



# Steady-state characteristics of correlated quantum many-body systems out of equilibrium



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# Agenda

I

Transport in a one dimensional material

II

Current-voltage characteristics of a molecular junction

III

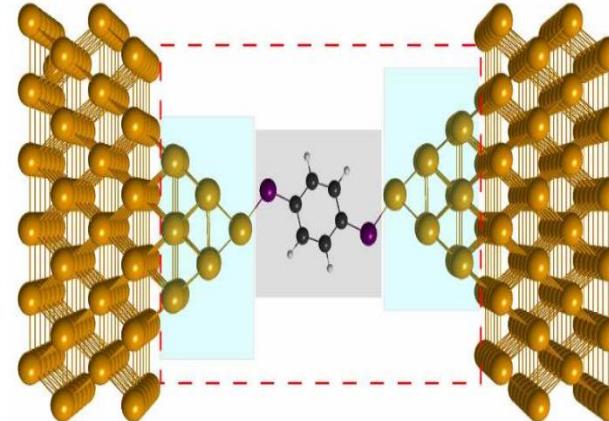
Steady state of a correlated quantum dot

1)  $\text{Li}_{0.9}\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{17}$



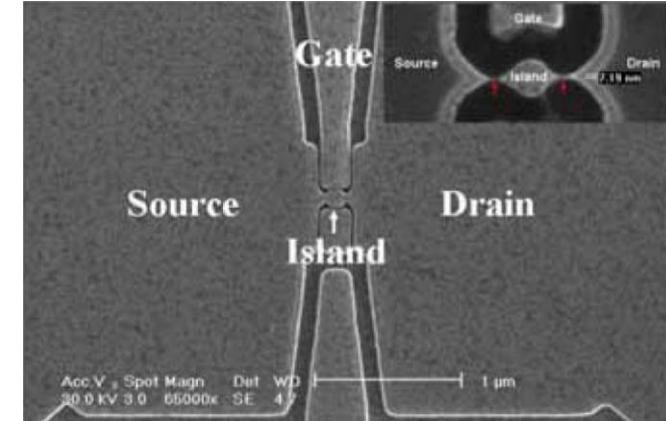
Allen (2013)

2) molecular ring junction



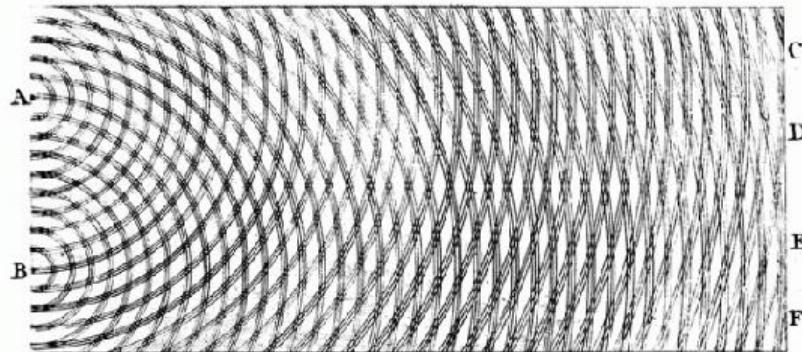
Ryndyk et al (2012)

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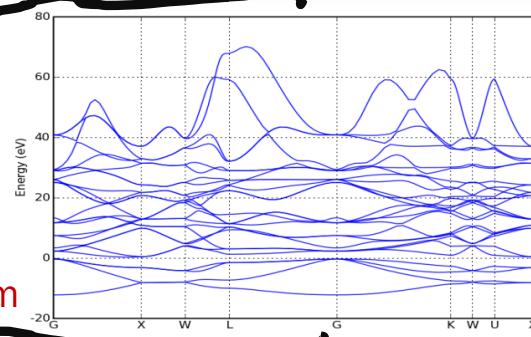


Wu et al (2010)

# Quantum many body systems out of equilibrium 3



[psdgraphics.com](http://psdgraphics.com)



## 1) quantum mechanics

Schrödinger equation  
quantum statistics

Young Royal Society (1803)

## 2) non equilibrium

transient / dissipation / steady state

## 3) many body interactions

in general impossible to solve  
-> approximations

c Goscinny & Uderzo Ehapa

# Quantum many body systems out of equilibrium

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## quantum mechanics      non equilibrium      many body

*Emission characteristics of GaN and AlGaN<sub>x</sub>P based Light Emitting Diodes*

SEMICLASSICAL	YES	NO
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*Interaction effects in Helium Atom Scattering from semimetal Surfaces*

YES	YES	PARTLY
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*Electrolyte-gated organic field-effect transistor for sensing applications in aqueous media*

SEMICLASSICAL	YES	NO
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*Enzymatic Cellulose Hydrolysis: New Approaches in the Investigation of Biocatalytic processes via In-situ Liquid Atomic Force Microscopy*

PARTLY	YES	NO
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*Focused ion beam processing of low melting polymers: new perspectives due to optimized patterning strategies*

NO	YES	NO
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*A SIMULATION PROCEDURE FOR LIGHT-MATTER INTERACTION AT DIFFERENT LENGTH SCALES*

MULTISCALE	PROBABLY	NO
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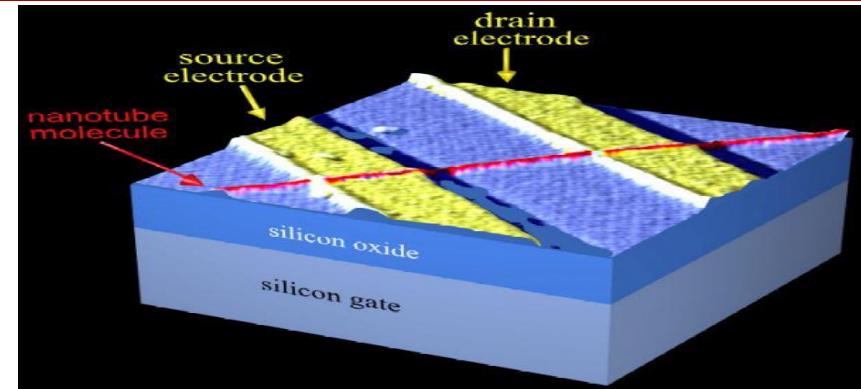
*Simultaneous photoacoustic and laser-ultrasound imaging*

NO	YES	NO
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# Example systems

## ❖ transport in nanoscopic devices

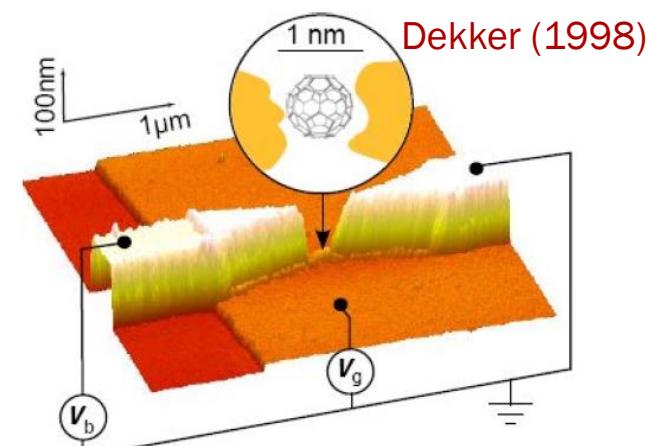
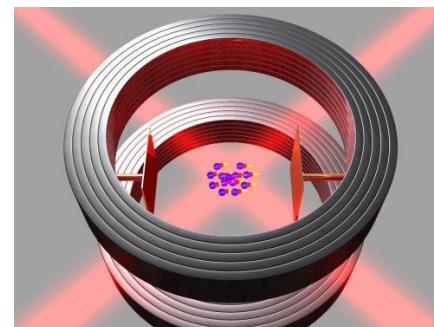
- temperature gradients
- voltage bias
- magnetic fields



## ❖ transport through molecular junctions

## ❖ ultra cold atomic gases

- quantum quenches
- expansion
- external „fields“



Yao (1999)

Modugno et al (2009)

## ❖ ultra fast pump probe spectroscopy

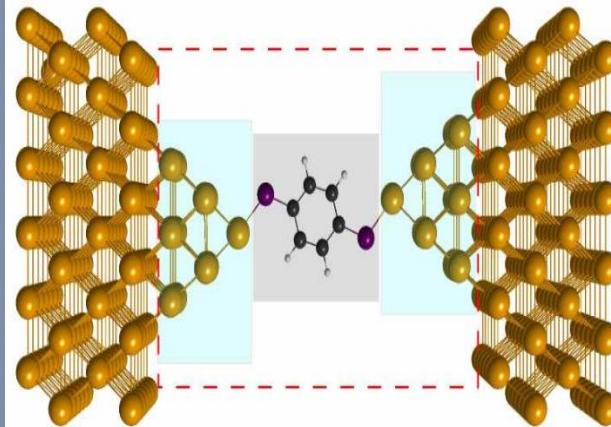
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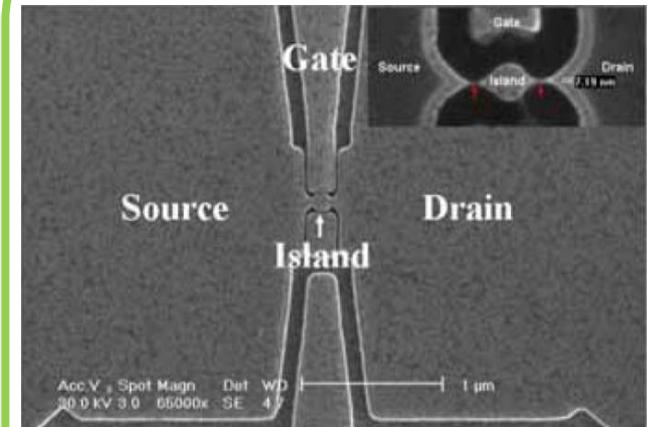


- Density Functional Theory
- Dynamical Mean Field Theory
- Linear Response Transport

## 2) molecular ring junction



## 3) single quantum dot

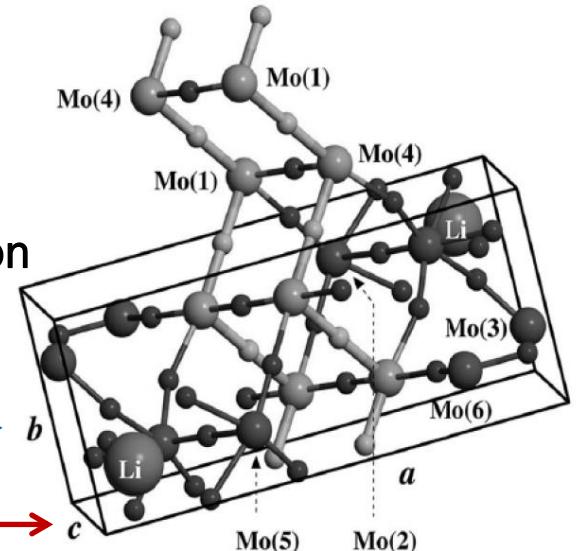


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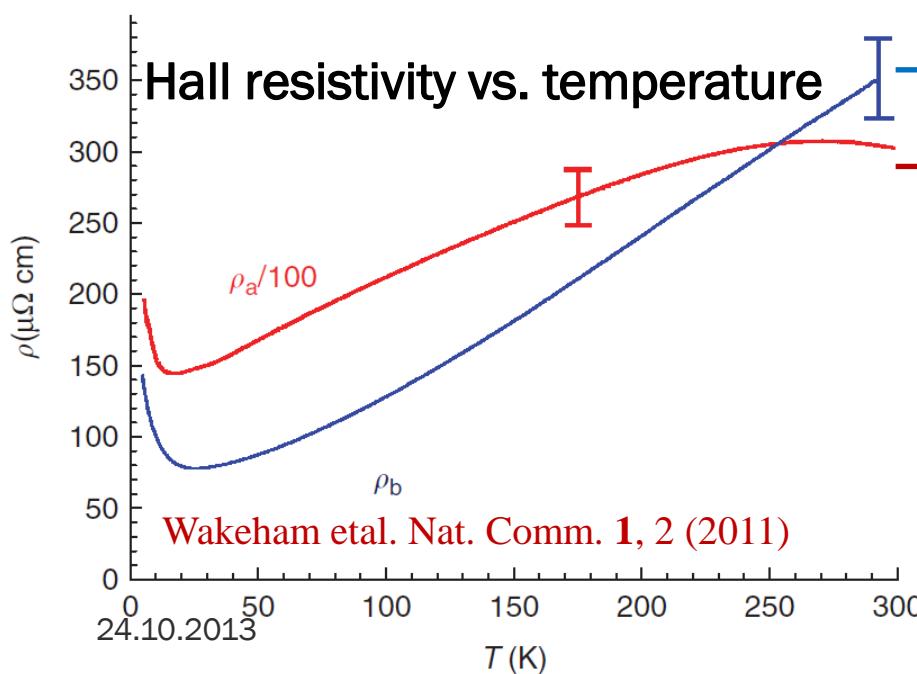


cleaved lithium purple bronze  
(J. W. Allen)

dos Santos et al. PRB 74, 045117 (2006)

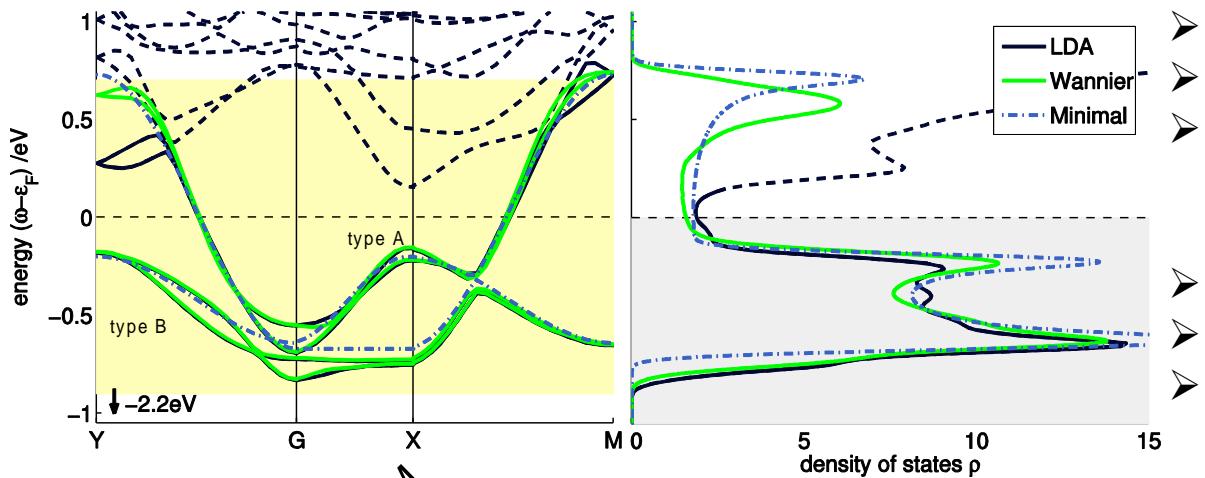


„chains“ in **b** direction



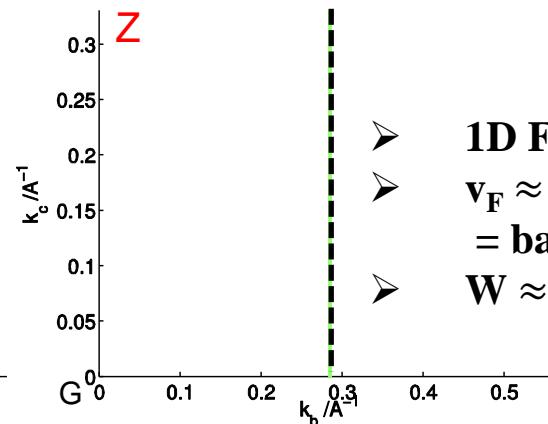
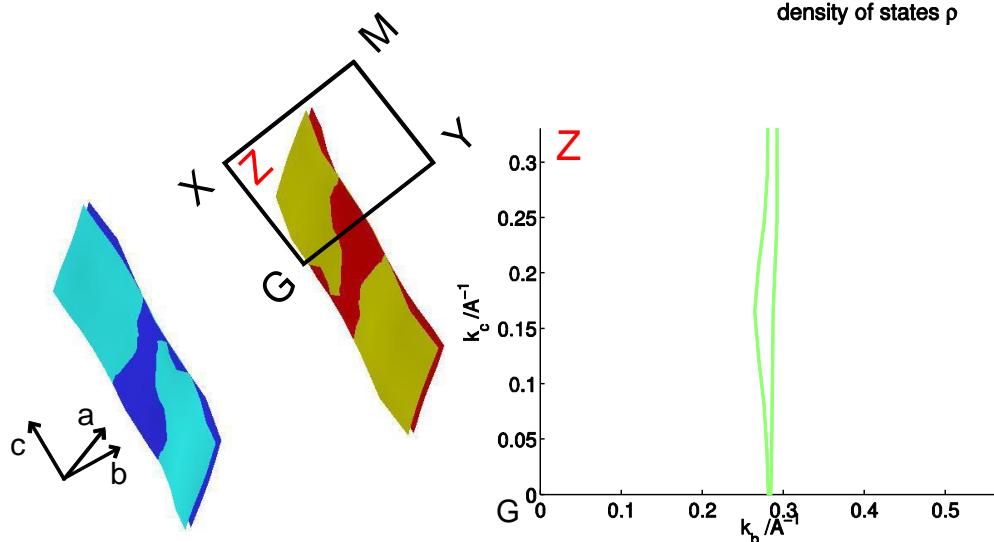
- metal-insulator-trans. @ 24 K
- superconductivity @ < 2 K
- possibly charge density wave
- highly anisotropic

