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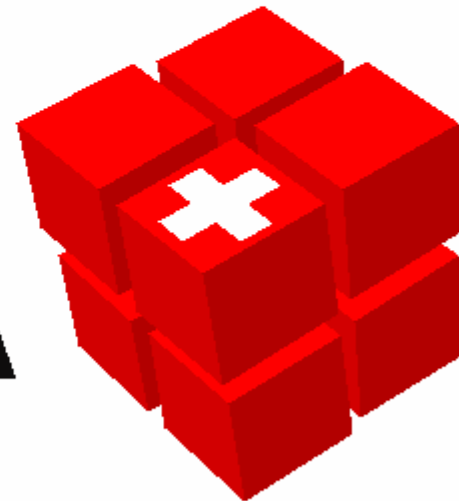
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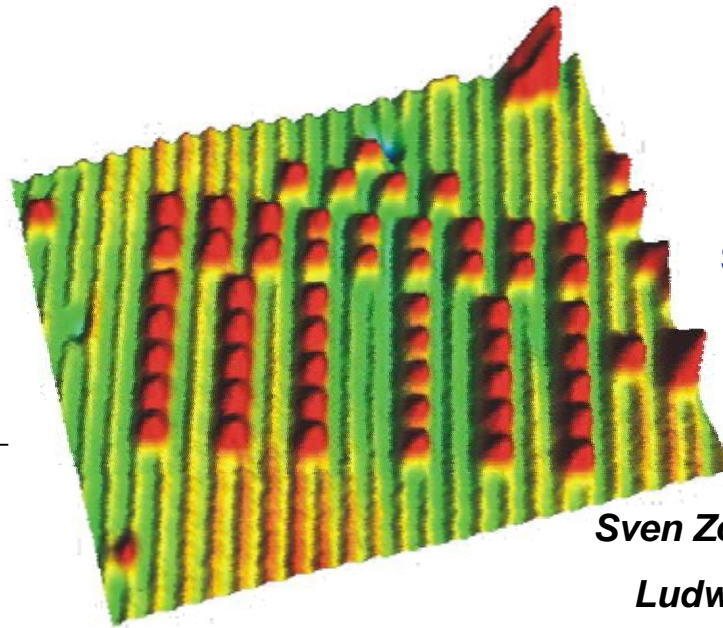
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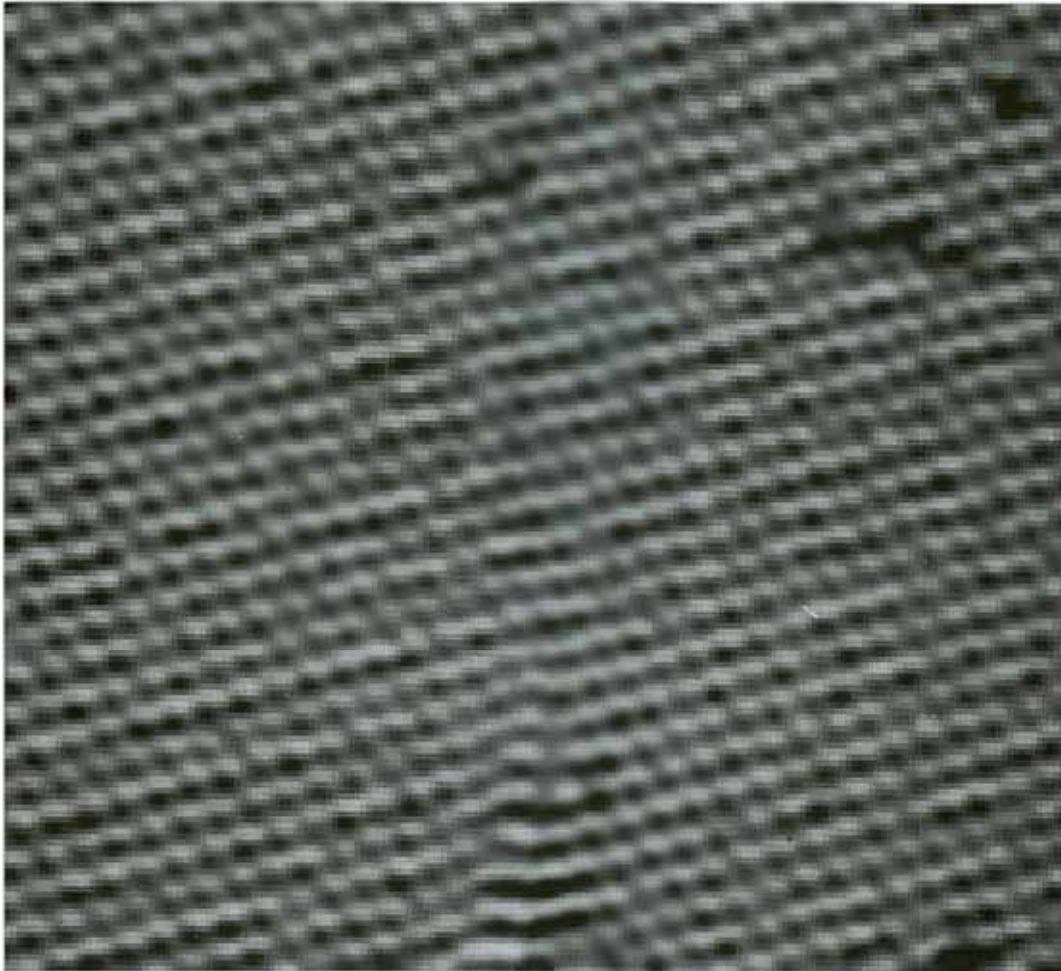
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**Ag (111) with atomic resolution**



**Nearest neighbour  
distance 2.89 Å**

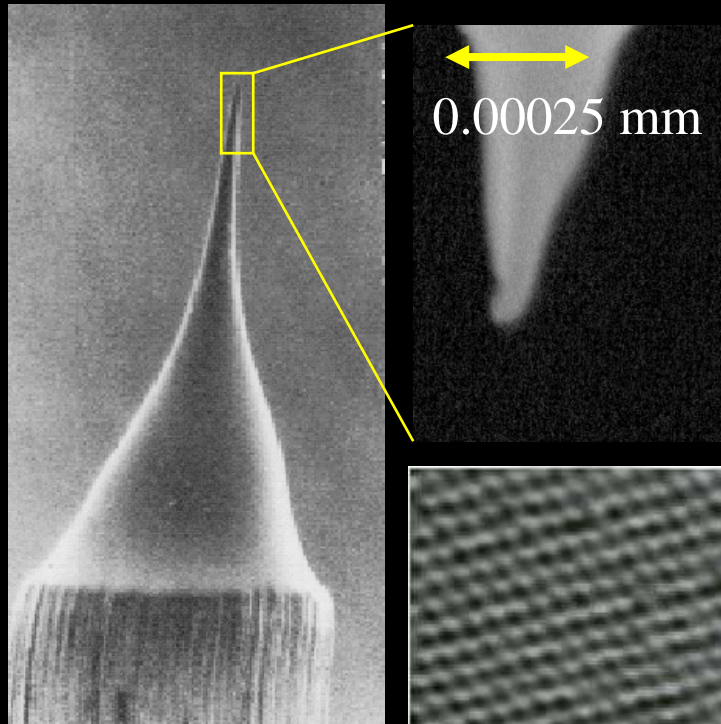
**Corrugation amplitude  
0.1 Å**



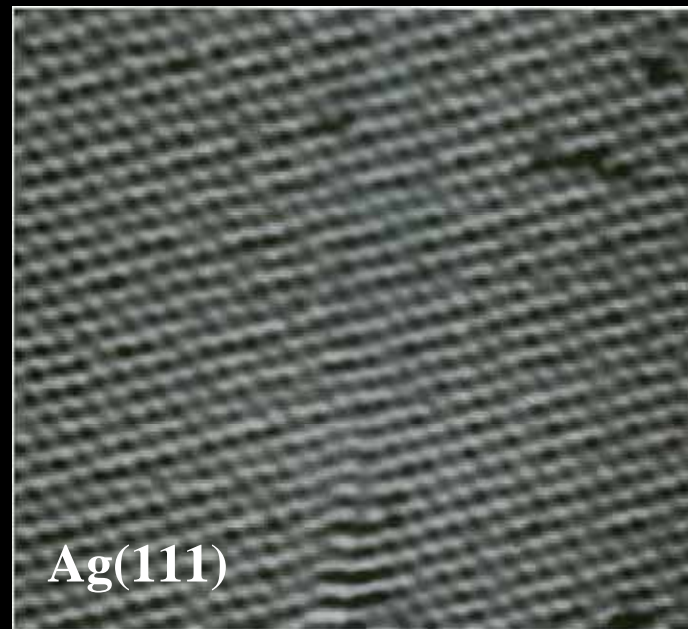
**Screw dislocation**

# Height Resolution of STM

(courtesy of P.M.Koenraad/Techn. Univ.Eindhoven)



Distance of tip to surface is 1 nm = 0,000.001 mm while height regulation is accurate to 1 pm = 0,000.000.001 mm

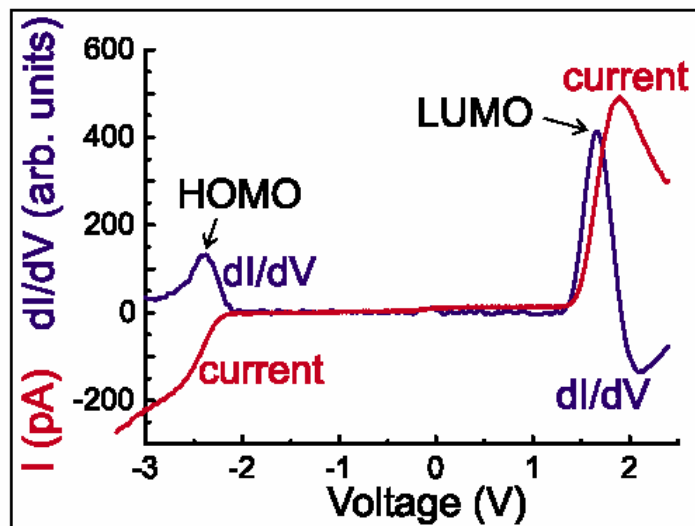


For an analogous height resolution using the Eiffel tower one must position it at 1 mm above the Champs Élysées and scan it with an accuracy of at least 0,001 mm.

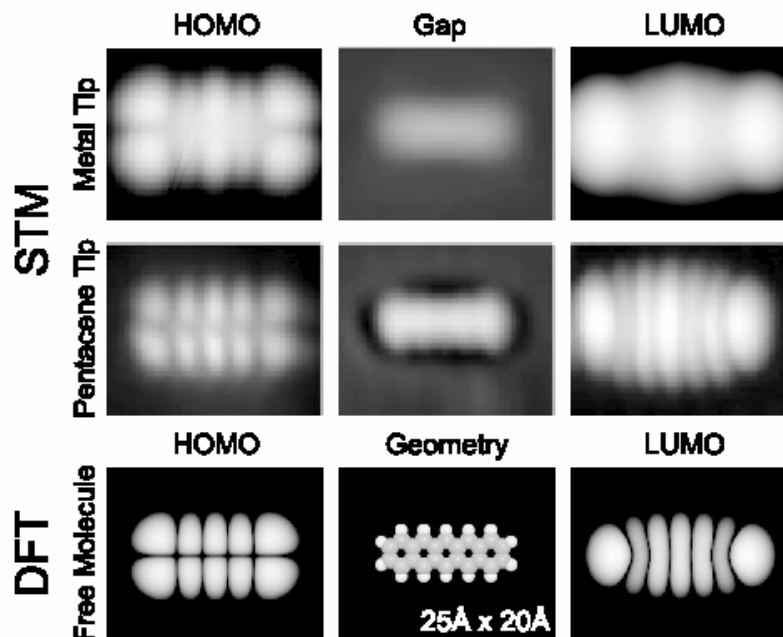


## Pentacene on 2ML NaCl(100)-Film on Cu(111)

J. Repp, G. Meyer et al.,  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 026803  
 (2005)



dI/dV spectroscopy at pentacene center exhibits HOMO and LUMO peaks.



STM-images at voltages  $U$  in the gap region are relatively featureless (middle).

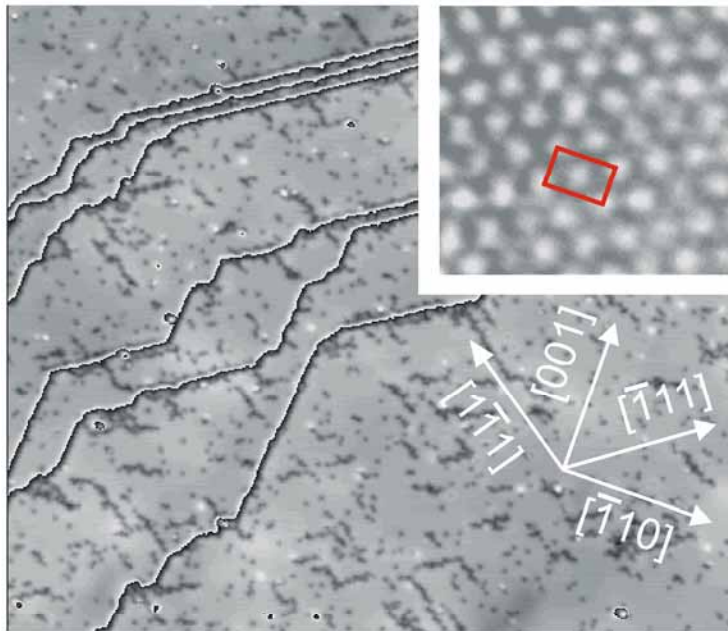
For  $U < -2.4$  V they closely resemble the HOMO electron density (left).

For  $U > 1.7$  V (right) the STM-images resemble the LUMO.

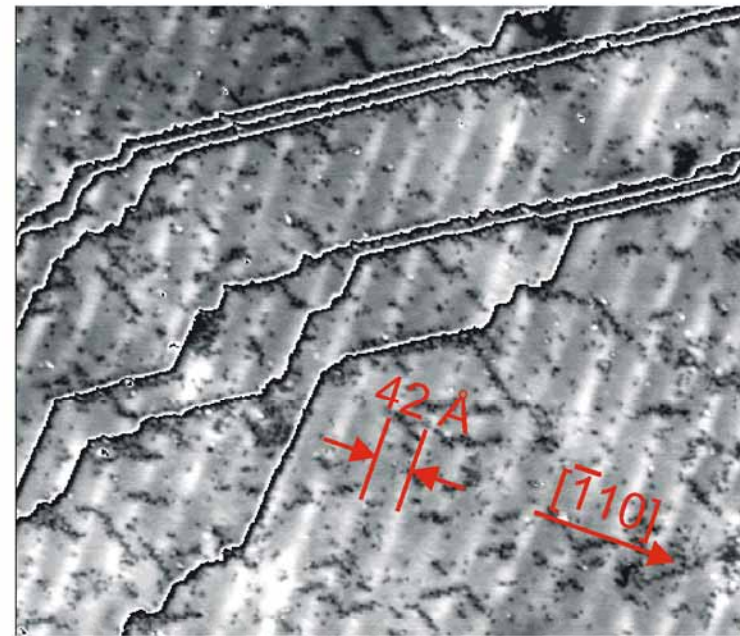
A pentacene molecule picked up to the tip enhances the spatial resolution.

# Cr(110), STM at 6K

750 Å x 650 Å



-1 V bias, 1000 M $\Omega$



-10 mV bias, 10 M $\Omega$

Braun, Fölsch, Meyer, Rieder, PRL **85**, 3500 (2000).

## ● atomic manipulation

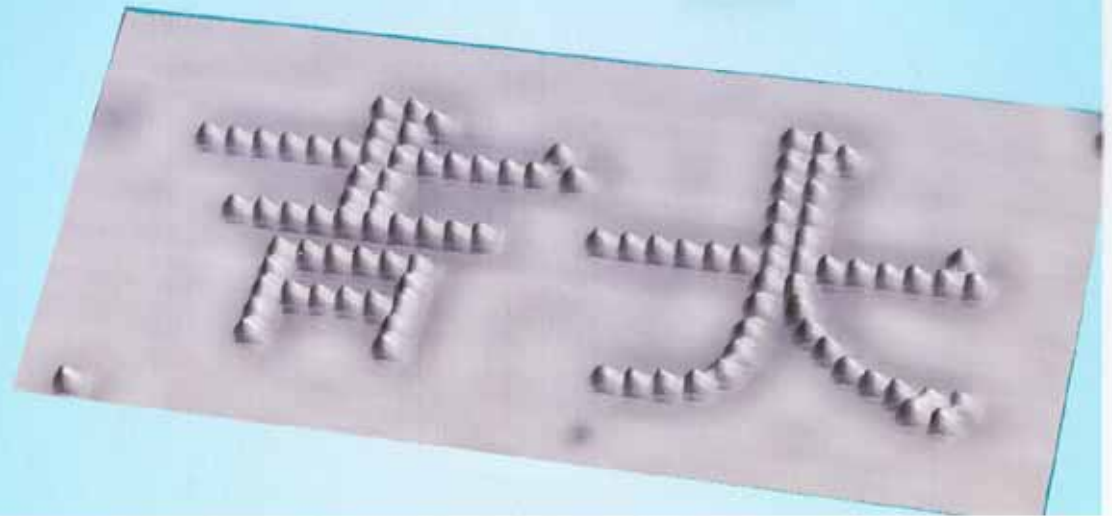


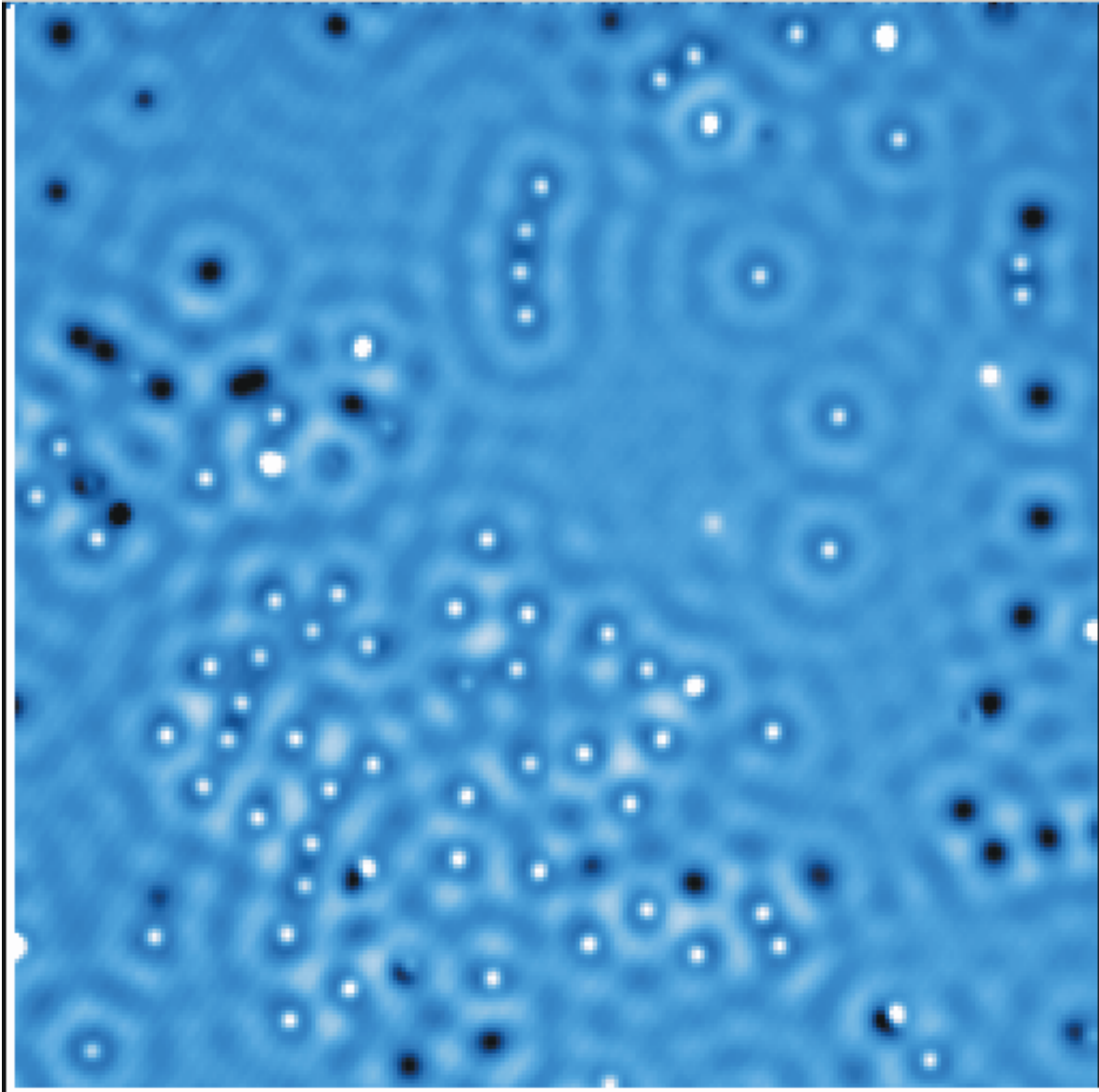
- 98 Ag atoms forming two chinese letters: Ji Jing

C. Gu<sup>1</sup>, K.-F. Braun<sup>2</sup>, K.H. Rieder<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ji Jing university, China

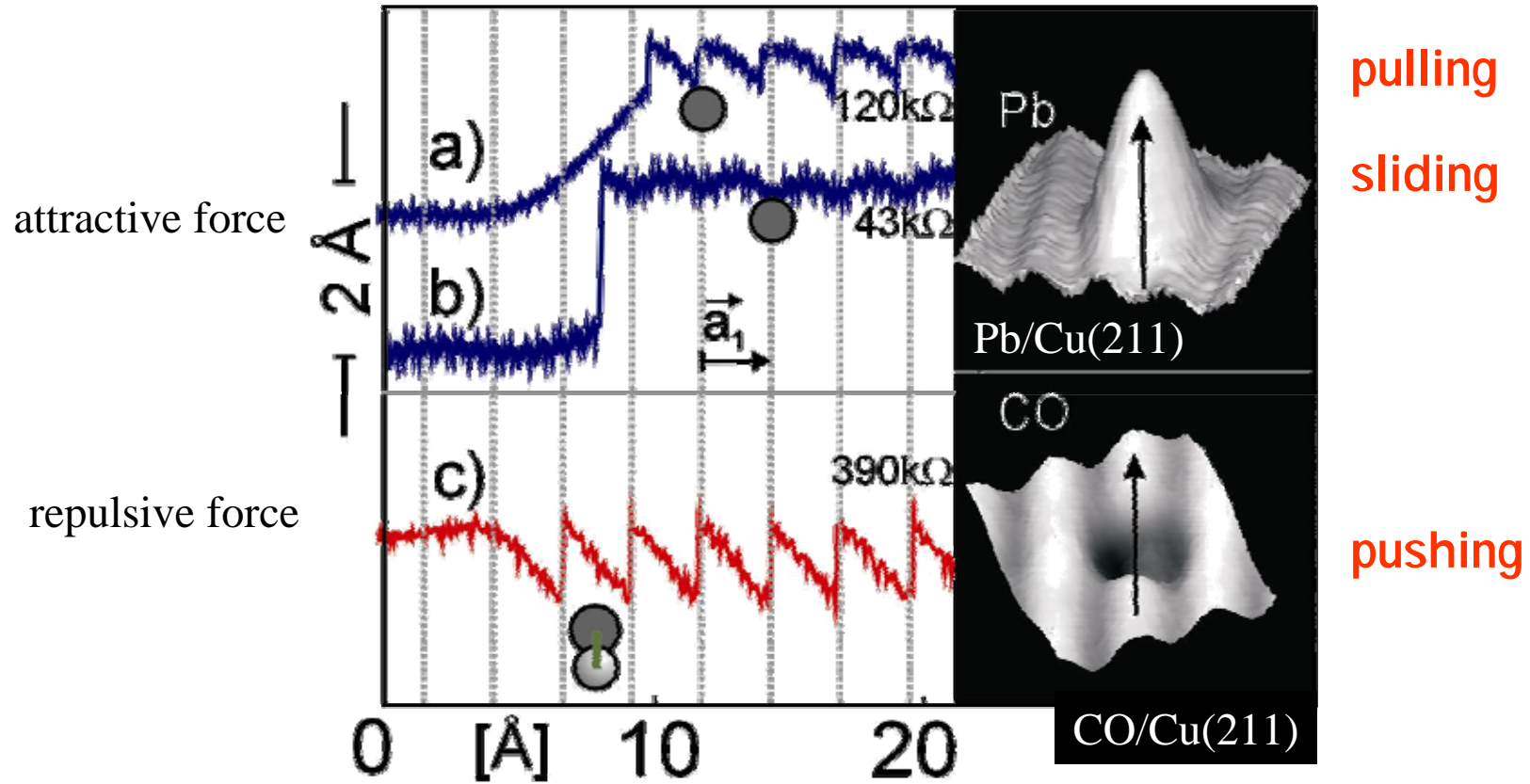
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# Lateral manipulation: Experiment



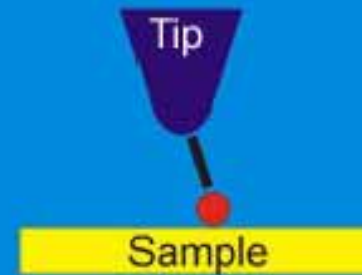
L. Bartels, G. Meyer, K.H. Rieder, Phys. Rev. Lett. 79, 697 (1997)

**Basic tip-sample  
interaction mechanisms  
for atomic scale  
modifications  
of surfaces**

**Forces:**

$$U=0, I=0$$

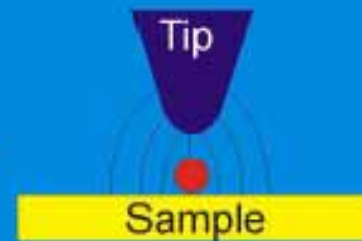
Pulling, Pushing  
Sliding of Atoms



**Electric Field:**

$$10^7 - 10^8 \text{ V/cm}$$

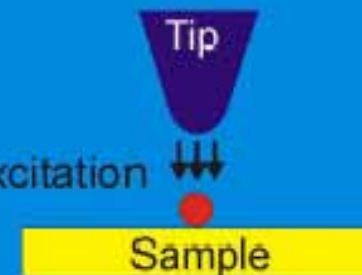
Field evaporation  
Field assisted diffusion  
Stark effect



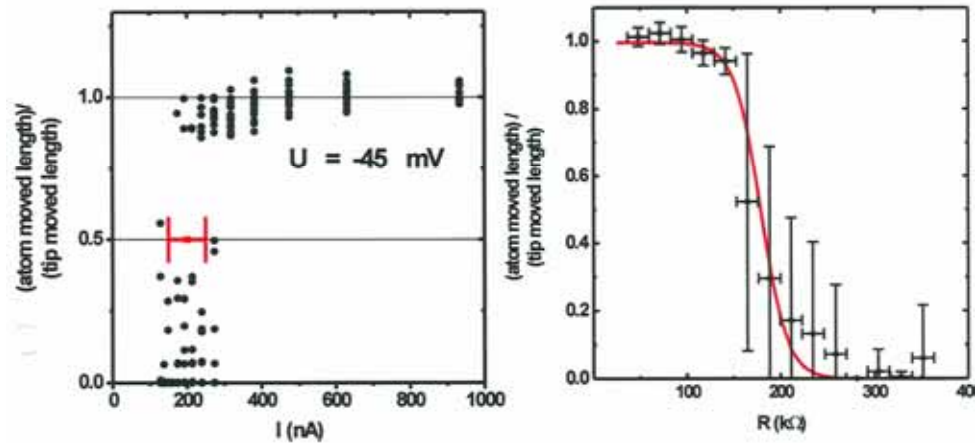
**Electric Current:**

$$10\text{pA} - 100\text{nA}$$

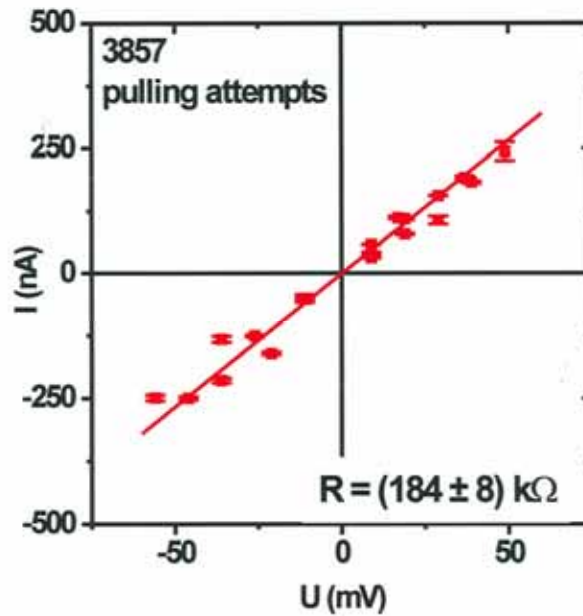
Inelastic tunneling  
Electronic/vibrational excitation  
Local heating



## Pulling of single Ag atoms on Ag(111) at 5 K



$$I \propto Ue^{-kz}$$



S.-W. Hla, K.-F. Braun, K.-H. Rieder, PRB 67, 201402(R) (2003).

Model calculations based on simple assumptions:

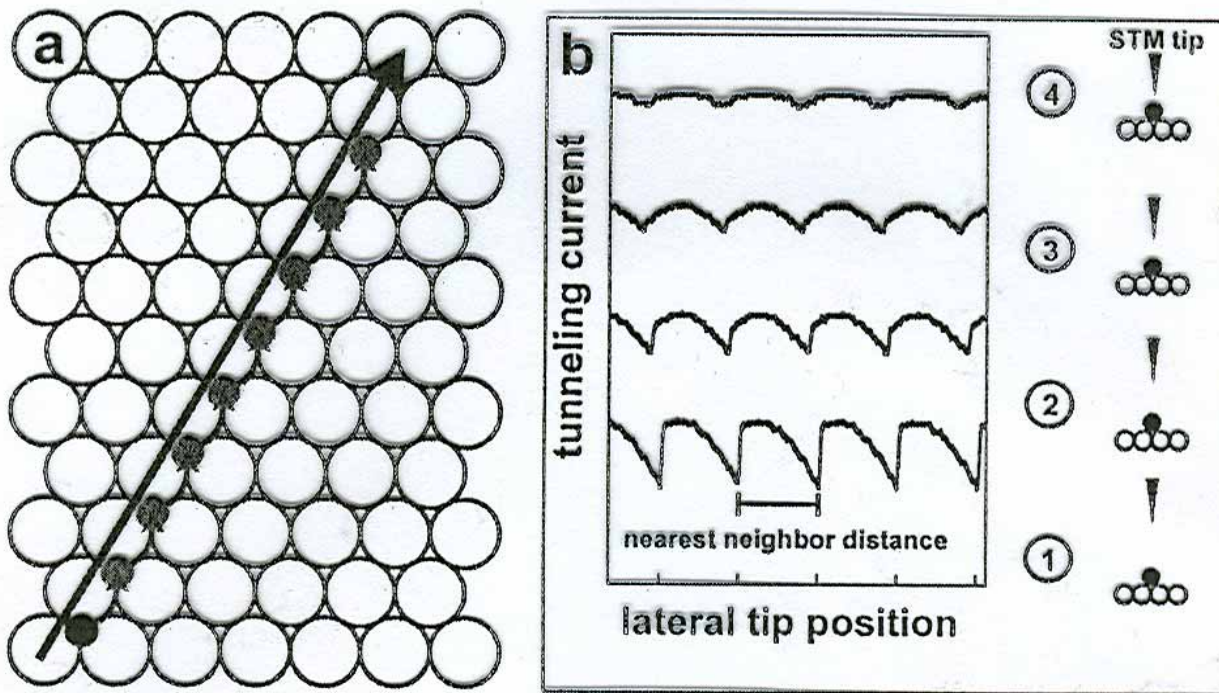
Adparticles move in combined potential of tip and surface.

Surface potential related to electron density contour.

Tip-adparticle potential has Morse form.

Pathway of tip divided into small steps -  
adparticle position calculated by searching  
for closest energy minimum.

