

# Low temperature operation

## Single electron charging energy

$$E_C = e^2/C, (C=8\epsilon_r\epsilon_0 R, \text{ disk})$$

$$R = 10 \text{ nm} \quad E_C = 30 \text{ meV}$$

$$R = 100 \text{ nm} \quad E_C = 3 \text{ meV}$$

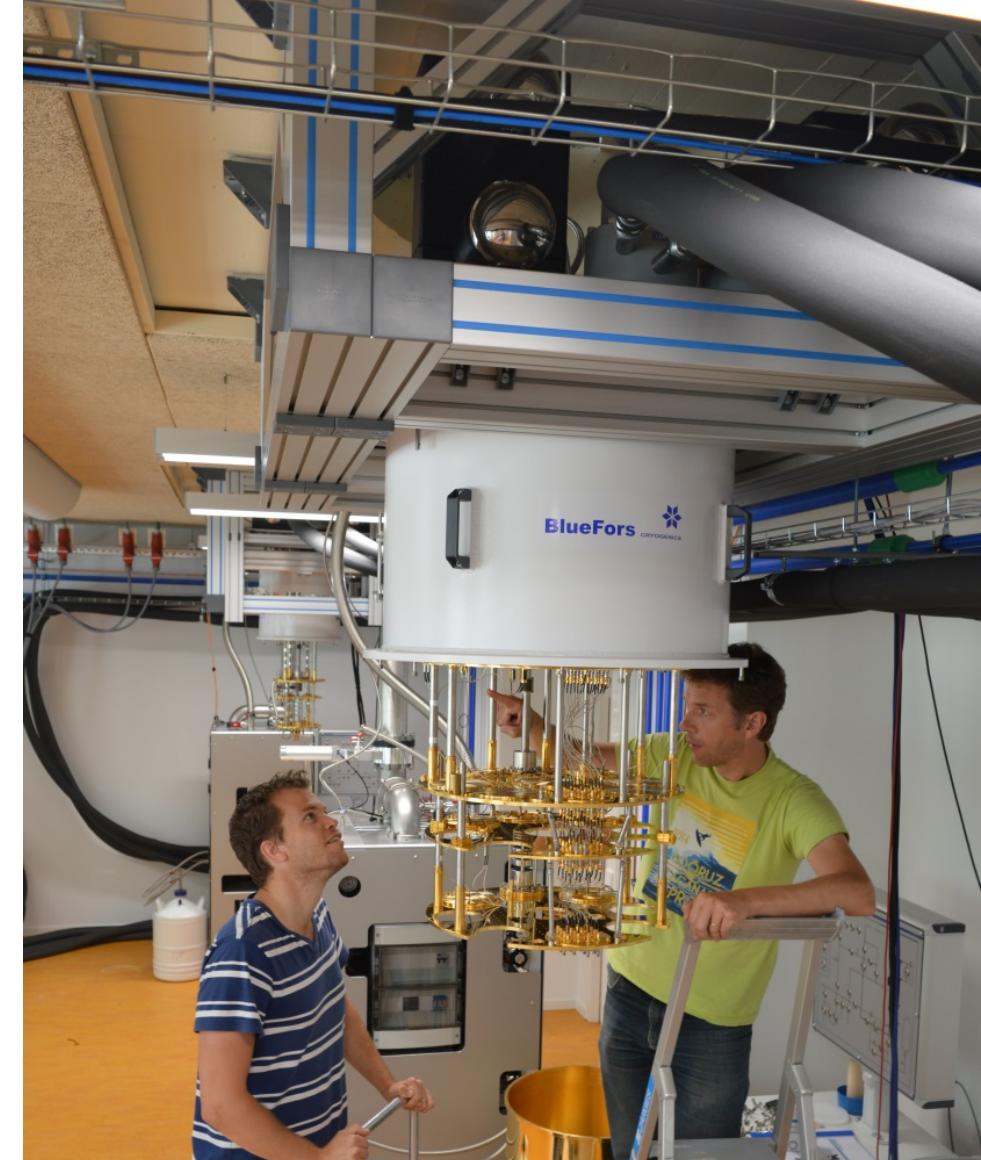
## Thermal energy

$$T = 300 \text{ K} \quad k_B T \sim 26 \text{ meV}$$

