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半导体的几何增强磁电阻

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2007 诺贝尔物理学奖：巨磁电阻（GMR）效应



Peter Grünberg (Germany)

Albert Fert (France)

- 巨磁阻效应在1988年由德国尤利西研究中心的彼得·格林贝格(Peter Grünberg)和巴黎第十一大学的艾尔伯·费尔(Albert Fert)分别独立发现的，他们因此共同获得2007年诺贝尔物理学奖。

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磁电阻效应

磁电阻（磁阻） magnetoresistance (MR)

$$\text{MR} = [\text{R}(\text{H}) - \text{R}(0)] / \text{R}(0) \%$$

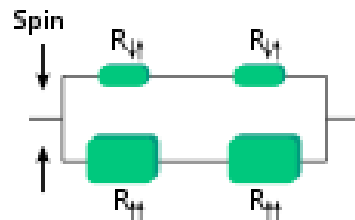
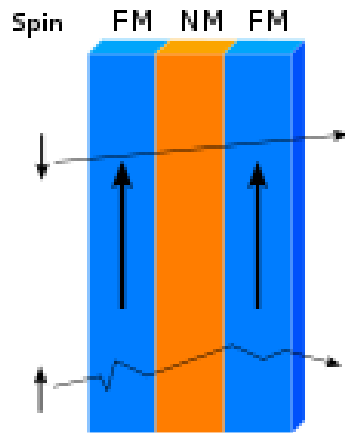
任何材料都有磁电阻，这种磁电阻称为**ordinary magnetoresistance (OMR)**，机理是电子在磁场下有洛伦兹偏转，导致电阻增。

OMR很小，通常小于1—2%，应用价值不大。

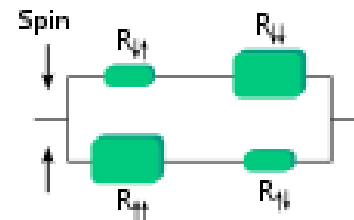
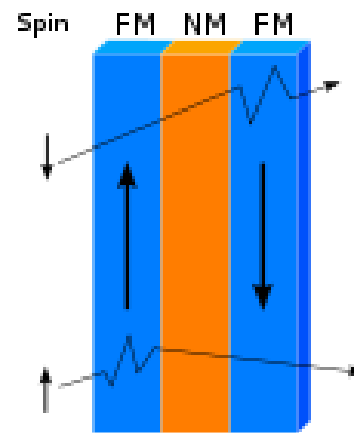
巨磁阻（GMR）效应

1988年，格林贝格尔的研究小组研究了由铁、铬、铁三层材料（**Fe/Cr/Fe**）组成的结构物质，实验结果显示电阻下降了1.5%。而费尔的研究小组则研究了由铁和铬组成的多层材料（**Fe/Cr**），使得电阻下降了50%。这么大的磁电阻MR称为巨磁阻（**GMR**）

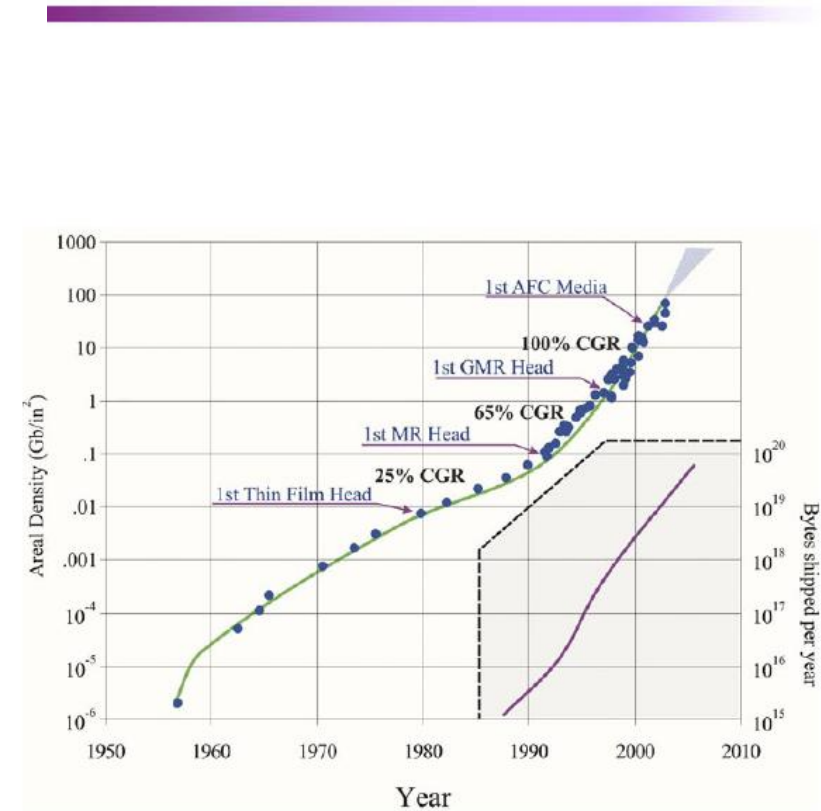
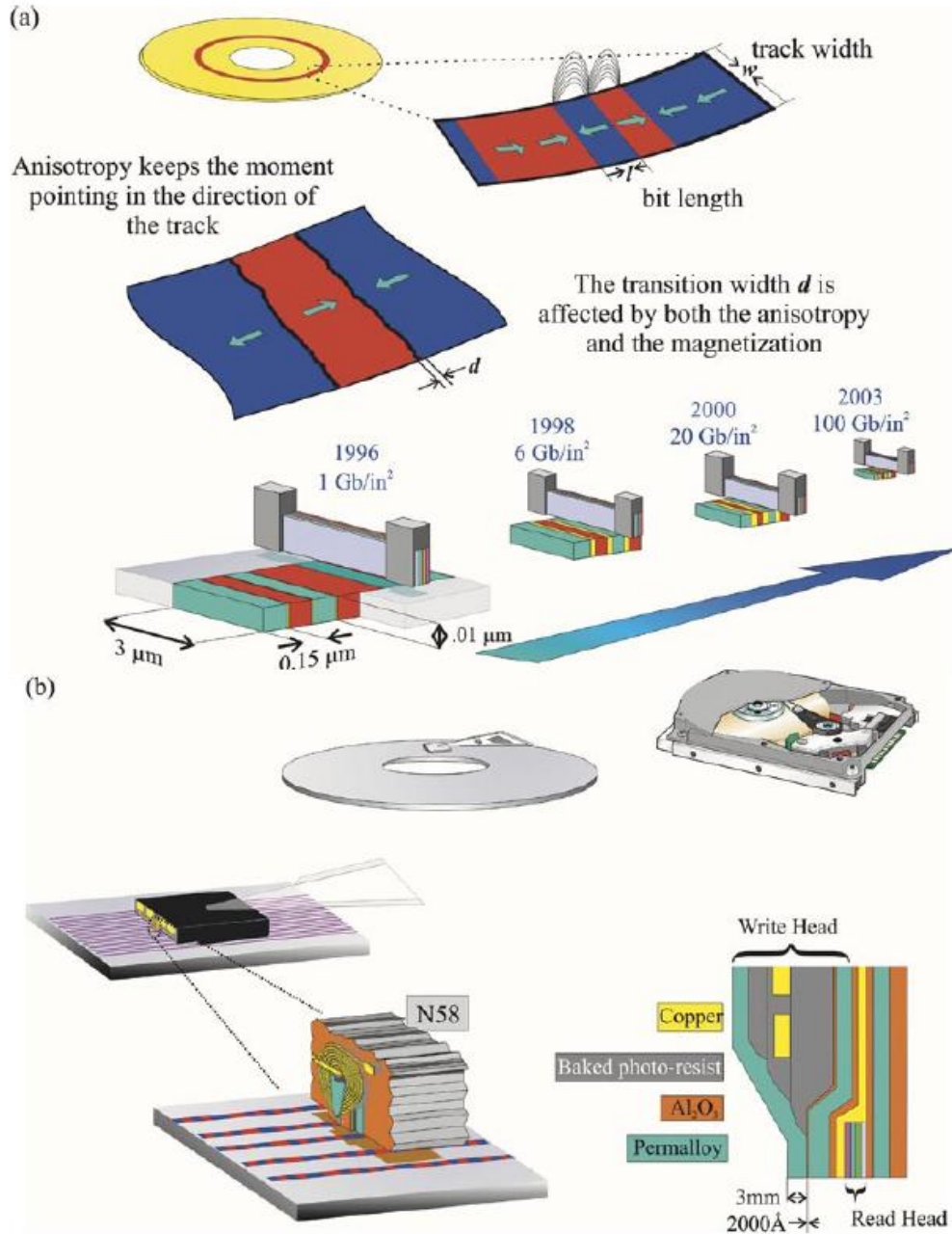
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磁电阻大



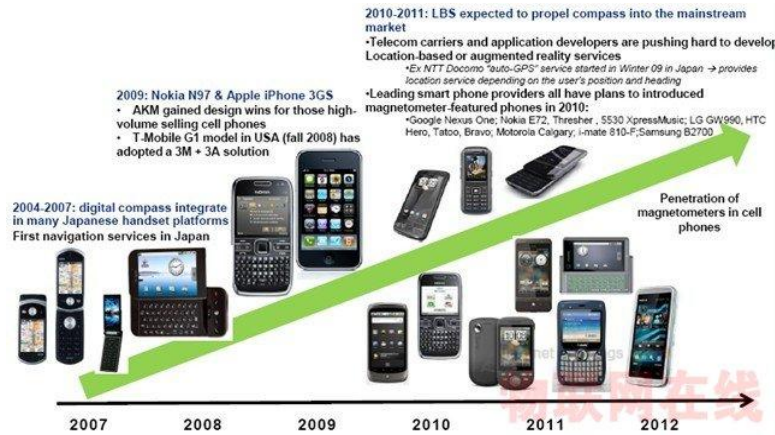
自旋反平行，
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Application of GMR: read head in computer



Magnetic Sensor



2006-2012 年全球面向手机的惯性与磁性传感器市场预测

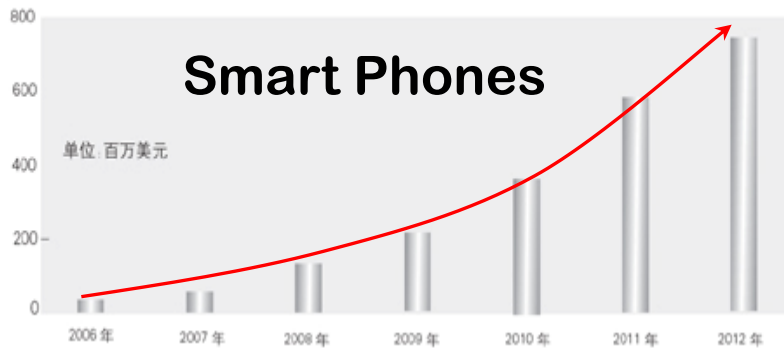
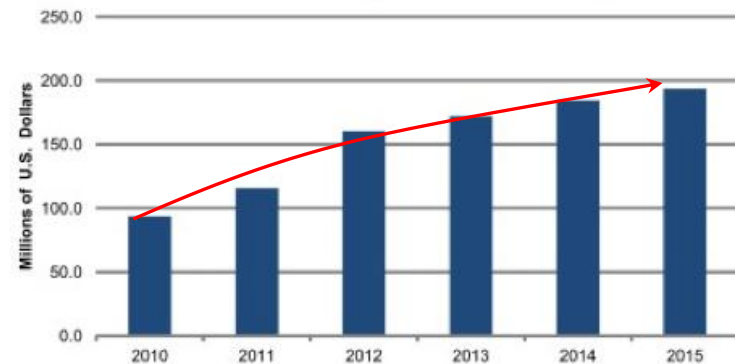


Figure 1: Worldwide Revenue Forecast for Magnetic Sensors in Automotive Motors (Millions of U.S. Dollars)



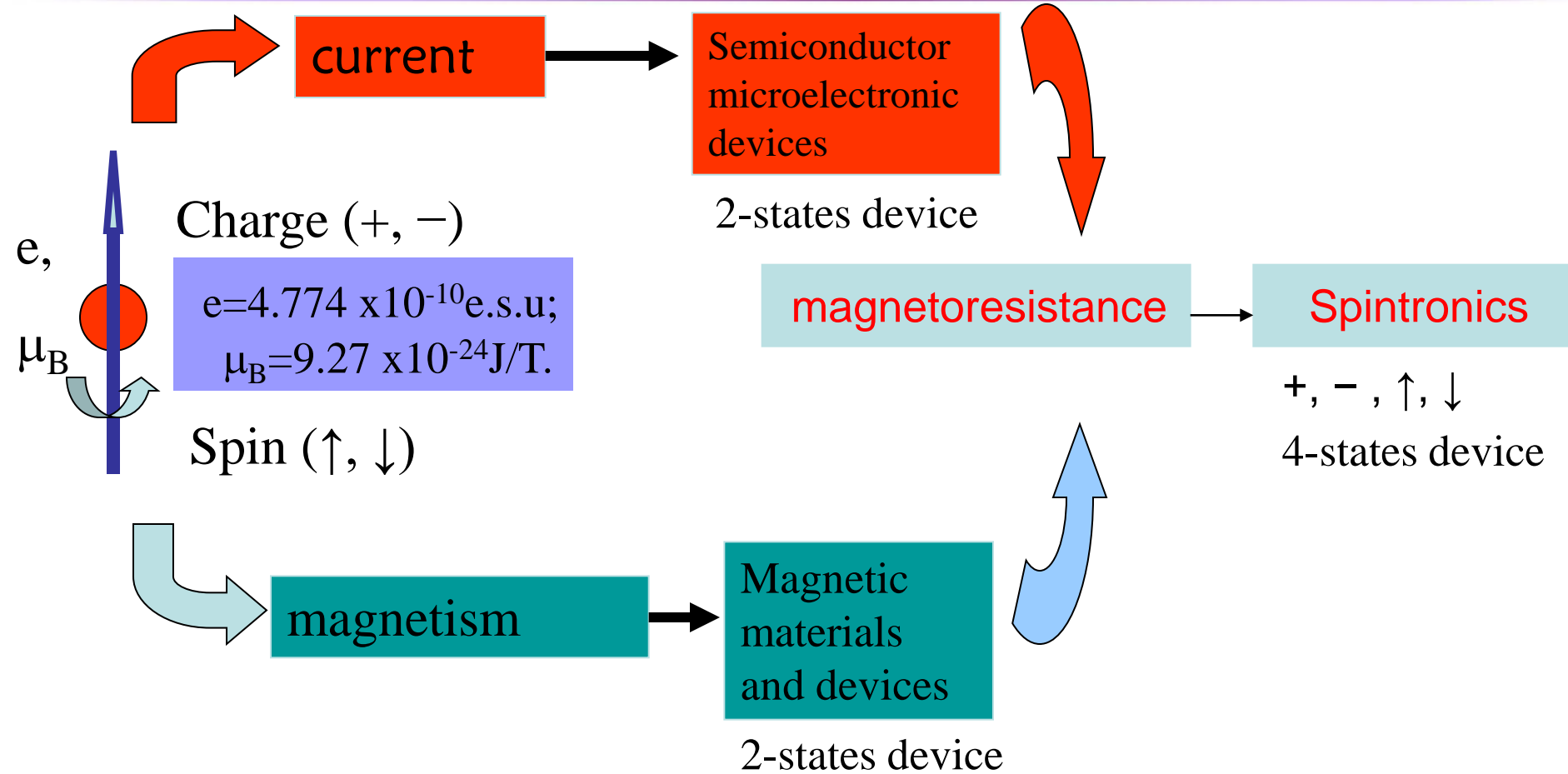
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Electronic compass、 speed monitor、 magnetic location

巨磁阻传感器的应用

电流探测、位置探测、转速测量、磁卡读头、磁罗盘、GPS应用、验钞机、接近开关、无人地面传感器、探雷、导弹导航、海洋矿物探测、陆上车辆和水下不明物如潜艇等的监控和探测等。

Spintronics



magneto-resistance (MR)

$$\text{MR} = [\text{R(H)} - \text{R(0)}] / \text{R(0)} \%$$

Spintronics (spin electronics)

- Spintronics is the next generation technology **utilizing electron spins** to perform operations previously associated with electron charges.
- The **advantages** of spin manipulation compared with charge manipulation are
 - lower power consumption
 - faster processing speed
 - non-volatility
 - longer spin coherence time or length.

Spintronic Materials

- **Metal based spintronic materials** (spin)
 - GMR & TMR, **have been widely used**
 - Applications: magnetic sensor, magnetic readhead, magnetic tunnel junction (MTJ) devices and magnetic random access memory (MRAM)
 - GMR&TMR 器件要用稀土材料，而稀土材料很难获得，找一种不需要稀土材料的MR 材料就非常迫切！
- **Semiconductor based spintronic materials** (charge + spin)
 - based on dilute ferromagnetism in transitional metal doped semiconductor, such as GaMnAs and ZnCoO, **succeeded in low temperature**
 - Applications: spin-FET, spin-LED
- **Molecular spintronic materials**
mainly use organic materials

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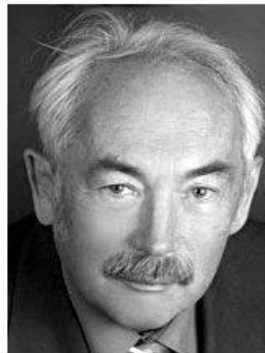
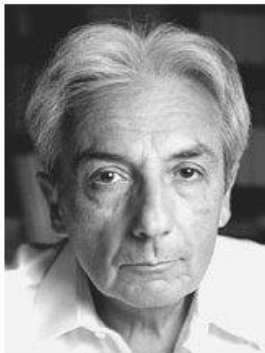
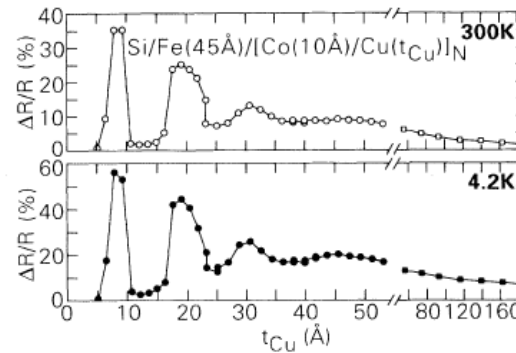
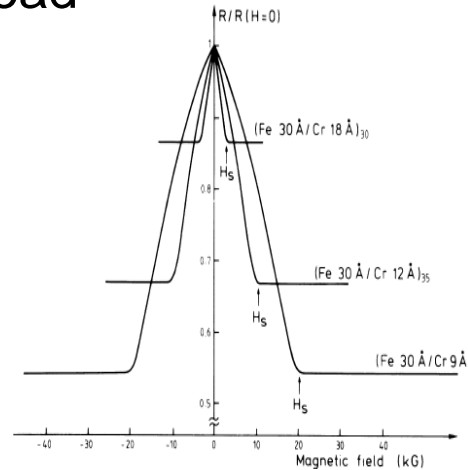
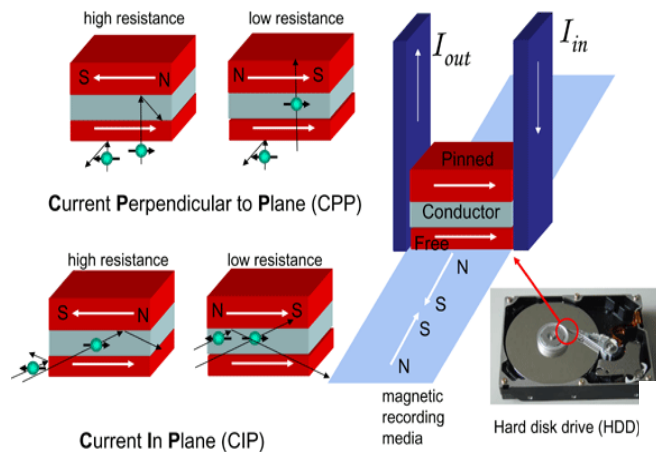
MR in magnetic materials

- ◆ Giant magnetoresistance (GMR)
- ◆ Tunneling magnetoresistance (TMR)
- ◆ Colossal Magnetoresistance (CMR)

GMR: spin dependent scattering

GMR was found in 1988, $MR < 0$, $MR \sim$ a few tens %, used for making magnetic head

Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR)



Baibich, Phys. Rev. Lett, 1988

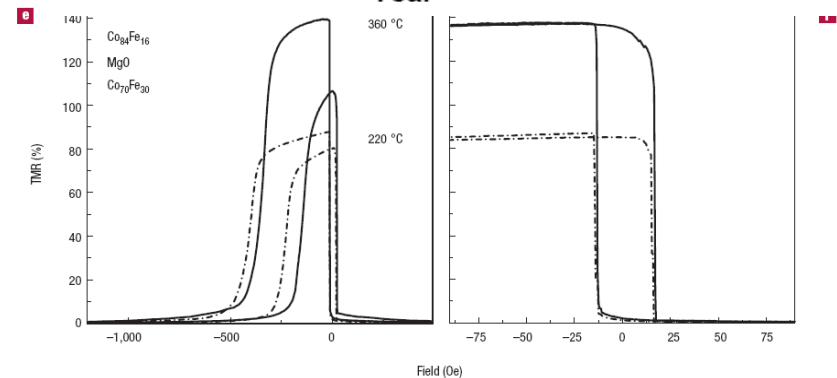
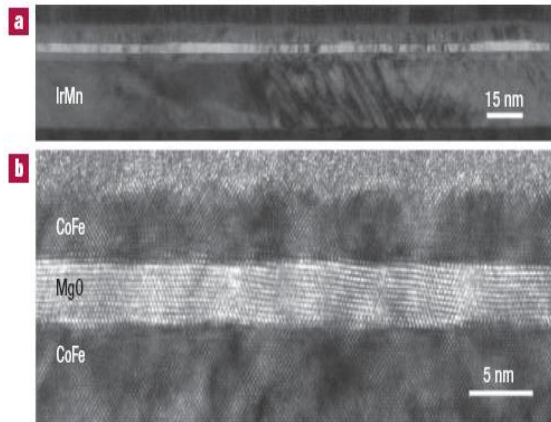
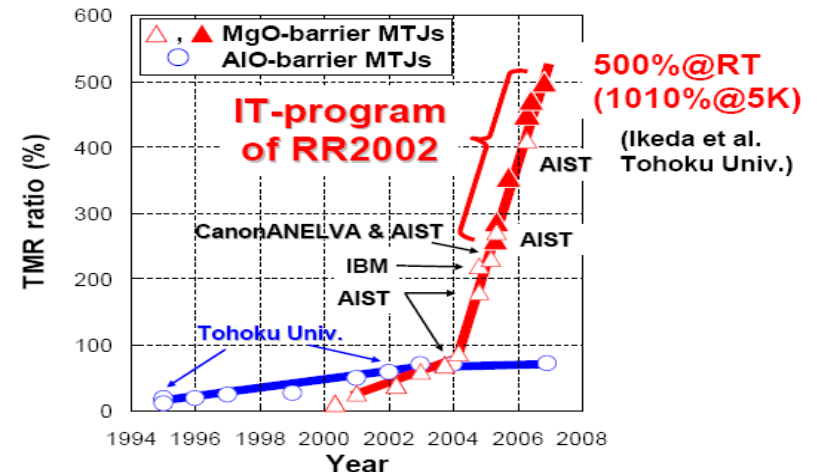
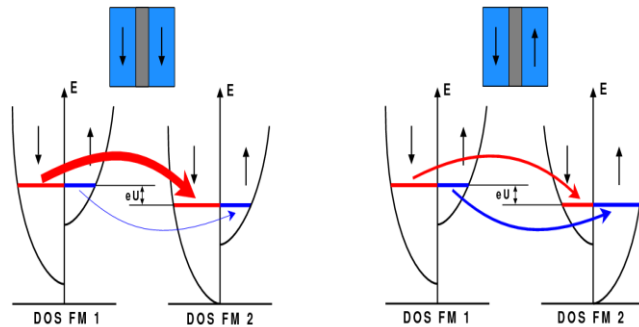
<http://www.nims.go.jp/apfim/GMR.html>

Parkin, Phys. Rev. Lett, 1991.

