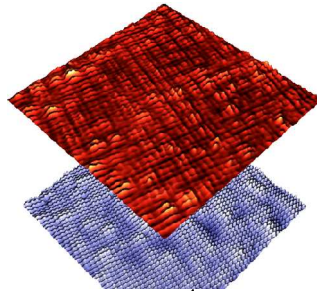


## What can STM/STS do?

Christian Lupien  
Université de Sherbrooke



UNIVERSITÉ DE  
SHERBROOKE

Cifar summer school 2010

## Plan

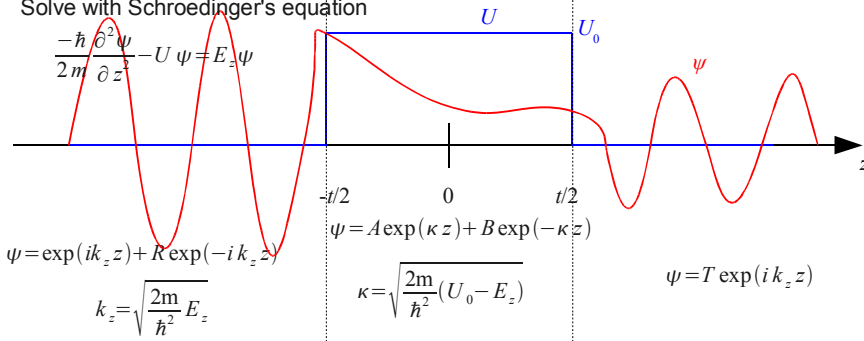
- Theory of STM/STS
  - 1D tunneling
  - Tunneling in STM/STS
- Possible measurements
  - Effect of tip
  - Atomic resolution
  - Atomic control
  - Spectroscopy
  - QPI

Cifar summer school 2010

## 1D Tunneling: square potential barrier

Solve with Schroedinger's equation

$$\frac{-\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} - U \psi = E_z \psi$$



$$\psi = \exp(ik_z z) + R \exp(-ik_z z)$$

$$k_z = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E_z}$$

$$\psi = A \exp(\kappa z) + B \exp(-\kappa z)$$

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (U_0 - E_z)}$$

$$\psi = T \exp(ik_z z)$$

R: The reflected wave

T: The transmitted wave

$$1 + |R|^2 = |T|^2$$

Solve by having continuous

$$\psi, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$$

$$|T|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(k_z^2 + \kappa^2)^2}{4k_z^2 \kappa^2} \sinh^2(\kappa t)}$$

$$|T|^2 \approx \frac{16 k_z^2 \kappa^2}{(k_z^2 + \kappa^2)^2} \exp(-2\kappa t)$$

For  $\kappa t \gg 1$

Cifar summer school 2010

## Higher D, STM

- Change  $\psi$  to  $\Psi = \psi \exp(ik_x x + ik_y y)$
- Answer stays the same.
- $k_x$  and  $k_y$  are conserved.
- The energy  $E$  is also conserved (elastic tunneling).
- $U$  depends on **work function** of both ends and the applied voltage (not a constant anymore)
- $E_z = E - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k_x^2 + k_y^2)$
- Stronger tunneling if  $k_x$  &  $k_y$  are small (for  $E \sim U_0$ ).

Cifar summer school 2010

## Important results for a single electron

$$|(T)^2| \approx \frac{16k_z^2\kappa^2}{(k_z^2 + \kappa^2)^2} \exp(-2\kappa t)$$

← **Fast** Exponential decay  
1 Å → ×10  
Depends on work function

Matrix element  
Depends on matching boundary conditions

For a more general potential

$$|(T)^2| = g \exp\left(-2 \int_{z_1}^{z_2} dz \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [U(z) - E_z]}\right)$$

Depending on approximations

$$g = \frac{16k_z^2\kappa^2}{(k_z^2 + \kappa^2)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad g = 1 \quad \text{WKB approximation}$$

Cifar summer school 2010

## Multiple electrons

We need to insert the effect of the **density of states** and the **temperature** (Fermi function  $f(E)$ )

We assume small energy (vs work function) so  $\kappa$  is independent of energy.

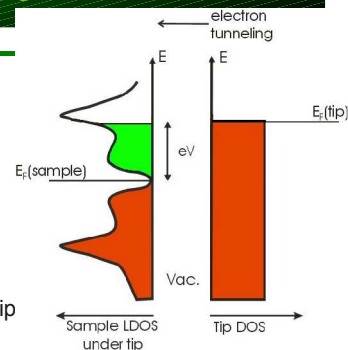
Calculate the conventional current from sample to tip

$$I = M \exp(-2\kappa z) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dE n_S(E + eV) n_T(E) [f(E) - f(E + eV)]$$

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)}$$

$n_S$  and  $n_T$  are the sample and tip density of states  
 $M$  is a matrix element (could be inside the integral)  
 $V$  is voltage applied on sample.

At  $T=0$ , the Fermi function disappears and leaves the **integral between  $-eV$  and 0**



Cifar summer school 2010

## Spectra: conductance

The measured conductance  $G$  is given by:

$$G = \frac{dI}{dV} = M \exp(-2\kappa z) n_T(0) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dE n_S(E + eV) \frac{1}{4k_B T \cosh^2\left(\frac{E}{2k_B T}\right)}$$

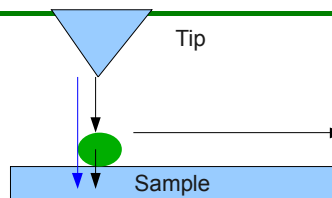
Where we assume  $n_T$  has a weak energy dependence (valid for small energies and a good tip)

$G$  can be measured directly with a lock-in

↓  
The smearing effect due to the temperature.  
At  $T=0 \rightarrow \delta(E)$   
So  $G \approx n_S(eV)$

Also from a  $I$  vs  $z$  curve, can extract  $\kappa$  hence the work function.

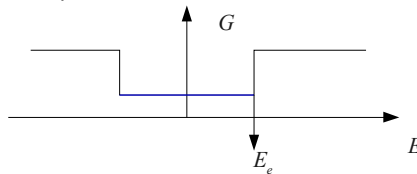
## Inelastic tunneling



The electrons tunnel  
But leave some energy in an excitation of energy  $E_e$  (molecular vibration, ...)

Only possible if  $E > E_e$

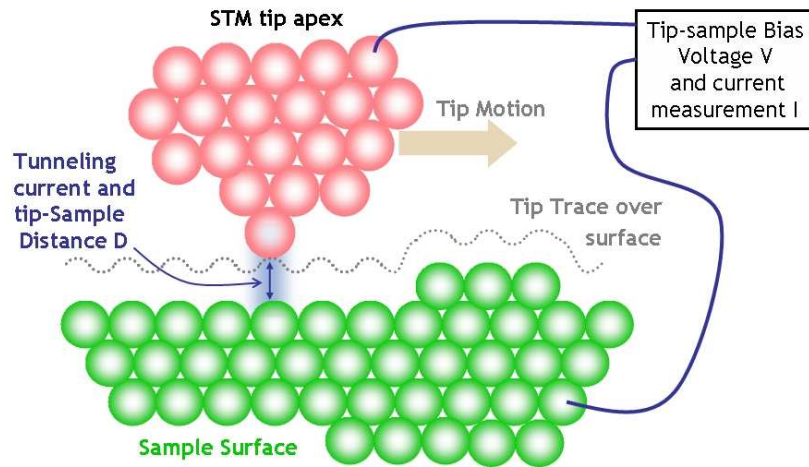
Conductance spectra:



Make the effect evident by taking derivative of conductance. So look at

$$\frac{d^2 I}{dV^2}$$

## Basics of STM technique



Ref: Opensource Handbook of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology  
<http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Nanotechnology>

Cifar summer school 2010

## Constant current feedback

When measurement are taken with a feedback current of  $I_0$  under a voltage of  $V_0$  the conductance is ( $T=0$ ):

$$G(\vec{r}, V) = I_0 \frac{n_s(\vec{r}, eV)}{\int_0^{eV_0} dE n_s(\vec{r}, E)}$$

So  $G(\vec{r}, V) \propto n_s(\vec{r}, eV)$  ← **GREAT tool**  
**STS (scanning tunneling spectroscopy)**  
**But there are some approximations**

But proportionality constant **varies** in space

In Fourier space:

~~$$G(\vec{k}, V) \propto n_s(\vec{k}, eV)$$~~

Cifar summer school 2010

## Z ratio map

To avoid problem with feedback (integral) in

$$G(\vec{r}, V) = I_0 \frac{n_S(\vec{r}, eV)}{\int_0^{eV_0} dE n_S(\vec{r}, E)}$$

Then use Z ratio instead:

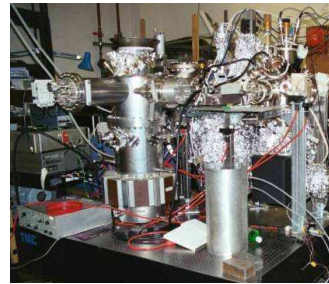
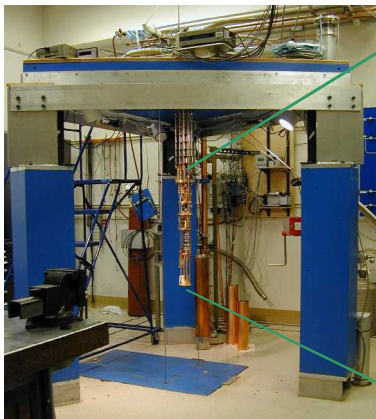
$$Z(\vec{r}, V) = \frac{G(\vec{r}, V)}{G(\vec{r}, -V)}$$

This removes integral

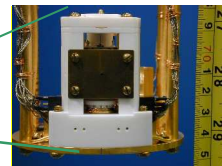
- Better contrast (sometimes)
- Extract energy **asymmetry**
- **Loose** energy **symmetric** part

Cifar summer school 2010

## STM equipment



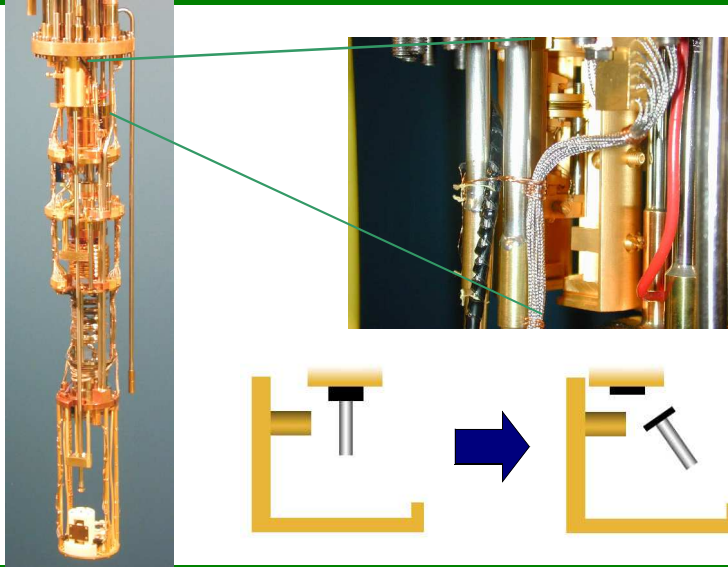
VT-UHV-STM, Zettl, Berkeley



Very Low Temperature STM, Davis Berkeley-Cornell

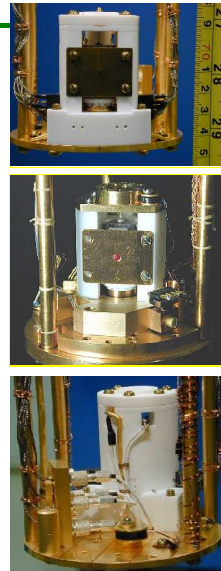
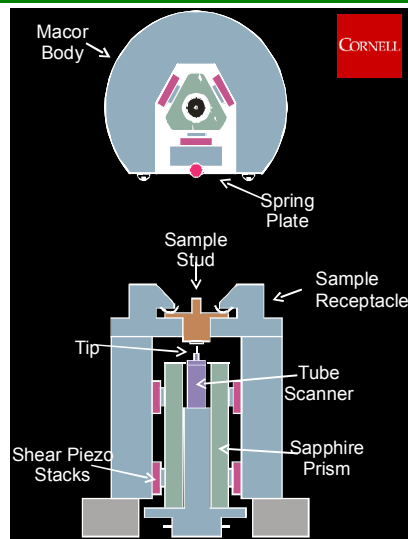
Cifar summer school 2010

## Sample preparation (cleaving)



Cifar summer school 2010

## Instrument design for STM/STS



Rev. Sci. Instr. **70**, 1459 (1999)

Cifar summer school 2010

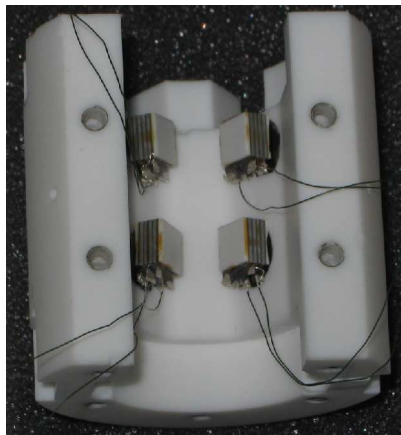
## Microscope



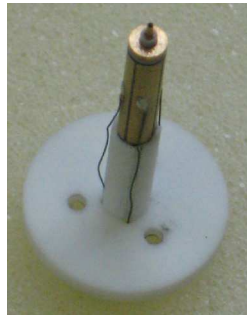
A microscope in pieces

Cifar summer school 2010

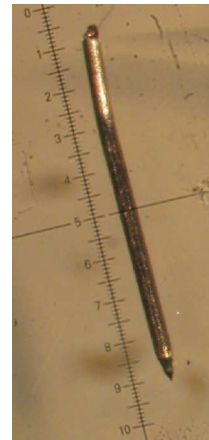
## Microscope



Body of the walker



Heart of microscope  
XYZ piezo tube and  
Tip holder



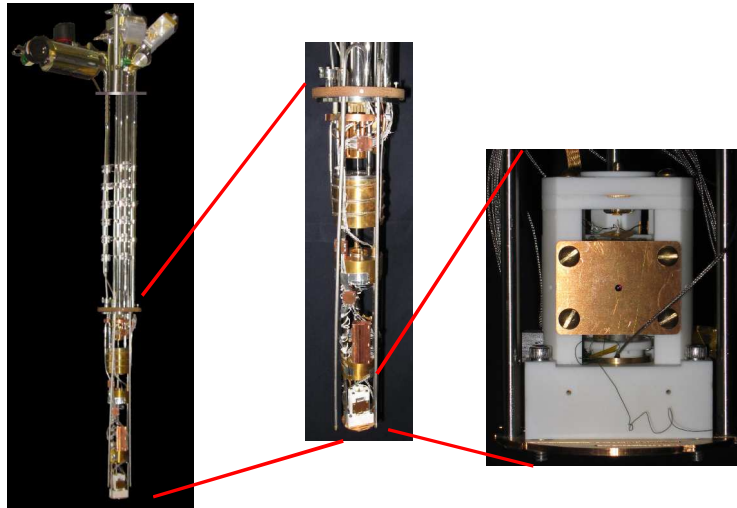
Tungsten tip  
8mm

Cifar summer school 2010



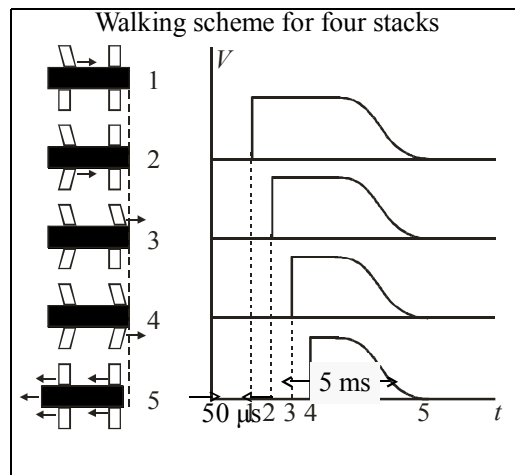
## Assembled Microscope

Cryostat



Cifar summer school 2010

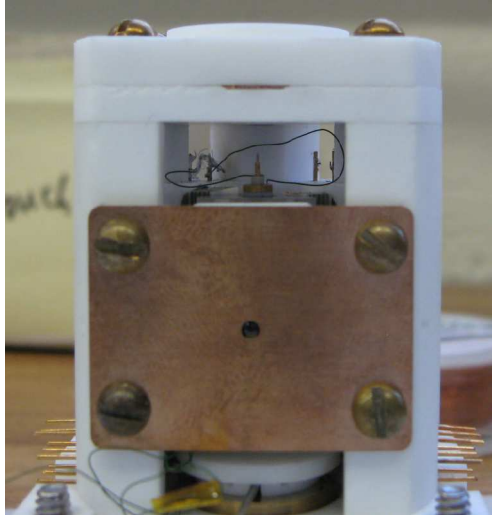
## Coarse approach (walker)



1 step = 250 Å at LT  
Total displacement = 5 mm  
horizontal reproducibility = 100 Å

