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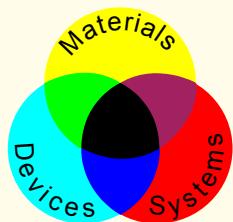
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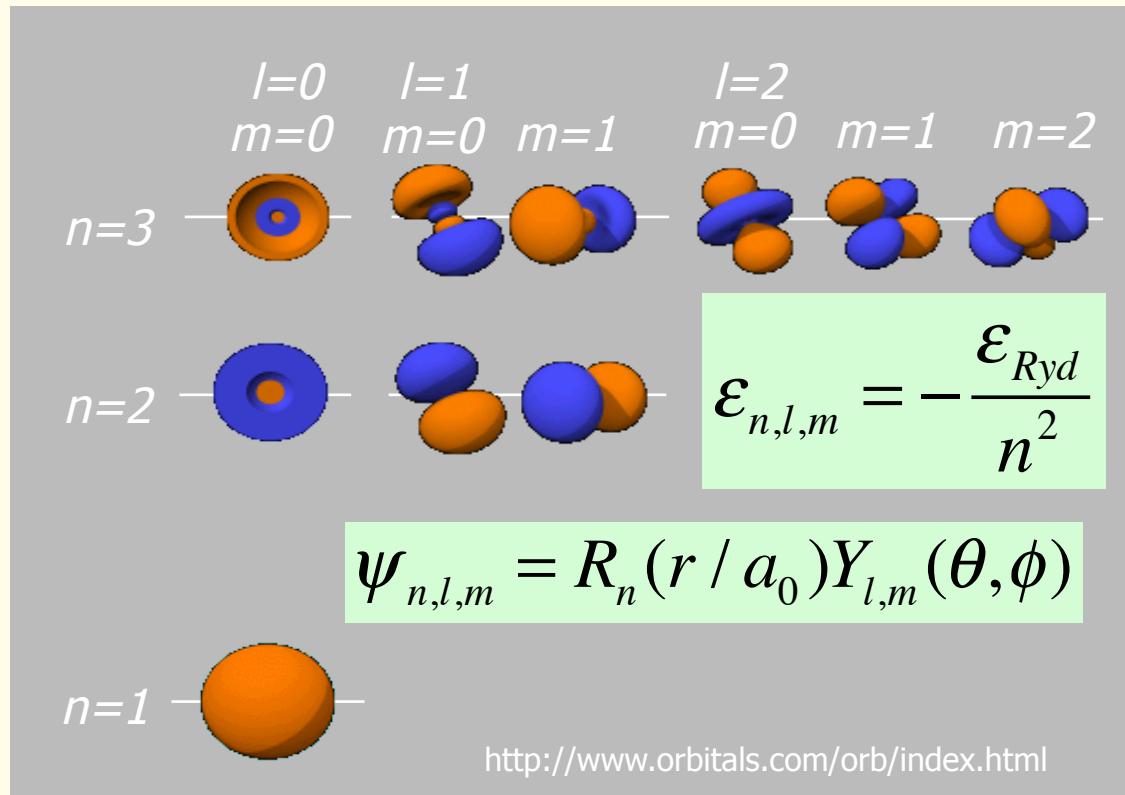


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Atomic States Hydrogen

$$H\psi = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \psi + \frac{1}{\epsilon_o r} \psi = \epsilon \psi$$



Rydberg energy

$$\epsilon_{Ryd} = -\frac{me^4}{8h^2\epsilon_o^2} = -13.6 \text{ eV}$$

Bohr radius

$$a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.053 \text{ nm}$$

Hydrogenic Impurity in a Semiconductor

Ground state wavefunction

$$\psi(1s_{1/2}) = 2 / \sqrt{4\pi} \left(1 / r_B\right)^{3/2} e^{-r/r_B}$$

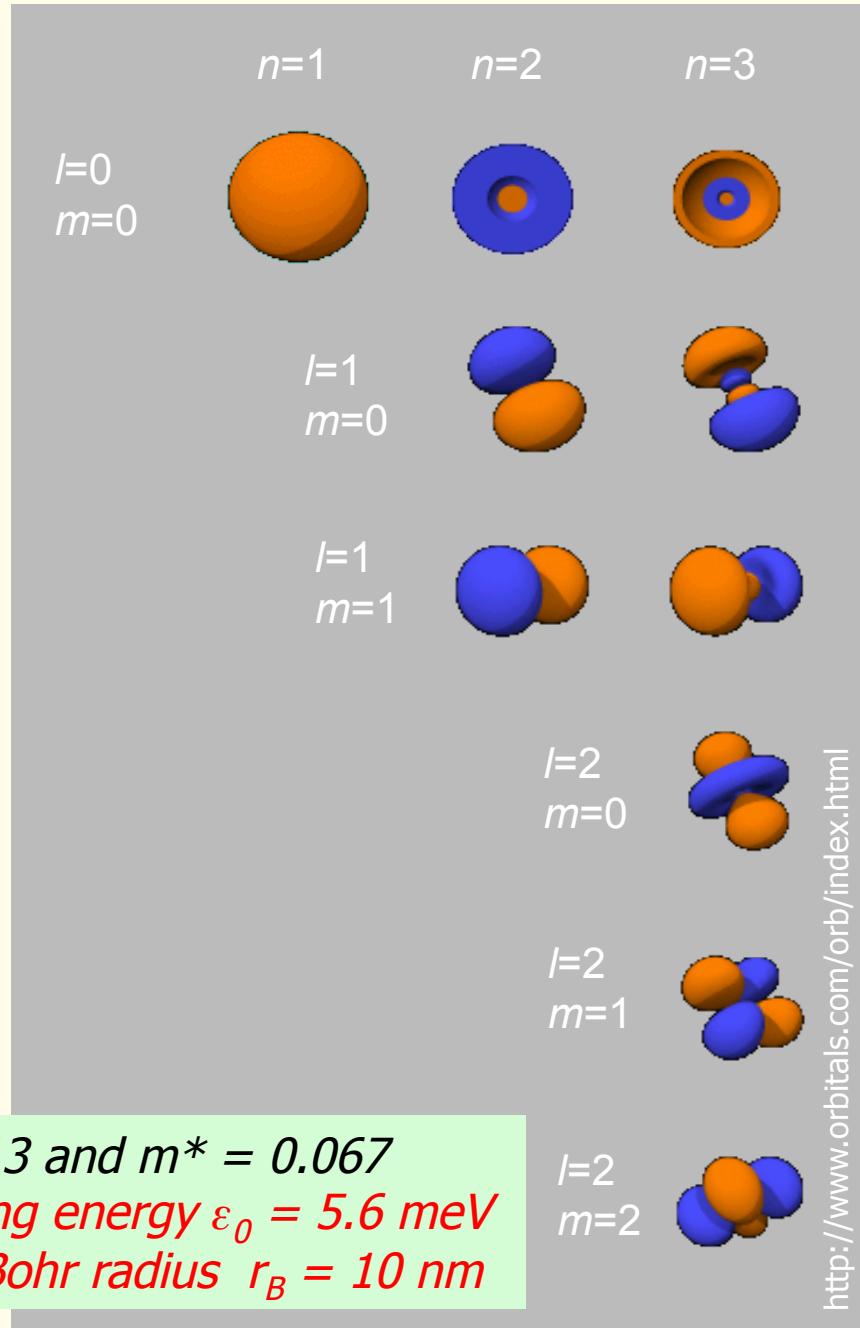
Effective Bohr-radius

$$r_B = \frac{\epsilon_r}{m^*} a_0$$

Ground state binding energy

$$\epsilon = \frac{m^*}{\epsilon_r^2} \epsilon_{Ryd}$$

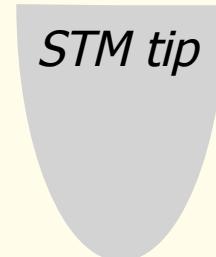
In GaAs $\epsilon_r = 13$ and $m^* = 0.067$
ground state binding energy $\epsilon_0 = 5.6 \text{ meV}$
and the effective Bohr radius $r_B = 10 \text{ nm}$



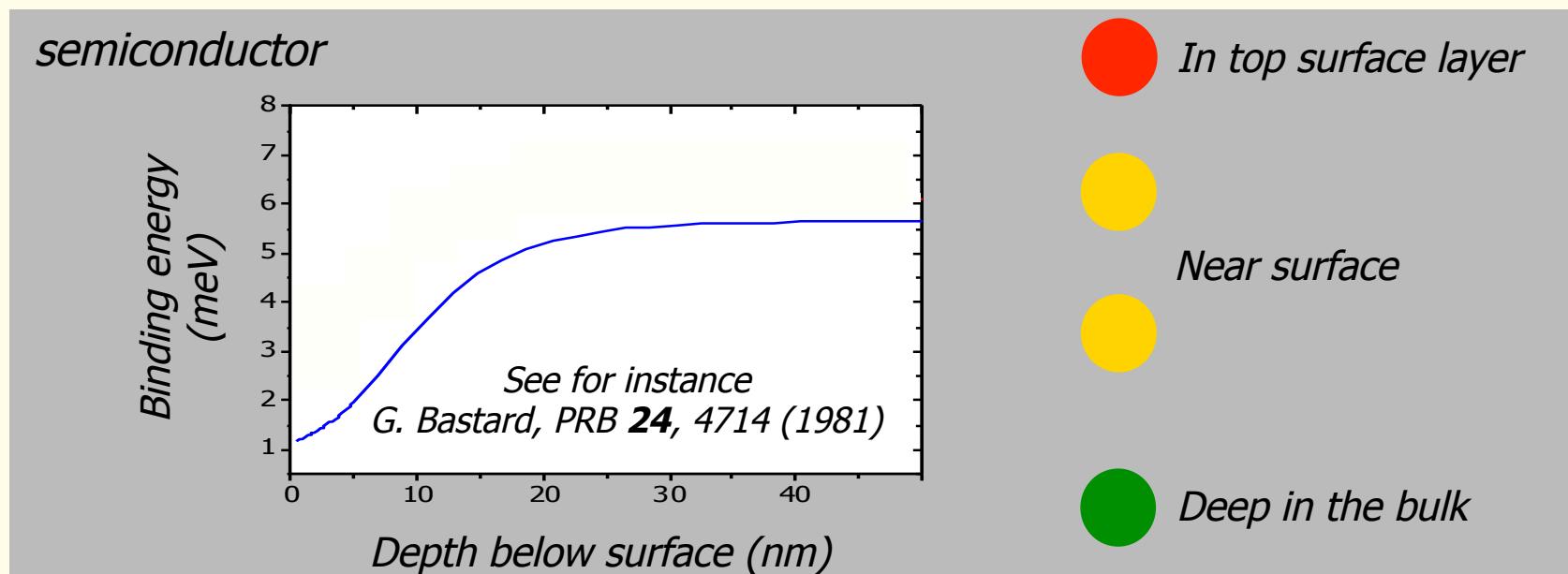
Hydrogenic Atoms in Semiconductors

Questions:

- 1) *what is the effect of the surface on the electronic and spin properties?*
- 2) *What happens for non-hydrogenic like impurities?*



vacuum



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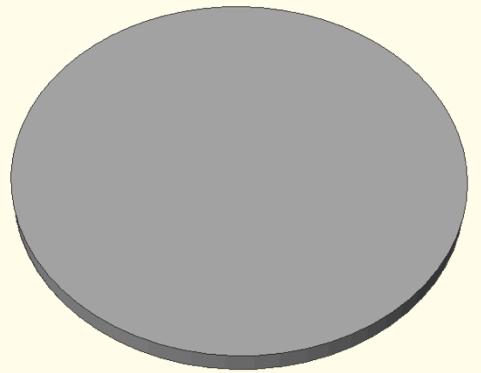
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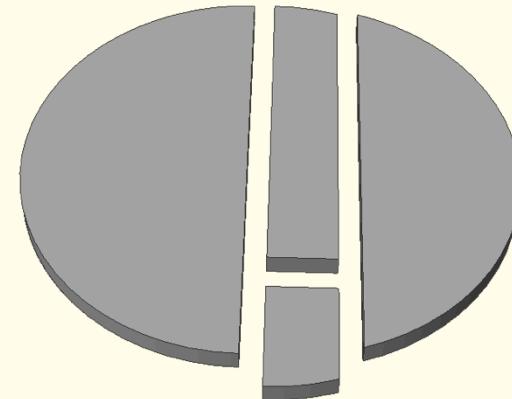
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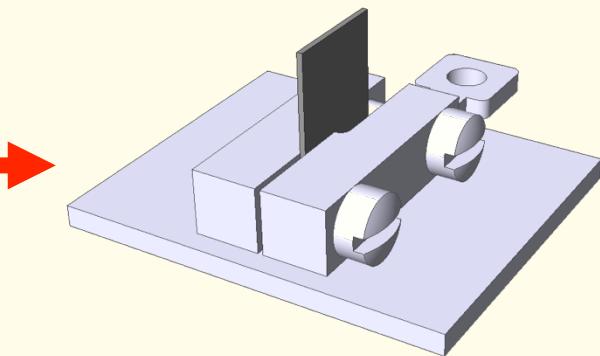
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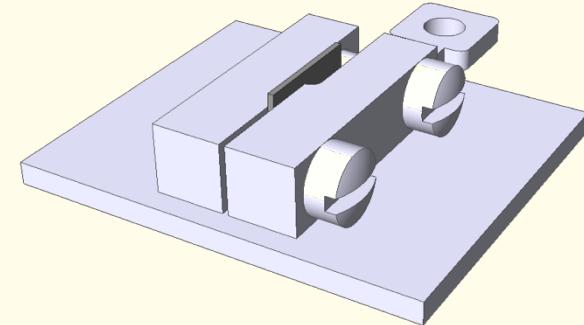
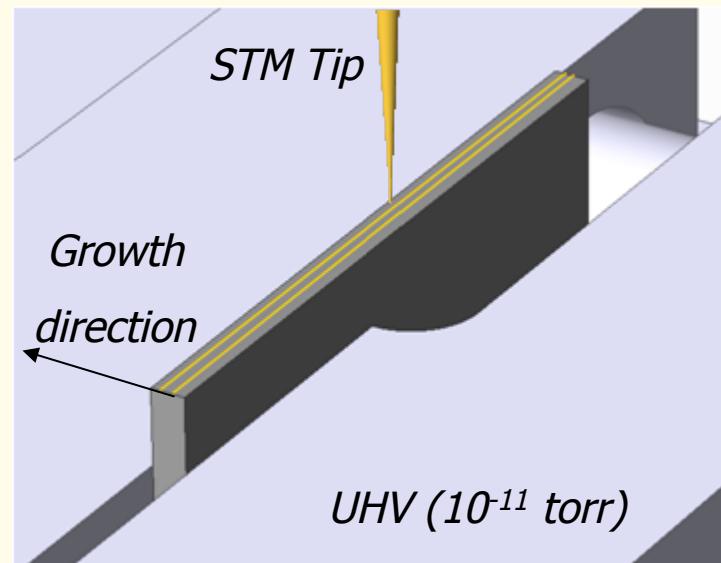
Wafer



Cutting out a sample

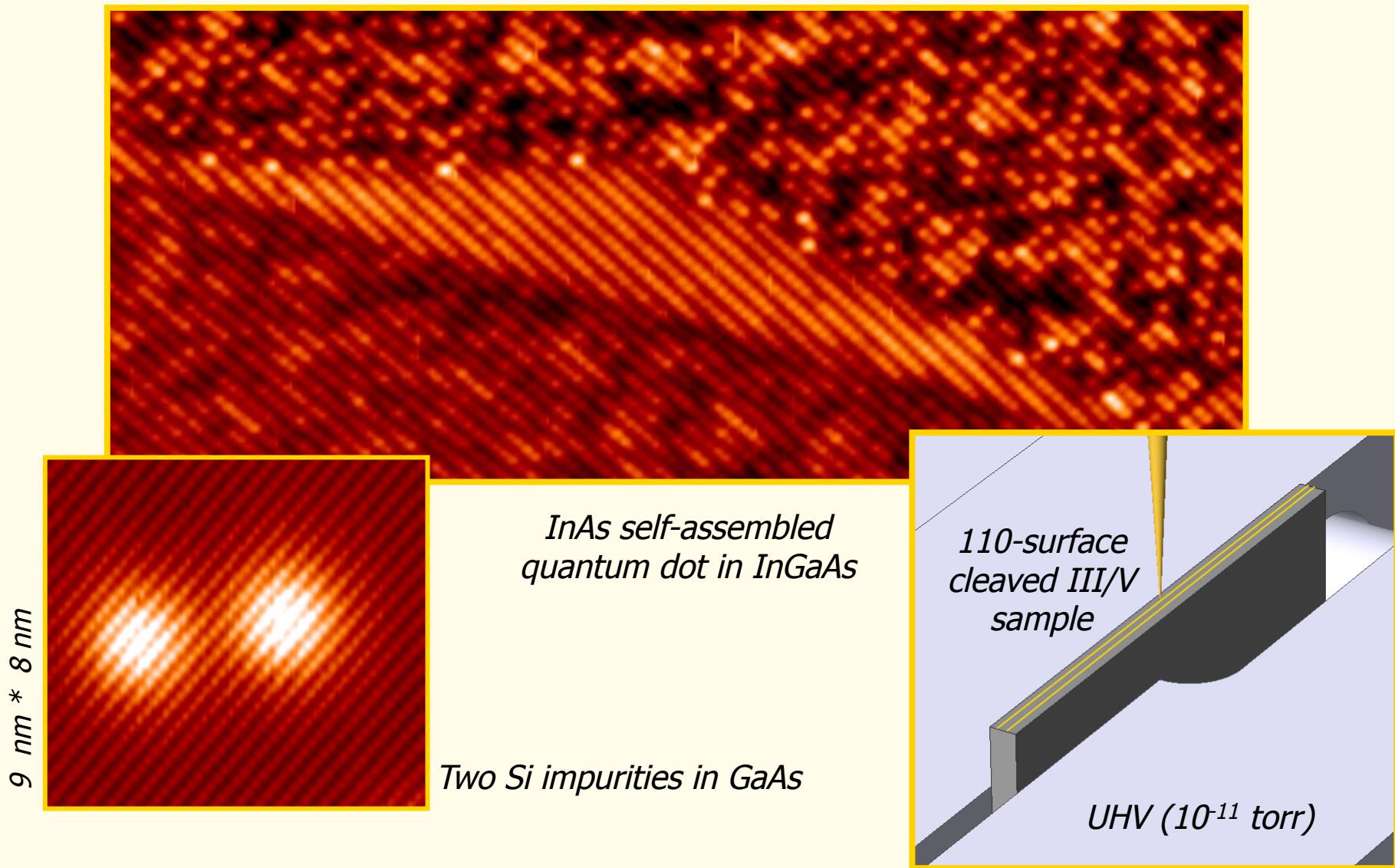


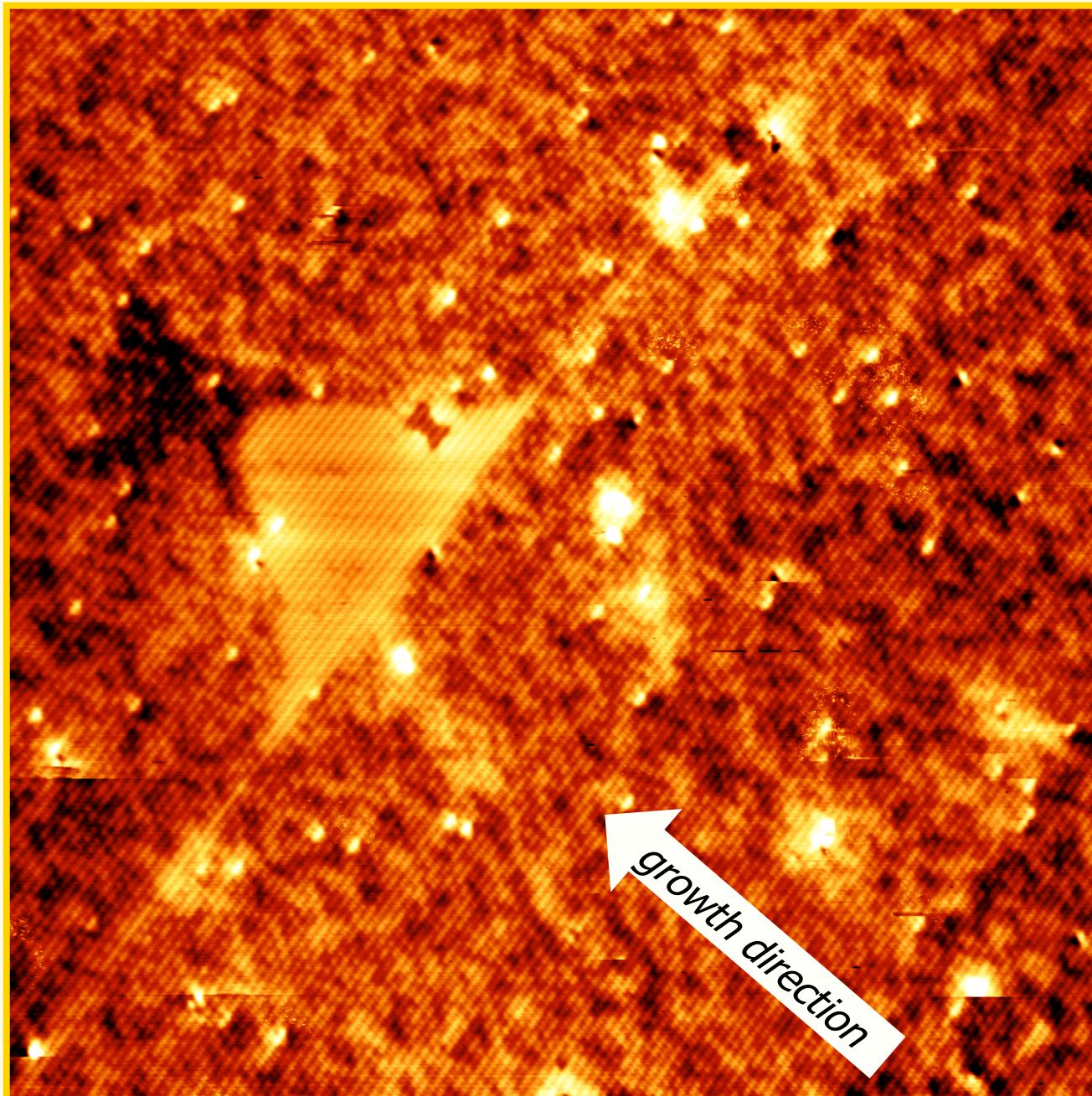
Clamping the sample



In situ cleaving the sample

Assessment at the Atomic Scale



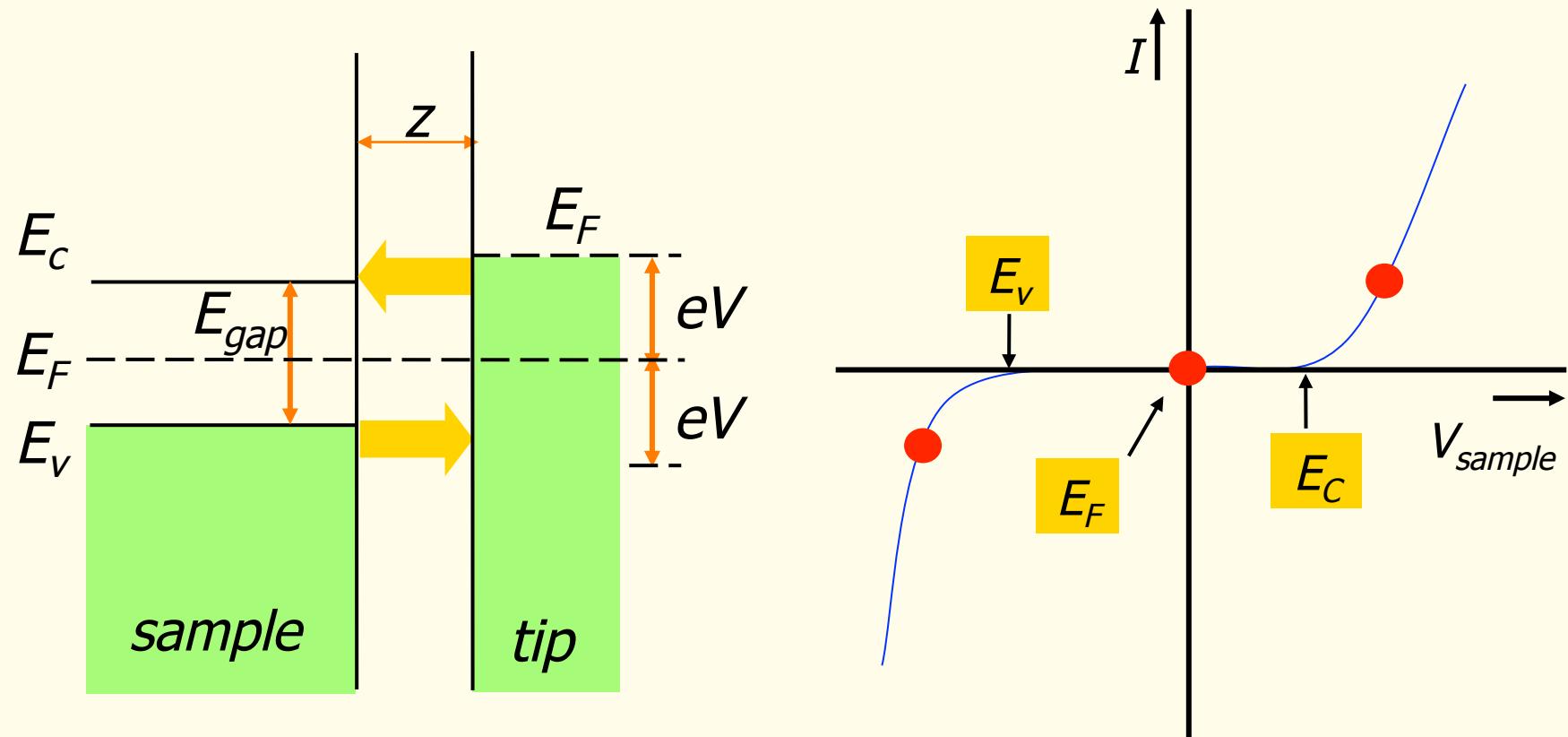


*GaAs dot in
AlGaAs grown by
Ga droplet
technique*

*Grown by T. Mano,
Tsukuba, Japan*

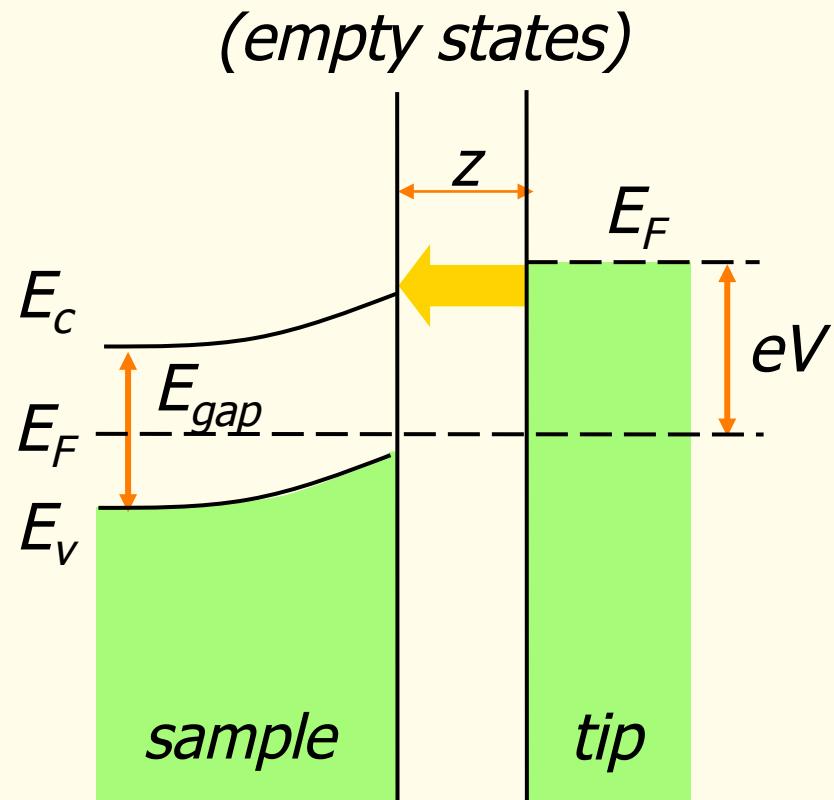
*J.G.Keizer, J.G. et al,
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Scanning Tunneling Microscopy on Semiconductors