$$T = 4.2 \text{ K} \quad k_B T \sim 0.35 \text{ meV}$$

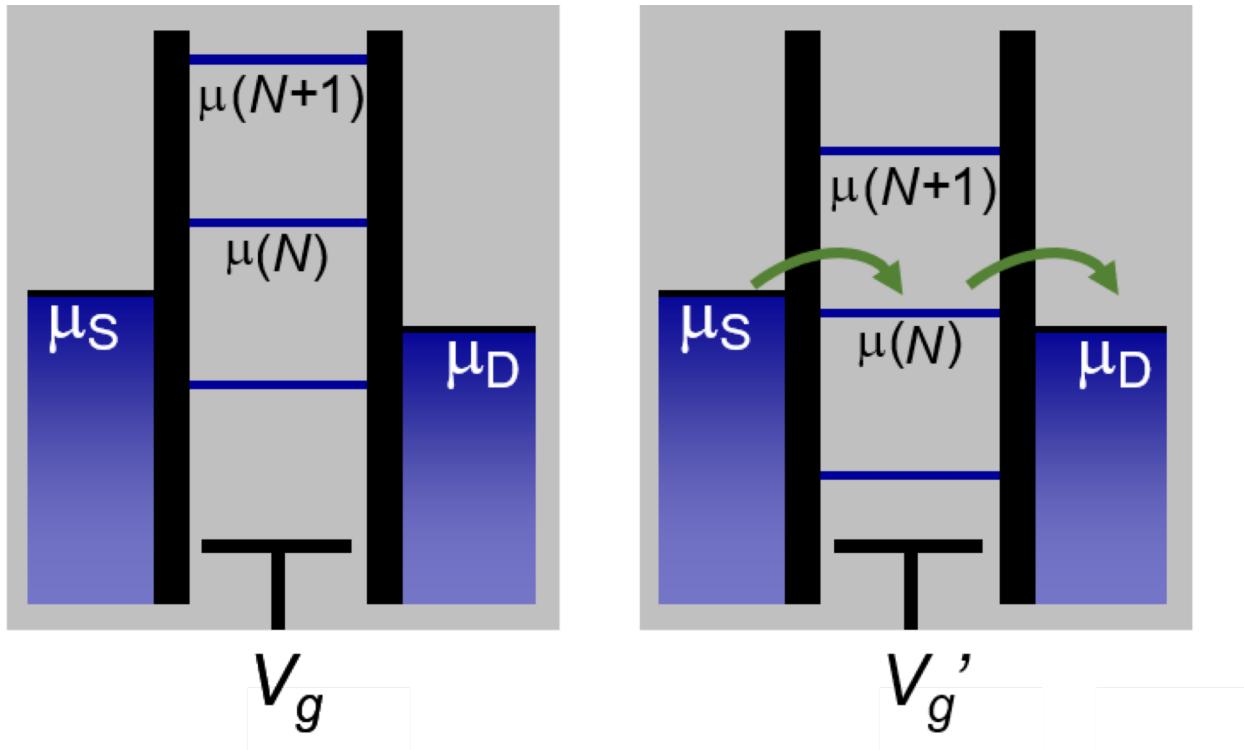
$$T = 30 \text{ mK} \quad k_B T \sim 2.6 \text{ ueV}$$

**Operation is at low temperatures**



Dilution refrigerators reach temperatures below 10mK

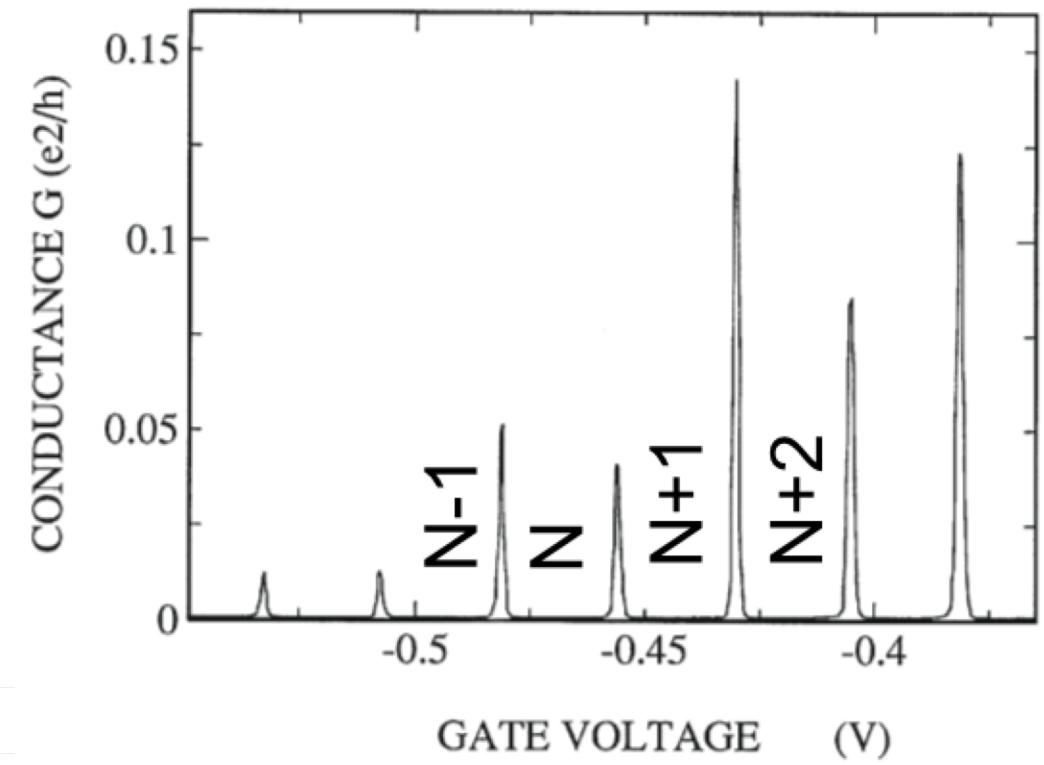
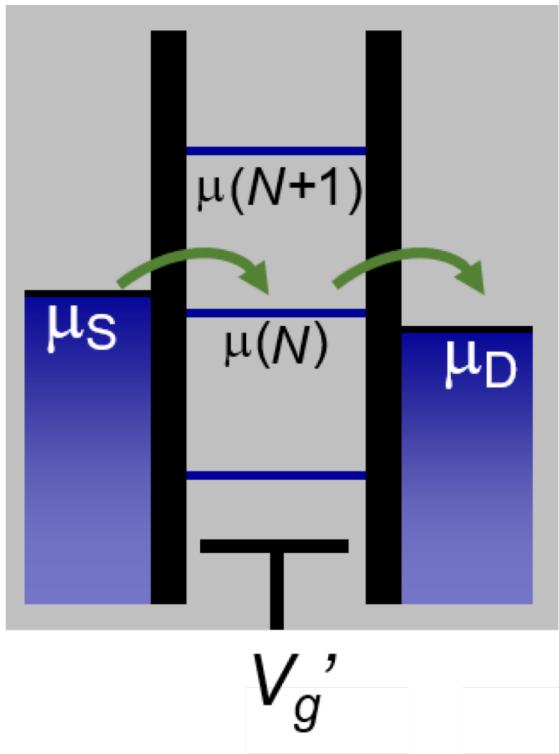
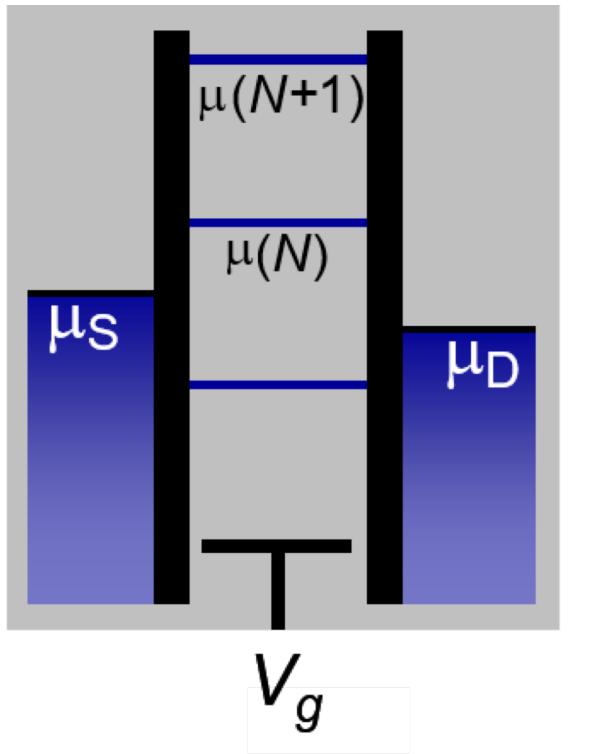
# Quantum dots



