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nanoHUB Used in Research: **A One Developer/User View**



Talk Outline

- Introduction: PUNCH and nanoHUB
- Moore's Law for Transistor Scaling: SCHRED Tool
- Diving Deeper into Quantum Mechanics: QUAMC₂D
- Nanoelectronics: The Need for NEMO₅
- What nanoHUB Tools Can/Can't Do
- Conclusions



nanoHUB Predecessor: PUNCH



PUNCH: Purdue University Network Computing Hub

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Developed at: | Purdue University |
| Deployed: | 1995 |
| Retired: | April, 2007 |
| Usage: | 4600 users, 395,000 simulations |

Prof. Vasileska became affiliated to PUNCH as part of a NSF sponsored **DESCARTES** project in 1998:

- SCHRED MOS Capacitor Tool: installed on PUNCH 1998 (Dragica Vasileska)
- SCHRED Dual-Gate Capacitor Tool: installed on PUNCH 1999 (Dragica Vasileska and Zhibin Ren)



NCN nanoHUB Launched 2002



Dragica Vasileska Contributions

| Item | Value |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Contributions: | 372 |
| Total Simulation Users Served: | 22,144 |
| Rank by Contributions: | 3 / 1588 |
| First Contribution: | 09 Mar 2005 |
| Last Contribution: | 17 Feb 2015 |
| Citations on Contributions: | 136 |
| Usage in Courses/Classrooms: | 7,516 users served in 480 courses from 47 institutions |



Tools Co-Authored by Vasileska: 19

[HgCdTe Photodetector Lab](#)

[Cu in CdTe Lab](#)

[1D Drift Diffusion Model for Crystalline Solar Cells](#)

Optoelectronics: Education

[MESFET Lab](#)

[BJT Lab](#)

[MOSCap](#)

[MOSFet](#)

[PN Junction Lab](#)

TCAD – Tools
Education

[Bulk Monte Carlo Lab](#)

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Research Tools/Education
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[Bound States Calculation Lab](#)

[Piece-Wise Constant Potential Barriers Tool](#)

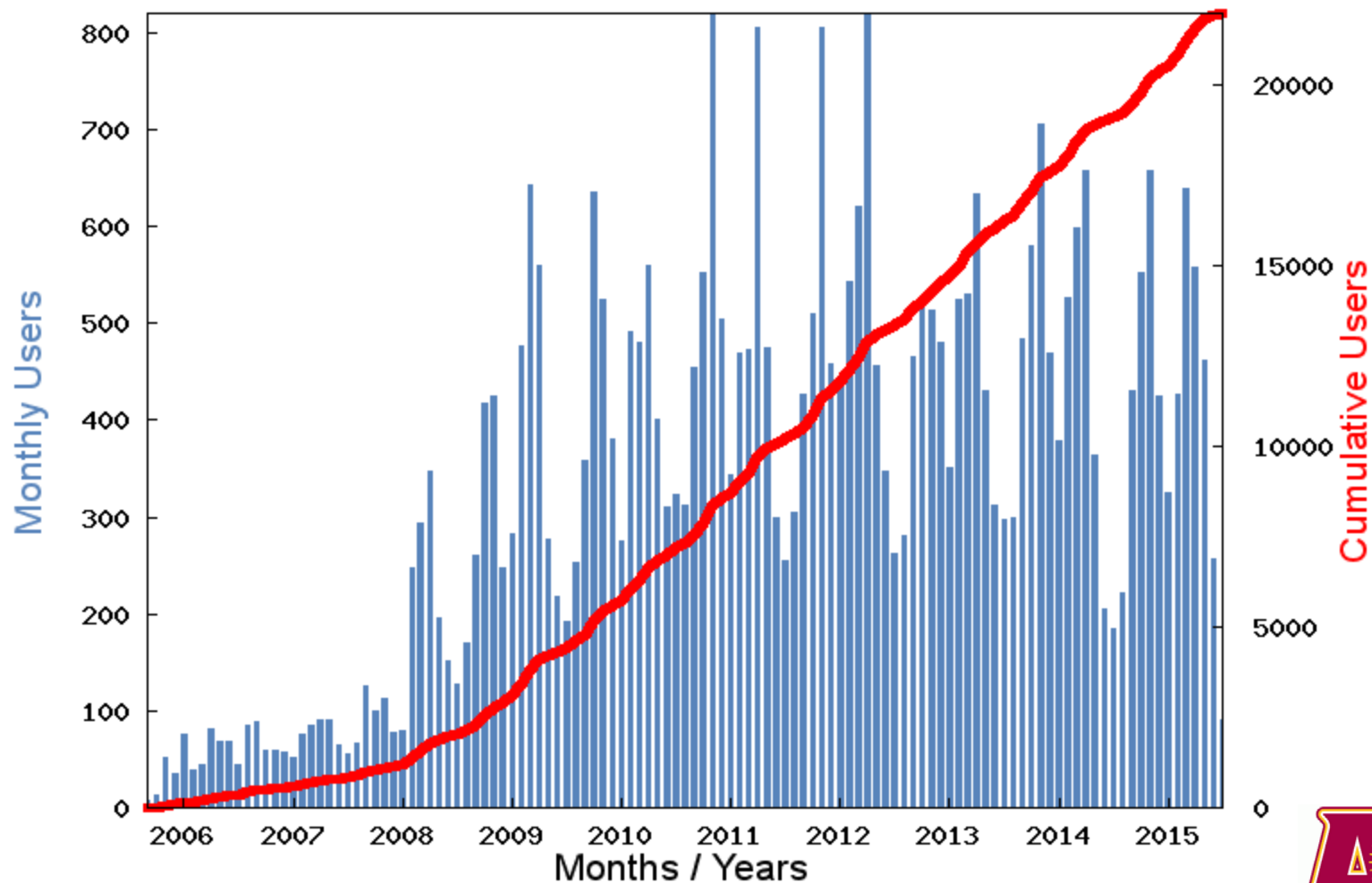
[Schred](#)

Education/Research



Impact Graph

Users of Simulation Tools Authored by Dragica Vasileska (21,957 Users)



Tool-Based Curricula

New paradigms of learning are necessary for training students in the vibrant and constantly changing field of **nanoelectronics**.

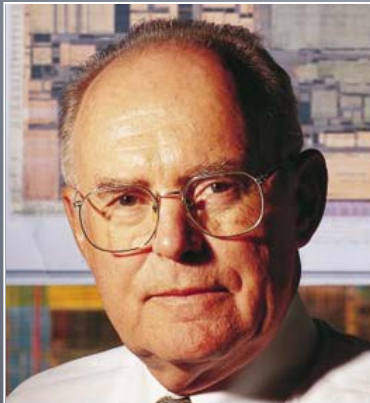
Prof. Vasileska and Prof. Klimeck propose a novel methodology: **Tool-Based Curricula**.

Tool-Based Curricula consists of assembling a set of computational simulation tools with:

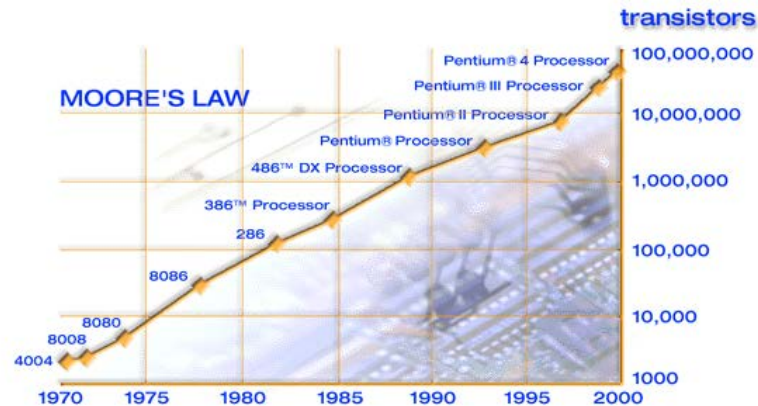
- demos on how to use the tools,
- the objectives of the tool and what can be learned with them,
- assembly of solved problems,
- homework assignments,
- challenge problems which are related to real world applications.



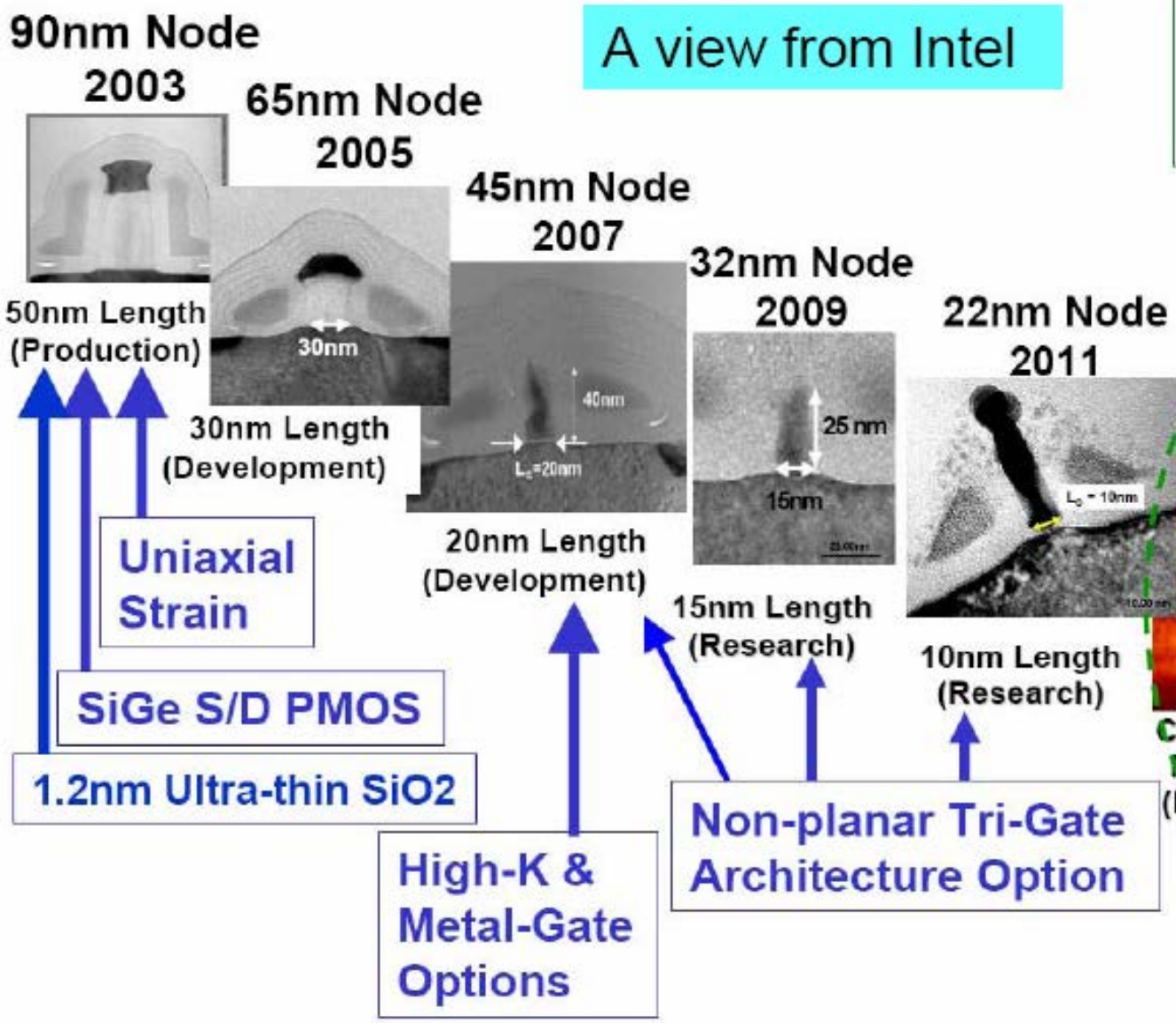
Moore's Law for Transistor Scaling: NEED for SCHRED Tool



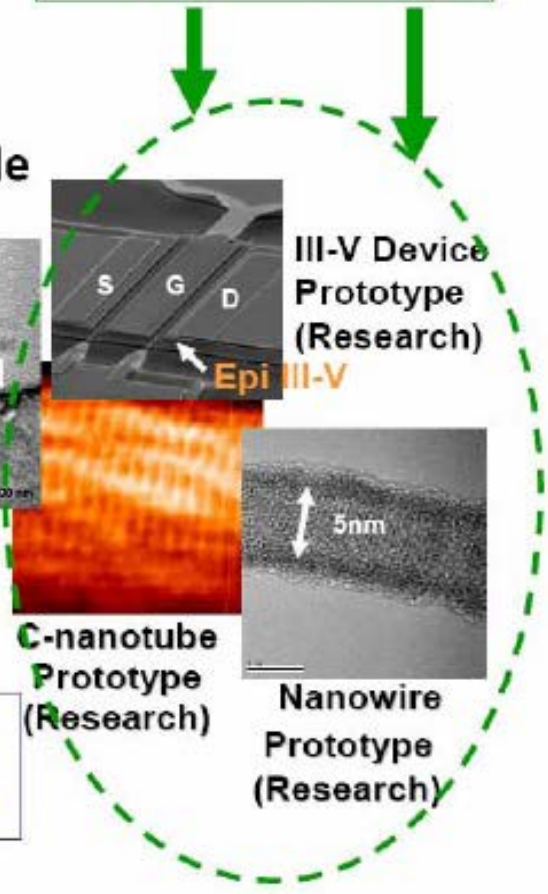
Gordon Moore
"every 1.5 years complexity doubles"



