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Molecular Conductors with Center of Mass Motion KHALED AL-HASSANIEH, Department of Physics, Florida State University and ORNL, G.B. MARTINS, Department of Physics, Oakland University, C.A. BÜSSER, E. DAGOTTO, Department of Physics, University of Tennessee and ORNL — We study numerically the linear conductance of a molecular conductor that can oscillate between the source and drain electrodes.¹ This vibrational mode leads to an asymmetric modulation of the molecule-leads hopping parameters. By expanding this modulation up to the linear order, the conductance can be decomposed into two channels, the direct hopping and the phonon-assisted tunneling channels. The Kondo regime results show conductance dips that can be attributed to the destructive interference² of these two channels. If an internal vibrational mode is also active with the effect of symmetric modulation of the tunneling barriers, the particle-hole symmetry is broken and a Fano-like interference is observed.

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² Büsser et al, cond-mat/0404426 (to appear in Phys. Rev B).

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