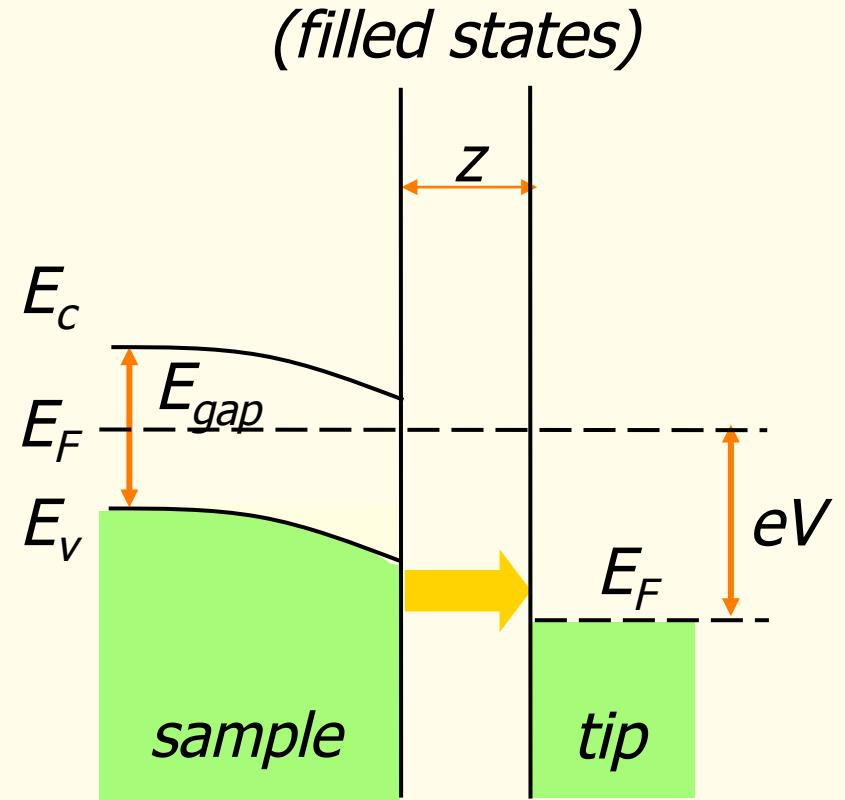


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Positive sample voltage

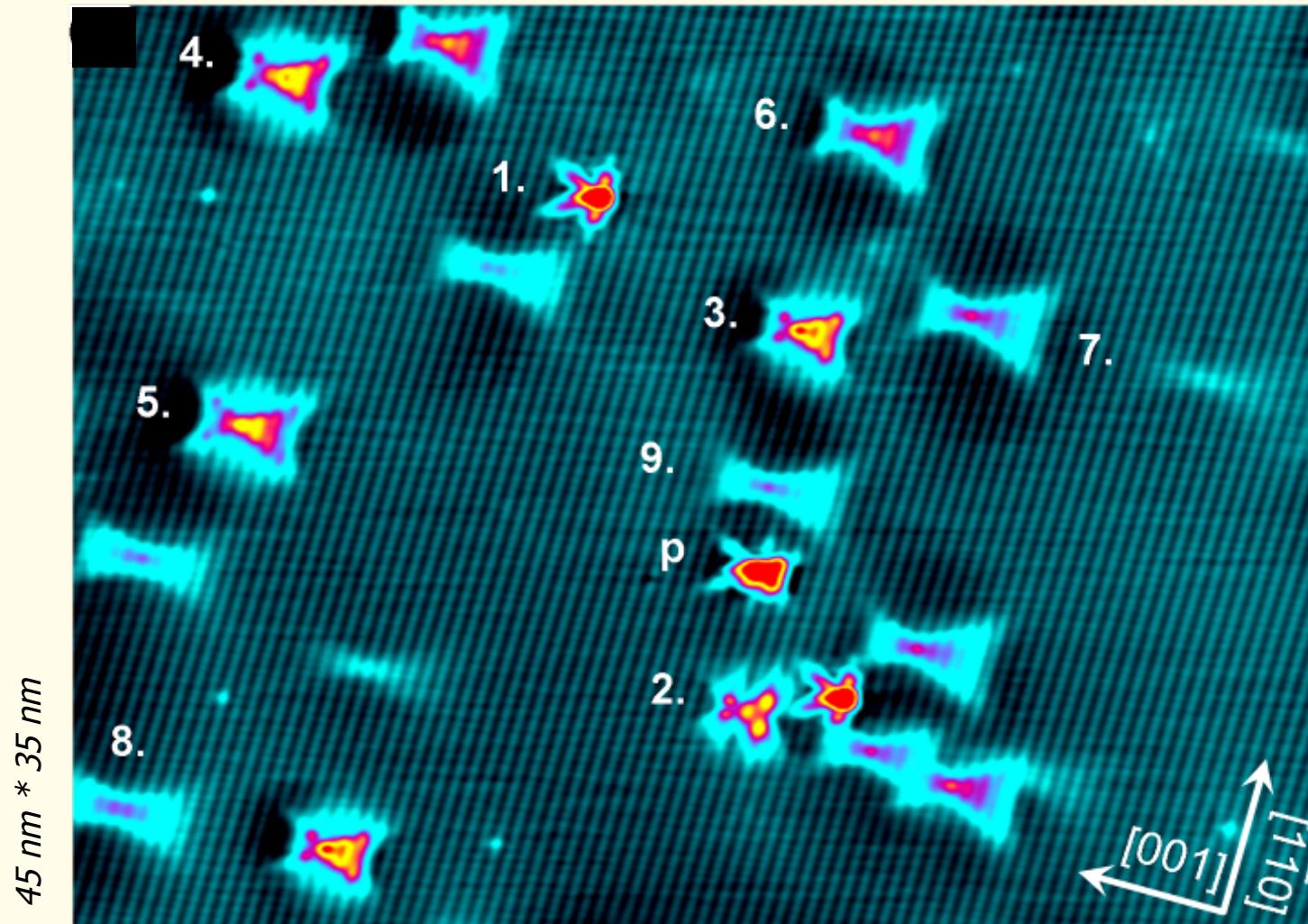


Negative sample voltage



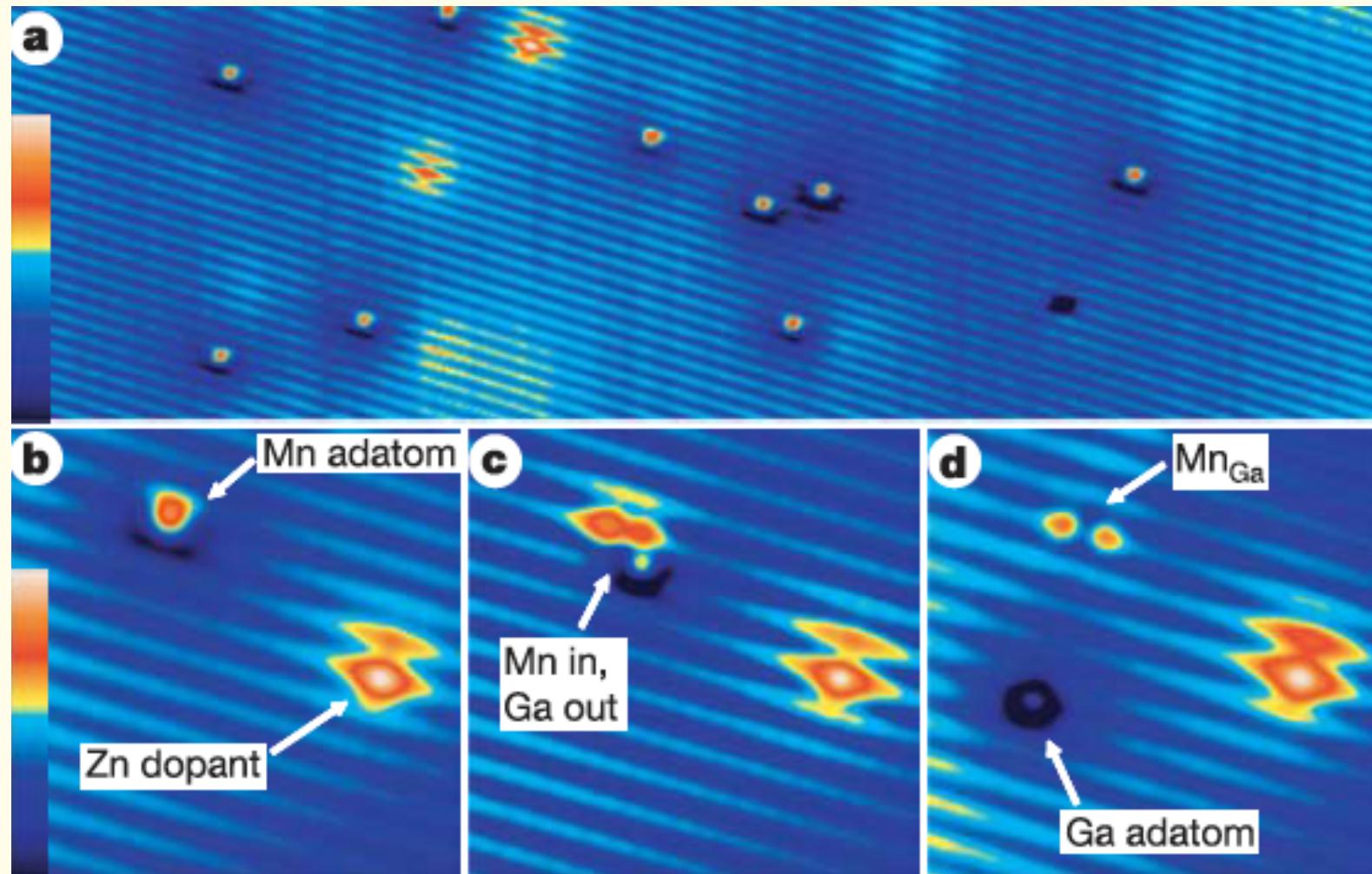
Depletion, accumulation, inversion

Bulk doped Mn:GaAs



Celebi et al PRL **104**, 086404 (2010)

Mn Substitution in a GaAs Surface



D. Kitchen et al, *Nature* **442**, 436 (2006)

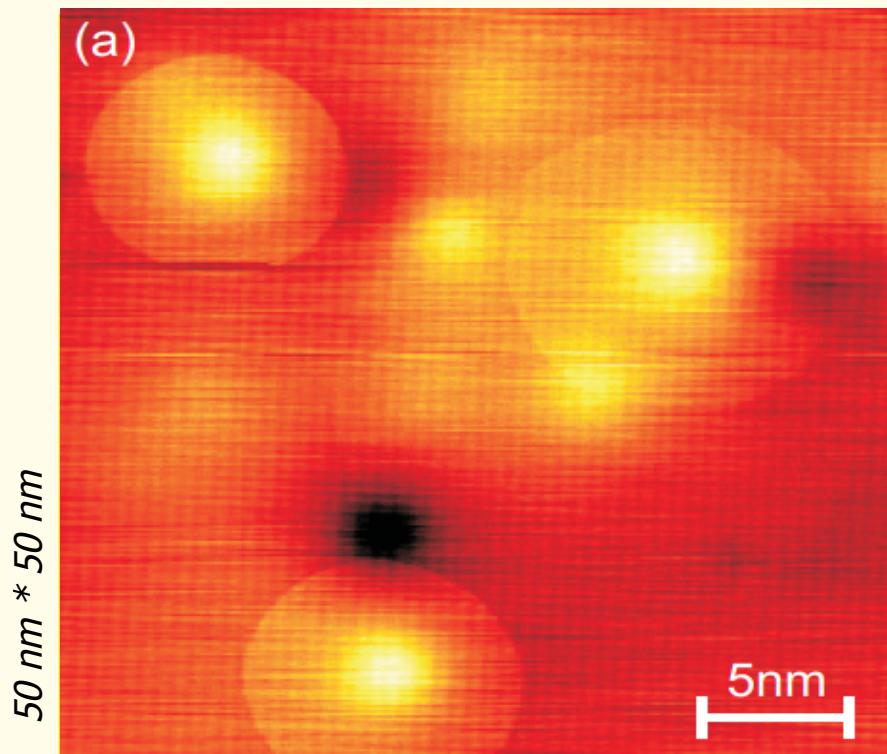
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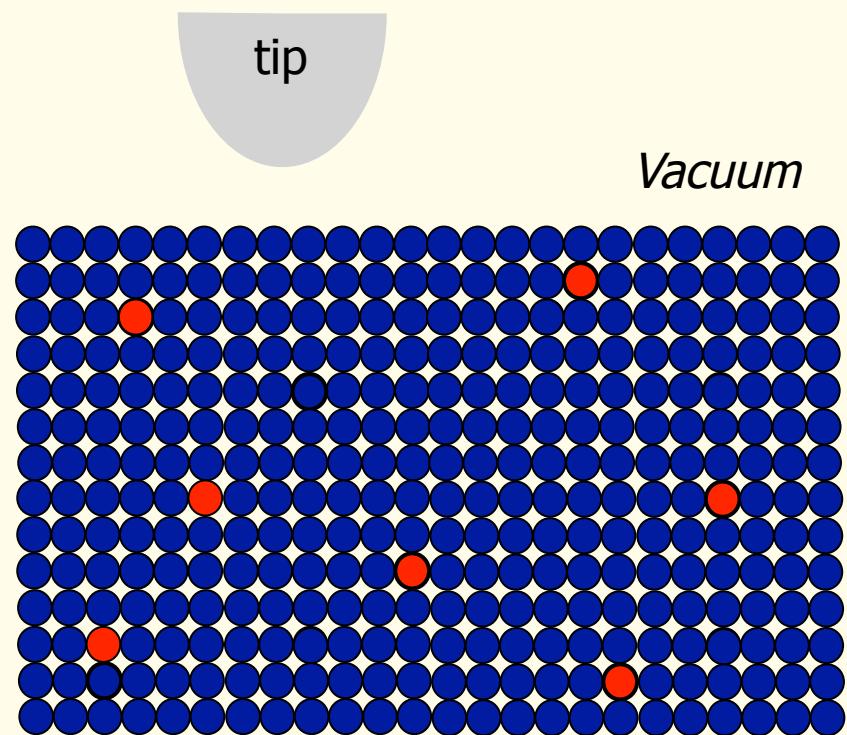
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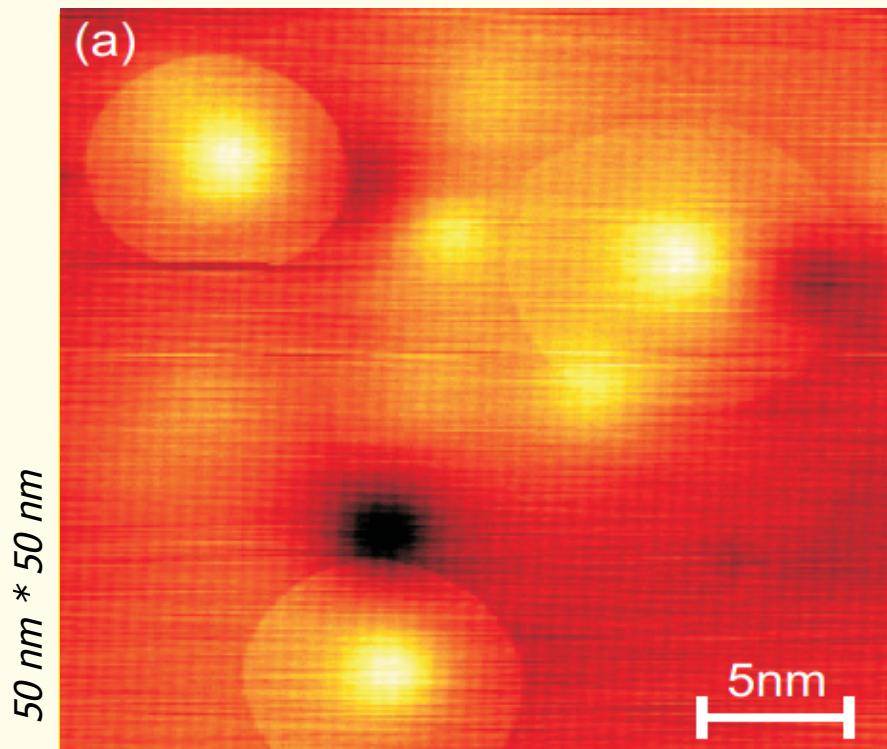


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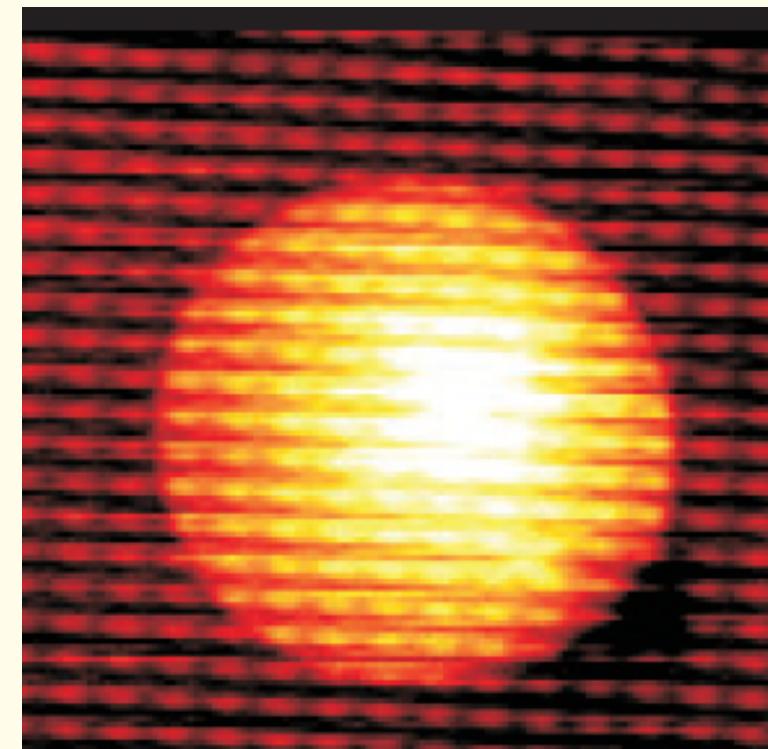


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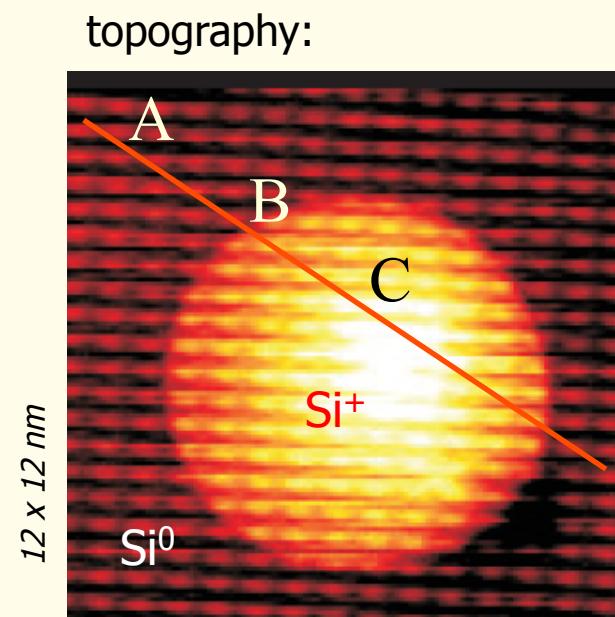


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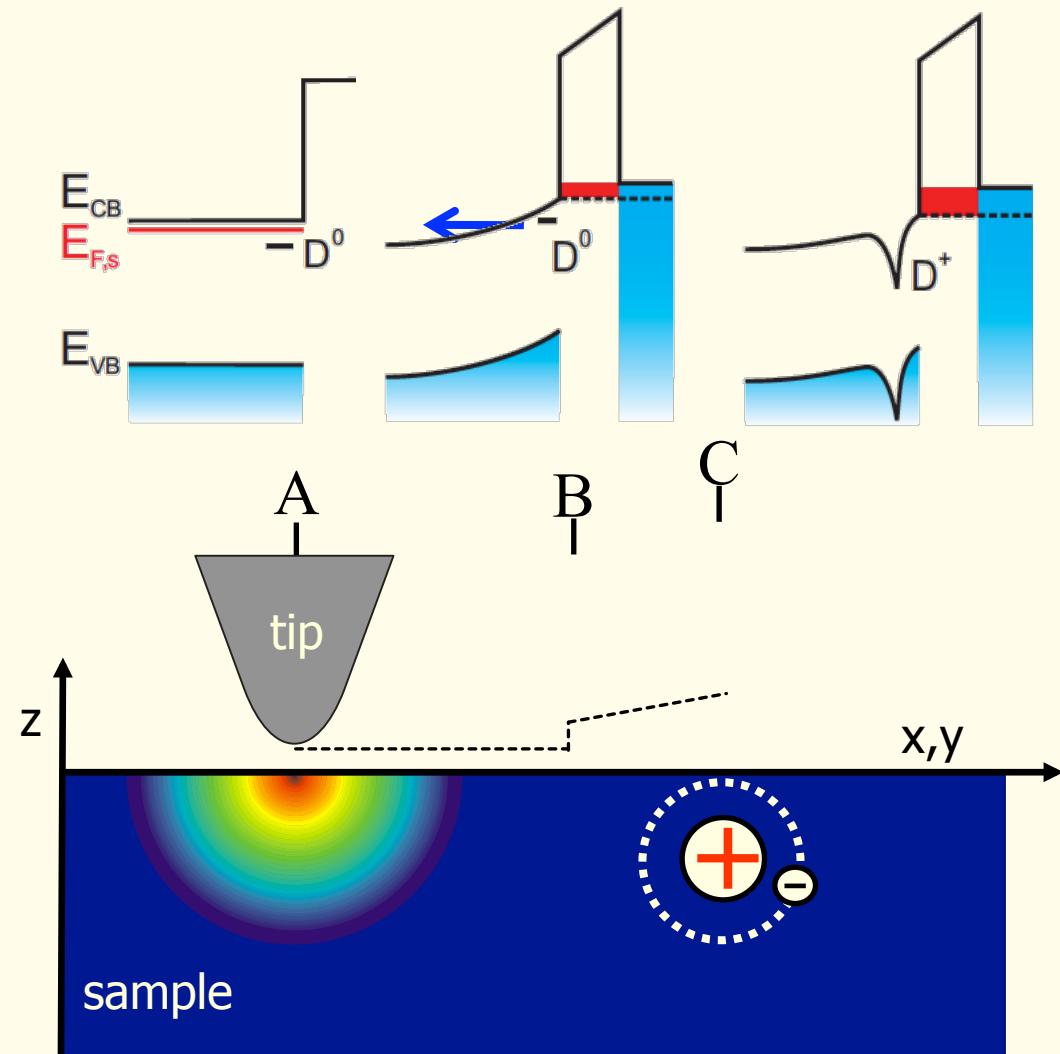


Single Si donor in GaAs

Ionization process

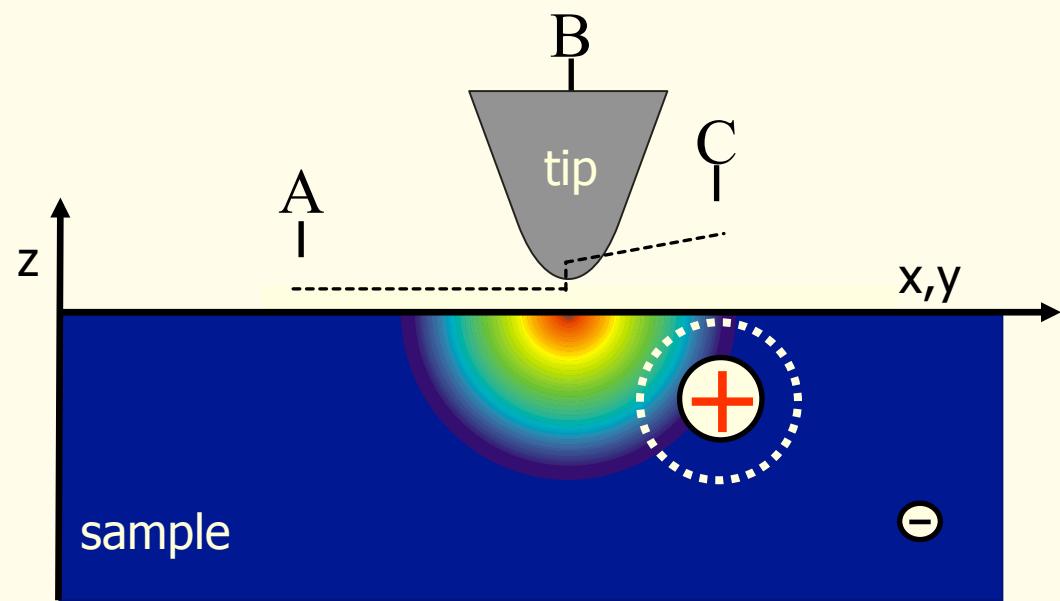
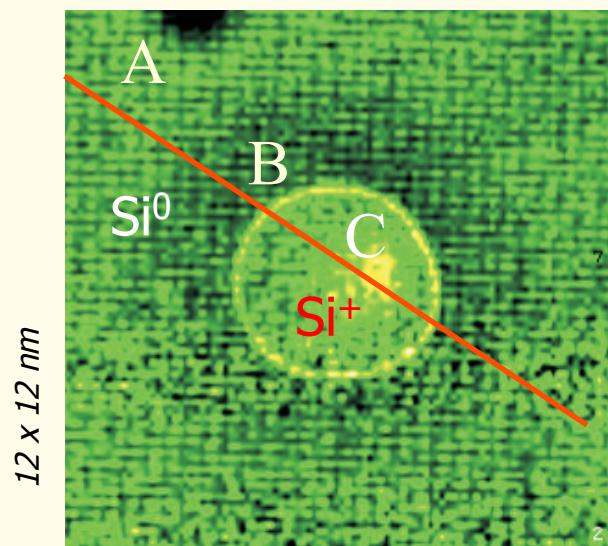


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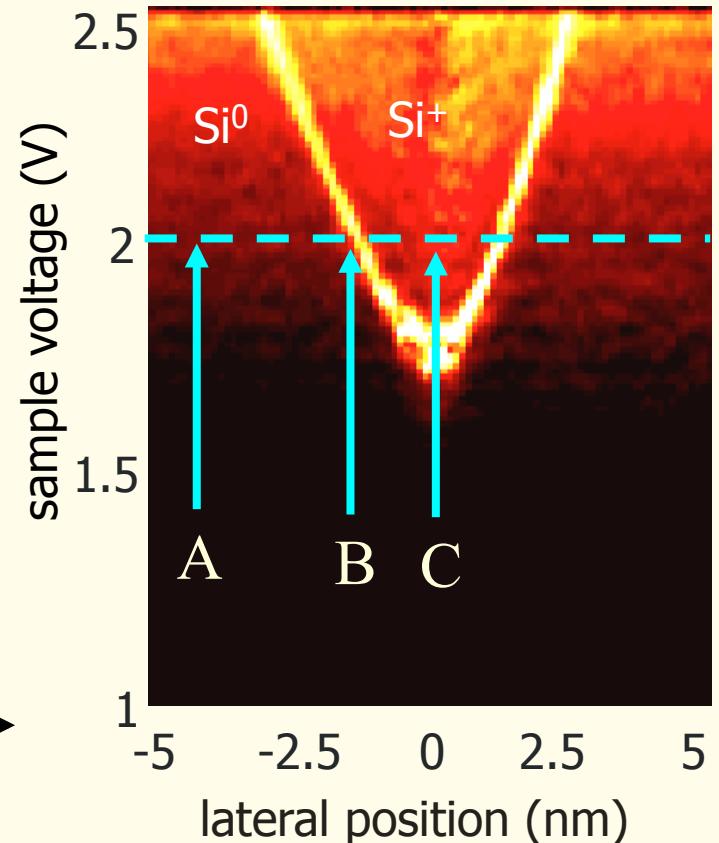


Ionization process

dI/dV topography:



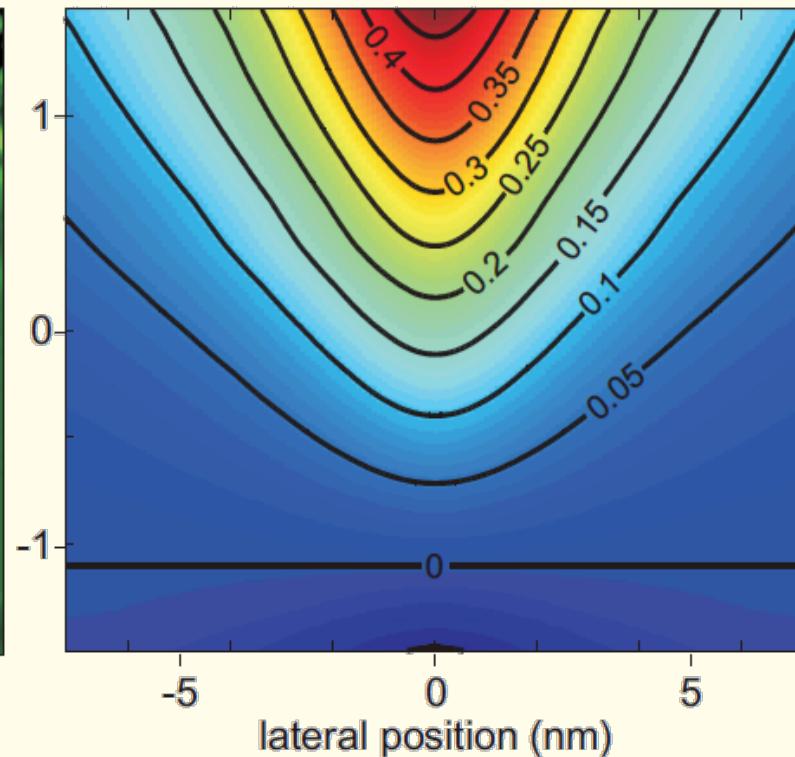
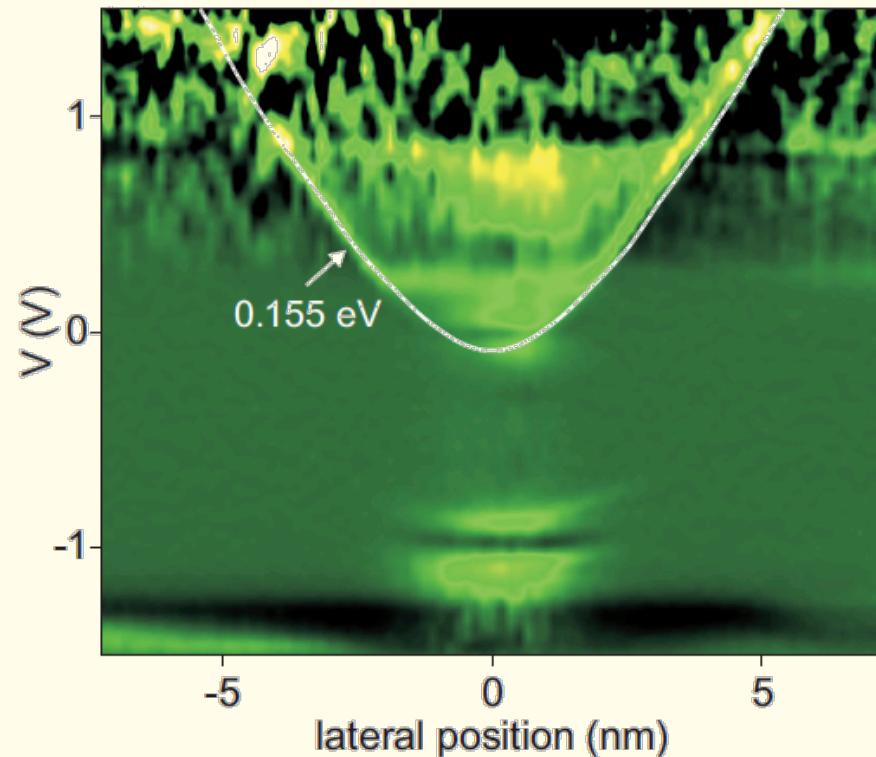
differential conductivity:



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Voltage Dependence

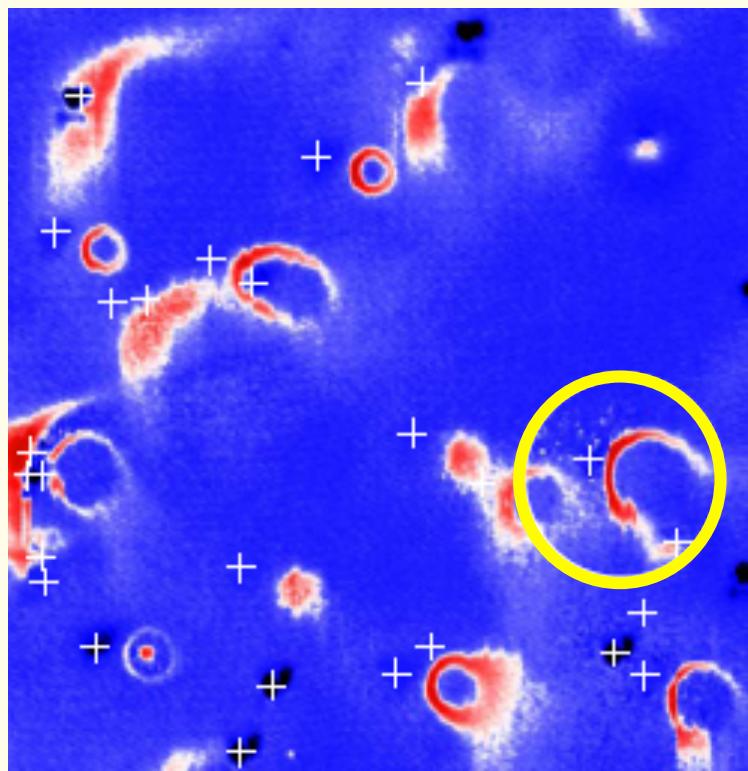
R. M. Feenstra, J.Vac. Sci. Technol B **21**, 2080 (2003)



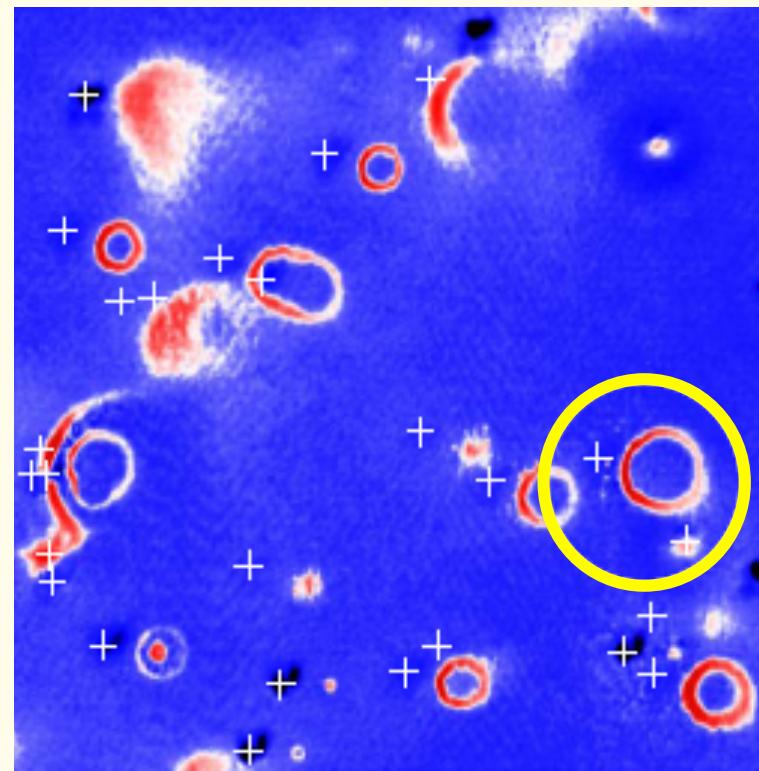
*flat band voltage and tip radius are
the main fitting parameters*

Ionization rings for Mn in InAs

dI/dV map at 1.05 V



dI/dV map at 1.10 V

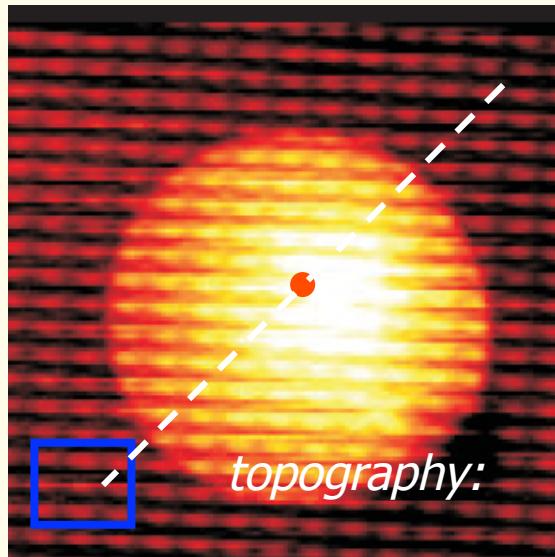


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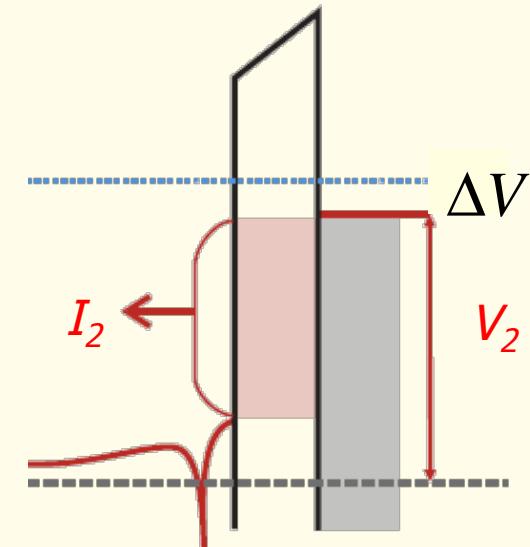
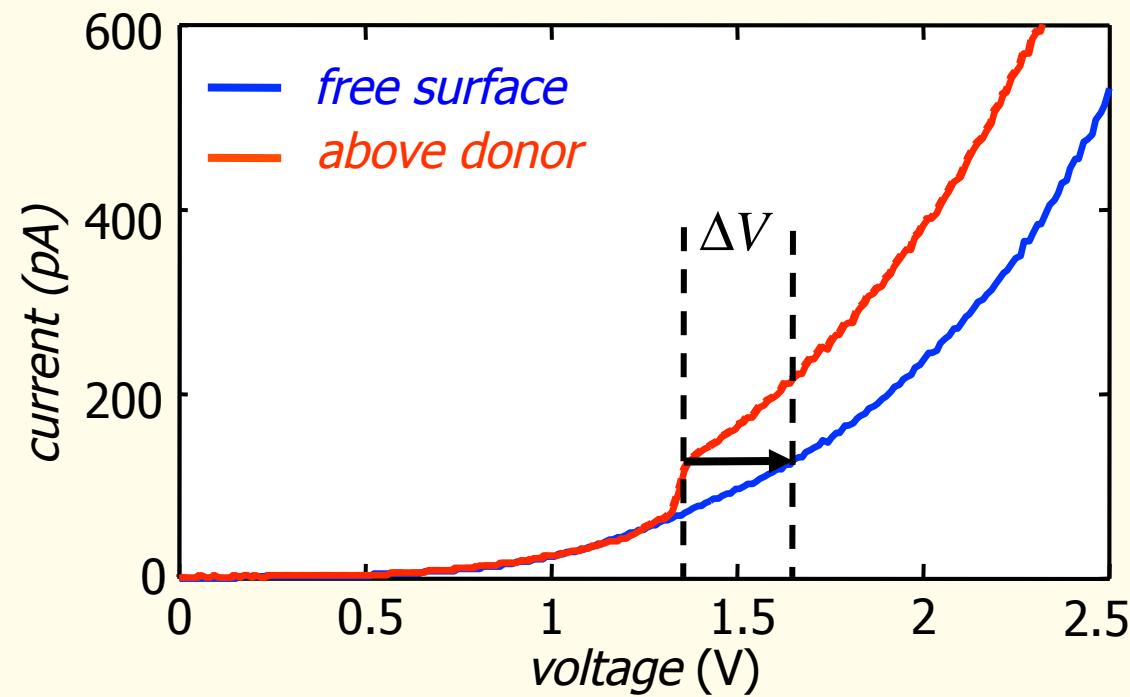
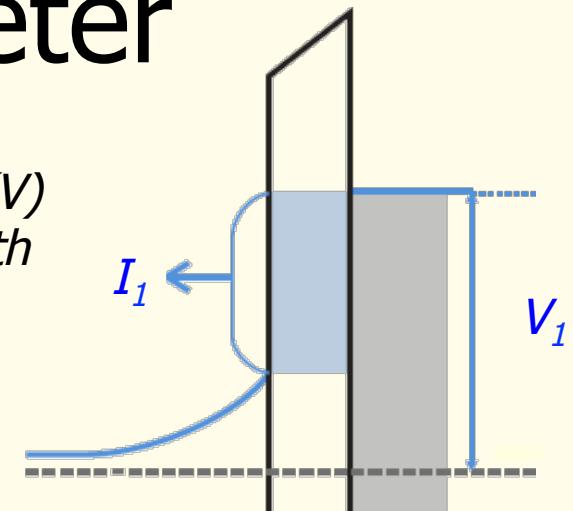
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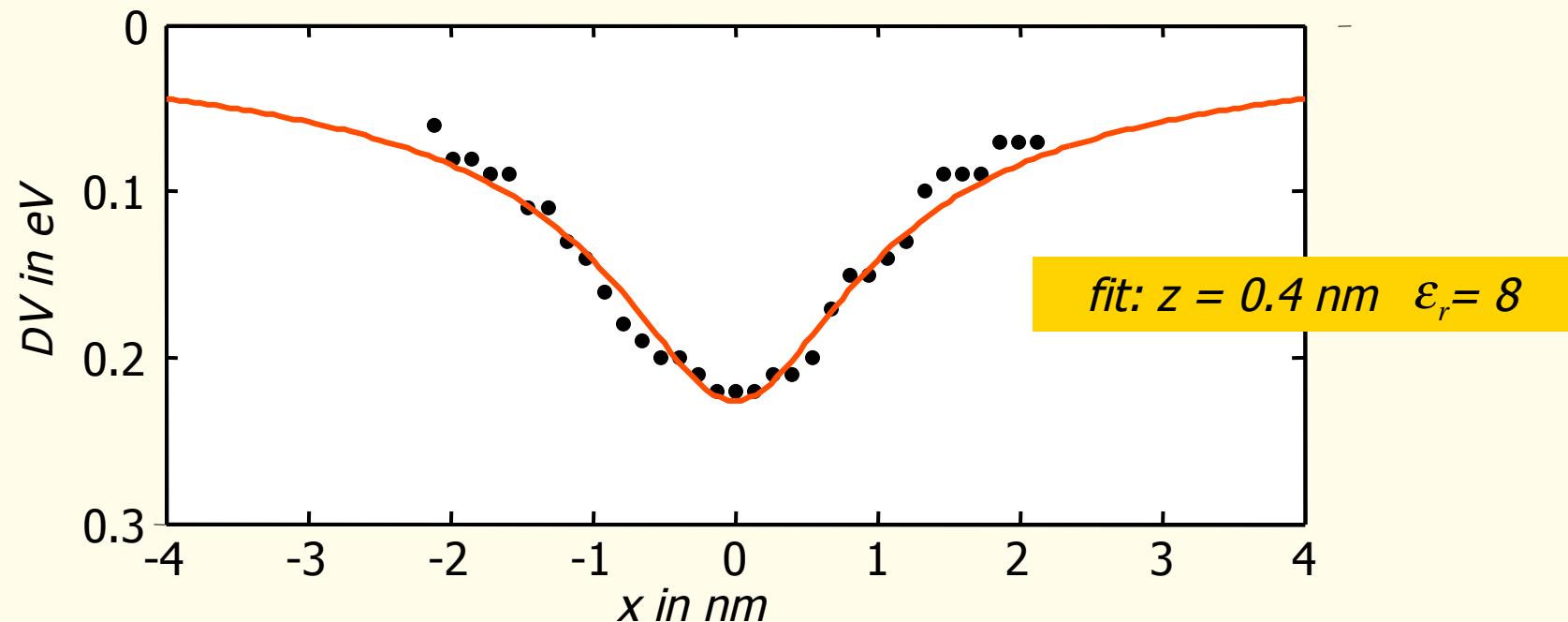
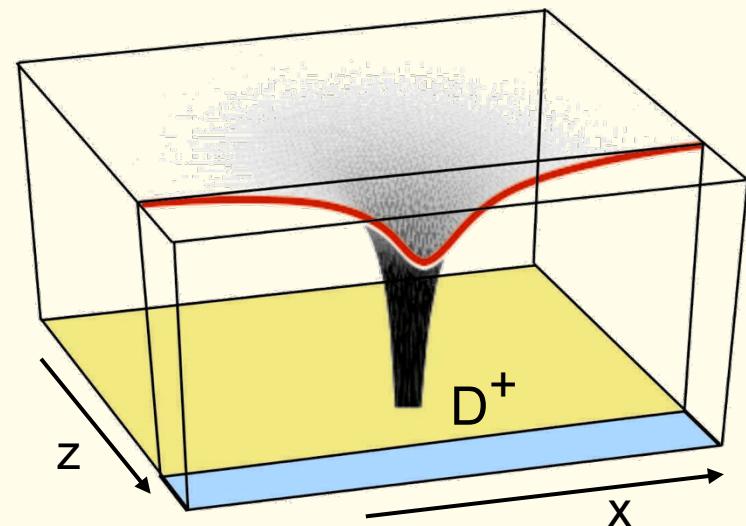
Potentiometer

The shift $\Delta V(r)$ in the $I(V)$ spectra corresponds with the local potential

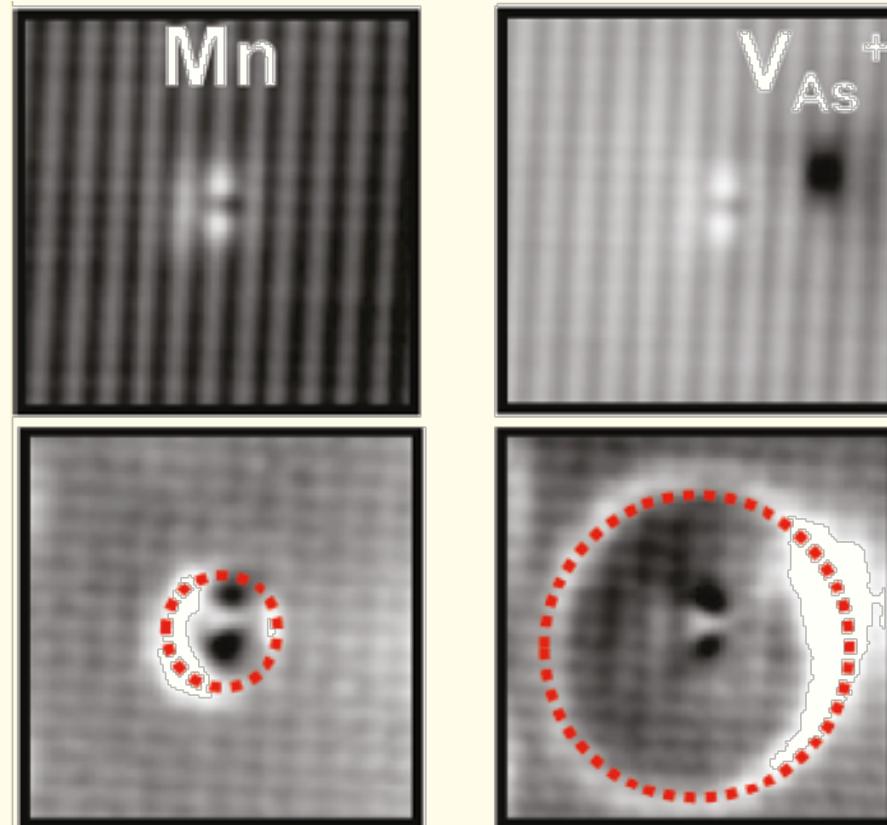


Coulomb Potential of a near surface Donor

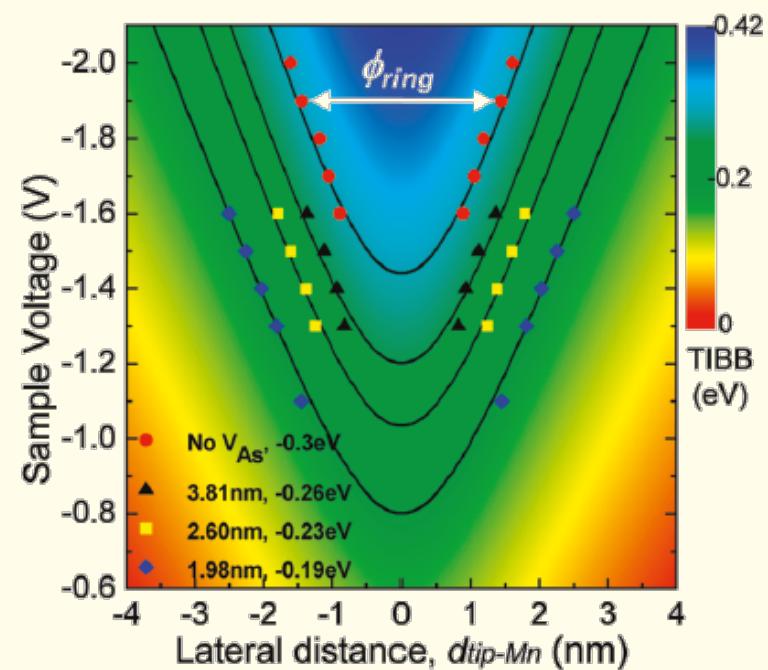
$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{1}{(x^2 + z^2)^{1/2}}$$



Coulomb Profiling with an As-vacancy



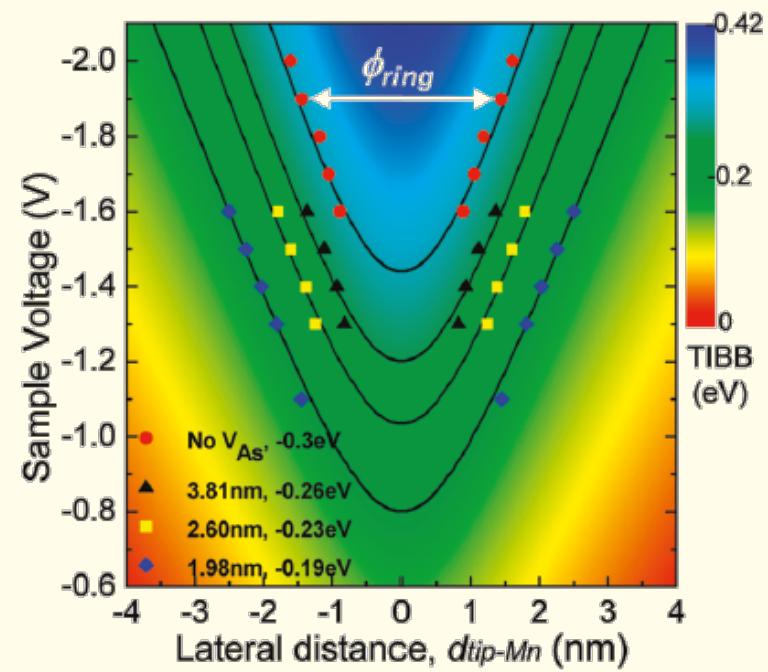
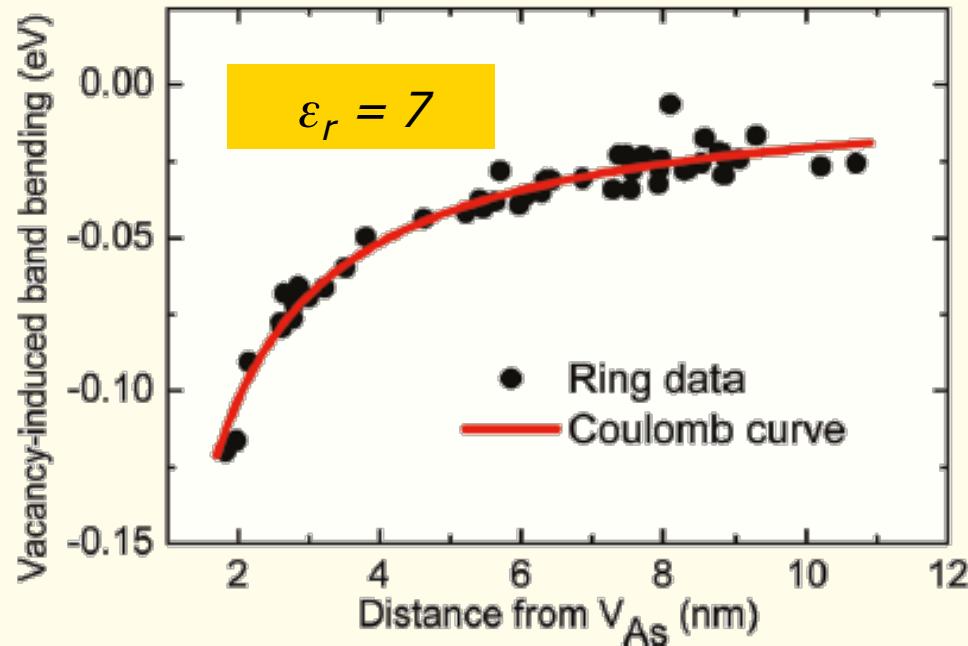
*STM induced creation of
As-vacancy near Mn in GaAs*



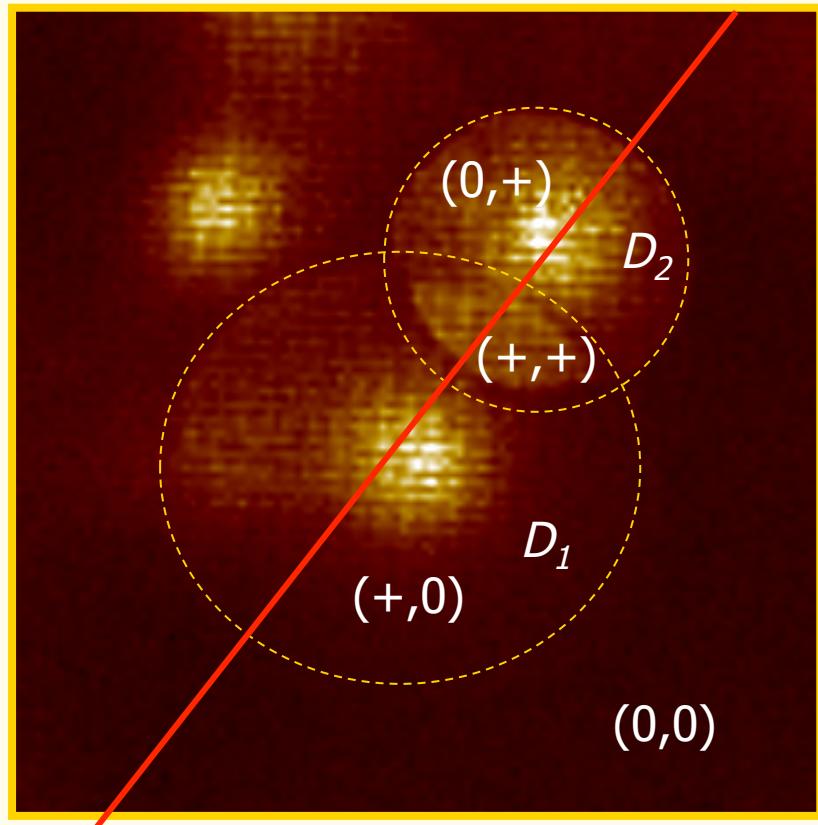
D. Lee and J. Gupta, *NanoLetters* **11**, 2004 (2011)

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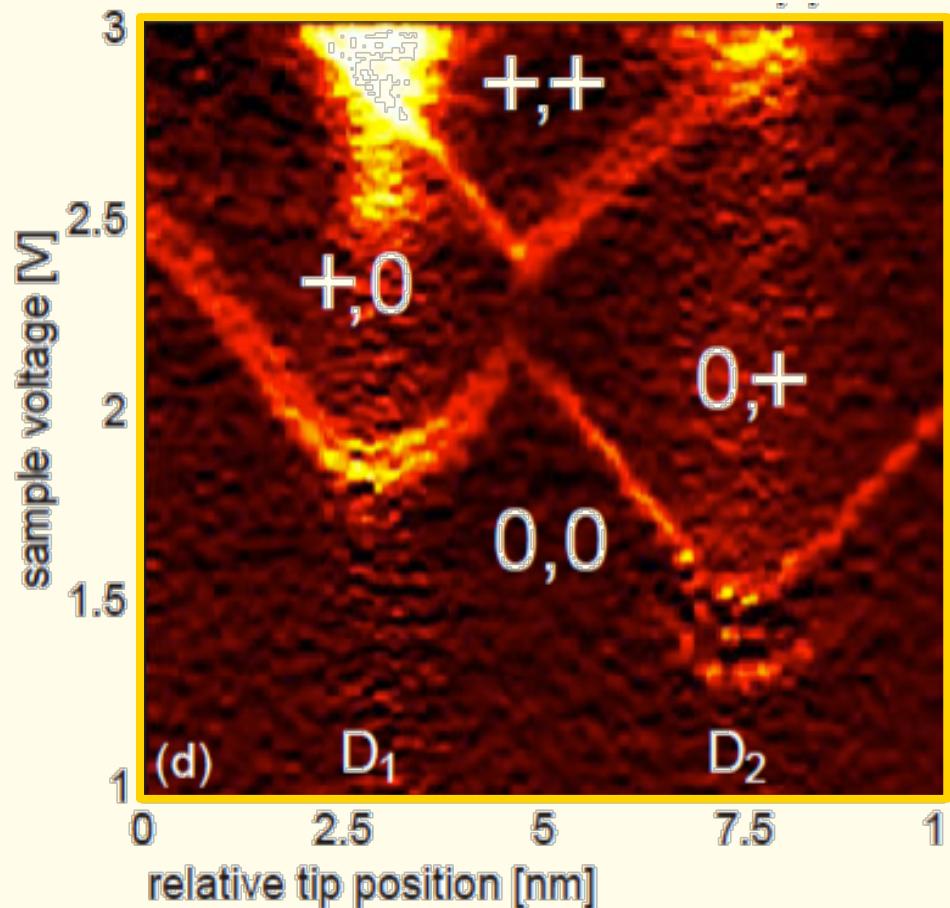
As-vacancy at surface is a singly charged donor



