

## Repetition:



- Elektronenbeugung (kaum Roentgenbeugung)
  - Diffusion / Surface Phase Formation  
Adsorption / Desorption / Growth
  - X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy
  - X-ray Microscopy
  - Photoelectron Spectroscopy – also for Chemical Analysis
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- Dates for Excursion?



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## Oberflächenphysik



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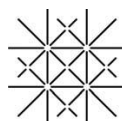
**Local Probes and Experiments I:  
Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM)  
Inelastic Tunneling and  
Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy (STS)**

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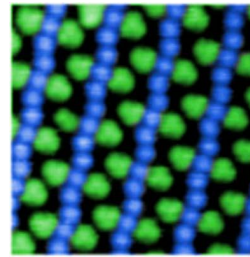
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# STM – local probe for surface science

## surface analysis @ nanoscale

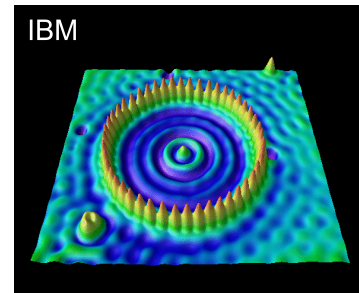
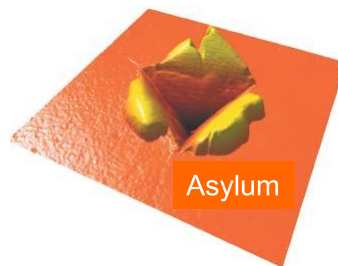
- scanning probe methods (STM/AFM)
  - working principle of STM
  - tunnel current
  - examples and image interpretation
- scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS)
  - local electronic structure



STM image: self-assembled molecular layer  
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## surface modifications @ nanoscale

- manipulation of atoms or adsorbates
- nanoindentation

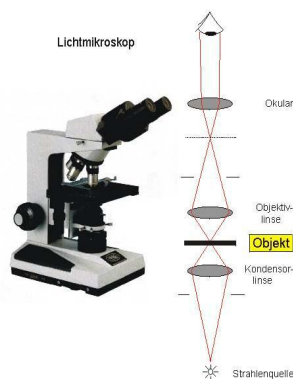


# Microscopes

For the visualisation of millimeter to nanometer structures

## Light Microscope

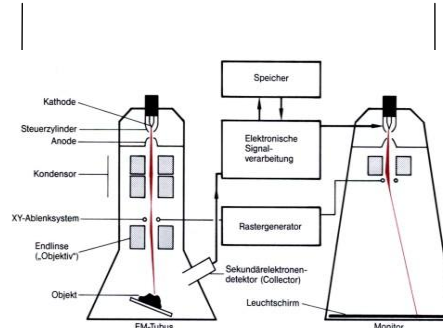
since about 1750



geometric optics  
resolution about 500 nm  
*Light-Intensity contrast*

## Electron Microscope (SEM)

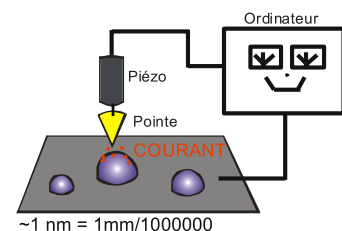
since about 1955



e-beam raster-scan  
resolution 5 nm  
*secondary electron counting  
projection image*

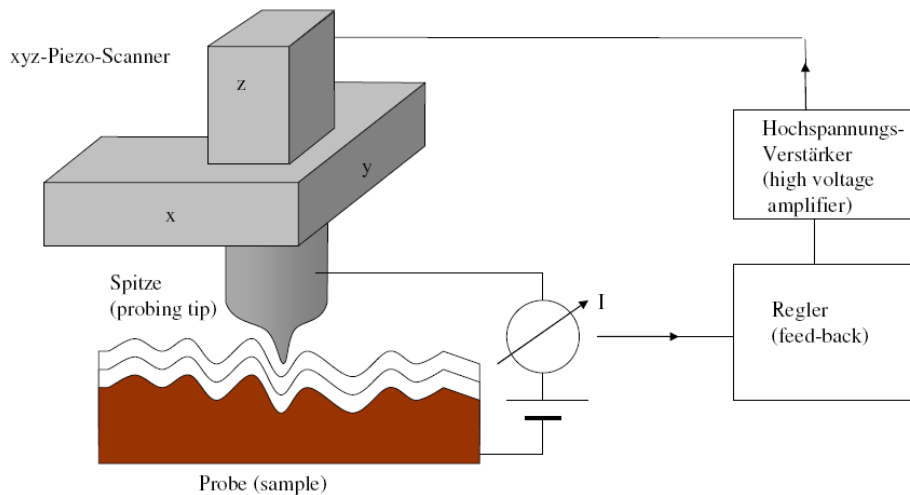
## Scanning Probe Microscope (SPM)

since about 1981



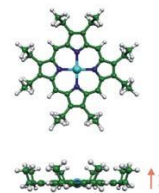
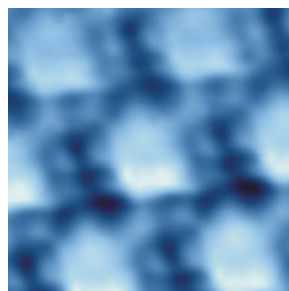
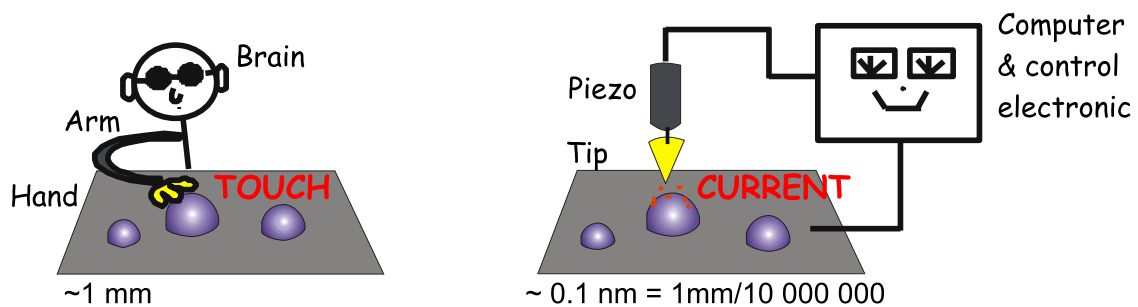
Local probe piezo-scan  
resolution 0.1 nm  
*3D map of surface*

# Rastertunnelmikroskop (STM)



Ein Regler hält den Tunnelstrom ( $\approx$ pA-nA) zwischen Spitze und Probe konstant. Es werden Kontouren konstanten Tunnelstroms abgerastert.

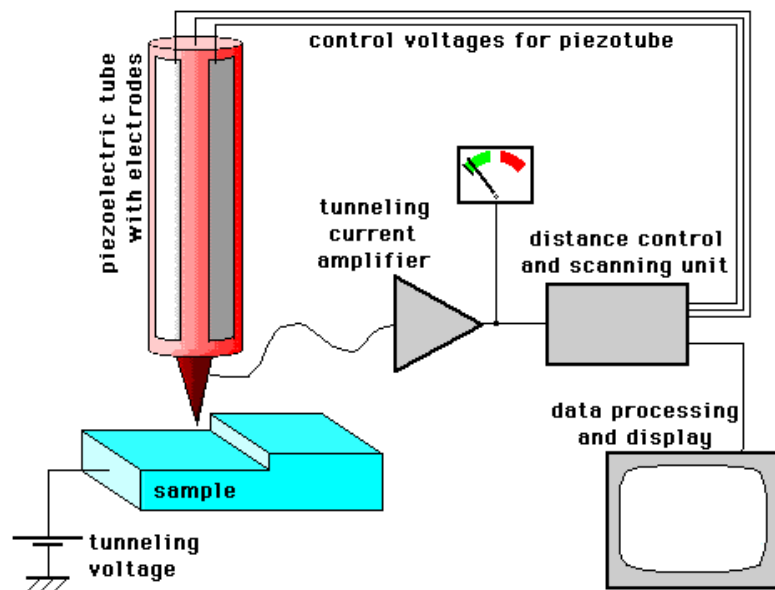
## Scanning Tunneling Microscopy



CuOEP on Cu(111) (averaged image)  
3.0 nm  $\times$  3.0 nm,  $U = -0.55$  V,  $I = 24$  pA

*L.Ramoino, S.Schintke et al., to be published*

# Image acquisition (constant current images)



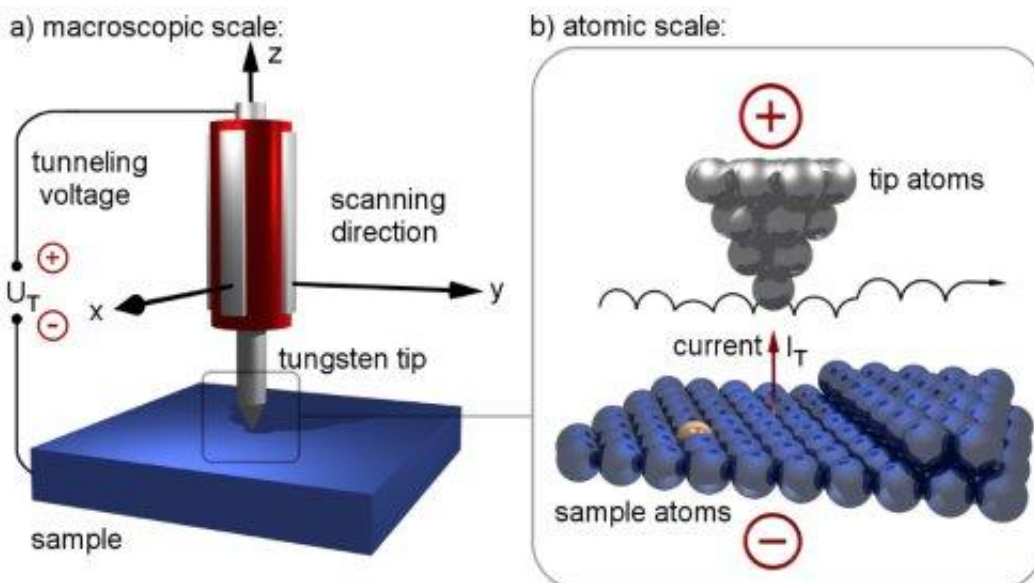
**How an STM works ...** © Michael Schmid  
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# Piezo unit and tip displacement



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# History of Scanning Tunneling Microscopy

- **1979-1981 Development at IBM Zürich**  
*G. Binnig, H. Rohrer, Ch. Gerber, E. Weibel, Appl. Phys. Lett 40 (1982), Phys. Rev. Lett. 49, 57 (1982)*
- **1986 Nobel prize of Physics for Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer**



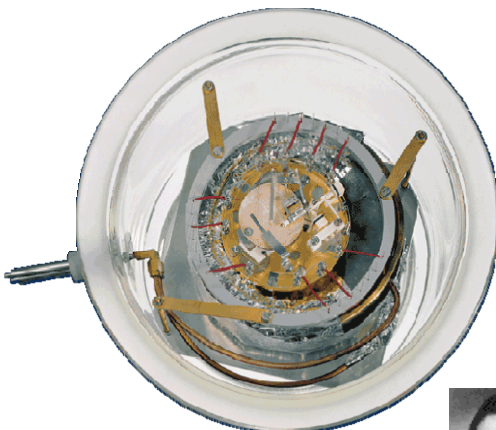
Rohrer

Binnig

**The soccer ball team of the IBM research lab; 15 October 1986**  
*C. Julian Chen: Introduction to Scanning Tunneling Microscopy;*  
*Original photo: Blick*

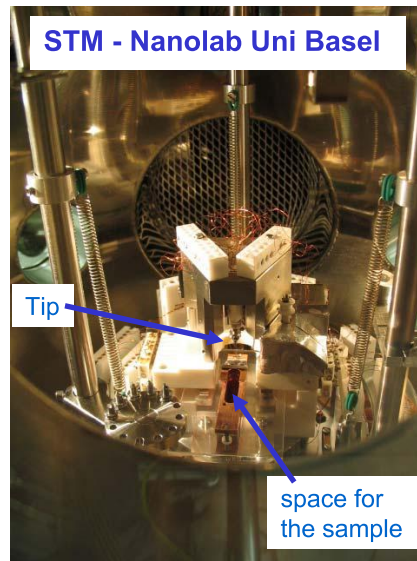
# The first Scanning Tunneling Microscope

