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- Fellow, American Physical Society, 1974
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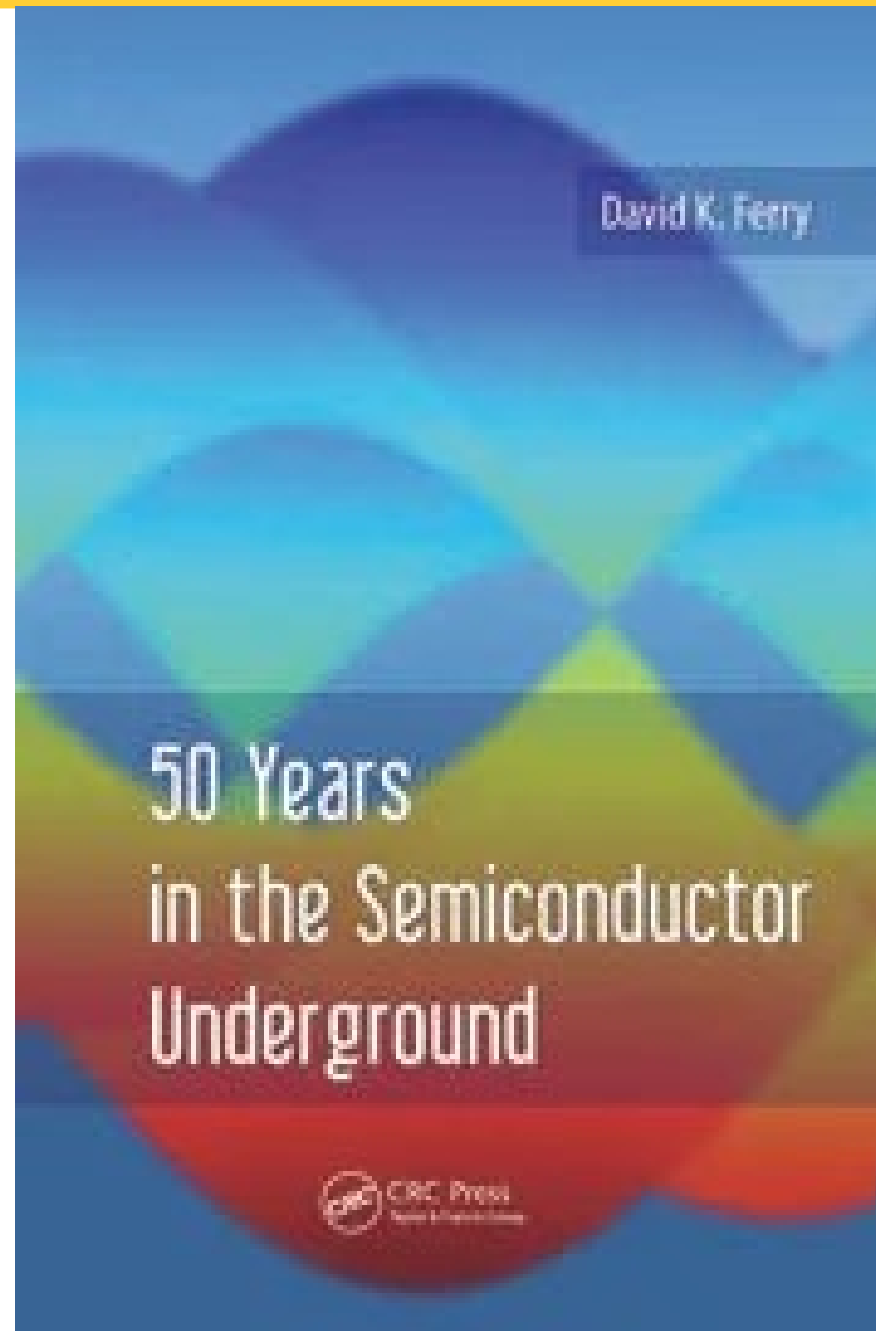
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Books

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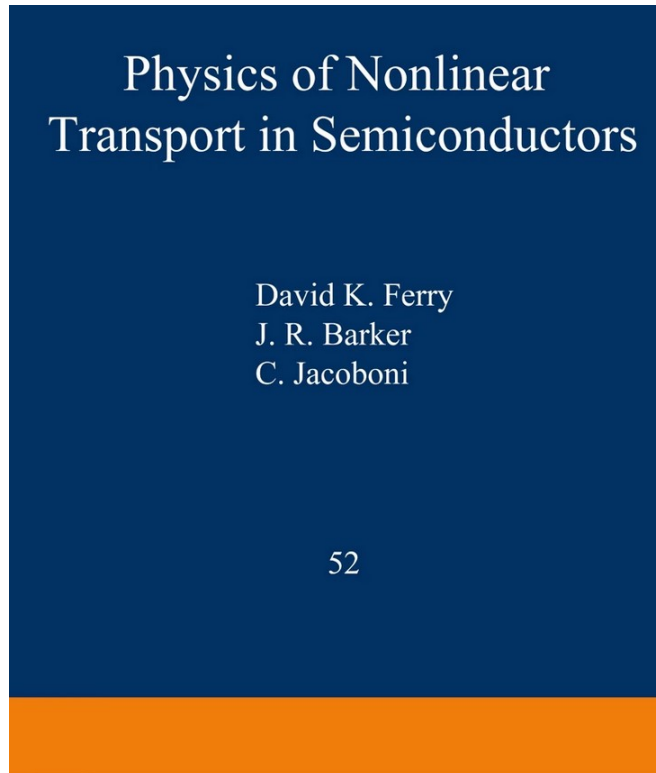


