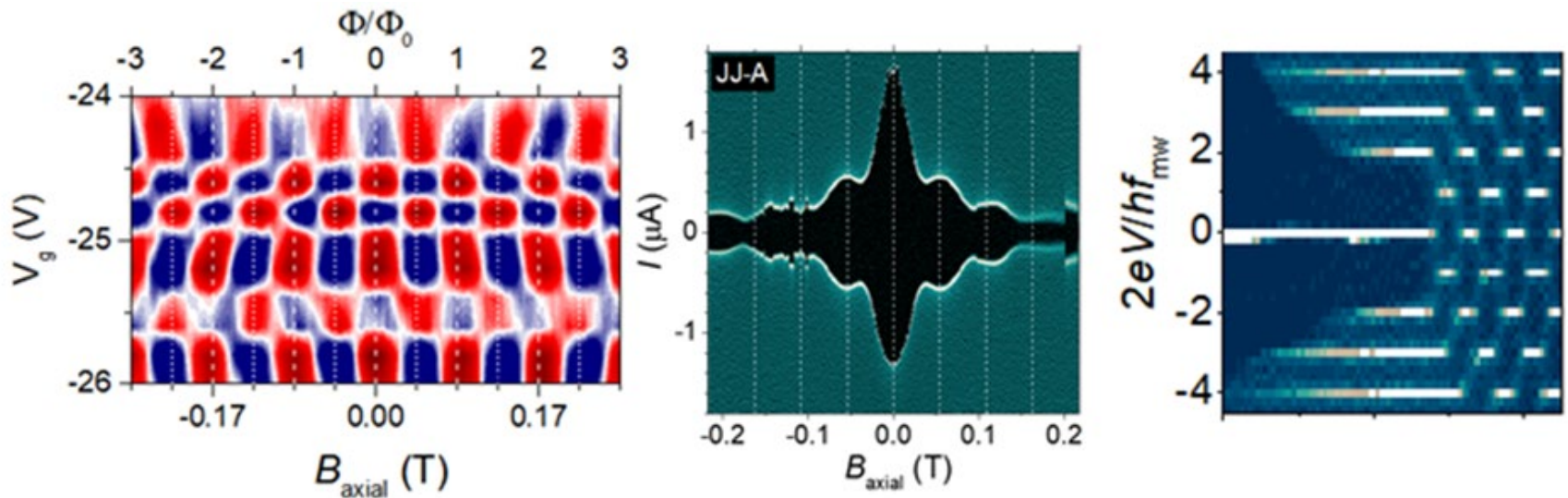


Fractional Josephson effects in Dirac materials

Yong-Joo Doh

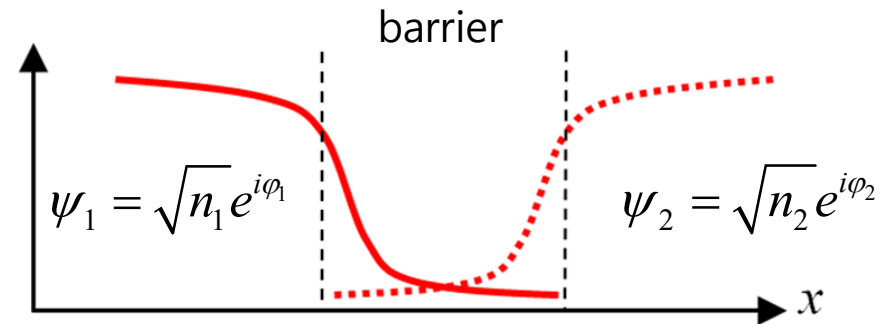
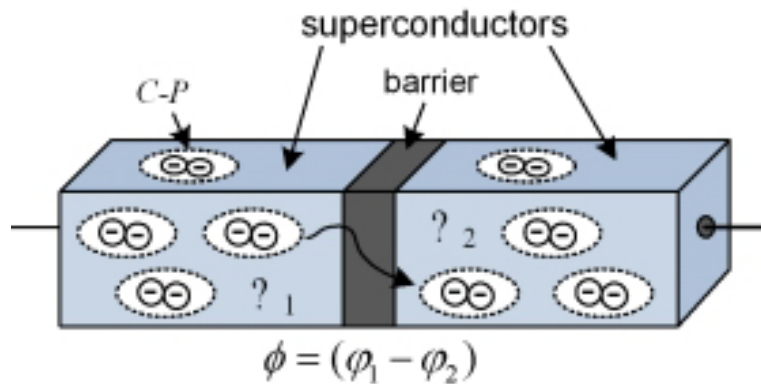
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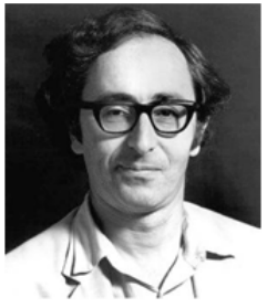
- # Motivation
- # Josephson effect in topological insulator nanoribbons
- # 2DEG-based Josephson junctions
- # Josephson effect in Dirac semi-metal nanowires
- # Conclusion

Josephson effect

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$\psi_1(\psi_2)$: probability amplitude to find a Cooper pair in the left (right) electrode

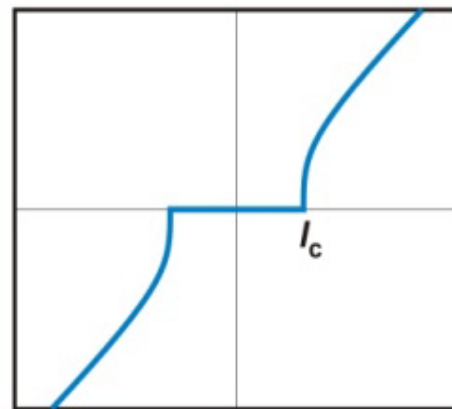


B. D. Josephson
Nobel prize (1973)

$$I_s = I_c \sin \Delta\phi$$

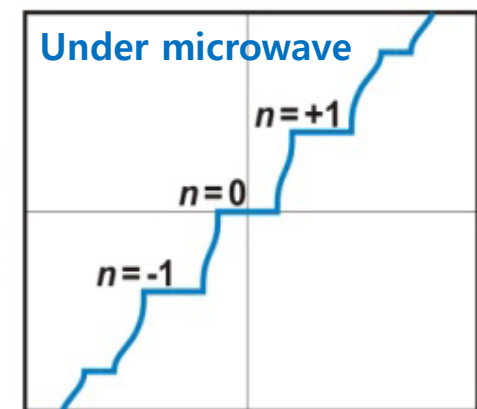
$$\frac{d(\Delta\phi)}{dt} = \frac{2eV}{\hbar}$$

Voltage



Current

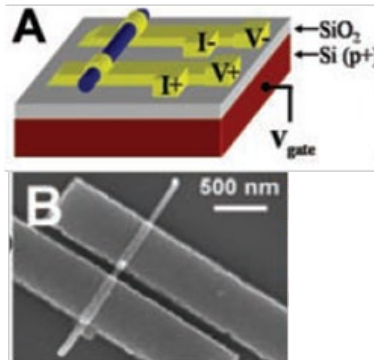
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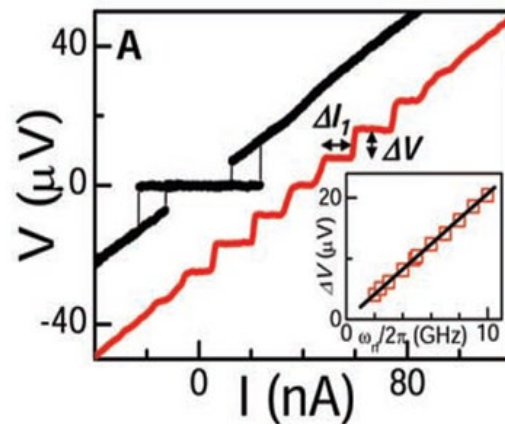
Current

$$\text{Shapiro steps} \sim V_n = n \frac{\hbar f_{MW}}{2e}, \quad n = \text{Integer}$$

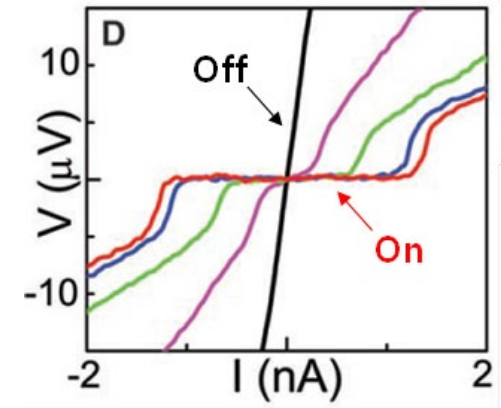
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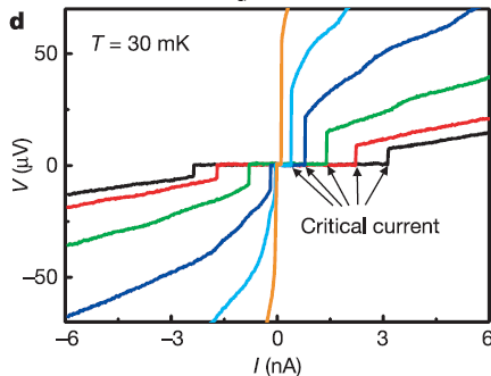
Y.-J. Doh et al.,
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"supercurrent transistor"

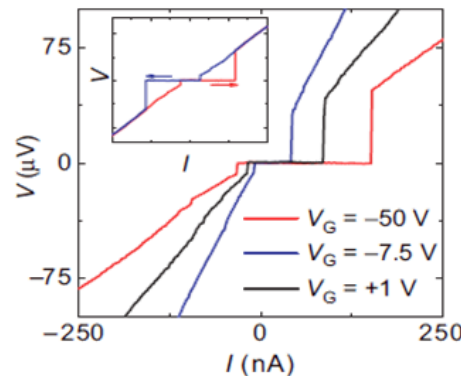


Carbon nanotube



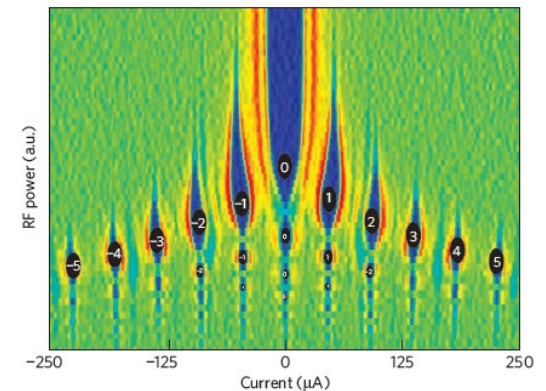
Jarillo-Herrero et al.,
Nature (2006)

Graphene



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Nature (2007)

Bi₂Te₃ topological insulator

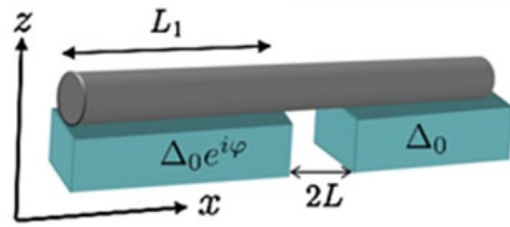


Brinkman group (Twente)
Nature Materials (2012)

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Majorana Fermions and a Topological Phase Transition in Semiconductor-Superconductor Heterostructures

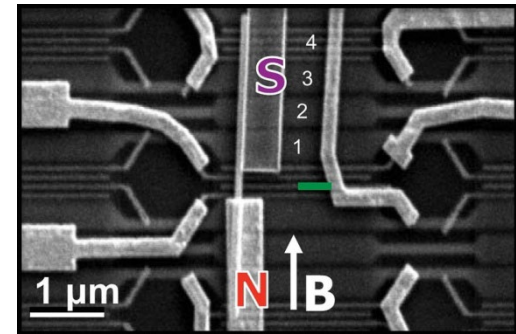
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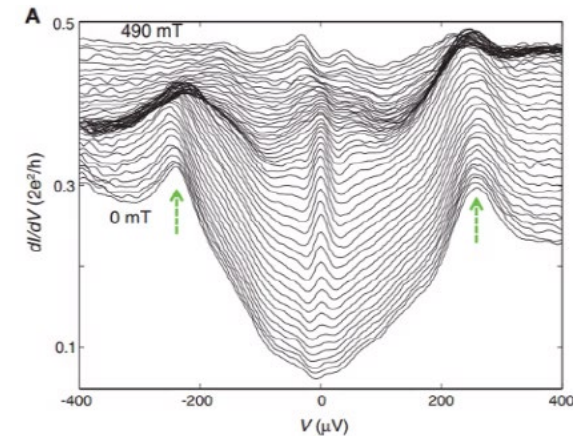


Ettore Majorana (1906-1938)



InSb NW with NbTi contacts

Kouwenhoven group at TU Delft



Mourik et al., Science (2012)

Das et al., Nat. Phys. (2012)

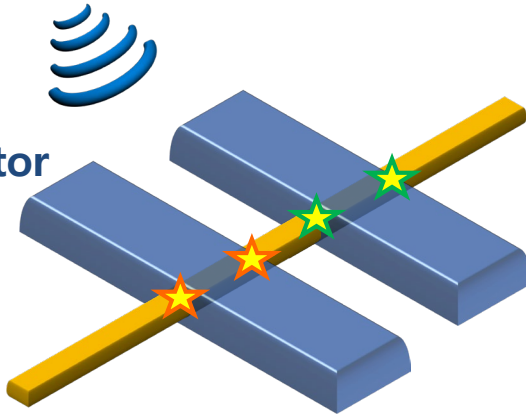
- A building block for topological quantum computation
- Majorana fermion: "a particle that is equal to its own anti-particle"
- **Majorana bound states** in a spinless **topological superconductor**
 1. III-V nanowire or 2DEG contacted with conventional superconductor
 2. Ferromagnetic atomic chain on top of *s*-wave superconductor
 3. Topological insulator with superconducting contact
- Issue : non-locality of **zero-bias conductance peak**

"Quantized Majorana conductance" Nature (2018) ~ RETRACTED (2021)

Fractional Josephson effect ~ First Shapiro Step Missing (FSSM) ⁶

Microwave (MW)

Conventional
superconductor



TI nanoribbon

- Topological supercurrent

$$I_s = I_c \sin(\varphi / 2) \sim 4\pi \text{ periodic}$$

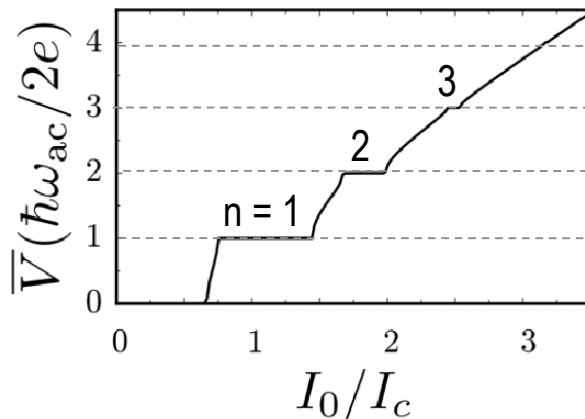
- Shapiro steps occur at

$$V_n = 2n \cdot \frac{\hbar f_{MW}}{2e} = 2nV_J \text{ with } n = \text{integer}$$

Conventional JJ

$$I_s = I_{c,2\pi} \sin(\varphi)$$

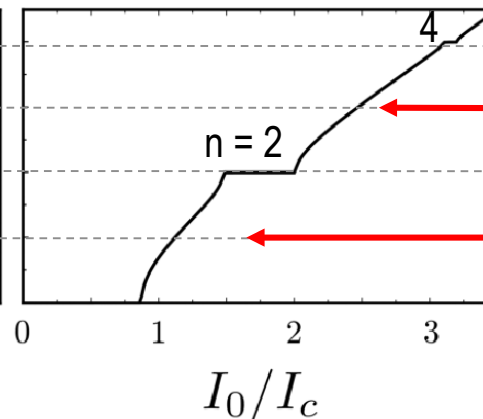
$$V_n = nV_J$$



Topological JJ

$$I_s = I_{c,4\pi} \sin(\varphi / 2)$$

$$V_n = 2nV_J$$



Odd steps are missing

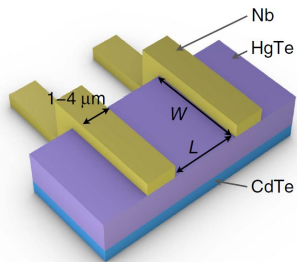
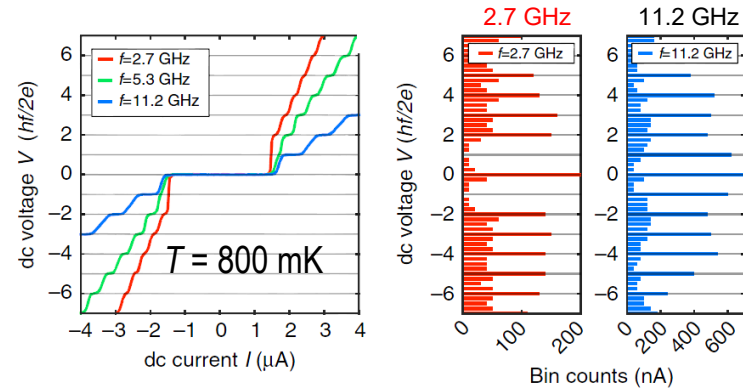
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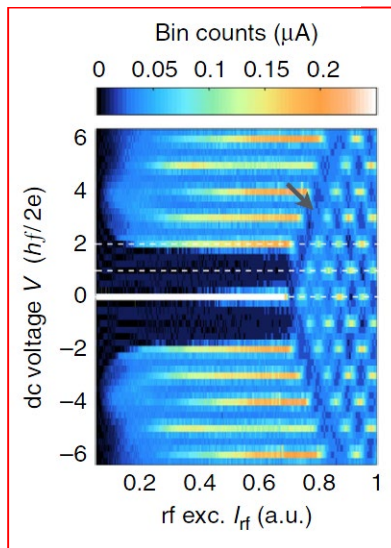
4π -periodic Josephson supercurrent in HgTe-based topological Josephson junctions

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Nb-HgTe-Nb JJ
(3-dim TI)

Wiedenmann et al,
Nat. Com. (2016)



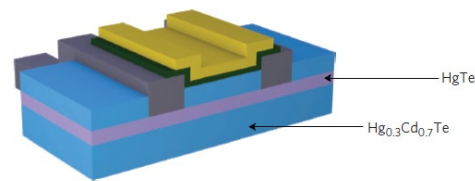
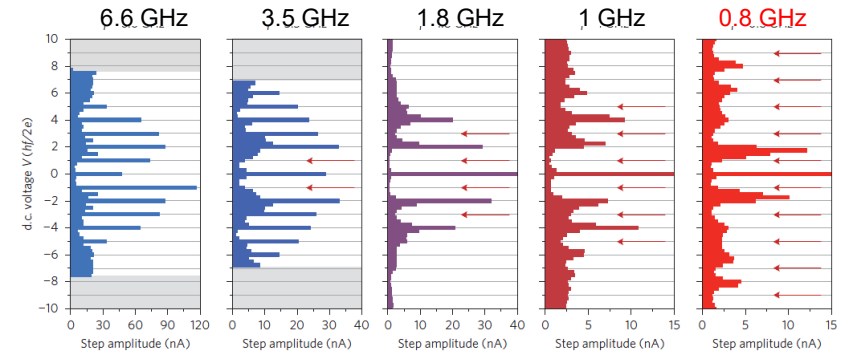
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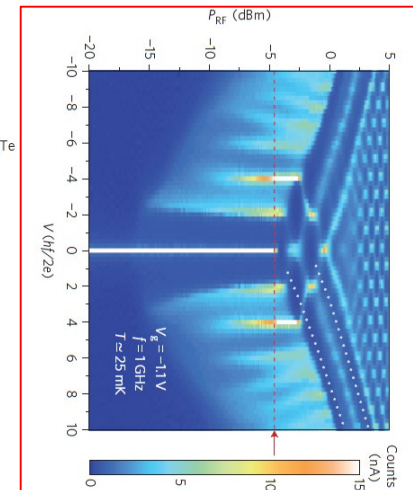
Gapless Andreev bound states in the quantum spin Hall insulator HgTe

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Al-HgTe-Al JJ
(QSH insulator)

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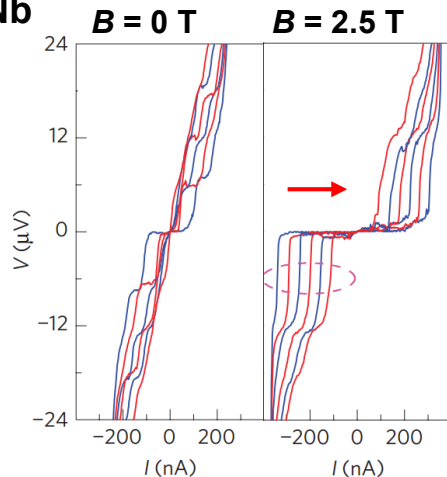
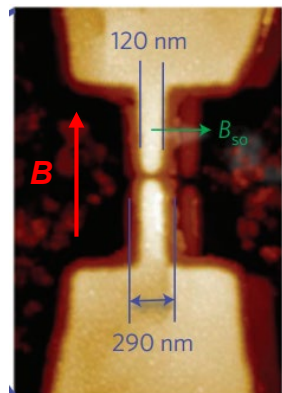


FSSM behavior has not been clearly observed in other TI materials yet.