# Ab-initio electronic structure



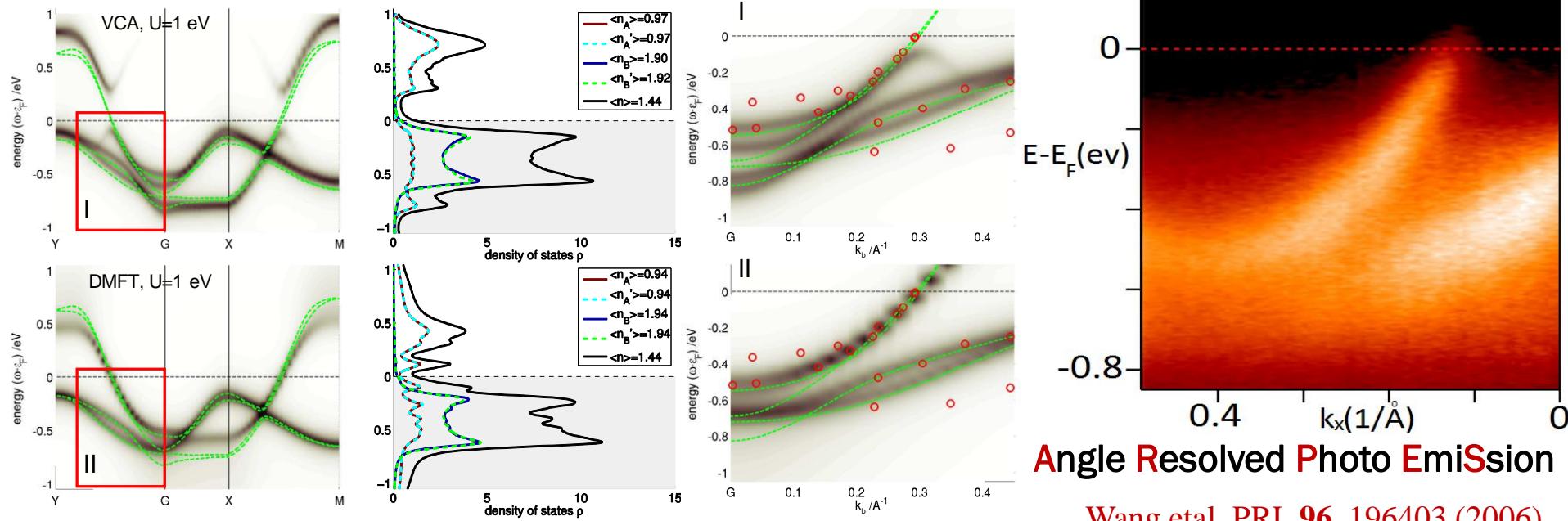
➤ Density Functional Theory  
➤ Local Density Approximation  
➤ all electron, Wien2k, FP-LAPW

➤ 4 bands close to Fermi energy  
➤ Mo 4d character  
➤ originate from 4 Mo atoms / unit cell



➤ 1D Fermi surface  
➤  $v_F \approx 10^5$  m/s  
➤ = bad metal  
➤  $W \approx 1.5$  eV

# Interacting electronic spectra



Angle Resolved Photo EmiSSion

Wang et al. PRL 96, 196403 (2006)

- **Dynamical Mean Field Theory** for Wannier model + local  $U=1\text{eV}$
- **(extended) Variational Cluster** Approach for  $U=1\text{eV}$
- Agreement with experimental ARPES data

For details see our poster (14) in the afternoon!

# Linear response transport

- low temperature, small scattering  
 $\gamma \approx 0.05\text{eV}$
- anisotropy via numeric solution of full Wannier model

$$\sigma_{bb} = \frac{4e^2}{h\gamma} \frac{b}{ac} \sqrt{(2t_{AA})^2 - \mu^2} \stackrel{\mu \approx 0}{\approx} N_{\text{spin}} N_{\text{band}} \frac{D}{R_K \gamma} \frac{b}{ac}$$

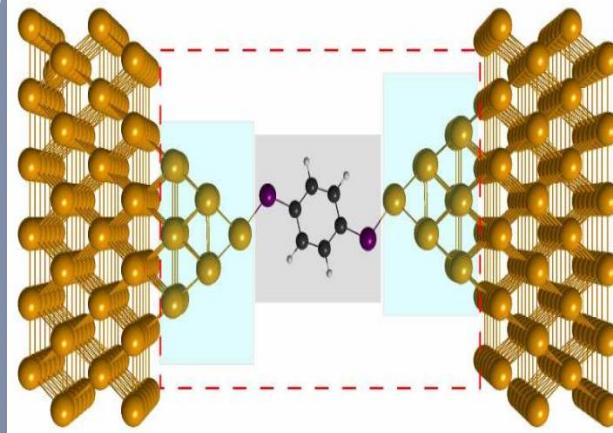
Ref.	$\rho_a$ mΩcm	$\rho_b$ mΩcm	$\rho_c$ mΩcm	ratio
Greenblatt et al. SSC 51, 681 (1984)	2470	9.5	-	260:1:-
Chen et al. EPL 89, 67010 (2010)	64.5	16	854	4.5:1:50
Choi et al. PRB 69, 085120 (2004)	-	1.7	-	-:1:-
Luz et al. PRB 76, 233105 (2007)	110(40)	19(1)	47(5)	6(2):1:2.5(4)
Mercure et al. PRL 108, 187003 (2007)	30	0.4	600	80:1:1600
Xu et al. PRL 102, 206602 (2009)	-	0.4	-	100:1:>100
Wakeham et al. NatComm. 1, 2 (2011)	-	-	-	100:1:-
Wannier model	$\approx 430\gamma$	$\approx 1.8\gamma$	$\approx 600\gamma$	240:1:330
minimal model	-	$\approx 2\gamma$	-	-:1:-

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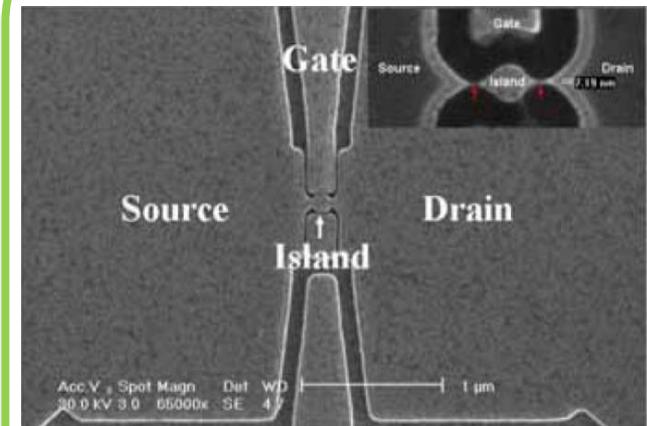
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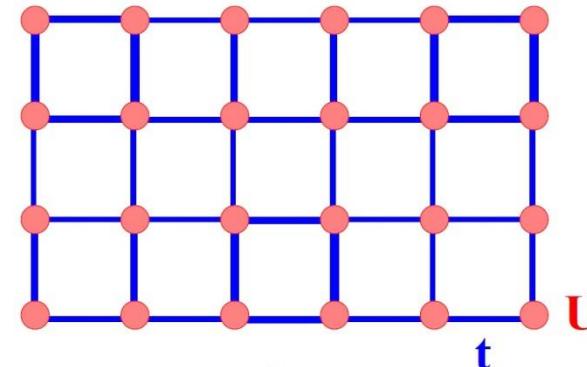


3) single quantum dot



- non equilibrium  
Cluster  
Perturbation  
Theory

# Many body cluster methods



given  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$   
ask for  $\mathbf{G}$

in general **unsolvable**



**strategy ?**

1)



2)



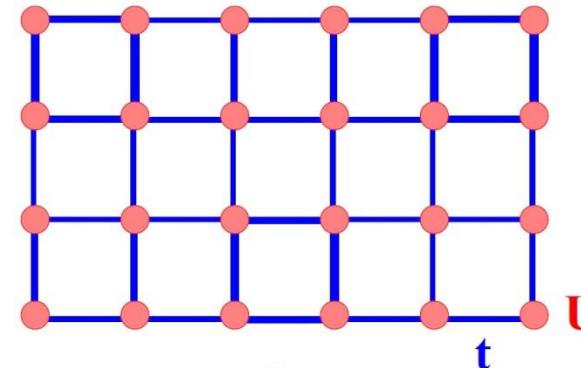
3)



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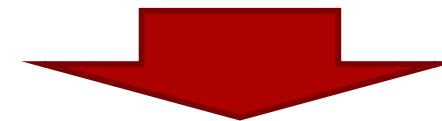


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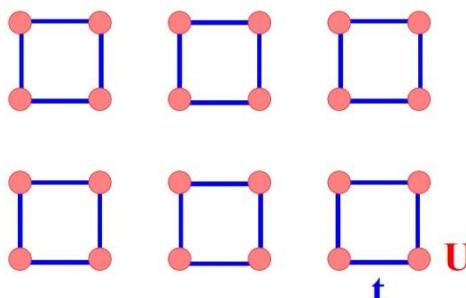
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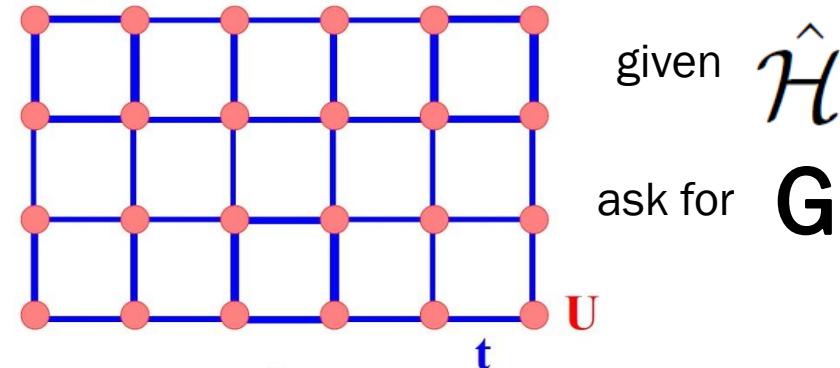
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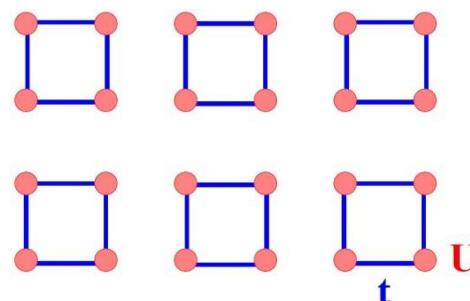
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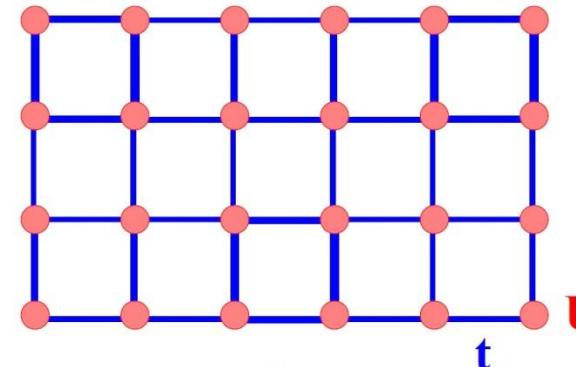
2) SOLVE

3)

4)



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2) SOLVE

- Cluster Perturbation Theory (CPT)

C. Gros, R. Valenti (1993)

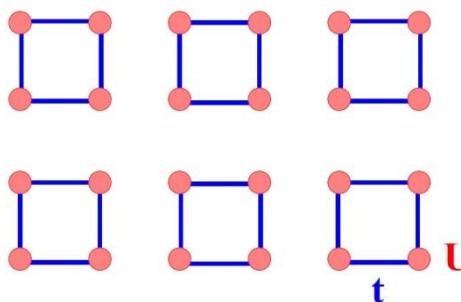
D. Sénéchal, D. Perez, M. Pioro-Ladrière (2000)

first order strong coupling perturbation theory

$$\sum = \sum_{\text{cluster}}$$

3) GLUE

4)

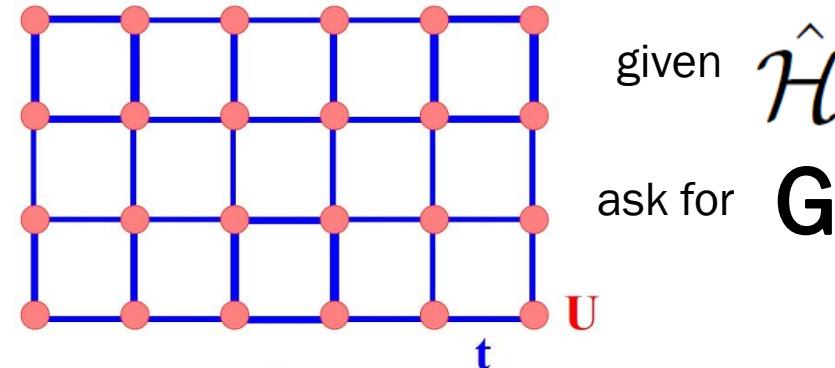


$\mathbf{G}_{\text{cluster}} =$   
exactly  
solvable

$$\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}_{\text{cluster}}^{-1} - \mathbf{T}$$



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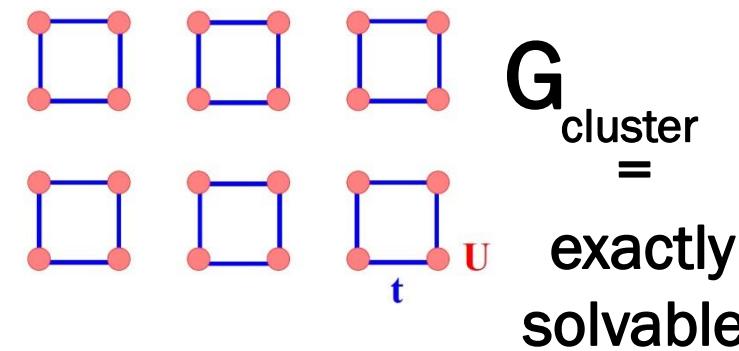


1) CUT

2) SOLVE

3) GLUE

4) ADD FIELDS



M. Potthoff (2003)

$$G = G_{\text{cluster}}^{-1} - T^{-1}$$

$$\sum = \sum_{\text{cluster}} (X)$$

+ Variational principle to fix  $X$ : Self-energy Functional Approach

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C. Gros, R. Valenti (1993)

D. Sénéchal, D. Perez, M. Pioro-Ladrière (2000)

- Variational Cluster Approach (VCA)

M. Potthoff, M. Aichhorn, C. Dahnken (2003)

- Cellular Dynamical Mean-Field Theory (CDMFT)
- Dynamical Cluster Approximation (DCA)

# Non equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach

$$\tau < \tau_0: \hat{h} \mapsto \hat{h} + \sum_i x_i \hat{\Delta}_i$$

$$\tau > \tau_0: T \mapsto T - \sum_i x_i \hat{\Delta}_i$$

$$\langle \hat{\Delta}_i \rangle_{\text{initial-state}} \stackrel{!}{=} \langle \hat{\Delta}_i \rangle_{\text{steady-state}}$$

