

FUNDAMENTALS OF NANOELECTRONICS

Basic Concepts

1. The New Perspective

2. Energy Band Model

**3. What & Where
is the “Voltage”?**

4. Heat & Electricity:

Second Law & Information

3.1. Introduction

3.2. A New Boundary Condition

3.3. Quasi-Fermi Levels (QFL's)

3.4. Current from QFL's

3.5. Landauer Formulas

3.6. What a Probe Measures

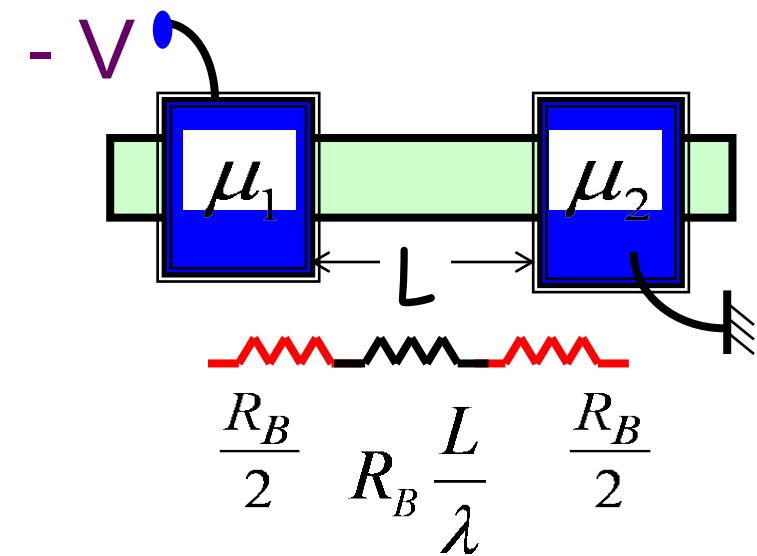
3.7. Electrostatic Potential

3.8. Boltzmann Equation

3.9. Spin voltages

3.10. Summing up ..

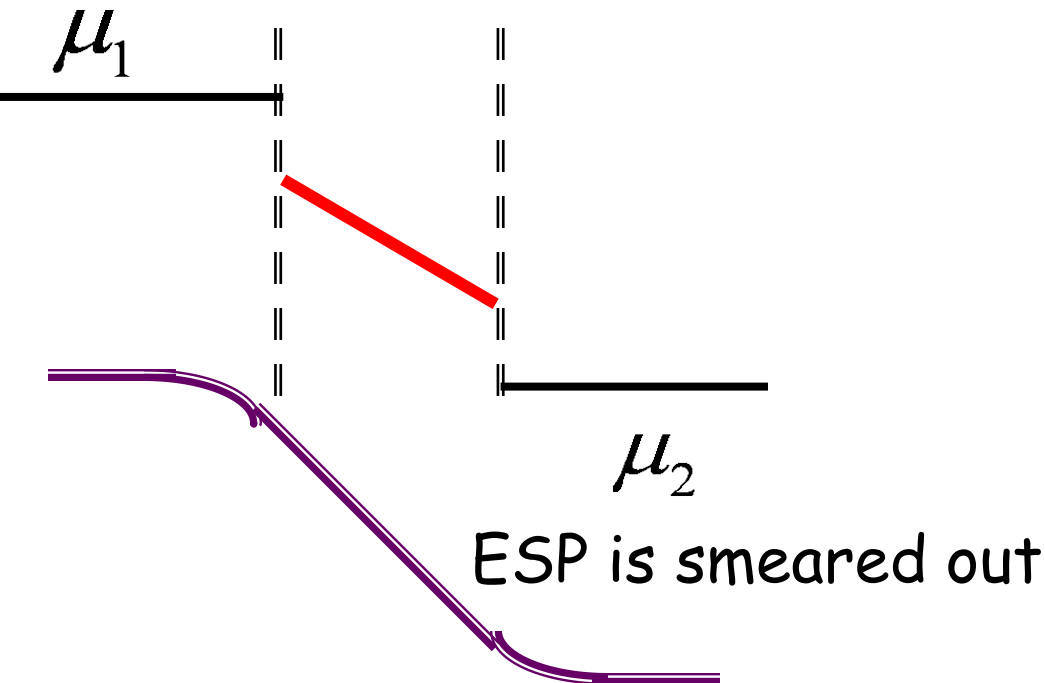
3.10a Summing Up ...



