

Supercurrent in the quantum Hall regime

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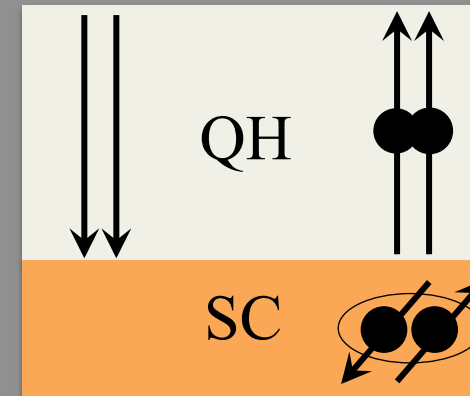
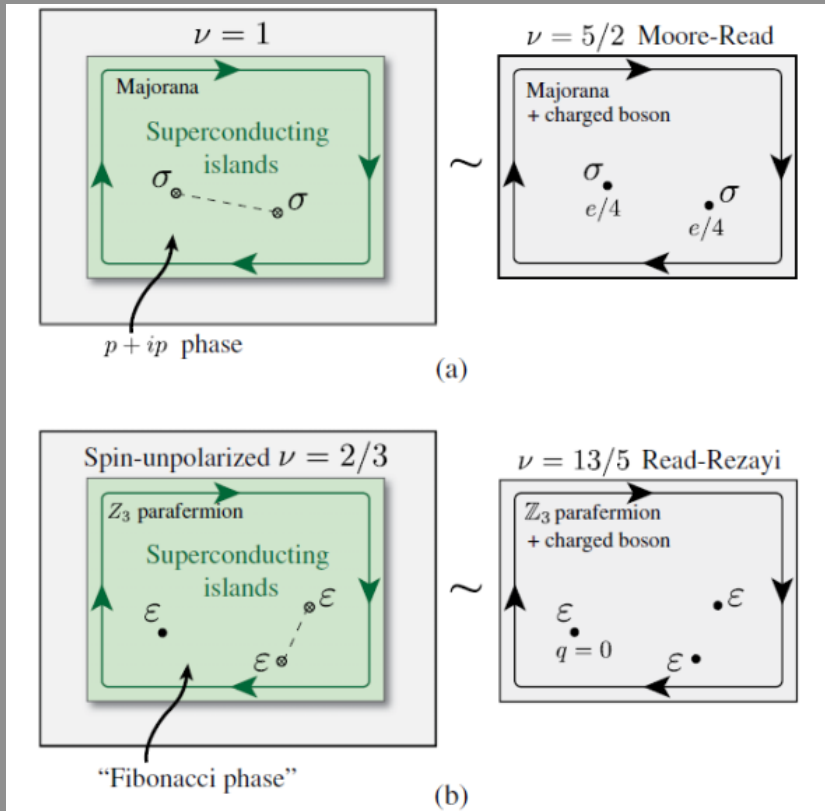
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Example: supercurrent in 2D topological insulators

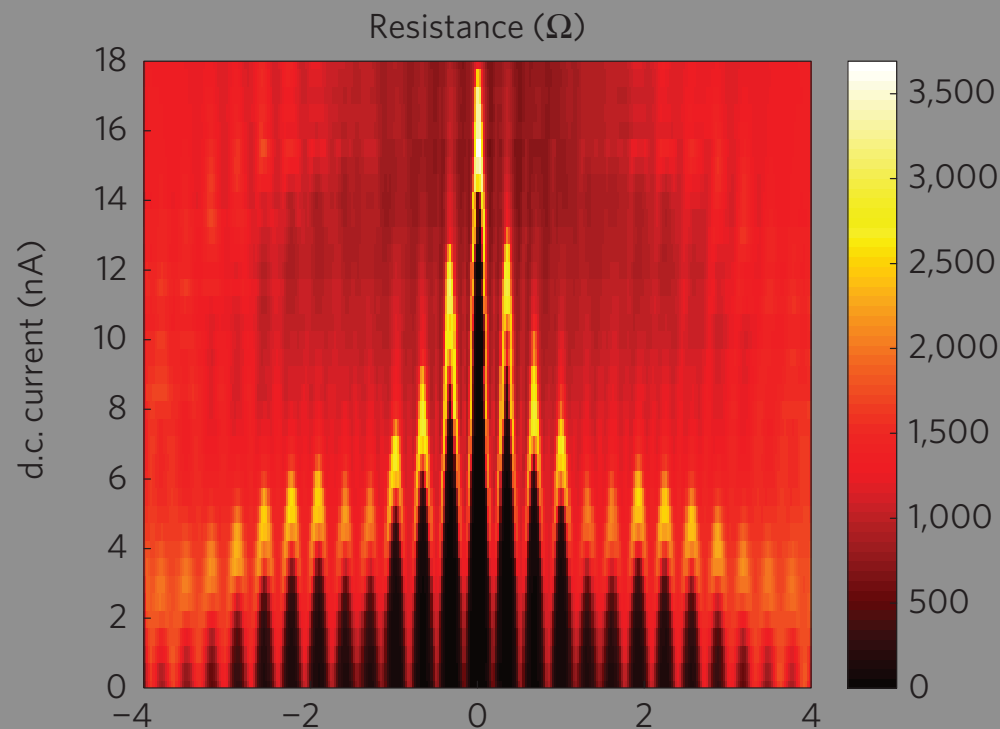
Counterpropagating helical states with opposite spins

Each edge can form its own Andreev bound states

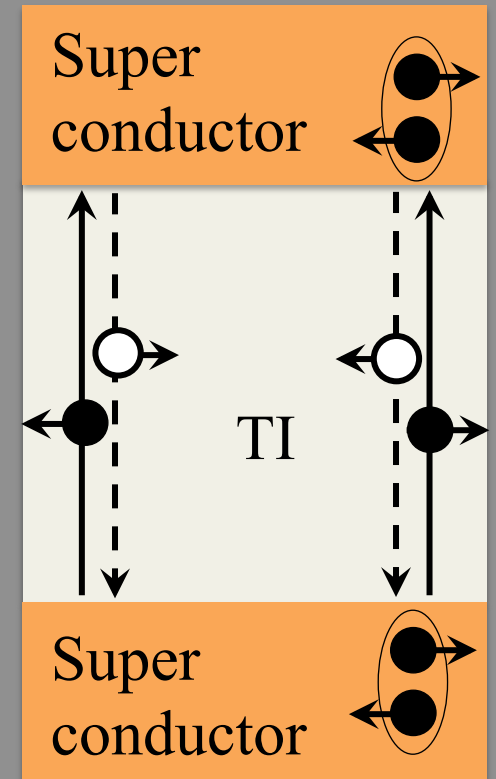
and can carry its own supercurrent

In magnetic field the two supercurrents interfere,

resulting in a SQUID-like pattern



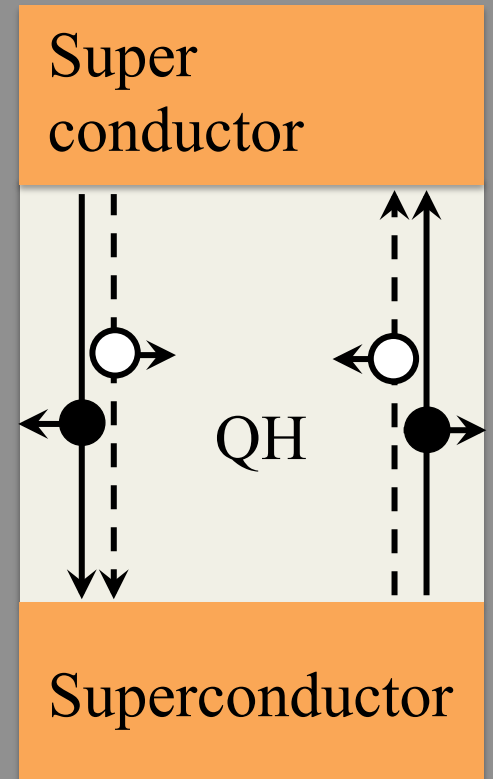
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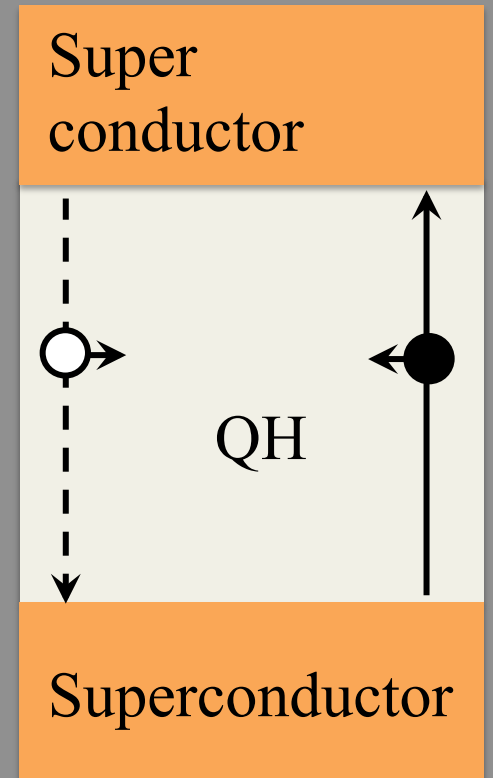
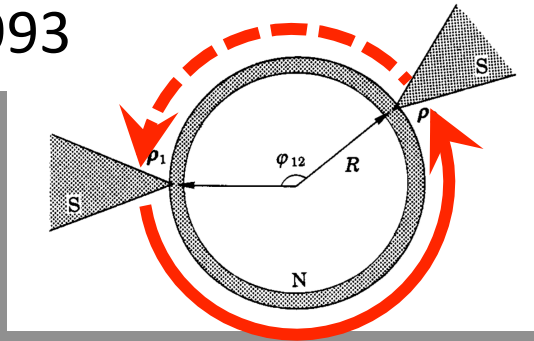
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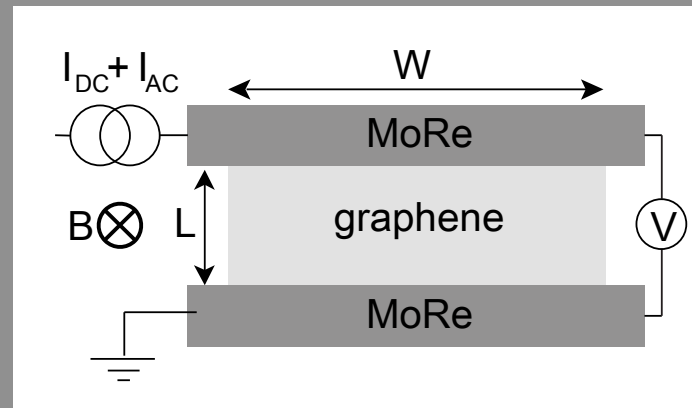
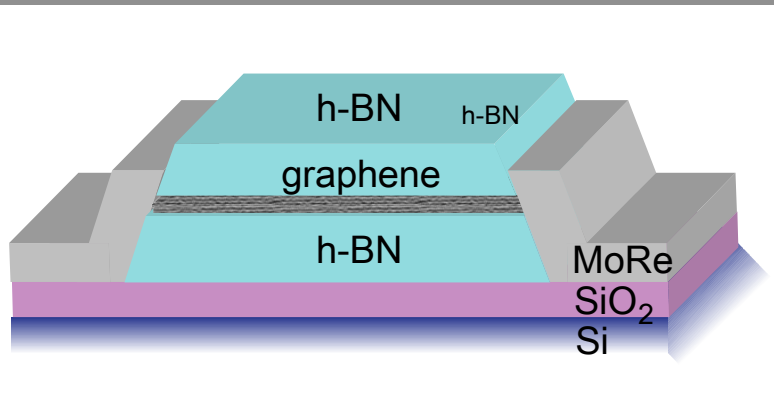
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Samples: h-BN/graphene/h-BN stacks

- Exfoliated graphene sandwiched by h-BN with quasi-1D edge contacts
- High mobility, QH regime observed < 1 T
- Molybdenum-Rhenium (MoRe): T_C at 10 K with $H_{C2} \approx 8$ T
- Two-terminal geometry, four-probe measurement
- Base temperature of 35 mK

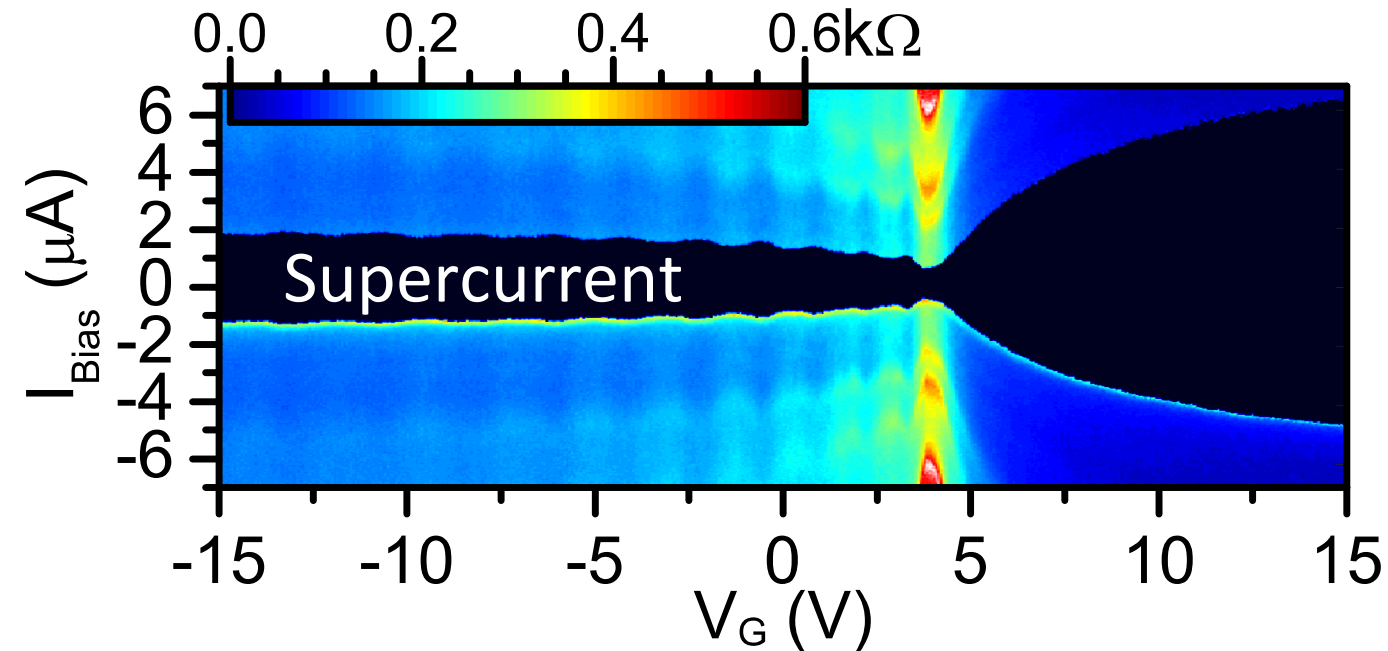
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Four junctions studied
in the QHE regime:

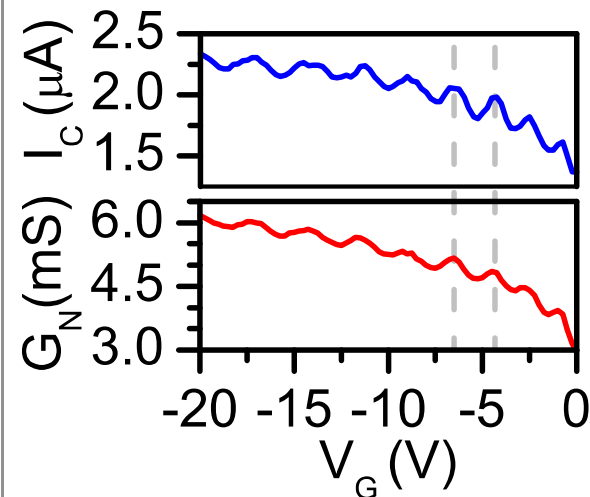


	L	W
J1	0.3 μm	2.4 μm
J2	0.8 μm	2.4 μm
J3	0.65 μm	4.5 μm
J4	0.5 μm	2.7 μm

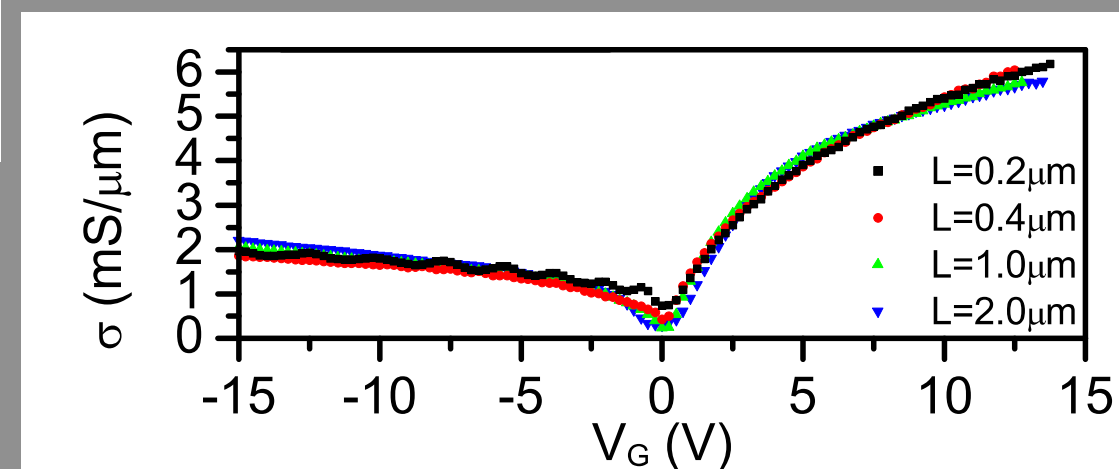
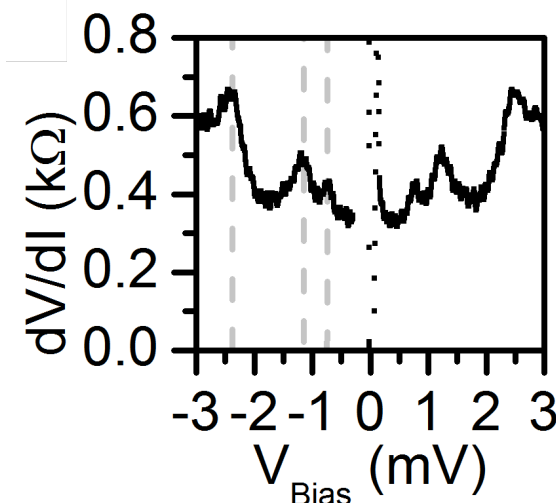
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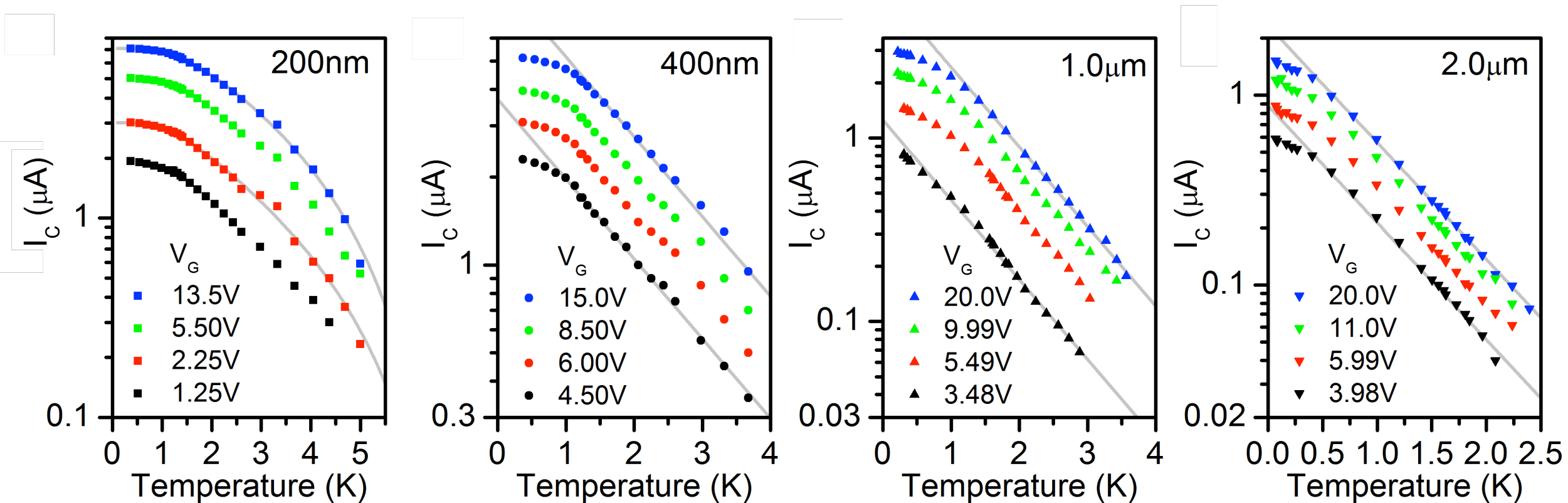
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Ballistic junctions: from short to long



Short vs. long ballistic junction: L vs. $\xi = \hbar v_F / \Delta = 500$ nm

Long ballistic junction: $I_C \propto \exp(-kT/\delta E)$, where $\delta E = \hbar v_F / 2\pi L$

Kulik (1970)

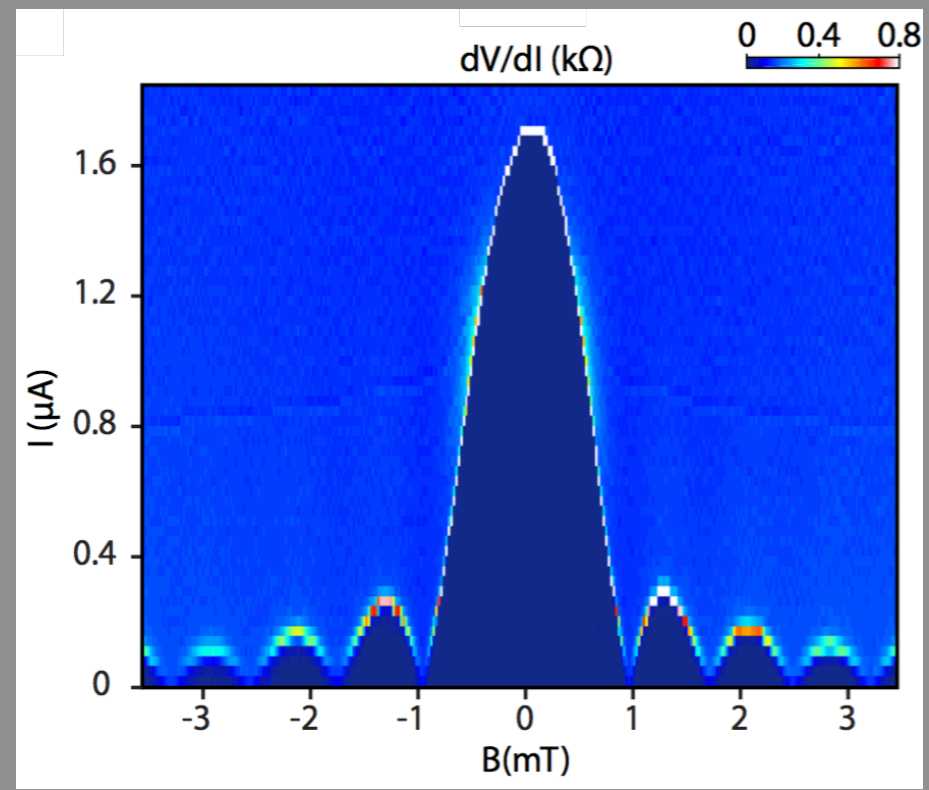
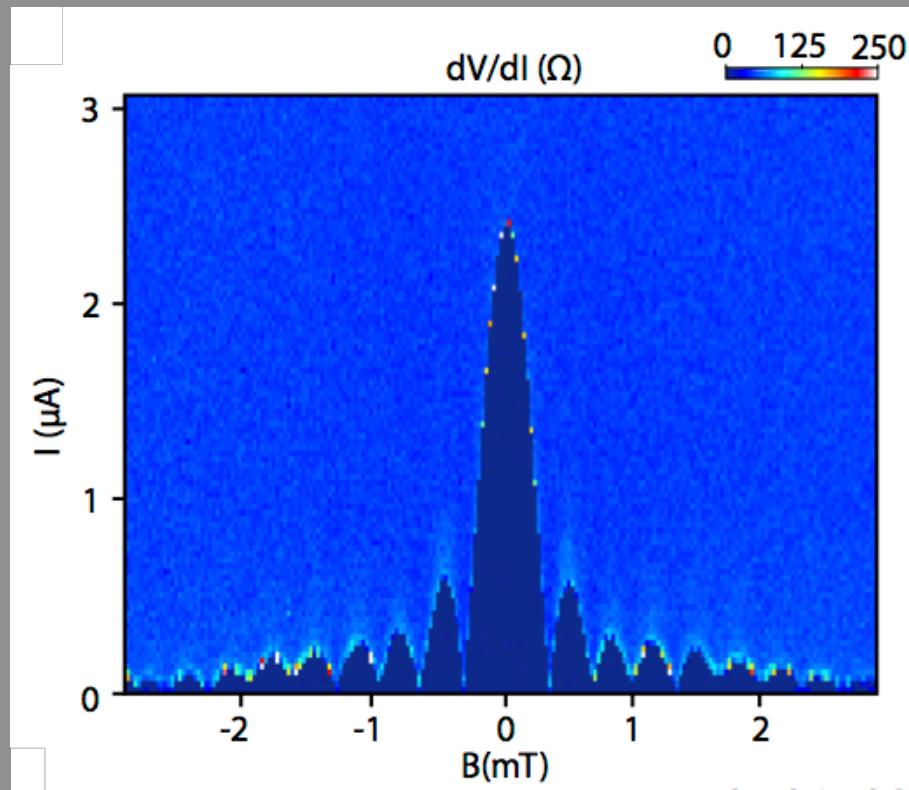
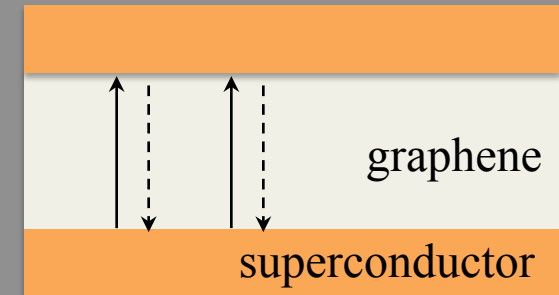
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Small B-field: Fraunhofer pattern

Local phase difference depends on position along the contacts

$$I_C(B) \propto |\sin(\pi\Phi/\Phi_0)| / (\pi\Phi/\Phi_0)$$

$$\Phi = WL \times B \quad \Phi_0 = h/2e$$



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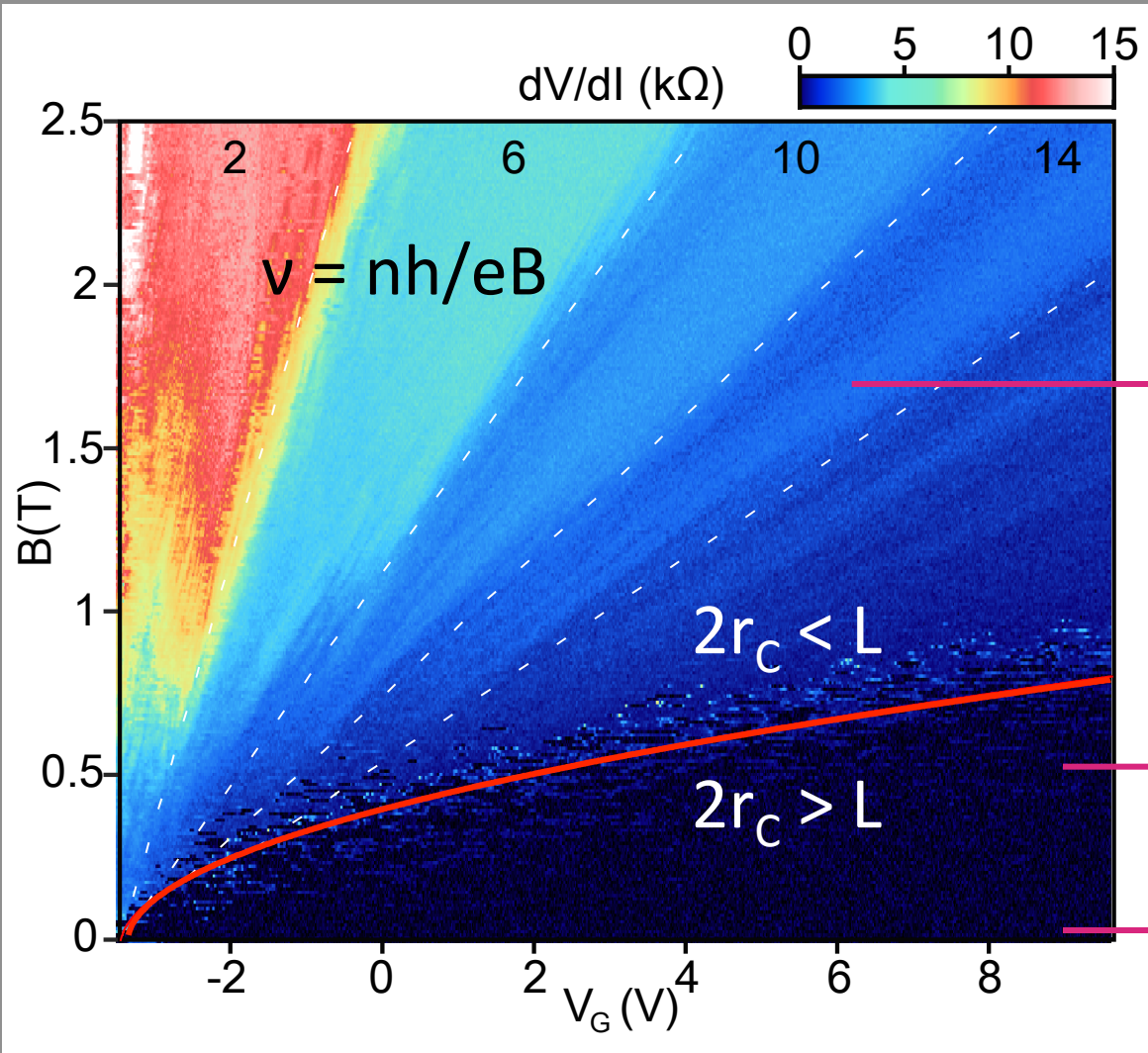
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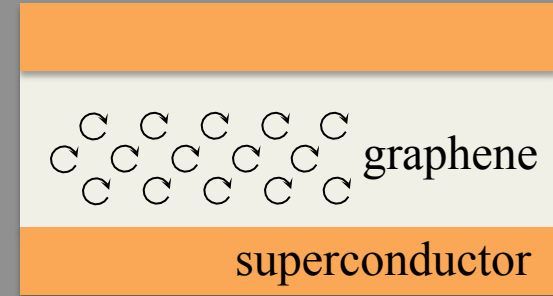
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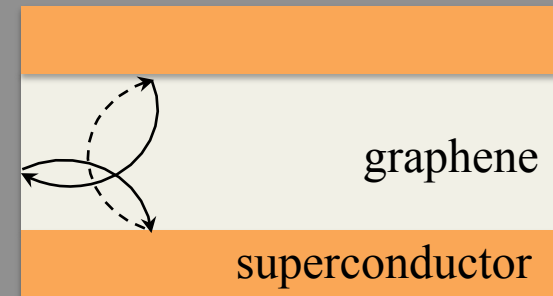
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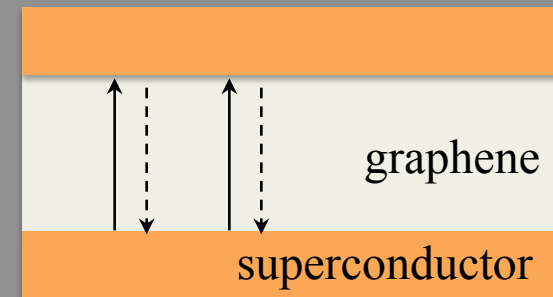


