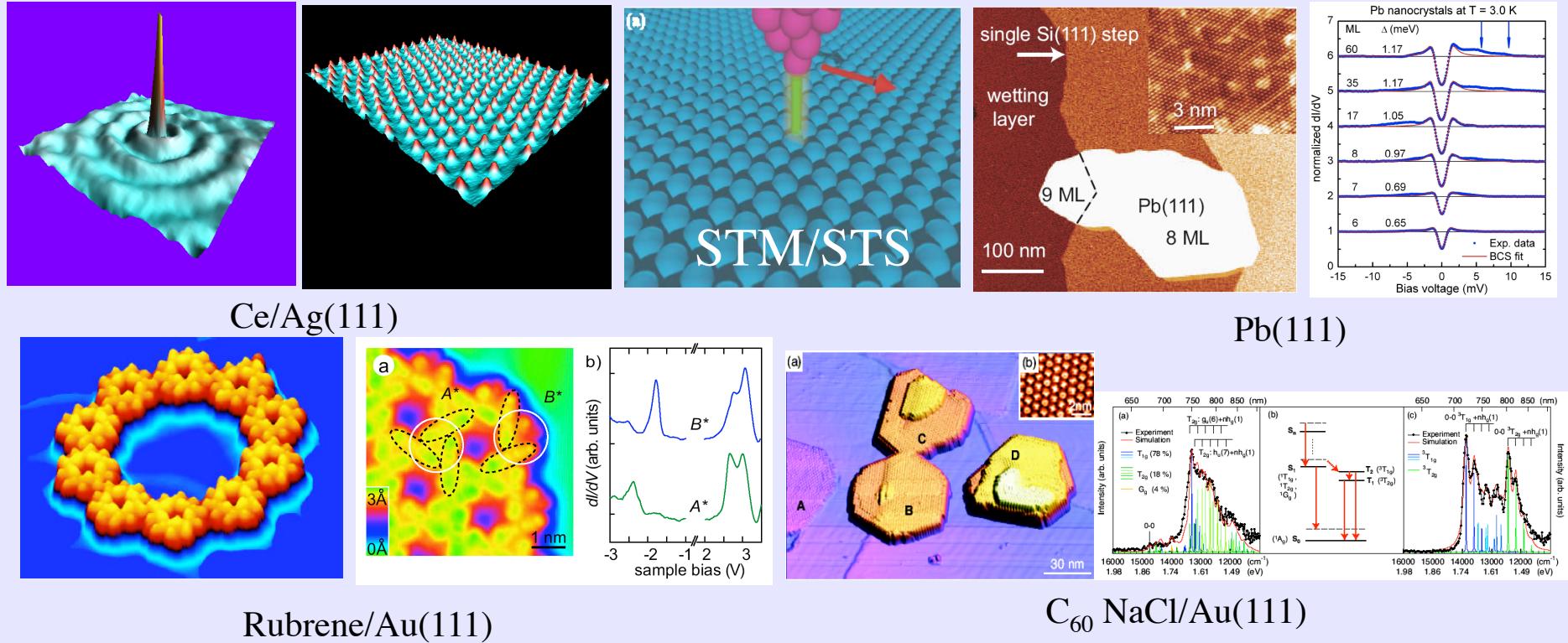


# Tutorial: Fabrication and characterization of ordered atomic-scale structures: Necessary steps towards a future nanotechnology



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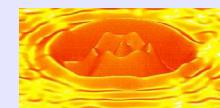


**Richard P. Feynman's**

**« Invitation to enter  
a new field of physics »**

...creation of nanostructures  
atom by atom....  
molecule by molecule....

A talk given on December 29, 1959, at the annual meeting of the American Physical Society at Caltech, (Engineering and Science, Feb 1960, p. 22).



# Definition

**Self-assembly is the autonomous organisation  
of  
components  
into  
patterns or structures  
without  
human intervention**

G. M. Whitesides, B. Grzybowski, Science **295**, 2418 (2002)



Fig. 1. Examples of static self-assembly. (A) Crystal structure of a ribosome. (B) Self-assembled peptide-amphiphile nanofibers. (C) An array of millimeter-sized polymeric plates assembled at a water/perfluorodecalin interface by capillary interactions. (D) Thin film of a nematic liquid crystal on an isotropic substrate. (E) Micrometer-sized metallic polyhedra folded from planar substrates. (F) A three-dimensional aggregate of micrometer plates assembled by capillary forces. [Image credits: (A) from (24); (B) from (25); (C) from (26); (D) from (27); (E) from (28); (F) from (29)]

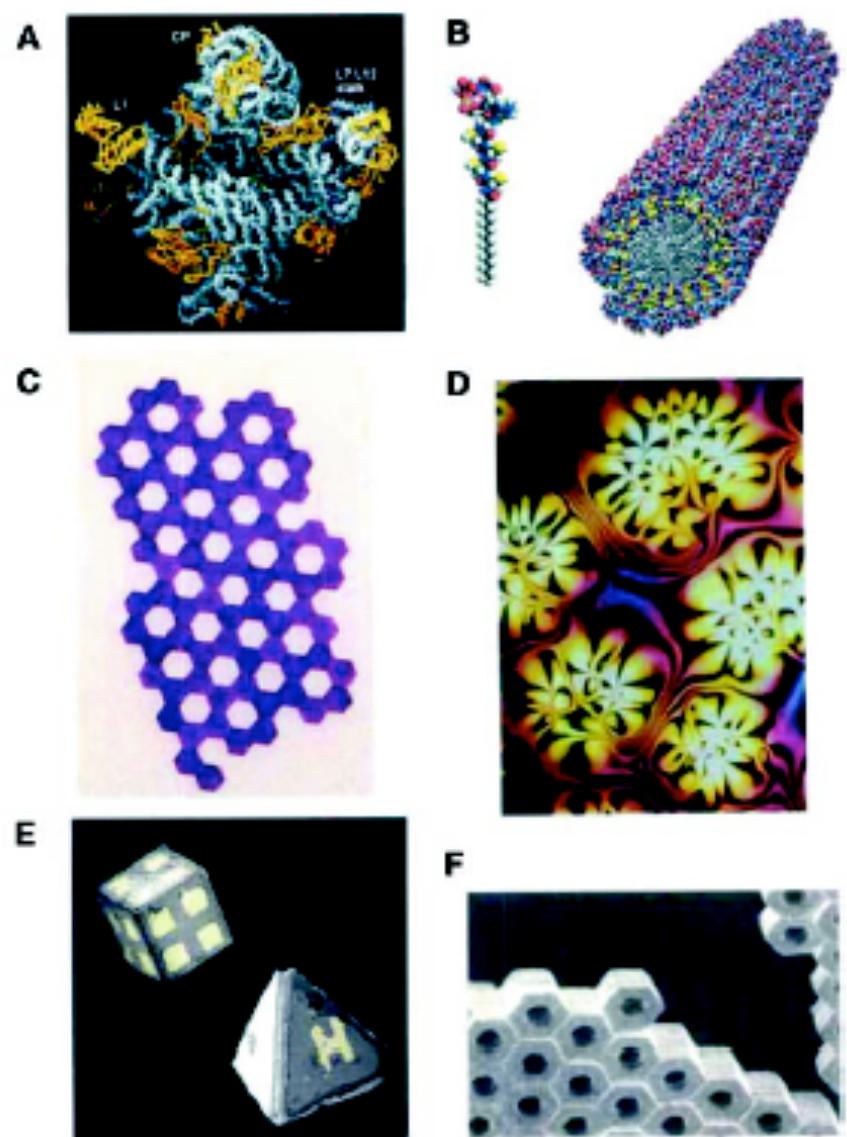
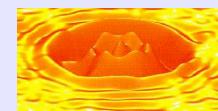
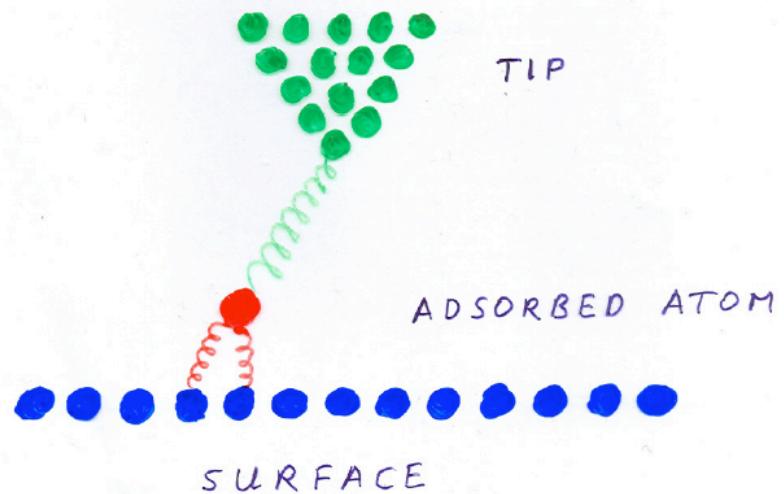


Table 1. Examples of self-assembly (S, static, D, dynamic, T, templated, B, biological).



STM:

ADJUSTABLE BONDING



(D. M. EIGLER)

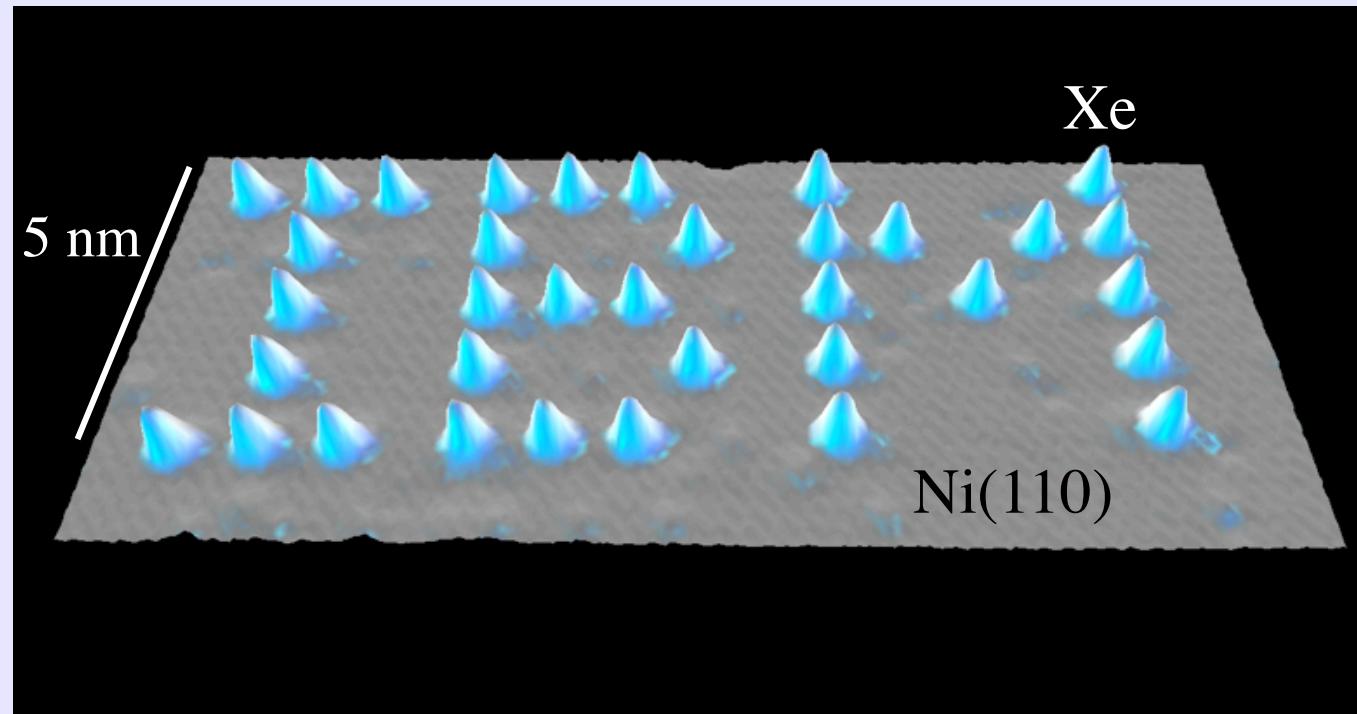


# Positioning single atoms with a scanning tunnelling microscope

D. M. Eigler & E. K. Schweizer\*

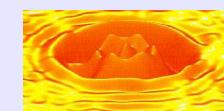
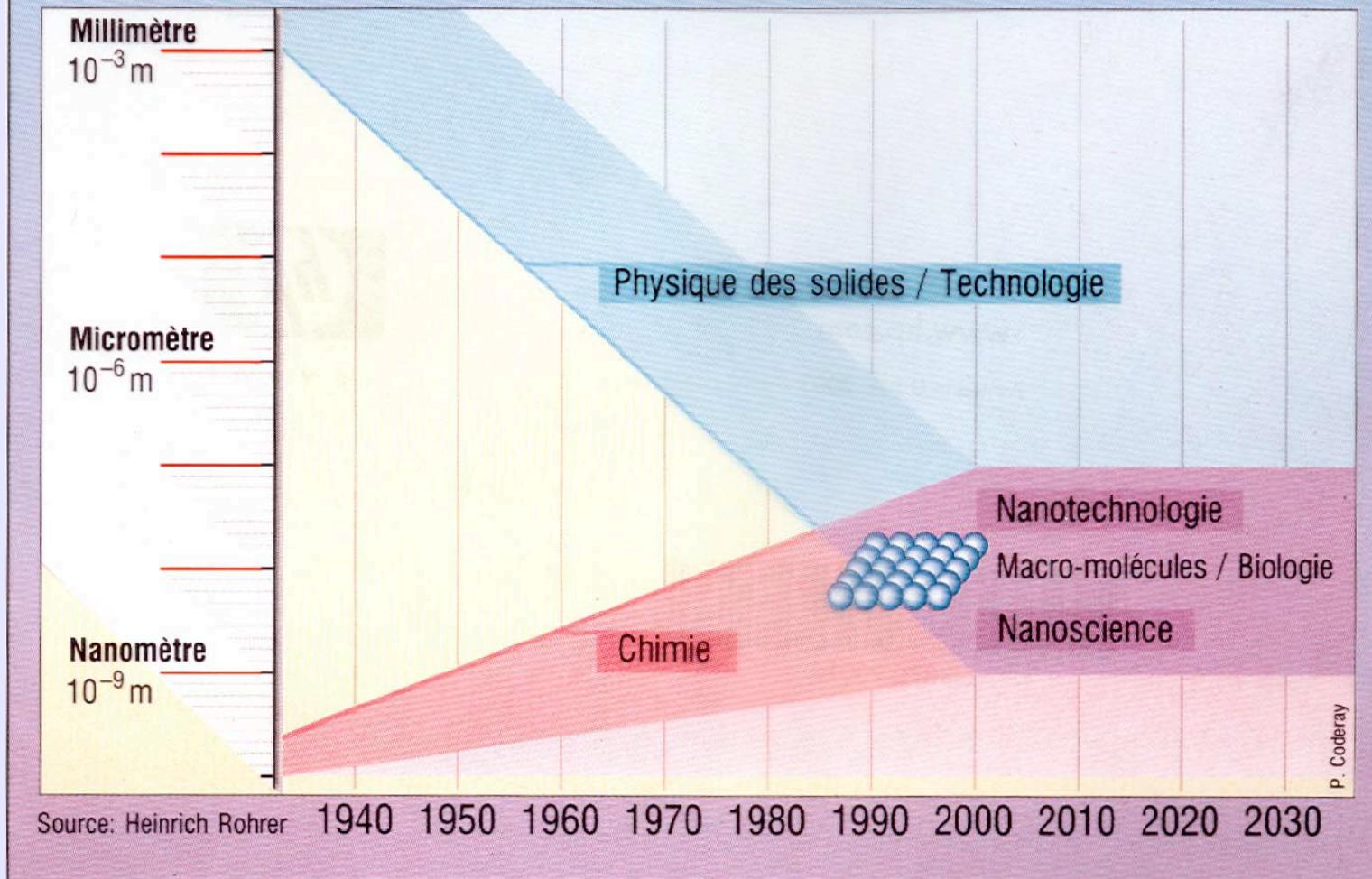
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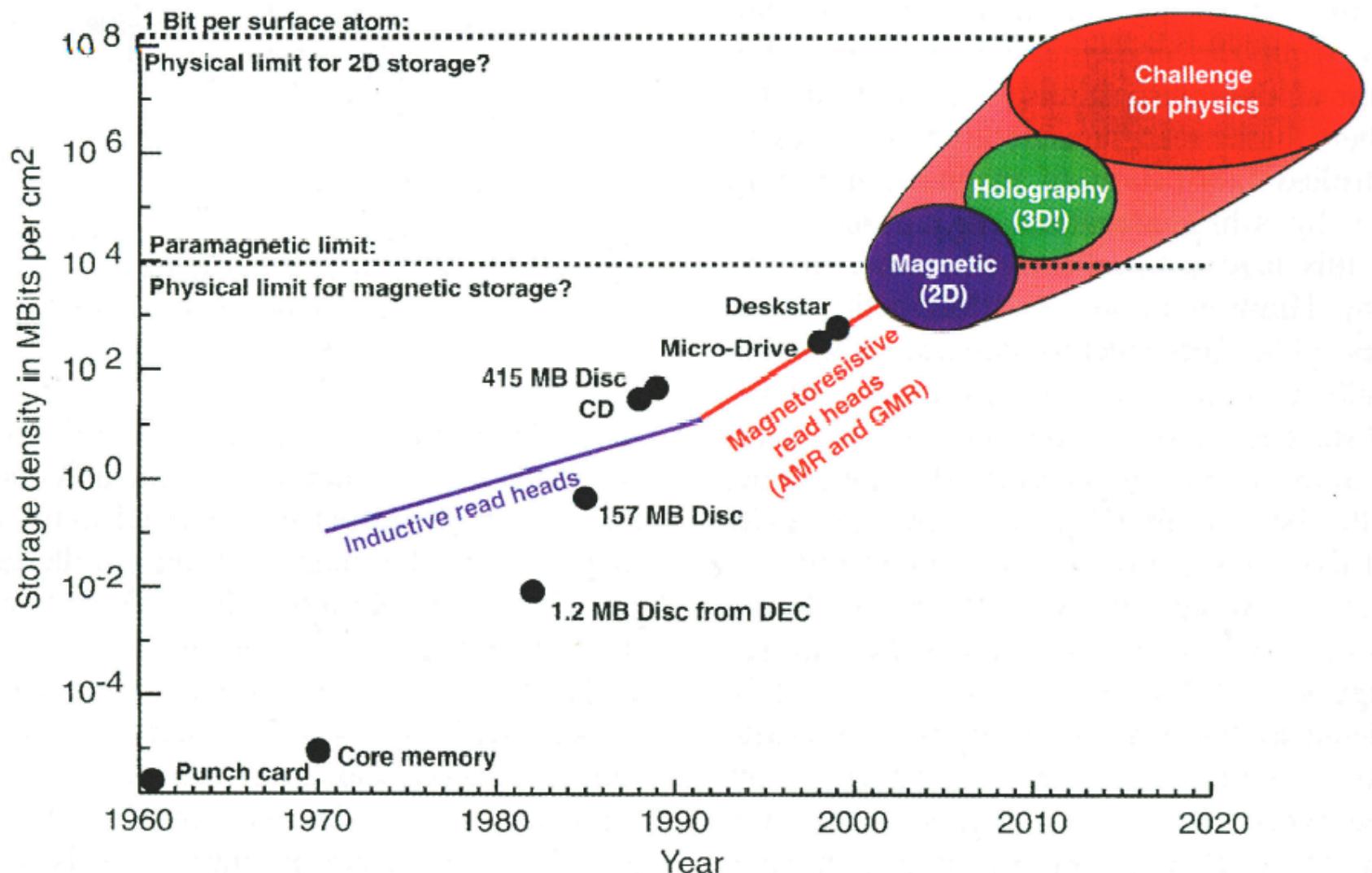


## LA NOUVELLE SYNTHÈSE

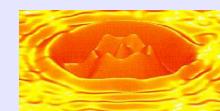
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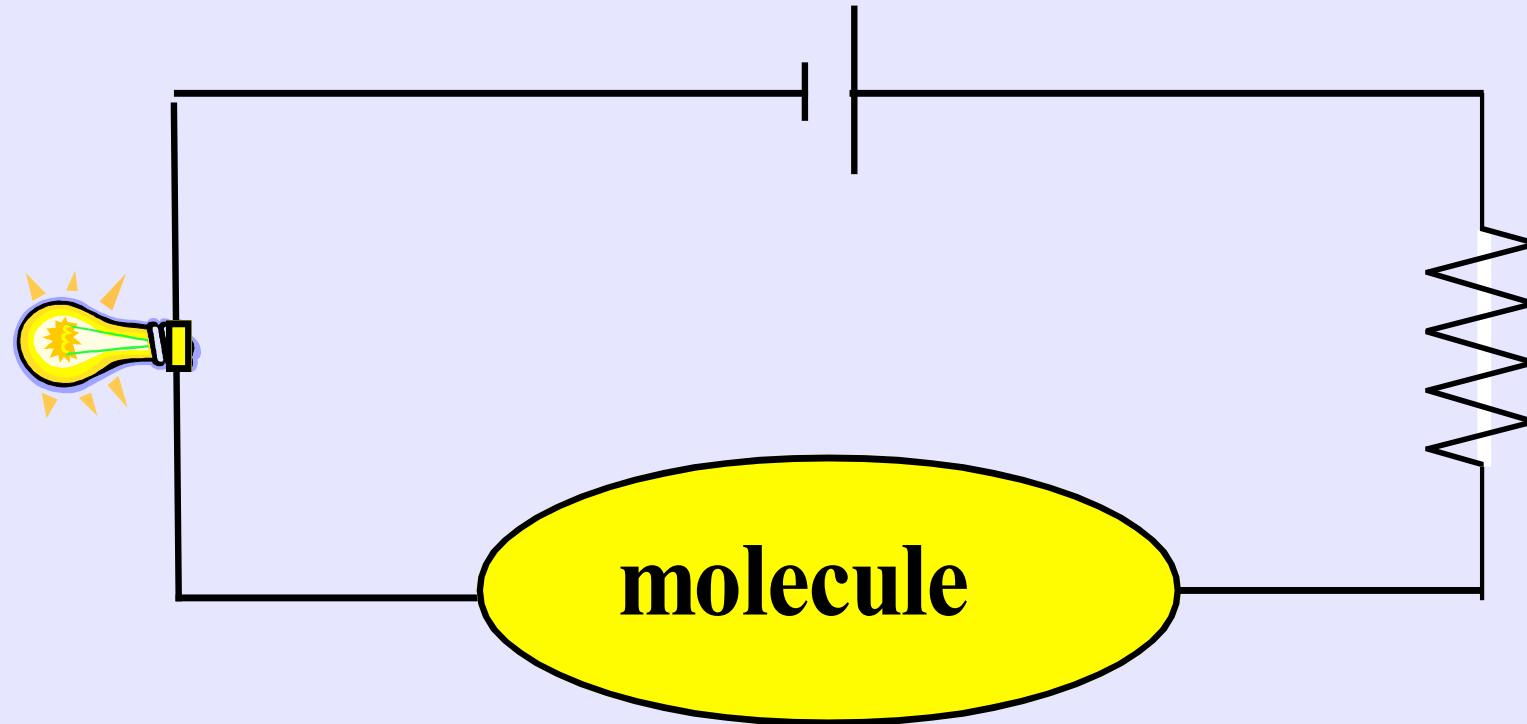
## Development of the Magnetic Storage Density



W. Eberhardt, Surf. Sci. 500, 242 (2002)



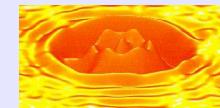
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Courtesy of A. Nitzan

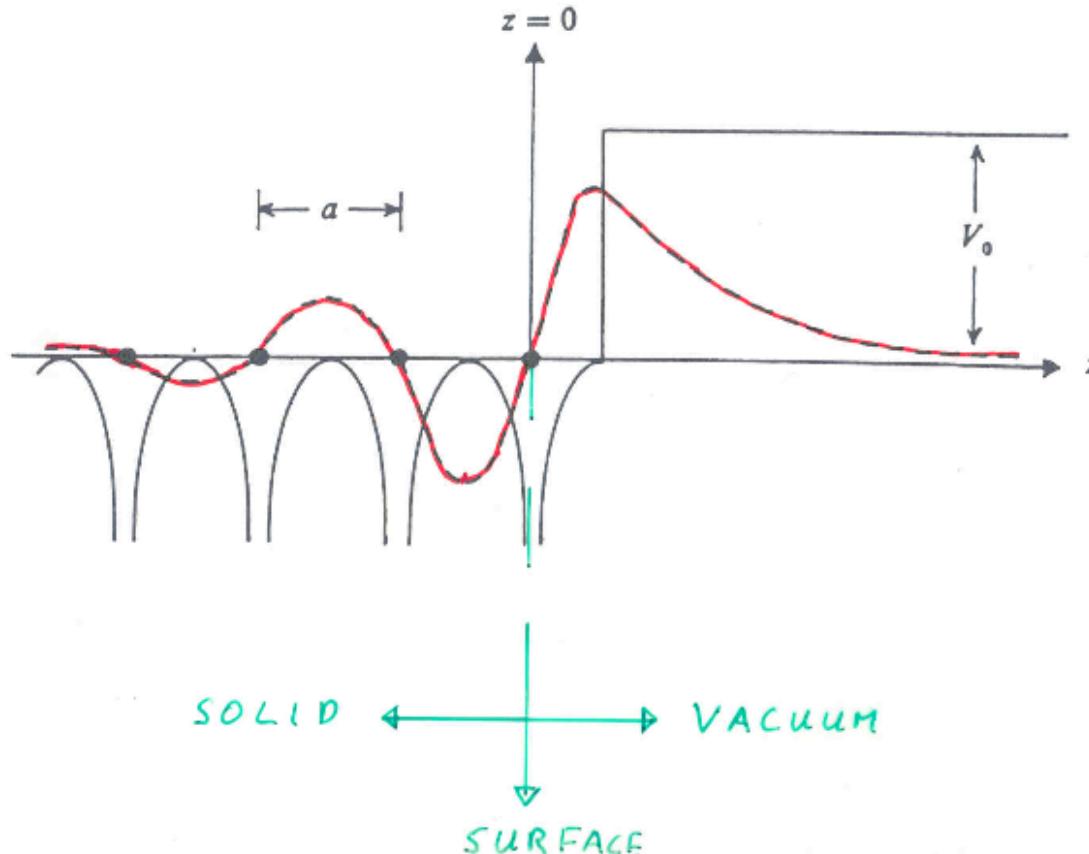


# Surface state electrons « create » a two-dimensional adatom superlattice



# Real part of a surface state electron wave function

Fig. 4.8. One-dimensional semi-infinite lattice model potential (solid curve) and an associated surface state (dashed curve). (ZANGWILL)



A. Zangwill, Physics at Surfaces



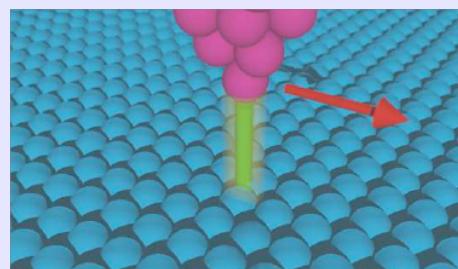
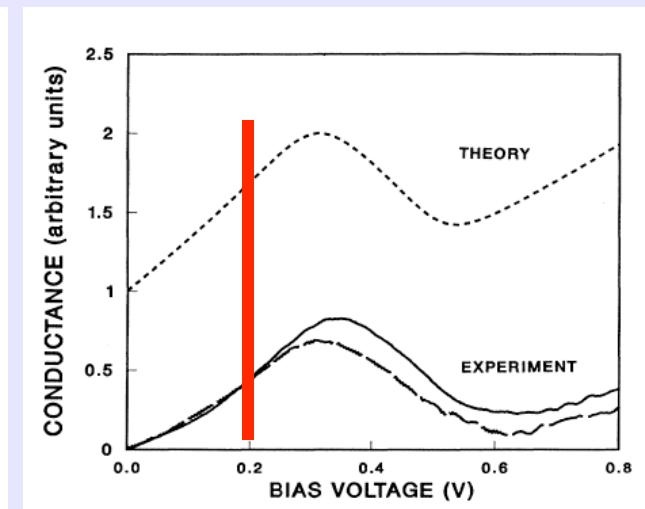
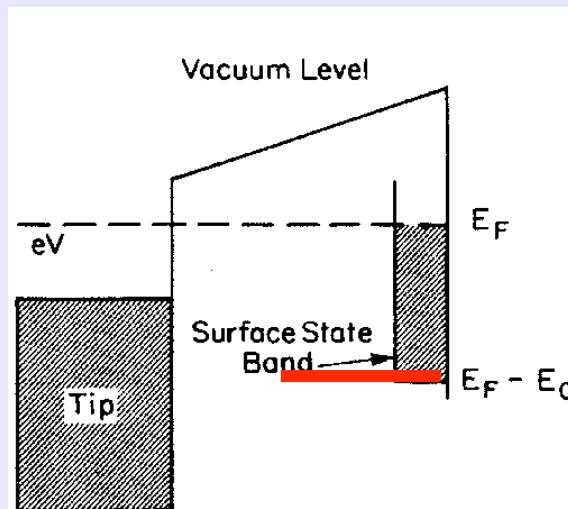
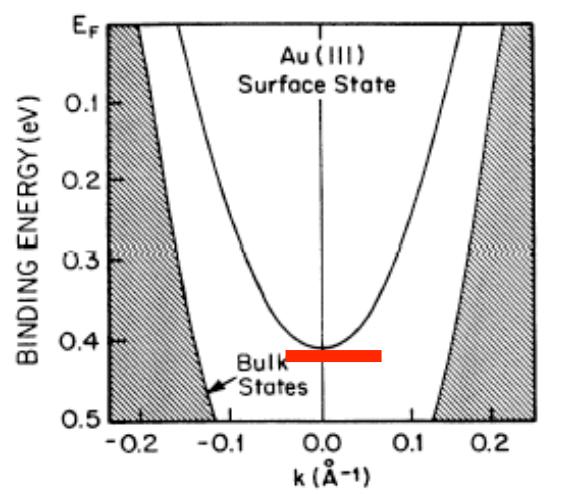
**Theory of the local density of surface states on a metal:  
Comparison with scanning tunneling spectroscopy of a Au(111) surface**

L. C. Davis, M. P. Everson, and R. C. Jaklevic  
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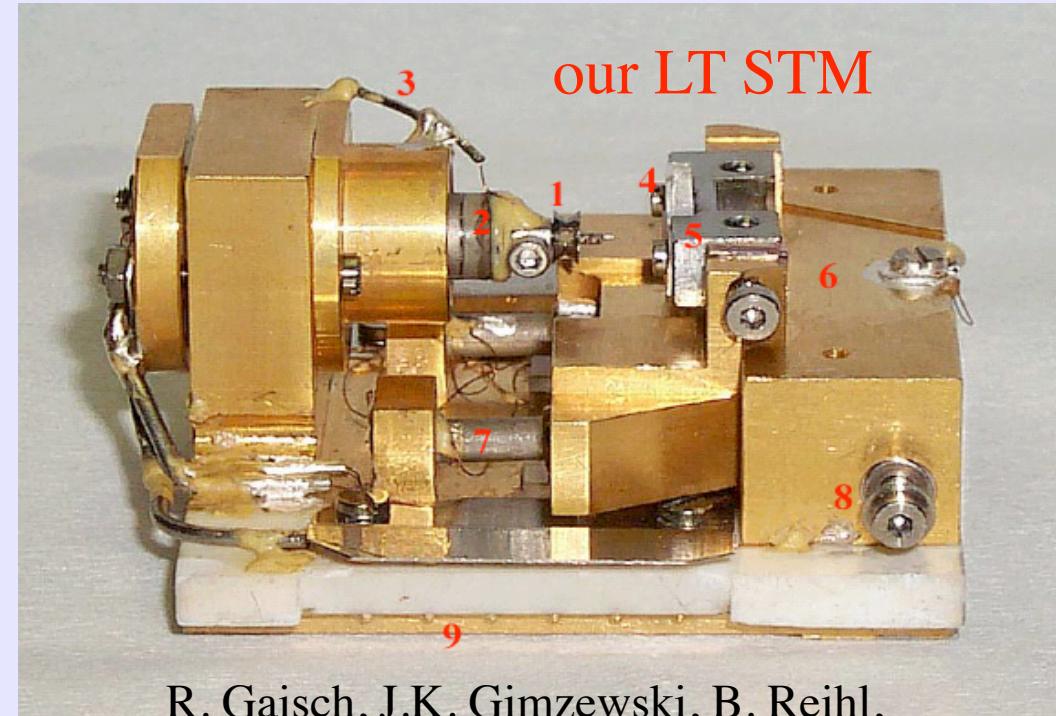
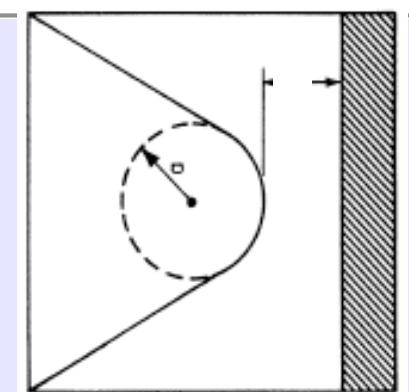
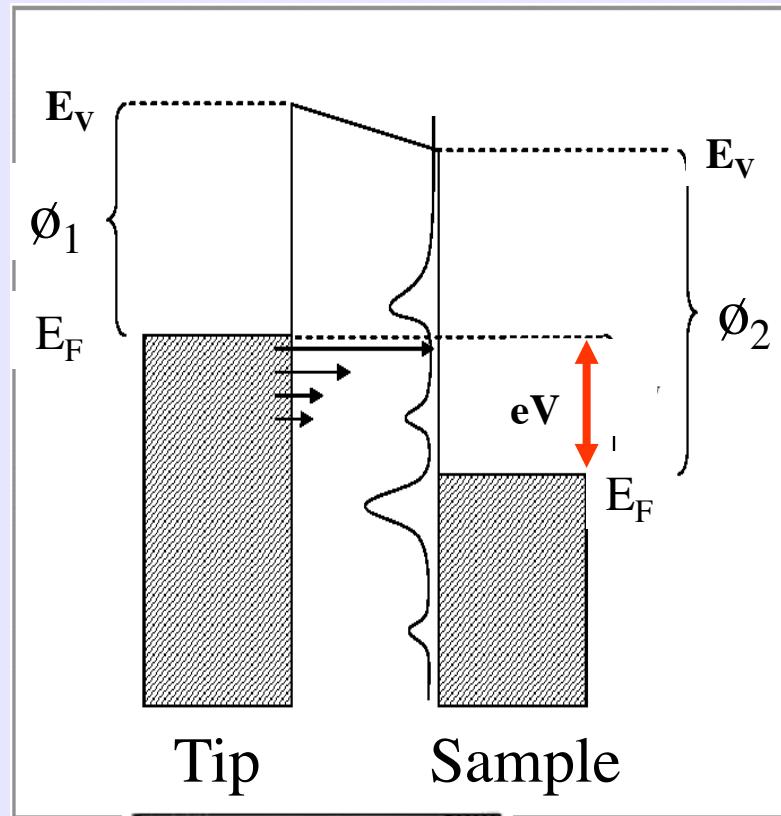
room temperature,

$V_{\text{mod}} = 200 \text{ mV}$

**First STS observation**



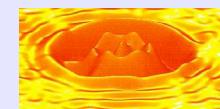
# Scanning probe methods: STM, STS



R. Gaisch, J.K. Gimzewski, B. Reihl,  
R.R. Schlittler, M. Tschudy, WDS,  
Ultramicroscopy **42 – 44**, 1621 (1992).

$$I(V) \propto \int_0^{eV} \rho_t(\pm eV \mp E) \rho_s(E) T(E, eV) dE$$

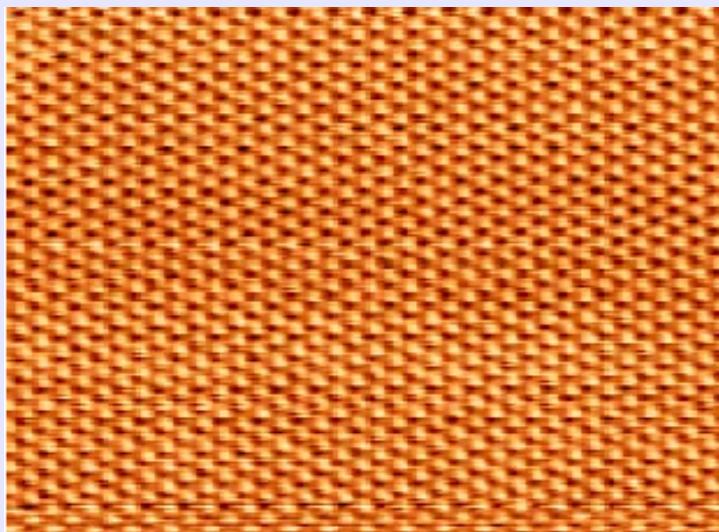
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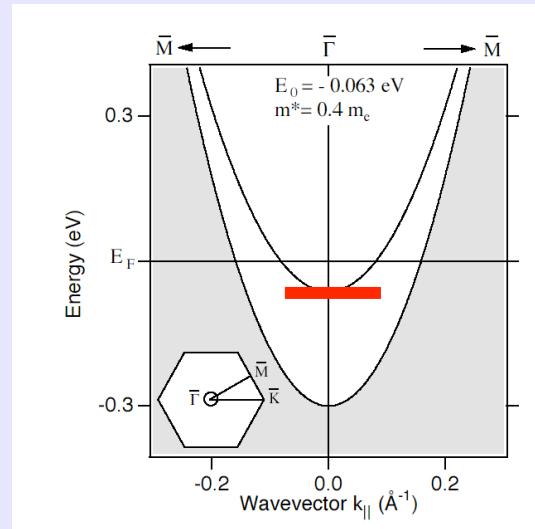
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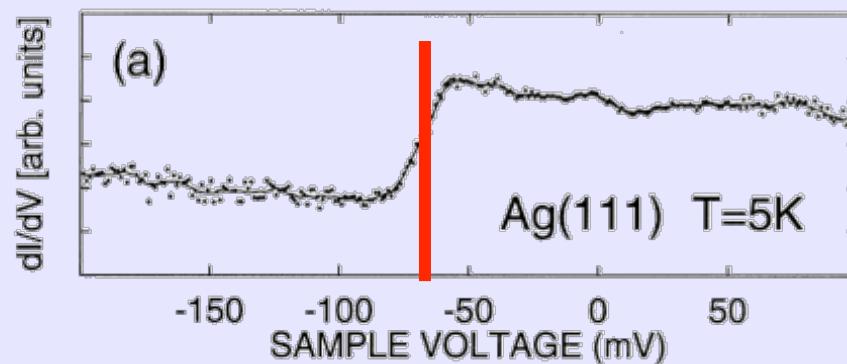
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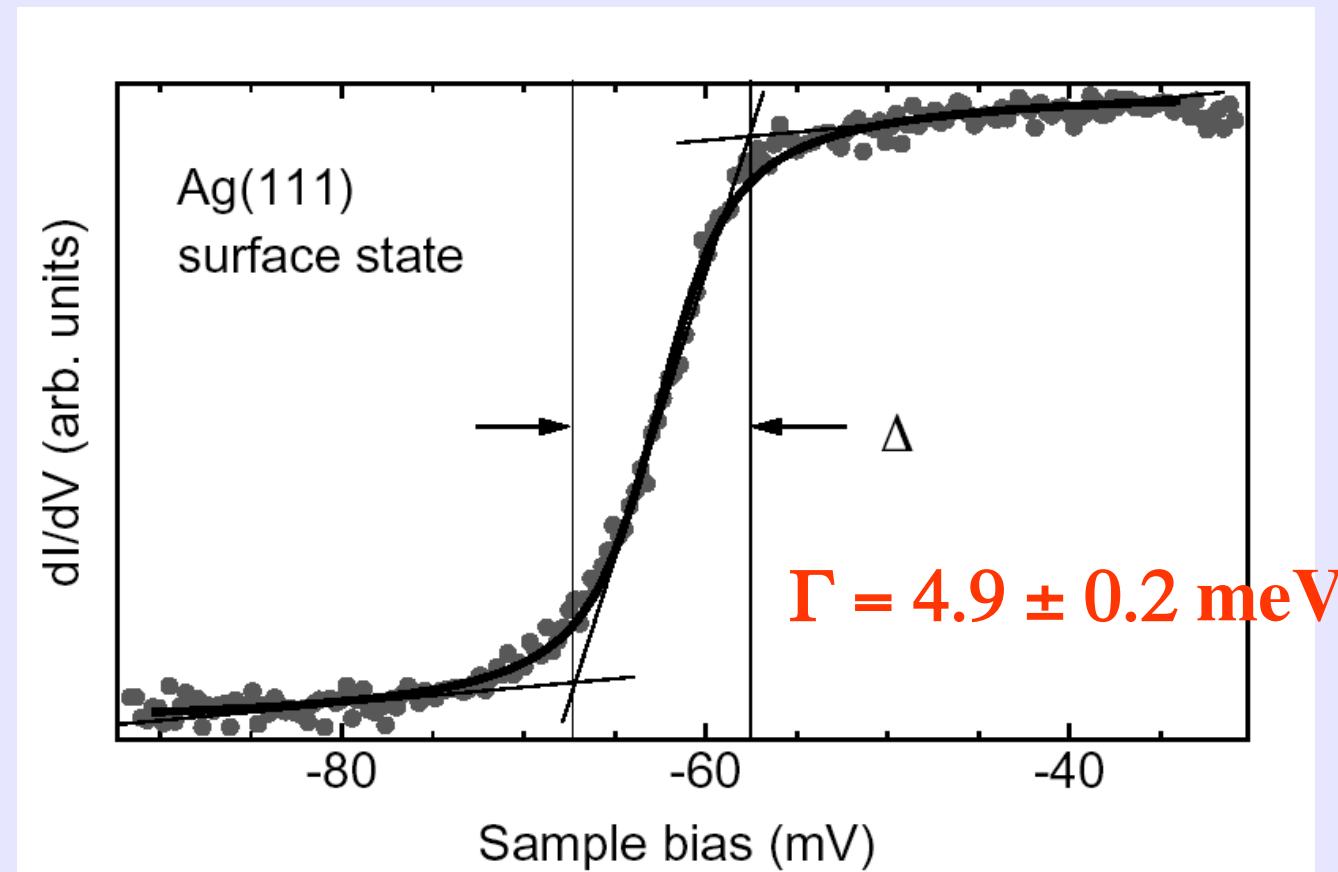
First lifetime  
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PRL **81**, 4464 (1998)



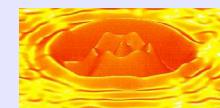
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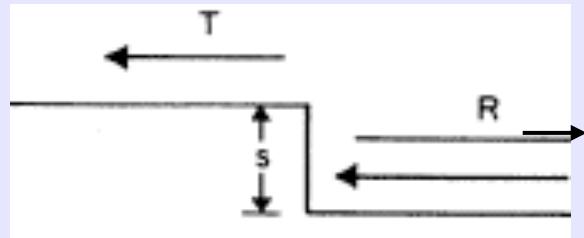
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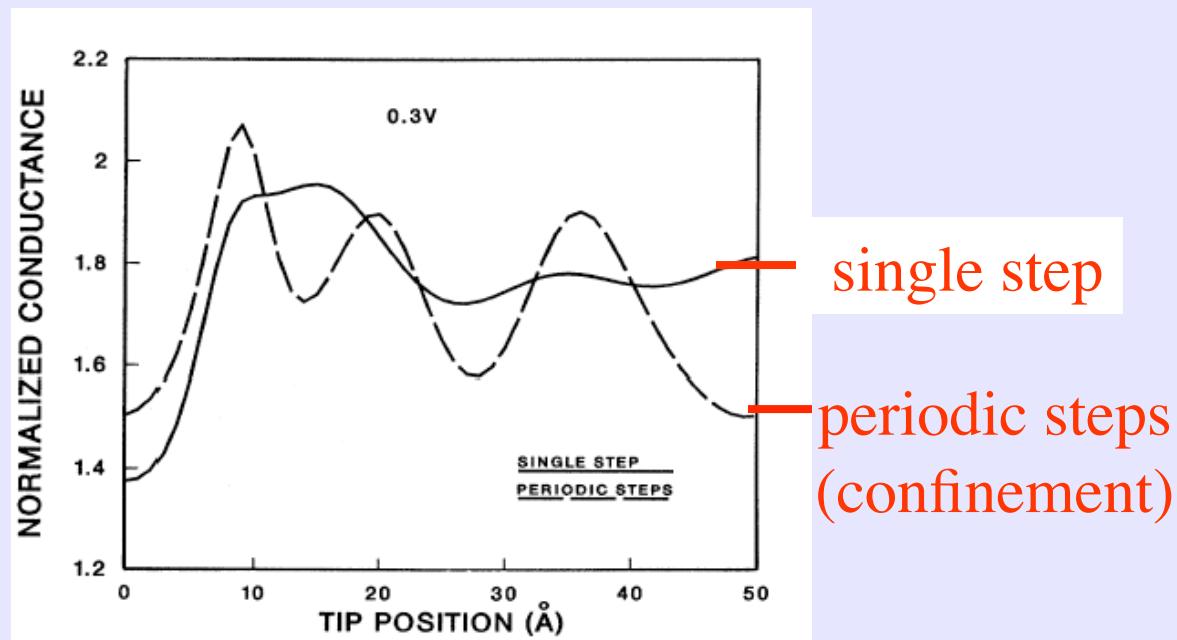
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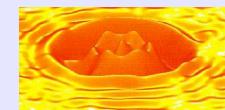
# Scattering of surface state electrons at steps



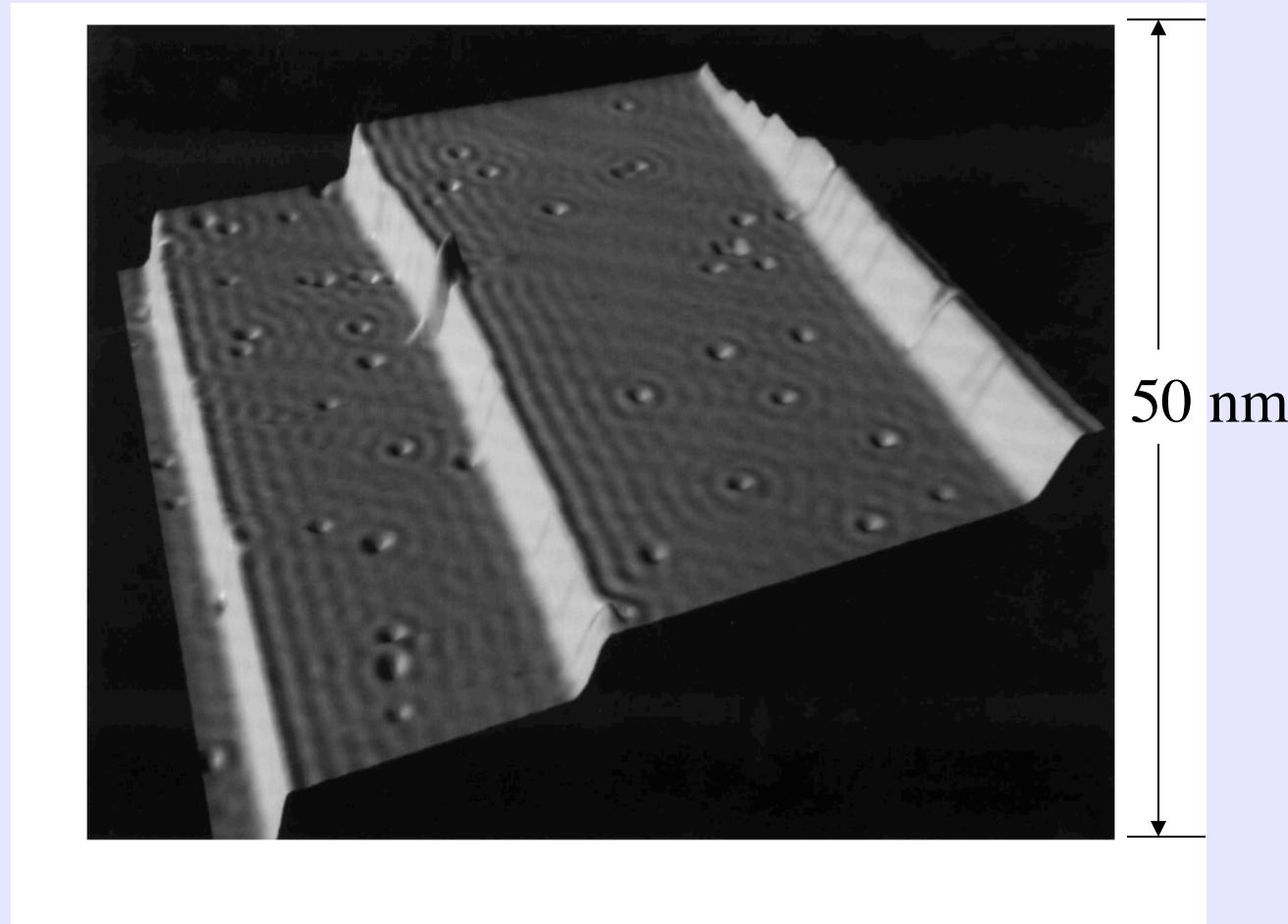
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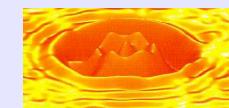
Prediction: L. C. Davis *et al.*, PRB **43**, 3821 (1991)



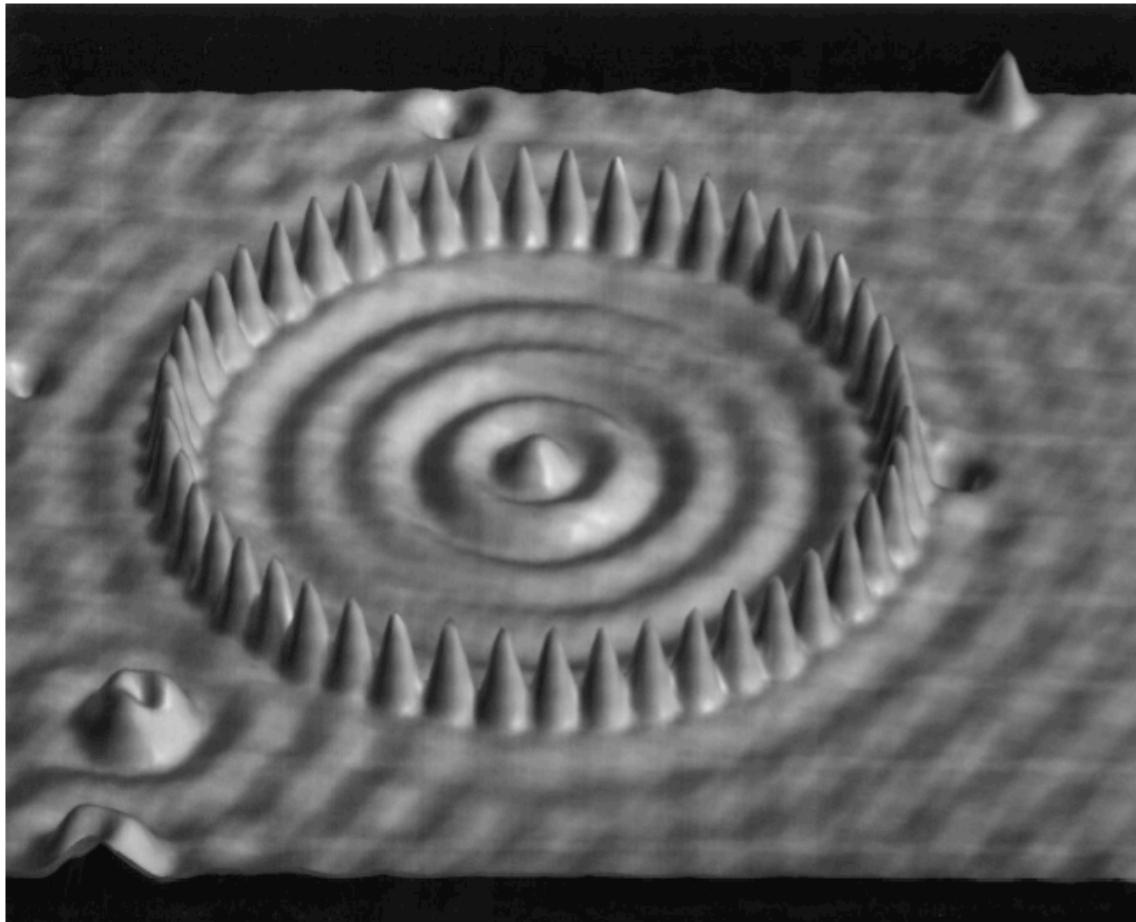
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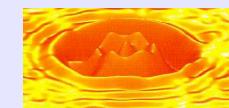
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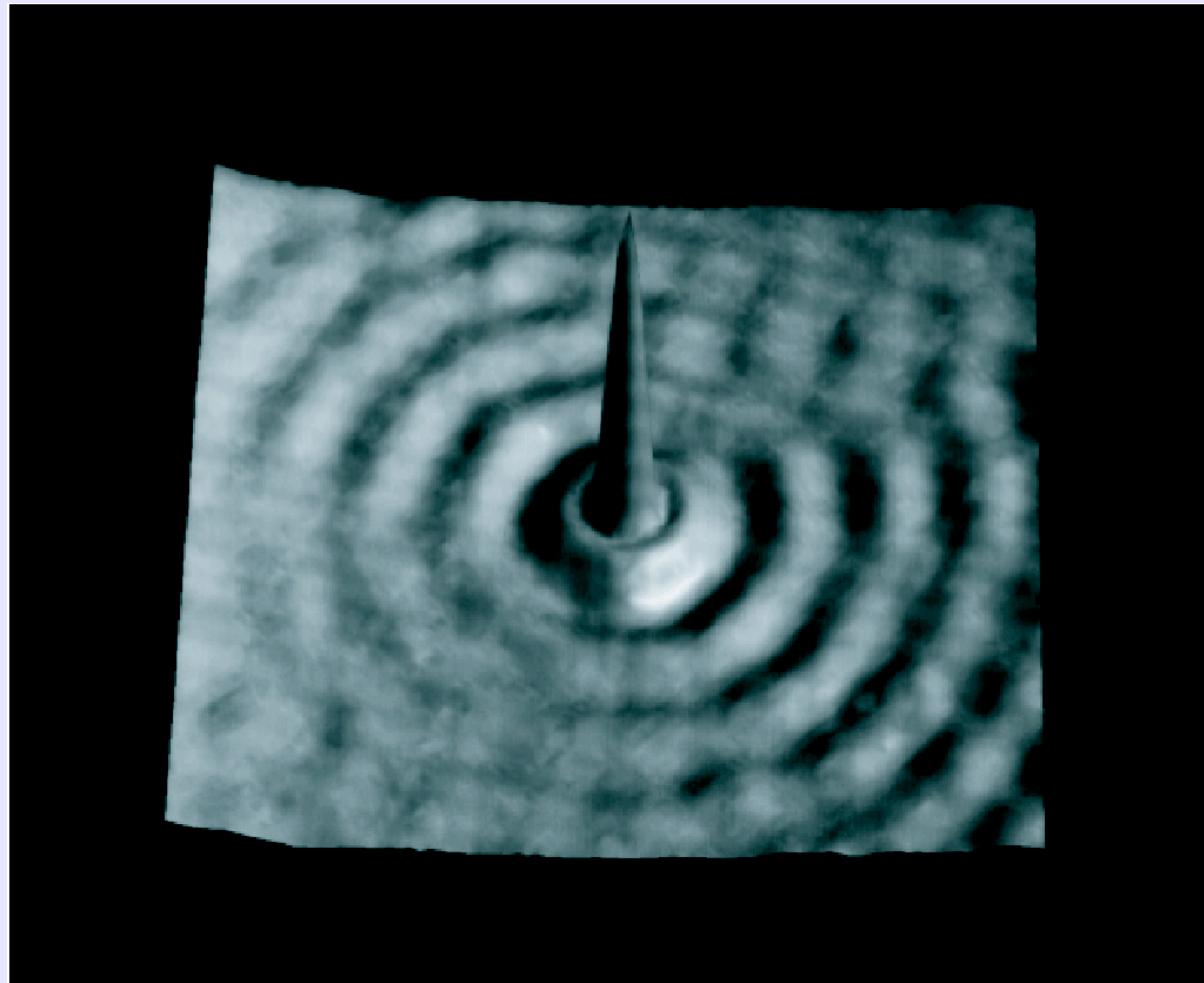
48 Fe atoms  
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$\varnothing = 14.26 \text{ nm}$

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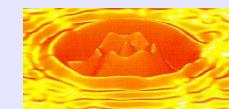


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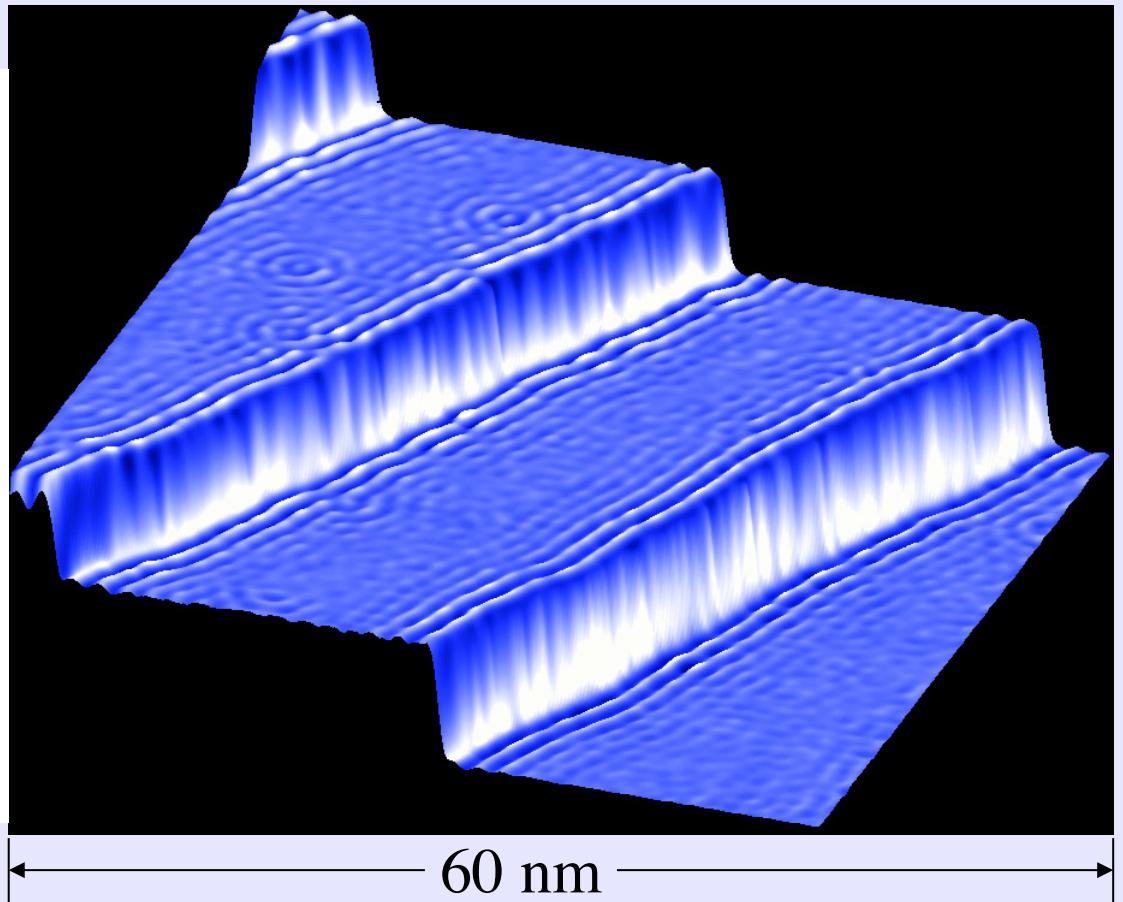
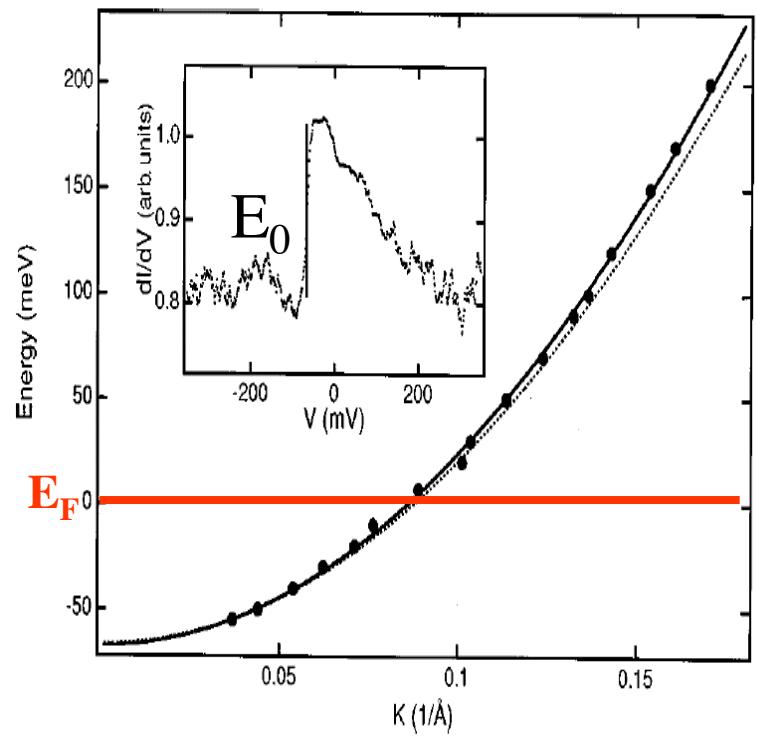


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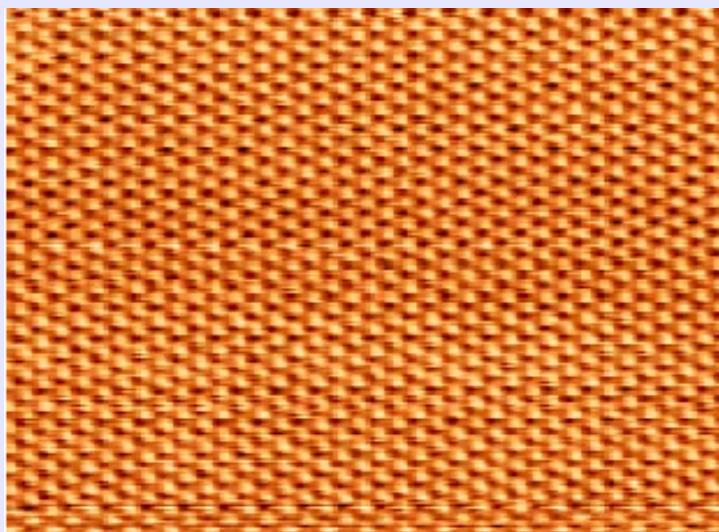