Coulomb Interaction

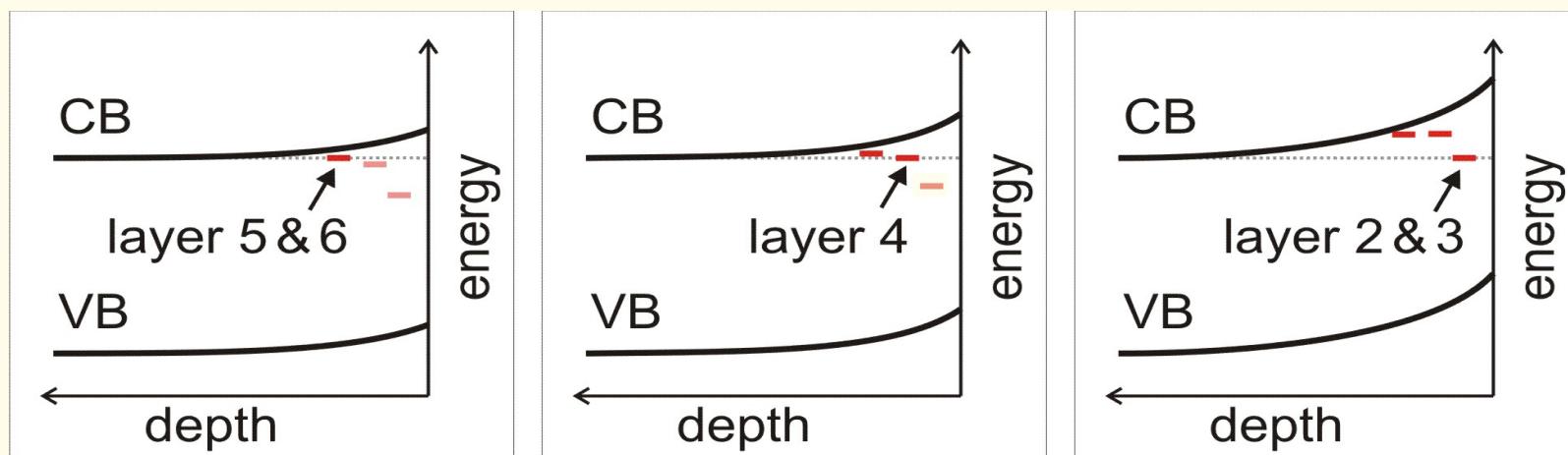
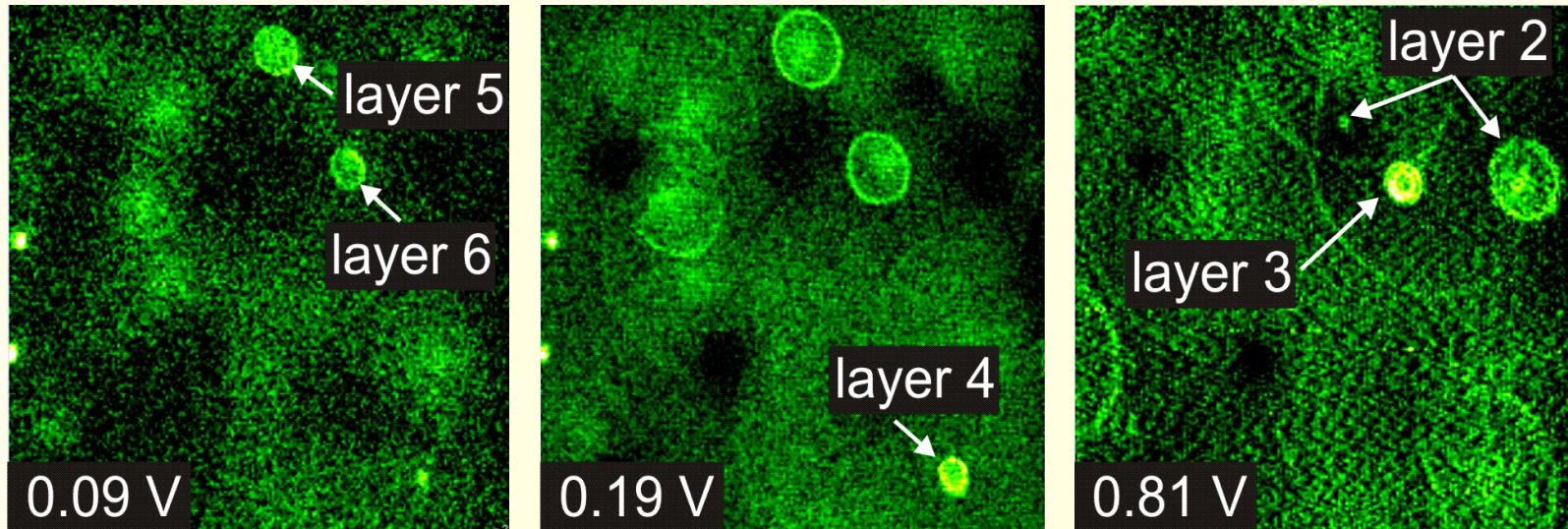


(D_1, D_2) = charge state donor pair



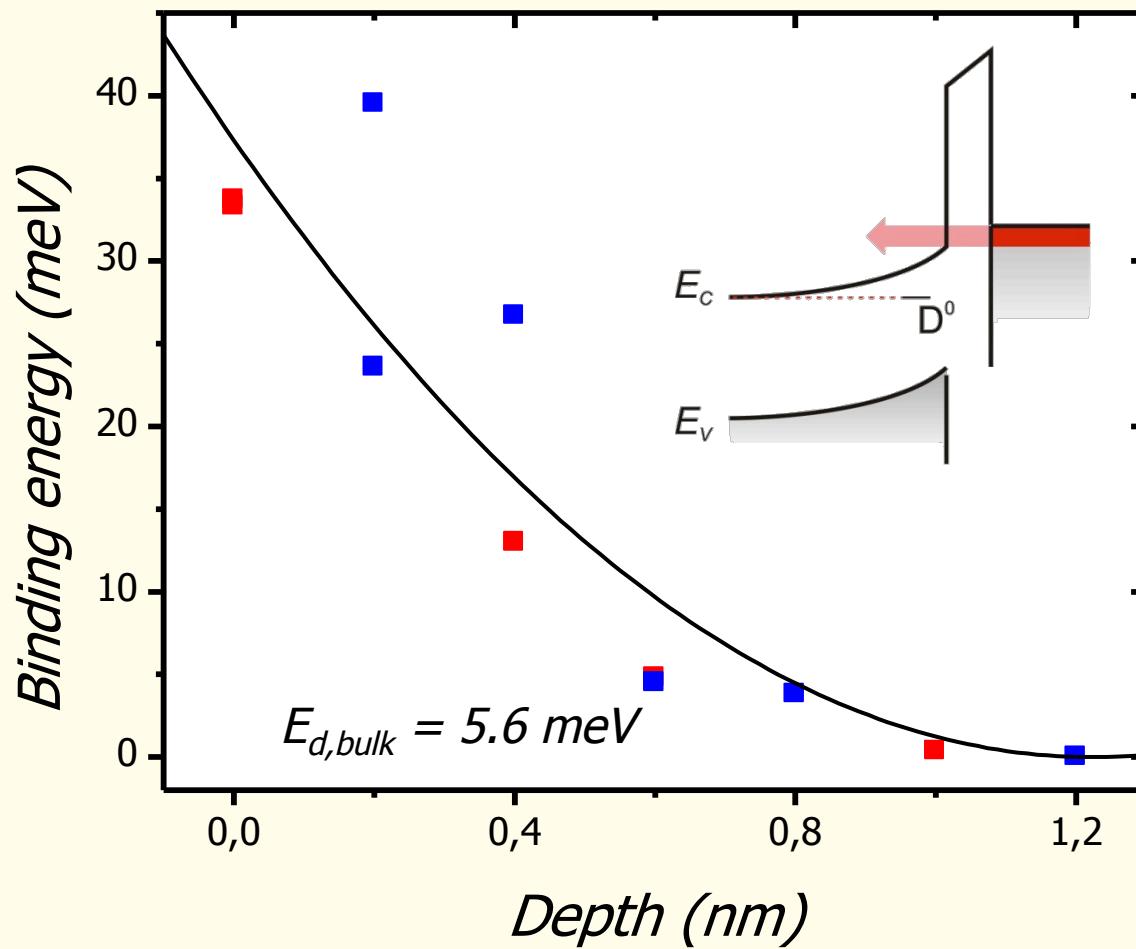
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Depth Dependent Binding Energy



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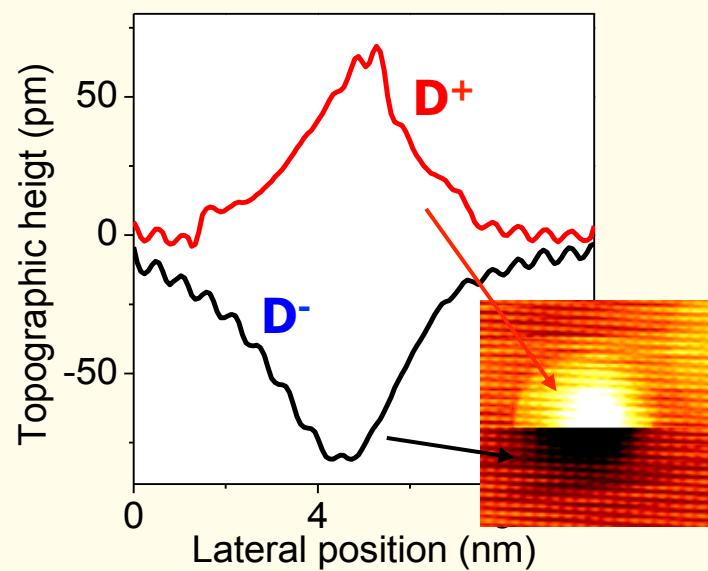
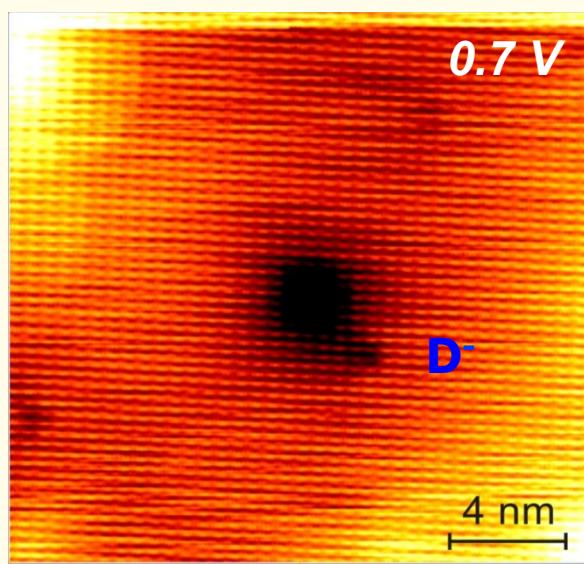
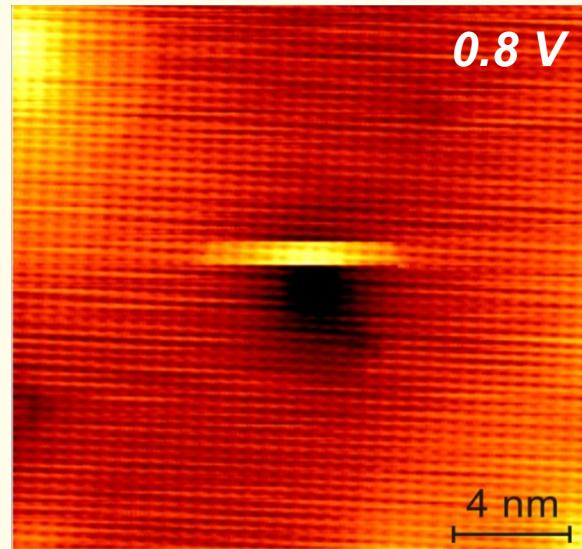
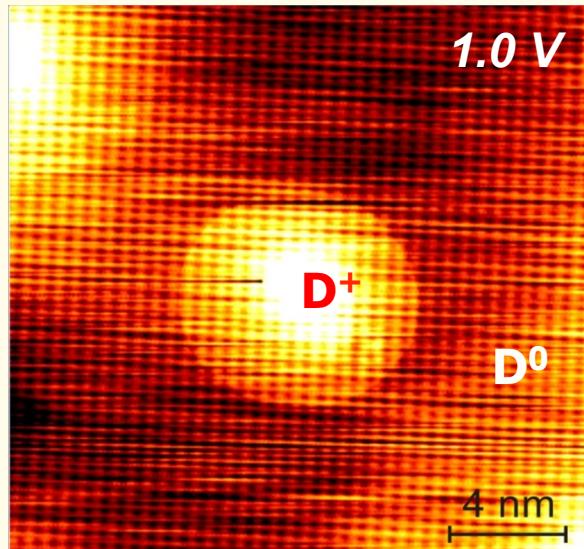
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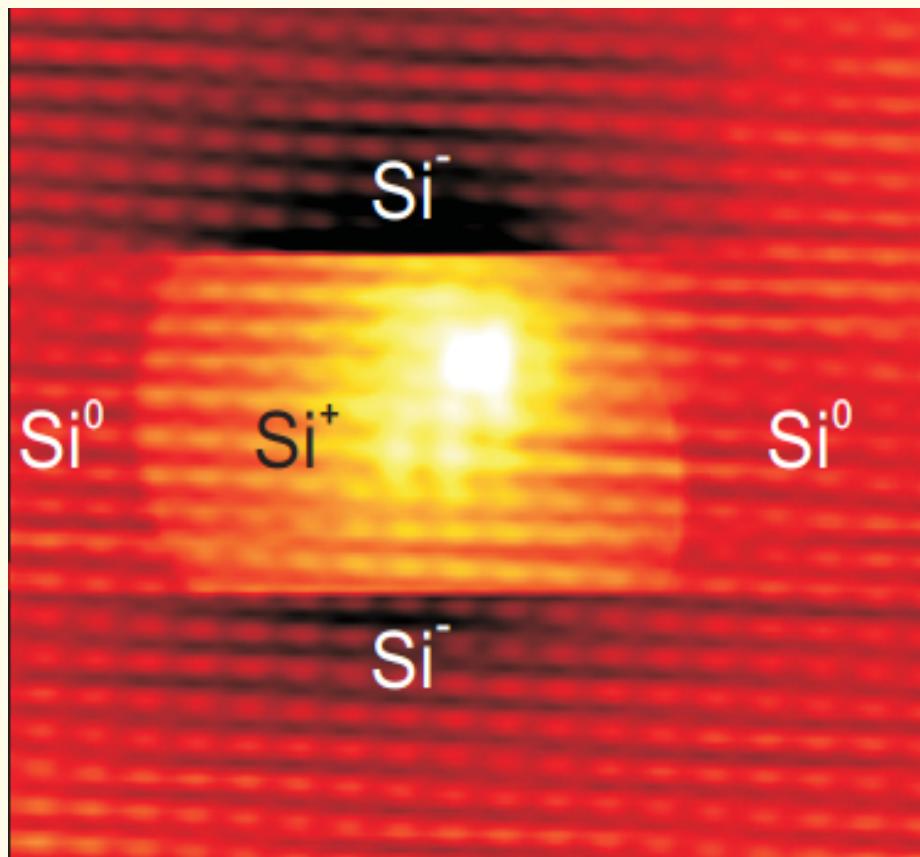
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Switching of Si in the Surface Layer

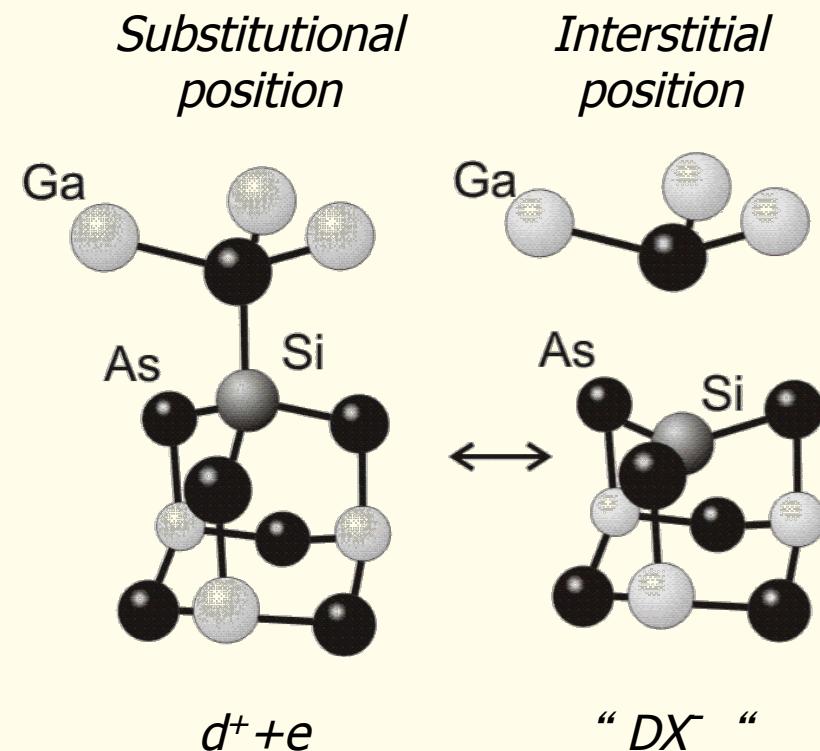


J. Garleff et al,
in press PRB

Bond Reconfiguration

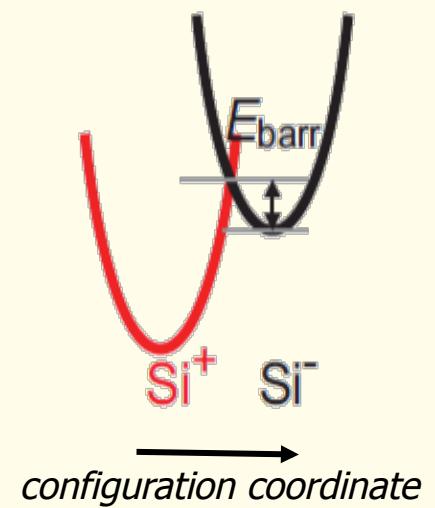
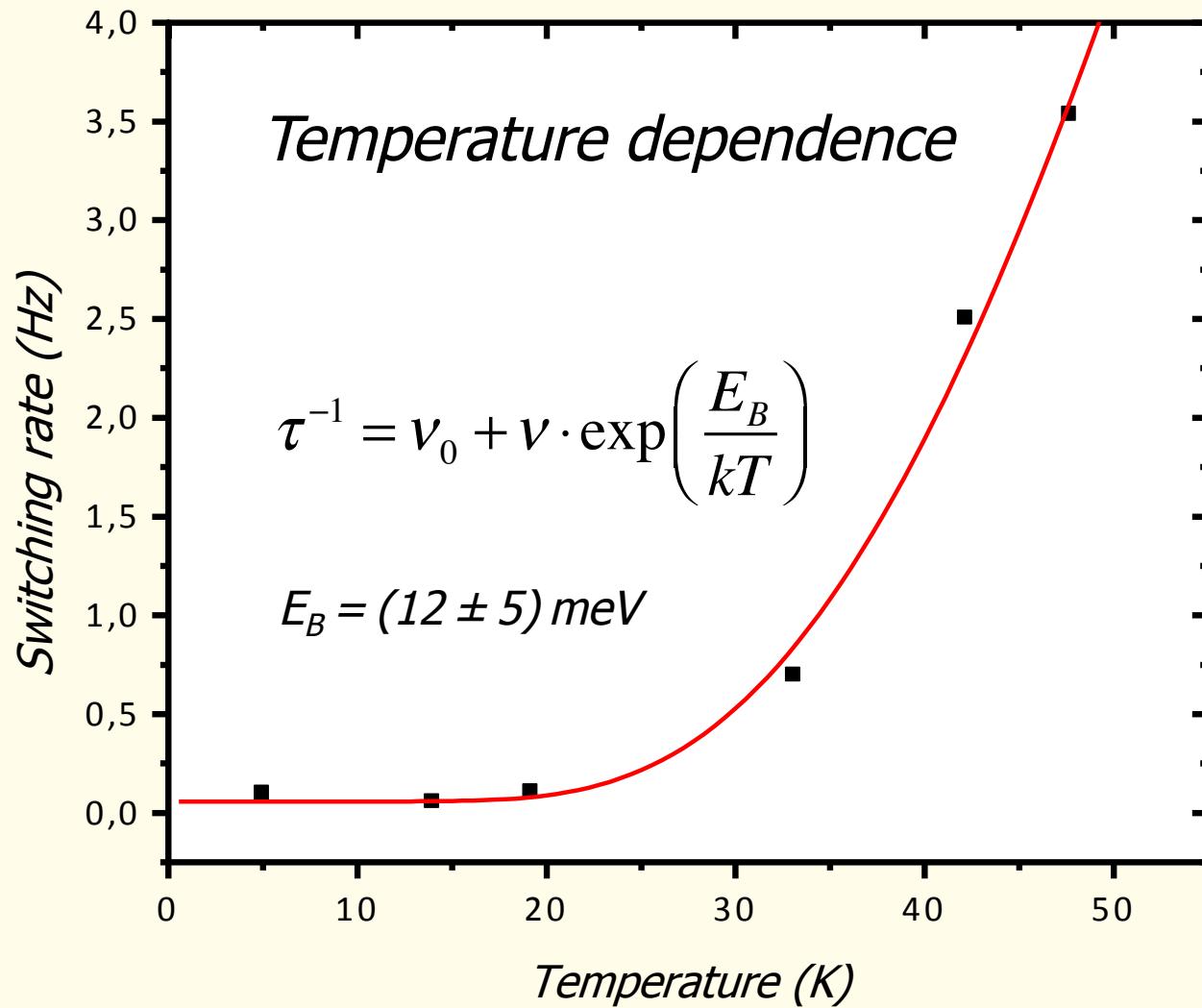


*Only observed for Si donors in
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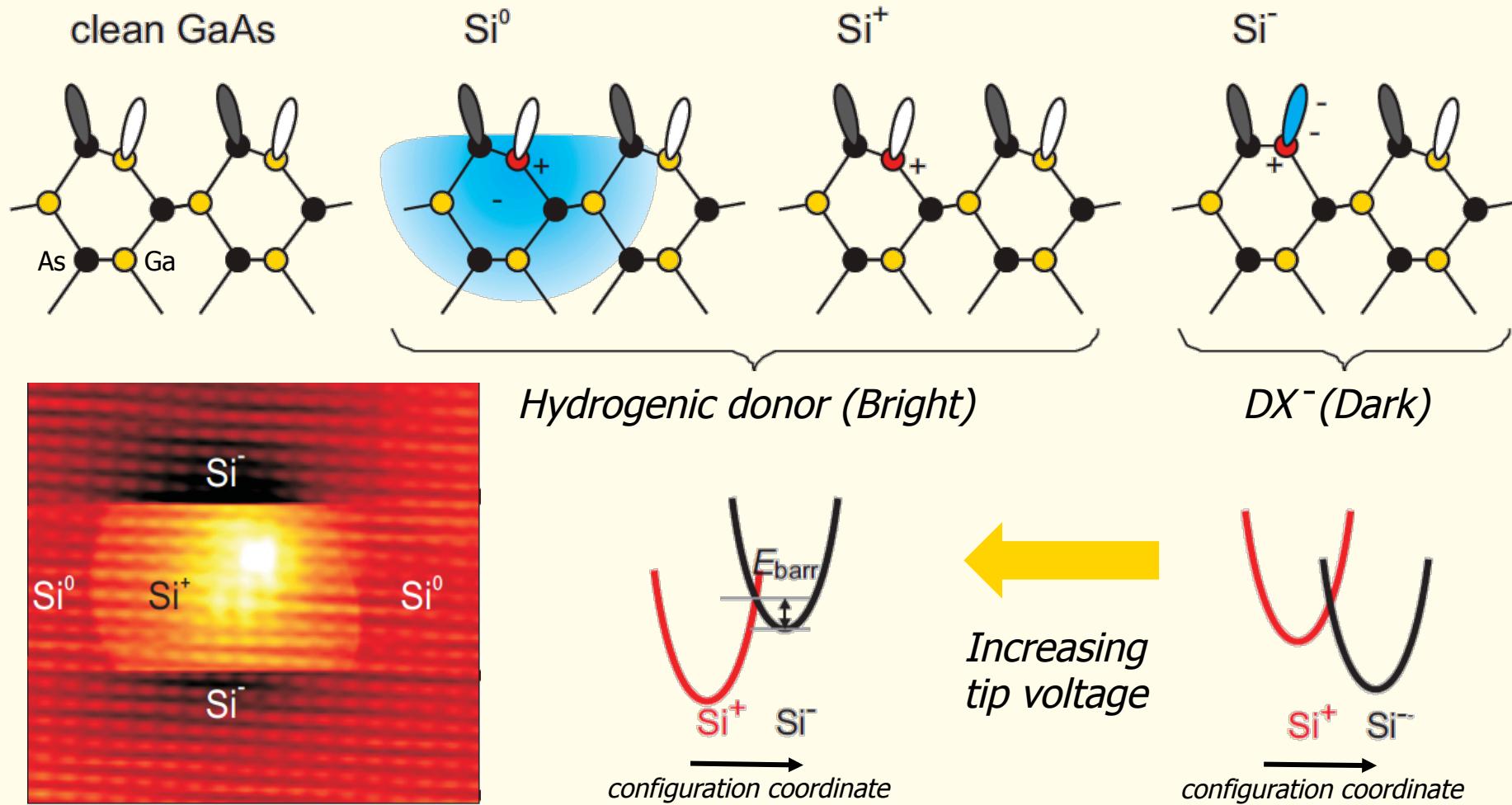


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Si⁺ / Si⁻ - Switching Rate



Impurity Model



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Electronic Structure

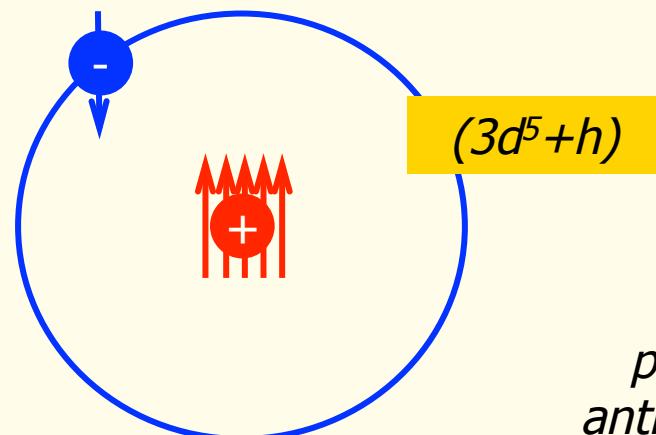
magnetic doping: a part of the atoms in the crystal is replaced by magnetic transition metal impurities