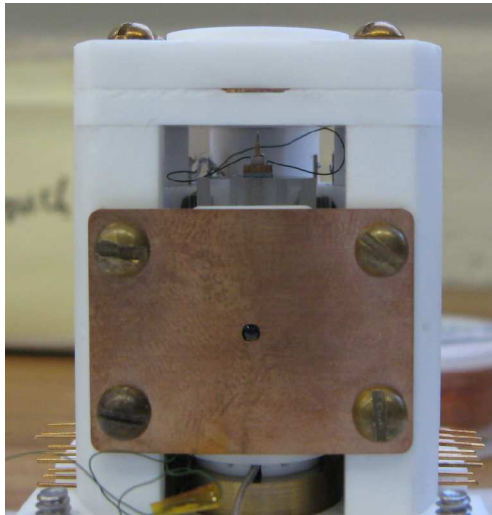
Cifar summer school 2010

## Walker motion (bottom)



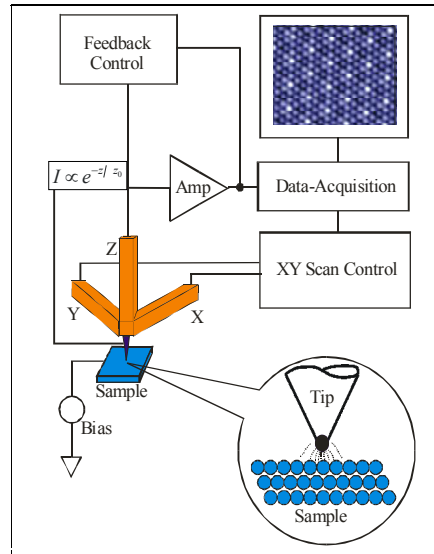
Cifar summer school 2010

## Walker motion (top)



Cifar summer school 2010

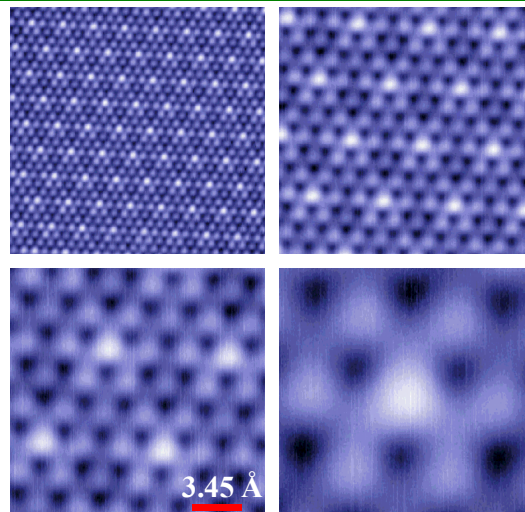
## STM Technique



- In Vacuum (dirty)
- In air
  - UHV (variable T)
  - Cryogenic (great vacuum)
- Low T
  - Thermal stability
  - Surface stability

Cifar summer school 2010

## ...Very High Resolution

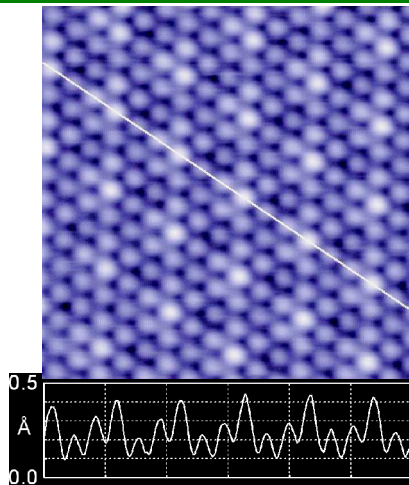


Zoom on NbSe<sub>2</sub> (Charge density wave)

250 mK  
50 pA, 50 mV

Cifar summer school 2010

## STM Images electron density – not the atoms



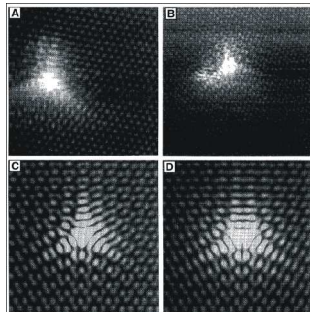
NbSe<sub>2</sub>: Charge density wave

250 mK  
50 pA, 50 mV

Cifar summer school 2010

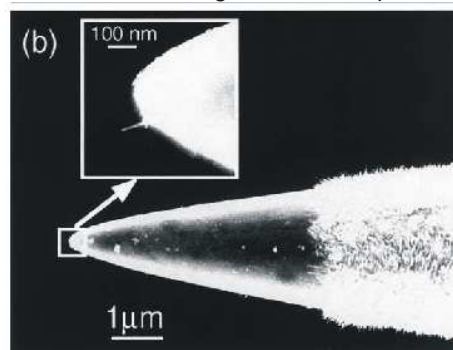
## What's on the tip?

Tip with C<sub>60</sub> / defect on graphite



K.F. Kelly, Science: **273**, 1371 (1996)

Nanotube grown on the tip



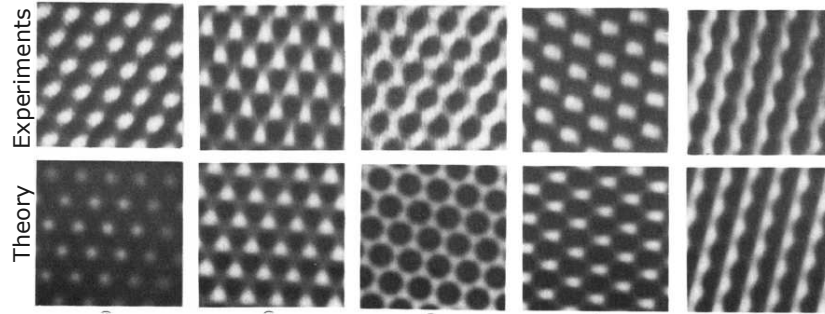
Y. Shingaya, Physica B **323**, 153 (2002)

Standard tips:

- PtIr wire with angle cut (pliers)
- Tungsten tip shaped by electrochemical etching and field emission

Cifar summer school 2010

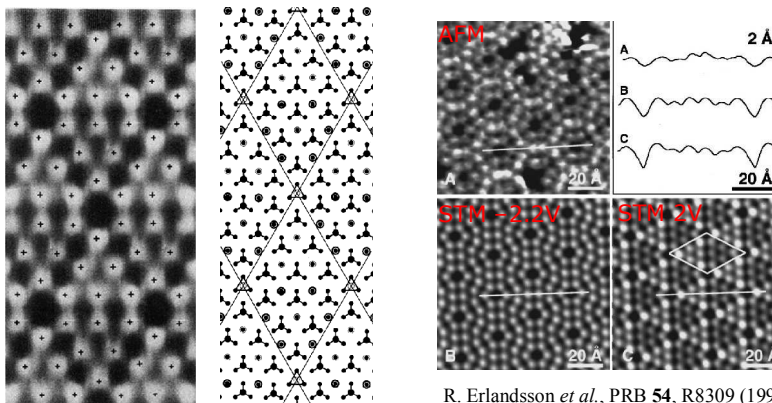
## Graphite (different tips)



H.A. Mizes *et al.*, PRB **36**, 4491 (1987)

Cifar summer school 2010

## Surface reconstruction: Si(111) 7x7



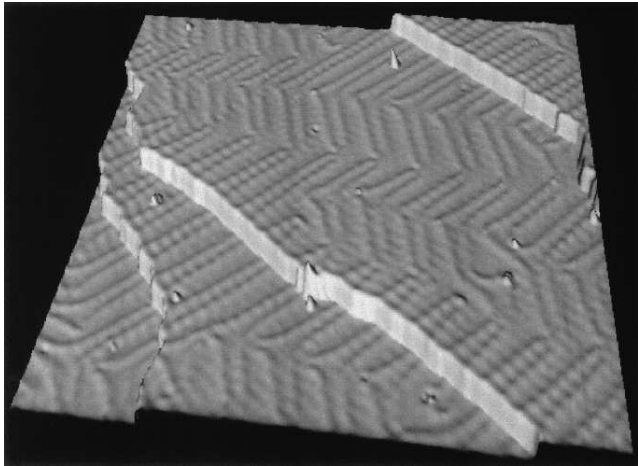
G. Binnig *et al.*, PRL **50**, 120 (1983)

R. Erlandsson *et al.*, PRB **54**, R8309 (1996)

Reconstruction occurs at surfaces because of the broken bonds.  
Another problem/advantage of surfaces is surface states.