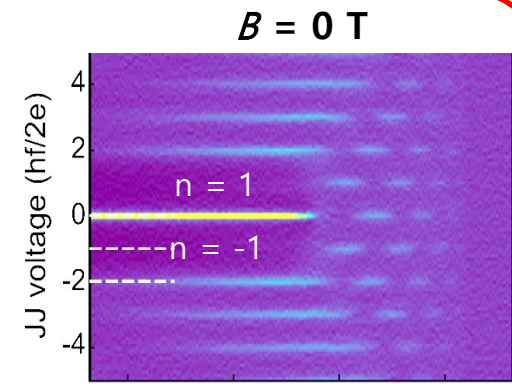
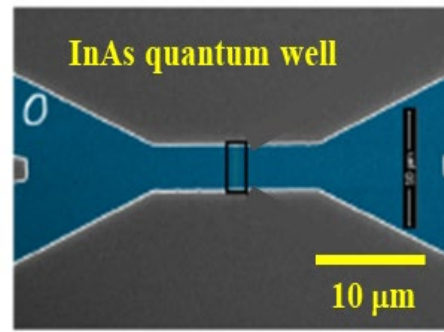
Issue: Landau-Zener Transition (LZT)

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Nb/InSb-2DEG/Nb

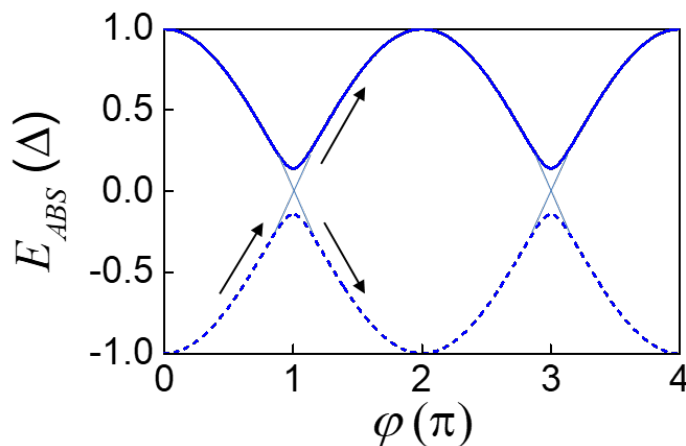


Rokhinson et al., Nat. Phys. (2012)



- FSSM observed in **topologically trivial JJ's** at zero B field

Dartailh et al., Nat. Com. (2021)

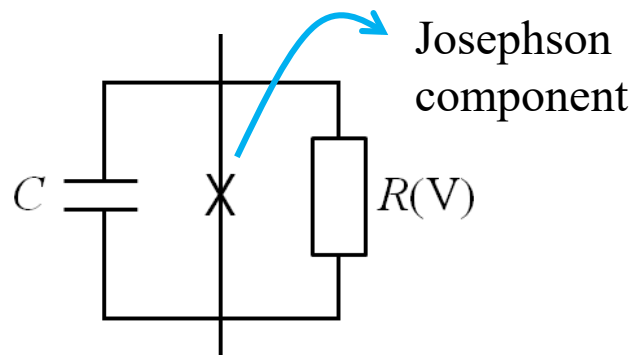


- **2π-periodic Andreev bound states** are formed in a SNS junction, as shown in blue solid/dashed lines in the figure
- When the N-S contacts are highly transparent and the SNS junction is irradiated with high-frequency microwave, non-adiabatic transition can occur, resulting in **non-topological 4π-periodic Andreev bound states (or supercurrent)**

Averin & Bardas, PRL (1995)

Sau and Seiwand, PRB (2017)

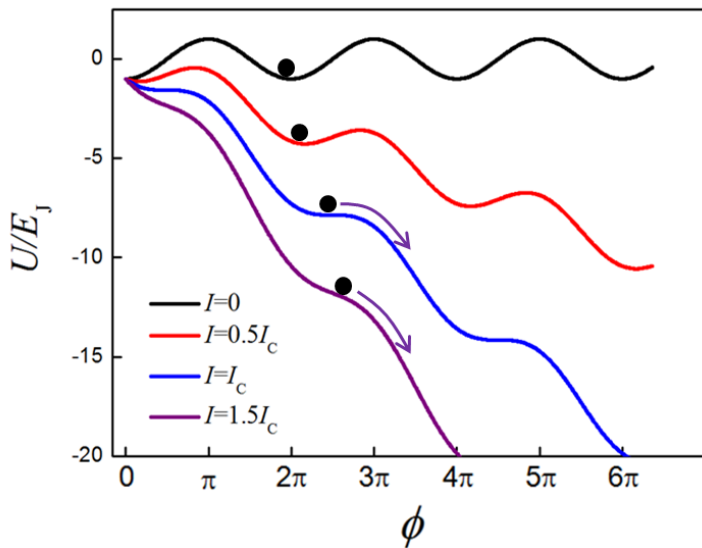
Question: How to distinguish topological and non-topological FSSM ?



"Resistively and Capacitively Shunted Junction"

$$I = I_c \sin \phi + \frac{V}{R} + C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

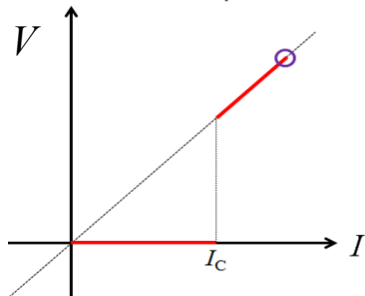
$$\begin{aligned} I_s &= I_c \sin(\Delta\phi) \\ \frac{d(\Delta\phi)}{dt} &= \frac{2eV}{\hbar} \end{aligned}$$



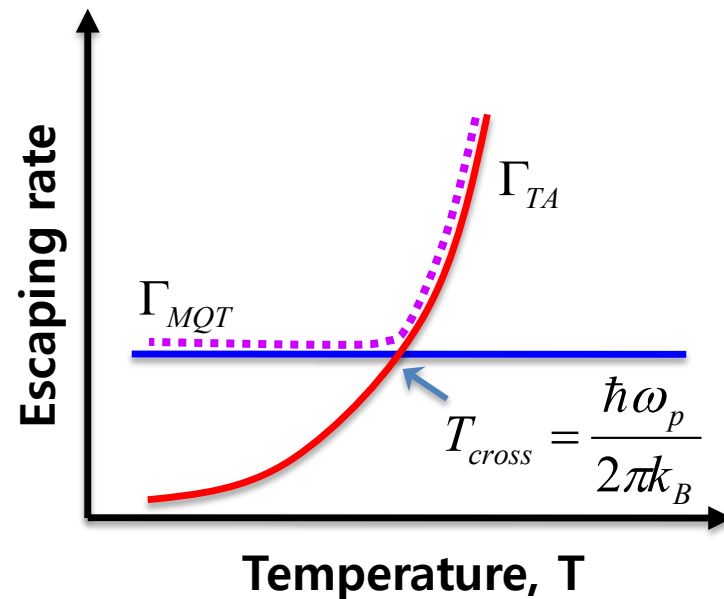
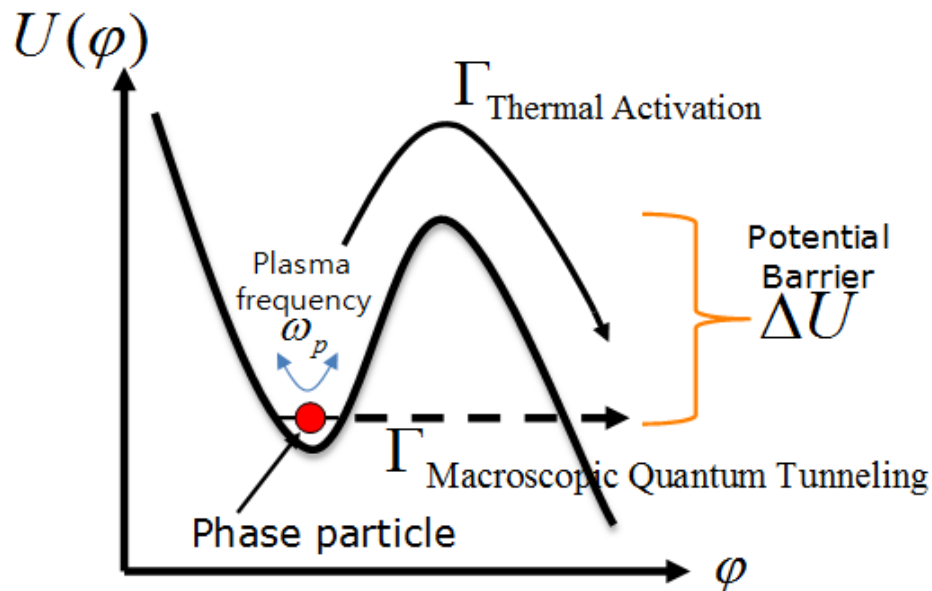
$$\left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 C \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2} = -\frac{dU}{d\phi} - \left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 \frac{1}{R} \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

$$U(\phi) = -E_J \cos \phi - \frac{\hbar I}{2e} \phi \sim \text{tilted washboard potential}$$

$$E_J = \frac{\hbar I_c}{2e} \sim \text{Josephson coupling energy}$$



The escaping motion of the phase particle corresponds to the I_c switching event



$$\Gamma_{TA}(I) = \frac{\omega_p}{2\pi} \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta U}{k_B T_{escape}}\right] \quad : \text{T-dependent}$$

$$\omega_{p0} = (2eI_{c0}/\hbar C)^{1/2}$$

$$\Gamma_{MQT}(I) = 12\omega_p \left(\frac{3\Delta U}{2\pi\hbar\omega_p}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{36\Delta U}{5\hbar\omega_p}\right] \quad : \text{T-independent}$$

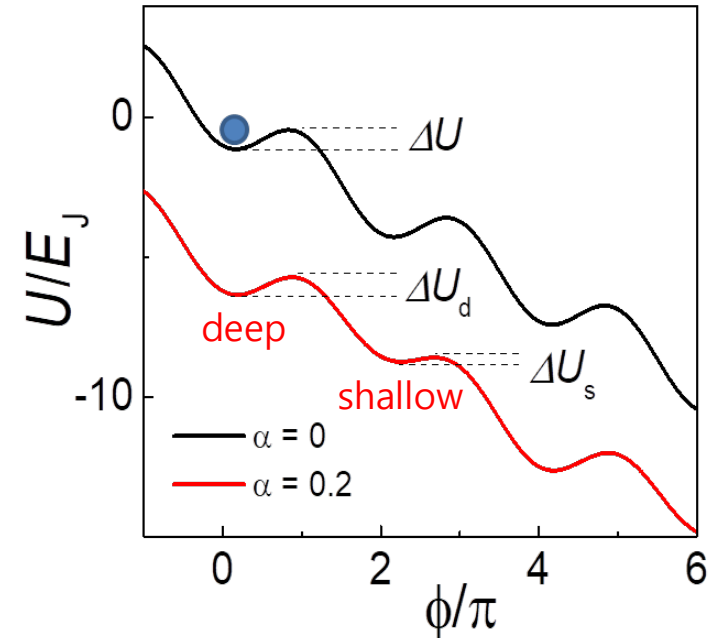
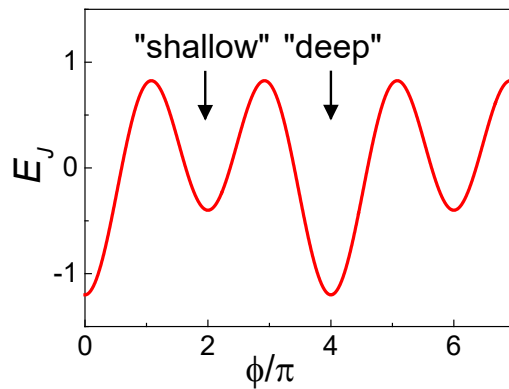
$$P(I) = \frac{\Gamma(I)}{dI/dt} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{dI/dt} \int_0^I \Gamma(I') dI'\right] \sim \text{Switching probability density} \propto \text{SCD's}$$

A.Garg, Phys. Rev. B (1995)

TI NR JJ's ~ 2π - and 4π -periodic mixed supercurrents

$$I_{sc} = I_{c,2\pi} \sin(\phi) + I_{c,4\pi} \sin(\phi/2)$$

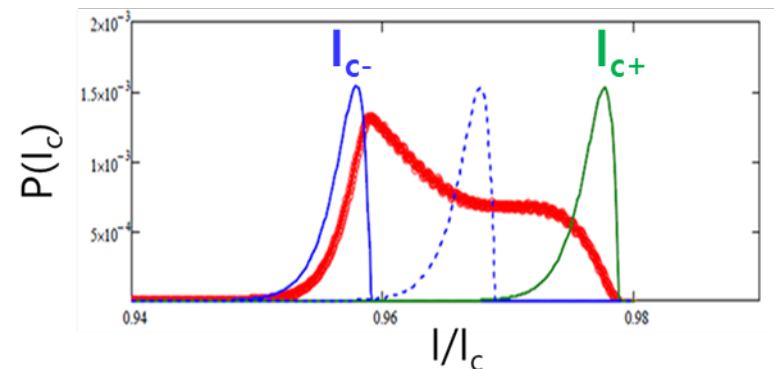
$$U(\phi) = -E_{J,2\pi} \cos \phi - E_{J,4\pi} \cos(\phi/2), \quad E_J \equiv \frac{\hbar I_c}{2e}$$



Bimodal switching current distributions

Two I_c peaks at I_{c+} and I_{c-} , where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_{c+} &\approx I_{c,2\pi} + I_{c,4\pi}/2 \\ I_{c-} &\approx I_{c,2\pi} - I_{c,4\pi}/2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} I_{c+} - I_{c-} &\approx I_{c,4\pi} \\ I_{c+} + I_{c-} &\approx I_{c,2\pi} \end{aligned}$$



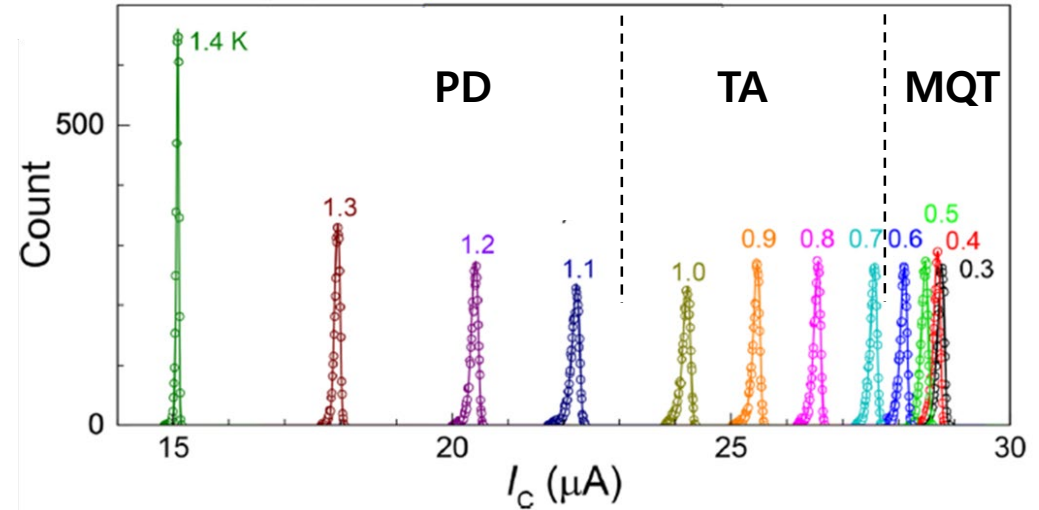
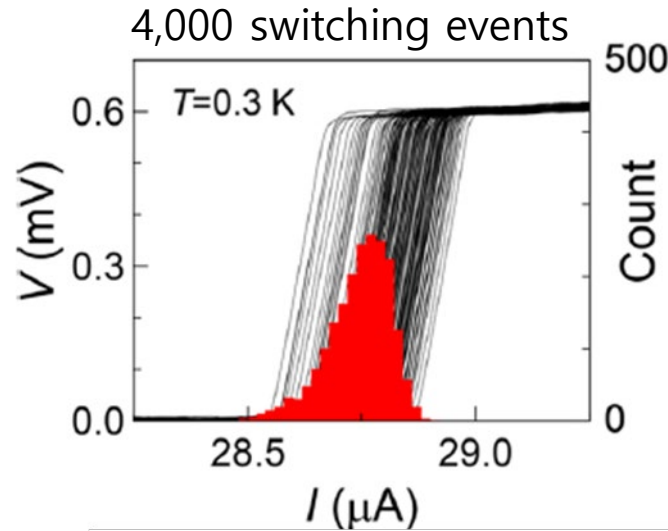
N. Abboud, D. Van Harlingen et al., PRB (2022)

