



# Tailoring one-way transport and non-reciprocity in graphene-based devices

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# The search of a transistor-like effect in a metal

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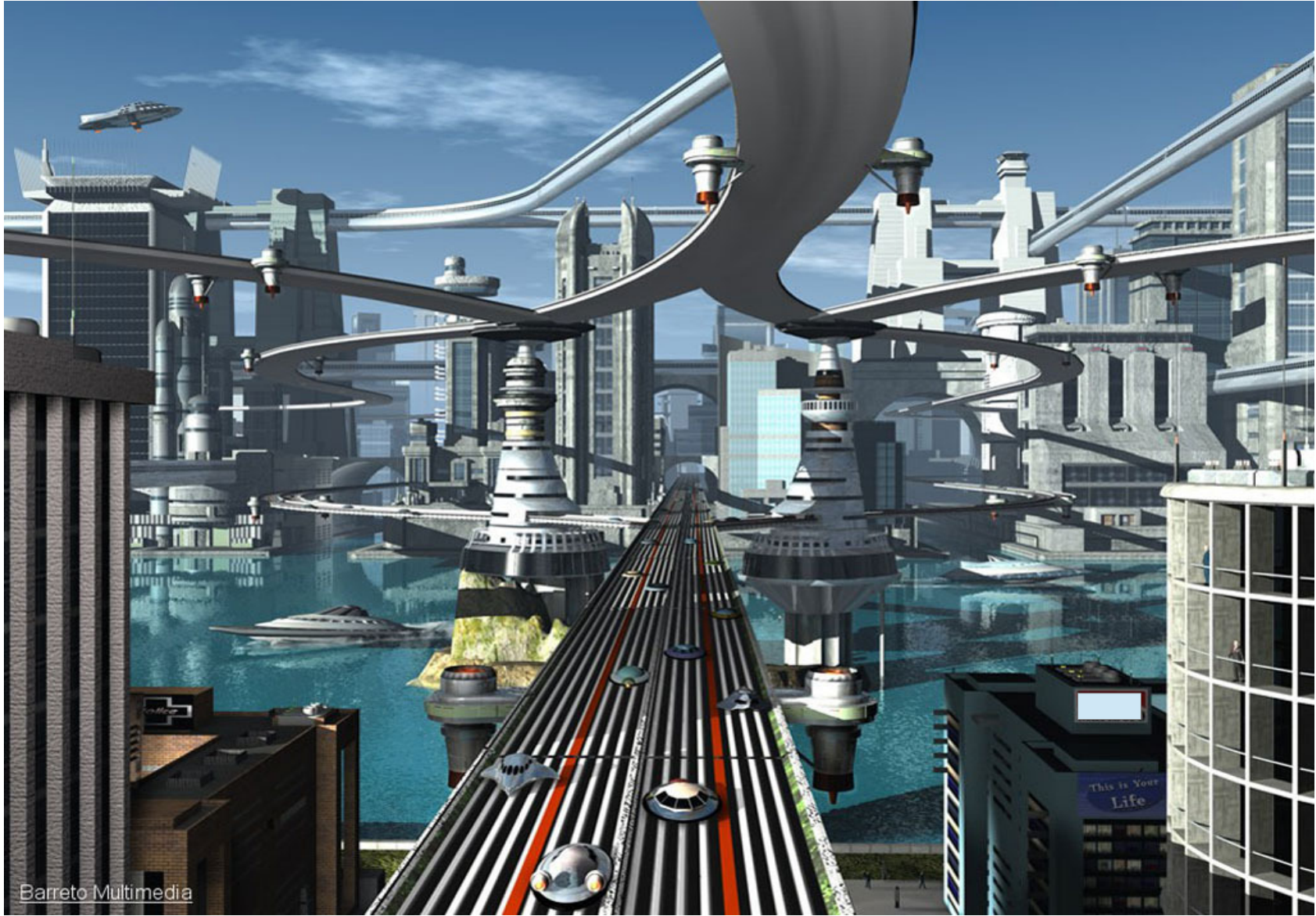
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*“Graphene may be the best possible metal for metallic transistor applications...”*

*Graphene transistors show a rather modest on-off resistance ratio (less than 30 at 300 K), but this is a fundamental limitation for any material without a band gap exceeding  $kT$ .”*





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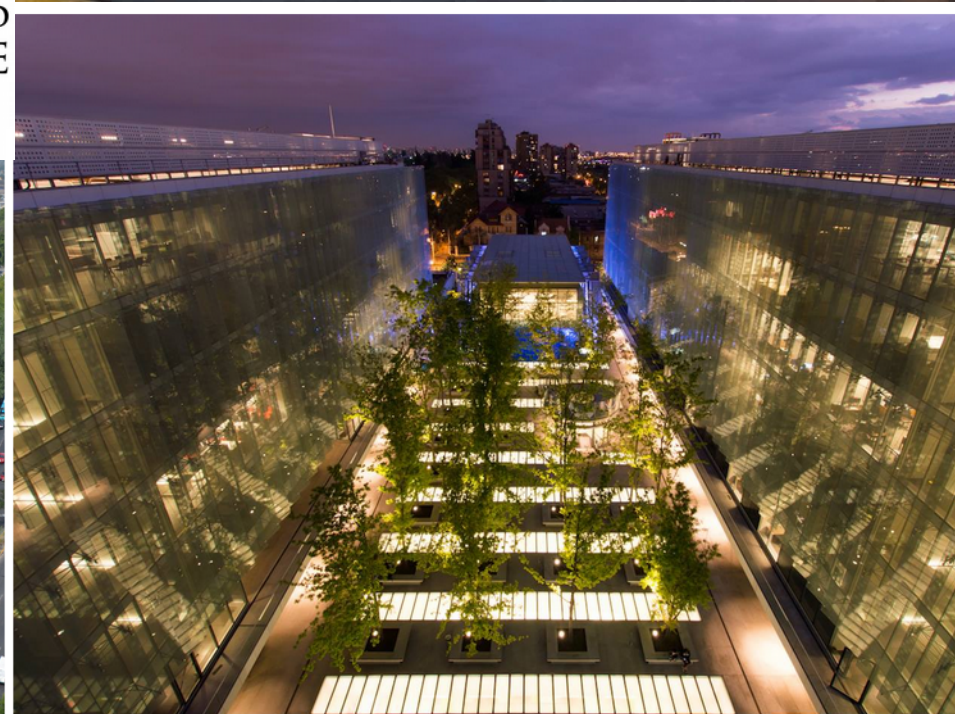








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# Outline

## **Introduction:**

Ingredients and Motivation

Topological states of matter

## **Crafting one-way transport of charge, valley and spin**

Non-reciprocal bandstructure of the Haldane bilayer

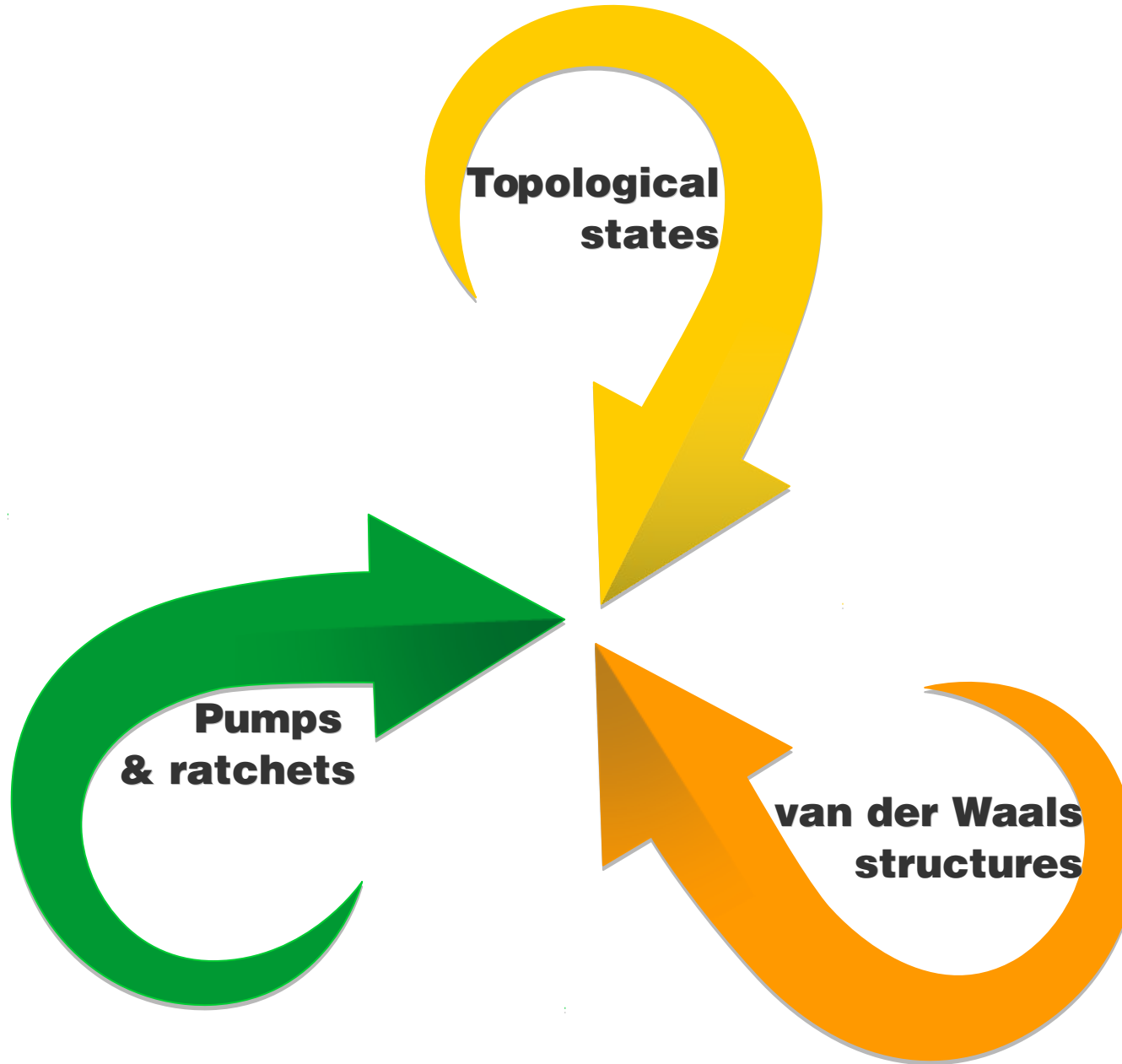
One-way transport

Making it *anti-fragile*

The spinfull case: bilayer with intrinsic spin-orbit interaction

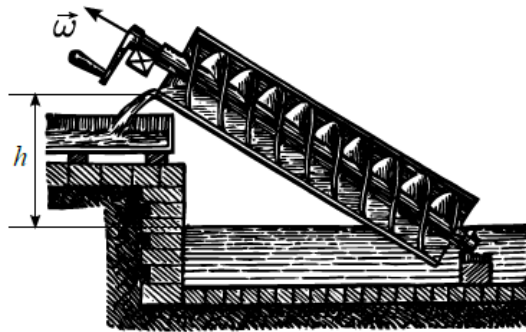
## **Conclusions and final remarks**

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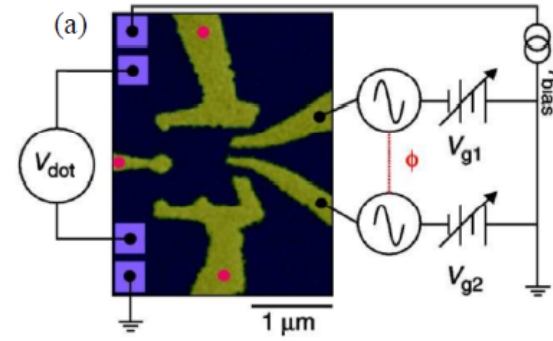