Cifar summer school 2010

# Au(111) Herringbone reconstruction



W. Chen *et al.*, PRL 80, 1469 (1998)

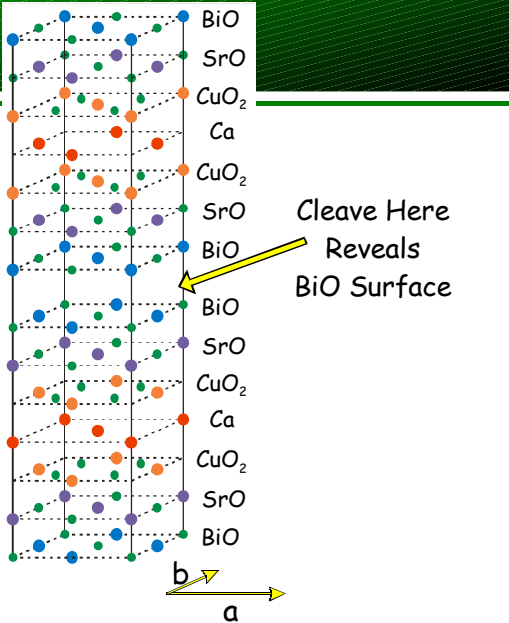
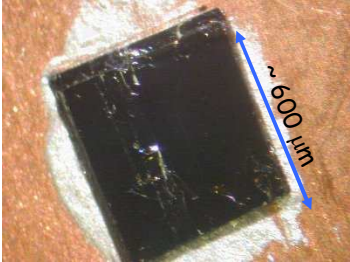
Cifar summer school 2010

# Structure of $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$

$a \approx b = 5.4 \text{ \AA}$

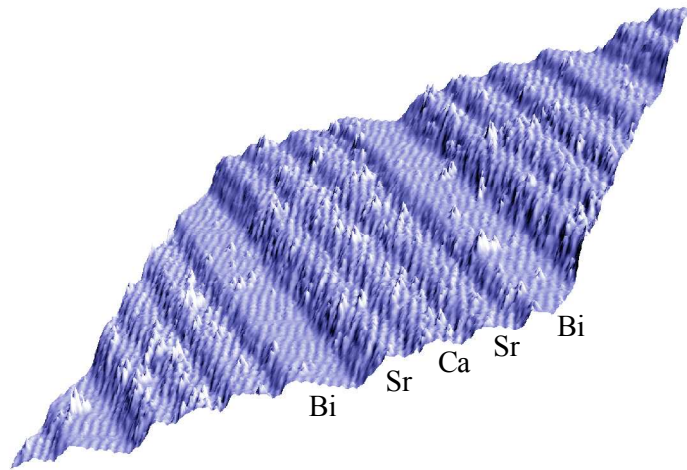
$c = 30.7 \text{ \AA}$

$T_c \sim 90 \text{ K}$



Cifar summer school 2010

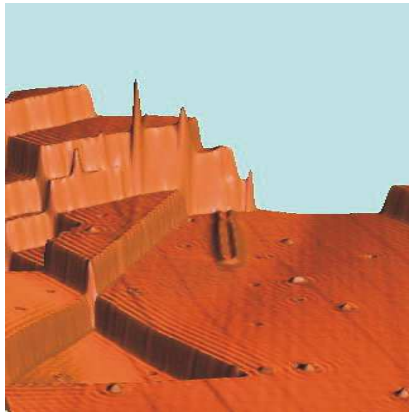
## Terraces on a Cleaved BSCCO Surface



Applied Physics Letters **73** (1), 58-60  
(1998).

Cifar summer school 2010

## Copper (111)

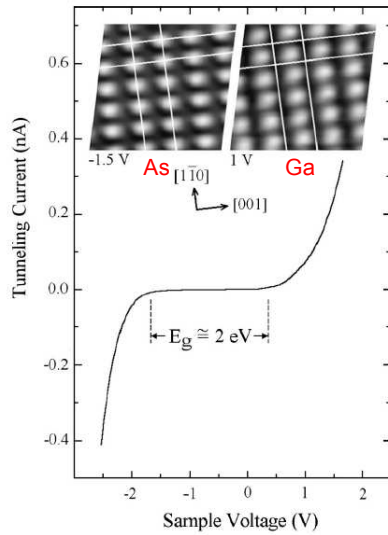


- Terraces
- Friedel oscillations:
  - Step edge
  - Impurities
- Electron interference

M.F. Crommie, CP Lutz DM Eigler, Nature **363**, 524-527 (1993)

Cifar summer school 2010

## Doped GaAs 110 (semiconductor)



Large Voltages

- Tip effect, electric field ("band bending")
- Measurement NOT DOS

Ga and As atoms seen separately

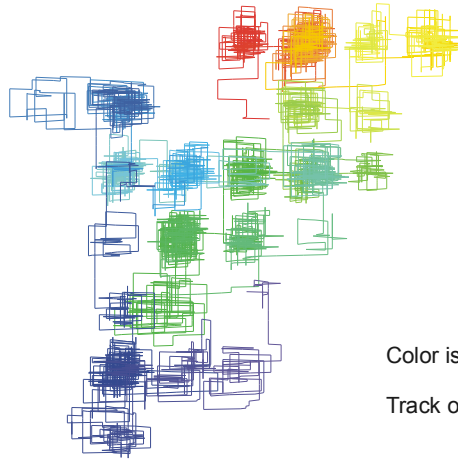
A. Depuydt *et al.*, PRB **60**, 2619 (1999)

Cifar summer school 2010

## Atomic motion tracking



## Hydrogen atom tracking

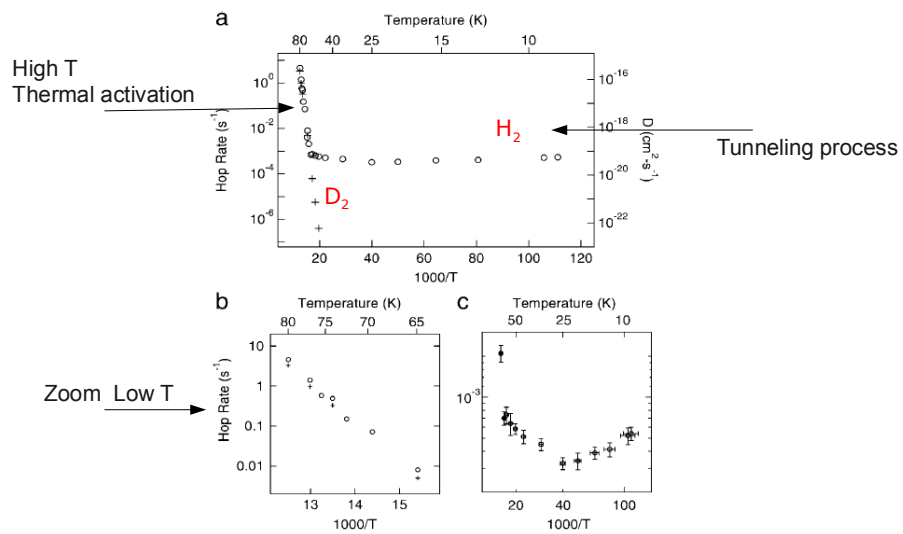


Color is time

Track of one hydrogen atom

Cifar summer school 2010

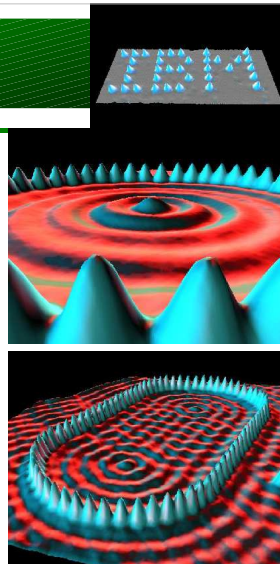
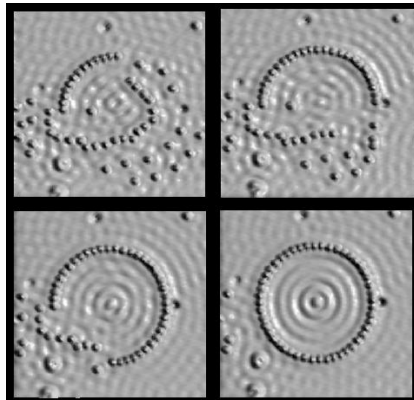
## Hydrogen diffusion on Cu(001)



Cifar summer school 2010

# Atomic manipulations

## Atomic manipulations Building a quantum corral

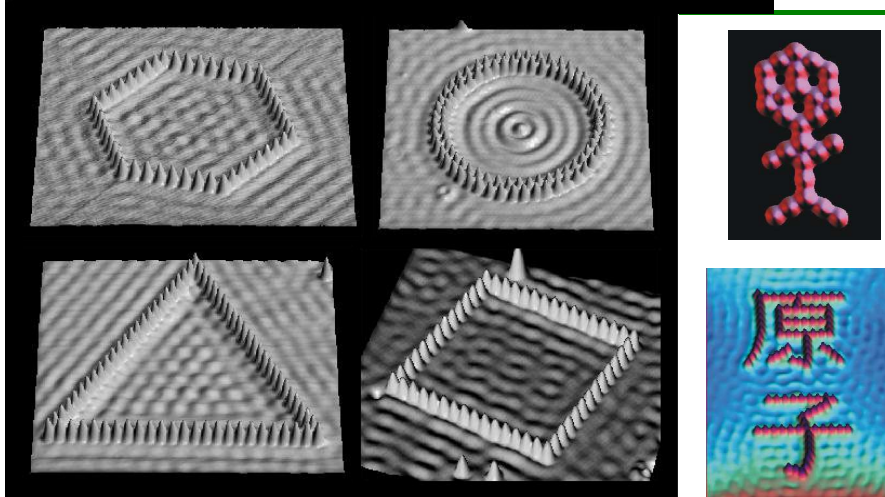
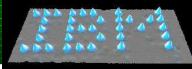


Fe on Cu(111)

M.F. Crommie, C.P. Lutz, D.M. Eigler

Confinement of electrons to quantum corrals on a metal surface.  
*Science* 262, 218-220 (1993).

