

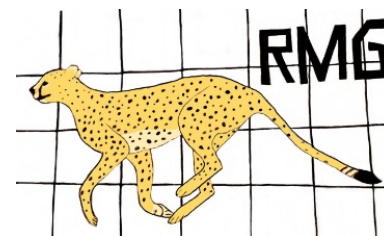
Petascale Quantum Simulations of Nano Systems and Biomolecules

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I. RMG – petascale, open-source electronic structure code

Blue Waters community Portal

Part of *Sustained Petascale Performance* benchmark

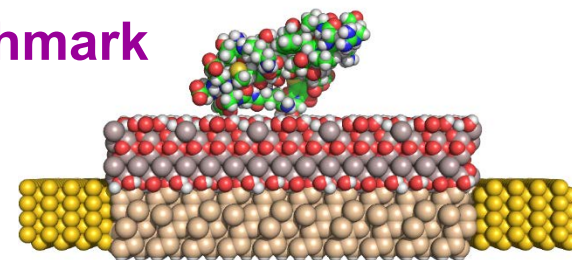


II. Si nanowire-based sensors for potential DNA sequencing

~12k atom DFT quantum transport calculations

Sensitivity versus length & cross section

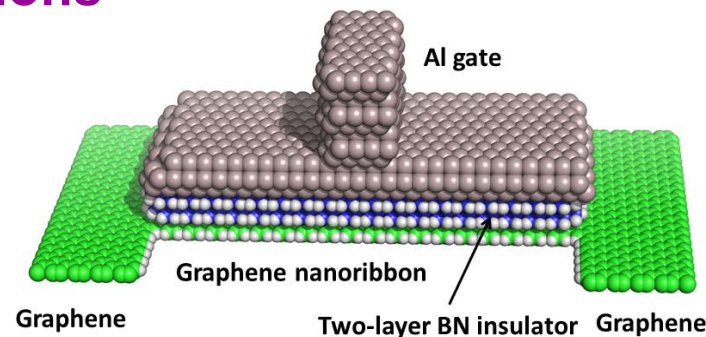
Sensitivity enhancement via gate potential



III. Nanoscale transistors for post-Moore's era

Multi-terminal quantum transport

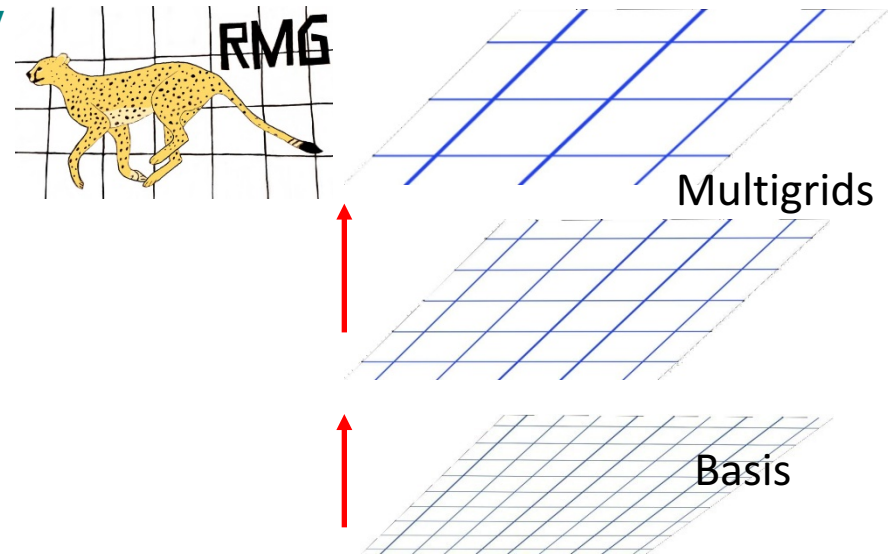
Quantum interference and tunneling leakage



Real-space Multi-Grid method (RMG)

- Density functional equations solved directly on the grid
- Multigrid techniques remove instabilities by working on one length scale at a time
- **Non-periodic** boundary conditions are as easy as **periodic**
- **Compact** “Mehrstellen” discretization

$$A[\phi_i] + B[(V_{eff} + V_{NL})\phi_i] = \epsilon_i B[S\phi_i]$$
- Allows for **efficient** massively parallel implementation



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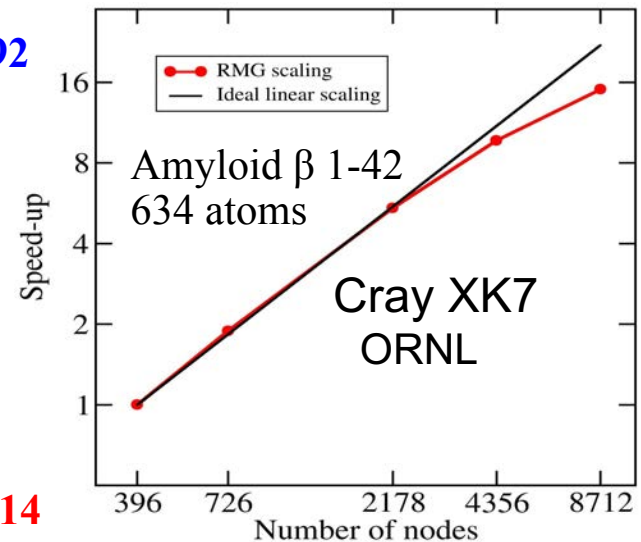
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Largest run used **139,392**
CPU cores and **8,712**
GPU's, > 6.5 PF

RMG open source
sourceforge.net/projects/rmgdft/
Quantum transport: later in 2017

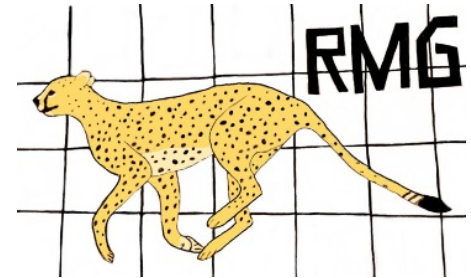
Performance on 3,872 Cray XK7
(K20x GPU) Blue Water nodes: 1.14
PFLOPS




