# Theoretical Approaches for the Analyses of Scanning Probe Microscopy

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# The letters written by atoms with SPM tip



Fe

**Interchanging atoms** 



STM

Letters with Fe atoms on Cu(111), D.Eigler 1993 Y.Sugimoto, M.Abe, S.Hirayama, N.Oyabu, O.Custance and S.Morita, Nature Mterials 4 (2005) 156



# What can be seen by SPM?

# From examples of the first-principles simulation

Si(111) $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ —Ag surface



<u>S. Watanabe, M. Tsukada, Phys. Rev. B. 1991</u>



N. Sasaki, S. Watanabe, M. Tsukada, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2002

Remarkably different images for the same surface by STM and ncAFM! Bright spots in the STM image does not correspond atoms

 $\rightarrow$  Importance of quantum mechanical effect

Large temperature dependence of ncAFM images

 $\rightarrow$  reproduced by theoretical calculation

 $\rightarrow$  Very important role of Simulation!



The relation to LDOS  

$$I(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{2\pi e^{E_{F}+eV}}{\hbar} A(\mathbf{R}, E, E - eV) dE$$

$$A(\mathbf{R}, E, E') = \sum_{v \in T_{ip}} \int_{T_{ip}} d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' V_{T}(\mathbf{r}) V_{T}(\mathbf{r}') \psi_{v}(\mathbf{r}') \psi_{v}^{*}(\mathbf{r}) \delta(E' - E_{v})$$

$$\times \tilde{G}^{S}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{R}; E) \gamma(z; E) \gamma(z'; E)$$

$$\tilde{G}^{S} = \frac{G^{S}}{\gamma(z; E) \gamma(z'; E)} \gamma(z; E) = \exp\left(-z \frac{\sqrt{2m|E|}}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E') \rightarrow weight function$$

$$Moment \text{ expansion}$$

$$A(\mathbf{R}, E, E') = \sum_{v \in T_{ip}} \left| \int_{ip} d\mathbf{r} V_{T}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{v}(\mathbf{r}) \gamma(z; E) \right|^{2} \delta(E' - E_{v}) \times \rho(\mathbf{R}, E)$$

$$+ \sum_{m \geq 1} \sum_{m \geq 1} \mu_{mn}(E') \nabla ... \nabla \nabla' ... \nabla' \tilde{G}^{S}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E) |_{\mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{R}}$$
Sample surface

Moment of the weight function

$$\mu_{mn}(E') = \int \mathbf{r} \dots \mathbf{r}' W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \qquad \dots \text{Tersoff-Hamann}$$
  
Taking only the first term,  $\longrightarrow I(\mathbf{R}) \mu r_{surf ace}(\mathbf{R}, E_F) V$ 

Tunneling current in the LCAO representation

Tunneling current at the tip position R and for the bias V is expressed as

$$I(\mathbf{R},V) = \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar} \int_{E_F^L}^{E_F^R} \sum_{iijj} G_{ii'}^S(E) J_{ij'}(\mathbf{R}) G_{jj}^T(E+eV) J_{ji}(\mathbf{R}) dE$$





(W tip: 6s orbital)

# Simulation of the STM image of graphite



Isshiki,Kobayashi,Tsukada J.Vac.Sci.Technol,B9(2)(1991)475



Nakagawa et al, Proc. Ann. Meetingd of The Phys. Soc. Jpn, (1989) 374





Brilliouin Zone

# Si(111)√3×√3-Ag 表面のSTM像 実験と理論

Theoretical Image for HCT model



# W [111] tip, tip height 3.6A

S.Watanabe, M.Aono and M.Tsukada Phys. Rev. B44 ('91) 8330 Positive surface bias about 2eV

E.J.van Loenen, et al, PRL 58 (1987) 373

# Experiment



# Si(111)√3X√3-Ag Surface(HCT model)

Wartanabe, Aono, Tsukada(1991) Phys.Rev.B44 (1991)8330

Theory HCT model

**Bright spot located in the Ag triangle** 





Abnormal image is obtained! S.Watanabe, M.Aono and M.Tsukada, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., 32 ('93) 2911