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NON-EQUILIBRIUM HOT-CARRIER DIFFUSION PHENOMENON IN SEMICONDUCTORS II. AN EXPERIMENTAL MONTE CARLO APPROACH

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Advantages of Collocation Methods Over Finite Differences in One-Dimensional Monte Carlo Simulations of Submicron Devices

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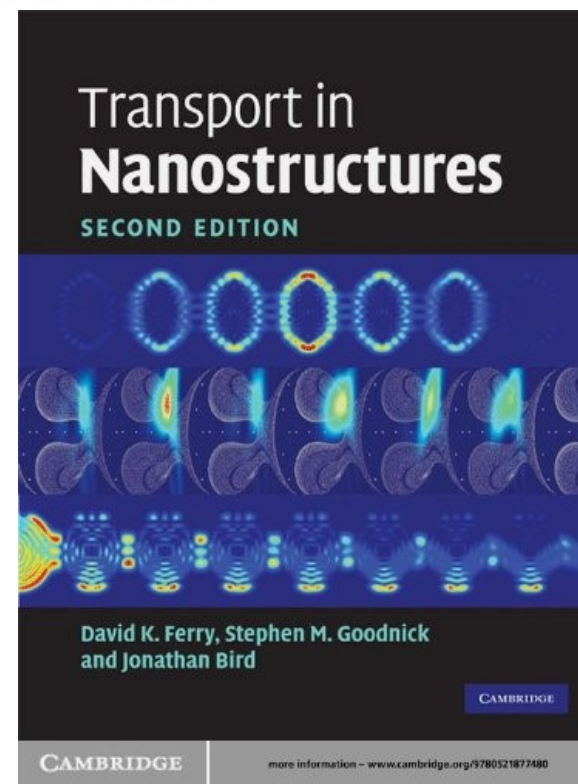
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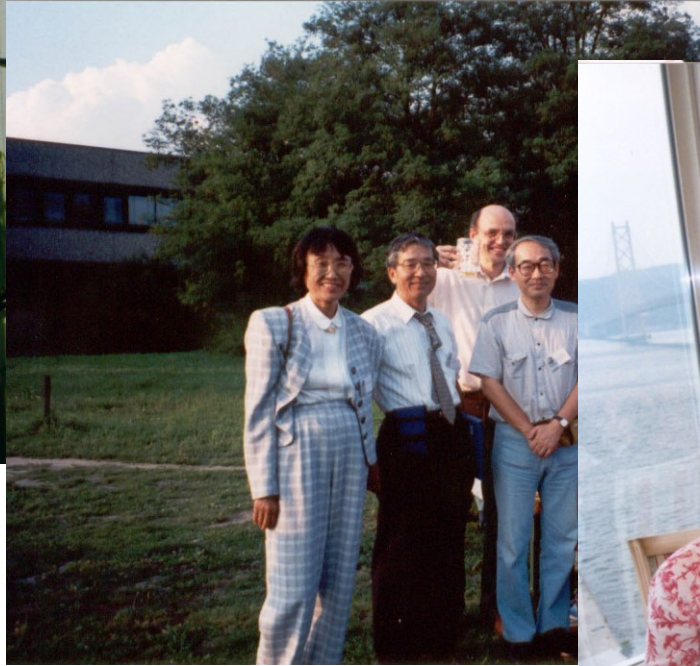
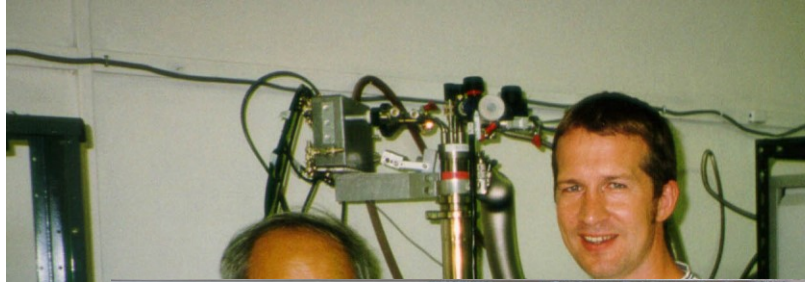
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AHW, SIMD, NPMS, ISANN, WINDS... 'A year without visiting Hawaii is a year wasted..' DKF



John Barker-Dave Ferry



Thank you for making my dream come through!