1 node = 16 Optron cores+
1 Nvidia K20x GPU

RMG Code Downloads

- ❖ Downloads: <https://www.rmgdft.org>
- ❖ Code & binaries (for Linux distr., Mac, Win)
- ❖ Blue Waters portal for Cray XE6/XK7
<https://bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu/rmg>
- ❖ Part of NSF's Sustained Petascale Performance benchmarks
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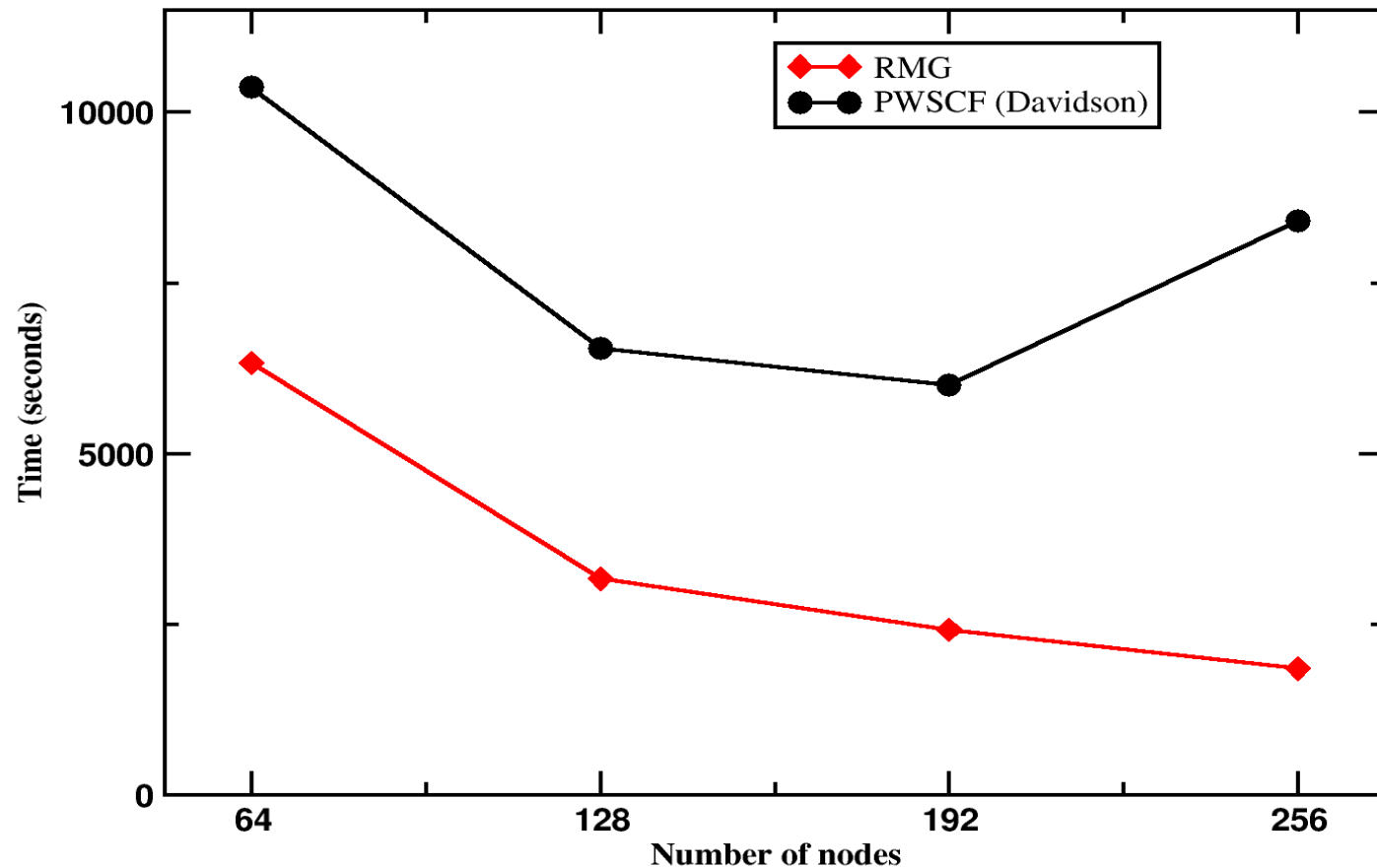
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Performance and scalability: RMG vs. plane waves

3000 atoms (1000 water molecules, Vanderbilt USPP, initial electronic quench)



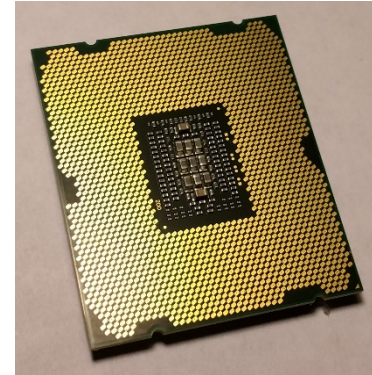
RMG and GPU accelerators

Programming models CPU vs GPU

CPU - high clock speed, smaller number of powerful execution units.

Memory latency hidden by caches and out of order execution.

Good single threaded performance.



