low velocity of edge modes
  - $v_F \sim 2 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$
  - $k_F \sim 1 \times 10^6/\text{cm}$
- Extreme. long scattering time
  - $\tau = \lambda/v_F = 4\mu\text{m}/(2 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}) \sim 200 \text{ ps}$
- Origins of back-scattering?
- Tunable mode dispersion

# Interaction Effects in InAs/GaSb Helical Edge States



Non-Interacting Model:

1. TRS protected topological Insulator
2. Spin-momentum locking
3. non-magnet. impurity does not cause backscattering

# Non-linear Edge Channel Conduct.

C. L. Kane and M. P. A. Fisher, Transport in a one-dimensional Luttinger liquid, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **24**, 1220 (1992); *Phys. Rev. B* **46**, 15233 (1992)

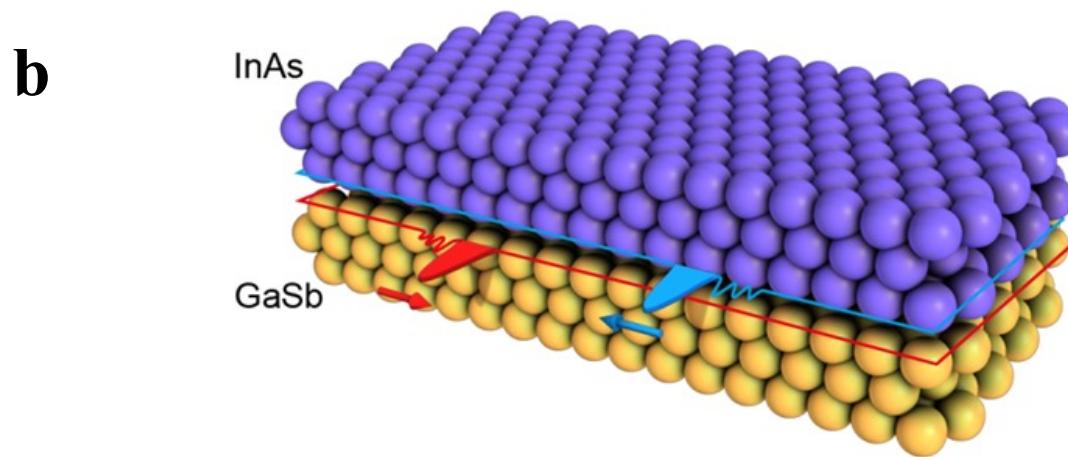
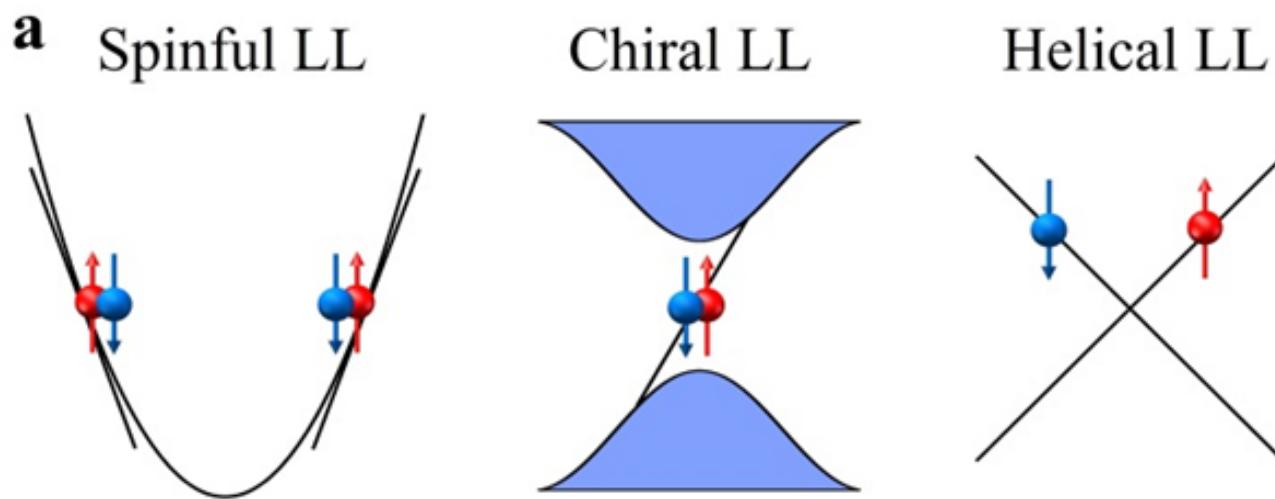
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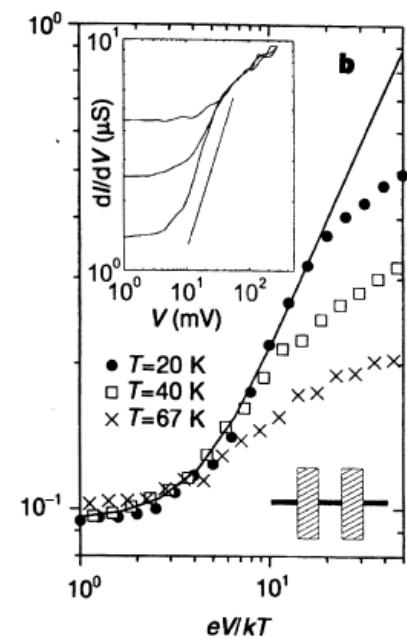
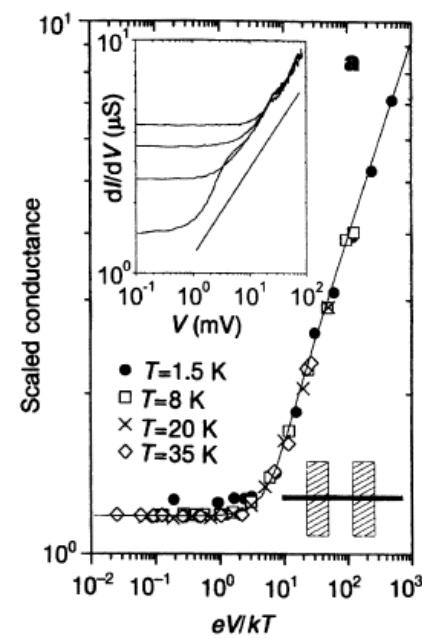
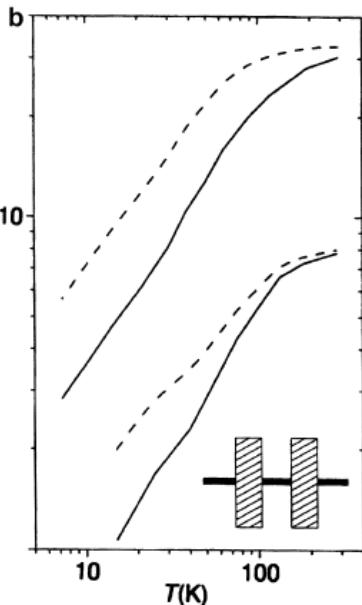
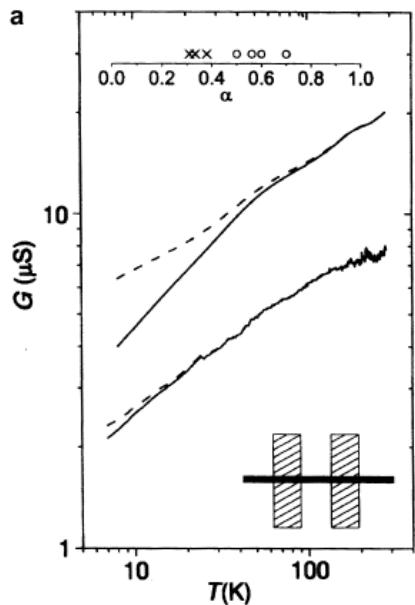
Teo, J. C. Y. & Kane, C. L. Critical behavior of a point contact in a quantum spin Hall insulator. *Phys. Rev. B* **79**, 235321 (2009).

Maciejko, J. *et al.* Kondo effect in the helical edge liquid of the quantum spin Hall state. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **102**, 256803 (2009).

# Family of Luttinger Liquids

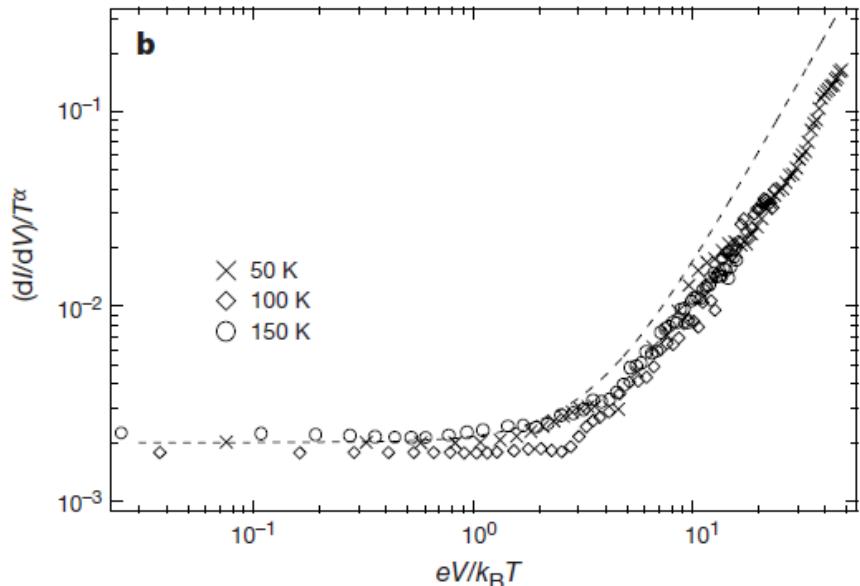
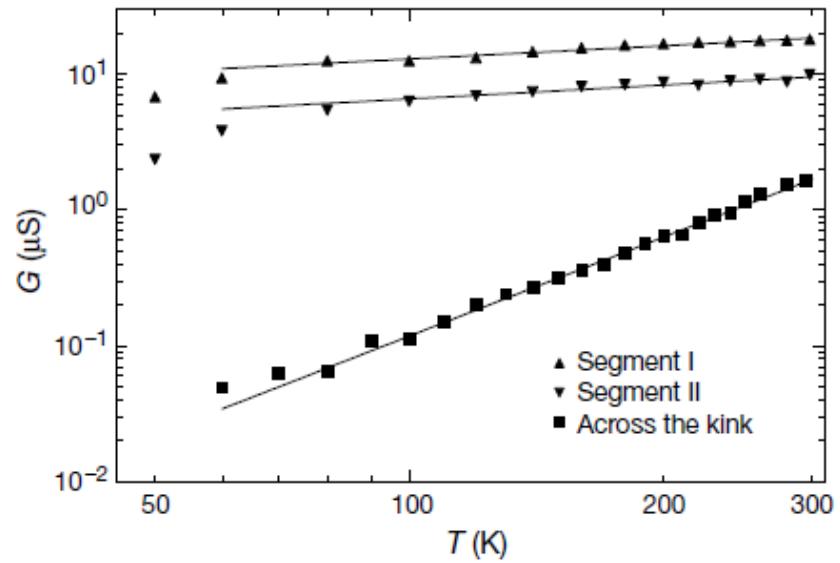
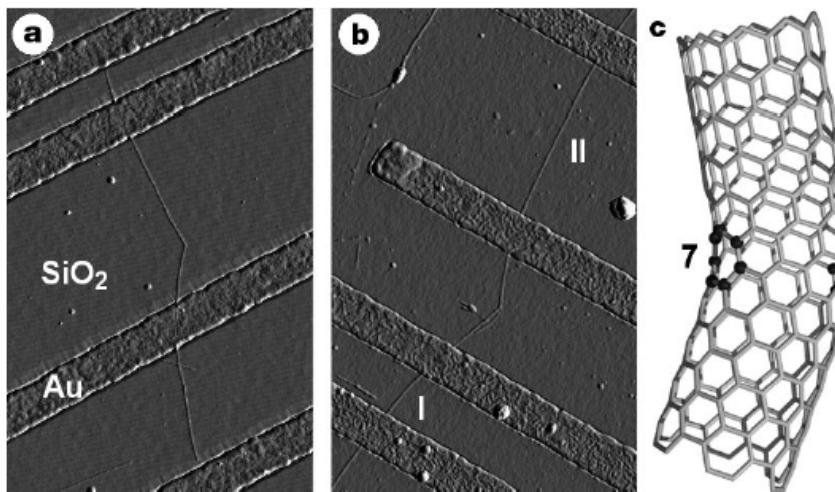


# Carbon Nanotube (Spin-Full LL)



- Metal contacts connect to rope of carbon nanotubes, serve as tunneling probes.
- $G \propto T^\alpha$ ,  $dI/dV \propto V^\alpha$ ;  $\alpha_{\text{bulk}} \sim 0.3$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{end}} \sim 0.6$

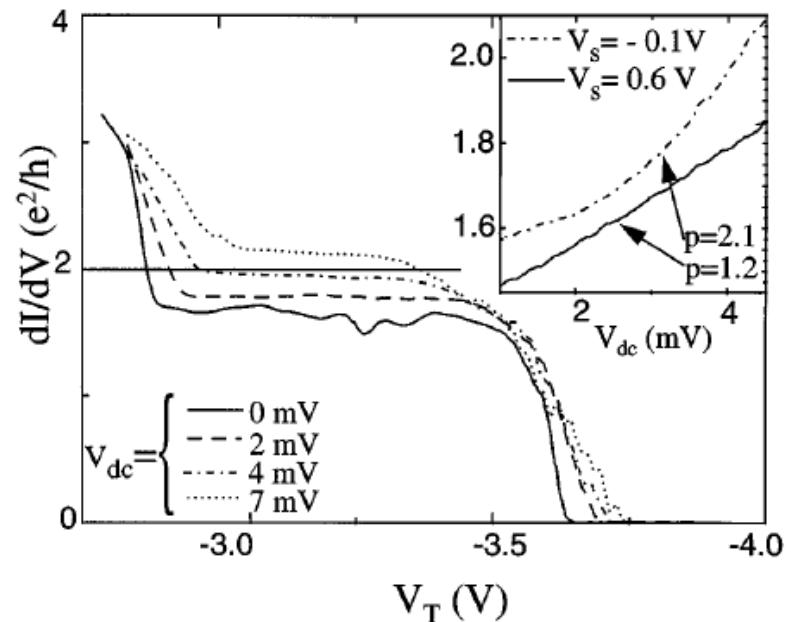
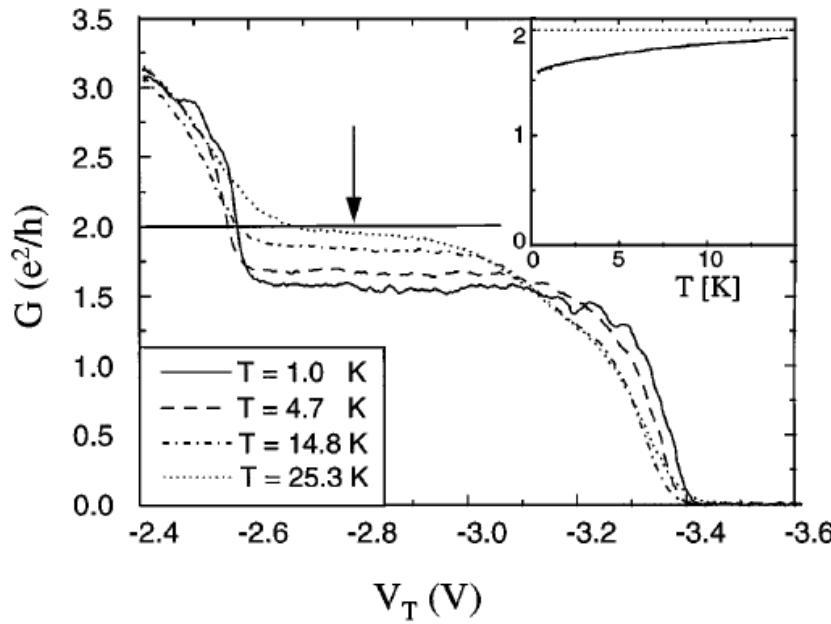
# Carbon Nanotube (Spin -Full LL)



- Transport through Single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) with a kink.
- $G \propto T^\alpha$ ,  $dI/dV \propto V^\alpha$

Z. Yao *et al.*, *Nature* **402**  
273 (1999).

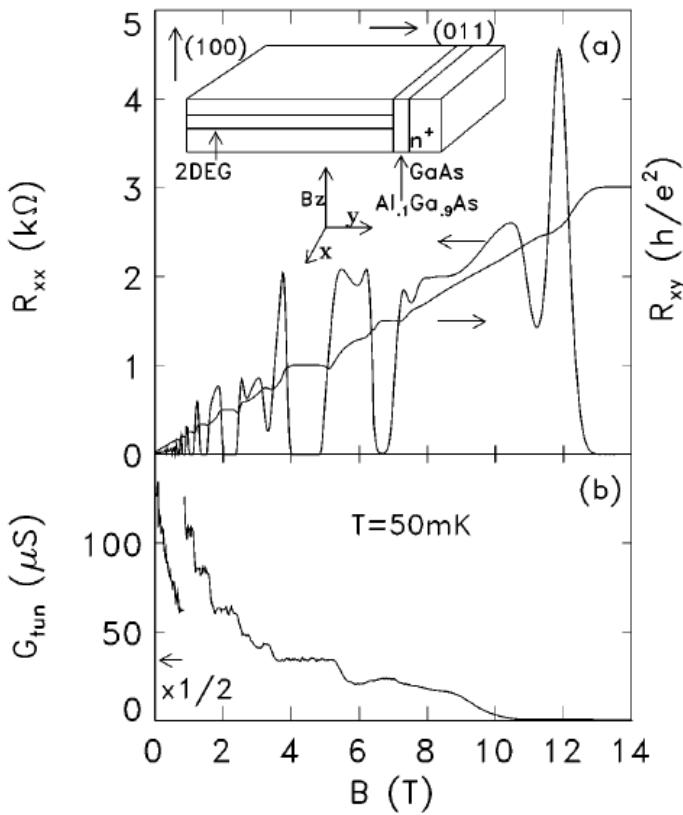
# Quantum wires (Spin-Full LL)



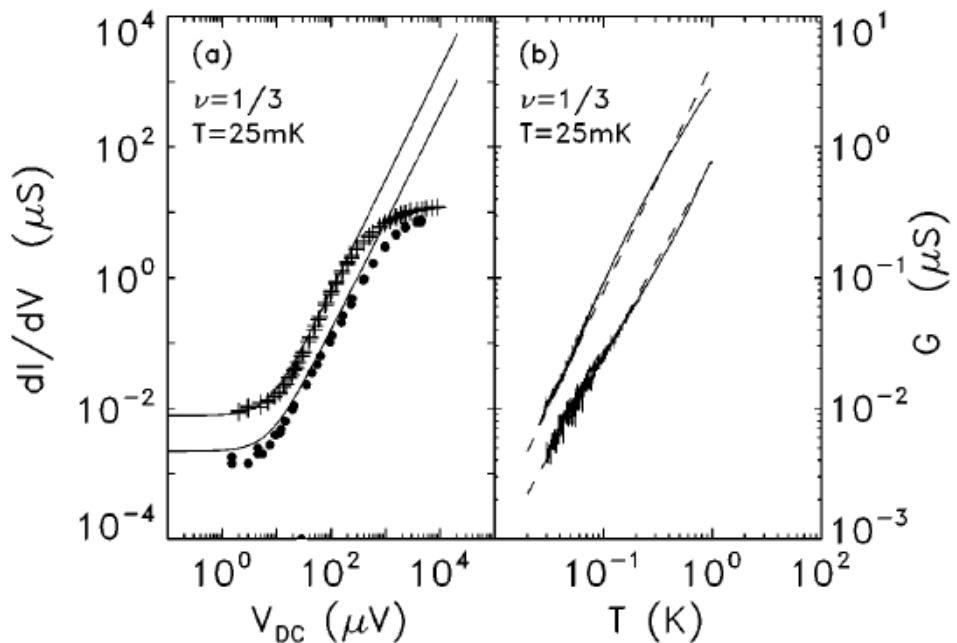
- High-quality quantum wires fabricated in GaAs-AlGaAs by using cleaved edge overgrowth.
- The conductance plateaus deviate from the universal quantized value at low temperature and low bias.
- $dI/dV = c + A V^p$

A. Yacoby *et al.*, PRL 77 4612  
(1996).

# Fractional Quantum Hall Edge (Chiral LL)



Cleaved-edge overgrowth



- $\nu = 1/3$  FQH edge
- $dI/dV \propto V^{1.7}, G \propto T^{1.75}$

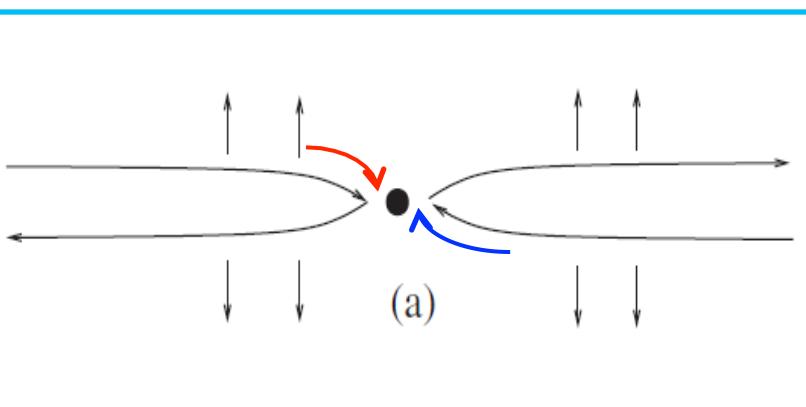
A. M. Chang *et al.*, PRL 77 2539  
(1996).

