Electronic confinement and band formation originating from a supramolecular Porous Network

•Outline:

Motivation: Electronic confinement in nanostructures

- Characterization of the molecular adlayer: STM, LEED
- Electronic structure: STS + ARPES
- Conclusions

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Electronic confinement on surfaces



Surface state in noble metals are 2D quasi-free electron gas

Fe /Cu(111)



M.F. Crommie, *et al.*, Science **262**, 218 (1993)



Atomic manipulation (D. Eigler *et al.*, IBM)



Nano-I slands on Ag(111) J. Li *et al.*, PRL **80**, 3332 (1998)



STS of a Vacancy island on Ag(111) J. Kröger, *et al.*, Prog. in Surf. Sci., **82**, 293 (2007)

Characteristic imperfect confinement.

'Lossy scattering' is dominant with respect to electron-electron and electron-phonon scattering.

H. Jensen, et al., PRB **71**, 155417 (2005)



1D electronic confinement on surfaces





Periodic OD electronic confinement on surfaces



Periodic 0D confinement on the surface is elusive

Difficulty to produce regular nanostructures capable of trapping the electronic states.

Size of confining entities ≥ ~2 nm (lateral coherence length of 1D surface state electrons)

Can *molecules* be used for this purpose?

Supramolecular self-assembly



Supromolecular porous networks are a possible alternative to confine the electronic states within the existing pores.



Hydrogen bond networks

J.A. Theobald *et al.*, Nature **424**, 1029 (2003)



Metal coordination networks

U. Schlickum, *et al.*, Nano Lett. **7**, 3813 (2007)

Nanoporous Network: DPDI/Cu(111)









Below 0.7 ML observed porous network

It is commensurate with substrate







M. Stöhr et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 44, 7394 (2005)

Nanoporous Network: DPDI/Cu(111)



- Temperature induced dehydrogenation of DPDI
- Most stable structure is the H-bonded network for coverage < 0.7 ML
- Oxidized form can act both as H-bond donor and acceptor
- The molecules are in registry with the underlying substrate
- structure is highly stable (up to 600 K)









M. Stöhr et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 44, 7394 (2005)

Confinement of the Cu(111) surface state



- Surface state electrons considered as 2D free electron gas
- Surface state interacts with network ⇒ Standing wave pattern



Confinement inside a pore?

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New Peak at -0.22 eV. The Surface State feature disappears. Is it a confined state?

Surface State confinement: STM + dI/dV map

dI/dV map shows in a first order the state's local distribution



Confined electronic states into the pores! Each state is confined in all directions \Rightarrow Periodic array of quantum dots!

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States

_DOS [states

/ (eV · nm²)]

~0.4 ML of NC-Ph6-CN / Ag(111)



Topography dl/dV map -0.22 V, 70pA, 13.6x13.6 nm², Lockin V_{rms} = 8 mV, f = 513 Hz

> Can the network periodicity induce new electronic bands?

F. Klappenberger et al., Nano Letters (2009). DOI: 10.1021/nl901700b

Electronic structure of molecular network: ARPES



The 2nd derivative enhances the existing features. The periodicity of the network gives rise to a new band

The SS spectral function dominates. Two bands can be inferred from the EDCs





Electronic structure vs molecular coverage



Electronic structure: STS vs ARPES





Agreement between STS and ARPES!!!

The band structure = lossy scattering + network periodicity (Analogy to band structure of solids)

Significant confinement:

- No SS underneath molecules
- Shift of 230 meV
- Band width ~80 meV.
- •Energy gap is ~90 meV.



Conclusions



• By means of STM and STS we have observed *periodic* OD confinement in a supramolecular porous network.

• Because of the periodicity imposed by the network in combination with the lossy confinement at the molecular pores, a band structure is formed, as demonstrated by ARPES.

• Controlling the network dimensions and the coupling between the molecular building blocks with the Surface state, will allow the fabrication of coupled confined electronic systems in analogy to optical 'metamaterials'.



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