



Emerging Electronic and Magnetic Properties due to Molecule-Metal Electronic Coupling in Self-Assembly Two- Dimensional Organic Systems on Metal Surfaces

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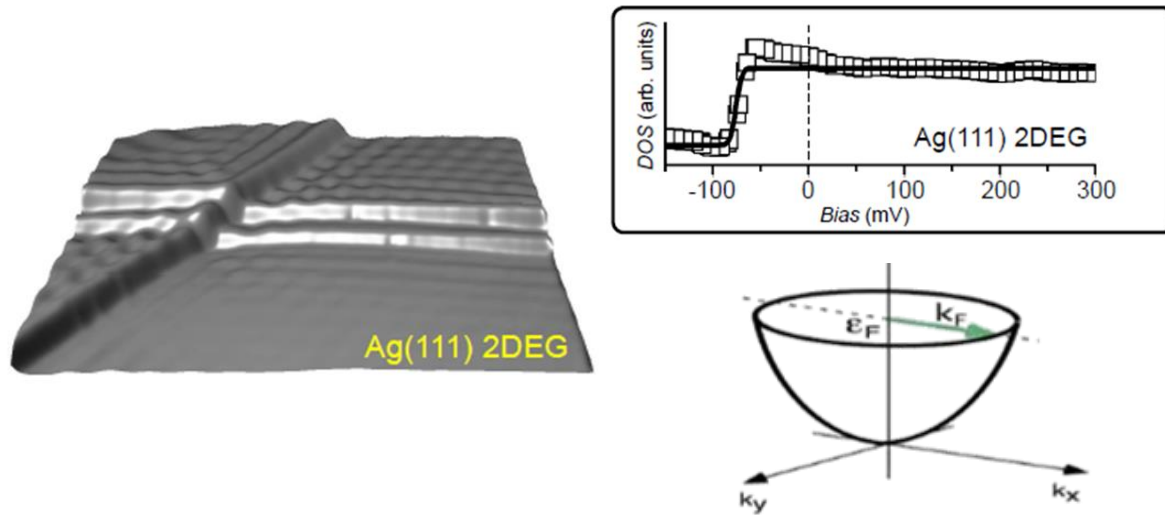


Part 1 Introduction

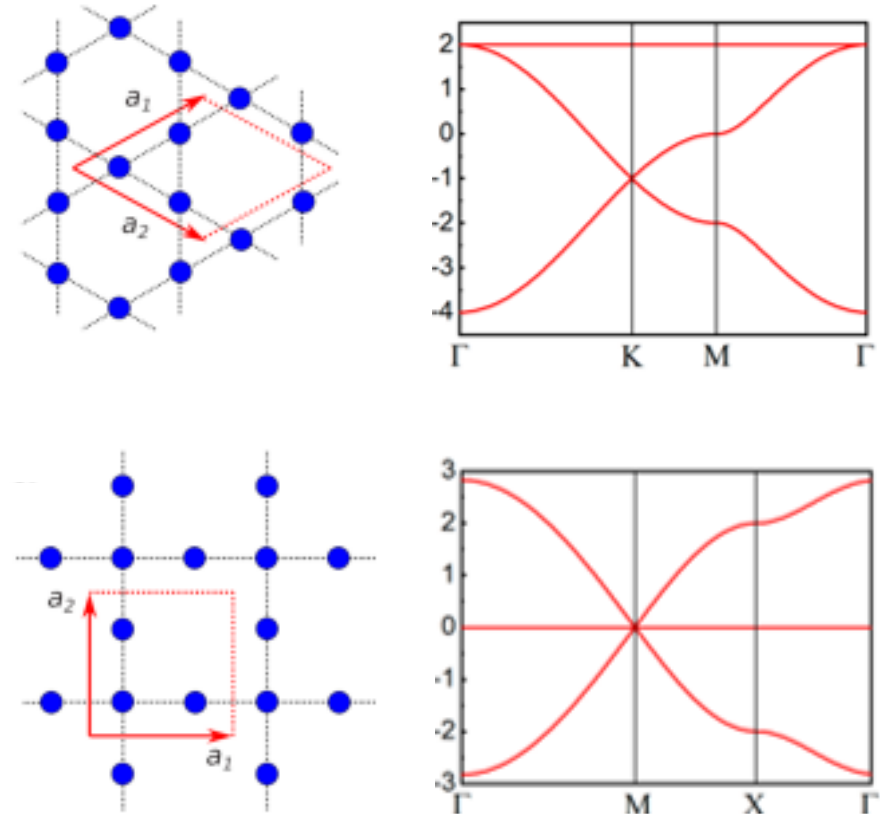
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Electronic and magnetic properties driven by molecule-metal electronic coupling

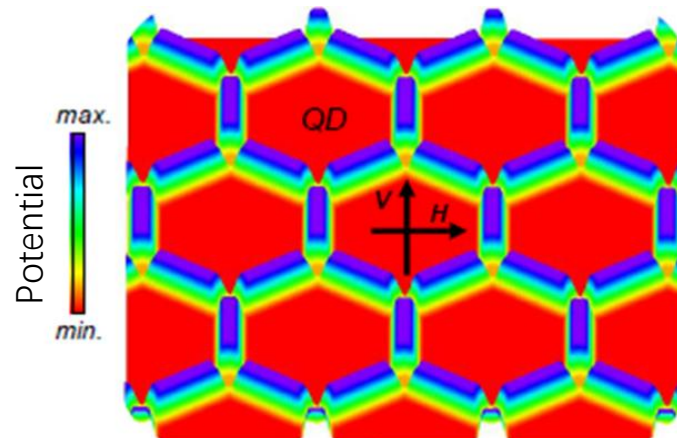
Surface state on metal surface



Band structure

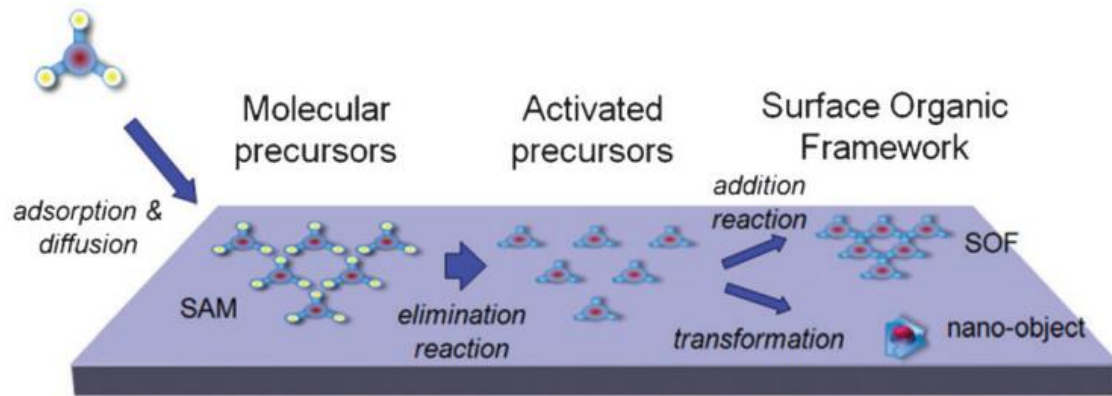


QDs realized by surface state confinement

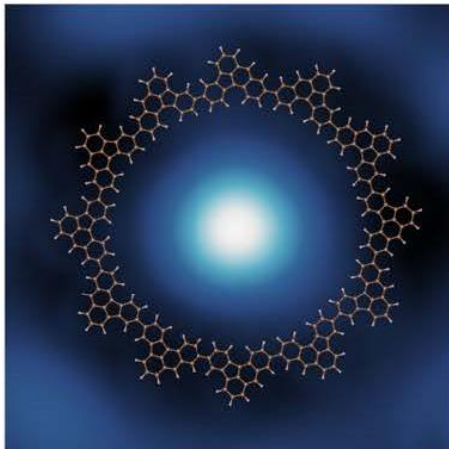


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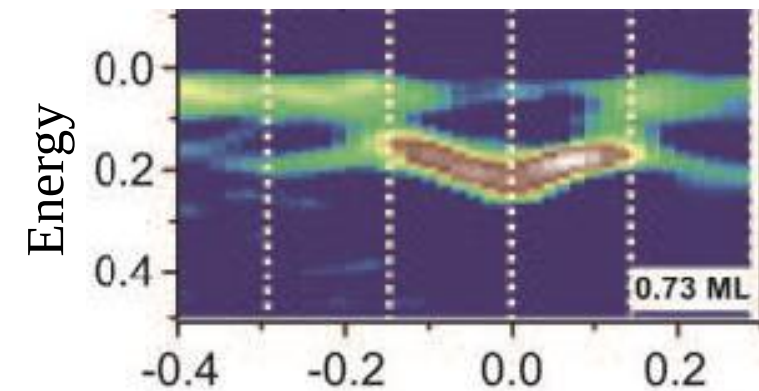
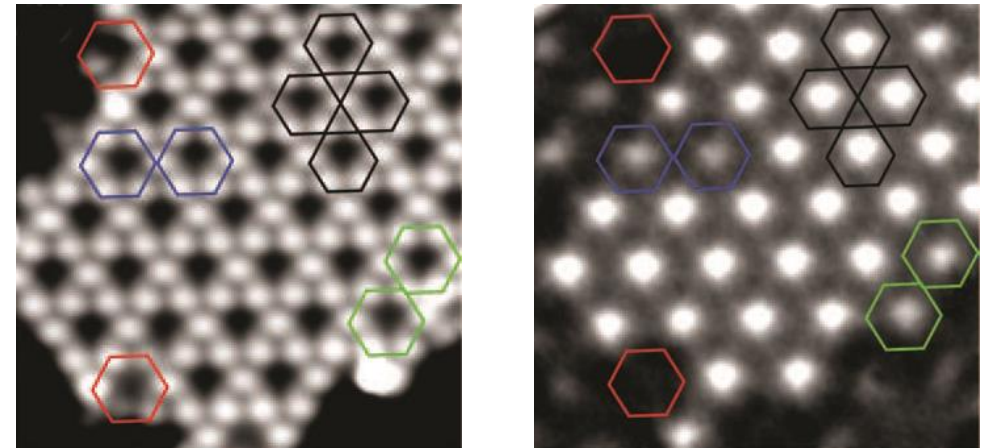
- 1 Supramolecular structure