**Interacting Model:**  $1 > K > 1/2$ ;  $1/2 > K > 1/4$ ;

## Correlated 2-Particle Scattering is Allowed by TRS

C. Wu, B. A. Bernevig, and S. C. Zhang, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 106401 (2006).

C. Xu and J. E. Moore, Phys. Rev. B **73**, 045322 (2006).



**2 particle correlated  
Backscattering for  $k < 1/4$**

---Breaking into two segments

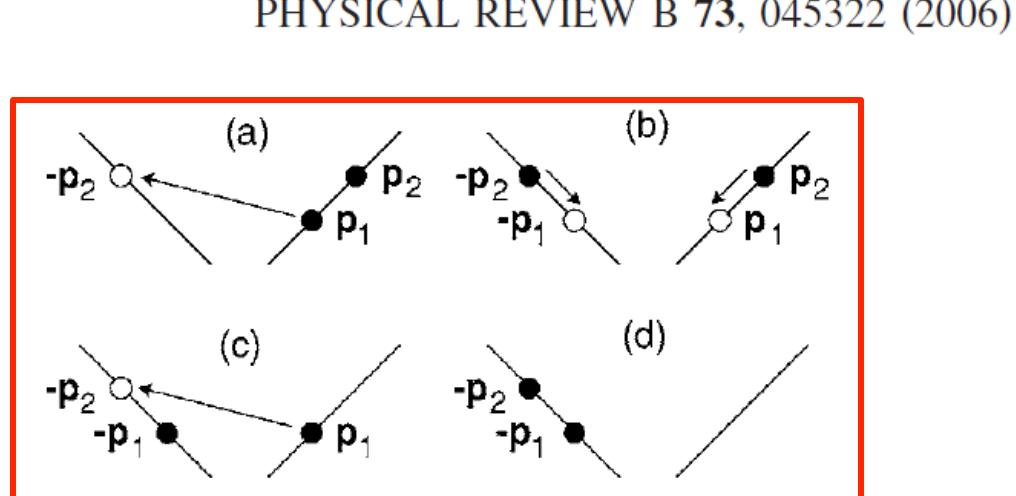


FIG. 1. An allowed two-particle backscattering process: (a) particle at momentum  $p_1$  scatters to intermediate state  $-p_2$ ; (b) particles at  $\pm p_2$  interact and become intermediate states  $\pm p_1$ ; (c) and (d), particle at intermediate state  $p_1$  backscatters to state  $-p_2$ .

# Calculating Luttinger Parameter $K$

*PRB* **79** 235321 (2009), and *PRL* **102** 256803 (2009):

$$K = \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{e^2}{\varepsilon \hbar v_F} \ln \left( \frac{7.1d}{\xi + 0.8w} \right) \right]^{-1/2}$$

Where  $\varepsilon$  is the bulk dielectric constant,

$v_F$  is Fermi velocity of edge state,

$d$  is the distance from the QW layer to a nearby metallic gate as a screening length for the Coulomb potential,

$\xi = 2\hbar v_F / E_{gap}$  ( $E_{gap}$  is the gap of bulk QSHI)

$w$  is the thickness of the QW layer.

***HgTe/CdTe Quantum Wells***

**$K = 0.8$**

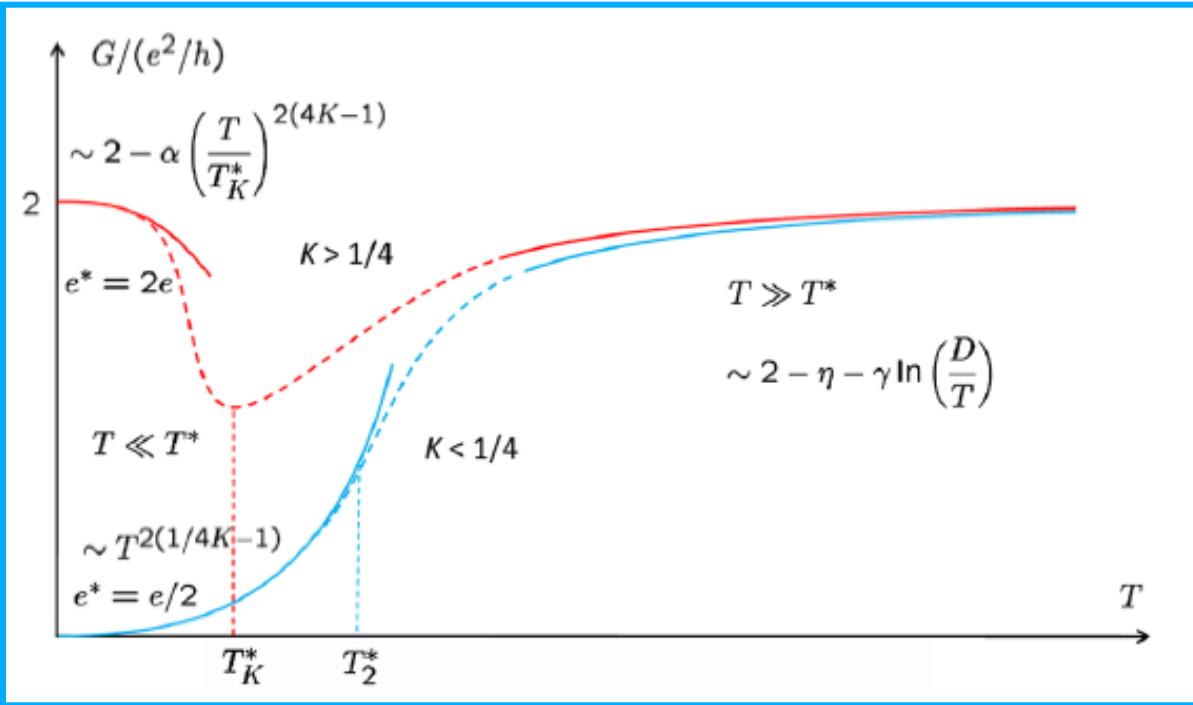
***Gated InAs/GaSb Bilayers***

**$K = 0.2 \sim 0.25$**

***Strained InAs/InGaSb QWs***

**$0.5 > K > 0.25$**

# Possible Interacting Effects



Maciejko et al, PRL 09

Teo and Kane, PRB 09

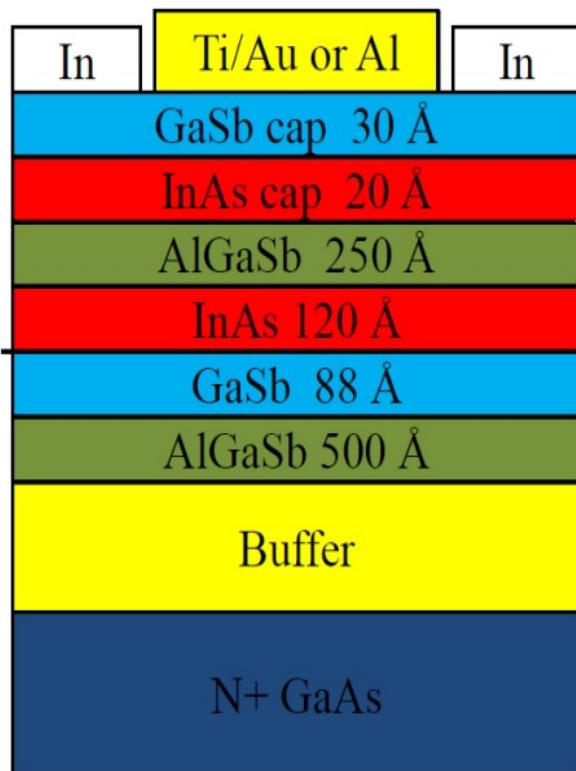
Helical Liquid with strong Coulomb interactions:

1. Log  $T$ -dependence at high  $T$
2. Insulating phase at low  $T$

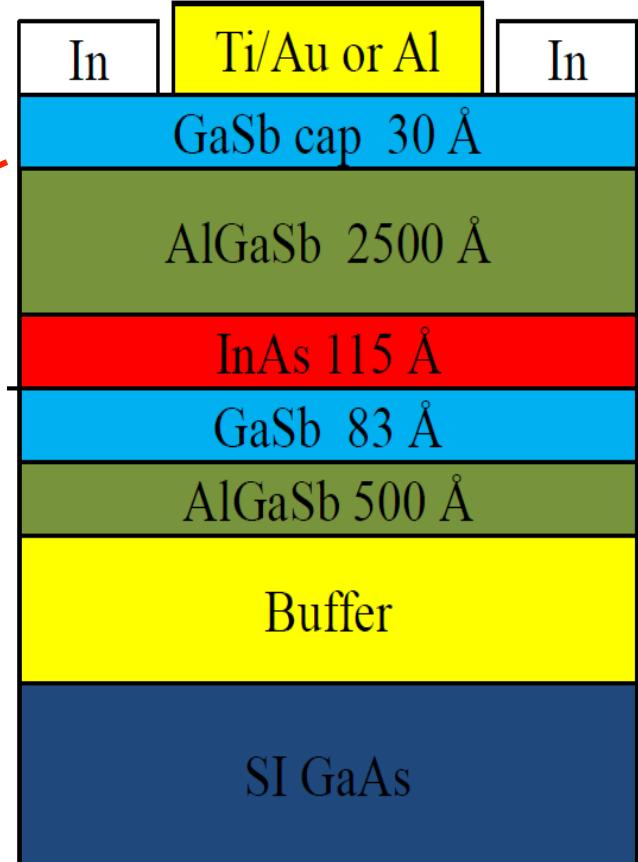
Relevant to InAs/GaSb

# 2 Samples for Ultralow T Measurements

**Wafer A**



**Wafer B**

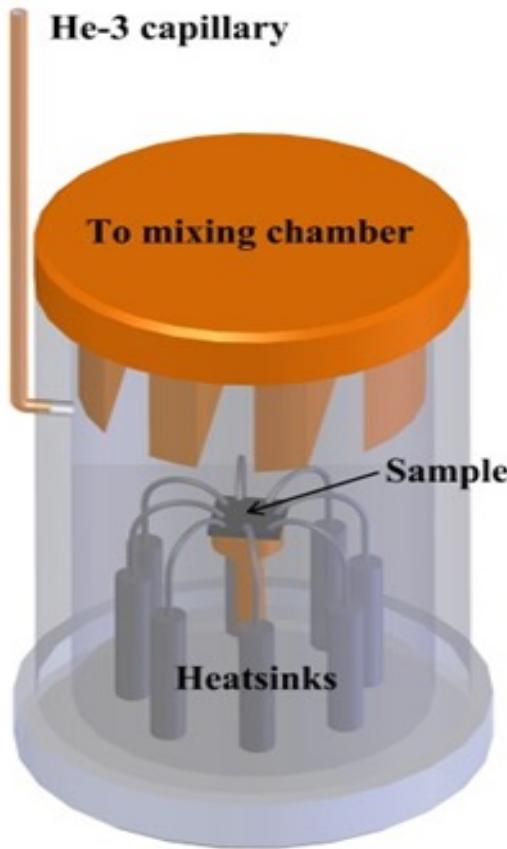


$K \sim 0.23$

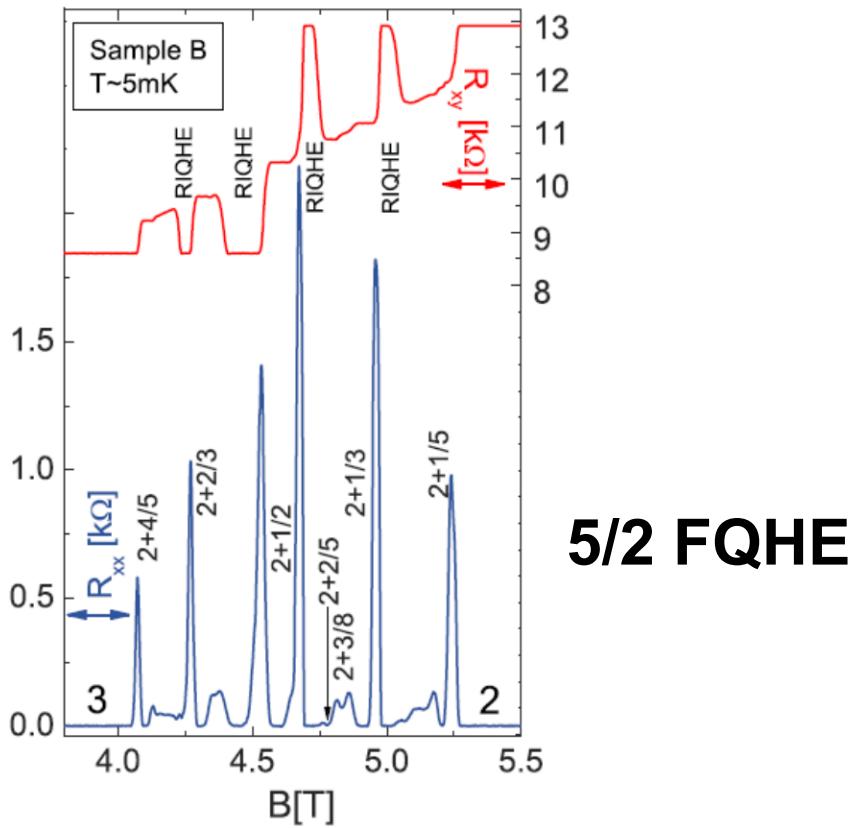
$K \sim 0.21$

# Cooling Electrons

Purdue Group: Gabor Csathy / Kate Schreiber  
PKU group: Xi Lin/ Pengjie Wang, Hailong Fu