1981 development at  
 IBM Rüschlikon, Switzerland

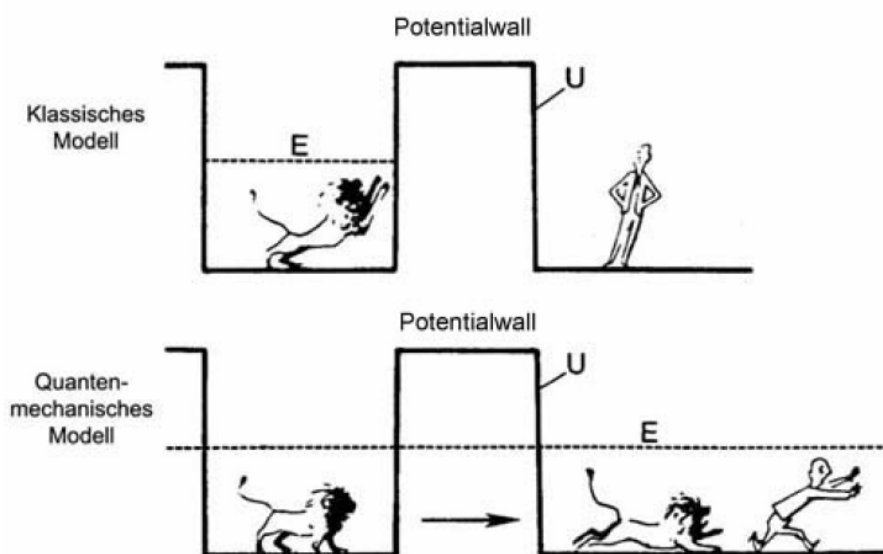


**G. Binnig and H. Rohrer**  
 Nobelprize for physics 1986

# The « Nanolab » at the University of Basel

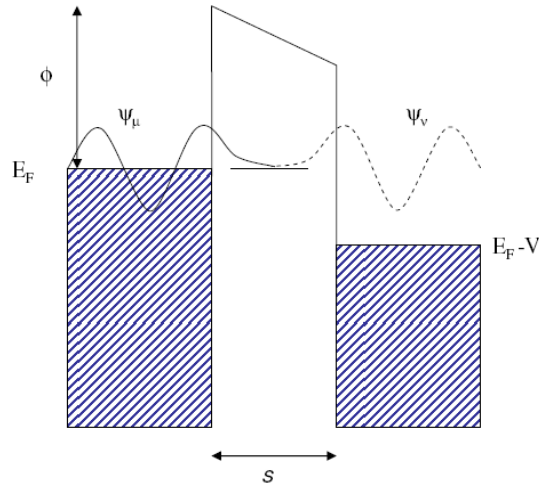


# Quantum Mechanics Tunneling



# Tunneleffekt

Schon zu Beginn der Quantenmechanik wurde der Tunneleffekt vorausgesagt. Der Überlapp der Wellenfunktionen führt zu einer Transmission von Elektronen durch ein klassisch verbotenes Gebiet. Zwischen zwei Metallen, die durch Vakuum oder ein Oxid getrennt sind, fliesst ein Tunnelstrom.



## Tunneleffekt

$$I = f(U) \exp(-A\sqrt{\phi} s)$$

J. Frenkel, *Phys. Rev.* **B 36**, 1604 (1930)

$I$ : Tunnelstrom

$U$ : Extern angelegte Spannung

$s$ : Distanz zwischen Probe und Spitze

$\phi$ : Barrierenhöhe

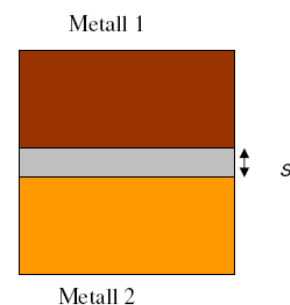
$$\phi \approx \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2} \quad \phi_1, \phi_2 \text{ Austrittsarbeiten von Metall 1 und Metall 2}$$

$$A = 2\sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} = 1.025 \text{ \AA}^{-1} \text{eV}^{-1/2}$$

$f(U)$ : Funktion der elektronischen Struktur von Probe und Spitze

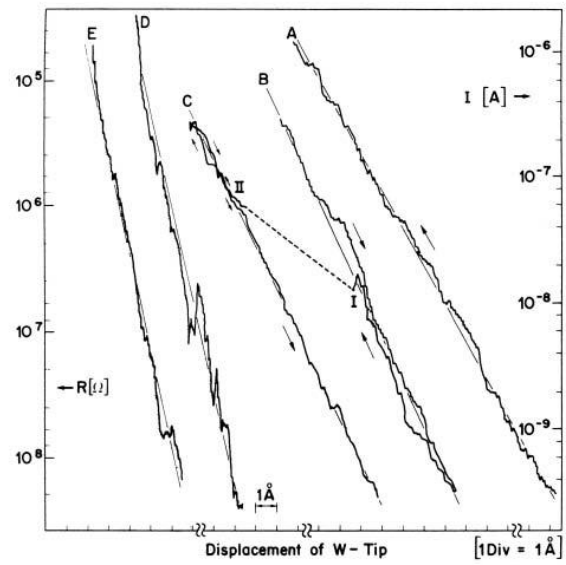
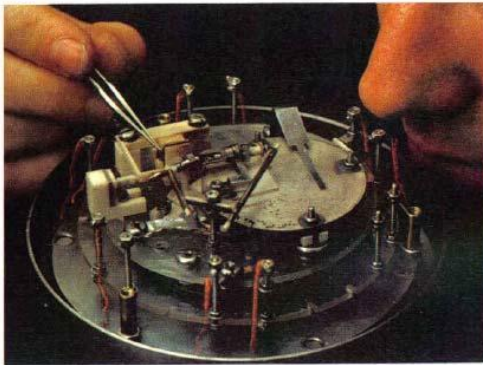
Für freie Elektronen  $f(U) \sim U$

Isolator



Der Tunnelstrom hängt exponentiell vom Abstand  $s$  ab. Für typische Austrittsarbeiten von  $\phi = 4.5 \text{ eV}$  ändert sich der Strom etwa um eine Grössenordnung, wenn die Distanz um  $1 \text{ \AA}$  verändert wird. Historisch wurde zuerst das Oxidtunneln realisiert. Erst mit dem STM konnte Vakuumtunneln beobachtet werden.

# Tunnelstrom



Exponentieller Abfall des Tunnelstromes mit dem Abstand



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# STM



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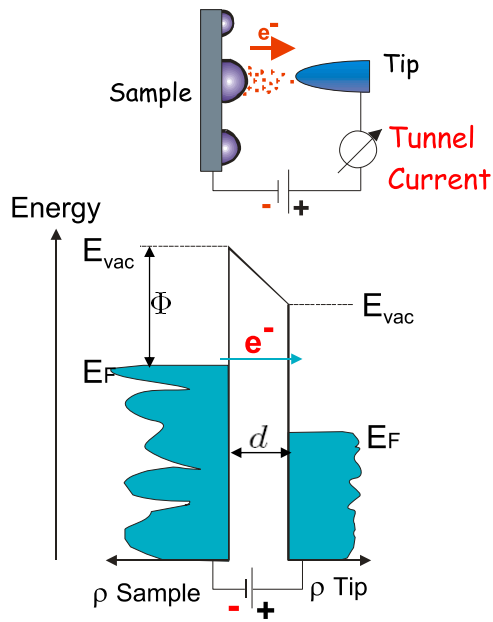


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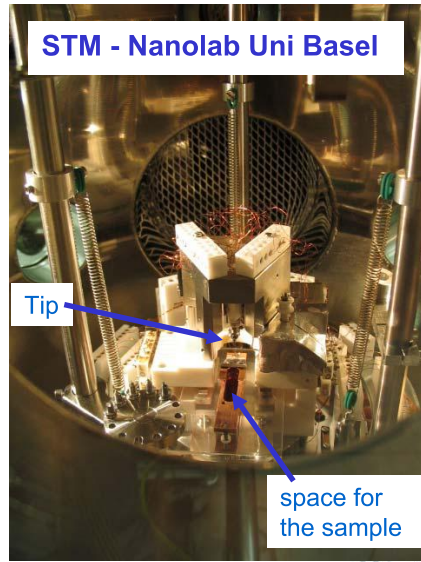
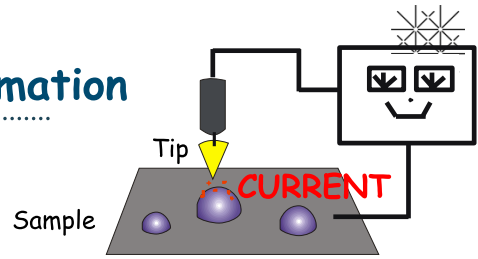




# Tunnel Current - simple approximation



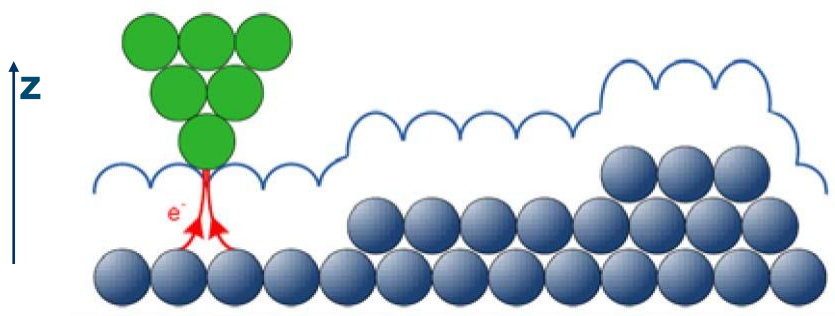
$$I_t \approx c_1 \cdot U_{bias} \cdot e^{-c_2 \sqrt{\Phi} \cdot d}$$



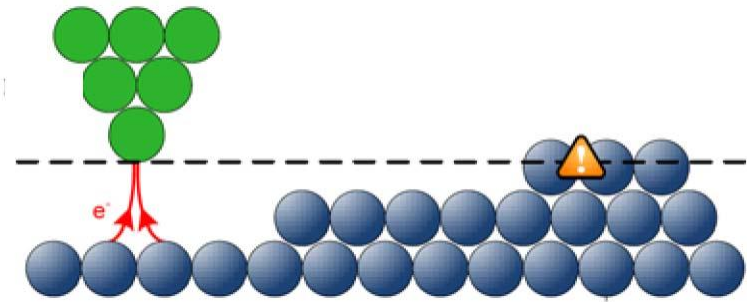
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# Measurement modes: constant current vs constant height



at each position (x,y)  
record signal:  
tip displacement in  
z direction



at each position (x,y)  
record signal:  
tunnel current  $I_t$



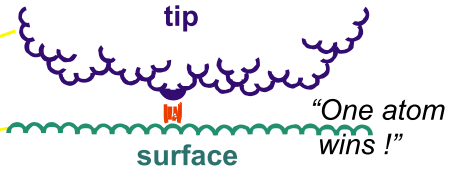
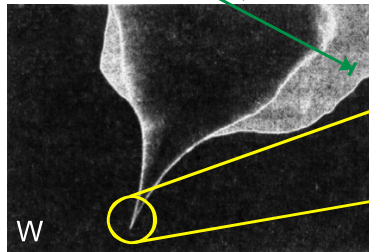
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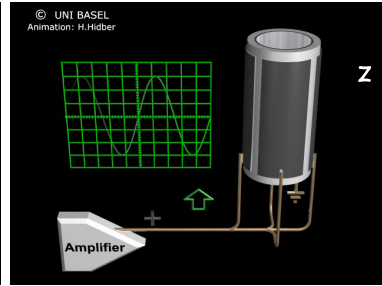
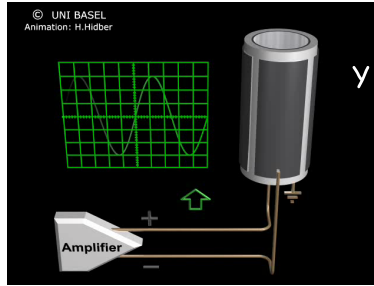
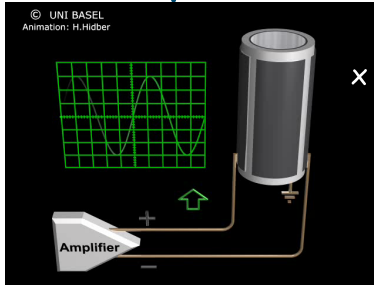
# The « finger » and the « arm »



