

# Manipulating Molecular Spins at the Nanometer Scale

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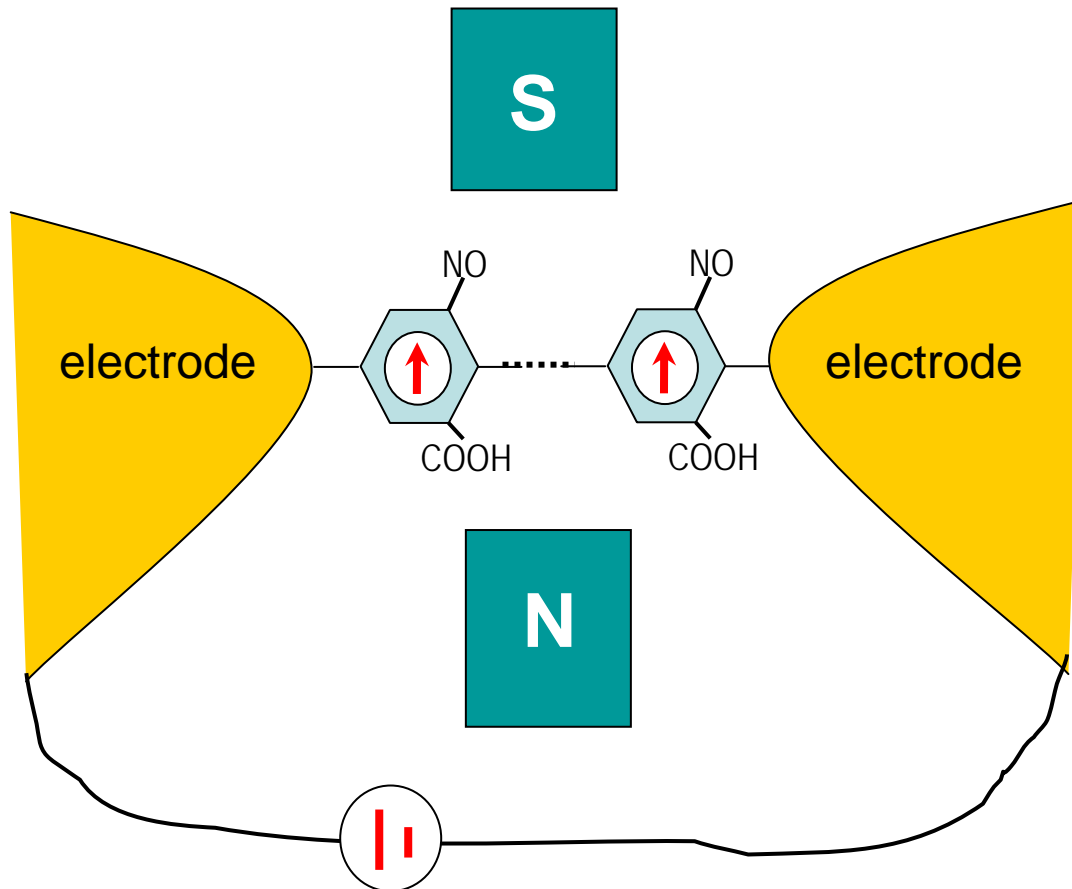
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# Molecule Based Spintronics



1. Molecule-electrode (metal) interaction
  2. Molecule-molecule interaction
  3. Spin-polarized electrons (injection, transport, manipulation, detection...)  
(under external fields)
- .....

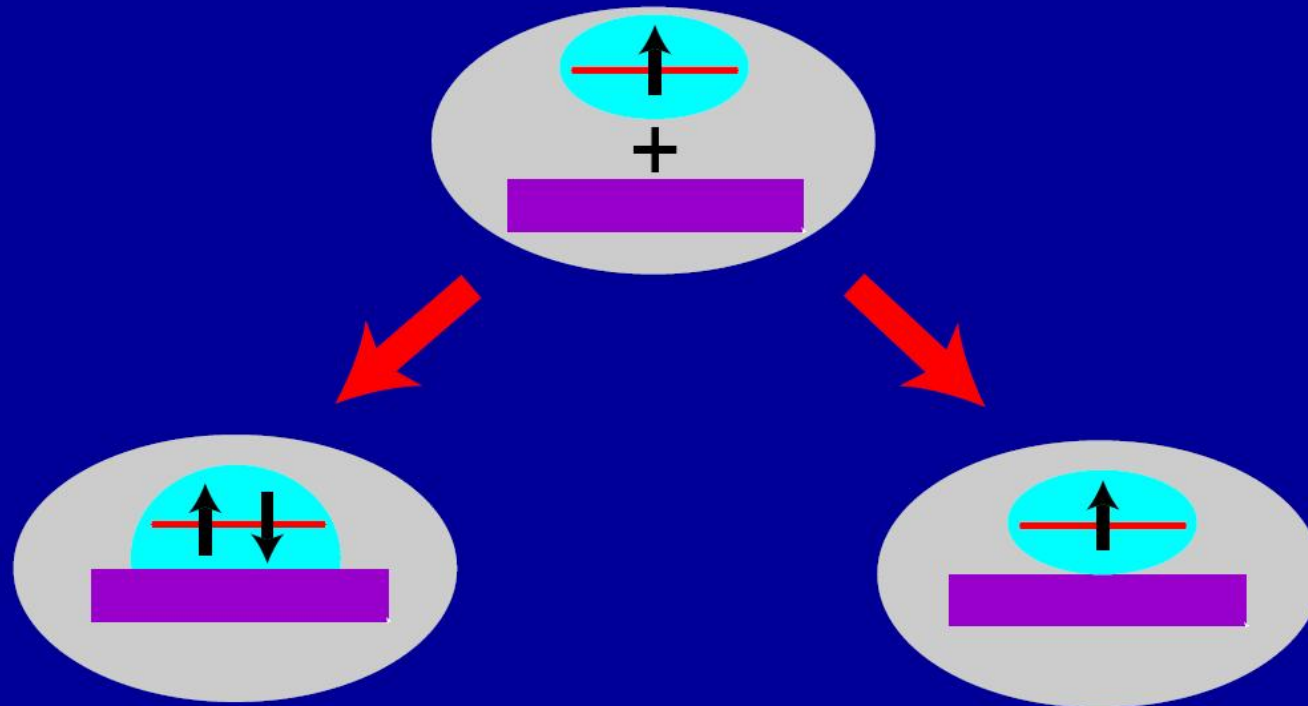
**Essential but Challenging!**

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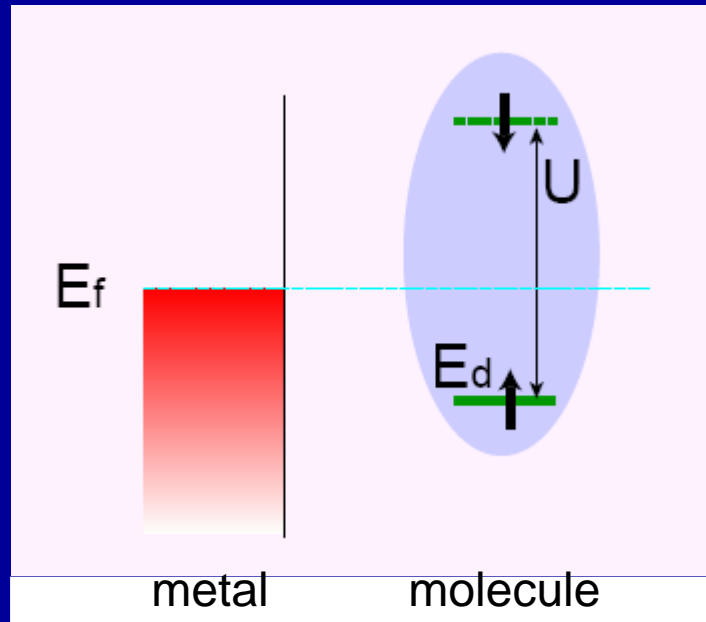
# I. Introduction

localized spin + surface



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## Anderson Model



Three parameters:

$E_d$ : energy of molecular level

$U$ : Coulomb energy

$\Delta \sim |V|^2 N$ : peak width

$$H = H_C + H_{mix} + H_d + H_U$$

$$H_C = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma}^\dagger c_{k\sigma}$$

$$H_{mix} = \sum_{\sigma} V_k c_{k\sigma}^\dagger d_{\sigma} + h.c.$$

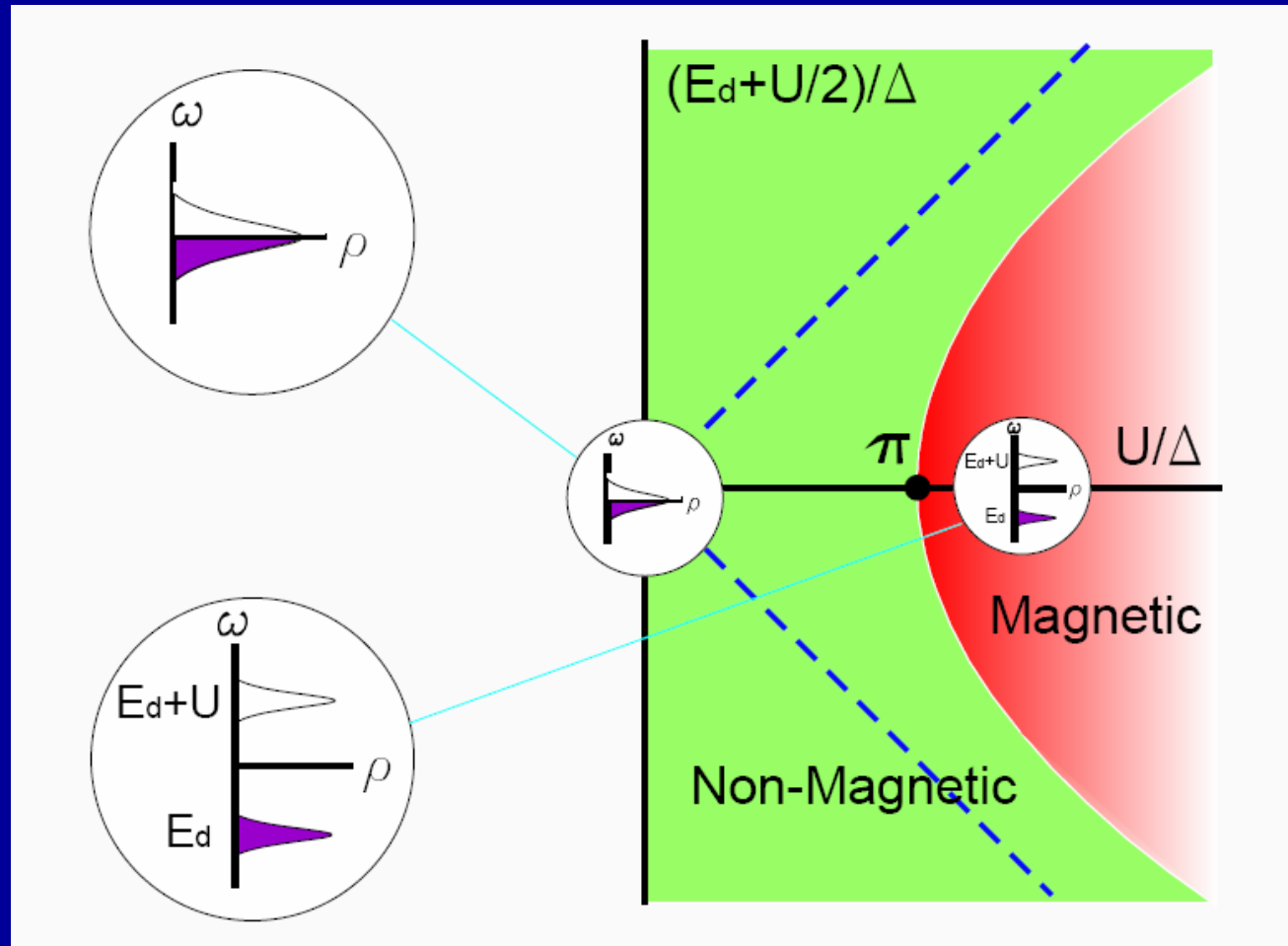
$$H_d = E_d \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma}$$

$$H_U = U n_{d\uparrow} n_{d\downarrow}$$

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## Anderson Model

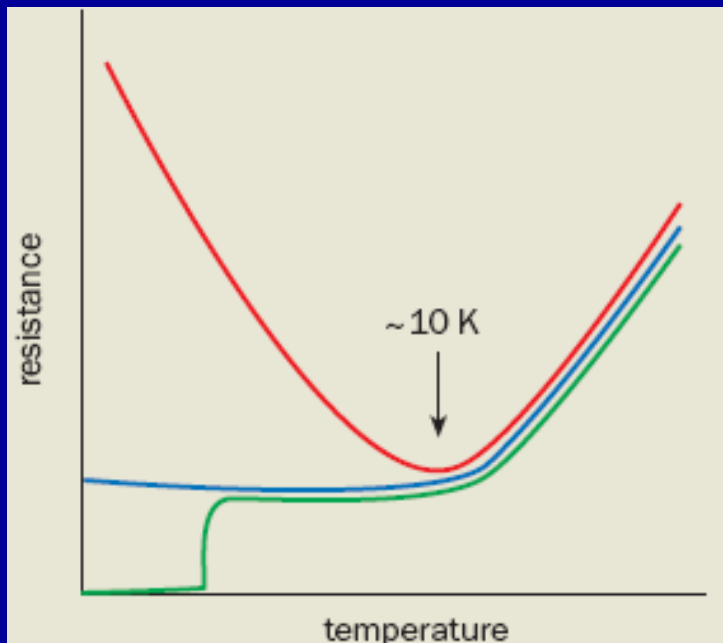
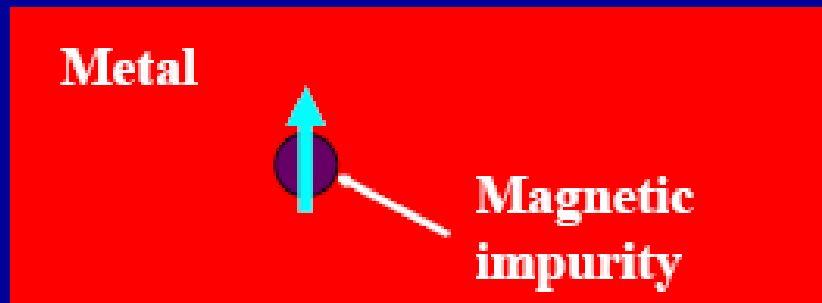
Parameters:  $E_d$ ,  $U$ ,  $\Delta$



# I. Introduction

## Kondo Effect

Discovered in the 1930s  
Explained in the 1960s

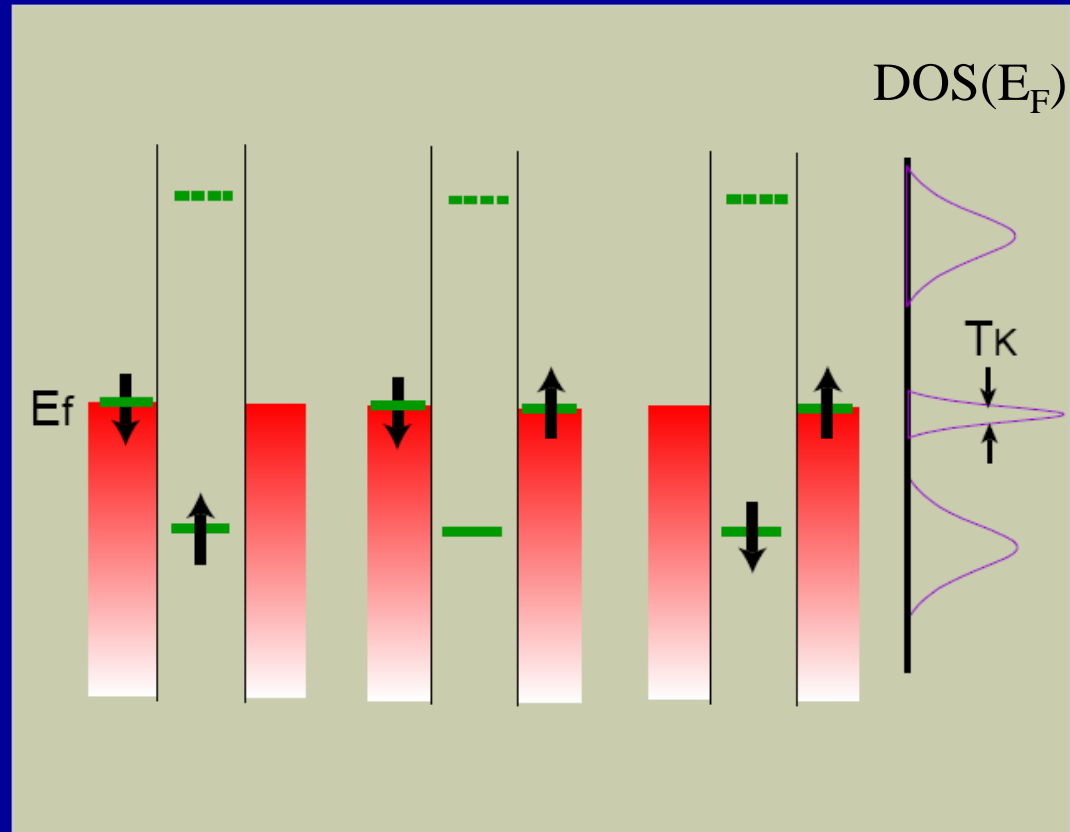
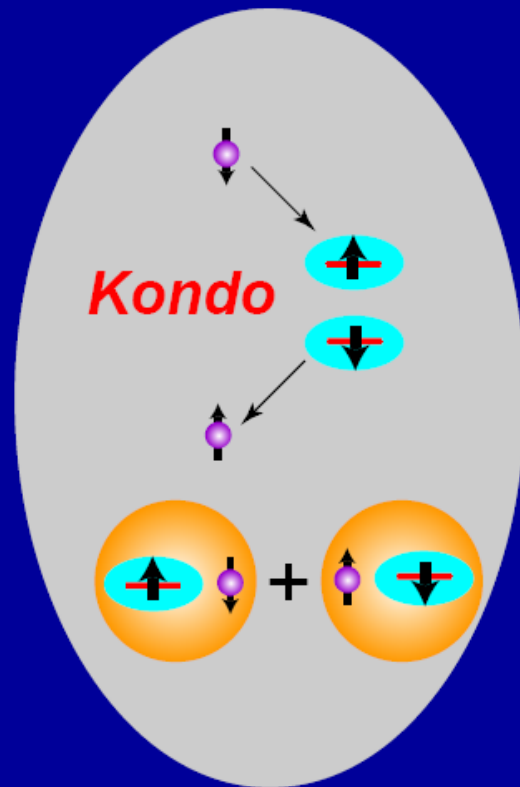


Interaction between  
spin and environment

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## Kondo

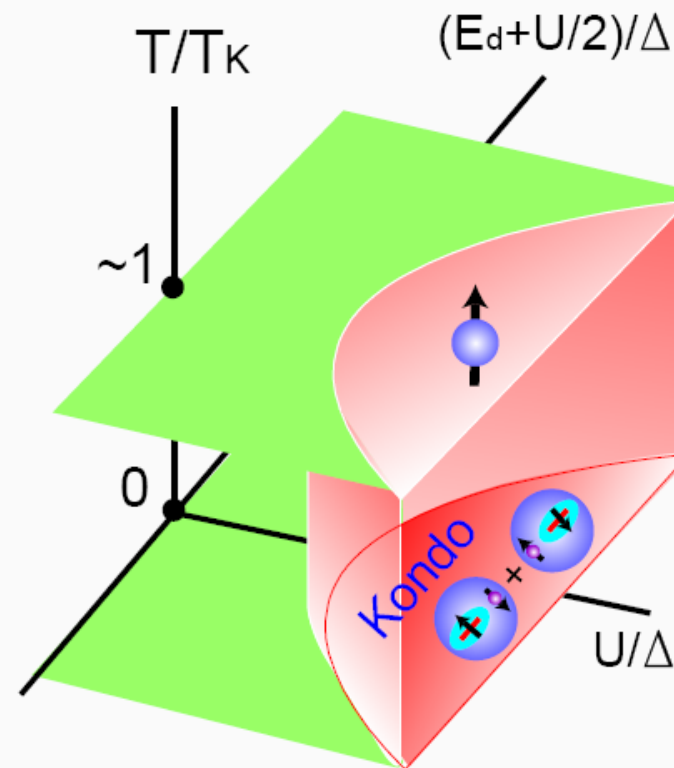
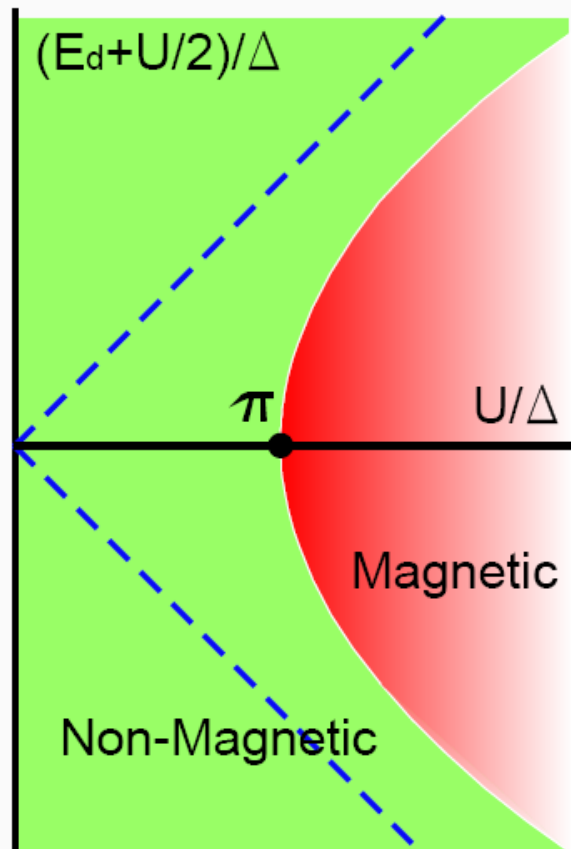
$$T_K = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta U}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2\Delta U} E_d(E_d + U)\right)$$