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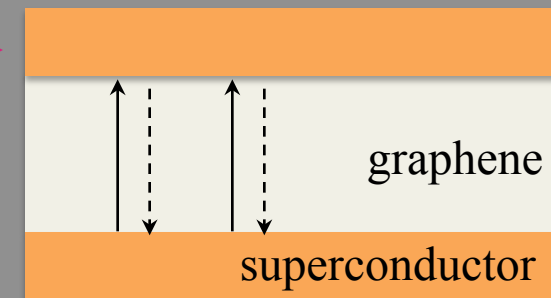
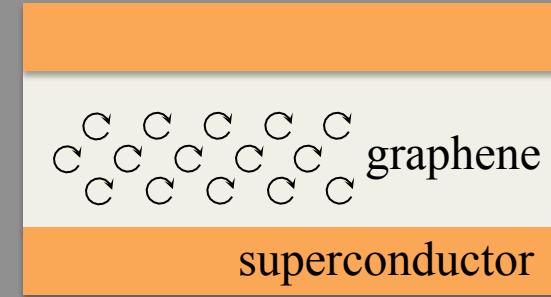
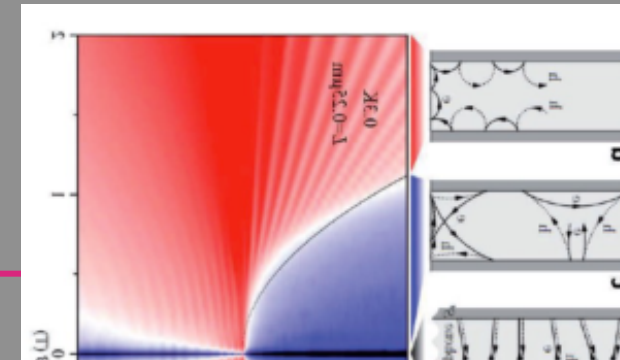
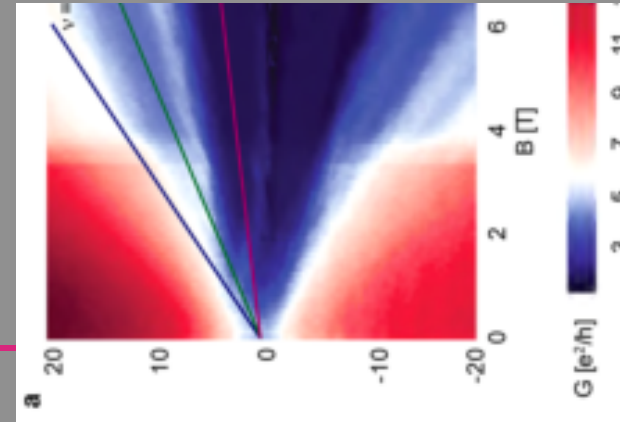
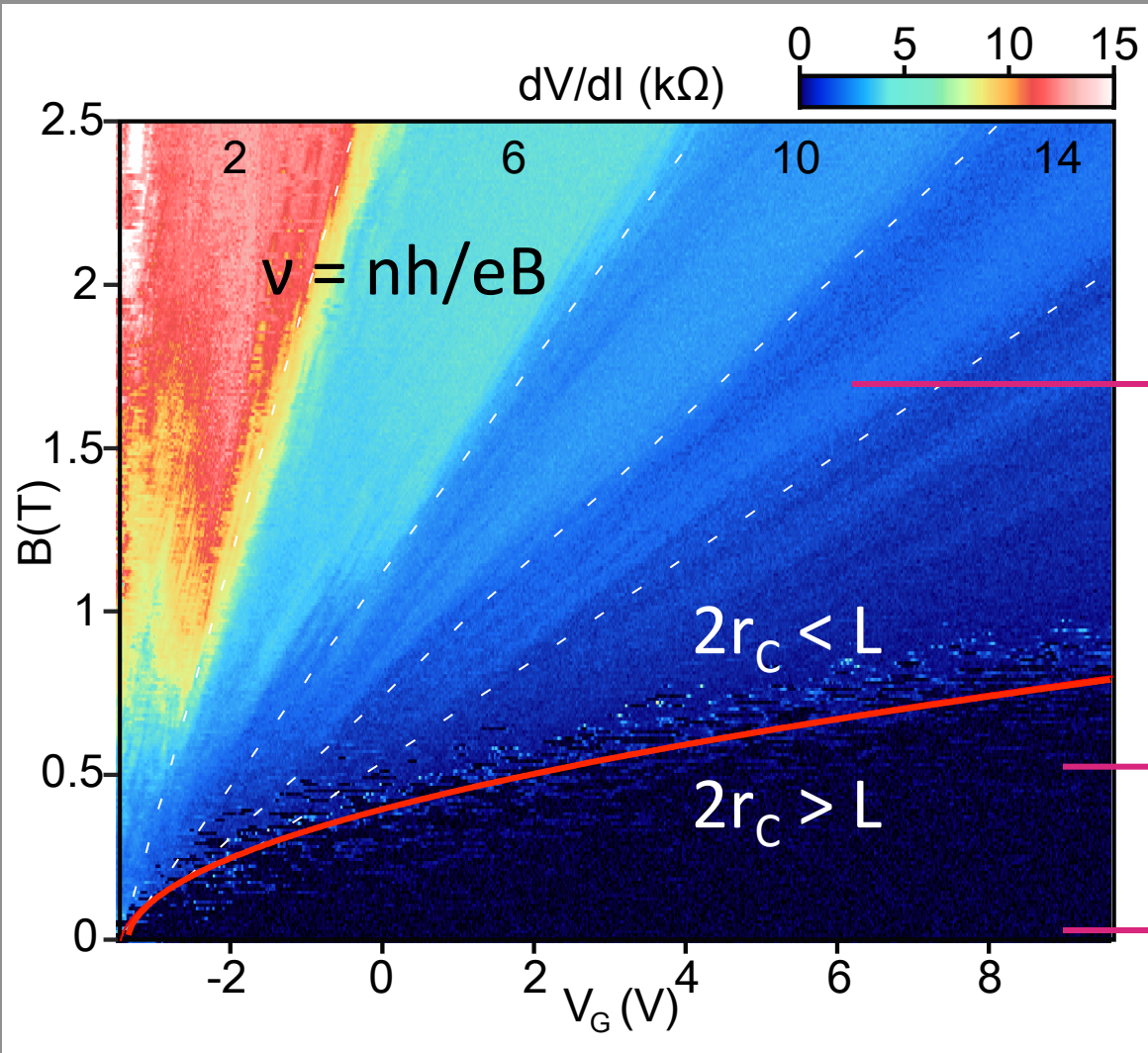


Fraunhofer



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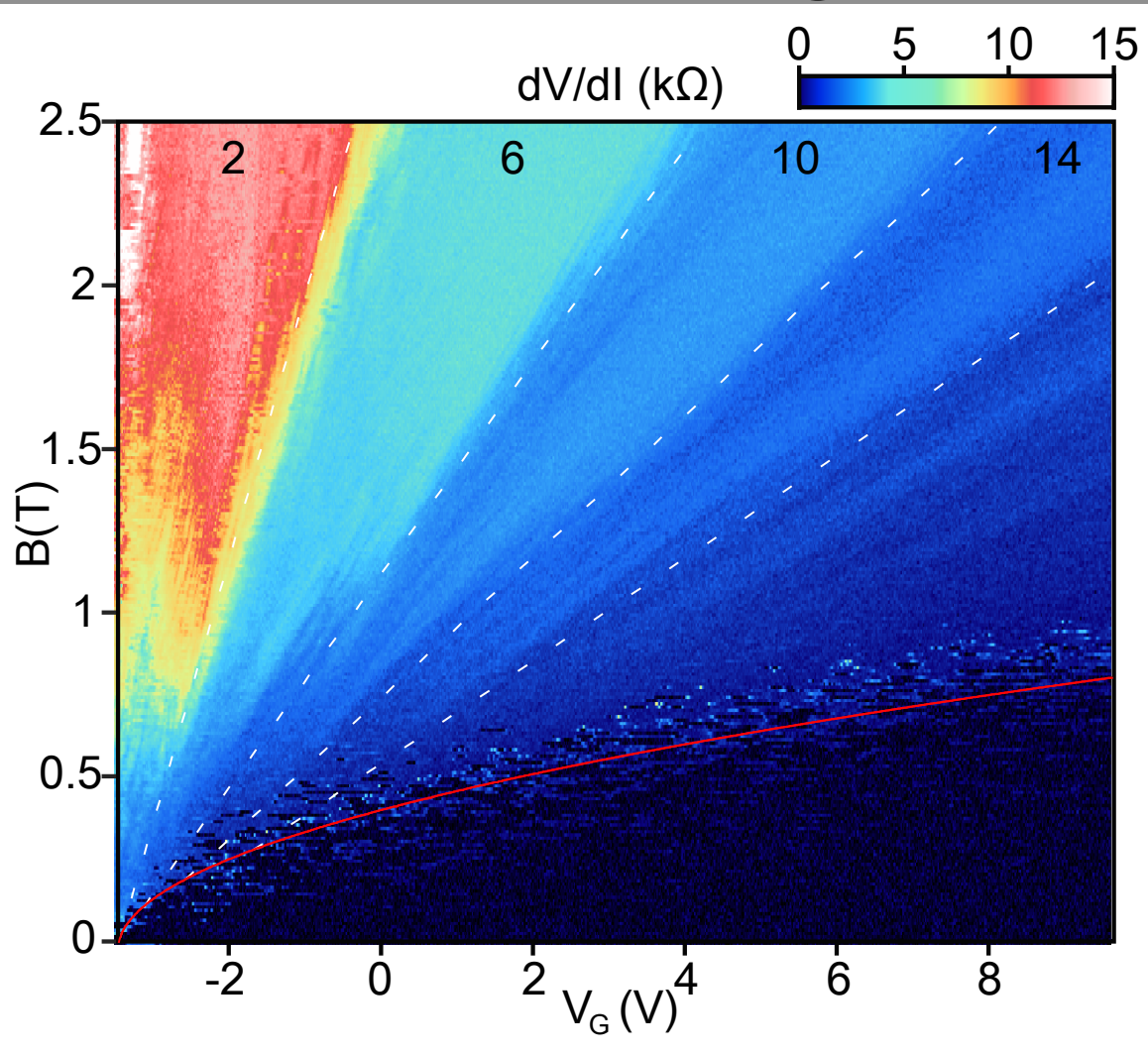
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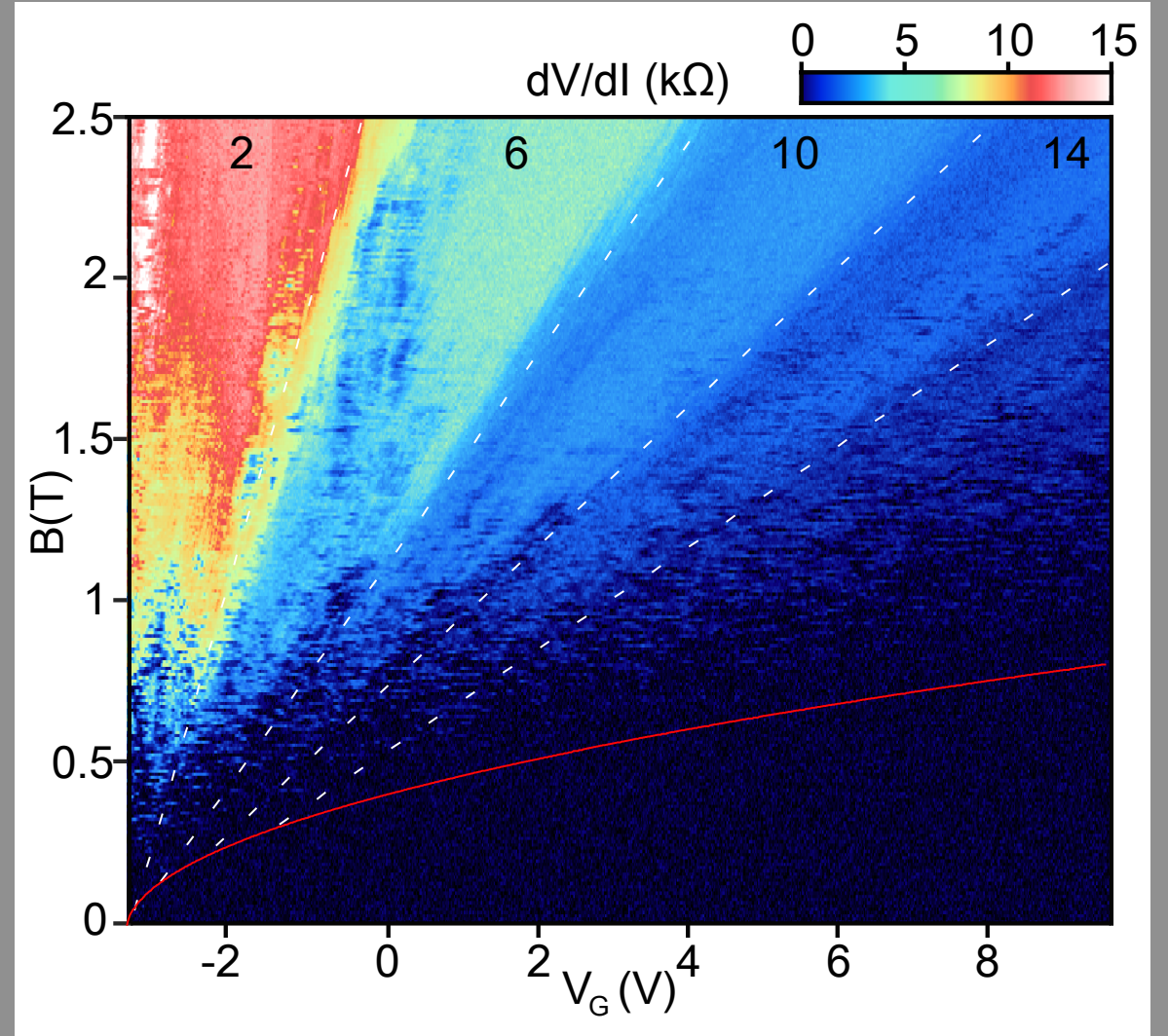
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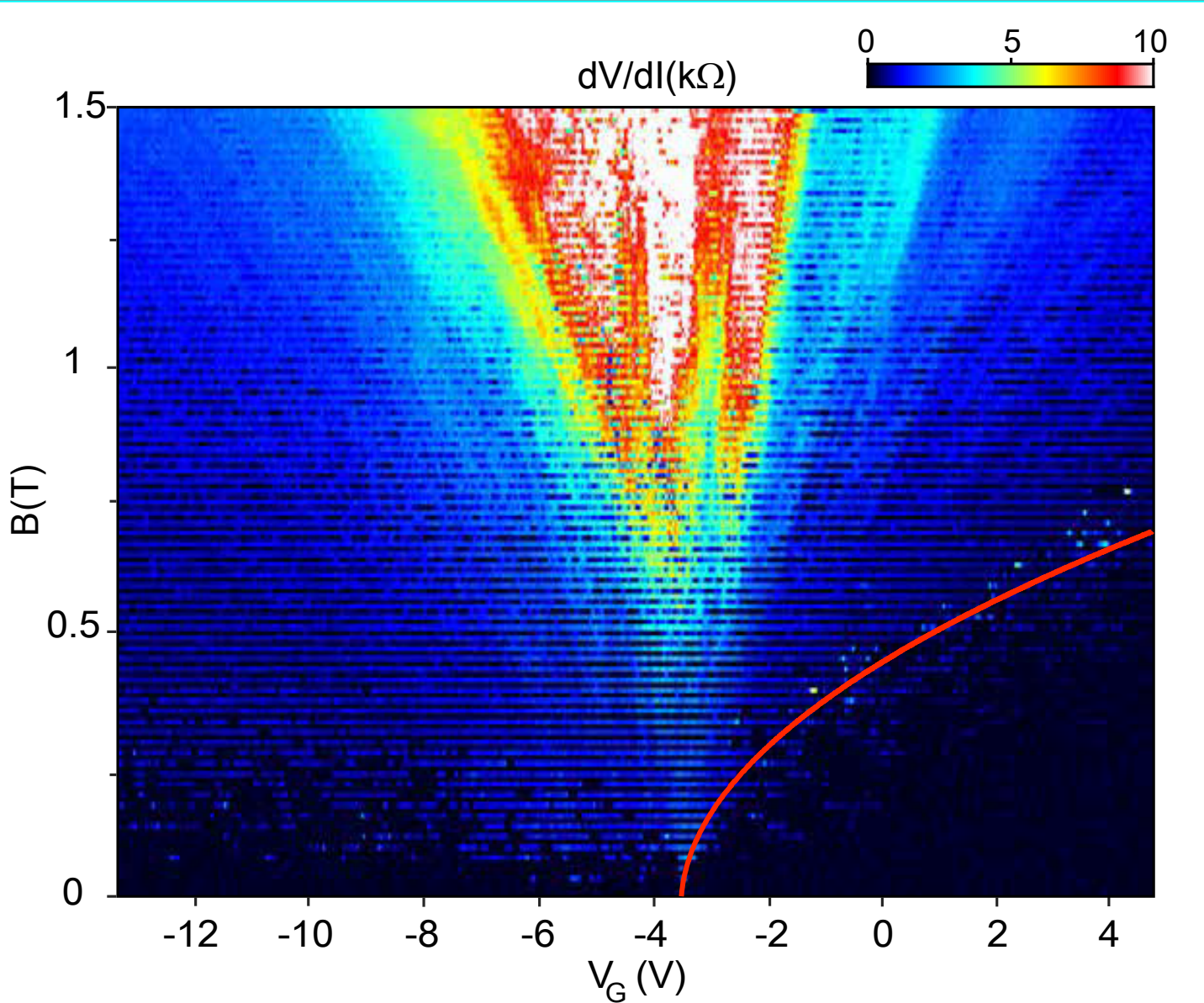


- Left panel: $I_{DC}=6\text{nA} + I_{AC}=50\text{ pA}$
- Quantized plateaus



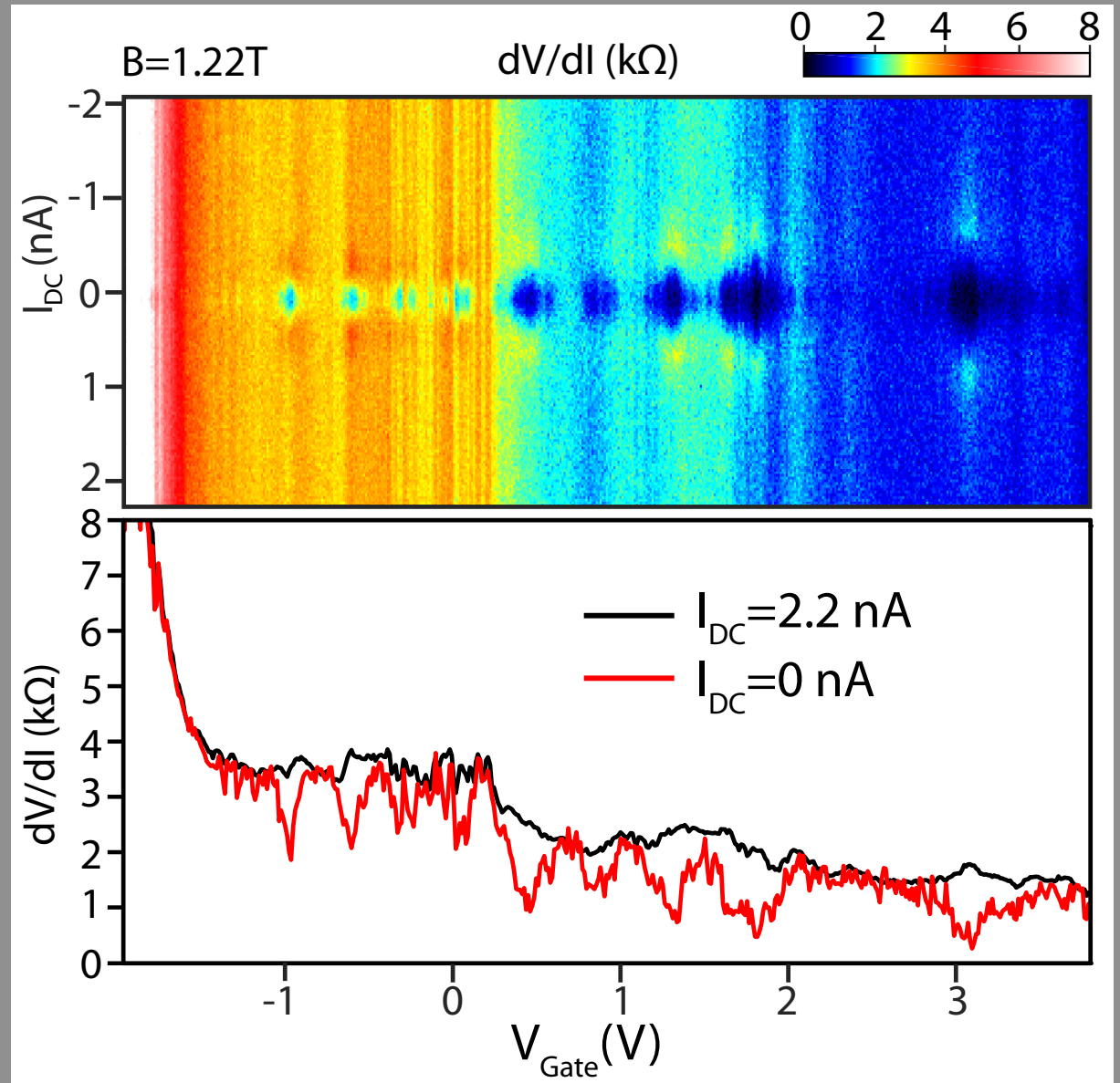
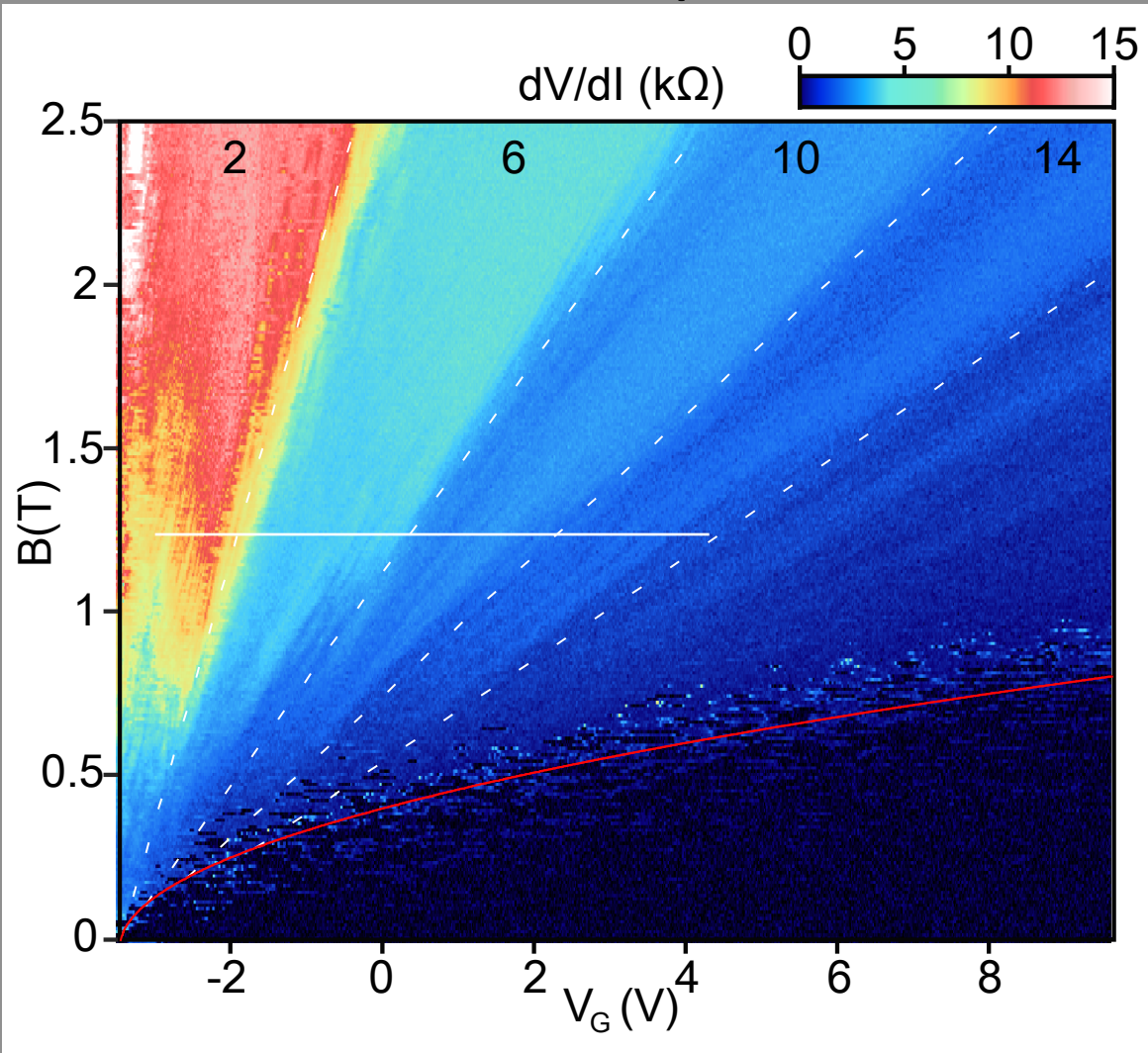
- Right panel: $I_{DC}=0\text{nA} + I_{AC}=50\text{ pA}$
- Superconducting pockets on plateaus

Alternating lines at high and low bias current



- At each B , the gate dependence is recorded at finite (few nA) and vanishing (<100 pA) current
- Alternating lines of high and low resistance