“Finger” = tip



“Arm” = piezoelectric actuator



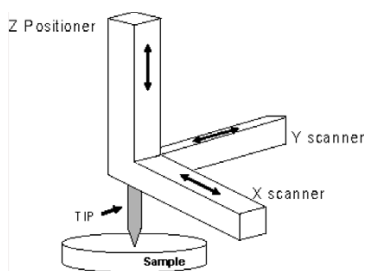
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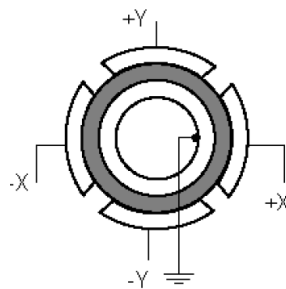
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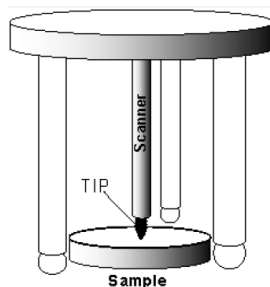
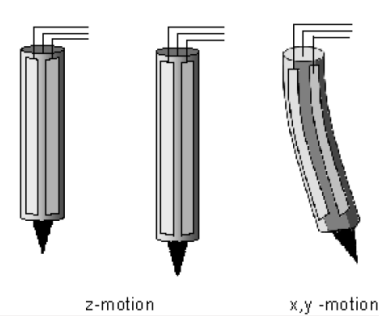
# Piezo scan unit



tripod scanner



tube scanner



beetle type STM



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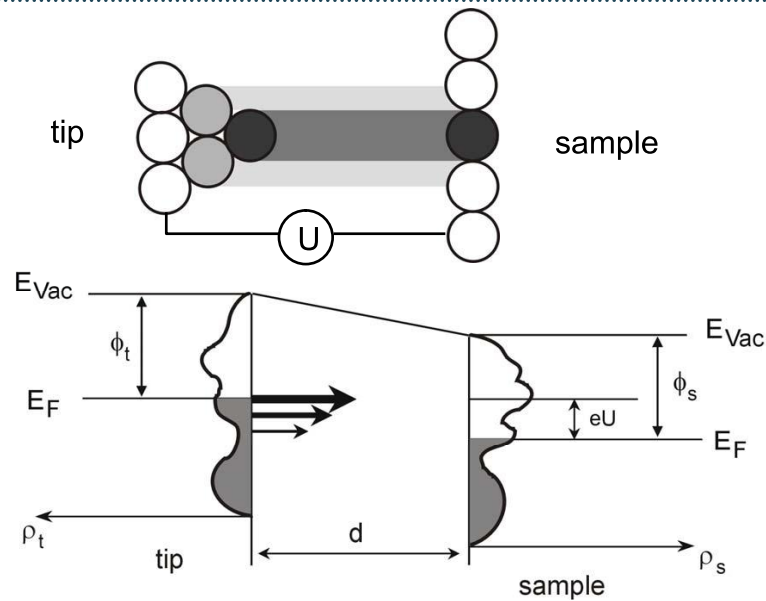
# Principe d'un microscope à effet tunnel



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## Tunnel Current in STM



Tunneling current:  $I_{tunnel} \sim U \rho_t \rho_s(x,y) e^{-const d}$  (Tersoff and Hamann)

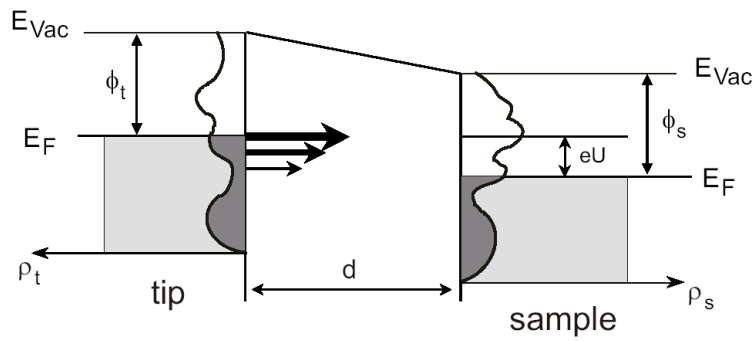
=> sensitivity to local electronic structure of the sample



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# Scanning Tunneling Current



Bardeen approximation PRL 6, 57 (1961)

$$I \propto \int_0^{eU} \rho_s(E) \rho_t(\pm eU \mp E) T(E, eU) dE$$
$$T(E, eU) = \exp \left( -\frac{2z\sqrt{2m}}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{\Phi_s + \Phi_t}{2} + \frac{eU}{2} - E} \right)$$



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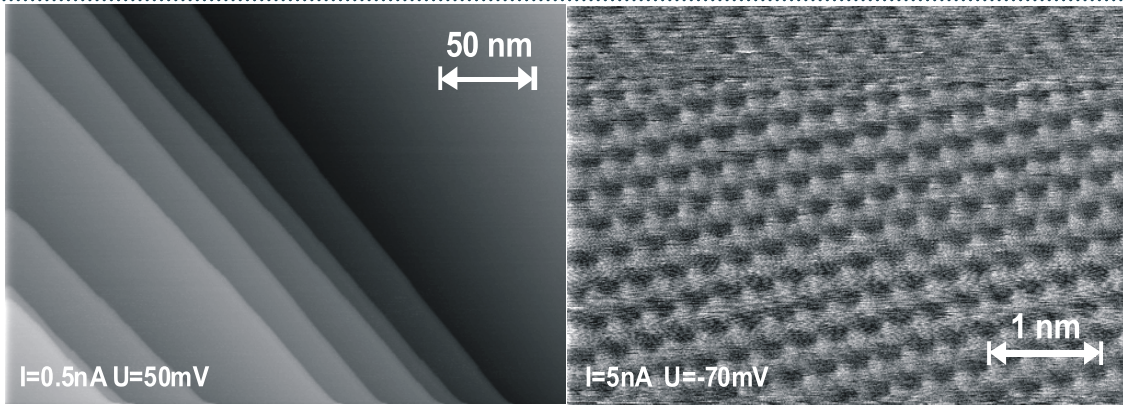
**STM Application  
for  
Surface Analysis  
and  
Surface Material Science & Engineering**



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# Atomic resolution Metals



steps of monatomic height

atomic resolution

(raw data on Ag(111))

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

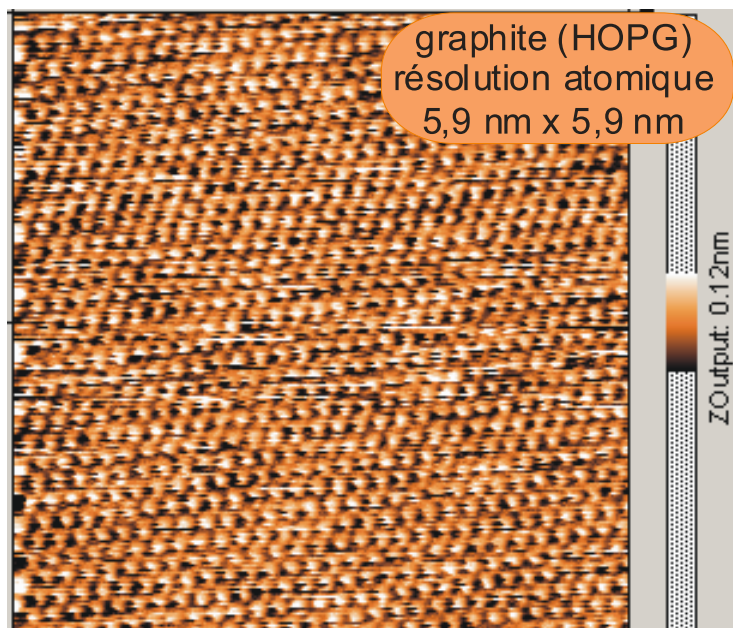
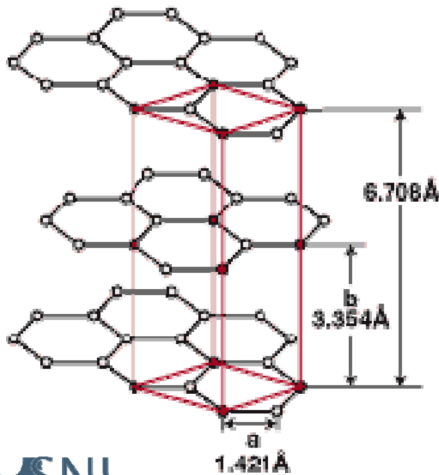
$$T(E, eU) = \exp \left( -\frac{2z\sqrt{2m}}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{\Phi_s + \Phi_t}{2} + \frac{eU}{2} - E} \right)$$



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# Graphite: HOPG (highly oriented pyrolythic graphite)



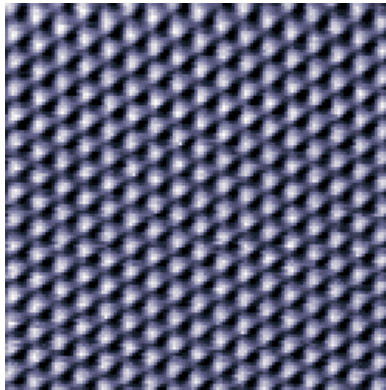
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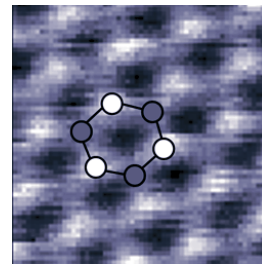
# Atomic Resolution Images on HOPG



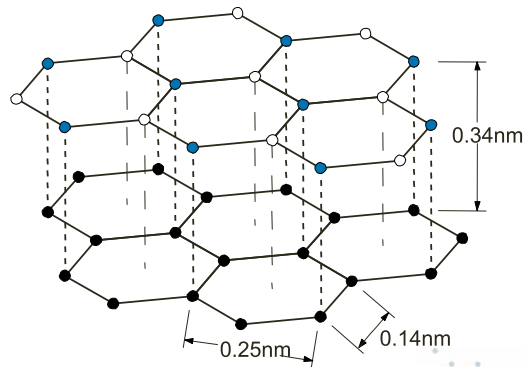
## STM image raw data of HOPG



scan size: 4 nm



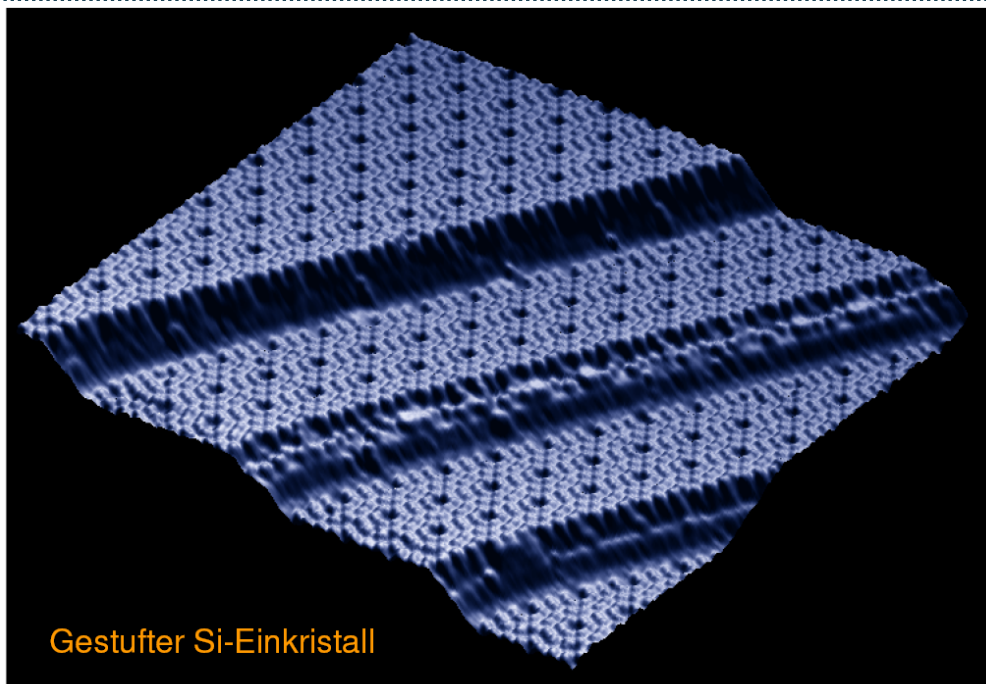
From the lattice model of graphite one can see that there are two different positions of the carbon atoms in the graphite crystal lattice (see e.g. R.C. Tatar)



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# Semiconductors: Silicon



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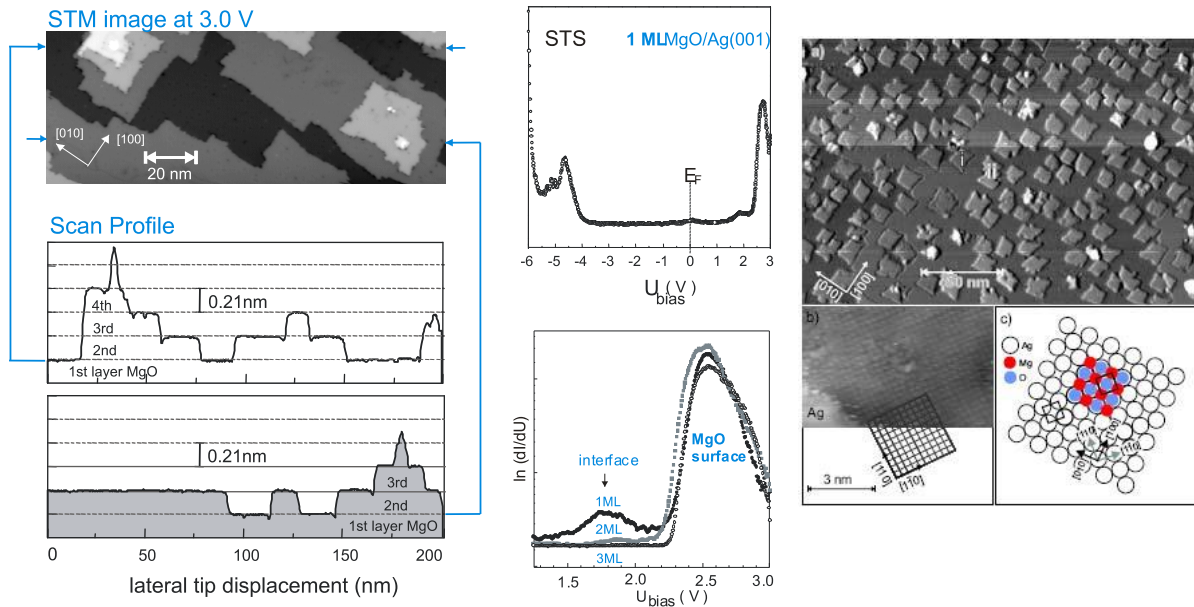


