

Microwave optomechanics with a carbon nanotube

... and some news about MoS₂ too ...

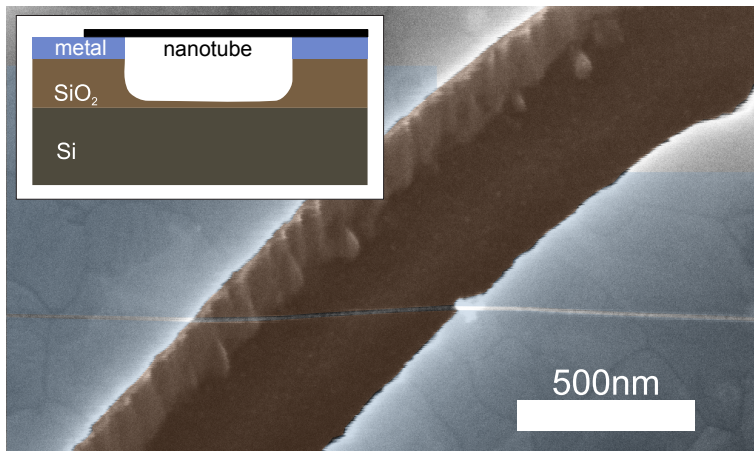
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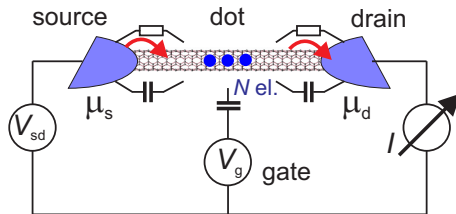
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suspended carbon nanotubes: NEMS and quantum transport

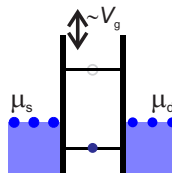


low-temperature transport: Coulomb blockade

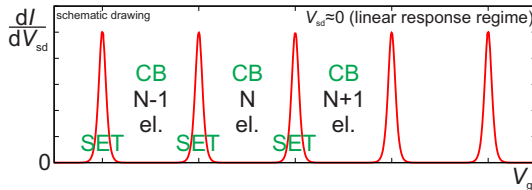
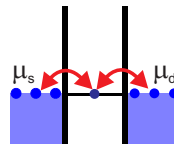
tunnel barriers between contacts and nanotube; low temperature $k_B T \ll e^2/C$: **quantum dot**
all following measurements at $T_{\text{base}} \lesssim 10 \text{ mK}$ (unless noted)



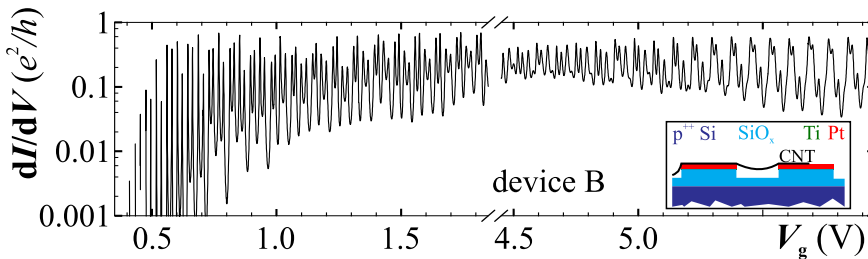
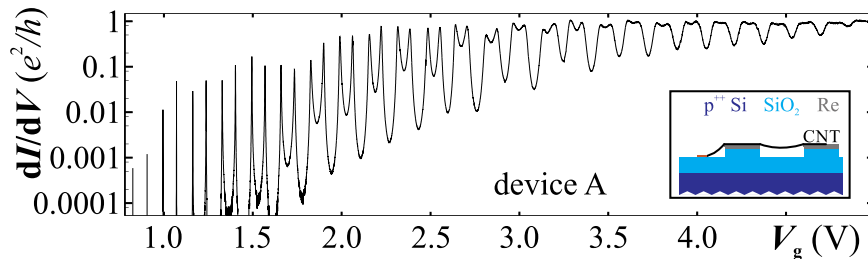
Coulomb blockade