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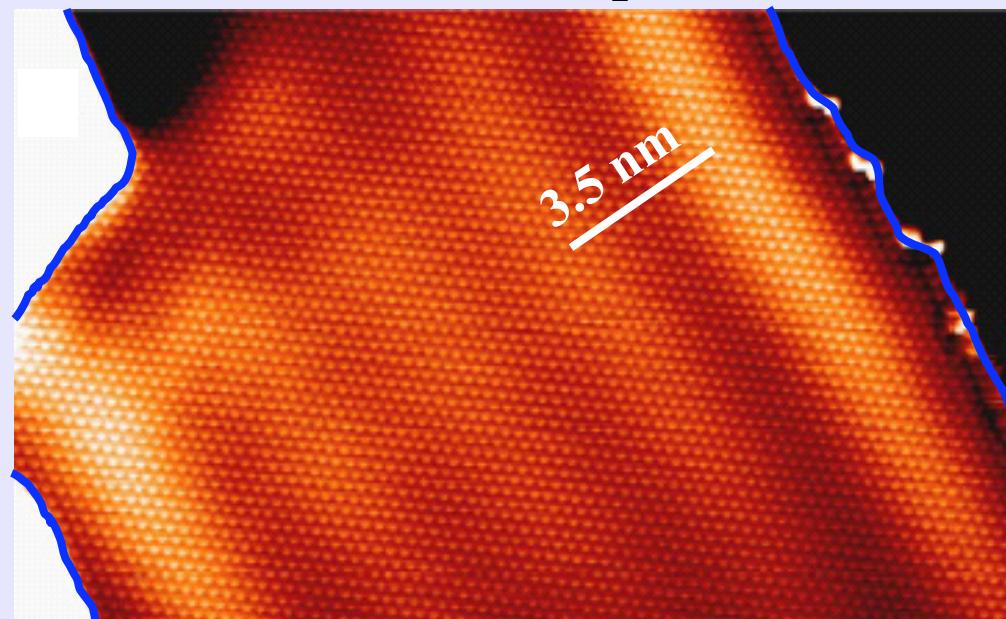
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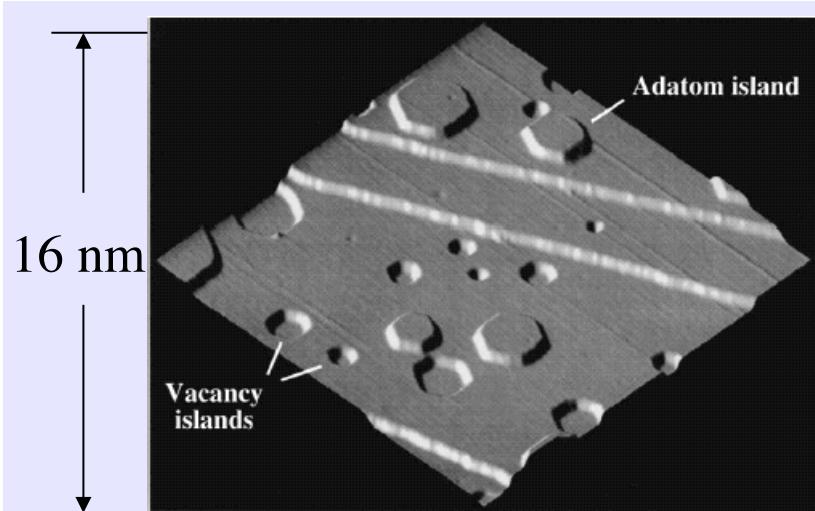
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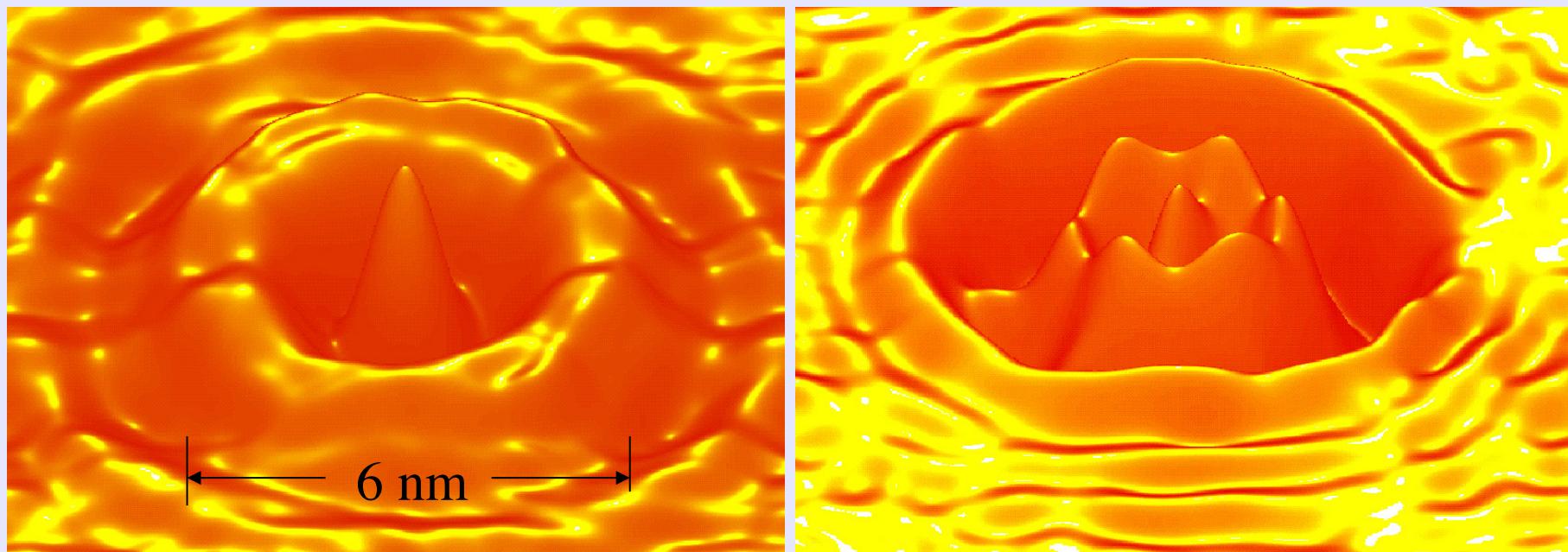
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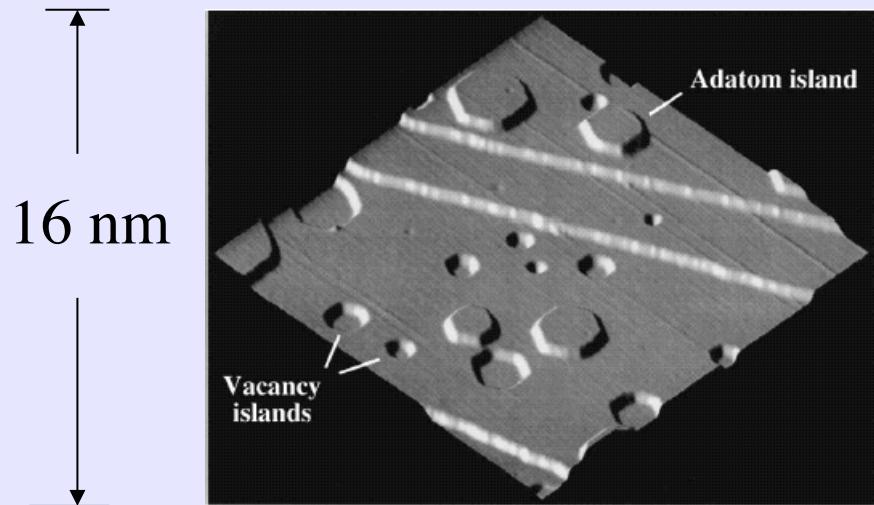


# Electron confinement to nanoscale Ag islands: Ag(111)

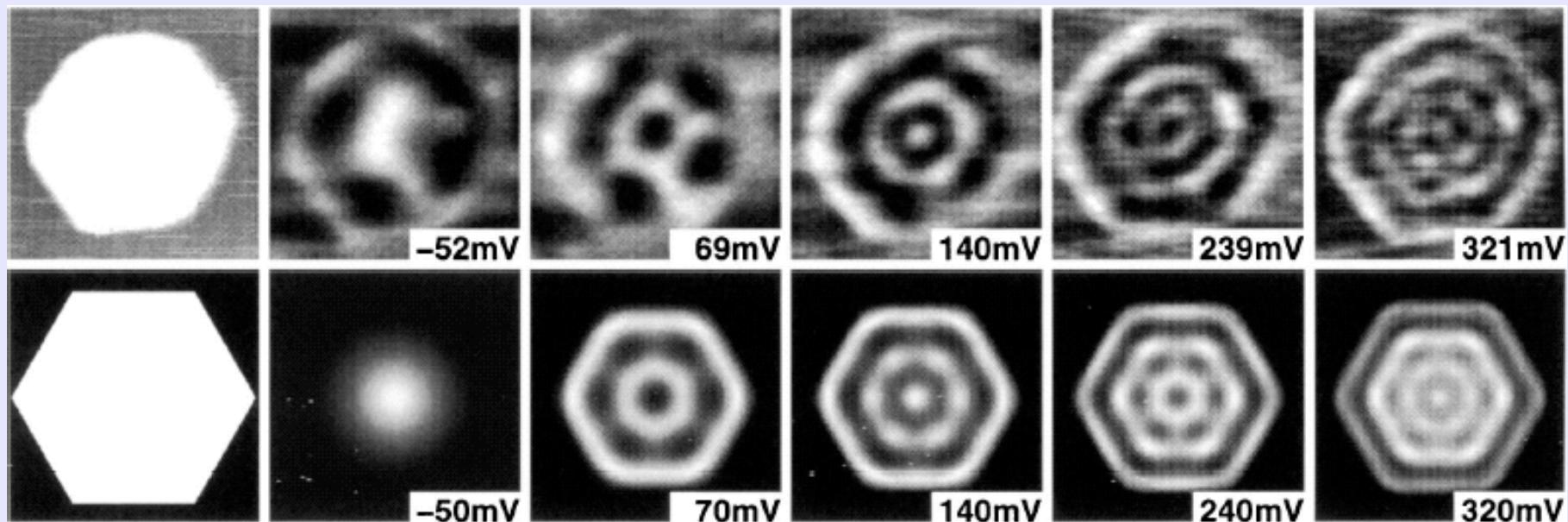


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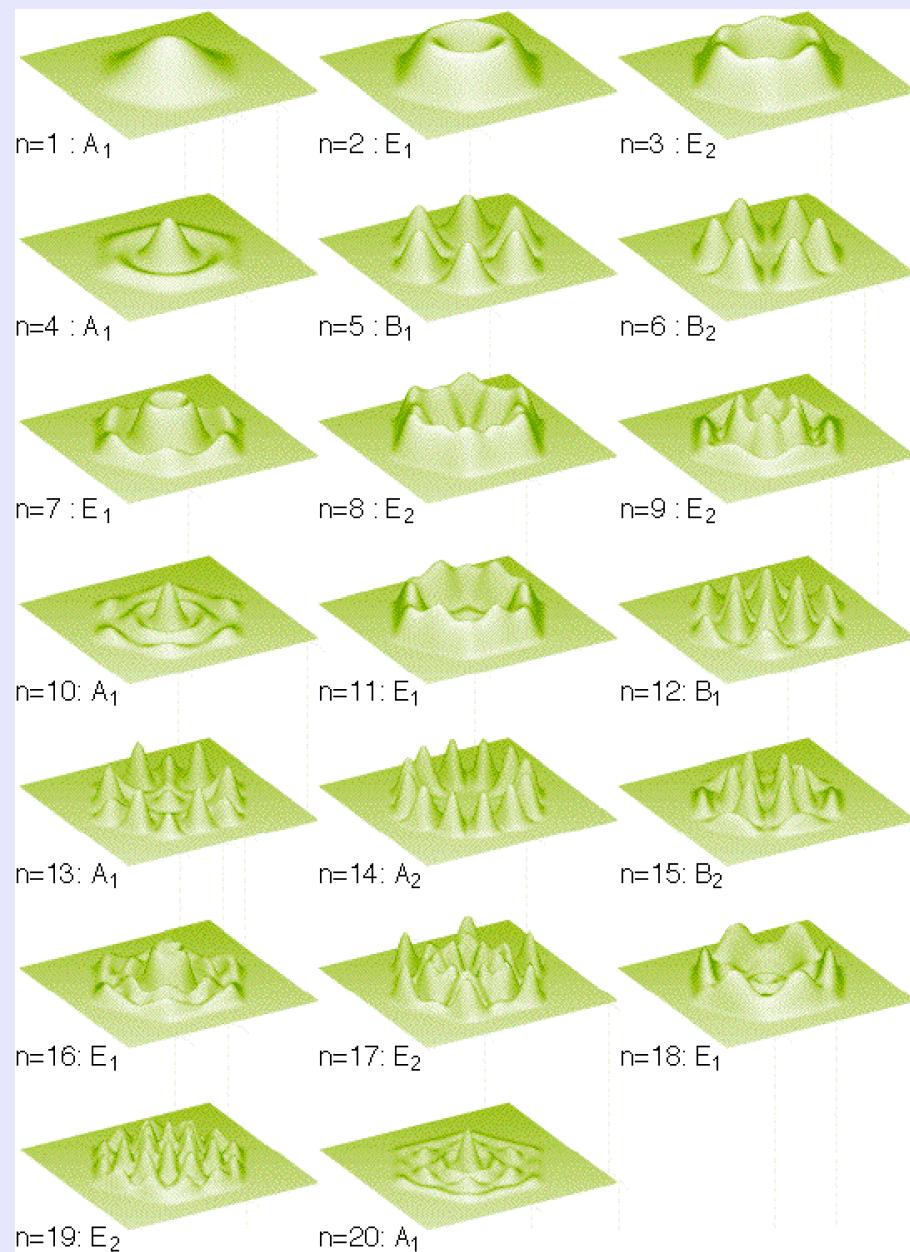


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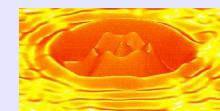
→ 6 nm → J. Li, WDS, R. Berndt, S. Crampin, PRL **80**, 3332 (1998)





# State densities of the lowest Eigenstates of a particle in a hexagonal box (S. Crampin)

J. Li, WDS, R. Berndt, S. Crampin,  
Surf. Sci. **422**, 95 (1999)



# **2D electron gas: Scattering at adatoms**



## **Standing waves**



## **Interaction between adatoms**



# Long-range interaction between adatoms mediated by substrate electrons

## Theory:

- T. B. Grimley, Proc. Phys. Soc. **90**, 751 (1967).
- T. L. Einstein and J. R. Schrieffer, Phys. Rev. B **7**, 3629 (1973).
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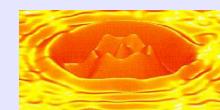
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- T. T. Tsong, Phys. Rev. Lett. **31**, 1207 (1973).
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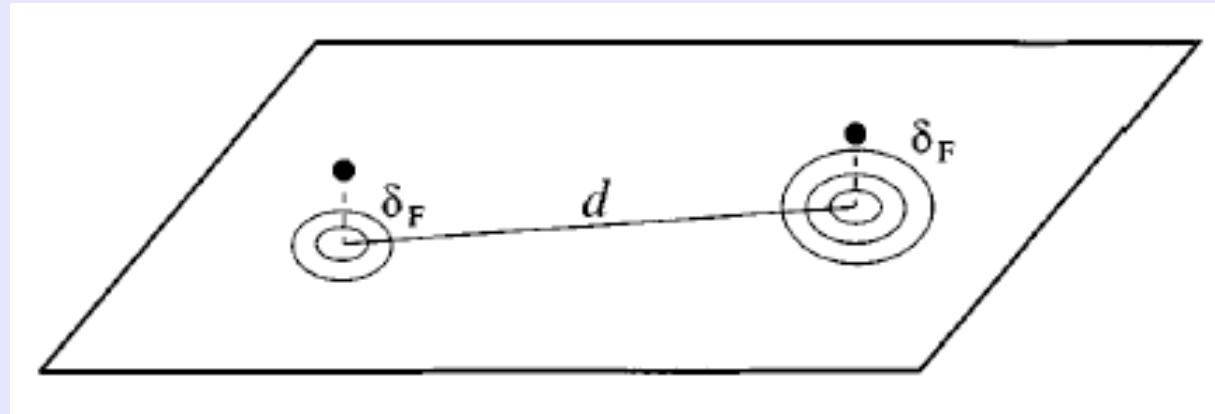
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**But: No self-organisation of an adatom superlattice!**



# Indirect long-range oscillatory interactions between adsorbed atoms mediated by surface state electrons

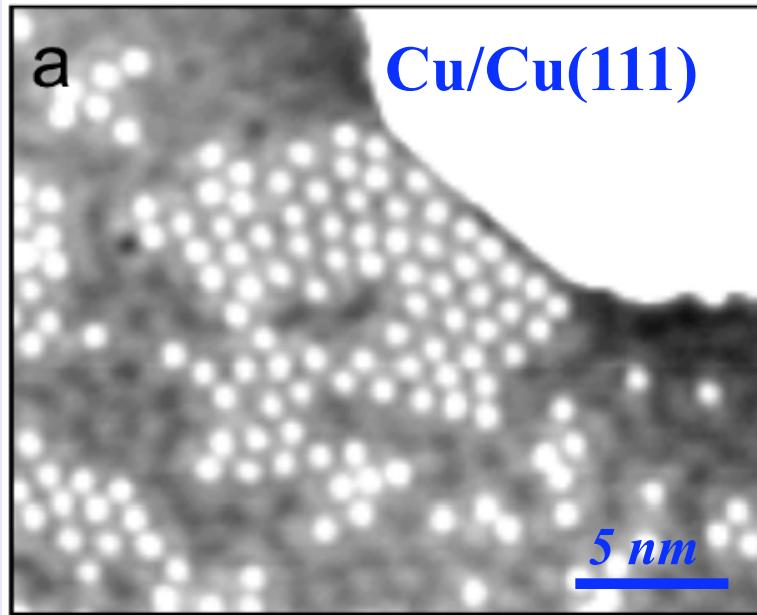
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$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} \sim \cos(2k_F d + \delta_F)/d^2$$

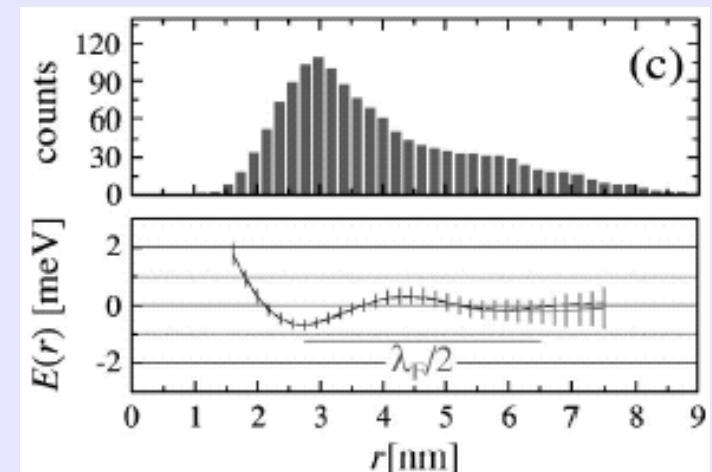
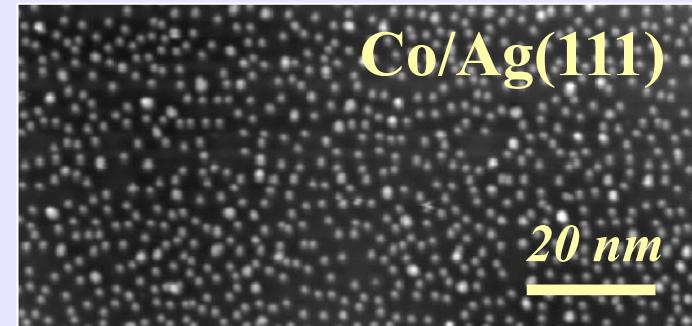


## Experimental evidence of this adatom-adatom interaction:

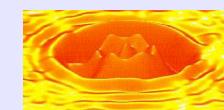


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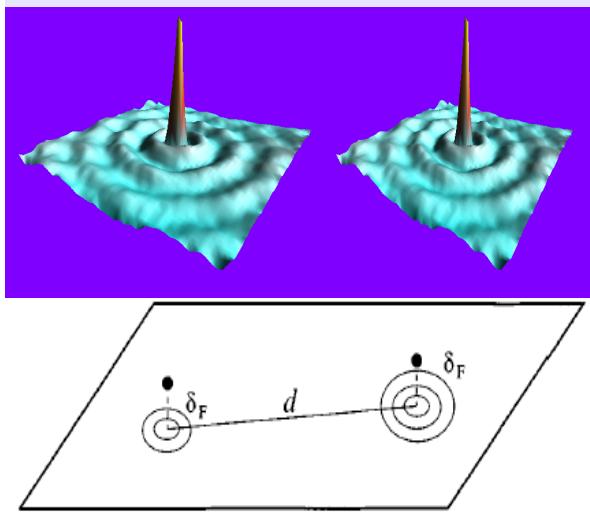
*Spatial correlations and some  
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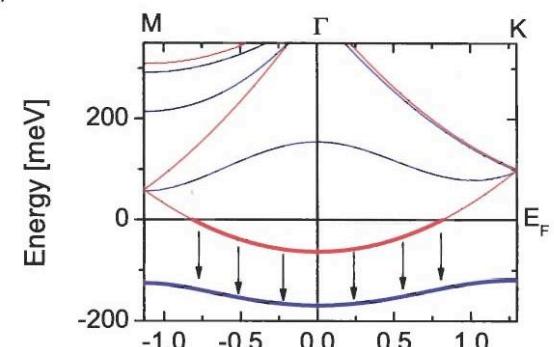
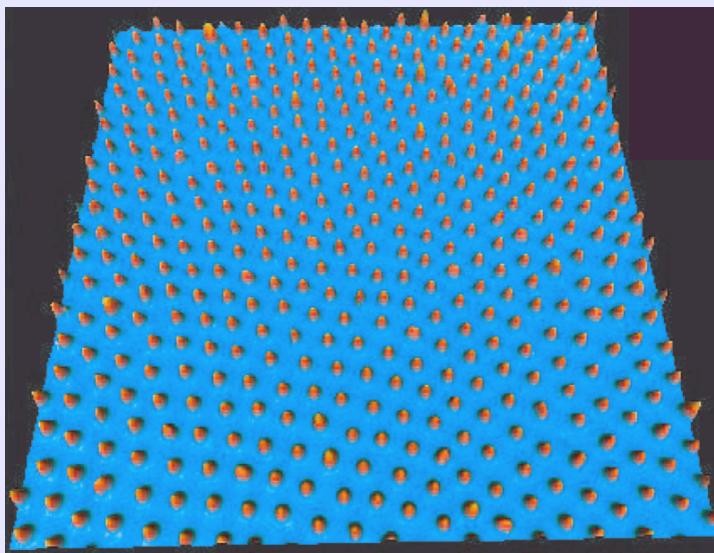
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# Self-Assembled Adatom Superlattice Created by Surface State Electrons: Ce on Ag(111)



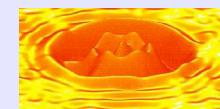
$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} \sim \cos(2k_F d + \delta_F)/d^2$$



64 nm<sup>2</sup>, 100mV, 10pA  
T = 3.9 K

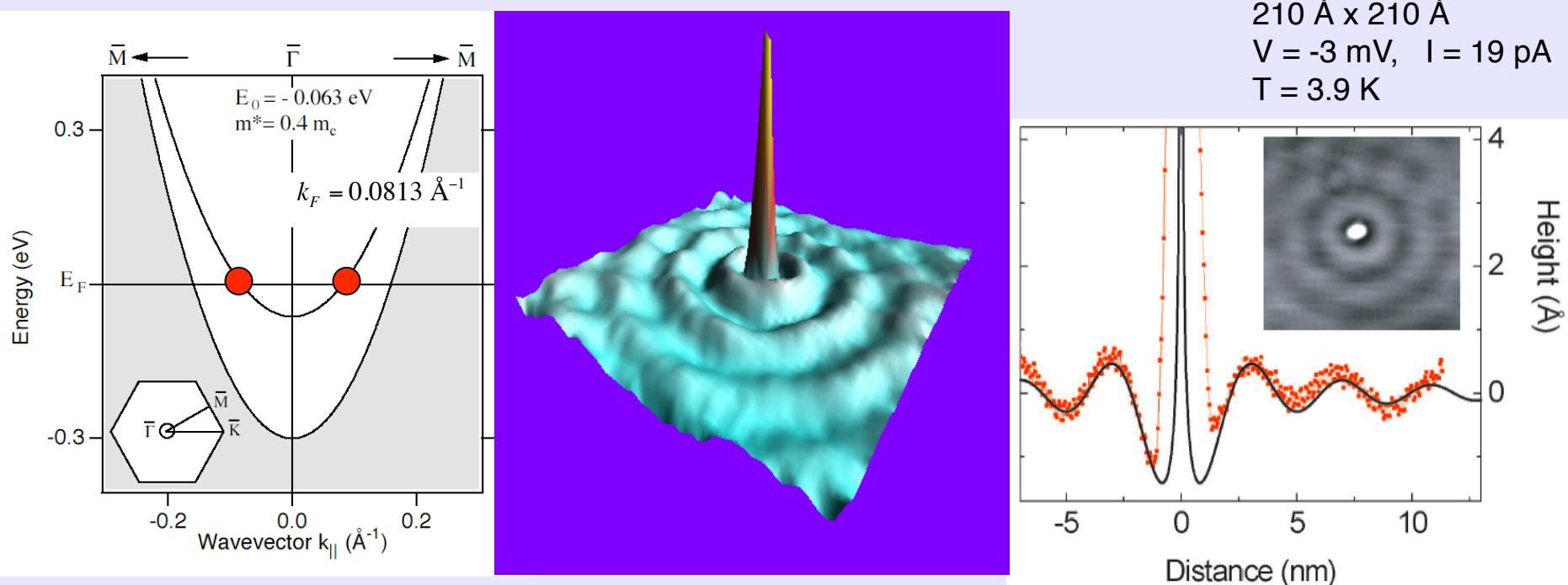
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C. Weber, Th. Giamarchi, F. Mila, WDS,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 146805(2004)



# Standing wave pattern at a point defect: Ce on Ag(111)

## Phase shift $\delta_0$



$$\Delta D(r) \propto \frac{1}{k_F r} \left( \cos^2(k_F r - \frac{\pi}{4} + \delta_0) - \cos^2(k_F r - \frac{\pi}{4}) \right)$$

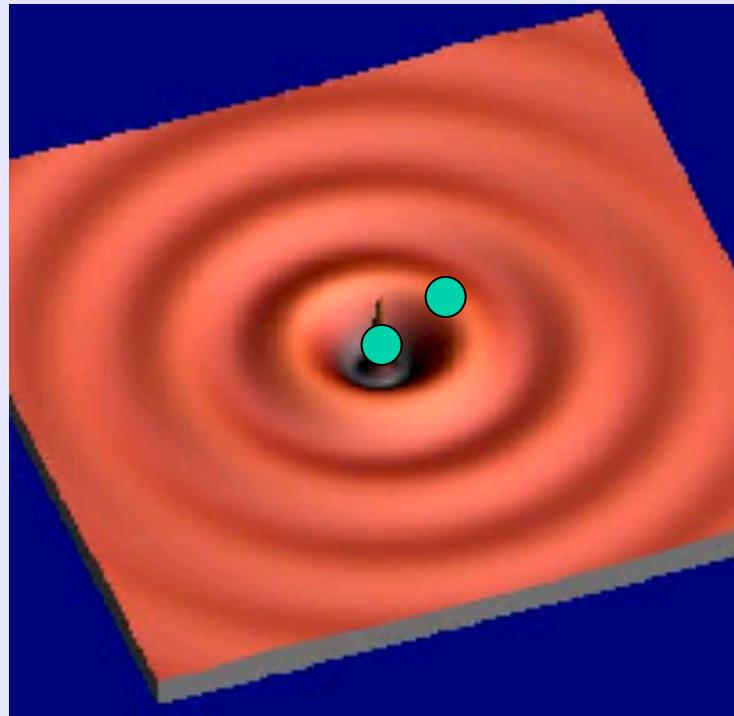


$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_F &= 2\pi / k_F \\ \lambda_F / 2 &= 3.8 \text{ nm} \\ \delta_0 &= (0.37 \pm 0.05)\pi \end{aligned}$$

**first maximum:**  
**3.2 nm**



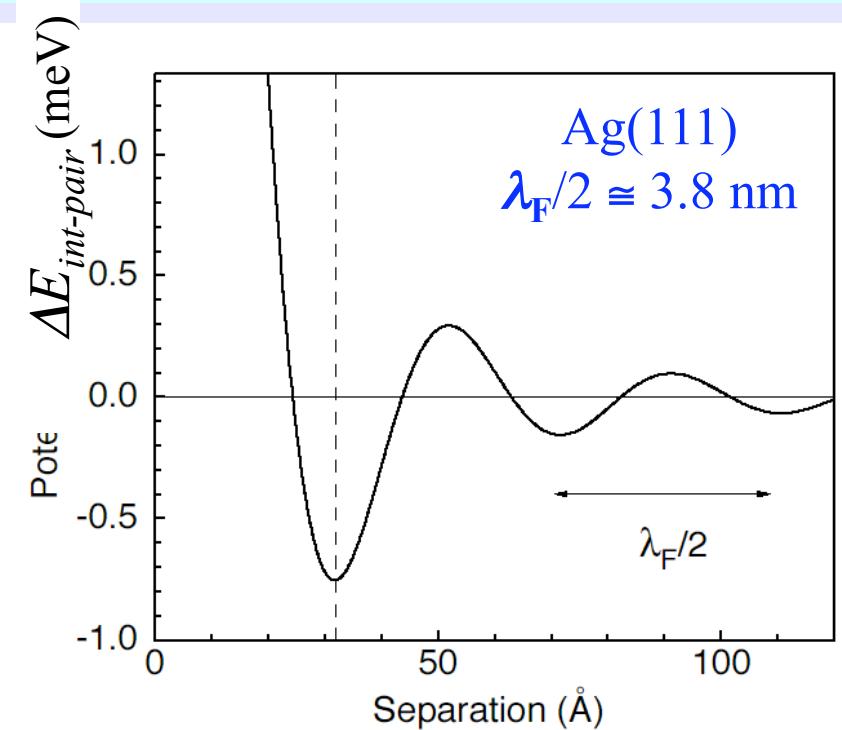
**Physical origin of interaction: 1st adatom creates ripples in 2DEG**



**2nd adatom has lowest energy at a “crest” (maximum electron density)**

Hyldgaard and Persson, J. Phys. Condens. Matter **12**, L13 (2000):

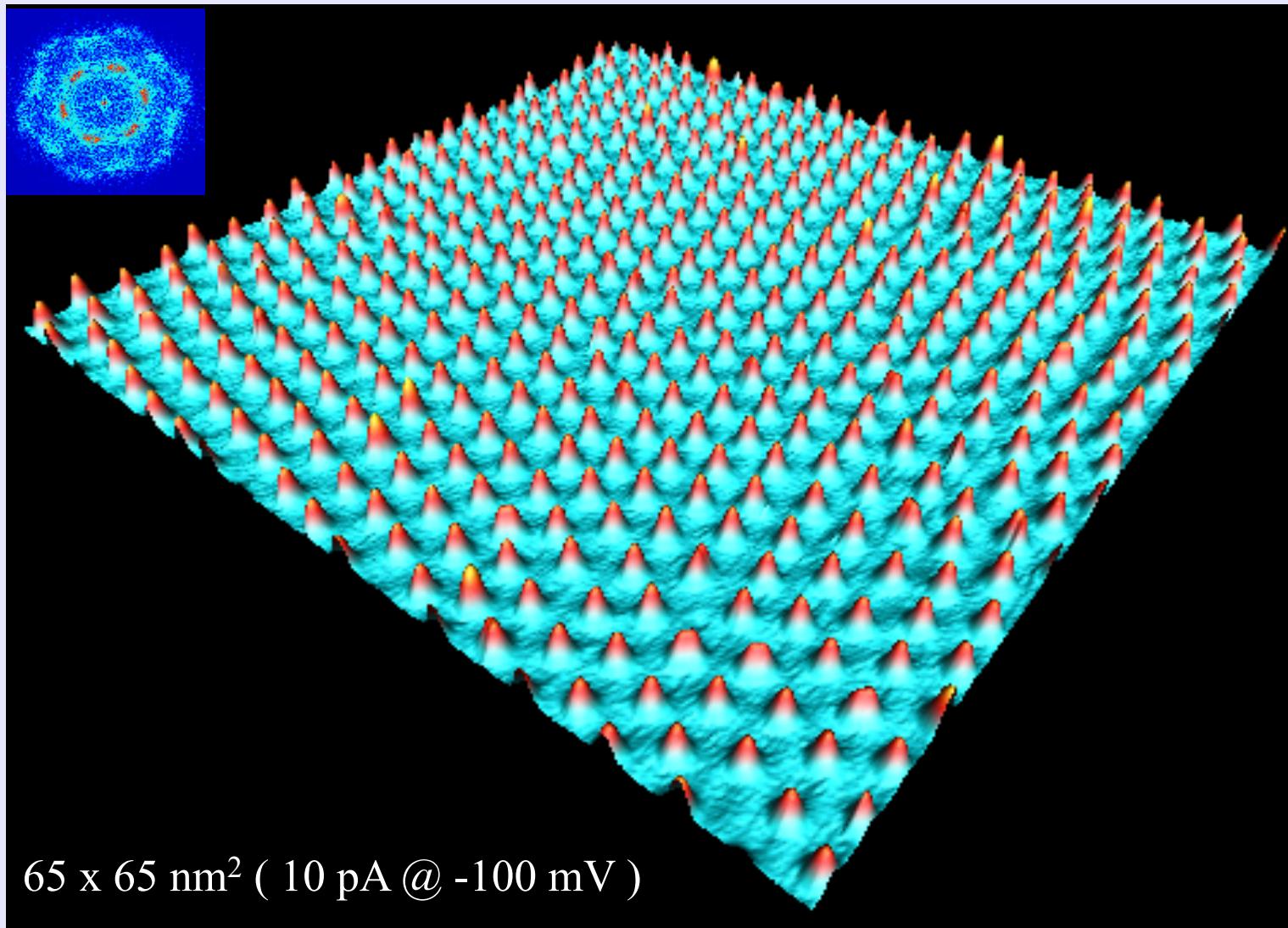
$$\Delta E_{\text{int-pair}}(d) \cong -AE_0 \left( \frac{2 \sin(\delta_0)}{\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\sin(2k_F d + 2\delta_0)}{(k_F d)^2}$$



**Cu(111) :  $\lambda_F/2 \cong 1.4 \text{ nm}$**



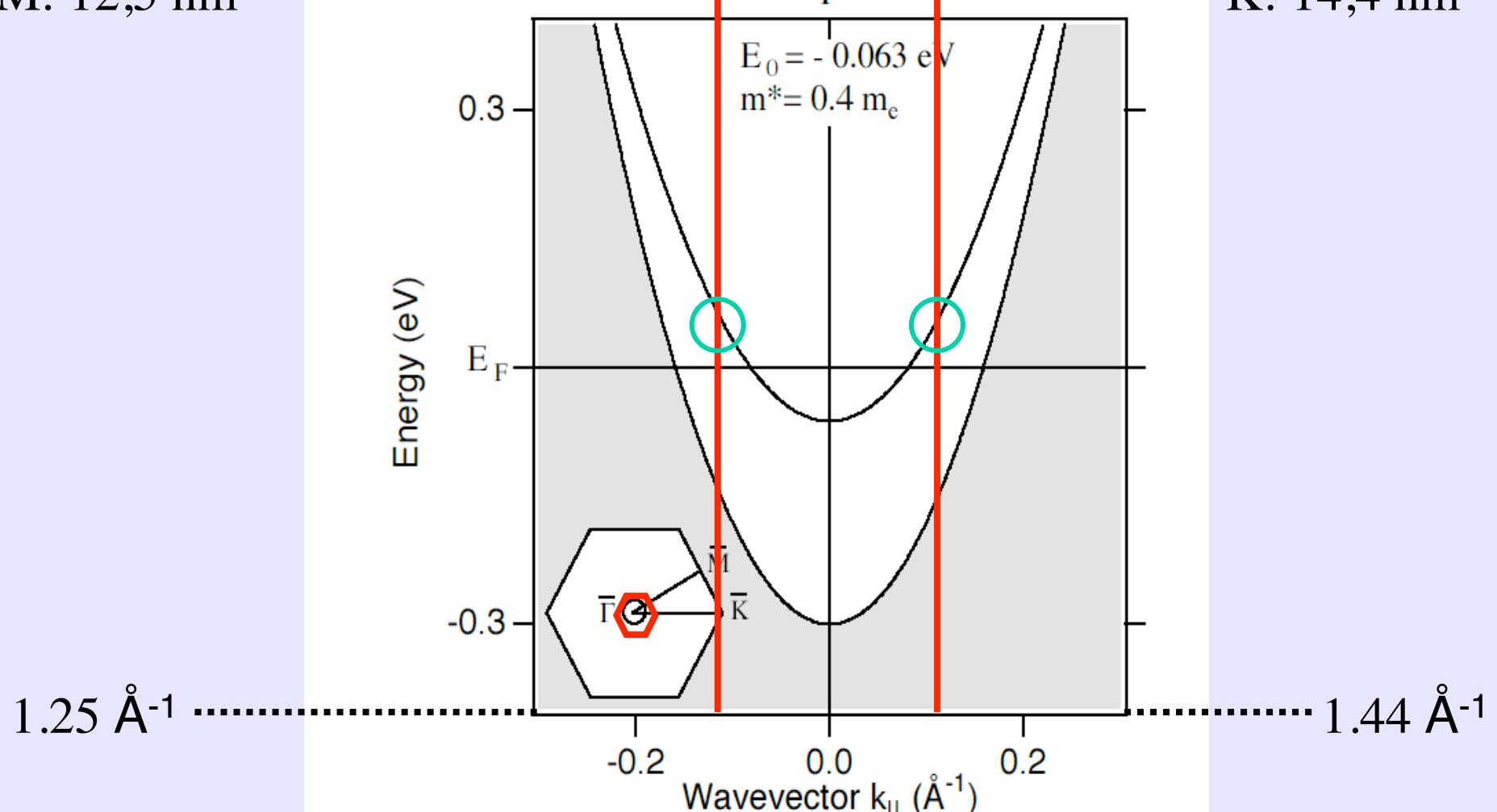
# Ce adatom superlattice at 3.9 K



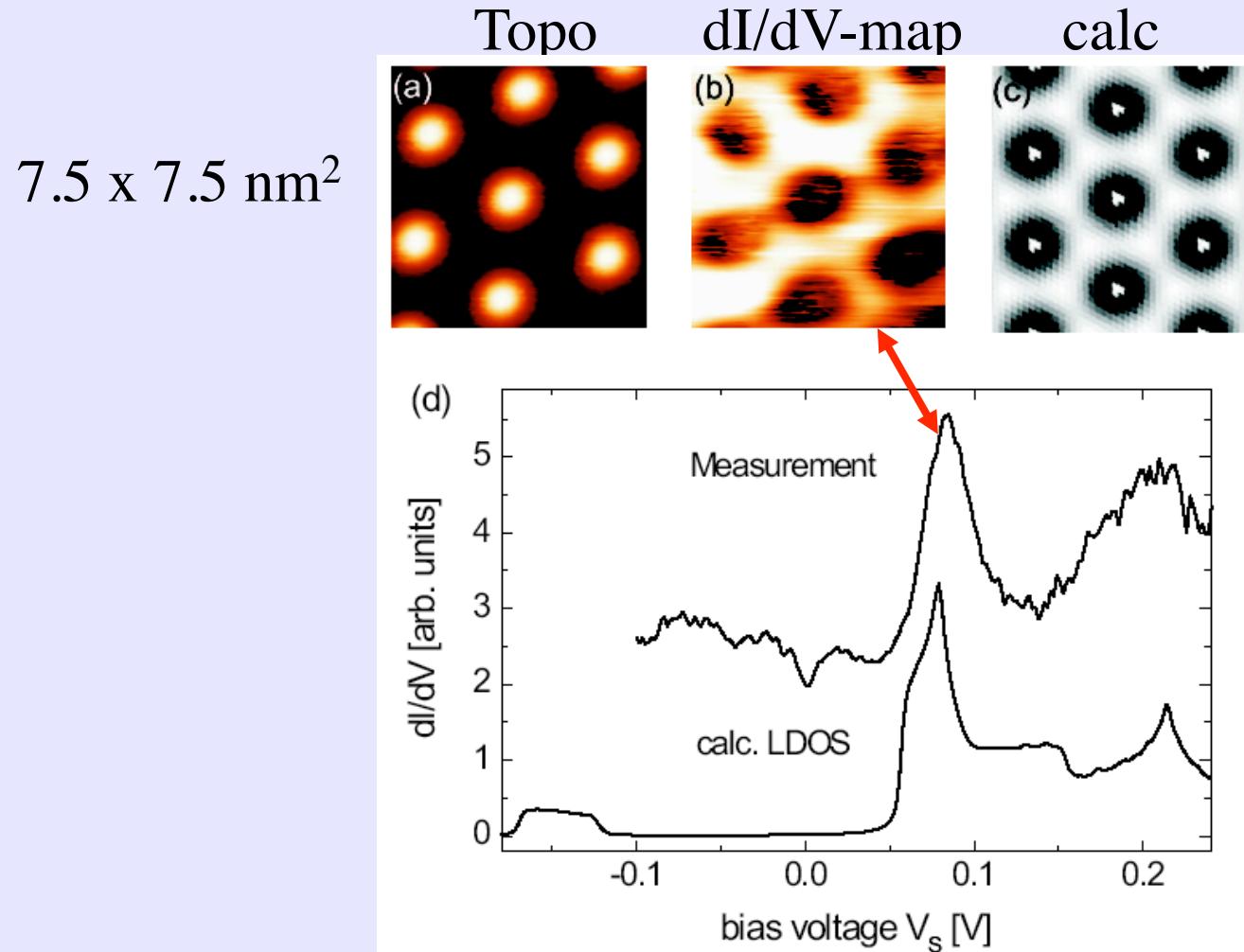
# Mini-Brillouin zone within Ag(111) surface Brillouin zone

M:  $12,5 \text{ nm}^{-1}$

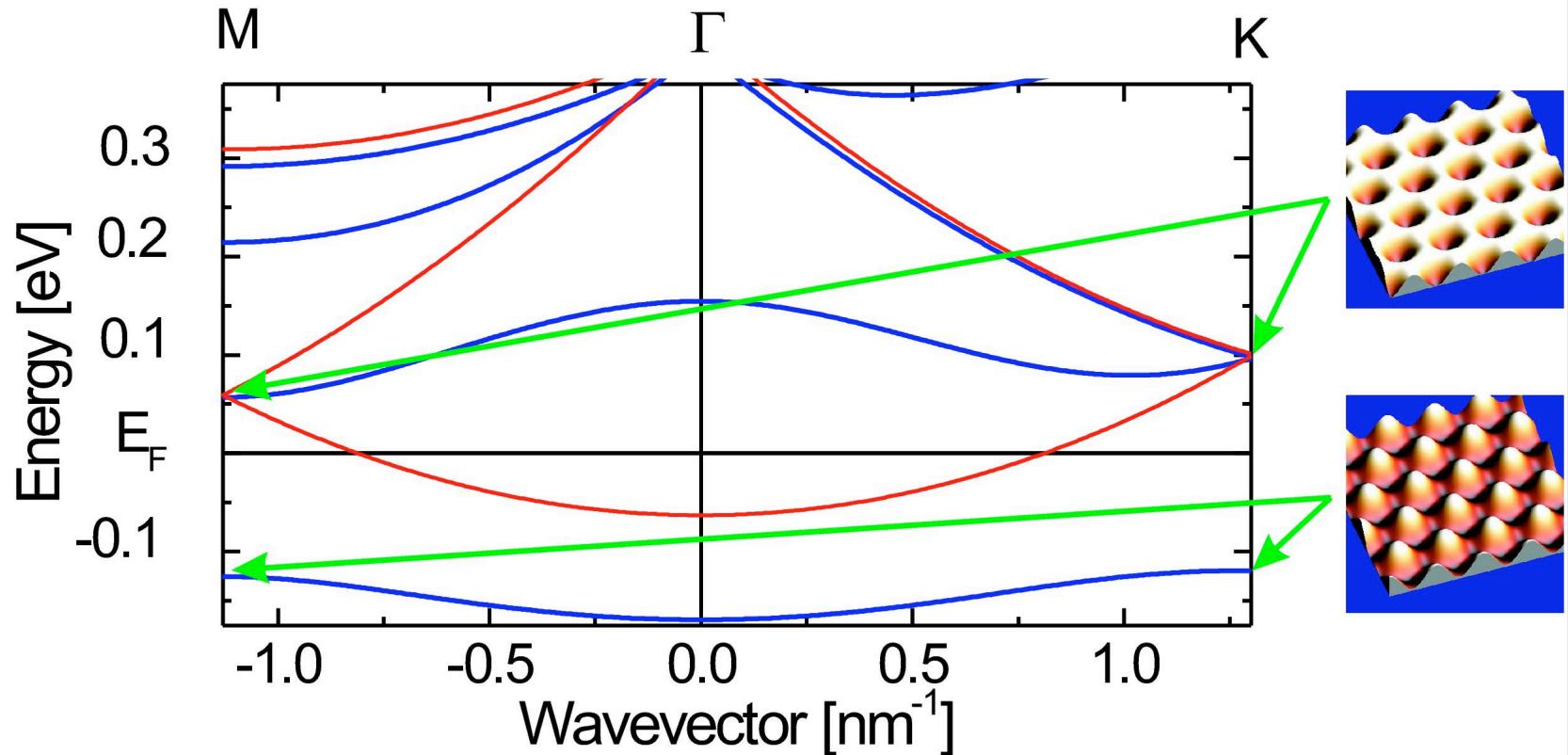
K:  $14,4 \text{ nm}^{-1}$



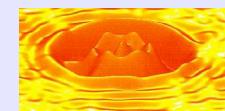
# Electronic structure within the superlattice ( $d = 3.2$ nm): Experiment and model



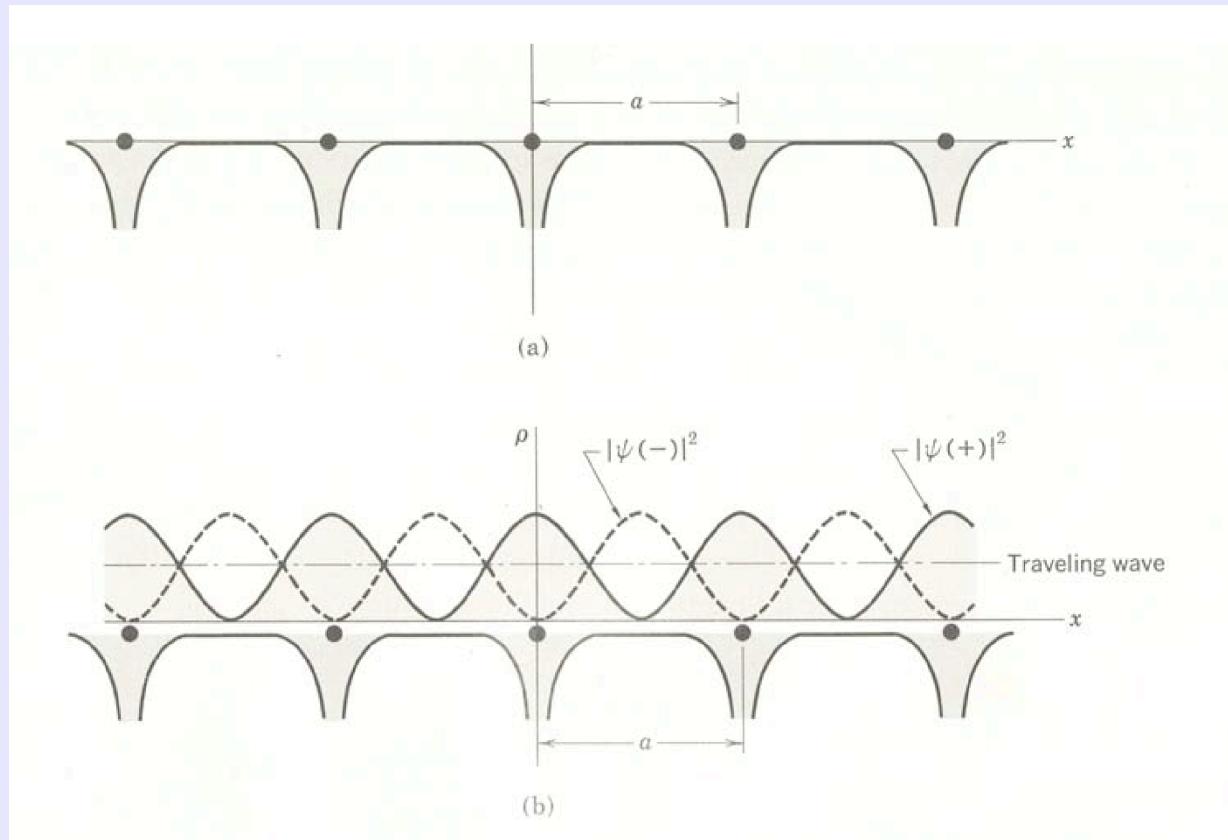
# First Brillouin zone of the 2D superlattice



Interaction potential: Gaps open at high symmetry points



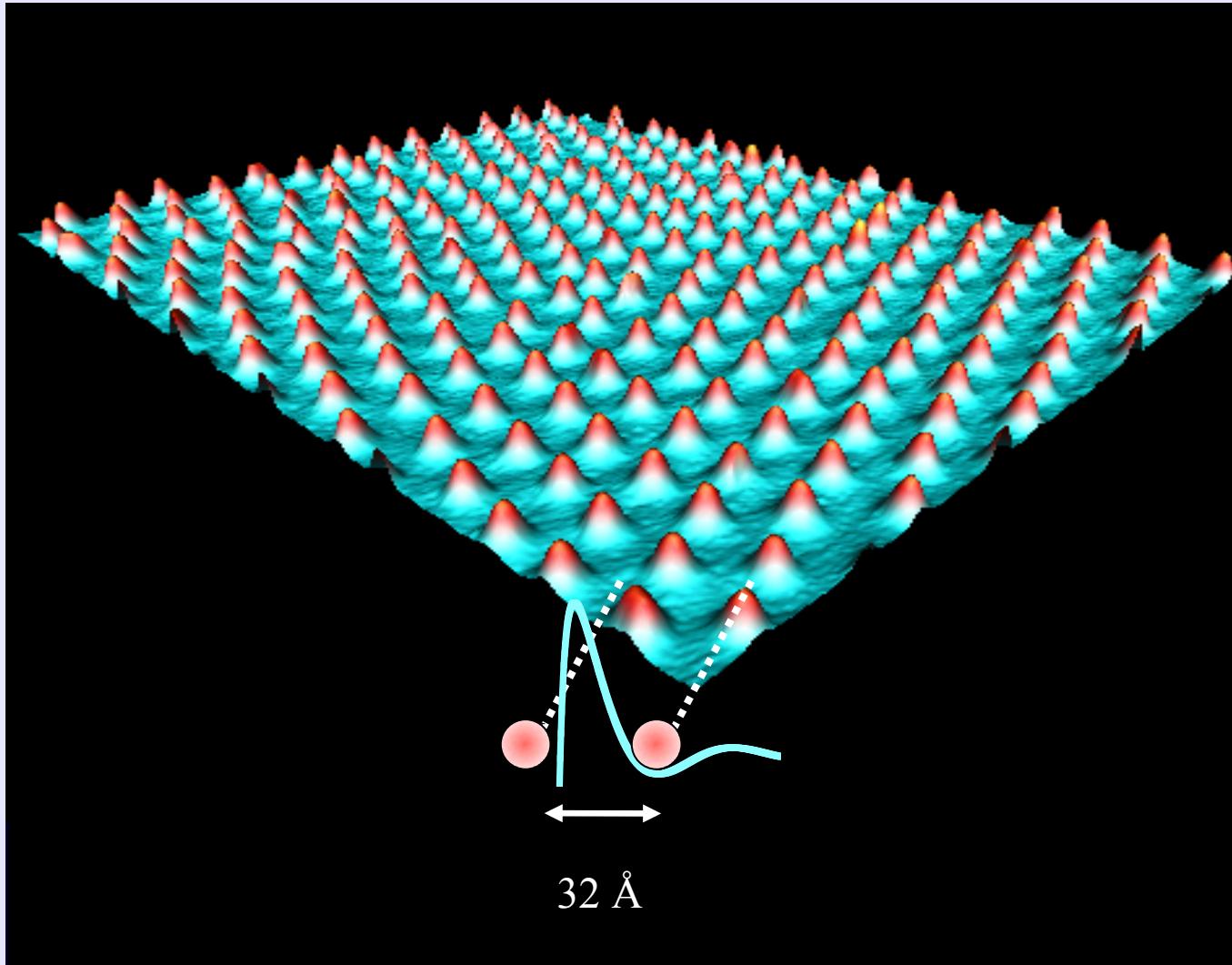
# Origin of the energy gap



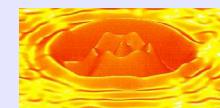
C. Kittel, Introduction to Solid State Physics, 4th Edition, J. Wiley (1971), p.298



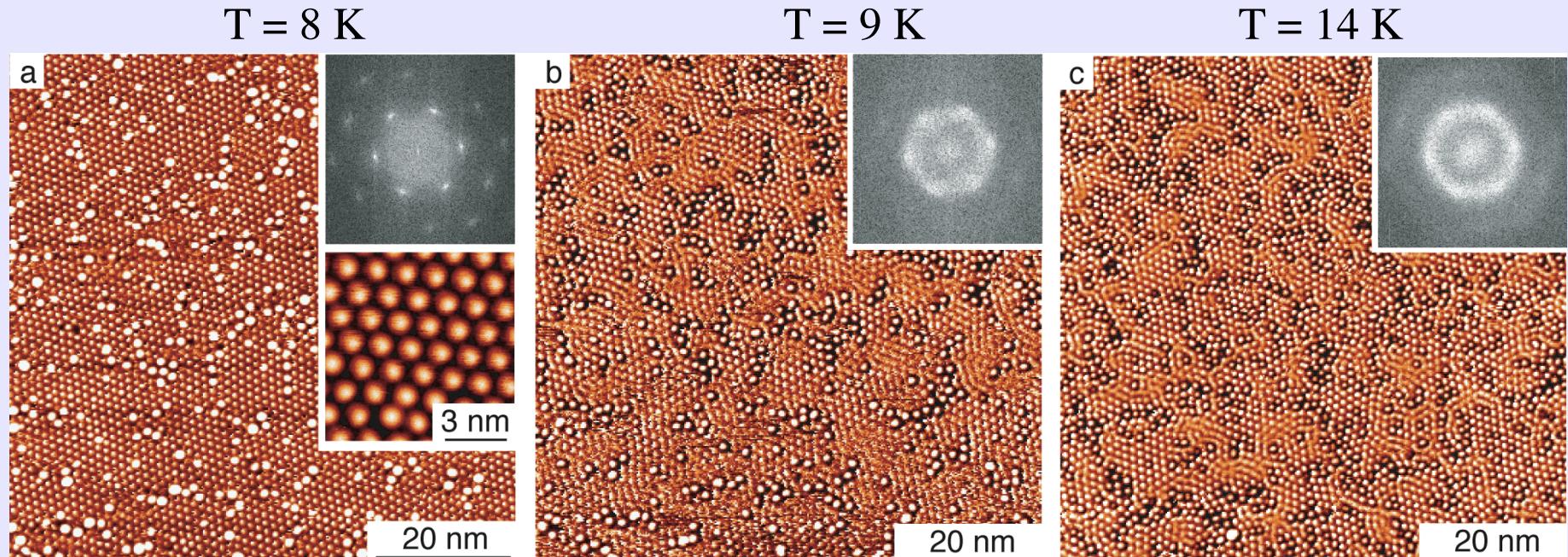
## 2D superlattice of magnetic Ce adatoms on Ag(111): A Kondo lattice ?