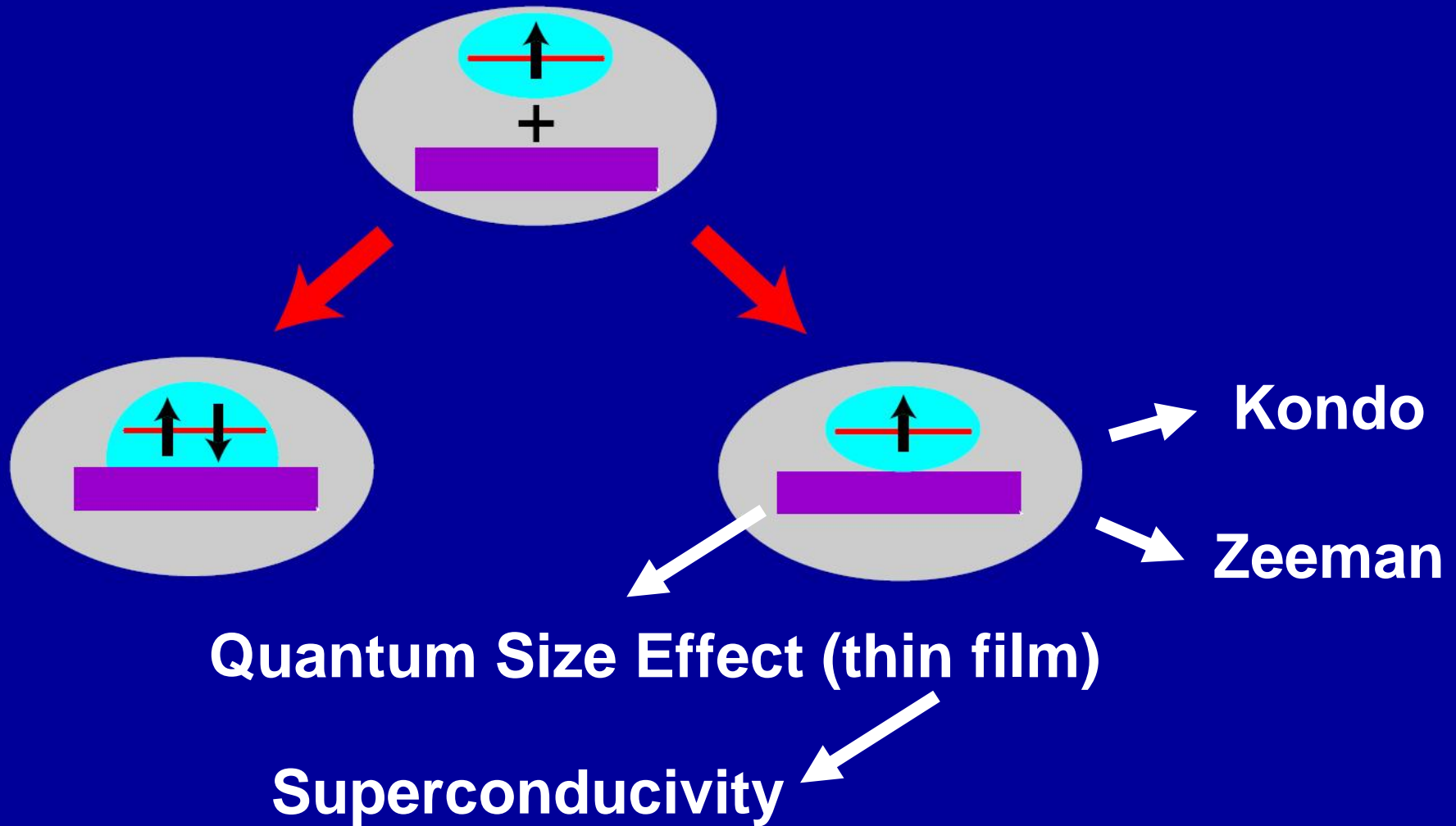
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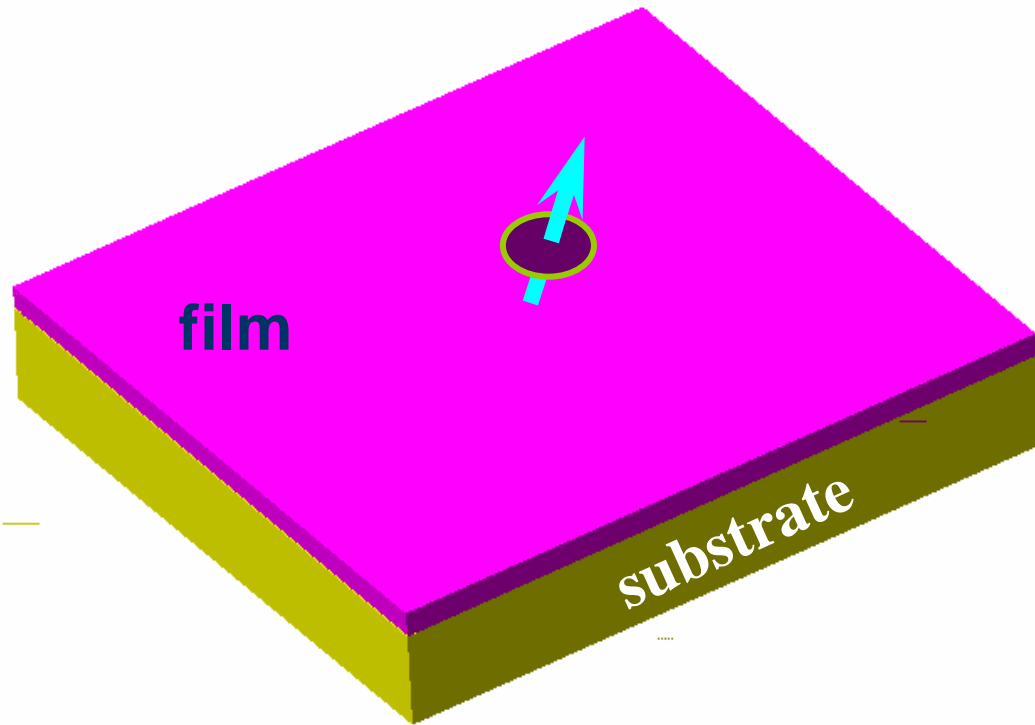
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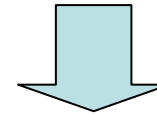


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**Platform**

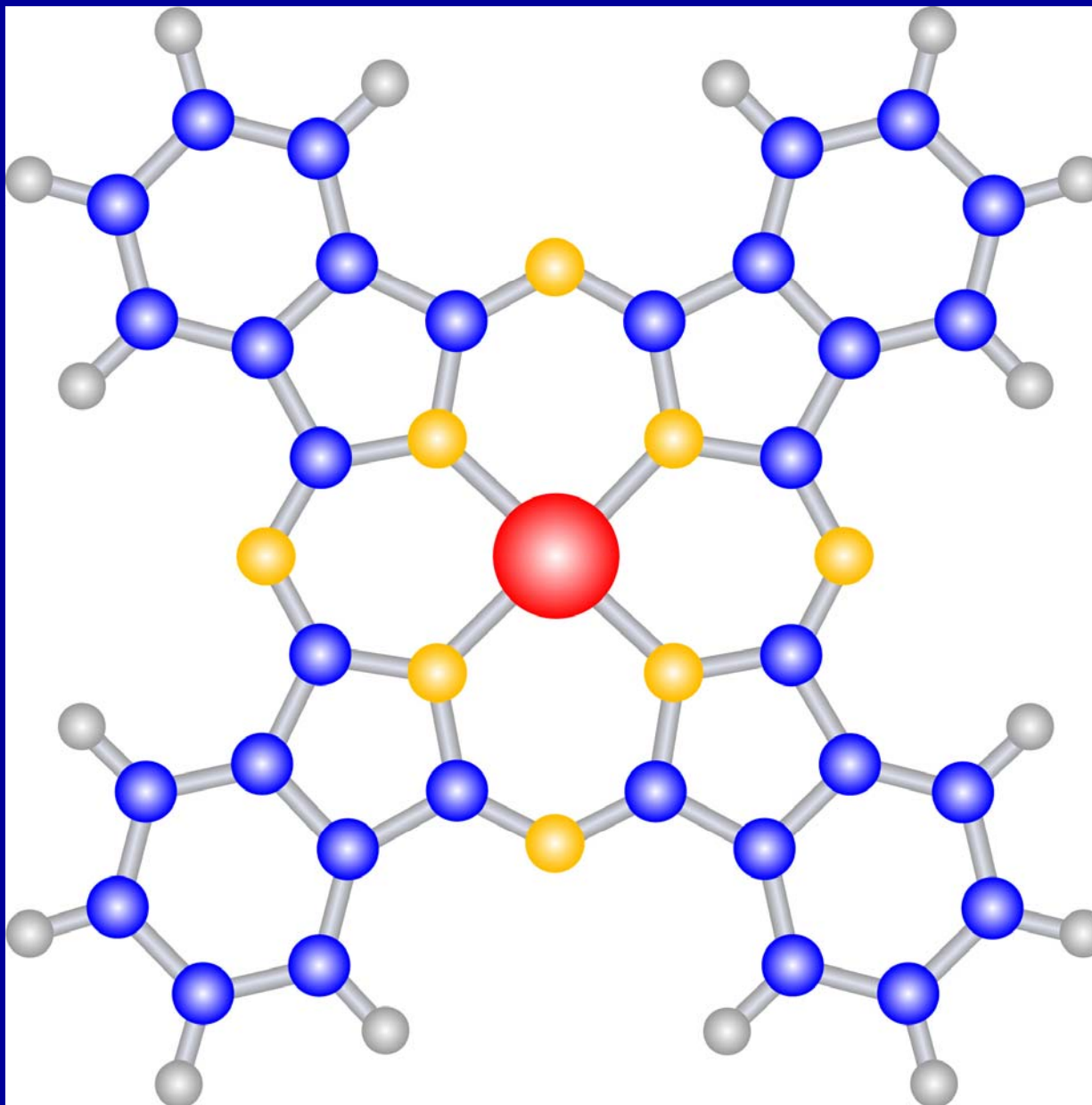


Quantum Size Effect  
Zeeman  
Kondo  
Magnetism  
Superconductivity

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## II. Experiment

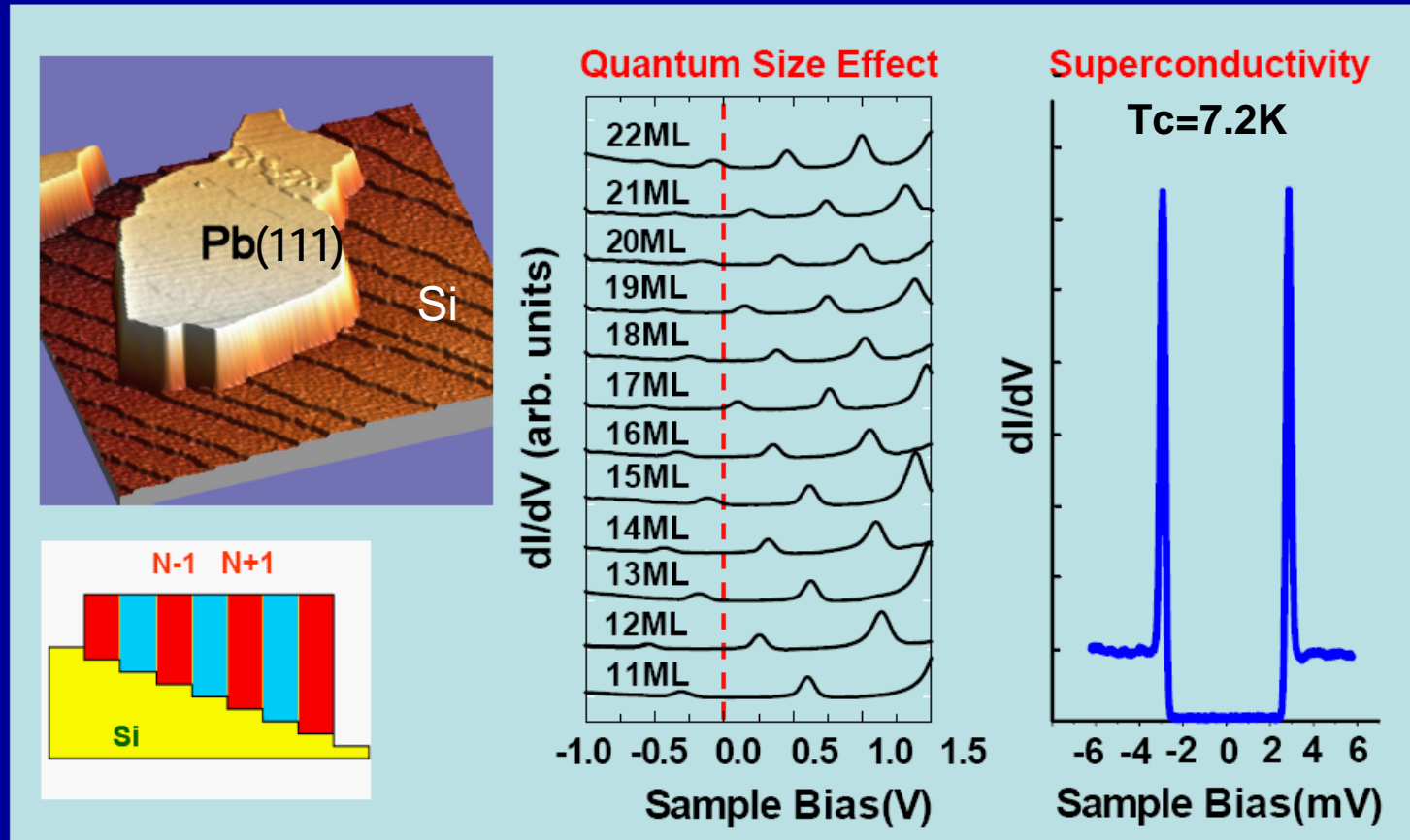
Our Molecules



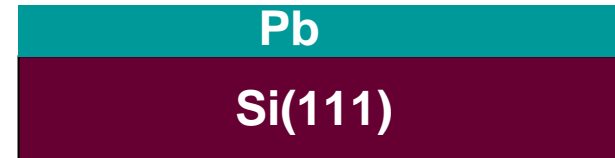
# II. Experiment

## Our Surface

## Pb (111) thin films on Si



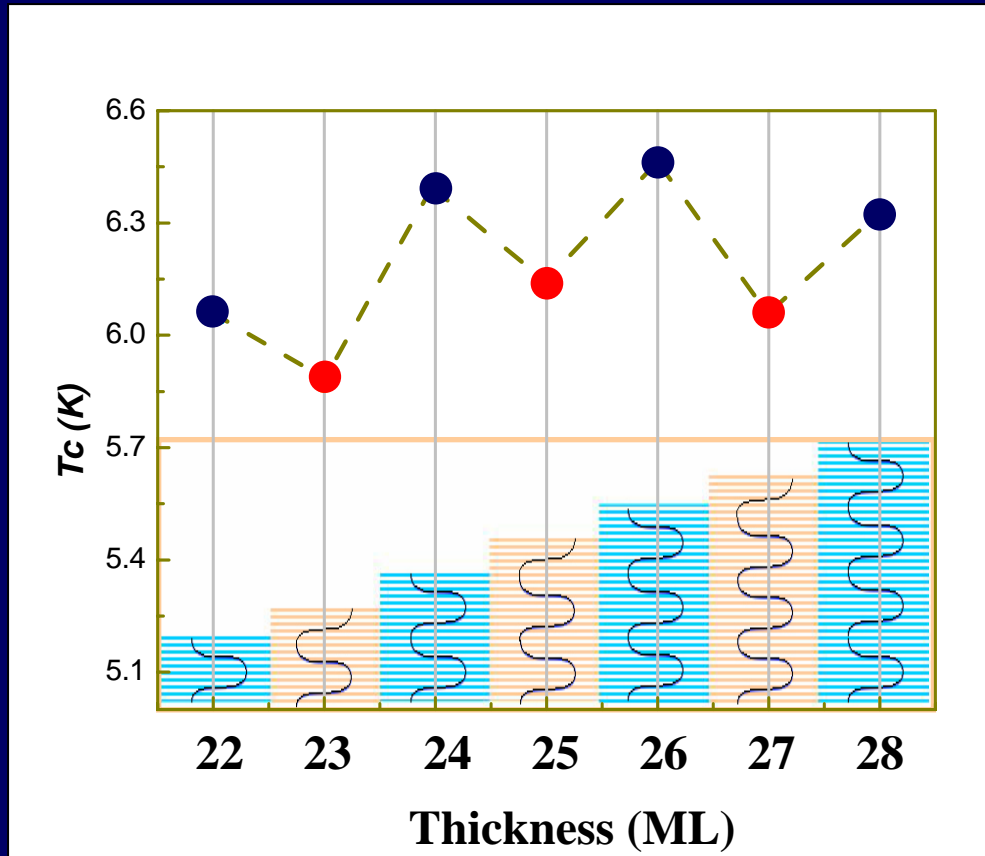
# Pb thin films on Si



## Material Properties Modulated by QSE

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Superconductivity (<math>T_c</math>):</b> | <i>SCIENCE 306, 1915 (2004)</i> |
| <b>Growth kinetics:</b>                      | <i>PRL 92, 106104 (2004)</i>    |
| <b>Electron-phonon coupling :</b>            | <i>PRL 95, 096802 (2005)</i>    |
| <b>Upper critical field :</b>                | <i>PRL 95, 247005 (2005)</i>    |
| <b>Surface diffusion:</b>                    | <i>PRL 95, 266102 (2006)</i>    |
| <b>Kondo resonance:</b>                      | <i>PRL 99, 156601 (2007)</i>    |
| <b>Surface chemical reactivity:</b>          | <i>PNAS 104, 9204 (2007)</i>    |
| <b>.....</b>                                 |                                 |

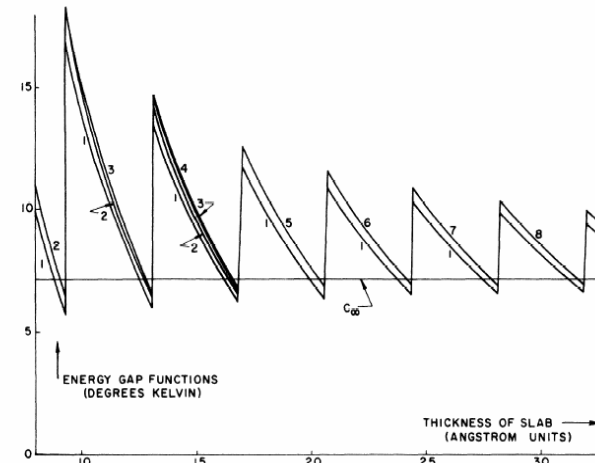
# Superconductivity ( $T_c$ ) oscillation



Guo, Zhang *et al.*, *SCIENCE* 306, 1915 (2004)

Zhang *et al.*, *PRL* 96, 096802 (2005)

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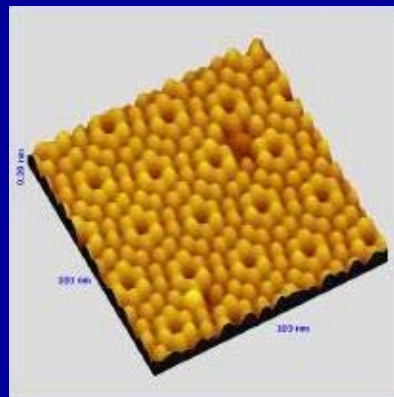
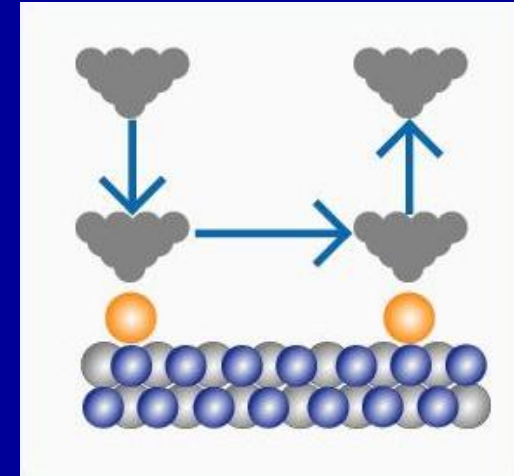
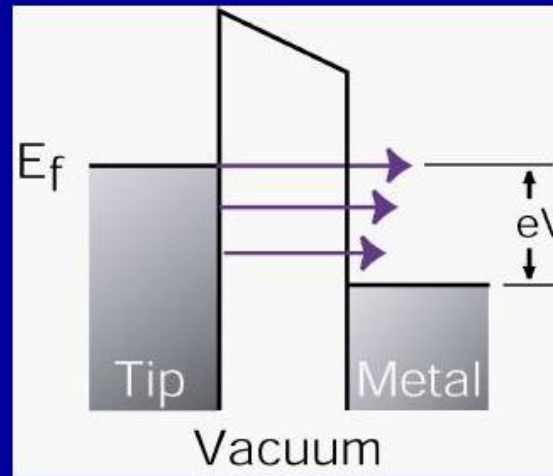
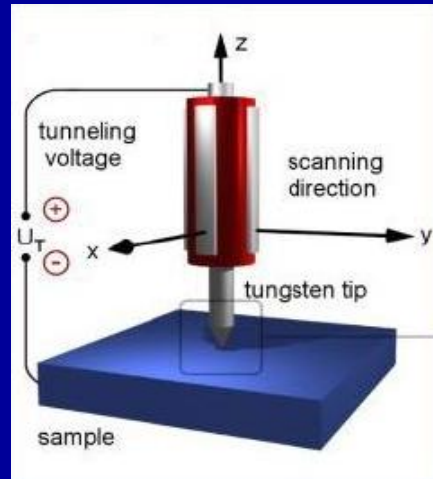


superconducting energy gap parameters  $C_n$ , vs thickness of film. At each resonance, a new value of  $C_n$  contribute. All values of  $C_n$  are shown for small thicknesses; thereafter, only the largest and smallest, to avoid confusion. The peak heights lie well above the bulk value,  $C_\infty$ , which is also shown on the graph. The troughs are only slightly below  $C_\infty$ . The width of the resonances is too small to show on the scale of the graph. The distance between resonances equals one half of the deBroglie wavelength of an electron at the Fermi level. The parameters used for this figure were  $N/V = 2 \times 10^{22}$  electrons/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho = 0.3$ , and  $\hbar\omega_c = 100^\circ\text{K}$ .