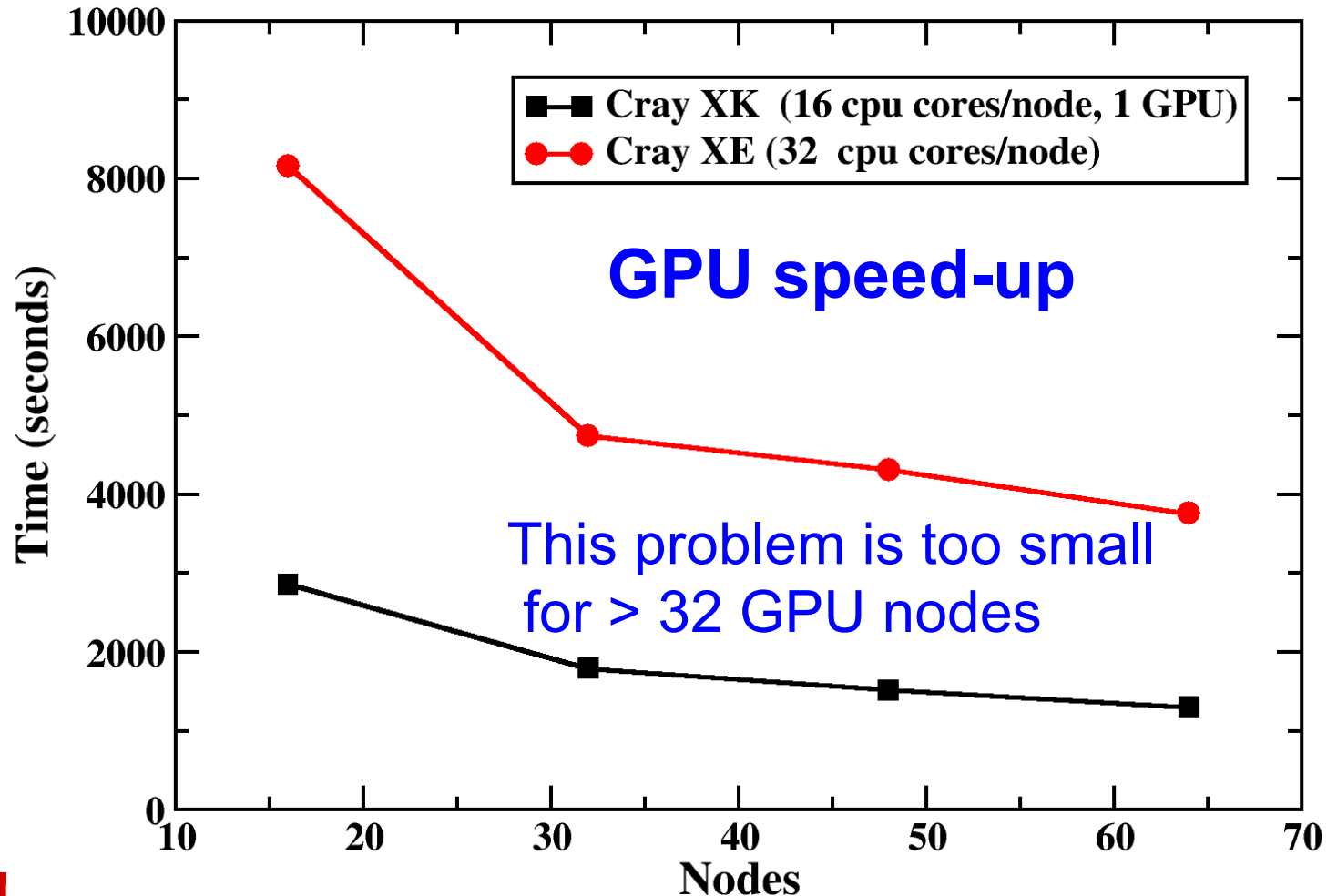
GPU – lower clock speed, large number of weaker execution units.
Memory latency hidden by high thread counts.
Poor single-threaded performance.

Large fraction of RMG codebase is well adapted for the GPU model.

Large data sets required though. CPUs work better for very small problems.

GPU Speed-up

Bulk copper 256 atom cell
initial electronic quench



GPU performance workstation level

Workstation calculation

Dual Xeon E5-2630v2 workstation. Total of 12 CPU cores and 32GBytes RAM.

New Nvidia GP100 Pascal, 16GBytes, HBM memory and **5.3 TFLOPS double precision.**

Test problem 256 atom copper cell

Vanderbilt ultrasoft pseudopotentials with 18 beta functions/atom.

Total of 1536 electronic orbitals. PBE XC functional.

Execution time dominated by eigensolver and large matrix operations

CPU only run required **94.4** seconds/SCF step.

CPU/GPU run required **19.7** seconds/SCF step.

A single GPU produced a speedup by a factor of 4.8!

(GP100 received in March 2017, code not optimized yet, further improvement expected)

GPU performance: supercomputer level

Quantum computing candidate

Nitrogen-vacancy complex in diamond: spin-polarized DFT.

4095 atoms, 18432 orbitals. Norm-conserving pseudopotentials (FHI).

Cray XE6 results using 5184 nodes

165888 CPU cores (32 cores/node)

Initial electronic quench

5571.6 seconds, 52.8 GFlops/node

Cray XK7 results using 3456 nodes

55296 CPU cores (16 cores/node),

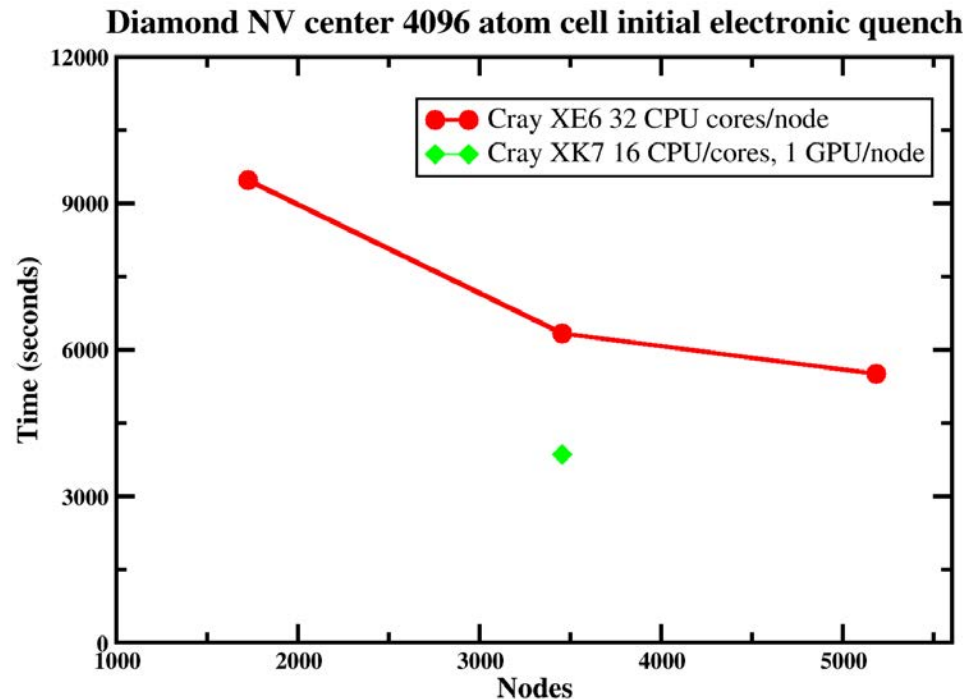
3456 Nvidia GPU accelerators (1/node)