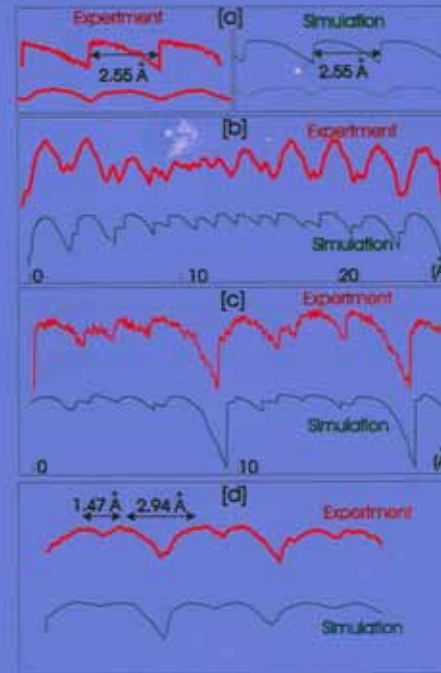
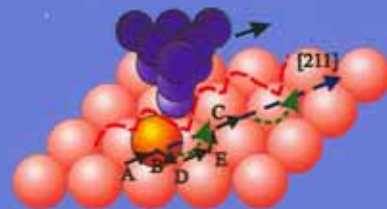
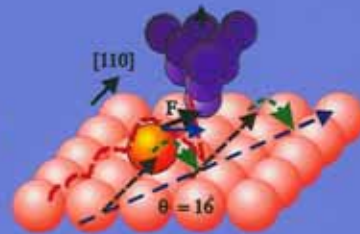
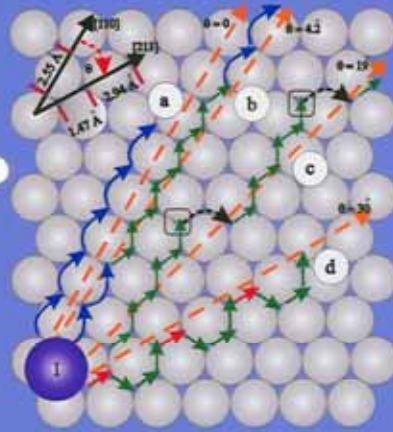
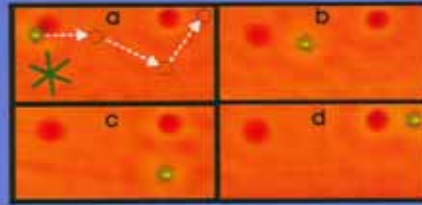
*A. Kühnle et al. / Surface Science 499 (2002) 15-23*



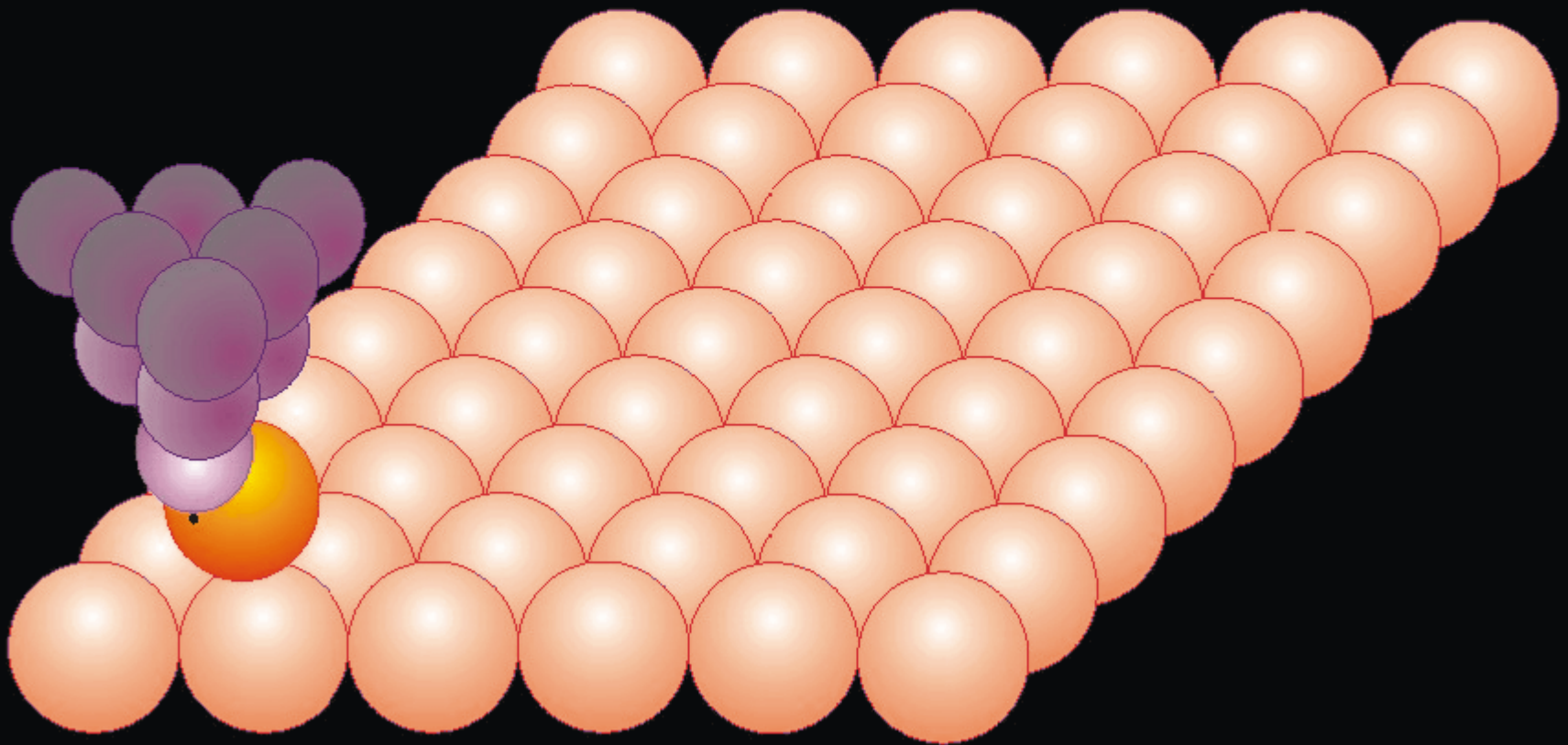
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Transition from  
pulling to sliding

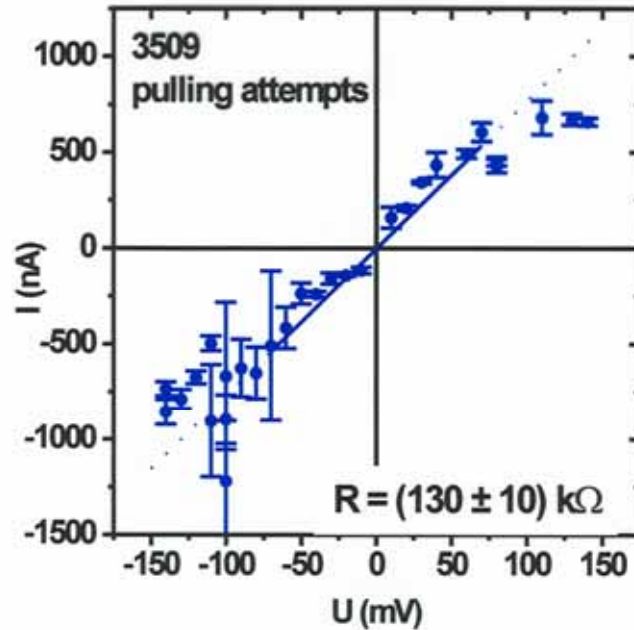
# Detailed Atom Movement Mechanisms



Created by  
Saw Wai Hla

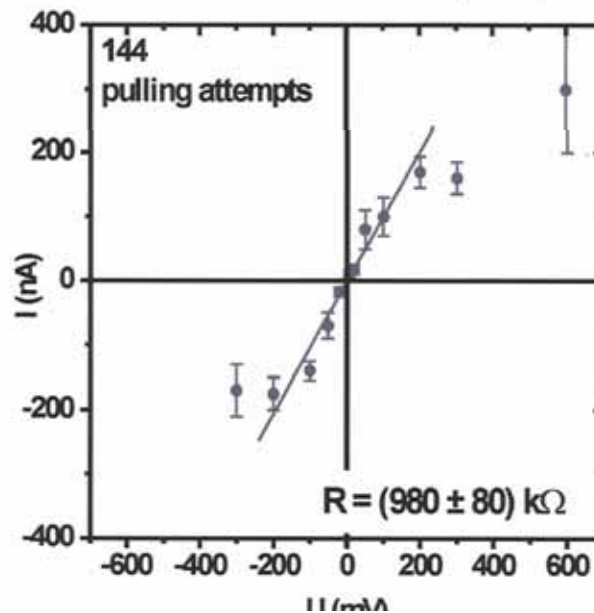


### Au atoms on Ag(111)



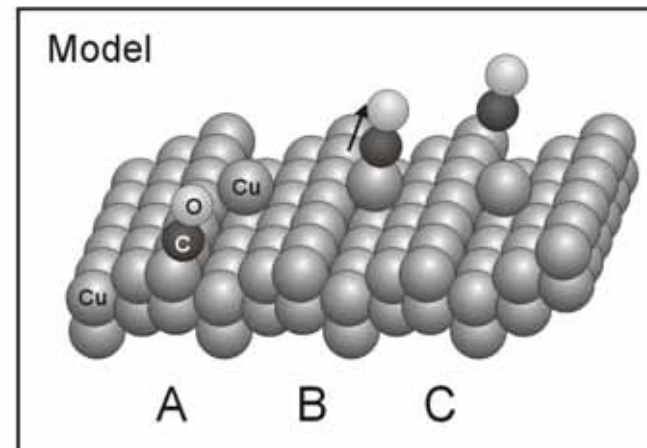
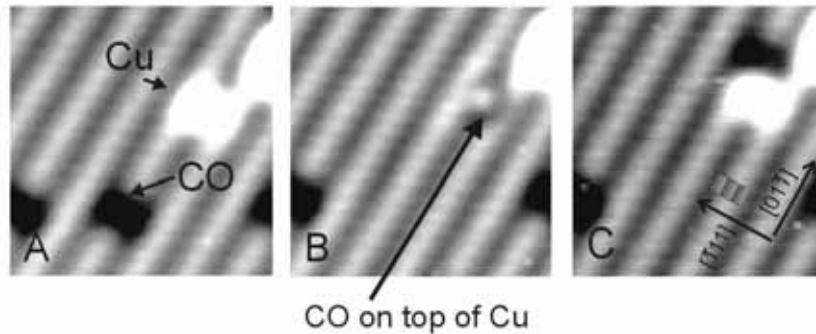
Joe Stroscio, Bob Celotta  
(NIST, Washington DC)  
„Autonomous atom assembly“  
Science (2004)

### Au atoms on Ni(111)



K.F. Braun, S.W. Hla, N. Pertaya, H.W. Soe, C.F.J. Flipse and K.H. Rieder  
Proc. 12 th Int. Conf. on  
Scanning Tunneling  
Microscopy/Spectroscopy and  
Related Techniques  
Eindhoven 2003  
p.109

## Positioning a single CO molecule on top of a single Cu atom



### Results of lateral manipulation:

$R_{\text{...}} = 400\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{\text{...}} = 270\text{k}\Omega$

Higher force necessary to remove a  
CO molecule from a single Cu atom

**M. Gajdos, A.  
Eichler, J. Hafner,  
G. Meyer and K.H.  
Rieder:**

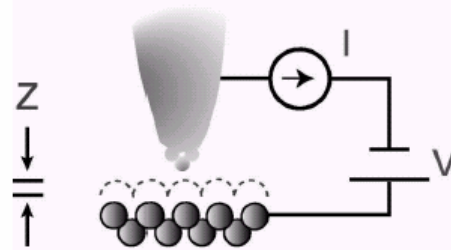
**CO-bonding  
energy to single  
Cu-atom at step  
edge ~0.1 eV larger  
than on step edge**

**Phys.Rev.B 71,  
035402 (2005)**

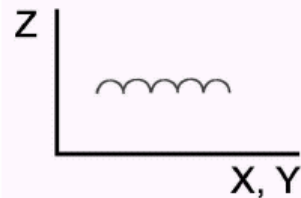


# Scanning Tunneling Microscope

Constant current



- Topography

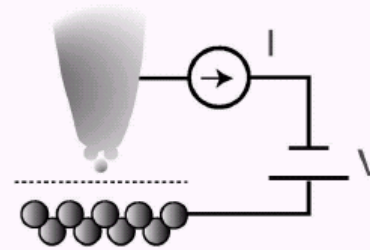


$$V, I, Z$$

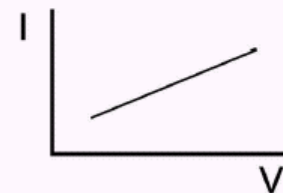
$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$G = R^{-1}$$

Constant height



- Spectroscopy



- Chemistry

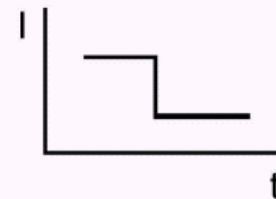
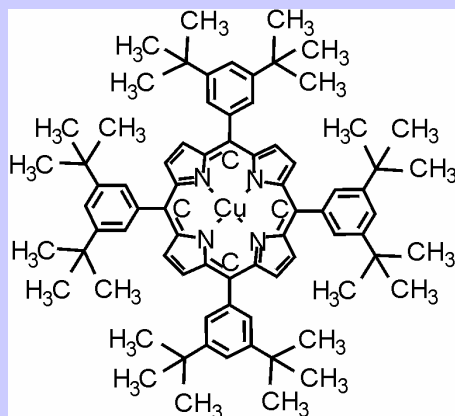
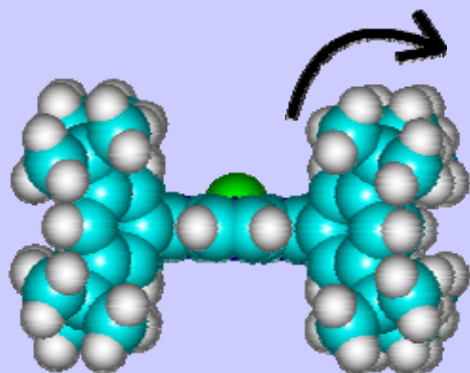
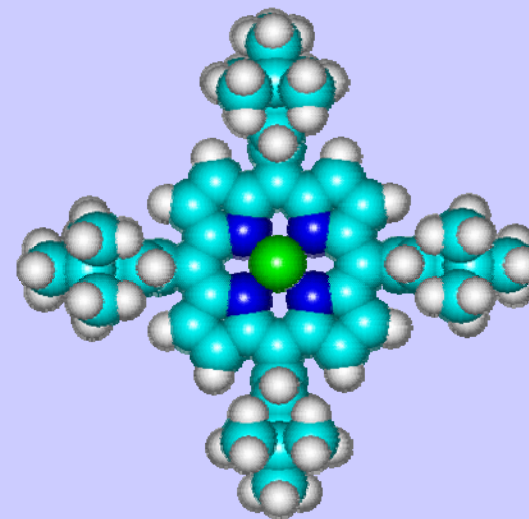


FIG. 2. Schematic showing the different operational modes of the STM. In the constant current (constant height) mode, the feedback remains on (off). With the tip fixed in the  $x$ - $y$  position and height ( $z$ ), electronic and vibrational spectroscopy can be carried out by modulating and sweeping the bias voltage. By monitoring the time dependence of the current, motions of the molecule can be observed and quantitatively measured. With the homemade STM, the measured drifts with the feedback turned off are  $\sim 0.001$  Å/min for the tip-sample separation and  $\sim 0.01$  Å/min for the  $x$ - $y$  position.  $G$  is the conductance.



# TBPP

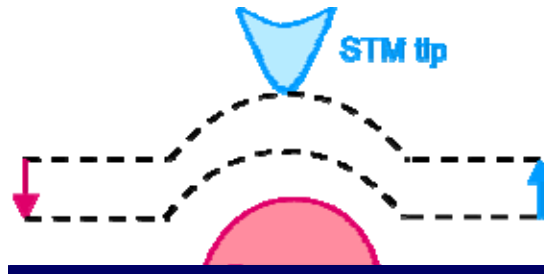
Porphyrin-based molecule with four lateral TBP-groups



- In the gas phase the legs are oriented perpendicularly to the porphyrin ring
- The legs can rotate

# Manipulating into parts of molecules

by means of the lateral manipulation technique

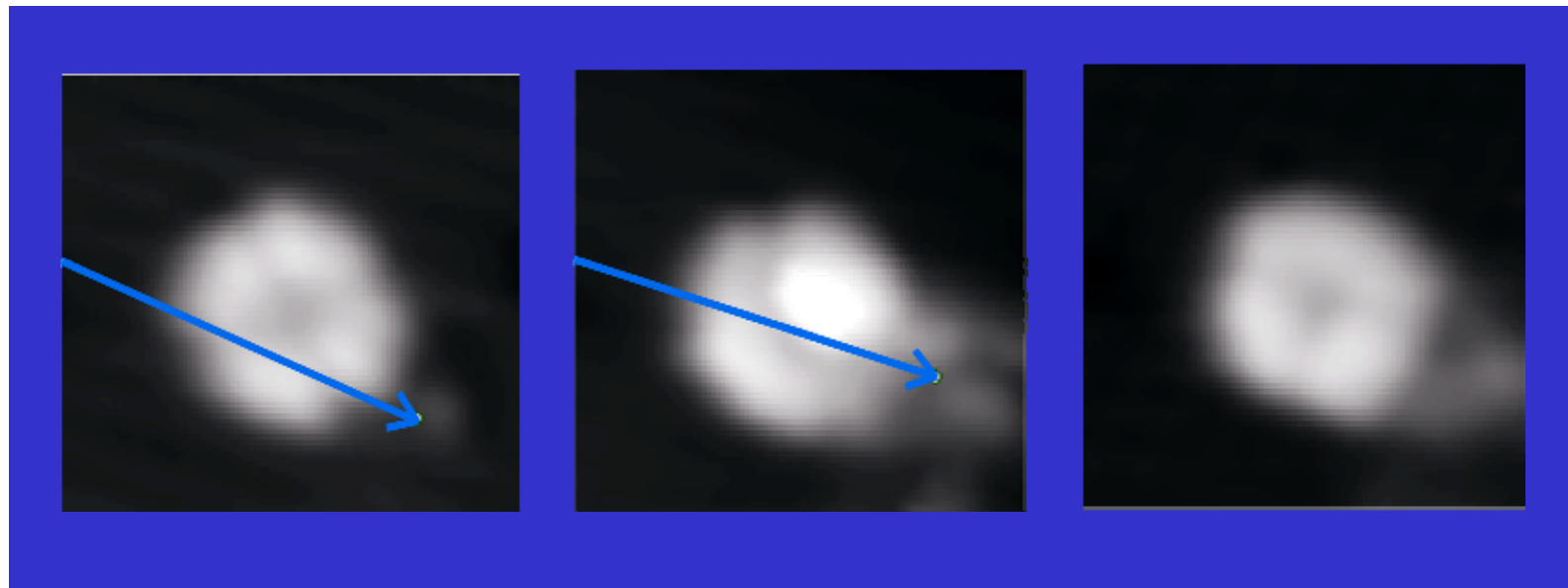


a single leg of TBPP can be **reversibly** rotated on Cu(211)

image:  $R = 7.5 \times 10^8 \text{ Ohm}$

manipulation:  $R = 6 \times 10^4 \text{ Ohm}$

$V = 0.3 \text{ V}, I = 4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ A}$



the legs are flat

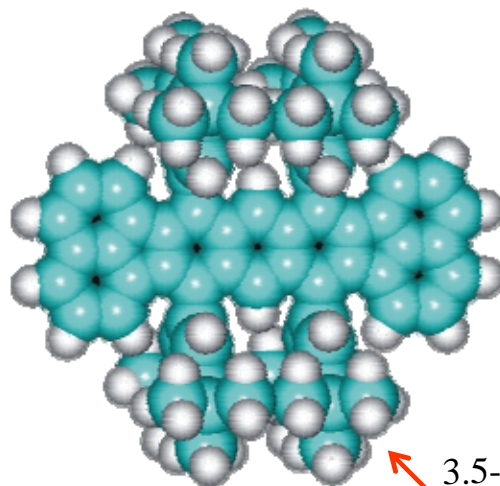
one leg is rotated

the leg is flat again

# A molecular wire system

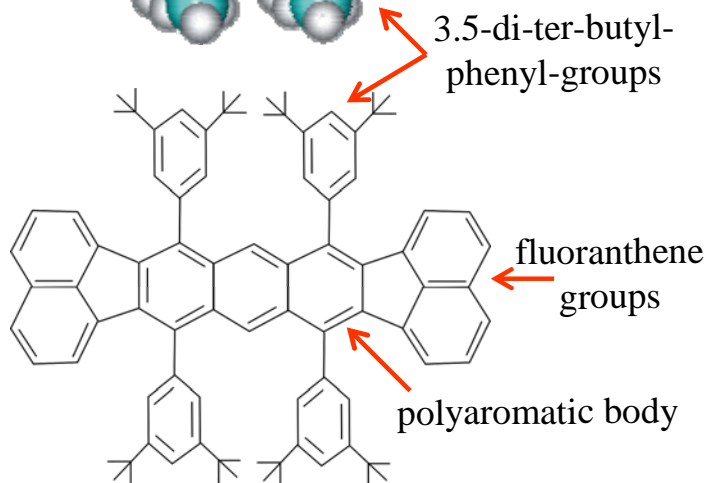
molecular-wire-board  
with the same 4 lateral  
TBP-groups as TBPP

better conduction  
through the  
polyaromatic body



Lander ( $C_{90}H_{98}$ )

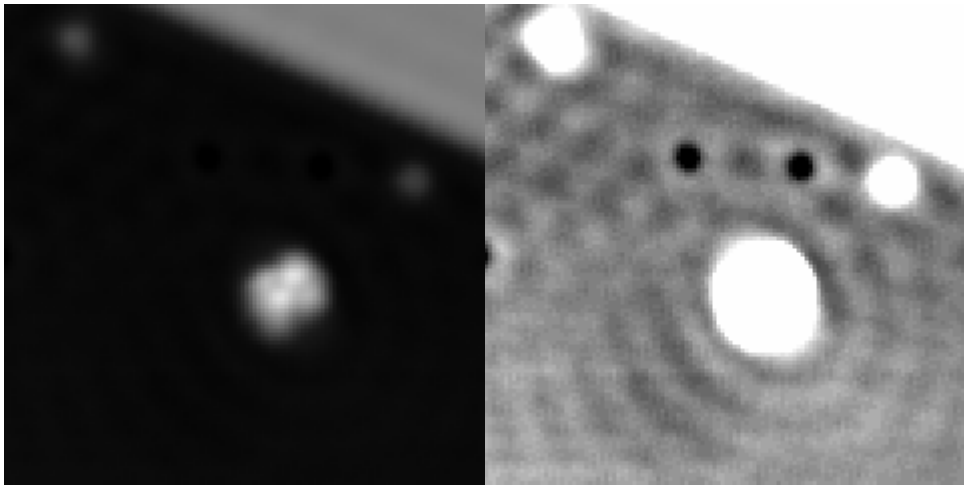
in the gas phase the  
legs are oriented  
perpendicular to the  
board



# Standing wave patterns of Lander molecules

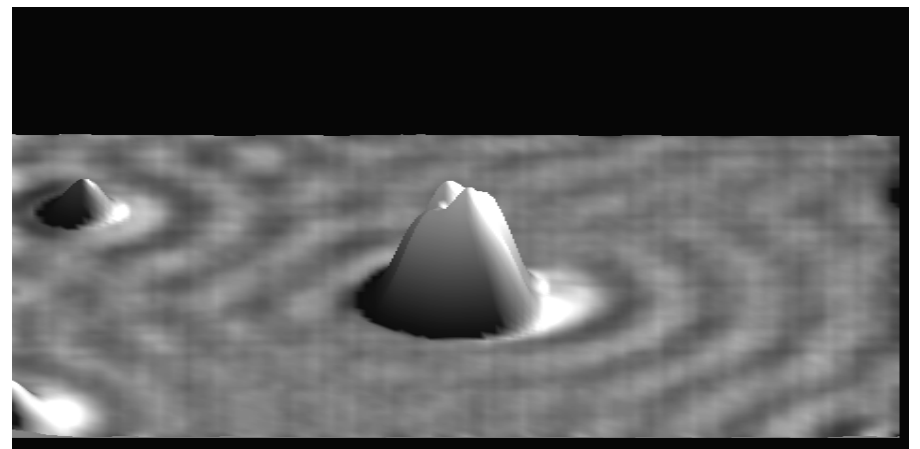
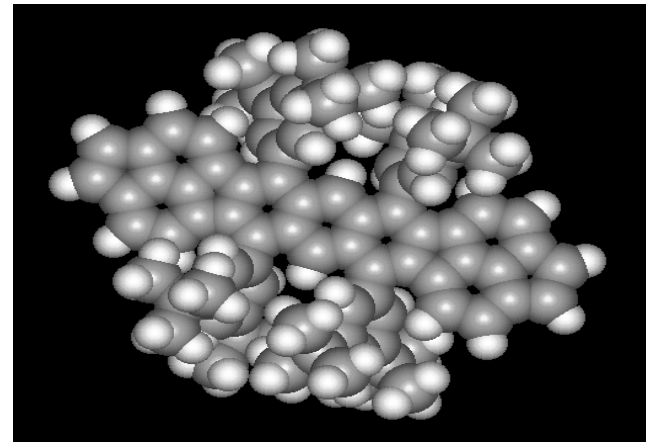
The Cu(111) surface exhibits **Shockley surface states**.

Standing wave patterns in the LDOS are accessible with STM



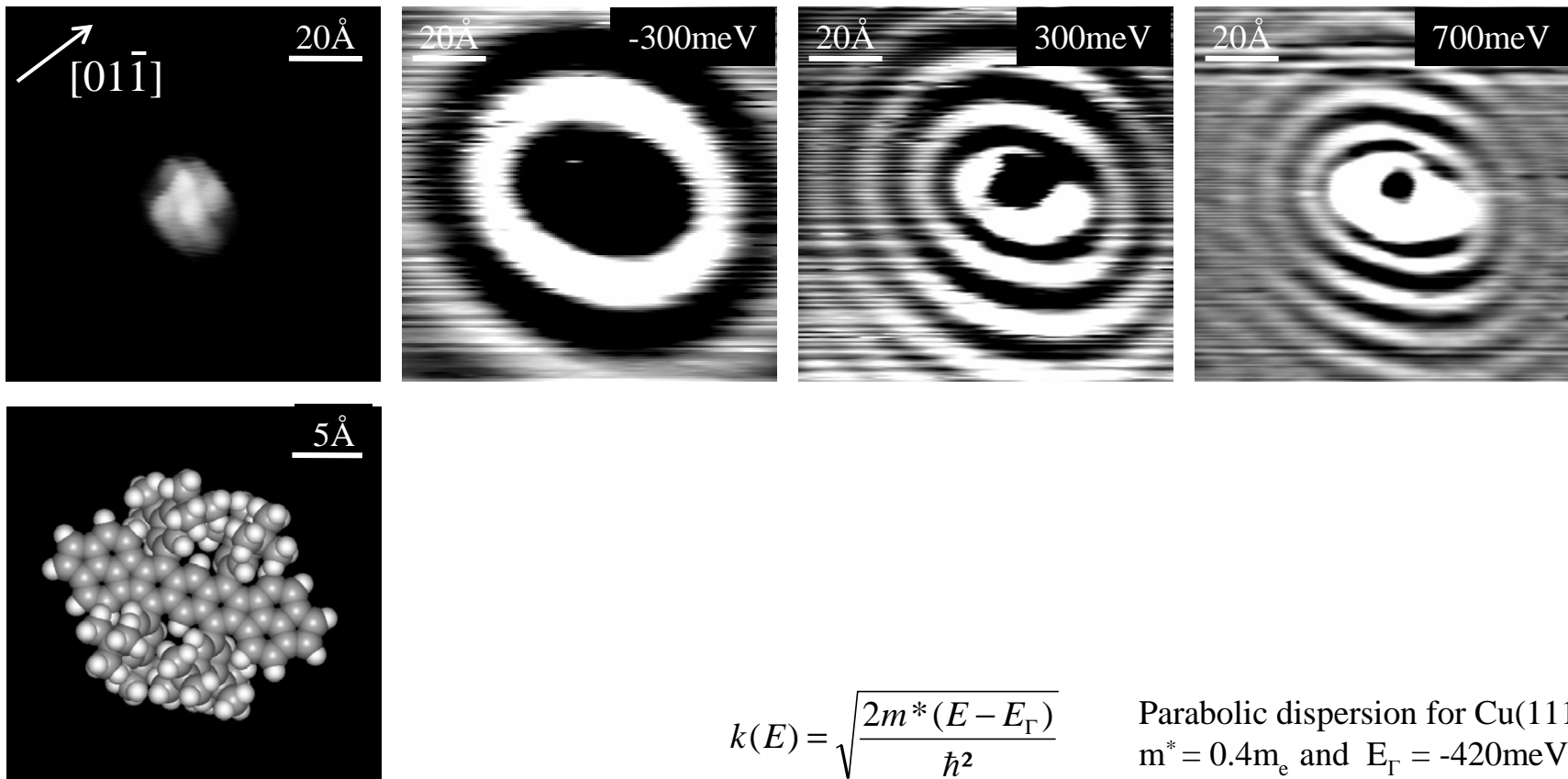
R-Lander  
U=100mV, I=0.3nA,  
size: (150Å)<sup>2</sup>

Same image,  
increased contrast



# dI/dV maps

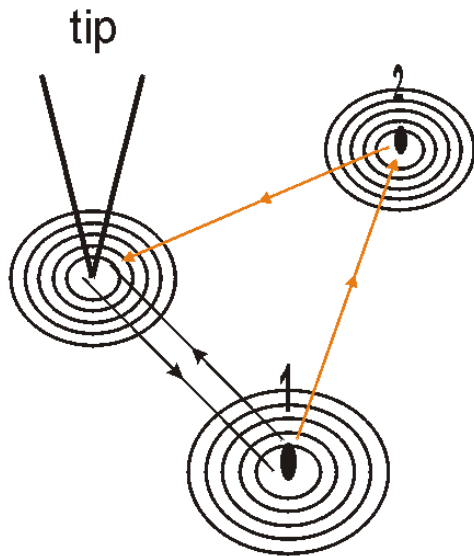
Spectroscopic images of differential conductance (dI/dV maps)  
recorded in constant current mode,  
with typical modulation frequency 500Hz and amplitude 10mV



$$k(E) = \sqrt{\frac{2m^*(E - E_{\Gamma})}{\hbar^2}}$$

Parabolic dispersion for Cu(111)  
 $m^* = 0.4m_e$  and  $E_{\Gamma} = -420\text{meV}$

## calculation of the wavepattern



- tip emits a circular wave:  $a_T = H_0^{(1)}$
- point interaction yields s-wave phaseshift  $\delta$  and

absorption  $\alpha$ : 
$$a(r) = H_0^{(1)} \frac{(\alpha e^{2i\delta} - 1)}{2}$$

- interference term after all scattering processes:

$$LDOS \propto \text{Re}(\vec{a}_T \cdot [1 - \tilde{A}]^{-1} \cdot \vec{a})$$

[Heller et al., *Nature* **369**, 464 ('94) and thesis group Heller]

- inelastic scattering between adatoms:

$$e^{-x/L}$$

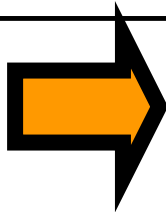
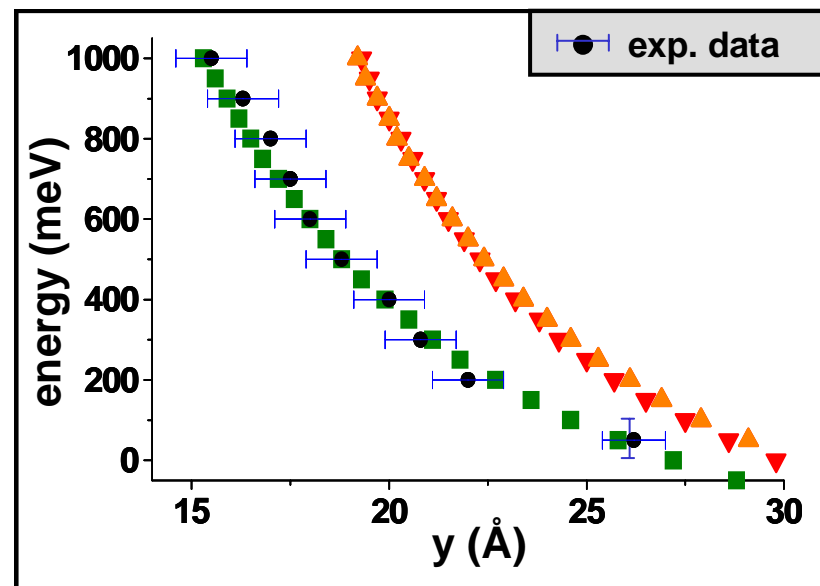
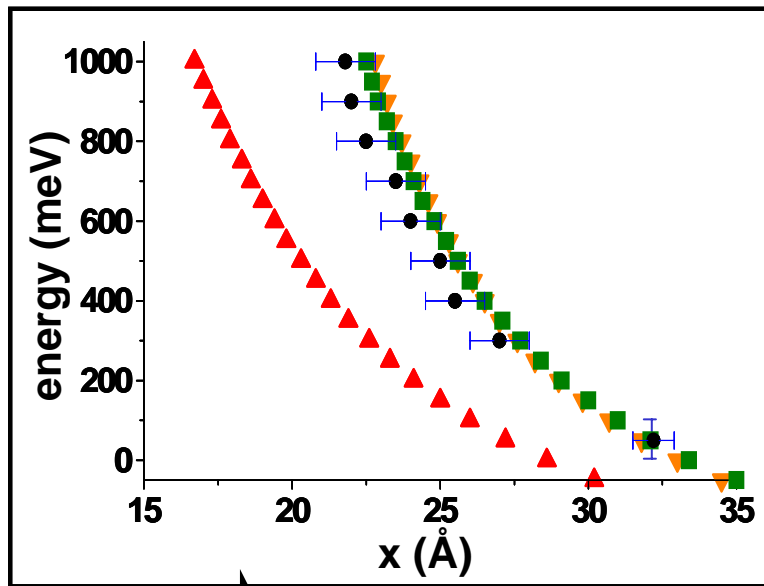
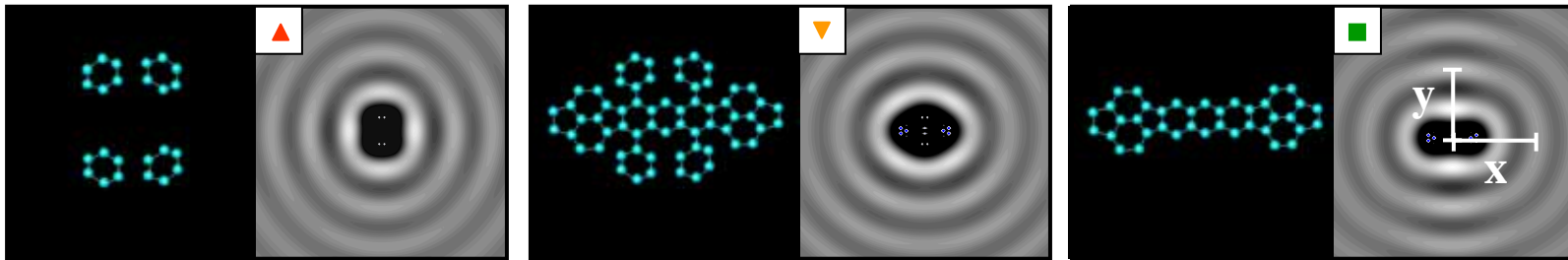
$x$  length of the trajectory