Switching Current Distributions of Conventional JJ's

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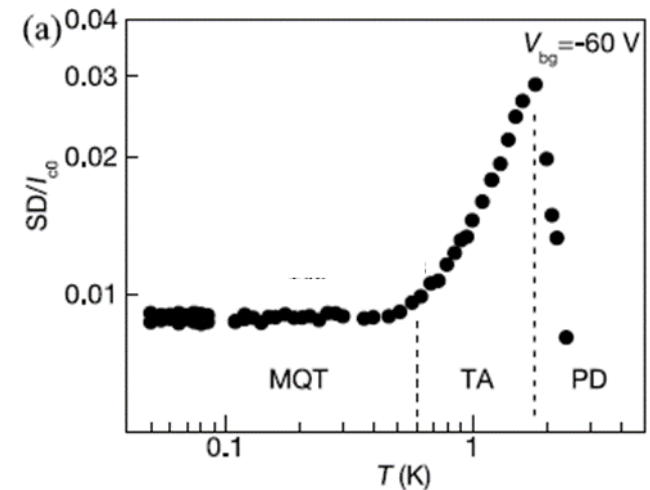
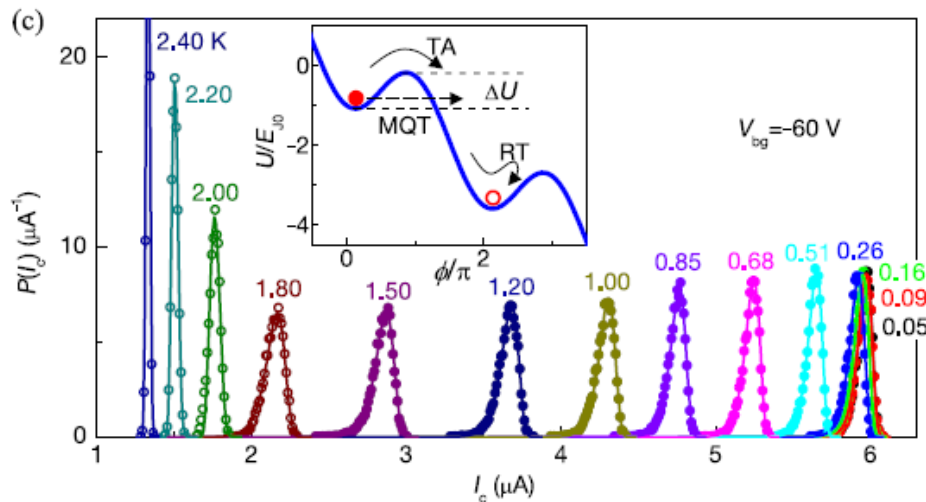
Ag₂Se & PbS nanowire JJ's :

J. Kim, YJD* et al., Nano Lett. (2017)
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Graphene JJ's :

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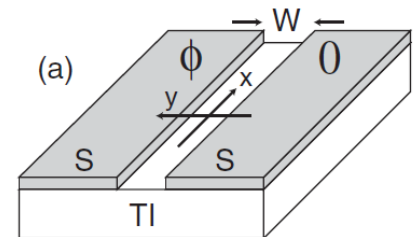
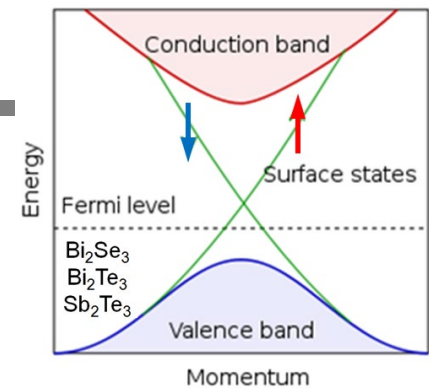


Topological insulator nanoribbon (3-dim)

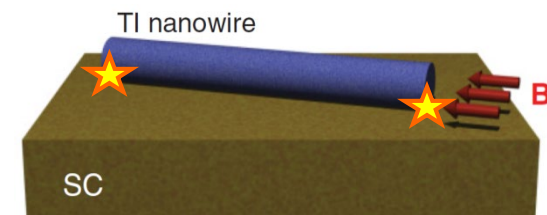
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- **Topological insulator (TI)** : A bulk insulator with metallic surface states, which are topologically protected with spin-momentum locking
- **Superconducting proximity effect** at the surface of a topological insulator supports Majorana bound states

Fu & Kane, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2008)

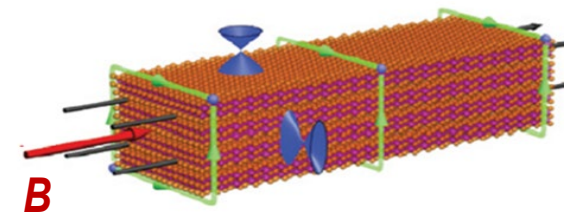


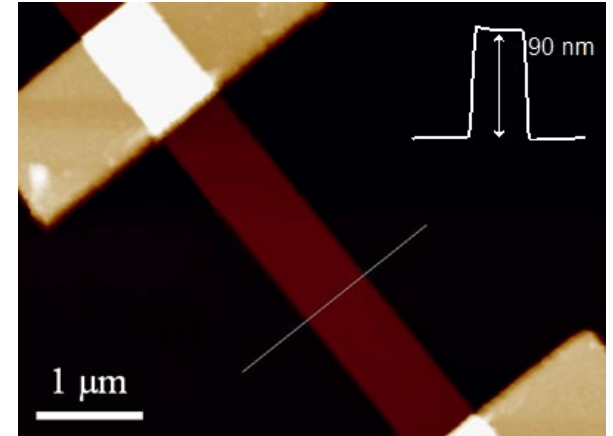
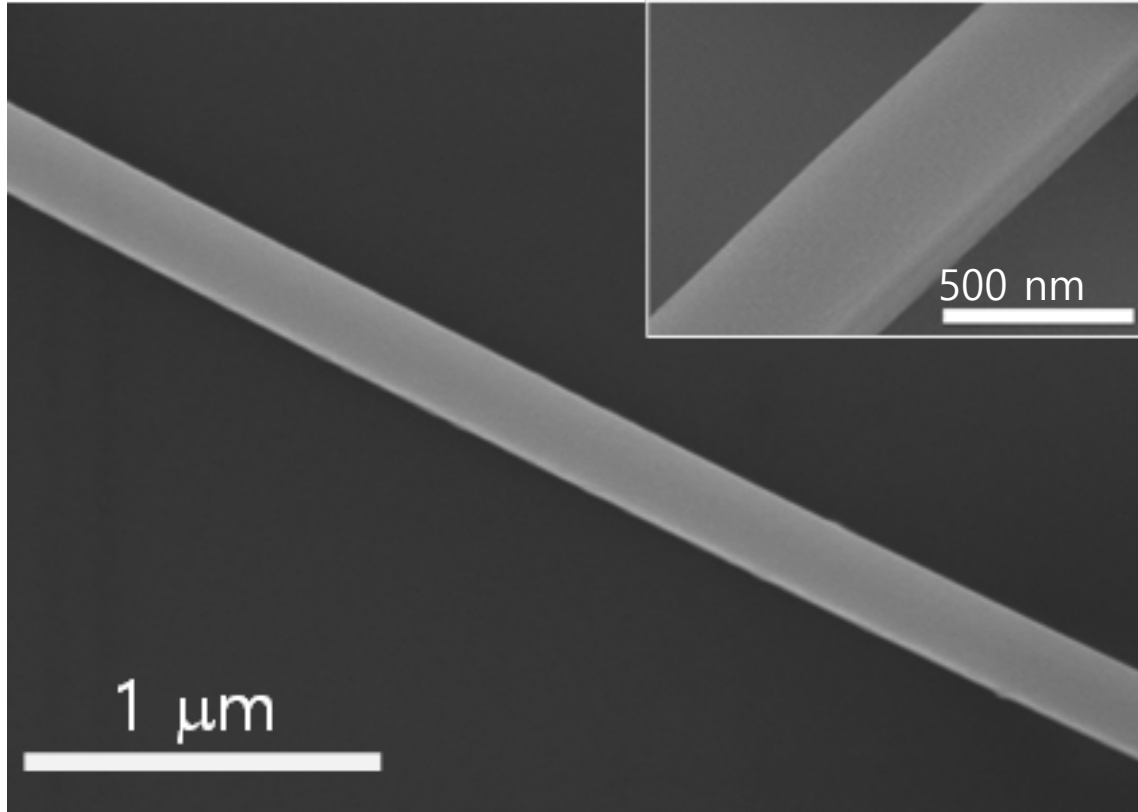
- **TI NR-superconductor junction** : Majorana zero modes are localized at both ends of TI NW, proximity-coupled to an s -wave superconductor with axial magnetic field of $\Phi = 0.5\Phi_0 = h/2e$



Cook & Franz, Phys. Rev. B (2011)
Bardarson, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2014)

- **TI nanoribbon (NR)** : Periodic boundary condition along the circumference results in 1D subbands including Aharonov-Bohm phase (" h/e periodic")





Width $w \sim 400\ \text{nm}$

Thickness $t \sim 100\ \text{nm}$

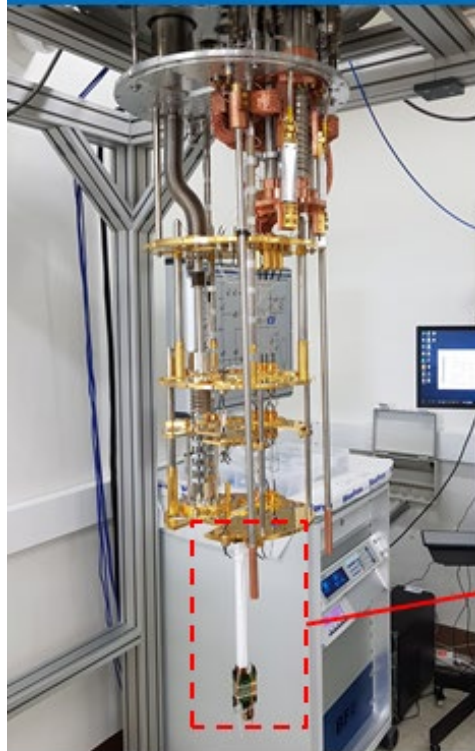
Perimeter $L_p \sim 1\ \mu\text{m}$

Growth of nanoribbons by prof. Dong Yu at UC Davis

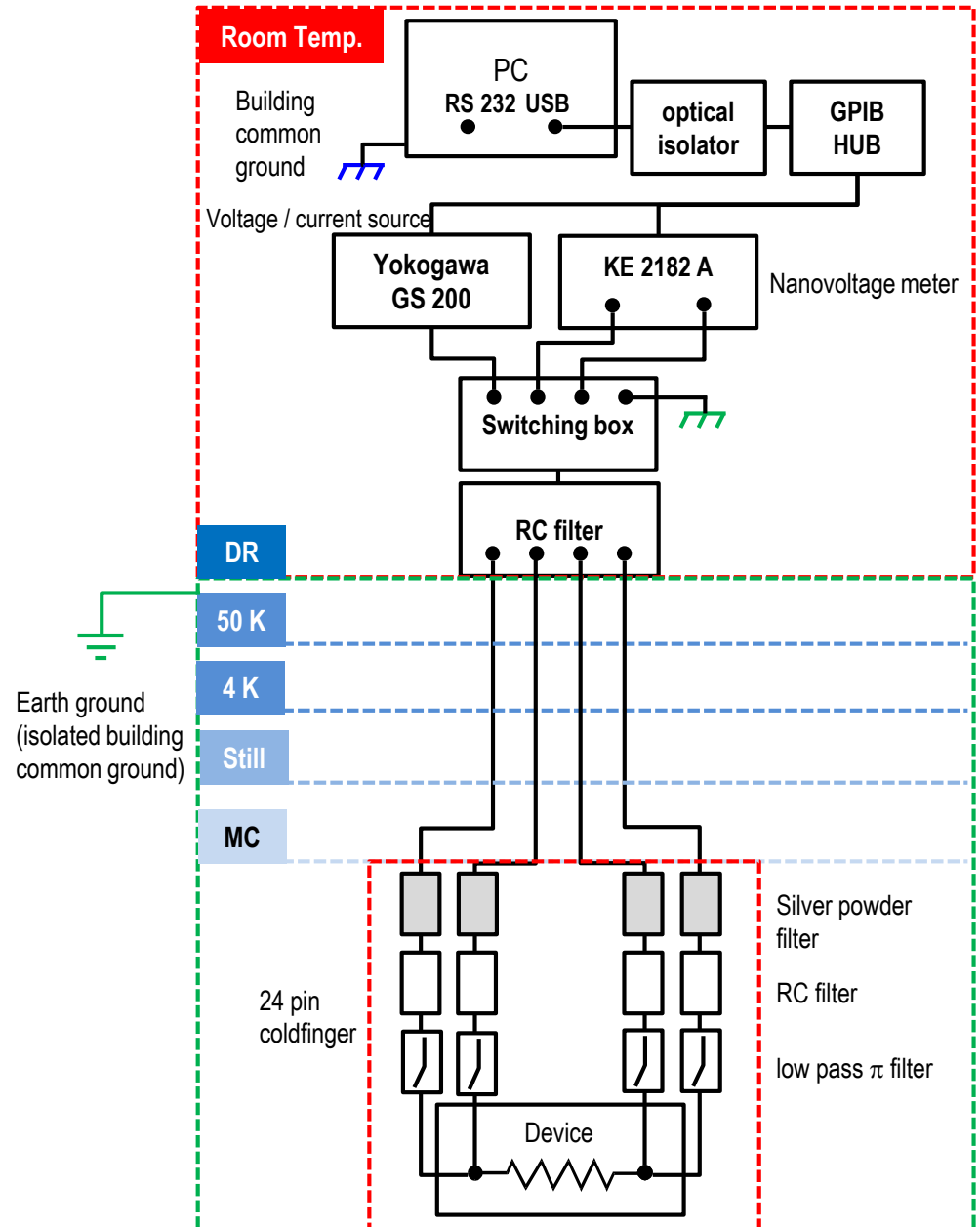
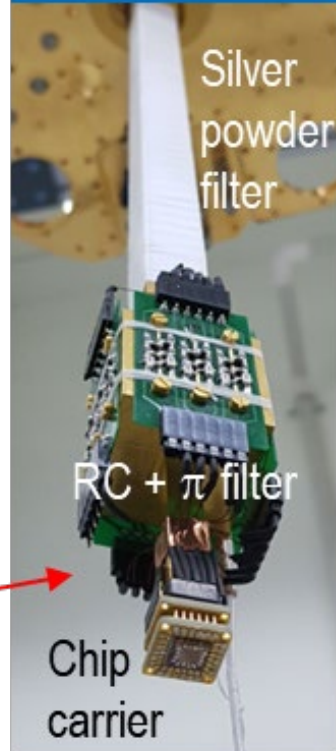
Experimental setup for supercurrent measurement

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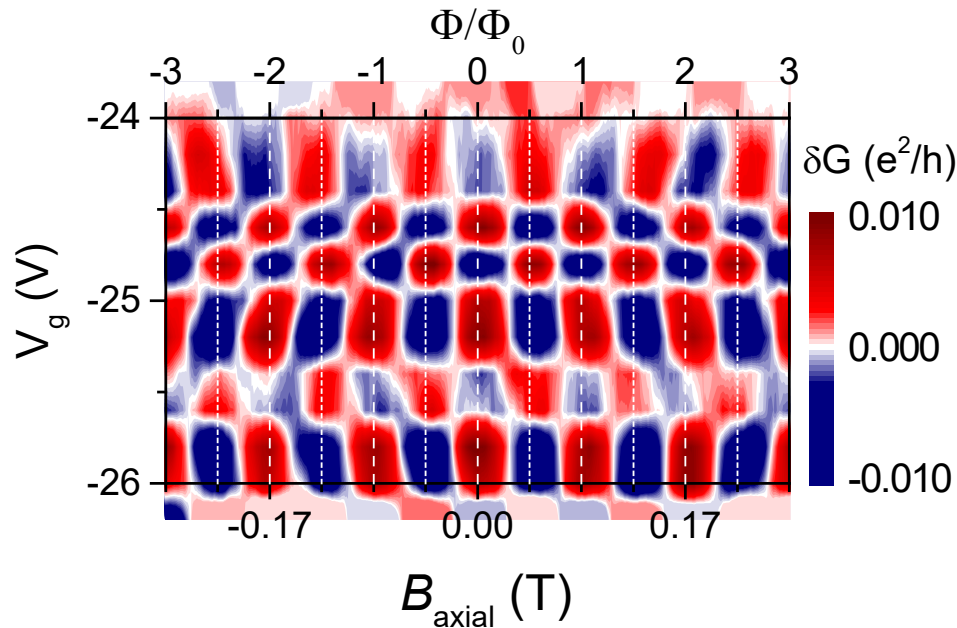
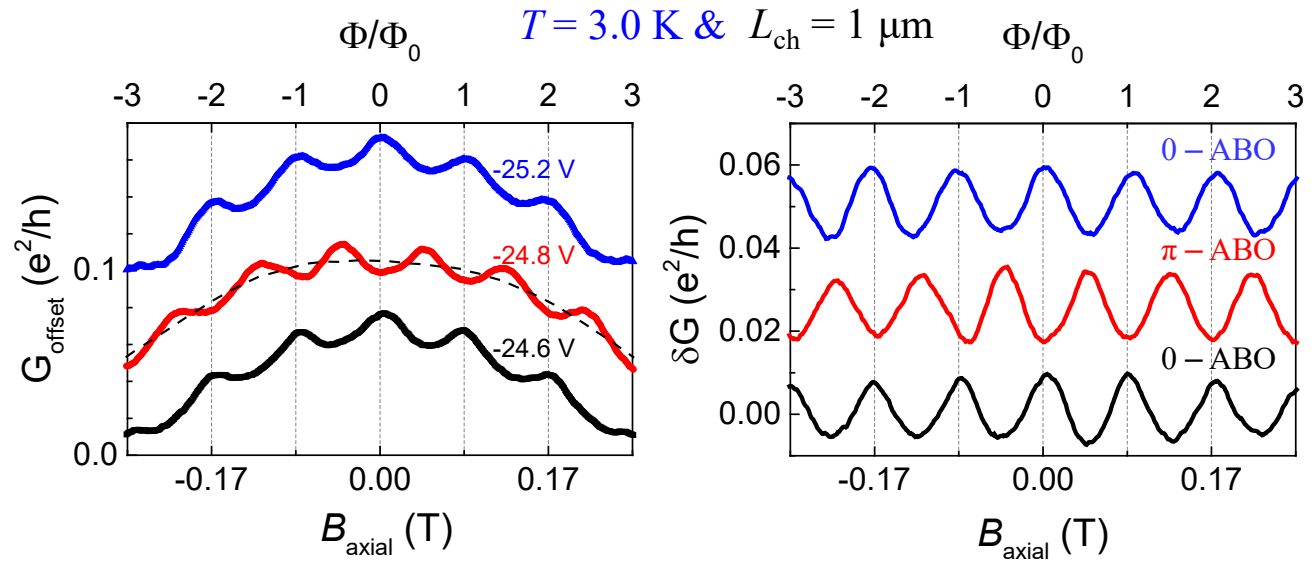
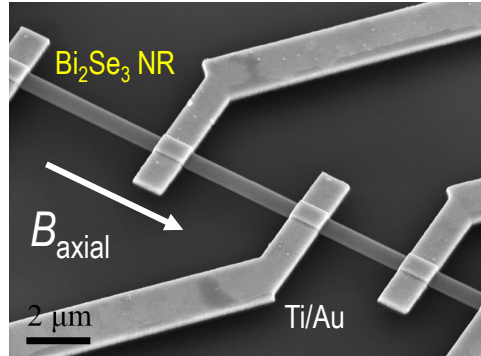