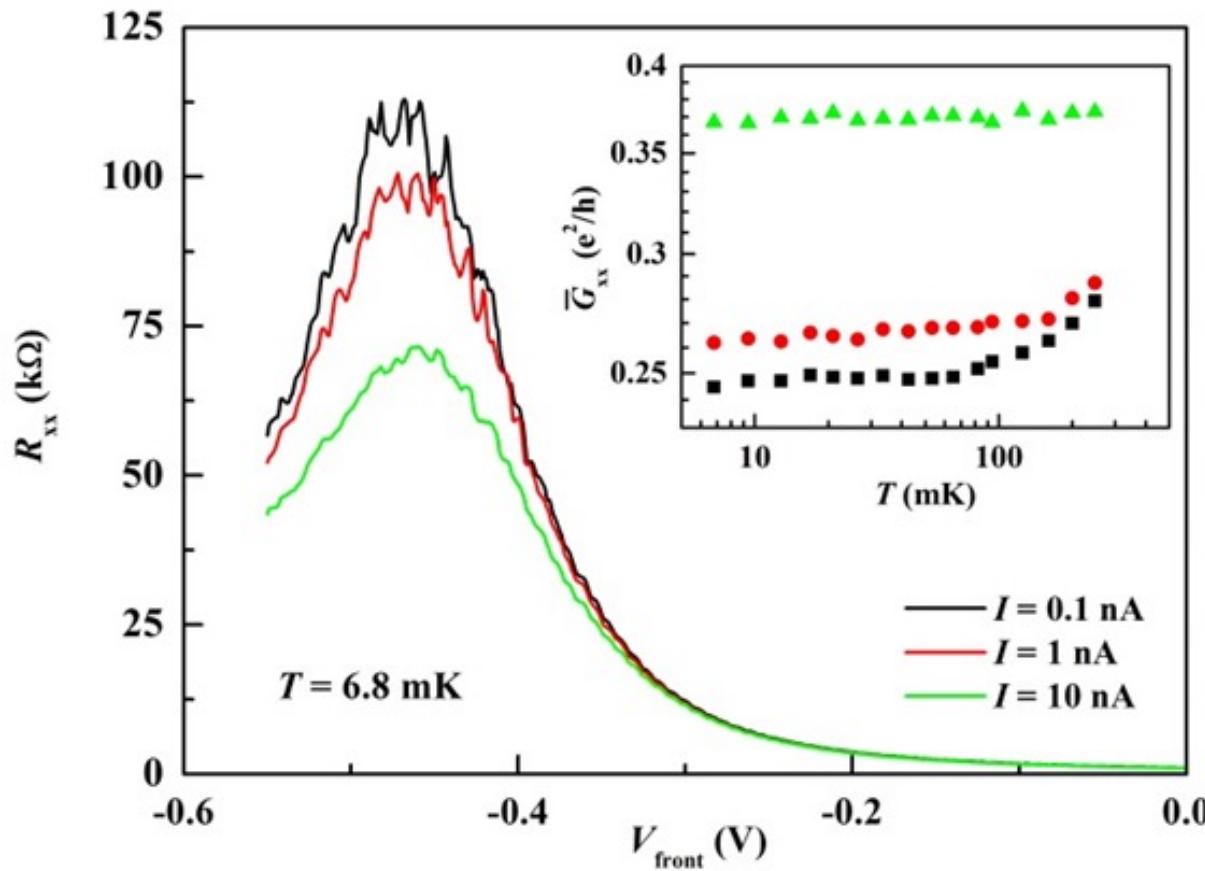


He3 Immersion Cell

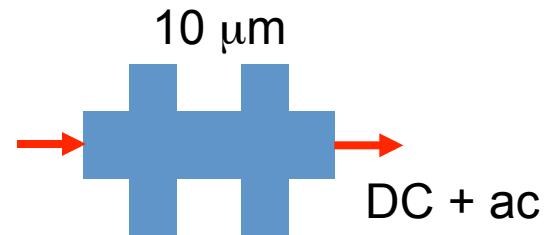


# Down to 6.9 mK:

Tingxin Li

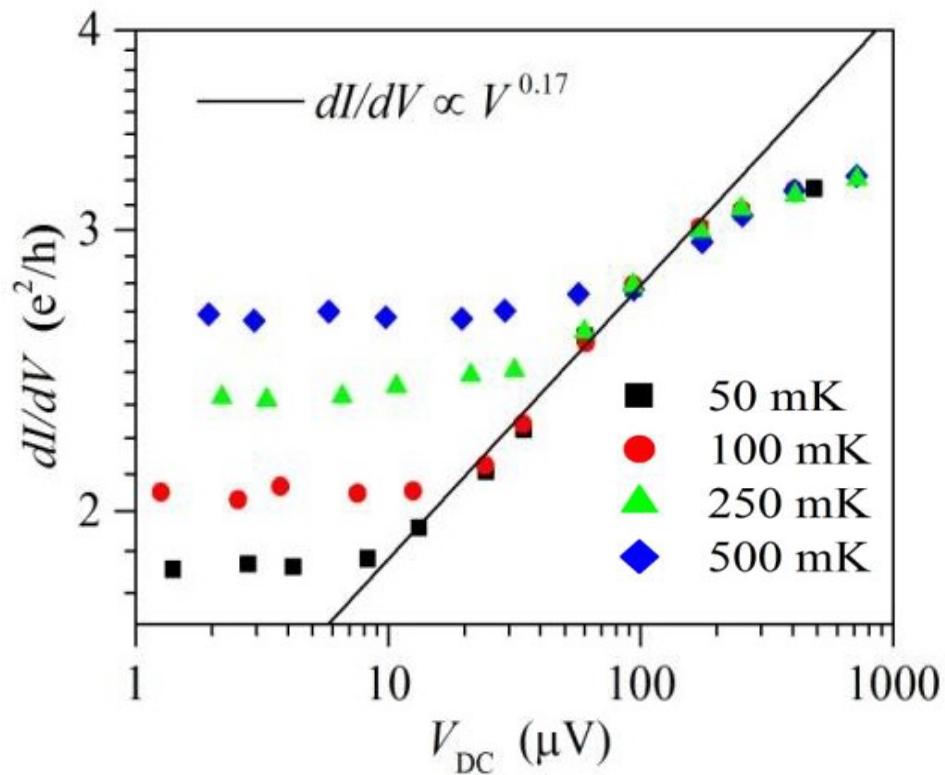
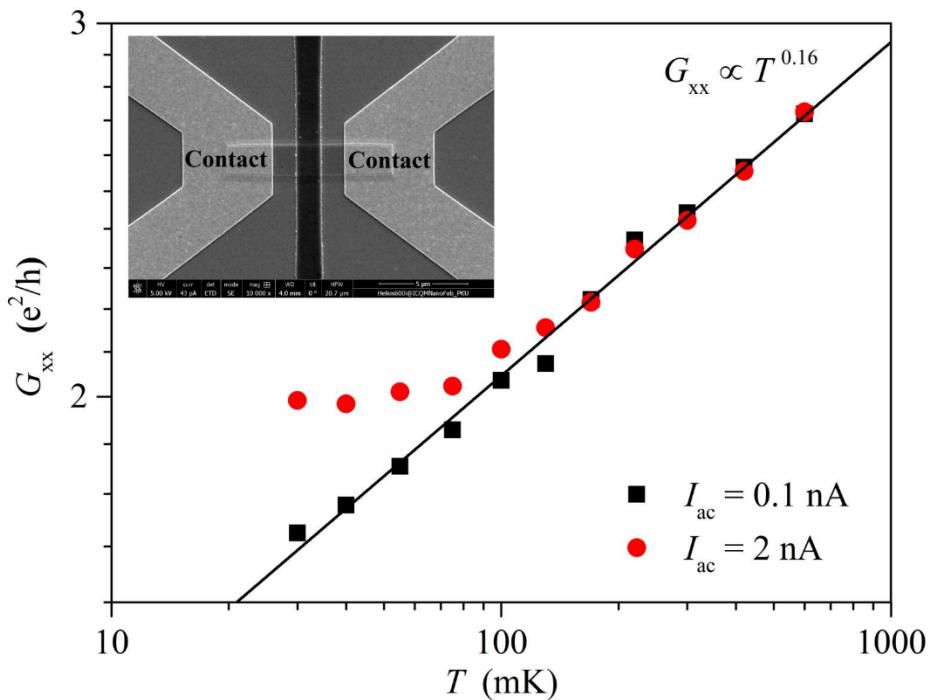


4-terminal Resistance:  $L = 10\mu\text{m}$   
Strongly nonlinear with bias current

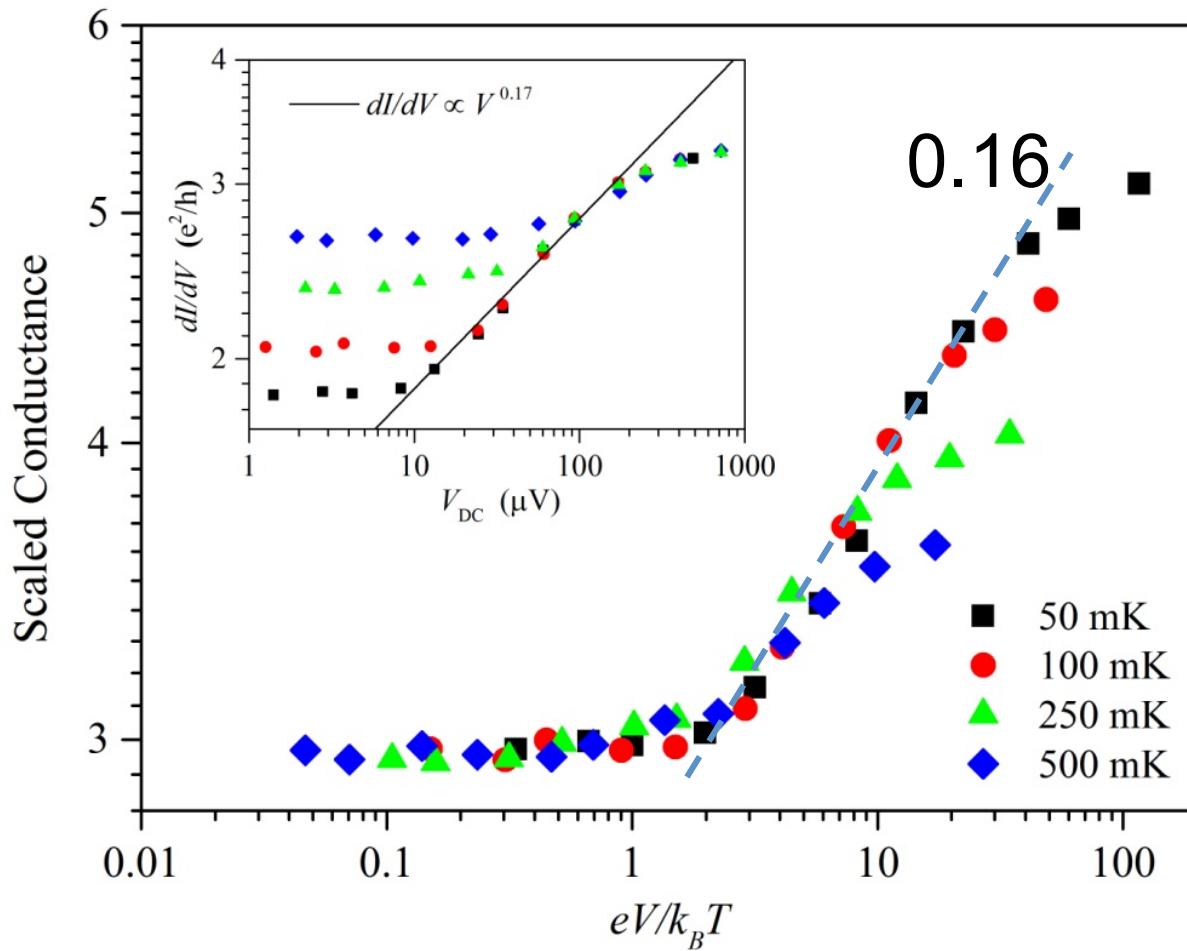


Voltage drops across  $eV = R_{xx} * I_{ac}$

# Temperature or DC bias -dependent

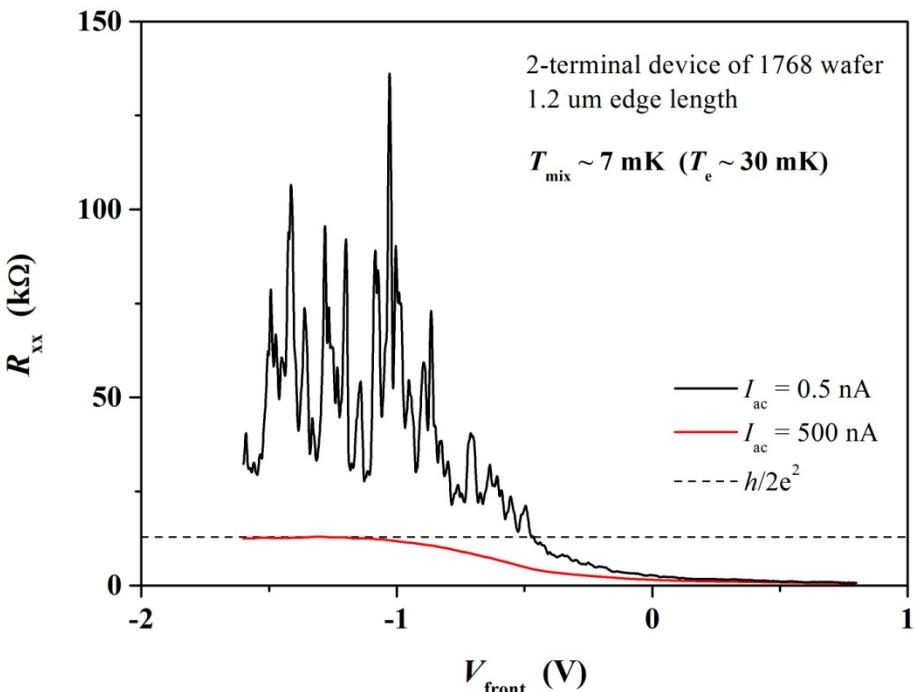


# Wafer A Scaling Relation

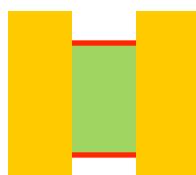


- Conductance and differential conductance scale as power-laws with temperature and bias voltage, respectively.

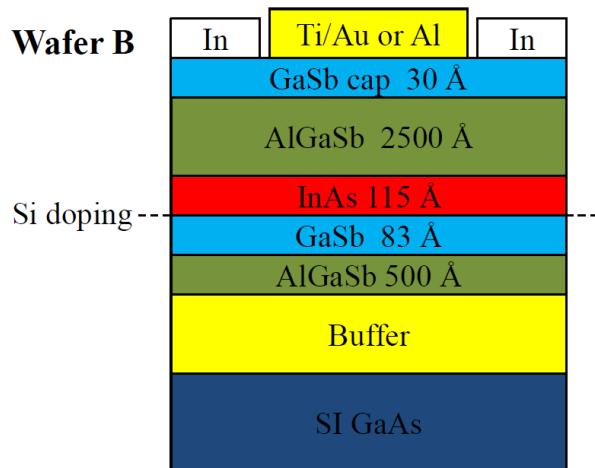
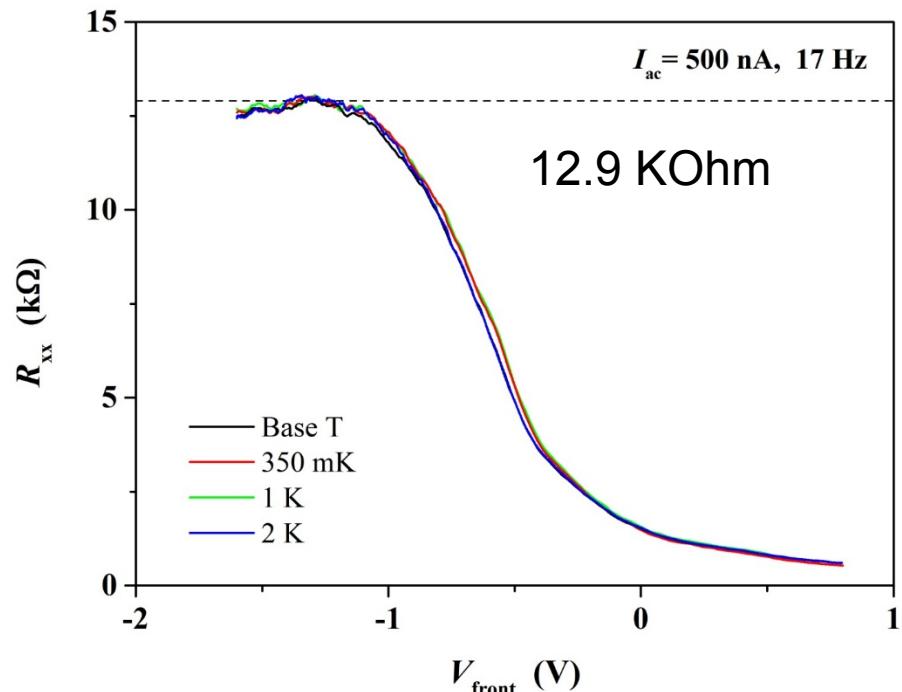
# Wafer B, quantized plateaus



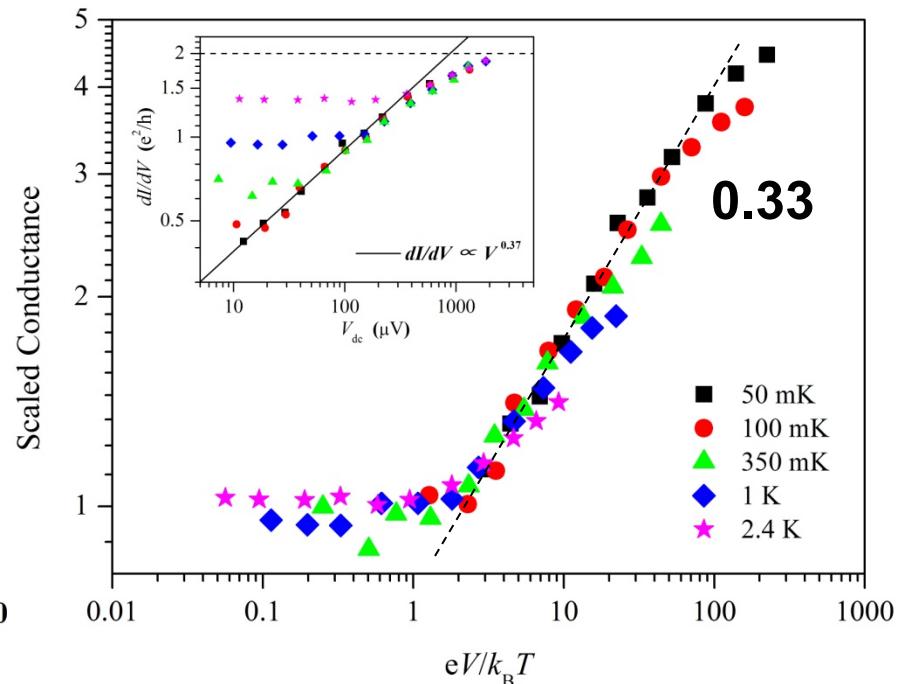
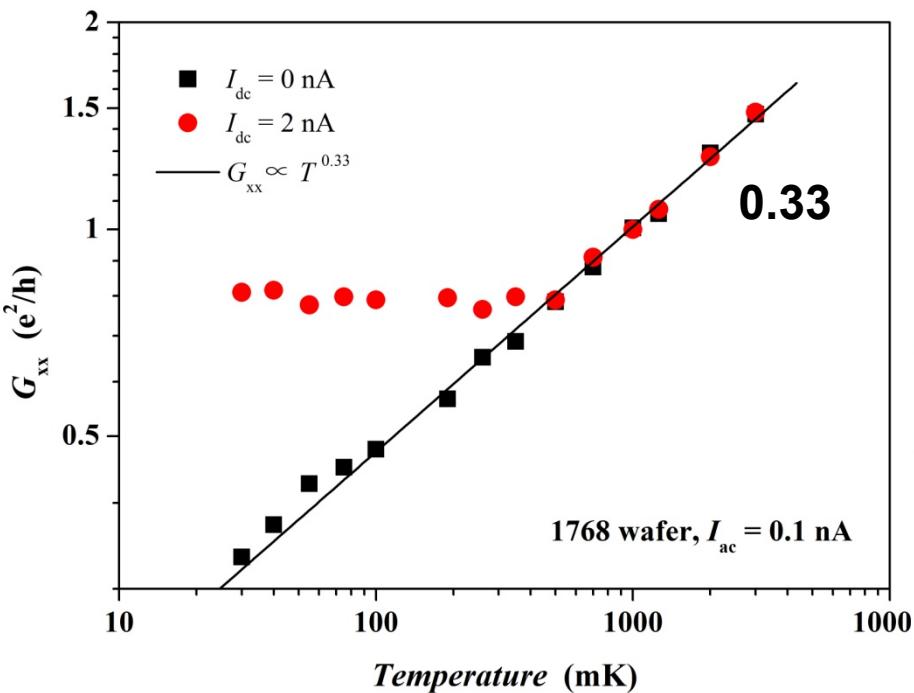
**L = 1.2 um, two terminal**



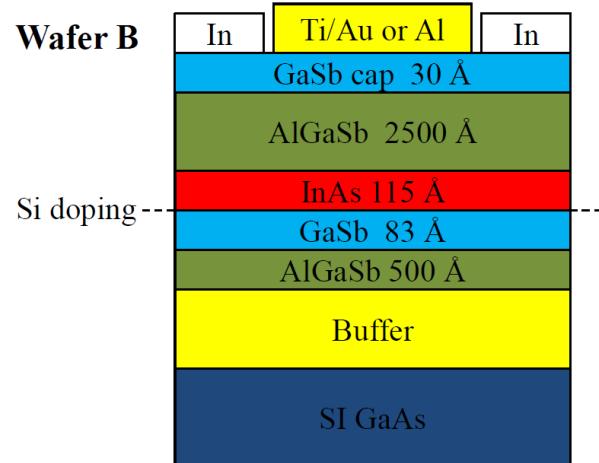
- There is no change for the quantized plateaus from base temperature to about 3K under large current.



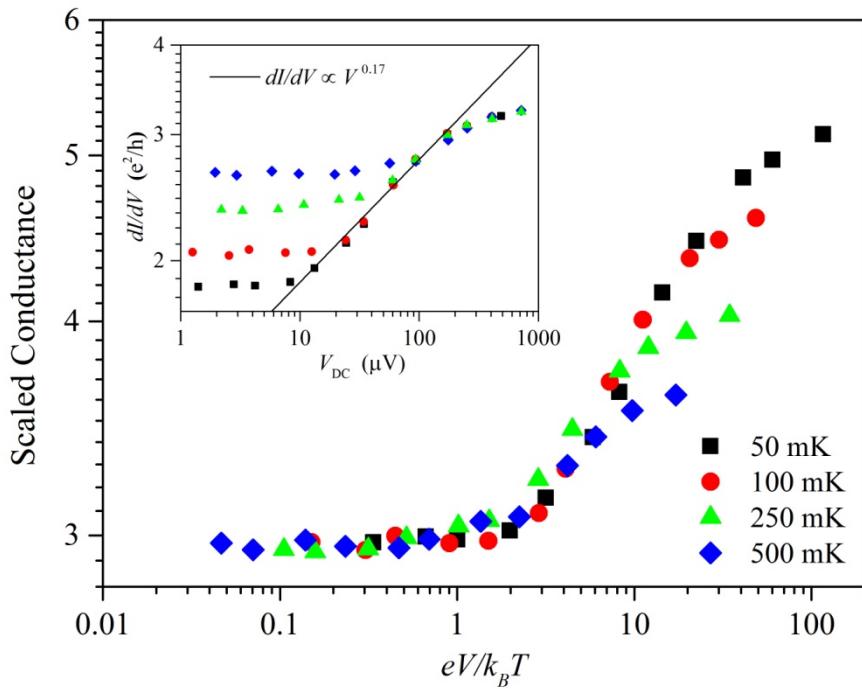
# Wafer B, LL behavior



- Wafer B show stronger power-law behavior than wafer A.



