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cross-correlations and  
Berry phase in  
multiterminal Josephson junctions

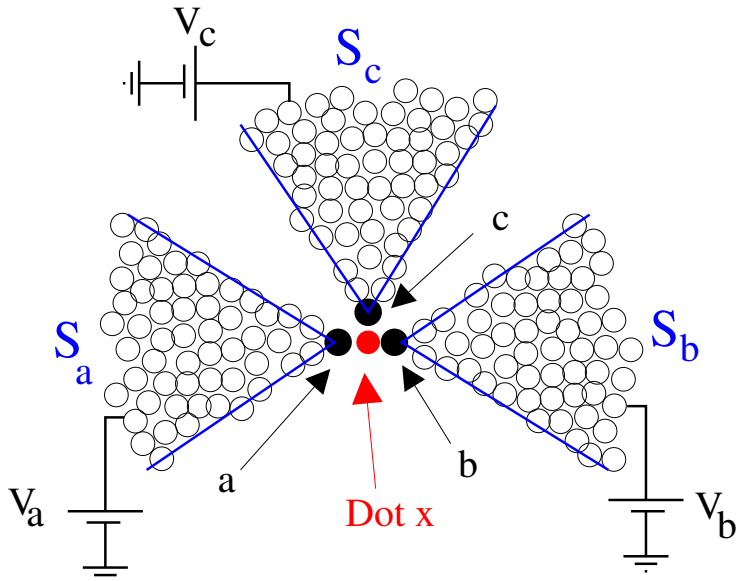
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# One of the Devices for (Numerical) Experiments

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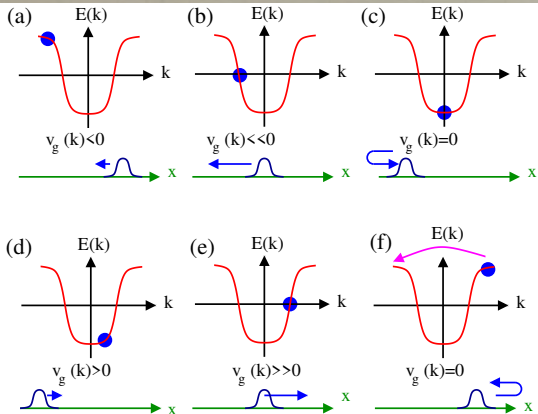
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# Bloch Oscillations