Coldfinger



Aharonov-Bohm oscillations (ABO's) in TI nanoribbon (NR)

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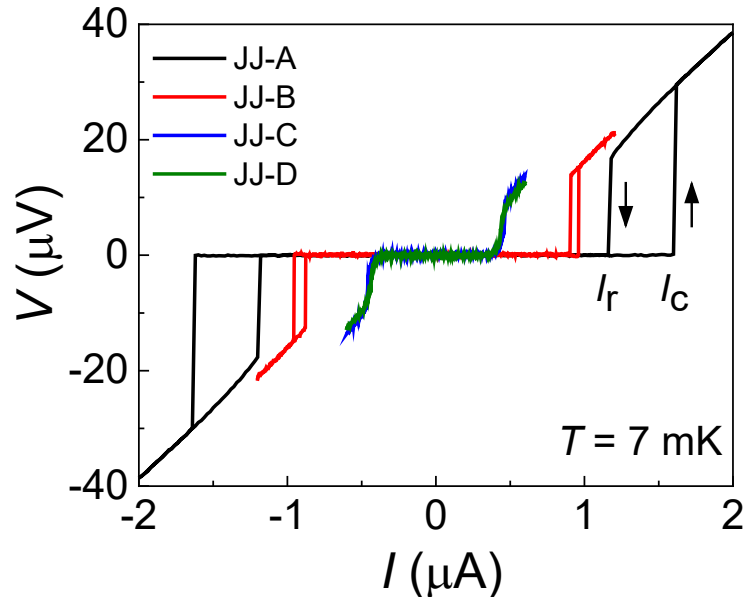
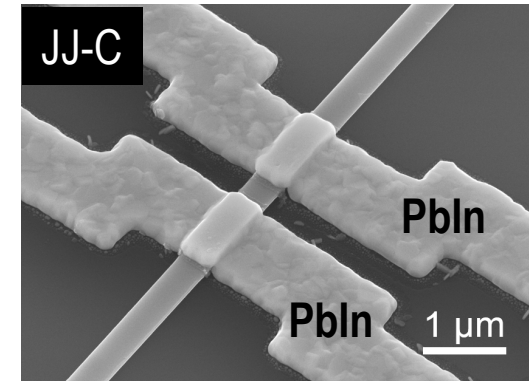
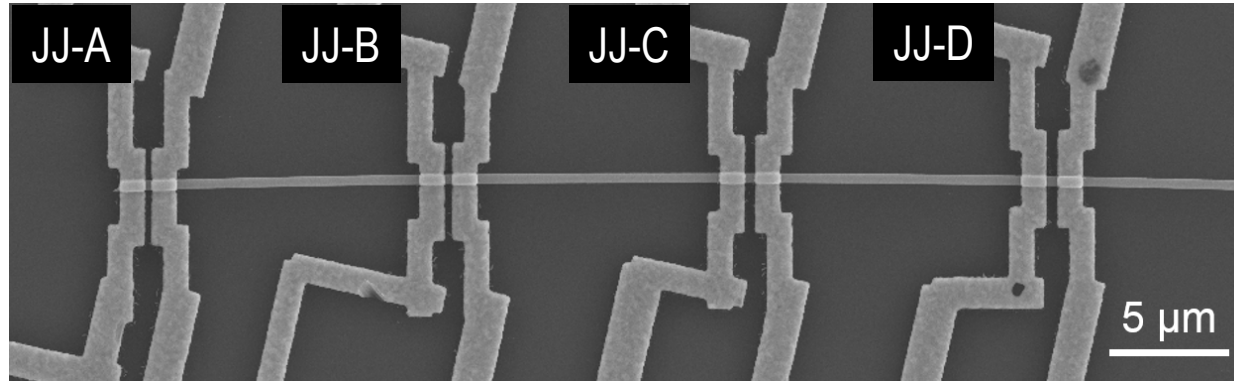


Checkerboard-like V_g dependence:
0- and π -phase alternation of ABO's

Josephson junctions made of TI nanoribbon

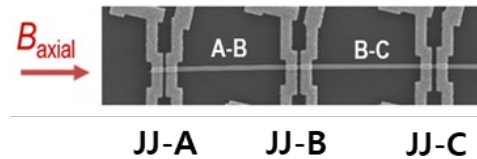
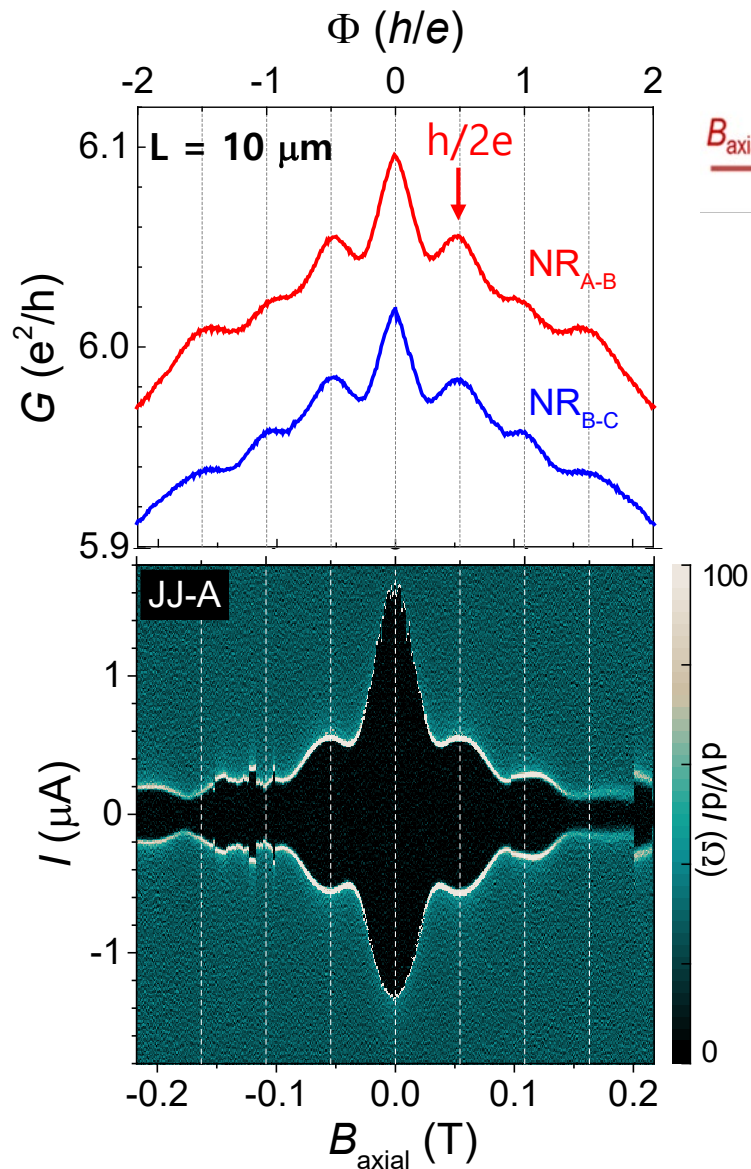
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PbIn – $(\text{Bi}_{0.81}\text{Sb}_{0.19})_2\text{Se}_3$ TI NR – PbIn

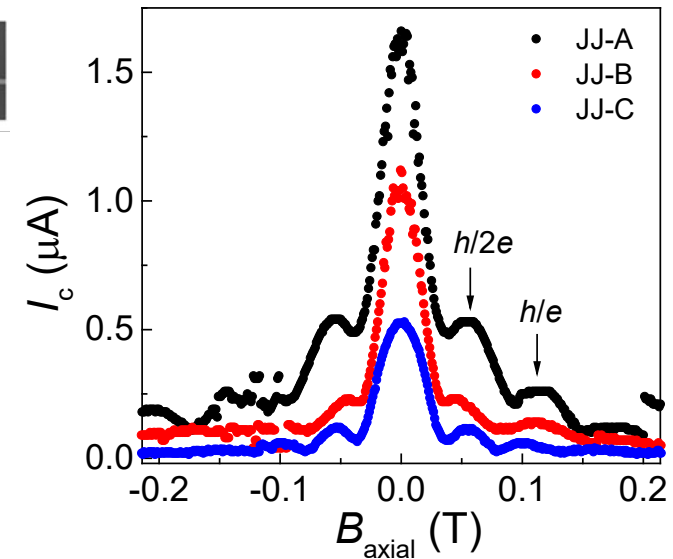


- PbIn superconducting electrodes with $T_c = 7 \text{ K}$
- TI NR with thickness = 113 nm & width = 420 nm

	JJ-A	JJ-B	JJ-C	JJ-D
L_{ch} (nm)	240	280	380	430
I_c (μA)	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.5



$T = 300 \text{ mK}$



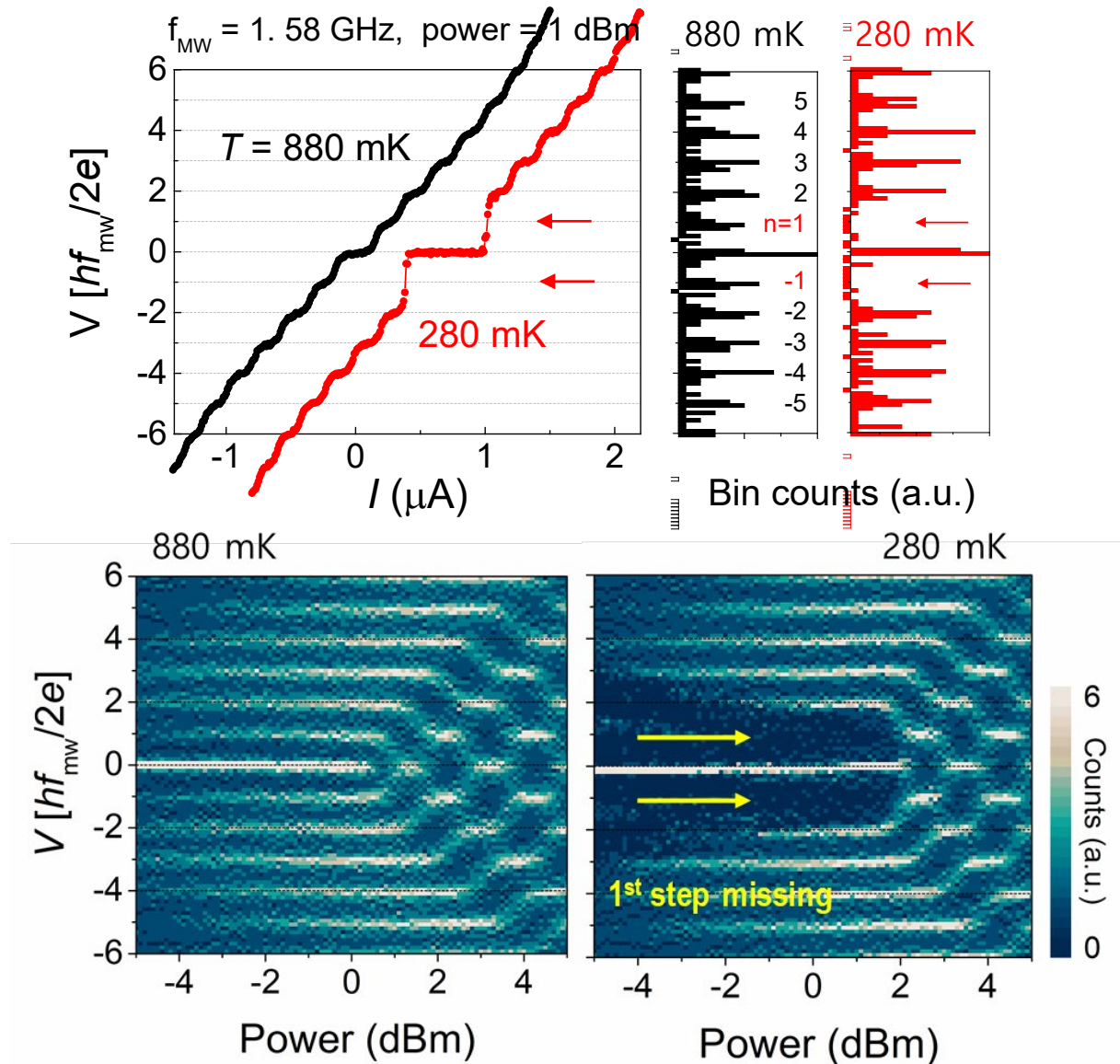
- 10 μm -long segments of nanoribbon exhibit h/e - and $h/2e$ -periodic magnetoconductance oscillations.
- Critical current I_c oscillates with the same periodicity of $\Phi = h/e$ and $h/2e$ under B_{axial} field.
- The first observation of the supercurrent ABO's in TI NR ~ Evidence of the supercurrent flow via the topological surface state of TI nanoribbon !

First Shapiro Step Missing (FSSM)

JJ-A

$$V_n = n \frac{hf_{MW}}{2e},$$

$n = \text{integer}$



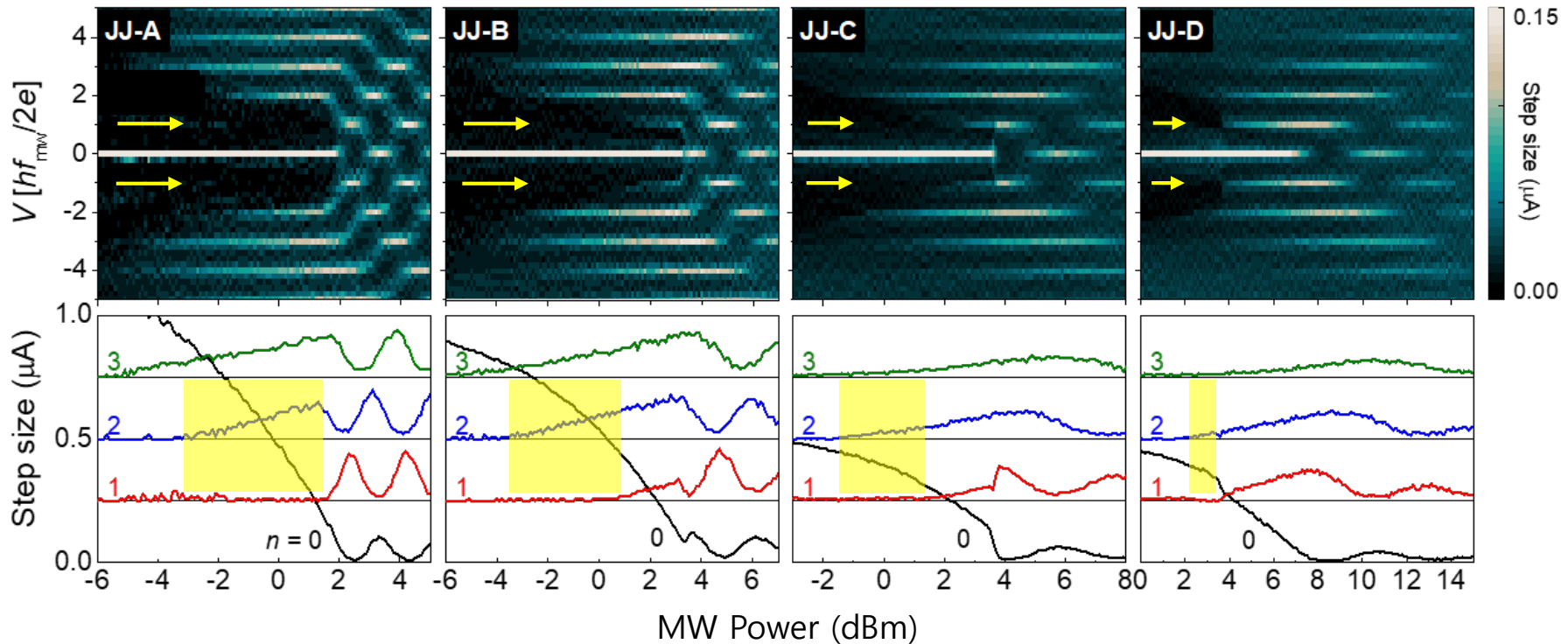
Shapiro steps with $n = \pm 1$ are missing at low temperatures and low-power MW

Four JJ's on the same TI NR $\sim L_{\text{ch}}$ dependence

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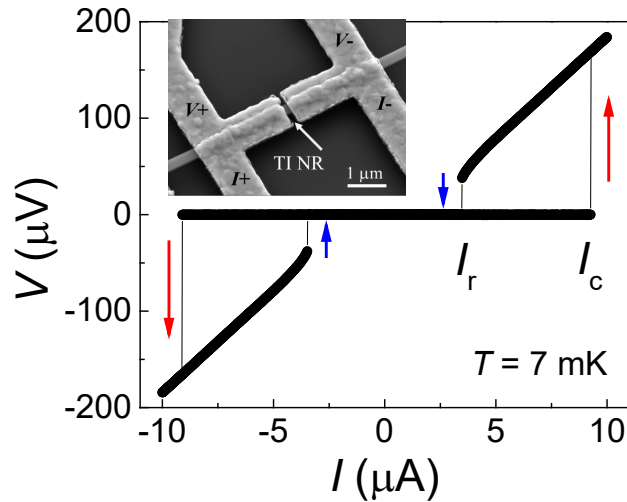
$T = 280 \text{ mK}$, $f_{\text{MW}} = 1.58 \text{ GHz}$,

H.-S. Kim, YJD et al. (in preparation)