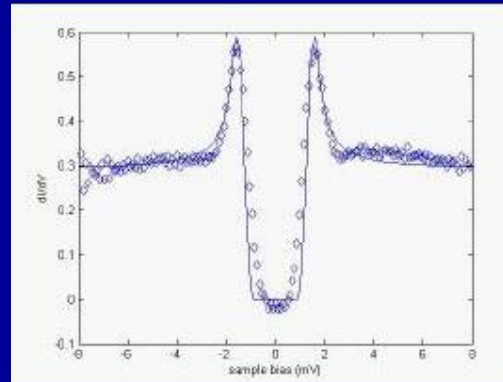
J. M. Blatt and C. J. Thompson  
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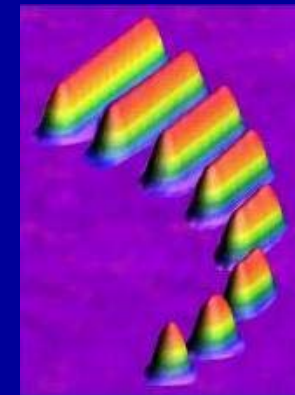
**Our tool: STM**



**Imaging**



**Spectroscopy**



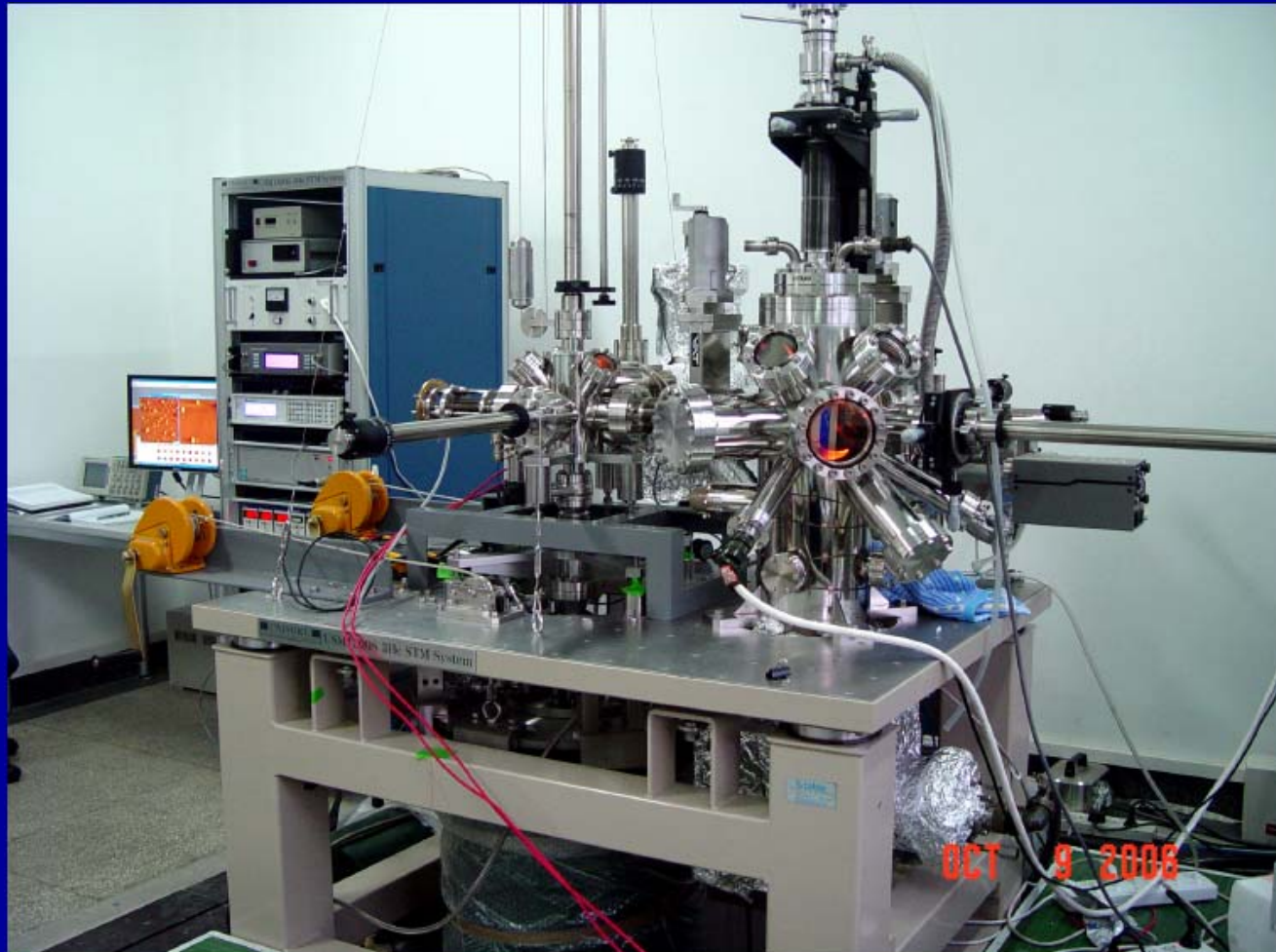
**Manipulation**



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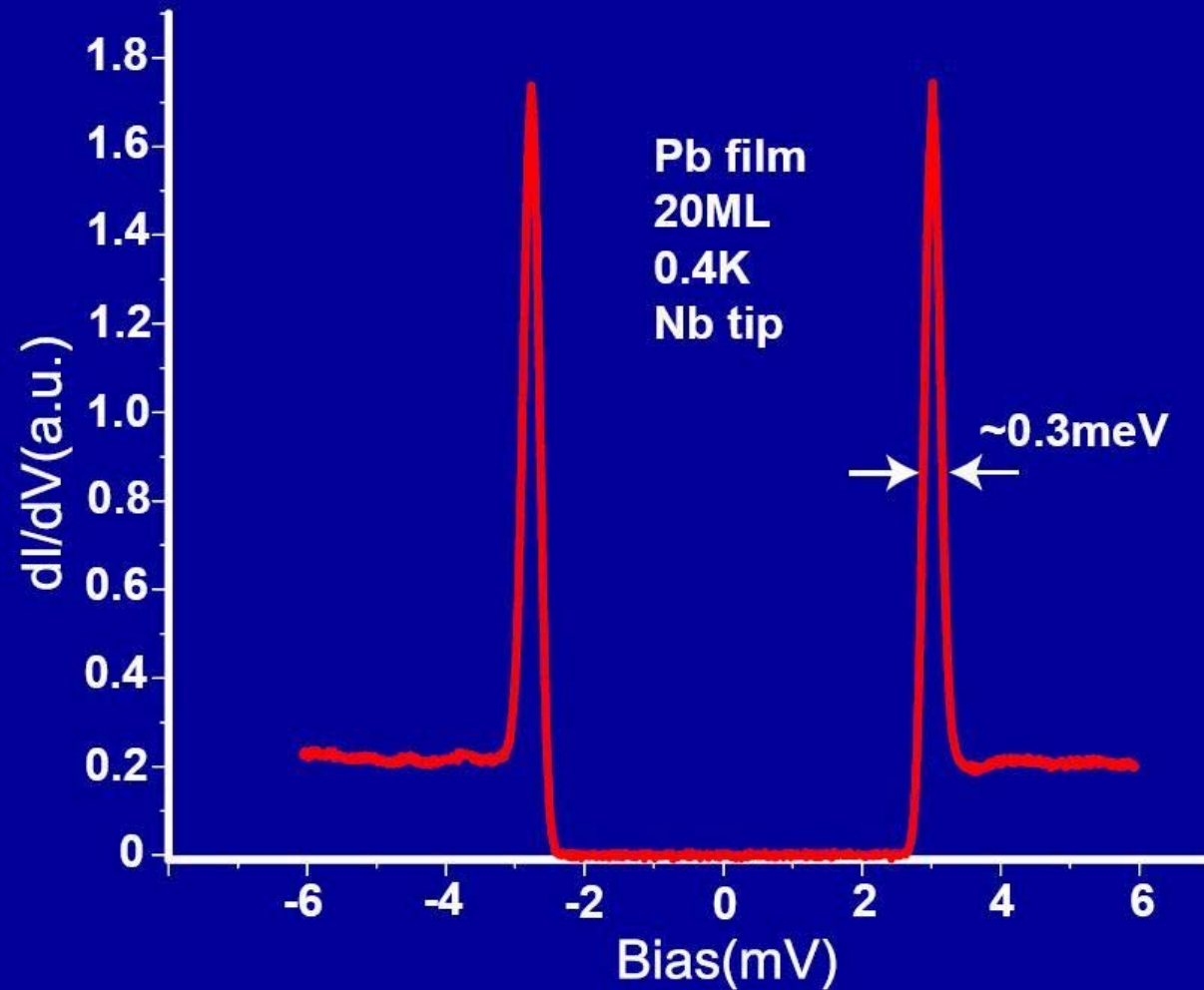
## Our Instrument

Unisoku UHV ultra-LT (400mK) high magnetic field (11T) STM



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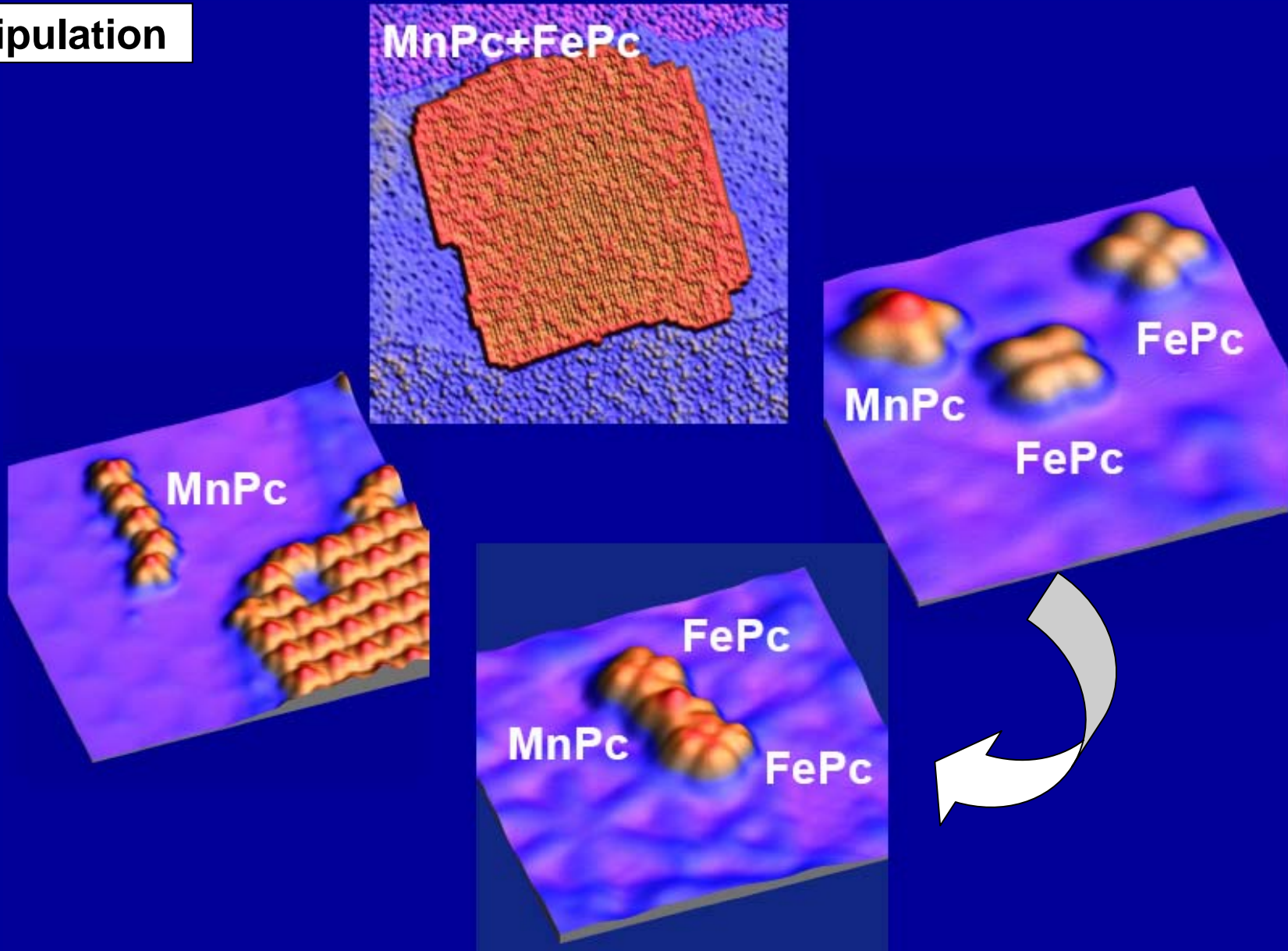
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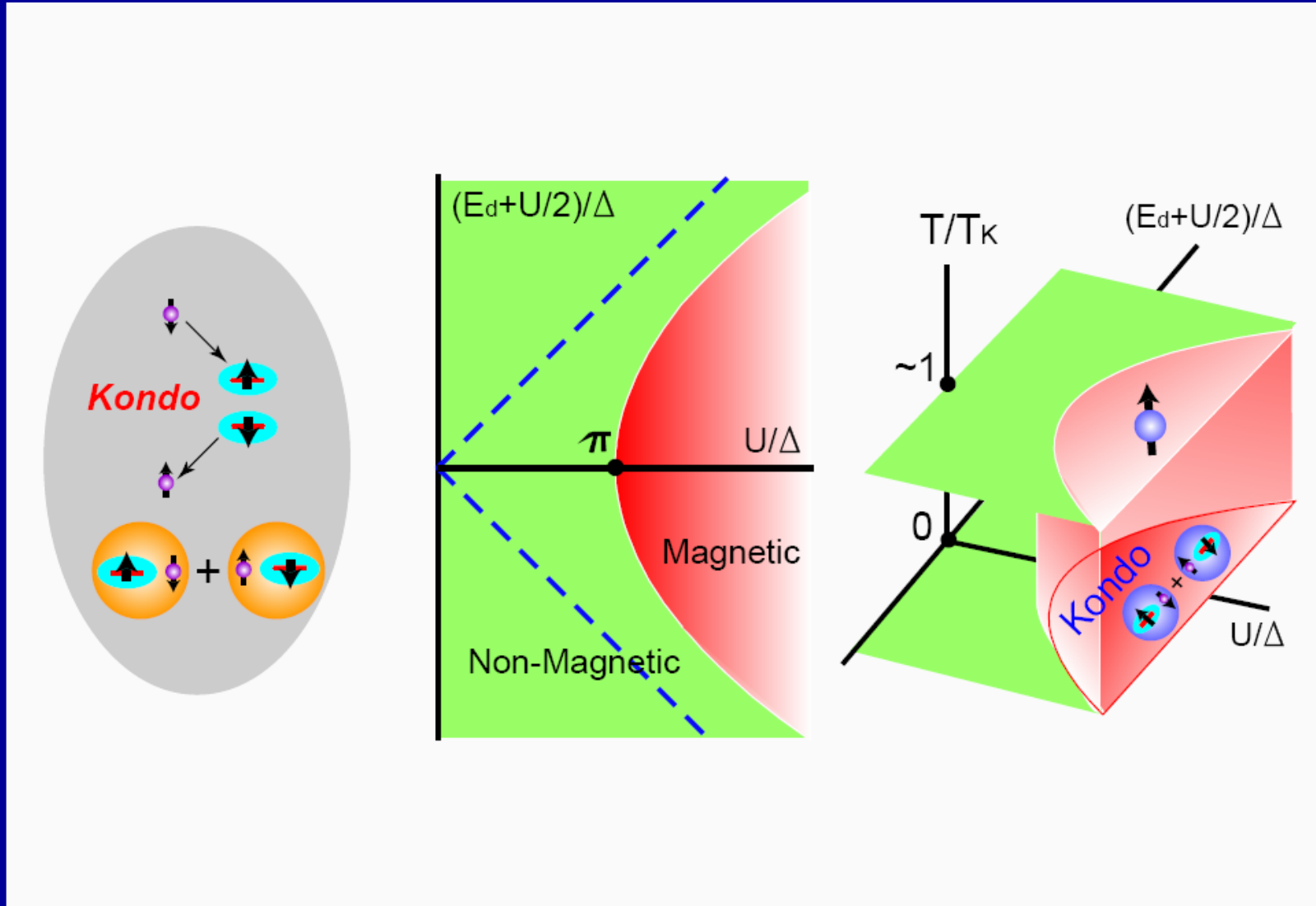
*Ji et al., PRL (in press)*

# III. Kondo Effect

Manipulation



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# Kondo Effect

$$T_K = D \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta}{\pi D}} e^{-\frac{1}{2J\rho_0}}$$

**J**: coupling of spins and conduction electrons

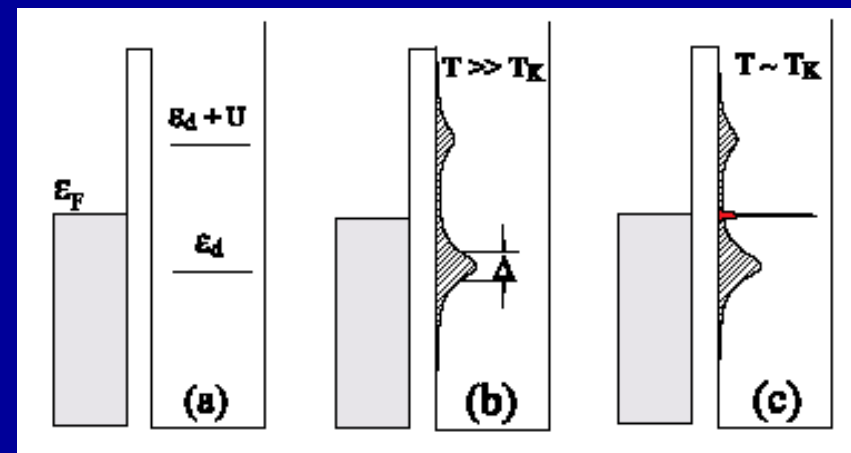
**$\rho_0$** : density of states of host

$$J = \frac{\Delta}{\pi\rho_0} \left( \frac{1}{|\bar{\epsilon}_d|} + \frac{1}{|\bar{\epsilon}_d + U|} \right)$$

$$\Delta = \pi |V|^2 \rho_0$$

$$T_K = \sqrt{2D|V|^2 \rho_0} e^{-\frac{1}{2|V|^2 \left( \frac{1}{|\bar{\epsilon}_d|} + \frac{1}{|\bar{\epsilon}_d + U|} \right) \rho_0}}$$

Energy spectra for an Anderson impurity system



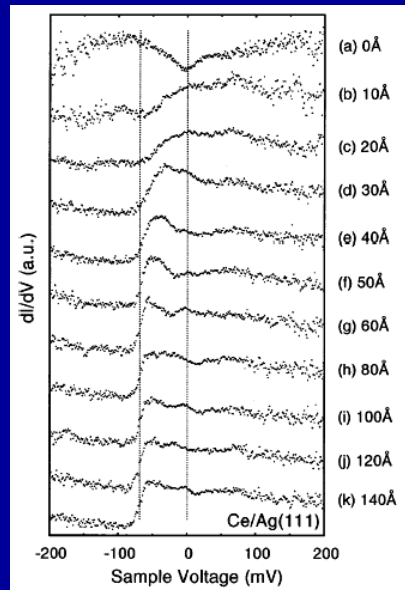
Without hybridization

With hybridization

In the Kondo regime below  $T_K$ .

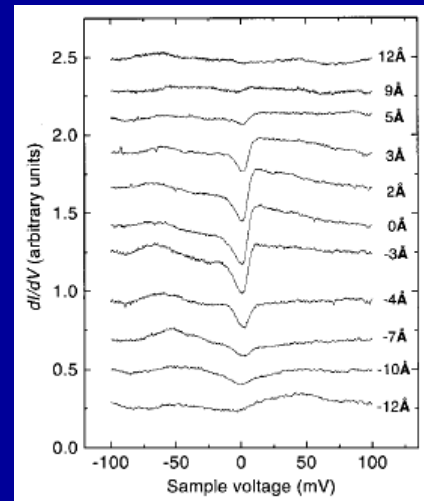
# Direct observation at single atoms/molecule level by STM

## Ce/Ag(111)



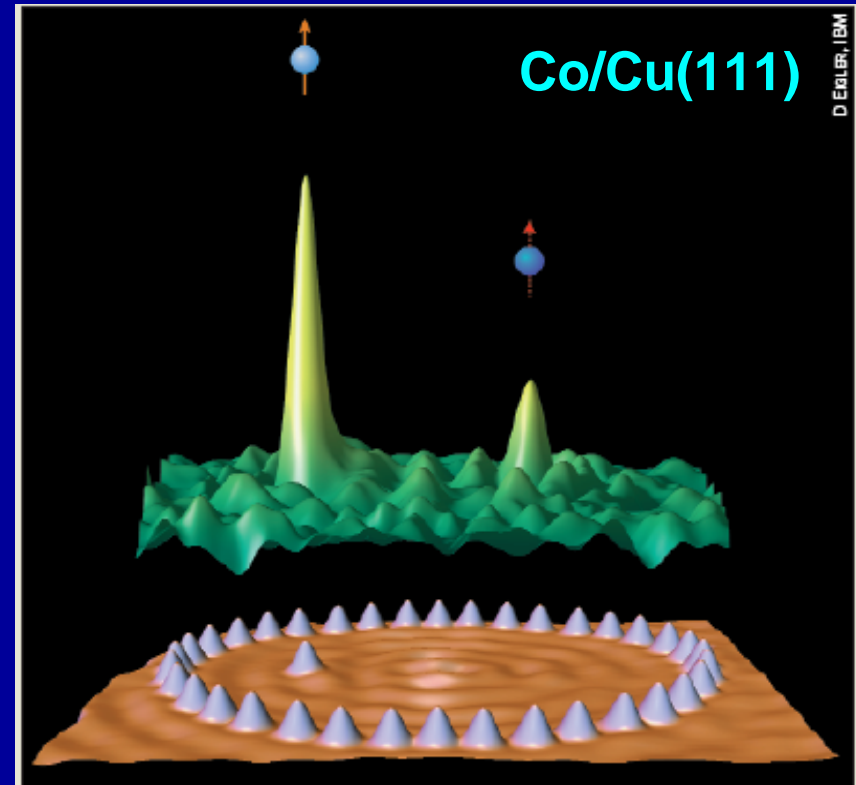
PRL80, 2893 (1998)  
Wolf-Dieter Schneider

