

# Currentdensity and eigenchannel: Implementation and application

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STM experiment of eigenchannel on Pb(111) surface

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Eigenchannel analysis on Pb(111) surface

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Currentdensity and eigenchannel

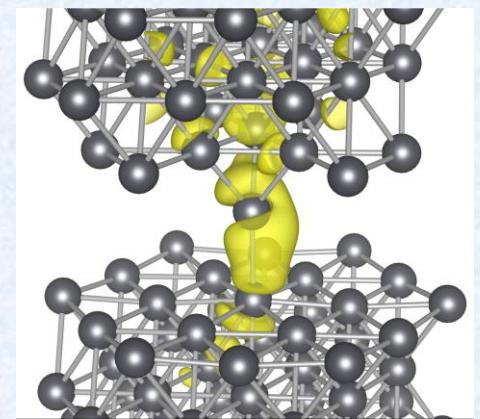
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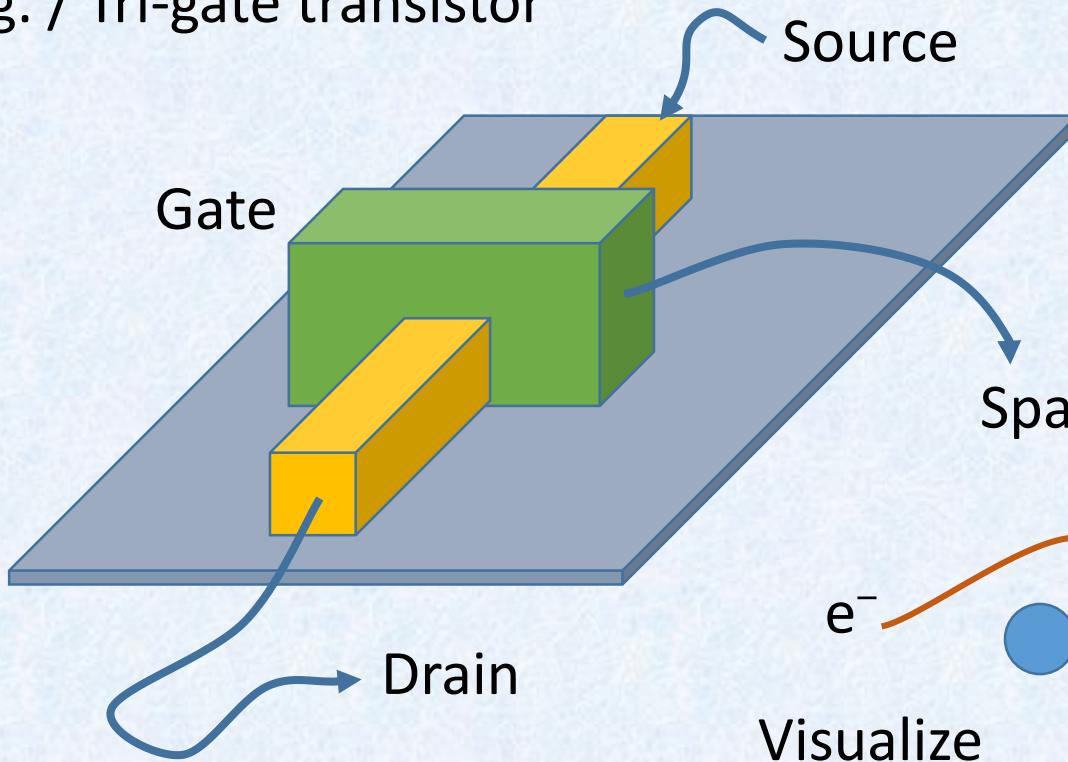
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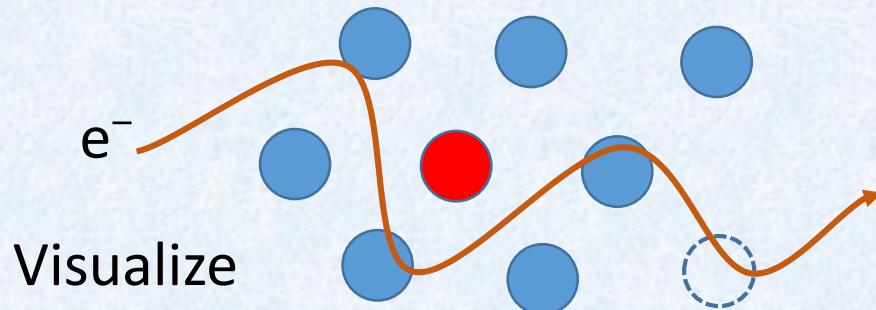
# Motivation

E.g. / Tri-gate transistor



- Transmission
- Total current
- Conductance

Spatial information



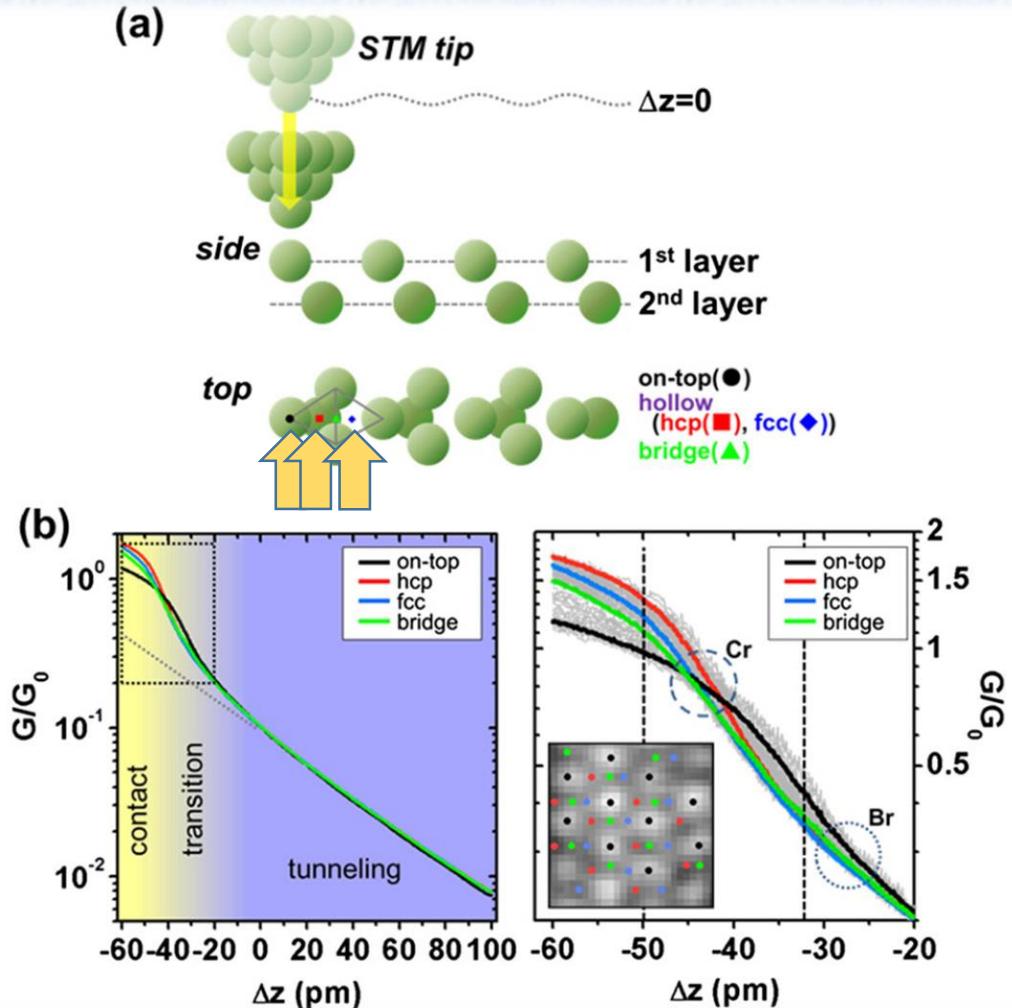
Real-space picture for the conducting phenomena in a nano device

- Eigenchannels
- Real-space current density

OpenMX and **Software Advancement project@ISSP**

# Conductance evolution and tip position

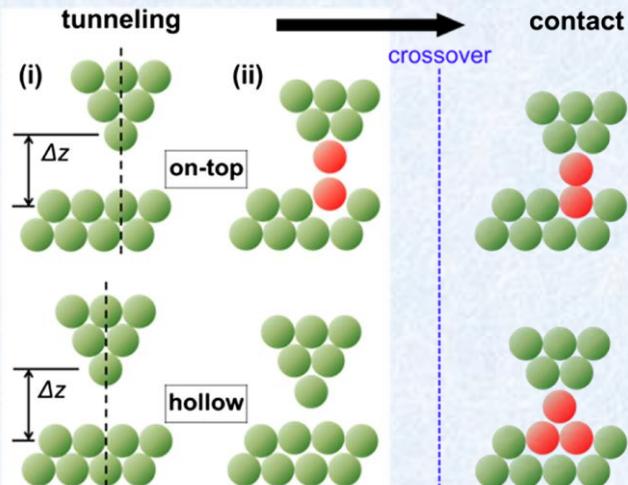
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On-top: The **first-layer** Pb atom lies just under the tip.

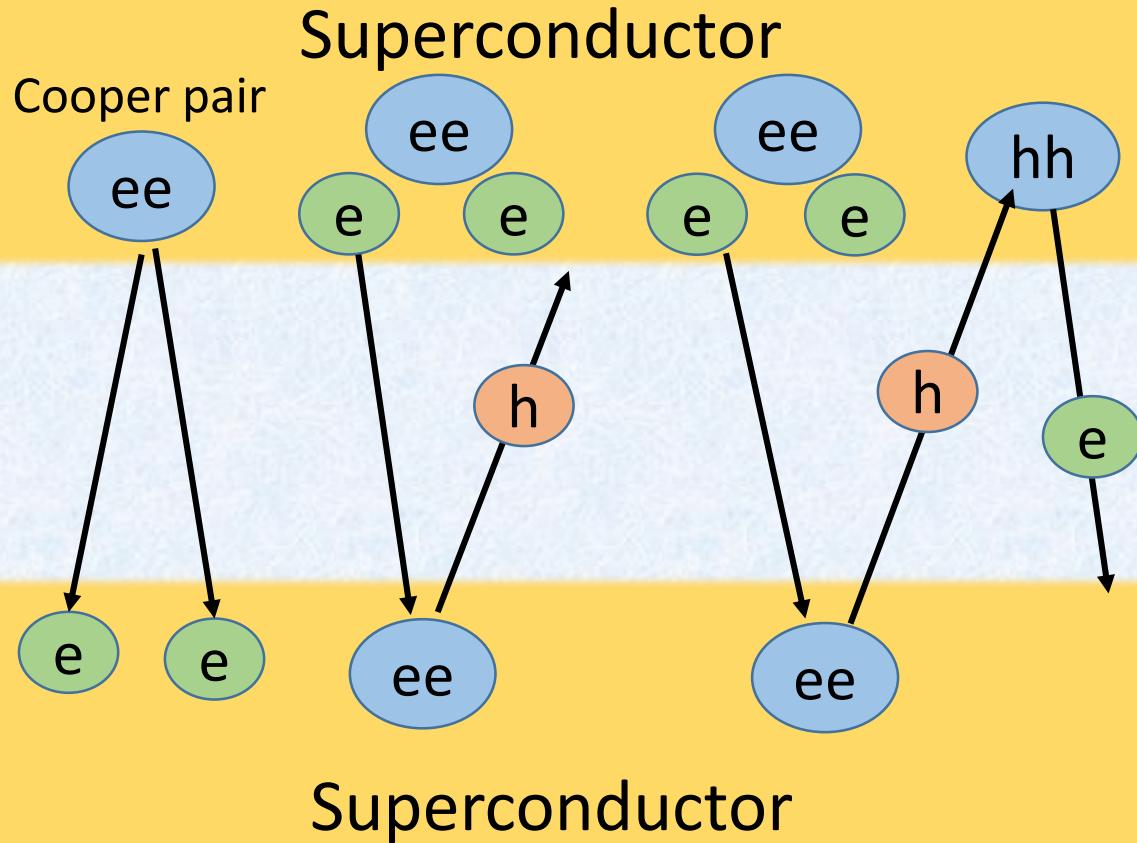
hcp: The **second-layer** Pb atom lies just under the tip.  
3 nearest neighbor atoms on the surface.

fcc: The **third-layer** Pb atom lies just under the tip.



