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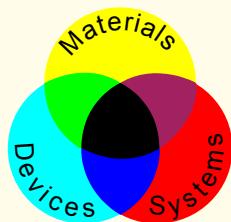
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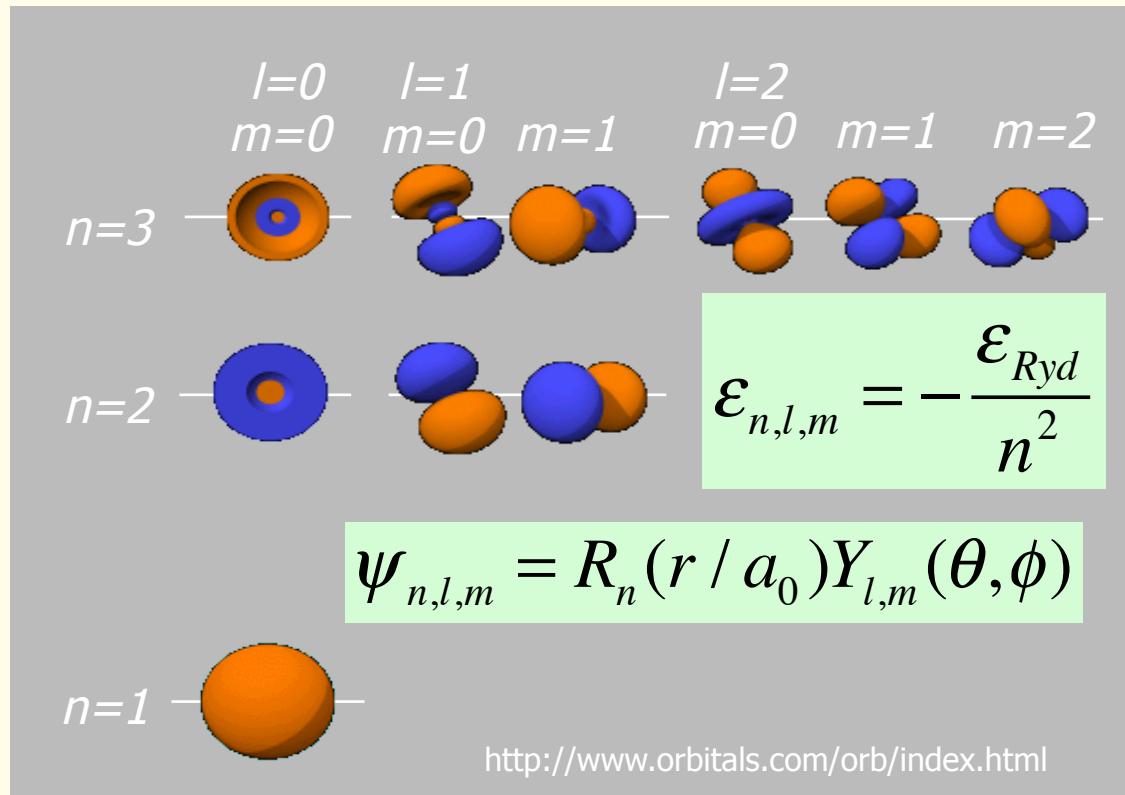


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# Atomic States Hydrogen

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



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

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

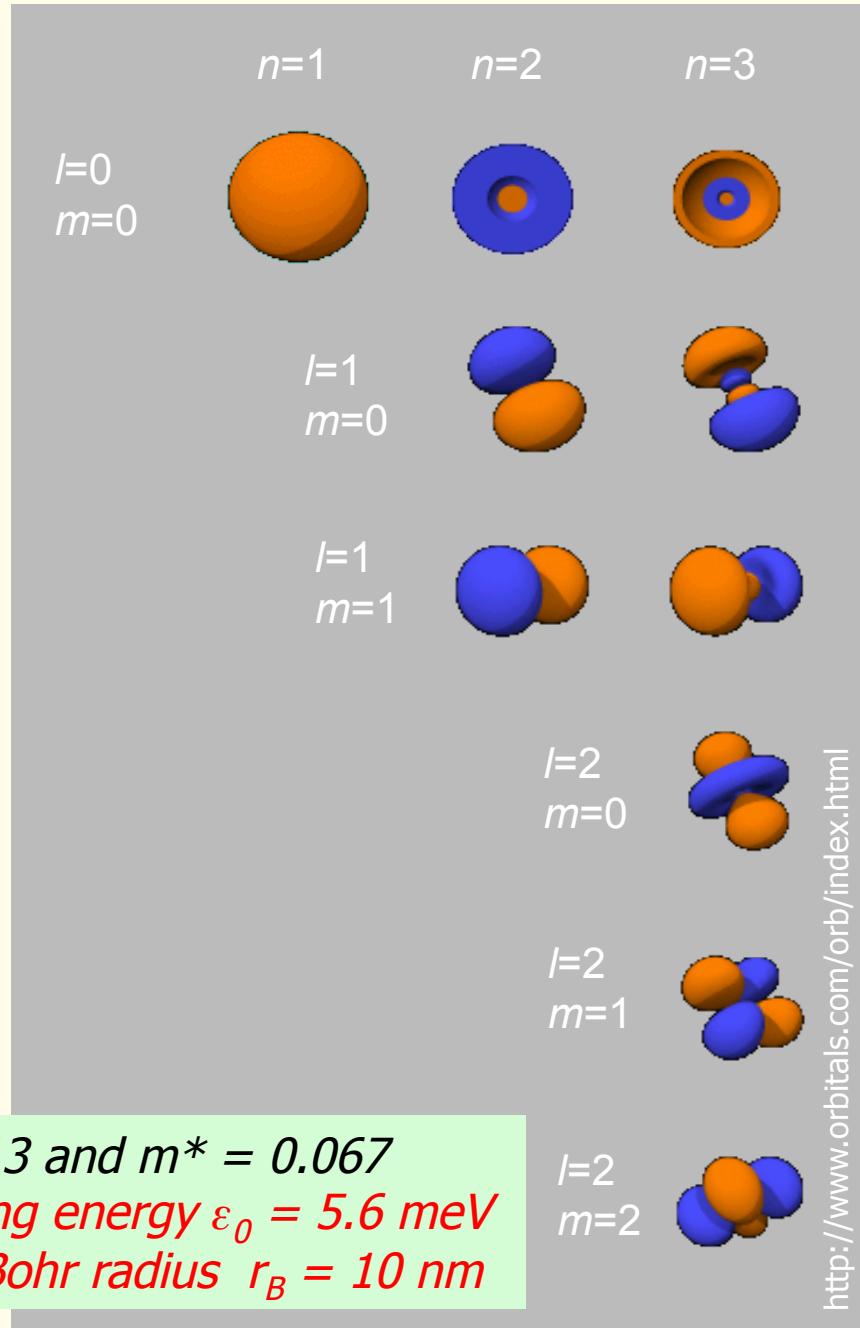
Effective Bohr-radius

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

Ground state binding energy

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

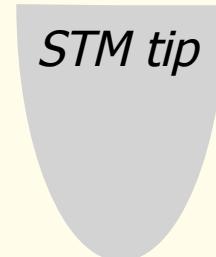
In GaAs  $\epsilon_r = 13$  and  $m^* = 0.067$   
ground state binding energy  $\epsilon_0 = 5.6 \text{ meV}$   
and the effective Bohr radius  $r_B = 10 \text{ nm}$



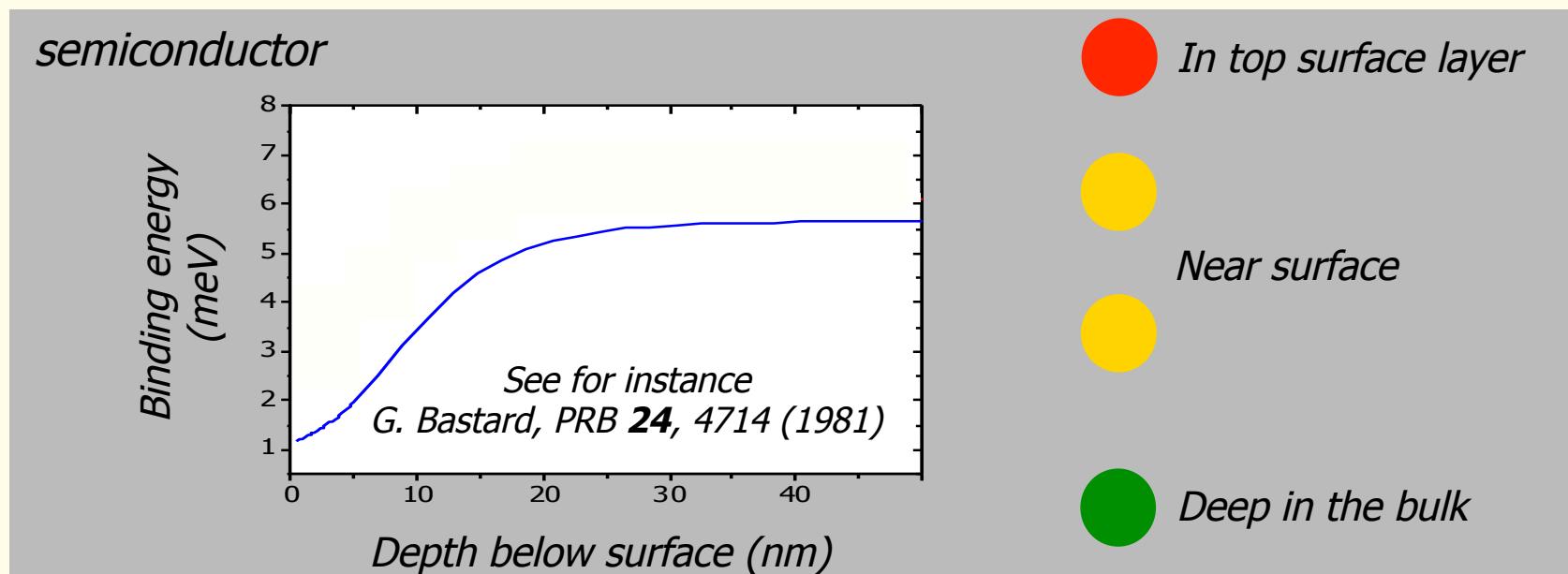
# Hydrogenic Atoms in Semiconductors

*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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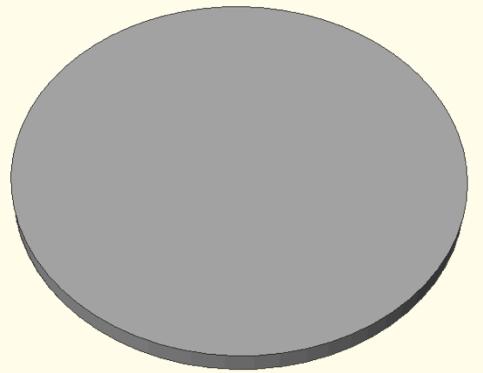
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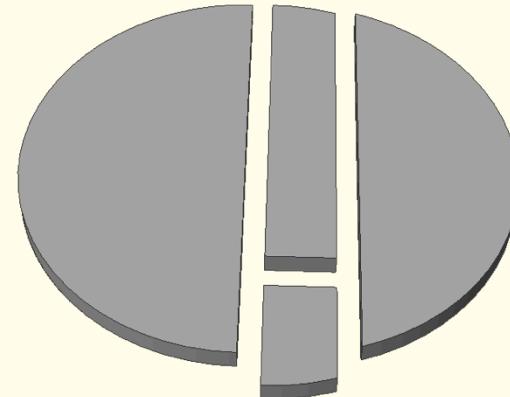
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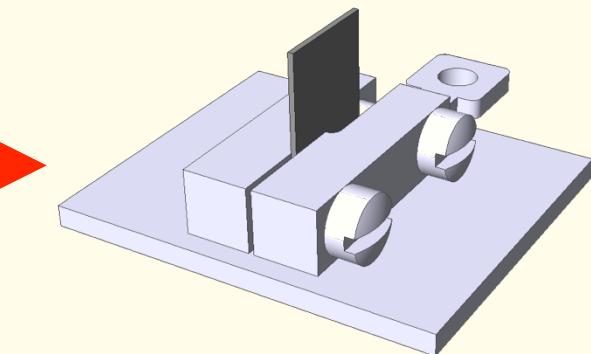
# Cross-sectional STM



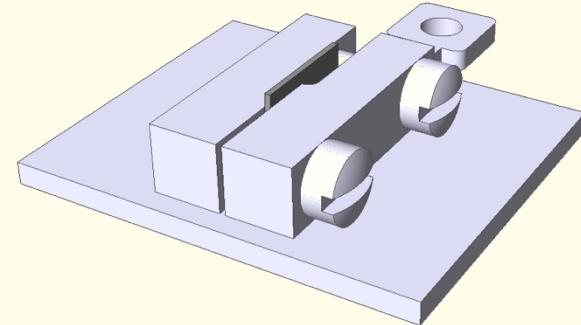
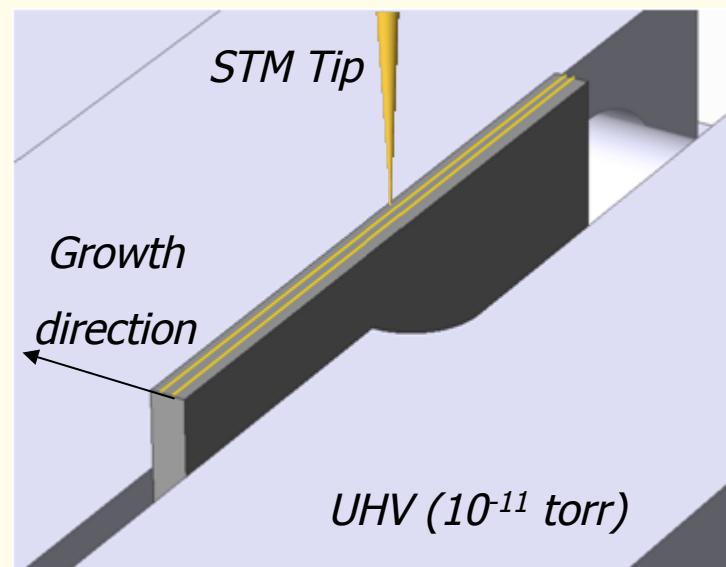
*Wafer*



*Cutting out a sample*

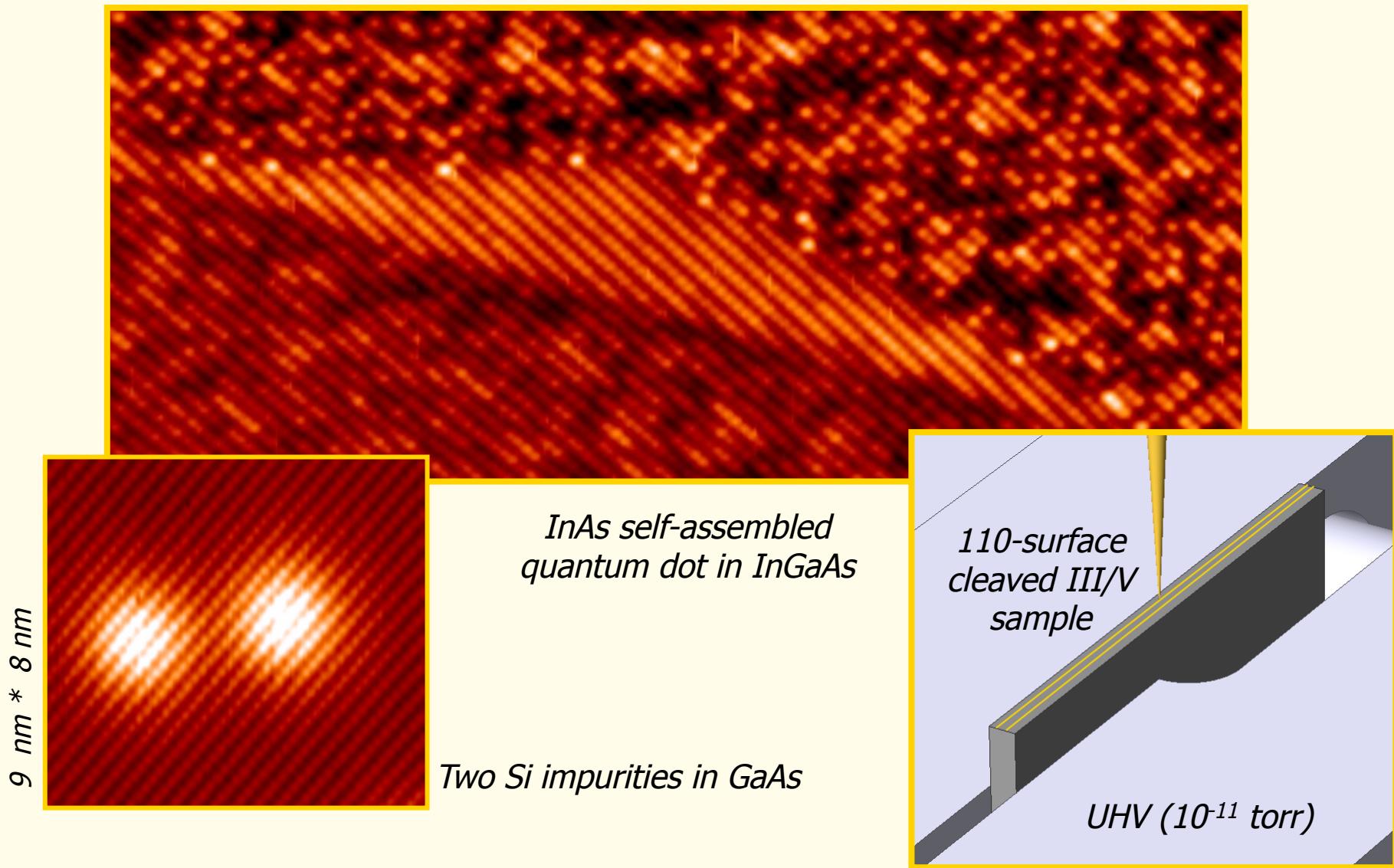


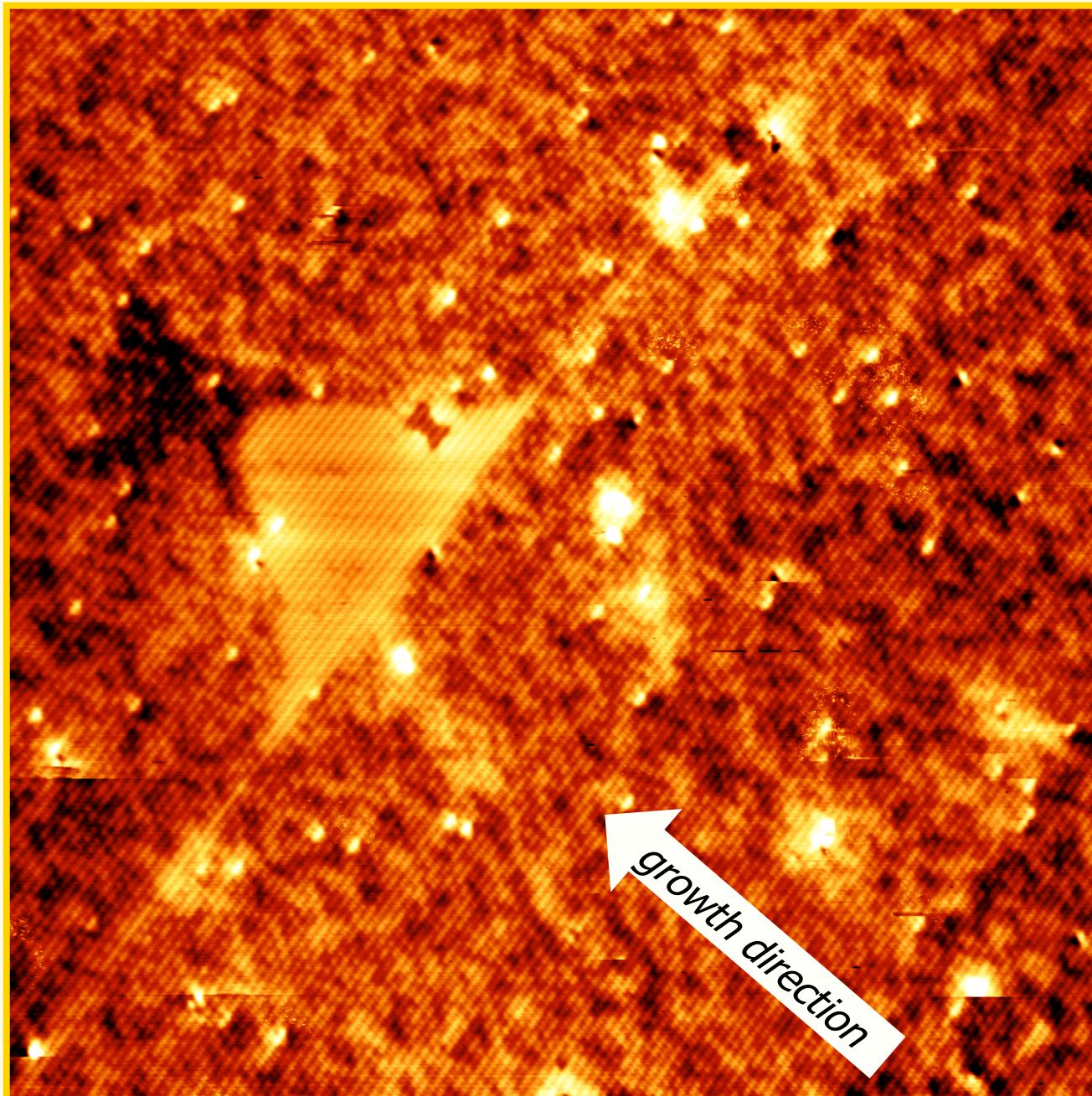
*Clamping the sample*



*In situ cleaving the sample*

# Assessment at the Atomic Scale



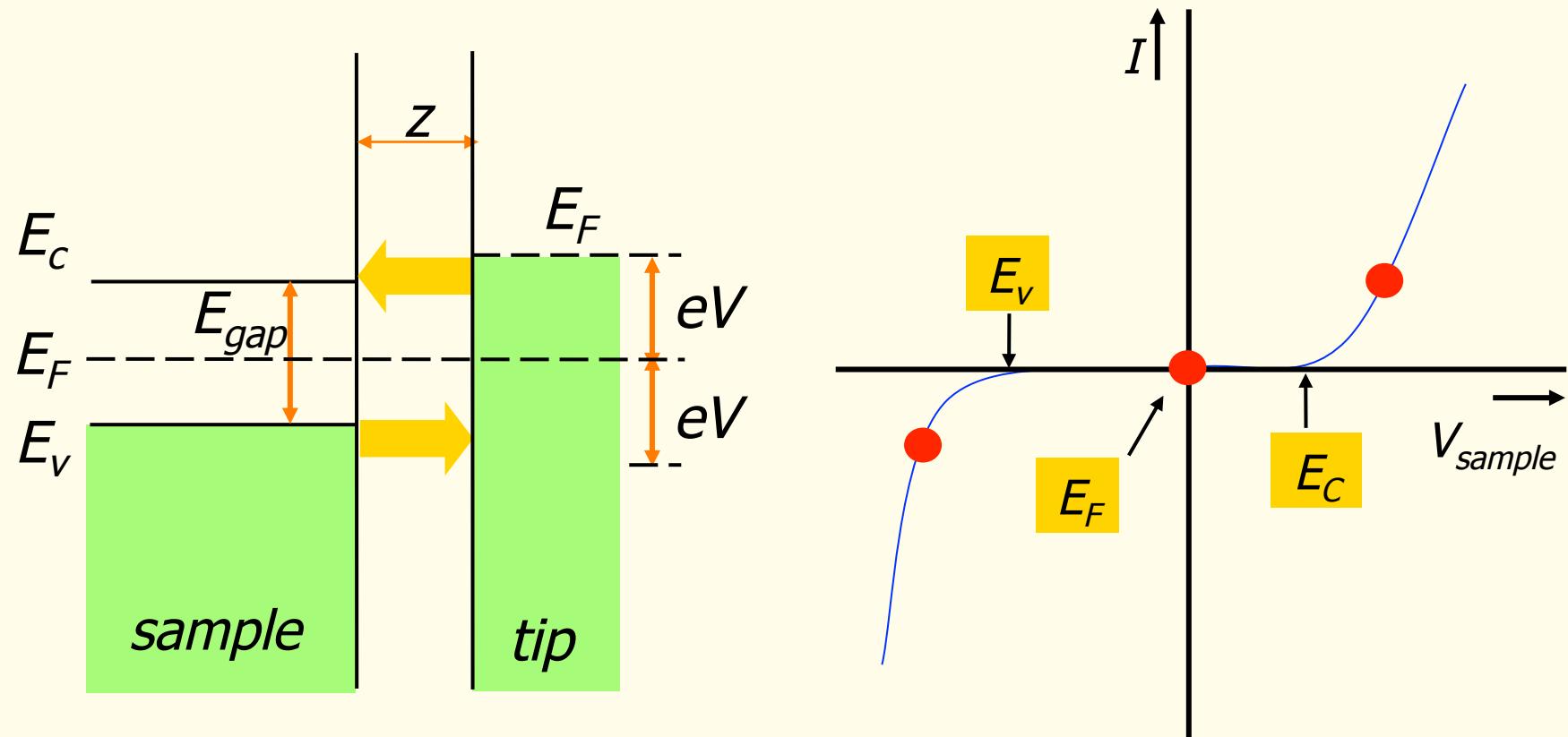


*GaAs dot in  
AlGaAs grown by  
Ga droplet  
technique*

*Grown by T. Mano,  
Tsukuba, Japan*

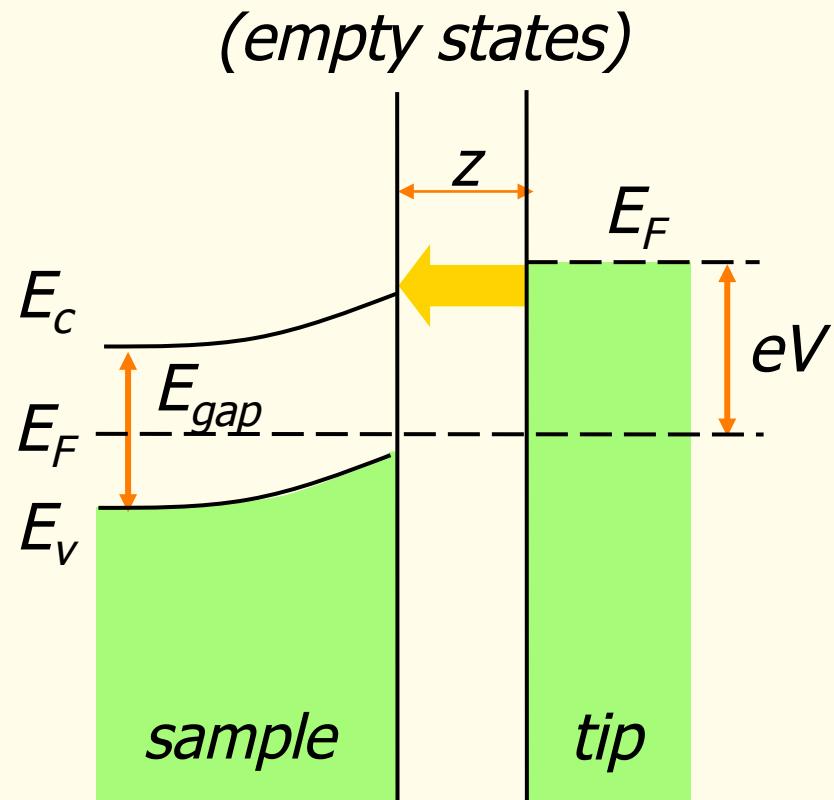
*J.G.Keizer, J.G. et al,  
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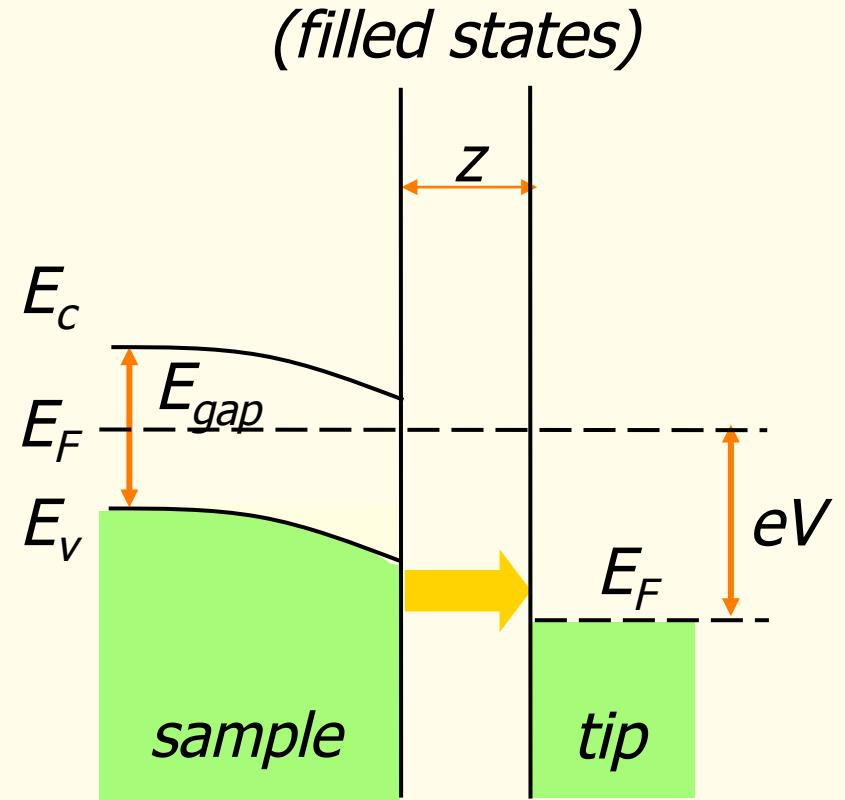