Pockets of supercurrent on top of QH plateaus



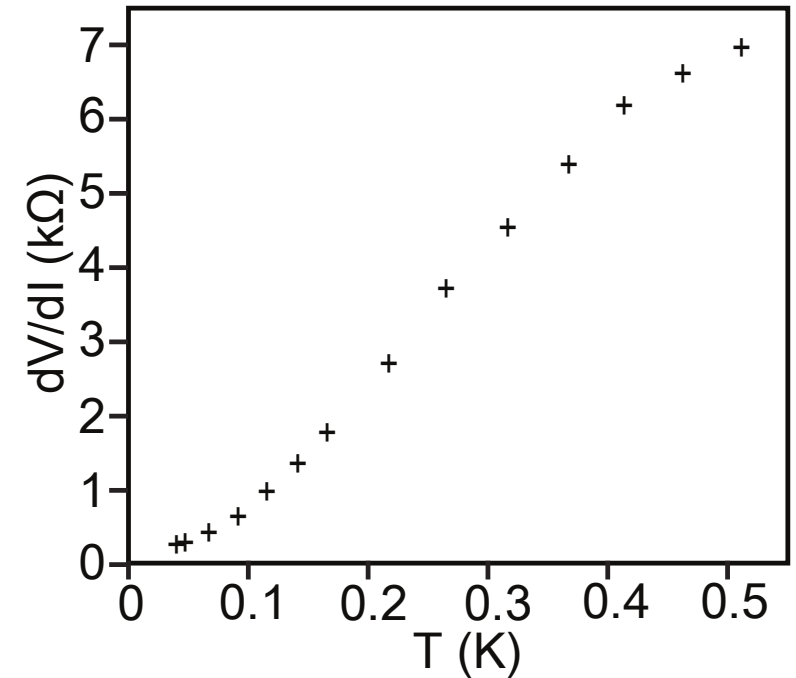
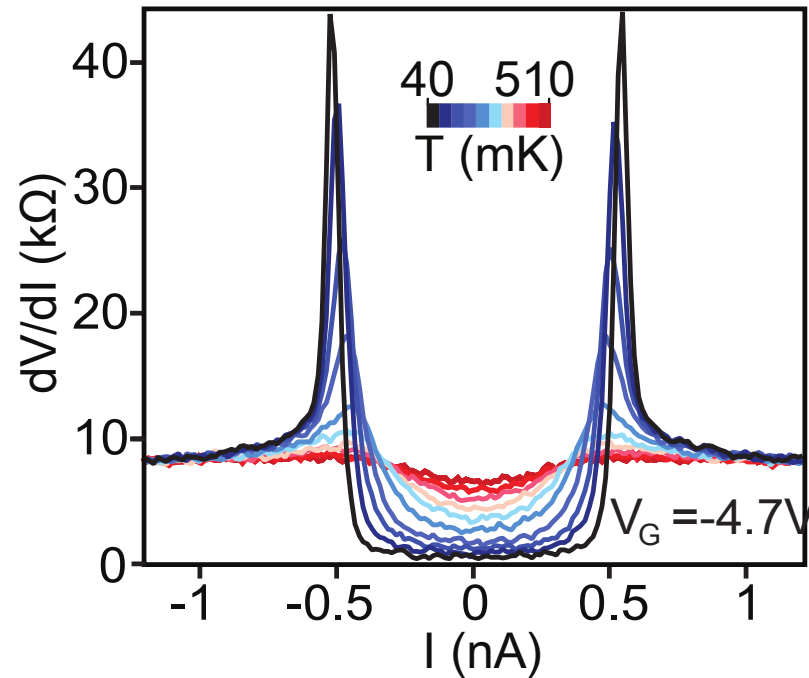
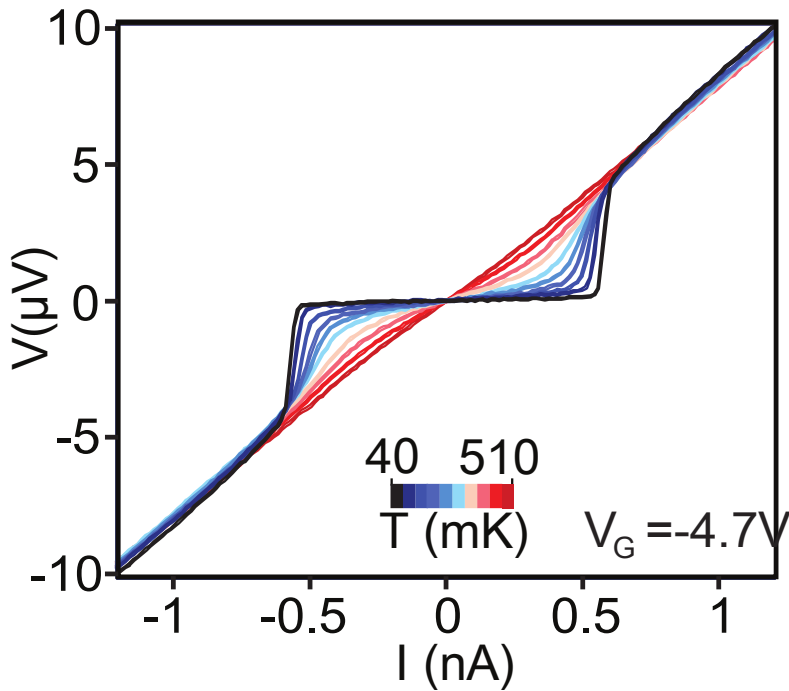
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- I-V curve: superconducting branch
- dV/dI – phase diffusion

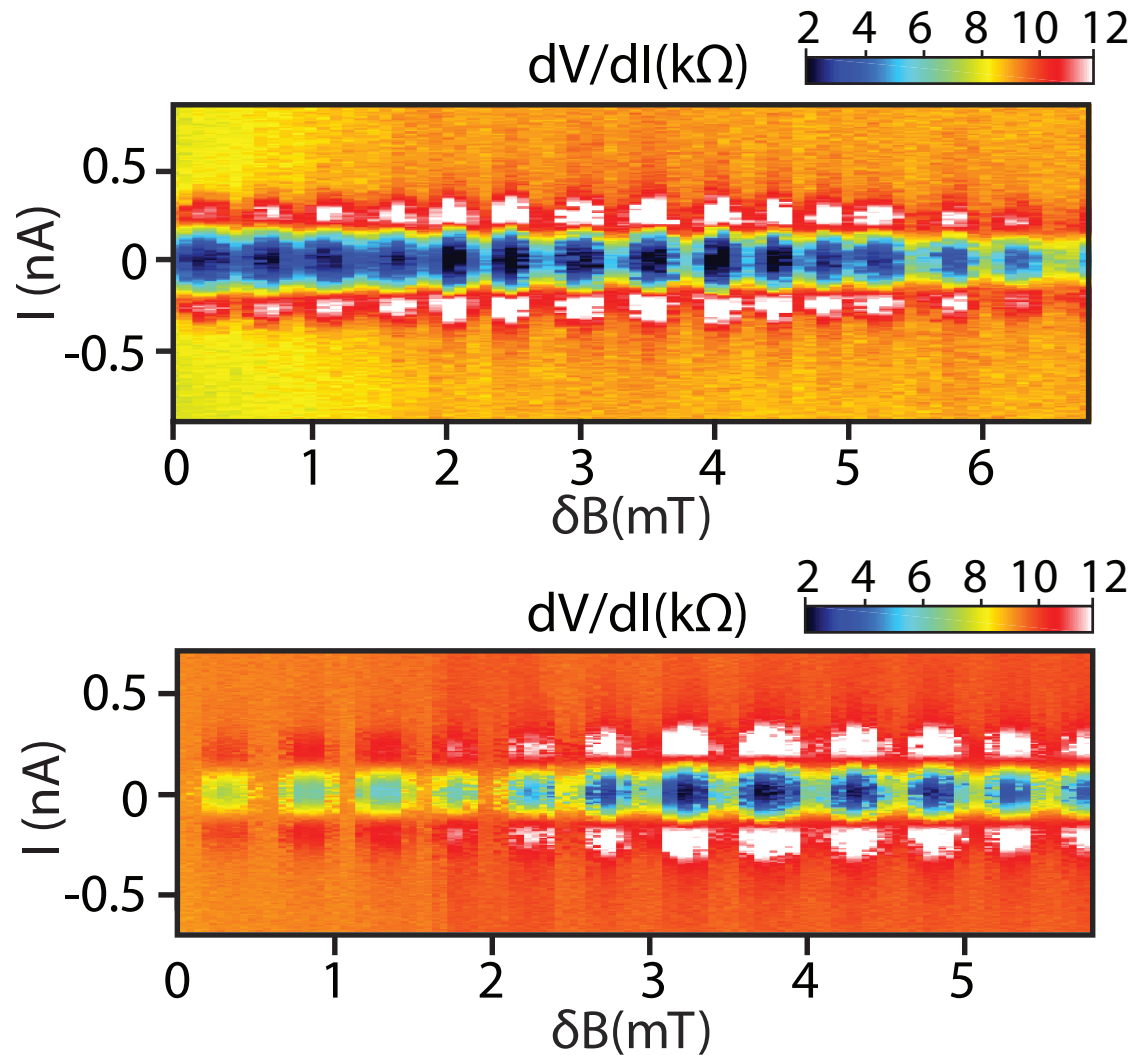
$$V_G = -4.7 \text{ V}$$

$$B = 1 \text{ T}$$

$$T = 40 - 500 \text{ mK}$$

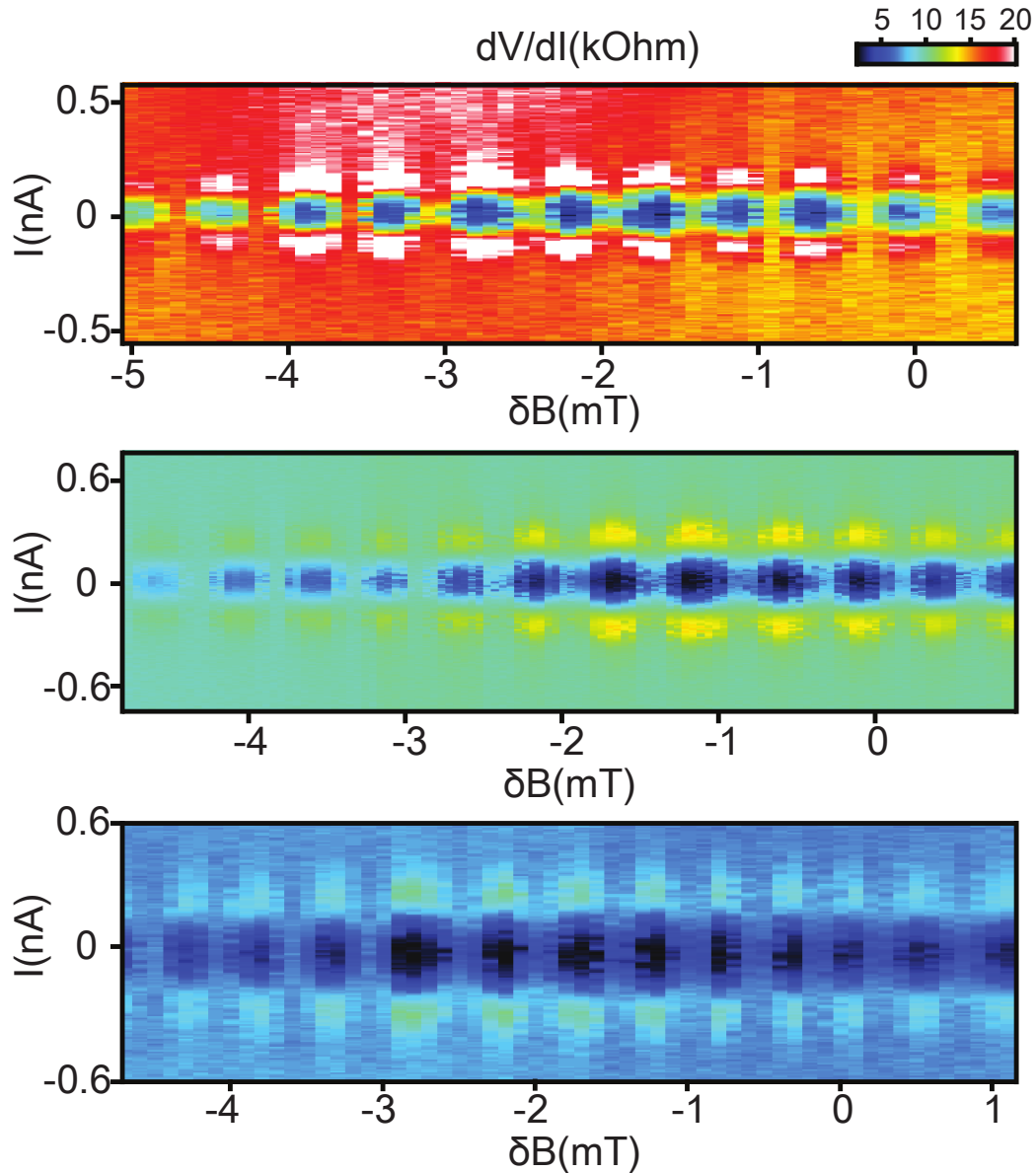


Magnetic interference in QH regime



- $V_G = -5.1$ and -2.6 V, filling factors ± 2
- A small field δB applied on top of 1T
- SQUID-like pattern indicates edge channel transport
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Interference at different filling factors

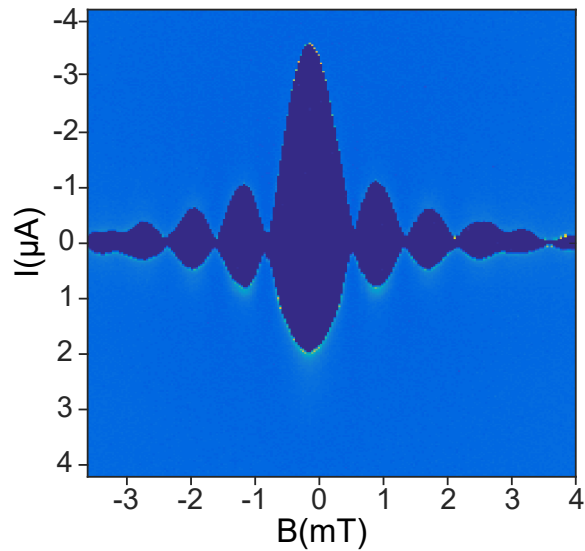


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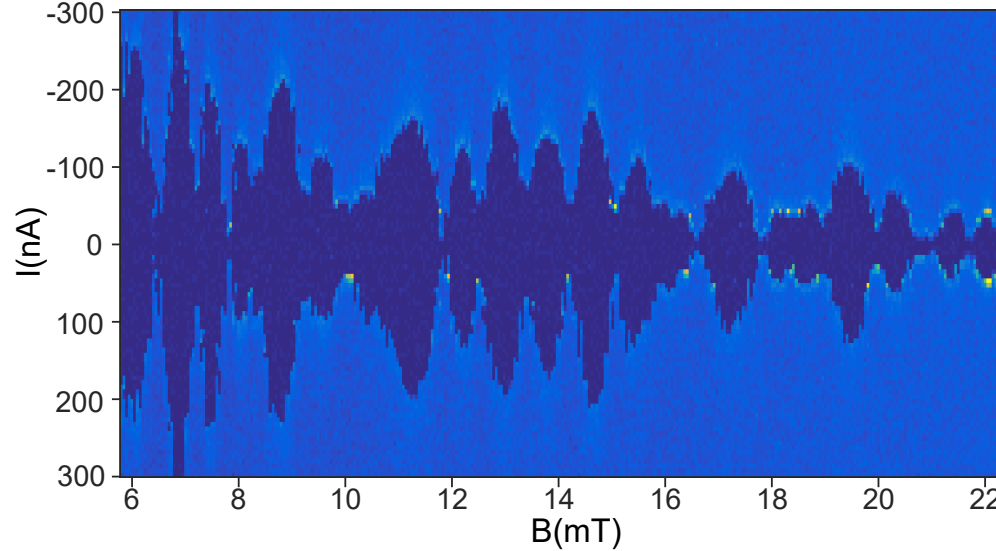
Interference pattern – distribution of current flow

- $B \sim 0$ T, regular Fraunhofer pattern due to uniform current flow
- The random interference starts at a few mT – semiclassical trajectories
- The pattern eventually becomes regular in the QH regime

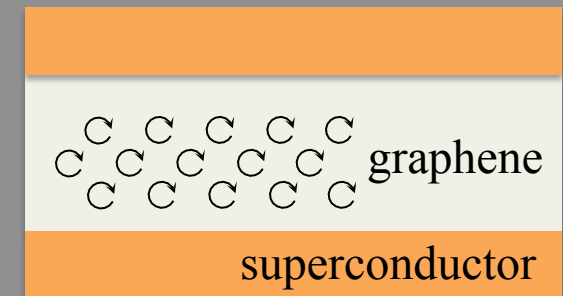
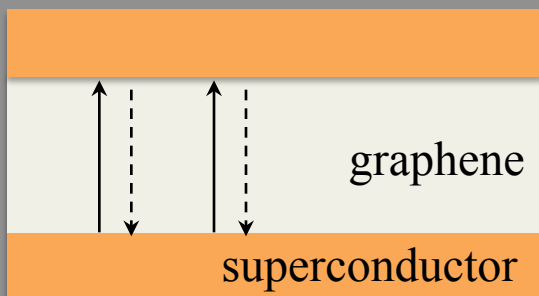
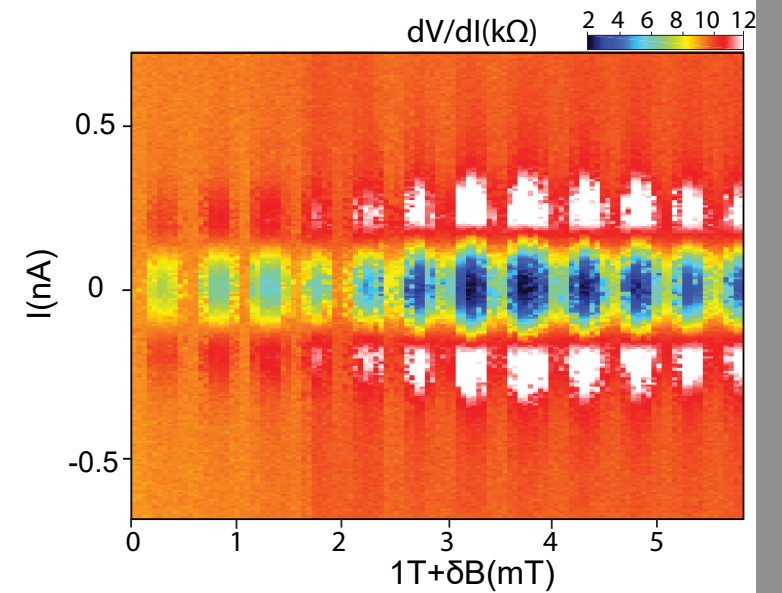
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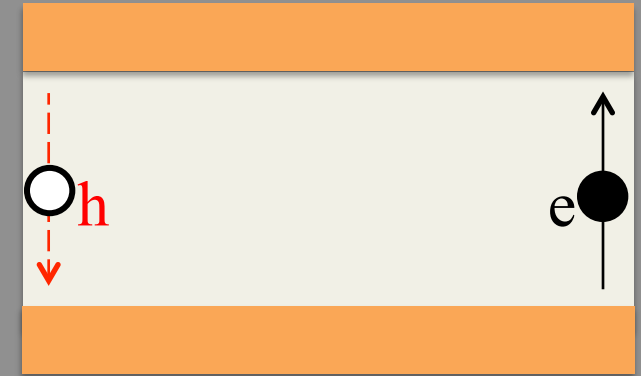
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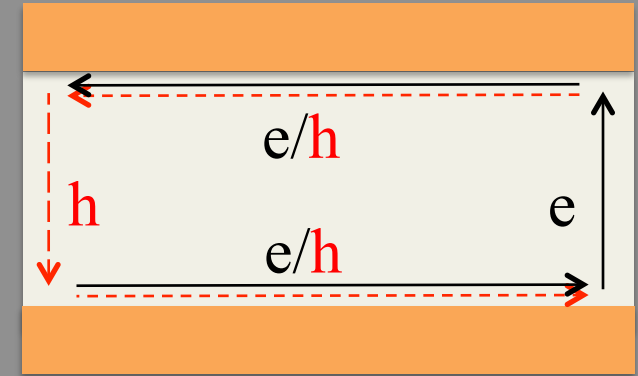
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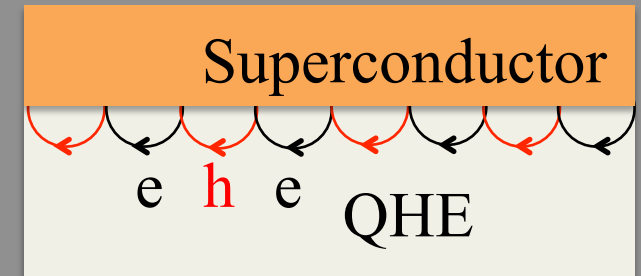
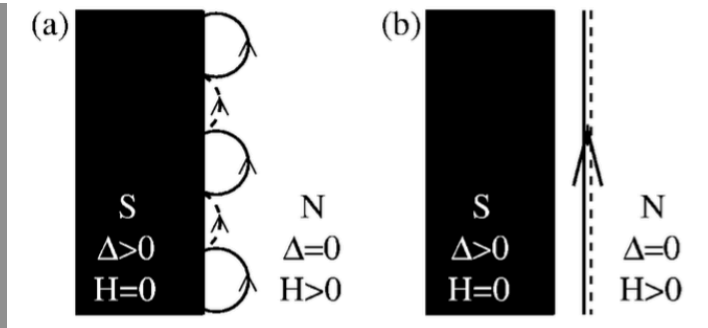
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The opposite edges are connected by the hybrid e/h mode running along SC

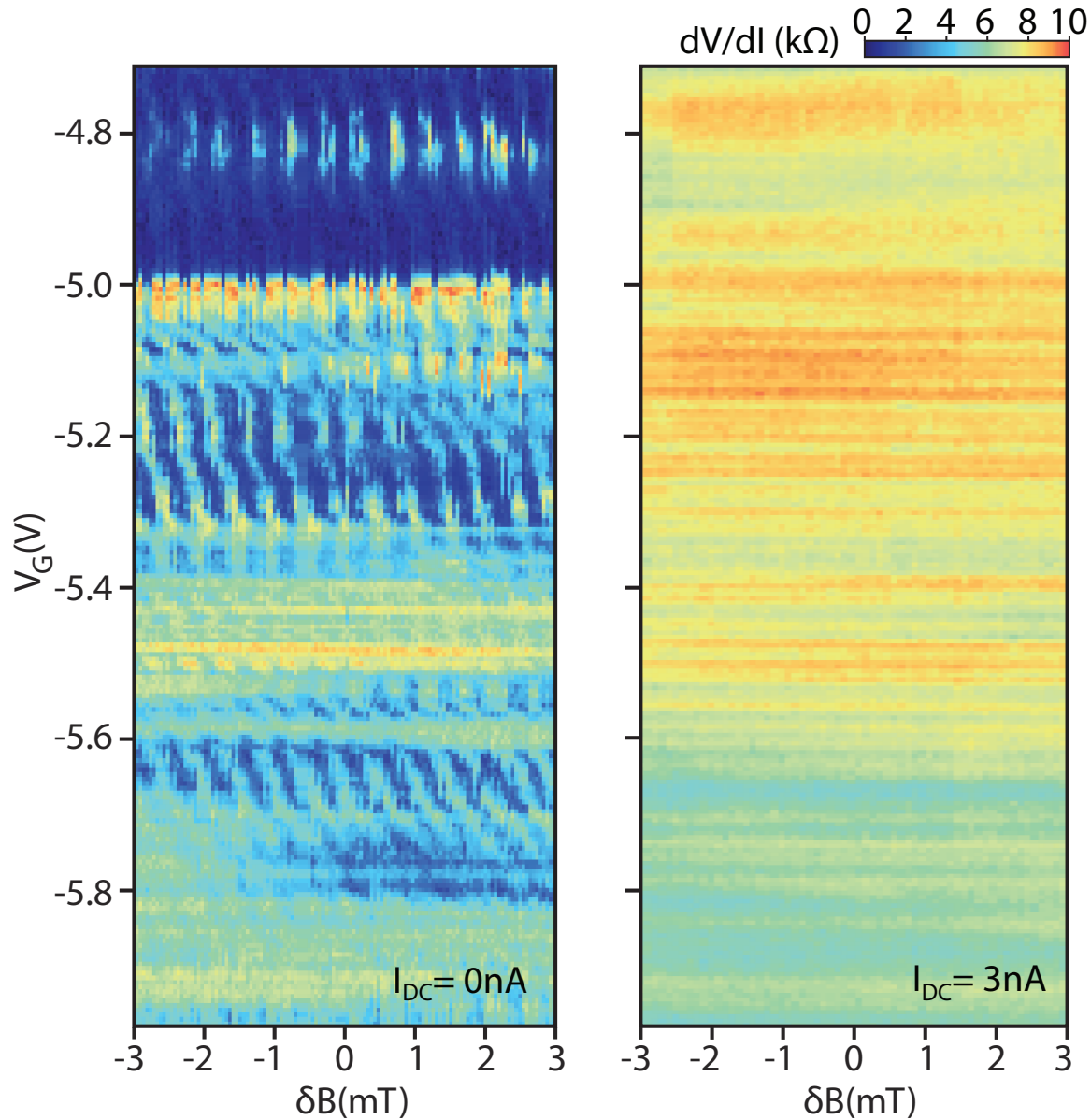
Andreev Reflection in Strong Magnetic Fields

H. Hoppe, U. Zülicke, and Gerd Schön 1999



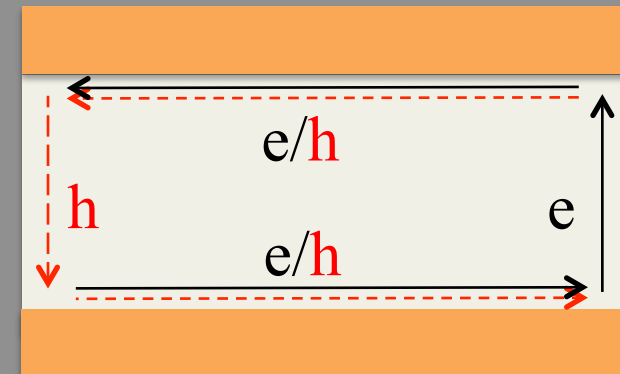
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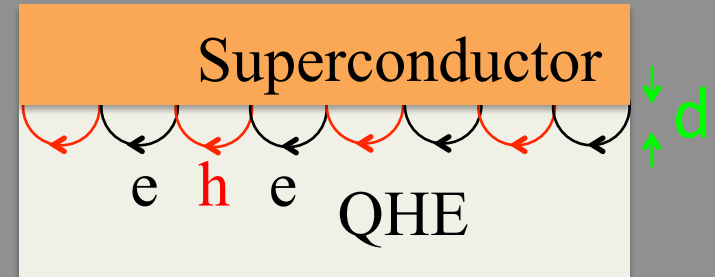
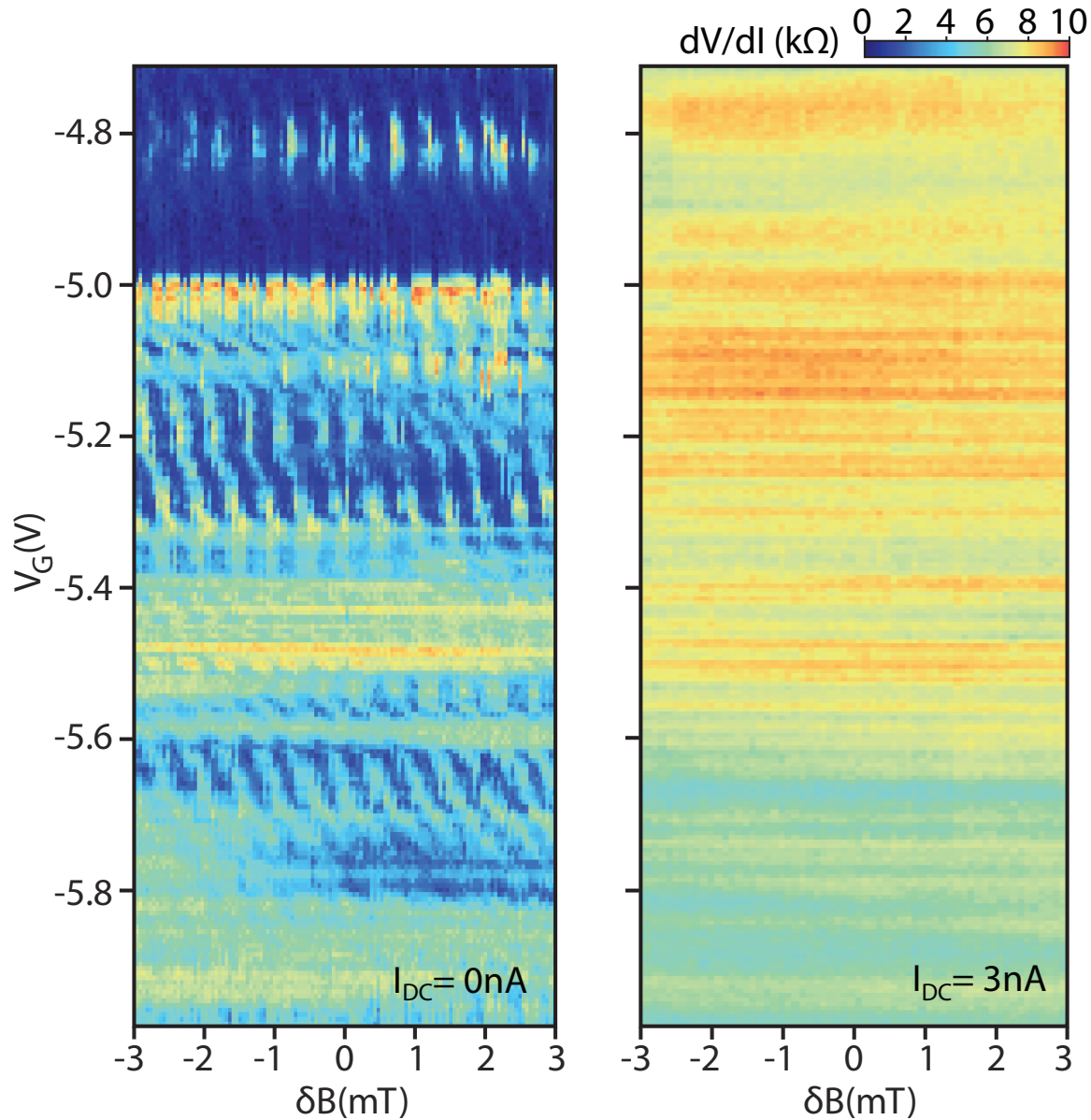


- The same periodicity at different gate voltages
- The phase depends on gate – (stripes are not vertical) – not a simple SQUID !