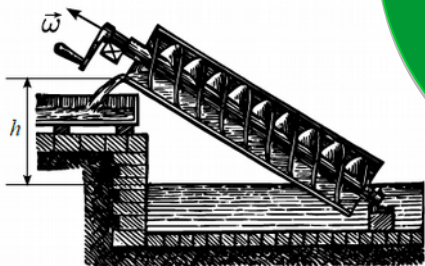
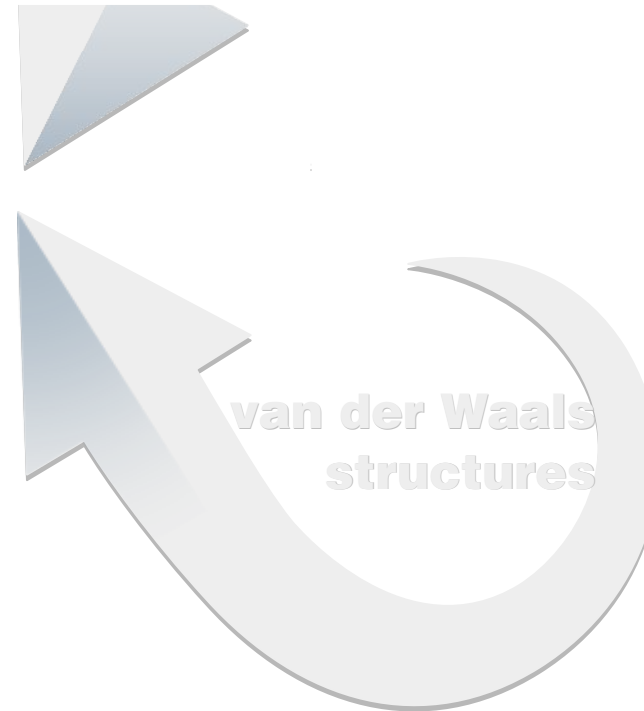
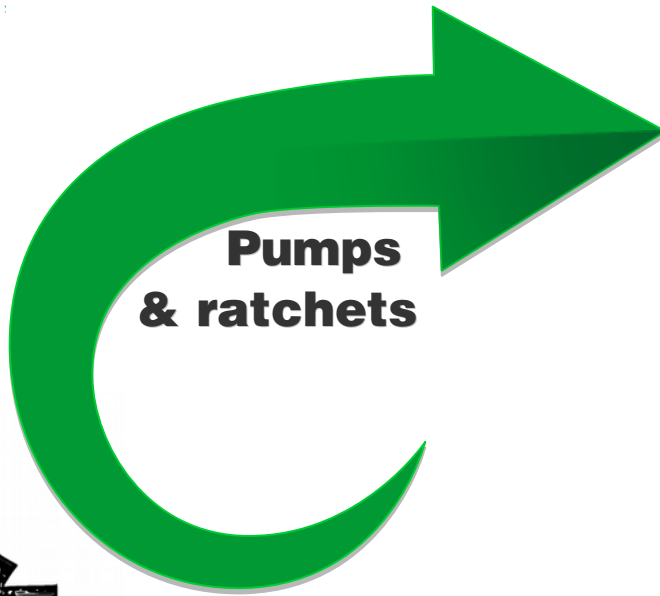
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Archimedes., 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC



Switkes et al., Science 1999

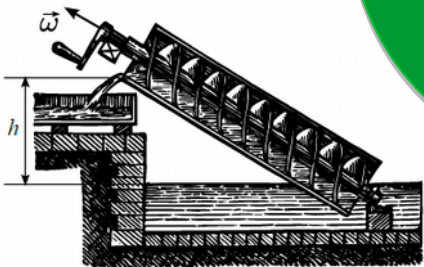


# Our ingredients

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**Pumps  
& ratchets**

**van der Waals  
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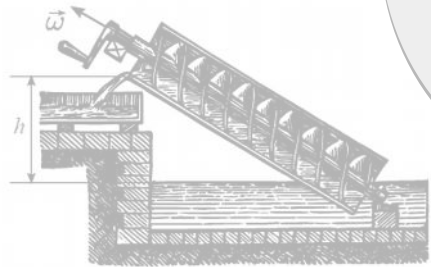


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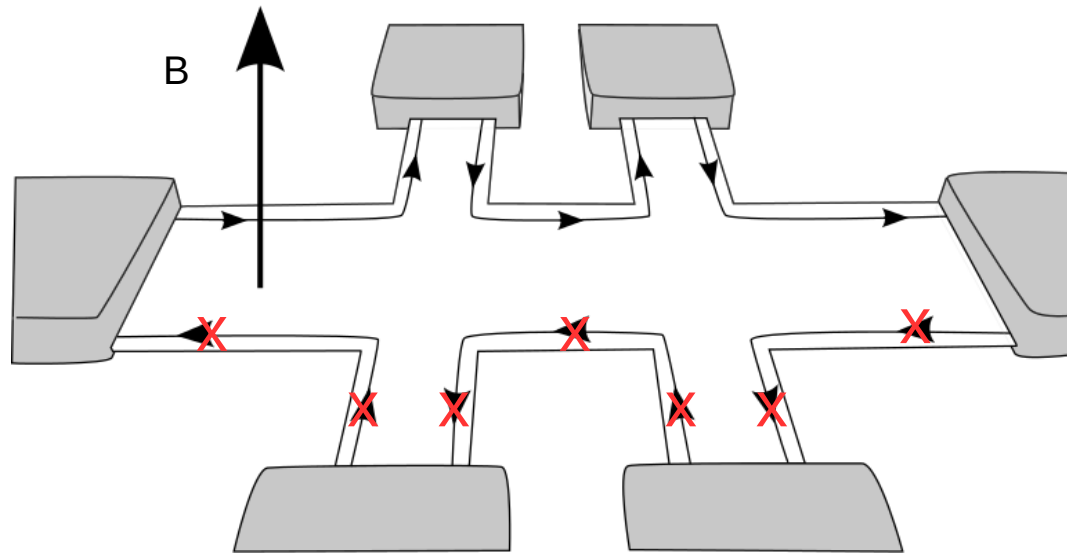
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What if ... ?



This would violate the bulk-boundary correspondence



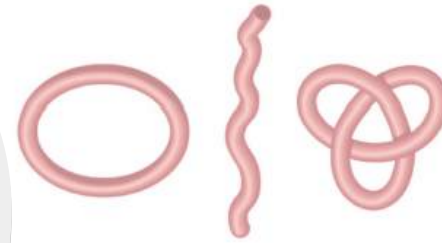
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 & \mathcal{H}_{1,2} \\ \mathcal{H}_{2,1} & \mathcal{H}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Idea:** look for edge states coexisting with a continuum in bipartite systems.

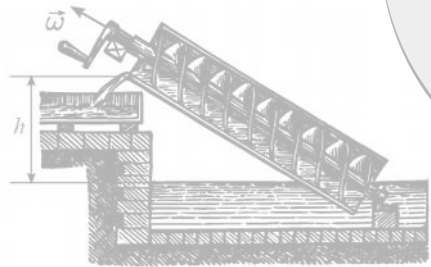
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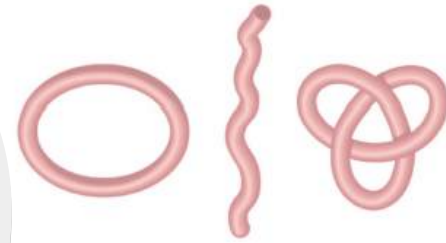


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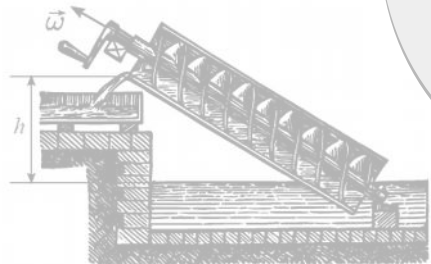


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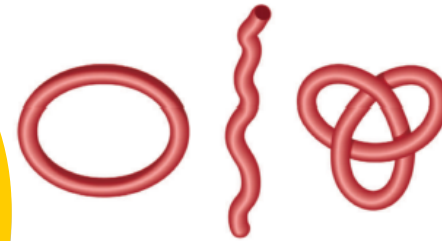


