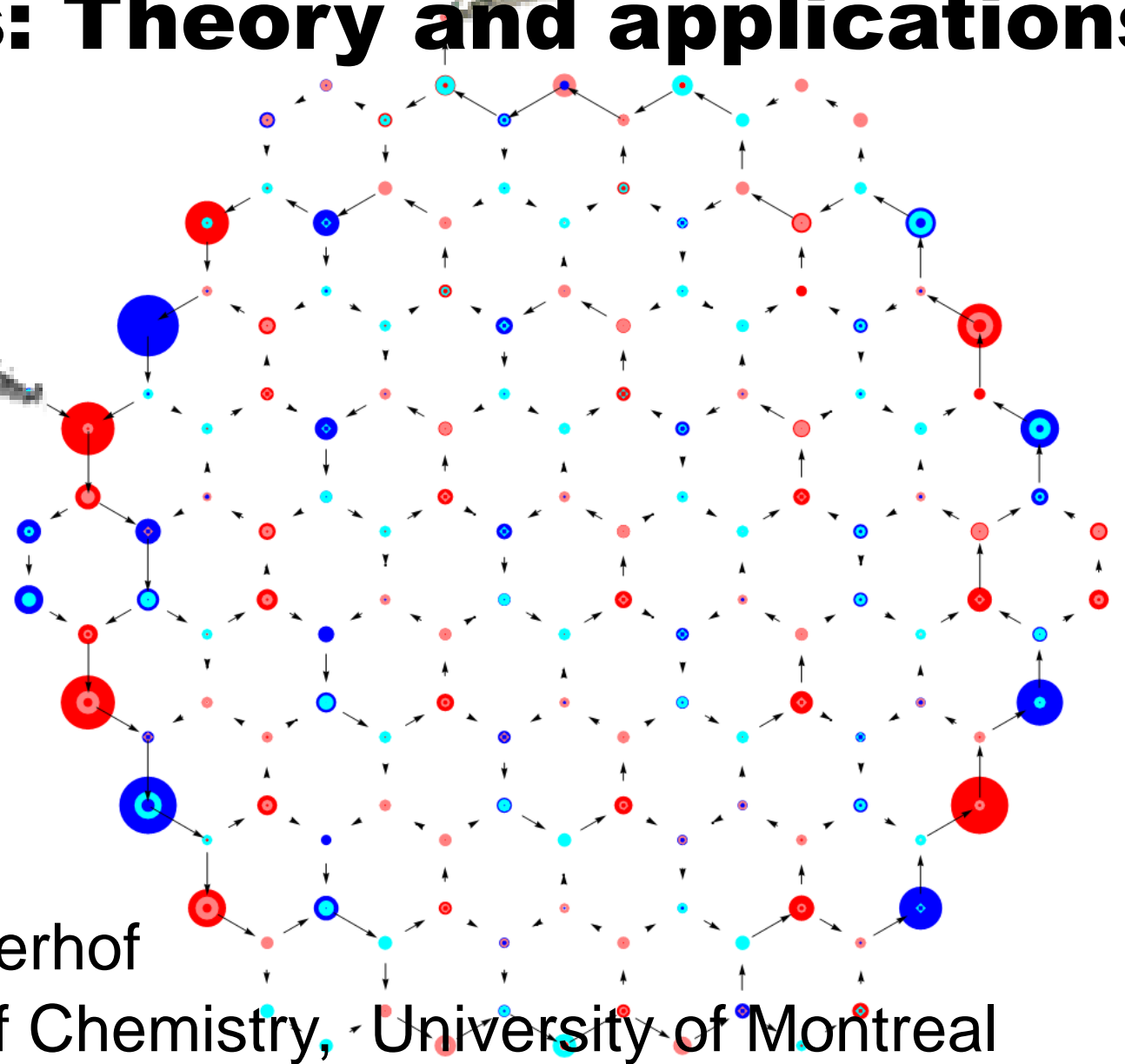


# Density functional theory for open systems: Theory and applications



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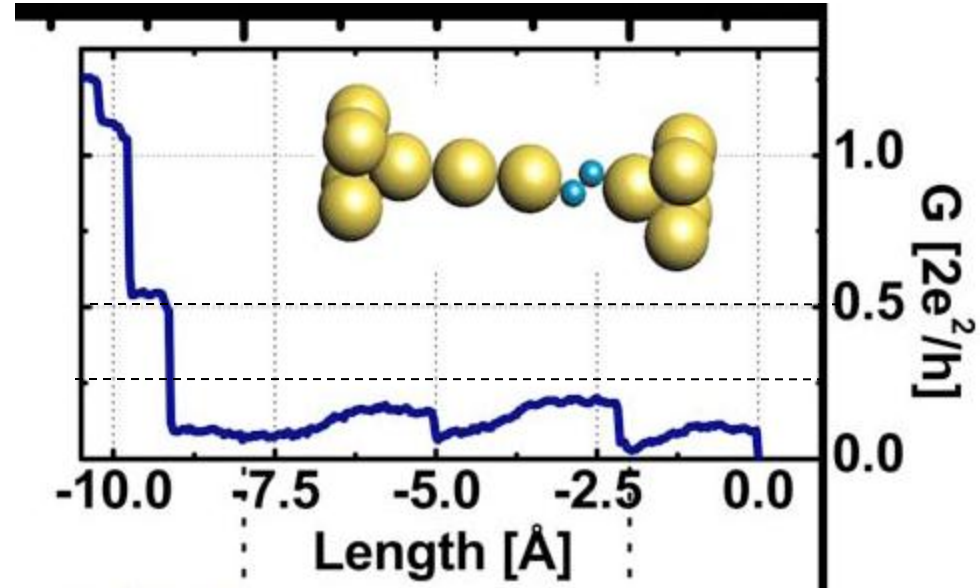
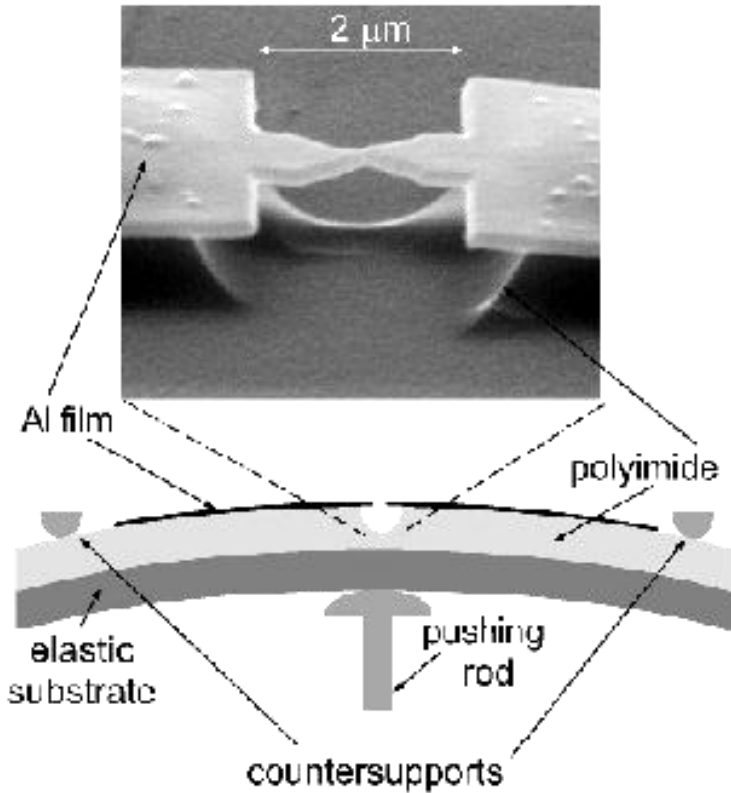
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# Molecular electronics