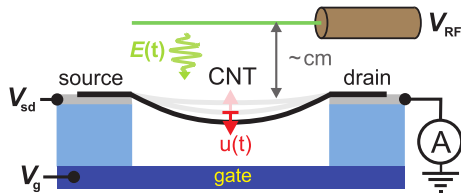
single electron tunneling



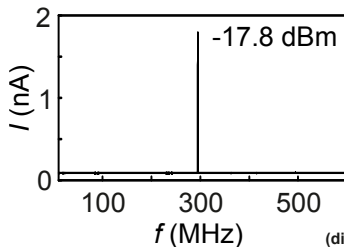
clean transport spectrum, shell effects



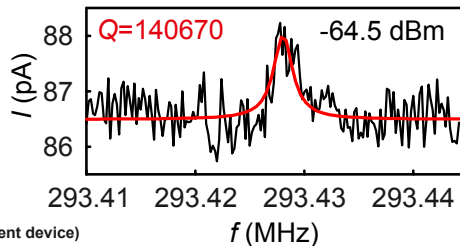
driven transversal vibrations, “the old-fashioned way”



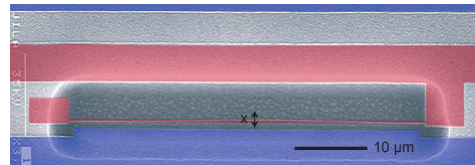
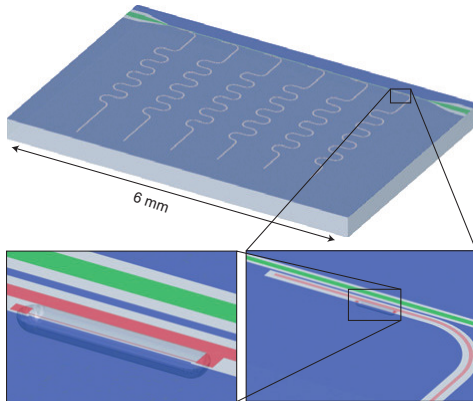
- transport spectroscopy setup plus rf irradiation
- mechanical resonance visible in time-averaged current



(different device)

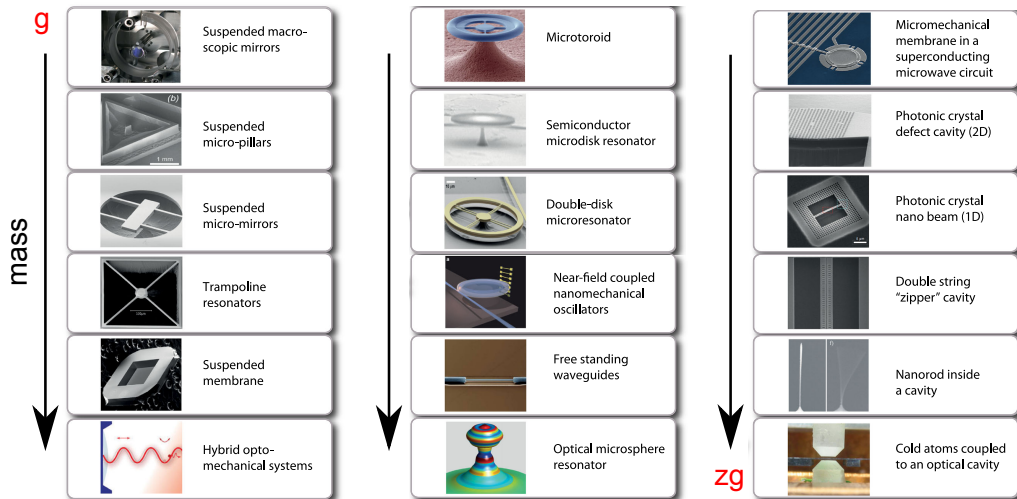


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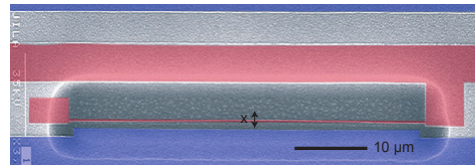
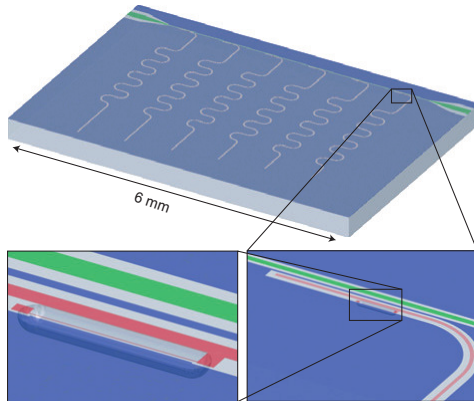