A view from Intel



2015-2019 Research



Quantum Mechanical Size Quantization

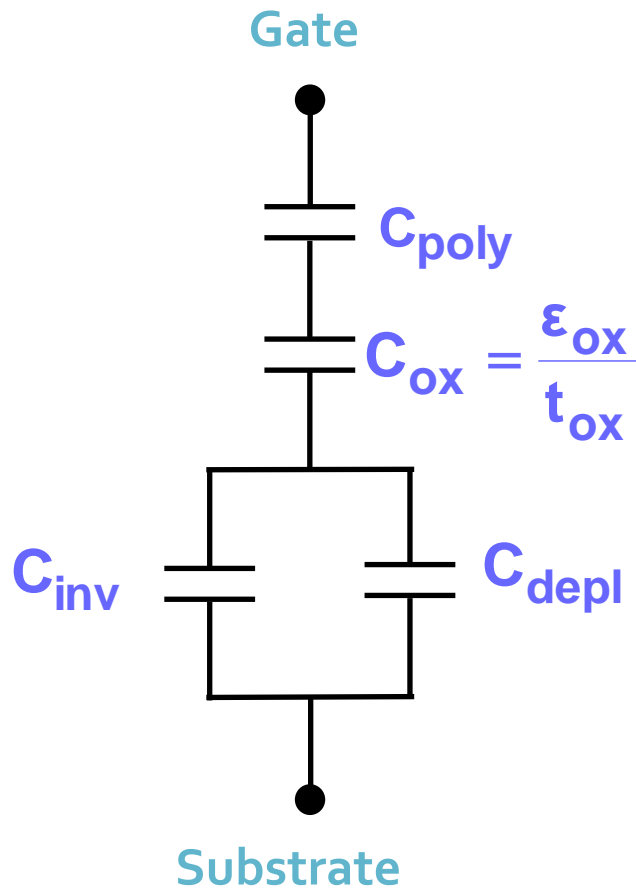
Historical Perspective

- Bacarani and Worderman \Rightarrow transconductance degradation (Proceedings of the IEDM, pp. 278-281, 1982)
- Hartstein and Albert \Rightarrow estimate of the inversion layer thickness (Phys. Rev. B, Vol. 38, pp.1235-1240, 1988)
- van Dort et al. \Rightarrow analytical model for V_{th} which accounts for QM effects (IEEE TED, Vol. 39, pp. 932-938, 1992)
- Takagi and Toriumi \Rightarrow physical origins of C_{inv} (IEEE TED, Vol. 42, pp. 2125-2130, 1995)
- Hareland et al. \Rightarrow modeling of the QM effects in the channel (IEEE TED, Vol. 43, pp. 90-96, 1996)
- Krisch et al. \Rightarrow poly-gate capacitance attenuation (IEEE EDL, Vol. 17, pp. 521-524, 1996)
- Vasileska, Schroder and Ferry \Rightarrow influence of many-body effects on C_{inv} (IEEE TED, Vol. 44, pp. 584-587, 1997)



Quantum-Mechanical Size Quantization

Physical Origin

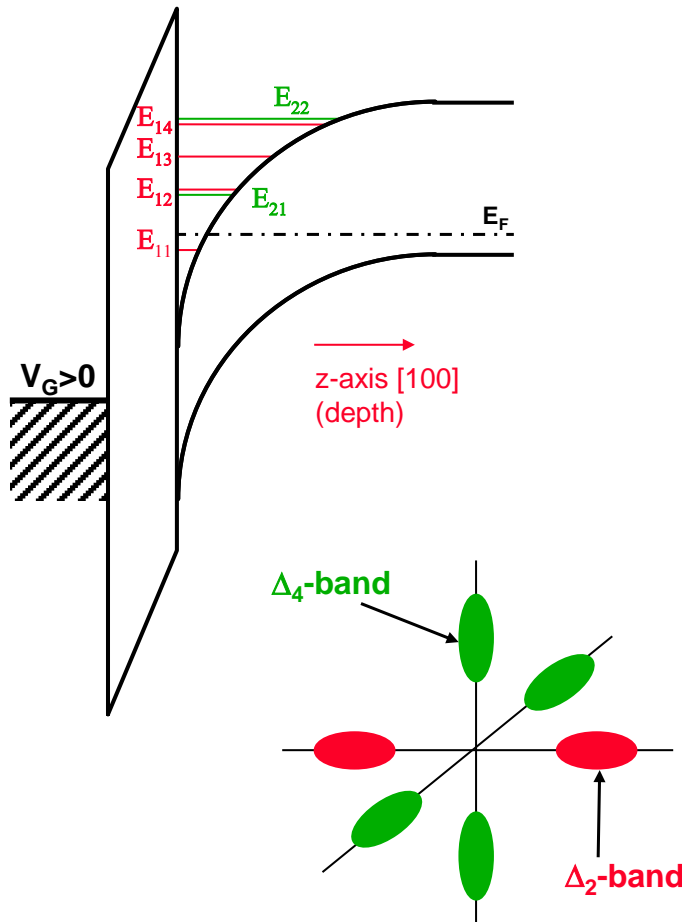


$$C_{tot} = \frac{C_{ox}}{1 + \frac{C_{ox}}{C_{poly}} + \frac{C_{ox}}{C_{inv} + C_{depl}}} \approx \frac{C_{ox}}{1 + \frac{C_{ox}}{C_{poly}} + \frac{C_{ox}}{C_{inv}}}$$

D. Vasileska, and D.K. Ferry, "The influence of poly-silicon gates on the threshold voltage, inversion layer and total gate capacitance in scaled Si-MOSFETs," *Nanotechnology* Vol. 10, pp.192-197 (1999).

Quantum-Mechanical Size Quantization

Numerical Modeling



- **1D Poisson equation:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon(z)} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right] = -e \left[N_D^+(z) - N_A^-(z) + p(z) - n(z) \right]$$

- **1D Schrödinger equation:**

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{1}{m_{\perp}^i(z)} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) + V(z) \right] \psi_{ij}(z) = E_{ij} \psi_{ij}(z)$$

- **Electron density:**

$$n(z) = \sum_{i,j} N_{ij} \psi_{ij}^2(z)$$

$$N_{ij} = \frac{m_{\parallel}^i k_B T}{\pi \hbar^2} \ln \left[1 + \exp \left(\frac{E_F - E_{ij}}{k_B T} \right) \right]$$

Δ_2 -band :

$$m_{\perp} = m_l = 0.916 m_0, \quad m_{\parallel} = m_t = 0.196 m_0$$

Δ_4 -band:

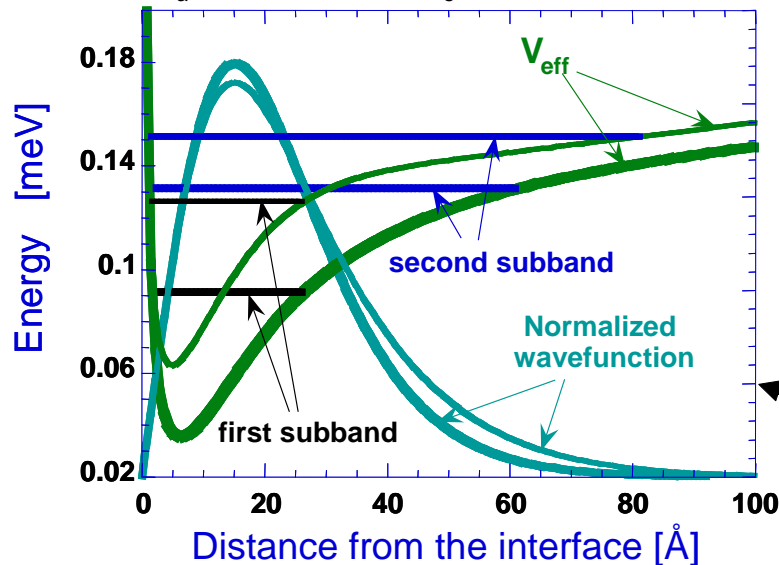
$$m_{\perp} = m_t = 0.196 m_0, \quad m_{\parallel} = (m_l m_t)^{1/2}$$

Exchange-Correlation

$$E = E_{\text{HF}} + E_{\text{corr}} = E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{HF}} + E_{\text{exchange}}^{\text{HF}} + E_{\text{corr}}$$

Total Ground State Energy of the System
 Hartree-Fock Approximation for the Ground State Energy
 Accounts for the error made with the Hartree-Fock Approximation
 Accounts for the reduction of the Ground State Energy due to the inclusion of the Pauli Exclusion Principle

Vasileska *et al.*, J. Vac. Sci. Technol. B **13**, 1841 (1995)
 ($N_a = 2.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_s = 4 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, $T = 0 \text{ K}$)



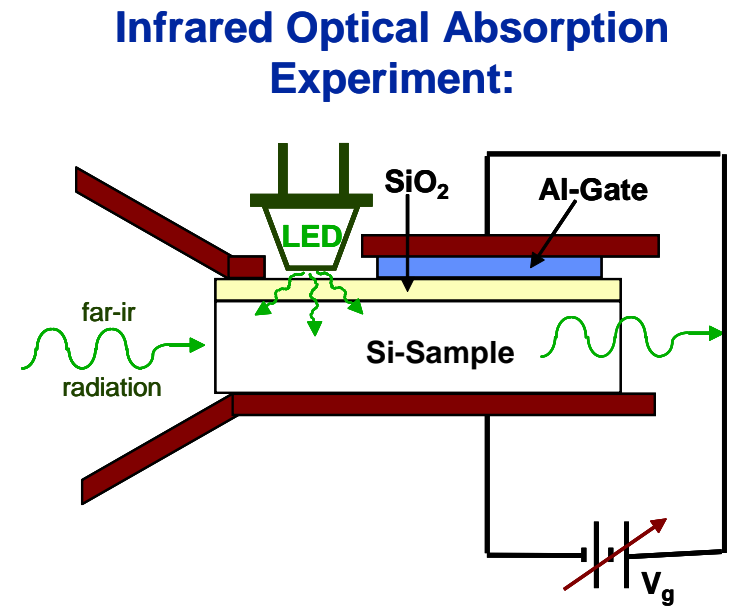
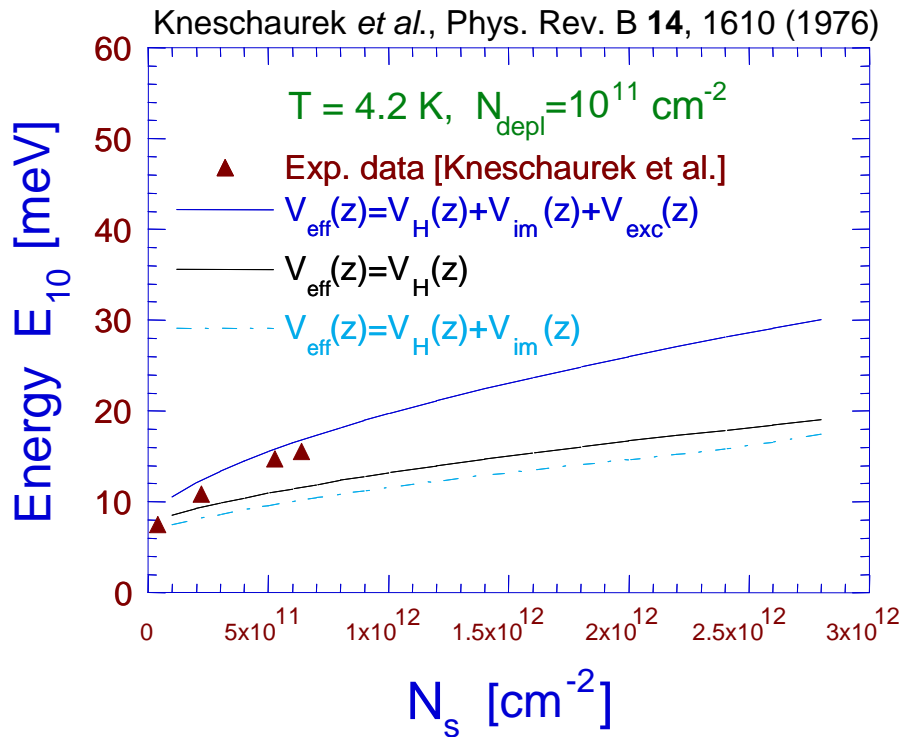
Exchange-Correlation Correction:

- Lower subband energies
- Increase in the subband separation
- Increase in the carrier concentration at which the Fermi level crosses into the second subband
- Contracted wavefunctions

Thick (thin) lines correspond to the case when the exchange-correlation corrections are included (omitted) in the simulations.



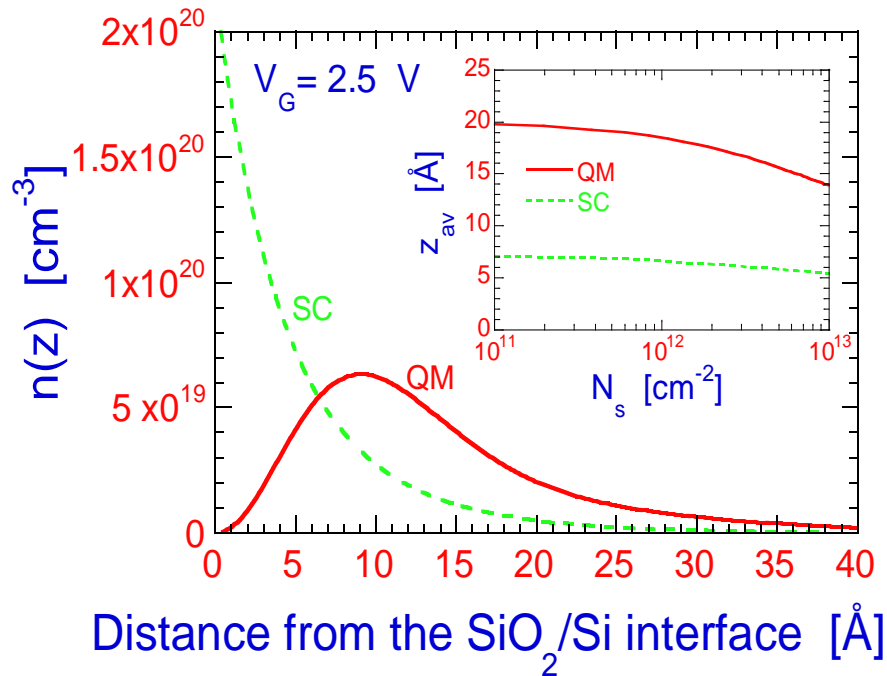
Comparison With Experiments



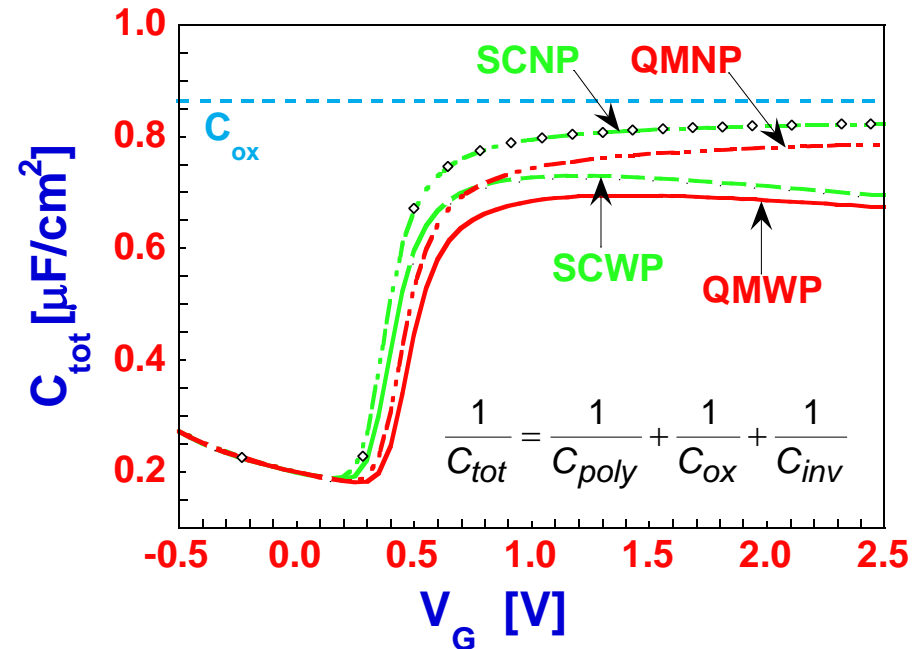
Transmission-Line Arrangement

Tool Validation!