- Energy an electron needs to have in order to enter the dot.

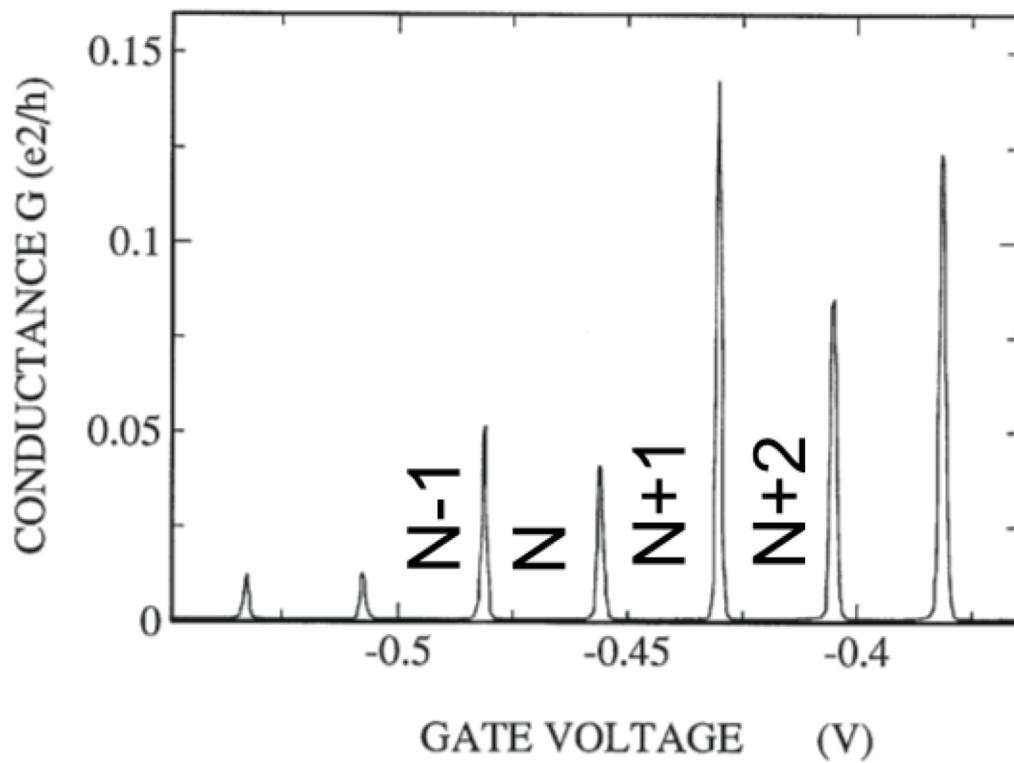
$$m(n) = \mu(N) - \mu(N - 1)$$

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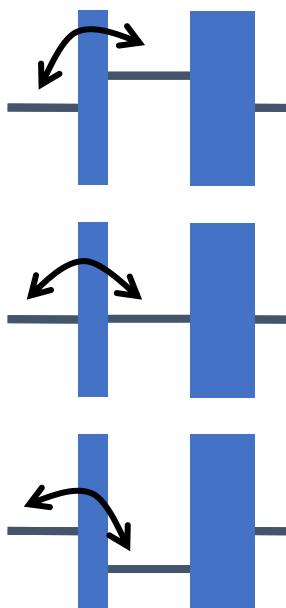
