

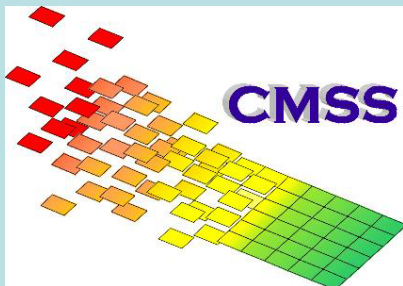
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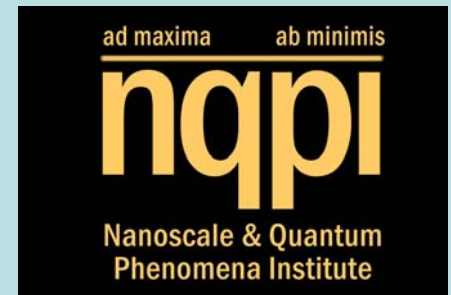
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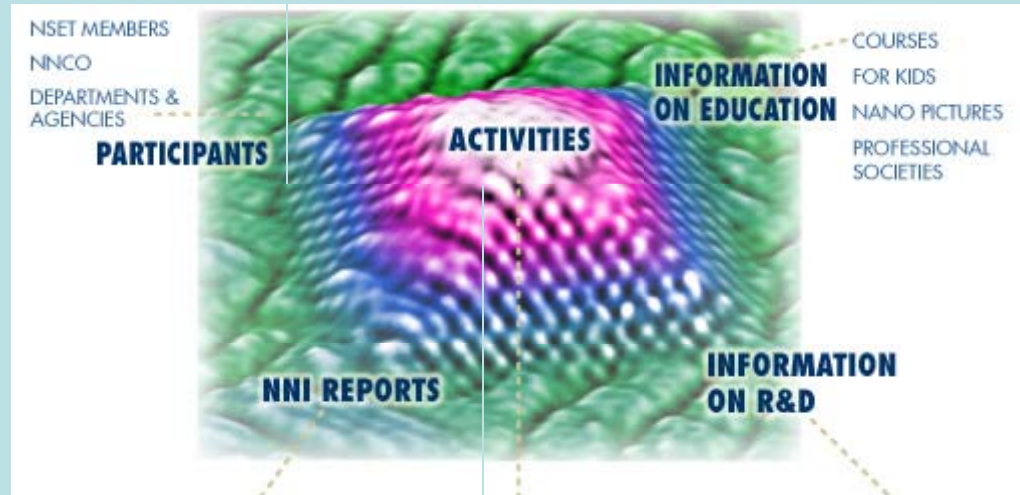


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# Resumen/Outline

- Quantum dots – confinement vs interactions
  - How to make / study them
- Coulomb blockade & assorted IV characteristics
- Optical effects – excitons: selection rules, field effects
- Transport in complex molecules: the case of DNA

# Quantum Dots: $L \sim \lambda$

good things come in small packages

Confinement:  $KE \sim k^2 \sim L^{-2}$

Interactions:  $PE \sim q^2/L$

For  $L \sim 100\text{nm}$ ,  $PE \sim 1\text{meV}$   
while  $KE \sim 0.5\text{meV}$  (in GaAs)

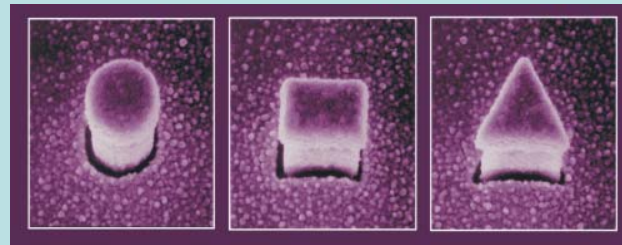
For  $L \sim 5\text{nm}$ ,  $PE \sim 20\text{meV}$  ;  $KE \sim 200\text{meV}$

Total energy

$$E = KE + PE$$

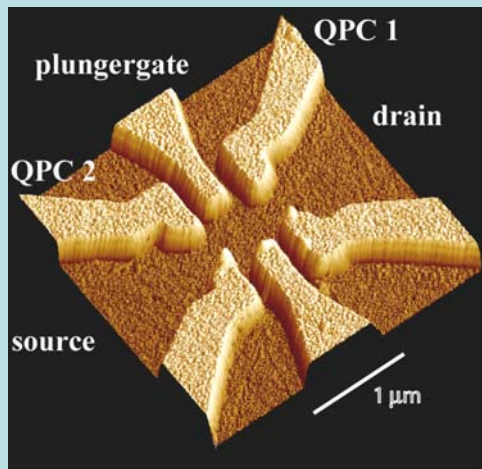
# Quantum dot fabrication

## Lithographically



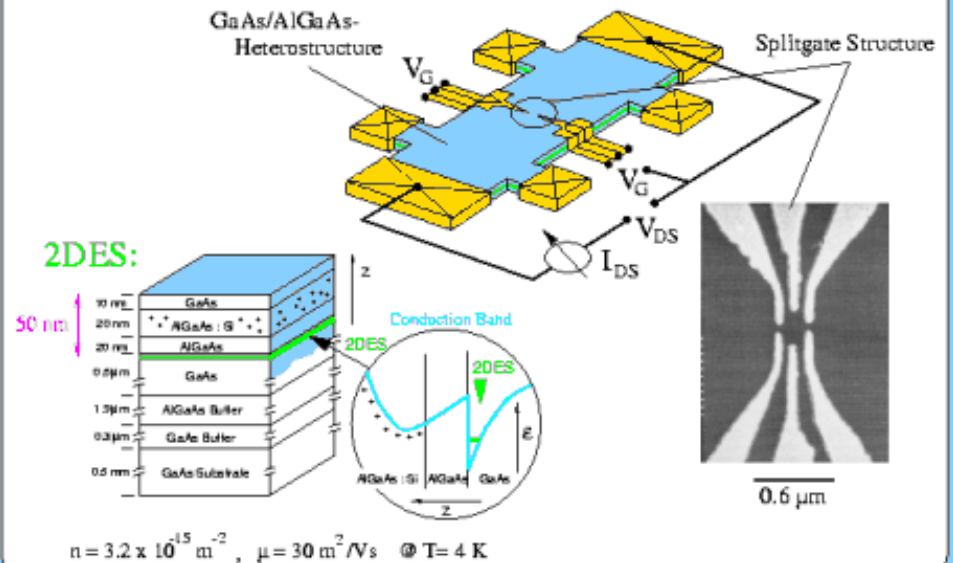
Kouwenhoven et al, U Delft

Weis et al, MPI Stuttgart

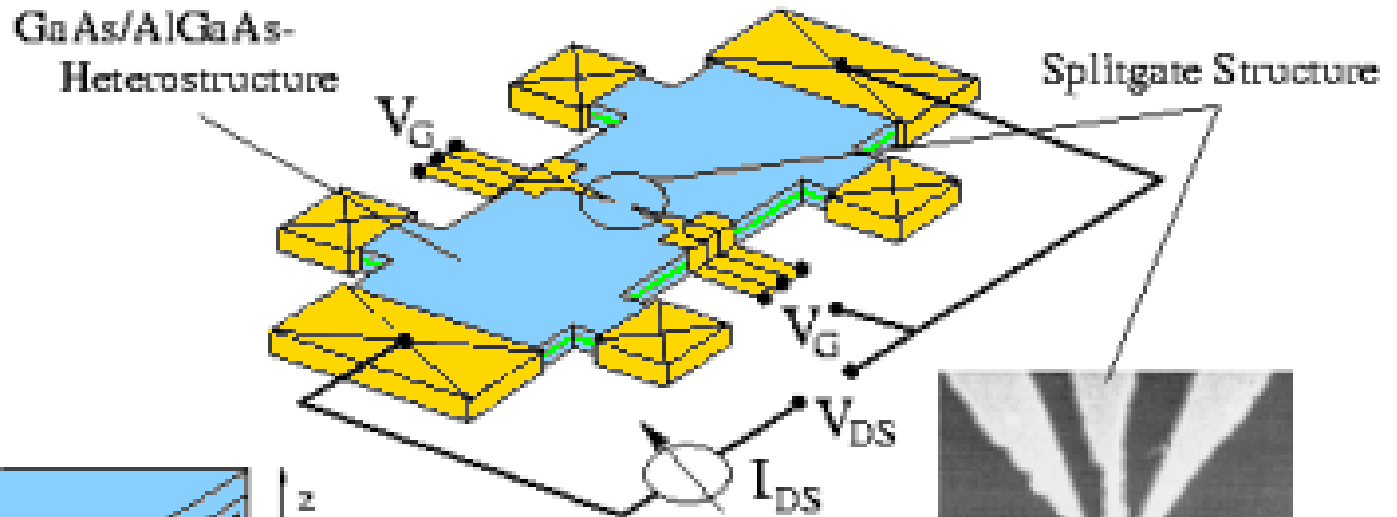


Ensslin et al, ETH Zurich

### Experimental Setup

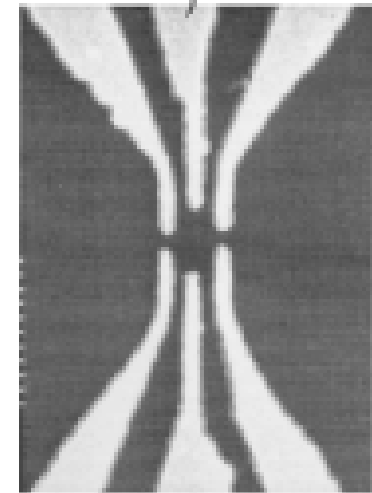
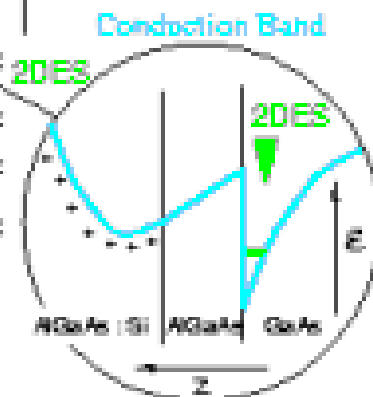
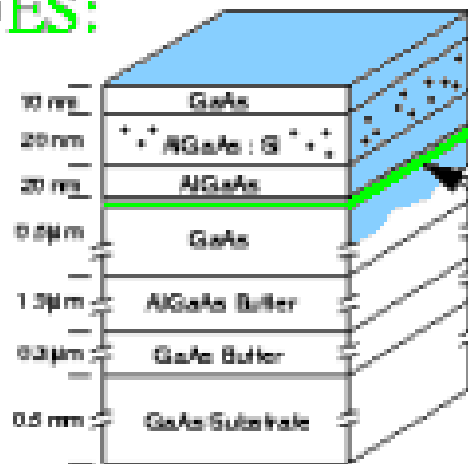


# Experimental Setup



2DES:

50 nm



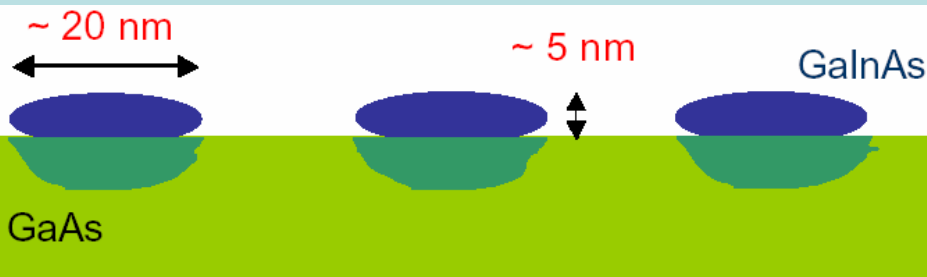
0.6 μm

$$n = 3.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}^{-2}, \quad \mu = 30 \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs} \quad @ T = 4 \text{ K}$$

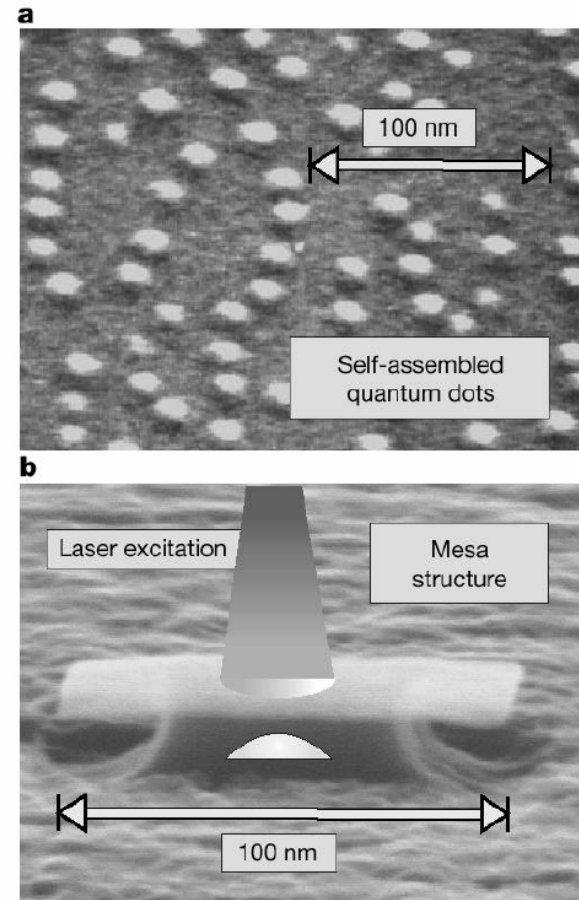
# Quantum dot fabrication

## Self-assembly

- Stranski – Krastanow islands
- MBE
- in-plane densities  
 $\sim 10^{10} - 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- size variations  $< 10\%$
- sharp photoluminescence features,  $\text{frequency} \propto \text{size}$



## Self-assembled quantum dots



**Figure 1** Scanning electron micrographs illustrating the experimental technique used for studying single self-assembled quantum dots. **a**, Scanning electron micrograph of a GaAs semiconductor layer on which  $\text{In}_{0.60}\text{Ga}_{0.40}\text{As}$  self-assembled quantum dots with a density of about  $10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  have been grown by molecular beam epitaxy. To permit their microscopic observation these dots—unlike those used for spectroscopy—have not

Bayer et al, Nature, June 2000

## AlAs and GaAs “antidots” in InAs

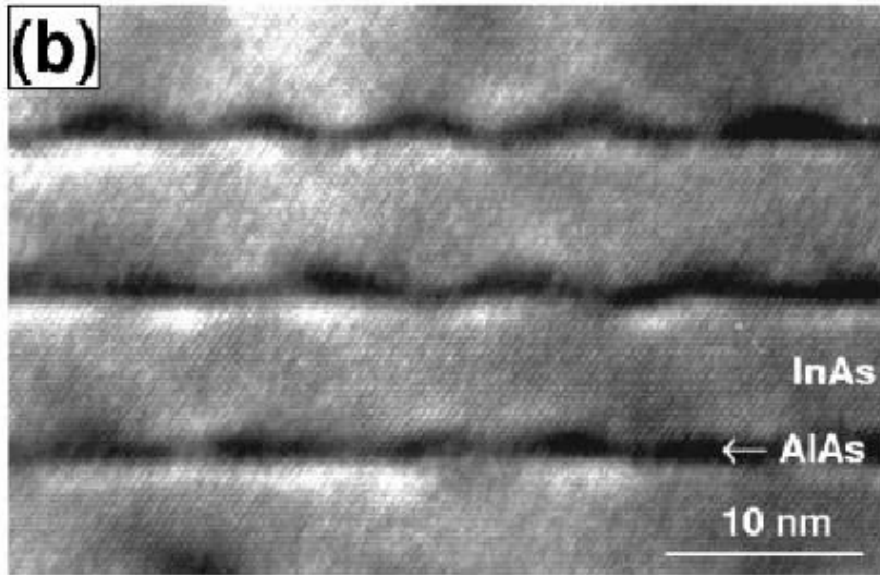
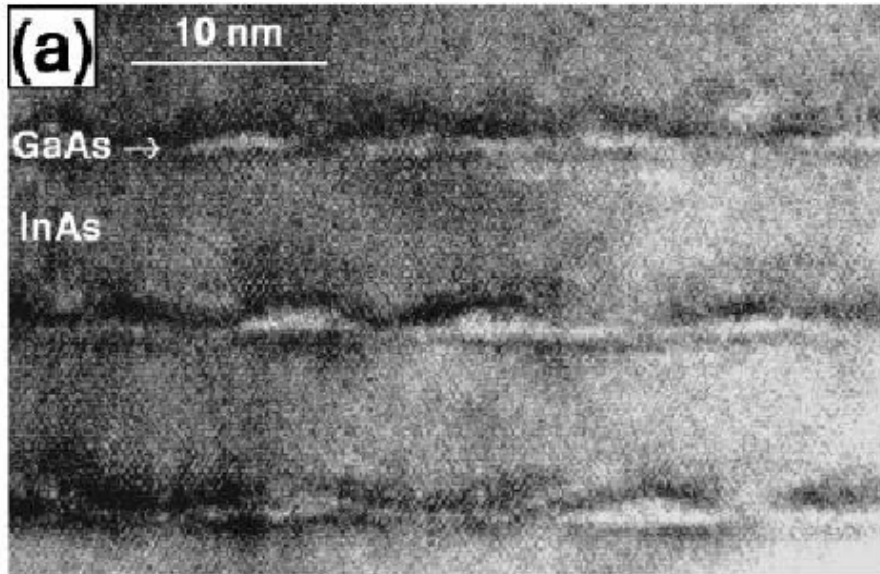


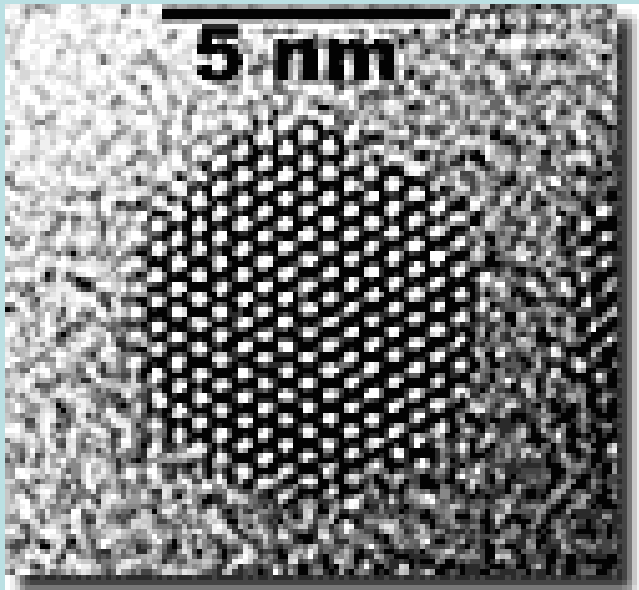
FIG. 1. High-resolution cross-sectional TEM images of samples C (a) and D (b).

Tenne et al, PRB May 2000

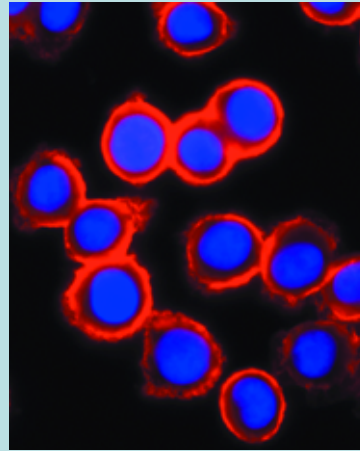


# Quantum dot fabrication

## Colloidal dots



TEM by Andreas Kadavanich.  
Transmission electron microscopy shows the crystalline arrangement of atoms in a 5 nm CdSe Qdot particle.

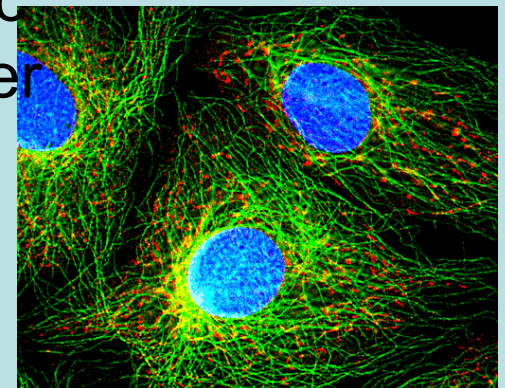


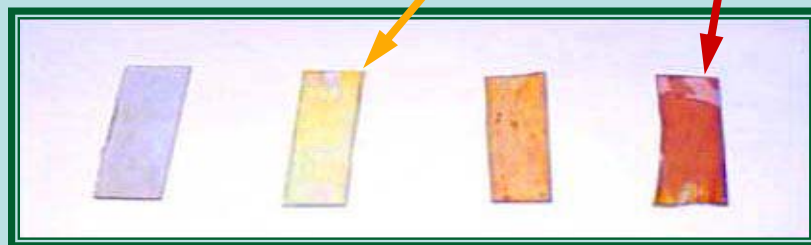
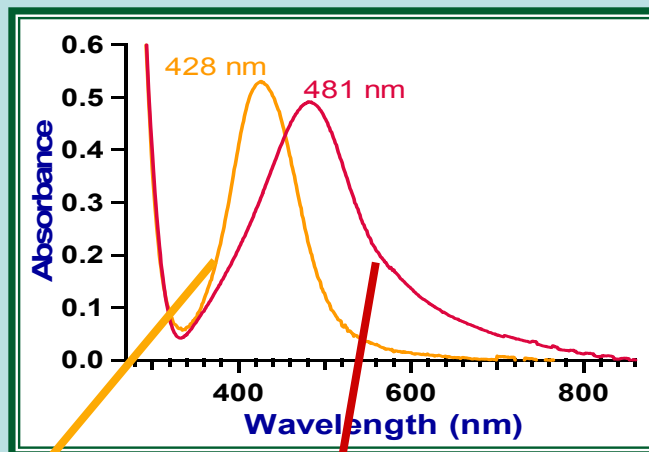
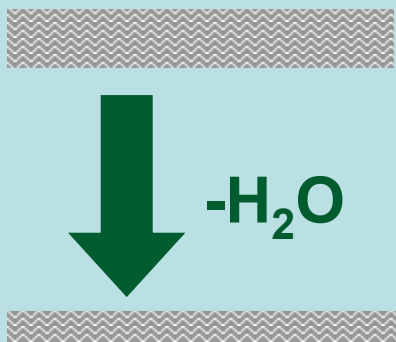
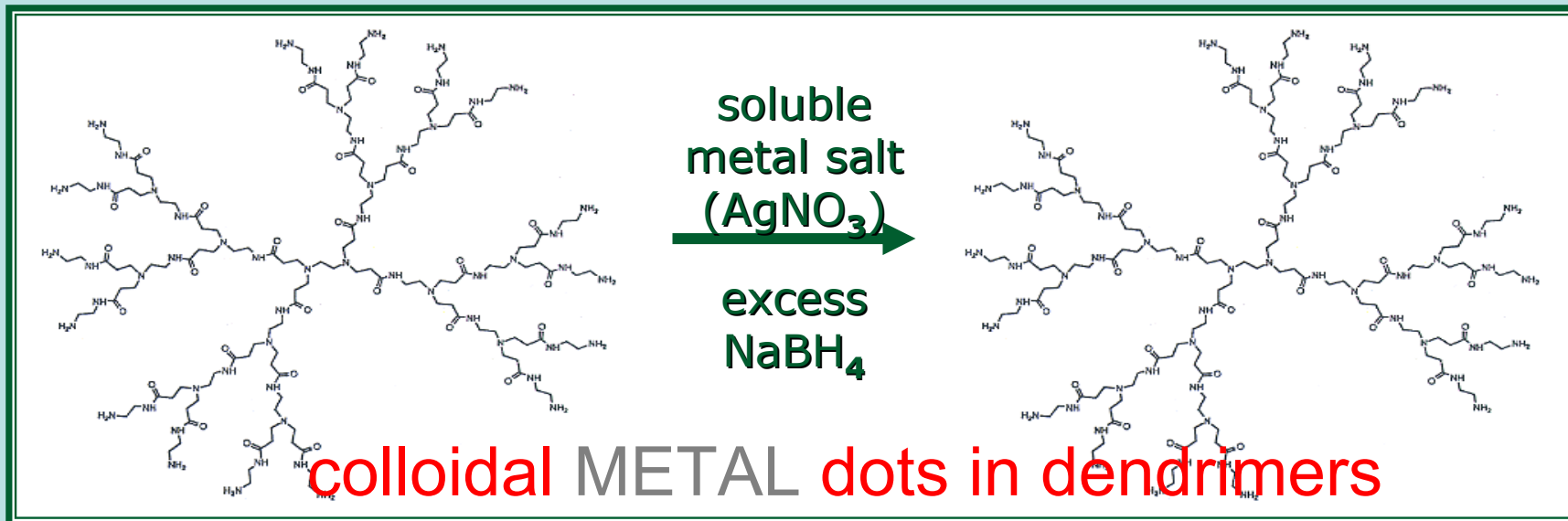
A family of Qdot particles can be made to emit a full spectrum of colors when excited with a single excitation source.

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- Chemical synthesis
- CdSe, CdS, InP, etc
- Size ~ 5nm diameter
- Uses for biotags

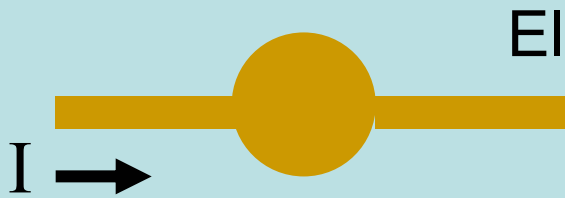
**Quantum Dot Corp.**





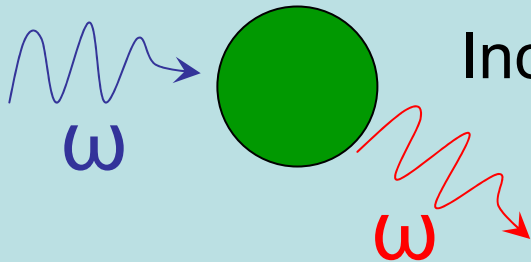
- Au or Ag ~3-5nm dots
- pH or hydration changes interdot separation → aggregation changes interactions & color

# QD w/tunable size and $e^-$ number ~ artificial **atoms**



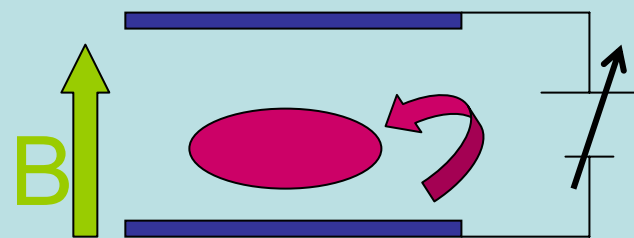
Electronic transport -

Low bias: ground state – **Coulomb blockade**  
High bias: excited states – selection rules(!)  
Rings, **phases** & resonances



Incident/outgoing photons -

Visible/optical: **exciton**  
Far infrared: internal **multi-electron** excitations  
**Raman**: excitons/confined phonons



Capacitance -

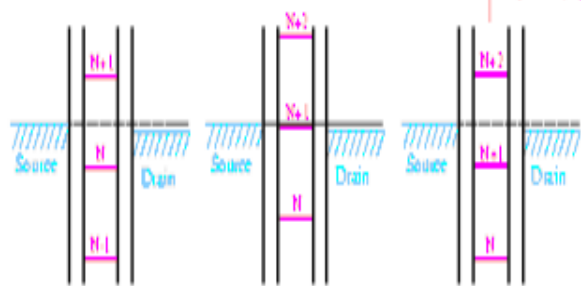
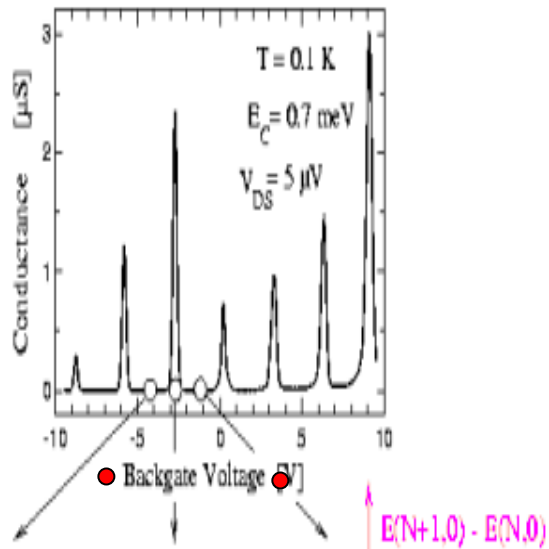
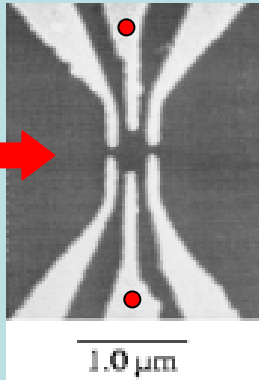
Ground state vs B-field  
Combination w/optics & in-plane transport

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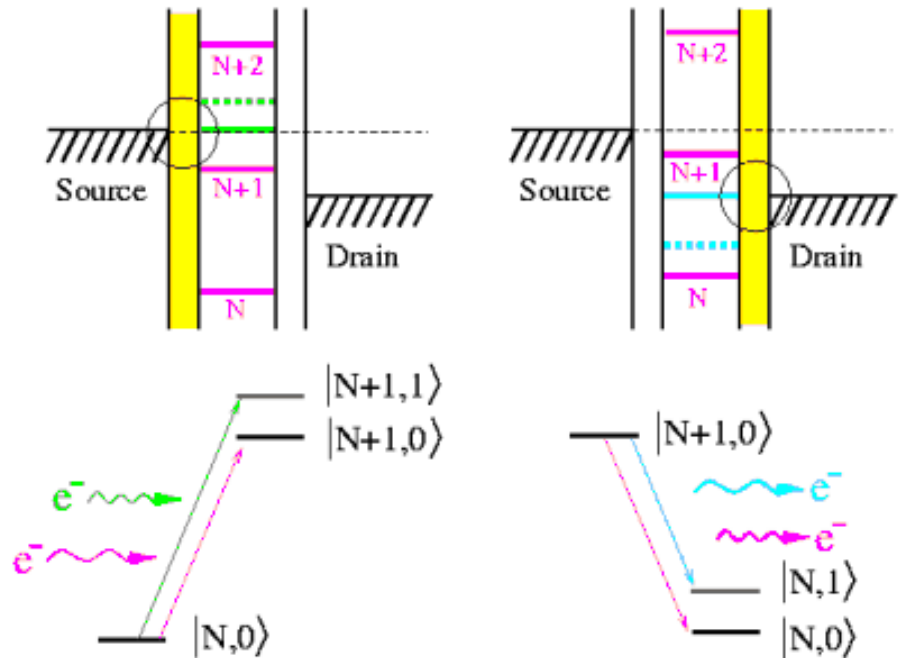
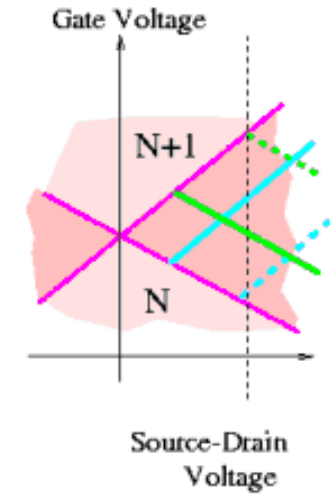
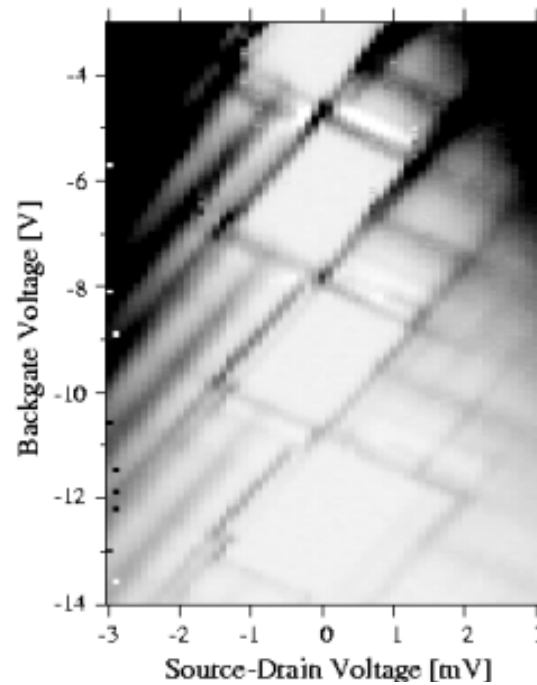
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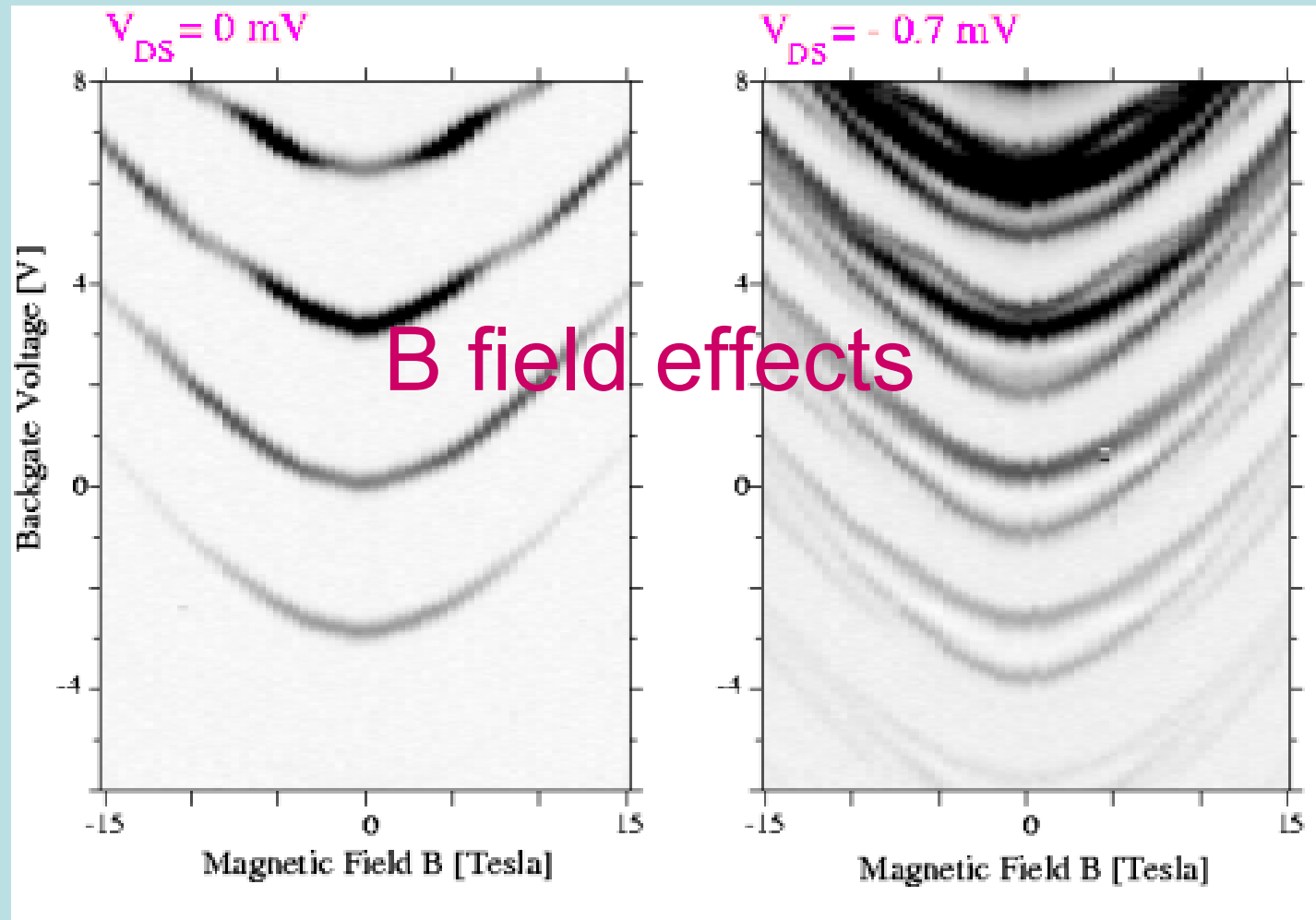
# Coulomb blockade

I →



$$E(N+1,0) - E(N,0)$$





# Quantum Dot: An Interacting N-Electron System

## Hamiltonian of Quantum Dot with N Electrons:

L.D. Hallam, J. Weis, P.A. Maksym, PRB 53 (1996), 1452

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} - \sum_{i=1}^N e \cdot V_{\text{ext}}(\vec{r}_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N e^2 \cdot G(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_j)$$

kinetic energy

confinement potential

electron-electron  
interaction in given  
environment

described by Green's function

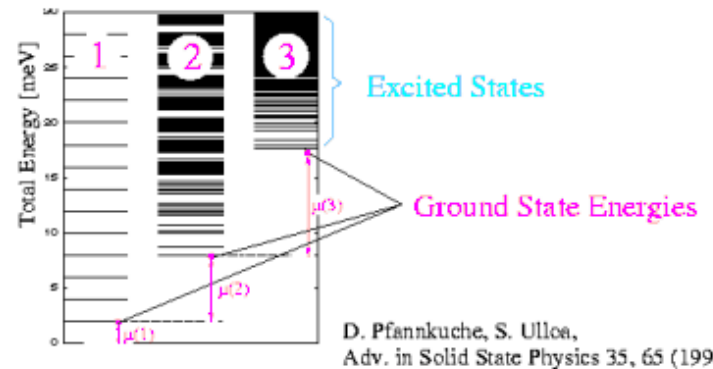
$$\left( \text{Metallic Island: } -\Delta N e \sum_{g=L}^G \frac{C_g}{C_\Sigma} \cdot V_g + \frac{(\Delta N e)^2}{2 C_\Sigma} \right)$$

## Contributions to the External Confinement Potential: (‘Binding Potential’)



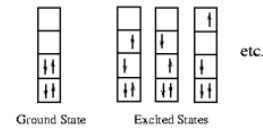
- electrostatic potential and arrangement of the electrodes
- ions and their image charges
- the image charges induced by the electron itself
- variation in the dielectrical properties
- difference in the conduction band minimum of of the different materials

## Total Energy Spectrum of One, Two and Three Electrons in a 2D Parabolic Confining Potential

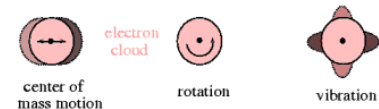


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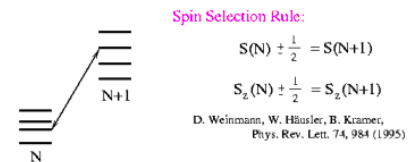
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### Collective Excitations ?