$L = \tau \cdot v$  phase relaxation length

$v$  group velocity

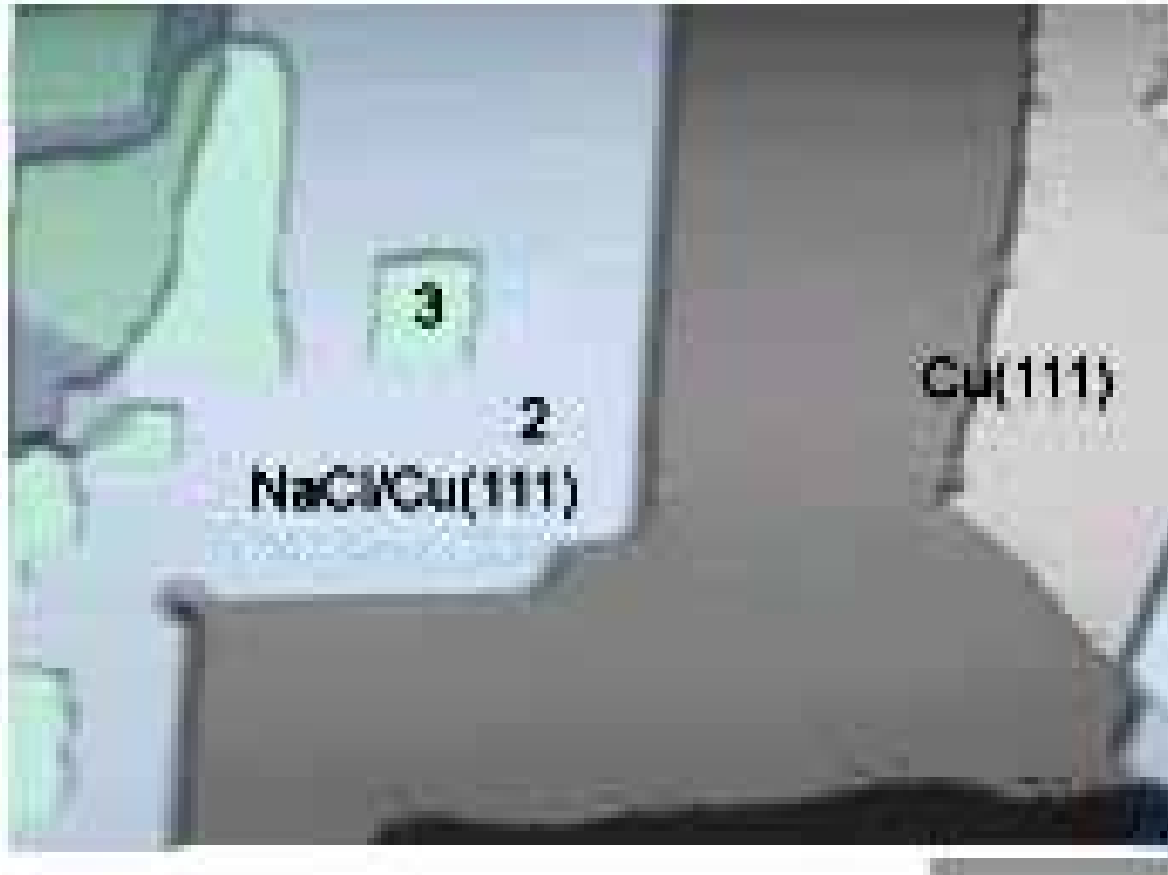
$\tau$  electron lifetime

# Comparison of different model calculations



**The molecular board is the predominant scattering centre of the surface state electrons**





**NaCl on Cu(111): Large islands with sharp unpolar edges**

**Image size 2300x1600A, 230pA; -1.26V**

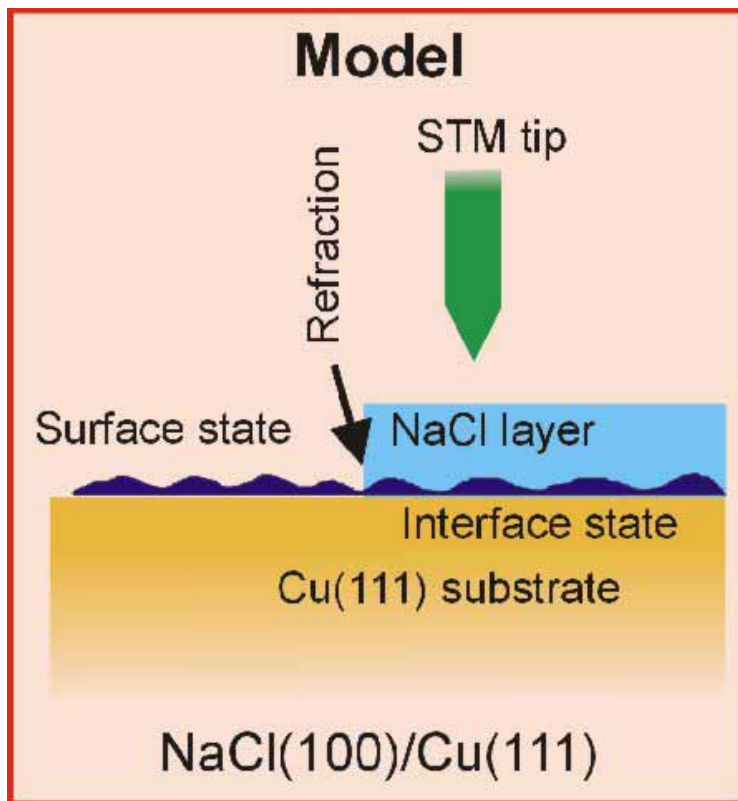
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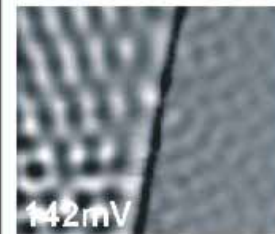
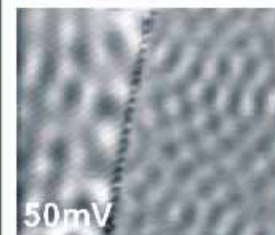
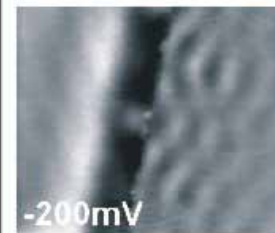
# Interface state band and refraction: NaCl/Cu(111)

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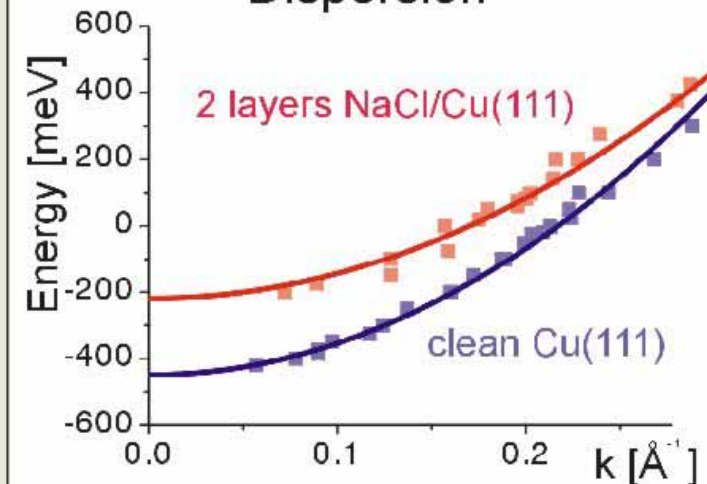
dI/dV-images



## Interface state band

- ▶ Interface state band descends from the surface state of the clean surface.
- ▶ From standing wave patterns  $E(k)$  is extracted.
- ▶ The dispersion is shifted towards higher energy.

Dispersion

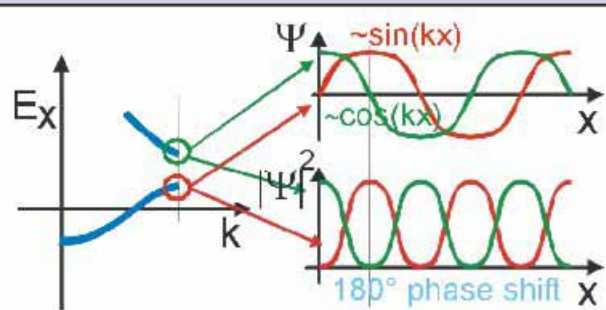


## Band gap

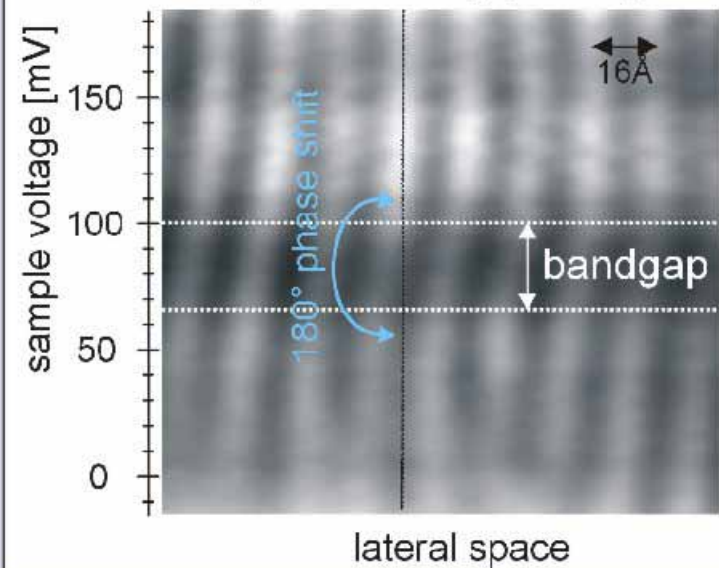
- ▶ Incommensurate growth causes Moiré patterns.
- ▶ This gives rise to a modulation of the electron potential and thereby creates a 1D bandgap in the 2D band.
- ▶  $dI/dV$  images show the bandgap behavior.

NFE-model:

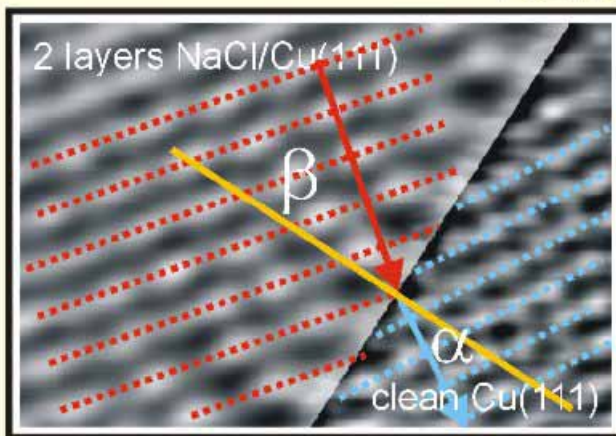
$$\text{for } k_x = k_v/2: \Psi = \begin{cases} \sin(k_x x) \\ \cos(k_x x) \end{cases}$$



$dI/dV$ -spectroscopy image

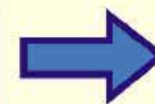


## Refraction of surface electrons



- ▶ Standing wave pattern on NaCl is due to the band gap.
- ▶ Also on the clean Cu near NaCl islands there is a strong wave pattern.
- ▶ These patterns at island edges obey Snell's refraction law.

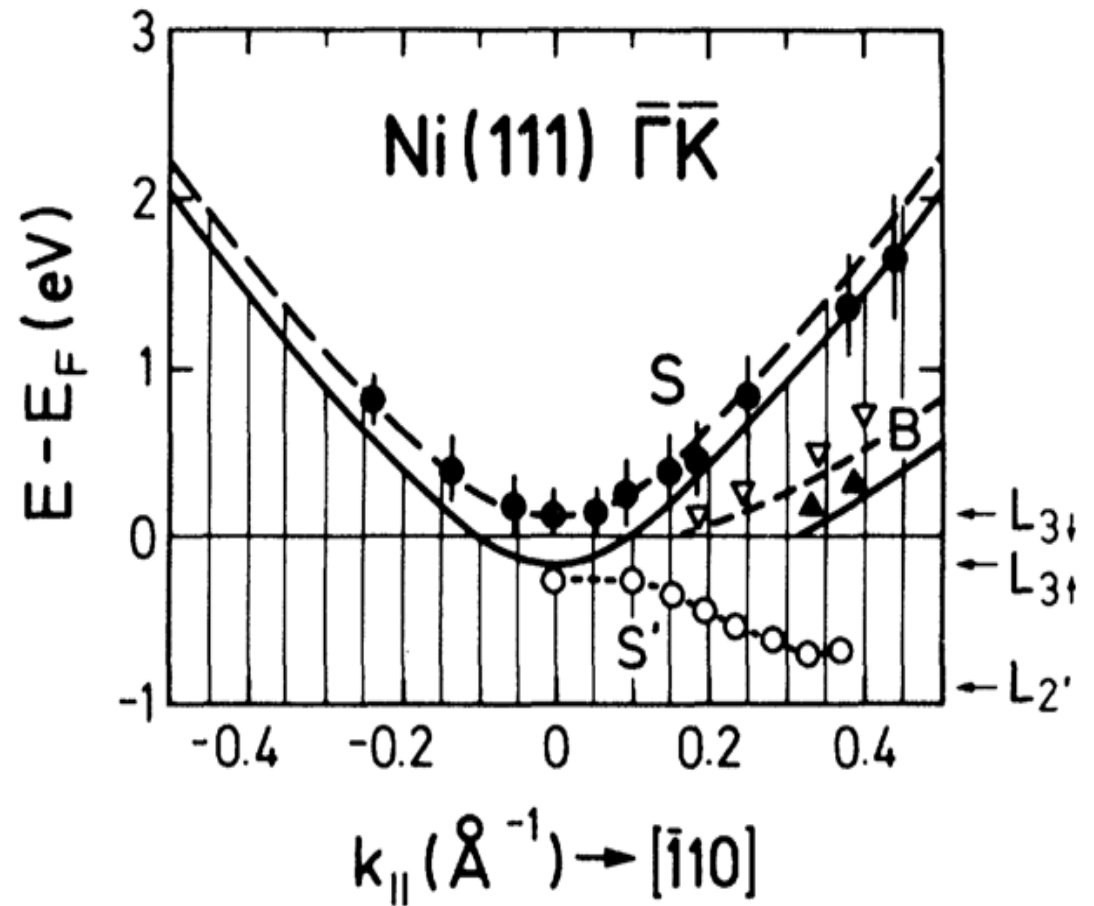
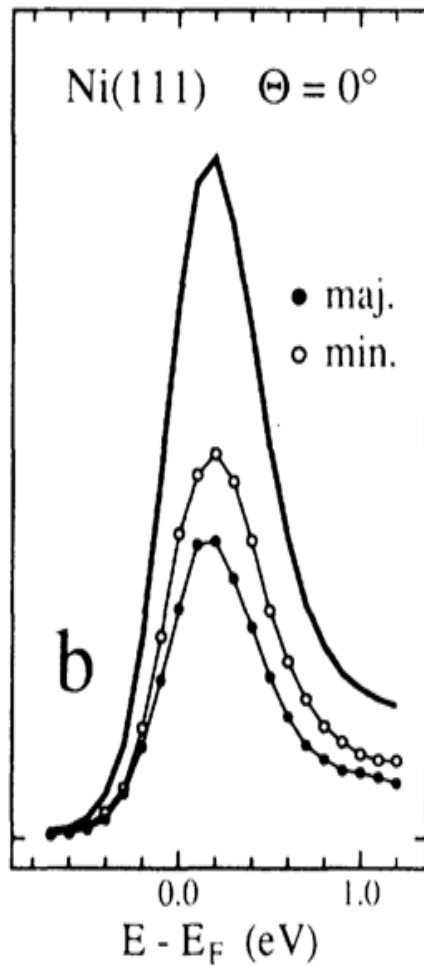
Conservation  
of  $k_{||}$



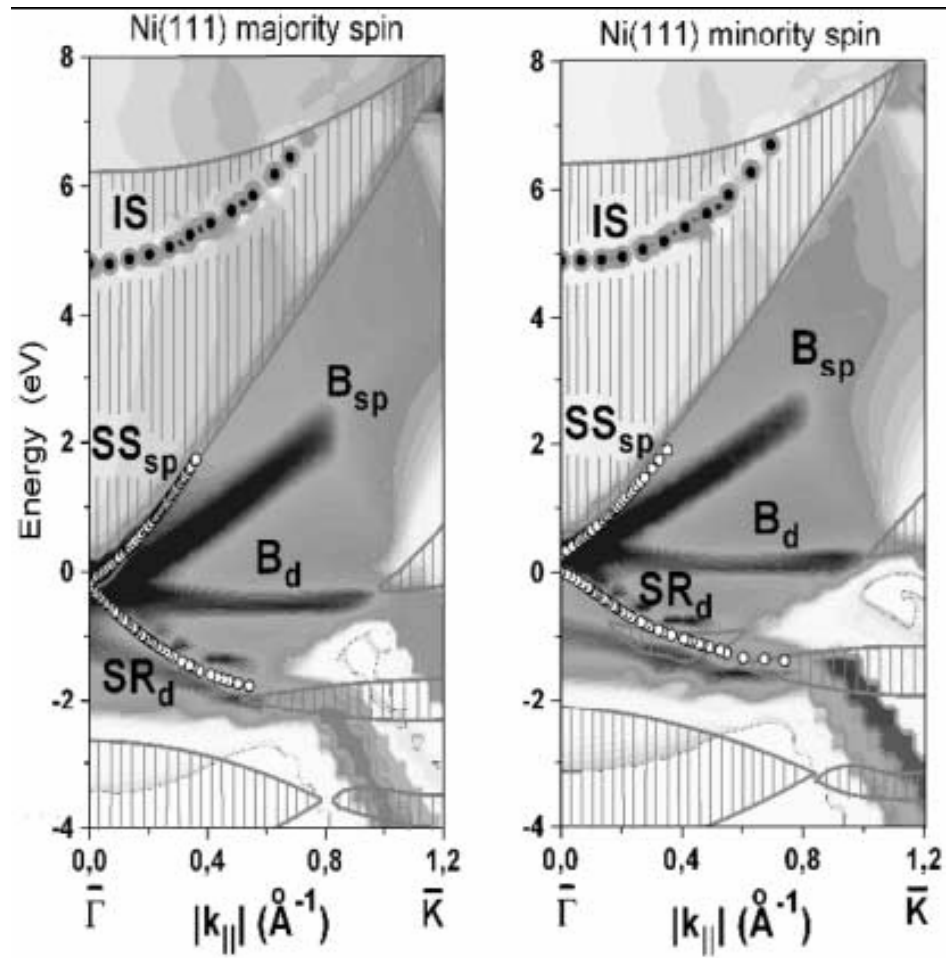
$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$$

## Spin-split surface state on Ni(111)?

Spin-resolved inverse photoemission from Ni(111):



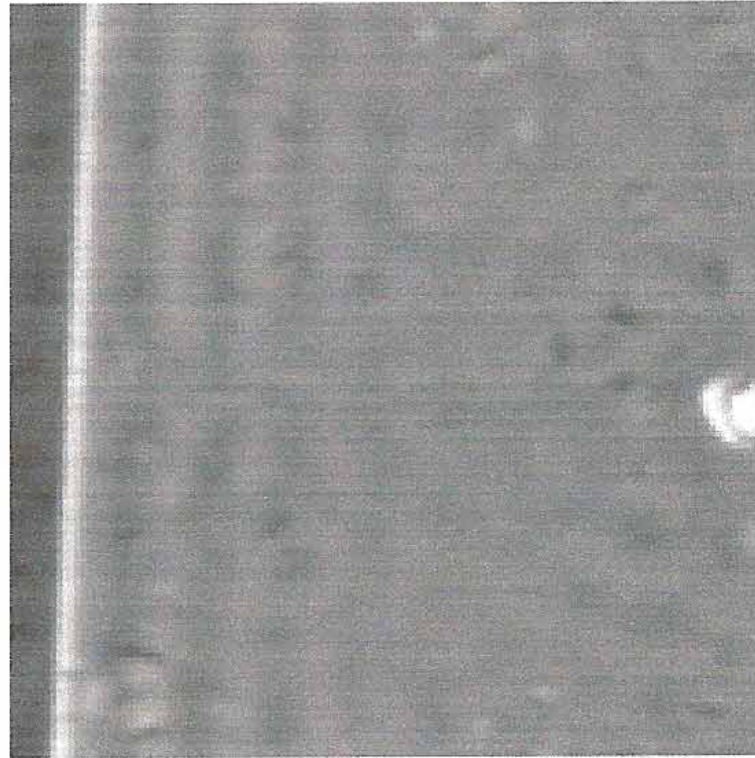
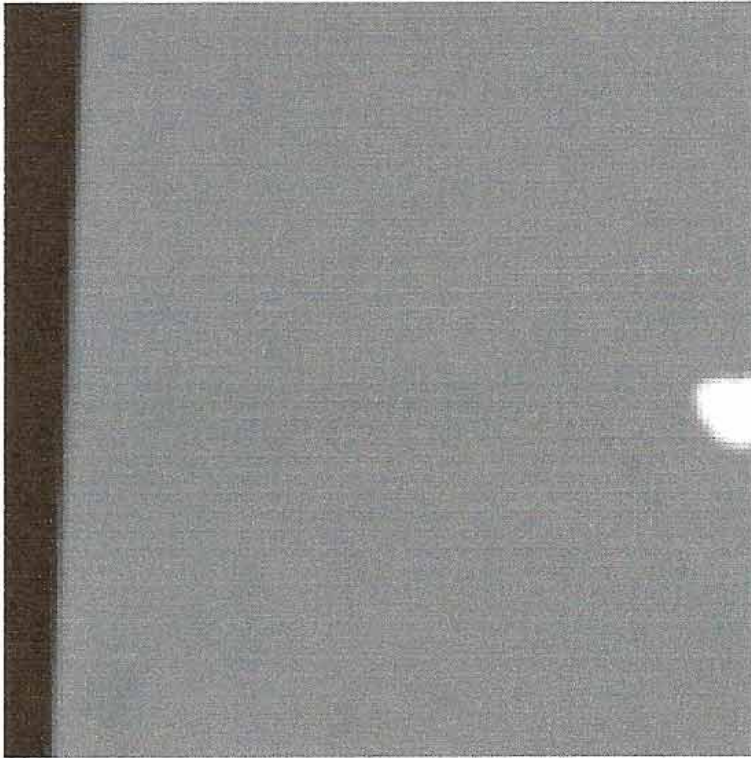
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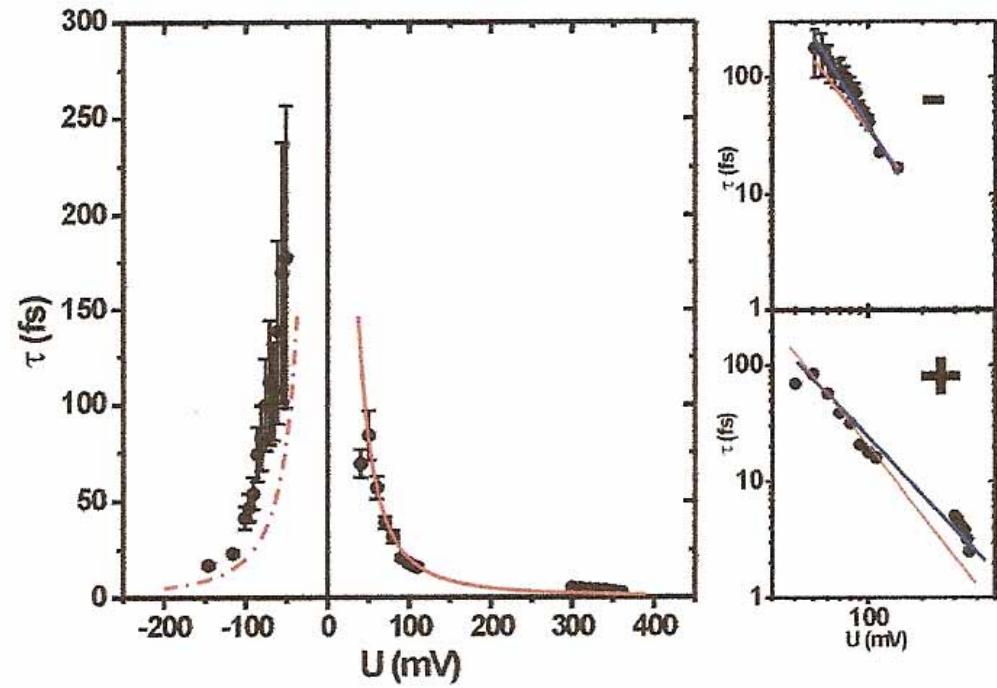
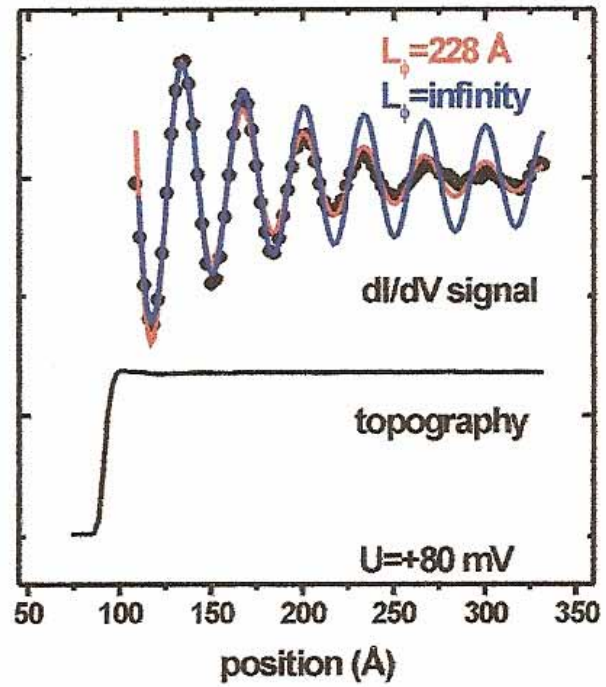
## Ni(111)

Left: Topography of region with straight step edge.

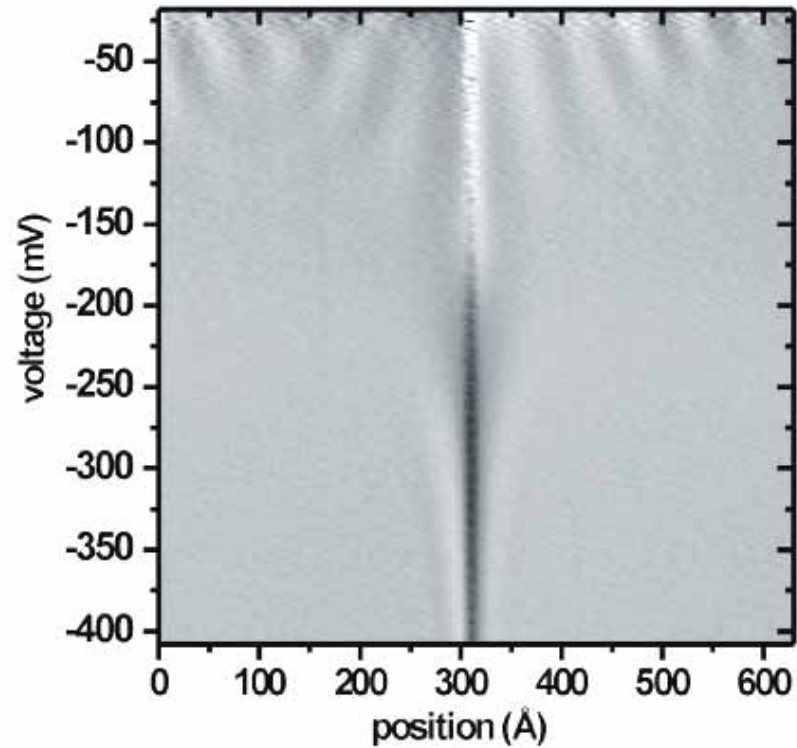


Right:  $dI/dV$  map showing standing wave pattern at step edge as well as adsorbates which appear as faint depressions (+80mV, 315x315 Å).

# Ni(111)



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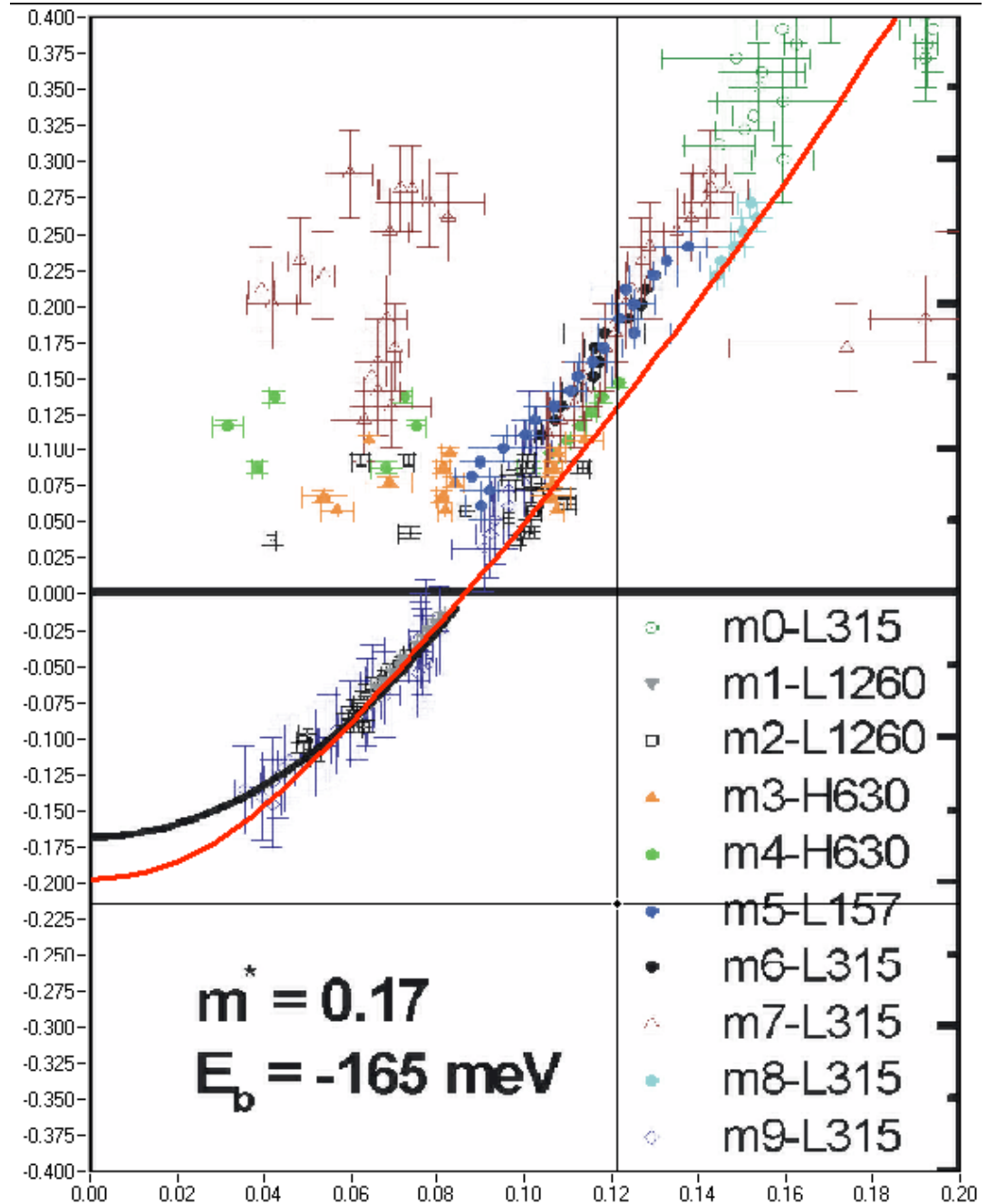


# Ni(111)

Ni(111) surface sp-state dispersion (spin-up).

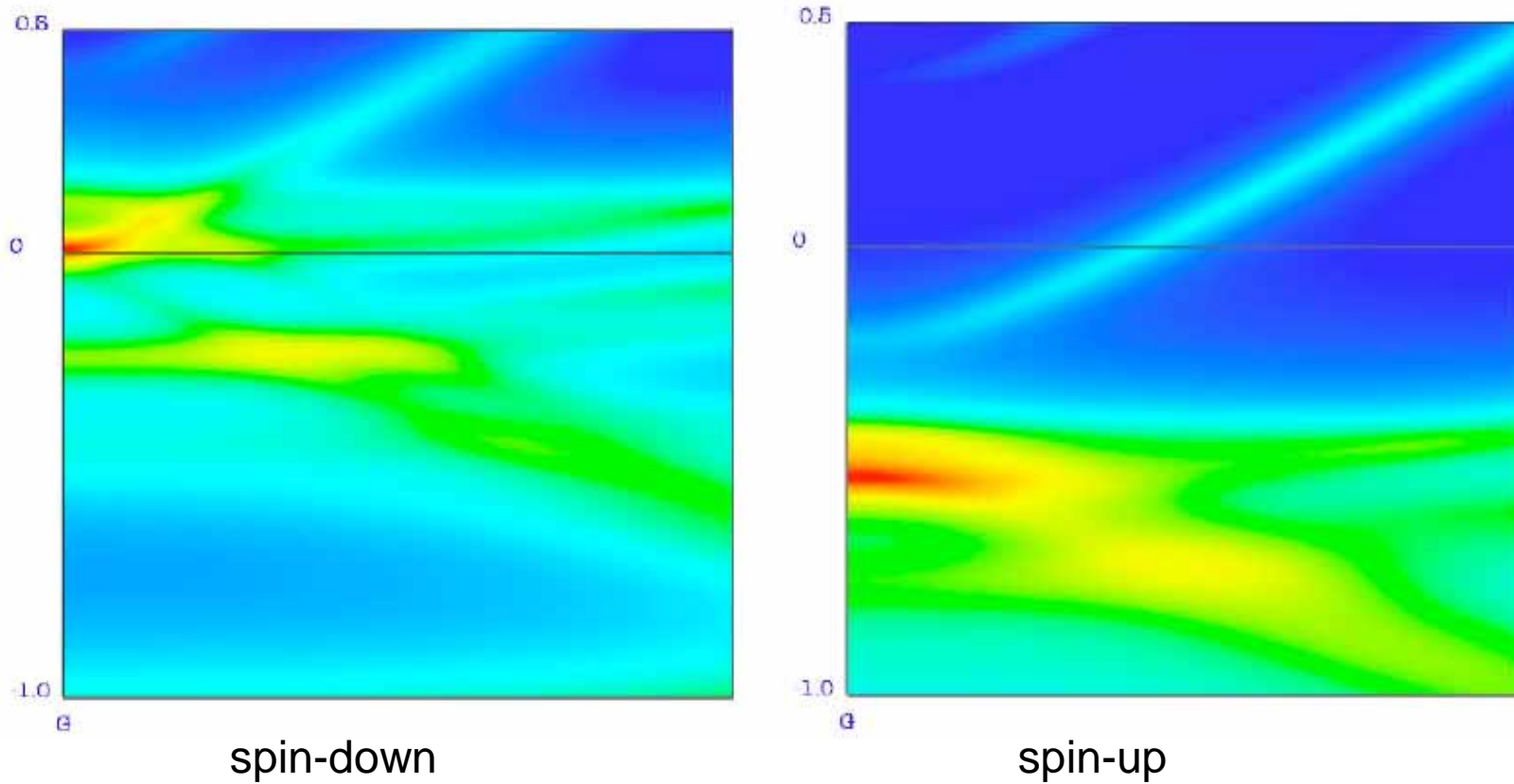
Different colours correspond to different data sets, solid black line is parabolic fit to the data at negative voltages. L low scatterer density, H higher scatterer density (Au atoms).