Discovery of GMR won 2007 Nobel Prize in Physics

TMR: spin dependent tunneling

TMR: $MR < 0$, $MR \sim$ a few hundred %, since 2005 it replaced GMR for making magnetic head

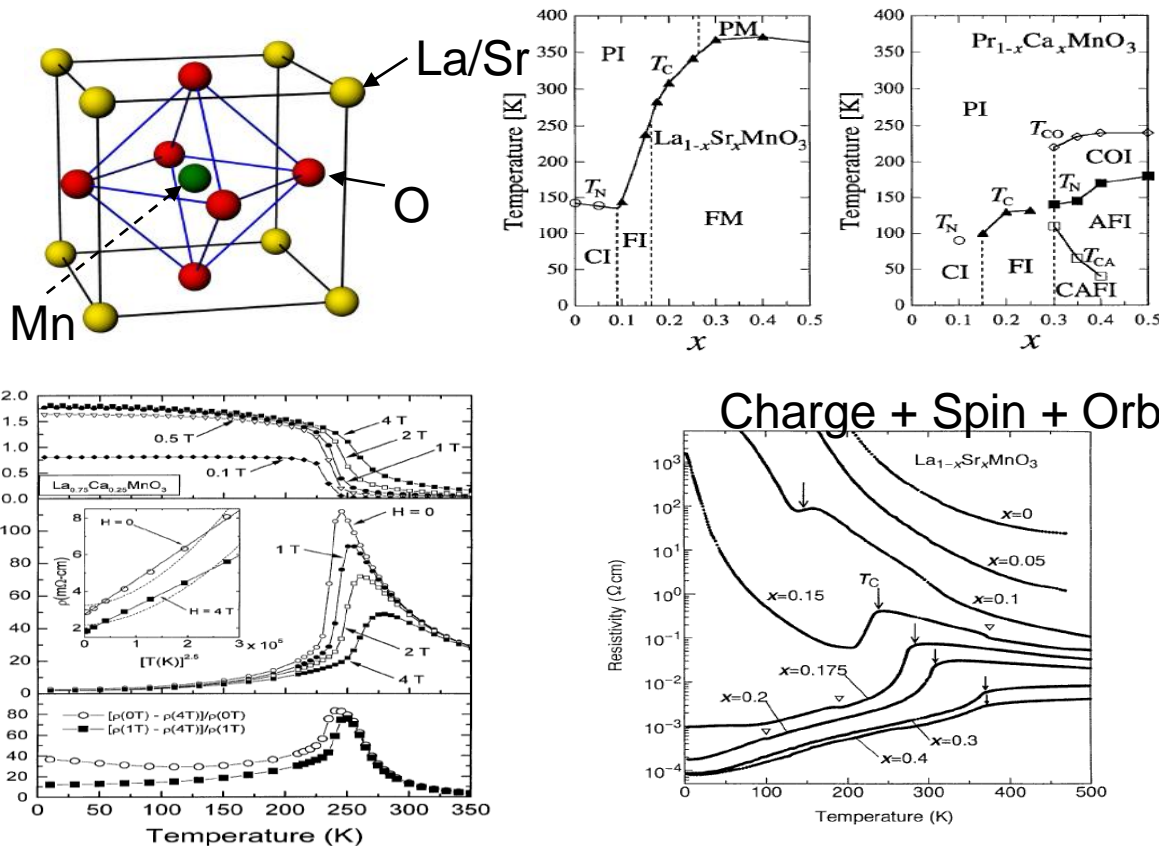


Ikeda et al has achieved 600% TMR at room temperature with MgO barrier

T. Miyazak, JST-DFG Workshop, 2008. Parkin, Nat. Mat. 2004.

CMR: spin-orbit-charge interplay

CMR: found in 1989, $MR < 0$, $MR \sim 100\%$,
 has not found application because it need large H
 and its MR appeared in low temperature

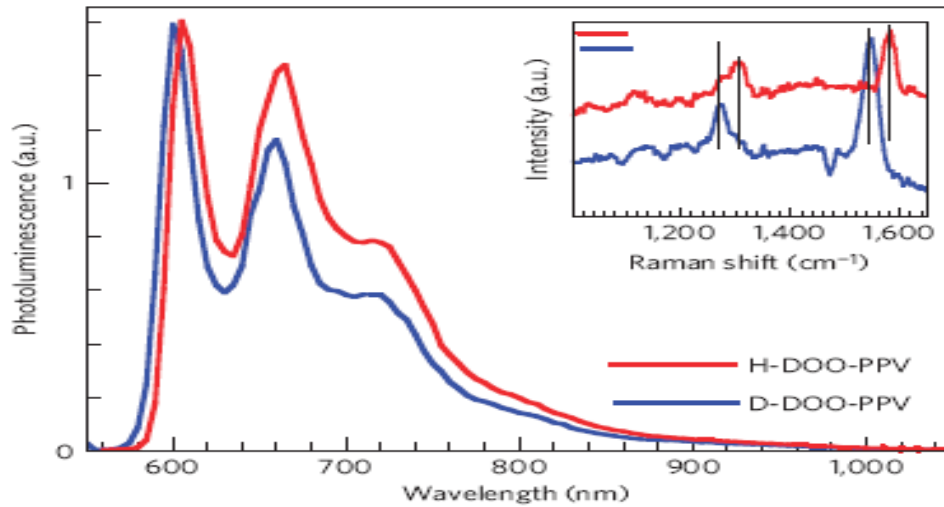


MR in non-magnetic materials

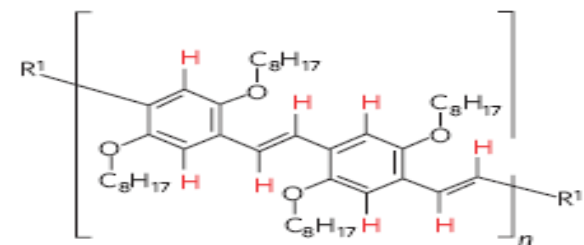
- ◆ MR in Organic materials
- ◆ MR in Graphene/carbon nanotubes
- ◆ **Inhomogeneous MR (IMR)**

Organic MR: related with Hyperfine interaction?

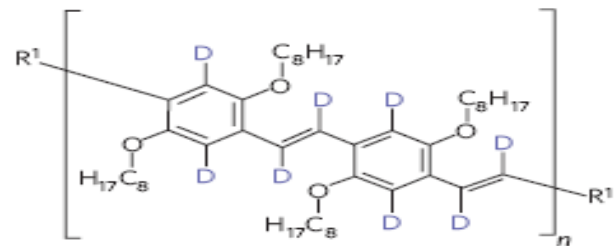
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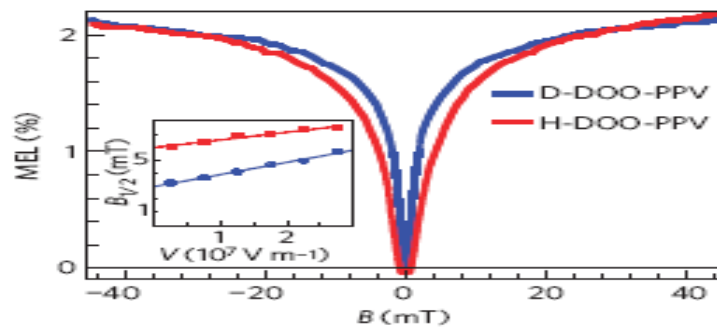
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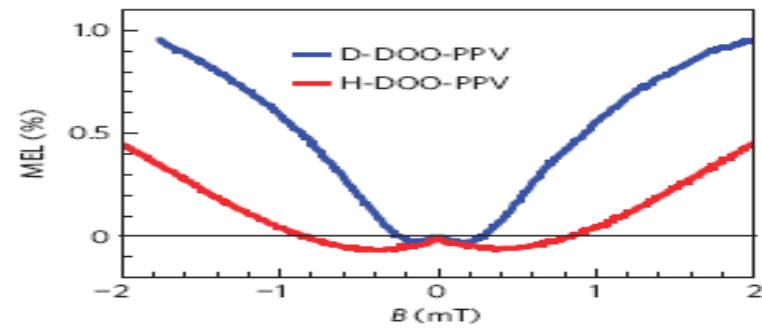
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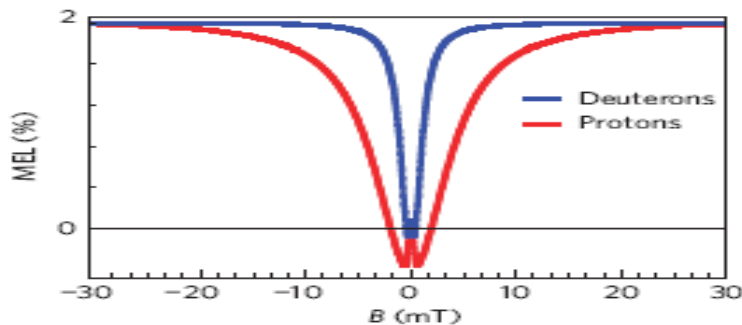
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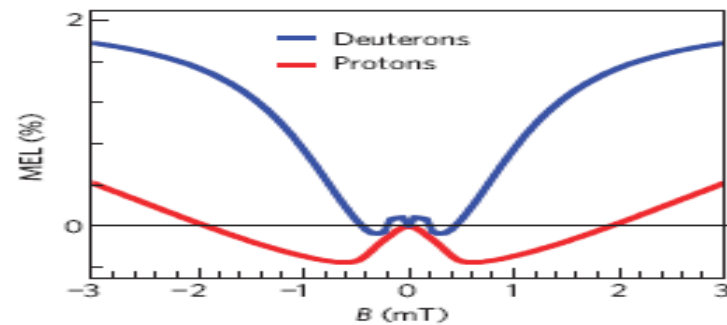
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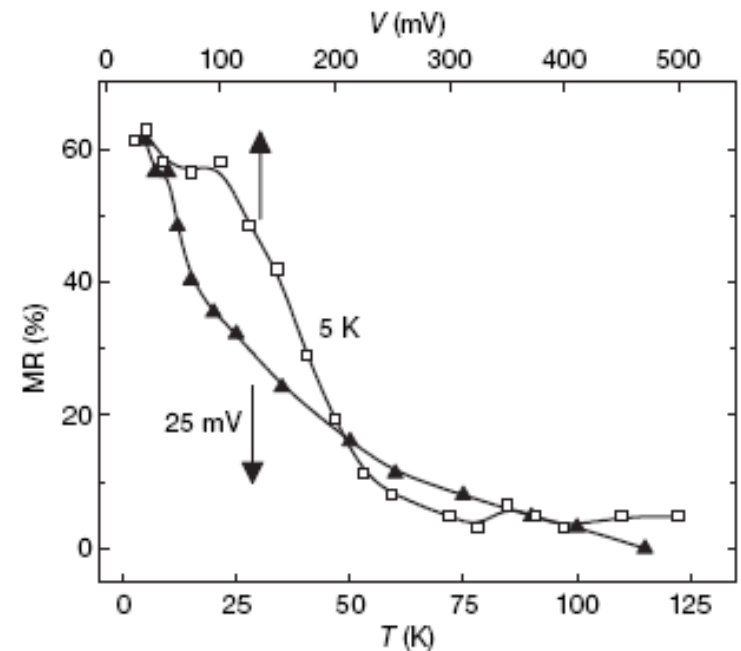
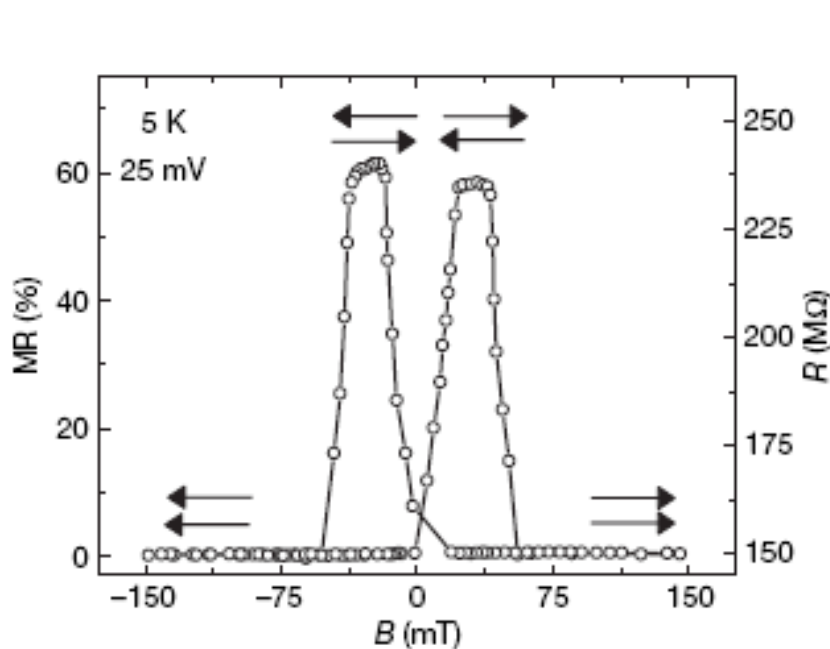
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Xiong & Steitz, Nature 2004; Nguyen, Nat. Mat, 2010.

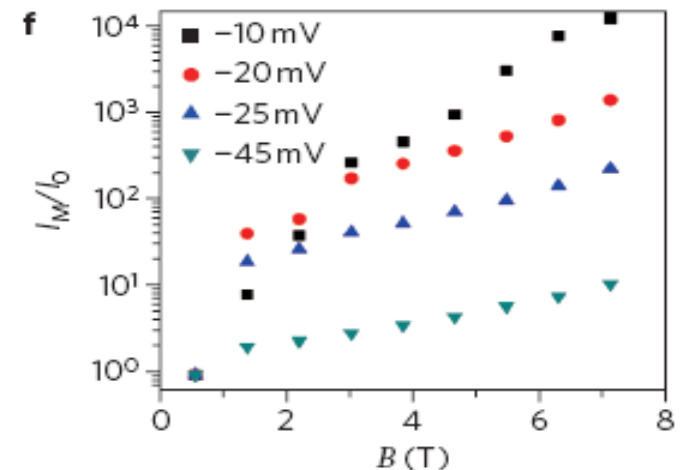
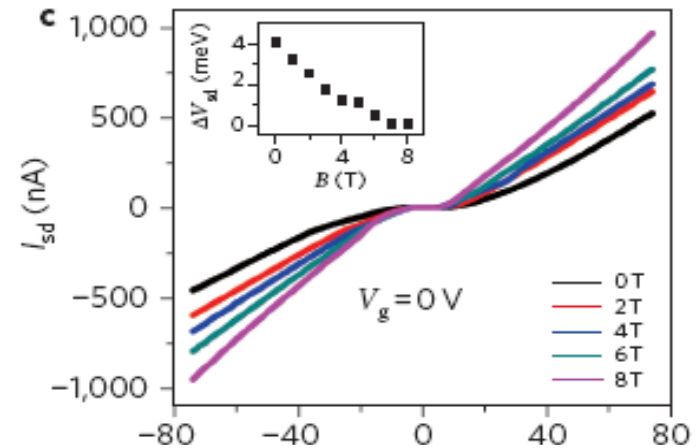
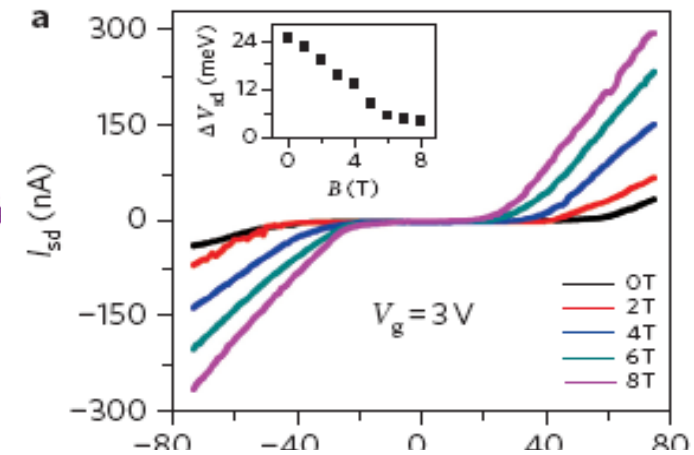
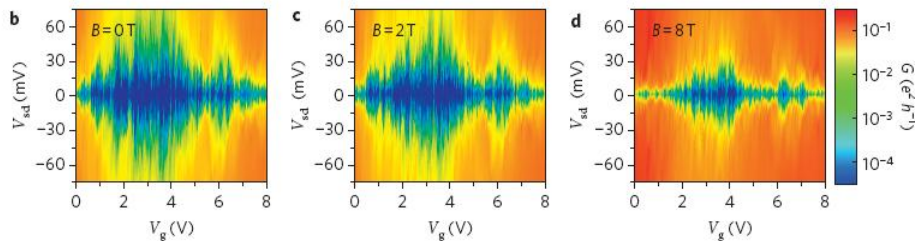
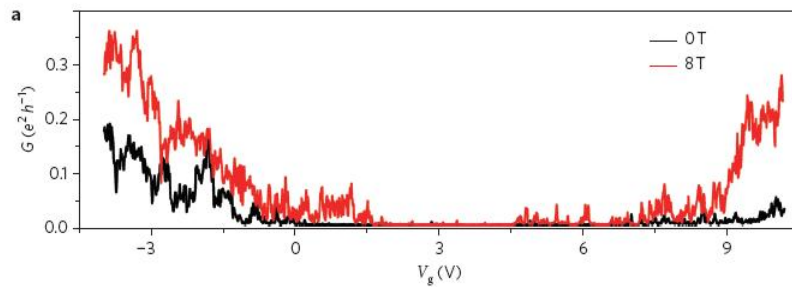
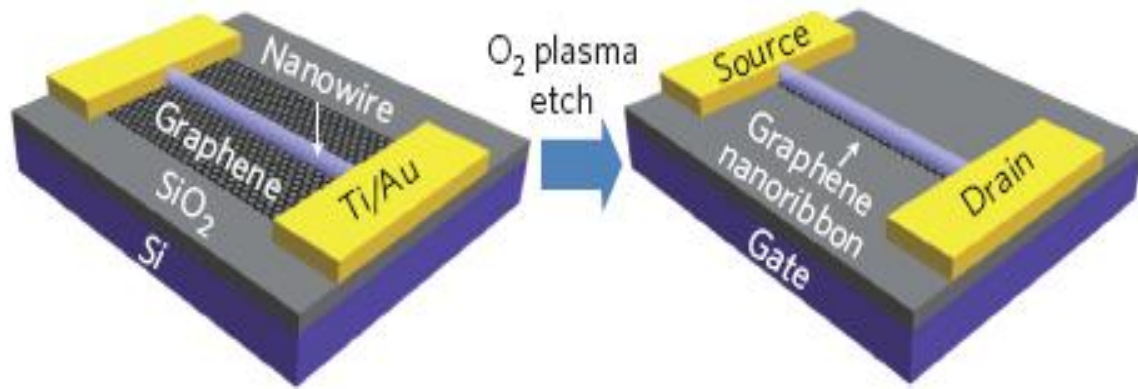
MR of carbon nanotubes

The MR of Carbon nanotube have been only observed in the low temperature. **MR=61% at 5K, and it disappeared at 120K.**

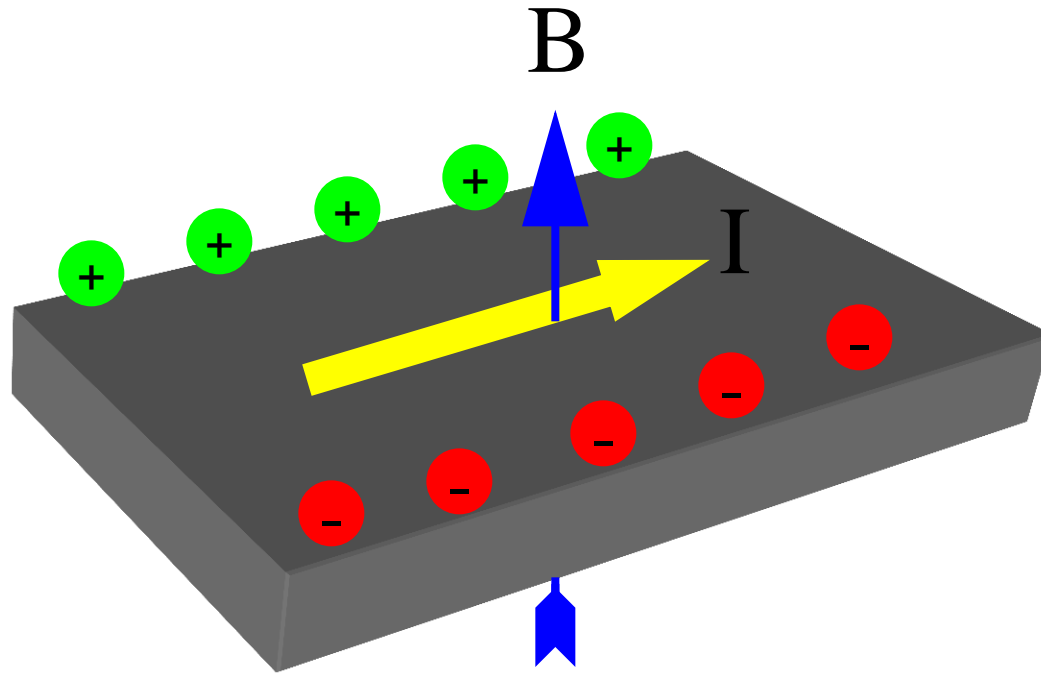


MR in Graphene Nanoribbon: quantum confinement

MR \sim -100% at 1.6K and MR = -50% at 285K



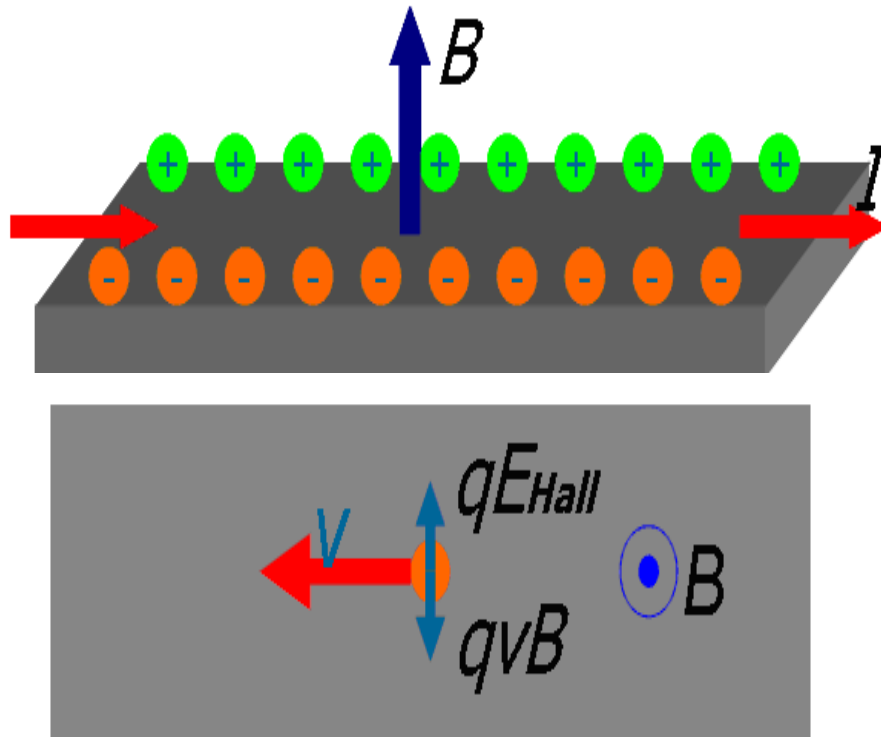
Inhomogeneous MR (IMR)



Origin: Lorentz Force

For a ideal crystal (not exist) with all carriers having the same effective mass m^* and **carrier scattering time** τ , would resistance measured in four-electrode method be changed under magnetic field B ?

Ordinary MR: orbit related



No MR would be detected in a ideal crystal in that measurement setup!!!