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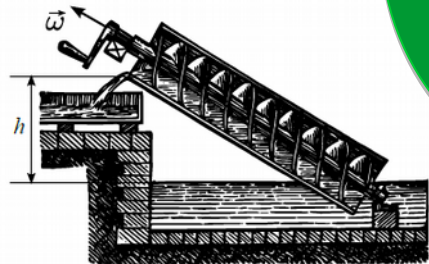
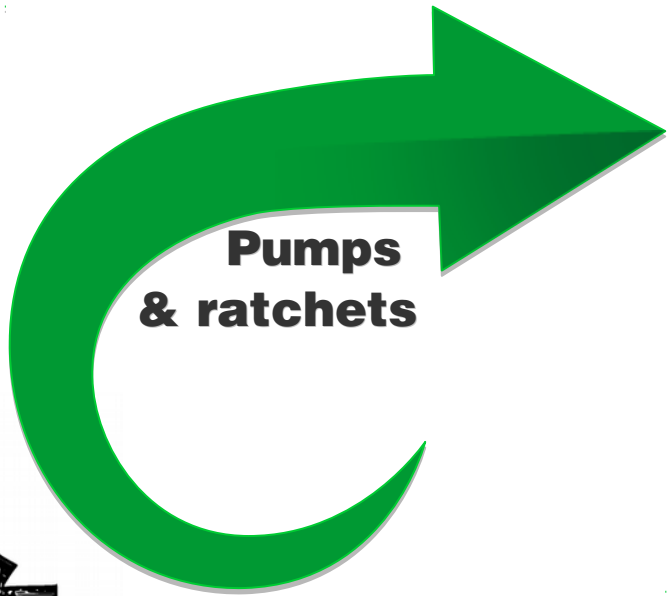


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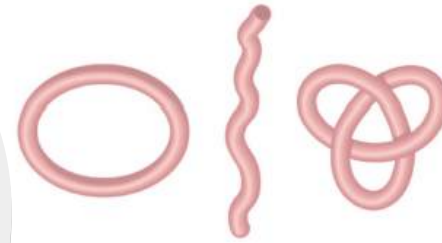


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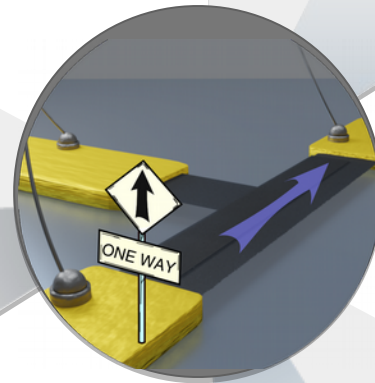




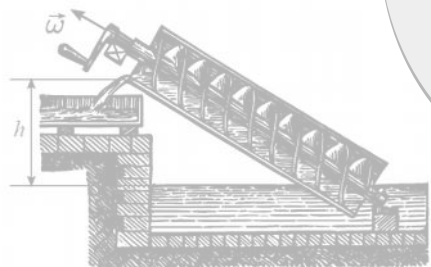
Topological states



## The 'ultimate' steering

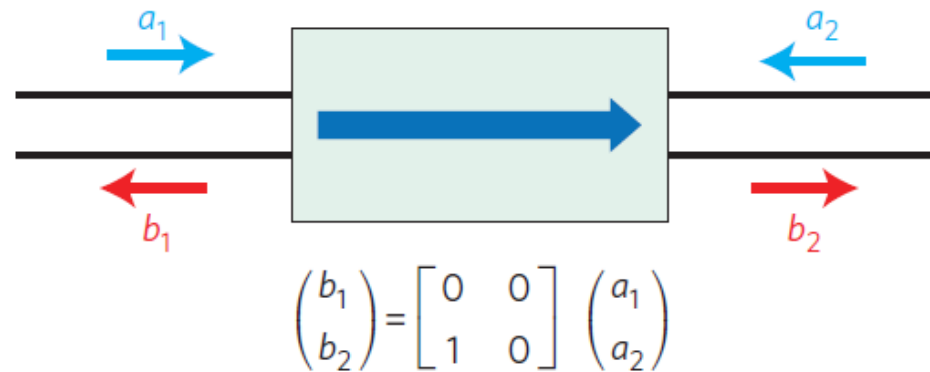


Pumps & ratchets



van der Waals structures





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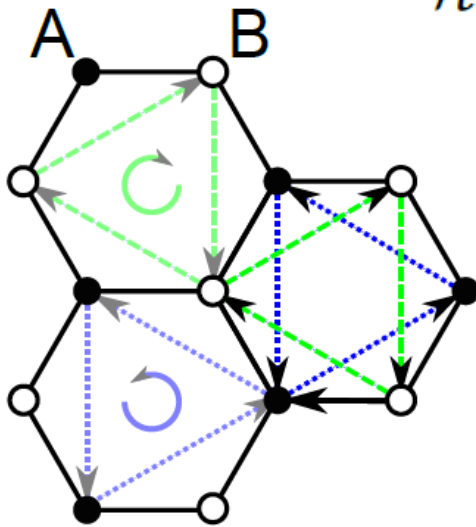


**Crafting one-way transport of charge  
(and valley) and spin**

# Haldane model

Graphene + complex second-nearest neighbors term

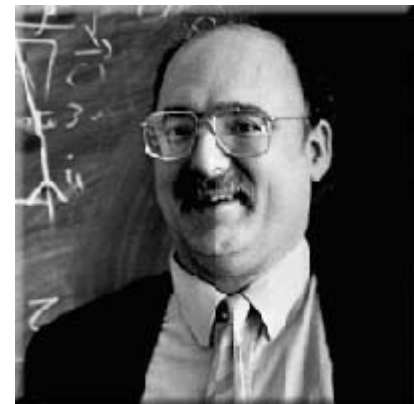
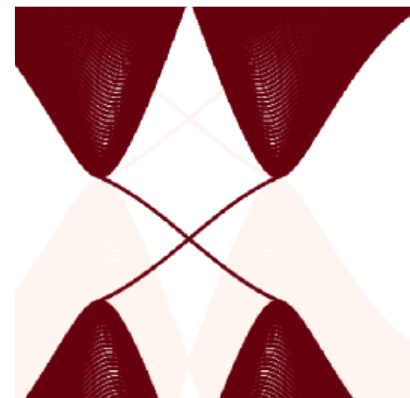
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Haldane's term  
second nearest neighbors  
(complex)

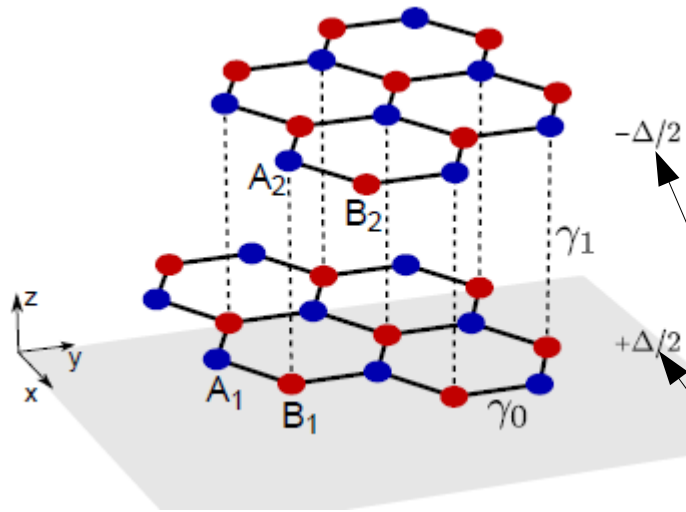
Bulk gap + edge states

Similar to QHE  
but without Landau levels



F. D. M. Haldane, PRL 61, 2015 (1988).

# Bilayer with Haldane term



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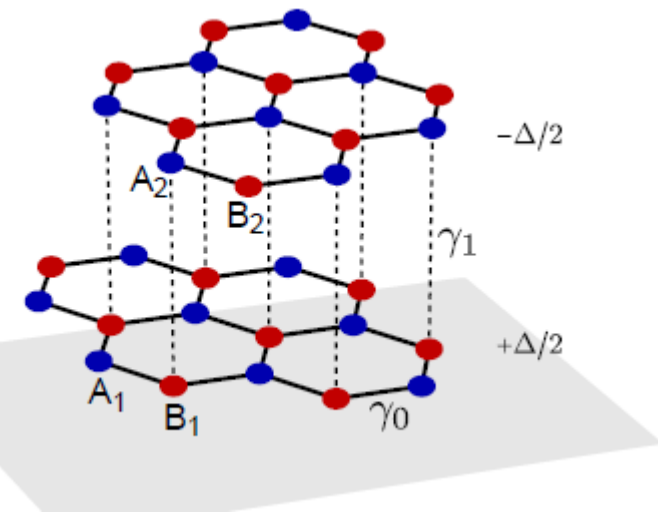
2) Perpendicular bias