DMFT-calculated dispersion in red.



# Ni(111)

Spin resolved DFT-calculations of surface states along Gamma-K



A.Grechnev, M.I. Katsnelson and A.I. Lichtenstein

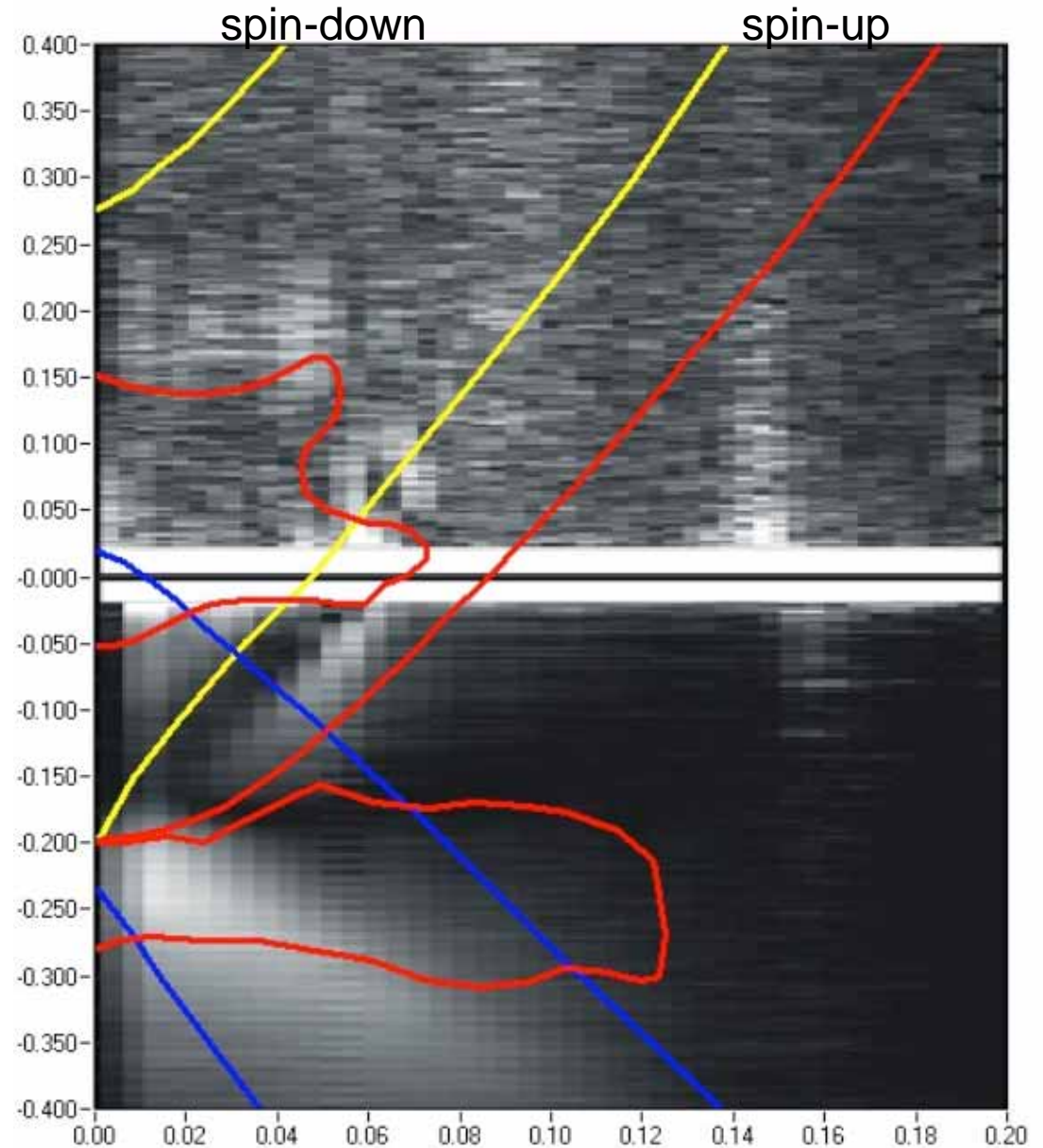
# Ni(111)

experimental power spectra of  
dI/dV linescans and  
theoretical results for surface  
electronic states

Braun & Donath (Europhys.  
Lett. 59, 592 (2002))

Yellow: sp-surface state  
Blue: d-resonance

Red: DFT-Results for sp-  
surface state (spin-up) and d-  
resonance (spin-down)  
(Grechnev, Katsnelson  
&Lichtenstein)



## Parameters of the surface state dispersion on (111) noble metal surfaces in comparison to Ni.

The energy at the band bottom at  $T= 30\text{K}$  is from F. Reinert et al., Phys. Rev. B 63, 115415 (2001). RT values (a) from F. Baumberger et al., Phys. Rev. B 64, 195411 (2001) and (b) R. Paniago et al. Surf. Sci. 336, 113 (1995)

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	$E_0 - E_F$ (eV)	$m^*/m_e$	$k_F(\text{\AA}^{-1})$
Cu	-0.435 (-0.391 <sup>a</sup> )	0.412	0.215
Au	-0.487 (-0.440 <sup>b</sup> )	0.255	0.167/0.192
Ag	-0.063 (-0.026 <sup>b</sup> )	0.397	0.080

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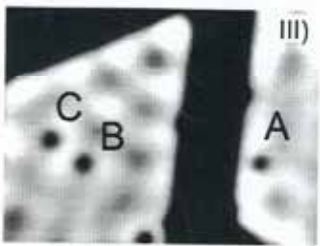
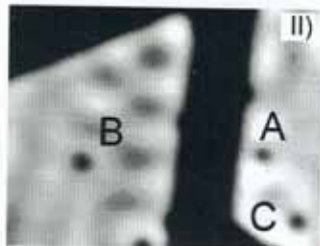
Ni (spin-up)	-0.165	0.17	0.085
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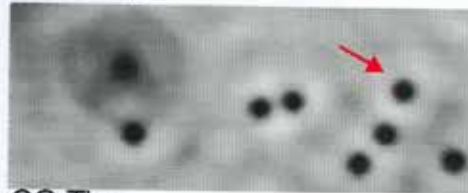
# Vertical Manipulation of CO on Cu(111)



Transfer of single CO molecules from the right to the left terrace



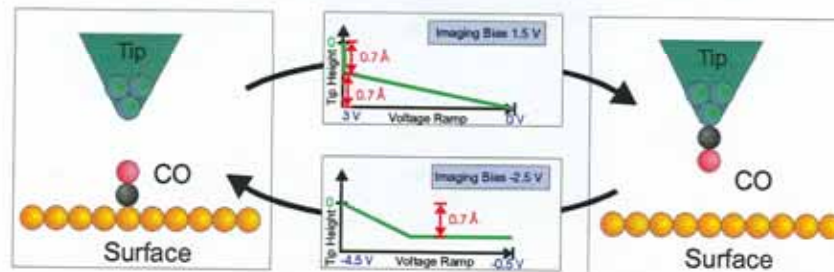
Metal Tip

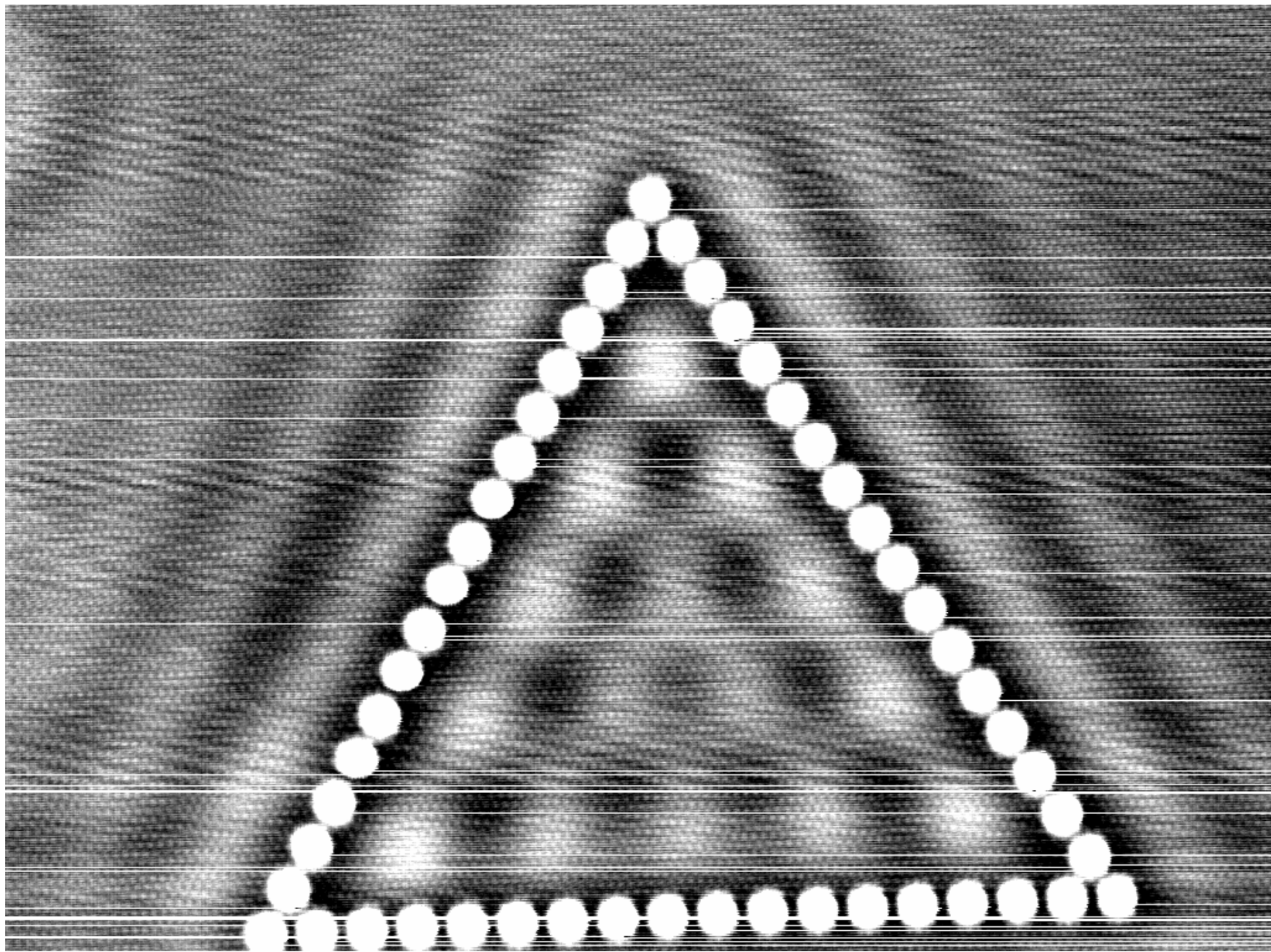


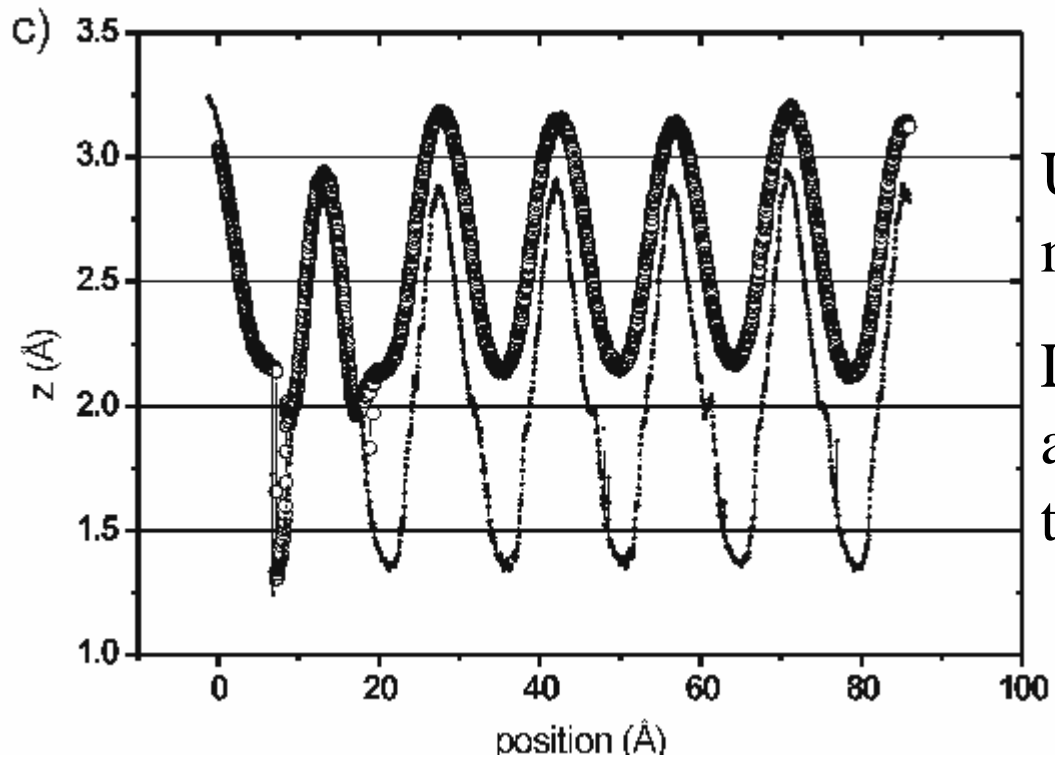
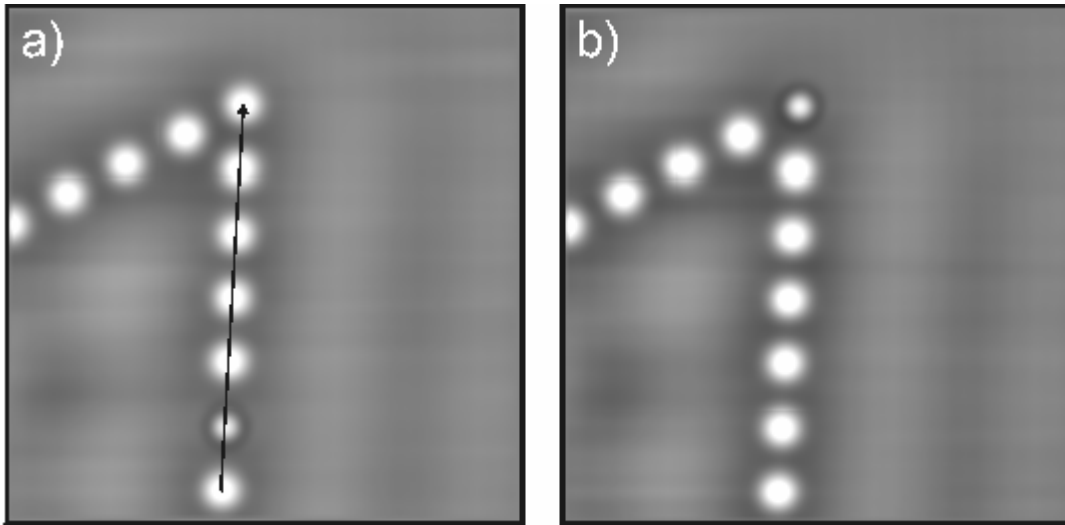
CO Tip



L. Bartels, G. Meyer, K. H. Rieder, Appl. Phys. Lett. 71, 213 (1997)



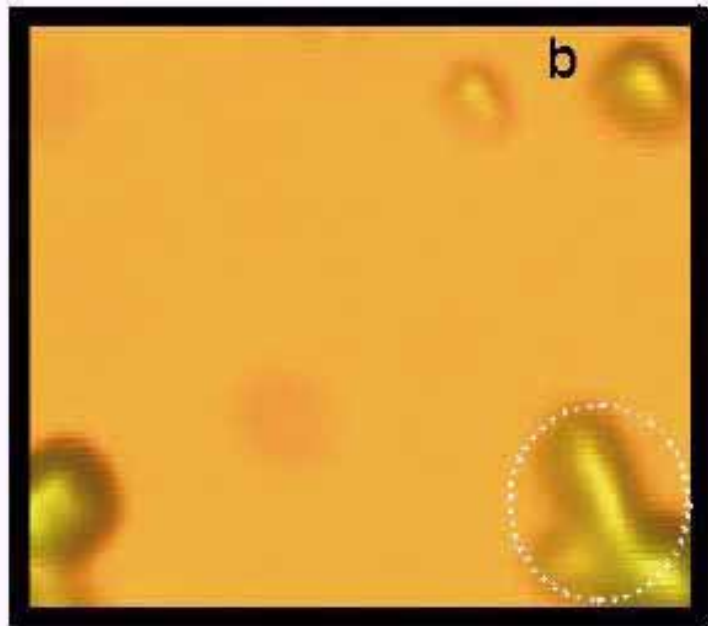
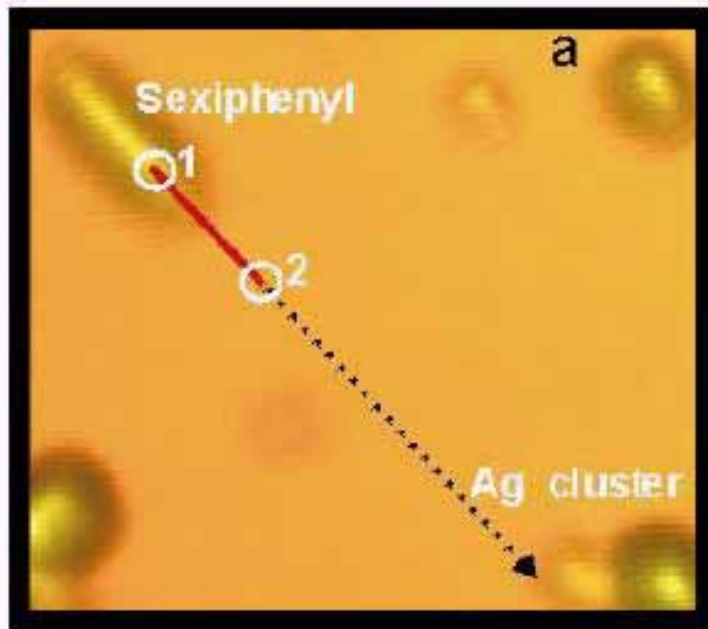




Upper curve: tip  
moves over adsorbate

Lower curve:  
adsorbate moves with  
tip

K.H. Rieder et al., Philos.  
Transact. Roy. Soc. 362, 1207  
(2004)



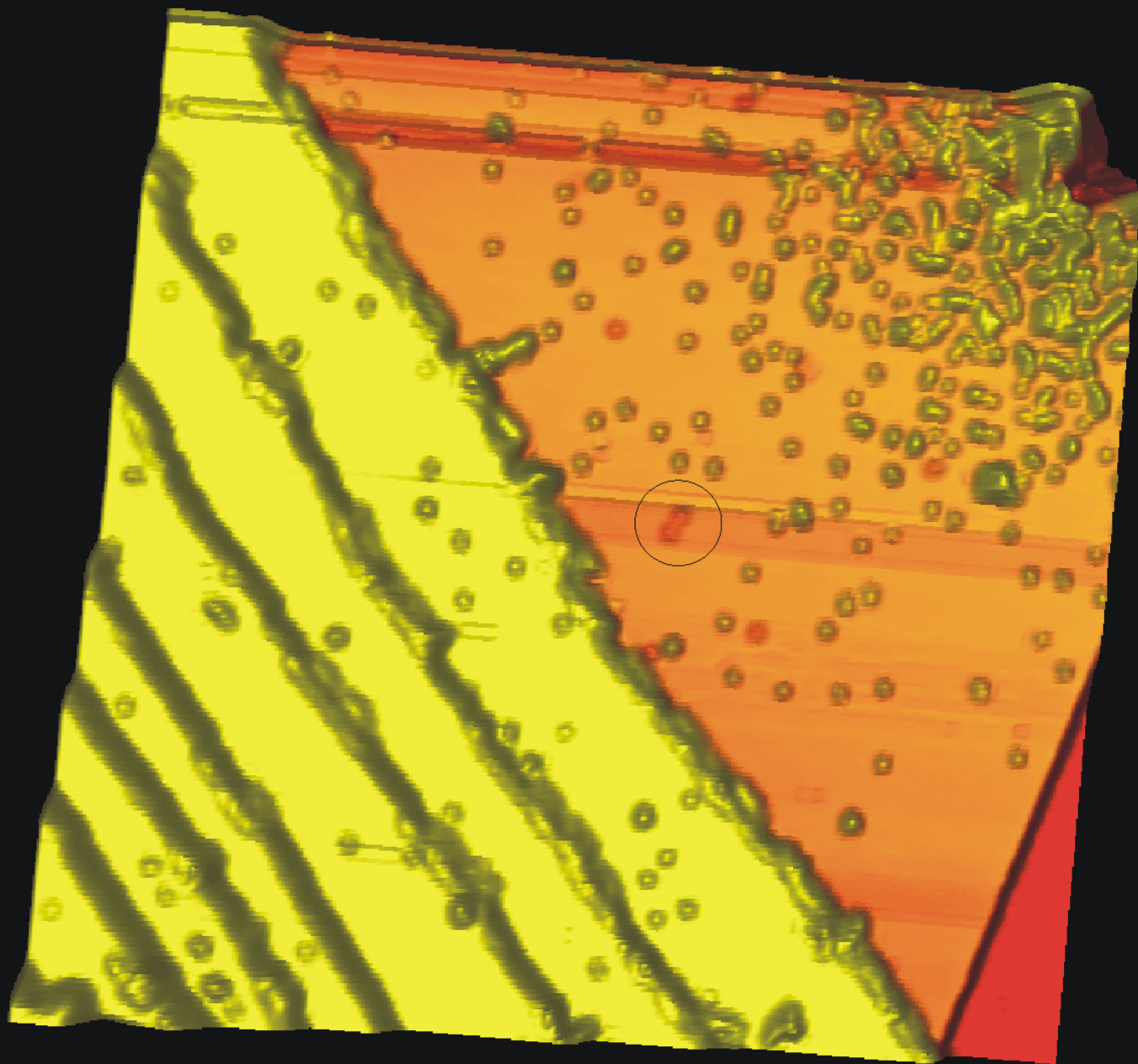
**Molecule''shooting''.** (a) A sexiphenyl molecule at the upper left corner is dragged over 3.3 nm along the red line from location '1' to '2'. The molecule continues to travel further after withdrawing the tip and hits a silver cluster located at the lower right corner 10 nm away from the initial position (b). The molecule's final location deviates by ~2nm from the straight-line path indicated by the dashed arrow.

(Image: 11 nm x 9.5 nm,  
shooting parameters:  $R_t = 1.5 \times 10^5 \Omega$ ,  
 $V_t = 30 \text{ mV}$ ).

S.W. Hla, K.F. Braun, B.Wassermann and  
K.H. Rieder, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 208302  
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# Nano Construction

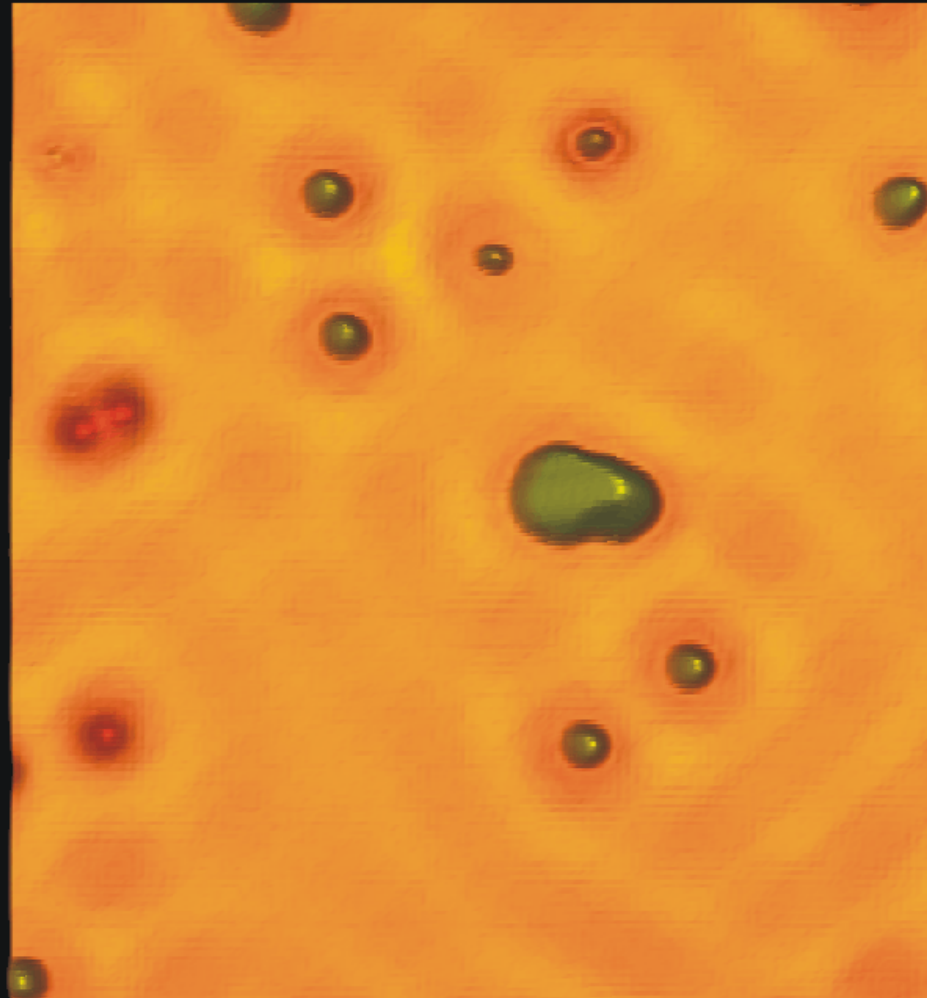


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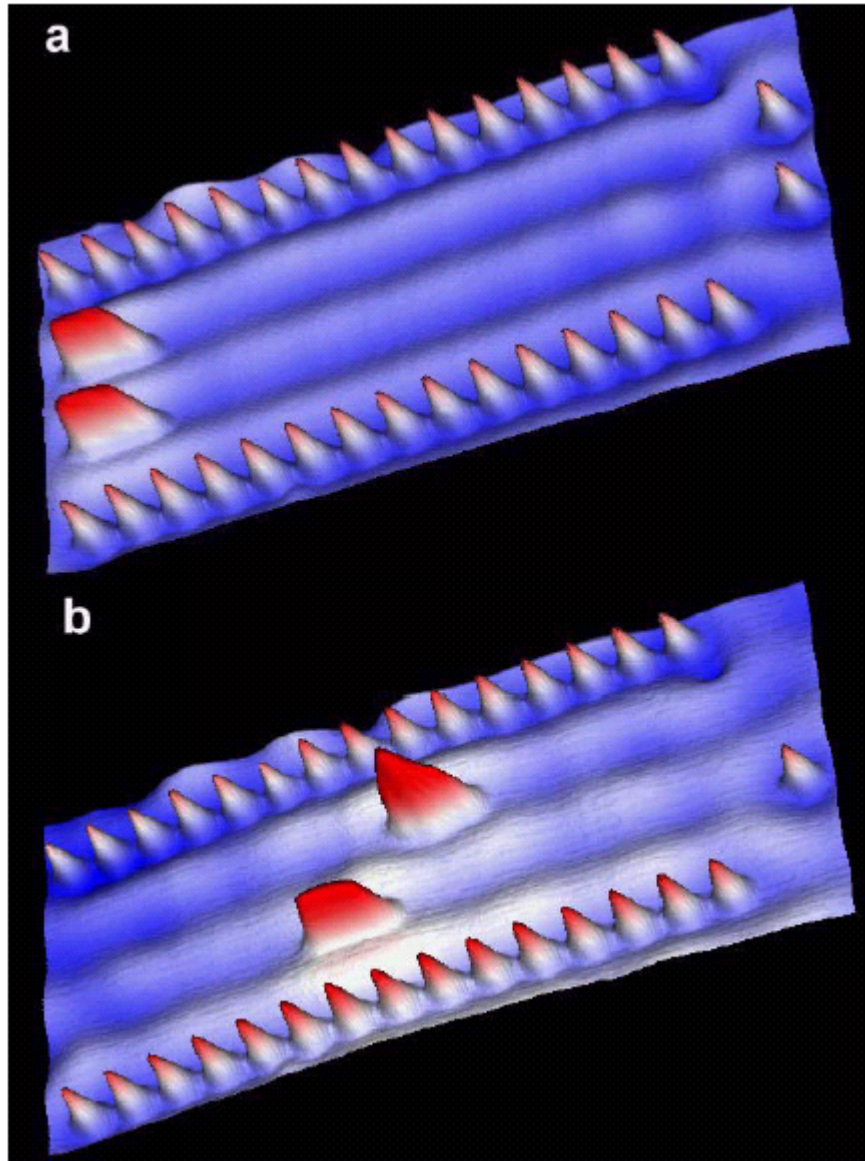
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Ag / Ag(111) at 6 K

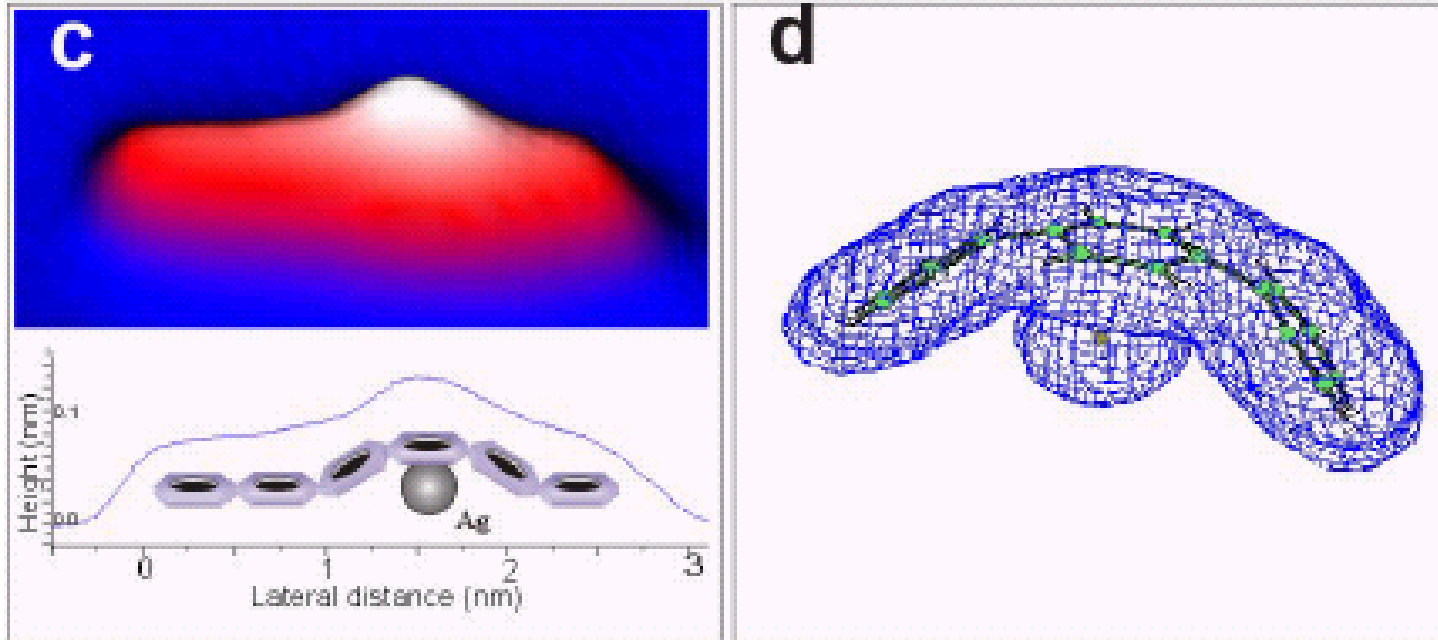


## Nano-gun barrel

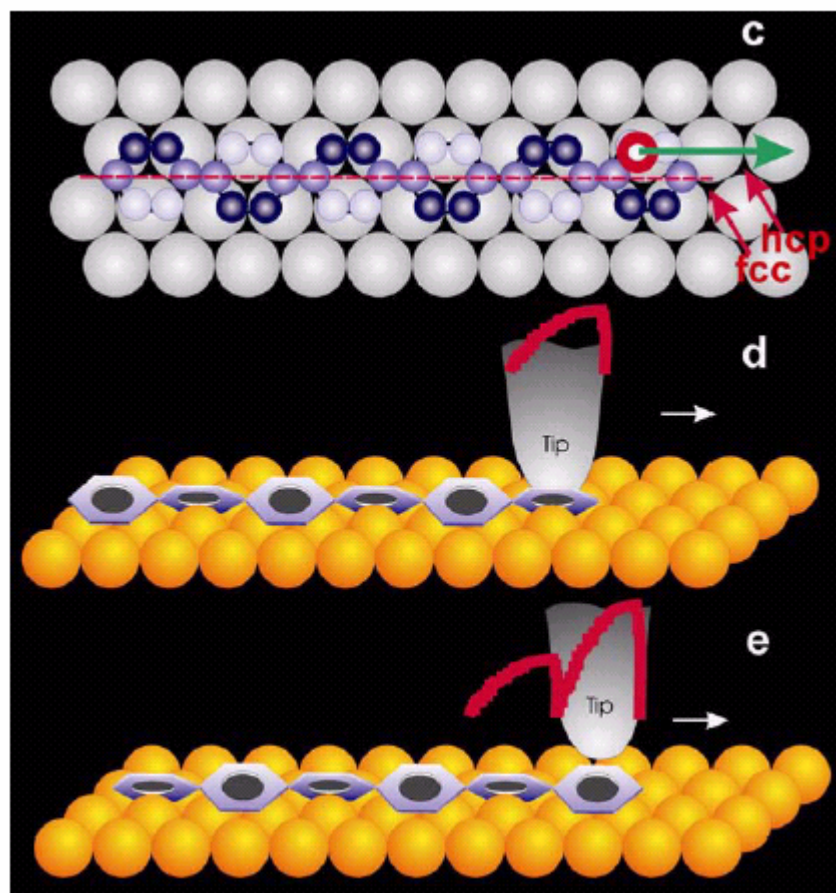
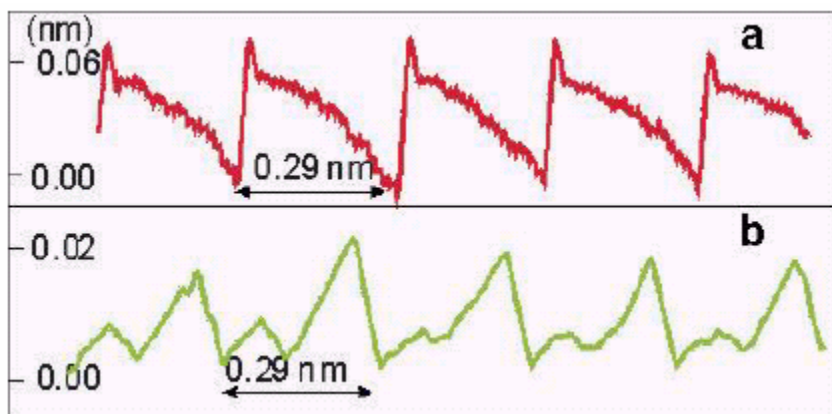
(a) Two sexiphenyl molecules (left end) are located inside the barrel. Two target silver atoms (right end) are positioned along the standing wave minimum in a straight-line path.

