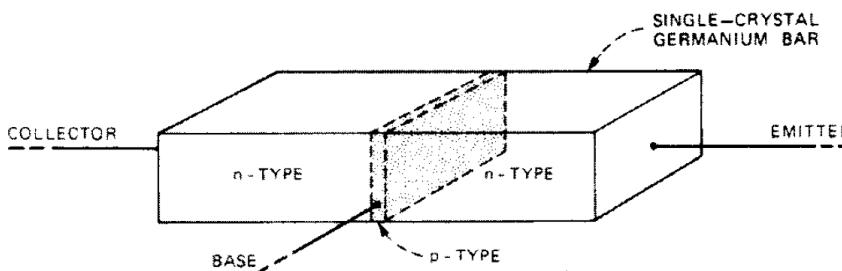


Mini-Review Nanosystem

SINGLE-ELECTRON TRANSISTOR AND
QUANTUM DOTS MADE FROM A
CADMIUM SELENIDE NANOCRYSTAL

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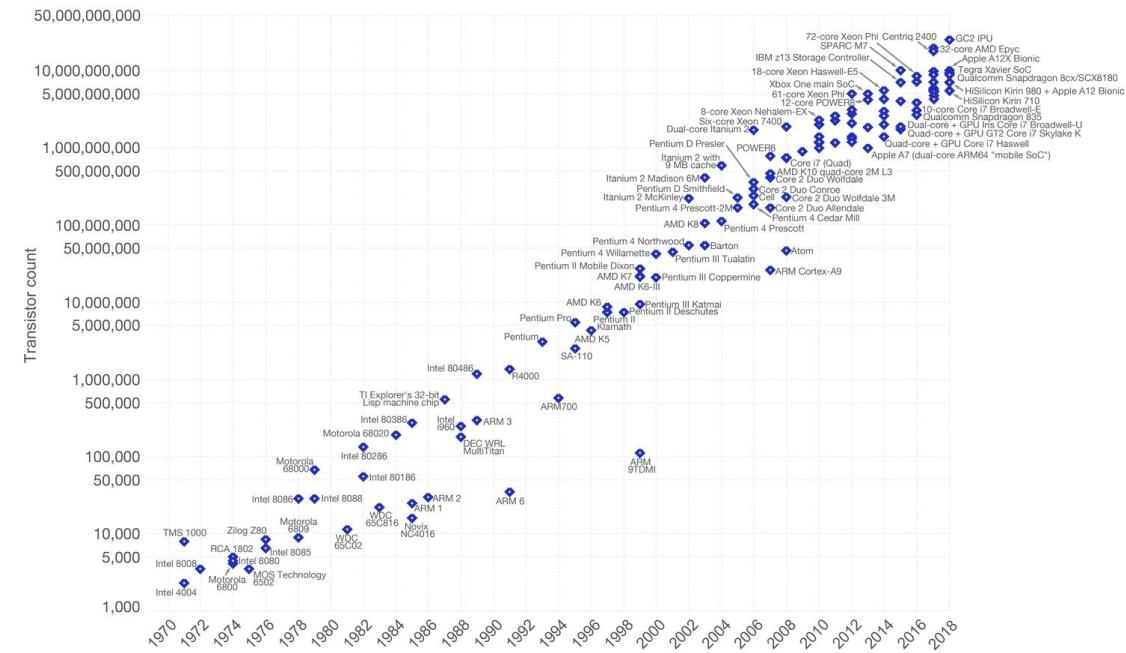
INTRODUCTION



► First junction transistor [1]