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Areas we worked together:

1991 – 1995: Low dimensional transport in silicon inversion layers using real-time Green's functions formalism

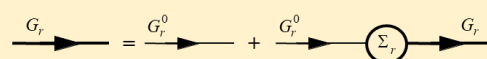
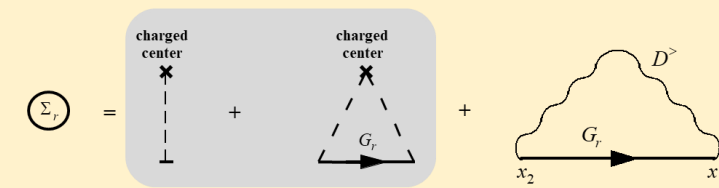
1995 – 1997: Schrödinger-Poisson solvers, Discrete impurity effects

1997 – : Monte Carlo device simulations, Transport in quantum confined systems using effective potential approach

Mobility and Collisional Broadening: nEGF

Calculated the impact of the **collisional broadening of the states** on the **density of states function, scattering and the low field electron mobility**.

- Dyson equation** for G_r

$$G_r = G_r^0 + G_r^0 \Sigma_r G_r$$

- Calculate Σ_r using **self-consistent Born approximation**:
 

$$\Sigma'_n(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \sum_m \sum_q \sum_i |U'_{nm}(\mathbf{q})|^2 g'_m(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$
- Solve self-consistently for G_r

$$g'_n(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\hbar\omega - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_n - [R_n(\mathbf{k}, \omega) - i\Gamma_n(\mathbf{k}, \omega)]}$$

$$\sigma_{2D} = \sigma_{2D}^{Drude} + \sigma_{2D}^{corr}$$

$$\sigma_{2D} = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_n \int d\omega \left(-\frac{\partial n_F}{\partial \omega} \right) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}{2\pi} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{a_n(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega)}{2\Gamma_n(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega)} \left\{ a_n(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega) \Gamma_n(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega) + \frac{m^*}{\hbar^2} \sum_m \int_0^\infty \frac{d\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}}{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}} \frac{a_m(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}, \omega)}{2\Gamma_m(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}, \omega)} \Lambda_m(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}, \omega) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} \cos \varphi T_{nm}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}) \right\}$$

$$\Lambda_n(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \omega) = 1 + \sum_m \sum_q \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}}{k^2} T_{nm}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}) \frac{a_m(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}, \omega)}{2\Gamma_m(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}, \omega)} \Lambda_m(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}, \omega)$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{2D}}{N_s e}$$

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Universal Mobility Behavior

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On the Universality of Inversion Layer Mobility in Si MOSFET's: Part I—Effects of Substrate Impurity Concentration

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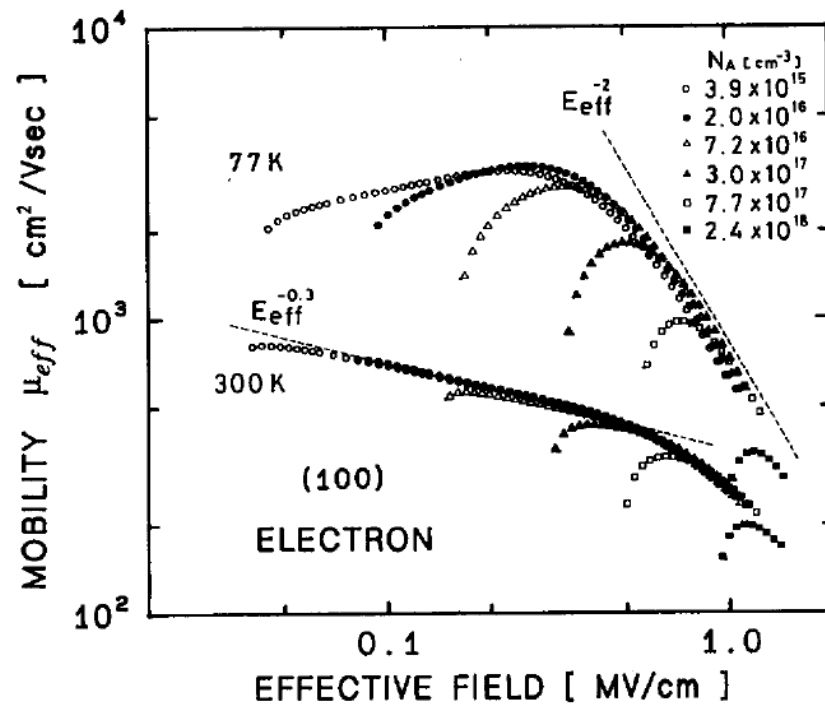
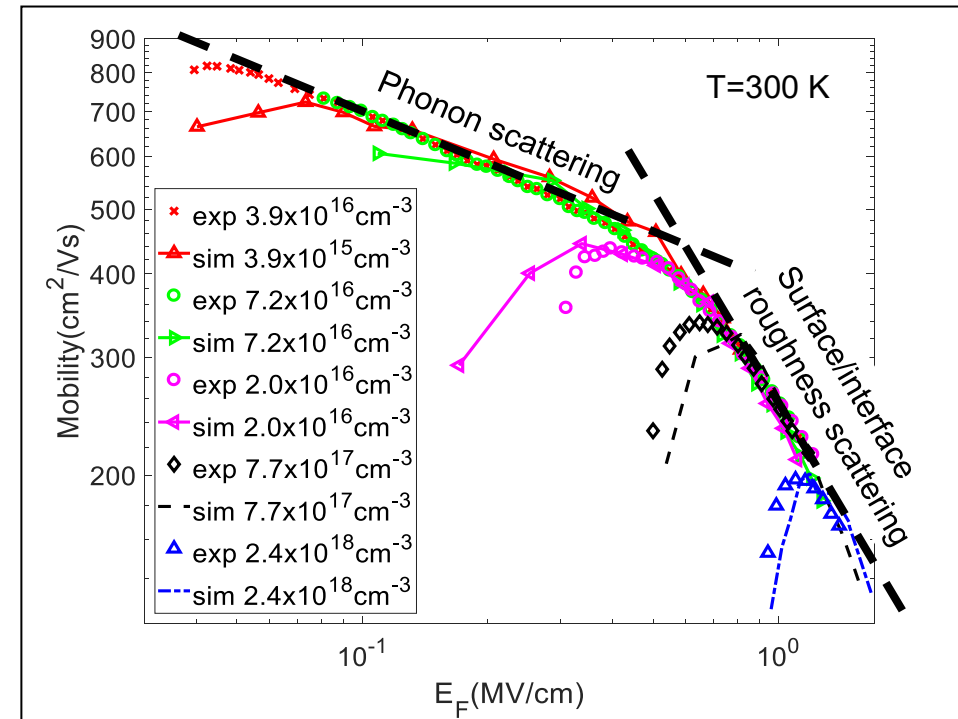