Initial electronic quench

3860.64 seconds, 113.0 GFlops/node

Cray XE6 1728 nodes

99.8 Gflops/node 30% of peak.



❖ Part of NSF's Sustained Petaflops Performance benchmark

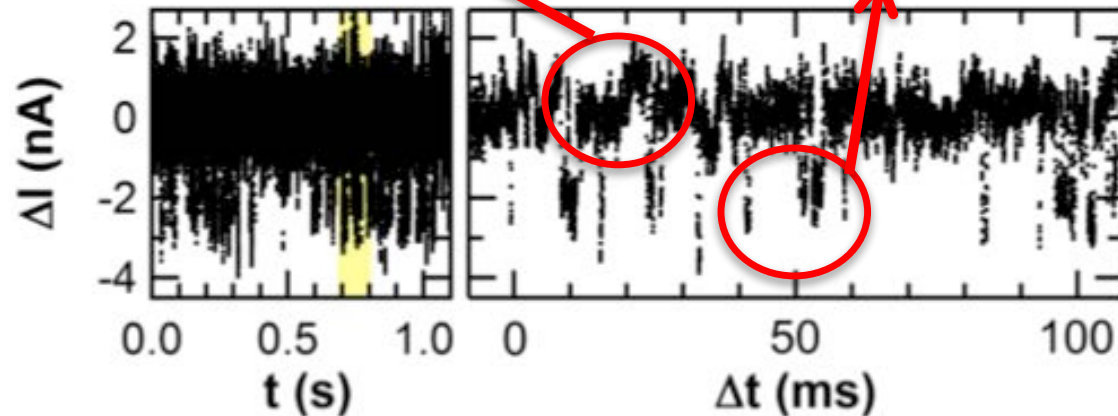
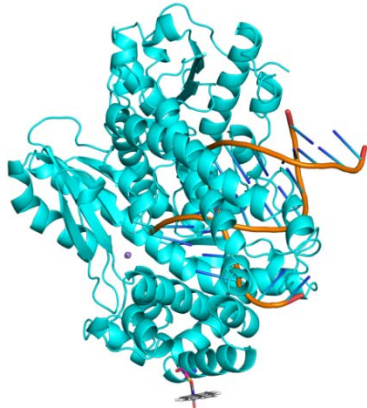
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Introduction to DNA Replication

- ❖ Klenow Fragment (KF) from DNA Polymerase I is an enzyme that synthesizes double-stranded DNA from single-stranded templates
 - High replication rate, 100s of base pairs per second
 - Low error frequencies, 1 error in 10^6 base pairs
- ❖ Experiments observe a different current when the enzyme has just added a DNA base
 - Potential for DNA sequencing, **if different bases lead to different currents.**

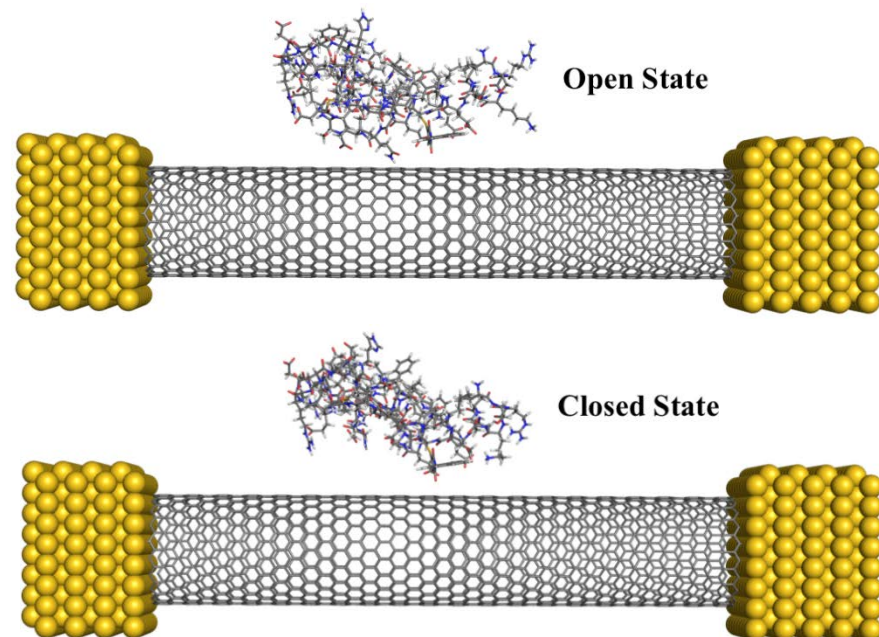
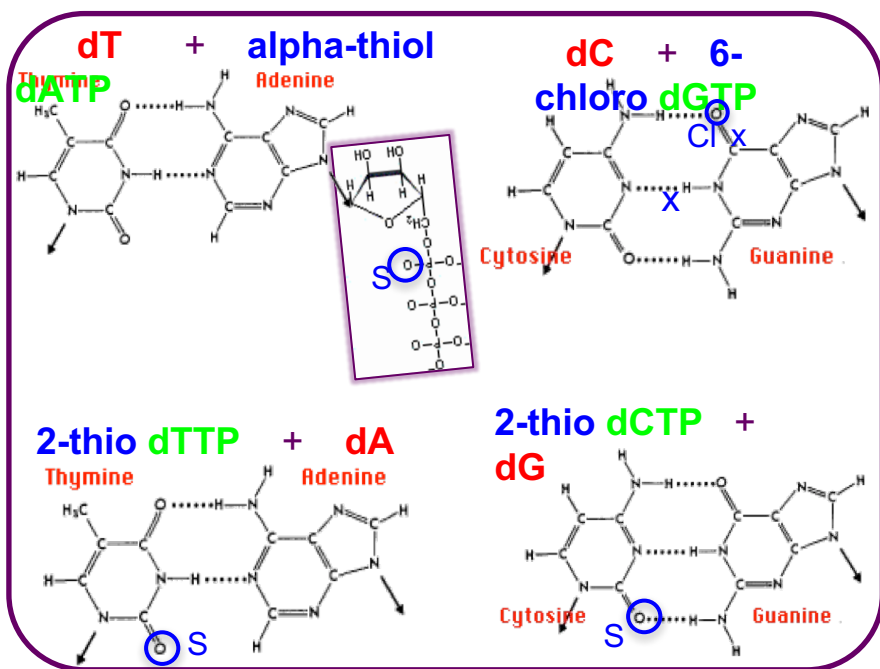
open state: not synthesizing ← **closed state: synthesizing**



T. J. Olsen, Y. Choi, P. C. Sims, O. T. Gul, B. L. Corso, C. Dong, W. A. Brown, P. G. Collins, and G. A. Weiss, JACS 135, 7855 (2013)