- 2 Surface state confinement



- 3 Electronic band structure realized by QDs lattice



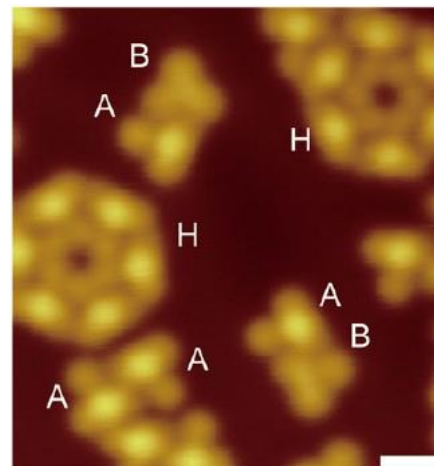
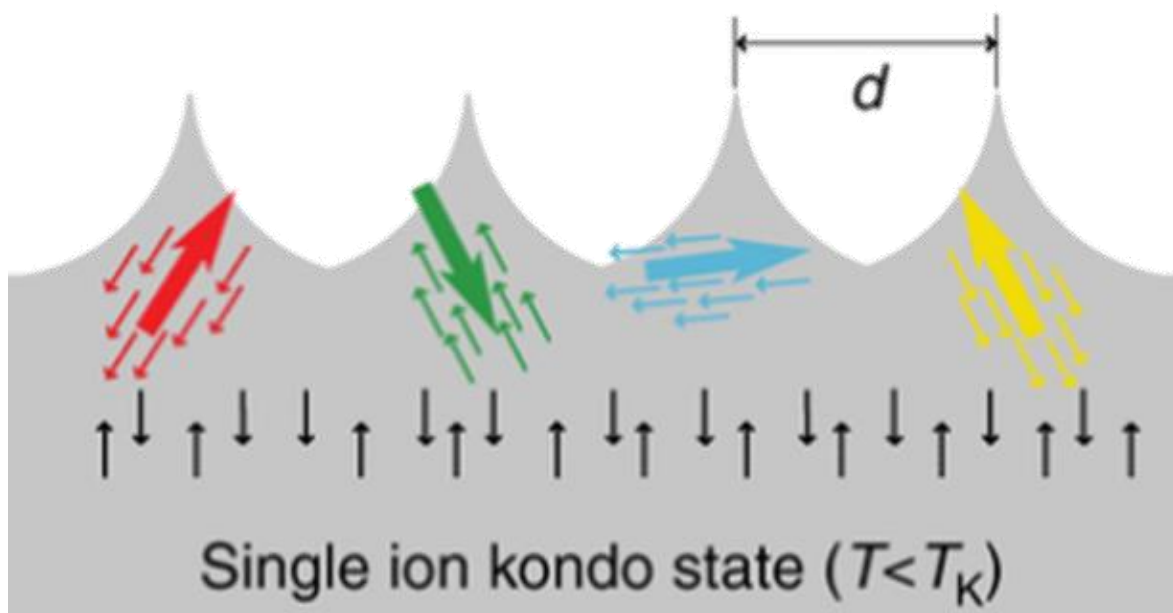
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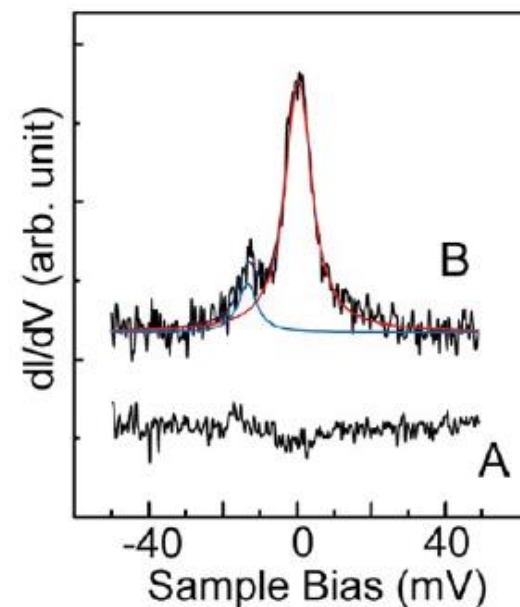
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Electronic and magnetic properties driven by molecule-metal electronic coupling

Kondo effect



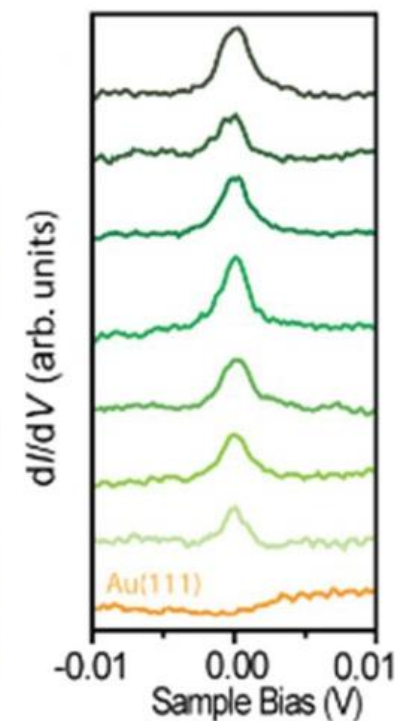
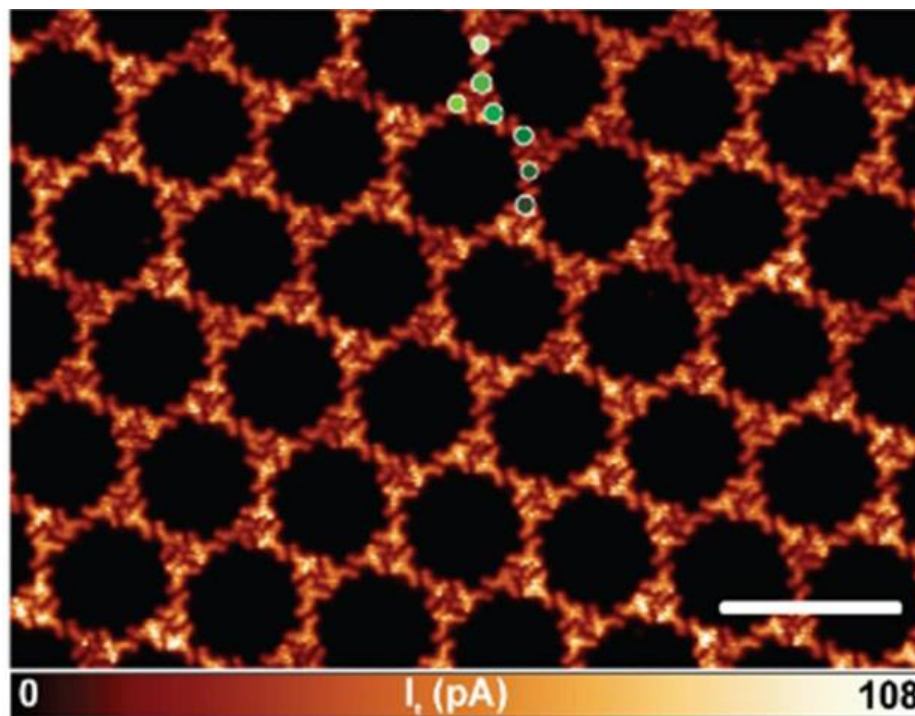
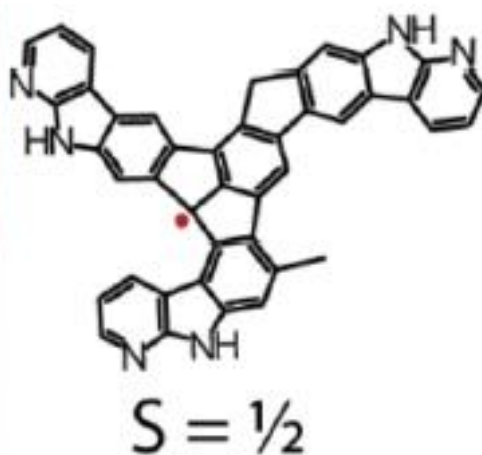
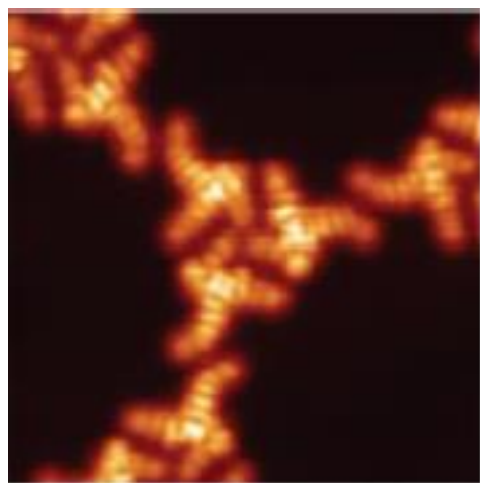
- Organic radical



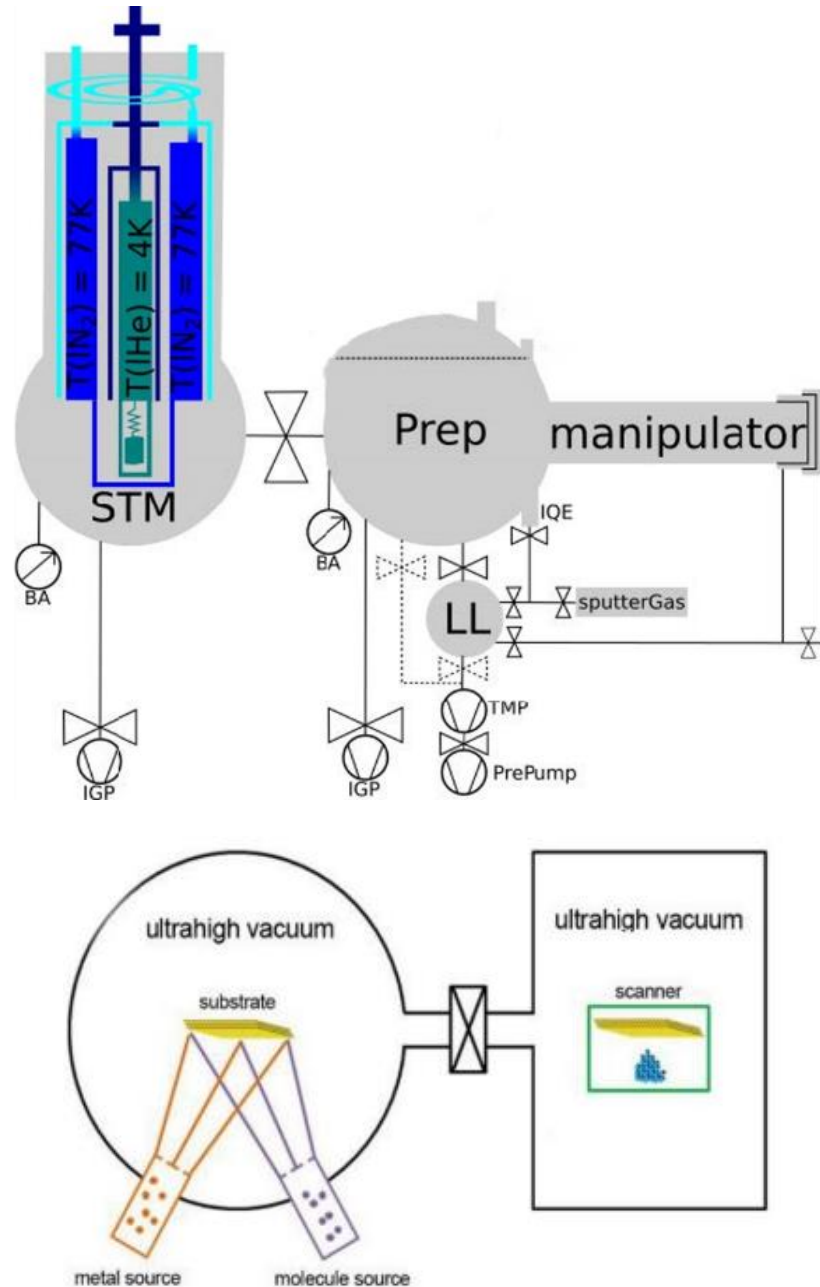
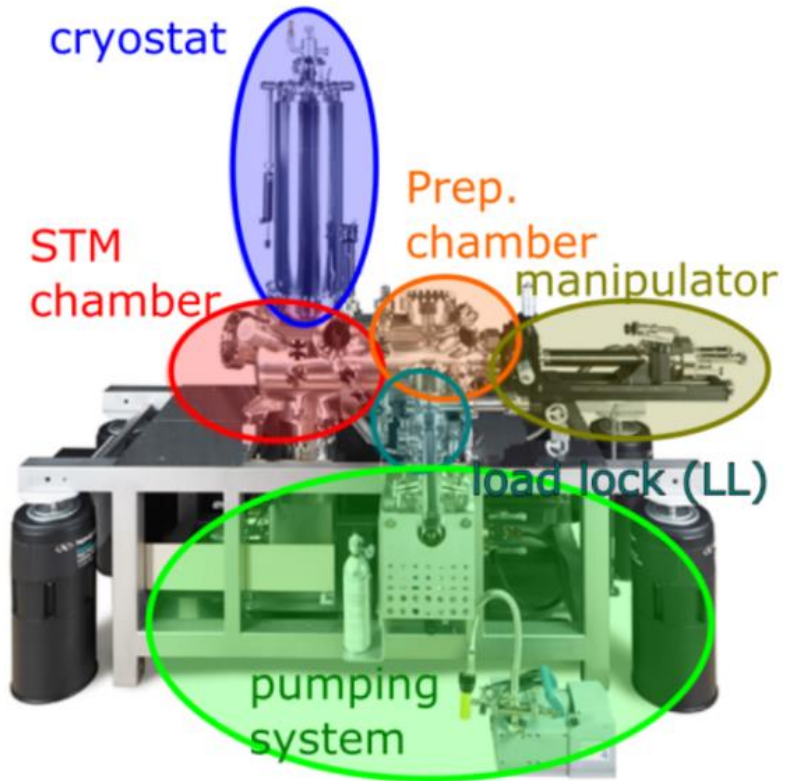
- Experimental detection of the Kondo effect