= self-consistent feedback



$\approx$



initial reference system

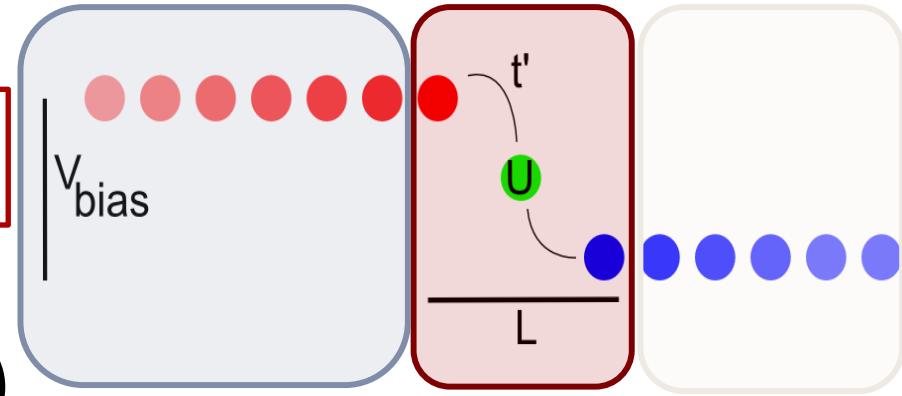
as similar as possible to

the steady-state system

# Non equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach

full Dyson

$$G = g + (T + \Delta\Sigma) G$$



nCPT („Hubbard I type“)

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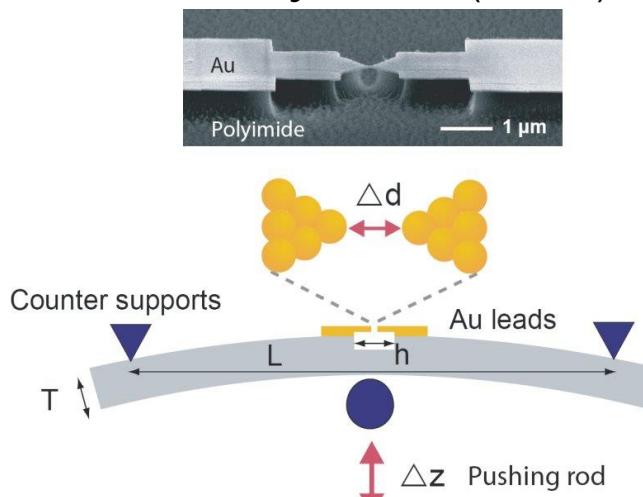
nVCA

$$G = g_{\text{eff}} + (T_{\text{eff}} + \cancel{\Delta\Sigma}) G$$



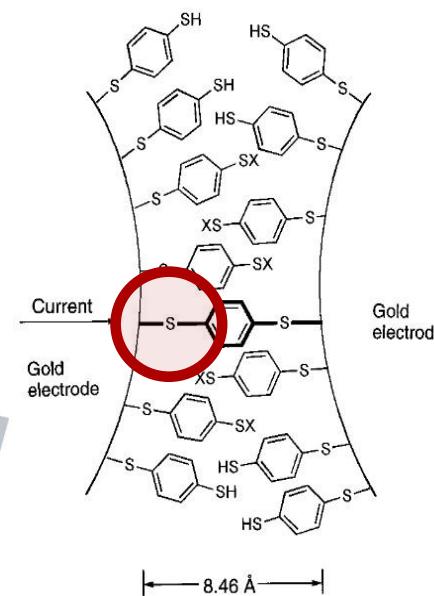
# Molecular junctions

## 1) Mechanically controlled break junction (MCBJ)



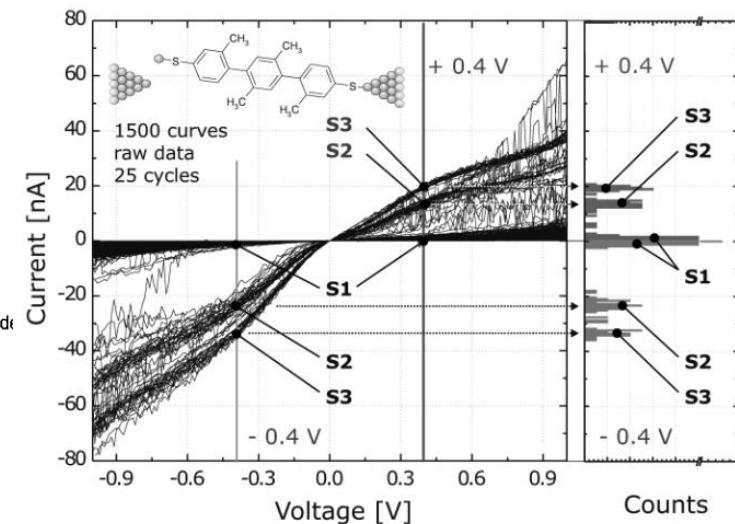
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Agrait et al. Phys. Rep. **377** 81 (2003)

## 2) Anchor groups



Reed et al. Science **278**, 5336 (1997)

## 3) Statistical measurements



Lörtscher et al. PRL **98**, 176807 (2007)

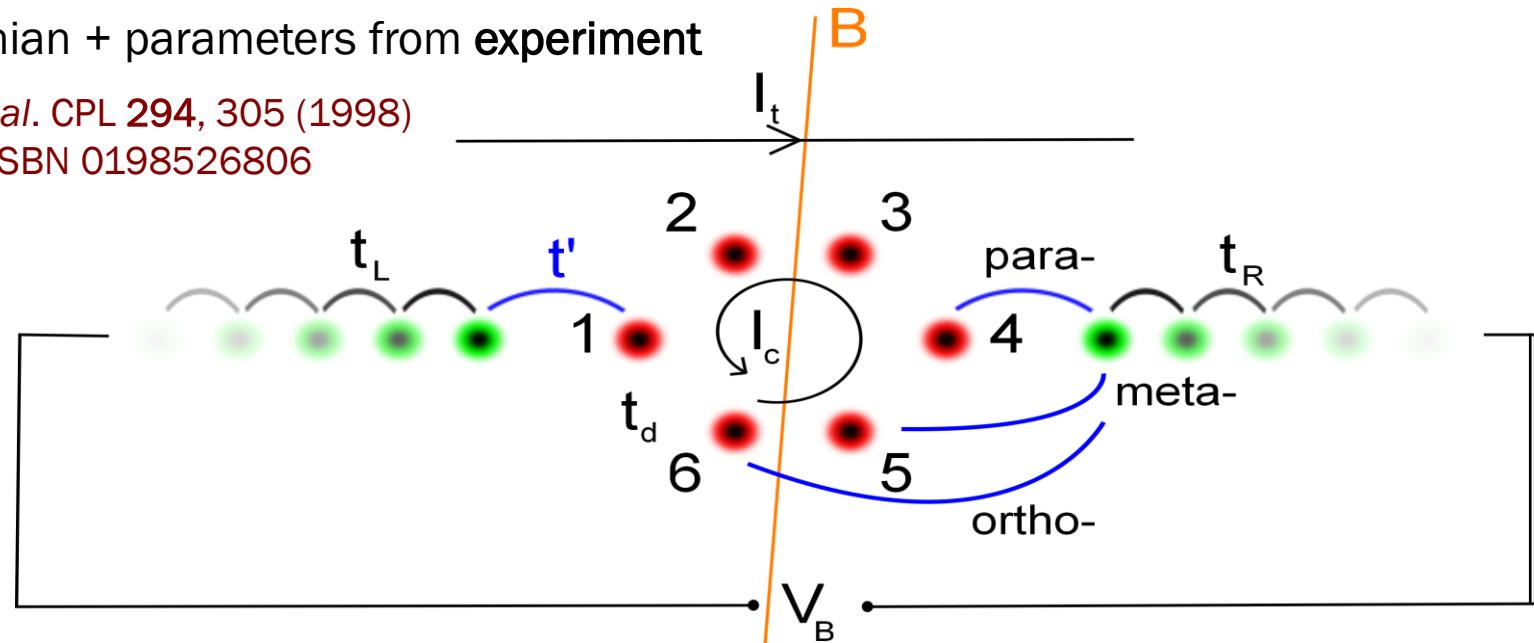
## 4) Typical theoretical approach: Density Functional Theory + non equilibrium Green's functions (DFT+NEGF)

BUT: agreement between experiment and theory often poor – improve on electronic correlations – suitable methods ?

# Metal - „Benzene“ - metal junction

model hamiltonian + parameters from **experiment**

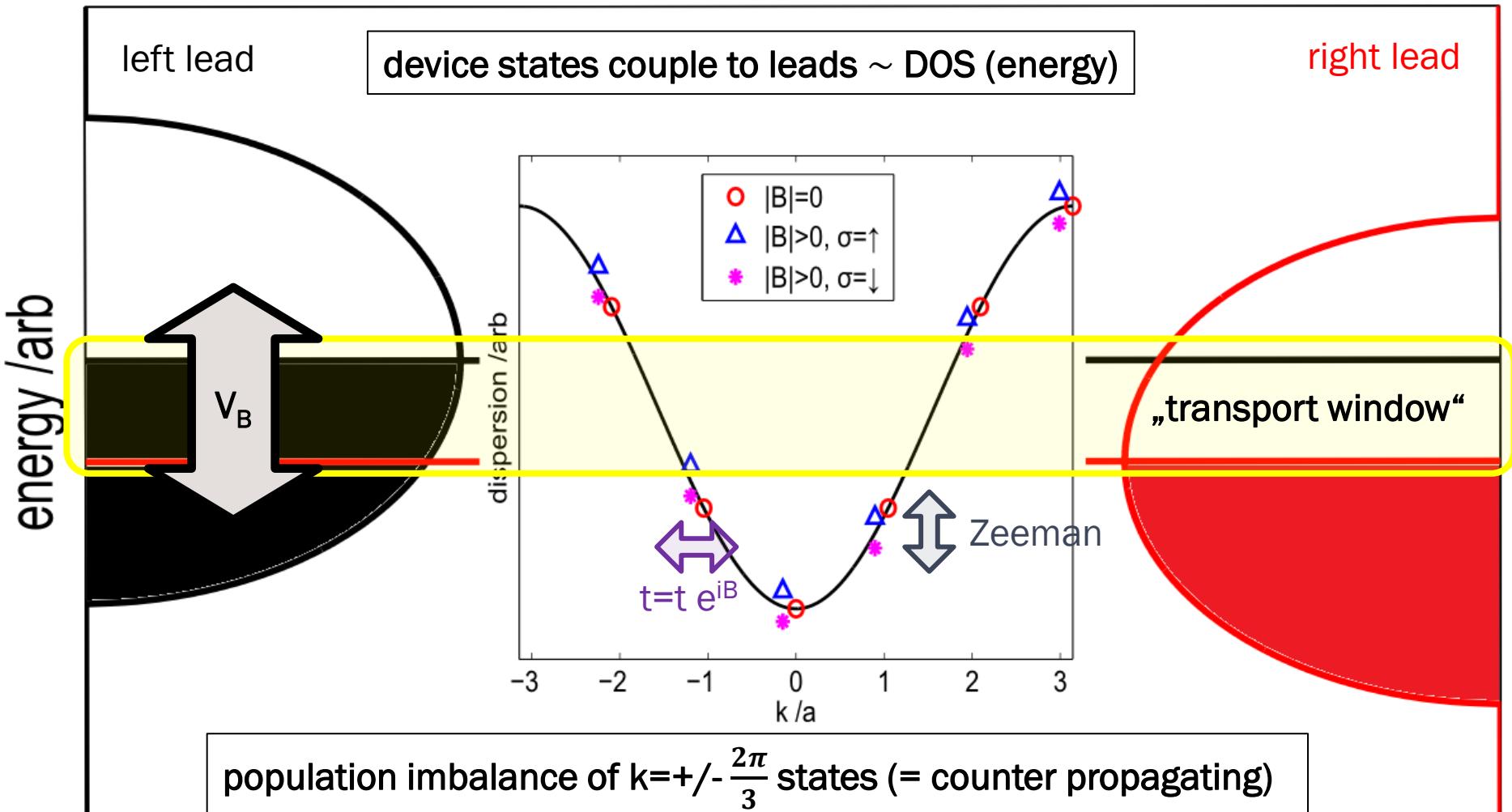
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Barford ISBN 0198526806



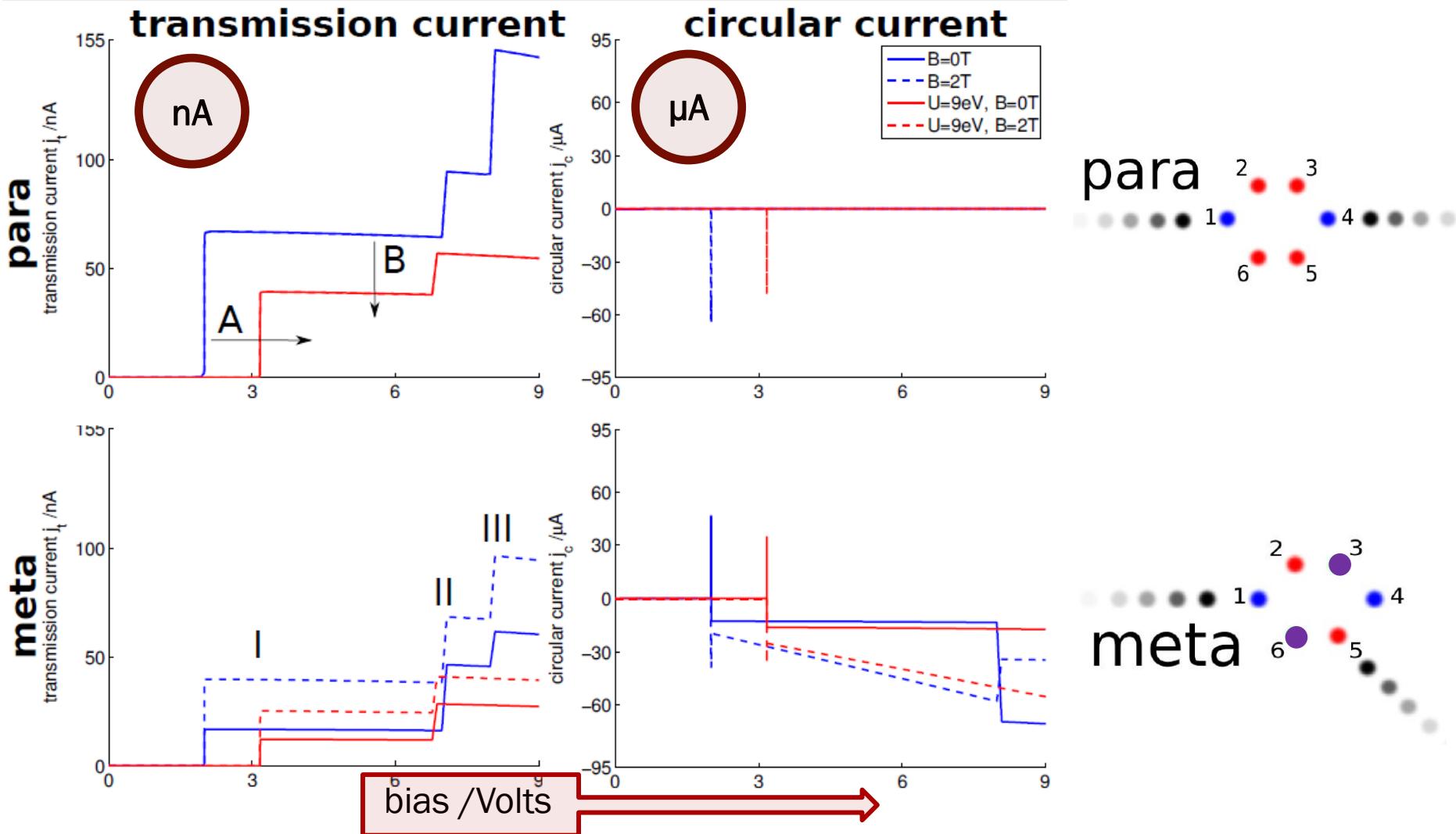
- 6 electronic orbitals +  $e^- - e^-$  interaction
- perpendicular magnetic field  $B$ , Peierls + Zeeman
- left + right metallic leads + bias voltage  $V_B$
- 3 setups: para, meta, ortho

- transmission current  $j_t = \bar{j}_2 - \bar{j}_1$
- circular current  $j_c = \frac{(\bar{j}_1 L_1 + \bar{j}_2 L_2)}{6}$