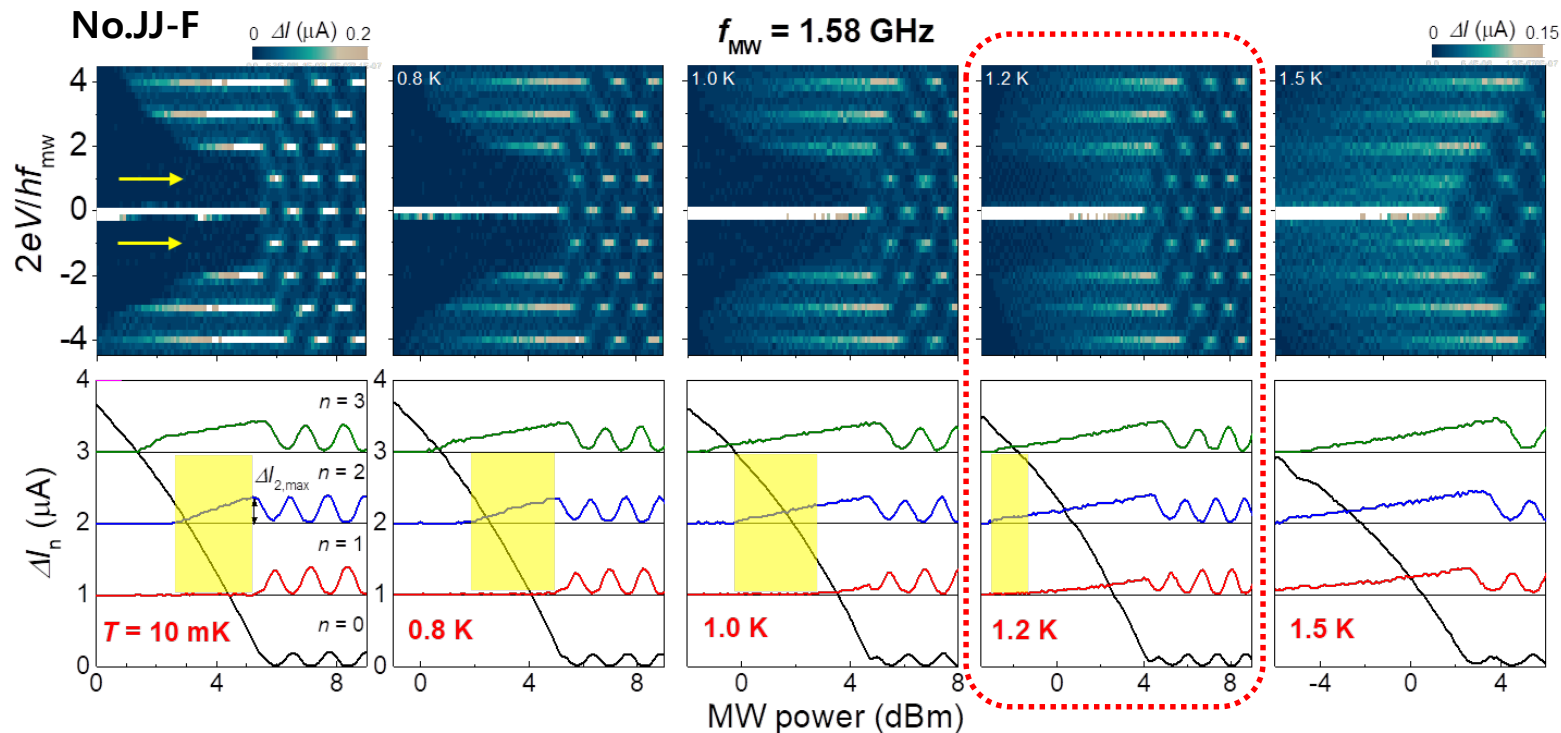


	JJ-A	JJ-B	JJ-C	JJ-D
L_{ch} (nm)	240	280	380	430
I_c (μA)	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.5
$I_c R_n$ (μV)	53	38	19	16

- All four JJ's exhibit **complete absence of the first step, FSSM**, indicated by yellow box
- FSSM is suppressed by increasing L_{ch} , but almost same transparency $\sim$ **LZT ruled out**

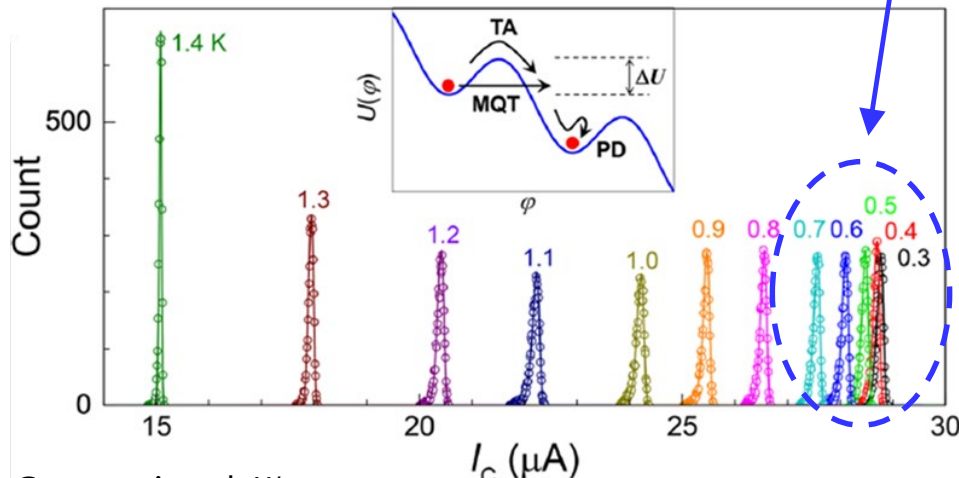
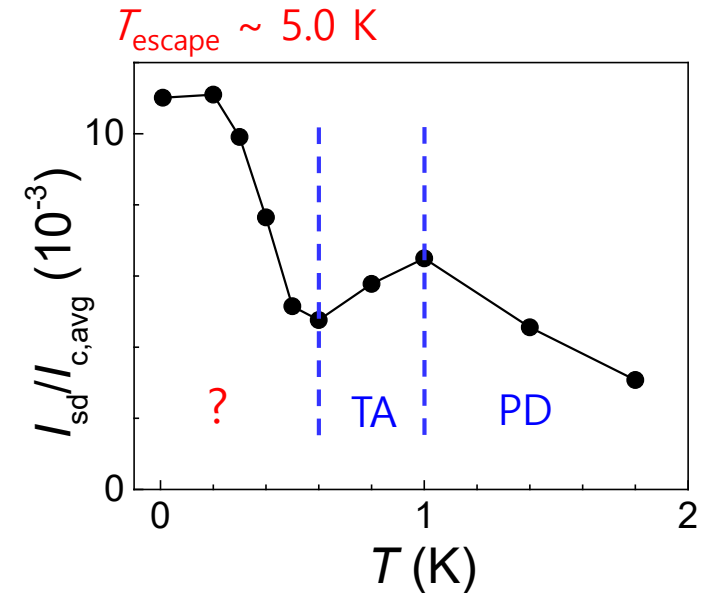
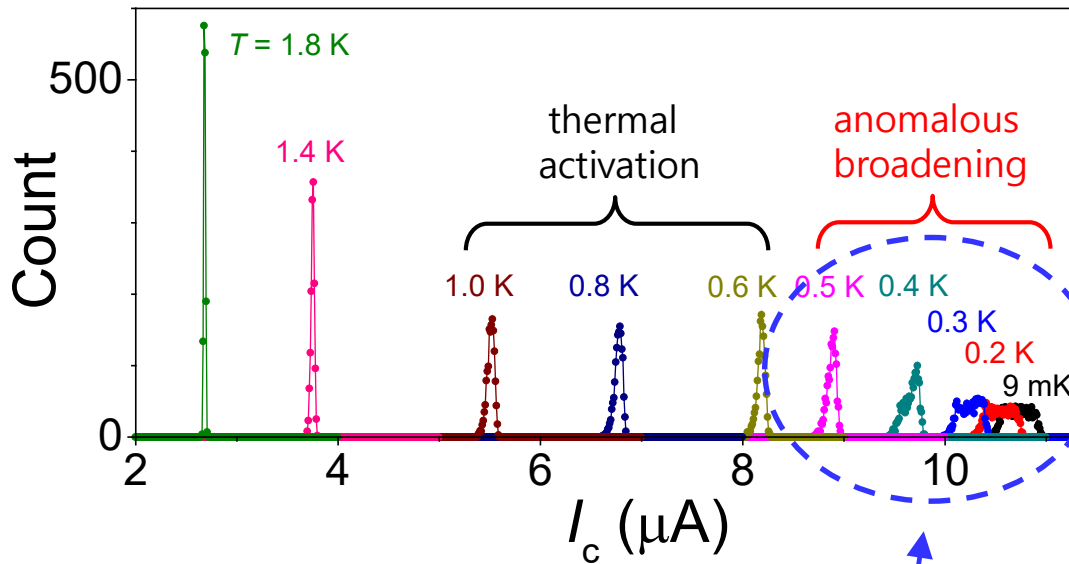


- Sb-Bi₂Se₃ TI NR, width = 281 nm, thickness = 88 nm
- Channel length, $L_{\text{ch}} = 100/125/129$ nm for **D1/D2/D3**
- Critical current, $I_c = 9.1$ μA
- $I_c R_N = 230$ μV at $T = 7$ mK
- $\Delta_0 = 680$ $\mu\text{eV} \sim$ multiple Andreev reflection (MAR)



FSSM is
observed up to
 $T^* = 1.2$ K,
the highest T

No.D1 (1,450 switching events)



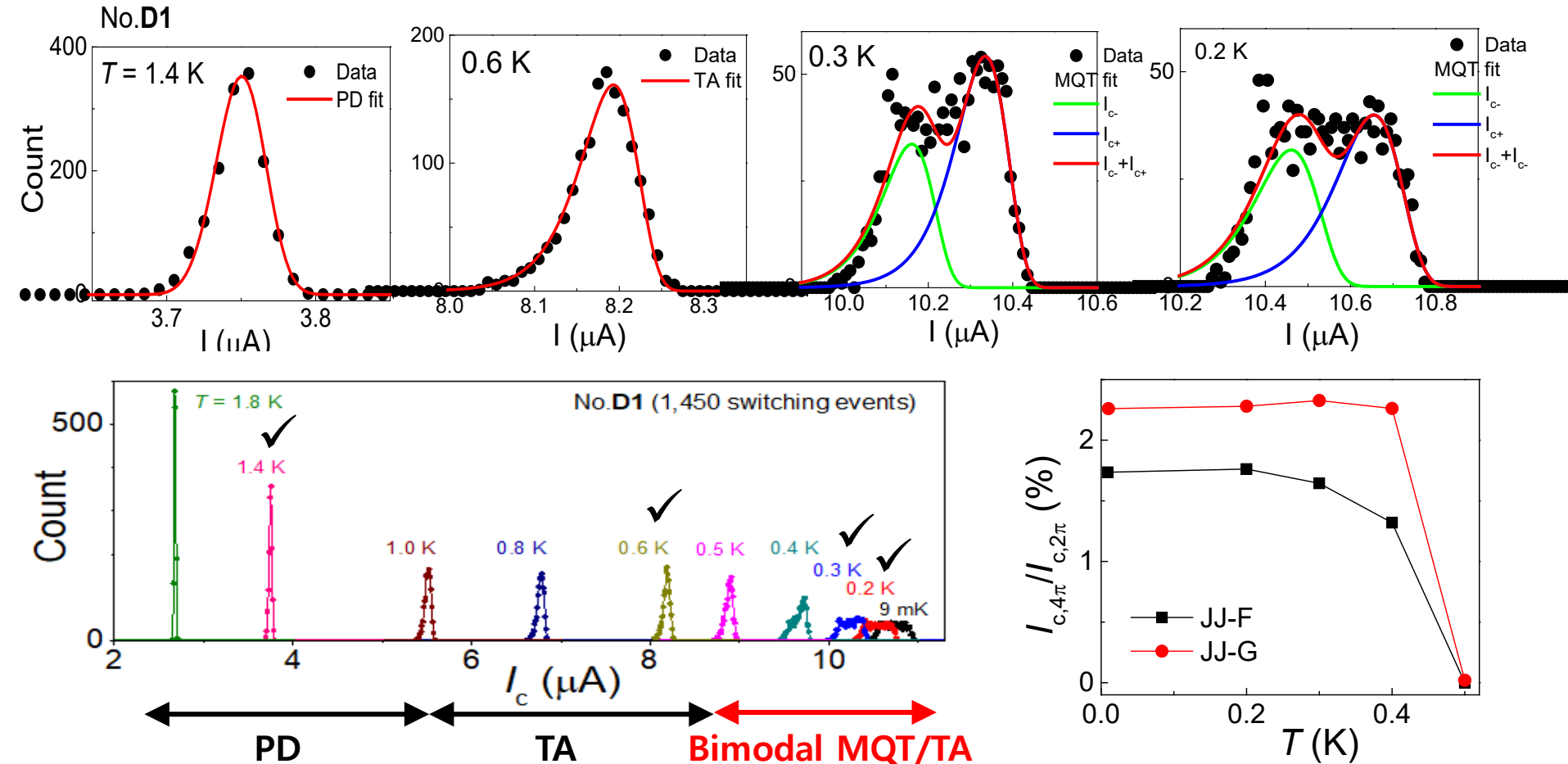
Conventional JJ's

J. Kim, YJD et al., Nano Lett. (2017);
B.-K. Kim, YJD et al., ACS Nano (2017)

- Typical SCD behaviors of phase diffusion (PD) and thermal activation (TA) processes are observed down to $T = 0.6$ K
- Significant broadening of SCD at low temperatures below $T = 0.5$ K, resulting $T_{\text{escape}} = 5.0$ K
- Uni-modal SCD's cannot explain the anomalous broadening below $T = 0.5$ K

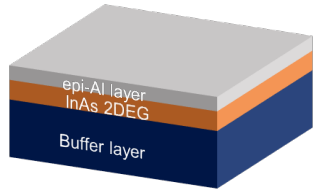
Bimodal Switching Current Distributions

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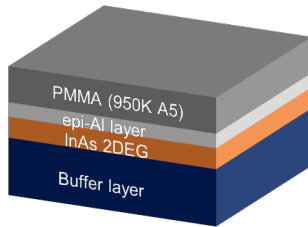


- SCD data fit well to PD and TA models down to $T = 1.0$ K and 0.6 K, respectively
- SCD data below $T = 0.5$ K fit well to a **bimodal MQT model**, indicating the existence of two distinct values of critical current, which are $I_{c\pm} \sim I_{c,2\pi} \pm I_{c,4\pi}/2$
- **Topological critical current is measured ($I_{c,4\pi}/I_{c,2\pi} = 2.3\%$) for the first time**
- Note spin-filterer SFS JJ's $\sim$ double-well potential but π -periodic supercurrent (fractional SS's)

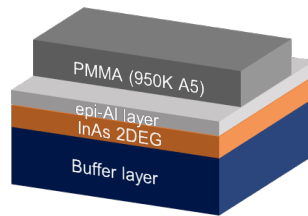
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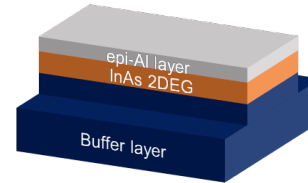
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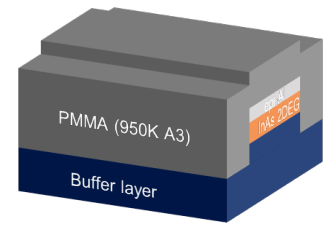
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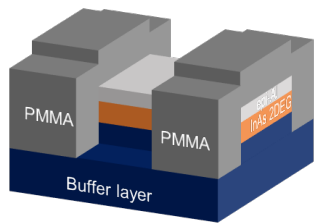
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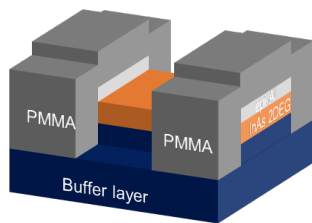
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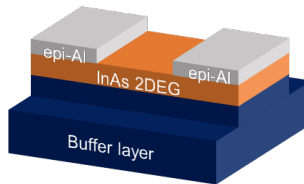
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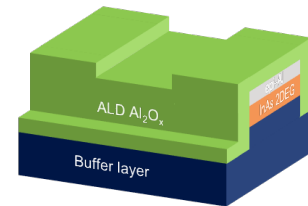
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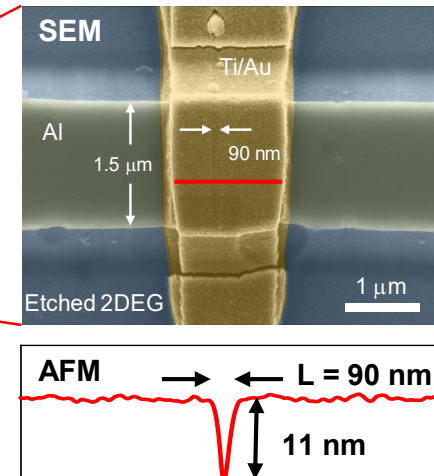
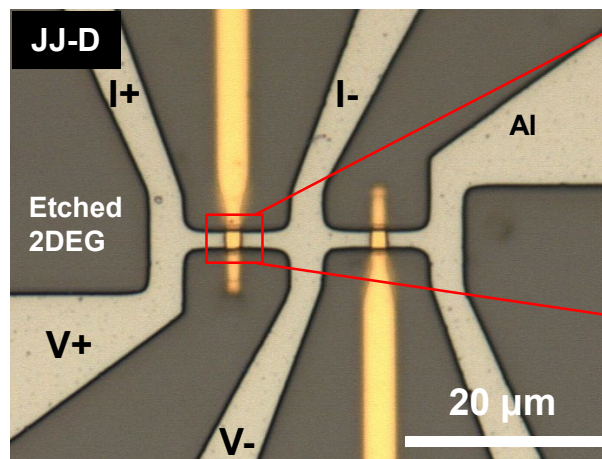
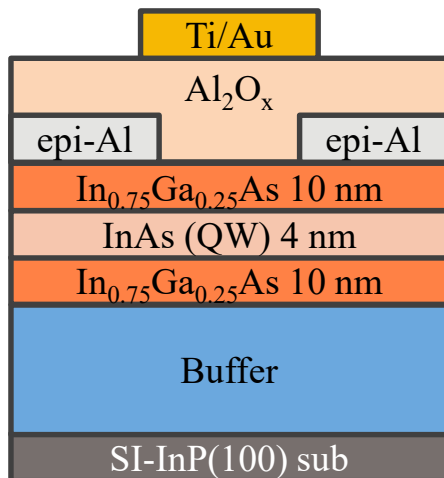
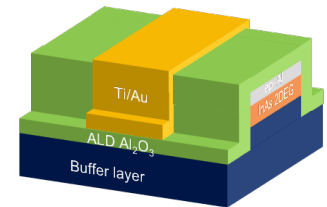
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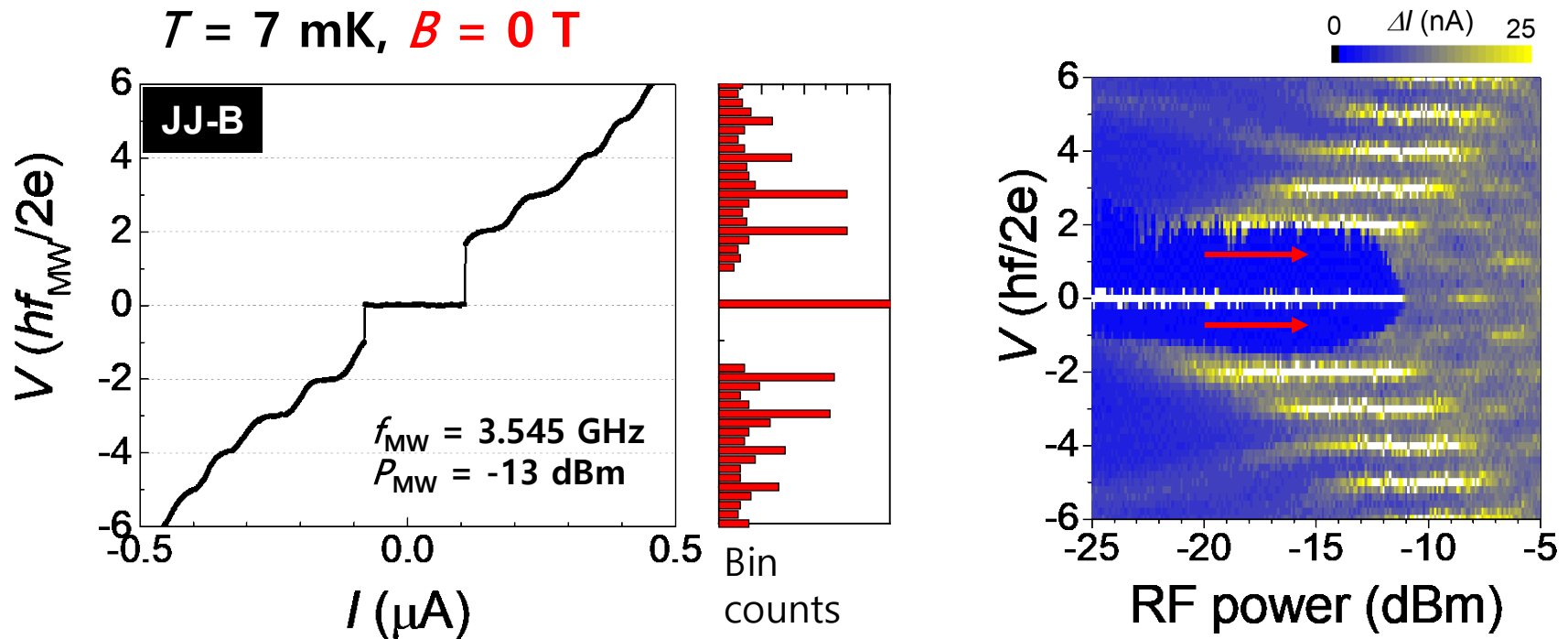