## Co/Au(111)



Science 280, 567(1998)  
M. Crommie

## Co/Cu(111)

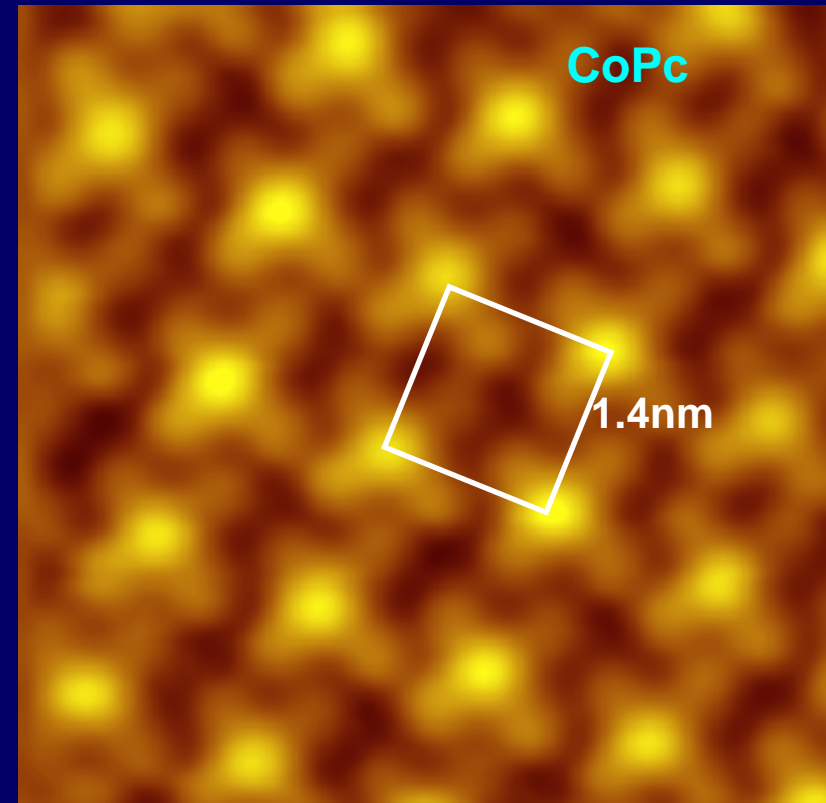
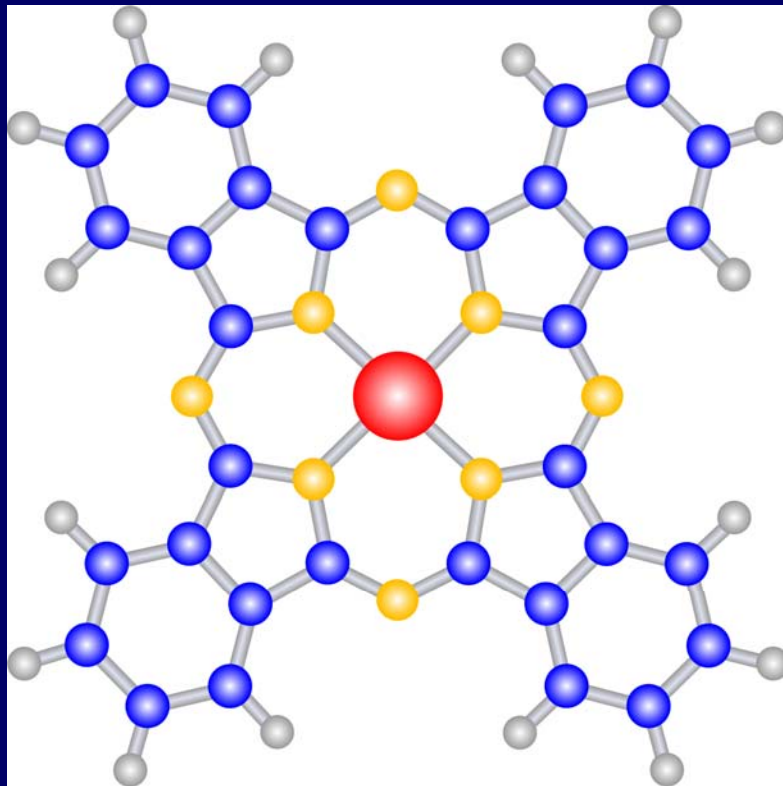


Nature 403, 512(2000) D. M. Eigler

3d transition metal on Au (111):  
**Ti**, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, **Co**, and **Ni**.

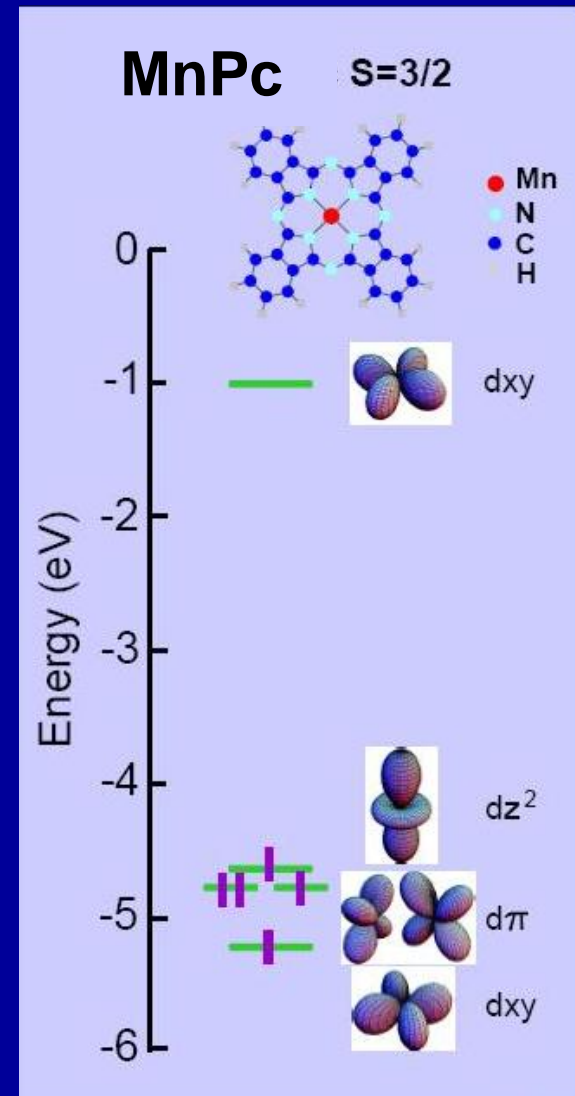
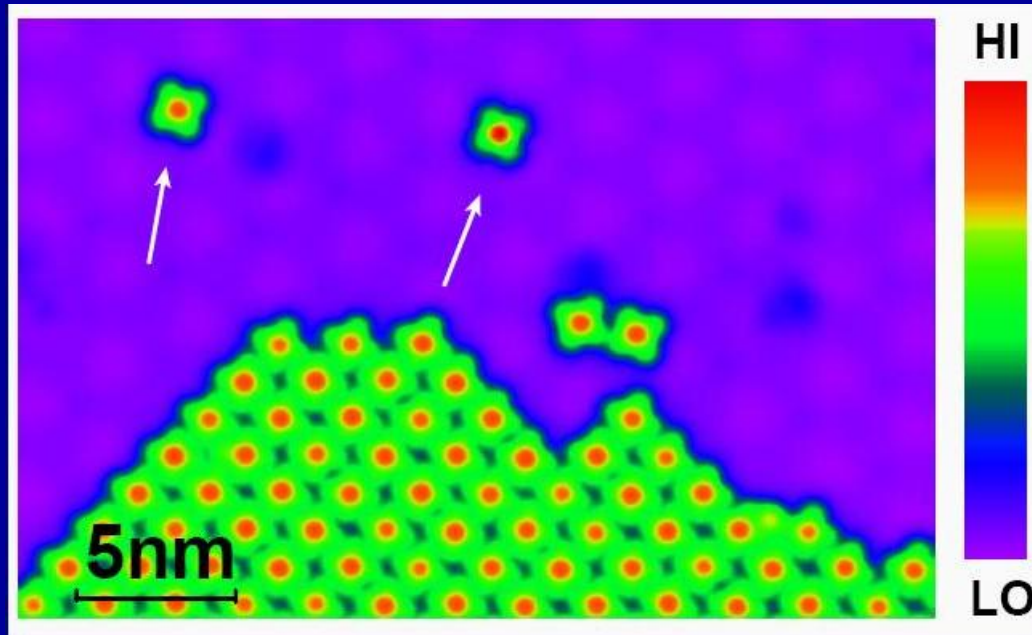


# MnPc on Pb(111)



# III. Kondo Effect

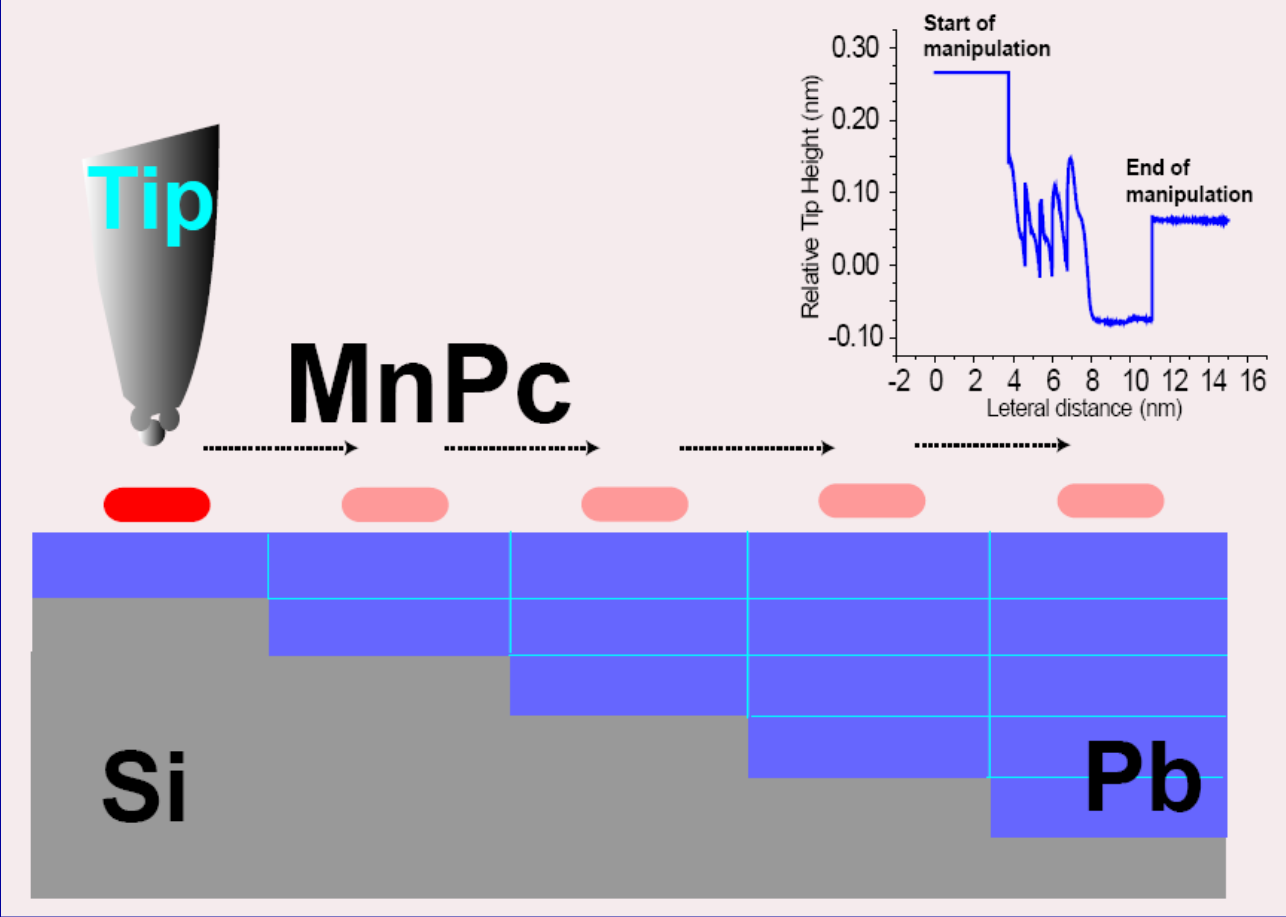
## Modulation of Kondo Effect by QSE





# III. Kondo Effect

## STM Manipulation

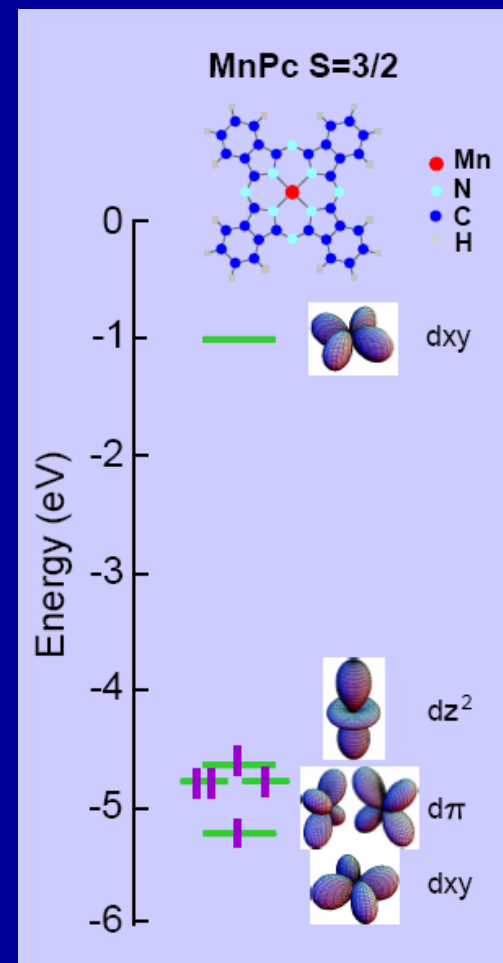
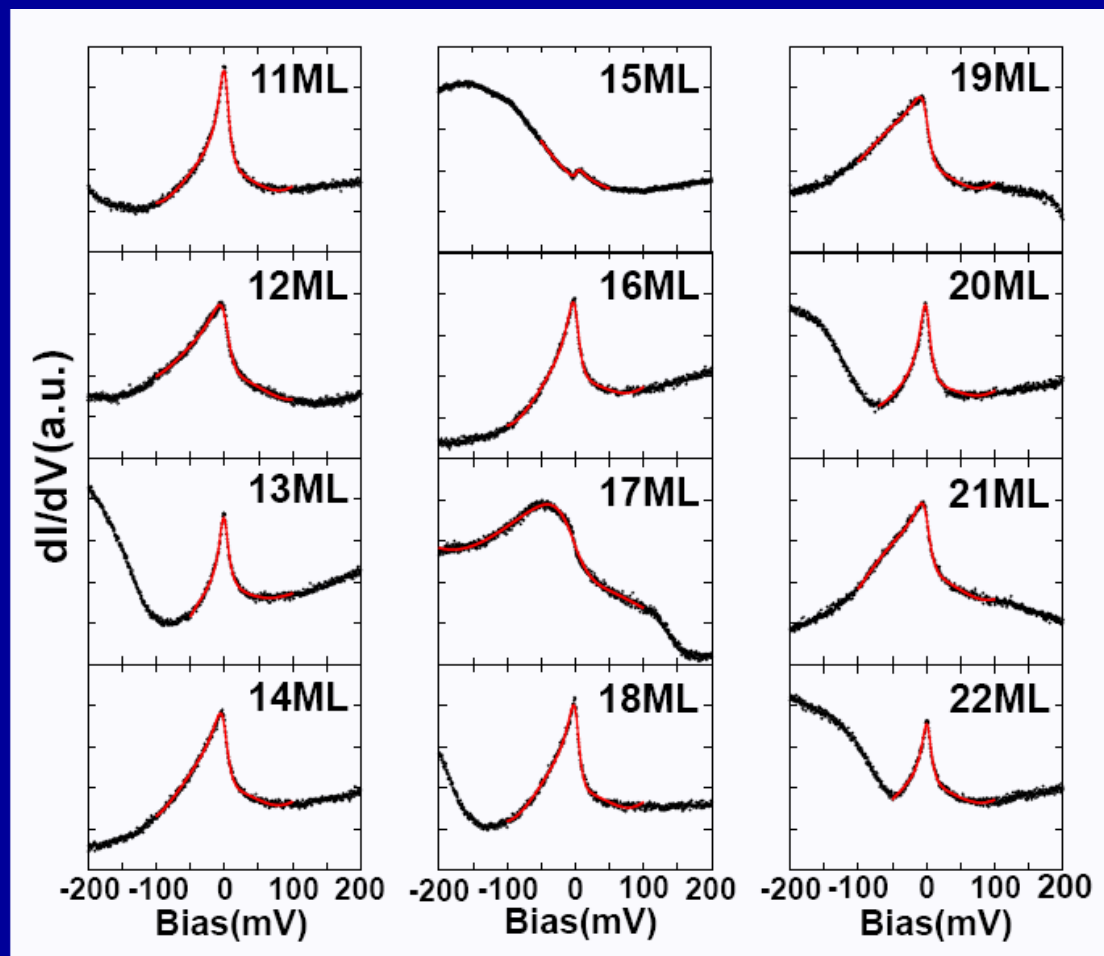


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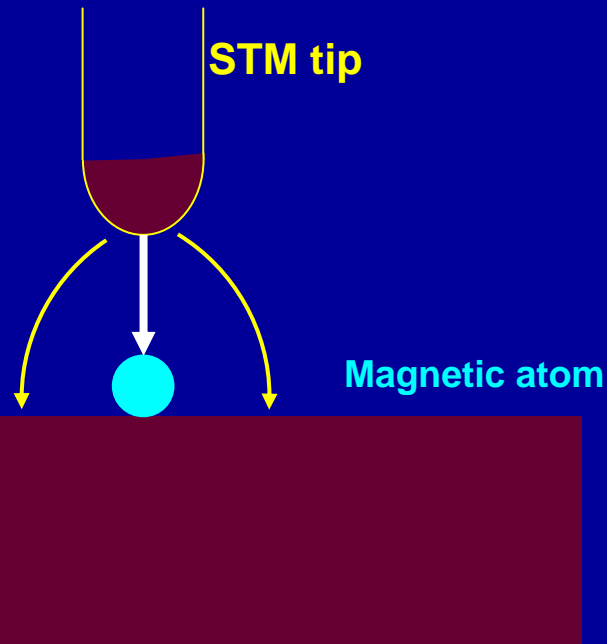
## Kondo Resonance

The same molecule

on the same surface under the same measurement conditions!



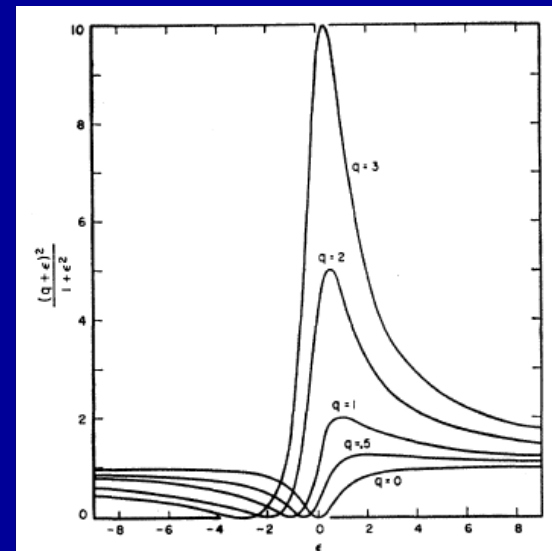
# Fano Lineshape



In tunneling experiments:

$$\frac{dI}{dV}(V) \propto \frac{(\varepsilon' + q)^2}{1 + \varepsilon'^2} \quad \varepsilon' = \frac{eV - E_0}{K_B T_K}$$

