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Charge Transport Calculations Across Materials

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Outline #1

- Motivation for studying material interfaces
- Novel algorithm for charge transport calculations for materials: applications and case studies.



Material interface

Material Surfaces and Interfaces Play a Key Role in Several Fields



Existing Methodologies are Limited in their Ability to Provide Structure-Function Fundamental Understanding



Applications and case studies:

• Dielectrics for transistors.

L. Teitz and M. Caspary Toroker, Adv. Func. Mat., 1808544 (2019).

• Semiconductors for transistors.

G. Ben-Melech Stan and M. Caspary Toroker, Molecular Physics 119, 15 (2019).

G. Ben-Melech Stan, K. Dhaka, M. Caspary Toroker, Isr. J. Chem. 60 (8-9), 888 (2020).

• Quantum computing junctions.

A. Reshef and M. Caspary Toroker, NPJ Computational Materials 7, 1 (2021).

• Electrodes in electrochemistry.

O. Neufeld and M. Caspary Toroker, J. Chem. Theo. Comp. 12, 1572 (2016).Y. Tovi and M. Caspary Toroker, J. Chem. Phys. 153, 024104 (2020).

The role of charge transport in devices

In dielectric materials, charge should not leak to the gate electrode.



T. Roy, M. Tosun, J. S. Kang, A. B. Sachid, S. B. Desai, M. Hettick, C. C. Hu, A. Javey, ACS Nano 2014, 8, 6, 6259–6264

Dielectric materials: interfacing the gate and the semiconductor

Atomic model for the MoS₂/SiC interface:



Applications: Dielectric materials



Dielectric materials: small charge density change



Table 1. Bond lengths of the isolated monolayer materials and of the materials at the interface, Bader charge redistribution at the interface, adhesion energies, and physical separation at each interface.

Interface	d [Å]	ε_0	E _{adh} [meV/Å ²]	Charge transfer [e]	Mo-S bond	Mo-S bond length [Å] Material bond length [Å]		
					At interface	Isolated	At interface	Isolated
BeO/MoS ₂	3.31	2.91	-5.65	0.00175	2.40	2.41	1.57	1.55
SiC/MoS ₂	2.94	3.21	-47.37	0.0333	2.40	2.41	1.81	1.79
hBN/MoS ₂	3.29	3.00	-8.02	0.0232	2.44	2.41	1.43	1.45

Comparing charge transport between dielectric materials: correlation to potential energy heights



Table 3. Calculated tunnel barrier heights (Φ_{TB}) and transmission coefficients (Θ) of each interface, for initial energies equal to the CBM or VBM.

Interface	$\Phi_{TB}\left[eV ight]$	Θ		
		VBM	CBM	
BeO/MoS ₂	18.68	0.40	0.49	
SiC/MoS ₂	16.17	0.47	0.56	
hBN/MoS ₂	25.05	0.36	0.44	

L. Teitz and M. Caspary Toroker, Adv. Func. Mat., 1808544 (2019).

Potential energy of a dielectric material



Take a look at the dynamics in a dielectric:

Some charge escapes through the MoS₂/BeO interface:



Quantum dynamics near defects in the semiconductor MoS₂





G. Ben-Melech Stan and M. Caspary Toroker, Molecular Physics 119, 15 (2019).

Defects in the semiconductor MoS₂



Vacancy-induced charge is located on Mo 1st neighbors:



Figure 2. Total density of states for MoS₂ monolayer without and with S vacancy. The purple arrow points to the mid-gap states seen for all ML with S vacancy defects, and the black arrow points to conduction band edge states, mostly seen for ML with 11% V-1S

G. Ben-Melech Stan and M. Caspary Toroker, Molecular Physics 119, 15 (2019).

Quantum dynamics near defects in MoS₂

A larger transport without vacancies:



G. Ben-Melech Stan and M. Caspary Toroker, Molecular Physics 119, 15 (2019).

Metal/Semiconductor interfaces: replacing the metal

Selection of different metals of the atomic interface model:

Table 1.	Calculated	characteristics	of metal/s	semicondu	uctor/meta	ıl
systems.						