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*Positive sample voltage*

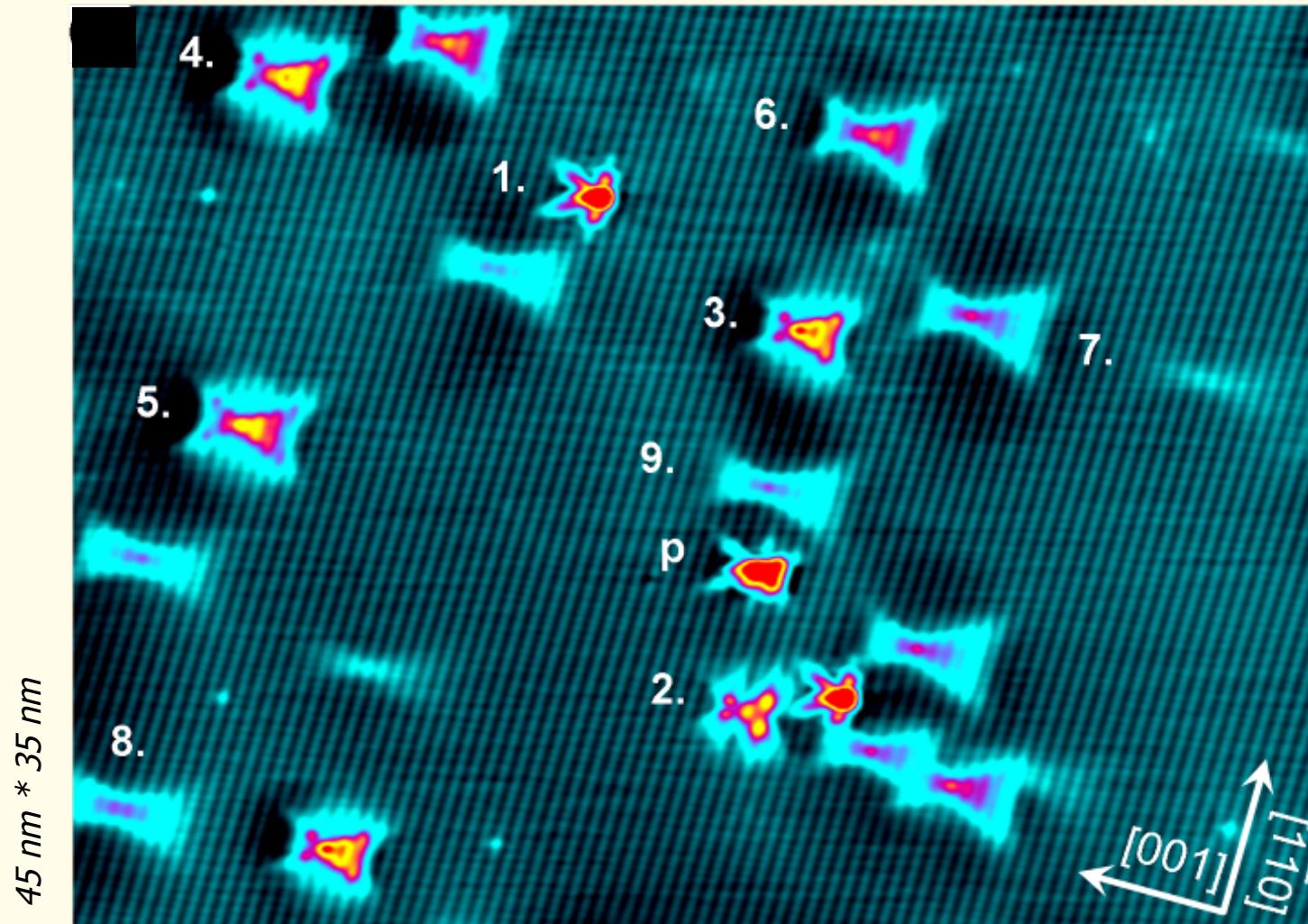


*Negative sample voltage*



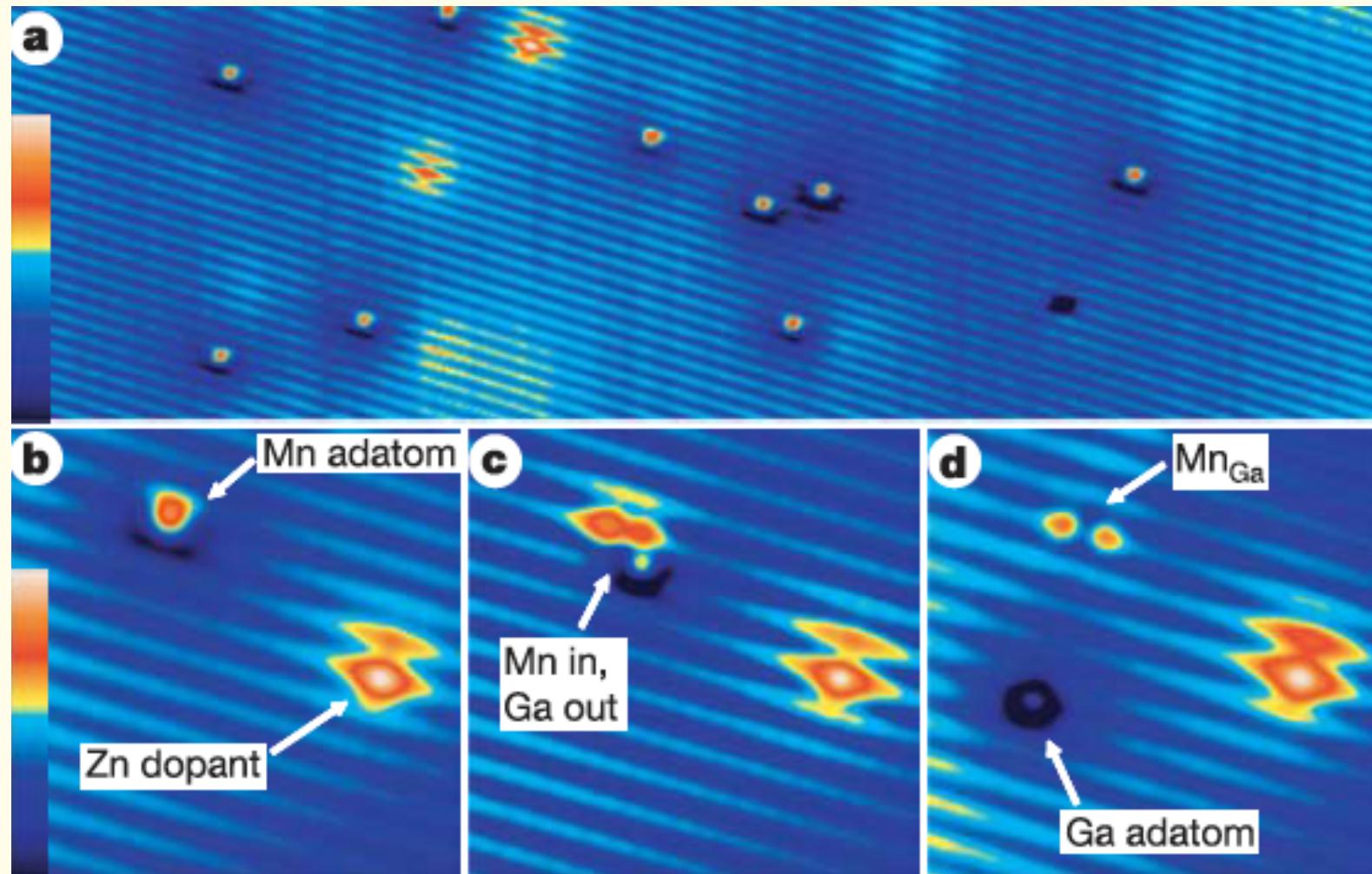
*Depletion, accumulation, inversion*

# 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)

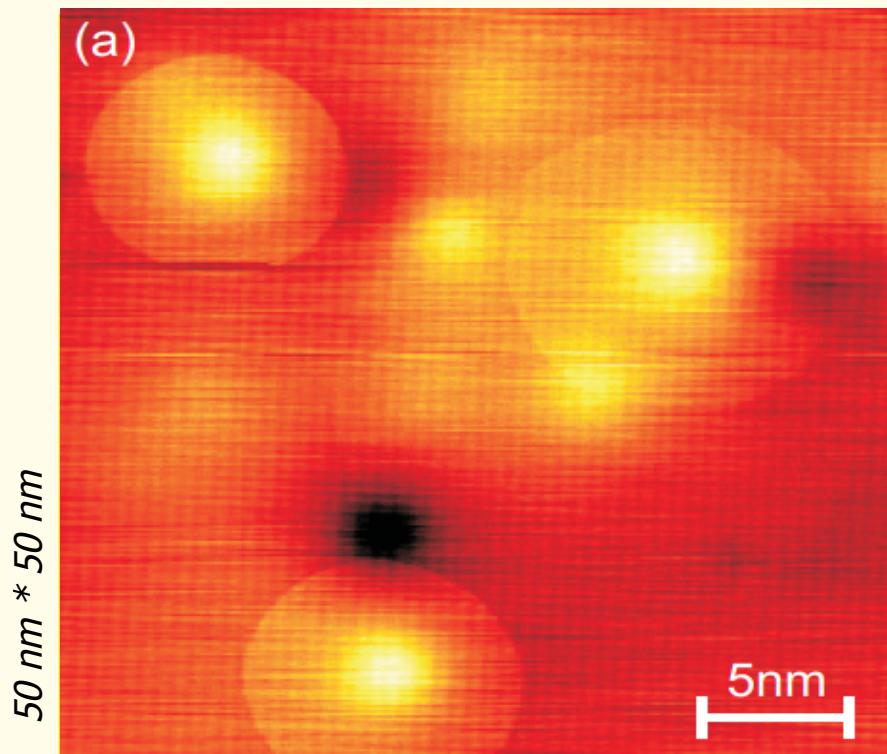
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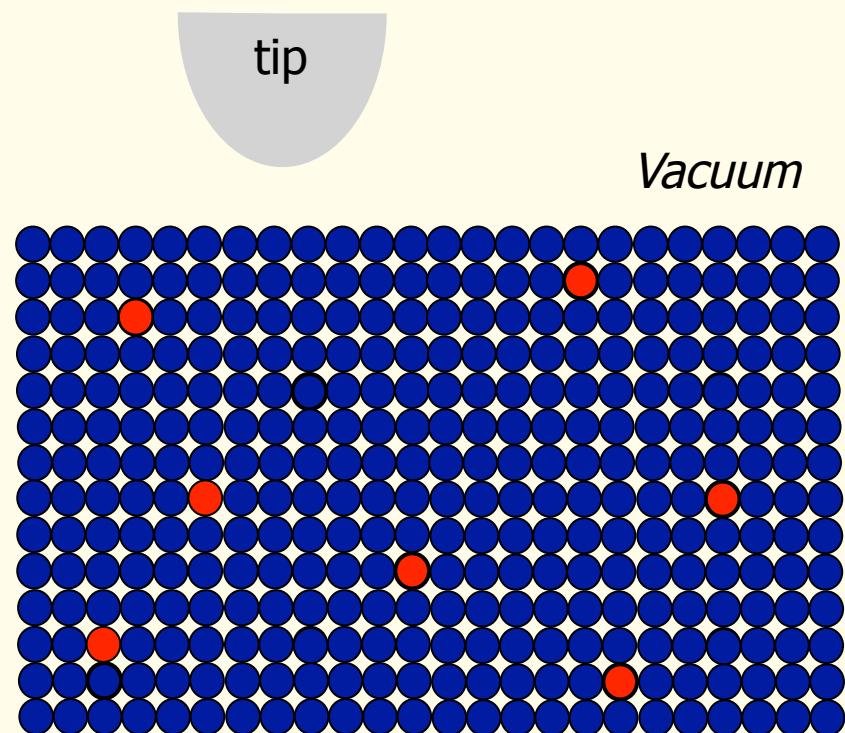
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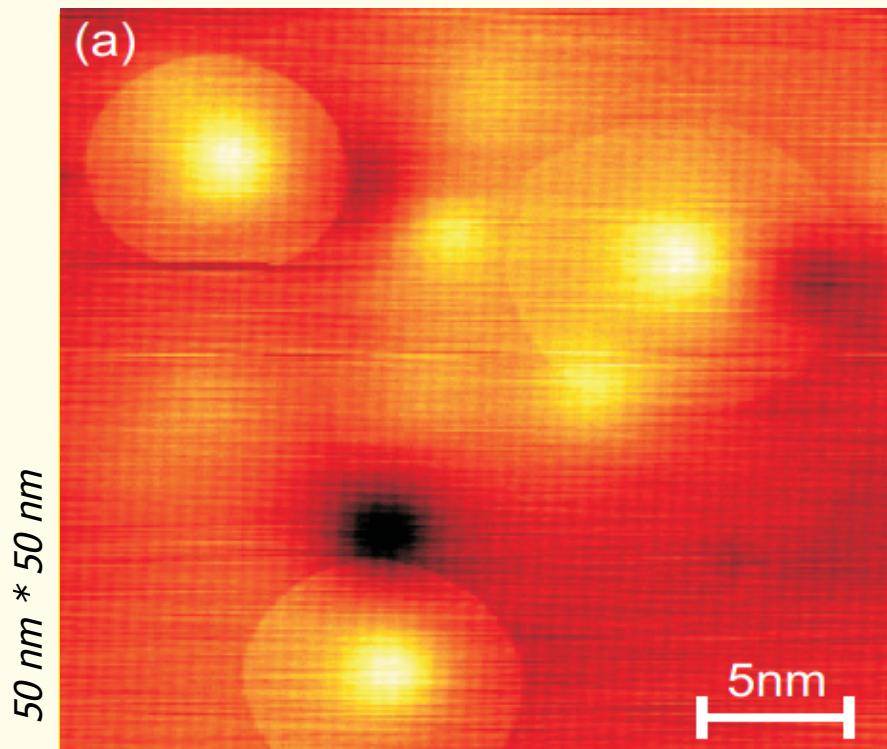


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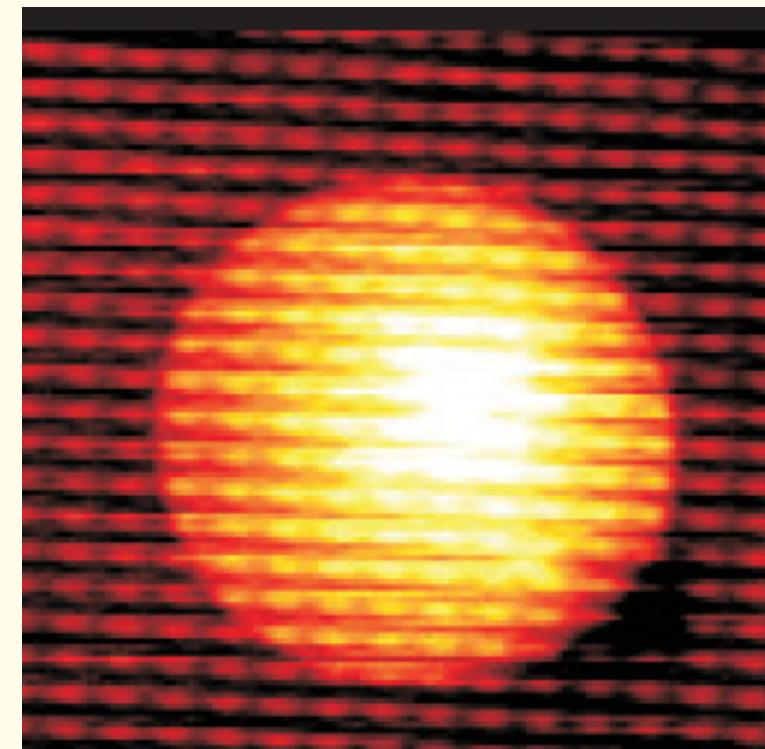


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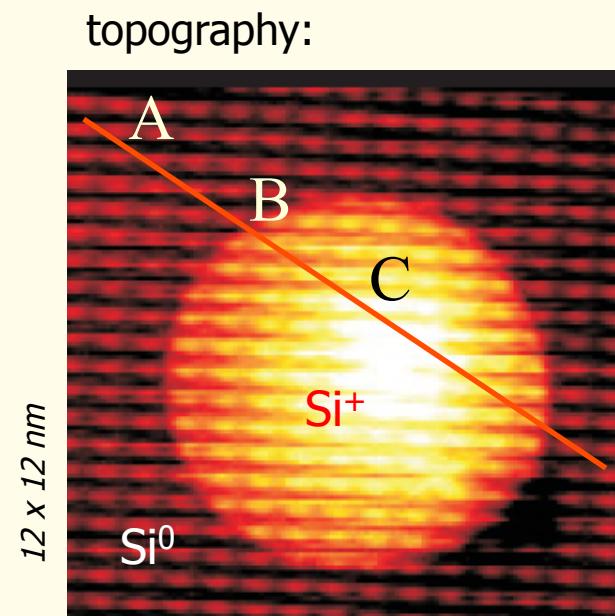


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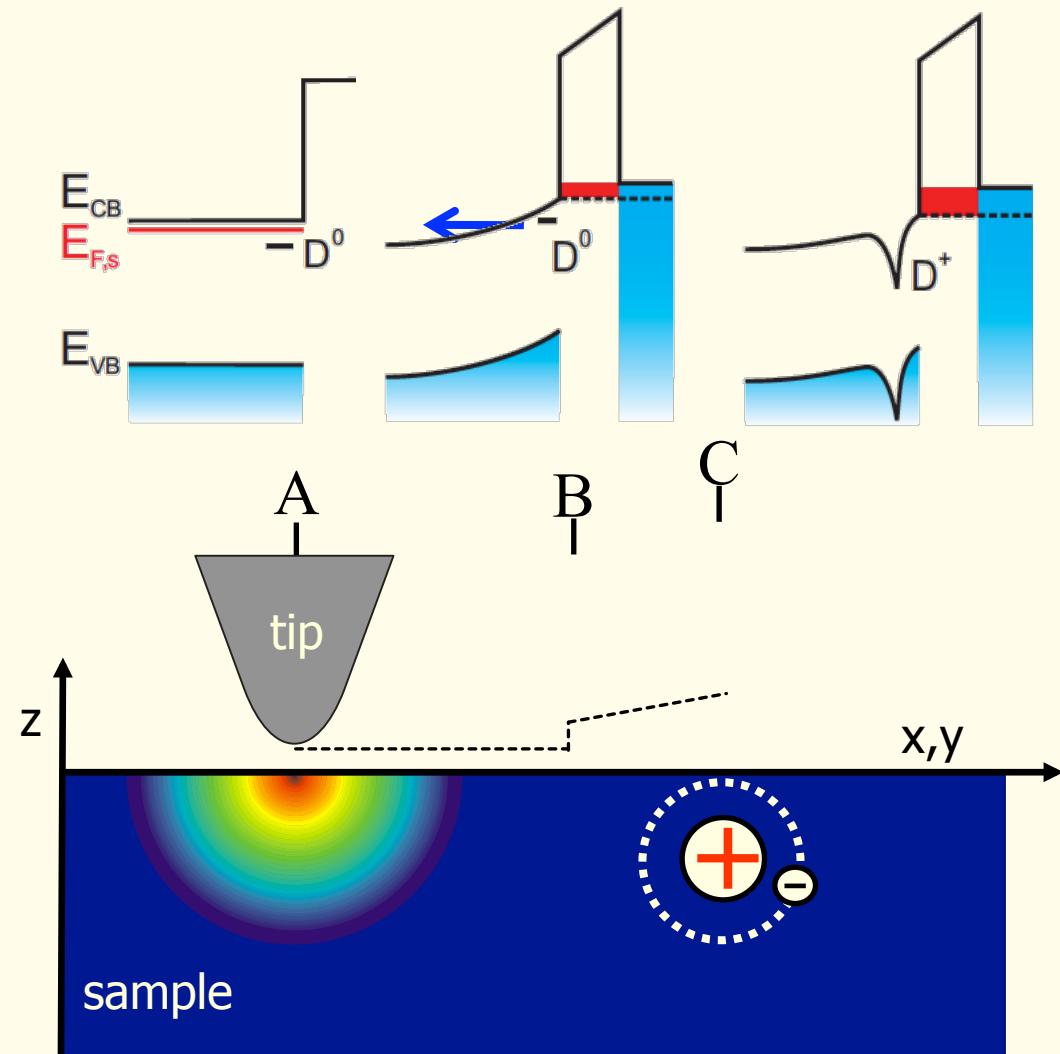


*Single Si donor in GaAs*

# Ionization process

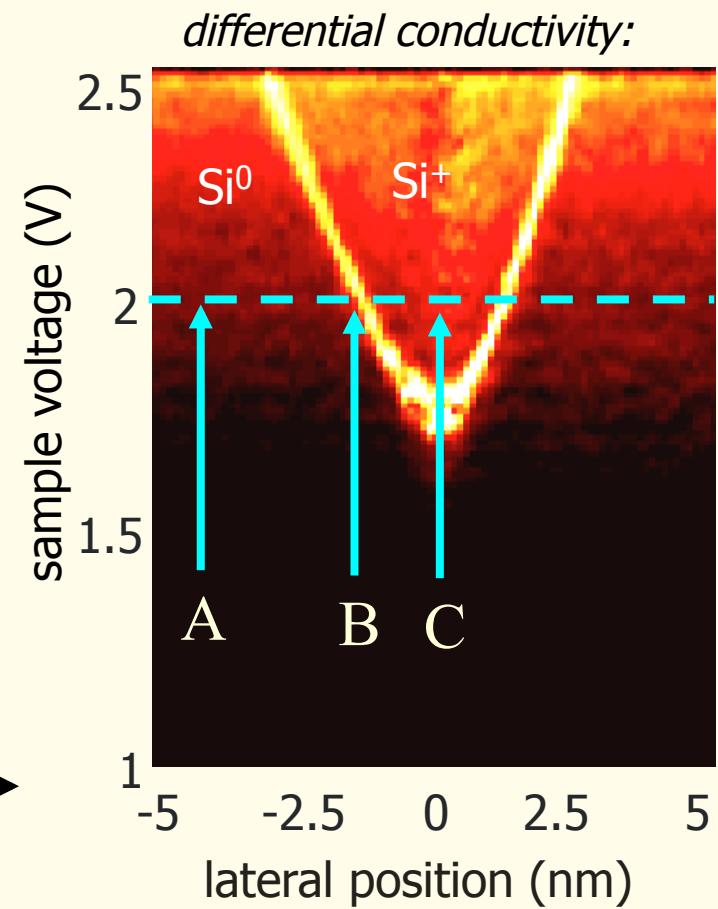
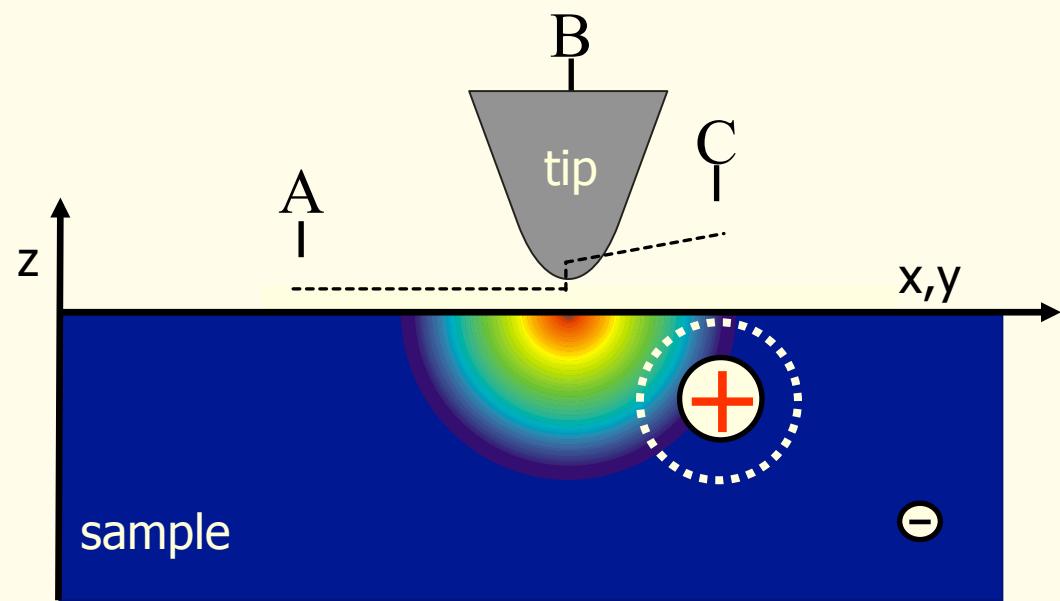
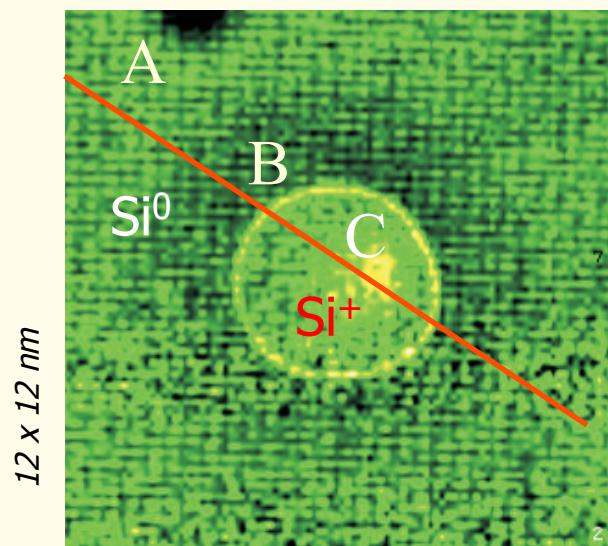