Ga-atom GaAs



Mn on Ga-site in GaAs

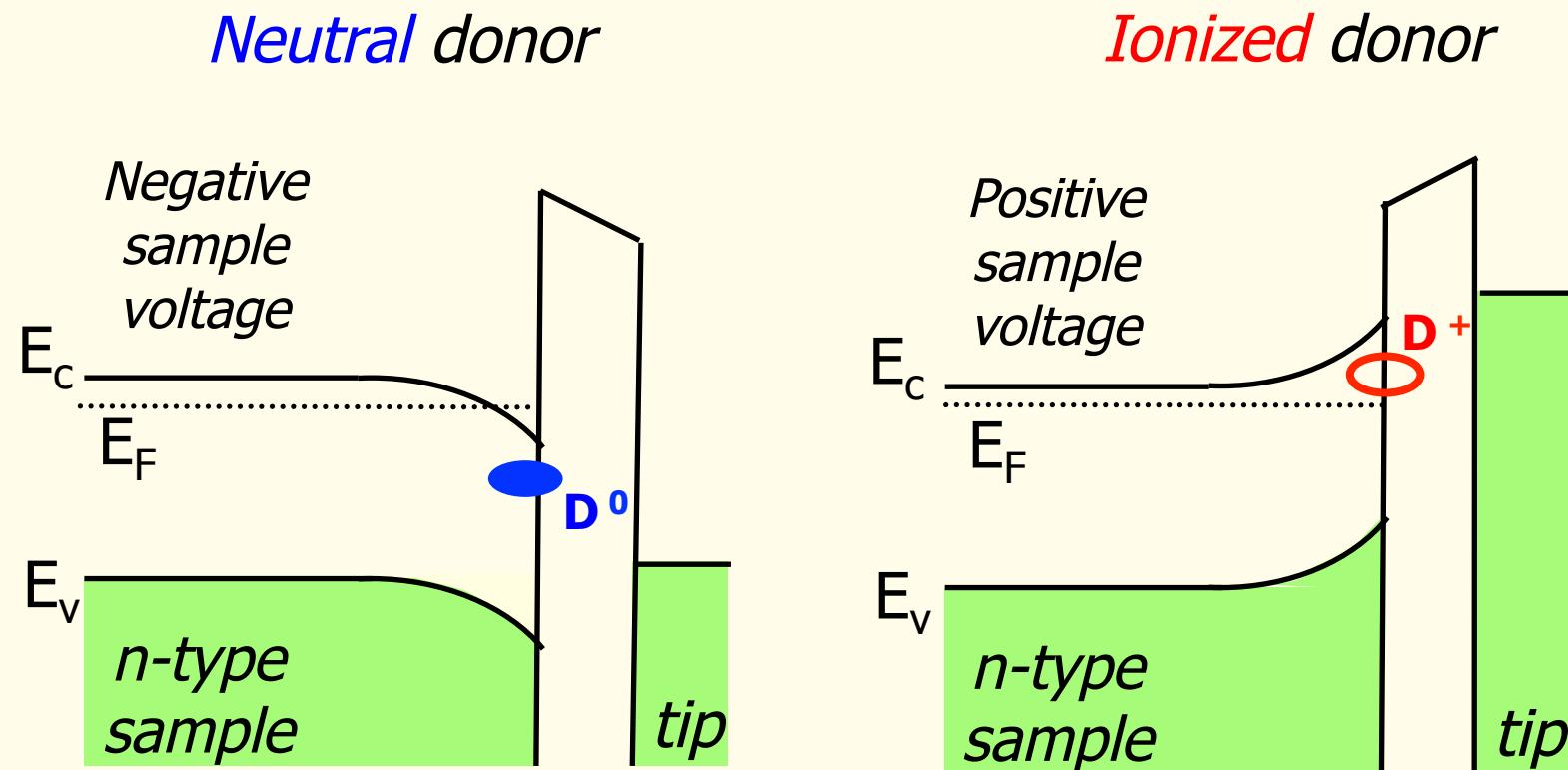


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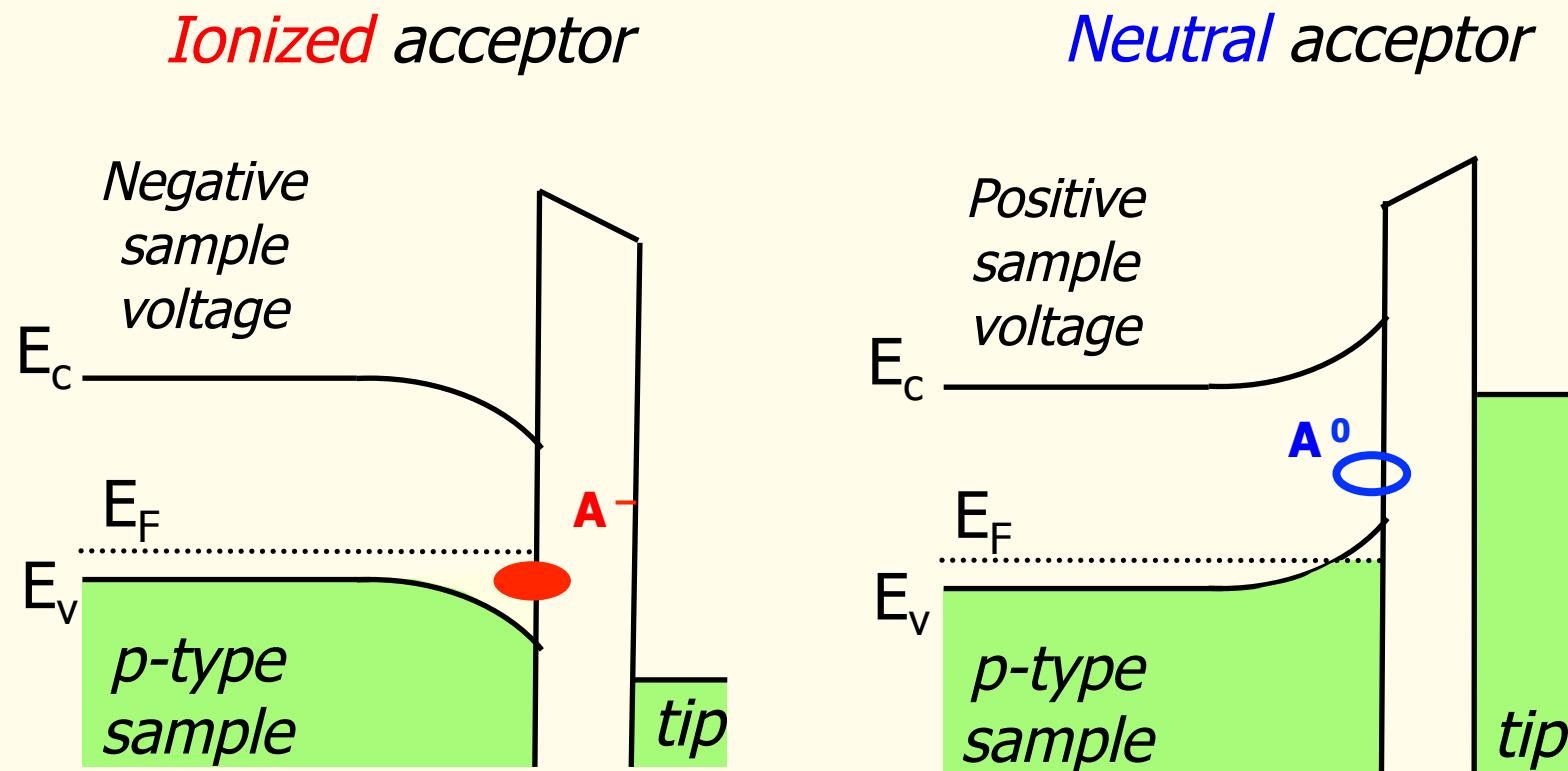


p-d interaction results in anti-ferromagnetic alignment

Manipulation of the Charge State by an STM tip



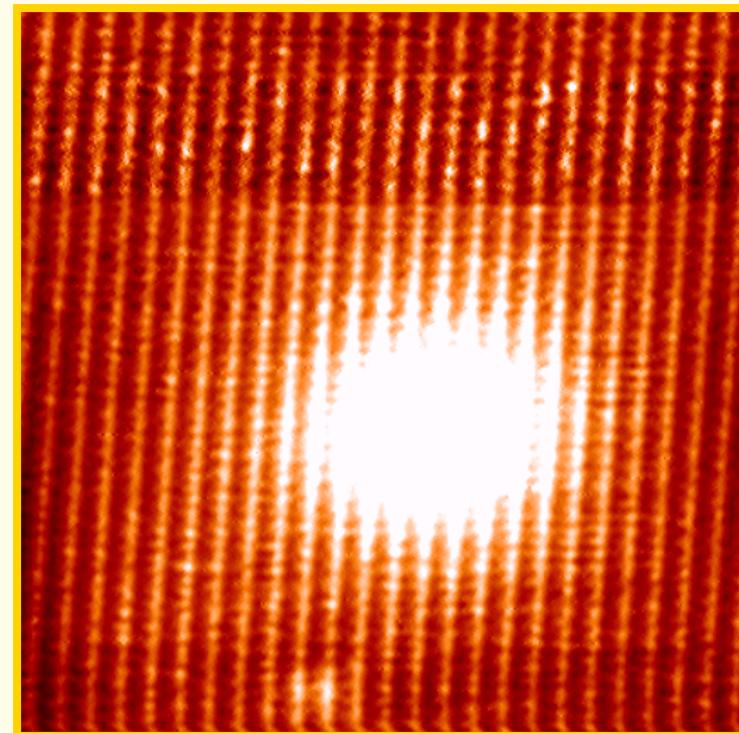
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A^- and A^o Charge States of Mn

Ionized Mn A^-

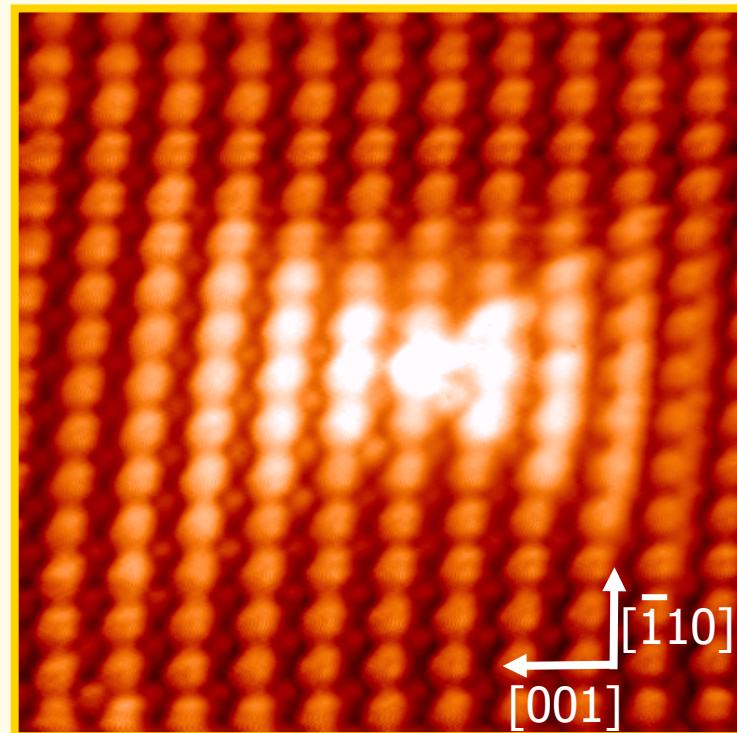
($V=-0.9$ V)



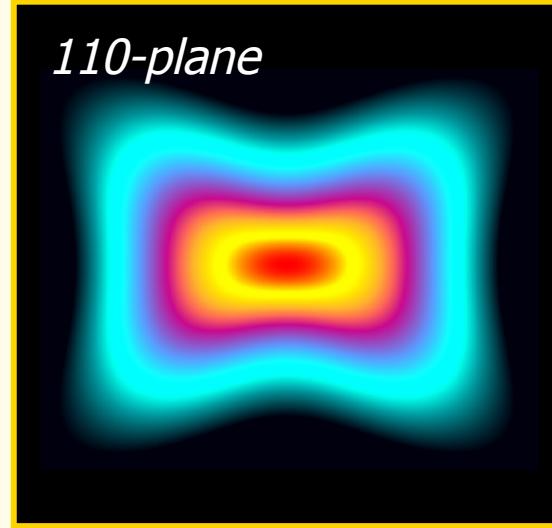
Contrast is due to Coulomb field

Neutral Mn A^o (ion + hole)

($V=+0.7$ V)



*Tunneling to the bound hole
(Mn in $\sim 3^{rd}$ sublayer)*



Luttinger Hamiltonian

$$H_{Lut}(k_x, k_y, k_z) \psi_i + V(r) \psi_i = \epsilon_i \psi_i$$

Luttinger Hamiltonian

$$H_{Lut}(k_x, k_y, k_z) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_o} \begin{bmatrix} H_{hh} & c & -b & 0 \\ c^+ & H_{lh} & 0 & b \\ -b^+ & 0 & H_{lh} & c \\ 0 & b^+ & c^+ & H_{hh} \end{bmatrix} \quad \psi_i = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \cdot |3/2, +3/2\rangle \\ \phi_2 \cdot |3/2, +1/2\rangle \\ \phi_3 \cdot |3/2, -1/2\rangle \\ \phi_4 \cdot |3/2, -3/2\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

4-vector representation based on spin-projection

$$H_{hh} = (k_x^2 + k_y^2)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) + k_z^2(\gamma_1 - 2\gamma_2)$$

$$H_{lh} = (k_x^2 + k_y^2)(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) + k_z^2(\gamma_1 + 2\gamma_2)$$

$$b = 2\sqrt{3}\gamma_3(k_x - ik_y)k_z$$

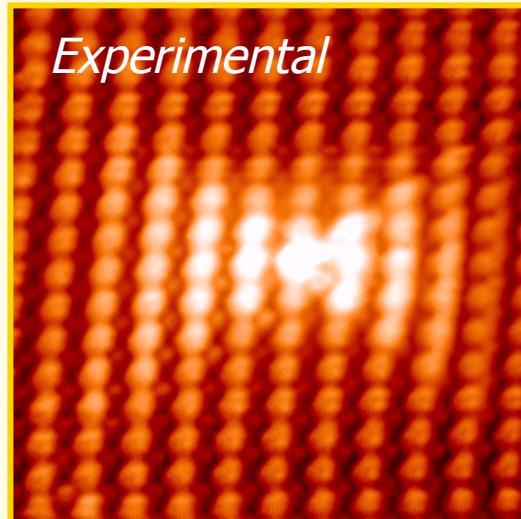
$$c = -\sqrt{3}[\gamma_2(k_x^2 - k_y^2) - 2i\gamma_3 k_x k_y]$$

γ_1, γ_2 and γ_3
Luttinger parameters

In confined systems the light and heavy hole bands are mixed

$\gamma_2 = \gamma_3$ isotropic dispersion

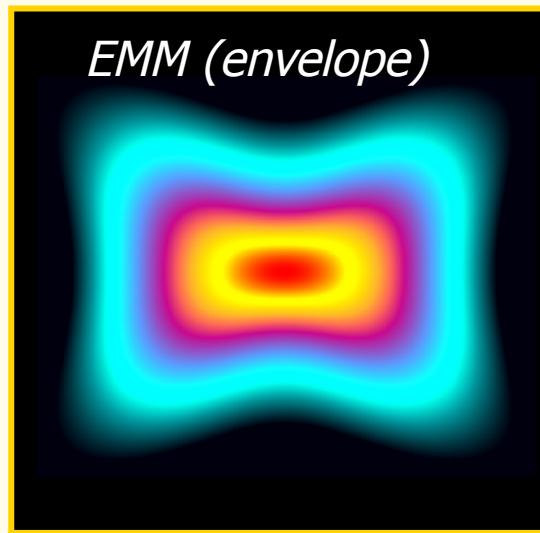
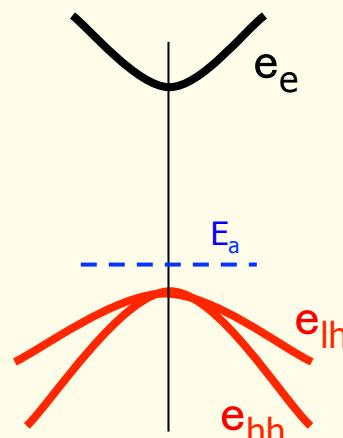
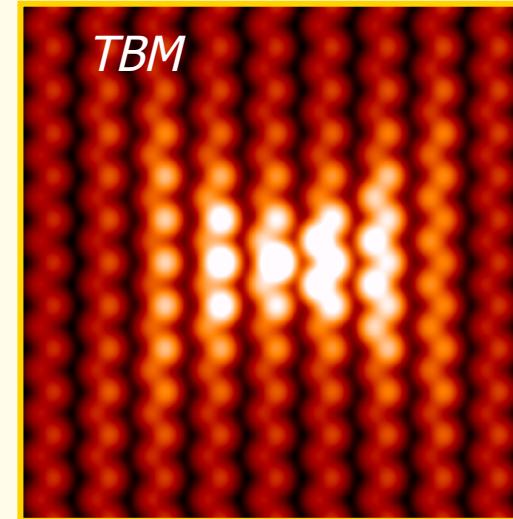
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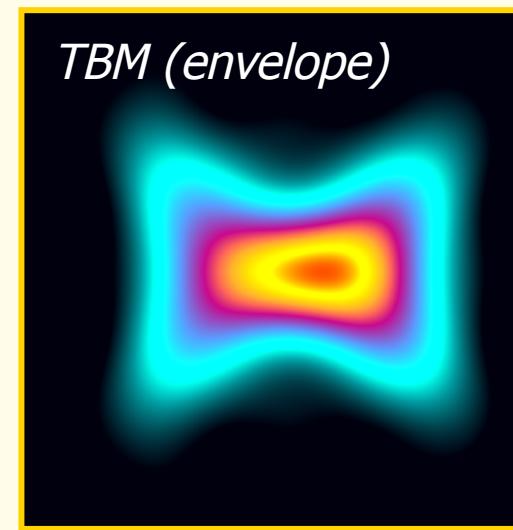
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Cubic symmetry selects d-states contributing to the ground state envelope with T_2 symmetry

Yakunin et al. PRL **92**, 216806 (2004)

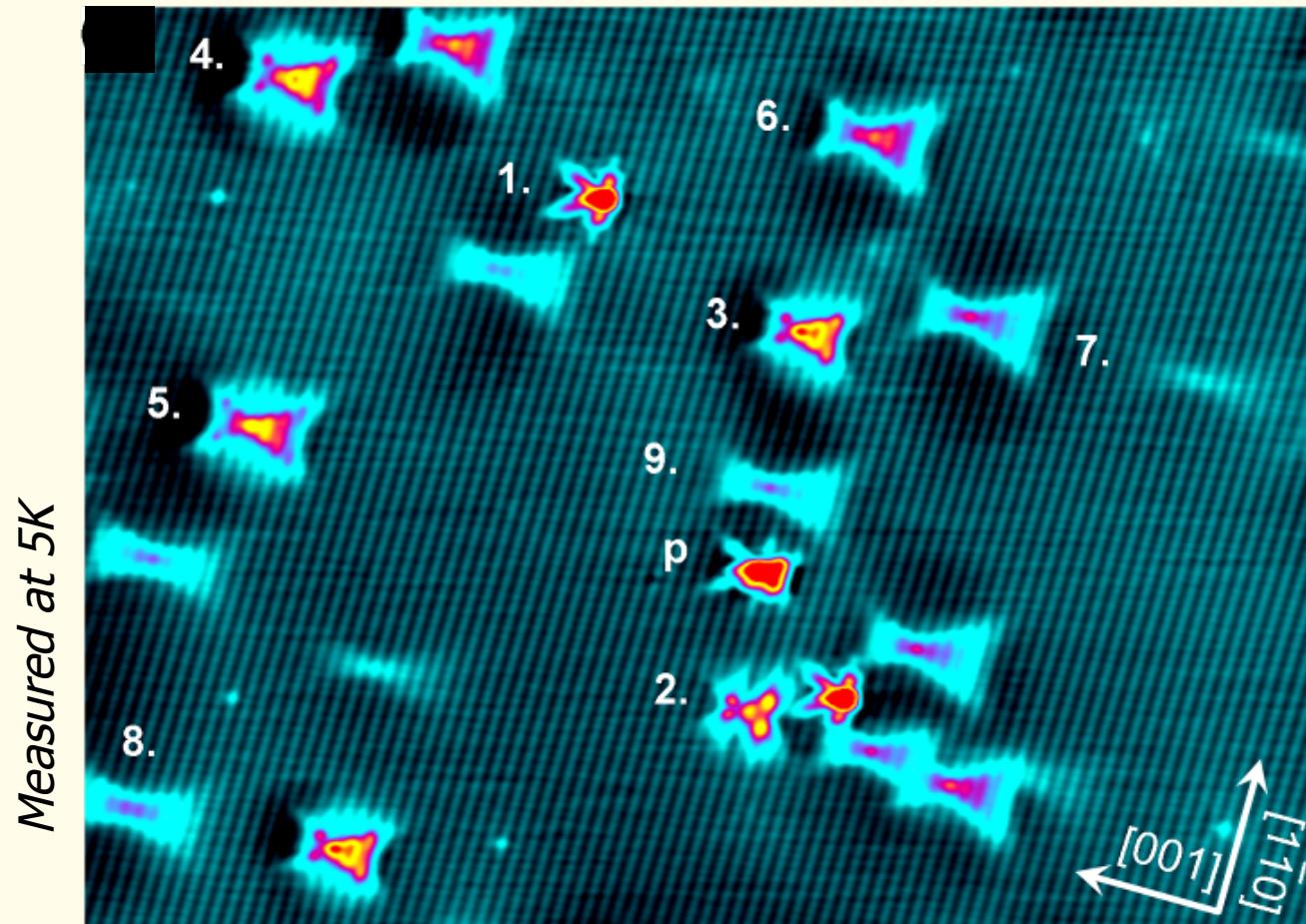


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Mn Doped GaAs

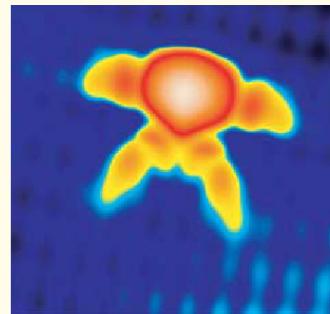


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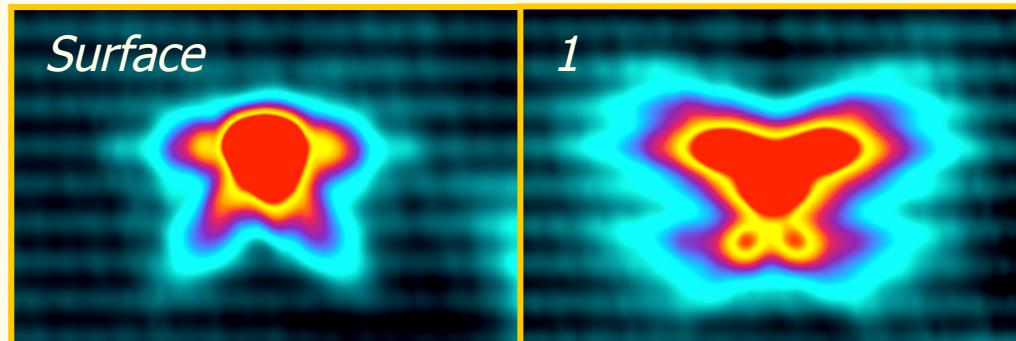
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Depth dependent contrast

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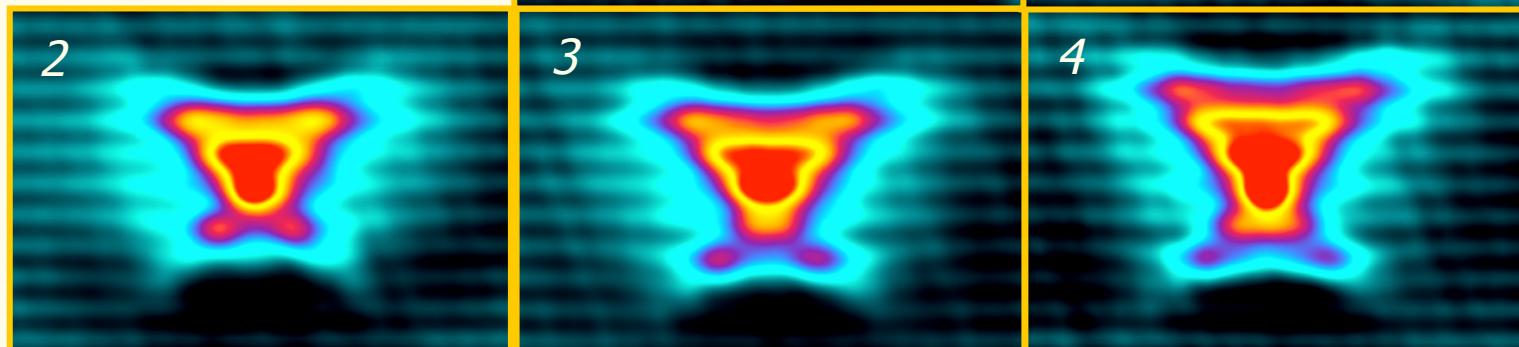


Surface Mn



Surface

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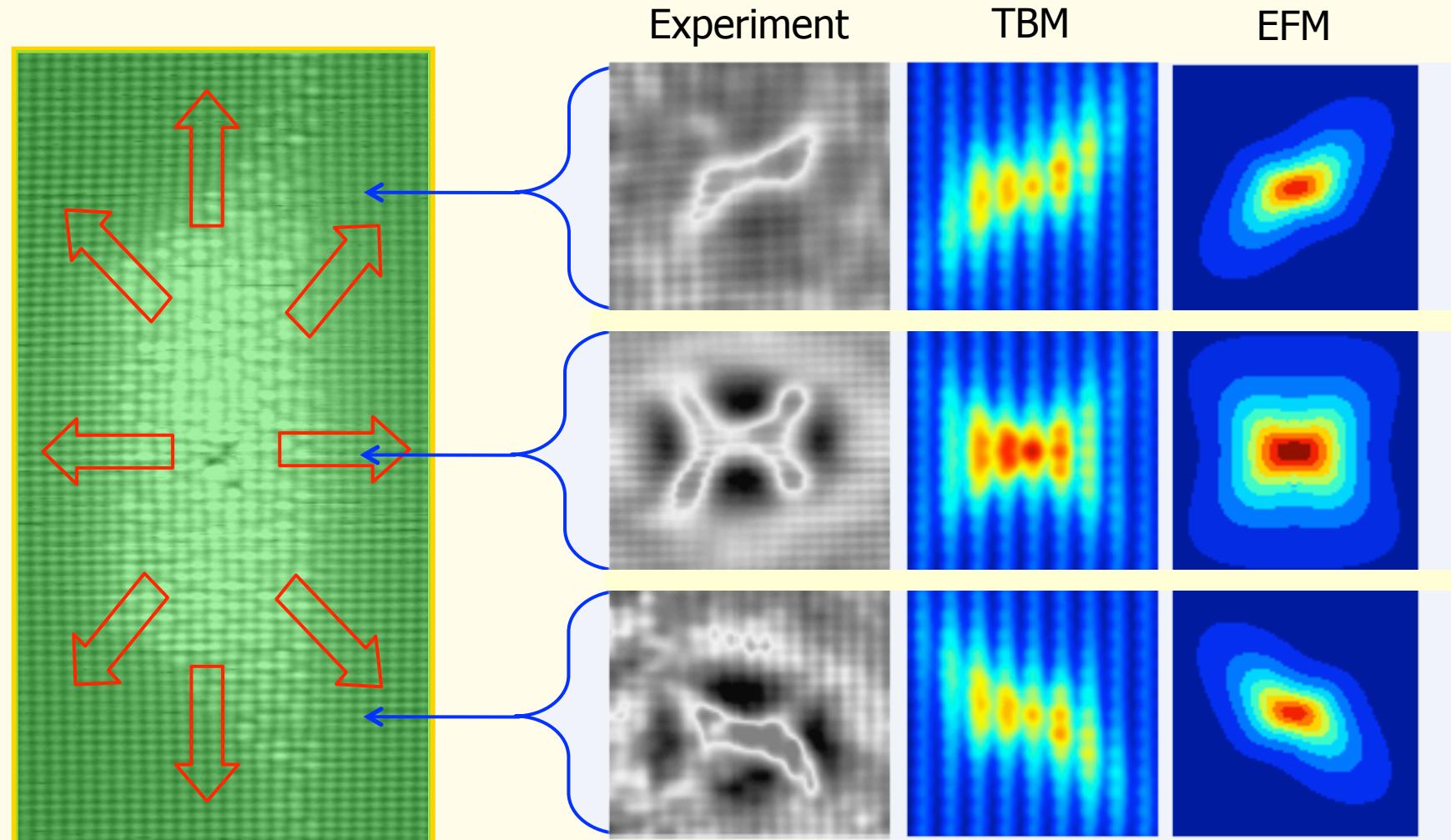
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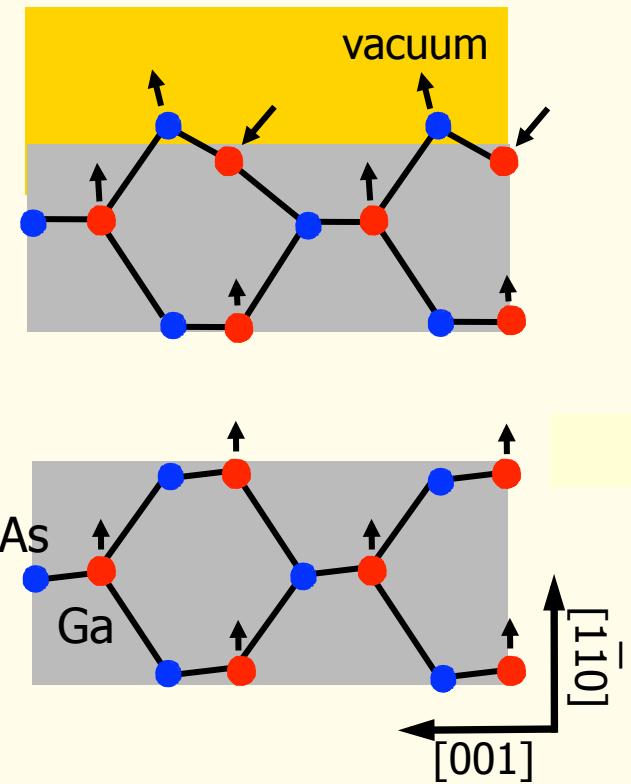
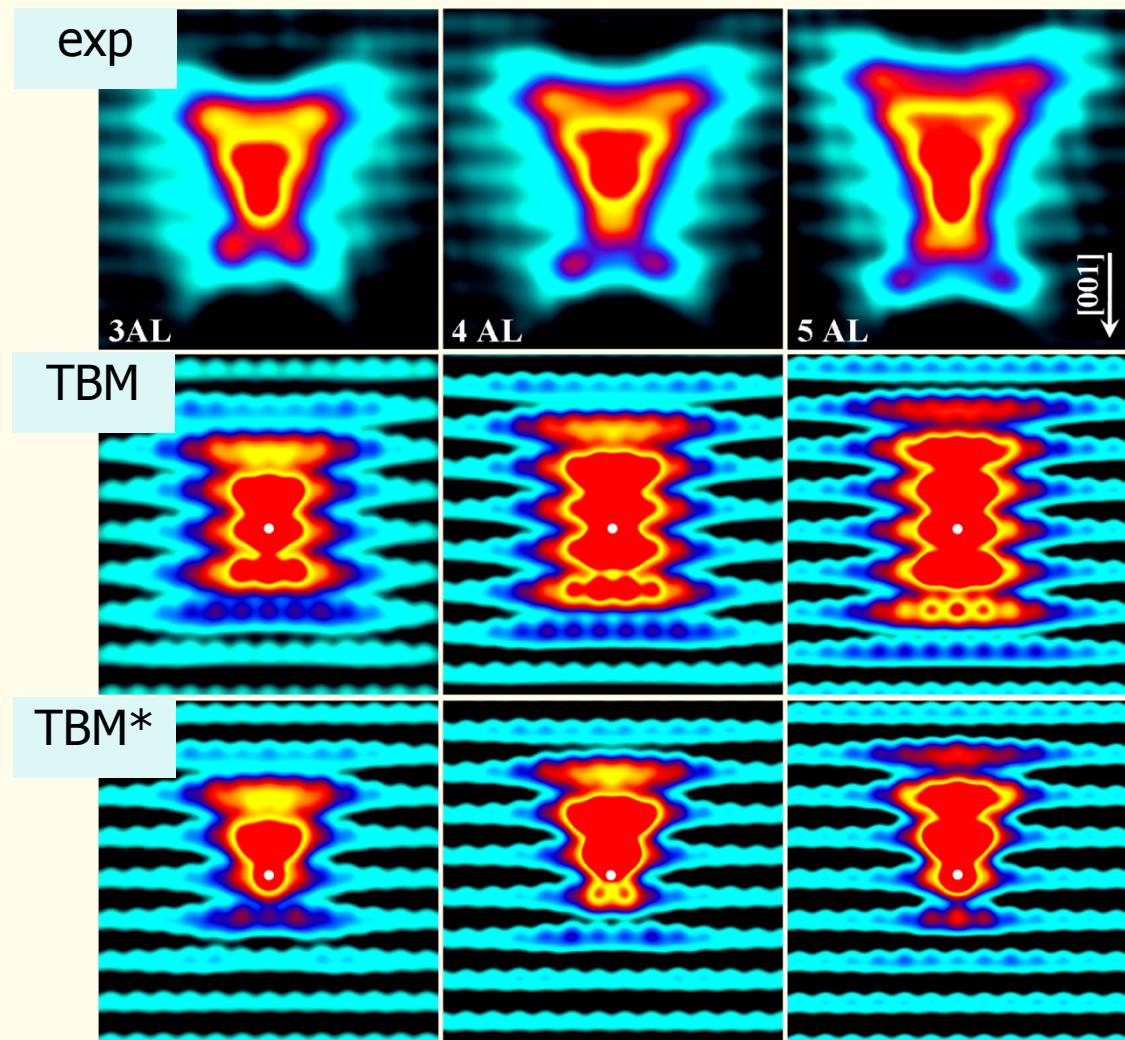
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Strained Mn impurities