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# Ultrathin insulators MgO/Ag(001): Insulator at the limit



S. Schintke et al., *Insulator at the ultrathin limit: MgO on Ag(001)*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **87**, 276801 (2001)

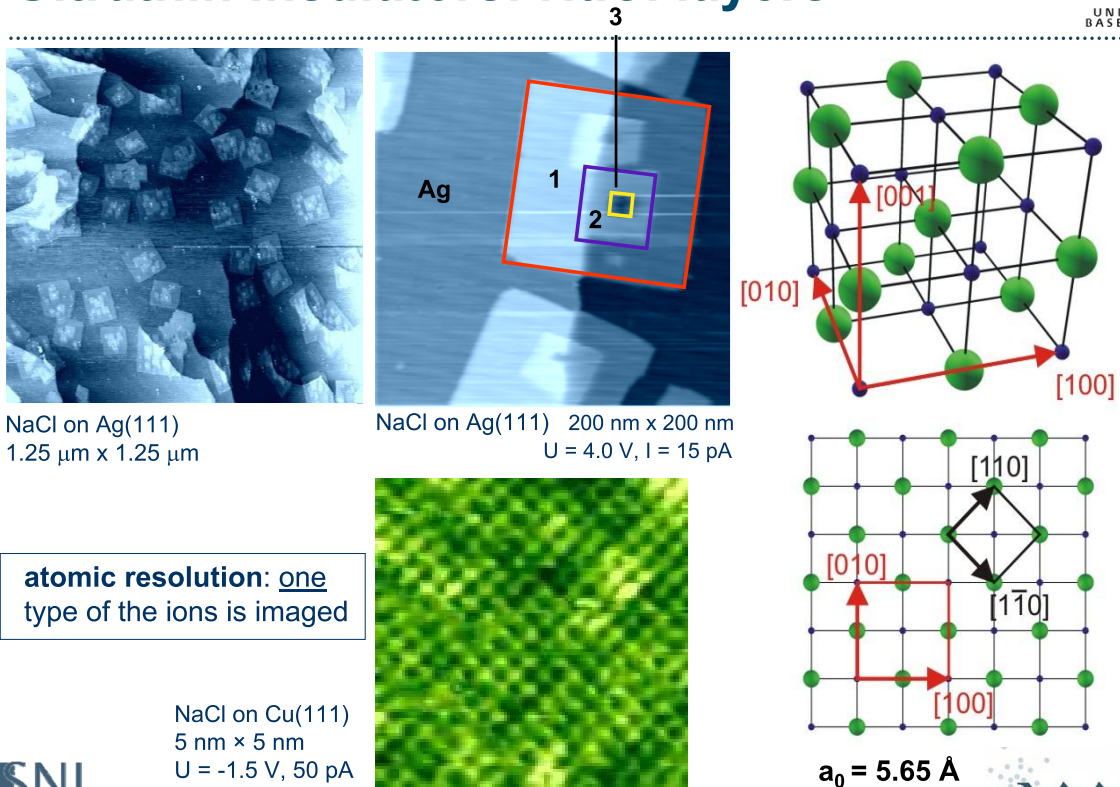
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# Ultrathin insulators: NaCl layers



NaCl on Ag(111)  
1.25  $\mu\text{m}$  x 1.25  $\mu\text{m}$

NaCl on Ag(111) 200 nm x 200 nm  
 $U = 4.0$  V,  $I = 15$  pA

**atomic resolution:** one  
type of the ions is imaged

NaCl on Cu(111)  
5 nm x 5 nm  
 $U = -1.5$  V, 50 pA

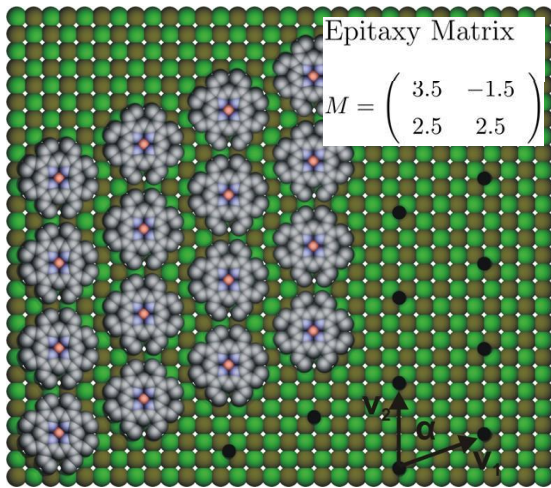
$a_0 = 5.65$  Å



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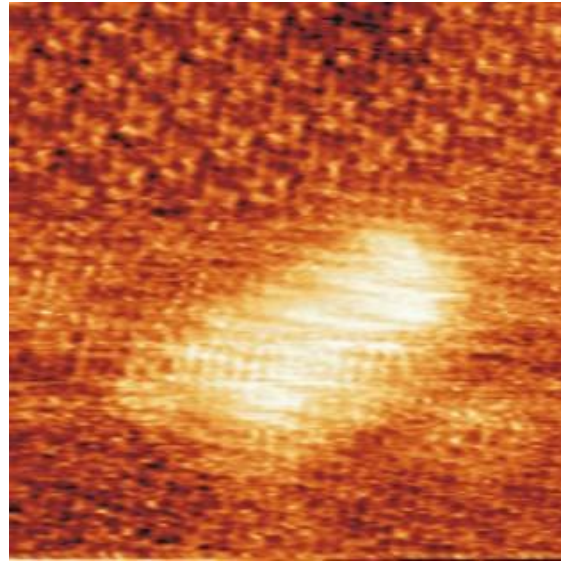


# CuOEP Self-Assembly on Salt



	model	experiment
$v_1$	14.6 Å	$14.3 \pm 0.3$ Å
$v_2$	13.5 Å	$13.5 \pm 0.3$ Å
$\alpha$	68.2°	$69.0 \pm 1^\circ$

## CuOEP on NaCl/Ag(111)



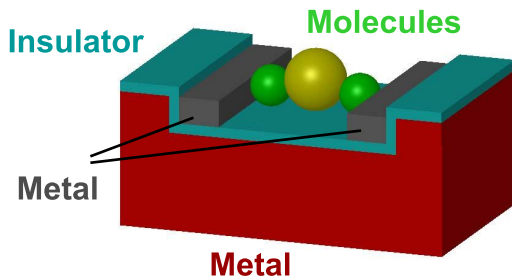
15 × 15 nm, U = -0.25 V, I = 81 pA



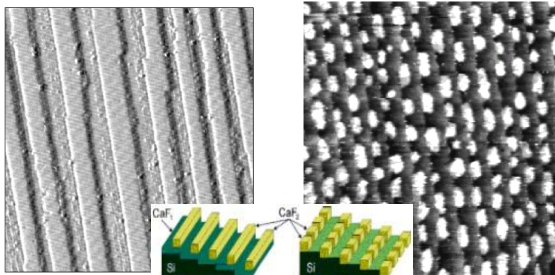
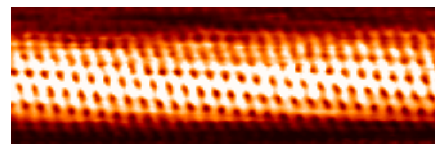
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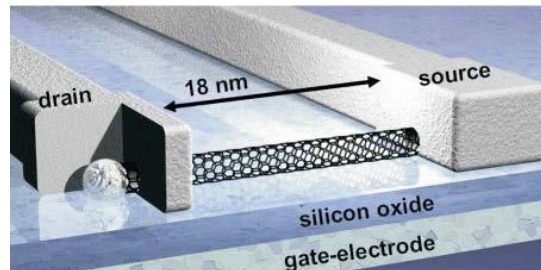
# Towards Molecular Electronics



## Carbon Nanotube



Himpsel, Jung et al. MRS Bulletin 24 (8) 1999



Infineon: carbon nanotube FET

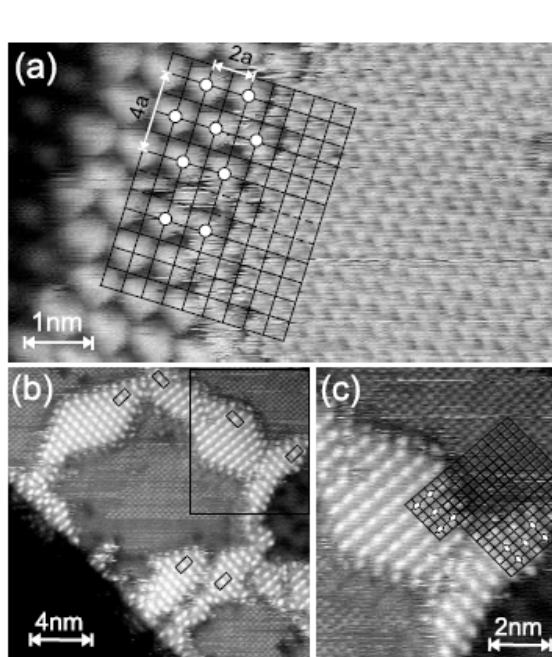


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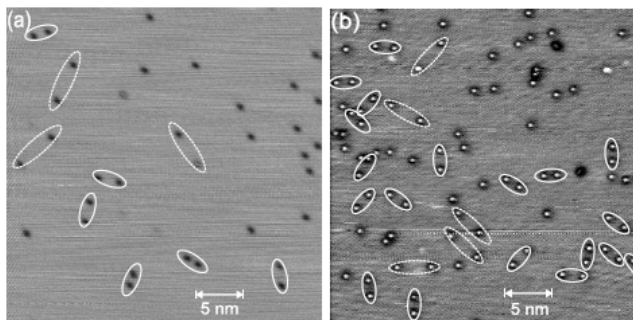




# Oxygen on Ag(001): molecular superstructures; far- ranged dissociation



## Atoms



## Atoms:

S. Schintke, S. Messerli et al., J. Chem. Phys. 114, 4206 (2001)

## Molecules:

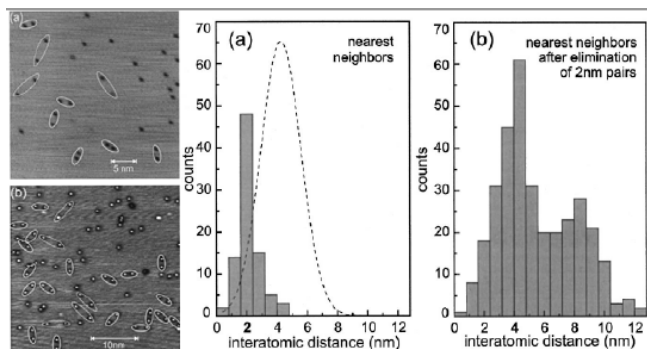
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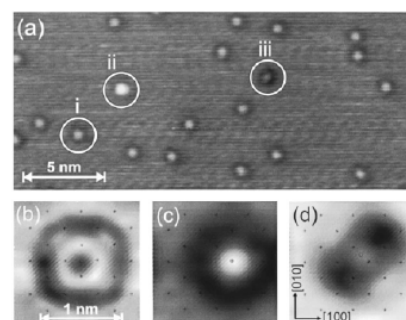
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# Oxygen/Ag(001)



**Fig. 3.1** Left: Pairing of oxygen atoms on Ag(001) at different coverages observed in STM images (50 K). Right: Distribution of interatomic distances analysed from STM data.



**Fig. 3.2:** Binding sites of oxygen atoms. Top: experimental STM data (50 K). Bottom: Calculated STM images a) hollow site, b) on-top site, c) bridge site.