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highly active field of research



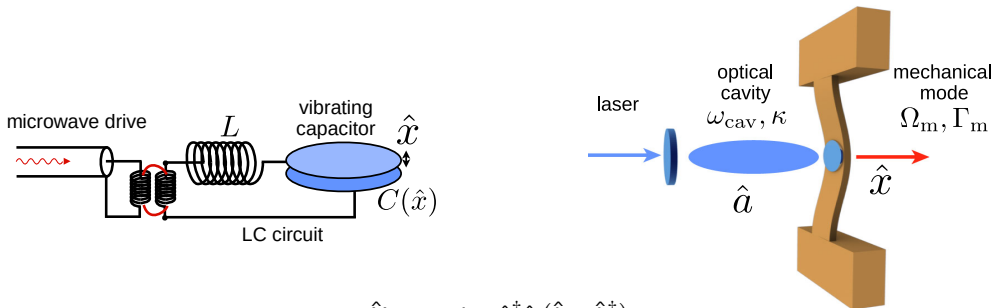
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dispersive optomechanical coupling

moving element modulates CPW resonator capacitance $\leftrightarrow$ optical cavity with moving mirror



$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = -\hbar g_0 \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} (\hat{b} + \hat{b}^\dagger)$$

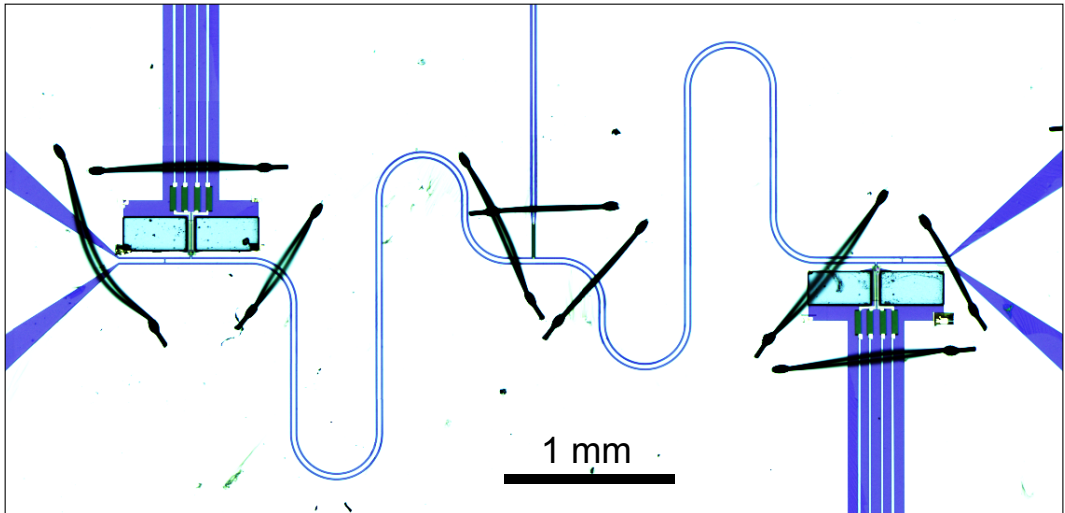
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numbers for dispersive coupling?

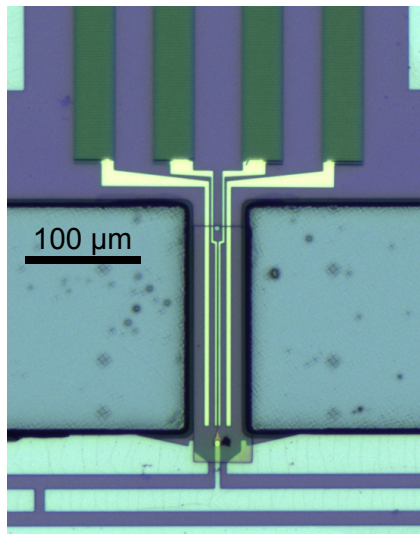
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zero point fluct.	x_{zpf}	2 pm	30 fm	40 fm
cavity frequency	f_{cav}	5.7 GHz	5.9 GHz	5 GHz
cavity Q	Q_{cav}	437	25000	10000
cavity occupation	n_{cav}	6.75×10^4	(6.75×10^4)	(6.75×10^4)
coupling capacitance	C_g	2.6 aF	580 aF	
capacitance sensitivity	$\partial C_g / \partial x$	1 pF/m		170 pF/m
zero-photon coupling	g_0	2.9 mHz	0.83 Hz	0.15 Hz
dispersive coupling	$g_0 Q_{\text{cav}} / f_{\text{cav}}$	2×10^{-10}	3×10^{-6}	3×10^{-7}
sideband cooling rate	$\kappa_{\text{opt}} (\propto n_{\text{cav}})$	$\sim 10^{-7}$ Hz	0.77 Hz	12 mHz

A single-wall carbon nanotube is a great mechanical resonator, but is also annoyingly small.

we built it anyway (geometry is not everything!)