K. Teichman et al, PRL **101**,  
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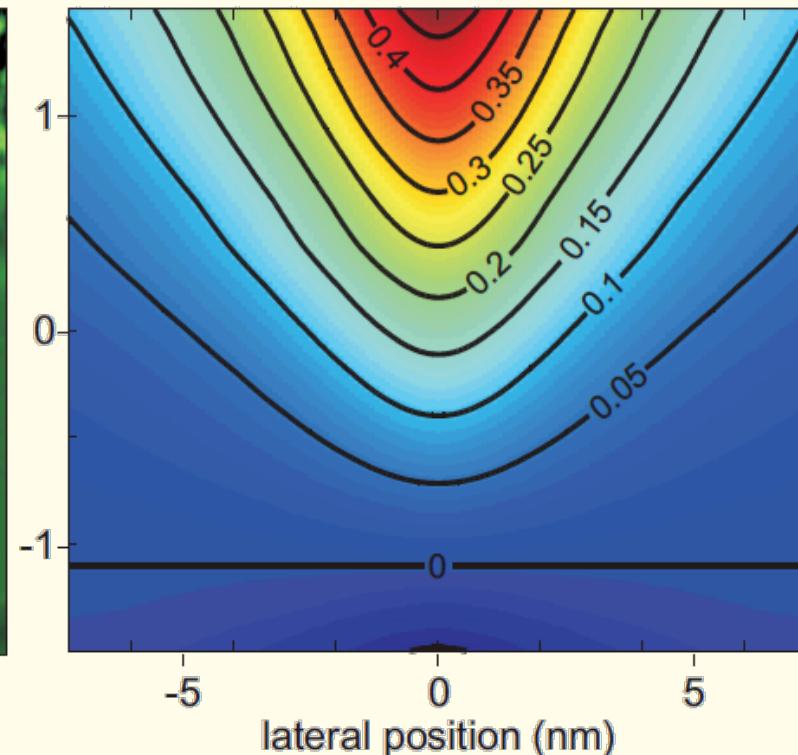
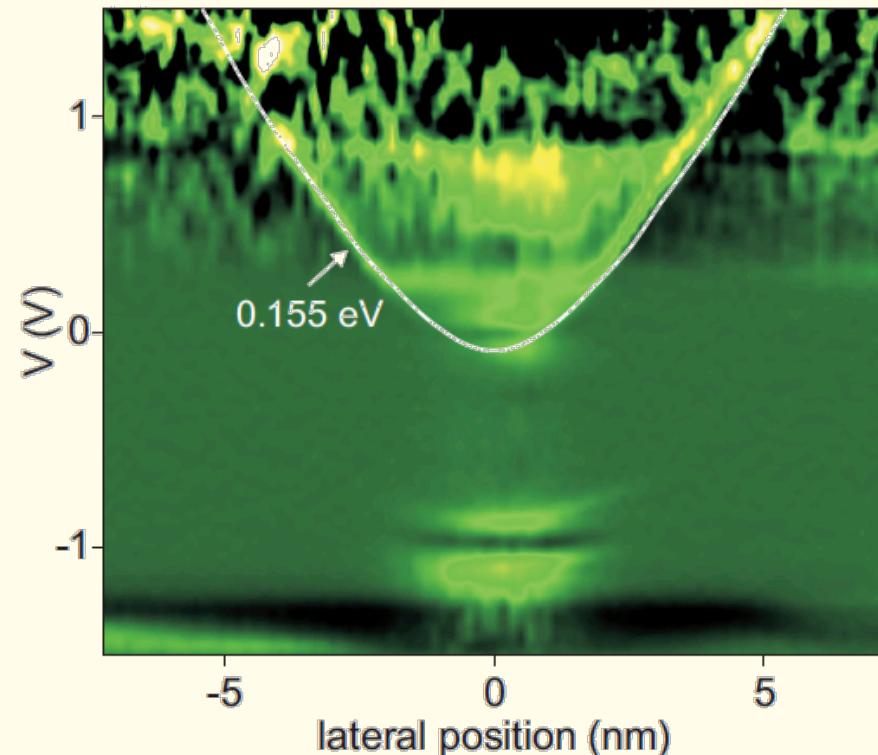
$dI/dV$  topography:



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# Voltage Dependence

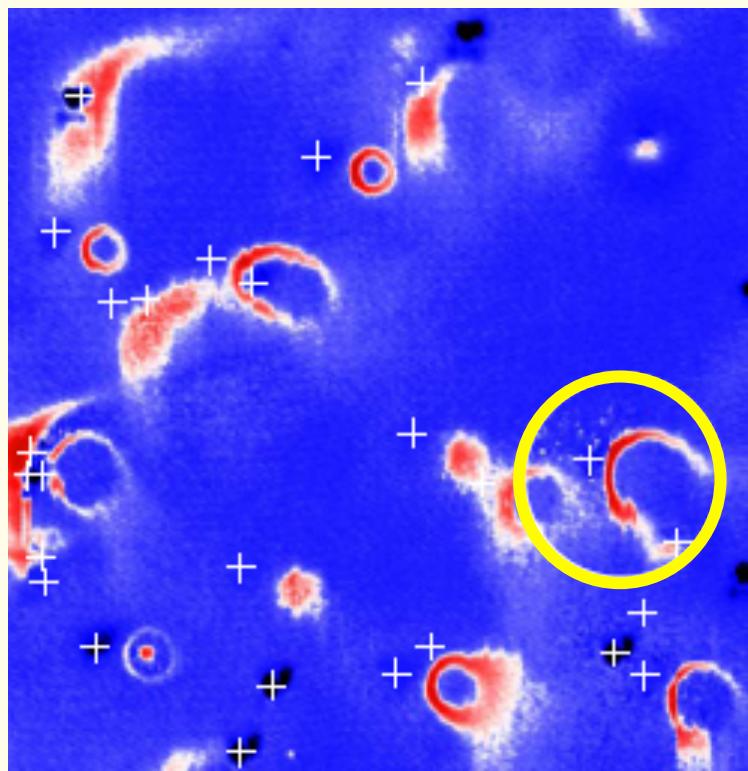
R. M. Feenstra, J.Vac. Sci. Technol B **21**, 2080 (2003)



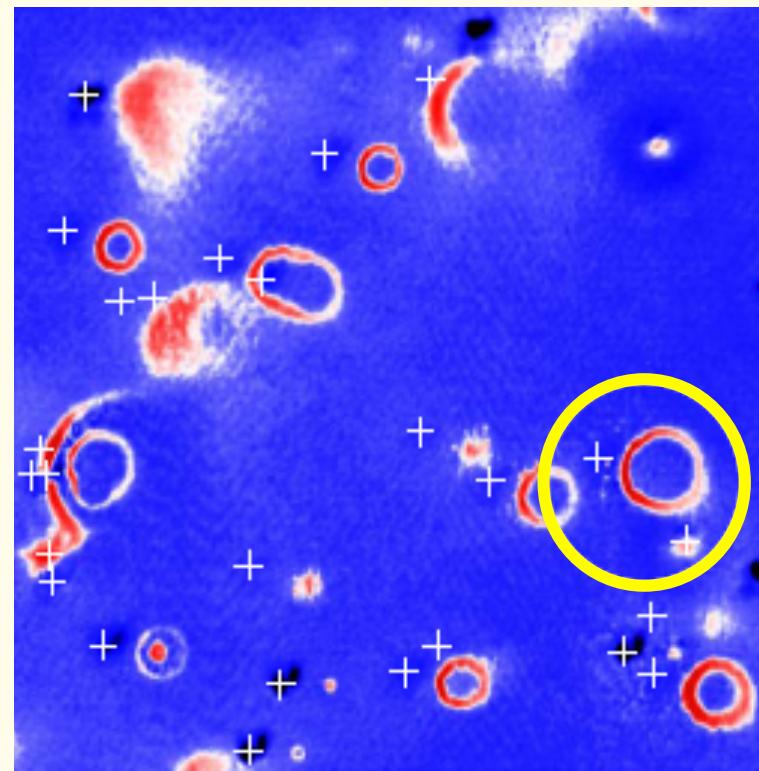
*flat band voltage and tip radius are  
the main fitting parameters*

# Ionization rings for Mn in InAs

$dI/dV$  map at 1.05 V



$dI/dV$  map at 1.10 V

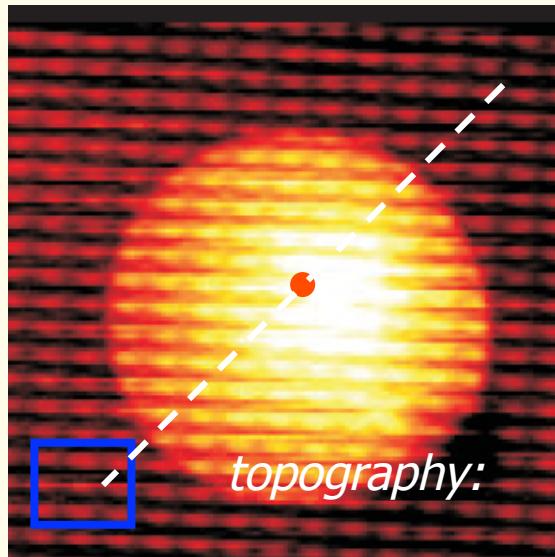


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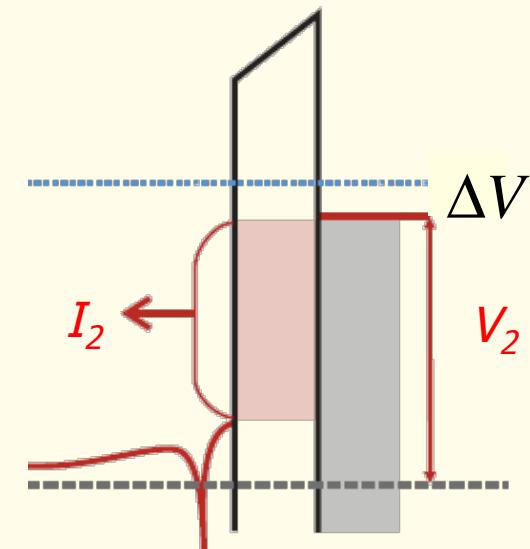
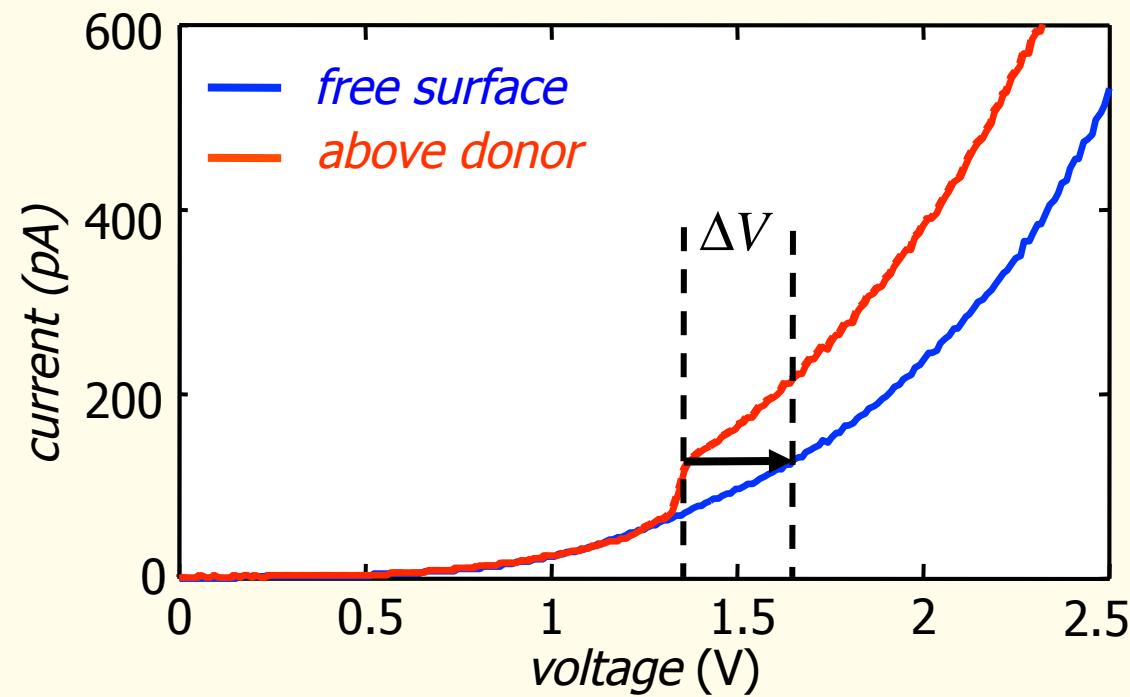
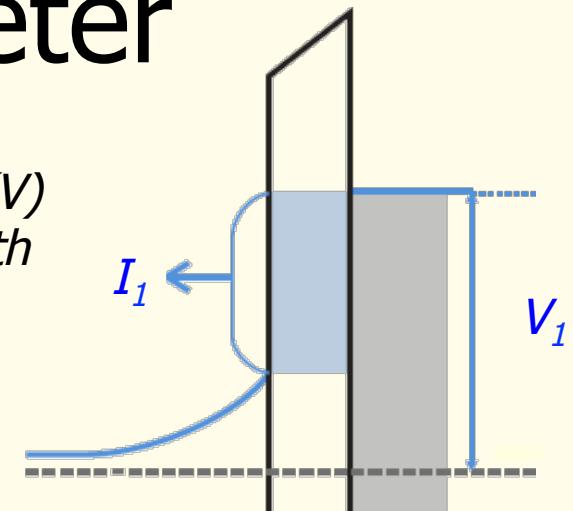
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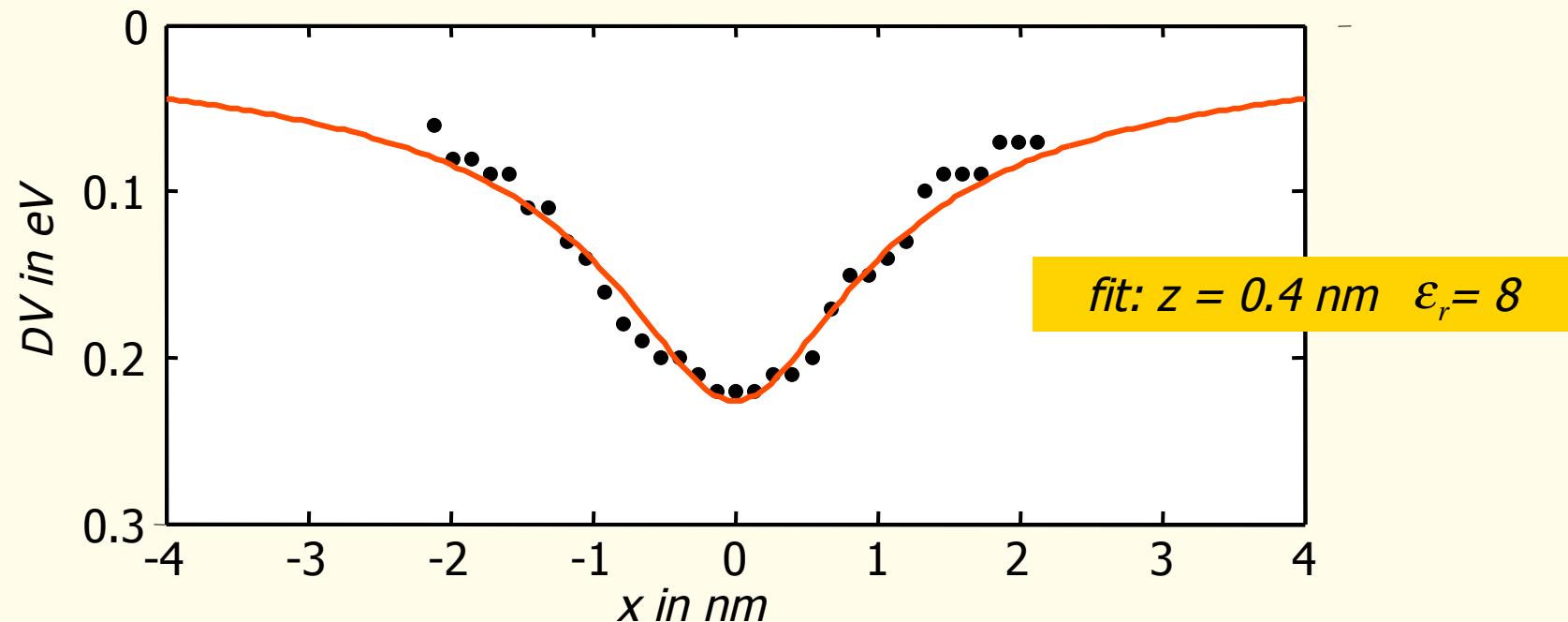
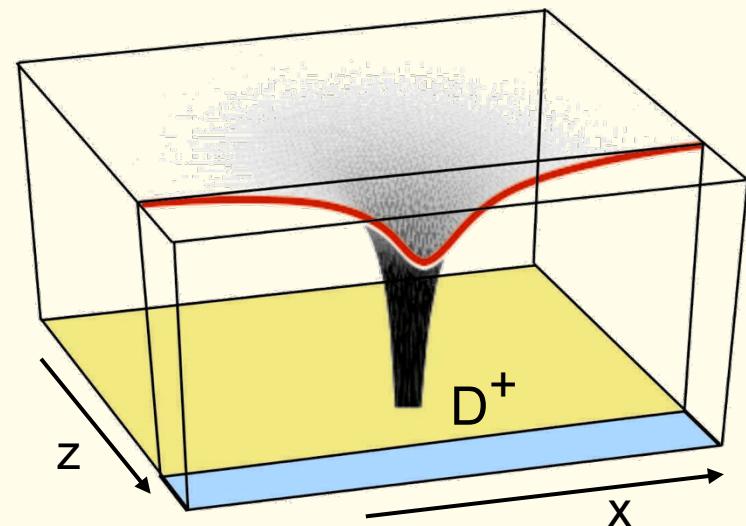
# Potentiometer

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

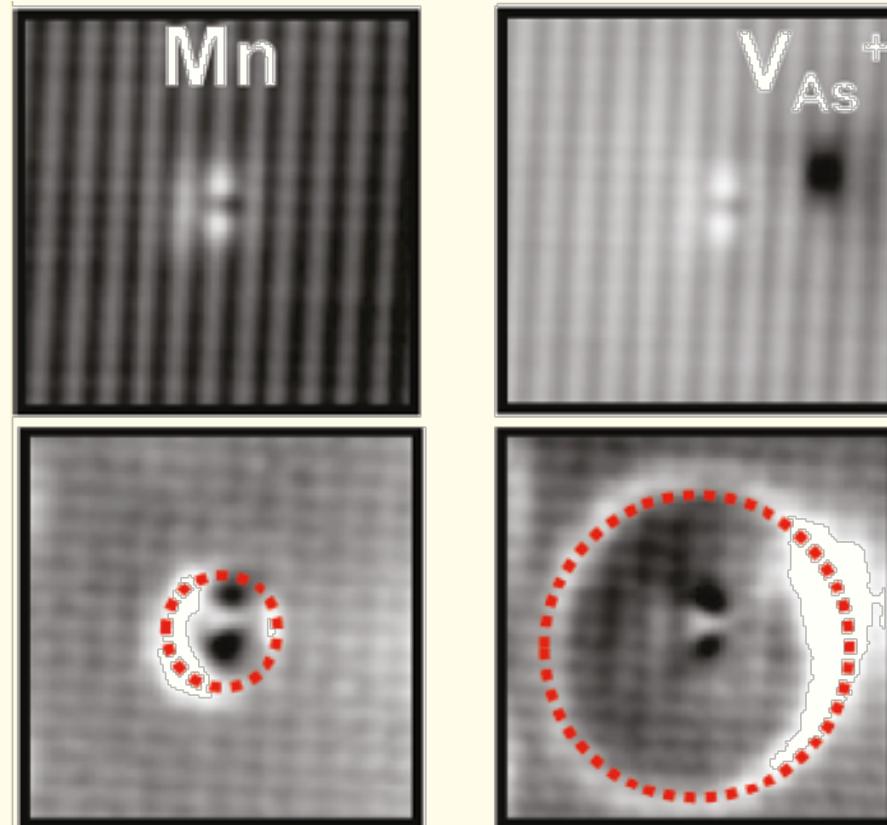


# Coulomb Potential of a near surface Donor

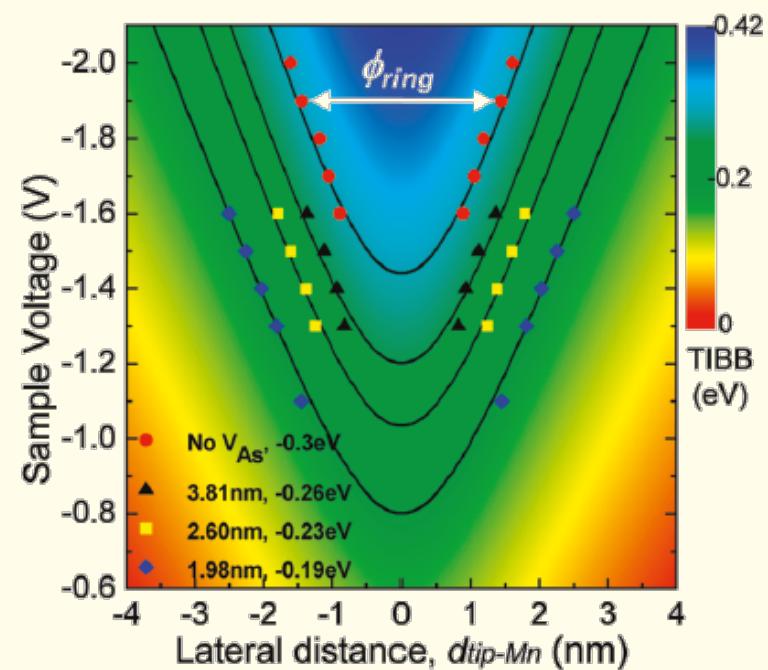
$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{1}{(x^2 + z^2)^{1/2}}$$



# Coulomb Profiling with an As-vacancy



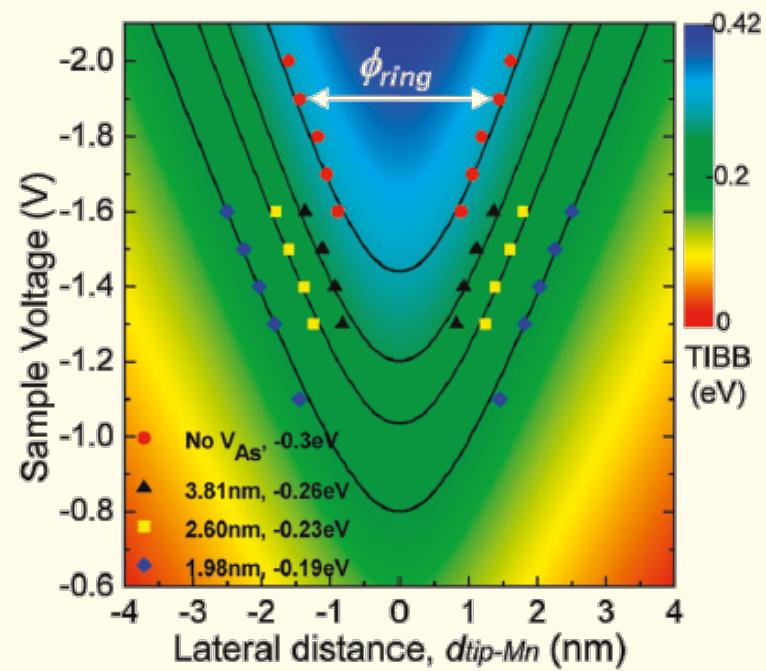
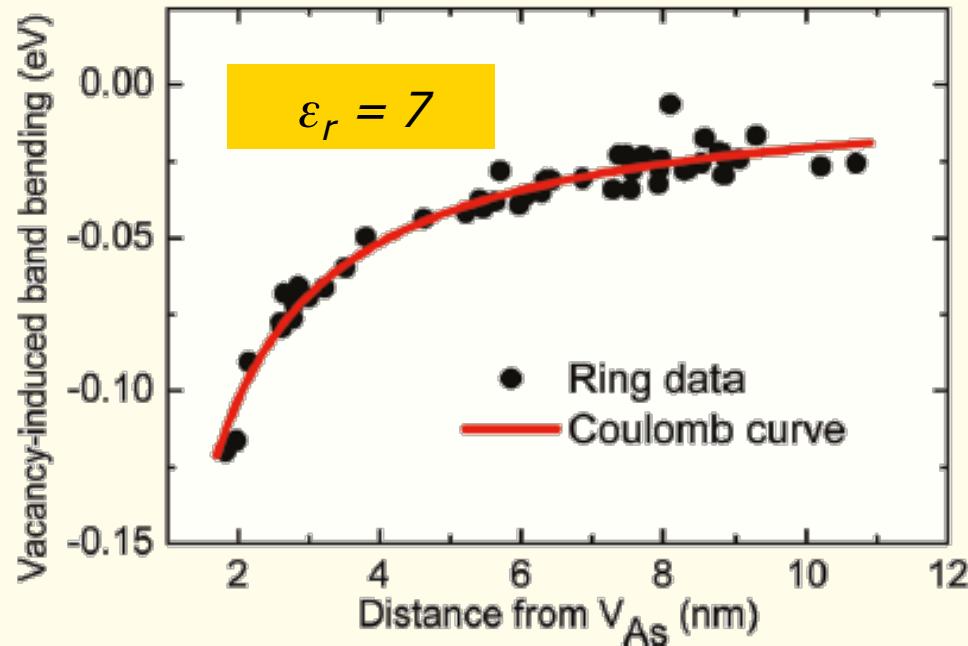
*STM induced creation of  
As-vacancy near Mn in GaAs*



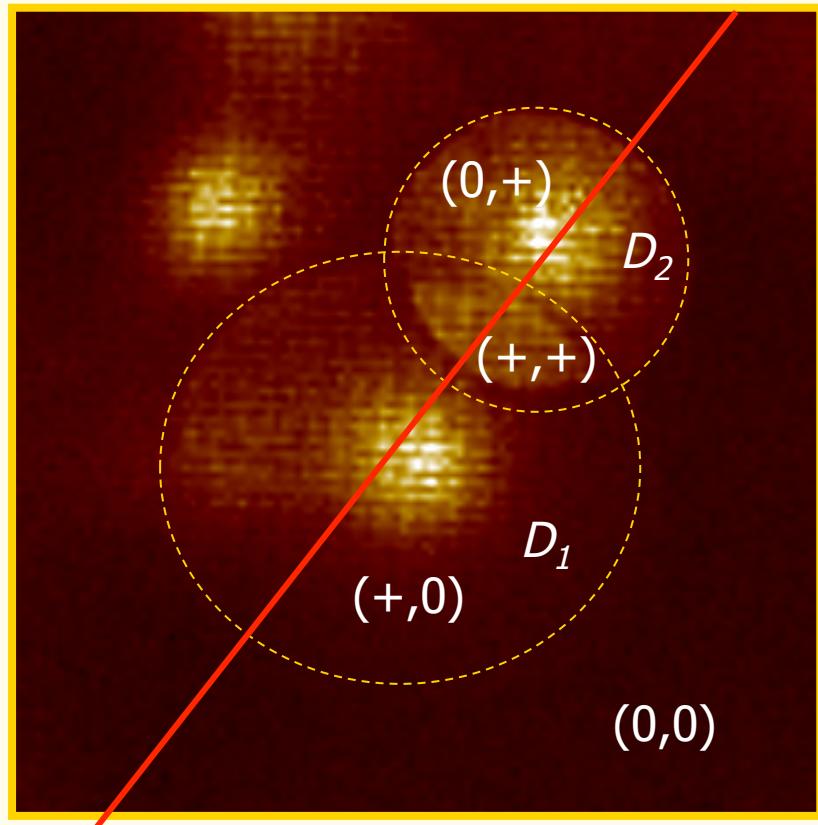
D. Lee and J. Gupta, *NanoLetters* **11**, 2004 (2011)

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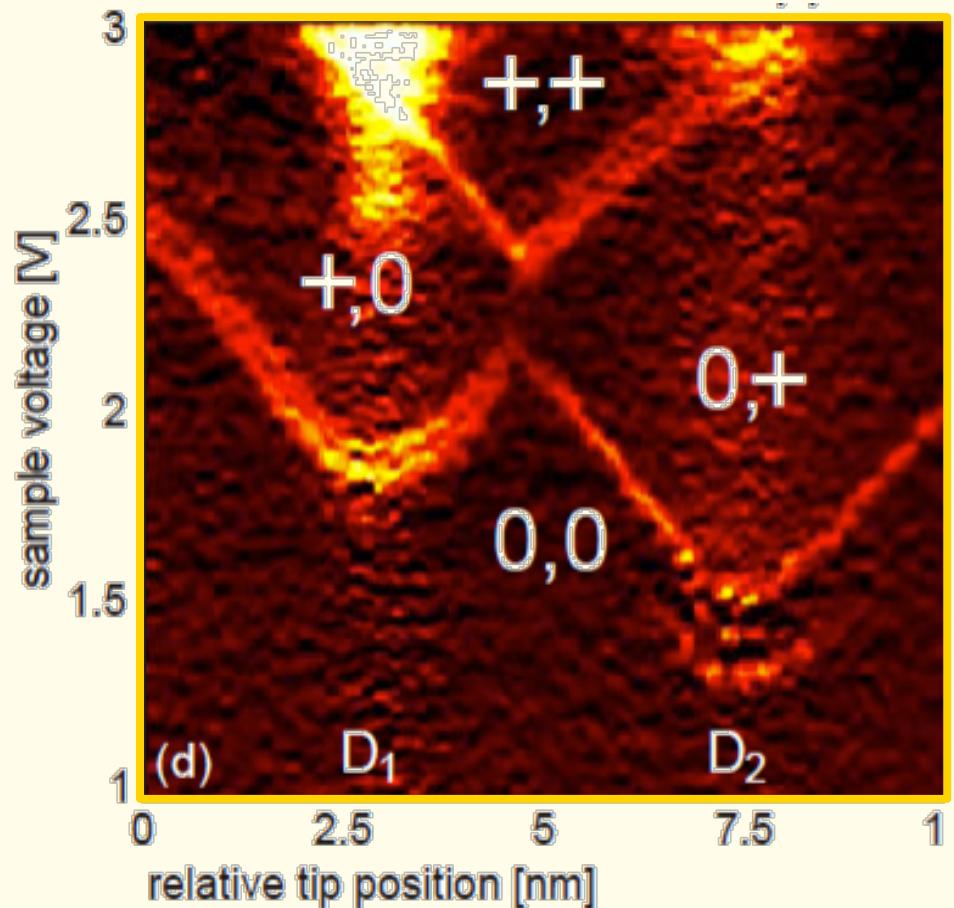
*As-vacancy at surface is a singly charged donor*