## Atomic manipulations



M.F. Crommie, C.P. Lutz, D.M. Eigler, E.J. Heiler

Waves on a metal surface and quantum corrals.  
*Surface Review and Letters* 2 (1), 127-137 (1995).

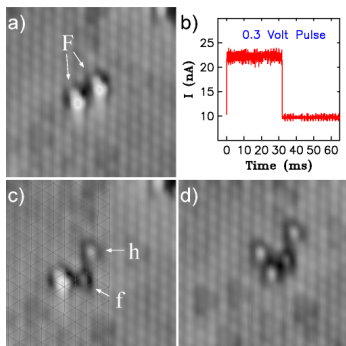
Cifar summer school 2010

## Other Manipulations / tip techniques

## Chemistry with STM

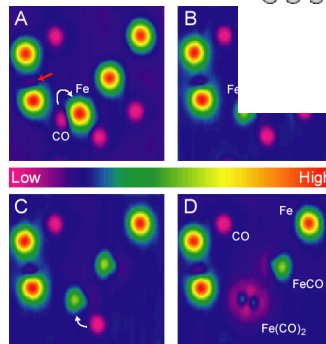
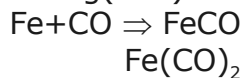
### O<sub>2</sub> on Pt(111)

Dissociation by Tunneling Electrons



B. C. Stipe *et al.*, PRL **78**, 4410(1997)

### On Ag(111)



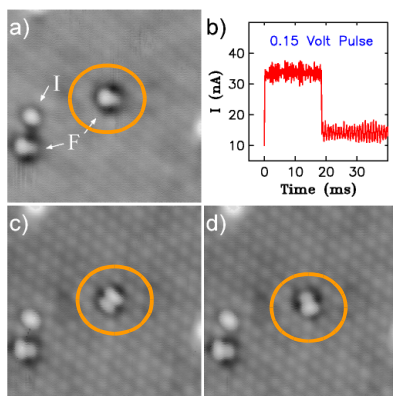
H. J. Lee and W. Ho, Science **286**, 1719 (1999)

Cifar summer school 2010

## STM and molecular rotation

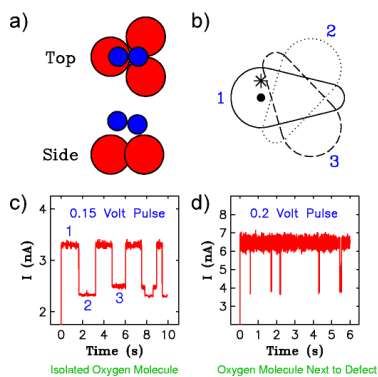
### O<sub>2</sub> on Pt(111)

Reversible Rotation by Tunneling Electrons



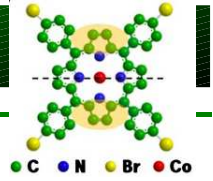
B. C. Stipe, M. A. Rezaei, W. Ho, Science **279**, 1907 (1998)

Single Molecule Reversible Rotation



Cifar summer school 2010

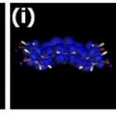
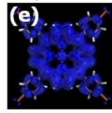
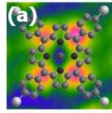
# Surface chemistry



**LDOS Map**

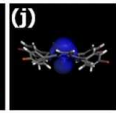
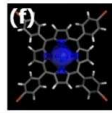
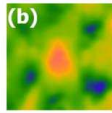
**Calculated MO**

Top view Side view



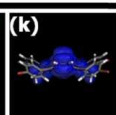
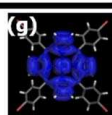
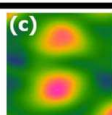
**LUMO+1**

LUMO=Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital



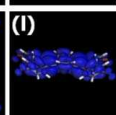
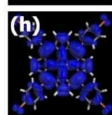
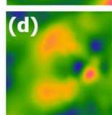
**LUMO**

HOMO=Highest occupied molecular orbital

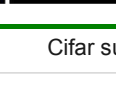


**Fermi level**

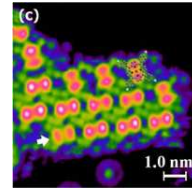
Metalloporphyrin on gold (111)



**HOMO**



**HOMO-1**

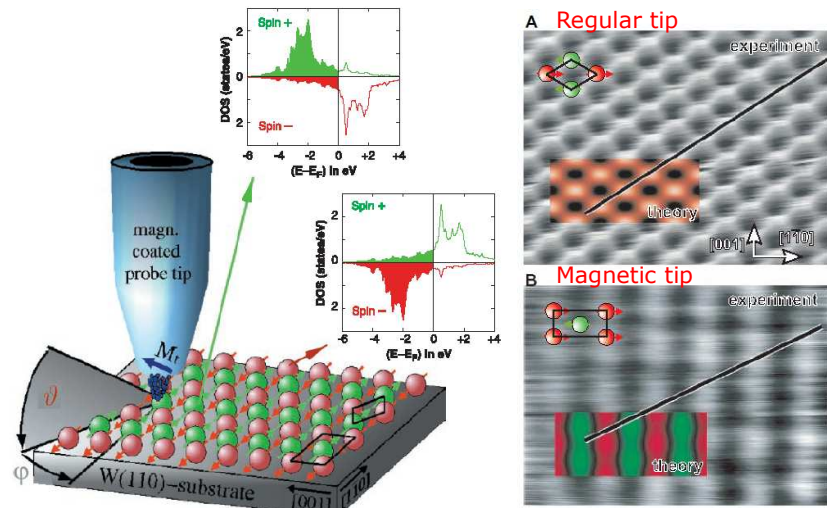


Kim et al., PRB 80, 245402 (2009)

Cifar summer school 2010

# Magnetic imaging

## STM polarized STM (Mn on W)

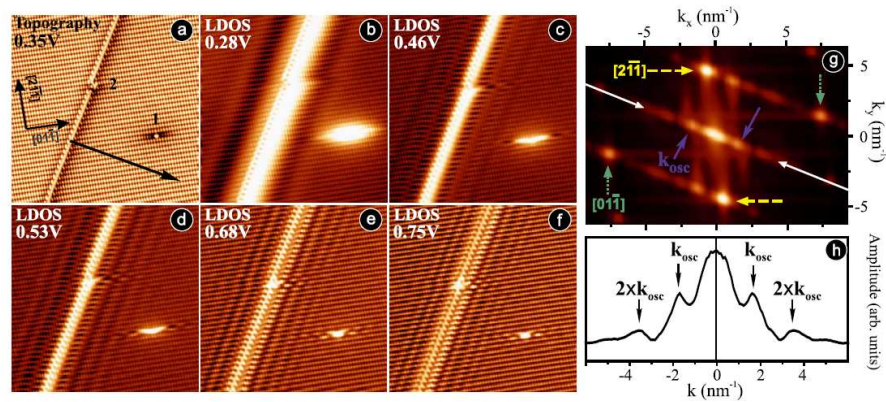


S. Heinze *et al.*, science **288**, 1805 (2000)

Cifar summer school 2010

## Conductance maps

## Surface waves (Ge 111 surface states)

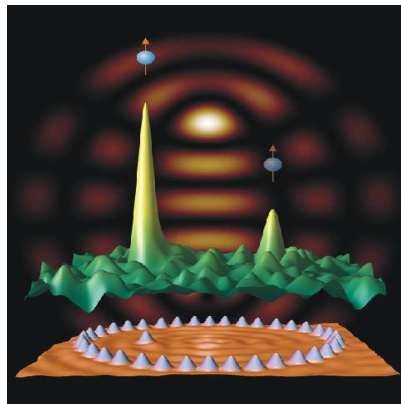


DOS wave caused by domain boundary (crystal defect)

Muzychenko, PRB 81, 035313 (2010)