Metal/ semiconductor	Metal length [Å]	Semiconductor length [Å]	Lattice Mismatch [%] ^[23]
FeS ₂ /CrS ₂	31.45	14.99	2.9
FeS ₂ /MoS ₂	32.06	15.41	1.5
FeS_2/WS_2	32.02	15.43	1.2
VS_2/CrS_2	31.59	15.05	4.2
VS_2/MoS_2	32.26	15.42	3.2
VS_2/WS_2	32.42	15.54	0.1



G. Ben-Melech Stan, K. Dhaka, M. Caspary Toroker, Isr. J. Chem. 60 (8-9), 888 (2020).

Metal/Semiconductor interfaces: comparing materials

VS₂/CrS₂ have the highest current:



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The role of charge transport in catalysis

Particularly in the area of catalysis, charge needs to transport to the surface for redox reactions.



$$H_2 O_{(l)} \to H_{2(g)} + \frac{1}{2} O_{2(g)}$$

Several back contacts for Fe₂O₃

The method offers to screen different materials:



Figure 2. (a) Fe₂O₃ (0001) oxygen-terminated slab. (b) FCC metal (111) slab. Blue shading represents the unit cell of the metal and Fe₂O₃ which creates the interfaces. (c)-(h) Relaxed Fe₂O₃/Mt interfaces for Mt = Ag, Al, Au, Ir, Pd, and Pt, respectively. Created using VESTA.⁹⁰ O. Neufeld and M. Caspary Toroker, J. Chem. Theo. Comp. 12, 1572 (2016).

Comparing between metals

Ir metal shows best performance, Ag the least:



Figure 8. Computed transport probability $\Delta Q(t)$ for all Fe₂O₃/Mt interfaces. Solid plots represent pure metals for which a DFT calculation was performed as denoted in the legends; dashed lines represent alloys which were fast screened without the DFT calculation.

Prediction of transmission through a Ag/Au alloy

The method can be used for alloys:



Figure 4. (a) Electron transport probability, $\Delta Q(t)$, for the alloy system, with Fe₂O₃/Ag_{0.66}Au_{0.33} from DFT, and from an analytically averaged potential energy. (b) Magnification of (a) around the plateau (at area marked with dashed lines). (c) The relaxed DFT structure at Ag66% at., Au33% at., with an even spread of atoms. Atom colors red, gold, yellow, and silver represent oxygen, iron, gold, and silver atoms, respectively.

Charge transport dynamics: Wavepacket appears oscillating, but some transfers through.



Code developments: from 1D to 2D in space

X

The main coordinate is in the normal to the interface, the transport direction (z).



$$V(z) = \iint V(x, y, z) dx dy$$
$$V(x, z) = \int V(x, y, z) dy$$

Y. Tovi and M. Caspary Toroker, J. Chem. Phys. 153, 024104 (2020).

Code developments: from 1D to 2D in space

Additional lowest energy pathways through crystallographic available directions.





FIG. 10. Proposed dominant paths for the wave function in the Pt/Ox interface. The preferred paths are marked by arrows, and the center of the initial Gaussian is marked by a circle.

FIG. 6. Snapshots from the time evolution of $|\Psi|^2$ in the Pt/Fe₂O₃ interface. All images are close-ups of the interface area. Color bar units are given in Å⁻².

Y. Tovi and M. Caspary Toroker, J. Chem. Phys. 153, 024104 (2020).

Code developments: from 1D to 2D in space

The 1D model is valuable for qualitative comparisons between materials.



FIG. 5. Time-cumulative, x-integrated, z-directed current through the metal/Fe2O3 interface. The value at the plateau is the transmission.