## Selection Rules in Electrical Transport through a Quantum Dot



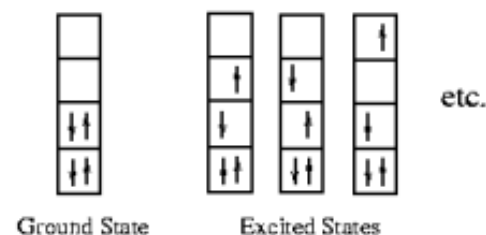
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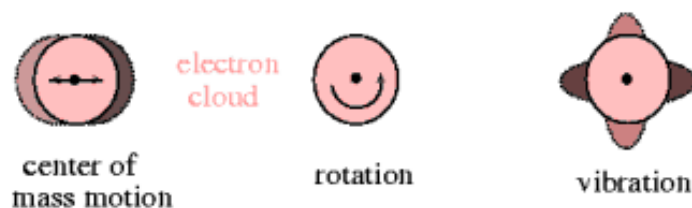
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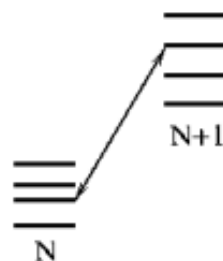
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### Spin Selection Rule:

$$S(N) \pm \frac{1}{2} = S(N+1)$$

$$S_z(N) \pm \frac{1}{2} = S_z(N+1)$$

D. Weinmann, W. Häusler, B. Kramer,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 74, 984 (1995)

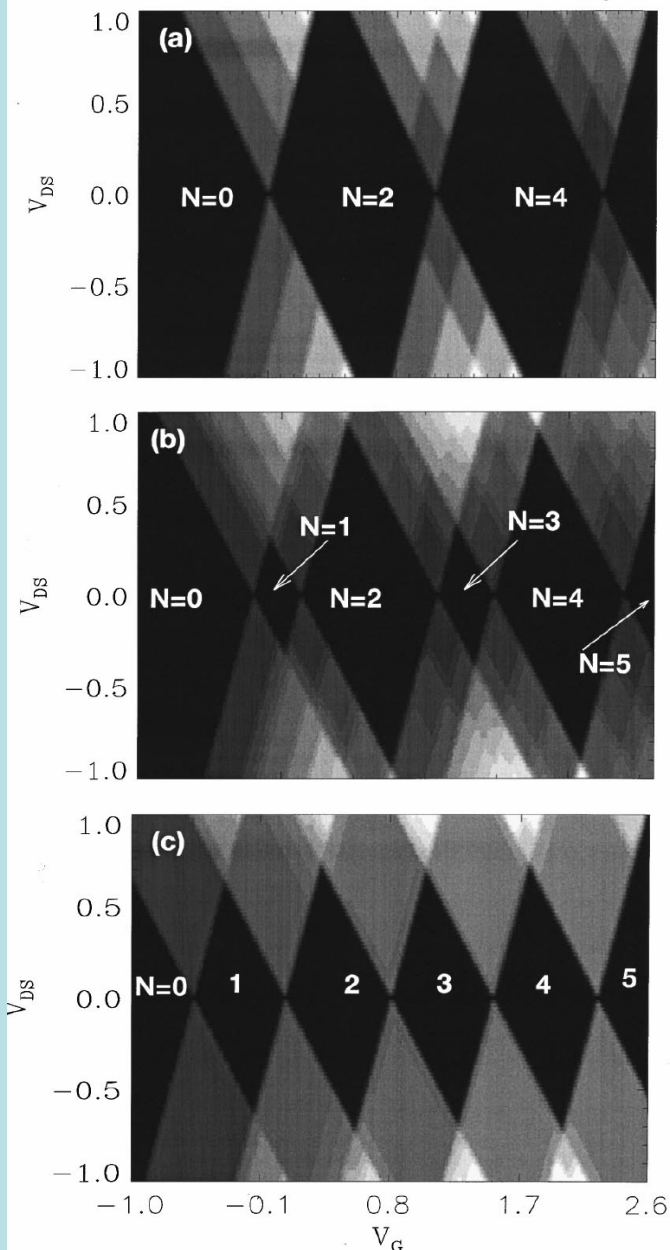
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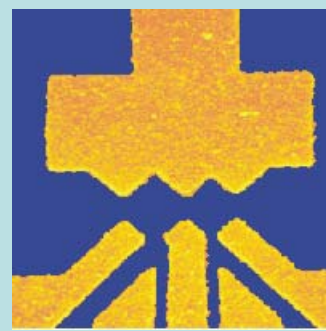


FIG. 5. Current as a function of gate voltage  $V_G$  and source-drain voltage  $V_{DS}$ , for different values of interdot tunneling: (a)  $t = 0.01$ , (b)  $t = 0.1$ , and (c)  $t = 0.2$ . Symmetric DDS case.

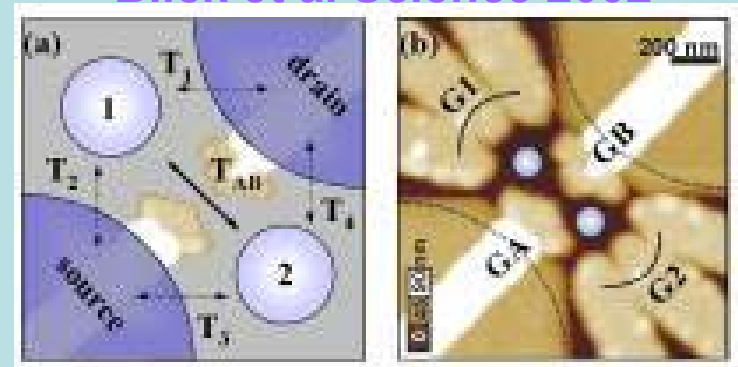


# QD molecules

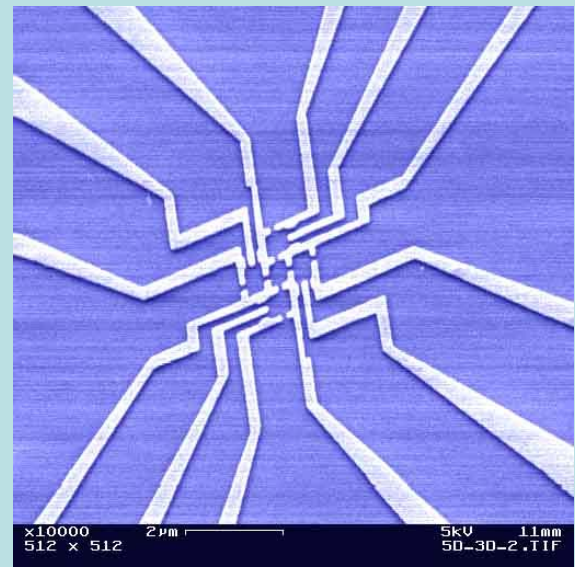
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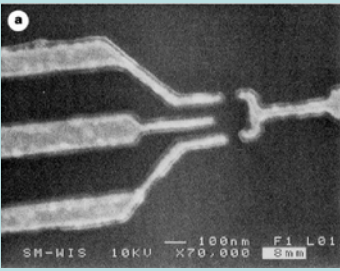
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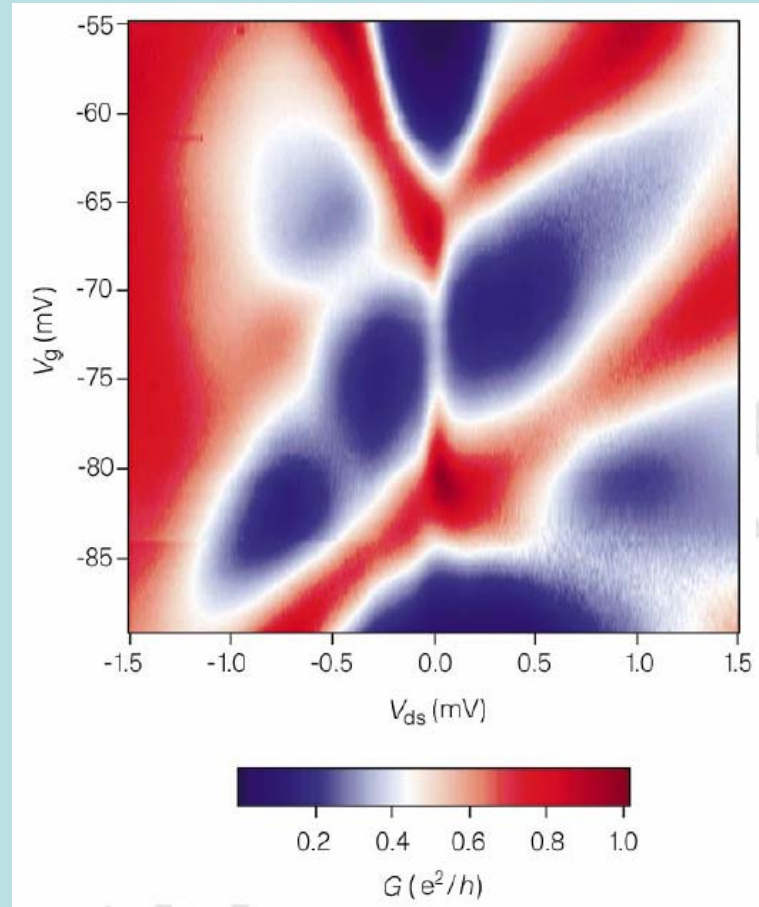
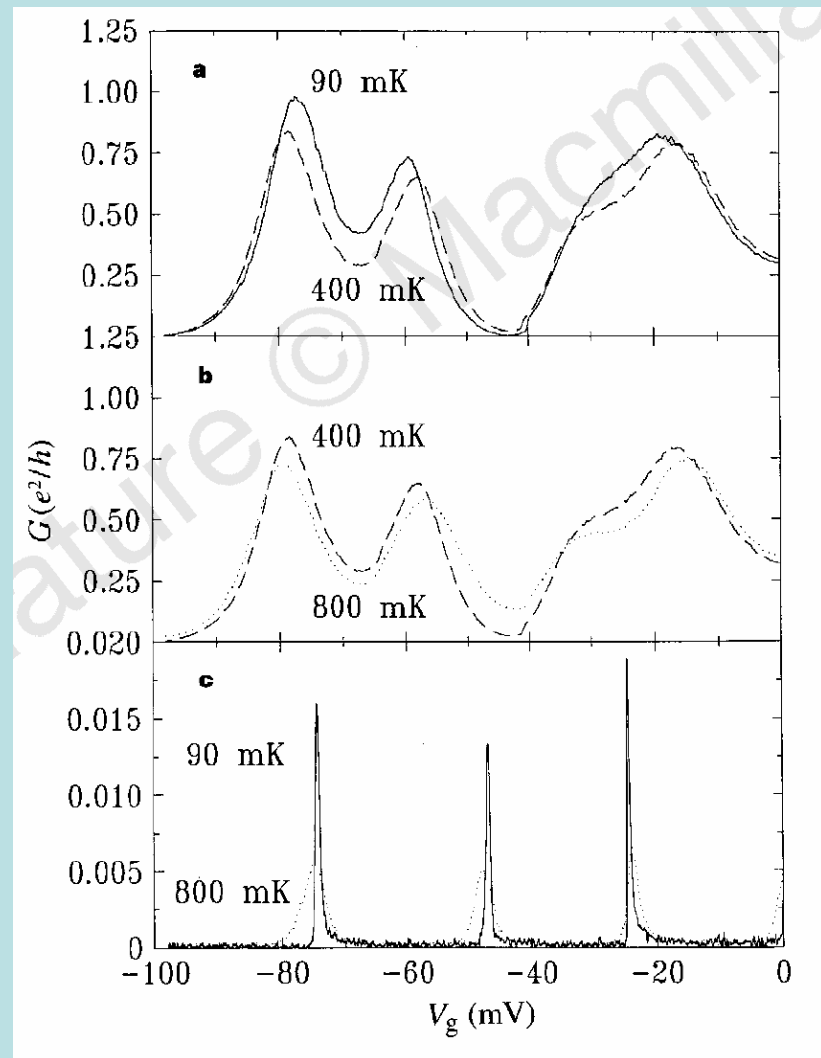


future?  
 multidots  
 for quantum  
 computing



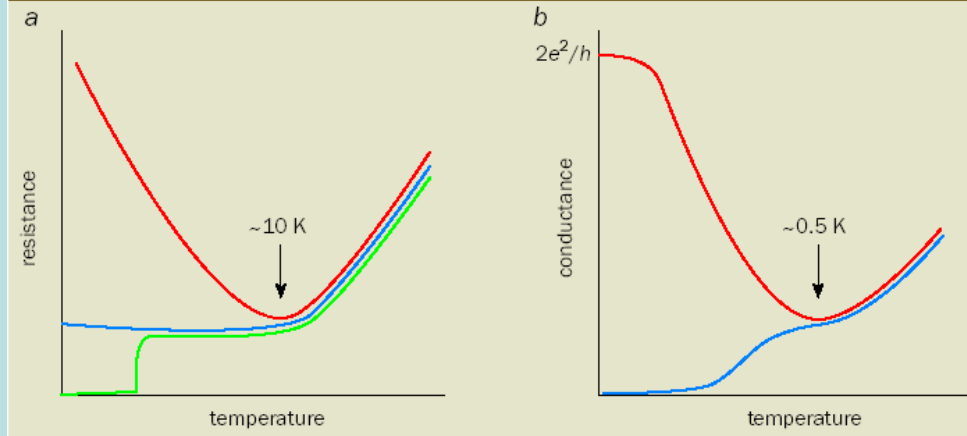
# Kondo effect

Goldhaber-Gordon et al Nature 1998

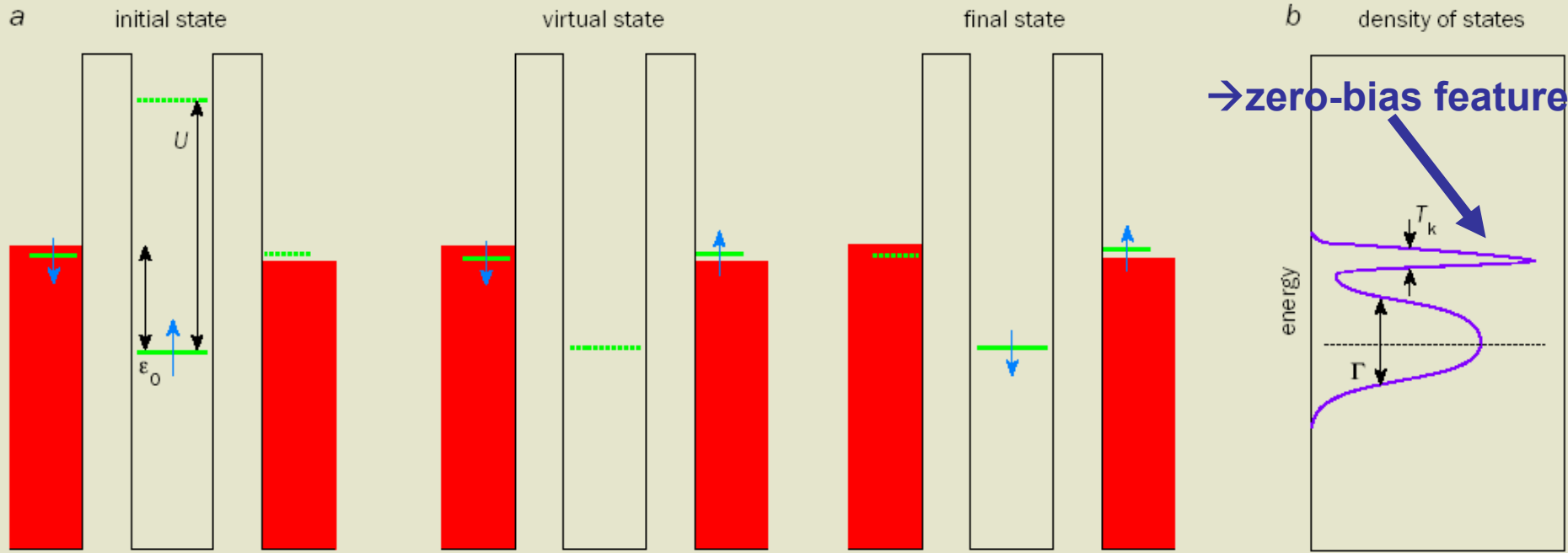


# Kondo primer

## 1 The Kondo effect in metals and in quantum dots

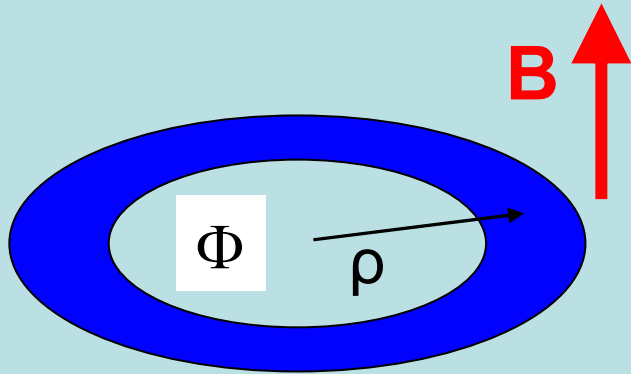


## 2 Spin flips



Kouwenhoven & Glazman, Phys World 2001

# Aharonov-Bohm effect



$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2m} \left( p - \frac{e}{c} A \right)^2$$

$$B = \nabla \times A; \quad A = B \rho \hat{\phi}$$

$$\Psi_N^{(e)}(\varphi_e) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{iN\varphi_e}$$

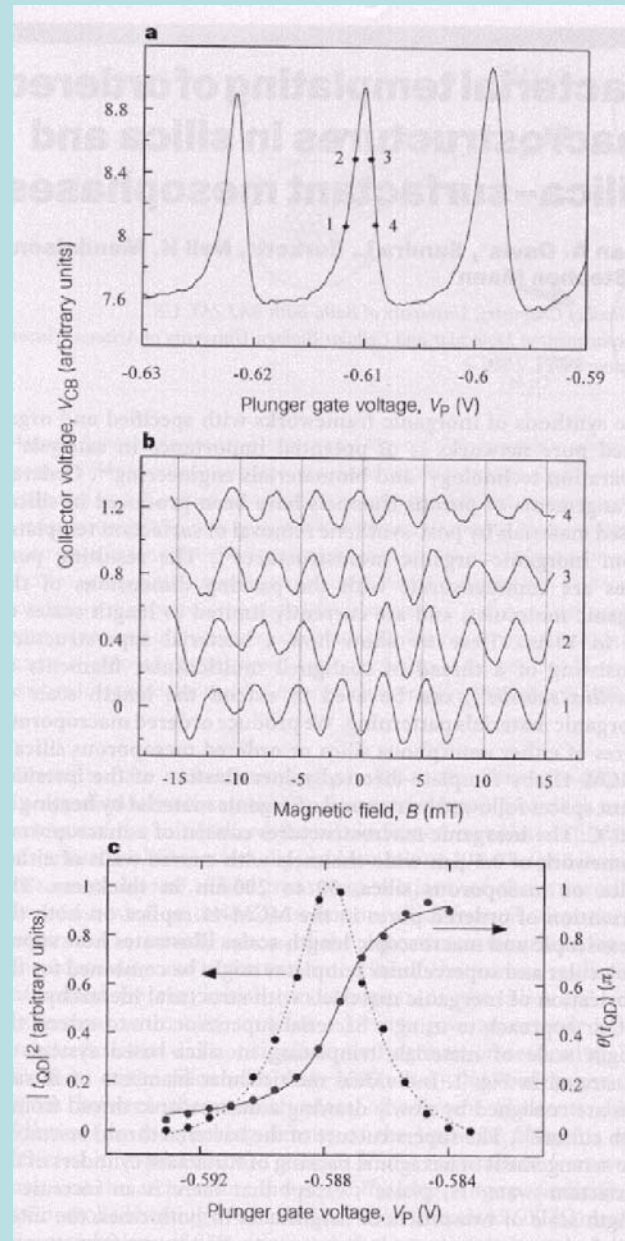
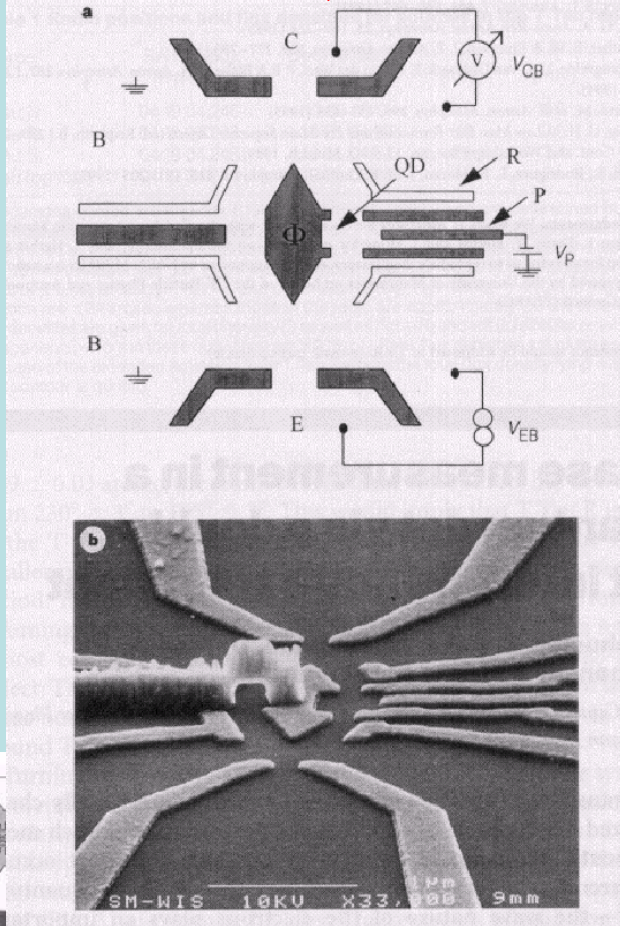
$$E_N^{(e)} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e \rho^2} \left( N - \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^2$$

# Phases, dots, “rings” and resonances

1. Phase in experiments → AB interferometer
2. Phase of a resonance (single particle)
3. CB in QD ~ SP resonance?
4. What's the Fano effect / lineshape?
5. Fano as probe of coherence in QD?
6. QD in Kondo regime → phases in expts?
7. Fano+Kondo to probe coherence in QDK?

# Phase in experiments → AB interferometer

Schuster et al, Nature 1997



~ CB peaks

AB oscill's



$$|t_{QD}| e^{i\theta}$$

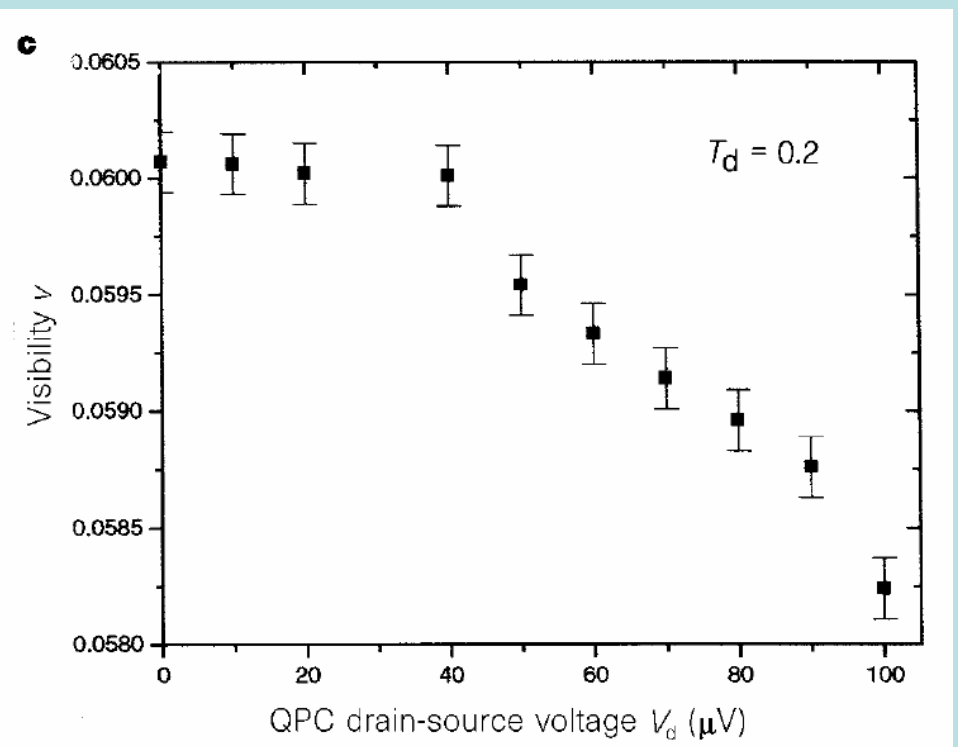
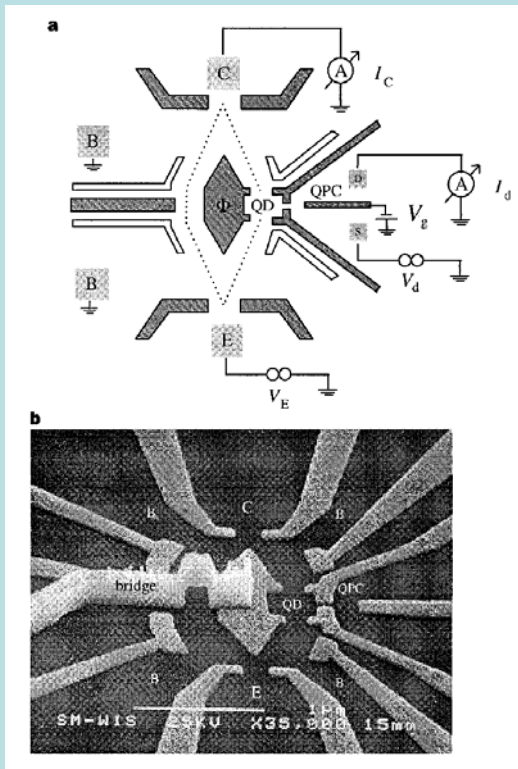
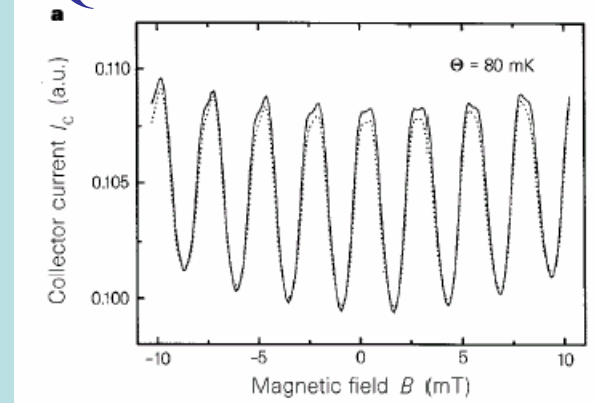
weaker AB signal when QPC is on

# Dephasing in electron interference by a 'which-path' detector

E. Buks, R. Schuster, M. Heiblum, D. Mahalu & V. Umansky

Braun Center for Submicron Research, Department of Condensed Matter Physics, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot 76100, Israel

Nature 1998



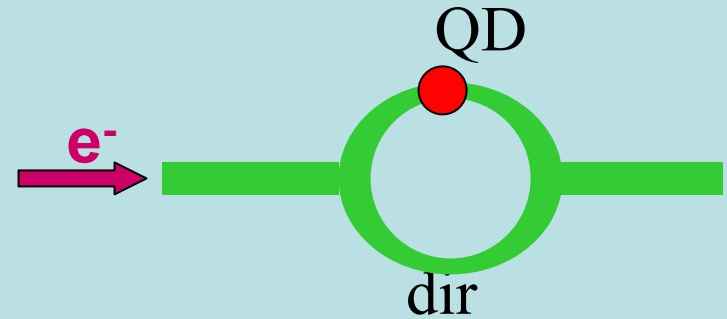
# AB interferometer: “phase measurer”

$$G \sim |t_{CE}|^2 = |t_{QD} + e^{i\Delta\varphi} t_{dir}|^2$$

$$\Delta\varphi = 2\pi\Phi / \Phi_0$$

$$G \sim |t_{QD}|^2 + |t_{dir}|^2 + 2 |t_{QD}| |t_{dir}| \cos(\theta_{QD} - \theta_{dir} - \Delta\varphi)$$

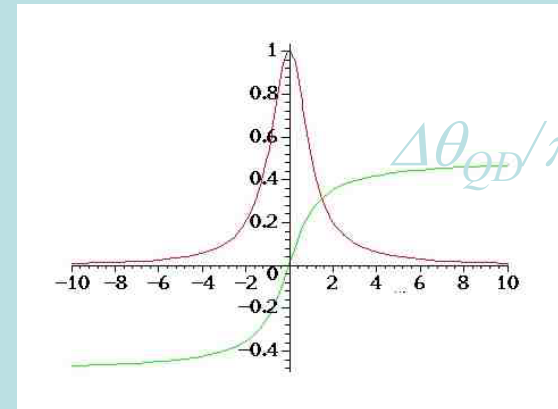
If  $\theta_{dir}$  is indep of  $V_{gate} \rightarrow \theta_{QD}$  can be measured



A “pure” resonance has the Breit-Wigner form:

$$t_{QD} = C \frac{i\Gamma/2}{E - E_n + i\Gamma/2} = |t_{QD}| e^{i\theta_{QD}}$$

$$\theta_{QD} = \theta_C + \tan^{-1} \frac{2(E - E_n)}{\Gamma}$$





BW “SP” resonances OK....

- coherent propagation through QD
- CB charging ~ not important

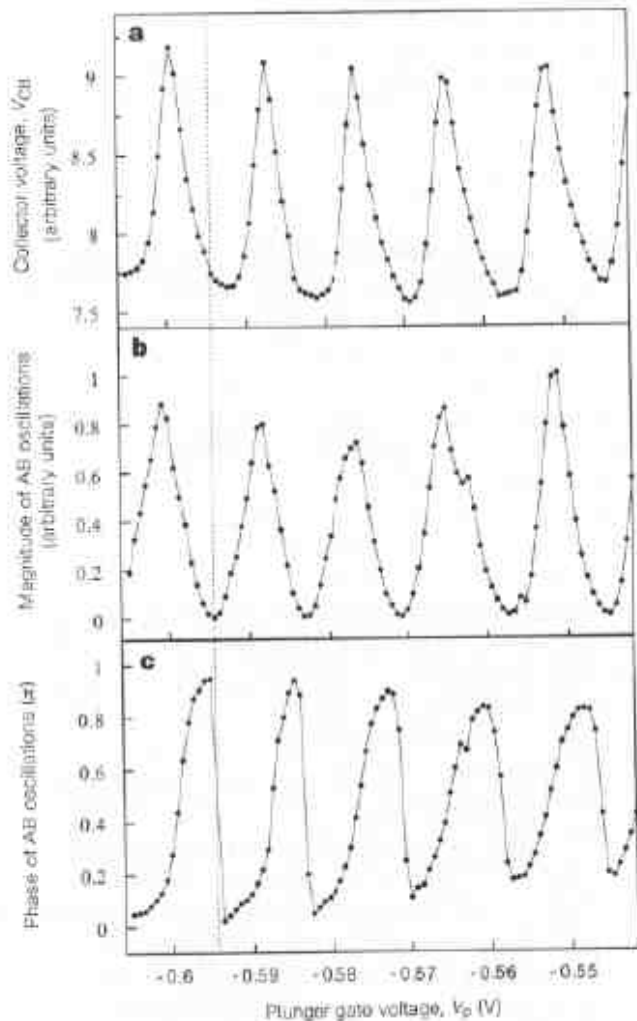
but....

sequence of BW resonances  
would be expected to accumulate  
while phase “resets” to 0 as  
 $t_{\text{QD}} \sim 0$  !!?

overlapping resonances ... BW??

e-e interactions?

$G(B)=G(-B)$  not valid here  
(open device →  $\Delta\theta \neq 0, \pi$ )



Why? ... N theory papers ...  
nice disc:

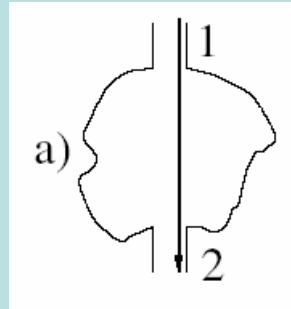
Aharony et al cond-mat/0205268

# Fano effect / lineshape

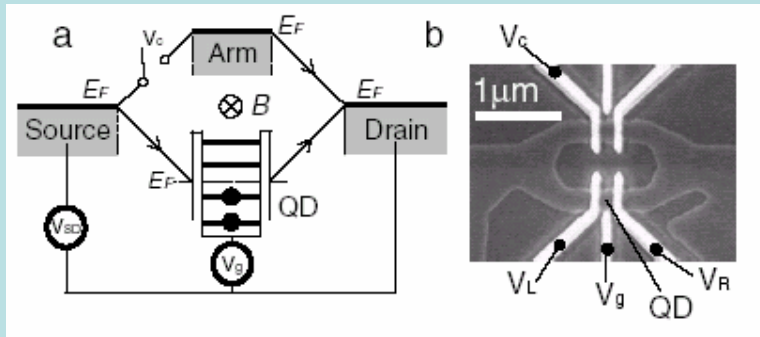


Ugo Fano, PR 1961

interference of discrete “autoionized” state with a continuum  $\rightarrow$  asymmetric peaks in atomic excitation spectra



In QD;  
expt: Göres PRB 2000  
th: Clerk PRL 2001 ...



In AB interf + QD;  
expt: Kobayashi PRL 2002

Fano ...

$$\frac{\varphi}{V_E} \quad \& \quad \{\psi_E\} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{mix}} \quad \Psi_E = a\varphi + \sum_{E'} b_{E'}\psi_{E'}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{\pi V_E} \sin \Delta(E); \quad b_{E'} = \frac{V_{E'}}{\pi V_E} \frac{\sin \Delta(E)}{E - E'} - \cos \Delta(E) \delta(E - E')$$

$$\Delta(E) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{\pi |V_E|^2}{E - E_\varphi - F(E)}; \quad F(E) = \sum_{E'} \frac{|V_{E'}|^2}{E - E'} = \text{shift of resonance due to continuum}$$

“excitation” of  $\Psi_E$  via an operator  $T$  from an initial state  $I$  yields:

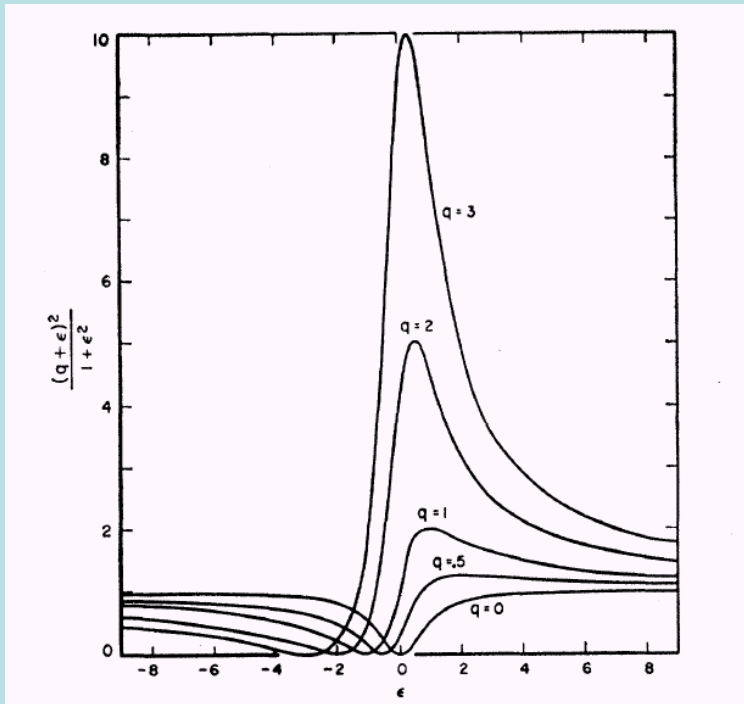
$$\langle \Psi_E | T | I \rangle = \frac{\sin \Delta}{\pi V_E^*} \langle \Phi | T | I \rangle - \langle \psi_E | T | I \rangle \cos \Delta$$

$$\Phi = \varphi + \sum_{E'} \frac{V_{E'} \psi_{E'}}{E - E'} \rightarrow \text{modified state due to mix}$$

# Fano lineshape

$$q = \frac{\langle \Phi | T | I \rangle}{\pi V_E^* \langle \psi_E | T | I \rangle}; \quad \varepsilon = -\cot \Delta = \frac{E - E_\varphi - F}{\Gamma/2}; \quad \Gamma = 2\pi |V_E|^2$$

$$\frac{|\langle \Psi_E | T | I \rangle|^2}{|\langle \psi_E | T | I \rangle|^2} = \frac{(q + \varepsilon)^2}{1 + \varepsilon^2} = \text{transition prob via "autoionized" state}$$



Notice prob can vanish due to interference

Is  $G \sim |t_{\text{QD}} + t_{\text{dir}}|^2$  a Fano line?

$$t_{\text{dir}} = e^{i\beta} \sqrt{G_d}; \quad t_{\text{QD}} = \frac{Z}{\varepsilon + i}$$

$$G = G_d \frac{|\varepsilon + q|^2}{\varepsilon^2 + 1}$$

with

$$q = i + \frac{Z}{\sqrt{G_d}} e^{-i\beta}$$

Clerk PRL 2001

# Fano as probe (proof?) of coherence in QD (CB)

Kobayashi PRL 2002

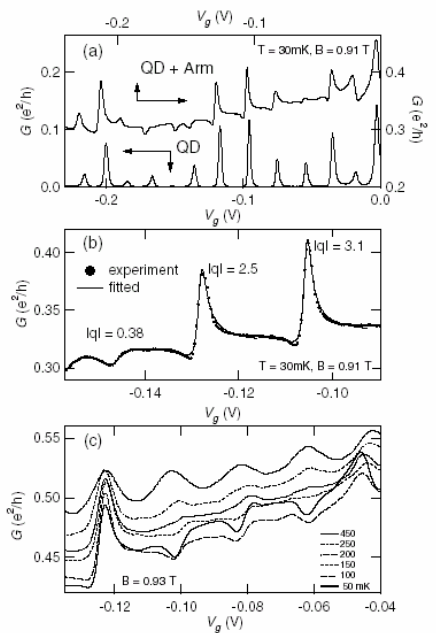
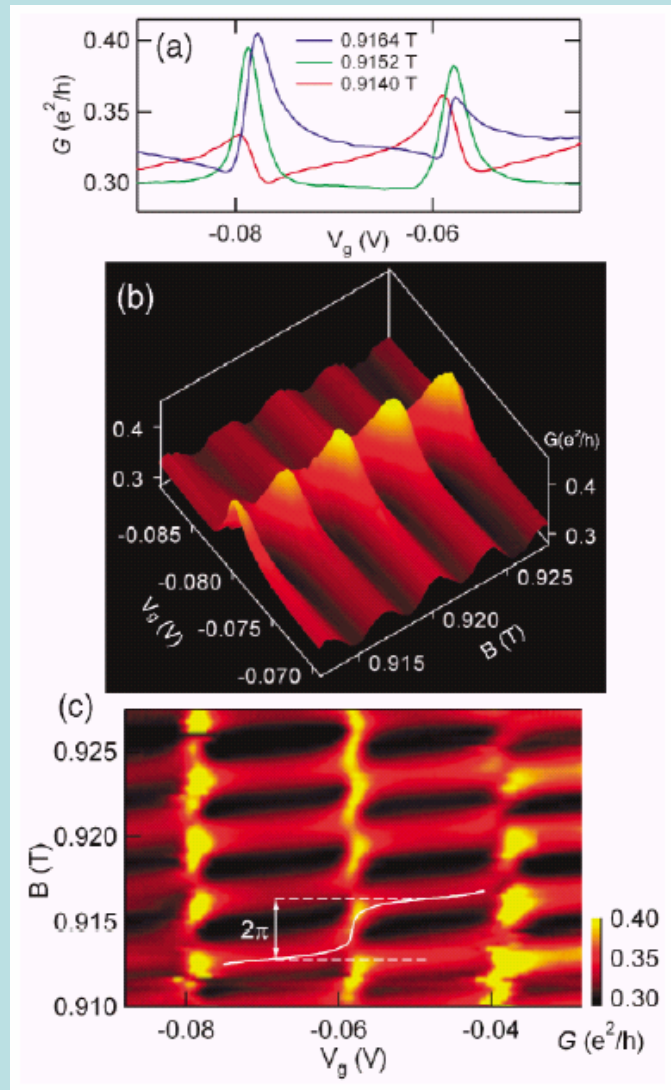


FIG. 2. (a) Typical Coulomb oscillation at  $V_c = -0.12$  V with the arm pinched off, and asymmetric Coulomb oscillation



direct paths  
“through” QD?

how is QD  
“intrinsic”  
width affected  
by ring?

decoherence?  
1 vs N passes?