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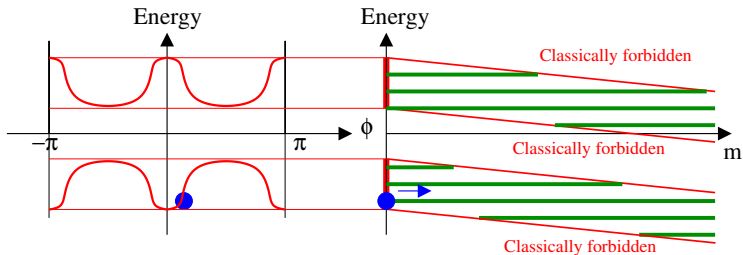
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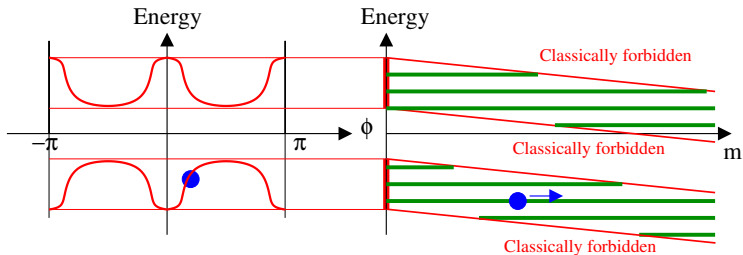
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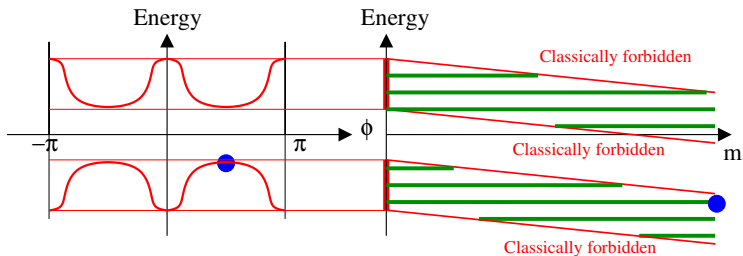
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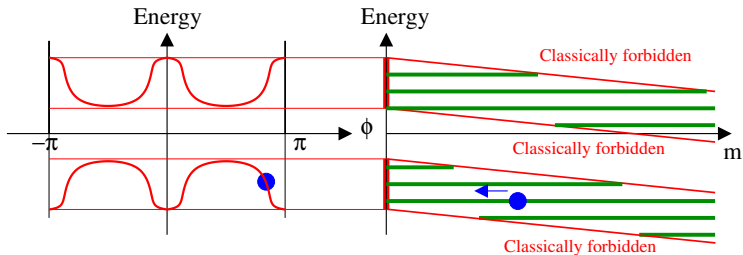
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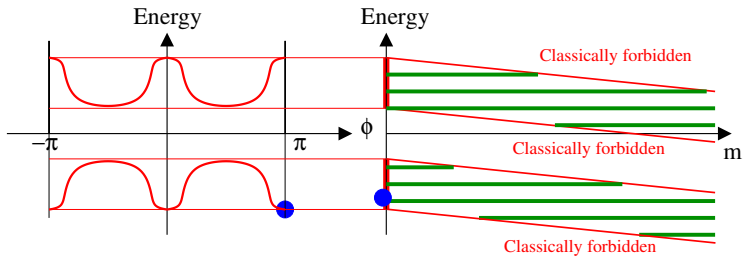
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- Bloch oscillations are not observed in metals because of inelastic collisions

⇒ **Semiconductor superlattices:**

- Brillouin zone  $[-\pi/a, \pi/a]$ , with  $a$  enhanced by about a factor 1000 compared to a metal
- ⇒ Period of oscillations much shorter than inelastic scattering time.

## Stark Localization in GaAs-GaAlAs Superlattices under an Electric Field

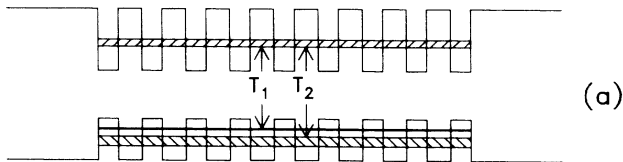
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Formation of minibands in absence of electric field

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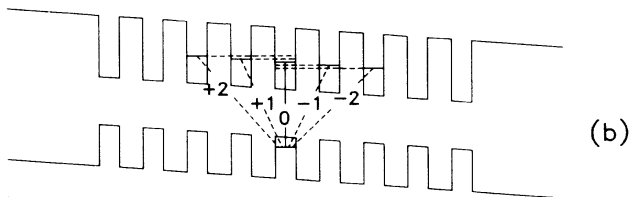
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Intermediate electric field: Wannier-Stark ladders and possibility of transitions  $m = 2, 1, 0, -1, -2$

Spatial extent of ladders  $\propto (\text{Electric field})^{-1}$

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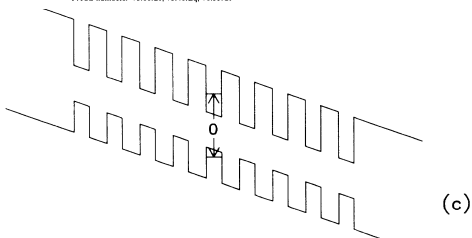
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Localization in a single well in strong electric field

Spatial extent of ladders  $\approx$  Size of a single quantum well  
So-called “Atomic limit”