# Coulomb Interaction

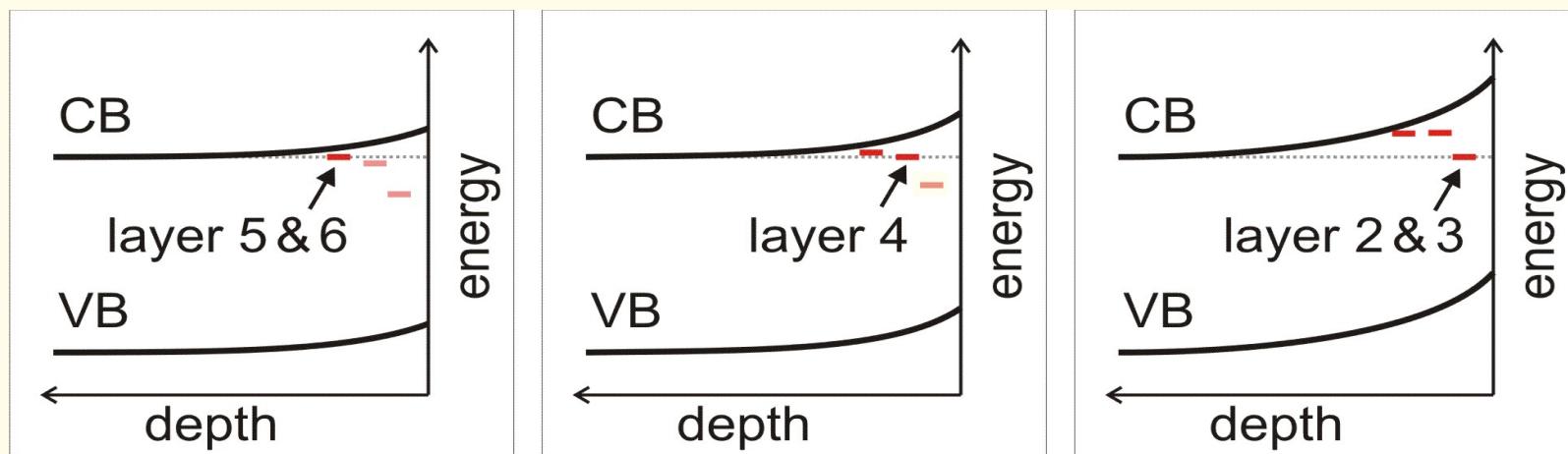
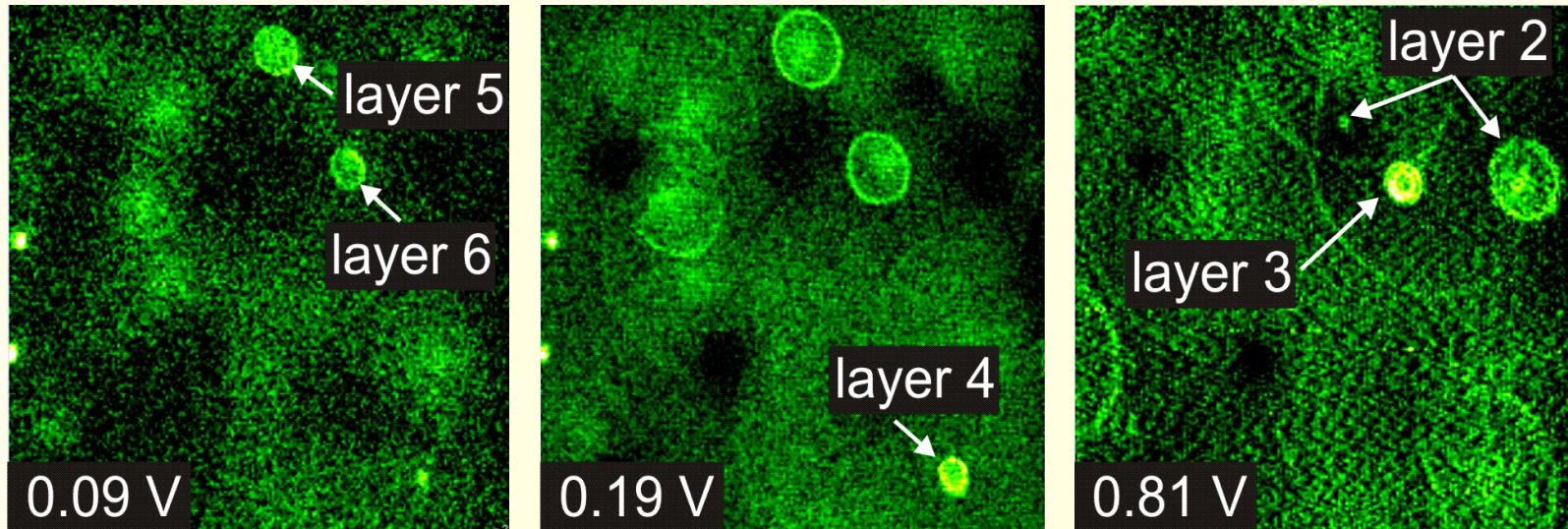


$(D_1, D_2)$  = charge state donor pair



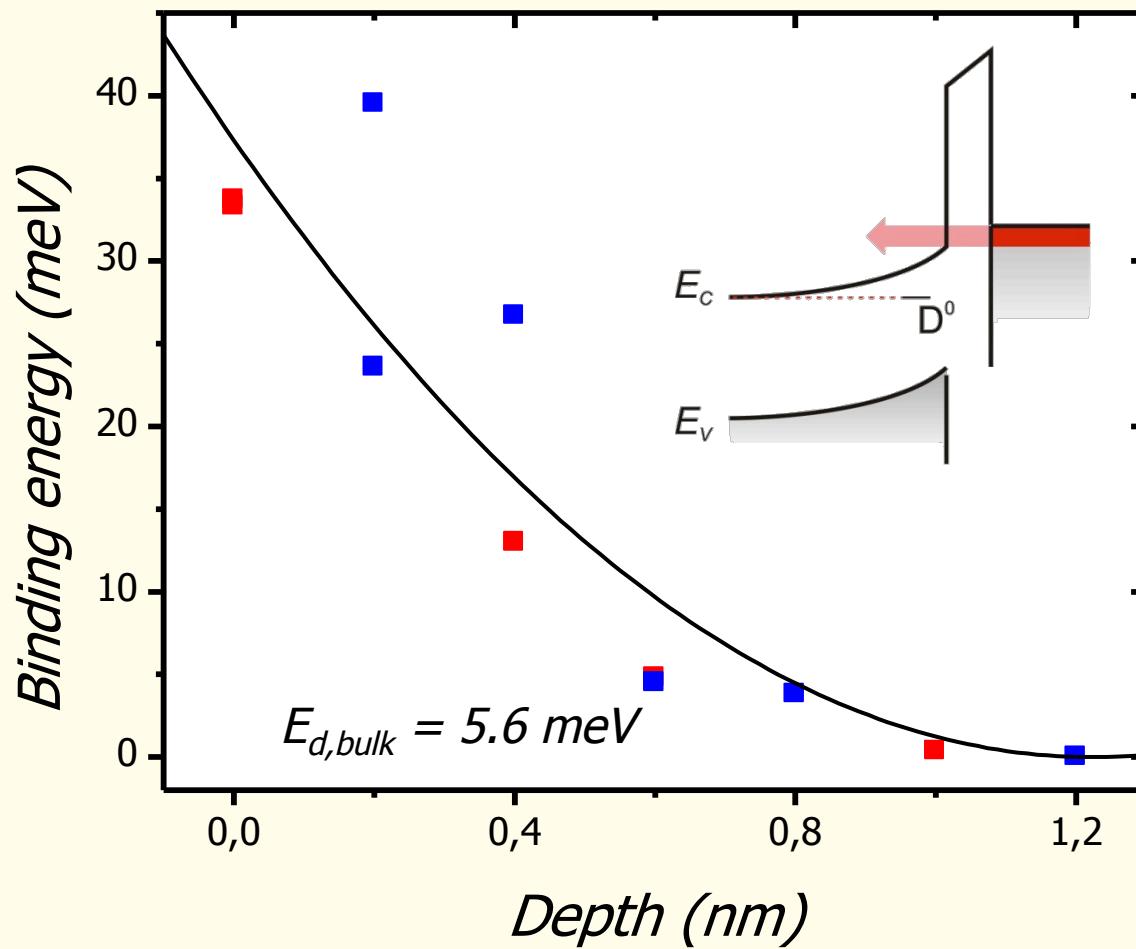
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A.P. Wijnheijmer et al PRL **102**, 166101 (2009)

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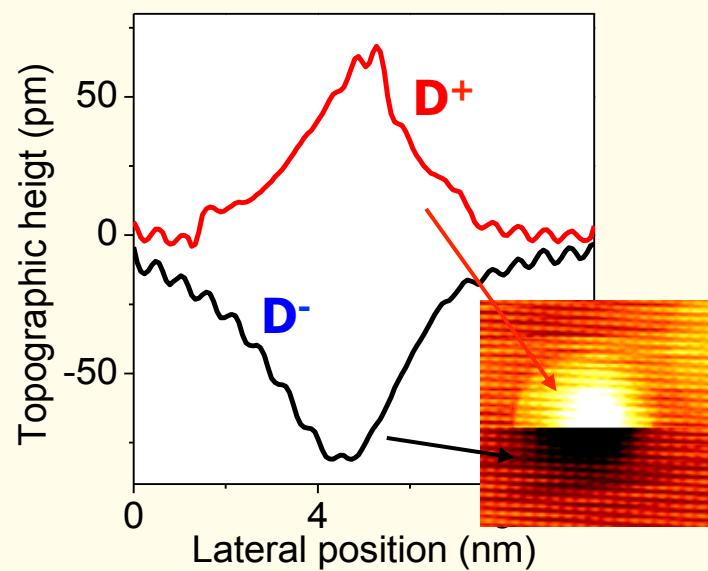
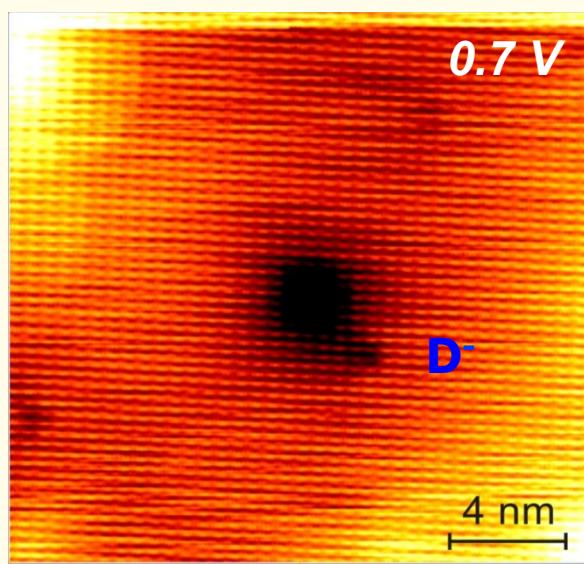
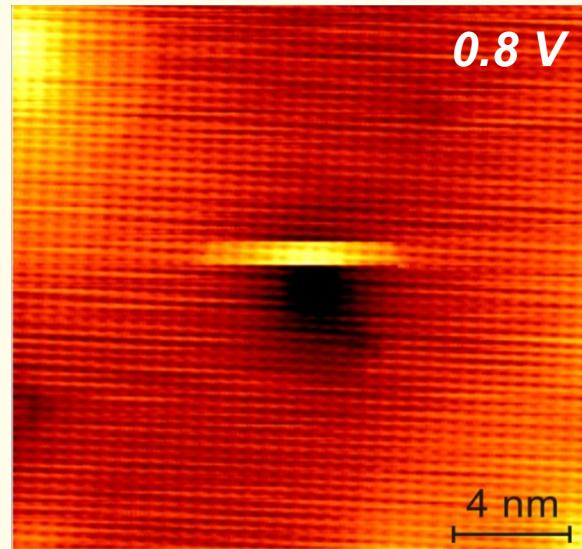
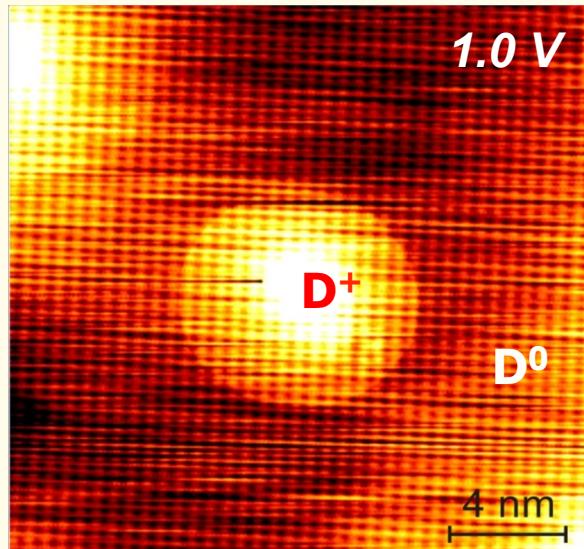
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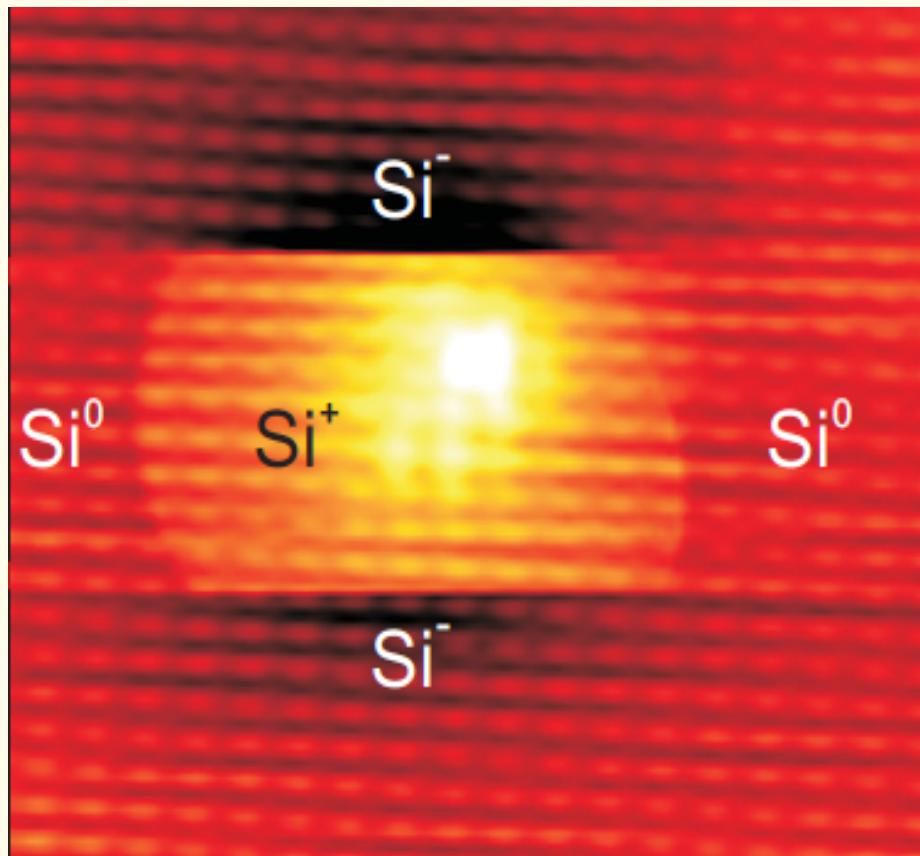
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# Switching of Si in the Surface Layer

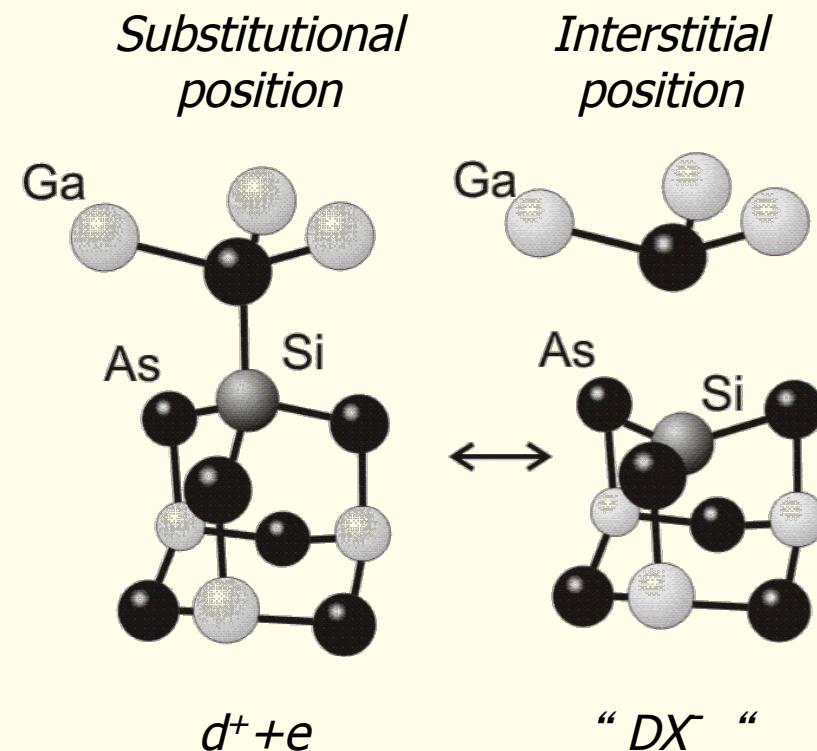


J. Garleff et al,  
in press PRB

# Bond Reconfiguration

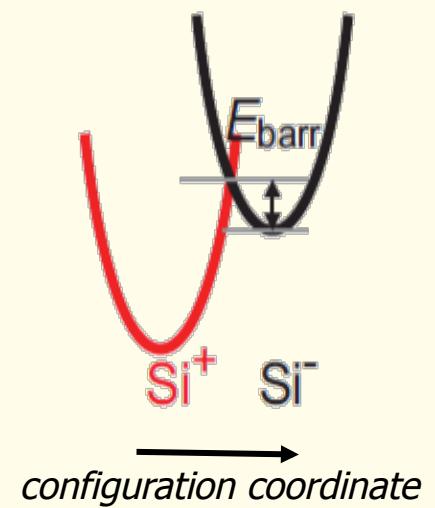
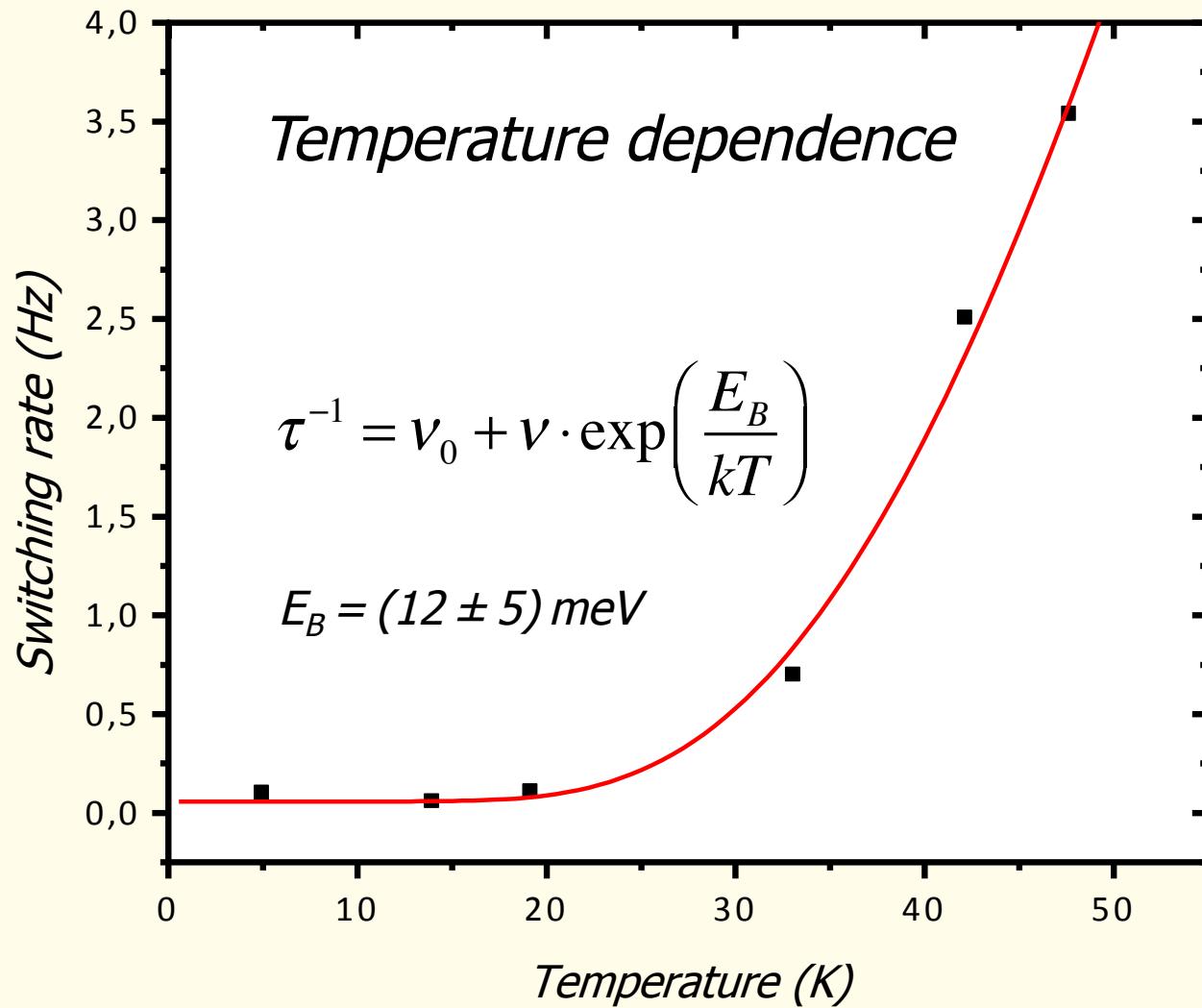


*Only observed for Si donors in  
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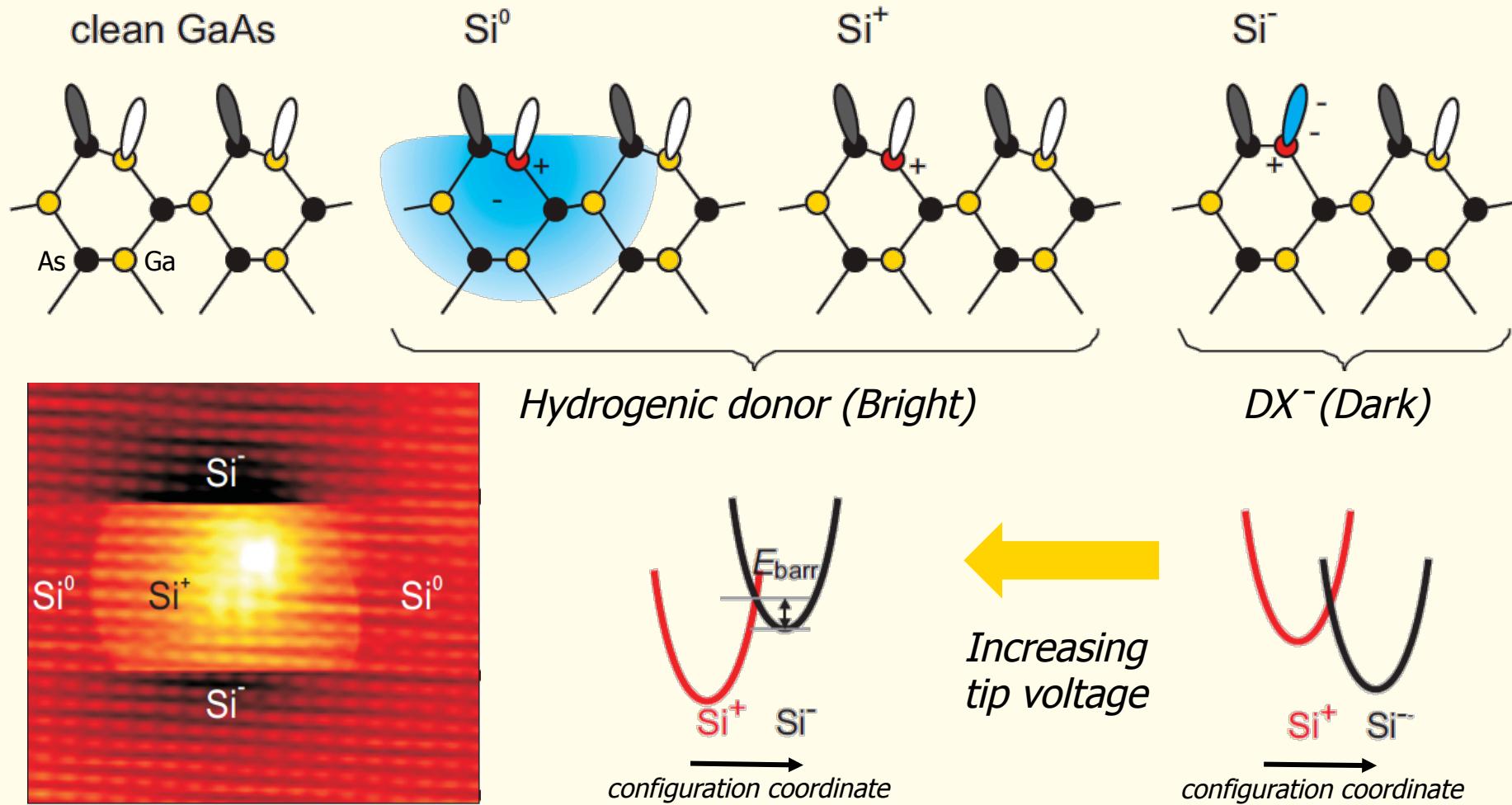


P. Mooney, *Semi. Sci & Technol.* **6**, B1 (1991)

# Si<sup>+</sup> / Si<sup>-</sup> - Switching Rate



# Impurity Model



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# Electronic Structure

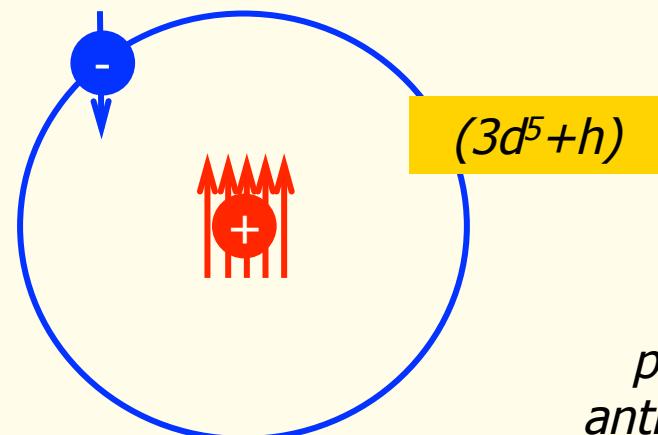
*magnetic doping: a part of the atoms in the crystal is replaced by magnetic transition metal impurities*