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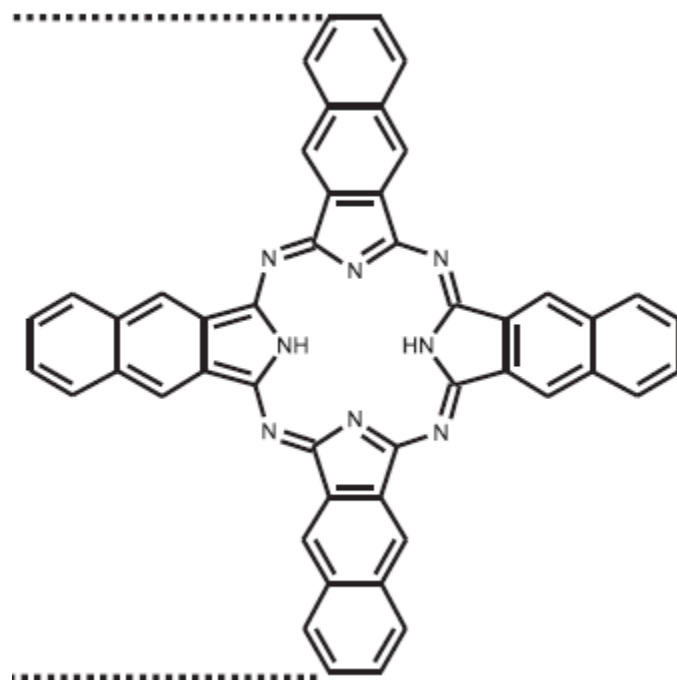
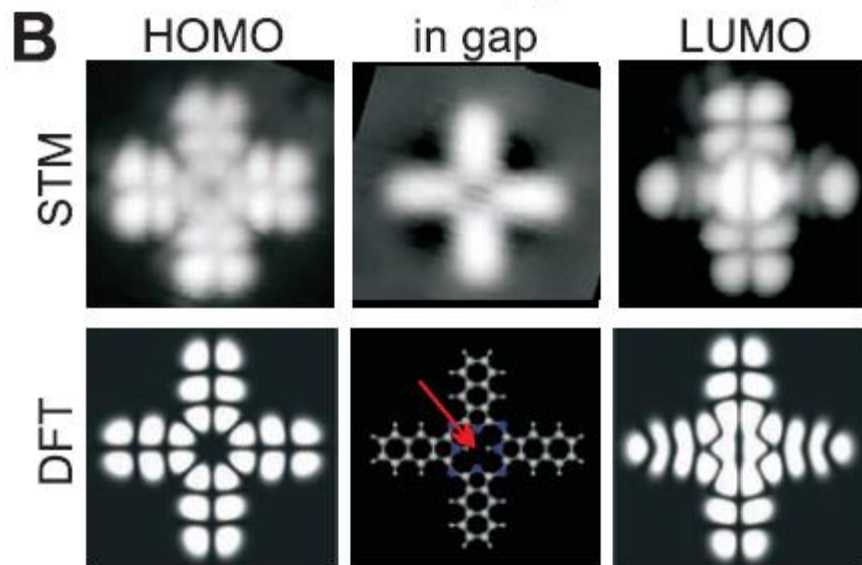
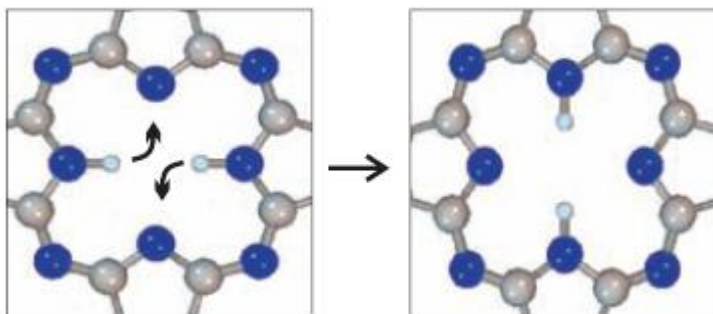
## *Break junction technique*

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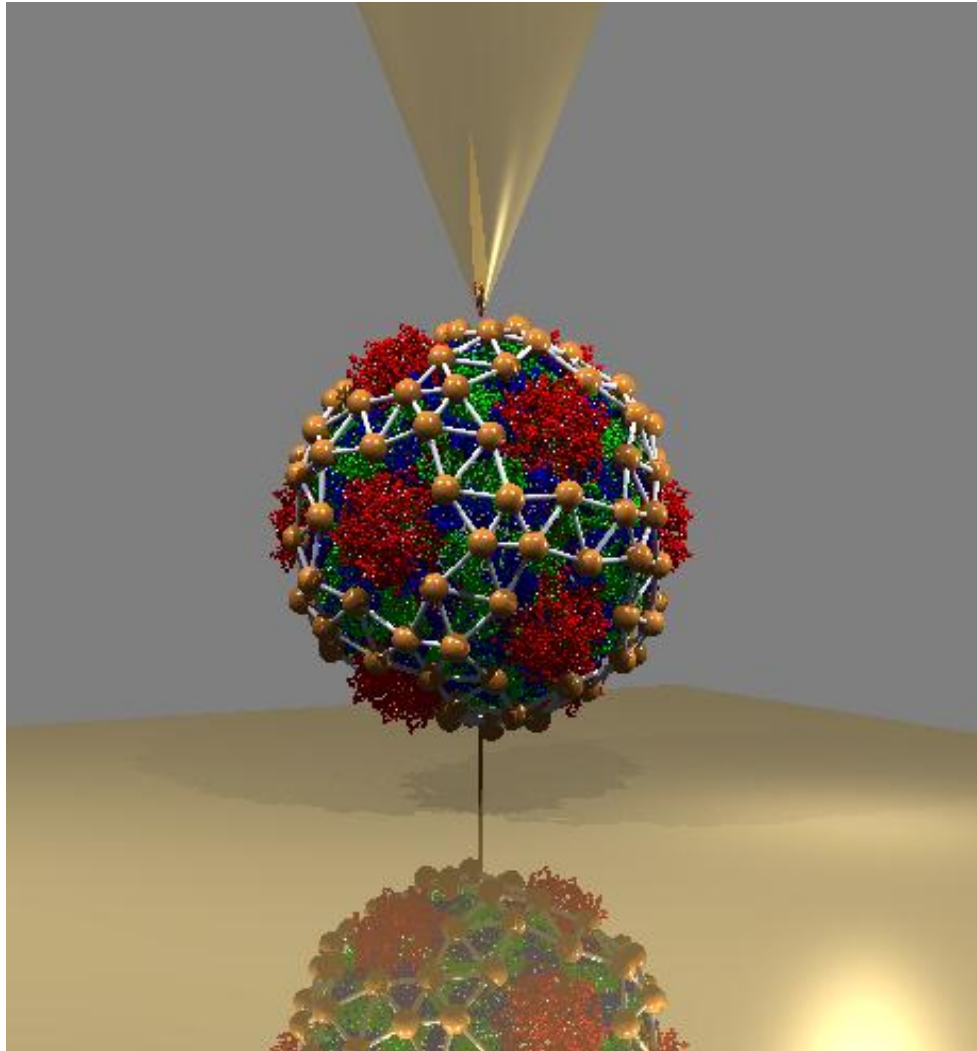
# Current-Induced Hydrogen Tautomerization and Conductance Switching of Naphthalocyanine Molecules