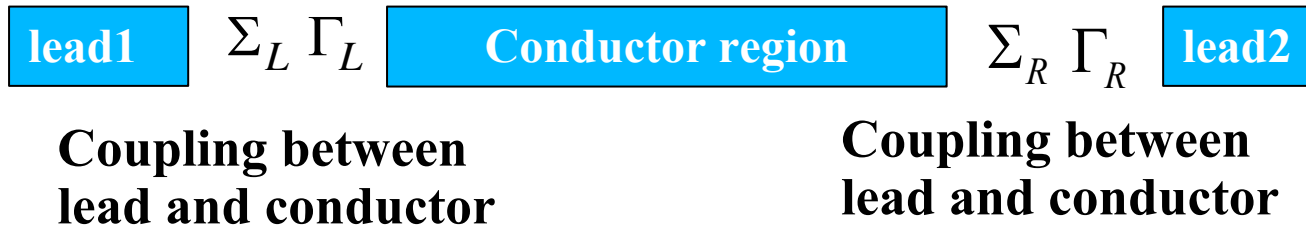
Our previous results on nanotube sensing

- ❖ Gate potential scanning helps to distinguish between DNA bases
- ❖ Nucleotide substitutions can be used to enhance the current difference,
 - ❖ Calculated signals can identify T and G, but cannot distinguish between C and A



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Self-Consistent Electron Transport for >10k Atoms



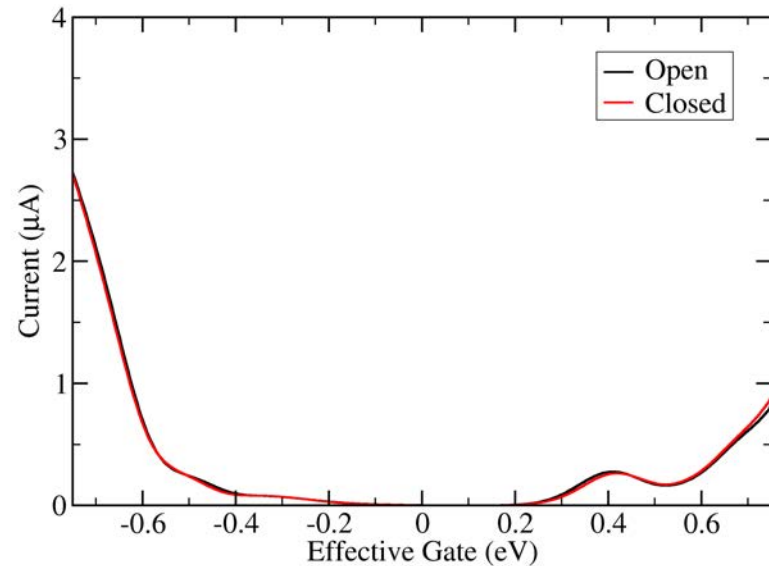
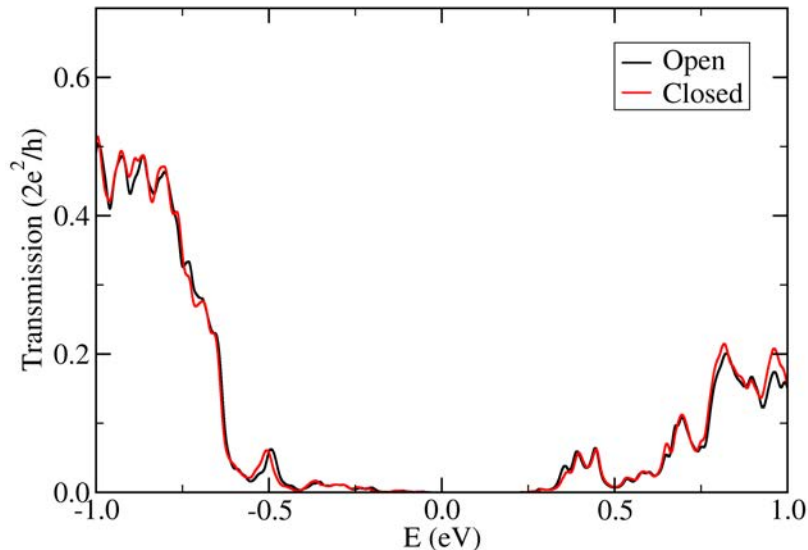
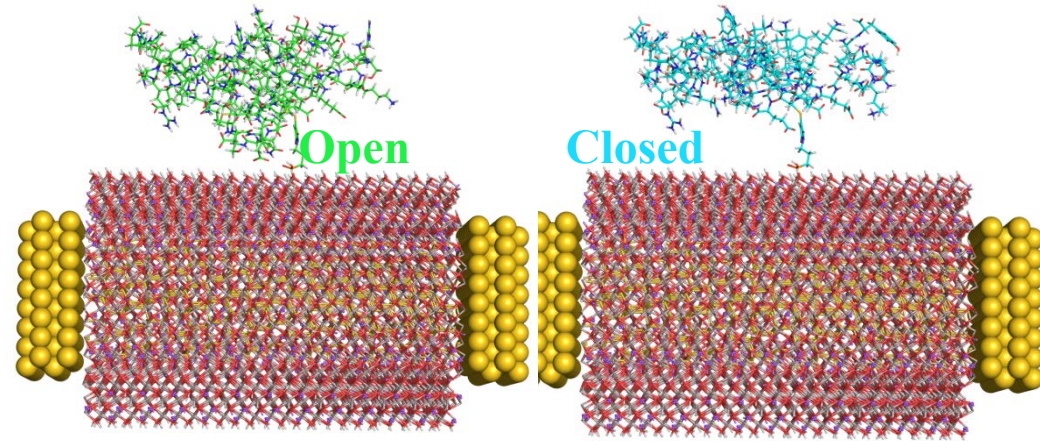
- ❖ **Non-equilibrium Green's function (NEGF) method in a basis of variationally optimized orbitals** *Lu, Meunier, Bernholc, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2005*
- ❖ **Optimal basis set:**
 - **Variationally-optimized localized orbitals: a smaller and more complete basis set than in other localized-orbital methods.**
Fattebert & Bernholc, Phys. Rev. B 2000
- ❖ **Green's functions are calculated iteratively with linear scaling.**
- ❖ **Multi-level parallelization**
 - **MPI between nodes**
 - **Full multi-core and multi-GPU support**
 - **Scales to thousands of nodes**