# Effect of the tip tilting on the STM images



tilting angle 0°

tilting angle 10°



The tunnel current through a single atom Forms the STM image Mechanism of atomic scale resolution

tilting angle 20°



tilting angle 30°

# Tunnel current by a molecule adsorbed tip for molecular samples



- beyond Bardeen's Approximation Green's function for the tip side  $g^{T} = (E - i\eta - H_{M_{T}} - \Sigma_{T})^{-1}$ Green's function for the total system Site of M<sub>s</sub> ✓Site of M<sub>T</sub>  $G_{ip}^{R/A} = \langle i | g^T V g^S + g^T V g^S V g^T V g^S + \dots | p \rangle$  $=\langle i | g^T \Lambda g^S | p \rangle$ Total interaction between  $\Lambda = V + Vg^{S}Vg^{T}V + V(g^{S}Vg^{T}V)^{2} + ...$ the tip and the sample  $= V \left( 1 - g^{S} V g^{T} V \right)^{-1} \approx V$ Tunnel current  $I = \frac{2e}{h} \int (f_{T} - f_{S}) \overline{T}_{ip} (E) dE$ 

$$\overline{T}_{ip} = Tr\left[\Gamma_{i}G^{R}\Gamma_{p}G^{A}\right] = Tr\left[\Gamma_{i}g^{T}\Lambda g^{S}\Gamma_{p}\overline{g}^{S}\Lambda\overline{g}^{T}\right]$$
$$\cong Tr\left[\Gamma_{i}g^{T}Vg^{S}\Gamma_{p}\overline{g}^{S}V\overline{g}^{T}\right] = Tr\left[\overline{g}^{T}\Gamma_{i}g^{T}Vg^{S}\Gamma_{p}\overline{g}^{S}V\right]$$
$$\rightarrow Tr\left[\mathbf{G}^{T}V\mathbf{G}^{S}V\right]$$

Correspondence to Bardeen's Approximation with cluster model approximation

$$I(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar} \int_{E_F}^{E_F + eV} A(\mathbf{R}, E, E - eV) dE$$
$$= \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar} \int_{E_F}^{E_F^R} \sum_{iijj} G_{ii'}^S(E) J_{i'j'}(\mathbf{R}) G_{j'j}^T(E + eV) J_{ji}(\mathbf{R}) dE$$



With LCAO representation  $f_n^T(\mathbf{r}) = \mathop{a}\limits_{i} C_{ni}^T j_i^T(\mathbf{r})$   $f_m^S(\mathbf{r}) = \mathop{a}\limits_{j} C_m^S j_i^S(\mathbf{r})$  Using cluster models  $G_{jg}^T(E\mathfrak{C}) = \mathop{a}\limits_{n} C_{nj\mathfrak{C}}^{T*} C_{nj}^T d(E\mathfrak{C} - E_n) \mathop{\otimes}\limits_{n} C_{nj\mathfrak{C}}^{T*} C_{nj}^T \frac{G/p^{\checkmark}}{(E\mathfrak{C} - E_n)^2 + G^2}$  $G_{ii\mathfrak{C}}^S(E) = \mathop{a}\limits_{m} C_m^{S*} C_{m\mathfrak{C}}^S d(E-E_m) \mathop{\otimes}\limits_{m} \mathop{a}\limits_{m} C_m^{S*} C_{m\mathfrak{C}}^S \frac{G/p}{(E-E_m)^2 + G^2}$ 

This is equivalent to the new NEGF theory

$$\overline{T}_{ip} = Tr\left[\overline{g}^{T}\Gamma_{i}g^{T}Vg^{S}\Gamma_{p}\overline{g}^{S}V\right] = \overset{\circ}{\operatorname{a}}_{In} \frac{\left|\langle i|I\rangle\right|^{2}V_{In}\left|\langle n|p\rangle\right|^{2}V_{nI}S_{I}^{T}S_{n}^{S}}{\left\{\!\left(E - e_{I}^{T}\right)^{2} + \left(S_{I}^{T}\right)^{2}\right\}\!\left\{\!\left(E - e_{n}^{S}\right)^{2} + \left(S_{n}^{S}\right)^{2}\right\}\!\right\}}$$

Reduction of tunnel current with the increase of the tip-sample interaction



# Conduction Switching of Alkane Molecule on Au(111) by Conformation Change

# STM images

M. Suzuki, et al., Nanotechnology 15, S150 (2004).





### AFM image Theoretical simulation

K.Tagami and M.Tsukada, E-J. Surf. Sci, and Nanotech., 4 (2006)299



C5 molecules embedded in BCO-SAM Membrane are observed as bright spots.