⑨ Al_2O_3 deposition



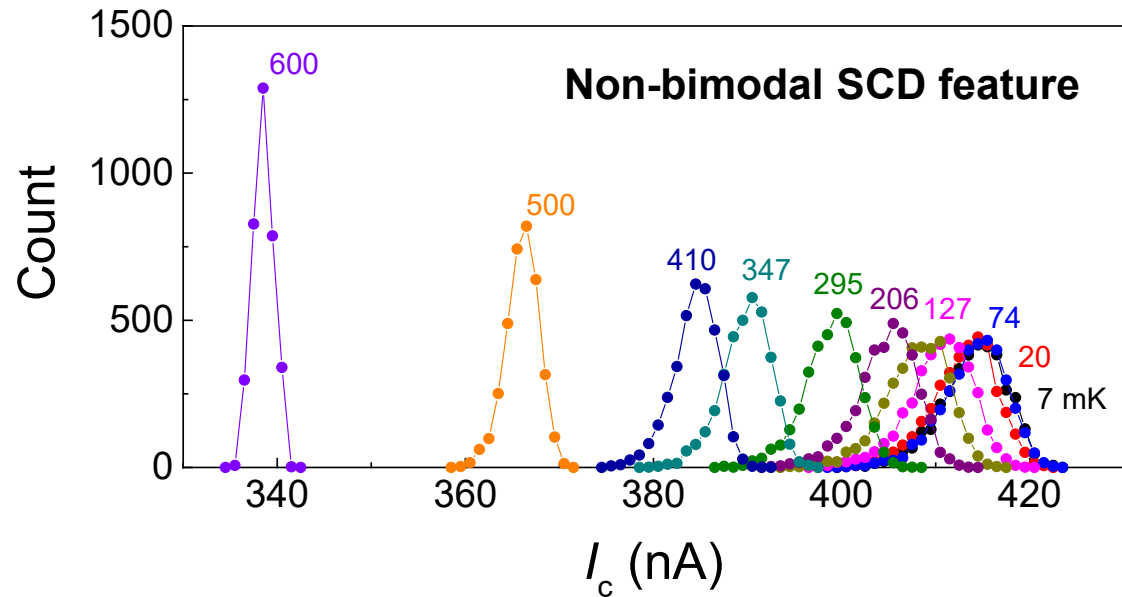
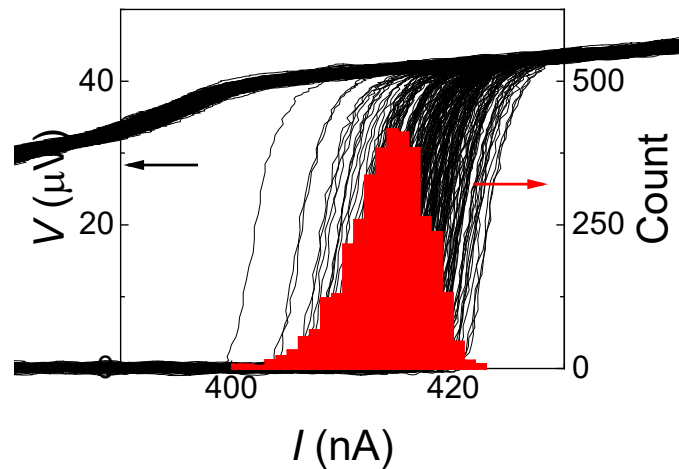
⑩ Ti/Au deposition





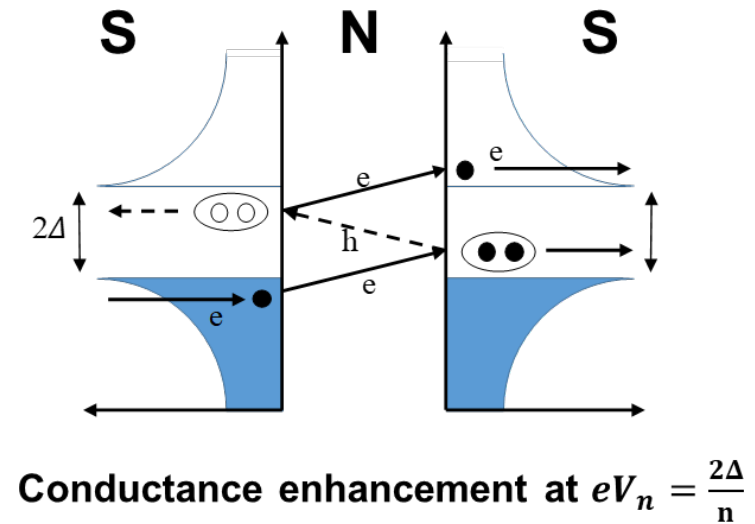
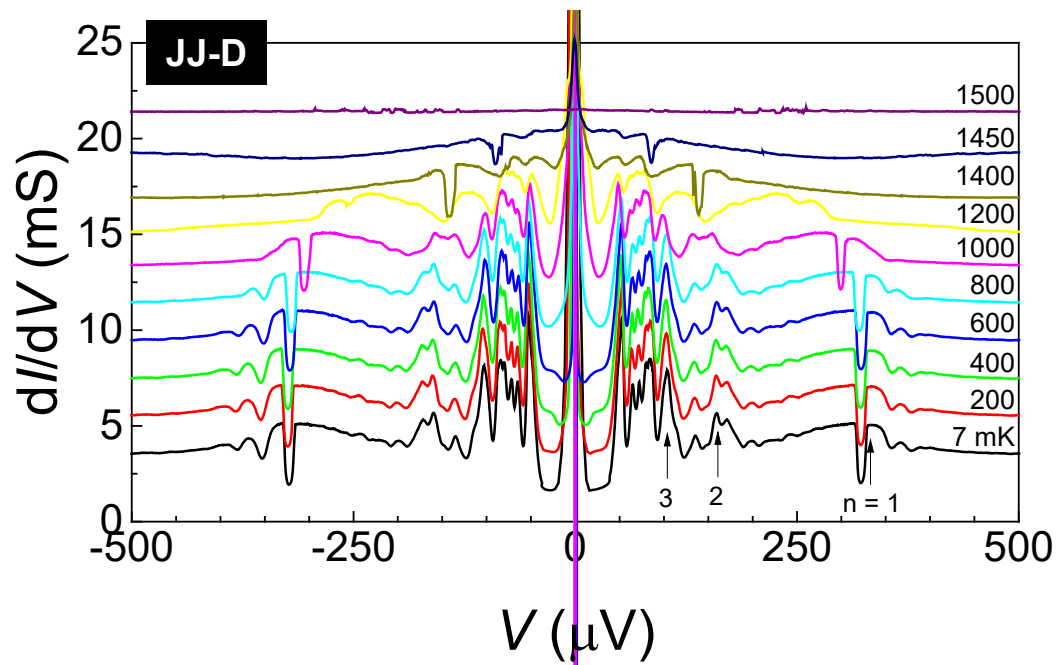
- First Shapiro step missing under zero B field
~ due to a topologically trivial origin.

I-V meas. 3600 times



No bimodal SCD's in 2DEG JJ's under zero B field

- ✓ $\tau \sim 0.82$
- ✓ First Shapiro step missing without B field
- ✓ Non-bimodal SCD feature
- ➔ 4π -periodic Josephson effect by Landau-Zener transition



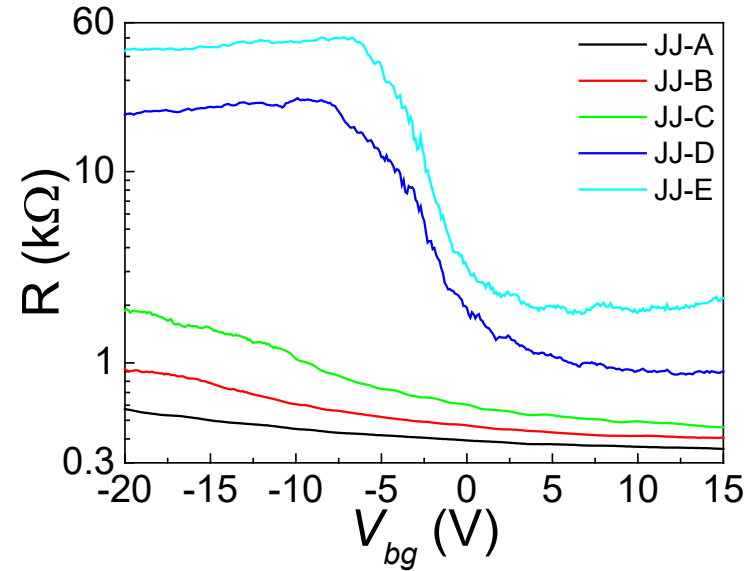
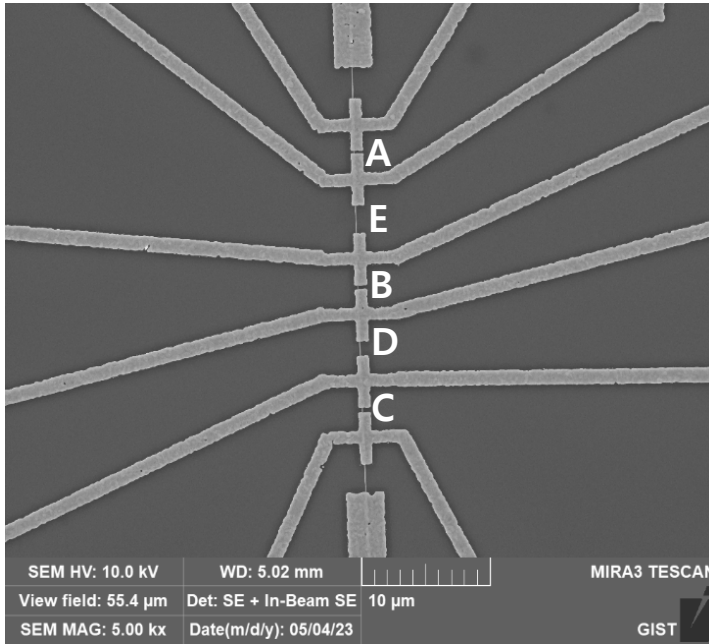
Device	W (μm)	L (nm)	I_c (nA)	R_n (Ω)	$I_c R_n$ (μV)	Δ_{BCS} (μeV)	τ
JJ-B	1.5	83	418	308	129	162	> 0.80
JJ-D	1.55	96	420	289	121	165	> 0.82

- Mean free path $l_e \sim 200$ nm
 - Superconducting coherence length $\xi_0 \sim 740$ nm
- **Short and ballistic Josephson junction** ($L < l_e, \xi_0$)

Cd_3As_2 Dirac-semimetal JJ's

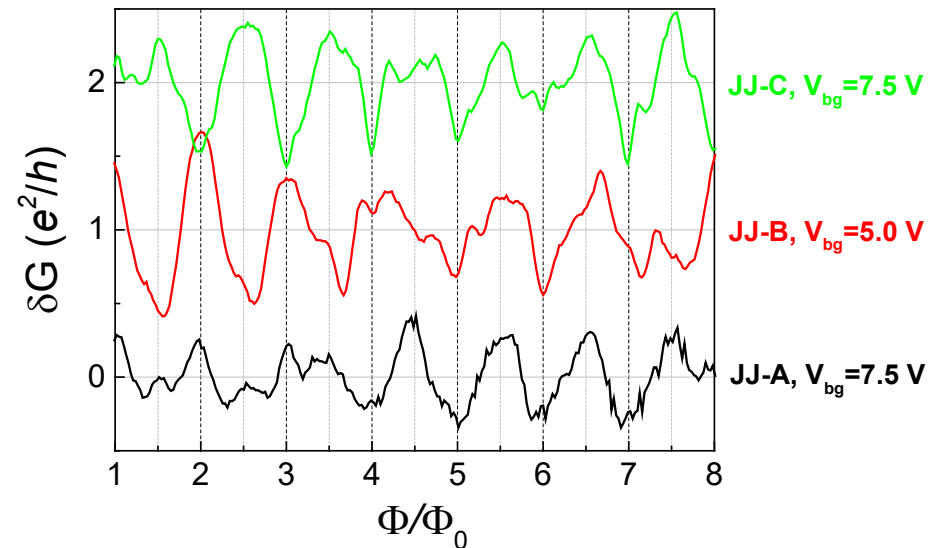
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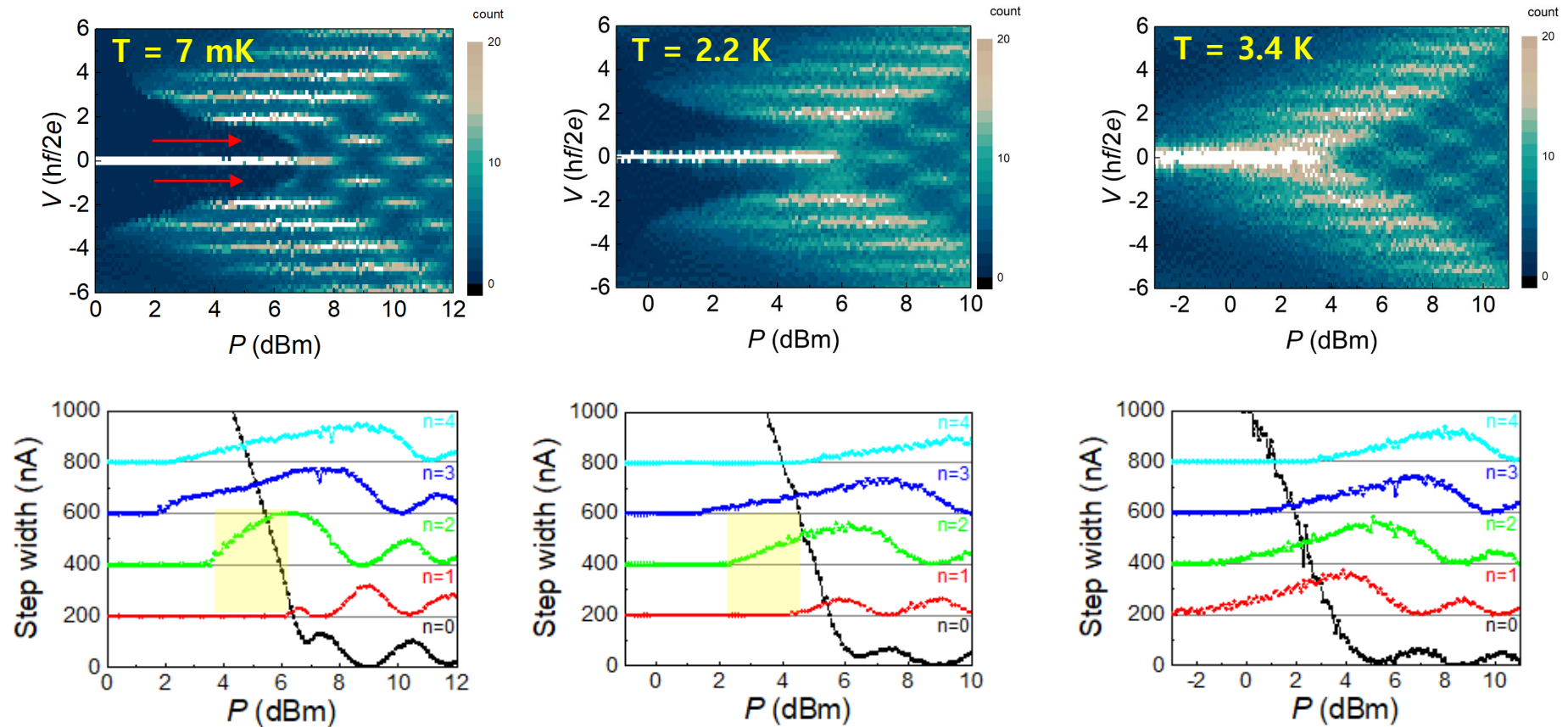
Growth by prof. Dong Yu at UC Davis



	JJ-A	JJ-B	JJ-C	JJ-D	JJ-E
L (nm)	150	264	345	1050	2070
W (nm)	91	92	93	92	92
t (nm)	86	87	89	88	86