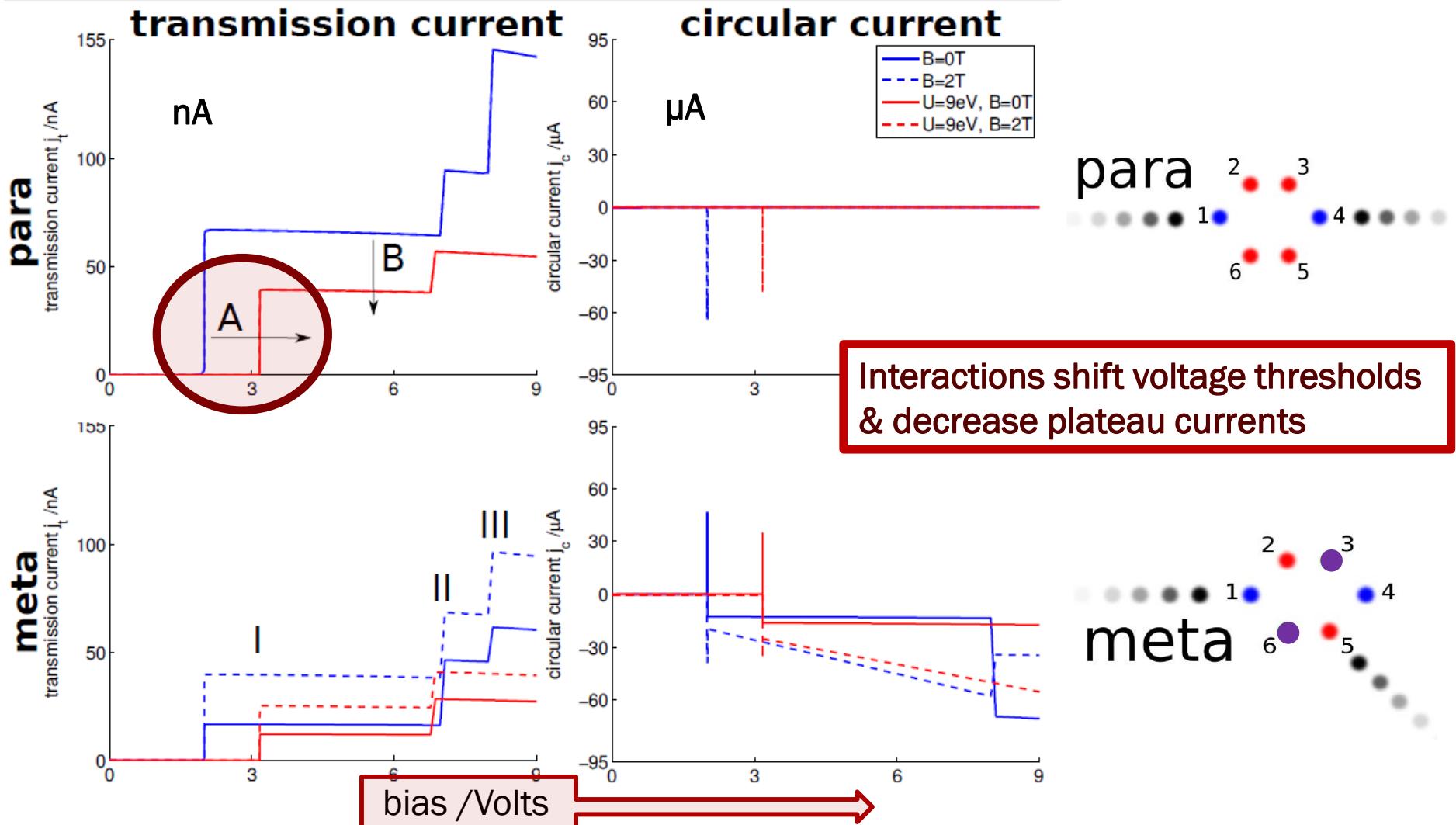
# Lead DOS effects



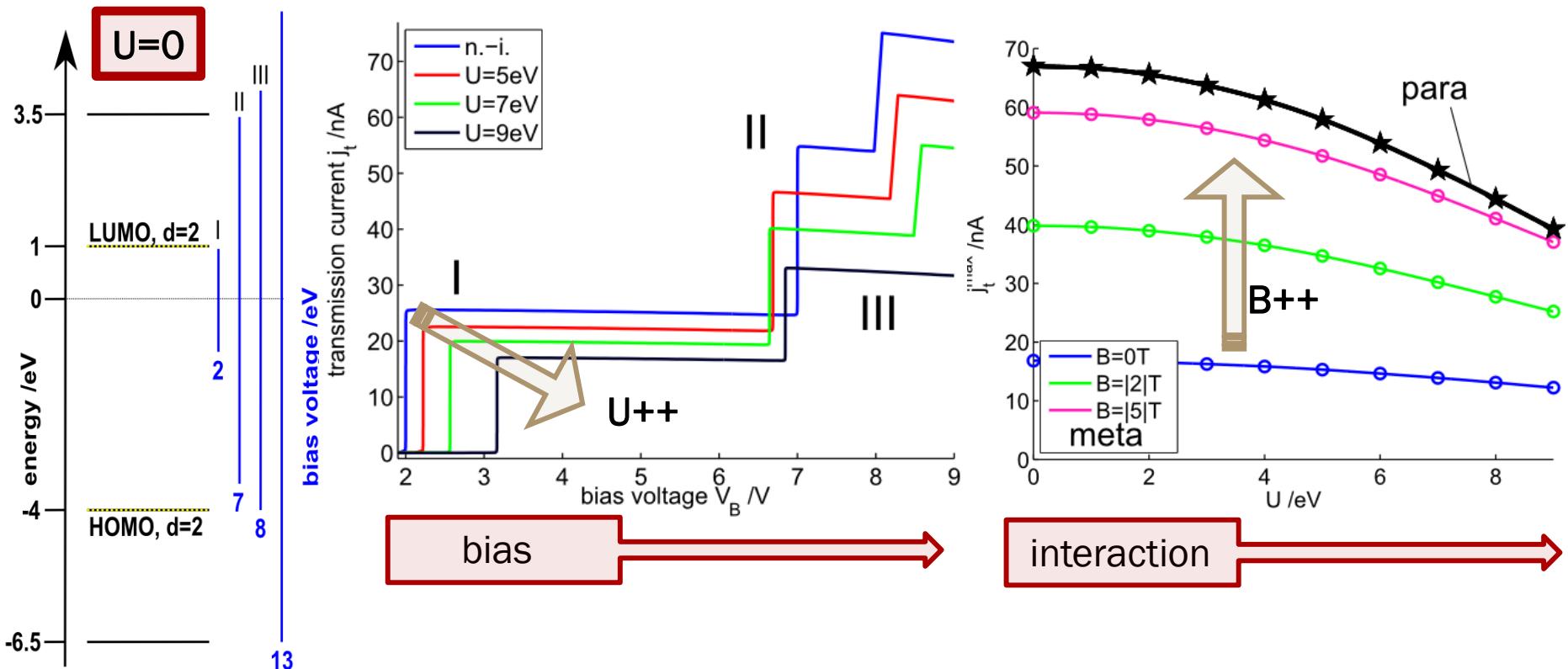
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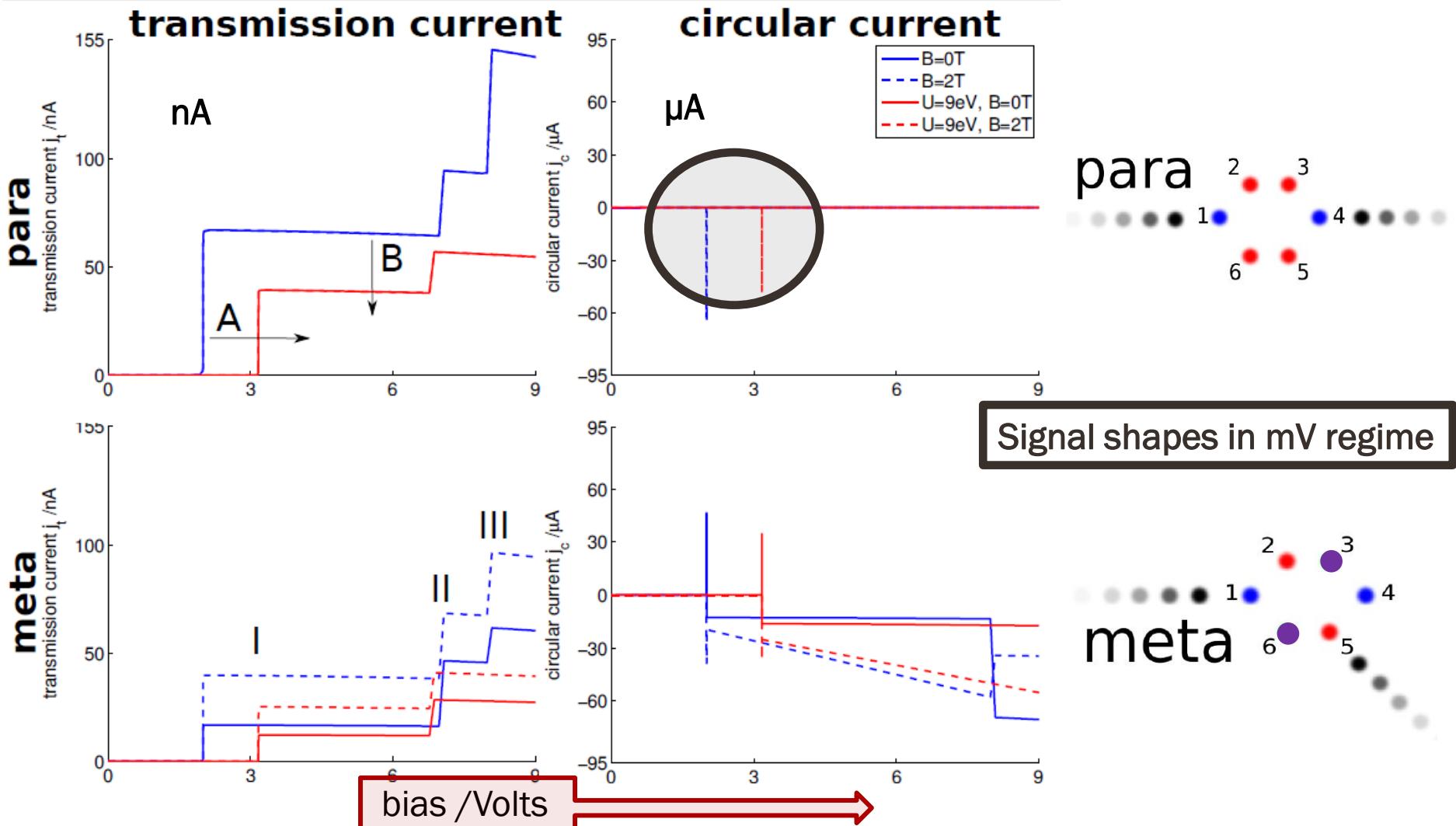


# $e^- - e^-$ interactions / transmission current

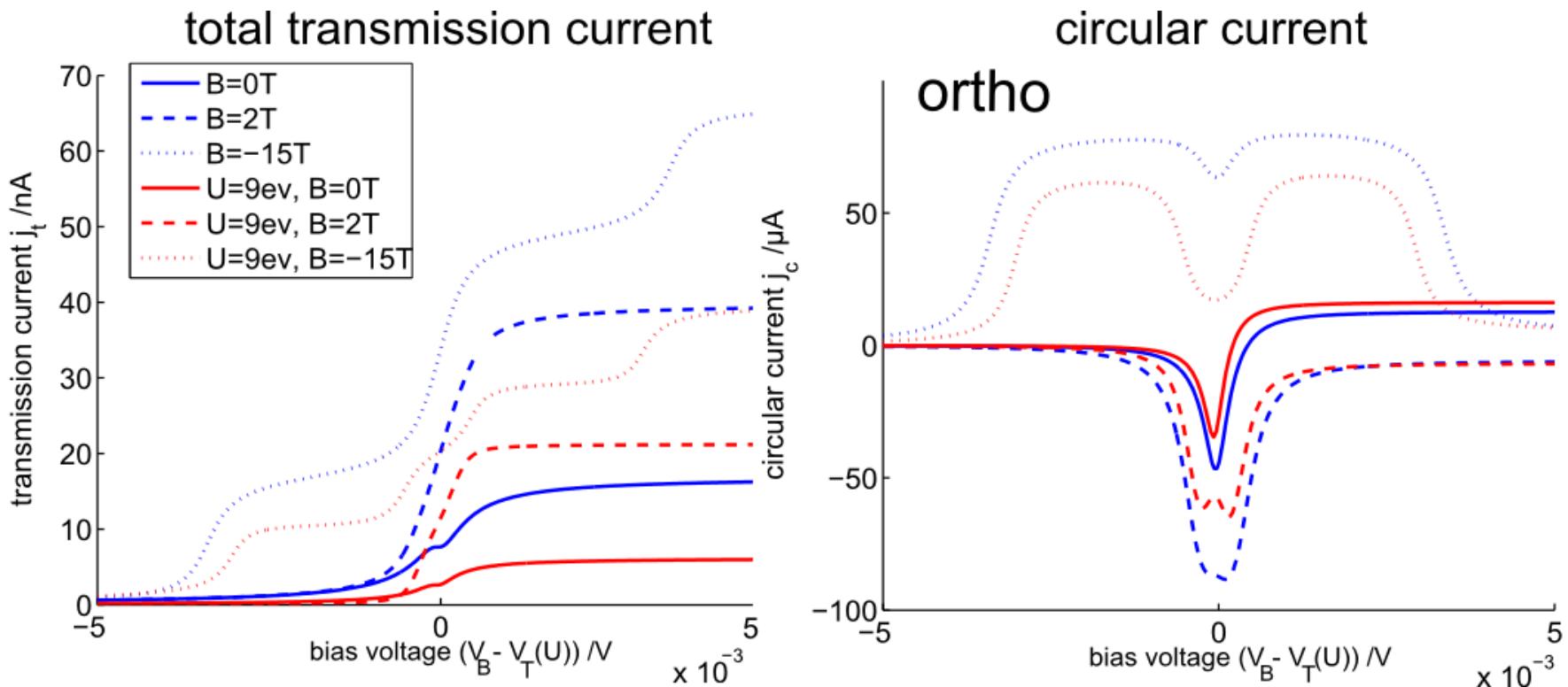


- ⌚ threshold renormalization beyond mean-field
- ⌚ plateau current renormalized by  $U, B$