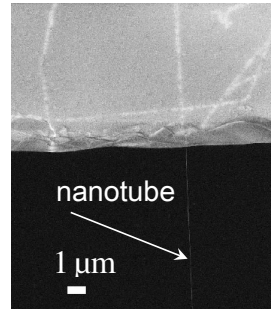
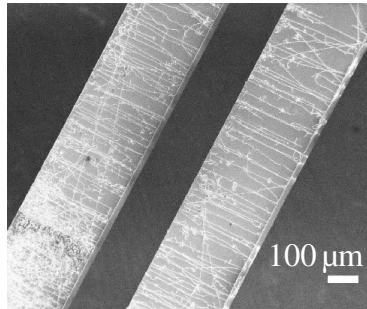
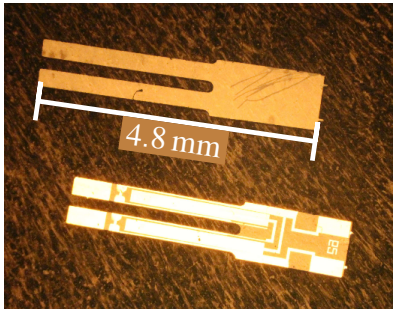


nanotube deposition area



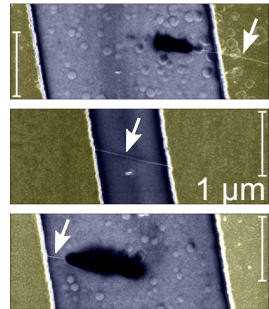
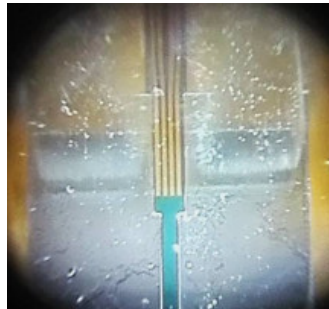
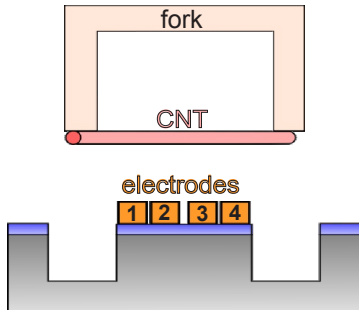
- gate finger connected to cavity
- isolation layer (cross-linked PMMA)
- long resistive meanders as RF block
- four gold electrodes (source, drain, and two for cutting)
- deep-etched areas to allow fork deposition

nanotube growth on commercial quartz tuning forks



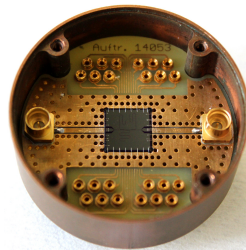
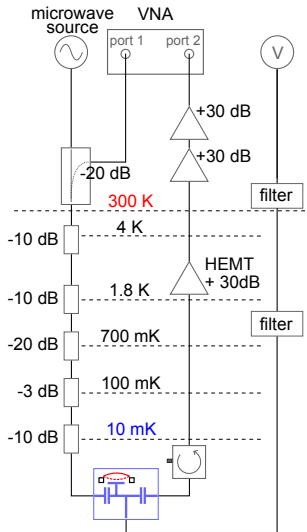
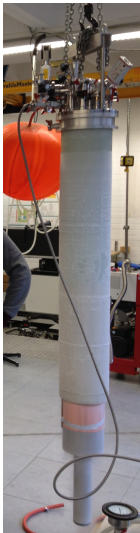
nominally 1 nm Co sputter-deposited as catalyst; growth in high gas flow
details: S. Blien *et al.*, PSSb **255**, 1800118 (2018)