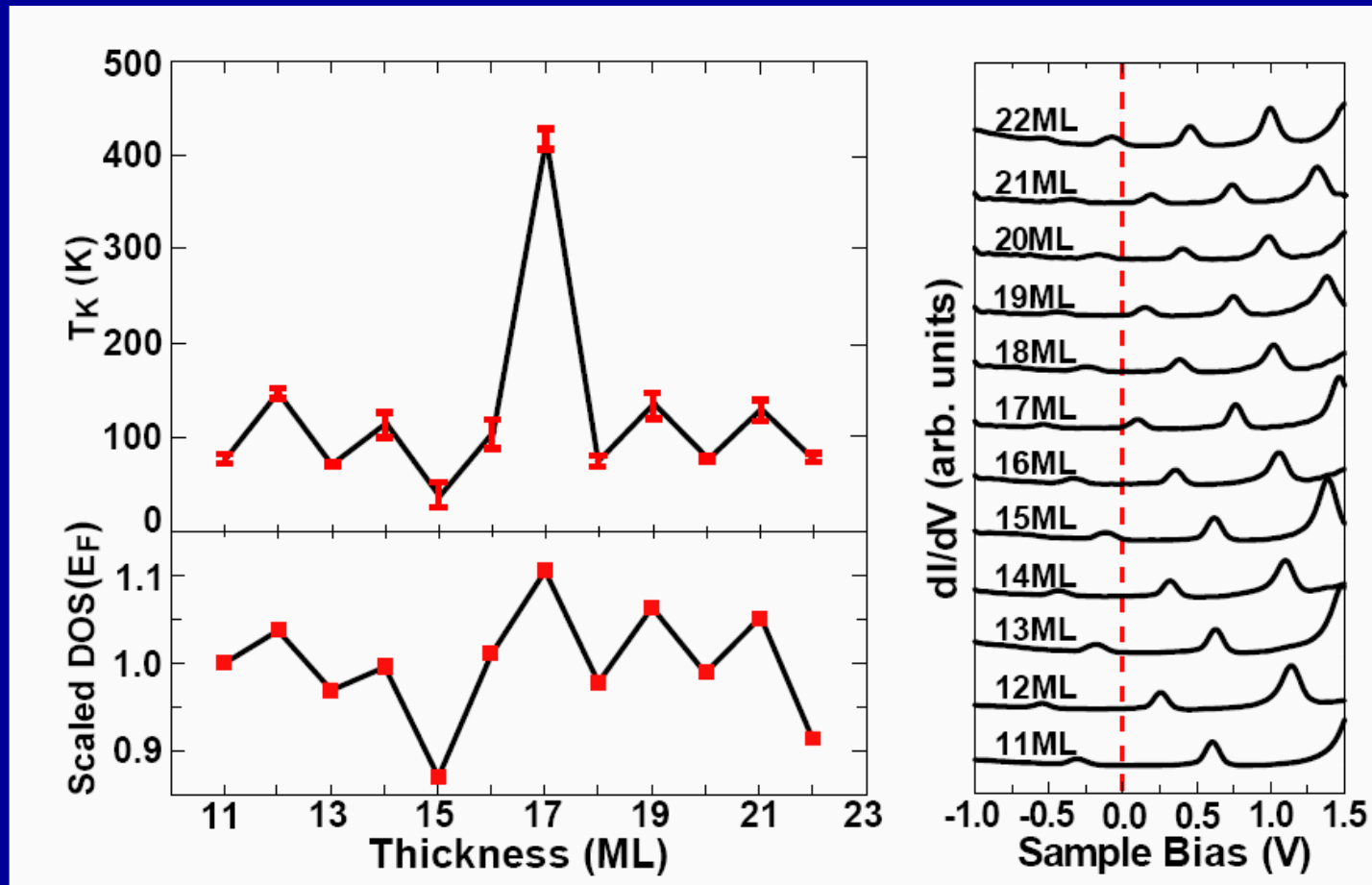
Resonance width:  $2\Gamma = 2K_B T_K$



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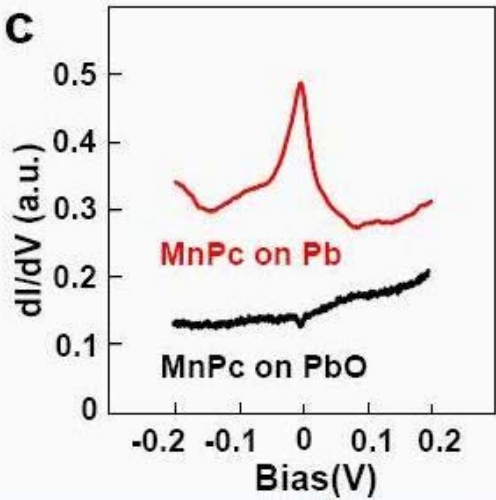
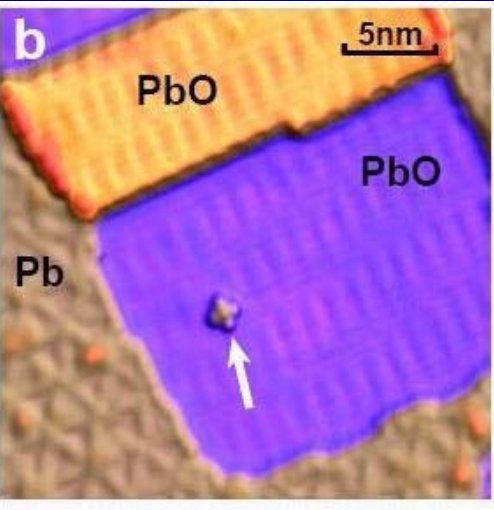
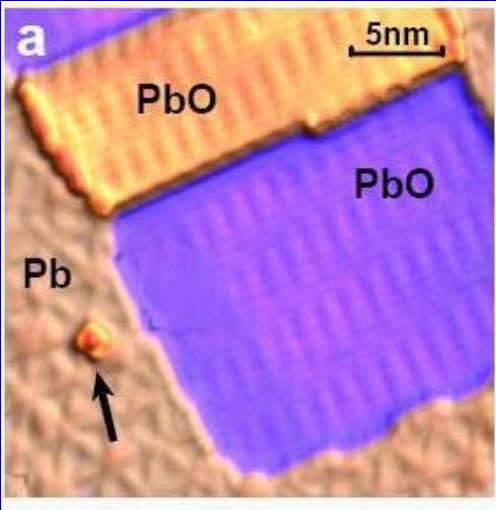
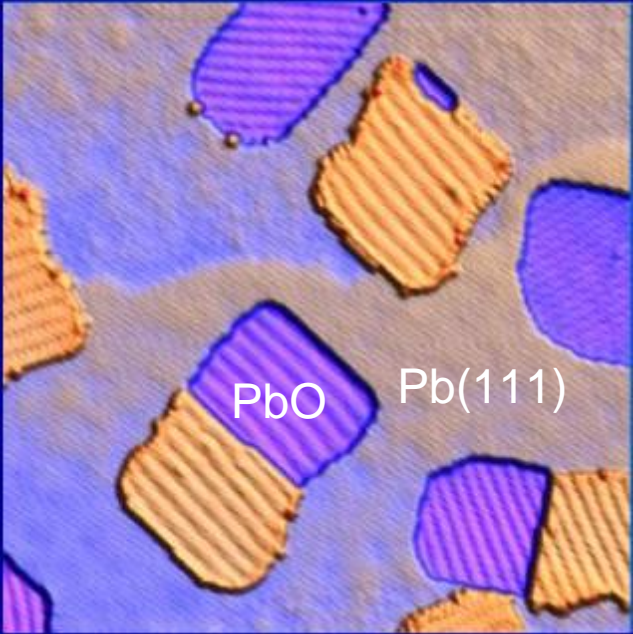
## Kondo Temperature

*Fu et al., PRL 99, 156601 (2007)*



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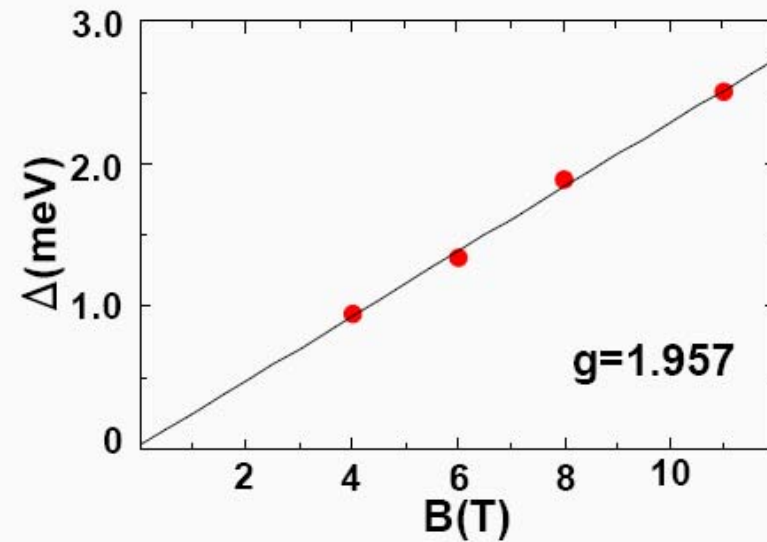
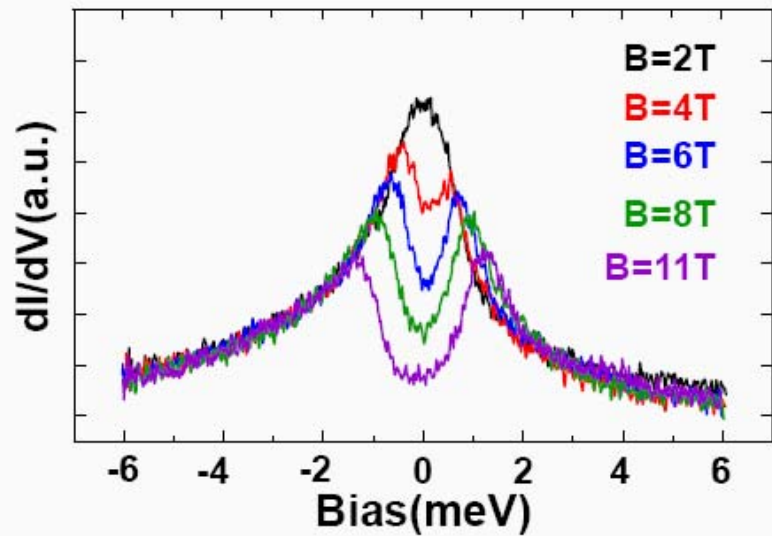
Oxide surface



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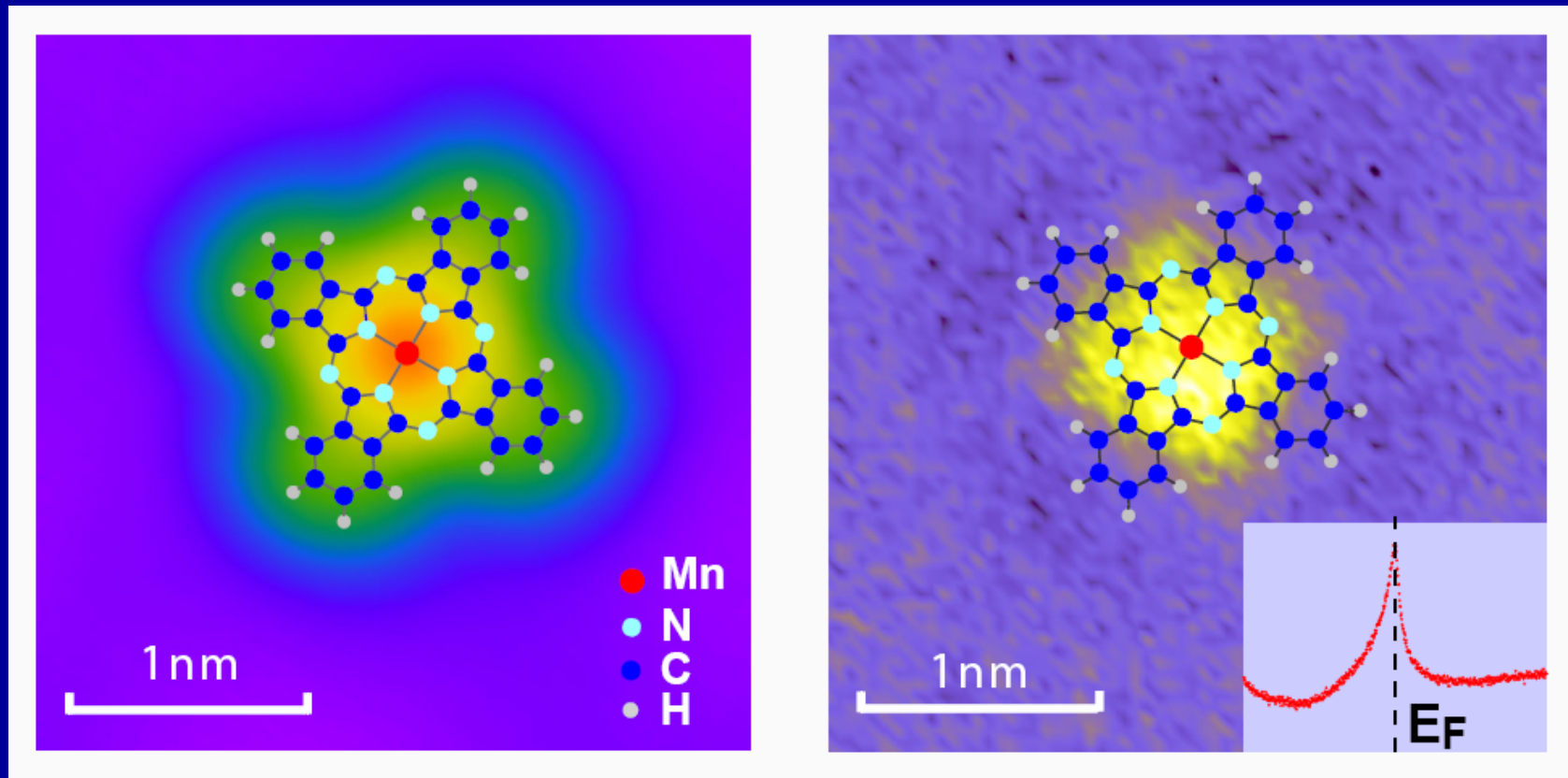
Splitted Kondo

$$\Delta = 2g\mu_B B$$

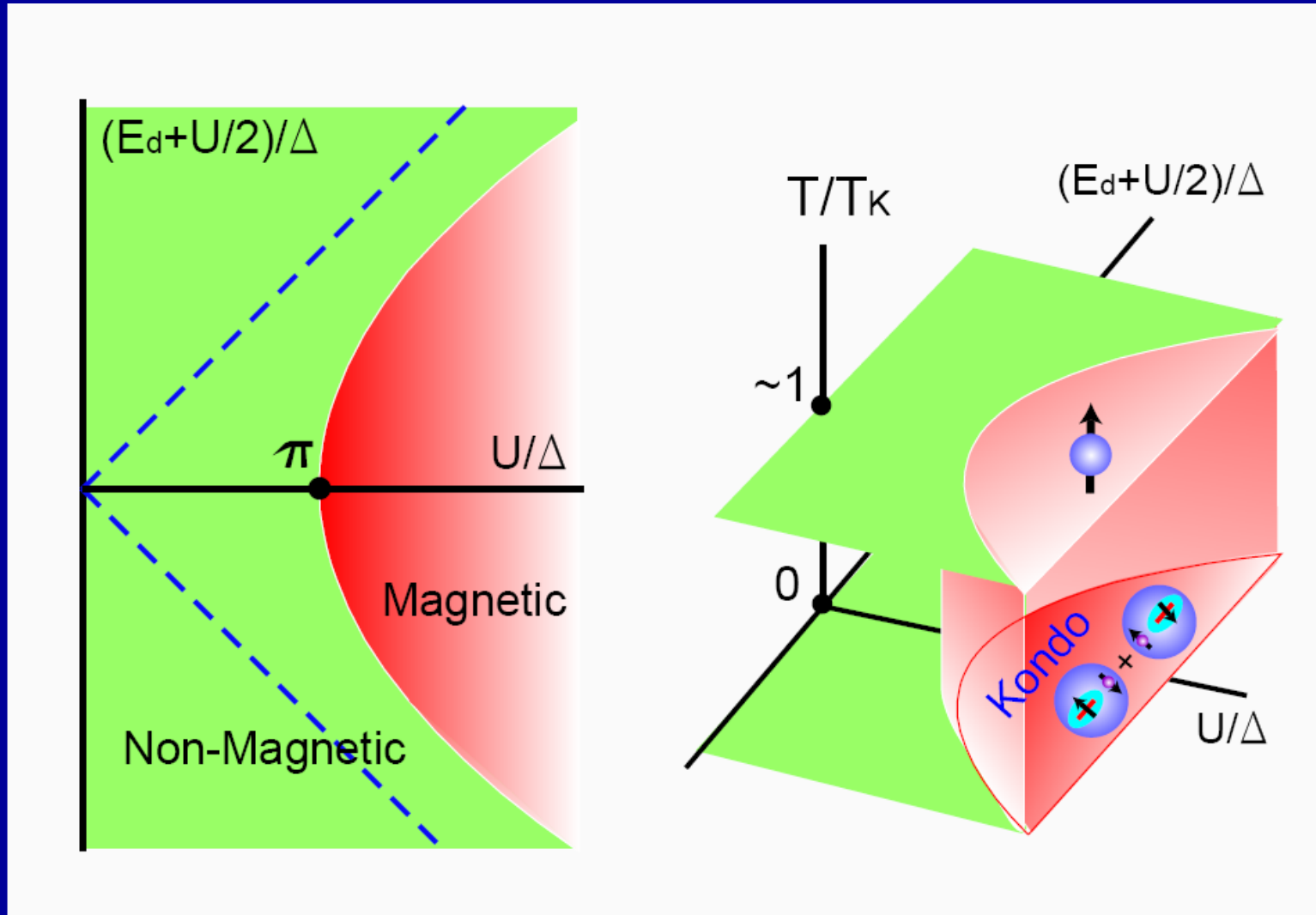


# III. Kondo Effect

## Kondo Mapping



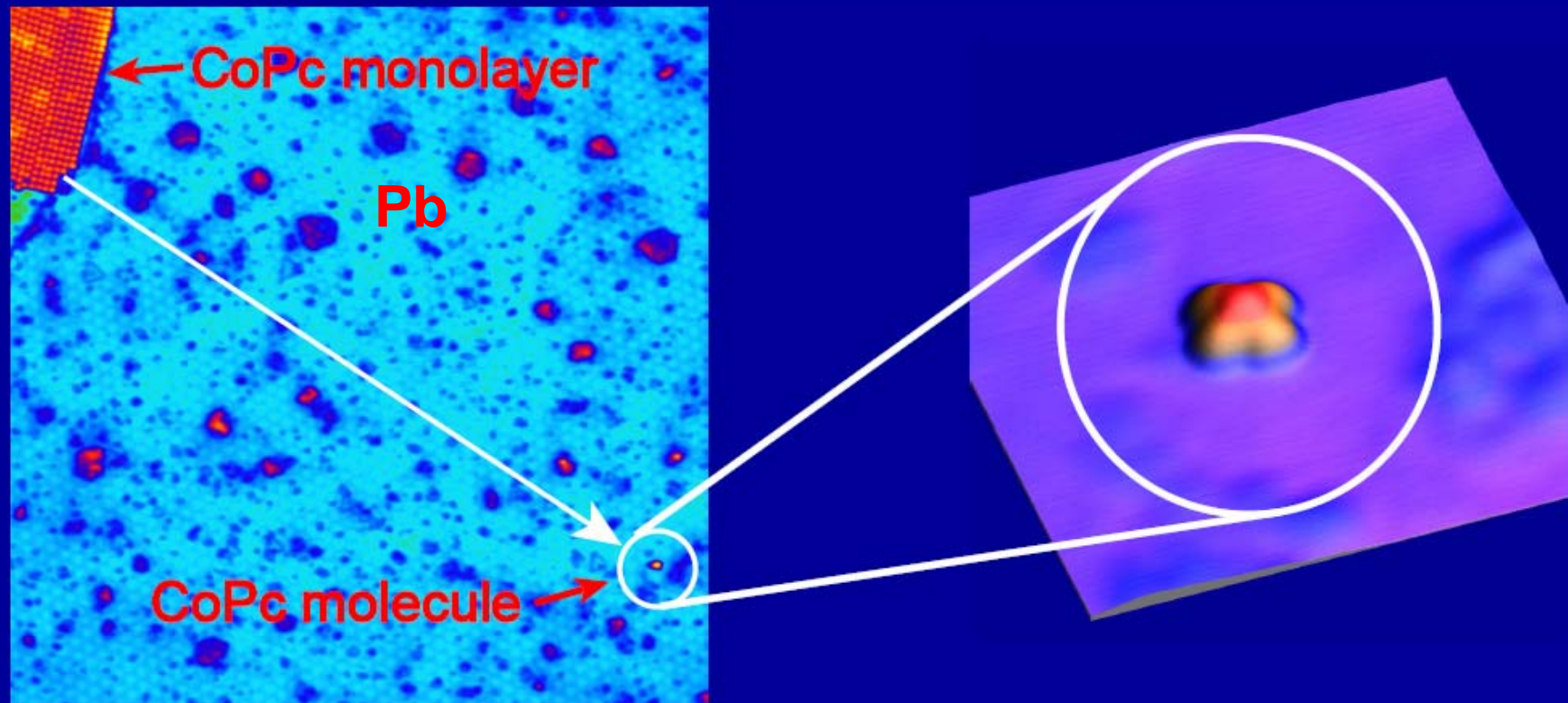
# IV. Zeeman



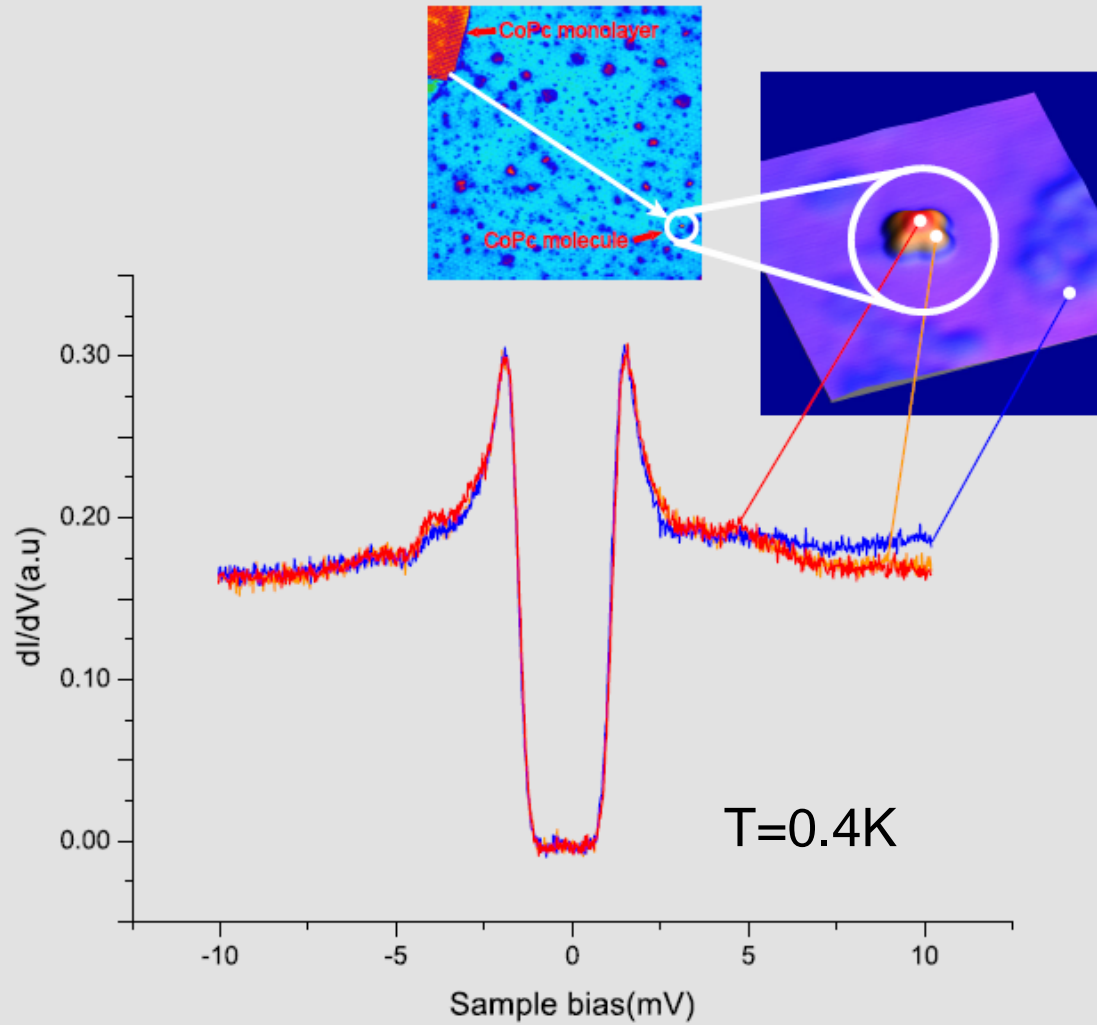
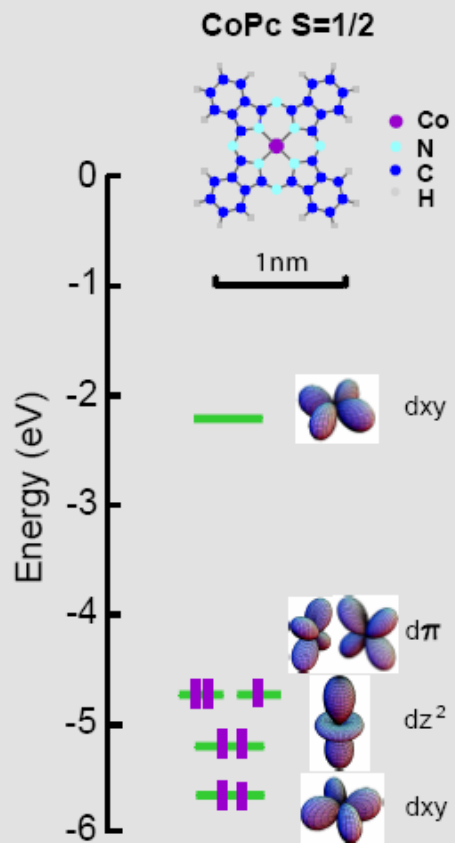