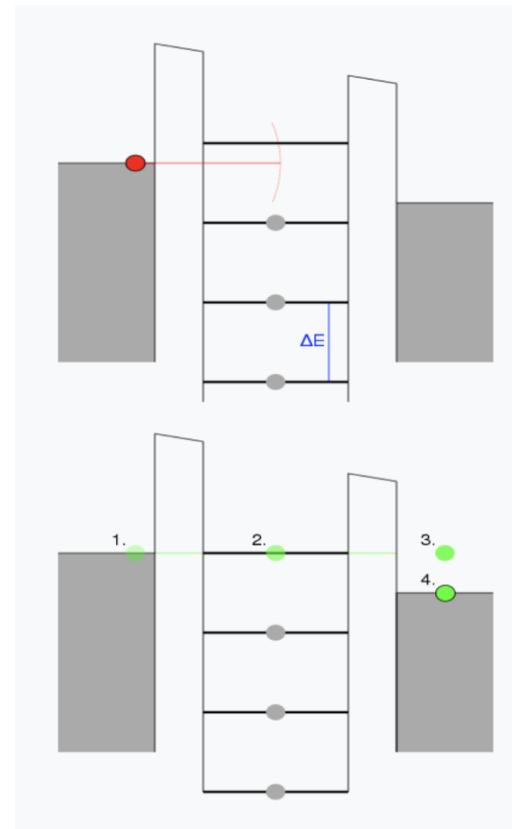
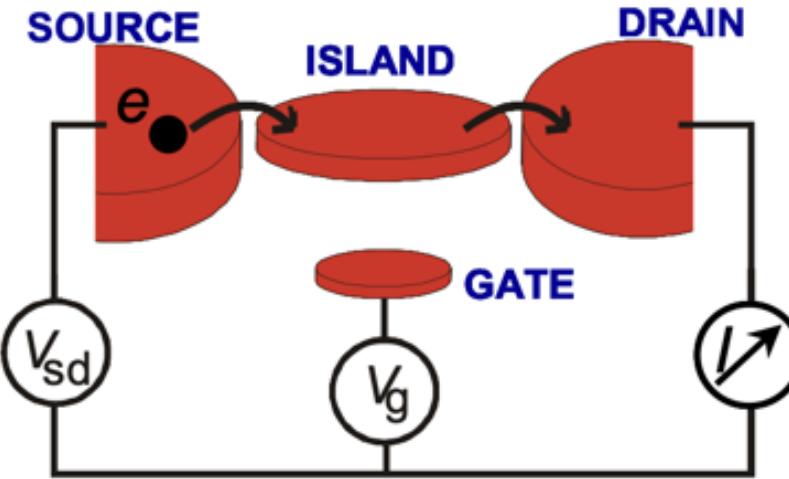
Moore's Law – The number of transistors on integrated circuit chips (1971-2018)

Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years. This advancement is important as other aspects of technological progress – such as processing speed or the price of electronic products – are linked to Moore's law.