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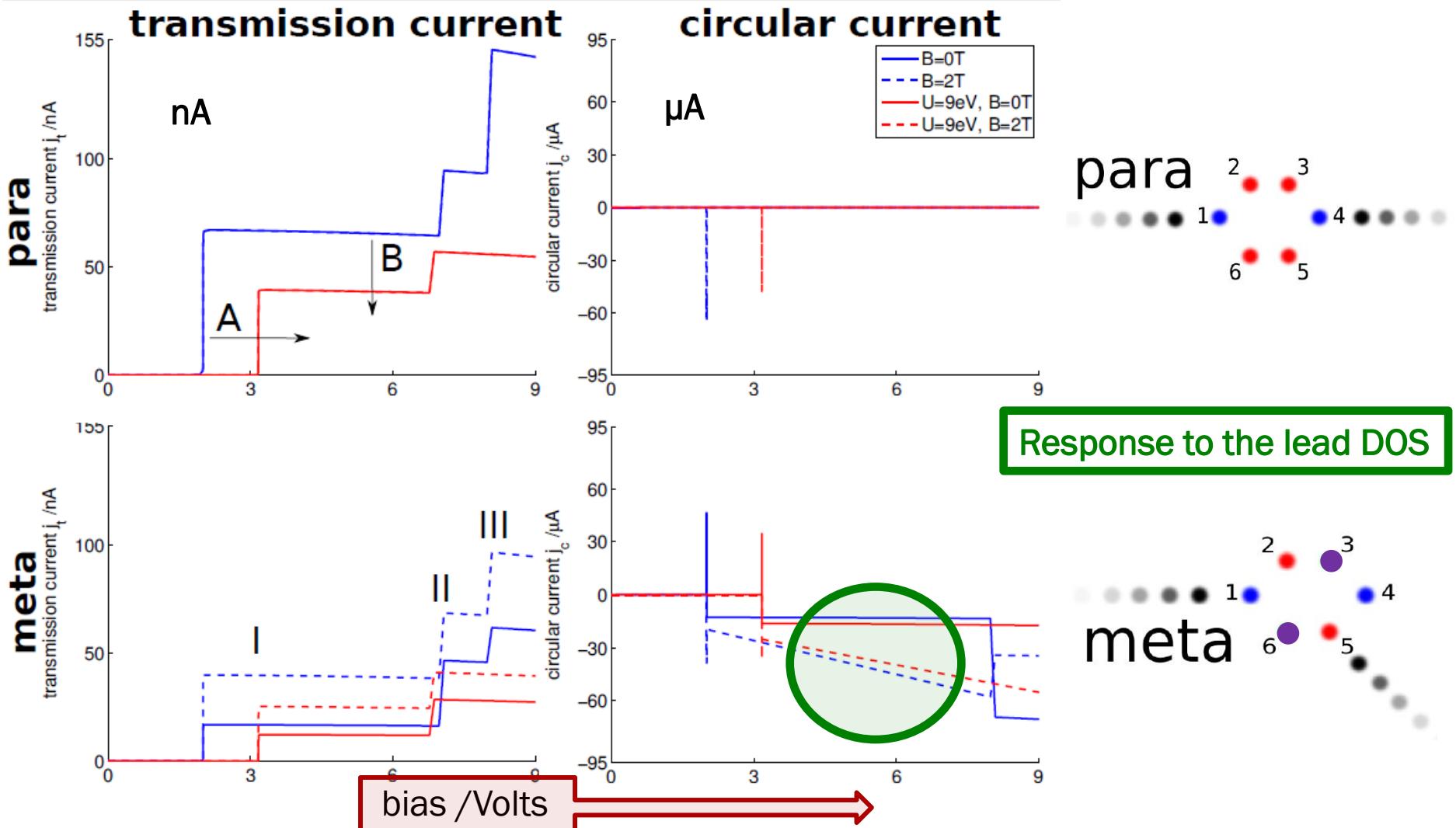
# Current-voltage signals



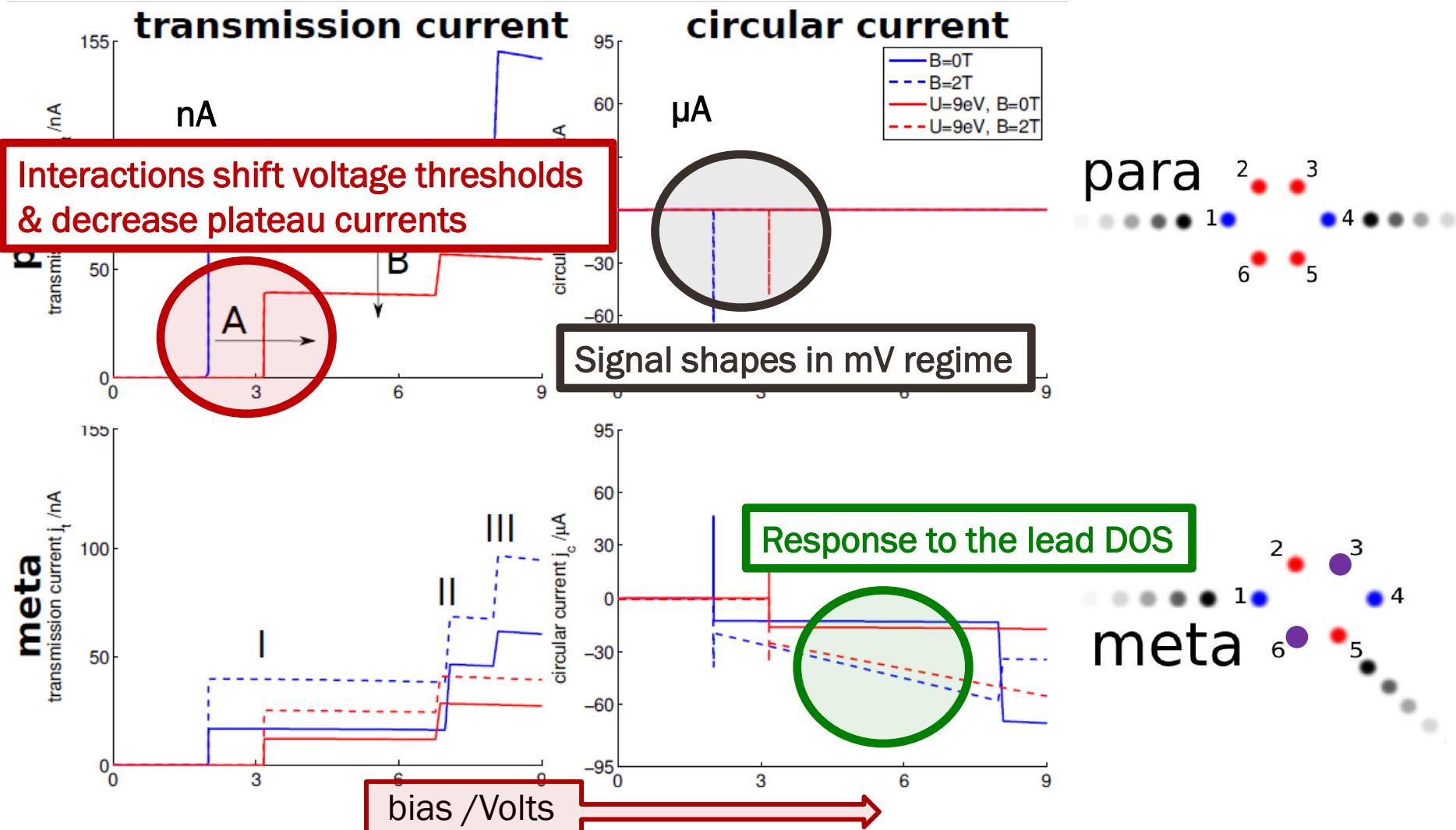
☞ Lenz rule

☞ Zeemann splitting

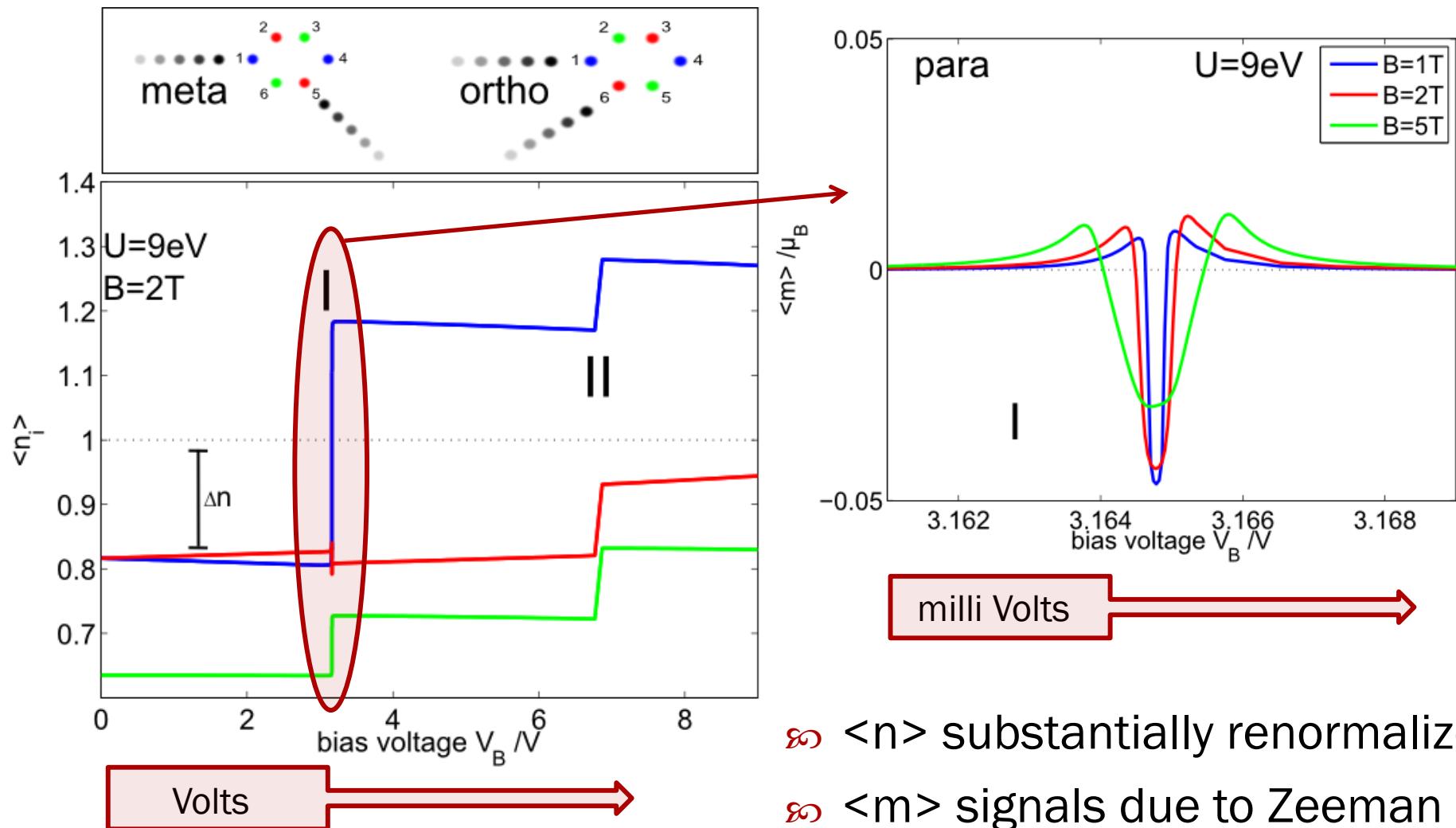
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# III. Charge distribution + magnetization

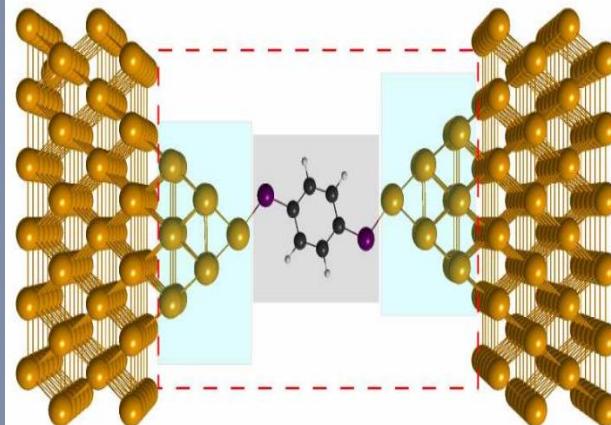


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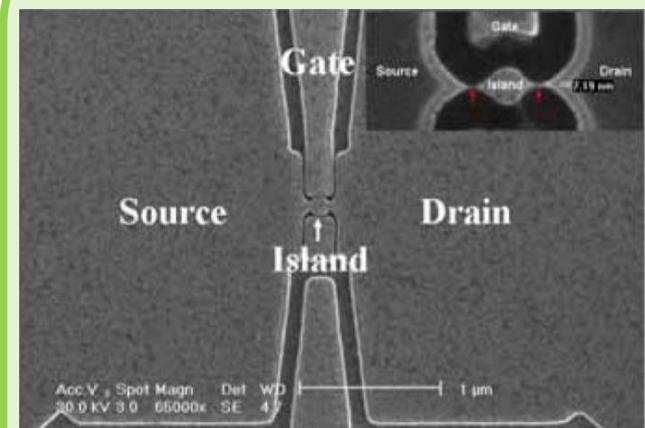
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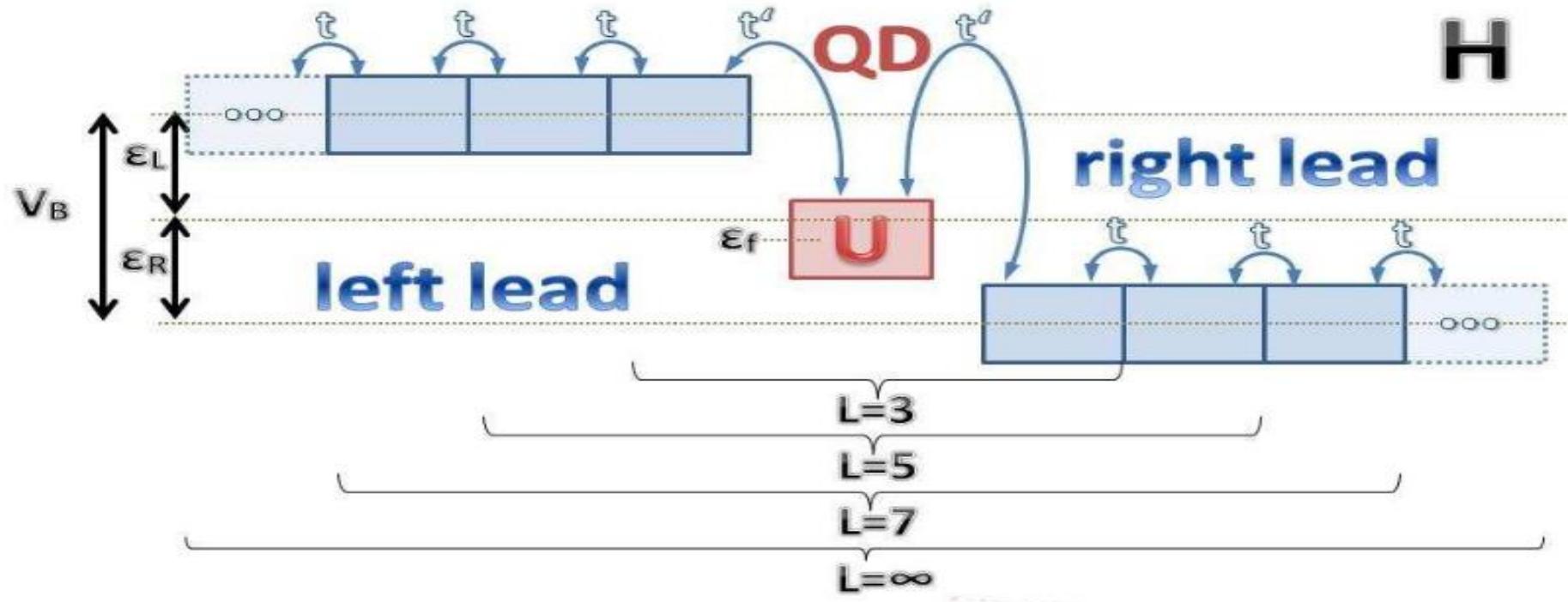