1) stacking

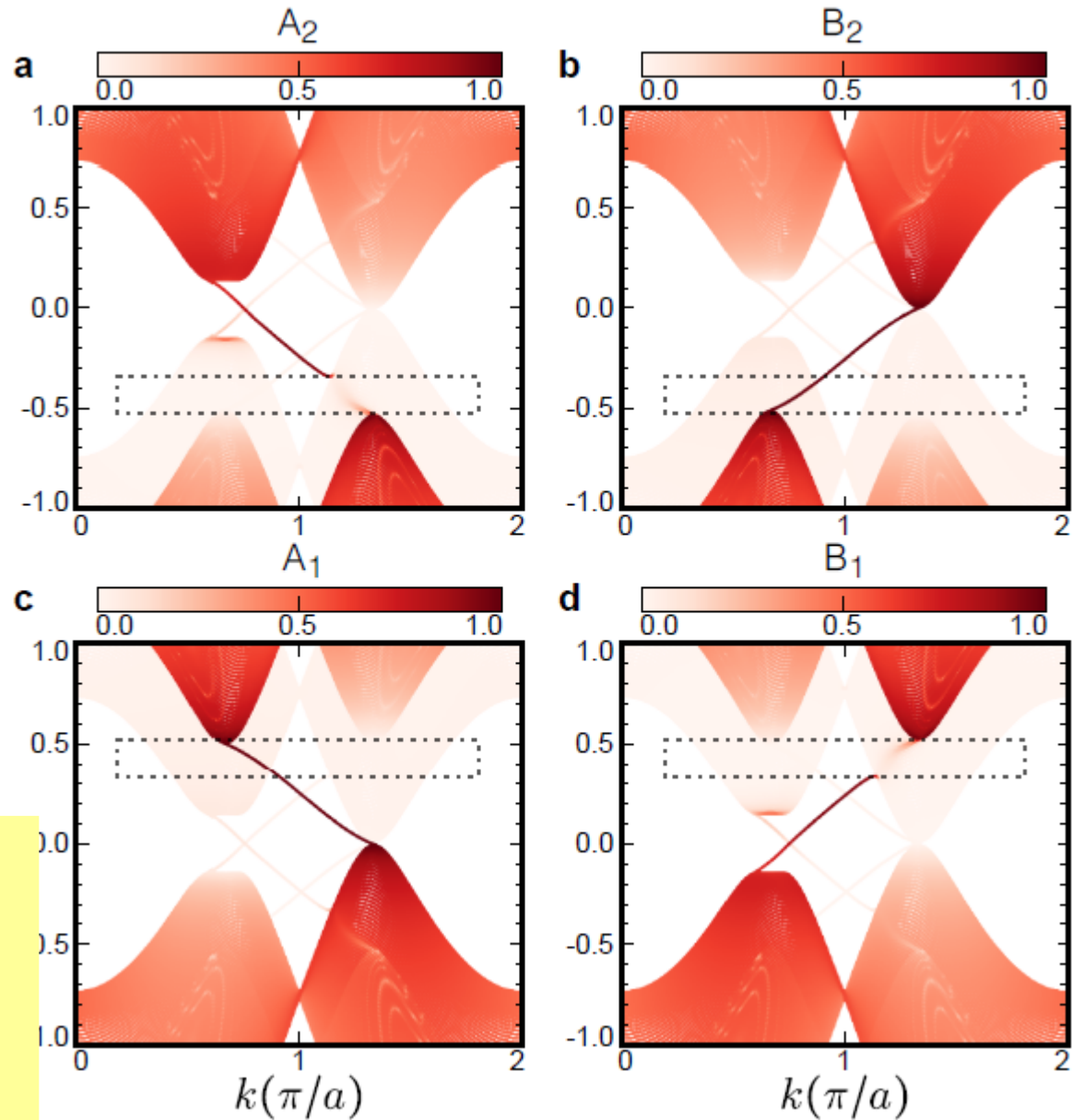
# Bilayer with Haldane term

## Sublattice polarization of the edge states

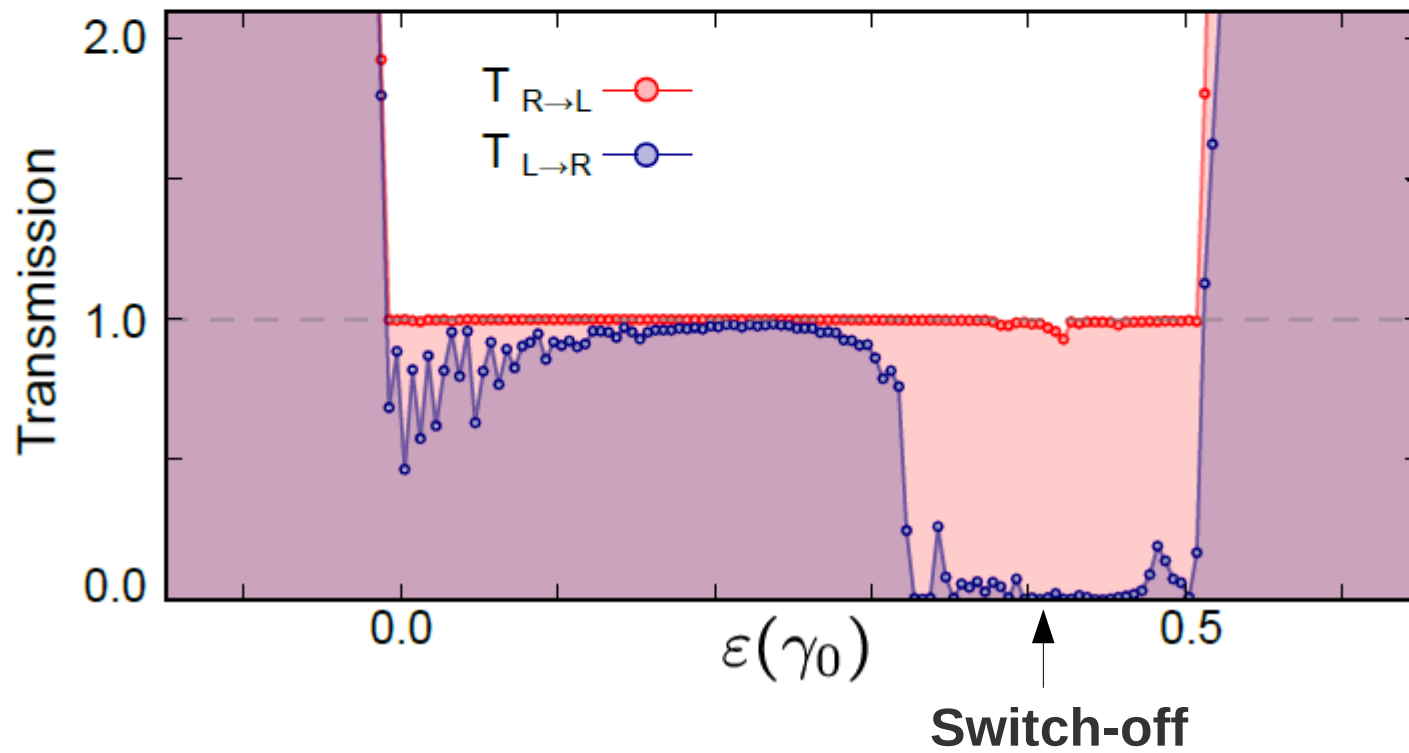
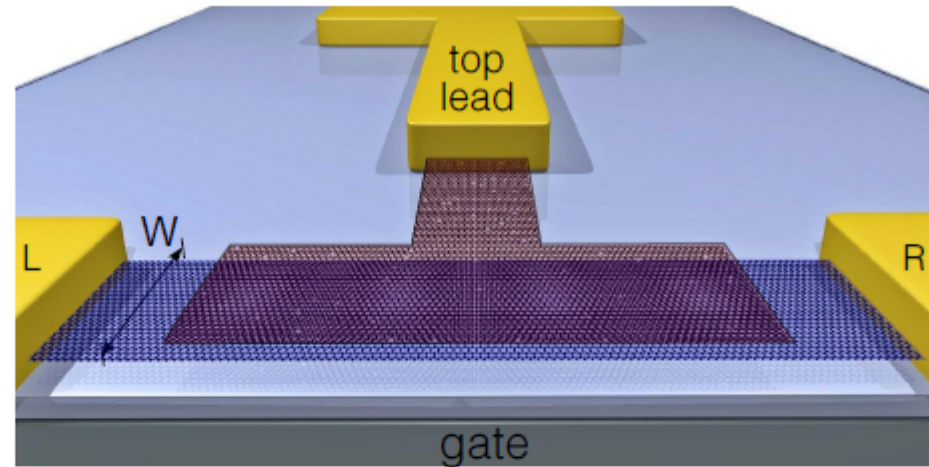
$$\gamma_1 \neq 0$$



→ Selective environment  
(stacking + sublattice  
polarization of edge states)

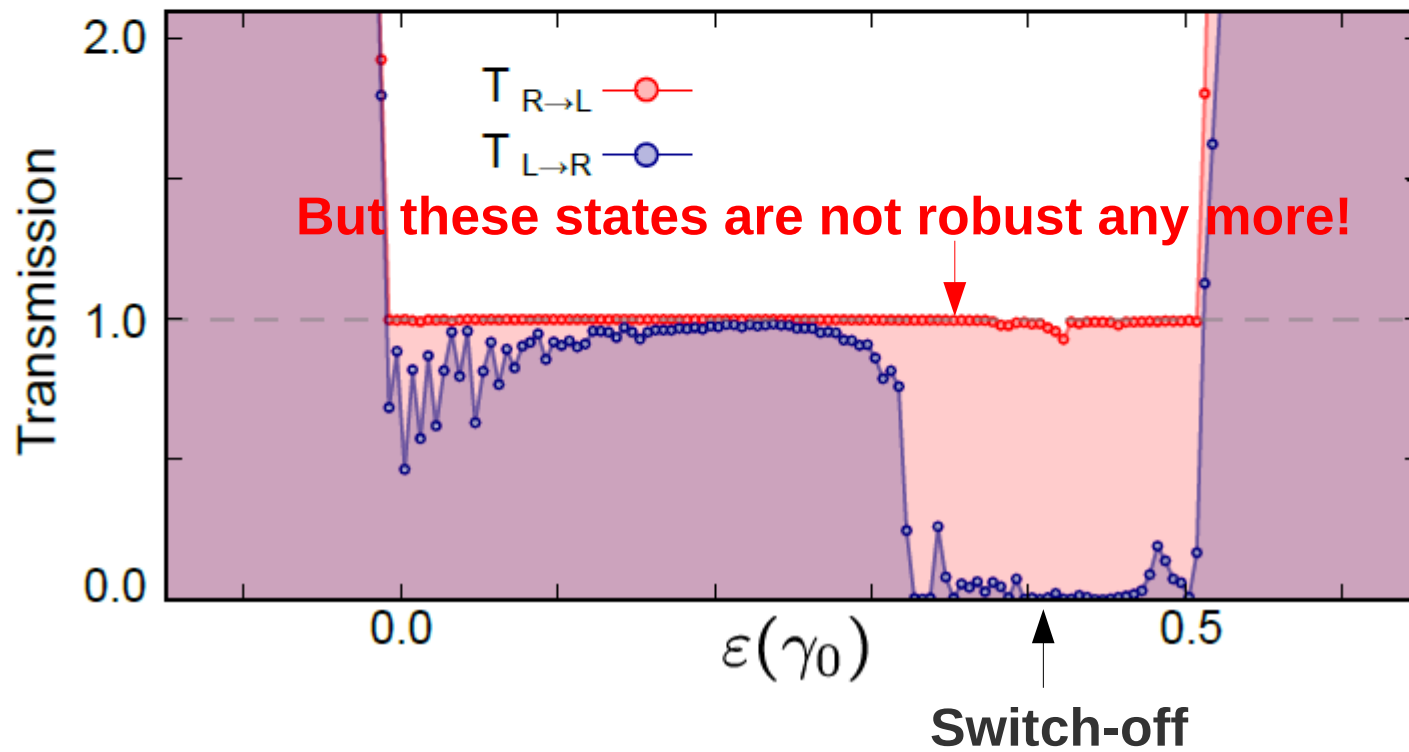
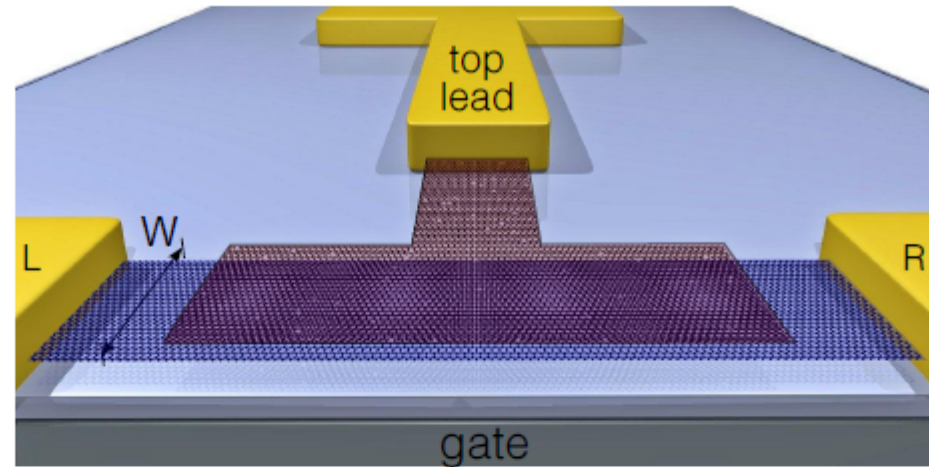