nanotube deposition

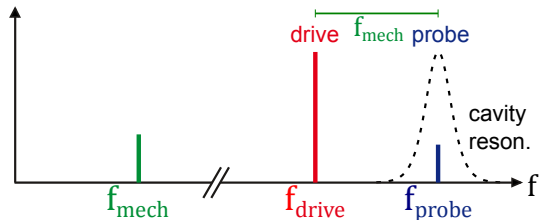
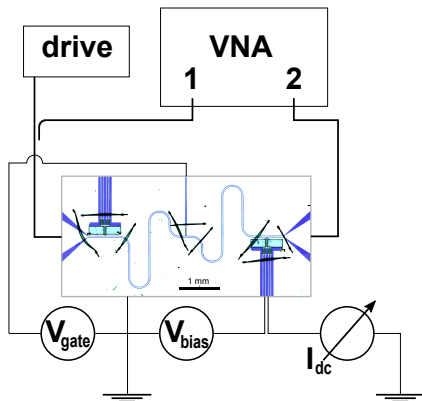


lower fork, detect contact electrically, burn outer segments with current, retract fork
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now this is cooled to 10mK

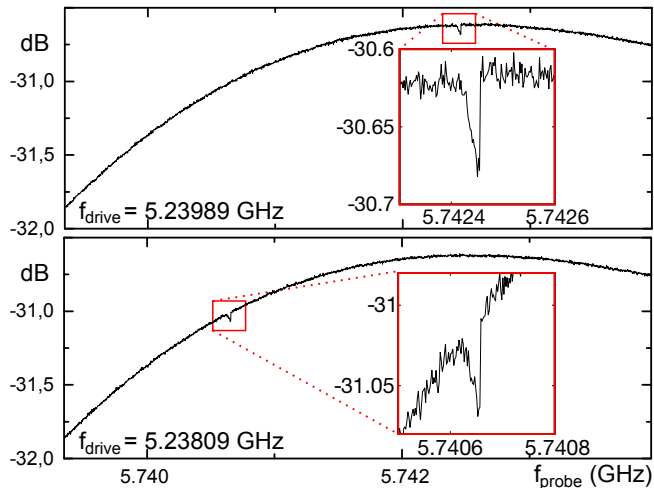


optomechanically induced (in)transparency (I)



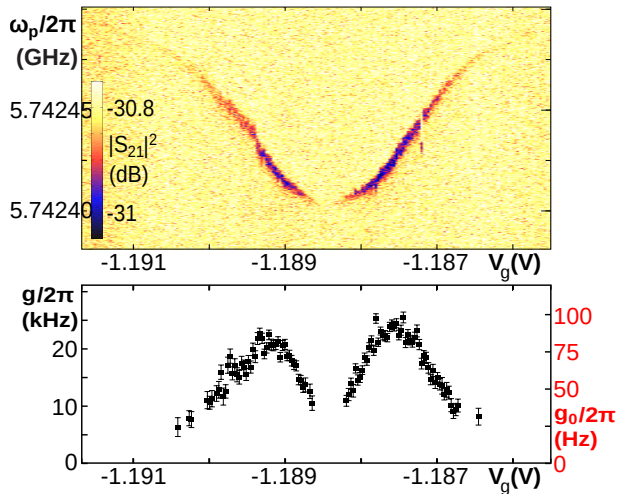
- strong drive at $f_{\text{drive}} = f_{\text{cav}} - f_{\text{mech}}$ (red sideband)
- probe transmission with weak signal f_{probe} near f_{cav}
- when $f_{\text{probe}} - f_{\text{drive}} = f_{\text{mech}}$:
interaction with mechanics $\rightarrow$ signal loss

optomechanically induced (in)transparency (II)



- clear OMIT feature for $f_{\text{probe}} - f_{\text{drive}} = f_{\text{mech}}$
- **in**transparency due to specific cavity / detection arrangement
- would not be visible with $g_0 \sim 10$ mHz (even at high drive power)
- obviously something was missing in the theory

optomechanically induced (in)transparency (III) – now with gate!