We can calculate conductances and I-V curves for multi-terminal devices from first principles (DFT) for large systems (>10,000 atoms)

$$I(V) = \frac{2e^2}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(E, V) [f(E - \mu_L) - F(E - \mu_R)] dE$$

Long Si nanowire with Al_2O_3 coating

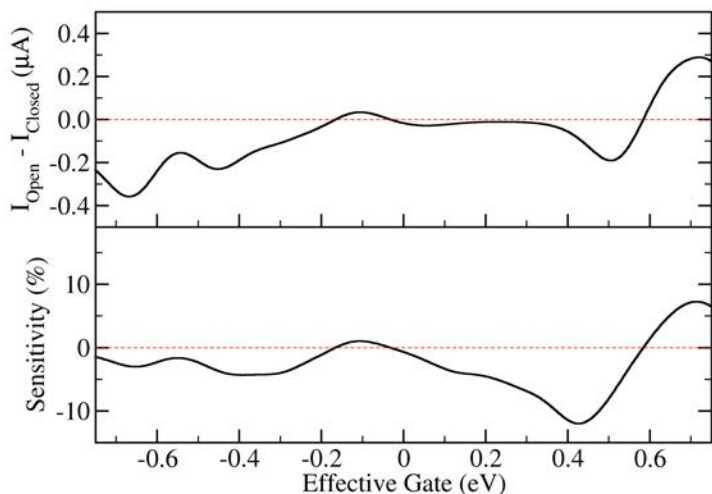
- Nanowire (NW) size:
 - Si diameter: 5 nm, Length 5.64 nm
 - Al_2O_3 thickness: 1nm
- A transport gap of 0.5 eV appears for this nanowire.
- Transmission is nearly zero at the Fermi level, no tunneling current.
- Currents are calculated with source-drain bias of 100 meV.



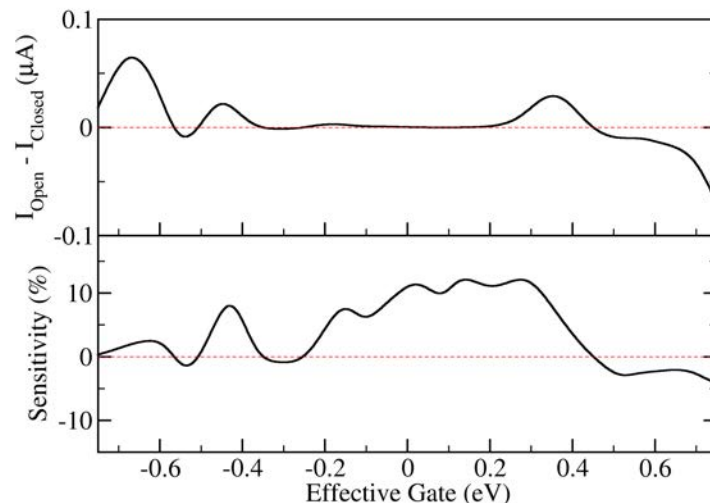
Si nanowire with Al_2O_3 coating: sensitivity

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{I_{\text{open}} - I_{\text{closed}}}{I_{\text{open}} + I_{\text{closed}}}$$

Si nanowire, diameter = 5 nm, length = 2.8 nm



Si nanowire, diameter = 5 nm, length = 5.6 nm



➤ Short Si nanowire (2.8 nm):

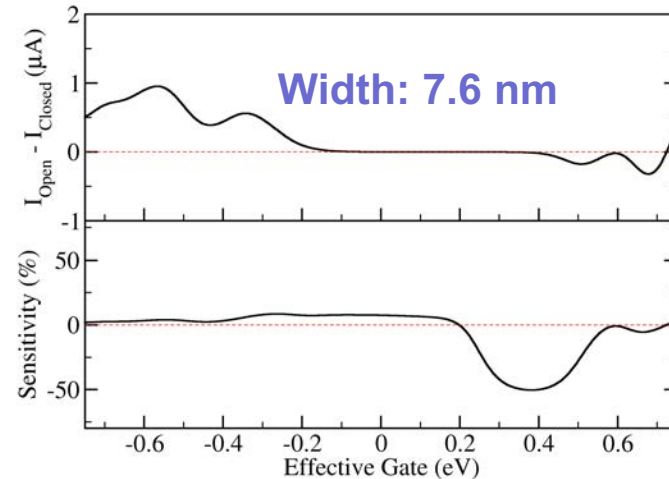
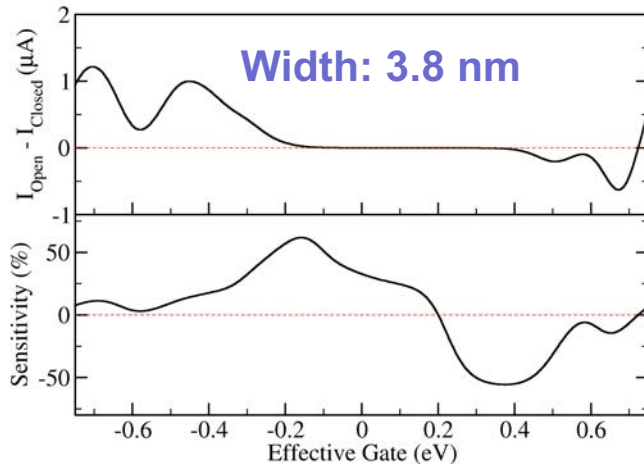
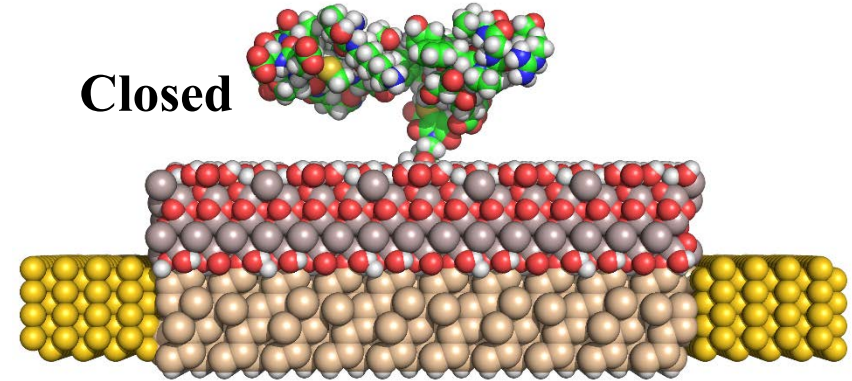
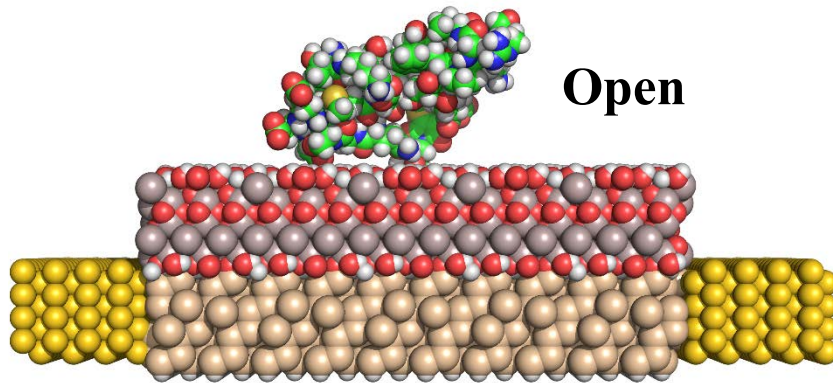
- At effective gate of 0.4 V, the sensitivity is about 10%, the current difference between open and closed states is 0.18 μA.
- At negative gate, the surface states dominate: not suitable for sensing.