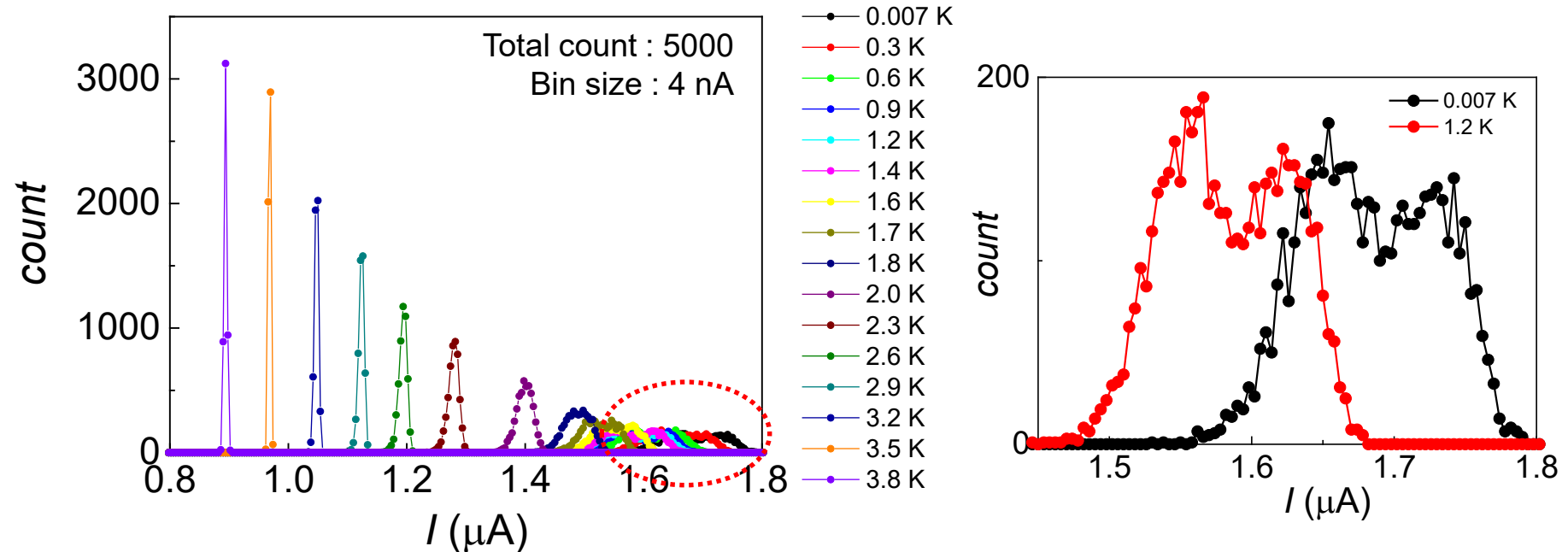
- PbIn superconducting electrodes
- Aharonov-Bohm oscillations with the axial B-field



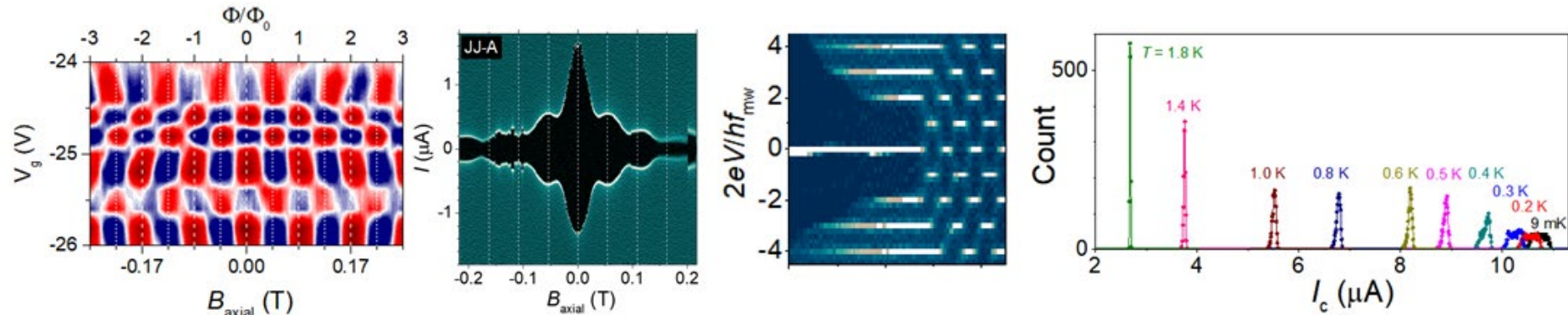


- FSSM behavior observed up to $T = 3.0$ K ~ the highest temperature so far

✓ JJ-A, T dependence



- Bimodal SCD's are observed up to $T \sim 2.0$ K
- Topological critical current is estimated to be $I_{c,4\pi}/I_{c,2\pi} \sim 5.9$ %



- TI NR JJ's exhibited the **1st Shapiro step missing (FSSM) behavior**, the so-called **fractional Josephson effect**, due to the mixed supercurrents.
- We observed **bimodal switching current distributions (SCD's)** at low temperatures due to the mixed supercurrents. The critical current of 4π -periodic topological supercurrent was estimated to be ~ 250 nA from the bimodal SCD's for the 1st time in our best knowledge.
- Fractional Josephson effect due to Majorana bound states can be confirmed by **complementary measurements of Shapiro steps and the SCD's**



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TI NR JJ



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TI NP JJ



Dr. Nam-Hee Kim (now at KRISS)
TI NR JJ



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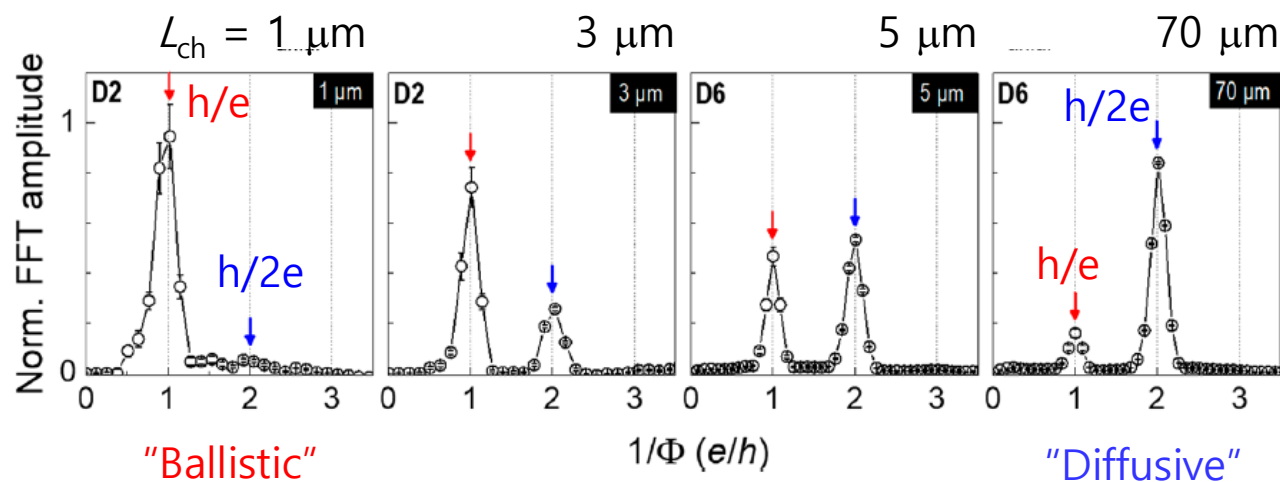
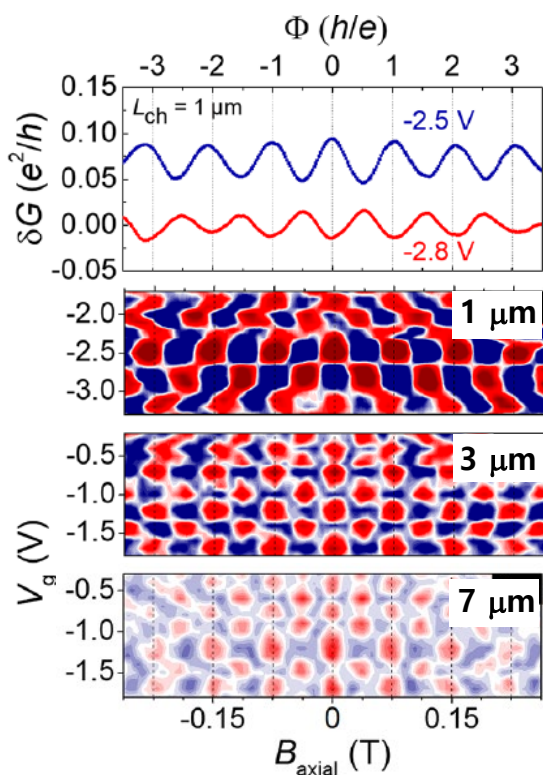
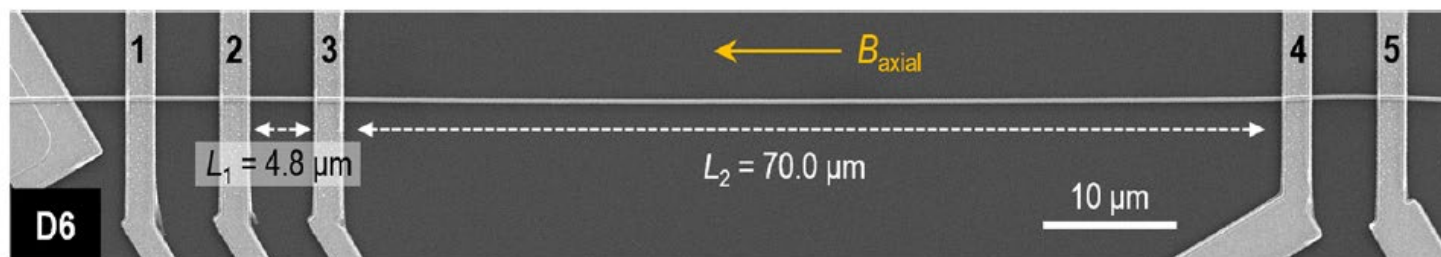
Prof. Dong Yu (UC Davis) ~ Growth of TI NR & DSM

Prof. Joon Sue Lee (Univ. Tennessee) ~ 2DEG growth



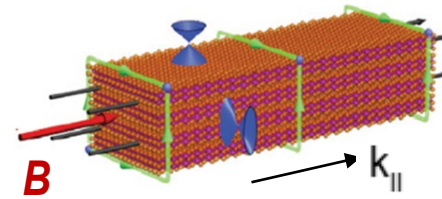


Supplementary



- Quantum AB & AAS oscillations in TI NR with $L_{ch} = 1 \sim 70 \mu\text{m}$
- $h/2e$ periodic Altshuler-Aronov-Spivak (AAS) oscillations
- Ballistic/diffusive quantum transport is selective with L_{ch}

Aharonov-Bohm oscillations in TI nanoribbon



- Dispersion relation for the 1-dimensional subbands in TI NR

$$E(n, k, \Phi) = \pm \hbar v_F \left[k_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{4\pi^2}{L_p^2} (n + 1/2 - \Phi/\Phi_0)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

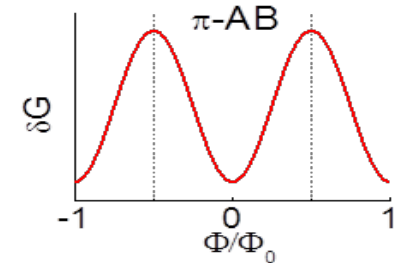
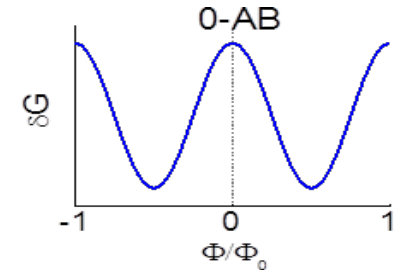
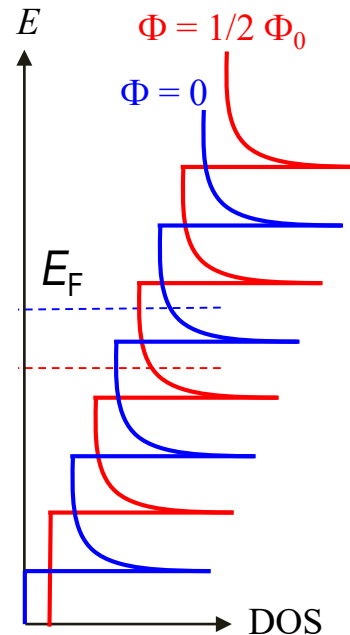
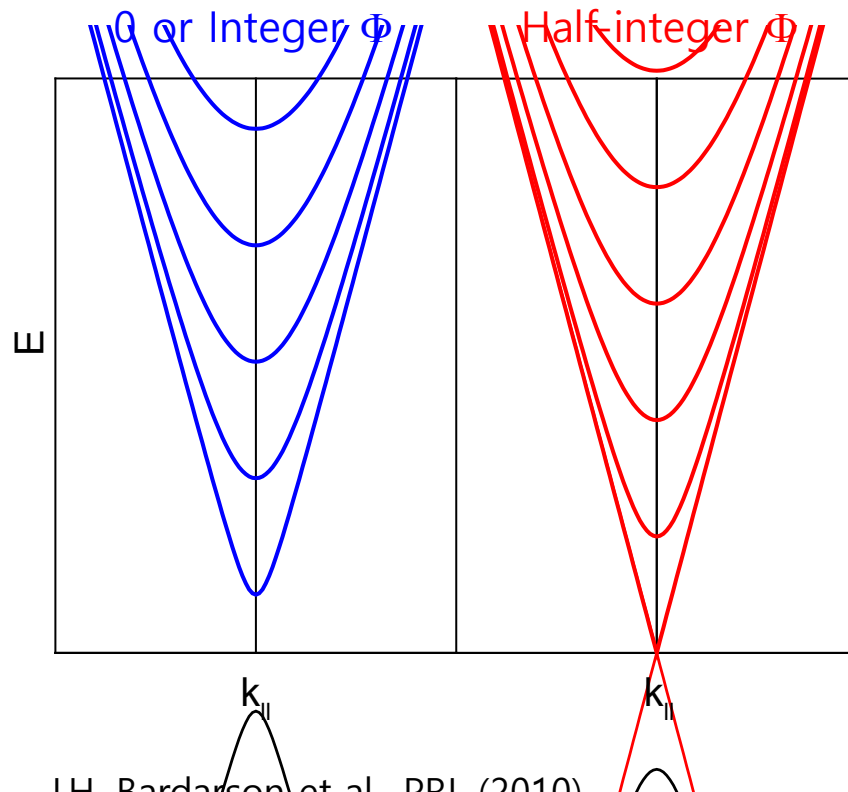
π Berry's phase $\downarrow$
 $\uparrow$ A-B phase

$\Phi_0 = h/e =$ magnetic flux quantum

$v_F =$ Fermi velocity

$L_p =$ nanoribbon perimeter length

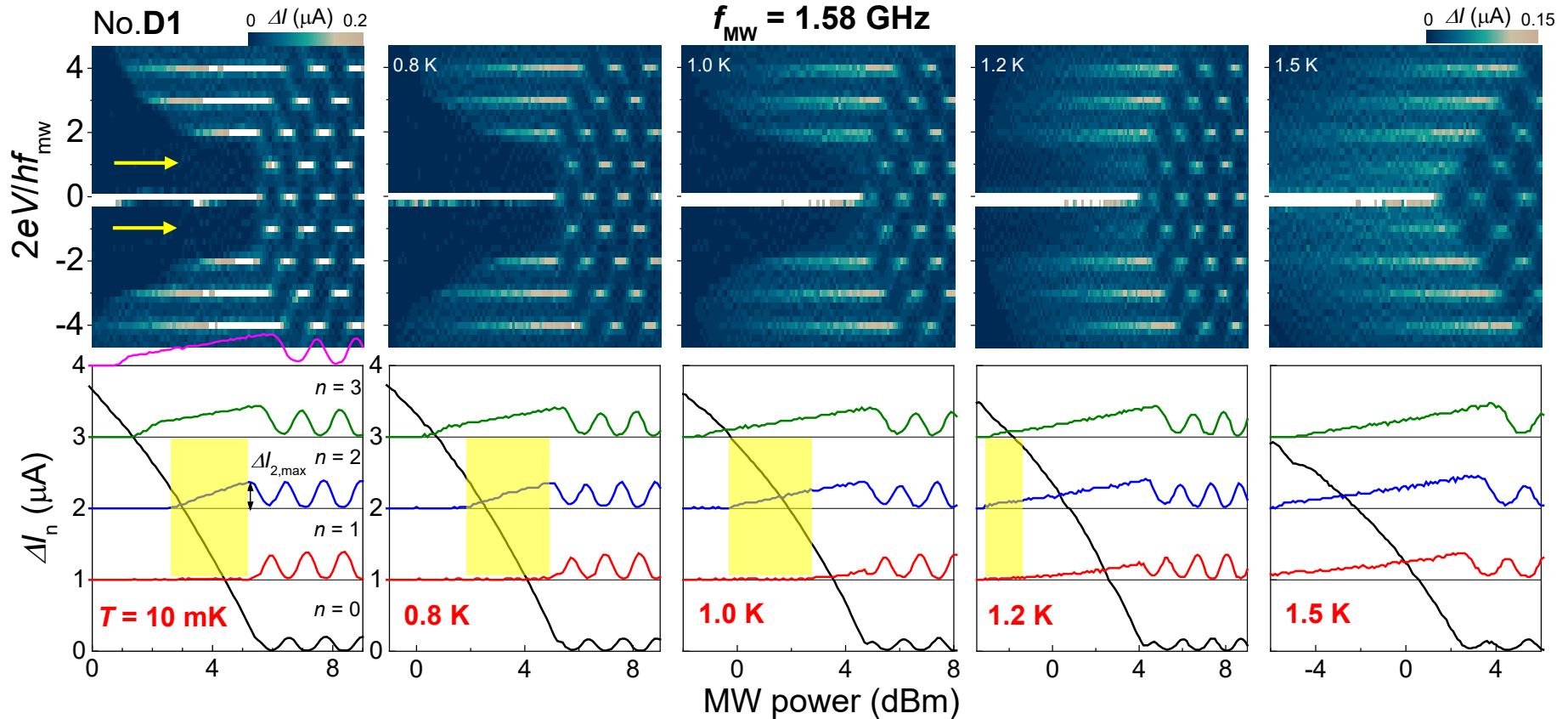
$n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$ (integer)



ABO phase alternates with the Fermi level or V_g .