(b) Upon shooting the upper molecule towards the upper target atom a **silver-sexiphenyl complex** is formed. Both the complex and the lower sexiphenyl molecule are laterally moved with the STM-tip into the middle of the nano-barrel to ease visual comparison.

(Imaging parameters:  $V_t = 30$  mV,  $I_t = 1.1$  nA,  $16 \times 26$  nm<sup>2</sup>).



- (c) 3-D STM image of the silver-sexiphenyl complex and the corresponding tip-height profile. The determined silver position inside the complex is shown in the inset drawing.**
- (d) The computed silver-tarphenyl complex structure confirms bending of  $\pi$ -rings from the inter-ring joints to enclose the silver atom.**



### Manipulation experiments:

Typical STM pulling signal with single silver atom-distance jumps observed for lateral manipulation of **silver-sexiphenyl complex** (a).

Periodic low-high peak STM signal repeating at single silver atom distances observed for **bare sexiphenyl** lateral manipulation (b).

(c) illustrates **sexiphenyl adsorption geometry**. Red line indicates center axis of molecule; light and dark balls represent carbon atoms from the **up and down sites of  $\pi$ -rings**, respectively. Tip position - illustrated with redwhite circle - is shifted 0.1 nm to the side of the molecule axis in order to detect the up-down movement of the  $\pi$ -ring caused by **flipping between the two positions**. Tip is located 0.27 nm above the molecule and moved along the direction indicated by the green arrow. When **tip is in low-site of  $\pi$ -ring**, a **low-height manipulation signal** is observed (d); higher height signal is obtained when tip is in up-site of the  $\pi$ -ring (e).

(Manipulation parameters:  $V_t = 49$  mV,  $R_t = 600$  k $\Omega$ )

S.W. Hla, K.F. Braun, B.Wassermann and K.H. Rieder, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 208302 (2004)

## Atomic Scale Engines: Cars and Wheels

Markus Porto, Michael Urbakh, and Joseph Klafter



The proposed engine consists in general of two parts: the supporting carrier and the moving object. Achieving motion of the engine is based on dynamical competition between the two intrinsic lengths of the carrier and the ob-

ject. This competition is used to transform initially fed energy to directed motion. To exemplify the concept, we use below a *simple* model system of a chain in a periodic potential, namely, a Frenkel-Kontorova-type model [13].

1D model: **Supporting carrier** is surface with periodic potential  $\Phi(x) = -\Phi_0 \cos(2\pi x/b)$

**Moving object** is chain of  $N$  identical particles at  $x_i$  with mass  $m$  with rest distance  $a_i$ .

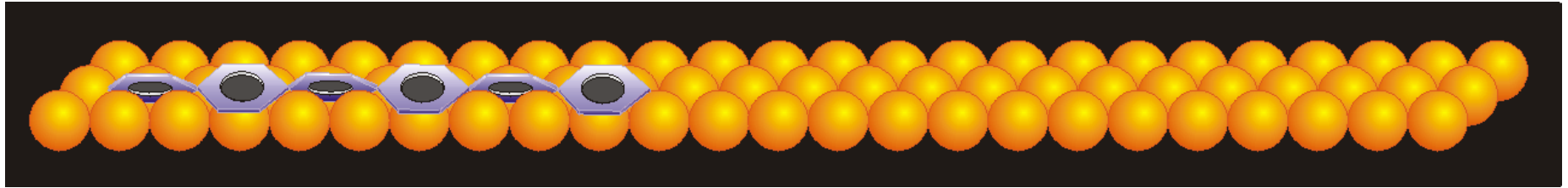
$$m\ddot{x}_i + \eta\dot{x}_i + \frac{\partial\Phi(x_i)}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{\delta_i} \frac{\partial\Psi(x_i - x_{i+\delta_i})}{\partial x_{i+\delta_i}} = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

Second term describes **friction** between particles and surface (proportional to relative velocities).

Static interaction between particles and surface governed by surface potential with periodicity  $b$ .

Interparticle interaction is described by nearest neighbor harmonic forces.

If **energy is pumped** into the system in a specific manner that provides spatially and temporally correlated changes of the particle distances, the dynamical competition between the periodicity  $b$  and the rest lengths  $a_i$  can induce a **directed motion** of the chain.



Created by Saw-Wai Hla

***Possibly realization of an idea of***

**Markus Porto, Michael Urbakh and Joseph Klafter:**

**„Atomic Scale Engines: Cars and Wheels“**

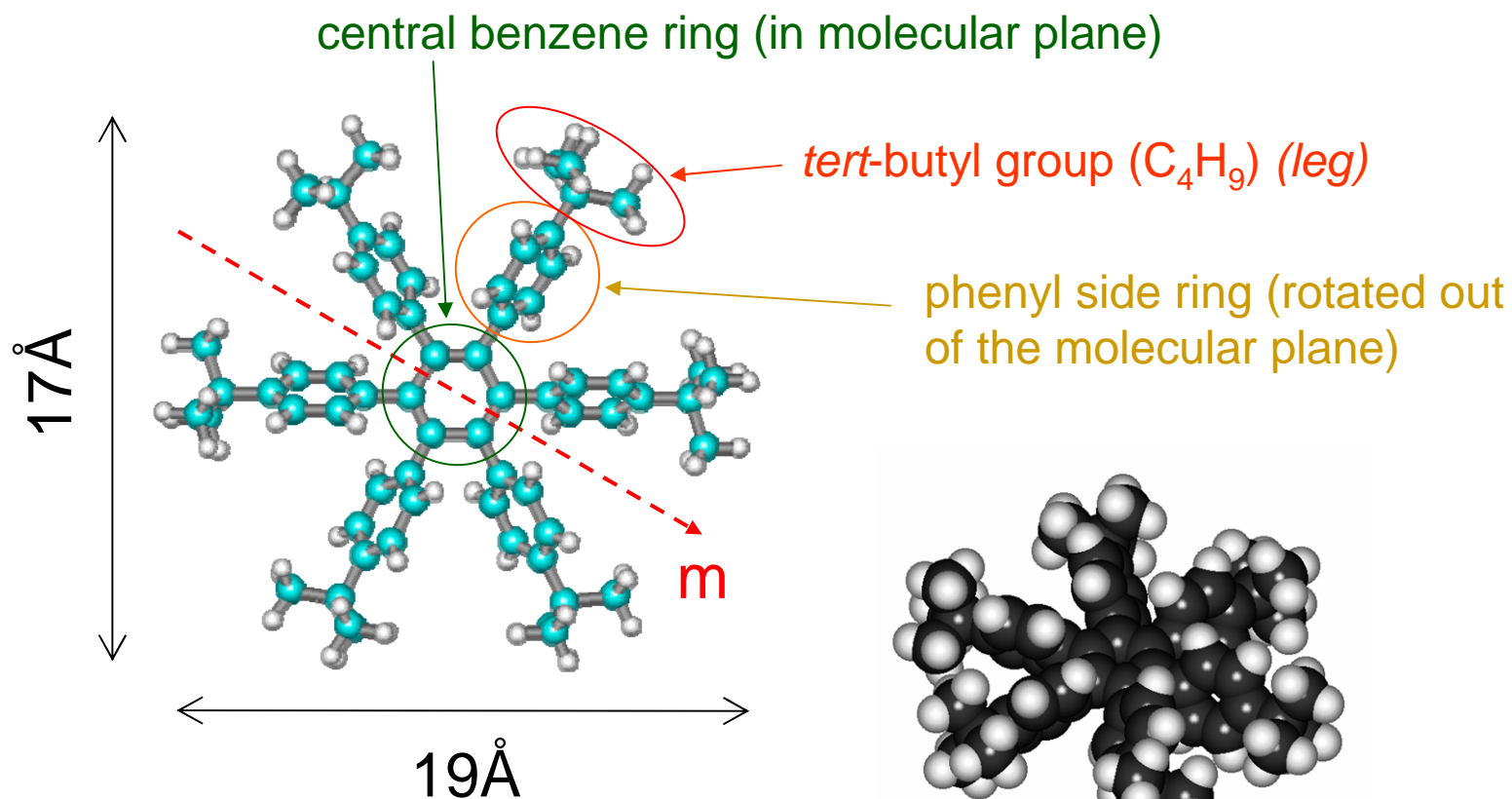
**Phys. Rev. Lett. 84, 6058 (2000)**

**See also homepage of Prof. Markus Porto at**

**University Frankfurt**

# Hexa-*tert*-butyl-hexaphenylbenzene

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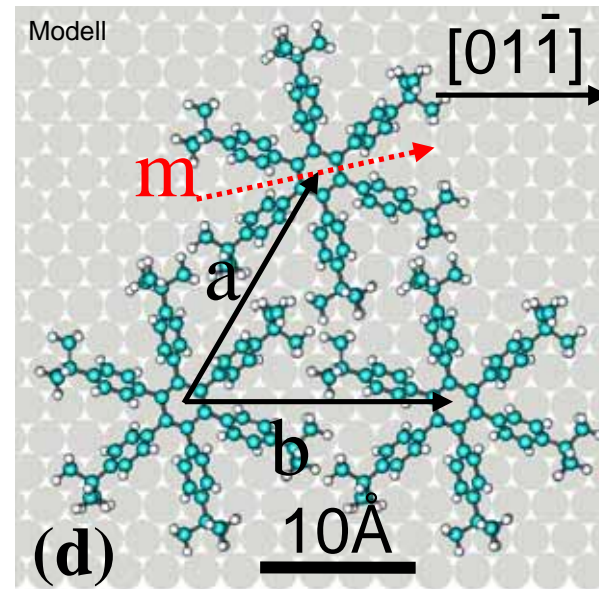
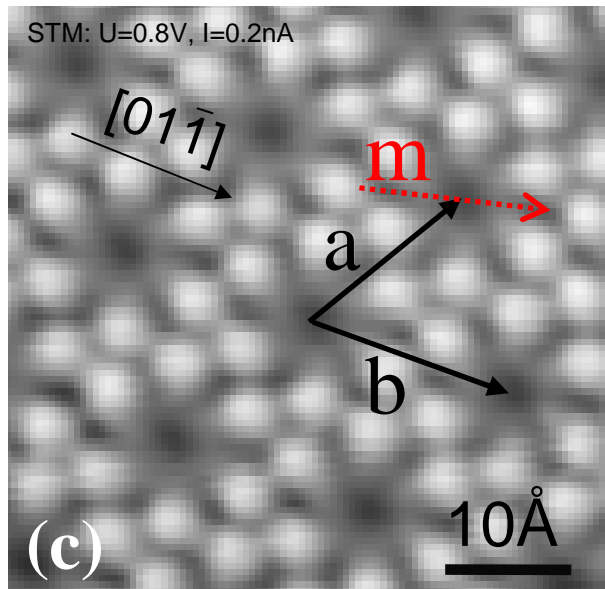


Synthesis: André Gourdon  
CEMES-CNRS Toulouse

Tilt of side rings leads to a overall propeller shape of the molecule



# Monolayer Structure



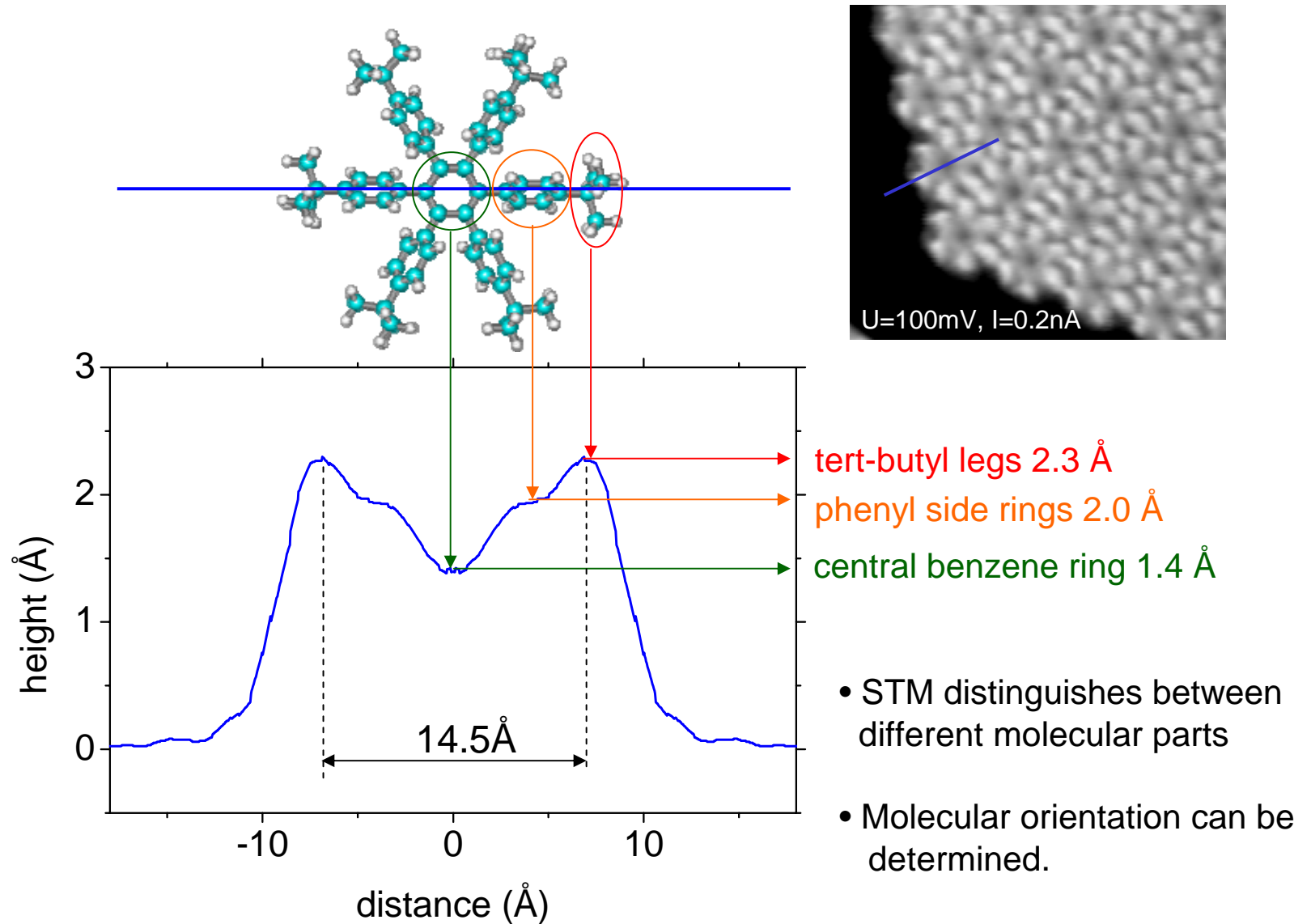
Structure matrix:

$$HB - HPB \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} Cu(111)$$

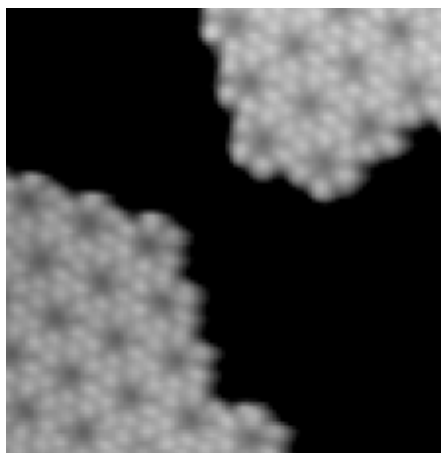
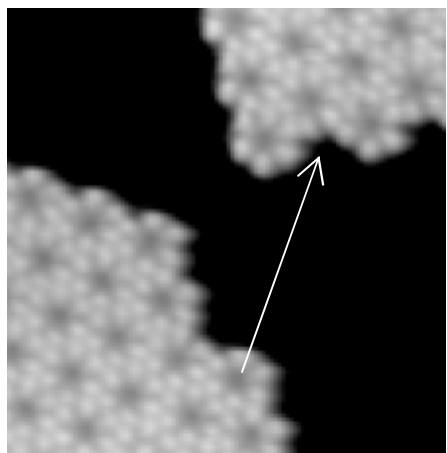
**Monolayer** orientation (**b**, [01-1]):  $0^\circ$

**Molecular** orientation (**m**, [01-1]):  $\pm 11^\circ$   
(either  $+11^\circ$  or  $-11^\circ$  for all molecules in one molecular island)

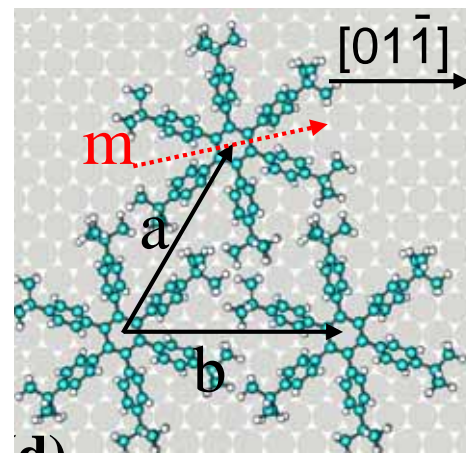
# Intramolecular Contrast



# Manipulation between Molecular Islands



Manipulation in constant current mode:  $U=50\text{mV}$ ,  $I=50\text{nA}$



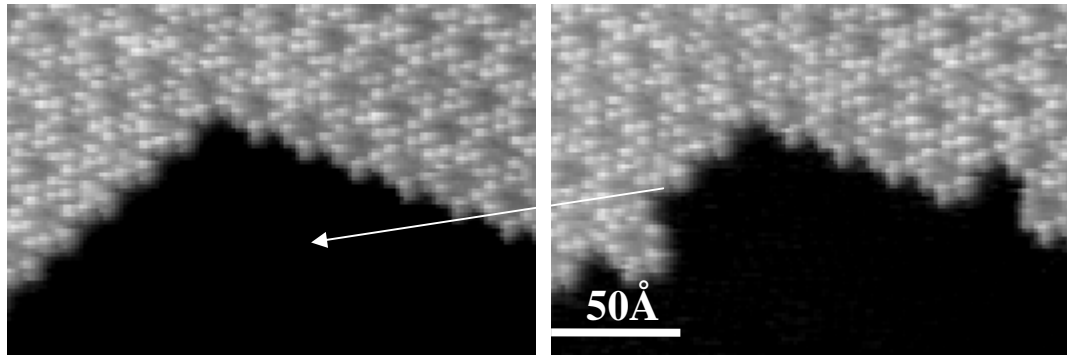
monolayer structure

Manipulation from the edge of one island to another island

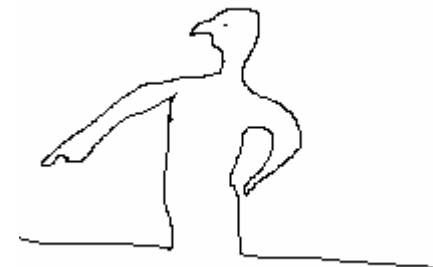
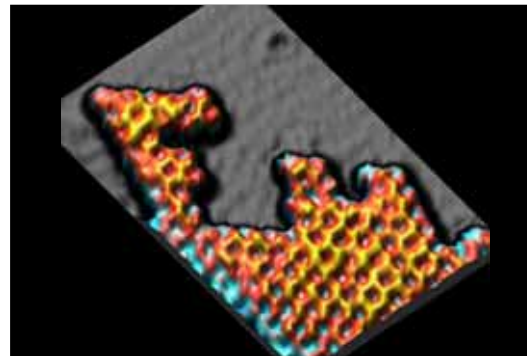
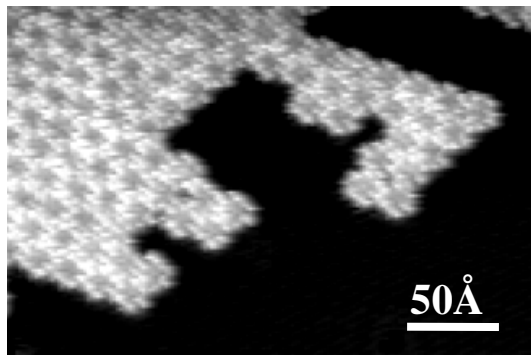
Molecule locks into monolayer structure at final position

➡ Final molecular position and orientation are precisely defined by the monolayer structure

# Building Supramolecular Structures



Manipulation in constant current mode:  $U = 50\text{mV}$ ,  $I = 10\text{nA}$ ,  $R = 5\text{M}\Omega$

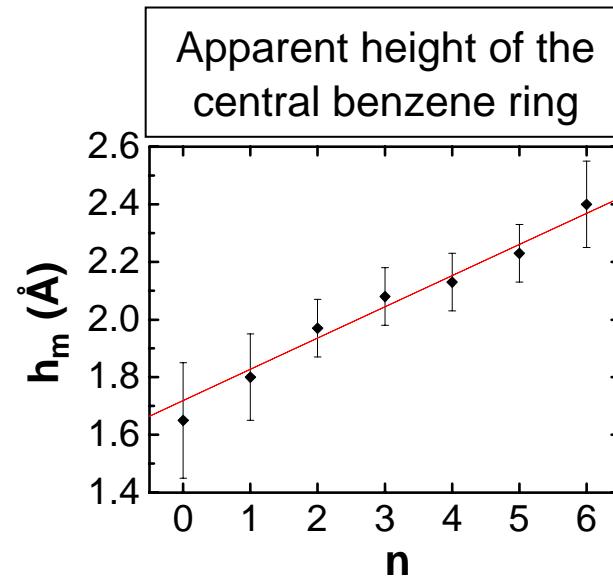
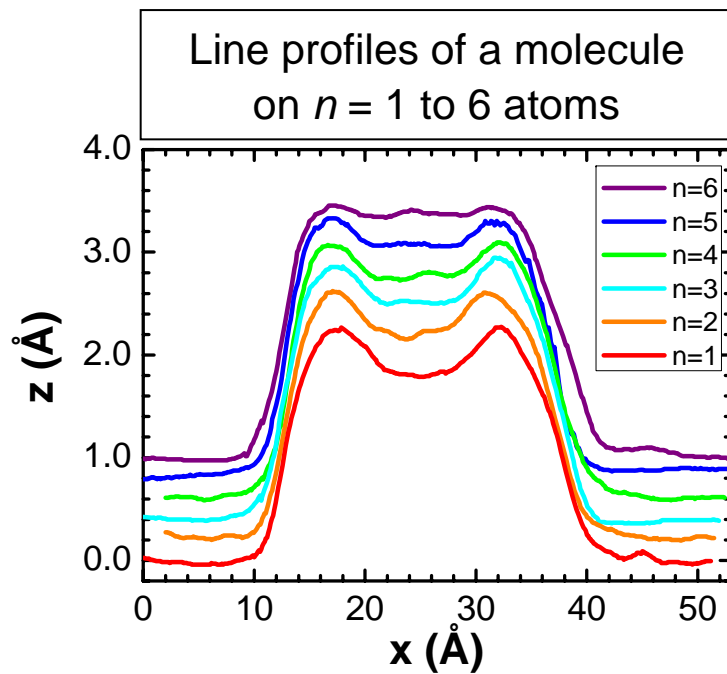
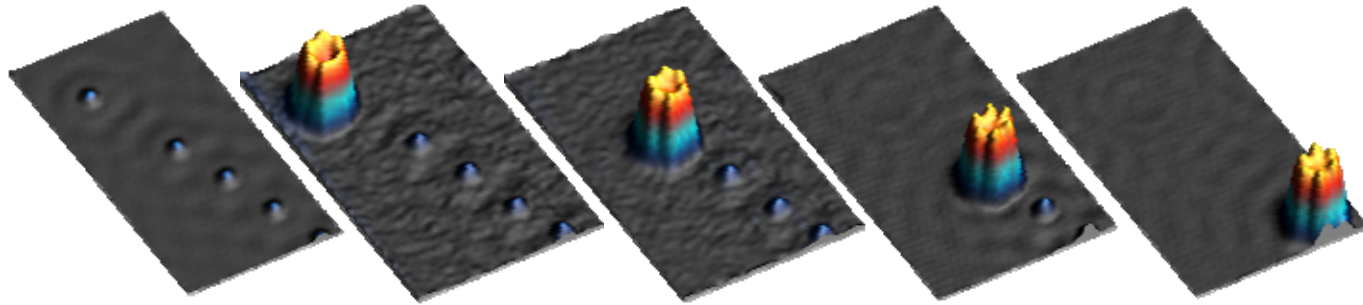


„La Linea“

Oswaldo  
Cavandoli

FU written from 36 HB-HPB molecules, which are in registry with the (7x7) monolayer structure on Cu(111).

STM induced molecular manipulation and molecular self-ordering are combined to create well defined artificial molecular structures



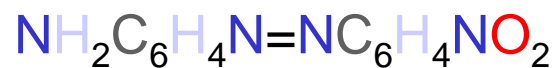
- Apparent height of the molecular board  $h_m$  increases with  $n$ .
- Atoms are accumulated under the molecular board (“Molecular dumper truck”).

L.Gross, K.H. Rieder, F. Moresco et al., *Nature Materials* 4, 892 (2005)

# Isomerization:

The geometrical structure  
but not the composition of a compound is rearranged.

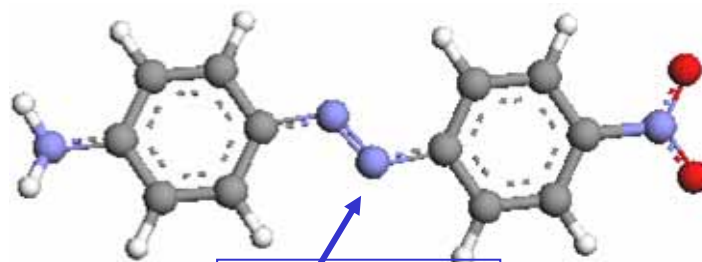
Disperse Orange 3  
(Azobenzene derivate)



Amino-

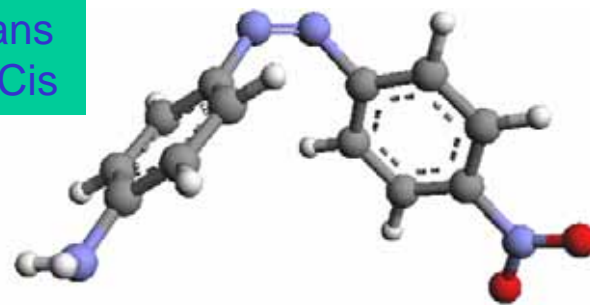
end groups

Nitro-



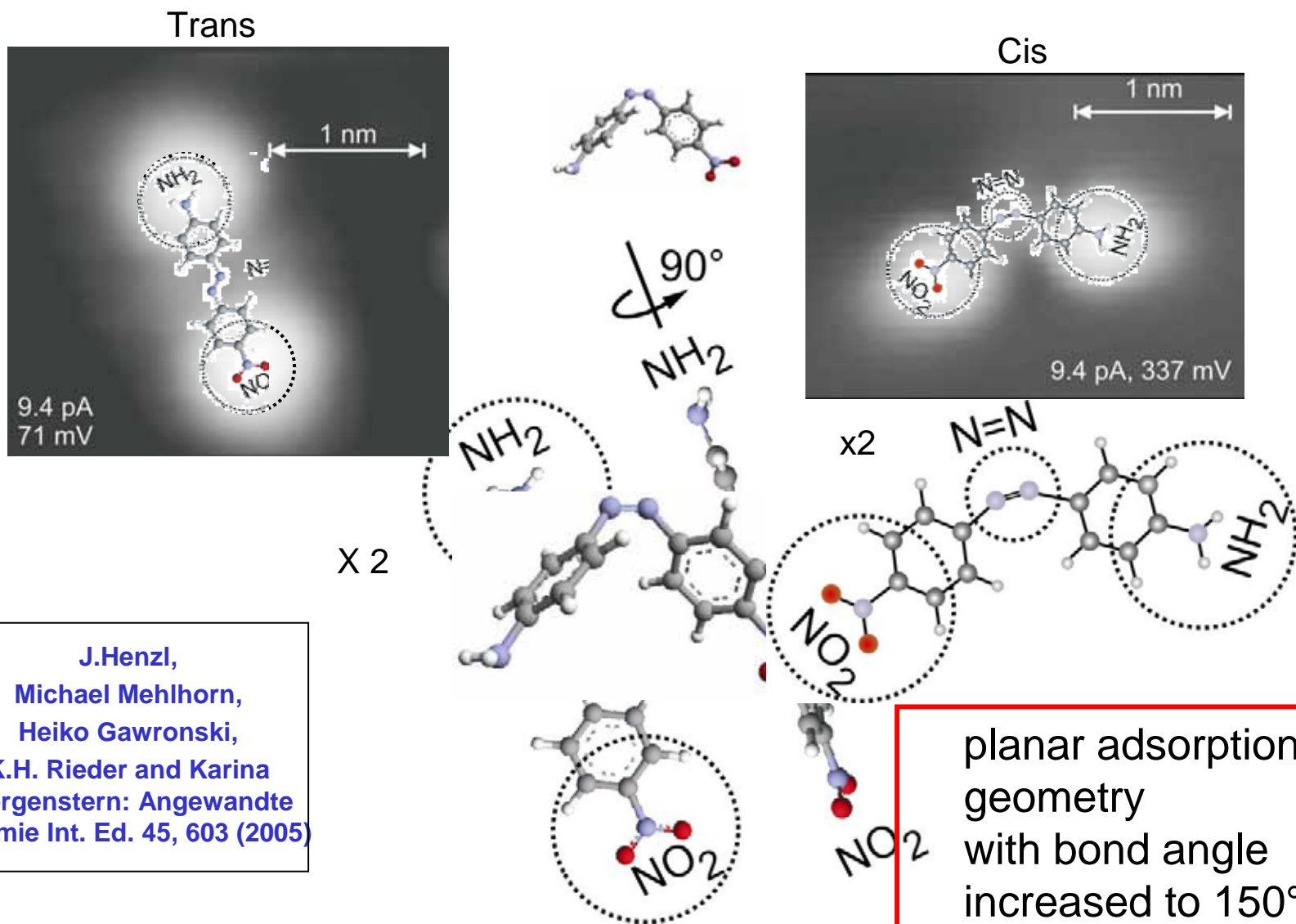
"lone pair"

Trans  
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# Conformational Cis-Trans-Isomerization of Azobenzene derivate:

Disperse Orange 3 ( $\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}=\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$ ) on **Au(111)**)



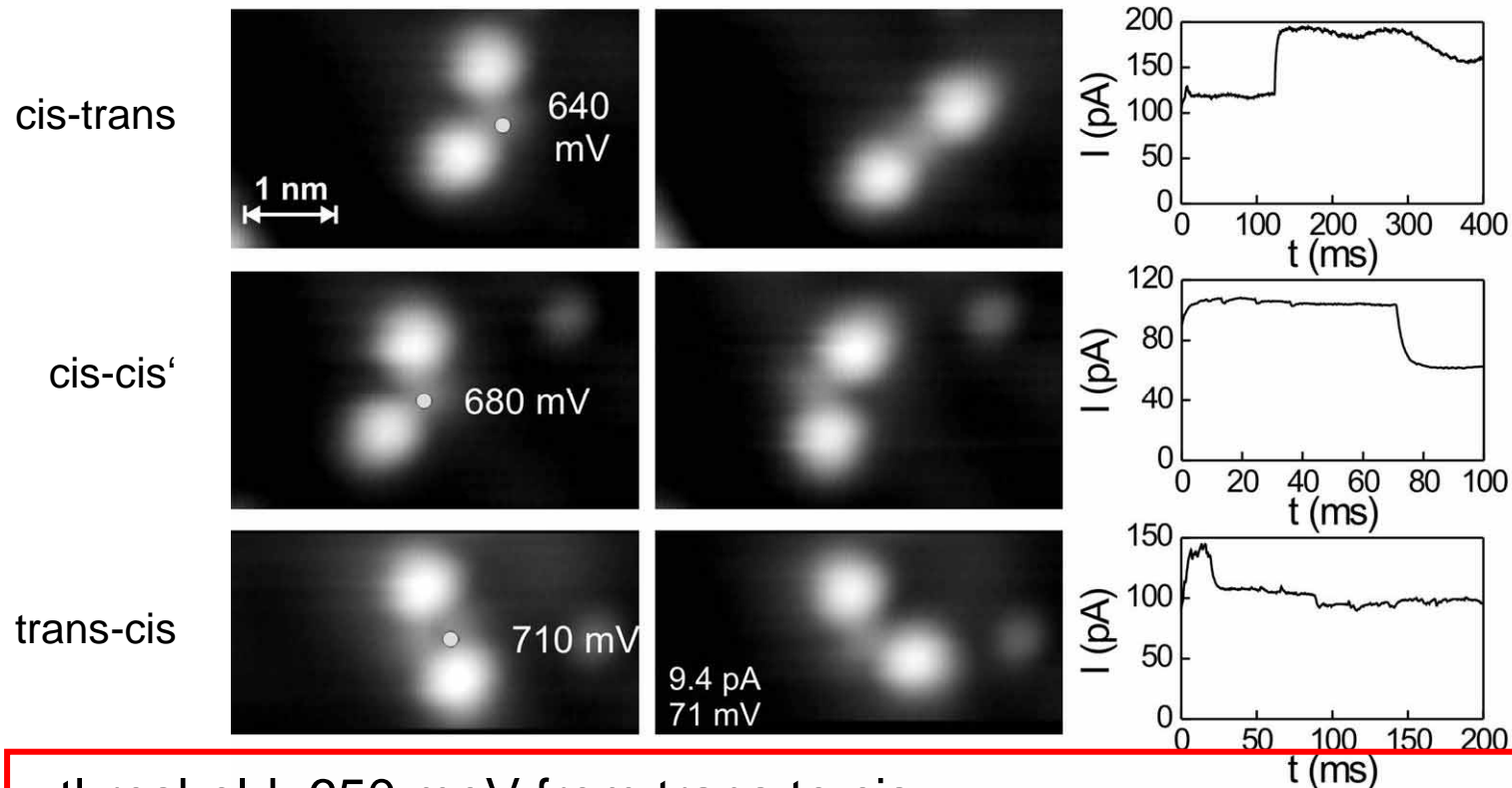
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planar adsorption  
geometry  
with bond angle  
increased to 150°