*Ga-atom GaAs*



*Mn on Ga-site in GaAs*

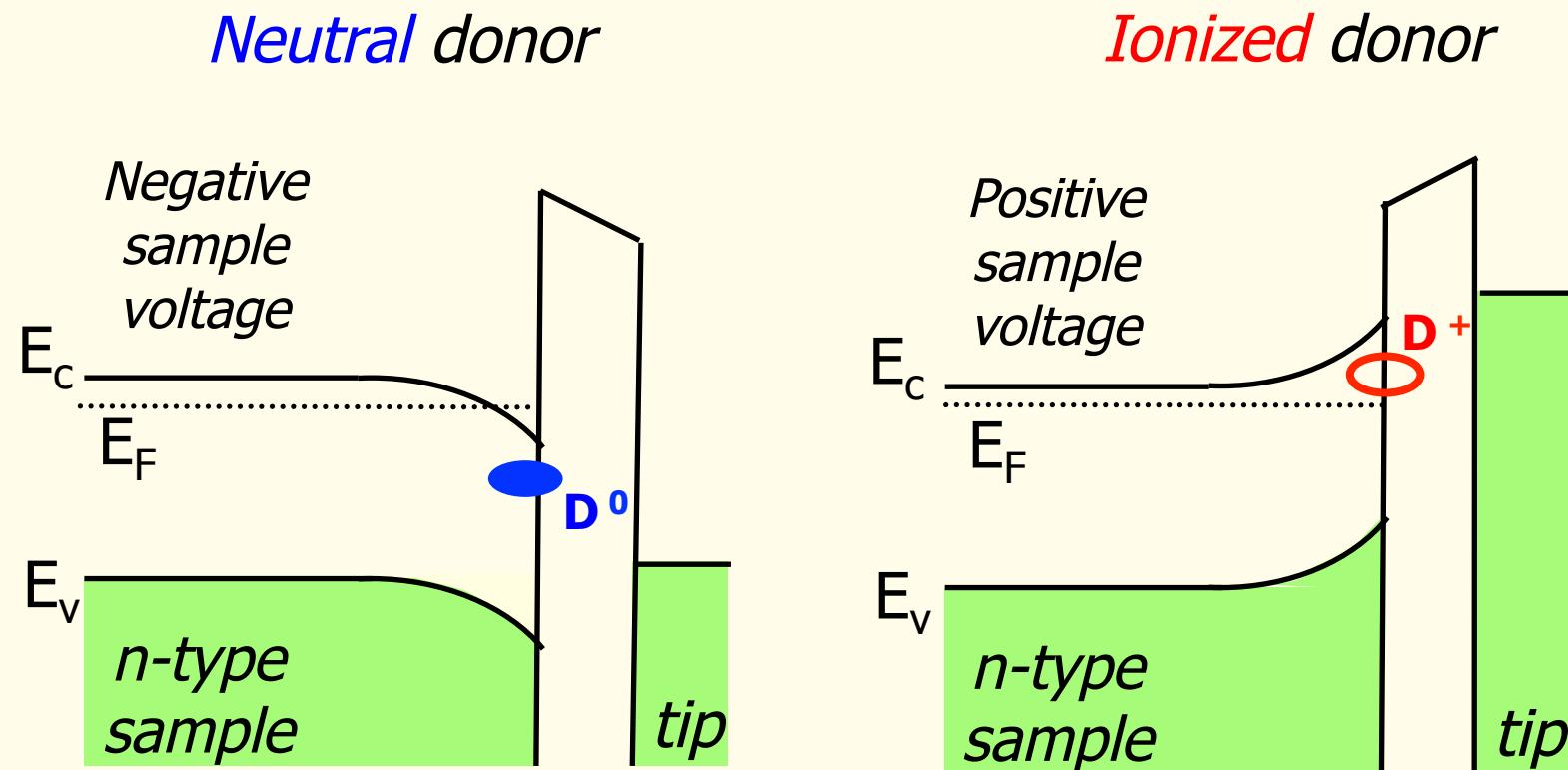


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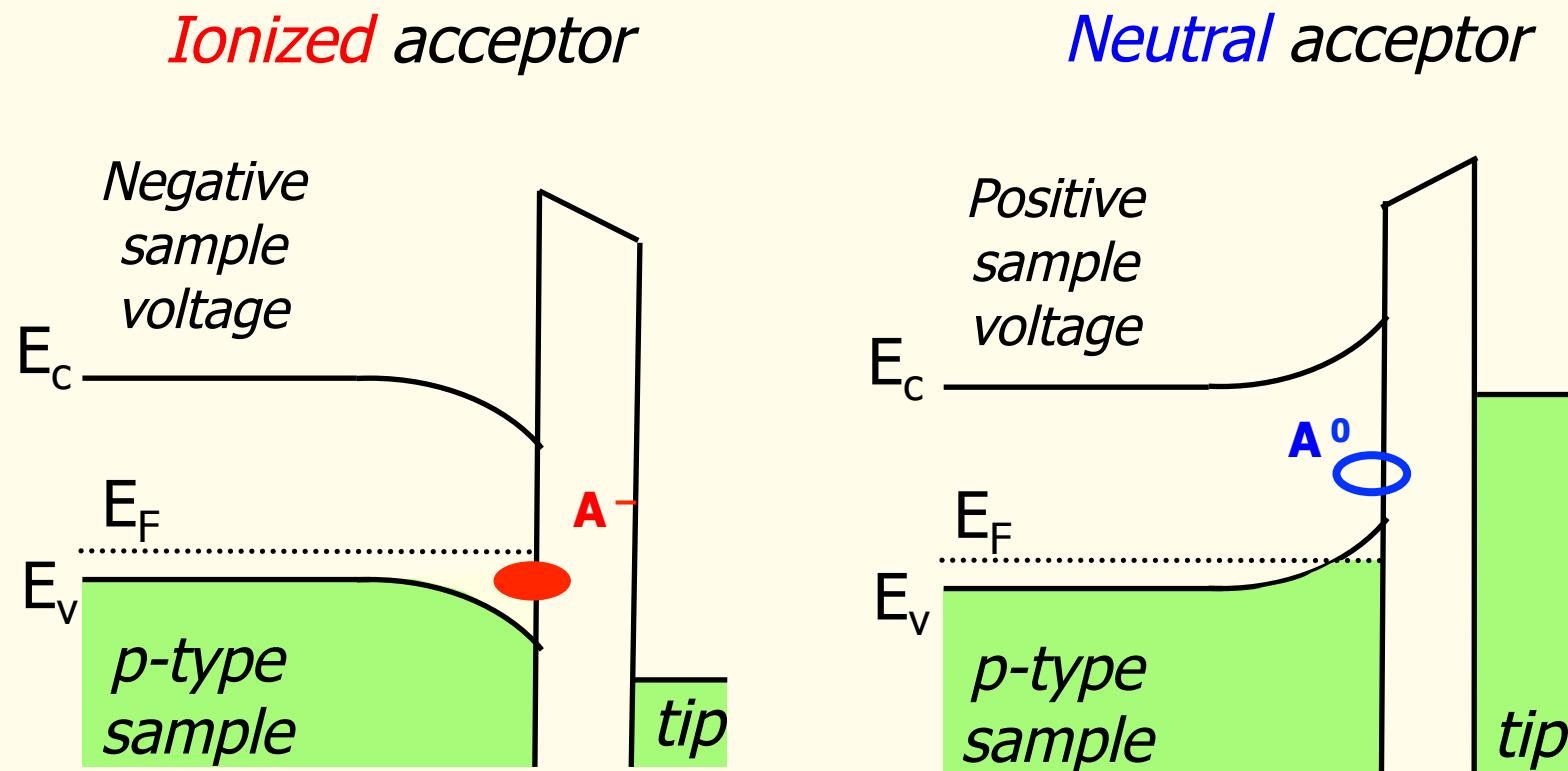


*p-d interaction results in anti-ferromagnetic alignment*

# Manipulation of the Charge State by an STM tip



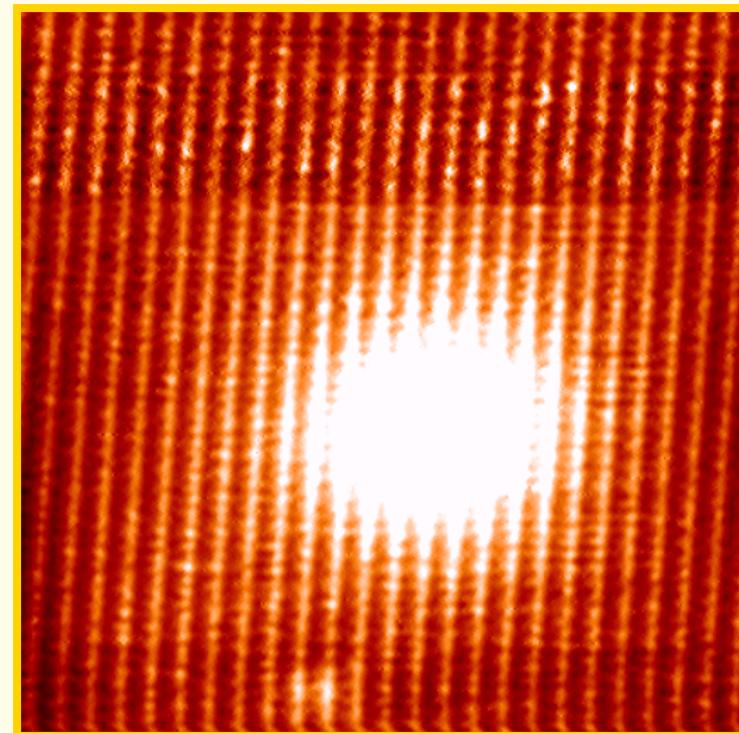
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# $A^-$ and $A^o$ Charge States of Mn

*Ionized Mn  $A^-$*

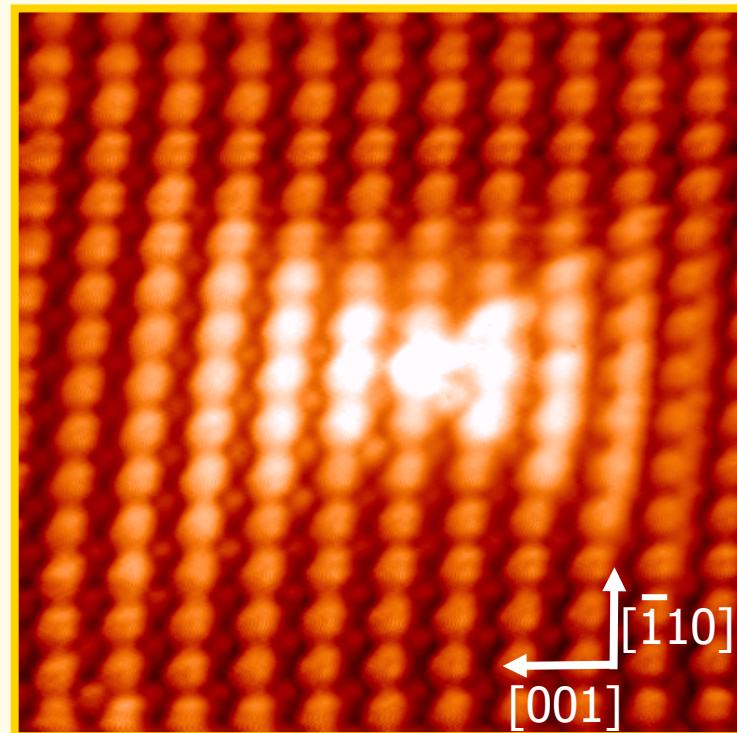
( $V=-0.9$  V)



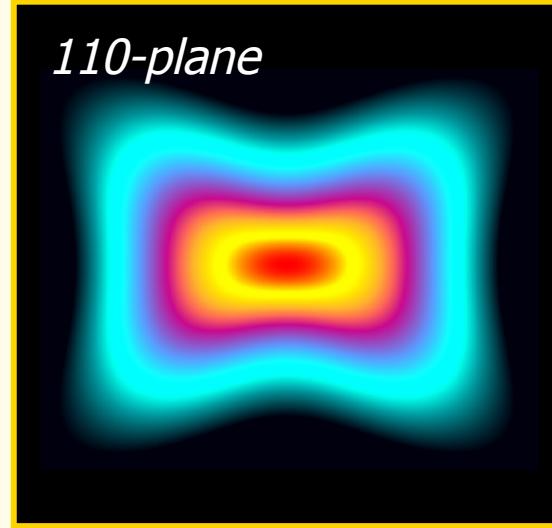
*Contrast is due to Coulomb field*

*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

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

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

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

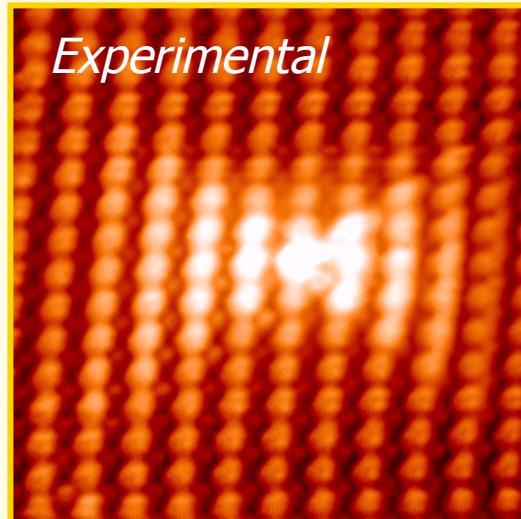
$$c = -\sqrt{3}[\gamma_2(k_x^2 - k_y^2) - 2i\gamma_3 k_x k_y]$$

$\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$   
Luttinger parameters

In confined systems the light and heavy hole bands are mixed

$\gamma_2 = \gamma_3$  isotropic dispersion

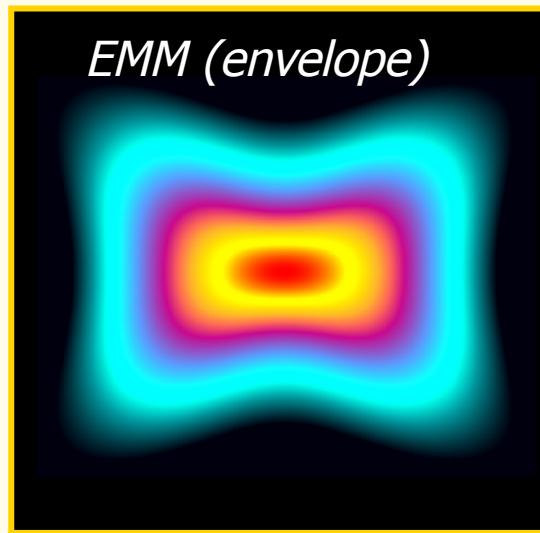
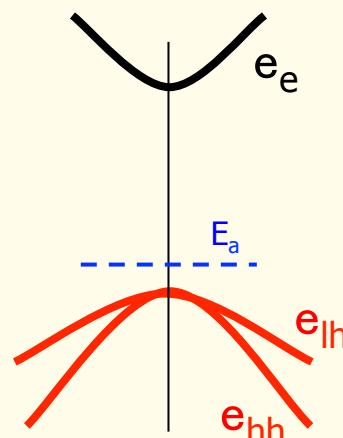
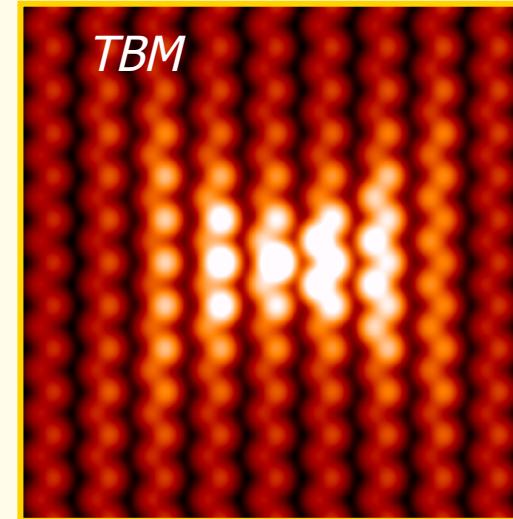
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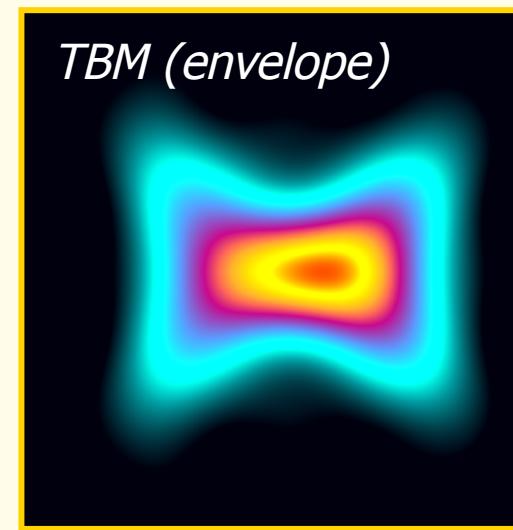
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*Cubic symmetry selects d-states contributing to the ground state envelope with  $T_2$  symmetry*

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

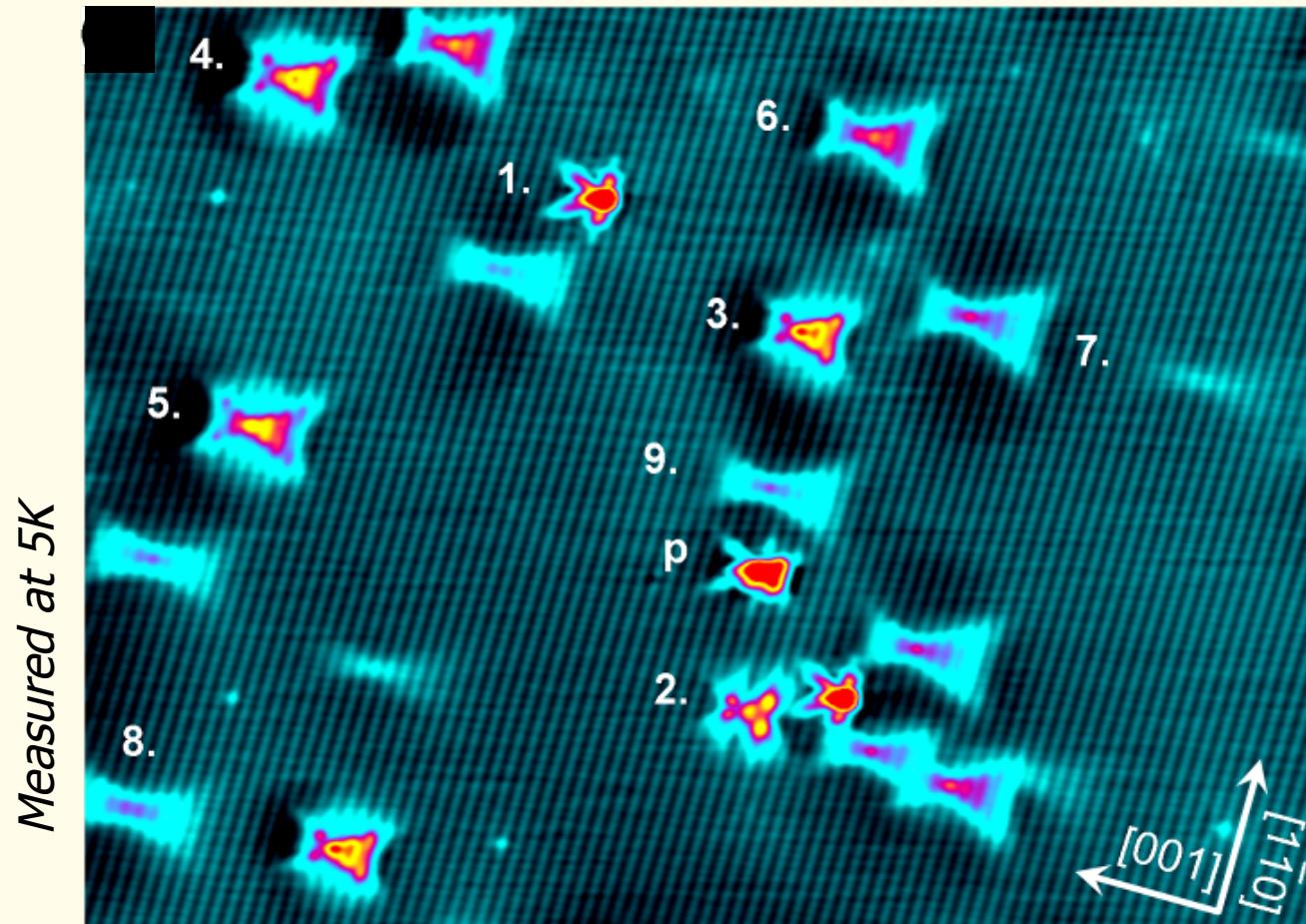


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J.-M. Tang and M. Flatté, Iowa, US

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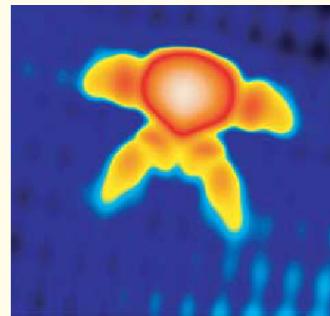


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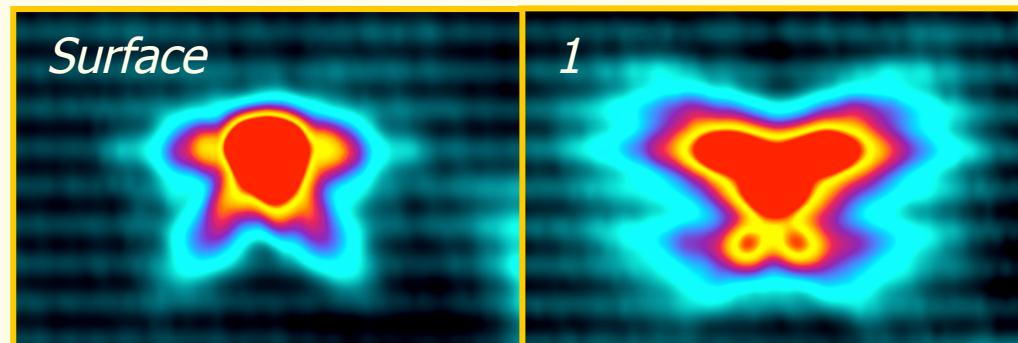
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# Depth dependent contrast

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

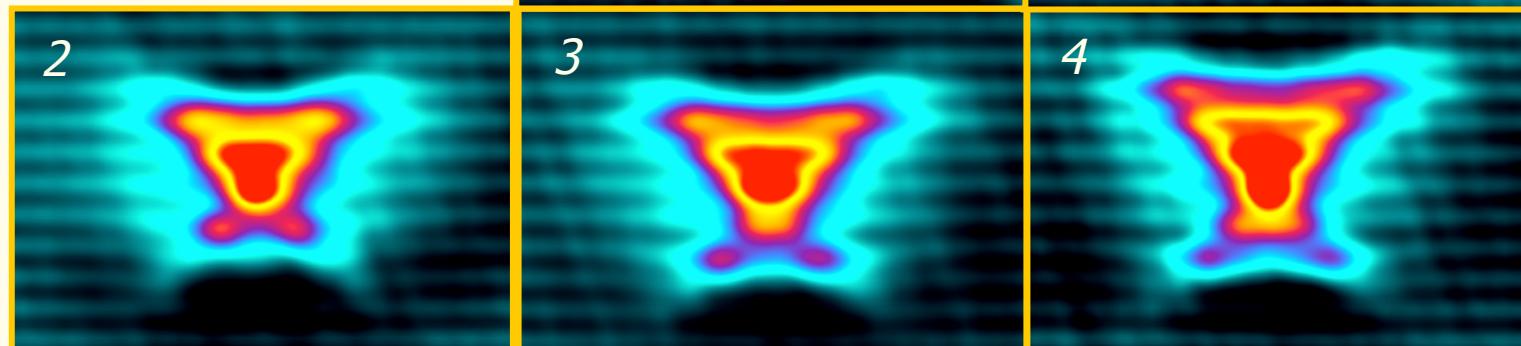


Surface Mn



Surface

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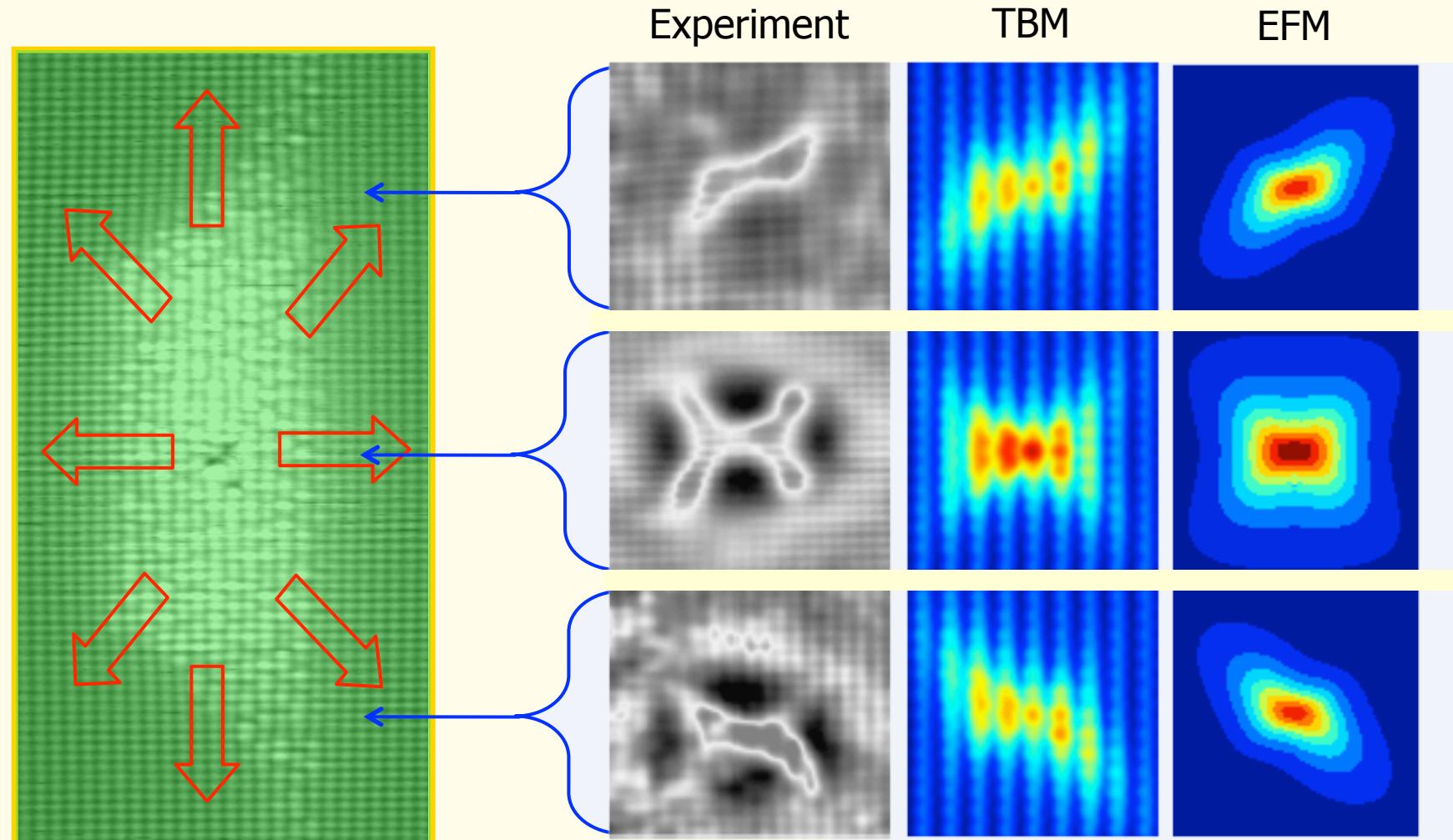
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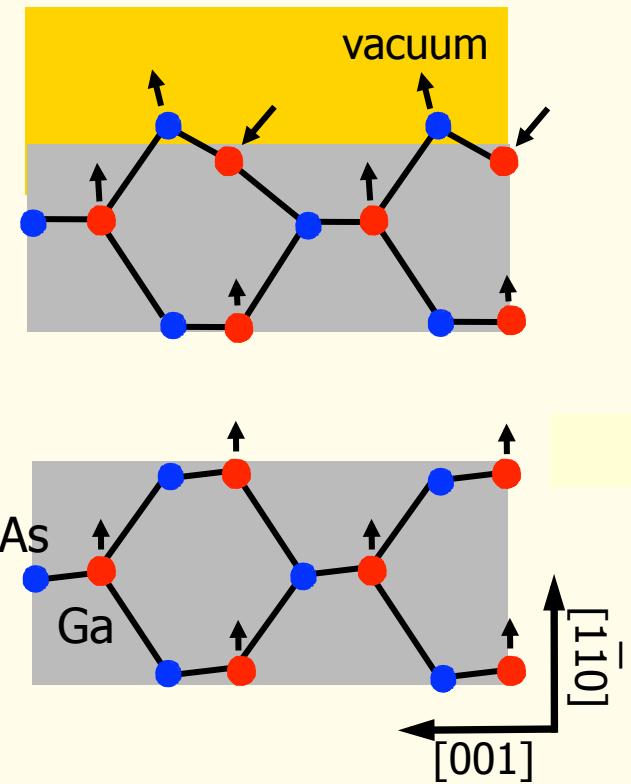
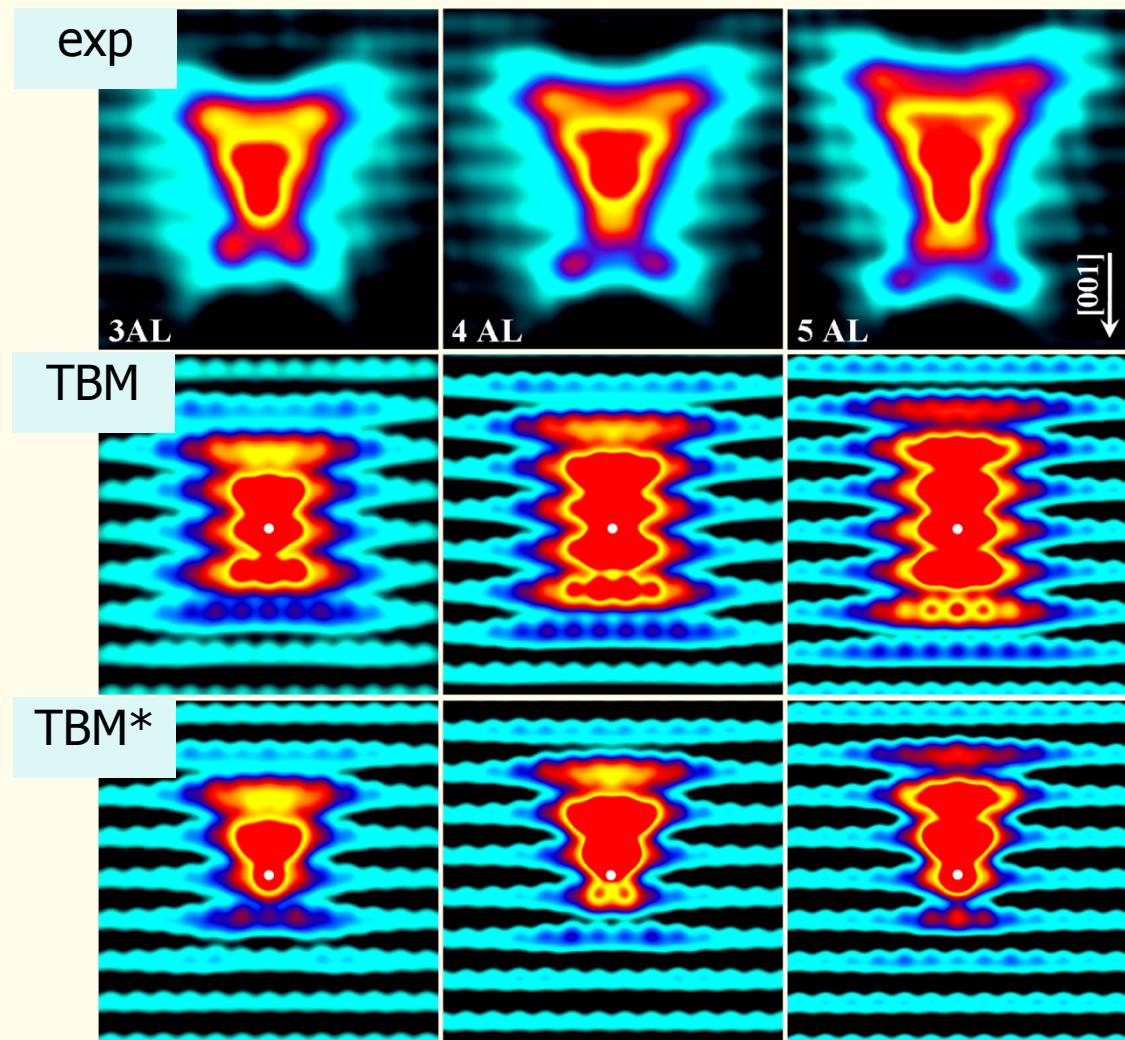
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# Strained Mn impurities