Simulation Results Obtained With SCHRED

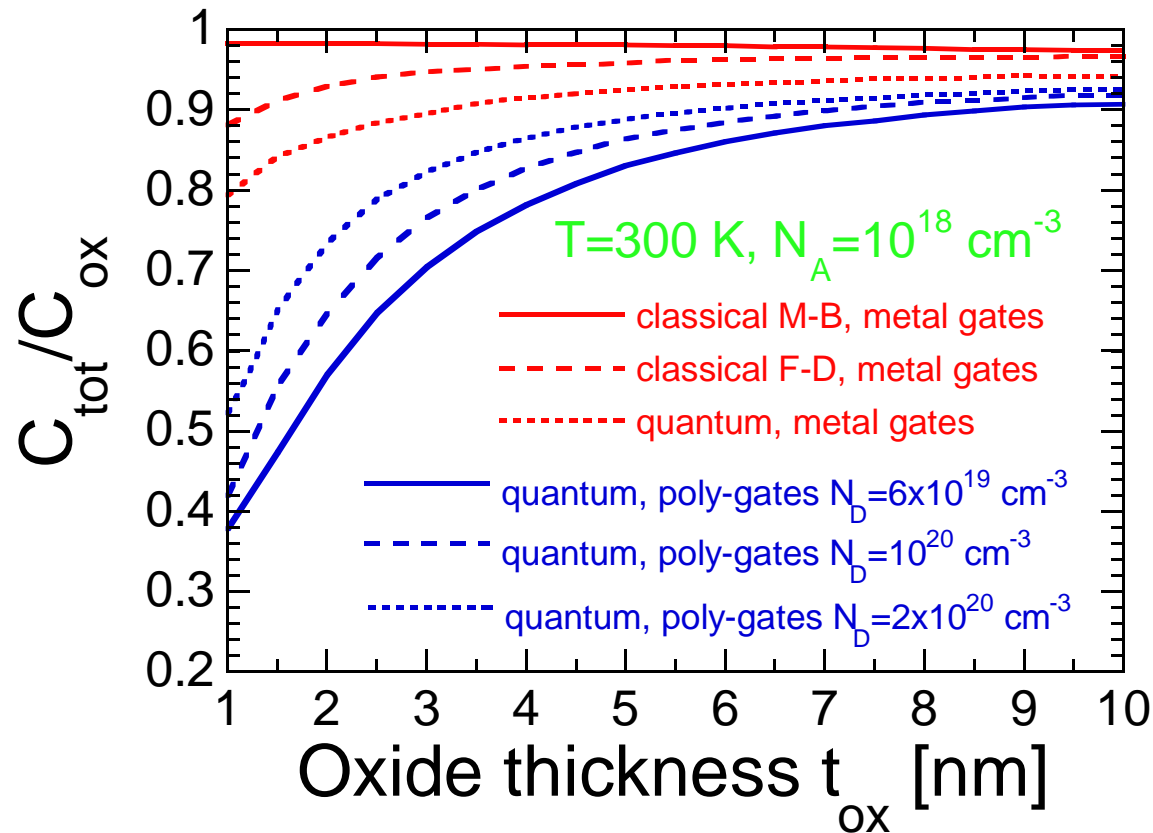


- The classical charge density peaks right at the SC/oxide interface.
- The quantum-mechanically calculated charge density peaks at a finite distance from the SC/oxide interface, which leads to larger average displacement of electrons from that interface.



- C_{inv} reduces C_{tot} by about 10%
- $C_{\text{poly}} + C_{\text{inv}}$ reduce C_{tot} by about 20%
- With poly-depletion C_{tot} has pronounced gate-voltage dependence

Simulation Results Obtained With SCHRED

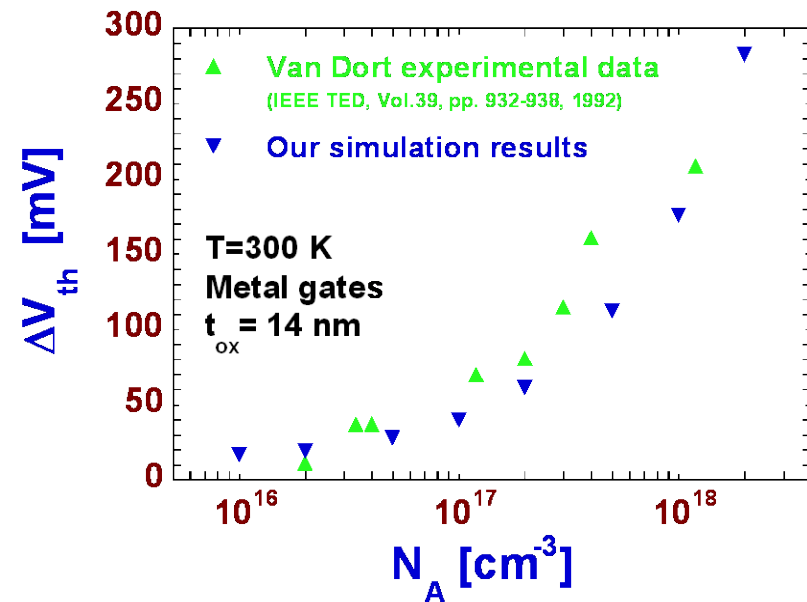
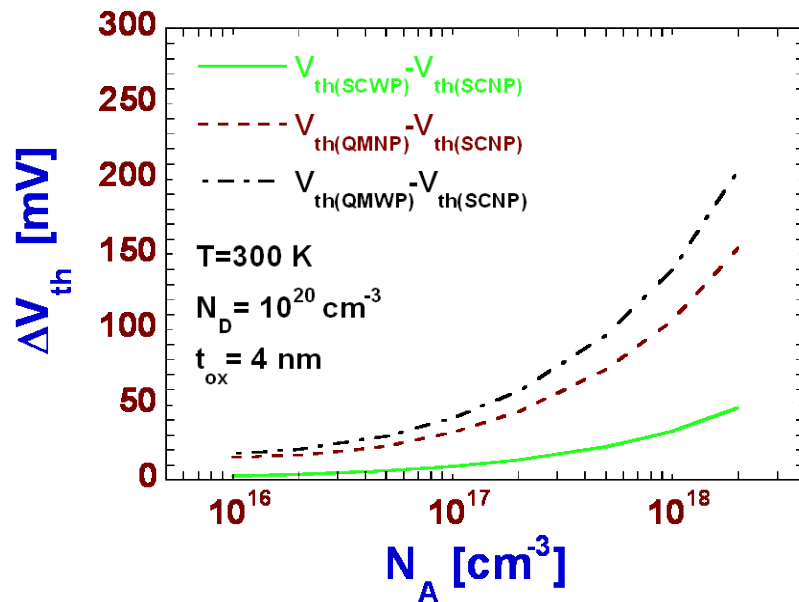


Degradation of the Total Gate Capacitance C_{tot}
for Different Device Technologies



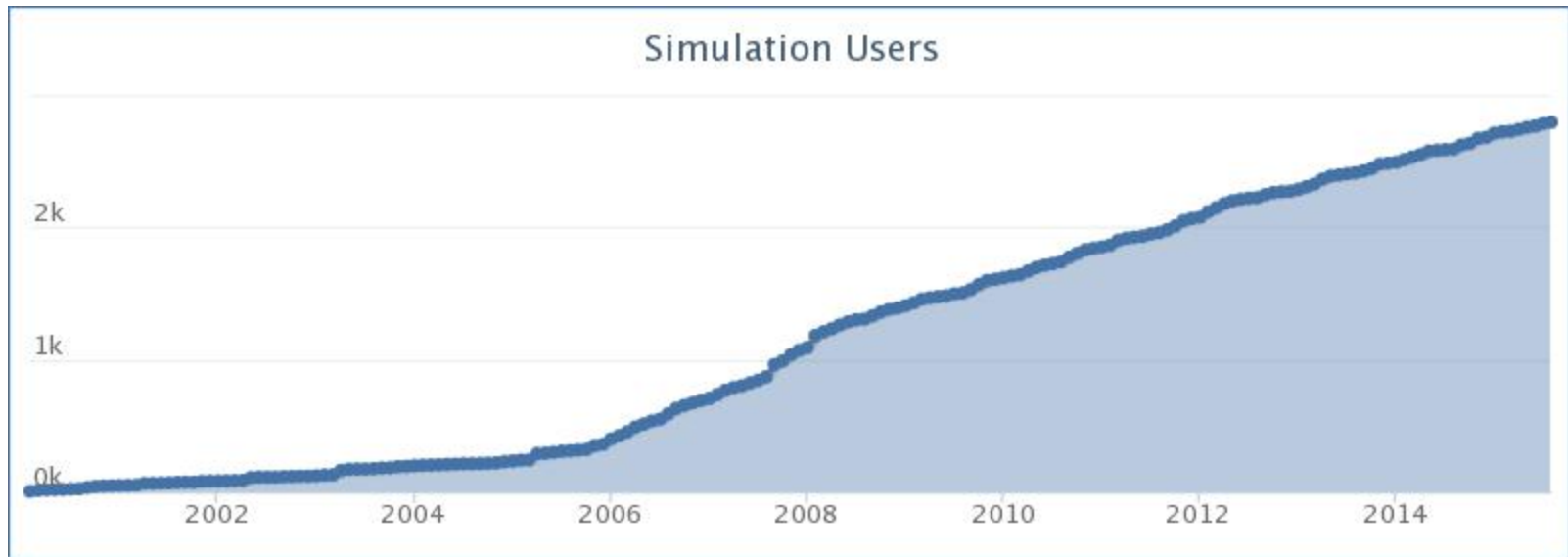
Simulation Results Obtained With SCHRED

MOS Capacitor with both Metal and Poly-Silicon Gates



- ΔV_{th} shows strong substrate doping dependence when poly-gate depletion and QM effects in the channel are included
- There is close agreement between the experimentally derived threshold voltage shift and our simulation results

SCHRED Users Since Its Posting – 120 Citations



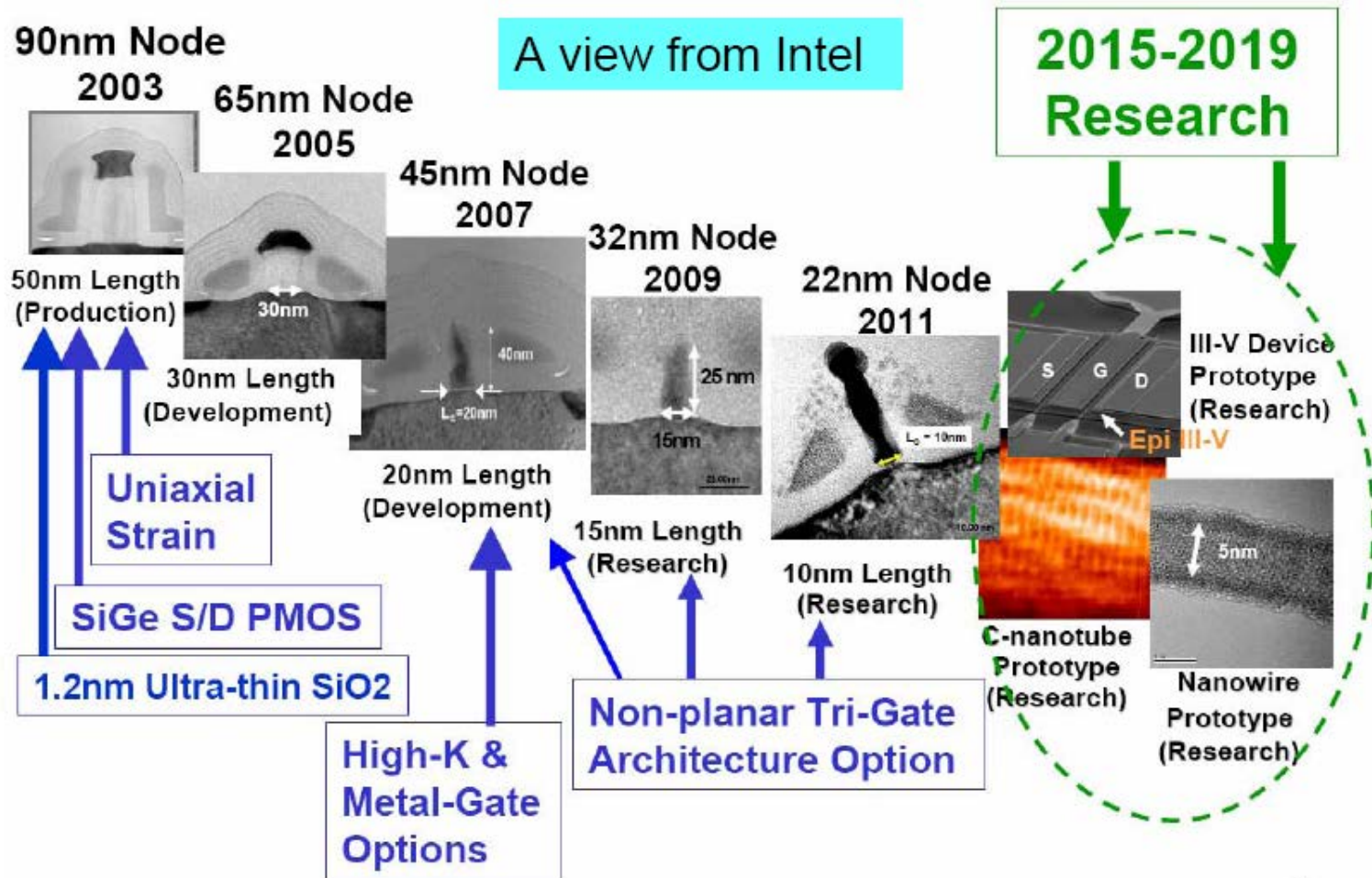
It is evident that many years of research by a great many people, both before and after the discovery of the transistor effect, has been required to bring our knowledge of semiconductors to its present development. We were fortunate to be involved at a particularly opportune time and to add another small step in the control of Nature for the benefit of mankind.