# Conformational Cis-Trans-Isomerization of Azobenzene

derivate: Disperse Orange 3 ( $\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}=\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$ ) on **Au(111)**)

Injecting electrons into N=N bond



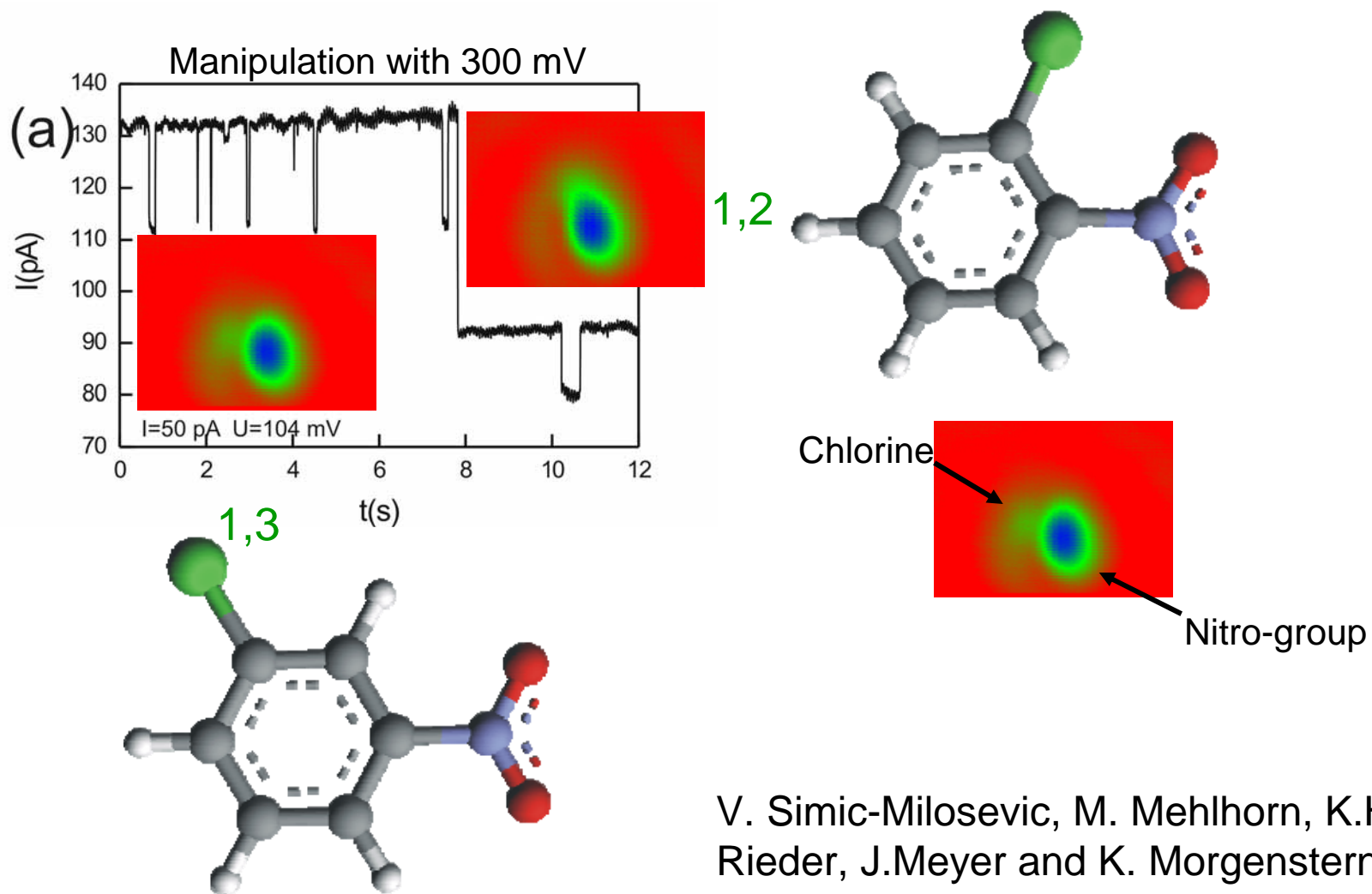
threshold: 650 meV from trans to cis

610 meV from cis to trans: far below optical switching energy

-> via excitation of vibrational modes

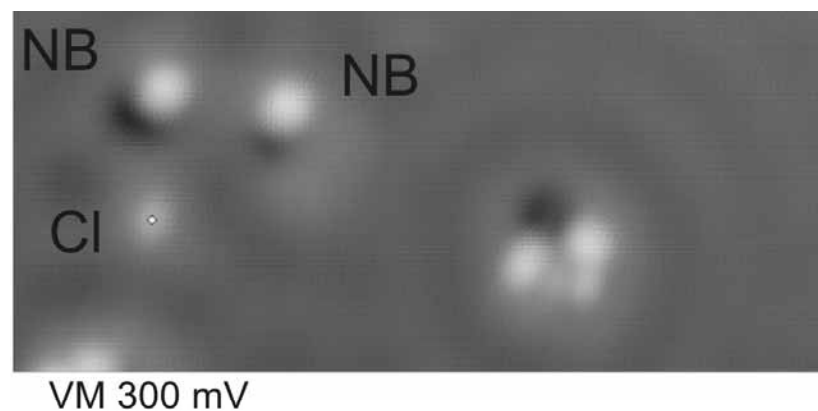
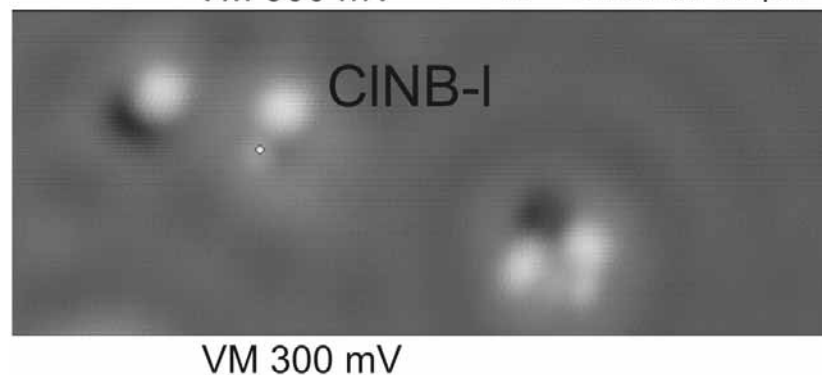
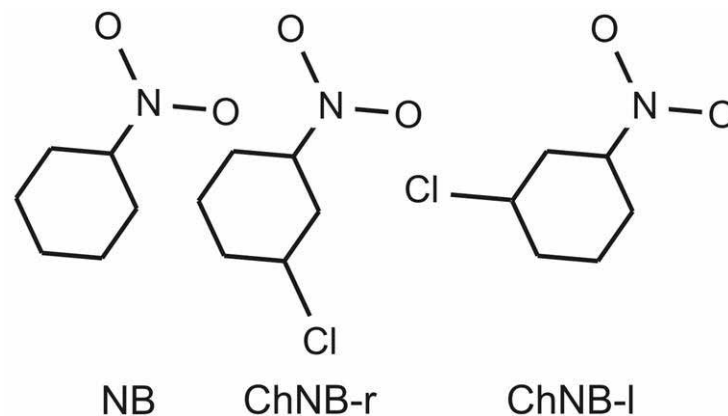
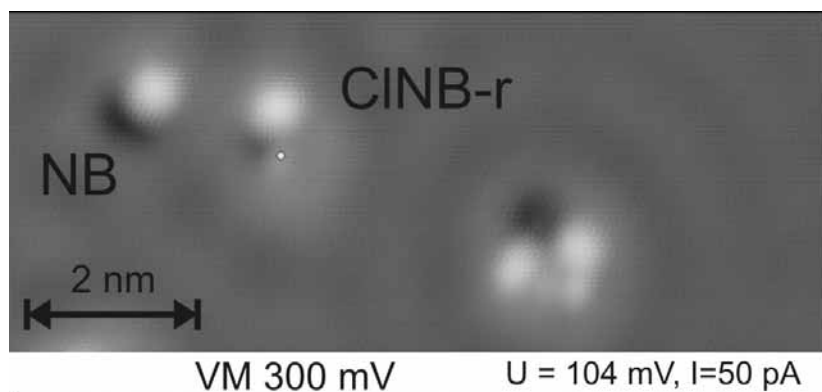


# Configurational isomerization: $C_6H_4ClNO_2$ on Cu(111)



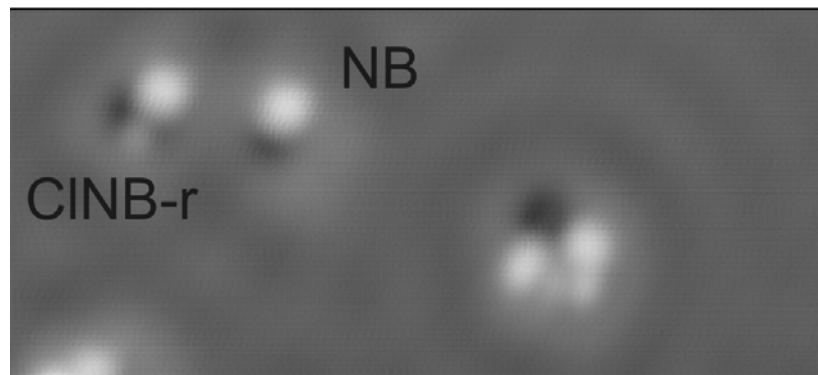
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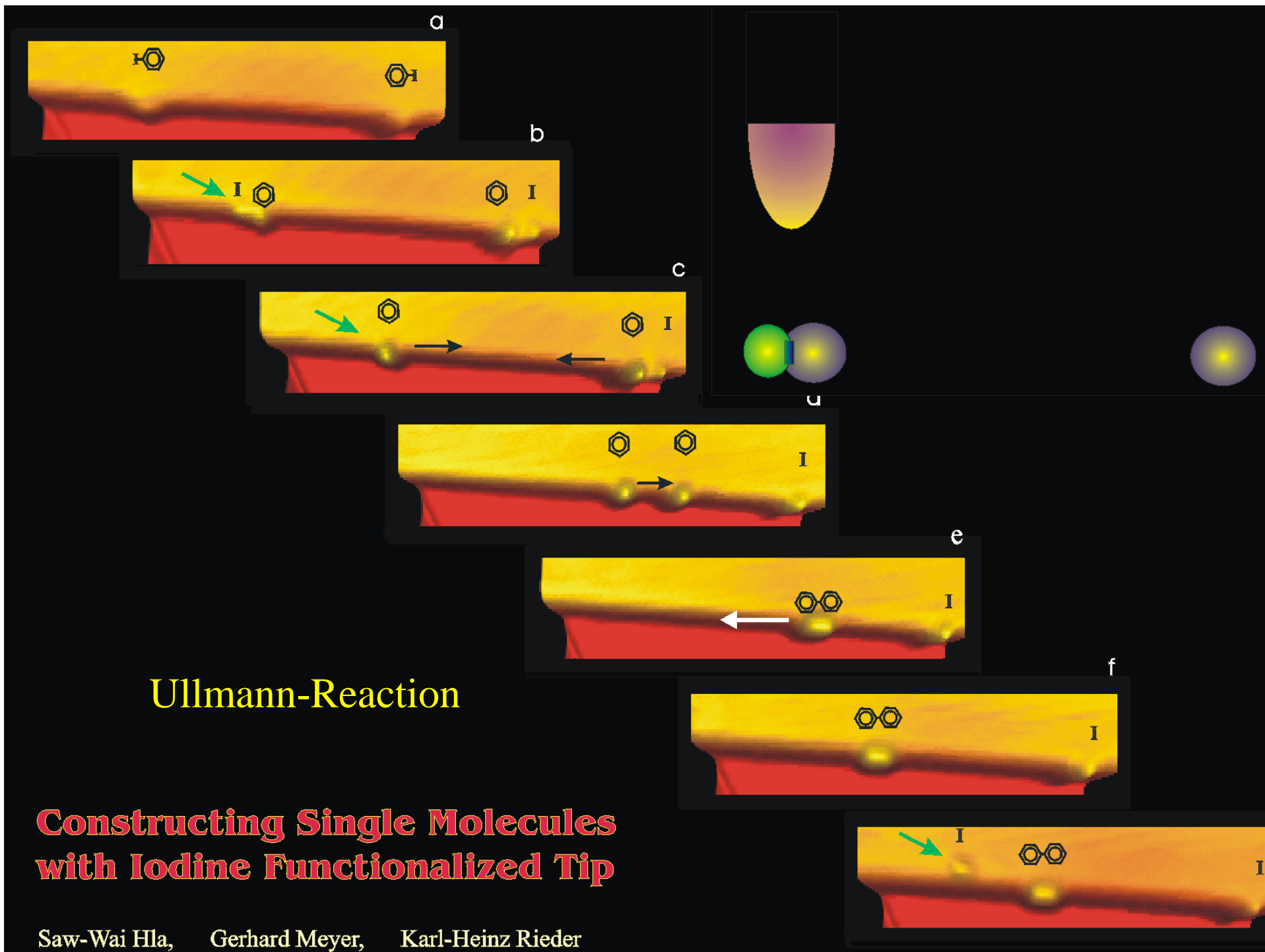
# Electron induced chemistry



Changing the molecules chirality

Moving substitutional groups between molecules - ->





# Summary

**STM-Imaging:** Atoms/ Charge density waves/ Molecular frontier orbitals

**Spectroscopy:** Standing surface state waves at steps and around molecules  
Interface states between Cu(111) and NaCl-overlayer  
Dispersion of surface states in Ni(111)

**Manipulation:** Artificial Nanostructures  
Molecular „dumper truck“-> „Soft manipulation“  
Molecular shooting – **molecular engines?**  
Induction of a full chemical reaction  
Isomerization (conformational and configurational)

# Challenges and Chances

**Artificial structures built with atoms and molecules with specific functions?**

**Molecular engines which can carry cargo?**

**Addressing molecular switches laterally?**

**Connecting molecules to electrical networks?**

**Performing all steps in parallel for many nets?**

**Connecting these networks to the macroscopic world?**

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**„Molecular tool box“**

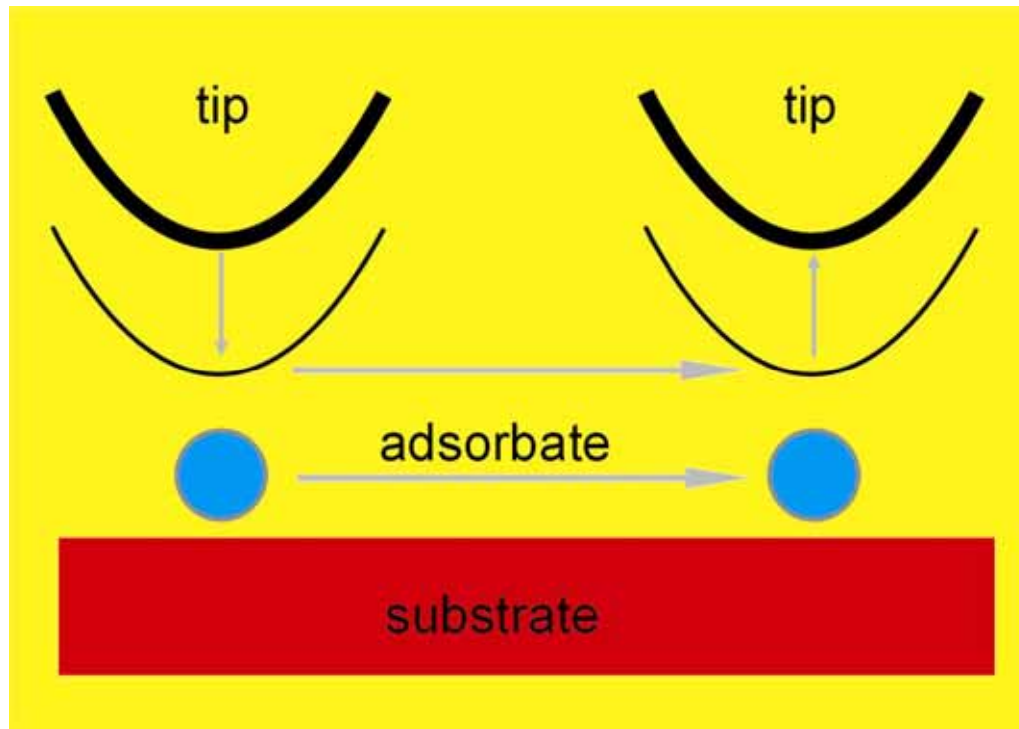
**How to prepare tips with ultrahigh lateral and chemical resolution?**

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**? ? ?**



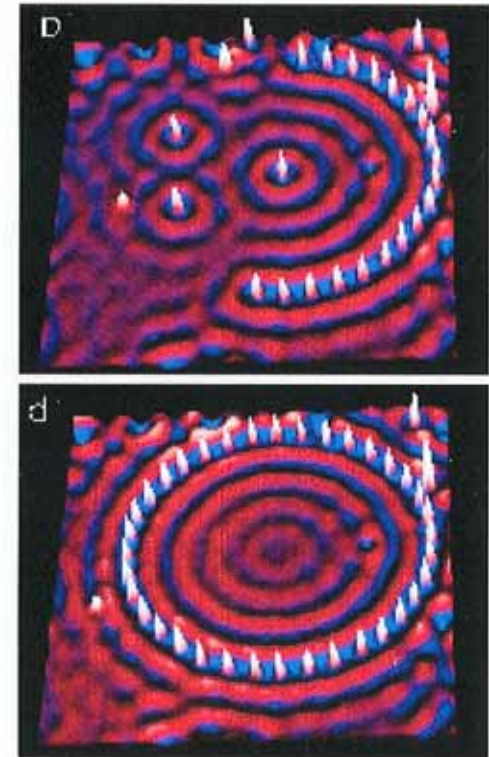
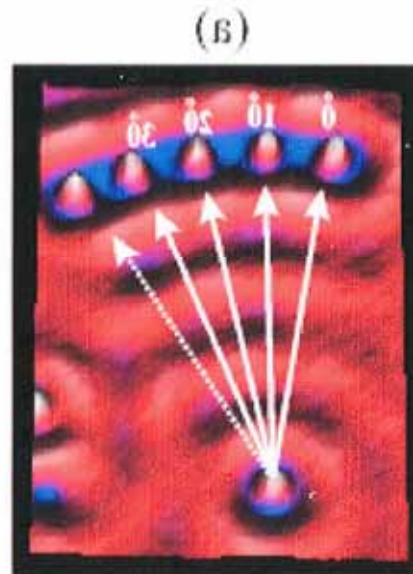
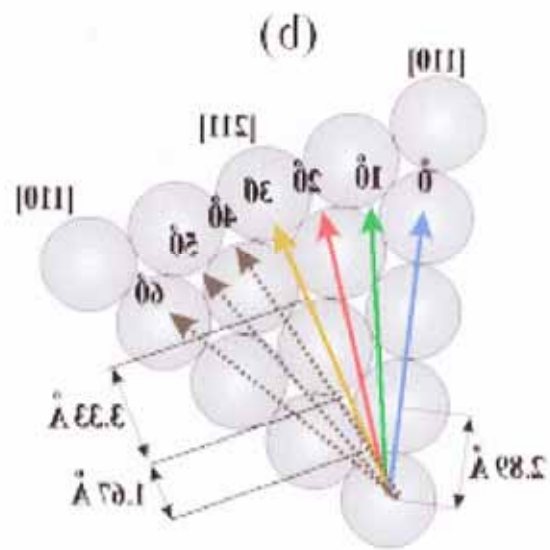
# Manipulation with the STM tip



Van der Waals or  
chemical forces  
between tip and  
adsorbate

**Lateral manipulation:**

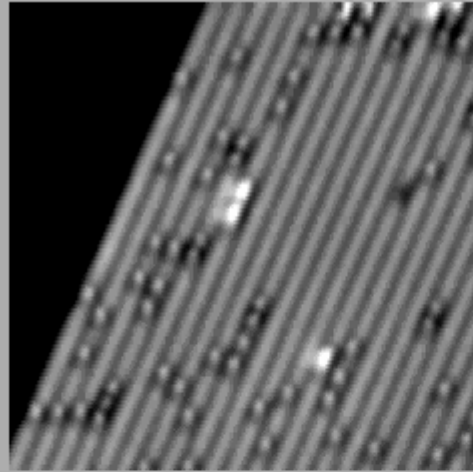
constant current or constant height modes



Saw-Wai Hla, K.-F. Braun and K.H. Rieder, Phys.Rev. B 67 201402 (R) (2003)



# Lateral manipulation on atomic scale: CO/Cu(211)



Gerhard Meyer

# Lander on Cu(111)

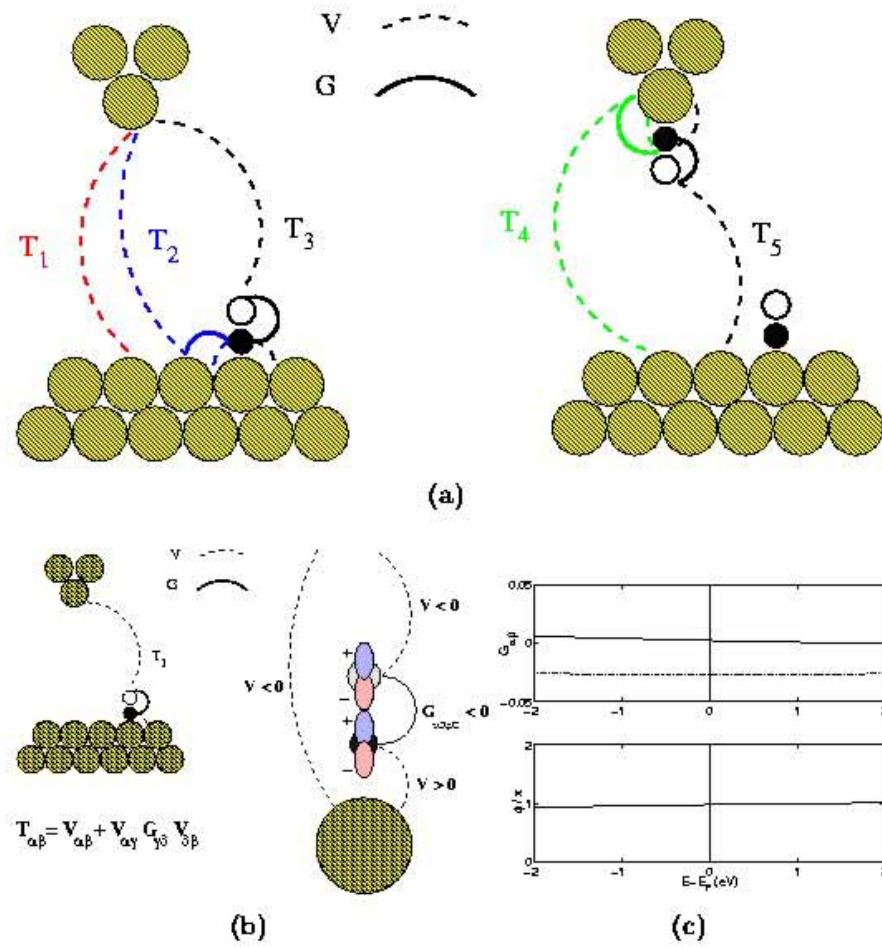
like in the case of  
Cu(211) different  
configurations and  
orientations are  
observed

The board is not  
visible, but is always  
oriented parallel to the  
shorter legs distance

$V = 0.9 \text{ V}, I = 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ A}$

lateral dimension: 25-30 Å

apparent height: 4 Å



The five possible tunneling channels in the presence of an adsorbate molecule | a molecule at the apex of the tip (a). In the case of  $CO$ , the description, how the phase difference between through vacuum and through  $3\sigma$  channel comes up (b). The phase of the Green's function relevant to  $3\sigma$  tunneling (c).

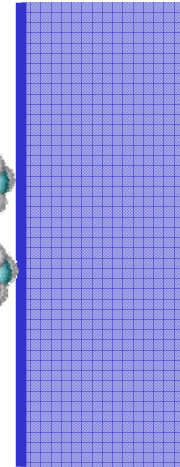
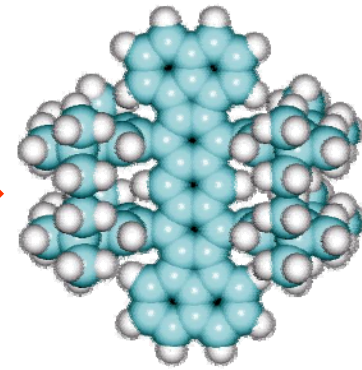
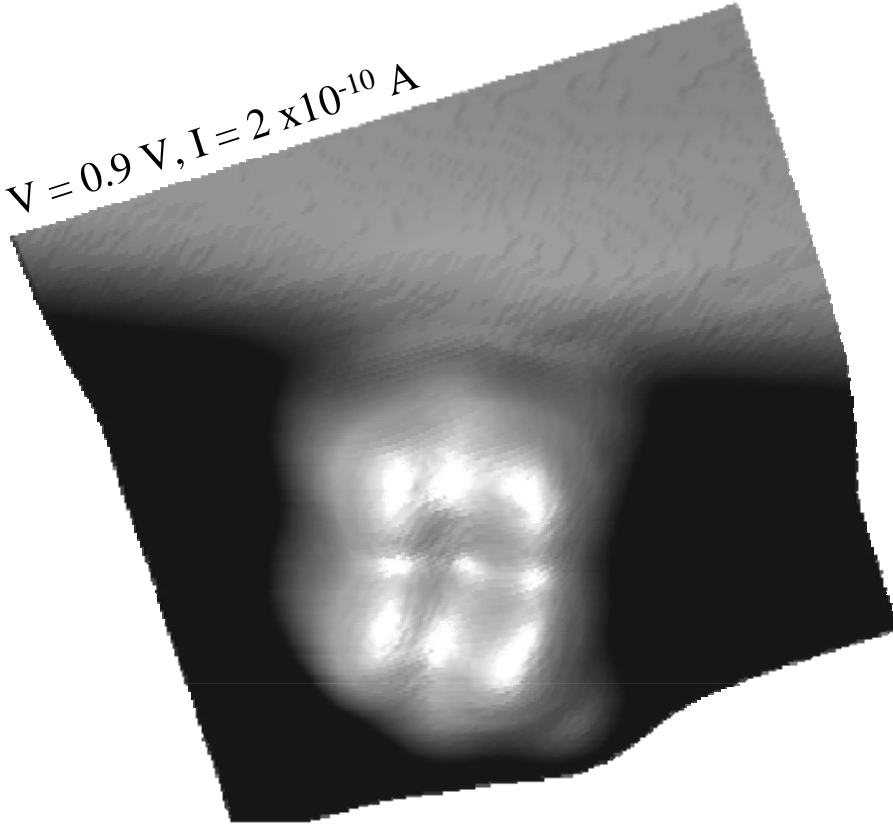
Jouko Nieminen and Eeva Niemi,  
Tampere University of Technology, Finland.

# Lander on Cu(111)

Manipulation to the step edge

with the board parallel to  
the step edge

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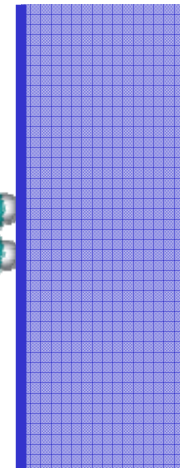
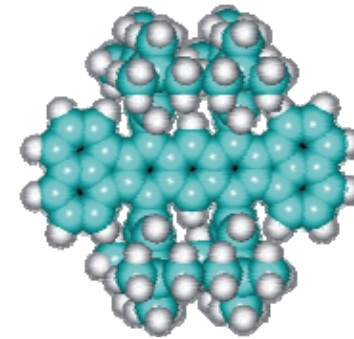


no contact point is visible

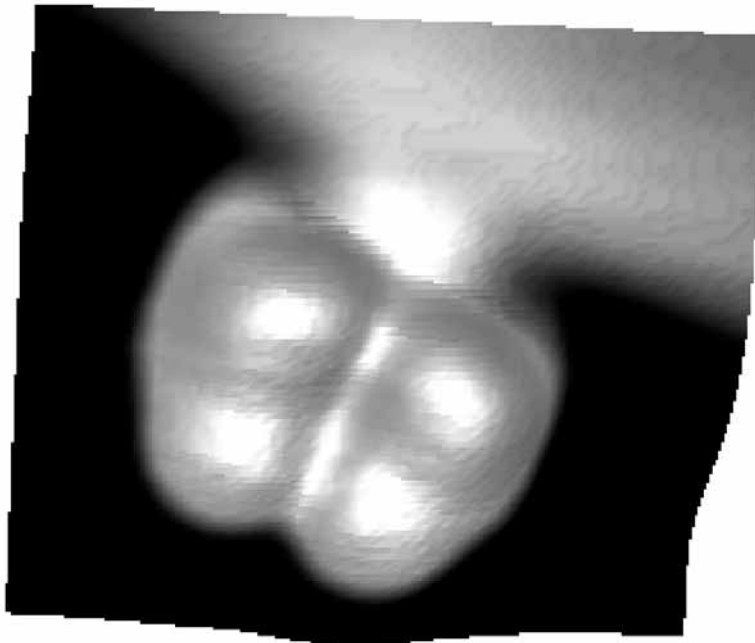
# Lander on Cu(111)

Manipulation to the step edge

to bring the board in  
contact with the step



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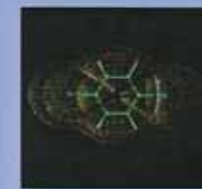
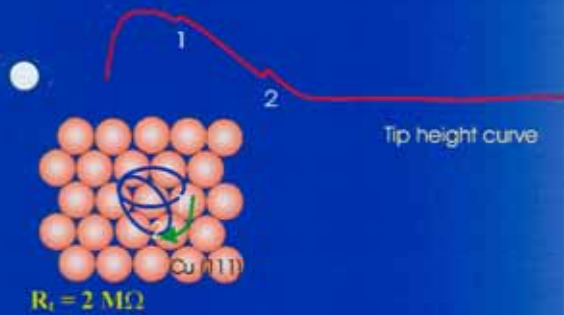
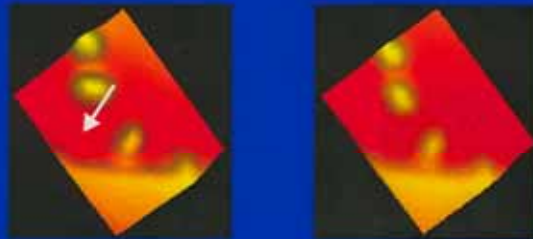


the molecule is pushed by  
lateral manipulation to contact  
the step edge

The termination of  
the central board  
becomes visible

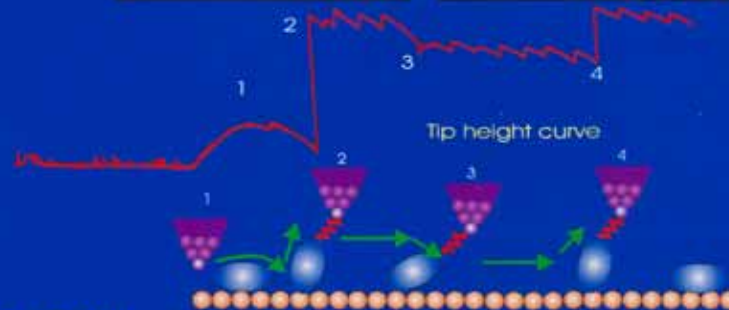
# RECOGNIZING MOLECULAR CONFORMATIONS DURING MANIPULATION WITH A STM TIP.