# Eigenchannel in the STM experiment

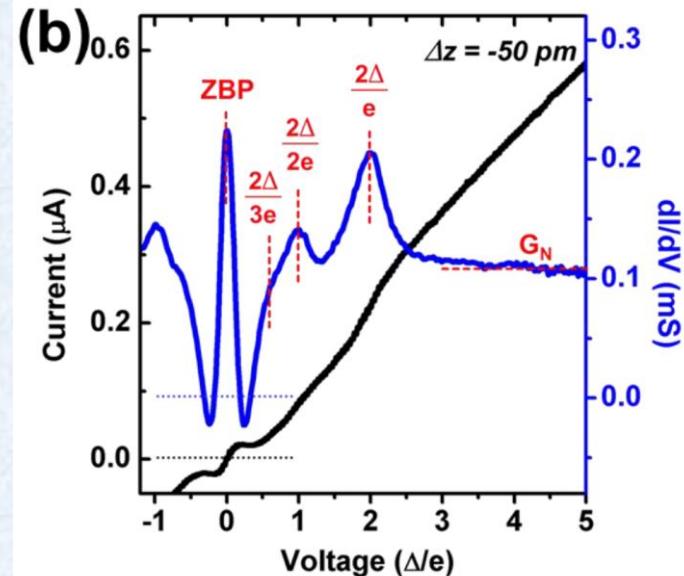
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$$\frac{2\Delta}{e}$$

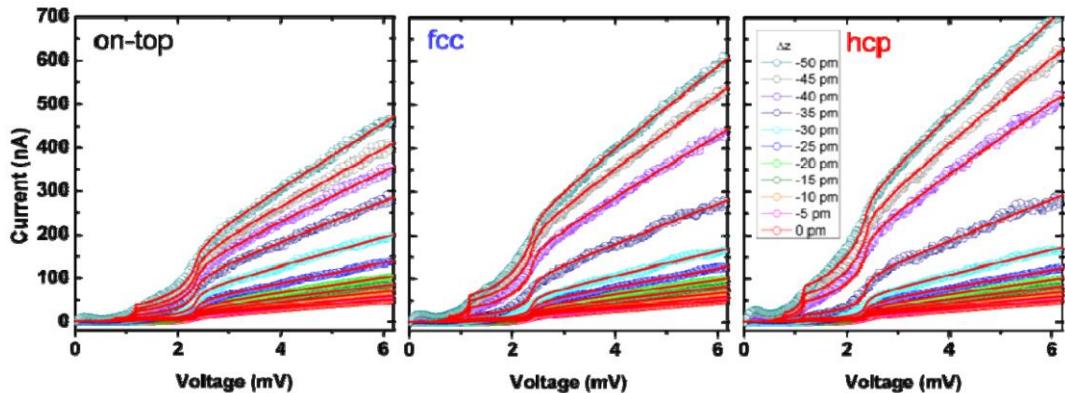
$$\frac{2\Delta}{2e}$$

$$\frac{2\Delta}{3e}$$



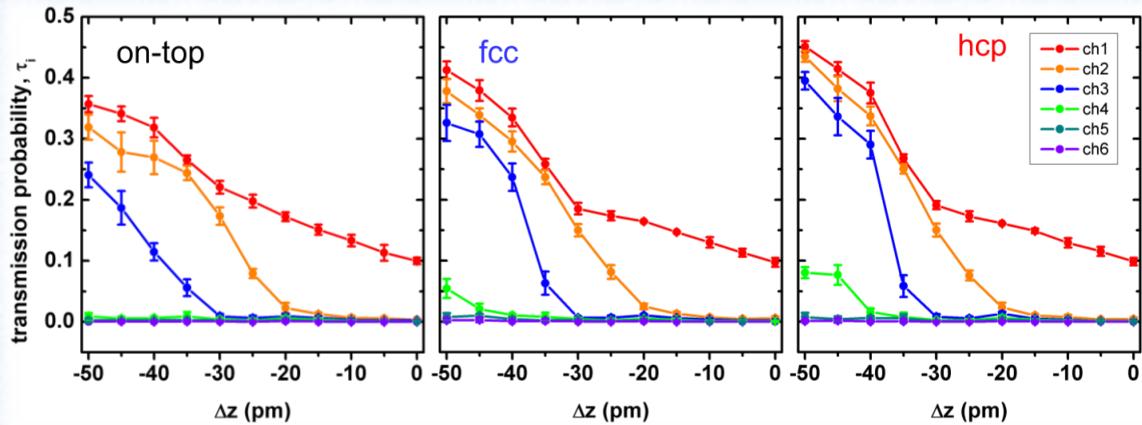
# Observed channel and Objective

Fit : Multiple Andreev reflection formula → observed I-V



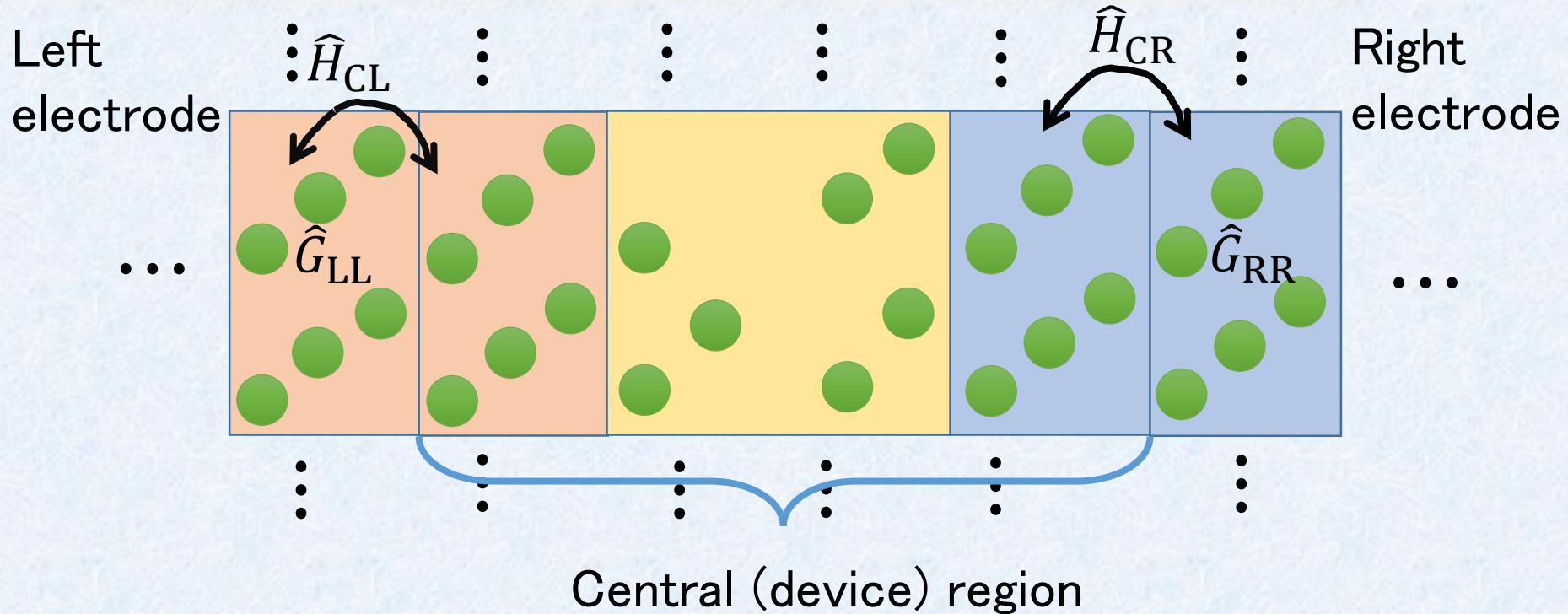
fcc vs hcp

Character of each channel  
(atomic orbital, spatial distribution)



Microscopic picture  
from a first-principles calculation

# Transmission between semi-infinite electrode



$$\hat{G}_C(E) = \{E - \hat{H}_C - \hat{\Sigma}_L(E) - \hat{\Sigma}_R(E)\}^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_L(E) = (E - \hat{H}_{CL})\hat{G}_{LL}(E - \hat{H}_{LC})$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE [G_C(r, r, E + i0) - G_C(r, r, E - i0)]f(\mu - E)$$

$\hat{H}_C$

$V_{KS}(r)$

$\rho_{\text{periodic}}(r)$

# Conductance and eigenchannel

Current

$$J = \int \frac{dE}{2\pi} \text{Tr}[\hat{T}(E)] \{f(E - \mu_L) - f(E - \mu_R)\}$$

$$\hat{T}(E) = \hat{G}_C(E) \hat{\Gamma}_L(E) \hat{G}_C^\dagger(E) \hat{\Gamma}_R(E)$$

Nearly zero bias →

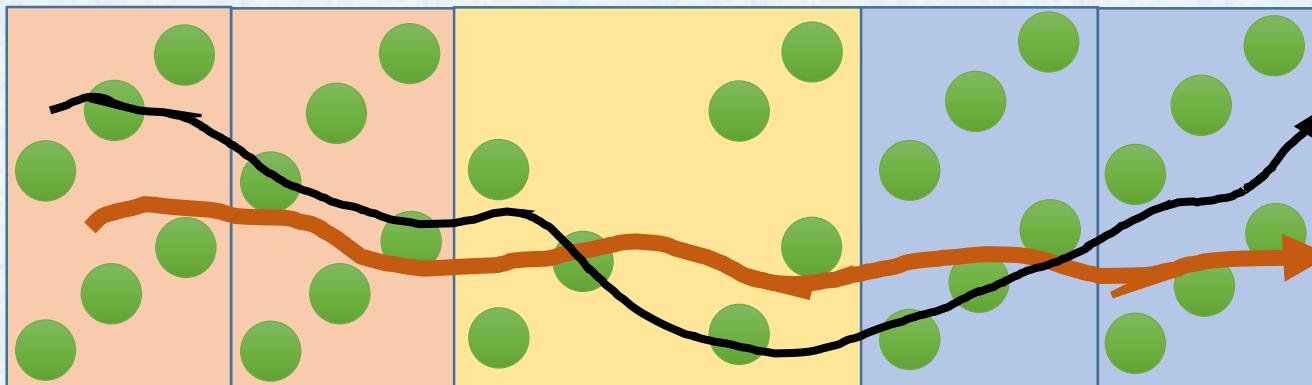
$$J \propto \text{Tr}[\hat{T}(0)](\mu_L - \mu_R)$$