Y. Tovi and M. Caspary Toroker, J. Chem. Phys. 153, 024104 (2020).

Case study for quantum computing: Al/Al2O3 interface

Al/Al2O3 interfaces used for qubits:



A. Reshef and M. Caspary Toroker, NPJ Computational Materials 7, 1 (2021).

Several possible impurities at the Al/Al2O3 interface



a Reference structure. **b** Al vacancy in the metal cap. **c** Al vacancy in the oxide. **d** O vacancy in the oxide, **e** trapped H, **f** trapped OH, **g** trapped O₂, and **h** Al for O substitution.

A. Reshef and M. Caspary Toroker, NPJ Computational Materials 7, 1 (2021).

Charge transport across the Al/Al2O3 interface

Wave packet propagation:



Comparing to experimental noise signature





Power spectral density: $S_x\left(f
ight)\propto f^{-eta}$.

The presence of OH molecule, in interstitial sites in the vicinity of the interface, generate noise with Fourier component with very good match to the characteristic shape of flicker noise.

A. Reshef and M. Caspary Toroker, NPJ Computational Materials 7, 1 (2021).

Summary of outline #1:

- The algorithm was tested on a variety of **systems and applications**.
- The approach enable to **view/simulate the electron** and calculate probability for charge transfer.
- The method enables to **design new materials** by correlating functionality to intrinsic kinetic barrier heights.

Outline # 2

- Structure of **potential energy of materials**
- Initial condition/location of the electron
- The solution: time propagation
- How to calculate electronic current? Flux as an observable

Time Dependent Schrödinger Equation for calculating charge transport through materials

The time dependent Schrödinger equation is:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \widehat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

The Hamiltonian includes kinetic and potential energies:

$$\widehat{H} = \widehat{T} + \widehat{V}$$

Potential energy as a function of distance in a material

What does a potential energy of a material look like?

For a periodic system:



Potential energies of metals vs. insulators?

For an insulator the barriers are high:



Potential energies of metals vs. insulators?

For an ideal metal there should be no barriers (charge is free):



Potential energies of metals vs. insulators?

But there are some low barriers in metals:

Potential energies of interfaces

New chemical bonds and barriers at the interface:

Interfaces are important for material design.

Building an Efficient Model for the Interface

Step 1: Characterizing several metal/oxide interfaces

o Au

Oxygen

Fe

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, ..., \vec{r}_N) \rightarrow \rho(\vec{r})$$

Building an Efficient Model for the Interface

Step 2: A numerical model

$$\hat{H} \left| \psi \right\rangle = i\hbar \frac{d \left| \psi \right\rangle}{dt}$$

A Model that is **Controllable for Finding New Materials**

Generalizing the problem to material potentials that change with time at time scales that are important for charge transport at steady state.

A. Reshef and M. Caspary Toroker, NPJ Comp. Materials 7, 165 (2021).

Larger barrier for a Al vacancy in the oxide:

Potential energy for dielectric materials

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Potential energy for metal/oxide interfaces

Potential energy in 2D space

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} V(z_1, x_1) & \cdots & V(z_N, x_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ V(z_1, x_M) & \cdots & V(z_N, x_M) \end{bmatrix},$$

FIG. 1. (a) DFT-calculated Pt/Fe₂O₃ interface potential matrix. Left and right edges are the vacuum potential. The Pt repeating unit and oxide expansion stitching area are marked. The color bar is given in [eV]. (b) Atomic structure of the interface. Red—O, yellow—Fe, and silver—Pt.

An algorithm to predict transmission through alloys

Figure 1. Scheme of the novel high-throughput screening approach for metal/oxide interfaces.

Correlations for material design

Figure 5. A typical Fe_2O_3/Mt potential energy function and characteristic model parameters: d(111) is metallic (111) planar spacing, E1 and E2 are potential energy levels in the metal, E3 and E4 are potential energy levels in the oxide, d(0001) is the oxide's (0001) planar spacing, Φ is the wave packet's excess energy with respect to the interface barrier, Δ is the potential energy bending in the oxide, and σ is the barrier width. Light blue, blue, and green areas represent bulk Fe_2O_3 , interface, and bulk metal regions, respectively.