## ROTATION BY USING TIP-MOLECULE FORCE



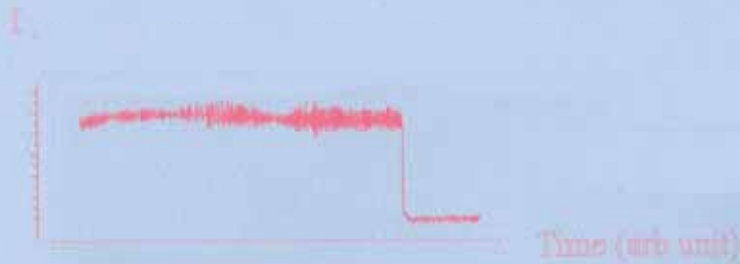
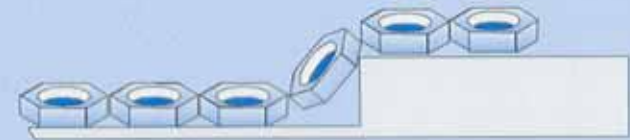
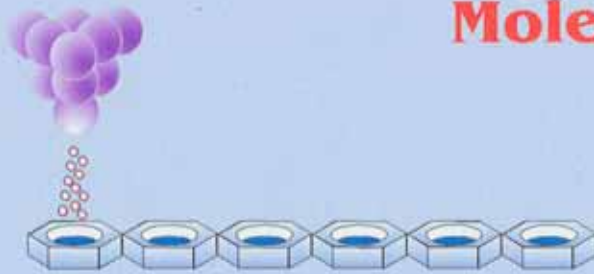
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## LATERAL MANIPULATION WITH AN UP-RIGHT POSITION

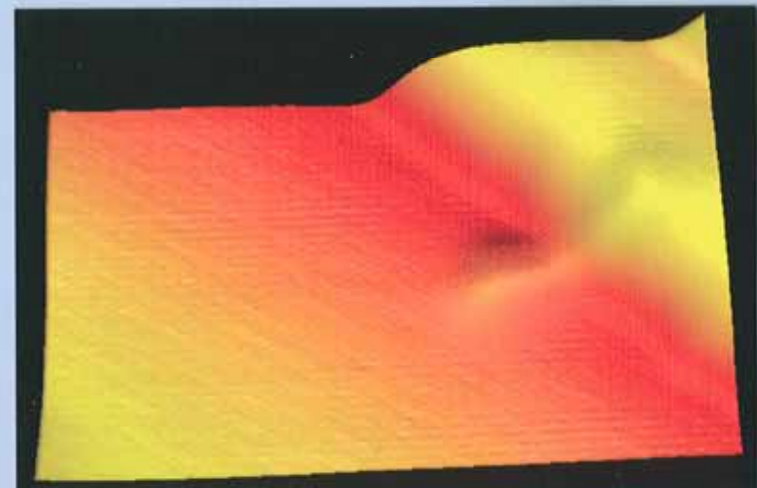
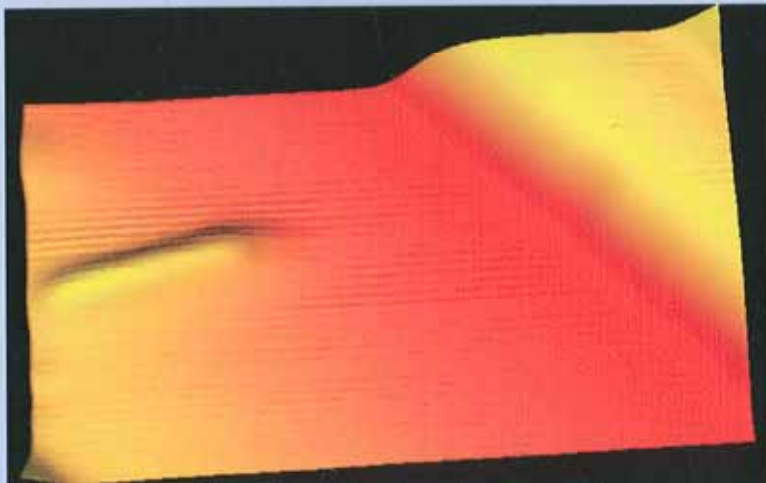


$R_t = 0.45 \text{ M}\Omega$

## Molecular Shooting

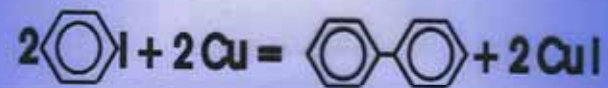


- Electrons with energies up to 1.8 eV are injected into the end pi-ring of Sexi-phenyl.
- Electron injection rate  $\sim 10^{10}$  electron/sec
- The inelastic excitation causes the molecule to slide across the Ag(111) surface.

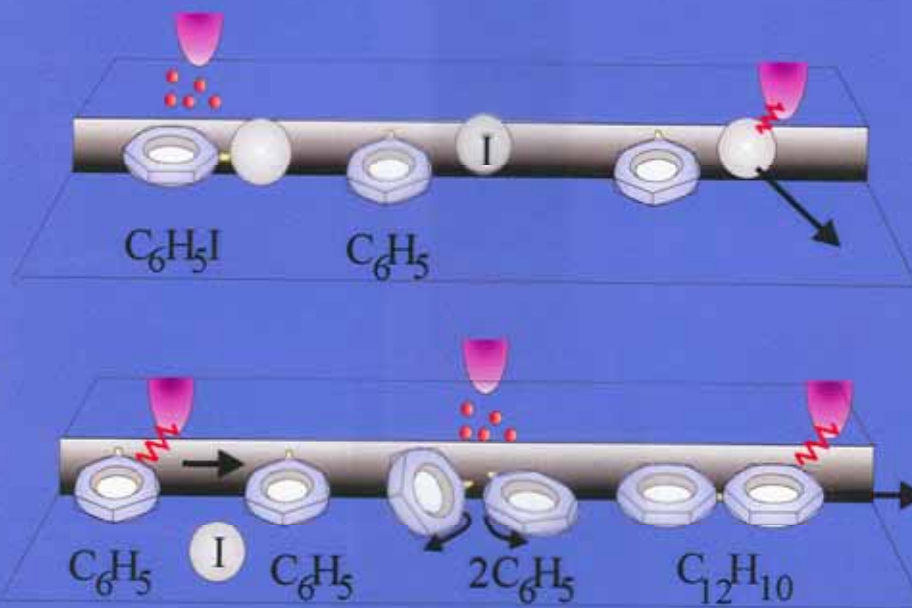


# SINGLE MOLECULE ENGINEERING:

SYNTHESIS OF INDIVIDUAL BIPHENYL MOLECULES WITH AN STM TIP



Ullmann Reaction



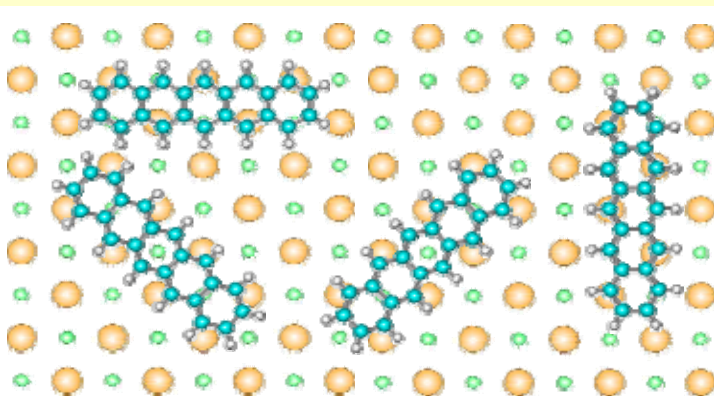
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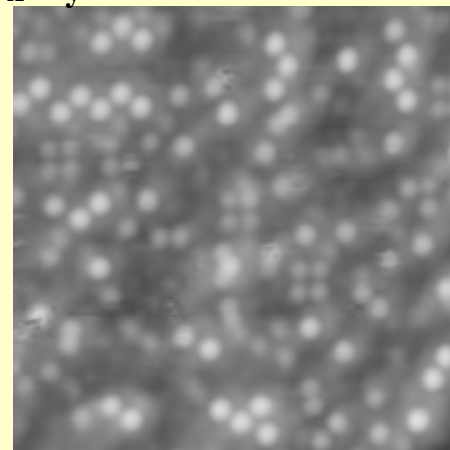


# Pentacene on a Vanadiumoxide Thin Film grown on $\text{Cu}_3\text{Au}(100)$

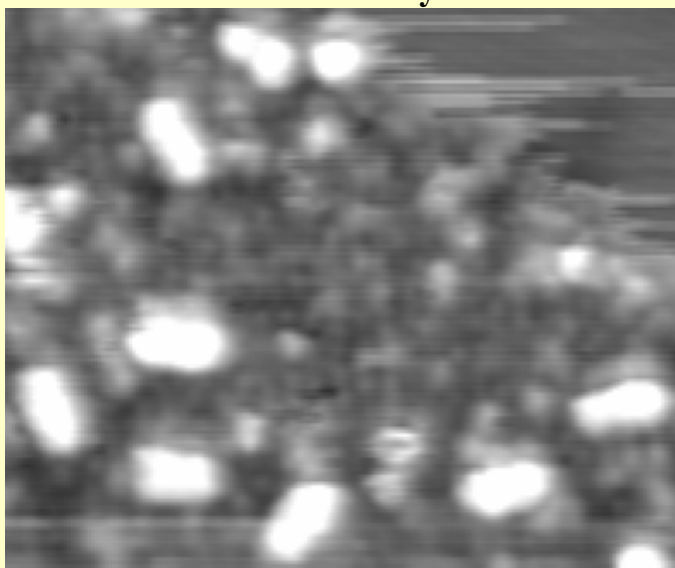
Molecule structure



$\text{V}_x\text{O}_y$  disordered islands



Pentacene on  $\text{V}_x\text{O}_y$



$I=0.1\text{nA}$ ,  $U=0.4\text{V}$ ,  $T=7\text{K}$ ,  $108\text{\AA} \times 120\text{\AA}$

Pentacene image resembles HOMO electron density of free molecule

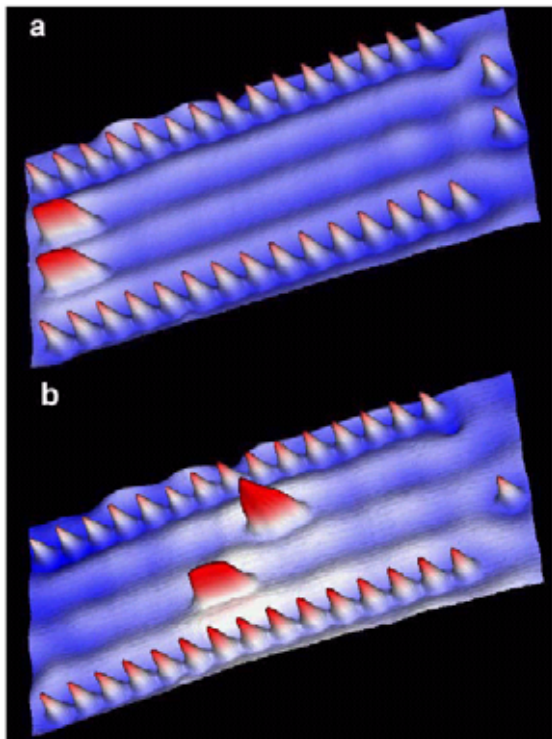


$I=0.1\text{nA}$ ,  $U= -1\text{V}$ ,  $T=7\text{K}$ ,  $18\text{\AA} \times 15\text{\AA}$

M.Alemani, F. Moresco and K.H. Rieder, unpublished

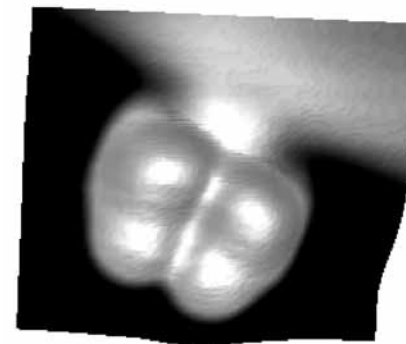
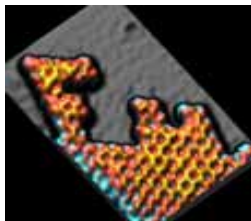
# Summary

Building **artificial nanostructures** in an atom by atom and molecule by molecule way

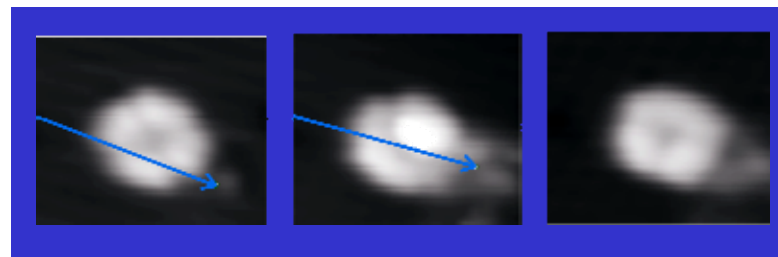


Molecular shooting: a possible **atomic scale engine**?

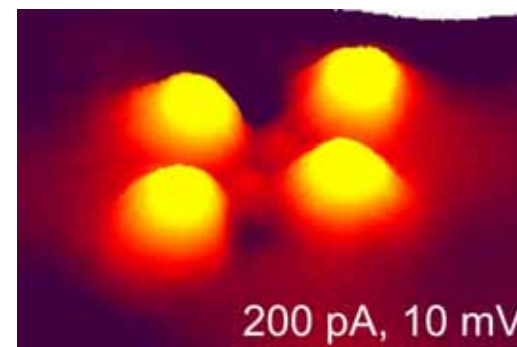
Making **electrical contacts** with atomic precision



**Switching molecules** by mechanical and electron induced manipulation

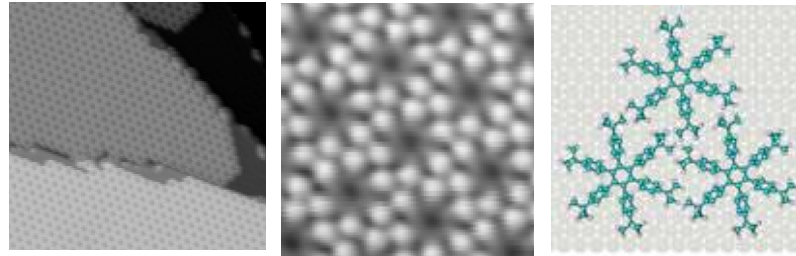


**Vertical manipulation:**  
A route to chemical contrast?

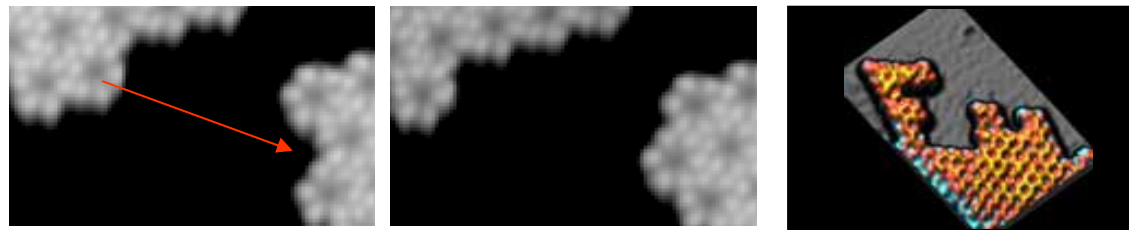


# Conclusions: HB-HPB/Cu(111)

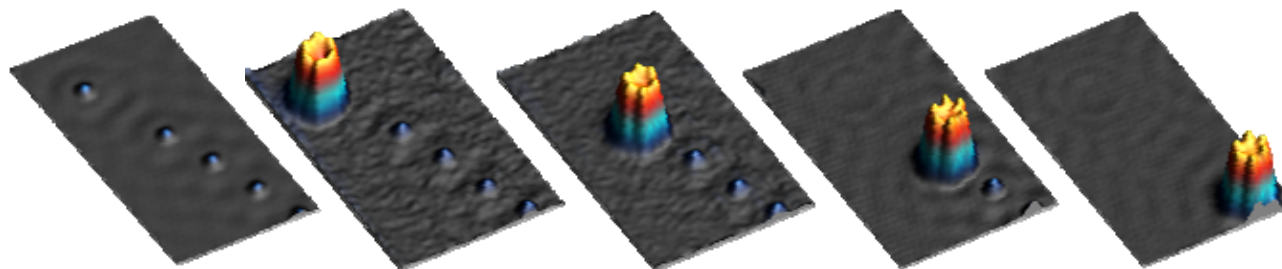
Characterization of monolayer structure and growth



Manipulation of monolayer structures



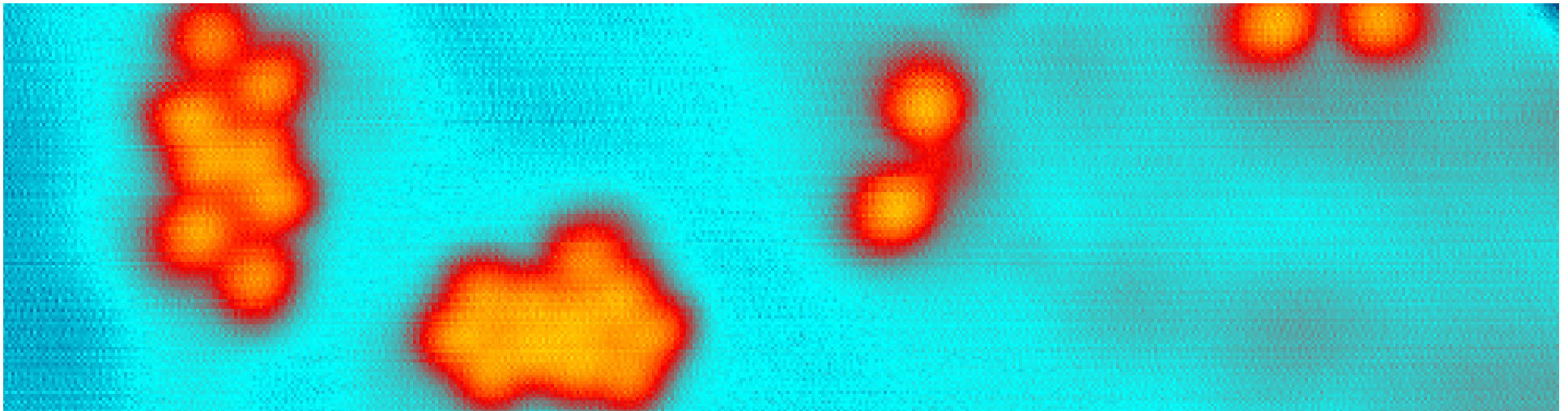
Manipulation of adatoms with molecules



# Cis-Trans-Isomerization of Azobenzene

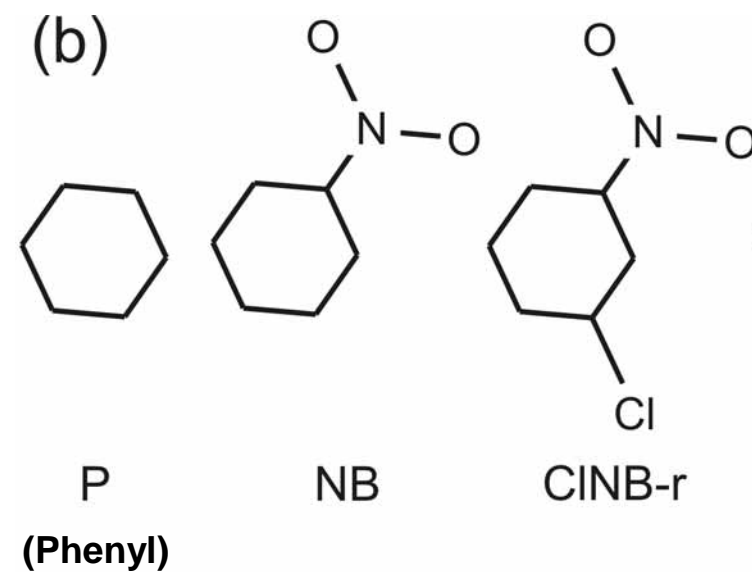
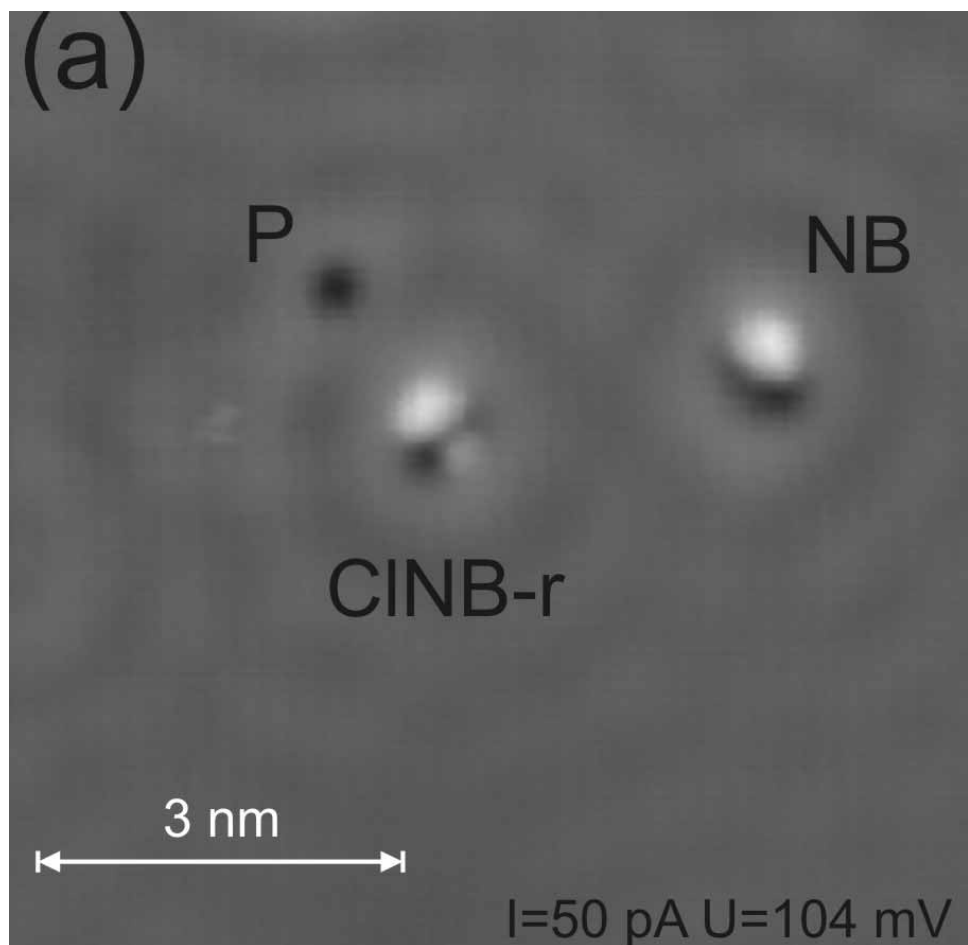
derivate: Disperse Orange 3 ( $\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}=\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2$ ) on Au(111)

Injecting electrons into N=N bond with increasing energy 600 meV to 720 meV



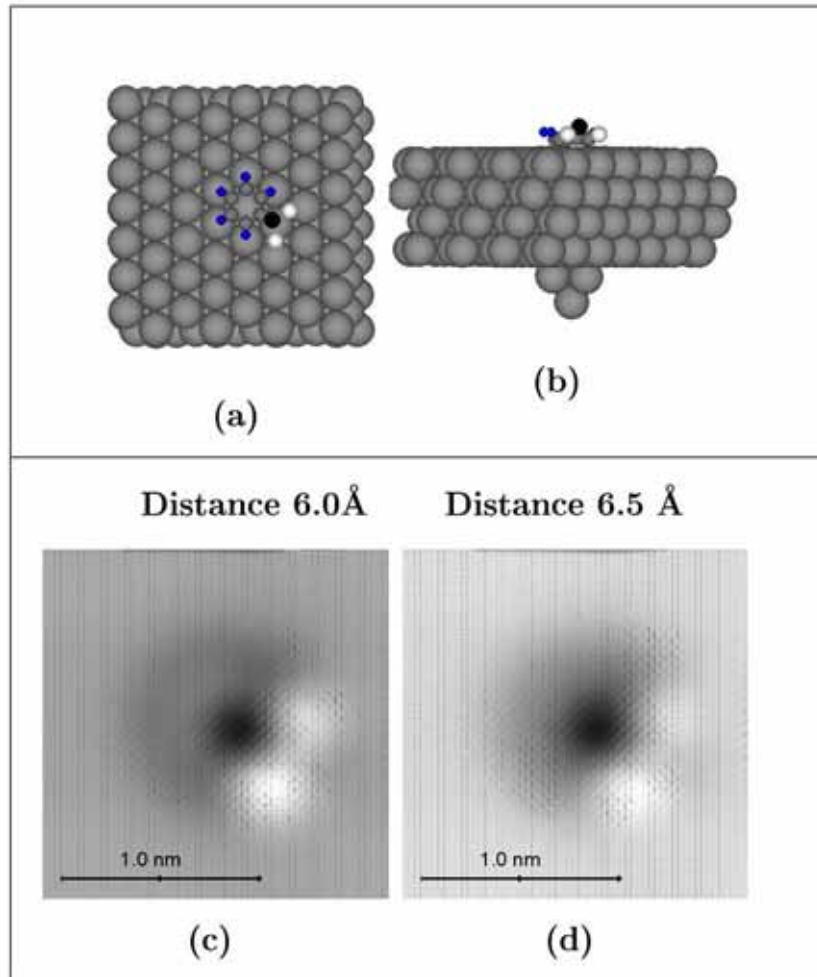
induced diffusion  
and conformational isomerization  
(interconversion around single bonds)

# 1,3 Chloronitrobenzene on Cu(111)

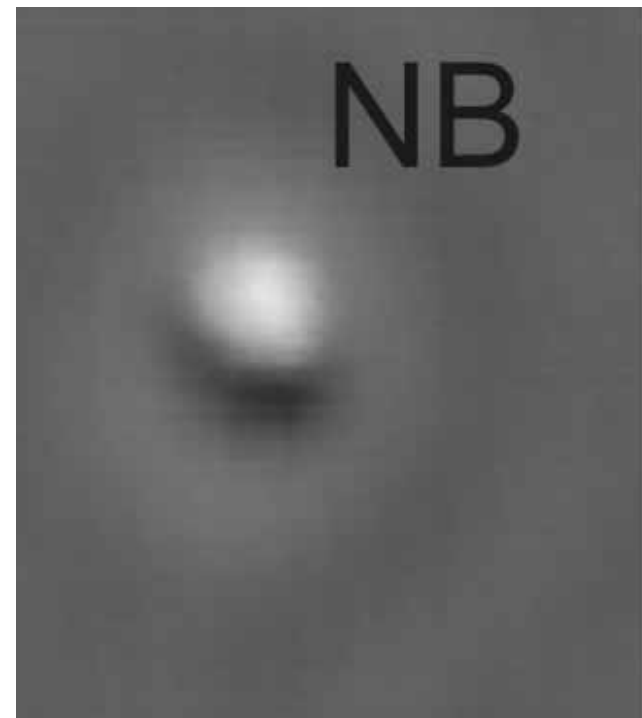


# Nitrobenzene on Cu(111)

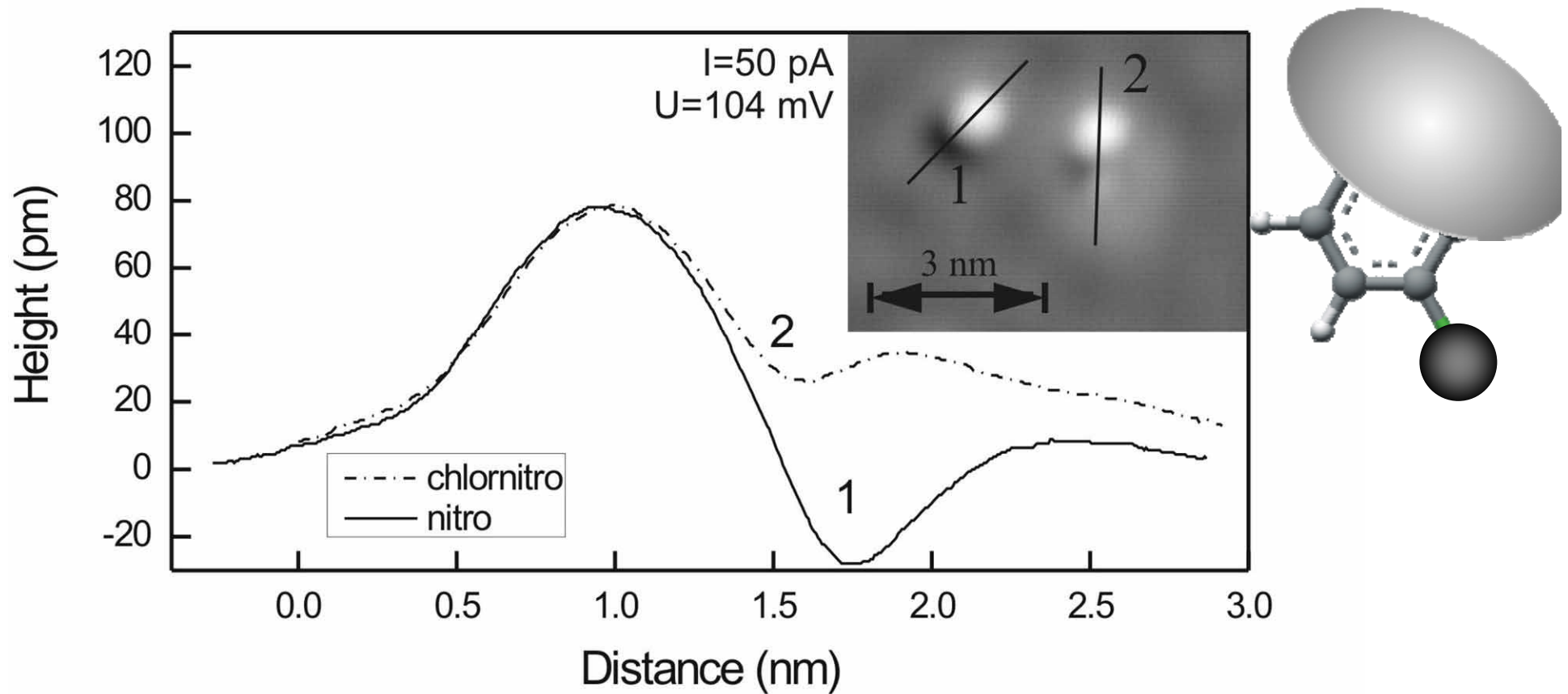
Calculation in 'tight-binding'  
(J. Nieminen et al.)