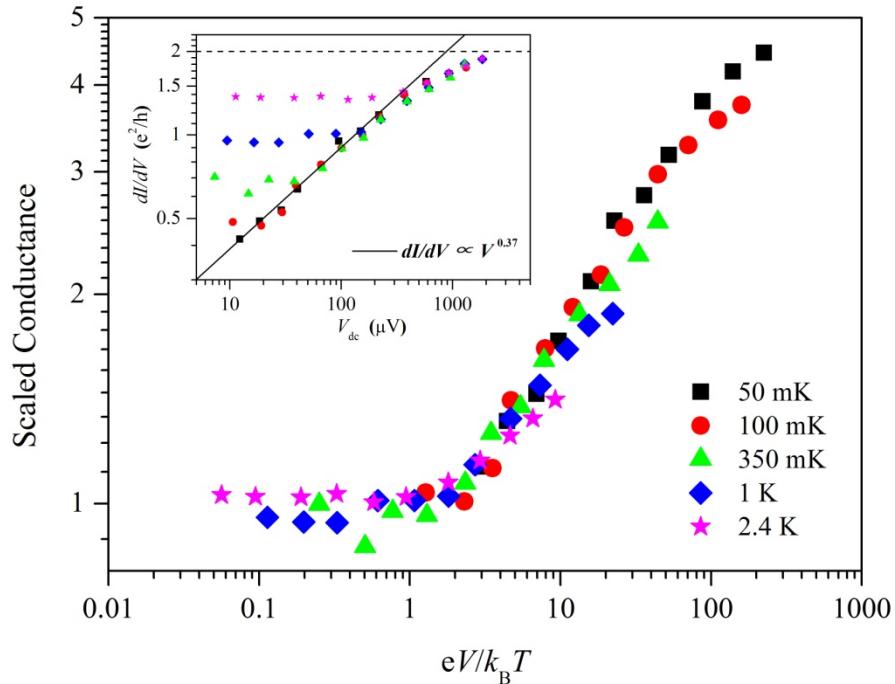
# Comparison of two wafers



**Wafer A    Power exponent  $\alpha \sim 0.16$ ,**

$$\alpha = 2(1/4K-1) \rightarrow K \sim 0.23$$

- Both two wafers tend to form a charge insulator at  $T = 0$  and  $V = 0$ , consisting with the theoretical predictions for strong interacted helical edge states, i.e. Helical Luttinger-Liquid.



**Wafer B    Power exponent  $\alpha \sim 0.33$ ,**

$$\alpha = 2(1/4K-1) \rightarrow K \sim 0.21$$

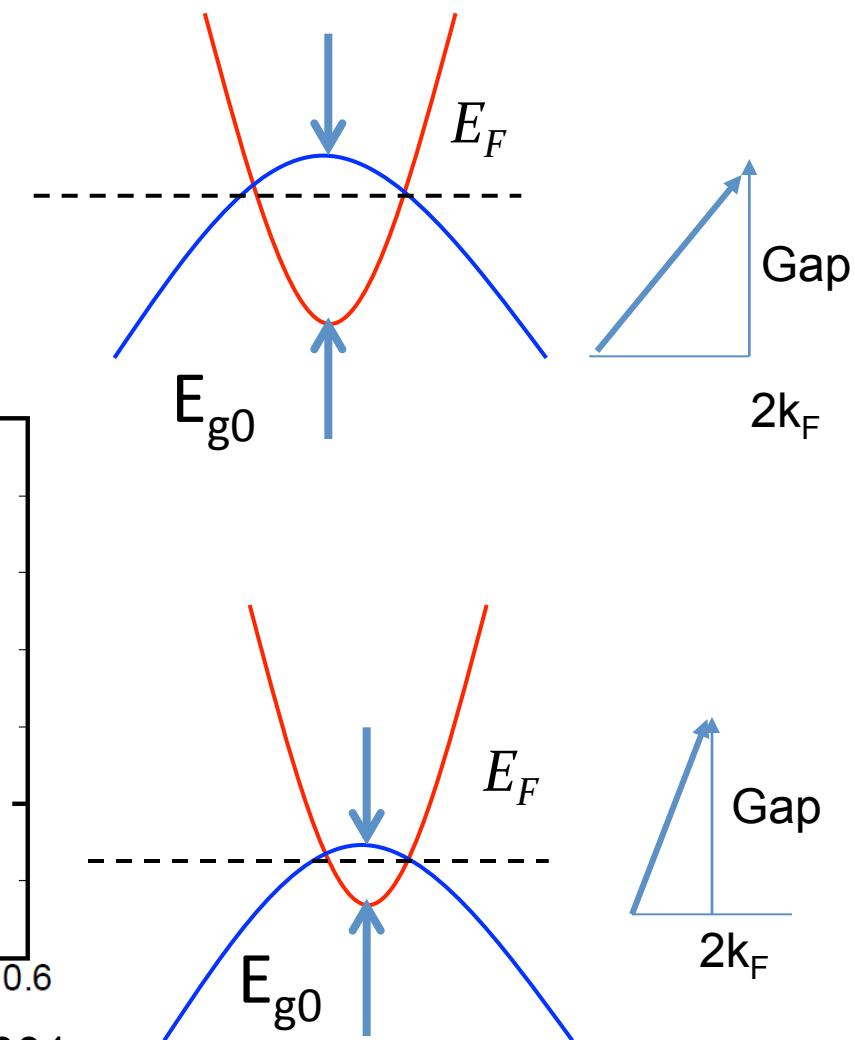
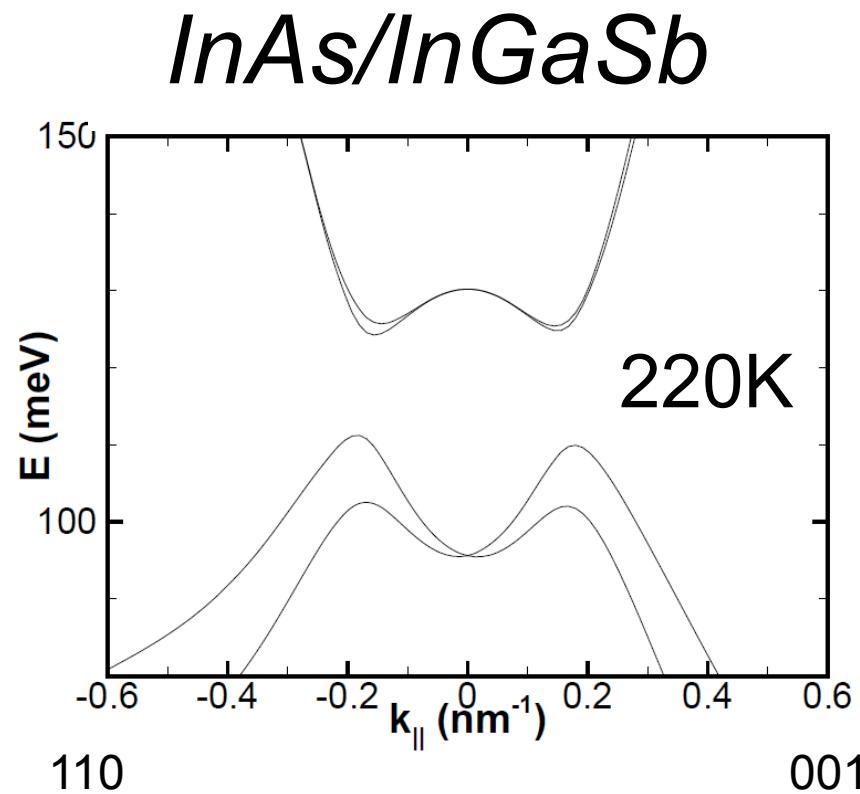
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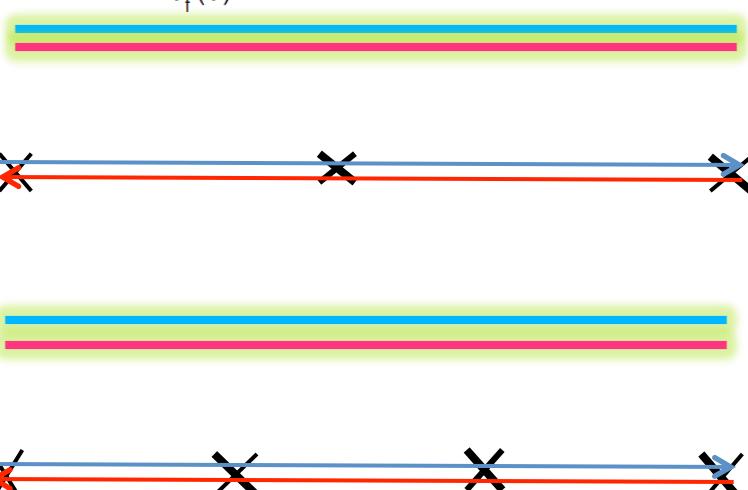
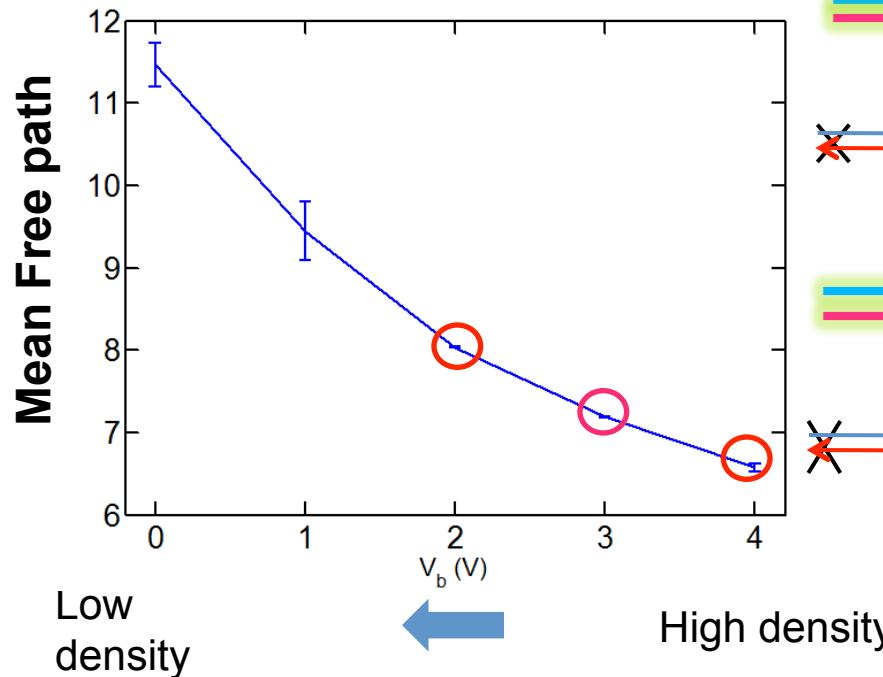
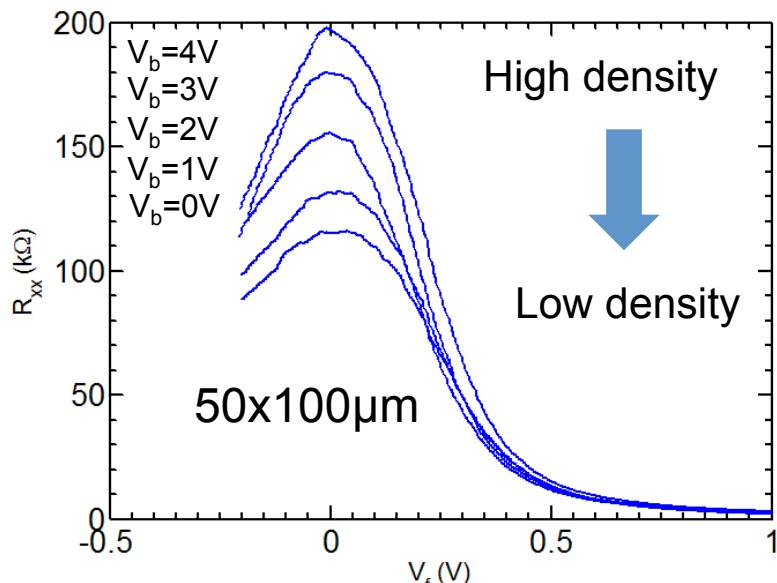
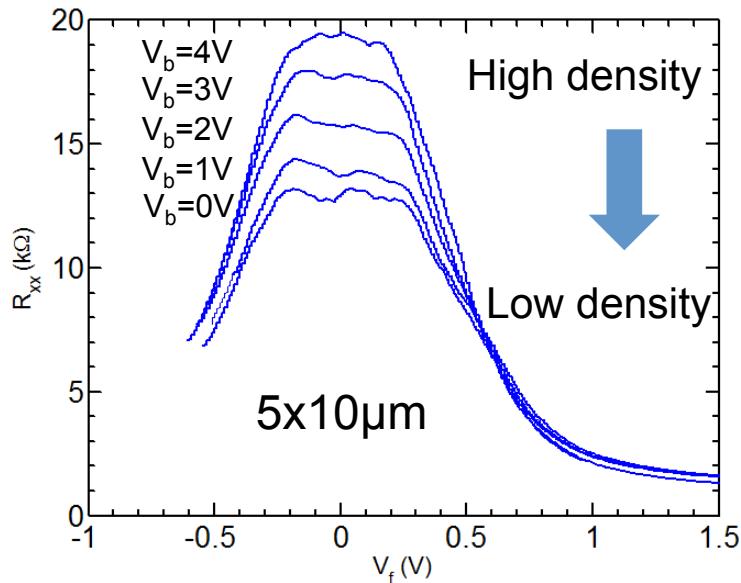
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# Outlook: Tuning the Interactions

# Strain Layer Engineer. + Gating

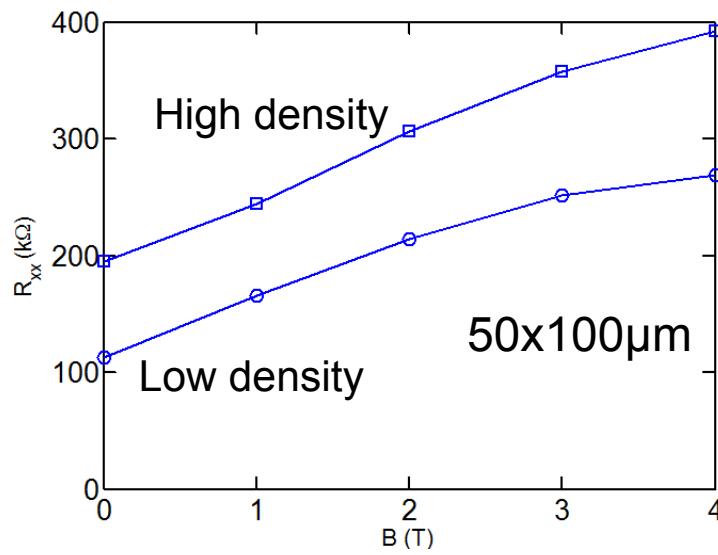
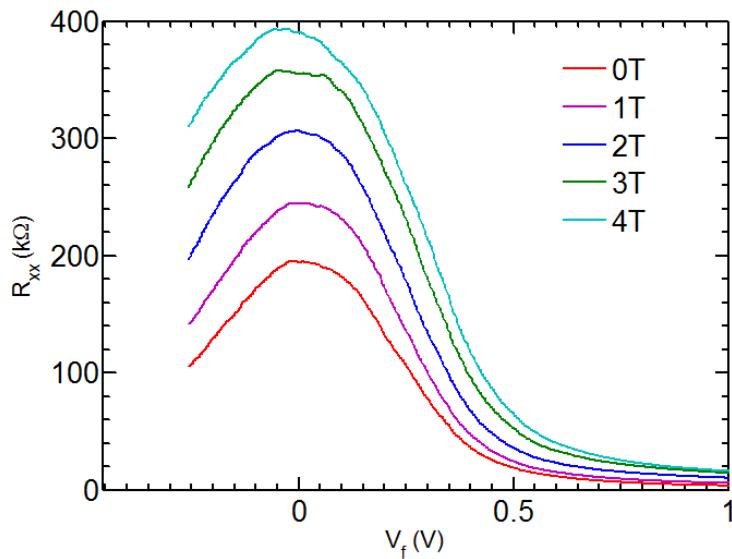


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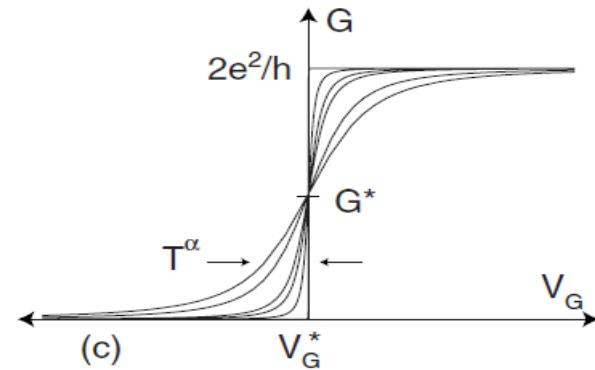
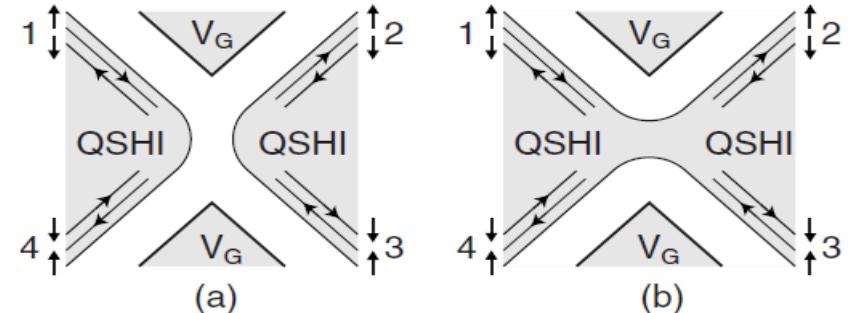
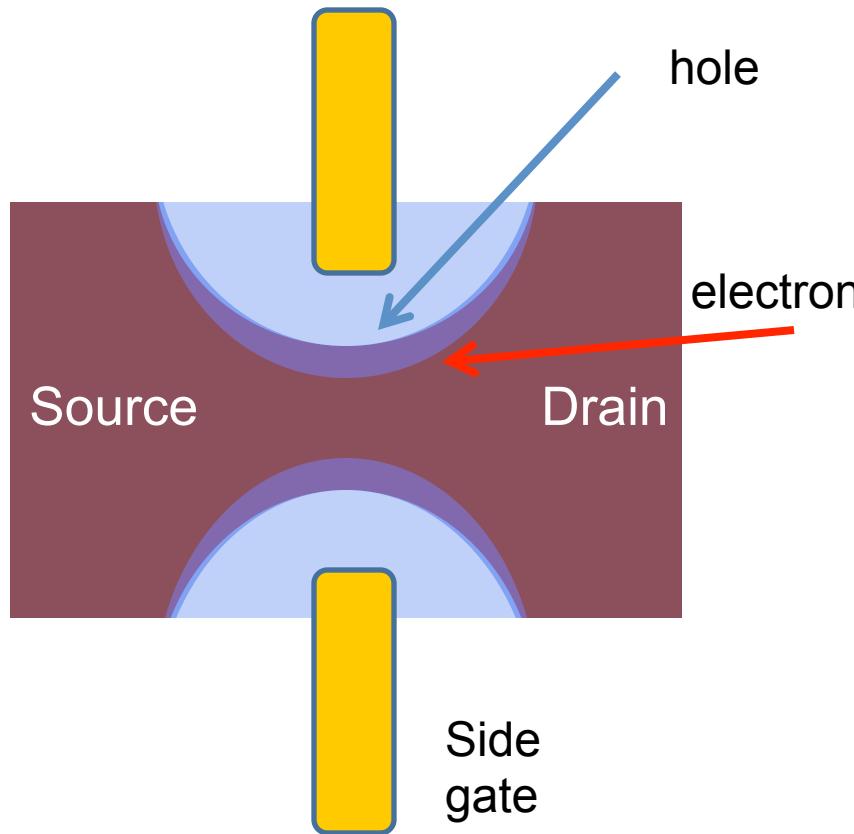