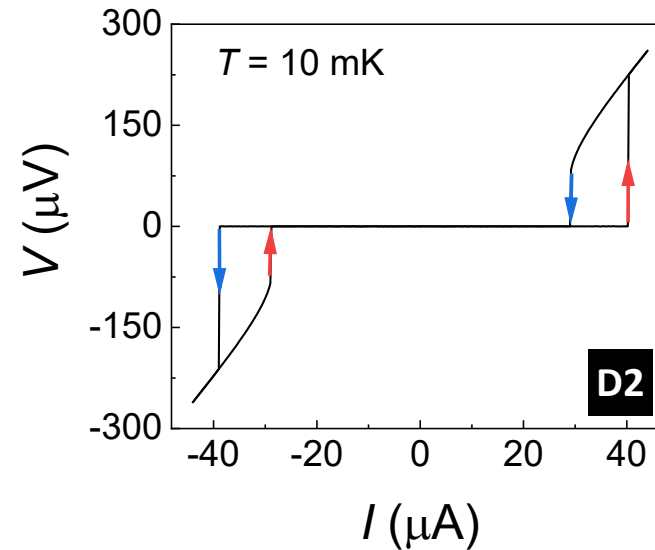
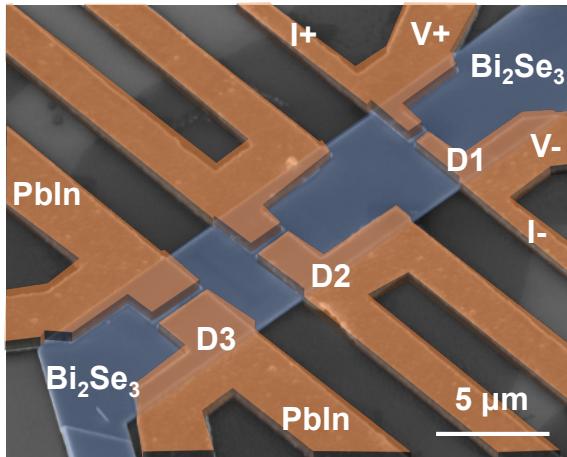
Temperature Dependence of FSSM

$$f_{\text{mw}} = 1.58 \text{ GHz}$$



- JJ dev **D1** with $L_{\text{ch}} = 100 \text{ nm}$, irradiated with $f_{\text{MW}} = 1.58 \text{ GHz}$
- FSSM is observed up to $T^* = 1.2 \text{ K}$, the highest record of FSSM temperature so far
- The 1st lobe of the $n=1$ step is completely absent up to $T = 0.8 \text{ K}$

Topological insulator (TI) based Josephson junction

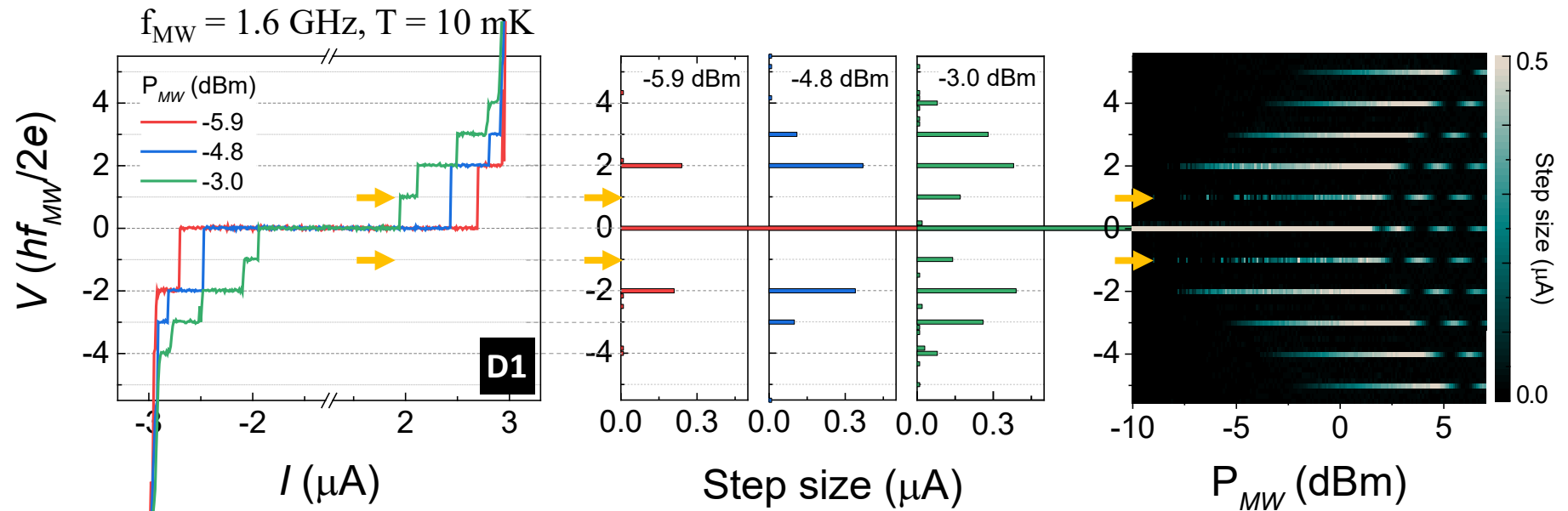


Device	W (μm)	L (μm)	I_c (μA)	R_N (Ω)	T_c (K)
D1	1.0	210	4.3	28	4.0
D2	2.0	210	37.8	14	6.0
D3	3.0	210	151	9.9	6.4

- TI-based Josephson junction
 - Sb-doped Bi_2Se_3 nanoplate + PbIn
- Clear supercurrent branch below critical temperature

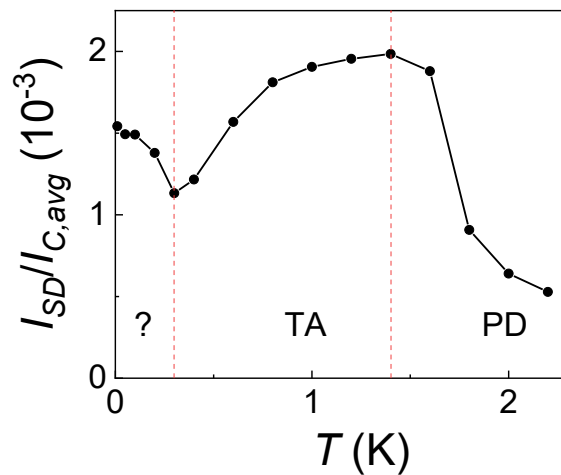
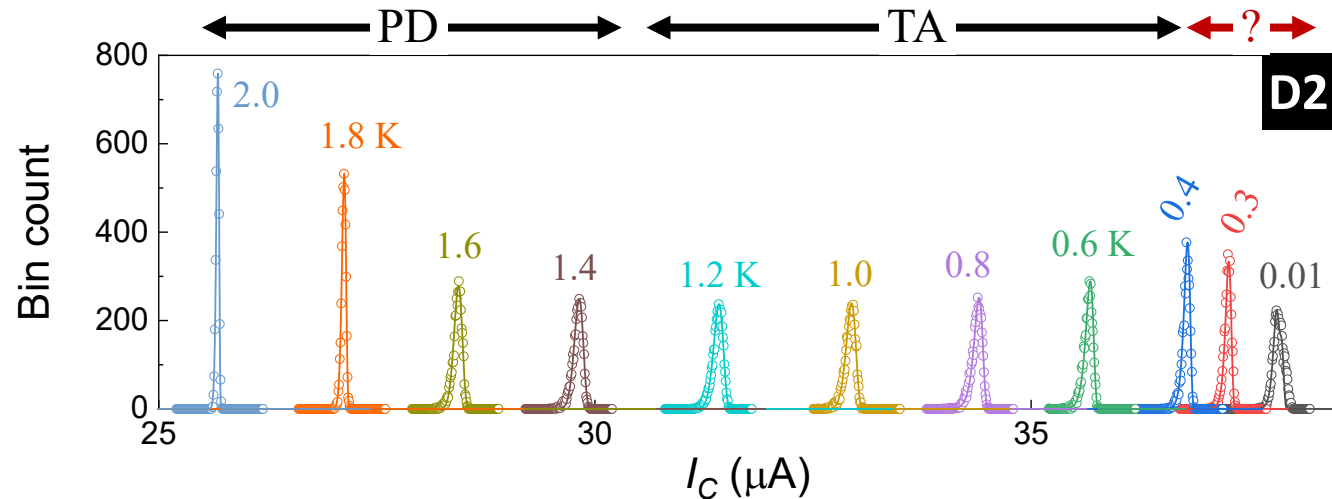
Session D5 (PM 14:00)
 Similar experiment with
 Bi_2Se_3 nanoribbon
 by Dr. Kim Namhee

Fractional Josephson effect in TI-based Josephson junction



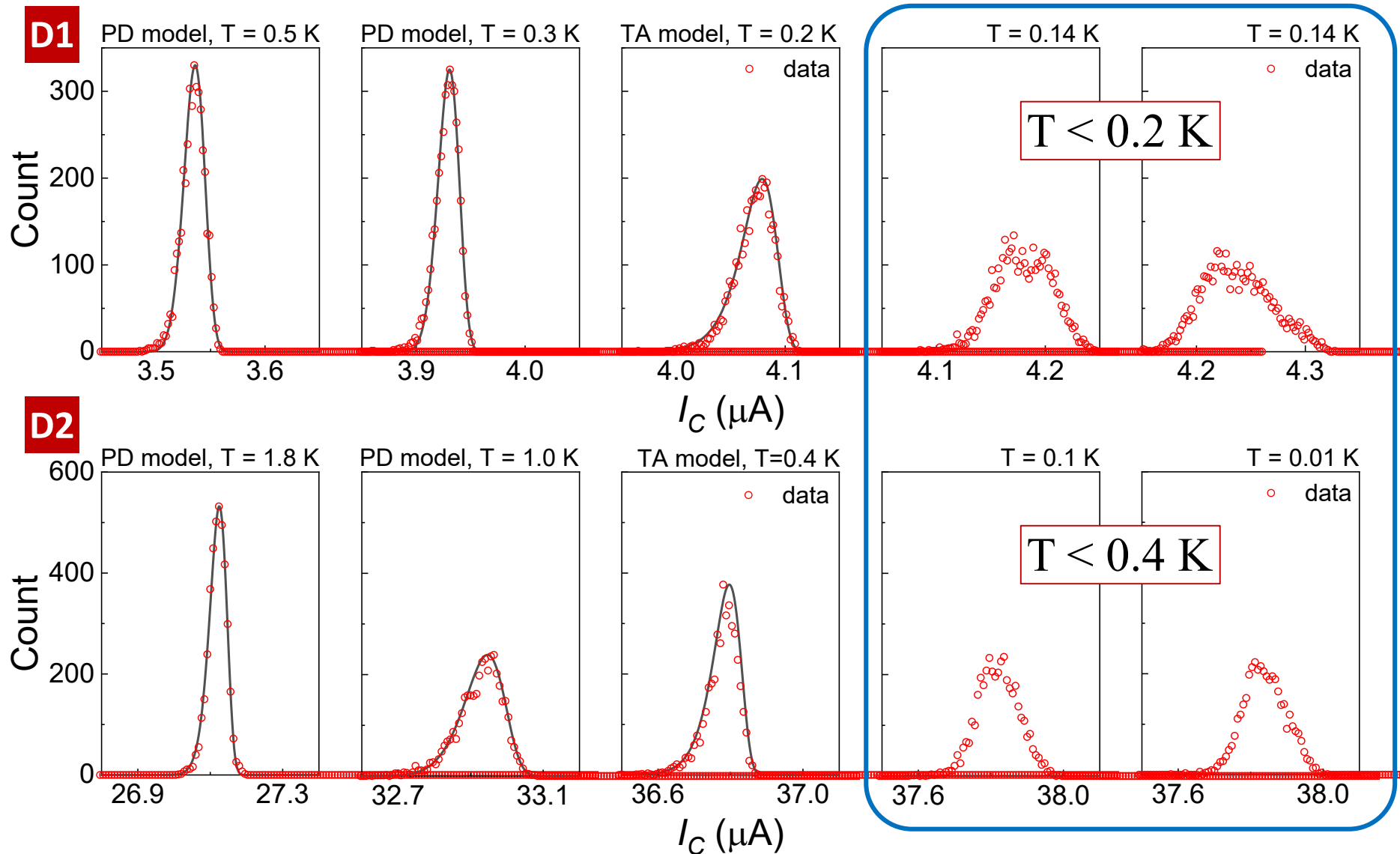
- Shapiro steps with $n = \pm 1$ are missing
 - The 1st steps are not fully suppressed
- but, the suppressions are prevalent at low-power microwave regime $< \sim 5 \text{ dBm}$
- Superposition of 2π - and 4π -periodic supercurrents

Switching current distributions in TI-based Josephson junction



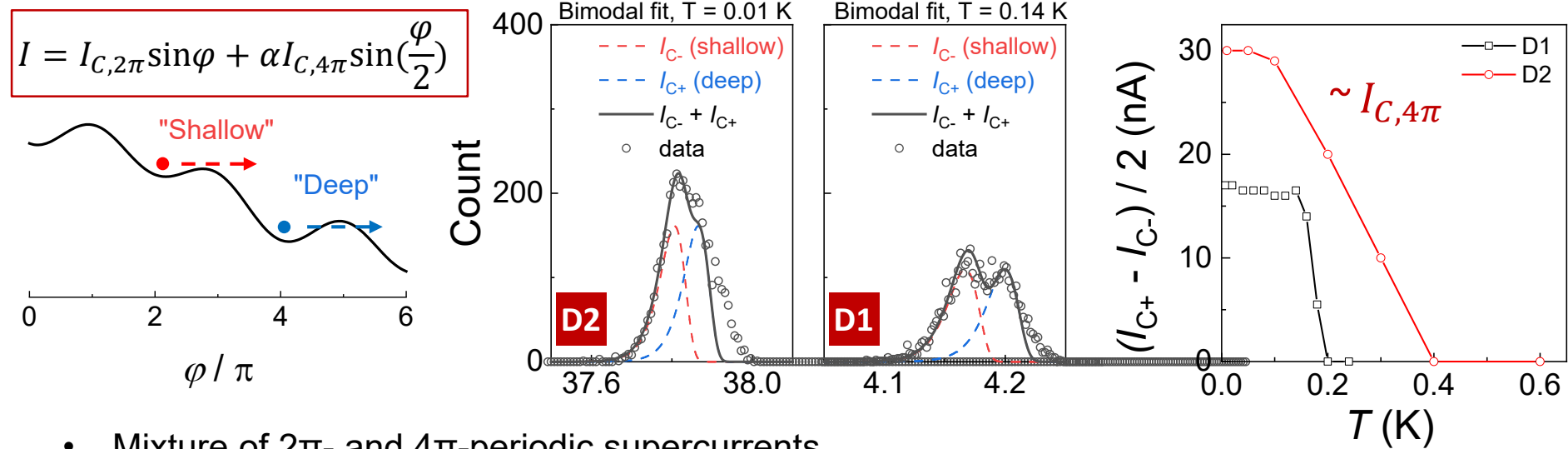
- Conventional TA and PD behavior
- Broadened switching current distributions < 0.4 K

Broadened switching current distributions



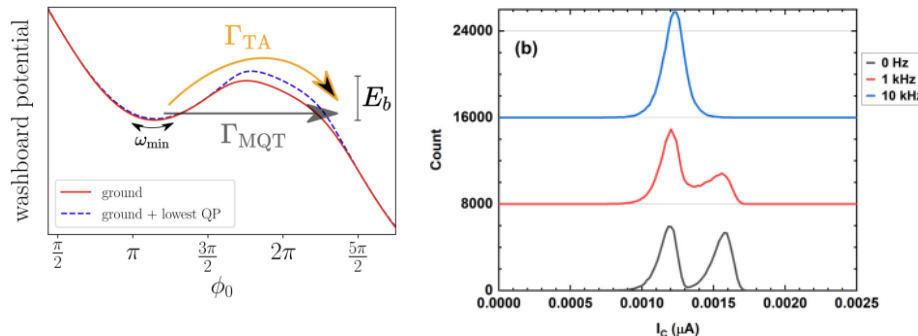
- Distributions in TA and PD regimes follow the each model calculation
- At low T , Broadened switching current distributions in different devices

Bimodal switching current distribution



- Mixture of 2π - and 4π -periodic supercurrents
- Two different potential wells, “shallow” and “deep”
- Bimodal distribution with two critical currents, I_{C-} and I_{C+}
- $I_{C,4\pi} \sim (I_{C+} - I_{C-}) / 2$

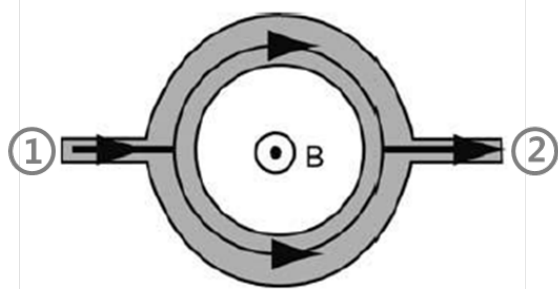
$$\frac{I_{C,4\pi}}{I_{C,total}} \sim \begin{array}{l} 0.4 \% \text{ (D1)} \\ 0.1 \% \text{ (D2)} \end{array}$$



“*electron parity-dependent bimodal switching current distribution, reminiscent of the fractional Josephson effect*”

- N. Abbond, D. Van Harlingen et al.,
Phys. Rev. B. 105, 214521 (2022)

Aharonov-Bohm (AB) oscillations



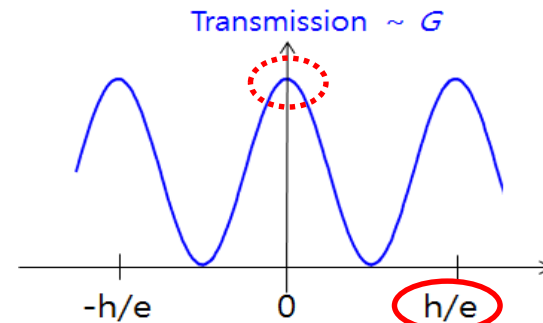
Phase difference between two partial waves along the ring,

$$\delta\phi_{AB} = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int_{1,up}^2 \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} - \frac{e}{\hbar} \int_{1,low}^2 \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{e}{\hbar} \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int \nabla \times \vec{A} \cdot \vec{s} = 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

Φ = magnetic flux, $\Phi_0 \equiv \frac{h}{e} = 4.1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Wb} \sim \text{flux quantum}$

Total transmission probability maximized at

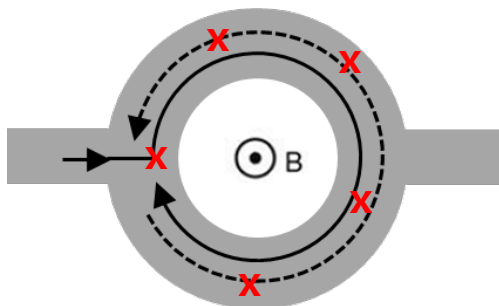
$$\Phi = n \frac{h}{e} \quad (n : \text{integer})$$



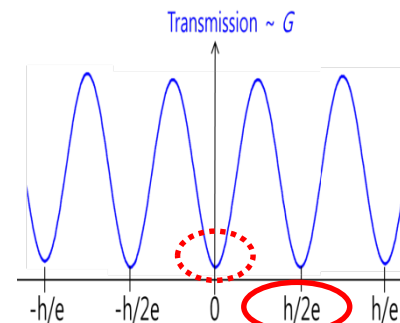
Aharonov & Bohm (1959)

AAS oscillations

For a diffusive system with time-reversal symmetry preserved,



$$\begin{aligned} \delta\phi_{AAS} &= \phi_{\text{clockwise}} - \phi_{\text{counter-clockwise}} \\ &= 4\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} = 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\left(\frac{\Phi_0}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$



Altshuler, Aronov & Spivak (1981)