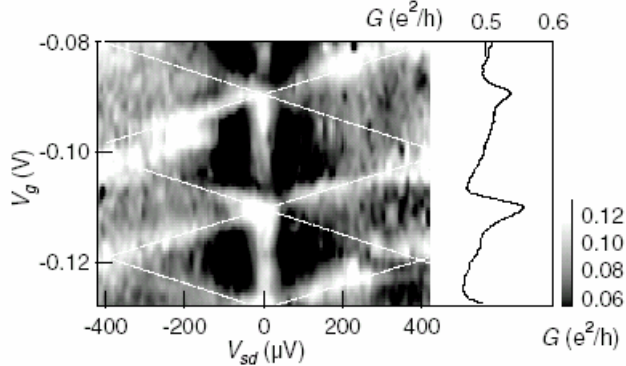
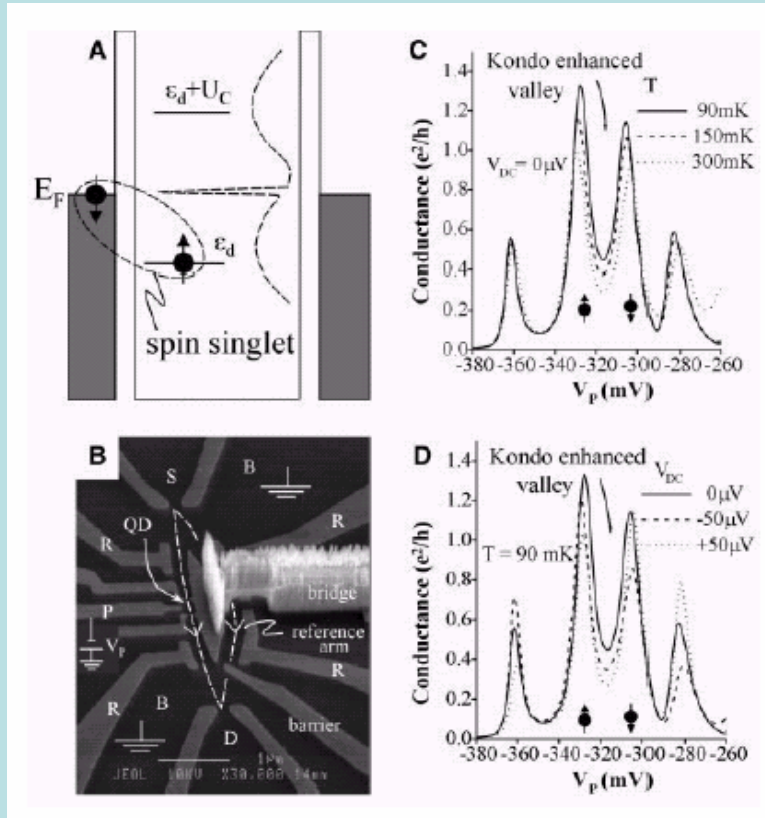
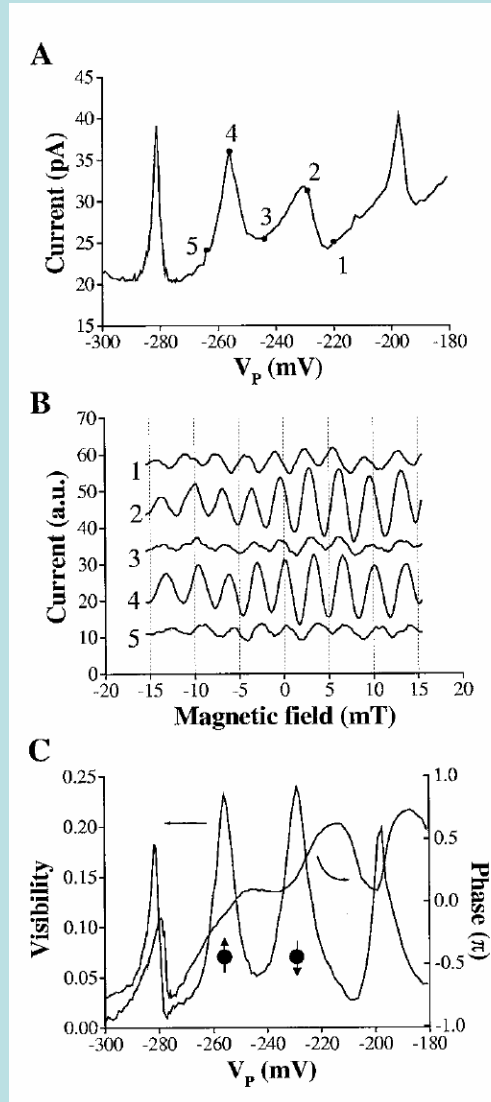


FIG. 3. Differential conductance obtained as a function of  $V_g$  at  $T = 30$  mK and  $B = 0.92$  T. The corresponding Fano line shape is also shown in the right panel. The zero-bias conductance peak exists in the CB region with a Coulomb diamond superimposed. The edge of the CB region is emphasized with white dashed lines. Incoherent contribution from the differential conductance of the upper arm, which shows slight non-Ohmic behavior at finite  $V_{sd}$ , has been subtracted from the data.

# QD in Kondo regime $\rightarrow$ phases in expts?



Ji, Heiblum, Science 2000

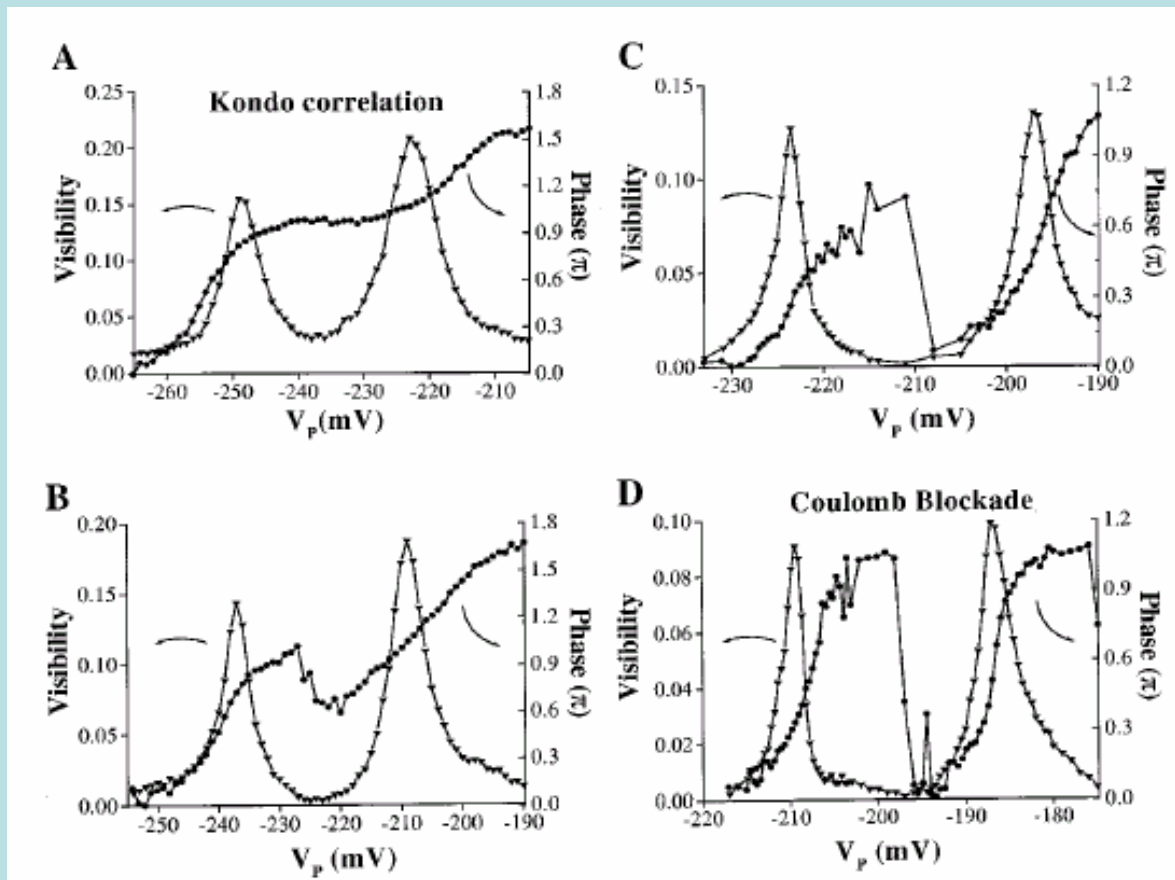


peaks deform

AB osc's clear

phase lapses in CB  
but  
plateaus in K valley  
 $\sim \pi$

# phases in Kondo regime

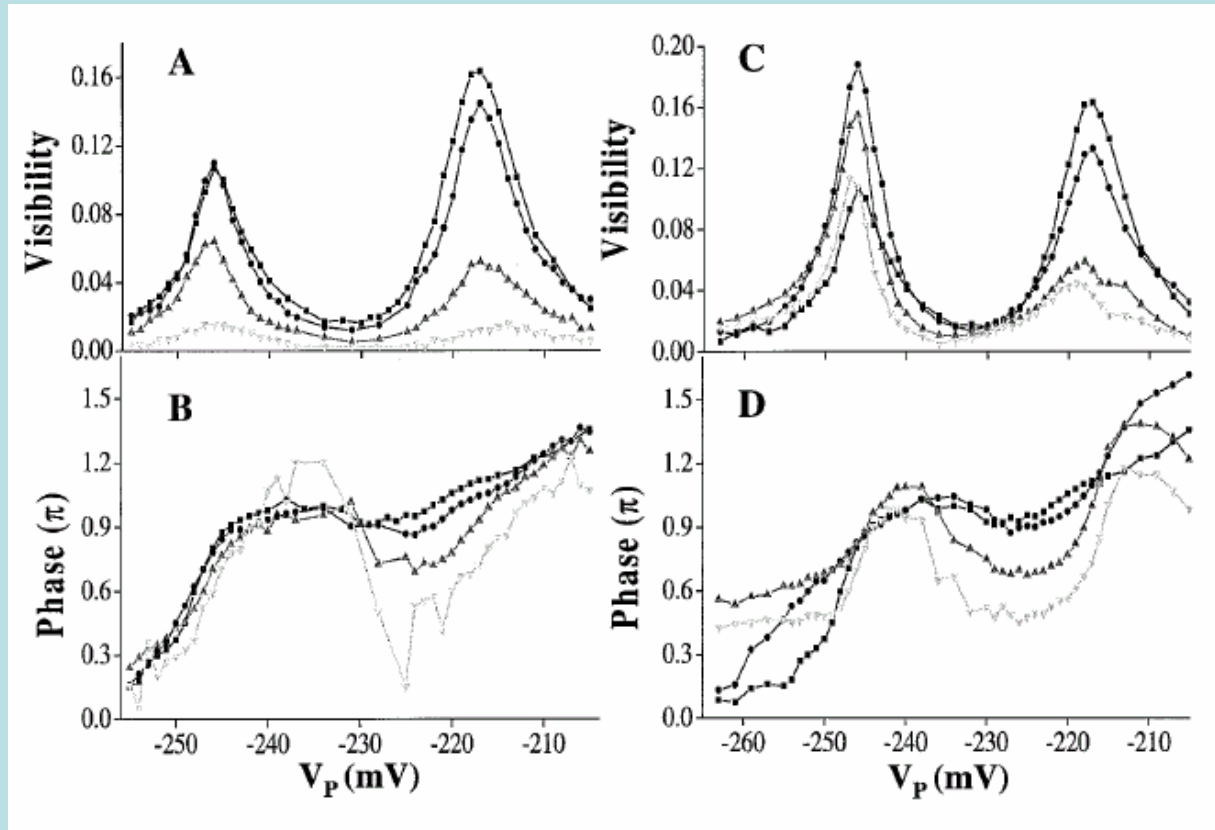


phase evolves from **plateaus**  $\sim \pi$   
to  
**lapses** to 0 as  $\Gamma$  decreases

th: Gerland PRL 2000

K res phase shift  $\sim \pi/2$   
(NRG)

# phases in Kondo regime

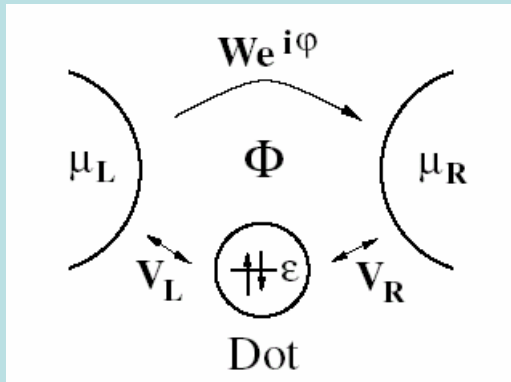


w/temperature

w/DC bias



# Fano+Kondo to probe coherence in QDK?



Hofstetter PRL 2001  
(~Bulka PRL 2001)

direct  $\sim W$

$$T(\omega) = T_b + \sqrt{\alpha T_b R_b} \cos \varphi \bar{\Gamma} \operatorname{Re} G^r(\omega) - \frac{1}{2} [\alpha (1 - T_b \cos^2 \varphi) - T_b] \bar{\Gamma} \operatorname{Im} G^r(\omega)$$

AB phase/flux

and for  $G^r(\omega) = [\omega - \varepsilon_{\text{dot}} - \Sigma(\omega)]^{-1}$

$$e = 2[\varepsilon_{\text{dot}} + \Re \Sigma(0)] / \bar{\Gamma}$$

$$g = T_b \frac{(e + q)^2}{e^2 + 1} + \alpha \frac{\sin^2 \varphi}{e^2 + 1} \quad \text{"generalized Fano form"}$$

$$\alpha = 4\Gamma_R \Gamma_L / \bar{\Gamma}^2; \quad q = -\sqrt{\alpha(1 - T_b) / T_b} \cos \varphi$$

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**IFUAP–BUAP – Minicurso en Nanoestructuras**  
**Tarea # 1 — Entrega: 22 Julio 2003**

1. [40pts] (a) Calcule el espectro para una partícula de masa  $m$  confinada en una caja “rectangular” en 3D y 2D de radio  $R$ . Suponga que la caja tiene paredes infinitamente duras.  
(b) Describa como varía la energía de confinamiento con respecto a  $R$ .  
(c) Escriba la forma completa de los eigenestados en 3D/2D.  
(d) ¿Cuál es el valor de la energía (en eV) para los dos primeros estados en 2/3D si la masa de la partícula es  $0.067m_0$  (con  $m_0$  la masa del electrón libre), y el radio es  $R = 5, 50, 100\text{nm}$ ?  
Hint: funciones de Bessel.
2. [60pts] (a) Estime el efecto de la interacción de Coulomb entre electrones en un punto cuántico de radio  $R$ , utilizando  $U = e^2/R\epsilon$ , donde  $\epsilon$  es la constante dieléctrica del material ( $\approx 12$  para materiales típicos), si el radio del punto es 5 o 100nm. Compare esta estimación con la diferencia entre los dos primeros niveles en un punto como se modeló en 1 arriba,  $\Delta = E_2 - E_1$ . ¿Para qué radio  $R$  son estas dos cantidades iguales ( $U = \Delta$ )? Haga la estimación tanto en 2D como en 3D.  
(b) Use teoría de perturbaciones para hacer la estimación más confiable:

$$\langle \Psi_n(1)\Psi_m(2) | V(1-2) | \Psi_k(1)\Psi_l(2) \rangle,$$

en donde  $V(1-2) = e^2/\epsilon|r_1 - r_2|$  es la interacción de Coulomb entre dos partículas, y las varias  $\Psi_j$  son las funciones de onda (modeladas/escritas en 1(c) arriba). Use cualquier método de integración, numérica incluso, para evaluar (o al menos *estimar*) la integral en el caso que los dos electrones están en el estado base (y diferente spin, por supuesto) en un punto en 3D. Compare con (a) y comente.

Hint (aunque no esencial):

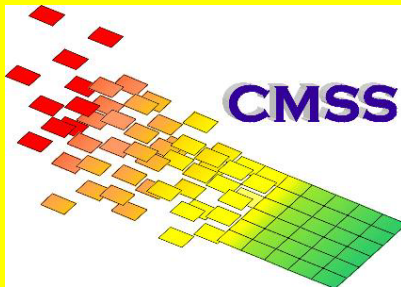
$$\frac{1}{|r|} = \int \frac{4\pi}{q^2} e^{-iq \cdot r} d^3q$$

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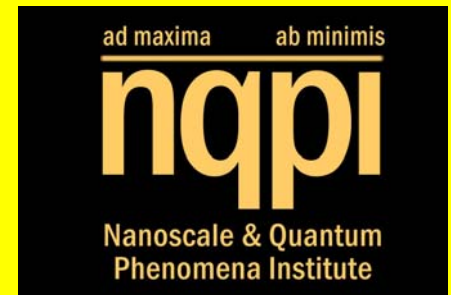
Parte II. – Toma 2

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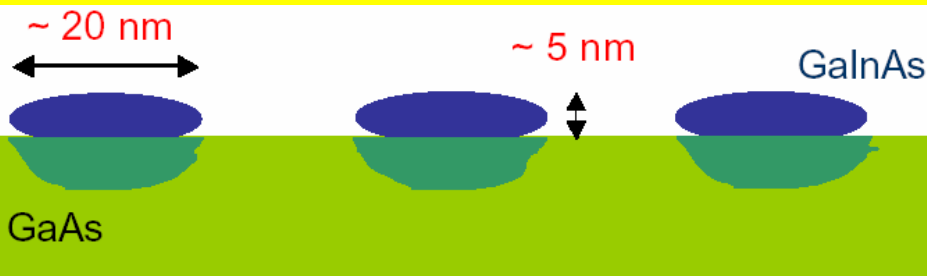
# Resumen/Outline

- Quantum dots – confinement vs interactions
  - How to make / study them
- Coulomb blockade & assorted IV characteristics
- Optical effects – excitons: selection rules, field effects
- Transport in complex molecules: the case of DNA

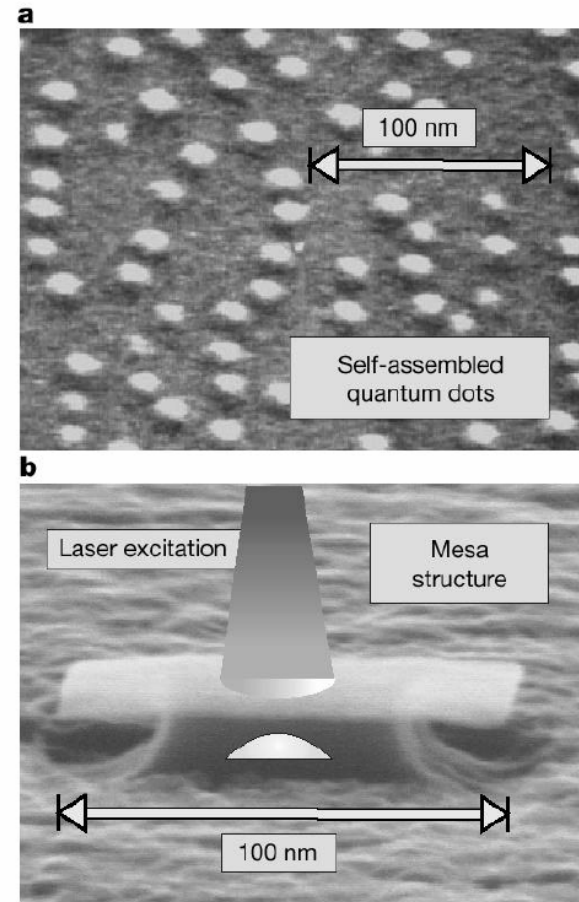
# Quantum dot fabrication

## Self-assembly

- Stranski – Krastanow islands
- MBE
- in-plane densities  
 $\sim 10^{10} - 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- size variations  $< 10\%$
- sharp photoluminescence features,  $\text{frequency} \propto \text{size}$



## Self-assembled quantum dots



**Figure 1** Scanning electron micrographs illustrating the experimental technique used for studying single self-assembled quantum dots. **a**, Scanning electron micrograph of a GaAs semiconductor layer on which  $\text{In}_{0.60}\text{Ga}_{0.40}\text{As}$  self-assembled quantum dots with a density of about  $10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  have been grown by molecular beam epitaxy. To permit their microscopic observation these dots—unlike those used for spectroscopy—have not

Bayer et al, Nature, June 2000

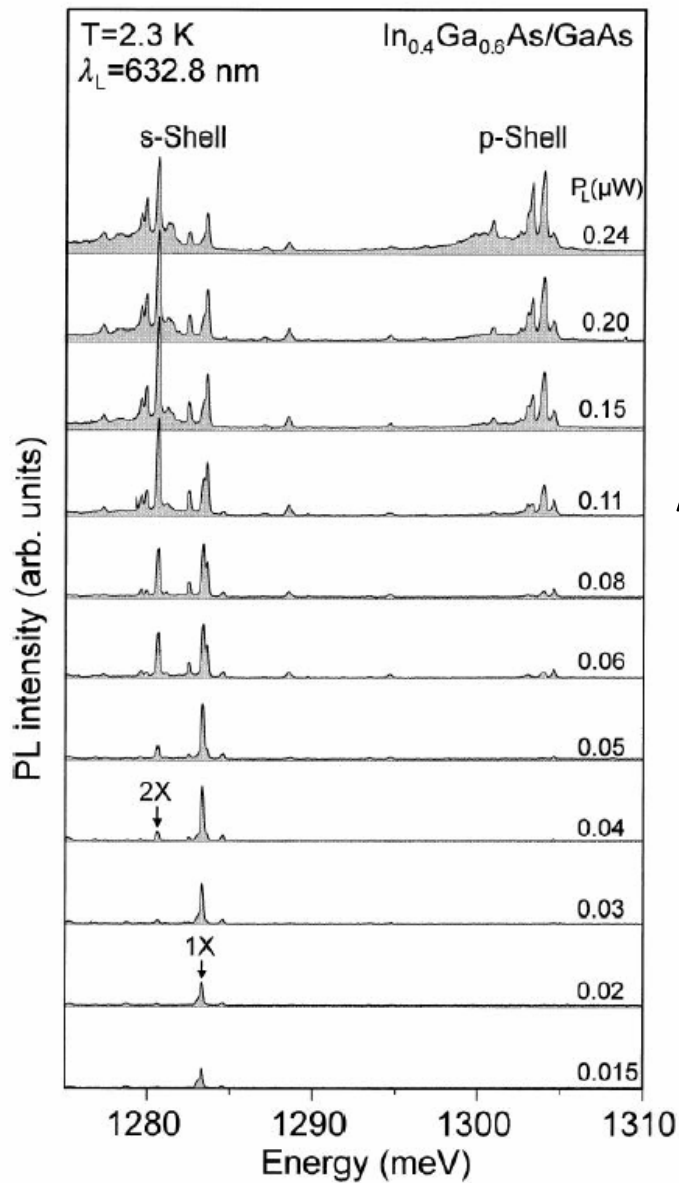


Fig. 1. Power dependent PL spectra from a single isolated quantum dot at zero magnetic field. Contributions from the s-shell and p-shell can be clearly distinguished. In the spectral region of the s-shell, the single exciton (1X) and biexciton lines (2X) are labelled.

## Photoluminescence in SINGLE QD

- Excitons
- *Excited* excitons (s- and p-shell)
- Biexcitons,  $X^-$ ,  $X^{--}$ , etc.

laser power

Findeis et al, Sol. State Comm, 2000

# Excitons and dot shapes

- **Dot asymmetries reflected in exciton properties:**
  - Binding energy vs dot size
  - Oscillator strength / optical response
  - Influence of magnetic field
- **Raman differential cross section and intensity --- experiments and phonon mode confinement:**
  - Selection rules
  - Carrier masses
  - Scanning experiments
- **Quantum rings: excitonic Aharonov-Bohm effect for neutral/polarizable entity**

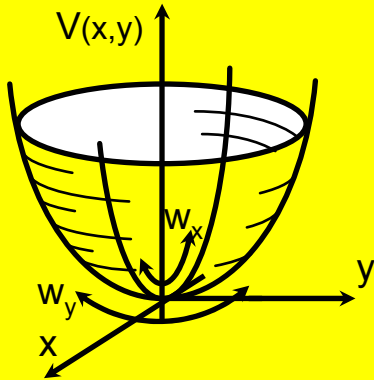
see part I

Tranero & Ulloa PRB 1998



# Simple geometry: Parabolic confinement

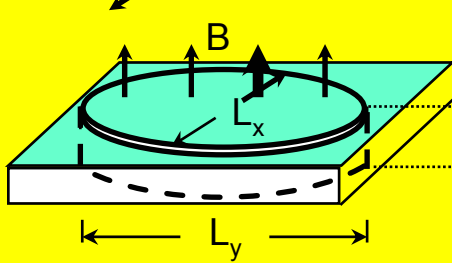
Song & SU; Pereyra & SU PRB 2000



$$H = H_e + H_h + H_{eh}$$

$$H_j = \frac{1}{2m_j} \left( p_j \pm \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A}_j \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_j (\omega_x^2 x_j^2 + \omega_y^2 y_j^2) + V(z_j)$$

$$H_{eh} = -\frac{e^2}{\epsilon |\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_h|}$$



Harmonic  
Oscillator in  
2D

$$\mathbf{A}_e = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_h) \text{ and } \mathbf{A}_h = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{r}_h - \mathbf{r}_e).$$

$$H = H_{COM} + H_{rel} + H_c$$

$$H_c = -\frac{ie\hbar}{Mc} B \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \right).$$

$$H_{COM} = \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{M}{2} (w_x^2 X^2 + w_y^2 Y^2),$$

$$H_{rel} = \frac{p^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \mu (\tilde{w}_x^2 x^2 + \tilde{w}_y^2 y^2) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma w_{c\mu} l_z - \frac{e^2}{\epsilon r},$$

$$\tilde{w}_{x(y)}^2 = w_{x(y)}^2 + w_{c\mu}^2/4$$

effective confinement increases with B field

$$\langle n'_x n'_y | H_{rel} | n_x n_y \rangle$$

$$= \hbar \tilde{\omega}_x \left( n_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \hbar \tilde{\omega}_y \left( n_y + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \langle n'_x n'_y | \frac{e^2}{\epsilon r} | n_x n_y \rangle$$

$$+ i \frac{1}{4} \gamma \hbar w_{c\mu} \langle n'_x n'_y | (a_x^\dagger a_y^\dagger - a_x a_y) \left( \tilde{\eta} - \frac{1}{\tilde{\eta}} \right) | n_x n_y \rangle$$

$$+ i \frac{1}{4} \gamma \hbar w_{c\mu} \langle n'_x n'_y | (a_x a_y^\dagger - a_x^\dagger a_y) \left( \tilde{\eta} + \frac{1}{\tilde{\eta}} \right) | n_x n_y \rangle,$$

off-diagonal Coulomb interaction

exact expression: Song & SU PRB 1995

off-diagonal one-particle elements

$$\tilde{\eta} = \sqrt{\tilde{\omega}_x / \tilde{\omega}_y} \xrightarrow{B=0} \eta = \sqrt{\omega_x / \omega_y}$$

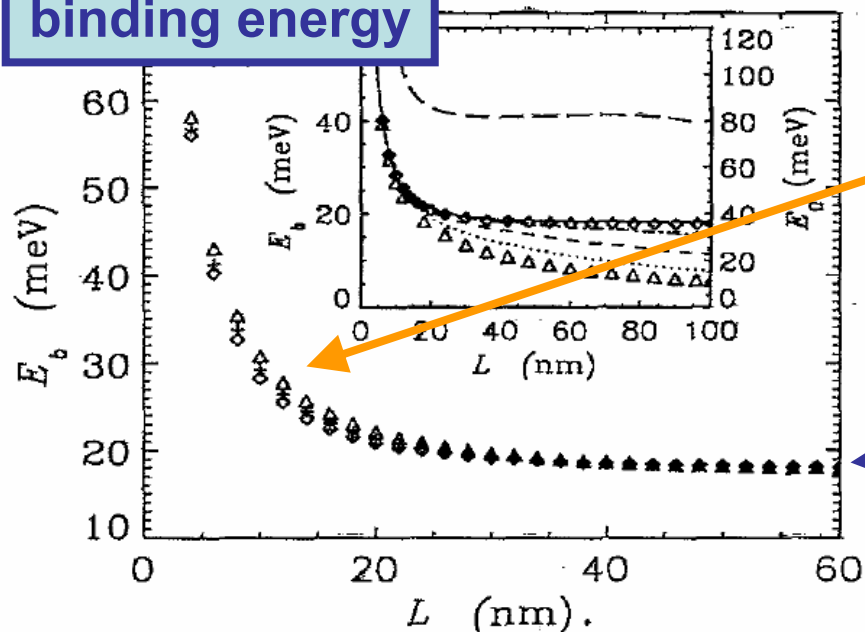
$$\xrightarrow{B \gg 1} \eta \simeq 1 \text{ (circular limit)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_s^2 = \langle \psi | r^2 | \psi \rangle &= \sum_{n_x n_y} \left[ \frac{\hbar}{\mu \Omega_y} \left( n_y + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\hbar}{\mu \Omega_x} \left( n_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] |a_{n_x, n_y}|^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{\mu \Omega_y} \left[ \sqrt{(n_y + 2)(n_y + 1)} a_{n_x, n_y+2}^* + \sqrt{n_y(n_y - 1)} a_{n_x, n_y-2}^* \right] a_{n_x, n_y} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{\mu \Omega_x} \left[ \sqrt{(n_x + 2)(n_x + 1)} a_{n_x+2, n_y}^* + \sqrt{n_x(n_x - 1)} a_{n_x-2, n_y}^* \right] a_{n_x, n_y}, \end{aligned}$$

# Coulomb interactions in harmonic oscillator basis

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\langle n'_x, n'_y \left| \frac{e^2}{\epsilon \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| n_x, n_y \right\rangle &= \frac{e^2}{\epsilon \pi} \sqrt{\frac{\mu \omega_y}{\hbar}} (2^{s_x + s_y} n'_x! n_x! n'_y! n_y!)^{-1/2} \sum_{\alpha=0}^{[n'_x/2]} \sum_{\beta=0}^{[n_x/2]} \sum_{\gamma=0}^{[n'_y/2]} \sum_{\delta=0}^{[n_y/2]} \\
 &\times \frac{(-1)^\eta n'_x! n_x! n'_y! n_y!}{\alpha! (n'_x - 2\alpha)! \beta! (n_x - 2\beta)! \gamma! (n'_y - 2\gamma)! \delta! (n_y - 2\delta)!} \left( \frac{\omega_y}{\omega_x} \right)^{\frac{s_y}{2} - \gamma - \delta} (-1)^{s_y} 2^{s_x + s_y - 2\eta} \\
 &\times F \left[ \frac{1}{2}(s_y + 1) - \gamma - \delta, \frac{1}{2}(s_x + s_y + 1) - \eta; \frac{1}{2}(s_x + s_y) - \eta + 1; 1 - \frac{\omega_y}{\omega_x} \right] \\
 &\times \Gamma \left[ \frac{1}{2}(s_x + s_y + 1) - \eta \right] \Gamma \left[ \frac{1}{2}(s_x + 1) - \alpha - \beta \right] \\
 &\times \Gamma \left[ \frac{1}{2}(s_y + 1) - \gamma - \delta \right] / \Gamma \left[ \frac{1}{2}(s_x + s_y) - \eta + 1 \right], \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

## binding energy



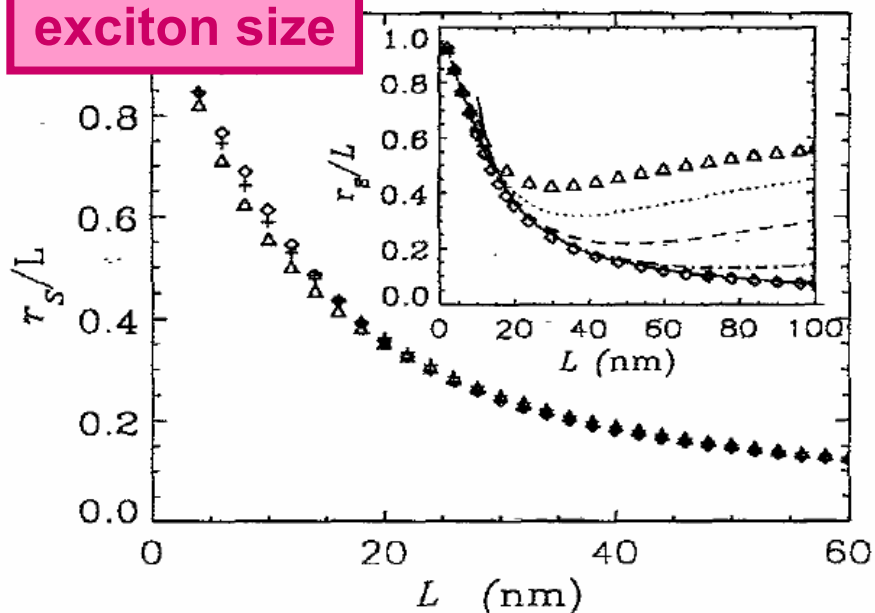
$$\text{binding energy} = E_{\text{exc}} - E_0 = E_b$$

$$E_b \sim 1/L$$

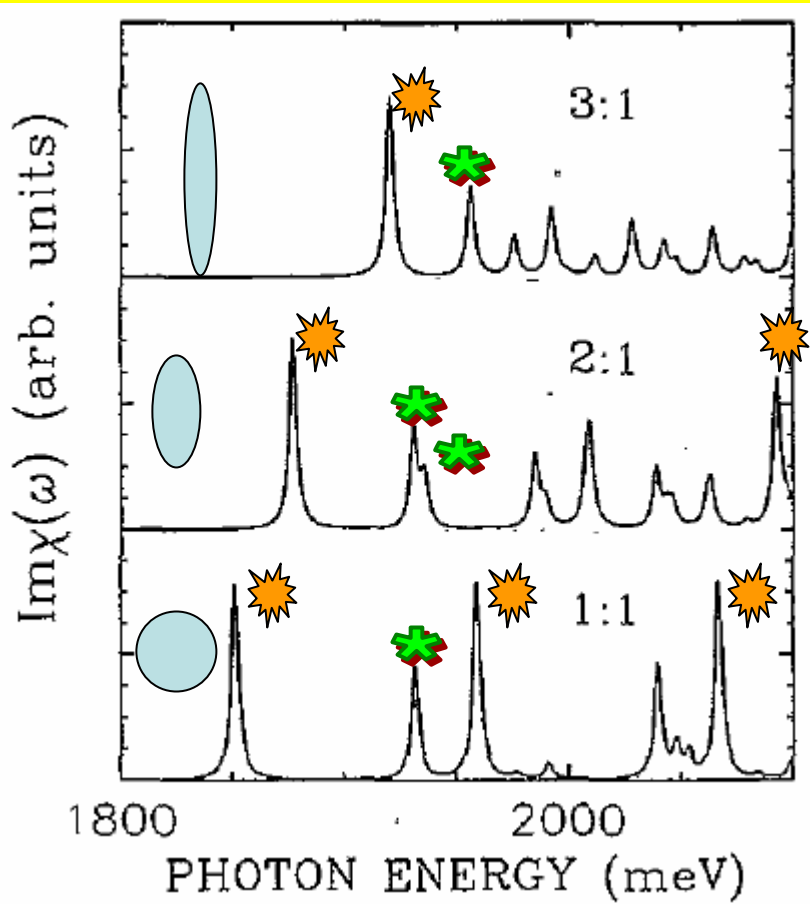
$$L_x/L_y = 1:1 \diamond \quad 2:1 + \quad 3:1 \triangle$$

saturates to 2D value  
for  $L \gg a_B$  & all shapes

## exciton size



exciton "shrinks" as  $L \rightarrow 0$ ,  $r_s \rightarrow L$   
but  
 $r_s \rightarrow a_B$  as  $L \gg a_B$



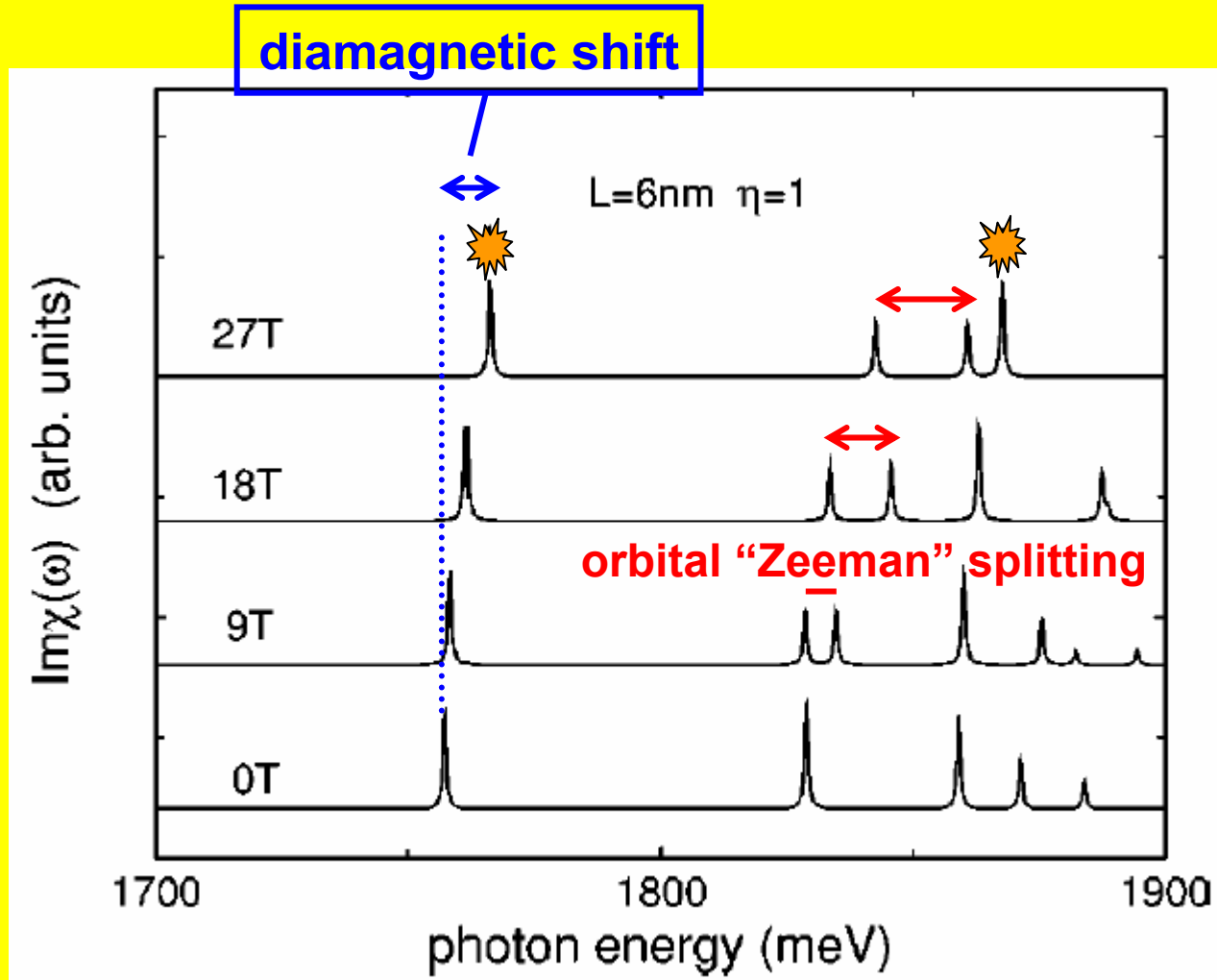
area of dots =  $5 \times 5 \text{ nm}^2$