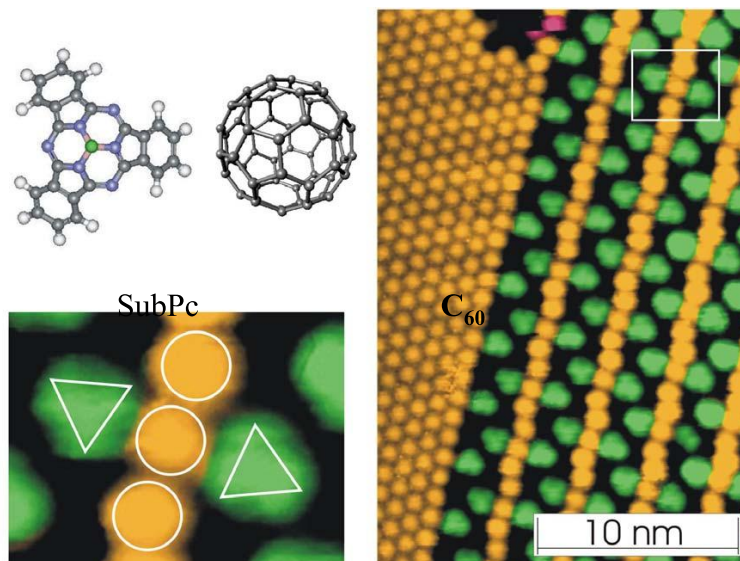
S. Schintke, S. Messerli, K. Morgenstern, J. Nieminen, and W.-D. Schneider, Journal of Chemical Physics 114. 4206-4209 (2001)



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## Self-intermixed monolayer



Scan range 4.3nm x 3.2nm.  $V_{\text{bias}}=1.3\text{V}$ ,  $I_t=20\text{pA}$ . Scan range 17nm x 25nm.  $V_{\text{bias}}=1.3\text{V}$ ,  $I_t=20\text{pA}$ .

M. de Wild *et al.*, *ChemPhysChem* **10**, 181 (2002)

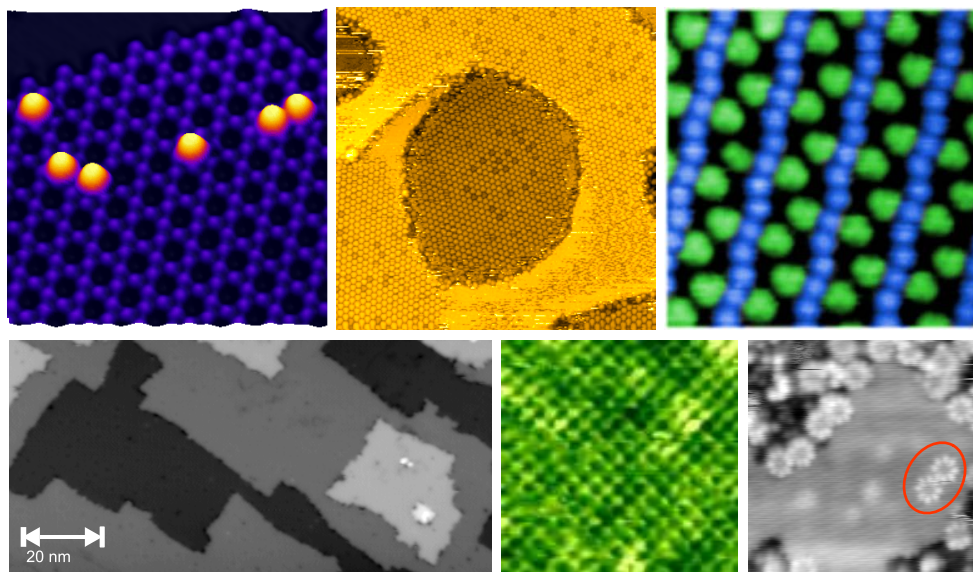
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## Further STM images from research

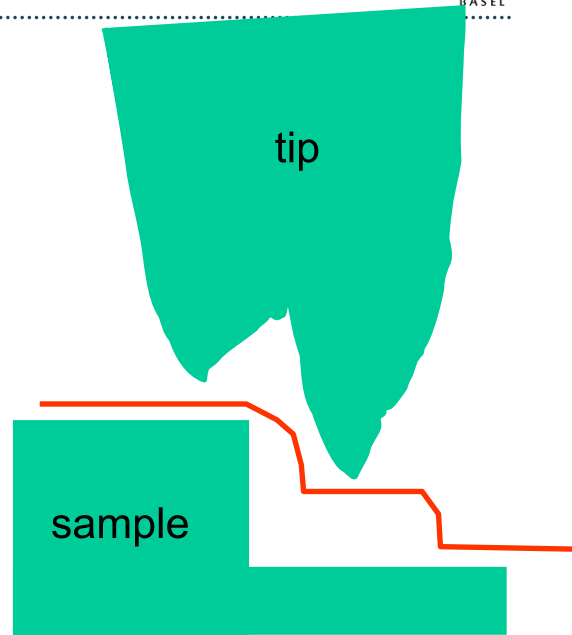
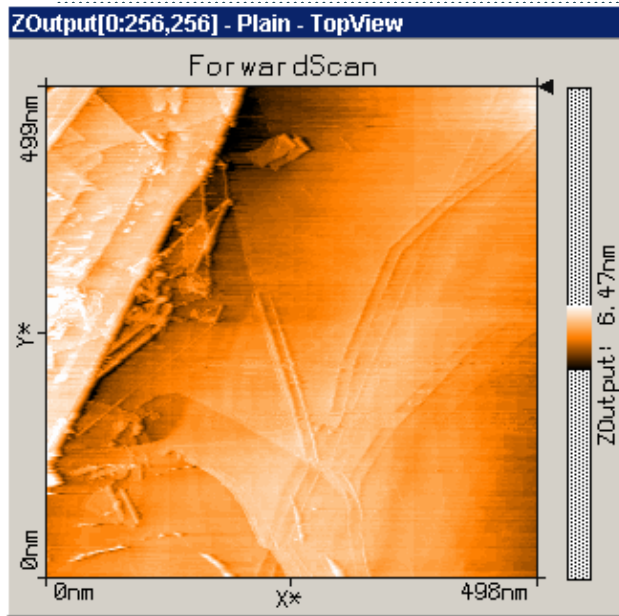


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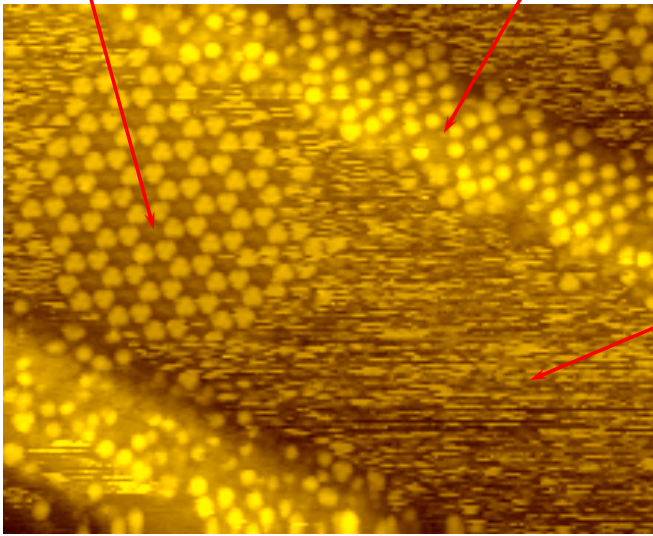
## 2. STM beyond imaging

- **STM a tool for nanofabrication:**  
**Adsorbate manipulation**
  
- **STM a local spectroscopy tool:**  
**Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy (STS)**  
**Inelastic Tunneling Spectroscopy (IETS)**  
**Local Photonemission spectroscopy**

## Coexistence of 2D Crystal and 2D Gas Phase

2D Superstructure

Decorated steps

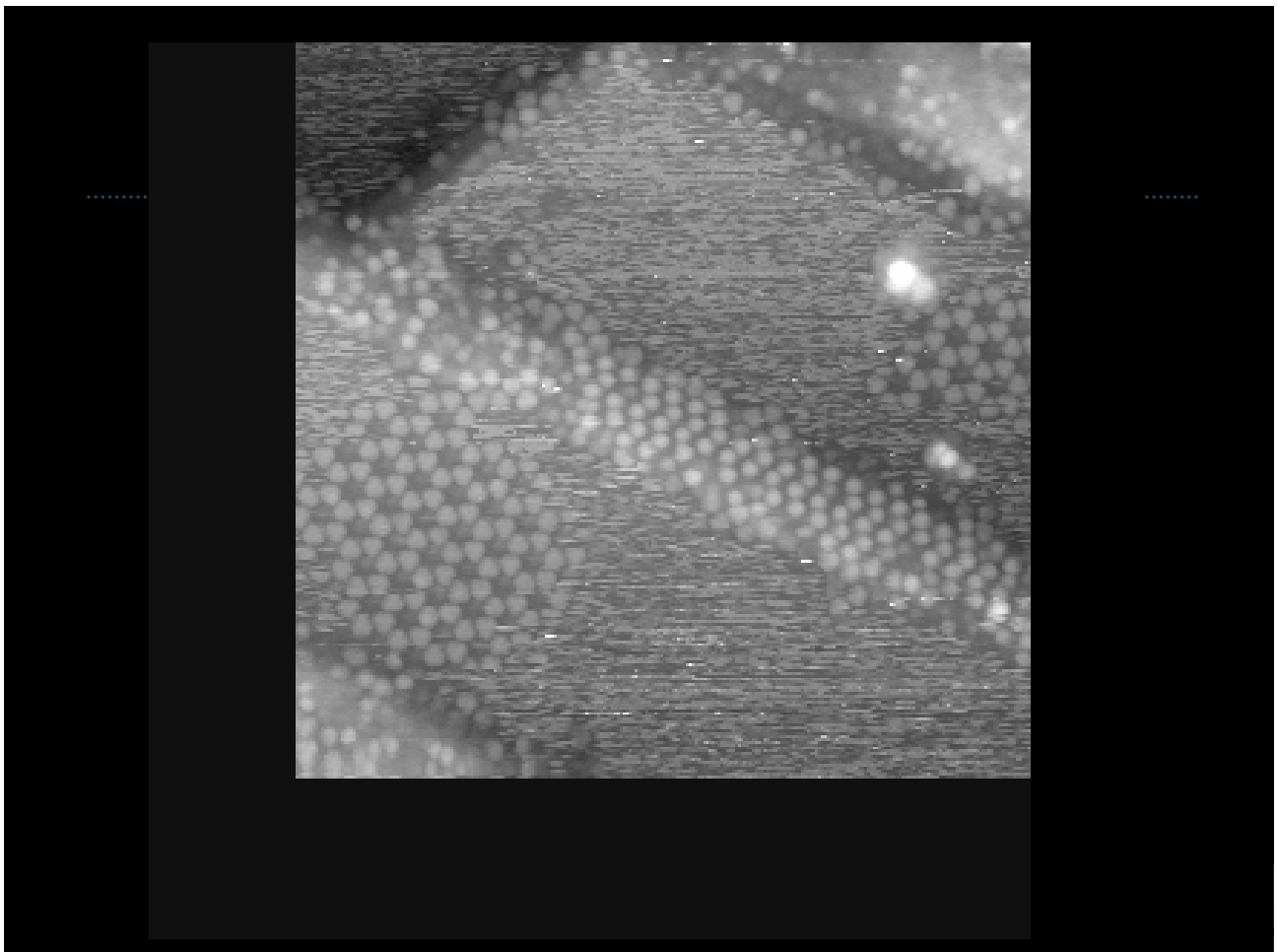
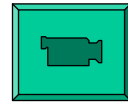


range 54x44nm  
I=12pA, U=0.85V  
SubPc coverage ~0.3 ML

Molecular 2D-Gas

S. Berner et al.,  
Chem. Phys. Lett. **348** (2001) 175

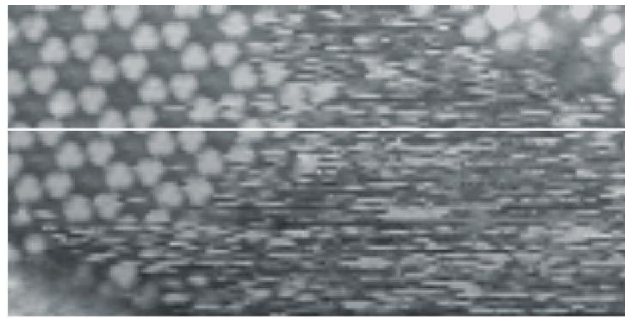
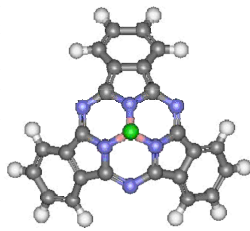
- Streak noise by mobile molecules
- Mobile molecules form 2D gas phase
- Island is in dynamic equilibrium with the surrounding gas phase