They are blinking!

# Conduction Switching of Alkane Molecule by Conformation change on Au(111)



structure appears!

K.Tagami and M.Tsukada,e-J. Surface Sci. and Nanotech., 2 ('04) 186

# Coherent Tunneling/Transport vs Dissipating Tunneling

# **Tunnel Current Density and Barrier**







# Loop current

through bent Al atomic wire



$$\oint_{loop C} R\mathbf{j} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \neq 0$$

Contradiction with Ohm's law!

Without voltage drop, i.e., Without deriving electromotive Force, current flows.

# Remarkable quantum effect



# Loop current

through triangle graphene

# From coherent to dissipating electron transport



The integrated energy loss spectral function and zero bias anomaly



# Theory of dynamic AFM

Dynamics of cantilever as an elastic body What does the conventional harmonic oscillator model imply?

Equation of motion for a harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d^{2}x}{dt^{2}} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_{c}^{2}x = F_{driv}(t) + F_{TS}(x)$$

$$Friction Cantilever Coefficient Resonant Freq.$$

Equation of motion for continuum elastic body

$$EI \frac{\P^{4}x(x,t)}{\P x^{4}} + g \frac{\P x(x,t)}{\P t} + r \frac{\P^{2}x(x,t)}{\P t^{2}} = P_{driv}(x,t) + P_{TS}(x,t)$$

$$\tilde{\varsigma} = L \qquad \tilde{\varsigma} = 0$$

$$\chi \qquad \chi \qquad \chi(\xi,t)$$

The meaning of the parameters??

 $A_{\rm m}(t) = G(t)x(t)$ 

G

amplitude

phase

shifter

detector

x(t)



**Projection onto a normal mode** 



$$EI\frac{\P^{4}x(x,t)}{\P^{4}x^{4}} + g\frac{\P^{2}x(x,t)}{\P^{2}t} + r\frac{\P^{2}x(x,t)}{\P^{2}t^{2}} = F_{driv}^{0}(x,t) + F_{TS}^{0}(x,t)$$

$$x(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{t}) = \sum_{n} x_{n}(\boldsymbol{t}) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{n}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \boldsymbol{\blacktriangleleft}$$

Eigen functions (Normal modes waves) obtained by

The coefficients satisfy the equation of motion of harmonic oscillator !!

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_n(t) + g \frac{d}{dt} x_n(t) + W_n^2 x_n(t)$$

$$= F_{driv}(t) + F_{TS}(t)$$

$$F_{driv}(t) = \frac{\int_0^L \tilde{F}_{driv}(\xi, t) \phi_n(\xi) d\xi}{\rho S_n}$$

$$F_{TS}(t) = \frac{\int_0^L \tilde{F}_{TS}(\xi, t) \phi_n(\xi) d\xi}{\rho S_n}$$

$$S_n = \int_0^L |\phi_n|^2 d\xi$$

$$EI\frac{d^{4}\phi_{n}(\xi)}{d\xi^{4}} - \rho \,\omega_{n}^{2}\phi_{n}(\xi) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \omega_{n} = \frac{C_{n}^{2}}{L^{2}}\sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho}}$$

$$\phi_{n}(\xi)|_{\xi=L} = \frac{d\phi_{n}(\xi)}{d\xi}|_{\xi=L} = \frac{d^{2}\phi_{n}(\xi)}{d\xi^{2}}|_{\xi=0} = \frac{d^{3}\phi_{n}(\xi)}{d\xi^{3}}|_{\xi=0}$$
For uniform beam case
$$f_{n}(x) = \left(\cos\left(C_{n}^{X}\right) + \cosh\left(C_{n}^{X}\right)\right) + \frac{\cos\left(C_{n}L\right) + \cosh\left(C_{n}L\right)}{\sin\left(C_{n}L\right) + \sinh\left(C_{n}L\right)}$$

$$\left(\sin\left(C_{n}^{X}\right) + \sinh\left(C_{n}^{X}\right)\right)$$
Parameters are given by  $\cos(C_{n}L)\cosh(C_{n}L) + 1 = 0$ 