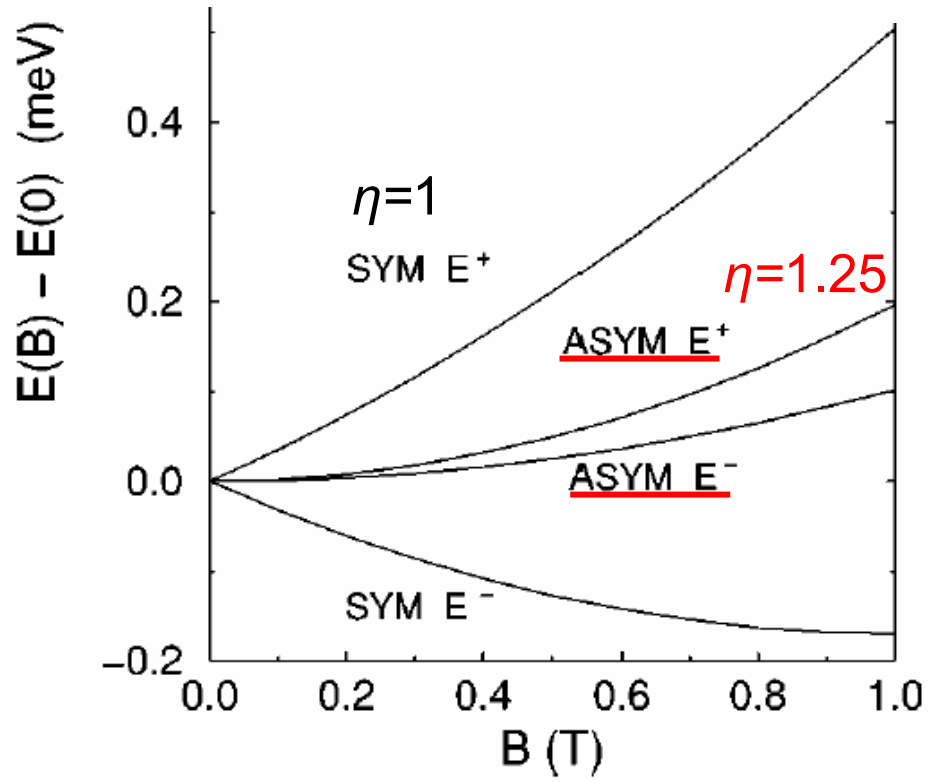
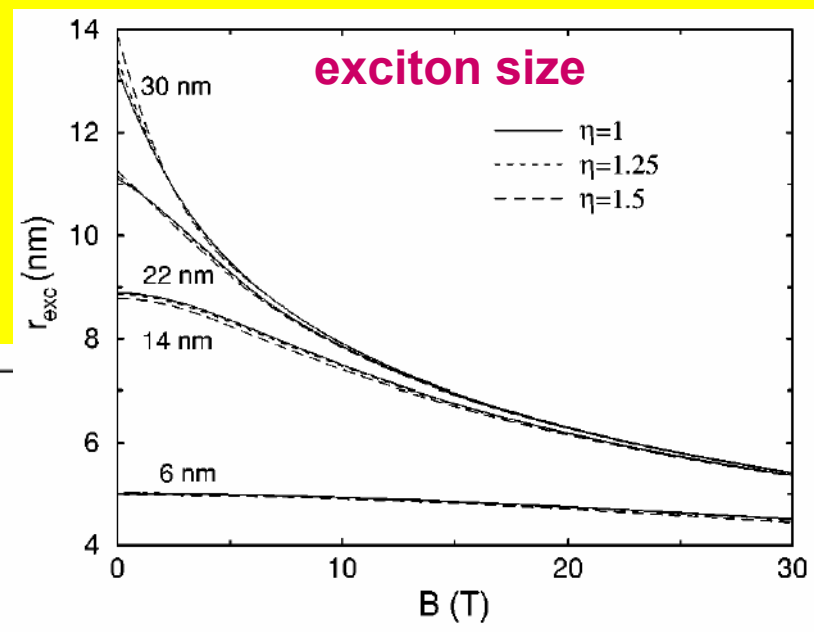
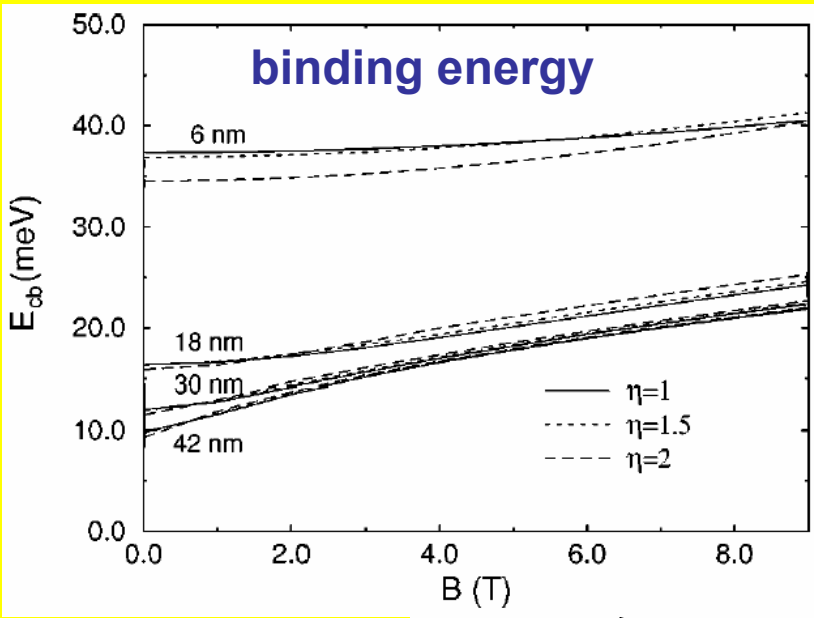
$\chi$  = linear optical susceptibility  
 $\sim$  PLE signal  $\sim$  optical response

★ COM gnd state & replicas

★ excited states of internal degrees of freedom

# Magnetic field effects

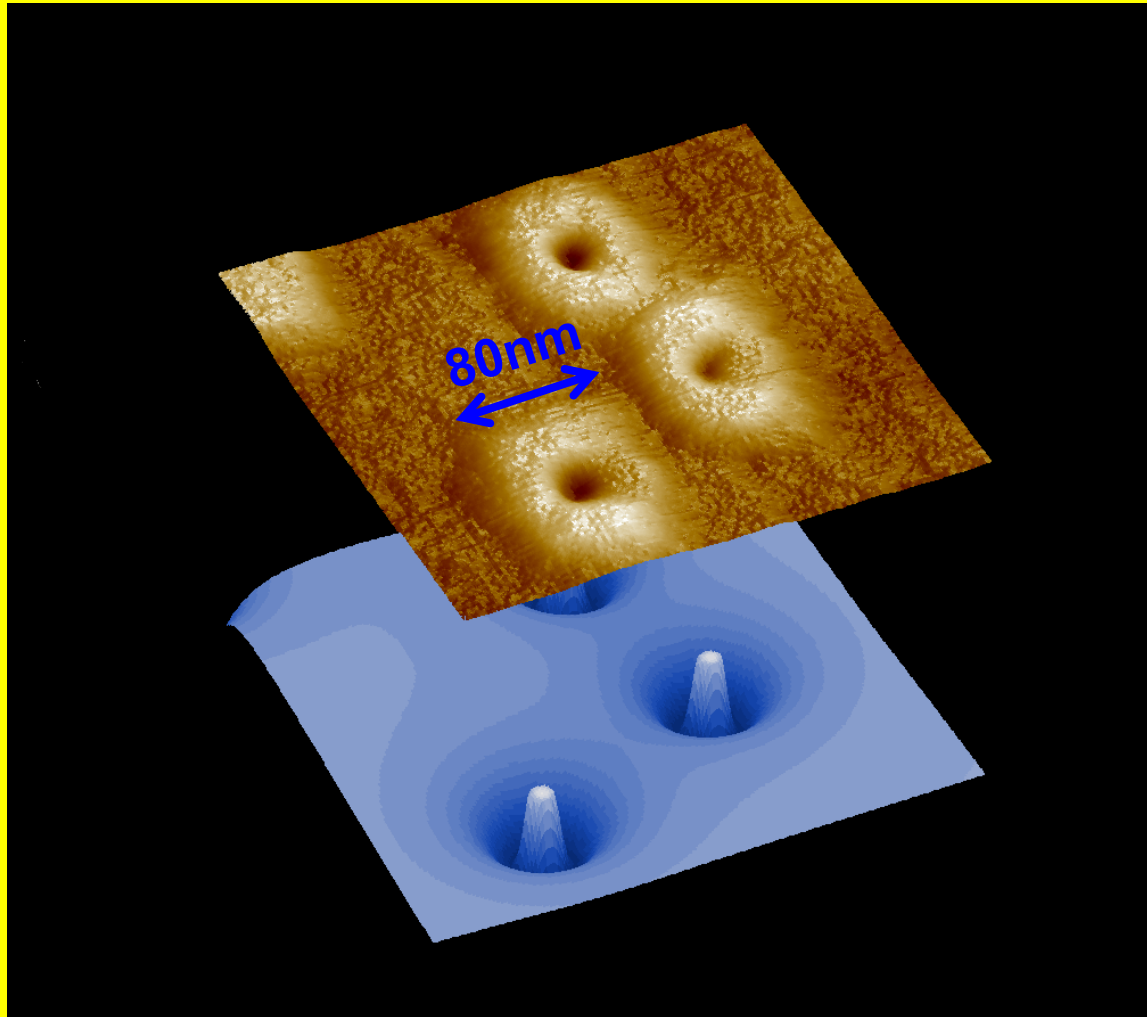




suppression of Zeeman orbital splitting  $\rightarrow$

asymmetry of structure

# SAQD RINGS!!

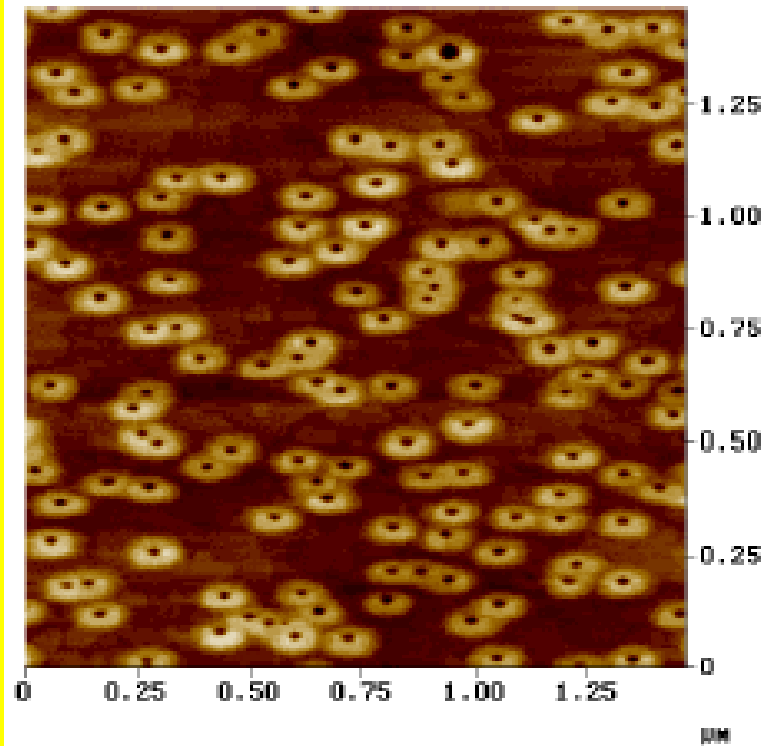


**smallest COHERENT  
ring potential for electrons  
and/or holes**

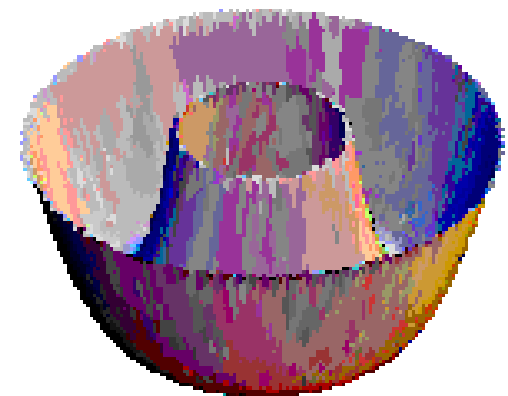
**Lorke et al PRL 1999**



AFM-picture of InAs-quantum rings

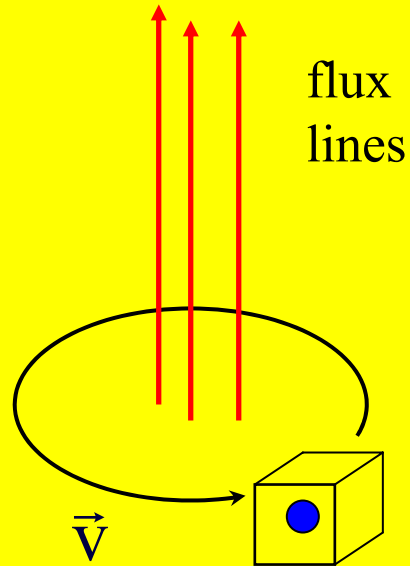


parabolic ring-potential



J Garcia 1999

# Is there AB effect for excitons?



$$\Delta \phi = \frac{e}{c \hbar} \oint \vec{A} d\vec{l} = \frac{e}{c \hbar} \Phi$$

AB is the nonadiabatic version of Berry phase in a flux

exciton charge = ZERO  $\rightarrow$  no ABE?

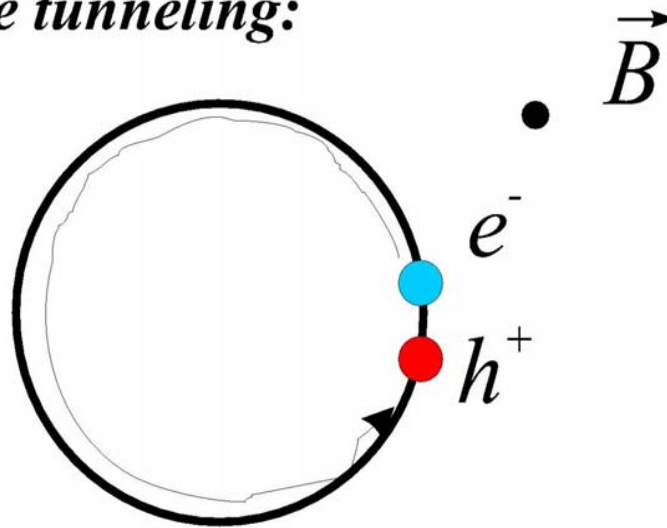
M. Berry, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A **392**, 45 (1984)

**BUT...**

**Ground state of 1D excitons (Romer & Raikh 2000):**

$$\Delta_0^0 = -\frac{\pi^2 V_0^2}{\epsilon_0} \left[ 1 + 4 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi^2 |V_0|}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]$$

*Electron-to-hole tunneling:*

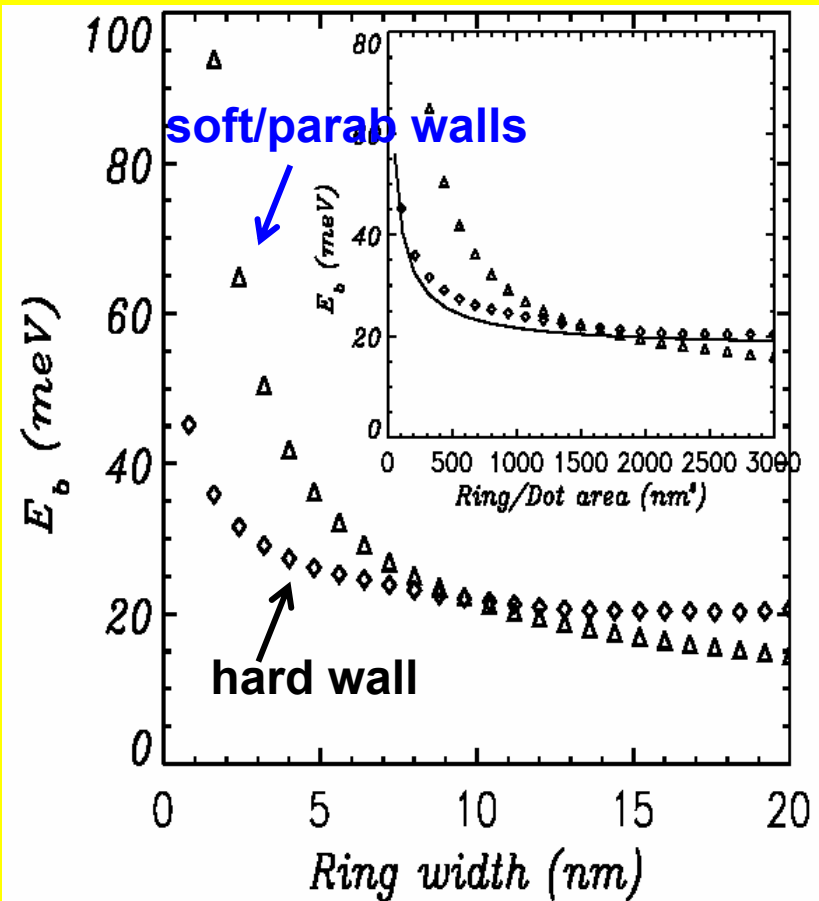


$$\Phi = \pi R^2 B > \Phi_0/2$$

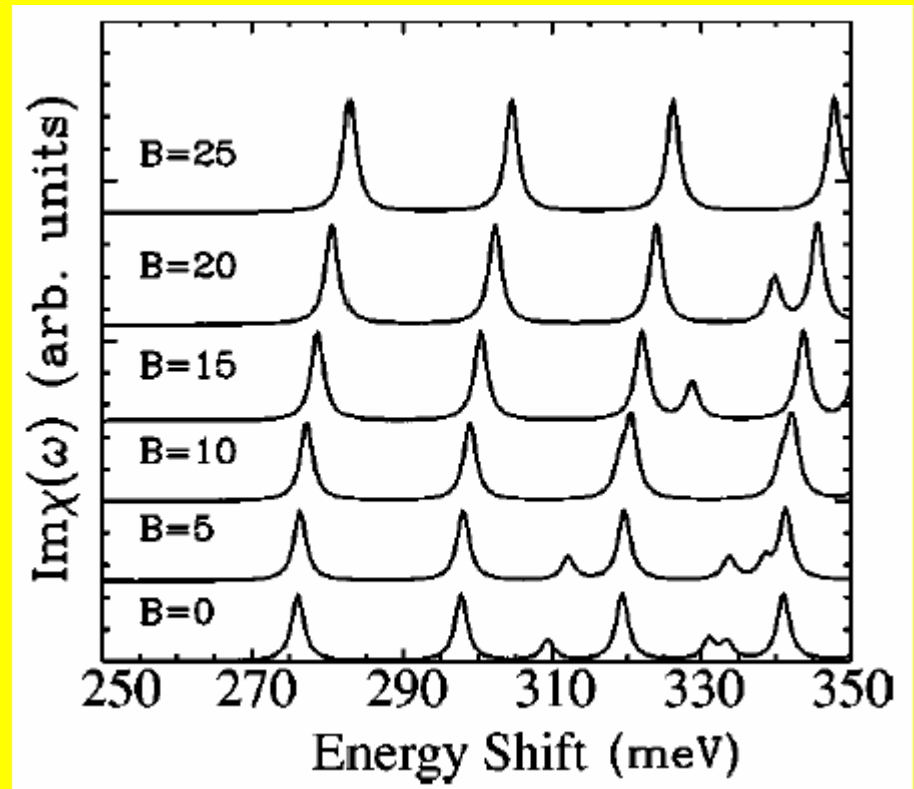
$$\Delta E_{exc}(B) = \delta E_{exc}(0) \exp[-2\pi^2 V_0/\epsilon_0] \cos[2\pi\Phi/\Phi_0]$$

# Results for microscopic calculation

Song & SU PRB 2001

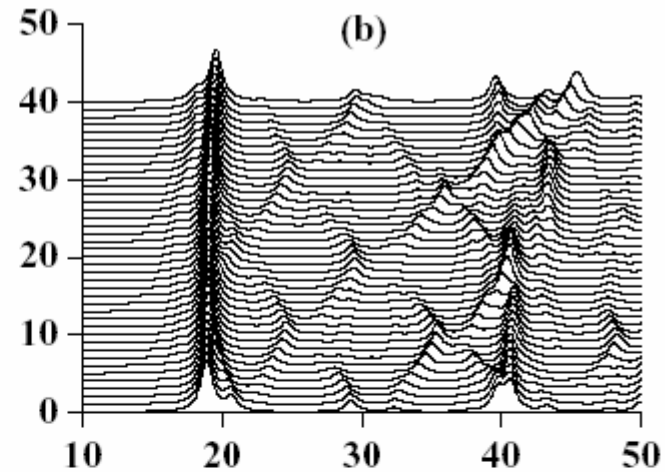
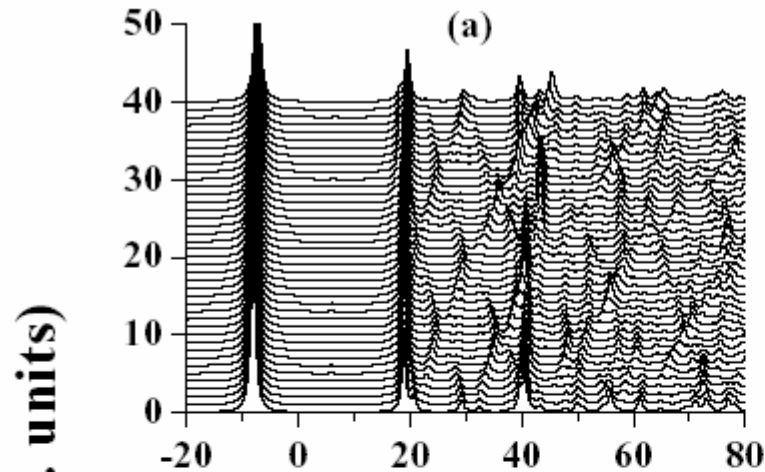


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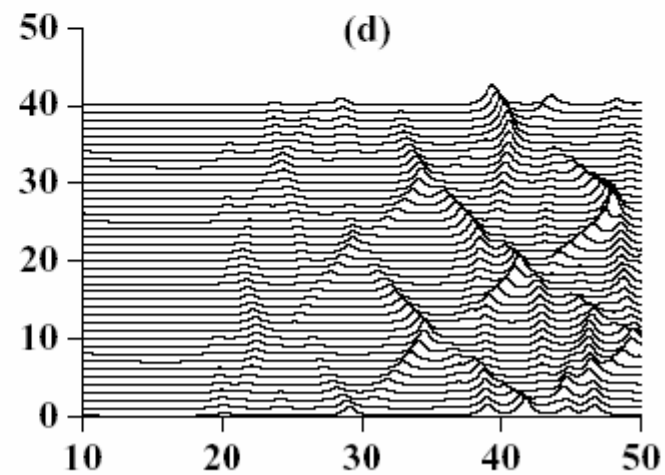
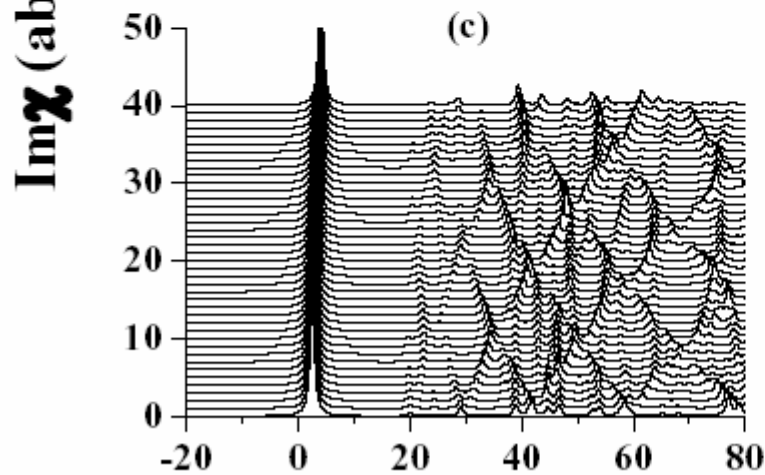


**NO AB oscillations!!**

AB oscillations seen if ring is narrower  $\sim 1D$  like  
width = 10nm



heavy  
hole

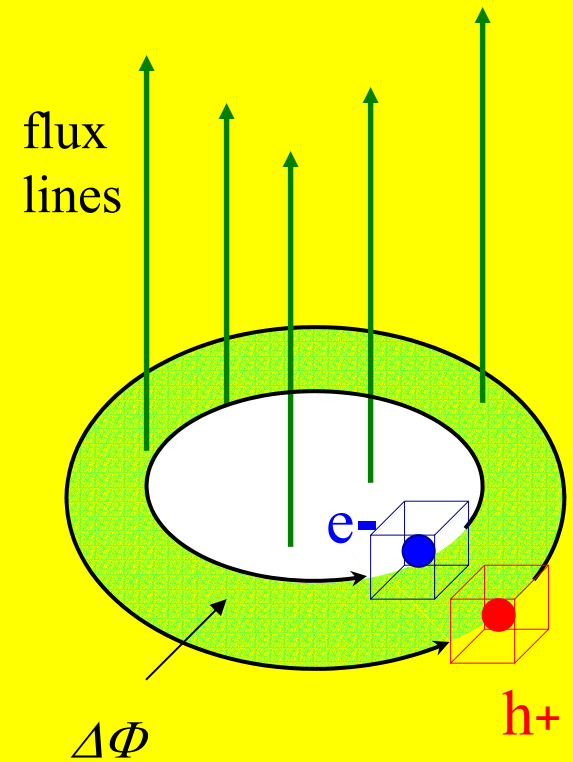
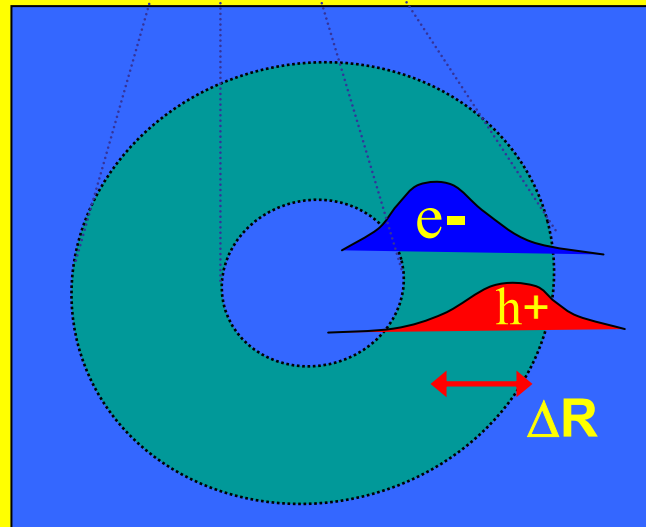
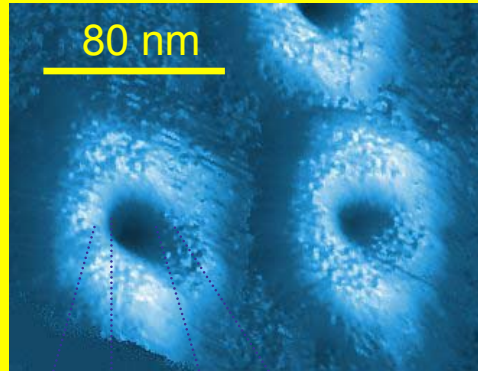
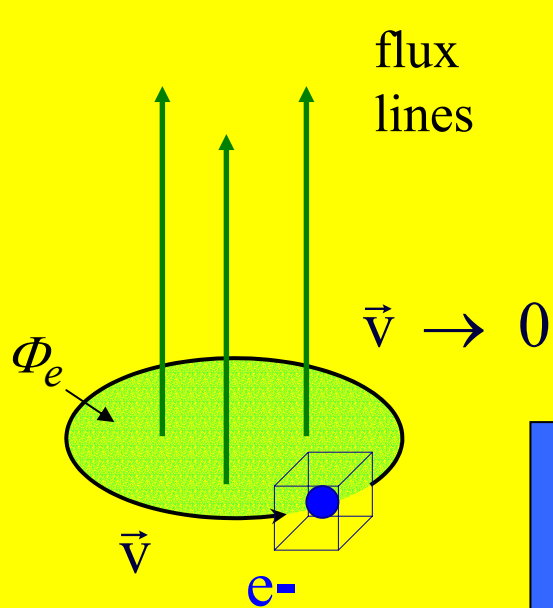


light  
hole

$\omega$  (meV)

$\omega$  (meV)

# BUT excitons are polarizable!



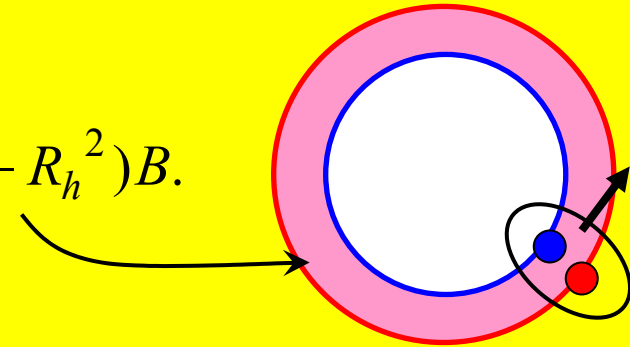
$$\Delta\phi_e - \Delta\phi_h = \frac{e}{c\hbar} (\Phi_e - \Phi_h)$$

net flux is nonzero!

strong Coulomb interaction limit:

$$R_0 = (R_e + R_h) / 2 \gg a_0^*$$

$$E_{exc} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\bar{M}R_0^2} \left( L + \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^2 + E_1, \quad \Delta\Phi = \pi(R_e^2 - R_h^2)B.$$



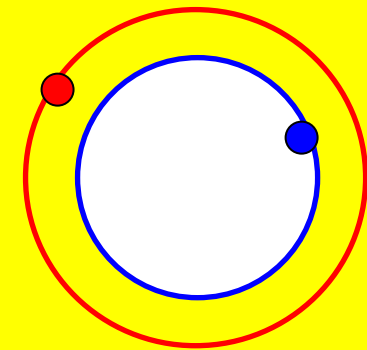
correlated motion

weak interaction limit:

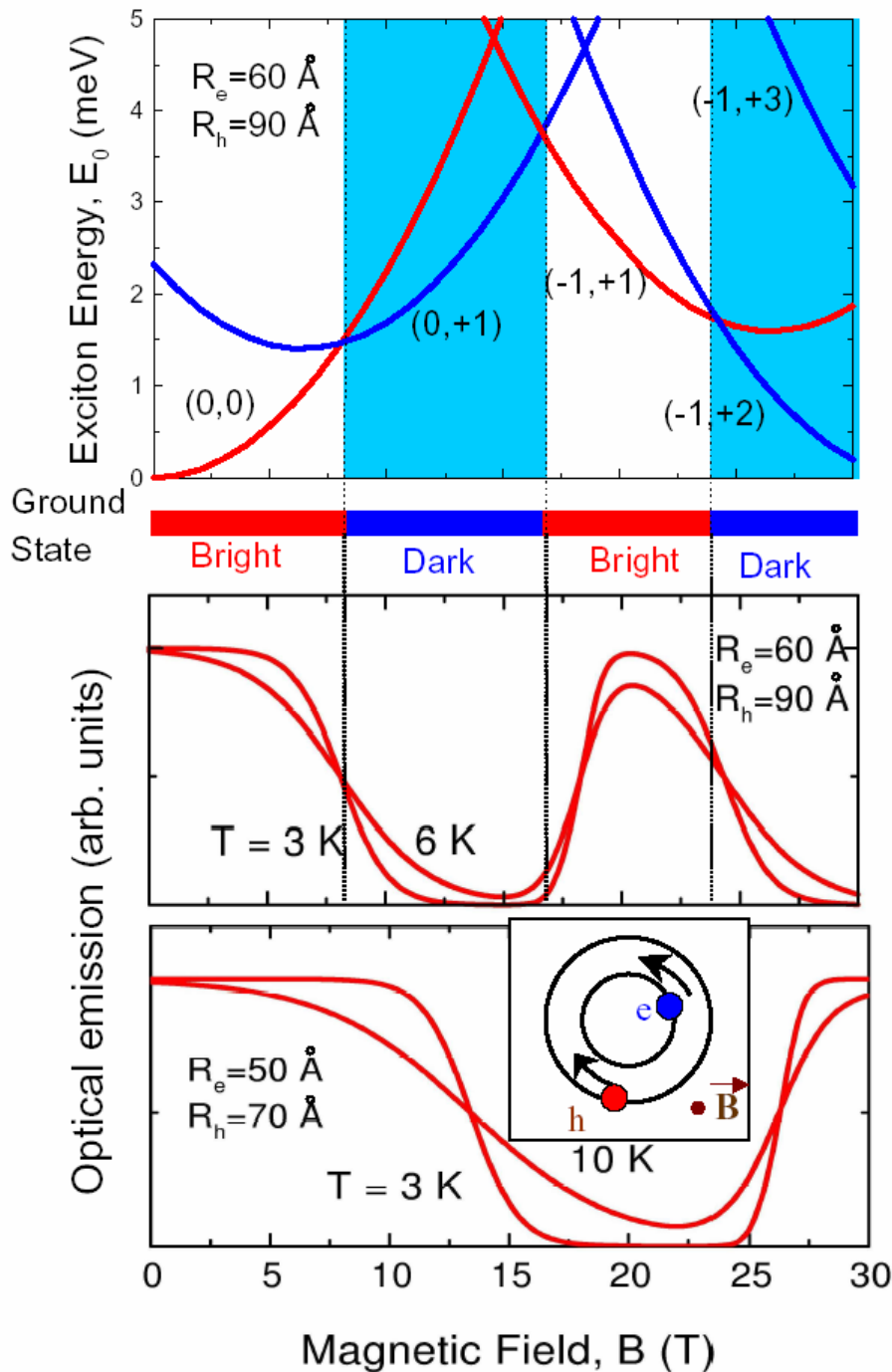
$$R_0 \ll a_0^*$$

$$E_{exc} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e R_e^2} \left( L_e + \frac{\Phi_e}{\Phi_0} \right)^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_h R_h^2} \left( L_h - \frac{\Phi_h}{\Phi_0} \right)^2,$$

$$\Phi_{e(h)} = \pi R_{e(h)}^2 B, \quad L = L_e + L_h$$



independent motion



weak interaction limit

optical emission strongly suppressed in B field windows

dark window  $L_{\text{tot}}$  non zero

bright window  $L_{\text{tot}} = 0$

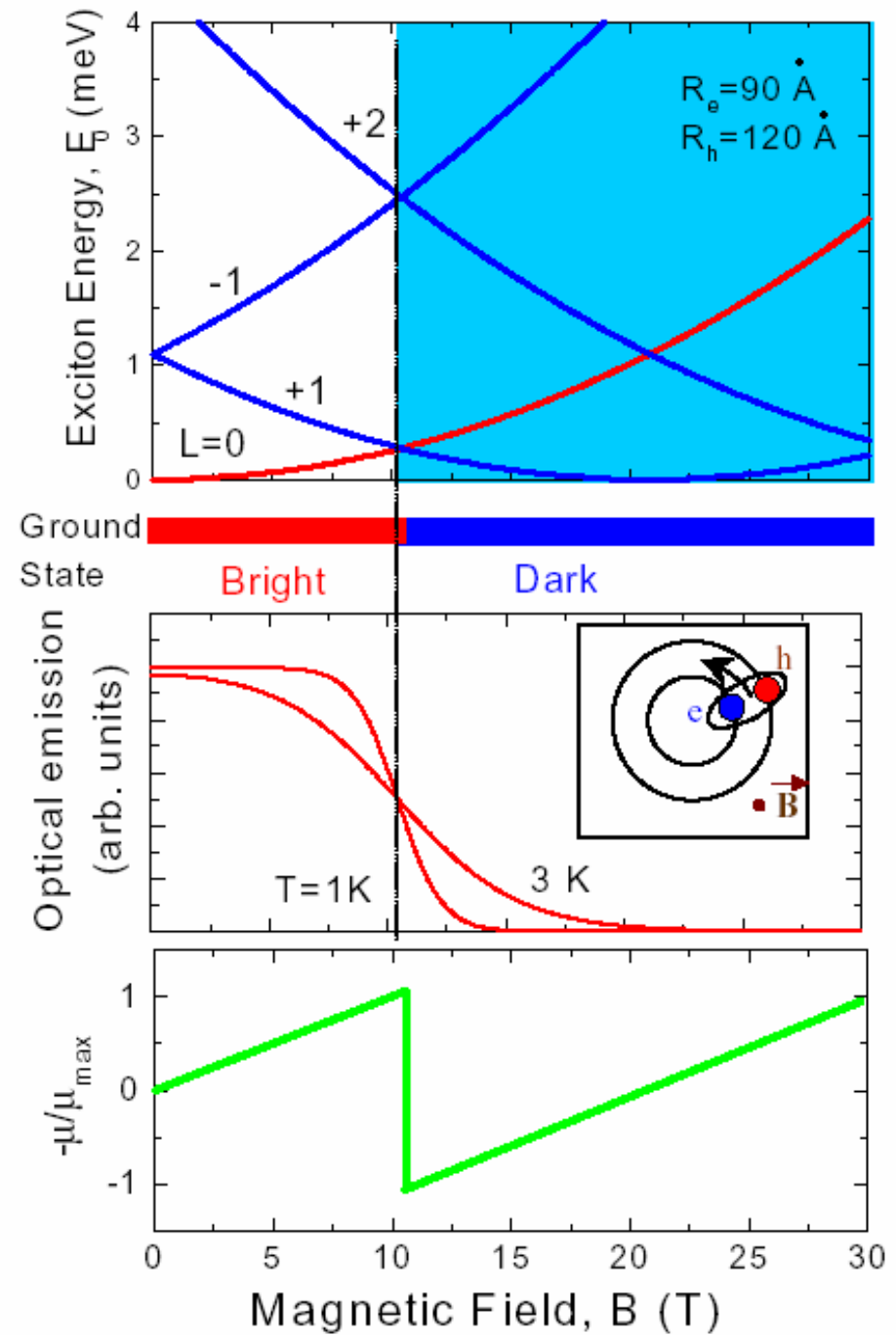
Govorov et al PRB 2002



strong interaction limit

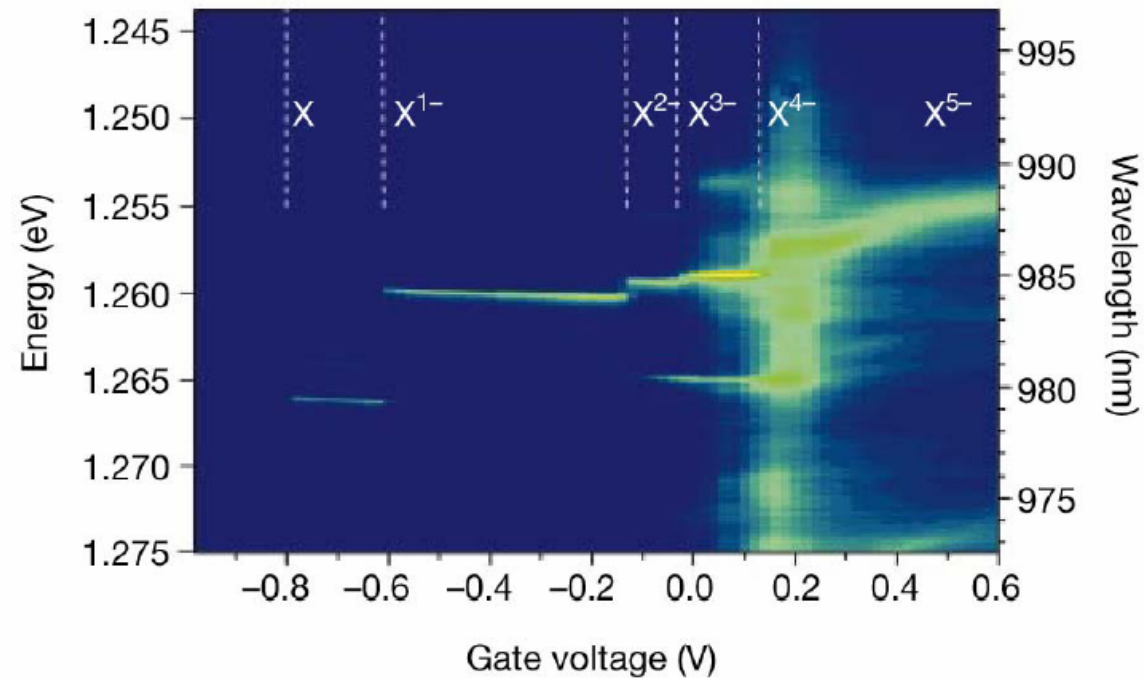
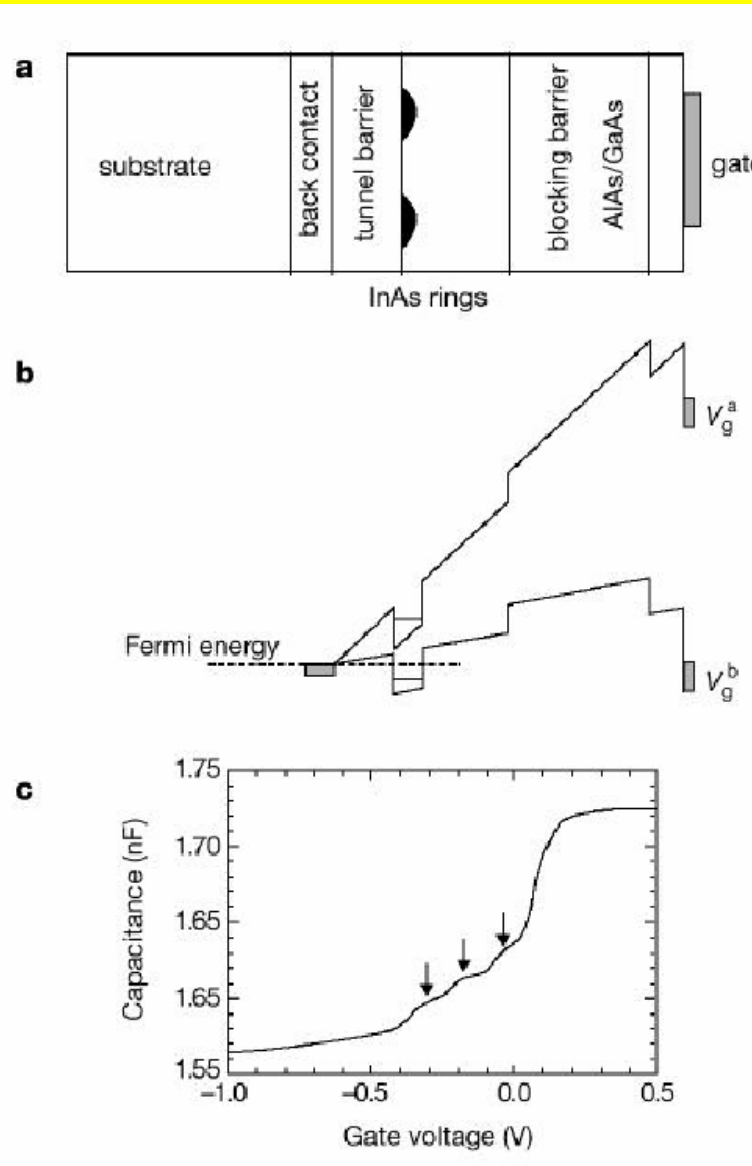
optical emission strongly suppressed after critical B field

effective persistent current associated with Berry's phase and angular momentum in ground state