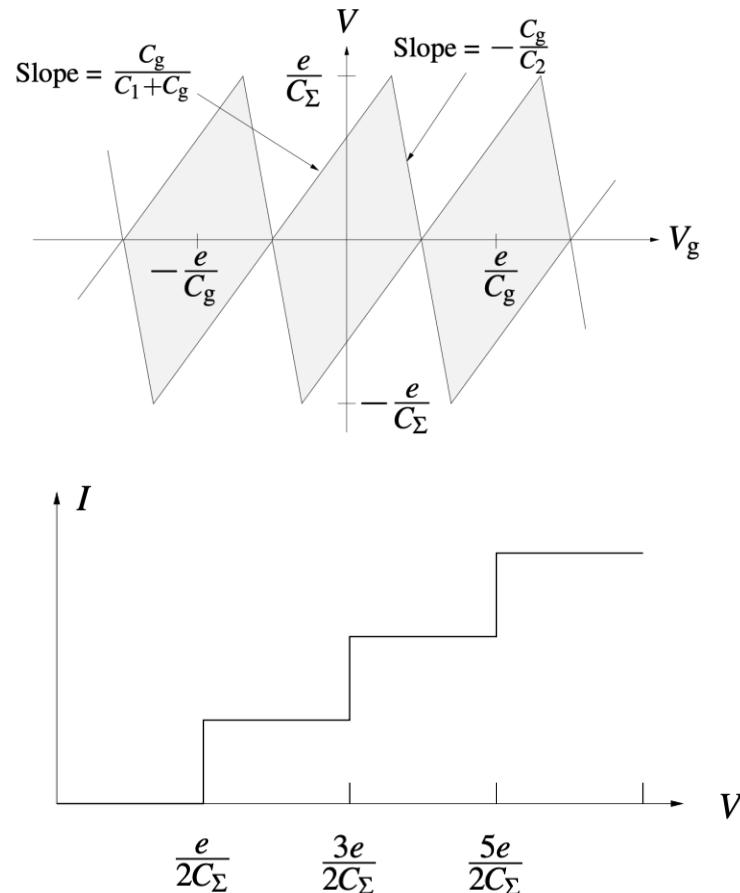


Single electron transistor

- ▶ Quantum dots
- ▶ Tunneling effect
- ▶ Blocked and passing state



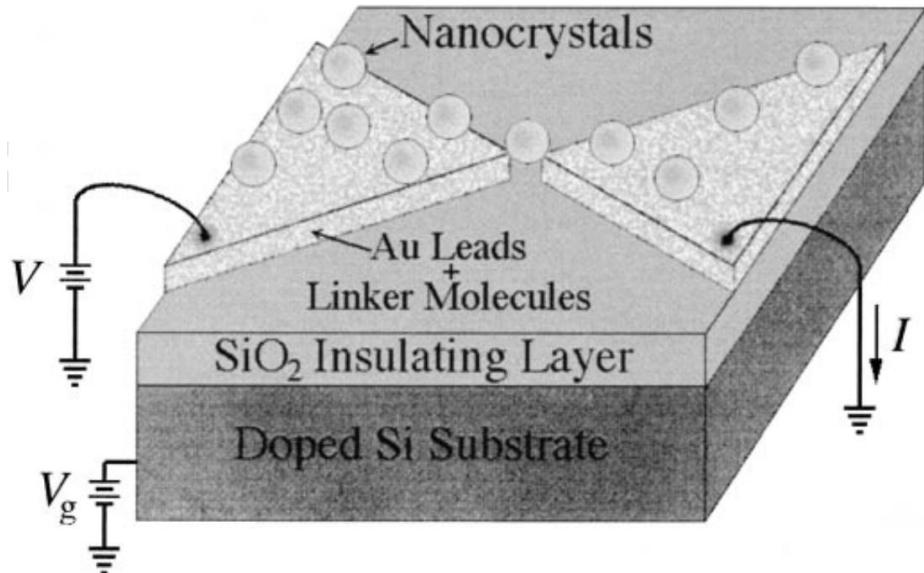
Coulomb blockade



- Coulomb energy $E_c = e^2 / 2C$
- Stability diagram for the SET
- Stable conditions (i.e. no current flow) are only present for values of V and V_g within the shaded regions
- Coulomb staircase

$$k_B T \ll E_c$$

cadmium selenide nanocrystal

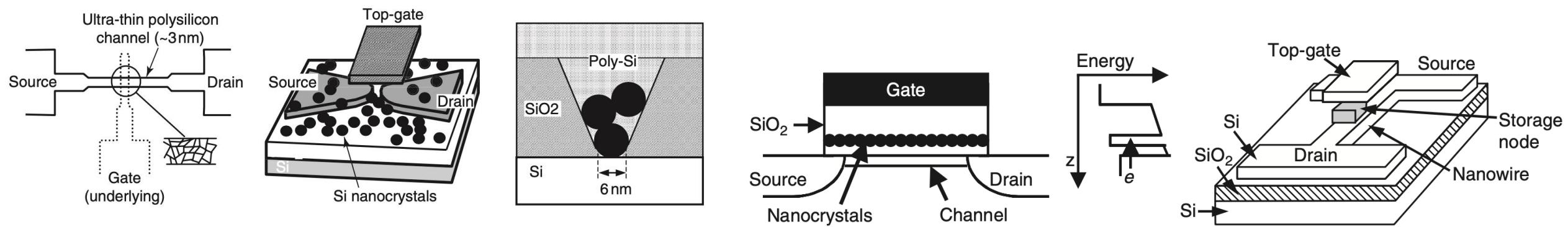


single-electron transistor made from a cadmium selenide nanocrystal [3]