## Spectroscopy

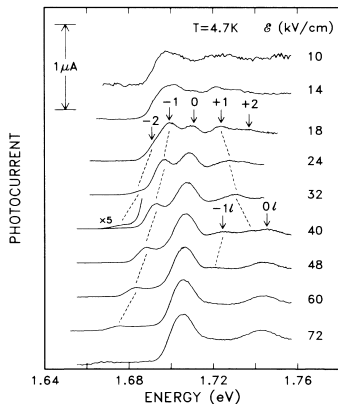


FIG. 3. Photocurrent (PC) spectra for the same superlattice of Fig. 2, at representative electric fields. The peaks labeled 0,  $\pm 1$ , and  $\pm 2$  are for transitions involving heavy-hole states and electrons weakly delocalized, as illustrated in Fig. 1(b). Analogous transitions for light holes are denoted by  $0l$  and  $-1l$ .



# Analogy between solid state physics and superconductivity

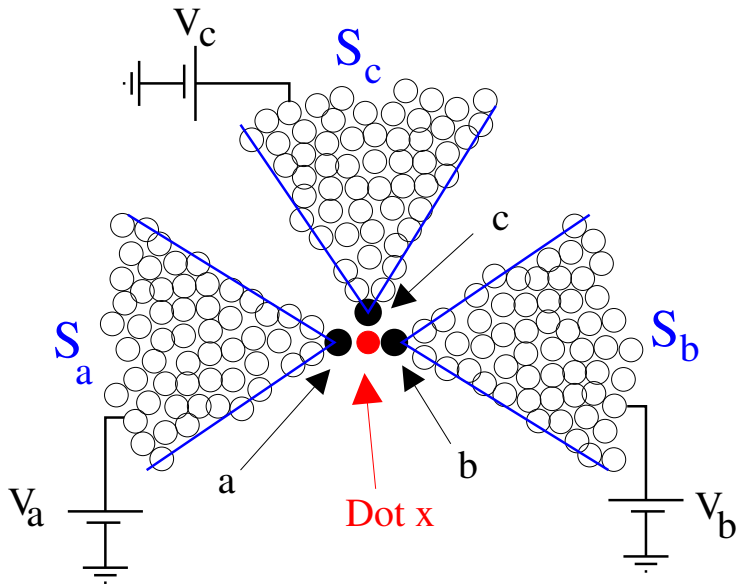
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<b>Band Theory</b>	<b>Superconductivity</b>
Wave-vectors	Superconducting phases
Position $x_n$ on the lattice in real space	Number $N$ of transmitted Cooper pairs
Wannier functions labelled by sites on a periodic lattice	Periodicity in phases implies $N$ integer
Plane waves in Bloch theory $ k\rangle = \sum_x \exp(ikx) x\rangle$	States with fixed superconducting phase $ \varphi\rangle = \sum_N \exp(iN\varphi) N\rangle$
Hopping between neighboring tight-binding sites	Transferring pairs between leads by Andreev reflection
Electric field $dk/dt = -eE$	Josephson relation $d\varphi_n/dt = 2eV_n/\hbar$
<b>Wannier-Stark ladders</b>	<b>Floquet-Wannier-Stark ladders</b>



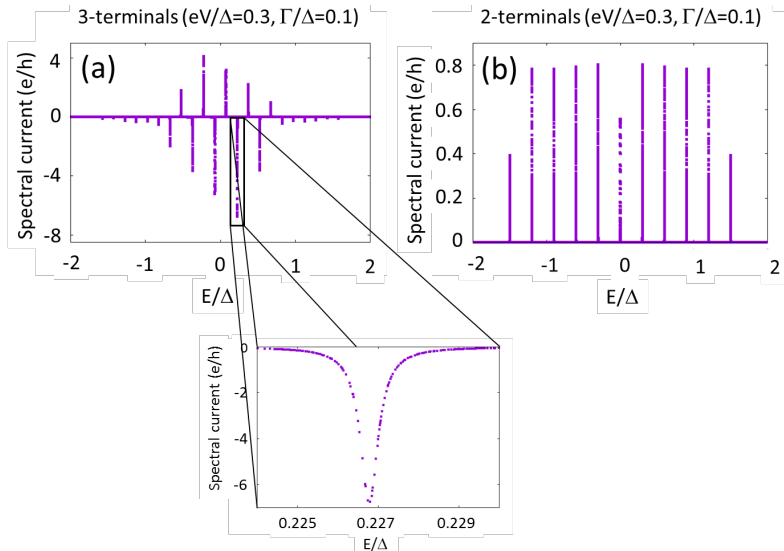
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# Spectral current:

## Evidence for two Floquet-Wannier-Stark ladders

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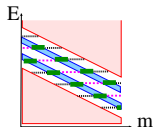


# Spectrum of Floquet-Wannier-Stark Resonances

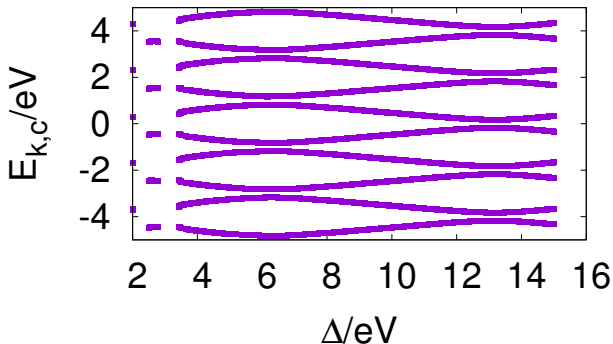
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$$\Gamma/\Delta = 0.3$$

Inter-ladder tunneling for  $\Delta/eV \simeq 6, 13$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Landau-Zener-Stückelberg transitions



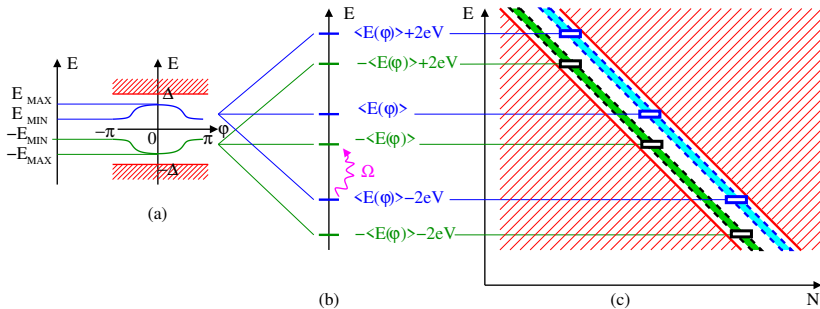
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# Going one Step Further:

## Spectroscopy of Floquet-Wannier-Stark ladders

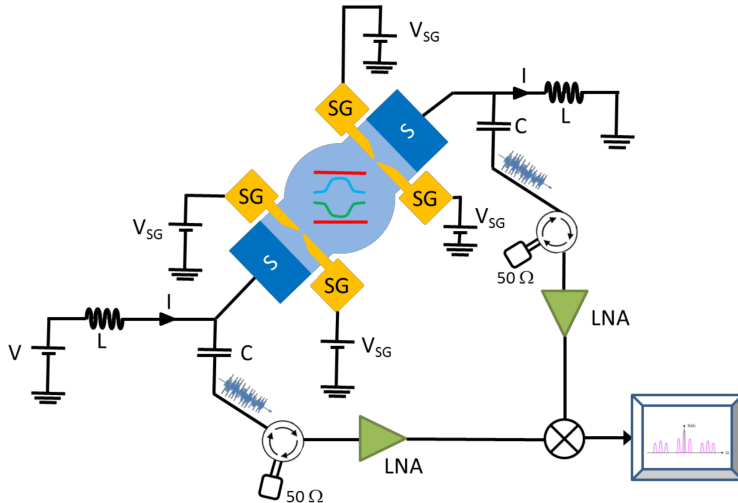
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- On-chip spectroscopy
- Finite frequency cross-correlations  
(On-going project with **Romain Danneau**, Karlsruhe)