- we trace the OMIT signal over a sharp CB oscillation
- “dip” position $\leftrightarrow f_{\text{mech}}(V_g)$
- depth, width of “dip” $\leftrightarrow$ optomechanical coupling g
- fit each trace, extract $g(V_g)$
- large on flanks of SET peak
 $g \simeq 20 \text{ kHz}$
 $g_0 = g/\sqrt{n_{\text{cav}}} \simeq 95 \text{ Hz}$
- in Coulomb blockade & at degeneracy point zero / no signal

another type of capacitance

- Capacitance “seen” by the coplanar resonator:

$$C_{\text{CNT}} = e \frac{\partial \langle Q_g \rangle}{\partial V_g} = \dots = e \frac{C_g}{C_\Sigma} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial V_g} + \text{const.}$$

- The nanotube moves $\longrightarrow$ C_g changes by δC_g $\longrightarrow$ the Coulomb oscillations shift in V_g
- We define an *effective gate voltage modulation* equivalent to the motion:

$$C_g \delta V_g^{\text{eff}} = V_g \delta C_g$$

- This results in

$$\frac{\partial C_{\text{CNT}}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial C_{\text{CNT}}}{\partial V_g^{\text{eff}}} \frac{\partial V_g^{\text{eff}}}{\partial x} = \dots = e \frac{\partial^2 \langle N \rangle}{\partial V_g^2} \frac{V_g}{C_\Sigma} \frac{\partial C_g}{\partial x}$$

amplification factor!

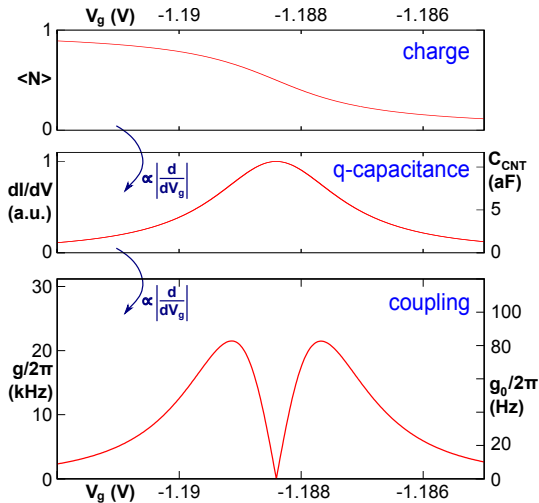
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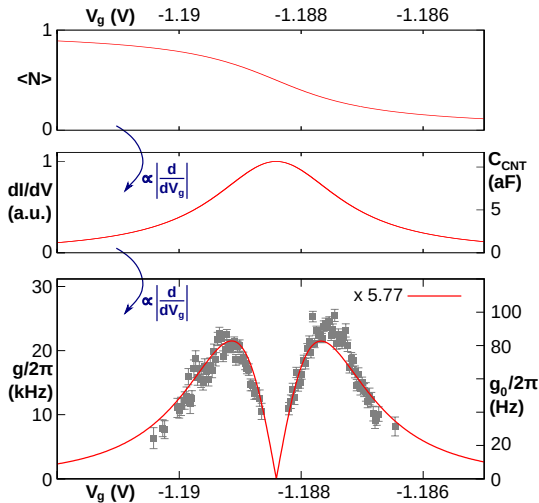
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Suddenly this is much more interesting (even for our low n_{cav} and Q_{cav}).

outlook

- first optomechanical system with electronic quantum confinement
- improve coplanar cavity parameters, coupling, amplification
 - re-arrange attenuators, better HEMT amplifier, insert a JPA
 - simulate and optimize cavity geometry
 - improve dc cable filtering
 - ...
- $g \gtrsim \kappa_m, \kappa_{\text{cav}}$ reachable, $C \sim n_{\text{th}}$ reachable $\longrightarrow$ quantum control of motion!
- good cavity limit: cooling, heating, temperature readout, energy balance with single electron tunneling!
(note that $k_B T_{\text{base}} \lesssim \hbar f_{\text{mech}}$)
- bad cavity limit: conductance measurement with $\gtrsim 100$ MHz bandwidth
- quantum state transfer, mechanical quantum information processing

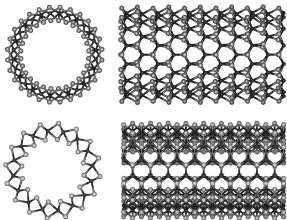
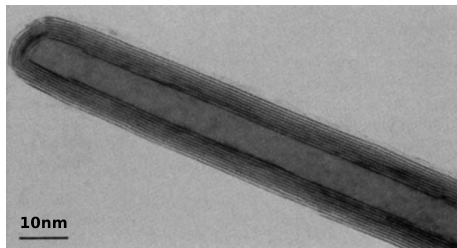
... and much more ...