Conductance

Eigenchannel M. Paulsson and M. Brandbyge, PRB 76, 115117 (2007).

$$\hat{T}(E)|t_i(E)\rangle = t_i(E)|t_i(E)\rangle$$

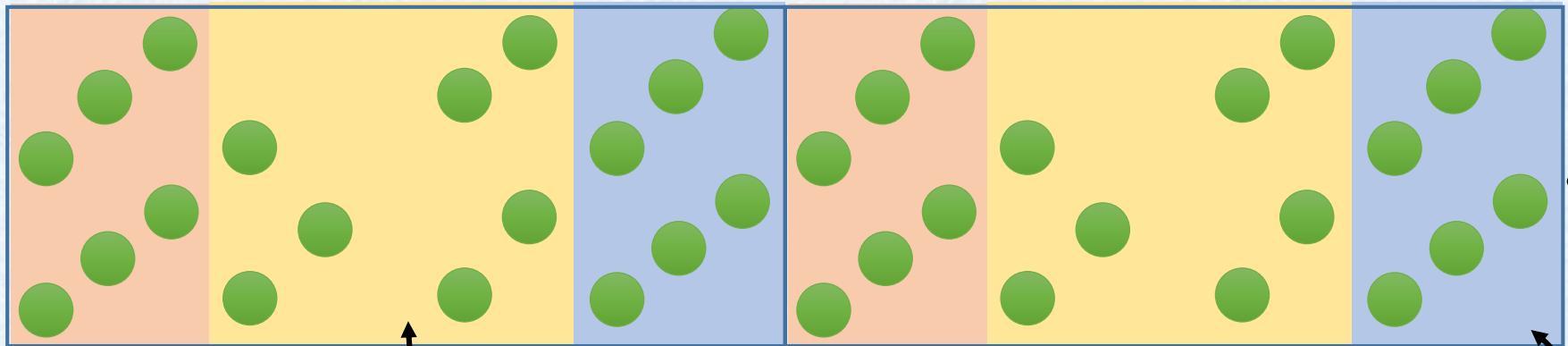
$$\text{Tr}[\hat{T}(E)] = \sum_i t_i$$



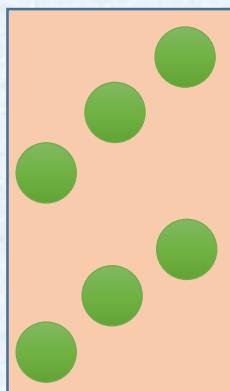
Visualize  
transmission  
path

# Numerical procedure and condition

## (1) Structure optimization of slab model (periodic)



## (2) Electrode(periodic)

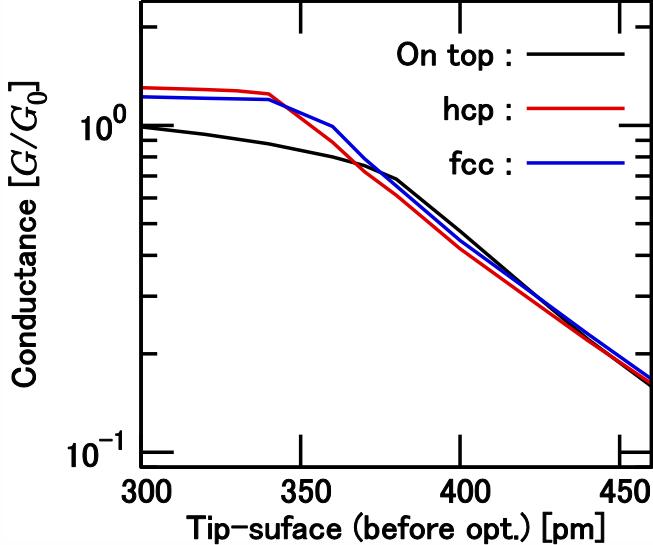
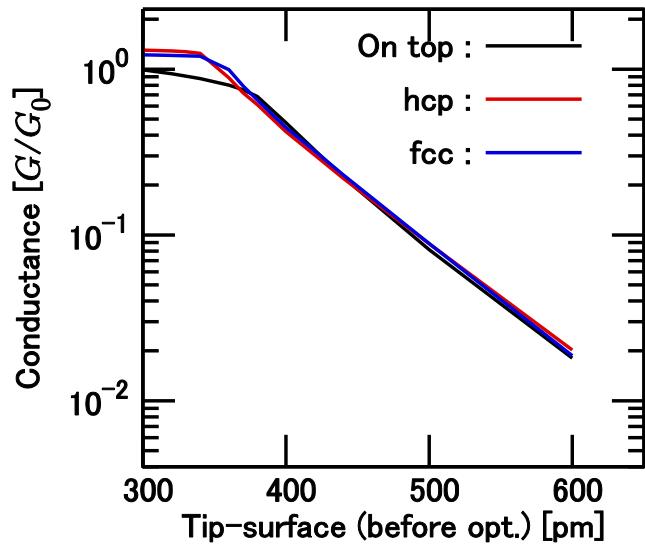


## (3) Device green's function

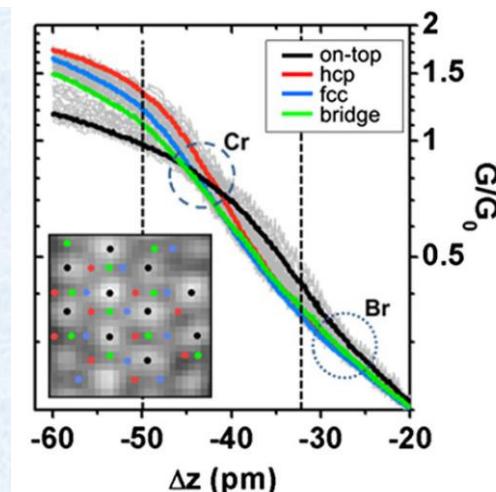
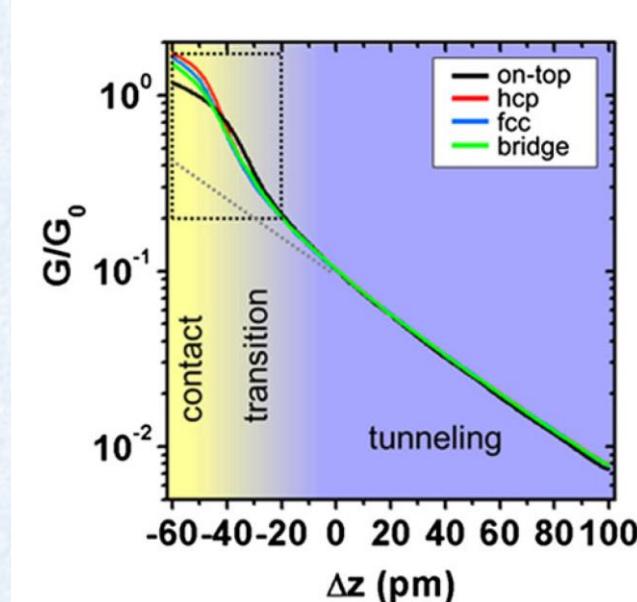
### Numerical conditions

- OpenMX (Localized basis set + Pseudo potential)  
**(Project for advancement of software usability@ISSP)**
- GGA-PBE functional
- $k$  points:  $2 \times 2 \times 1$ (1),  $2 \times 2 \times 200$ (2),  $2 \times 2$ (3)
- Smearing: 1600 K (0.01 Ry)
- Basis: Pb8.0-s3p3d3f2 (Empty atoms on surface)
- Ignore Spin-Orbit interaction

# Conductance

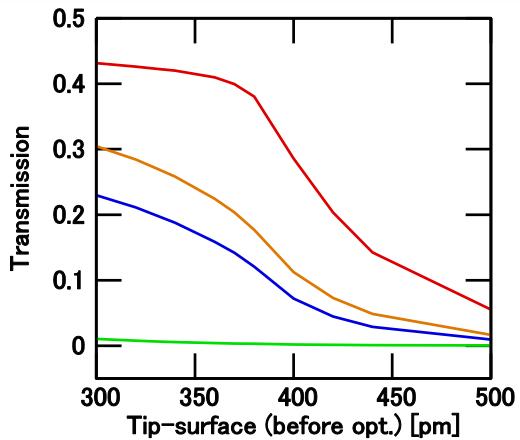


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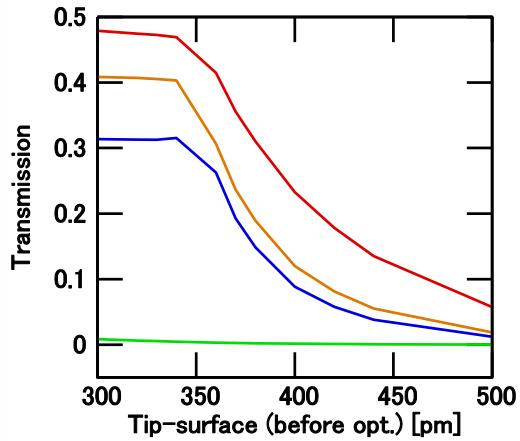


# Transmission probability of each channel

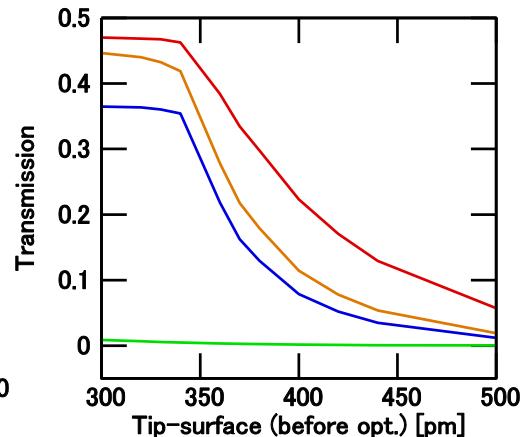
on-top



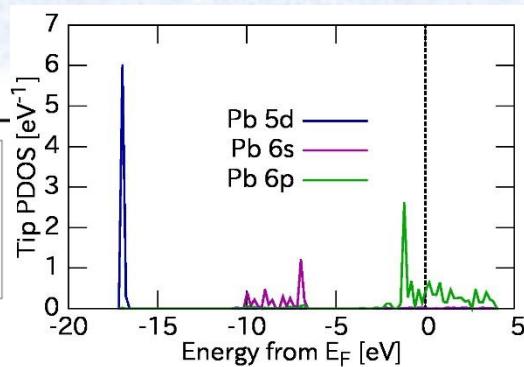
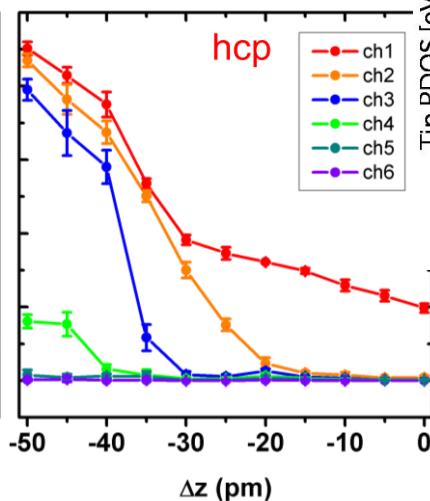
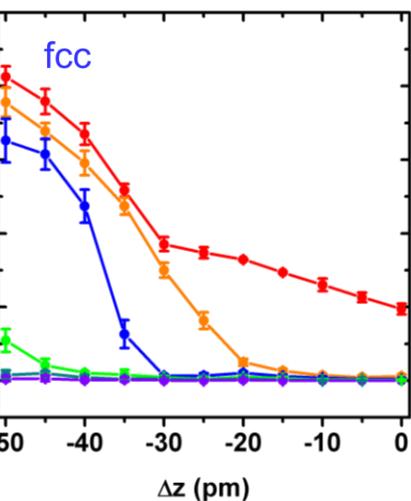
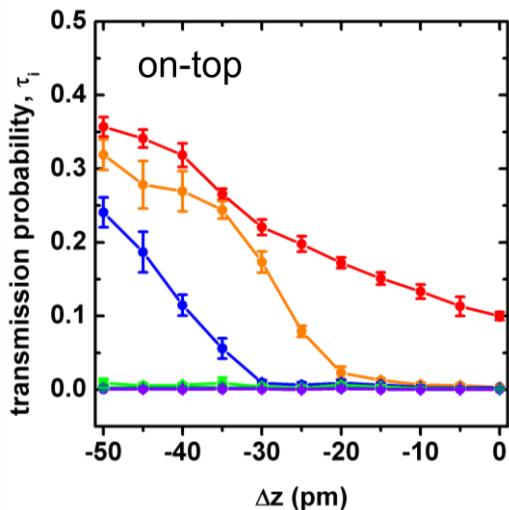
fcc