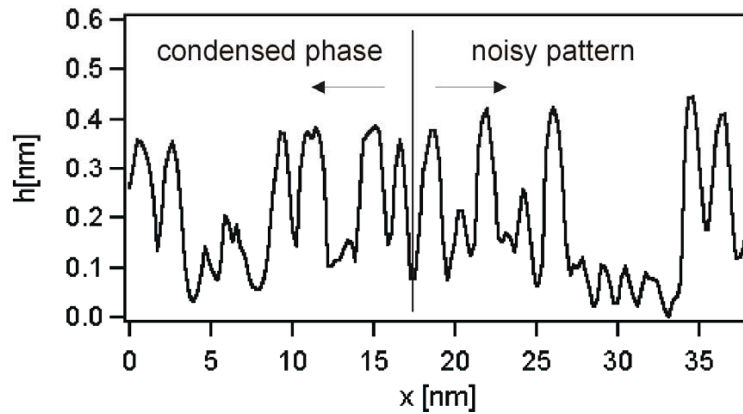


# SubPc on Ag(111): Co-existence of molecular lattice gas and 2D solid

S. Berner et al. *Chemical Physics Letters* 348 (2001) 175-181



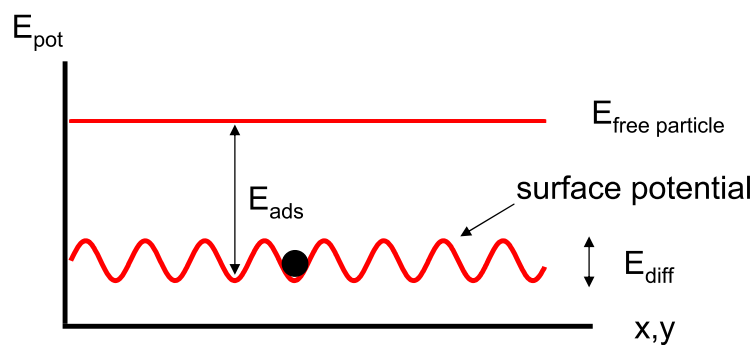
=> 2D lattice gas



Hopping rate:  
 $31 \pm 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$



## Introduction to Surface Diffusion



- $E_{\text{diff}} \ll kT \Rightarrow$  "free" particles  $\Rightarrow$  2 D gas
- $E_{\text{diff}} > kT \Rightarrow$  2 D lattice gas
- $E_{\text{diff}} \gg kT \Rightarrow$  immobile particles

**Hopping rate**  $v = v_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_{\text{diff}}}{kT}\right)$   $v_0 \sim 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$

J.V. Barth, *Surf. Sci. Rep.* **40** (2000) 75

SubPc on Ag(111):  $E_{\text{diff}} \sim 0.7 \text{ eV}$

# « Nanotool »: STM-Tip



Materials: Tungsten (W), Iridium (Ir), Platinum-Iridium (Pt-Ir), Gold (Au),...  
e.g. cut or electrochemically etched



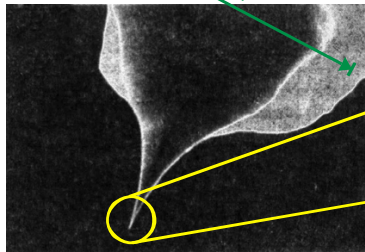
Pt-Ir-tip 0.1 mm



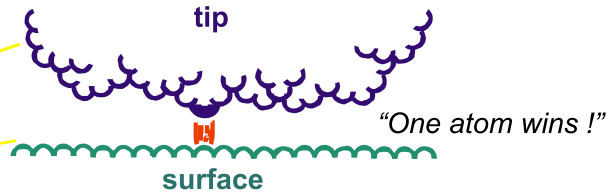
Matterhorn ("tip")



Pingpong-ball ("atom")



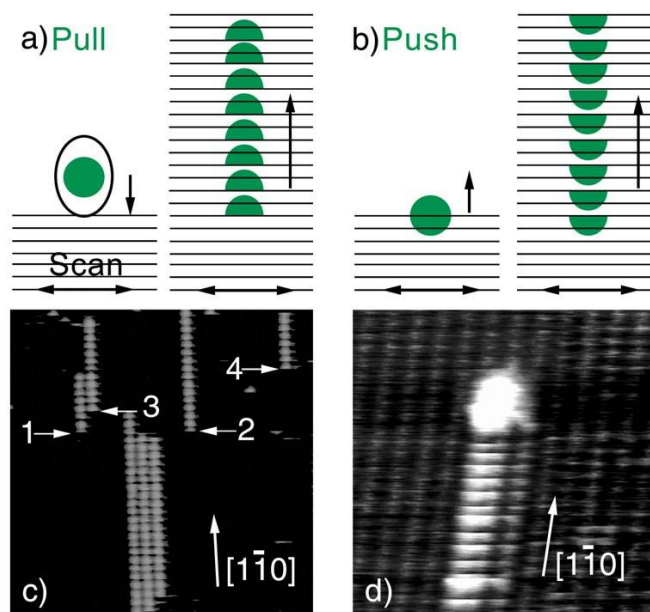
W-tip  
Scanning electron micrographs of an STM tip  
(Hamann, Hietschold, Rastertunnelmikroskopie)



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## Tip-sample interaction



Low-temperature manipulation of Ag atoms and clusters on a Ag(110) surface,  
J.T. Li, W.-D. Schneider, and R. Berndt, *Appl. Phys. A*, 66, 575 (1998).

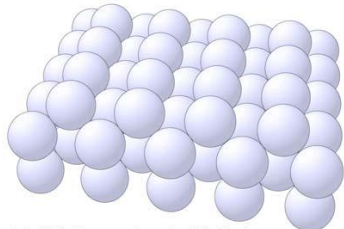


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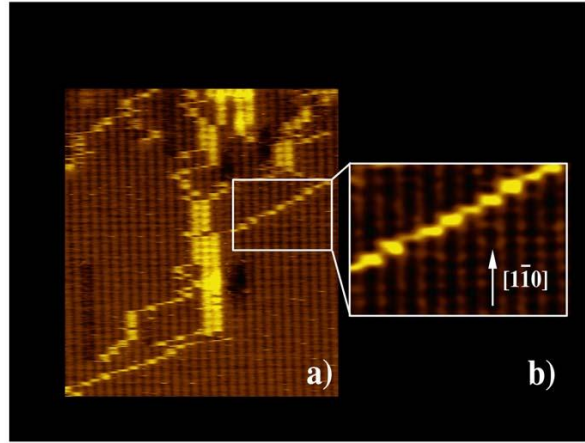
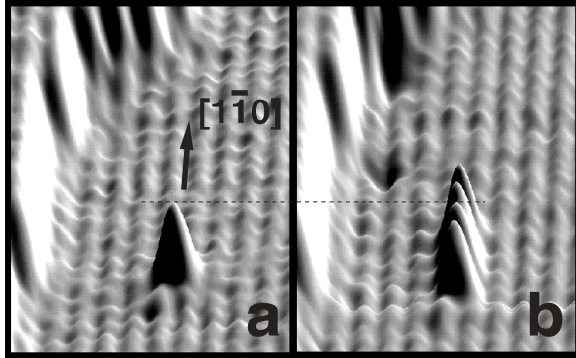


# Tip-sample interaction



(110) Face centered cubic (fcc) BALSAC plot

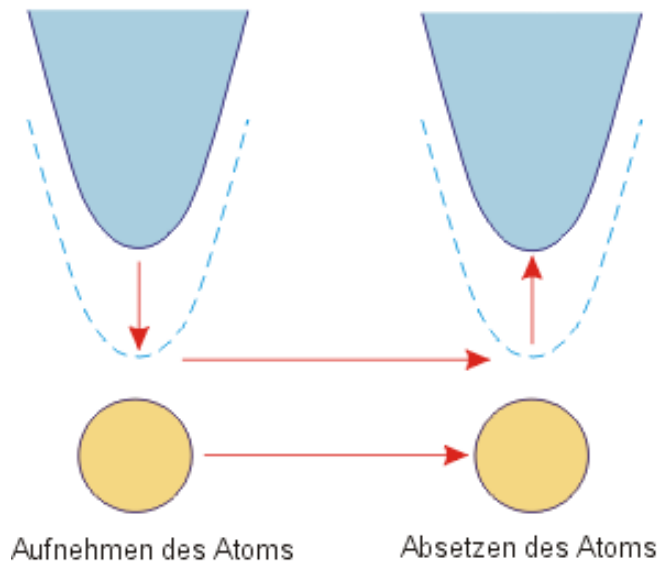
Diagonal Ag adatom motion along [1-11] direction (atom exchange)



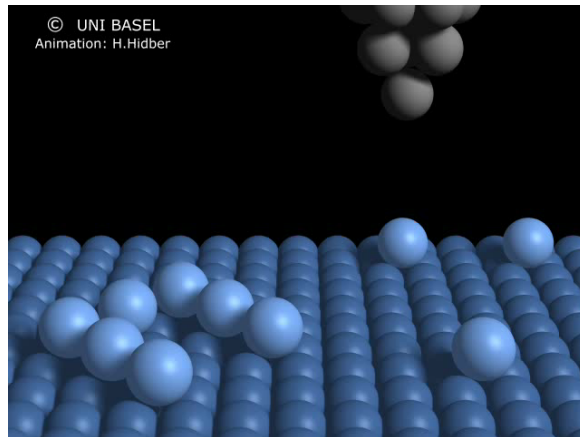
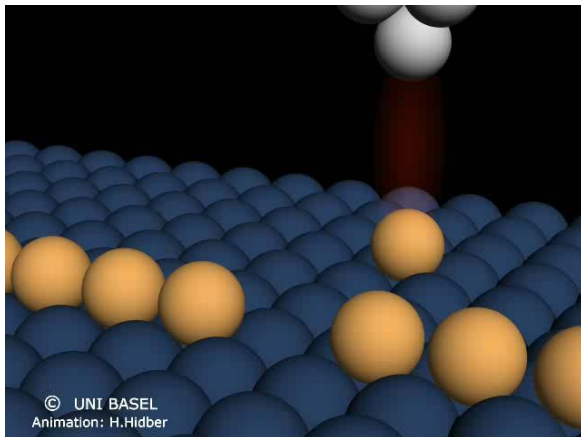
Low-temperature manipulation of Ag atoms and clusters on a Ag(110) surface, J.T. Li, W.-D.Schneider, and R. Berndt, *Appl. Phys. A*, 66, 575 (1998).

# Adsorbate manipulation by STM

## Bewegen eines Atoms

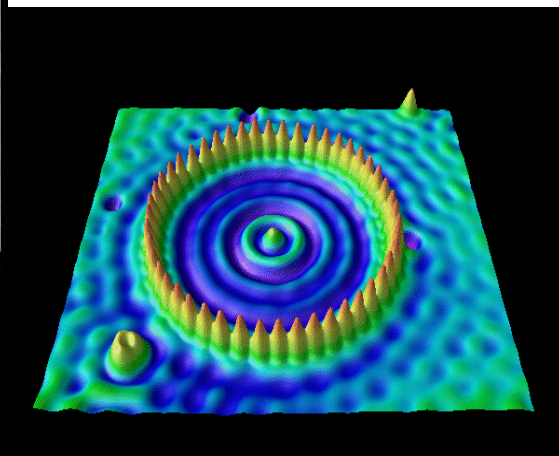
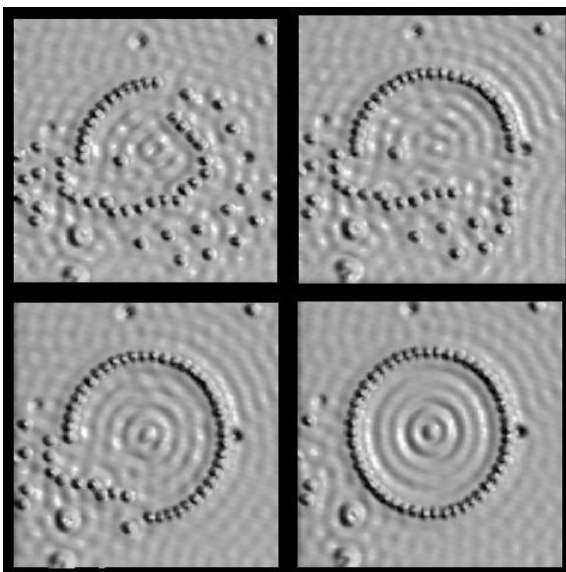


# Déplacer des atomes ou molécules



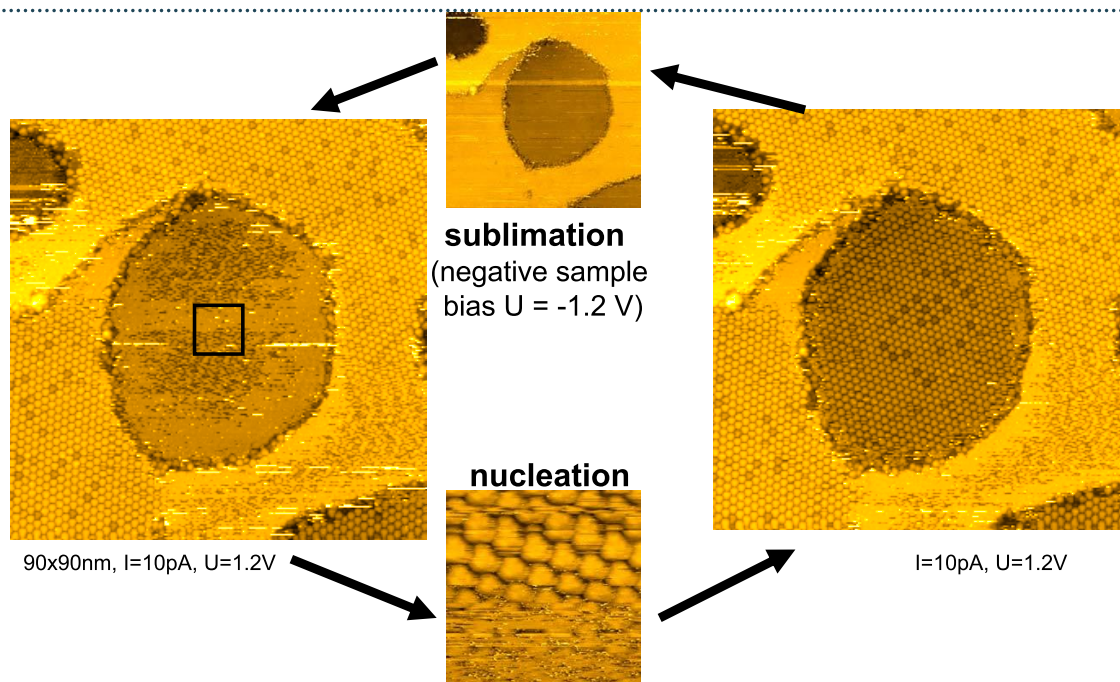
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# Quantum Corral