M. Ternes, A. J. Heinrich, WDS, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **21**, 053001 (2009)



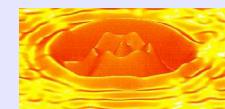
# Melting of 2D adatom superlattices stabilized by long-range electronic interactions: Ce/Cu(111)



Ce nearest-neighbour distance: **1.4 nm**

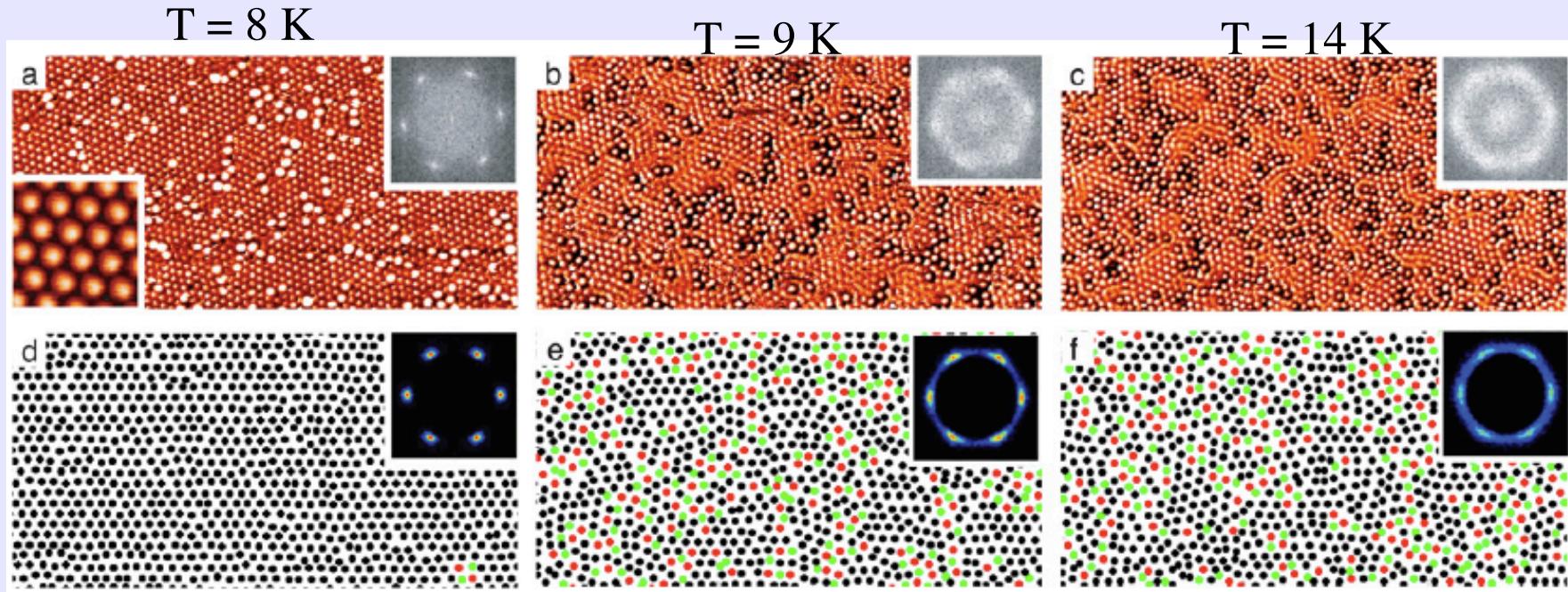
Fermi wave length of the surface state electrons on Cu(111):  $\lambda_F/2 \simeq 1.4\text{ nm}$

N. N. Negulyaev, S. Stepanyuk, L. Niebergall, P. Bruno,  
M. Pivetta, M. Ternes, F. Patthey, WDS, PRL **102**, 246102 (2009)



# Melting of an adatom superlattice: Ce/Cu(111)

## Experiment and theory



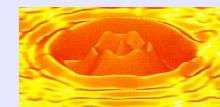
In the presence of a weak substrate potential, the superlattice melts by a direct transition from the solid to the liquid phase, as predicted by Kosterlitz, Thouless, Halperin and Nelson

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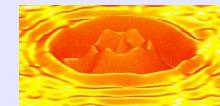


# **Creation, electronic structure, and melting of a two-dimensional adatom superlattice stabilized by long-range electronic interactions**

M. Ternes, M. Pivetta, F. Patthey, WDS,  
Progr. Surf. Sci., (December 2009)



# **Electron confinement to nanoscale structures: Quantum-size effects in Pb-islands on Si(111)**



# Pb/Si(111) ultrathin nanocrystals:

- **Electron dynamics of quantum well states**

I-Po Hong, C. Brun, F. Patthey, I. Yu. Sklyadneva, X. Zubizarreta, R. Heid, V. M. Silkin, P. M. Echenique, K. P. Bohnen, E. V. Chulkov, WDS, PRB **80**, 081409 (2009) (RC)

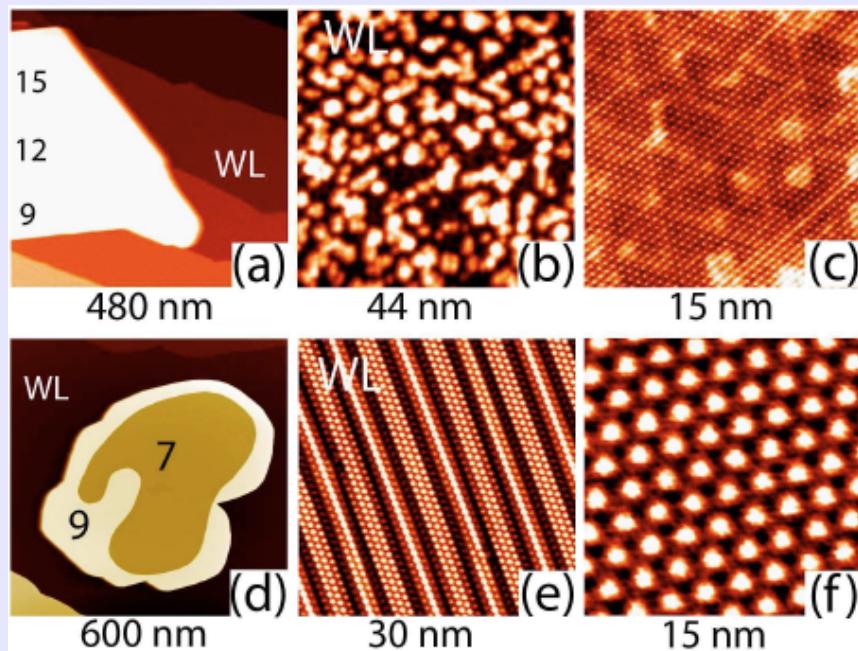
- **Reduction of the superconducting transition temperature**

C. Brun, I-Po Hong, F. Patthey, I. Yu. Sklyadneva, R. Heid, P. M. Echenique, K. P. Bohnen, E. V. Chulkov, WDS, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 207002, (2009)

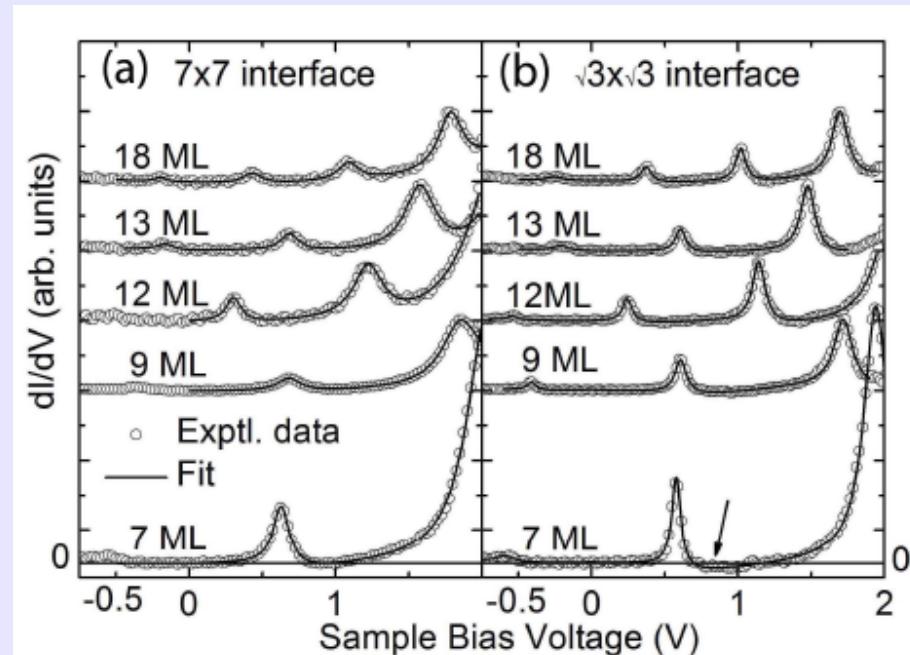


## Quantum-well states

### Pb/Si(111)7x7



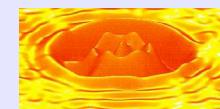
disordered      crystalline



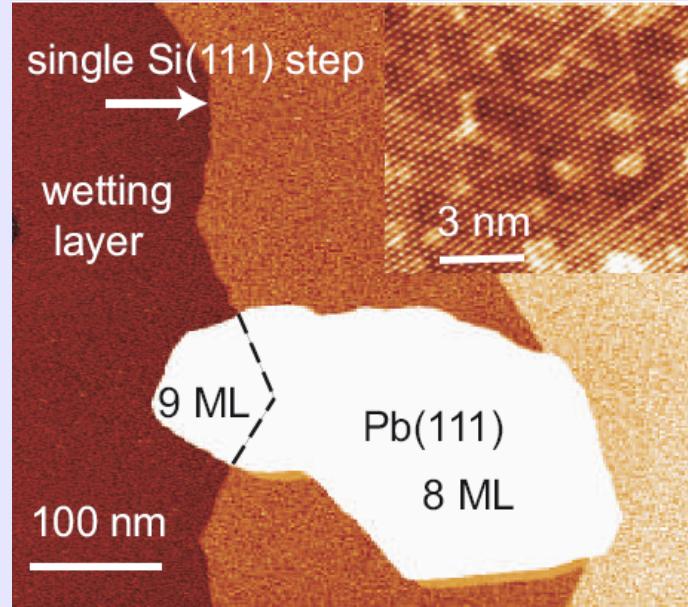
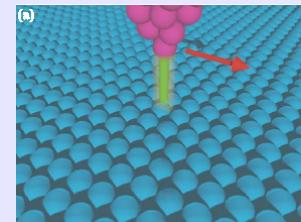
### Pb/Pb- $\sqrt{3}\times\sqrt{3}$ /Si(111)

T = 5 K

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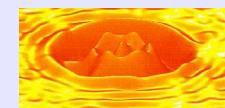


# Reduction of the superconducting gap in ultrathin Pb islands



**C. Brun, I-Po Hong, F. Patthey, I. Yu. Sklyadneva, R. Heid, P. M. Echenique,  
K. P. Bohnen, E. V. Chulkov, WDS,  
(Lausanne, San Sebastian, Karlsruhe)**

Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 207002, (2009)

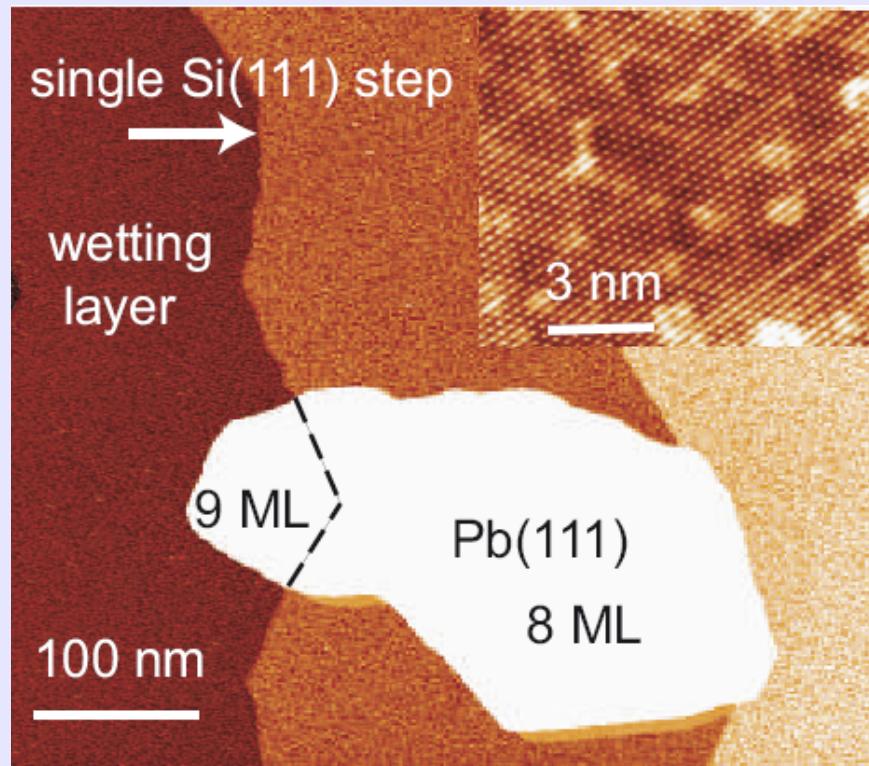


# Contradictory experimental results:

- Transport, magnetic susceptibility:  
 $T_c$  decreases  
with decreasing film thickness
- STS:  
 $T_c$  stays constant  
with decreasing film thickness

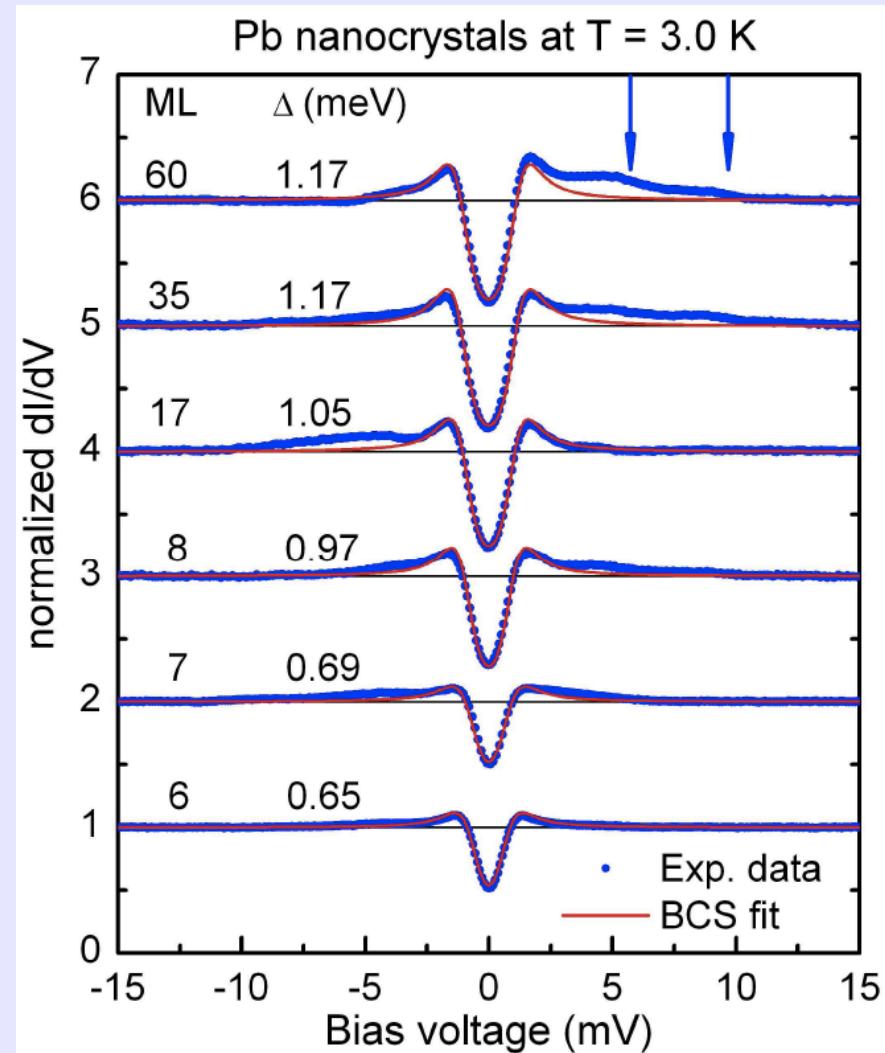


## Pb- islands: Thickness dependent dI/dV spectra



$U = -1.0 \text{ V}$ ;  $I = 100 \text{ pA}$

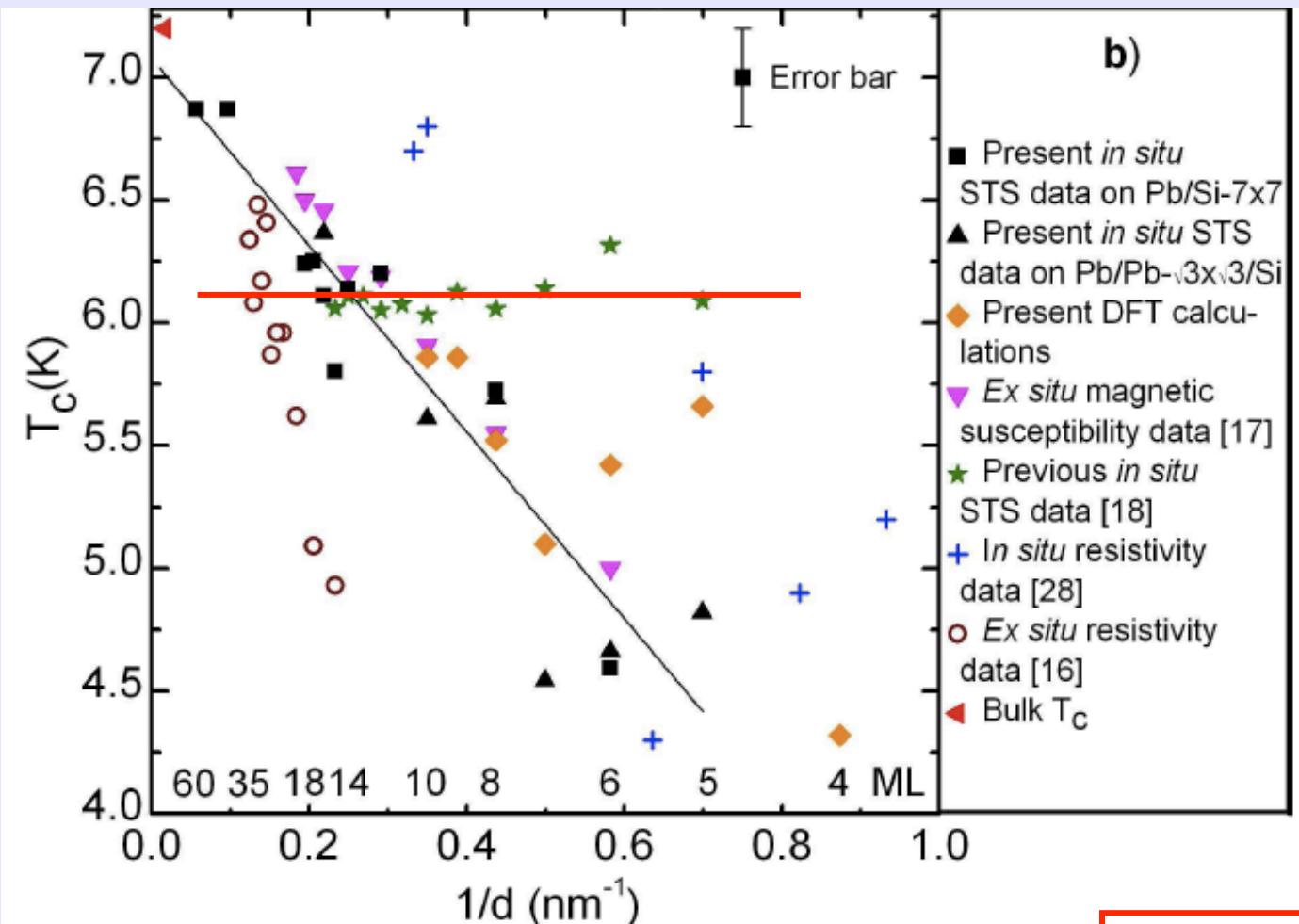
C. Brun *et al.*, PRL **102**, 207002 (2009)



$280 \mu\text{V}$  remaining RF noise

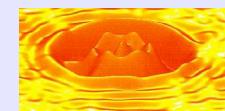


# Comparison with literature and theory



C. Brun *et al.*, PRL 102, 207002 (2009)

Assumption:  $(2\Delta = 4.19T_c)$



# Summary

## Pb/Si(111)

**Study of large ( $l > \xi_c$ ) atomically flat superconducting  
single crystal islands  
of atomic-layer defined thickness  $d$**

**Critical temperature:**

- **Reduction of  $T_c(d)$  as function of  $1/d$**
- **DFT:  $\lambda$  reduction with decreasing  $d$**

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# Self-assembly: Rubrene on Au(111)



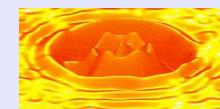
# Motivation

## Rubrene

- *Semiconducting, fluorescent, chiral  
(V. C. Sundar et al., Science 303, 1644 (2004))*
- *Three-dimensional structure → decoupling*
- *No previous investigations at the nanoscale*

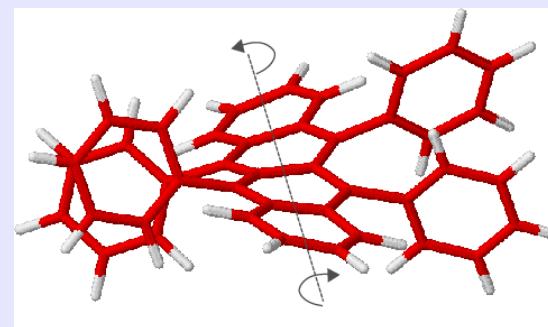
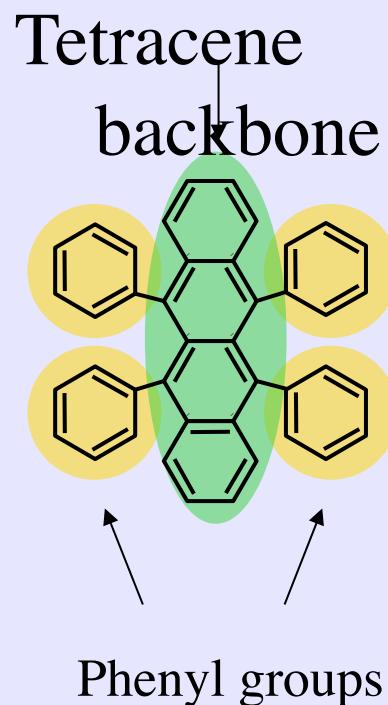
## STM and STS

- *Local measurement: single molecules*
- *Simultaneous geometric and electronic analysis*
- *Manipulation experiments*

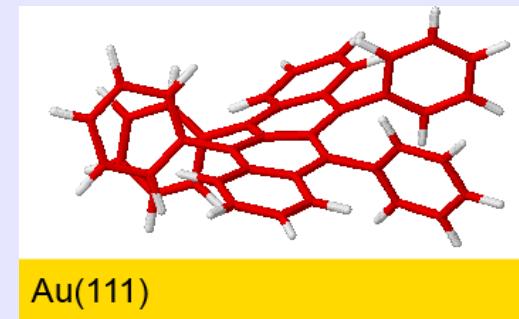


# Rubrene

$C_{42}H_{28}$  / 5,6,11,12-tetraphenylnaphthacene



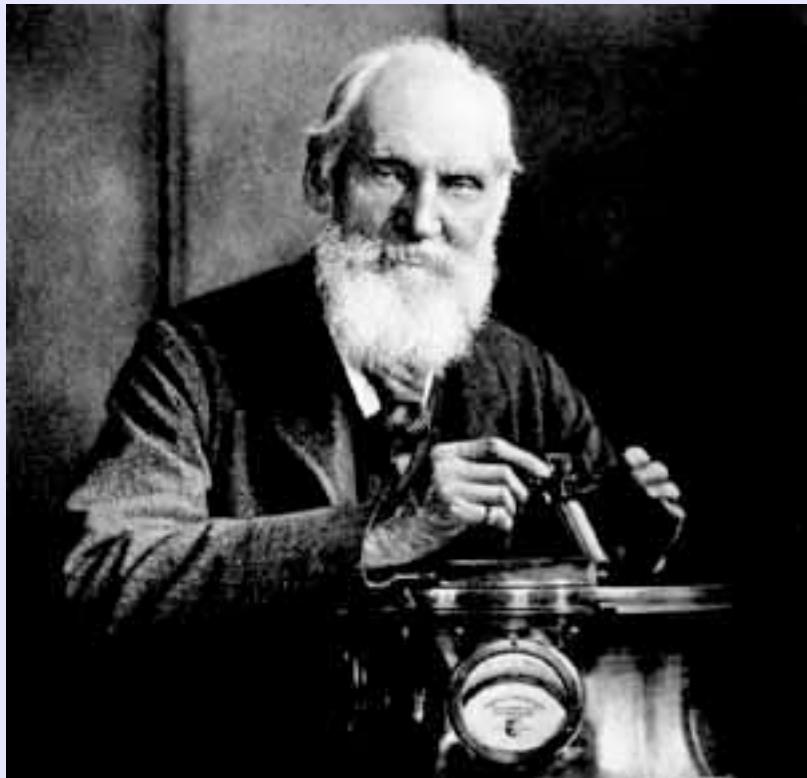
Chirality



Non-planar,  
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adsorption

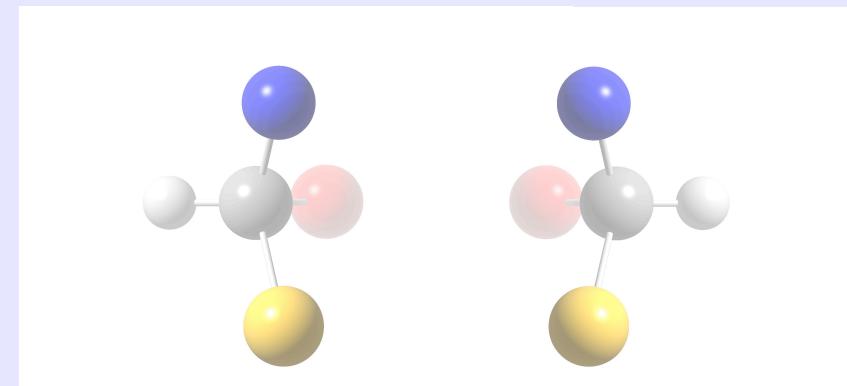
NEXAFS: D. Käfer et al., PRL 95, 166602 (2005)





Chirality

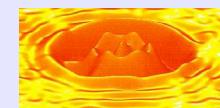
'CHIRAL' from the  
Greek word for hands



*Lord Kelvin, Baltimore Lectures, 1884*

I call any geometrical figure, or group of points, *chiral*, and say that it has chirality, if its image in a plane mirror, ideally realised, cannot be brought to coincide with itself.

Courtesy of N. V. Richardson



# Chirality

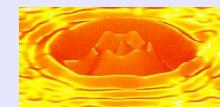
**Why investigate the chirality of molecules on surfaces?**

“Life” is very sensitive to chirality;  
drugs, biosensors, biomaterials,  
The origin of life...

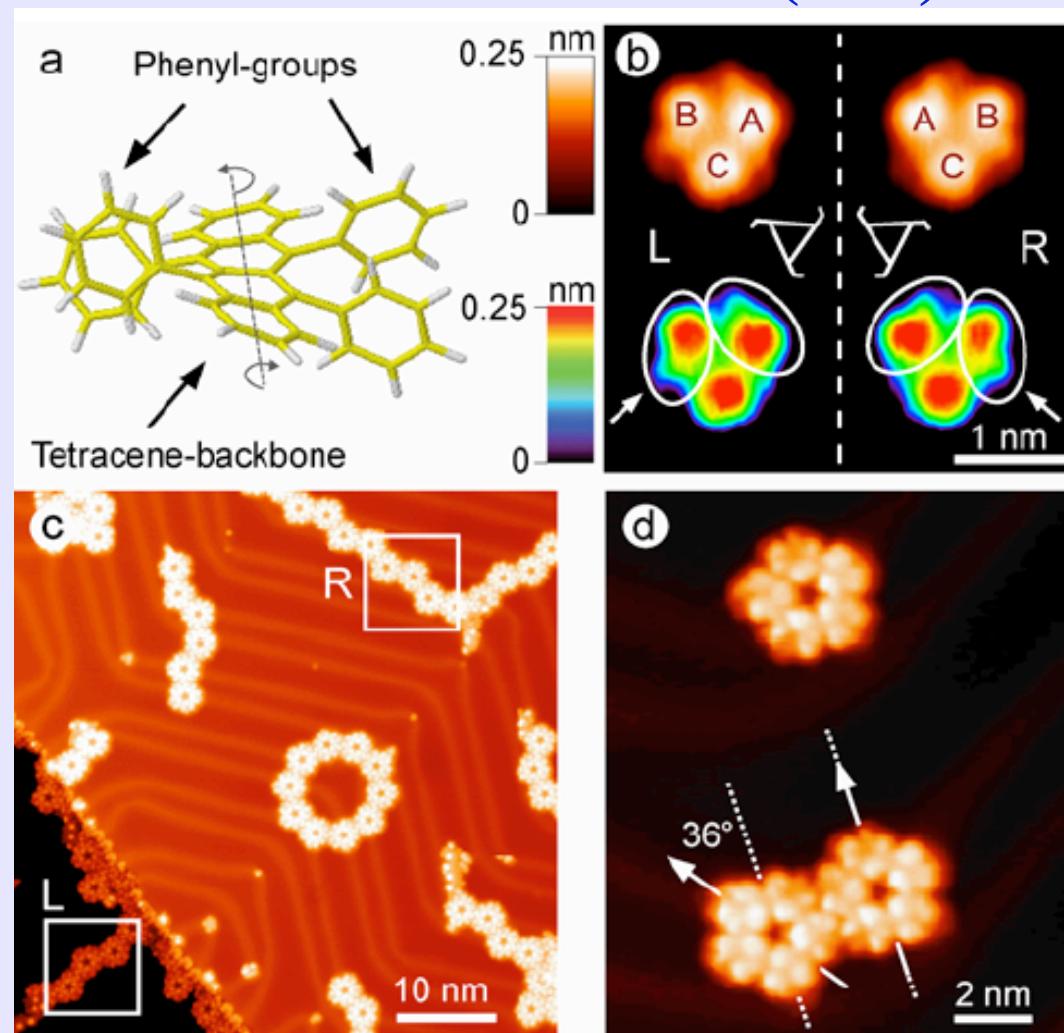


# Motivation for a local investigation of chirality in two dimensions:

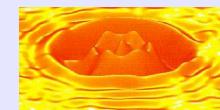
- Chiral Recognition: Chirality of Single Molecules and of Supramolecules
- Enantiomeric Separation on the Nanoscale
- Driving Force for Self-Assembly of Supramolecular Structures



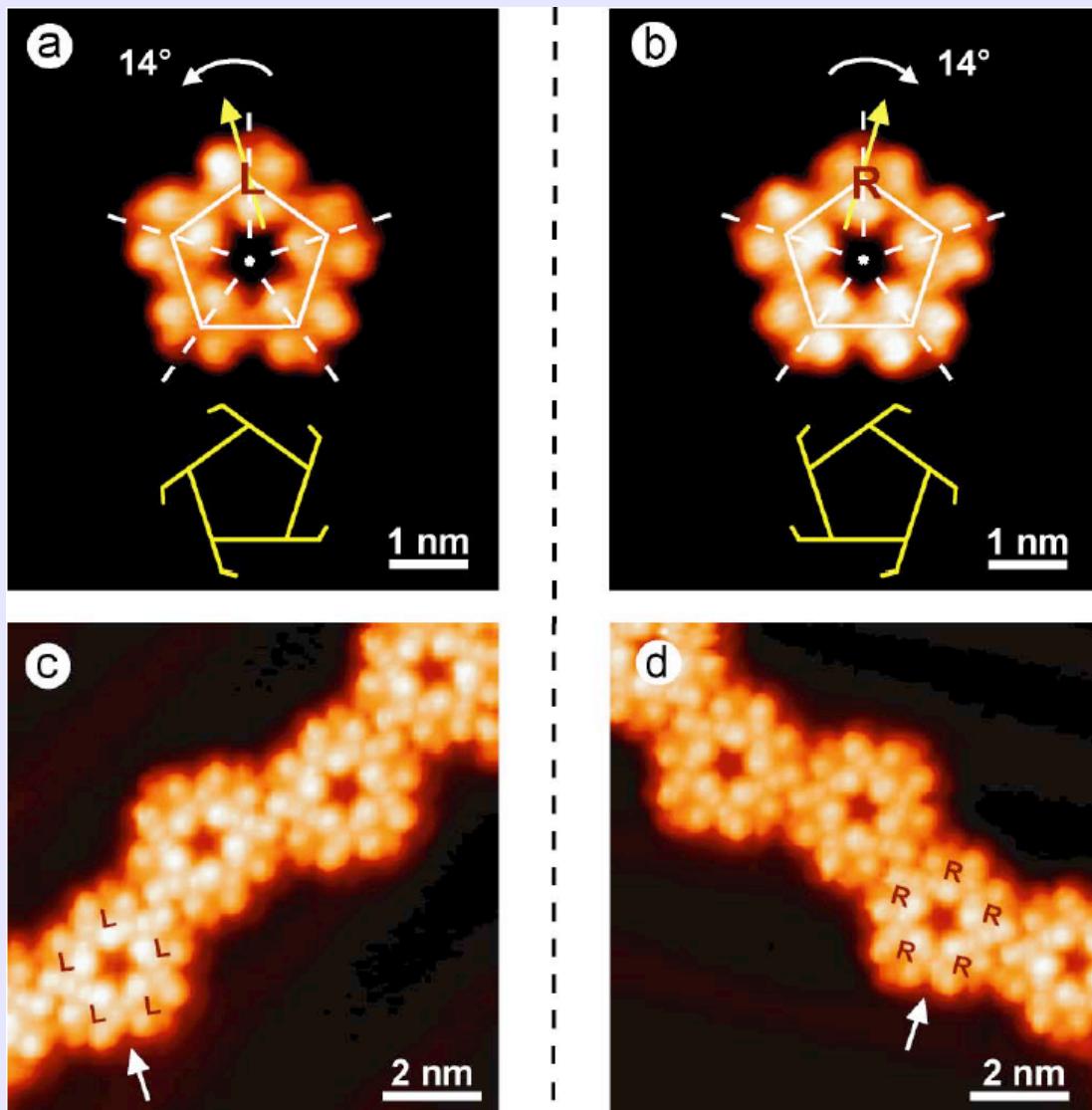
# Rubrene on Au(111)



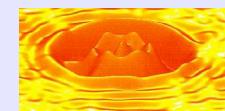
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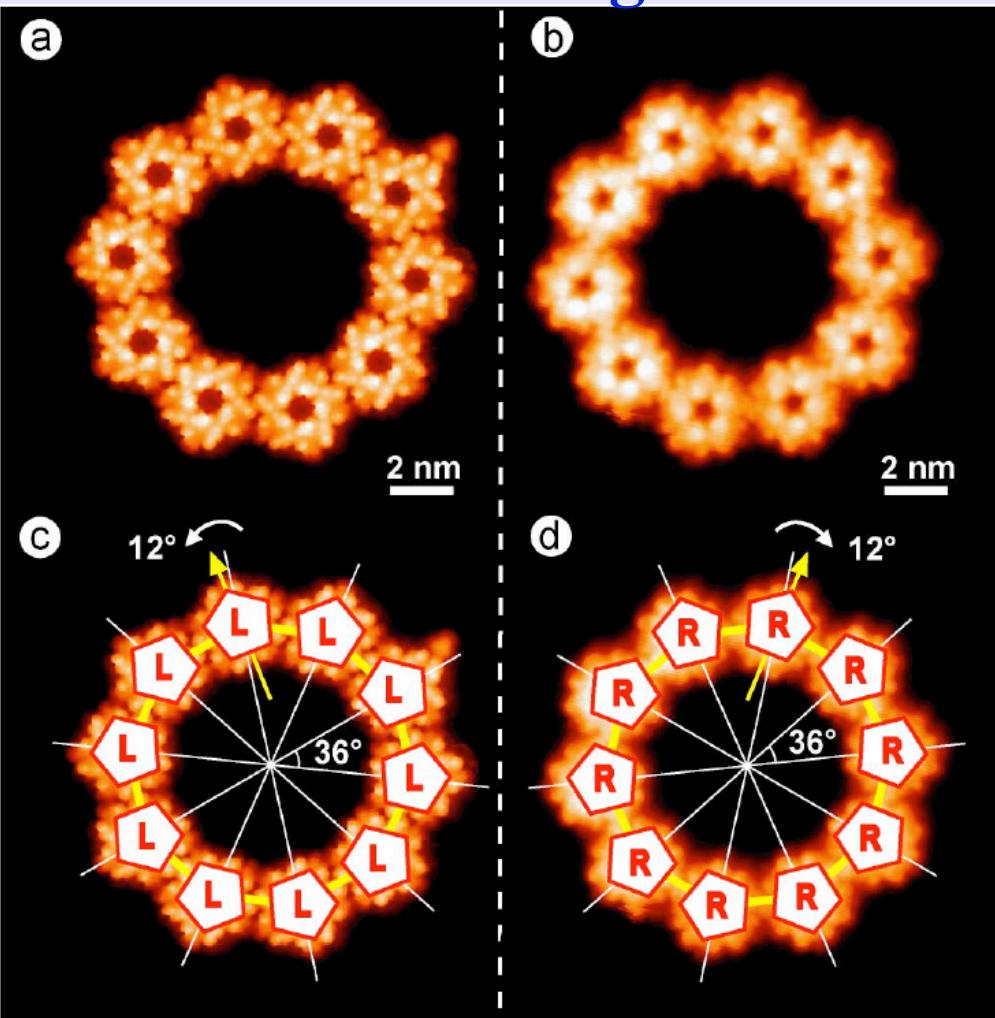
# Rubrene on Au(111): Enantioselective self-assembly



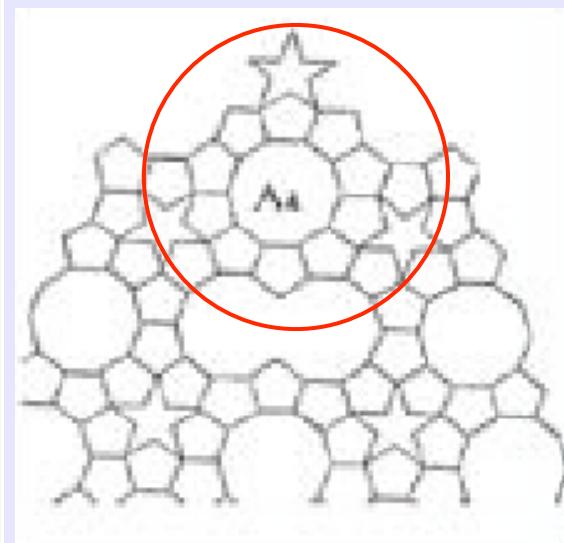
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## Left-handed      Right-handed

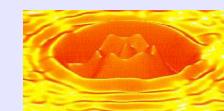


**Rubrene on Au(111):  
Formation of homochiral  
supramolecular decagons  
of pentagonal  
supermolecules  
(pentacontamer)**



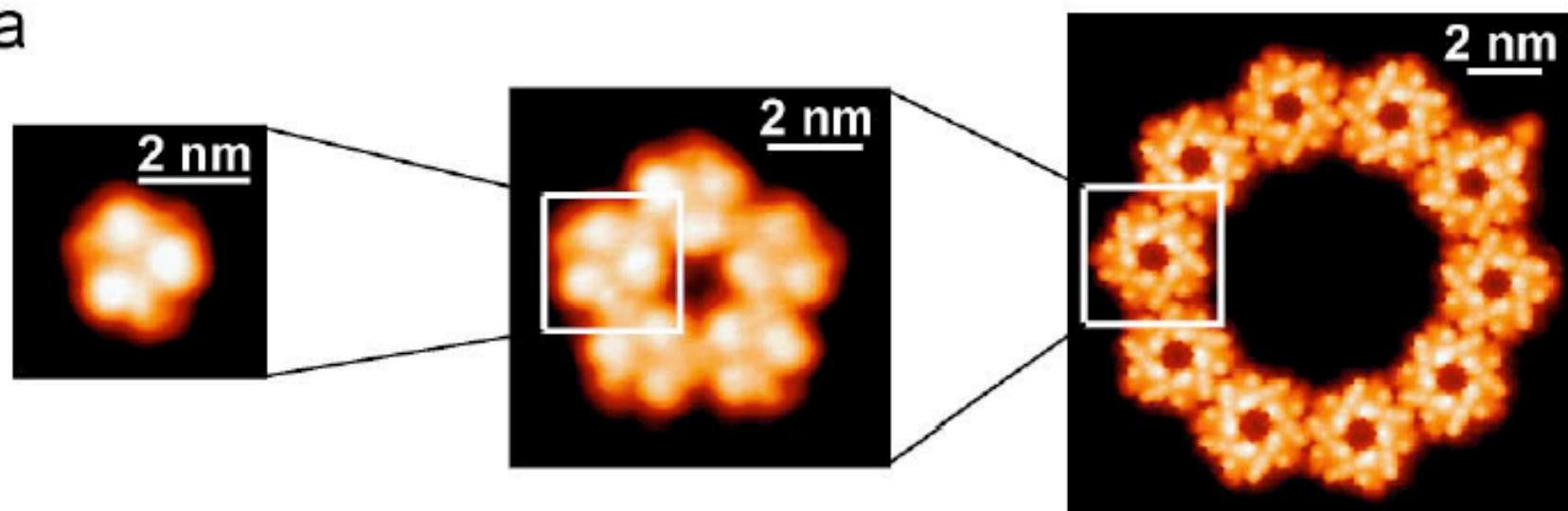
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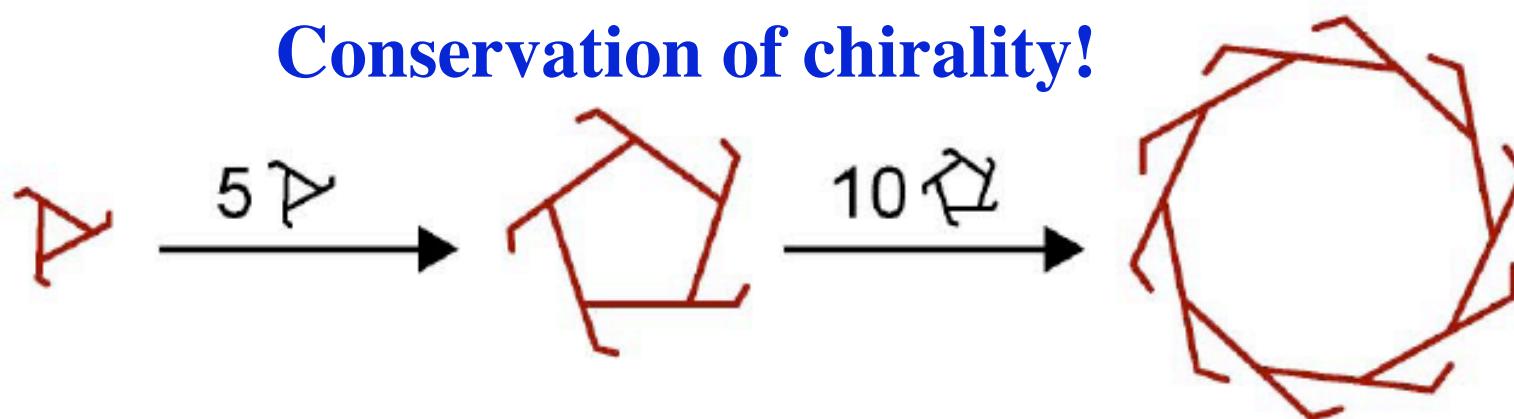
# Rubrene on Au(111): 3 generations of nested self-assembly

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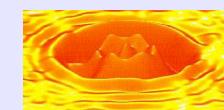


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Conservation of chirality!



M.-C. Blüm, E. Cavar, M. Pivetta, F. Patthey, WDS,  
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# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## JOURNAL CLUB

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University of Liverpool, UK

**A surface scientist observes how self-seeking molecules build up asymmetry.**

Nobel laureate Jean-Marie Lehn described supramolecular chemistry as 'molecular sociology'. Lehn, who won the 1987 chemistry prize for his work in this field, thus neatly encapsulated the concept of molecules congregating under the influence of multifarious

intermolecular forces.

One guiding force, important in biology, is the property of chirality, or 'handedness'. Chiral molecules exist in two mirror-image forms that cannot be superimposed. Some of us try to capture in our work the ease with which biological systems can distinguish chiral molecules or create chirality in reactions.

As a first step, we study how chirality can propagate from molecules to larger, supramolecular structures. Wolf Dieter Schneider and co-workers at the Swiss Federal

Institute of Technology in Lausanne recently revealed a system of impressive complexity (M.-C. Blüm *et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Edn* **44**, 5334–5337; 2005).

They used a scanning tunnelling microscope to image the structures formed by rubrene, a chiral molecule, on a gold surface. First it groups into pentagonal rings, resembling complex gearwheels. These wheels then link up into chains or form ten-membered rings. At each stage, intermolecular forces ensure that only molecules of the same

chirality assemble together.

It is striking that an essentially simple molecule — rubrene ( $C_{42}H_{28}$ ) is a small, buckled sheet of carbon rings — can create such intricate homochiral architectures spontaneously.

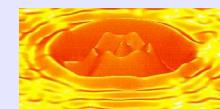
The separation of molecules by chirality is a process that must have emerged at our very beginning, as proteins assembled from chiral amino acids in the primordial soup. Thus we, as molecular sociologists, are mapping the very first steps in the evolution of complex matter.

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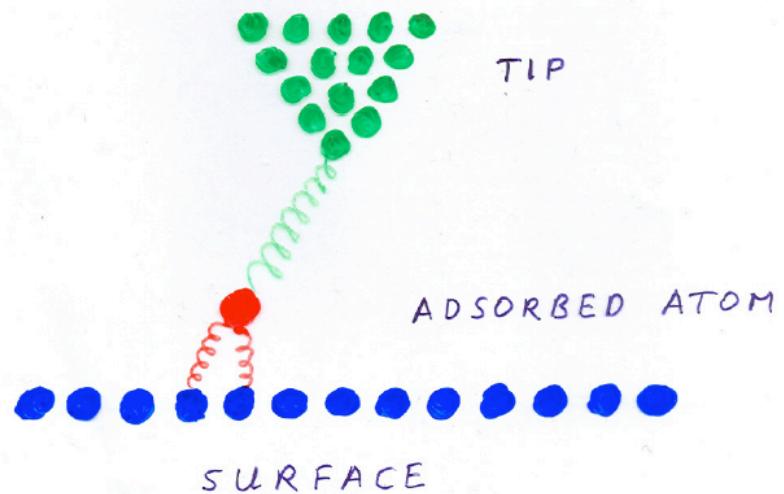


# Manipulation of individual supermolecules



STM:

ADJUSTABLE BONDING

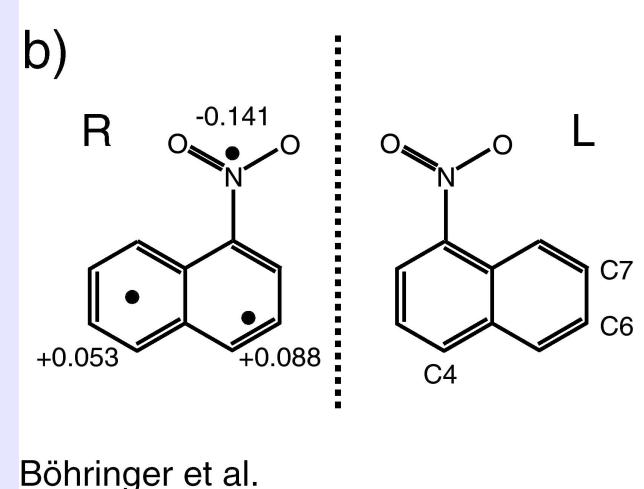
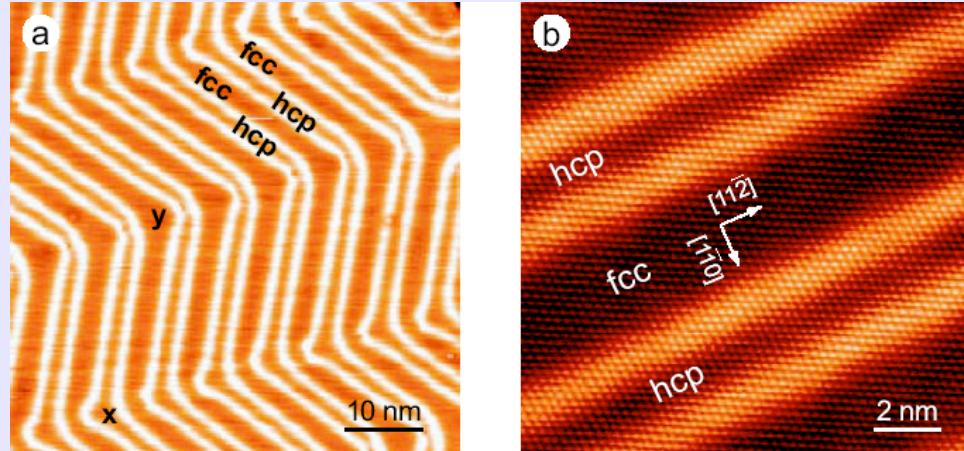


(D. M. EIGLER)



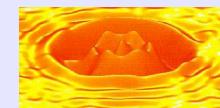
# Reconstructed Au(111) surface + 1-nitronaphthalene: 2D chiral

(J. V. Barth et al., Phys. Rev. B **42**, 9307 (1990))



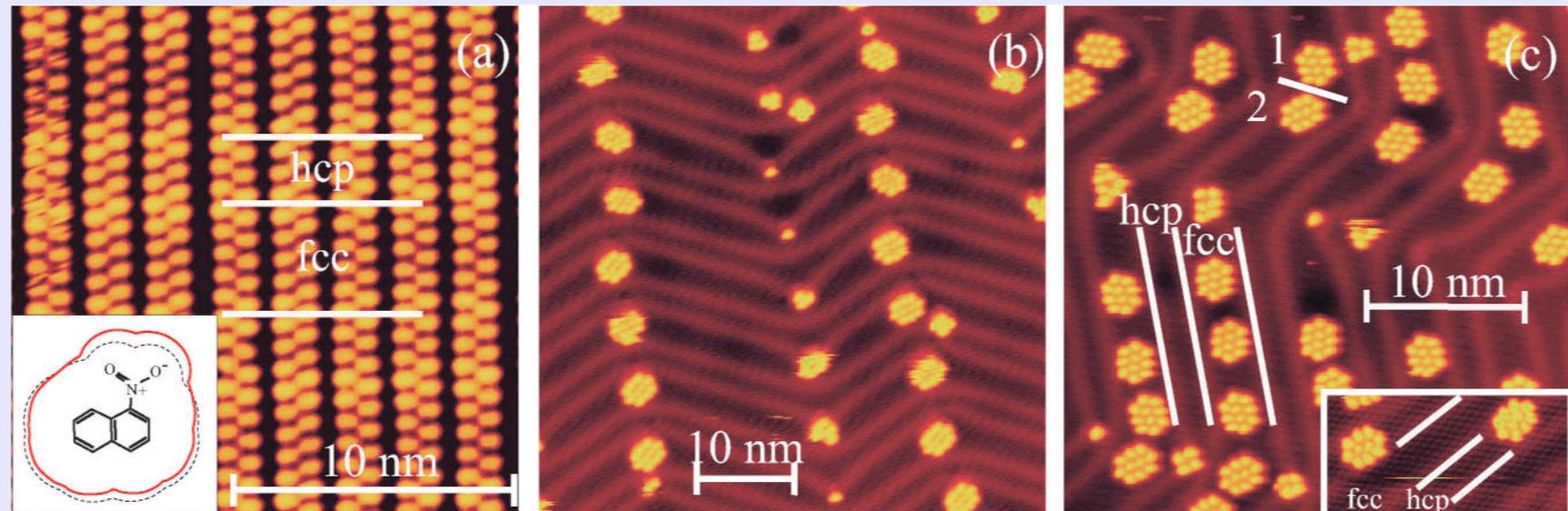
The molecule and its mirror image cannot be superimposed by translation or rotation within the surface plane

M. Böhringer, K. Morgenstern, WDS, M. Wühn, Ch. Wöll, R. Berndt,  
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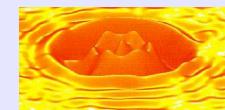


# Two-dimensional self-assembly of supramolecular chains & clusters

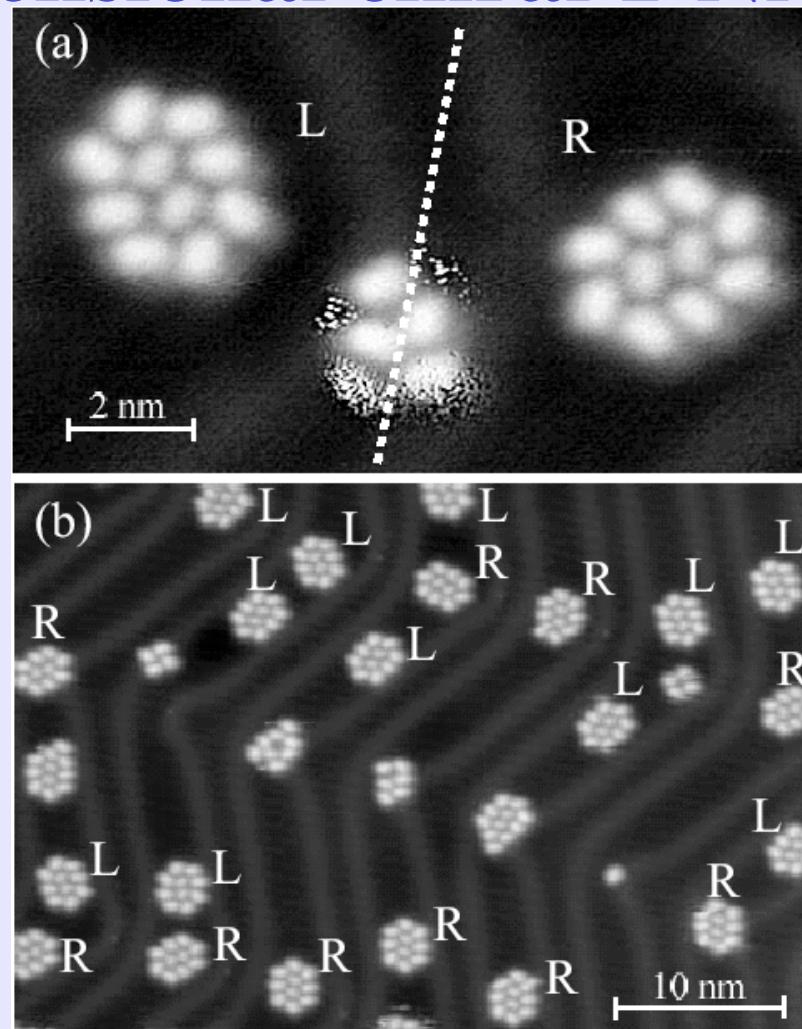
## (1-Nitronaphthalene (1-NN ))



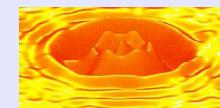
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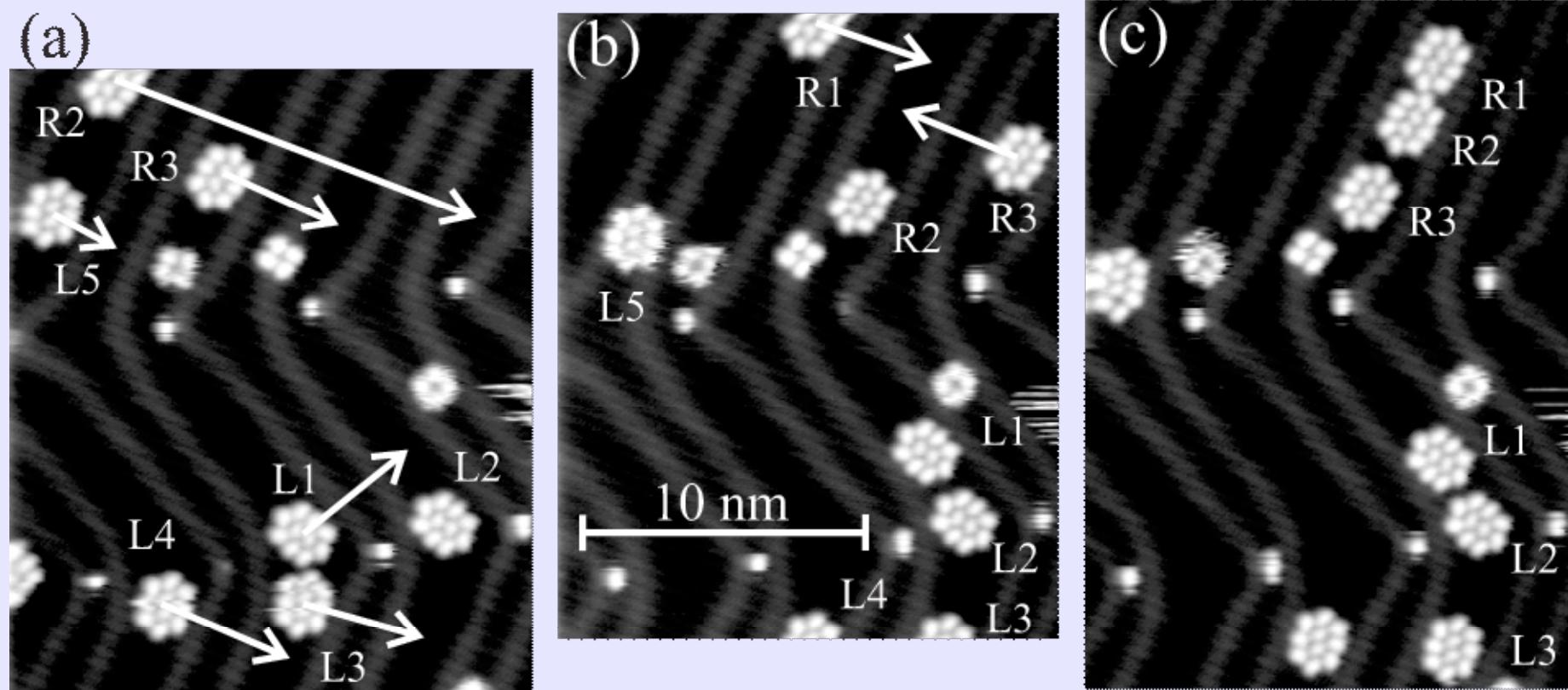
# Two-dimensional chiral 1-NN decamers



M. Böhringer, K. Morgenstern, WDS, R. Berndt,  
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# Separation of a racemic mixture: Pasteur's experiment on the nanoscale

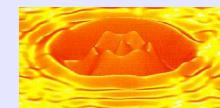


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## STM tweezes chiral clusters apart →

- Just as Louis Pasteur used a light microscope to guide his tweezers to separate sodium ammonium tartrate crystals in 1848, an STM is used both to image and separate chiral decameric clusters of 1-nitronaphthalene.
- This achievement adds **separation of enantiomers** to the previously developed SPM techniques of **atomic-scale manipulation** (Eigler), **selective dissociation** (Avouris), **conformal analysis** (Gimzewski), and **chiral recognition** (Wolkow),  
as part of the practice of nanochemistry.



# Chirality on the Nanoscale:

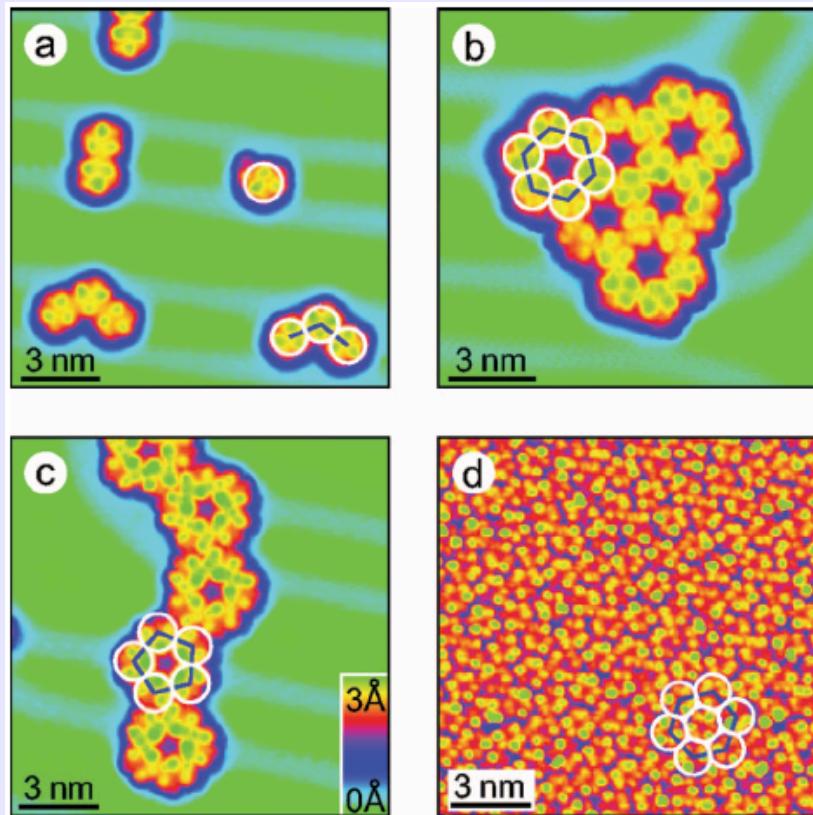
STM observations and modeling →

- Stability, chirality, and arrangement of 2D self-assembled supramolecular structures
- Chirality of single molecules and decamers
- Chiral phase transition in 2D

S. de Feyter, J. Barth, K. Kern, T. Yokoyama, R. Raval, F. Besenbacher,  
N. Richardson, K.-H. Ernst, R. Fasel, R. J. Behm, H. Hoster...and many others

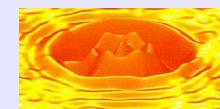


# Rubrene conformations on Au(111)

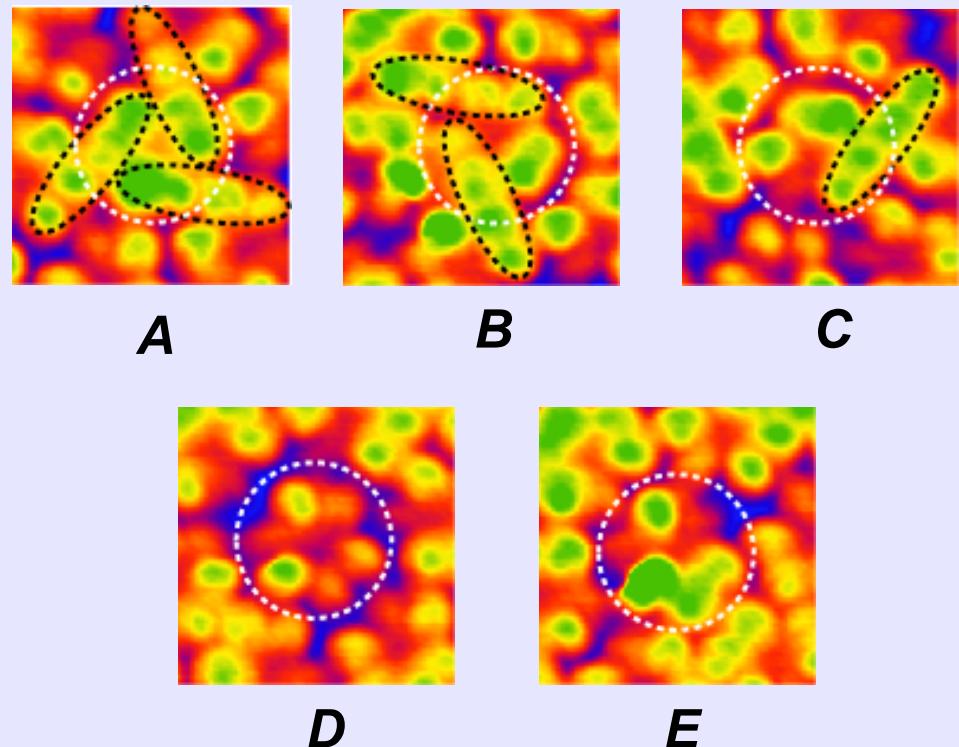
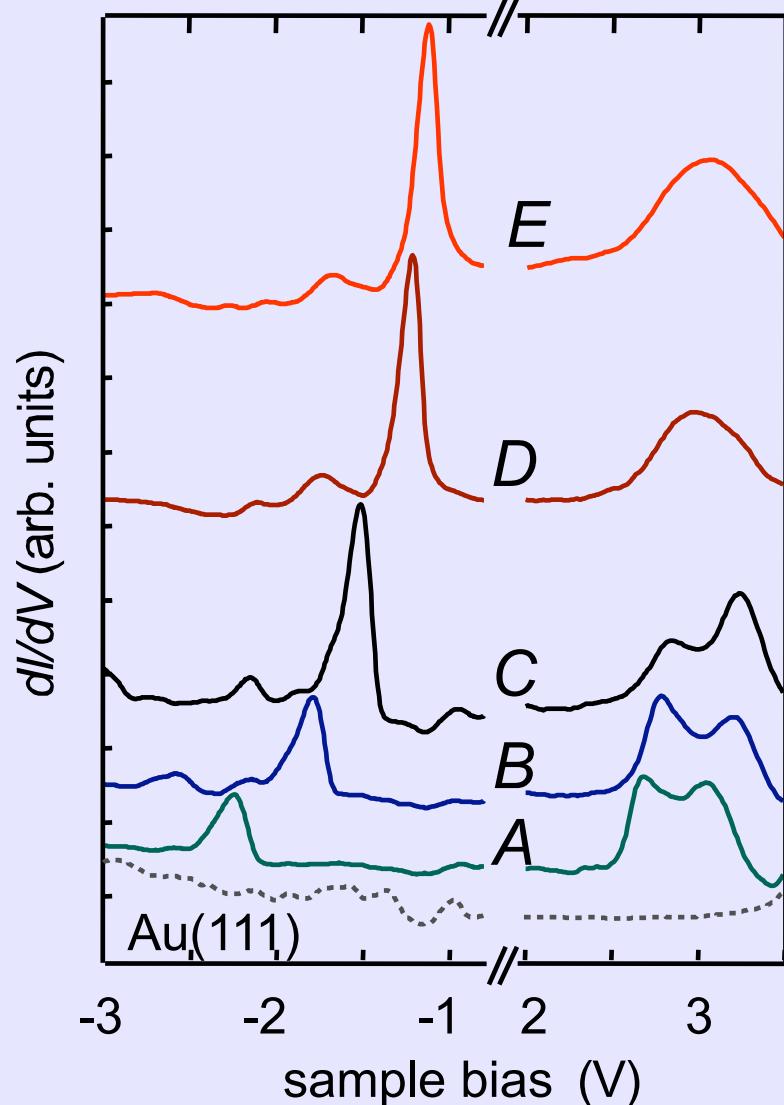


Different adsorption conformations for molecules in different structures

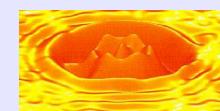
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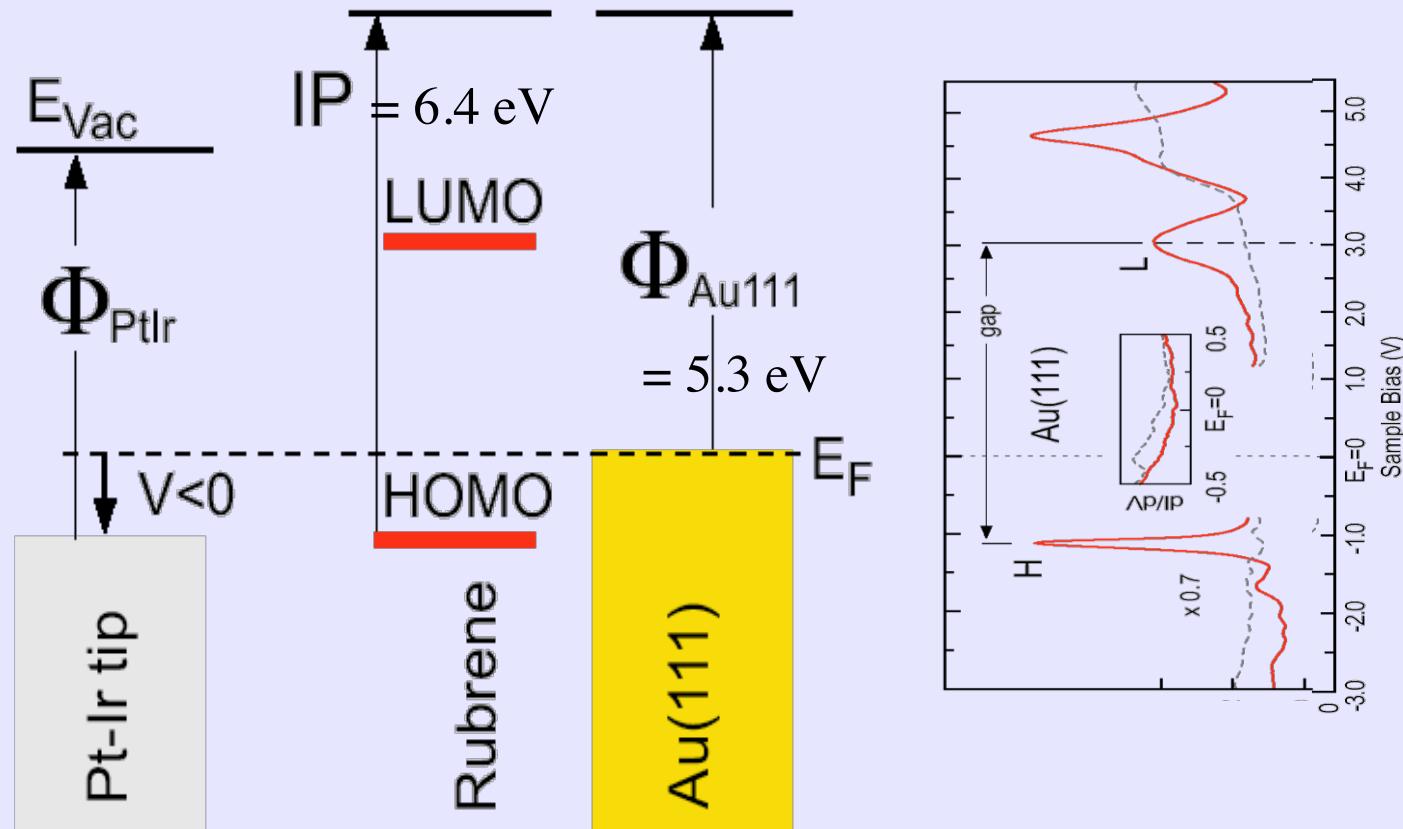
# STS of Rubrene on Au(111): Different molecular conformations exhibit different electronic structure



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# Experimentally deduced energy level diagram: Rubrene on Au(111)



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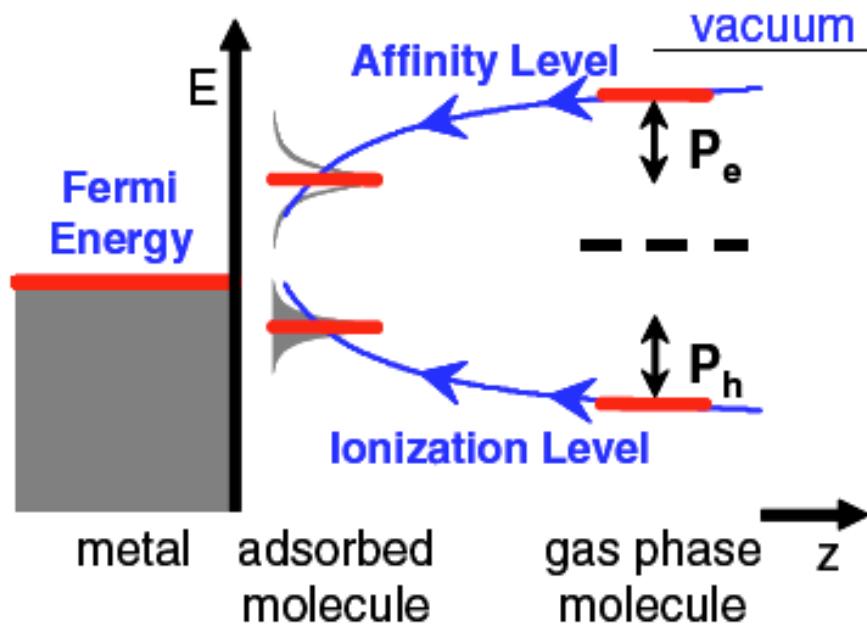
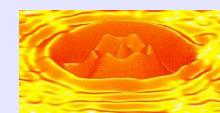
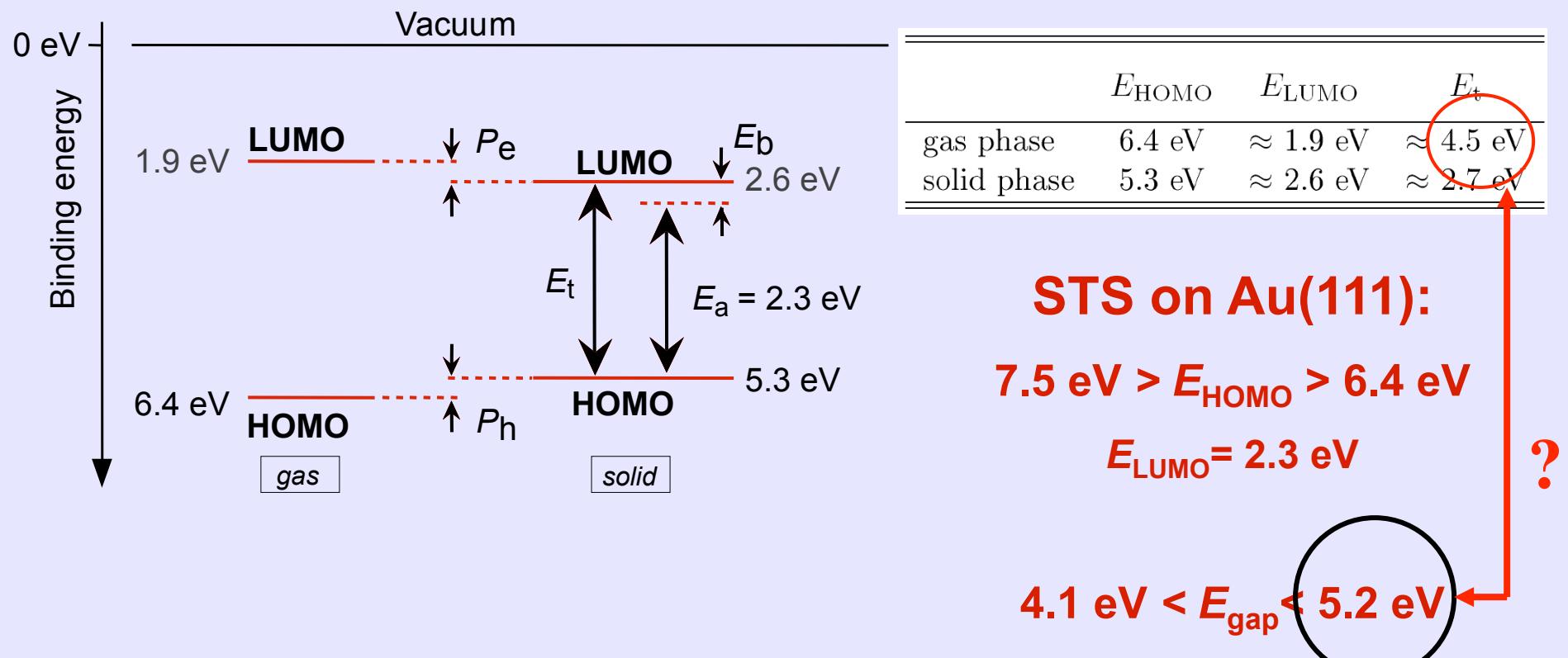
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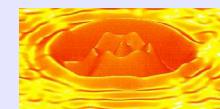
FIG. 1 (color online). Schematic energy level diagram indicating polarization shifts in the frontier energy levels (ionization and affinity) of a molecule upon adsorption on a metal surface.