hcp

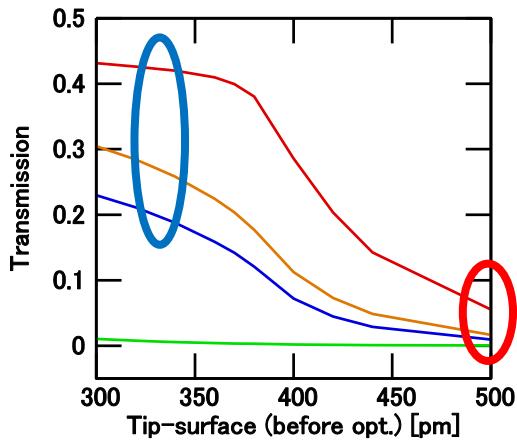


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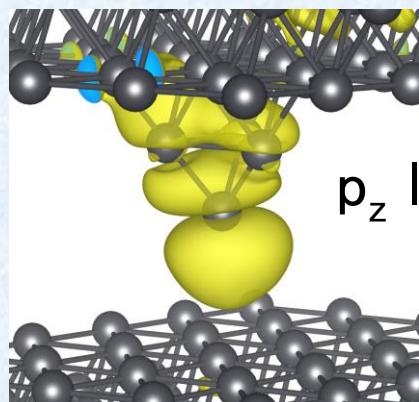
# Eigenchannels (on-top)

on-top

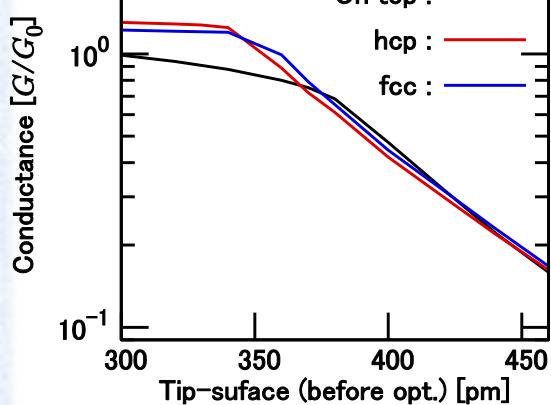
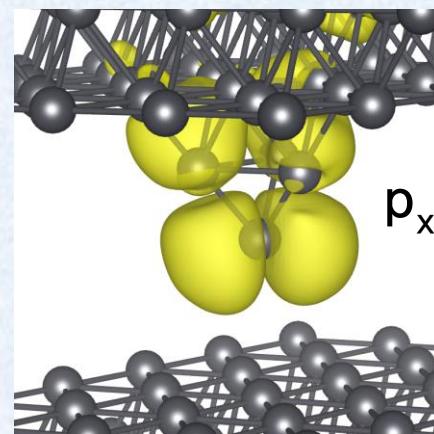


500 nm

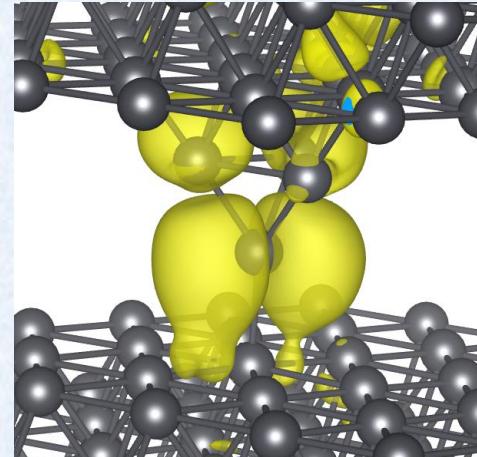
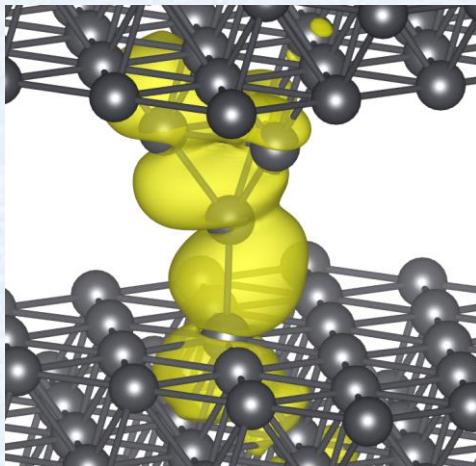
1<sup>st</sup> channel



2<sup>nd</sup> channel



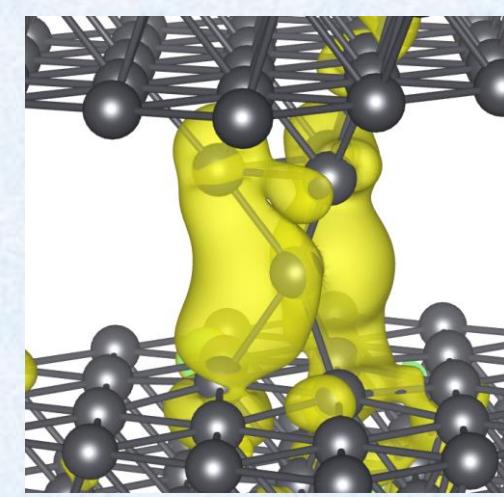
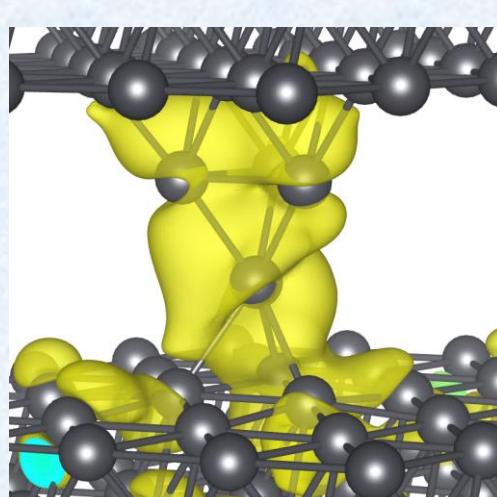
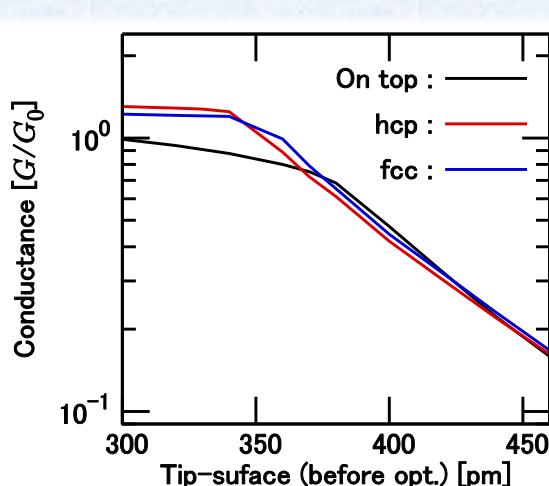
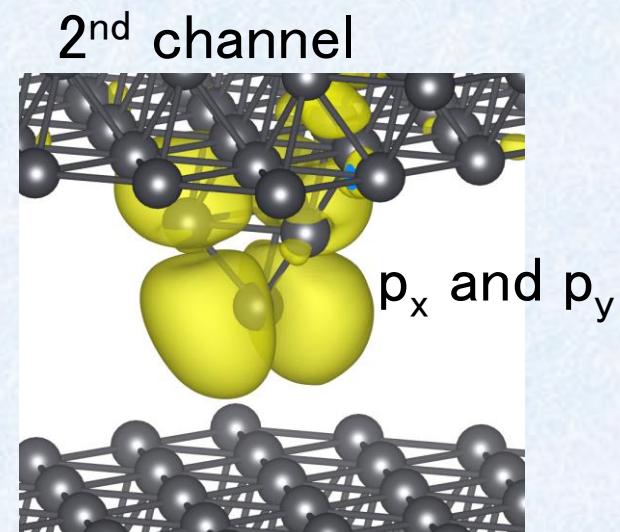
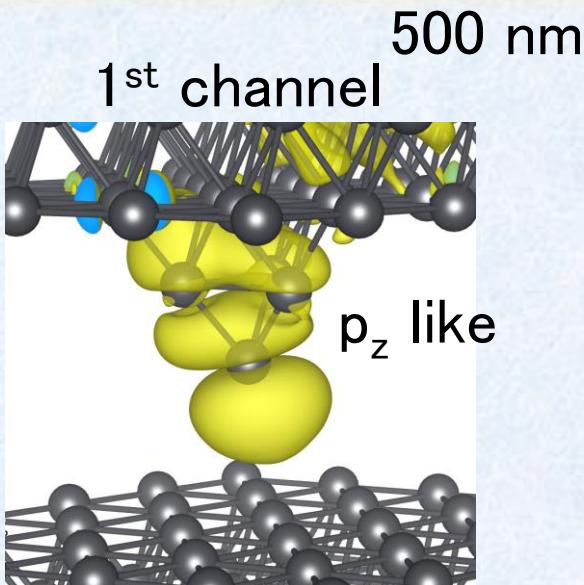
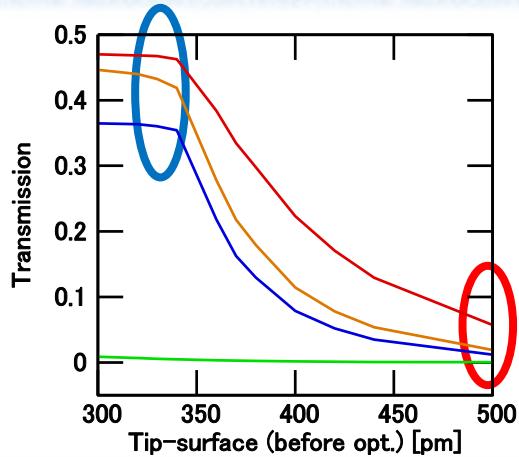
330 nm