- number of charge carriers can be tuned
- Suitable Bandgap
- Variable size
- Optical properties

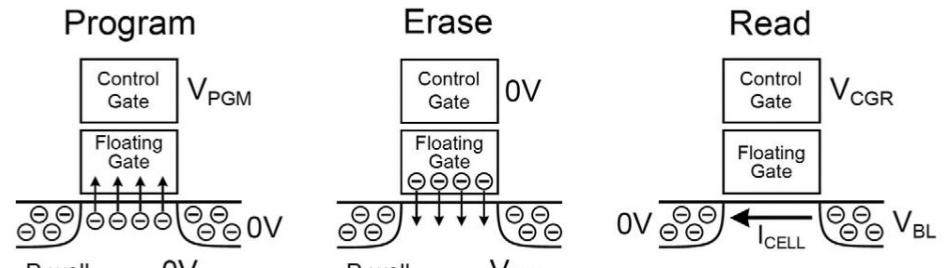
Semiconductor Quantum Dots for memory

The model



Nanosilicon memory cells [5]

Single-electron transistors using silicon nanocrystals [4]



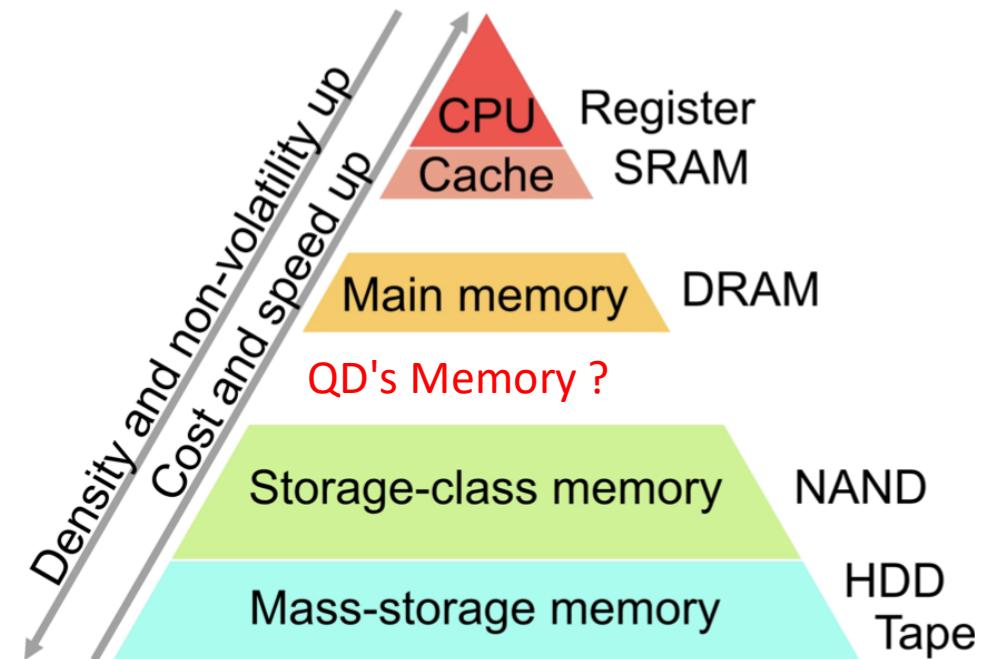
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Semiconductor Quantum Dots for memory comparaison and challenge

- Good scalability small cell size 2-20nm
- power consumption - 0.35 V
- Price
- The write-erase times are $\approx 10\mu\text{s}$
- Data retention – $10^5\text{s} \approx 1\text{month}$
 > volatile memory