# Analysis of the forced harmonic oscillator model Standard Theory



# Temperature dependence of NC-AFM image of $Si(111)\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} - Ag$



Model of fluctuating



**Experiment** *T=300K* By Morita/Sugawara



*T=6.2K* 

Remarkable temperature dependence is caused by the thermal adatom fluctuation Influenced by the tip





N.Sasaki,S.Watanabe and M.Tsukada,PRL 88(2002)046106



# Frequency shift image and dissipation image NaCl island on Cu(111)

Topography by  $\Delta v$ 

**Dissipation image** 



Figure 2: (a) Enlarged topography and (b)  $A_{exc}$  images of the area mapped in Fig.1. Image size  $18 \times 18$  nm.

R.Bennewitz, A.S.Foster, L.N.Kantorovich, M.Bammerlin, Ch.Loppacher, S.Schar, M.Guggisberg, E.meyer and A.L.Shluger, Phys. Rev. B 62 (2000) 2074

# **Origin of dissipation**

### Potential energy surface



# **Dissipation force microscopy**





# Non-Contact AFM image of methyl group on Si(100)/H

# Molecular mechanics calculation

# AFM image of MSTBPP





NC-AFM image of methylthiophenyl-tris-tbuthylphenyl-porphyrin(MSTBPP)molecule observed by S.Tanaka' group



# **Experimental image**



# NC-AFM image simulation with C60 tip for MSTBPP molecule、 Constant frequency mode~Motion of the Molecule~



Fullerene tip(2)  $\Delta f = + 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ 













# proline

# Constant mode AFM image simulation of a model collagen

the tip recognizes height difference between PRO and GLY.

Good correspondence with experiments!

# A rapid simulation method of AFM images

Geometrical

# force condition

Interaction

Calculation by



Computation time 2 weeks with the usual WS

Computation time 1 sec the usual PC

# **Secret of rapid calculation**

Using only geometrical condition





- 1. Divide each of the tip and the sample into fine meshes.
- 2. The highest atom in the mesh defines its height
- 3. Approach the tip vertically to the sample, until they touch each other.
- 4. The height of the tip at the touch defines the sample shape.

# Fast AFM image simulator for protein molecules The case of GroEL



# Theory of nano mechanics of protein molecules



*Tip-surface Distance ( nm )* 



# Compression of apo-ferritin



# Penetration of CNT tip through apo-ferritin

A simulation of nano-mechanical experiment on protein molecule



# The effect of compression/elongations on the fluorescence of GFP



T<sub>o</sub> Kodama, H.Ohtani and A.Ikai, Appl. Phys. Lett. 86 043901(2005)

# Simulation of compression of GFP by a flat tip



# What happens at Compression of GFP

**On the compression Barrier of the** 



Tip height(Å)

# Theory of dynamic AFM in liquids

Problems of the simulation methods for the tapping mode AFM in liquids

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

# A simplified model of 3D elastic-body/fluid combined system

 1)Resonant Curve?
 2)Nonlinear Effect?
 3)Effect of the tip substrate distance ?

### Cantilever: 1D elastic beam

![](_page_49_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_49_Figure_4.jpeg)

$$\rho S(z) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} h(z) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} EI(z) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} h(z) + F^{\text{liq}}(z)$$

Water: 2D incompressible viscous fluid for each 2D cross section *E*; Young's modulus *I*; moment of the cross section

# Navier-Stokes equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \left(\mathbf{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\right) \mathbf{v} = -\vec{\nabla}P + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \Delta \mathbf{v}$$
Re; Reynolds number

# Method for fluid dynamics on 2D

Flow function 
$$\Psi \implies v_x = +\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$
  $v_y = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$   
vorticity  $\omega \implies \omega = \partial_x v_y - \partial_y v_x$   $\longrightarrow$   $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -\omega$   
From Navier-Stokes eq.  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (v \cdot \bar{v})v = -\bar{v}P + \frac{1}{Re}\Delta v$   
 $\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = \left[\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x}\right] + \frac{1}{Re}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial y^2}\right]$   
negligible  
 $\omega$  is solved by FEM  
Force felt by cantilever is  
Given by