Electronic and magnetic properties driven by molecule-metal electronic coupling

- Supramolecular structure built by organic radicals
- The nano-system of 2D supramolecular structures is also a good platform to realize organic radical lattice.

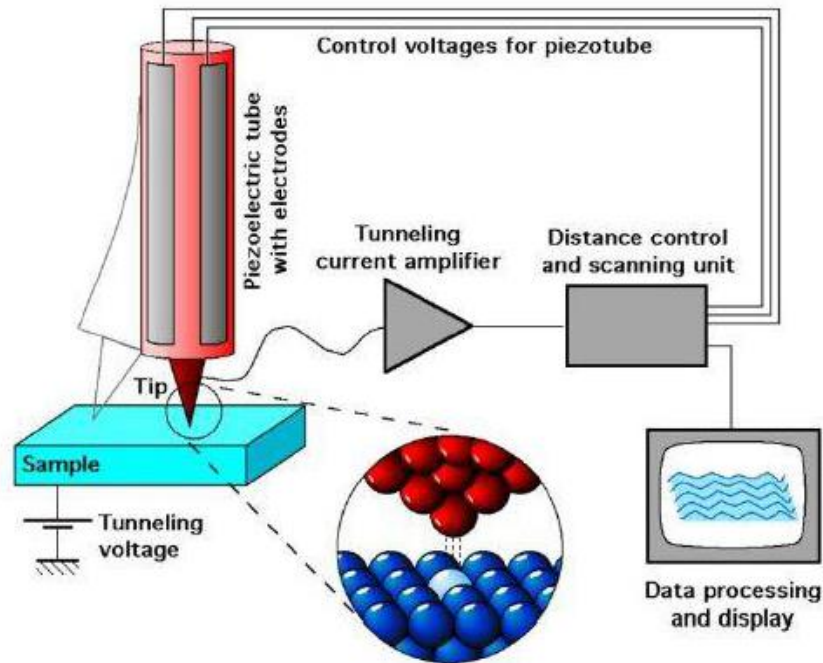


Experimental techniques



- Ultra-High Vacuum
 $P \sim 1\text{E-}10$ mbar
- Low temperature
 $T = 5.3\text{K}$
- Various chambers

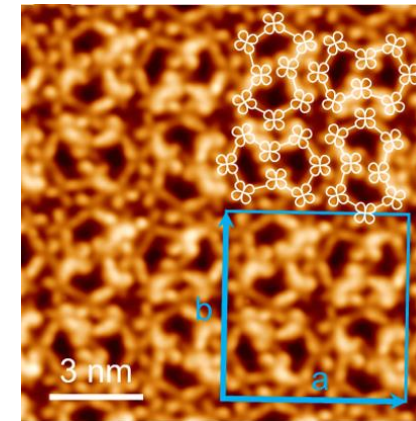
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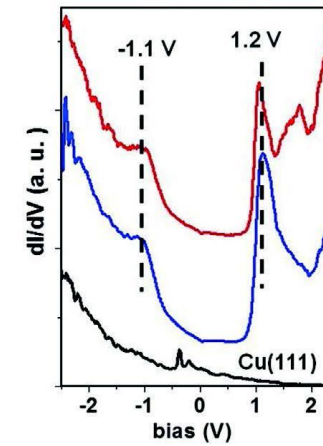
Scanning Tunneling Microscopy

$$I \propto \int_0^{eV} \rho_s(E) e^{-2w\sqrt{2(\Phi-E)+eV}} dE$$

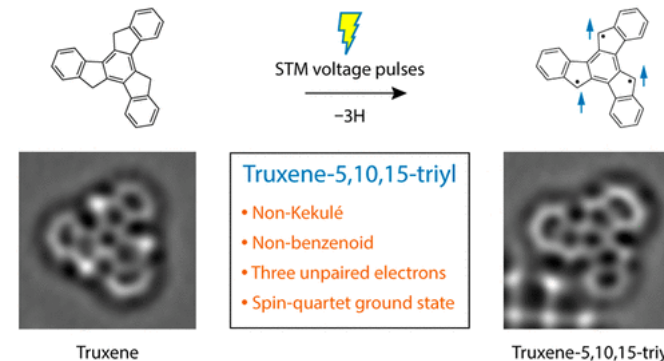
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Tip manipulation



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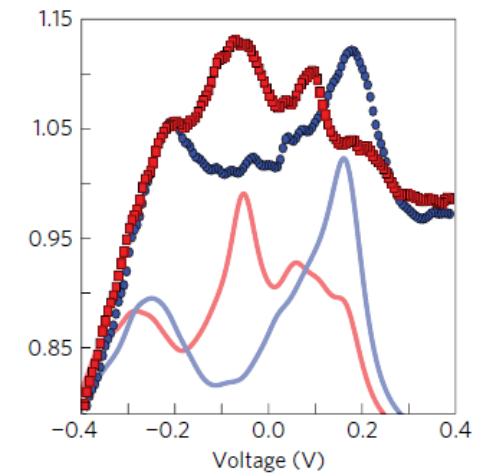
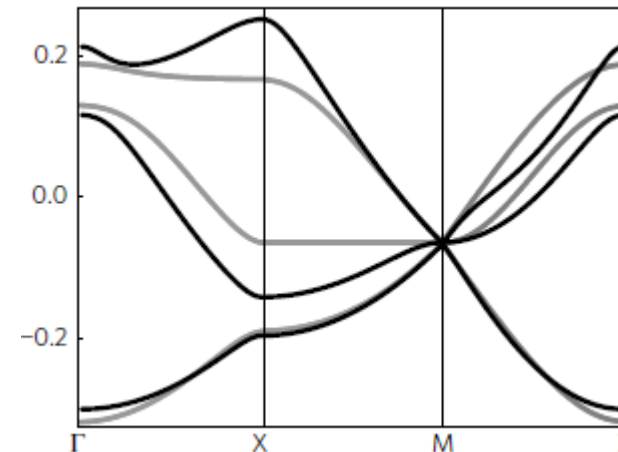
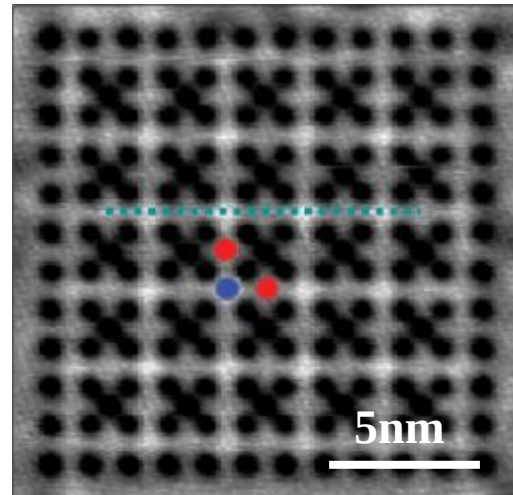
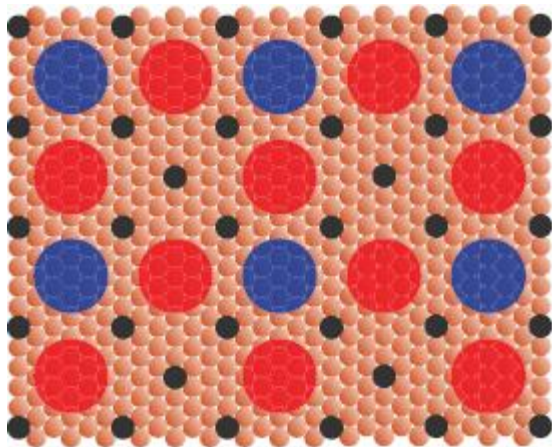
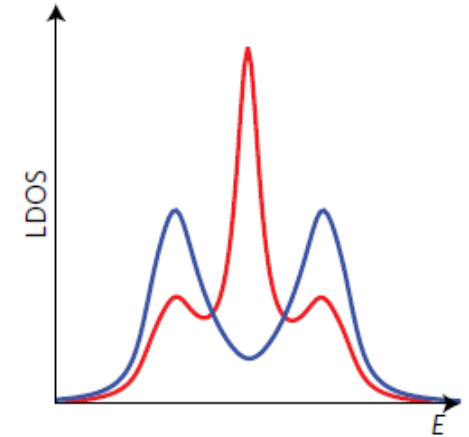
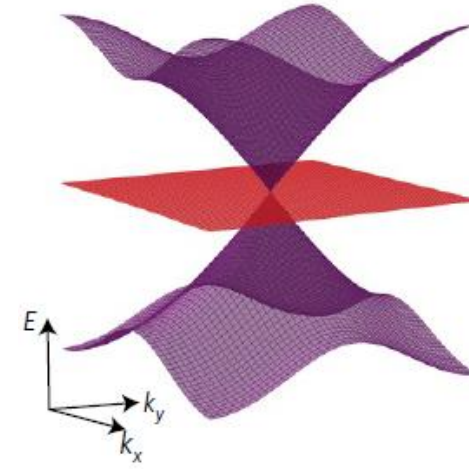
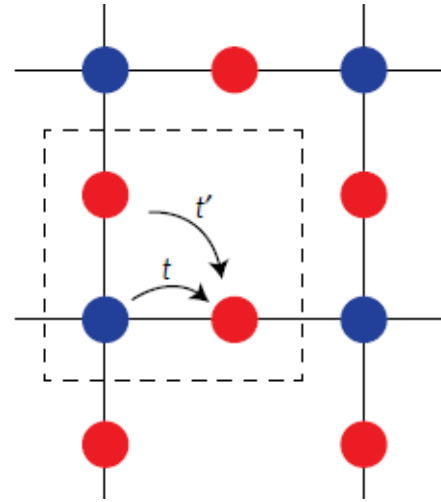
Part 2 Isolated flat band in artificially designed Lieb lattice based on macrocycle supramolecular crystal