Homogenous
Large L/W

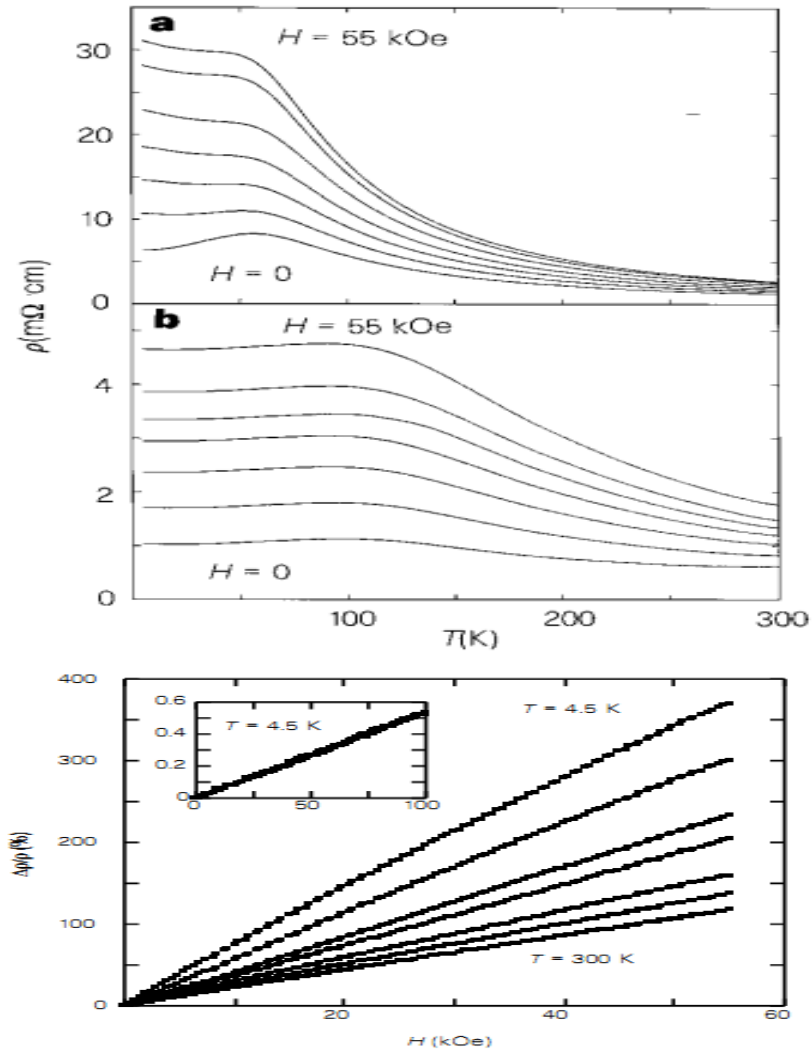


Lorentz Force
=Hall Force

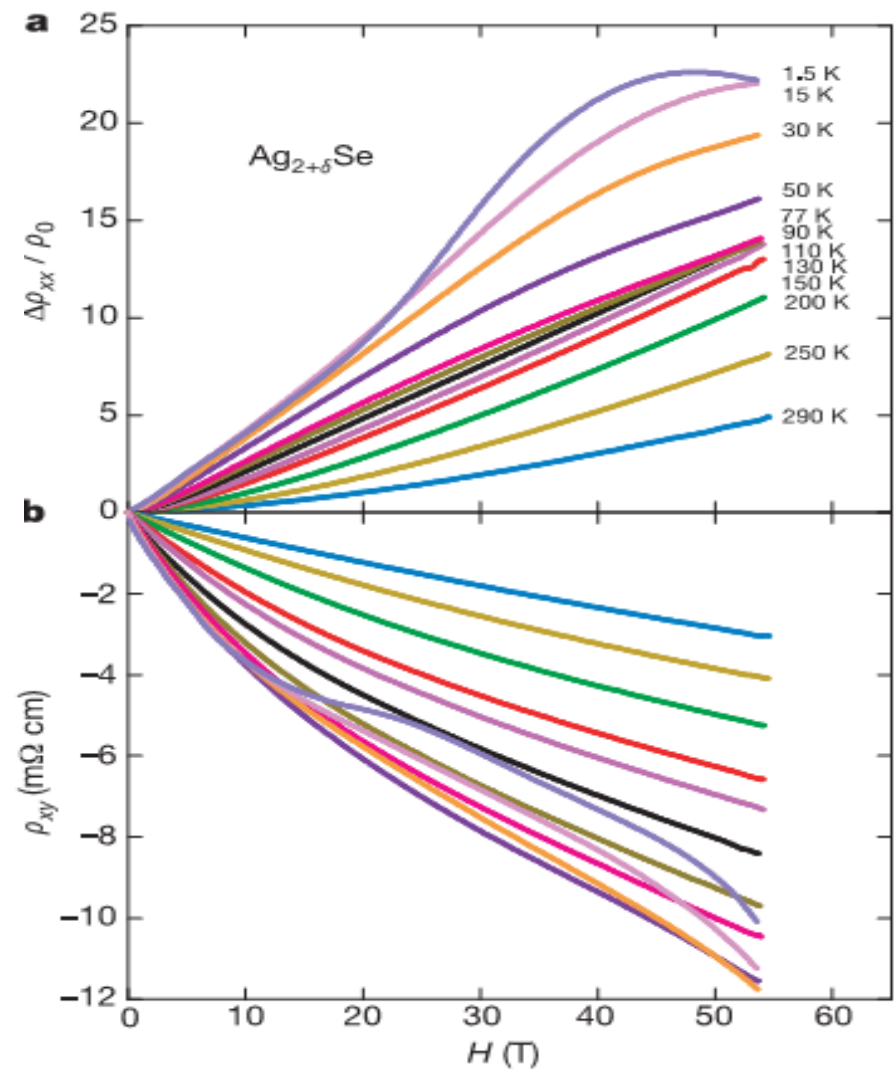


MR = 0 %

Doped silver chalcogenides

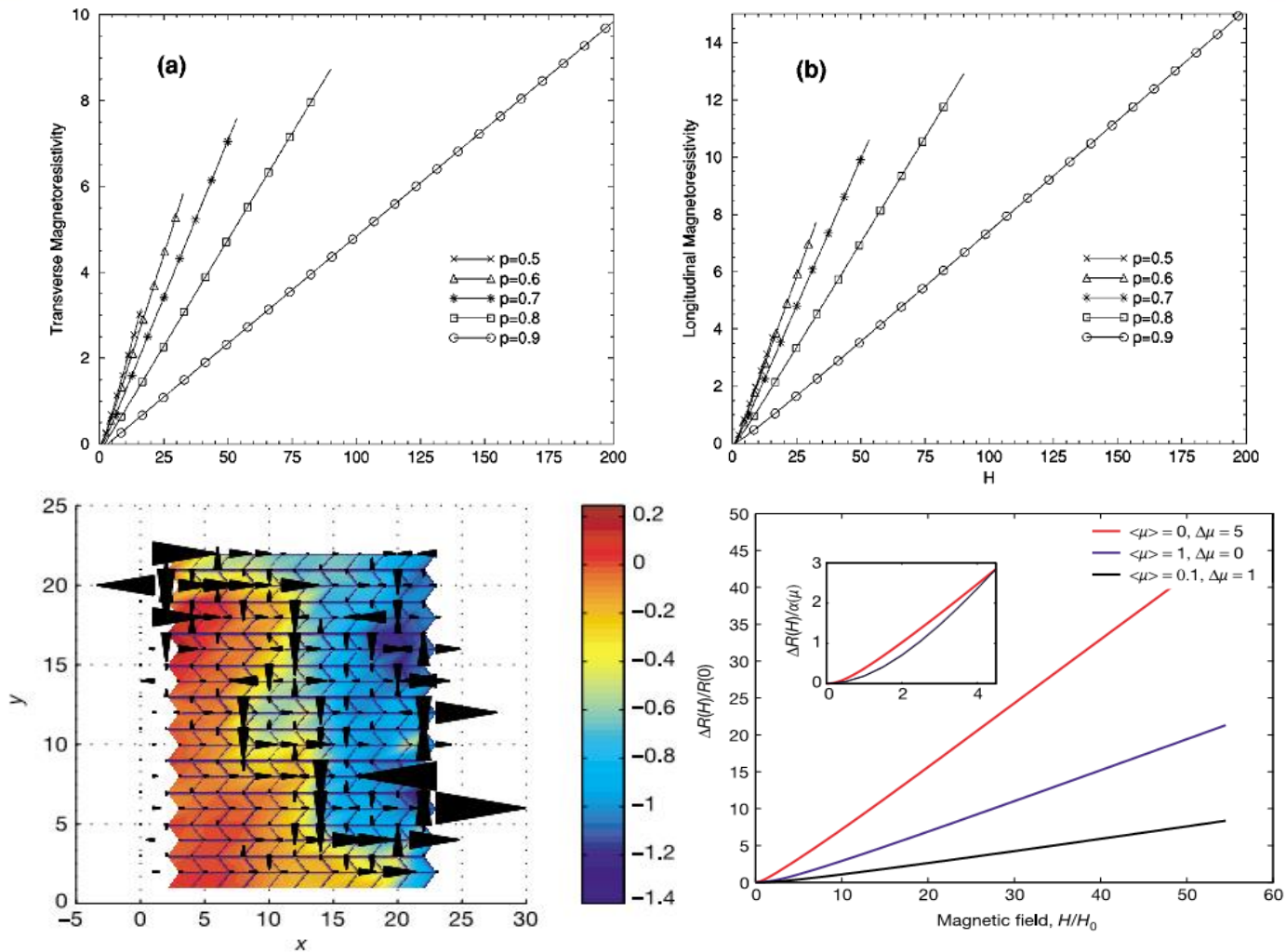


Xu, Nature, 1997;

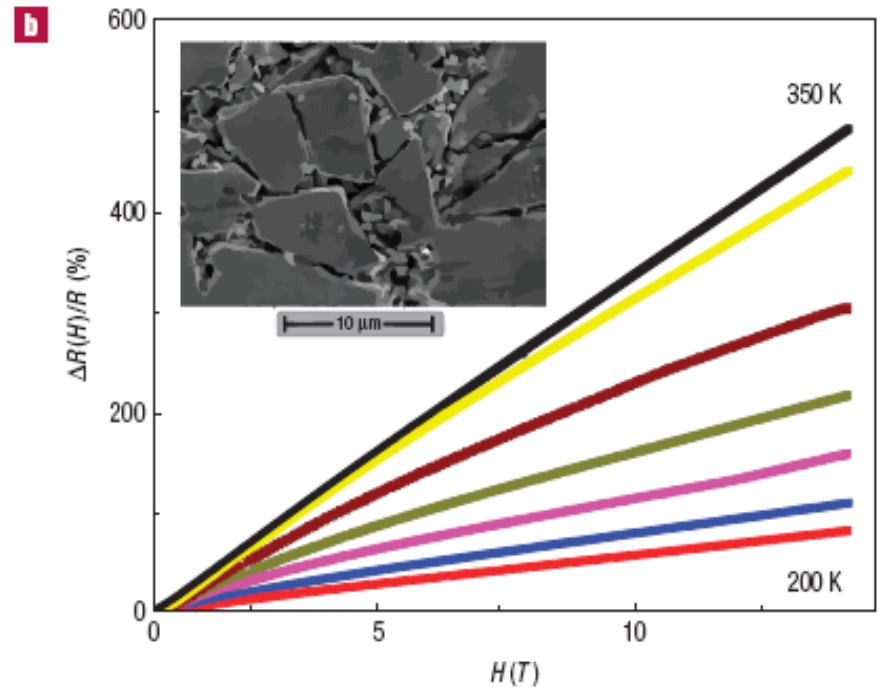
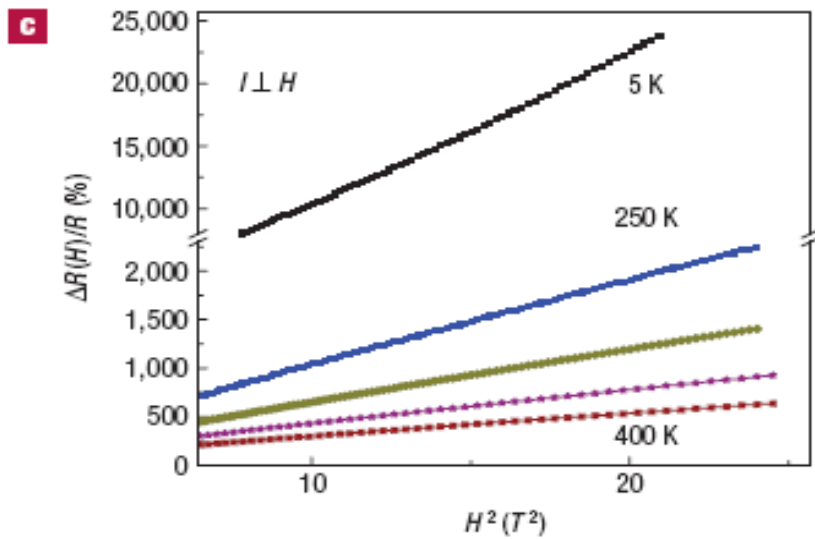
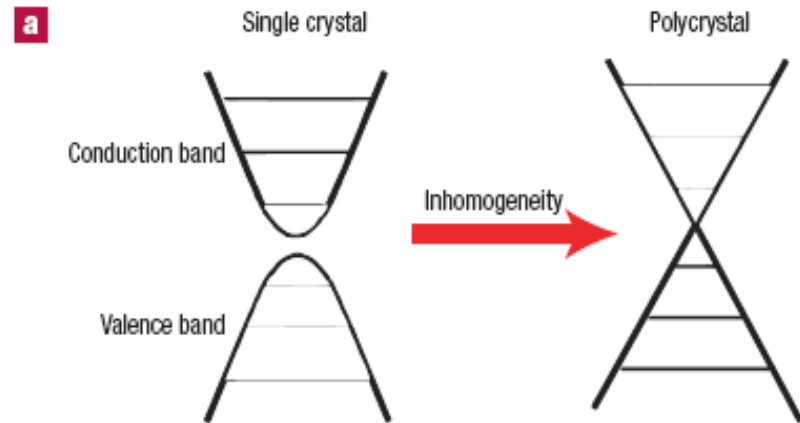
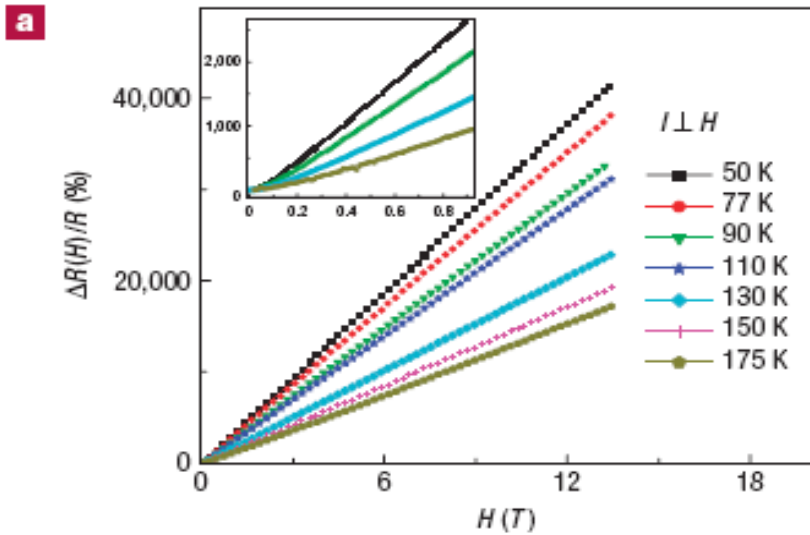


Rosenbaum, Nature, 2002.

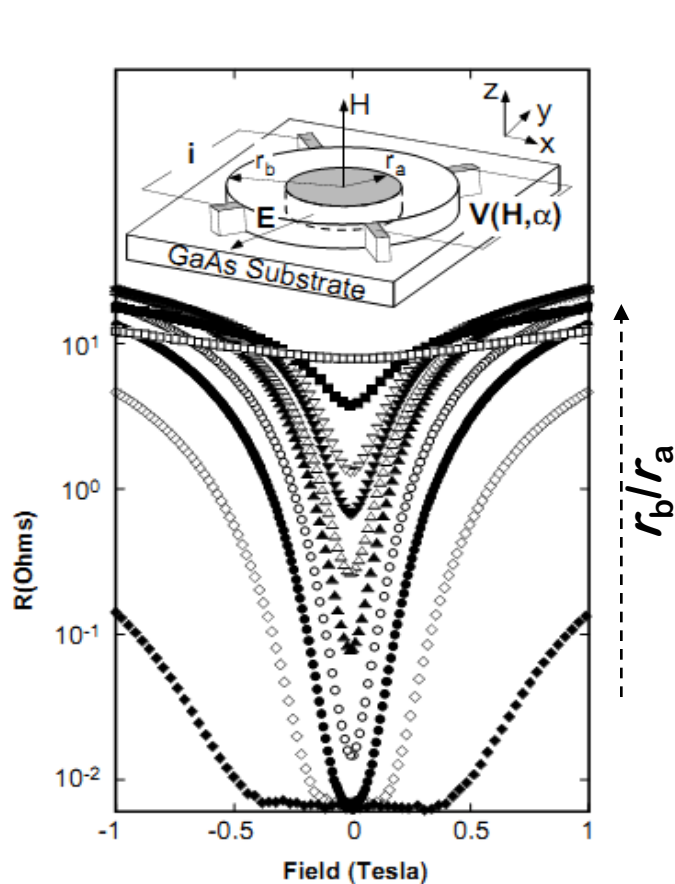
Littlewood proposed a theories: $MR \propto [\mu, \Delta\mu]_{\max}$ when $n=p$ or $\Delta\mu$ maximum, IMR enhanced



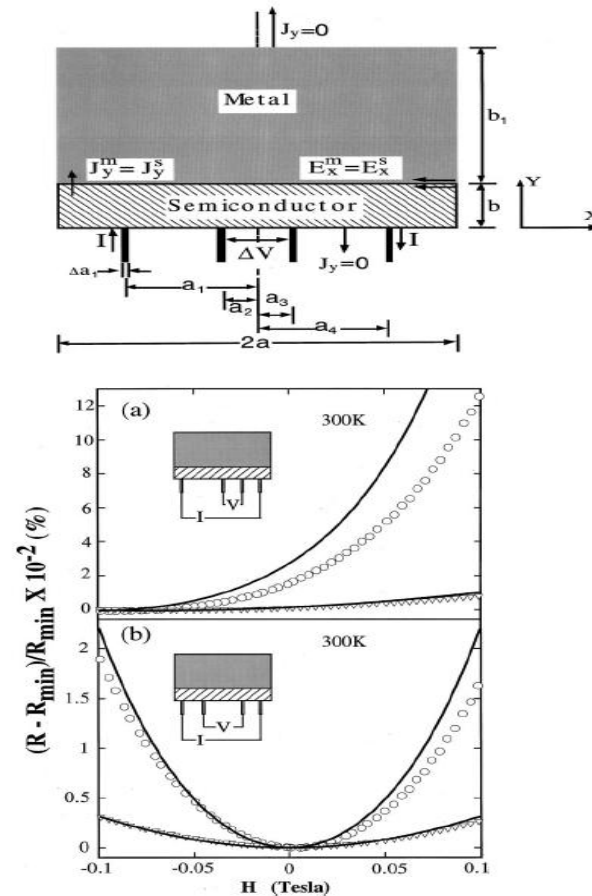
InSb linear MR



Geometrical Enhancement

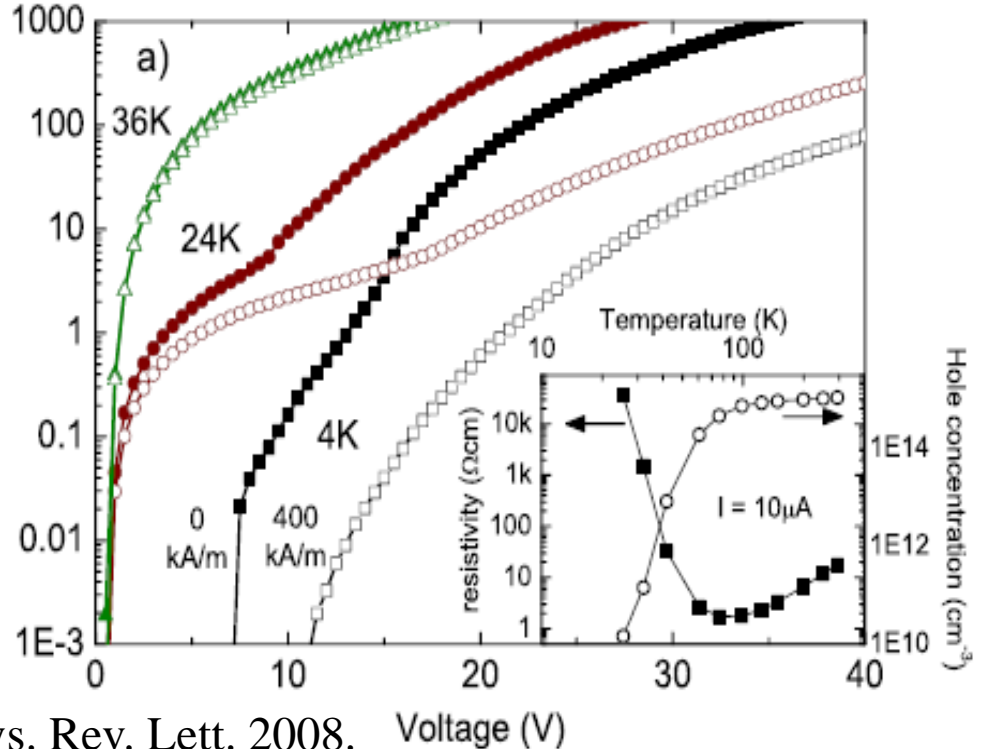
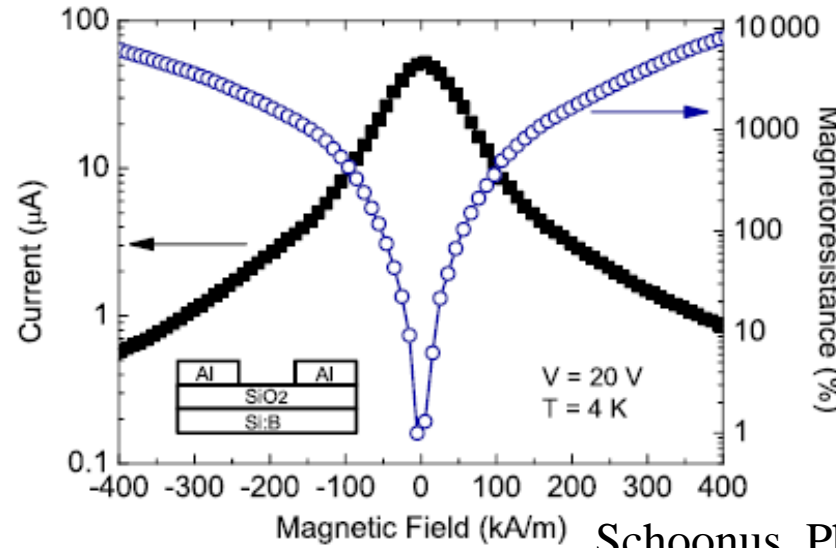
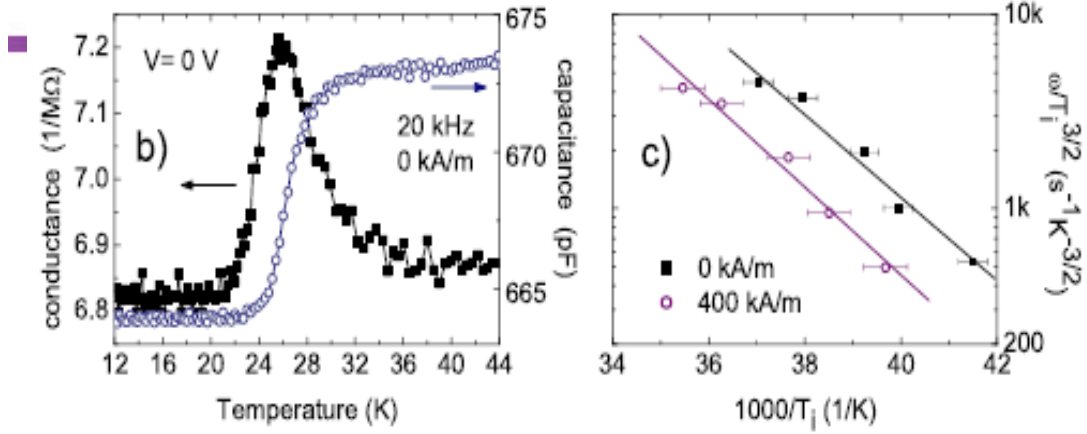
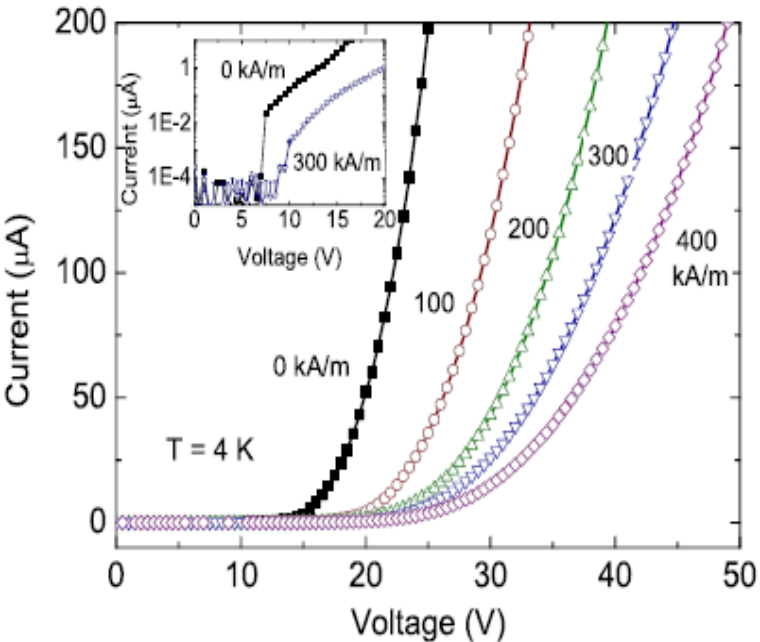


Corbino Disk: R_b/R_a ratio
Solin, Science, 2000.