# Energy levels of Rubrene



M.-C. Blüm, PhD thesis, EPFL, Lausanne 2006



# Proposal: Origin of the 1D self-assembly

The unusually large energy gaps of the STS spectra arise from the fact that the probed HOMO and LUMO states belong to positively charged and neutral adsorbates, respectively

## Interaction of rubrene pentagons

$$U_{2b}(r) = \xi \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r'} \right)^{12} - 2 \left( \frac{\sigma}{r'} \right)^6 \right] + \frac{p^2}{2r^3}$$

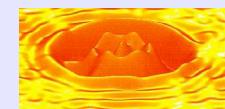


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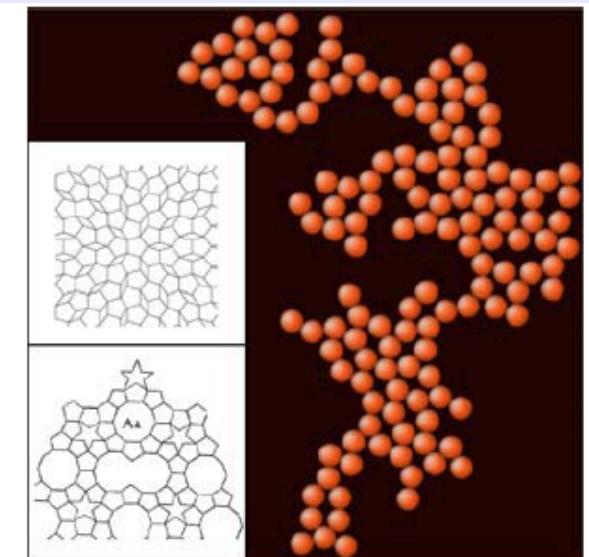
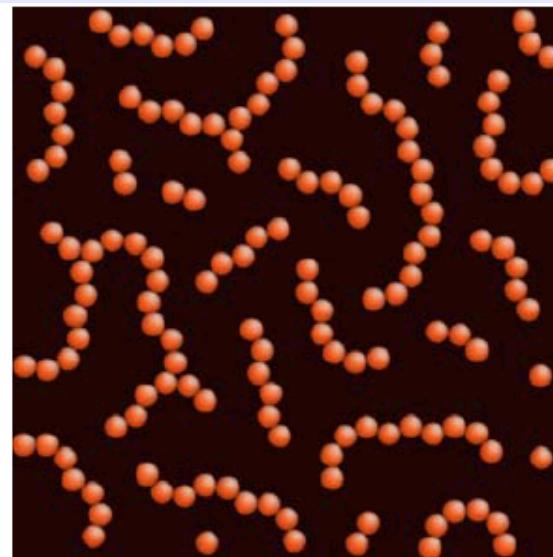
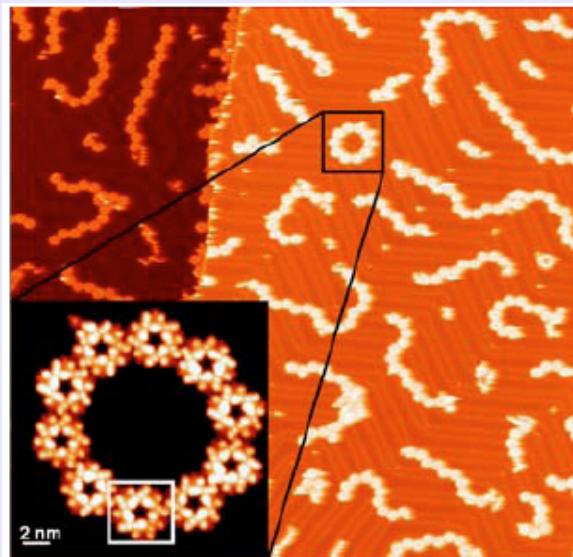


Dipole-dipole repulsive term

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# Rubrene on Au(111): Self-assembly mediated by short-range attractive and long-range repulsive electrostatic interactions



No repulsive interaction

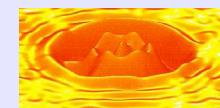
The regular decagon shape maximizes the relative distance  
between non-neighbouring pentagons

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Inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy:

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and  
chemical identification  
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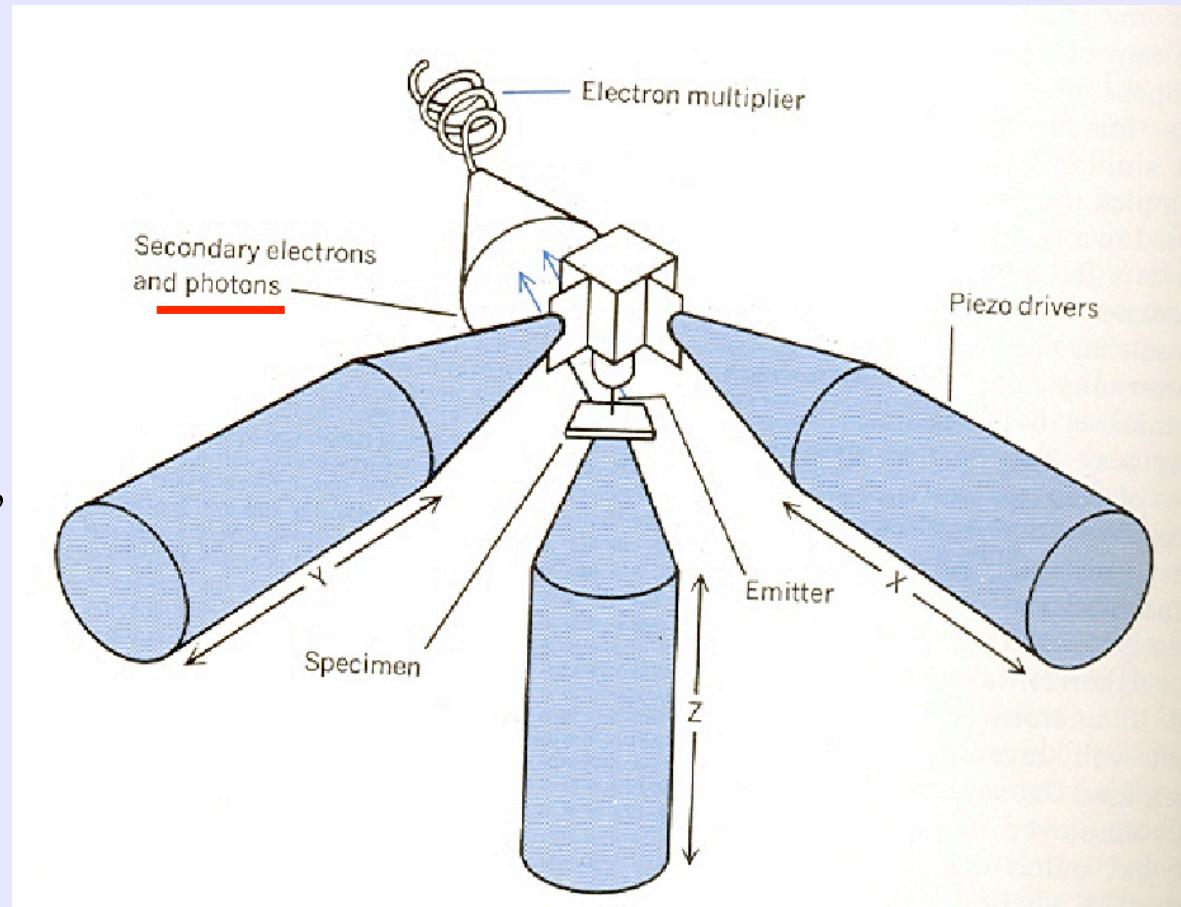


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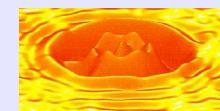
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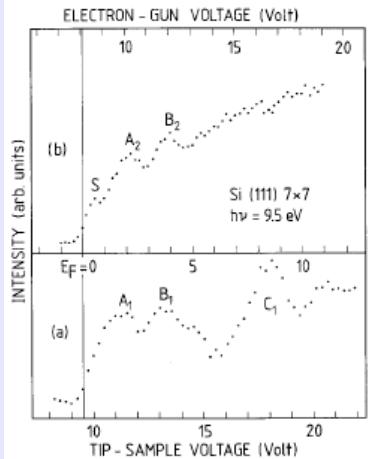
Chemical  
identification of a  
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by analyzing the  
induced local light  
emission



Russell D. Young, Physics Today, November 1971, 42





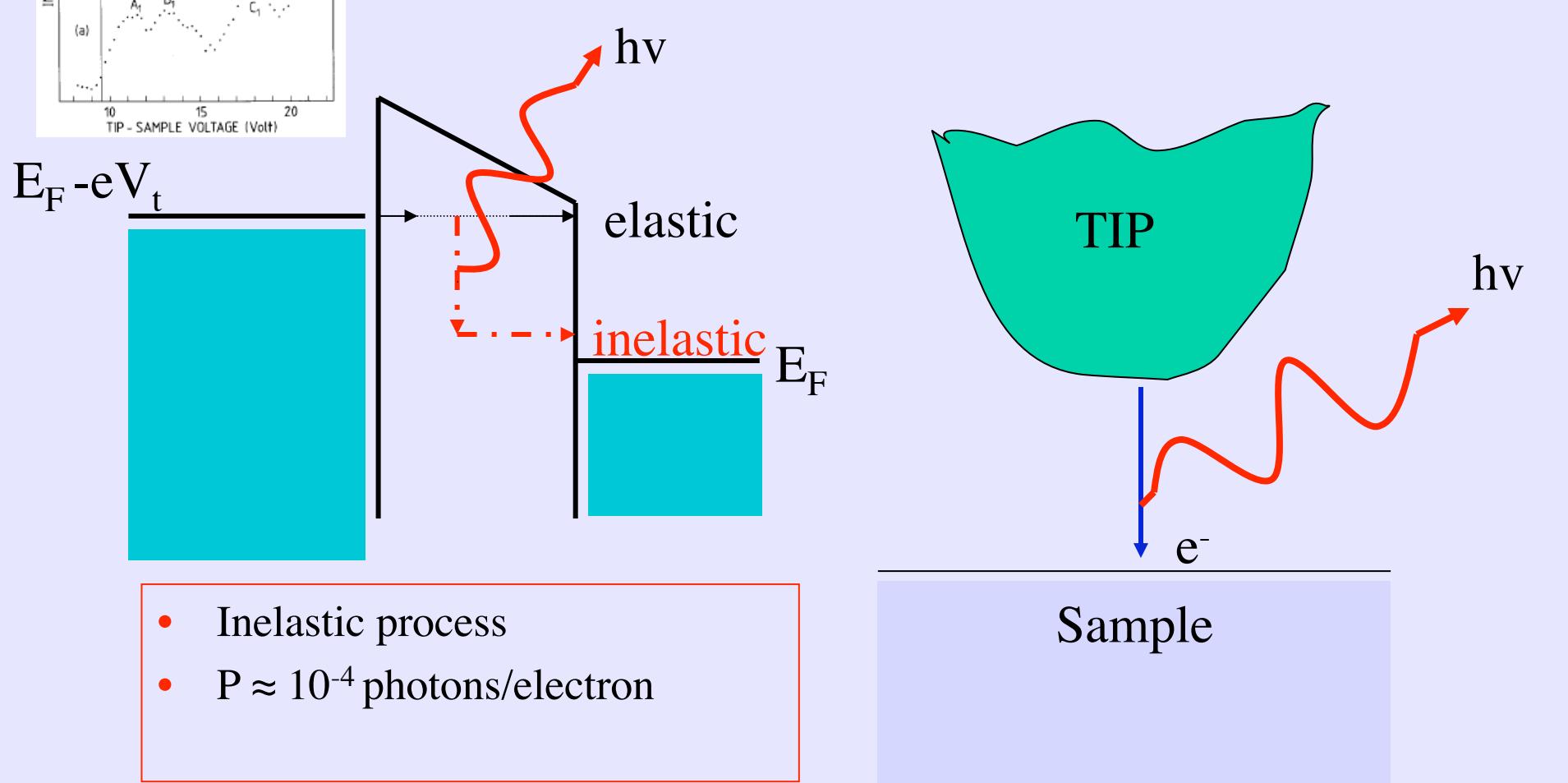
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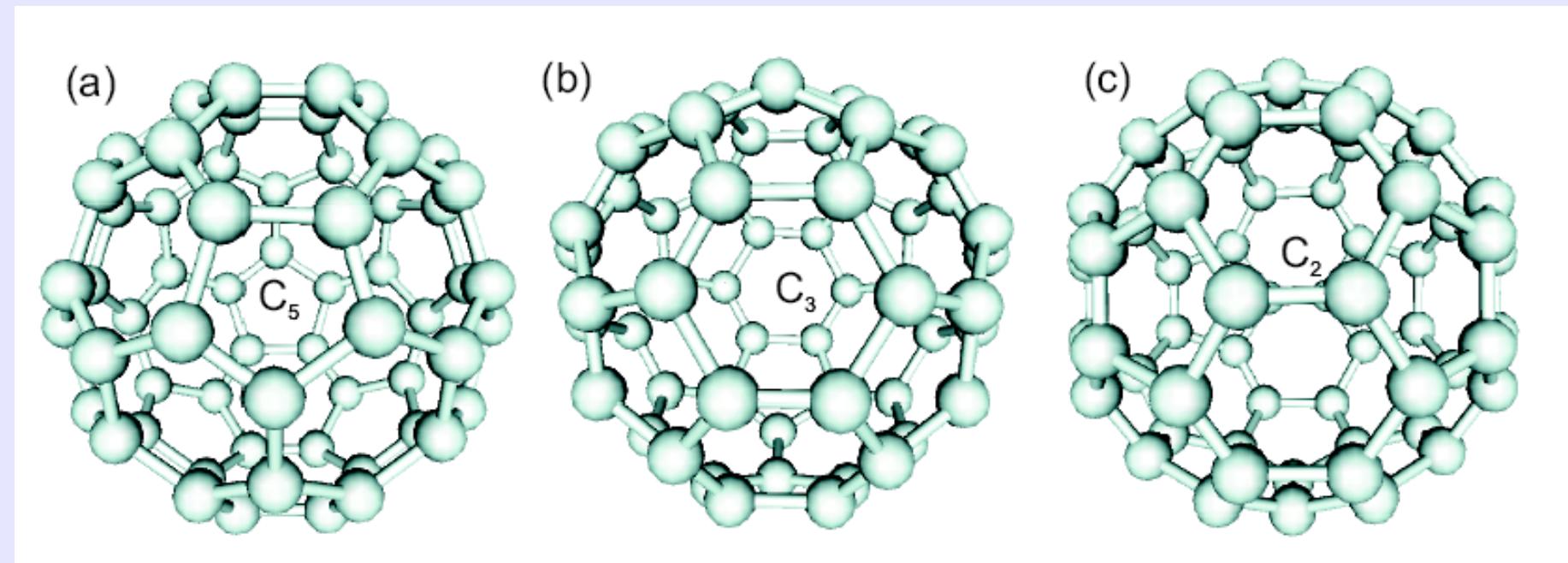
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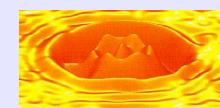


# Symmetry operations of the regular truncated icosahedron: $C_{60}$



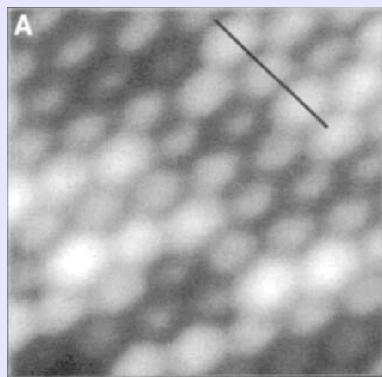
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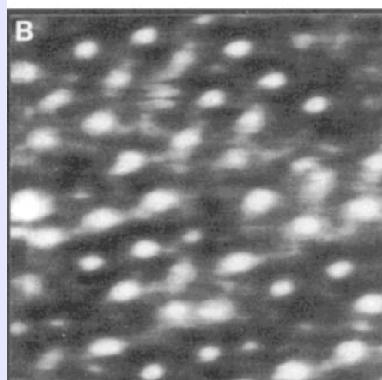


# Photonemission: C<sub>60</sub> on Au(110)

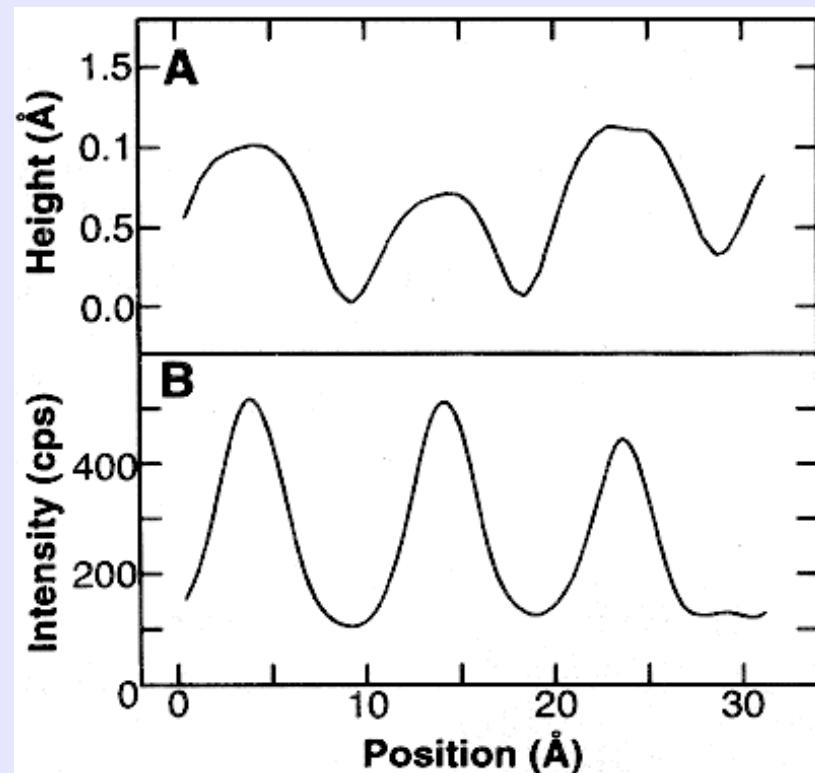
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T = 50 K



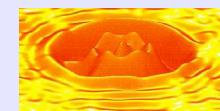
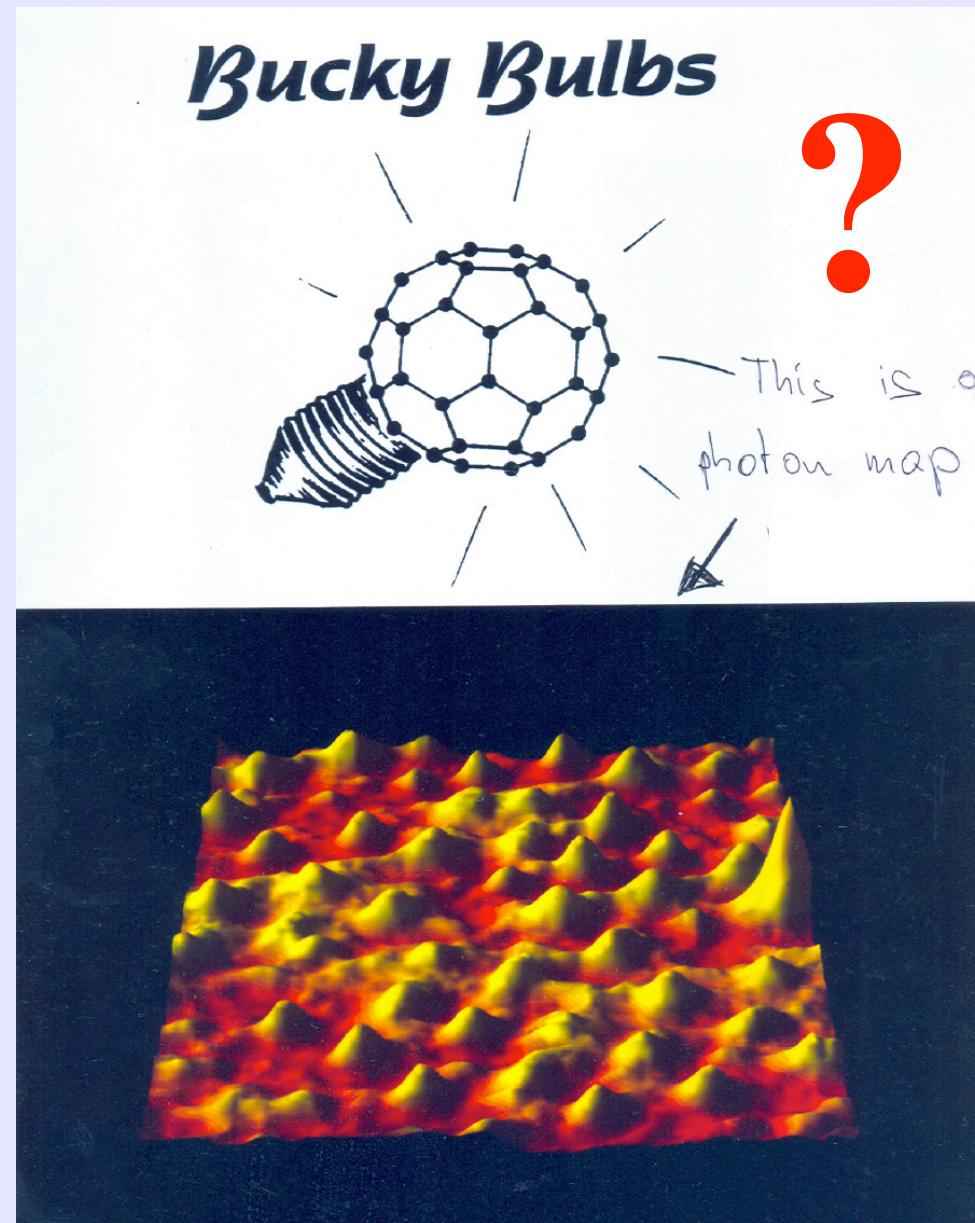
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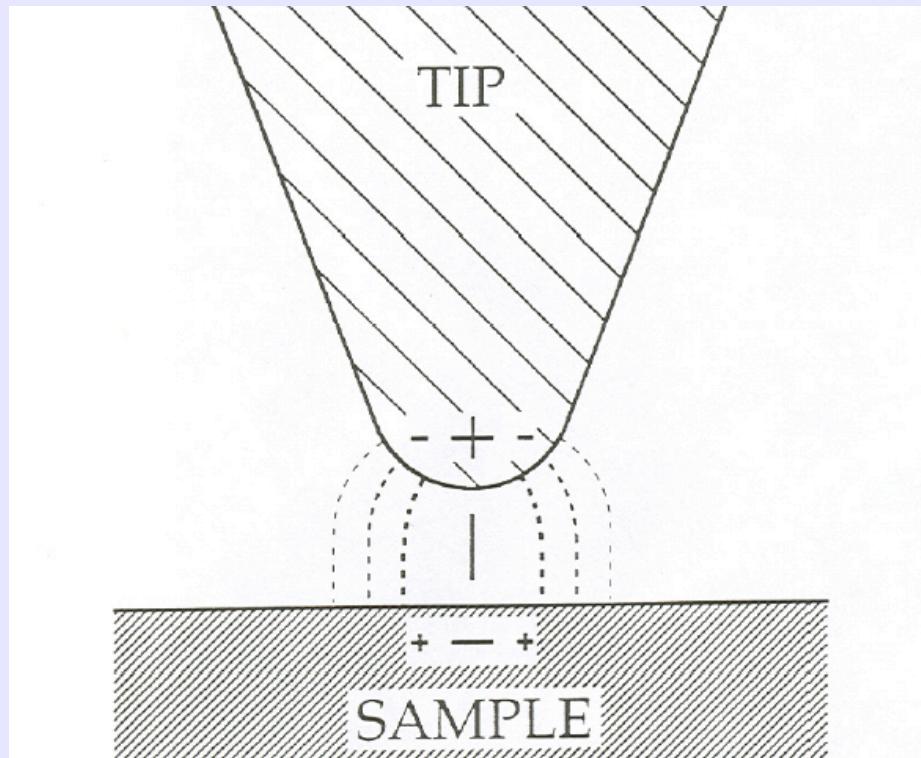
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# $C_{60}$ on Au(110)



# A snapshot of the energetically lowest tip-induced plasmon mode



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## Inelastic Tunneling Excitation of Tip-Induced Plasmon Modes on Noble-Metal Surfaces

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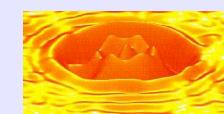
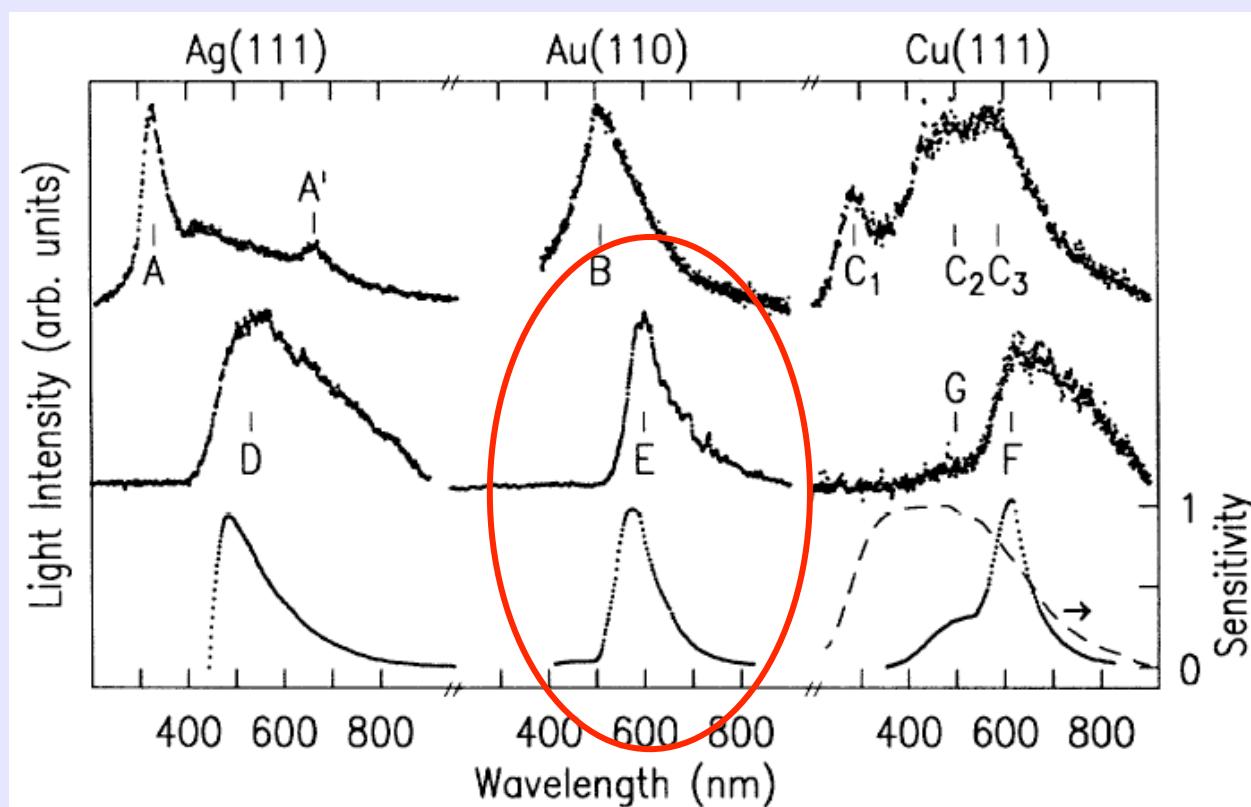
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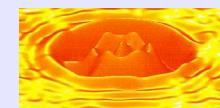
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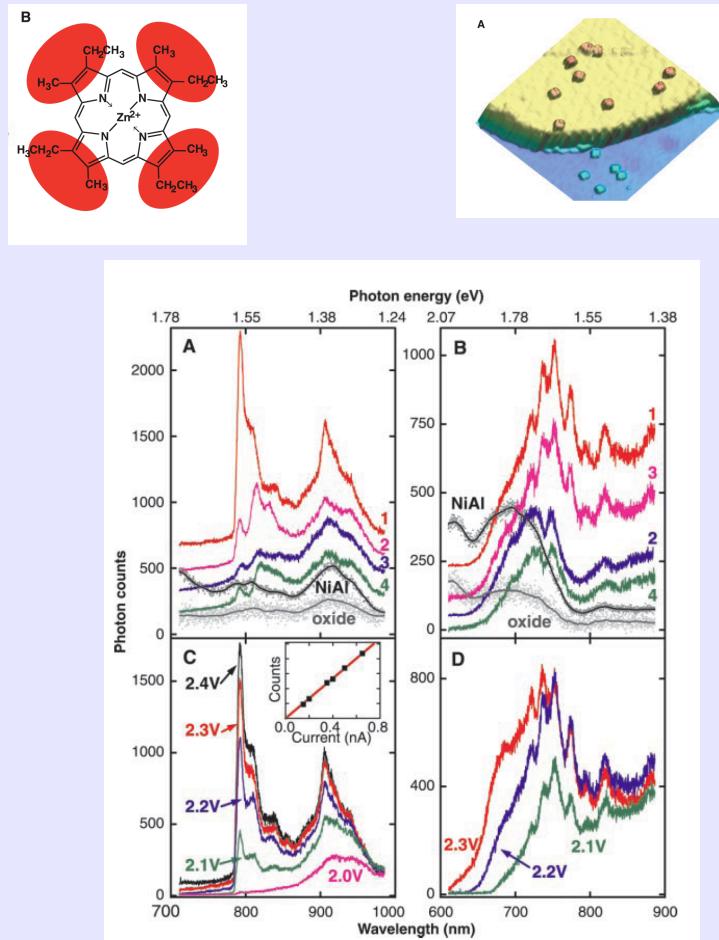


# Decoupling the molecules from the metallic substrate: Ultrathin insulators



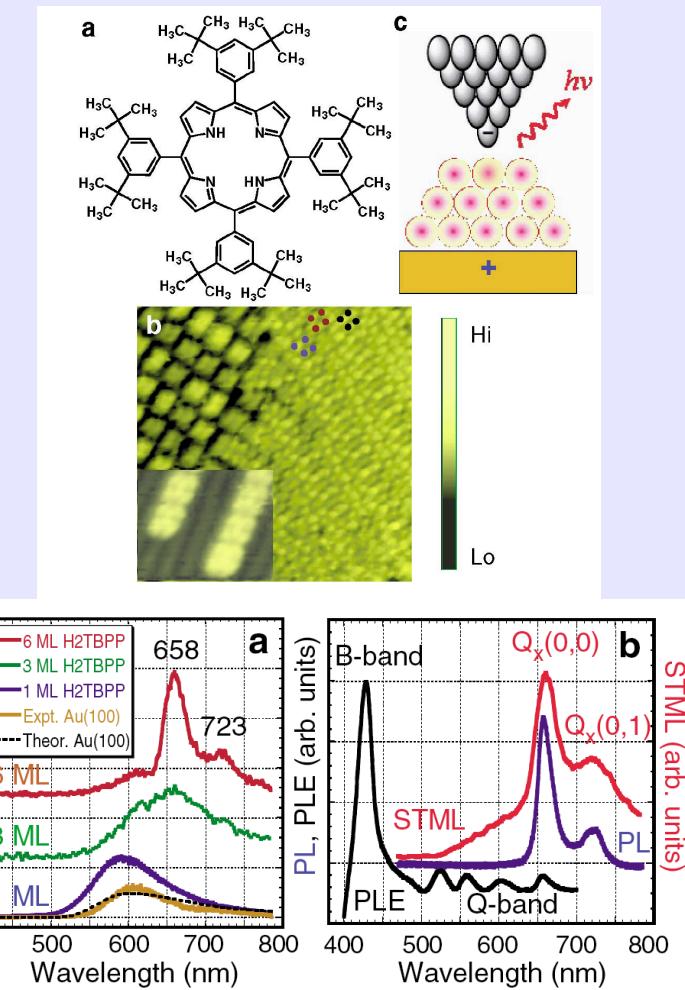
# STM-induced light emission - luminescence from molecules

$ZnEt_2O / Al_2O_3 / NiAl(110)$



X. H. Qiu, G. V. Nazin, W. Ho, Science **299**, 542 (2003)

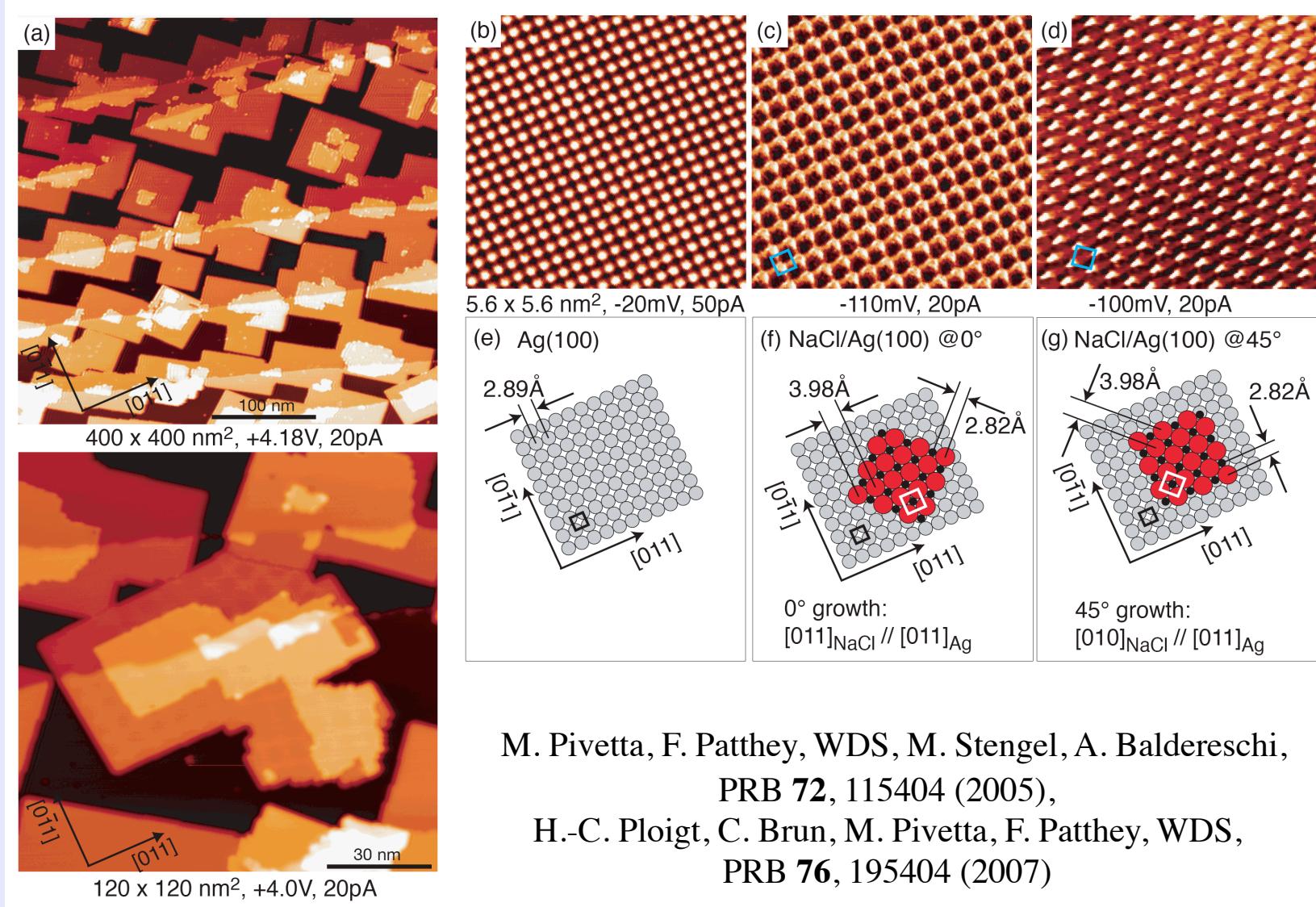
$H_2TBPP / Au(100)$  - multilayer



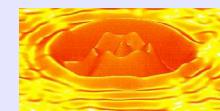
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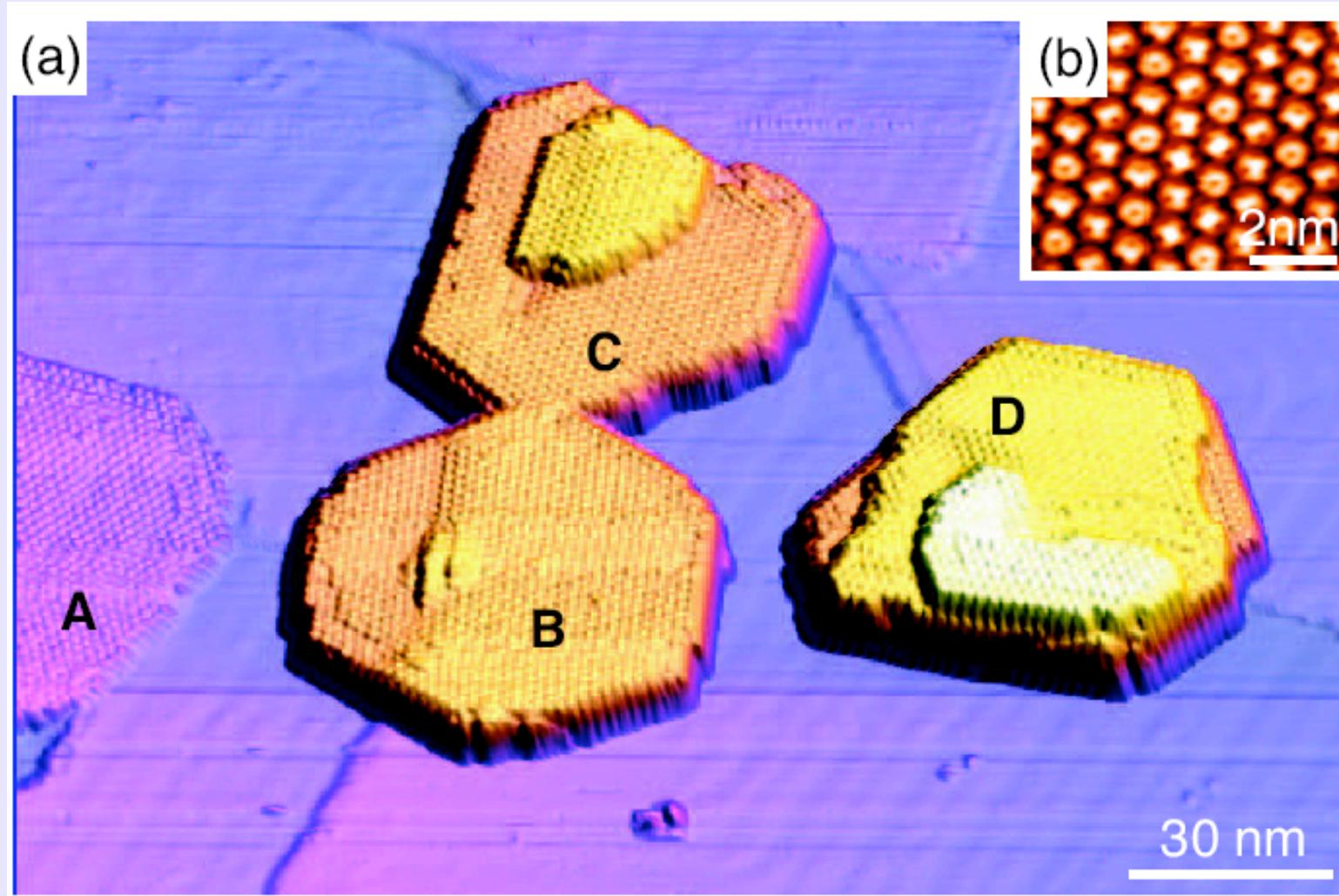
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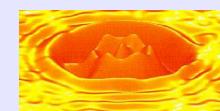
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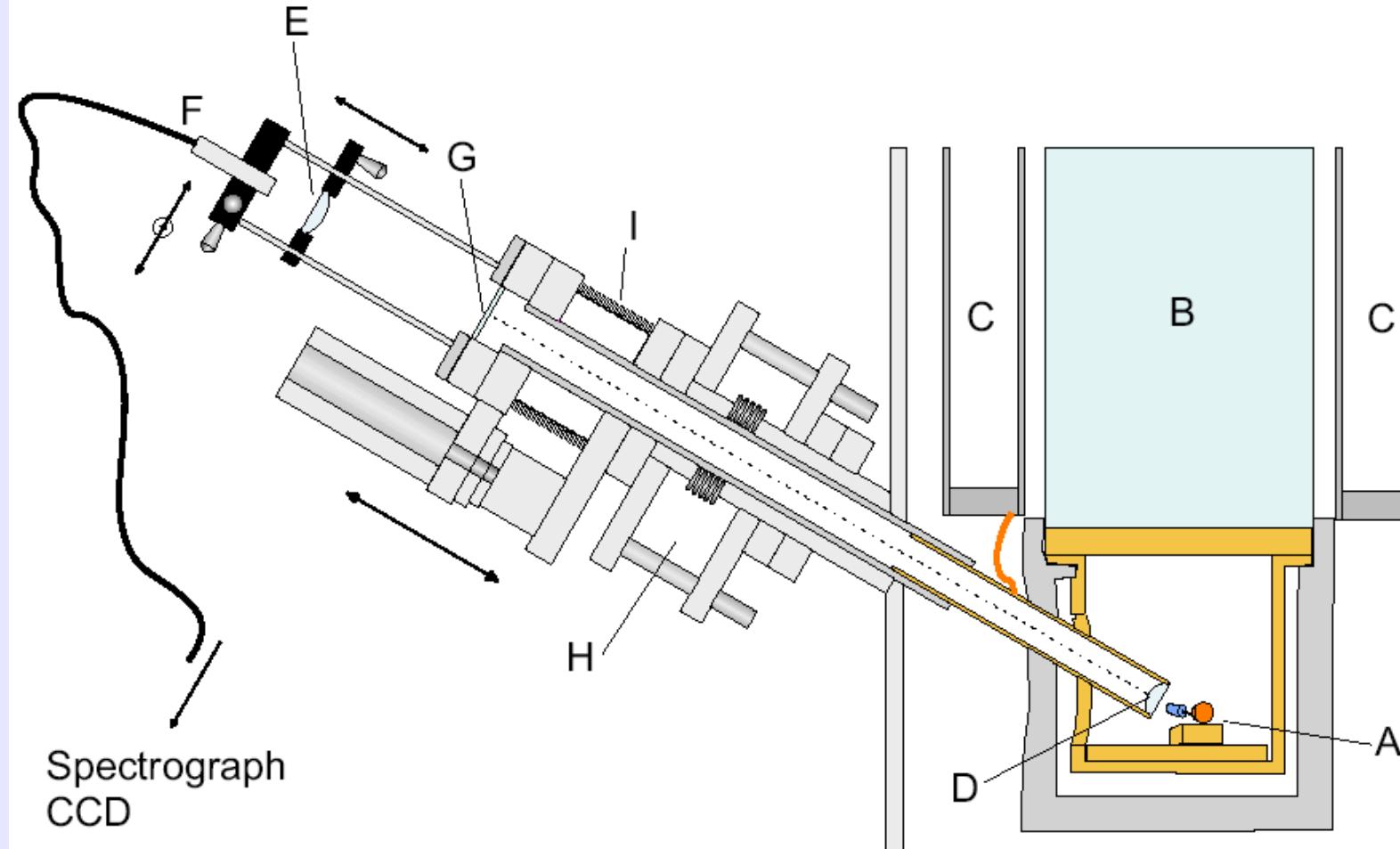
# $C_{60}/NaCl/Au(111)$ : Growth of $C_{60}$ nanocrystals



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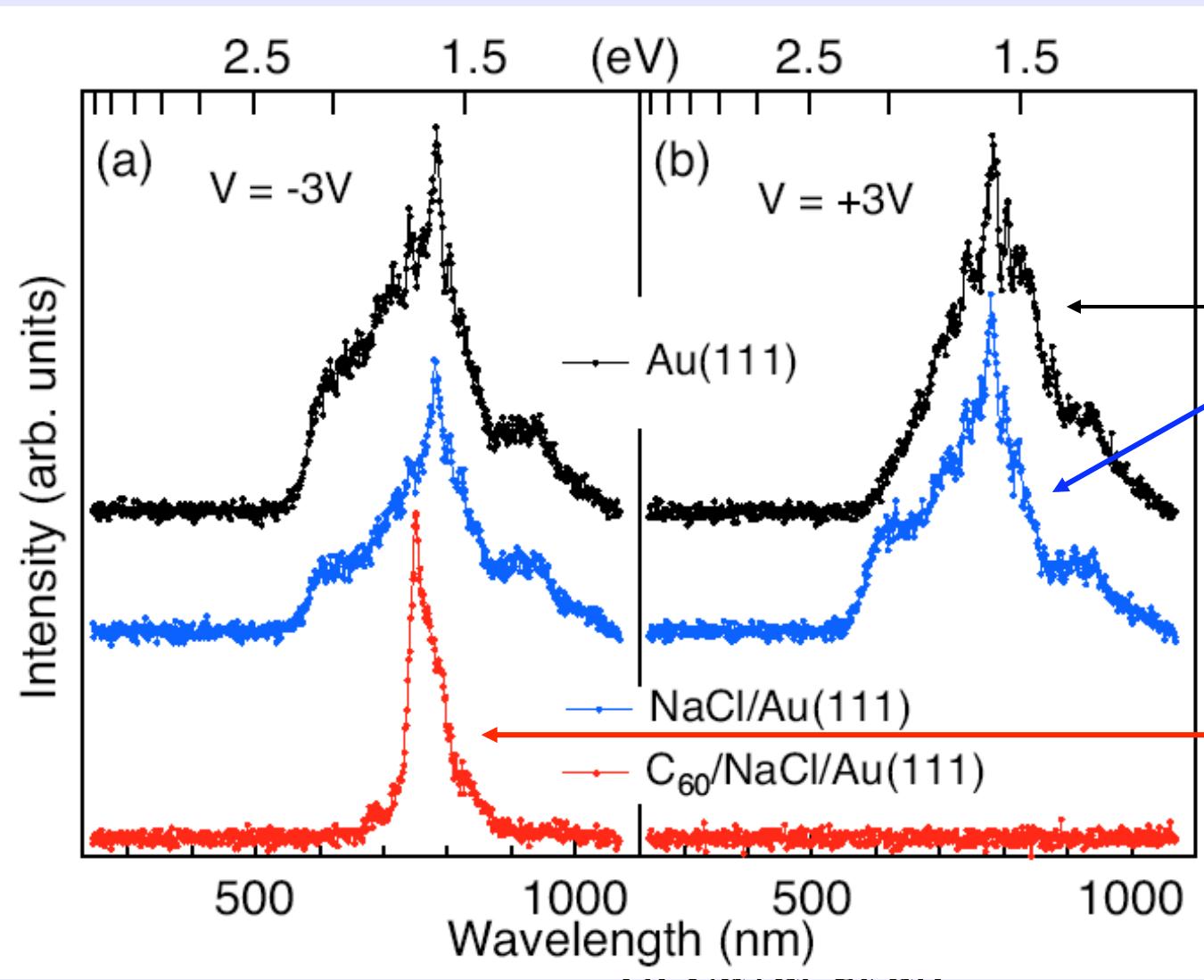
# Experimental setup



E. Ćavar, PhD thesis, EPFL, Lausanne (2005)



# $C_{60}/NaCl/Au(111)$ : STM-induced luminescence



Decay of  
tip induced  
local surface  
plasmon  
on Au  
(@ 50 K)

Luminescence  
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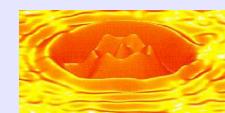


Table 4.1: Symmetry properties of vibrational modes in the  $C_{60}$  molecule (icosahedral symmetry.)

$N_\omega$	$a_g$	$t_{1g}$	$t_{2g}$	$g_g$	$h_g$	$a_u$	$t_{1u}$	$t_{2u}$	$g_u$	$h_u$
46	2	3	4	6	8	1	4	5	6	7

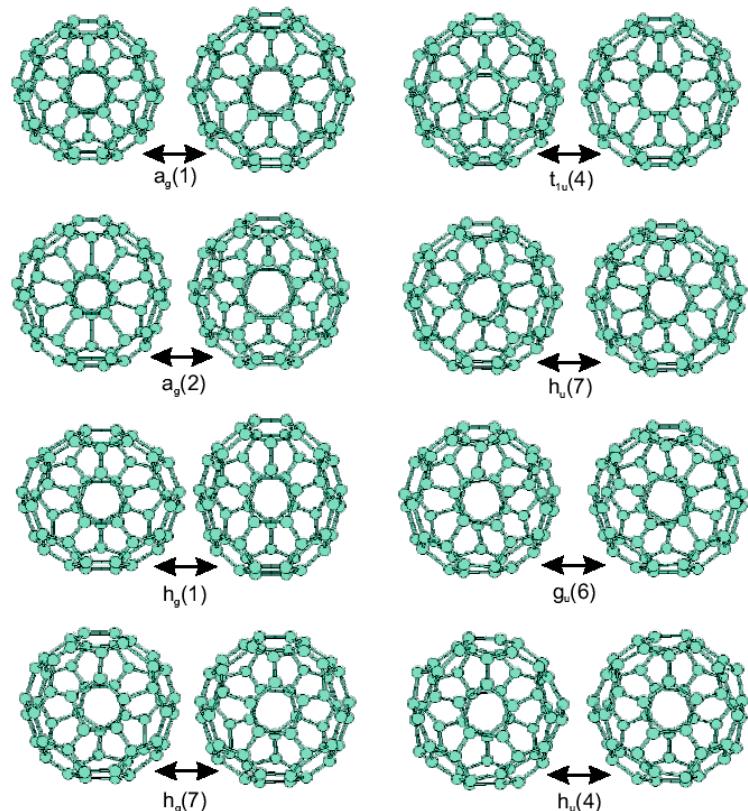
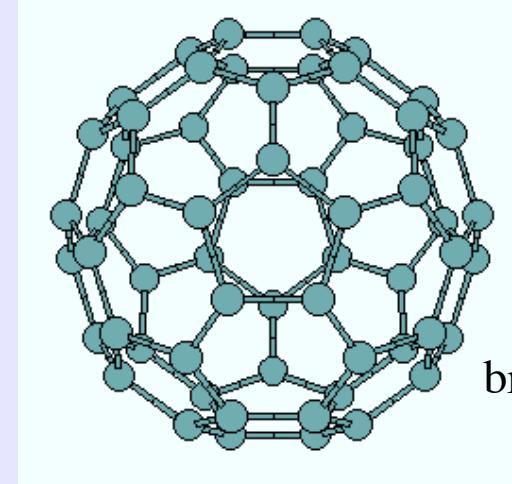


Figure 4.2: A schematic diagram of normal mode displacements (only some modes are shown). Left - even parity modes and right - odd parity modes. These are some of the vibrational modes we identified in luminescence spectra of  $C_{60}$  in the tunneling junction. These images are adapted from [113].



$a_g(1)$   
 $496\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
breathing mode

E. Ćavar, PhD thesis,  
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Vibrational modes of  $C_{60}$   
J. Menéndez and J. B. Page



# STM-induced light emission

## fluorescence      phosphorescence ?

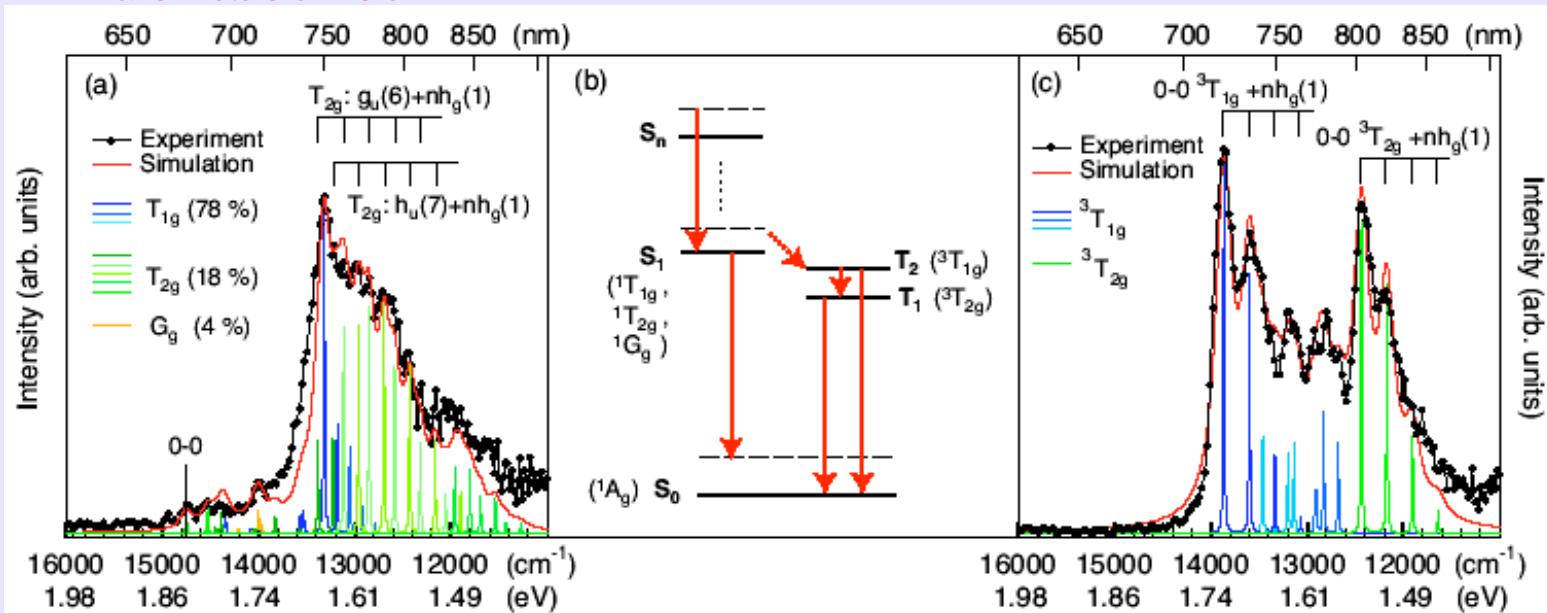
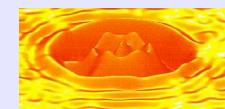
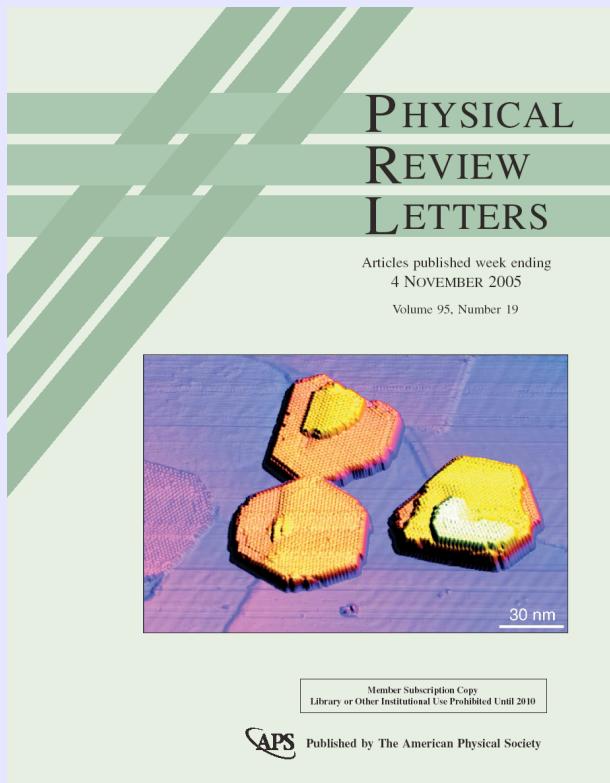


TABLE I: HT and JT active modes used in the simulation of the STM-induced light emission spectra shown in Fig. 4(a,c). For the most intense modes contributing to the spectra, the experimental frequencies [14, 27] are indicated in brackets.

Fluorescence: $S_0 \leftarrow S_1$	Phosphorescence: $S_0 \leftarrow T_1, T_2$
$S_1 (T_{1g})$ HT: $t_{1u}(4)$ ( $1430\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $h_u(7)$ ( $1566\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $h_u(1)$ , $h_u(3)$ , $h_u(4)$ , $t_{1u}(3)$ , $h_u(5)$ . JT: $h_g(7)$ , $a_g(2)$ , $h_g(1)$ .	$T_1 ({}^3T_{2g})$ JT: $h_g(1)$ ( $266\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).
$S_1 (T_{2g})$ HT: $g_u(6)$ ( $1410\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $h_u(7)$ ( $1566\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $g_u(1)$ , $h_u(1)$ , $g_u(4)$ , $h_u(5)$ . JT: $h_g(1)$ ( $266\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $h_g(7)$ , $a_g(2)$ .	$T_2 ({}^3T_{1g})$ HT: $t_{2u}(3)$ ( $1037\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $h_u(1)$ , $h_u(2)$ , $h_u(4)$ , $a_u(1)$ , $g_u(4)$ , $t_{1u}(3)$ . JT: $h_g(1)$ ( $266\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).
$S_1 (G_g)$ HT: $h_u(4)$ ( $738\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $h_u(2)$ , $h_u(3)$ , $g_u(3)$ , $g_u(5)$ , $t_{2u}(2)$ .	



# Fluorescence and phosphorescence (?) from individual (?) C<sub>60</sub> molecules excited by local electron tunneling



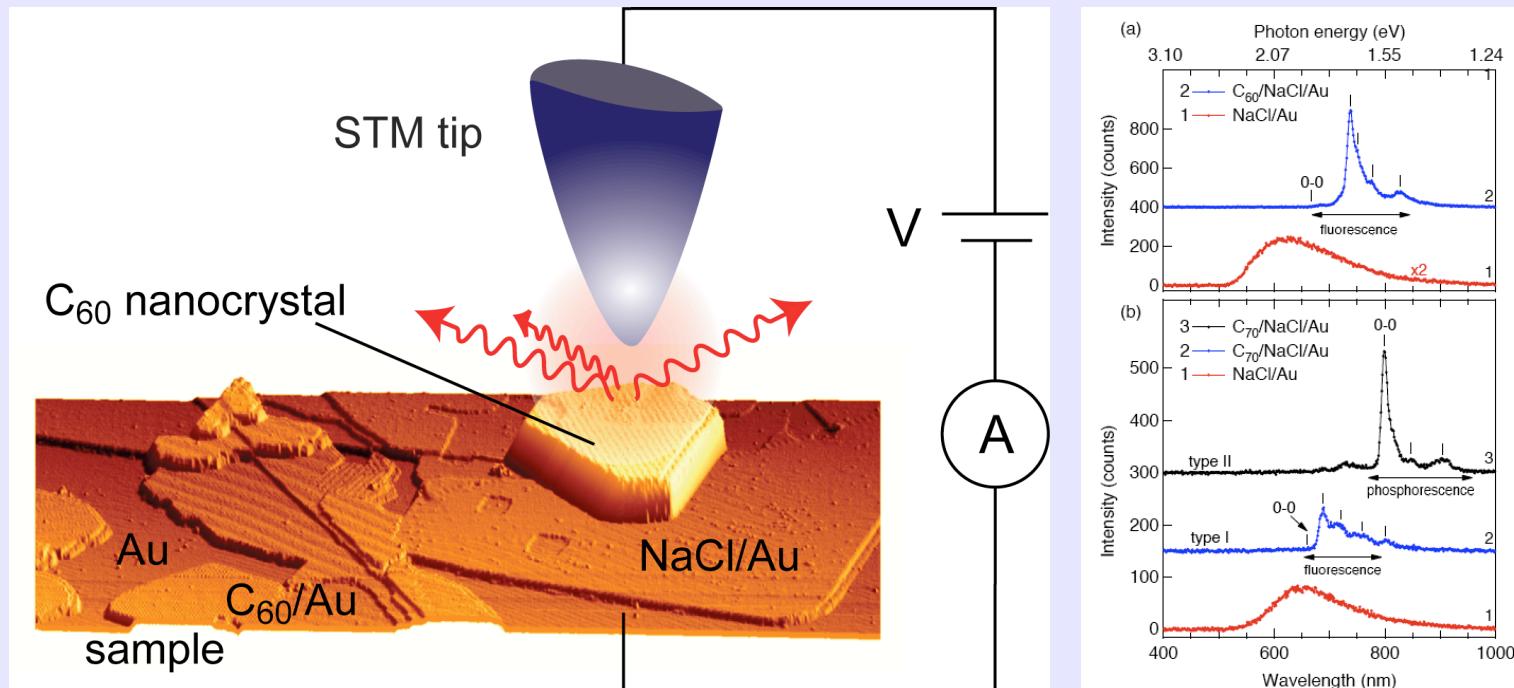
Three multilayered C<sub>60</sub> nanocrystals self-assembled on an ultrathin NaCl film.