# IV. Zeeman

CoPc/Pb(111)

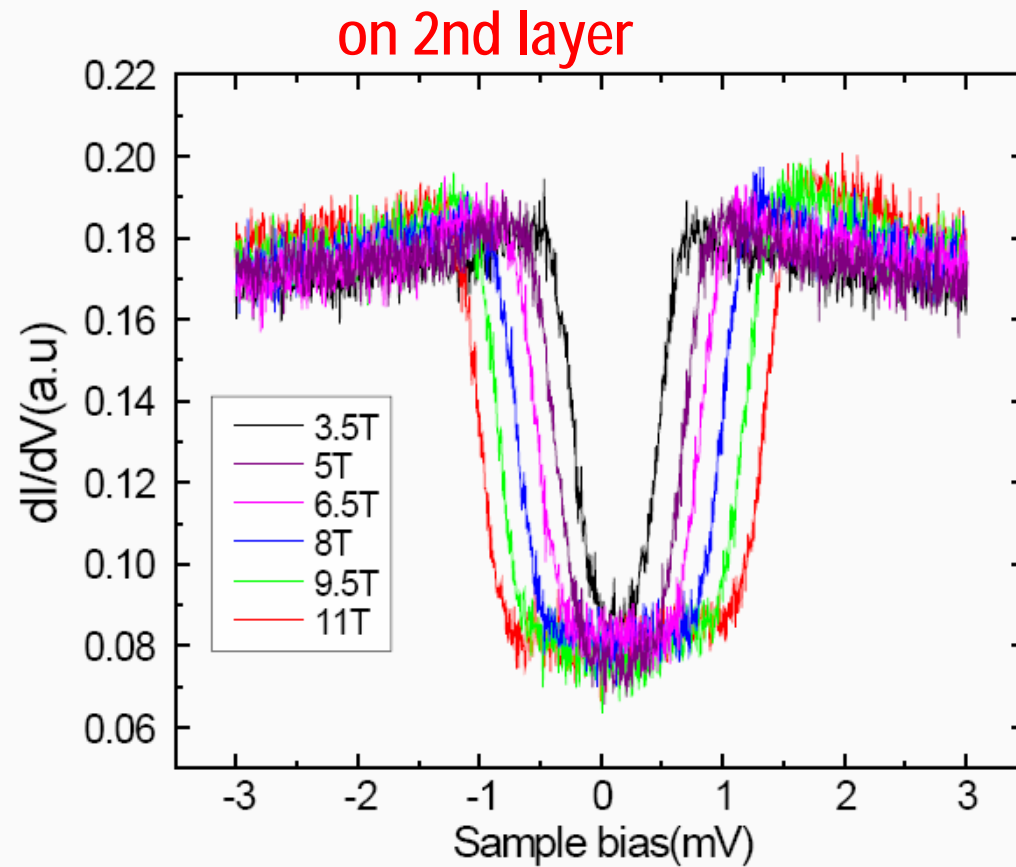
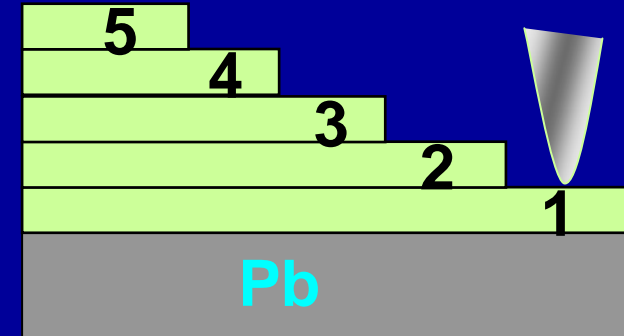


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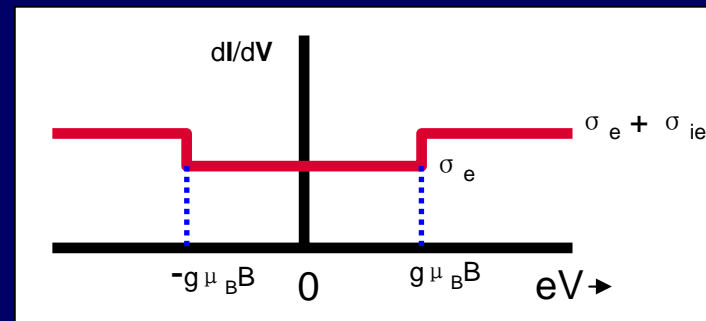
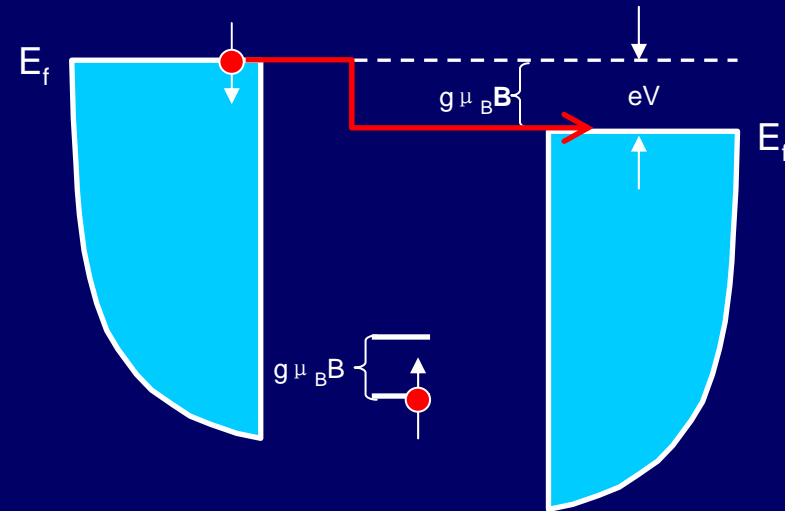
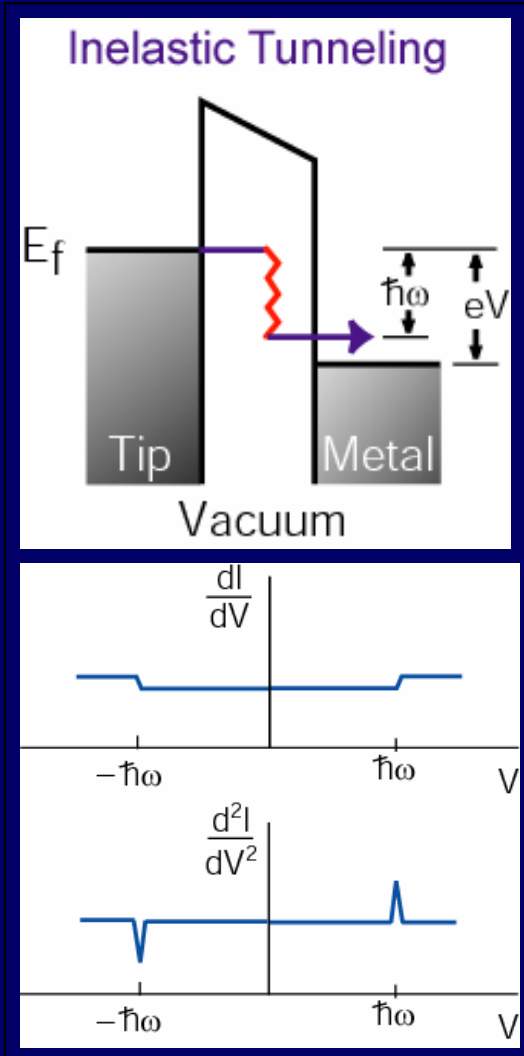


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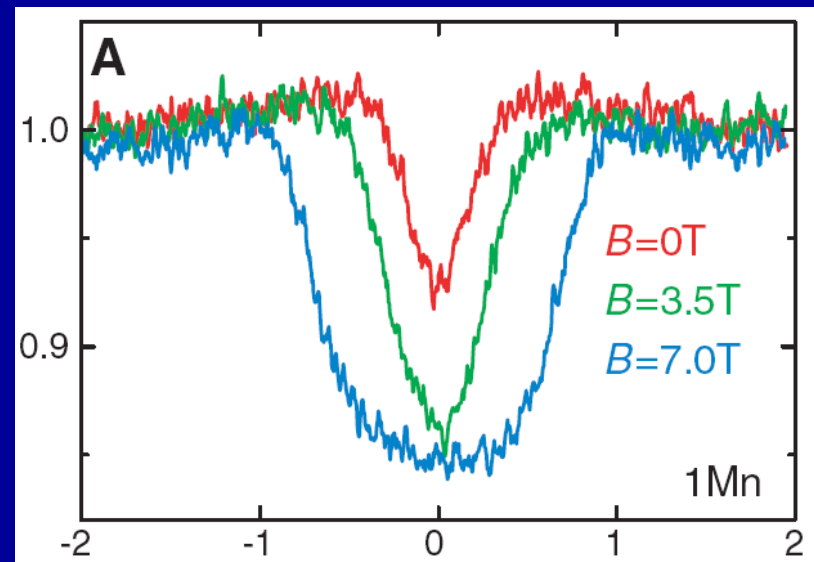
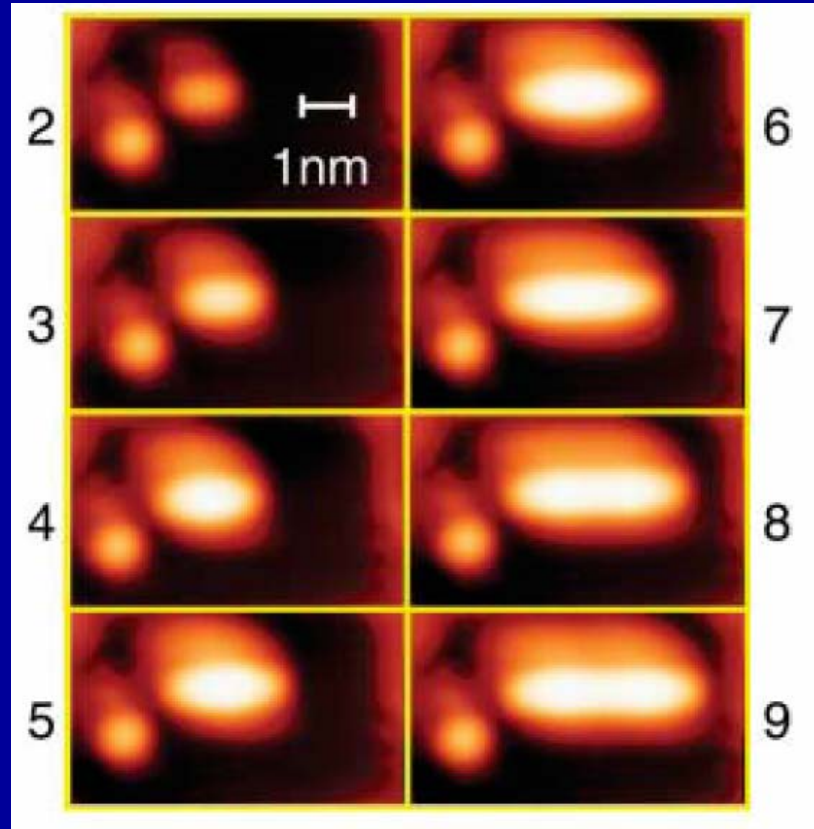
## IETS via Single Spin Flipping



# Spin-flip IETS



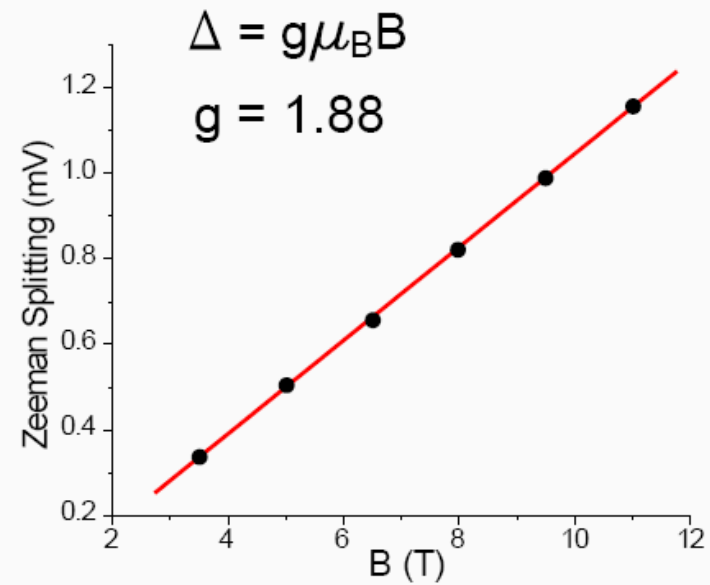
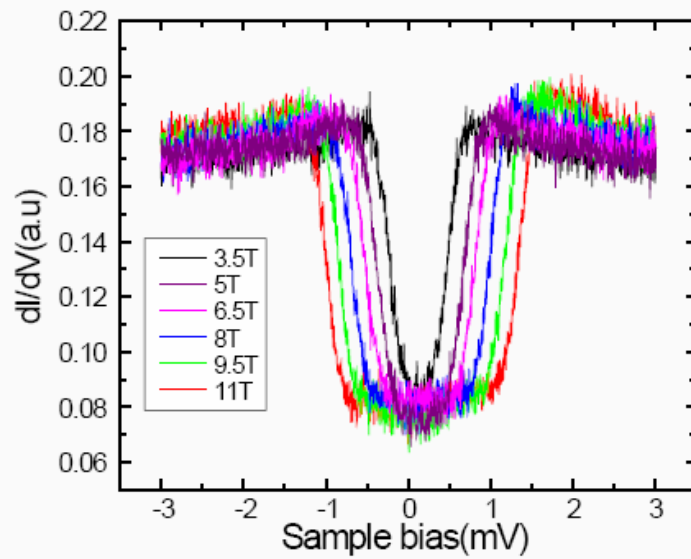
# Mn Atom Chains



*Hirjibehedin et al., Science 312, 1021(2006)*

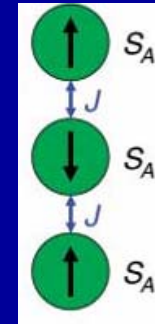
# IV. Zeeman

## Measurement of g-factor of single molecule



# Model Calculations

Heisenberg model: 
$$H_N = J \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} S_i \cdot S_{i+1}$$



**Dimer:**  
(3rd layer CoPc)

$$H = \frac{J}{2} [(S_1 + S_2)^2 - S_1^2 - S_2^2]$$

$$\Delta E_1 = J$$

**Trimer:**  
(4th layer)

$$H = \frac{J}{2} [(S_1 + S_2 + S_3)^2 - (S_1 + S_3)^2 - S_2^2]$$

$$S_A > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Delta E_1 = JS_A$$

$$S_A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Delta E_1 = J$$

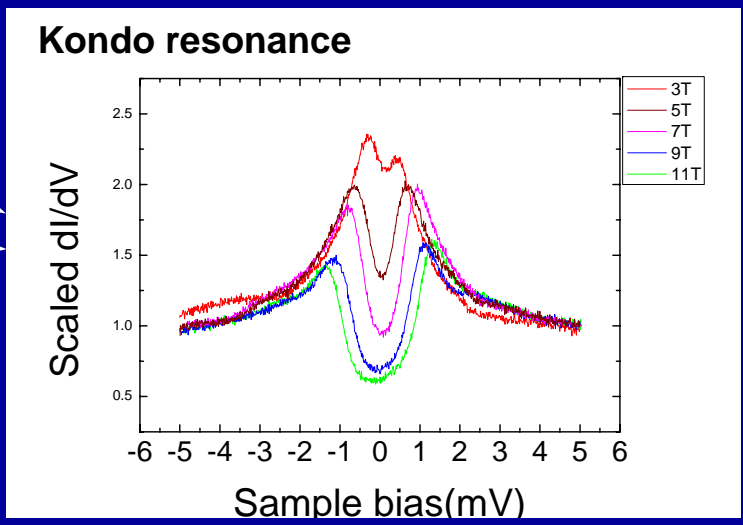
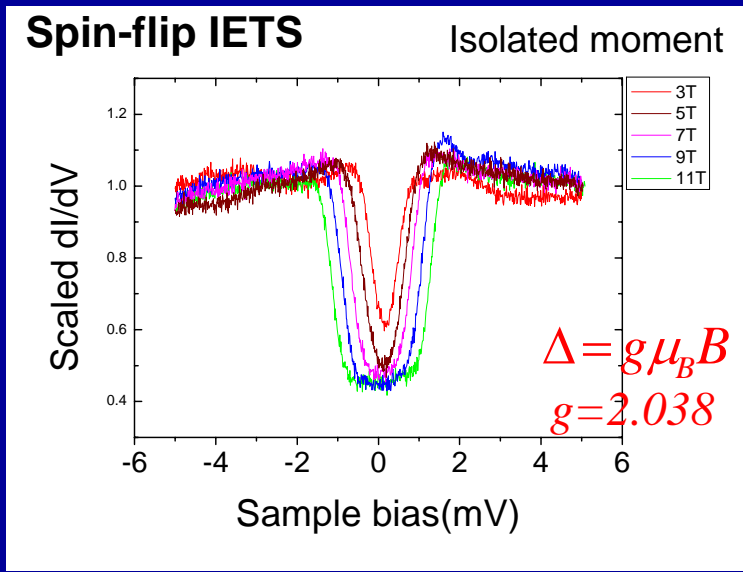
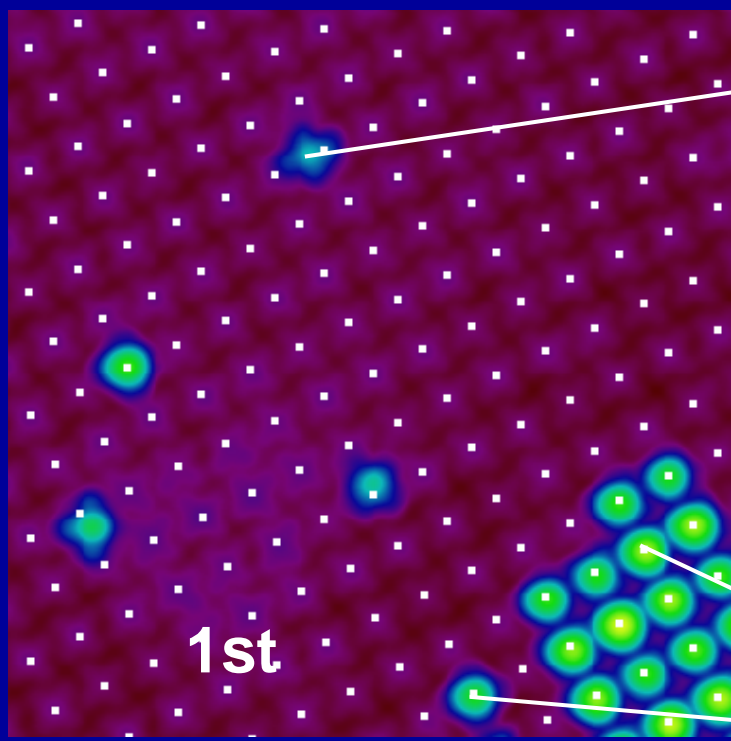
**Tetramer:**  
(5th layer)

$$H = \frac{J}{2} [(S_1 + S_2 + S_3)^2 - (S_1 + S_3)^2 + (S_2 + S_3 + S_4)^2 - (S_2 + S_4)^2 - (S_2 + S_3)^2]$$

$$\text{only for } S_A = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Delta E_1 = J \quad \Delta E_2 = 1.5J$$