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Science 317, 1203 (2007)



# Molecular network on a nano particle (A. Blum McGill University)



# Resonances in electron scattering by molecules on surfaces

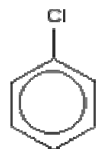
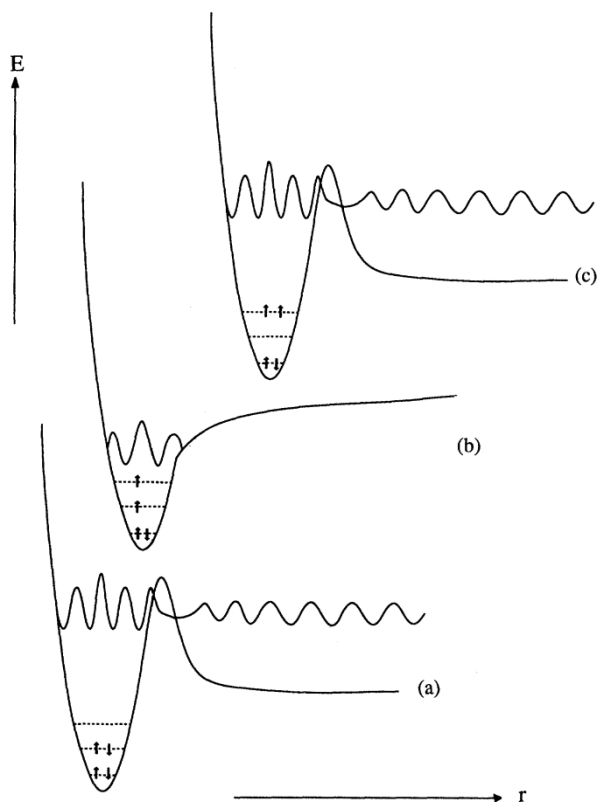
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$$E = E_0 - i \frac{\Gamma}{2}$$

TABLE V. Energies and widths of resonances in elastic electron scattering from chlorobenzene. Theoretical values obtained in this work by CAP/SE (static exchange) and CAP/ $\Sigma^{(2)}$  are compared with experimental values. We rely on the values of Burrow *et al.* (Ref. 59) because their spectra are well resolved and show both the  ${}^2\Pi$  and  ${}^2\Sigma$  resonances. Note the error of about 5% for the energy and about 25% for the width estimated for the values of CAP/ $\Sigma^{(2)}$  due to the incomplete basis set.

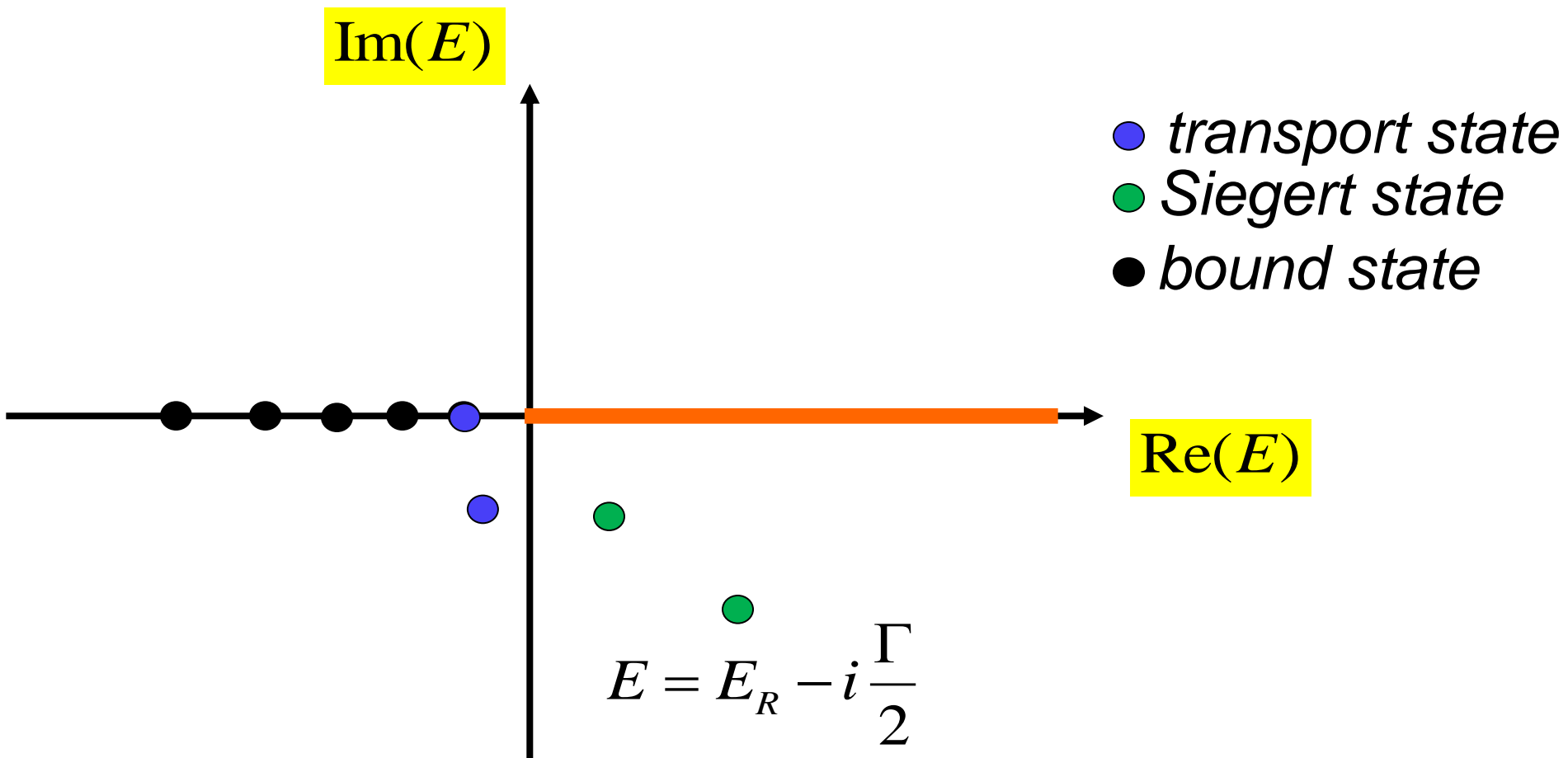
Symmetry	Energy (eV)			Width (eV)	
	Experiment	CAP/SE	CAP/ $\Sigma^{(2)}$	CAP/SE	CAP/ $\Sigma^{(2)}$
$A_1$	2.42	5.41	2.92	1.84	1.01
$B_1$	0.75	2.83	1.27	0.52	0.17
$A_2$	0.75	2.73	1.29	0.45	0.05

R. Santra and L. S. Cederbaum, *J. Chem. Phys.* **117**, 5511 (2002).  
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# Stationary states and boundary conditions

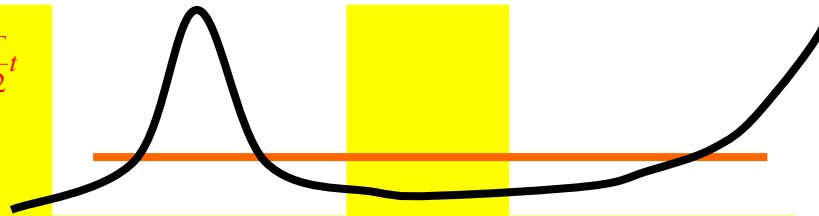
$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$H = \sum_i^N \left( -\frac{1}{2} \Delta_i + v(\vec{r}_i) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}$$