Luminescence induced by tunneling electrons can provide unambiguous chemical identification of individual (?) C<sub>60</sub> molecules.

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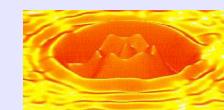
# Light emission from STM tunneling junctions: The role of the localized surface plasmon $C_{60}$ and $C_{70}$ on NaCl/Au(111)



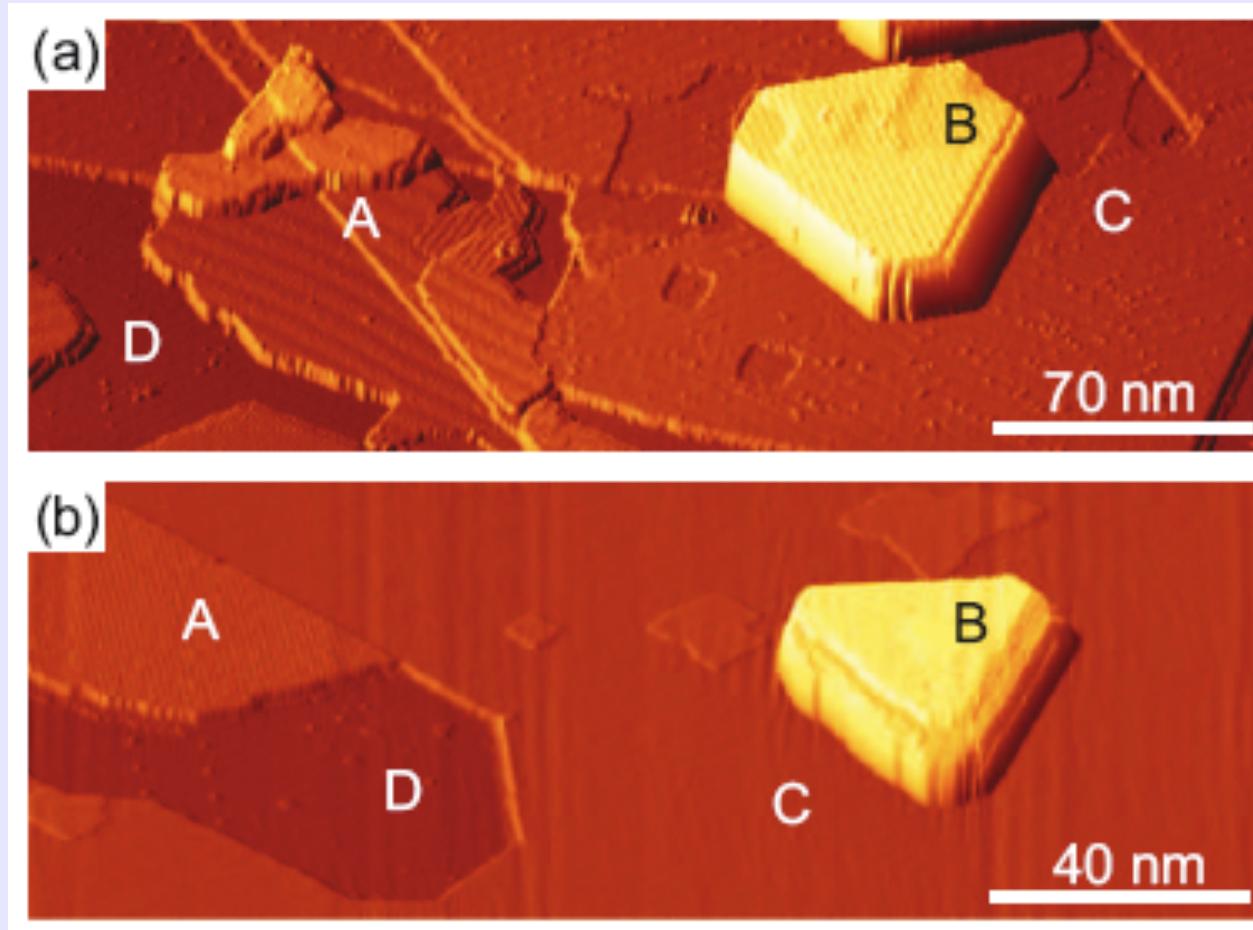
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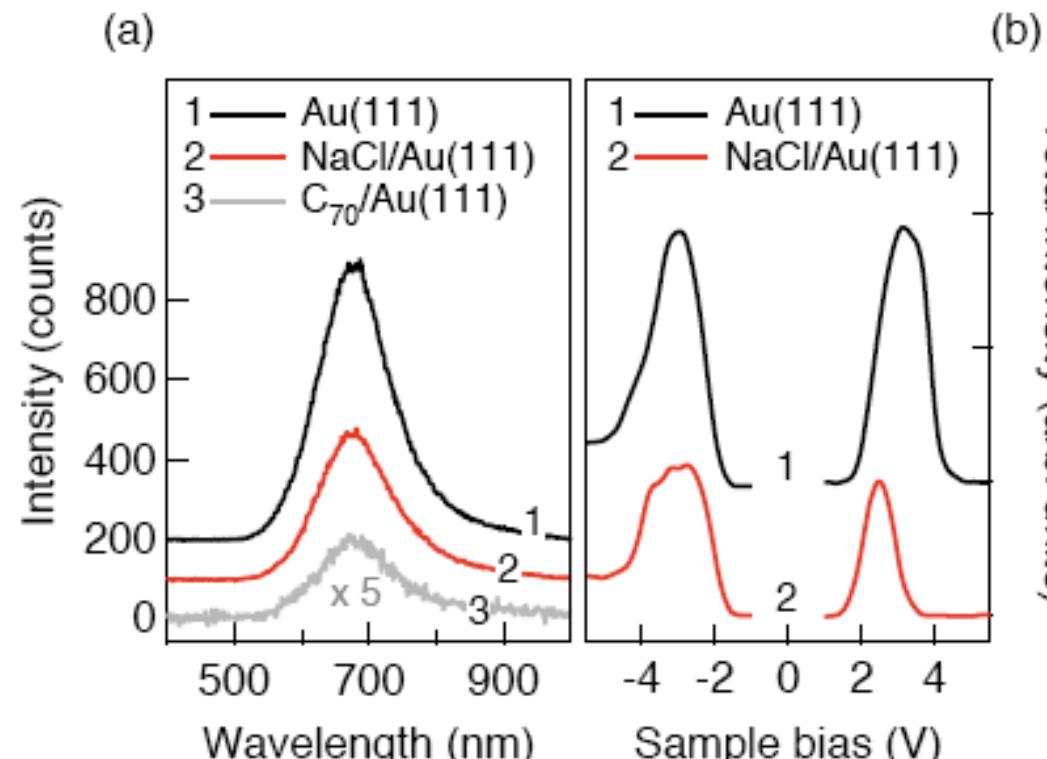
# Fullerene nanocrystals on NaCl/Au(111)



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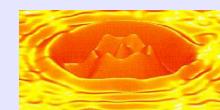


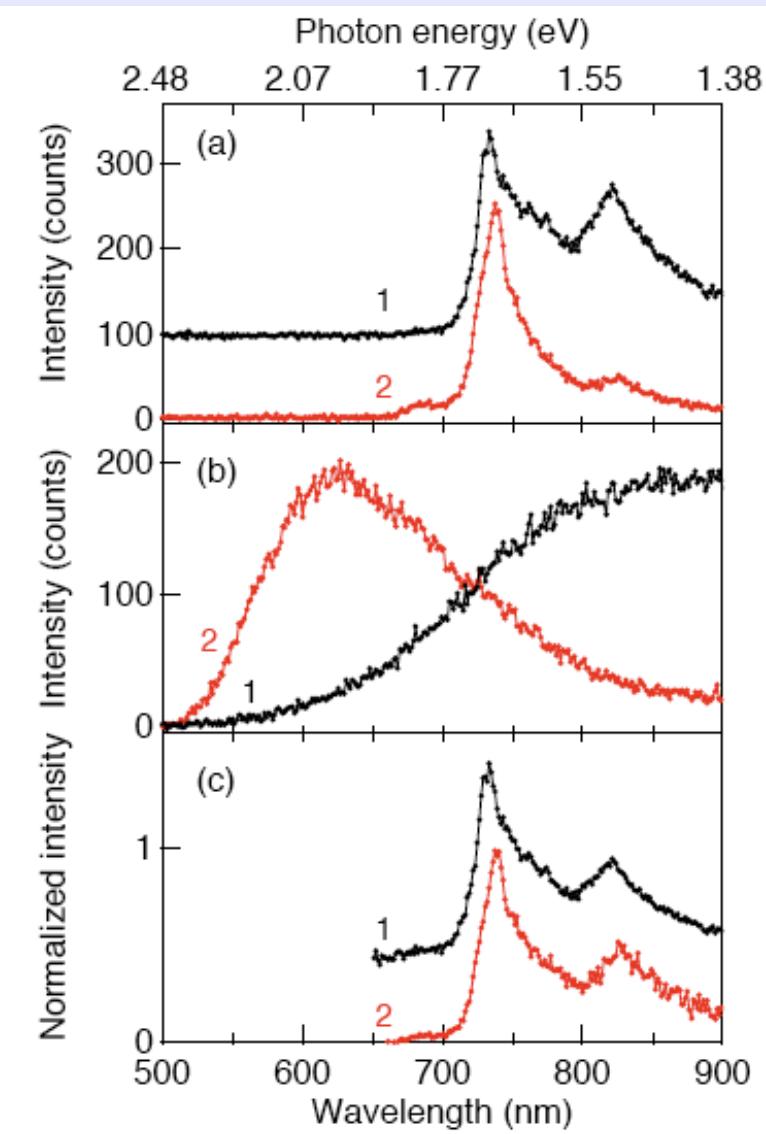
# Plasmon-mediated light emission spectra



$I = 2 \text{ nA}, t = 60 \text{ s}$

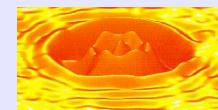
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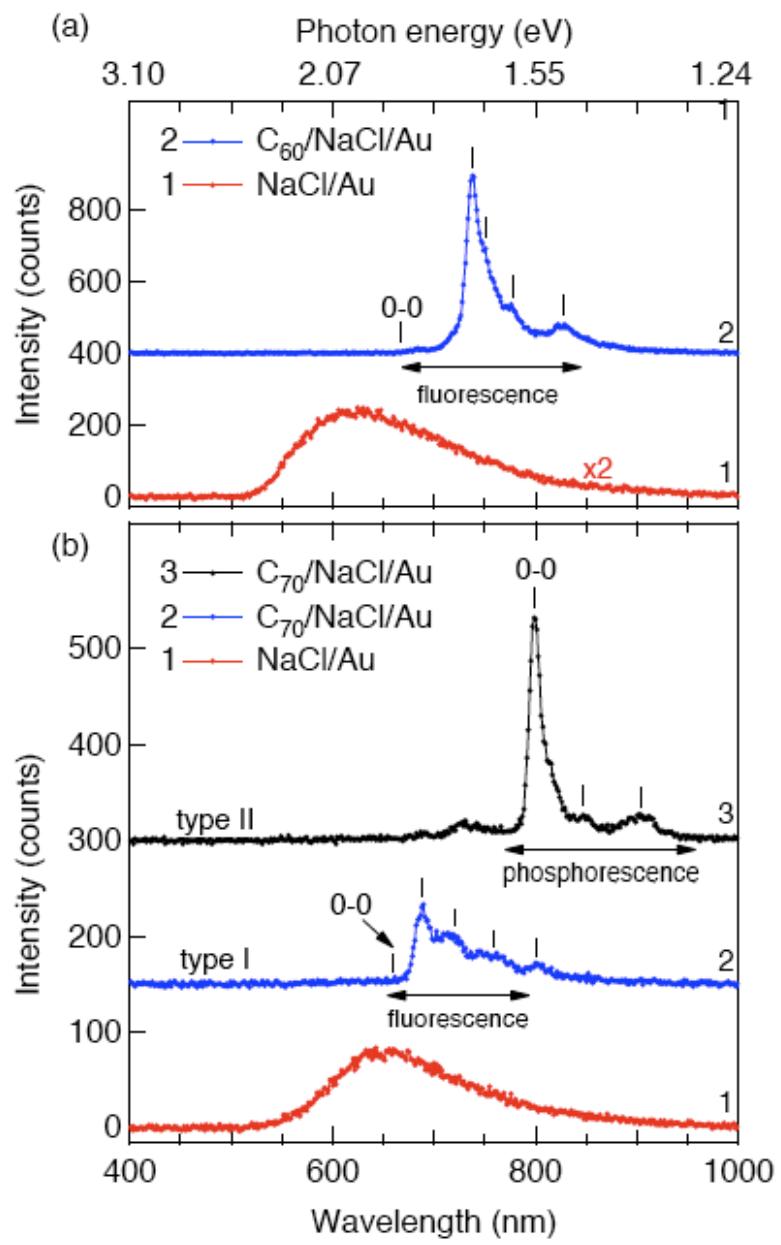




Plasmon induced  
enhancement  
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at different energies

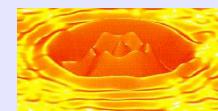
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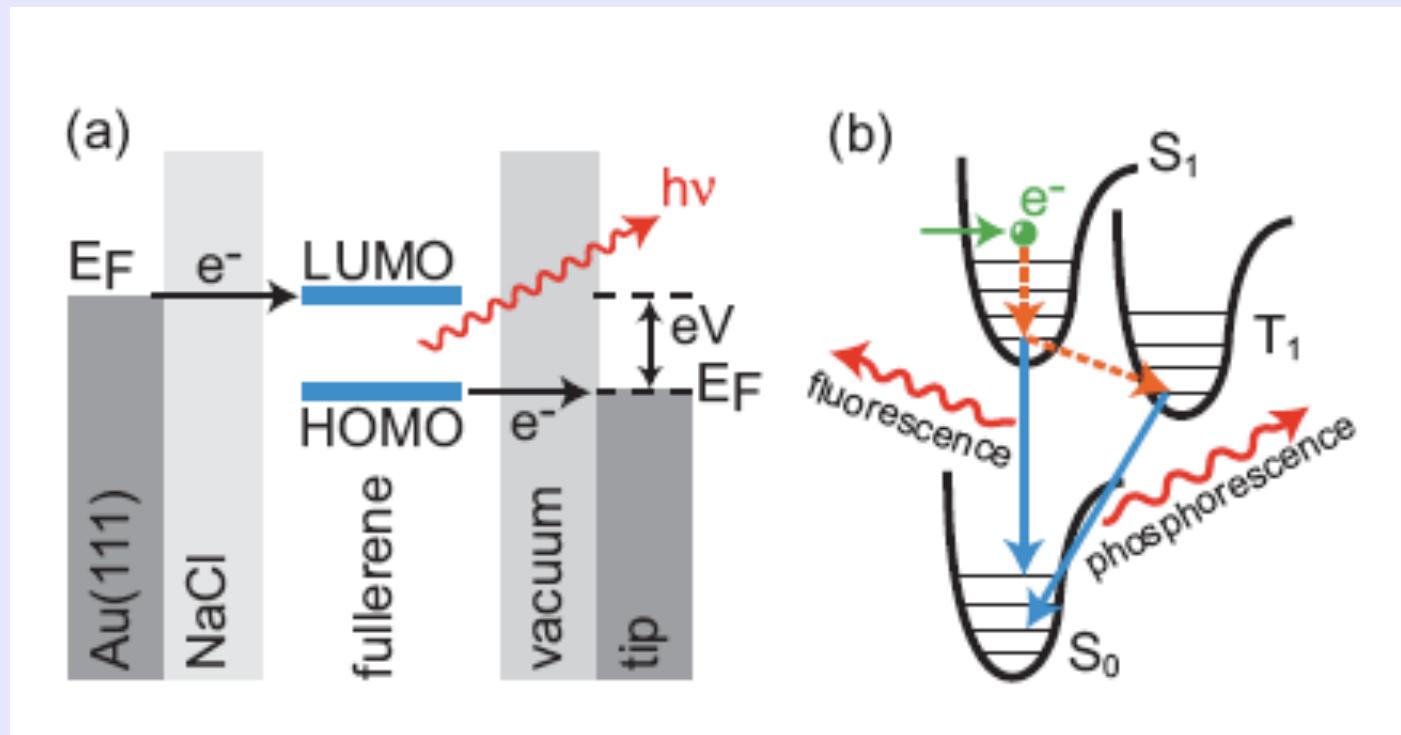


# Plasmon enhanced luminescence from fullerene molecules excited by local electron tunneling

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# Schematic energy diagram of a double barrier tunnel junction at negative bias voltage

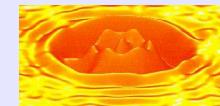


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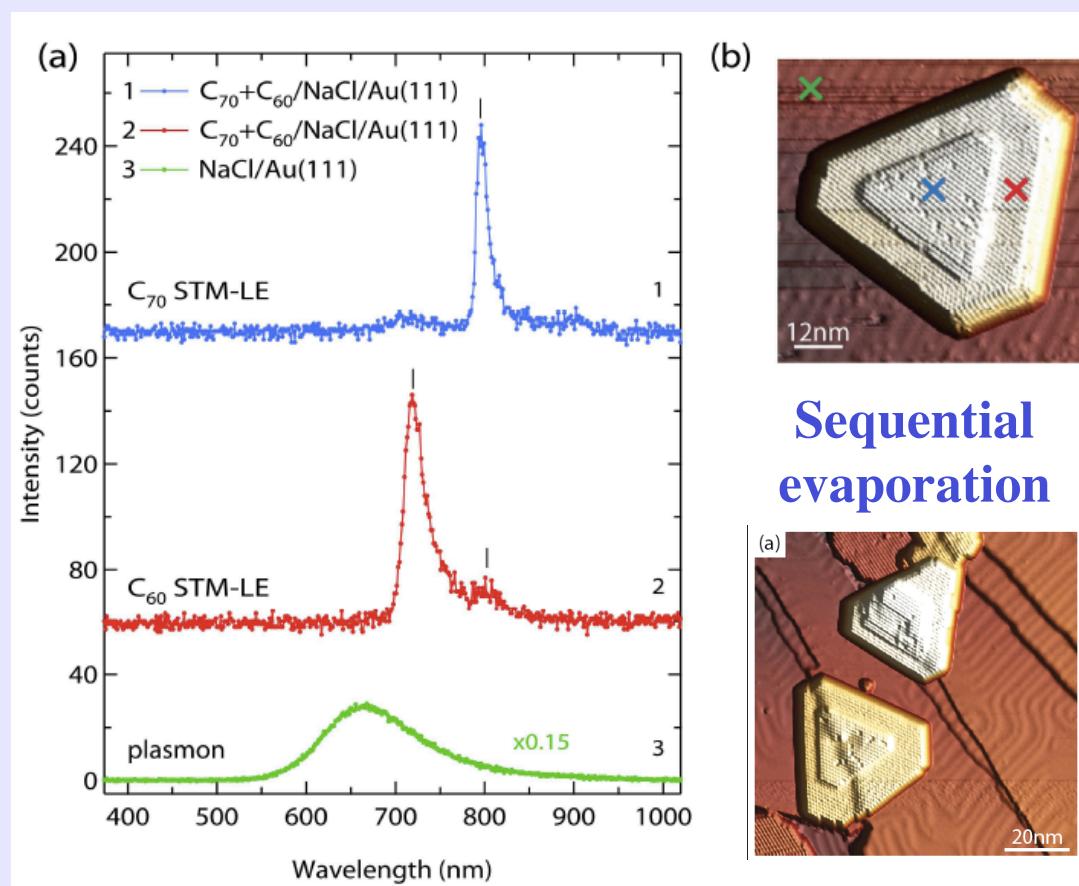
# **What about the spatial resolution?**

**The ultimate challenge:  
Can we observe and characterize  
light emission  
from  
a single molecule  
embedded within a surface layer of  
an ensemble?**



# STM-LE spectra from C<sub>70</sub> island surrounded by C<sub>60</sub> molecules on NaCl/Au(111)

Light emission:  
U = -3 V  
I = 2 nA  
t = 60 s



«lateral chemical resolution»  $\approx$  2 nm  $\approx$  2 molecules

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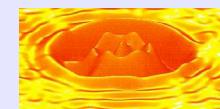
# Conclusions

STM induced light emission:

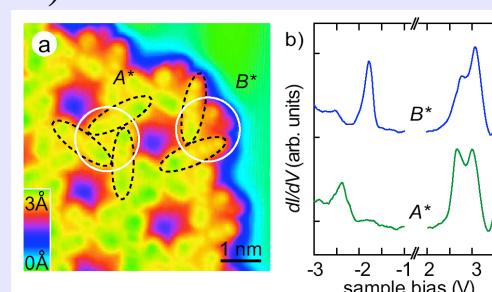
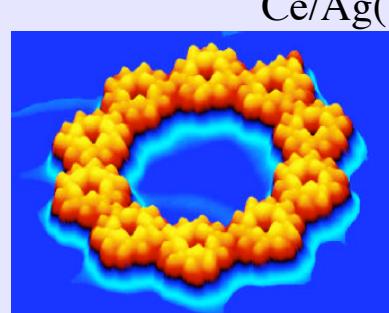
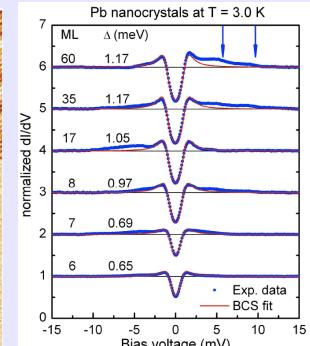
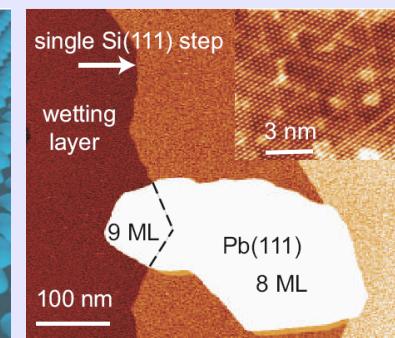
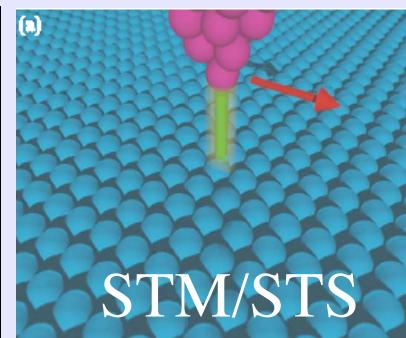
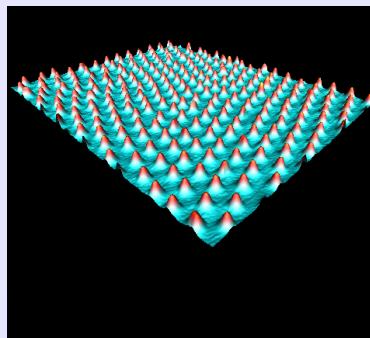
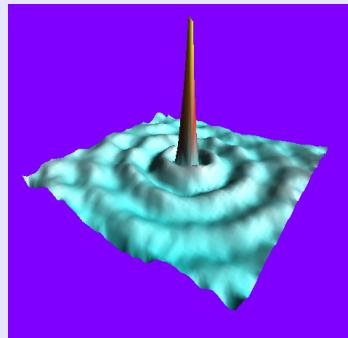
- Observation of luminescence from  $C_{60}$  and  $C_{70}$  molecules embedded within an ensemble



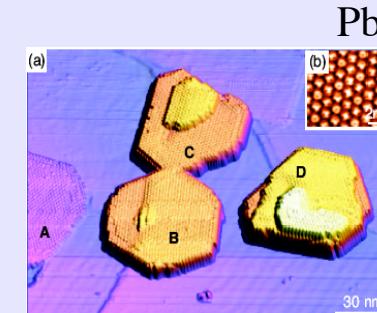
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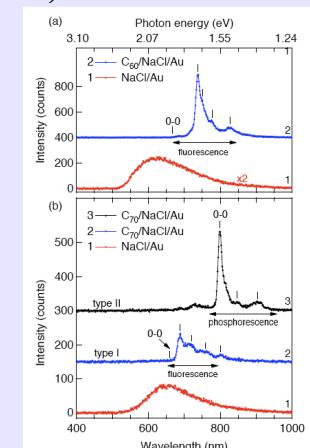
# Tutorial: Fabrication and characterization of ordered atomic-scale structures: Necessary steps towards a future nanotechnology



Ce/Ag(111)



Pb(111)



C<sub>60</sub>/NaCl/Au(111)

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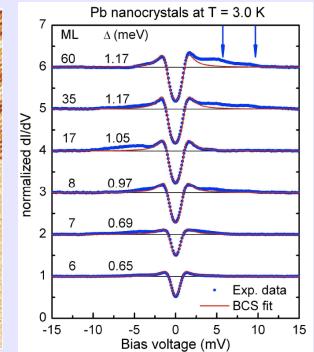
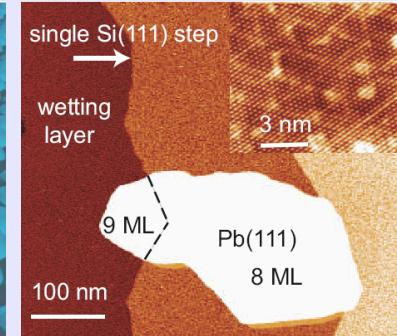
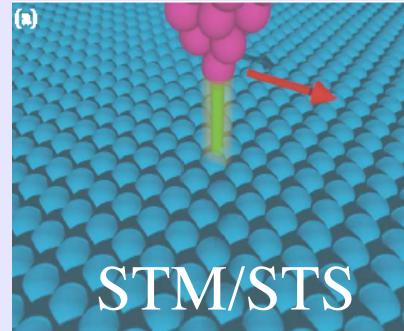
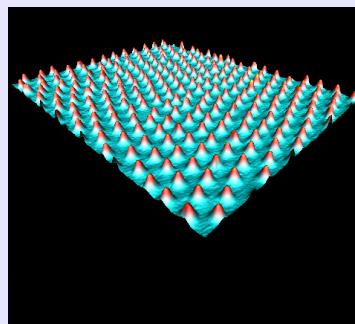
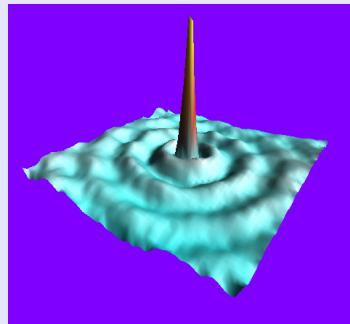
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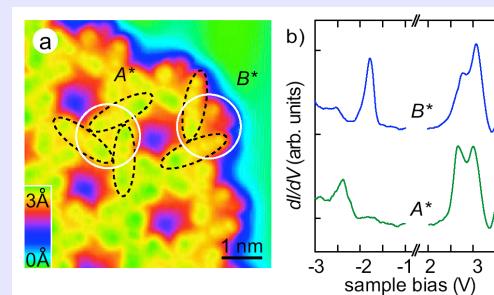
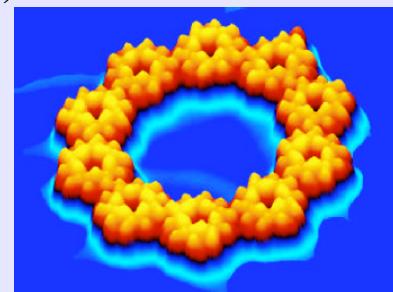
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# Fabrication and characterization of ordered atomic-scale structures



Ce/Ag(111)



Rubrene/Au(111)

Pb(111)

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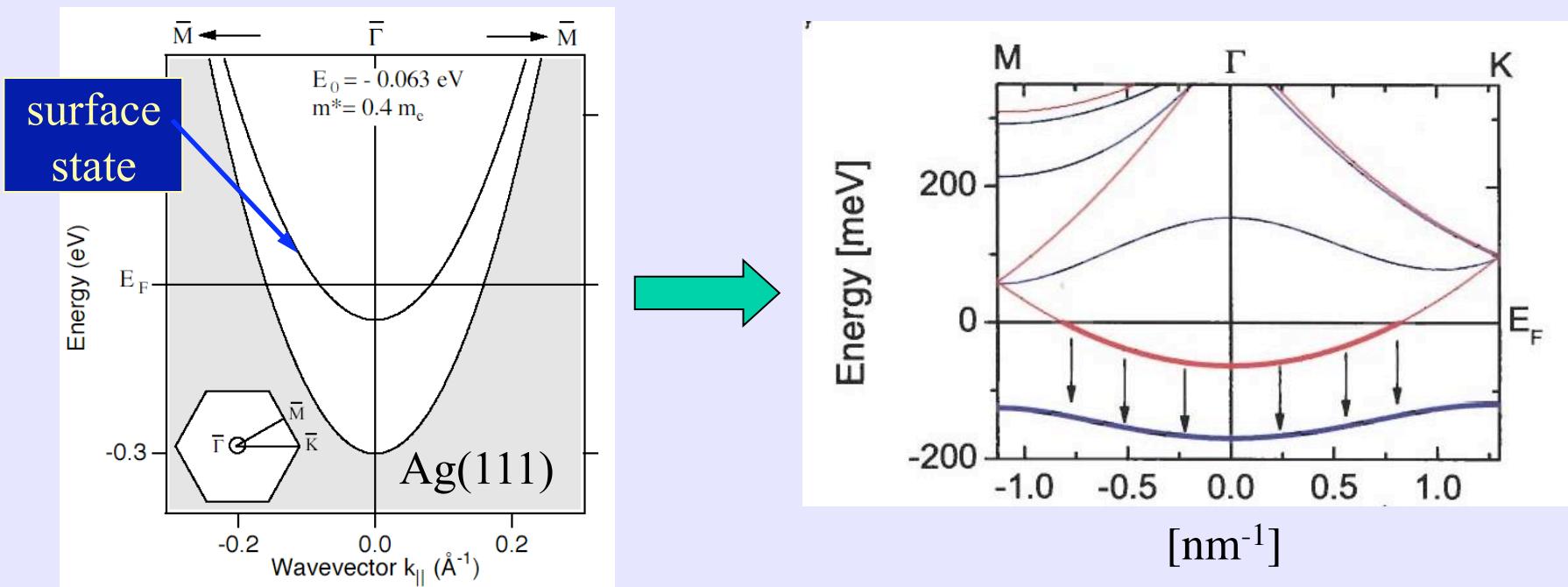
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# Electronic effects of superlattice on the surface-state 2DEG:

- the superlattice induces **band-structure** in the surface state band
- opens gap at Fermi level  $\Rightarrow$  **stabilizes the superlattice**
- directly observe effect of **local disorder** and **superlattice constant** on the surface state DOS

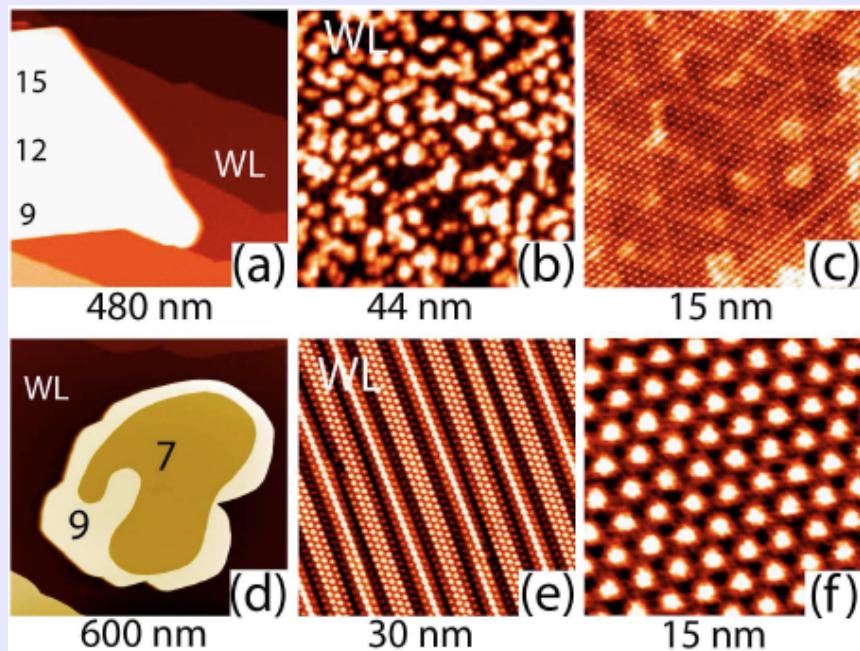


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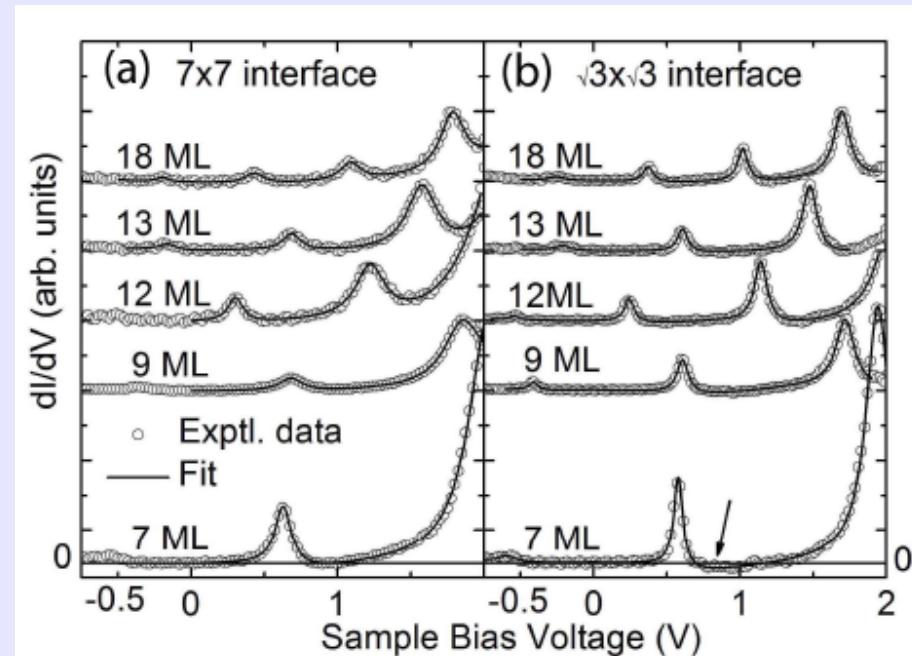


## Quantum-well states

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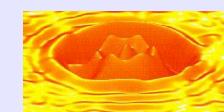


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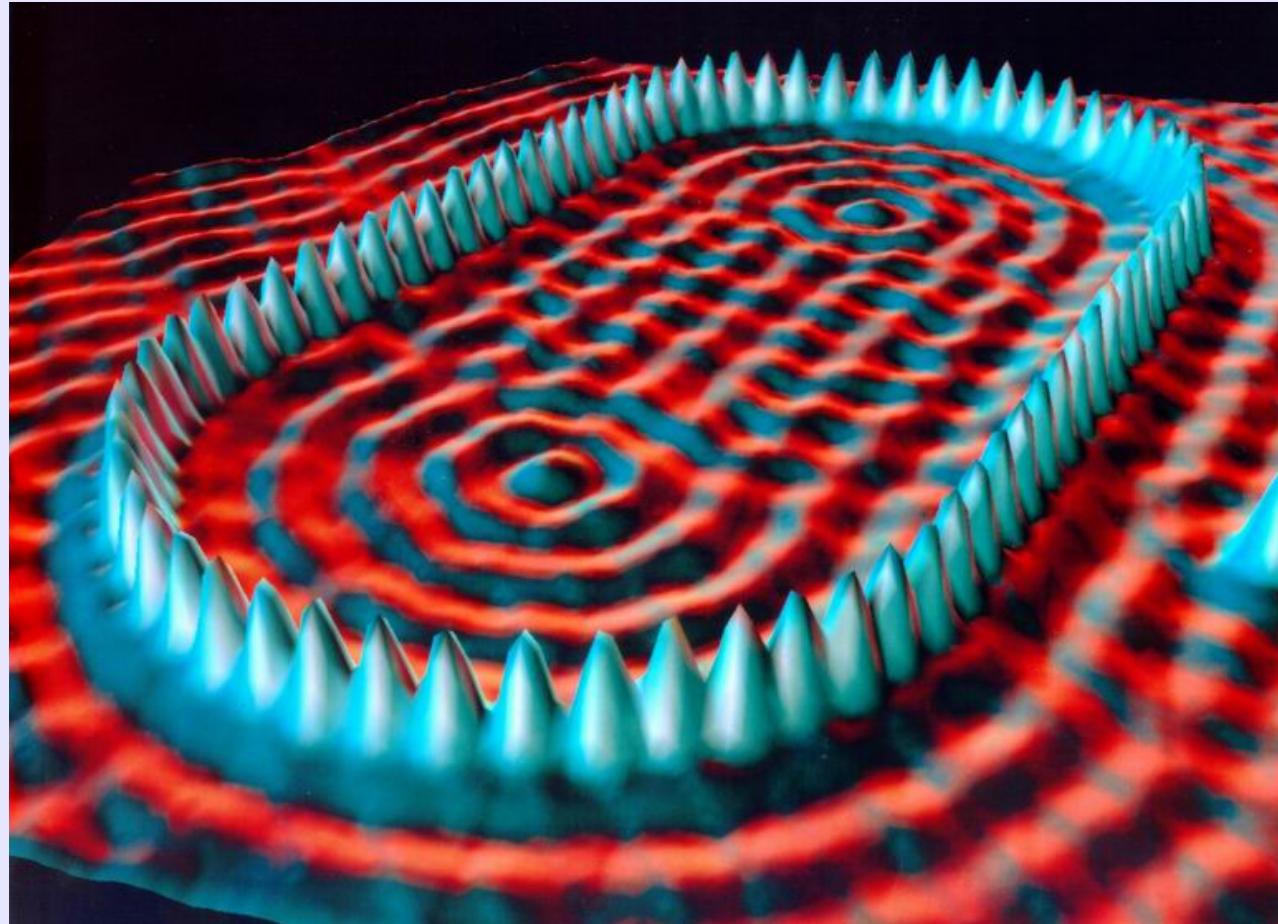
### Pb/Pb- $\sqrt{3}\times\sqrt{3}$ /Si(111)

T = 5 K

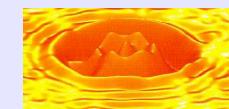


# Ripples in the 2DEG from a Quantum Corral ~15 nm wide

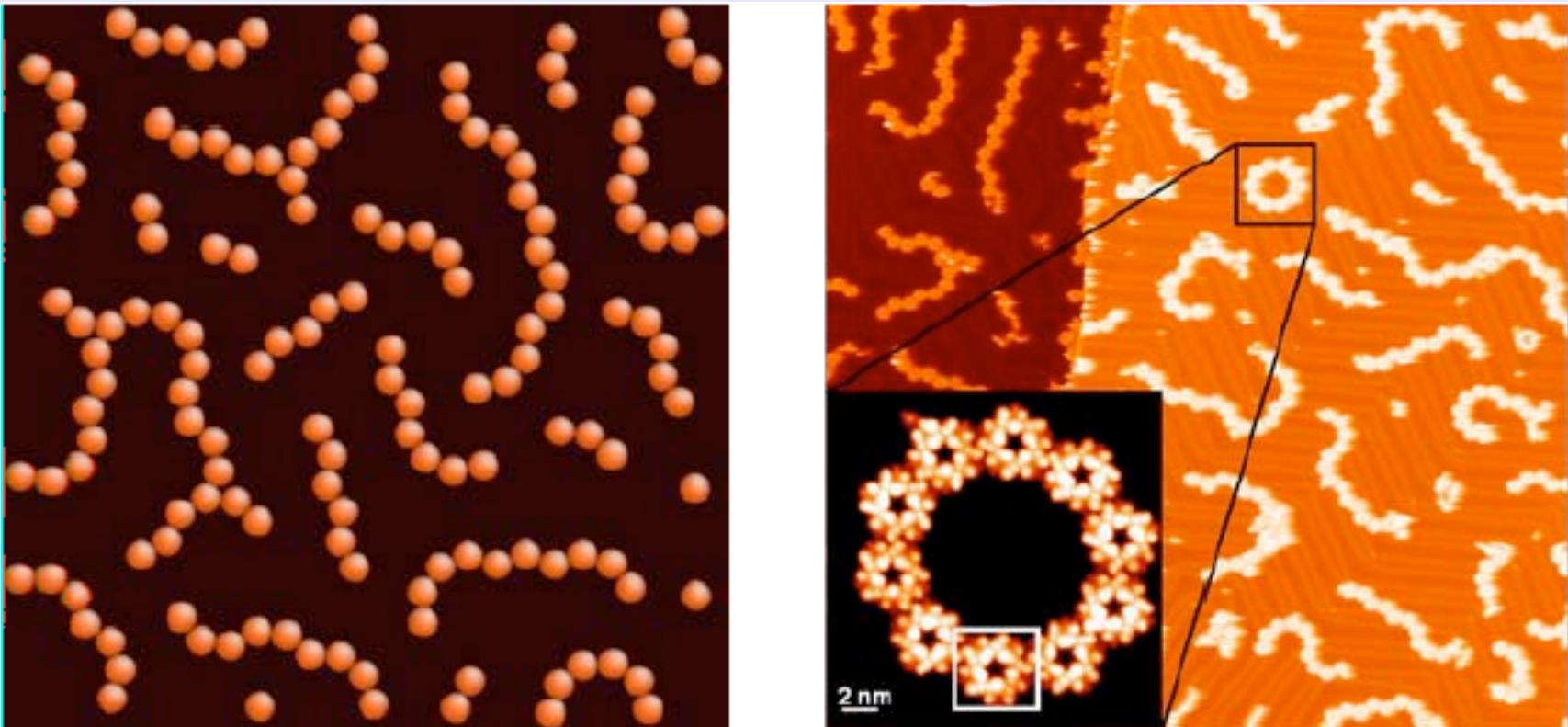
Fe atoms on a Cu(111) surface



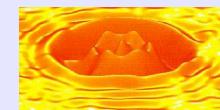
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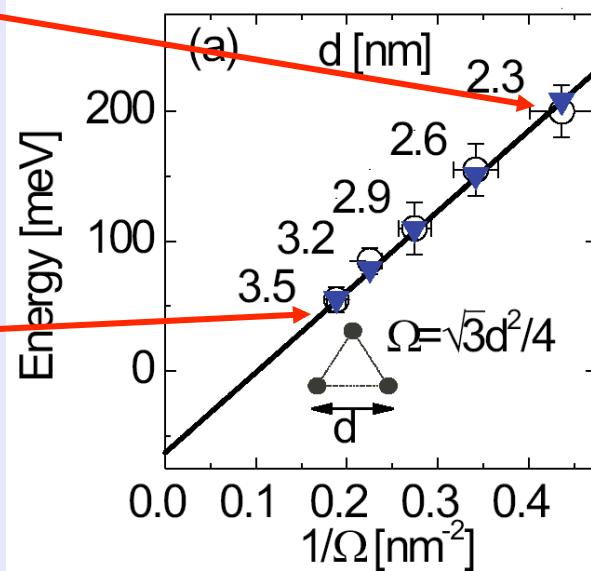
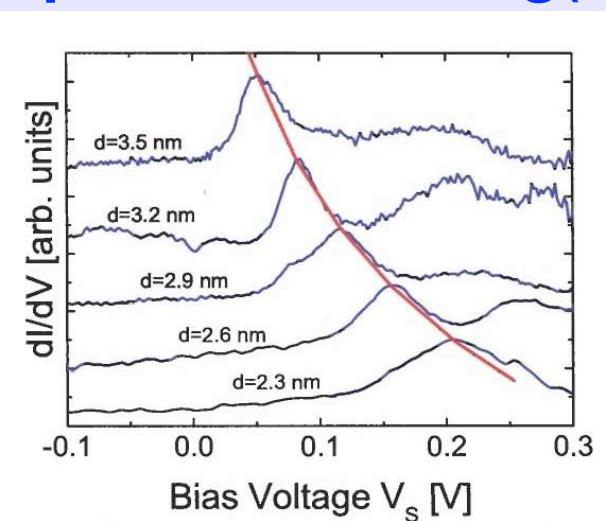
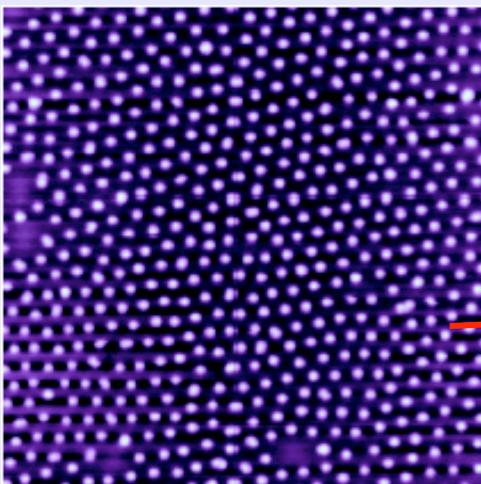
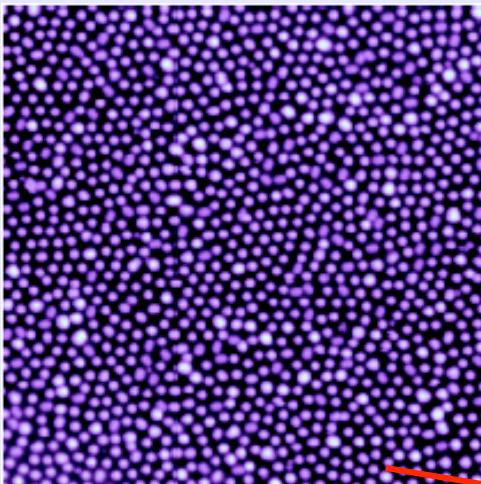
# Rubrene on Au(111): Self-assembly mediated by short-range attractive and long-range repulsive electrostatic interactions



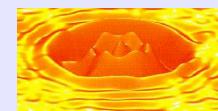
G. Tomba, M. Stengel, WDS, A. Baldereschi, A. De Vita, submitted



# Quantum-size effect of Ce superlattices on Ag(111)



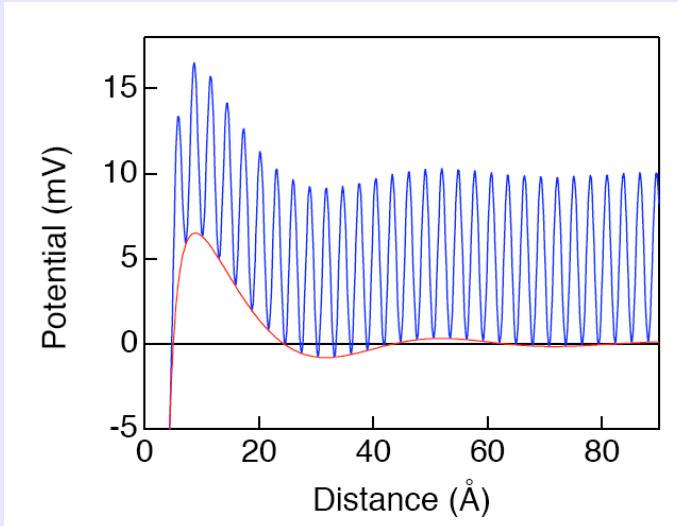
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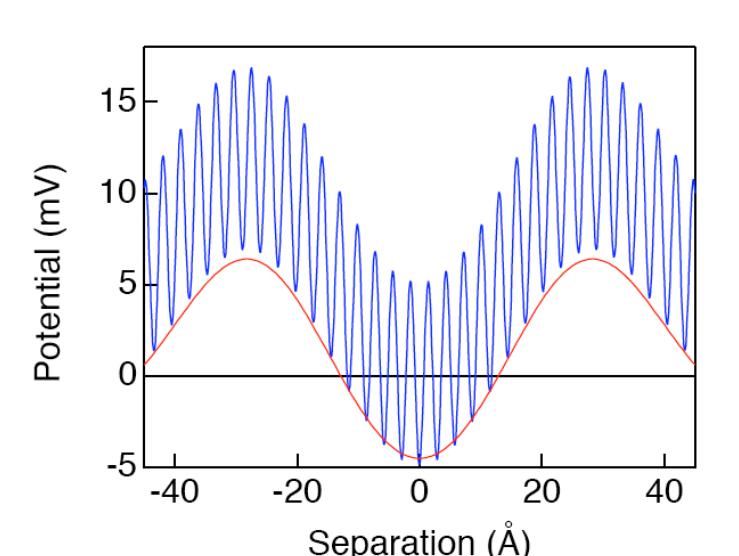
# Requirements to create and observe a superlattice

- (1) The adatom diffusion barrier  $\Delta E_{\text{diff}}$  cannot be too large compared to the interaction potential  $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ .
- (2)  $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$  increases with adatom coordination,  $\Rightarrow$  more likely to find stable lattice at higher coverage.

Ce/Ag(111) - pair potential



Ce/Ag(111) Hex-lattice potential

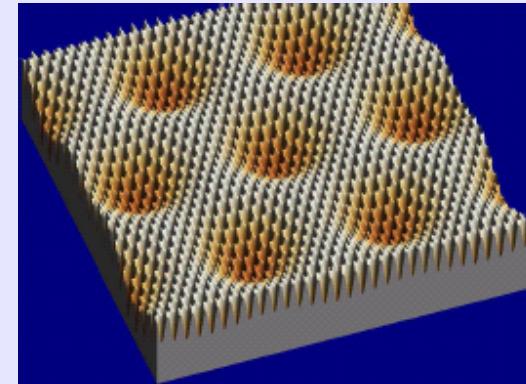


- (3) If you find adatom with small  $\Delta E_{\text{diff}}$ , must be able to go to low enough temperature to observe it!

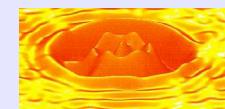


## To summarize:

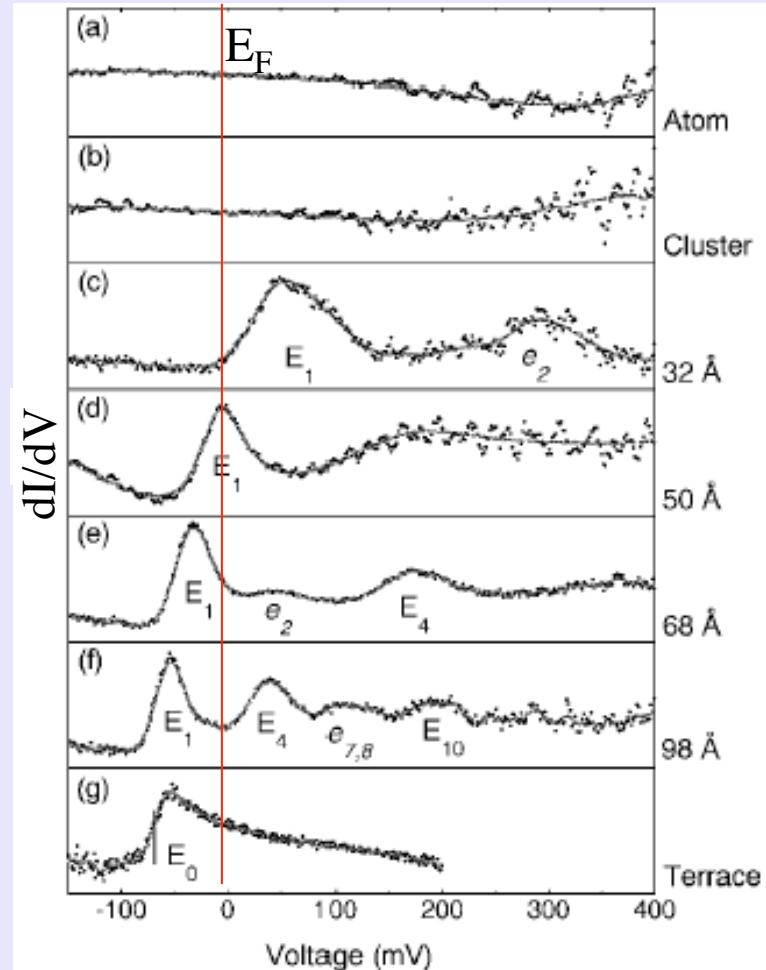
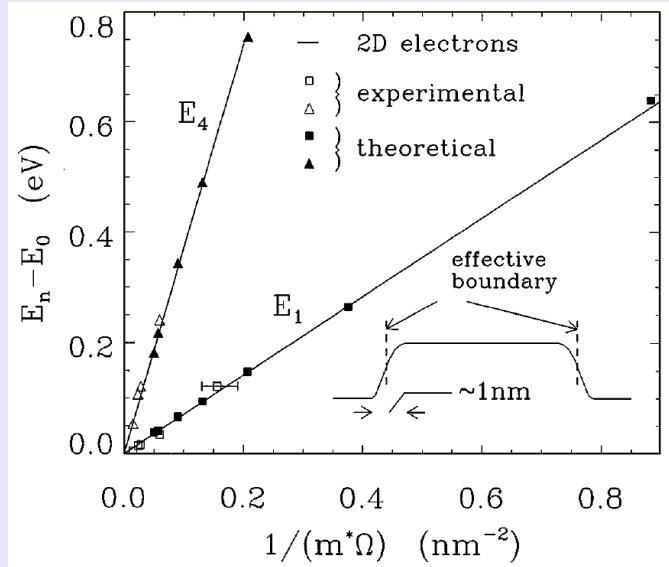
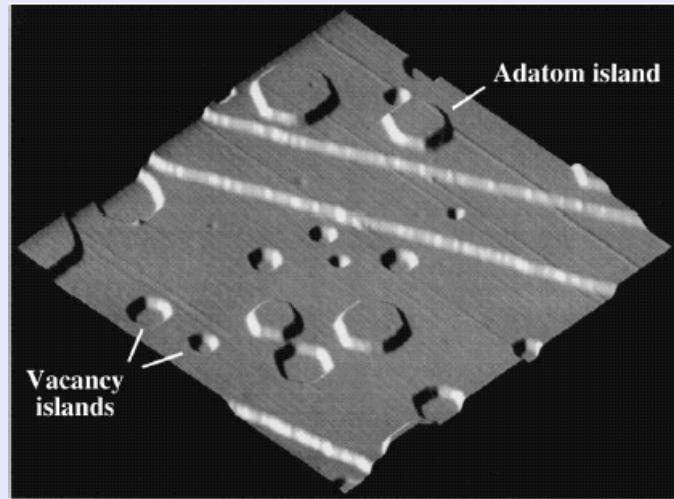
- Self-assembly of a 2D hexagonal Ce superlattice mediated by Ag(111) surface state electrons
- Analysis of the thermal motion of the Ce adatoms in their superlattice site
- Determination of the confining potential for the Ce adatoms in the superlattice
- Stability of the superlattice:  
**Subtle balance** between  
**sample temperature**,  
**surface diffusion barrier**,  
**concentration-dependent adatom interaction potential.**



F. Silly, M. Pivetta, M. Ternes, F. Patthey, J. P. Pelz, WDS, PRL **92**, 016101 (2004)



# Quantum size effect in Ag islands on Ag(111)



J. Li, WDS, R. Berndt, S. Crampin,  
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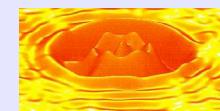
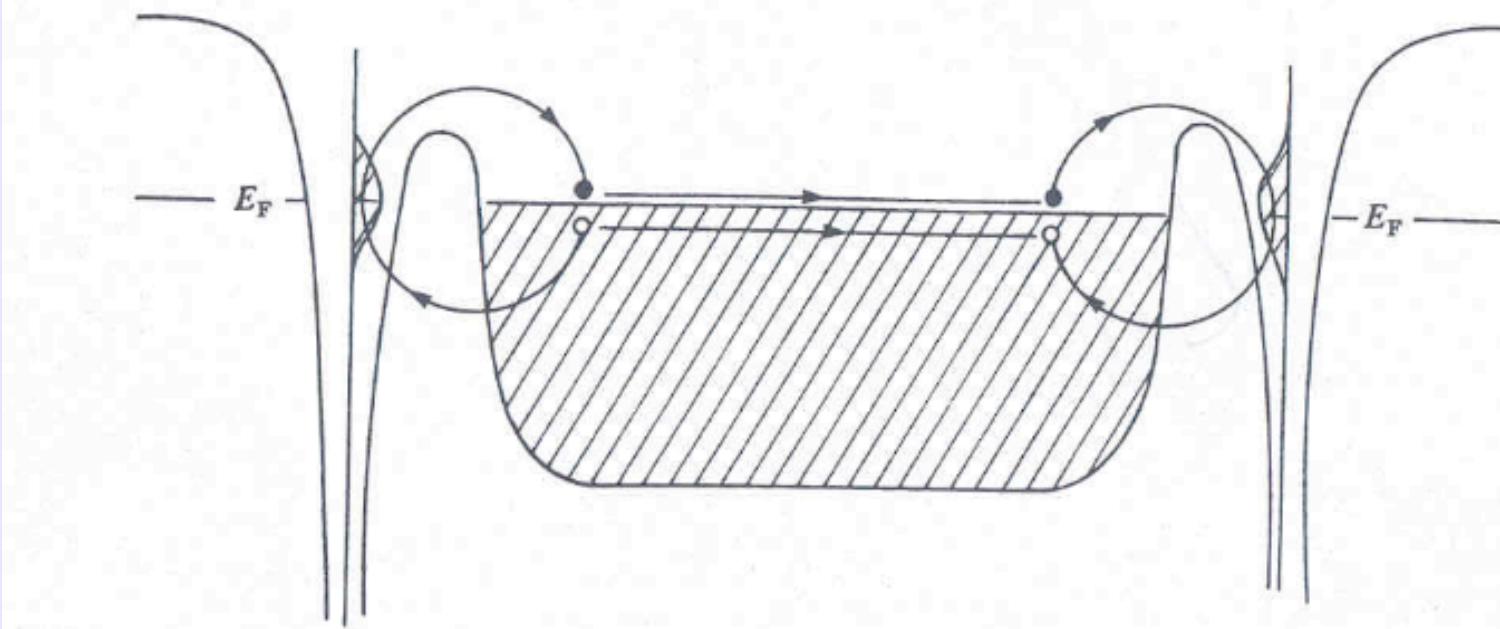
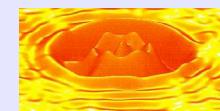


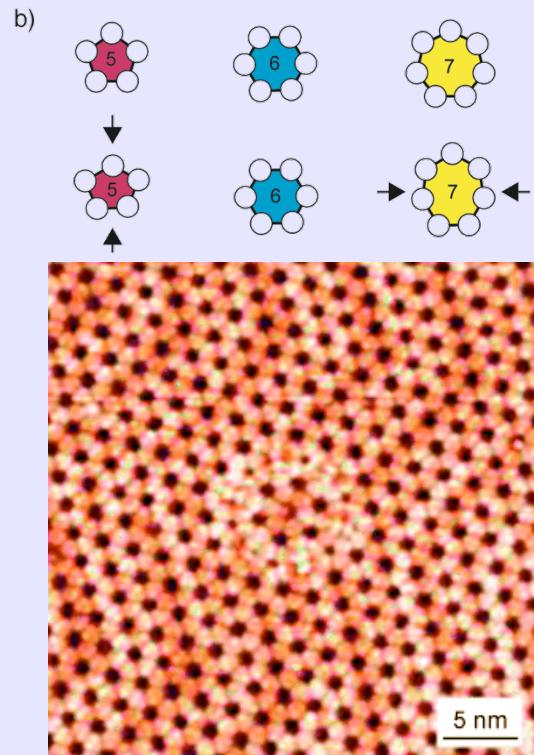
Fig. 11.18. Schematic view of the indirect electronic interaction between two adsorbates in the resonant level model.



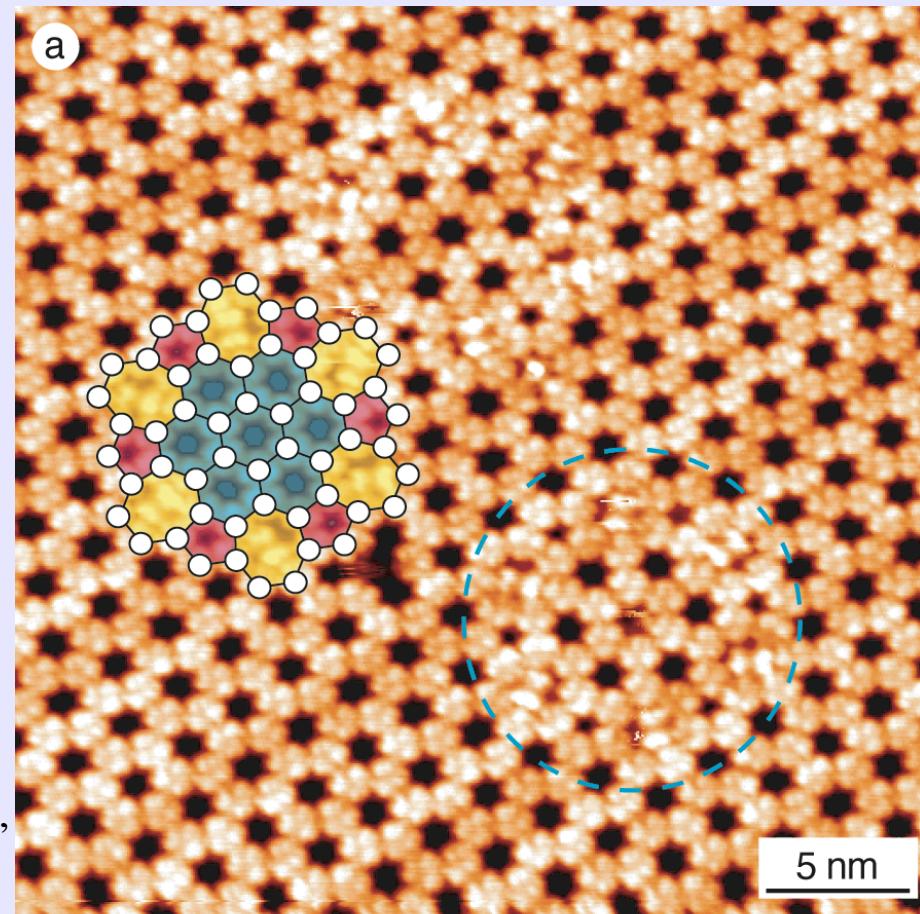
A. Zangwill, Physics at Surfaces



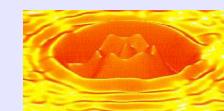
# 2D-tiling: Supramolecular rosettes embedded in a well-ordered honeycomb domain



Circular singularities in extended honeycomb domains,  
formed by the replacement of a ring of  
twelve hexagons by six pentagon-heptagon pairs



M. Pivetta, M.-C. Blüm, F. Patthey, WDS, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **47**, 1076 (2008)



# 3D-chirality transfer in Rubrene multilayer islands on Au(111)

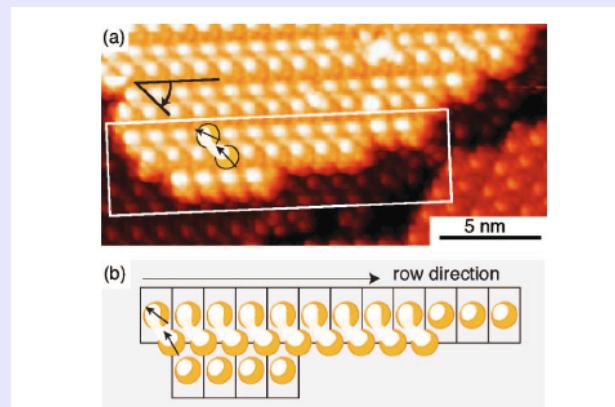
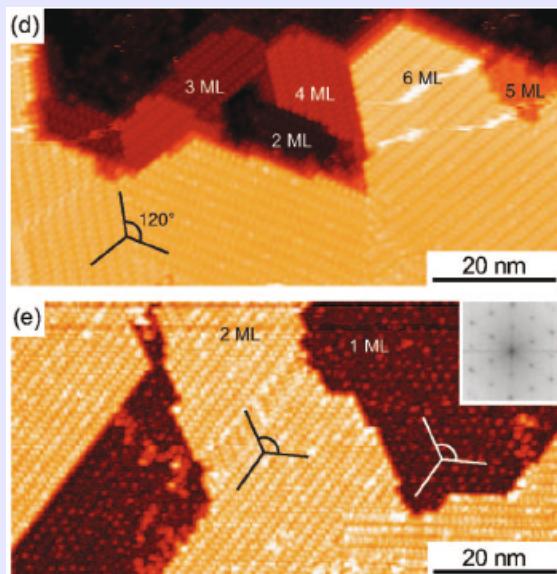


Figure 2. (a) STM image ( $22 \text{ nm} \times 11 \text{ nm}$ ) showing the detail of the twin-row structure and a layer edge. Different layers and domain orientations are visible. (b) Model reproducing the region of the uppermost layer of the island delimited by a white rectangle in a, sketched using the unit cell described in Figure 3b. A model of a molecular pair is superimposed on the STM data shown in a.