# Magnetic Response Depends on $V_F$

Less Interacting Edge States

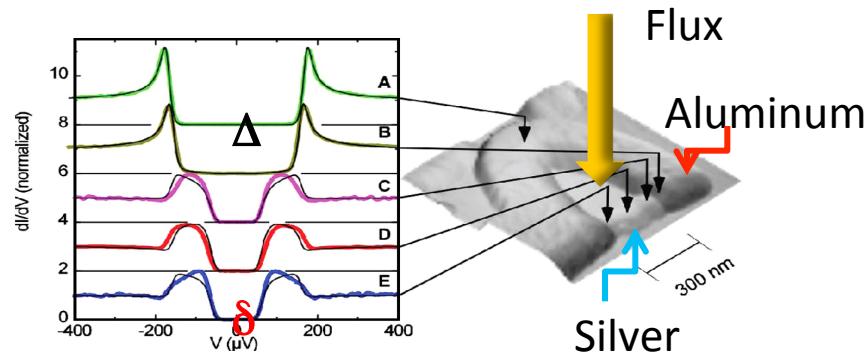


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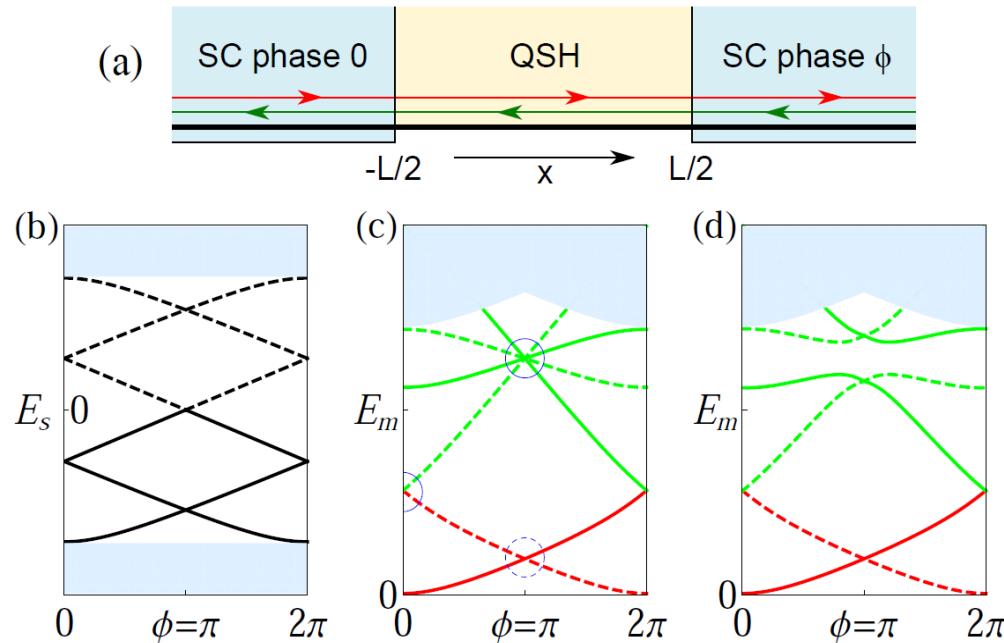


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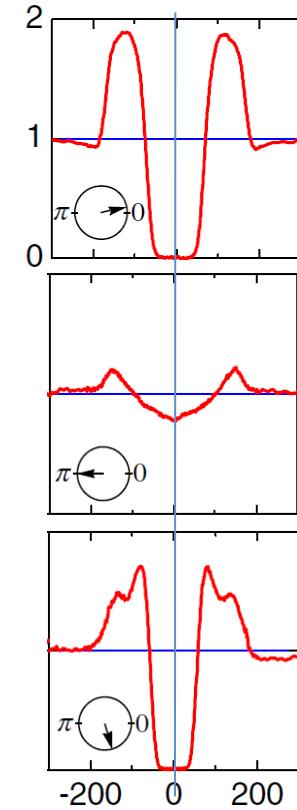
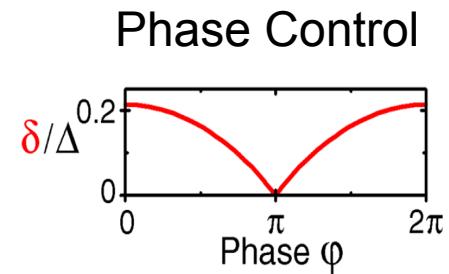


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**8-Pi**  
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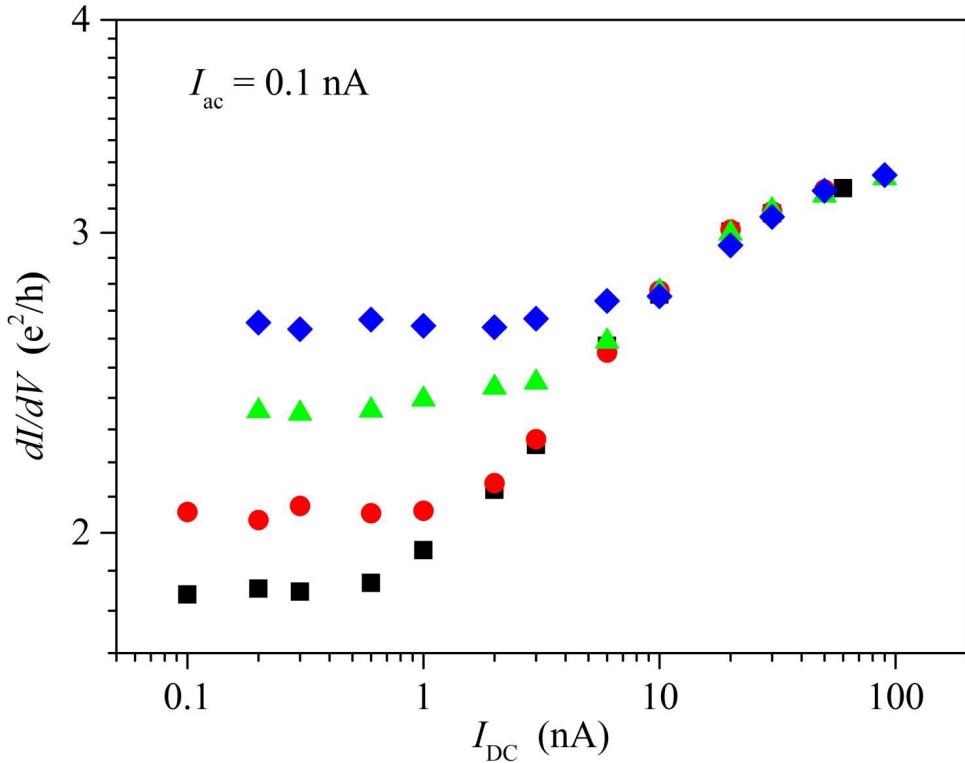
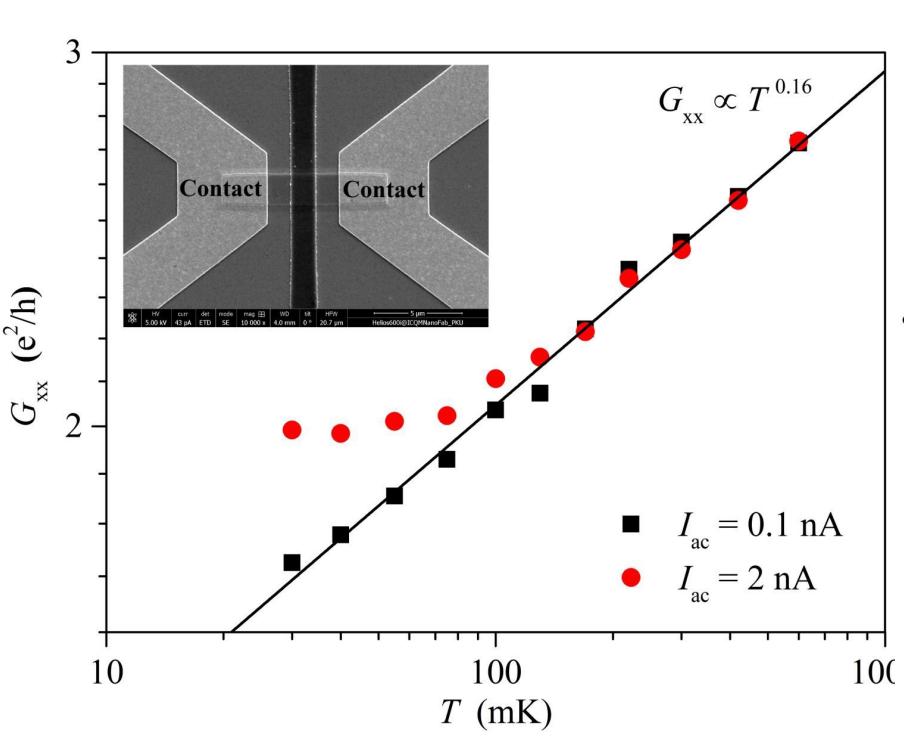
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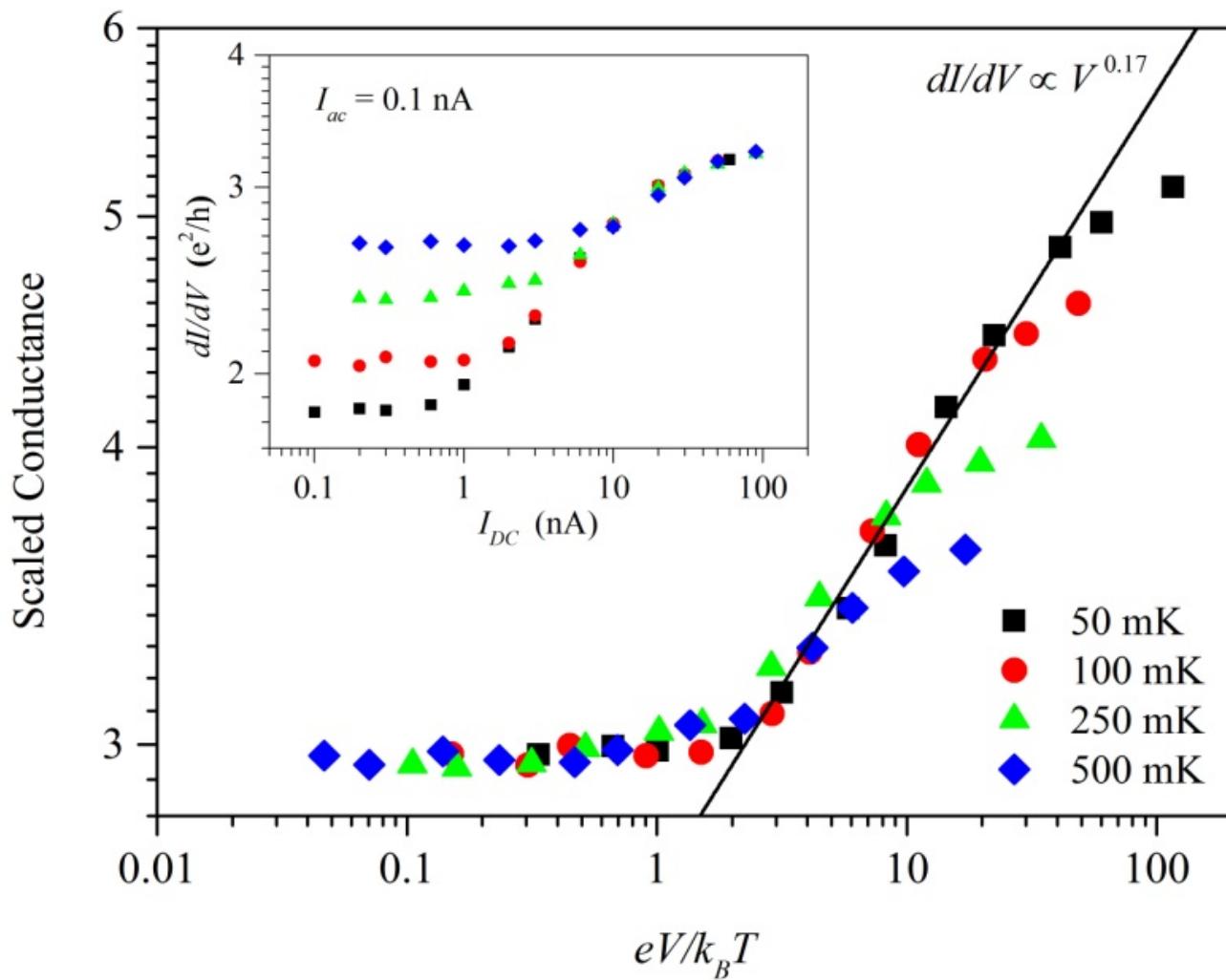
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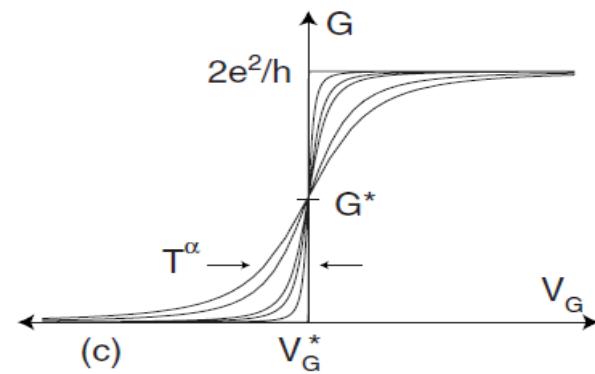
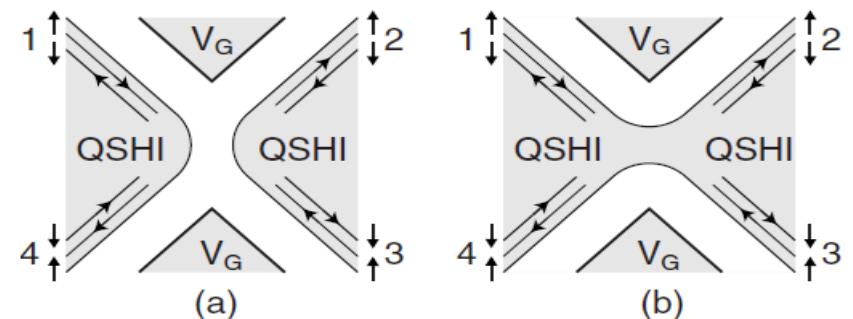
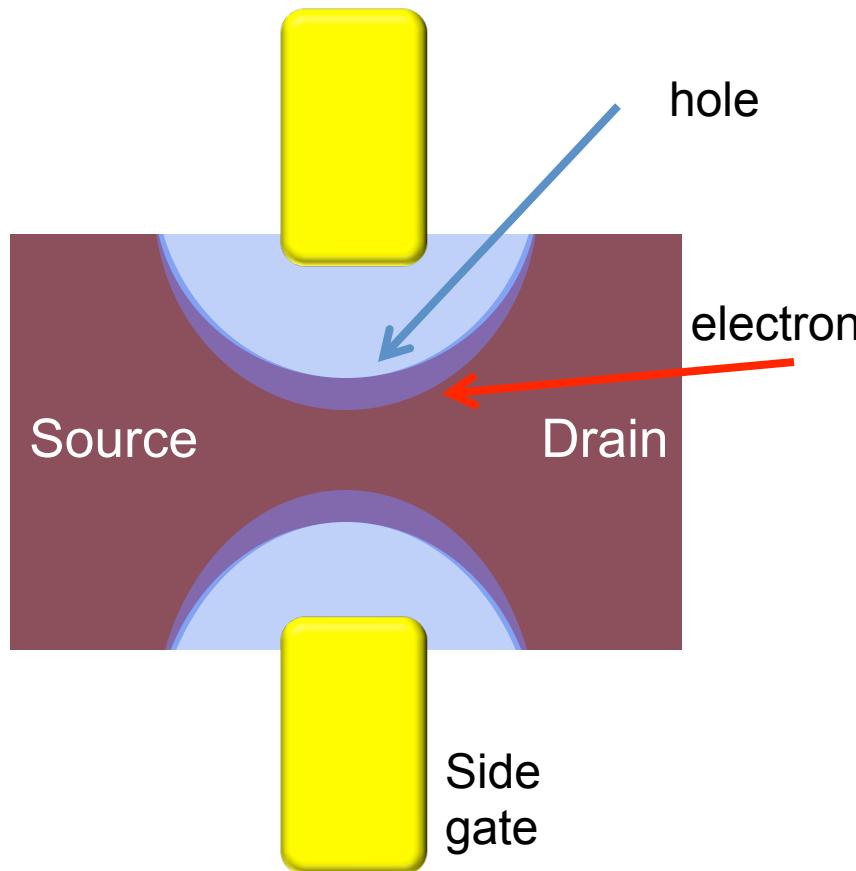


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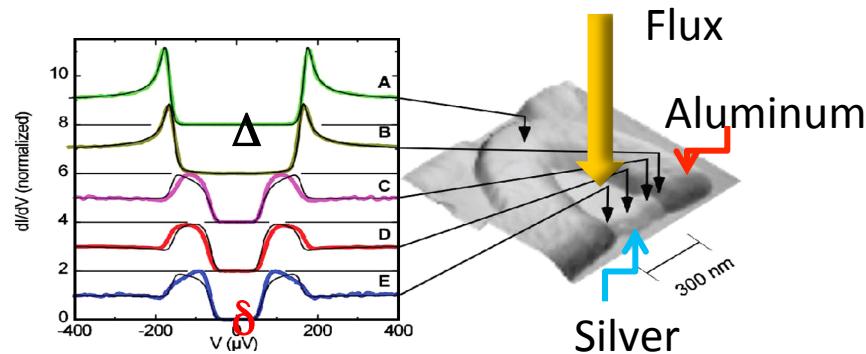