# Open systems

$$\Psi(t) = \Psi e^{-iE_R t} e^{-\frac{\Gamma}{2} t}$$



**Siegert state**

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Psi \propto e^{ikr}$$

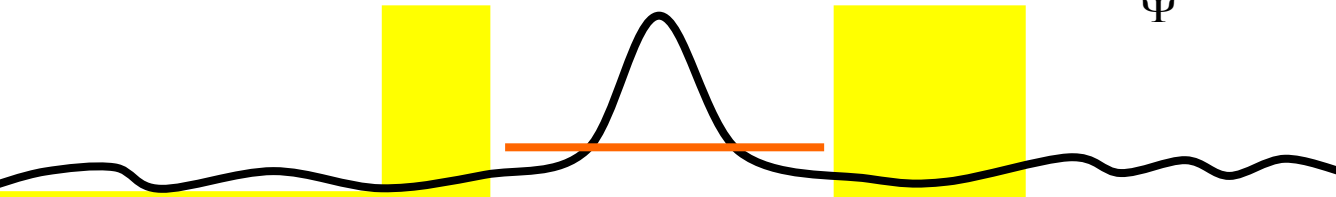
$$k = \sqrt{2 \left( E_R - i \frac{\Gamma}{2} \right)}$$

$$= k_R + ik_I$$

$$\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle \neq \langle H \Psi | \Psi \rangle$$

$$E = E^* \Rightarrow I_{in} = I_{out}$$

$$\frac{H\Psi}{\Psi} = E$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \Psi = e^{ikx} + r e^{-ikx}$$

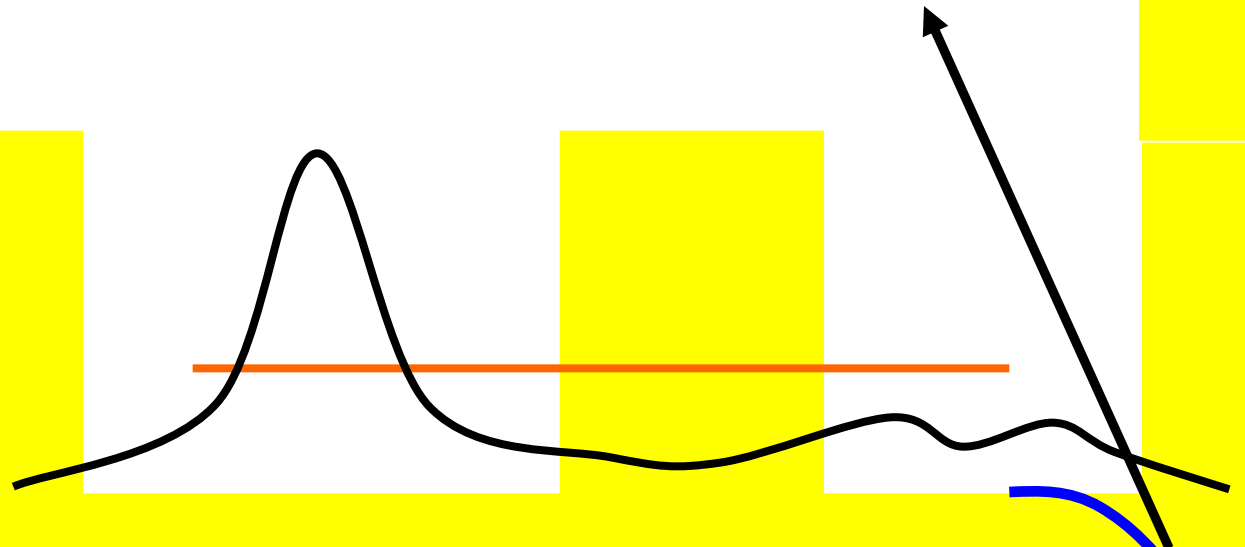
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi = t e^{ikx}$$

**Transport state**



# Complex absorbing potentials

$$H \rightarrow H - i\eta w$$



Riss, Meyer, J. Phys. B 26, 4503 (1993)

$$w = w(\vec{r})$$

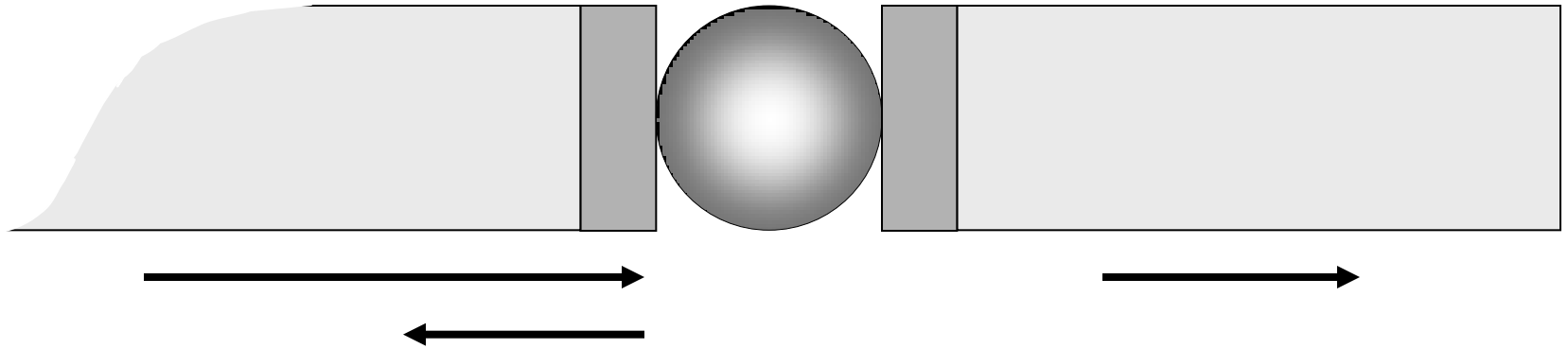
Muga et al., Phys. Rep. 395 (2004)

Santra, Cederbaum, Phys. Rep. 368 (2002)

Moiseyev, Phys. Rep. 302 (1998)

$$H |\Psi_i\rangle = E_i |\Psi_i\rangle$$

# The source-sink potential approach to represent the boundary conditions



$$\Psi_L = \varphi^+ + r \varphi^-$$

$$\Psi_R = t \varphi^+$$

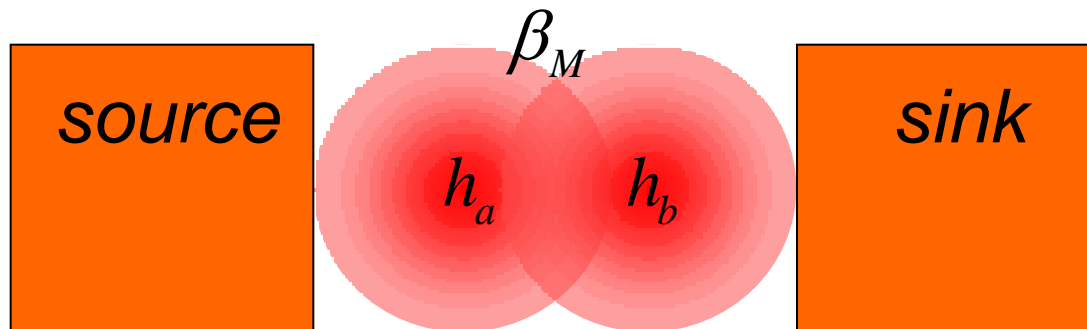
$$\phi_L = \left( \varphi^+ + r \varphi^- \right) f$$

$$\left( -\frac{1}{2} \Delta + v + \Sigma \right) \phi_L = \varepsilon \phi_L$$

$$\frac{\Delta \phi_L}{2 \phi_L} - v + \varepsilon = \Sigma(r, \varepsilon)$$

Goyer, Ernzerhof, Zhuang,  
JCP, 126,144104 (2007)