Consistent with this scenario:



Resistance vs. B and gate



$$\Delta\phi = 2\pi BW (L-2d) / \Phi_0 = 2\pi BWL / \Phi_0 + Wd / I_0^2$$

$$\text{Geometric flux } 2\pi \Phi / \Phi_0 + Wd / I_0^2$$

d depends on V_{gate}

– phase depends on V_{gate}

Question: periodicity

Predicted: h/e

Measured: $h/2e$

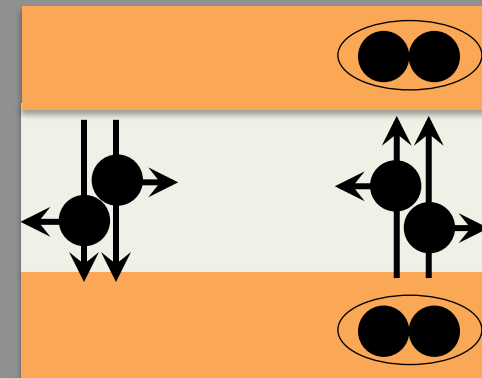
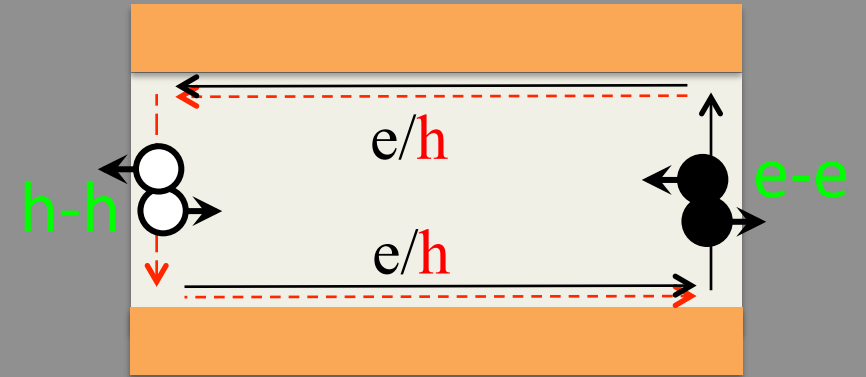
~~Charge poisoning~~

Coulomb interactions between Andreev states?

Averaging of a lower harmonic to zero?

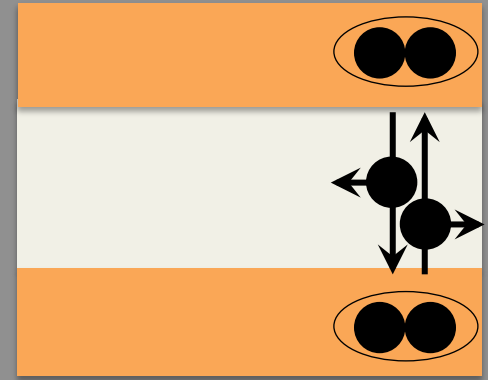
Anomalous current phase relation?

Supercurrent flows along each edge?



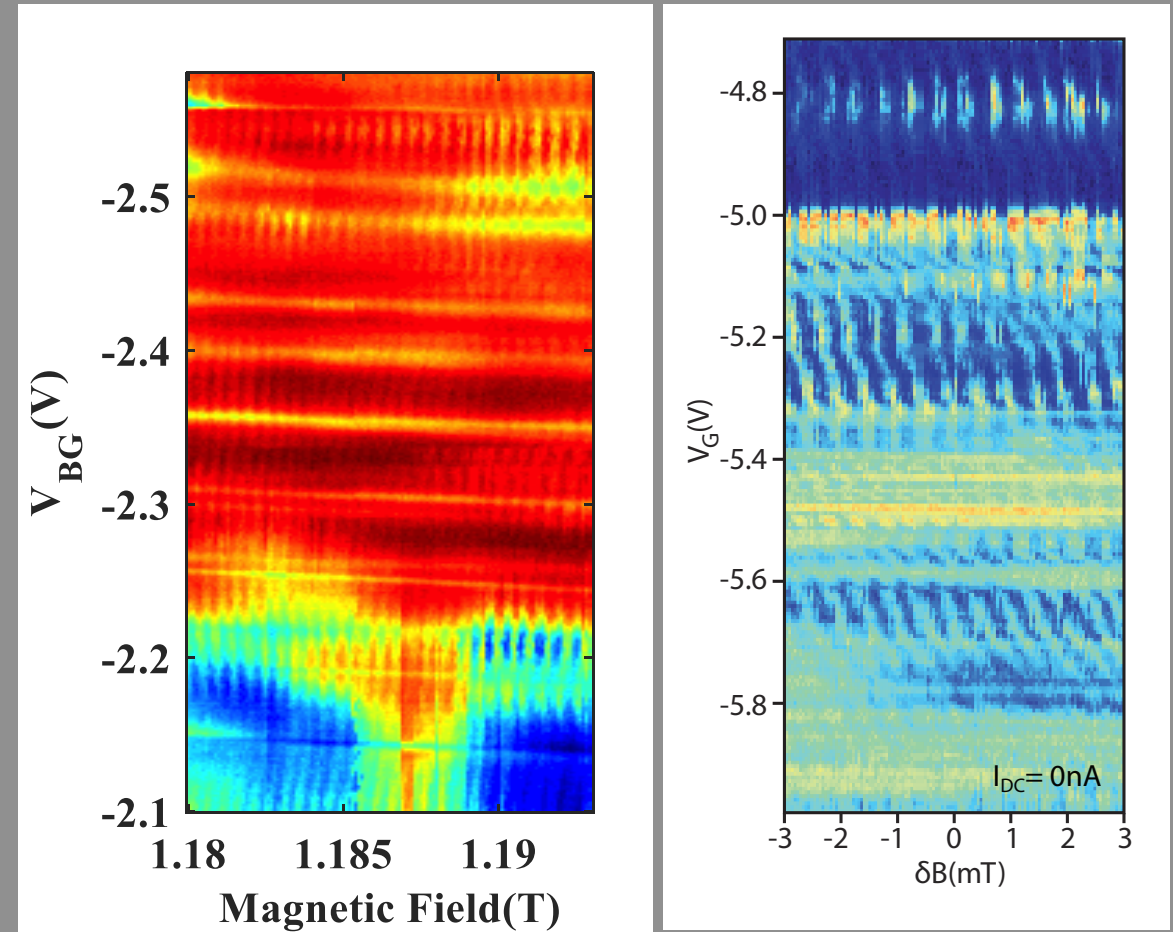
Supercurrent flowing along each edge?

Requires counter-propagating edge states, which may be possible due to density build-up near edges.



This contradicts:

- plateau quantization
- supercurrent existence
 - across the whole plateau
- SC stronger for $L=800$ nm, $W=2.5\mu\text{m}$ then for $L=650$ nm, $W=4.5\mu\text{m}$
- phase-gate dependence having the same sign of the slope for electrons and holes



Summary

- Supercurrent in the QH regime
 - Magnetic field periodicity very close to that of the Fraunhofer pattern
 - Phase dependence of V_{gate} is consistent with the existence of hybrid e/h modes running along SC.
- These modes couple counterpropagating electrons and hole edge states on the opposite sides of the sample



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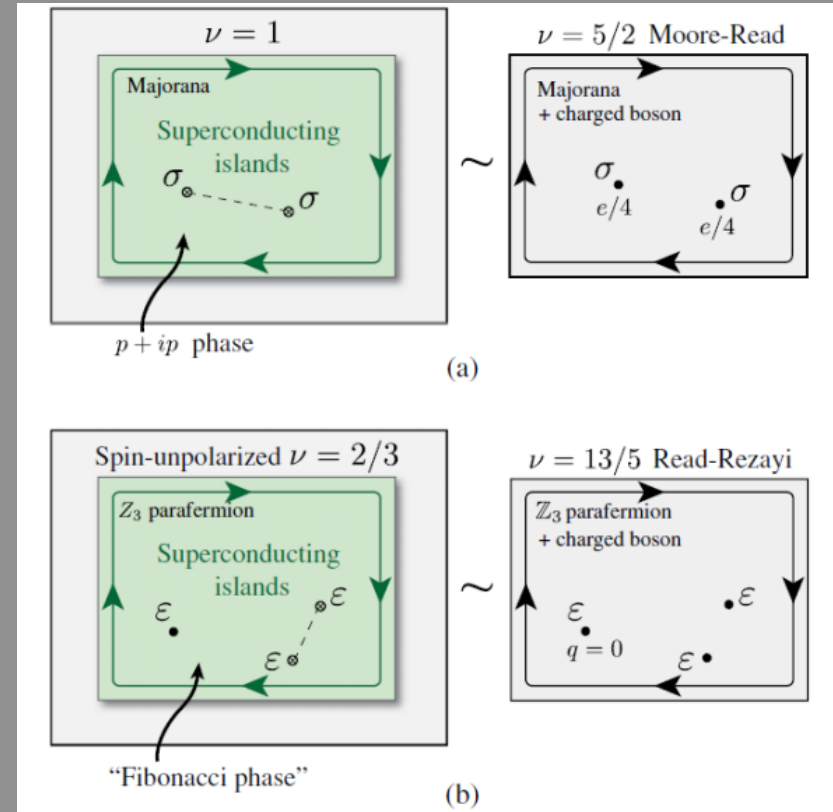


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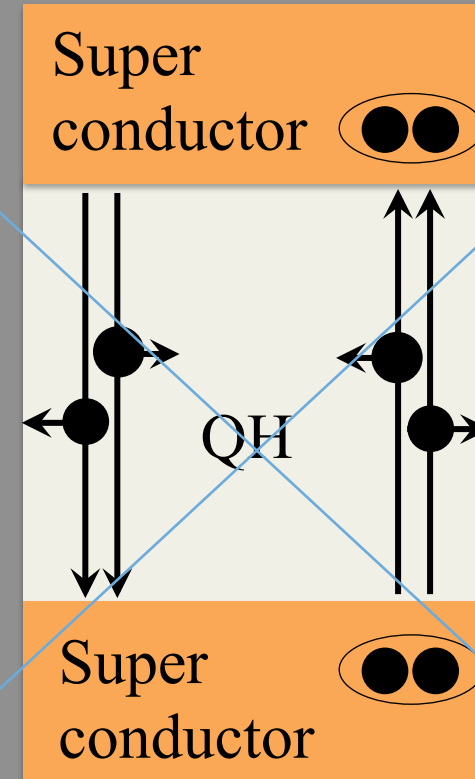
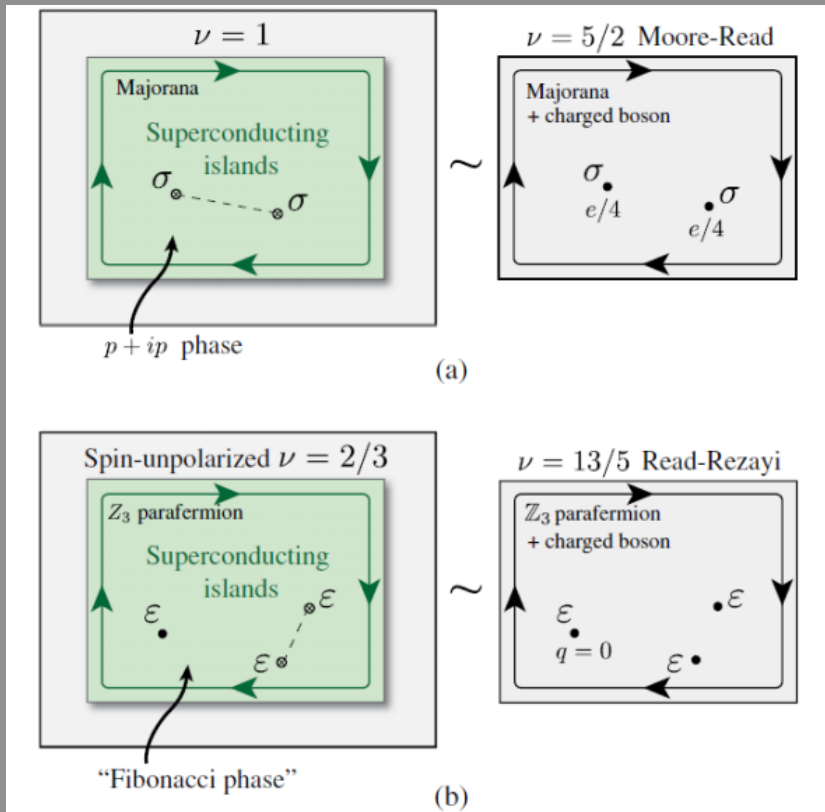
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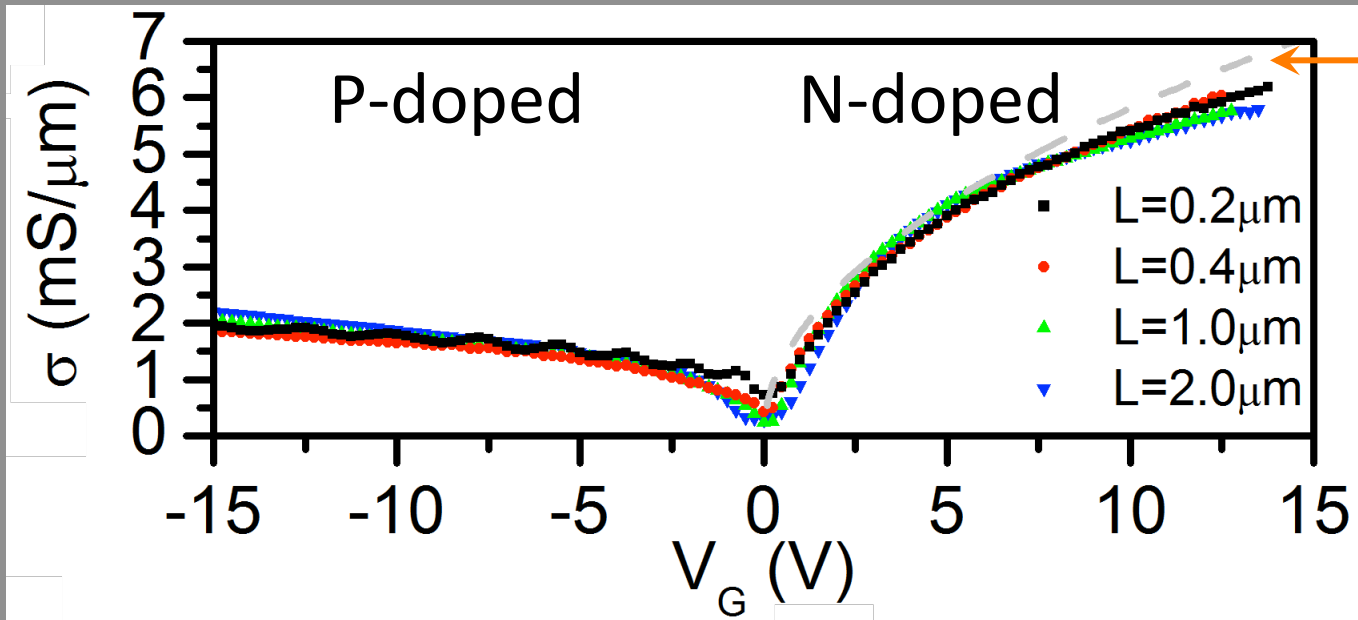
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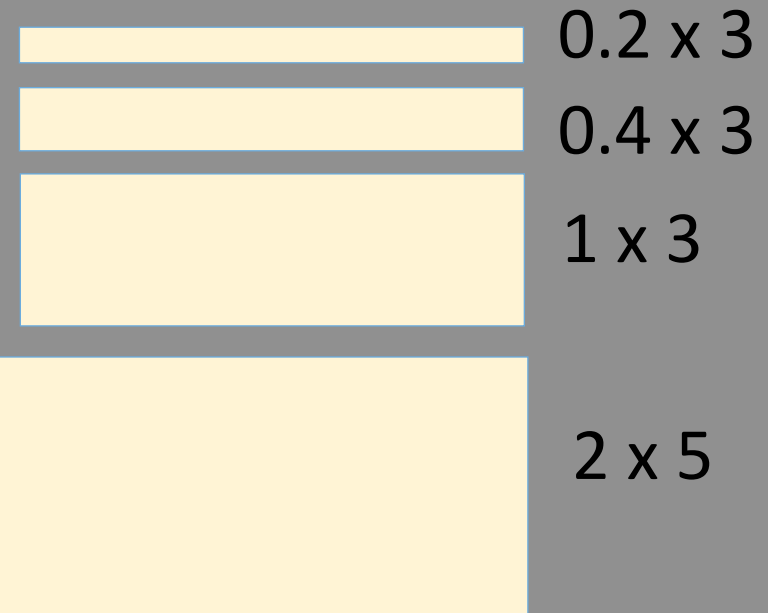
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Ballistic junctions – normal state conductance



Fully transparent ballistic limit



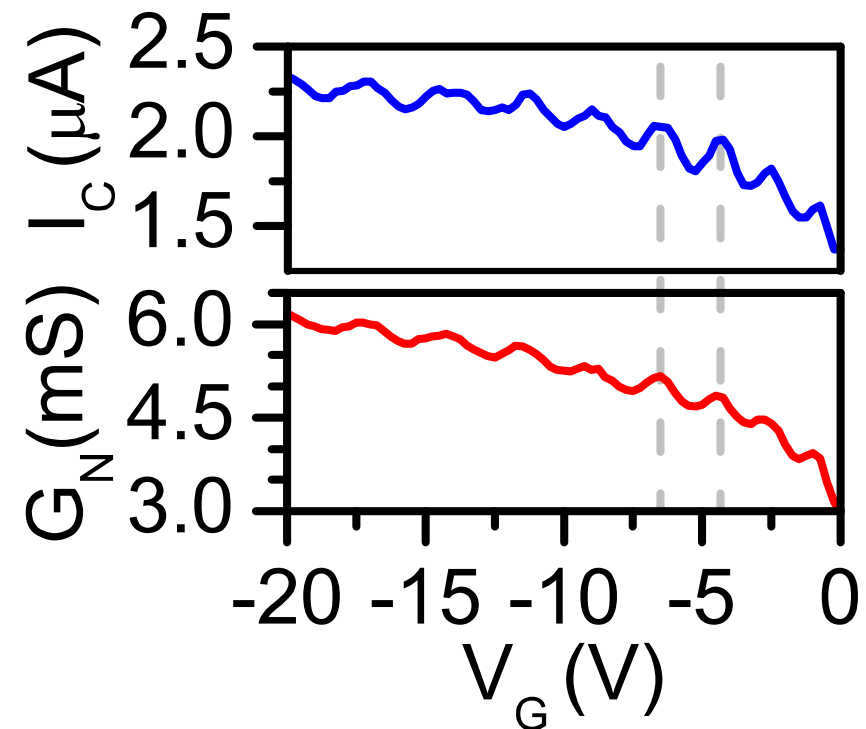
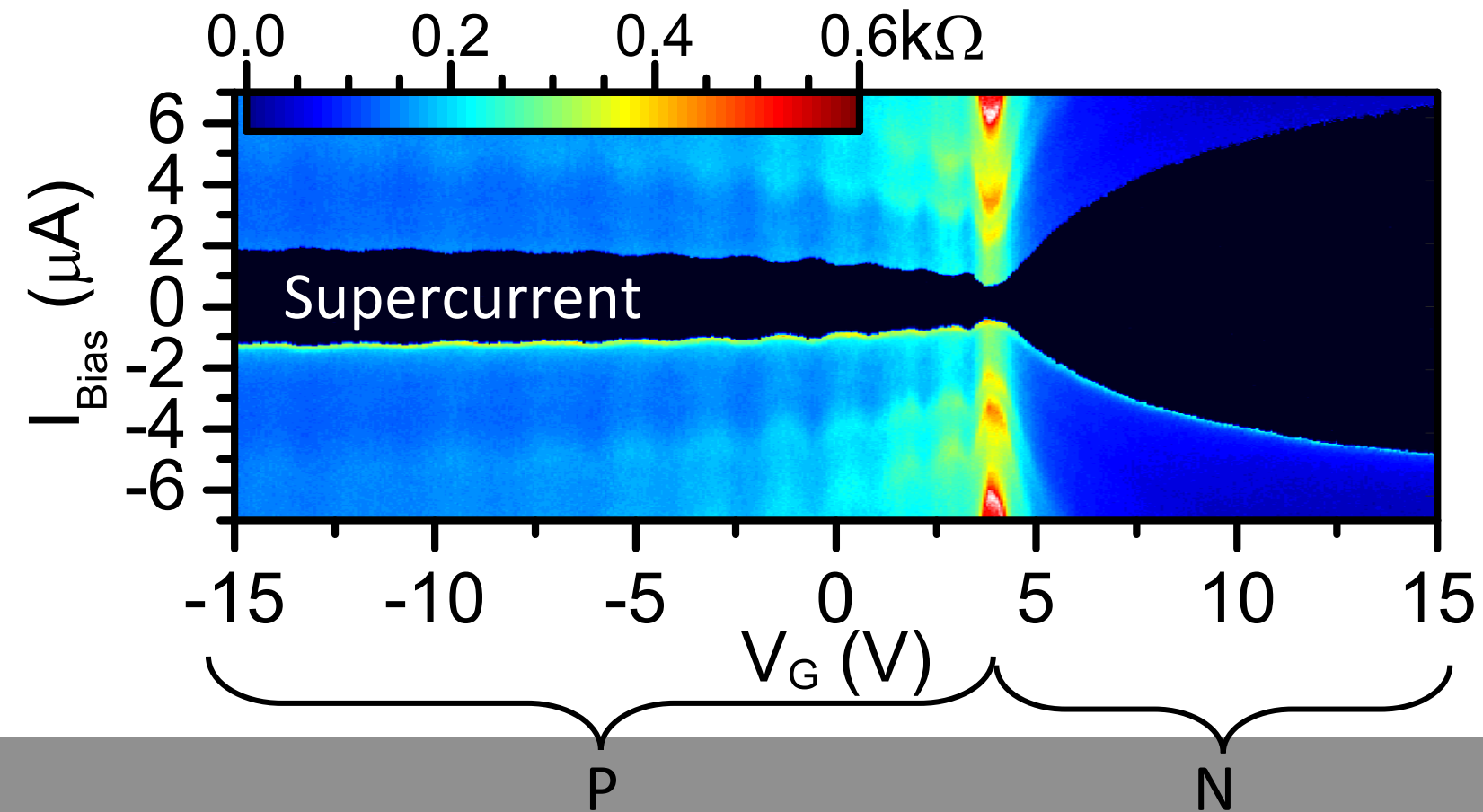
G_N/W does not depend on L – ballistic junctions

Contact transparency is consistent between samples

N-type transparency approaching 1

PN junctions at negative V_{gate}

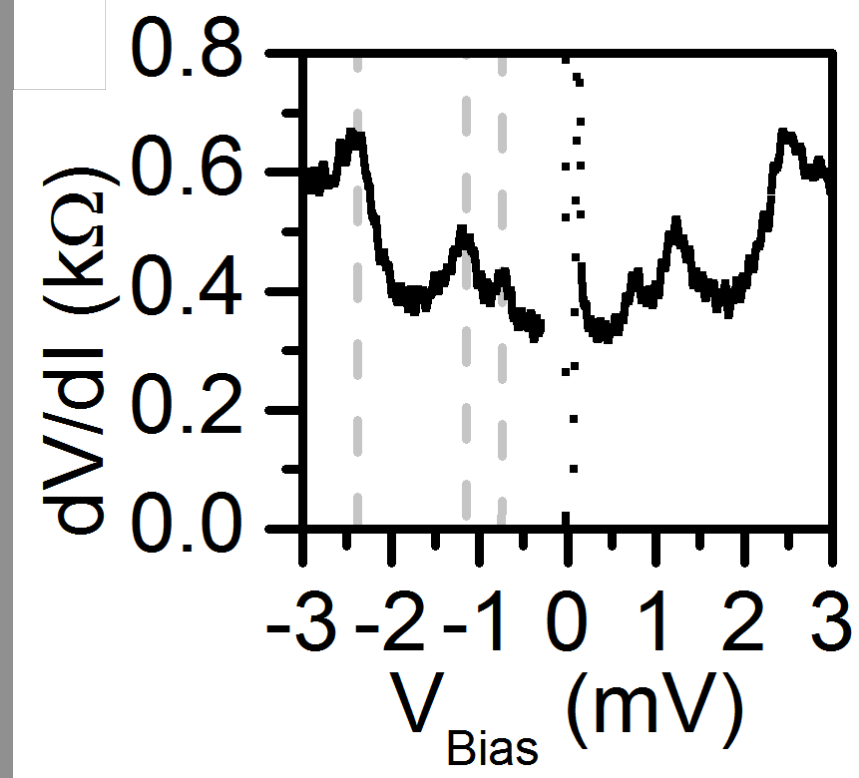
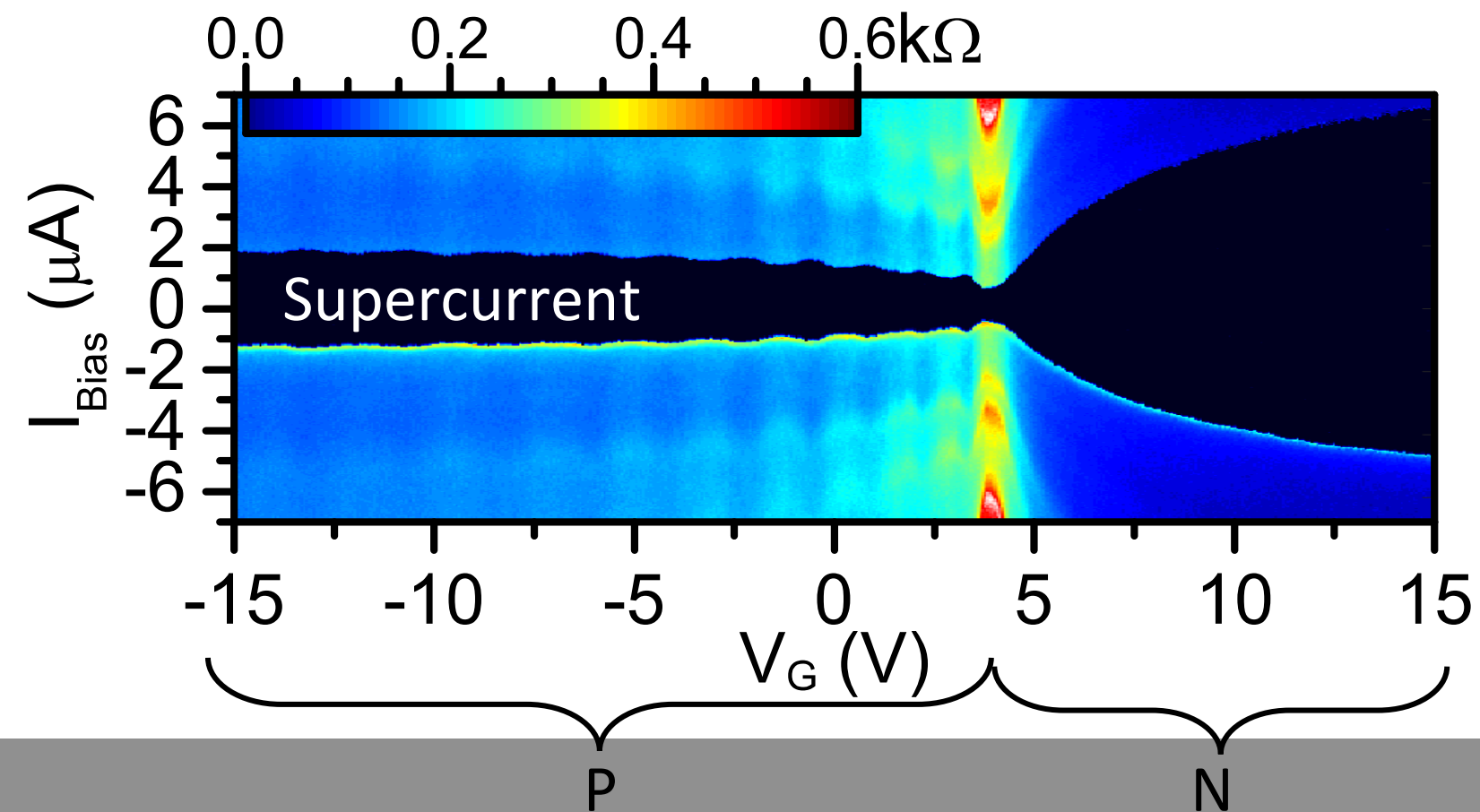
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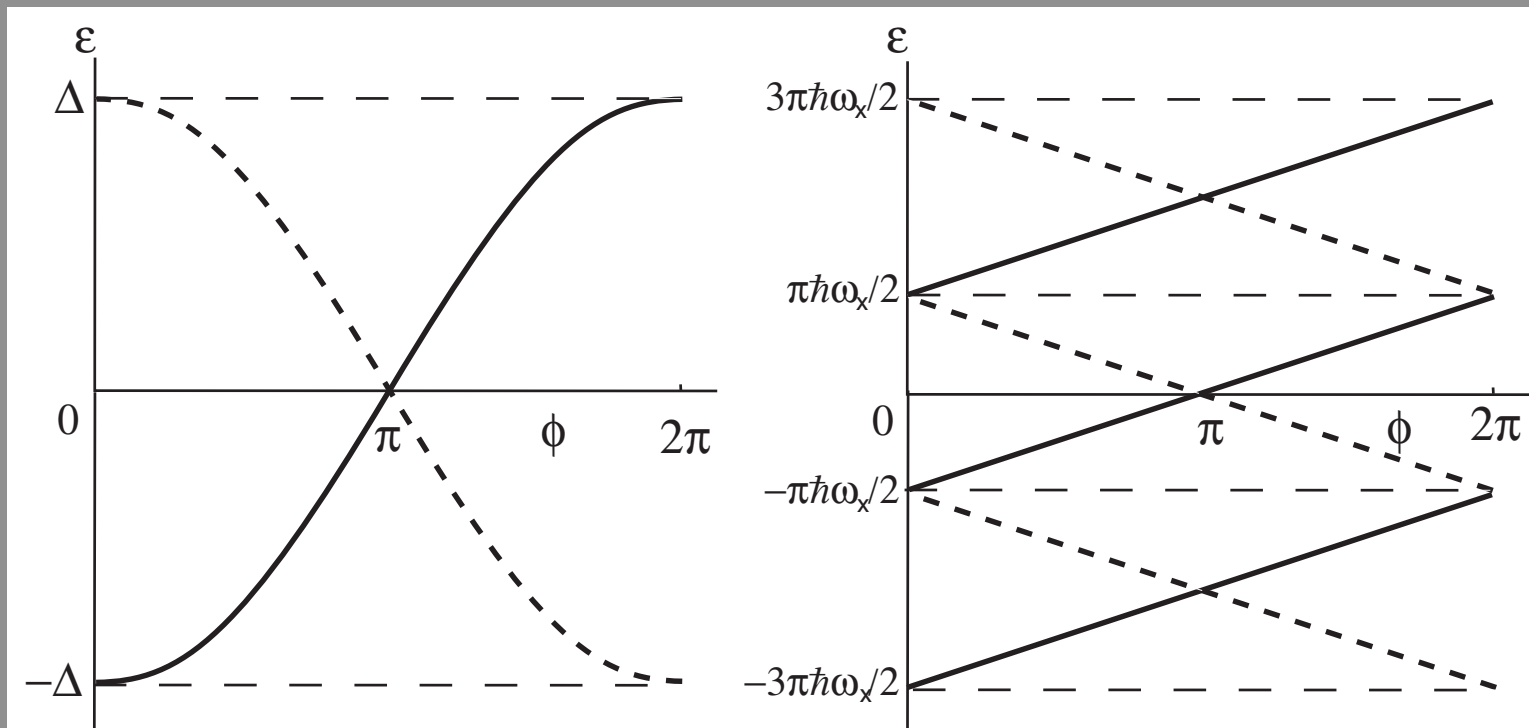
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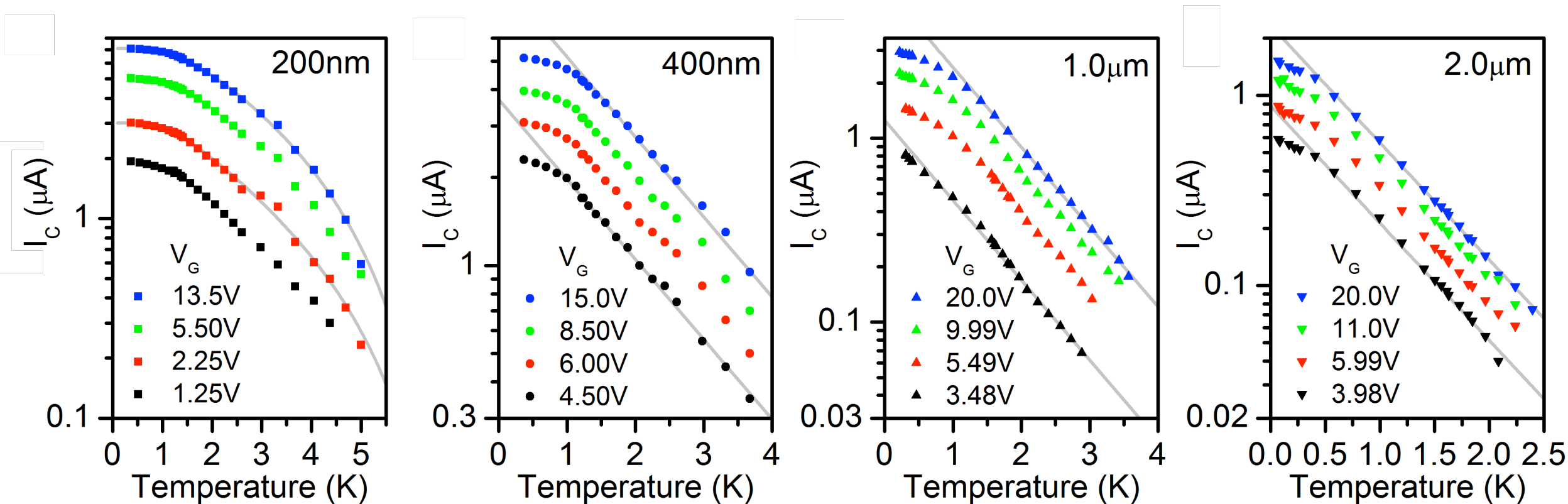


