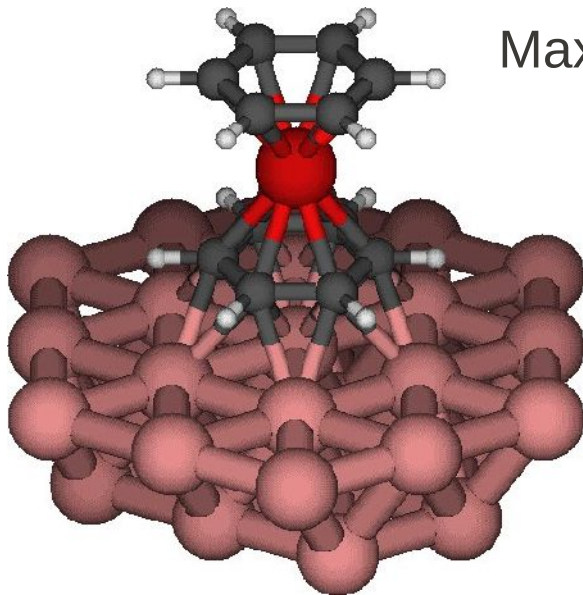


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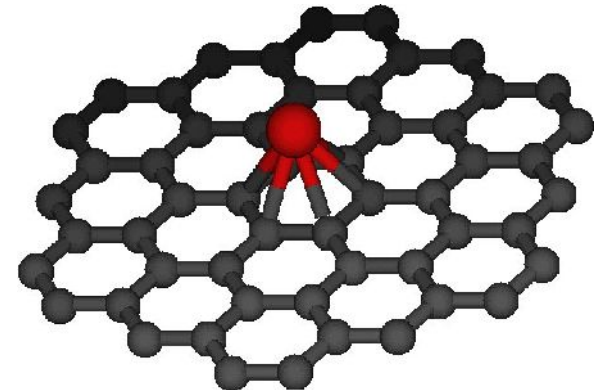
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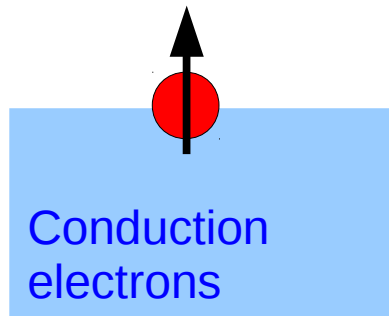
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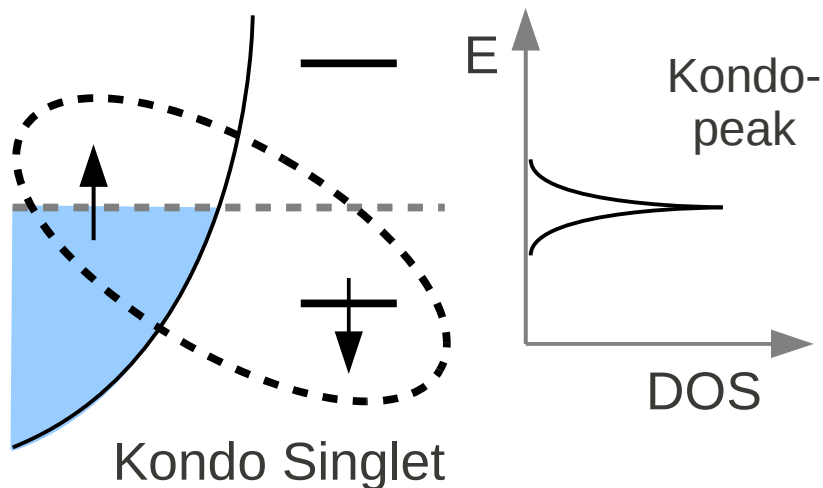
The Kondo effect in a nutshell

Anderson Impurity Model

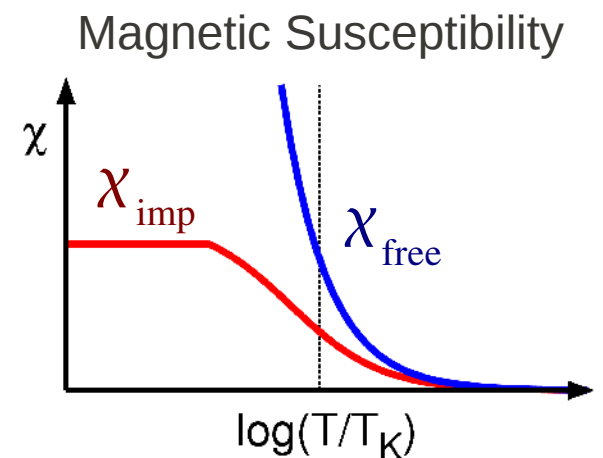


$$\hat{H}_{\text{AIM}} = \sum_{\sigma} \epsilon_d d_{\sigma}^{\dagger} d_{\sigma} + U d_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} d_{\uparrow} d_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} d_{\downarrow} + \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k\sigma} (V_k c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} d_{\sigma} + h.c.)$$

At low temperatures



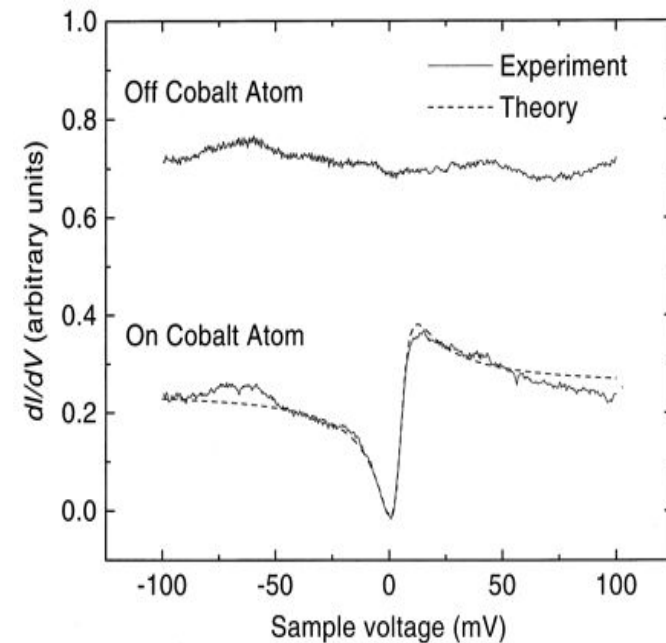
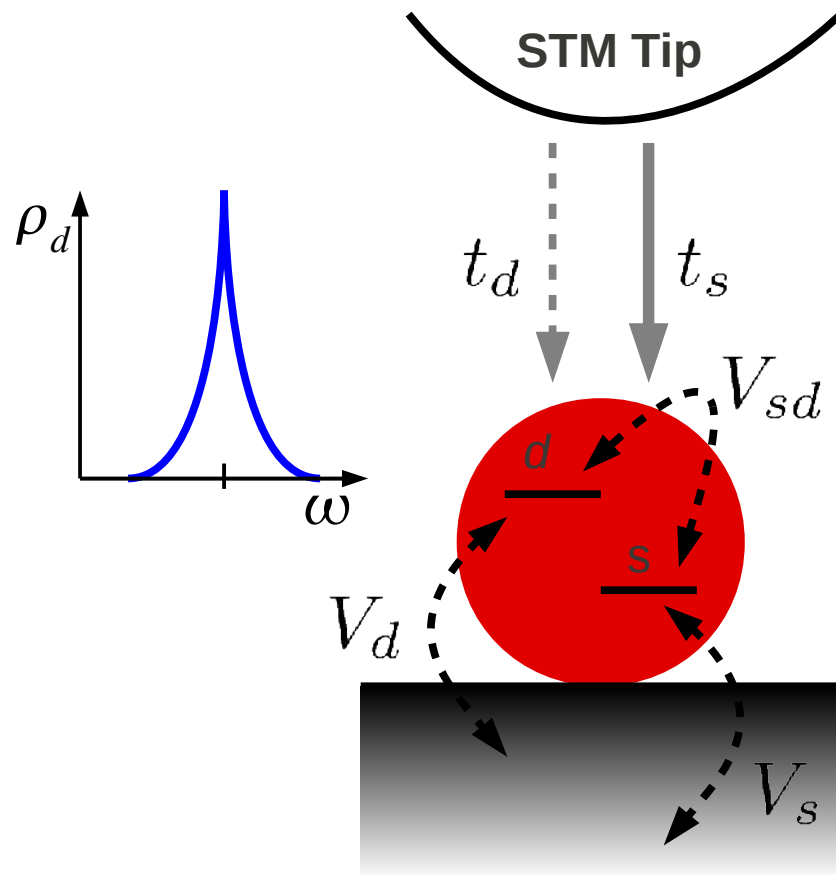
Magnetic Moment is screened!