- John Bardeen, 1956 Nobel lecture

Diving Deeper into Quantum Mechanics: QUAMC2D



More Moore ...



Welcome to the SOI World!



Highlights

- Reduced junction capacitance.
- Absence of latchup.
- Ease in scaling (buried oxide need not be scaled).
- **Compatible with conventional Silicon processing.**
- Sometimes requires fewer steps to fabricate.
- Reduced leakage.
- Improvement in the soft error rate.

Drawbacks

- Drain Current Overshoot.
- Kink effect
- Thickness control (fully depleted operation).
- Surface states.

Incorporation of Quantum-Mechanical Size-Quantization Effects Mandatory

- Quantum correction methods
 - Drift-diffusion + hydrodynamic models
 - Analytical corrections
 - Hansch method
 - Van Dort method
 - Numerical approaches
 - Density gradient method
 - Particle-based device simulators
 - Effective Potential Approach in Conjunction With Particle-Based Approaches
- Solution of the Schrodinger-Transport-Poisson Problem

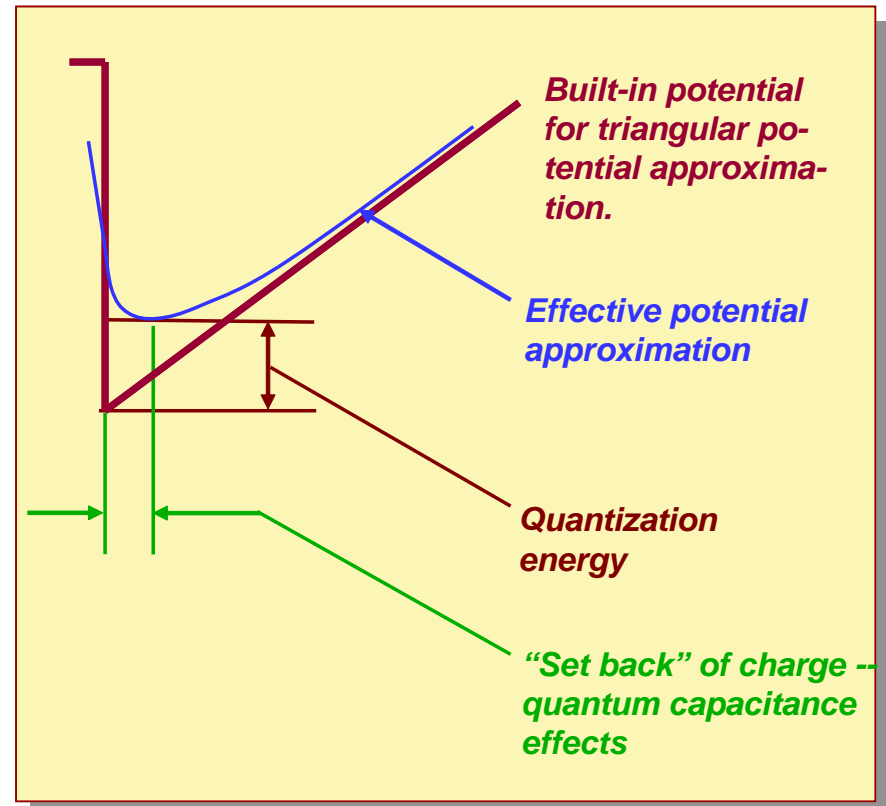


Effective Potential Approach

In principle, the effective role of the potential can be rewritten in terms of the non-local density as (Ferry *et al.*¹):

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{V} &= \int dr V(r) \sum_i n_i(r) \\ &\sim \int dr V(r) \sum_i \int dr' \exp\left(-\frac{|r-r'|^2}{\alpha^2}\right) \delta(r'-r_i) \\ &\sim \sum_i \int dr \delta(r-r_i) \int dr' V(r') \exp\left(-\frac{|r-r'|^2}{\alpha^2}\right) \\ &\sim \sum_i \int dr \delta(r-r_i) V_{\text{eff}}(r) \end{aligned}$$

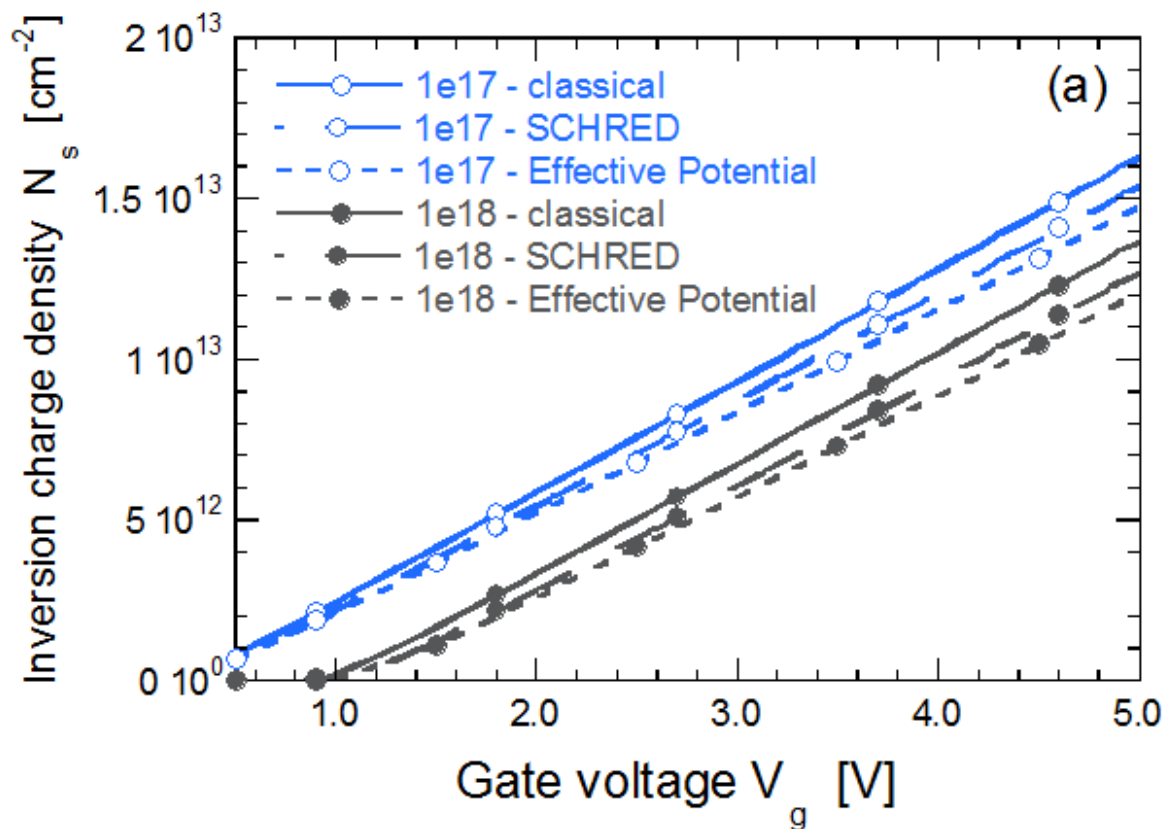
↑ **Classical density** ↑ **Smoothed, effective potential**



¹ D. K. Ferry, *Superlatt. Microstruc.* **27**, 59 (2000);

Comparison to 1D-SP

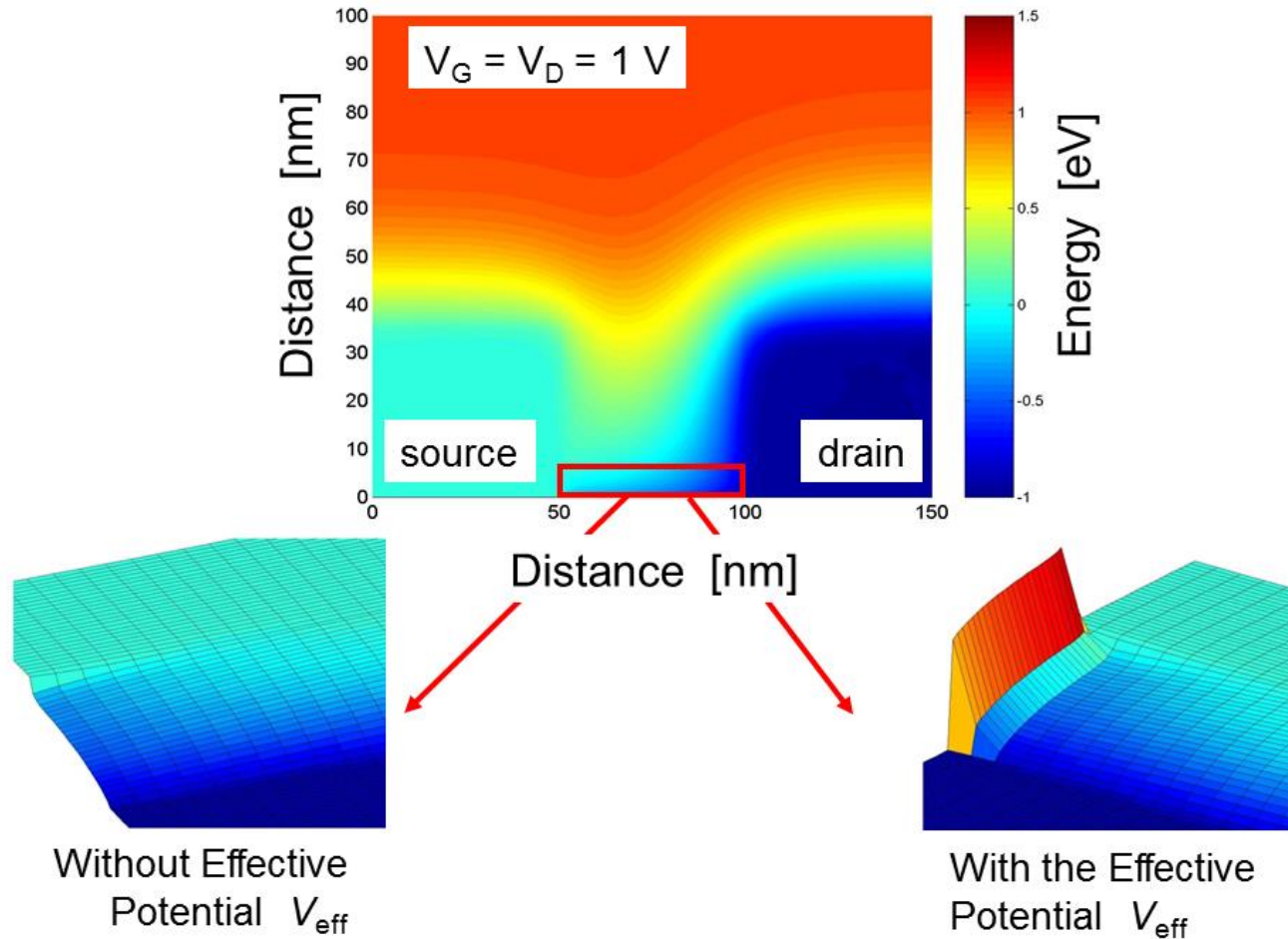
Method Validation!



The Gaussian fitting parameter $a_0 = 0.5$ nm.

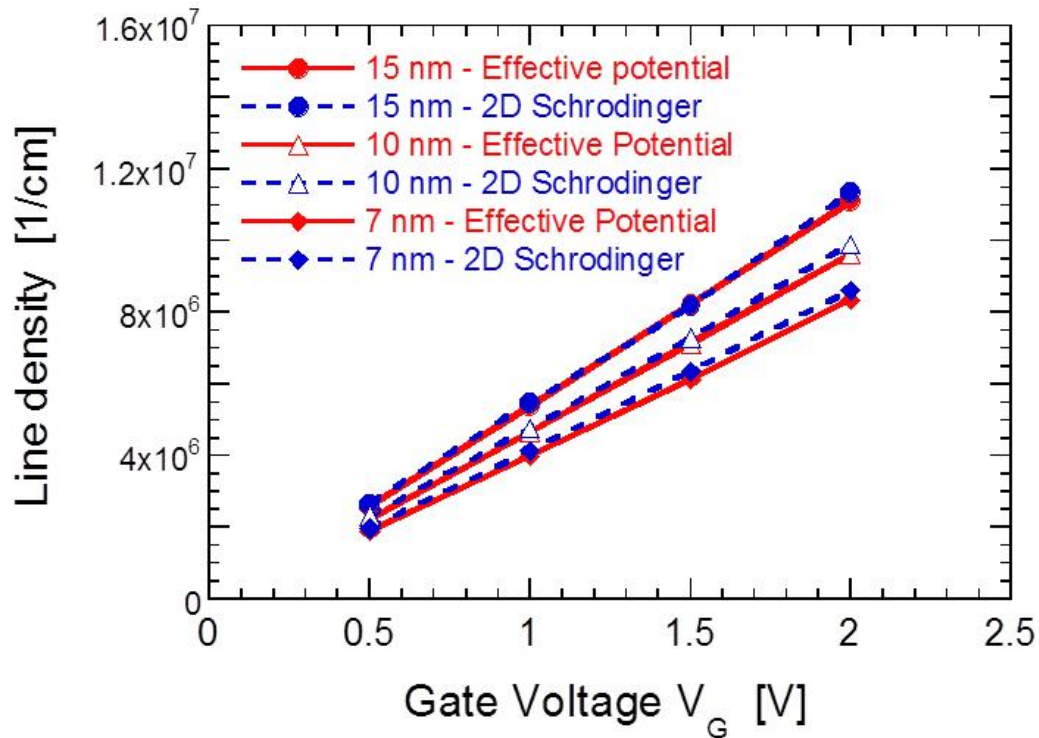


Simulation of a Conventional MOSFET



Comparison to 2D-SP

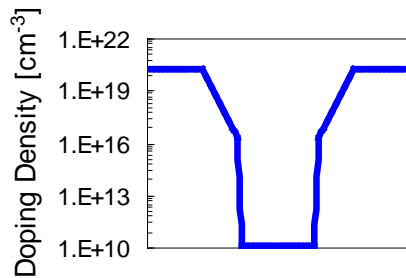
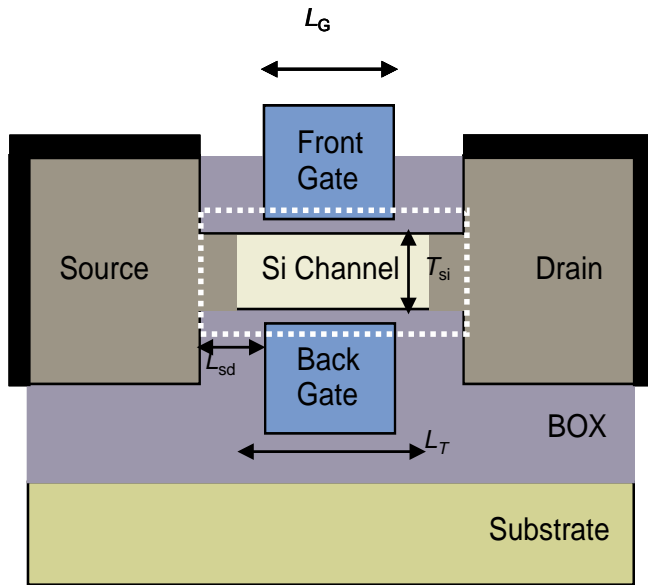
Method Validation!