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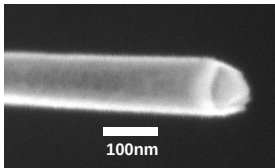
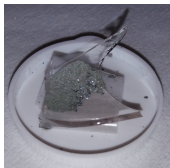
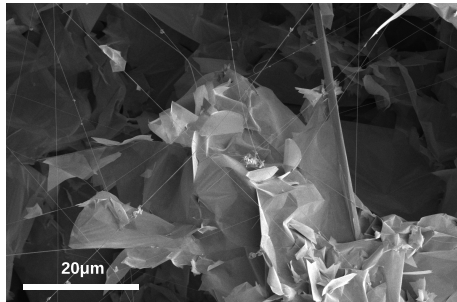
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let's go TMDC!



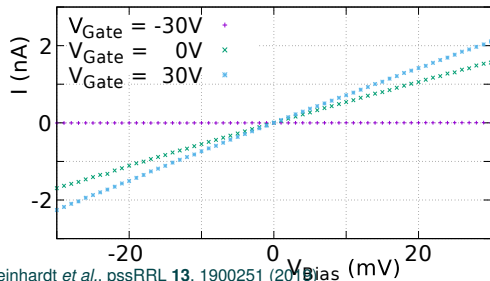
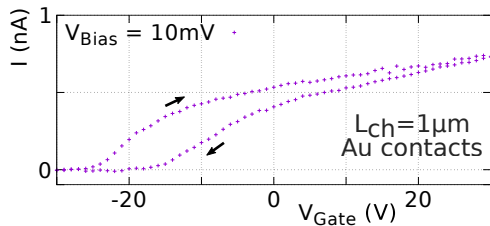
- first synthesis of WS_2 and MoS_2 multiwall nanotubes in 1992 by R. Tenne
- all chiralities semiconducting
- band gap decreases with radius
- intrinsic superconductivity,
e.g., in WS_2 nanotubes via ionic gating:
F. Qin *et al.*, Nat. Comm. **8**, 14465 (2017)
F. Qin *et al.*, Nano Letters **18**, 6789 (2018)
- we get spatial confinement for free!
- no previous work on quantum dots and low temperature transport spectroscopy

TMDC nanotube growth (group M. Remškar, Ljubljana)

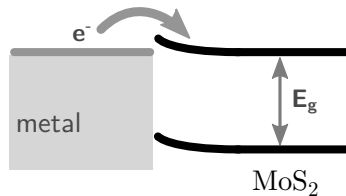


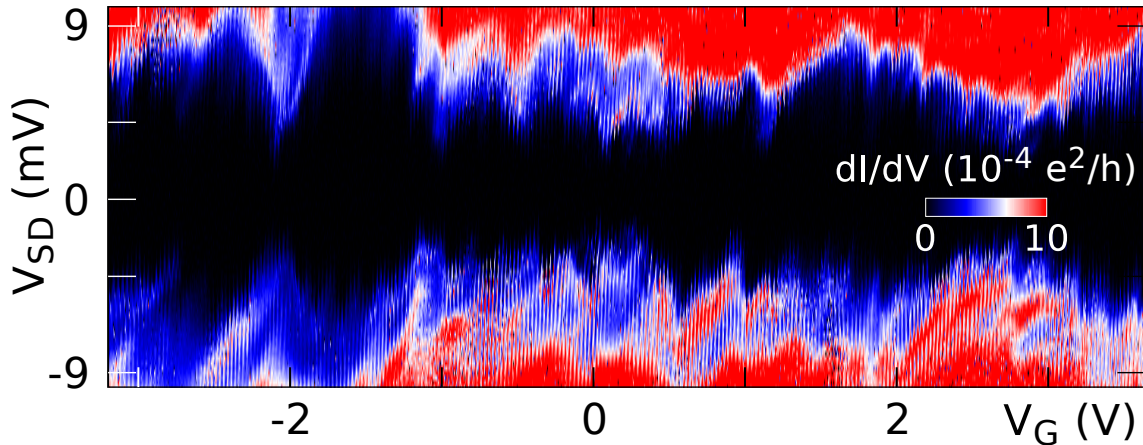
- two-zone furnace
- iodine-assisted chemical transport reaction
M. Remškar *et al.*, APL **69**, 351 (1996)
- slow, near-equilibrium growth
- near defect-free nanostructures
- mixture of 2d and 1d morphologies
- individual multiwall tubes
- diameter from ~ 10 nm up to several μm
- length up to several millimeters