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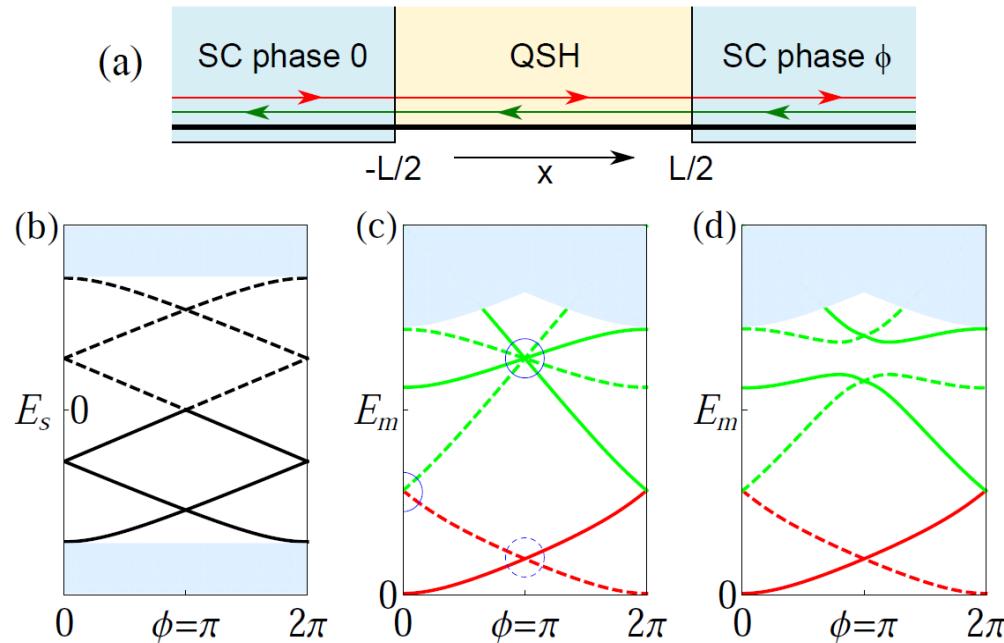


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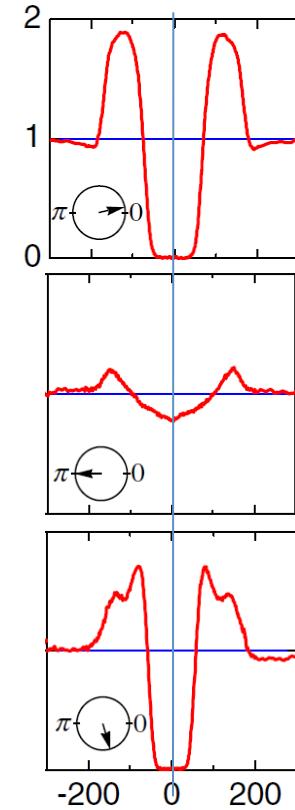
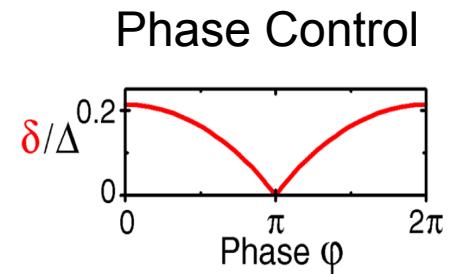


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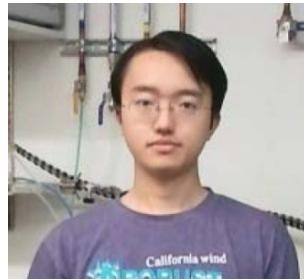
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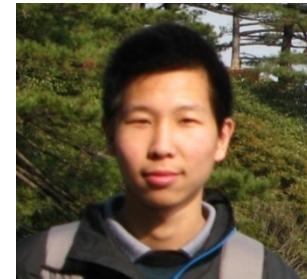
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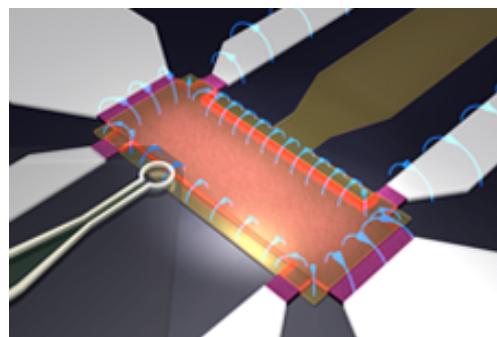
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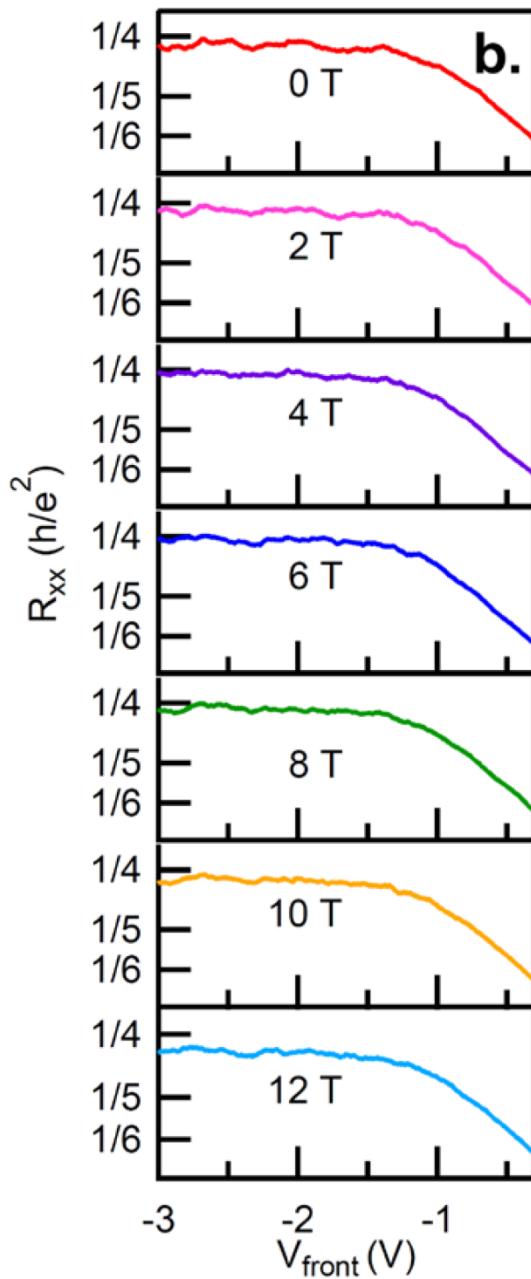
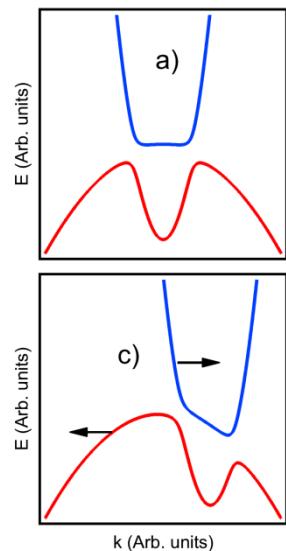
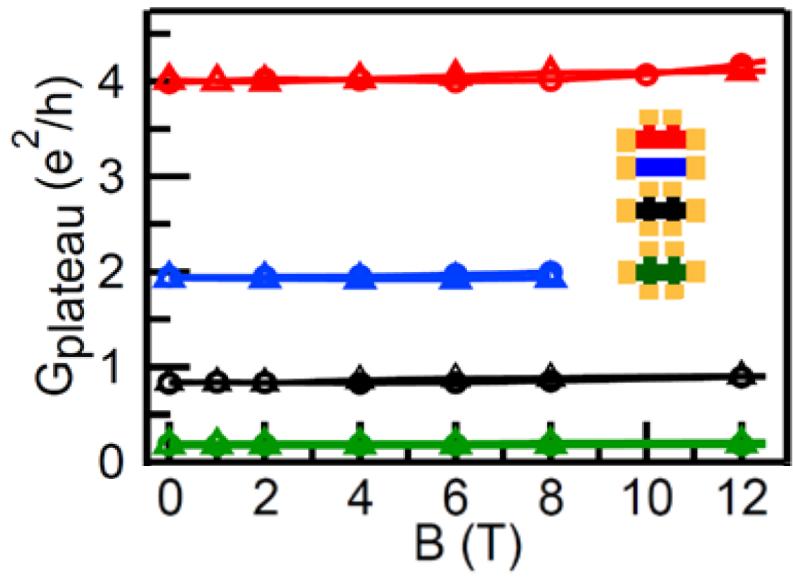
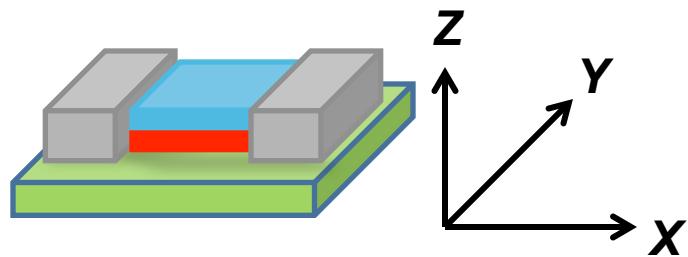
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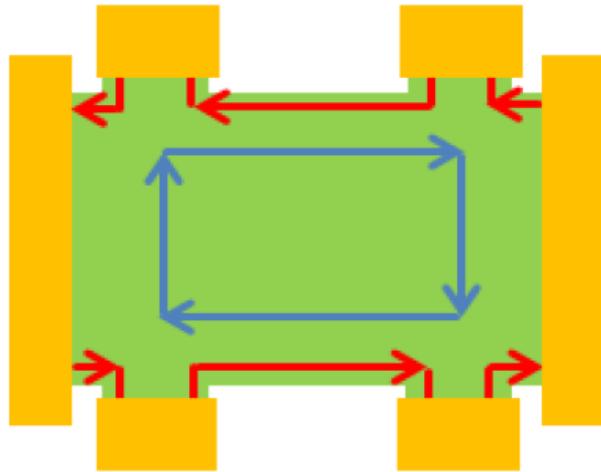
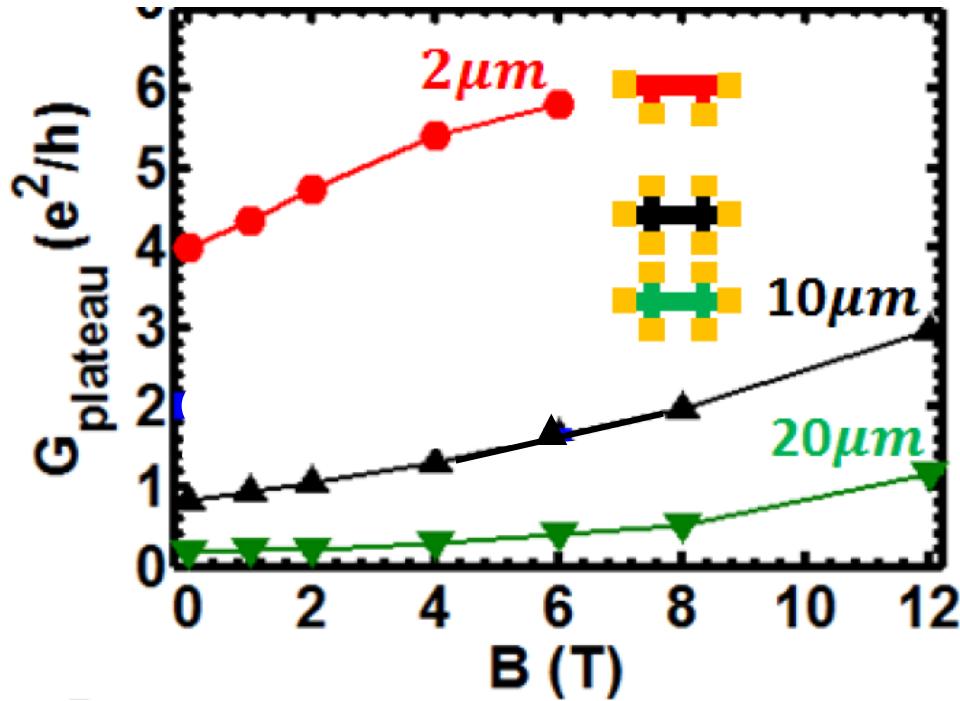
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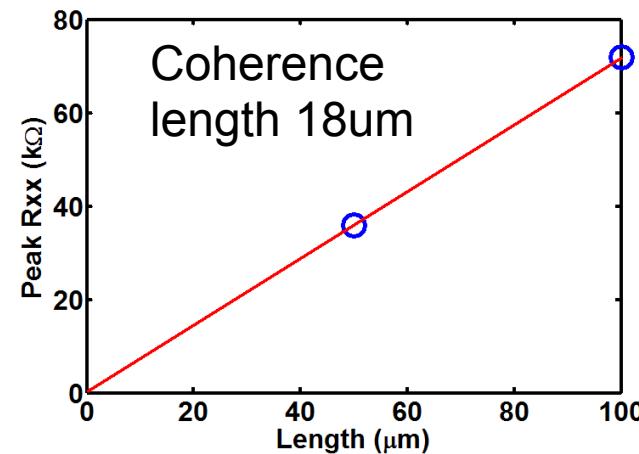
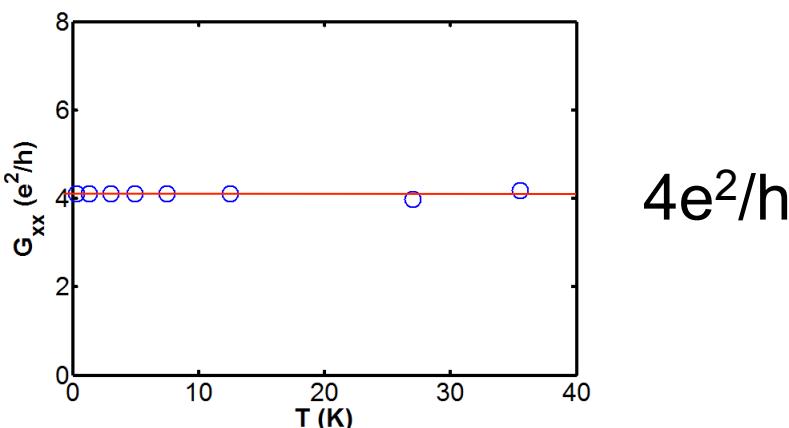
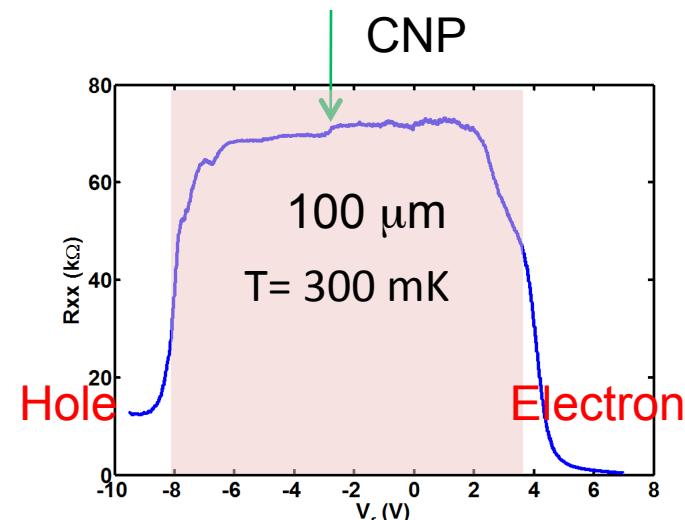
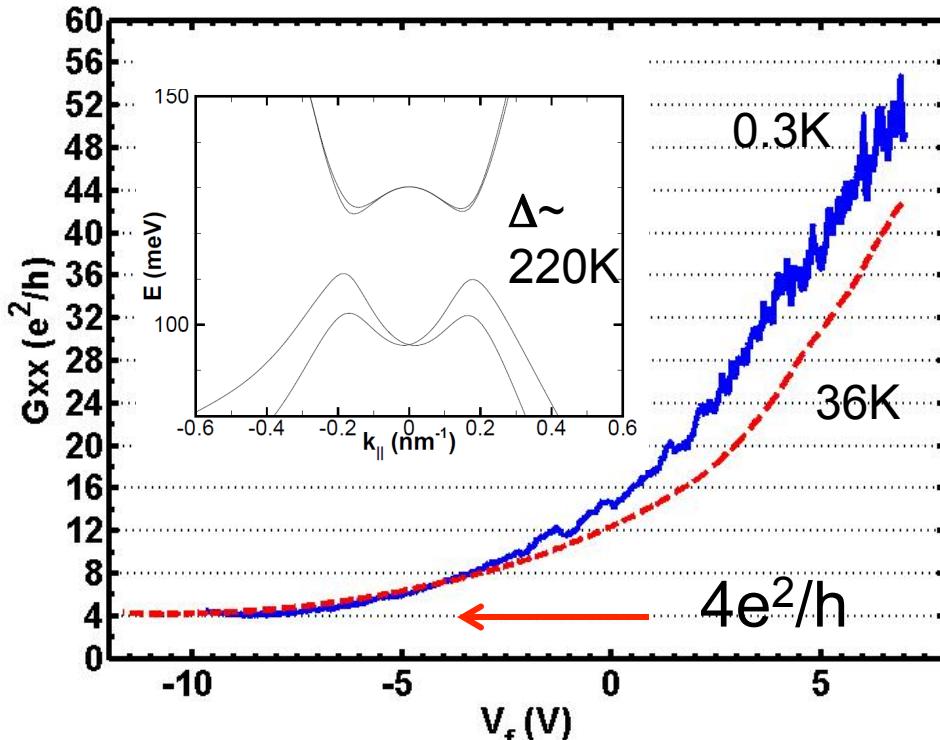
Small  $g^* \sim 0.5$

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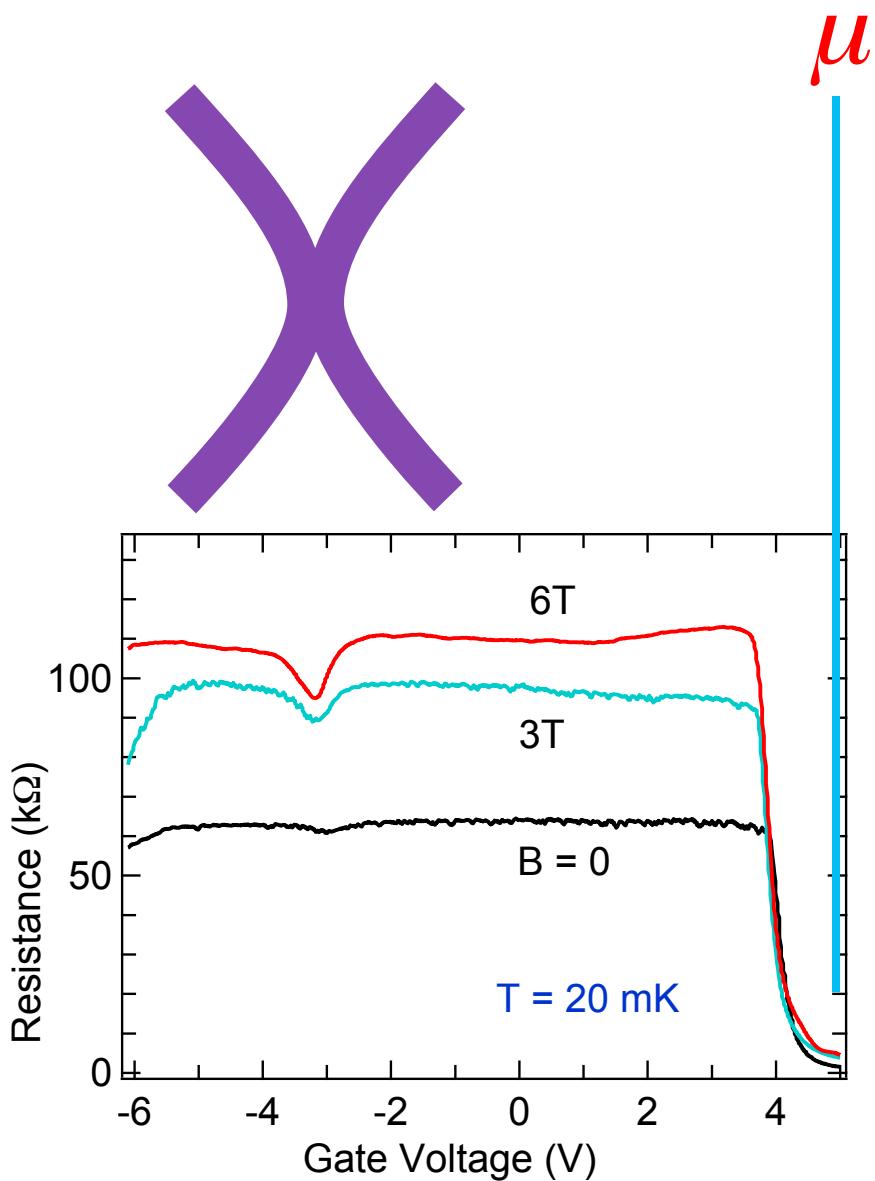
# New Wafer (Strained QW) Preliminary Data