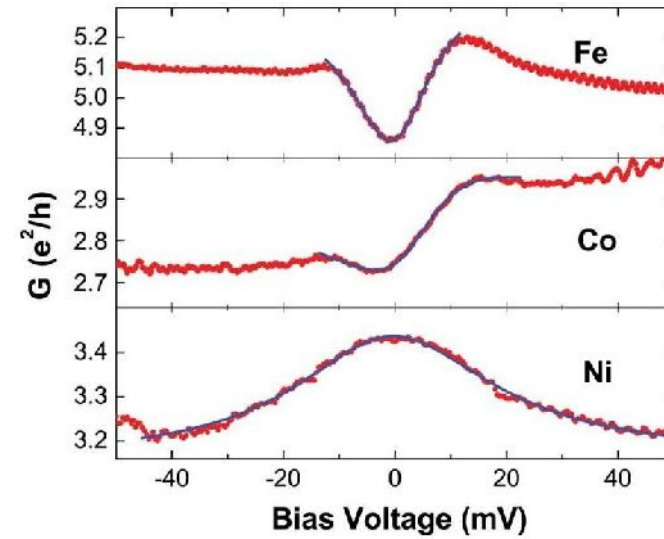
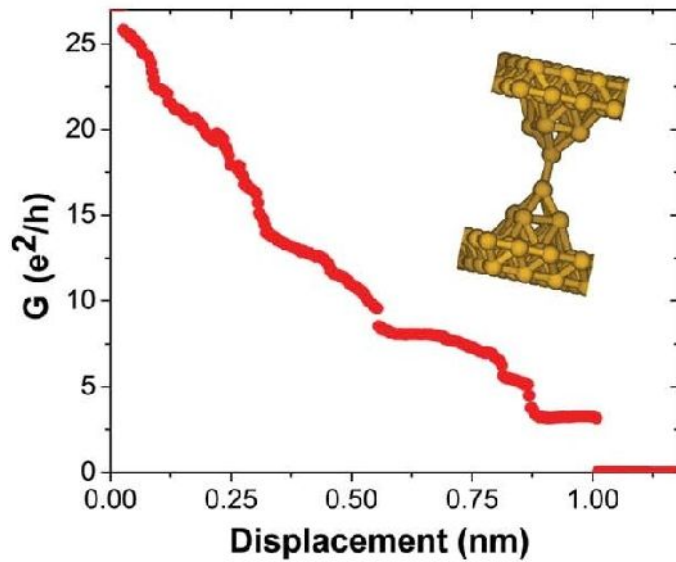
Kondo effect of Magnetic Adatoms on Metal Surfaces

Fano formula for conductance:

$$G(V) \propto \frac{q + \epsilon}{1 + \epsilon^2} \quad \epsilon = (eV - \tilde{\epsilon}_d) / k_B T_K$$



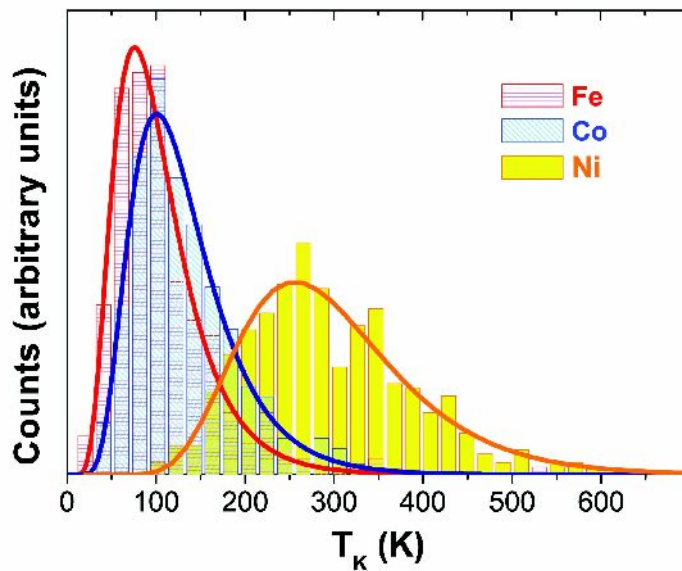
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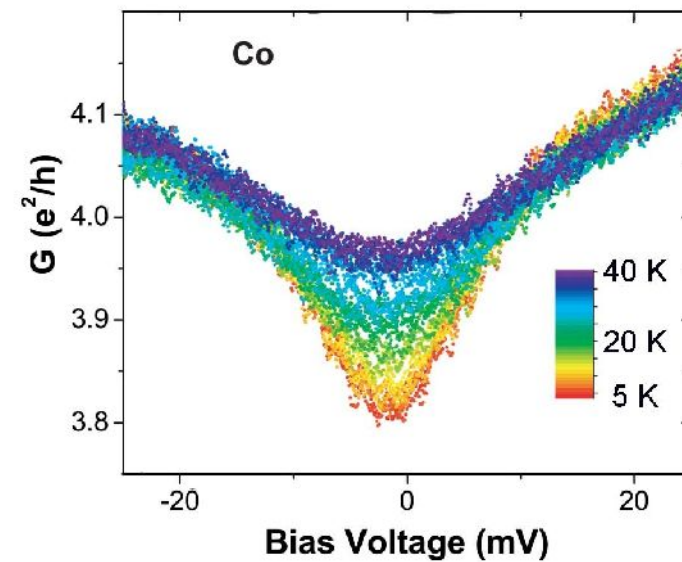
Kondo effect in *ferromagnetic* nanocontacts?

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Kondo temperatures

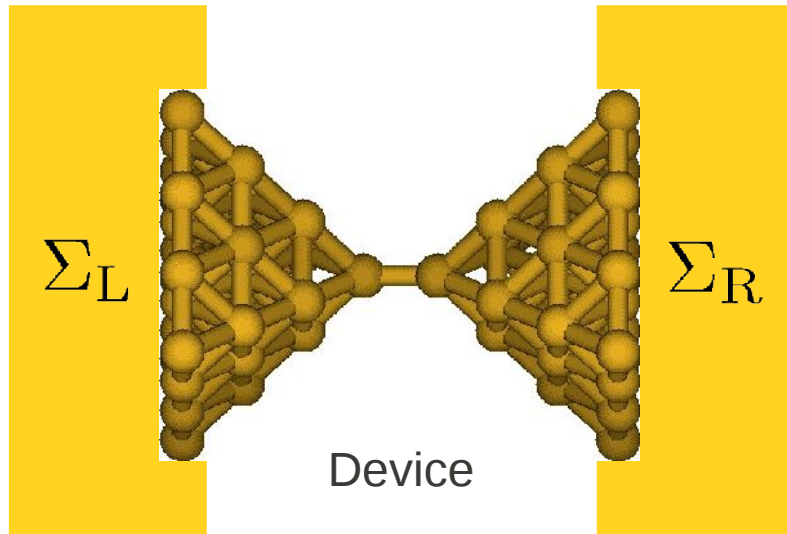


Temperature dependence



- Is it really Kondo effect?
- If yes how is it possible?
- Very interesting and rich physics
- Important questions for possible applications
- Ab initio theory needed that is able to predict strong correlation effects such as Kondo

DFT based quantum transport calculations



(1) Ab initio Density Functional Theory calculations of device and leads

(2) Lead Self-energies:

$$\Sigma_L(\omega) = \mathbf{V}_L(\omega + \mu - \mathbf{H}_L)^{-1} \mathbf{V}_L^\dagger$$

$$\Sigma_R(\omega) = \mathbf{V}_R(\omega + \mu - \mathbf{H}_R)^{-1} \mathbf{V}_R^\dagger$$

(3) Device Green's function:

$$\mathbf{G}_D^{\text{KS}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \mathbf{H}_D^{\text{KS}} - \Sigma_L(\omega) - \Sigma_R(\omega)}$$

Landauer Transport formalism:

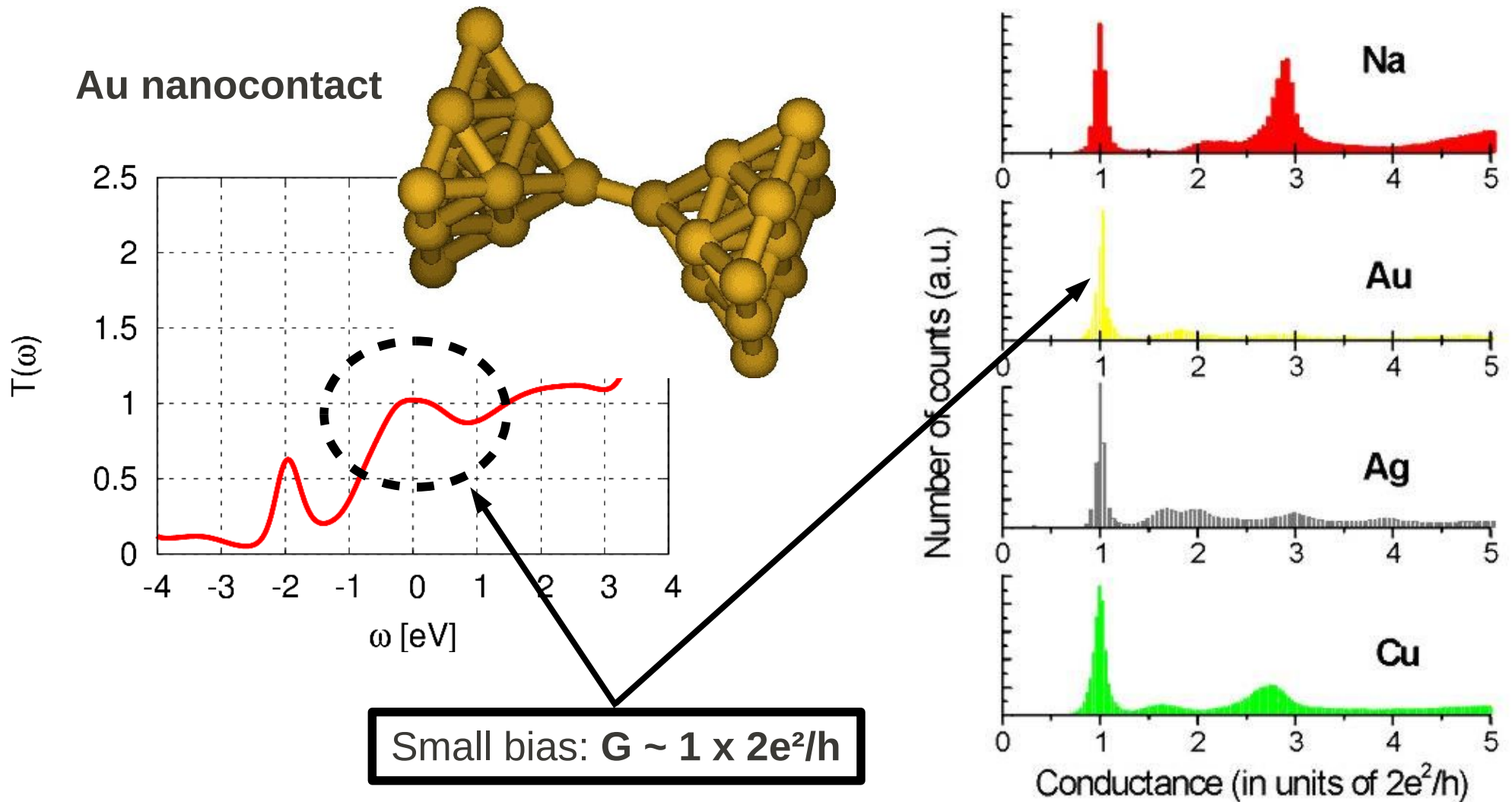
$$T(\omega) = \text{Tr} [\Gamma_L(\omega)(G_D^{\text{KS}})^\dagger(\omega) \Gamma_R(\omega)G_D^{\text{KS}}(\omega)]$$

$$I(V) = \frac{2e}{h} \int d\omega (f_L(\omega) - f_R(\omega))T(\omega)$$

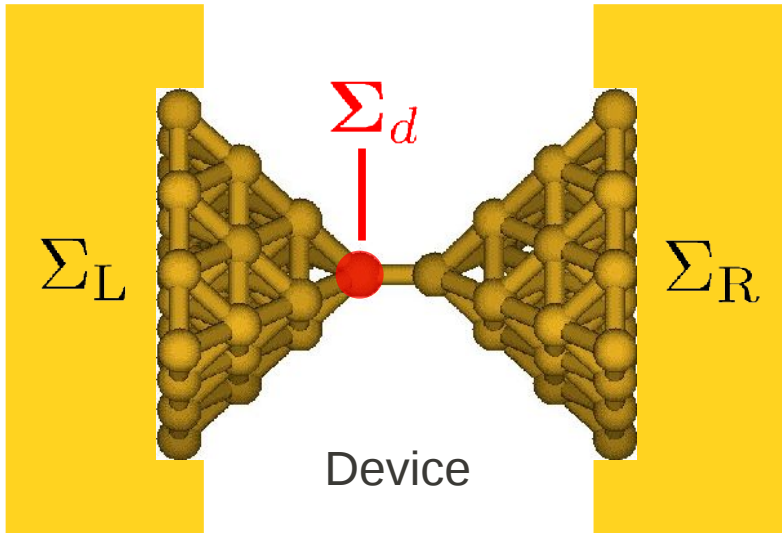
$$\mathcal{G}(V) = \frac{2e^2}{h} \times T(eV)$$

Implemented in **ALACANT** software package based on GAUSSIAN and CRYSTAL (J.J. Palacios and D. Jacob)

DFT based quantum transport calculations



How to incorporate dynamic correlations



Starting point:

Ab initio **Density Functional Theory** calculations of **Device** and **Leads**

Correlated Device Green's function:

$$\mathbf{G}_D(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \mathbf{H}_D^{\text{KS}} - \Sigma_L(\omega) - \Sigma_R(\omega) - \Sigma_d(\omega)}$$

Conductance and current in general: Meir-Wingreen

$$I(V) = \frac{1}{2} \int d\omega \text{Tr} [(\Gamma_L - \Gamma_R) \mathbf{G}_D^< + (f_L \Gamma_L - f_R \Gamma_R) \mathbf{A}_D]$$

For small bias and low temperature: Landauer

$$\mathcal{G}(V) = \frac{2e^2}{h} \times T(eV)$$

$$T(\omega) = \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma_L(\omega) G_D^\dagger(\omega) \Gamma_R(\omega) G_D(\omega) \right] \quad I(V) = \frac{2e}{h} \int d\omega (f_L(\omega) - f_R(\omega)) T(\omega)$$

How to calculate the Self-Energy: OCA Impurity solver

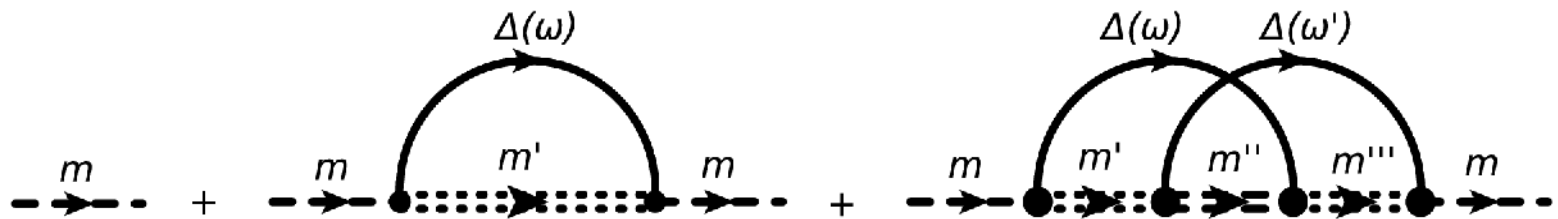
$$\mathcal{H}_{3d} = \sum_i \epsilon_d^{(i)} \hat{n}_d^{(i)} + \sum_{ijkl\sigma\sigma'} U_{ijkl} d_{i\sigma}^\dagger d_{j\sigma'}^\dagger d_{k\sigma'} d_{l\sigma} \xrightarrow[\text{Diagonalization}]{\text{Exact}} \sum_m E_m |m\rangle \langle m|$$

Many-body eigenstates $|m\rangle \longrightarrow$ Pseudo Particles $\hat{a}_m^\dagger, \hat{a}_m$

Hybridization function: $\Delta_d(\omega) = \omega + \mu - \mathbf{H}_d - [\mathbf{P}_d \mathbf{G}_D^{\text{KS}}(\omega) \mathbf{P}_d]^{-1}$