Fig. 1. Electron mobility in inversion layer at 300 K and 77 K versus effective field E_{eff} , as a parameter of substrate acceptor concentration, N_A . Here, E_{eff} is defined by $E_{eff} = q \cdot (N_{dpl} + \eta \cdot N_s) / \epsilon_{Si}$ with η of 1/2.



Si MOSFETs: Random Dopant Fluctuations



- Wong and Taur: Theoretical predictions of device V_T fluctuations in 1993 [1].
- Mizuno and co-workers: Experimental demonstration of these fluctuations in 1994 [2].

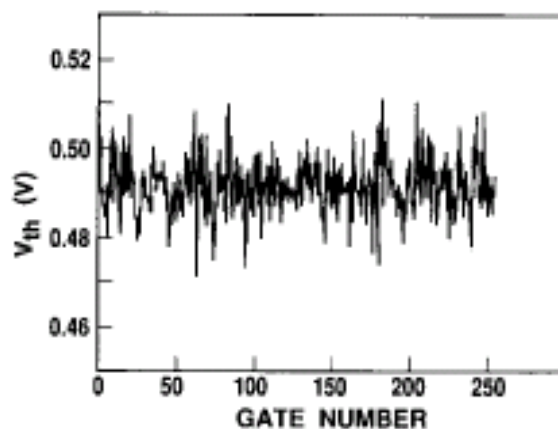
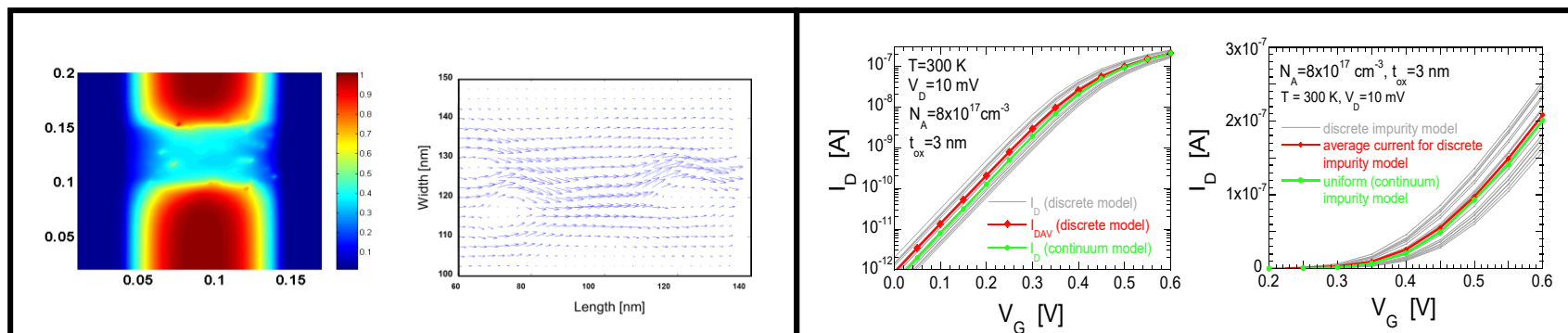