➤ Long Si nanowire (5.6 nm):

- At effective gate of -0.43 V or 0.35 V, the sensitivity is 8% and the current difference is 0.02 μA
- In subthreshold region, the sensitivity is 10%, but the current is very small (0.3 nA)

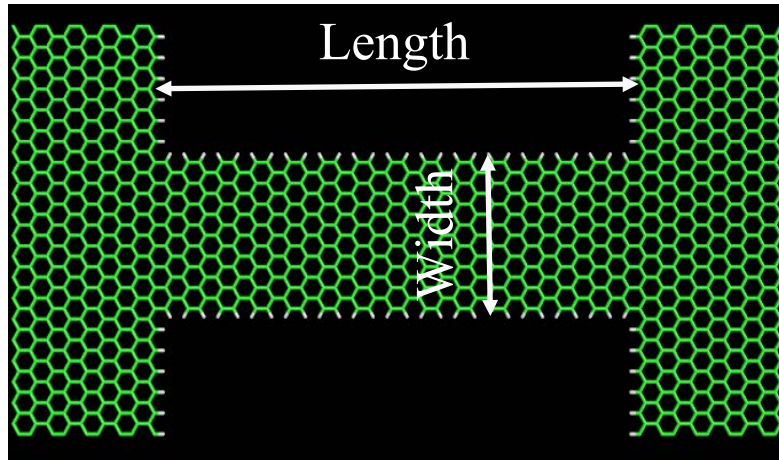
Si Slab with Al_2O_3 Passivation

Si slab thickness: 1 nm, length: 6.7 nm, Al_2O_3 thickness: 1 nm



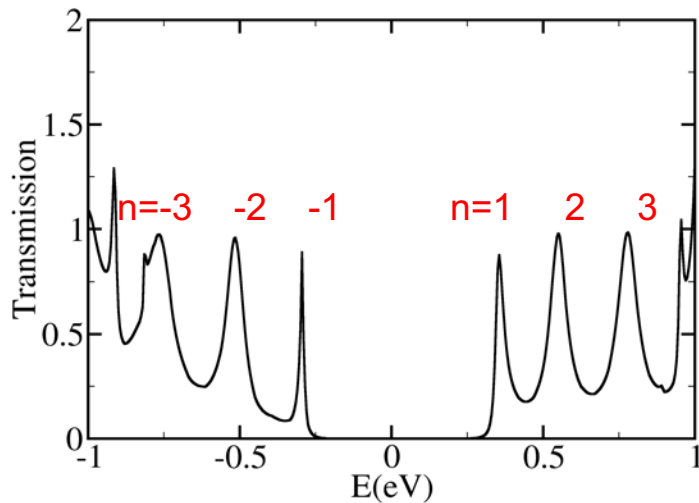
- Transport gap of 0.6 eV for both widths
- Subthreshold (-0.2 to 0.4 V): sensitivities are large but currents are small.
- Turn-on state (gate at -0.3 and 0.5 V):
 - Sensitivity is reduced when slab width increases, because the base current becomes larger.
 - The absolute current difference does not change dramatically.

Nanoribbon Confinement and Transmission



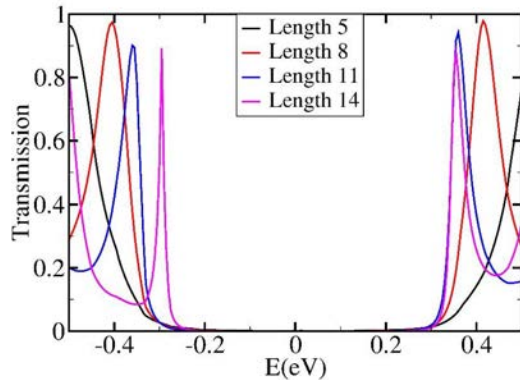
- ❖ Leads: bulk graphene
- ❖ Conductor part: armchair nanoribbon
width from 3 to 15 atomic layers
length from 5 to 14 atomic layers
- ❖ Dangling bonds are saturated with hydrogens
- ❖ Number of atoms in NEGF calculations
800 to 1300 atoms depending on width/length

L = 14, W = 12 atomic layers

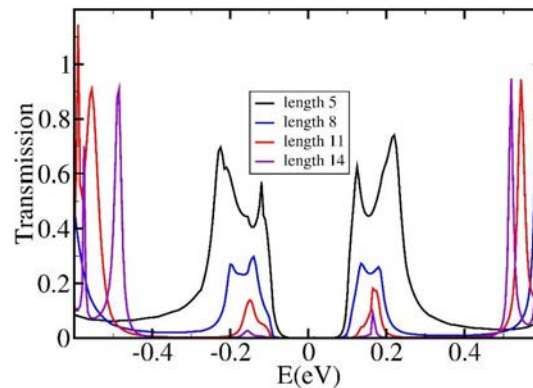


- ❖ Finite-size GNRs confined between contacts lead to Fabry-Perot interference patterns
Liang, Park et al, Nature 2001; Rickhaus, Maurand et al, Nat. Com. 2013; Yannouleas, Romanovsky, Landman, JPC 2015, Sci. Rep. 2015
- ❖ The interference patterns depend on length, width, GNR index and passivation.
- ❖ Interfaces can also induce localized states.