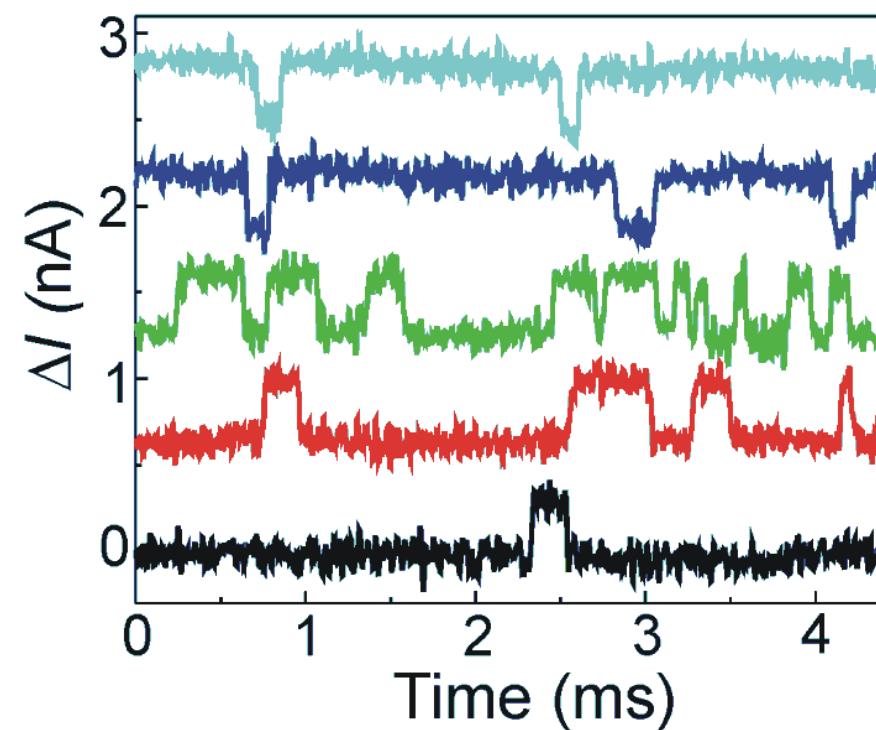


# Charge sensing

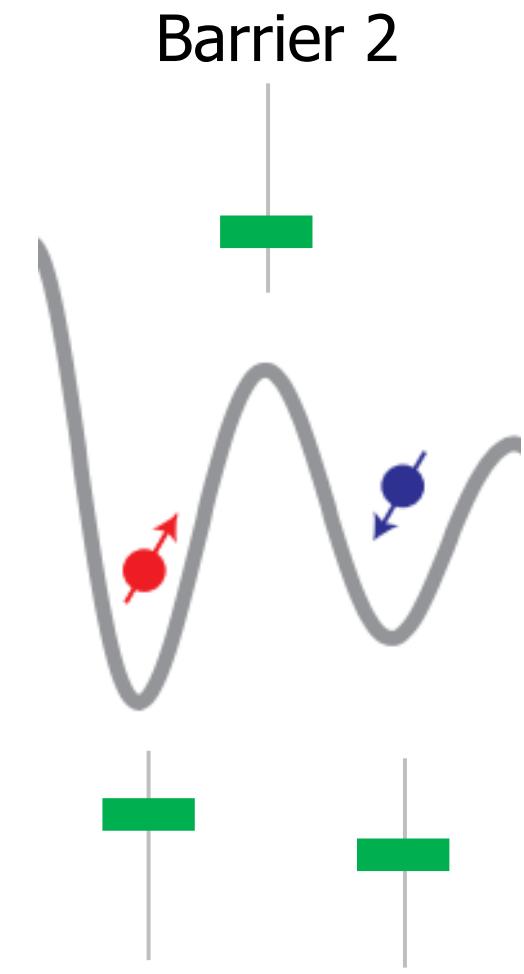
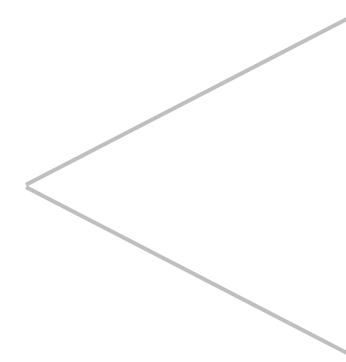
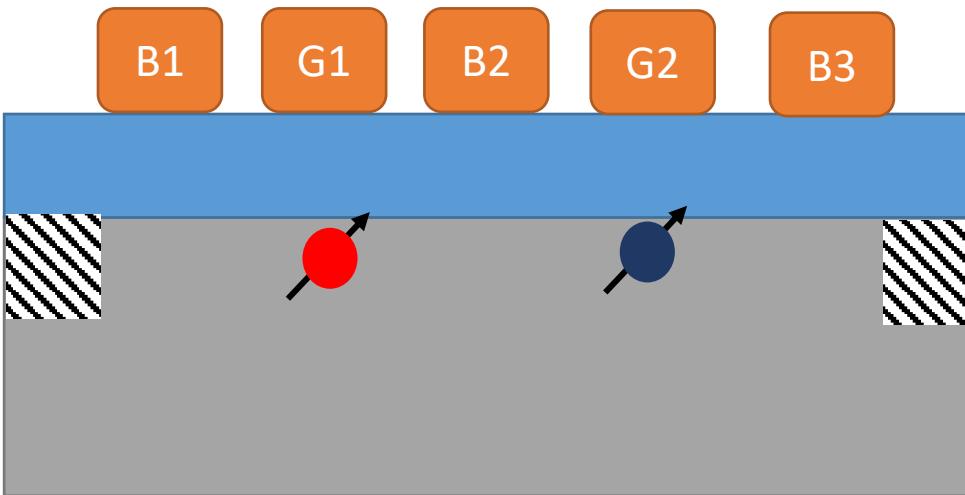
- A quantum dot can also be a very sensitive electrometer.