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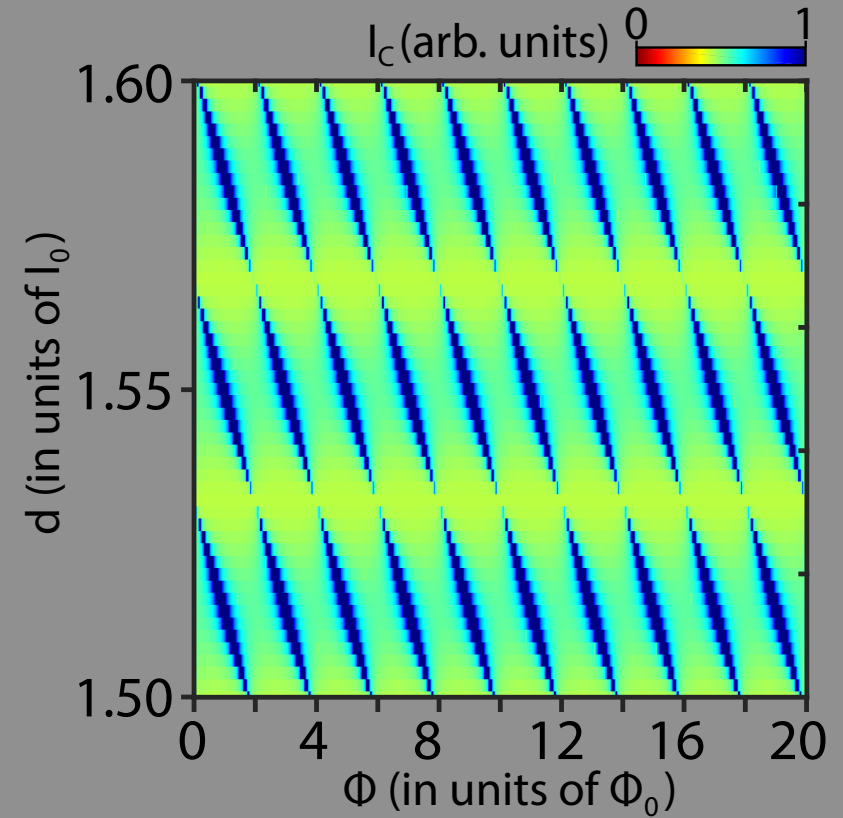
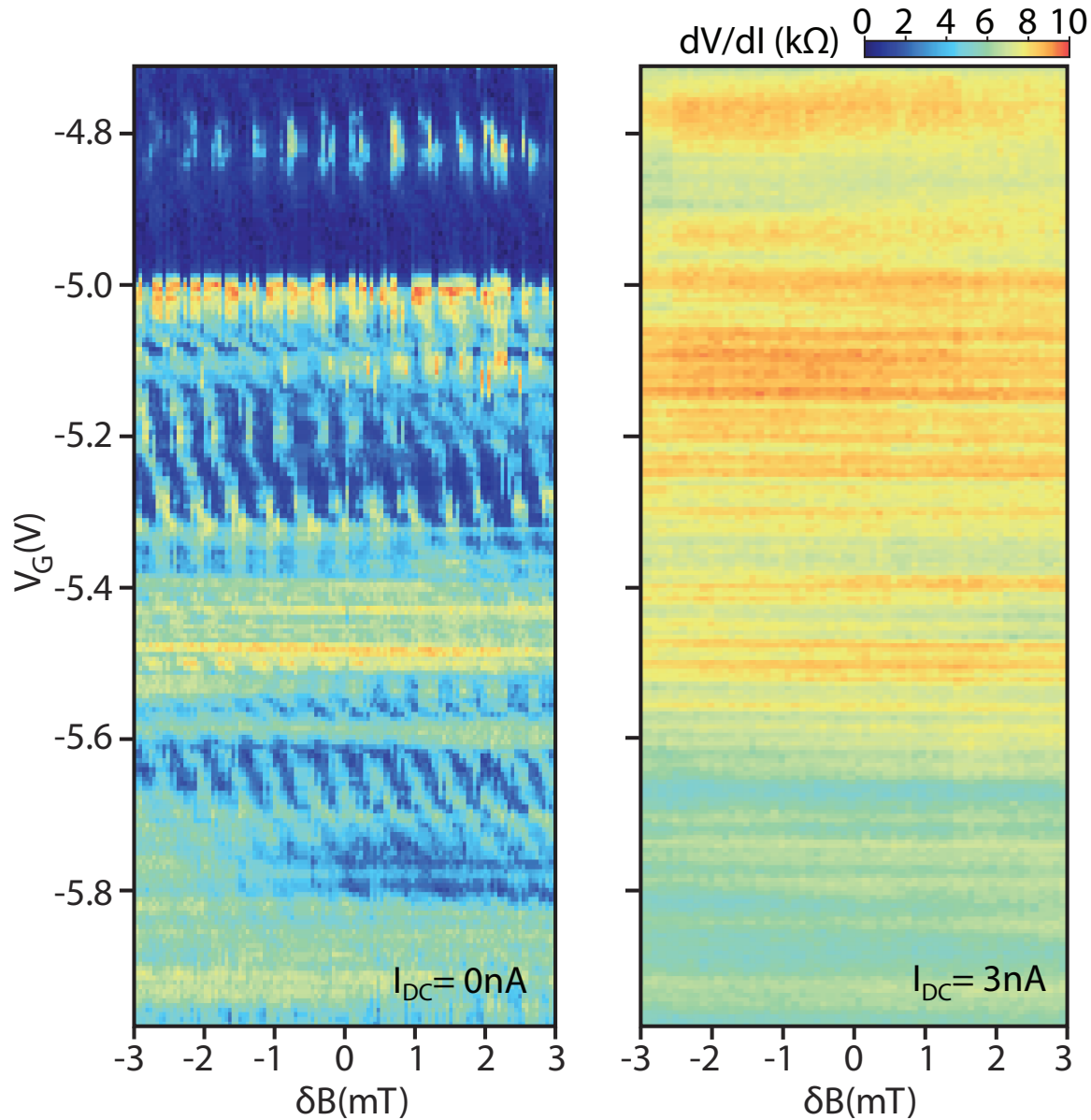


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Long ballistic junction: $I_C \propto \exp(-kT/\delta E)$, where $\delta E = \hbar v_F / 2\pi L$

Kulik (1970)

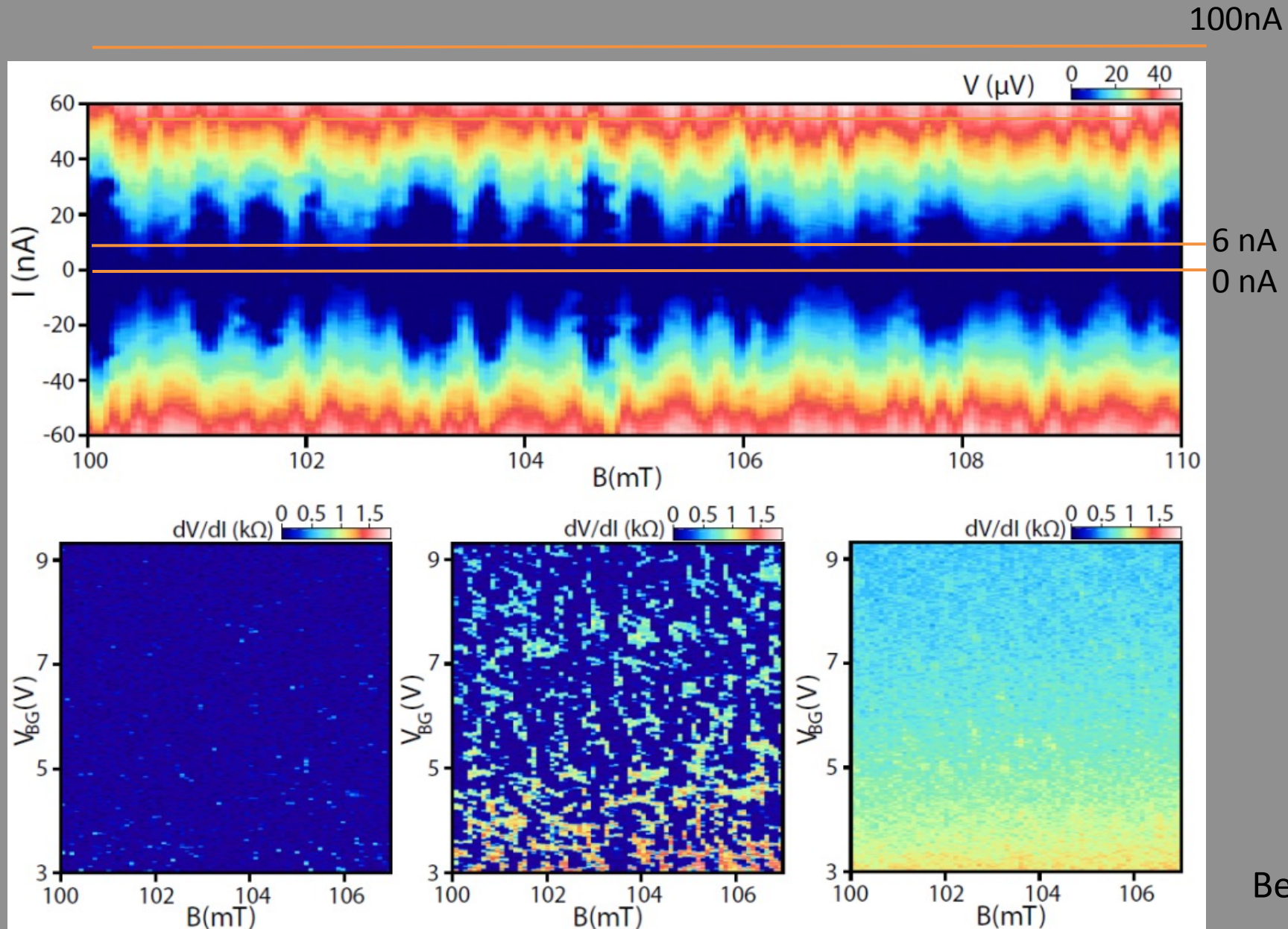
Resistance vs. B and gate



I_C oscillates with Wd/I_0^2
Mesoscopic fluctuations in d
– I_C at fixed B is patchy in V_{gate}

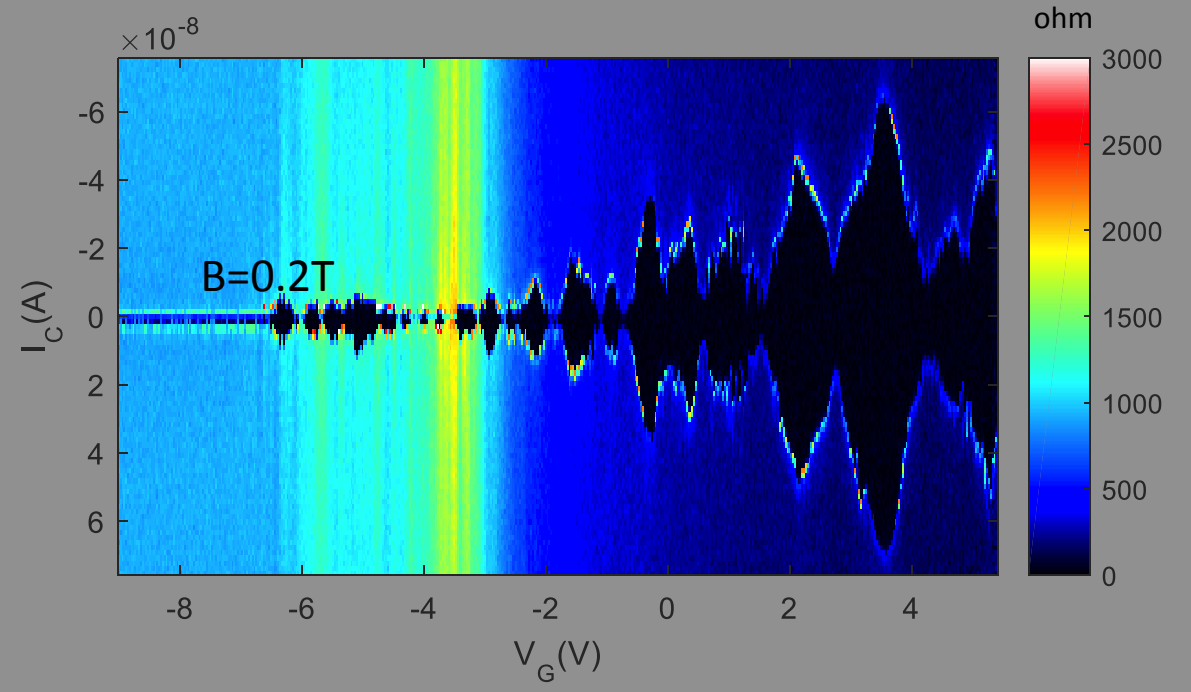
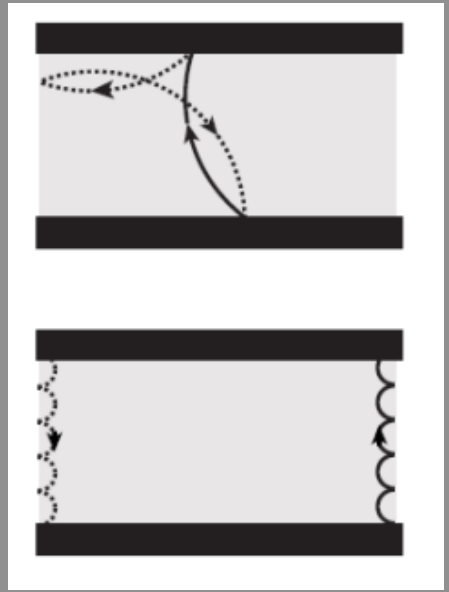
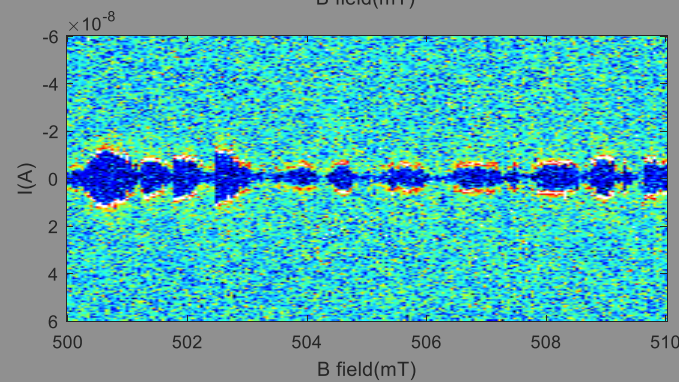
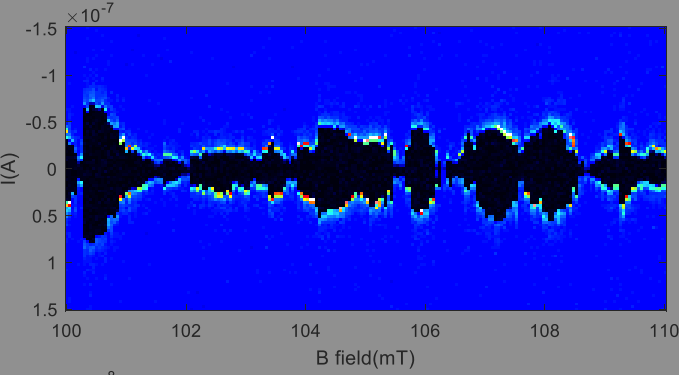
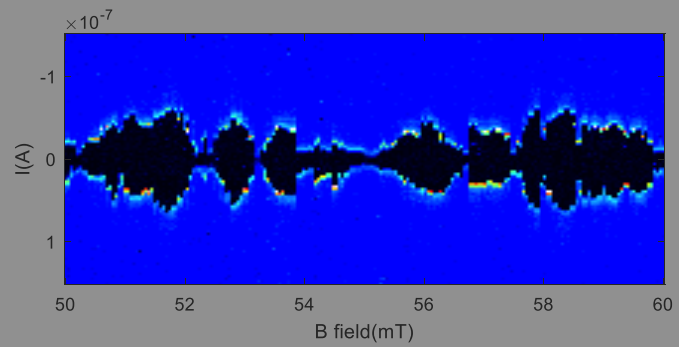
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Semiclassical regime ($2r_C > L$)

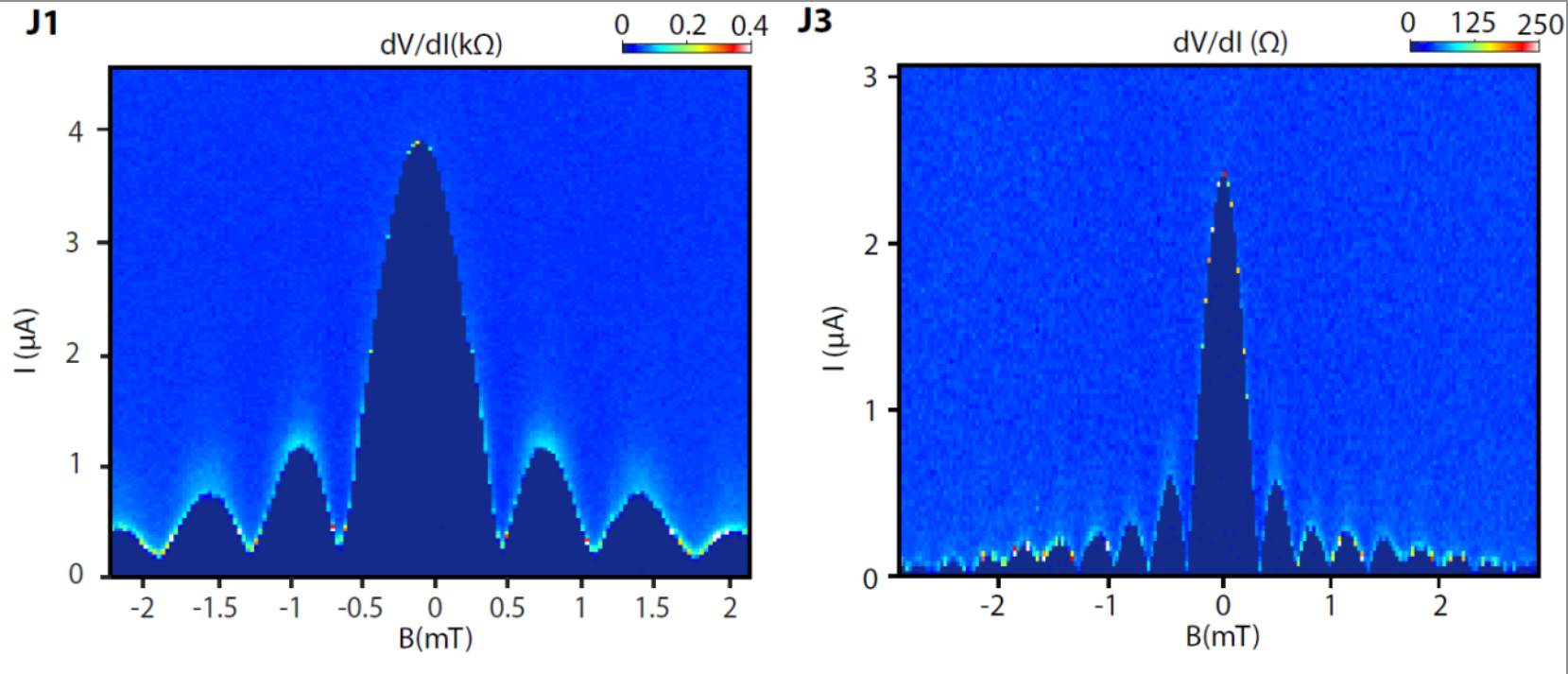


- Random trajectories create irregular interference patterns
- Sample stays superconducting through the entire semiclassical regime
- Maps are biased at 0, 6 & 100 nA.

Intermediate range of B field

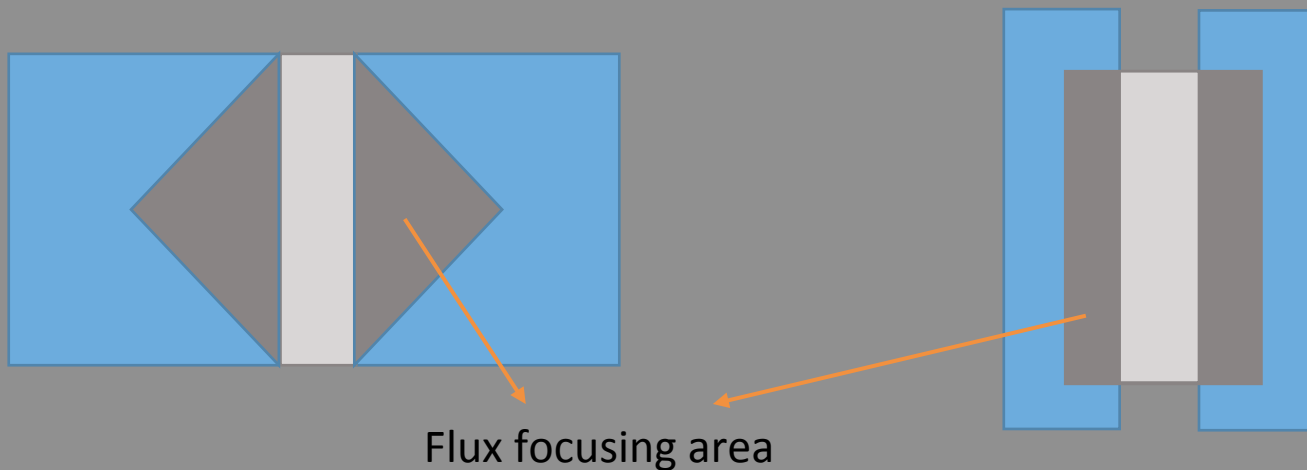


Fraunhofer around zero field



- $\Phi = BS, \Phi_0 = h/2e$
- The magnetic focusing area is considered

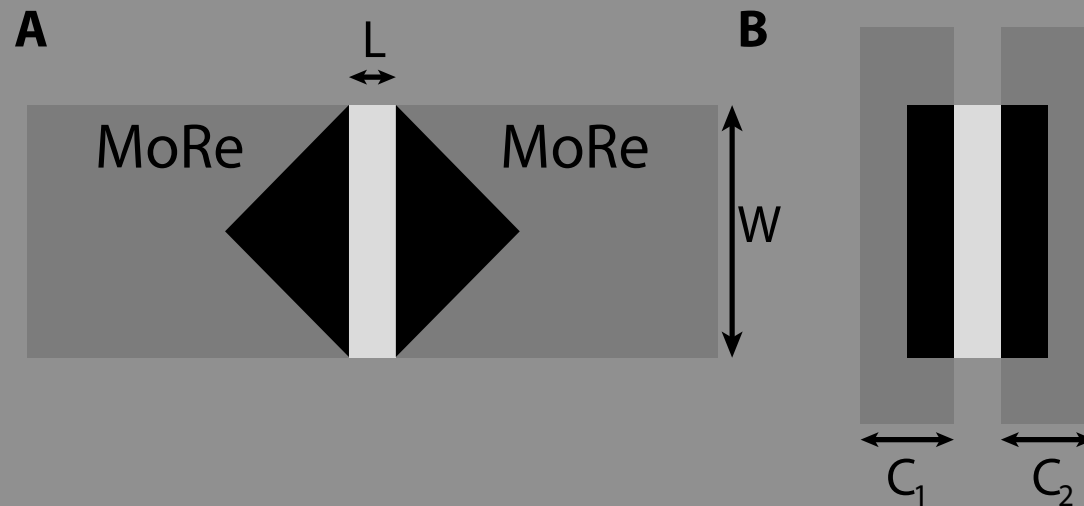
	Expected Periodicity
J1	0.6mT
J3	0.3mT



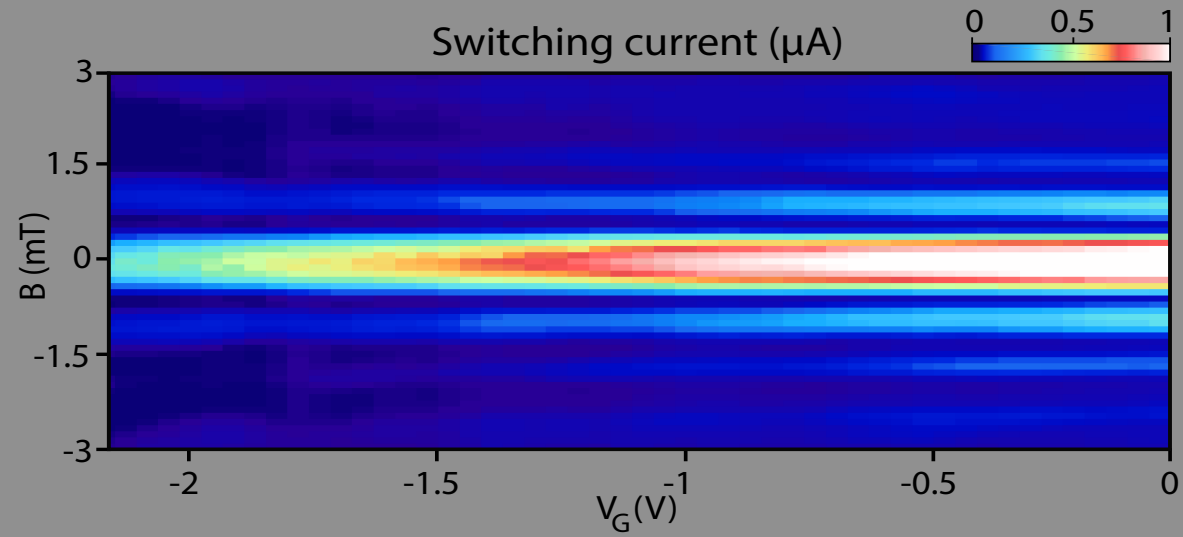
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Magnetic focusing area

Device	Length	Width	Focusing area	Expected period	Fraunhofer period	QH period
J_1	$0.3\mu\text{m}$	$2.4\mu\text{m}$	$2.9\mu\text{m}^2$	0.6mT	0.6mT	0.5mT
J_2	$0.8\mu\text{m}$	$2.4\mu\text{m}$	$2.3\mu\text{m}^2$	0.5mT	0.7mT	0.5~0.55mT
J_3	$0.65\mu\text{m}$	$4.5\mu\text{m}$	$3.7\mu\text{m}^2$	0.3mT	0.3mT	0.4mT
J_4	$0.5\mu\text{m}$	$2.7\mu\text{m}$	$2\mu\text{m}^2$	0.6mT	0.8mT	0.7mT