Cifar summer school 2010

## Quantum Mirage: combining atomic control and $dI/dV$ maps



H. C. Manoharan, C. P. Lutz & D. M. Eigler, Nature 403, 512 (2000).

Cifar summer school 2010

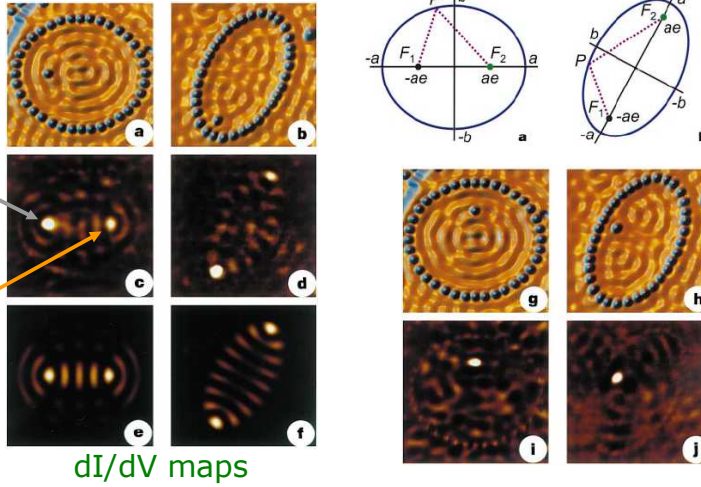
## Mirage Quantique

Cu(111)/Co

Topo

Co : kondo state

Mirage

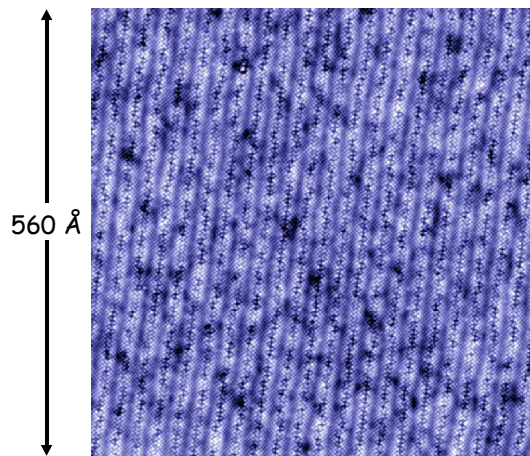


dI/dV maps

H. C. Manoharan, C. P. Lutz & D. M. Eigler, Nature 403, 512 (2000).

Cifar summer school 2010

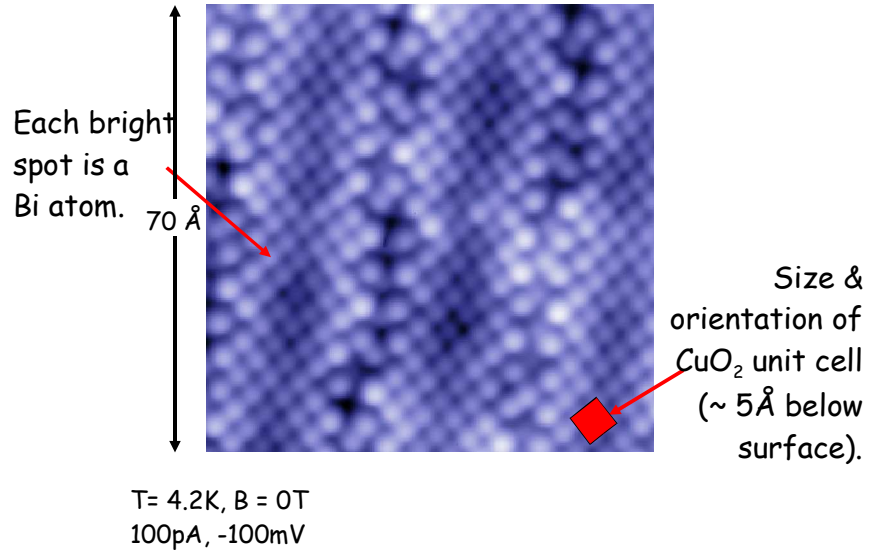
## $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$



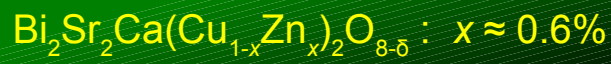
T = 4.2K, B = 0T  
100pA, -100mV

Cifar summer school 2010

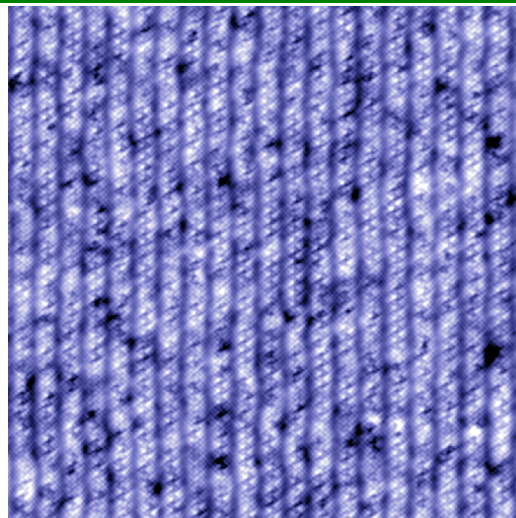




Cifar summer school 2010



Can you find the defects (Zn)?



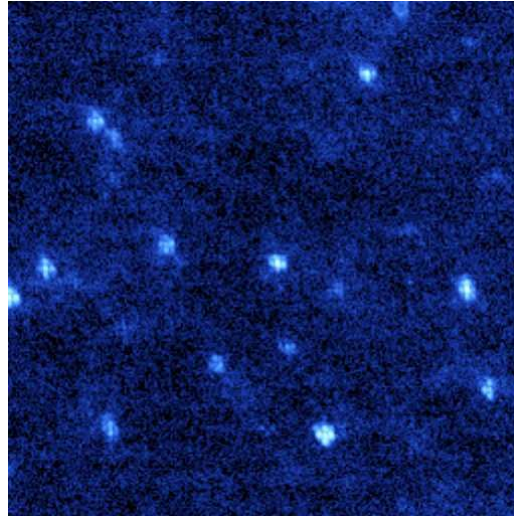
Sample: H. Eisaki, S. Uchida

500 Å, 4.2 K  
200 pA, -200 mV

Cifar summer school 2010

$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Zn}_x)_2\text{O}_{8-\delta} : x \approx 0.6\%$

LDOS Map at  
-1.5 meV

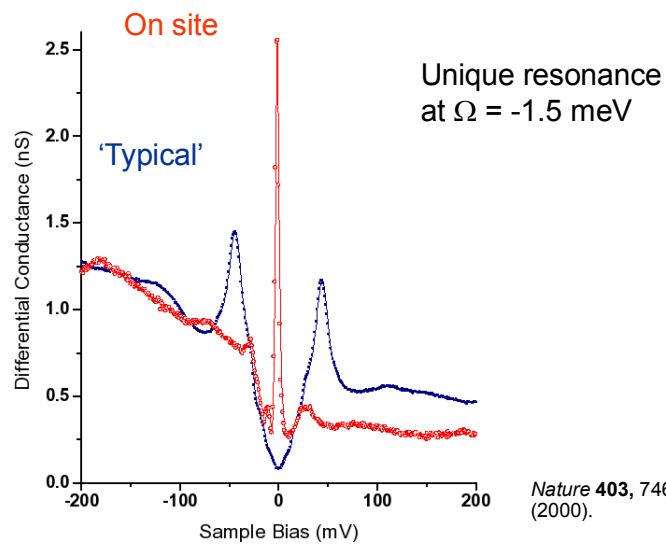


S.H. Pan, *et al.* *Nature* **403**, 746 (2000).

500 Å, 4.2 K  
200 pA, -200 mV

Cifar summer school 2010

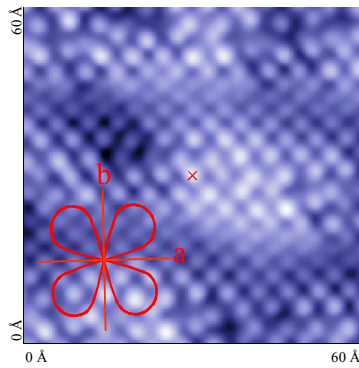
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Zn}_x)_2\text{O}_{8-\delta}$  spectra



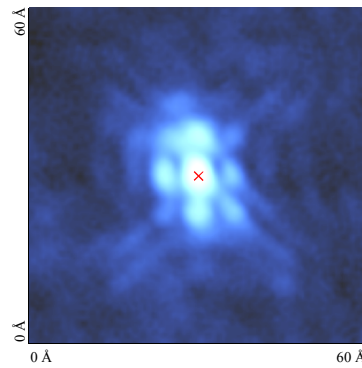
*Nature* **403**, 746  
(2000).

Cifar summer school 2010

## Zn Impurity State Location and Orientation



Topography (BiO Plane)



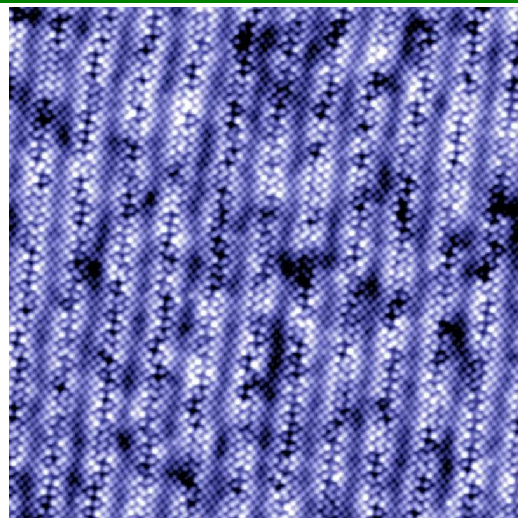
LDOS Map, V = -1 mV

*Nature* **403**, 746 (2000).