Semiconductor Quantum Dots for memory [6]

materials	ON/OFF ratio	memory window (V)	retention time (s)	mobility ($\text{cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	multilevel	optical modulation
polysilicon dot	-	0.16	5	-	4	no
Si nanocrystal	10^3	4.5	2×10^4	-	2	no
Si QD	10^7	1.8	10^5	-	2	no
Fe ₂ O ₃ QD	10^7	1.3	10^5	-	2	no
InAs QD	10^3	6.2	-	-	2	no
CsPbBr ₃ QD	1.86×10^5	16.47	10^3	0.24	6	yes
carbon QD	10^4	15.2	7×10^6	-	5	yes
graphene QD	10^5	80	-	-	2	no
graphene QD	10^6	25.5	200	1.25×10^{-4}	2	yes
rGOQD QD	10	6.83	-	5.005	2	no
CdSe QD	10^2	5.8	-	-	2	yes
CdSe QD	10^5	-	10^4	0.21	2	yes
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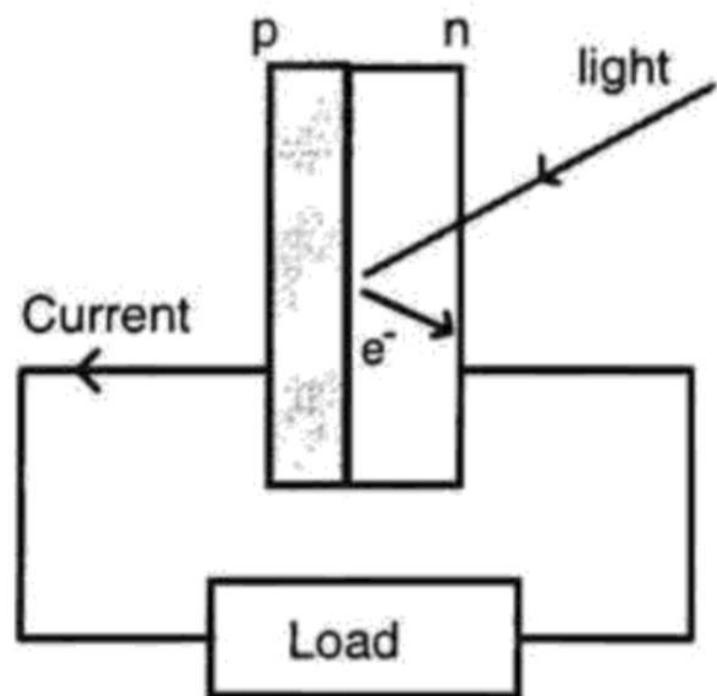
Representative Parameters of the QD-Based RRAM Devices [6]

QD materials	device structure	V_{SET} (V)	V_{RESET} (V)	ON/OFF ratio	cycles	retention time
CdSe QD	Al/CdSe/ITO	-2.5	2.3	100	-	6000 s
	ITO/In ₂ O ₃ /CdSe/Al	-1	2	10 ³	10 ⁵	4000 s
	Ag/PMSSQ/CdSe: PMSSQ/PMSSQ/ITO	3.3	-4.9	10 ⁴	-	10 ⁴ s
	ITO/CdSe/Al/CdSe/Al	-0.45	2	10 ⁴	10 ⁵	4000 s
	Al/CdSe/Al/CdSe/ITO	2	-1	10 ⁴	10 ⁵	3000 s
CdSe-ZnS QD	Ti/CdSe-ZnS/Ti-TiOx/CdSe-ZnS/ITO	1	-2	100	10 ⁵	1500 s
	Al/LiF/CdSe-ZnS: poly N-vinylcarbazole (PVK): TPBi/ITO/Glass/ITO/CdSe-ZnS: PVK/Al	1.45	-	3 × 10 ³	-	-
	Al/CdSe-ZnS/AlOx/CdSe-ZnS/ITO	0.6	-2	10 ³	2 × 10 ⁵	2 × 10 ⁴ s
	Ag/PMSSQ2/PMSSQ: CdSe-ZnS/PMSSQ1/ITO	-0.7	4.5	10 ⁴	-	1 × 10 ⁴ s
CdS-PbS QD	azurin/CdSe-ZnS/Au	2	0.5	10 ³	50	-
	ITO/CdS-PbS: PMMA/Al	-2.1	-	10 ⁵	-	14400 s
CdSe-ZnSe QD	Al/CdSe-ZnS: carbon nanotubes/ITO	1.1	-2.6	10 ⁴	-	several days

Quantum dots-sensitized solar cells

Nowadays :

- Storage system
- Conversion Efficiency
- Cost
- New generation ?