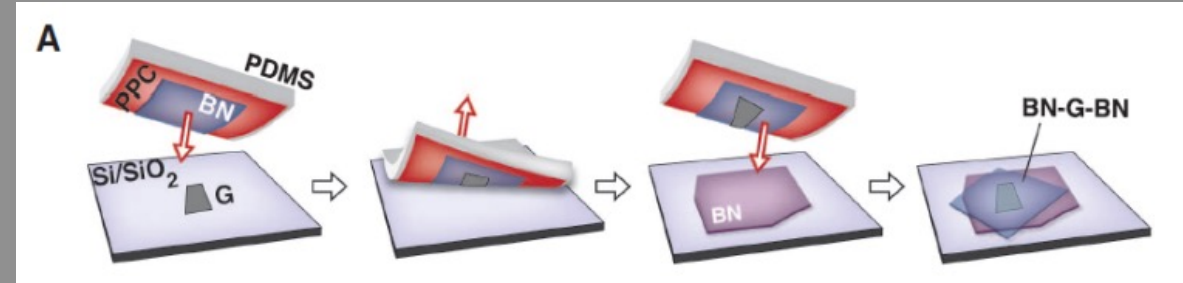


Fraunhofer vs. gate

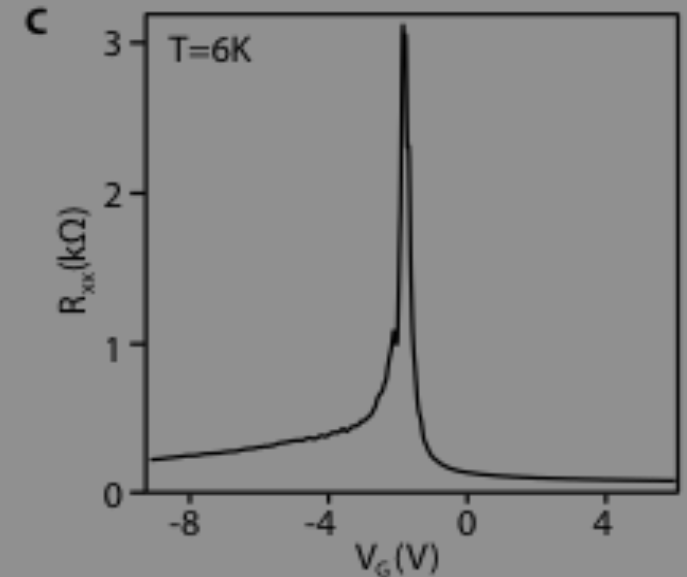
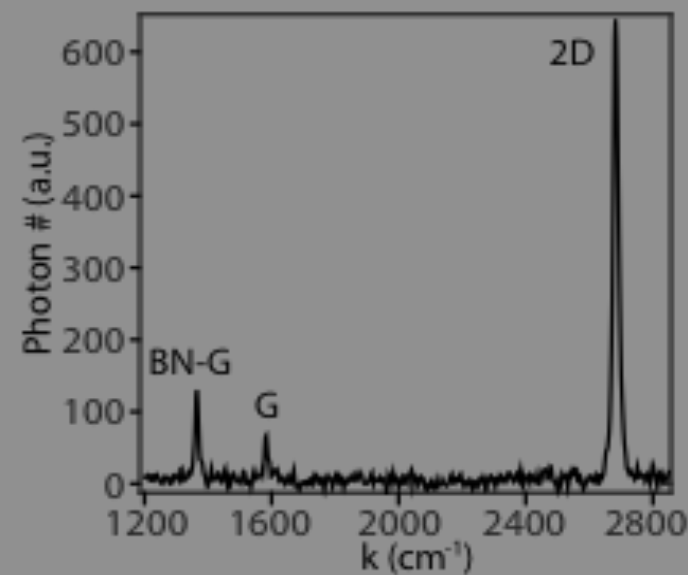
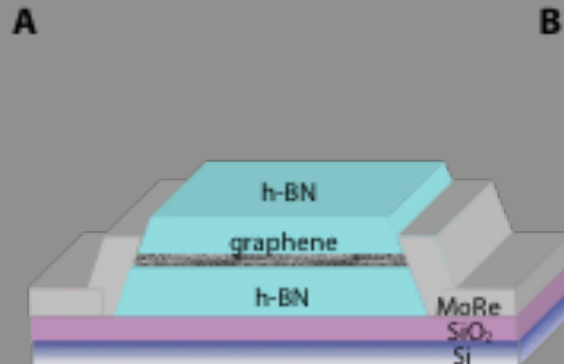
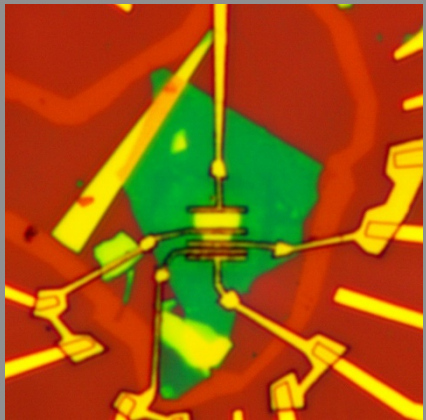


Sample Fabrication

- Standard pick up method :
- RIE define the mesa
- Ebeam litho define MoRe contacts
- Sputtering MoRe



L. Wang et al. Science **342** 614-7 (2013)

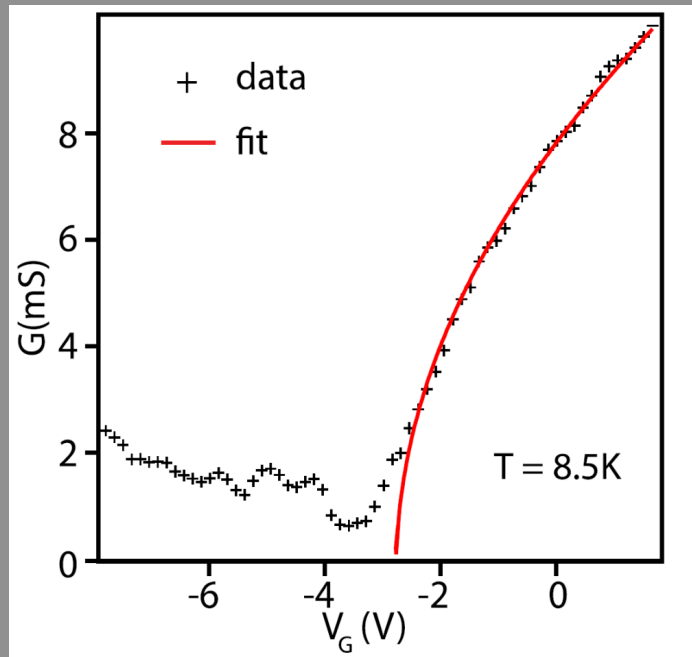


Sample characterization

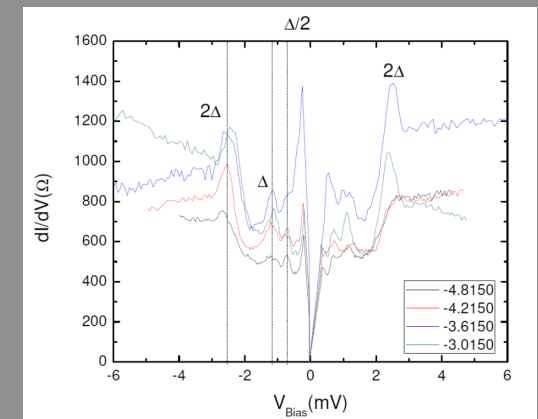
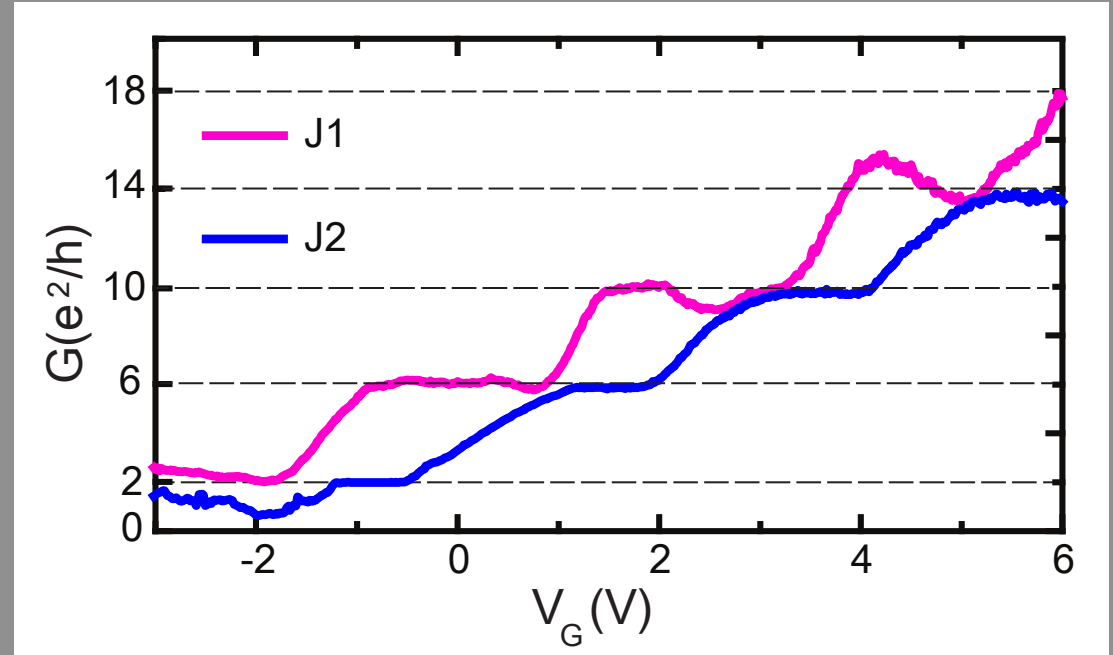
$$G(V_G) = T_1 T_2 G_Q \text{ where } G_Q = N * e^2/h$$

$$T_N = 0.95 \text{ per interface}$$

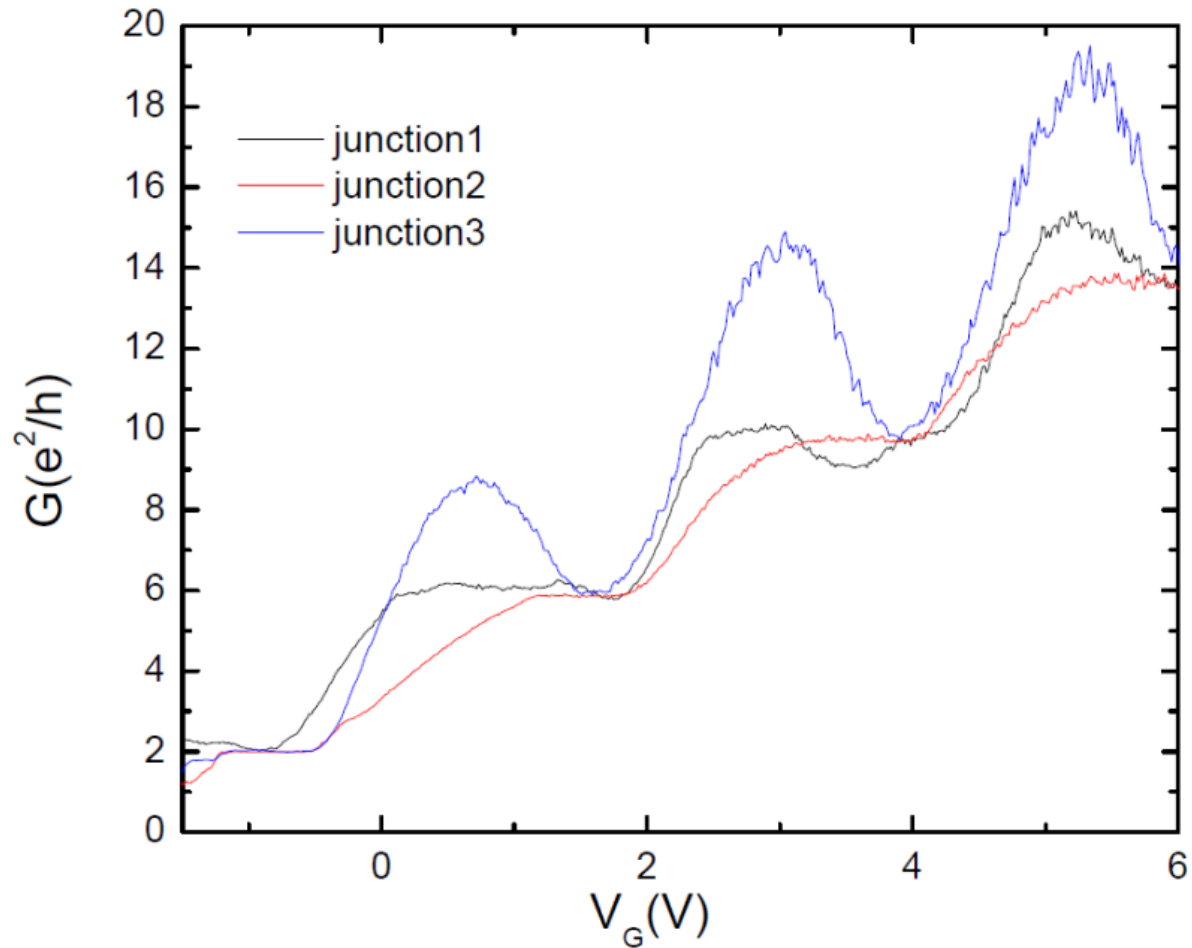
$$T_p = 0.45 \text{ to } 0.7$$



Quantum Hall at 1.5 T, 3.5 K



QHE quantization at 4 K

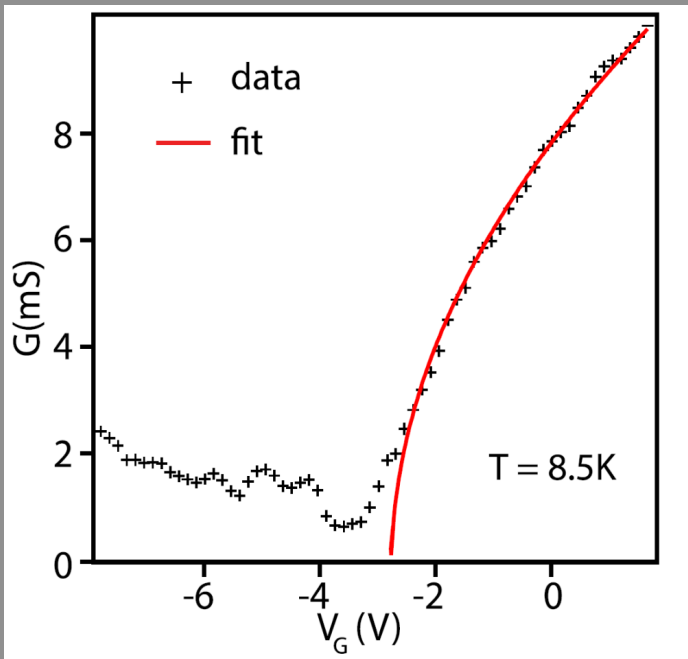


- Well quantized plateaus at 4 K under 1T
- Due to the geometry, i.e. aspect ratio, J3 has unusual quantum plateau.

Transparency of SC contacts

- From quantum limit

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 $T_N = 0.95$ per interface
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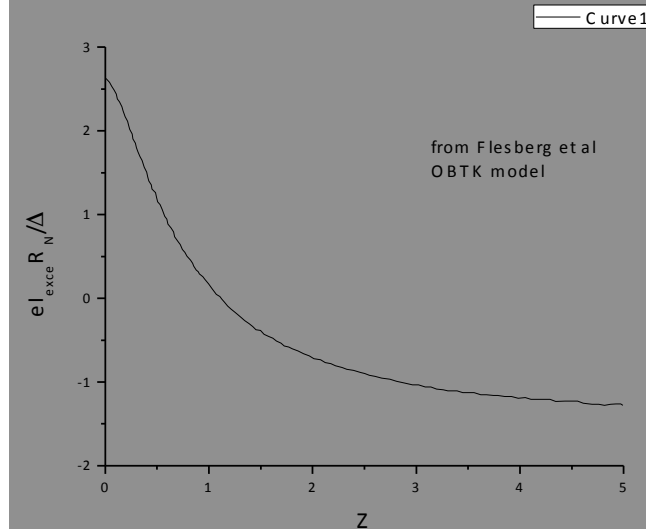
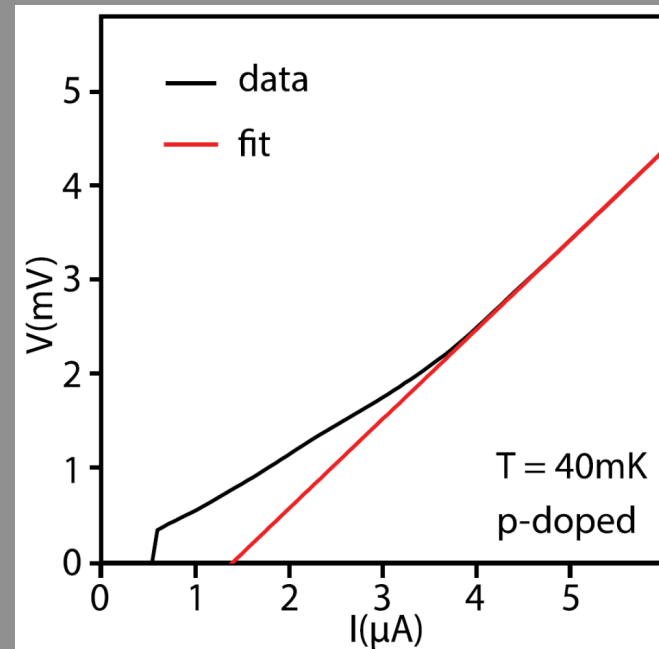
- From OBTK model:

K. Flensberg et al. PRB 38 8707 (1988)

$T_p = 0.75$ per interface

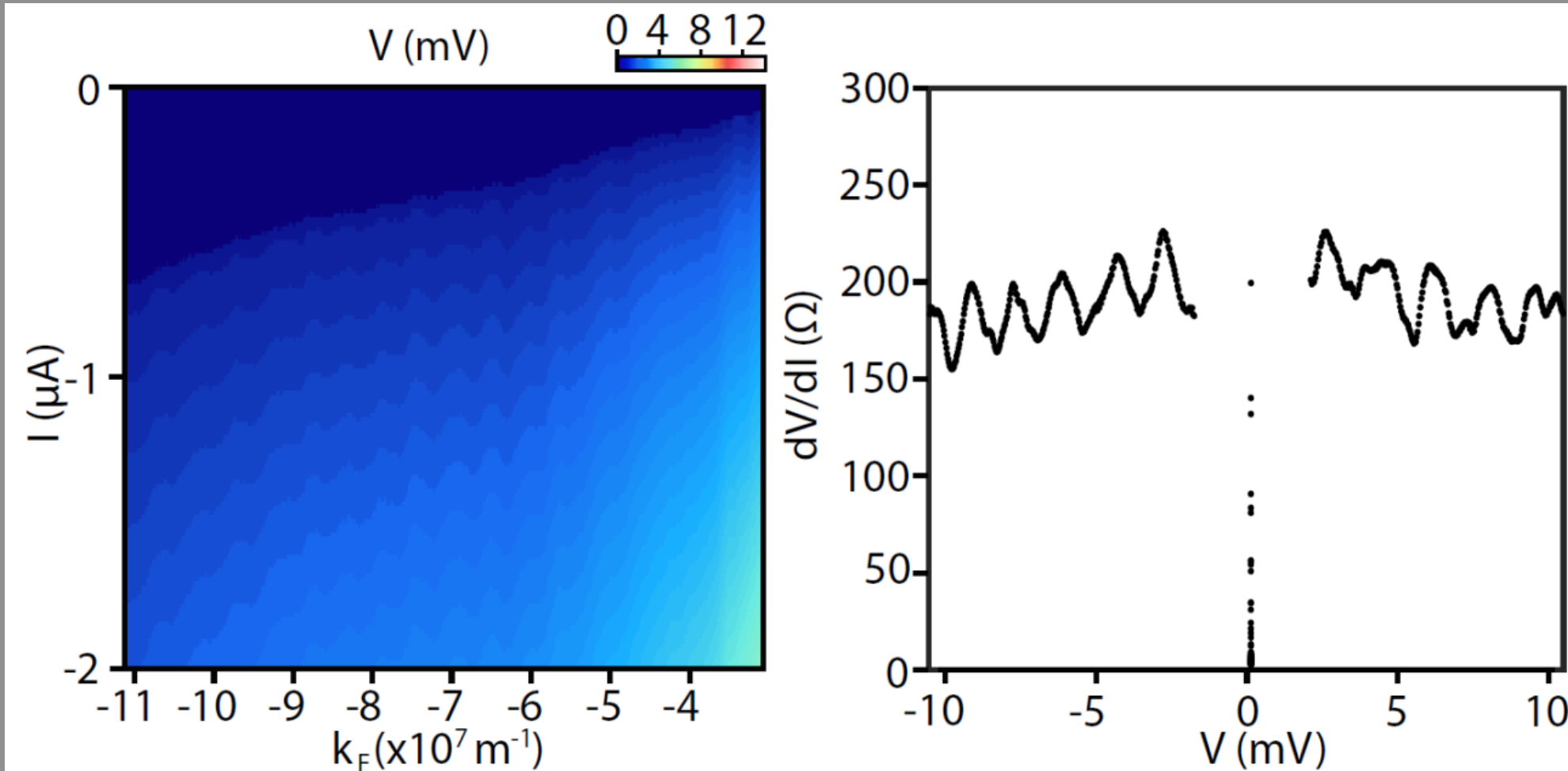
From excess current $I_{\text{excess}} = 1.45 \mu\text{A}$

With the ratio of $e I_{\text{excess}} R_N / \Delta$

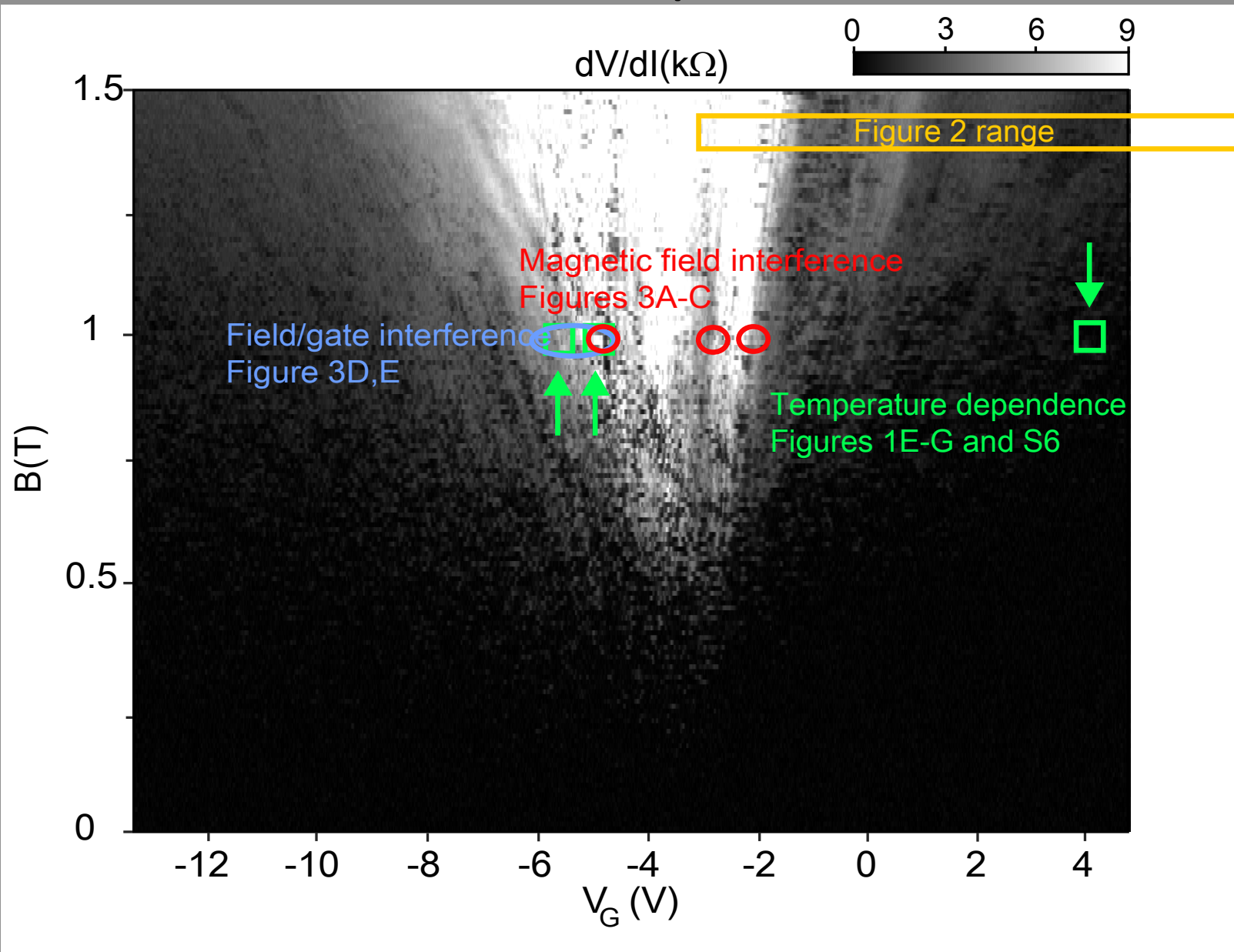


Fabry-Perot interferometry

- From $Lk_F = n\pi$, the trajectory length is estimated as 500 nm, which is close to the junction length of 650 nm for J_3 ; difference due to PN junctions

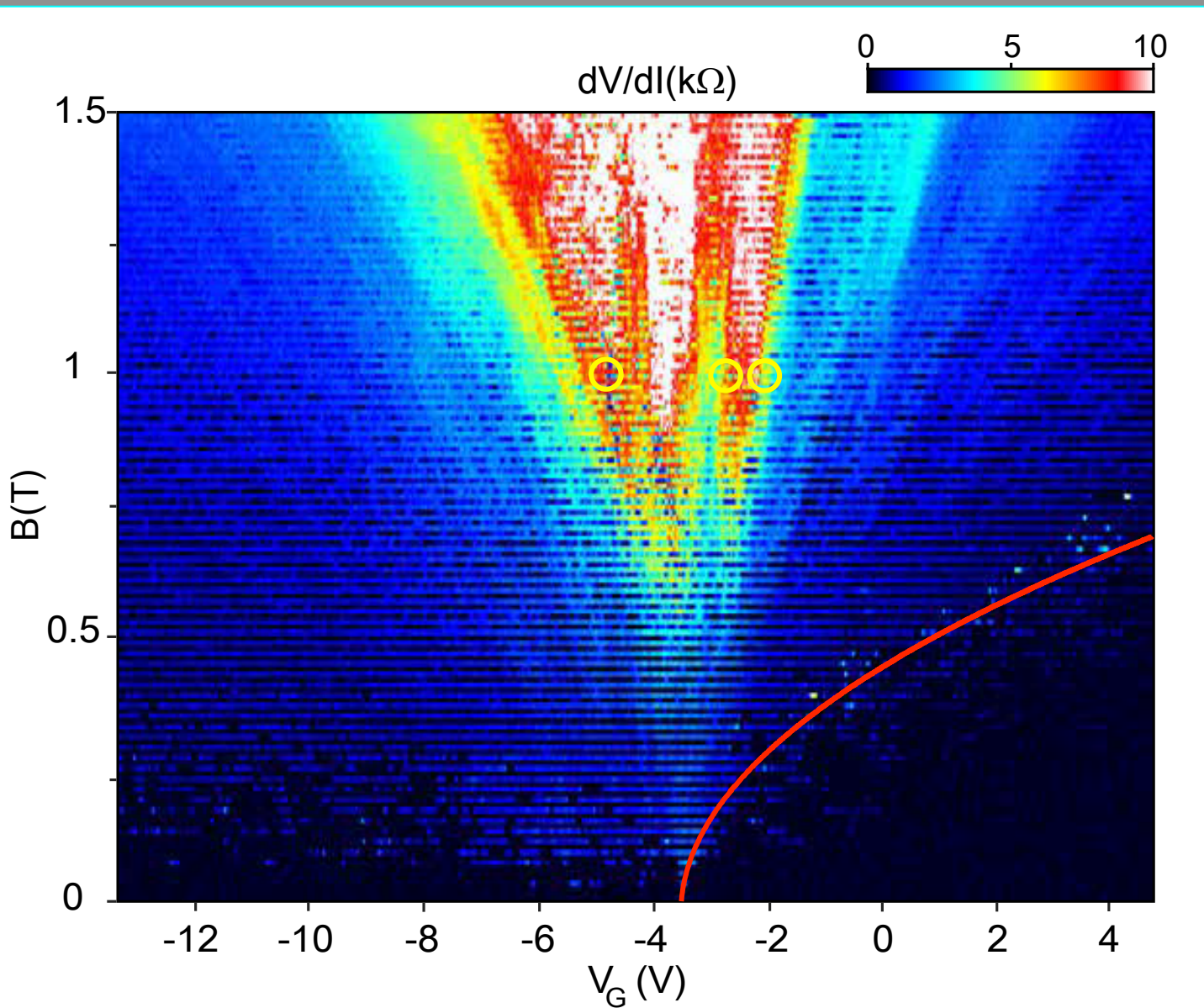


Measurement map for Junction 1



- Temperature dependence is conducted in three different locations
- Magnetic field interference is measured in three pockets