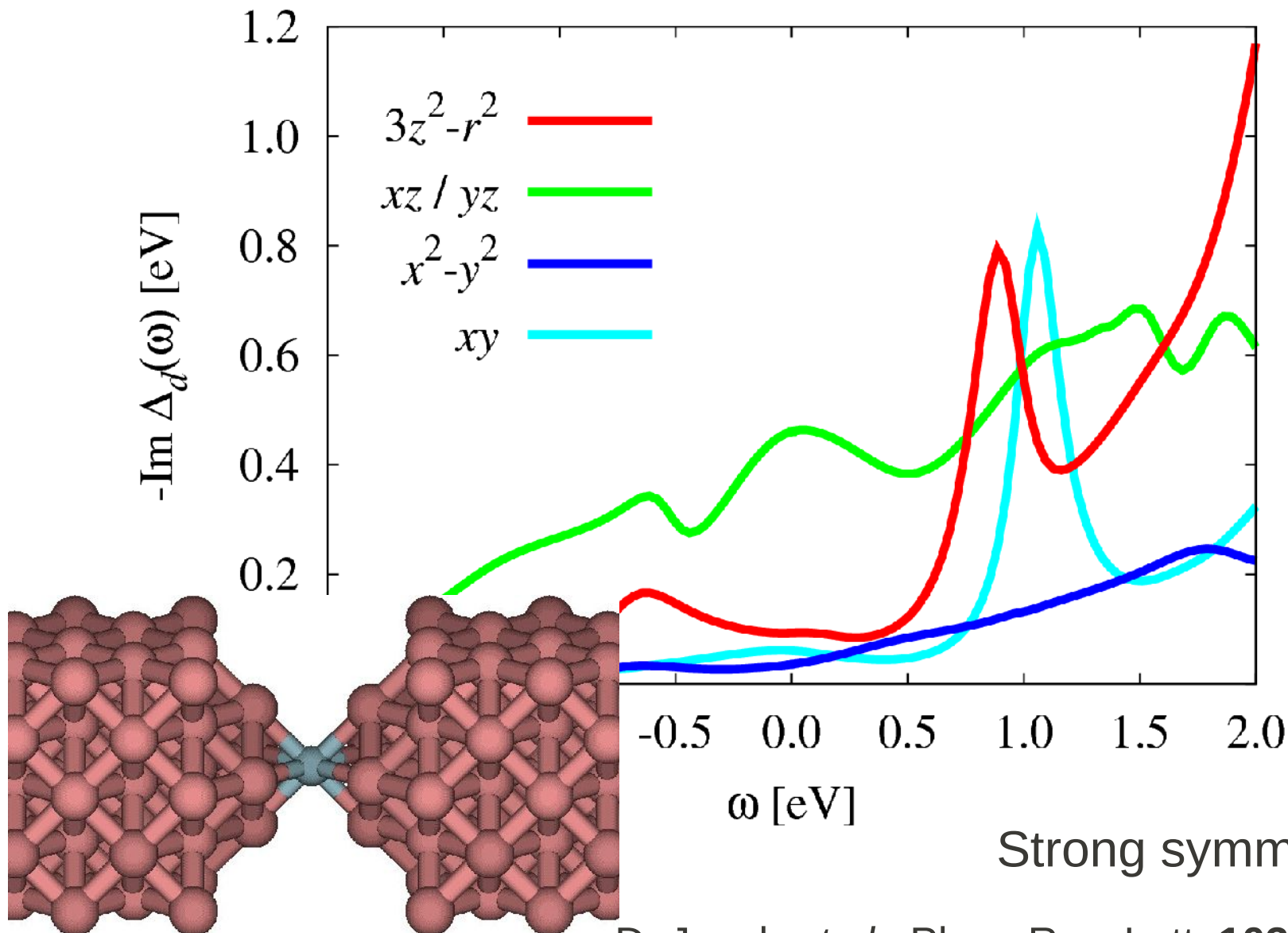
Perturbation Expansion in *Hybridization Strength*:

$$G_m(\omega) = (\omega + \mu - E_m - \Sigma_m(\omega))^{-1} =$$



Magnetic impurity in Cu nanocontact

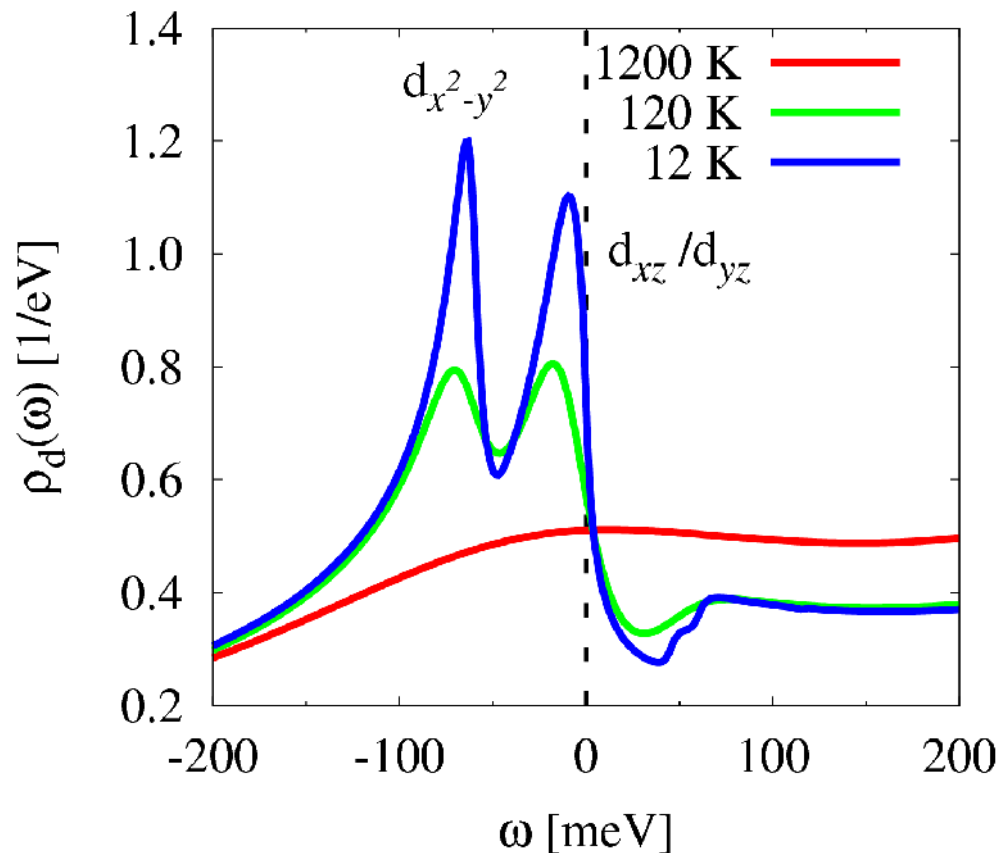
Hybridization function



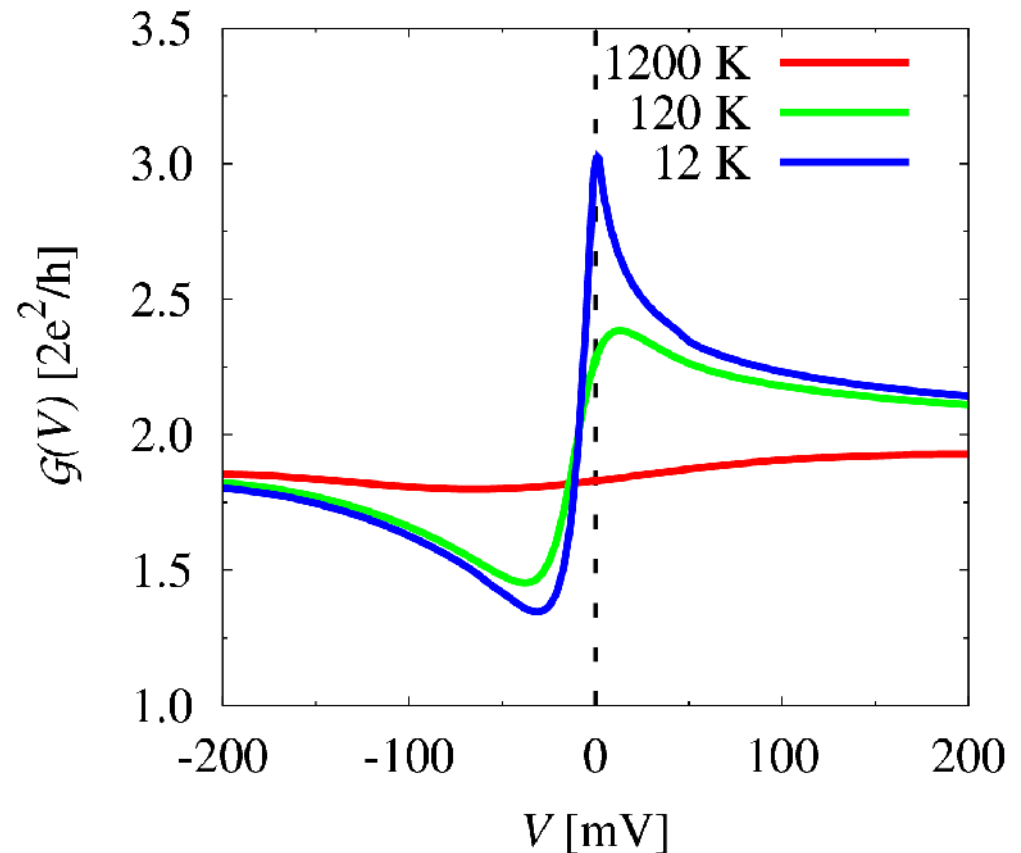
Strong symmetry breaking!