The same as 330 nm

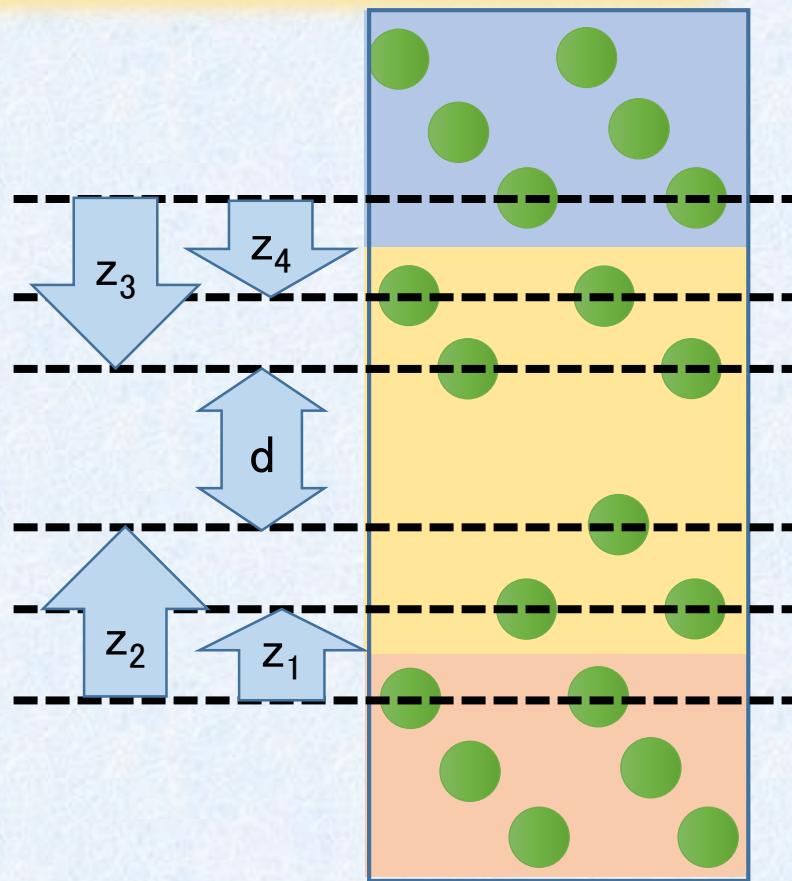
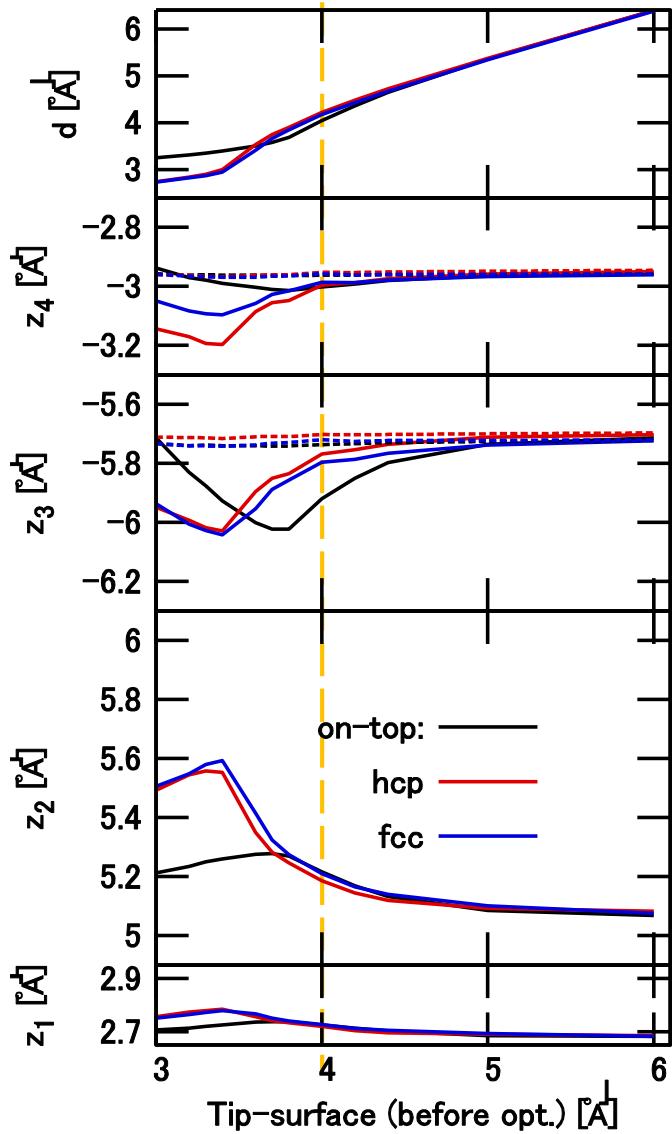
# Eigenchannels (hcp)

hcp



Hybridization with the surface orbital

# Optimized structure (height of each layer)



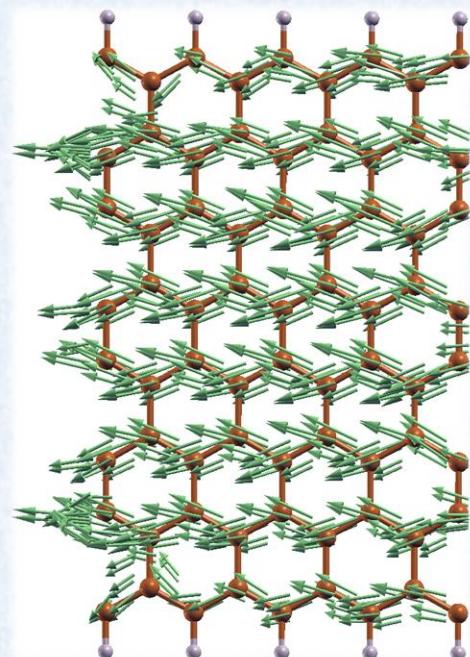
About 4 Å: **on-top** has narrowest tip-surface  
 4 Å ~ 3 Å: Attraction of tip-surface  
**hcp/fcc > on-top**

# Summary 1

- ◆ We implemented a function for calculating eigenchannels in OpenMX ([Project for advancement of software usage@ISSP](#)).
- ◆ Conductance and eigenchannels in STM experiment of Pb(111)surface–Pb tip are reproduced semi-quantitatively.
- ◆ We explained the relation between spatial distribution of eigenchannels and tip–surface structure.

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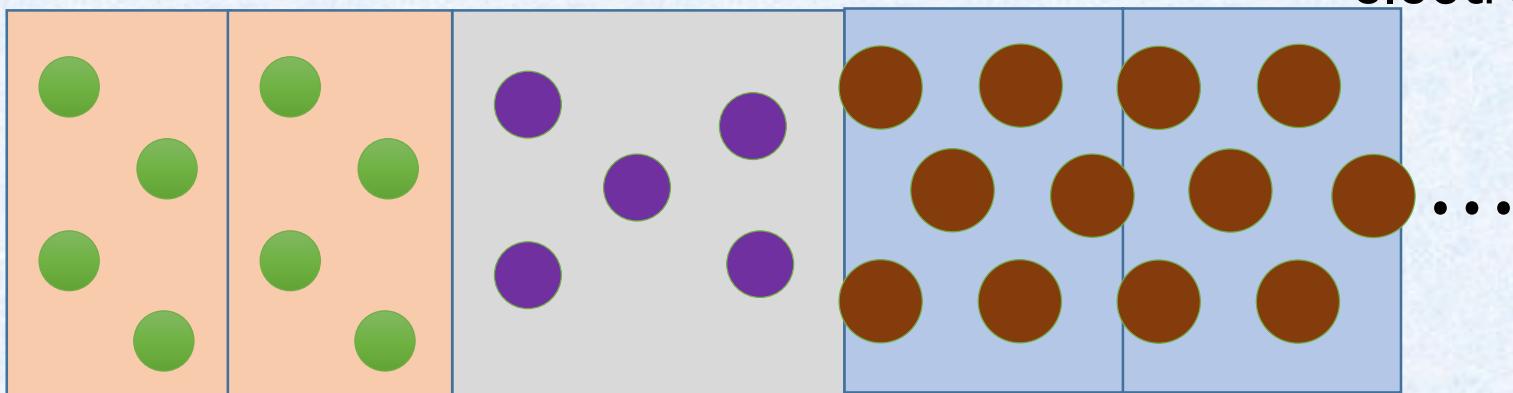
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# Currentdensity in nanosystem

$$J(r) = \frac{i}{2} \sum [ \psi_i(r) \nabla \psi_i^*(r) - \psi_i^*(r) \nabla \psi_i(r) ]$$

Left  
electrode



Right  
electrode

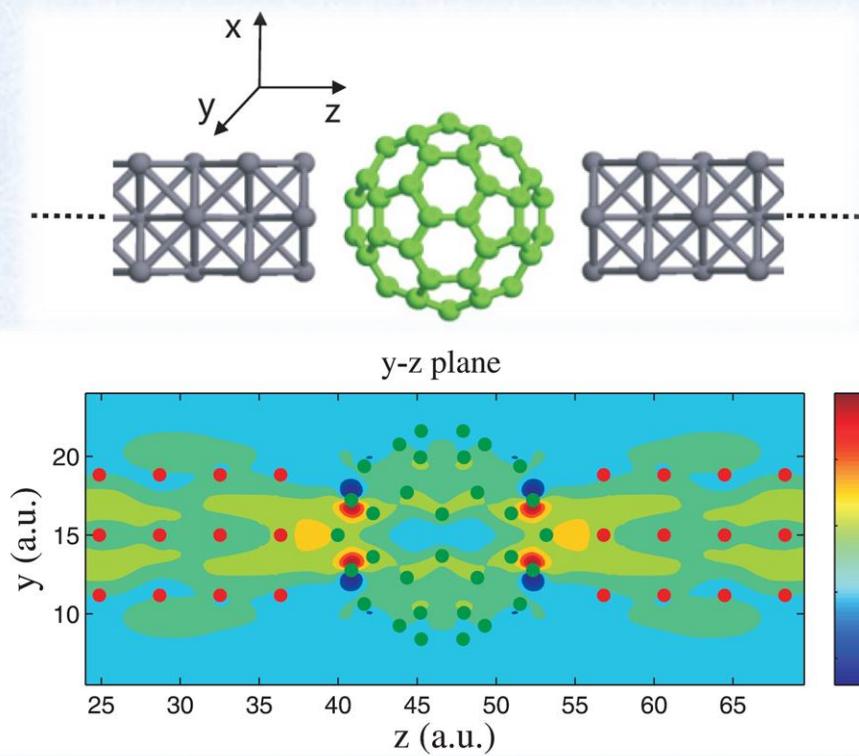
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+ Correction for the  
Non-local potential

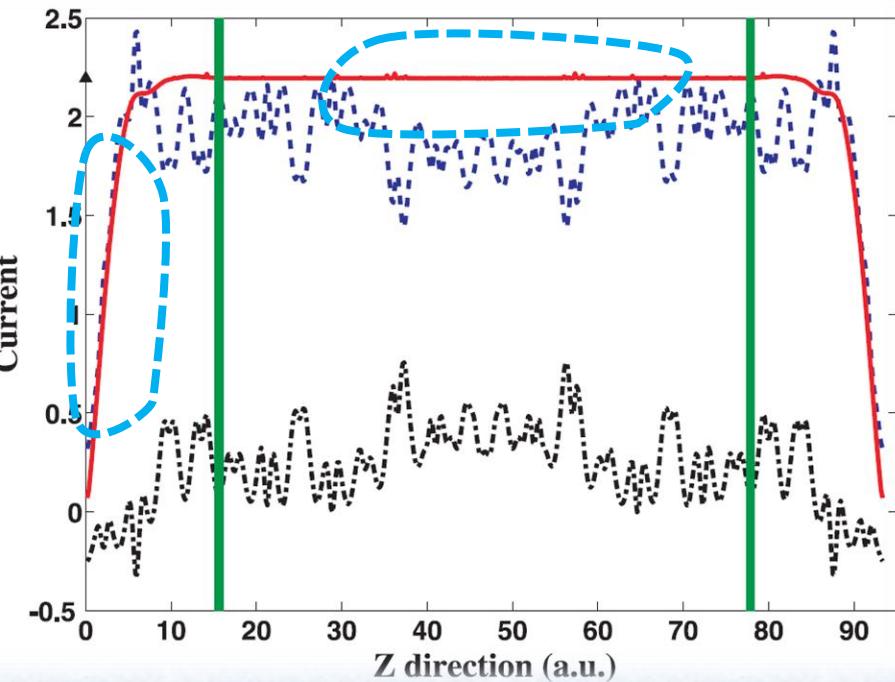
Hybrid functional

Pseudopotentials  $\sum B_{ij} |\beta_i\rangle\langle\beta_j|$

# Conventional method



Lei Zhang, et al., PRB 84, 115412 (2011).