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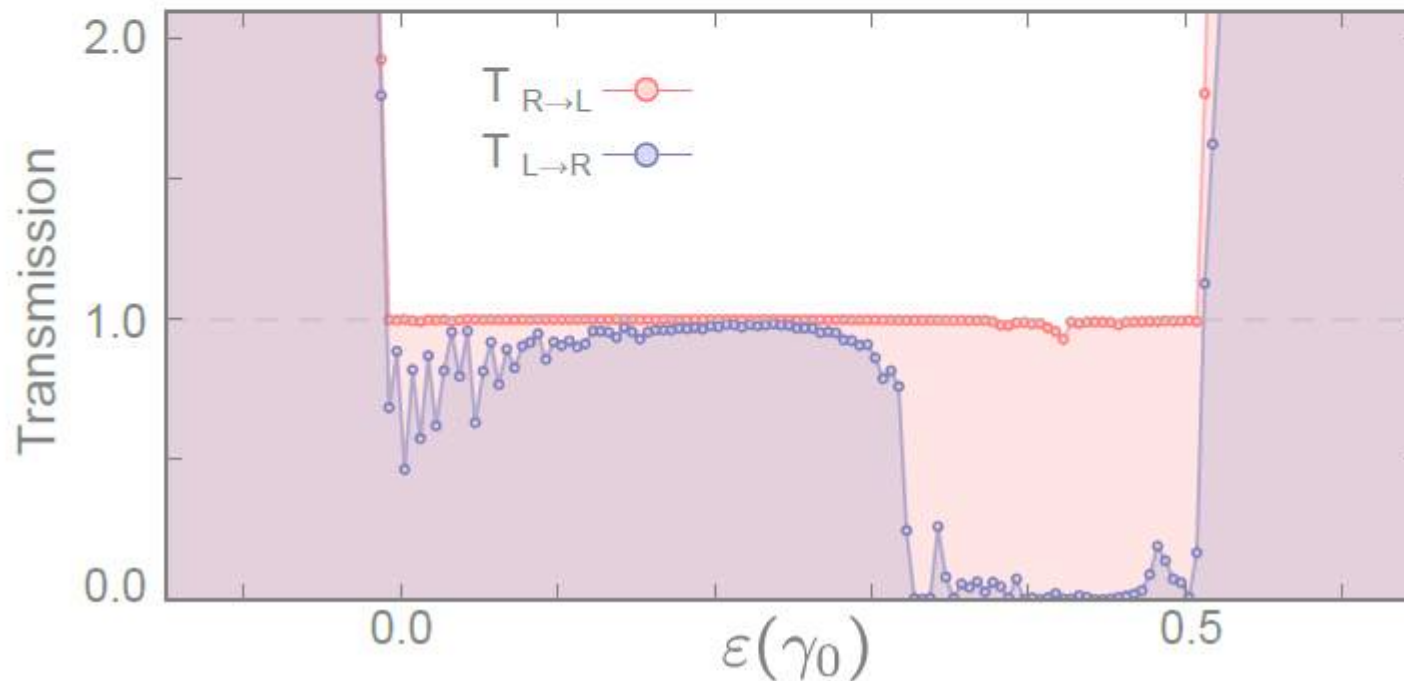


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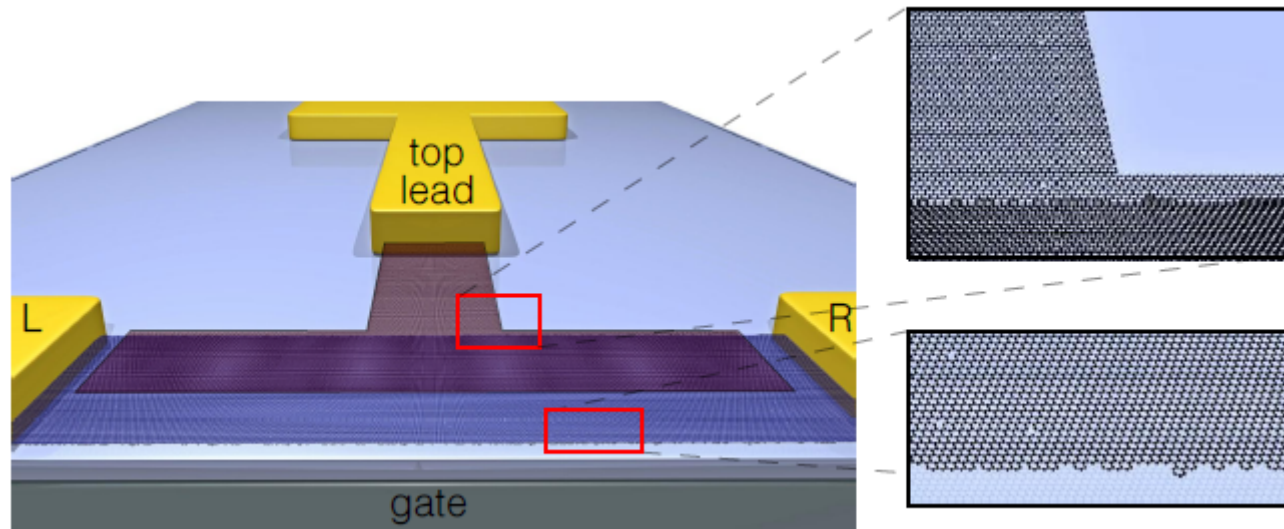


## Wish list :

- (1) Keep the robustness of the surviving edge states.
- (2) Enhance the switch-off effect so that it doesn't depend on edge type.

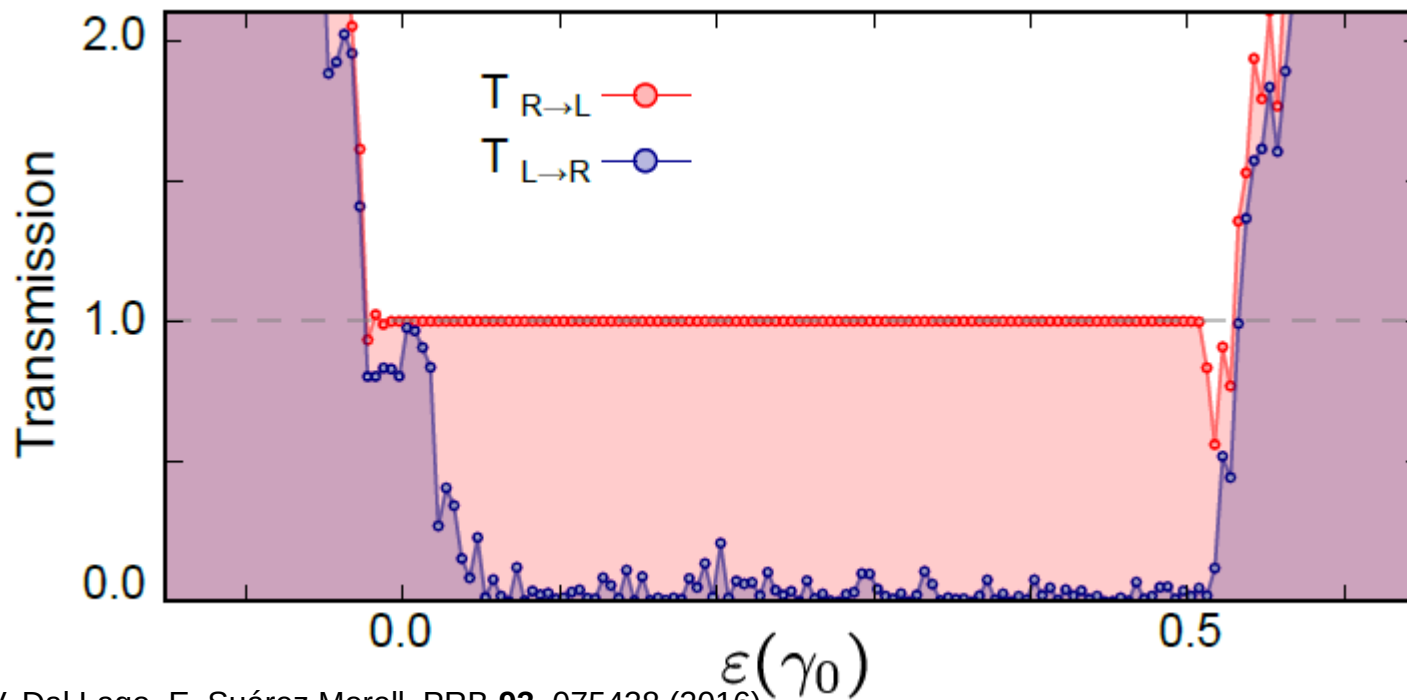
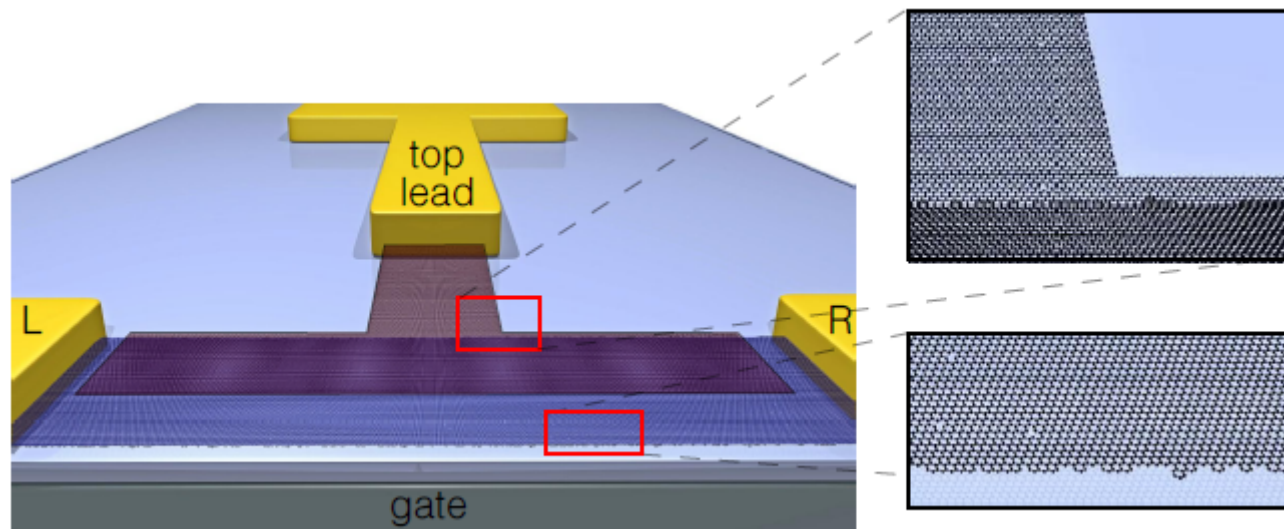