Results: Co impurity

PDOS



Conductance



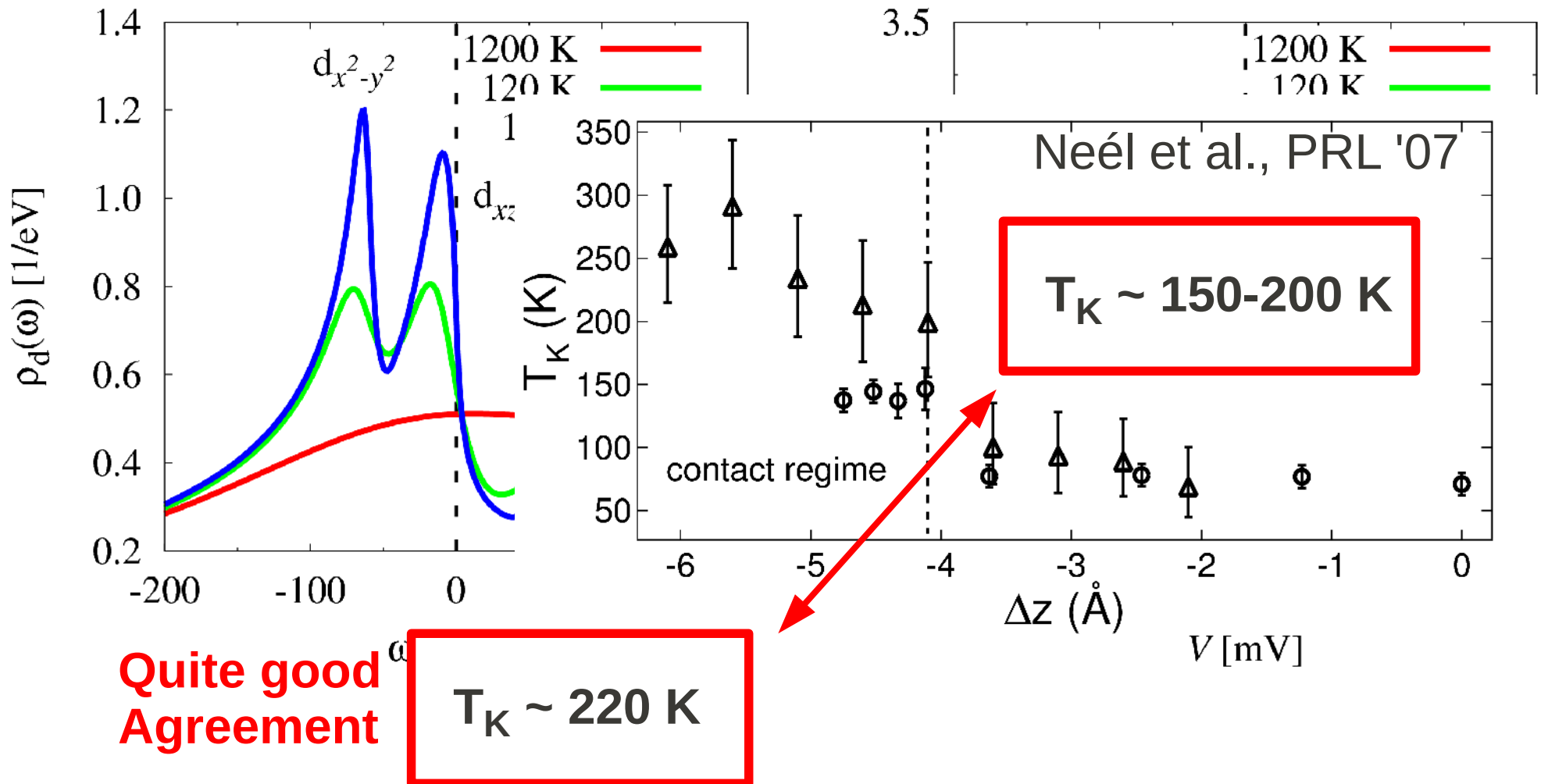
Occupation of $d_{xz} + d_{yz} = 3 \Rightarrow$ Spin 1/2