# The source-sink potential approach in tight binding



$$H^{\text{eff}}(r) = \begin{pmatrix} h_a - \sigma_L & \beta_M \\ \beta_M & h_b - \sigma_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_L = i\beta_{LM} \frac{1+r}{1-r}$$

$$\sigma_R = -\beta_{RM} i$$



Source and sink potential

Ernzerhof, JCP 126,144104 (2007)

# Continuity equation

Ernzerhof, JCP, 125 124104 (2006)

$$H = H_0 - i\eta w \quad E = E_0 - i\frac{\Gamma}{2} \quad \Psi(t) = \Psi e^{-iE_R t} e^{-(\Gamma/2)t}$$

$$\frac{d\rho(r,t)}{dt} = -\nabla \vec{j}(r,t) - 2\eta w(r)\rho(r,t)$$

$$\Gamma\rho(r) = \nabla \vec{j}(r) + 2\eta w(r)\rho(r)$$

$$\Gamma\rho(r) = \nabla \vec{j}(r)$$

*interior*

$$-\nabla \vec{j}(r) = +(2\eta w(r) - \Gamma)\rho(r)$$

*boundary*

$$N\Gamma = I = 2\eta \langle \Psi | w | \Psi \rangle$$

# Complex symmetric Hamiltonians

$$H|\Psi_i\rangle = E_i|\Psi_i\rangle \quad \langle\Theta_i|H = E_i\langle\Theta_i|$$

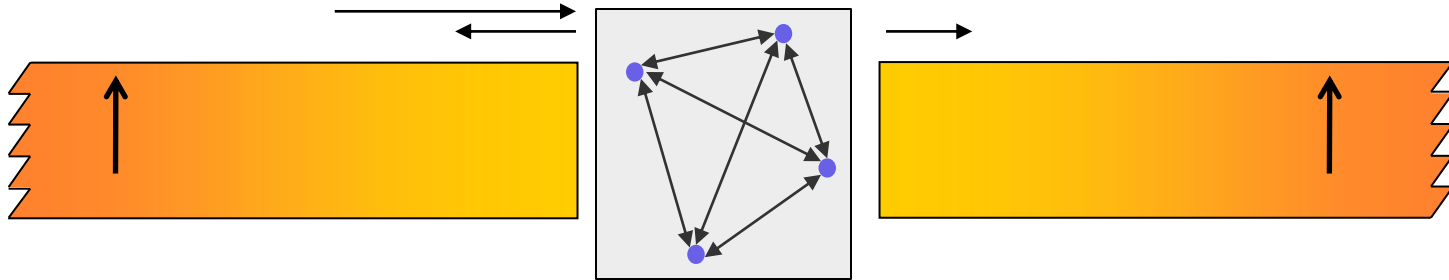
$$\langle\Theta_i|\Psi_j\rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad \Theta_i = \Psi_i^*$$

$$E[\Psi] = \frac{\langle\Psi^*|H_0 - i\eta w|\Psi\rangle}{\langle\Psi^*|\Psi\rangle}$$

$$w = w(\vec{r})$$

$$E_i = \underset{\Psi}{stat} E[\Psi]$$

# Interacting model



$$H = H_0 + \Sigma_L(r, \varepsilon_F) + \Sigma_R(\varepsilon_F)$$

$$H(r, \varepsilon_F)\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$\det(H(r, \varepsilon_F) - E) = 0$$

$$E = \varepsilon_F + E_{Ion}$$

Goker, Goyer, Ernzerhof, JCP, 129 194901 (2008);  
Goyer, Ernzerhof, JCP, submitted.

# Complex-density functional theory

$$v(\vec{r}) = v(\vec{r}) - i\eta w(\vec{r})$$

$$E = E_0 - i\frac{\Gamma}{2}$$

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{\delta E}{\delta v(\vec{r})}$$

*(Stationarity principle)*

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \rho_R(\vec{r}) + i\rho_I(\vec{r})$$

*A change in the external local potential  $\delta v(\vec{r})$*

*results in a change of the lifetime*

# Locally defined density functionals

i)

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{\delta E}{\delta v(\vec{r})}$$

Ernzerhof,  
PRA 50, 4593 (1994)

ii)

$$F[\rho] = E[v] - \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r})v(\vec{r})$$

iii)

$$\begin{aligned} F[\rho_0 + \Delta\rho] &= F[\rho_0] - \int d^3r v_0(\vec{r}) \Delta\rho(\vec{r}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!} \int d^3r d^3r' \xi_{\rho_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \Delta\rho(\vec{r}) \Delta\rho(\vec{r}') \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!} \int d^3r d^3r' d^3r'' \xi_{\rho_0}^{(2)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', \vec{r}'') \\ &\times \Delta\rho(\vec{r}) \Delta\rho(\vec{r}') \Delta\rho(\vec{r}'') \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

iv)

$$\xi_{\rho_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = - \left( \chi_{v_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \right)^{-1}$$

$$\chi_{v_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{\delta^2 E}{\delta v(\vec{r}) \delta v(\vec{r}')}$$



# Potential response functions

$$\rho = \frac{\delta E}{\delta v}$$

$$\xi_{\rho_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = -\left(\chi_{v_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')\right)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\rho_0}^{(2)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', \vec{r}'') &= -\int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 d^3r_3 \\ &\times \xi_{\rho_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1) \xi_{\rho_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_2) \xi_{\rho_0}^{(1)}(\vec{r}'', \vec{r}_3) \\ &\times \chi_{v_0}^{(2)}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3) \end{aligned}$$

# Constraint search approach

$$H = T + v + V_{ee}$$

$$v(\vec{r}) = v(\vec{r}) - i\eta w(\vec{r})$$

$$E_i = \underset{\Psi}{\text{stat}} \left( \int d^3 r v(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\langle \Psi^* | T + V_{ee} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi^* | \Psi \rangle} \right)$$

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{\langle \Psi^* | \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}) | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi^* | \Psi \rangle}$$

$$F[\rho, N] = \min_{\text{Re}(E)} \underset{\Psi \rightarrow \rho, N}{\text{stat}} \frac{\langle \Psi^* | T + V_{ee} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi^* | \Psi \rangle}$$

$$E = \underset{\rho}{\text{stat}} \left( \int d^3 r \rho(\vec{r}) v(\vec{r}) + F[\rho, N] \right)$$