# Spectroscopy of FWS ladders with finite frequency cross-correlations

Submitted French-German ANR-DFG project  
with **Romain Danneau** (KIT)



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## Gate-tunable zero-frequency current cross correlations of the quartet state in a voltage-biased three-terminal Josephson junction

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A three-terminal Josephson junction biased at opposite voltages can sustain a phase-sensitive dc current carrying three-body static phase coherence, known as the “quartet current.” We calculate the zero-frequency current noise cross correlations and answer the question of whether this current is noisy (like a normal current in response to a voltage drop) or noiseless (like an equilibrium supercurrent in response to a phase drop). A quantum dot with a level at energy  $\epsilon_0$  is connected to three superconductors  $S_a$ ,  $S_b$ , and  $S_c$  with gap  $\Delta$ , biased at  $V_a = V$ ,

## Nonlocal supercurrent of quartets in a three-terminal Josephson junction

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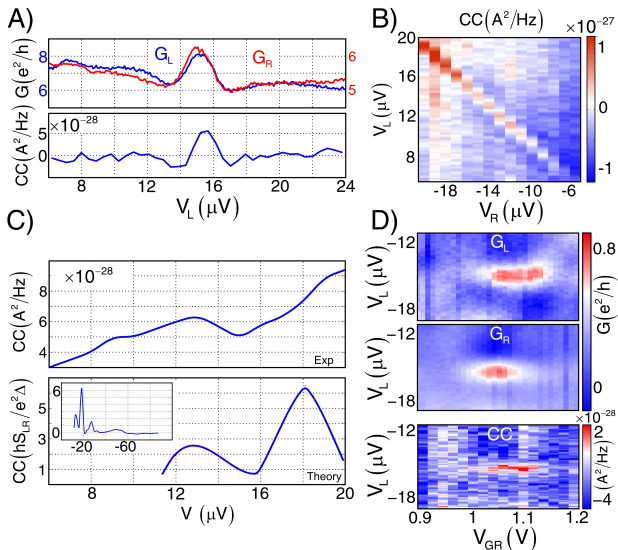
**A novel nonlocal supercurrent, carried by quartets, each consisting of four electrons, is expected to appear in a voltage-biased three-terminal Josephson junction. This supercurrent results from a non-**

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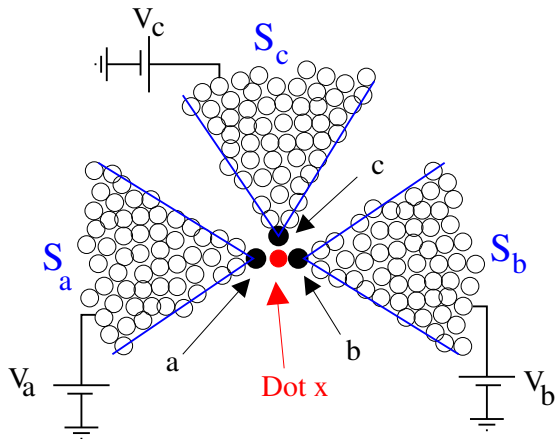


# Zero-Frequency Cross-Correlations

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**Argument showing possibility of success of Romain Danneau's experiment:**

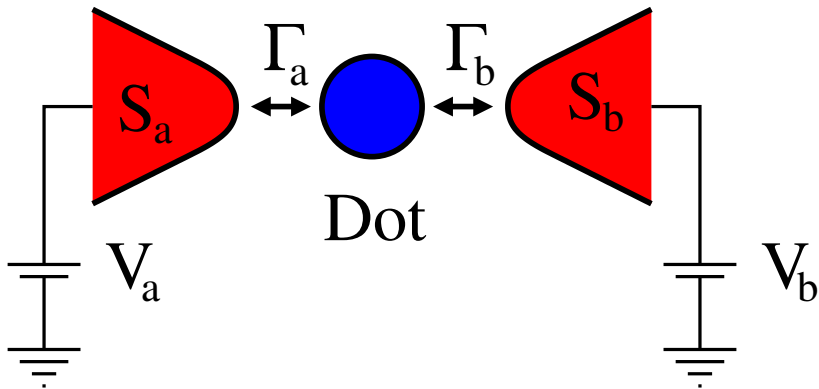
For this type of "0D" device, we have solved recently the connection between:

1. The spectrum of FWS resonances at energies  $E_n$  in the resonant
2. The spectrum of peaks at frequency  $\Omega$  in cross-correlations
3. Expected result:  $\Omega_{n,m} = E_n - E_m$ .



# Example: Asymmetric two-terminal device (1/2)

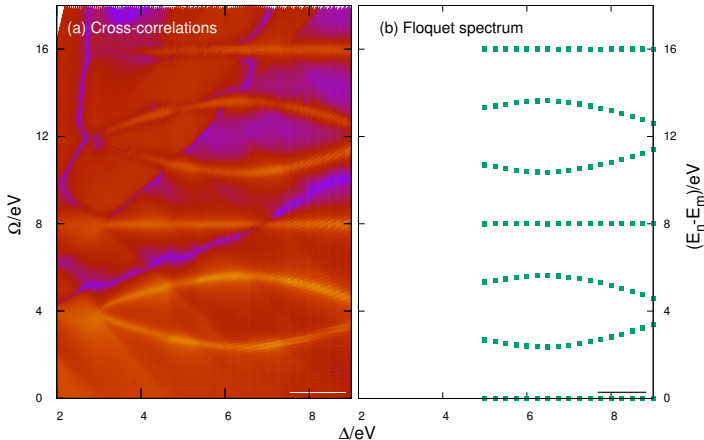
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$$\Gamma_a/\Delta = 0.4 \text{ and } \Gamma_b/\Delta = 0.2$$

# Asymmetric two-terminal device (2/2)

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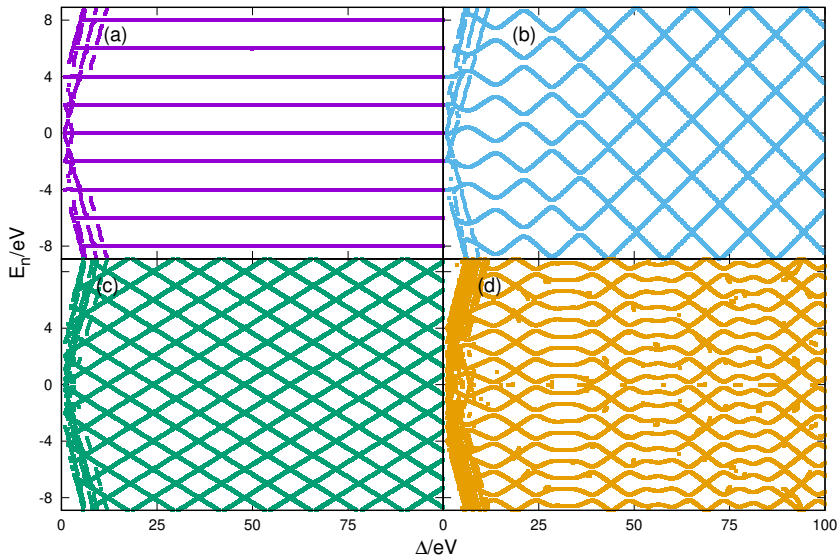