- Follow the voltage IR
NOT the heat I^2R

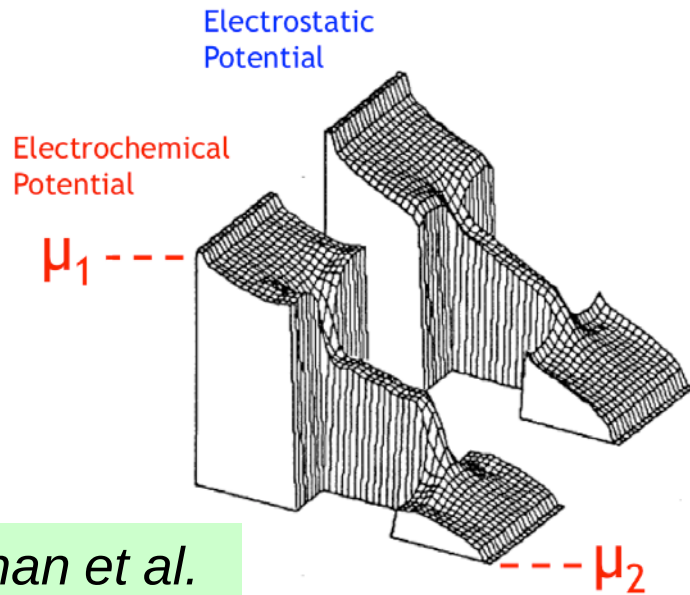
Voltage drop corresponds
to intuition even on atomic scale

$$J = - \frac{\sigma_0}{q} \frac{d\mu}{dz}$$



- Electrochemical NOT
Electrostatic Potential
ESP is NOT constant
even in equilibrium

3.10b Summing Up ...



McLennan et al.
Phys. Rev. B 43,
13846 (1991)
*NEGF-based
Calculation*

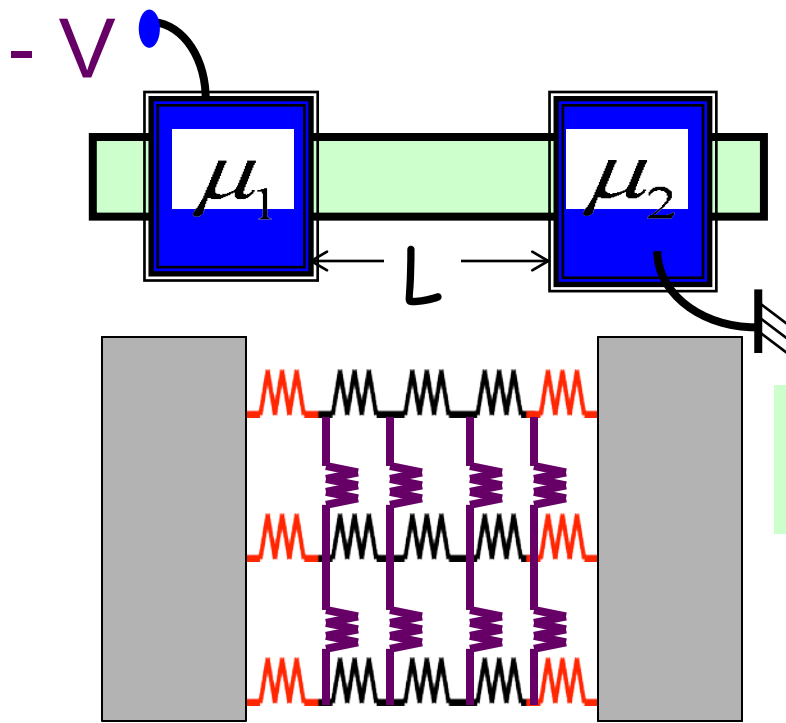
Benchmark:

➤ Follow the voltage IR
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➤ Electrochemical NOT
Electrostatic Potential