# Kohn-Sham-type equation

$$h_s = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + v_s(\vec{r})$$

$$h_s \varphi_i = \varepsilon_i \varphi_i$$

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_i^N \varphi_i(\vec{r}) \varphi_i(\vec{r})$$

$$T_s[\rho] = \sum_i^N \langle \varphi_i^* | T | \varphi_i \rangle$$

$$E = T_s[\rho] + \int d^3r v(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} + E_{xc}[\rho]$$

$$v_s(\vec{r}) = v(\vec{r}) - i\eta w(\vec{r}) + \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} + v_{xc}(\vec{r})$$

$$v_{xc} = \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho}$$

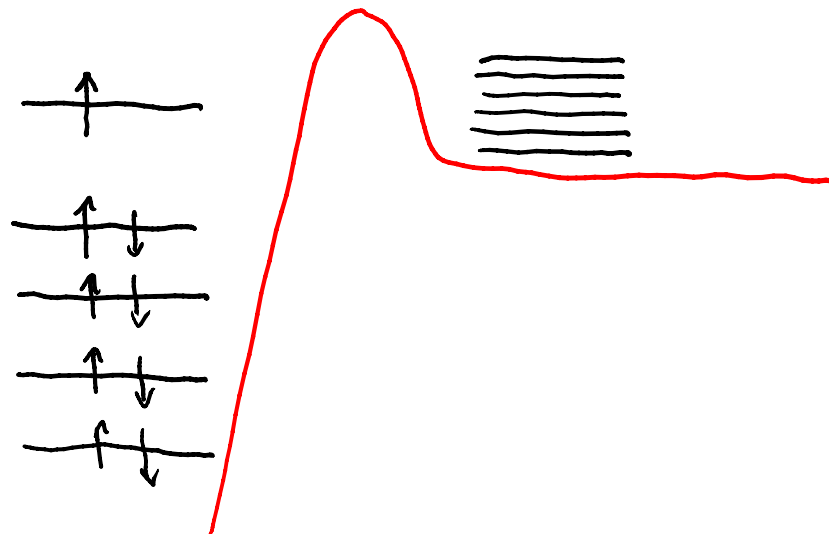
# Functionals of the complex density

$$E_x^{LDA} = C_x \int d^3 r \rho^{4/3}(\vec{r})$$

$$= C_x \int d^3 r |\rho(\vec{r})|^{4/3} e^{i \frac{4}{3} \overbrace{(\varphi(\vec{r}) + n2\pi)}^{\phi}}$$

$$\phi \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

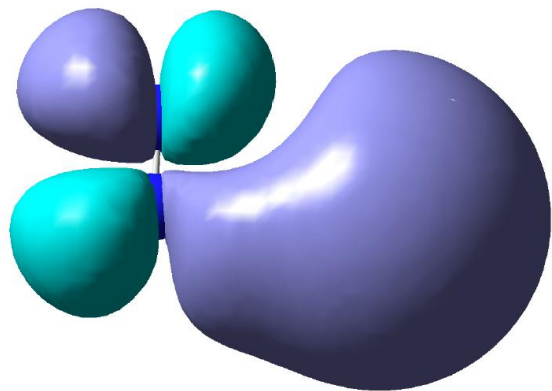
# Metastable system



		<i>Anion</i>		<i>Neutral</i>	
		$E_{Re}$	$E_{Im}$	$E_{Re}$	$E_{Im}$
<i>HF</i>	$\eta=0.01$	-108.92439	-0.74682E-2	-108.86047	-0.80089E-4
	$\eta=0.03$	-108.91512	-0.22156E-1	-108.86043	-0.23173E-3
<i>KS(<math>E_x</math>)</i>	$\eta=0.01$	-107.67666	-0.56397E-2	-107.63396	-0.13564E-3
	$\eta=0.03$	-107.67184	-0.14751E-1	-107.63389	-0.36425E-3
<i>KS(<math>E_{xc}</math>)</i>	$\eta=0.01$	-108.67181	-0.56980E-2	-108.58001	-0.13701E-3
	$\eta=0.03$	-108.66694	-0.14909E-1	-108.57995	-0.31955E-3

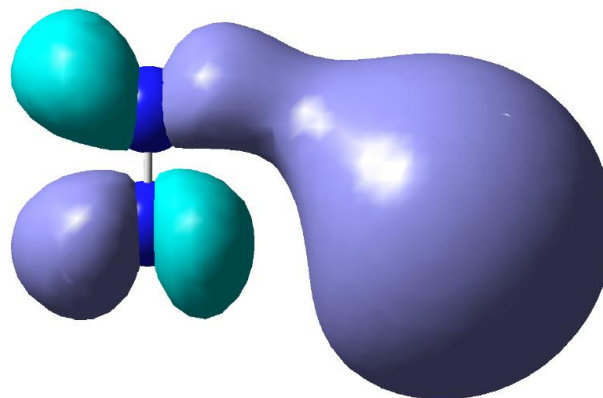
# Highest occupied molecular orbital of $KS(E_x)$

*Re*



*Im*

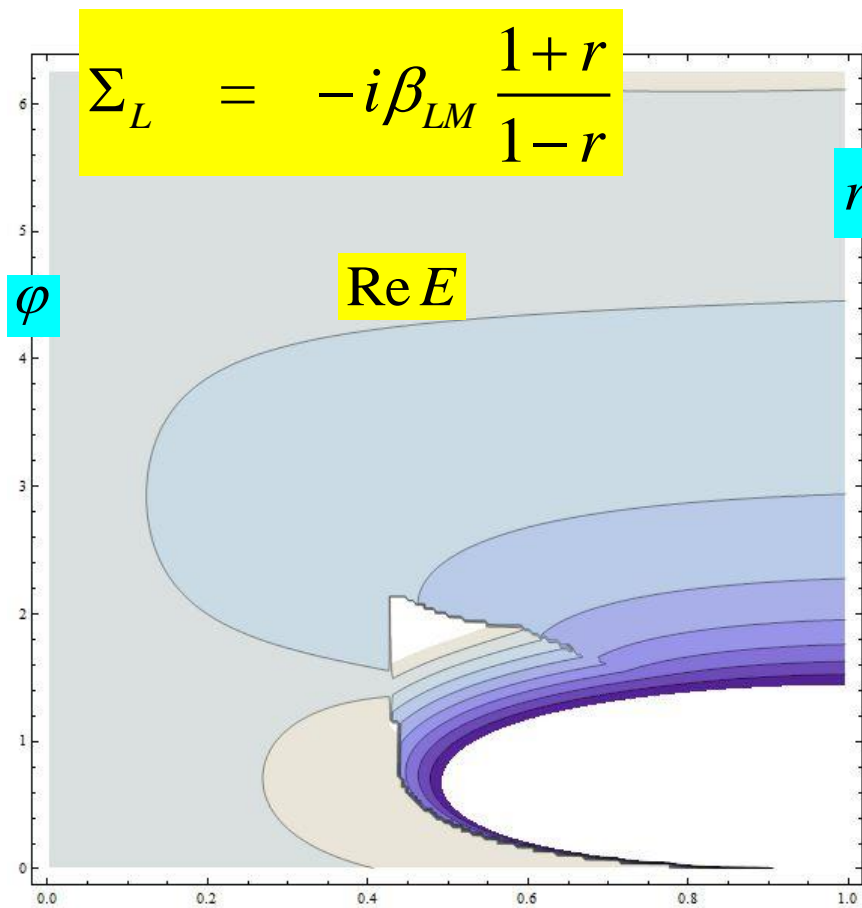
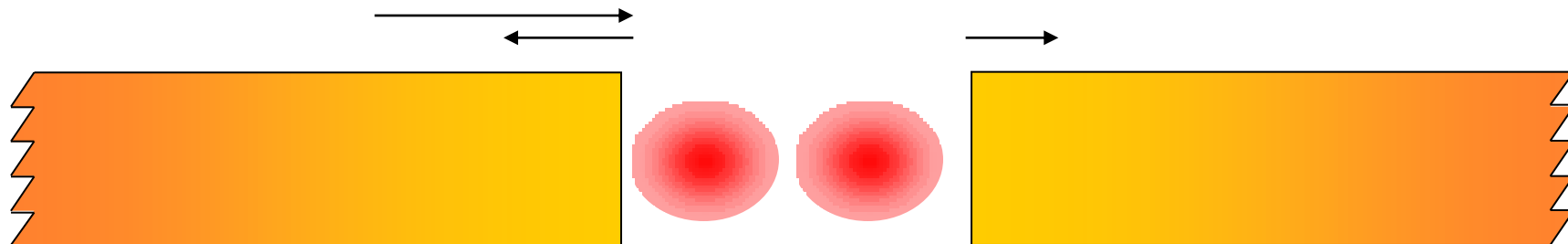
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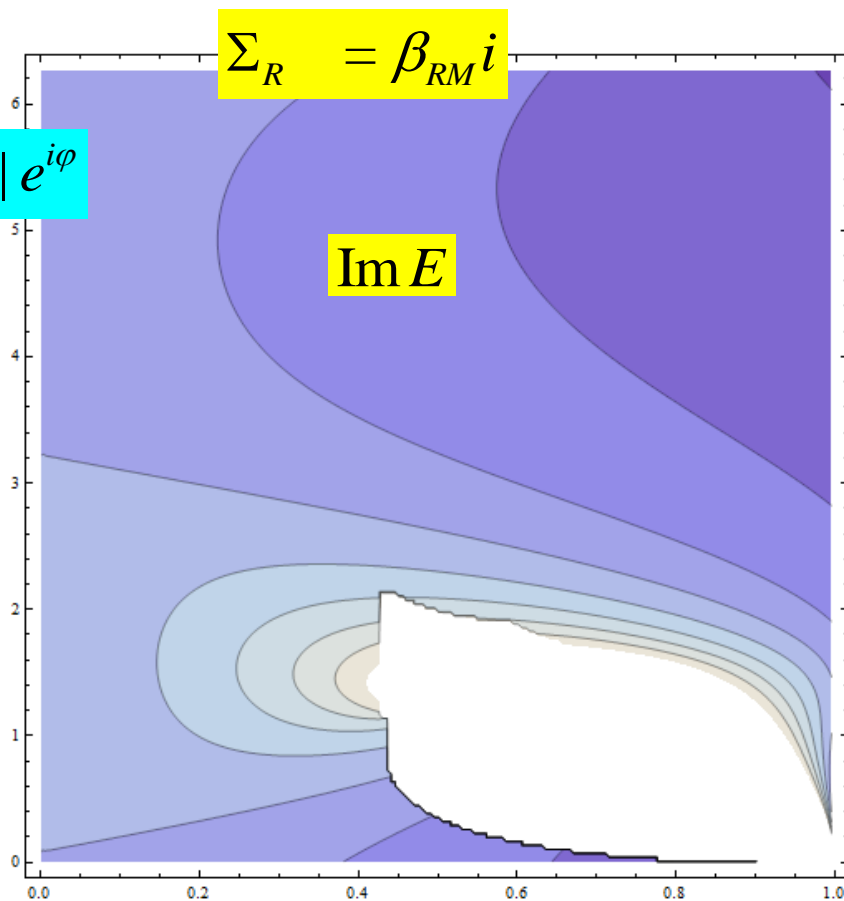
# Exchange-correlation contributions