Figure 9. Fe₂O₃/Mt interface data points for $\ln(\Theta)$ as a function of $\sigma\sqrt{\Phi - \Delta}$ against least-squares fit of eq 9.

Codes from our group: importing potential

<i>Mathematica</i> (Ofer thesis)	<pre>path = "D:\\\\LOCPOT";(*path to LOCPOT file*) str = OpenRead[path];(*open path*) system = Read[str, String];(*start reading in lines from LOCPOT file*)</pre>
Matlab (Liora thesis)	<pre>%this function subtracts the non-zero value of the vacuum energy from VASP's local potential and returns the new potential, the special grid and the value of the vacuum energy function [f,g,h] = InputPotential(filename, sheet, zrange, potrange) z = xlsread(filename, sheet, zrange); %angstrom z = z*10^-10; % angstrom to m v0 = xlsread(filename, sheet, potrange); %eV VacEnergy = max(v0); %eV v0 = (v0 - VacEnergy)*1.6*10^-19; %subtracting vacuum energy, eV to J f = v0; g = z; h = VacEnergy; end</pre>

Same potential used for work function calculations.

Solving the time-dependent Schrodinger Equation requires an initial condition

The charge starts as a wavepacket with an initial location and momentum:

$$\psi_0(z) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} \sigma_0^{1/2}} \exp\left[\frac{-(z-z_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2} + i\frac{p_0 z}{\hbar}\right]$$

Initial momentum is extracted from:

$$E_{c} = \left\langle \psi_{0} \mid \hat{\mathbf{H}} \mid \psi_{0} \right\rangle = \left\langle \psi_{0} \mid \hat{T} + \hat{V} \mid \psi_{0} \right\rangle = \left\langle \overline{\psi_{0} \mid \hat{T} \mid \psi_{0}} \right\rangle + \left\langle \overline{\psi_{0} \mid \hat{V} \mid \psi_{0}} \right\rangle$$

$$T_{0} = \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m} \left(k0^{2} + \frac{1}{\Delta x^{2}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{i\hbar^{2}k0}{2mA} \left\{ \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x0}{\Delta x}\right)^{2} \right) - \exp\left(-\left(\frac{L-x0}{\Delta x}\right)^{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$- \frac{\hbar^{2}}{4mA\Delta x} \left[\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} erf\left(\frac{L-x0}{\Delta x}\right) - \left(\frac{L-x0}{\Delta x}\right) \right]$$

$$\times \exp\left(-\left(\frac{L-x0}{\Delta x}\right)^{2} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} erf\left(\frac{-x0}{\Delta x}\right) + \left(\frac{-x0}{\Delta x}\right)$$

$$\times \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x0}{\Delta x}\right)^{2} \right) \right]$$

$$(7)$$

Codes for the initial wavefunction

 $\Psi 0 [x_{1}] := \mathbb{N} \left[\frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\pi^{1/4}} \operatorname{Exp} \left[\frac{-\beta^{2}}{2} (x - x0)^{2} + \mathbb{I} \frac{p0 x}{(eV2J \, 10^{20}) \hbar} \right] \right];$ Mathematica (Ofer thesis) $\mathbb{V}0[x0_{,\sigma_{,L}}] := \mathrm{NIntegrate}\left[\frac{e^{-\frac{(x-x0)^{2}}{\sigma^{2}}}}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbb{V}[x], \{x, -L/2, L/2\}\right] // \mathrm{Re};$ $p0 = Max[(P0 / . NSolve[(Et + Efermi) == V0[x0, \sigma, L] + T0[me, \sigma, L, x0, \hbar, P0], P0])];$ psi = $\exp(-((x-(x0)).^2)/(2*((sqrt(2)*sigma(1))^2)));$ Matlab (Liora thesis) V0 = d*trapz(func); T0 =const*(sqrt(pi)*sigma(1)*(1+2*(sigma(1)^2)*(kstart^2))*(erf(x0/sigma(1))+er f((L-x0)/sigma(1))) + 2*(x0+2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^2))*exp(- $(x0^{2})/(sigma(1)^{2}) + 2*(L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart*(sigma(1)^{2}))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x0-2*1i*kstart))*exp(-((L-x$ $x0)^{2}/(sigma(1)^{2}));$ k0 = (double(solve(T0+V0 == E0, kstart)));