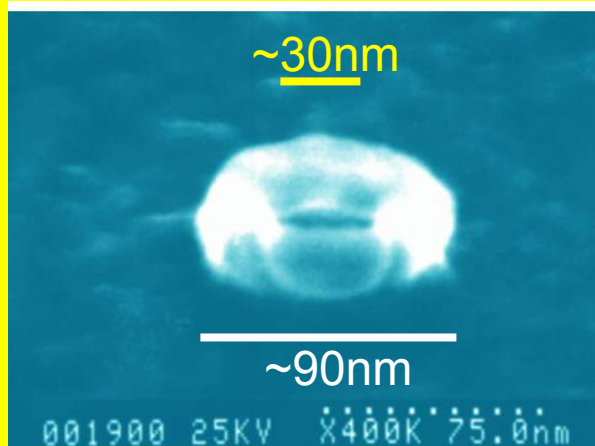
# Optical emission from a charge tunable quantum ring

Warburton et al Nature 2000

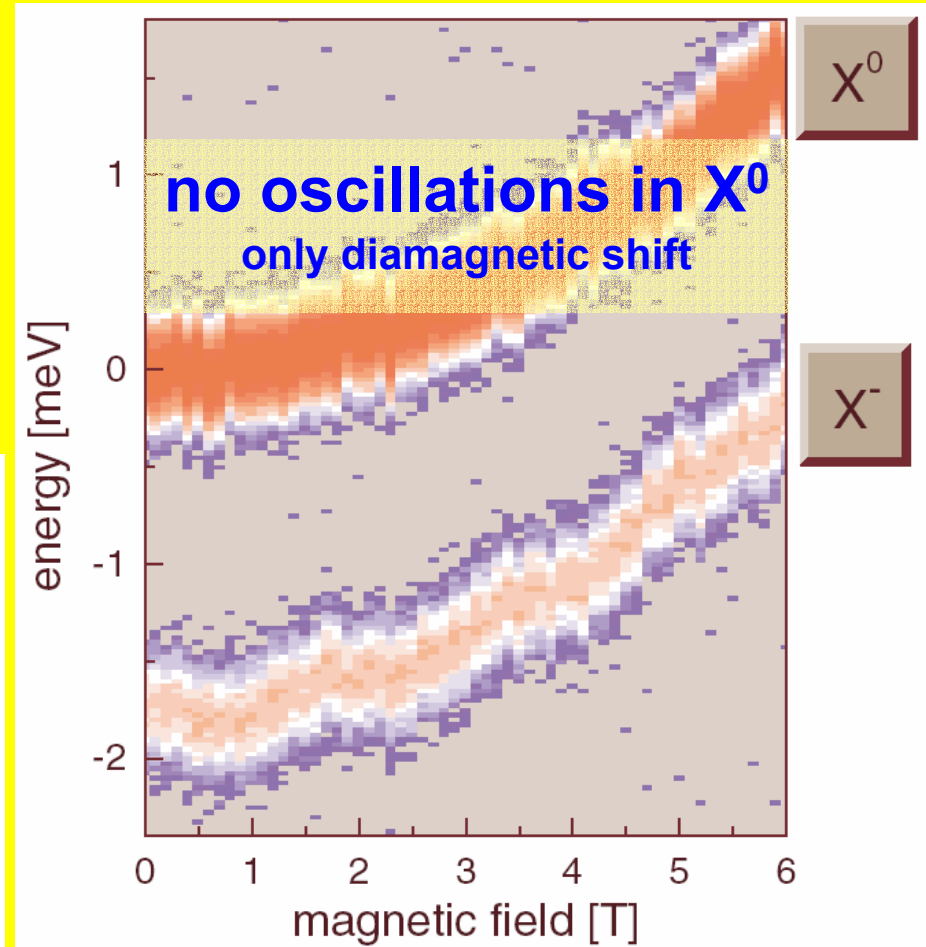
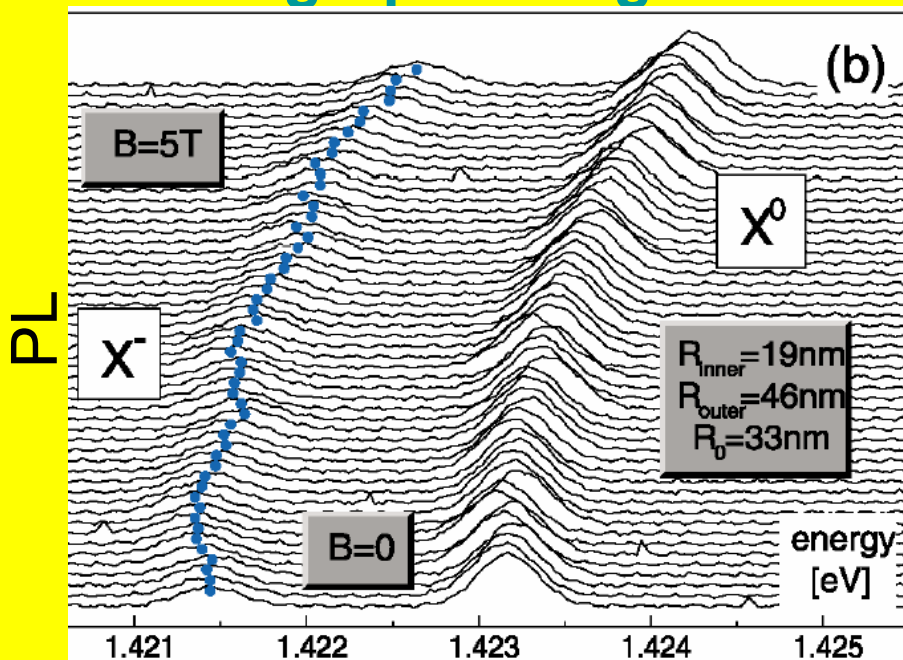


# Optical detection of the AB effect in a charged particle

Bayer et al PRL 2003

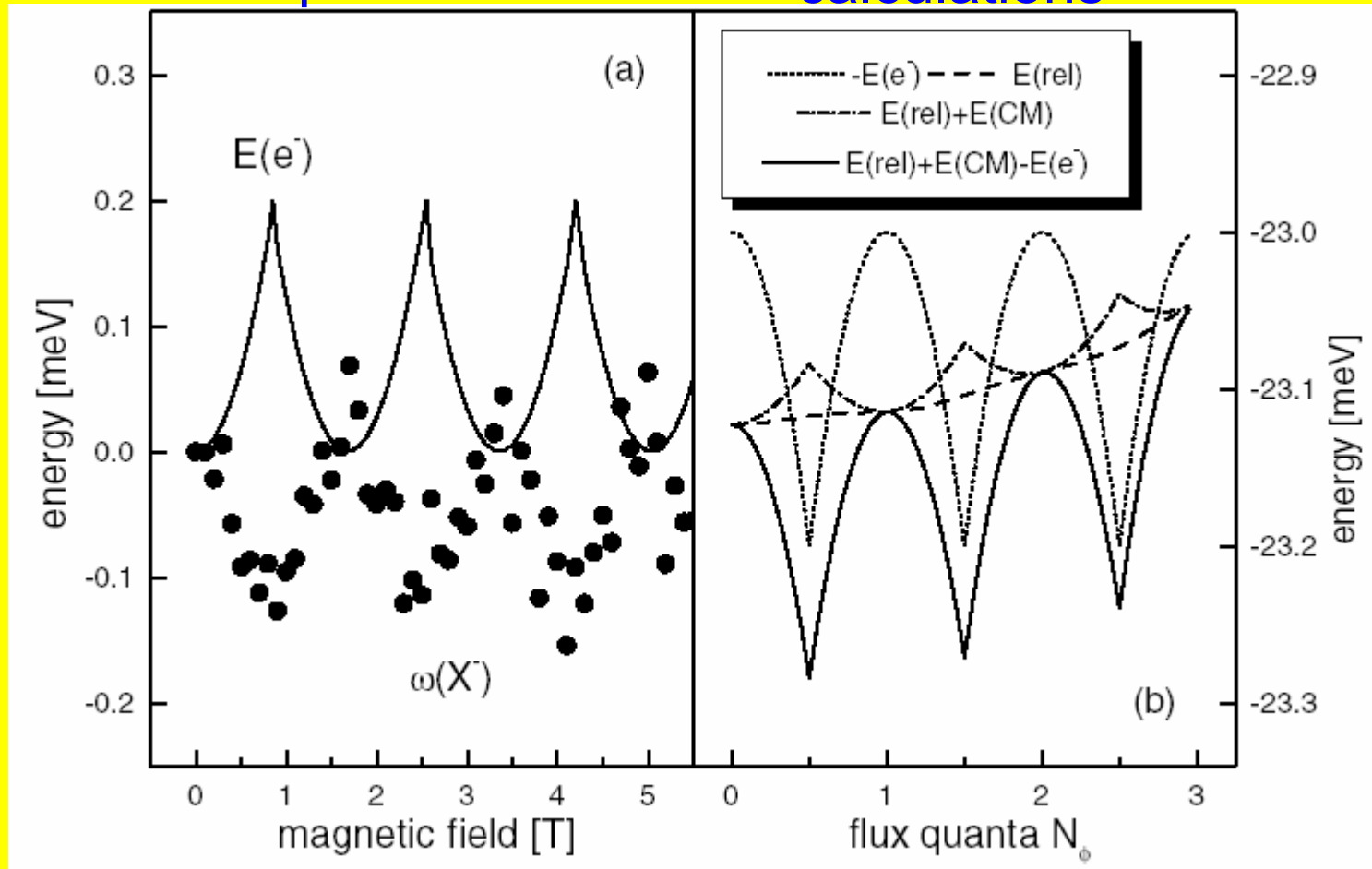


**lithographic ring**



experiments

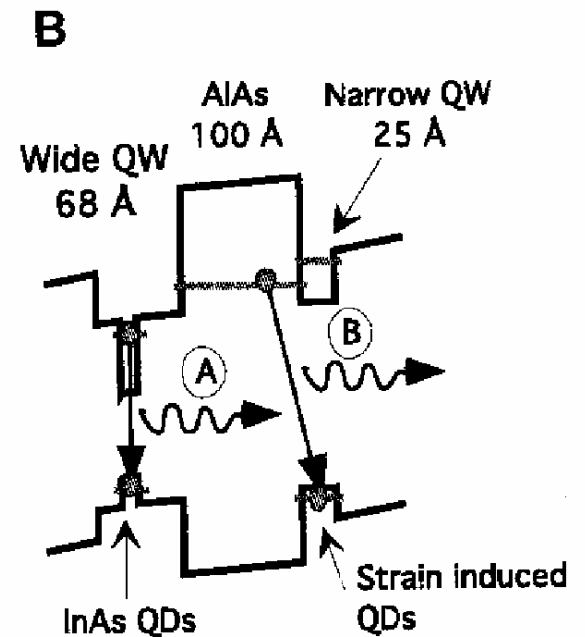
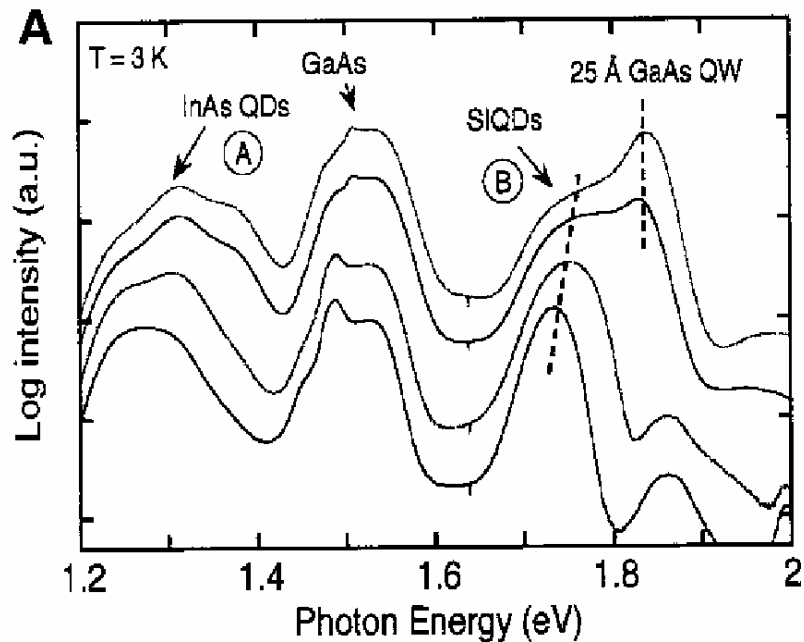
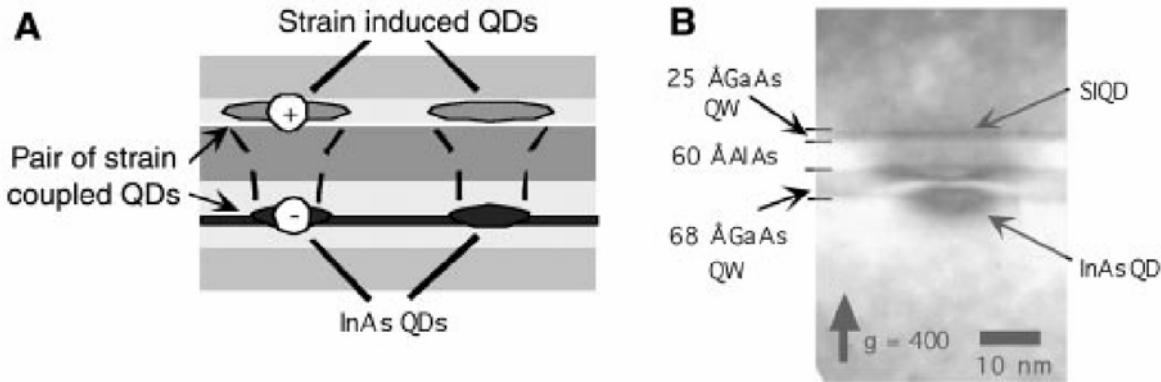
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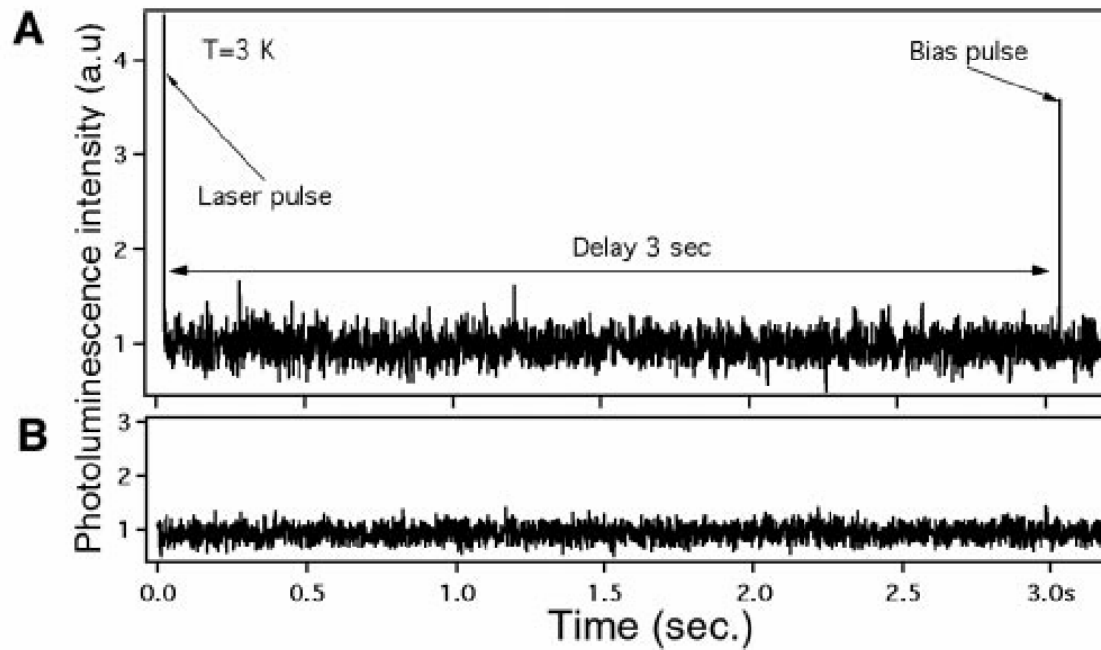
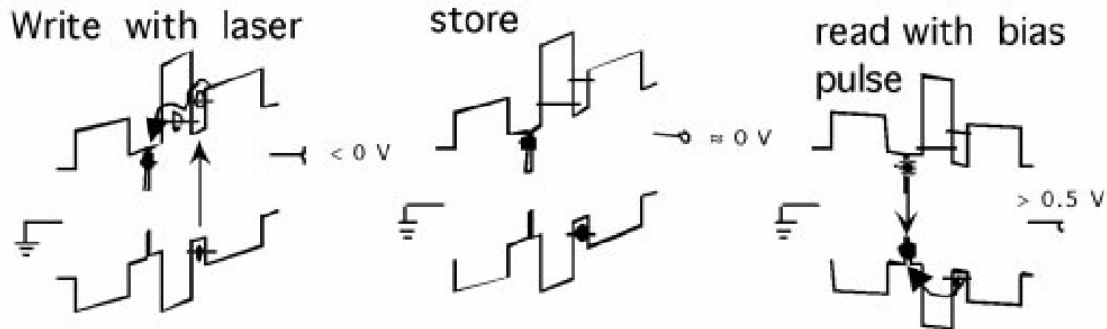


reasonable agreement w/calculations  $\rightarrow$  interactions do not change period and only slightly the amplitude

# Exciton Storage in Semiconductor Self-Assembled Quantum Dots

T. Lundstrom, W. Schoenfeld, H. Lee, P. M. Petroff\* [Science 2000](#)





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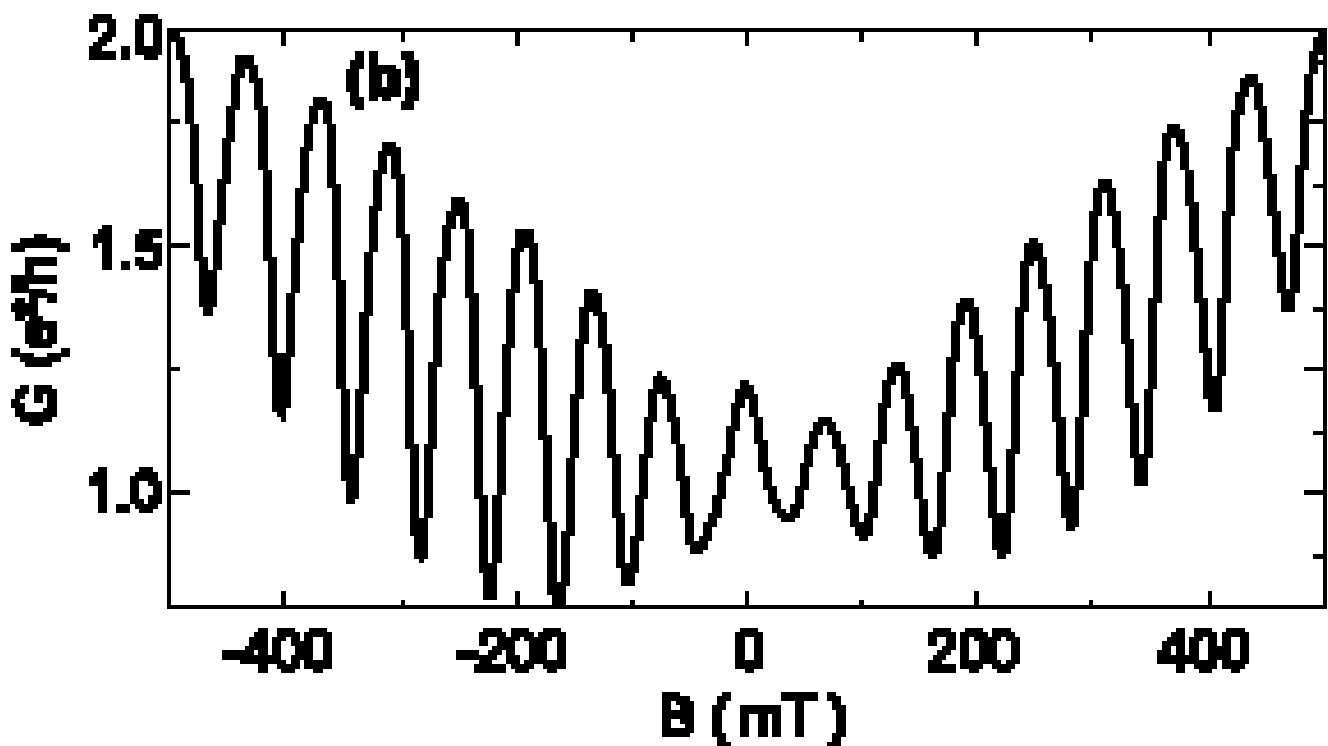
**Efecto Aharonov-Bohm en un anillo conductor.**

- (a) En la figura debajo se muestra la conductancia experimental de un anillo construido en un gas de electrones de dos dimensiones en un semiconductor. Estime de la gráfica el período de éstas oscilaciones de Aharonov-Bohm. El eje horizontal es campo magnético en milésimas de Tesla. ¿Por cierto, porqué se esperaría que la conductancia  $G$  fuera simétrica al invertir  $B$ , tal y como aparece en la figura?
- (b) Suponiendo que éstas oscilaciones son producidas por el efecto AB, la conductancia  $G$  se puede aproximar por:

$$G \approx G_0 |1 + \exp(i\Phi/\Phi_0)|^2,$$

en donde  $\Phi=BA$  es el flujo a través del anillo de area  $A$ , y  $\Phi_0=h/e$  es el cuanto de flujo magnético. Deduzca entonces el diámetro del anillo.

- (c) Suponga que el anillo fuera “ancho” y que entonces tuviera mas de un canal transversal. Si el anillo es de 1 micra de radio interno y 2 micras de radio externo, estime el numero de canales permitidos para una longitud de Fermi de 50nm. De este número, estime que rango de períodos de oscilaciones AB se podrían ver en el experimento. ¿Se esperaría que las oscilaciones sobrevivieran? Explique brevemente su respuesta.



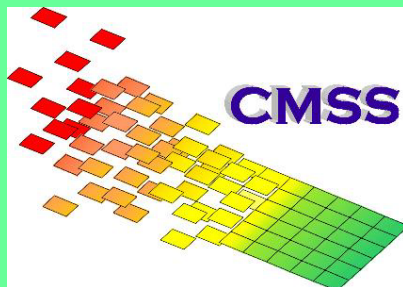
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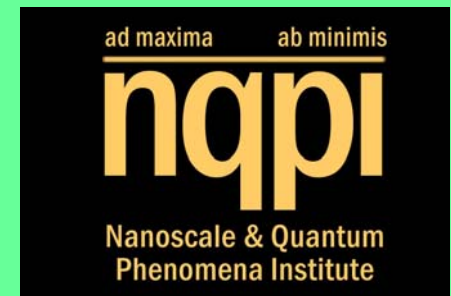
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# Photons, excitons, spins, energy transfer & entanglement – all in QDs

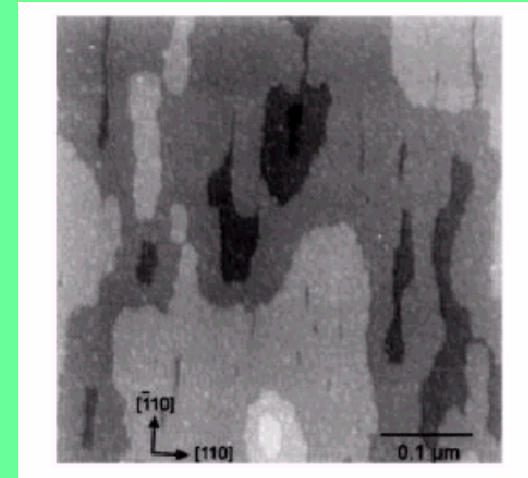
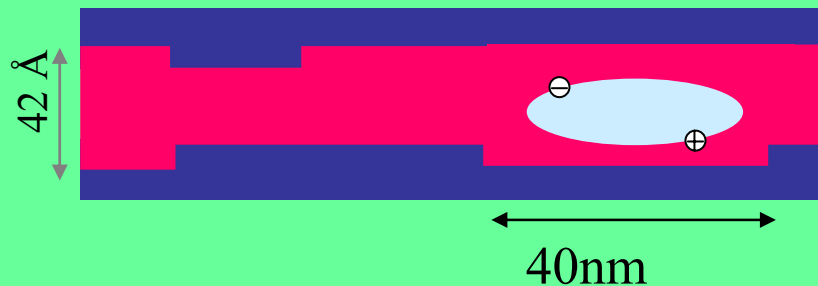
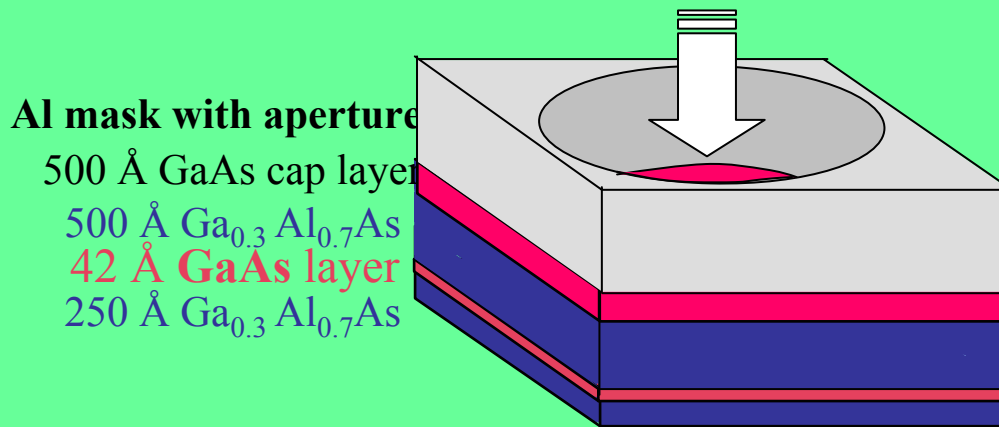
- Gammon/Steel – optical control of quantum dot state
- Imamoglou – single photon source from quantum dots
- Klimov – Förster coupling between quantum dots
- Zrenner – coherent control of quantum dot photodiode

Gammon/Steel – optical control of quantum dot state

# Gammon/Steel – optical control of quantum dot state

Bonadeo et al PRL 1998

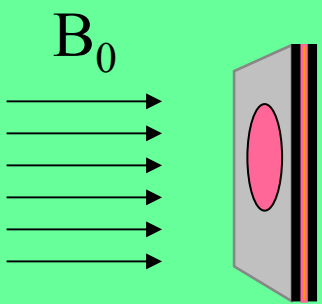
## Naturally Formed GaAs QDs



STM image showing the island formation and elongation.

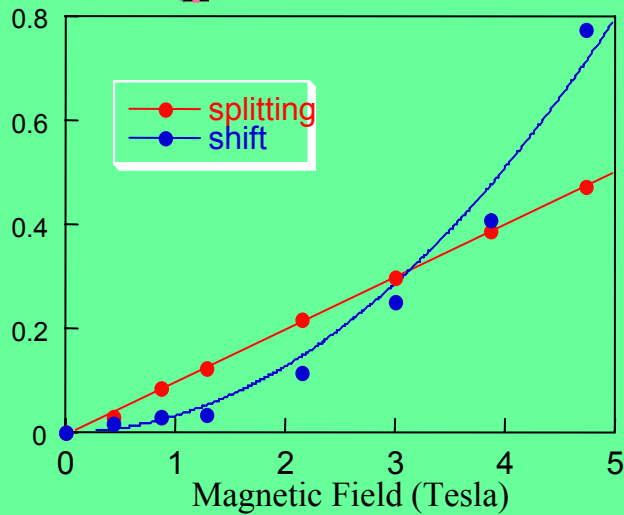
Gammon *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **76**, 3005 (1996)

Samples are provided by D.S. Katzer, D. Park, and E. S. Snow, NRL



# QD Magneto-excitons \* - g factor

Photolumuminescence of a Single Exciton

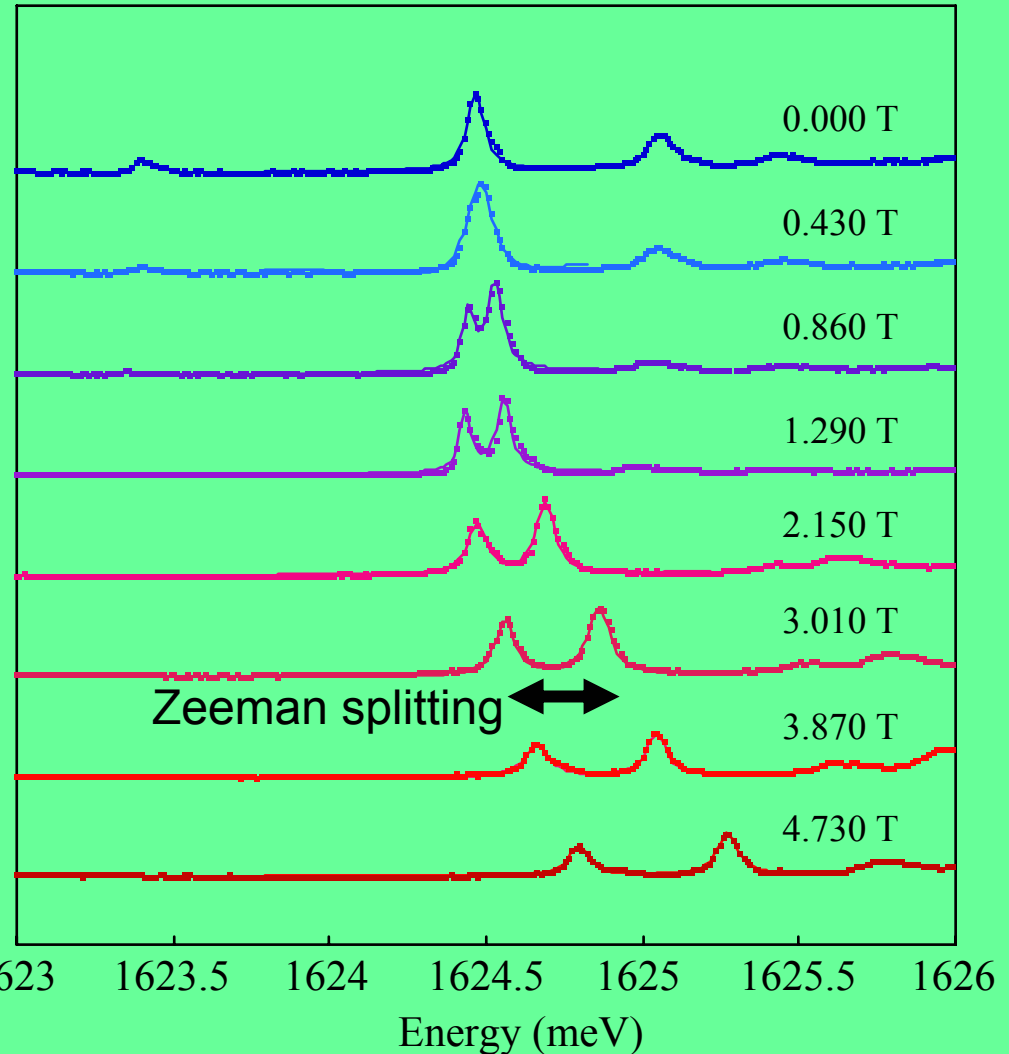


Weak field limit:

$$H_{\text{int}} = g_{\text{ex}}^* \mu_B B_0 S_z + \alpha B_0^2$$

$$g_{\text{ex}}^* = g_e^* + g_{\text{hh}}^*$$

$$g_{\text{hh}}^* = 6\kappa + 27q/2$$



\* First reported by S. W. Brown *et al.*,  
Phys. Rev. B **54**, R17 339 (1996)

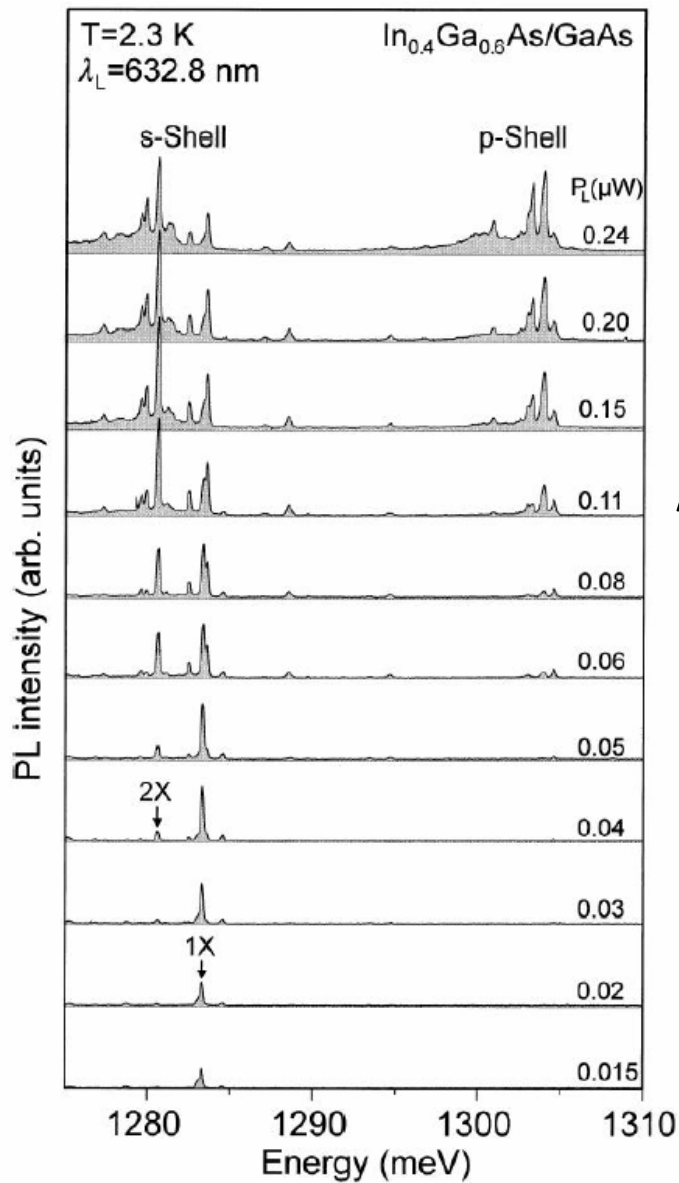


Fig. 1. Power dependent PL spectra from a single isolated quantum dot at zero magnetic field. Contributions from the s-shell and p-shell can be clearly distinguished. In the spectral region of the s-shell, the single exciton (1X) and biexciton lines (2X) are labelled.