- ◆ Design of a Lieb lattice exhibiting an isolated flat band
- ◆ Self-assembled synthesis of the macrocycle array confining surface state
- ◆ Electronic properties of the QD array

Background: Lieb Lattice

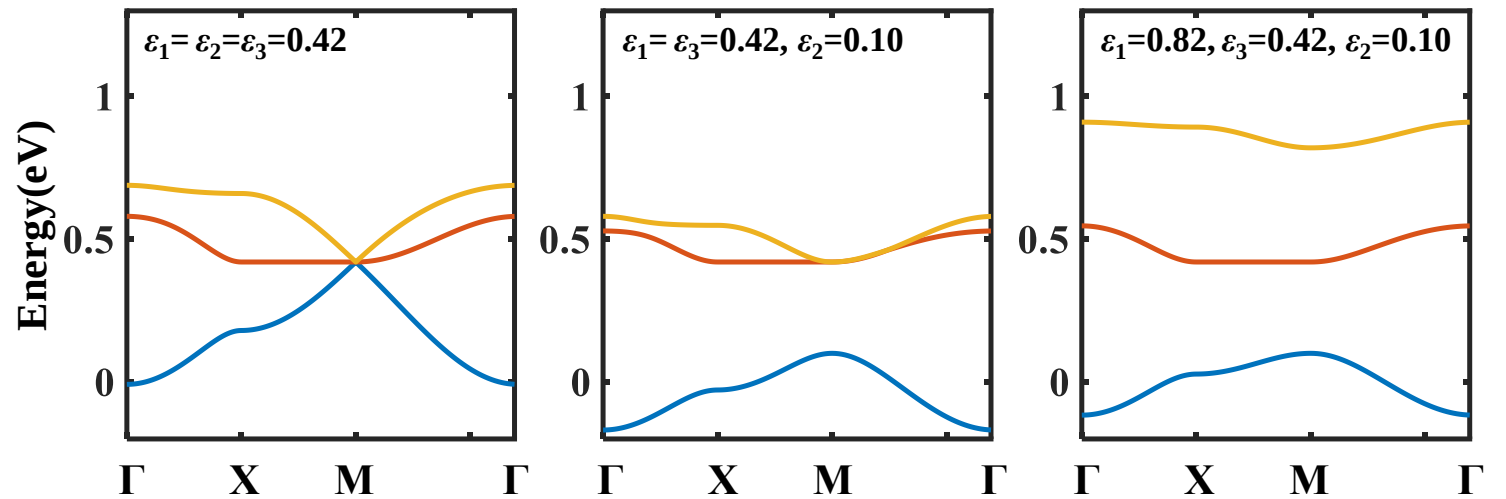
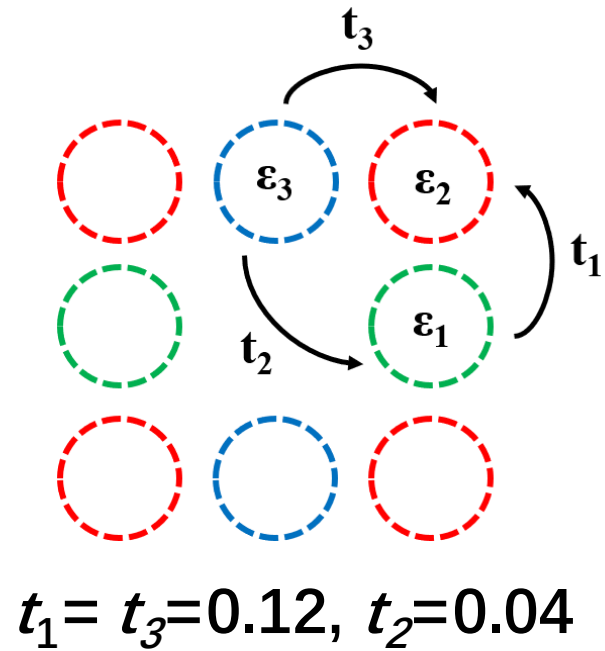
Flat band:

- Magnetic order
- Fractional quantum (spin) Hall effect
- Quantum anomalous Hall effect
- Raise the critical temperature of superconductors



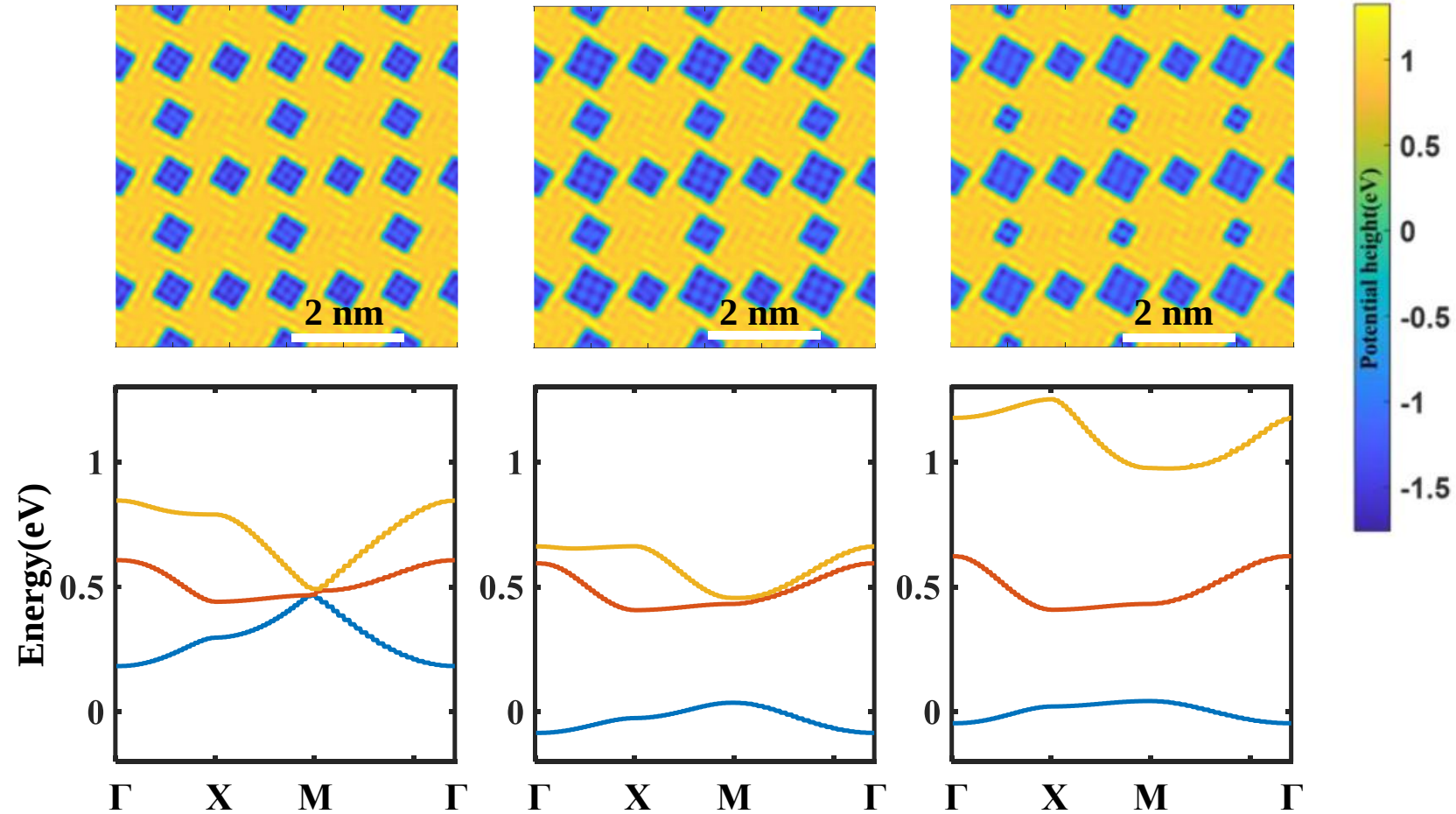
Design of a Lieb lattice exhibiting an isolated flat band