A. Yakunin *et al*, *Nature Materials* **6**, 512 (2007)

Effect of Surface relaxation



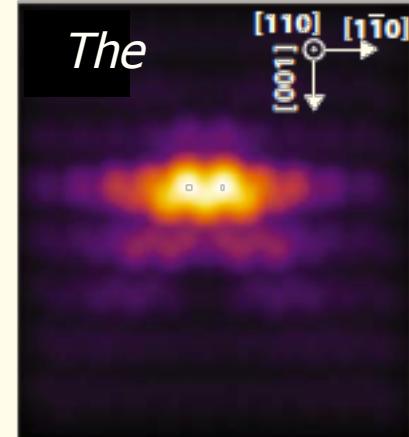
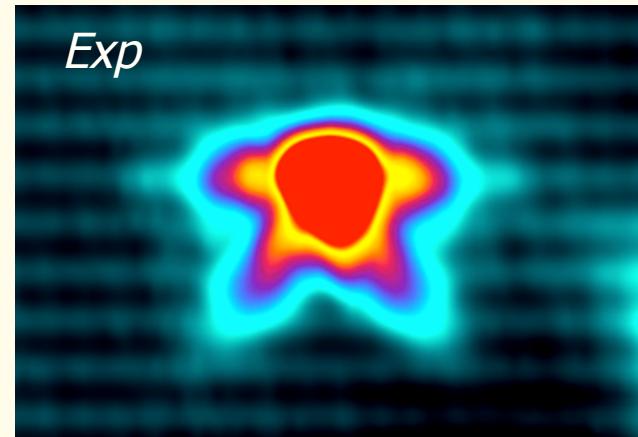
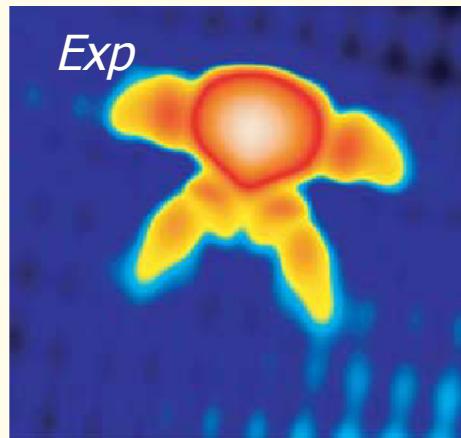
Ga sublattice shifted by
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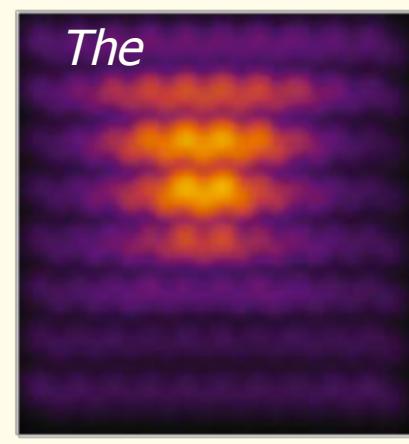
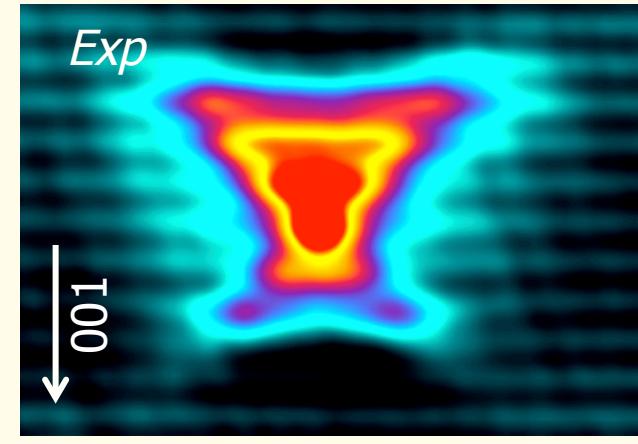
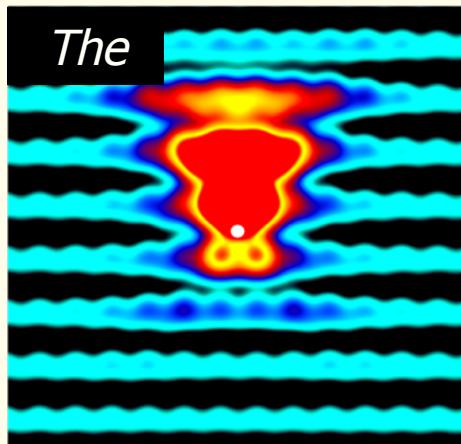
Mn Contrast

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surface



4th sublayer

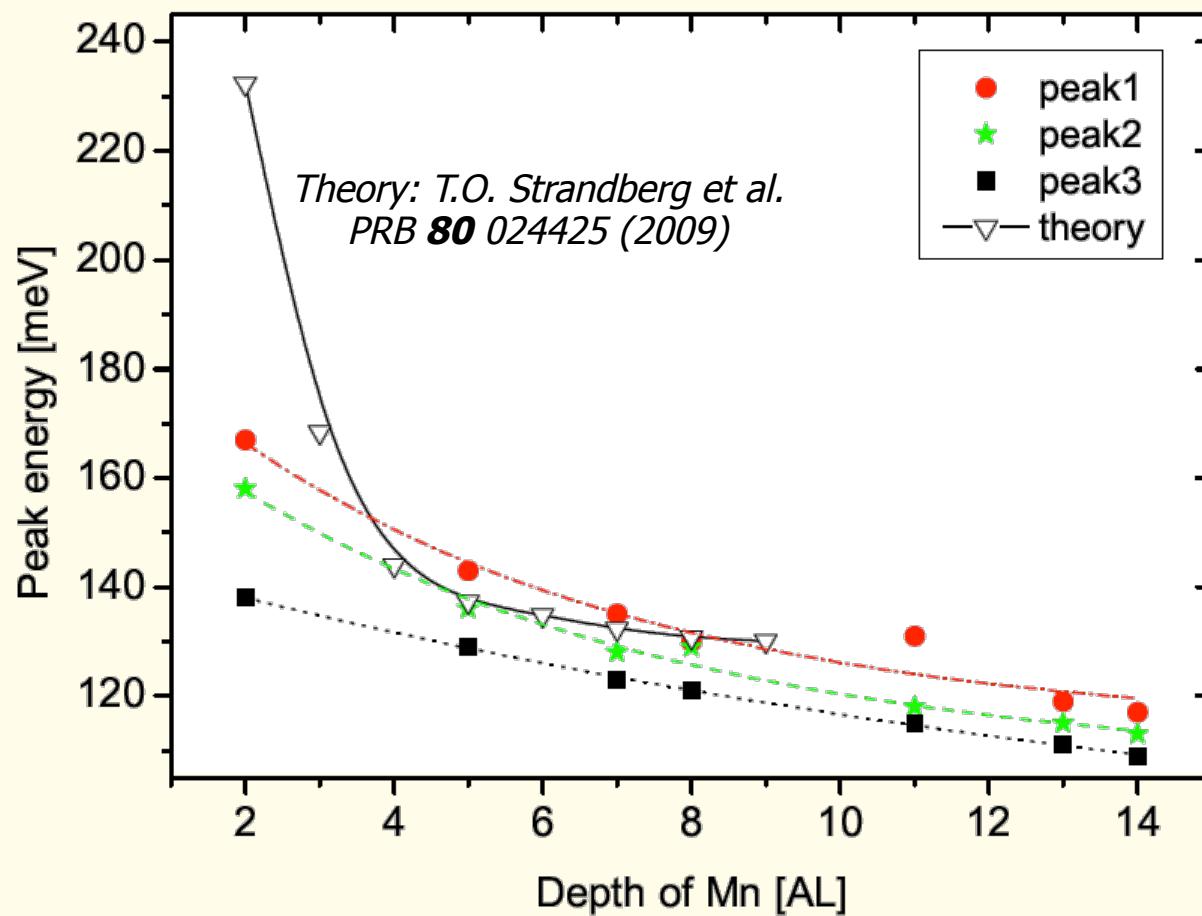


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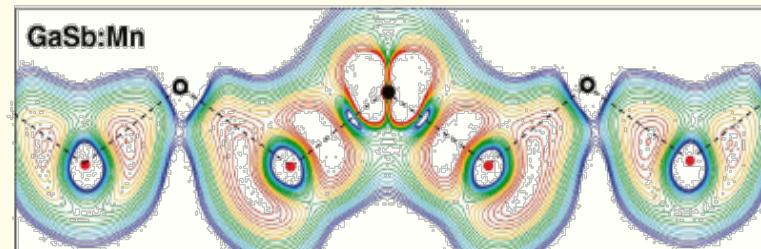
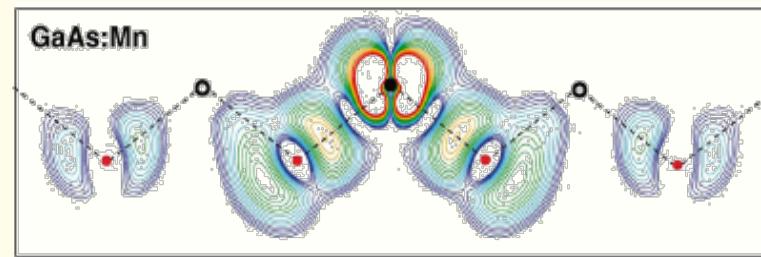
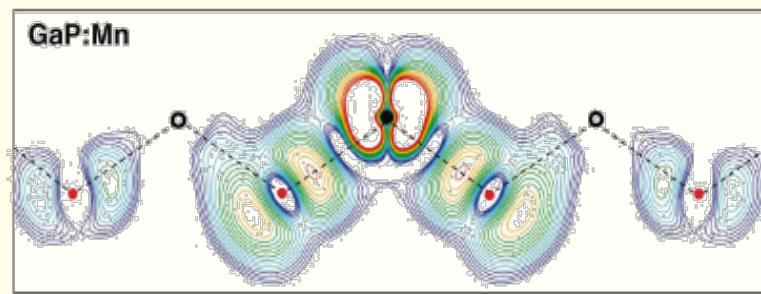
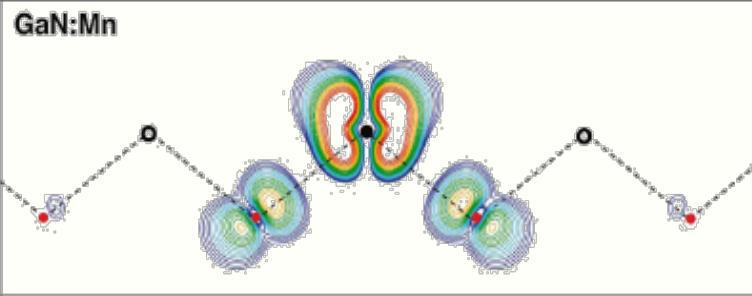
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Binding Energy Mn Acceptor



J. Garleff et al PRB **82** 035303 (2010)

Shallow versus Deep Impurities



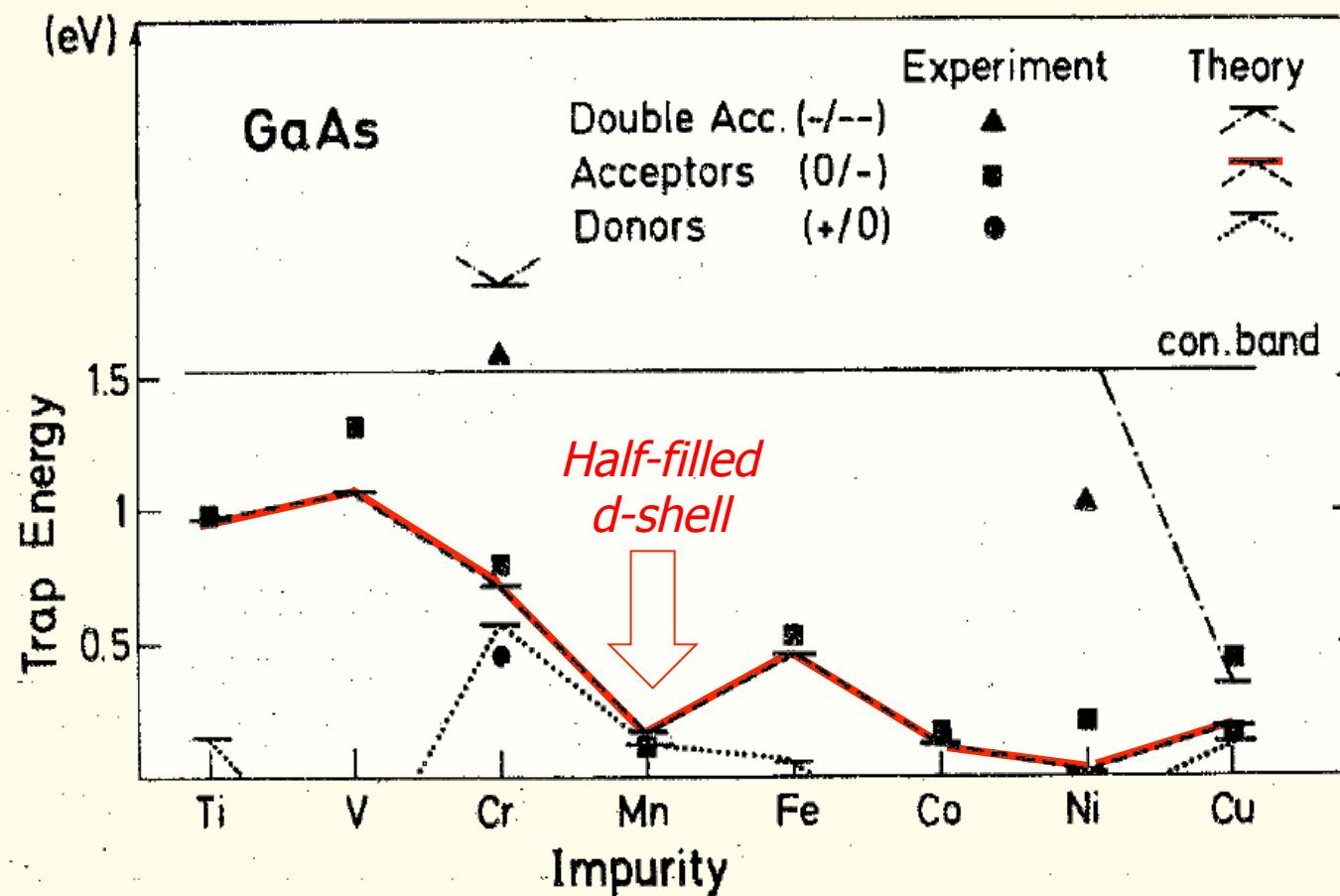
Shallow impurities

- Long range confining potential mostly Coulombic ($1/r$)
- Effective mass modeling
- Large Bohr-radius, small binding energy
- Examples in GaAs: Si, Zn, Be, Sn

Deep impurities

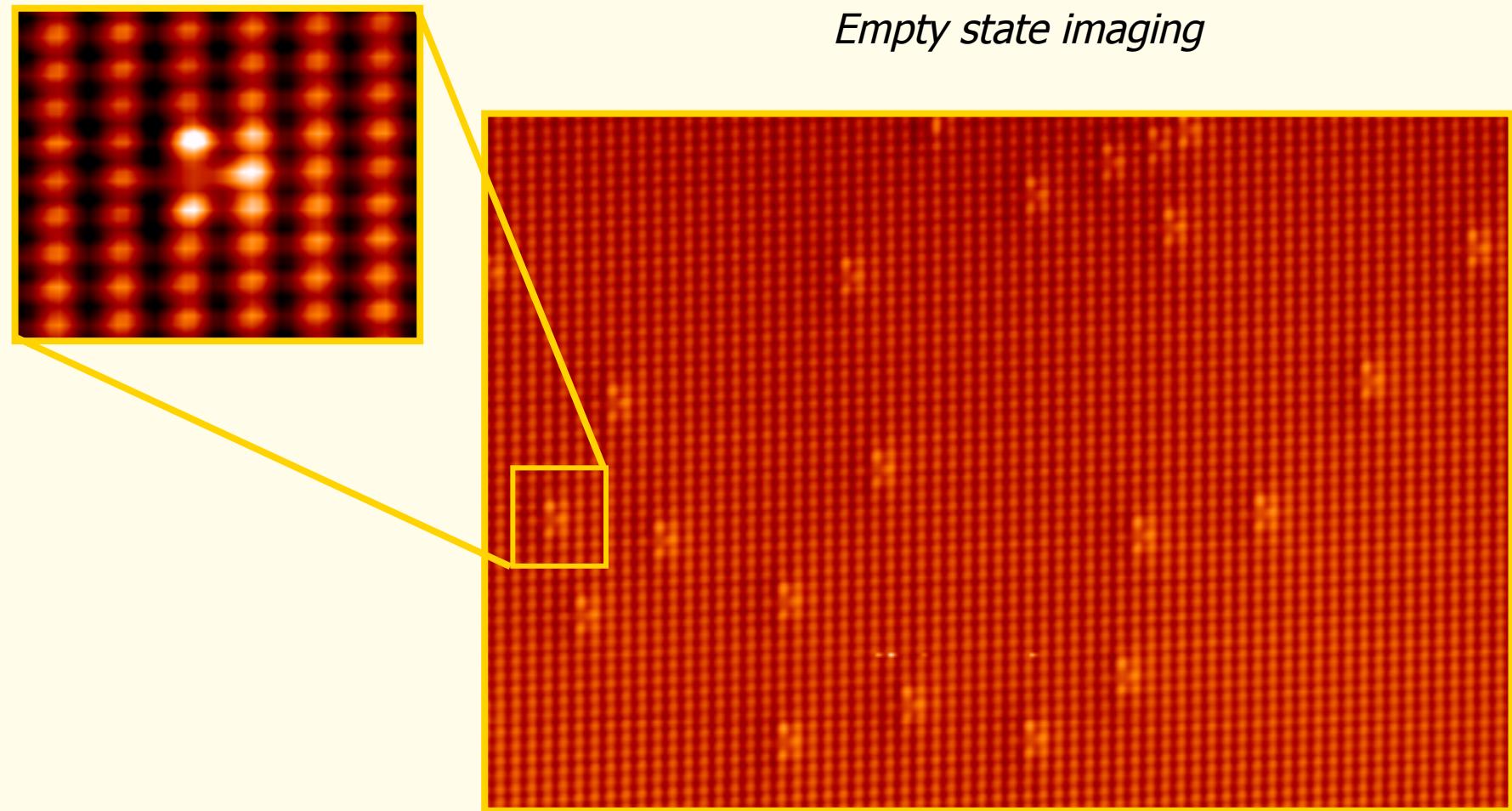
- Atomic scale confining potential strongly non-Coulombic
- Advanced atomistic modeling
- Strongly localized, large binding energy
- Examples in GaAs: Fe, Cr, Er