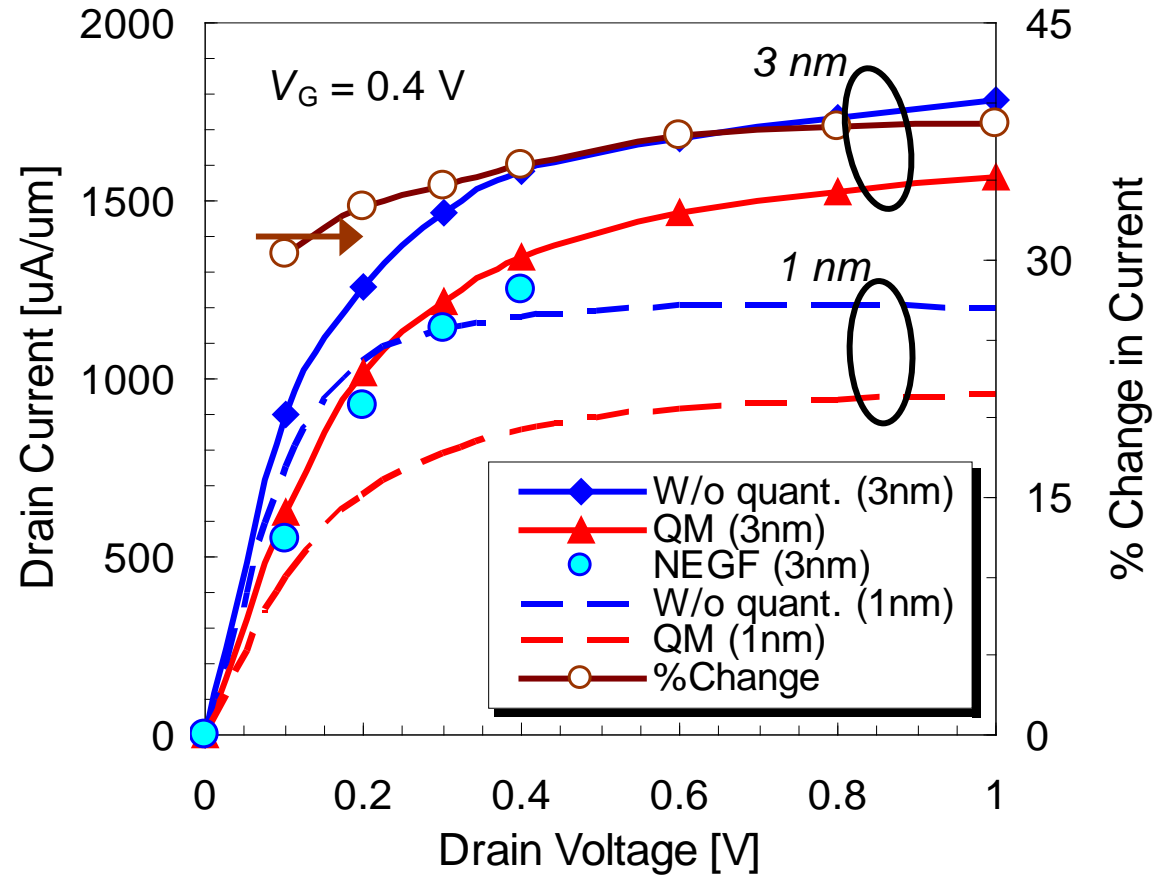
Excellent agreement is observed between the two approaches when using the theoretical value for the Gaussian smoothing parameter of 0.64 nm.



Application of the Effective Potential Approach and QUAMC3D



$T_{ox} = 1 \text{ nm}$
 $L_G = 9 \text{ nm}$
 $L_{sd} = 10 \text{ nm}$
 $N_b = 0$
 $\Phi_G = 4.188$
 $T_{si} = 3 \text{ nm}$
 $L_T = 17 \text{ nm}$
 $N_{sd} = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $g = 1 \text{ nm/decade}$
 $V_G = 0.4 \text{ V}$



Output characteristics of DG Structure

Drawbacks of the Effective Potential Approach

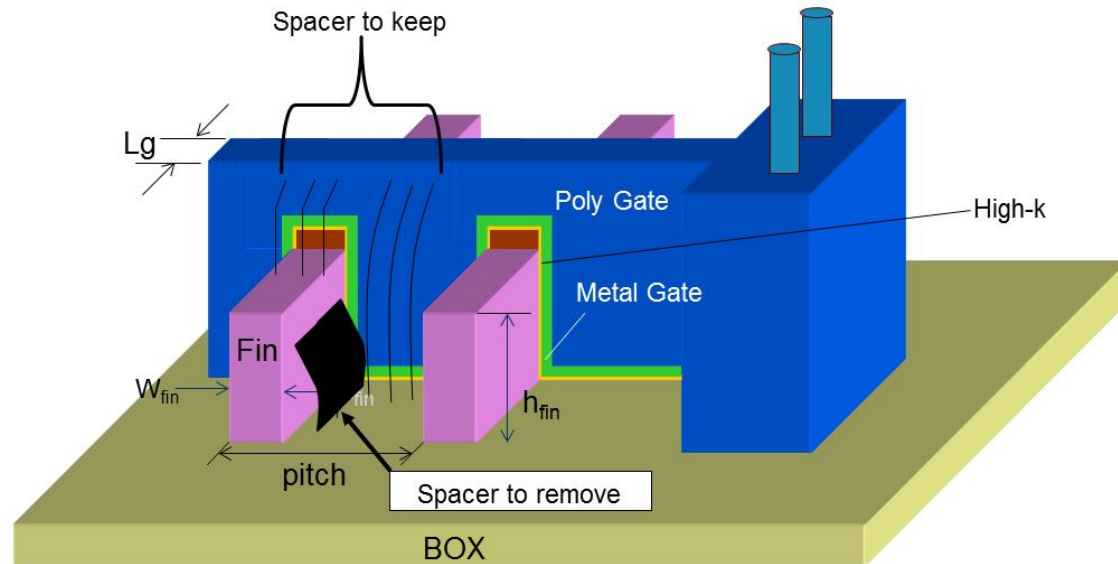
- Does not calculate the subband structure
- Does not calculate the 1D/2D density of states in nanowires/inversion layers
 - ➔ Scattering is not treated accurately



Nanoelectronics: The Need for NEMO5



Towards Nanotransistors: More Moore ... & More Than Moore



Intel's next technology node is a 14 nm FinFET.

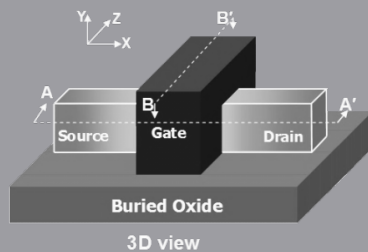
Ballistic Modeling of FinFET Device with Contact Block Reduction (CBR) Method

D. Mamaluy, H. R. Khan, D. Vasileska

- Exactness - Accomplished with comparison with experiments
- Speed (Optimization and Process Variation)

Experimental FinFET*

Gate length $L_g = 10$ nm
 Fin width $t_{Si} = 12$ nm,
 Gate oxide thickness $t_{ox} = 1.7$ nm
 (110) channel orientation

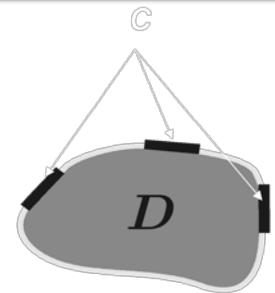


*Bin Yu et. al., "FinFET Scaling to 10 nm Gate Length", *IEDM Tech. Digest*, 2002

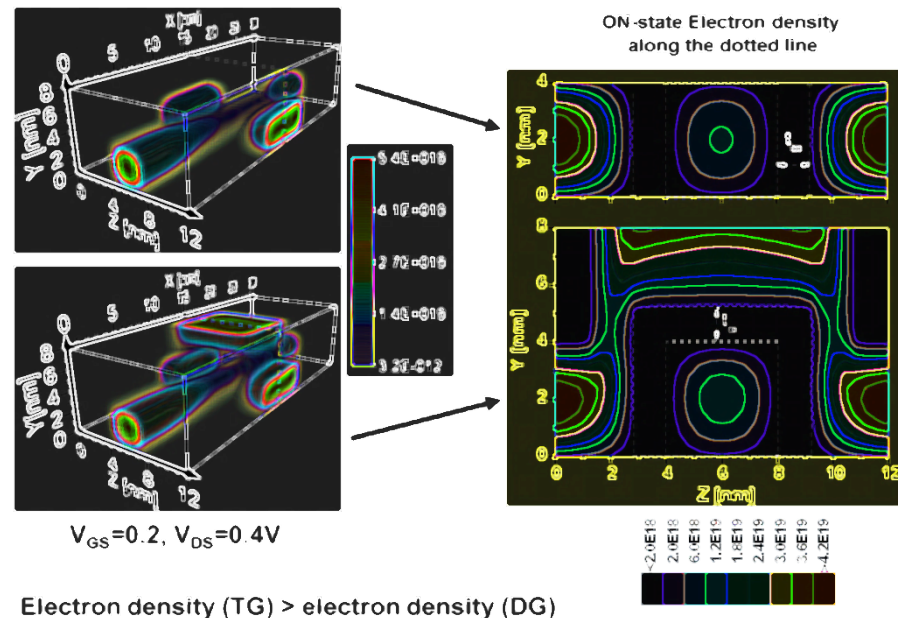
H. R. Khan, D. Mamaluy and D. Vasileska, "Quantum transport simulation of experimentally fabricated nano-FinFET", *IEEE Trans. Electron Devices*, Vol. 54 (4), pp. 784-796 (2007).

H. R. Khan, D. Mamaluy and D. Vasileska, "Approaching Optimal Characteristics of 10 nm High Performance Devices" a Quantum Transport Simulation Study of Si FinFET, *IEEE Trans. Electron Devices*, Vol. 55(1), pp. 743-753 (2008).

Properties of a GOOD Device simulator



DG vs. Tri-Gate



Ballistic Modeling of FinFET Device with CBR Method

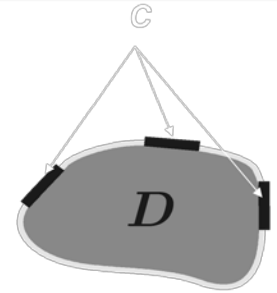
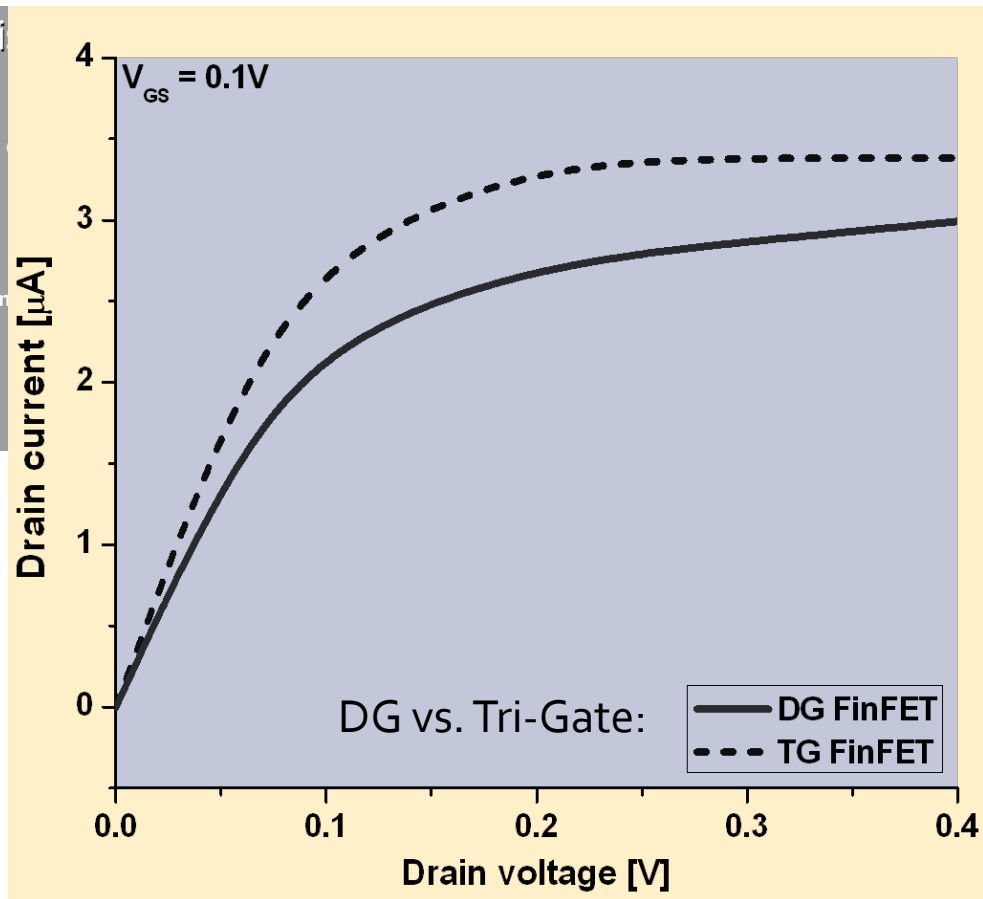
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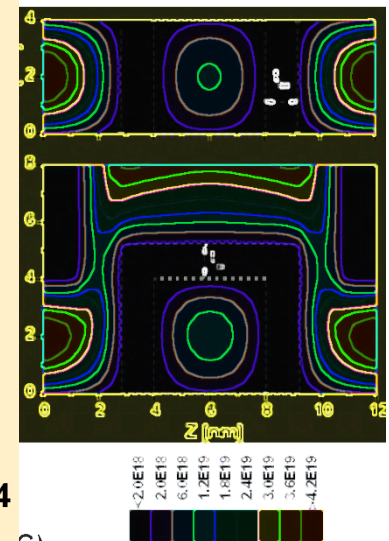
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ON-state Electron density along the dotted line