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## Reversible 2D Phase Transition controlled by the STM tip



### Controlled phase transition 2D fluid $\Leftrightarrow$ 2D solid



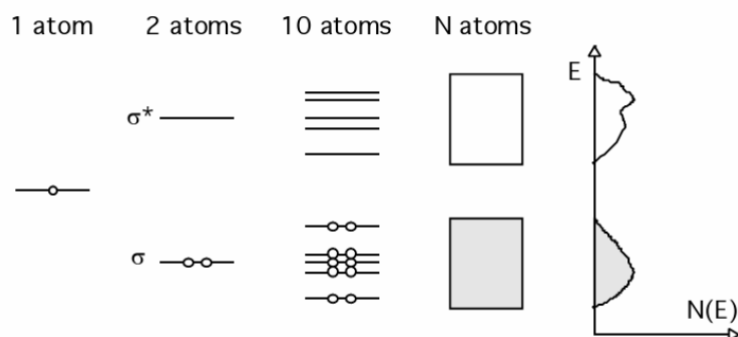
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## STS (scanning tunneling spectroscopy)



### Density of States (DOS)



Density of States (DOS),  $N(E)$  is the number of energy levels between  $E$  and  $E+dE$  (states per eV)

States can have s,p,d,f or mixed (hybrid) character  
Bands may be separated by band-gaps  $E_g$



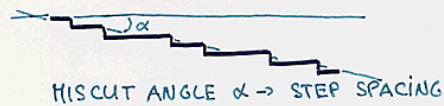
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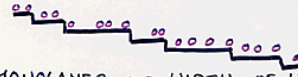
"NANOWIRES" assly in parallel by  
Step Decoration & Controlling Growth.

Sample  
preparation.



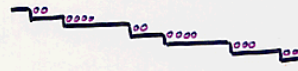
Adsorbate

deposition  $1/n^{\text{th}}$  MONOLAYER  $\sim$  WIDTH OF WIRES



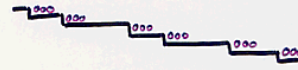
Annealing  $T \leq T_s$

DIFFUSION  $\leftrightarrow$



Annealing  $T > T_s$

DIFFUSION  $\leftrightarrow \updownarrow$



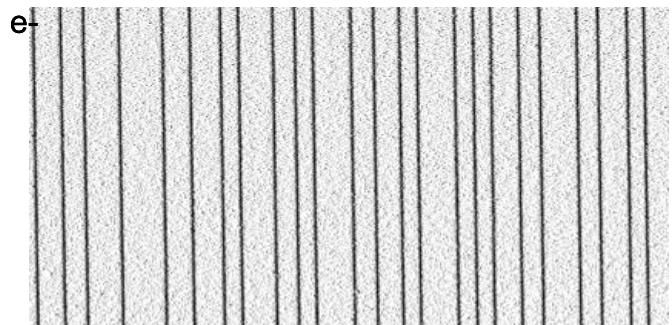
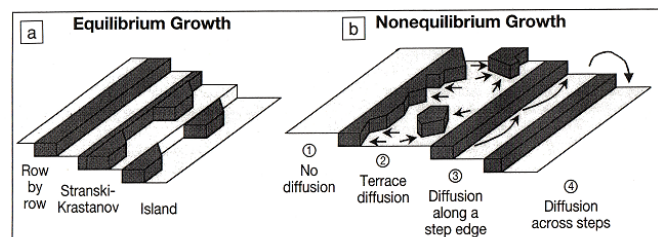
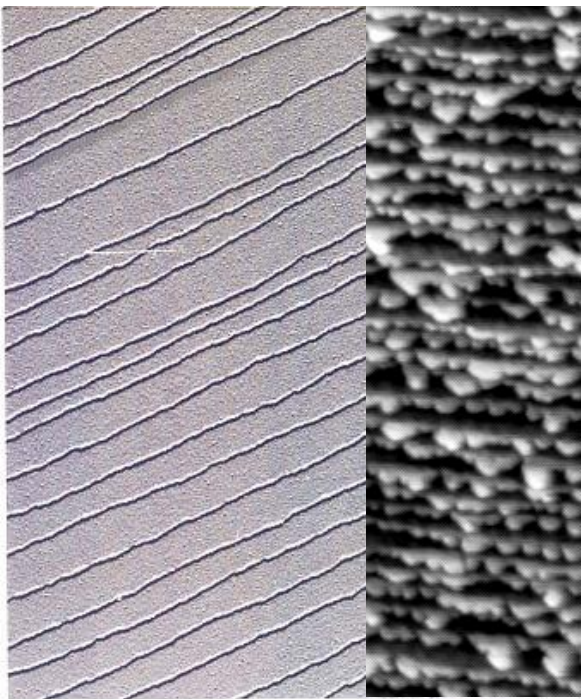
CONTROLLING GROWTH KINETICS:

Diffusion Anisotropy

$\sim$  Preferential Growth in certain Direction

$\sim$  Special Shapes of Grown Islands

## 'Physical' Self Assembly of e.g. Nanowires



F. Himpsel, Th. Jung et al.

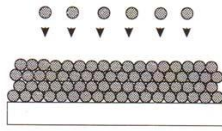
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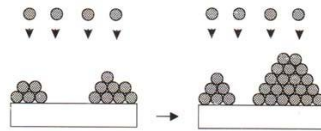
# 'Physical' Self Assembly of e.g. Nanowires jumping from 3D to 2D

## Basic Growth Modes of Epitaxial Thin Films

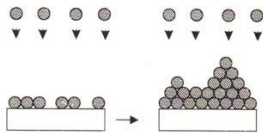
a) layer-by-layer growth



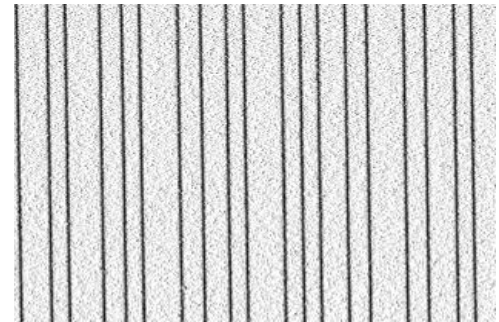
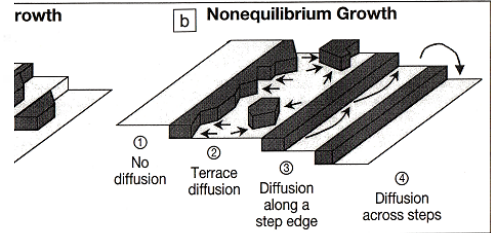
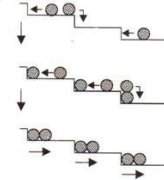
b) island growth



c) layer plus island growth



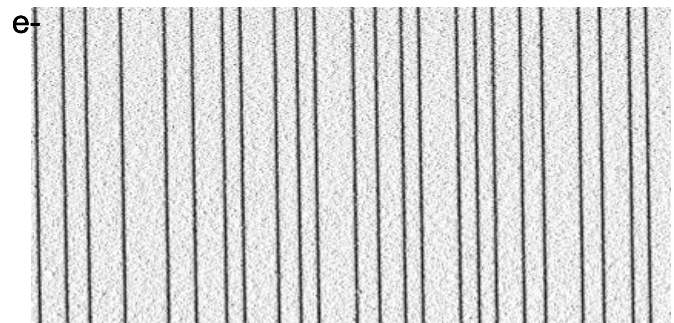
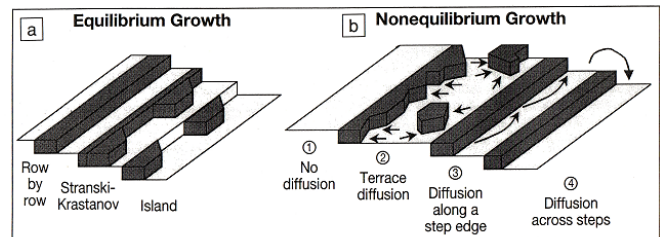
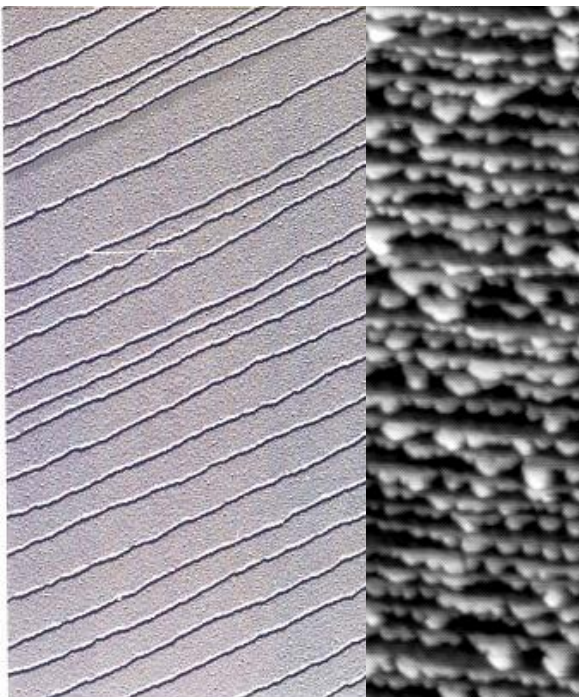
d) step flow growth ( $l_T \ll l_D$ )