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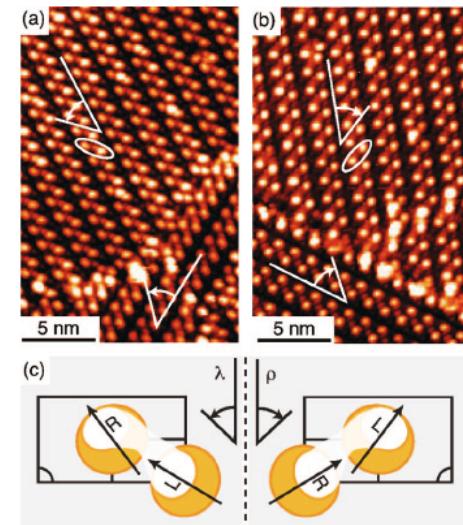
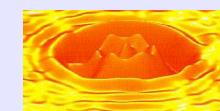
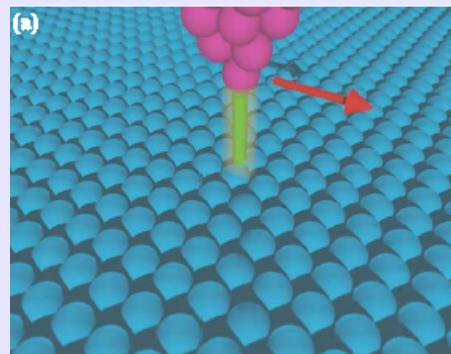
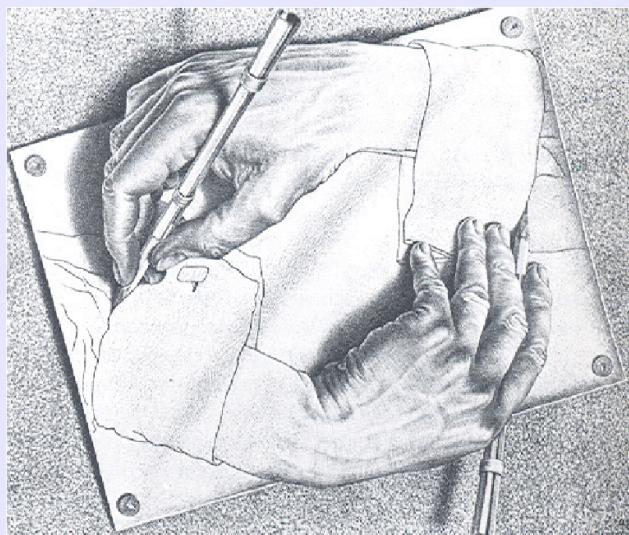


Figure 4. STM images ( $15 \text{ nm} \times 23 \text{ nm}$ ) acquired on two distinct rubrene islands demonstrating the island chirality: (a) left-handed domains; (b) right-handed domains. Each island is formed by domains of only one chirality. (c) Mirror unit cells for left-handed ( $\lambda$ ) and right-handed ( $\rho$ ) domains.

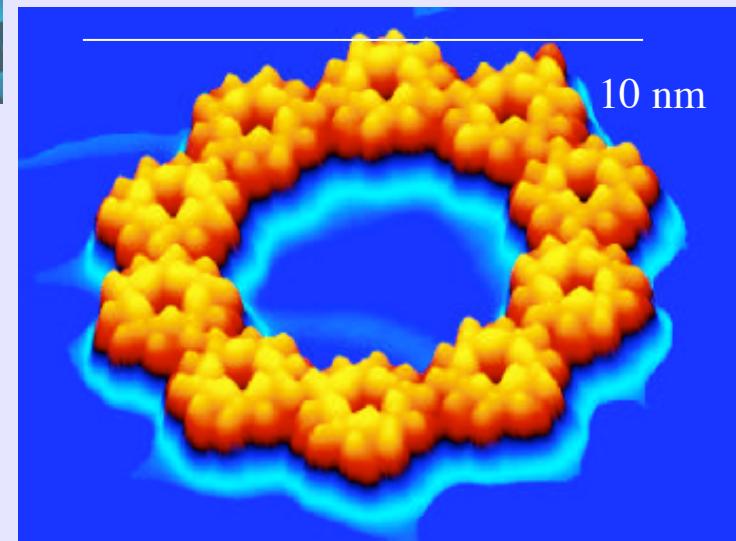
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# A Local View on Chirality

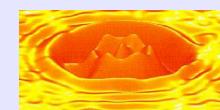


STM



M. C. Escher, “Mains dessinant”  
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Rubrene/Au(111):  
Nested chiral supramolecular self-assembly



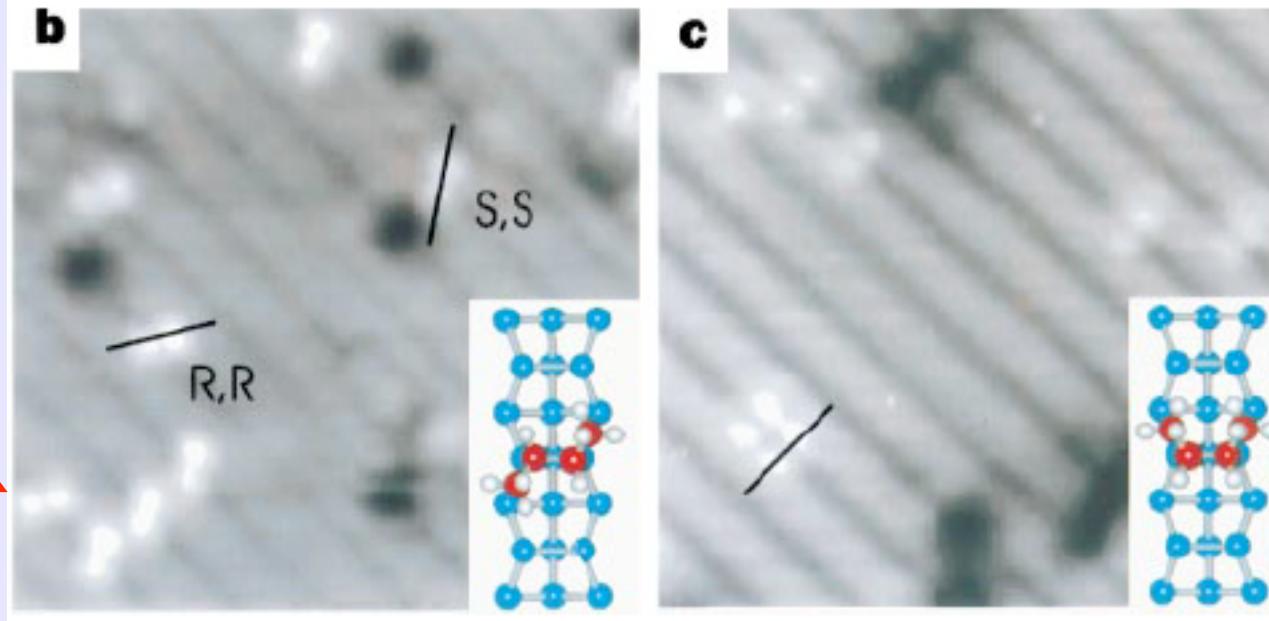
# Determination of the absolute chirality of individual adsorbed molecules using the scanning tunnelling microscope

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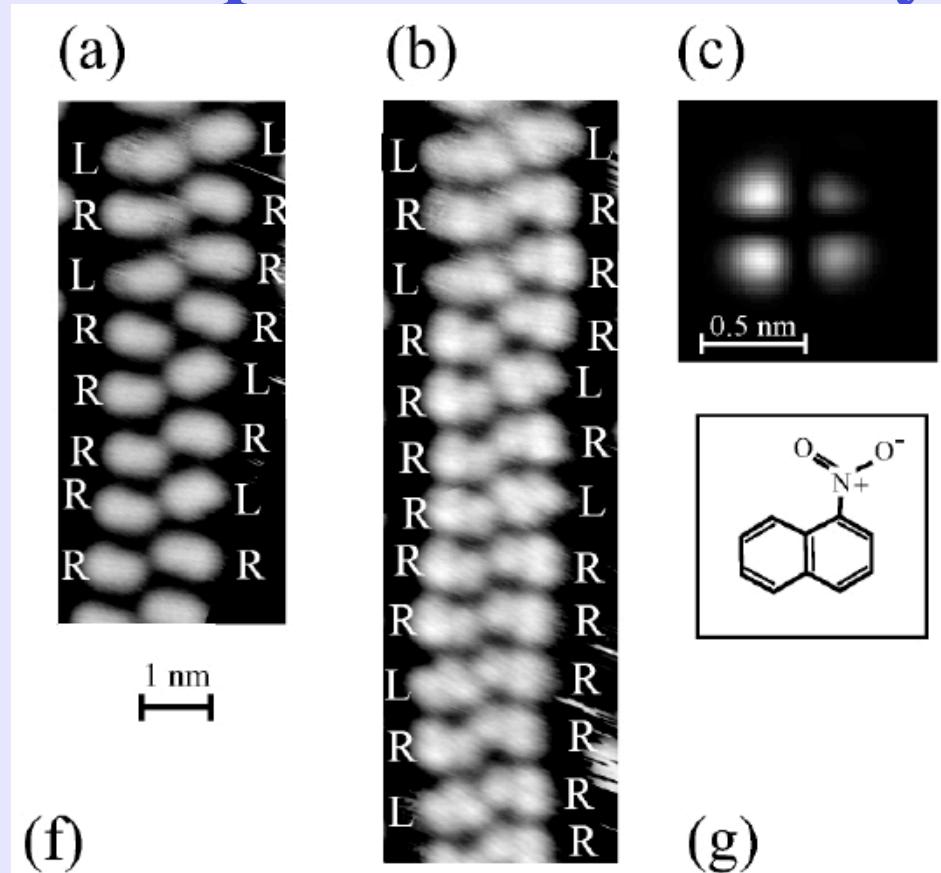
Steacie Institute for Molecular Sciences, National Research Council,  
100 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0R6

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Identification:  
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methyl groups



# Submolecular resolution of supramolecular chains: Comparison with theory



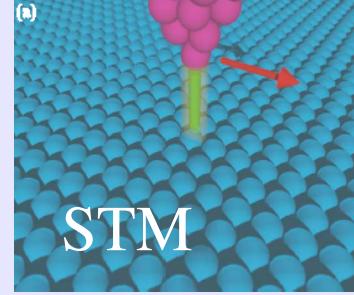
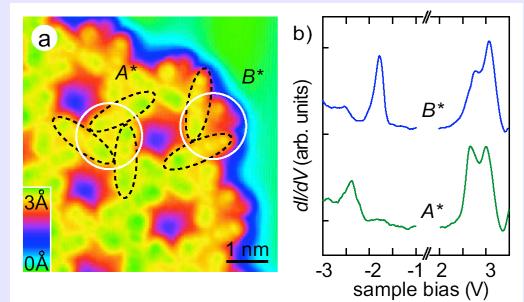
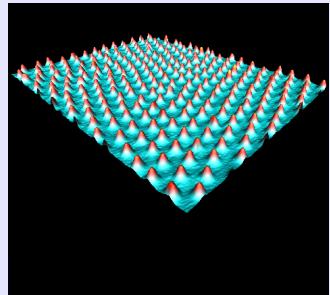
2D chirality

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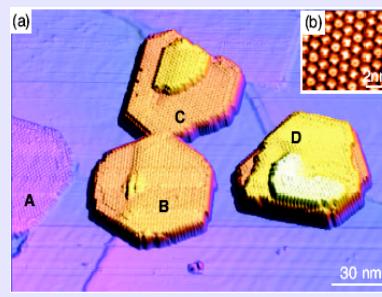
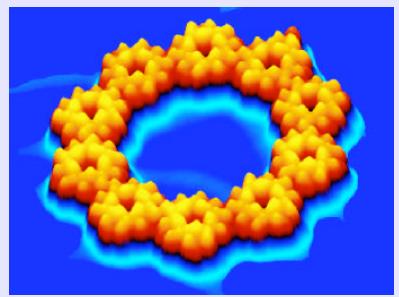
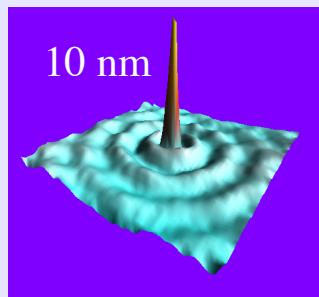
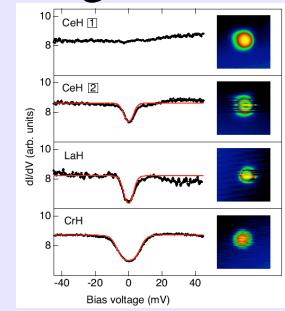
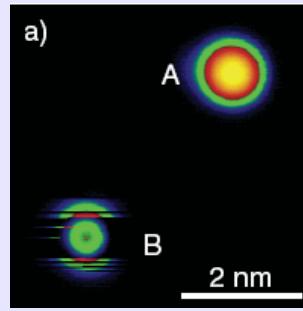


# Spectroscopic manifestations of low-dimensional physics: A local view

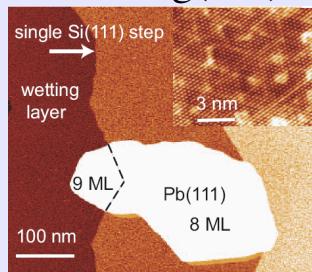
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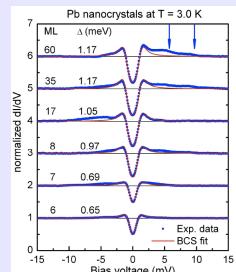
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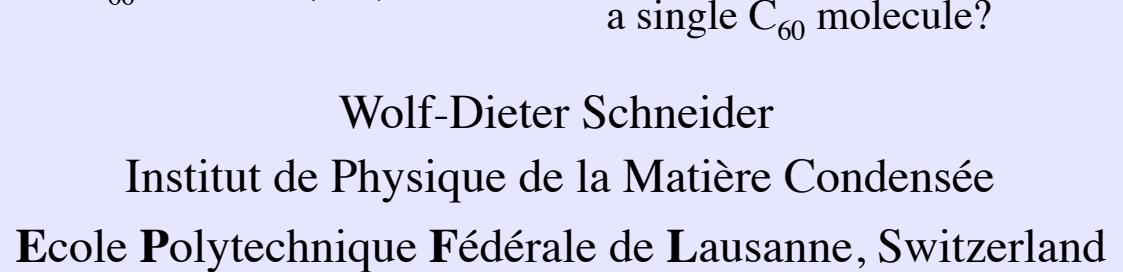
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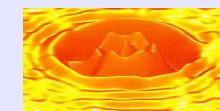
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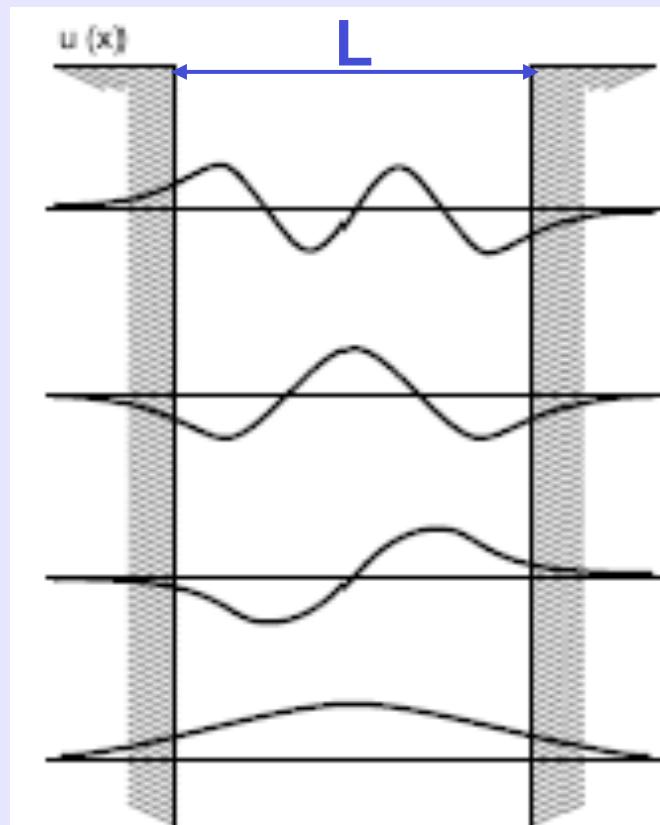
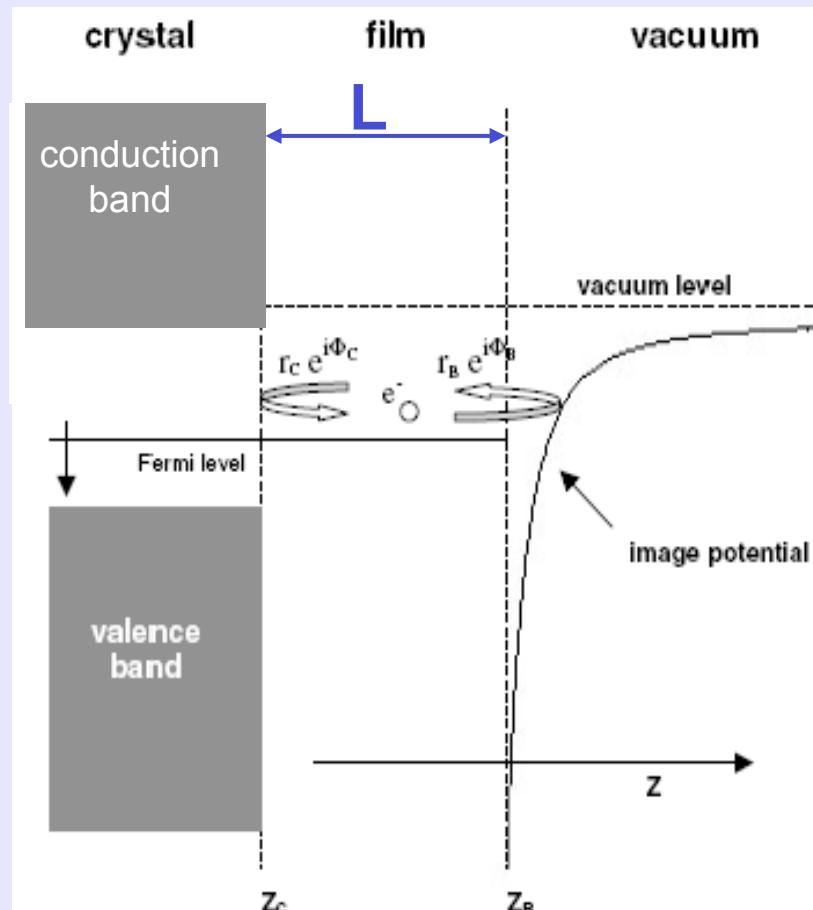
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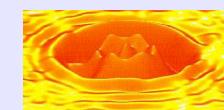


# Quantum Well System

For metals: R. C. Jaklevic and J. Lambe PRB **12**, 4146 (1975) (electron tunneling)  
L. Wachs, A. P. Shapiro, T.C. Hsieh, T. C. Chiang, PRB **33**, 1460 (1986) (photoemission)  
J. E. Ortega, F. J. Himpsel, PRL **69**, 844 (1992) (photoemission)  
I. B. Altfeder, K. A. Matveev, D. M. Chen, PRL **78**, 2815 (1997) (STM/STS)



$$\lambda_n = 2L / n \quad ; \quad E_n = n^2 h^2 / (8mL^2)$$



## Electron Fringes on a Quantum Wedge

I. B. Altfeder,<sup>1</sup> K. A. Matveev,<sup>1,2</sup> and D. M. Chen<sup>1</sup>

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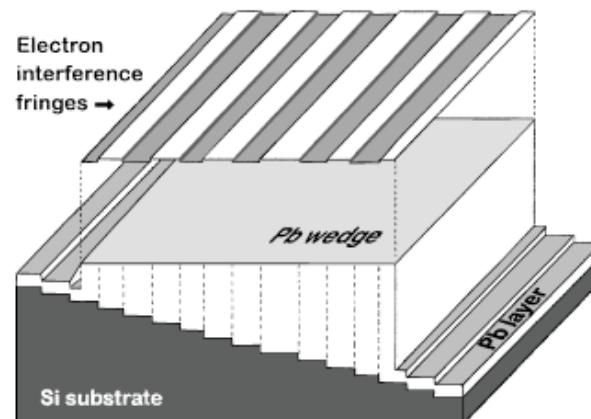
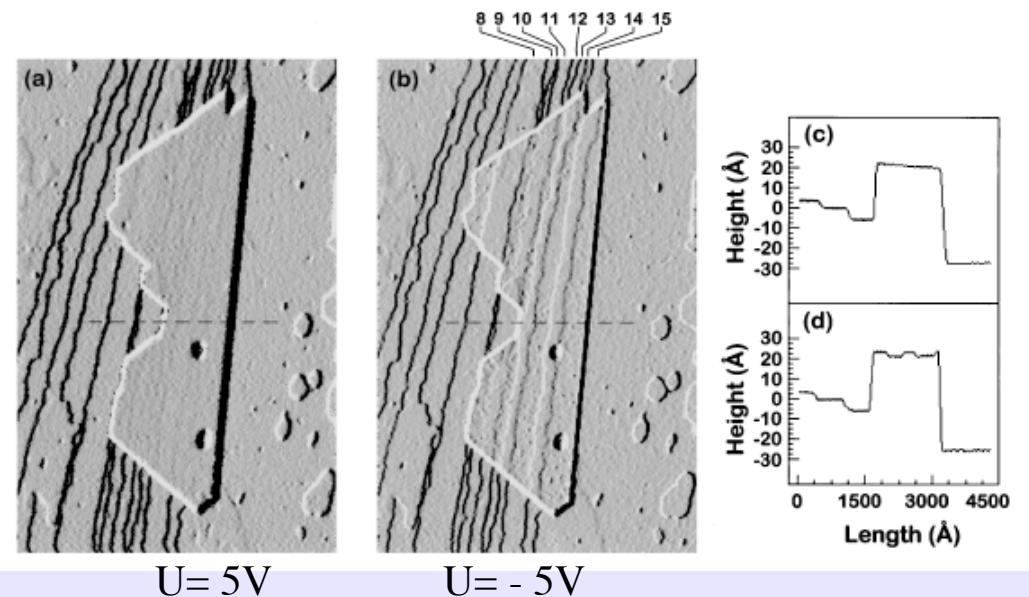


FIG. 2. Schematic of a quantum wedge on a stepped substrate. Electron interference fringes are shown above the wedge. Vertical scale is enlarged by a factor of 100.



For subsurface noble gas bubbles in Al:

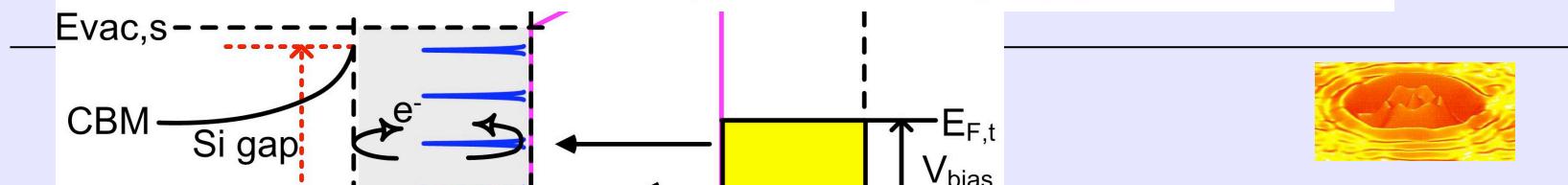
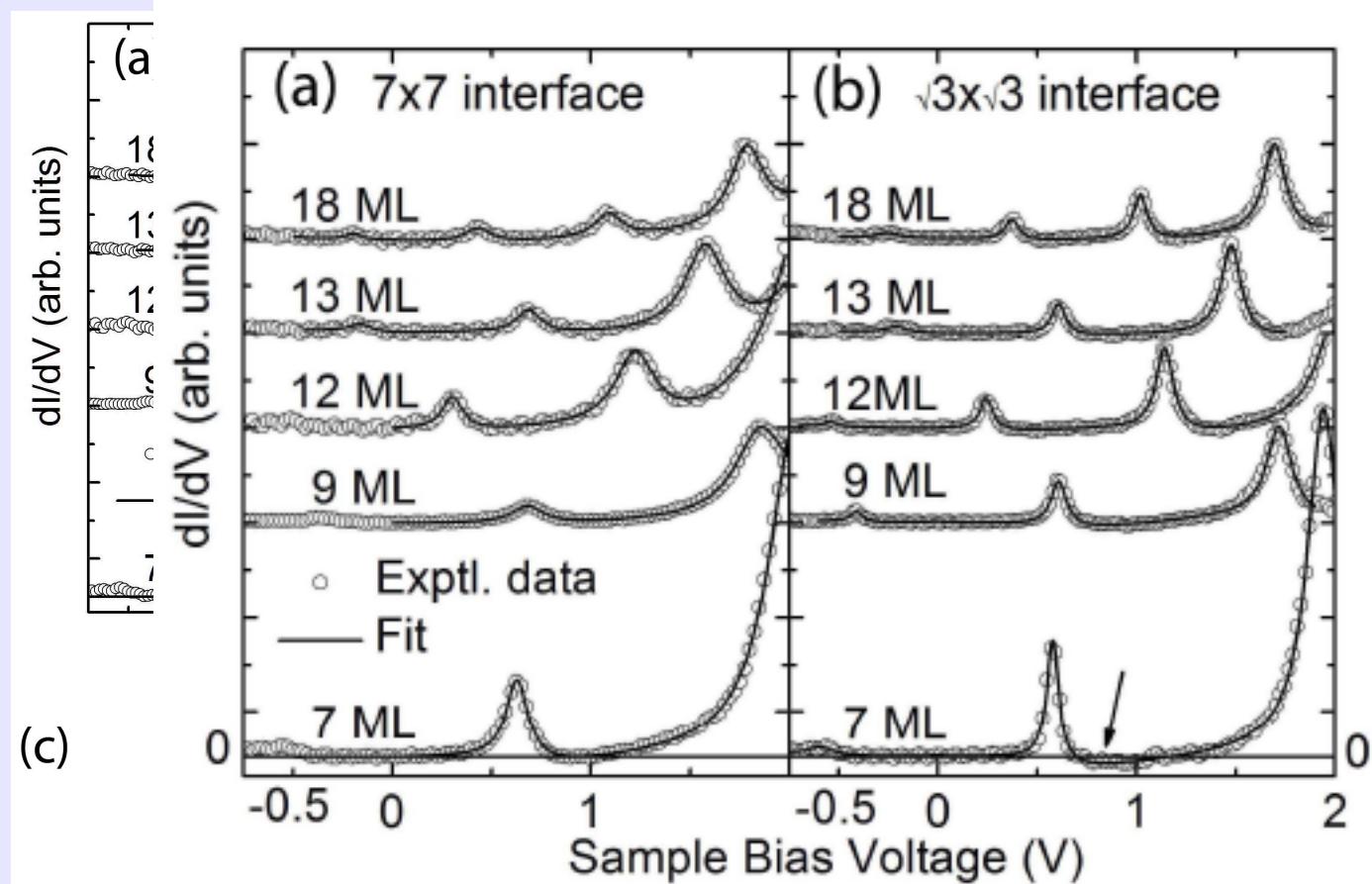
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**Interference fringes!**

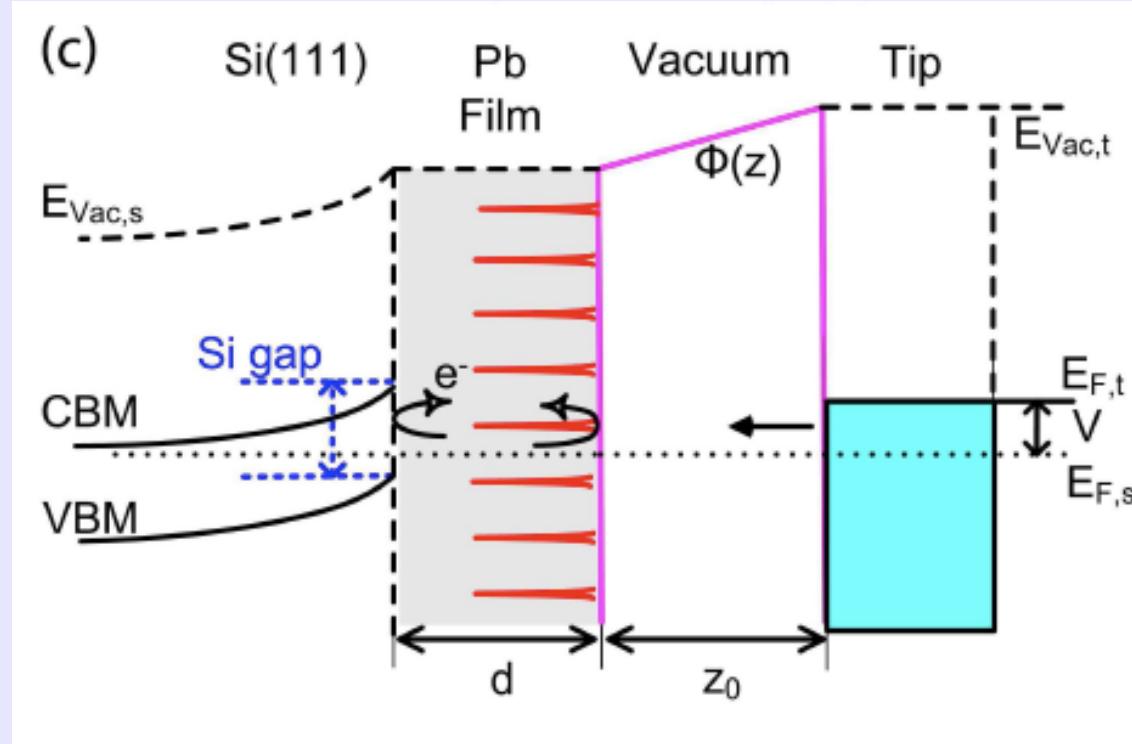


# Pb: QWS on two different Pb/Si interfaces

disordered      T=5 K      crystalline



# Schematic energy diagram of the tunnel junction



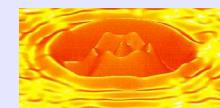
$$I_{WKB}(V) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \rho_s(\epsilon) \rho_t(\epsilon - eV) [f(\epsilon) - f(\epsilon - eV)] \times \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\hbar} \int_0^{z_0} R \left\{ \sqrt{2m[\Phi - \epsilon + (1 - \frac{z}{z_0})eV]} \right\} dz\right) \right] d\epsilon. \quad (1)$$

The non-zero conductance observed between the QWS peaks is modeled by an additional exponential term. The final fit function  $dI/dV$  is expressed as :

$$\frac{dI}{dV}(V) = \frac{dI_{WKB}(V)}{dV} + A \cdot (e^{V/b} - 1). \quad (2)$$

$$\Gamma(T, E) = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(T) + \Gamma_2(E)$$

$$\tau(T, \dot{E}) = \hbar / \Gamma(T, E)$$



# Summary

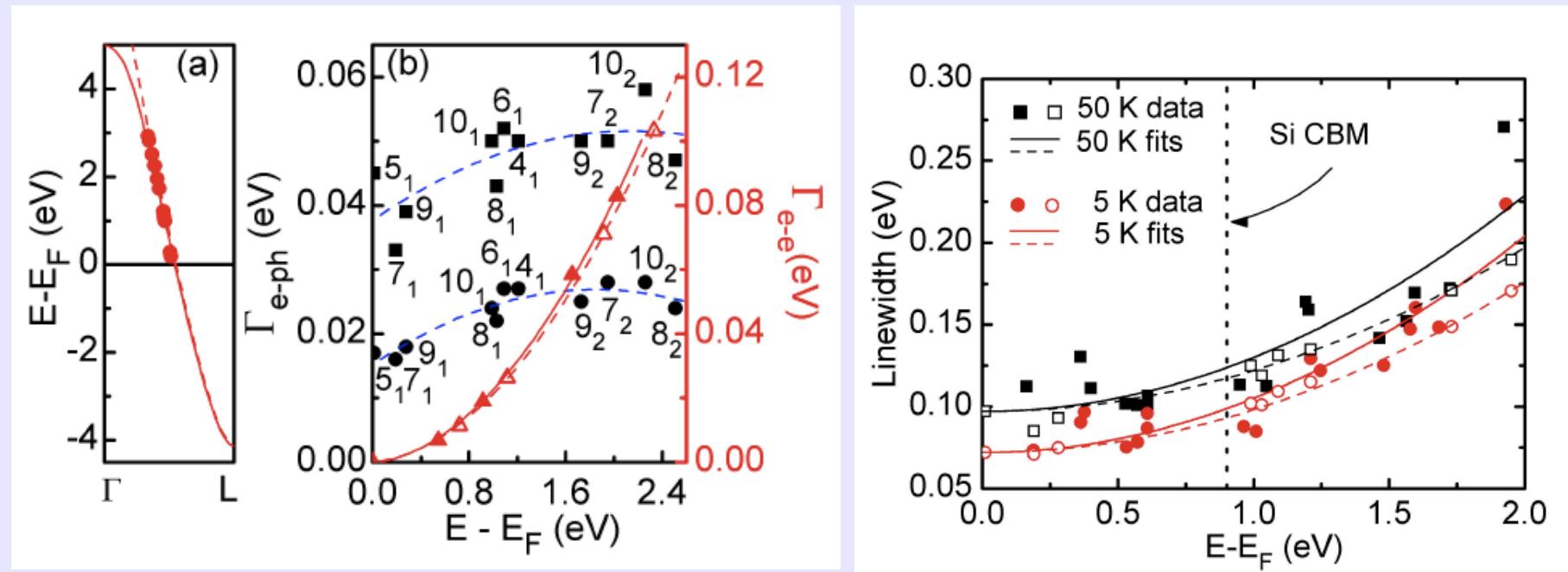
**Pb/Si(111): Study of large atomically flat single nanocrystals of atomic-layer defined thickness on two different interfaces**

**Lifetime analysis of unoccupied QWS (5-20 ML):**

- lifetime at 1 eV:  $\tau = 33 \text{ meV} (20 \text{ fs})$
- e-e interaction in agreement with 3D Fermi liquid theory:  $2\beta = 0.033 \text{ eV}^{-1}$
- average e-ph contribution similar to bulk:  $\lambda = 1.55$
- crystalline/disordered interface broadening:  $\Gamma_0 \approx 90 \text{ meV}$



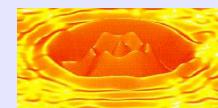
# Lifetime of QWS on the crystalline interface



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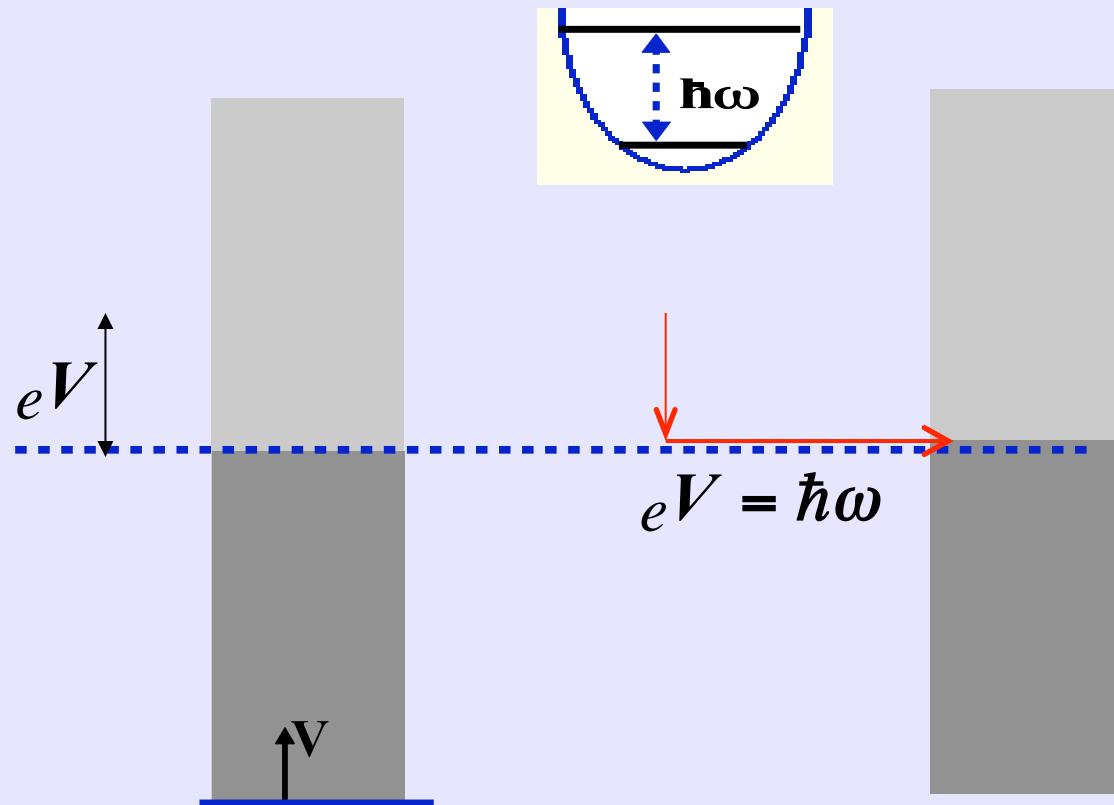
# From elastic to inelastic tunneling processes



# Inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy (I):

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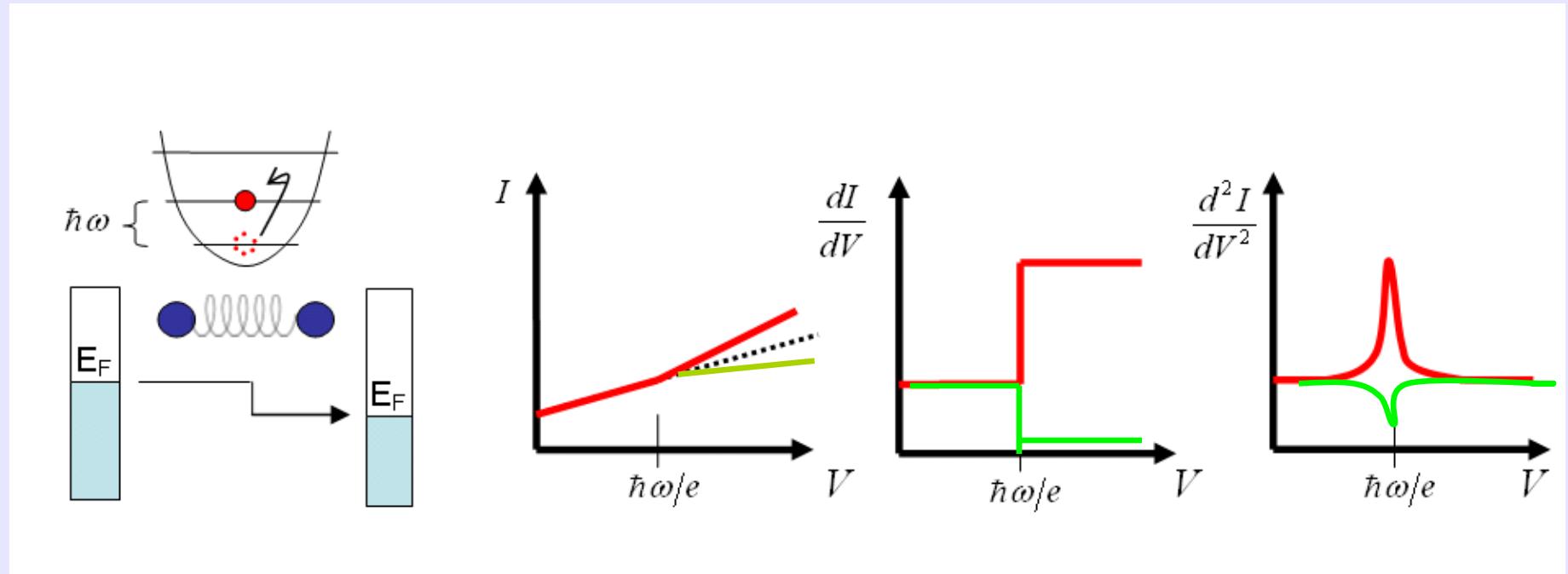
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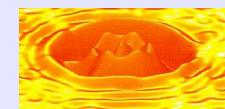


# What is typically observed

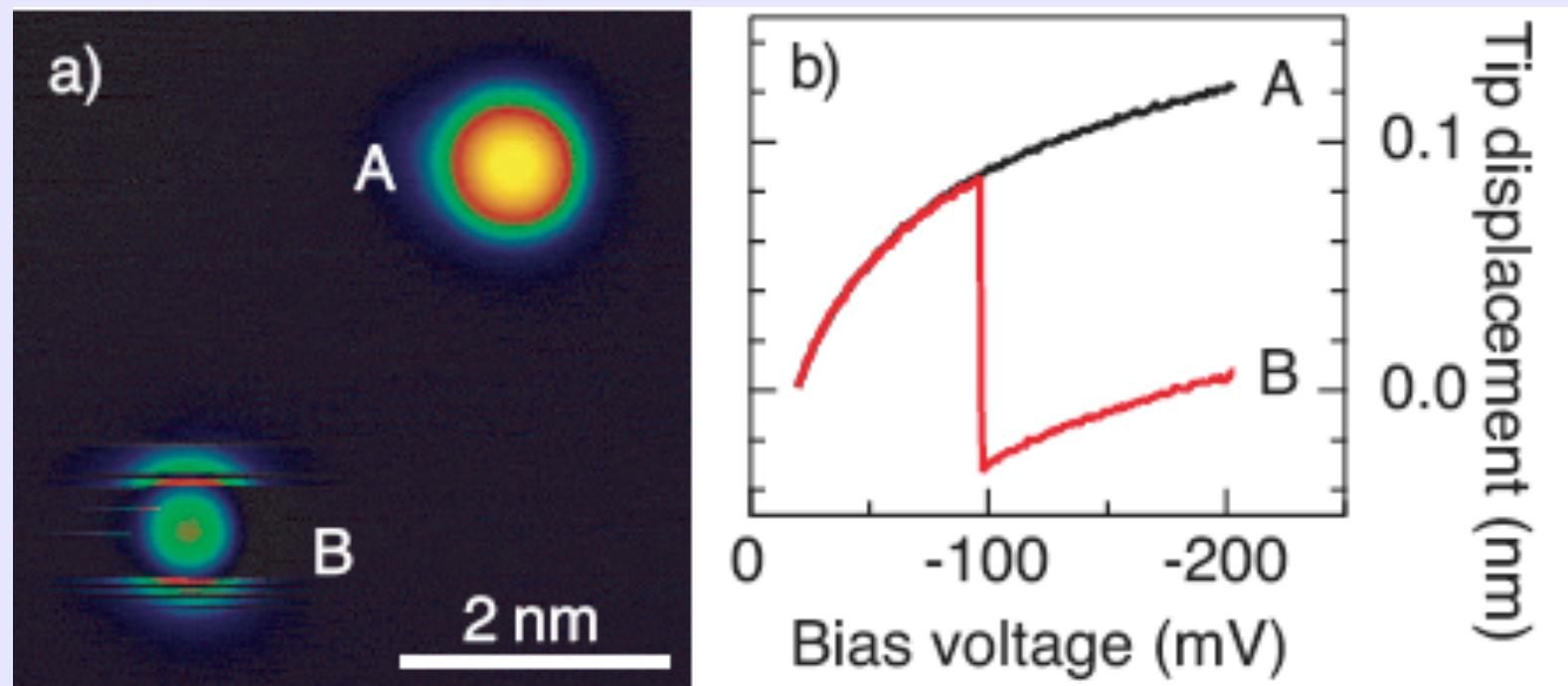


Negative signals possible too

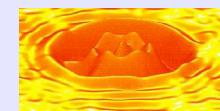
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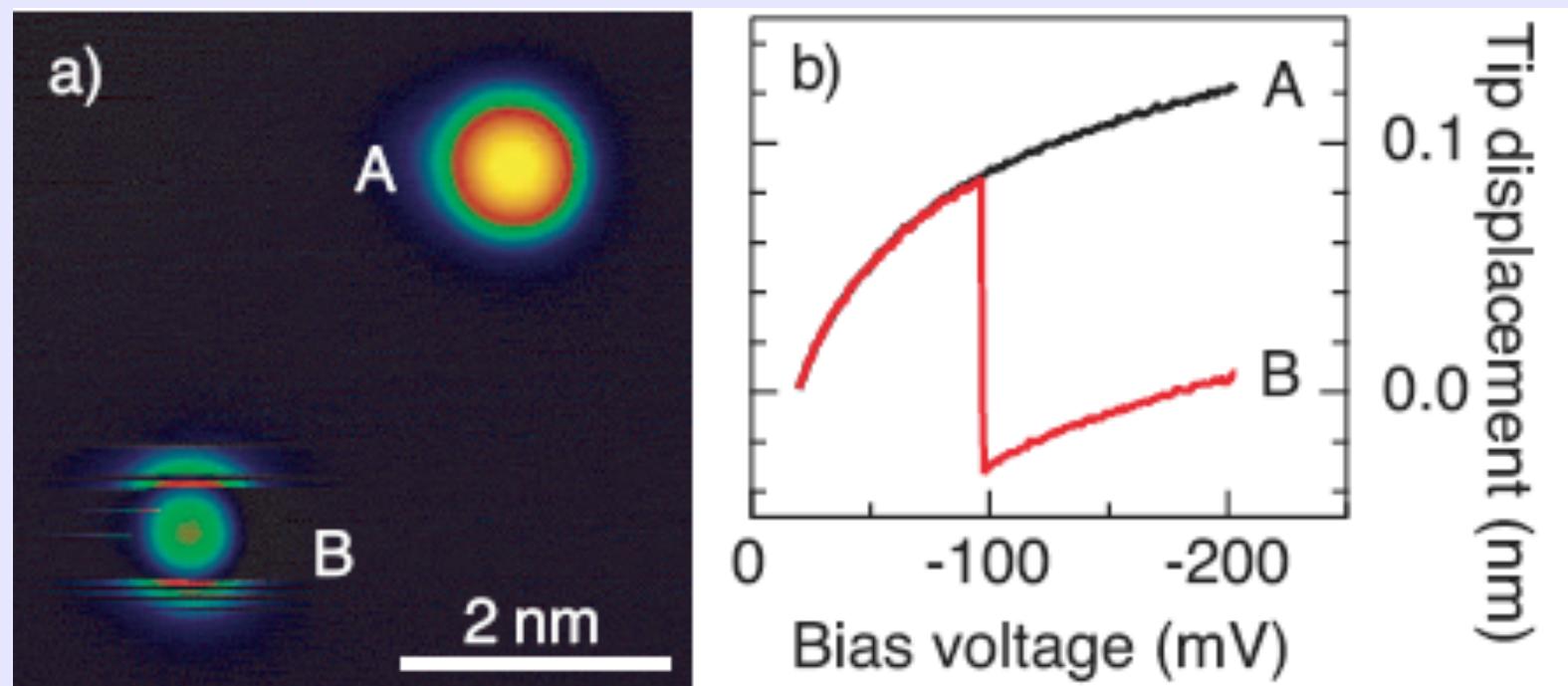
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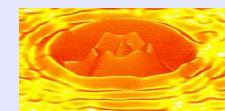
The number of switching objects increases with increasing hydrogen partial pressure:

## Coadsorption of H

### A Ce adatom and a switching CeH molecule on Ag(100)



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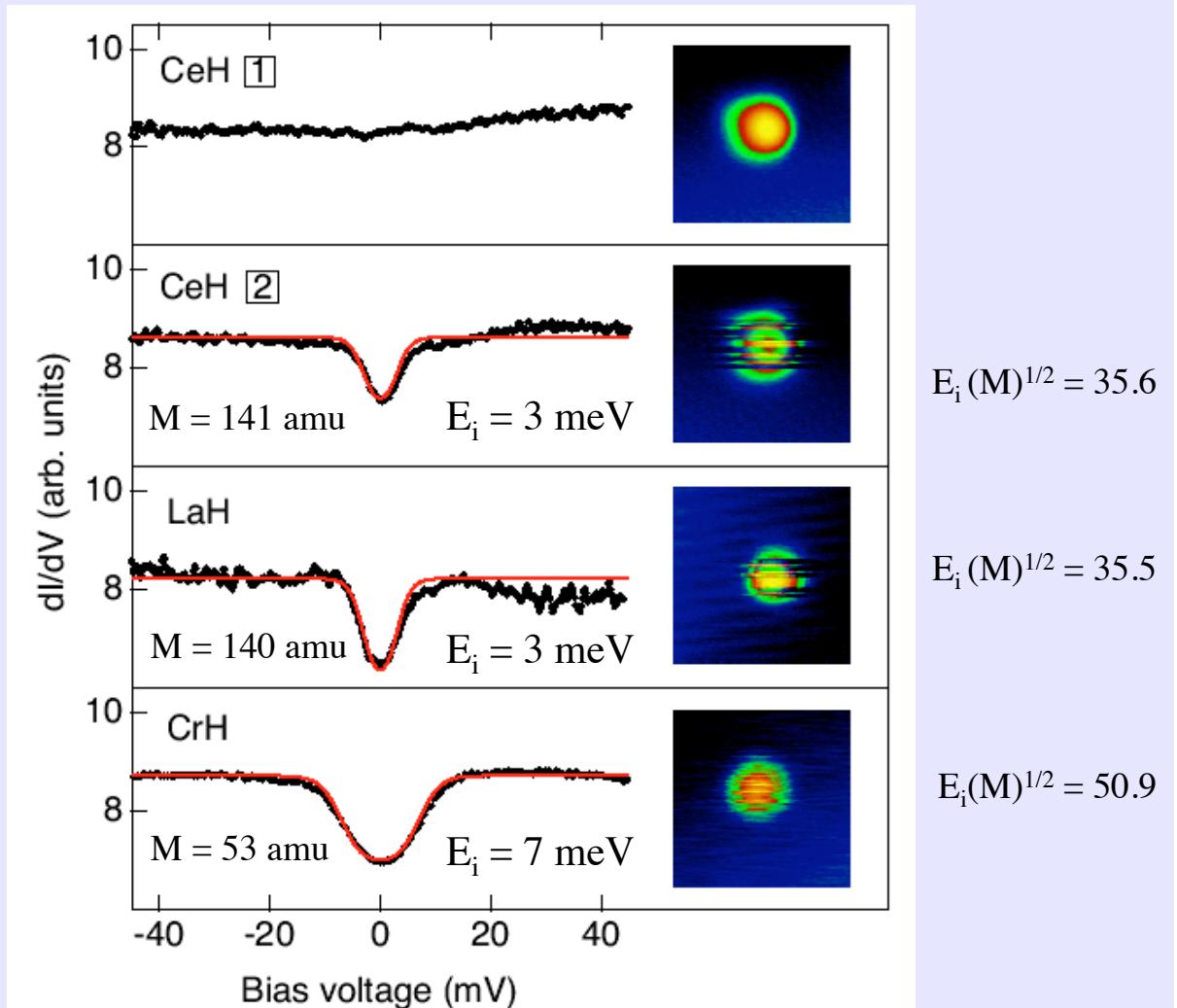


# Vibrational excitations and STM topographies

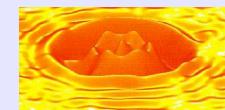
— simulation

$$\left. \frac{dI_T}{dV} \right|_{V_T} = \sigma_e + \sigma_i \left[ F\left(\frac{-eV_T + E_i}{k_B T}\right) + F\left(\frac{eV_T + E_i}{k_B T}\right) \right]$$

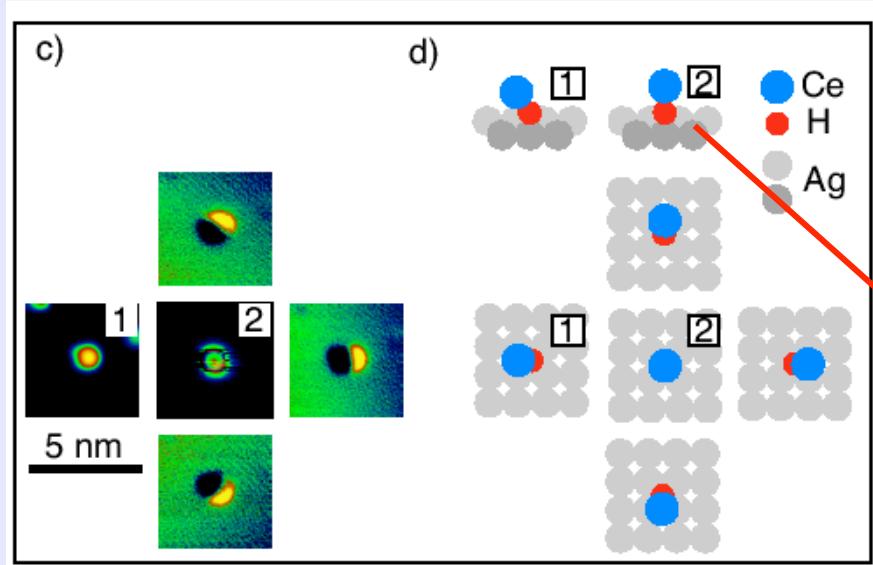
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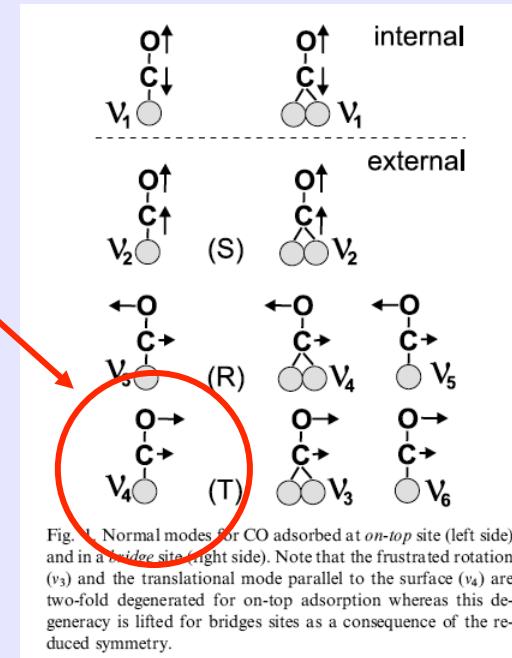


# CeH on Ag(100)



**Experiment:**  
**4 equivalent  
configurations  
for CeH  
in its  
large state**

**Ball model:**  
**CeH/Ag(100)  
in its small (2)  
and large (1)  
state**



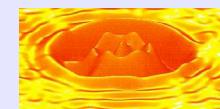
> 200 meV  
(for LaH)

← G. Witte, Surf. Sci.  
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< 5 meV

Frustrated translational mode  
parallel to the surface

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# Origin of the spectroscopic feature:

## Not a Kondo resonance:

Also present for LaH (no occupied 4f states)

## Not a spin-flip excitation:

The molecules are in direct contact with a metallic surface

(A. J. Heinrich, J. A. Gupta, C. P. Lutz, D. M. Eigler, Science **306**, 466 (2004))

## A very low-lying vibrational excitation:

### A frustrated translational mode

where the molecule vibrates parallel to the surface plane

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## Other Hydrogen induced phenomena:

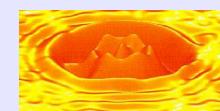
Vibrational excitations of H<sub>2</sub>: J. C. Gupta, C. P. Lutz, A. J. Heinrich, D. M. Eigler, PRB **71**, 115416 (2005)

Mobile H-atoms on Rh((100)): C. Klein, A. Eichler, E. L. D. Hebenstreit, G. Pauer, R. Koller, A. Winkler, M. Schmid, P. Varga, PRL **90**, 176101 (2003)

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Ultra-high geometrical resolution on adsorbed molecules:

R. Temirov, S. Soubatch, O. Neucheva, A. C. Lassise, F. S. Tautz, NJP **10**, 053012 (2008)



# Intermolecular interactions

dipole-dipole <sup>a</sup>	quadr.-quadr. <sup>a</sup>	vdW <sup>b</sup>	XH···Y <sup>c</sup>	XH···π <sup>d</sup>	π···π <sup>e</sup>
$\propto r^{-3}$	$\propto r^{-5}$	$\propto r^{-6}$	X-H → Y $(X\text{-H}) \perp \pi\text{-system}$	$\pi \parallel \pi\text{-system}$	

Table 3.1: Attractive intermolecular forces and the dependence of their interaction potential on the distance  $r$  or the orientation of essential parts of the molecules.

<sup>a</sup> Maximal electrostatic interaction energy between permanent dipoles and quadrupoles.

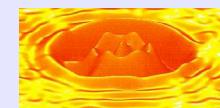
<sup>b</sup> Van der Waals interaction due to the attraction between fluctuating dipoles.

<sup>c</sup> Hydrogen bonds between an X-H group (X=F, N, O) pointing to an Y.

<sup>d</sup> Weak hydrogen bonds between an X-H group (X=N, O, C) and a  $\pi$  system.

<sup>e</sup> Interaction between  $\pi$  systems.

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# From a pentagonal supermolecule to a supramolecular decagon

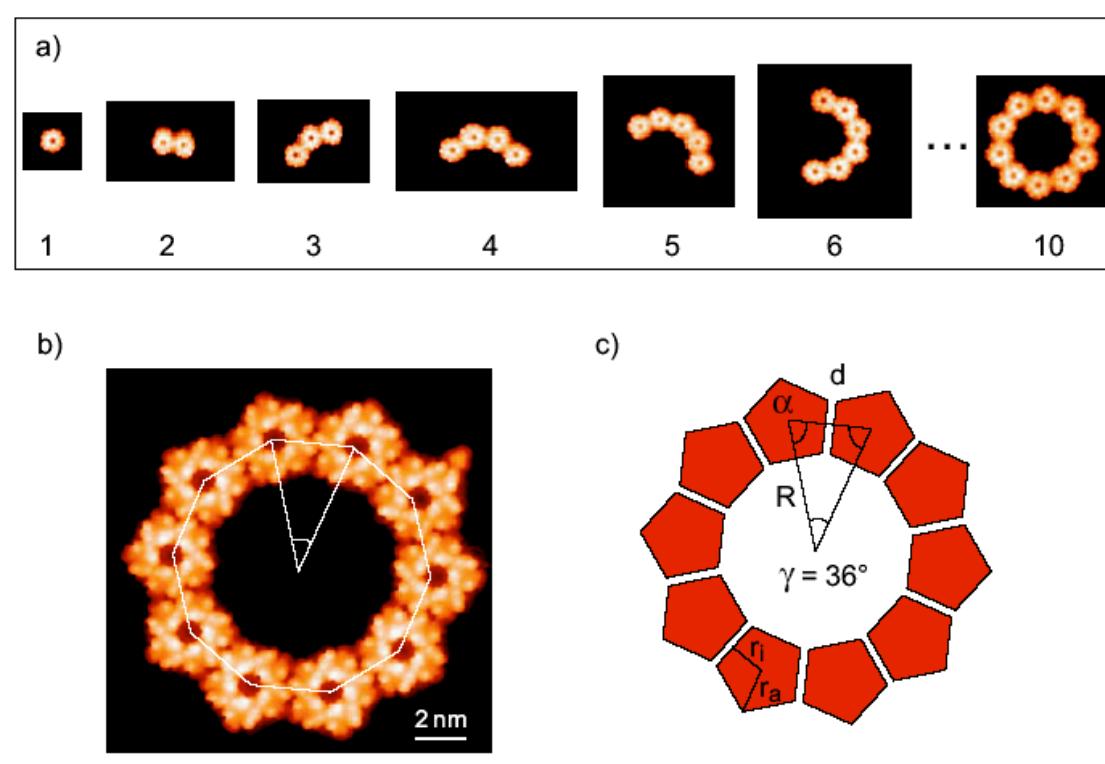
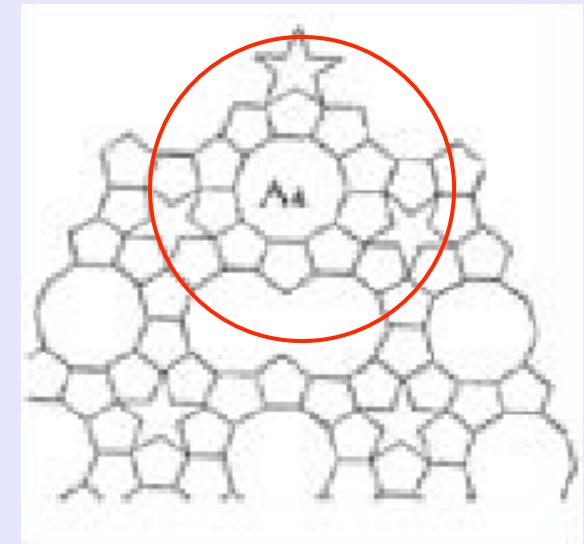


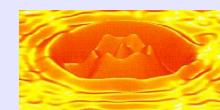
Figure 4.3: a) STM images showing the construction of a supramolecular decamer of pentagonal supermolecules. b) STM image of a closed structure forming a regular decagon (as indicated by the white line). c) Geometry of a regular decagon with  $\gamma = 36^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = 72^\circ$  and the values of the supramolecular decagon shown in (a):  $d = 3.0 \pm 0.1$  nm and  $R = 5.0 \pm 0.1$  nm.