$U = 5$ eV and $J = 1$ eV

Results: Co impurity

PDOS

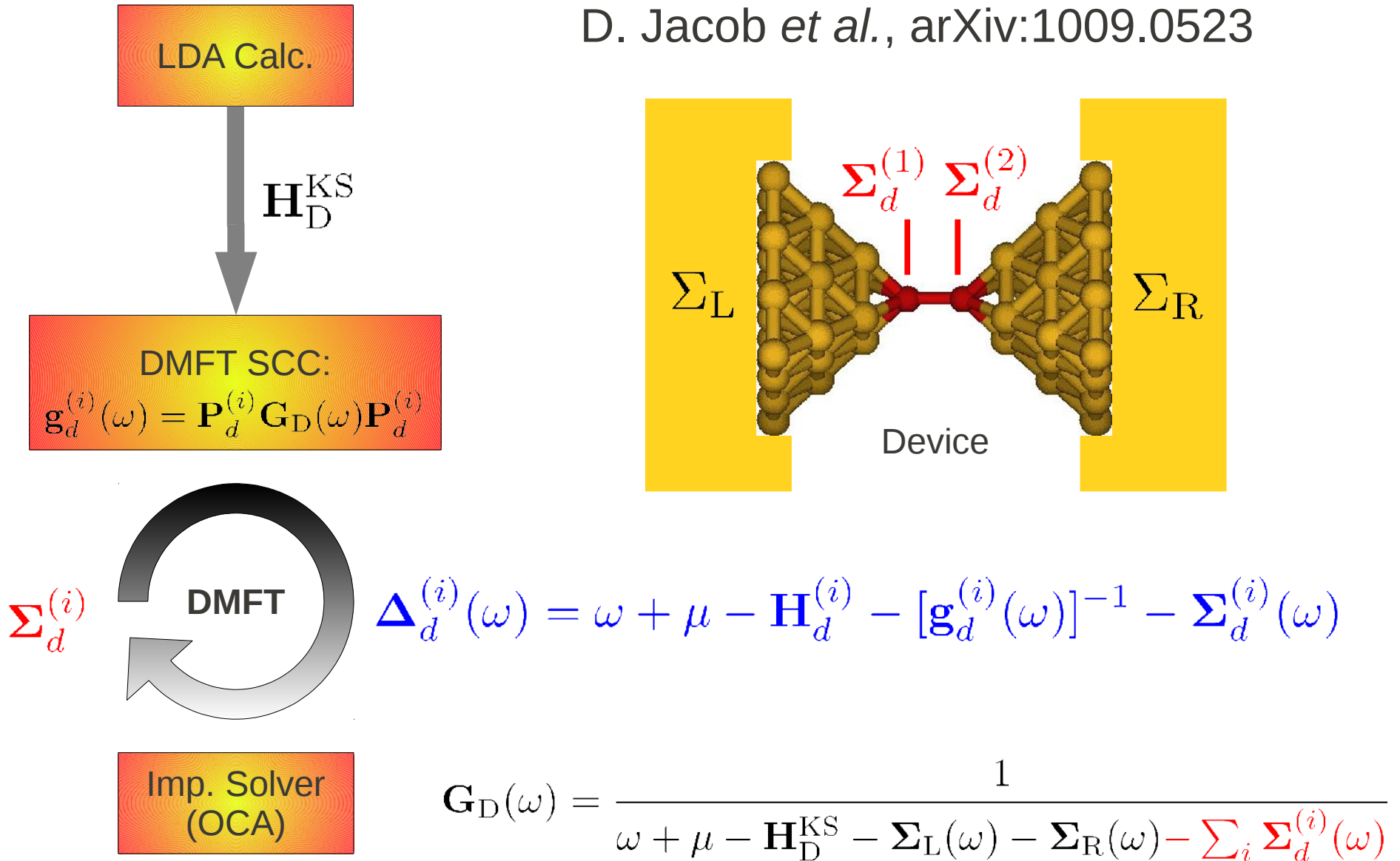
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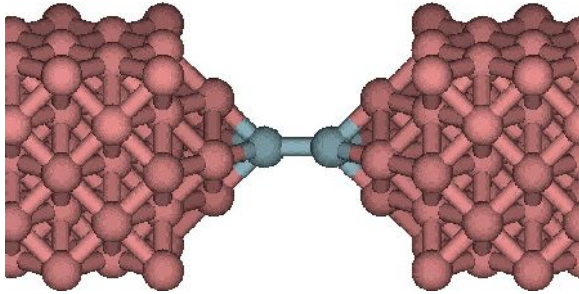
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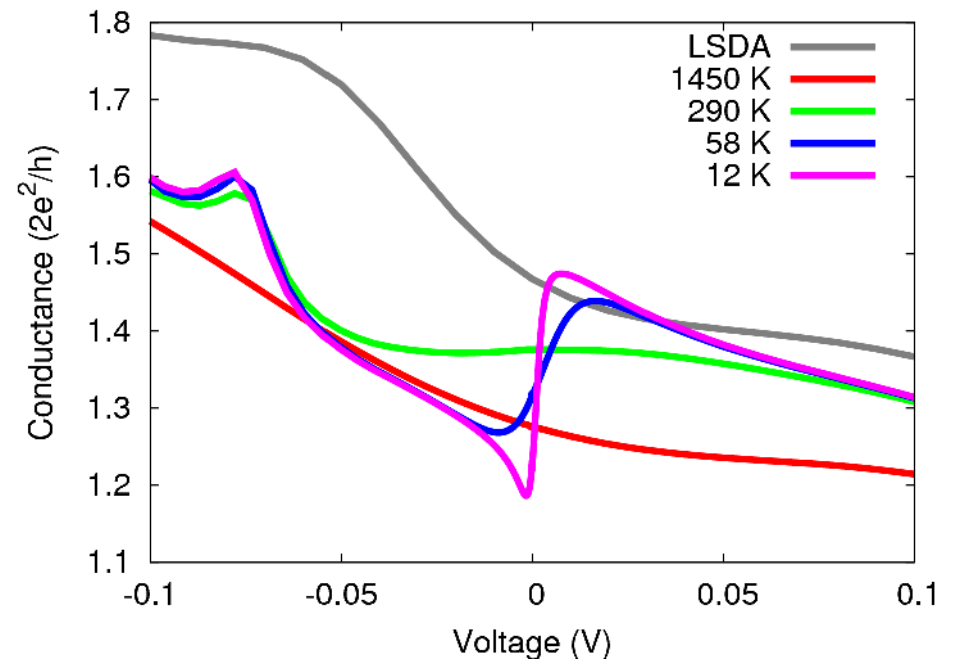
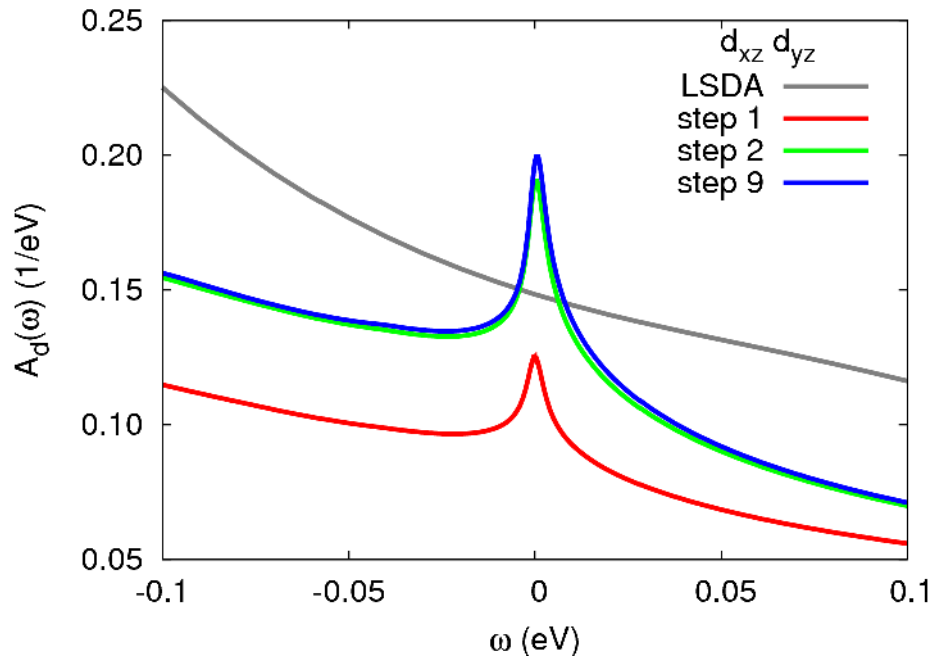
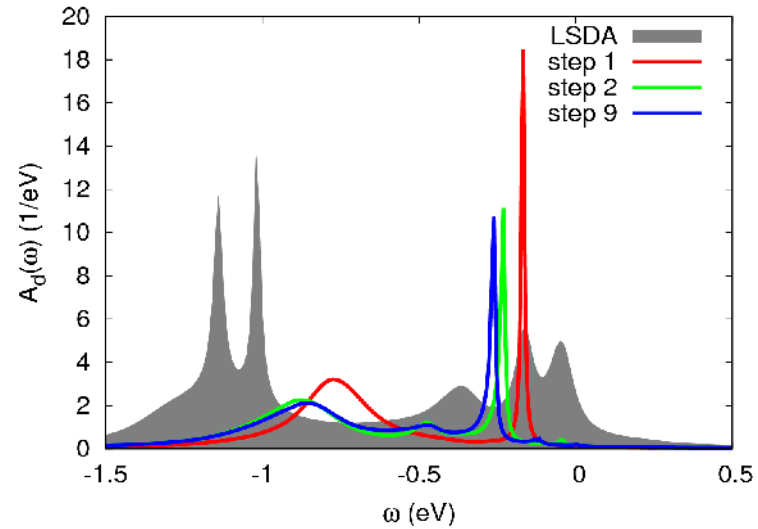
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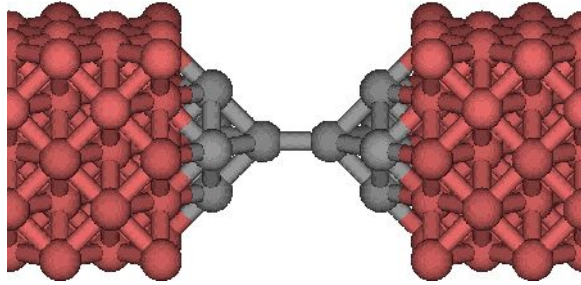
Two Ni atoms in Cu nanocontact