- Source and drain from electrodes
- Identical to the result of the Landauer formula at the center

In practice, it is hard for OpenMX

Objective: Avoiding this difficulty.

# Currentdensity with non-local potential

$$i \frac{\partial \psi(r, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{-\nabla^2}{2} \psi(r, t) + \int d^3 r' V(r, r') \psi(r', t) \quad (1)$$

With **non-local potential**

Hybrid functional

$$\psi^*(r, t) \times (1) - \psi(r, t) \times (1)^*$$

Pseudopotentials

$$-\frac{\partial \rho(r, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot J_{\text{Loc}}(r, t) + \rho_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t) \quad \sum B_{ij} |\beta_i\rangle\langle\beta_j|$$

$$J_{\text{Loc}}(r, t) \equiv \frac{i}{2} [\psi(r, t) \nabla \psi^*(r, t) - \psi^*(r, t) \nabla \psi(r, t)]$$

$$\rho_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t) \equiv i \int d^3 r' V(r, r') \psi(r', t) \psi^*(r, t) - \text{c. c.}$$

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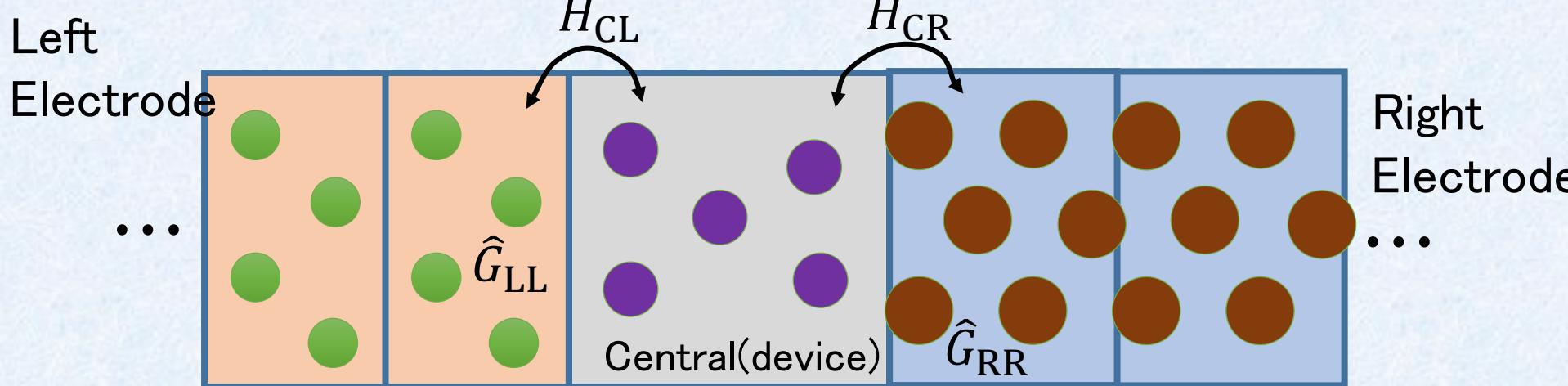
$$J_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t) \equiv \nabla \cdot \varphi_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t)$$

$$-\frac{\partial \rho(r, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot [J_{\text{Loc}}(r, t) + J_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t)] \quad \nabla^2 \varphi_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t) = \rho_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t)$$

Poisson eq.

method

# Currentdensity in NEGF



L. V. Keldysh, Sov. Phys. JETP 20, 1018 (1965). T. Ozaki, et al., PRB 81, 035116 (2010).

$$\hat{G}_C(E) = \{E - \hat{H}_C - \hat{\Sigma}_L(E) - \hat{\Sigma}_R(E)\}^{-1}$$

Total current:

$$J = \int \frac{dE}{2\pi} \text{Tr}[\hat{G}_C(E) \hat{\Gamma}_L(E) \hat{G}_C(E) \hat{\Gamma}_R(E)] \{f(E - \mu_L) - f(E - \mu_R)\}$$

$$\hat{\Gamma}_L \equiv \text{Im}[\hat{\Sigma}_L] \quad \hat{\Sigma}_L(E) = (E - \hat{H}_{CL}) \hat{G}_{LL} (E - \hat{H}_{LC})$$

Currentdensity:

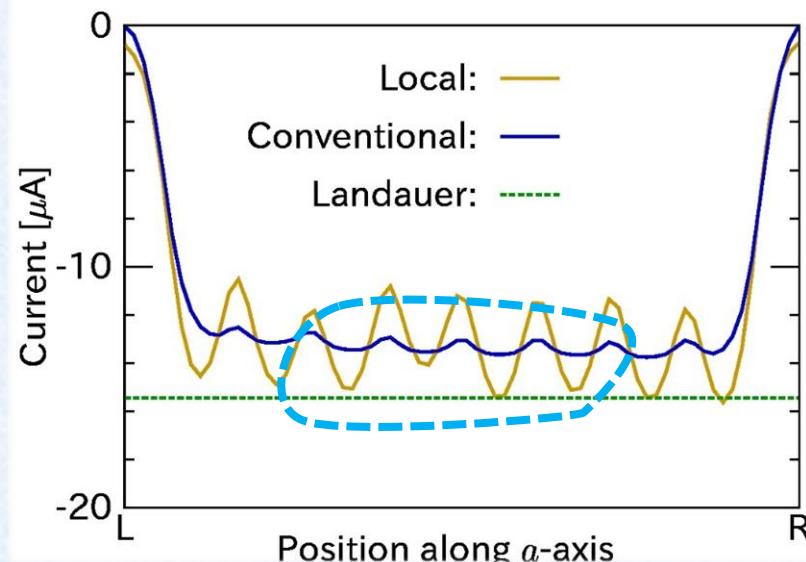
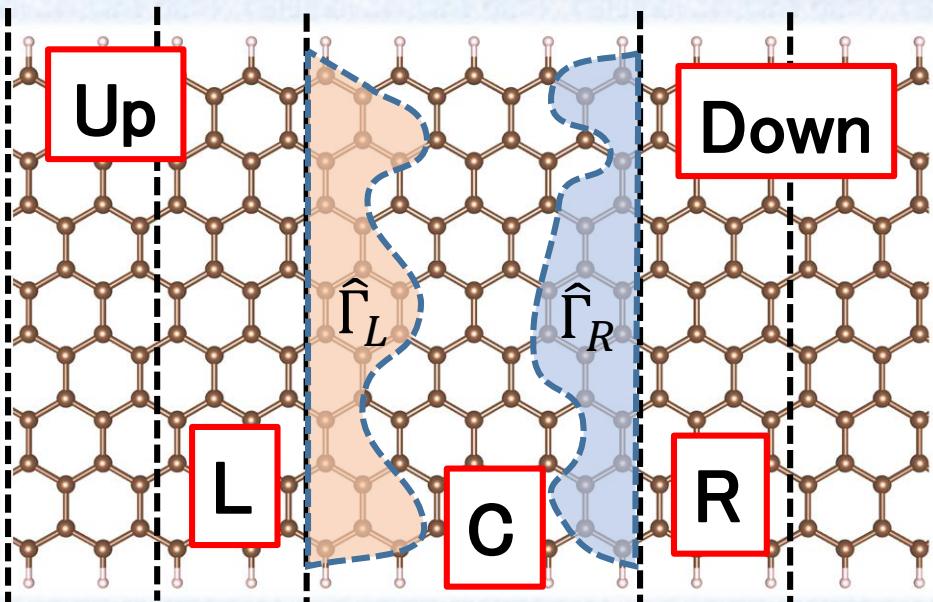
$$J_{\text{Loc}}(r) = \sum_{ij} [\hat{G}_C \hat{\Gamma}_R \hat{G}_C]_{ij} [\chi_j(r) \nabla \chi_i(r) - \chi_i(r) \nabla \chi_j(r)] [f(E - \mu_L) - f(E - \mu_R)]$$

$$\rho_{\text{NLoc}}(r) = -2 \sum_{ij} [\hat{V} \hat{G}_C \hat{\Gamma}_R \hat{G}_C]_{ij} \chi_i(r) \chi_j(r) [f(E - \mu_L) - f(E - \mu_R)]$$

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method

## Result of the conventional method

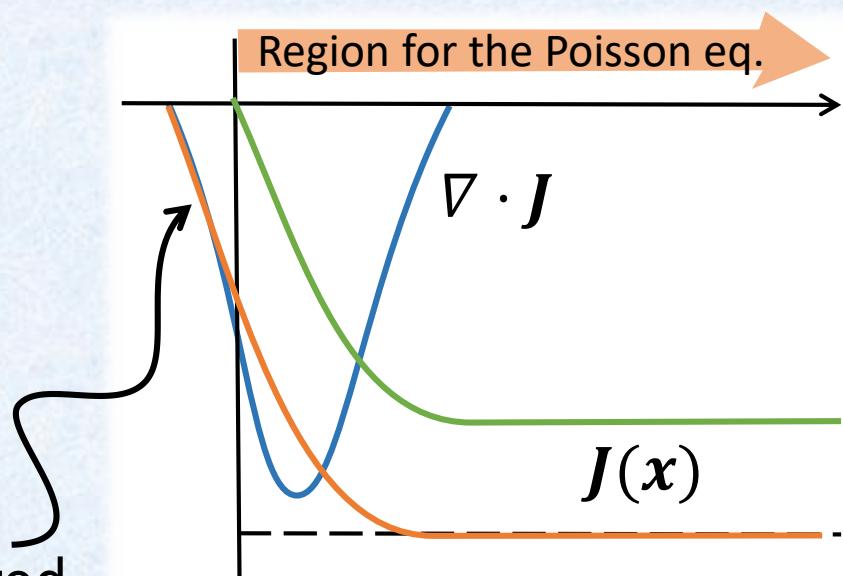


Inconsistent with the Landauer formula

Source and drain  
by the coupling to electrodes  
 $\nabla \cdot J$  is given

$$J(x) = J(0) + \int_0^x dx' \frac{dJ(x')}{dx'}$$

Contribution from this region is ignored



# Solution

Obtain  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}$  through a different route

the continuity equation

$$-\frac{\partial \rho(r, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_{\text{Loc}}(r, t) + \rho_{\text{NLoc}}(r, t)$$