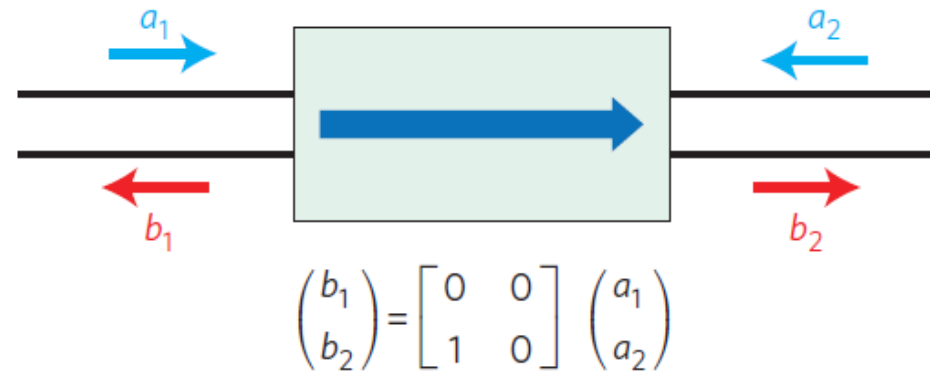
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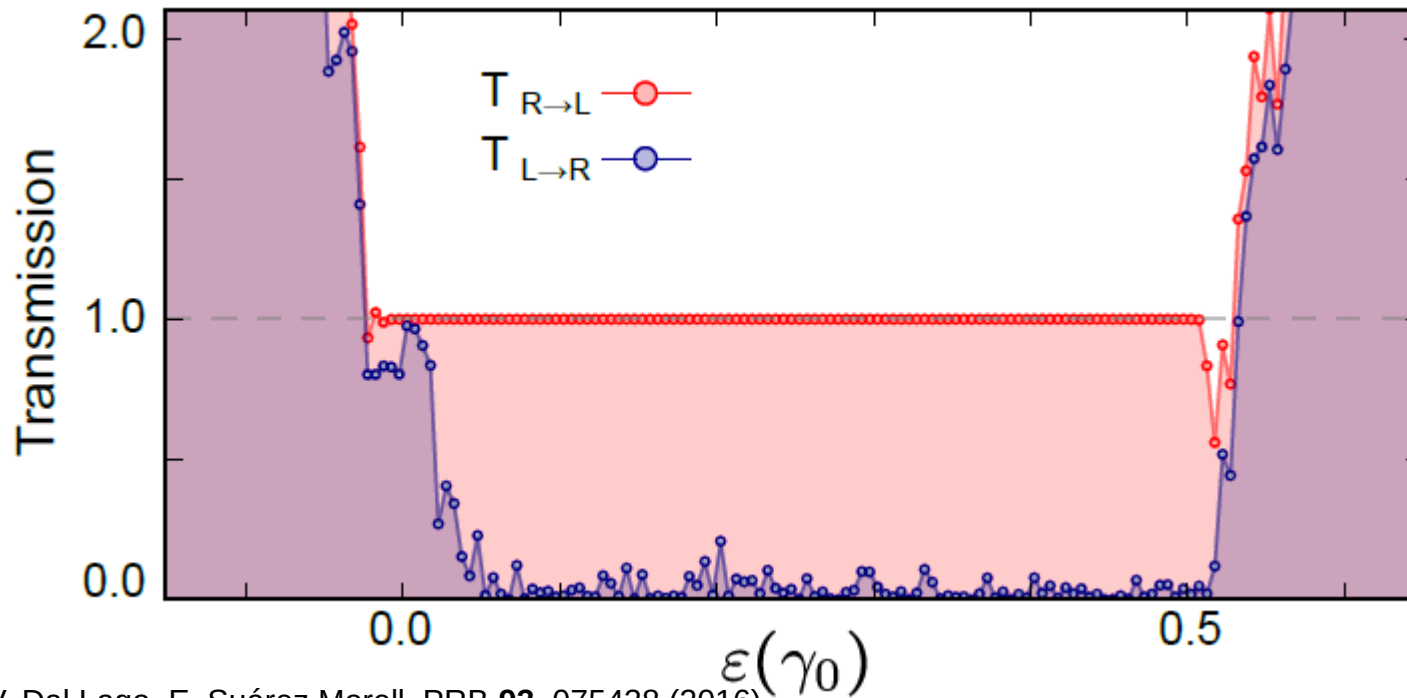
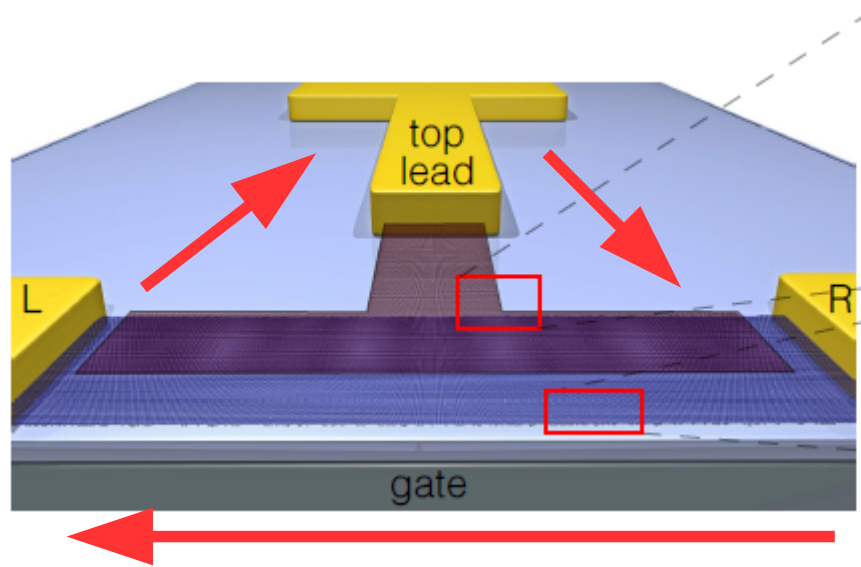


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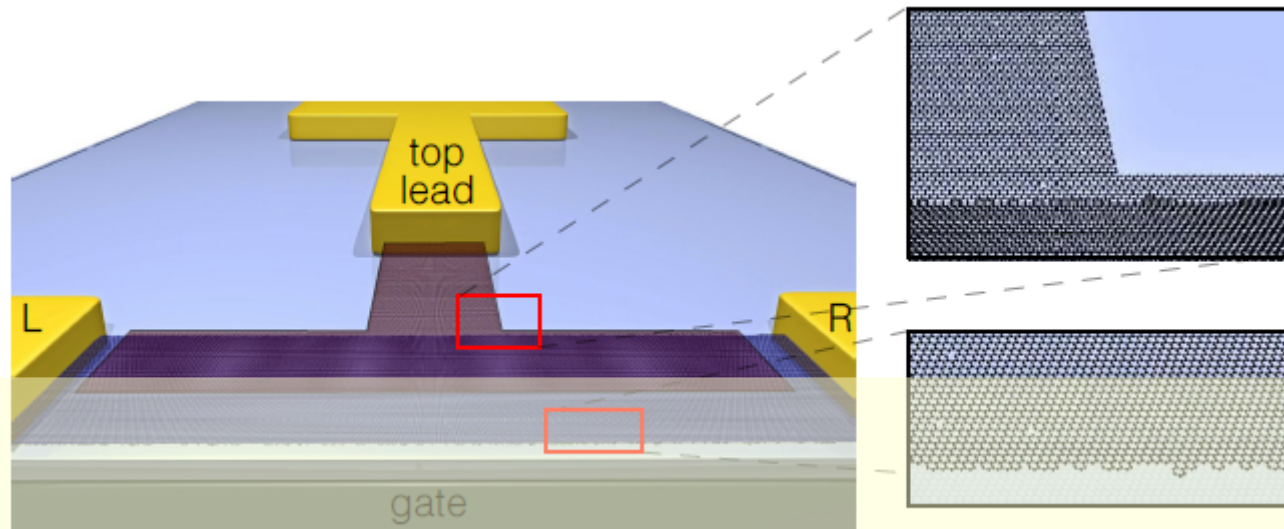
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Pump-like effect without time-dependent potential