## Photoluminescence in SINGLE QD

- Excitons
- *Excited* excitons (s- and p-shell)
- Biexcitons,  $X^-$ ,  $X^{--}$ , etc.

laser power

Findeis et al, Sol. State Comm, 2000

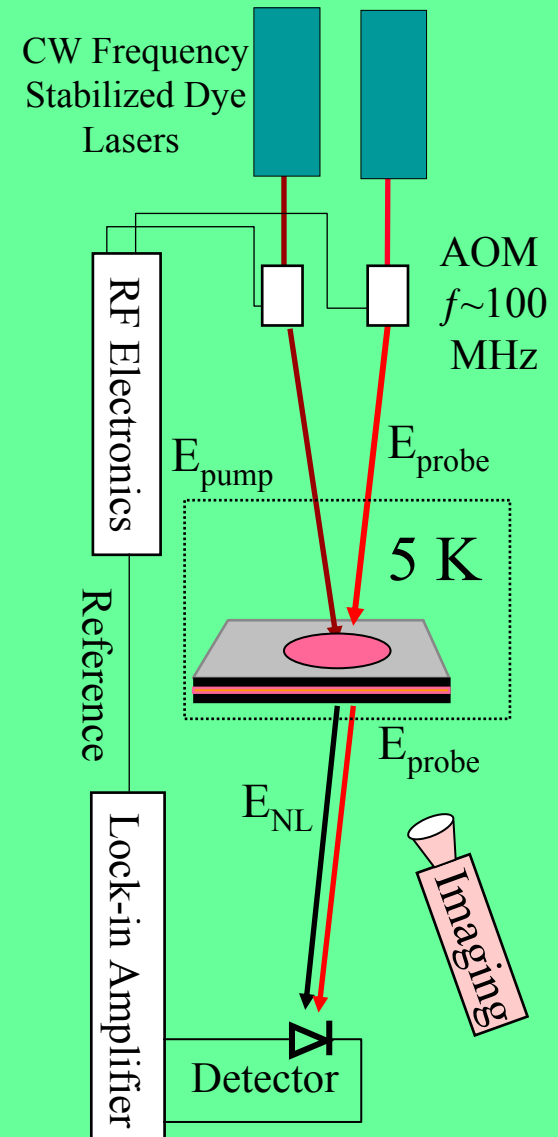
# Experimental Techniques

- **Linear Spectroscopy: Photoluminescence**  
Indirect probe of exciton resonances  
Requires spectral diffusion of excited carriers
- **Coherent Nonlinear Spectroscopy:**  
CW differential transmission  
Resonant excitation  
Probe coherent interaction in the system

$$E_{\text{NL}}(\epsilon) \sim \chi^{(3)}(\epsilon) E_{\text{pump}} E_{\text{pump}}^* E_{\text{probe}}$$

$$I_{\text{signal}} = \text{Re} ( E_{\text{NL}} E_{\text{probe}}^* )$$

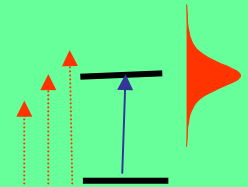
D Steel et al U Michigan



# Non-degenerate Nonlinear Spectroscopy: Advantages

- Probe single excitonic state decay dynamics

Measure both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  \*



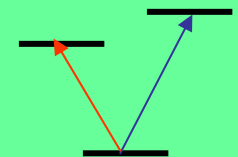
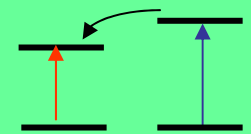
- Probe coupling between different excitonic states

Probe inter-dot energy transfer and dot-dot coupling

Study excited states of excitons

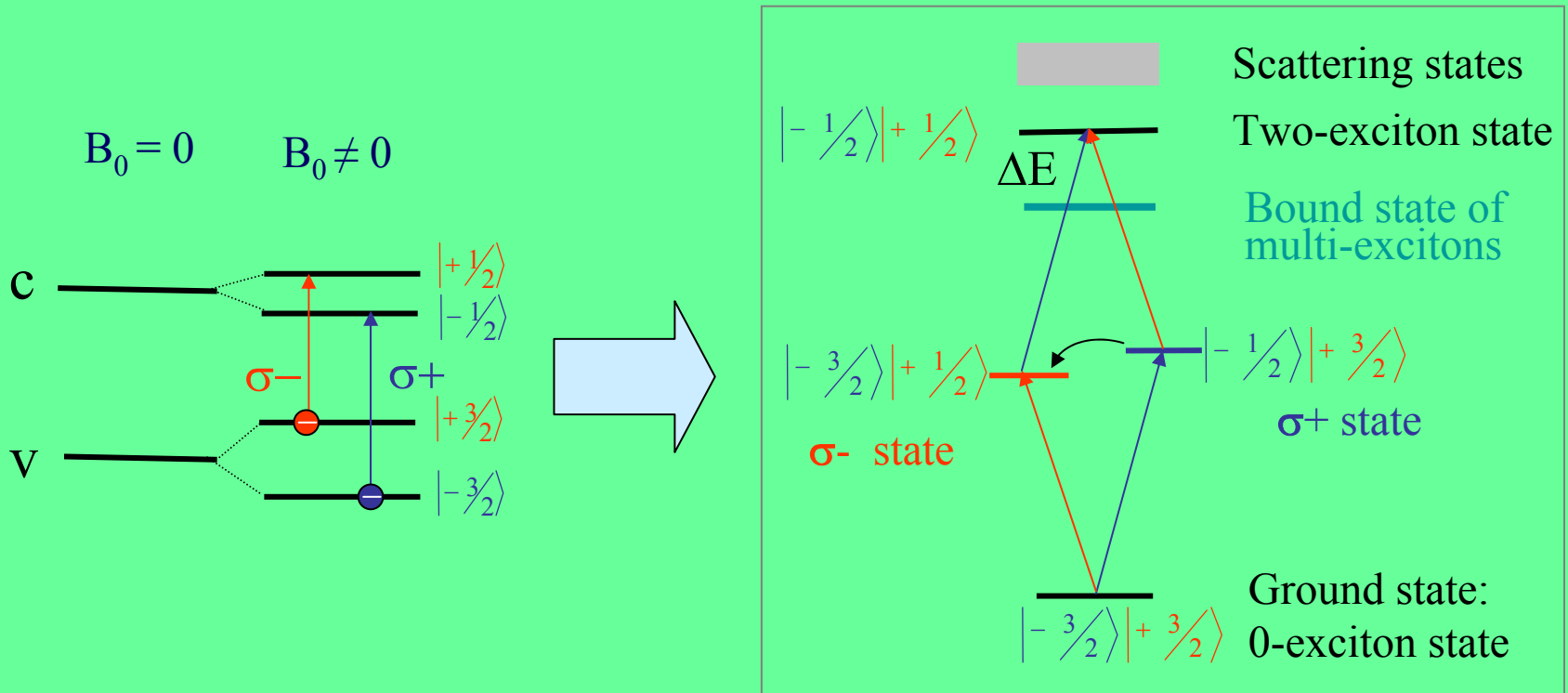
Probe multi-exciton correlation effects ;

Study the coherent interaction between exciton doublet .



\* Nicolas H. Bonadeo *et al.*, PRL, 81, 2759 (1998)

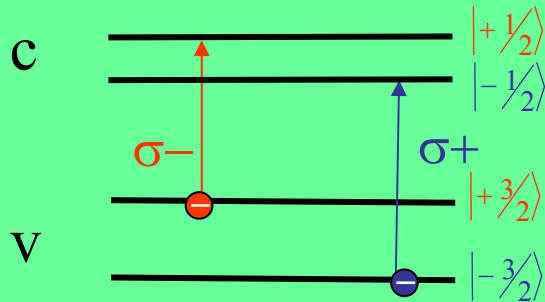
# $hh$ Excitonic Level Diagram



**Non-degenerate** experiments can excite both  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  excitons by varying the **frequency** and the **polarization** of the excitation beams (pump and probe beam).

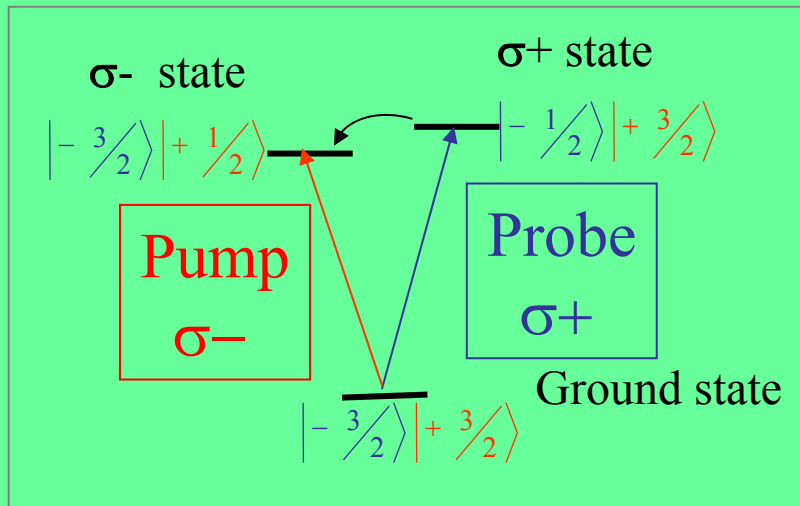


# Exciting Two Electrons



Resonant and coherent excitation of two electrons

3-level diagram in 2-electron basis



Two contributions:

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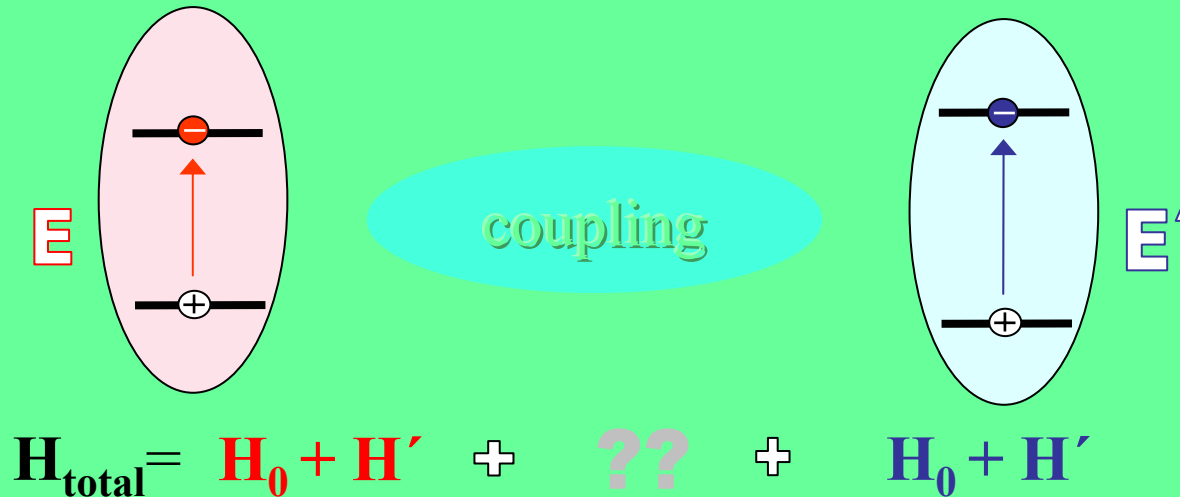
Ground state depletion

2. Coherent:

**Zeeman** coherence

between  $\sigma^-$  and  $\sigma^+$  state

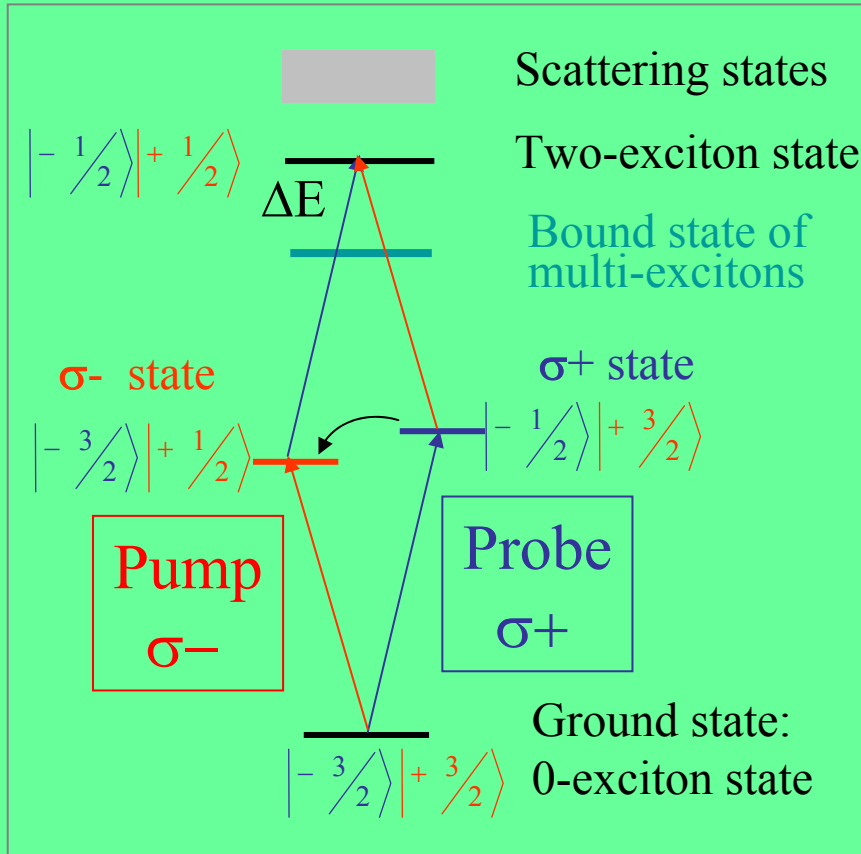
# Optically Entangling Two Systems: the Importance of Coupling



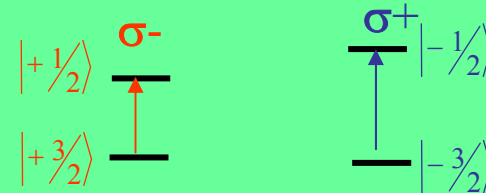
- Without coupling  $\rightarrow$  Product state of the two subsystems.
- A strong coupling allows one system to see the excitation of the other.  
**Coulomb interaction between charged particles:** trapped ions  
**Magnetic dipole interaction:** NMR systems  
**Exciton-exciton Coulomb coupling:** excitons
- Mutual **coherence** between E and E' is essential .

# Coulomb Correlation\*:

## Coulomb interaction between electron-hole pairs within single QD



Two-exciton state cancels the signal due to the symmetry in the level diagram.



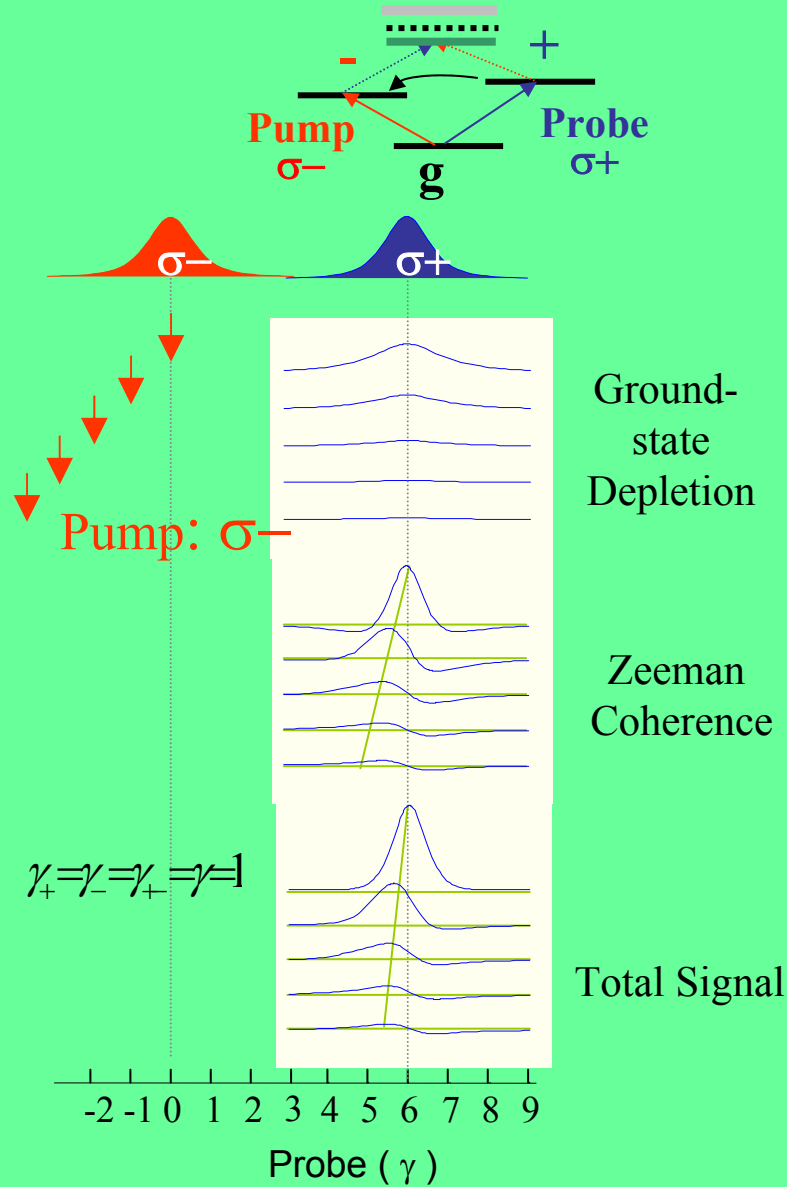
**But**

Two electrons are involved within a single QD.  $\rightarrow$

Coulomb interaction between the two excitons is important.

\* Kner et al Phys. Rev. Lett. **78**, 1319 (1997)  
Ostreich et al Phys. Rev. Lett. **74**, 4698 (1995)

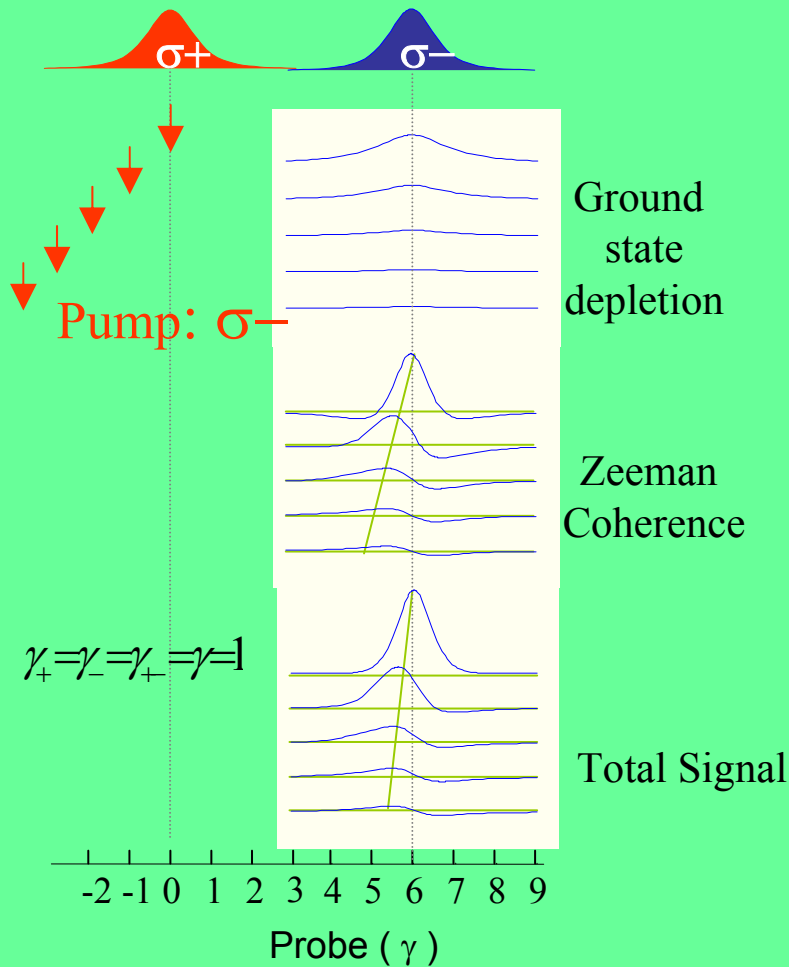
# Turn **on** the Coulomb Correlation



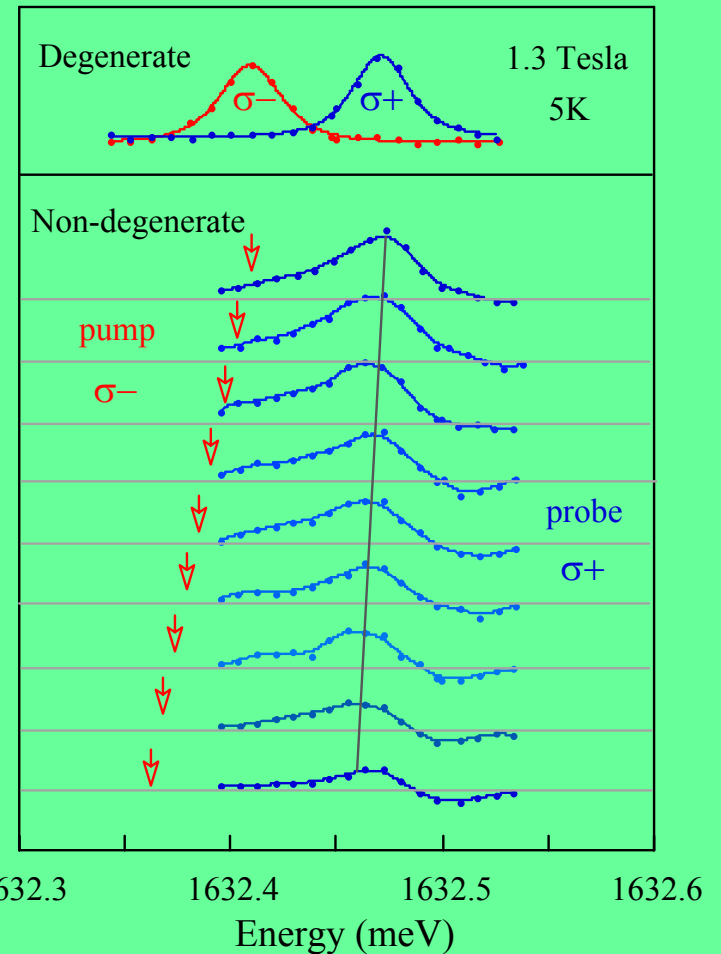
# Turn **off** the Coulomb Correlation



# Experiment : Coulomb Correlation and Zeeman Coherence



Evidence for Zeeman Coherence in Single QDs



Creation of two-electron entanglement

## Ultimate Goal

- **Combine:**  
Optical control of individual QDs  
Long spin lifetimes  
QD nanostructure engineering
- **To produce:**  
*Qubit register of QD spins*

**Coherence of a single QD can be controlled – Gammon et al have demonstrated this for excitons [Stievator et al., PRL (2001)]**

**Next: QNOT and other quantum gates**

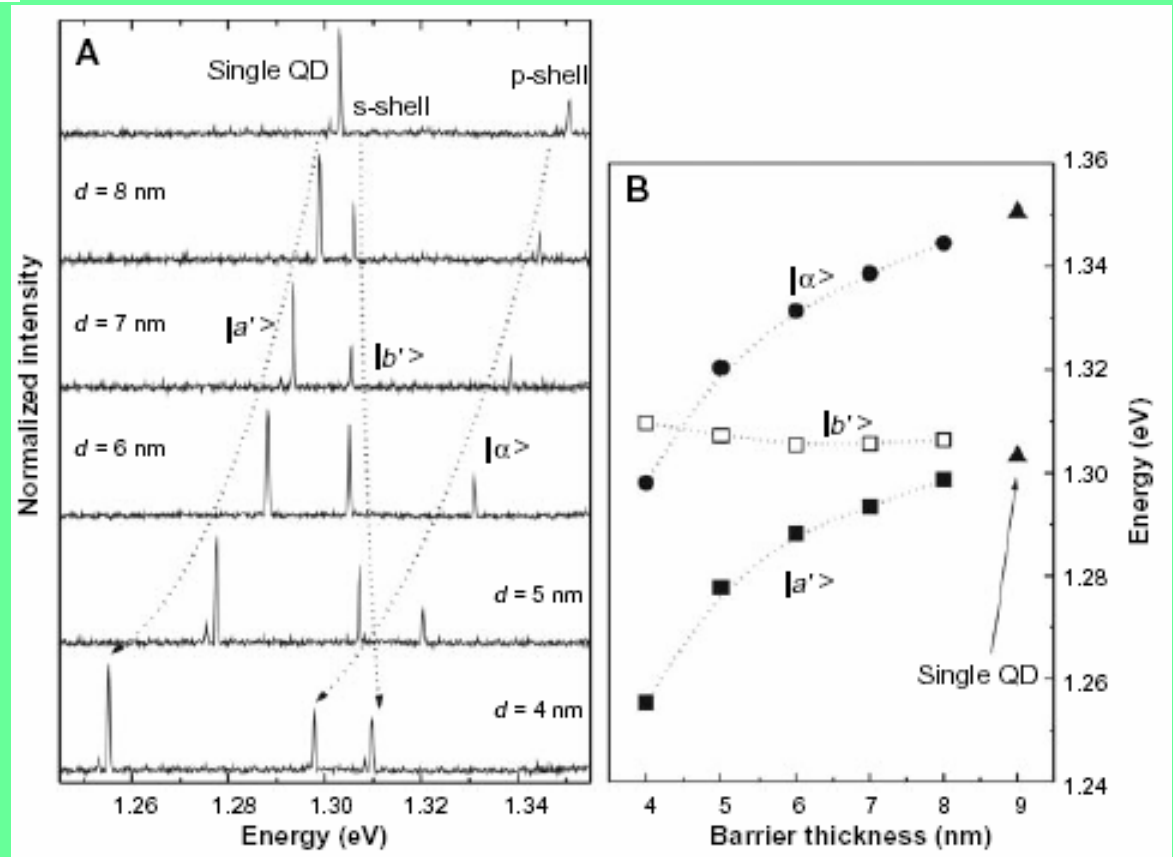
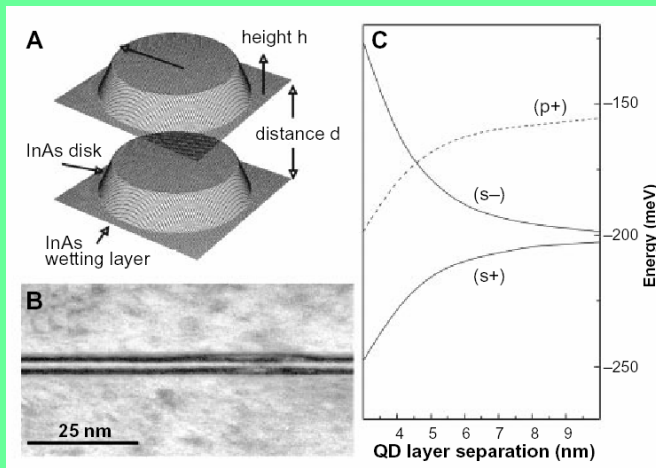
**Spins have long coherence times: dephasing times  $T_2^* = 5\text{ns}-300\text{ns}$   
[Dzhioev et al., PRL (2002)]**

**Next: explore in single QDs; optical read-out and initialization schemes**

# Coupling and Entangling of Quantum States in Quantum Dot Molecules

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M. Korkusinski,<sup>2,3</sup> Z. R. Wasilewski,<sup>2</sup> O. Stern,<sup>1</sup> A. Forchel<sup>1</sup>

Science 2001



Imamoglou – single photon source from QDs

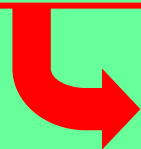
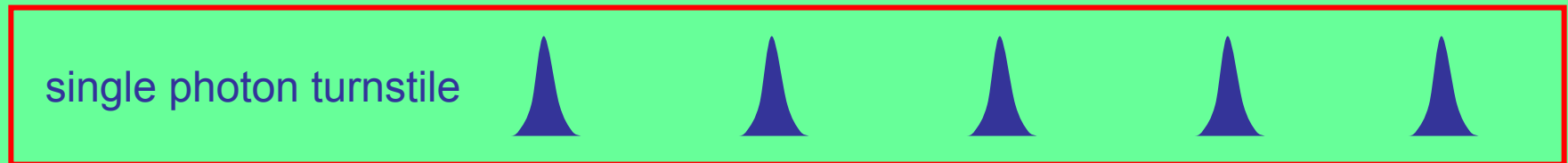


# Imamoglou – single photon source from QDs

Michler et al., Science **290**, 2282 (2000)

- It is difficult to isolate a single photon, or fix the number of photons in a pulse
- Fluctuations in photon number mask the quantum features of light
- A stable train of laser pulses have Poissonian (photon number) statistics

→ It is desirable to have *single photon* sources:



Complete regulation of photon generation

# Single Photon Sources

**Quantum Cryptography:**

secure key distribution by single photon pulses

**Quantum Computation:**

single photons + linear optical elements

E. Knill, R. Laflamme, and G.J. Milburn, Nature **409**, 46 (2001)

Available sources:

- Highly attenuated laser pulse  $\Rightarrow$  Poisson fluctuations
- Parametric down conversion  $\Rightarrow$  Random generation of single photons

Possible solution:

Deterministic (triggered) single photon emission:

**Single Photon Turnstile Device**

A. Imamoglu, Y. Yamamoto, Phys. Rev. Lett. **72**, 210 (1994)



Experiments:

Coulomb blockade of electron/hole tunneling in a mesoscopic pn-junction:

J. Kim et al. Nature **397**, 500 (1999)

Single Molecule at room temperature:

B. Lounis and W.E. Moerner, Nature **407**, 491 (2000)

Single InAs Quantum Dot in a microcavity:

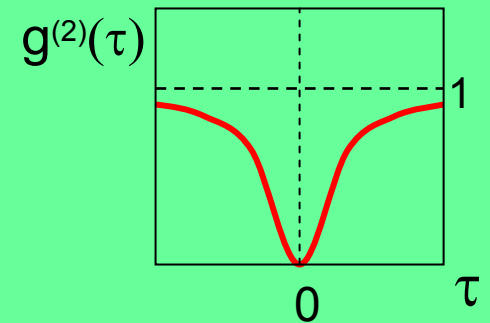
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# Signature of a triggered single-photon source

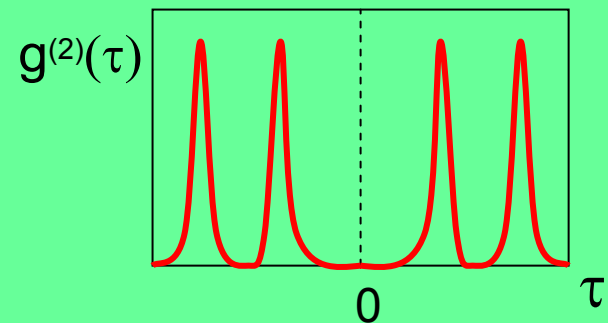
- Intensity (photon) correlation function:

$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle : I(t)I(t+\tau) : \rangle}{\langle I(t) \rangle^2}$$

- Single quantum emitter (I.e. an atom) driven by a cw laser field exhibits photon antibunching.

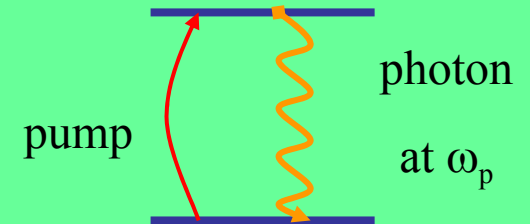


- Triggered single photon source: absence of a peak at  $\tau=0$  indicates that none of the pulses contain more than 1 photon.

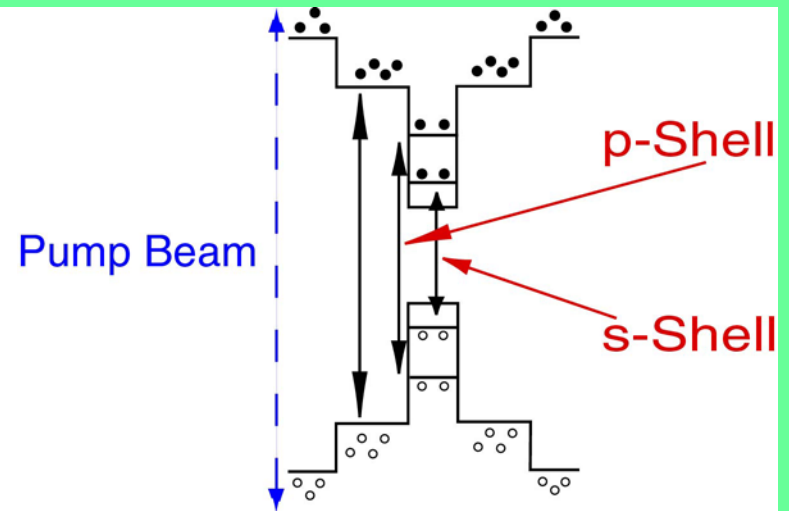
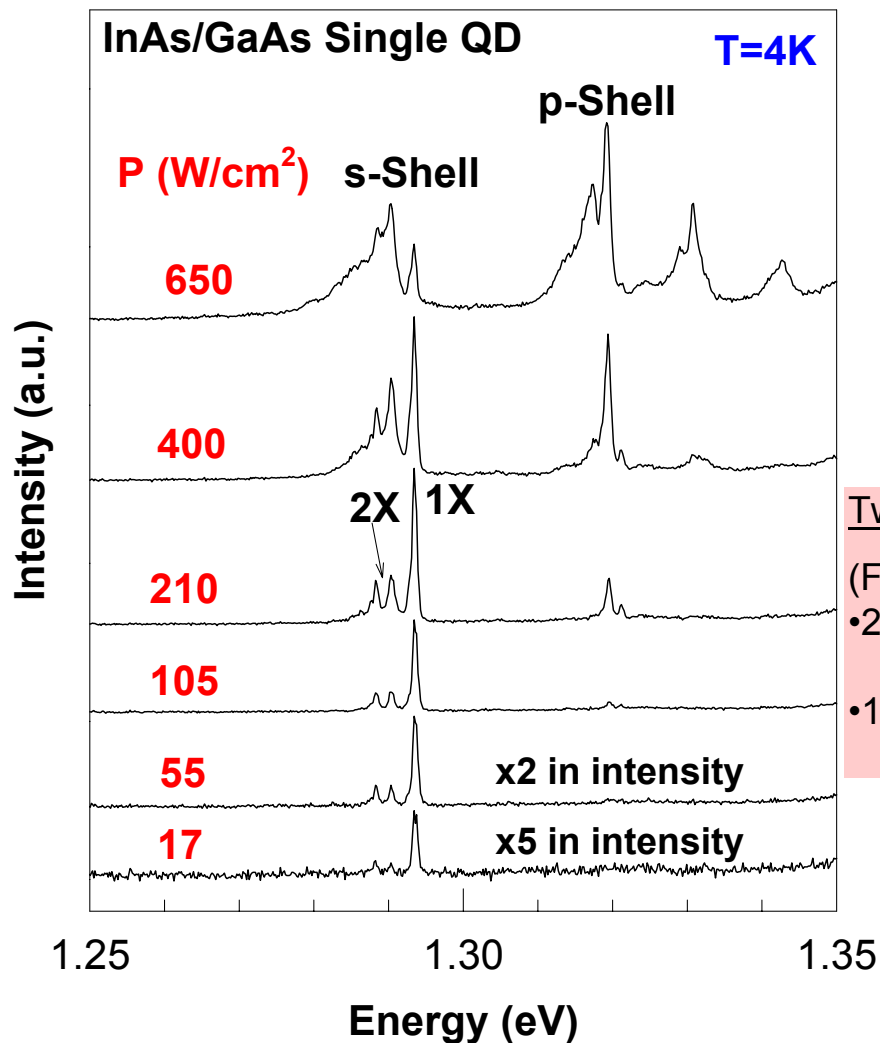


# Photon antibunching

- Intensity correlation ( $g^{(2)}(\tau)$ ) of light generated by a single two-level (anharmonic) emitter.
- Assume that at  $\tau=0$  a photon is detected:
  - We know that the system is necessarily in the ground state  $|g\rangle$
  - Emission of another photon at  $\tau=0+\varepsilon$  is impossible.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Photon antibunching:  $g^{(2)}(0) = 0$ . (nonclassical light)
- $g^{(2)}(\tau)$  recovers its steady-state value in a timescale given by the spontaneous emission time.
- If there are two or more 2-level emitters, detection of a photon at  $\tau=0$  can not ensure that the system is in the ground state ( $g^{(2)}(0) > 0.5$ ).