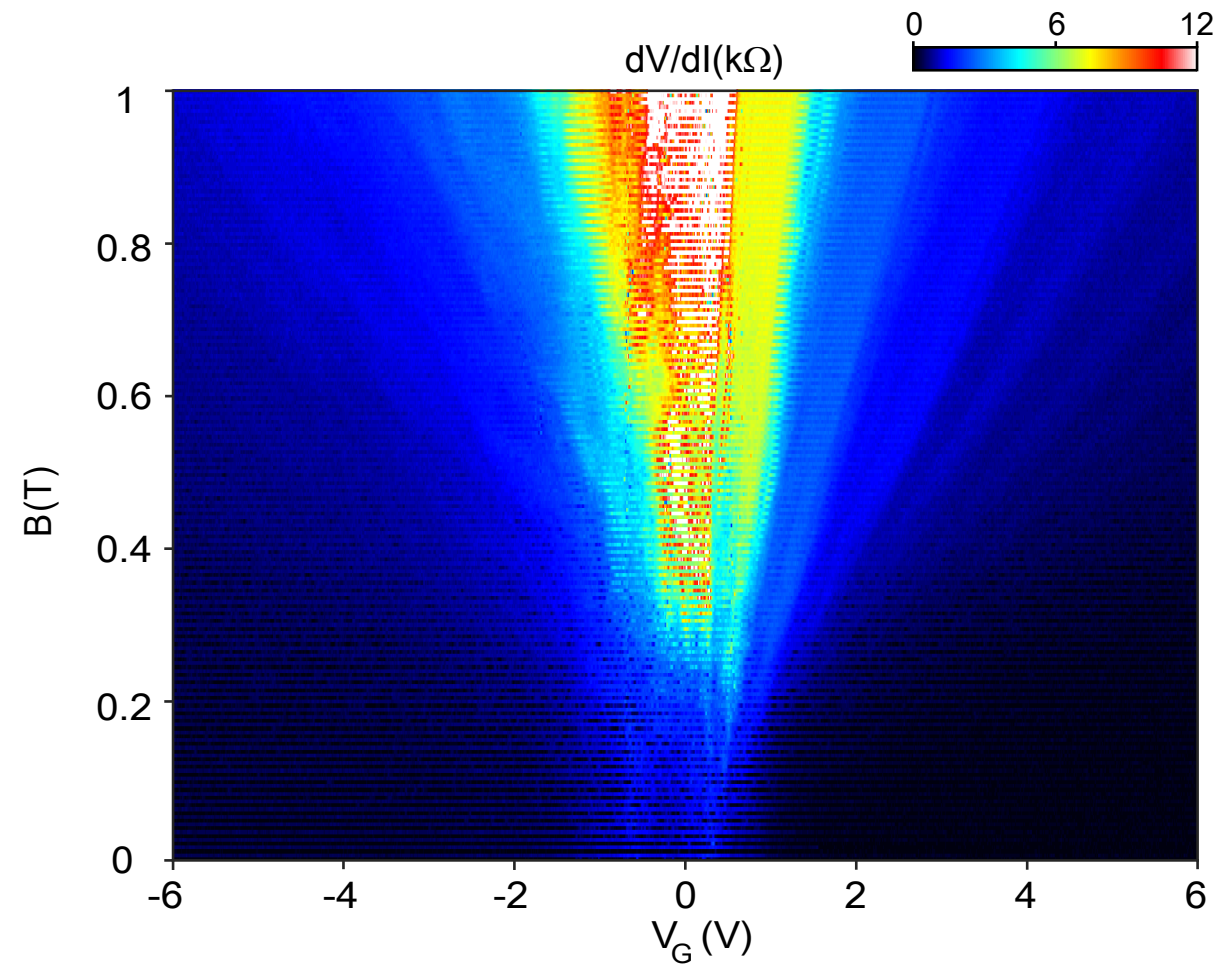
Alternating lines at high and low bias current



- At each B , the gate dependence is recorded at finite (few nA) and vanishing (<100 pA) current
- Alternating lines of high and low resistance

	L	W
J1	$0.3\mu\text{m}$	$2.4\mu\text{m}$
J2	$0.8\mu\text{m}$	$2.4\mu\text{m}$
J3	$0.65\mu\text{m}$	$4.5\mu\text{m}$

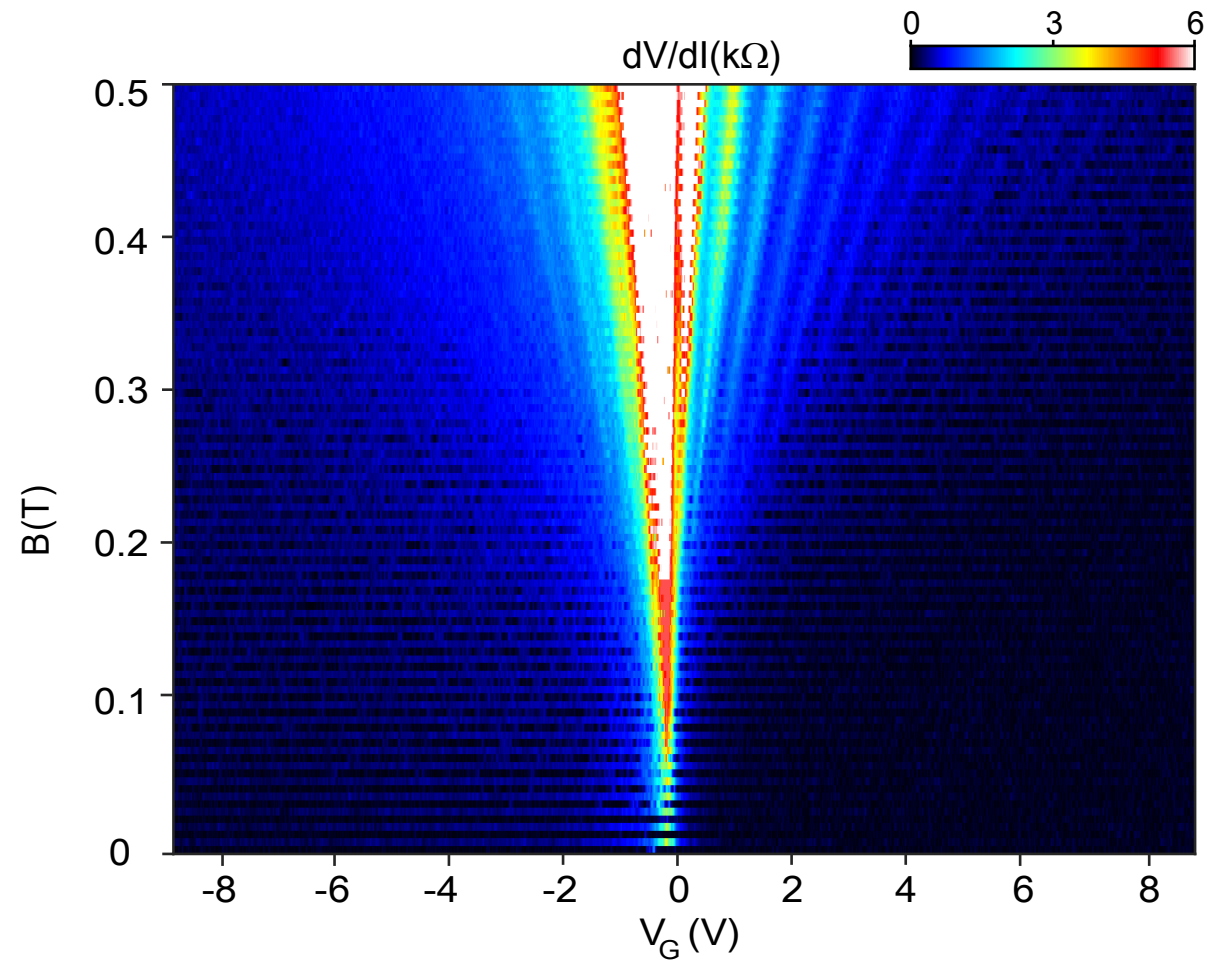
Alternating lines at high and low bias current



J2

0.8 μ m

2.4 μ m

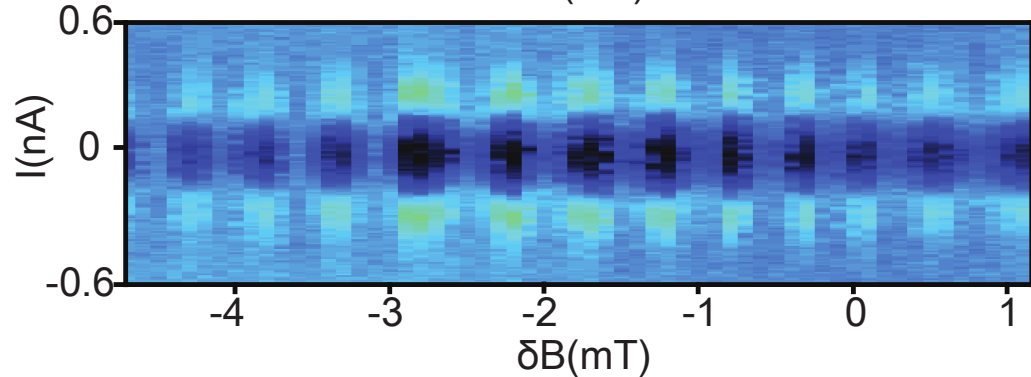
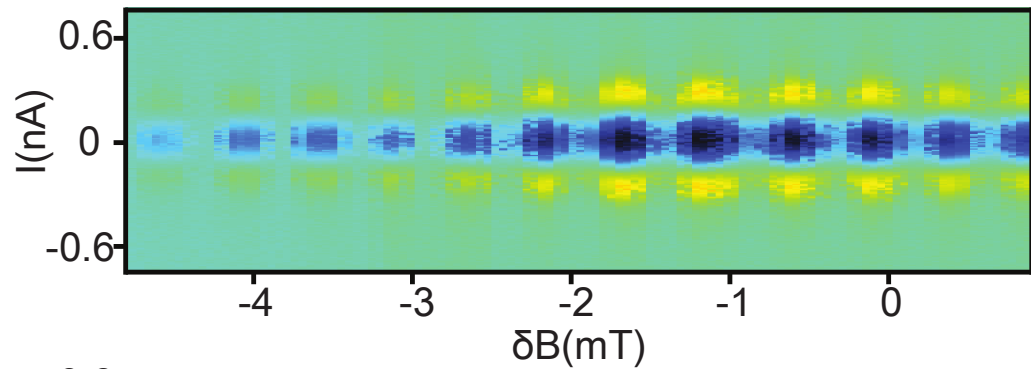
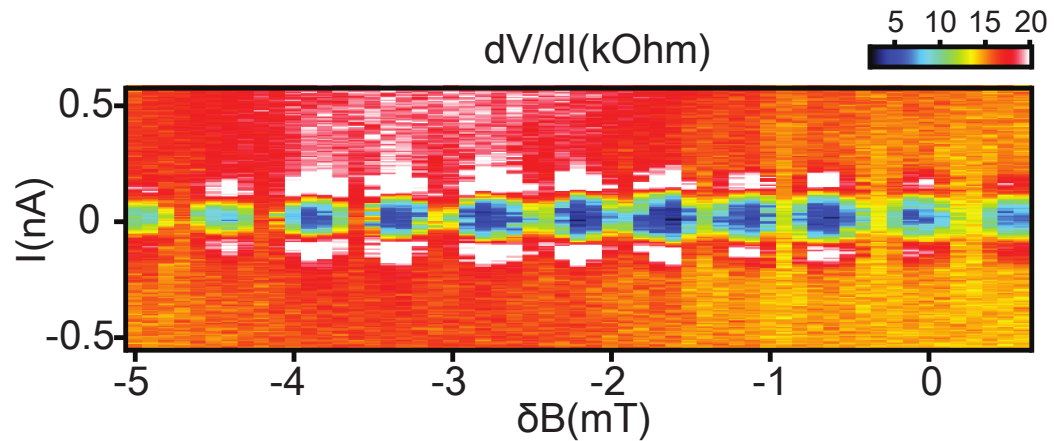


J3

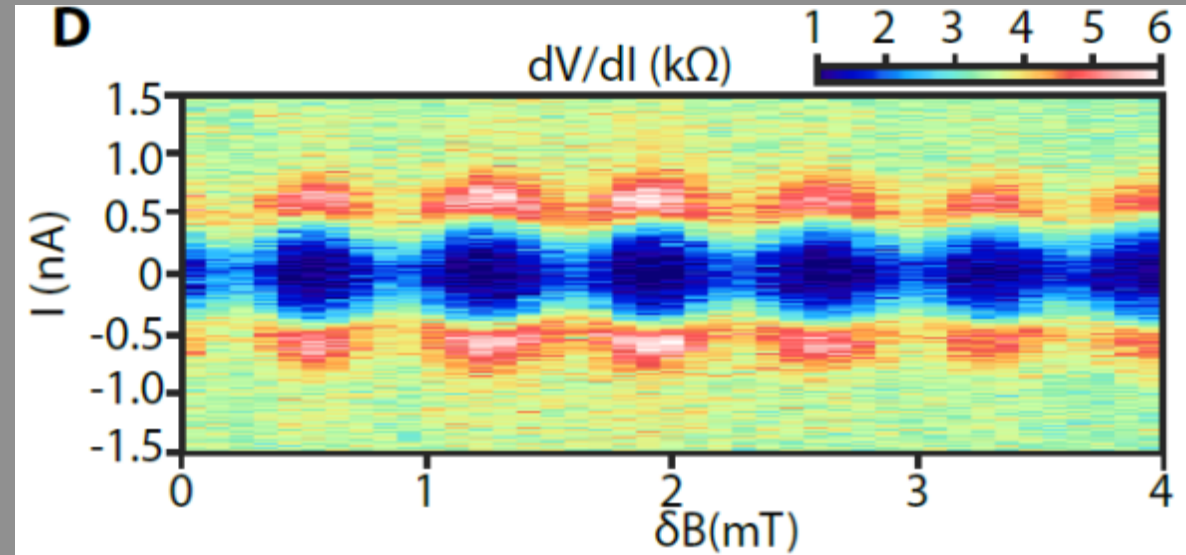
0.65 μ m

4.5 μ m

Interference at different filling factors

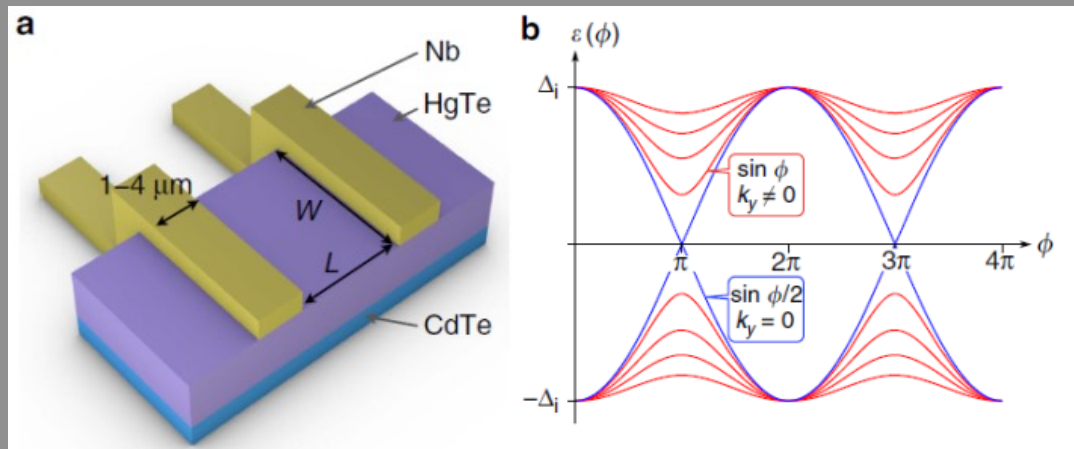


- $\nu = 2, 6$ and 10 around $1T$
- Periodicity is very close

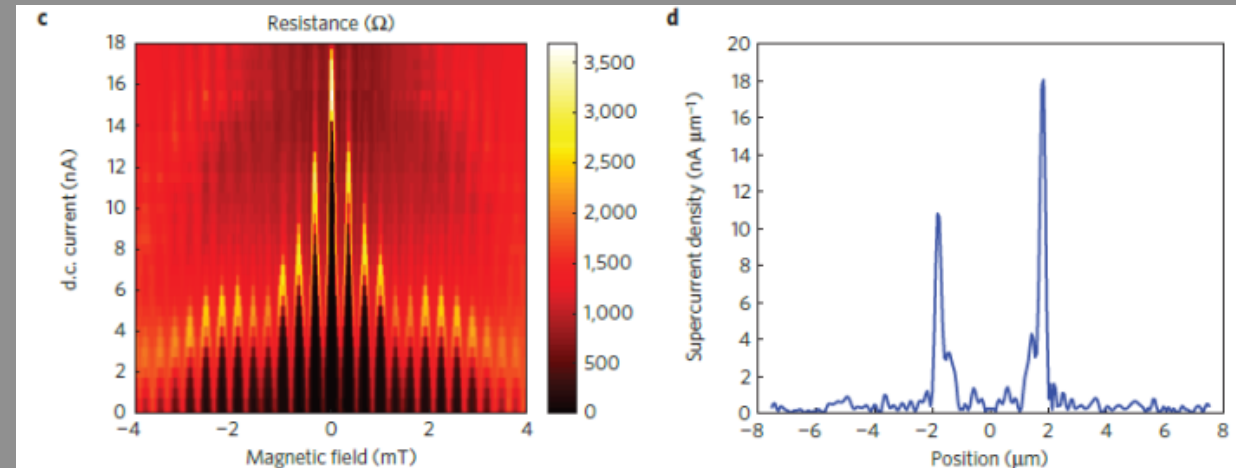


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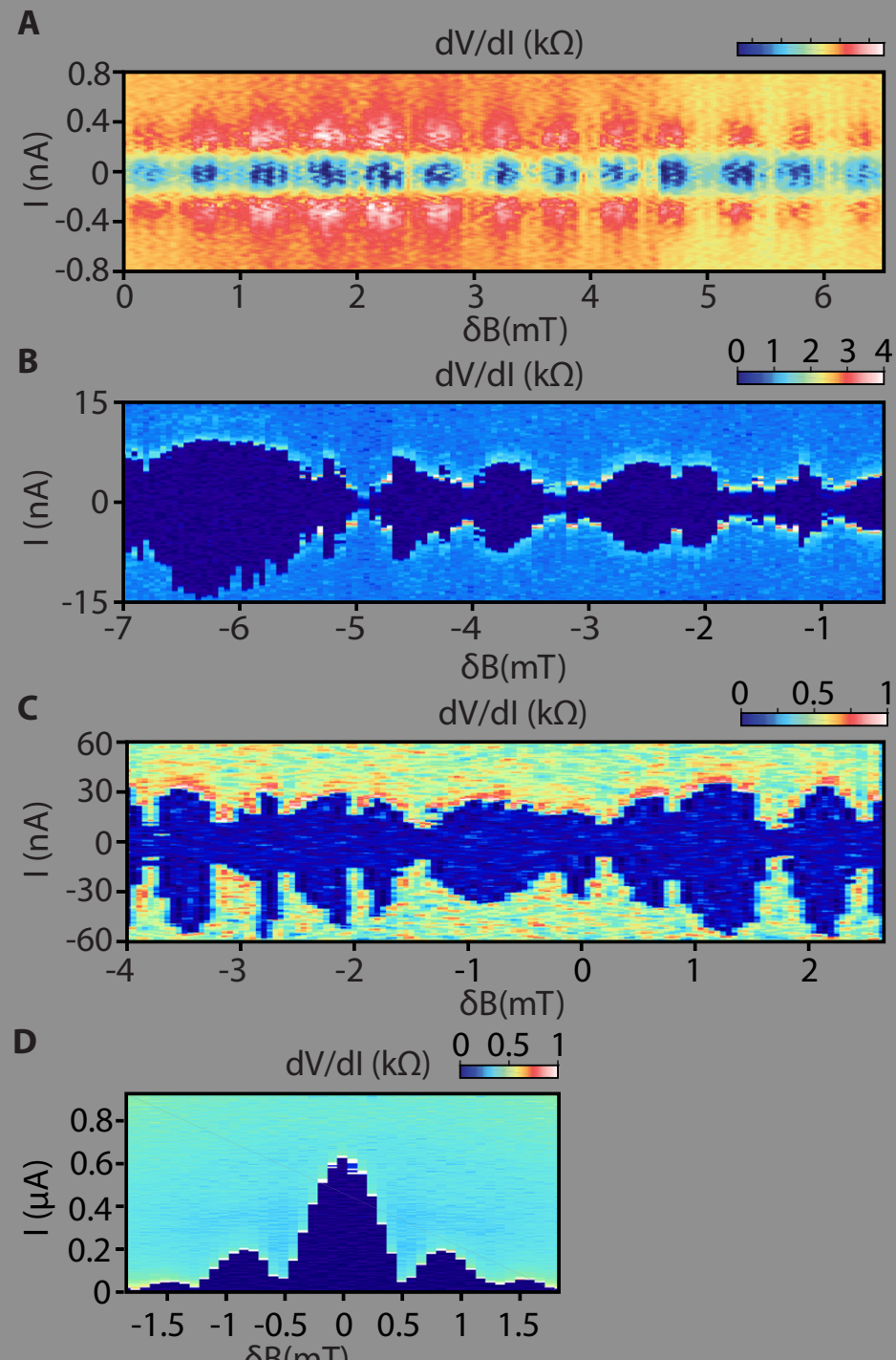


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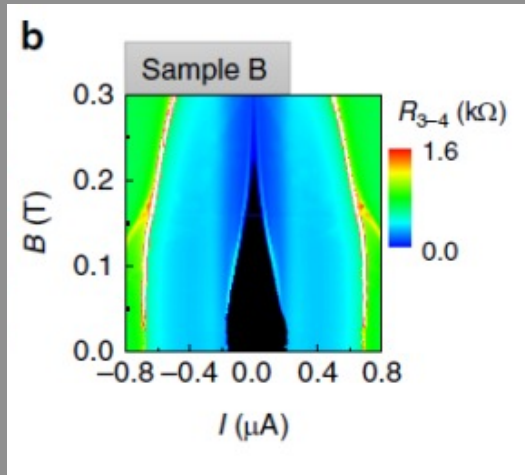
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Another set of interference

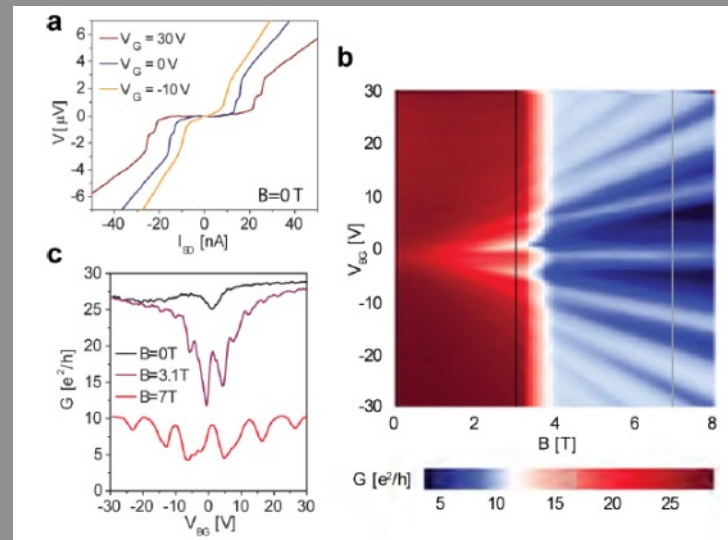


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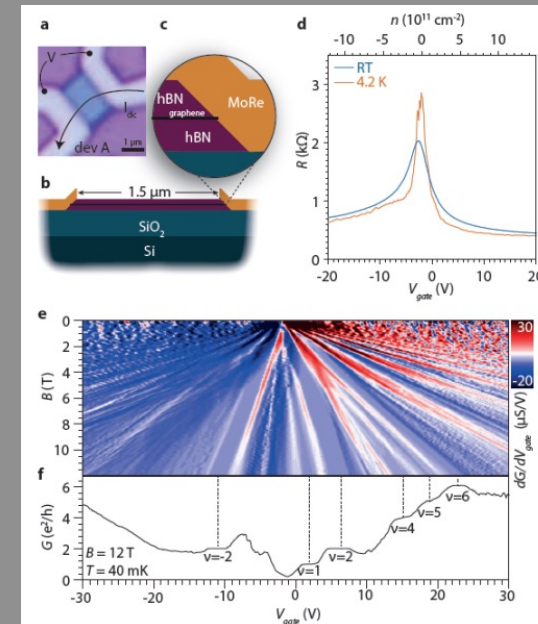
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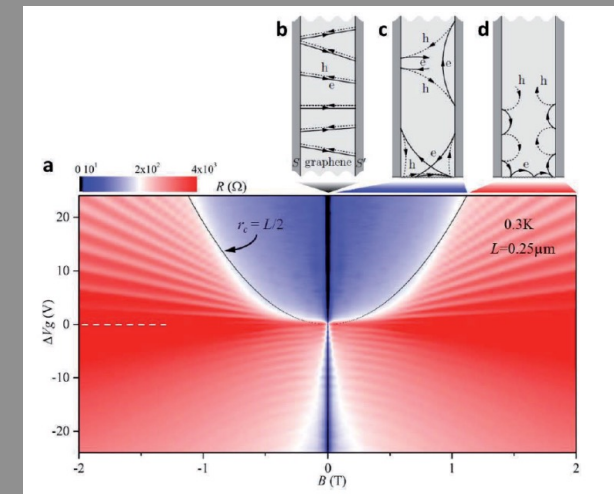
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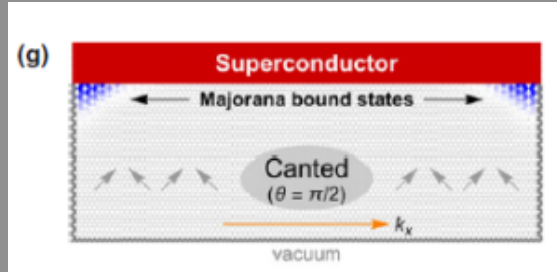
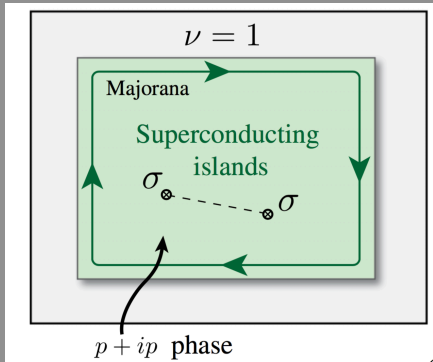
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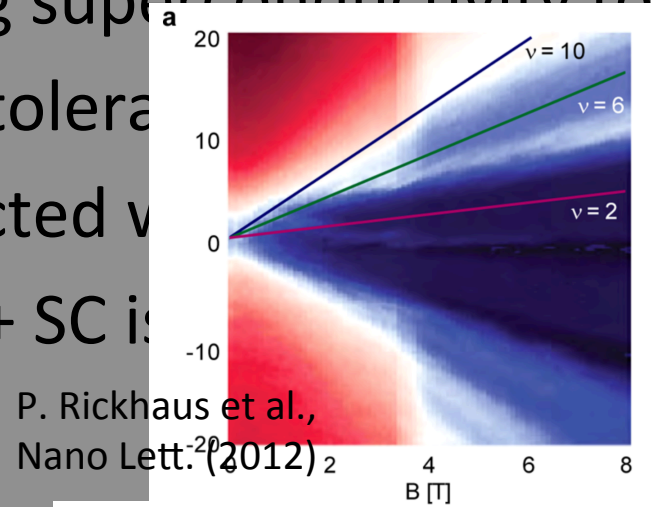
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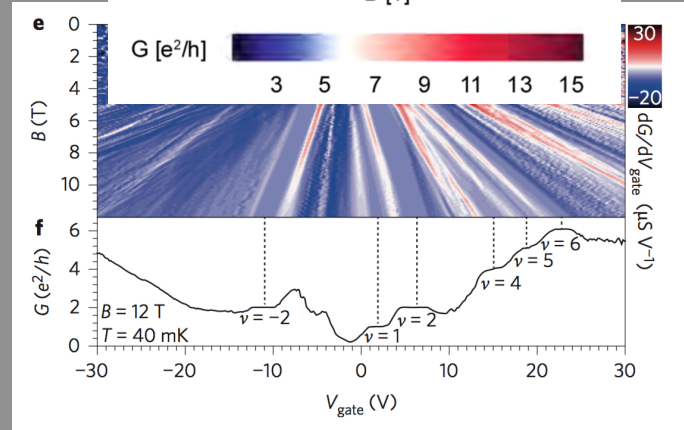