Fig. 4. Threshold voltage versus the gate number in 256 NMOSFET's, where $L_{eff} = 0.5 \mu m$, $T_{ox} = 11nm$, and $N_a = 7.1 \times 10^{16} cm^{-3}$. (Reprinted from: T. Mizuno, J. Okamura, and A. Toriumi, "Experimental Study of Threshold Voltage Fluctuations Using an 8K MOSFET's Array," Technical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

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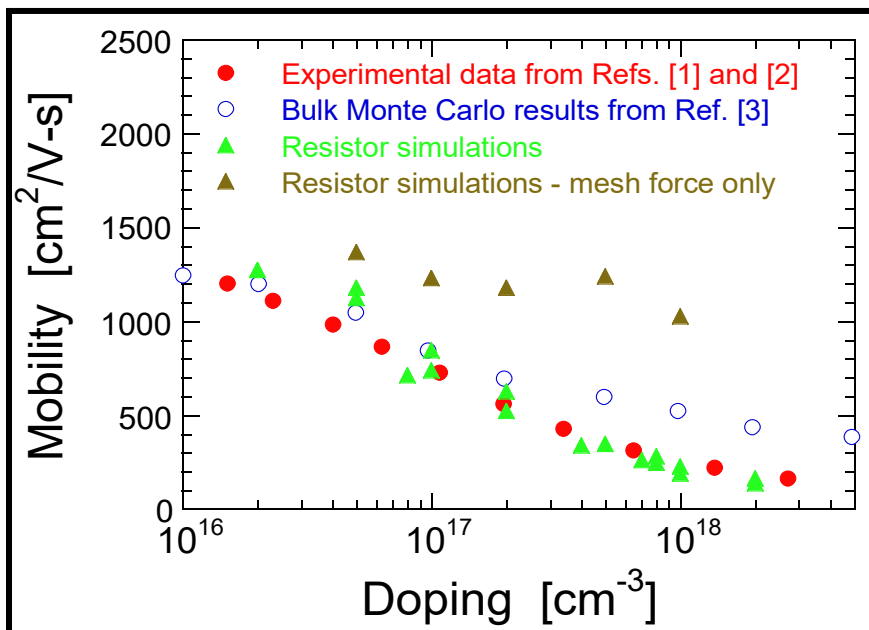


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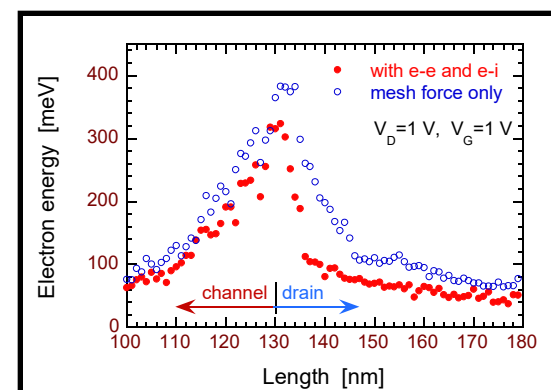
E-E and E-I Interactions in Monte Carlo Device Simulators

Coulomb forces treated in **real space**:

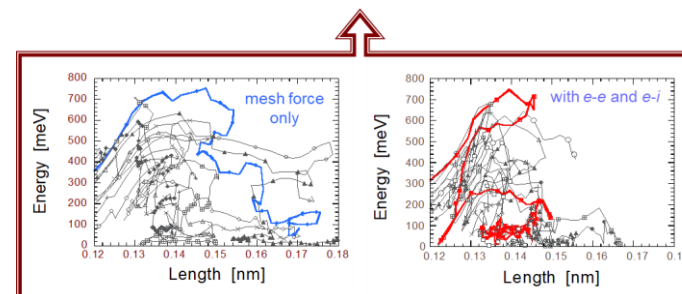
- Corrected Coulomb Approach
- P3M Method
- Multipole Method