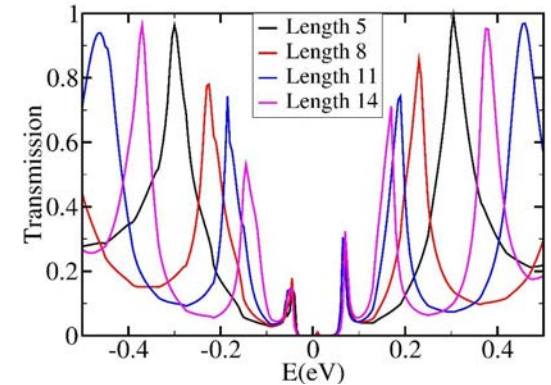
Nanoribbon Families and Suitability for Transistors



- Width = 12, $\text{mod}(n,3) = 0$
- Band gap is large with no localized states inside band gap for a finite length nanoribbon.
- OFF state current can be very small because of the big band gap
- It is a good candidate for a transistor, which requires high ON/OFF ratio.



- Width = 13, $\text{mod}(n,3) = 1$
- Pure nanoribbon has a large band gap, while there are localized states inside the band gap for a finite length nanoribbon.
- Transmission peaks inside the gap decrease dramatically with length
- OFF-state current can be very small because of the big band gap

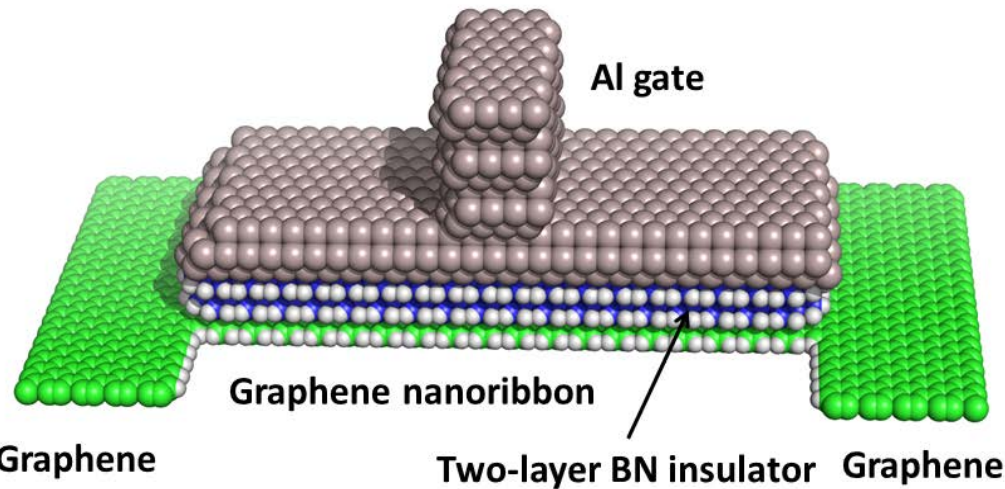


- Width = 14, $\text{mod}(n,3) = 2$
- Small bandgap family
- It is hard to have a small current for OFF state
- It is not a good candidate for a transistor, which requires high ON/OFF ratio.

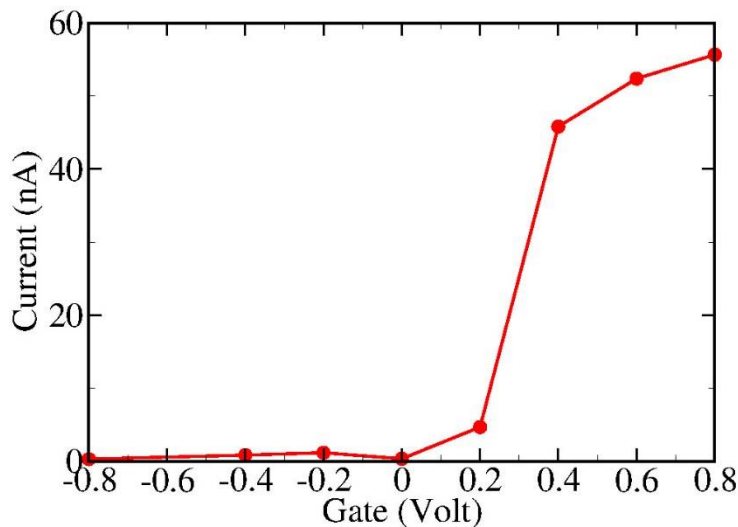
- For a moderate-size device, nanoribbons with $\text{mod}(n,3) = 0$ are the best choice.
- The first transmission peak appears at a small energy for a long ribbon.
- The nanoribbon needs to be long enough to avoid direct tunneling current.

Nanoribbon Transistor Simulation

Best nanoribbon for transistor: $\text{mod}(n,3) = 0$ family of armchair nanoribbons



- Nanoribbon: 18 atomic-layers wide
- 40 atomic-layers long
- Graphene sheet as source and drain
- 2 layers of BN as the insulator
- A few layers of Al as the gate
- 4536 atoms in the NEGF calculation



- Source-drain bias: 50 mV
- At a positive gate of 0.4 V, the device is turned on with ON/OFF ratio = 500
- The small ON/OFF ratio in part due to too small band gap in calculations (DFT artefact).

Summary

□ RMG -- a petaflops-capable open source electronic structure code

- ❖ Scales to 20k nodes and 200k CPU cores
- ❖ Effective use of GPUs and multi-core CPUs
- ❖ Pseudopotential libraries: ultrasoft & norm-conserving
- ❖ Cray installation files, Linux, Windows and Mac binaries
- ❖ Graphical user interface (GUI)
- ❖ Released under GPL: www.rmgdft.org
- ❖ Blue Waters community Portal: <https://bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu/rmg>
- ❖ Part of NSF's *Sustained Petascale Performance* benchmarks

□ Applications

- ❖ Monitoring of DNA replication using nanotubes and Si nanowires
 - ❖ **Potential for DNA sequencing**
- ❖ Nanoscale devices for Post Moore's Law era
 - ❖ **Nanoribbon-based transistors are feasible**
 - Quantum interference patterns in small structures
 - Specific nanoribbon indices are required