60 Å, 4.2 K  
200 pA, -200 mV

Cifar summer school 2010

## $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_x)_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ Topo, $x \approx 0.5\%$

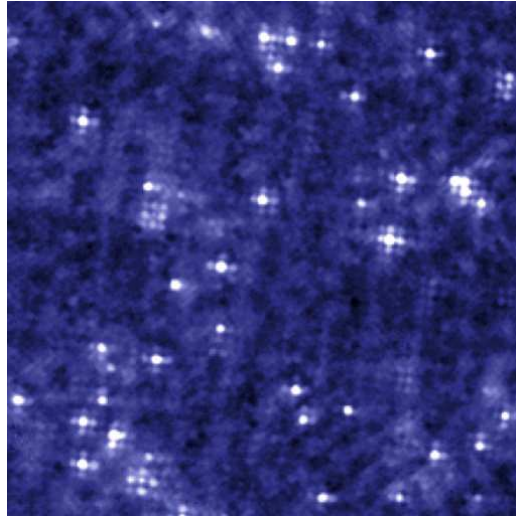


Sample: H. Eisaki, S. Uchida

256 Å, 4.2 K  
100 pA, -100 mV

Cifar summer school 2010

$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_{x/2})\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ ,  $x \approx 0.5\%$   
conductance map at +10 meV

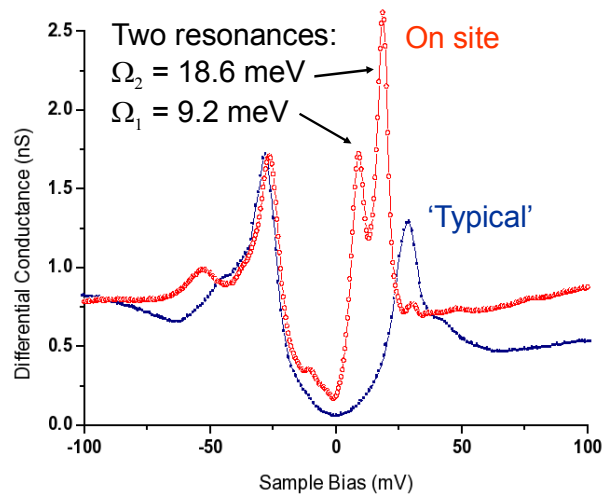


256 Å, 4.2 K  
100 pA, -100 mV

E.W. Hudson. *et al.*, *Nature* 411, 920 (2001).

Cifar summer school 2010

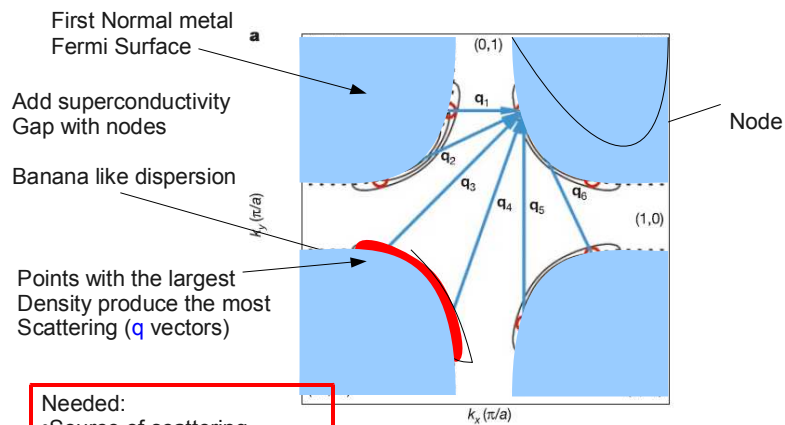
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_{x/2})\text{O}_{8+\delta}$  Spectra



Cifar summer school 2010

# QPI

## Quasi-Particle Interference (QPI)

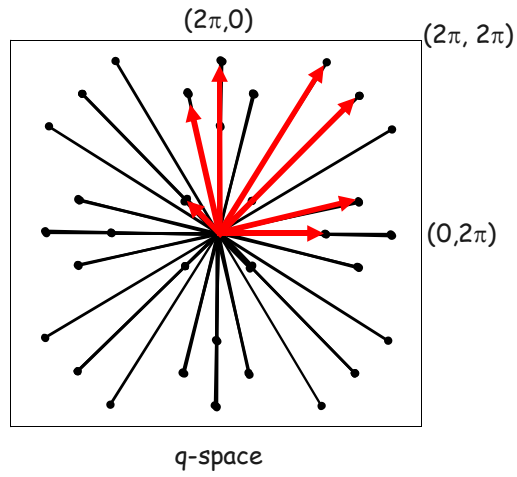


Needed:

- Source of scattering
- Large joint density of states

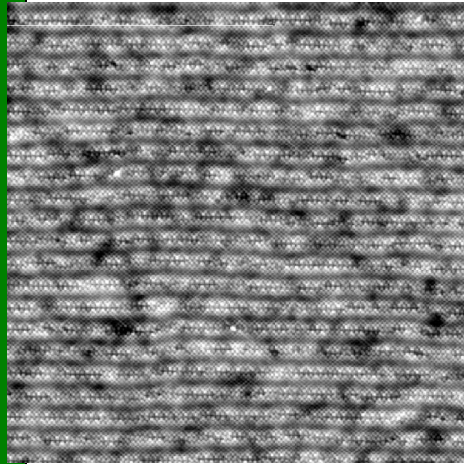
K. McElroy *et al.*, Nature **422**, 592 (2003)

Expected structure of FFT of LDOS( $r,E$ )  
(for a fixed  $E$ )



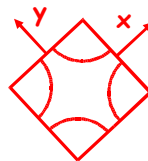
Finally, some data...

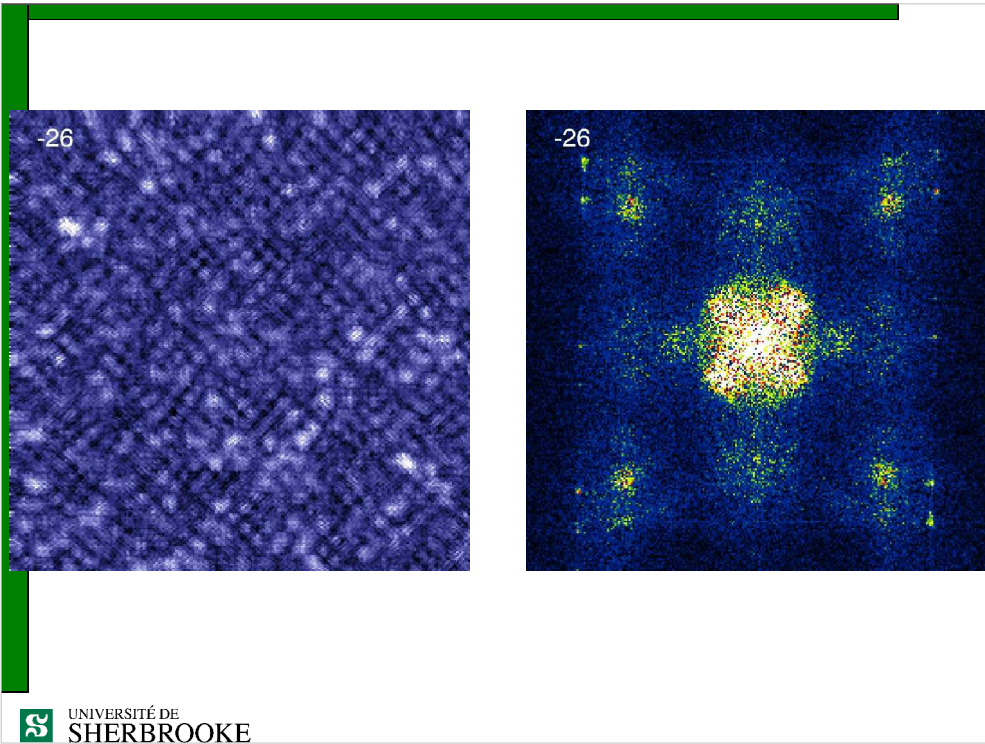
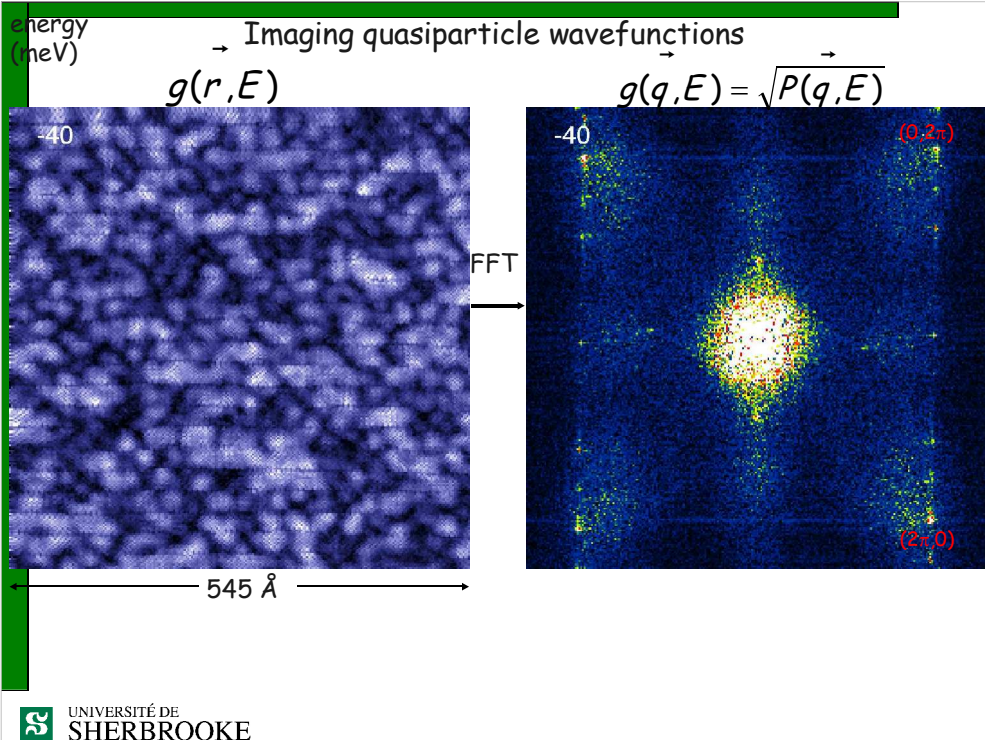
topograph