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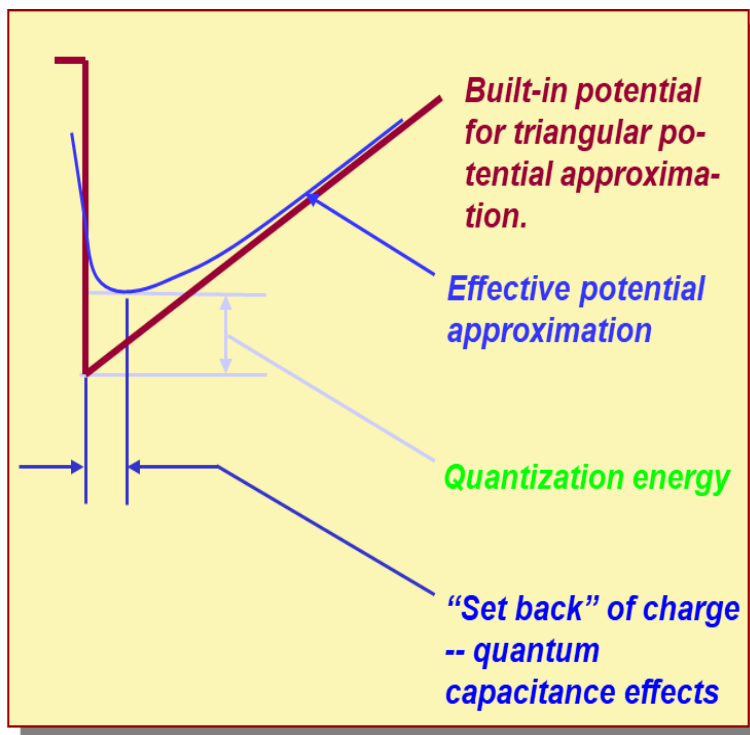


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Quantum Correction: Effective Potential



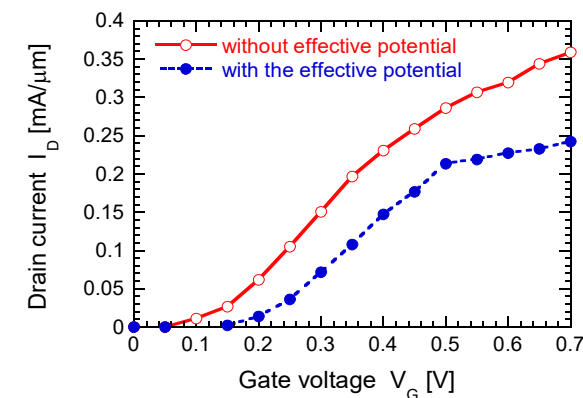
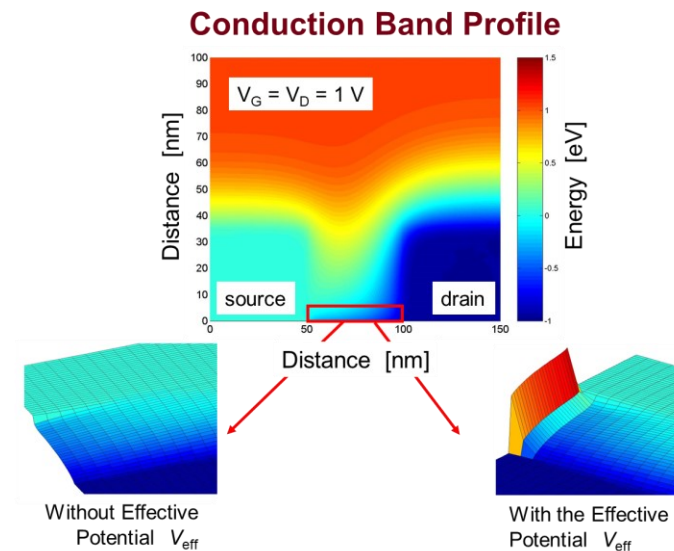
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In principle, the effective role of the potential can be rewritten in terms of the non-local density as:

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



Smoothed,
effective potential

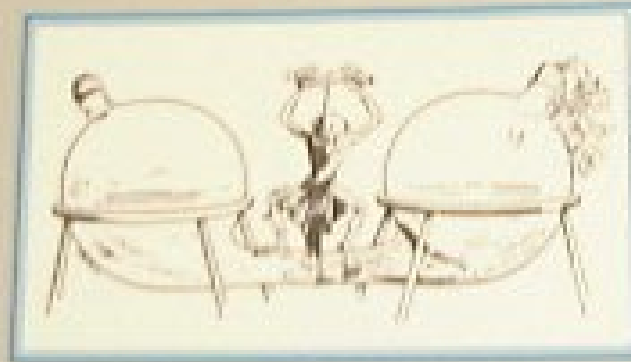


MAXWELL'S DEMON

ENTROPY

INFORMATION

COMPUTING



Maxwell's Demon: Entropy, Information, Computing. H. Leff and A. F. Rex (IoP 1990).

Physics of Computation

- Computers, as Physical Objects, are subject to the Laws of Physics
- Do the Laws of Physics impose Limits on Computation?