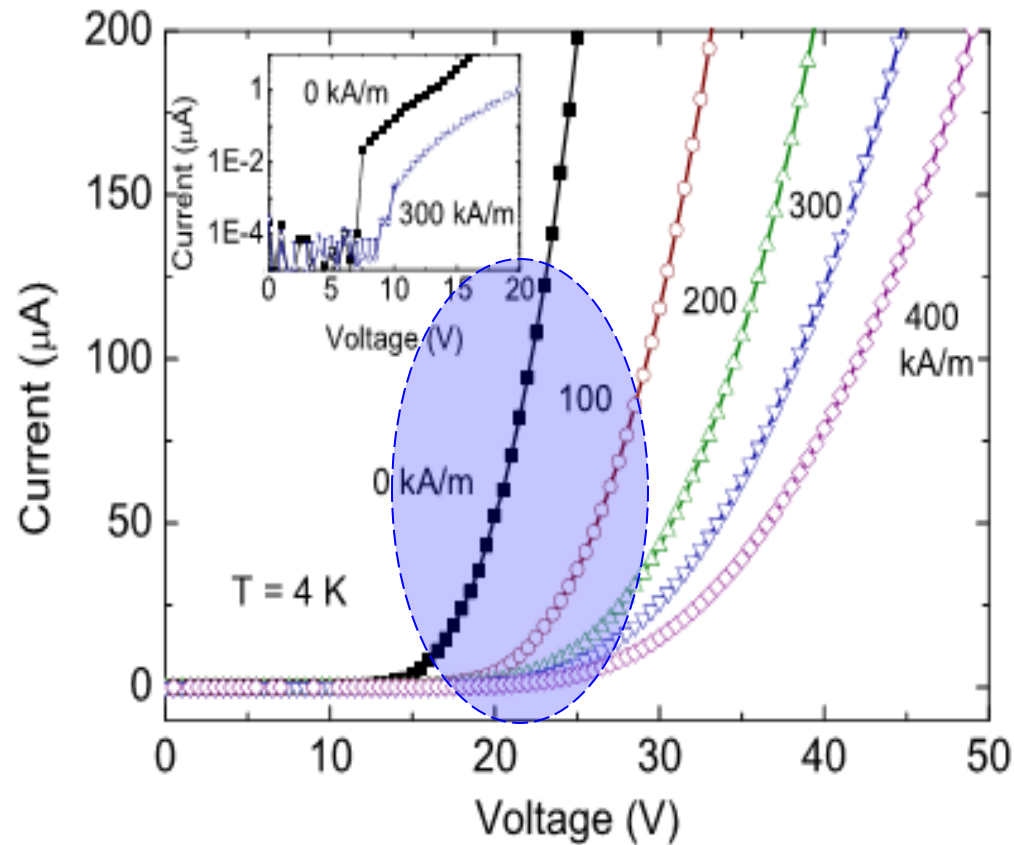
Spacing between electrodes
Solin, Appl. Phys. Lett. 2001.

Silicon MR at low temperature: related with wave shrinkage?



Schoonus, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2008.

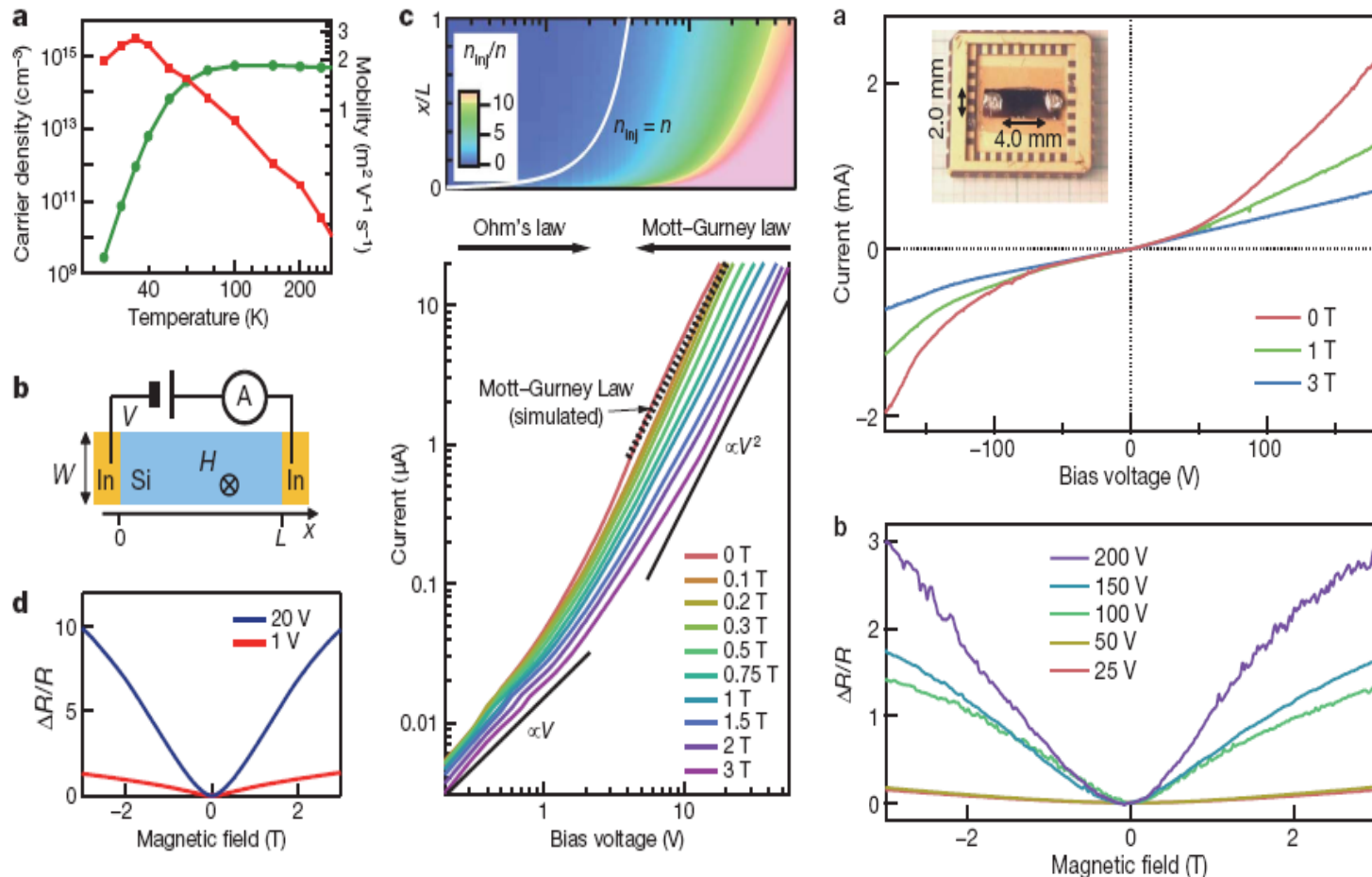
Schoonus' s Case



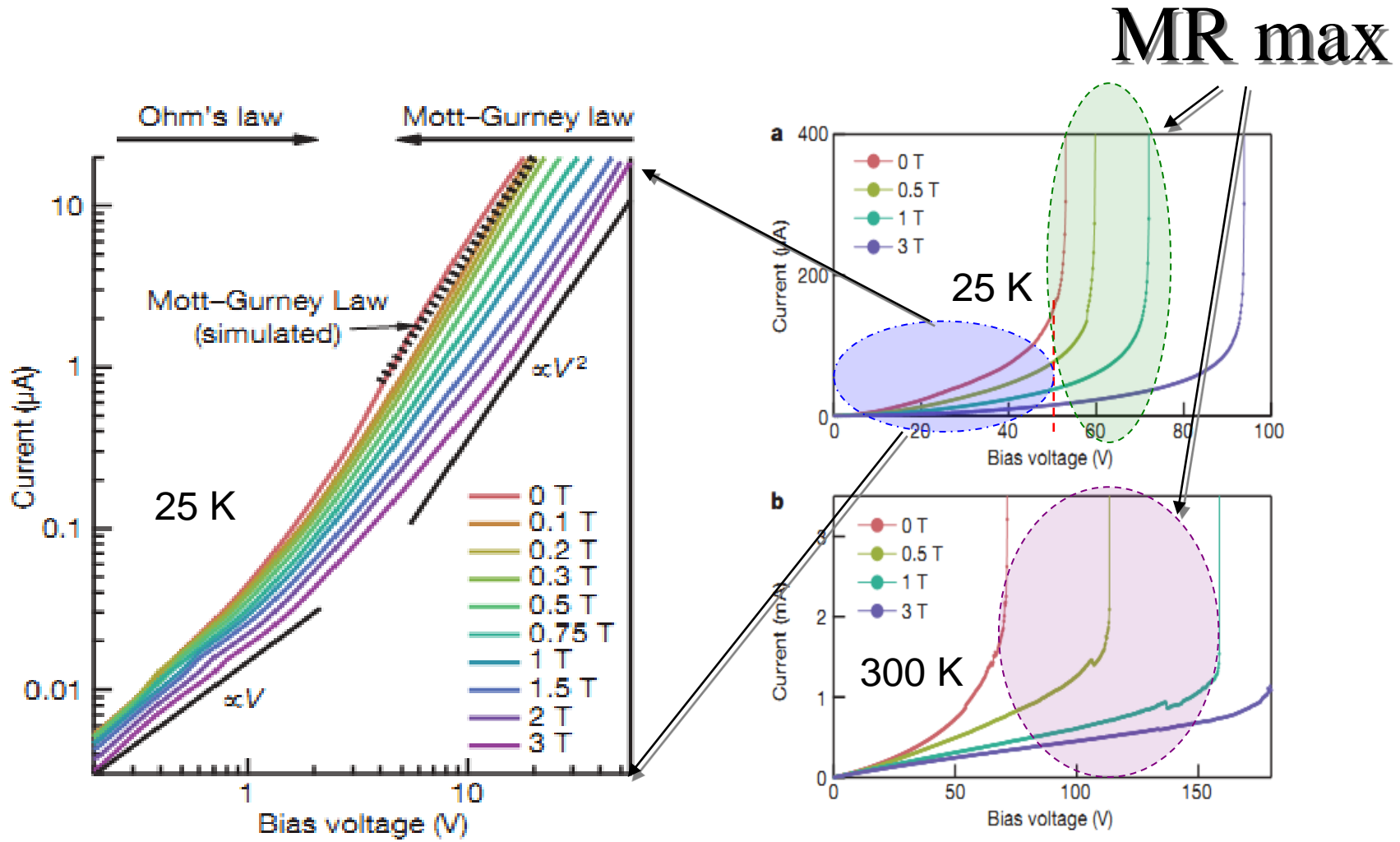
$\text{MR}_{\text{max}} \leftarrow \text{Avalanche Breakdown} \leftarrow \text{Breakdown voltage} \leftarrow V/B$

Silicon MR, related with SCLC

- A simple device based on a n-type Si between two In contacts shows a **large positive MR of more than 1000% at 300K** and 10000% at 25 K at **H=3T** and **V=20V**



Delmo's Case



研究动机

- **经济**：做巨磁阻/隧穿磁阻材料需要使用稀土材料，而现在稀土材料是越来越“稀有”和贵重了，是国际竞争的战略物资，

人们需要寻找不用稀土材料的新型巨磁阻材料。

- **科学**：自旋(磁性金属) → 巨磁阻/隧穿磁阻 (磁传感器的工作部分)

电荷 (半导体) ⇒ 大磁阻?

(普通磁阻 (OMR) : 1-2%)

能否用半导体材料的电荷属性来获得大的磁阻?

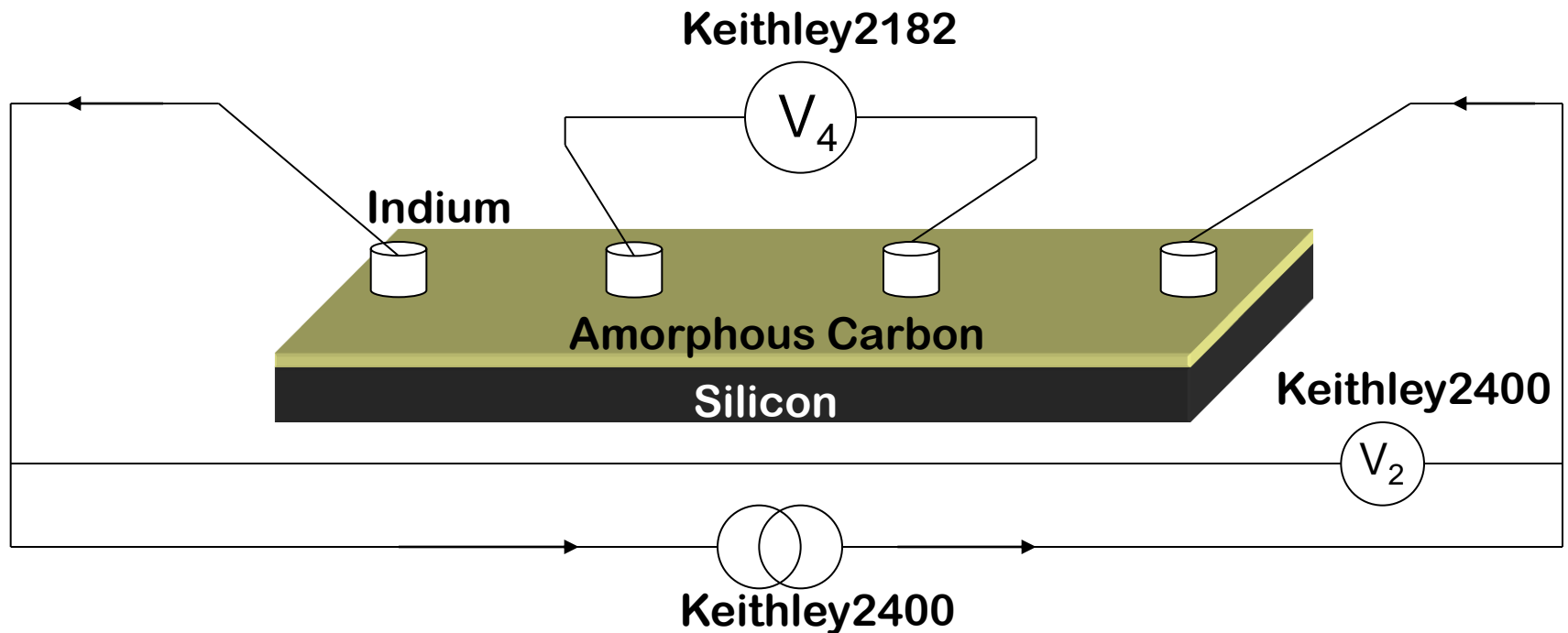
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MR in a-C/Si heterojunctions

a-C/Si ; Si orientation (100), $0.5\sim 1 \Omega\text{cm}$, 10^{16}cm^{-3} doped with p ;

sp^2 ratio in a-C 70% ~ 80% , graphite-like , $E_g = 0.4\sim 0.8\text{eV}$.



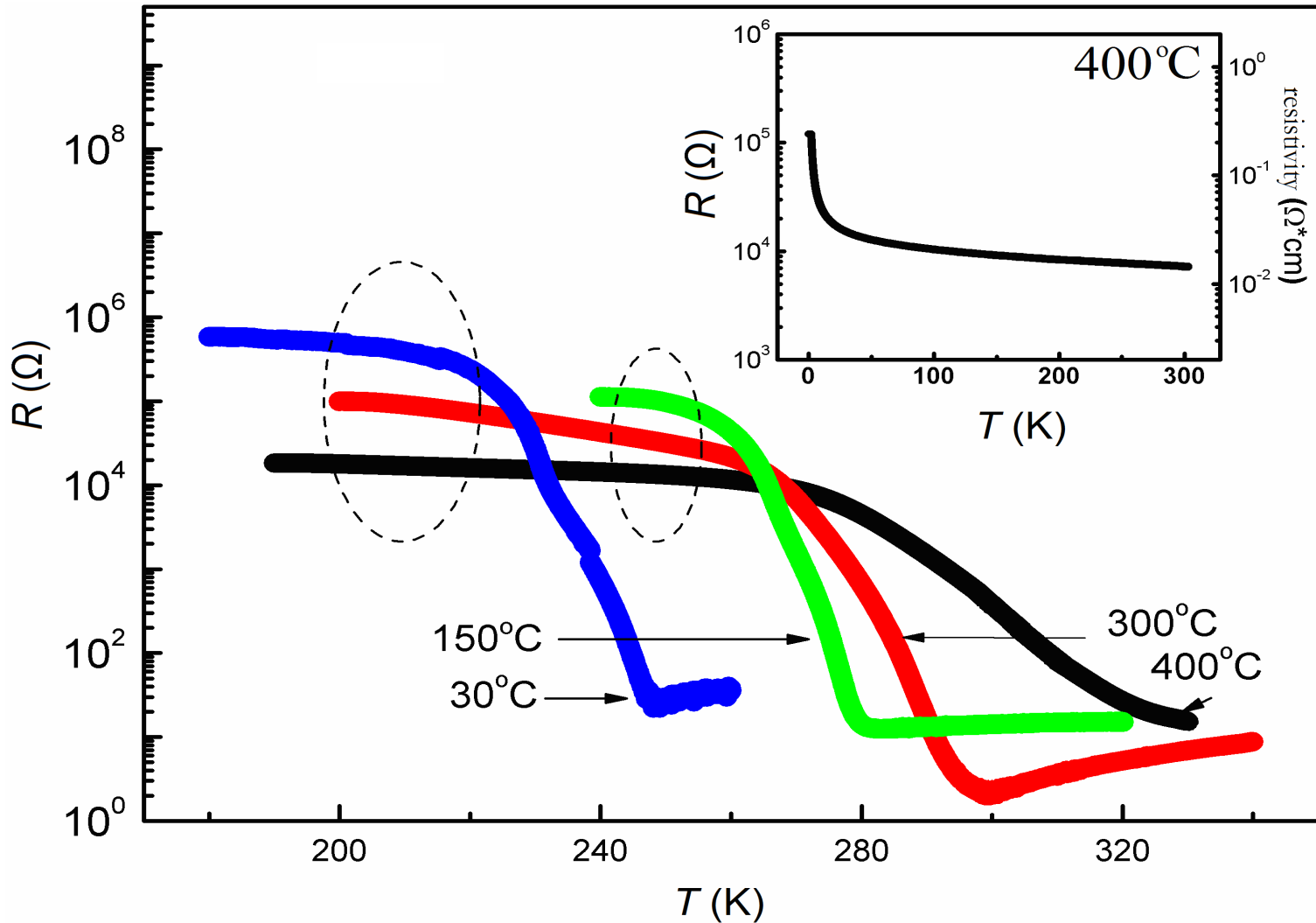
Research Methods

Film grown by Pulse Laser Deposition (PLD)

TEM, HRTEM, EELS, Raman to characterize structure of a-C

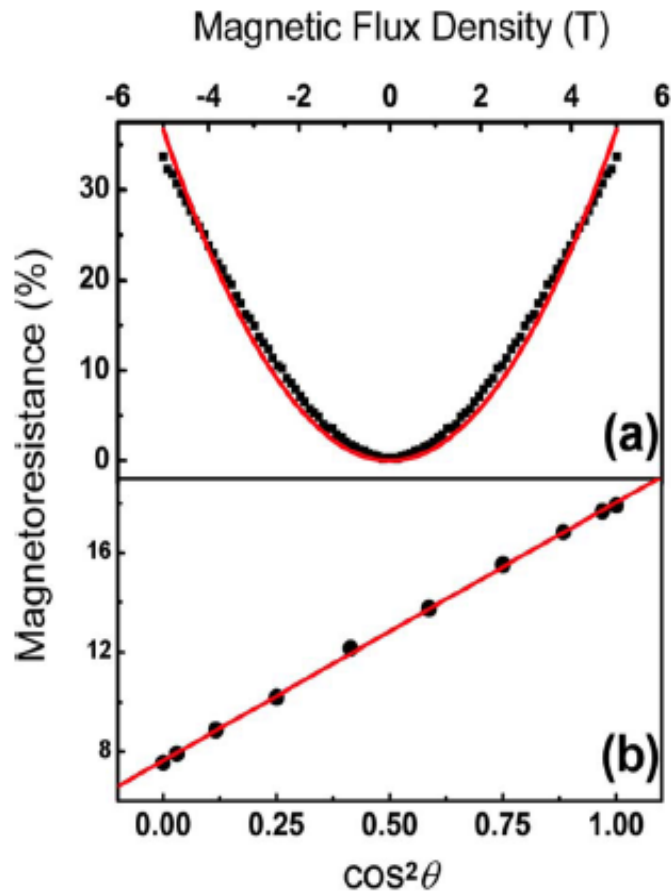
2-electrode and 4-electrode measurements with Keithley2400, 2182 in MPMS or PPMS

Transport Properties of a-C/Si

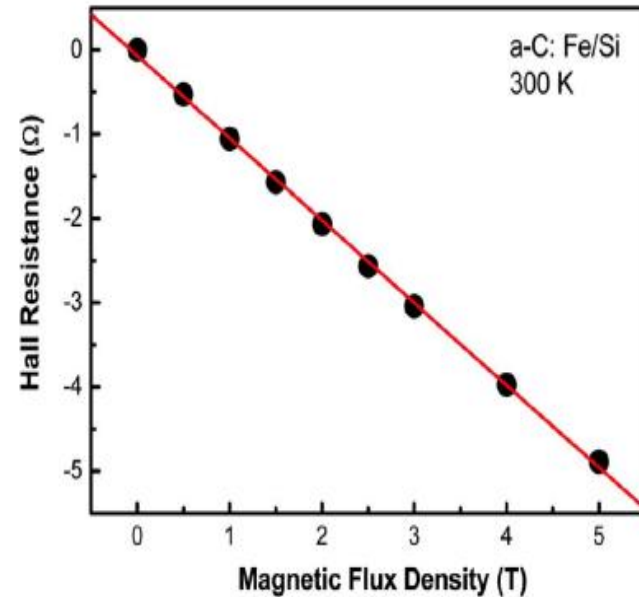


Channel Switching: low T current in a-C, High T current in Si

MR in a-C/Si



$$MR \propto (\mu B \cos \theta)^2$$



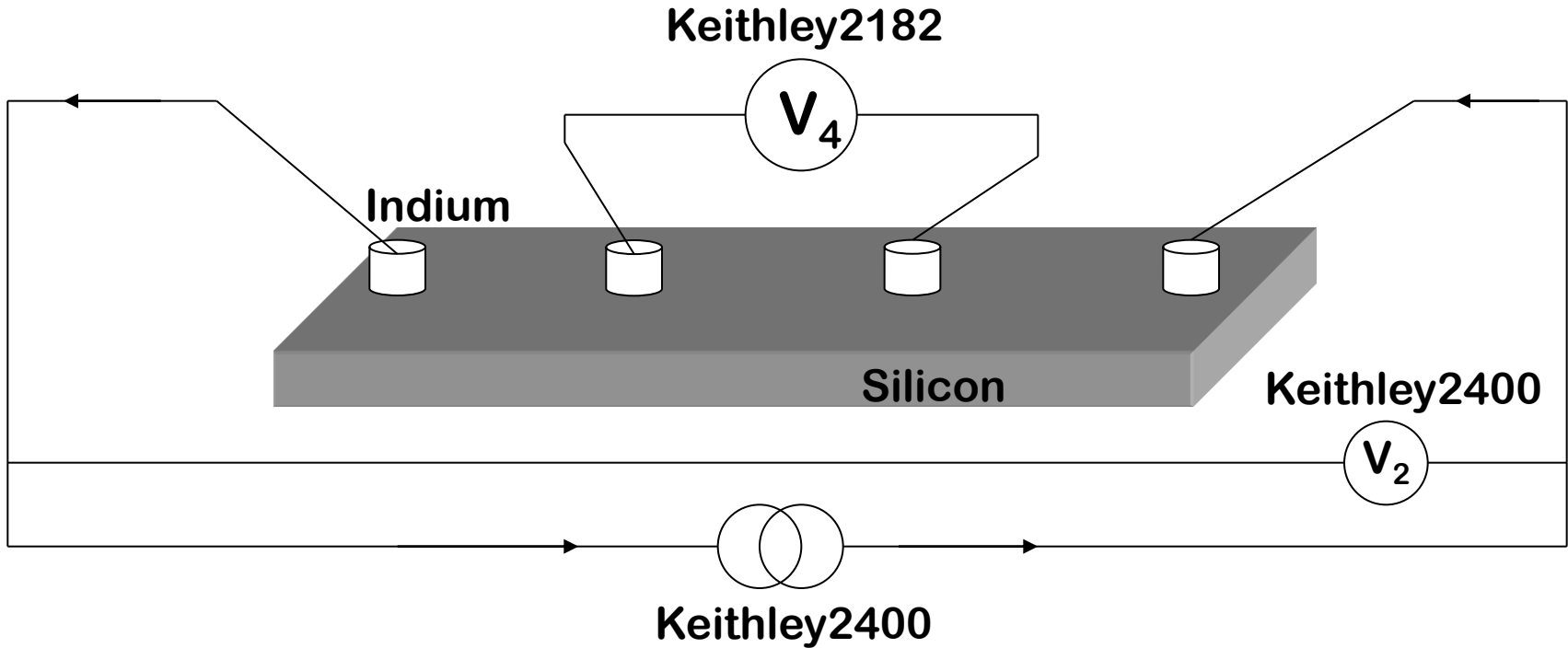
Electrons, Carrier Density 10^{16}cm^{-3} = Si
Substrate \rightarrow MR originated from OMR in Si