Comparative photovoltaic performance of CdSe QDs-sensitized solar cells

Photoanode structure and sensitizer	J_{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{OC} (V)	FF	η (%)	Remarks
TiO ₂ nanosheets (NSs) photoanode with high (001)-exposed facets (CdS/CdSe-sensitized)	15.07	0.58	0.51	4.42	Superior pore size, specific surface area, porosity, and electron transport properties
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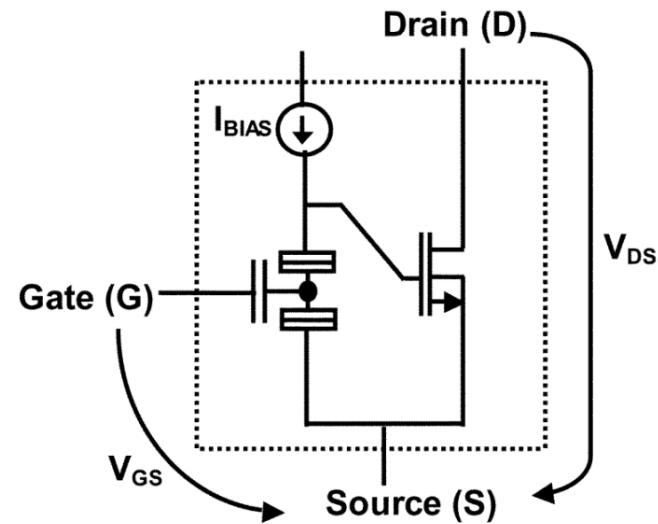
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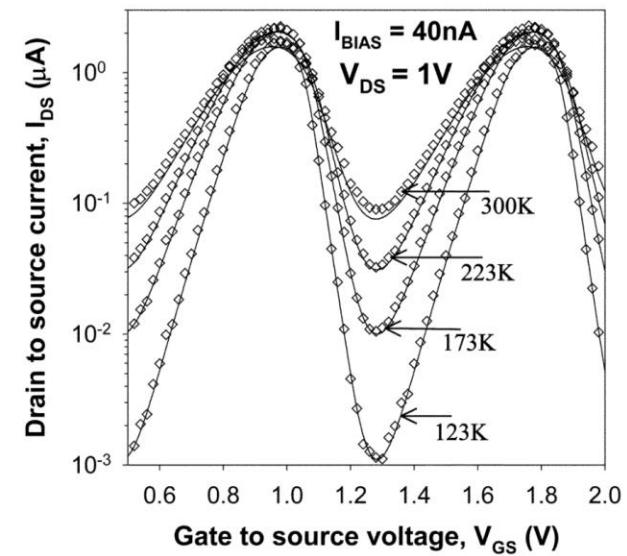
Background charges

Room temperature

$$T_{max} < e^2 / (40kC_{\Sigma})$$



Schematic of the SETMOS device [9]



characteristics predicted by SMARTSPICE (solid line) at different temperatures [9]

Other Applications

- ▶ high-sensitivity electrometer
- ▶ Single electron spectroscopy - Light-emitting diodes made from cadmium selenide nanocrystals
- ▶ Infrared detection
- ▶ voltage or current-controlled logic circuits
- ▶ programmable transistors
- ▶ Many more

Limits

- ▶ Temperature dependency
- ▶ Background charges
- ▶ Precision and uniformity of the structure
- ▶ Power consumption/dissipation
- ▶ Fluctuations of the operation voltage
- ▶ Heavy-metal quantum dot semiconductors can be cytotoxic



Thank you for your attention

Annexe

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