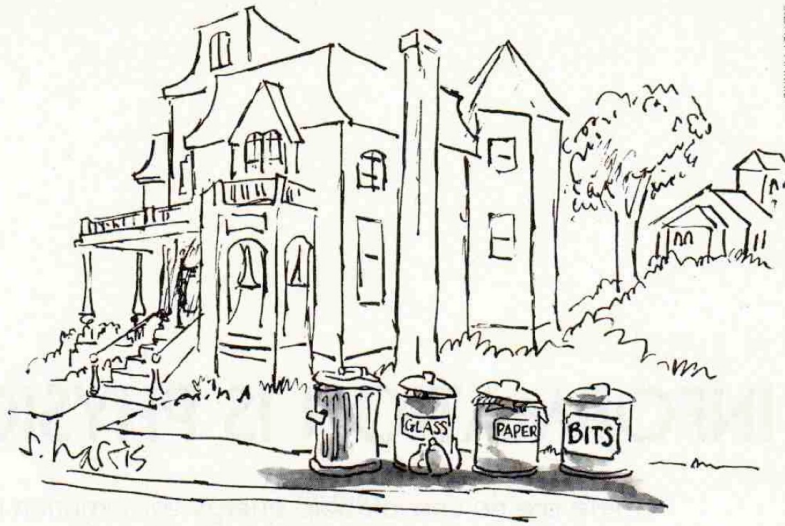
Entropy and Information

- “Arrow of Time”
- Thermodynamics
- Entropy

INFORMATION IS PHYSICAL

There are no unavoidable energy consumption requirements per step in a computer. Related analysis has provided insights into the measurement process and the communications channel, and has prompted speculations about the nature of physical laws.

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Must information be discarded in computation, communication and the measurement process? This question has physical importance because discarding a bit of information requires energy dissipation of order kT .

Figure 1

physical systems. As good many investigators have studied measures of complexity, attempting to quantify that intuitive notion. Much of this enterprise is motivated

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unlimited registers or unlimited memory-addressing machinery. At any one step of a Turing machine computation, only a very limited number of bits in close functional and spatial relationship, are subject to change. The Turing machine embodies, in a striking manner, a requisite of a reasonable computer: The designer of the machine needs to understand only the function carried out

Irreversibility and Heat Generation in the Computing Process

Abstract: It is argued that computing machines inevitably involve devices which perform logical functions that do not have a single-valued inverse. This logical irreversibility is associated with physical irreversibility and requires a minimal heat generation, per machine cycle, typically of the order of kT for each irreversible function. This dissipation serves the purpose of standardizing signals and making them independent of their exact logical history. Two simple, but representative, models of bistable devices are subjected to a more detailed analysis of switching kinetics to yield the relationship between speed and energy dissipation, and to estimate the effects of errors induced by thermal fluctuations.

1. Introduction

The search for faster and more compact computing circuits leads directly to the question: What are the ultimate physical limitations on the progress in this direction? In practice the limitations are likely to be set by the need for access to each logical element. At this time, however, it is still hard to understand what physical requirements are put on the degrees of freedom which bear information. The existence of a storage medium as compact as a magnetic one indicates that one can go very far in the direction of compactness, at least if we are prepared to make sacrifices in the way of speed and random access.

Without considering the question of access, however, we can show, or at least very strongly suggest, that information processing is inevitably accompanied by a minimum amount of heat generation. In a general sense this is not surprising. Computing, like all processes proceeding at a finite rate, must involve some dissipation. Our arguments, however, are more basic than this. We show that there is a minimum heat generation, independent of the rate of the process. Naturally the amount of heat generation involved is many orders of magnitude smaller than the heat dissipation in any practically conceivable device. The relevant point, however, is that the dissipation has a real function and is not just an unnecessary nuisance. The much larger amounts of dissipation in practical devices may be serving the same function.

Our conclusion about dissipation can be anticipated in several ways, and our major contribution will be a clarification of the concepts involved, in a fashion which gives some insight into the physical requirements for logical devices. The simplest way of anticipating our conclusion is to note that a binary device must have at least

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The Thermodynamics of Computation—a Review

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Computers may be thought of as engines for transforming free energy into waste heat and mathematical work. Existing electronic computers dissipate energy vastly in excess of the mean thermal energy kT , for purposes such as maintaining volatile storage devices in a bistable condition, synchronizing and standardizing signals, and maximizing switching speed. On the other hand, recent models due to Fredkin and Toffoli show that in principle a computer could compute at finite speed with zero energy dissipation and zero error. In these models, a simple



Dissipation in Computation

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The question of the energy dissipation in the computational process is considered. Contrary to previous studies, dissipation is found to be an integral part of computation. A complementarity is suggested between systems that are describable in thermodynamic terms and systems that can be used for computation.

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Every numerical computation, no matter how abstract, is ultimately bound to limits imposed by physical processes that occur in the real world. A question therefore arises as to whether or not the physical laws that govern the appropriate processes impose constraints on computation. This question has recently attracted considerable attention with regard to the minimum energy required for a bit manipulation.^{1,2} All known computational systems, including biological ones, are dissipative, and it was suggested quite early that the computational (or physical) processes which really require energy dissipation lead to a minimum energy loss per step of^{3,4}

$$kT \log_e 2. \quad (1)$$

Landauer³ arrived at (1) through an argument that most computation is logically irreversible and this necessarily imposes physical irreversibility due to a loss of phase space. The earliest ap-

sion⁸ that computation can be carried out at no expense of energy, although the information-theory arguments have never been refuted.

