Alternatives to silicon: Will our best be anywhere good enough in time?

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With reference to several projects, I will discuss the progress being made towards achieving manufacturable processes on the nanometre scale: in the case of III-V materials, these processes have to be foundry compatible.

- Tunnel device reproducibility is not yet good enough;
- Quantum dot volumes are not sufficiently under control;
- Implantation is not longer adequate to modify materials;
- Split gate devices are not reproducible;
- We are going to need 10^{13} switches to extrapolate beyond CMOS.

The longer CMOS continues, the harder it is going to be to extrapolate.