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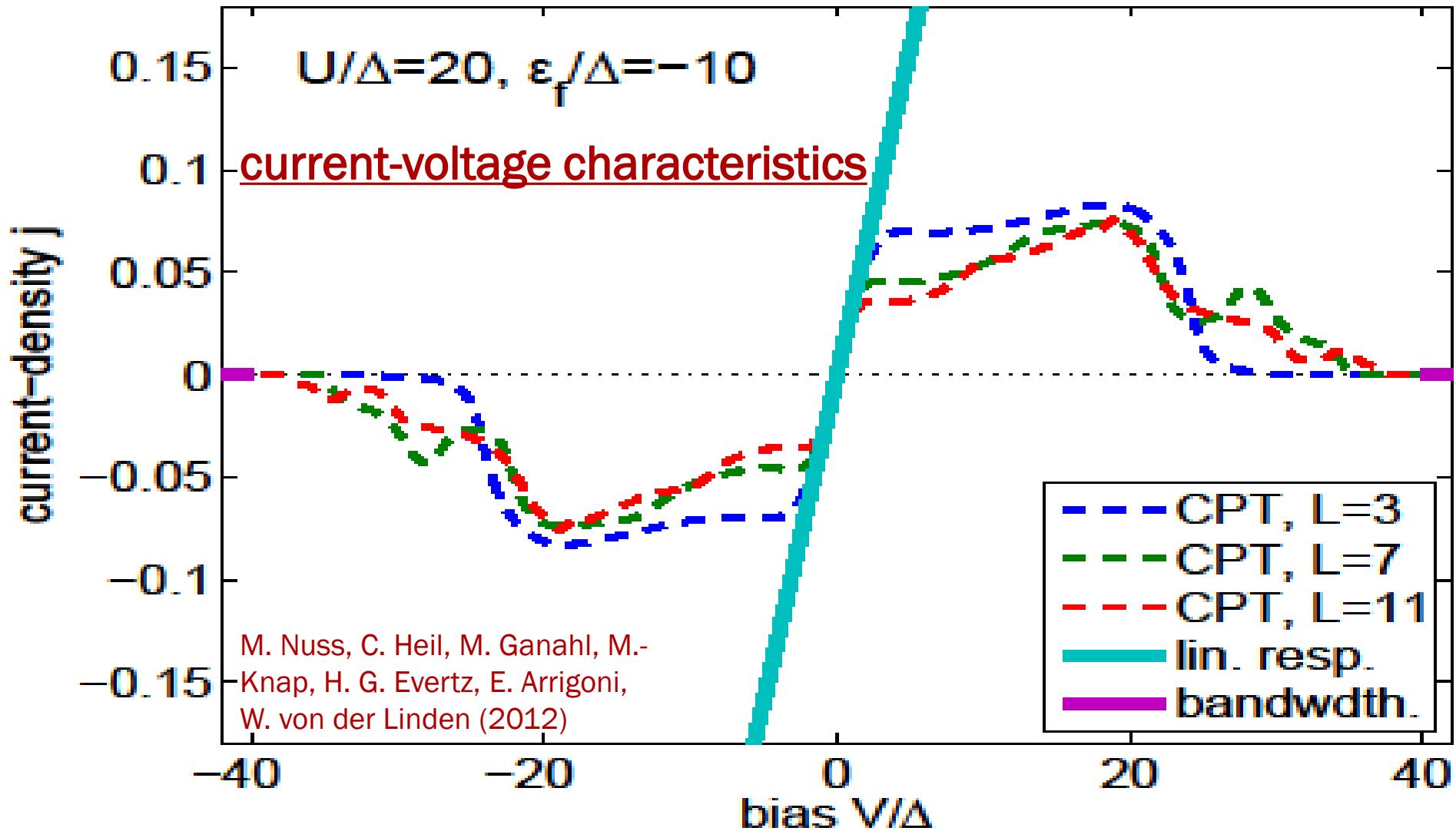
- Non equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach
- Time evolution using Matrix Product States

# Single impurity Anderson model

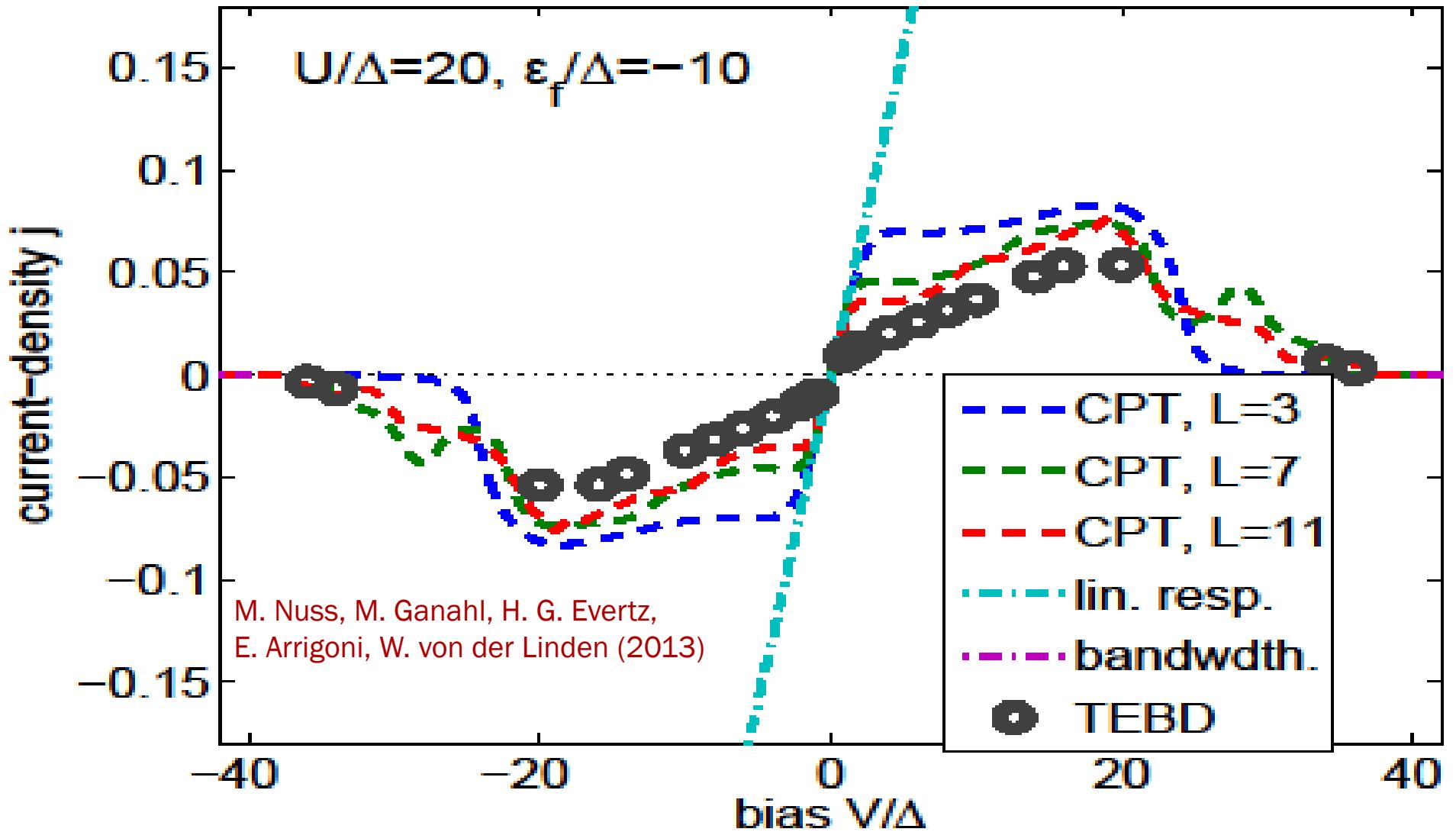


- ❖ one orbital with on-site interaction
- ❖ bias voltage
- ❖ infinite system

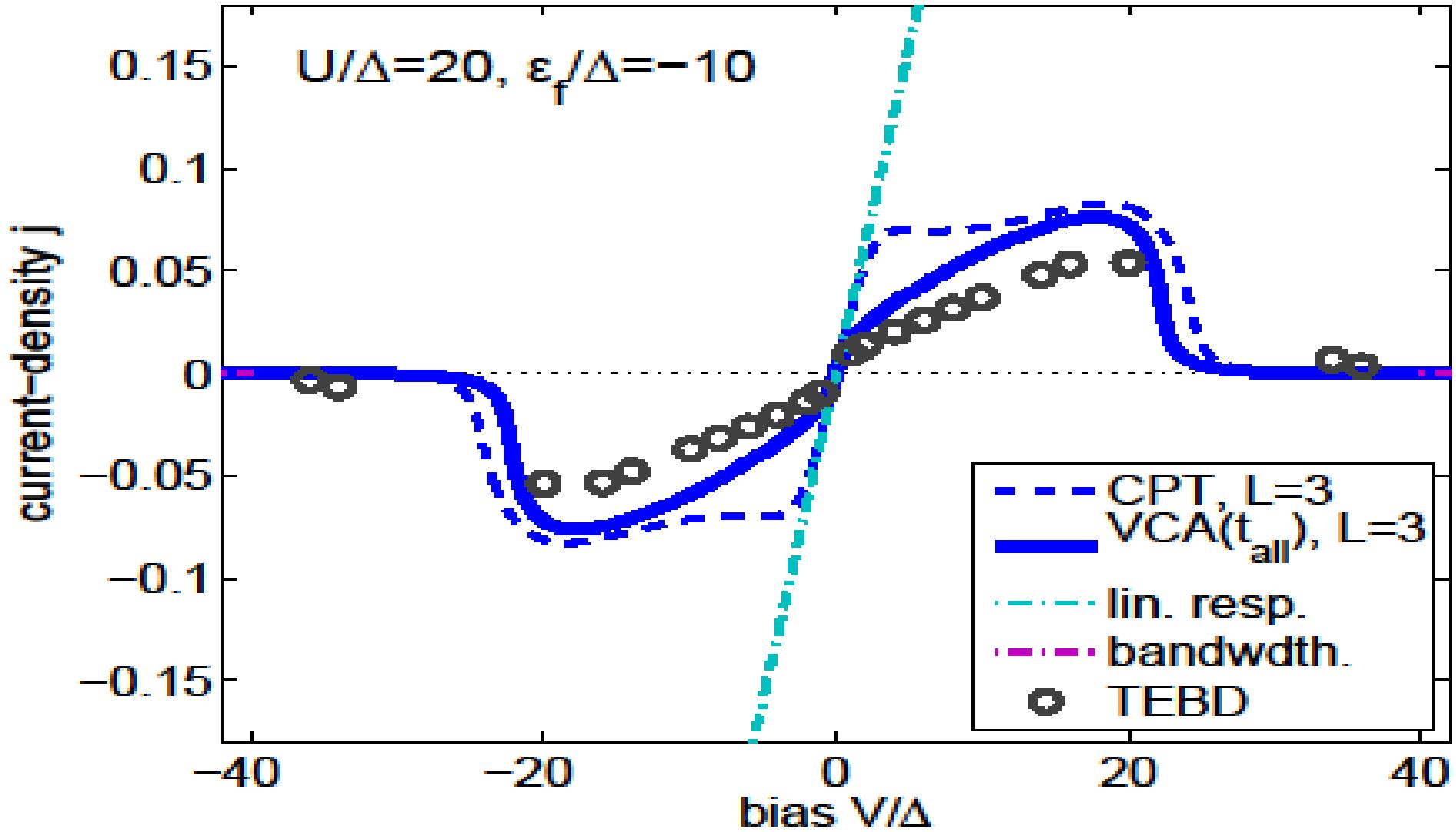
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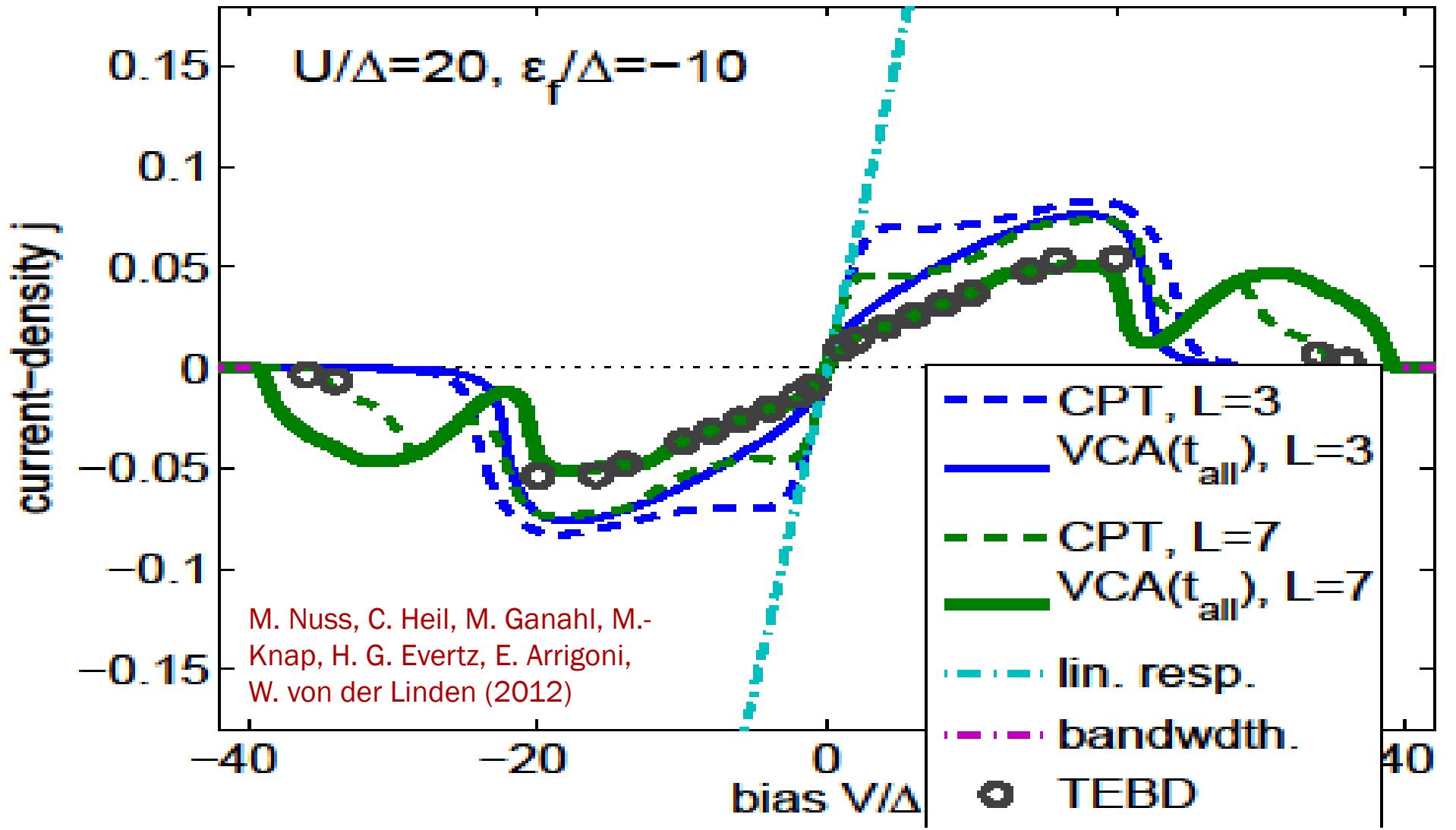
# Quasi exact DMRG+TEBD