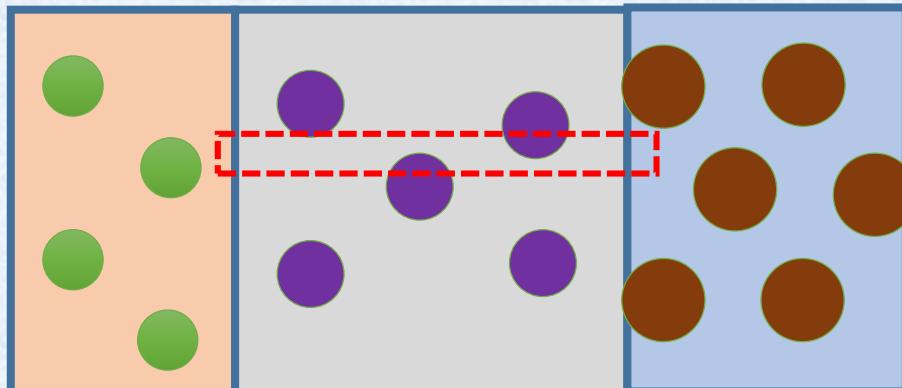
In the steady state

$$\rho_{\text{NLoc}}(r) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_{\text{Loc}}(r)$$

Boundary condition for the Poisson eq.

$$J = \int \frac{dE}{2\pi} \{f(E - \mu_L) - f(E - \mu_R)\} \sum_{ij} [\hat{G}_C(E) \hat{\Gamma}_L(E) \hat{G}_C(E) \hat{\Gamma}_R(E)]_{ij} \int d^2x_\perp \chi_i(r) \chi_j(r)$$

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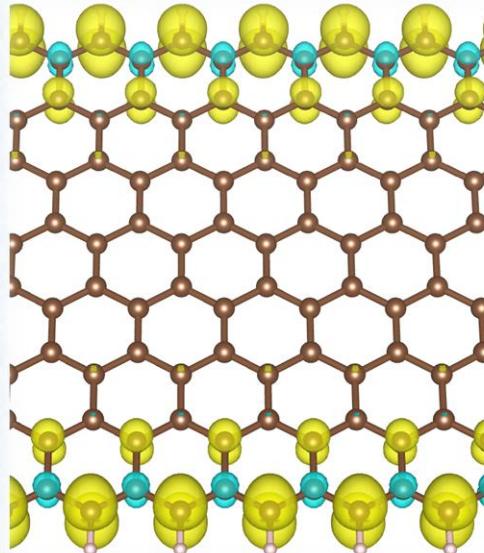
Force identical to the Landauer formula at boundaries



Identical in whole region

result

# 8-Zigzag graphene nanoribbon



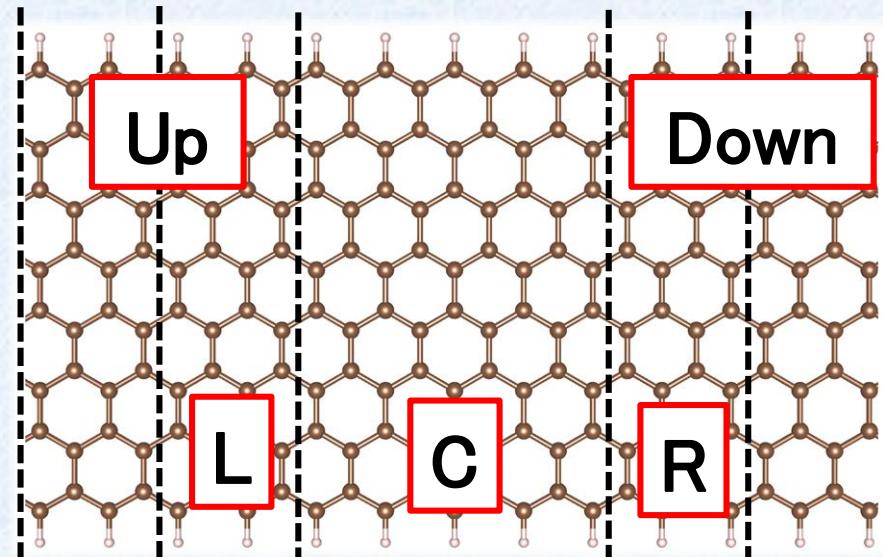
## Numerical conditions

- OpenMX ([Software Advancement Project@ISSP](#))
- LDA-PZ functional
- Norm-conserving PP
- Basis: C5.0-s2p1, H5.0-s2
- PW cutoff (Poisson eq.): 120 Ry
- Smearing: 300 K

Magnetization:  $0.24\mu_B$  /edge/cell

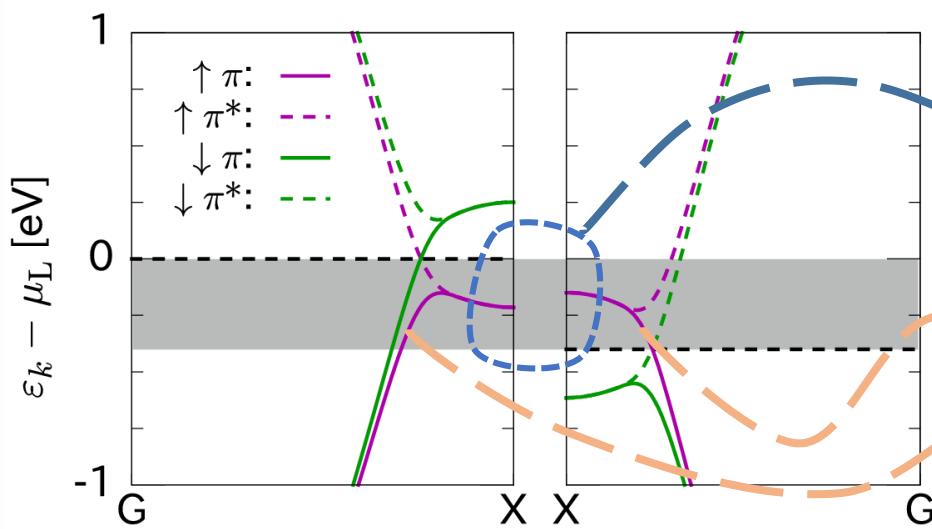
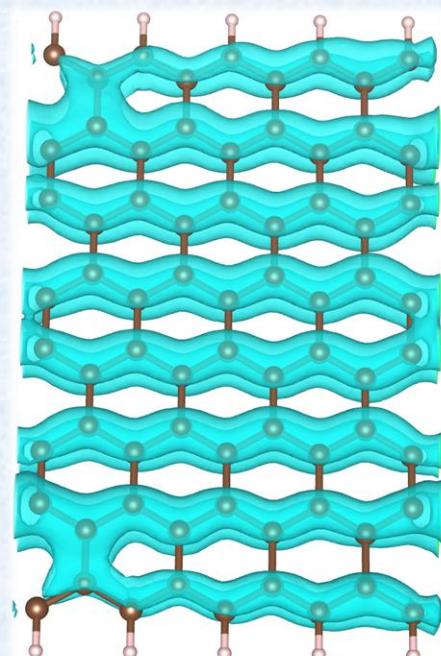
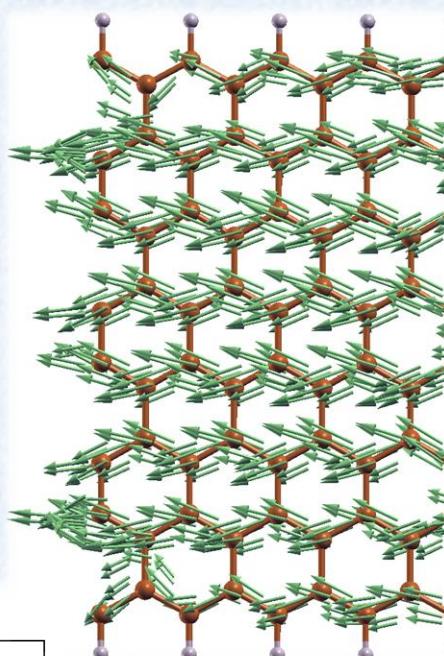
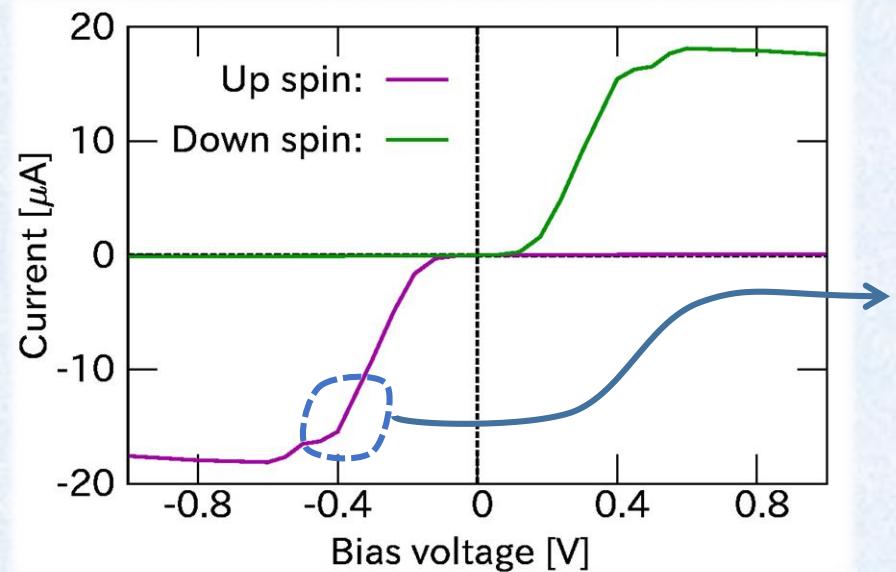
- Magnetic moment at edges
- Spin filter effect (Domain wall)