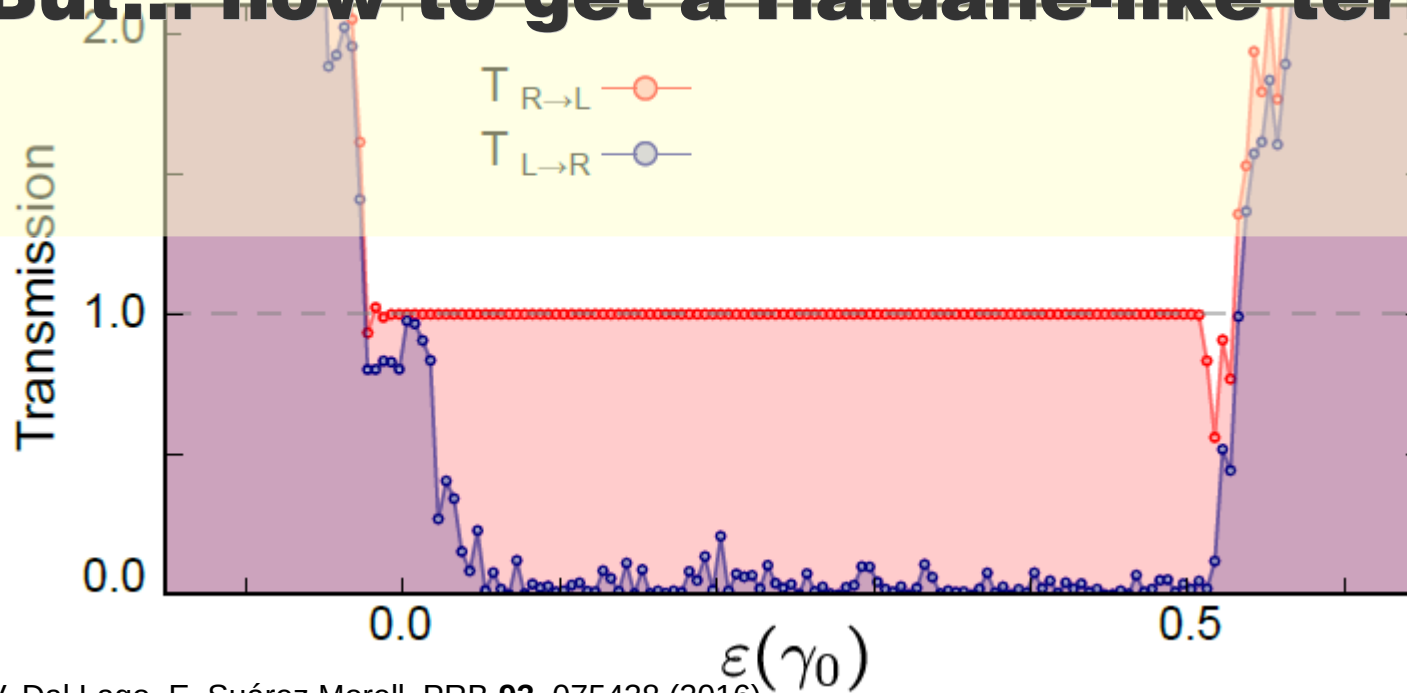
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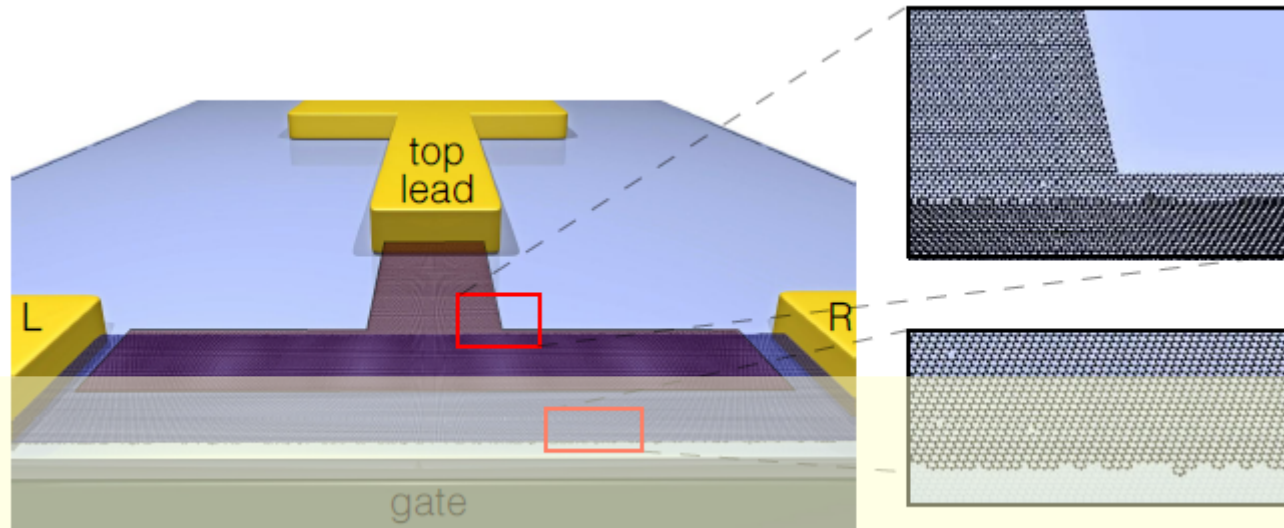






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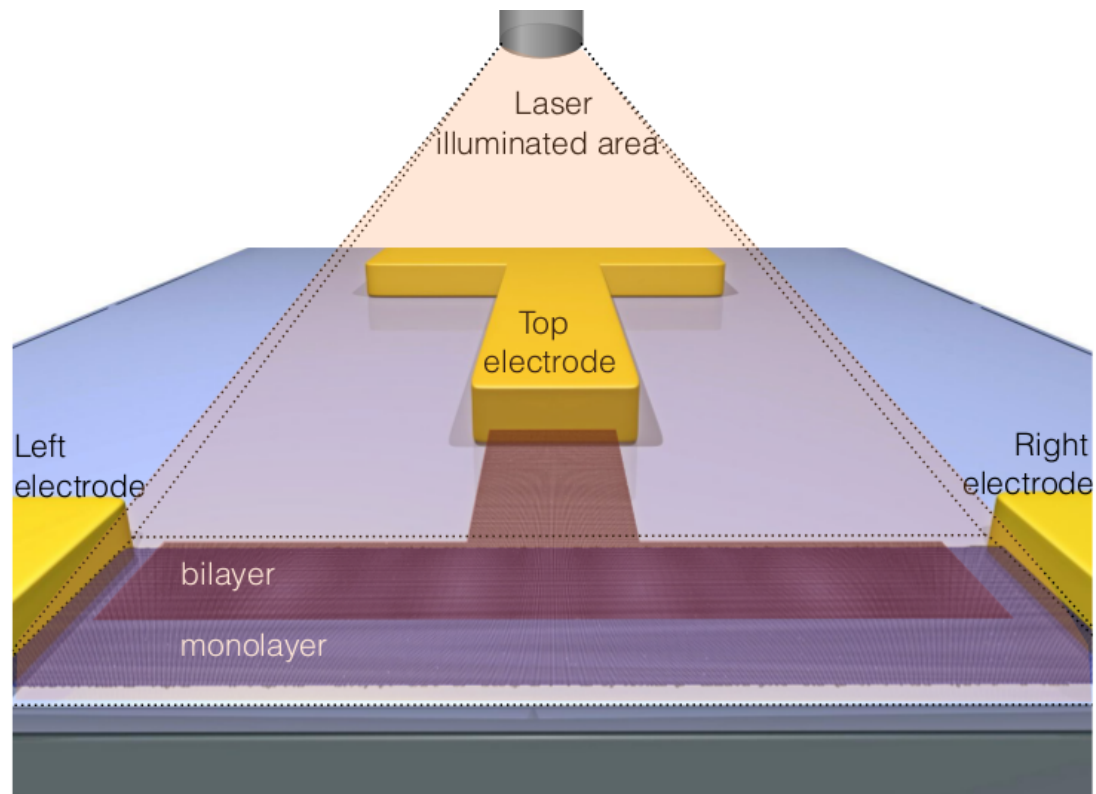


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**Yes, use light...**

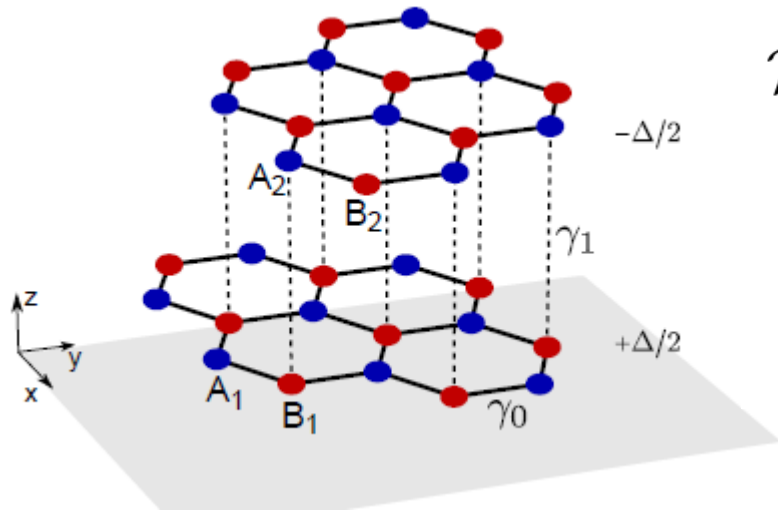


## Proof of concept



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# The Spin-full case: Bilayer with ISO