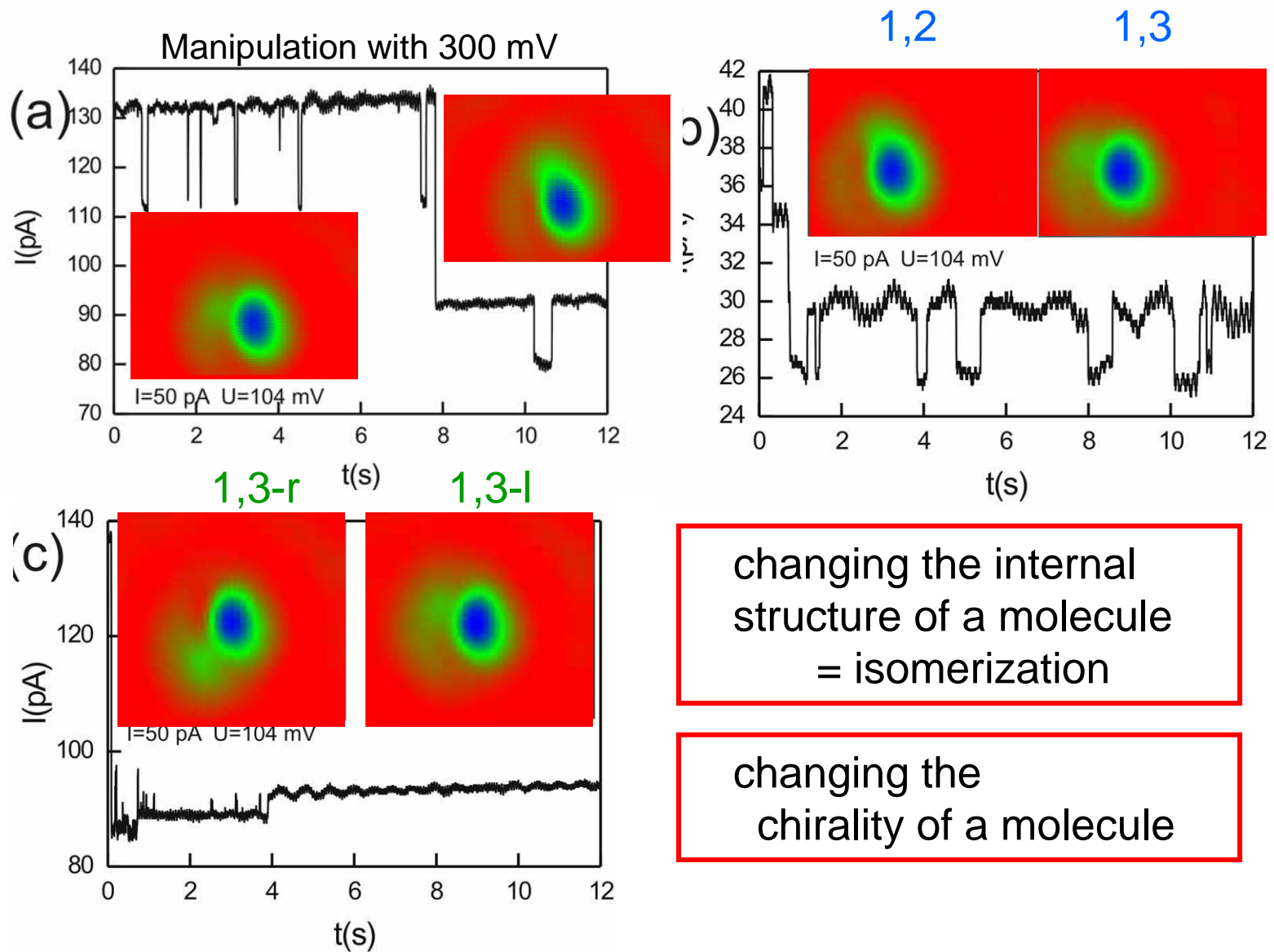
Experiment



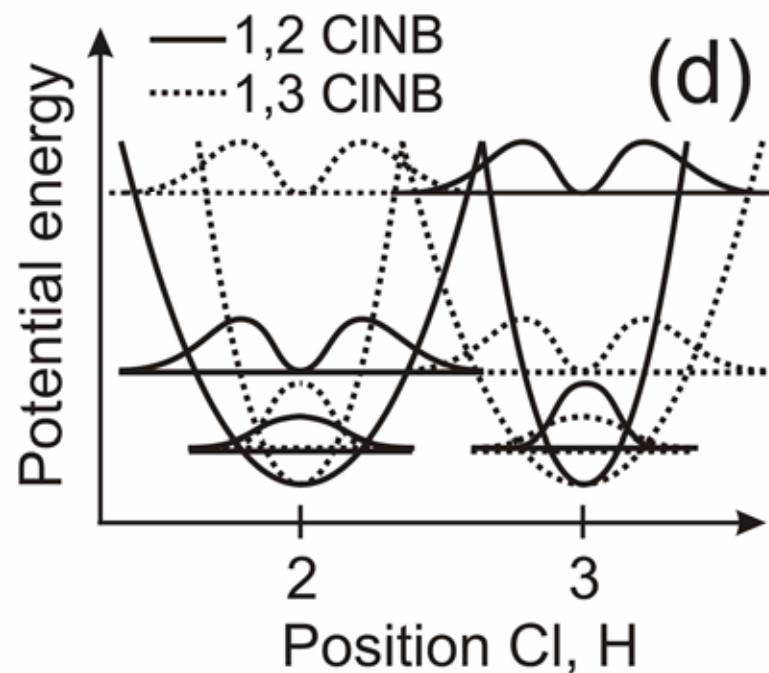
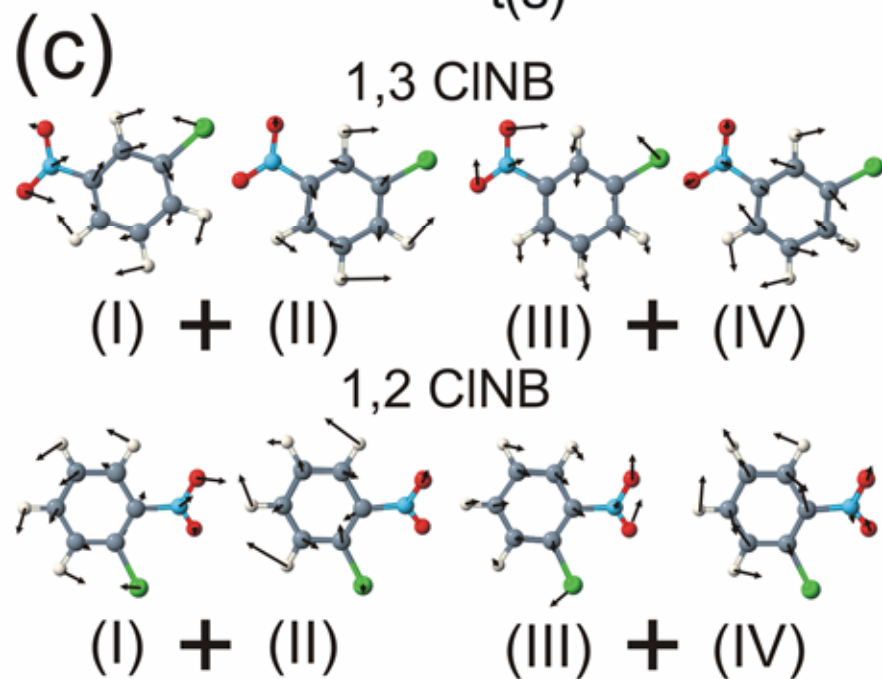
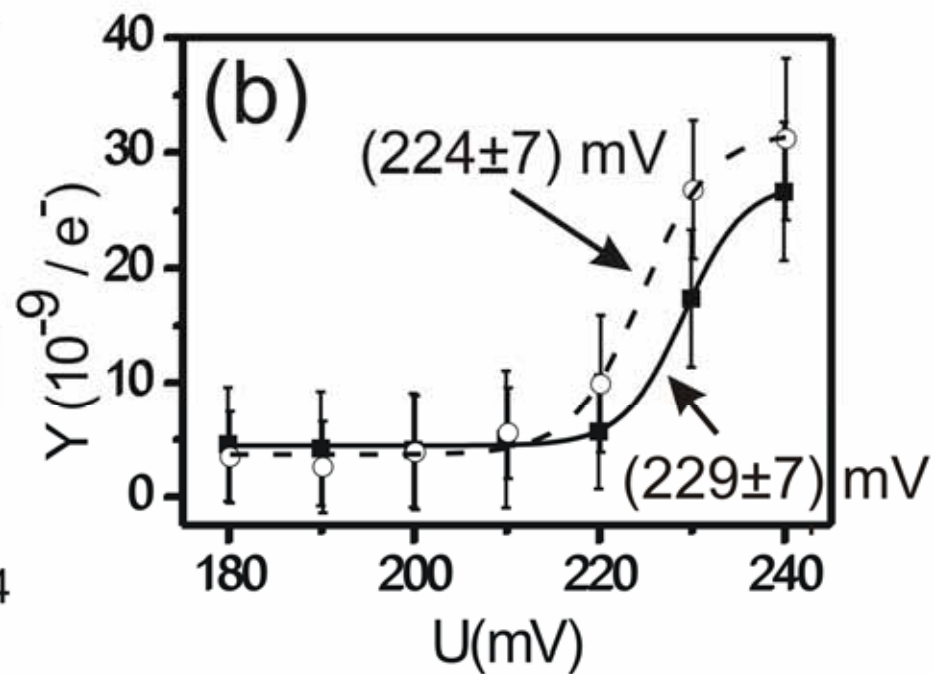
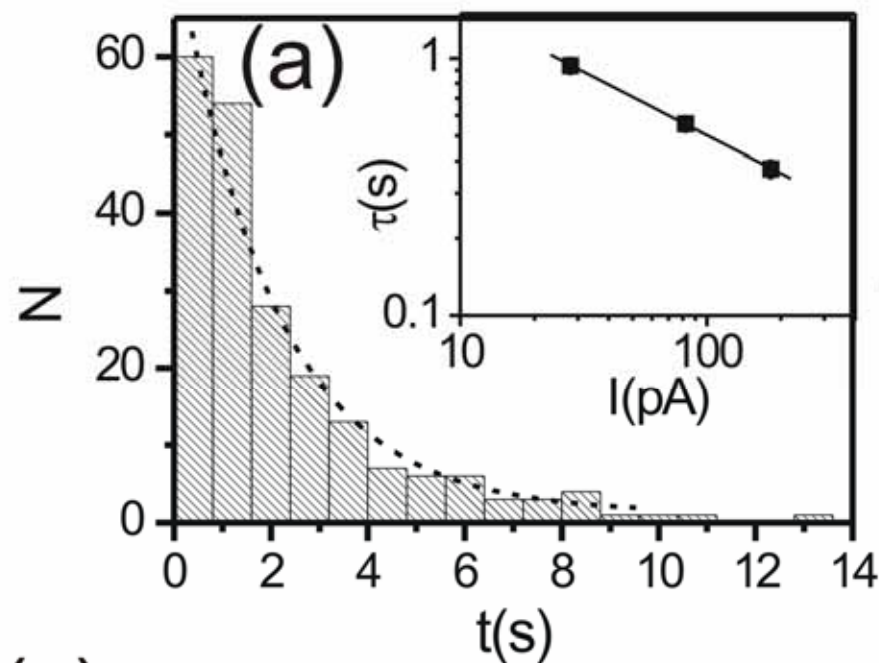
# $C_6H_4ClNO_2 / C_6H_4NO_2$ on Cu(111)



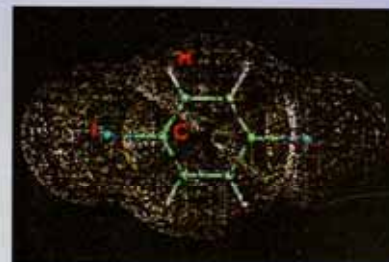
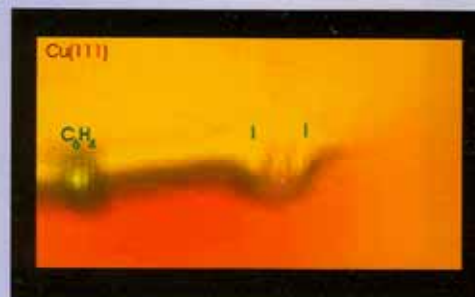
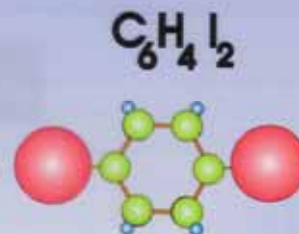
# $C_6H_4ClNO_2$ on Cu(111)





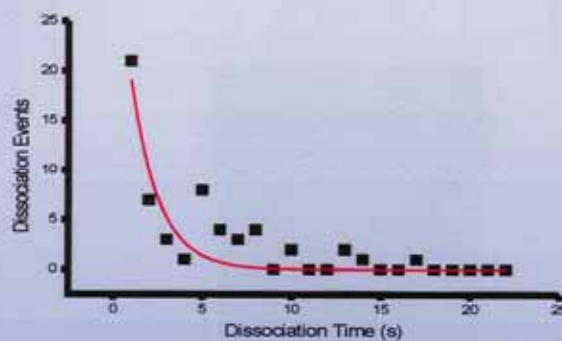


# Iodine Dissociation from Diiodobenzene with the STM Tip.



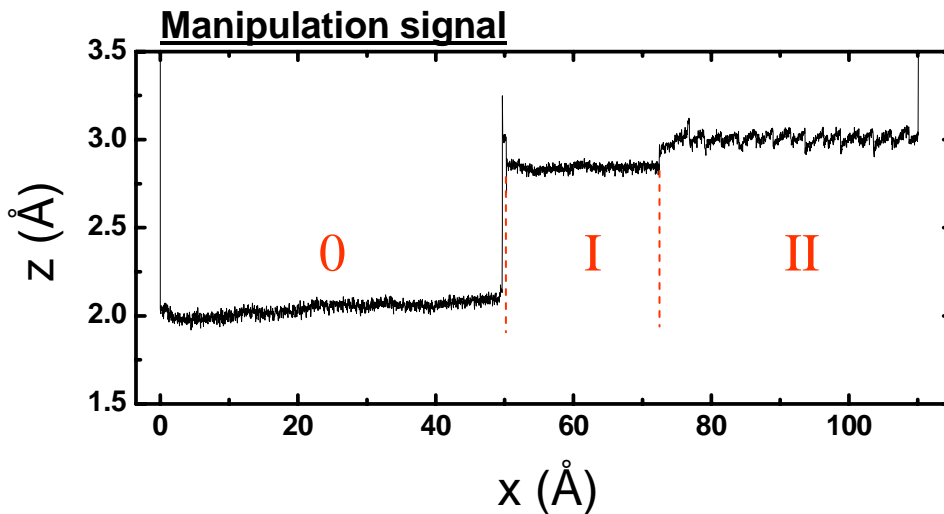
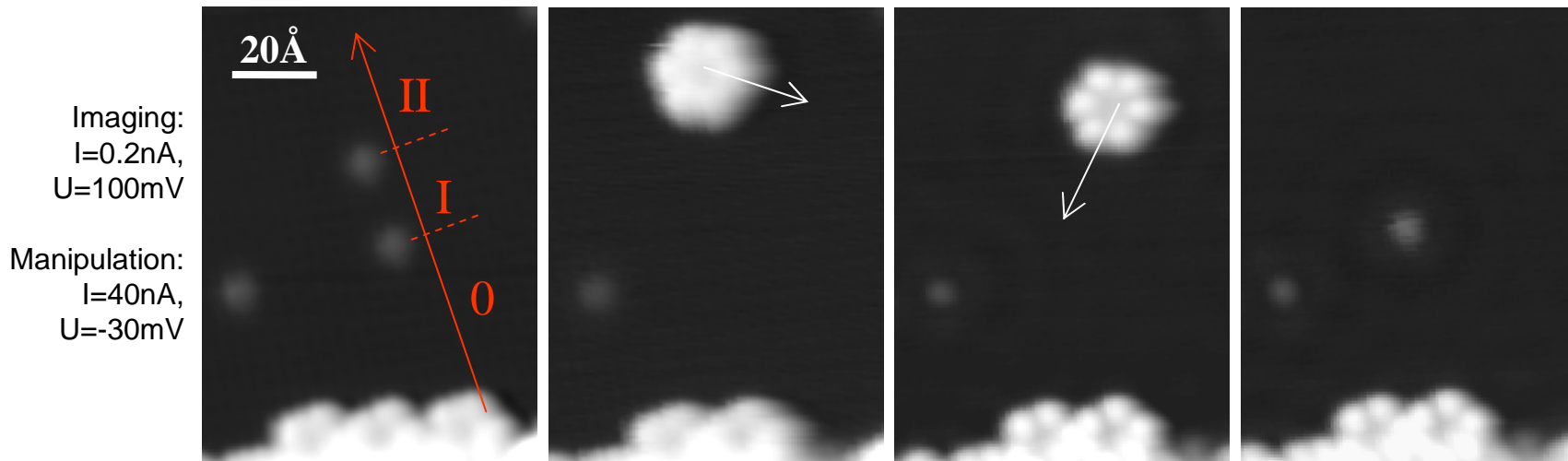
Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbitals (LUMO) of Diiodobenzene

2.5 V, 1.33 nA



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# Releasing Adatoms on the Surface

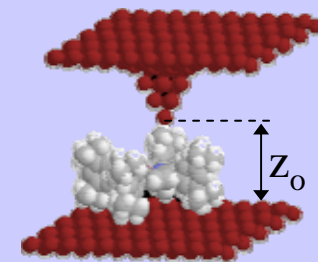
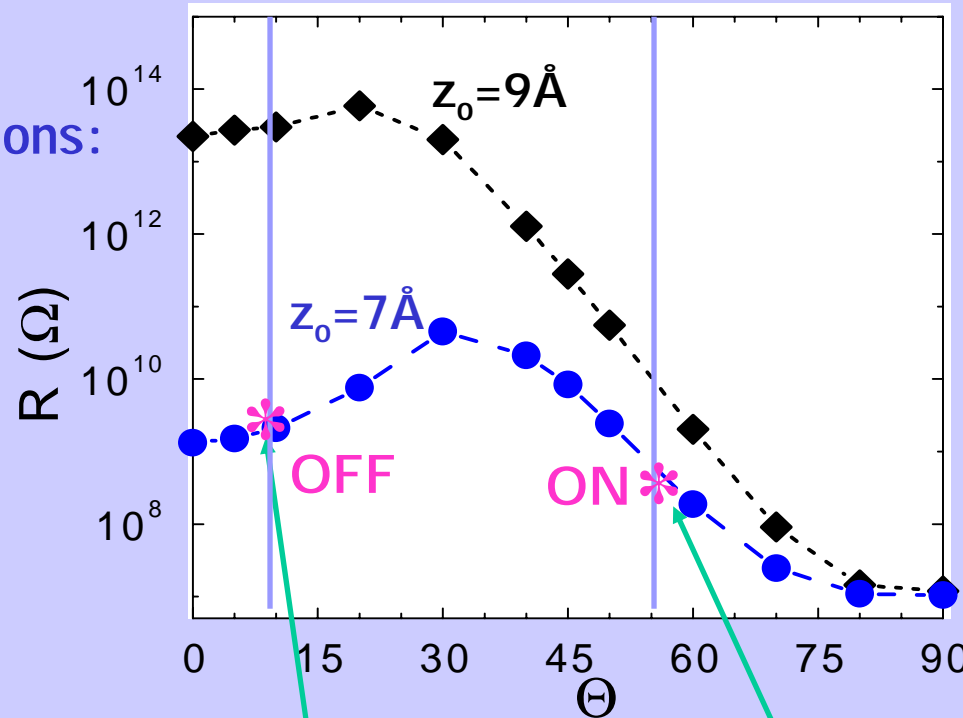


- Vertical manipulation of molecule releases atoms
- After absorption of the 2nd atom the manipulation signal changes from sliding to pushing

# Molecular switch: Theory

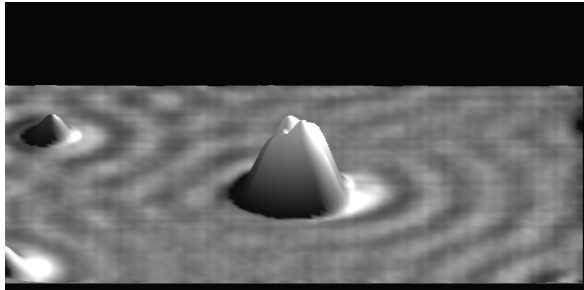
How does the resistance depend on the leg's orientation?

ESQC  
calculations:

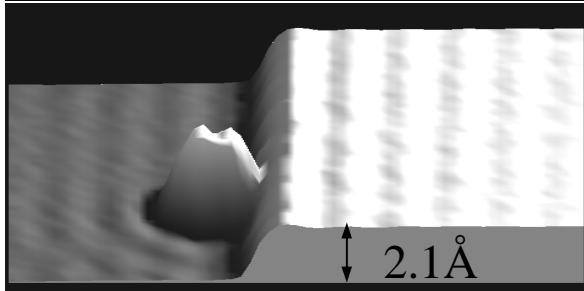


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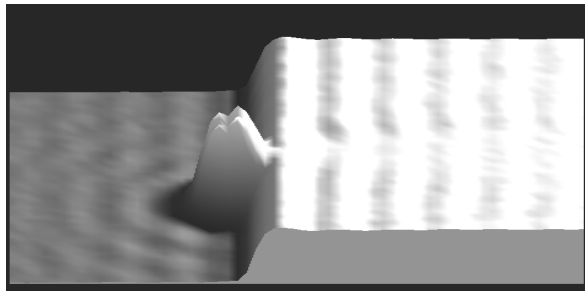
# Probing the electronic contact with surface standing waves



molecule on a terrace:  
elliptic standing wave patterns



molecule contacted to a step edge with the  
board parallel to it:  
the parallel patterns in the upper terrace are  
not perturbed by the molecule

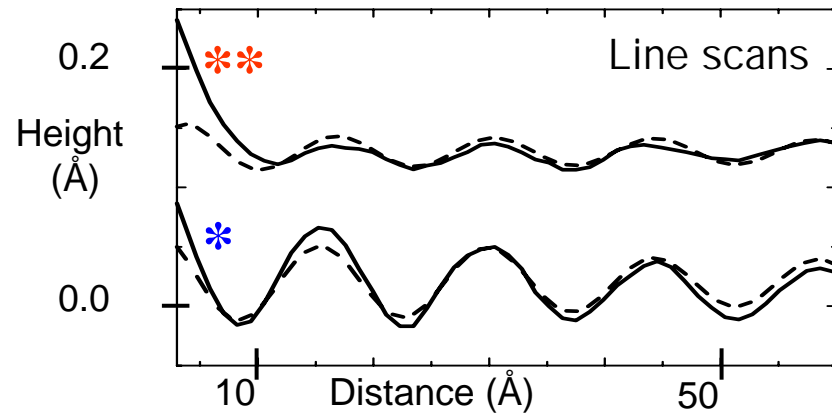
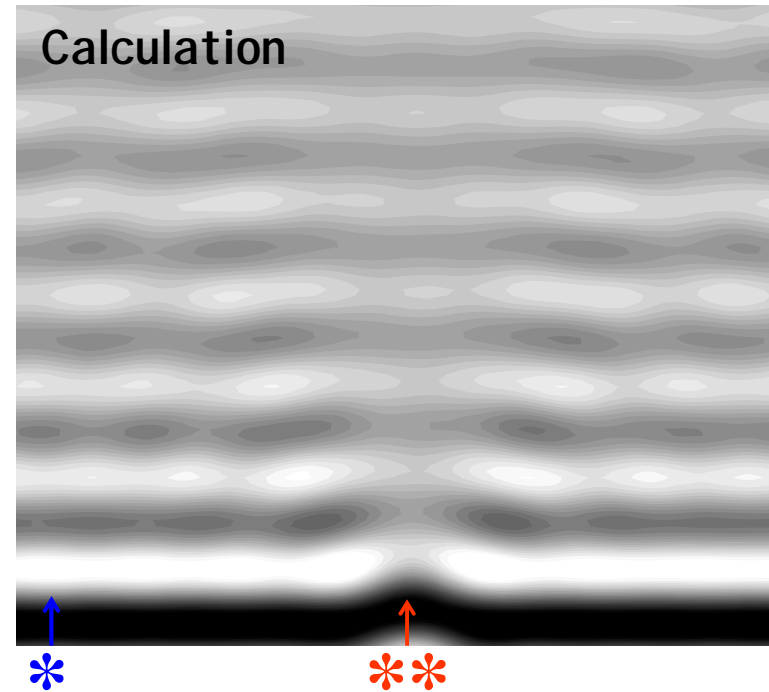
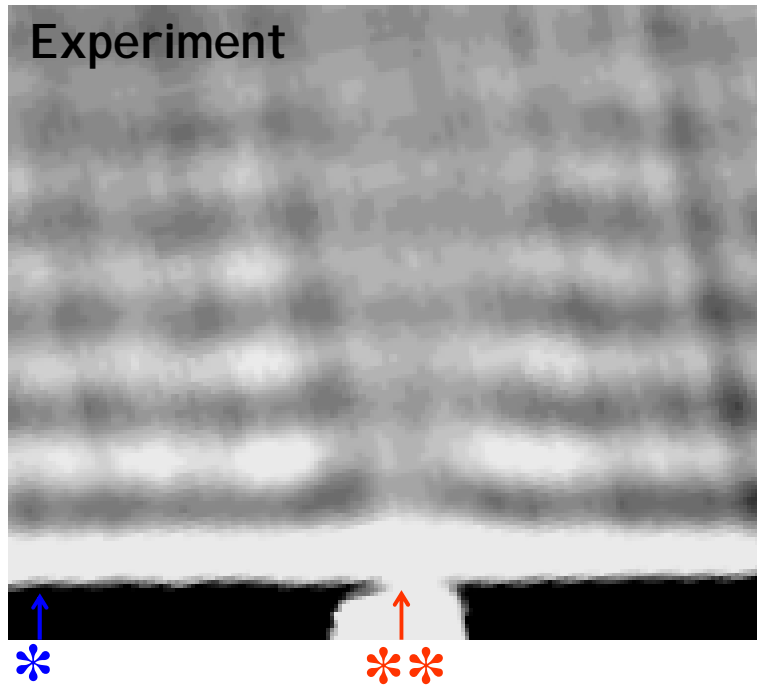


board of the molecule contacted to a step  
edge:  
the standing wave patterns in the upper  
terrace are modified by the contact of the  
molecular wire

The standing waves due to the surface state electrons probe the electronic characteristics of the contact

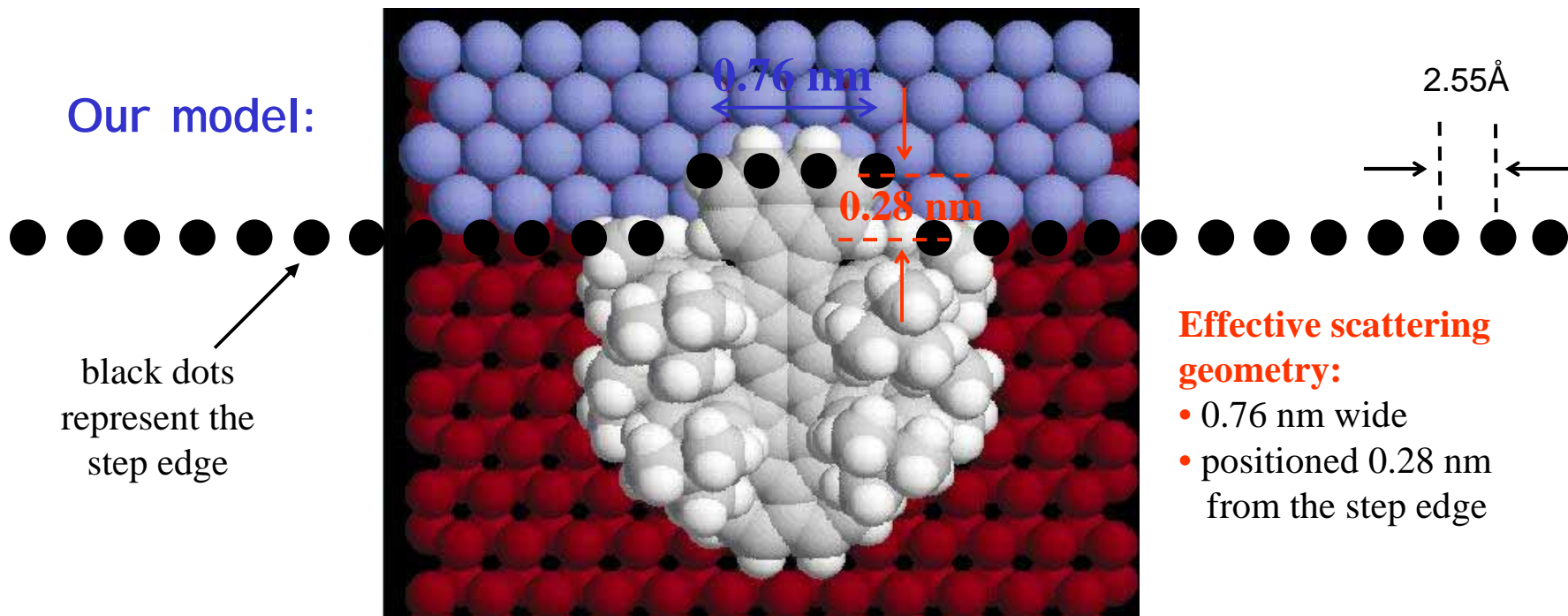
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# Standing waves: calculations using Heller theory

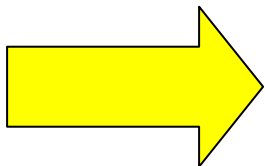


Very good agreement between experiment and model

# Standing waves

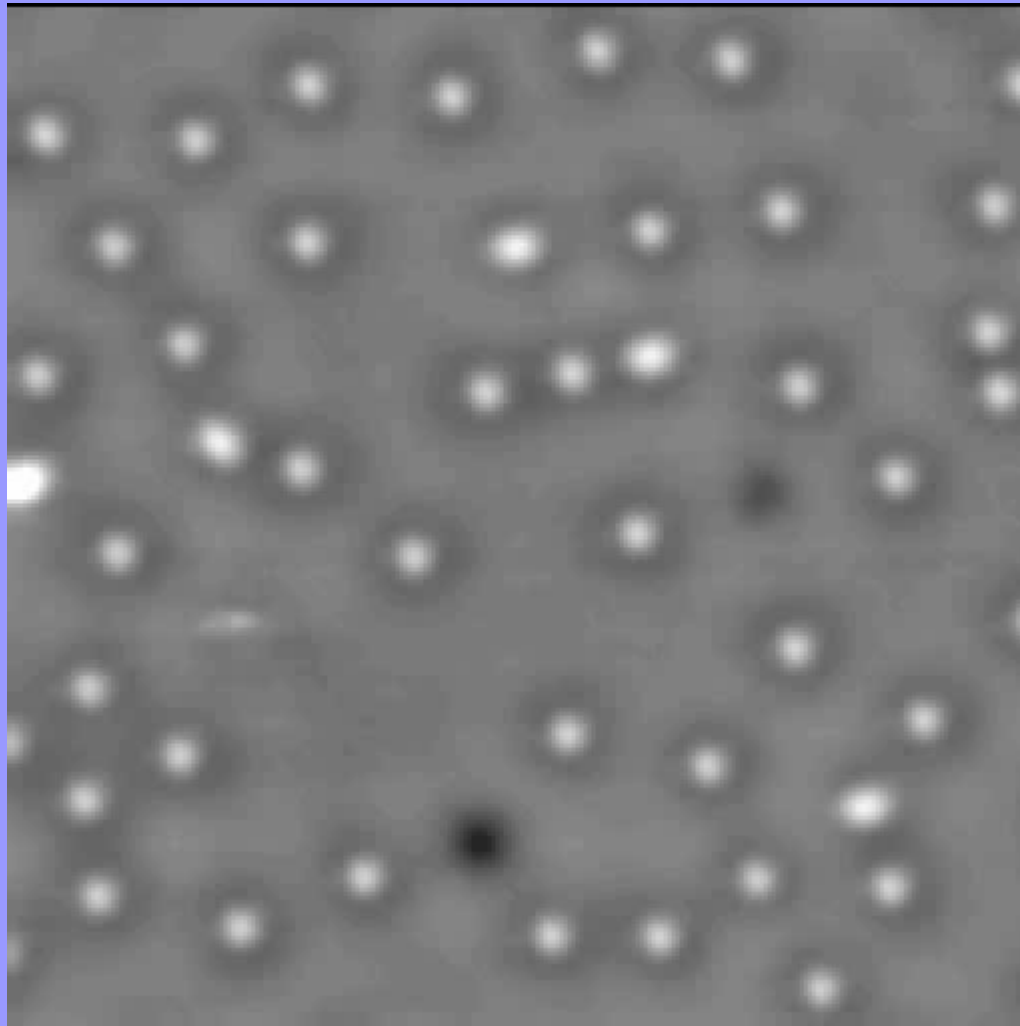


The model exactly reproduces the position of the end naphthalene group



The standing wave patterns are modified by the end naphthalene group building the contact

# Thermally induced motion of Cu-monomers and Cu-dimers on Ag(111)



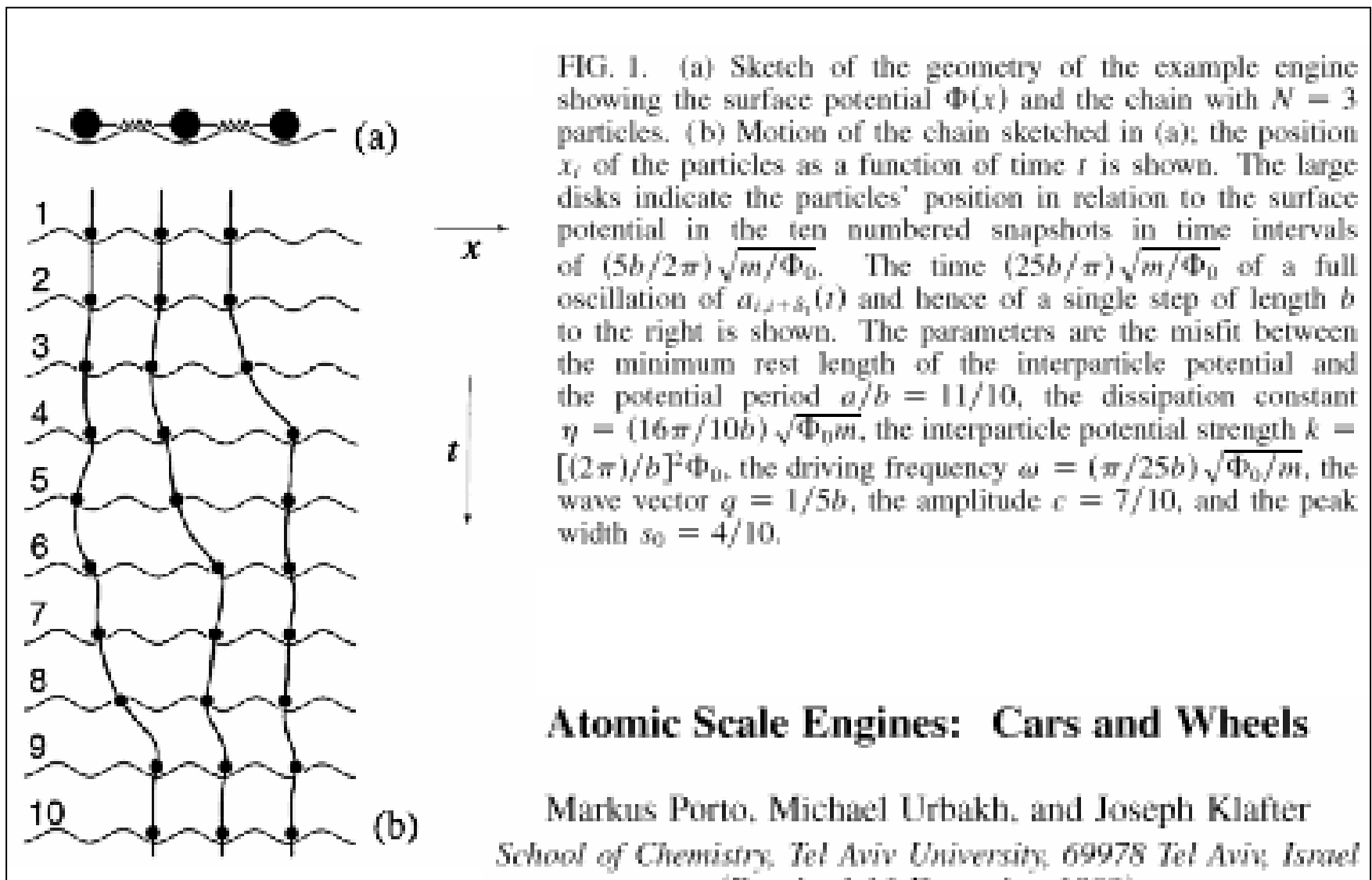
**Monomer diffusion  
mainly but not  
exclusively between  
fcc, influenced by the  
surface state**

**Dimer rotation  
between three  
equivalent sites**

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Braun and K.H. Rieder

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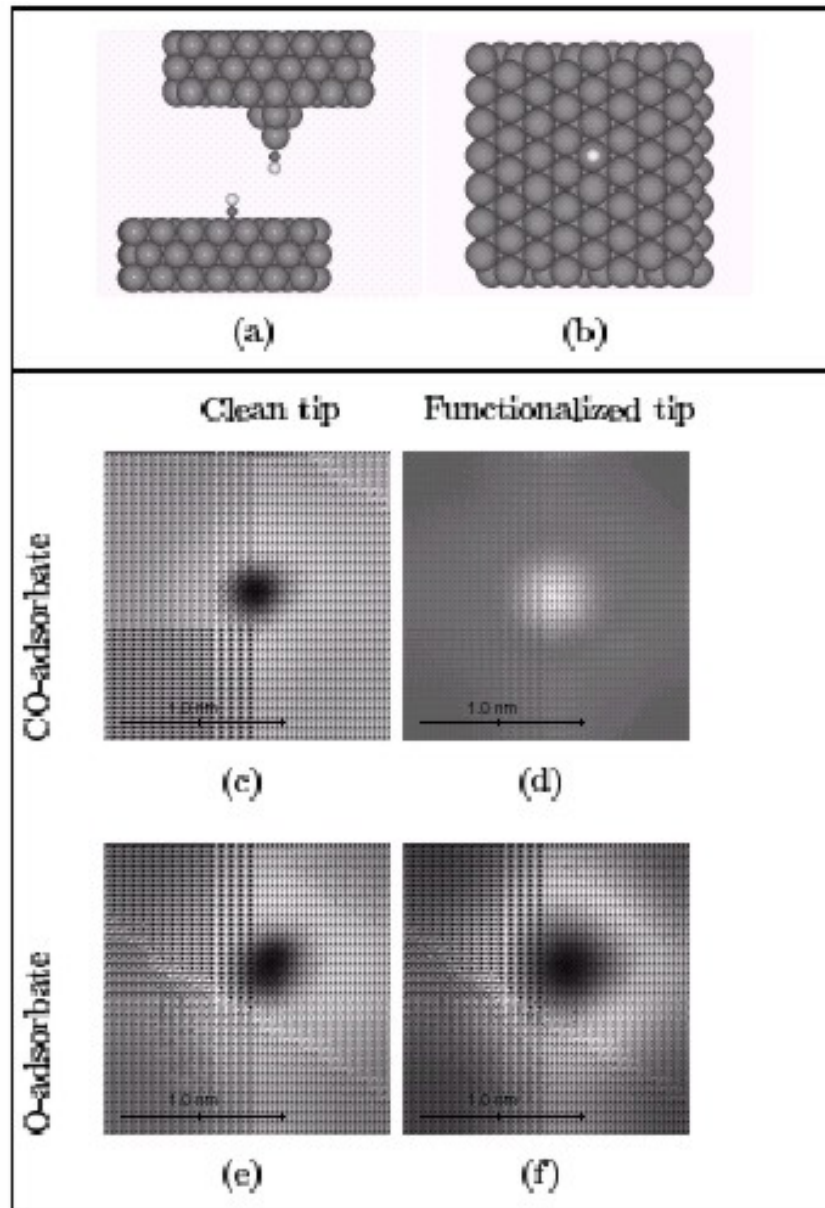




## Atomic Scale Engines: Cars and Wheels

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