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

# Effect of Surface relaxation



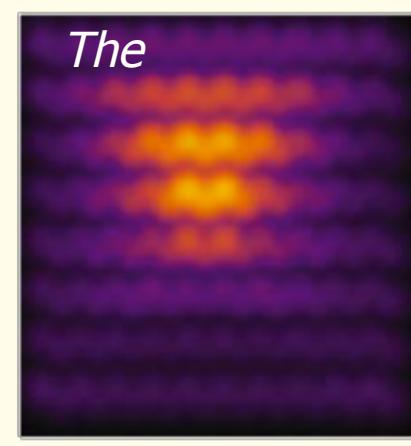
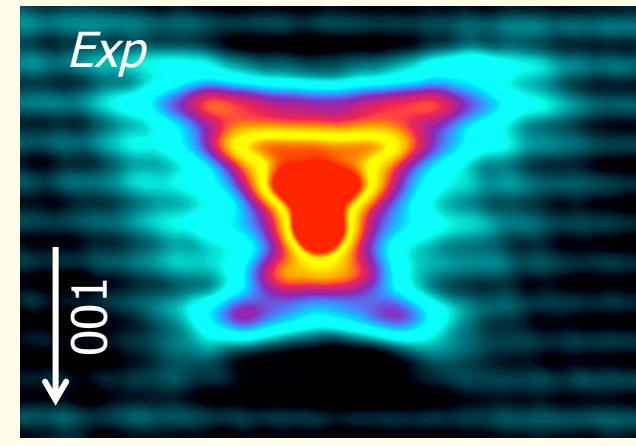
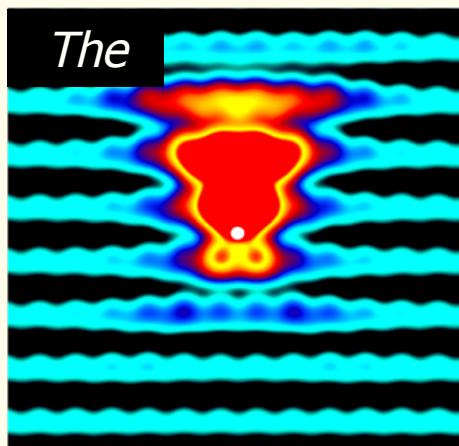
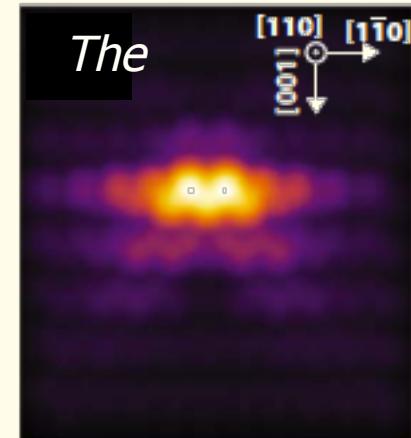
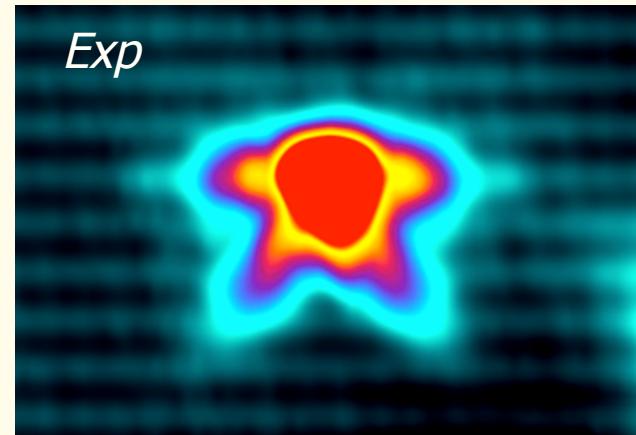
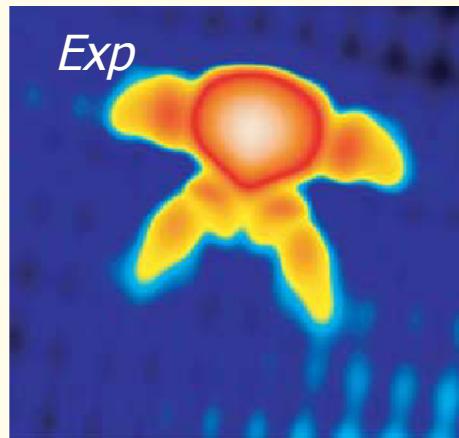
Ga sublattice shifted by  
0.014 Ang in 110 direction  
(0.25 % of lattice constant)

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# Mn Contrast

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surface  
4<sup>th</sup> sublayer

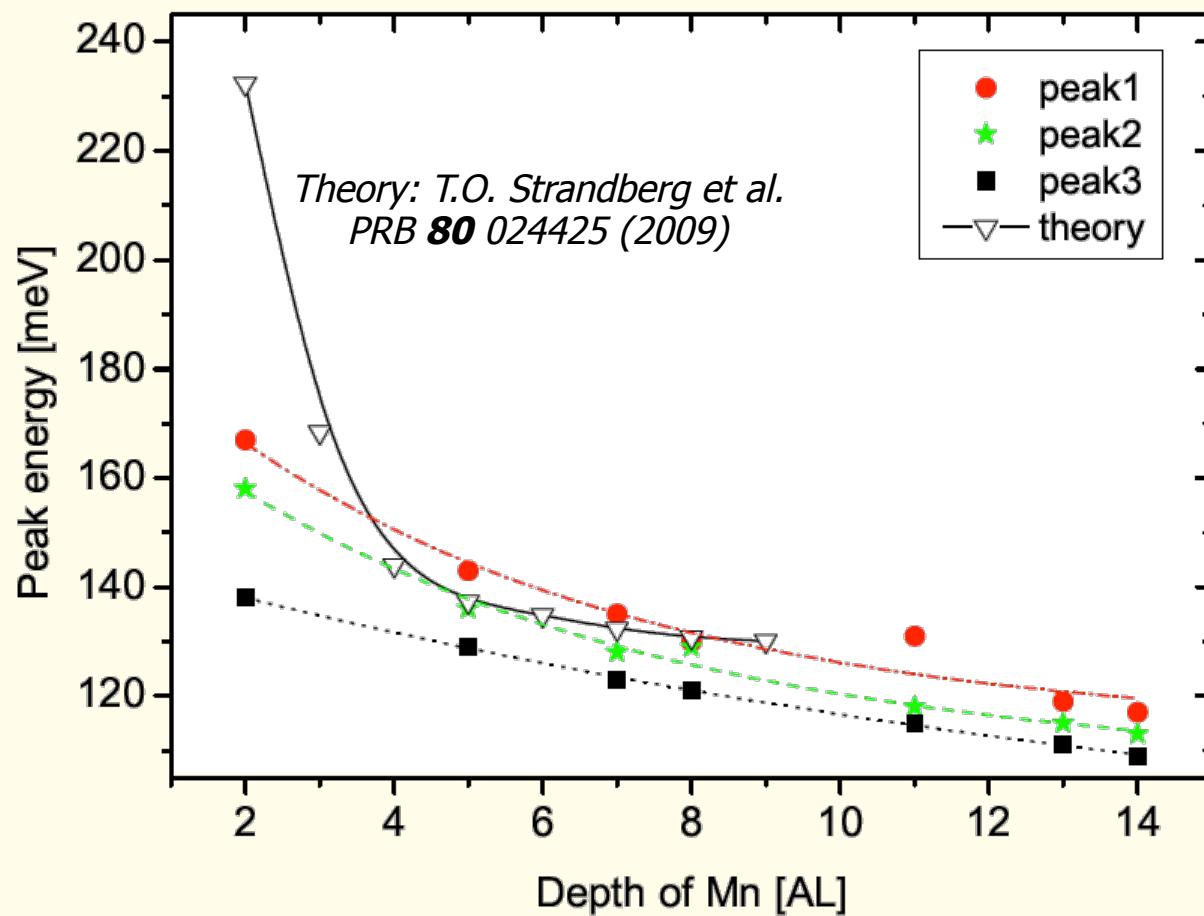


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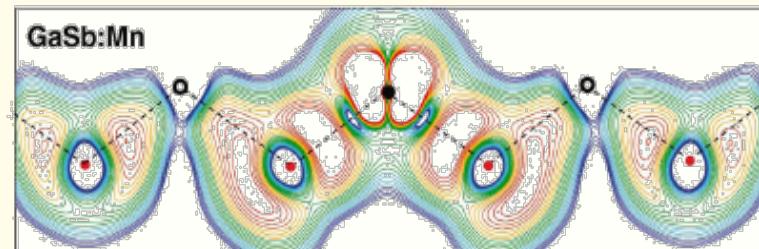
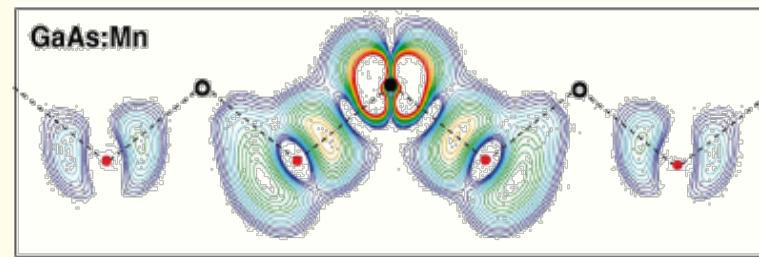
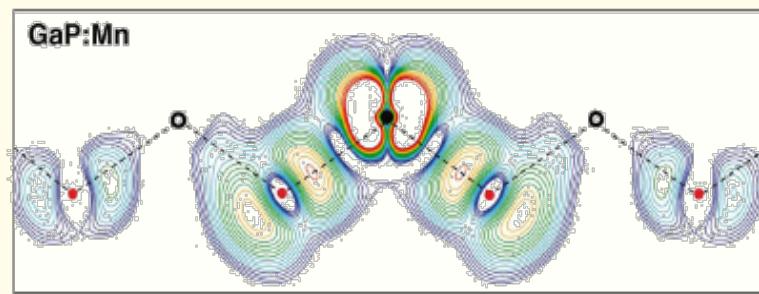
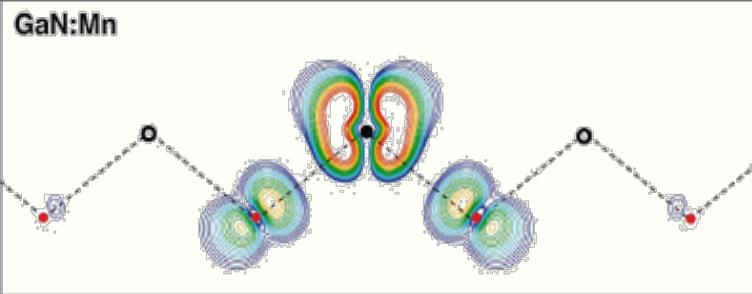
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# Binding Energy Mn Acceptor



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# Shallow versus Deep Impurities



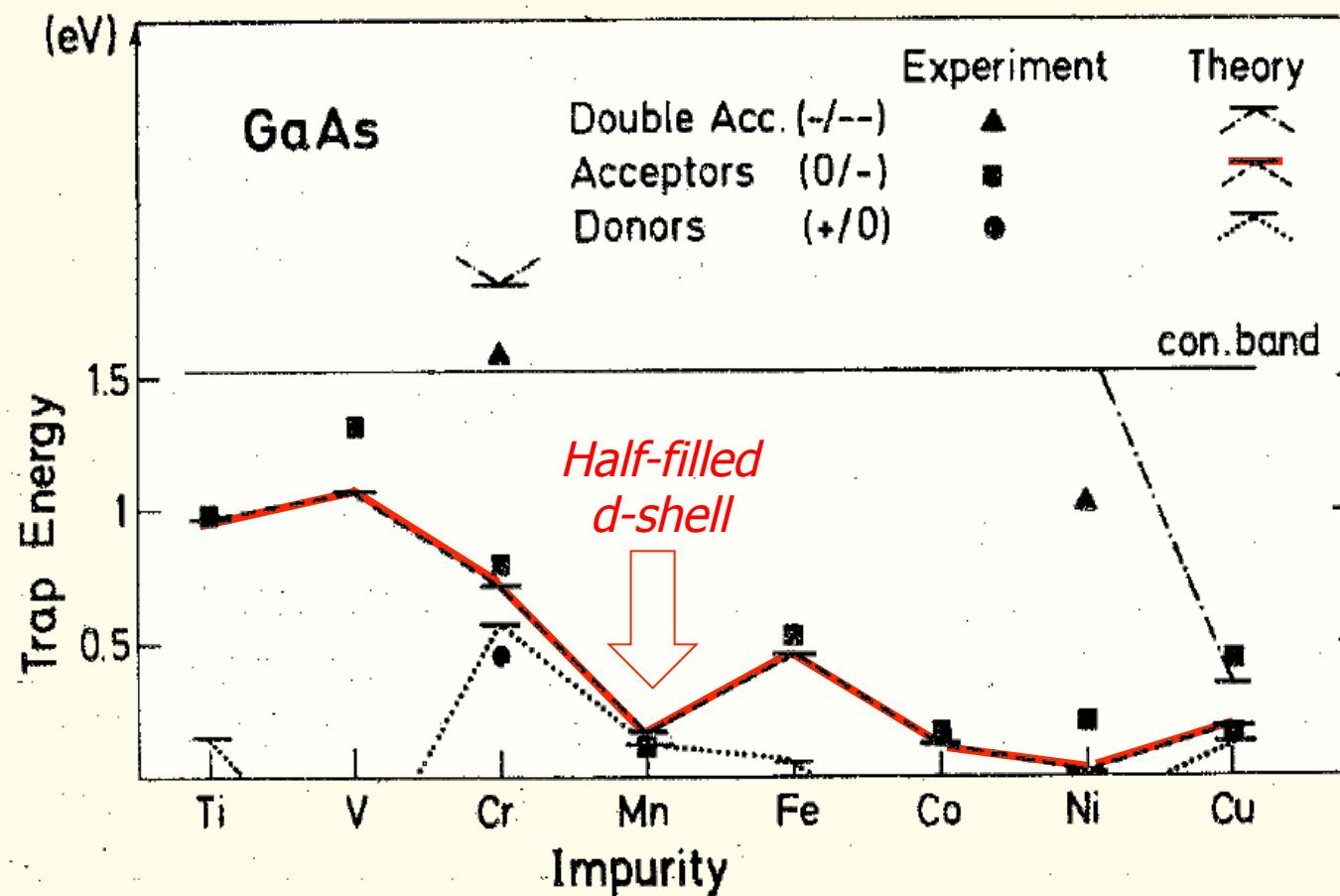
## Shallow impurities

- 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

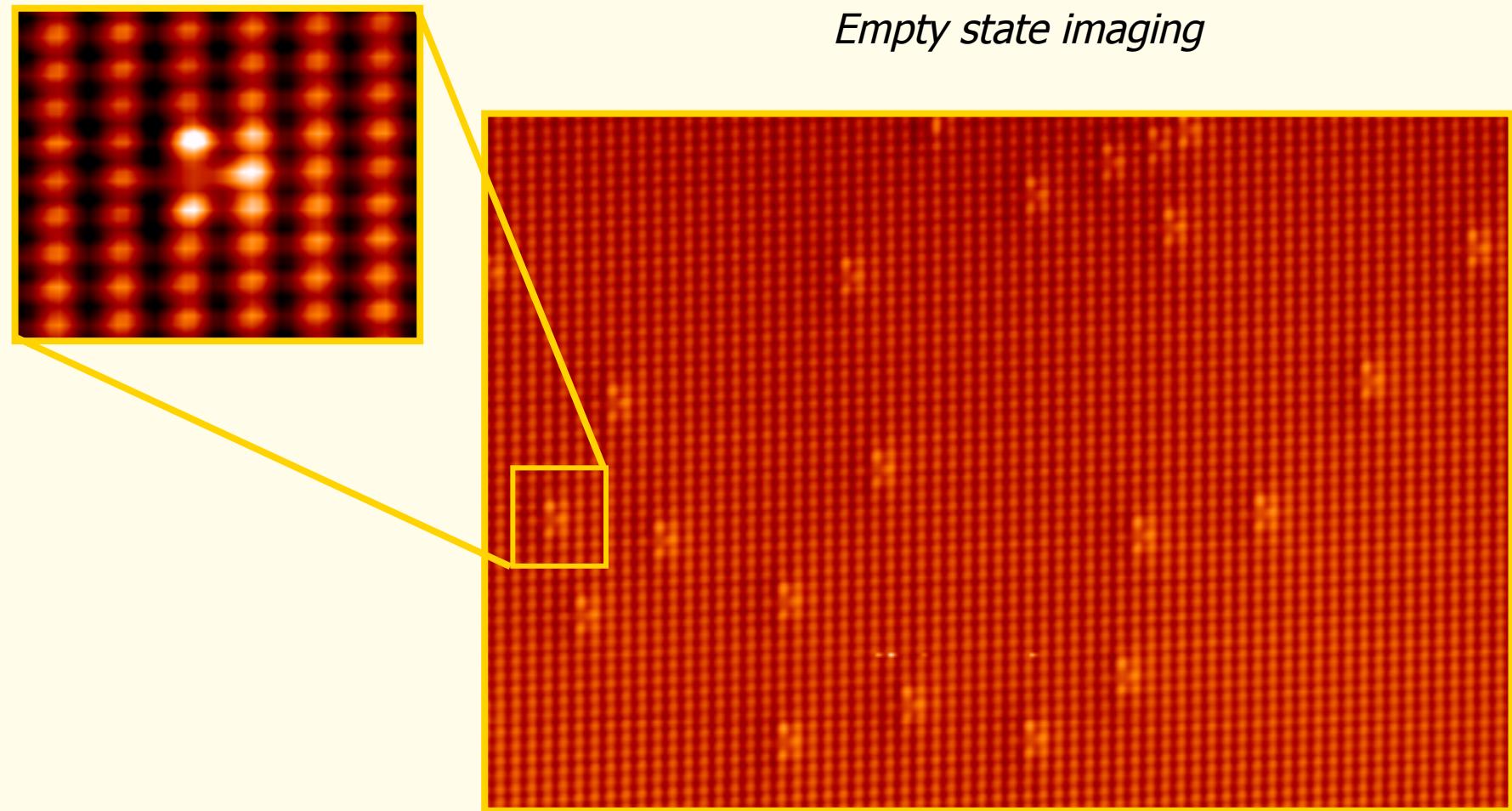
- Atomic scale confining potential strongly non-Coulombic
- Advanced atomistic modeling
- Strongly localized, large binding energy
- Examples in GaAs: Fe, Cr, Er