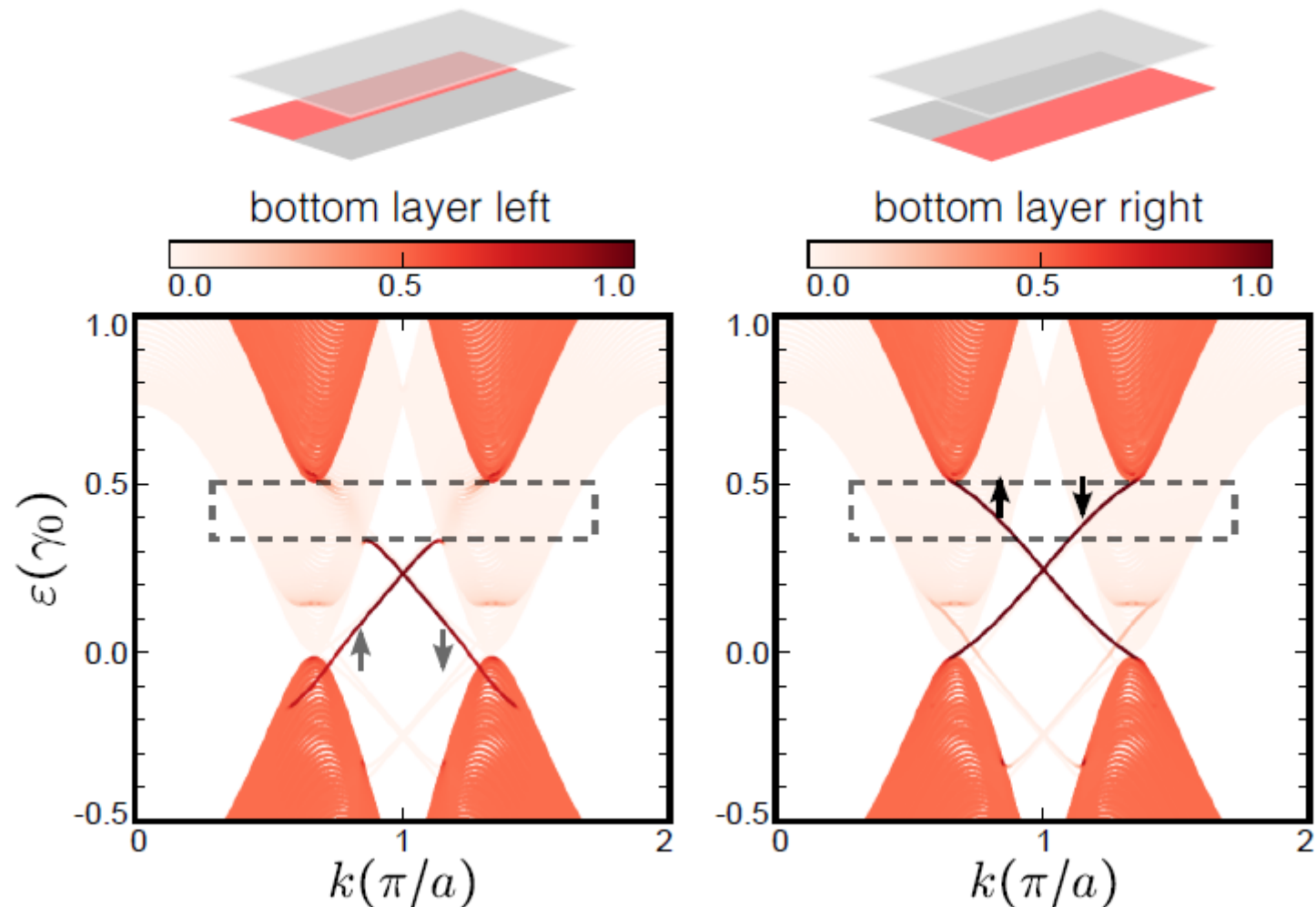


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Intrinsic spin-orbit term



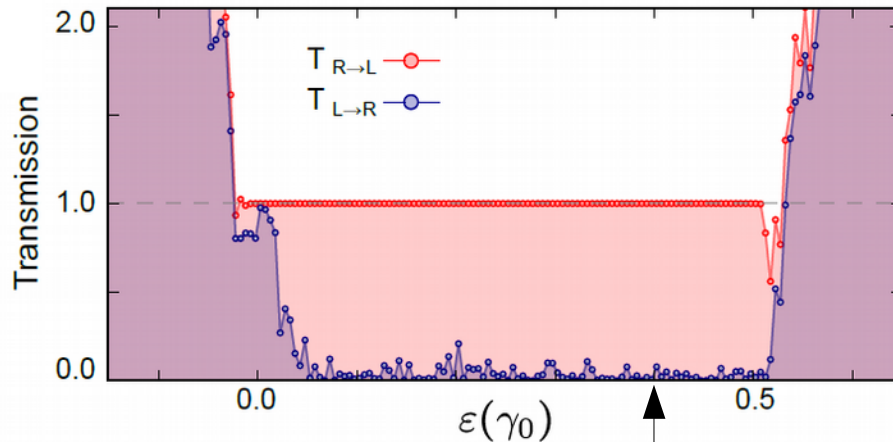
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Similar as before but for spin-Hall states.

**pure-spin currents**

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Switch-off in a device that remains metallic!

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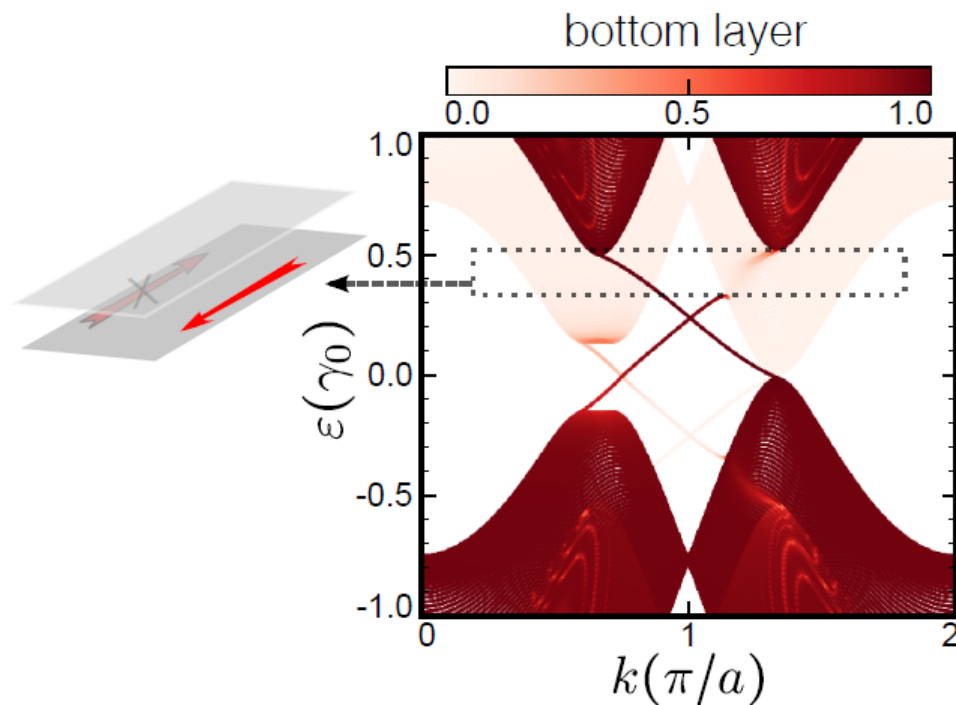
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# Conclusions

- . **One-way transport built-in the bandstructure (via selective environment).**
- . Electrical version of an isolator / circulator.
- . **Source of nearly perfect charge/valley/spin polarized currents.**





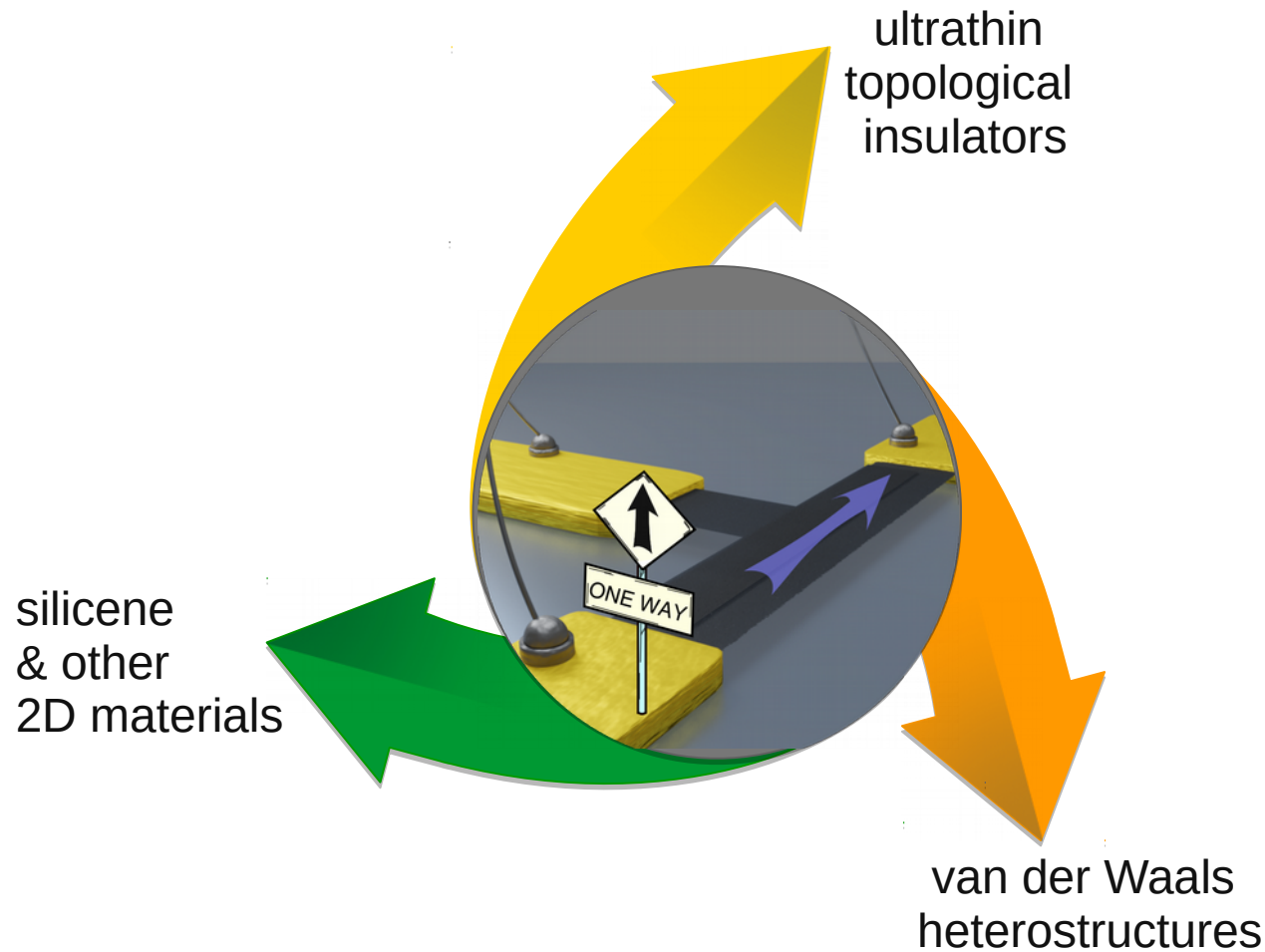
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# Perspectives



**Imagine** one-way transport of *energy*.  
**Layertronics?**



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