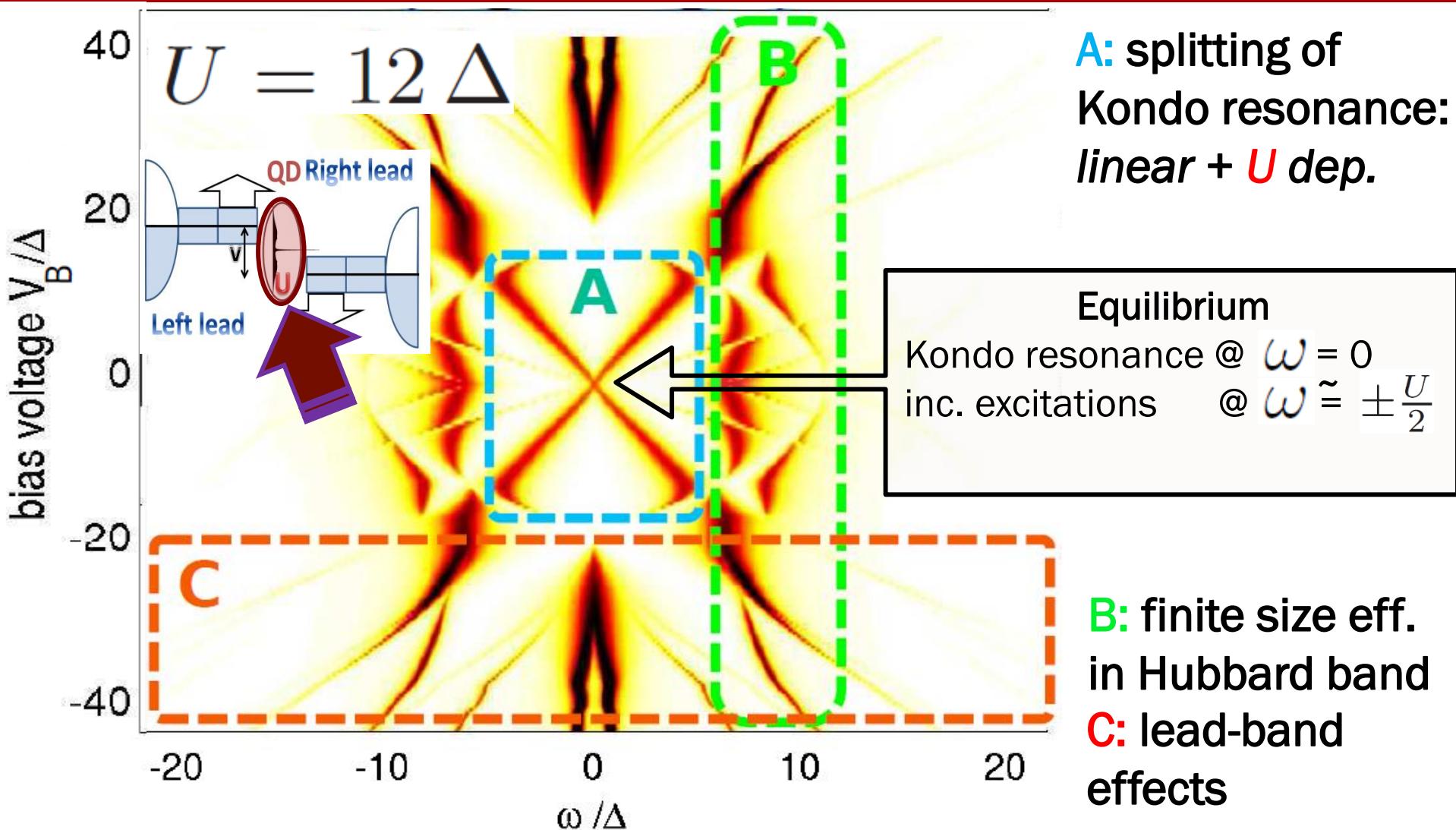
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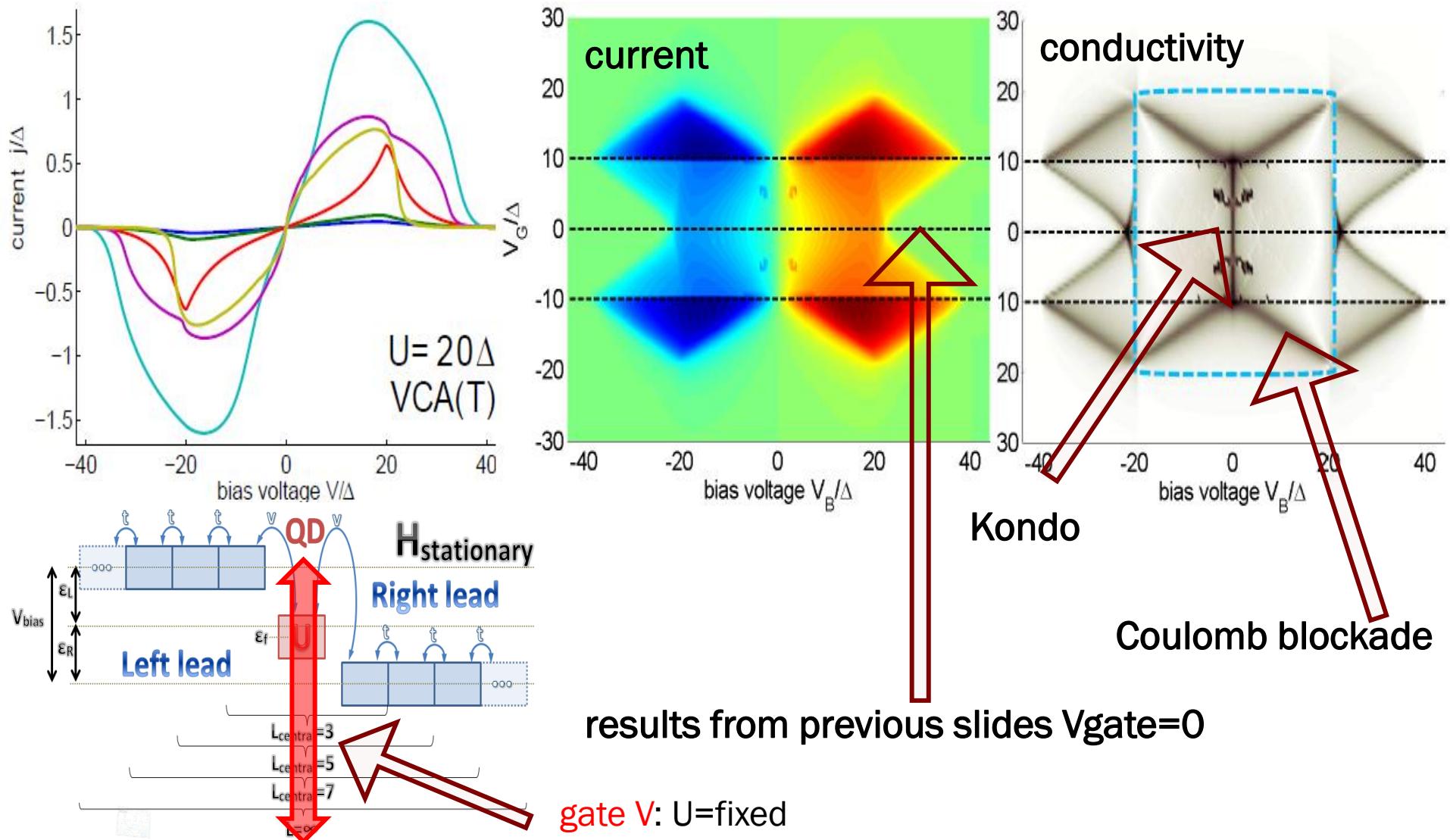
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# Non equilibrium local density of states



# Applying a gate voltage

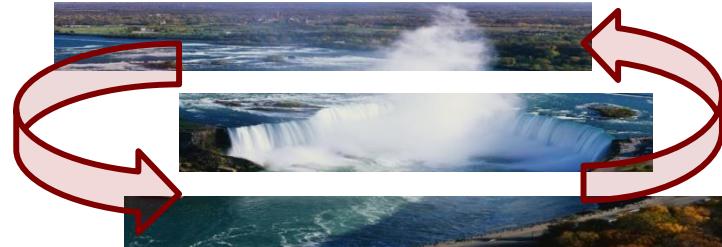


# Conclusions + outlook

## non equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach

- o fast
- o versatile
- o self consistent feedback

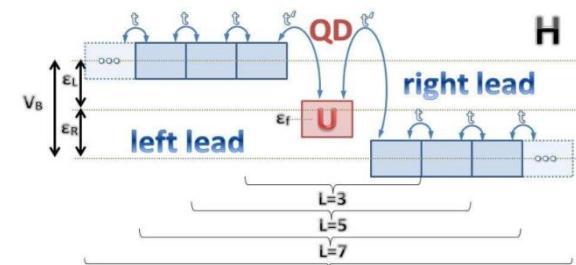
Arrigoni et al. (2011)  
Knap et al. (2011)



## quantum dot

- o current density up to intermediate U
- o TEBD benchmark
- o linear U dep. splitting of Kondo resonance
- o Kondo regime + Coulomb blockade
- o nVCA >> nCPT: variational feedback crucial

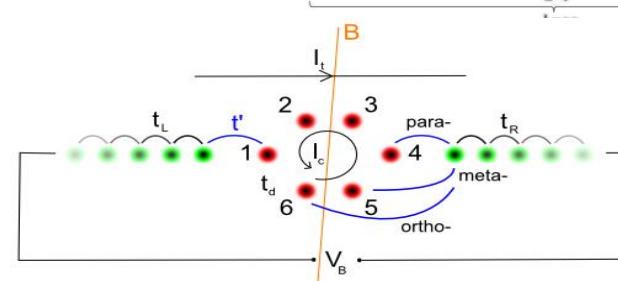
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## molecular ring junction

- o interaction effects
- o magnetic fields
- o broadening effects

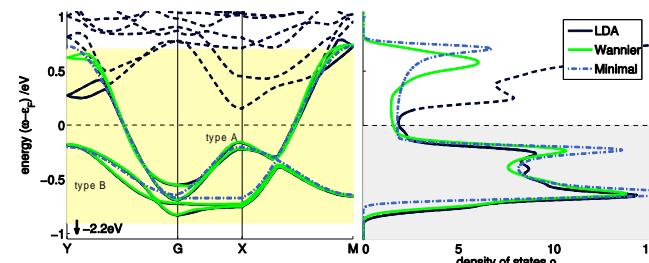
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## transport in 1D materials

- o ab-initio + correlations
- o linear response transport

Nuss et al. arXiv (2013)



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**Non equilibrium group at**



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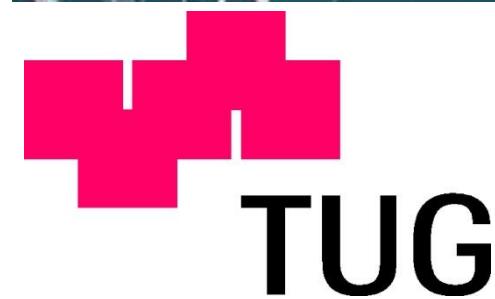


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# Thank you!

maybe some day:

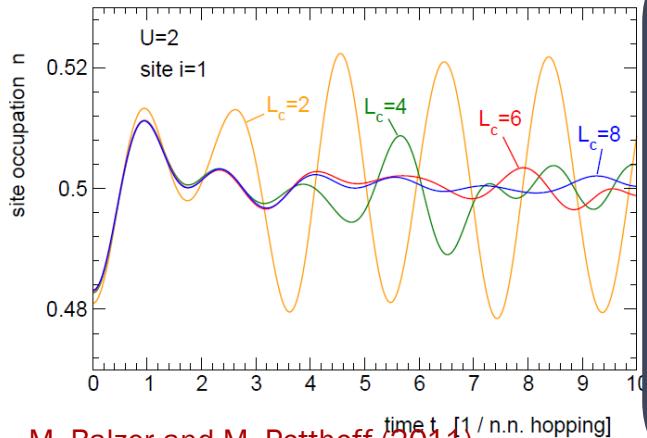


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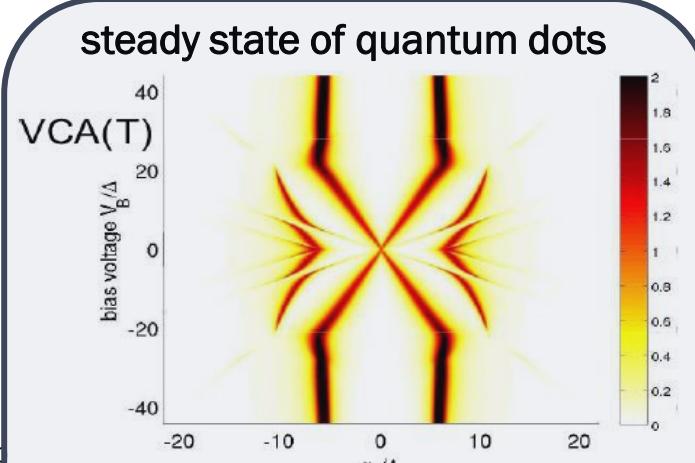
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## time evolution by CPT



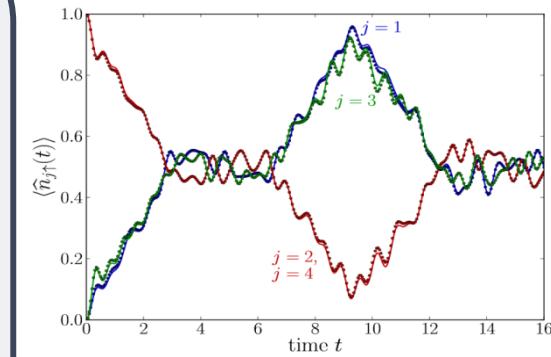
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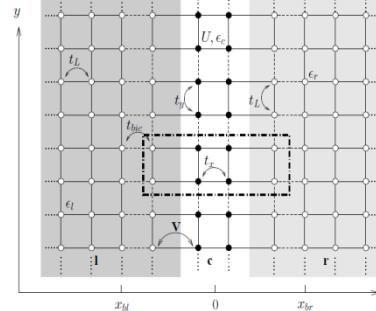
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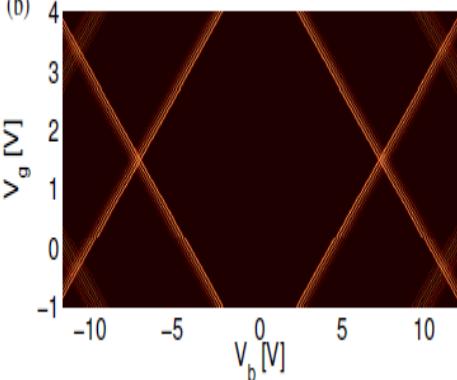
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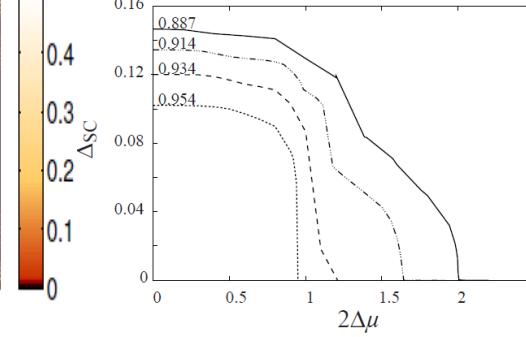
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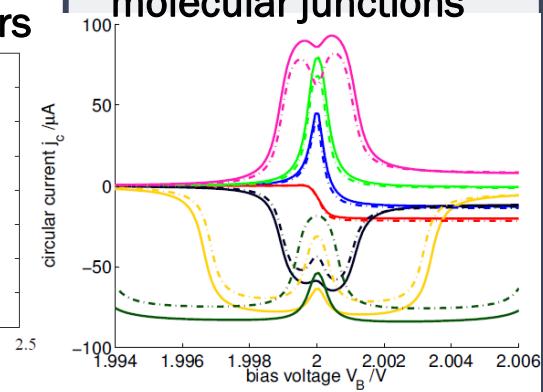
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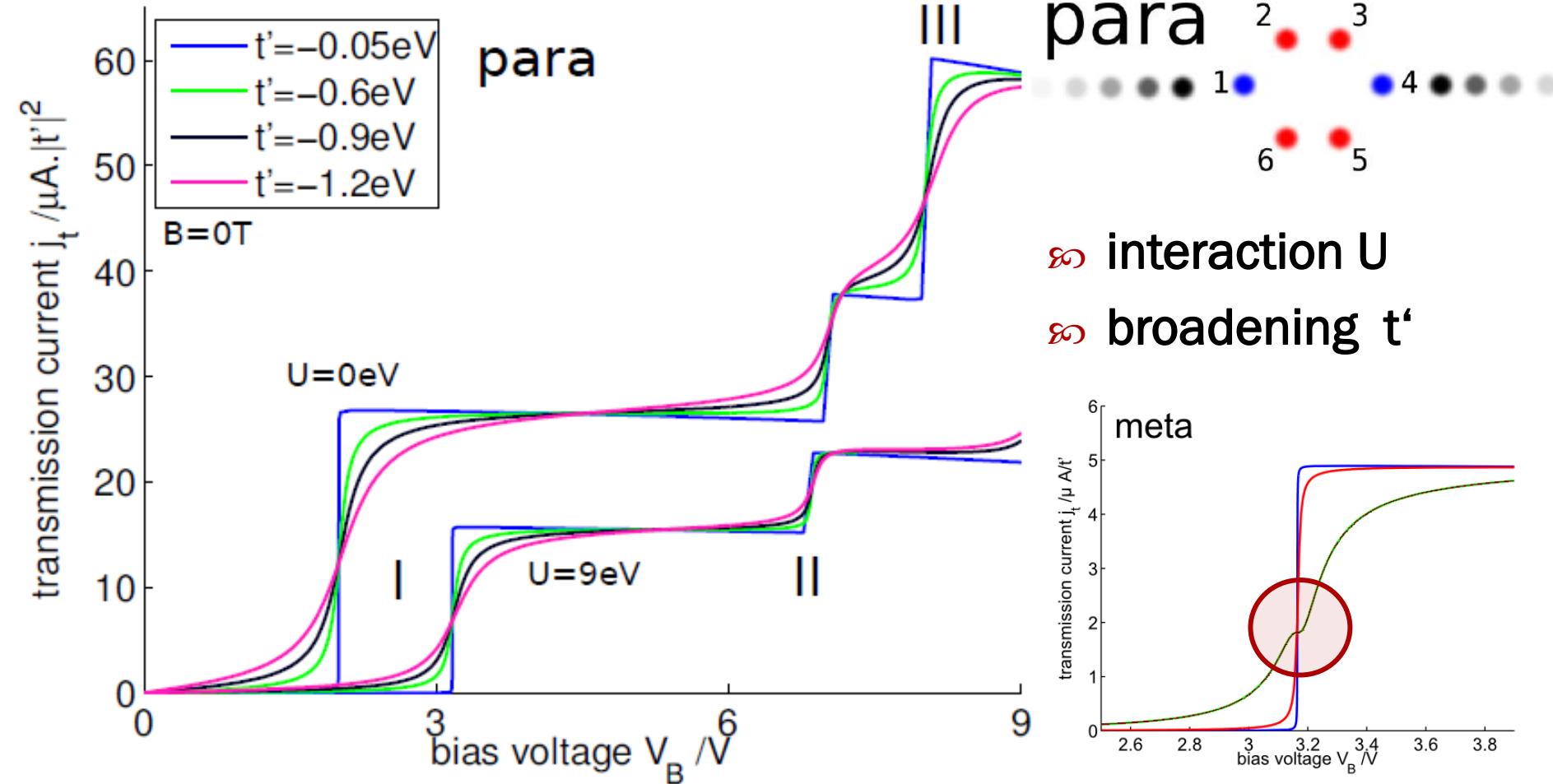
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## magnetic effects in molecular junctions