49.6 usec

eyele∕= 0.496

$$F_s = \oint \left( P + \frac{\omega}{\text{Re}} \right) dl$$

# Calculation methods of the cantilever motion in liquids

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Simulation of tapping mode AFM in liquid

$$x(\xi,t) \cong \sum_{n} x_{n}(t)\phi_{n}(\xi)$$

**Projecting onto a certain mode** 

$$(1+\kappa)\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + (\tilde{\gamma} + \gamma_{liq} + \gamma_{diss})\frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = F_{driv}(t) + F_{TS}(x)$$
 Tip-sample force

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 $x(\xi,t)$ 

.....

 $\xi = 0$ 

![](_page_52_Figure_4.jpeg)

### Resonant curves for various collisions Height of the cantilever top 8e-009 Visco-elastic free free free free elastic erastic Amplitude of top height(nm) adhesive elastic 6e-009 adhesive visco elastic elastic visco adhesive Amplitude 4e-009 2e-009 0 of top height(nm) adhesive -2e-009 Visco-adhesive 4e-009 adhesive -6e-009 -8e-009 5e-A05 0.0001 0.0002 0.00025 0.0003 0.00035 0.0004 0 0.00015 5 10 15 20 25 ń 30 0 Frequency (kHz) Time(ps) $f(h) = -k(h - h_{\text{touch}}) \quad h < h_{\text{touch}}$ $f(h) = -k(h - h_{\text{touch}}) \quad \begin{cases} h < h_{\text{touch}} \\ h < h_{\text{detach}} \end{cases}$ elastic $h_{ ext{touch}}$ adhesive h Visco-elastic $f(h) = -k(h - h_{touch}) - \gamma v$ $h < h_{touch}$

*n*<sub>detouch</sub>

### Analyses of cantilever oscillation in the tapping mode AFM in water

Visco-adhesive  $f(h) = -k(h - h_{\text{touch}}) - \gamma v$   $\begin{cases} h < h_{\text{touch}} & v < 0\\ h < h_{\text{detach}} & v > 0 \end{cases}$ 

![](_page_54_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Simulation of nc-AFM of mica in water-classical MD method

# MD condition

**Force field:** CHARMM 22 + CLAY (modified)

Size of mica surface : 36A×42A Tip model : (10,0)CNT Potential of water molecules : TIP3P Total numer of atoms : 6,338

Program: NAMD2.5 and 2.6

Temperature: 300 K

### Time mesh: 2fs

![](_page_55_Figure_7.jpeg)

# Simulated dynamic AFM image of mica in water

![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

Cross section of 3D force map of mica surface in water (SWNT tip)

A, B: ontop of hollow site C: ontop of Al atom D: ontop of Si atom E: ontop of O atom

# Comparison between the theory and the experiment

# Experiments H.Yamada, et al

![](_page_58_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Picture_3.jpeg)

Results of theoretical simulation reproduced fairly well the experimental observation of nc-AFM images of mica surface in water.

![](_page_58_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Picture_6.jpeg)

# **Theoretical Simulation**

![](_page_58_Picture_8.jpeg)

Distribution function of water molecules

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_2.jpeg)

A, B: ontop of hollow site C: ontop of Al atom D: ontop of Si atom E: ontop of O atom

# Summary and outlook

1 Theoretical methods for STM such as Bardeen's Perturbation theory, NEGF method, RTM are reviewed are presented. Problems discussed are Effect of the tip, decorated tip, weak to strong interaction

2 Coherent and Dissipating Tunnelling in the STM systems are discussed including tunneling current distribution, features of the coherent current in the nano-structures, from the coherent to dissipative tunneling, zero bias anomaly

3 Theories of dynamic AFM in vacuum and in water are presented as derivation of the harmonic oscillator model, dissipation image, tip effects, cantilever oscillation, oscillatory hydration force, force mediated by water

4 Simulations of Nano-mechanics of protein molecules

# SPM Simulator Project

![](_page_61_Picture_1.jpeg)