Transition Metal Impurities in GaAs



P. Vogl and J.M. Baranowski, Acta Physica Polonica A **67**, 133 (1985)

Cr doped GaP

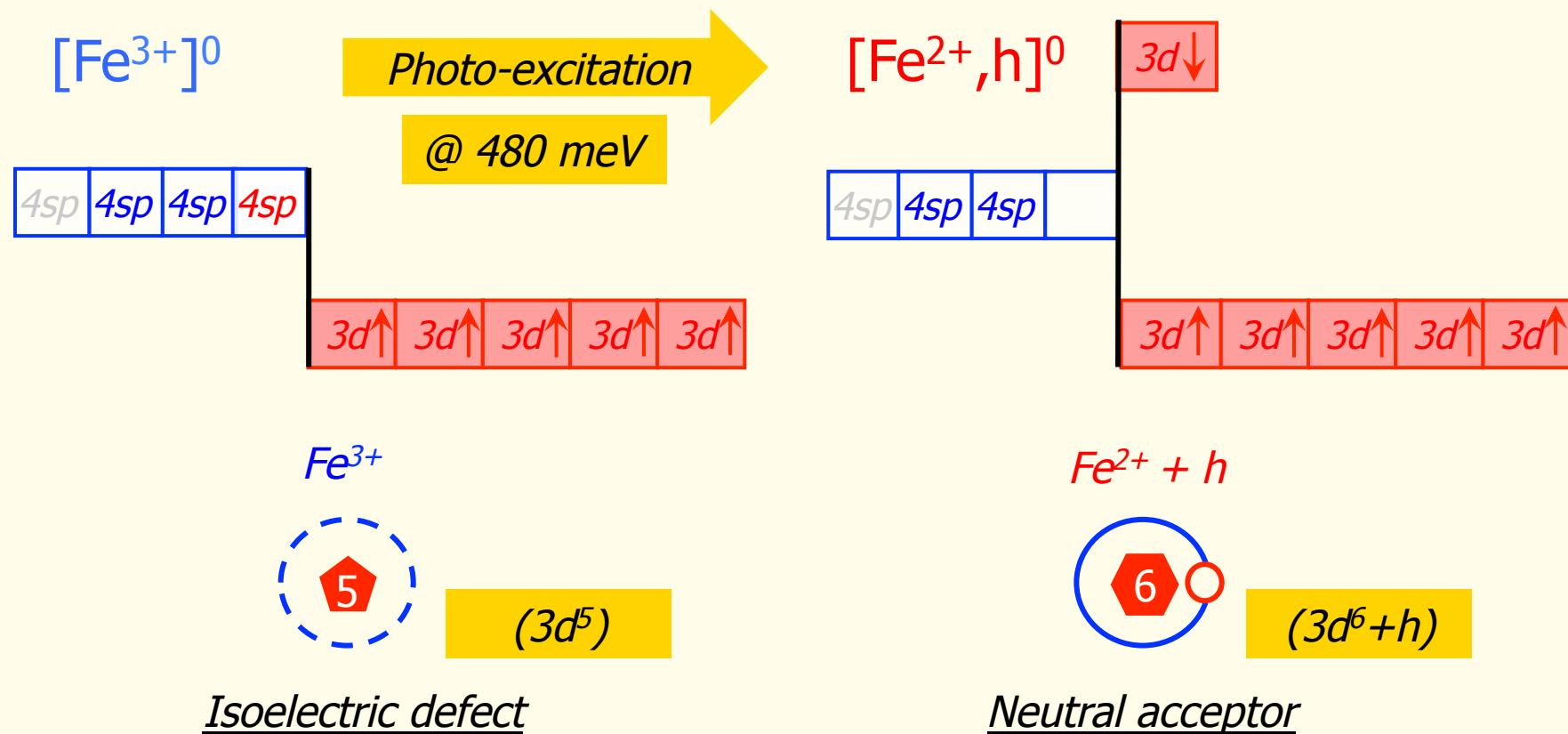


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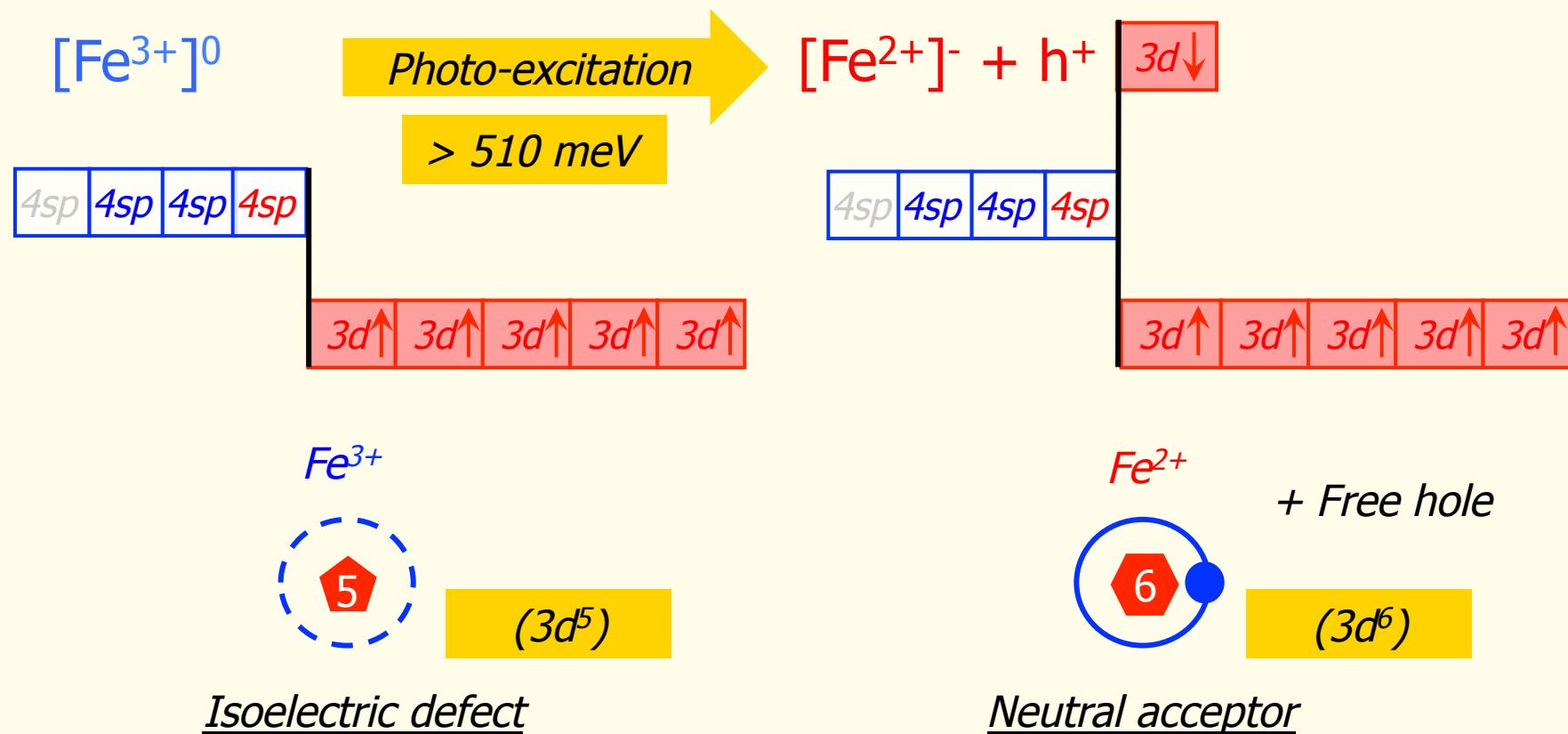
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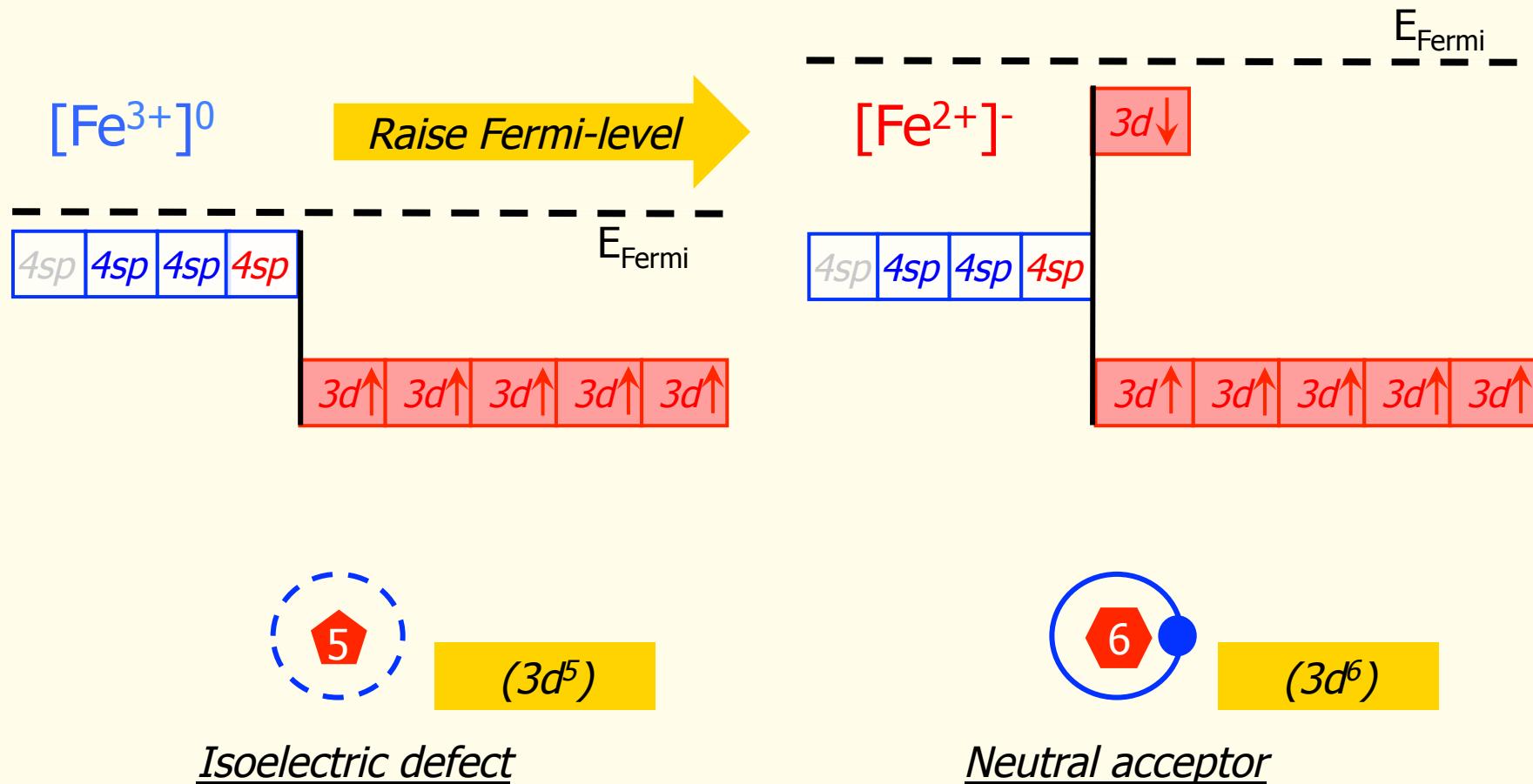
Electronic Structure Fe in GaAs



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Charge Transfer Level Fe in III/V

acceptor

[Fe²⁺]⁻

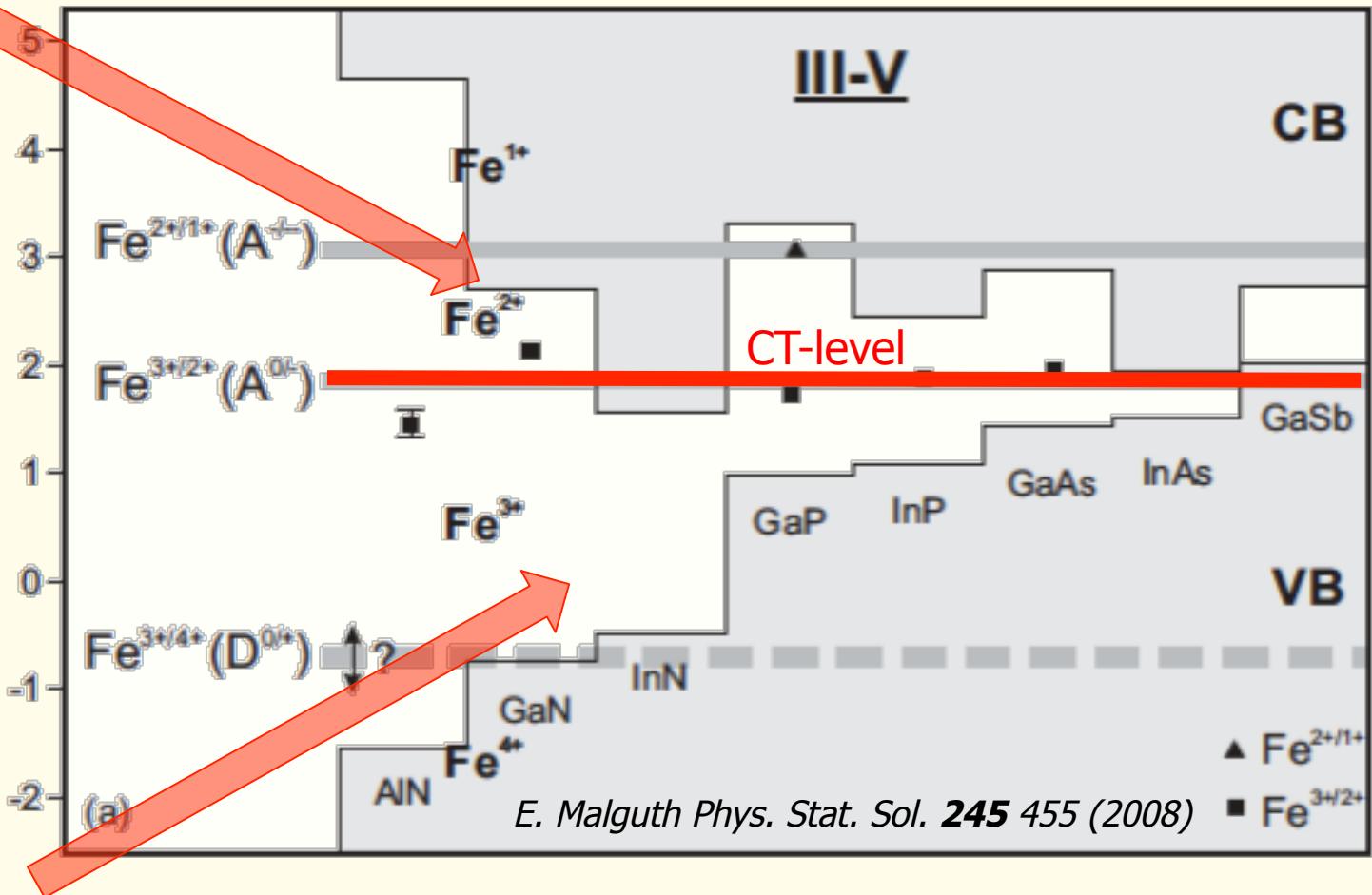


Energy (eV)

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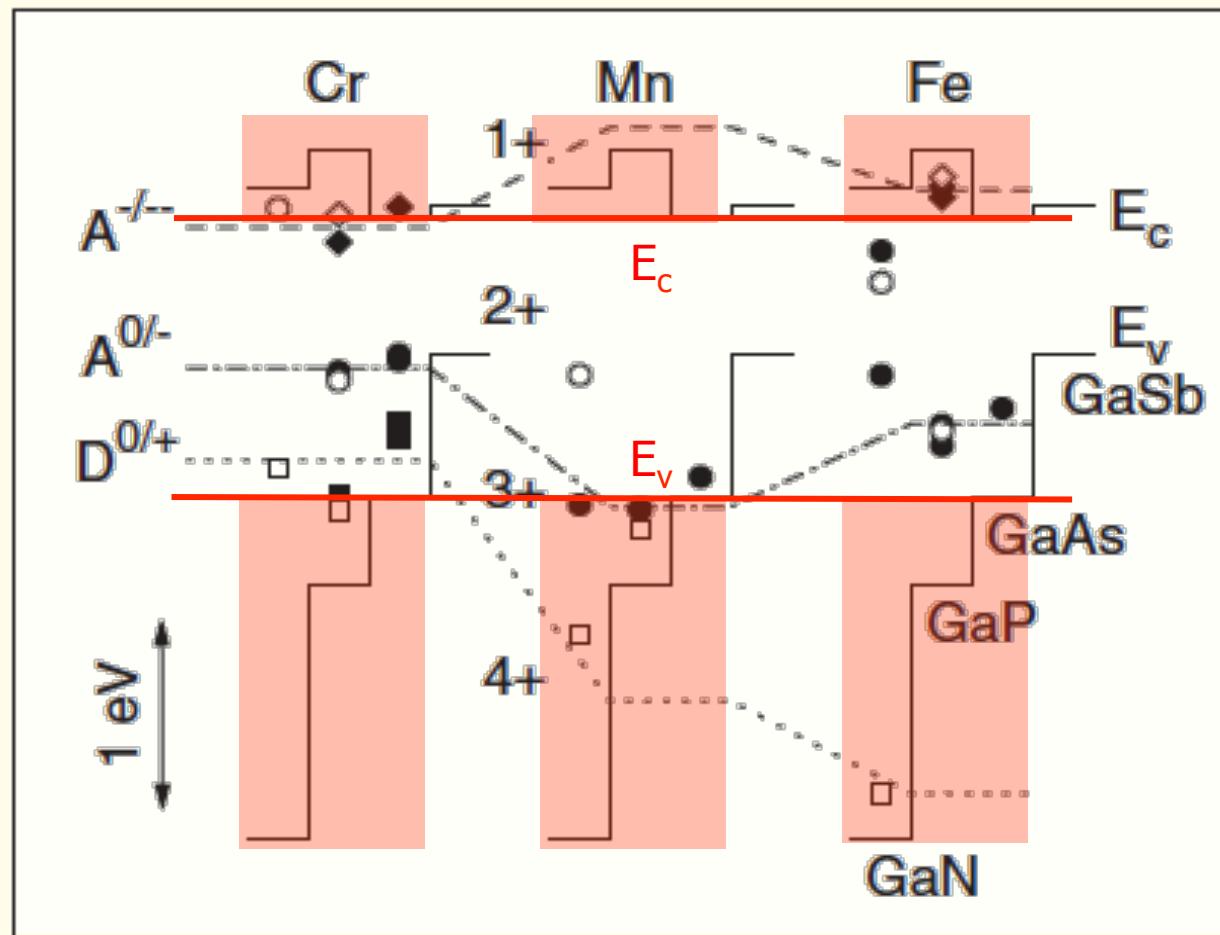


Isoelectric defect



Charge state Fe depends on position Fermi level

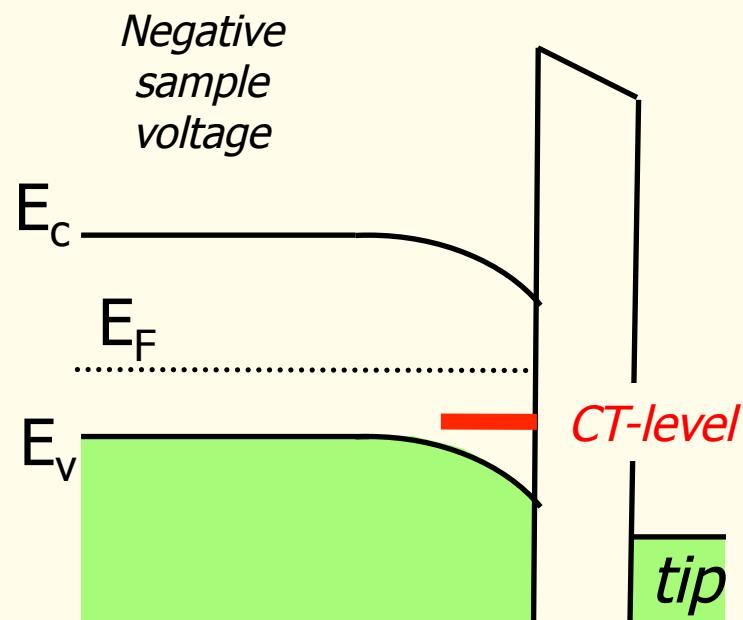
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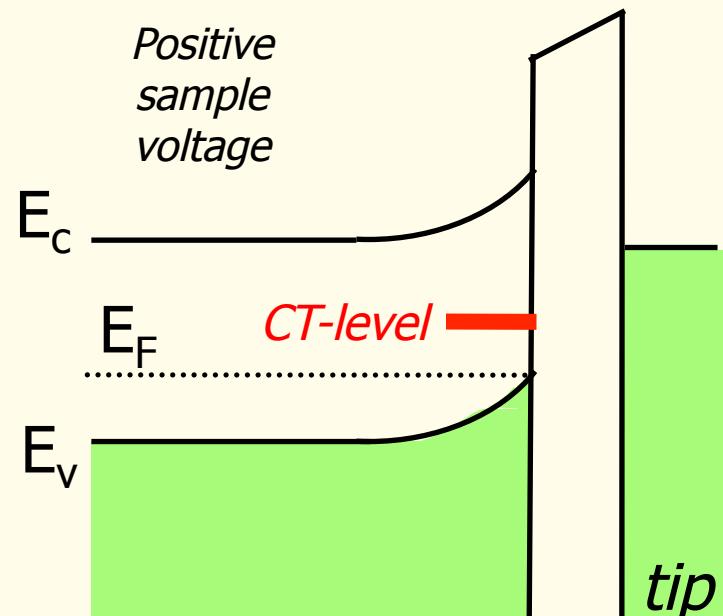
Manipulation of the Fe valence state

$[Fe^{2+}]^-$ charged acceptor



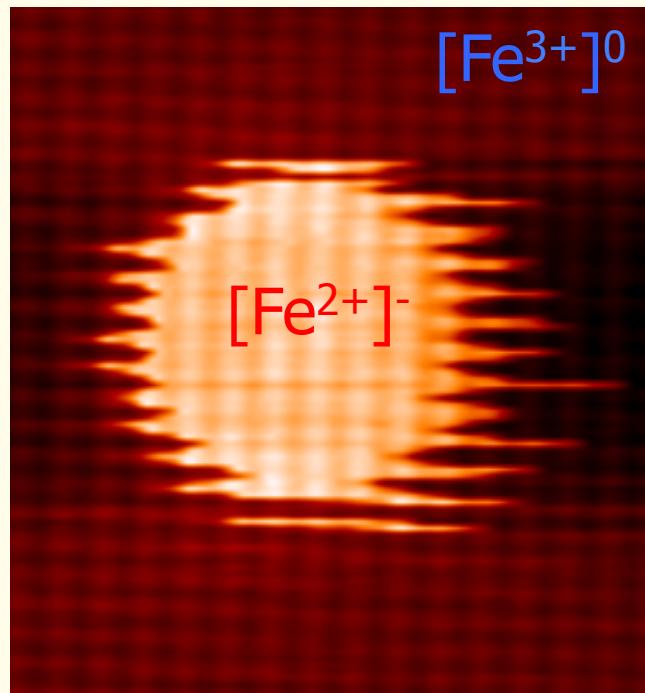
At large negative voltage
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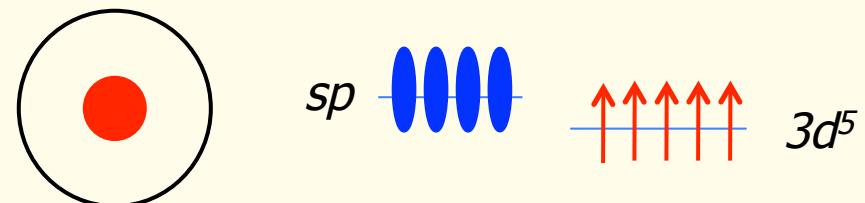


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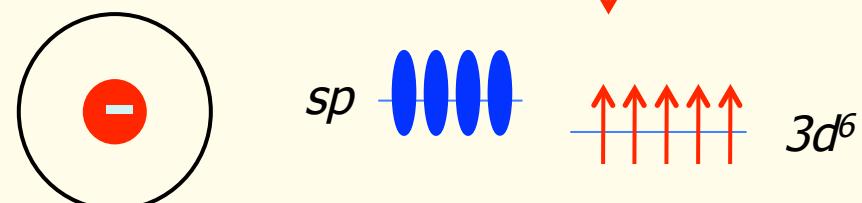
Manipulation of Valence State of Fe by STM tip



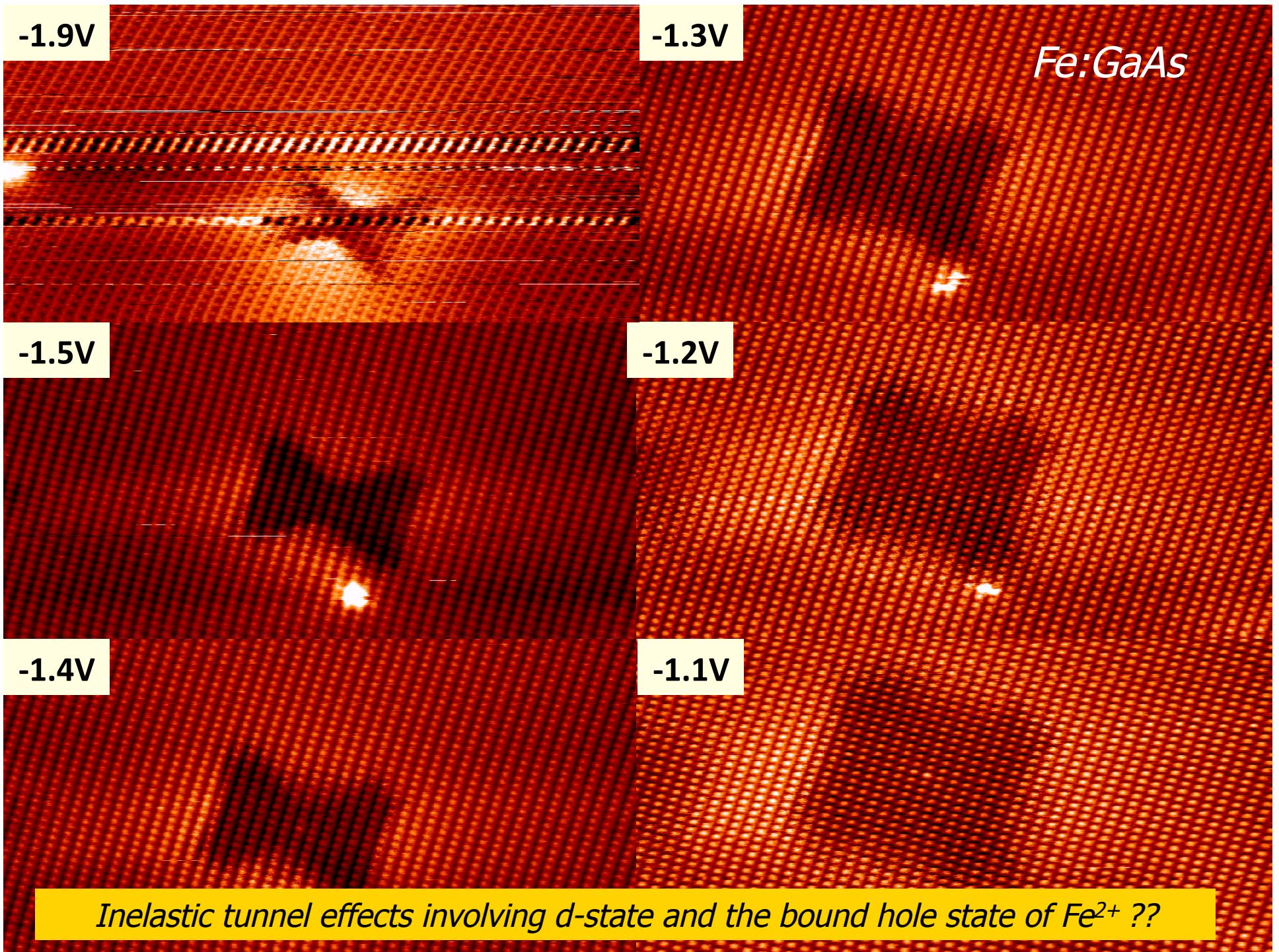
[$\text{Fe}^{3+}]^0$ *iso-electronic dopant*



[$\text{Fe}^{2+}]^-$ *ionized acceptor*



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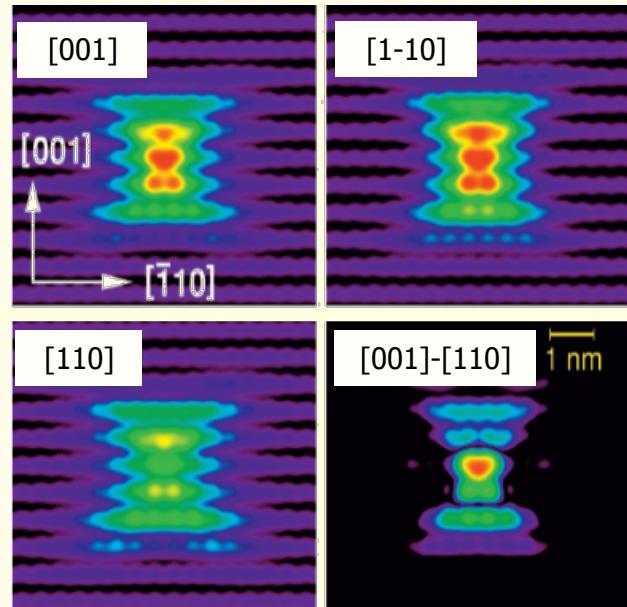


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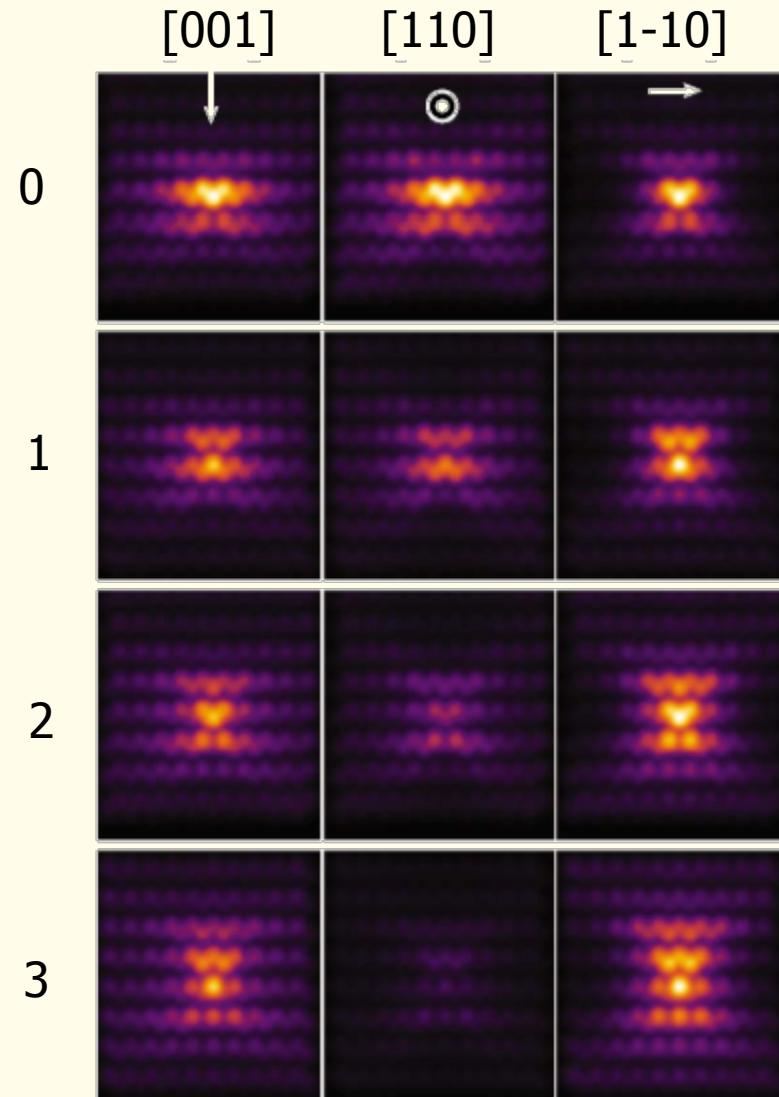
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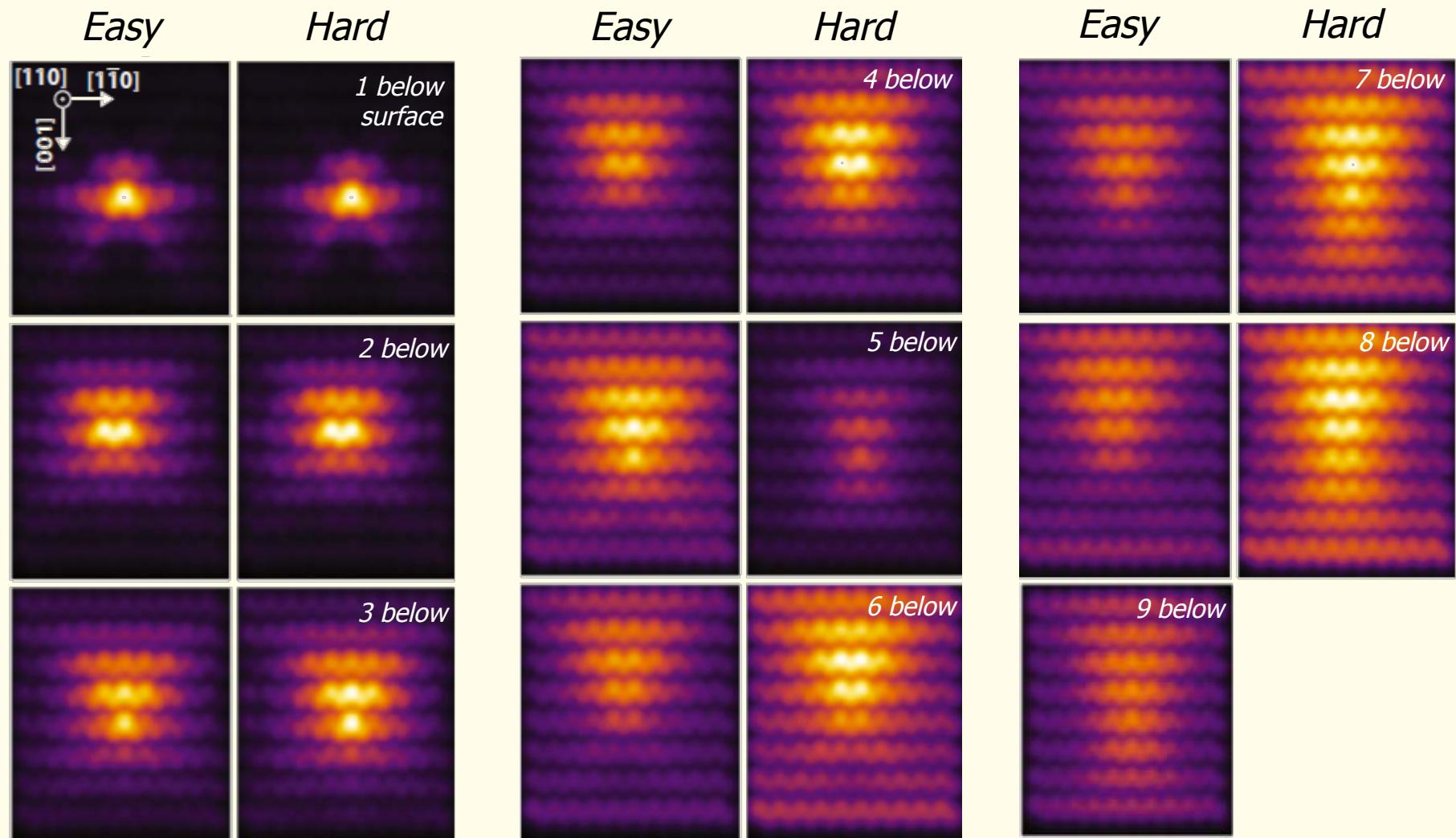