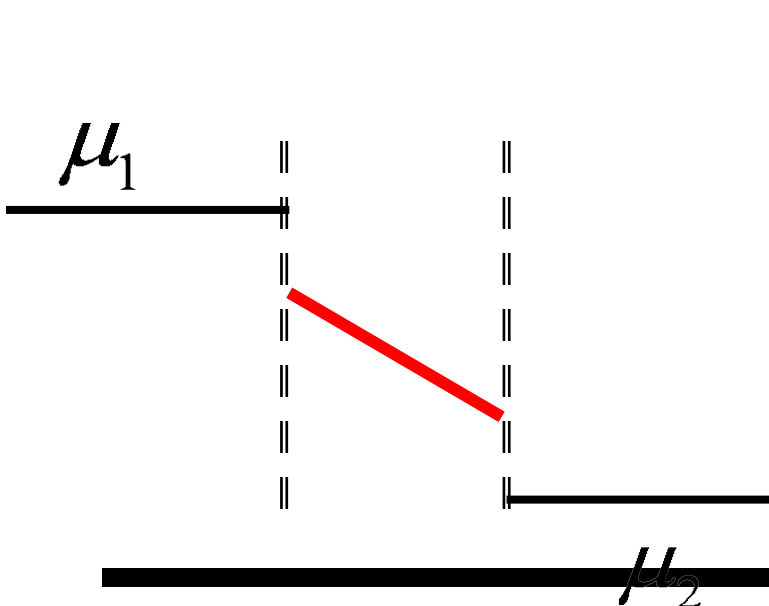
➤ Boltzmann equation
NEGF: Quantum Transport

3.10c Summing Up ...



Inelastic
processes

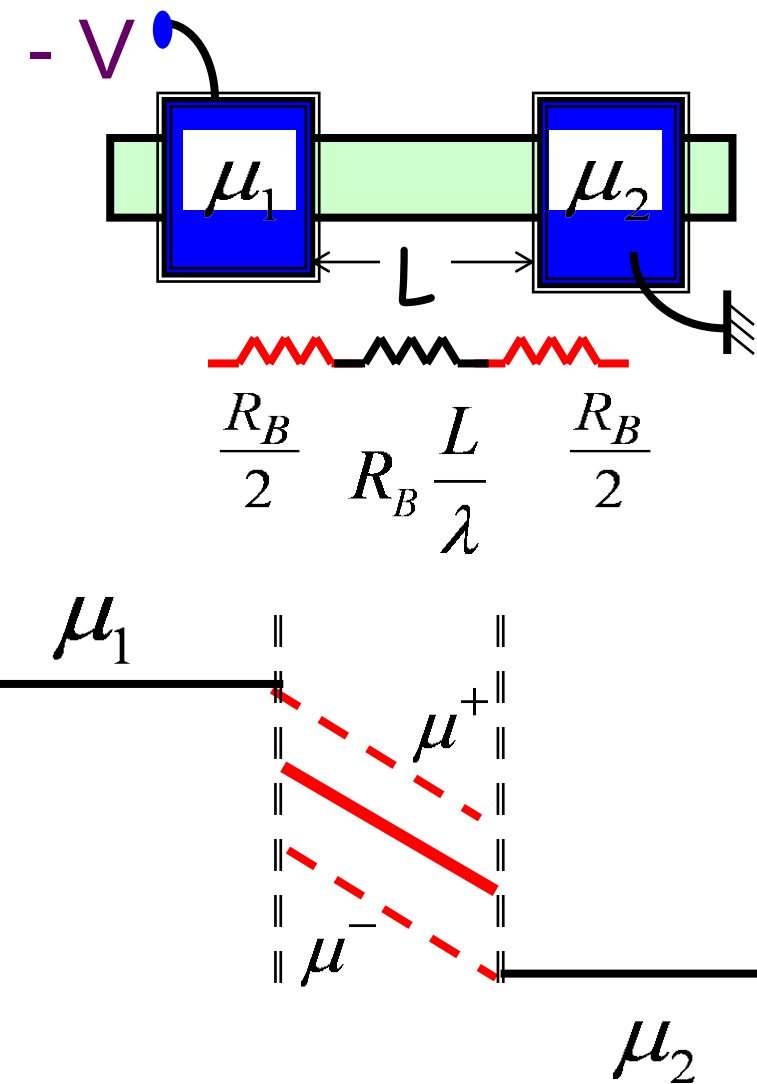
- Follow the voltage IR
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- Electrochemical NOT
Electrostatic Potential



$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu(E)}{kT}\right)}$$

A red arrow points from the label $\mu(E)$ to the term $\mu(E)$ in the denominator of the equation.

3.10d Summing Up ...