# Transition Metal Impurities in GaAs



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

# Cr doped GaP

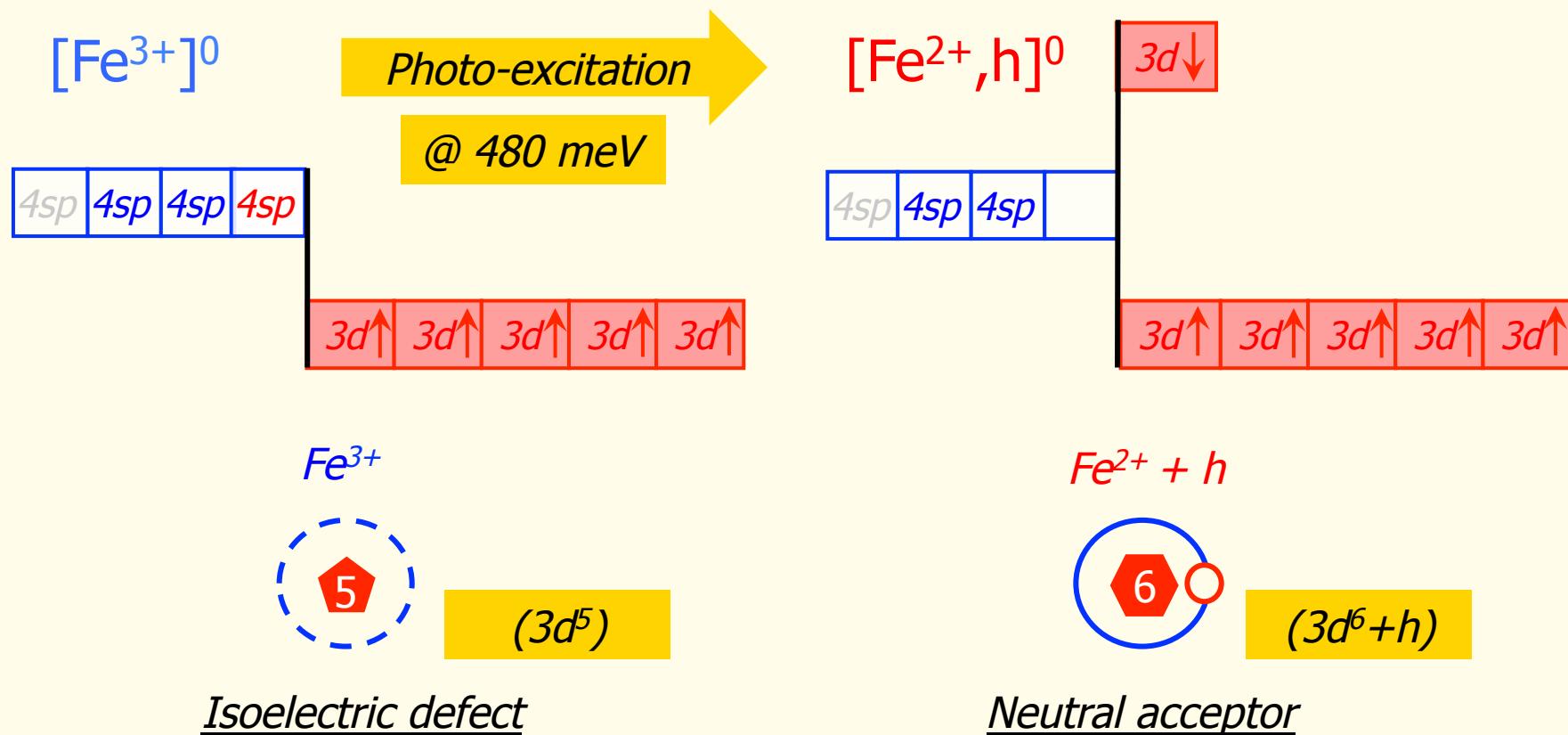


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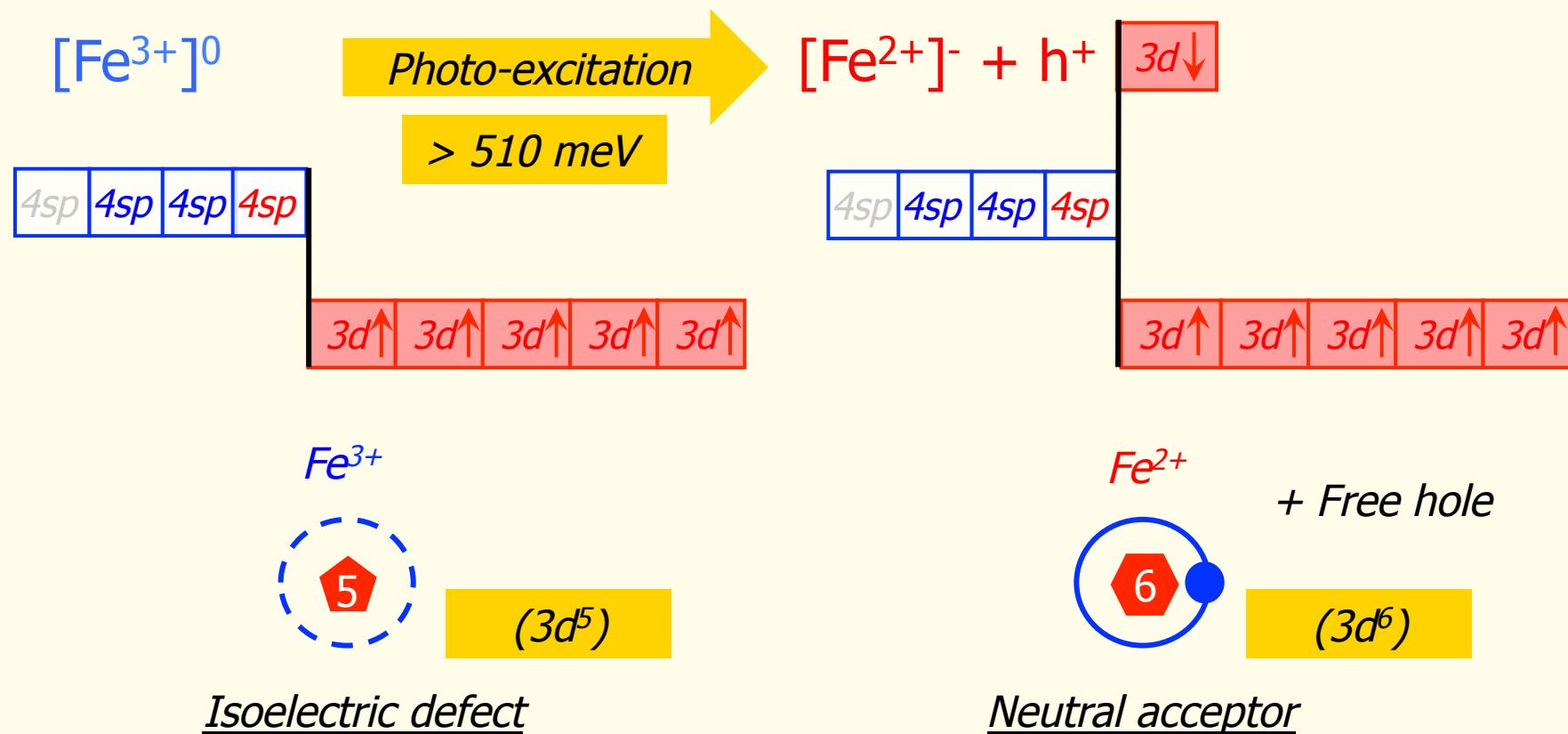
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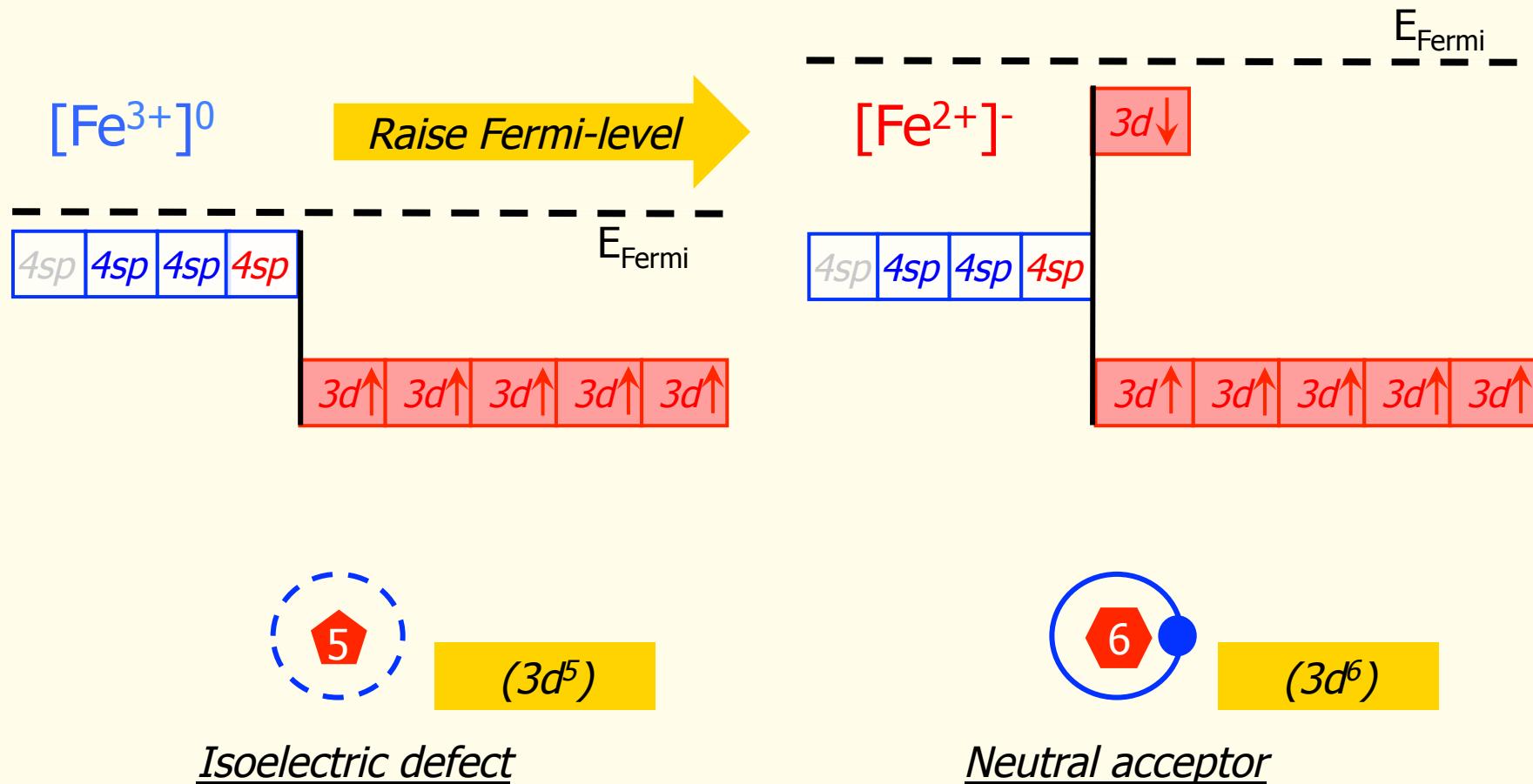
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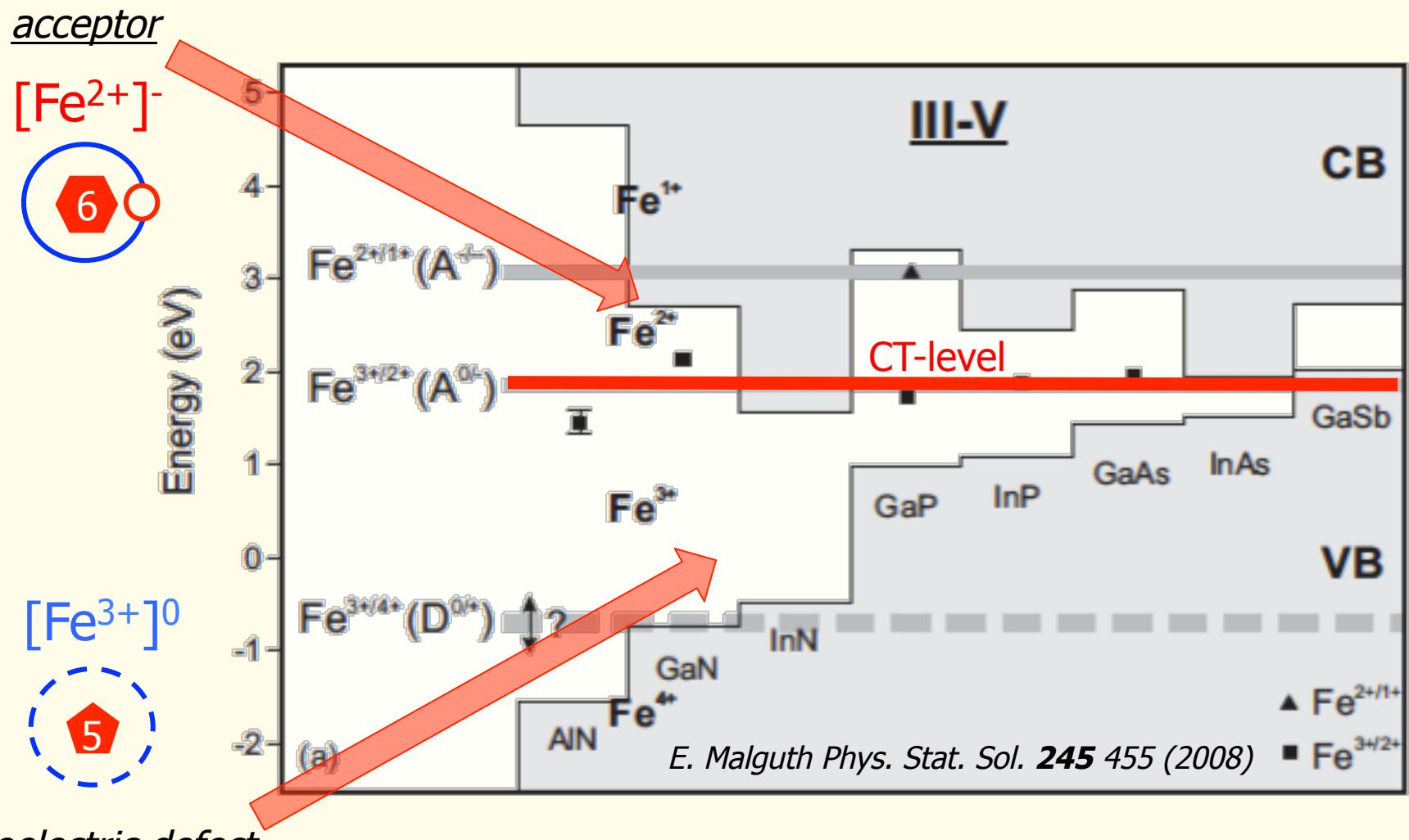
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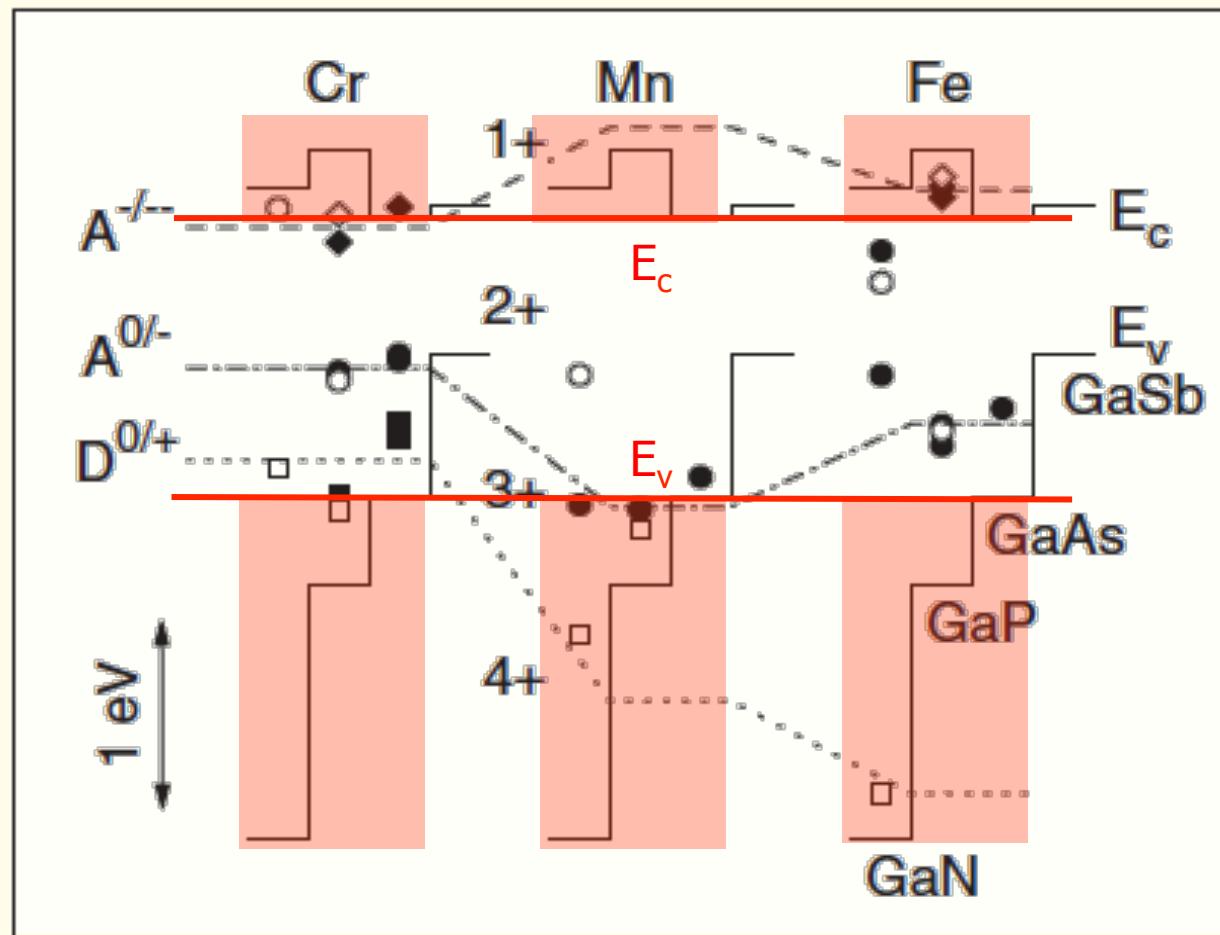


# Charge Transfer Level Fe in III/V



Charge state Fe depends on position Fermi level

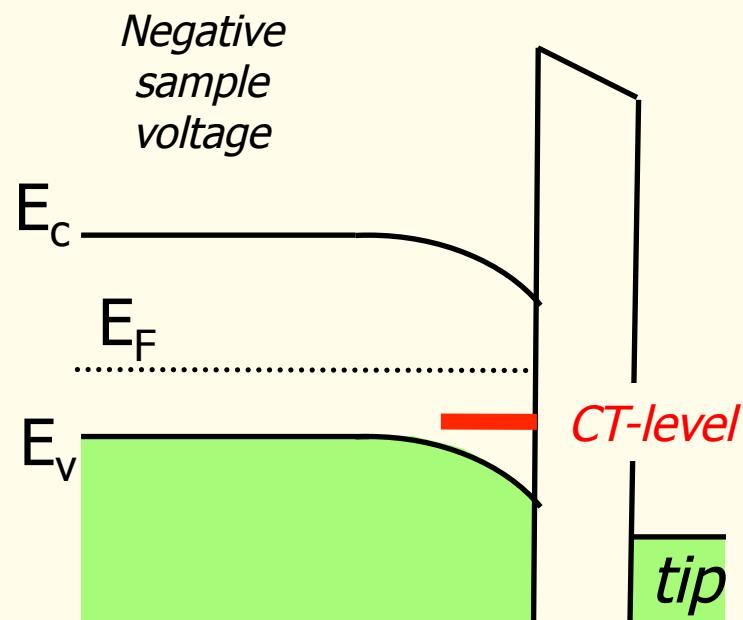
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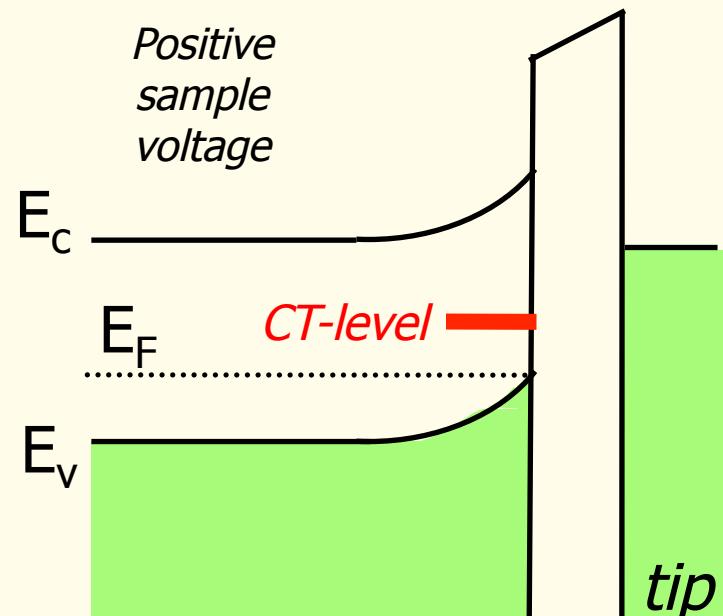
# Manipulation of the Fe valence state

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



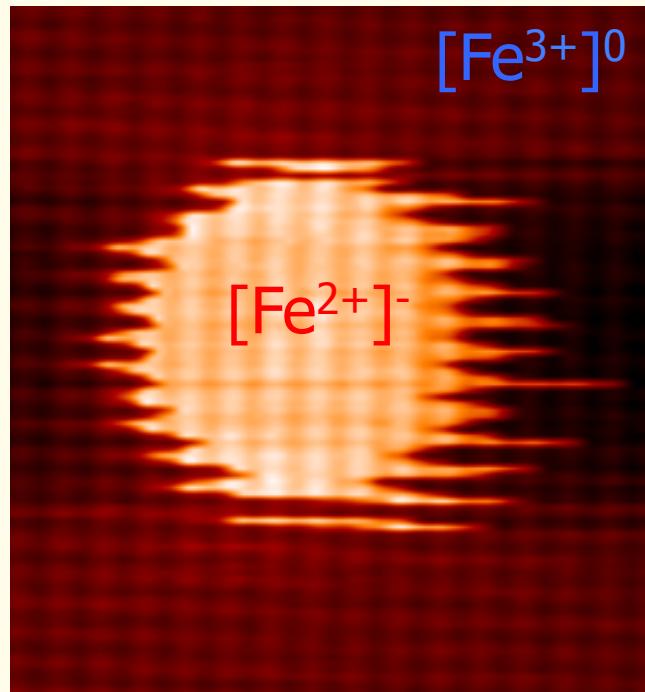
At large negative voltage  
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$[Fe^{3+}]^0$  isoelectronic center

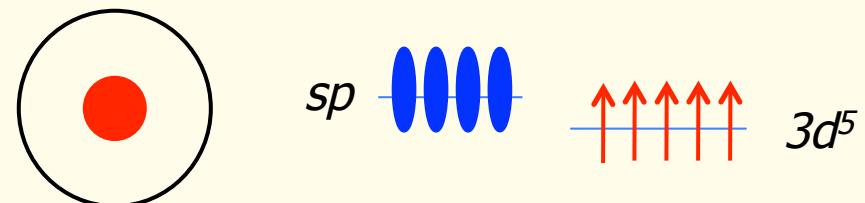


At large positive voltage  
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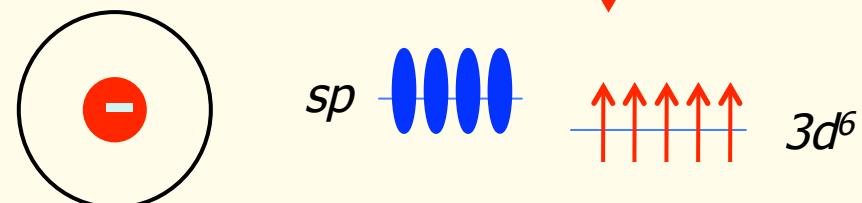
# Manipulation of Valence State of Fe by STM tip



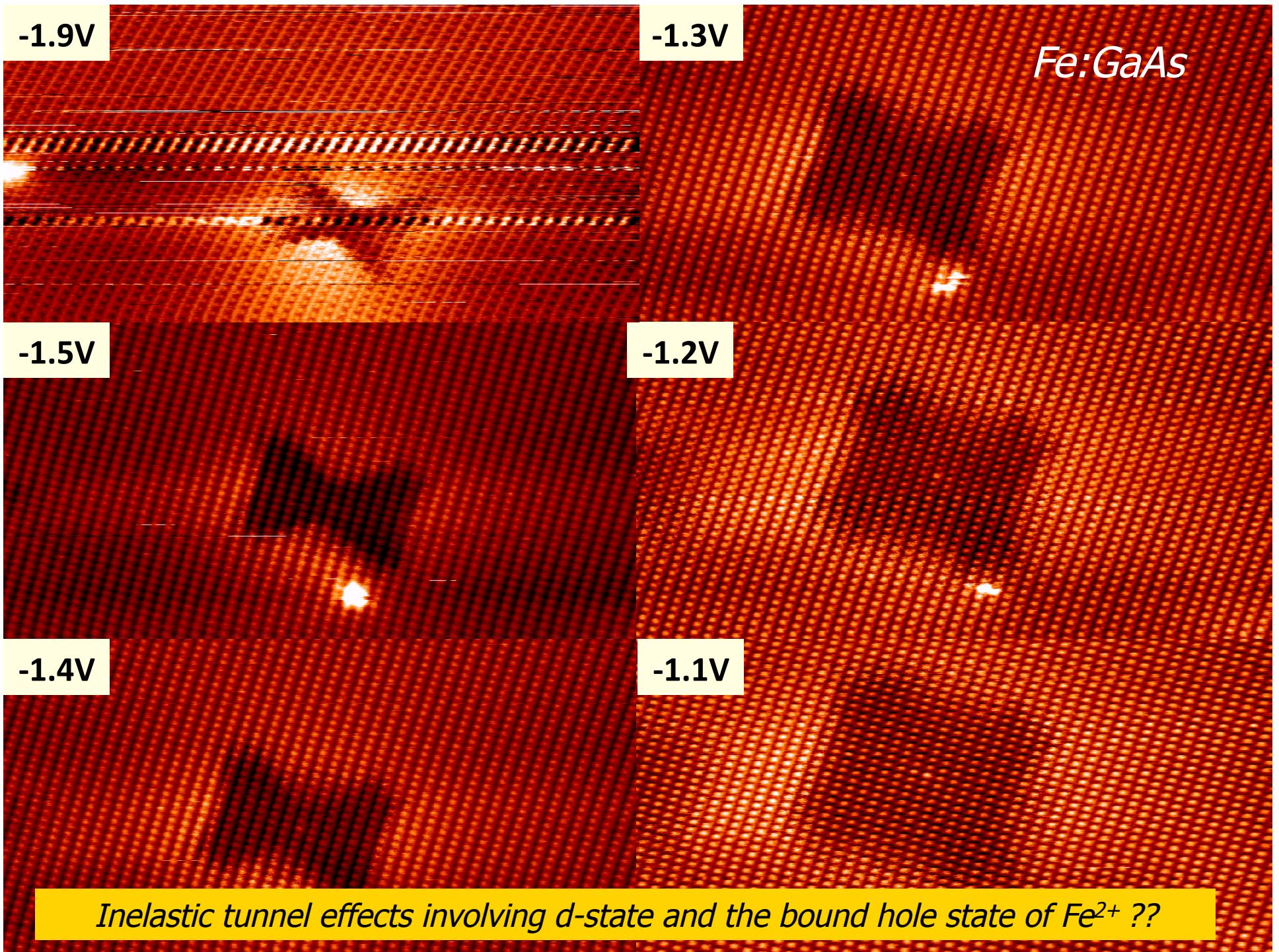
[ $\text{Fe}^{3+}]^0$  *iso-electronic dopant*



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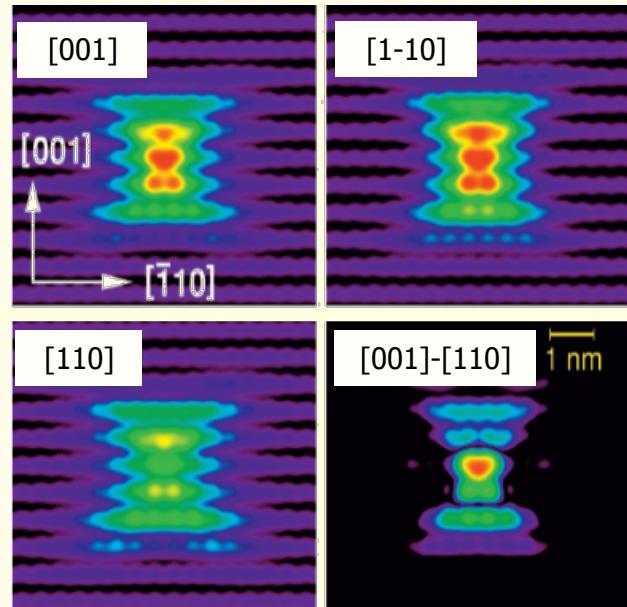


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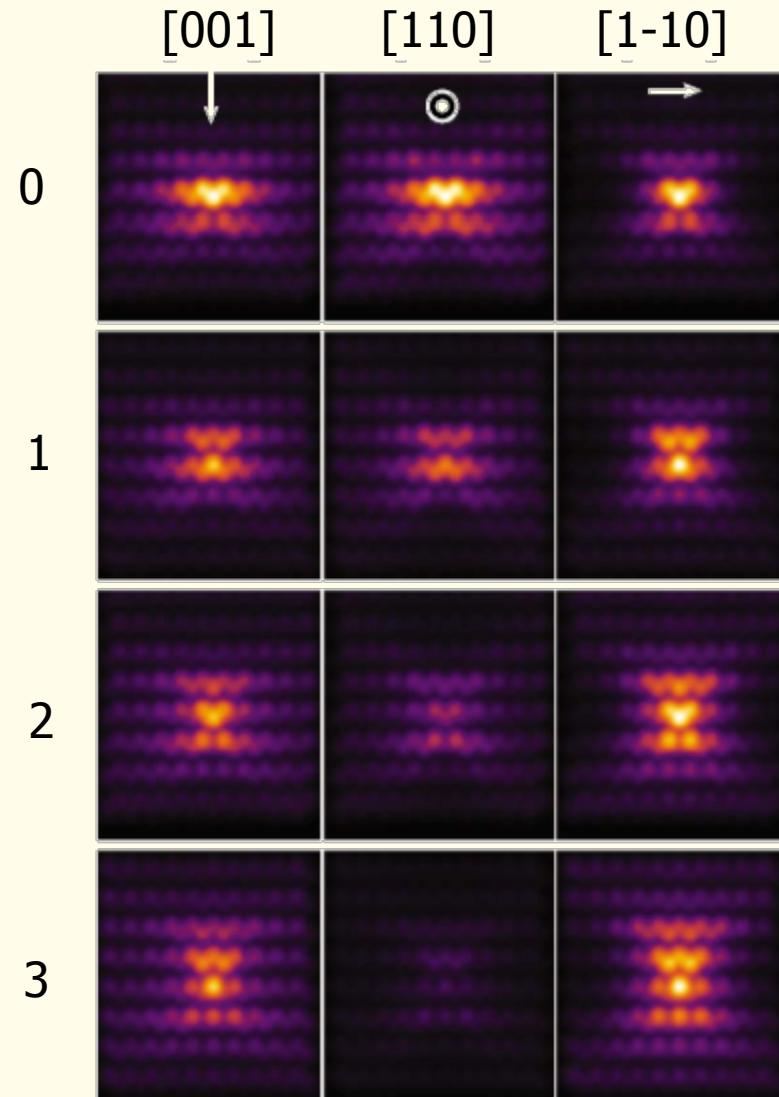
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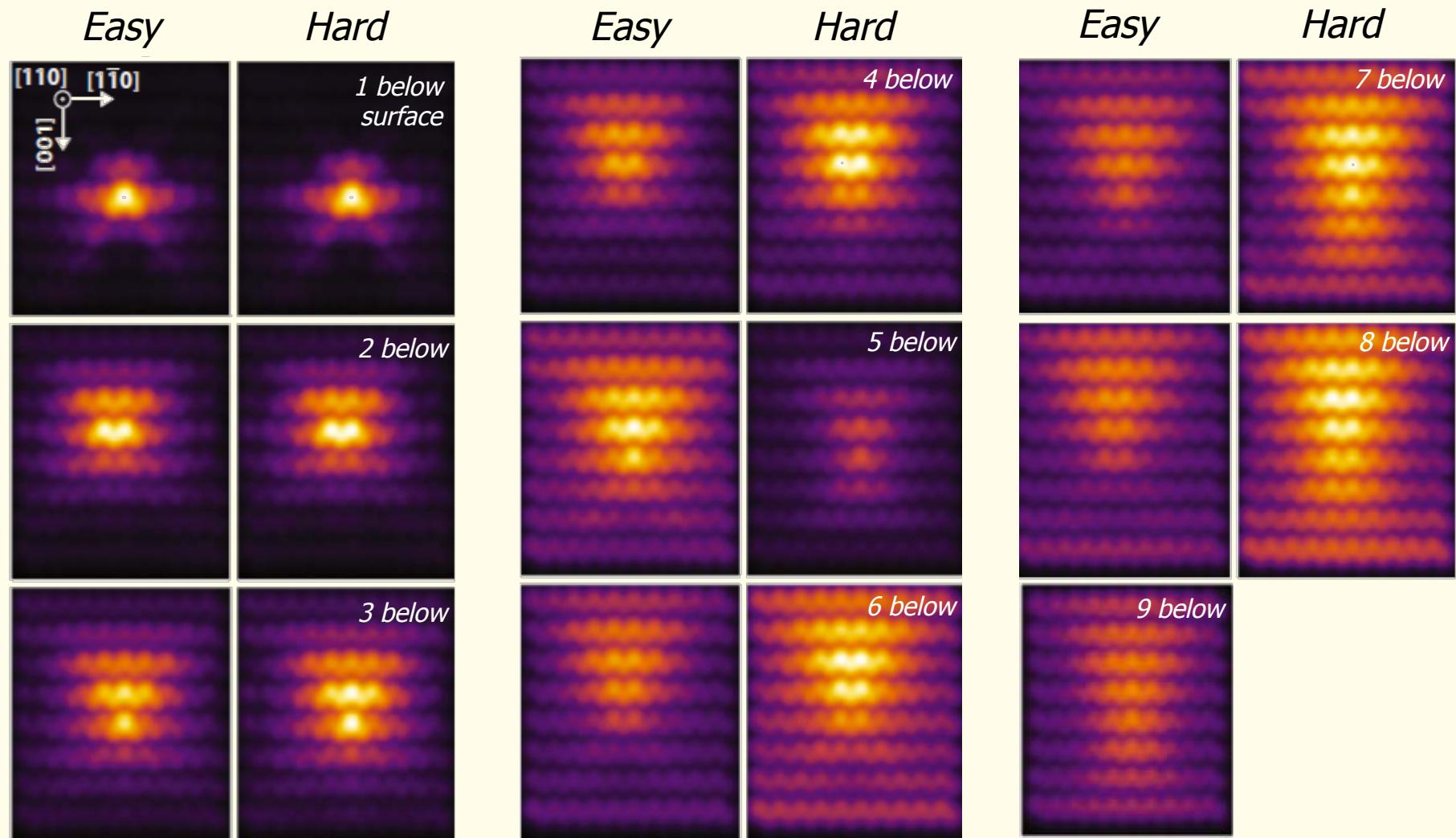