# Manipulation of single-molecule spin-states

Zeeman  $\leftrightarrow$  Kondo



*Ji et al., PRL (in press)*

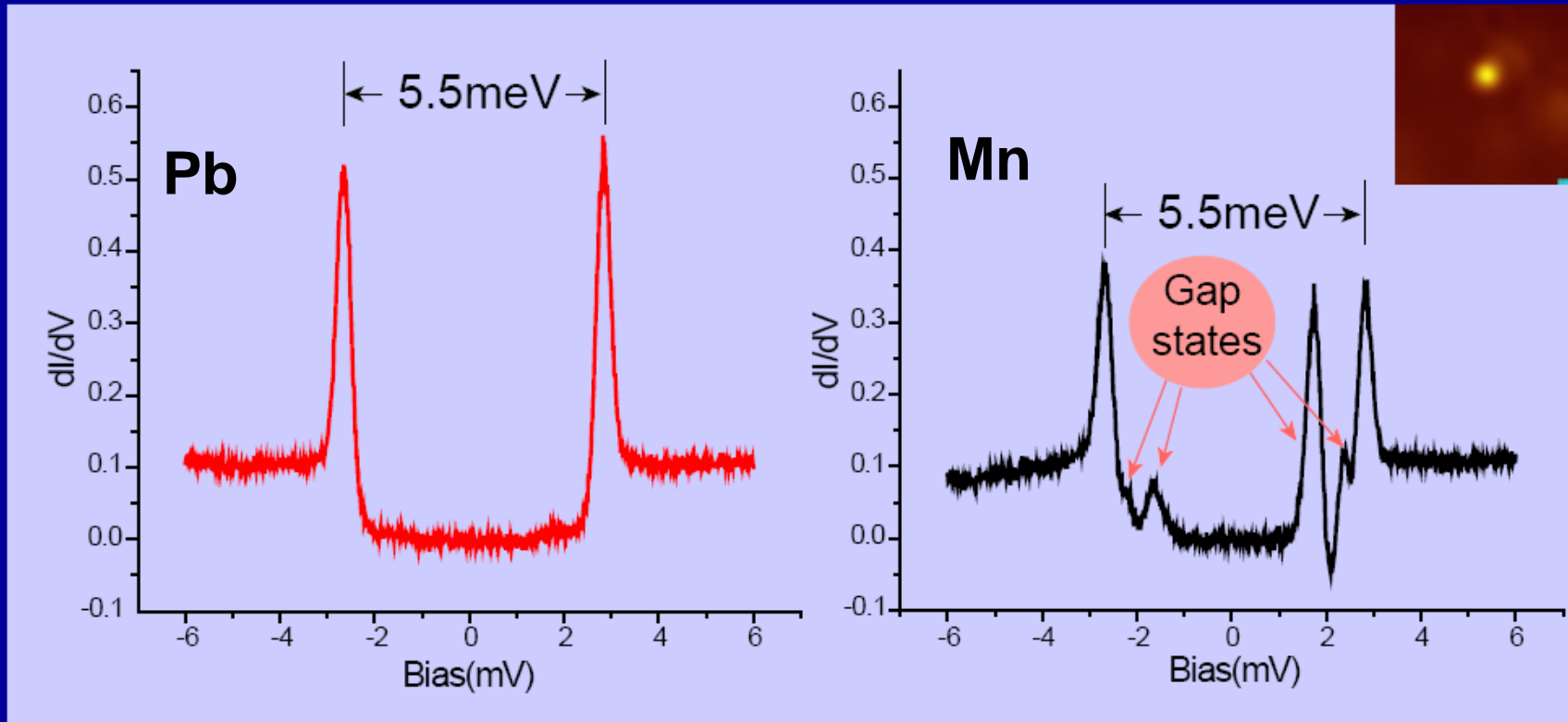


# V. Gap States

$U \uparrow$

Gap States

$$\epsilon_l = \Delta [1 - \cos(\delta_l^+ - \delta_l^-)]$$



# V. Magnetic

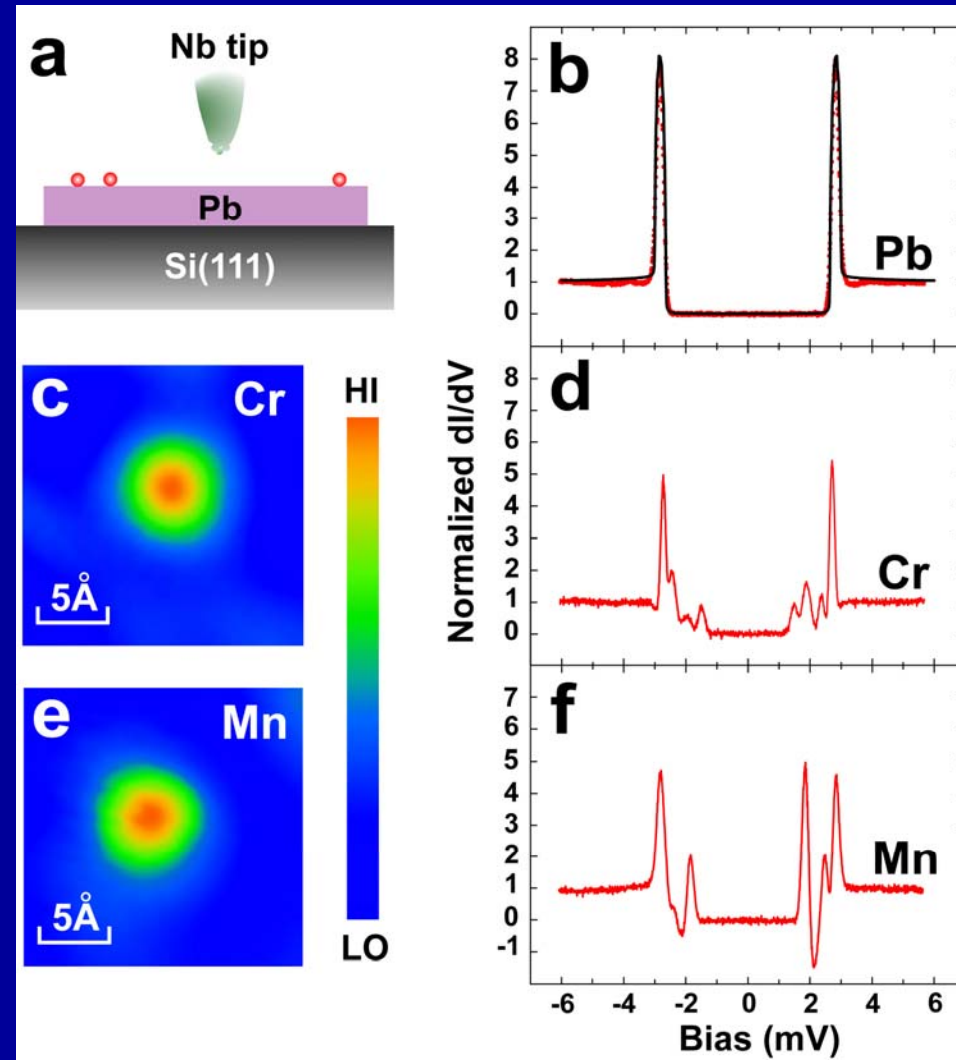
$U \uparrow$

Superconductor  
Gap States

$$\epsilon_l = \Delta [1 - \cos(\delta_l^+ - \delta_l^-)]$$

Single Atom Spectroscopy


Cr, Mn on Pb(111)



# Three Functions & Three Milestones

## Imaging

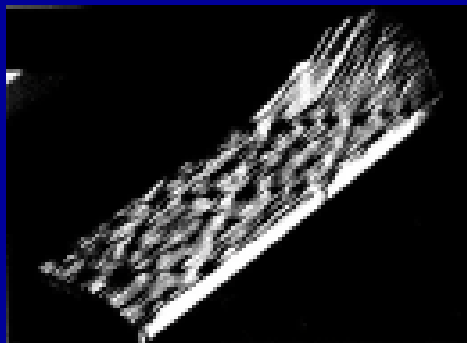
Scanning Tunneling Microscope



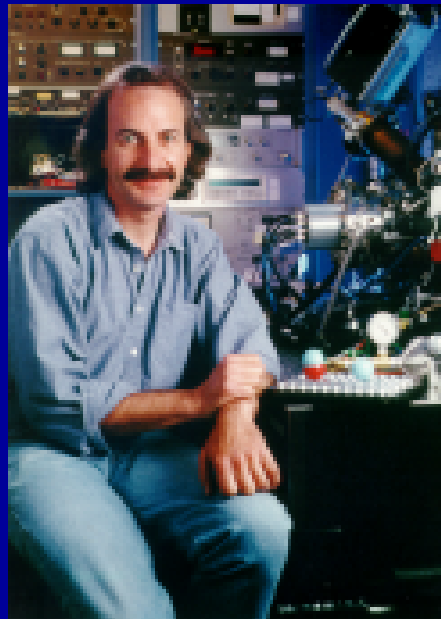
Gerd ← → Heinrich

- Invented by Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer, IBM Research Division
- Atomic resolution images of surfaces
- 1981 Nobel Prize in physics

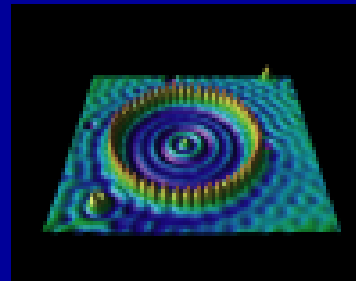
### Invention of STM (1981)



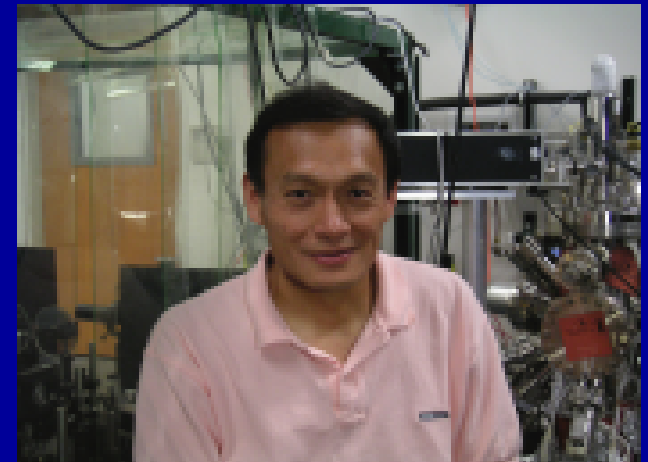
## Manipulation



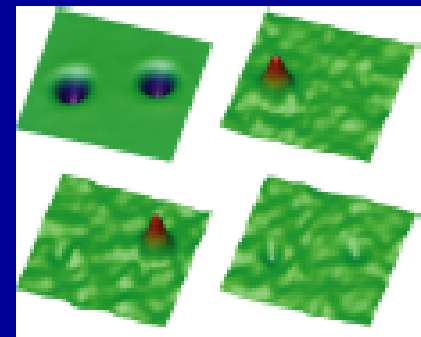
### Quantum Corral (1990)



## Spectroscopy



### IETS (1997)



## VI. Summary

### Topic

Spin states of adsorbates

### Toolbox

Low temperature (B) STM

Single molecule manipulation

Scanning tunneling spectroscopy

Inelastic tunneling spectroscopy (IETS) via single spin flip

Gap states in superconductor

### Progress

Kondo effect modulation via QSE

Magnetic coupling between molecules

Manipulating spin states at single molecular level

### Perspective

Organic magnetism

Molecular spintronics

Molecular recognition

Single atom reaction detection.....

**Thank you very much!!!**

# I. Introduction

localized spin + surface



magnetic  
atom/molecule

Superconductive film

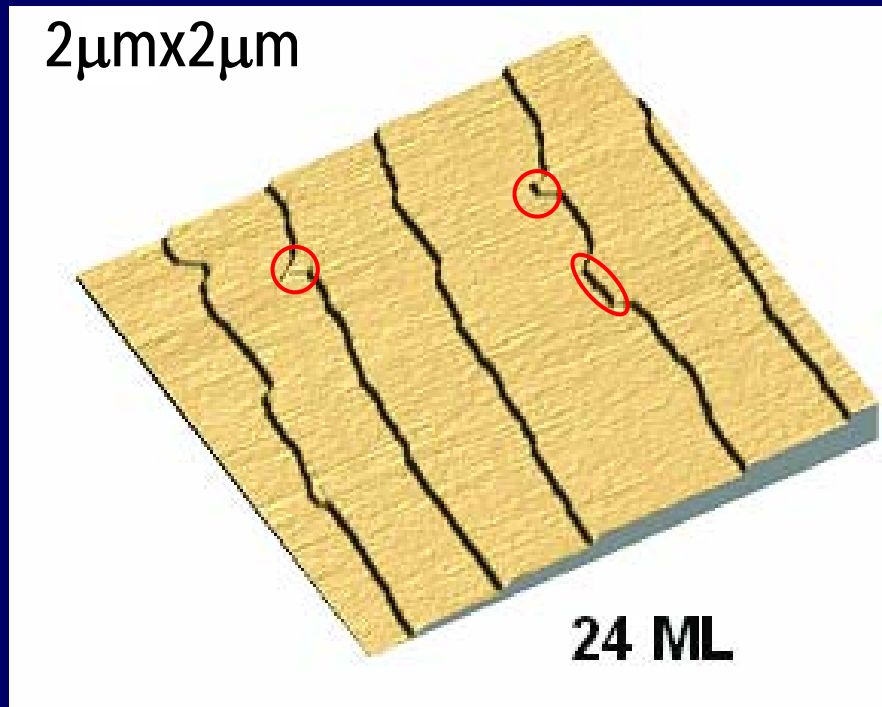
Platform



Quantum Size Effect  
Zeeman  
Kondo  
Magnetism  
Superconductivity

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# Atomically flat Pb films on Si(111)



Thickness: 7nm (24ML)

Uniformity: ~centimeter

Pb(bulk): coherent length 87nm

2D electronic system

1D Square Potential Well-tunable L

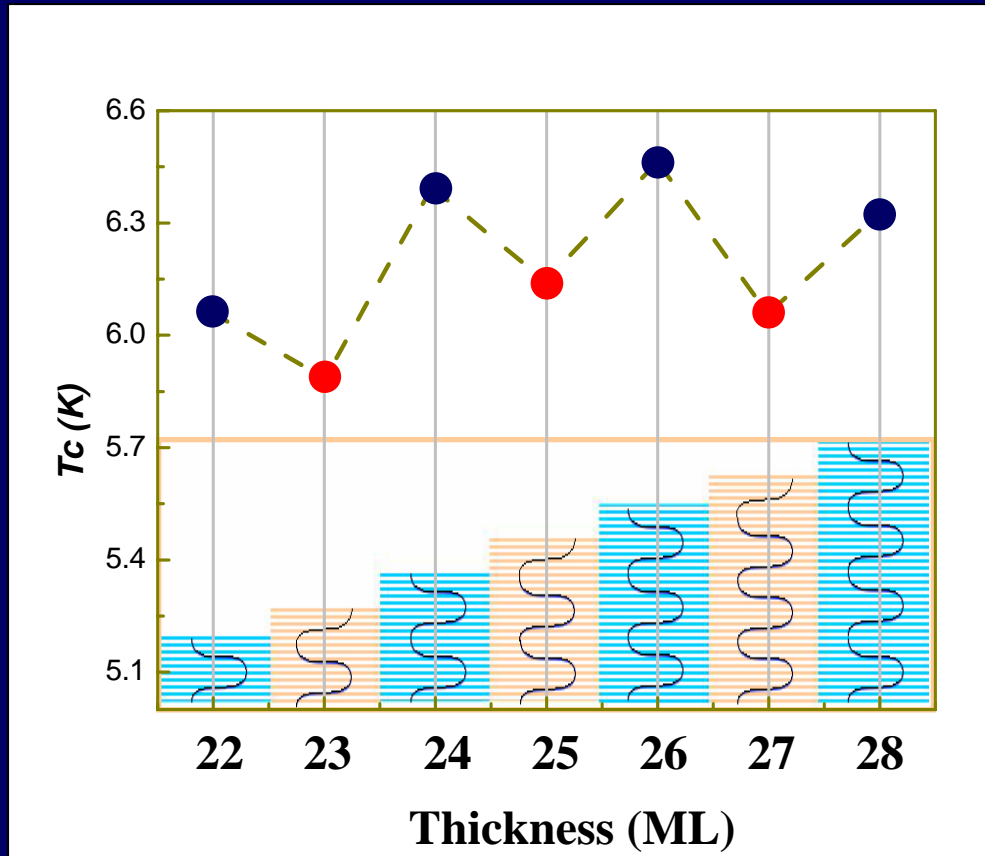
Pb

Si(111) 0.1°

# QSE对电子结构和超导的影响



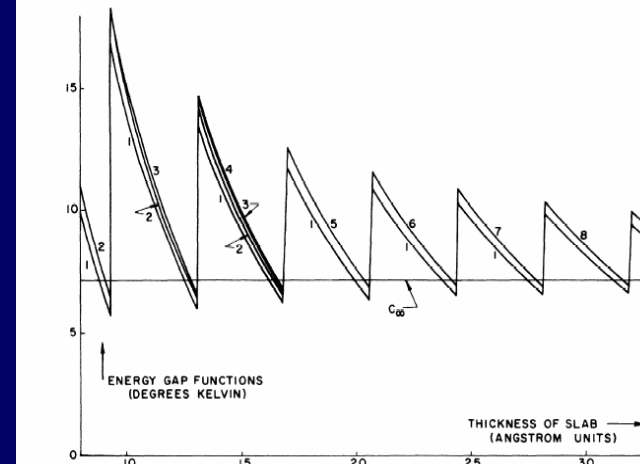
# Superconductivity ( $T_c$ ) oscillation



Guo, Zhang *et al.*, *SCIENCE* 306, 1915 (2004)

Zhang *et al.*, *PRL* 96, 096802 (2005)

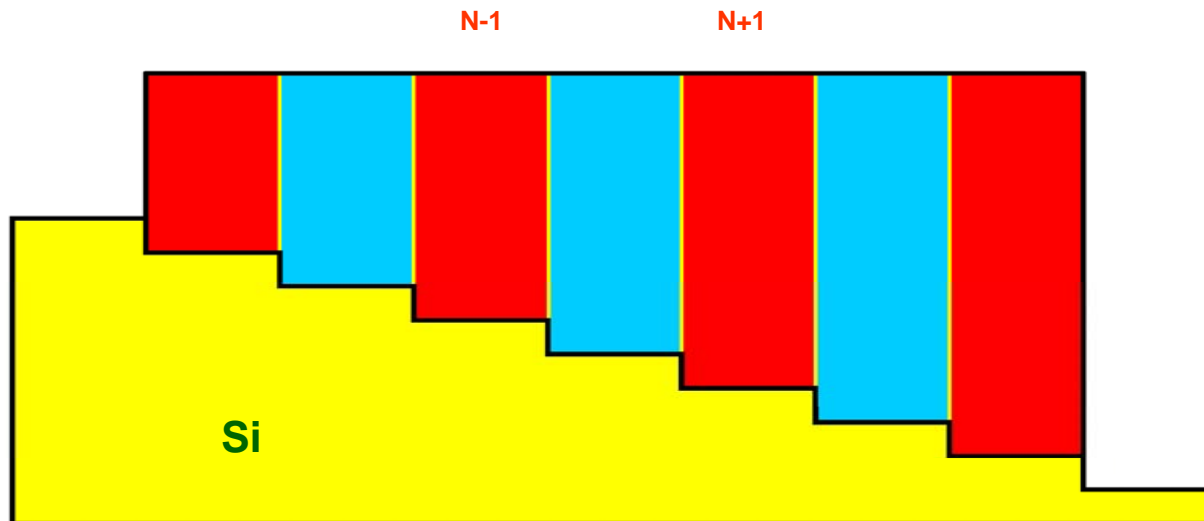
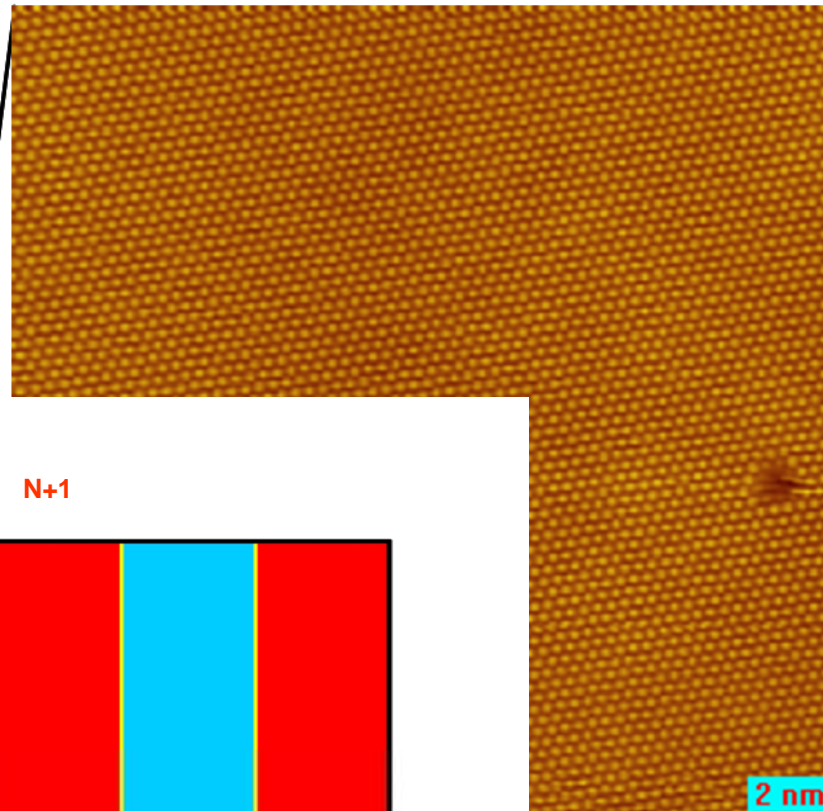
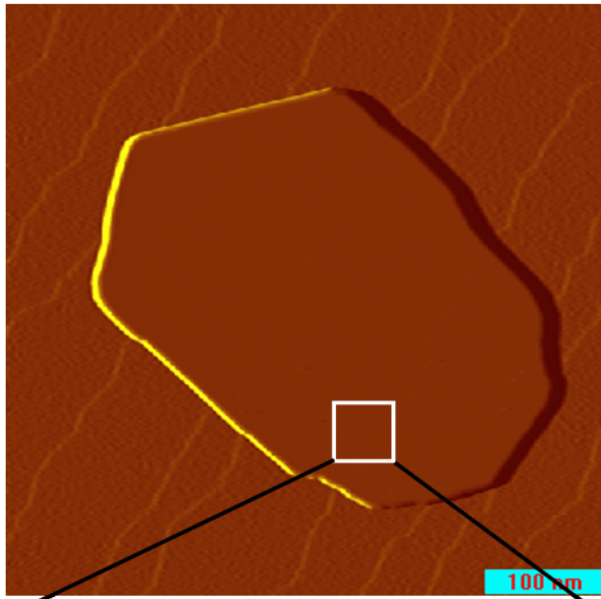
PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 15 April 1963



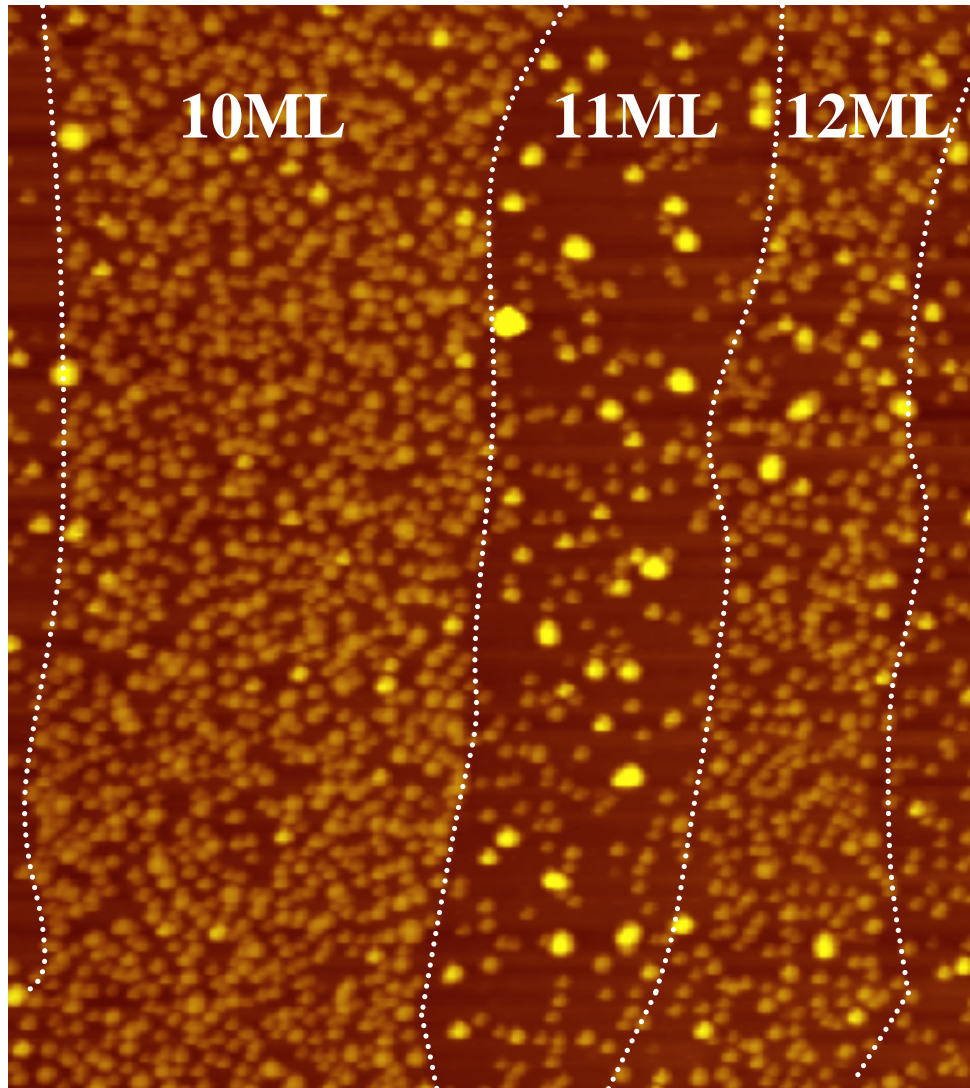
perconducting energy gap parameters  $C_n$ , vs thickness of film. At each resonance, a new value of contribute. All values of  $C_n$  are shown for small thicknesses; thereafter, only the largest and smallest, to avoid confusion. The peak heights lie well above the bulk value,  $C_\infty$ , which is also shown on the troughs are only slightly below  $C_\infty$ . The width of the resonances is too small to show on the scale of The distance between resonances equals one half of the deBroglie wavelength of an electron at the e. The parameters used for this figure were  $N/V = 2 \times 10^{22}$  electrons/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho = 0.3$ , and  $\hbar\omega_c = 100^\circ\text{K}$ .