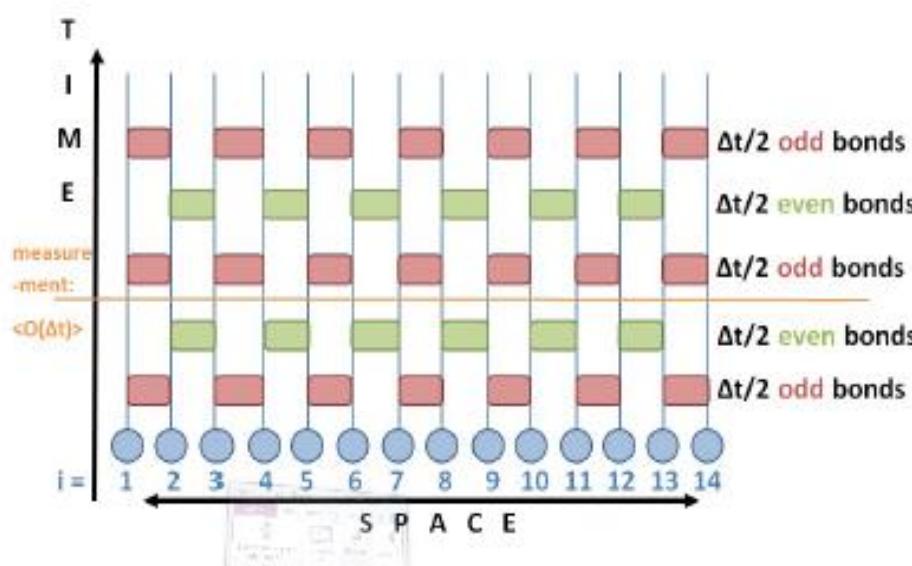
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# I. Transmission current voltage characteristics



# Real time evolution with matrix product states

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi\rangle &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L\}} c_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L} |s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{\{s_1, \dots, s_L\}} \sum_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L\}} A_{\alpha_1}^{[1]s_1} A_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}^{[2]s_2} \dots A_{\alpha_{L-2} \alpha_{L-1}}^{[L-1]s_{L-1}} A_{\alpha_{L-1}}^{[L]s_L} |s_1, \dots, s_L\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



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S. R. White (1993)

 $\text{DMRG}(\hat{\mathcal{H}}(t_0)) \Rightarrow |\Psi\rangle_0$ 

②

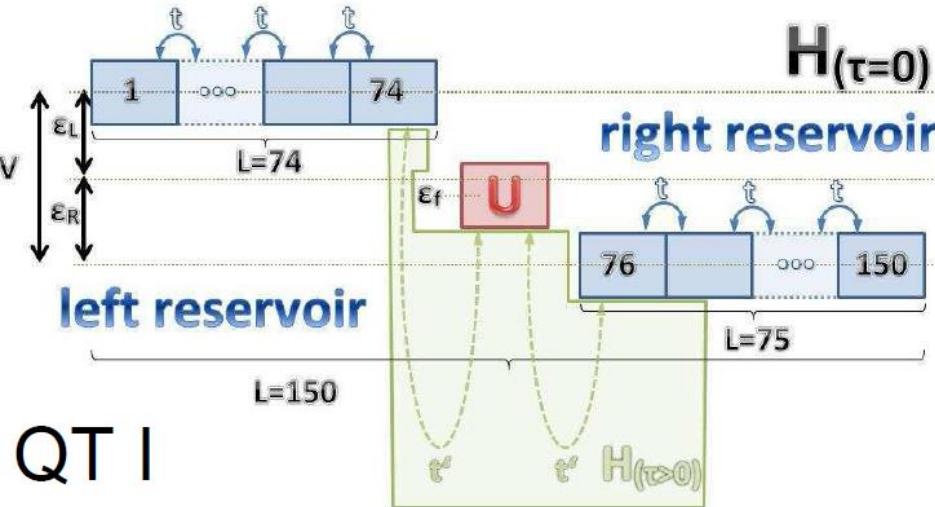
quench

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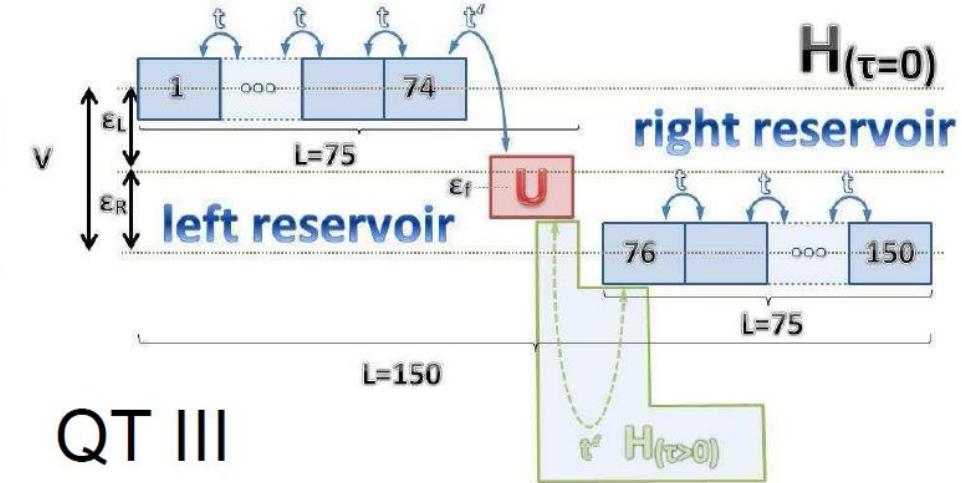
evolve  $|\Psi\rangle_0$  with  
 $\hat{\mathcal{H}}(t > 0)$  by TEBD

G. Vidal (2004)

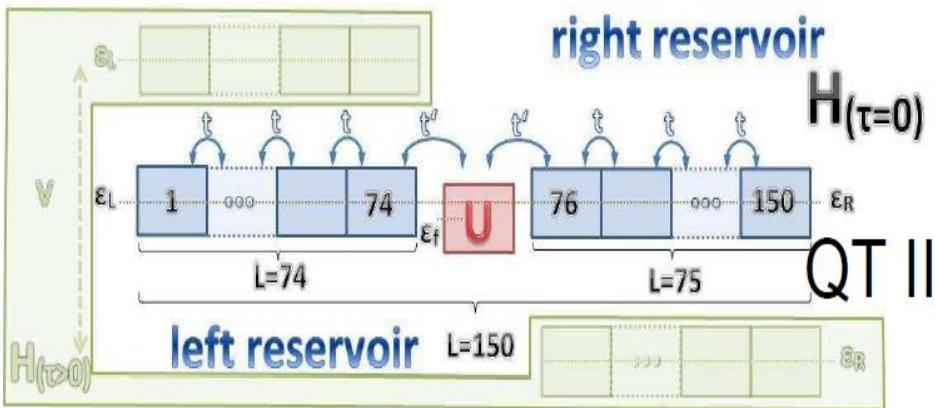
# 3 different quenches



QT I



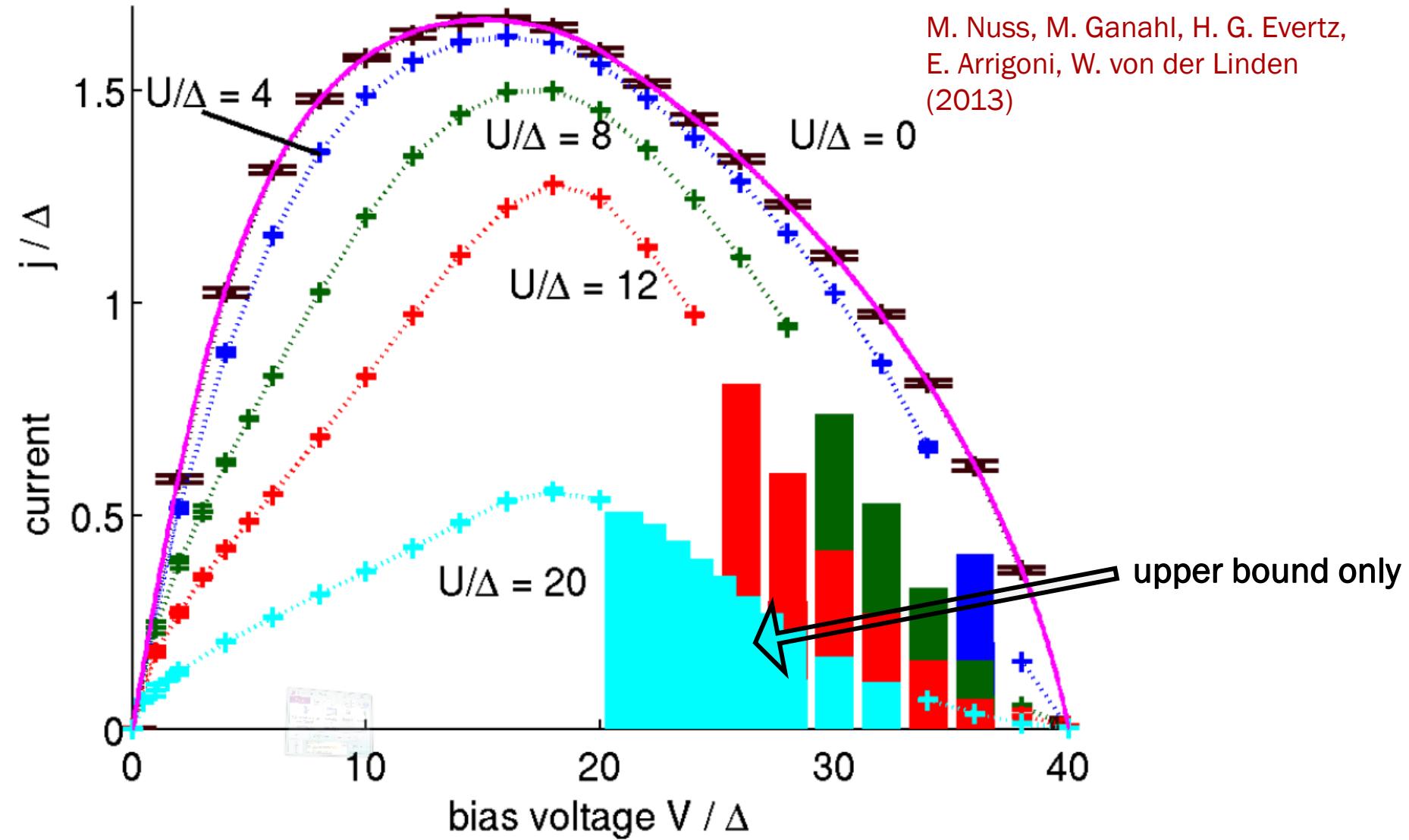
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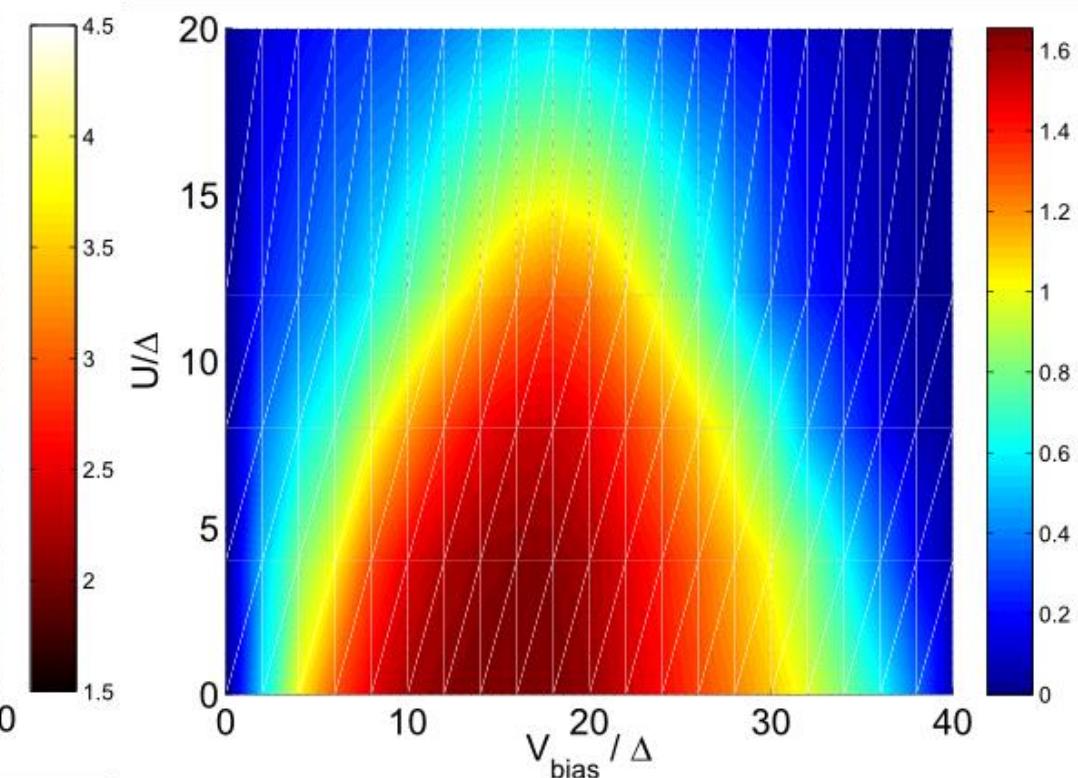
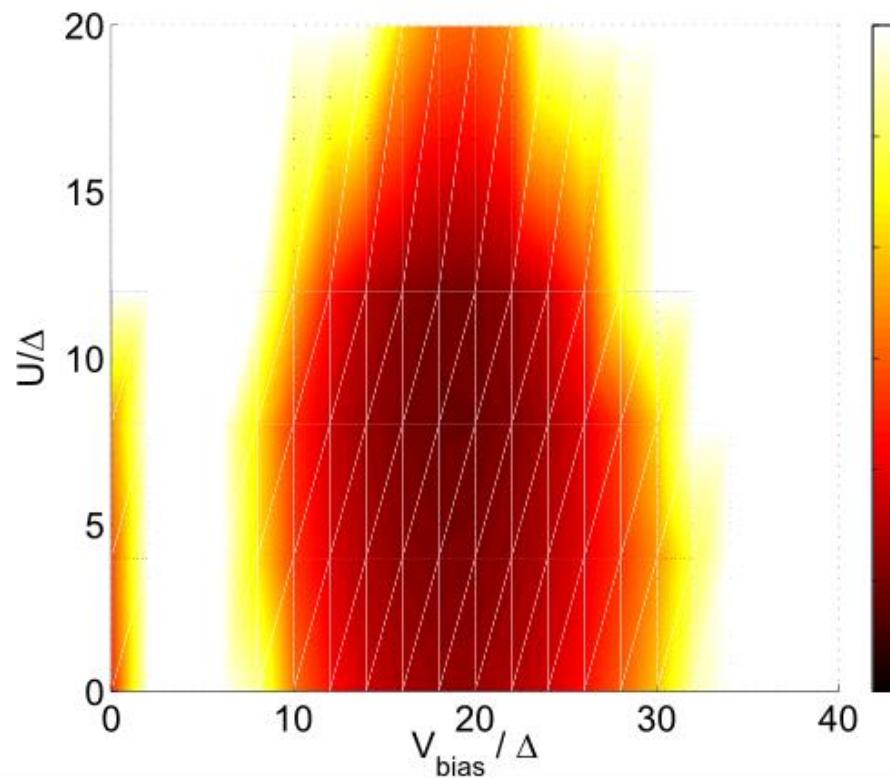
comparison of short time quench dynamics  
+ quasi-steady-state

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E. Arrigoni, W. von der Linden  
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# DMRG+TEBD current-voltage characteristics



# Entanglement $\longleftrightarrow$ current



# Time evolution of current