Tight-binding model

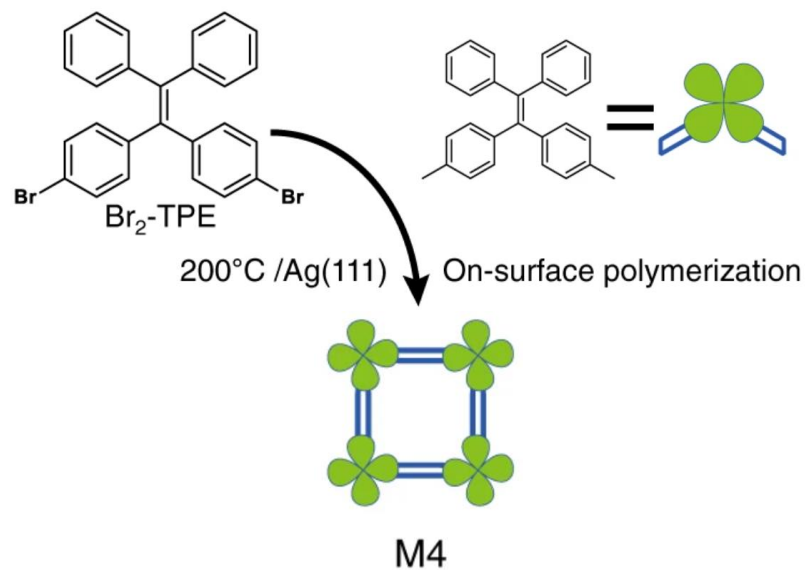


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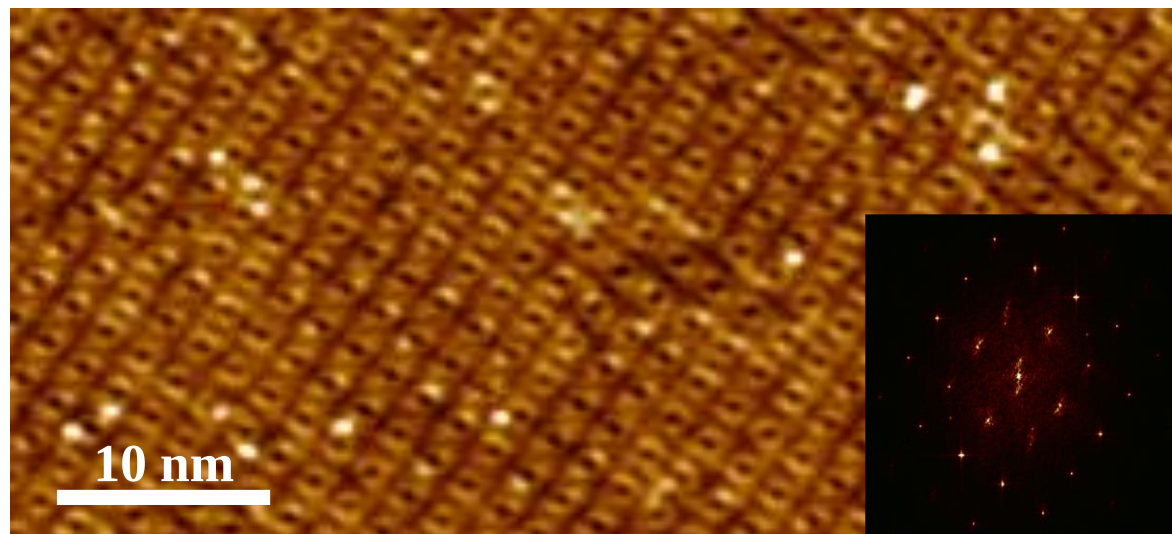
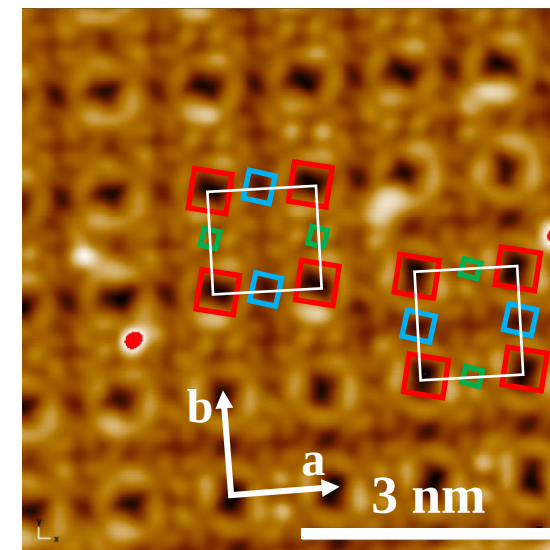
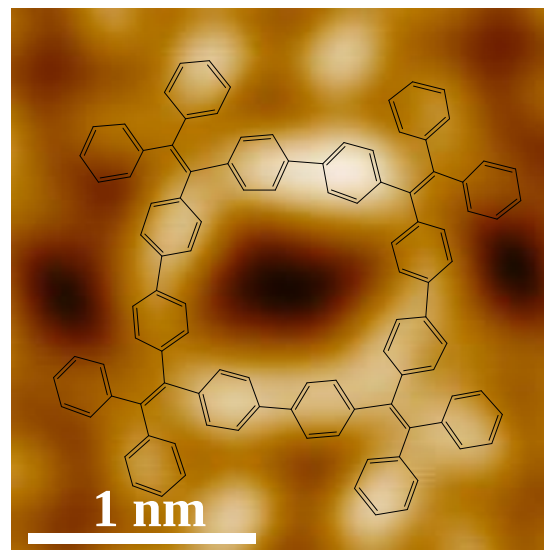
Plane-wave calculation



TPE-based macrocycles array

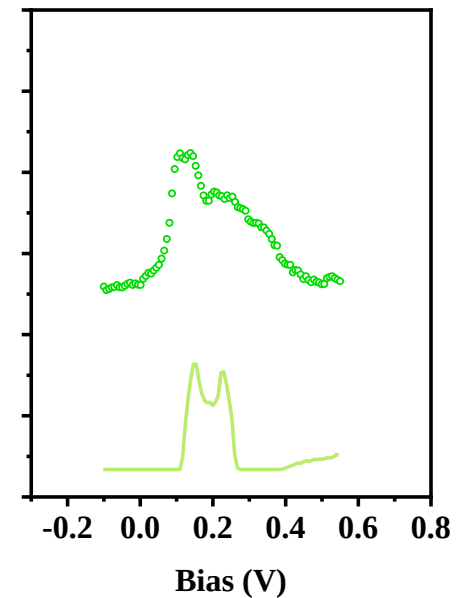
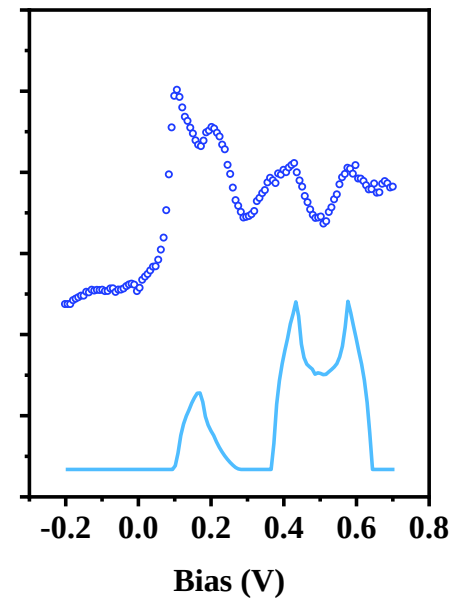
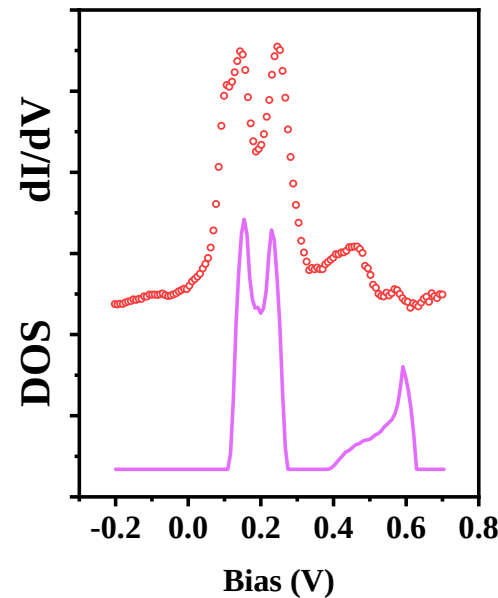
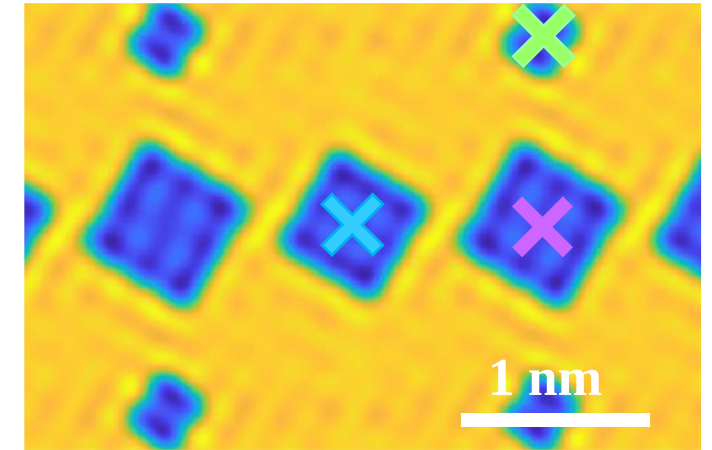
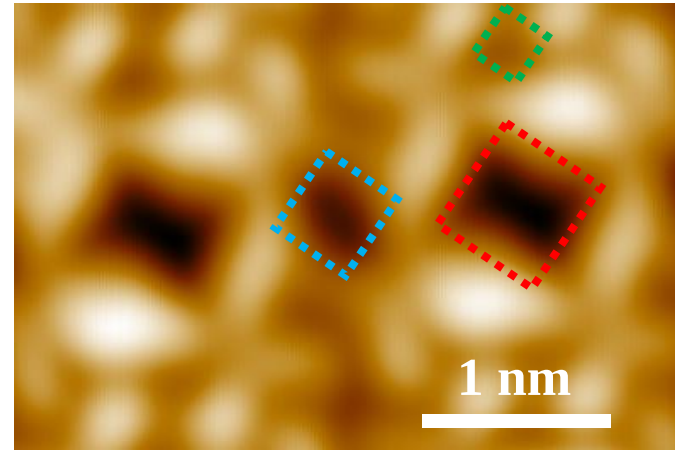


- Square-shape with four-fold symmetry
- Lattice constants:
 $a = 2.01 \pm 0.02\text{nm}$
 $b = 2.06 \pm 0.03\text{nm}$
- Lieb lattice (Arrangement of nanocavities)
- Nearly defect-free
- High crystallinity



Electronic properties of the QD array

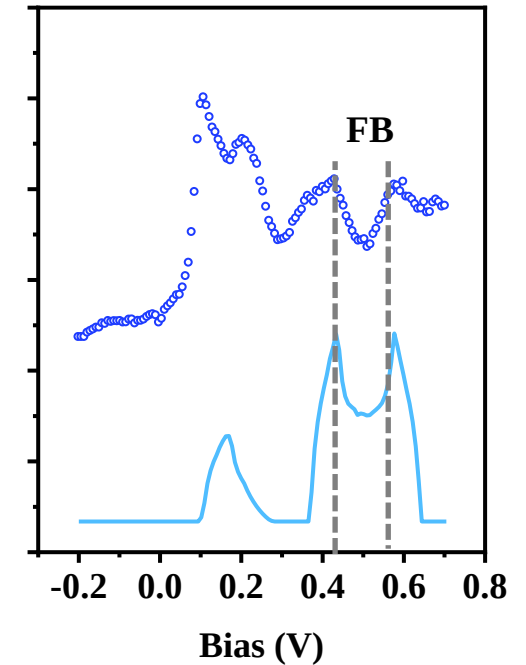
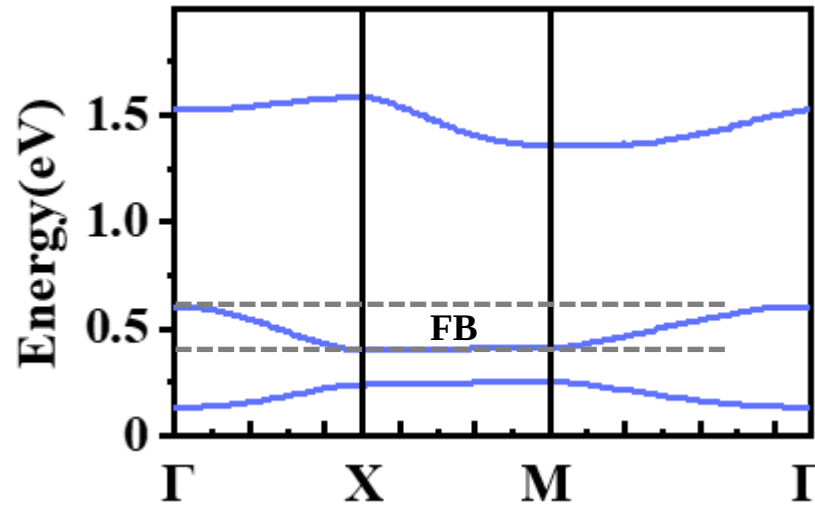
- Corner site(red):
Prominent peaks at 0.15V, 0.25V
Weak peaks at 0.46V, 0.60V
- Horizontal edge site(blue):
Peaks at 0.11V, 0.21V, 0.43V, 0.57V
- Vertical edge site(green):
Peak at 0.12V,
Downhill slope from 0.18 to 0.45 V
- Plane-wave calculated DOS agrees well with our dI/dV spectra