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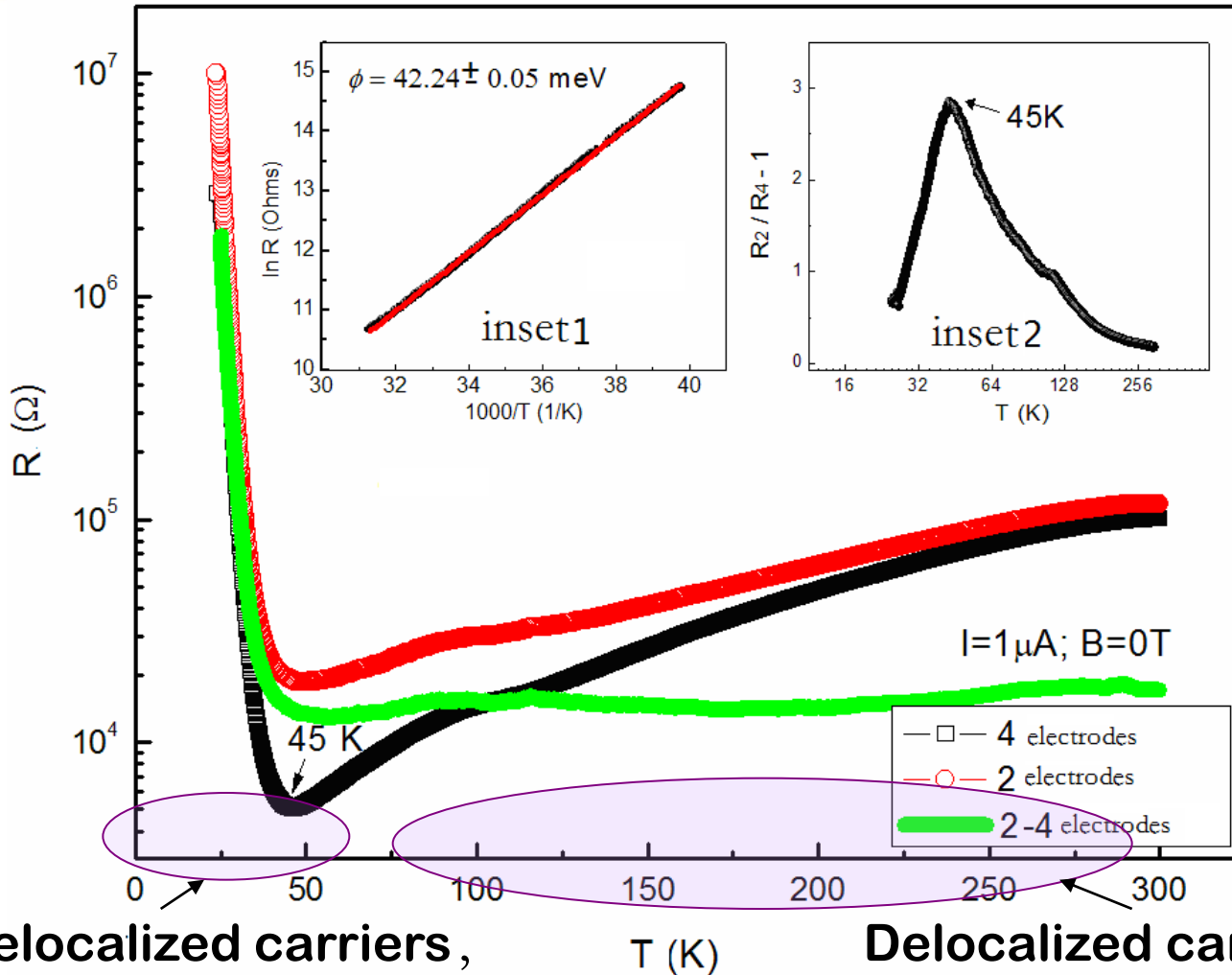
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Low temperature MR in silicon

Silicon orientation (100), 10^{12} cm^{-3} doped with P, resistivity $3000 \Omega\text{cm}$



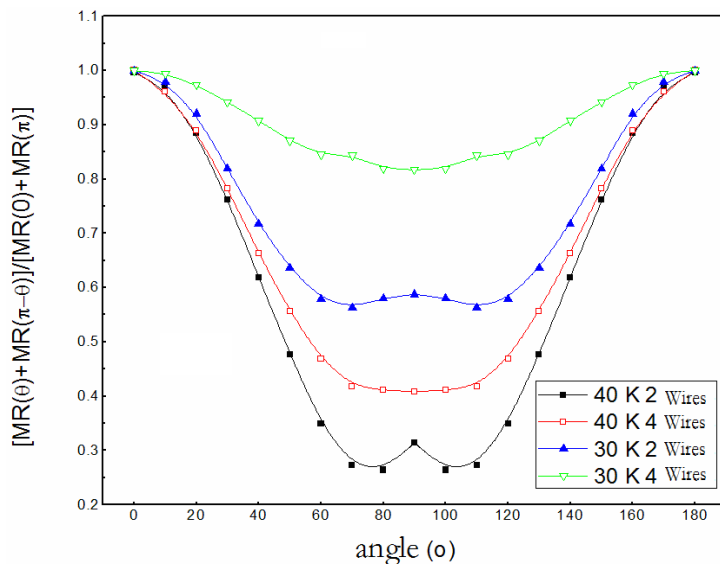
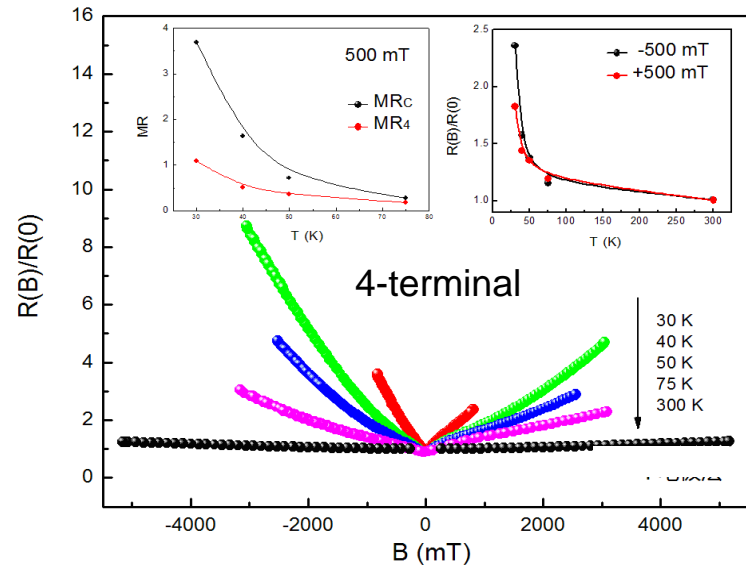
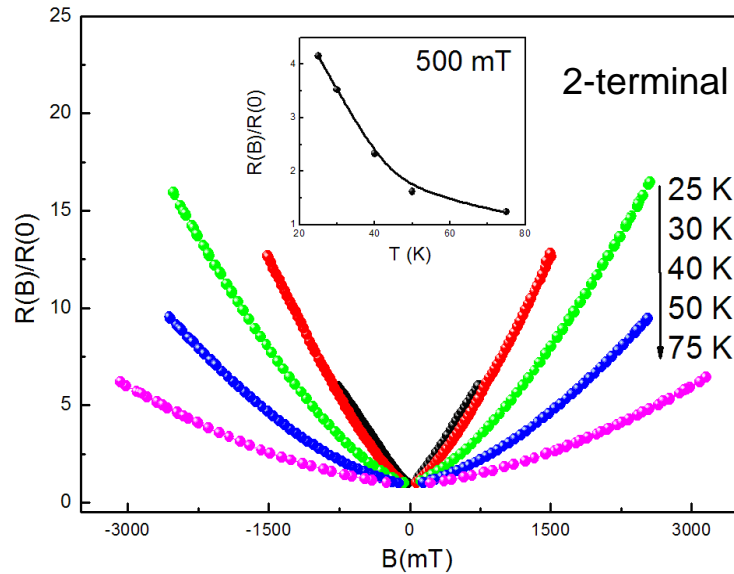
Electro-transport properties of Si



Delocalized carriers,
R-T determined by carrier density,
Carriers froze out from E_C

Delocalized carriers,
R-T determined by mobility
Carriers thermo-activated

MR of silicon



1. MR increased below 70K.
2. MR_2 is much larger than MR_4 .
(Different from Schoonus' s work (PRL))

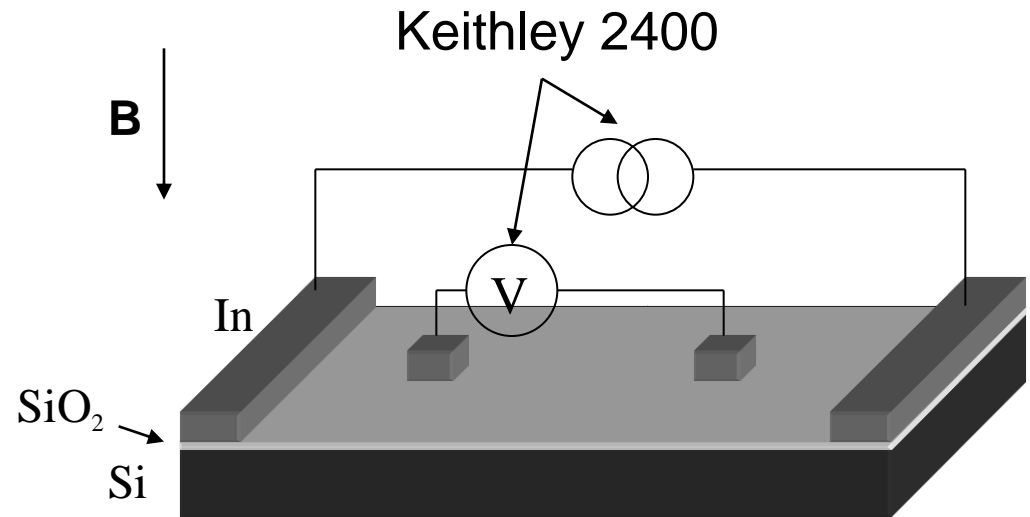
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Si based MR device with symmetric electrodes

Structure: In/SiO₂/n-Si

Four electrodes methods



n-Si: Doping: $\sim 10^{12}$ cm⁻³ phosphorous

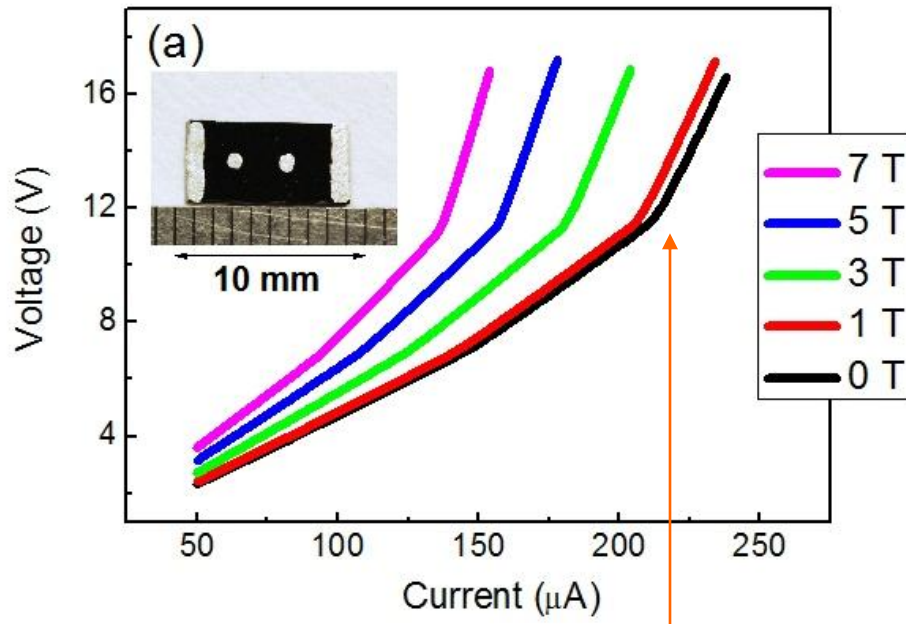
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μ : 1200 cm²/Vs

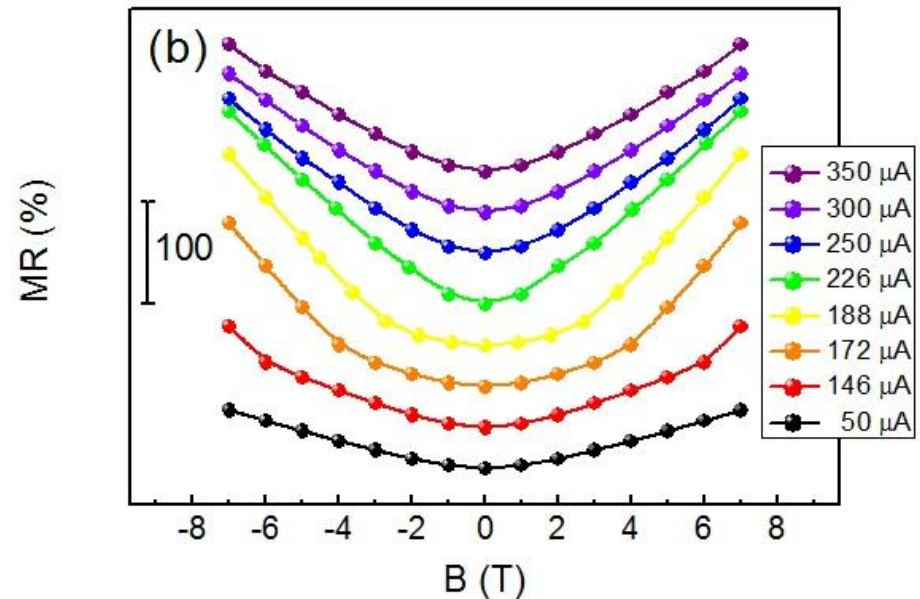
τ : 100~200 μ s (Bulk minority lifetime)

Electrode: Indium

Current dependent MR



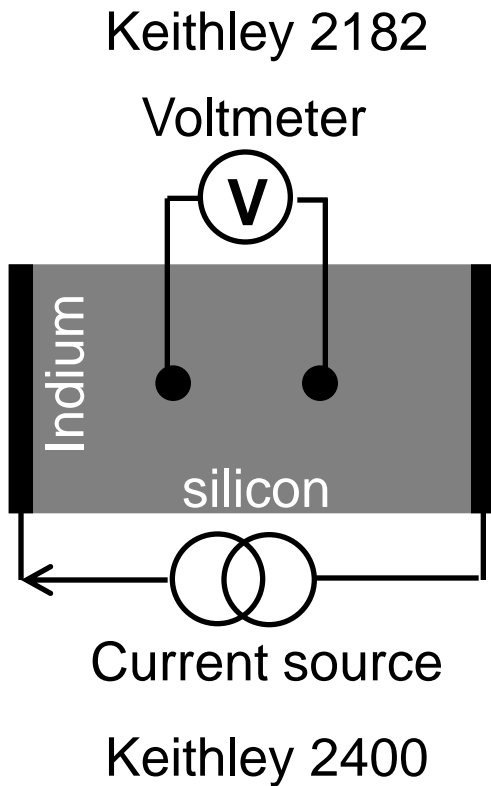
At this point, MR has a maximum



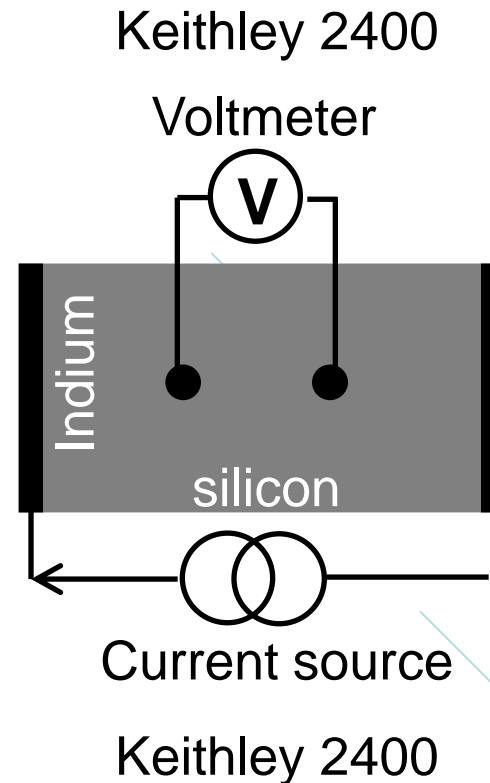
MR~B relation can be modulated by current from OMR to abnormal MR.

小电流下，两个方法测量结果一样，
大电流下，两个方法测量结果不同

Method 2

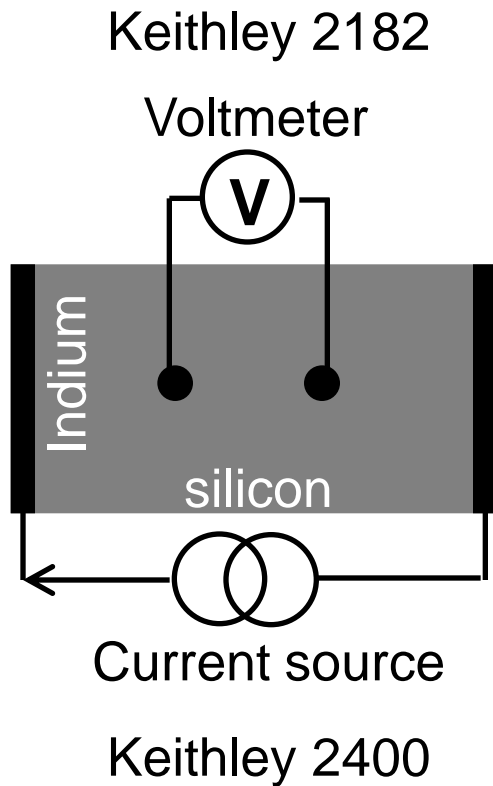


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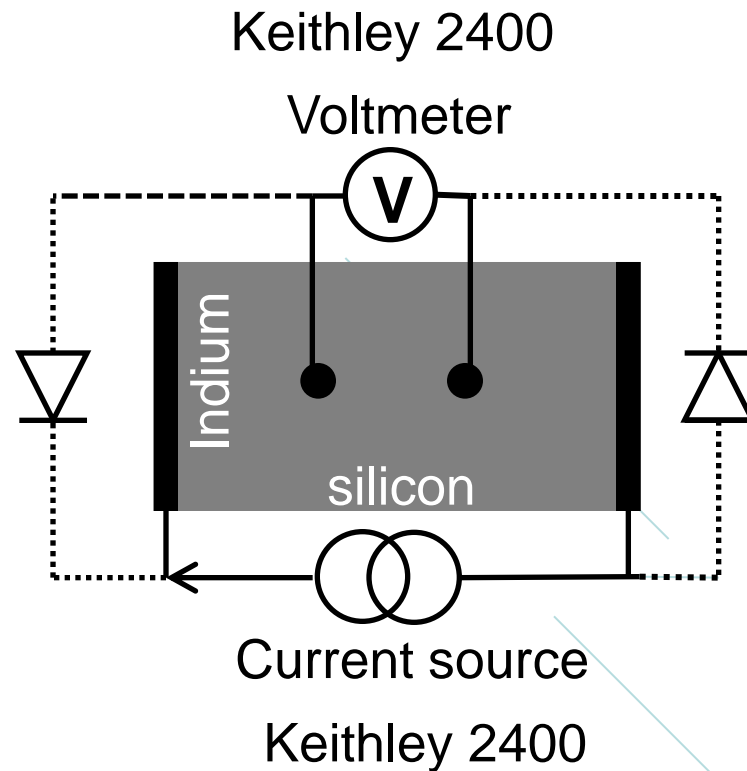


原因：大电流下，Keithley2400中的两个稳压二极管导通了，使得测量结果不同

Method 2



Method 1

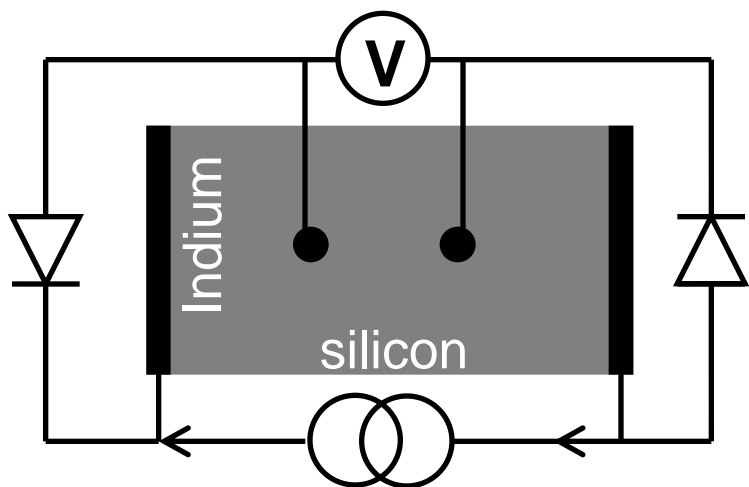


给method 2连上两个二极管就两个方法等效了

一般情况

Keithley 2182

Voltmeter



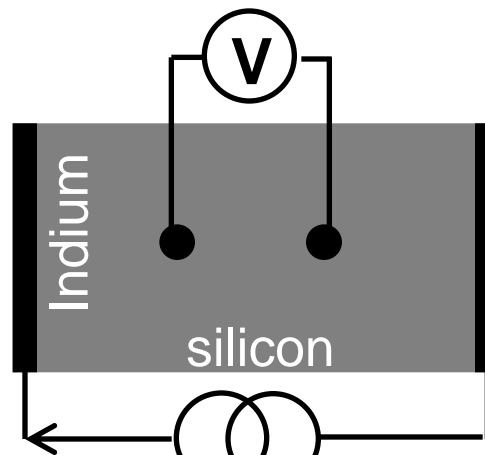
Current source

Keithley 2400

特殊情况

Keithley 2400

Voltmeter



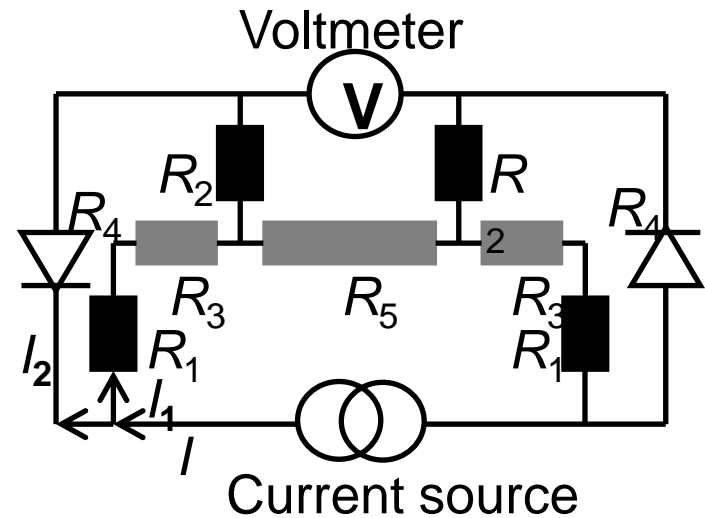
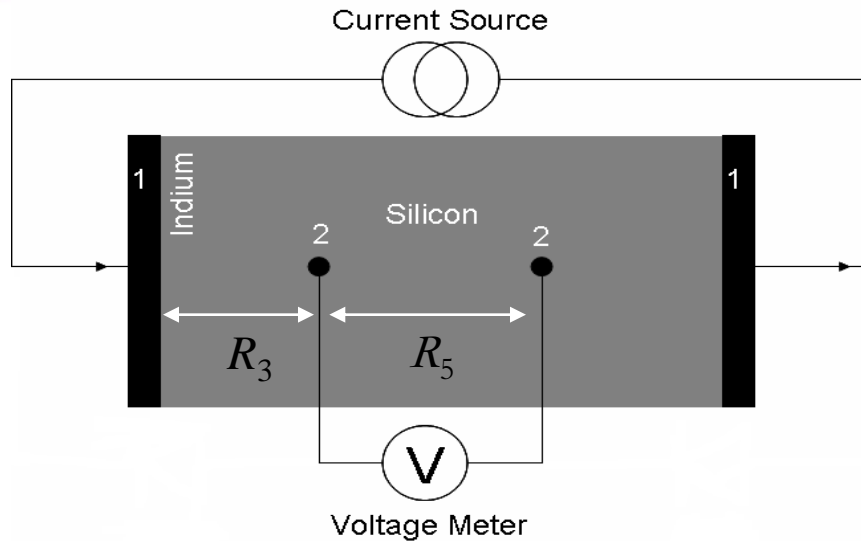
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Keithley 2400