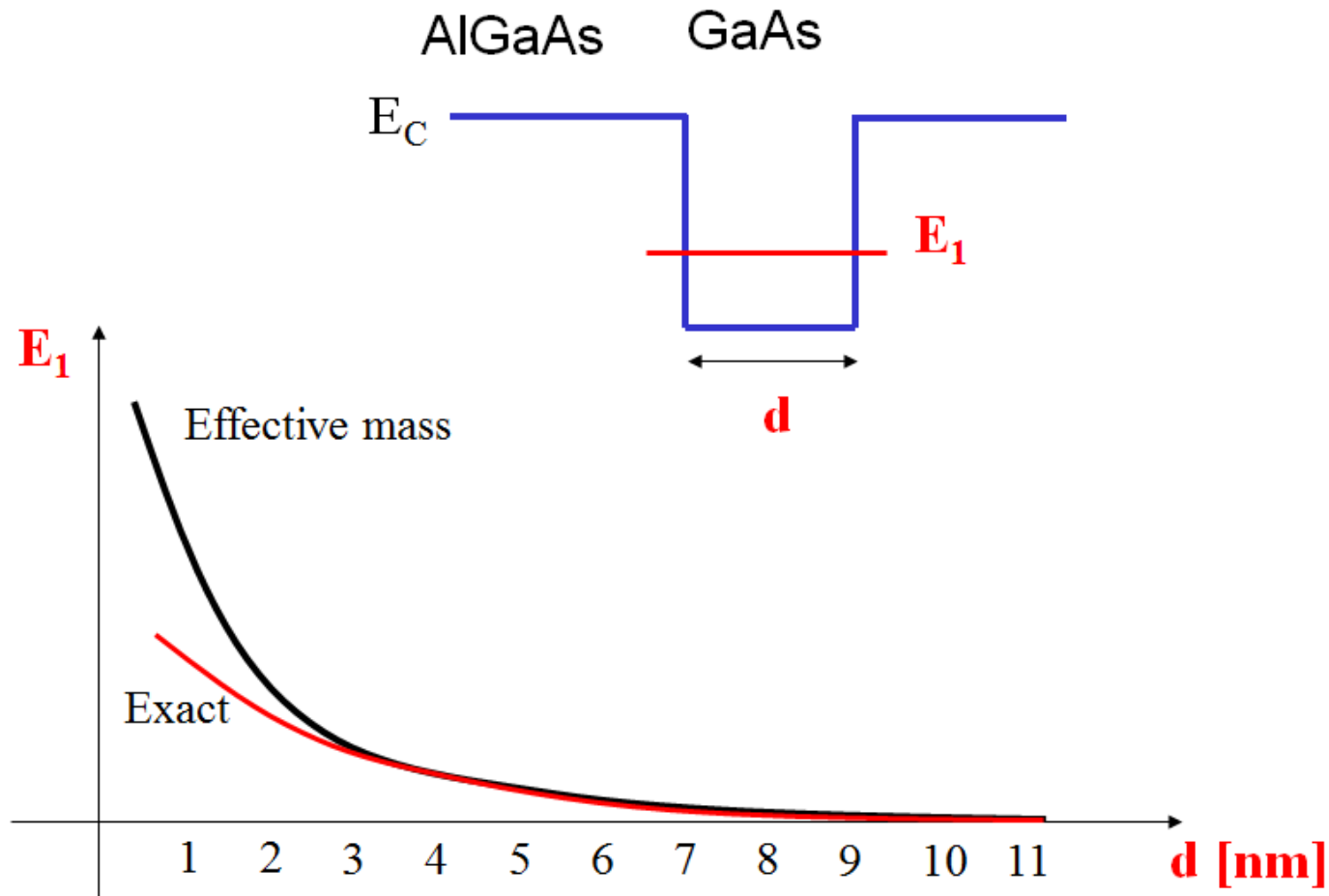


Complexity of Methods

| Method | Computational cost |
|---|--|
| Transfer matrix + QTBM | $N_E \times O(N_{TOTAL}^3)$ |
| NanoMOS (Purdue University) | $N_E \times N_x \times O([N_y N_z]^2) \approx N_E \times O(N_{TOTAL}^{5/3})$ |
| QDAME (IBM, S. Laux) | $N_{TOTAL} \times O(N_{eigen}^2) + N_E \times O(N_{TOTAL}^{3/2})$ |
| CBR | $N_{TOTAL} \times O(N_{eigen}^2) + N_E \times O(N_{TOTAL})$ |
| Notations N_E : number of energy steps; N_{TOTAL} : number of grid points N_{eigen} : number of eigenvalues | CBR WINS !!! |

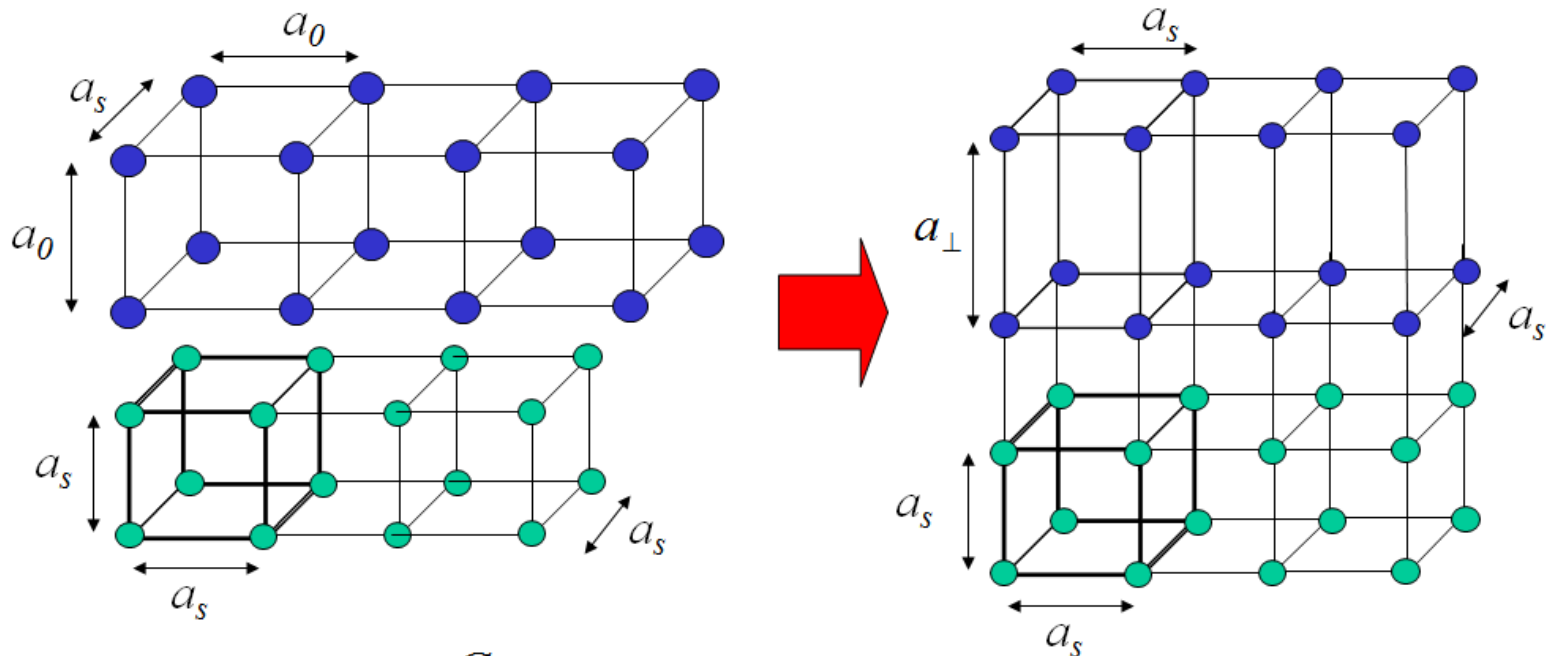


How good is effective mass approximation?



Strain

An epitaxial layer is grown, on a substrate with different lattice constant.
The epilayer deforms (strain)

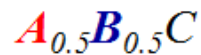


$$a_{\perp} = a_0 - 2 \frac{C_{12}}{C_{11}} [a_s - a_0] \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{R}' = (1 + \epsilon) \mathbf{R}$$

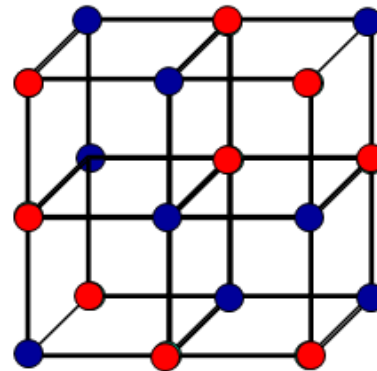
Disorder - Alloys

Usually, tight-binding parameterizations are made for single elements and binary compounds (Si, Ge, GaAs, InAs etc.). However, nanostructure are usually build by using also ternary (AlGaAs etc.) and quaternary (InGaAsP etc.) alloys.

1) Supercell calculations



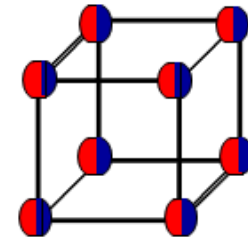
Average over an ensemble
of configurations



2) Virtual crystal approximation

A new crystal is defined with averaged properties (P)

$$P(A_xB_{1-x}C) = xP(AC) + (1-x)P(BC)$$

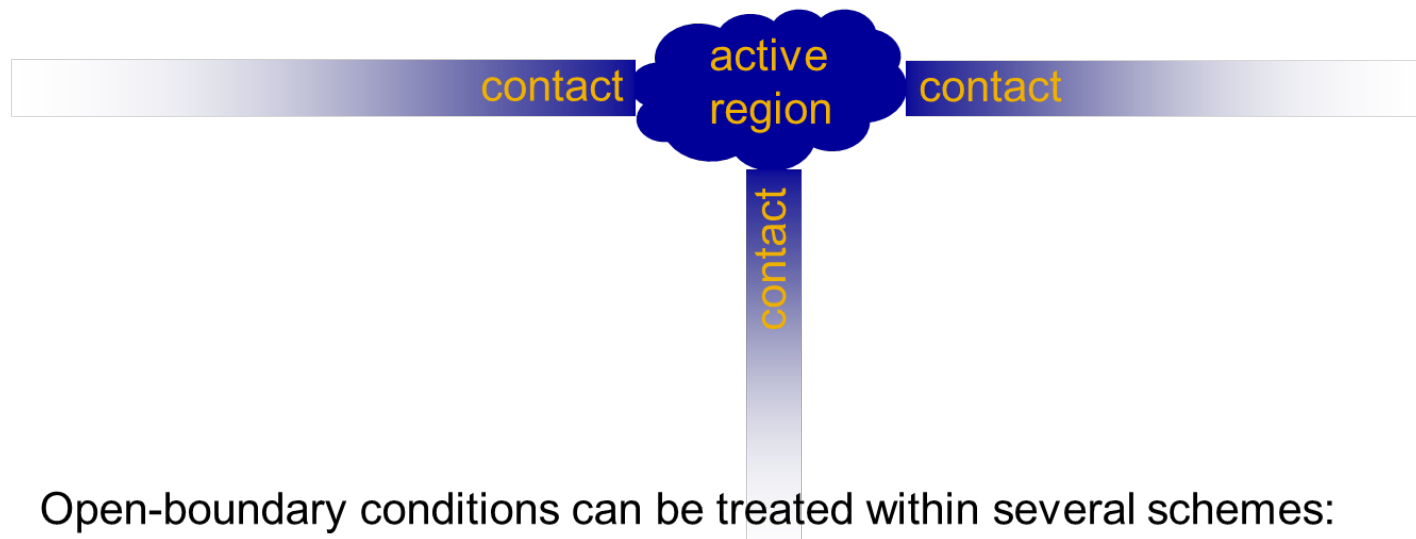


3) Other methods (Modified VCA, CPA, T-matrix etc.)