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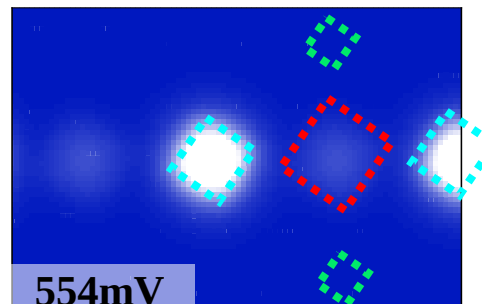
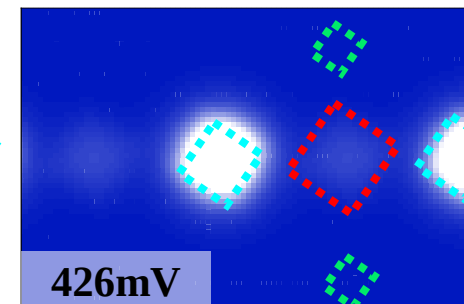
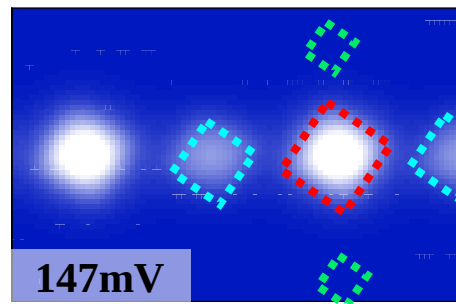
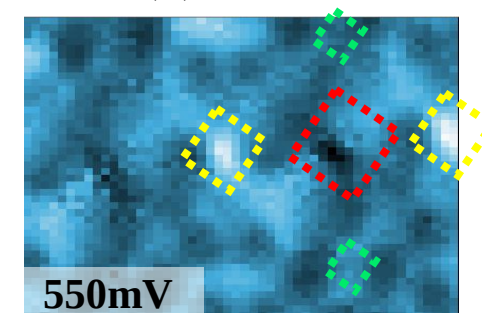
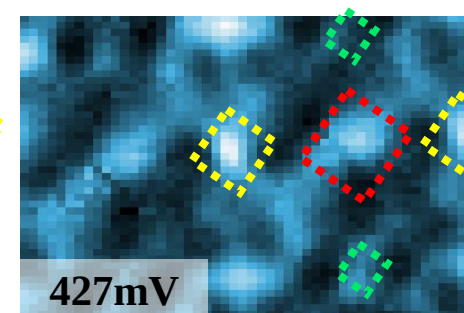
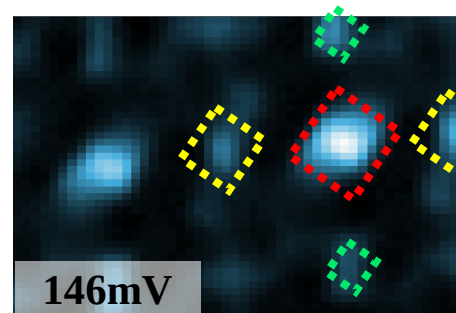
Isolated Flat band

- Nearly perfectly flat from X to M
- Bending near the Γ point is due to the next-nearest-neighbour interaction
- Bandwidth of 0.2 eV



Spatial distribution of the bands

- First band: the state intensity is strongest at the corner site
- Second band (FB): the state intensity at the horizontal edge site surpasses the intensity at the corner sites



Conclusion

Achievement

- Realization of an artificial Lieb lattice featuring an **isolated flat band**

Platform

- 2D supramolecular crystal of square-shaped macrocycles self-assembled on an Ag(111) surface
- Quantum dots arranged in a Lieb lattice with varying energy levels

Superiority of **isolated flat band**

- Enhance Coulomb interaction
- The band isolation is required to observe an anomalous Hall effect in a flat band



Part 3 Tip-manipulated radical in monomers exhibiting Kondo resonance

- ◆ Structure of 2D Ni-TPM MOF
- ◆ Tip-induced organic radical in the 2D MOF
- ◆ Temperature dependence of the Kondo resonance
- ◆ Kondo screening mechanism through Ni channel

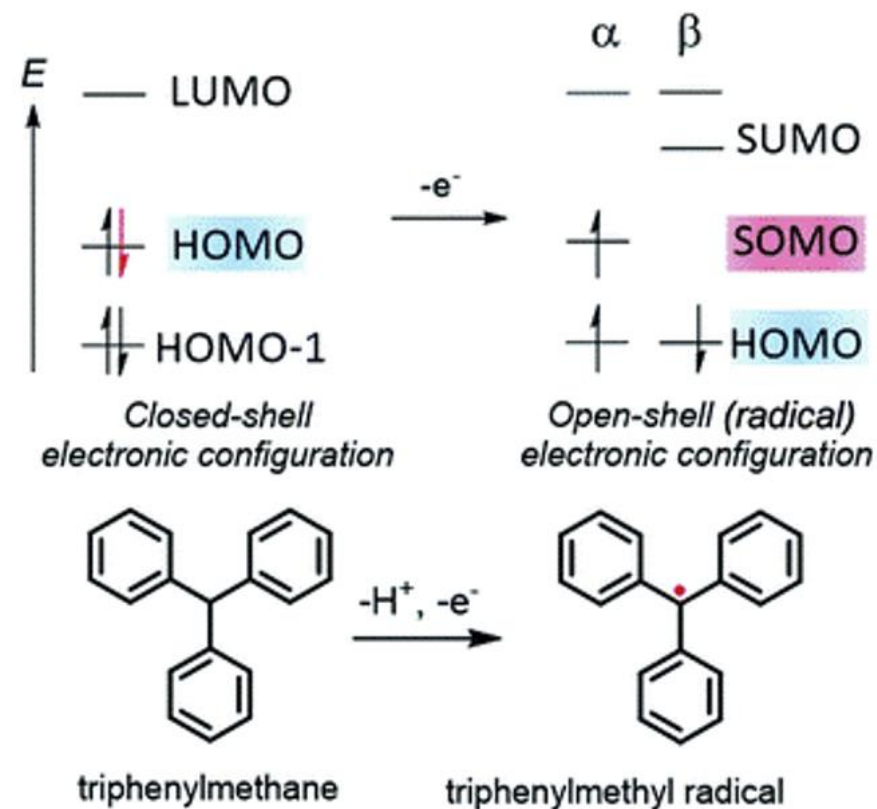
Background: Molecular spintronics

Organic radical:

- Electronic and spin properties
- Generating SUMO-SOMO gap
- Highly reactive, difficult to isolate

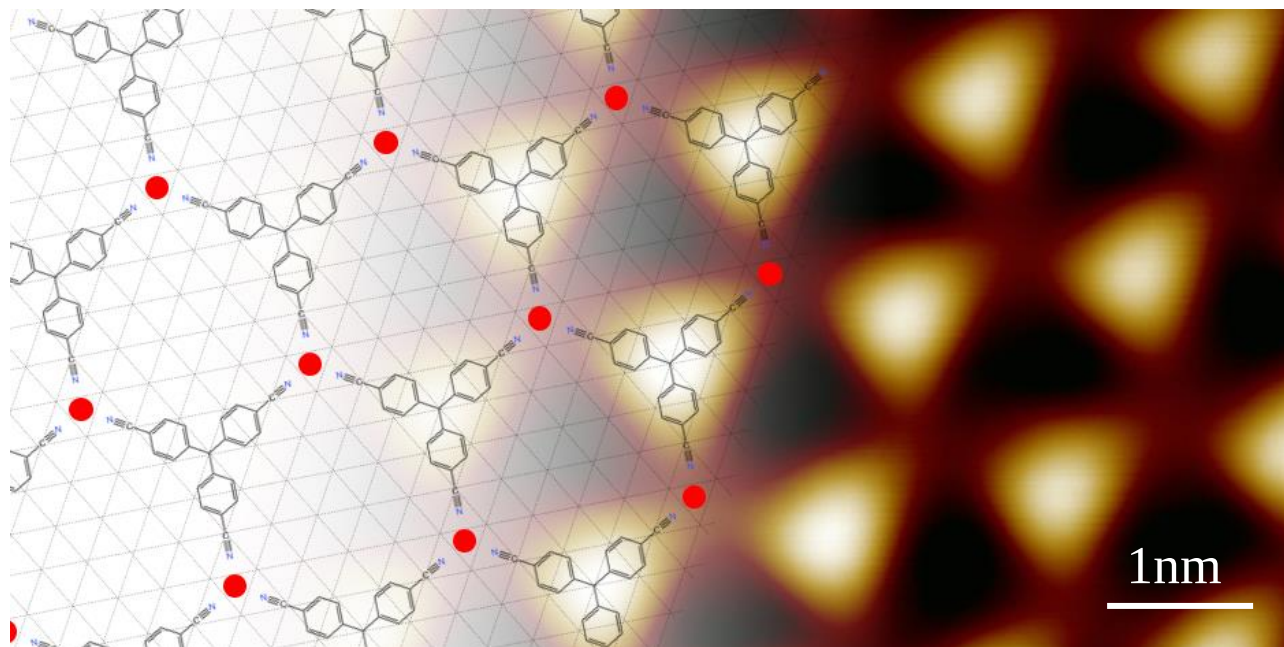
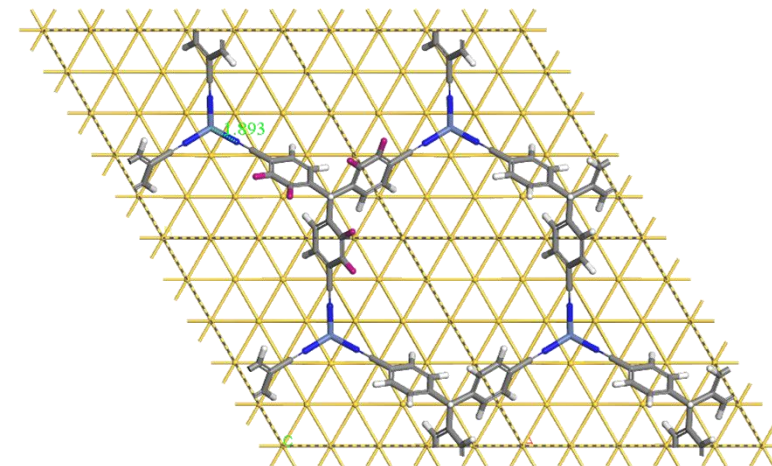
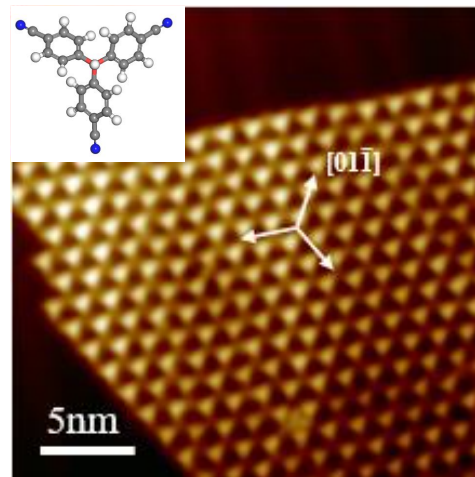
Compare with Fe, Cu, Ni i.e.