J. M. Blatt and C. J. Thompson  
*PRL* 10, 332 (1963)

# Single domain (111) structure



# Oxygen adsorption on Pb



500nm x500nm

$O_2$  (~120L @LN<sub>2</sub>)

10ML, 12ML: **more** sites

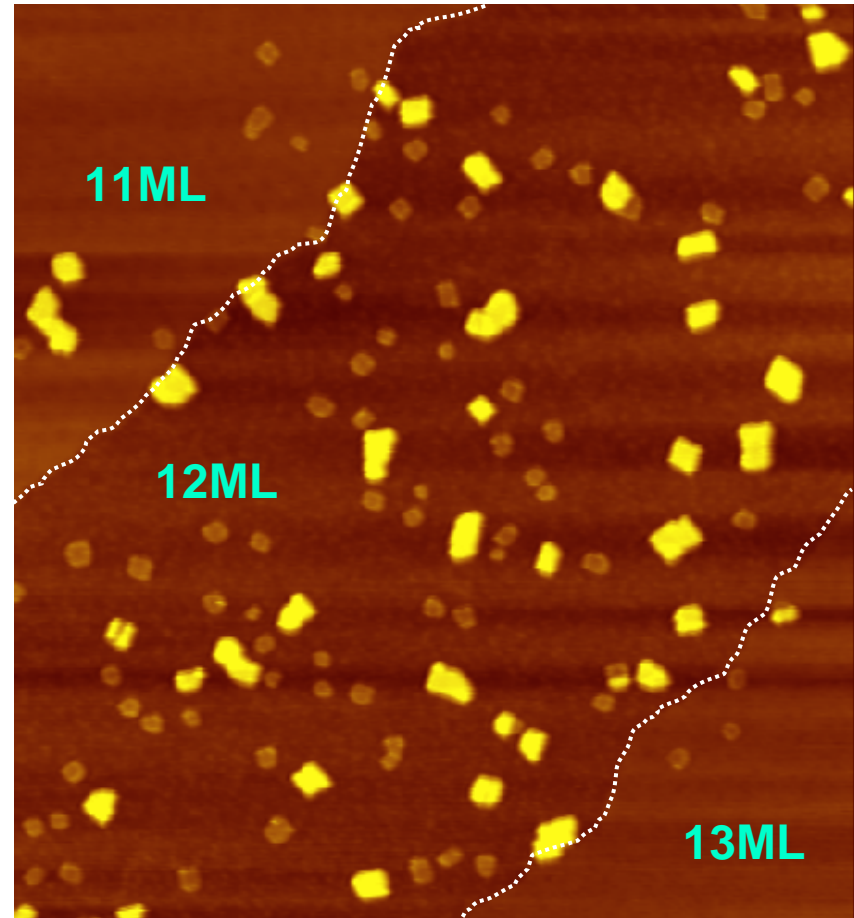
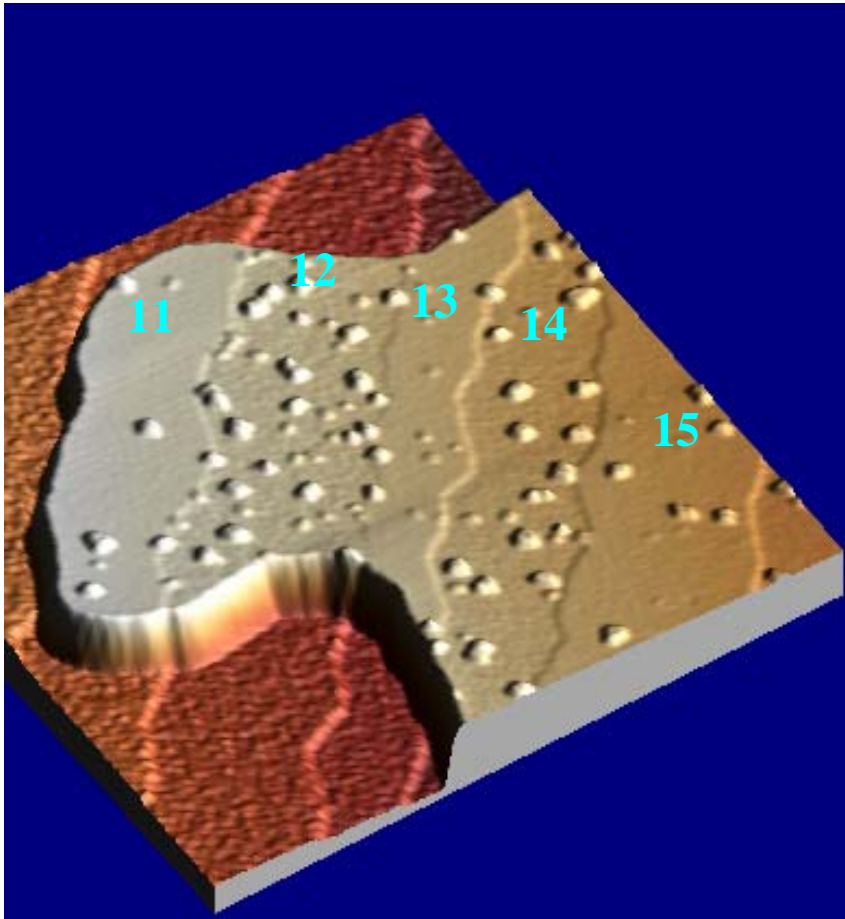
11ML: **less** sites

10ML:  $\theta=0.2453$

11ML:  $\theta=0.0831$

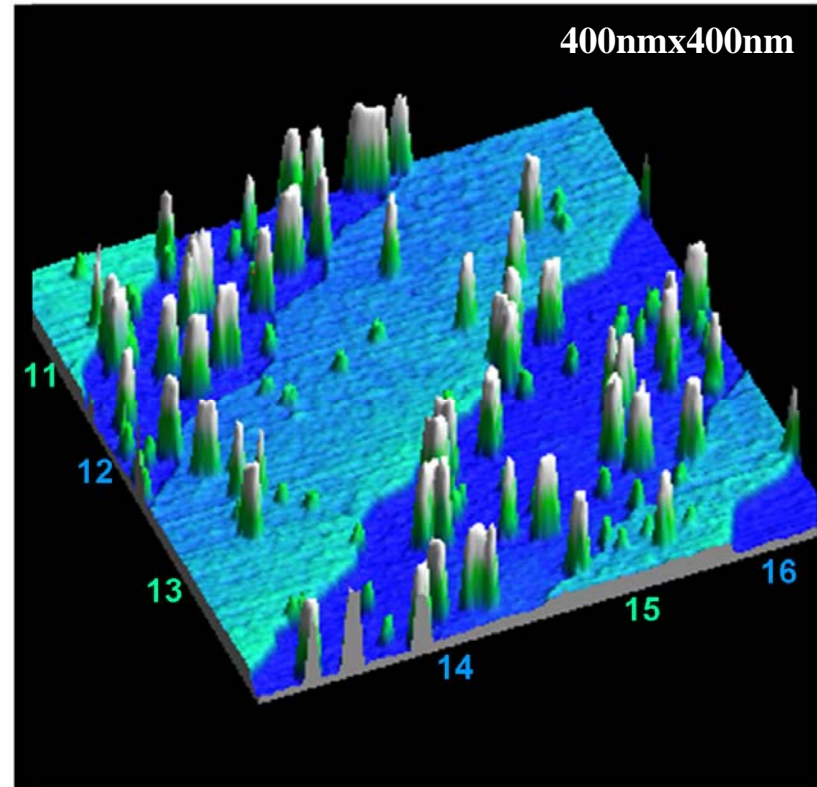
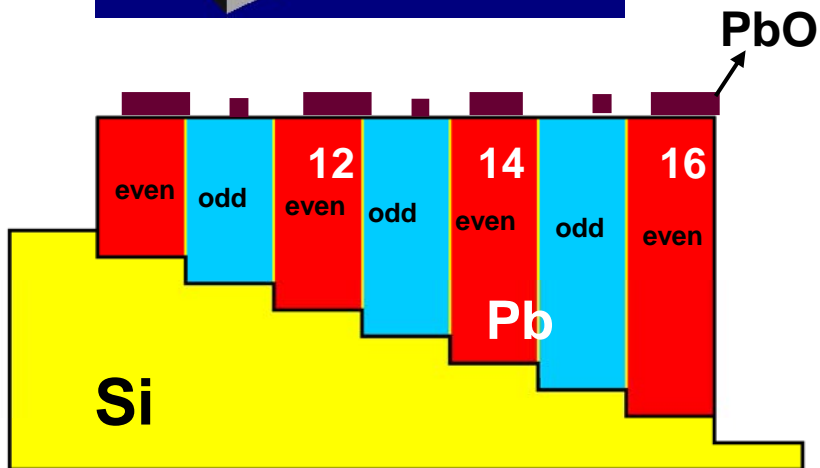
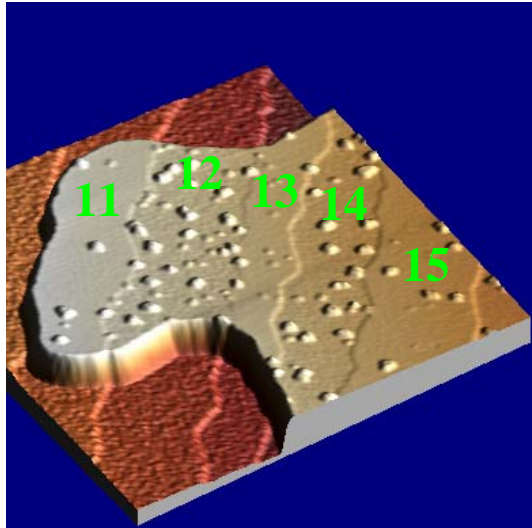
**3 times!**

# Oscillating oxidation on $Pb(111)$ surface



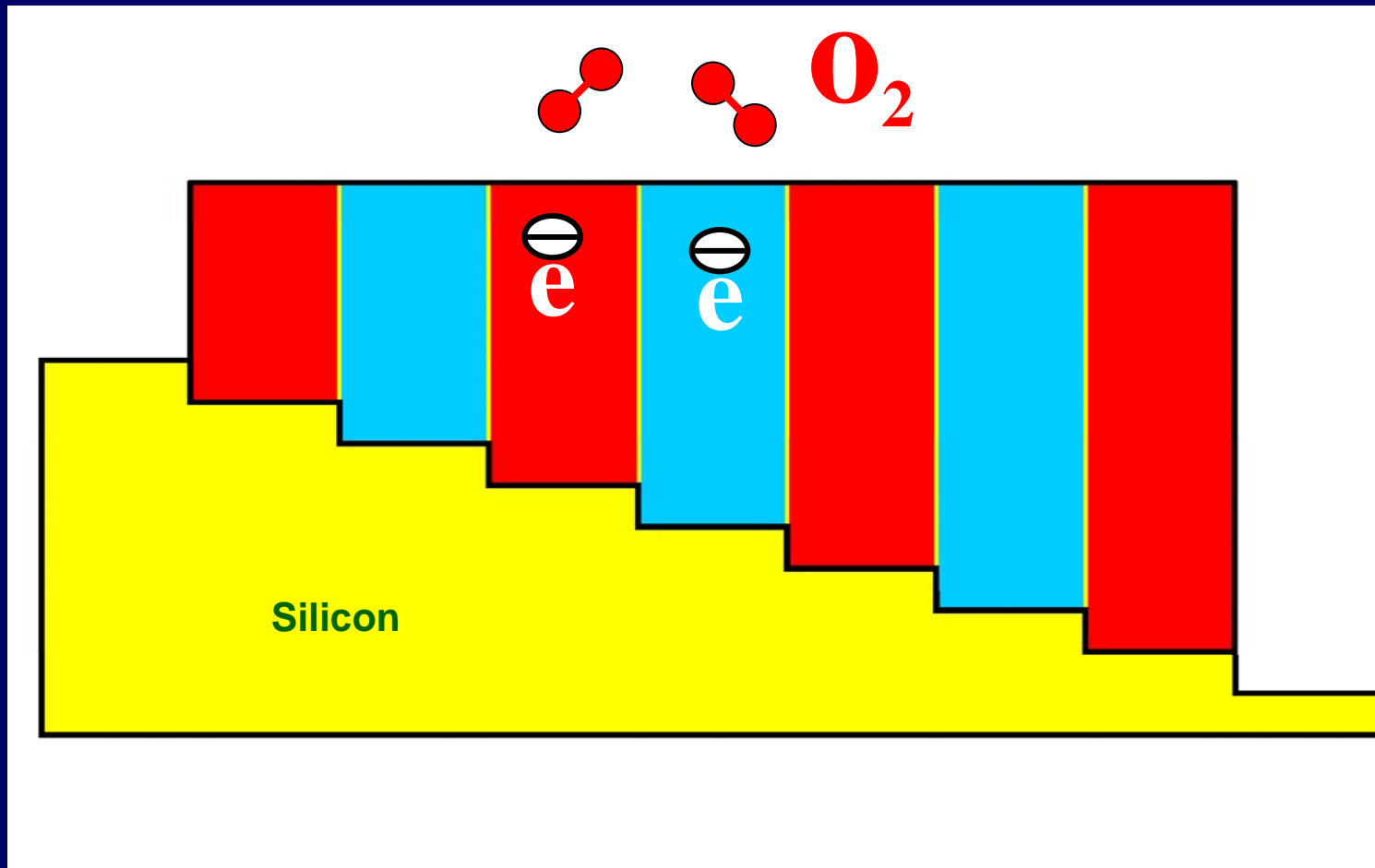


# QSE on Surface Oxidation of Pb(111)

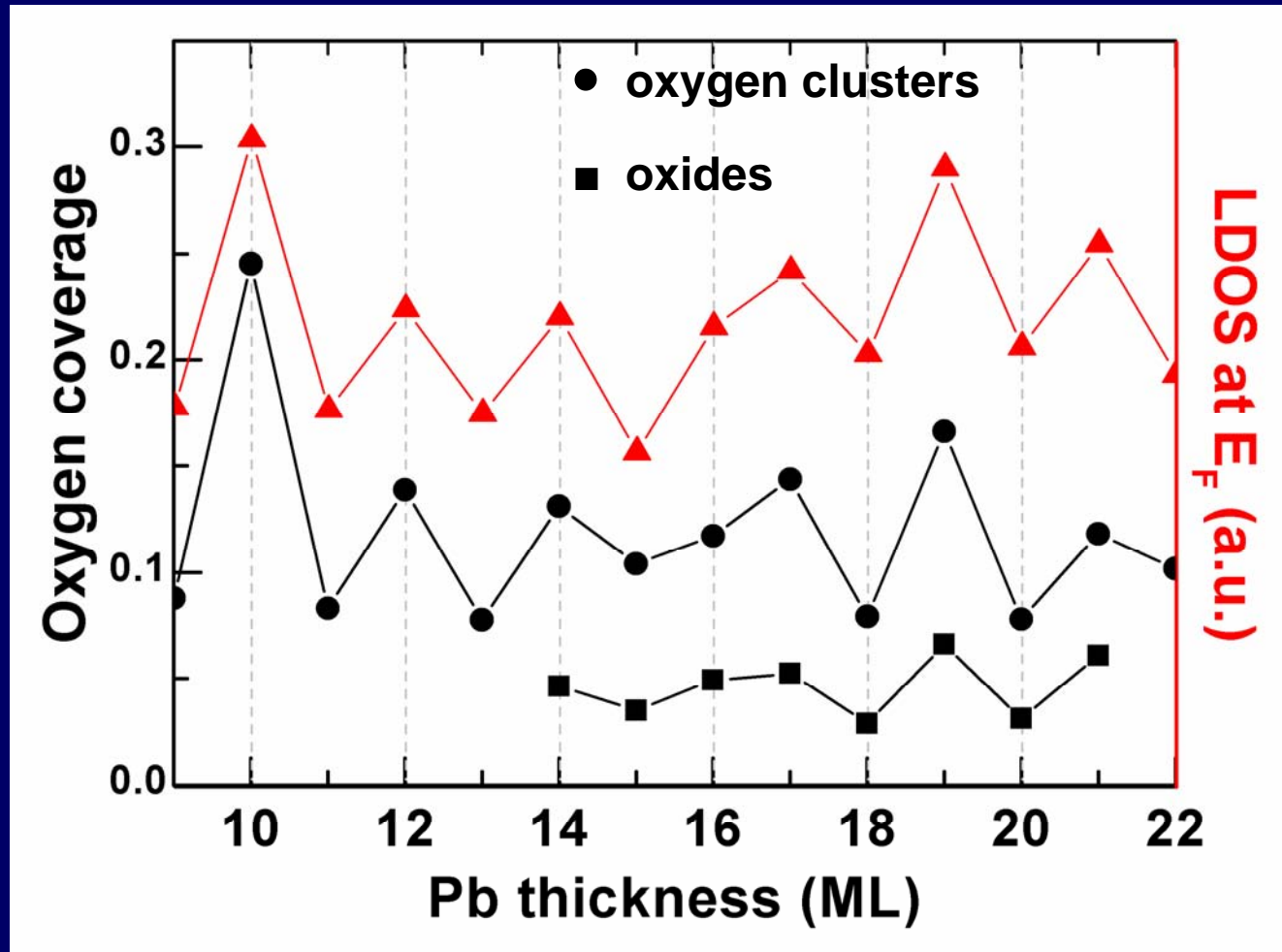


*Xucun Ma et al.,  
PNAS 104, 9204 (2007)*

In the same metal Pb island,  
the behaviors of electrons are different



# Surface Reactivity & LDOS at $E_F$ ( $O_2/Pb$ )

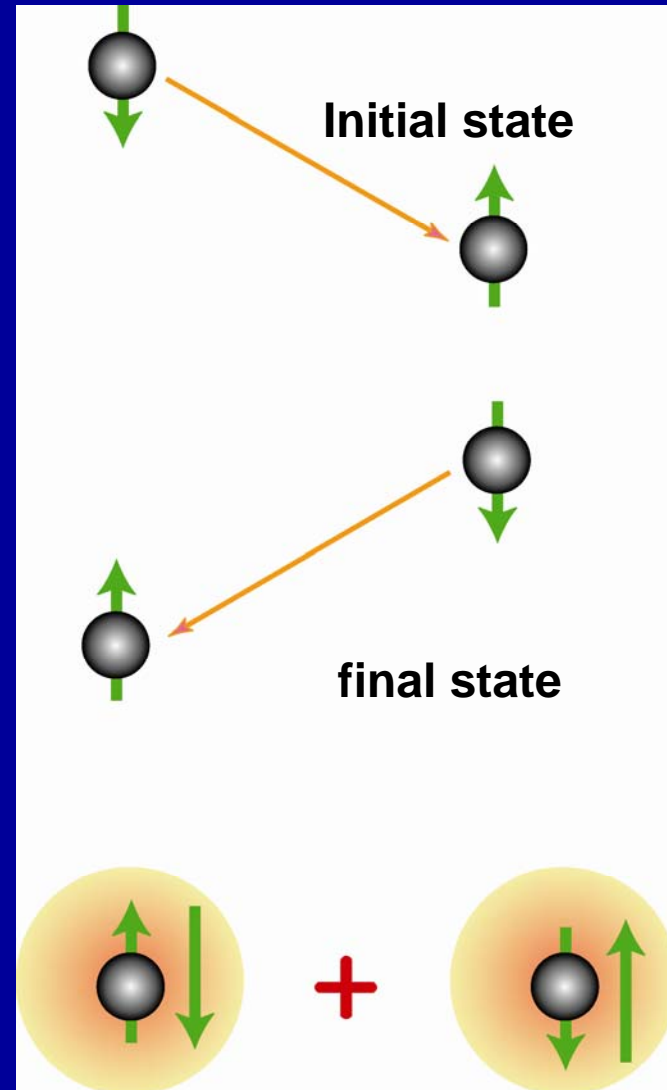
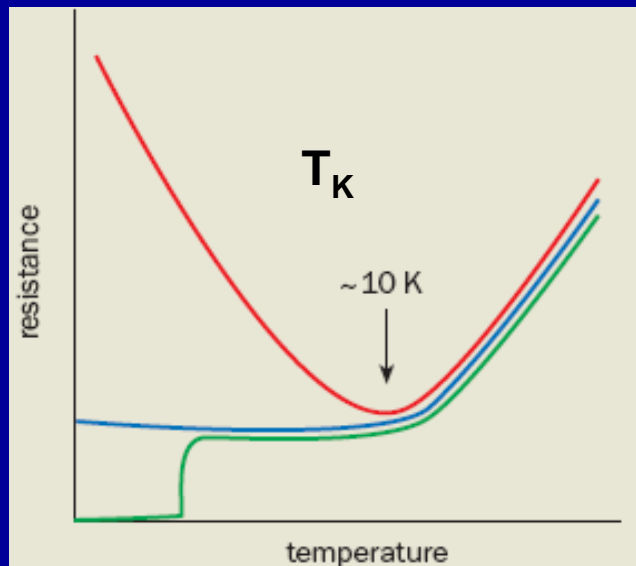


↑ LDOS at  $E_F$   
↑ Reactivity

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# Kondo Effect

Magnetic impurity



Kondo Temperature  $T_K$