# Single InAs Quantum Dots



Two main wavelengths emitted from each shell

(For s-Shell)

- 2X recombination while there is already an e-h pair in the s-shell (biexciton)
- 1X recombination while there is no other e-h pair in the s-shell (exciton)

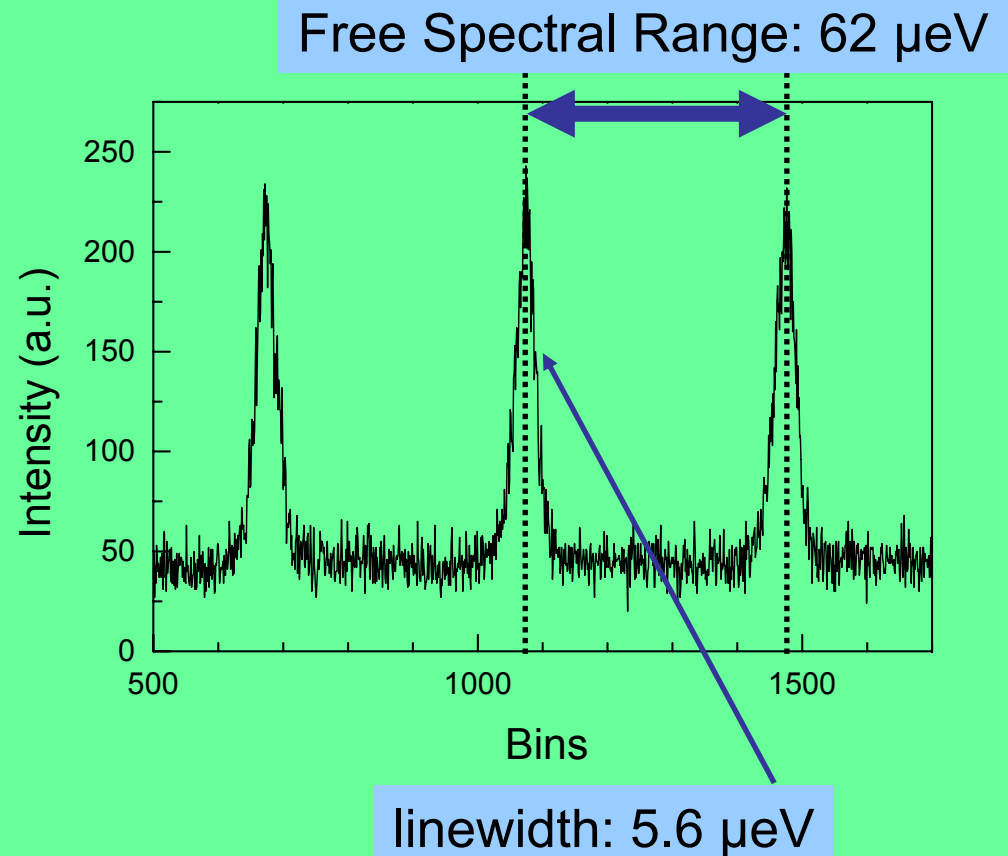
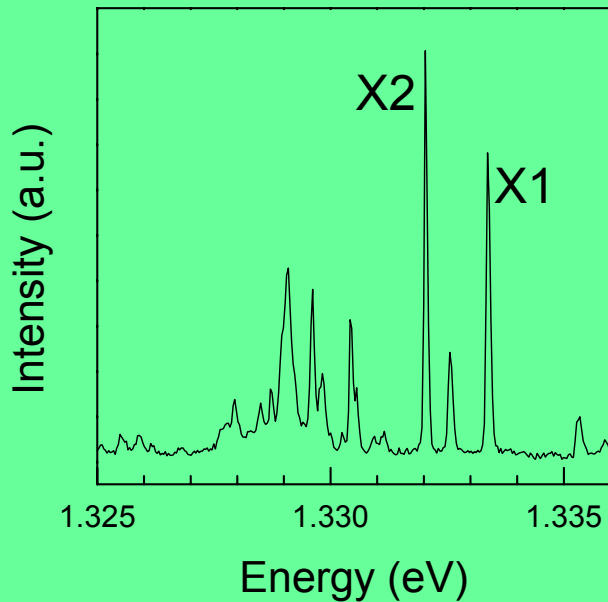
Due to **carrier-carrier interaction**

Typically  $h\nu_{1X} = h\nu_{2X} + 2-3\text{meV}$

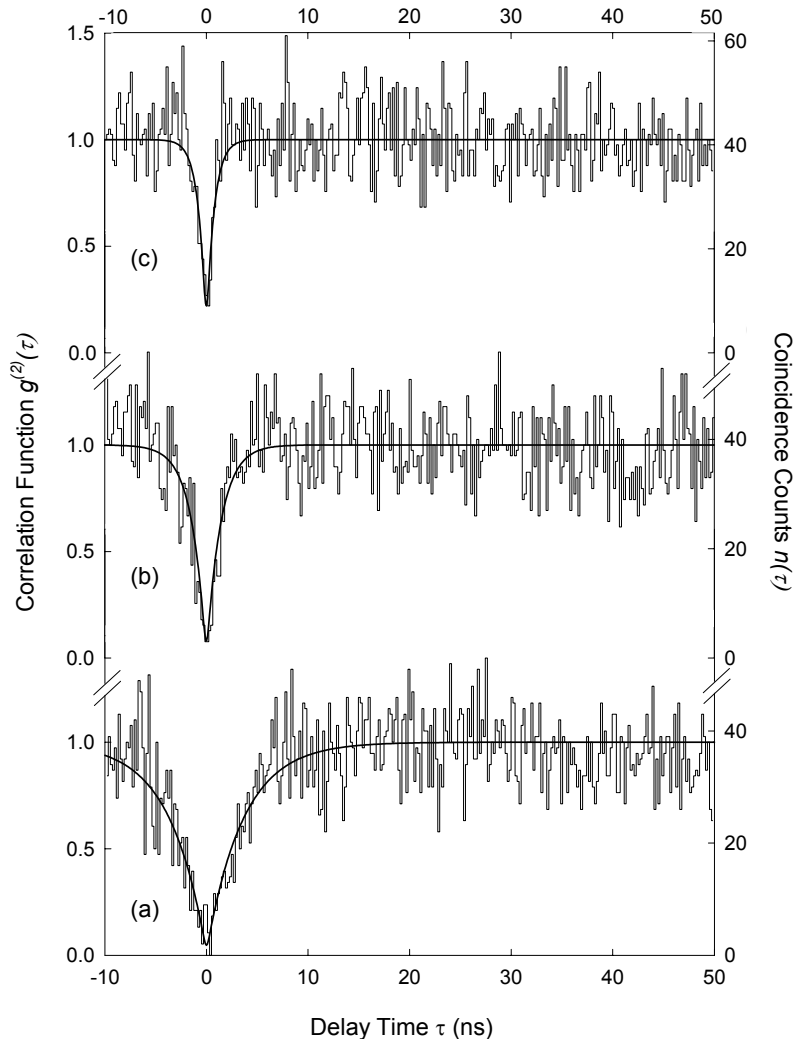
**Unique wavelengths** for 1X and 2X transitions

# Exciton linewidth measured by a scanning Fabry-Perot

Under non-resonant pulsed excitation



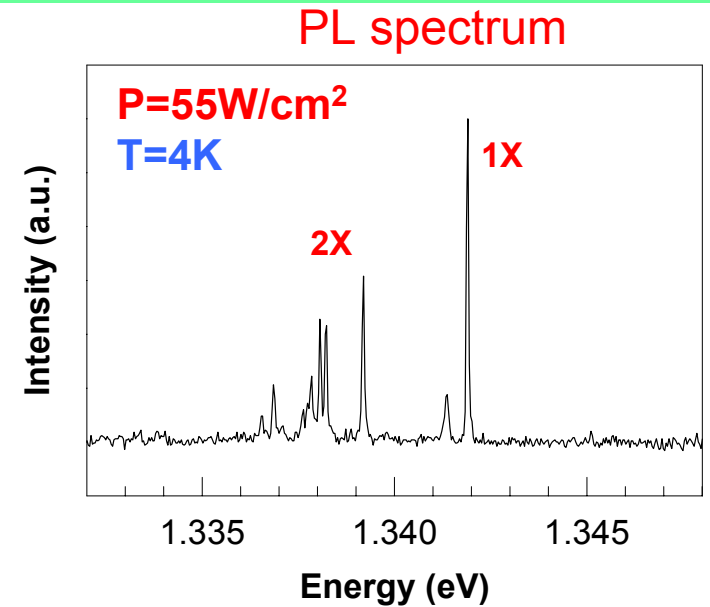
# Photon antibunching from a Single Quantum Dot



**105 W/cm<sup>2</sup>**  
 $g^{(2)}(0)=0.1$   
 $\tau = 750$  ps

**55 W/cm<sup>2</sup>**  
 $g^{(2)}(0)=0.0$   
 $\tau = 1.4$  ns

**15 W/cm<sup>2</sup>**  
 $g^{(2)}(0)=0.0$   
 $\tau = 3.6$  ns



⇒ proof of atom-like behavior

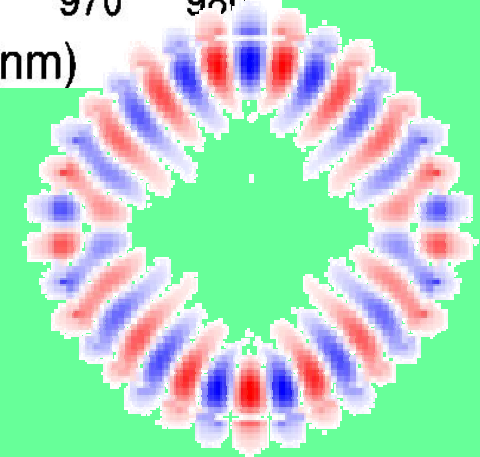
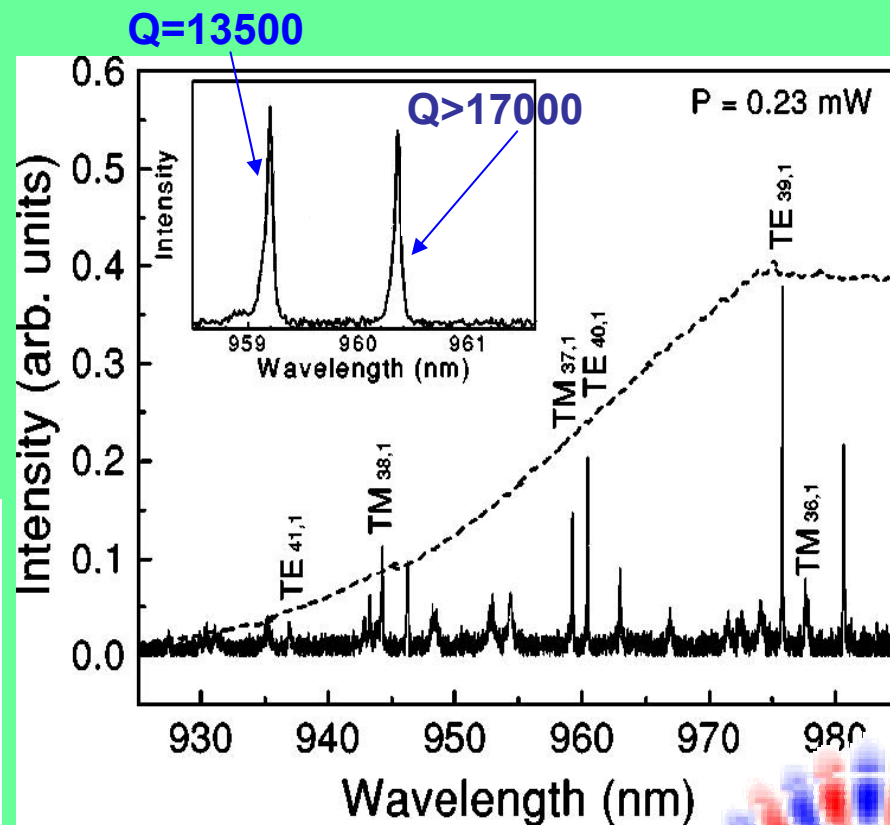
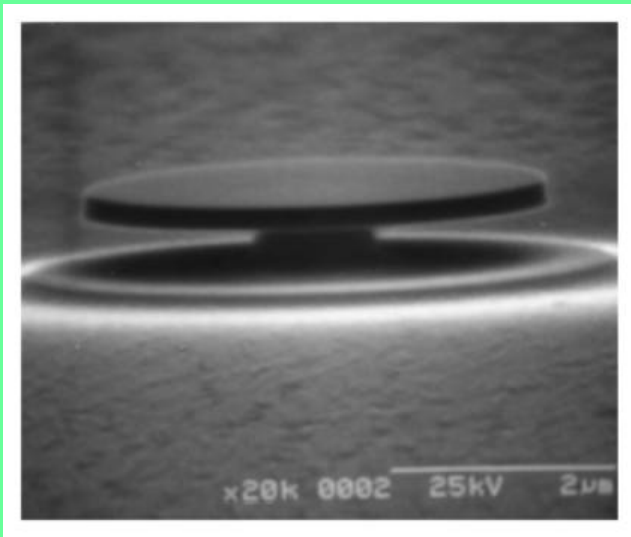
A single quantum dot excited with a short-pulse laser can provide single-photon pulses on demand

BUT

How about embedding quantum dots in a microcavity to increase collection efficiency and fast emission?



# Microdisk Cavities



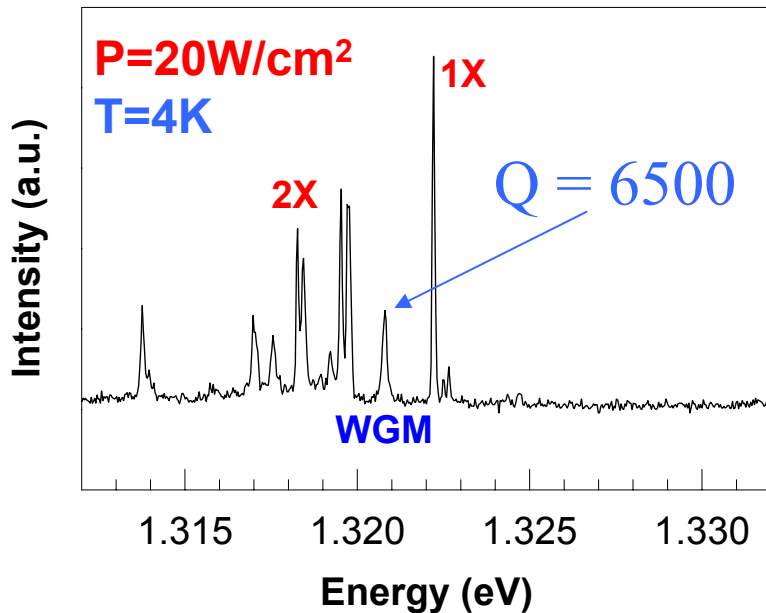
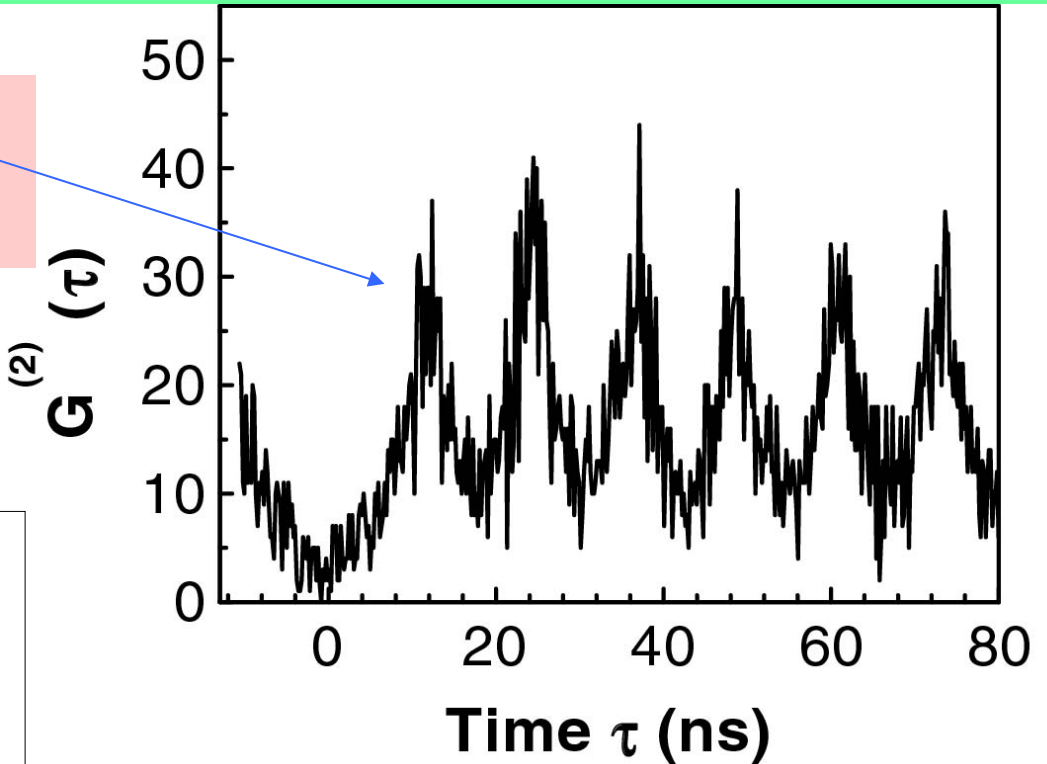
No roughness on the sidewall up to 1nm !  
 $Q > 18000$  for 4.5 $\mu$ m diameter microdisk  
 $Q = 9000$  for 2 $\mu$ m diameter microdisk

Michler et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. **77**, 184 (2000)

Fundamental whispering gallery modes cover a ring with width  $\sim \lambda/2n$  on the microdisk

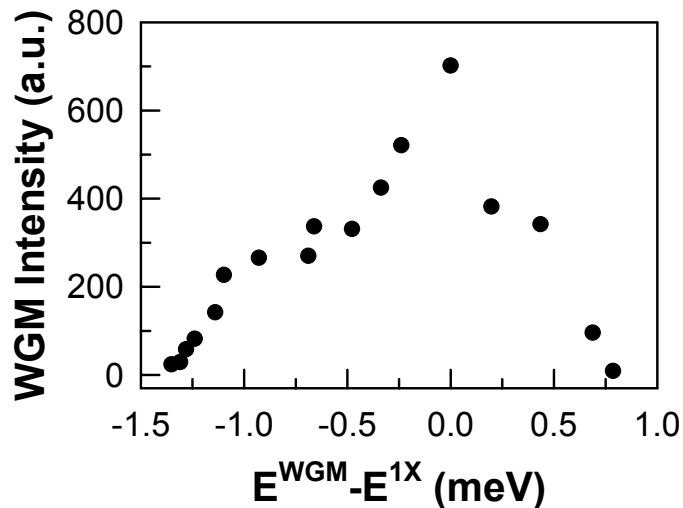
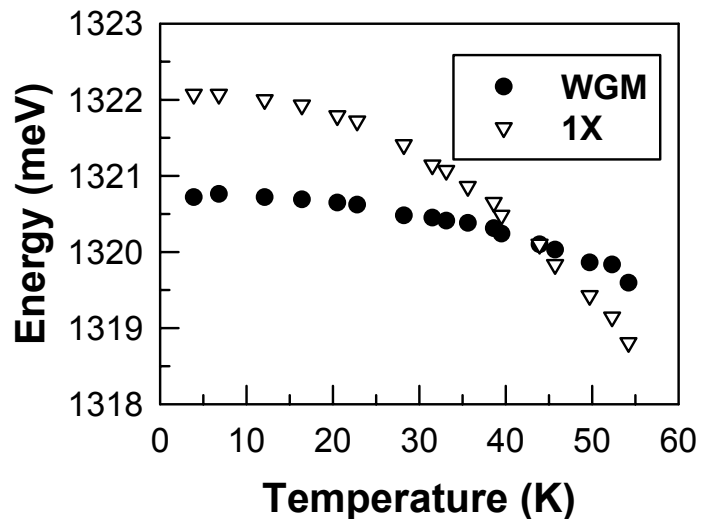
# A single quantum dot in a microdisk

Larger width of the peaks due to *larger lifetime* of the quantum dot

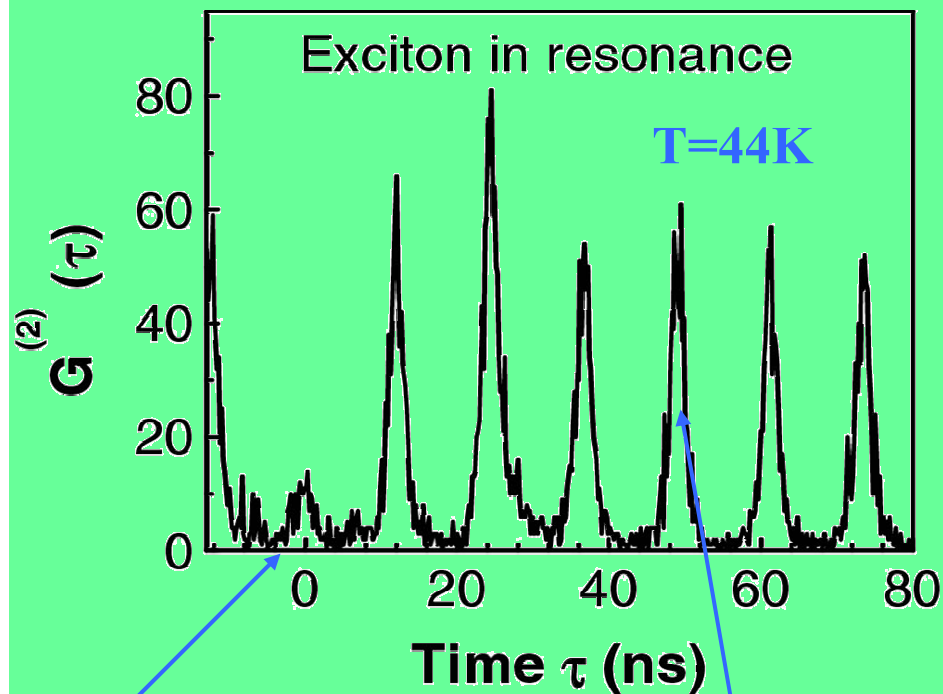


Pump power *well above* saturation level

# Tuning the quantum dot into resonance with a Cavity Mode



Cavity coupling can provide **better collection**



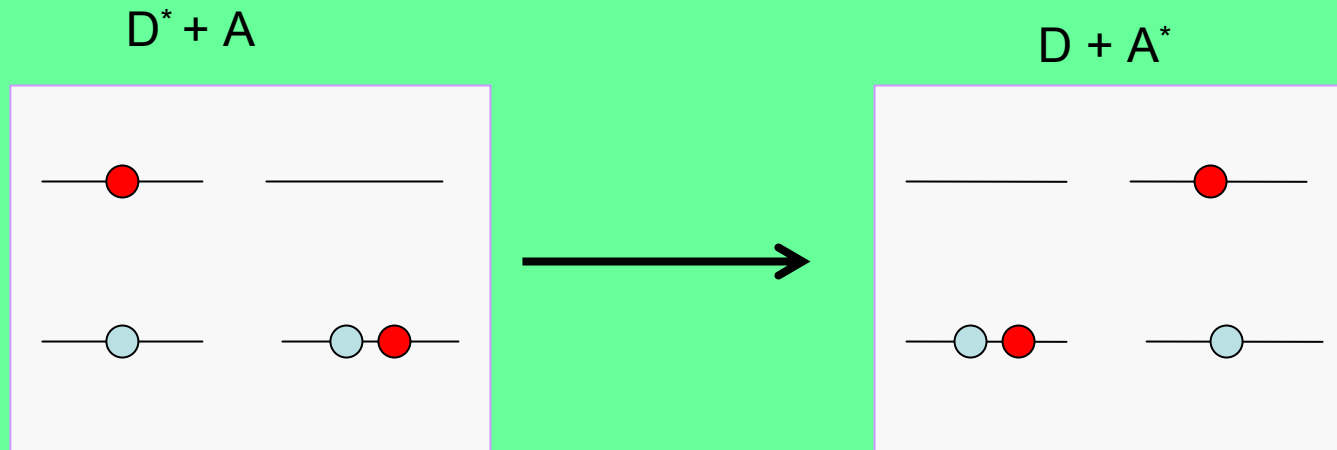
- Small peak appears at  $\tau=0$ :
- **Purcell effect**: reduction of emission time

Klimov – Förster coupling between QDs

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Crooker et al PRL 2002

## Non-Radiative Energy Transfer Mechanism



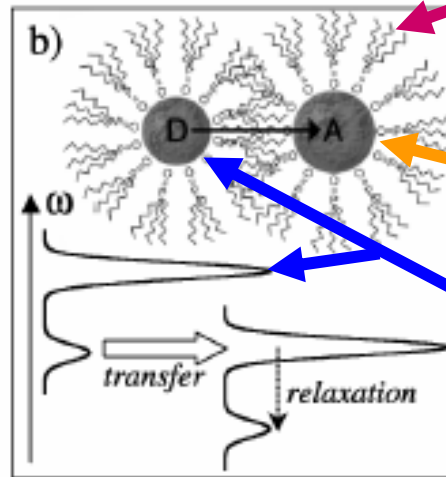
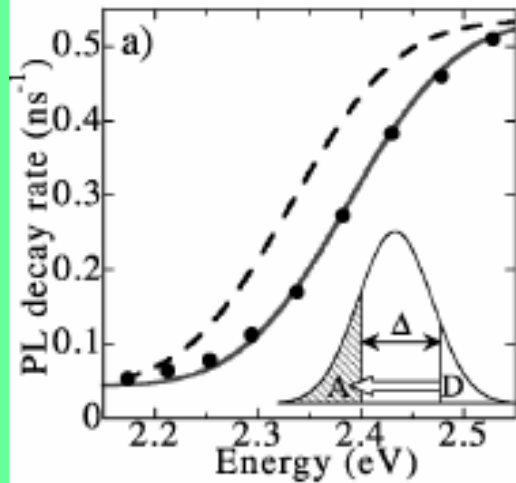
**Coulomb-driven interaction**

**Dipole-dipole interaction (Förster 1946)**

**Higher multipoles interaction (Förster – Dexter)**

**Exchange-driven interaction (Dexter)**

trioctylphosphine oxide (TOPO) ~11Å

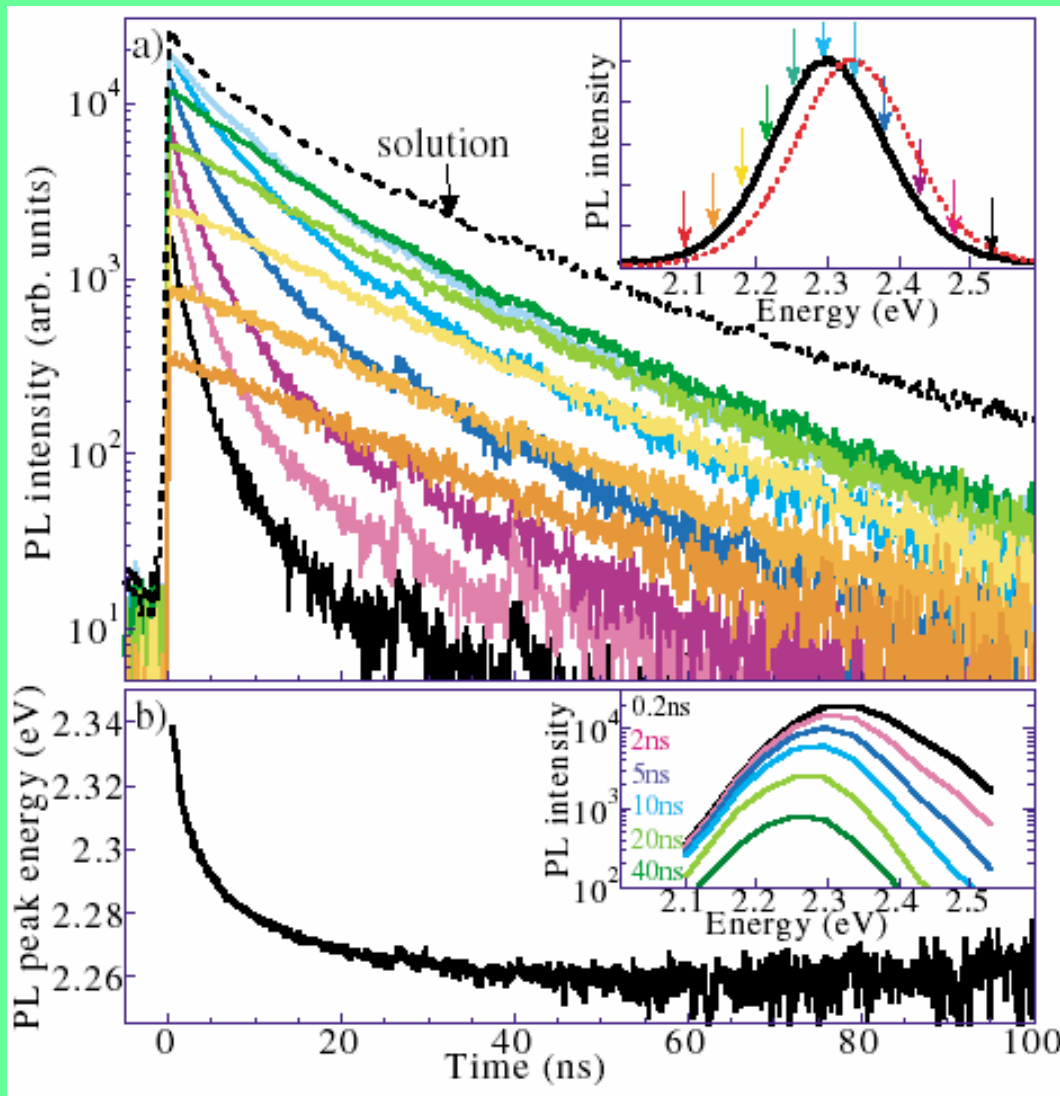


A acceptor: larger dot

D donor: smaller dot

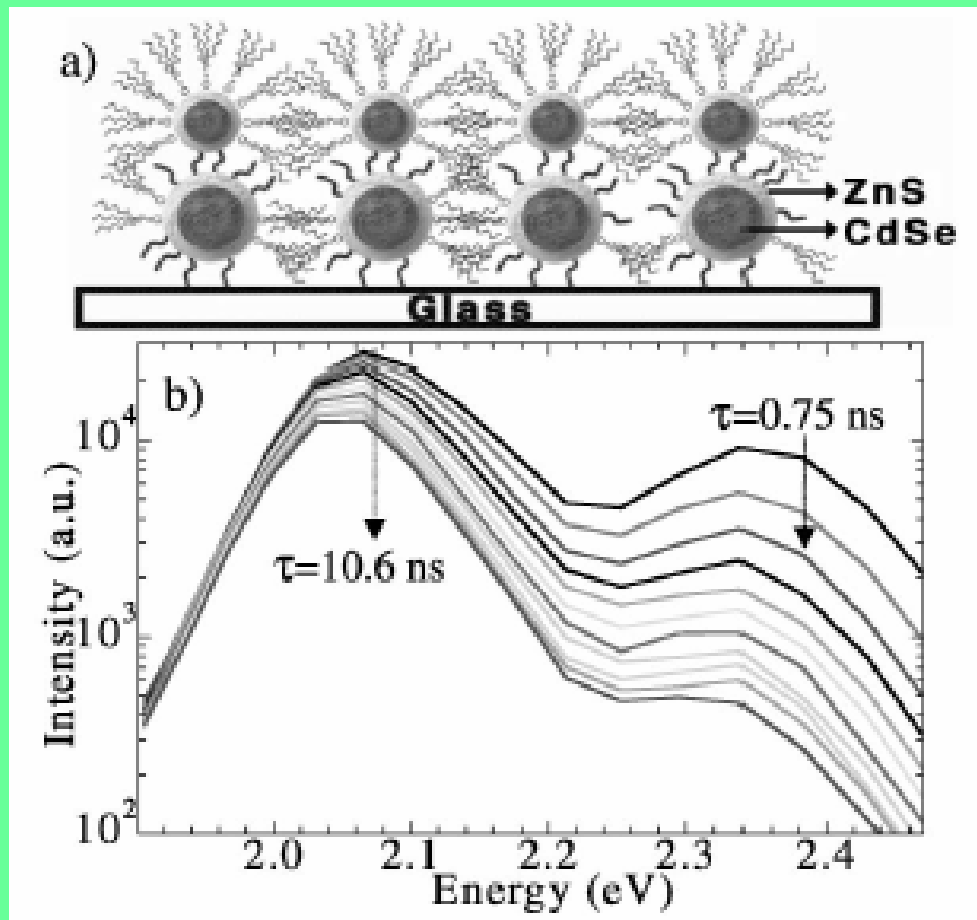
c)	resonant NQDs	LH2 [Ref.12]
Dipole $\mu_A$ ( $\mu_D$ )	25 (4.4) Debye	8.2 (8.2) D
Distance $R_{DA}$	54 Å	18 Å
Coupling $J$	$2.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$26 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Overlap integral $\Theta$	0.004 cm	0.0004 cm
Estimated rate $\Gamma_{et}$	$(38 \text{ ps})^{-1}$	$(3 \text{ ps})^{-1}$

NQDs have *better* characteristics than biological light harvesting compounds, eg LH2



(a) PL decays from a dense film of monodisperse  $R=12.4\text{\AA}/9\text{\AA}$  CdSe/ZnS NQDs at the energies specified in the inset. Inset: cw PL spectra from film (solid) and original solution (dashed).

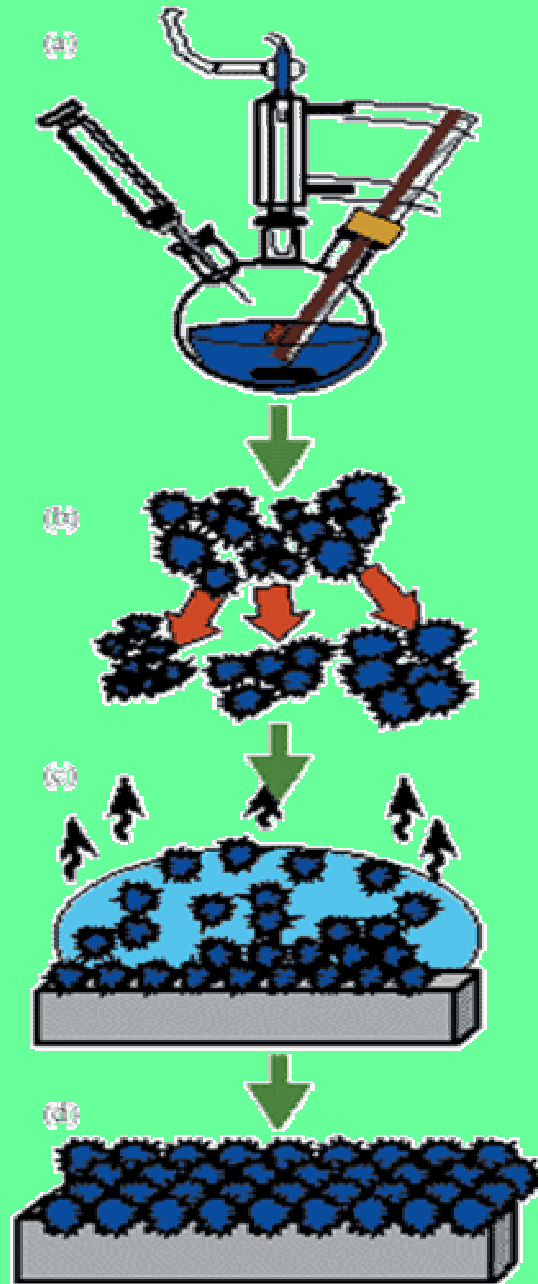
(b) Dynamic redshift of the peak emission. Inset: PL spectra at the specified times.



(a) Schematic of NQD energy-gradient bilayer for light harvesting—13 Å dots on 20.5 Å dots.

(b) “Instantaneous” PL spectra at 500 ps intervals (from 0 to 5 ns), showing rapid collapse of emission from 13 Å dots.