$\mu(E)$

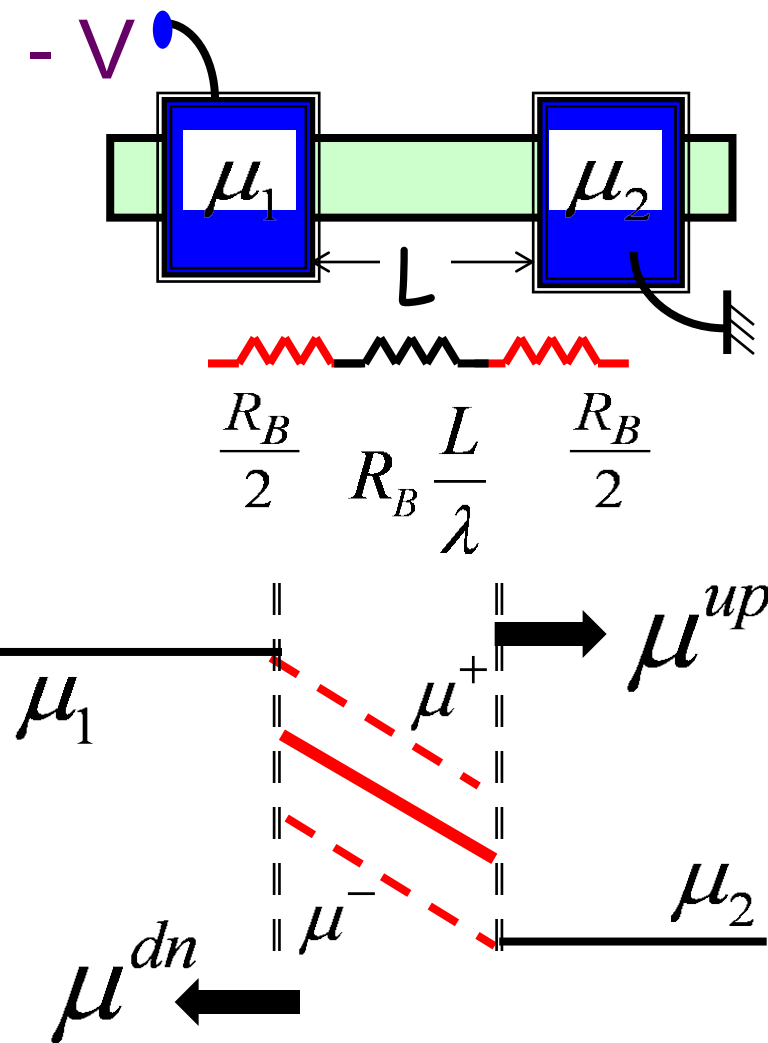
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Levels (QFL's)

3.10e Summing Up ...



$\mu(E)$

➤ Follow the voltage IR
NOT the heat I^2R

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➤ Boltzmann equation
NEGF: Quantum Transport

$\mu(z, p_z, s)$

➤ Quasi-Fermi
Levels (QFL's)

➤ Spin Potentials

$$J = \sigma F \sim -d\phi/dx \quad \times$$

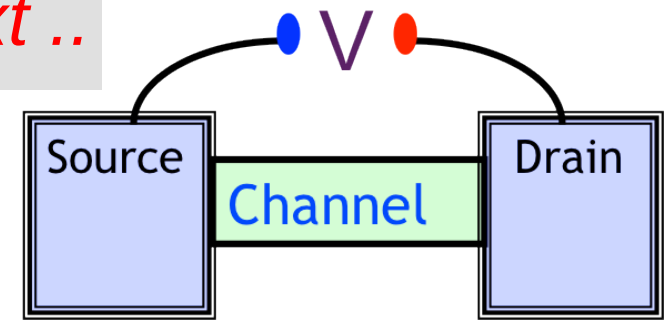
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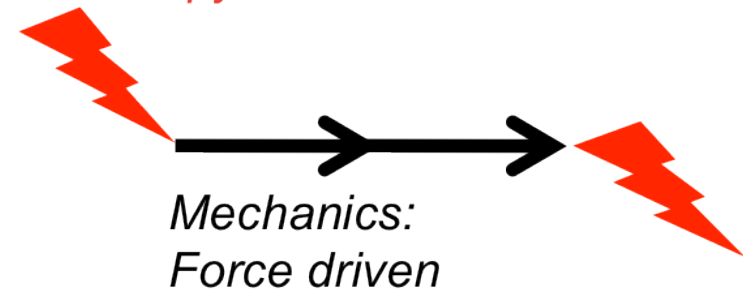
Coming up next ..

1. The New Ohm's Law
2. Quantum of Resistance
3. What & Where is the "Voltage"?

4. Heat & Electricity: Second Law & Information



*Thermodynamics:
Entropy driven*



Usually all mixed up !!