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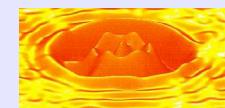


# Tunneling conductance between a normal metal and a superconductor

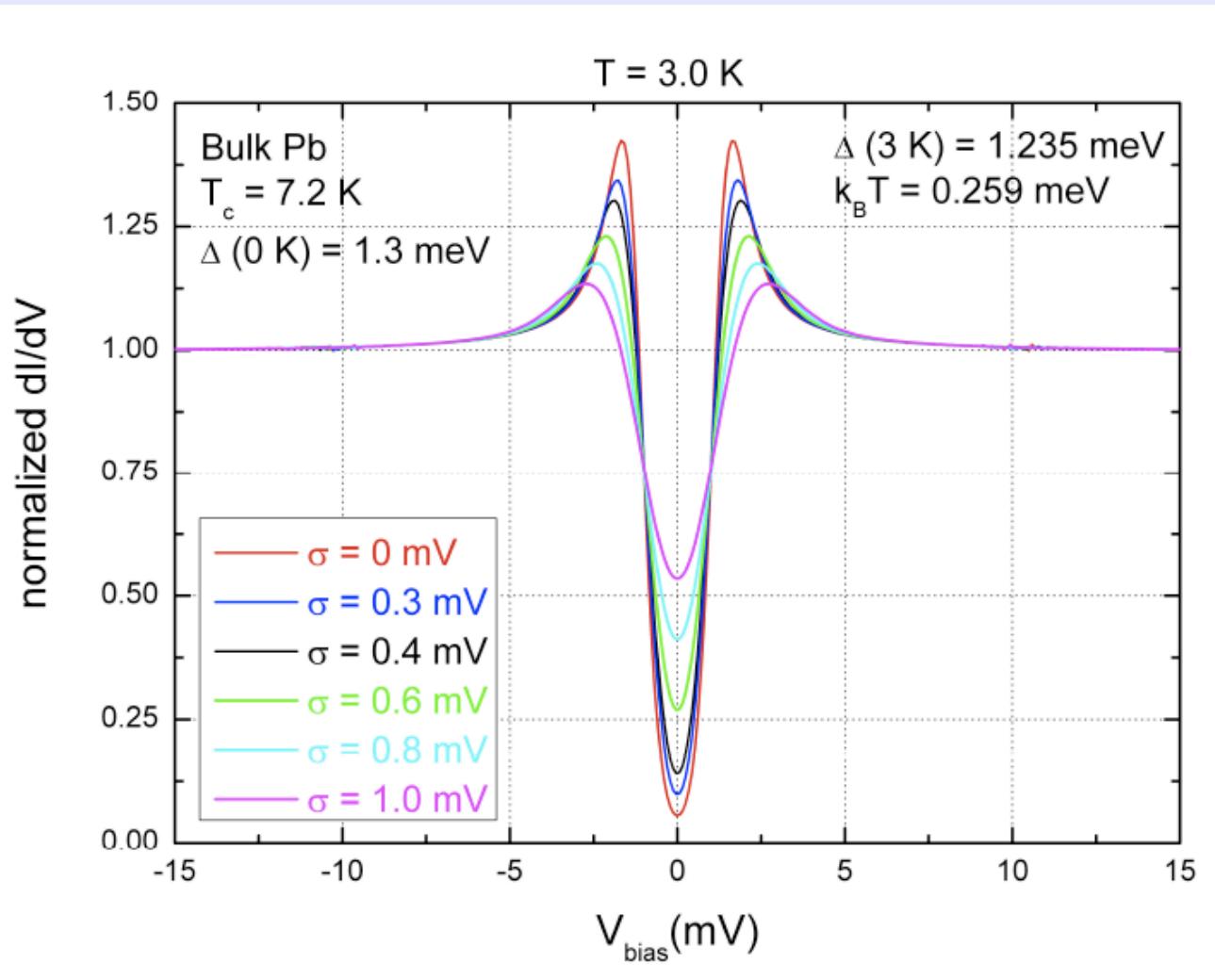
$$\frac{dI}{dV}(V) = -G_{nn} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\rho_s(\epsilon)}{N(0)} \times f'(\epsilon - eV) d\epsilon \quad (1)$$

where  $f'(\epsilon)$  is the derivative of the Fermi function,  $G_{nn}$  is the ohmic conductance of the junction, and

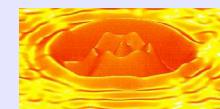
$$\frac{\rho_s(\epsilon)}{N(0)} = \frac{|\epsilon|}{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 - \Delta^2}}, \quad (2)$$



# Influence of RF noise on the quasiparticle gap

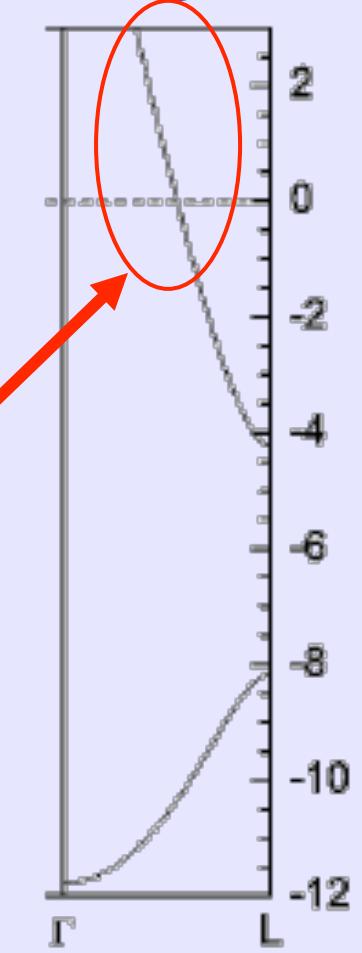
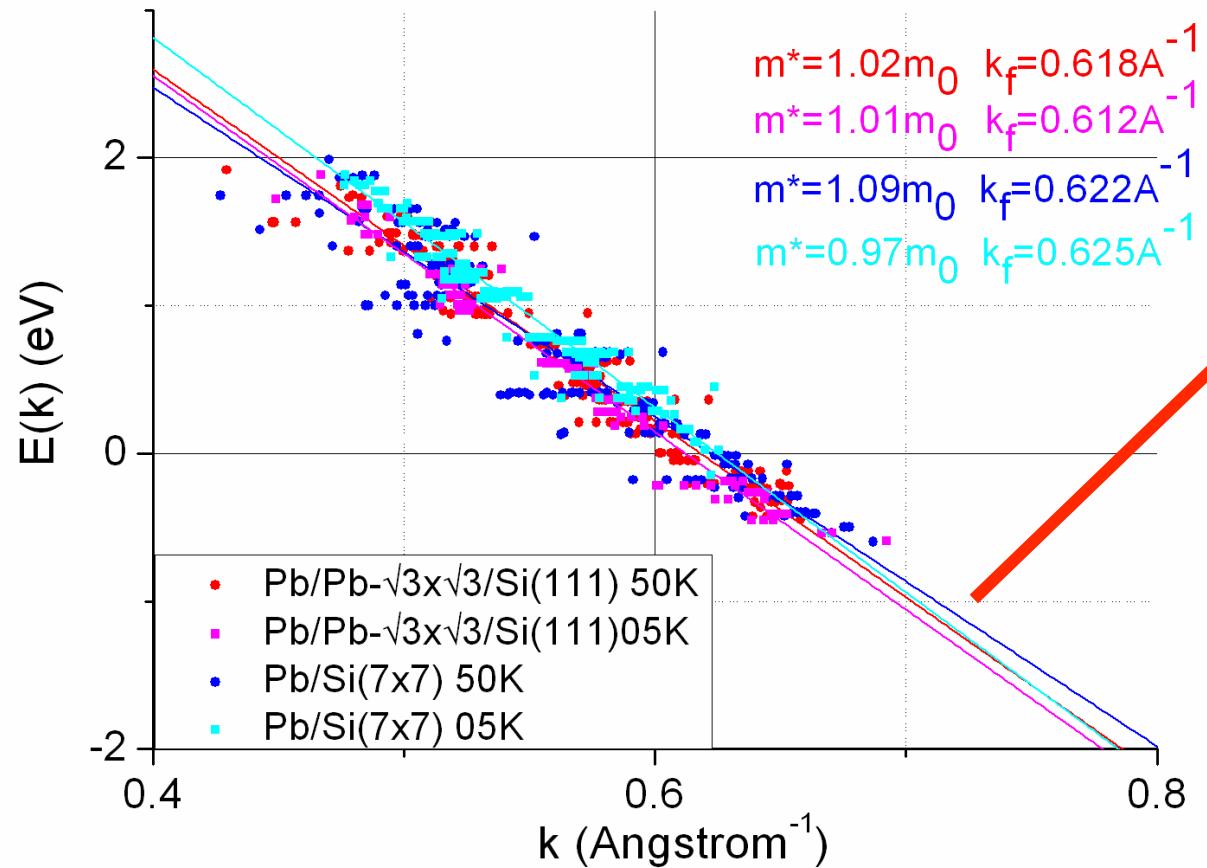


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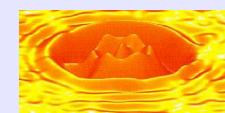


# Pb band dispersion from QWS energies

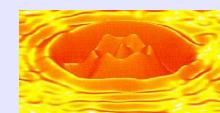
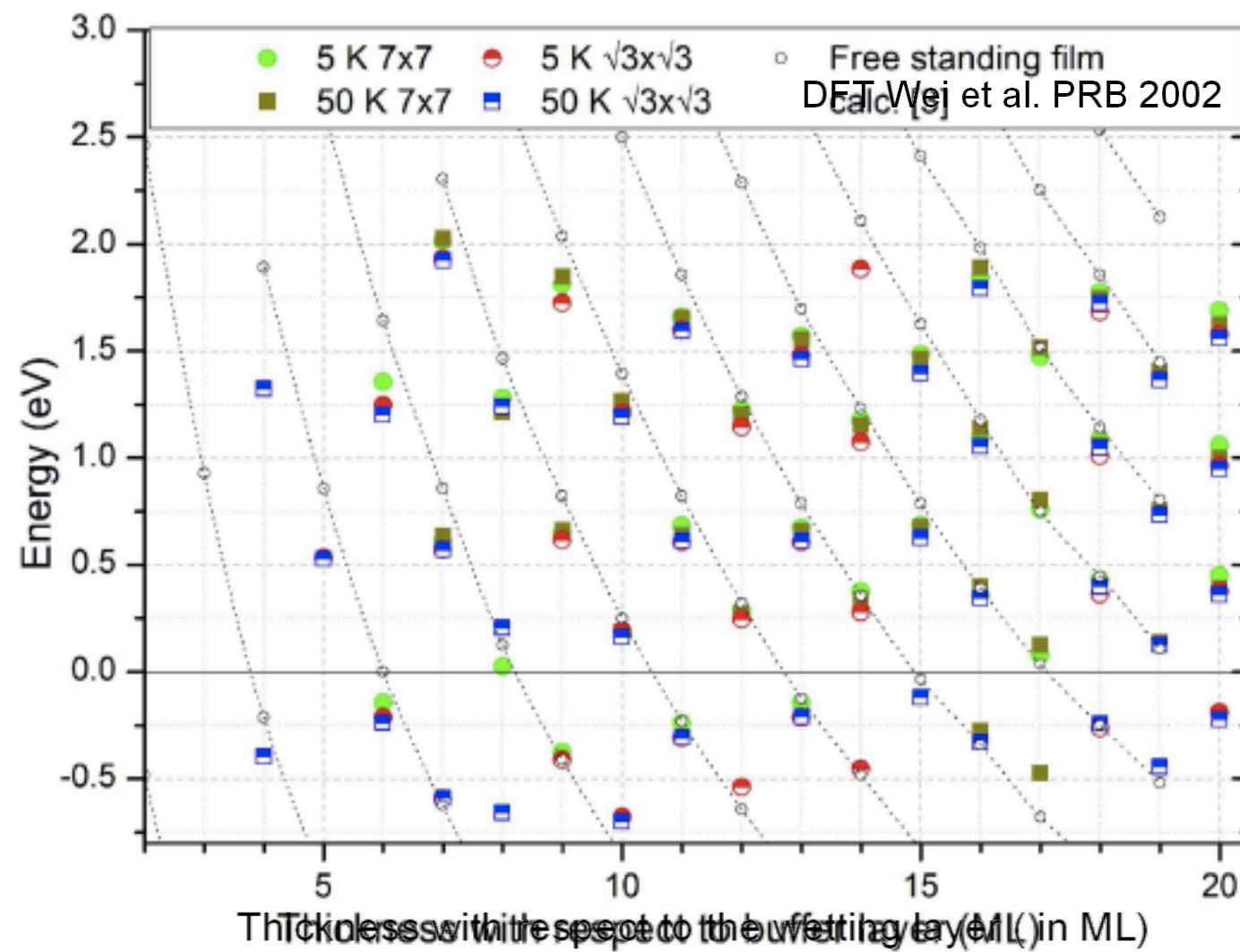
$E(k)$  determined by STS at 50K and 5K along  $\Gamma L$

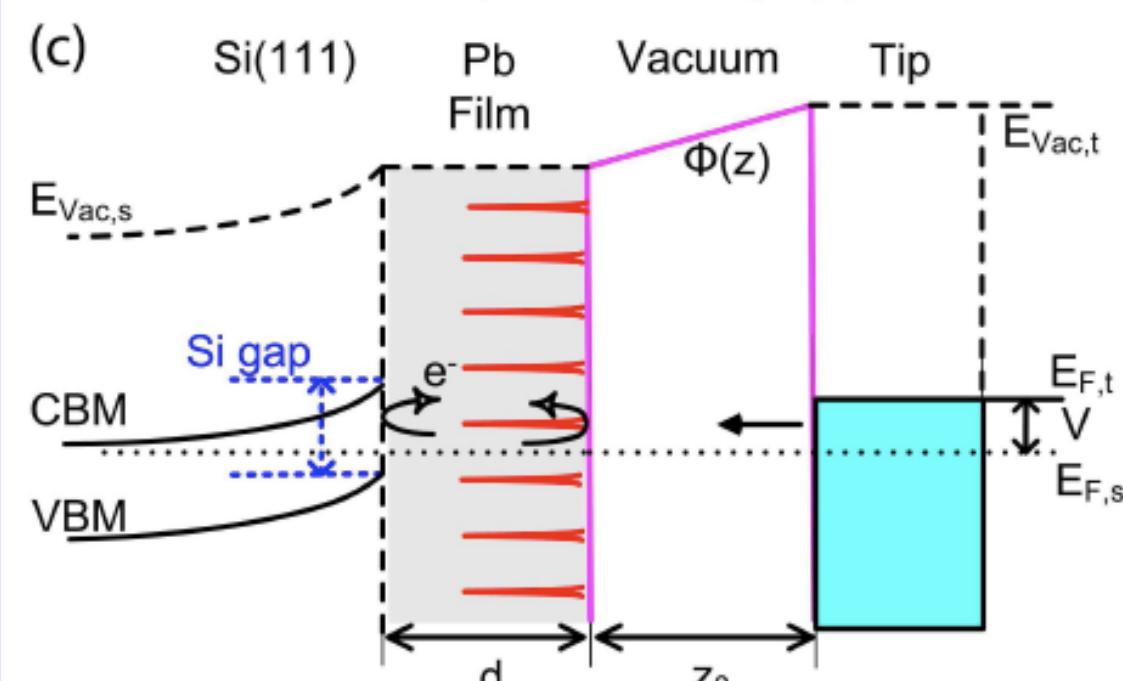


Very good agreement with ARPES (Zhang *et al.* PRL 2005) and De Haas-Van Alphen measurements (Anderson *et al.* PR 1965, Jalochowski *et al.* PRB 1992)



# QWS in Pb/Si(111): Comparison Experiment - Theory





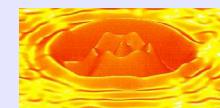
$$I_{WKB}(V) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \rho_s(\epsilon) \rho_t(\epsilon - eV) [f(\epsilon) - f(\epsilon - eV)] \times \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\hbar} \int_0^{z_0} \text{Re}\left\{\sqrt{2m[\Phi - \epsilon + (1 - \frac{z}{z_0})eV]}\right\} dz\right) \right] d\epsilon. \quad (1)$$

The non-zero conductance observed between the QWS peaks is modeled by an additional exponential term. The final fit function  $dI/dV$  is expressed as :

$$\frac{dI}{dV}(V) = \frac{dI_{WKB}(V)}{dV} + A \cdot (e^{V/b} - 1). \quad (2)$$

$$\Gamma(T, E) = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(T) + \Gamma_2(E)$$

$$\tau(T, \dot{E}) = \hbar / \Gamma(T, E)$$



The intrinsic linewidth  $\Gamma$  is obtained from the fitted linewidth  $W$  as follows [23] :J. J. Paggel et al., Science **283**, 1709 (1999)

$$W = \Gamma\eta \frac{1 - R\exp(-1/\eta)}{R^{1/2}\exp[-1/(2\eta)]}, \text{ with } \eta = \frac{\ell}{d}. \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(T, E) &= \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(T) + \Gamma_2(E), \\ \text{with } \Gamma_2(E) &= 2\beta(E - E_F)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

with  $d$  the film thickness,  $R$  the reflectivity of the barriers for the confined electrons,  $\ell$  the mean free path of the electron

T : temperature

E : energy

$\Gamma_0$ :interface and defect scattering,  
k-broadening

$\Gamma_1$ : electron-phonon interaction

$\Gamma_2$ : electron-electron interaction

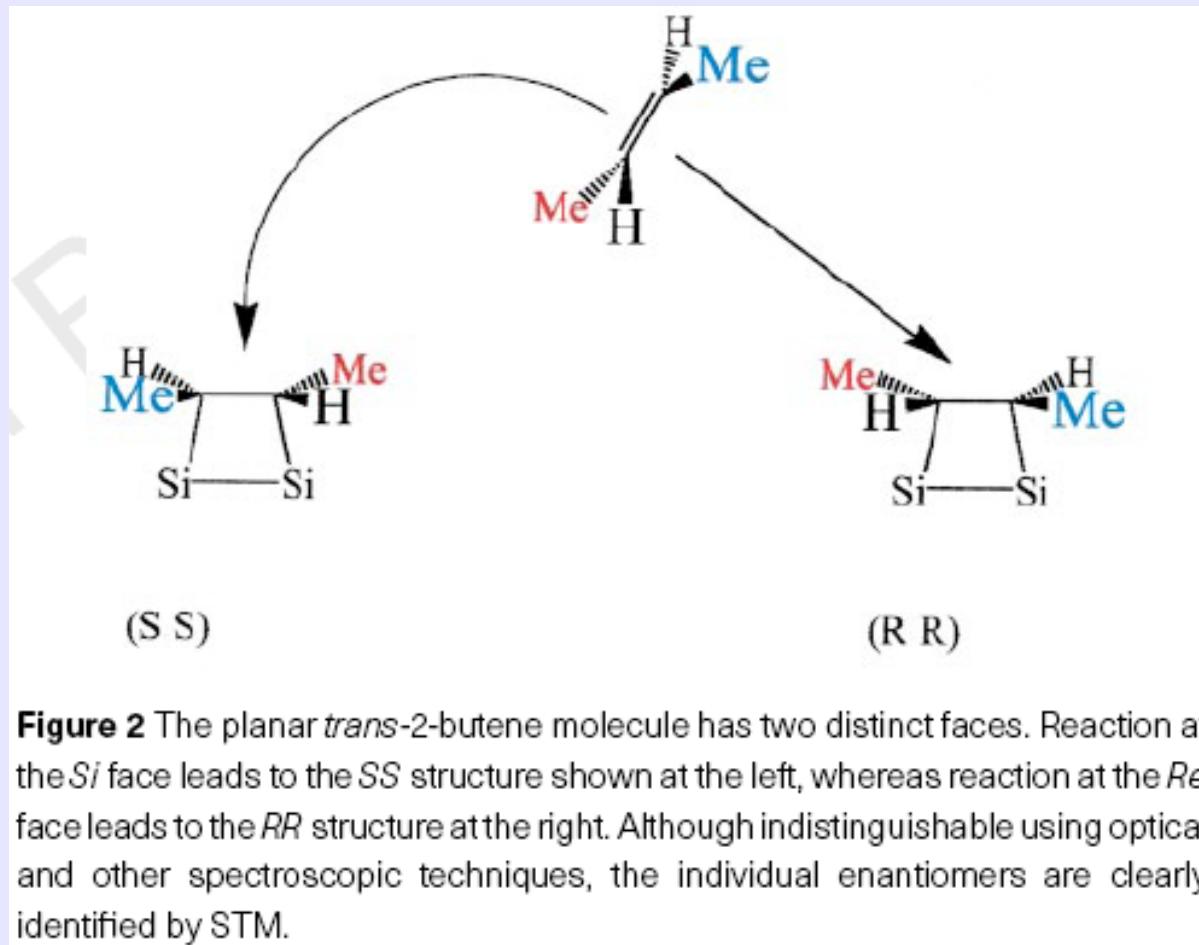
$2\beta$ :parabolic Fermi liquid parameter

The total quasiparticle lifetime  
is given by

$$\tau = h/(2\pi\Gamma)$$

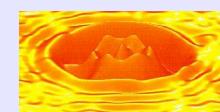


# STM probes enantio-selective processes at surfaces at the single-molecule level



**Figure 2** The planar *trans*-2-butene molecule has two distinct faces. Reaction at the *Si* face leads to the *SS* structure shown at the left, whereas reaction at the *Re* face leads to the *RR* structure at the right. Although indistinguishable using optical and other spectroscopic techniques, the individual enantiomers are clearly identified by STM.

G. P. Lopinski, D. J. Moffat, D. D. M. Wayner, R. A. Wolkow, Nature **392**, 909 (1998)



# Theory

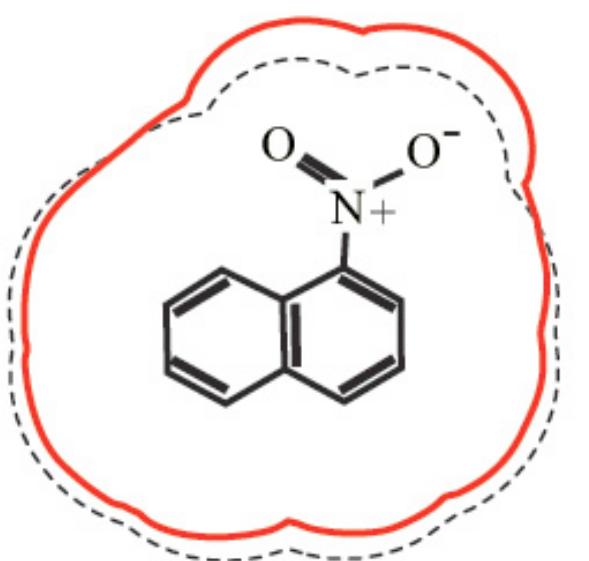
- ❑ Assumptions:

- ✓ molecules are planar rigid units
- ✓ physisorbed at 0.35 nm parallel to surface
- ✓ steric repulsion
- ✓ electrostatic interaction screened by metallic substrate
- ✓ neglect atomistic detail of the substrate

- ❑ ab-initio electrostatic potential from Density Functional Calculation

- ✓ atomic point charges which best fit potential outside exclusion area

- ❑ Molecular Dynamics



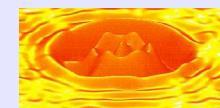
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(1-NN)**



# Conclusions

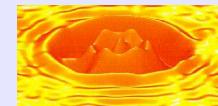
STM observations and modeling →

- Stability, chirality, and arrangement of 2D self-assembled supramolecular structures
- Chirality of single molecules and decamers



# **Conservation of chirality in a hierarchical supramolecular self-assembly of pentagonal symmetry: Rubrene on Au(111)**

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# Non-planar, chiral adsorption of Rubrene on Au(111)

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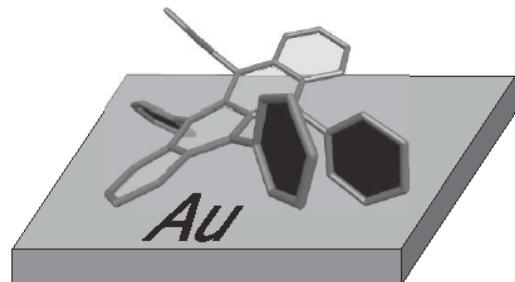
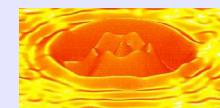


FIG. 4. Schematic representation of the molecular orientation and geometry of rubrene in the thin films grown on gold.

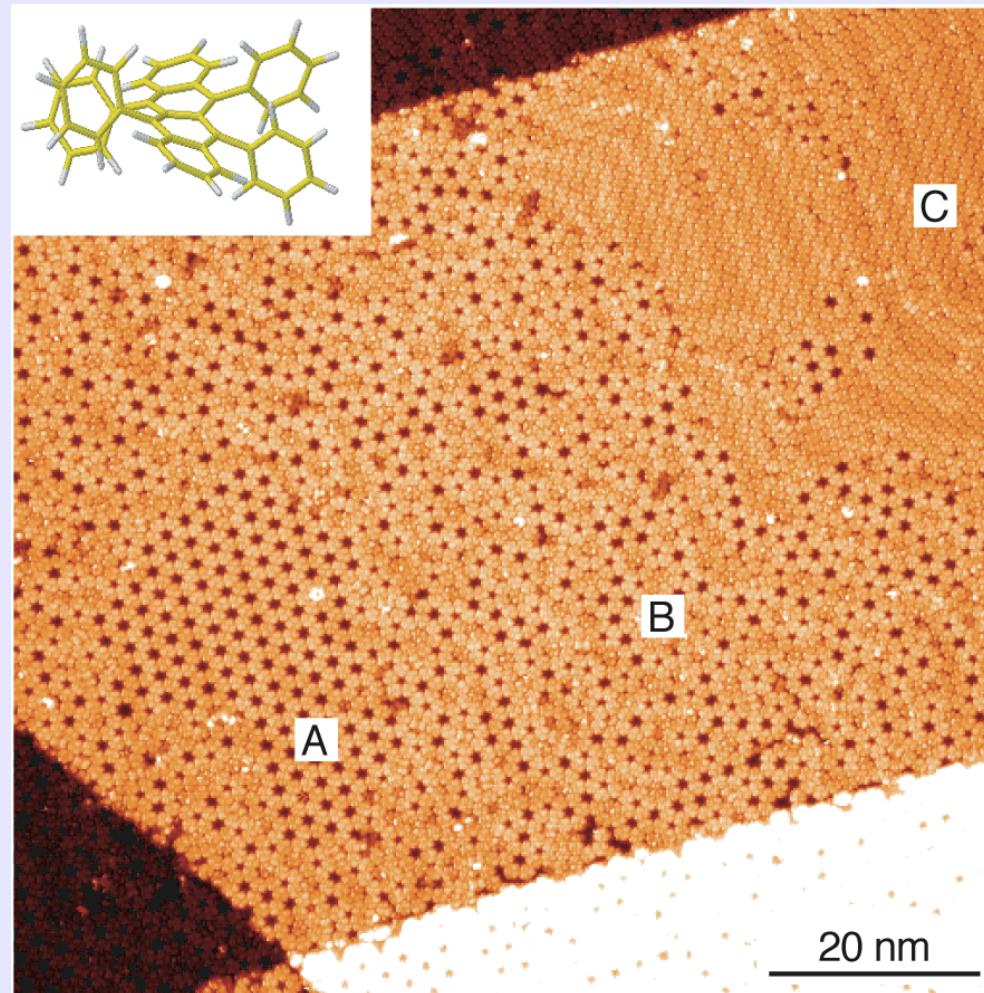


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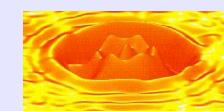


# Rubrene on Au(111)

Domains with different densities and degrees of order

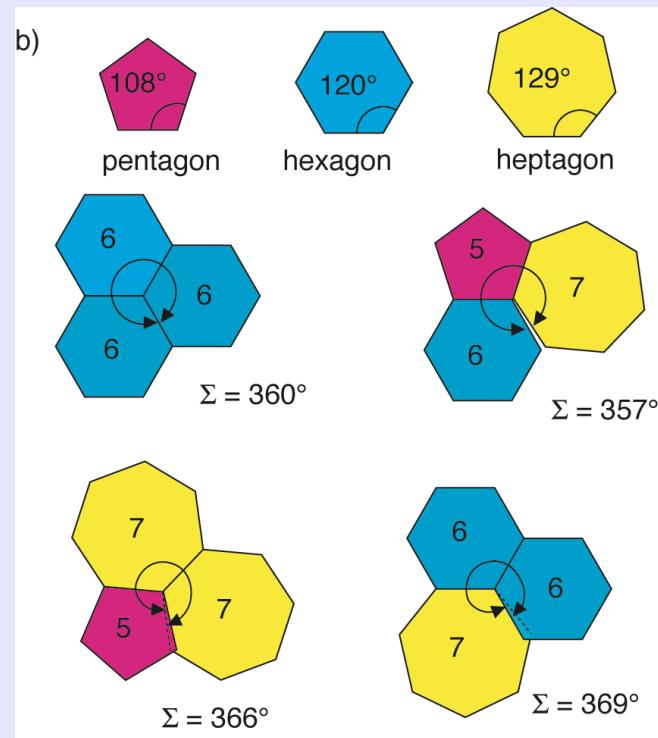
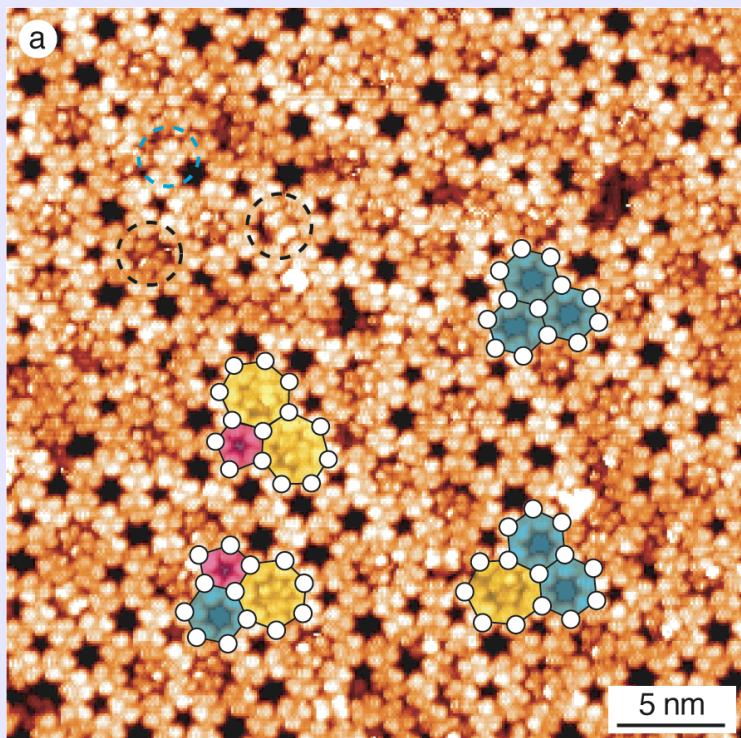


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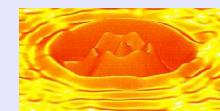


## 2D non-periodic tiling with pentagons, hexagons, and filled heptagons.

Schematic representation of the assembly of pentagons, hexagons, and heptagons, resulting in three configurations close to the case of an ideal honeycomb arrangement

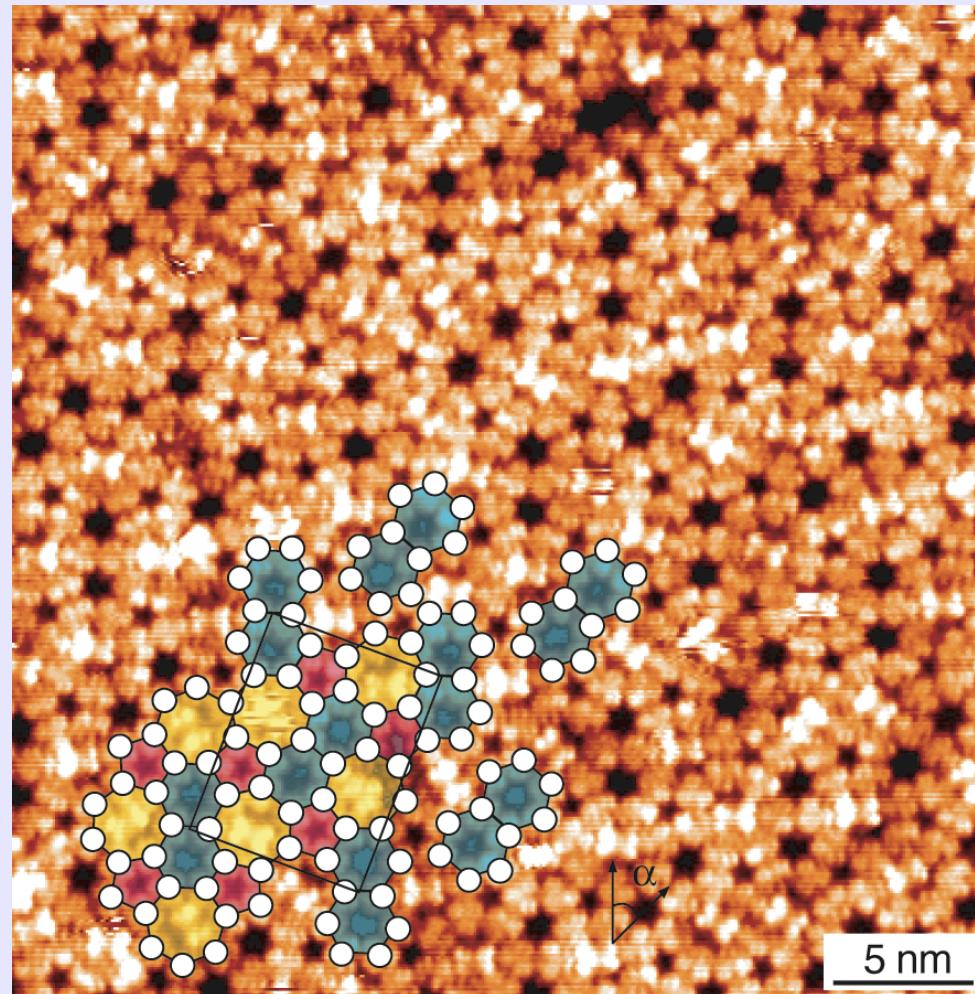


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A possible  
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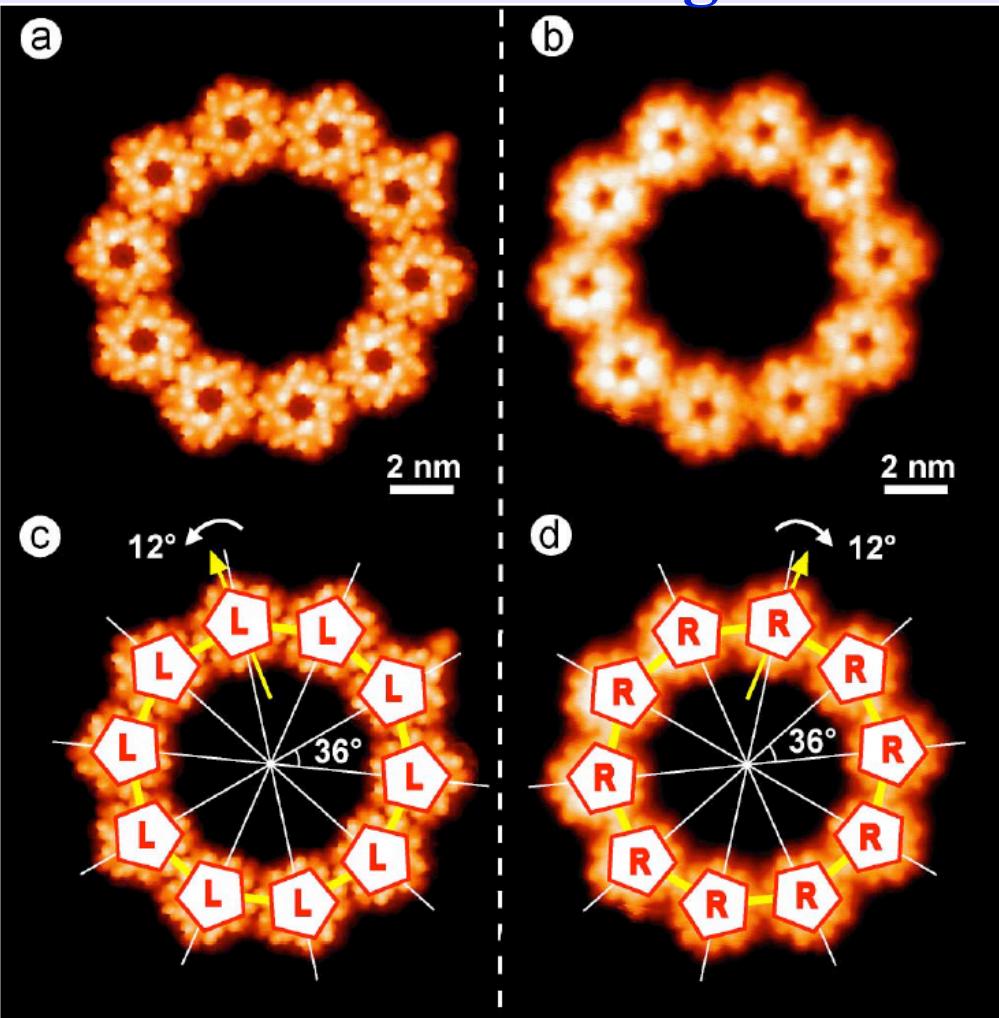


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**Left-handed**

**Right-handed**



**Rubrene on Au(111):**

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# Docking sites and supramolecular chains

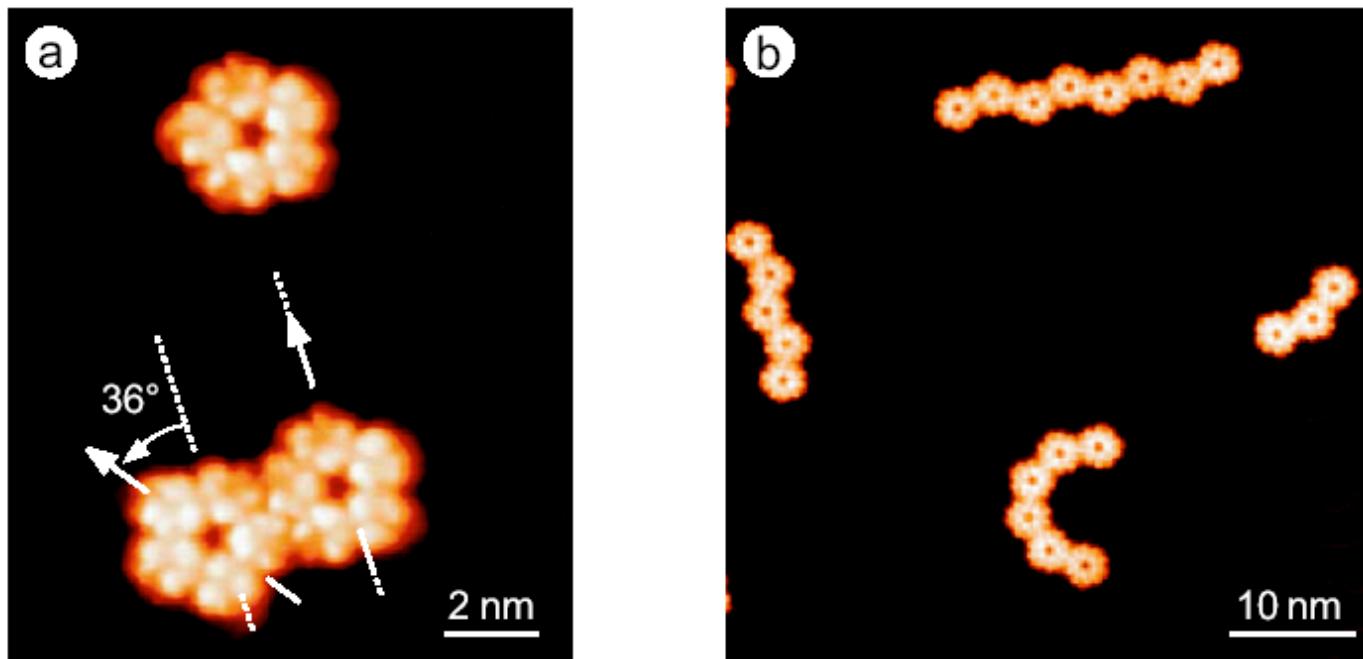


Figure 4.1: a) STM image of an individual pentagonal supermolecule and a dimer of pentagons which is formed by a rotation of  $36^\circ$  of one of the supermolecules with respect to the other. b) STM image showing different results of a self-assembly into pentagonal chains.

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# Schematic representation of the interlocking mechanism leading to a supramolecular decagon.

Probability:  $(1/2)^7 \approx 1\%$

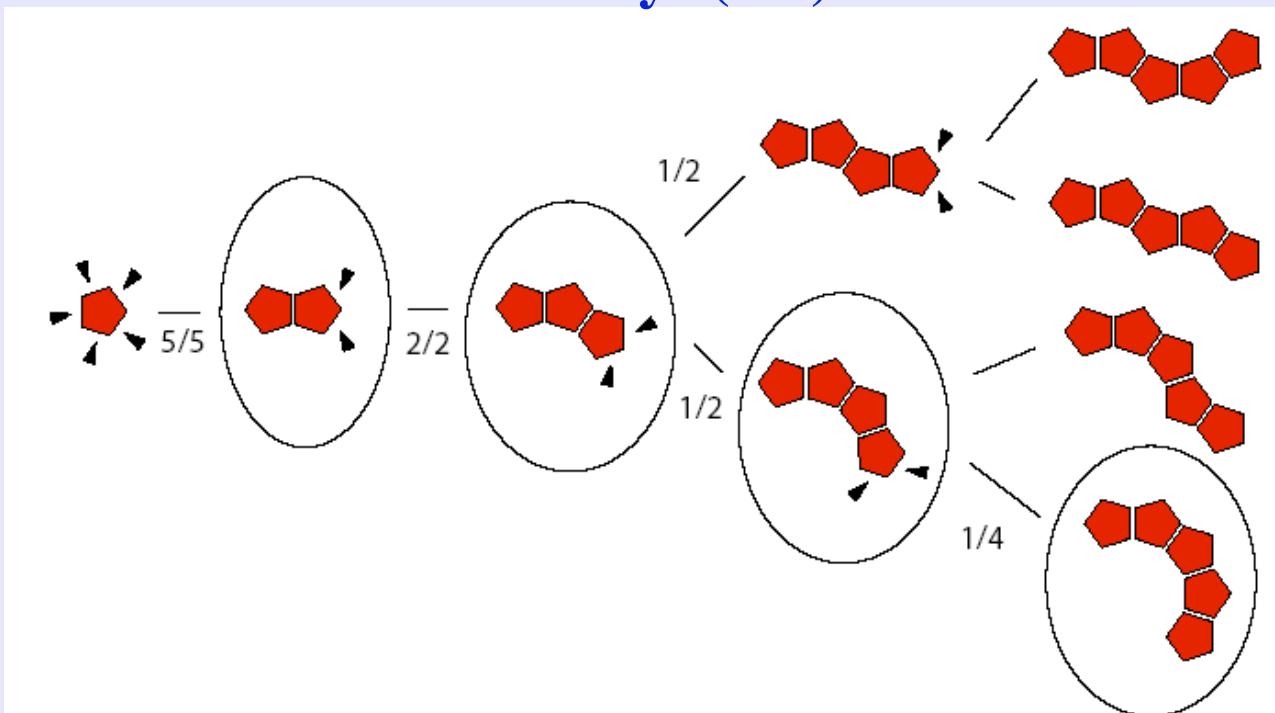
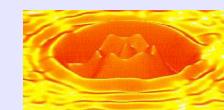


Figure 4.2: Schematic representation of the interlocking mechanism leading to the formation of differently shaped pentagonal chains. From the second pentagon on, each pentagon at the end of the chain offers two possible bonding sites (indicated by the black triangles) for an additional supermolecule. The choice between two possibilities results in a branching of the assembly from the tetramer on, favoring the creation of zigzag chains compared to the circular assembly.

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# Chirality on the Nanoscale: Rubrene

STM observations →

- Nested 2D self-assembly of chiral molecules into cyclic supramolecular structures
- Spontaneous chiral resolution of a racemate into disjoint homochiral architectures
- Evolution of chiral recognition processes on the molecular and supramolecular level
- Exemplification of the working principle of basic processes in nature



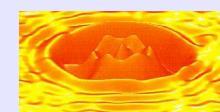
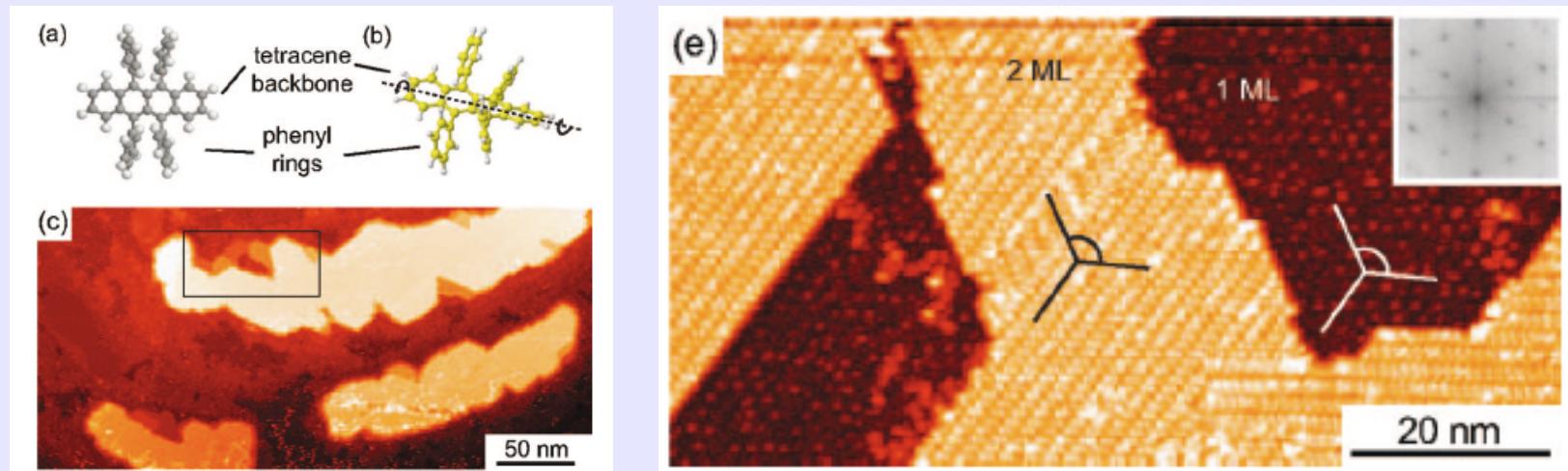
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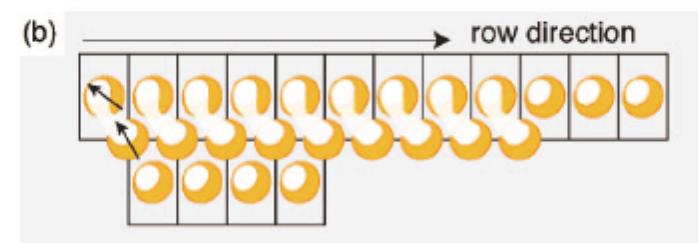
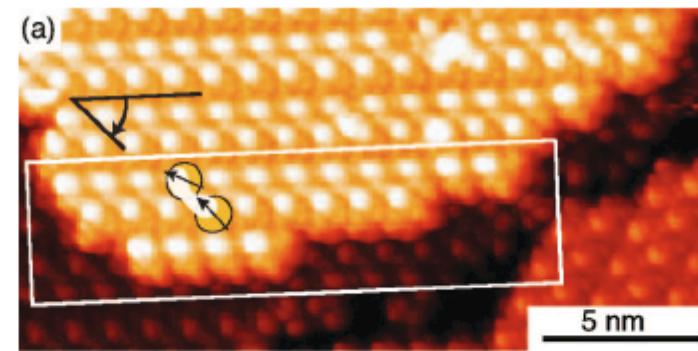
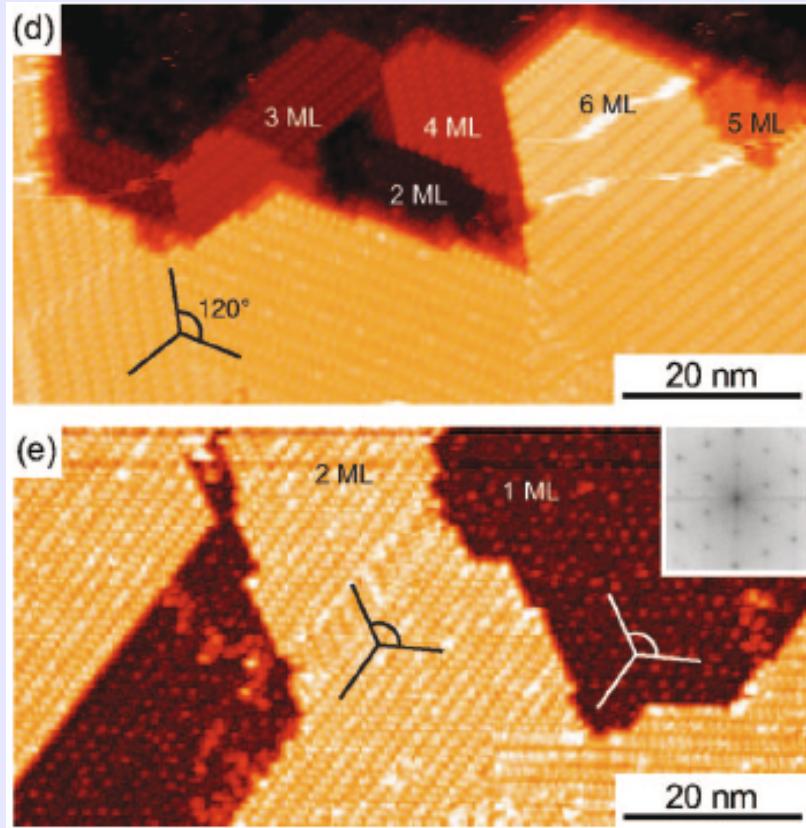
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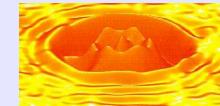
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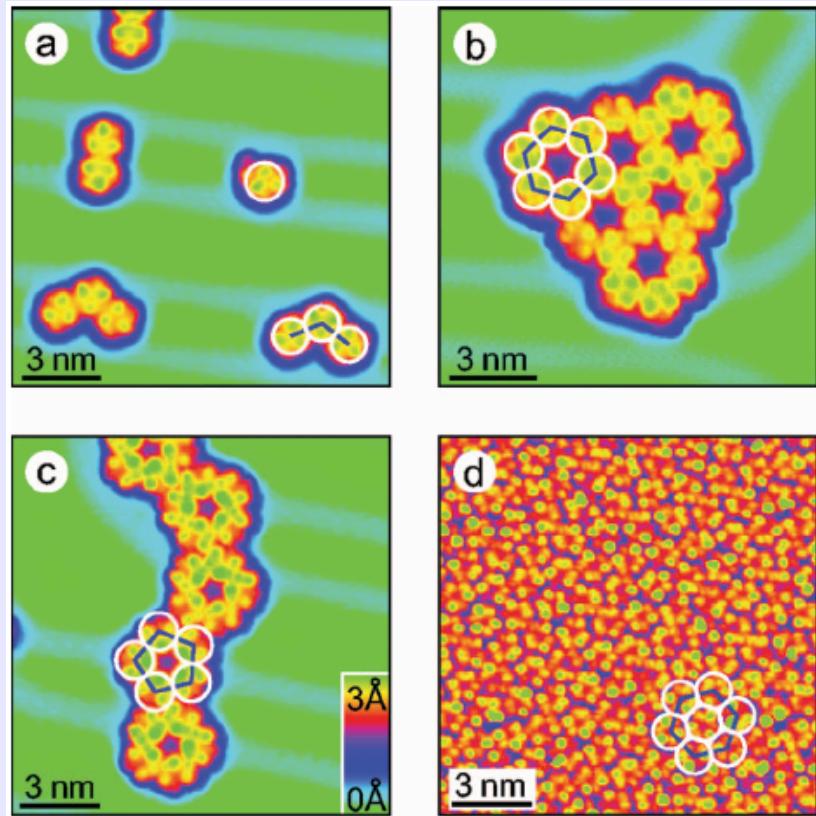


**Figure 2.** (a) STM image ( $22 \text{ nm} \times 11 \text{ nm}$ ) showing the detail of the twin-row structure and a layer edge. Different layers and domain orientations are visible. (b) Model reproducing the region of the uppermost layer of the island delimited by a white rectangle in a, sketched using the unit cell described in Figure 3b. A model of a molecular pair is superimposed on the STM data shown in a.

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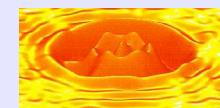


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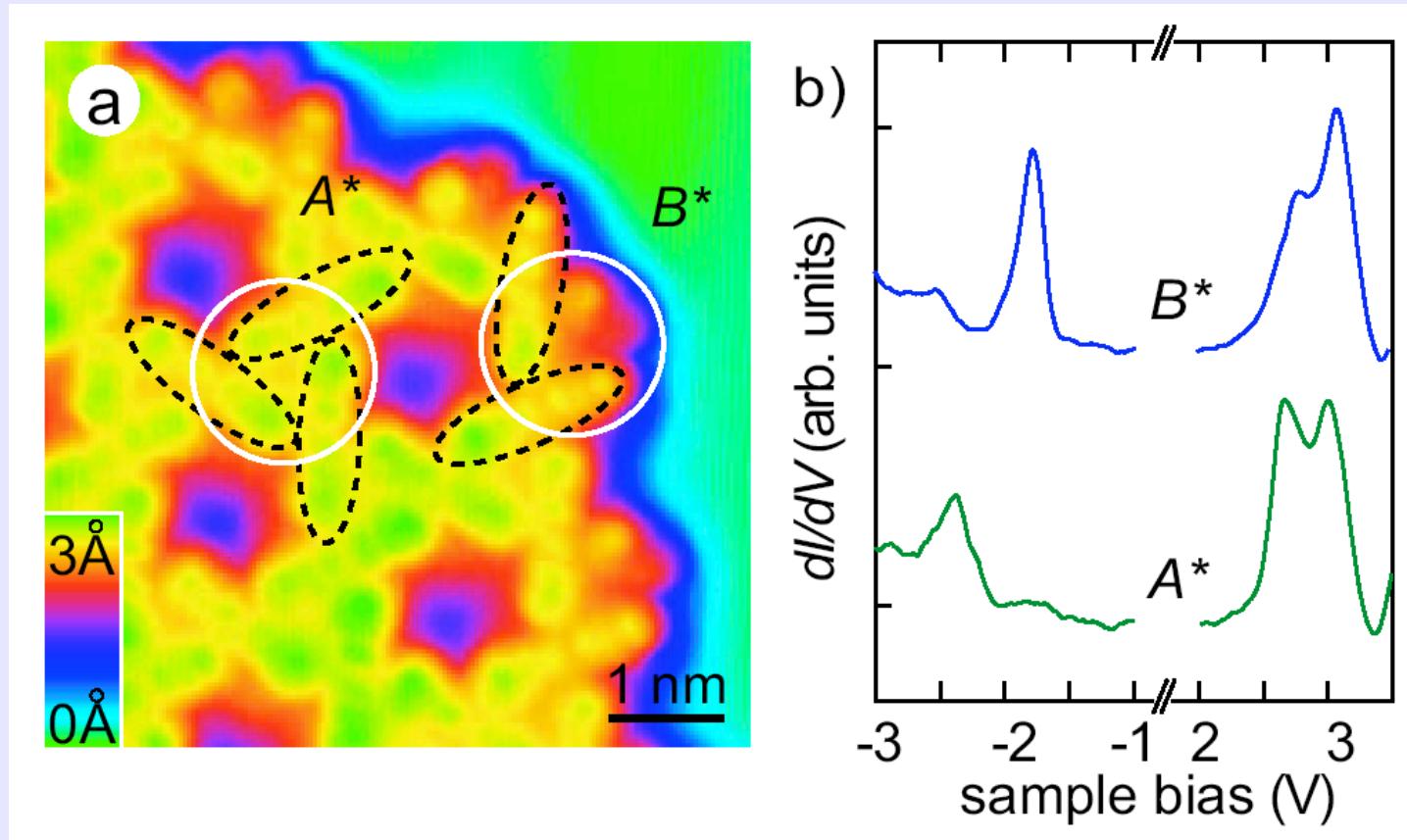


Different adsorption conformations for molecules in different structures

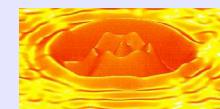
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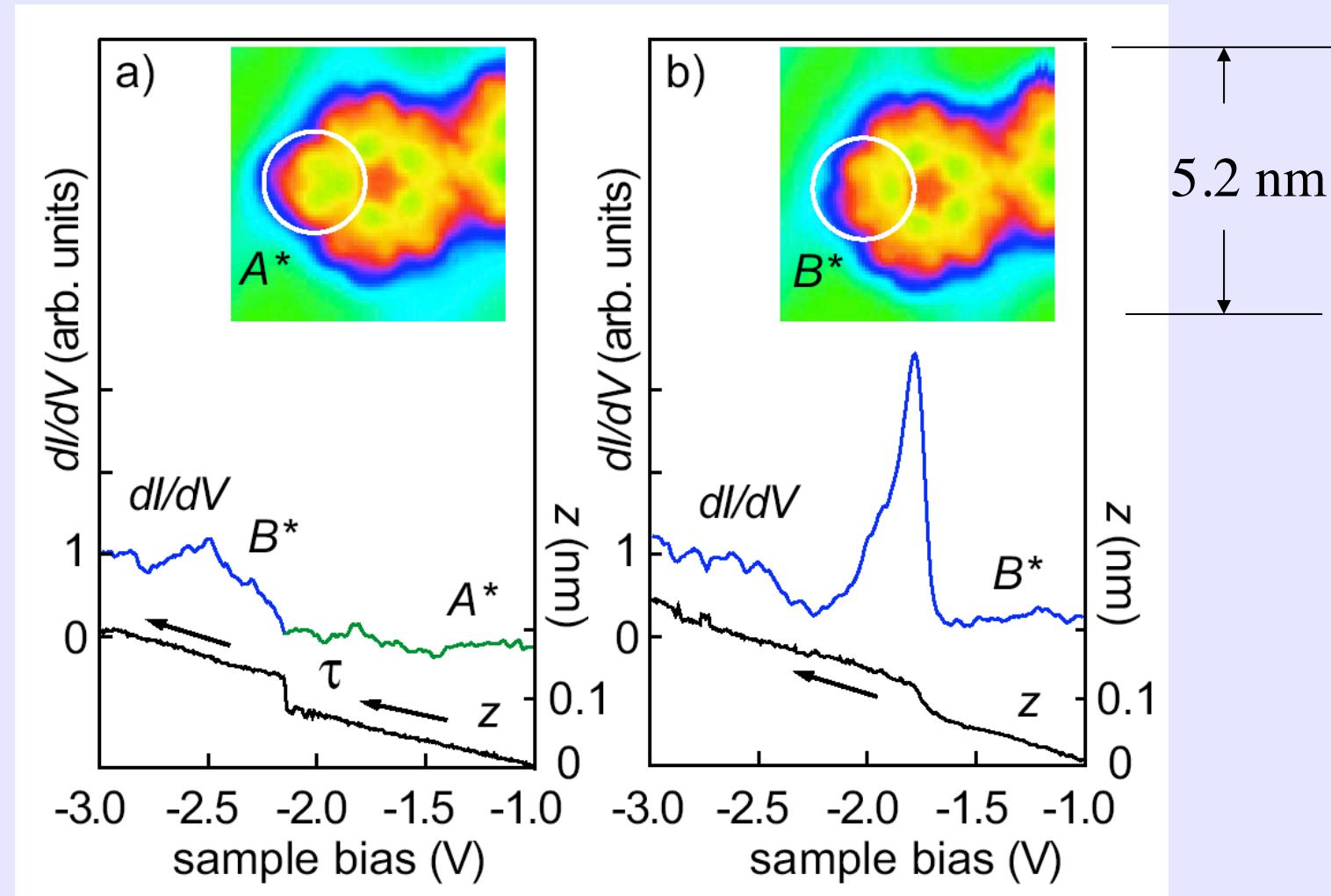
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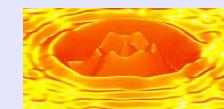
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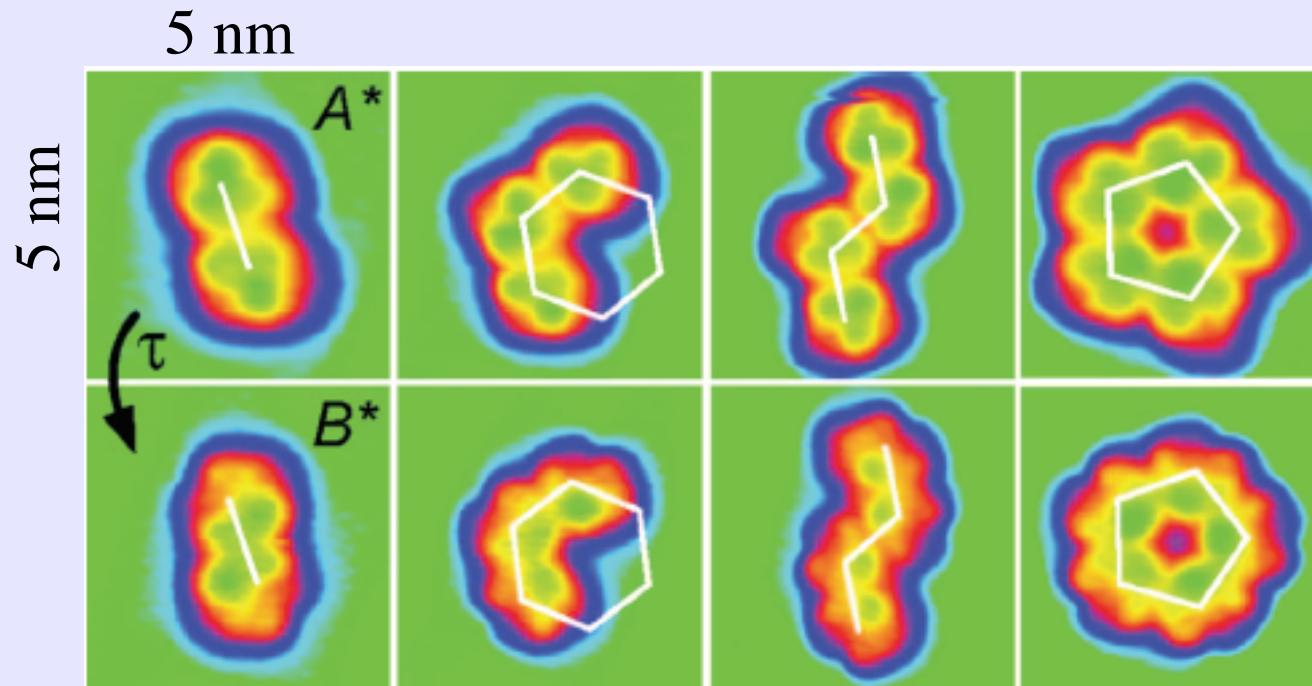
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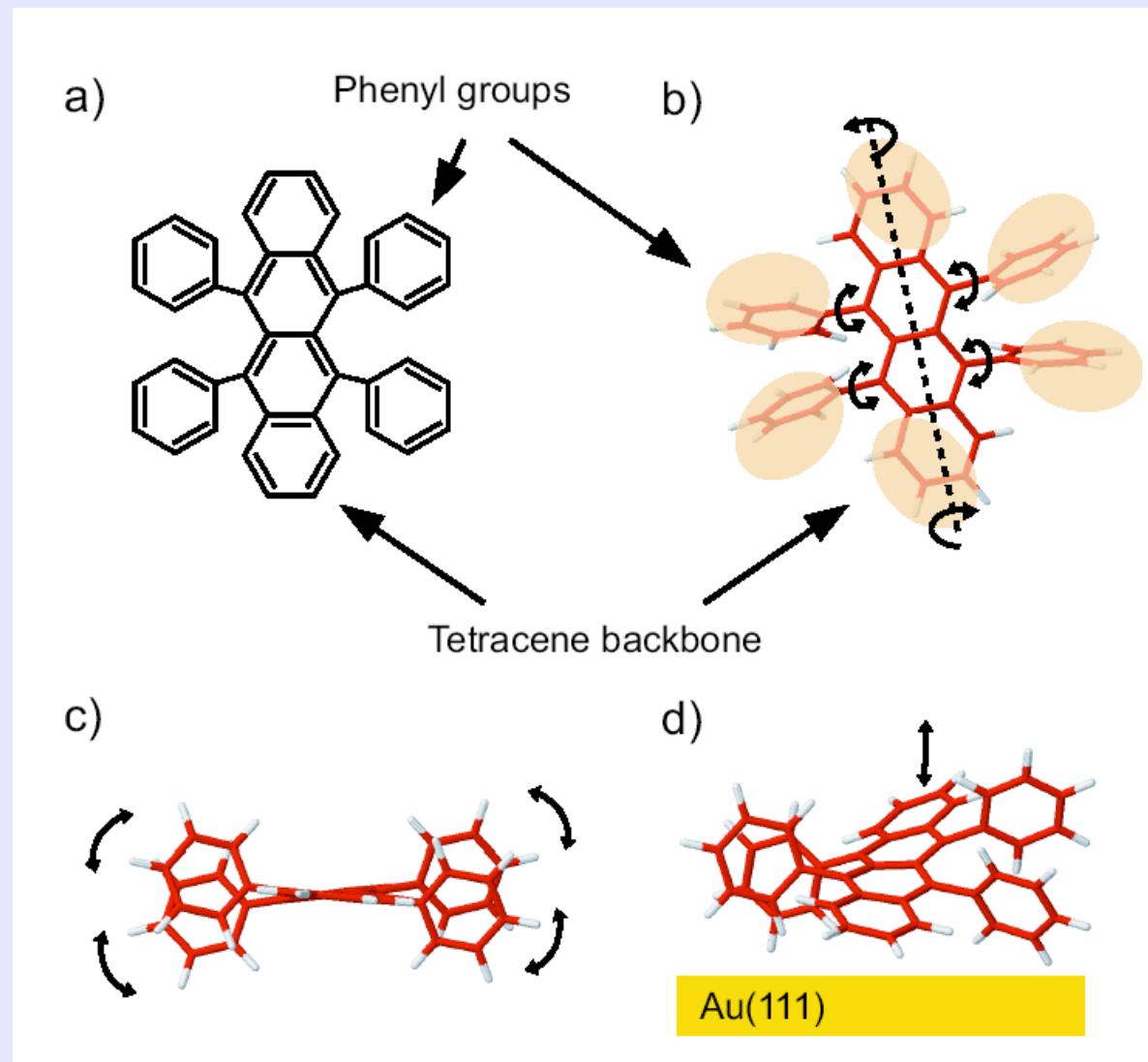
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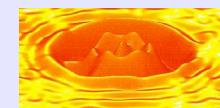
# Chemical structure and 3D representations of rubrene



## STM and STS on rubrene:

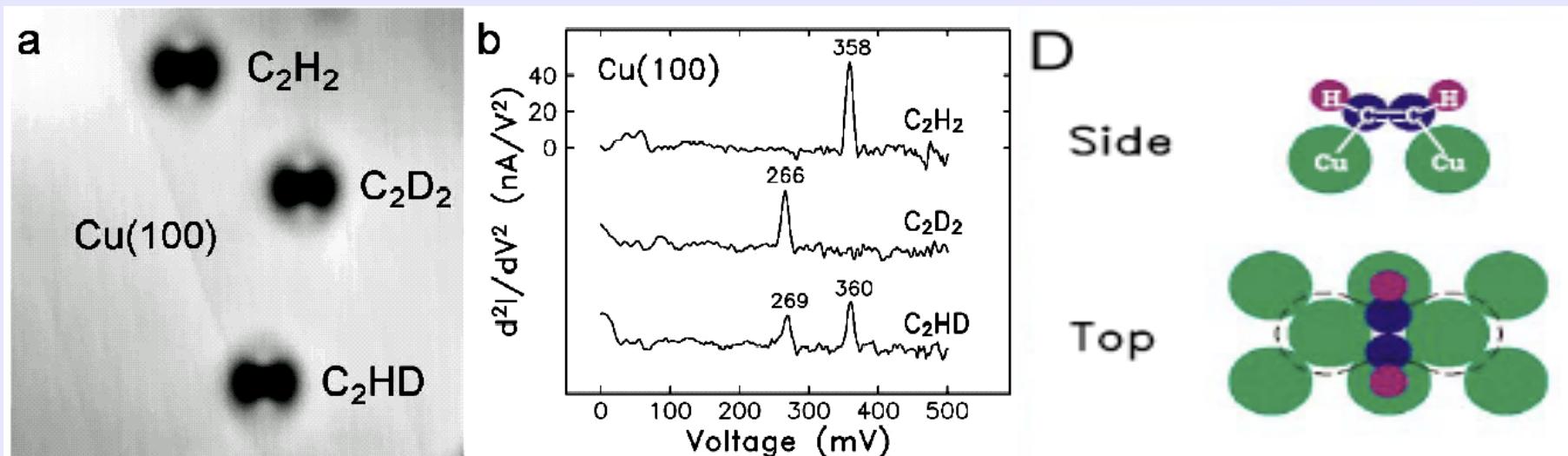
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# Single-Molecule Vibrational Spectroscopy and Microscopy:

## Three acetylene isotopes on Cu(100) at 8 K



$56 \text{ \AA} \times 56 \text{ \AA}$ ,  
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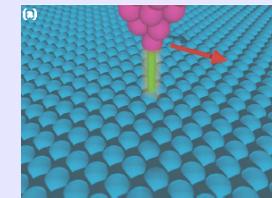
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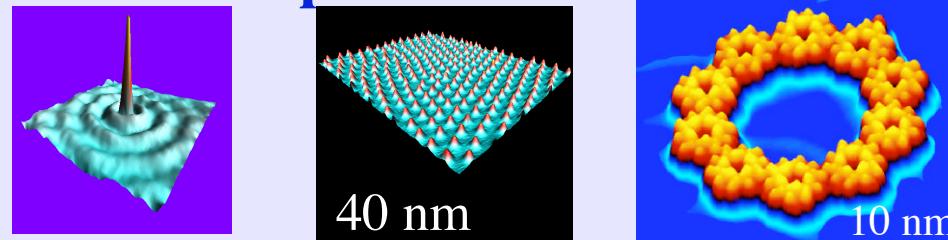
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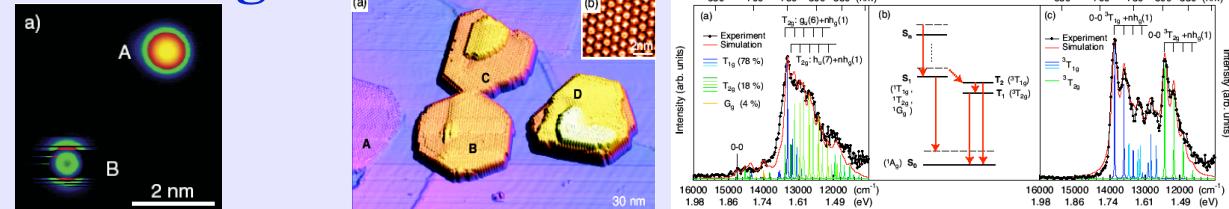
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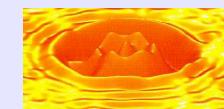
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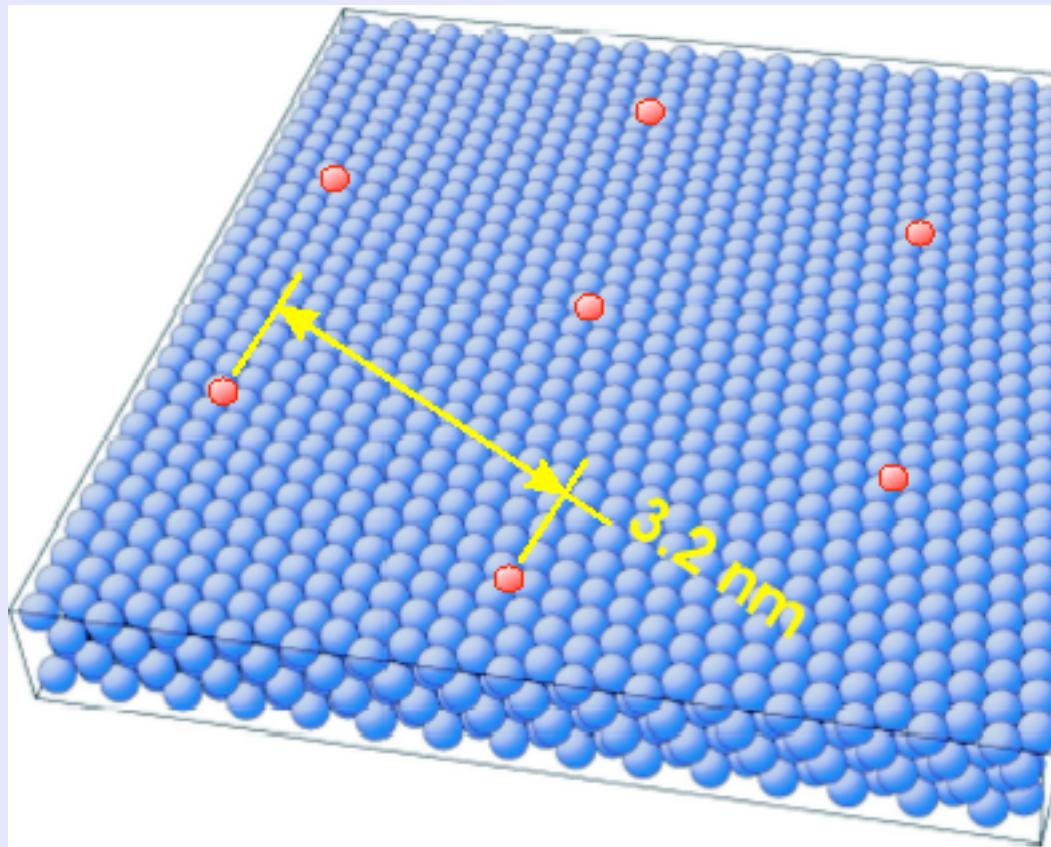




Now it's really enough!