二极管可以被集成到硅片里，硅片、电极和二极管一起构成一个MR器件，该器件不依赖于测量方法

在Keithley 2400里已经连接了二极管

Geometrical MR Devices with Symmetrical Electrodes

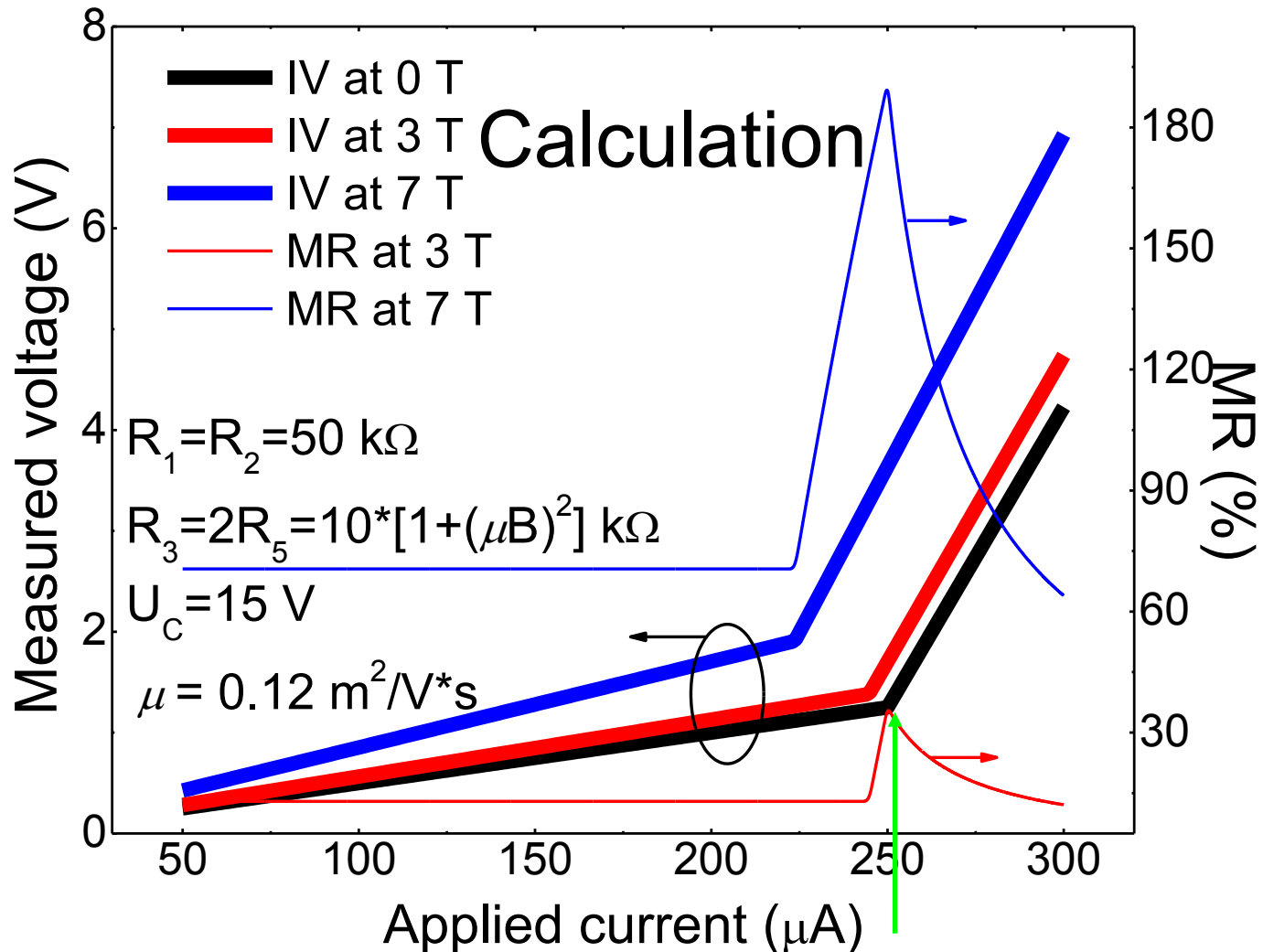


- R_1 : Contact resistance of current electrodes
- R_2 : Contact resistance of voltage electrodes
- R_3 : Silicon resistance between current and voltage electrodes
- R_5 : Silicon resistance between the two voltage electrodes

Geometry Factor

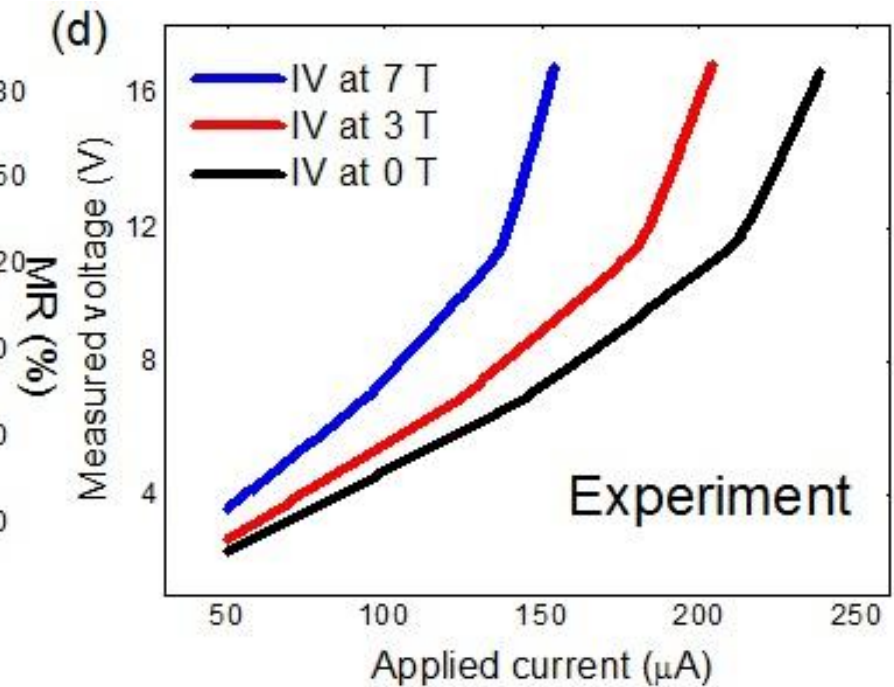
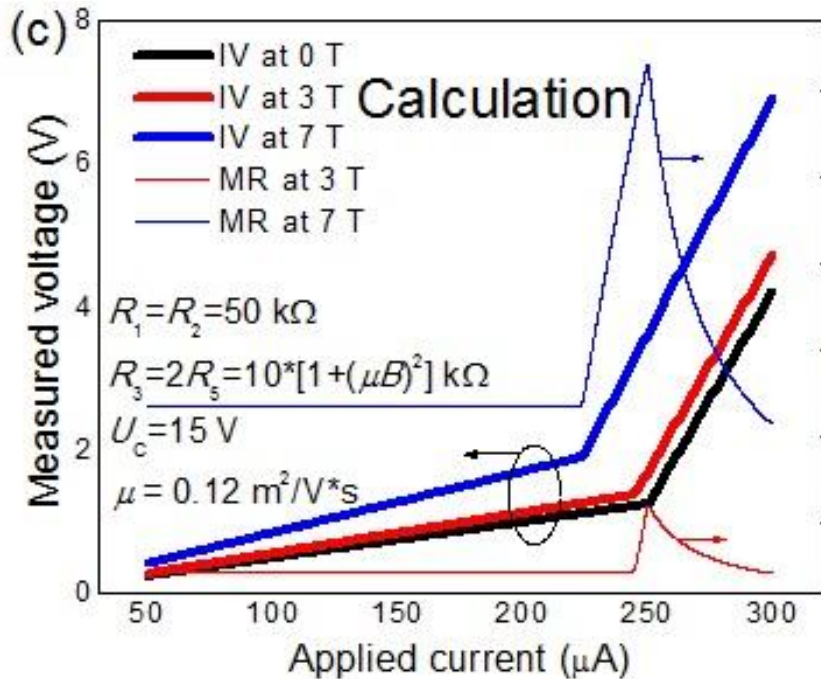
$$MR_{\max} \approx \left\{ 1 + \frac{2R_2}{[R_1 + R_2 + R_3(0)]} \frac{R_3(0)}{R_5(0)} \right\} MR_{\text{Si}}^{\text{sym}}$$

Intrinsic MR_{Si} is “**amplified**” by a geometry factor R_3/R_5



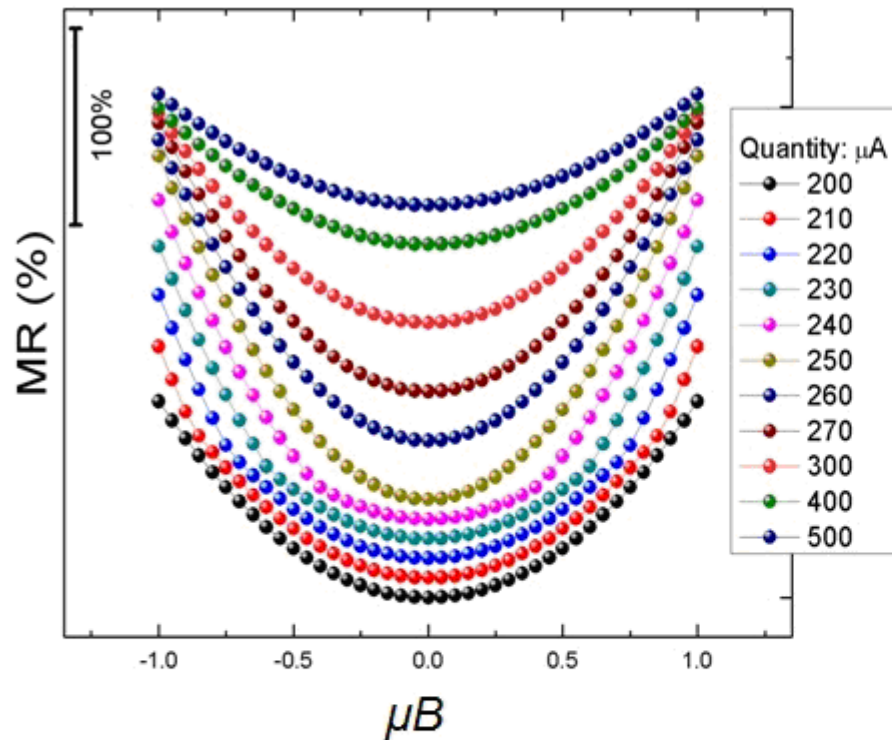
Turing point $I_c = U_c / [R_1 + R_3(0)]$

Comparison of simulation and experimental results

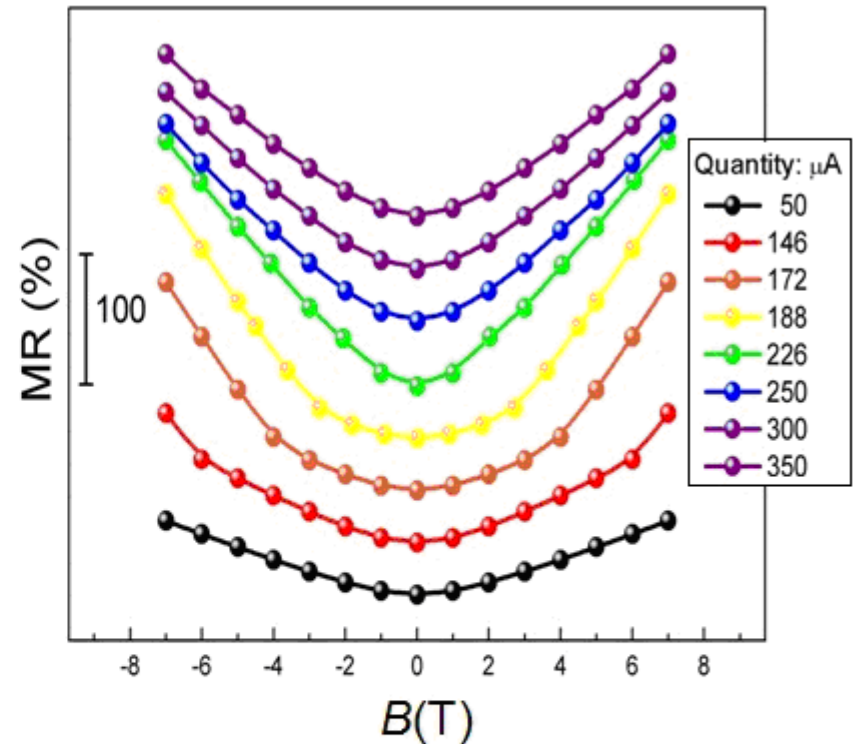


Comparison of simulation and experimental results

calculation



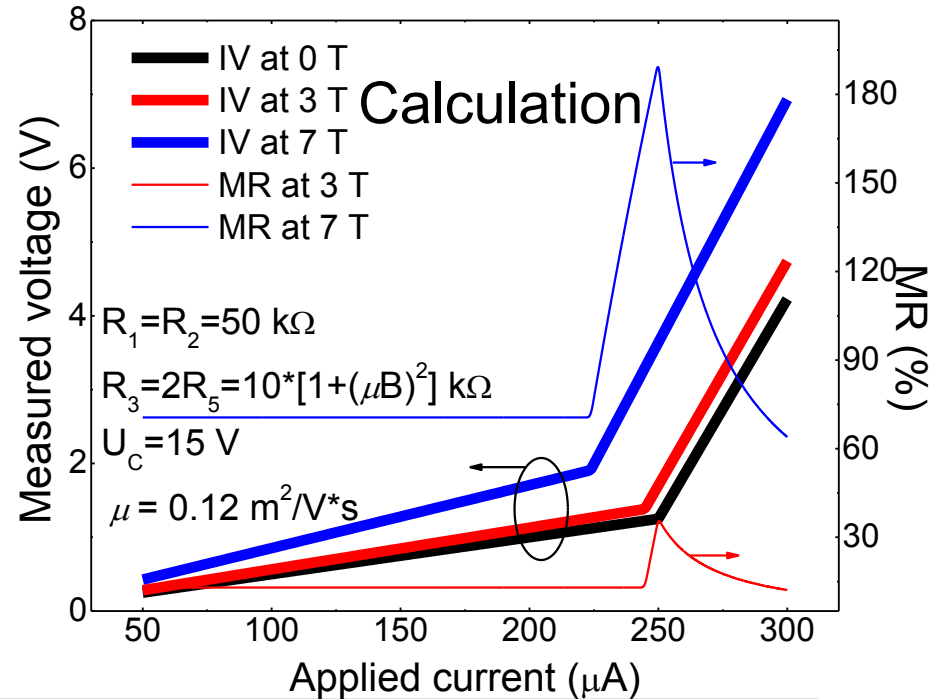
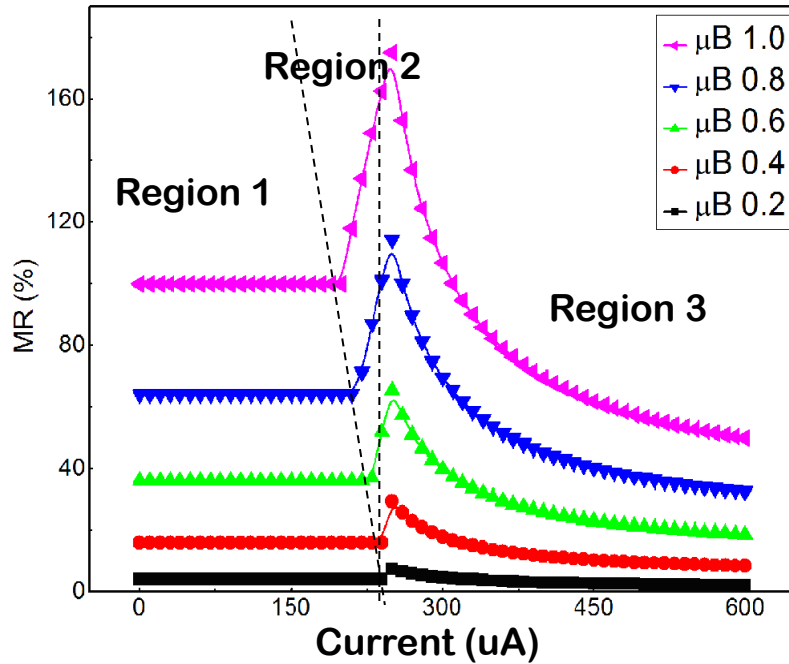
experimental



Zhang & Wan et al, (unpublished)

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MR ~ Current dependence



1. A MR peak existed in MR-I curves.
2. The peak occurred at the turning point of I-V curve

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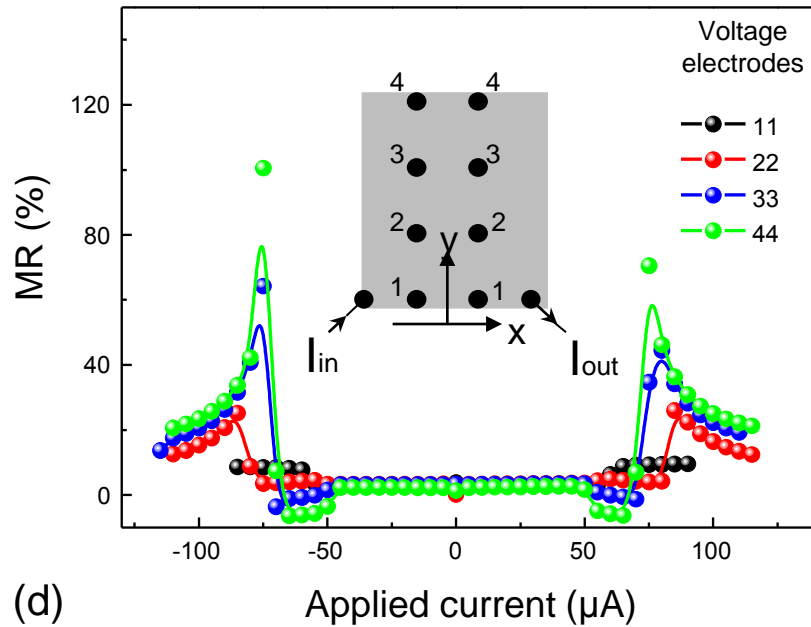
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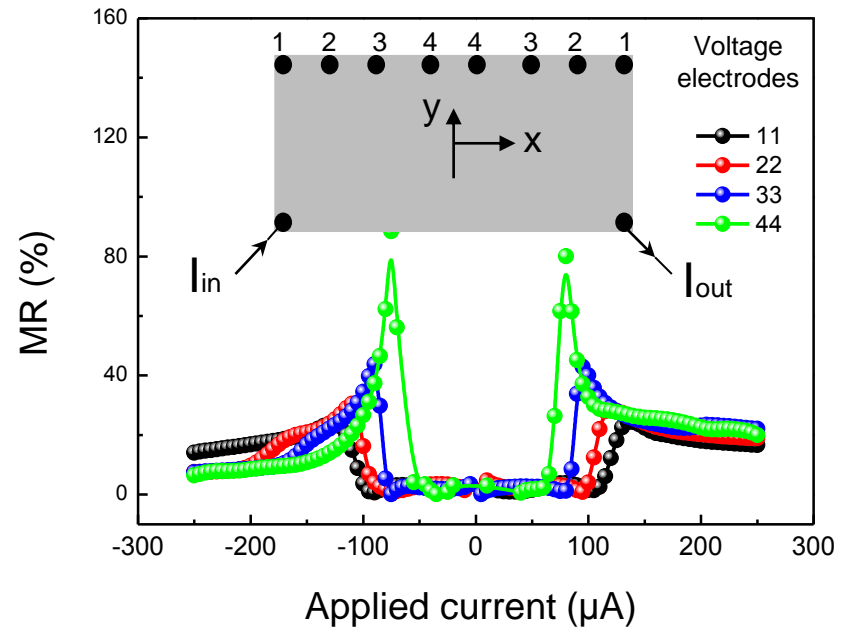
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Effect of electrode position on MR

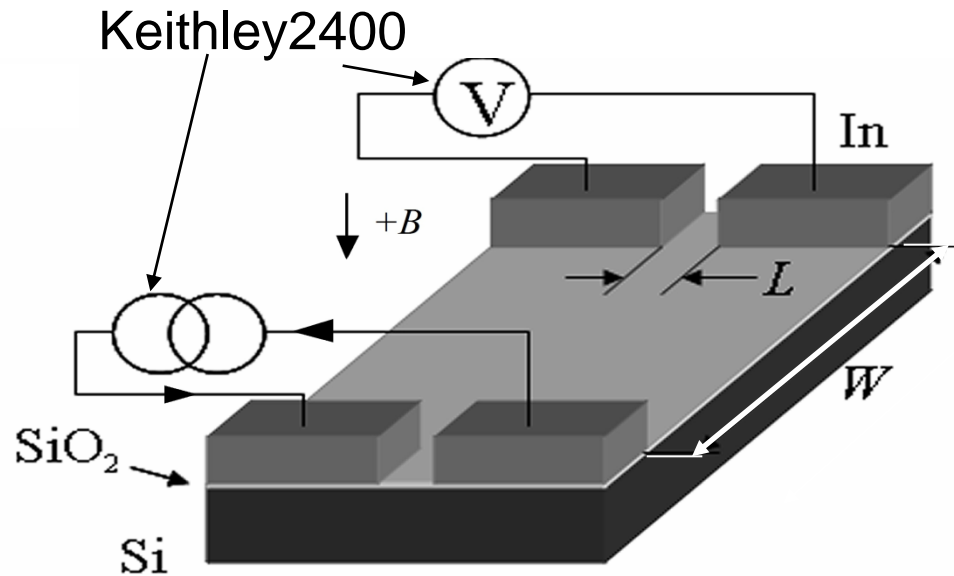
(c)



(d)



Si based MR device with asymmetric electrodes



**MR Devices with
Asymmetrically
distributed electrodes
at corners**

n-Si: Doping: $\sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ phosphorous

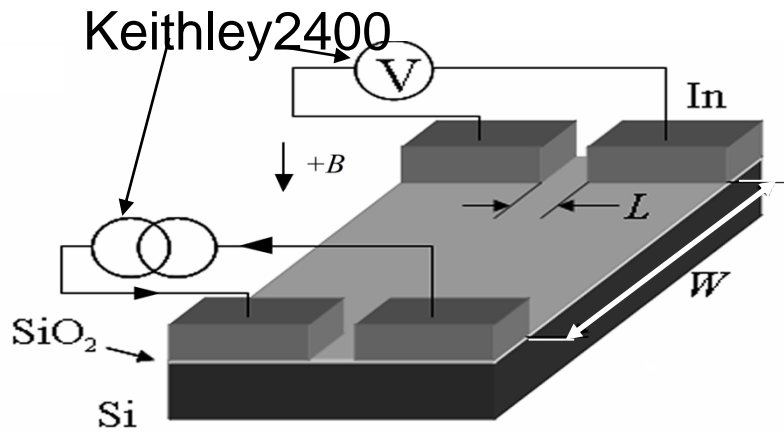
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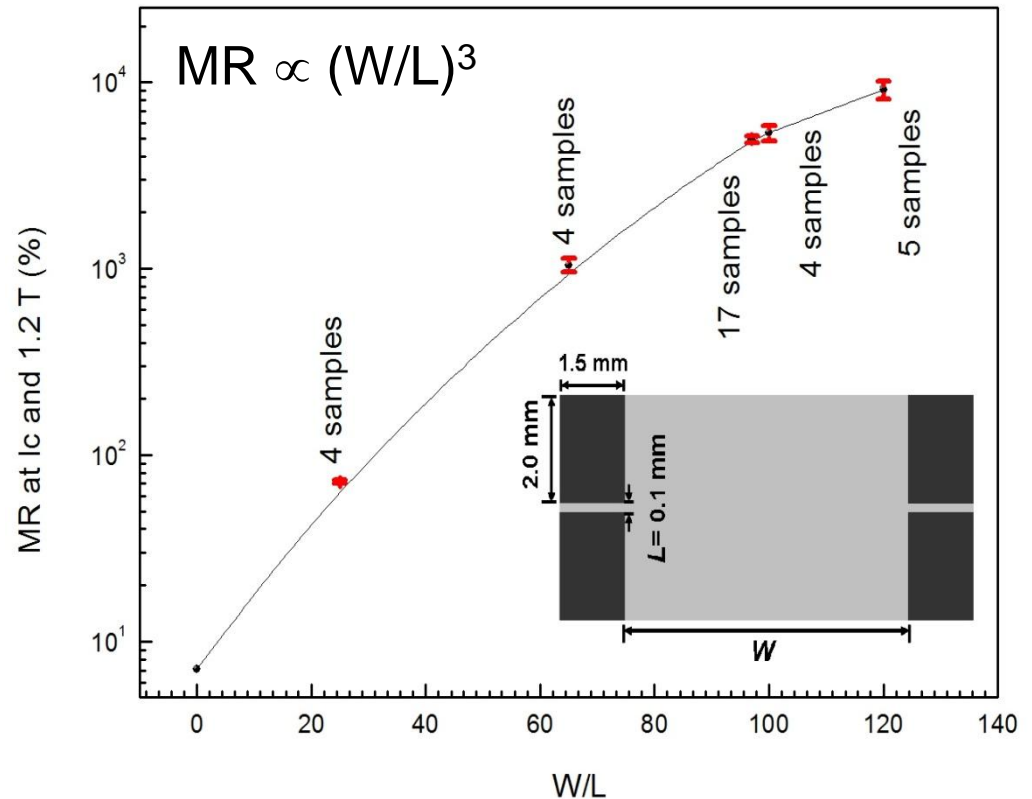
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Electrode: Indium