Boundary Conditions for Transport

The transport problem is:

active region where symmetry is lost
+
contact regions (semi-infinite bulk)



Open-boundary conditions can be treated within several schemes:

- Transfer matrix
- Green Functions

These schemes are well suited for localized orbital approach like TB

NEMO₅: The Nanoelectronics Tool



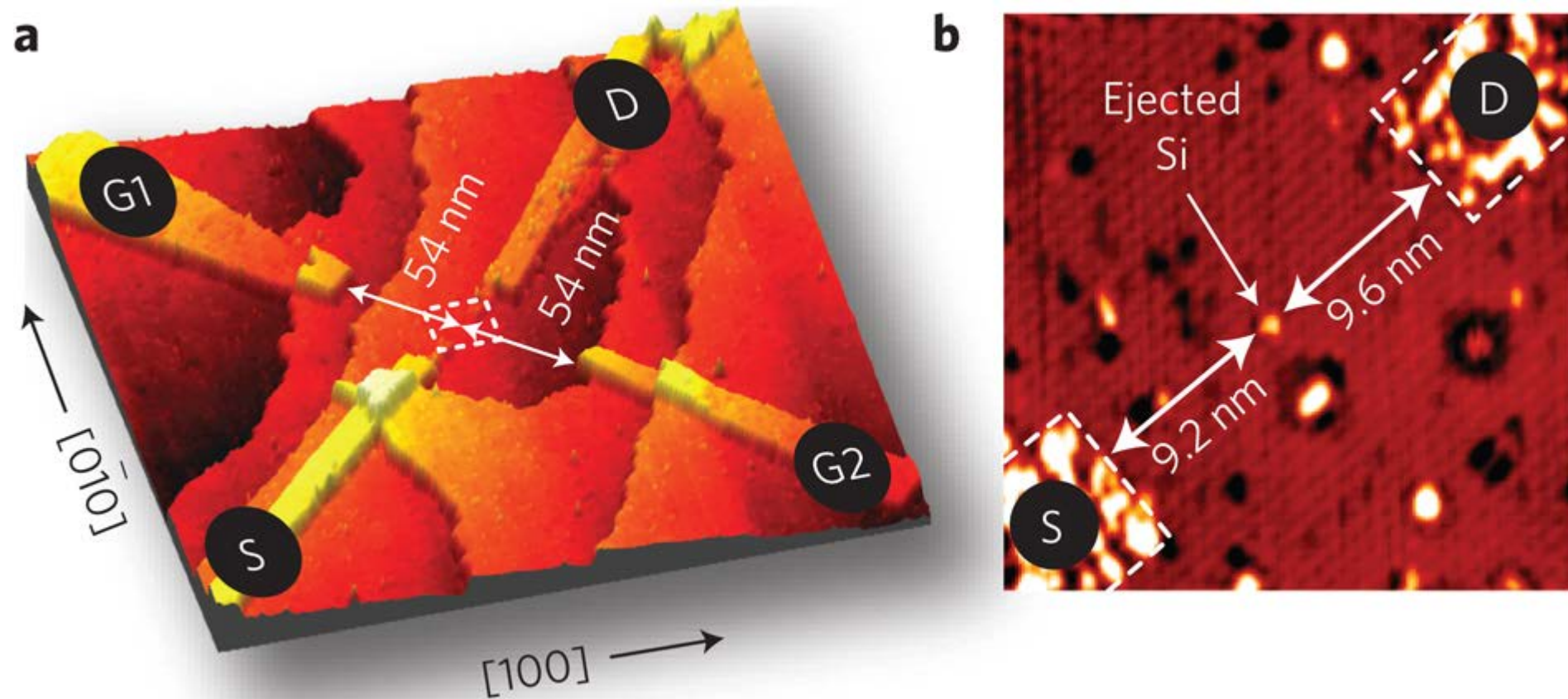
NEMO₅ is the fifth edition of the NanoElectronics MOdeling Tools of the iNEMO group. It incorporates the core concepts and insights gained from 15 years of development of NEMO-1D, NEMO-3D, NEMO-3D-Peta and OMEN.

The core capabilities of NEMO₅ lie in the atomic-resolution calculation of nanostructure properties:

strain relaxation, phonon modes, electronic structure using the tight-binding model, self-consistent Schroedinger-Poisson calculations, and quantum transport.

A representative Example: Single Atom Transistor

[Martin Fuechsle](#), [Jill A. Miwa](#), [Suddhasatta Mahapatra](#), [Hoon Ryu](#), [Sunhee Lee](#), [Oliver Warschkow](#), [Lloyd C. L. Hollenberg](#), [Gerhard Klimeck](#) & [Michelle Y. Simmons](#), *Nature Nanotechnology* **7**, 242–246 (2012) doi:10.1038/nnano.2012.21

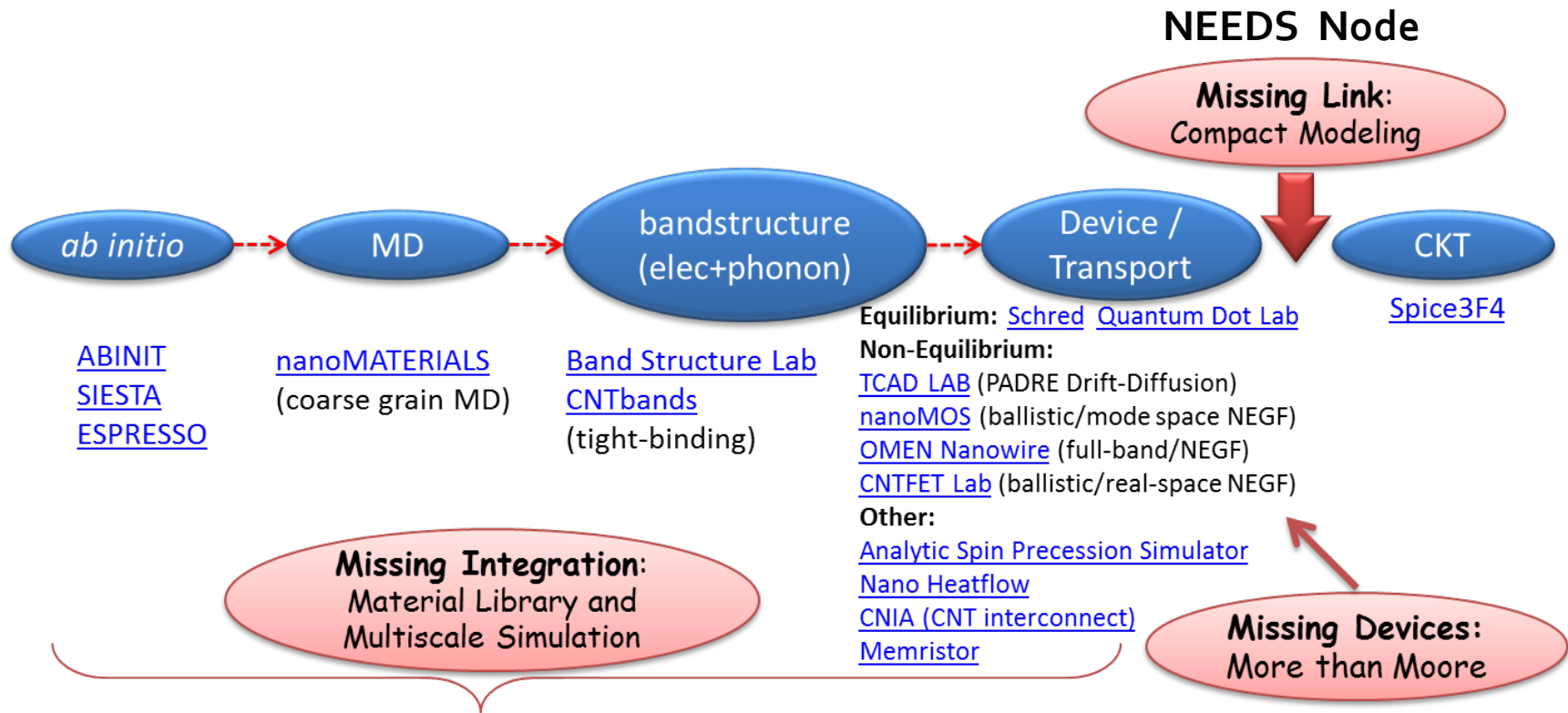


What nanoHUB Tools Can and Can't Do

A One Person's View



What nanoHUB Can /Can't Do



Can't Do Random Dopant Fluctuations

Random Dopants

PAST



all transistors are similar because of *self averaging*

PRESENT



Experimental Evidence of RDF

Experimental Study of Threshold Voltage Fluctuation Due to Statistical Variation of Channel Dopant Number in MOSFET's

Tomohisa Mizuno, Member, IEEE, Jun-ichi Okamura, Member, IEEE, and Akira Toriumi, Member, IEEE

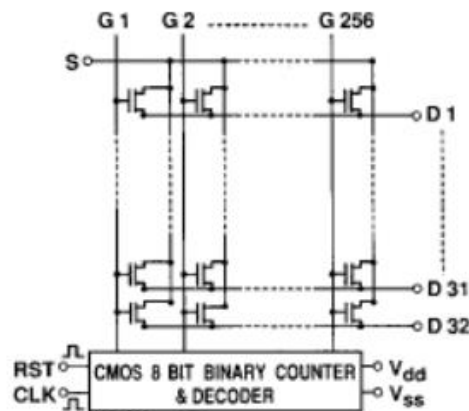


Fig. 1. New test structure which consists of the 8 k-NMOSFET array and the CMOS peripheral circuits (the CMOS counter and the CMOS decoders). RST and CLK show the reset and the clock terminals, respectively. (Reprinted from: T. Mizuno, J. Okamura, and A. Toriumi, "Experimental Study of Threshold Voltage Fluctuations Using an 8K MOSFET's Array," Technical Papers of Symposium on VLSI Technology, Kyoto, Japan, p. 41, 1993.)

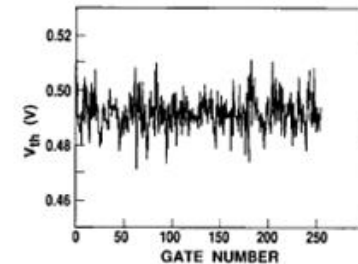


Fig. 4. Threshold voltage versus the gate number in 256 NMOSFET's, where $L_{ef} = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$, $T_{ox} = 11\text{nm}$, and $\bar{N}_a = 7.1 \times 10^{16} \text{cm}^{-3}$. (Reprinted from: T. Mizuno, J. Okamura, and A. Toriumi, "Experimental Study of Threshold Voltage Fluctuations Using an 8K MOSFET's Array," Technical Papers of Symposium on VLSI Technology, Kyoto, Japan, p. 41, 1993.)

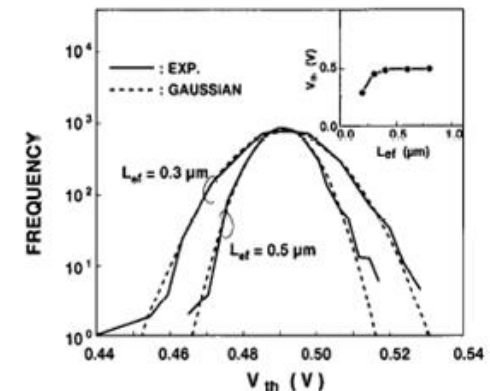


Fig. 6. V_{th} distribution of 8 k-MOSFET array at $L_{ef} = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ and $0.3 \mu\text{m}$, where $T_{ox} = 11 \text{nm}$ and $\bar{N}_a = 7.1 \times 10^{16} \text{cm}^{-3}$. The vertical axis shows the frequency. The solid and the dashed lines show the experimental data and the calculated Gaussian distribution, respectively. The inset shows V_{th} as a function of L_{ef} .