## Repulsion between Floquet levels

- ⇒ Quantum coherence between the two FWS ladders
- ⇒ Towards a Floquet q-bit

# A zoo of Floquet spectra

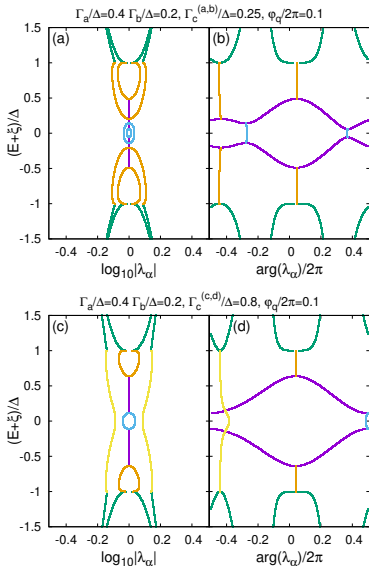
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# Dispersion relations

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$\lambda_\alpha = \exp(ik_\alpha)$  (complexified fast superconducting phase variable)

ABS:  $E + \xi = \pm E_A(k)$ ,  $\xi = meV$   
Parallel transport of BdG wavefunctions along a cycle  
+ periodic orbits  $\Rightarrow$  **Berry phase** when matching the wave-function over one period

Landau-Zener-Stückelberg tunneling paths

Leakage from dot to quasiparticle continua (transient process)

Multiple Andreev reflections to the continua

# Solution of semiclassical theory for a multiterminal superconducting-quantum dot (due to Benoît Douçot)

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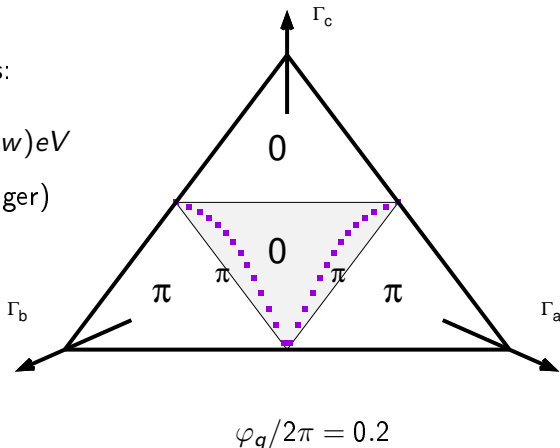
For decoupled FWS ladders:

$$E = \sigma \langle E_A \rangle - (2n + w)eV$$

winding number  $w$  (an integer)

Berry phase:  $\varphi_B = \pi w$

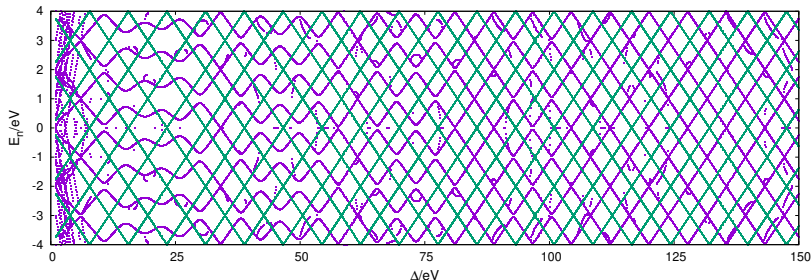
$$\varphi_B = 0 \text{ or } \pi$$



# Floquet-Wannier-Stark ladders with Berry phase $\varphi_B = \pi$

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- In Green:  $E_n/eV = \sigma \langle E_A \rangle / eV + 2n$

- In Magenta: Maxima of the resolvent

$\Rightarrow$  Spectroscopic evidence for  $\varphi_B = \pi$

$\Rightarrow$  SQUID interferometry or tunnel spectroscopy

- 1 Analogy with solid-state physics  
(i.e. Bloch oscillations and Wannier-Stark ladders)
- 2 Finite frequency noise spectroscopy of the Floquet-Wannier-Stark ladders  
⇒ Possible experiments are considered
- 3 Semiclassical theory of the Berry phase  
⇒ Emergence of nontrivial Berry phase  $\varphi_B = \pi$
- 4 Effect of Berry phase on Floquet-Wannier-Stark ladders  
⇒ Shift of half a period of the Floquet spectra if  $\varphi_B = \pi$   
⇒ SQUID interferometry or tunneling spectroscopy