Th. Jung et al.  
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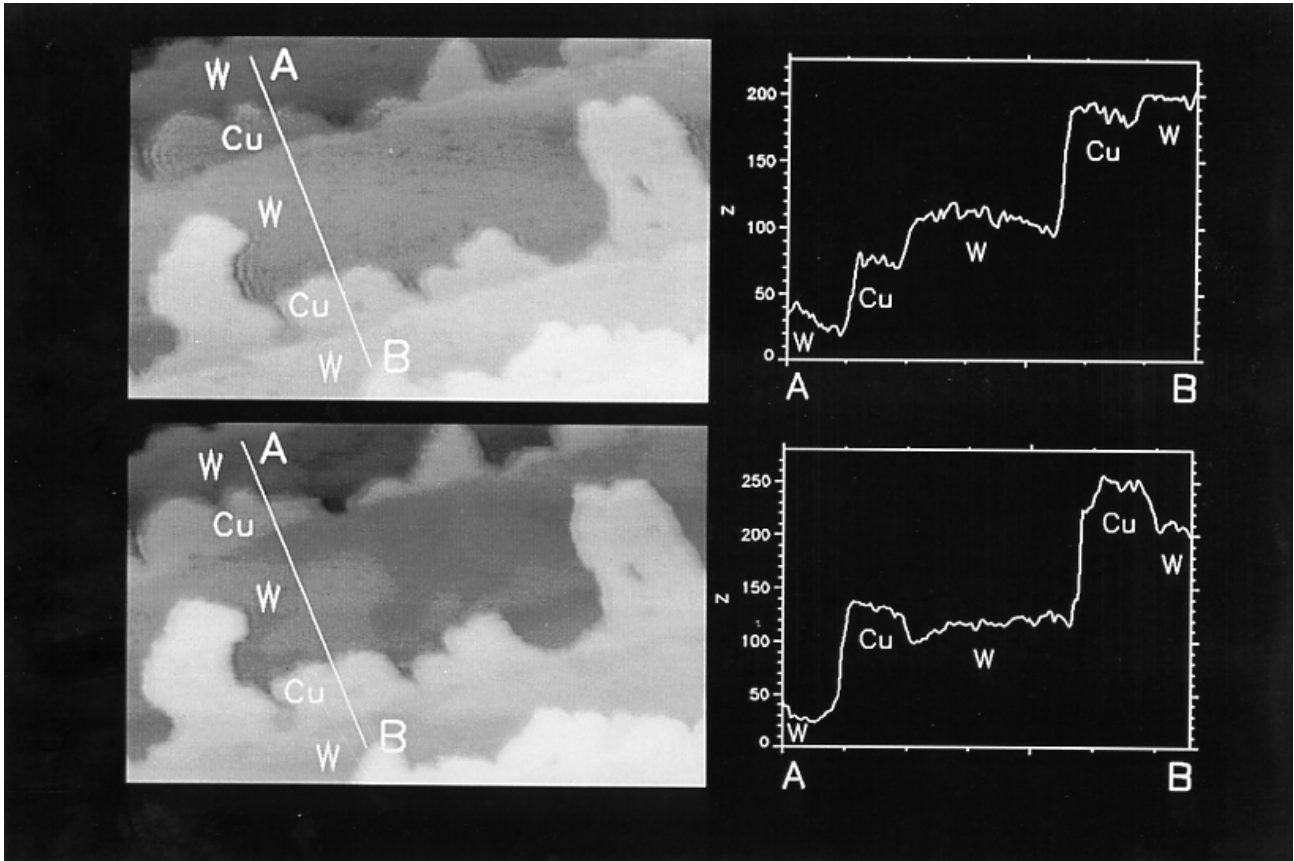
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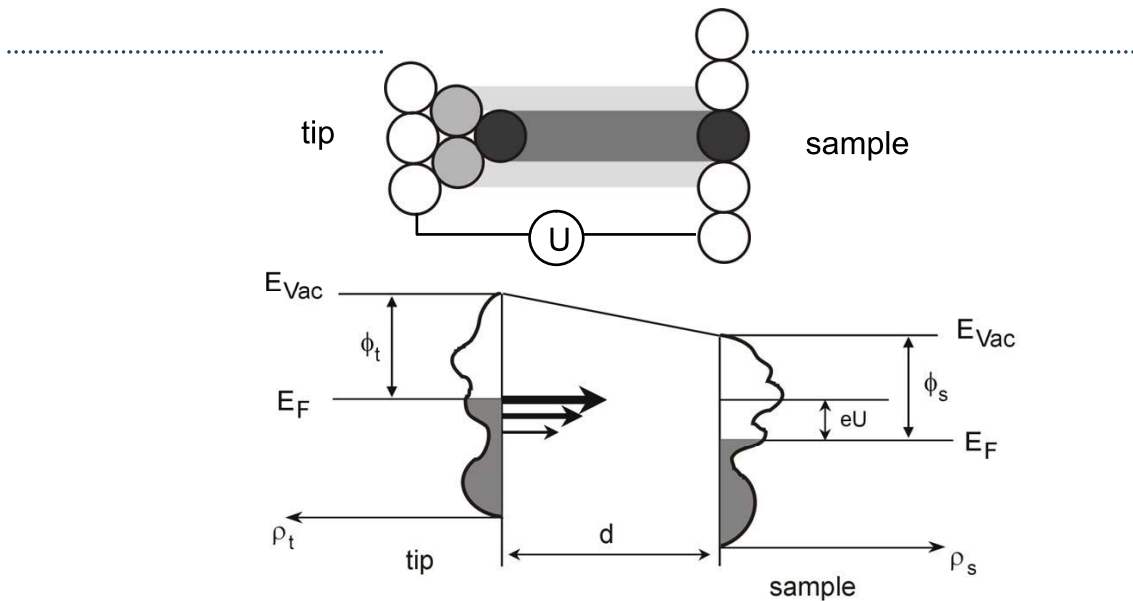
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## Scanning Tunneling Microscopy



Tunneling current:  $I_{\text{tunnel}} \sim U \rho_t \rho_{s(x,y)} e^{-\text{const} d}$  (Tersoff and Hamann)

=> sensitivity to local electronic structure of the sample



# Chemical Sensitivity in STM: surface states vs image states

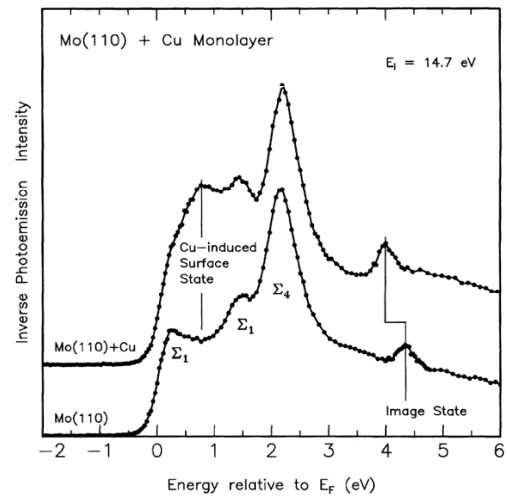
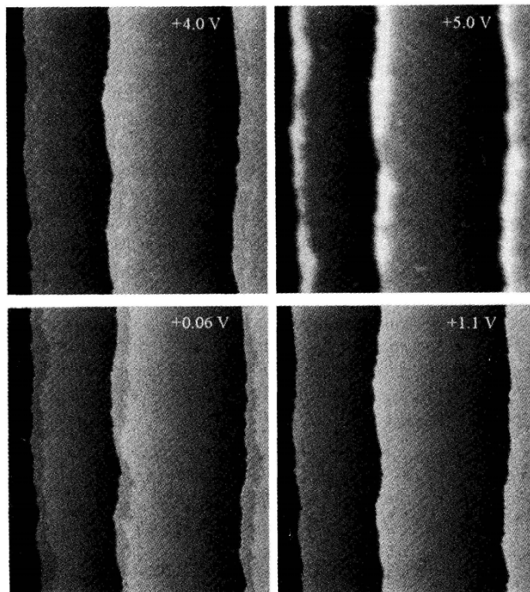
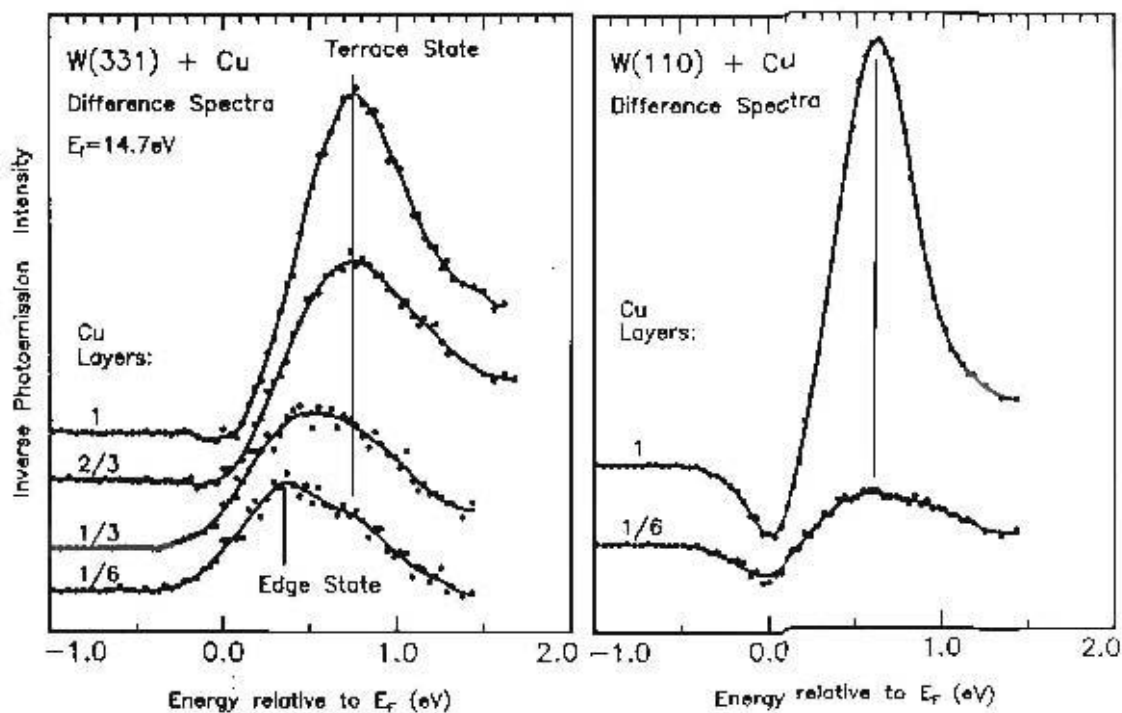


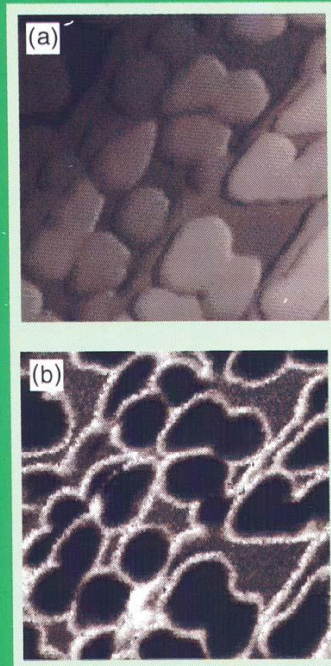
Image State Contrast >>> Surface State Contrast

FIG. 4. STM images of a surface at different bias voltages.  
T. Jung et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 74, 1641 (1995)

## Stufenzustände und Oberflächenzustände auf W(331)

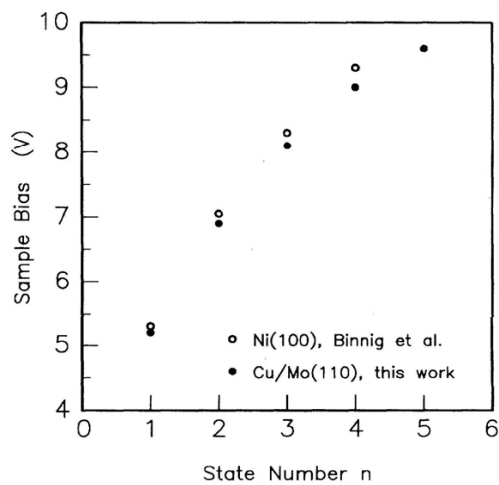
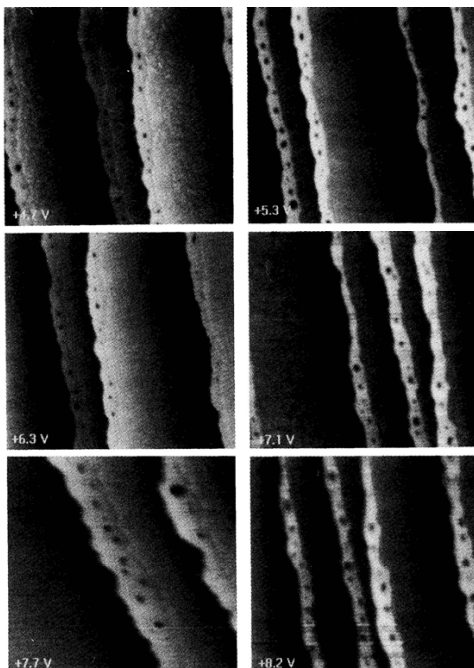


## Spectroscopic Changes at the Edge of Fe Islands on W(110)



(a) From Bode et al., Phys. Rev. B 54, R 8385 (1996);  
(b) From Wiesendanger et al., J. Vac. Sci. Technol. A 14, 1161 (1996).

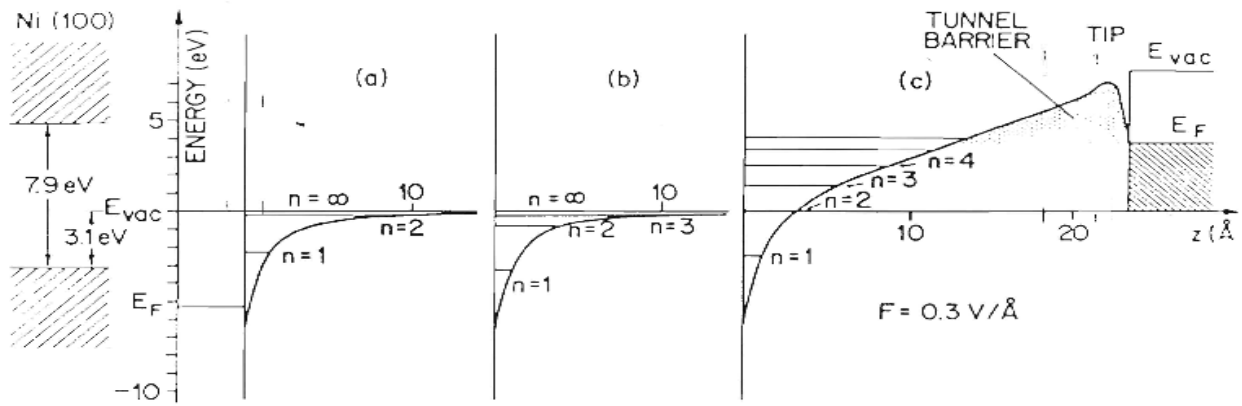
## Chemical Sensitivity in STM: surface states vs image states



Periodic Contrast Change in  $U_{\text{gap}}$ : Image Resonant Enhancement !

T. Jung et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 74, 1641 (1995)

# Bildladungspotential ueber leitender Oberflaeche



- a) idealer Leiter
- b) hohe Stufendichte
- c) Potentialverschiebung im STM