- See single electrons jump on/off in real time.

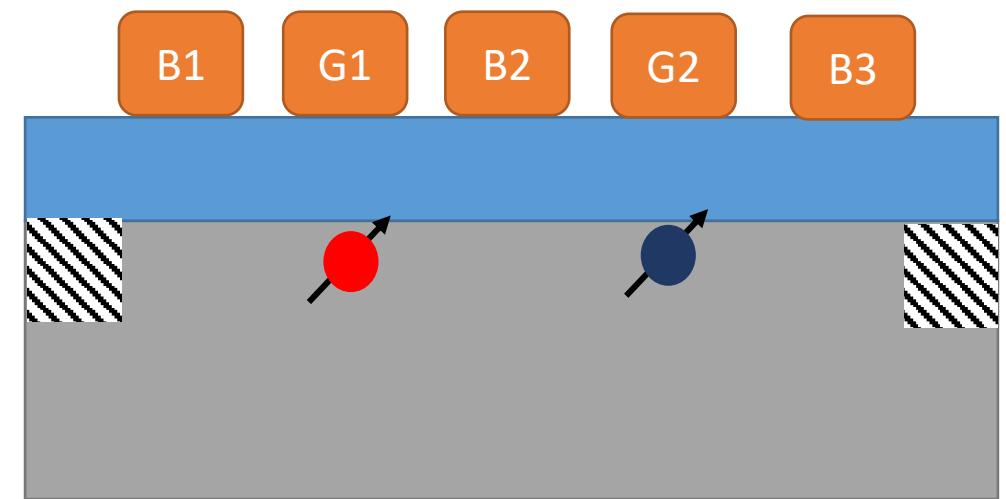
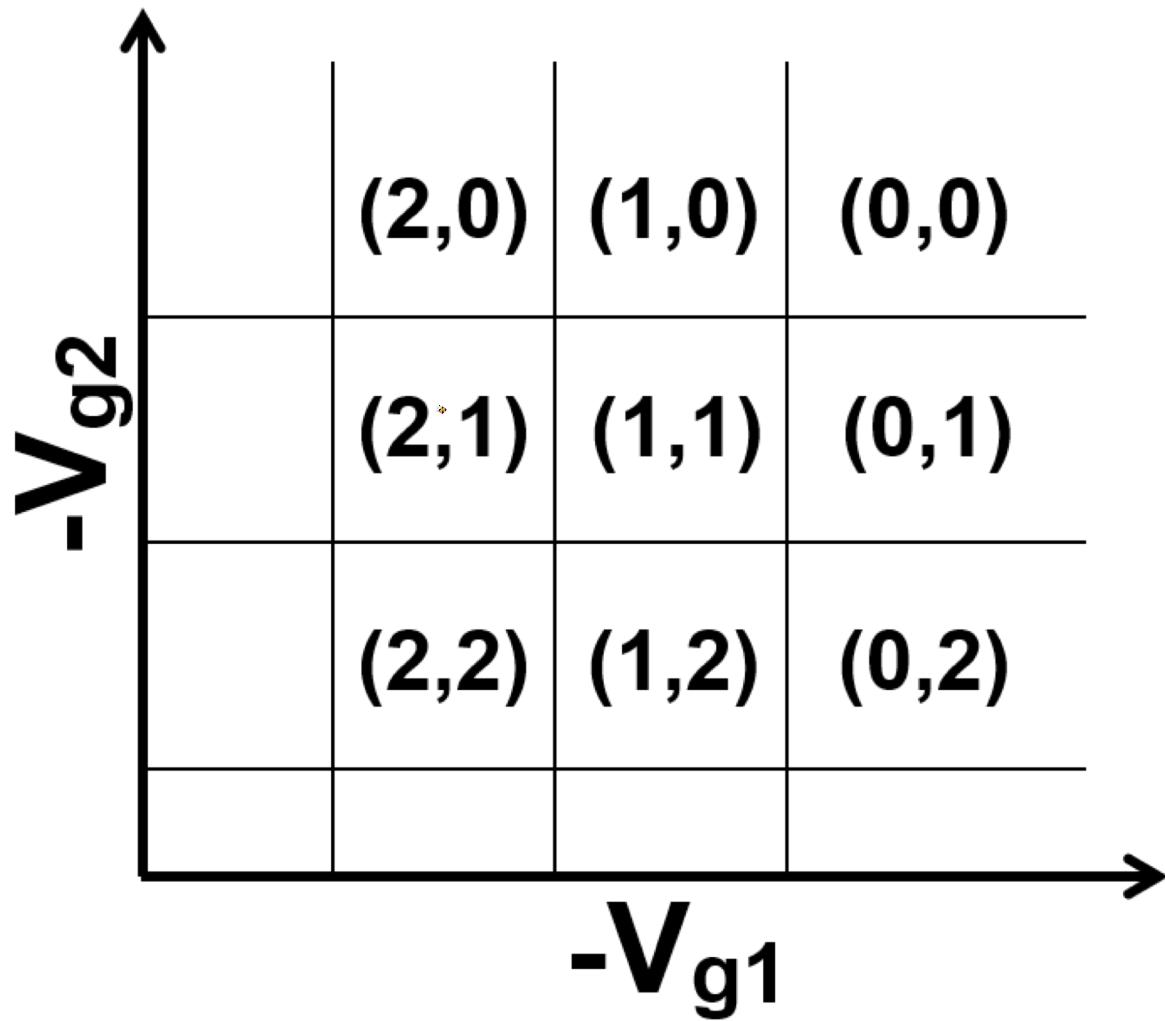