# Ce adatom superlattice on Ag(111) (1 % of a ML)



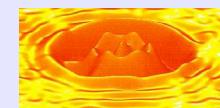
Ce-Ce adatom distance: 3.2 nm  $\longleftrightarrow$  11 Ag atoms



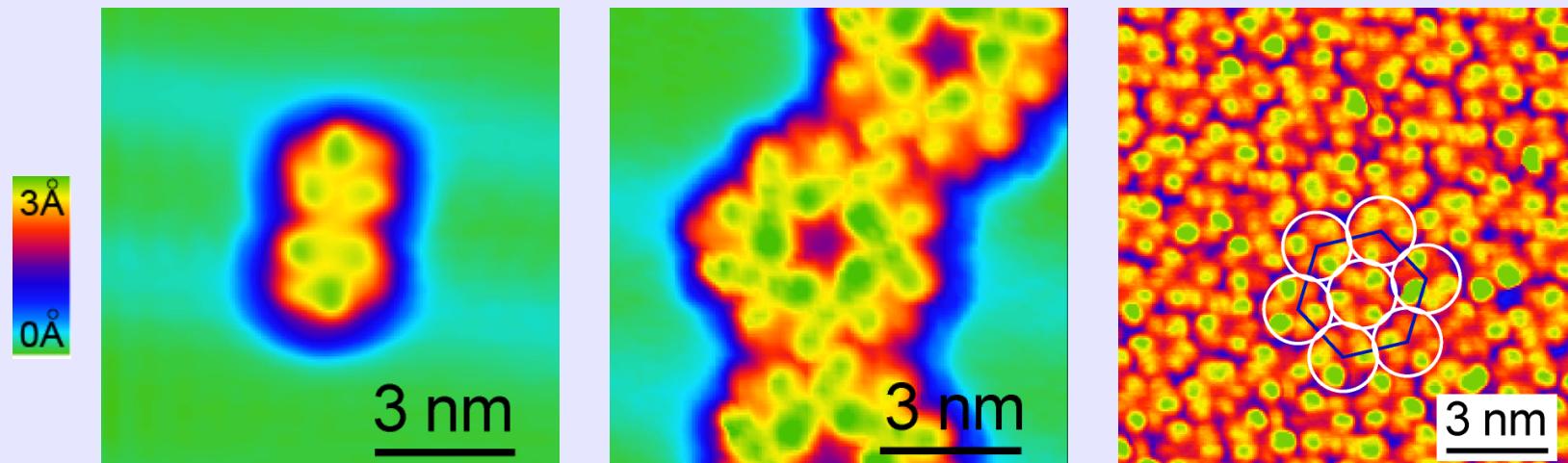
## Possible future research directions

- try to detect FM or AFM interactions in superlattice of magnetic atoms. *This will likely require even lower temperatures (< 1 K).*
- investigate superlattice-forming properties on noble metal and semiconductor surfaces supporting surface states.
- explore superlattice “tuneability,” via adatom concentration, alternate substrates.

**Example:** Ce /Ag(111) with superlattice spacing from 2.3nm – 3.5nm have been observed by varying the amount of deposited Ce. [Silly, Pivetta, Ternes, Patthey, Pelz, WDS, *New J. Phys.* **6**, 16 (2004).]



# Rubrene conformations on Au(111)

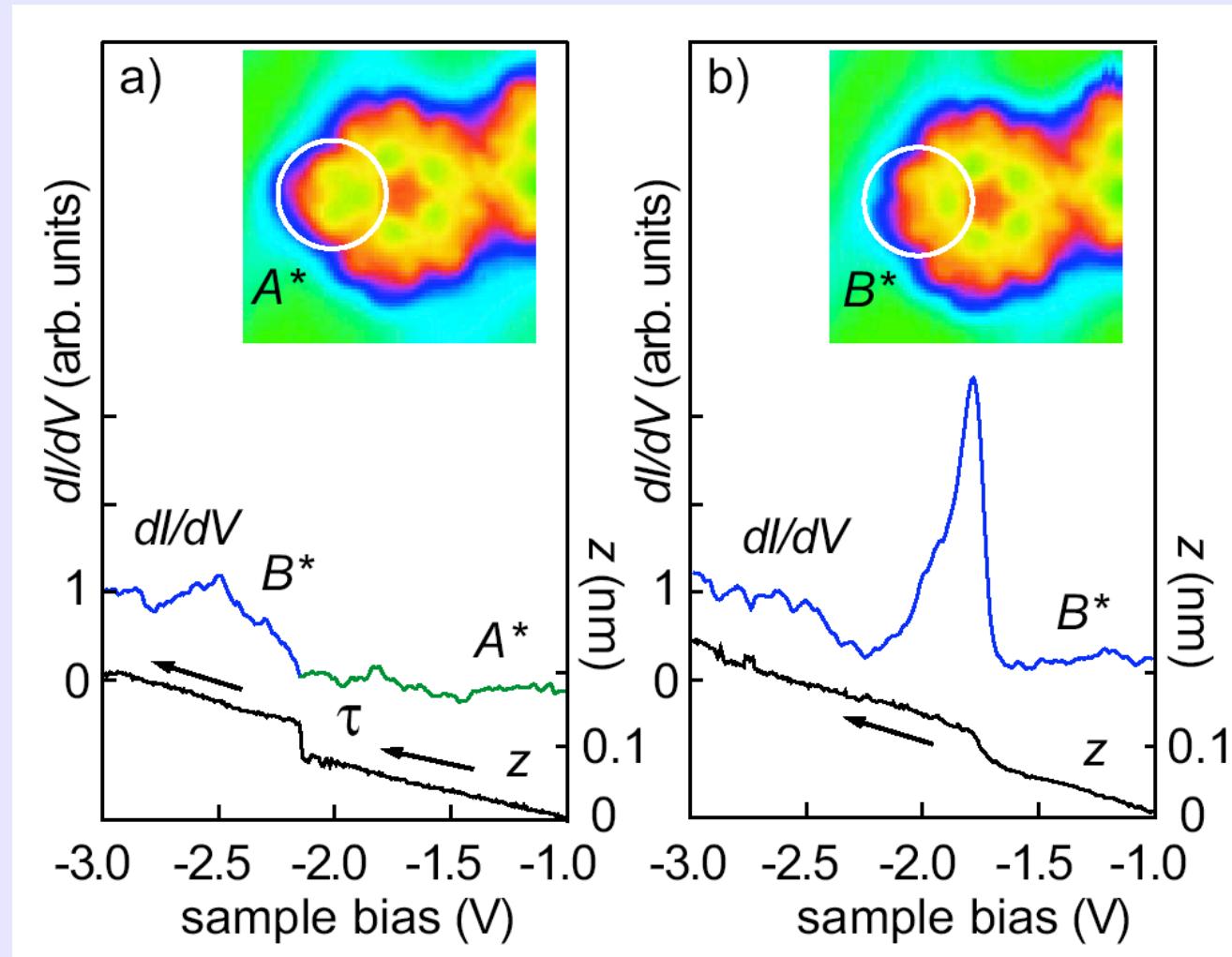


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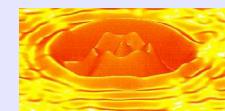
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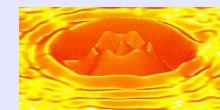


# Conclusions

STM and STS on rubrene:

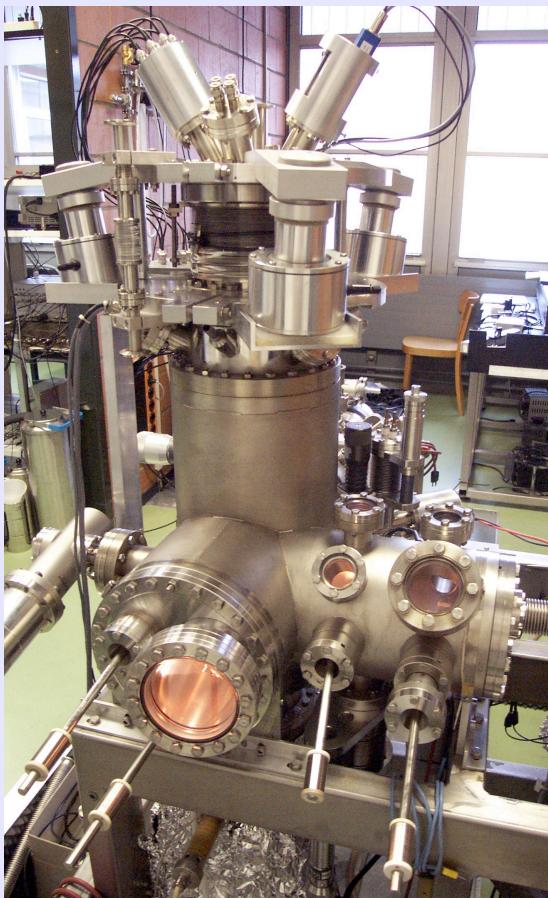
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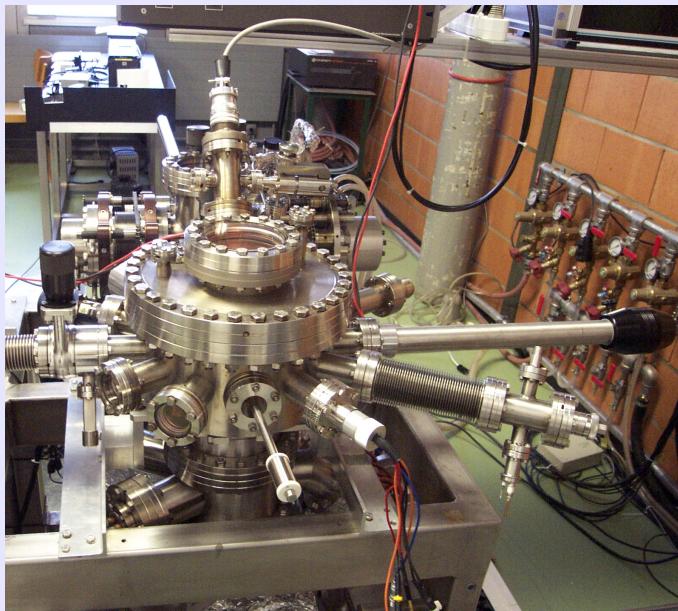


# Low-temperature STM (50 K, 4.8 K, 3.9 K)

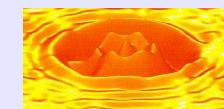
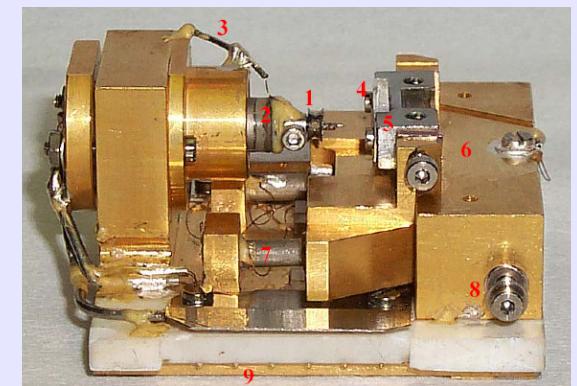
STM chamber

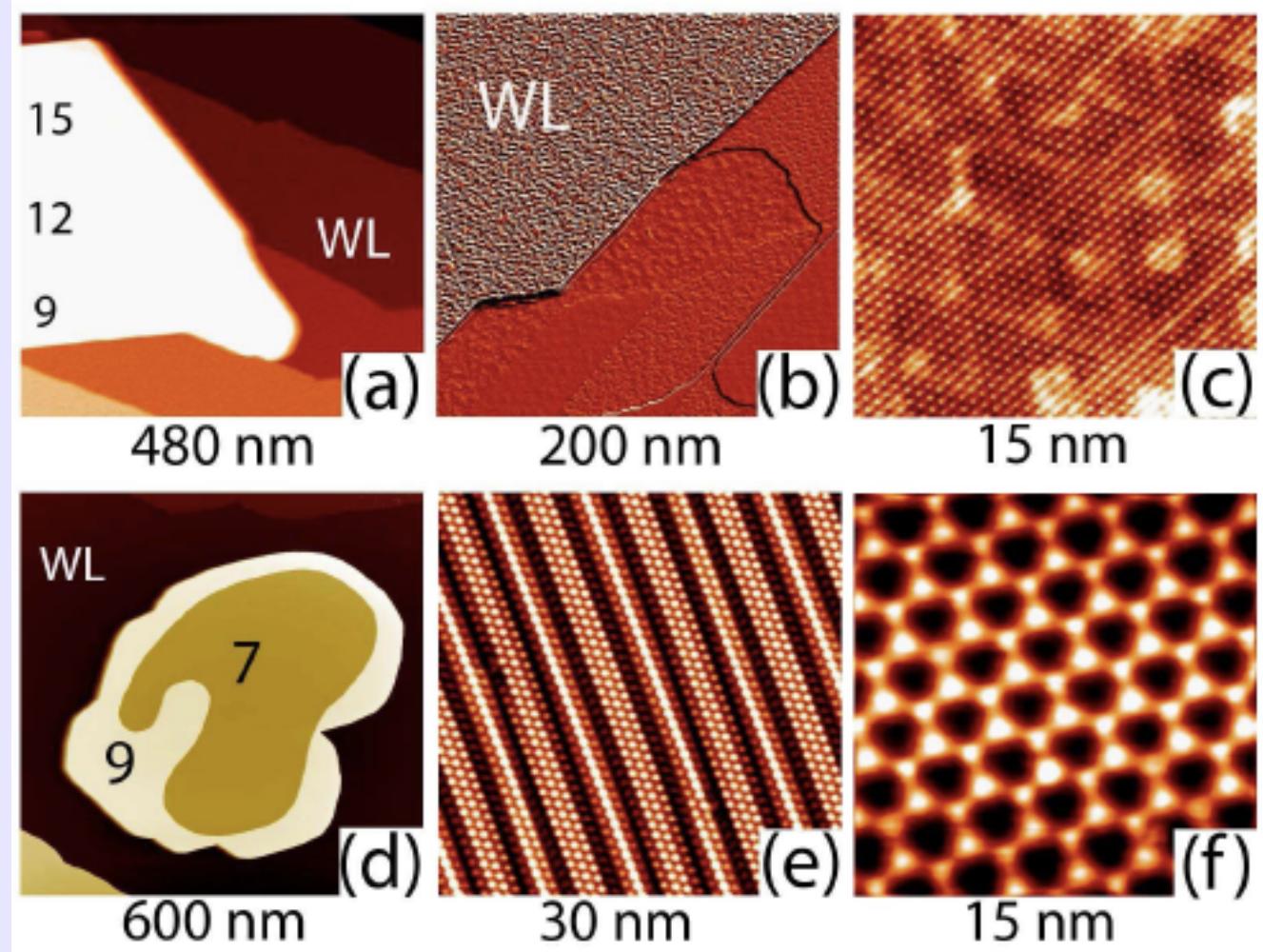


Preparation chamber



STM head





## Adatom Self-Organization Induced by Quantum Confinement of Surface Electrons

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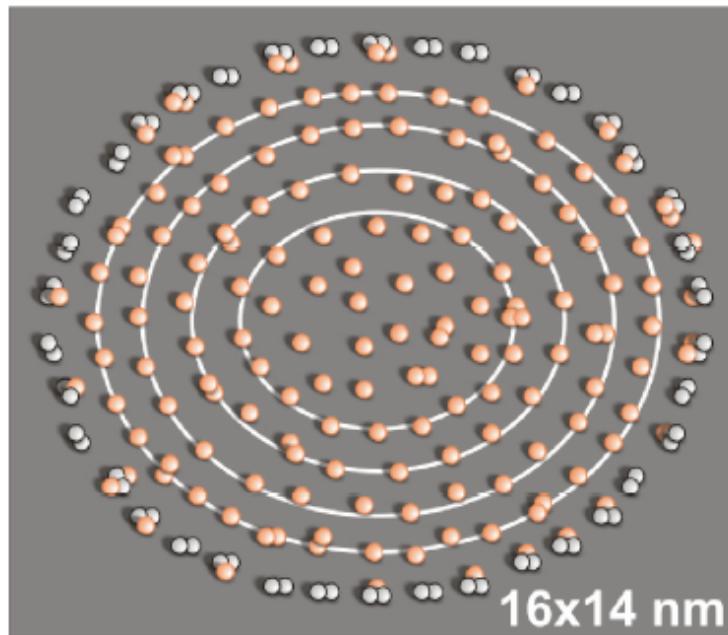


FIG. 4 (color). Self-organization of Co adatoms inside the Co corral made of Co dimers (white balls) on Cu(111). The temperature of the system is 13 K, Co adatom coverage is 0.06 monolayers, and Co adatoms were deposited simultaneously.

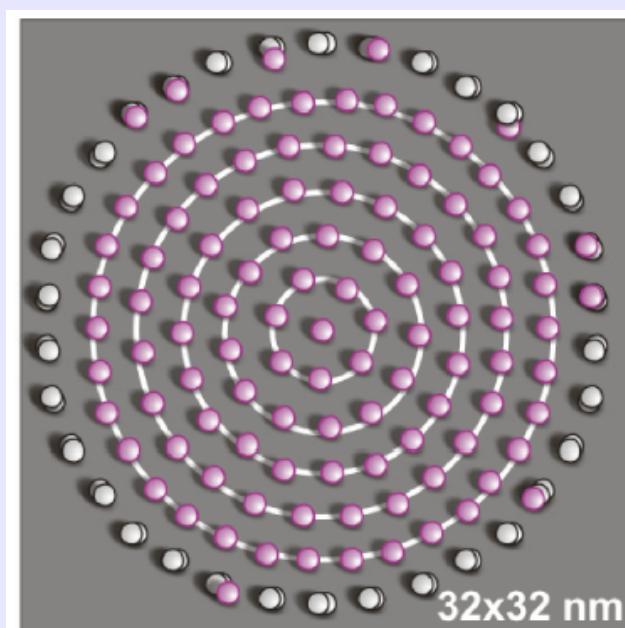
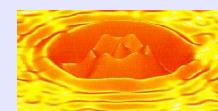
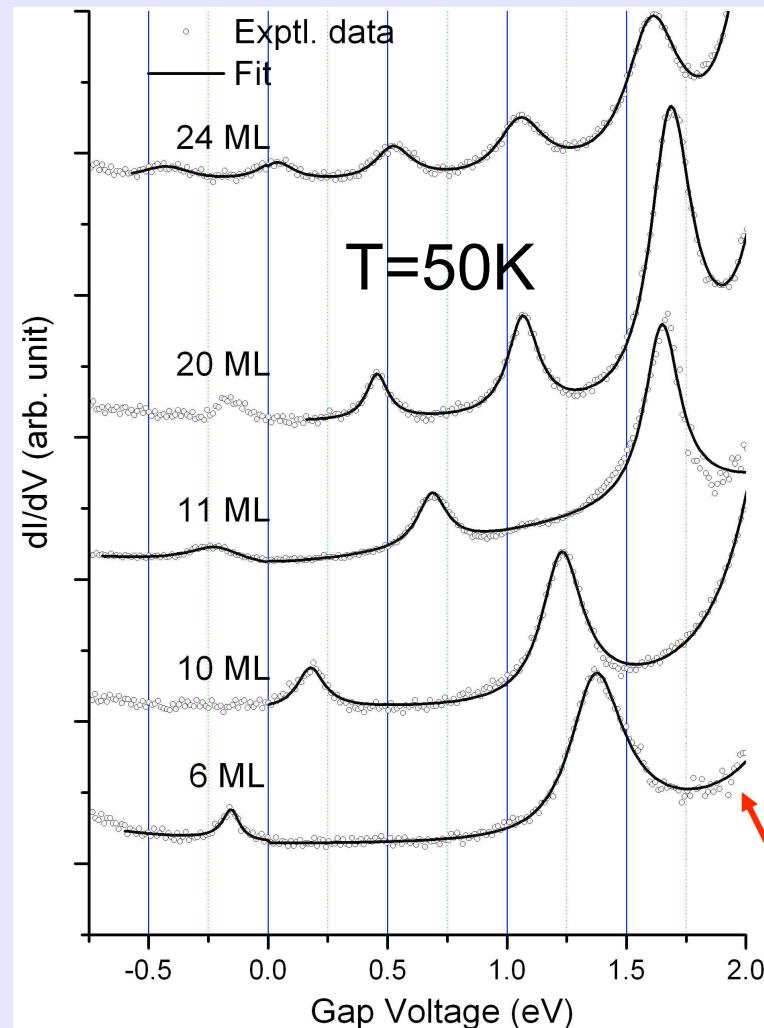


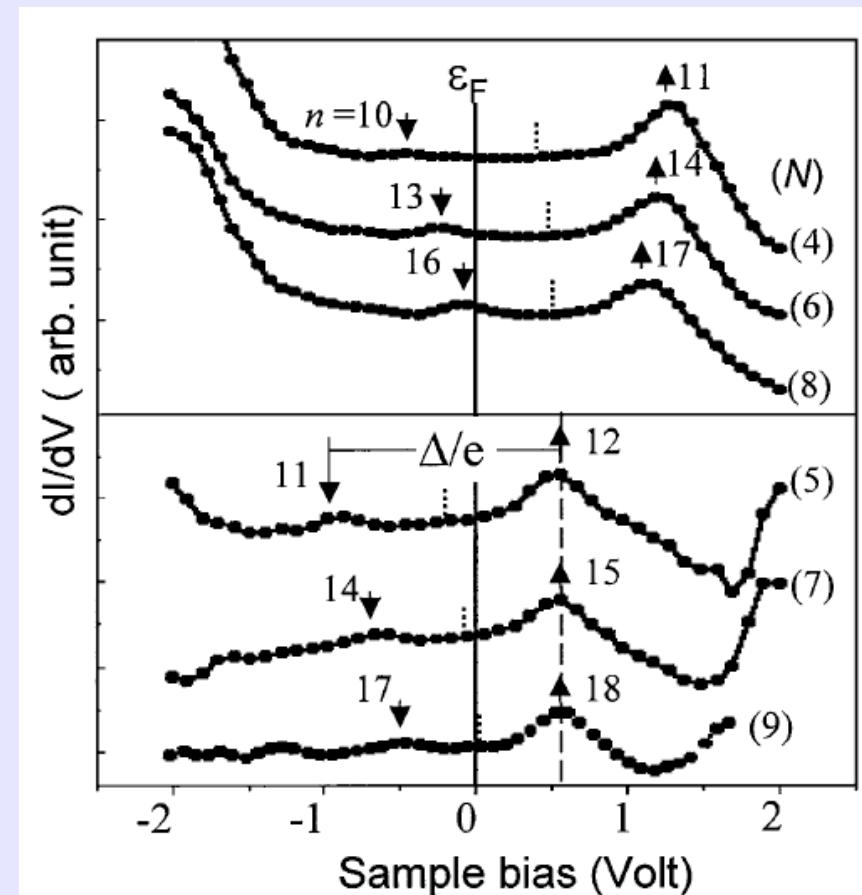
FIG. 5 (color). “Quantum onion”: Self-assembly of Ce adatoms inside the Ce corral (semiaxis  $a = 150 \text{ \AA}$ ; eccentricity  $\epsilon = 0$ ) made of Ce dimers on Ag(111). Temperature of the system is 4 K, Ce adatom coverage is 0.01 monolayers, and Ce adatoms were deposited simultaneously.



# STS on Pb/Si(111)7x7 nanocrystals



$dI/dV$  spectra of QWS

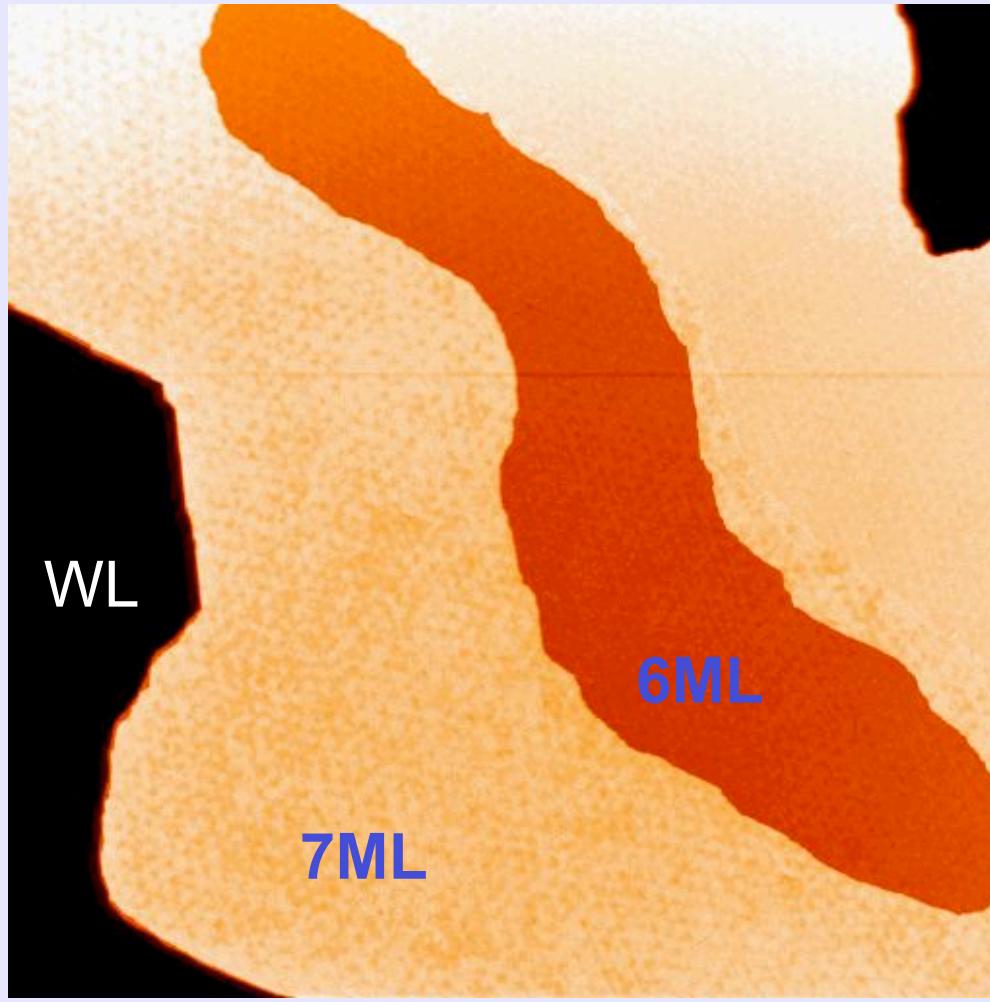


Our analysis (full lines) follows:

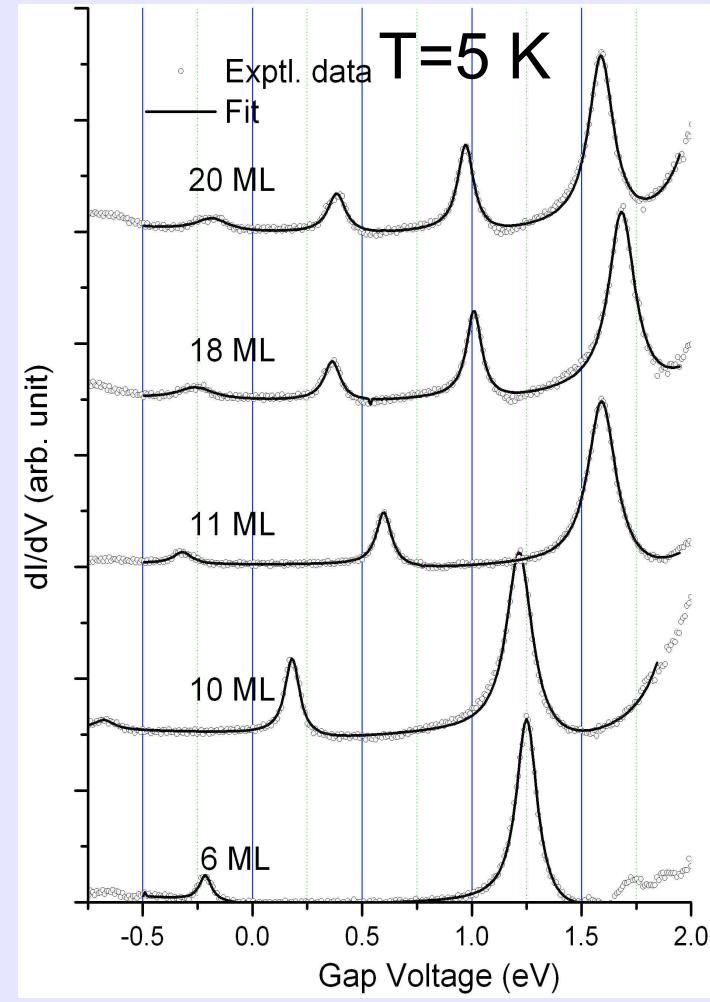
Altfeder *et al.*, PRL 78, 2815 (1997)



# Quantum Well States: Pb/Pb- $\sqrt{3}\times\sqrt{3}$ /Si(111)



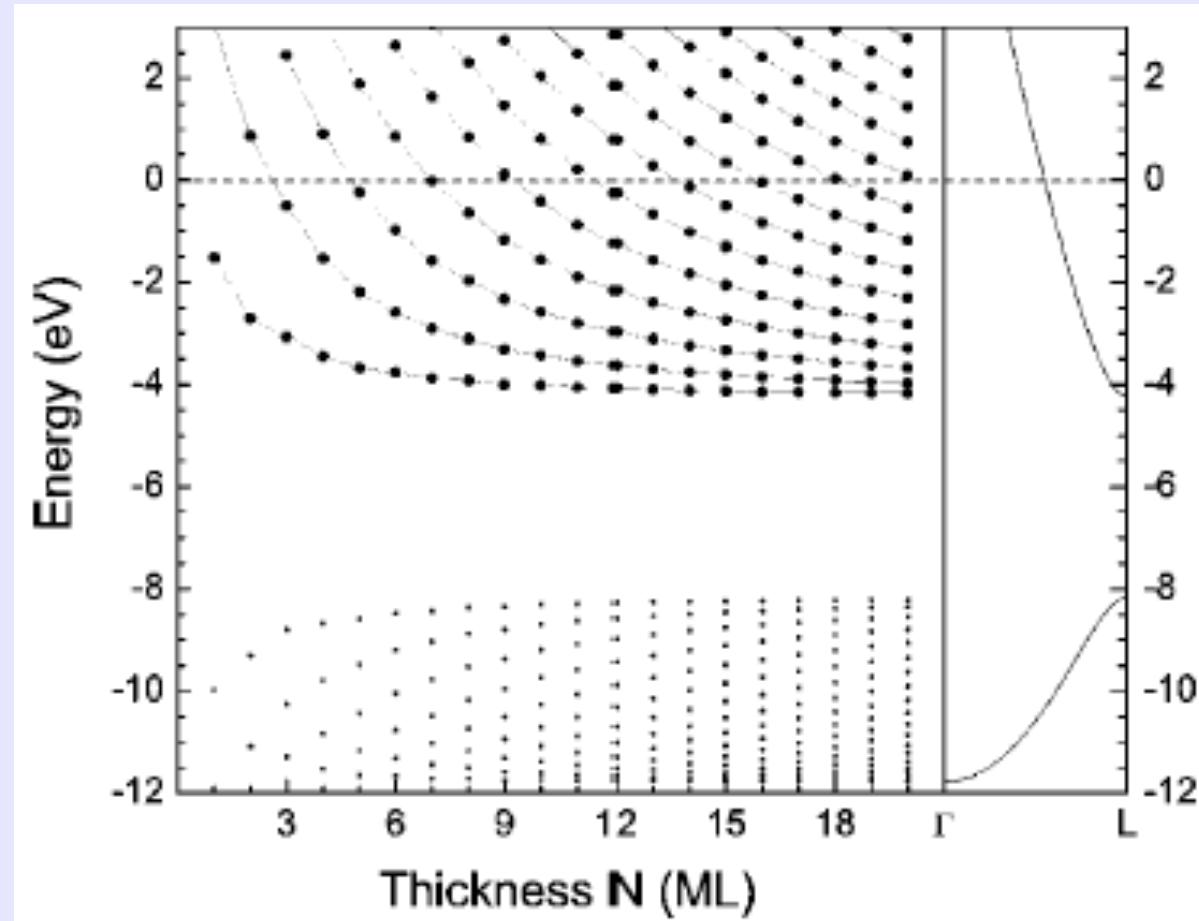
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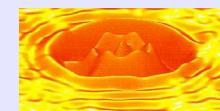
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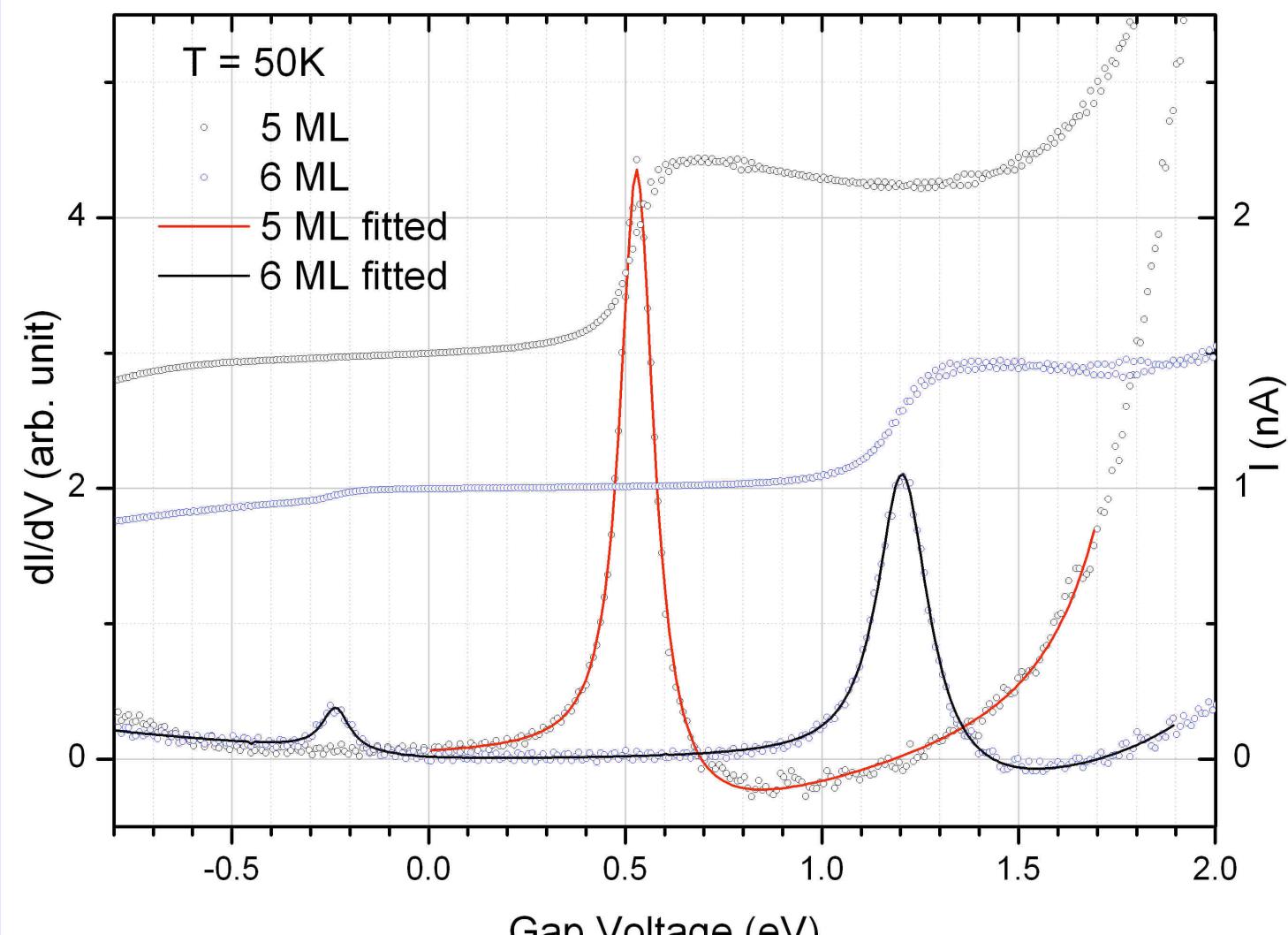
# Theory of quantum size effects in thin Pb(111) films (free standing films)



Ab initio DFT calculations: C. M. Wei and M. Y. Chou PRB **66**, 233402 (2002)



# QWS in STS: Pb/Pb- $\sqrt{3}\times\sqrt{3}$ /Si(111)



# Motivation

- Since the 1960's interest for Quantum Size Effects in thin films on superconductivity

Theory:  $T_c(d) > T_c(\text{bulk})$  - Blatt and Thompson, PRL 1963

Experiment (resistivity measurements on disordered films of granular structure, superconducting properties determined by the grains):

Strongin *et al.* J. Appl. Phys. 1968, Komnik *et al.* JETP 1970

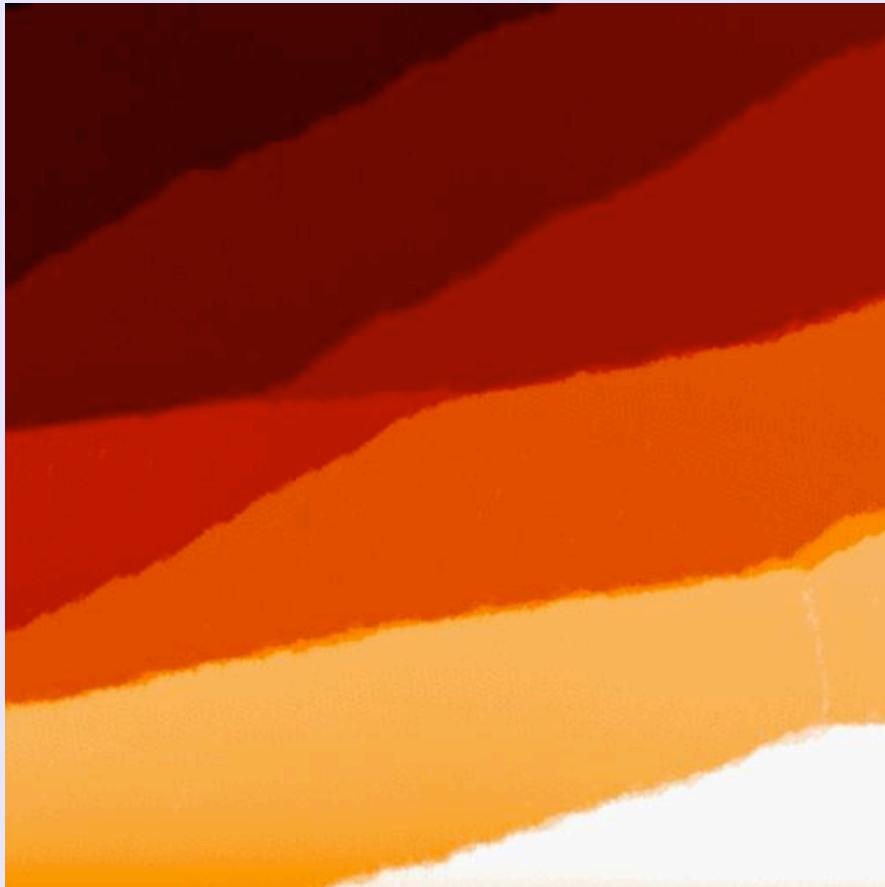
- Until recently, lack of clean and uniform thin film systems to study intrinsic thickness dependent superconducting properties

Goldman and Markovic, Phys. Today 1998,

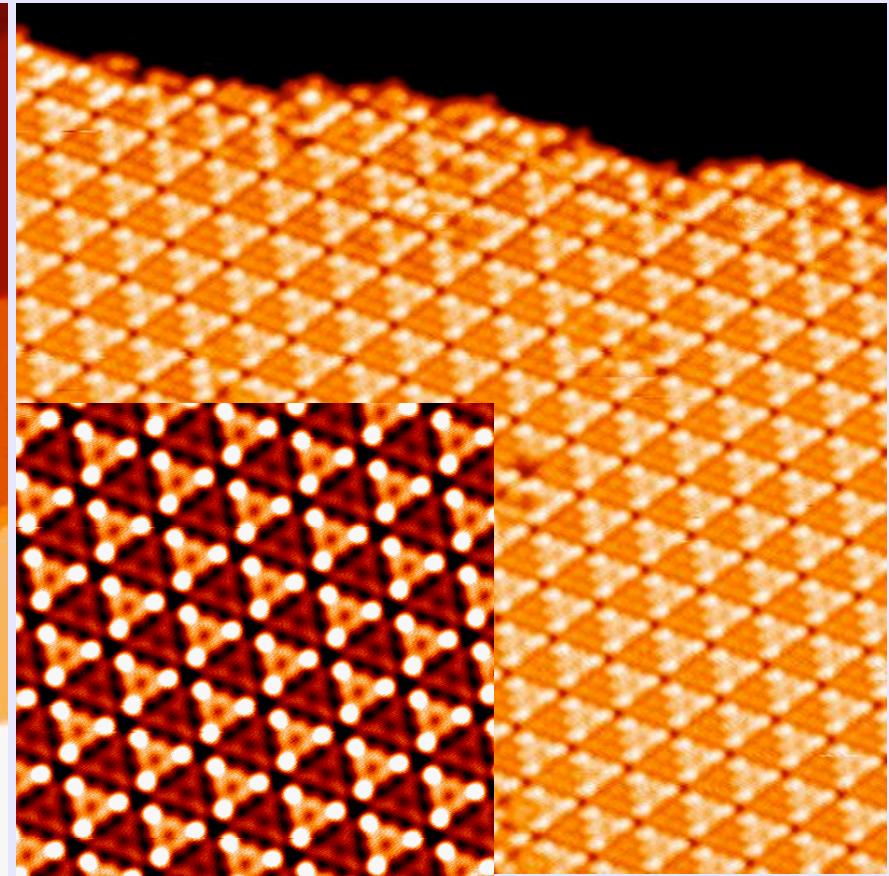
Chiang, Science 2004



# STM: Si(111)-7x7 at 4.6 K



**320 x 320nm<sup>2</sup>**



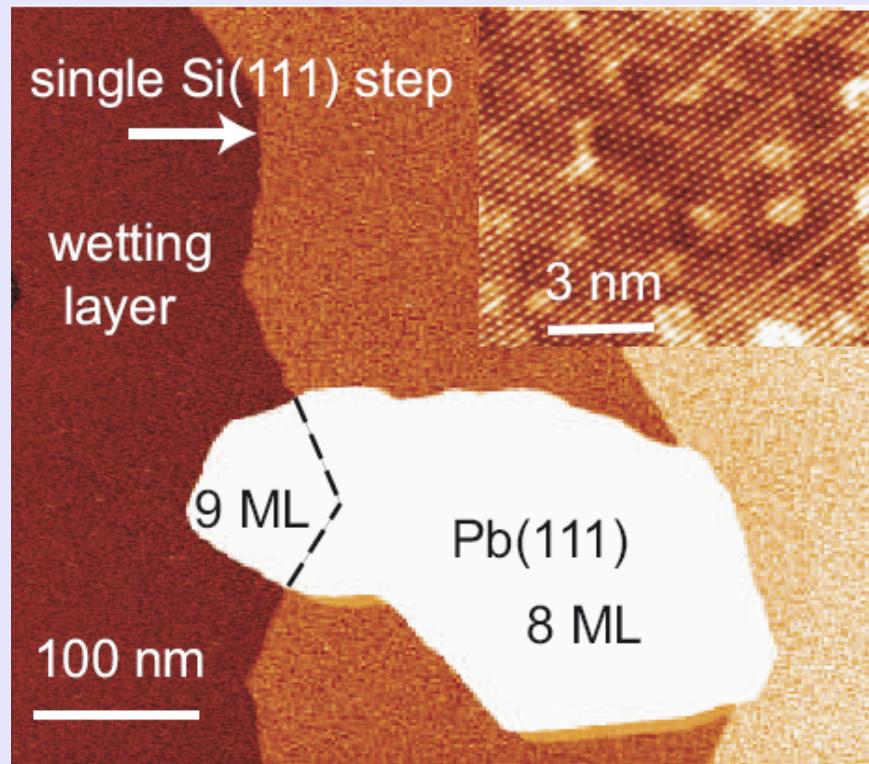
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**U = -2.5 V, I = 20 pA**

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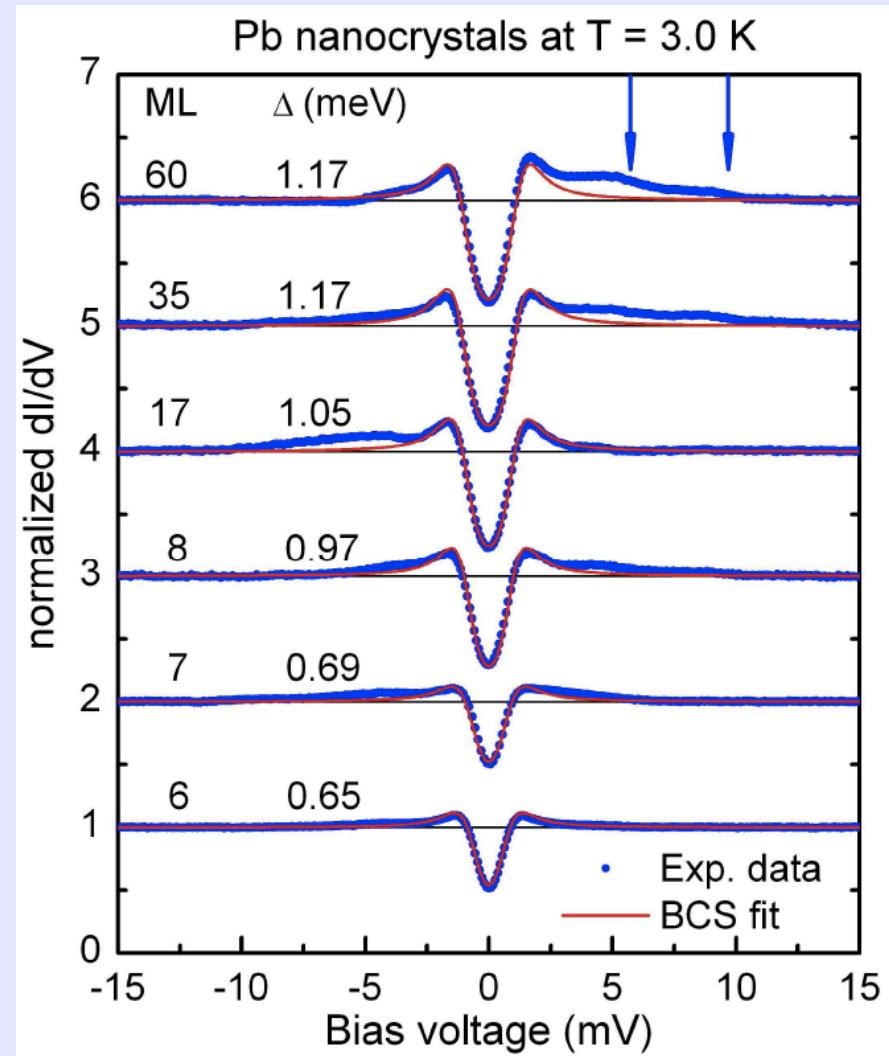


# Pb- islands: Thickness dependent dI/dV spectra

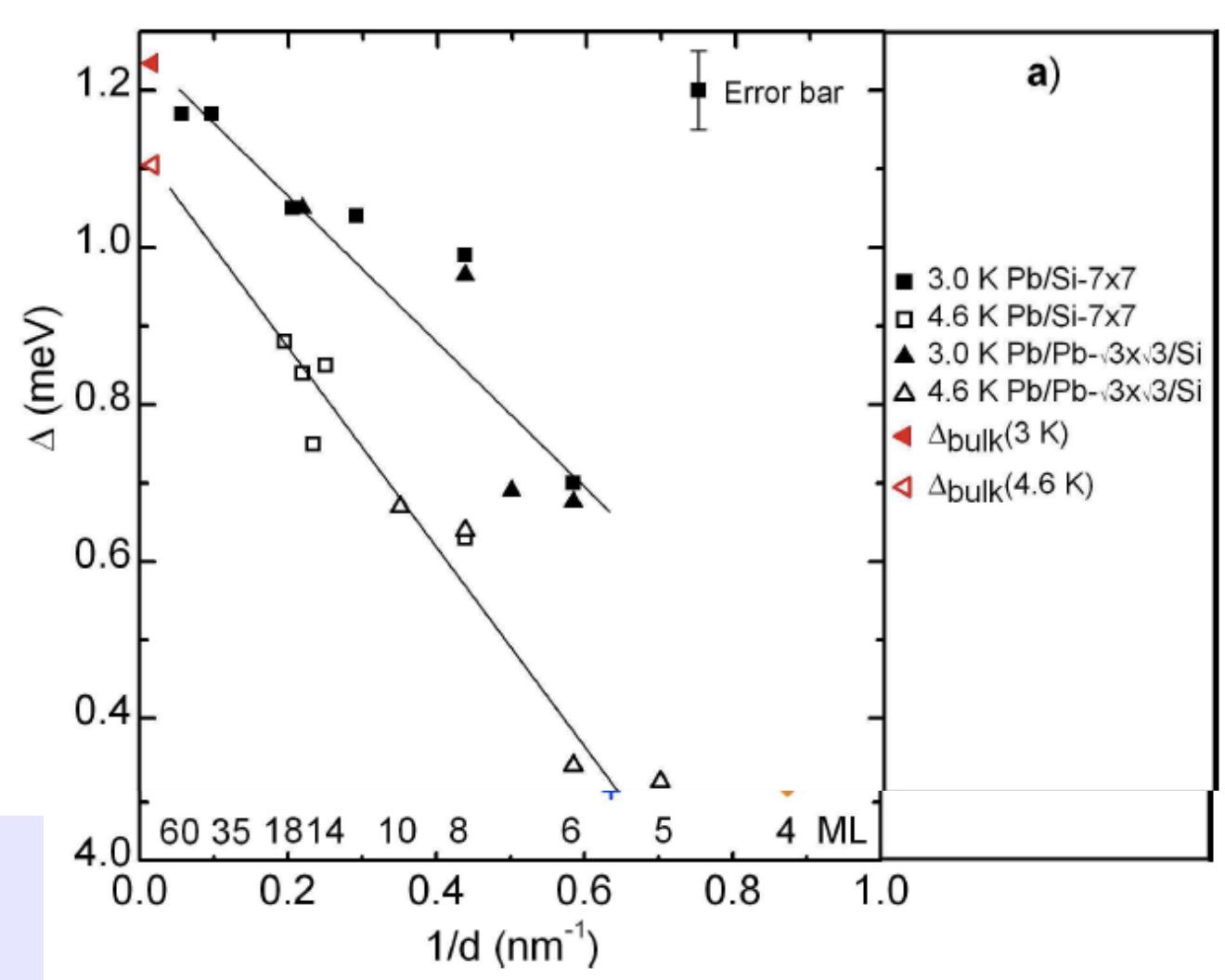


$U = -1.0 \text{ V}$ ;  $I = 100 \text{ pA}$

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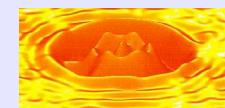


# STS results: Energy gap $\Delta$ on "large" islands ( $L > \xi_c$ )

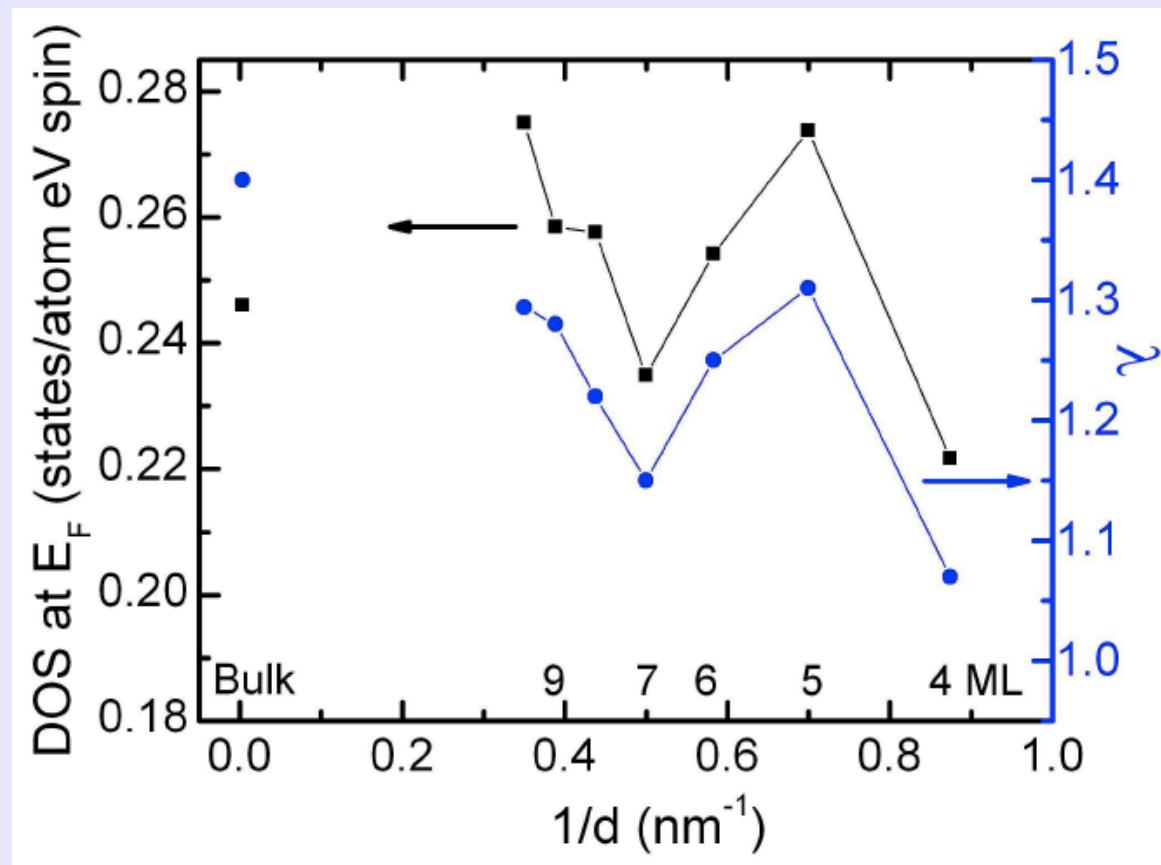


$\Delta$ : no observable dependence on the specific interface

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# Ab initio DFT calculations of electronic properties and electron-phonon coupling in Pb thin films



$$\text{McMillan : } T_c = \frac{\Theta_D}{1.45} \times \exp\left[-\frac{1.04(1+\lambda)}{\lambda - \mu^* - (1+0.62\lambda)}\right]$$

I.Yu. Sklyadneva, R. Heid, P. M. Echenique, K. P. Bohnen and E. V. Chulkov