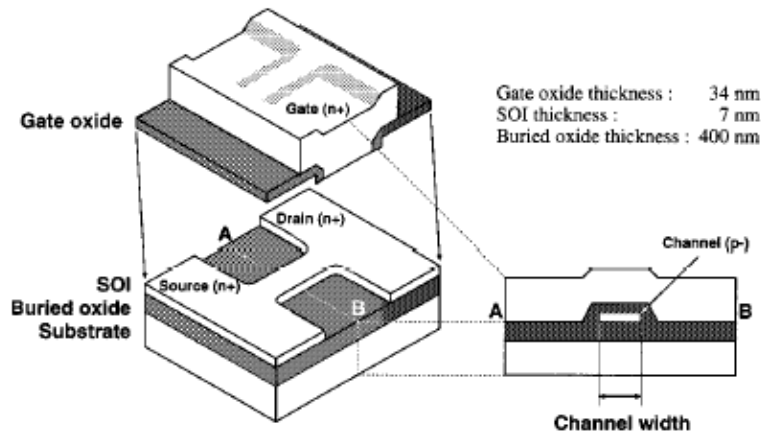
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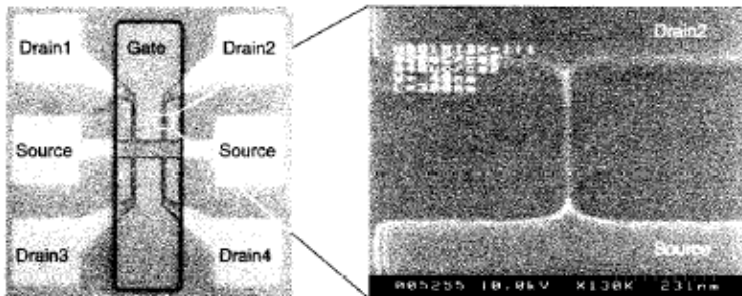
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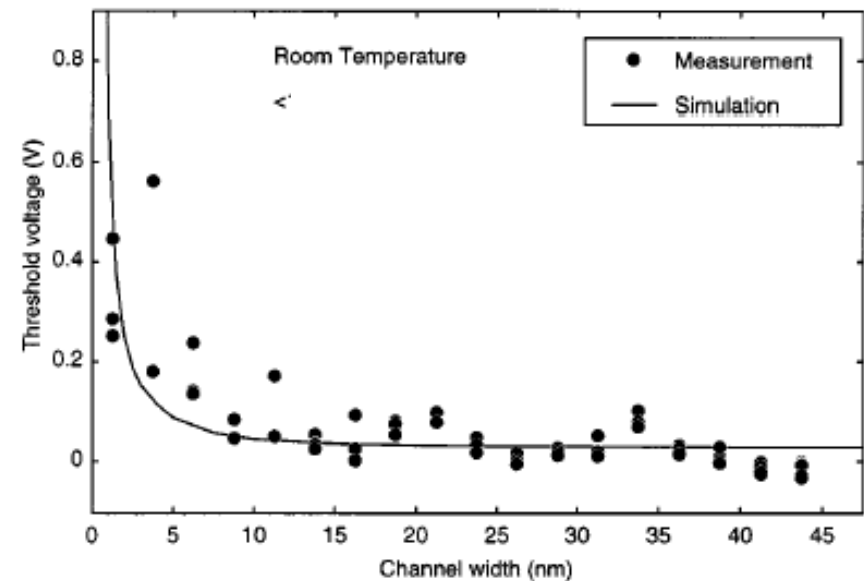
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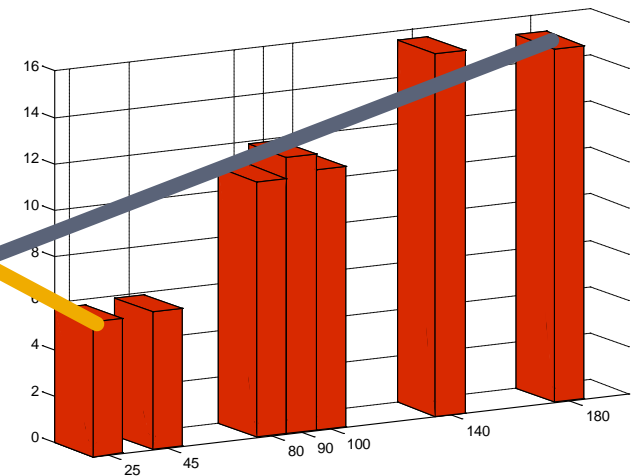
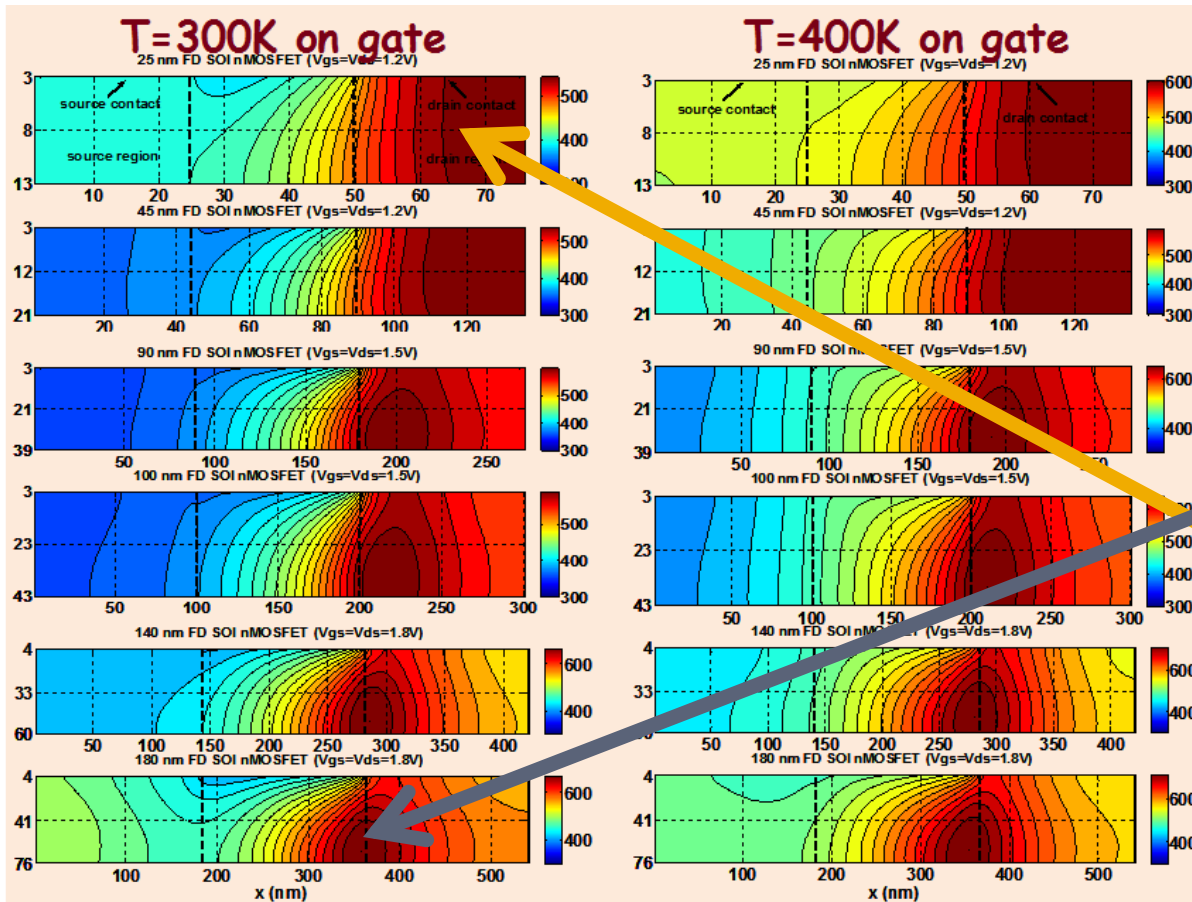
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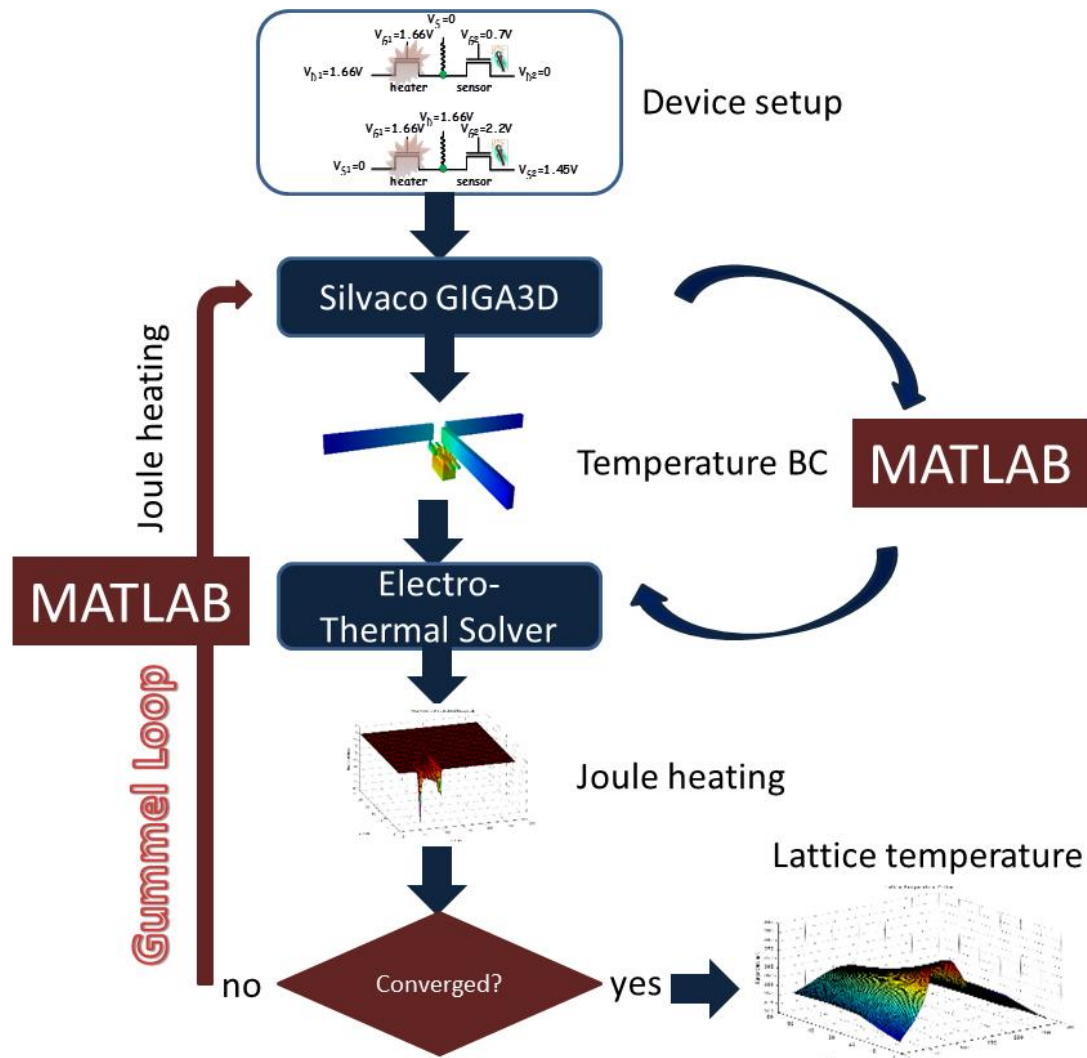
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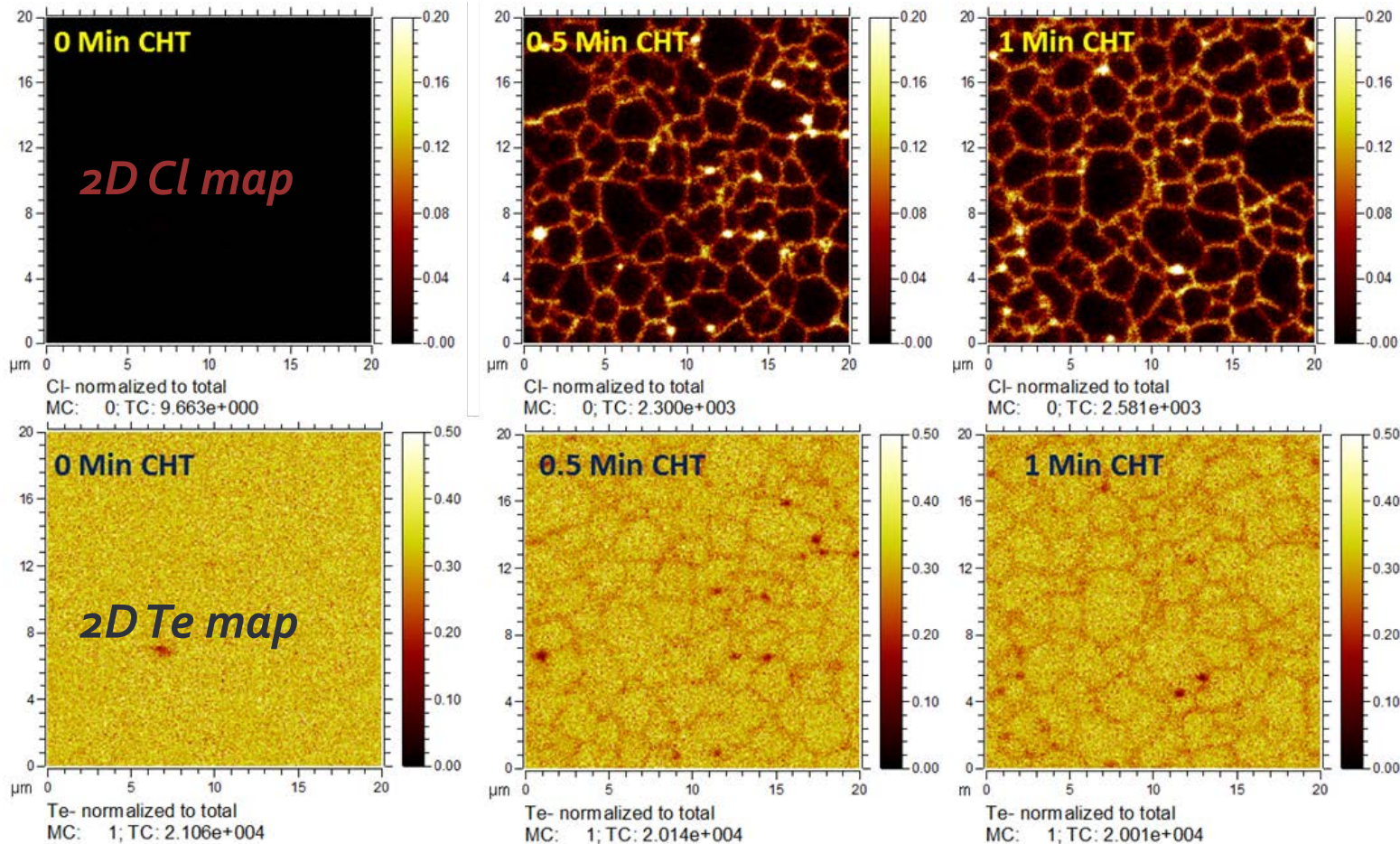
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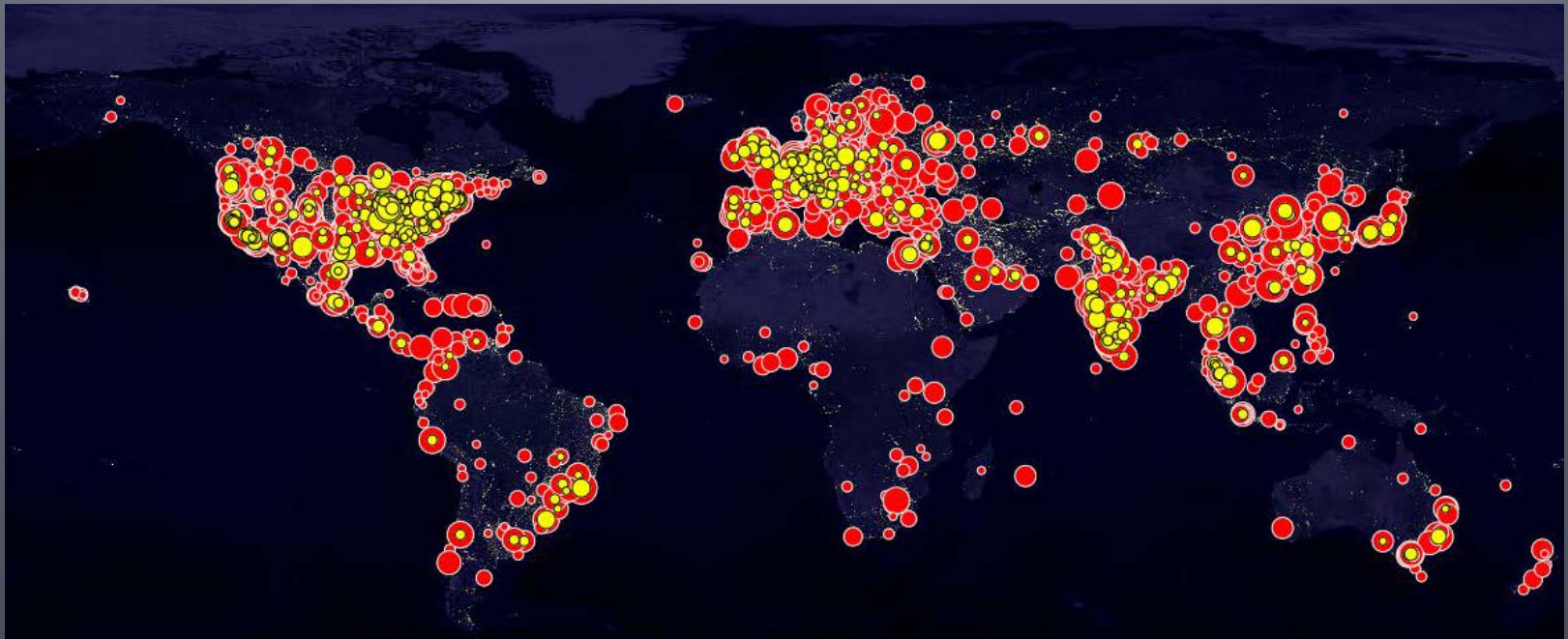


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