- Weaker spin-orbit coupling
- Hyperfine interactions
- Longer spin coherence length

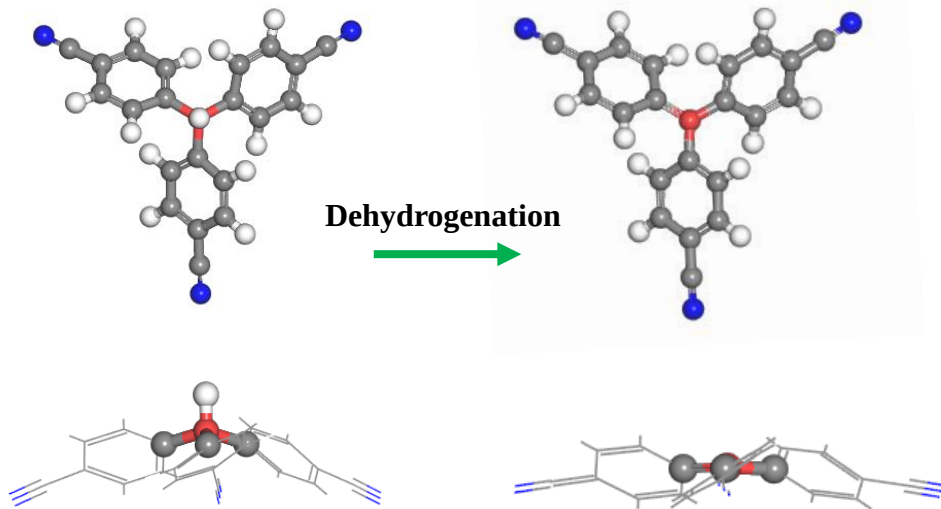
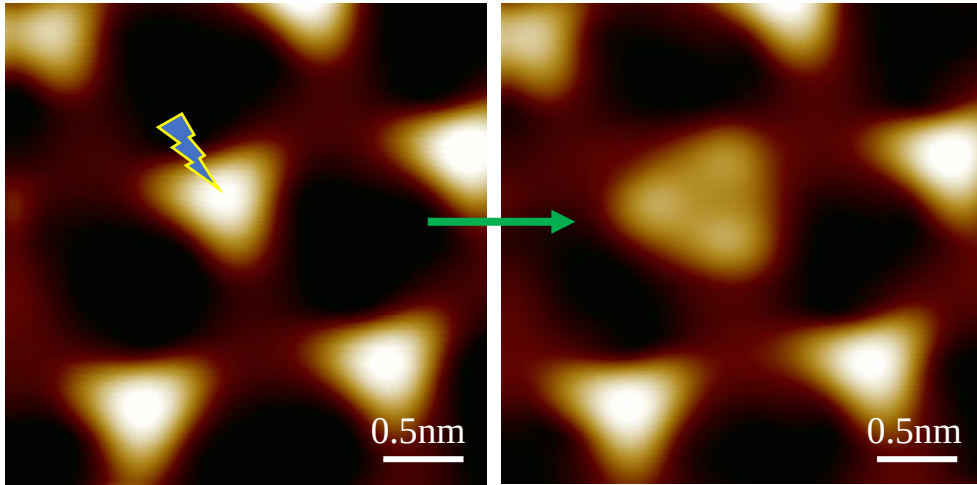


Structure of 2D Ni-TPM MOF

- 4-[bis(4-cyanophenyl)methyl]benzene-1-carbonitrile(TPM)
- Nickel(Ni) atom
- Au (111) substrate
- Lattice constant and orientation:
 - $a = 1.43 \pm 0.03\text{nm}$ along $[01\bar{1}]$ direction
 - $a = 5 \cdot a_0$ (a_0 is the Au(111) lattice constant)
- DFT calculation:
 1. TPM molecules absorbed above the Au atom
 2. Propeller conformation, with the benzene rings tilted out of the plane

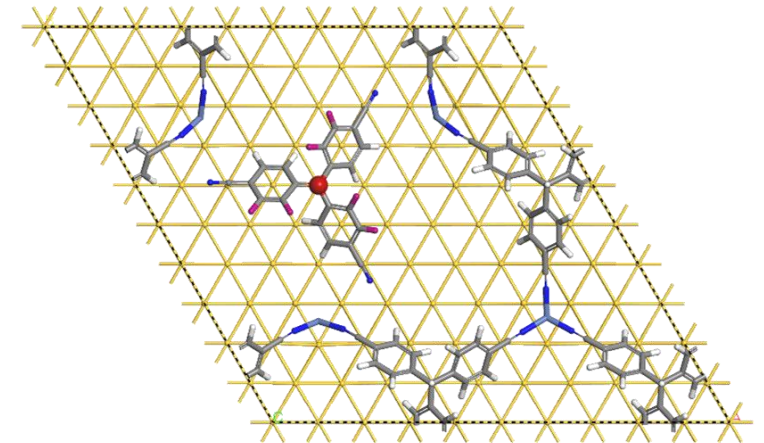
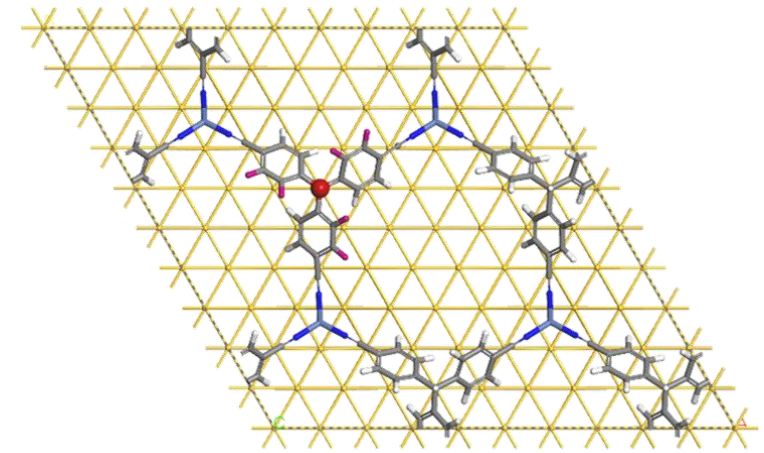


Tip-induced organic radical in the 2D MOF



● Tip manipulation

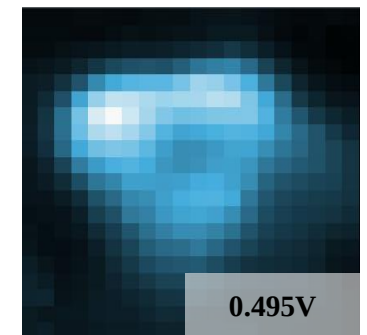
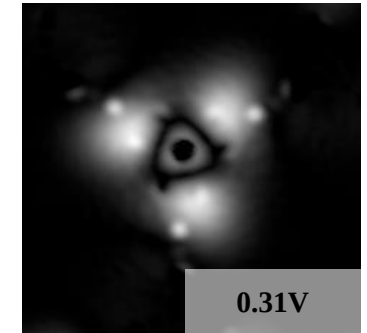
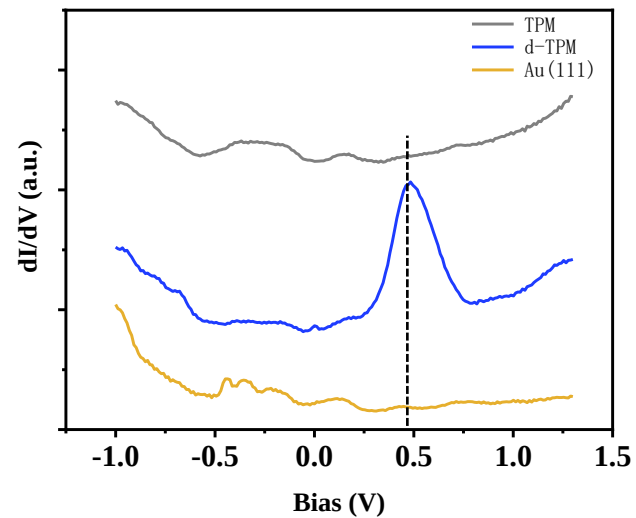
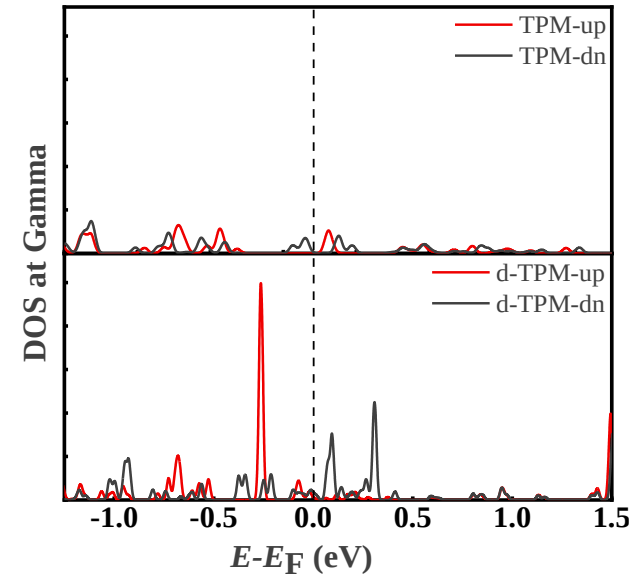
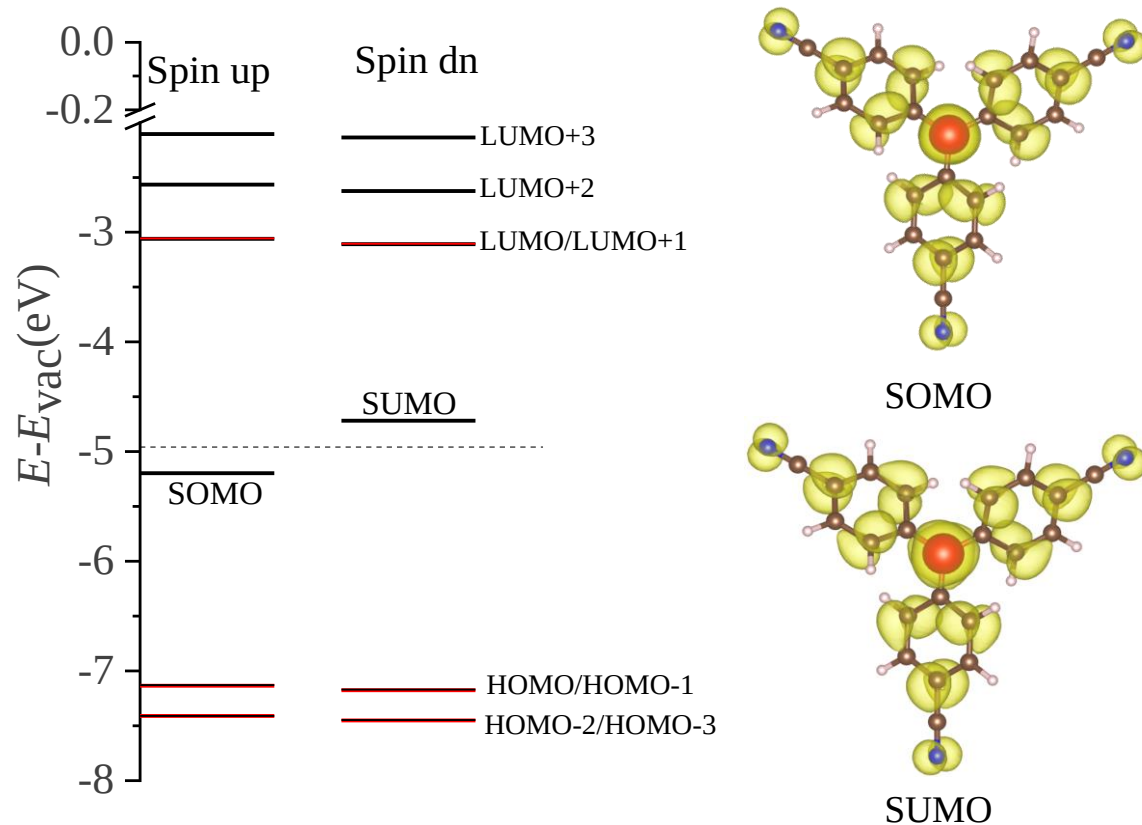
1. Move the tip to the center of the TPM molecules
2. Set bias voltage at 3.5~4.0V and $I = 300\text{pA}$
3. Wait until the tunnel current suddenly drops.