Si based MR device with asymmetric electrodes



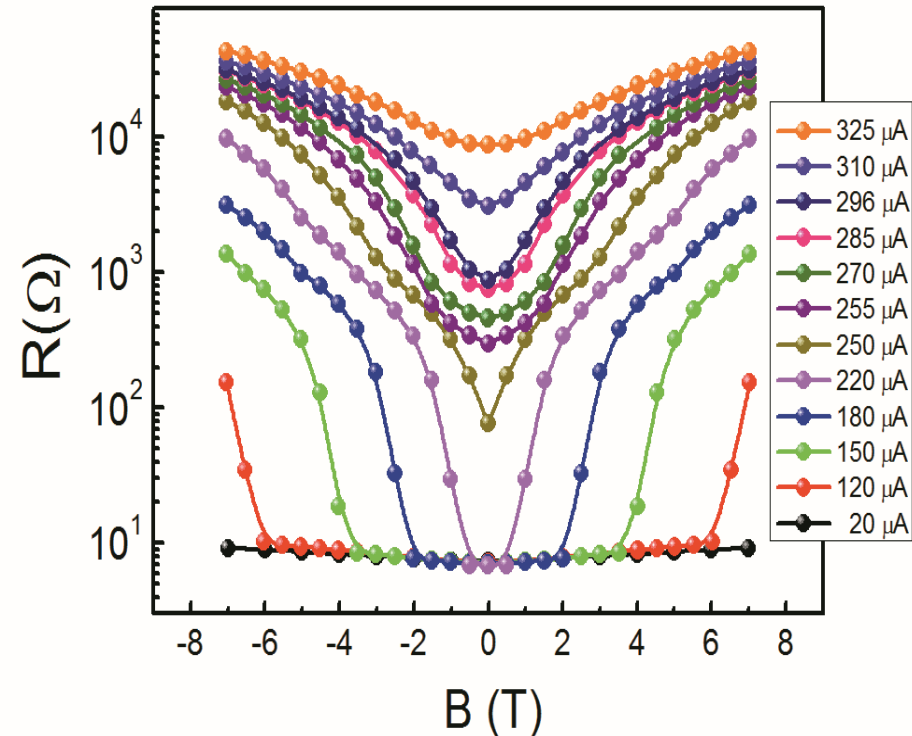
MR Devices with Asymmetric Electrodes



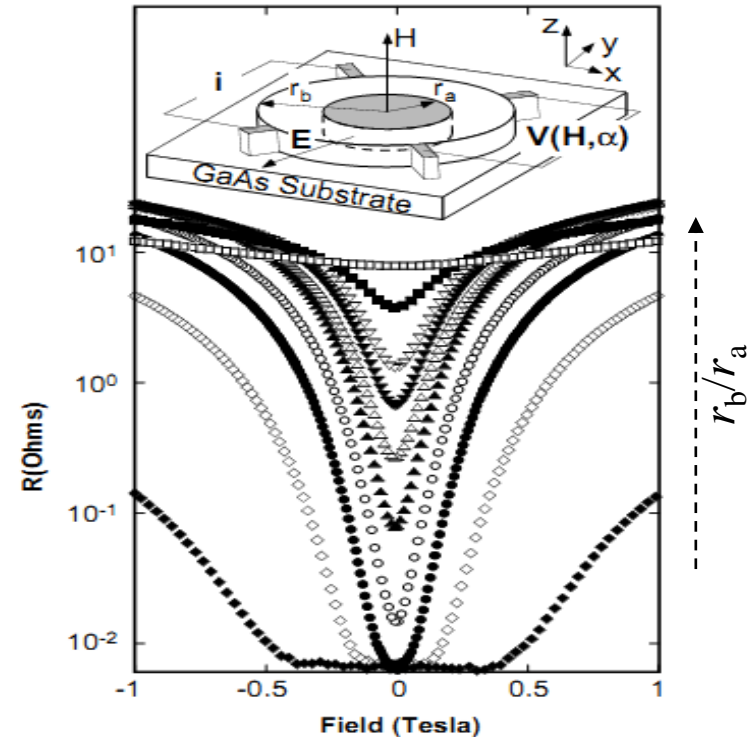
MR increases with increase of $(W/L)^3$

Comparison between Si and InSb based Geometrical enhanced MR Devices

Si

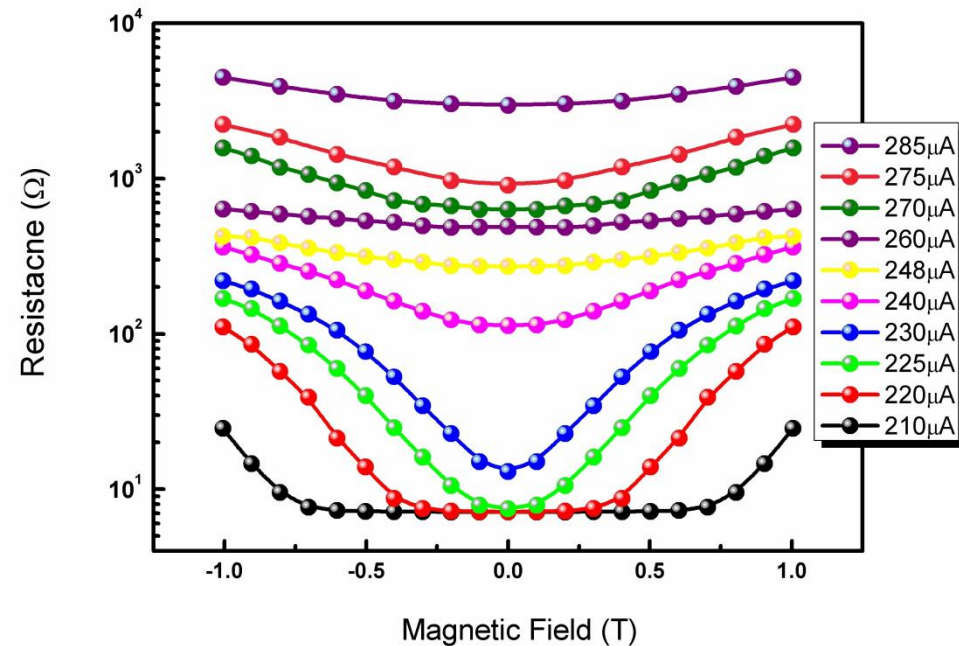
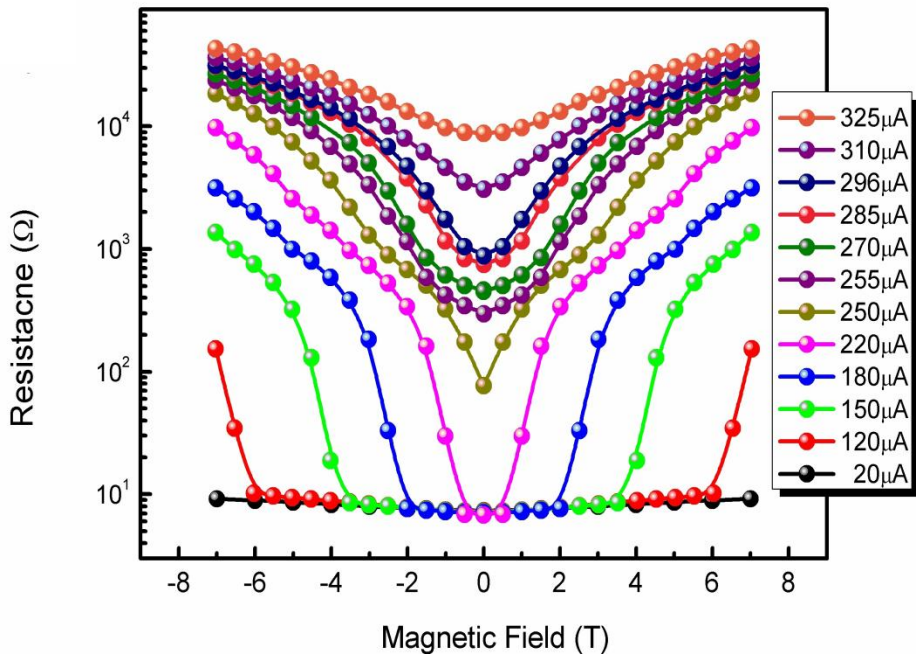


InSb/Au



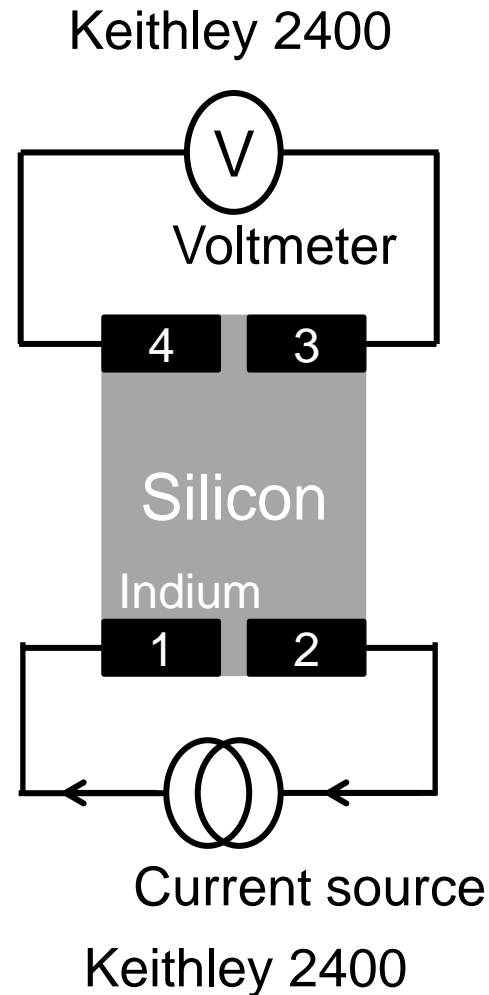
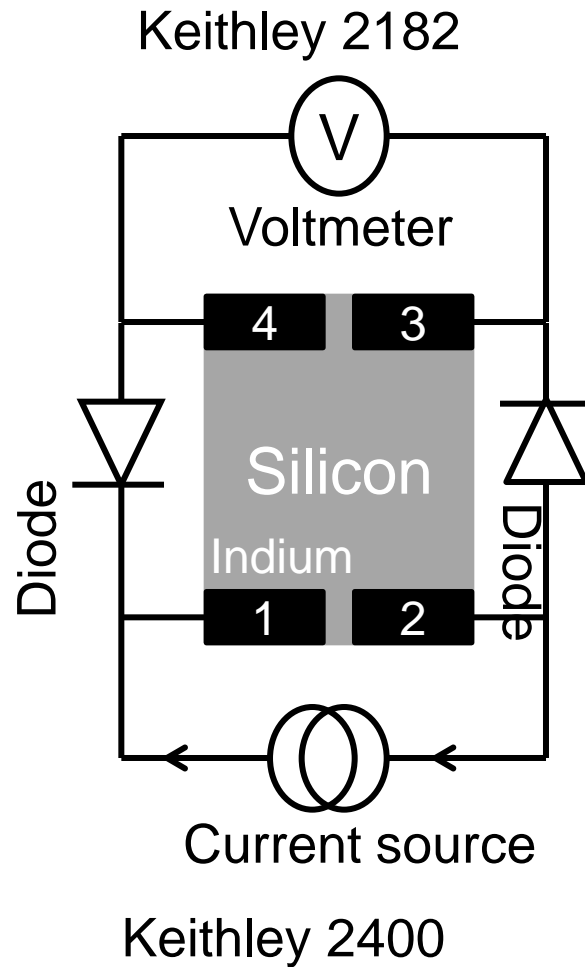
1. $\text{MR} \sim B$ evolves in a similar manner
2. The Control parameter in Si was current
3. The Control parameter in InSb was shape

Current dependent MR



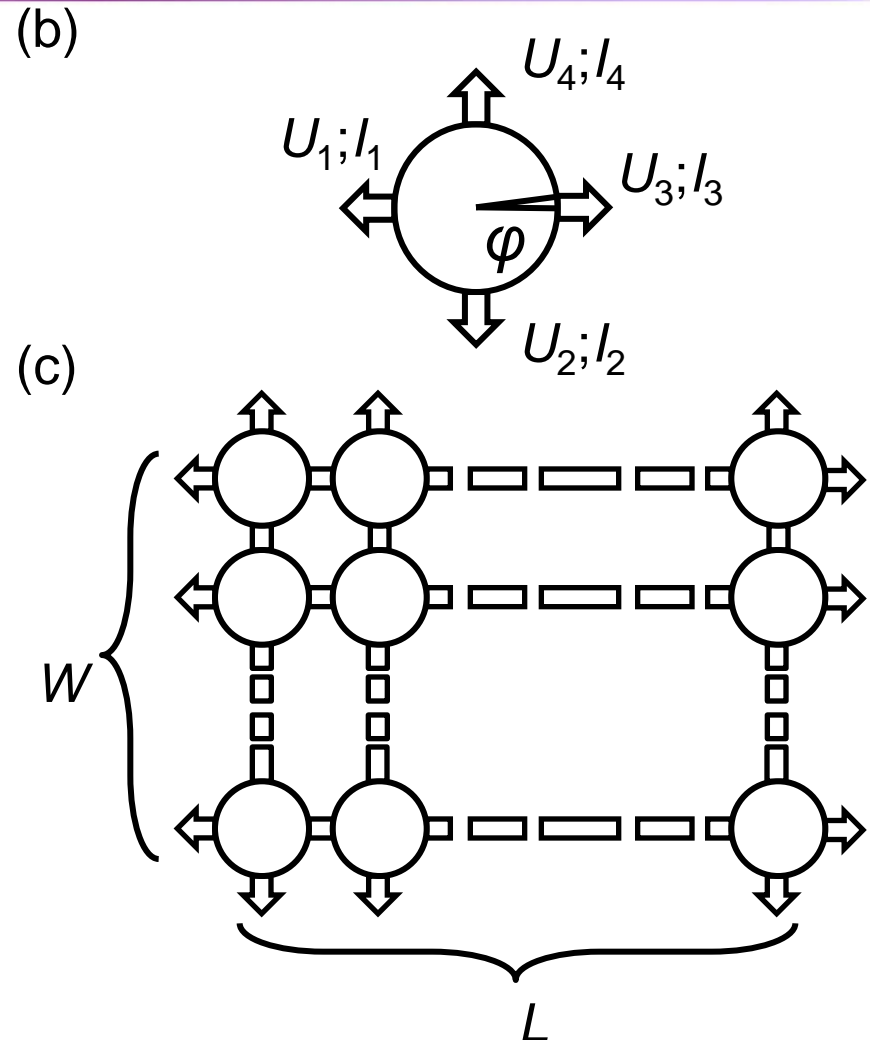
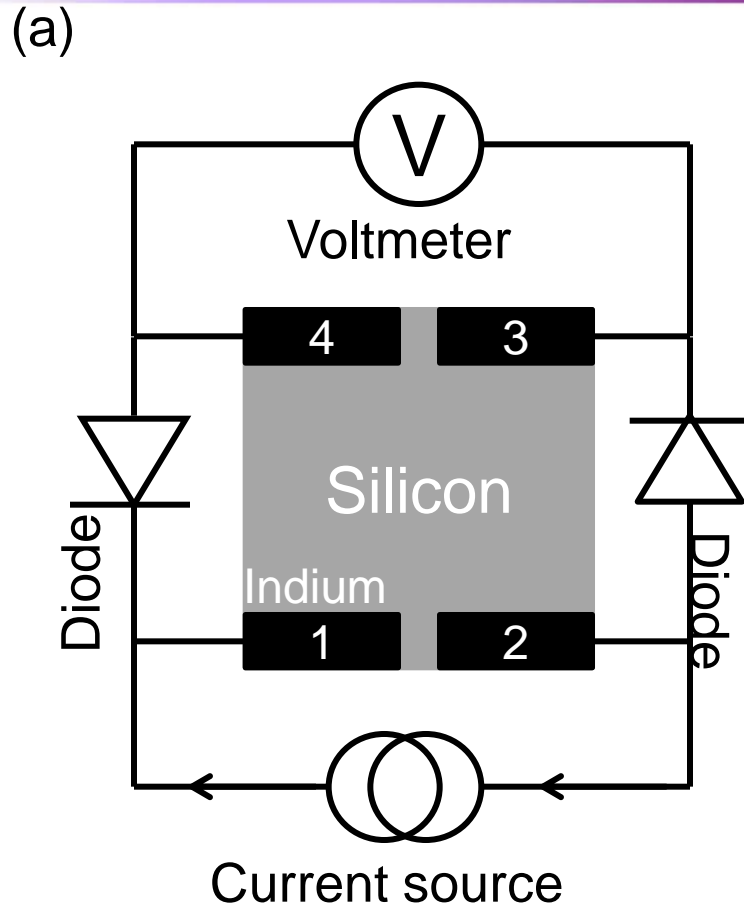
RT MR reaches 30% at 0.065T
and 100% at 0.2 T

Measurement setup of asymmetrical electrode sample



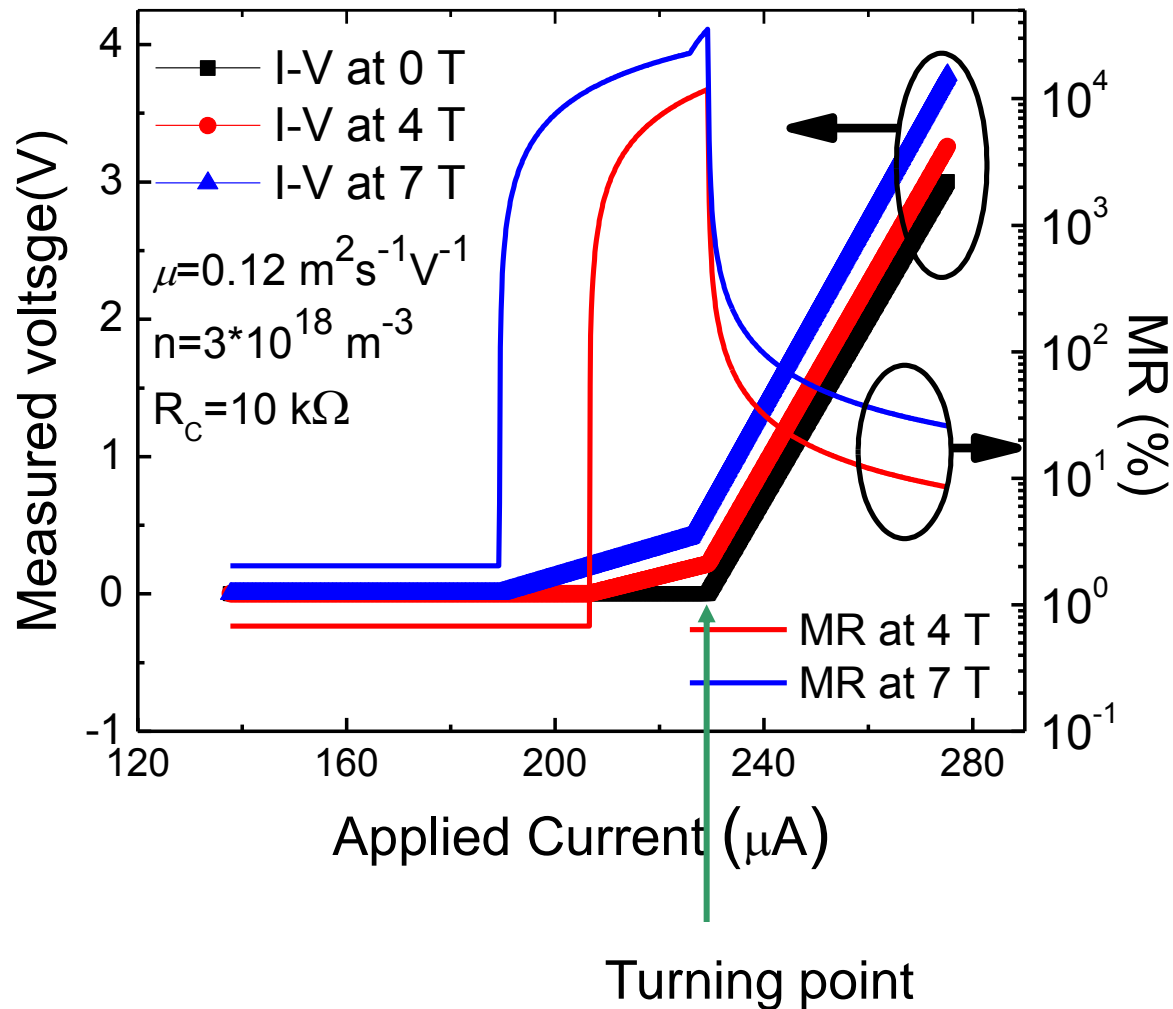
The diodes had already inherently incorporated into the Keithley 2400

MR model for asymmetrical electrode sample

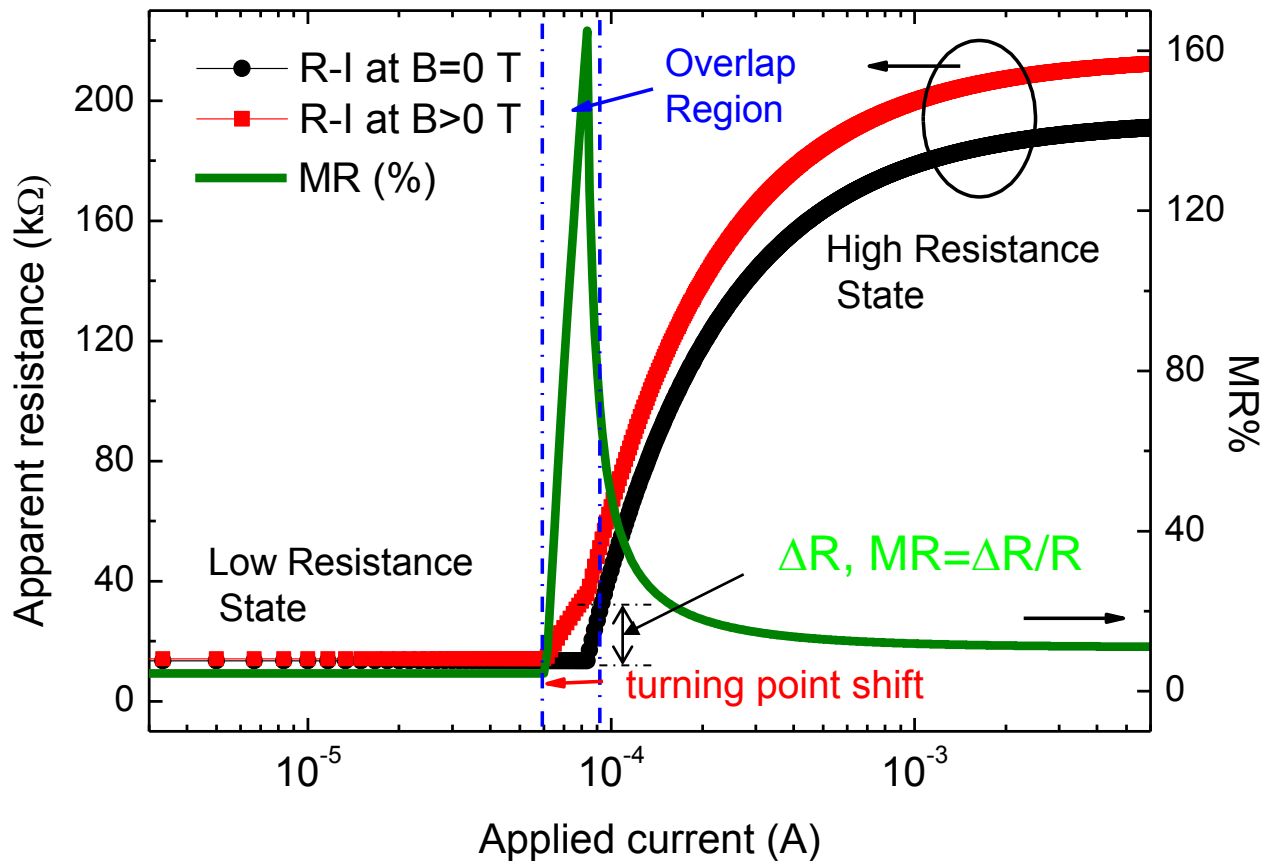


Our model was similar to the model proposed by Parish and Littlewood except the differences in the geometry of electrodes and the two diodes