In this paper, we point out that logical irreversibility is irrelevant for the question of the energy requirements of computation, and that the efforts based upon logical reversibility lack a physical basis. In reconsidering the concepts of computation and measurement, we conclude that computation requires a nonequilibrium system and requires dissipation. Our approach is to consider the energy requirements of single bit operations rather than the overall logical structure of the computation.

The physics of computation involves an element of measurement and interpretation at its very foundation. While the time evolution of any system can in principle be viewed as representing a numerical process, computational systems are those which implement a Turing machine,⁹ the

Dissipation in Computation

Computational steps which inevitably require a minimal energy dissipation are those which discard information, and do not have a unique logical inverse.¹ Reference 1 pointed out that logic functions which lose information can be embedded in more complex functions which do have an inverse. A proper method for utilizing this embedding did not come until Bennett's invention of reversible computation,^{2,3} later elaborated by other authors, cited by Landauer.⁴ Wheeler and Zurek⁵ give an authoritative summary of reversible computation. Porod *et al.*⁶ (PGFP hereafter) take issue with all this literature.¹⁻⁵ PGFP is confined to general arguments and does not explain, in detail, where the specific reversible computer proposals, e.g., that of Likharev,⁷ go astray. We will try to rebut a few PGFP points. Some of these points will be identified by quotations from Ref. 6, and refuted, largely, by citing the literature. We discuss only the case of classical and noisy computers, with viscous friction, at a temperature $T \neq 0$.

PGFP repeatedly refer to measurement, and its supposed dissipation, as an unavoidable ingredient in *each* computational step. From Ref. 1, "In fact the arguments dealing with the measurement process do not define *measurement* very well, and avoid the very essential question: When is a system *A* coupled to a system *B* performing a measurement? The mere fact that two physical systems are coupled does not in itself require dissipation." Reference 3 gives a discussion of the measurement process, which does justice to the reservation just stated. Reference 5 confirms the possibility of reversible computation in a book devoted to the theory of measurements. PGFP go on, "The amount of energy dissipated . . . has to increase for increasing accuracy." Rebuttal of this same mistake, by an earlier author,¹⁰ was given in Ref. 11.

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but finite, speeds.

Measurement, which is required for each bit operation, must be described by an application of information theory (or statistical mechanics), which indicates a dissipation because Brownian motion affects all kinds of measuring devices. Landauer is correct that merely coupling two systems together

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ENERGY BARRIERS, DEMONS, AND MINIMUM ENERGY OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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The presence of thermal noise dictates that an energy barrier is needed to preserve a binary state. Therefore, all electronic devices contain at least one energy barrier to control electron flow. The barrier properties determine the operating characteristics of electronic devices. Furthermore, changes in the barrier shape require changes in charge density. Operation of all charge transport devices includes charging/discharging capacitances to change barrier height. We analyze energy dissipation for several schemes of charging capacitors. A basic assumption of Reversible Computing is that the computing system is completely isolated from the thermal bath. An isolated system is a mathematical abstraction never perfectly realized in practice. Errors due to thermal excitations are equivalent to information erasure, and thus computation dissipates energy. Another source of energy dissipation is due to the need of measurement and control. To analyze this side of the problem, the Maxwell's Demon is a useful abstraction. We hold that apparent "energy savings" in models of adiabatic circuits result from neglecting the total energy needed by other parts of the system to implement the circuit.

Underground with a *Heart*



Thank YOU, Dave!

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I spent 5 long long years in the group but was involved with Prof. Ferry for a year as an undergrad too. So I actually had time to escape after meeting him for the first time, but chose not to. Although I completely hate the oppressive heat of Arizona, I loved my time at ASU and especially my time in graduate school. Looking back, while I have moved into more business and strategic roles, it is not the physics and the deep philosophical conversation that are most important in my life, it was the attitude I learnt. Pick a big problem, start picking away at it, don't b*!*\$t, work hard, there is no time for h*!%&\$t and never, ever, under any circumstances get involved with p*!&#t, the worst of all the s*&%@s (yes folks, the man taught me his s*##!t hierarchy).

I have two favorite stories from grad school. Probably my favorite story is sitting down for lunch with Prof. Ferry and Klaus von Klitzing in the atrium of a building in UIUC, I cannot remember if it was IWCE or HCIS, one of the two. Ferry and von Klitzing were chatting and some guy comes up and starts to huck Ferry about something. It's not library quiet, it is cafeteria noise levels. He pisses Ferry off and Ferry unleashing at full volume telling this dude where to go. I remember looking around the room, everyone was just sitting wide eyed, mouth opened. Not his students, we were all tucking into our lunch, did not phase us in the least. He made us tough.

My other story is with Prof. Ferry's obsession with Mexican food. He took me to a Mexican restaurant in Kyoto Japan. It was horrible. Everything about it was horrible. It was so horrible, I still talk about it. What a great memory 😊