**Quantization of edge in small sample up to 36K**

$$\tau = 18 \mu\text{m} / 1 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s} \sim 180 \text{ ps}$$

# Opening of Edge Gap by Perpendicular B



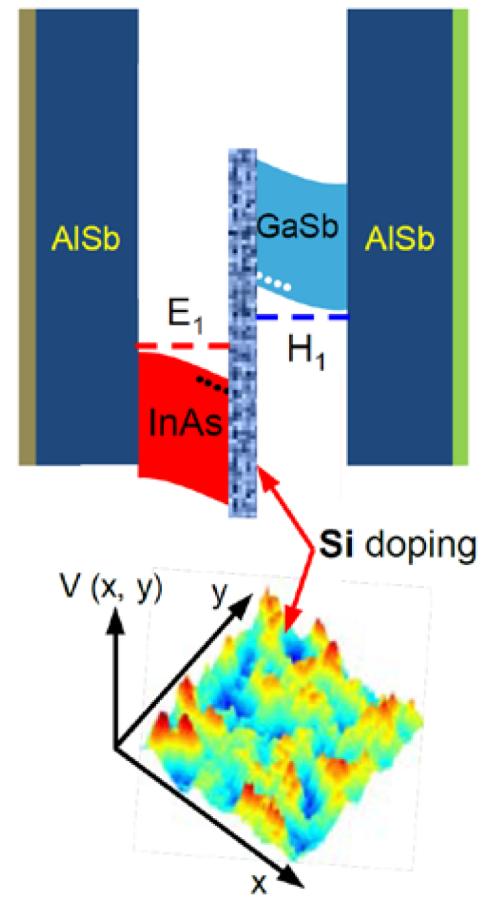
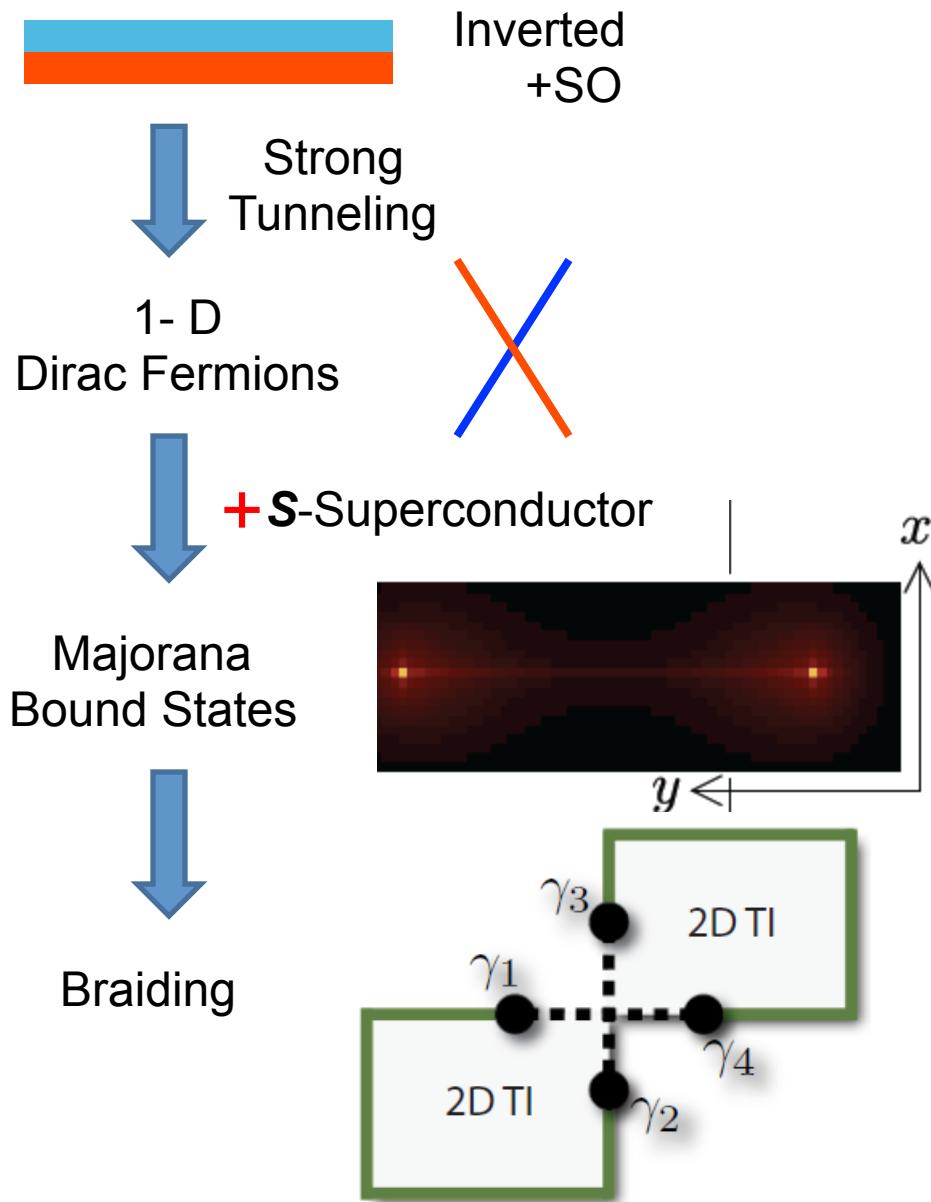
Strained QW of 100 um length

- B = 0: Weak resistance dip already at Dirac point
- Dip deepens with B
- Gap not fully open

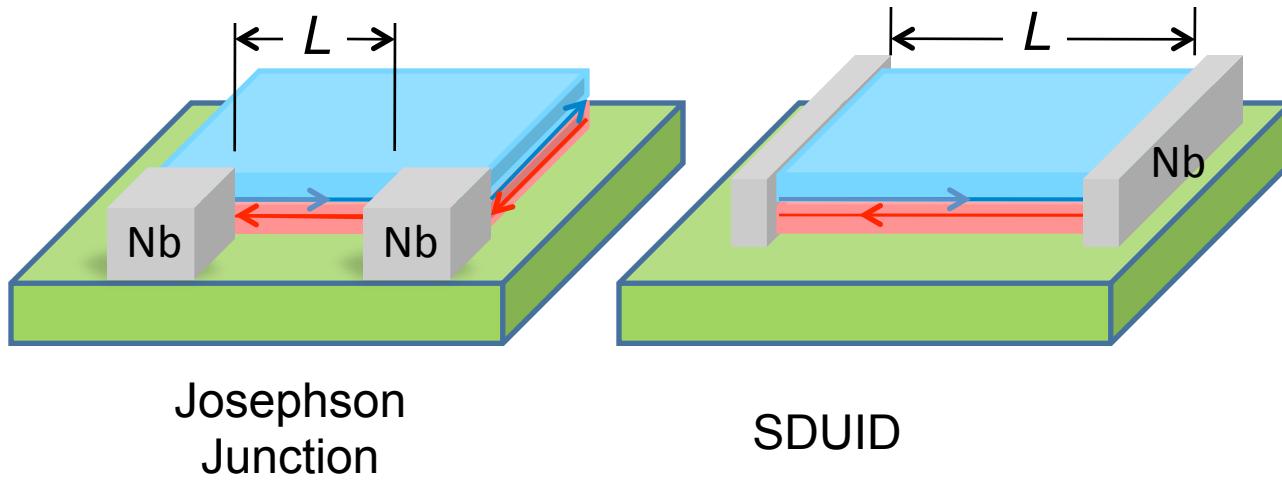
$$\Gamma \sim 1K$$

Tunneling DOS: STM

# InAs/GaSb Majorana Platform



# General Design



Josephson  
Junction

SDUID

$$L = 0.1 \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$$

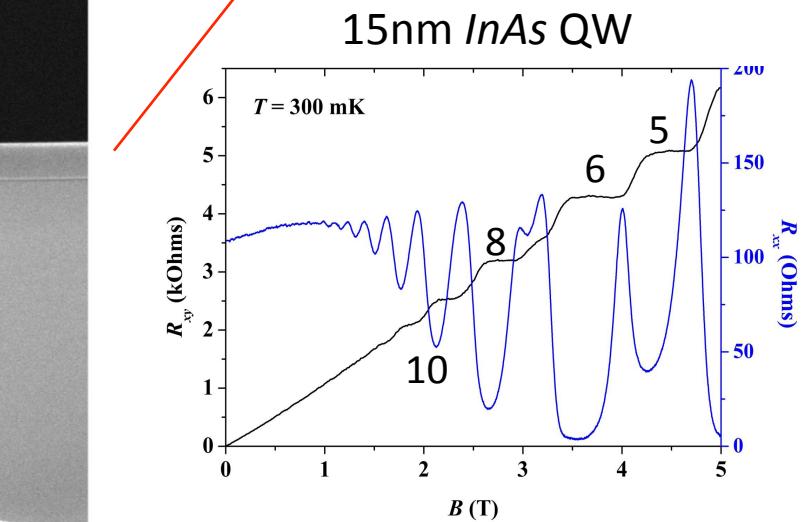
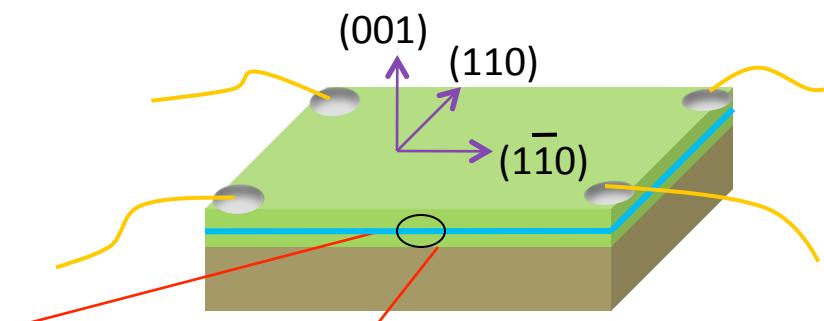
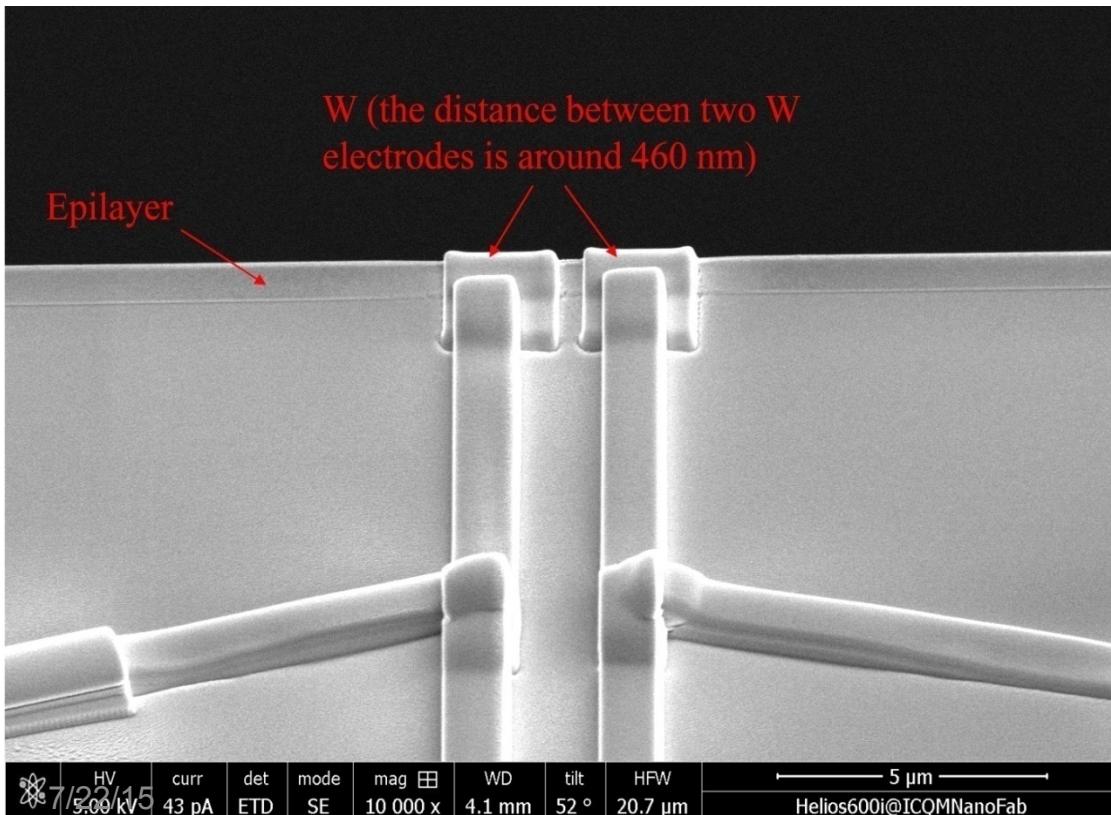
# Direct Writing on Cleaved Edge

FIB-induced deposition of superconducting nanowires

W(40%):C(40%):Ga(20%)

$T_c = 5.2\text{K}$ ,  $H_c = 9.5\text{T}$

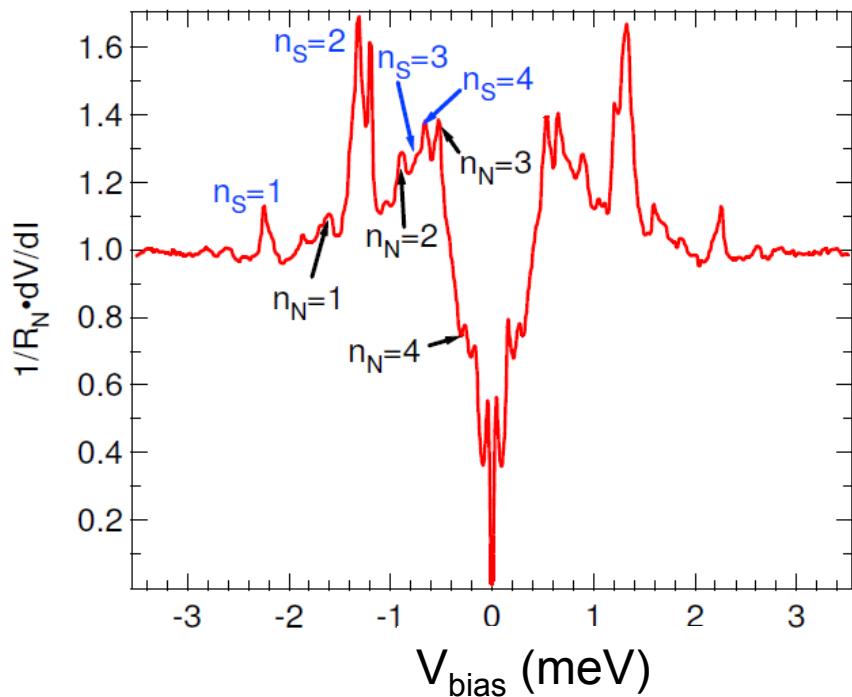
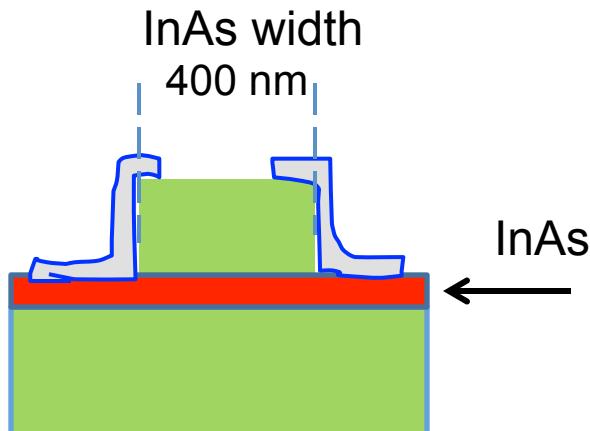
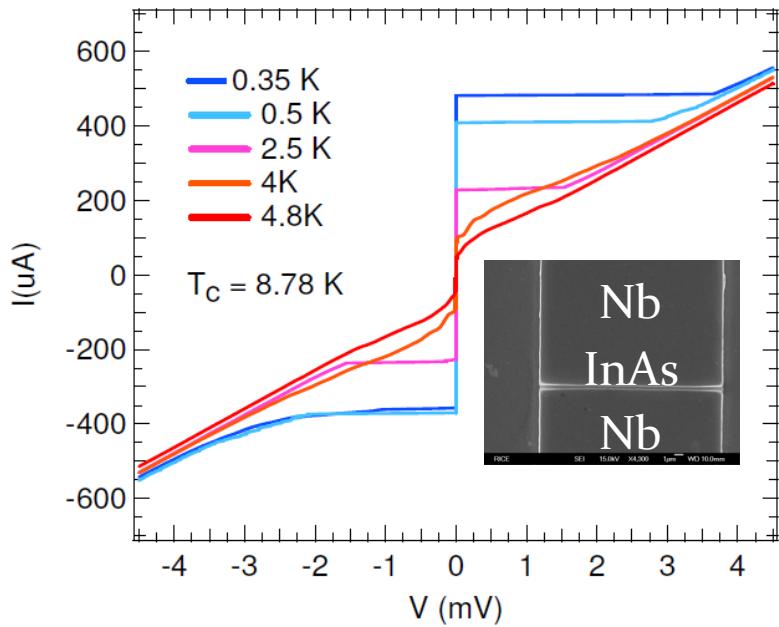
Sadki, Ooi, and Hirata, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 85, 6206(2004)