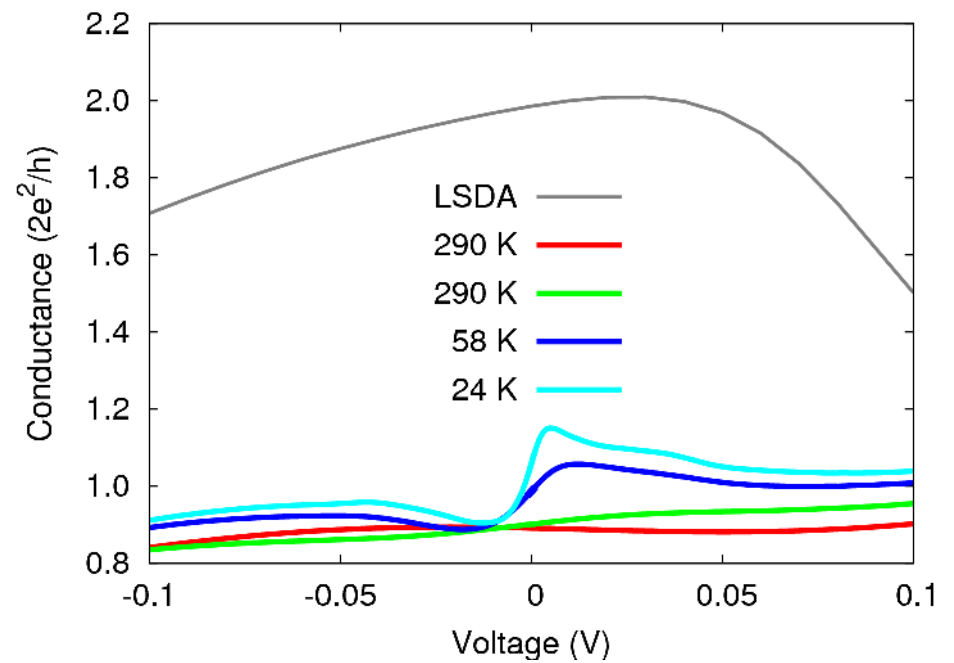
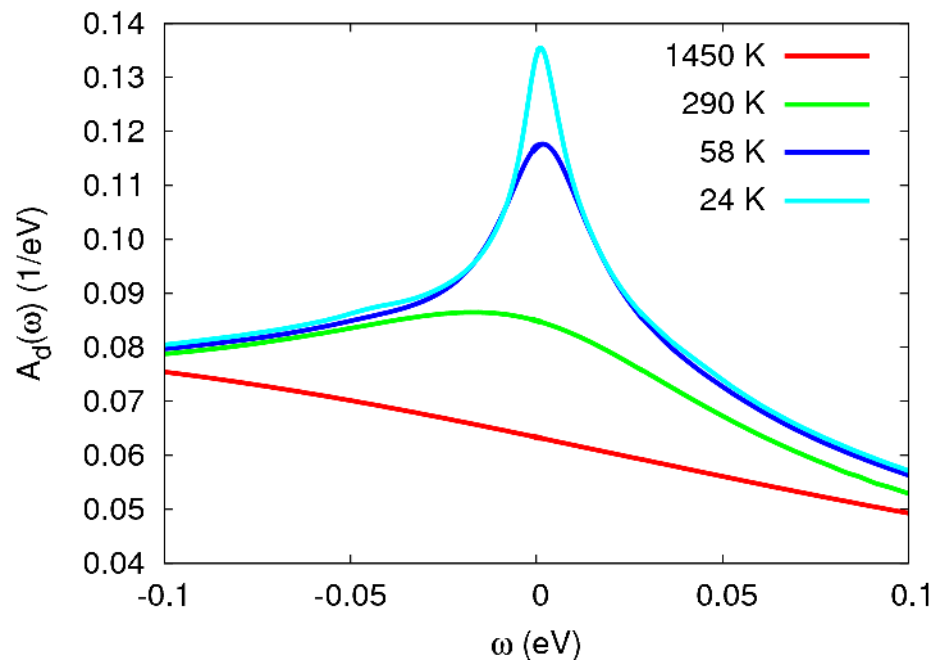
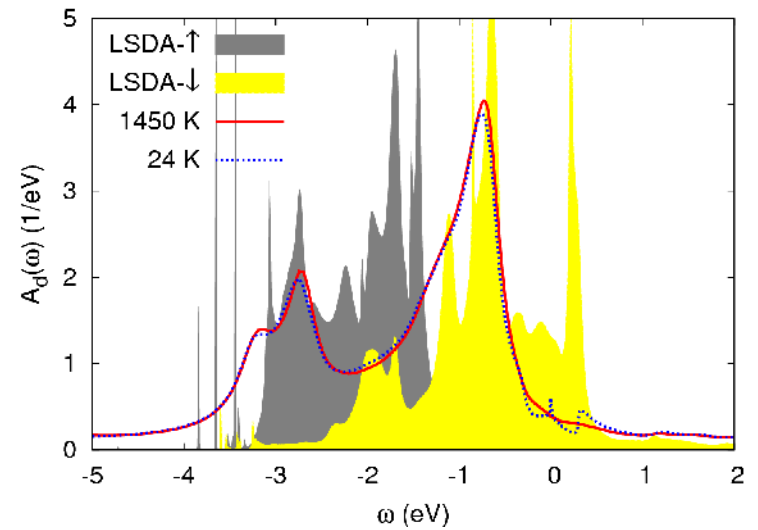
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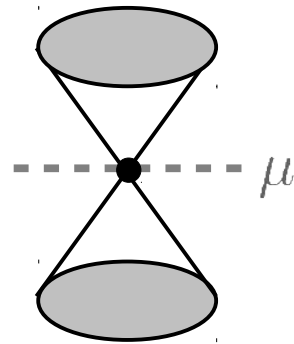
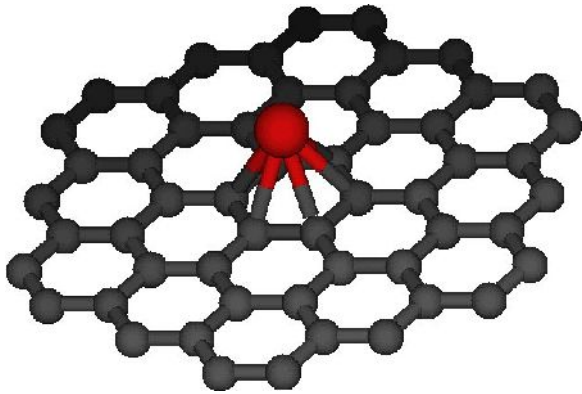
Ni nanocontact between Cu wires



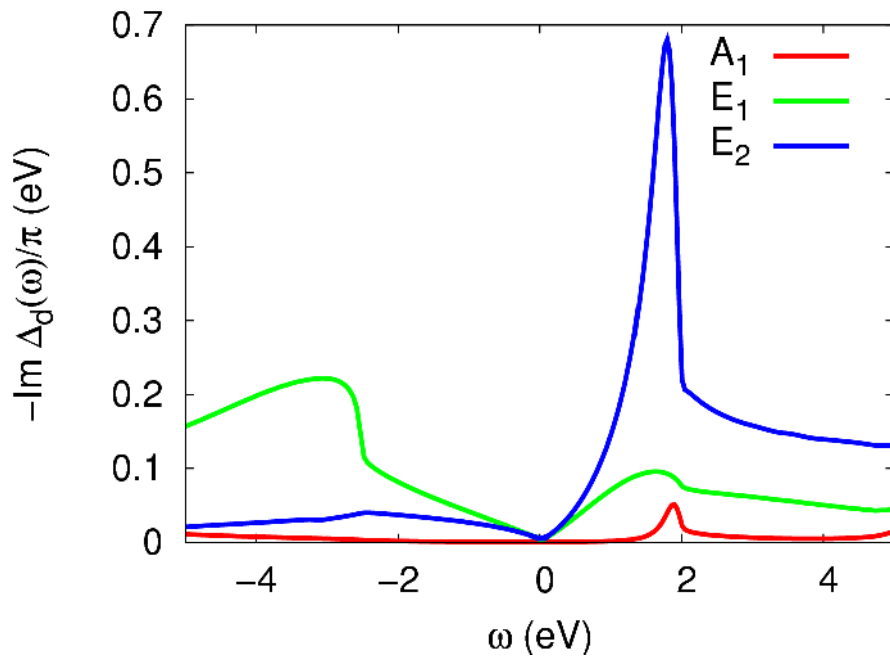
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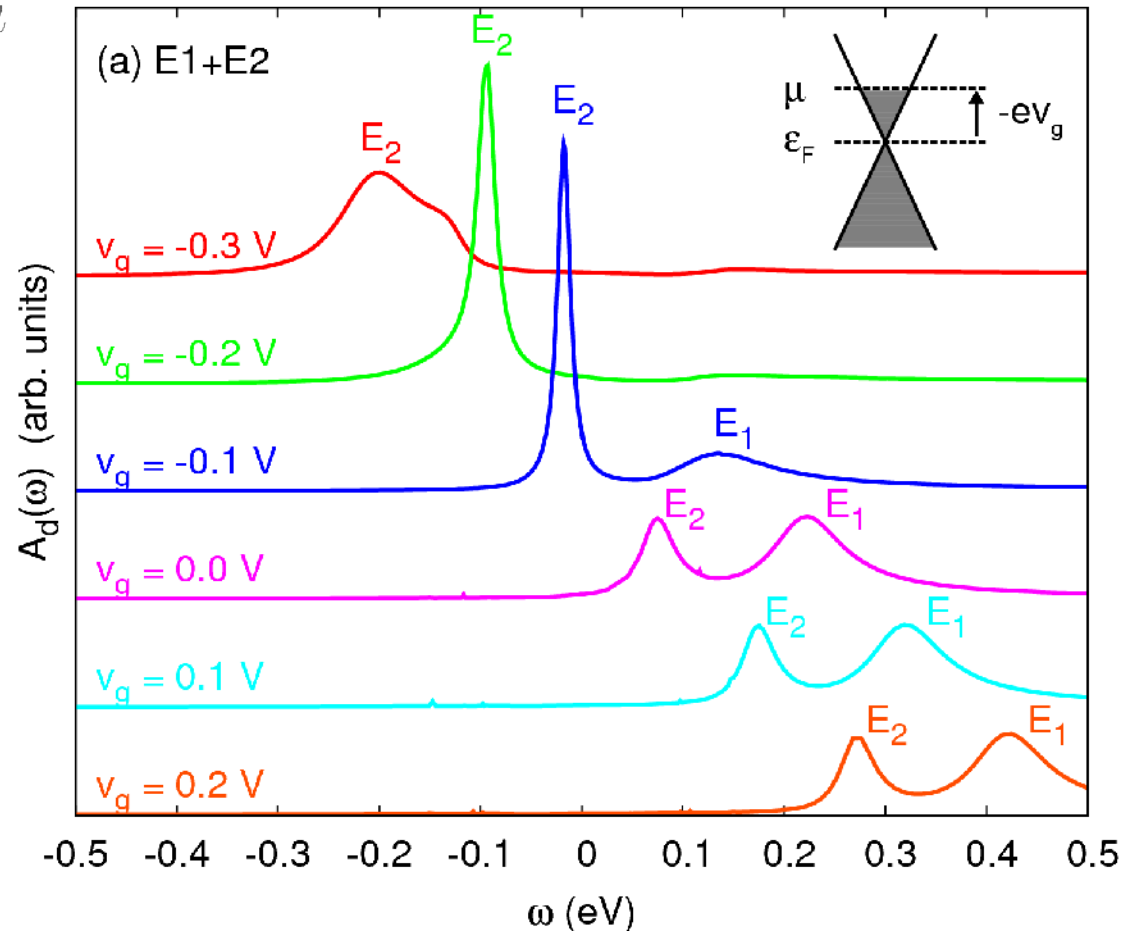
Graphene + Co