MoS₂ nanotube device, $T = 300\text{ K}$



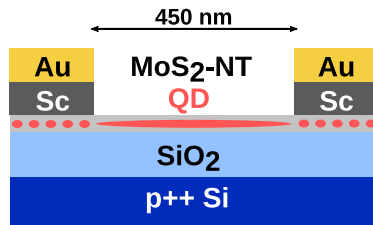
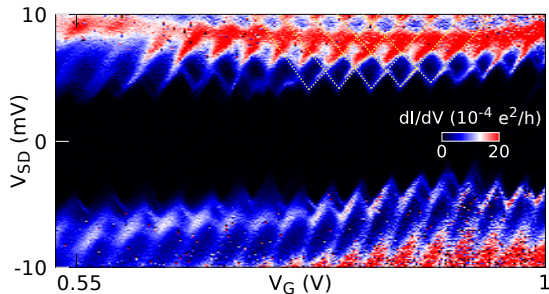
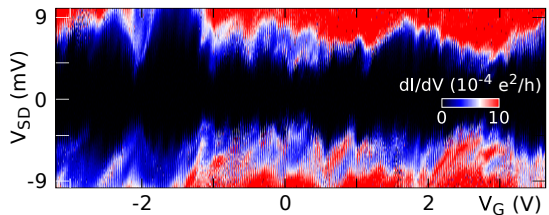
- n-type field effect
- linear $I(V)$ characteristics
- $R_{\text{on}} \approx 15\text{ M}\Omega$
- Fermi-level pinning to conduction band
- not perfect yet, but promising



stability diagram, $T = 0.3\text{ K}$ (1)

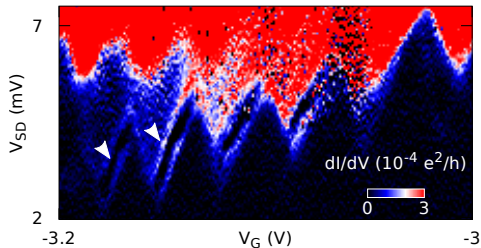
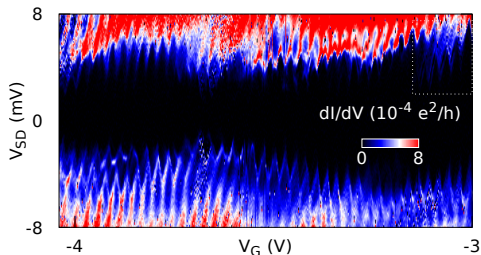
doesn't look that nice yet, but...

stability diagram, $T = 0.3\text{ K}$ (2)



- large scale: disordered system of quantum dots
- zoom: highly regular Coulomb oscillations
- trap states at the metal contacts!
capacitances confirm this

excitation lines!



- excitation lines visible in conductance,
 $\Delta E \sim 500 \mu\text{eV}$
- expected mean level spacing for a chaotic quantum dot (assuming $r = 10 \text{ nm}$, $l = 450 \text{ nm}$):

$$\Delta E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi}{m^* A} \sim 10 \mu\text{eV}$$

- 1D geometry, large $N_{\text{el}} \rightarrow$ large ΔE ?
- band structure calculations and 2d magnetotransport data exist
- no theory on confinement spectrum yet
- many more measurements needed

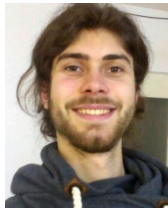
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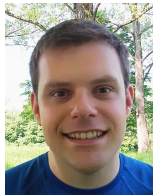
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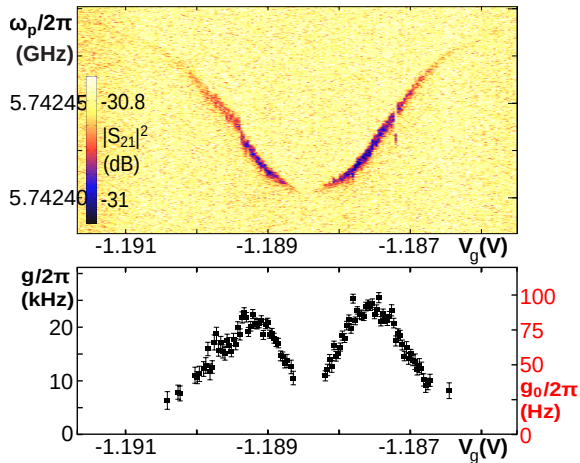


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thank you! — questions?



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