Time propagation of the wavefunction

• Using the split-step method:

$$e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(\hat{T}+\hat{V})dt}|\psi\rangle \approx e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar}(\hat{V})dt}e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(\hat{T})dt}e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar}(\hat{V})dt}|\psi\rangle$$

• The operation of the kinetic energy is solved in Fourier space:

$$e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(\hat{T})dt}|\psi\rangle = \hat{F}^{-1}e^{-\frac{i\hbar^{2}k^{2}}{2m\hbar}dt}\hat{F}|\psi\rangle$$

Codes for time propagation

Mathematica (Ofer thesis)

fftr = RotateRight[Fourier[\nu], Floor[
$$\frac{Nz}{2}$$
]]; ψ = InverseFourier[RotateLeft[KX * (fftr), Floor[$\frac{Nz}{2}$]]];

Matlab (Liora thesis) % calculating the wave function at t+deltat using the split operator approximation of the second order

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psi = exp(-li*v.*deltat/(2*hbar)).*psi;
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F = fft(psi);
phase = exp(-li*(k.^2)*(hbar*deltat)./(2*m));
phi = phase.*F;
psi = ifft(phi);
psi = psi.*exp(-li*v.*deltat/(2*hbar));
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The flux observable

• The flux at each z location

$$j(z, t) = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left(\psi \frac{d\psi^*}{dz} - \psi^* \frac{d\psi}{dz} \right)$$

• The flux at z=0:

$$\hat{F}(t)|\psi\rangle = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left(\psi(t, z=0) \frac{d\psi^*}{dz} \Big|_{t,z=0} - \psi^*(t, z=0) \frac{d\psi}{dz} \Big|_{t,z=0} \right) |\psi\rangle$$

$$\equiv F(t)|\psi\rangle \qquad (7)$$

• The total probability for charge transport:

$$\Delta Q_{t_0 \to t_f} \equiv \Delta Q(t_f) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} F(t) dt \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \frac{F(t_{i+1}) + F(t_i)}{2} \Delta t$$

Codes for flux calculation

Mathematica (Ofer thesis)

$$J[[iter, ;;]] = \frac{\hbar}{me} (eV2J10^{20}) Im[(Conjugate[\psi] * InverseFourier[RotateLeft[(-Ik) * RotateRight[Fourier[\psi], Floor[$\frac{NZ}{2}$]], Floor[$\frac{NZ}{2}$]])])];
ChargePass = Table[Trapezoid[J[[1;;n, int]]] * $\frac{dt}{\Delta R}$, {n, 1, iter - 1, 1}];$$

%calculating the probability current [e/(A^2*sec)]:

Matlab (Liora thesis)

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G1 = 1i*k.*F;
d1psi = ifft(G1);
J = [ J , (hbar/m)*imag(conj(psi(xint)).*d1psi(xint))];
P = [ P , deltat*sum(J)];
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Summary of outline #2:

- The **shape of the potential energy** for a material depends on periodicity and chemical composition.
- The potential offers diagnostics based on barrier heights/widths and code development: dimensionality, time dependence, alloy algorithm.
- The code is simple and **short**. Anyone can code or use it.

Summary:

- Charge transport through materials is important for a variety of fields, including **electrocatalysis**.
- Viewing the potential energy of materials is instructive for understanding potential barriers limiting charge transport.
- We suggest a new method for calculating charge transport across materials by obtaining the potential energy from DFT that is accessible to everyone.
- There are many **advantages and potential** for the new method, mostly flexibility and control over the potential energy.
- Several **developments** of the code and **applications** to a wide range of materials were demonstrated.

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