Hybridization functions



Gate-dependence of 3d-spectra



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Conclusions

- Molecular DMFT
- Dynamic Correlations incorporated into ab initio quantum transport
- Kondo effect in nanoscopic conductors from first principles

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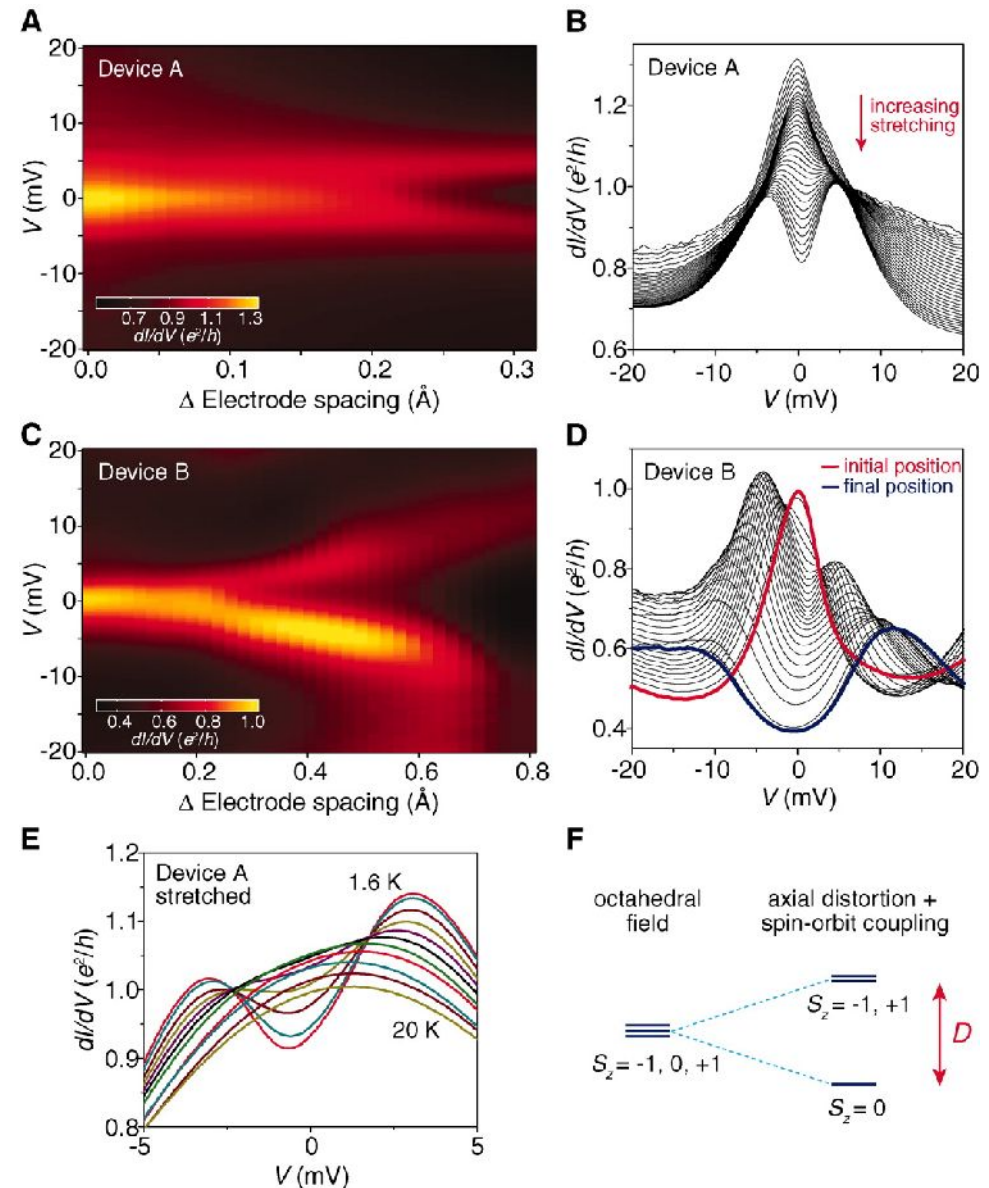
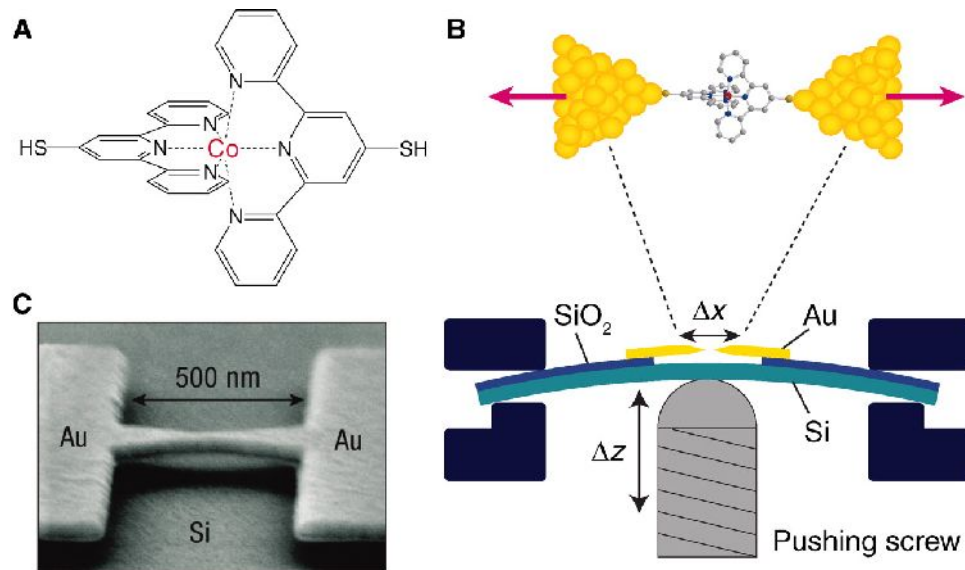
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Kondo effect in Spin-1 Molecules



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