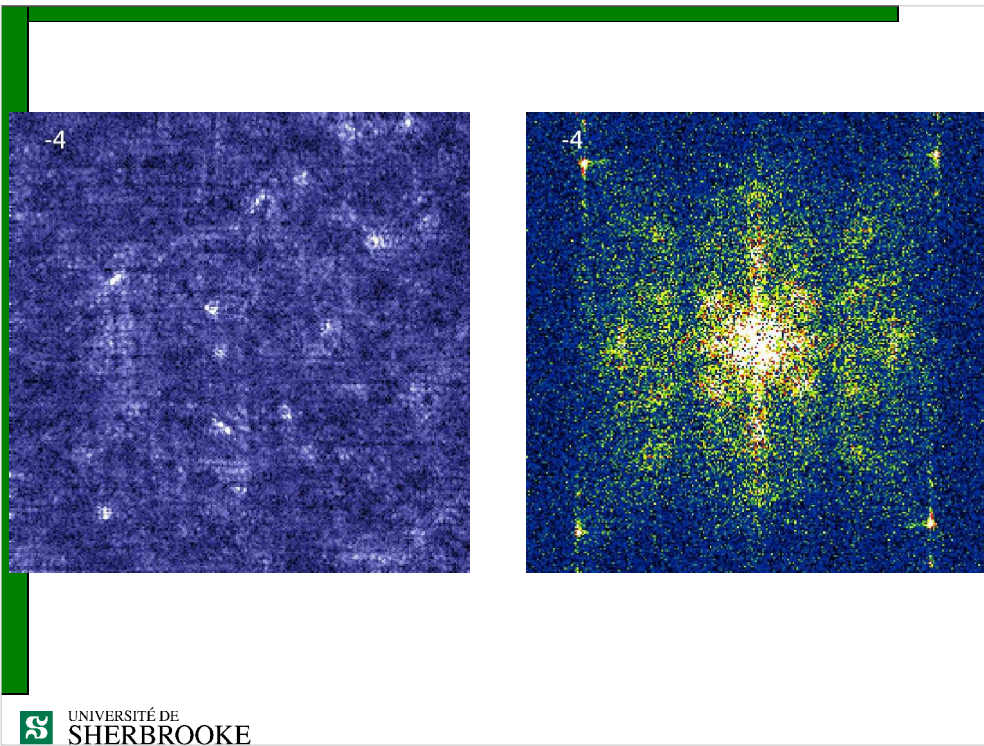
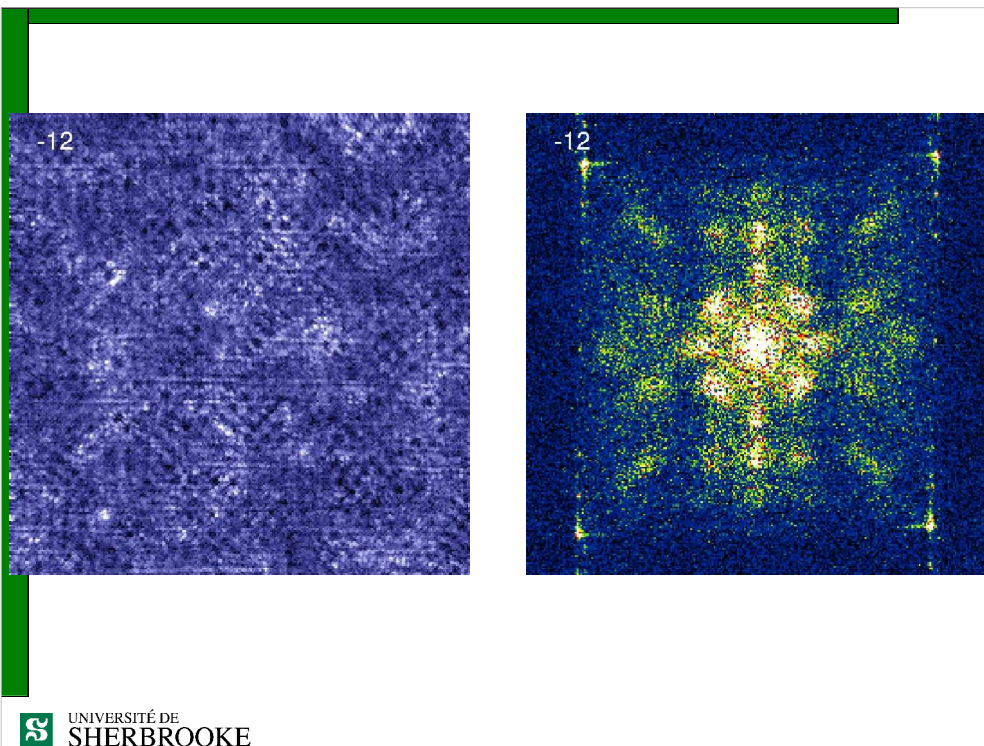


545 Å

Bi-2212  
 $T_c = 76$  K  
 $\Delta \sim 51$  meV



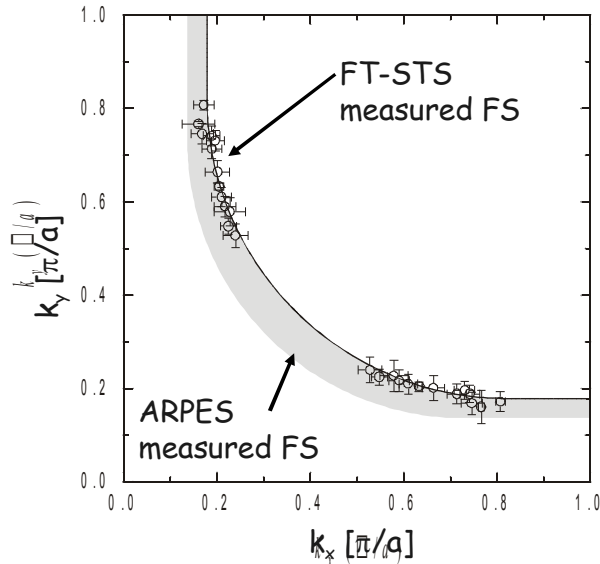






### ARPES & STM: Fermi surface comparison

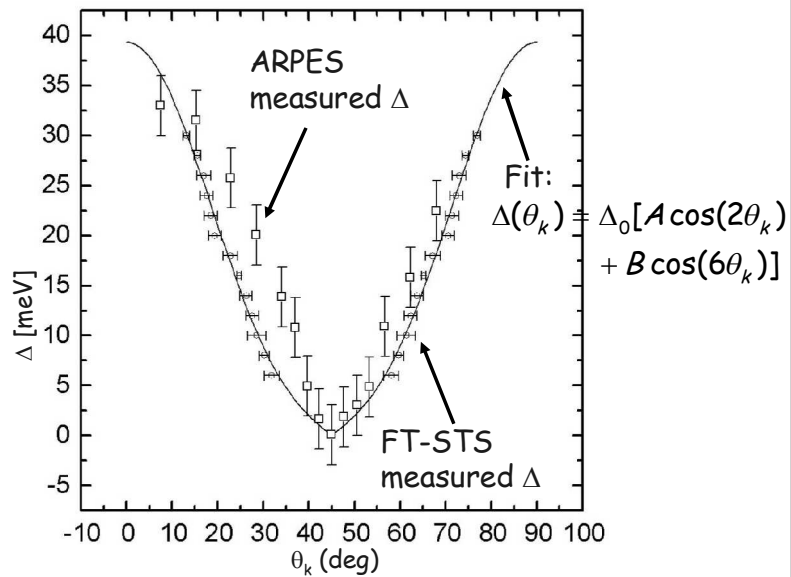
a



Works because  
 • Quasiparticle scattering  
 • Angular dependence of gap

Nature, April 10, 2003

### FT-STs $|\Delta(k)|$ : Reasonable agreement with ARPES



Nature, April 10, 2003

## Conclusion

---

- From simple tunneling theory
- To complex density of states structures  
(or even quantum mirages)