T. Ozaki, et al., PRB 81, 075422 (2010).



result

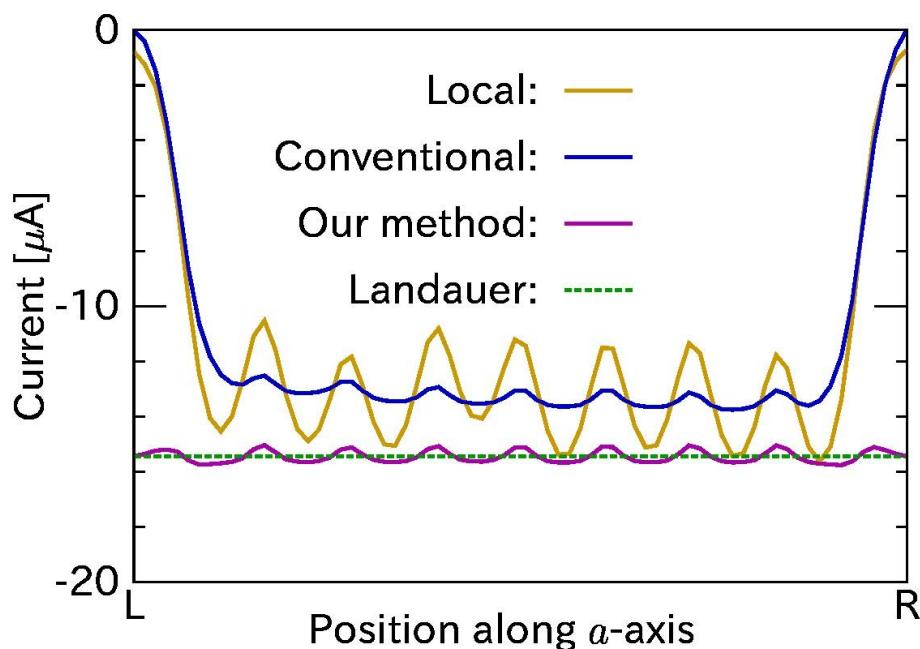
# Currentdensity



Localized at edge

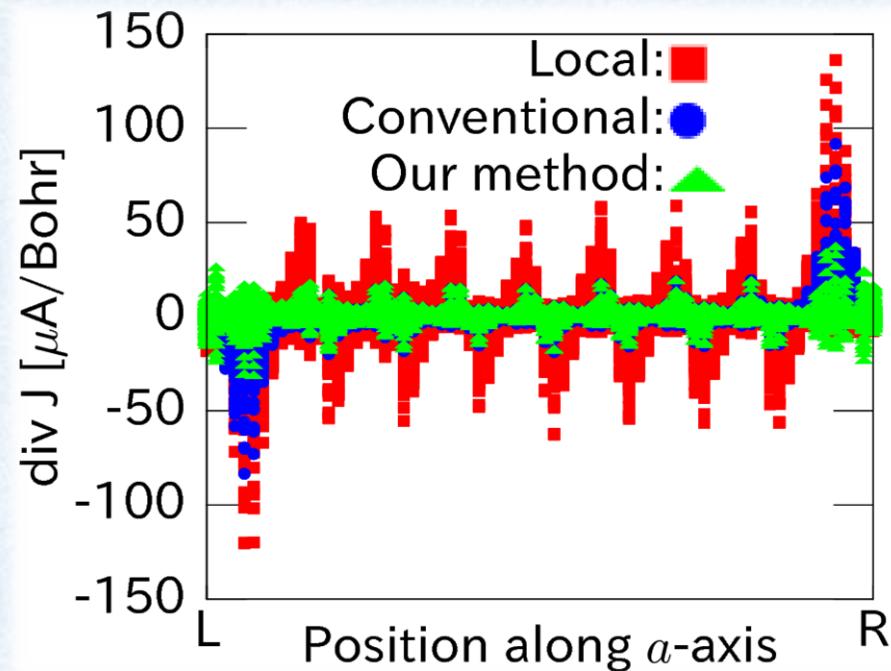
Delocalized

# Conservation of currentdensity



Conserved currentdensity

Local: Effect of non-local potential in the vicinity of C atoms.  
Our method: Identical to the Landauer formula at each slice.

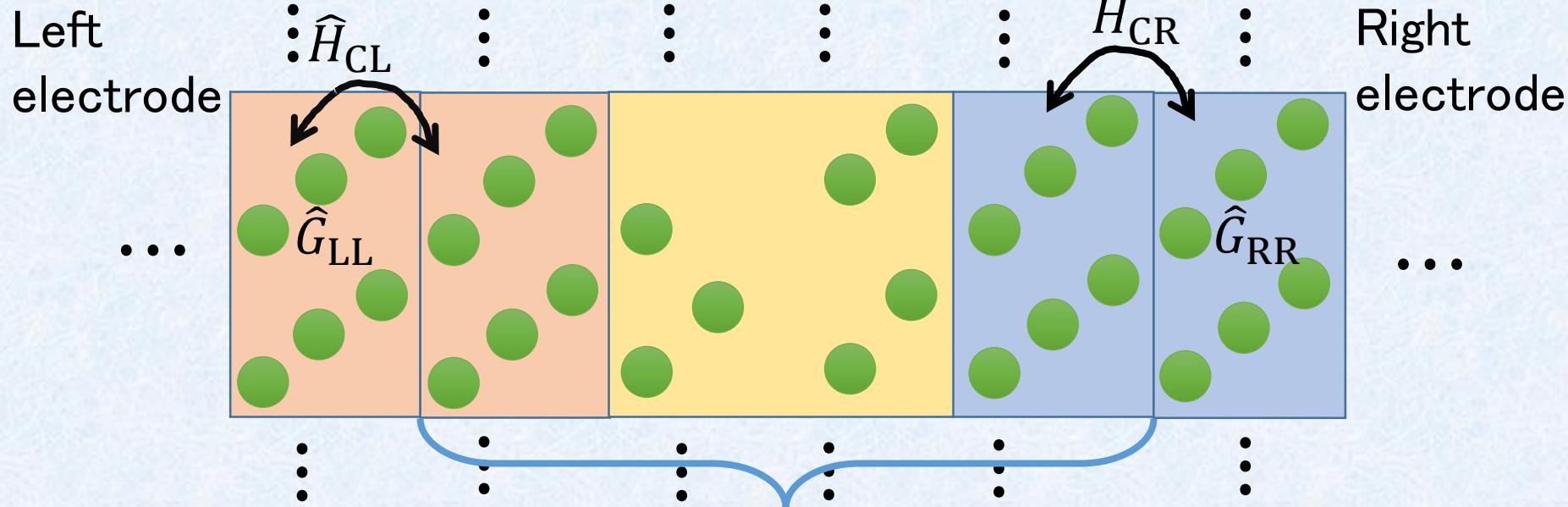


## Summary

- ◆ When we implement the conventional method for the currentdensity into OpenMX, there is a difficulty in the Poisson equation for computing non-local current.
- ◆ We developed a new method for computing non-local term with the aid of the continuity equation. And we implement this method into OpenMX (**Software advancement project**).
- ◆ We applied this method to 8-Zigzag graphene nanoribbon.
- ◆ Targets
  - ◆ (Anisotropic) tunnel magneto-resistance device.
  - ◆ Graphene (nanoribbon)
  - ◆ SiC
  - ◆ Etc...
- We can also compute the non-collinear spin currentdensity  
 $J_{\sigma\sigma'}(r)$      $3 \times 3$  matrix at each spatial point(spin  $\times$  velocity)

# Transmission between semi-infinite electrode

theory



Central (device) region

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{H}_L & \hat{H}_{LC} & 0 \\ \hat{H}_{CL} & \hat{H}_C & \hat{H}_{CR} \\ 0 & \hat{H}_{RC} & \hat{H}_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\psi_L\rangle \\ |\psi_C\rangle \\ |\psi_R\rangle \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} |\psi_L\rangle \\ |\psi_C\rangle \\ |\psi_R\rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{H}_L |\varphi_n\rangle = E |\varphi_n\rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\psi_L\rangle \\ |\psi_C\rangle \\ |\psi_R\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |\varphi_n\rangle + \hat{G}_{LC}\hat{H}_{CL}|\varphi_n\rangle \\ \hat{G}_C\hat{H}_{CL}|\varphi_n\rangle \\ \hat{G}_{RC}\hat{H}_{CL}|\varphi_n\rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{G}_L & \hat{G}_{LC} & \hat{G}_{LR} \\ \hat{G}_{CL} & \hat{G}_C & \hat{G}_{CR} \\ \hat{G}_{RL} & \hat{G}_{RC} & \hat{G}_R \end{pmatrix} \equiv \left[ E - \begin{pmatrix} \hat{H}_L & \hat{H}_{LC} & 0 \\ \hat{H}_{CL} & \hat{H}_C & \hat{H}_{CR} \\ 0 & \hat{H}_{RC} & \hat{H}_R \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1}$$

# Detail for calculating eigenchannel

$|t_i(E)\rangle$ : Special superposition of

M. Paulsson and M. Brandbyge, PRB 76, 115117 (2007).

$$\hat{A}_L \hat{\Gamma}_R |t_i\rangle = t_i |t_i\rangle \quad \begin{matrix} \hat{G}_C \hat{\Gamma}_L \hat{G}_C^\dagger \\ \text{Spectral function} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Hermite} \end{matrix}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \hat{A}_L |a_i\rangle = a_i |a_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}_L^{1/2} \equiv (\sqrt{a_1} |a_1\rangle, \dots, \sqrt{a_N} |a_N\rangle)$$

$$\hat{A}_L^{1/2} \hat{A}_L^{1/2\dagger} \hat{\Gamma}_R \hat{A}_L^{1/2} \hat{A}_L^{-1/2} |t_i\rangle = t_i \hat{A}_L^{1/2} \hat{A}_L^{-1/2} |t_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{\tilde{\Gamma}}_R |\tilde{t}_i\rangle = t_i |\tilde{t}_i\rangle \quad \text{In the real space}$$

$$|t_i\rangle = \hat{A}_L^{1/2} |\tilde{t}_i\rangle \quad \xrightarrow{\text{In OpenMX}} \quad t_i(r) = [\chi_1(r), \dots, \chi_N(r)] |t_i\rangle$$

$$\int d^3r \chi_i(r) \chi_j(r) \neq \delta_{ij}$$

# Löwdin orthogonalizations

The Kohn-Sham eqn. in the **non-orthogonal basis space**

$$\hat{H}|\varphi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i \hat{S}|\varphi_i\rangle$$

$$S_{ij} \equiv \int d^3r \chi_i(r) \chi_j(r)$$

Solve directly **Generalized Eigenvalue Problem**

Löwdin ort.

$$\hat{H} \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger} \hat{S}^{1/2\dagger} |\varphi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i \hat{S}^{1/2} \hat{S}^{1/2\dagger} |\varphi_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}|s_i\rangle = s_i|s_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}^{1/2} \equiv (\sqrt{s_1} |s_1\rangle, \dots, \sqrt{s_N} |s_N\rangle)$$

$$\hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger} \equiv (s_1^{-1/2} |s_1\rangle, \dots, s_N^{-1/2} |s_N\rangle)$$

$$\hat{H}|\tilde{\varphi}_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\tilde{\varphi}_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{S}^{-1/2} \hat{H} \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger}$$

$$|\varphi_i\rangle = \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger} |\tilde{\varphi}_i\rangle$$

Others?

# Löwdin ort. for $\hat{G}_C$ , $\hat{\Gamma}$ , $\hat{T}$ , eigenchannels

Hamiltonian	$\hat{\tilde{H}} = \hat{S}^{-1/2} \hat{H} \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger}$	Any vectors
Green's function	$\hat{\tilde{G}} = \hat{S}^{1/2\dagger} \hat{G} \hat{S}^{1/2}$	Basis set
Self energy	$\hat{\tilde{\Gamma}} = \hat{S}^{-1/2} \hat{\Gamma} \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger}$	
Line width	$\tilde{\chi}_n(r) = \sum_n \chi_n(r) [\hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger}]_{n'n}$	
$\hat{\tilde{T}} = \hat{\tilde{G}}_C \hat{\tilde{\Gamma}}_L \hat{\tilde{G}}_C^\dagger \hat{\tilde{\Gamma}}_R = \hat{S}^{1/2\dagger} \hat{G}_C \hat{\Gamma}_L \hat{G}_C^\dagger \hat{\Gamma}_R \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger}$		
 Obtain it in the orthogonal basis space		
$\hat{\tilde{T}}(E)  \tilde{t}_i(E)\rangle = t_i(E)  \tilde{t}_i(E)\rangle$		
 Diagonalize in the orthogonal basis space		
$ t_i\rangle = \hat{S}^{-1/2\dagger}  \tilde{t}_i\rangle$		
Transform to the non-orthogonal basis space		