# Quantum dot system

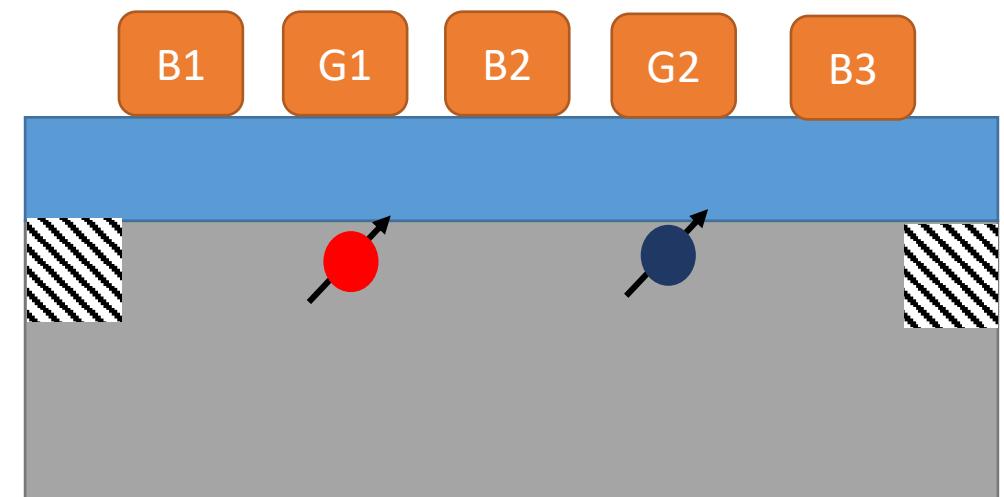
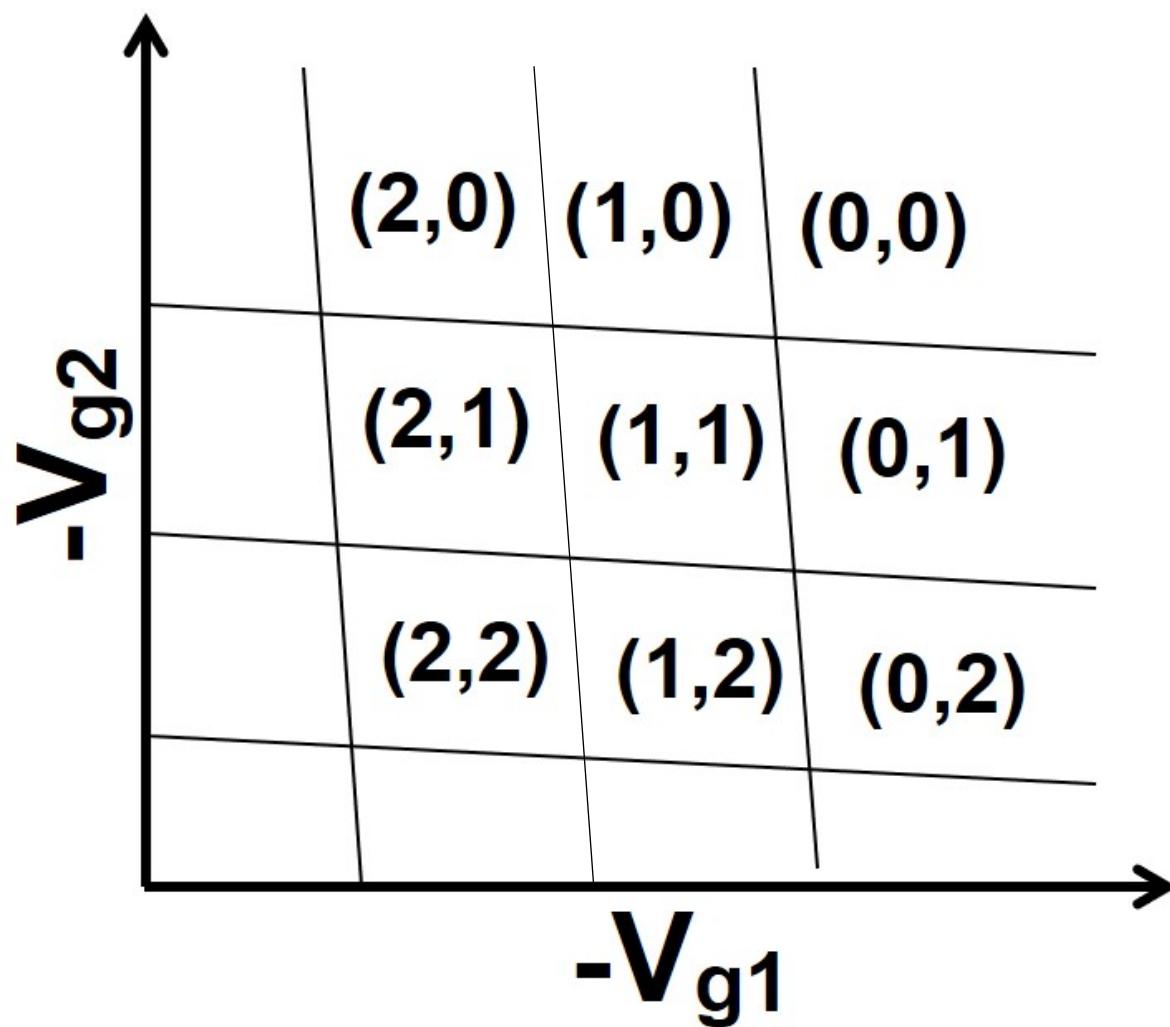