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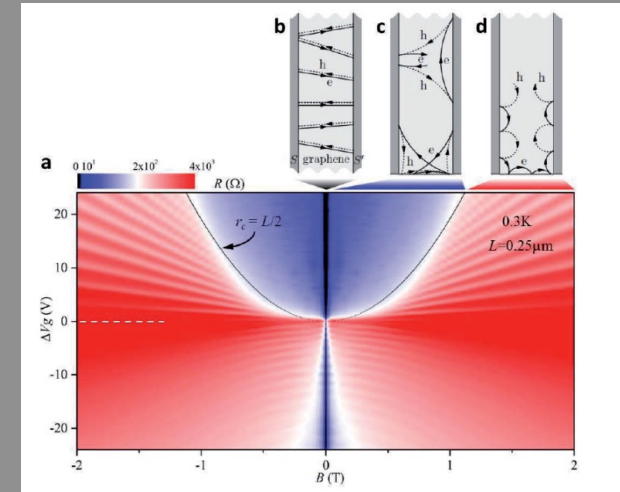
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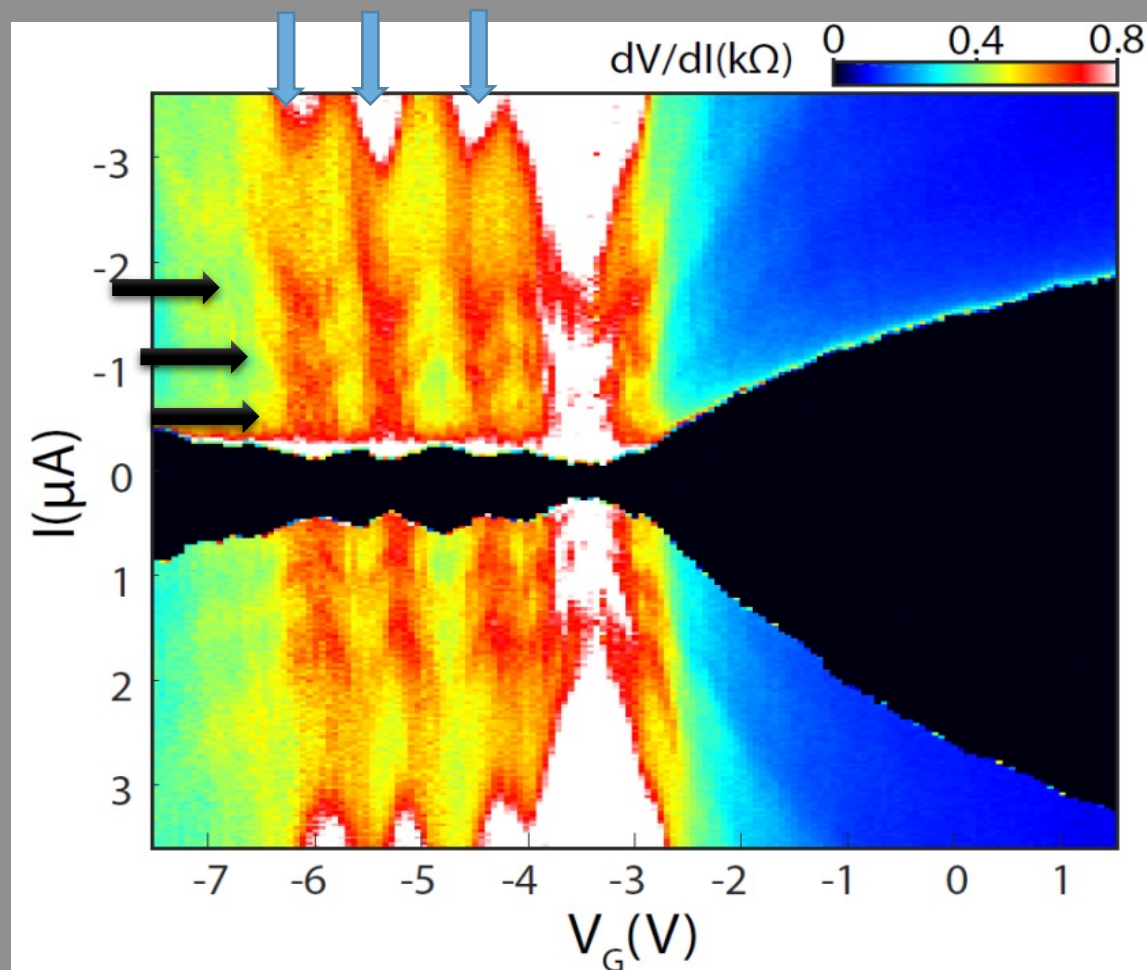
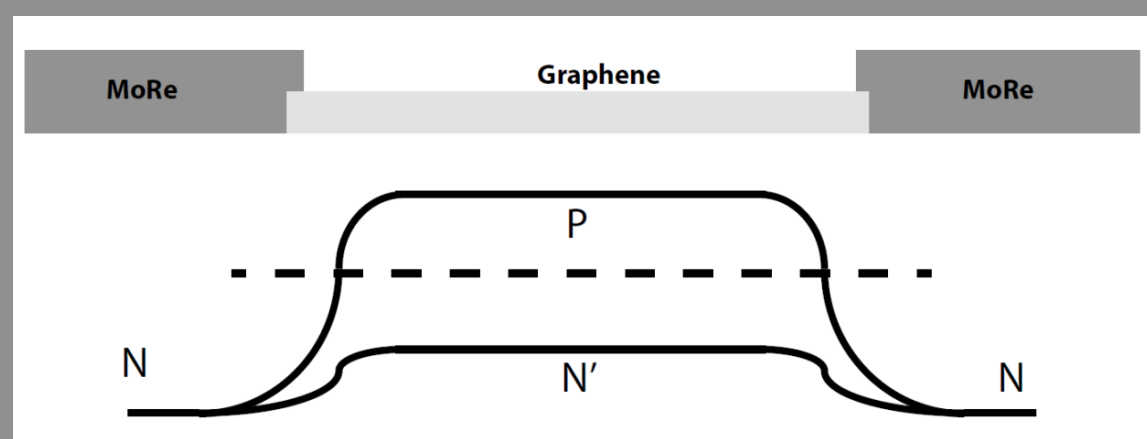
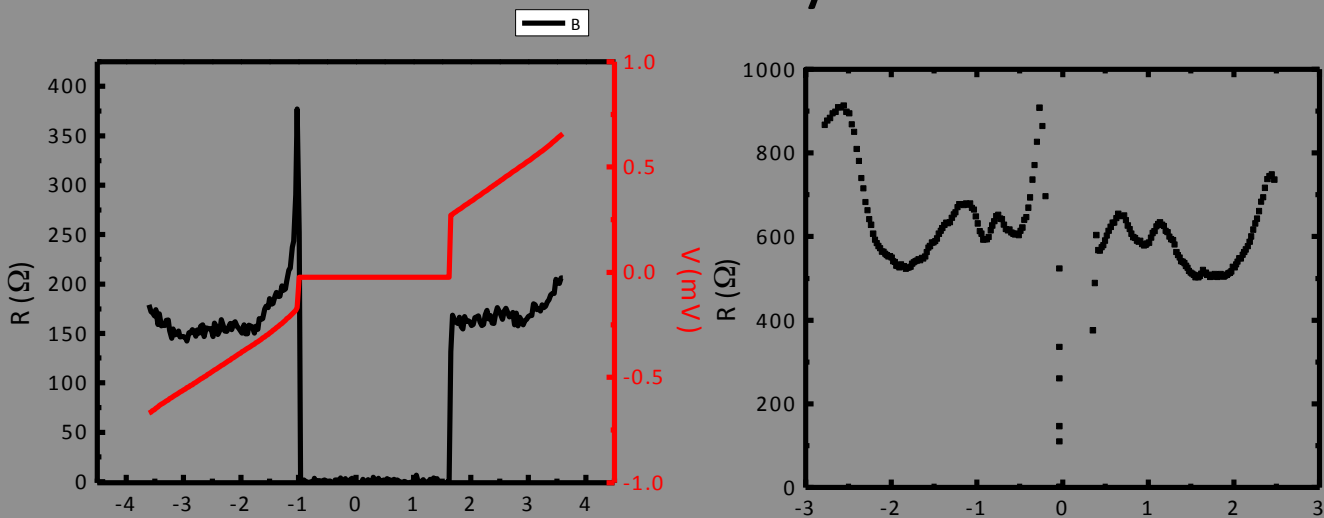
Graphene Josephson junction

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- Critical current is suppressed at DP
- P/N interface reduces supercurrent
- Multiple Andreev reflection
- Ballistic features: Fabry-Perot



Supercurrent at the QH edge states

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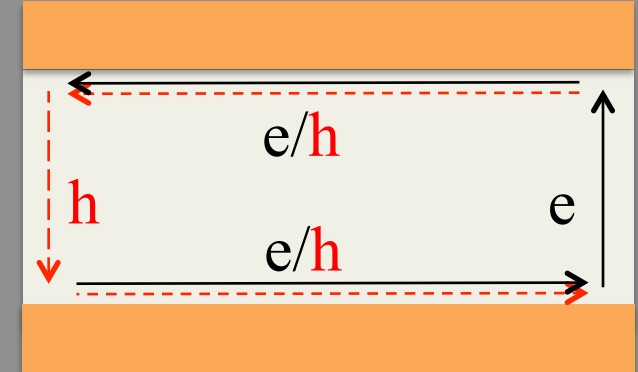
supercurrent carried by quantum Hall edge states through a Josephson junction

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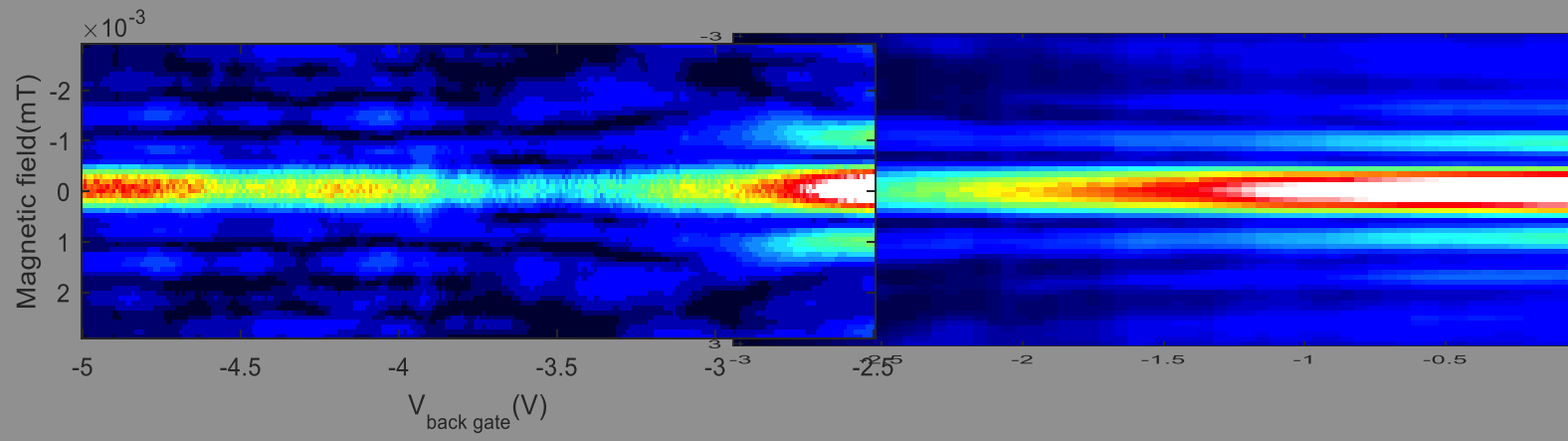
$$I(\Phi) = -\frac{4\pi k_B T}{\varphi_0} \sin(2\pi \Phi/\varphi_0) (W/\xi_c)^2 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} \times \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} [\cosh(\omega_p \tau_0) + X]^{-1}, \quad (5.10)$$

$$X = [\cos(2\pi \Phi/\varphi_0) - \cos(\pi \delta \Phi/\varphi_0)] (W/\xi_c)^2 \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2} + (\pi W A_{AR}/\varphi_0) \frac{\sin 2\beta}{\beta} \sin(\pi \delta \Phi/\varphi_0) - \cos 2\beta \cos(\pi \delta \Phi/\varphi_0), \quad (5.11)$$

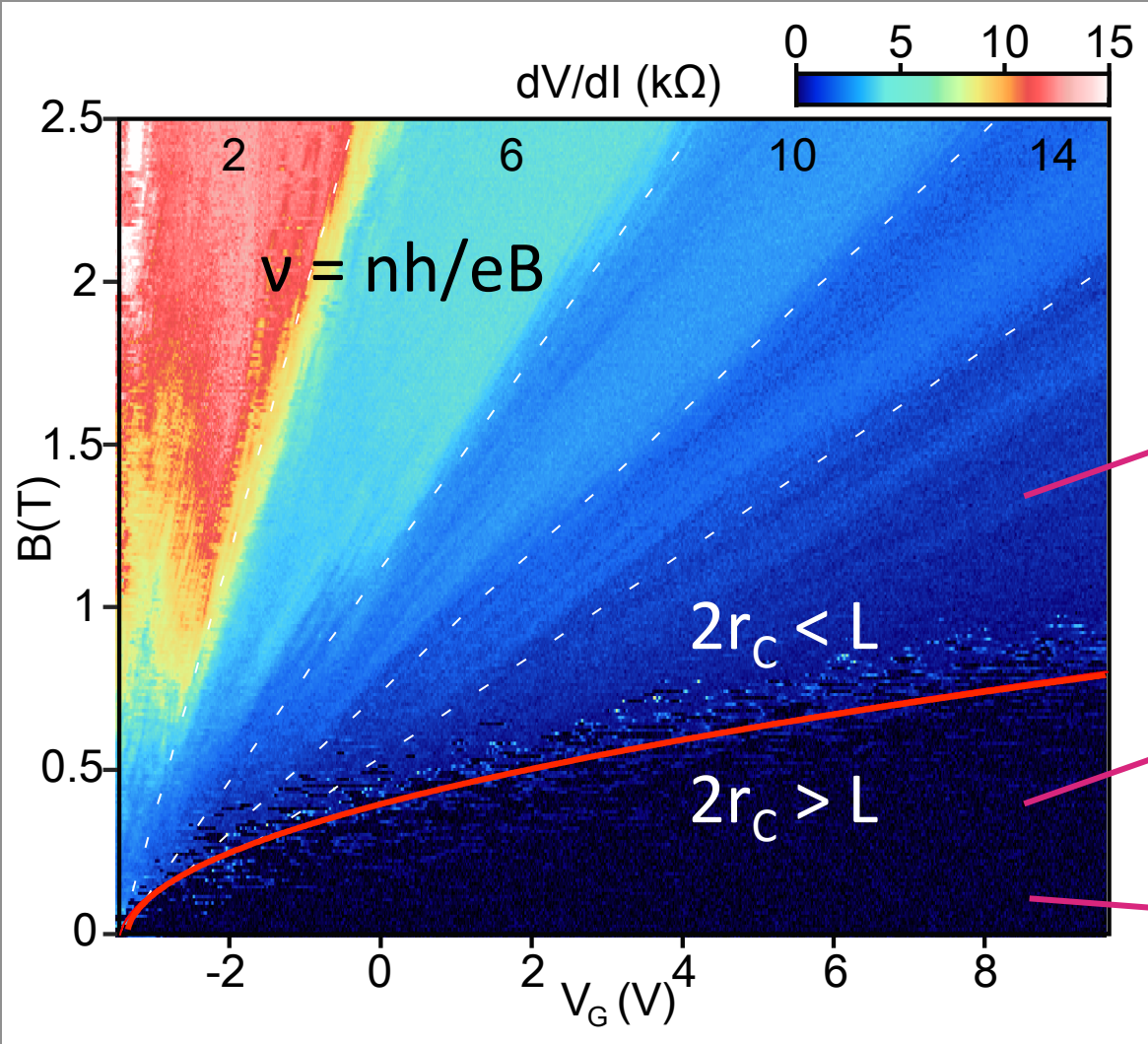
$$\beta = \sqrt{(\pi W A_{AR}/\varphi_0)^2 + (W/\xi_c)^2}. \quad (5.12)$$



$$\xi_c = \hbar v/\Delta \sim 500 \text{ nm} \gg l_0 \sim 20\text{-}30 \text{ nm}$$



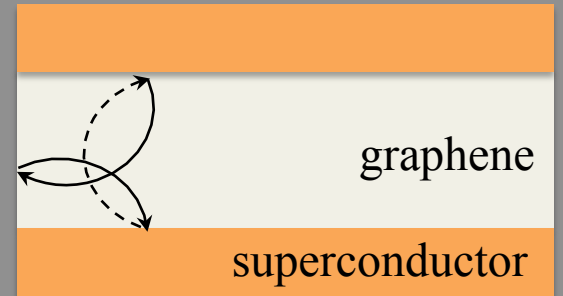
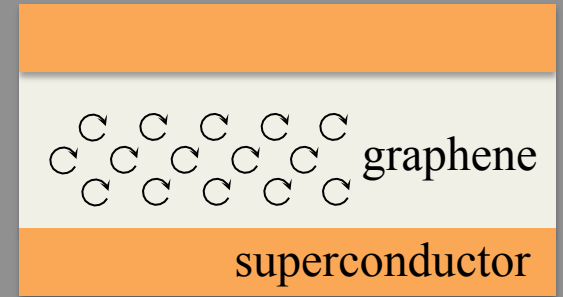
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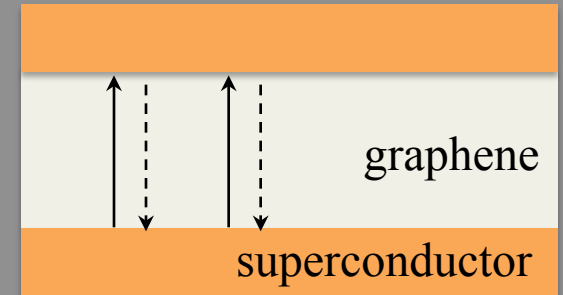
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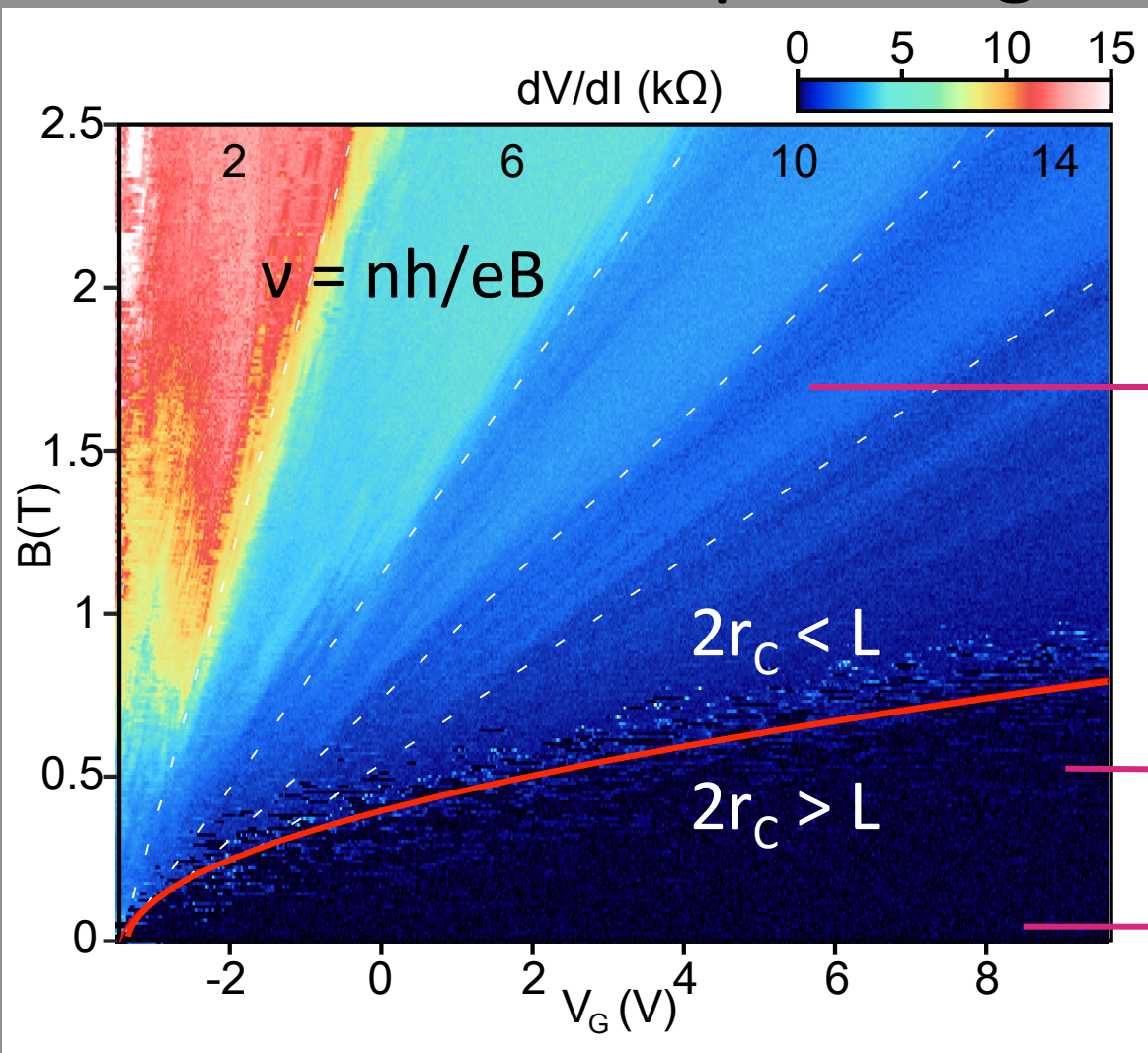
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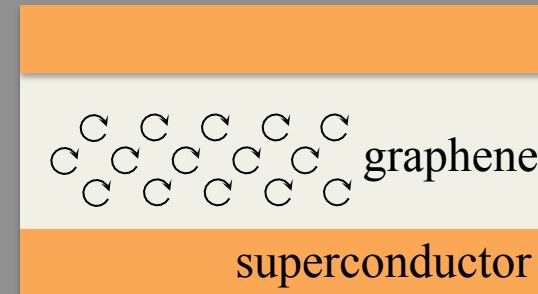
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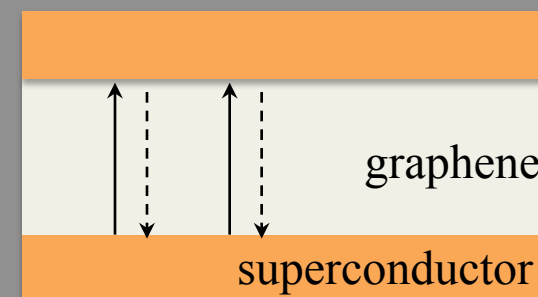
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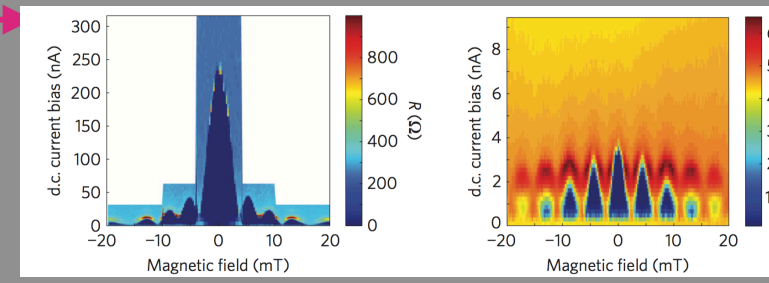
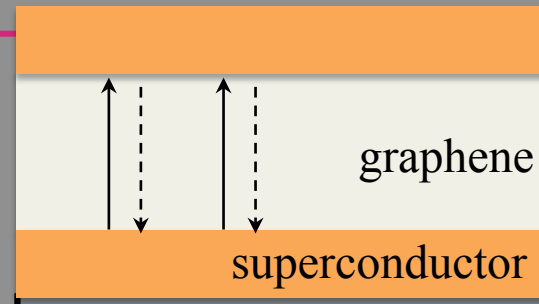
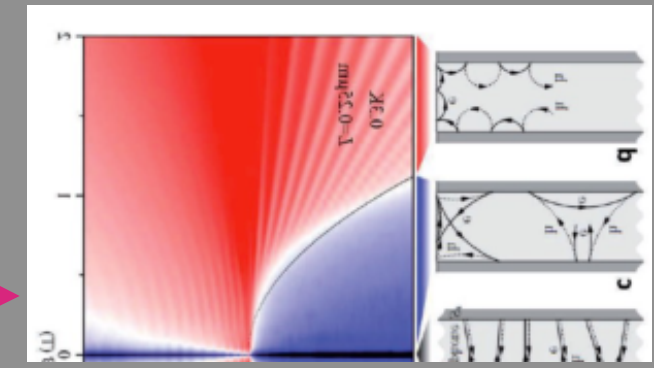
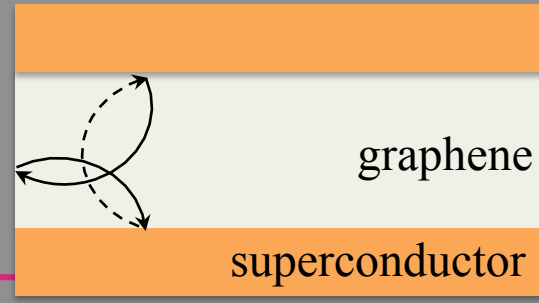
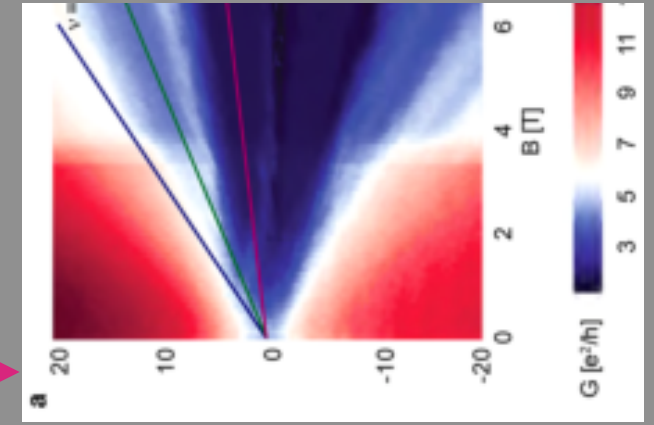
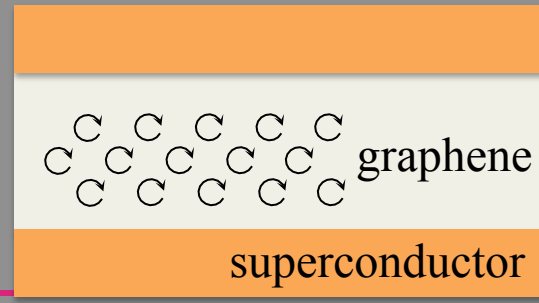
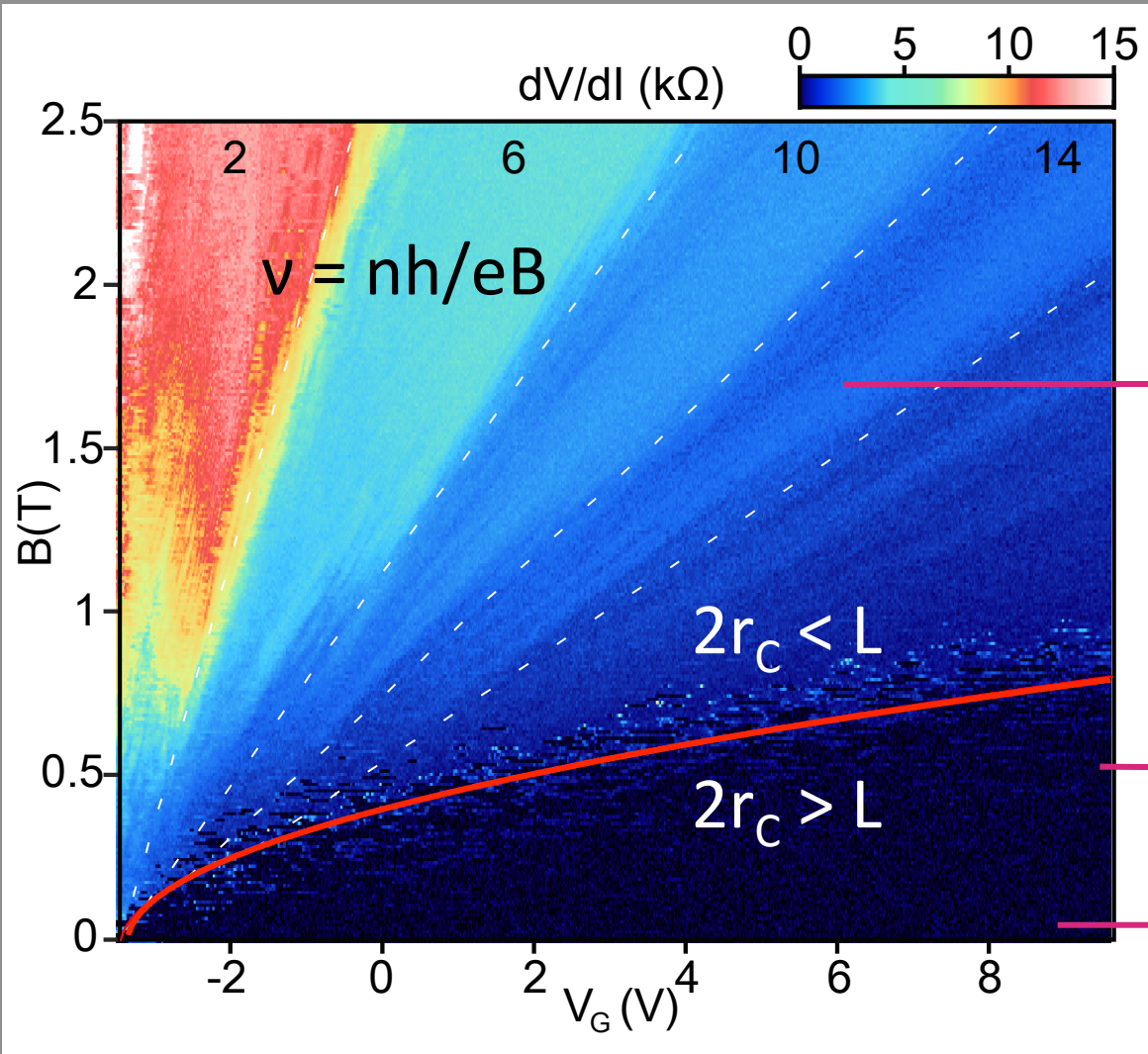


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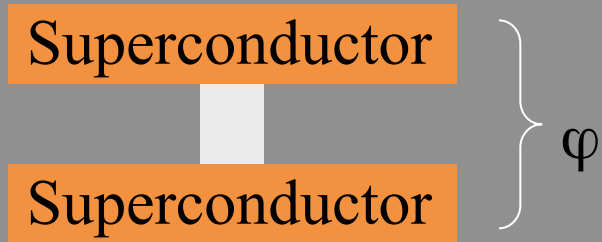


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Glossary: phase, voltage, critical current



$$d\varphi / dt = 2eV/\hbar$$

$$E = -E_J \cos(\varphi) - (\hbar/2e) I \varphi$$

$$E_J = \hbar I_C / 2e$$

All microscopic properties