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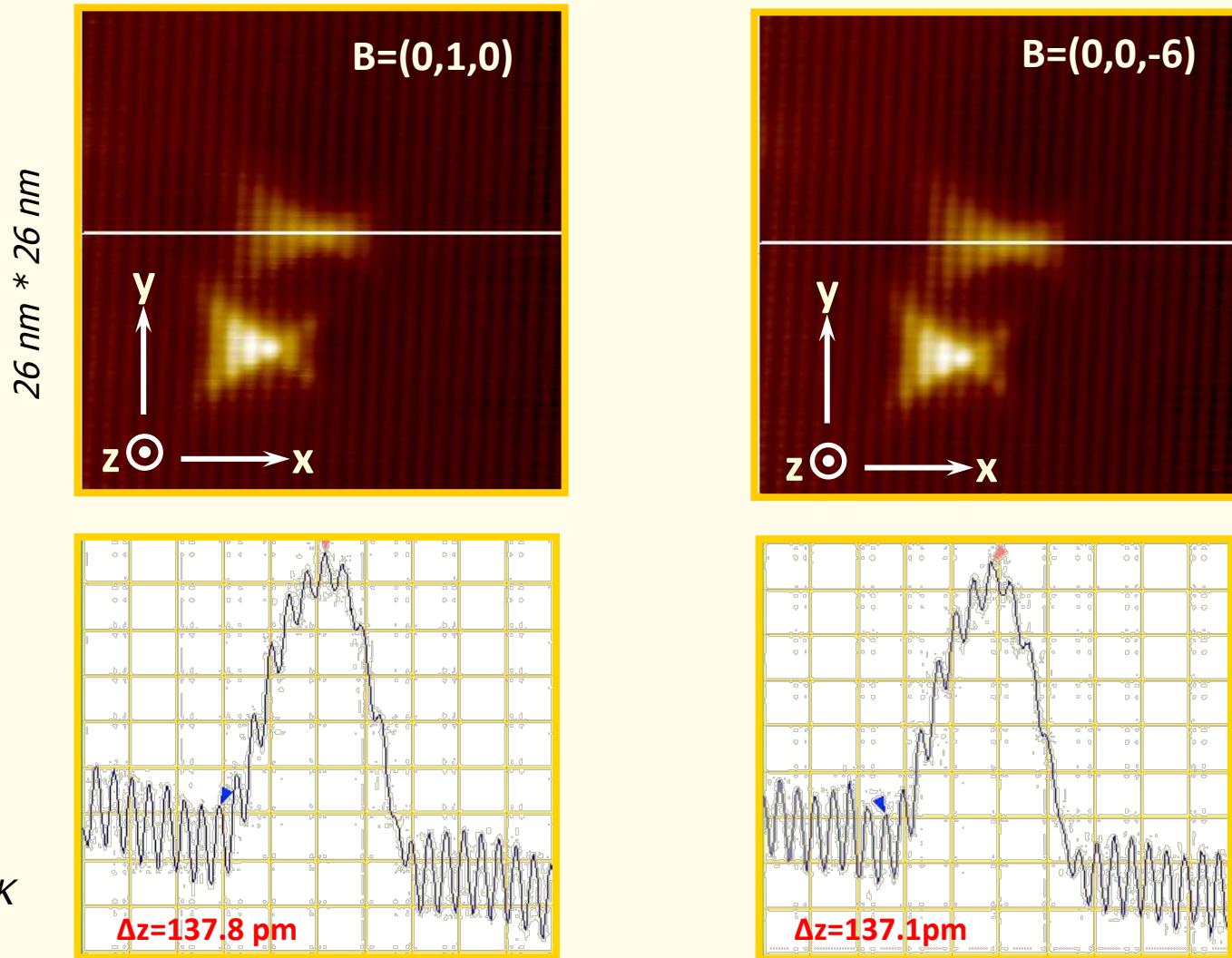
# Depth Dependence Mn Contrast



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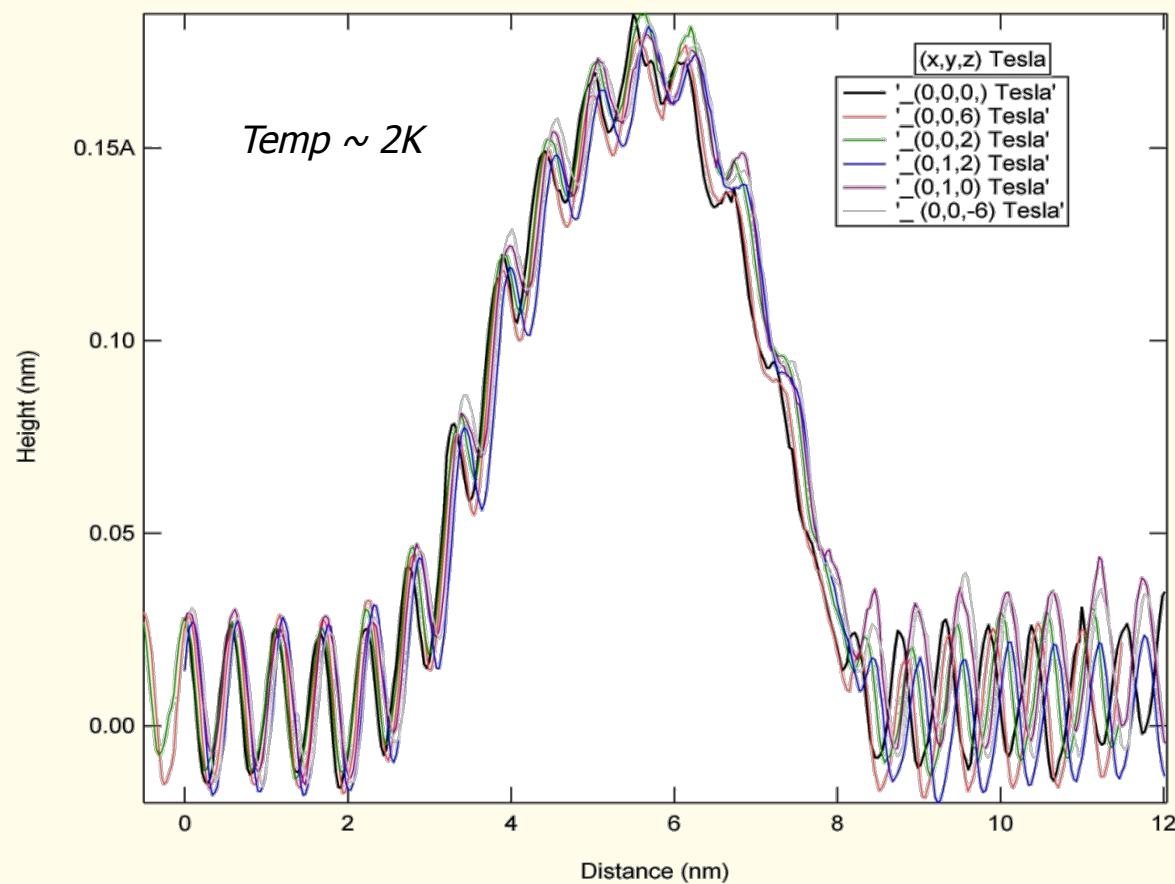
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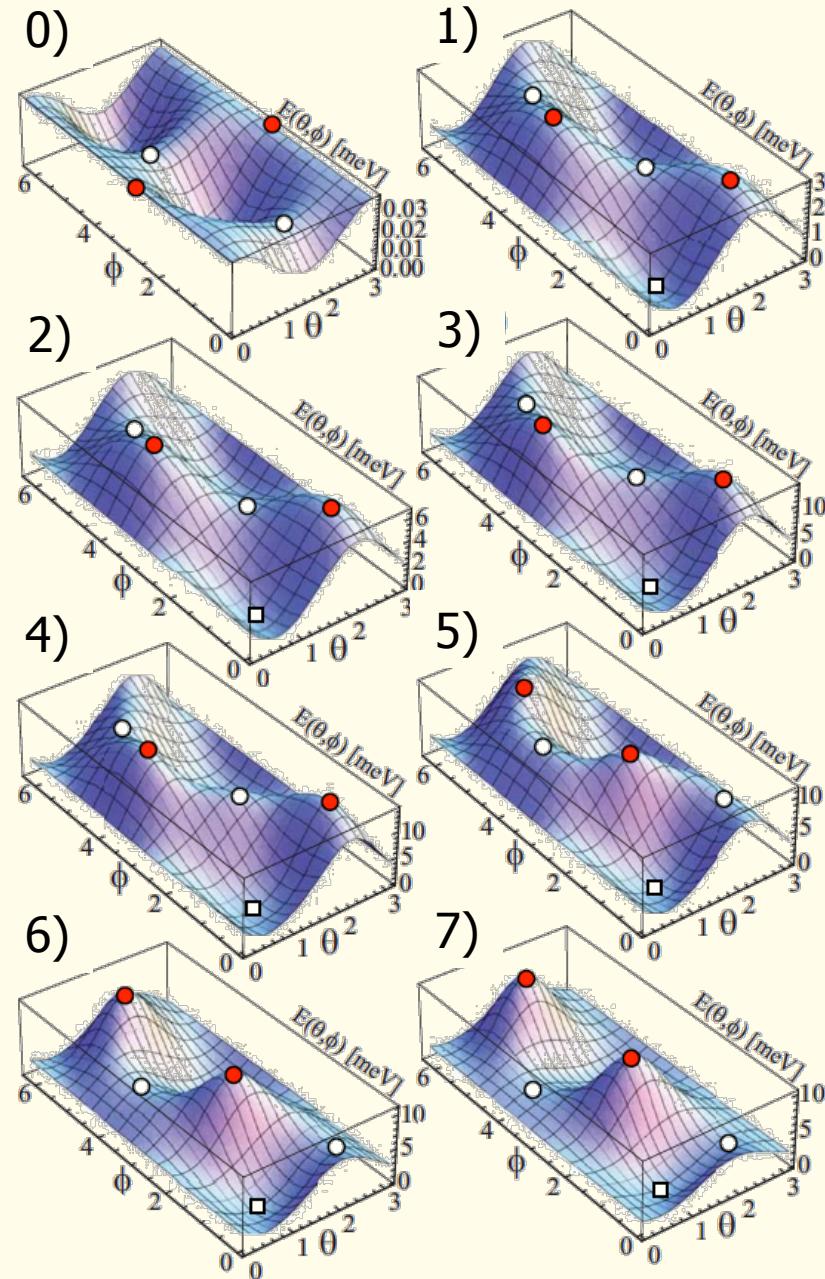
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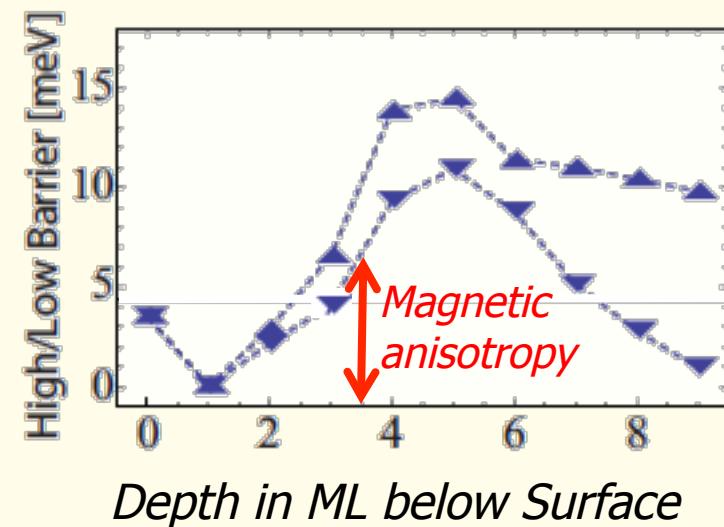




*Depth in ML below Surface*

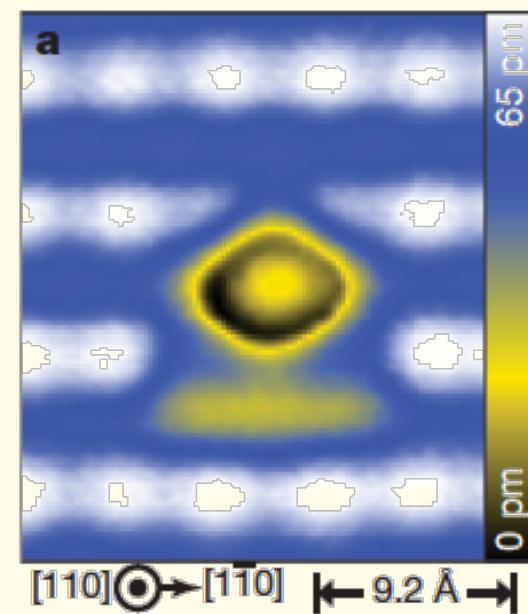
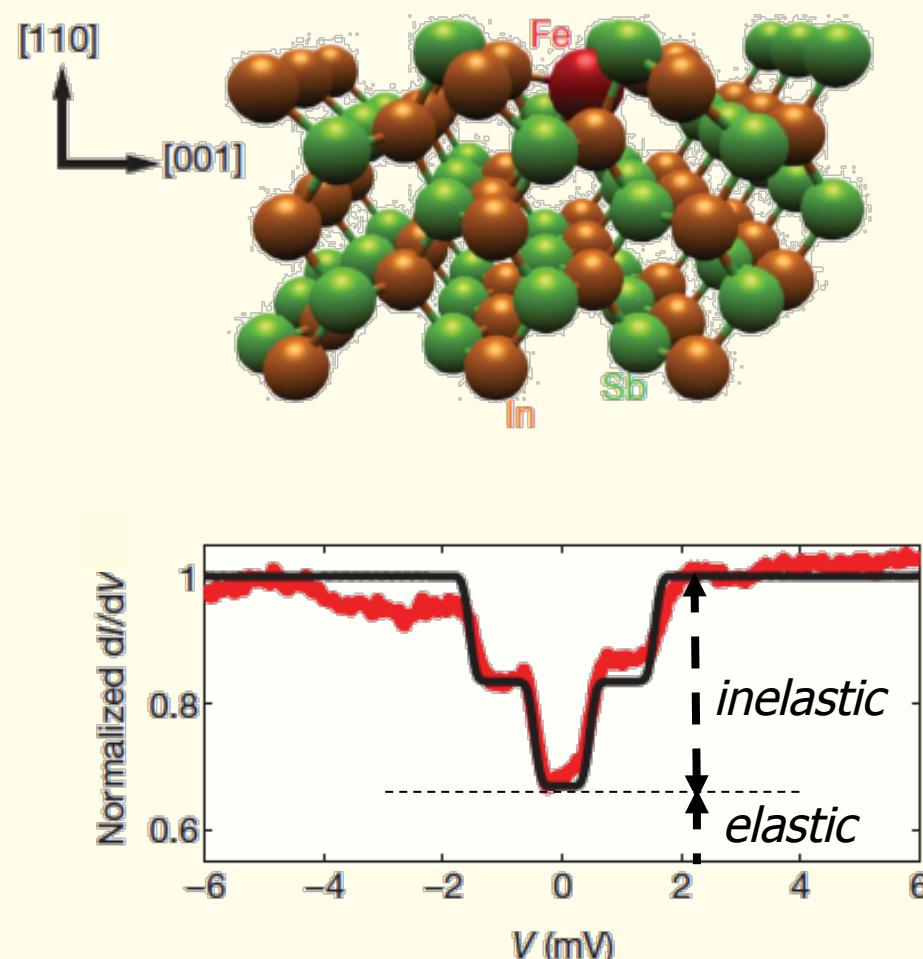
# Magnetic anisotropy as function of depth below surface

- Minimal energy
- Low barrier
- High barrier



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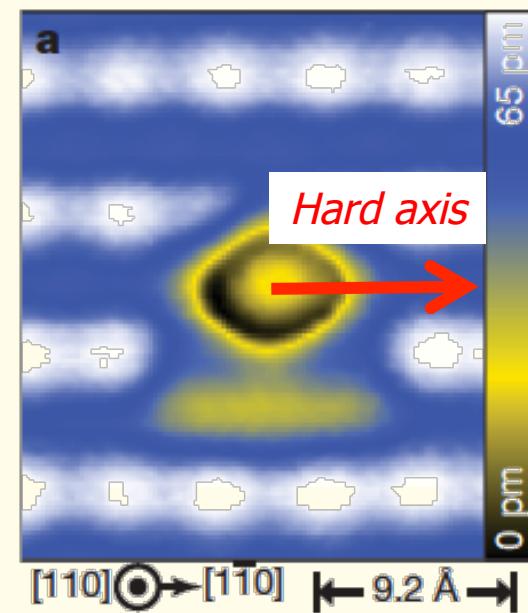
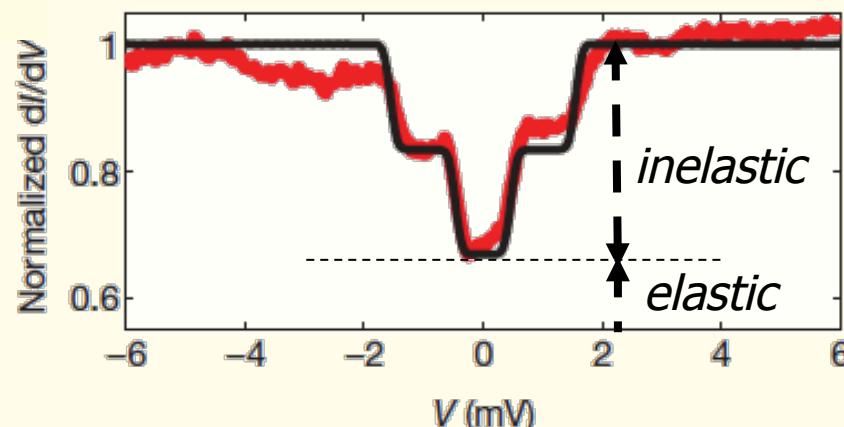


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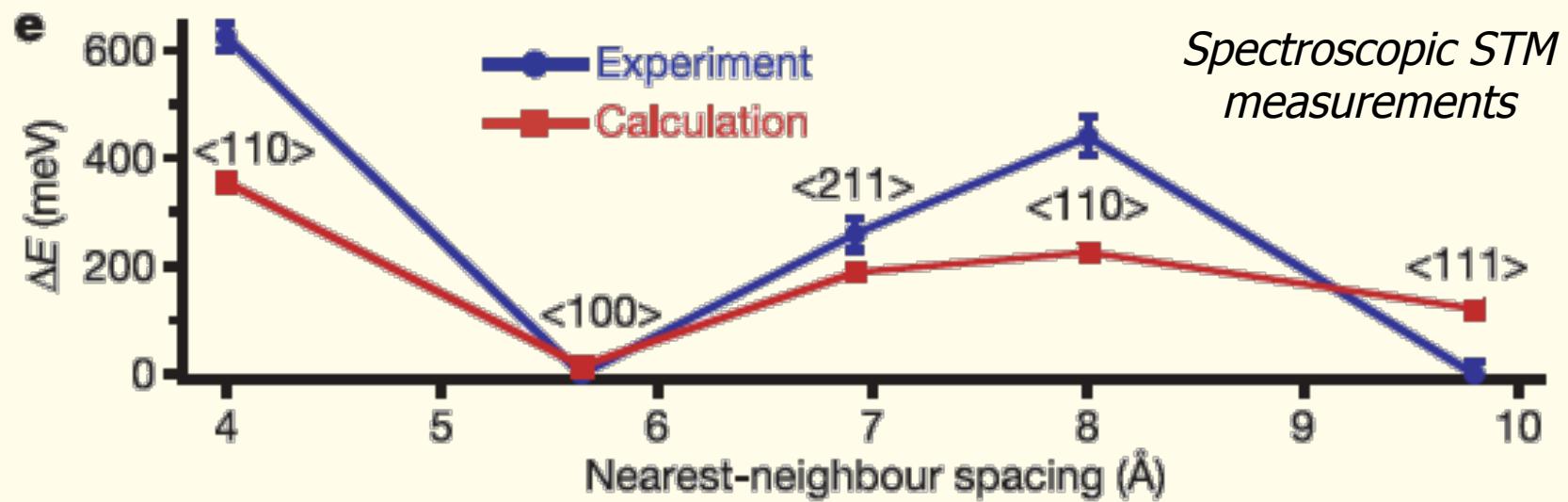
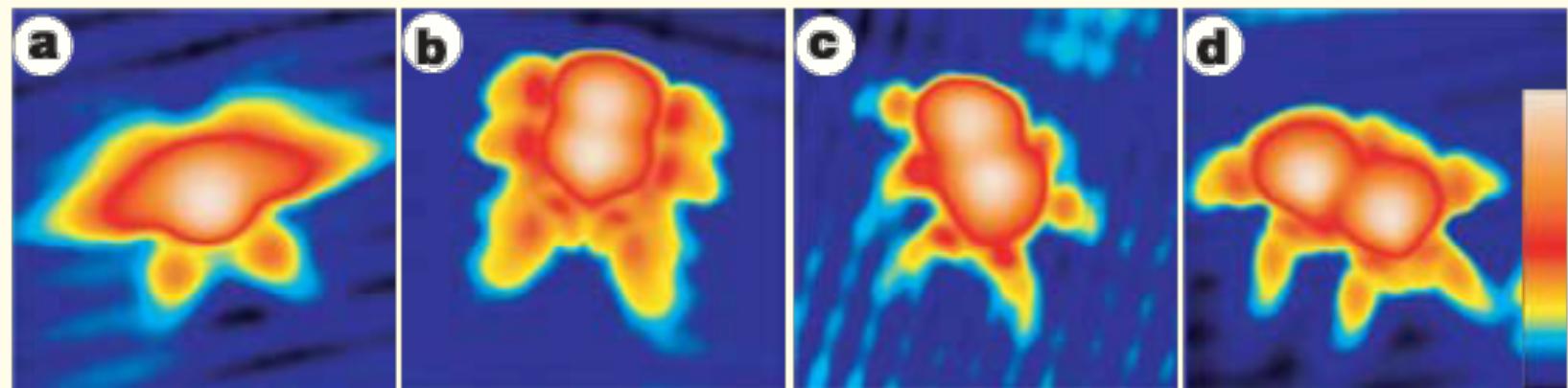
$$H = D\hat{S}_z^2 + E(\hat{S}_x^2 - \hat{S}_y^2)$$

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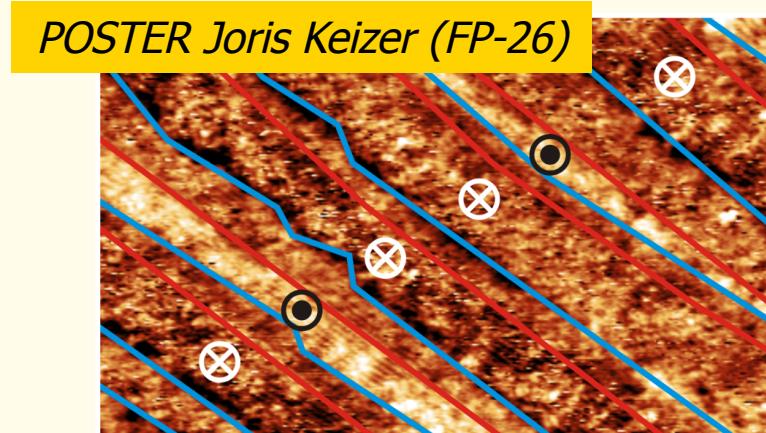
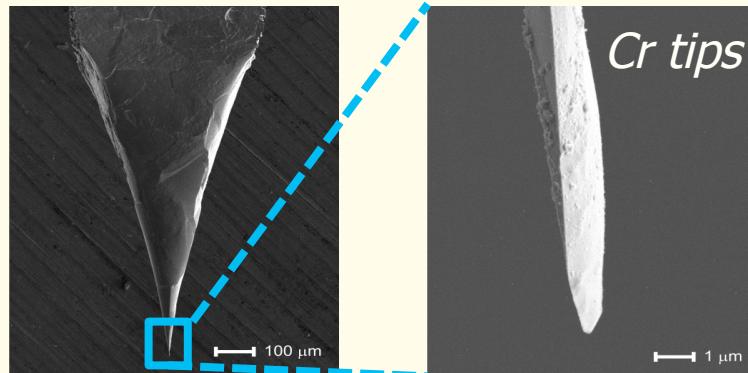
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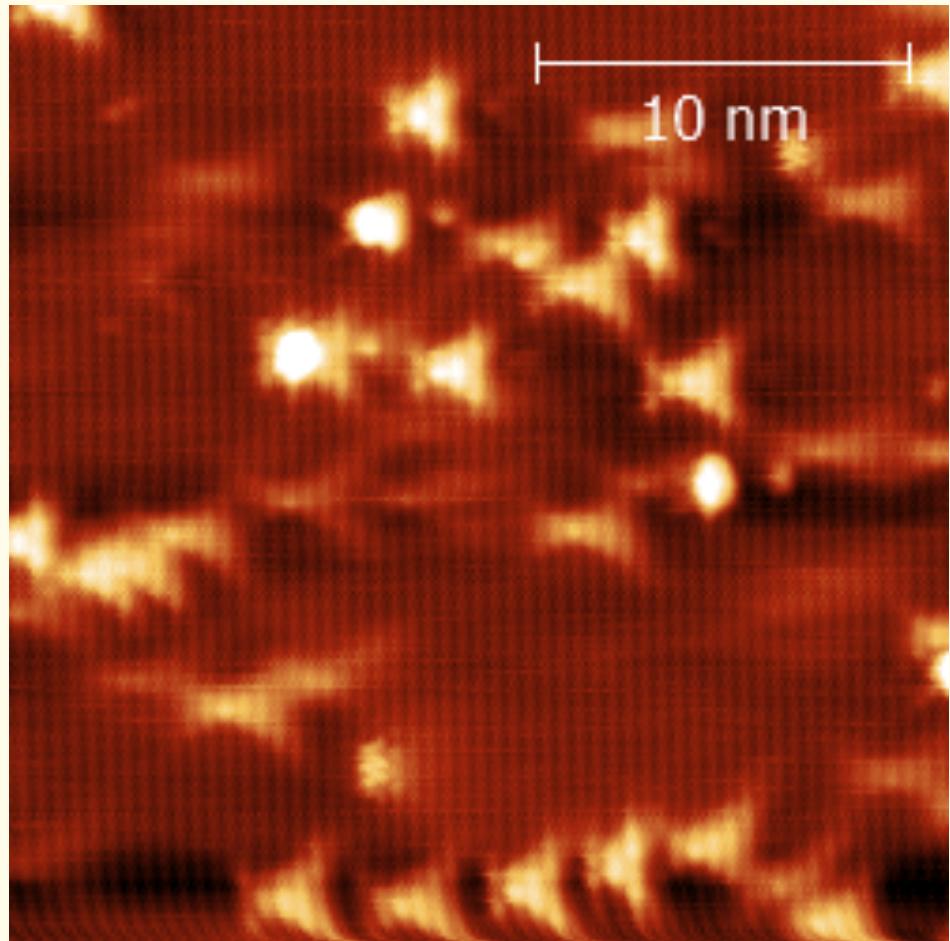


# Spin-Polarized Tunneling on Mn

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



*out-of-plane magnetization  
observed on 1.5 ML Fe on W*



*Atomic resolution with Cr tip on Mn:GaAs*

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