Proximity effect  
IQHE edge state

# InAs is SC-Friendly: Standard Nb-InAs-Nb

Knez, Du, Sullivan 09



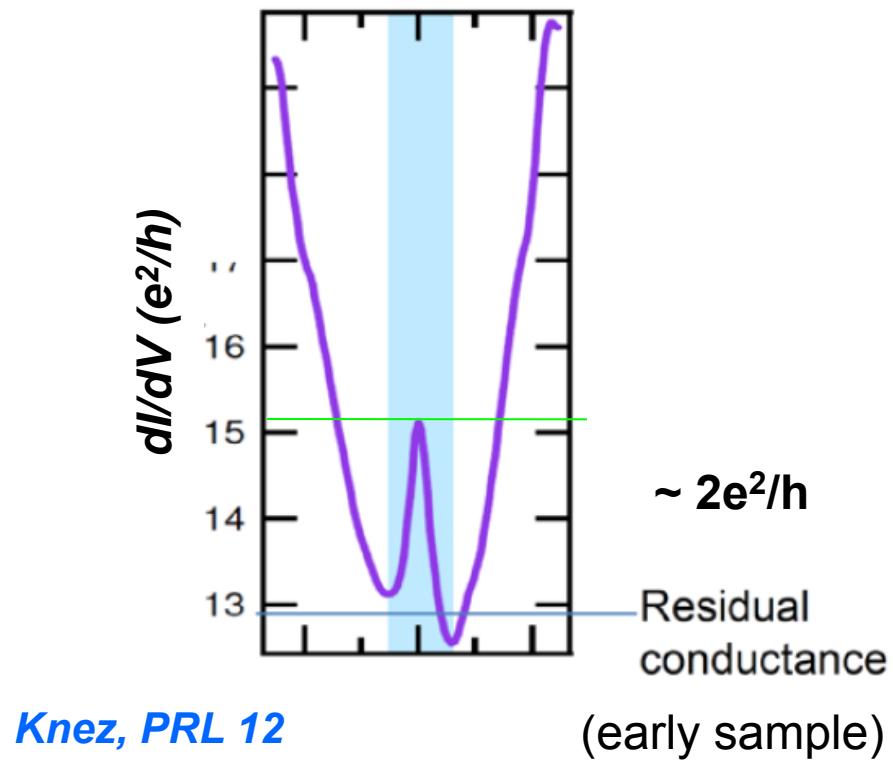
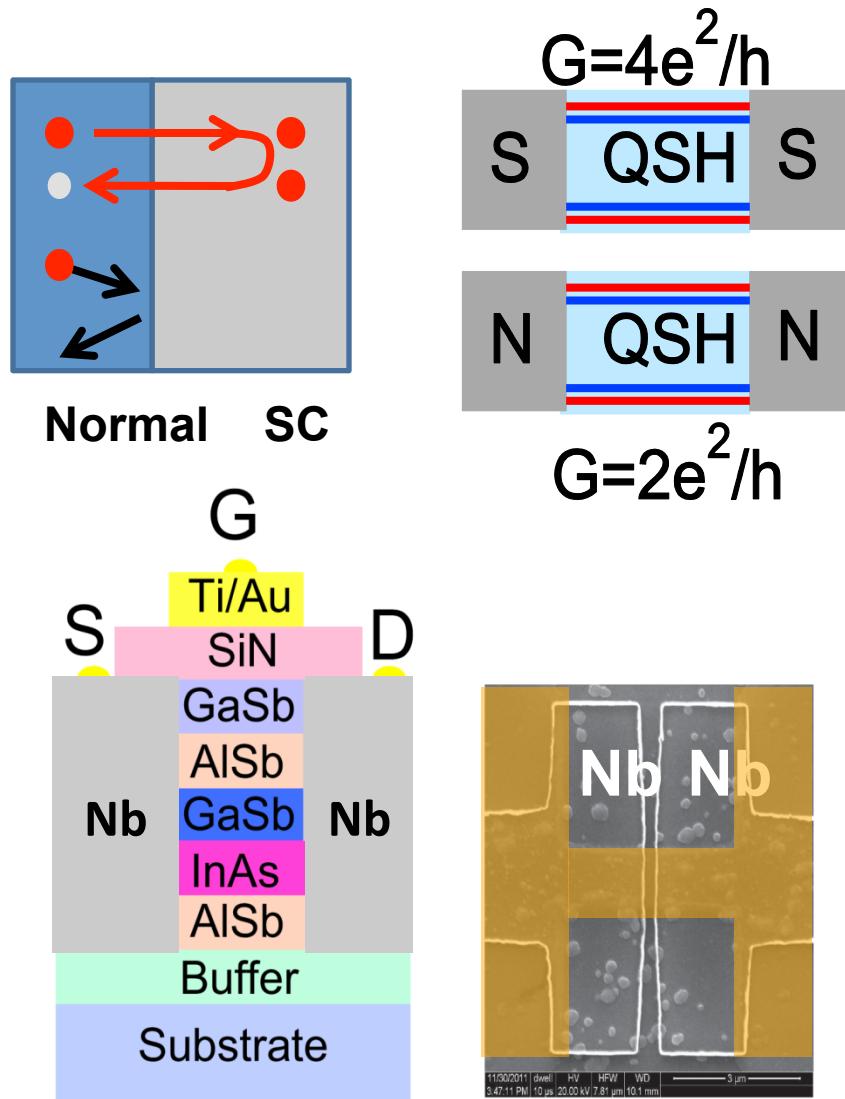
**Multiple Andreev Reflection:**  
 3 sets of peaks:  $\Delta_N$ ,  $\Delta_S$ ,  $\Delta_N + \Delta_S$

$$V_{SGS} = \frac{2 \cdot \Delta_S}{n \cdot e}, \frac{2 \cdot \Delta_N}{n \cdot e}, \frac{2 \cdot (\Delta_S \pm \Delta_N)}{n \cdot e}$$

$$\Delta_N / \Delta_S \sim 0.67$$

$$\Delta_S = 1.31 \text{ meV}; \Delta_N = 0.87 \text{ meV}$$

# Andreev Reflection of Nb-(InAs/GaSb)-Nb Junction

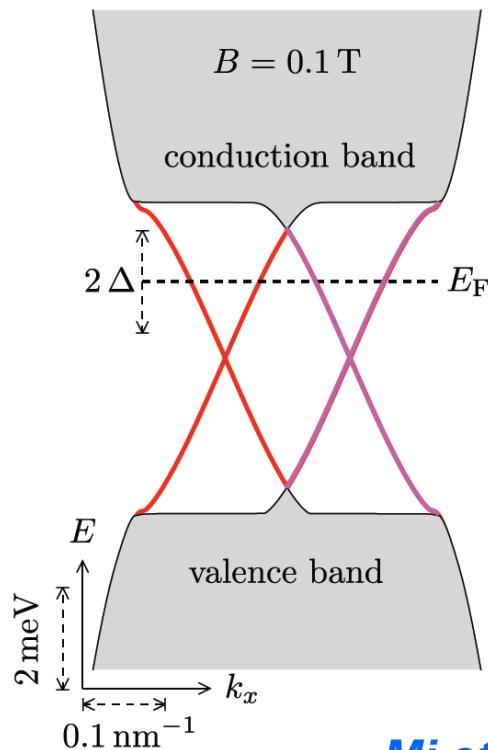
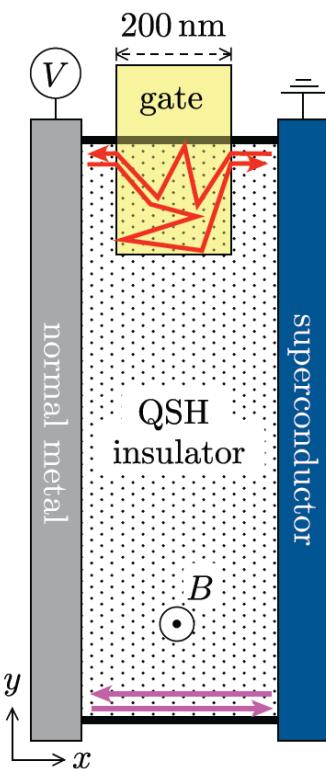
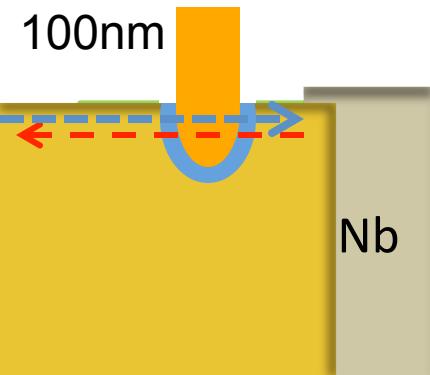


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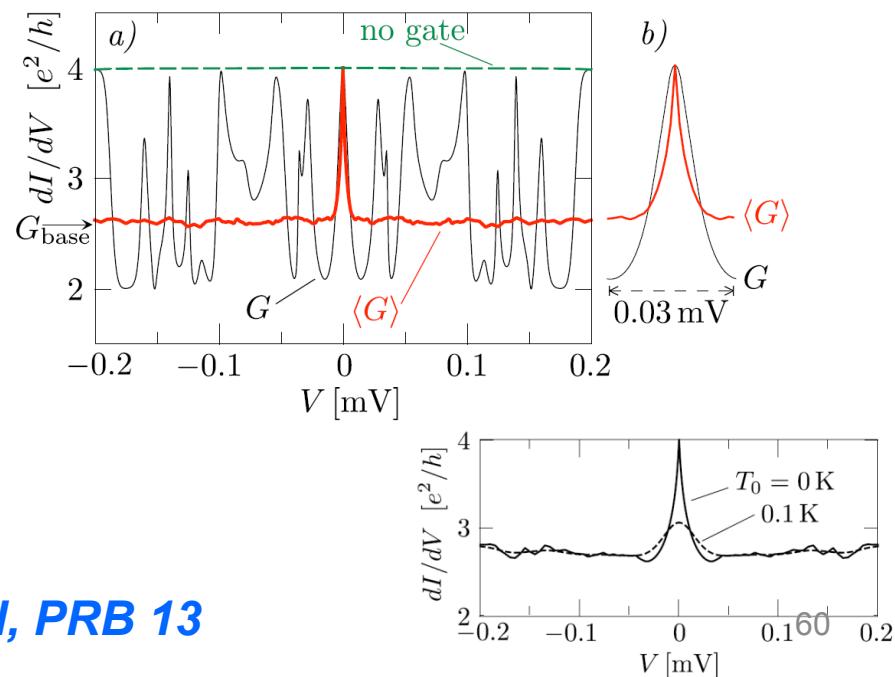
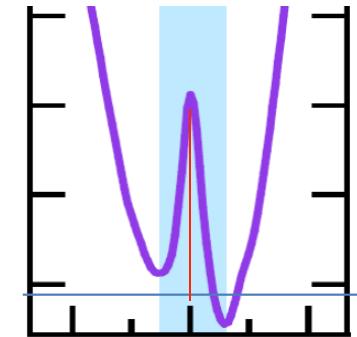
Main challenges:

1. Supercurrent -- small  $v_F$
2. Soft induced-SC gap --  
interface roughness etc
2. Terminating edge --

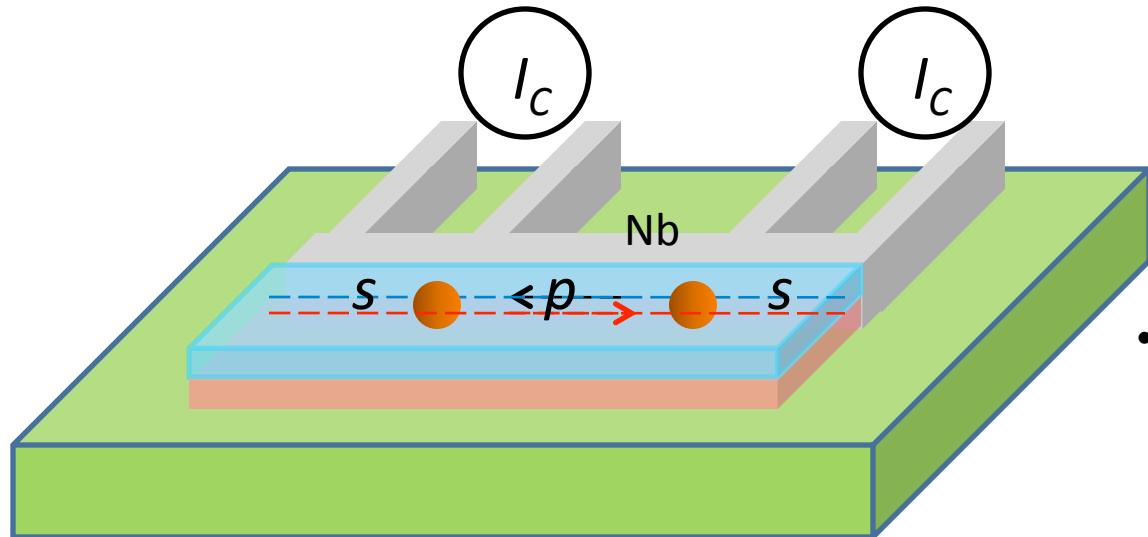
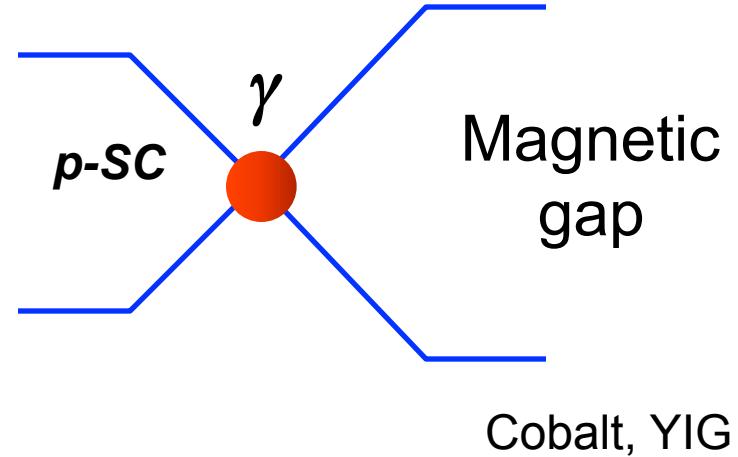
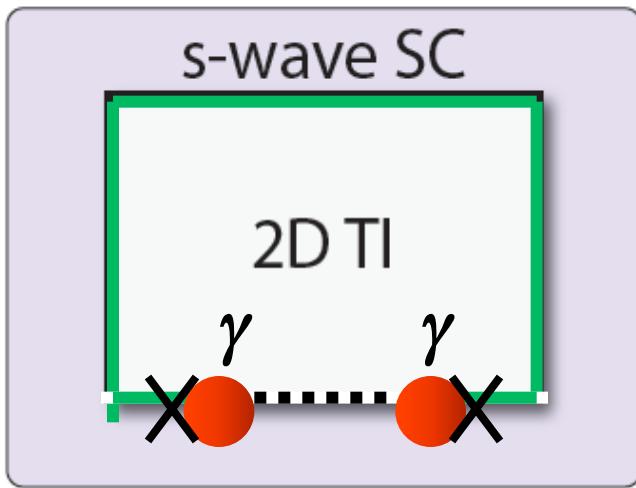
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2. Trapping MF by metallic dot + B
3. Backscattering confines MF
4. Zero modes stands out in disorder average

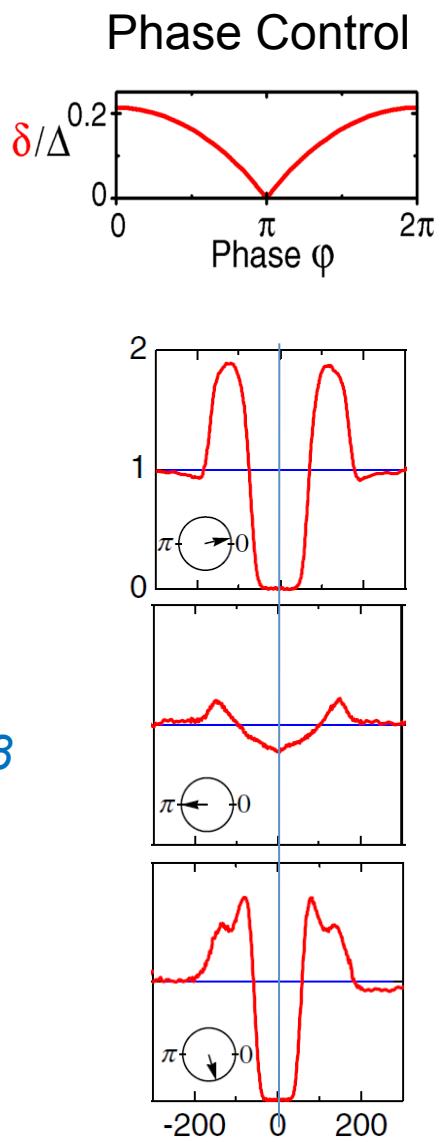
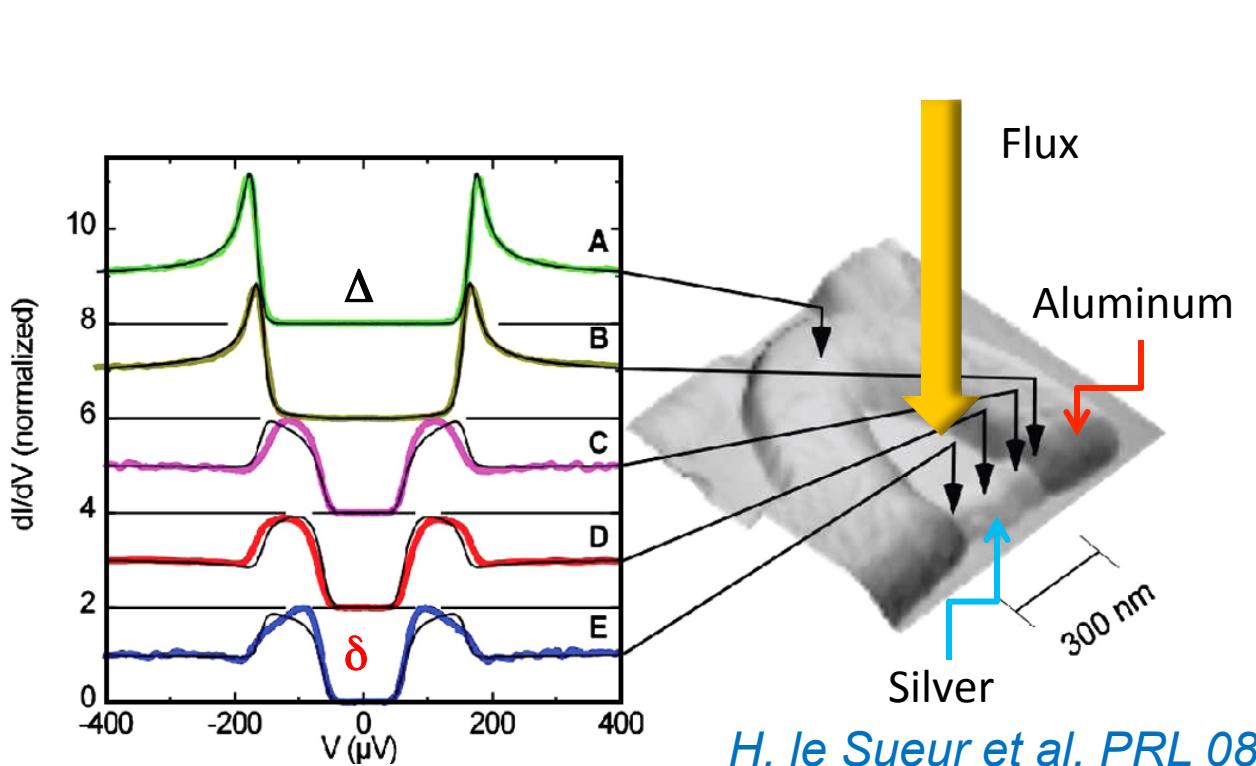


# Magnetic Impurity and Supercurrent Isolation



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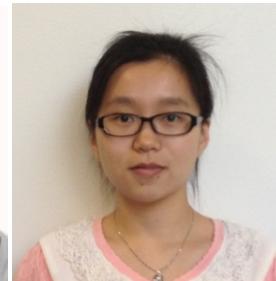
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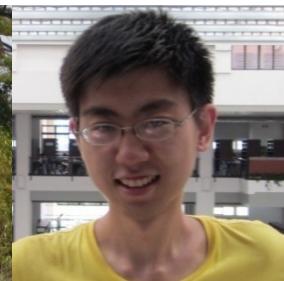
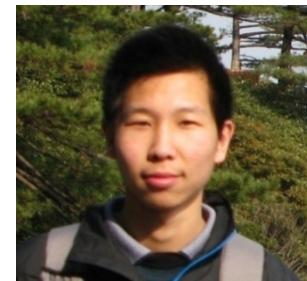
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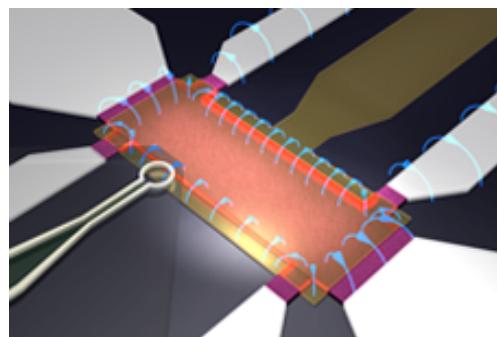
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