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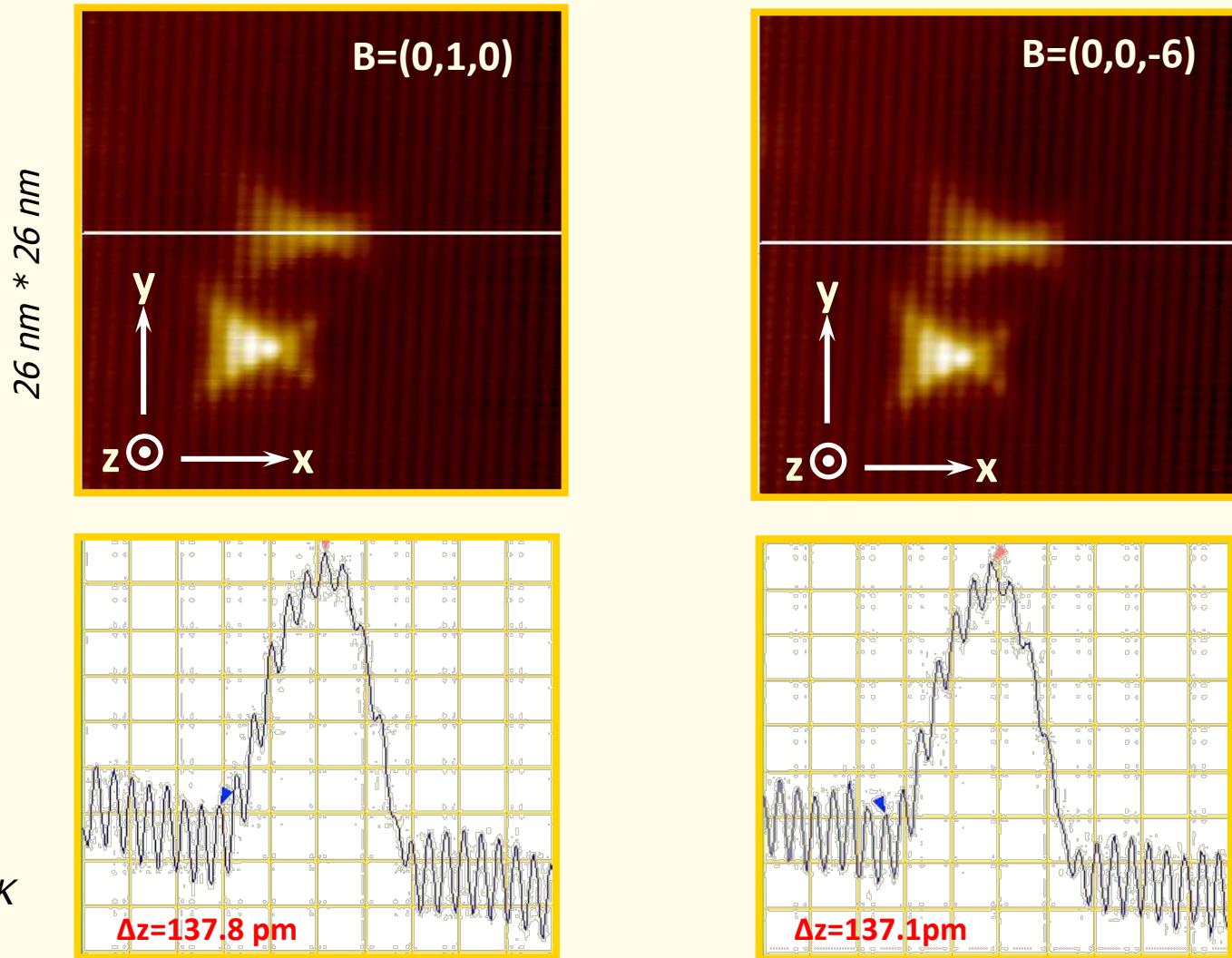
Depth Dependence Mn Contrast



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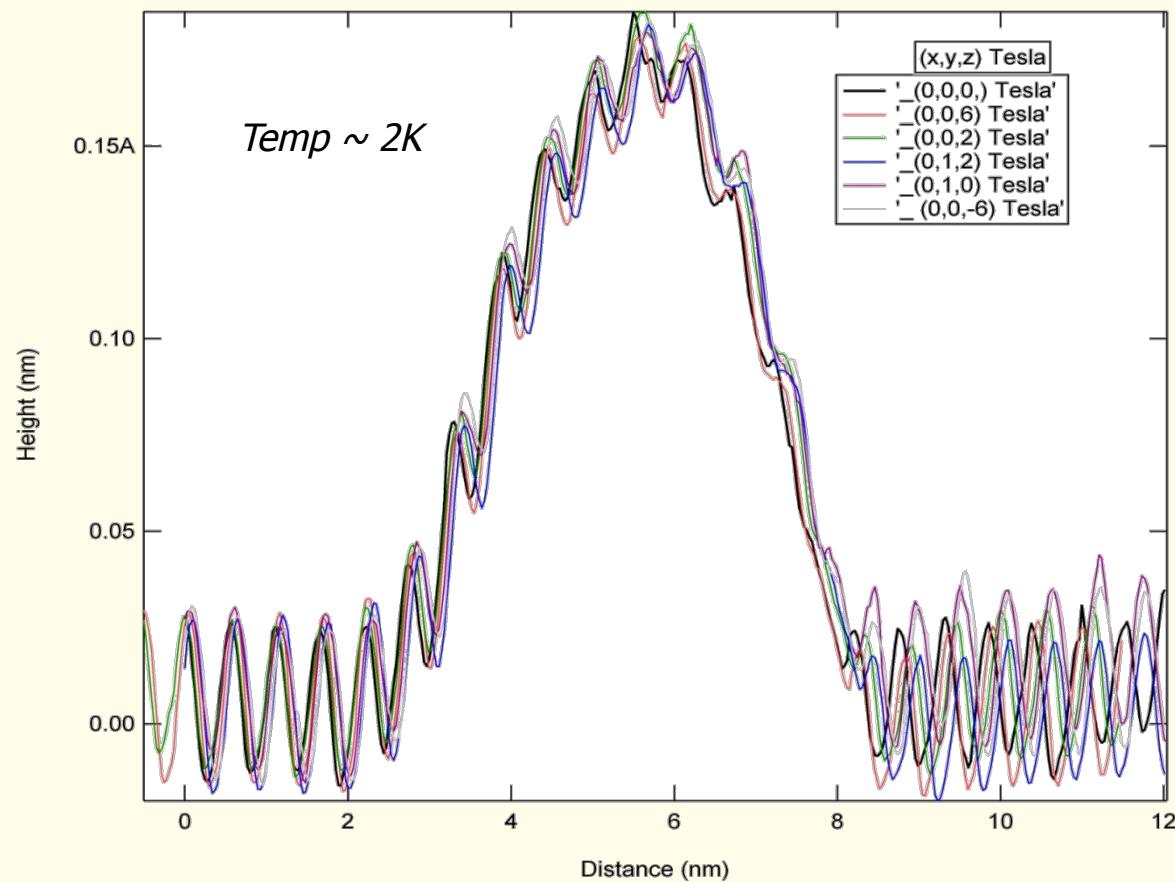
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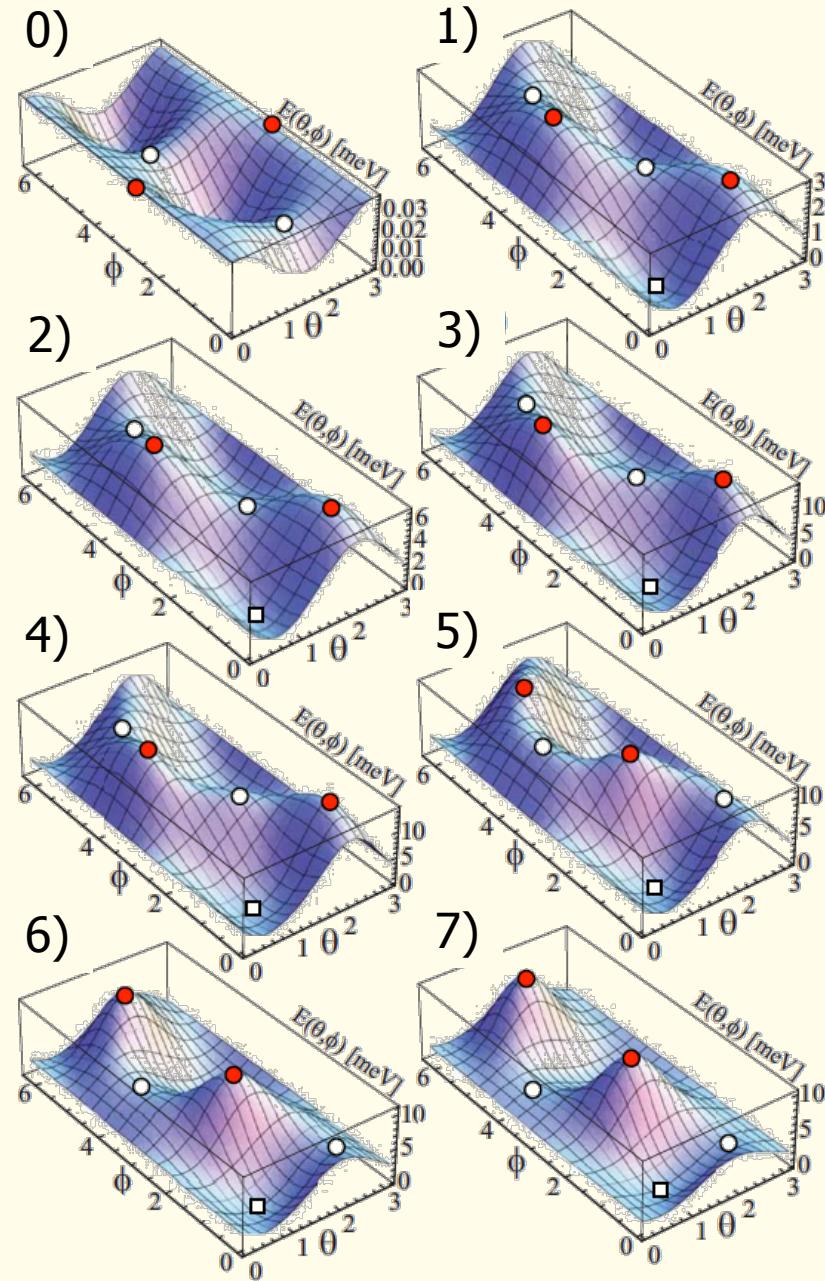
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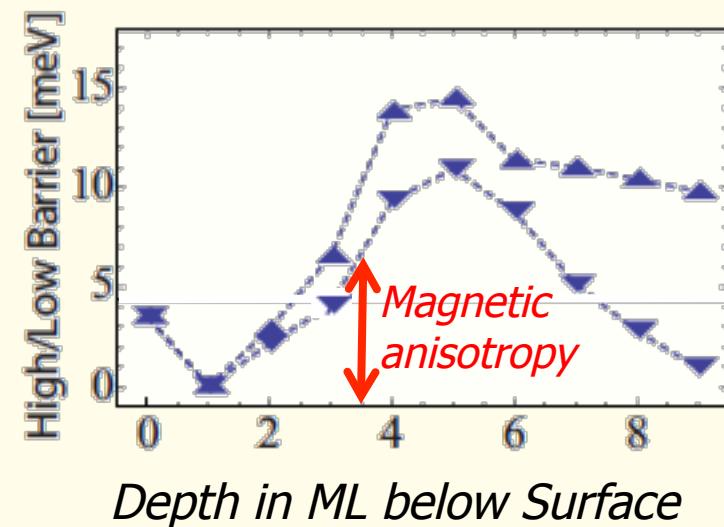
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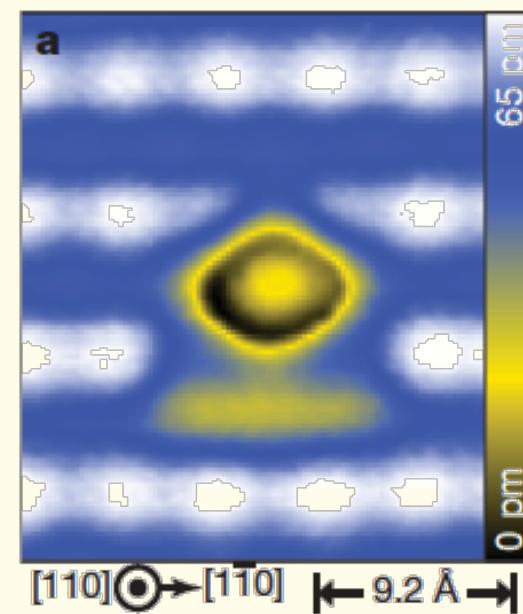
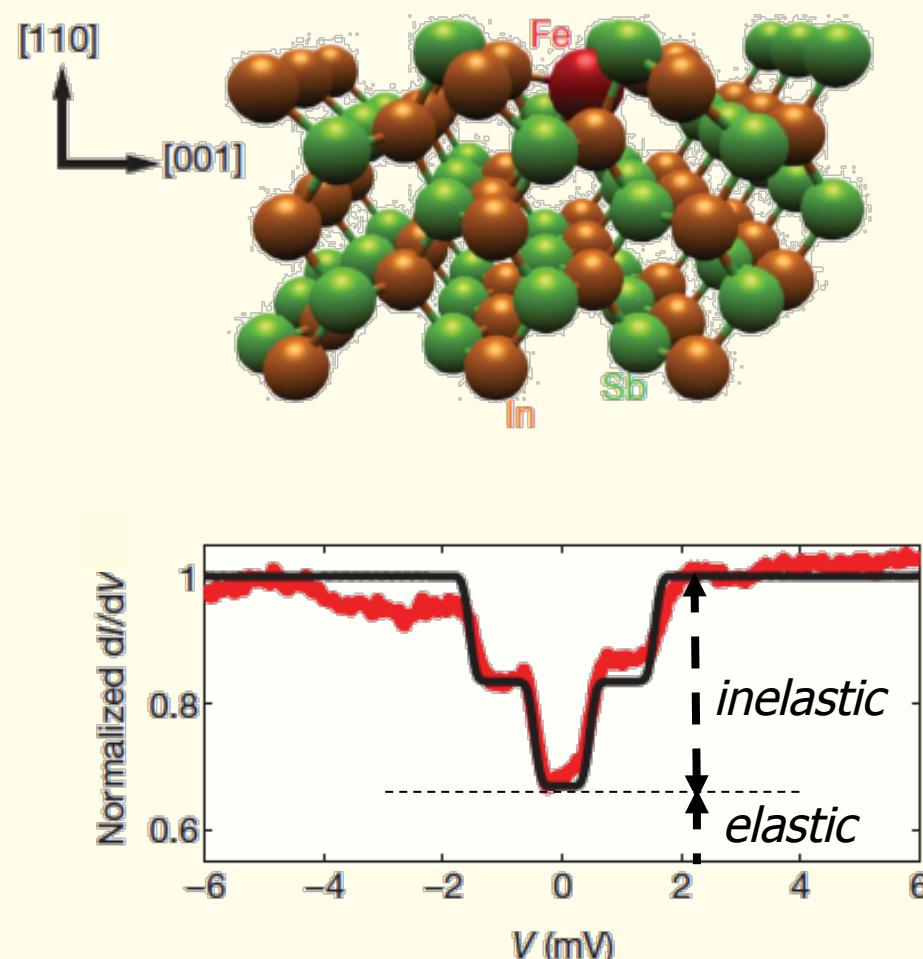
Magnetic anisotropy as function of depth below surface

- Minimal energy
- Low barrier
- High barrier



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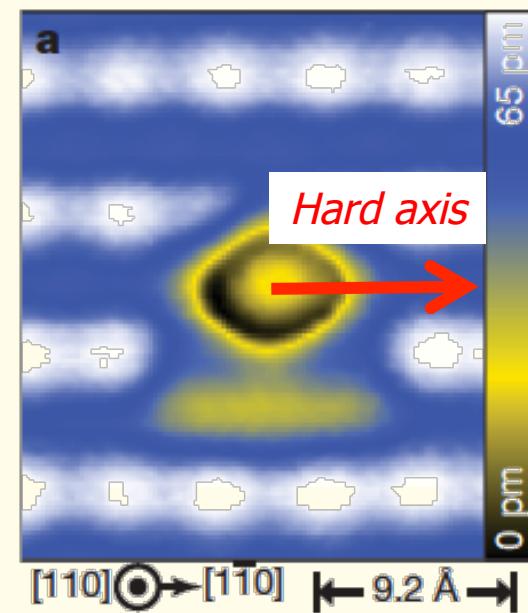
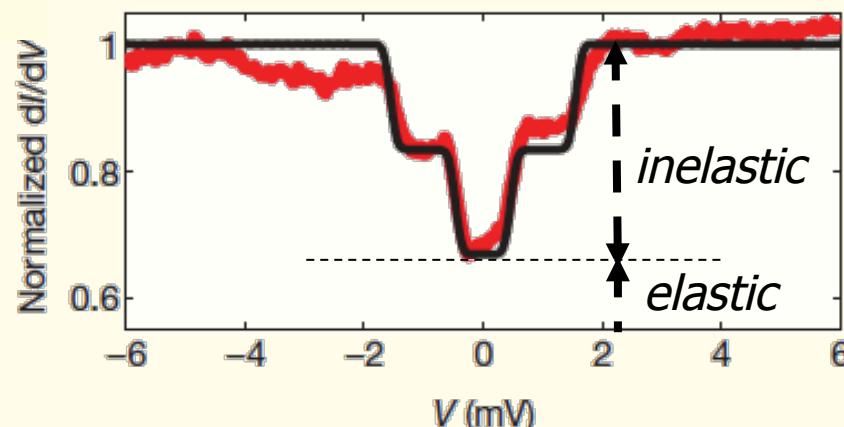


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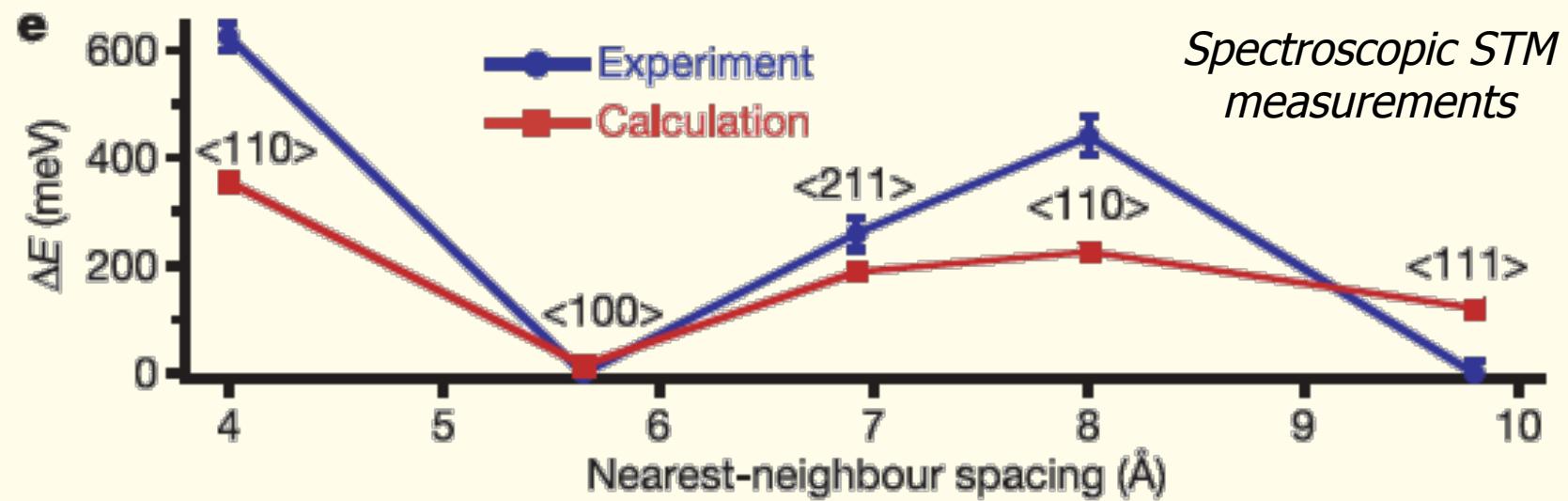
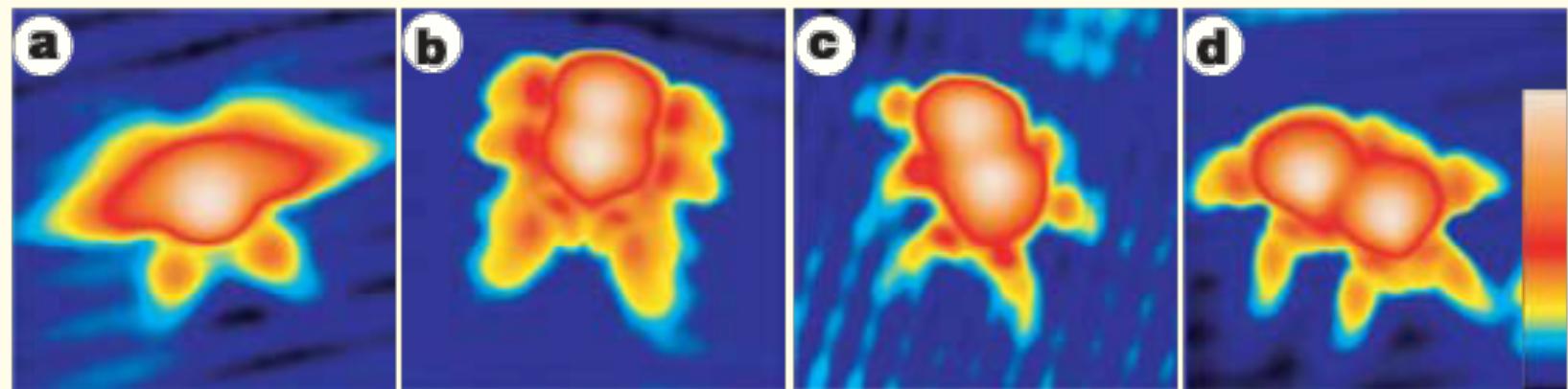
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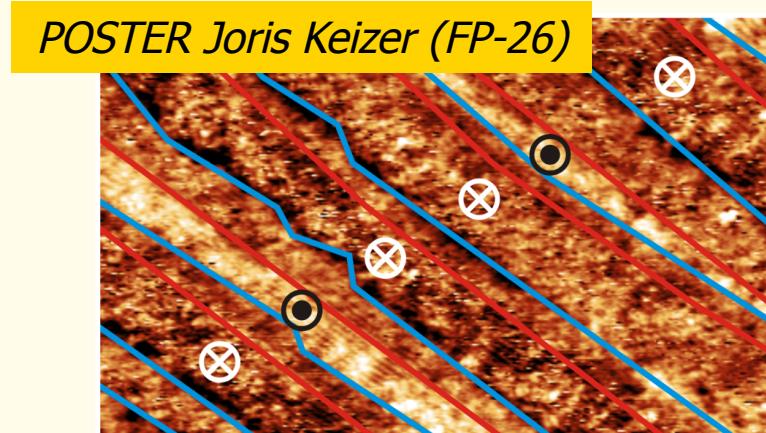
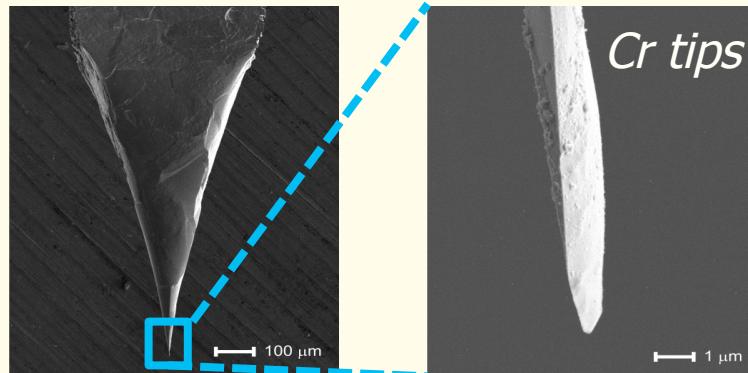
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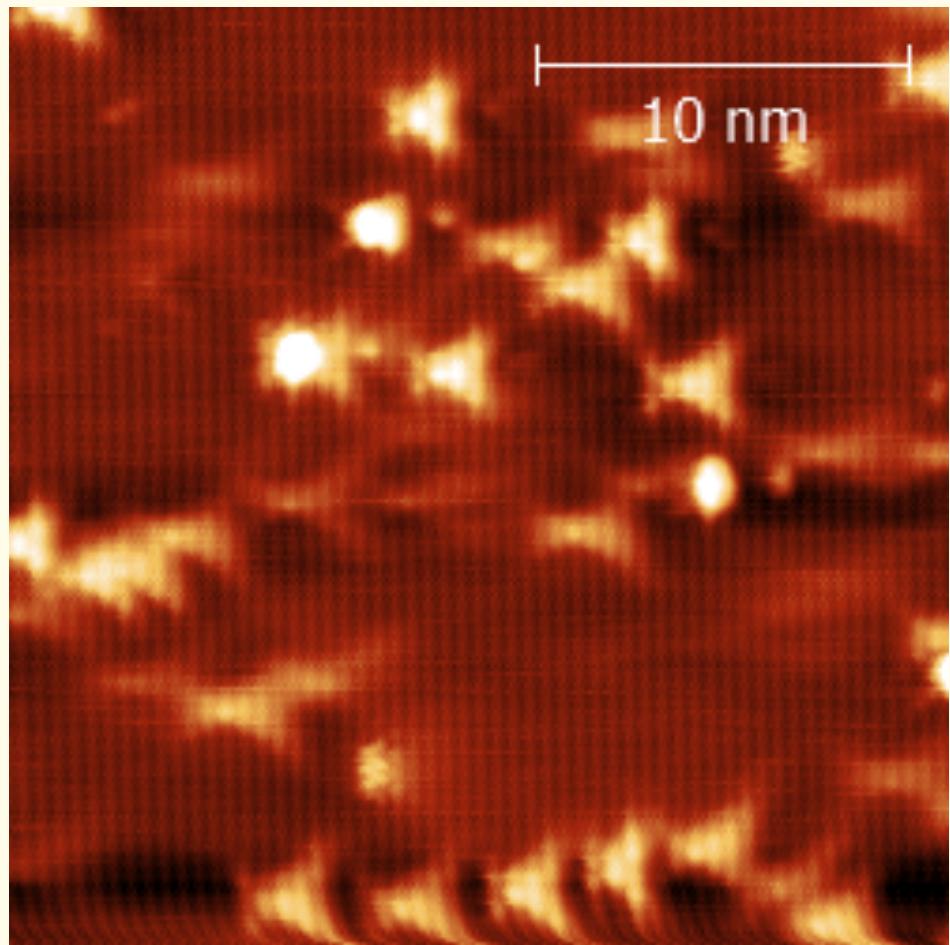


Spin-Polarized Tunneling on Mn

Schlenhoff et al. APL **97**, 083104 (2010)



*out-of-plane magnetization
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Atomic resolution with Cr tip on Mn:GaAs

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