Barrier 2  
Gate 1   Gate 2

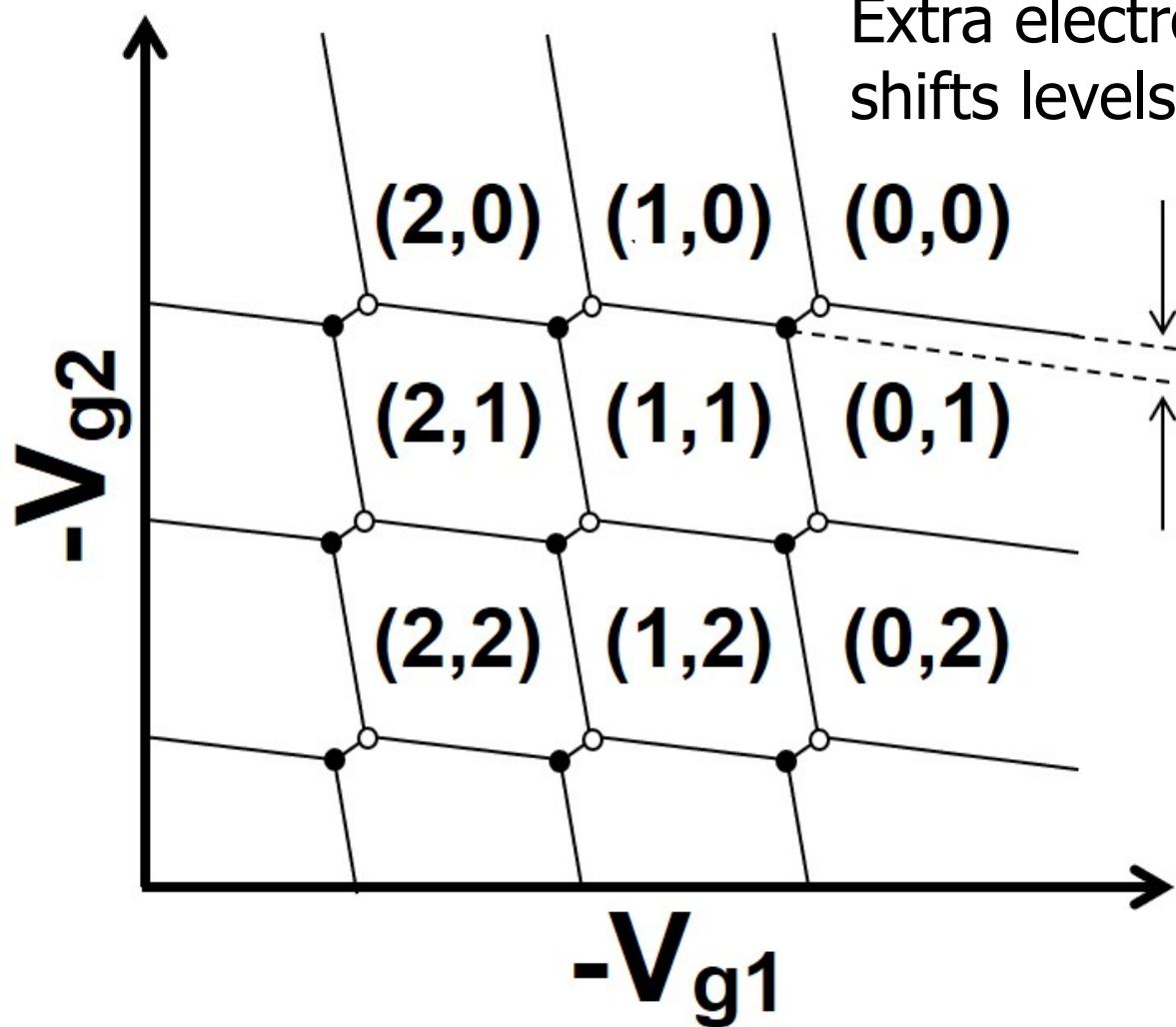
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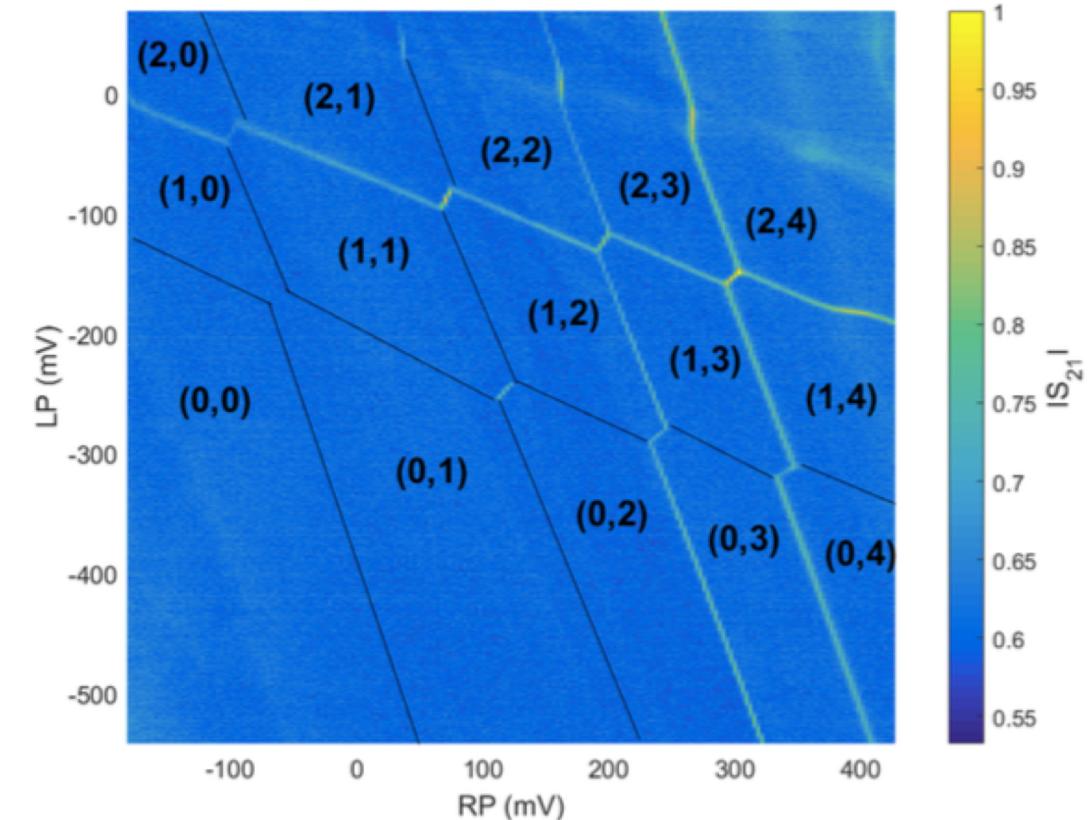
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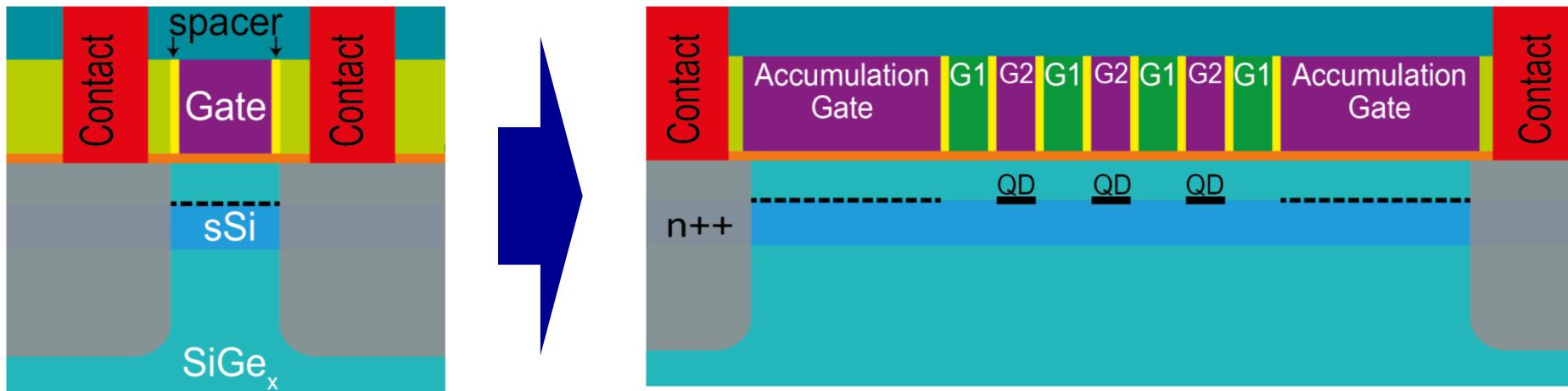
# Two coupled quantum dots



Extra electron in one dot  
shifts levels of other dot



# From transistors to many quantum dots



Industrial involvement





# A quantum integrated circuit