		<i>Exchange</i>		<i>Correlation</i>	
		$E_{Re}$	$E_{Im}$	$E_{Re}$	$E_{Im}$
<i>HF</i>	$\eta=0.01$	-13.30248	0.00980	0	0
	$\eta=0.03$	-13.30393	0.02825	0	0
<i>KS(<math>E_x</math>)</i>	$\eta=0.01$	-12.08469	0.00742	0	0
	$\eta=0.03$	-12.08621	0.02115	0	0
<i>KS(<math>E_{xc}</math>)</i>	$\eta=0.01$	-12.08469	0.00742	-0.98084	0.00112
	$\eta=0.03$	-12.08621	0.02115	-0.98129	0.00311

# Hartree-Fock self-consistent calculation: Diatomic gold wire



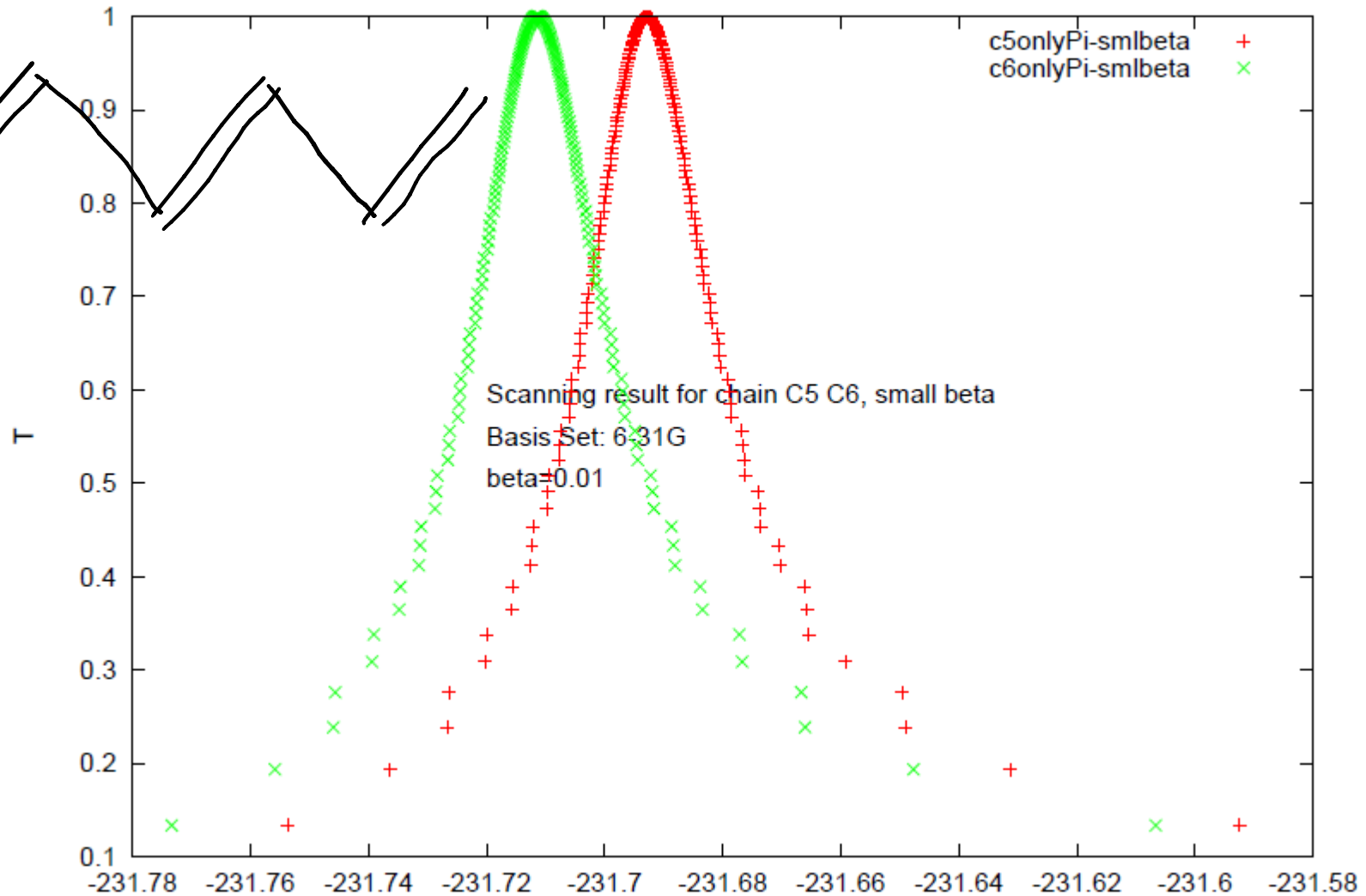
$$r = |r| e^{i\varphi}$$



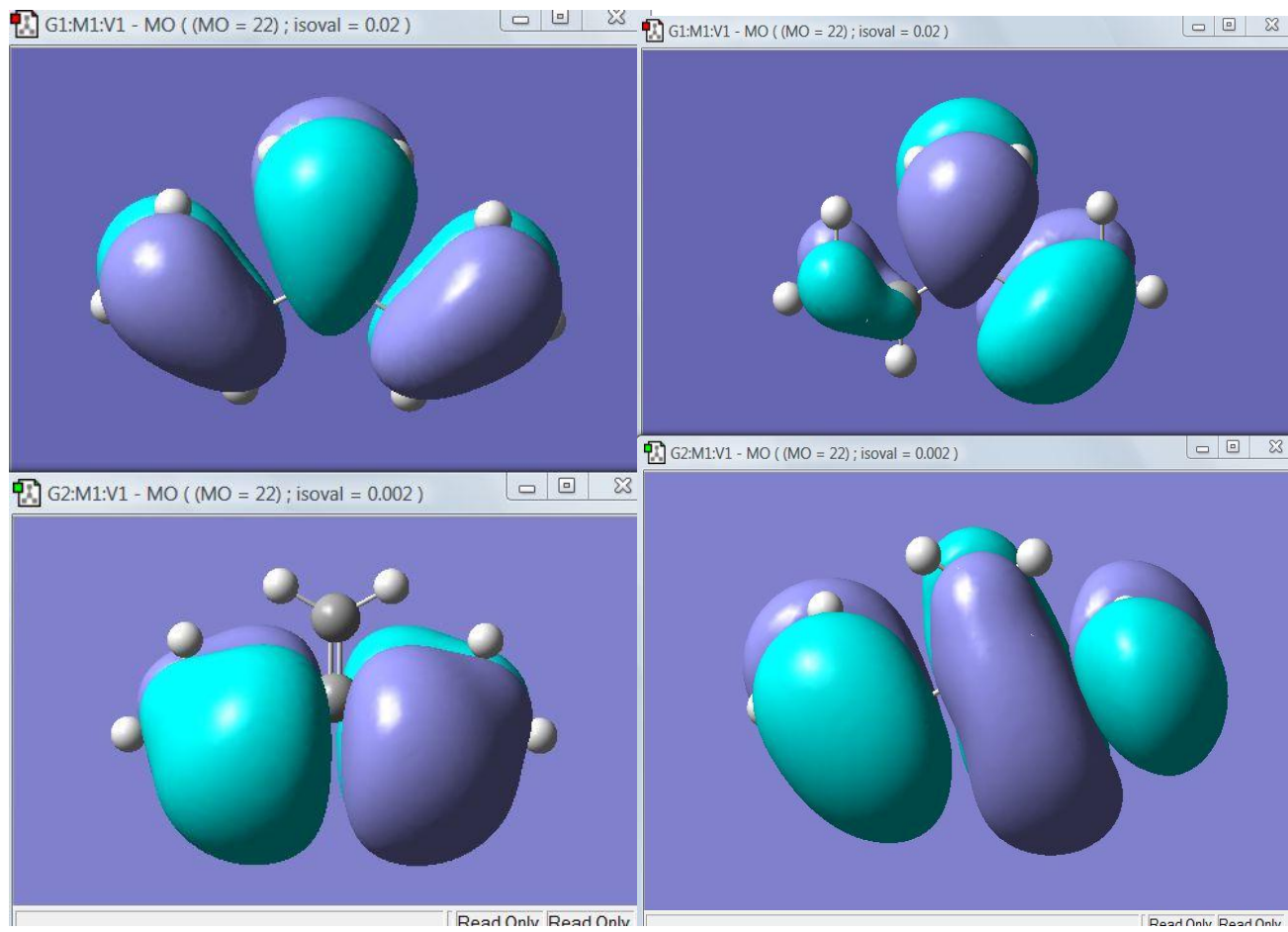
$$|r|$$



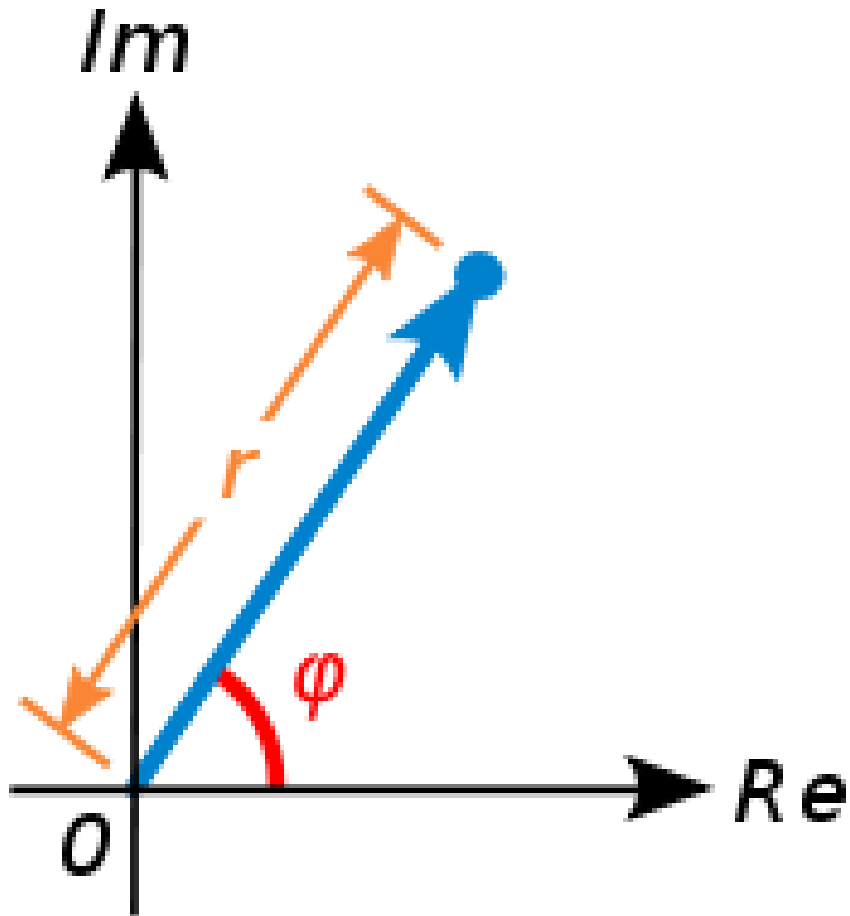
# KS( $E_x$ ) transport calculations with source and sink potentials



# HOMOs for $T(E)=1$ and $T(E)\approx 0$



# Electron interaction in the complex plane



$$\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle \neq \langle H \Psi | \Psi \rangle$$

## Complex Extension of Quantum Mechanics

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Requiring that a Hamiltonian be Hermitian is overly restrictive. A consistent physical theory of quantum mechanics can be built on a complex Hamiltonian that is not Hermitian but satisfies the less restrictive and more physical condition of space-time reflection symmetry ( $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetry). One might expect a non-Hermitian Hamiltonian to lead to a violation of unitarity. However, if  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetry is not spontaneously broken, it is possible to construct a previously unnoticed symmetry  $\mathcal{C}$  of the Hamiltonian. Using  $\mathcal{C}$ , an inner product whose associated norm is positive definite can be constructed. The procedure is general and works for any  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetric Hamiltonian. Observables exhibit  $\mathcal{CPT}$  symmetry, and the dynamics is governed by unitary time evolution. This work is not in conflict with conventional quantum mechanics but is rather a complex generalization of it.