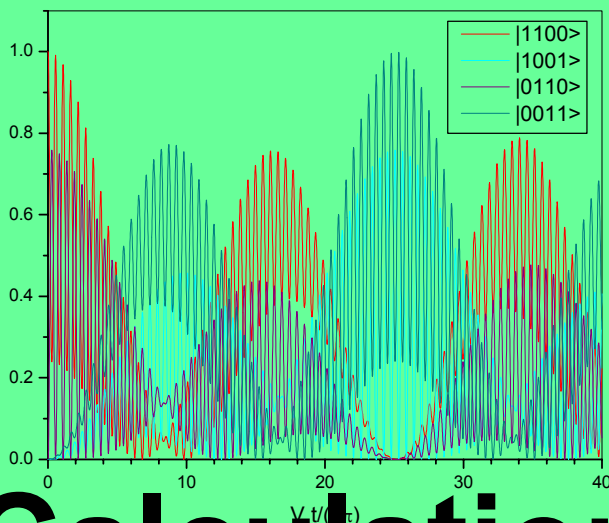




**Study the excitation energy transfer in quantum-dot arrays using an appropriate model Hamiltonian**

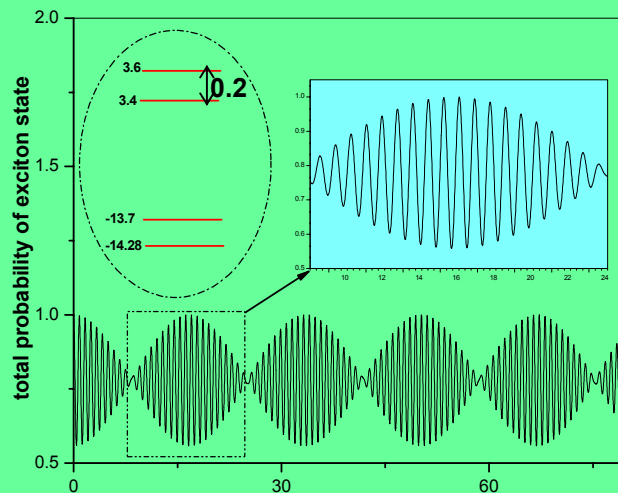
$$H = \sum_{i,j}^N (T_e c_i^\dagger c_j + T_h d_i^\dagger d_j) + \sum_i^N U c_i^\dagger c_i d_i^\dagger d_i + \sum_{i,j=NN}^N U_{NN} c_i^\dagger c_i d_j^\dagger d_j + \boxed{\sum_{i \neq j}^N V_s c_i^\dagger d_i^\dagger d_j c_j}$$

Probability of each basis state as a function of time



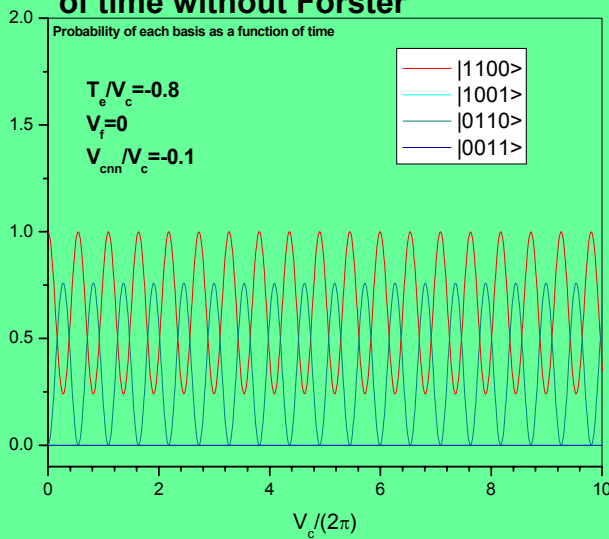
Period of small oscillation  $\sim 1.3 \sim \frac{1}{2T_e/V_c}$

Period of large oscillation  $\sim 15 \sim \frac{1}{2V_f/V_c}$

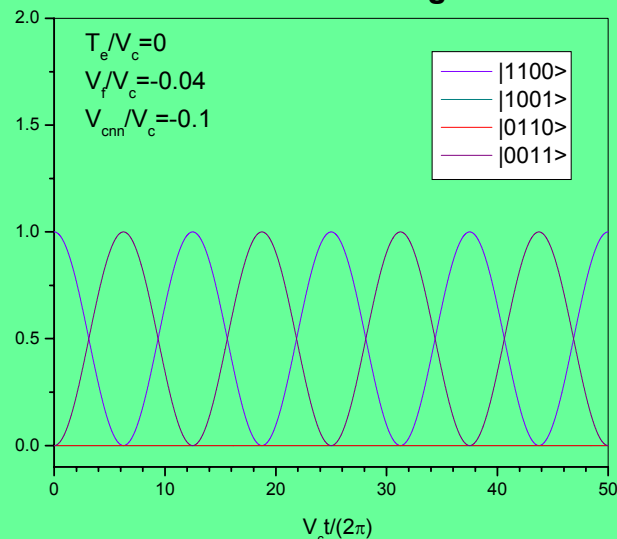


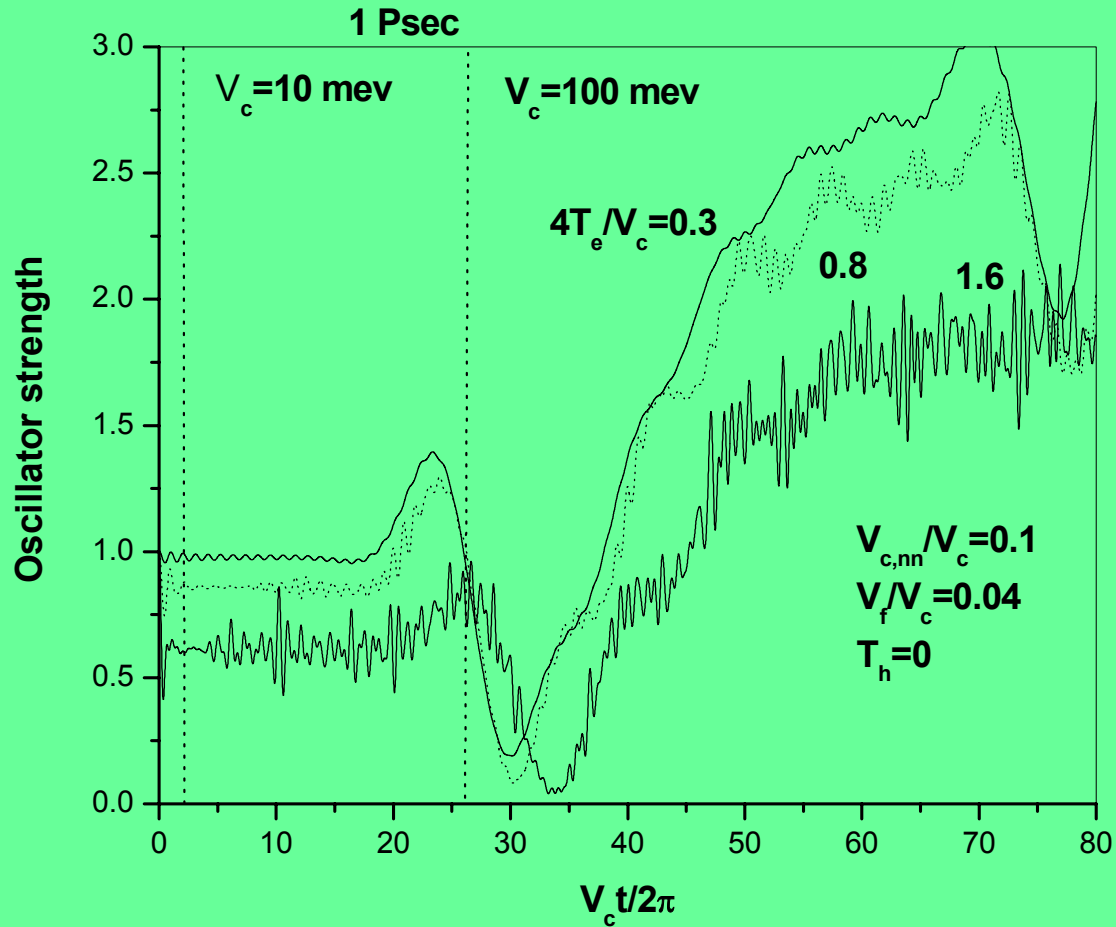
# Calculations for two dots

Probability of each basis as a function of time without Förster



Probability of each basis as a function of time without tunneling

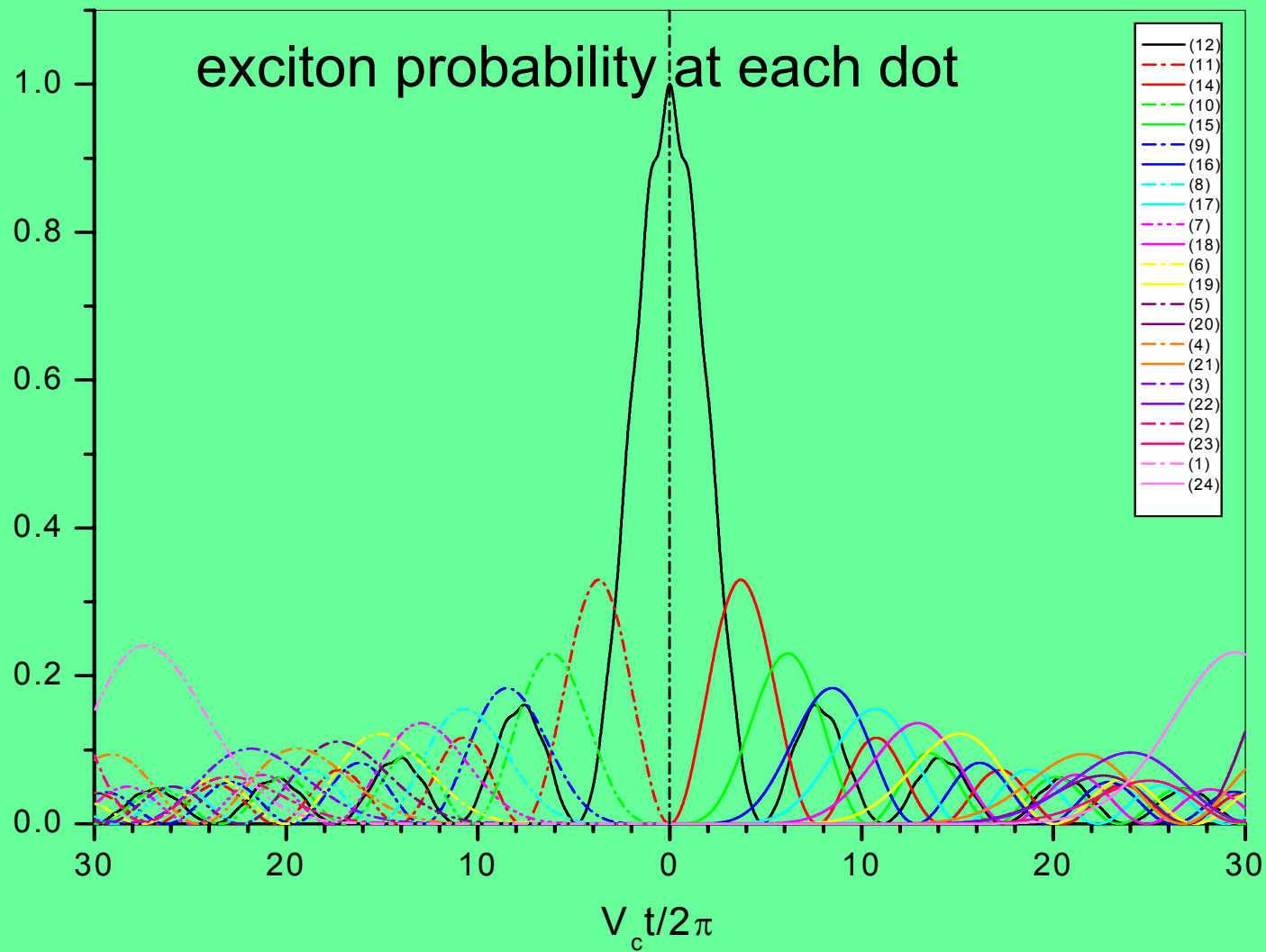


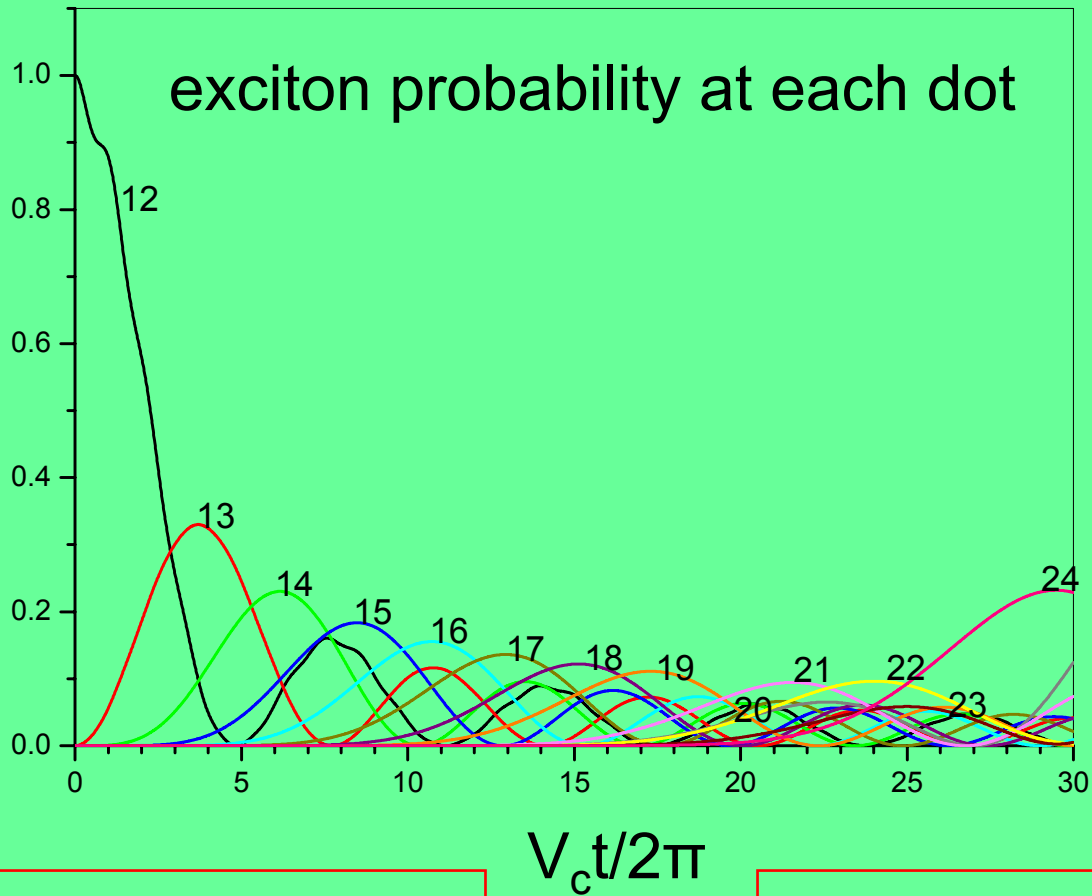


**Time evolution of the oscillator strength of an exciton initially localized at dot 12 in a 24 dot chain**

G. W. Bryant, Physica B 314, 15 (2002).

# The “movie” of the 24 dots





$V_c t / 2\pi$

Förster rate for polymer

$$\bar{t}_{n \rightarrow n+1} = \frac{h}{8|U|} = \frac{2\pi\hbar/V_c}{8|U|/V_c} \approx 3.1 \frac{2\pi\hbar}{V_c}$$

From graph/calculation

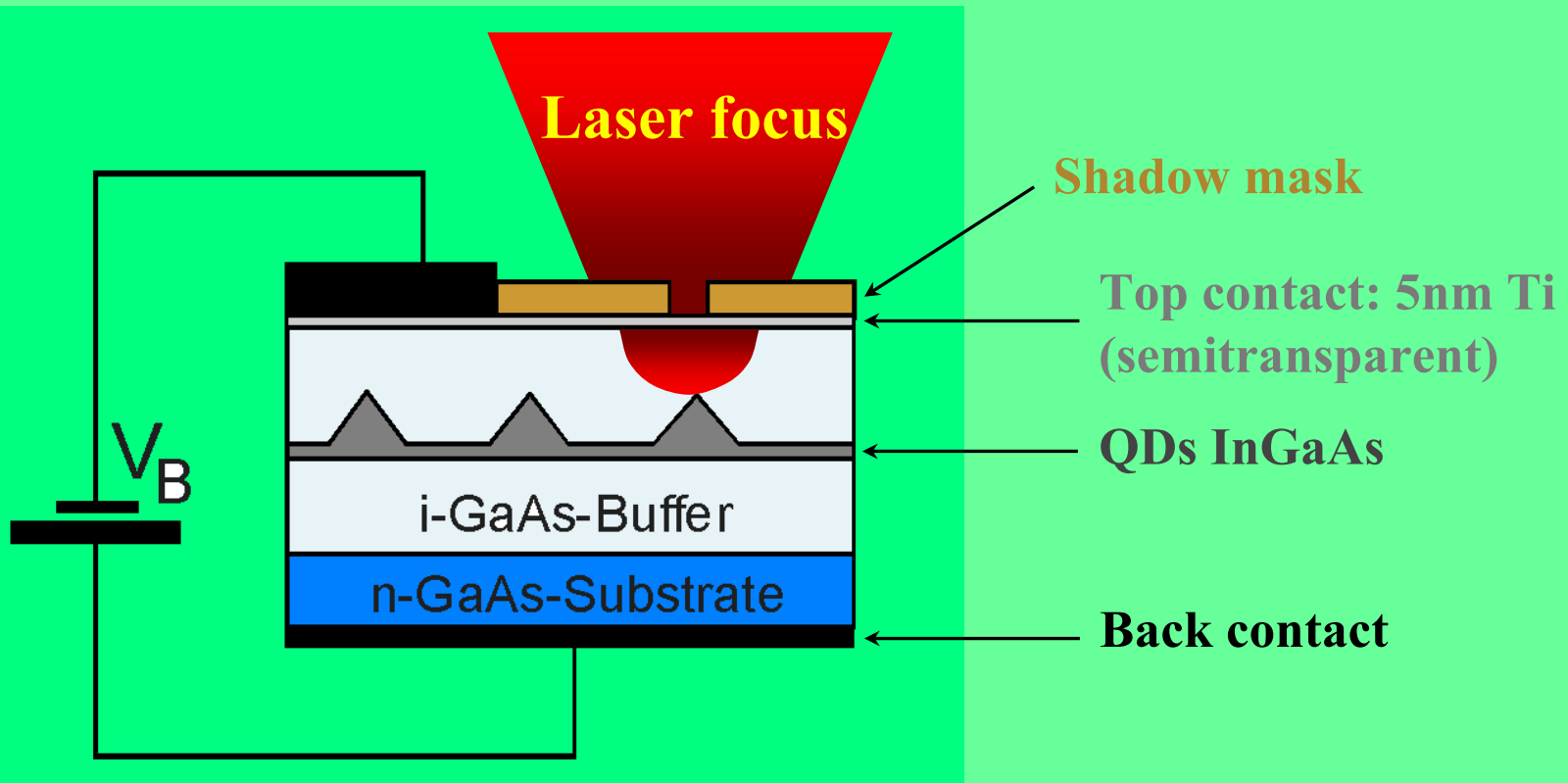
$$\bar{t} \approx 2.2 \frac{2\pi\hbar}{V_c}$$

**efficient interdot transfer rate**

Zrenner – coherent control of quantum dot photodiodes

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Zrenner et al Nature 2002

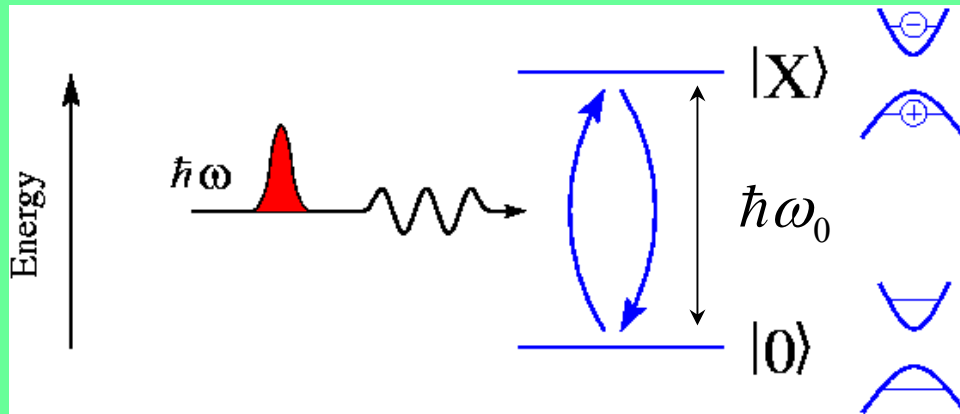


## Possibles measurements

- ★ Photolumenescence (PL) spectrum (for  $\tau_{rad} < \tau_{tunnel}$ )
- ★ Photocurrent (PC) spectrum (for  $\tau_{rad} > \tau_{tunnel}$ )



# Rabi Oscillation in a two level system



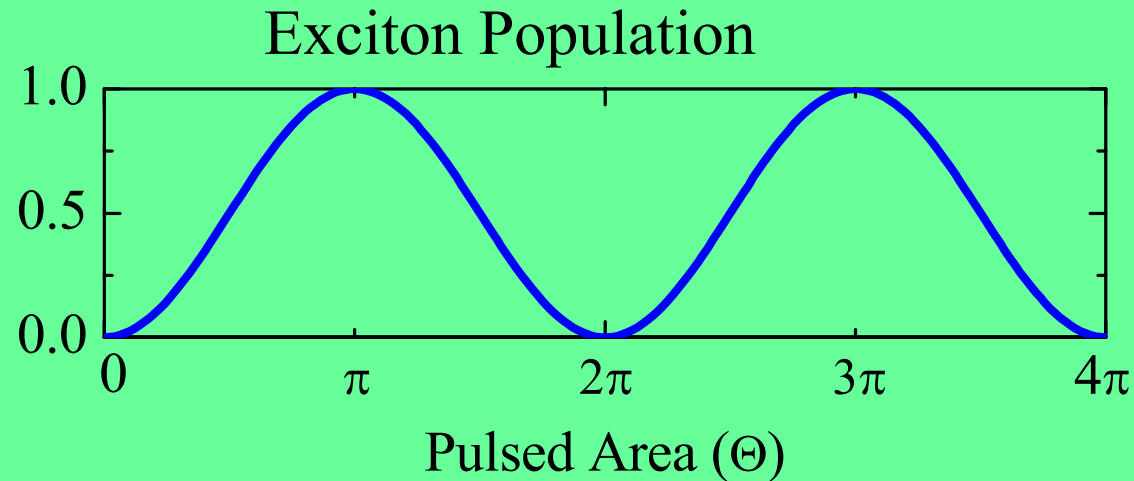
$$H = \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2}\sigma_z + \frac{\hbar\Omega(t)}{2}\cos(\omega t)\sigma_x$$

$$\Omega(t) = \frac{\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{\varepsilon}(t)}{\hbar}$$

For  $\omega = \omega_0$  and using RWA

$$P_{0 \rightarrow X} = \sin^2\left(\frac{\Theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\Theta = \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \Omega(t) dt$$



# Time scales for the device

$$\tau_{\text{rad}} \approx 1 \text{ ns}$$

$$\tau_{\text{tunnel}} \approx 3 \text{ ps} \rightarrow \infty$$

Tuned by  $V_b$

Photoluminescence  $\tau_{\text{rad}} < \tau_{\text{tunnel}}$

NeHe laser

Photocurrent  $\tau_{\text{rad}} > \tau_{\text{tunnel}}$

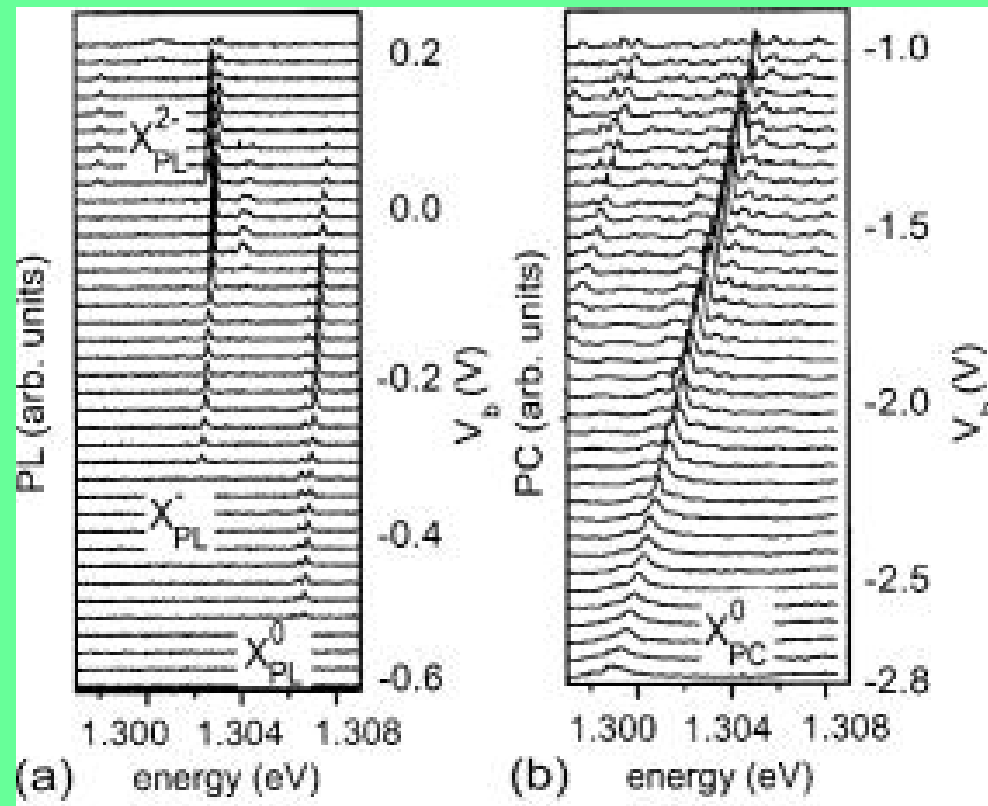
Ti:sapphire laser

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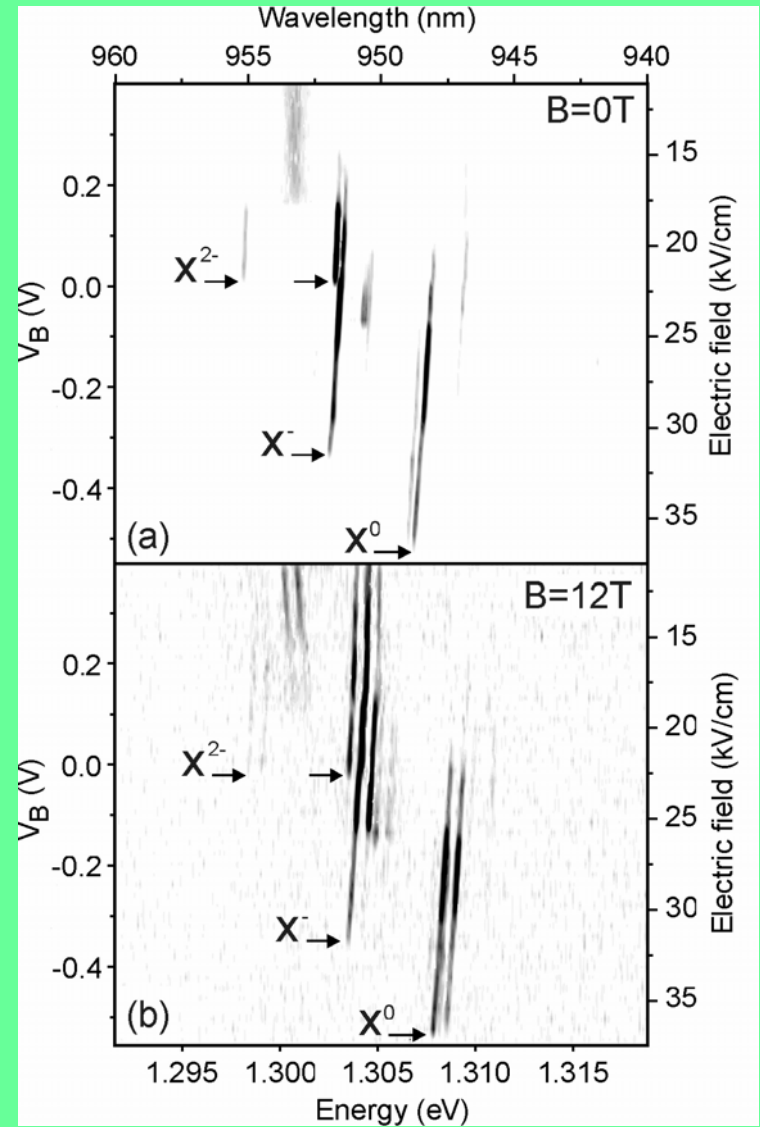
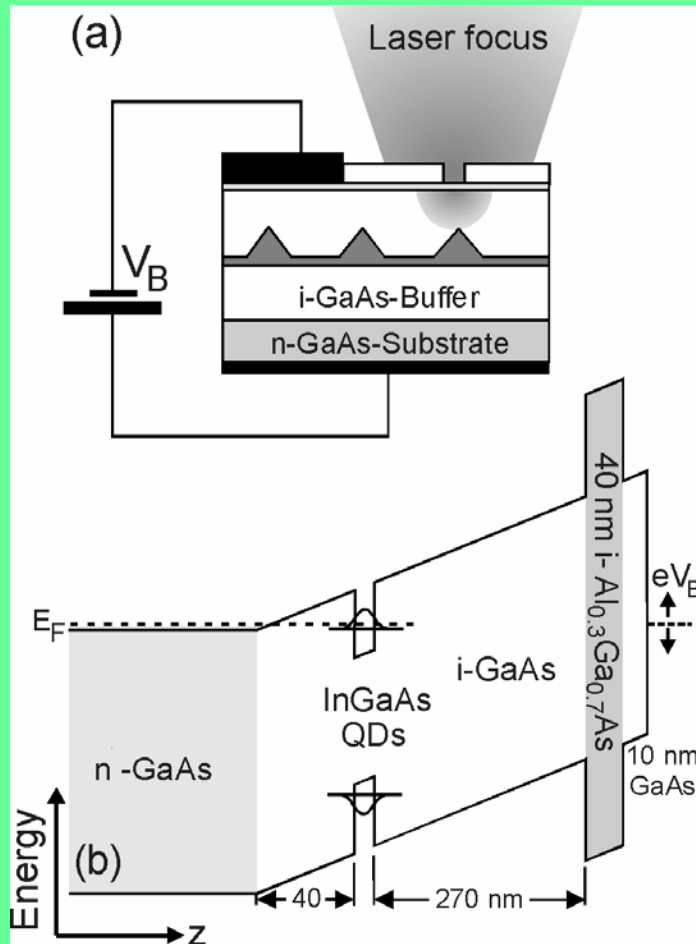
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# Artificial ion (charged exciton)

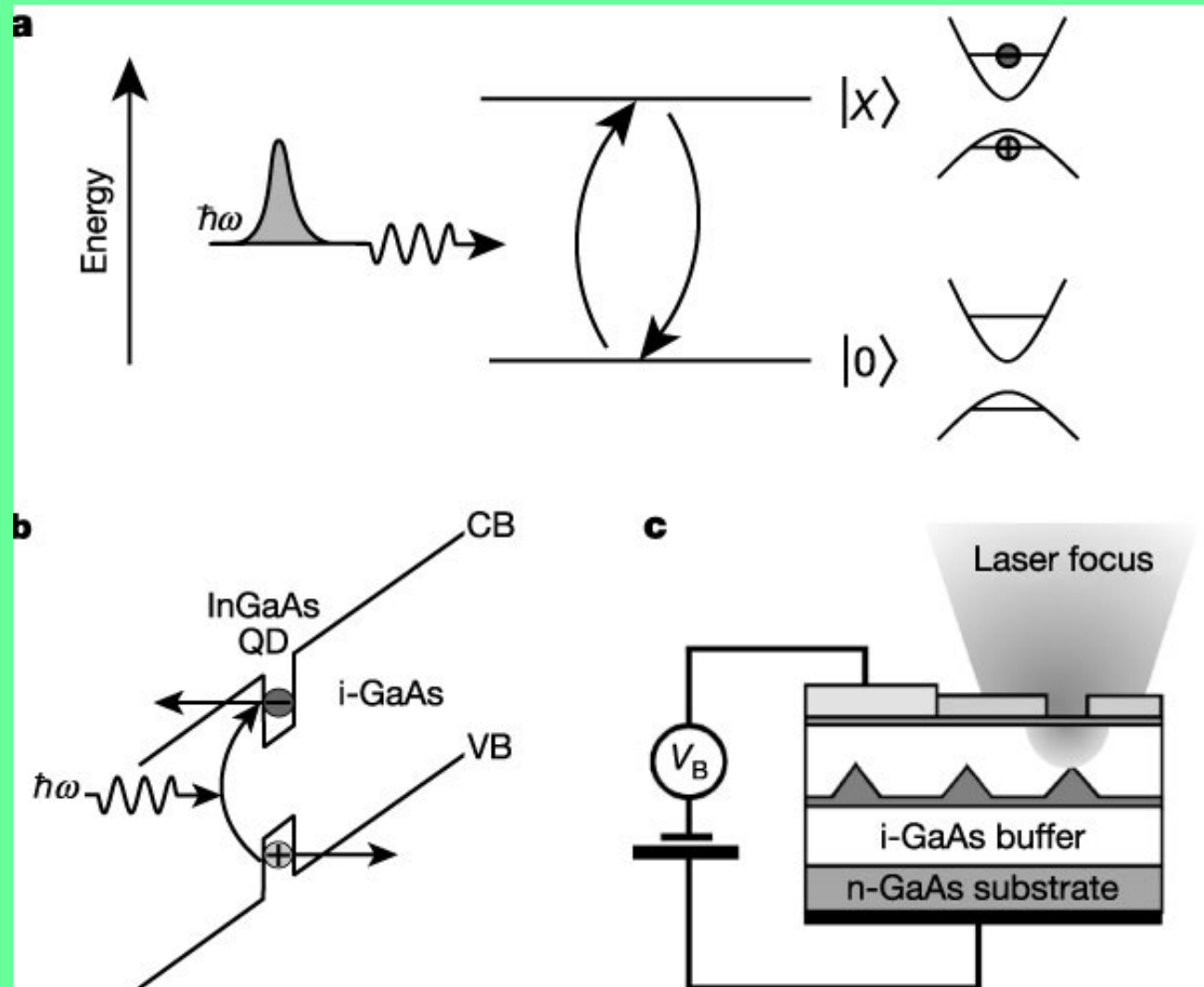
$$\tau_{\text{rad}} < \tau_{\text{tunnel}}$$



F. Findeis *et al.* Phys. Rev. B **63**, 121309 (2001)

# How does the Zrenner device work?

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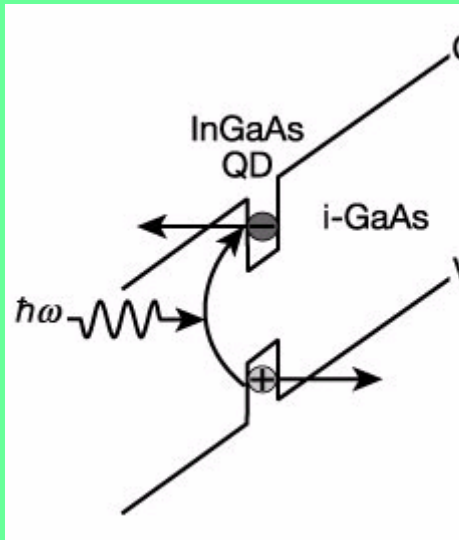


A. Zrenner *et al.* Nature **418**, 612 (2002)

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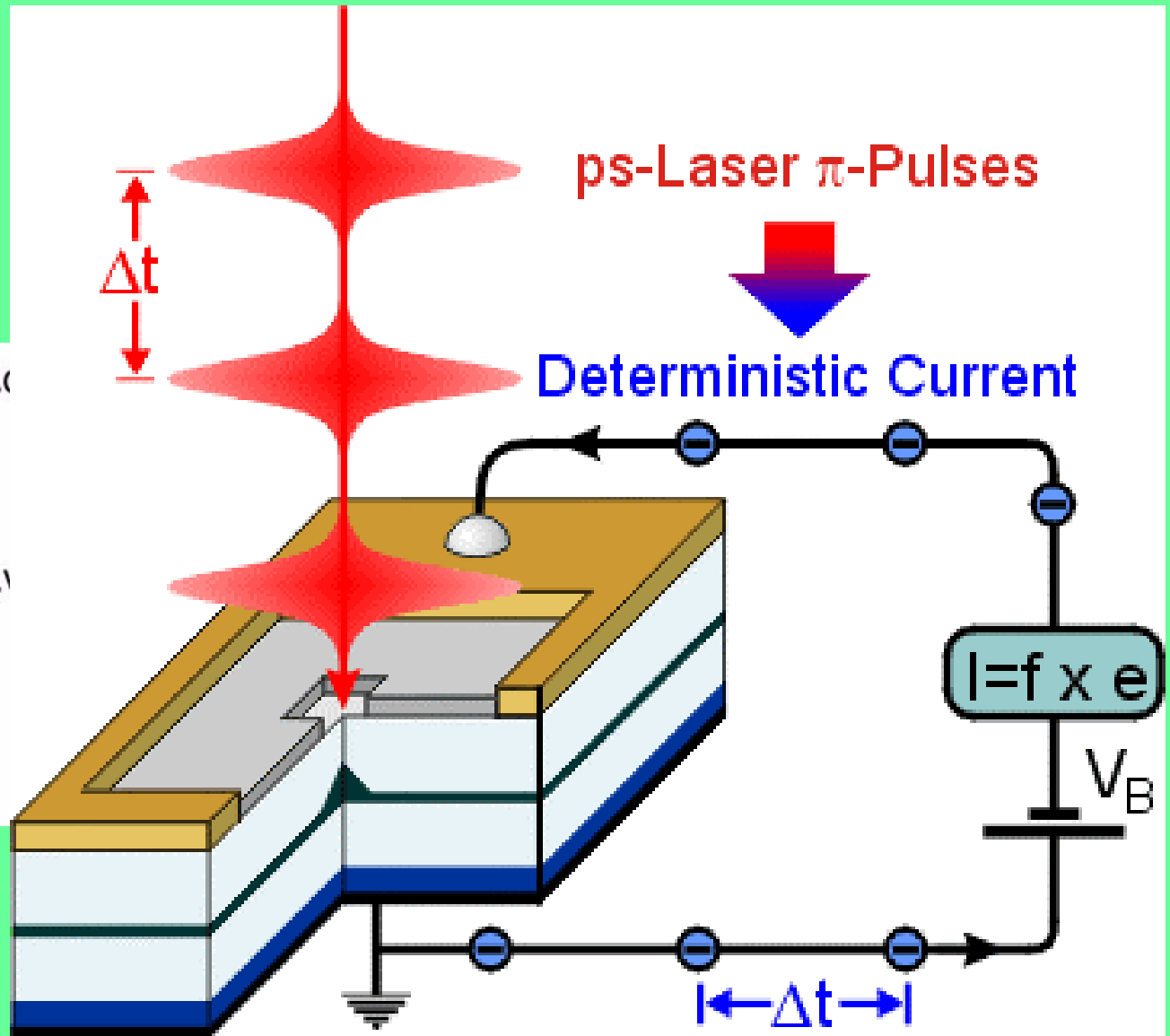
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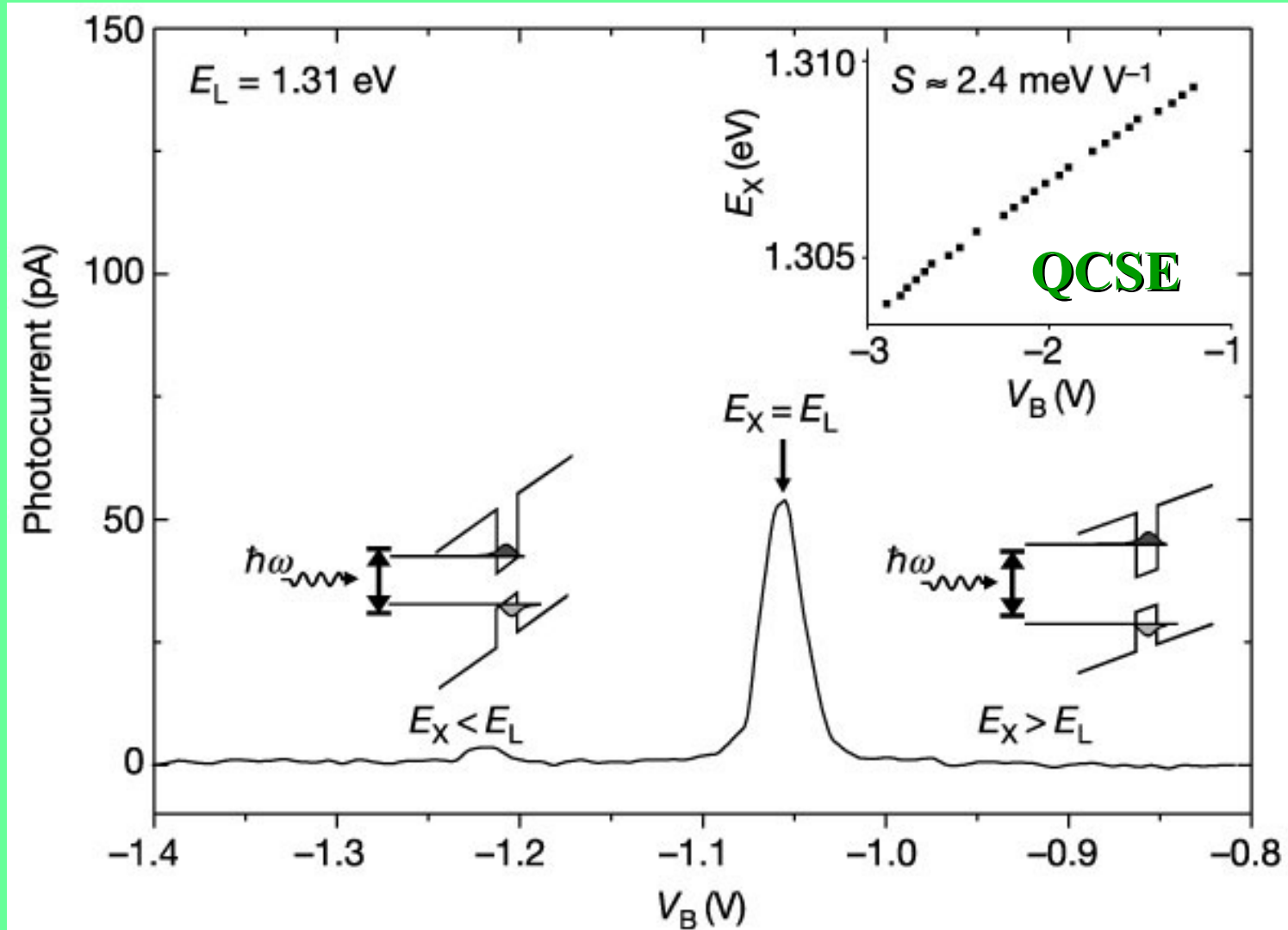


$$I = e \rho_{XX} f_{\text{pulse}}$$

$$\rho_{XX} = \sin^2\left(\frac{\Theta}{2}\right)$$



# Mesoscopic optical spectrum analyser



# Rabi Oscillation in the photocurrent