The maximum MR occur at turning point of I-V curves

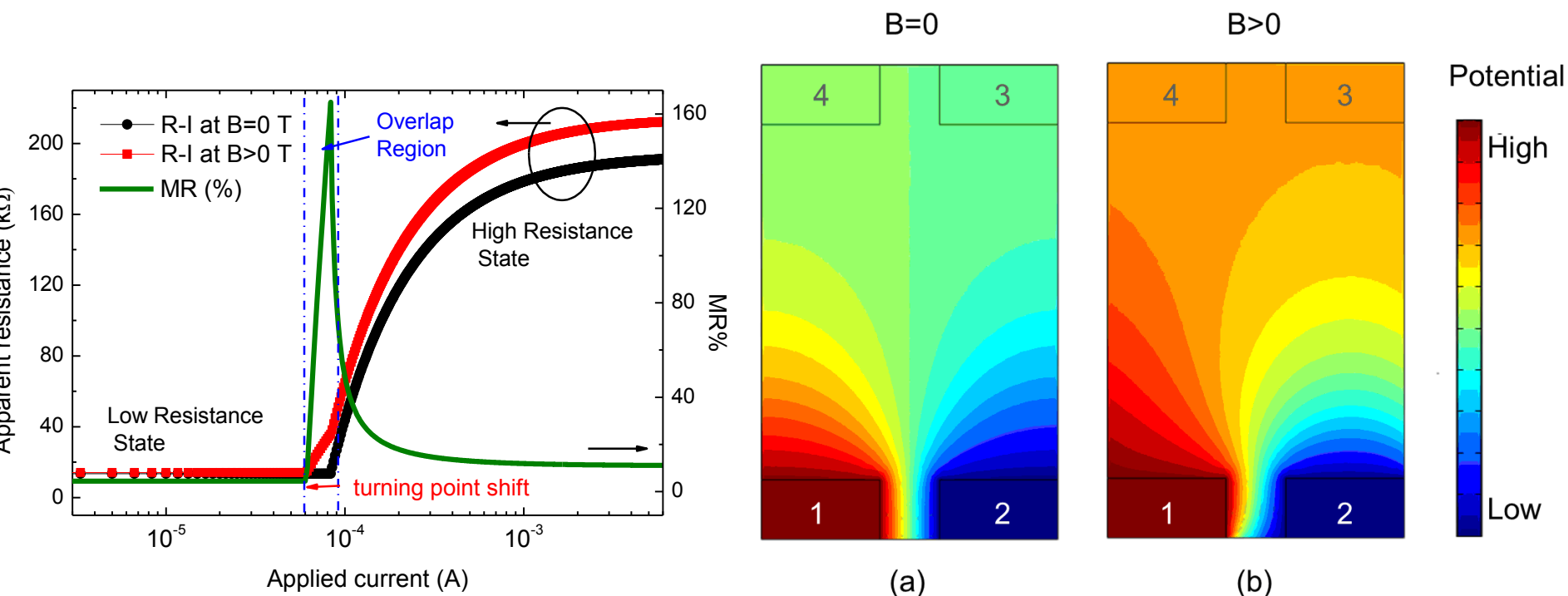


Mechanism of geometric enhanced MR



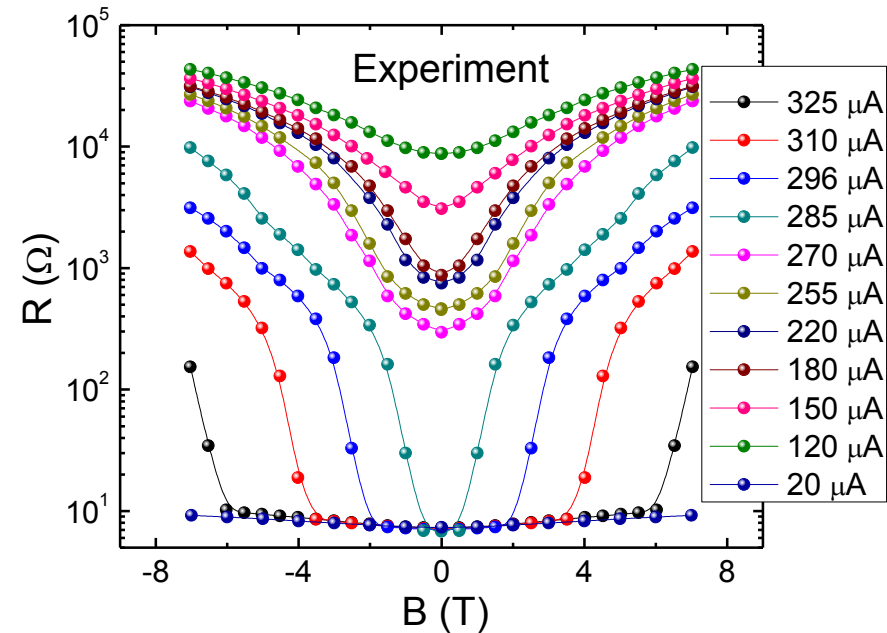
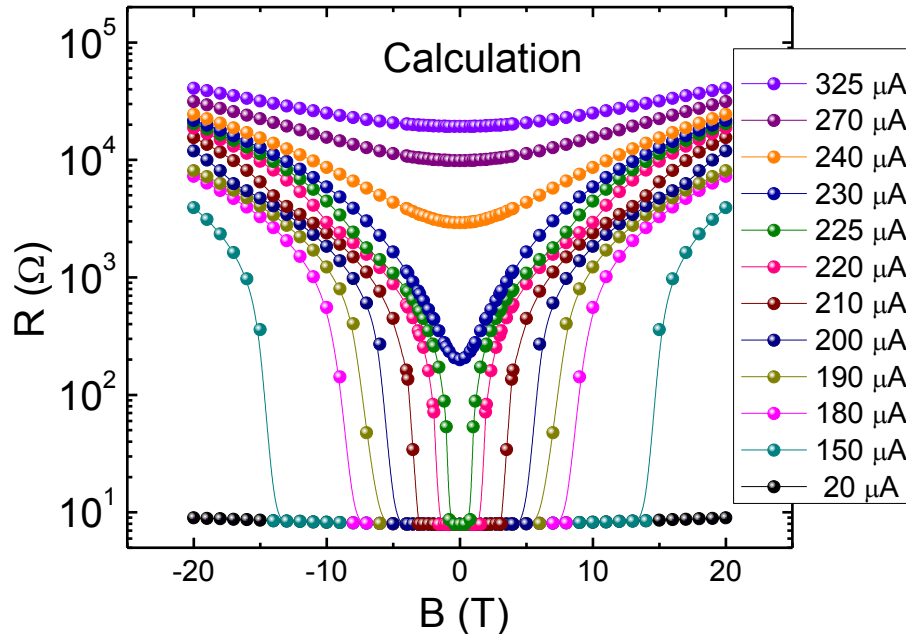
The diodes help to create a low resistance state (LRS) and a high resistance state (HRS). At the boundary between LRS and HRS, MR has its maximum.

在转变点，磁场极大地改变了MR器件电势的分布



二极管帮助建立了一个从低电阻态 (LRS) 到高电阻态 (HRS) 的转变，在该转变点，磁电阻被大大增强。

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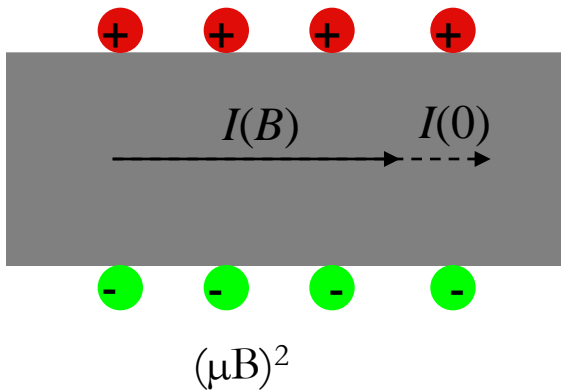
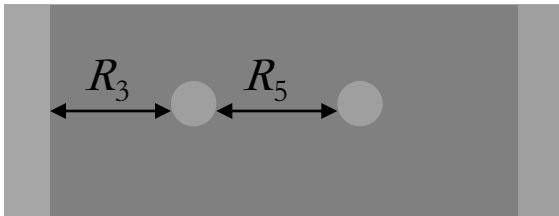


1. MR(B) dependence modulated by applied current.
2. There existed a transition from OMR to abnormal MR with elevating current.

Comparison between the two geometry

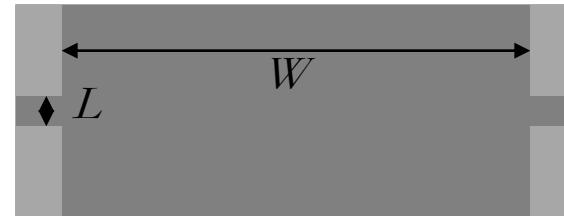
Symmetrical

$$R_3/R_5$$



Asymmetrical

$$W/L$$



Larger Geometrical Factor



No charge accumulation

$$(\mu B)$$

2.4.5 各因素对磁电性能的影响程度对比

本征因素

洛伦兹力偏转
载流子
 $(\mu B)^2$

增强因素

非均匀性

几何效应

PN结效应

增强效果

1~2倍

几何因子 $(W/L)^3$
 $dV/dB \sim B$

PN结因子
 $[\ln f(U)]' U_C$

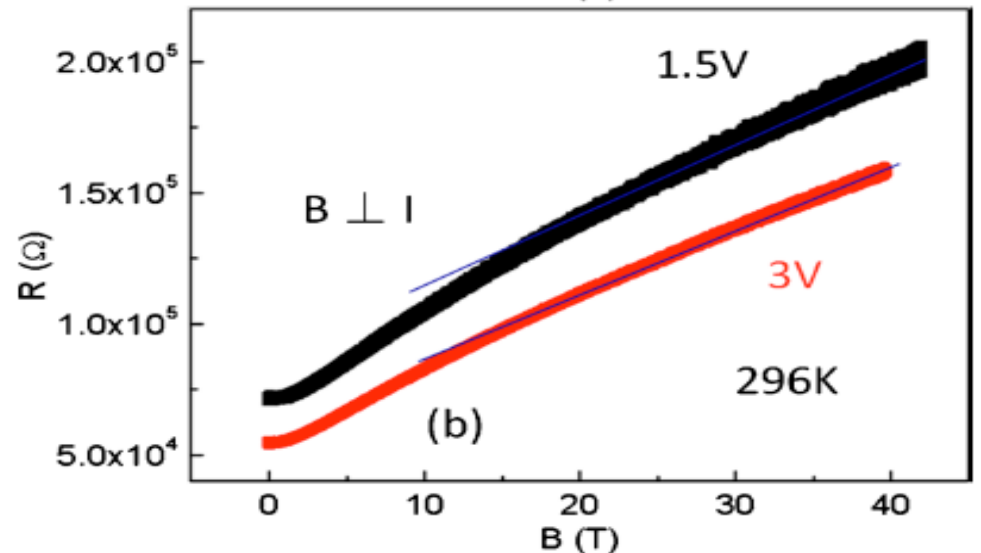
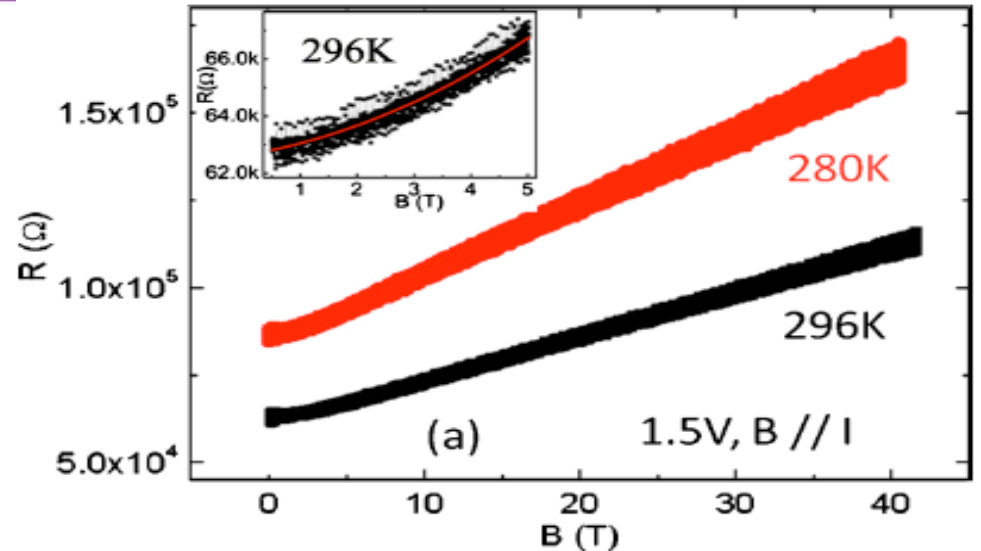
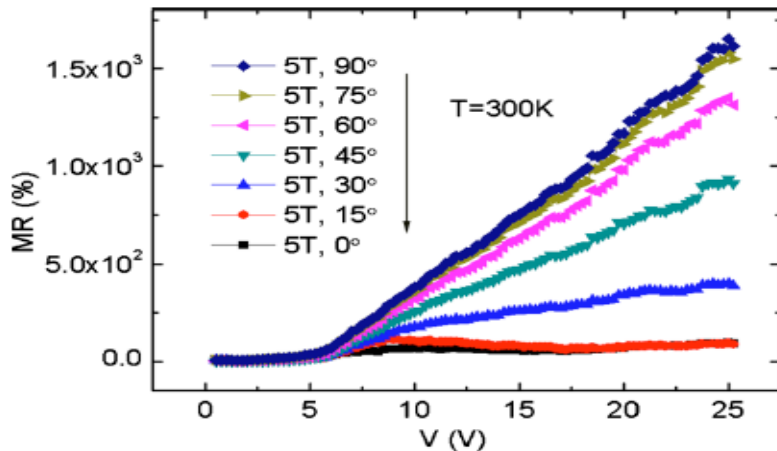
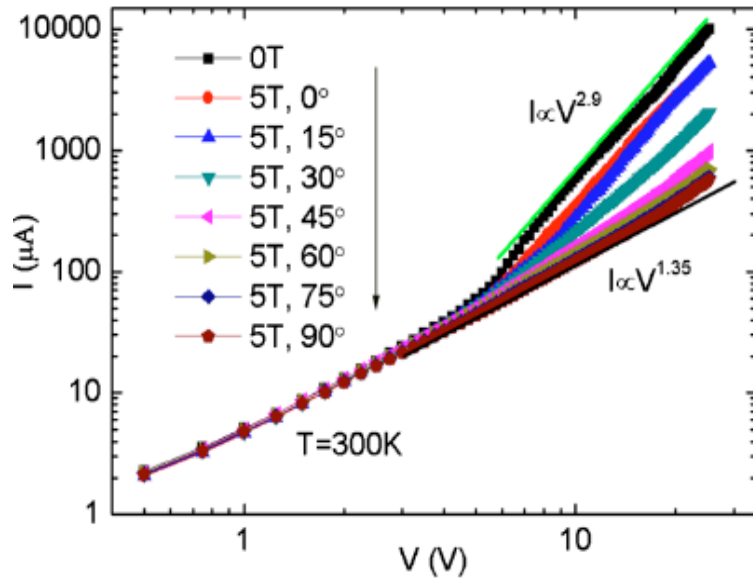
Comparison among different MR devices

Type	S (T^{-1}) <i>S=MR/B</i>	Field needed	others	Ref
Delmo's Si	1.0	0.5 T	V=100 V	1
Schoonus's Si	8.0	1.25 T	V=80 V	2
InSb	3.0	0.19 T	Low resistivity	3
Si geometrical enhanced MR	5	0.06 T	I=0.2 mA, V=10 V	Ours

Speed monitor: 0.1 T, reader: 0.01T, Compass: $0.5 \times 10^{-4}T$

1. Delmo M P, et al. Nature, 2009.
2. Schoonus J J H M, et al. J Phys D: Appl Phys, 2009.
3. Heremans J. J Phys D: Appl Phys, 1993.

Magnetic sensor made by Si can be used in both weak field and high field (up to 40T)



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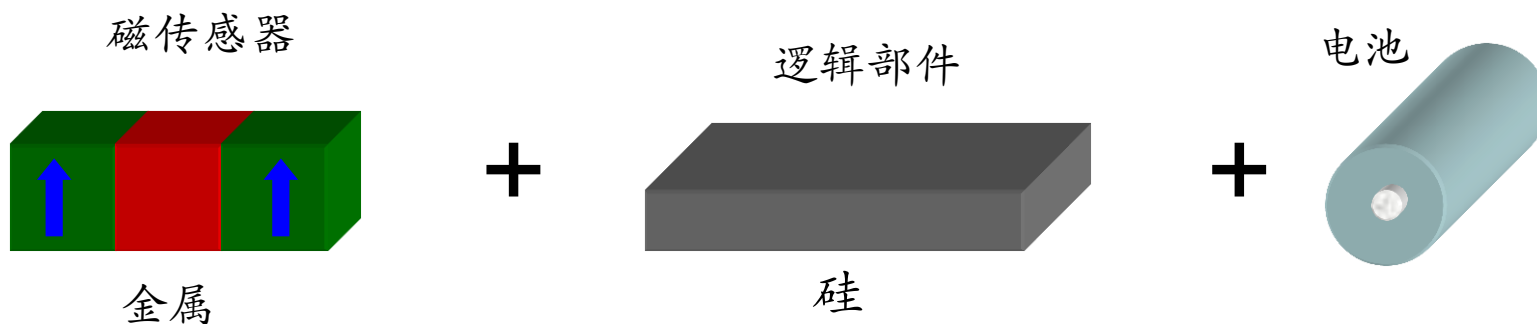
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硅基磁电阻的优点（相比巨磁阻/隧穿磁阻）

- 无磁噪声
- 原材料来源丰富（硅地球丰度第2）
- 可以用于从弱场到强场很宽的范围（**0—40T**）
- 可以用成熟的硅基微电子技术，从研究转化为生产快
- 这种几何增强磁阻可以用于其他半导体（如 **GaAs, Ge**等）
- 这种半导体**MR**器件可和其他半导体器件集成，可能产生新颖的磁电或者磁光电器件

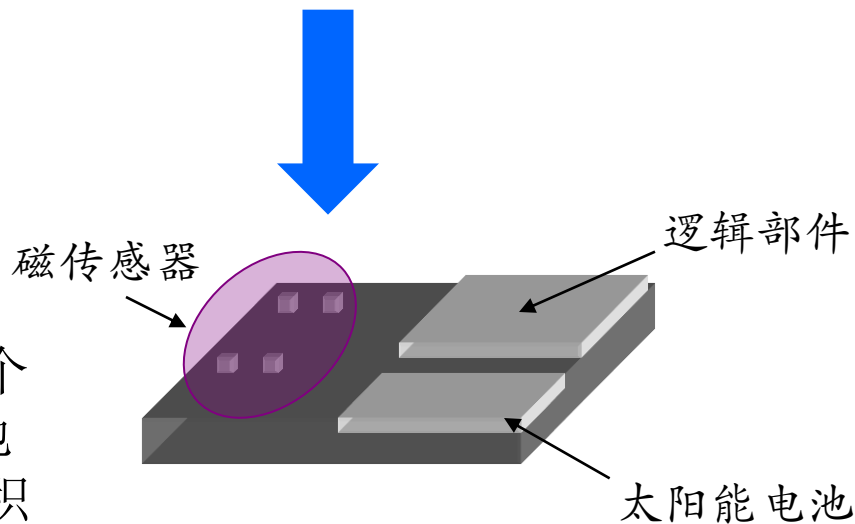
未来的磁传感器

现有的磁阻器件



未来的硅基磁阻器件

原来的3个器件做一个硅片上，成为自带电池的自驱动磁传感器（体积小，功耗低，速度快）



1. Silicon electronics → Silicon magnetoelectronics

More flexible controllability (Electro-, **magneto-**, **non-connected** modulations)

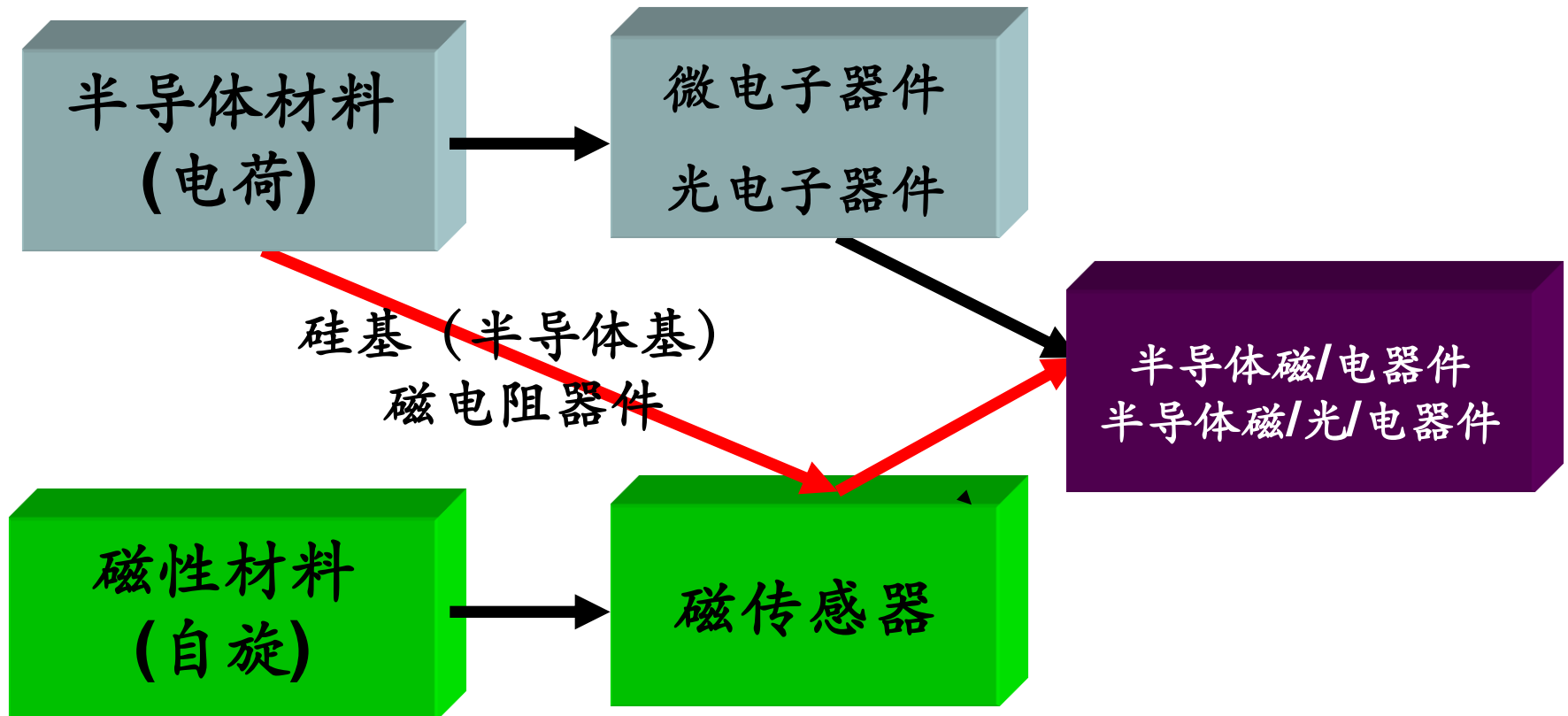
2. Silicon based MR sensors

covering **high/medium/low field range**、**applied current** dependent、**self-powered**， ample raw materials

For comparison: **Magnetic MR sensors: Magnetic Hysteresis**， **Failure at high fields**， **inactive to current**.

影响力 (Impact)

以硅为主的半导体工业和以磁性材料为主的磁传感器和磁存储工业是信息工业的两大独立支柱。硅基磁电阻器件的发明让用半导体材料（我们已经在Si、GaAs、Ge上实现磁电阻）来制备过去不存在的磁—光—电复合器件成为可能，实现半导体工业和磁传感器工业的联姻。



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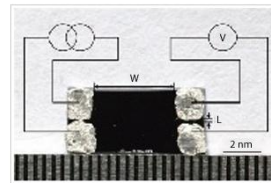
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Magnetoresistance: Silicon joins the party

Magnetoresistance in silicon can be enhanced to match that of commercial devices by designing appropriate device geometries.

Giant magnetoresistance, which allows electrical resistance to be varied by relatively small magnetic fields, has had a huge impact on everyday technology, with widespread use in information storage and magnetic field sensing. Xiaozhong Zhang and colleagues from Tsinghua University in China have now demonstrated that it is possible to enhance inhomogeneous magnetoresistance (IMR) in silicon devices to levels comparable to that of conventional rare-earth-based technologies¹.



Photograph of a silicon-based magnetoresistive element

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磁电阻革命 ——硅基磁传感器的工业化实现

做为磁传感器材料中的新星，硅已被广泛关注。章晓中教授让硅基磁传感器的工业化实现成为了可能。科技创新加上技术实现，使得这项技术的市场潜力不容小觑。

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每天早上，我们按时打开手机，更新每日的新闻内容，来到办公室，打开电脑开始一天的忙碌。做会议演示的时候，可能还会用 U 盘把幻灯片拷到公用电脑上。所有的一切活动都离不开一项技术——数据存储。在数据存储这一领域的发展上，巨磁阻效应 (GMR) 的应用功不可没。自从 1988 年被发现以来，GMR 就被用于制备电脑硬盘驱动器磁头和固态硬盘，微弱的磁场变化即可导致 GMR 材料的电阻发生巨大变化，从而将磁场信号转化为电信号，使得磁头可以在磁盘上读出数据。

虽然基于 GMR 的磁存储技术已经非常成熟，但这并不意味着磁电阻技术已经发展到了尽头，通过其他方式实现磁电阻功能，依然有其意义。其中，清华大学材料科学系章晓中教授所研究的非均匀性导致的磁阻效应 (IMR)，就有着重要的应用价值。正是基于 IMR，章教授成功地使得半导体硅成为磁传感器，并使其工业化成为可能。

在章晓中之前，有科学家已经开始着手进行非磁性半导体的磁阻效应的研究，并且得出了非均匀性导致的磁电阻效应与磁场的线性依赖关系。从事磁电阻方面的研究的剑桥大学卡文迪许实验室的彼得·利特尔伍德 (Peter. B. Littlewood) 教



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硅基磁电阻工作入选

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Some recent works in silicon

- Spin injection into silicon
 - Nature 462, 491 (2009)
- Orbitronics in silicon
 - Nature 465, 1057 (2010)
- Geometrical enhanced magnetoresistance (GEMR) in silicon
 - Nature 477, 304 (2011)
- What else in silicon ?

结论

1. 我们利用连接二极管发明了几何增强磁电阻(GEMR)。二极管帮助建立了一个从低电阻态 (LRS) 到高电阻态 (HRS) 的转变, 在转变点附近, 本征磁电阻被几何因子放大。
2. 硅中的本征磁电阻是普通磁电阻 (OMR) 效应, 可以通过几何效应来放大本征磁电阻, 对非对称电极结构 MR 器件的 MR 可以在 0.06T 下达到 30%, 几何因子 $(W/L)^3$ 越大, MR 越大。进一步优化器件, 可以进一步提高性能。争取做到微型化和高灵敏度。
3. 我们已经在 Si, GaAs 和 Ge 上实现了 GEMR。这提供了在单一材料上实现磁光电复合功能的可能性。
4. 我们的工作表明半导体的电荷属性也可以做个别传统上由磁性金属的自旋属性完成的工作(如 MR), 这可能造成半导体工业和磁传感器工业的联姻。

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