	$E_{\text{relative}}(\text{eV/super cell})$
1	0
2	1.021

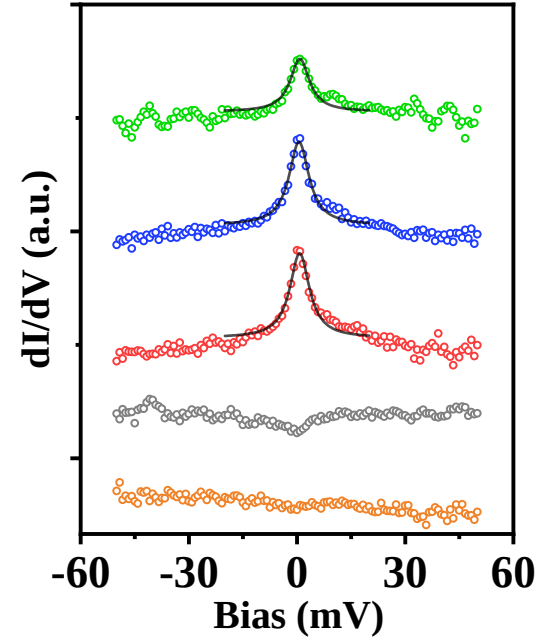
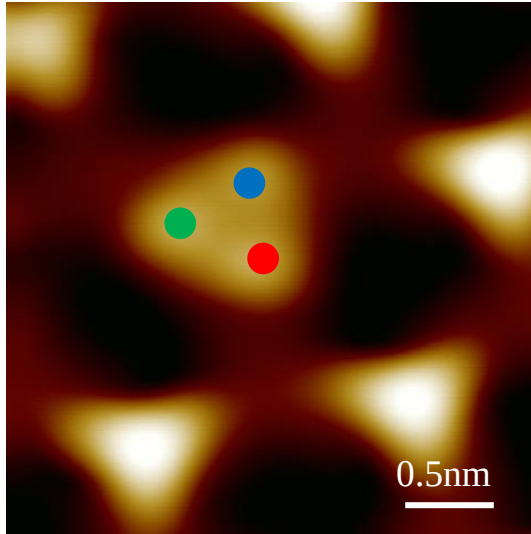
Tip-induced organic radical in the 2D MOF

- DFT: Presence of the SUMO-SOMO
- Experiment: Observation of SUMO state

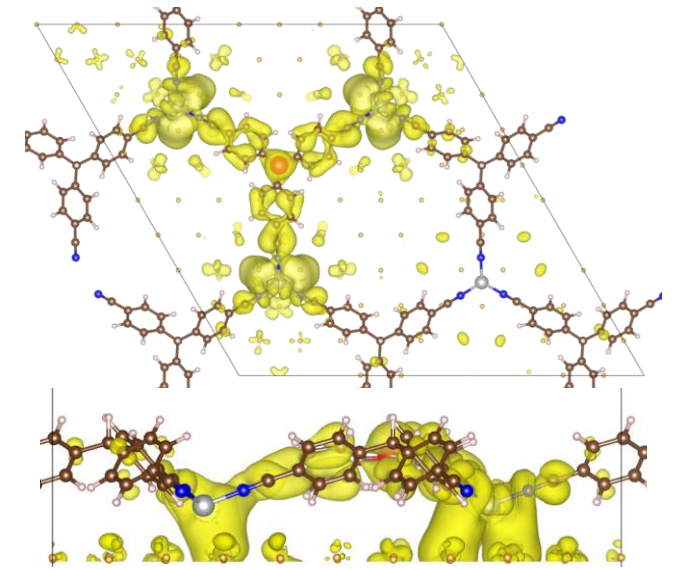


Tip-induced organic radical in the 2D MOF

- Kondo resonance

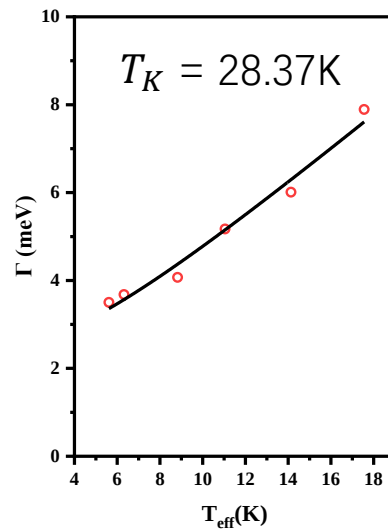
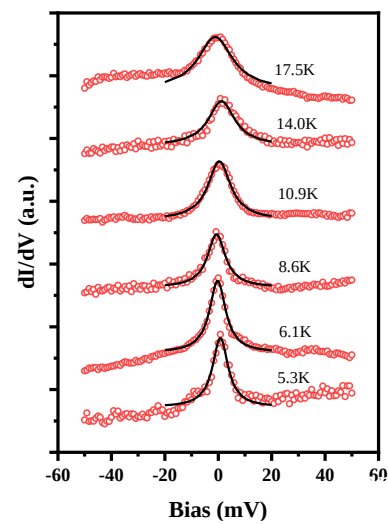


DFT calculated magnetic moment($m\mu_B$)

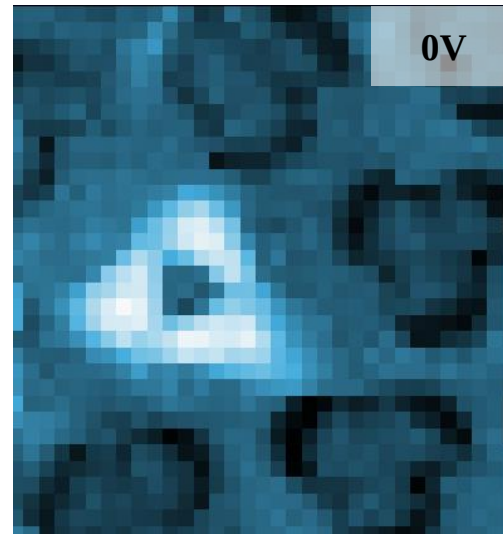


-0.38 eV

- Kondo screening through Ni



$$FWHM = \sqrt{(\alpha k_B T_{eff})^2 + (2k_B T_K)^2}$$



Conclusion

Experimental Achievement

- Synthesize 2D MOF consisting of TPM molecules and Ni atoms on an Au(111) substrate
- Use tip manipulation to induce dehydrogenation reactions on single molecules to generate $S = 1/2$ organic radicals
- Observe the Kondo effect through the STS spectrum

DFT calculation

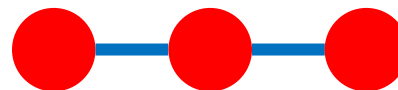
- Presence of the spin in d-TPM molecule
- Kondo screening mechanism through Ni channel

Part 4 Tip-manipulated radical linear structures

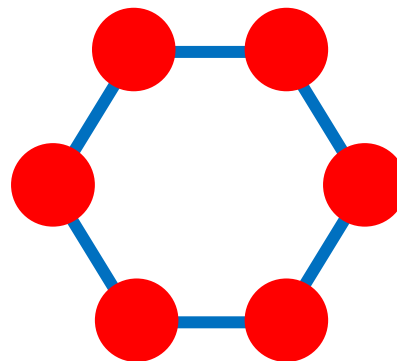
◆ Radical dimers



◆ Linear radical trimers



◆ Six-membered radical rings



Background: Linear multi-body Kondo structure

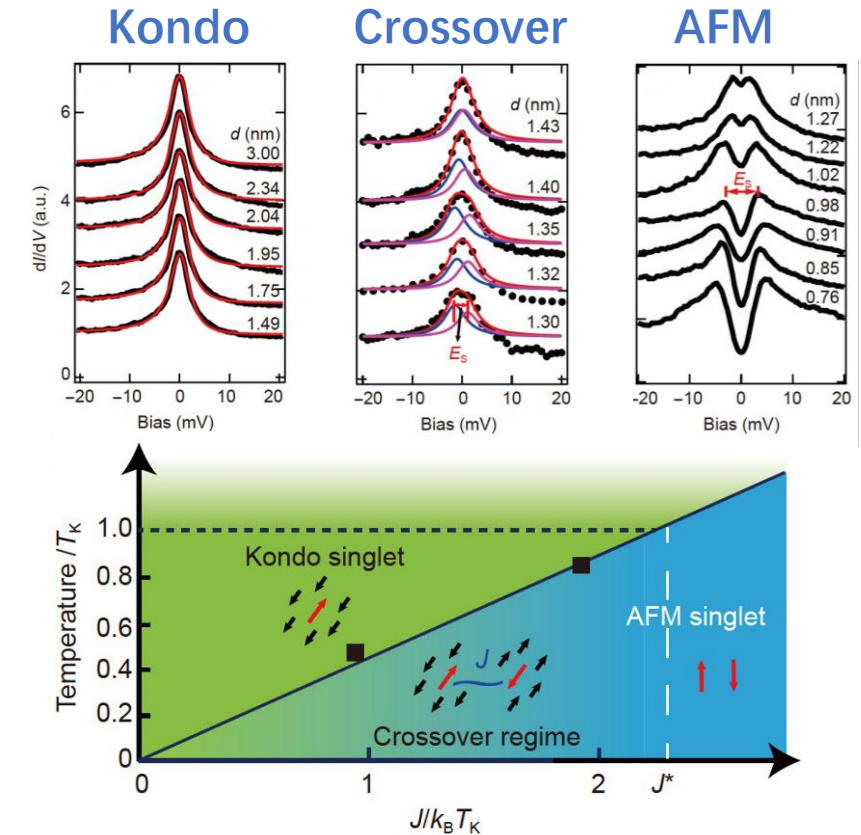
Two-impurity Kondo problem:

- Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida (RKKY) interaction

Kondo regime ($|J_{RKKY}| \ll k_B T_K$)

Crossover regime

AFM regime ($|J_{RKKY}| > 2.2 \sim 2.5 k_B T_K$)

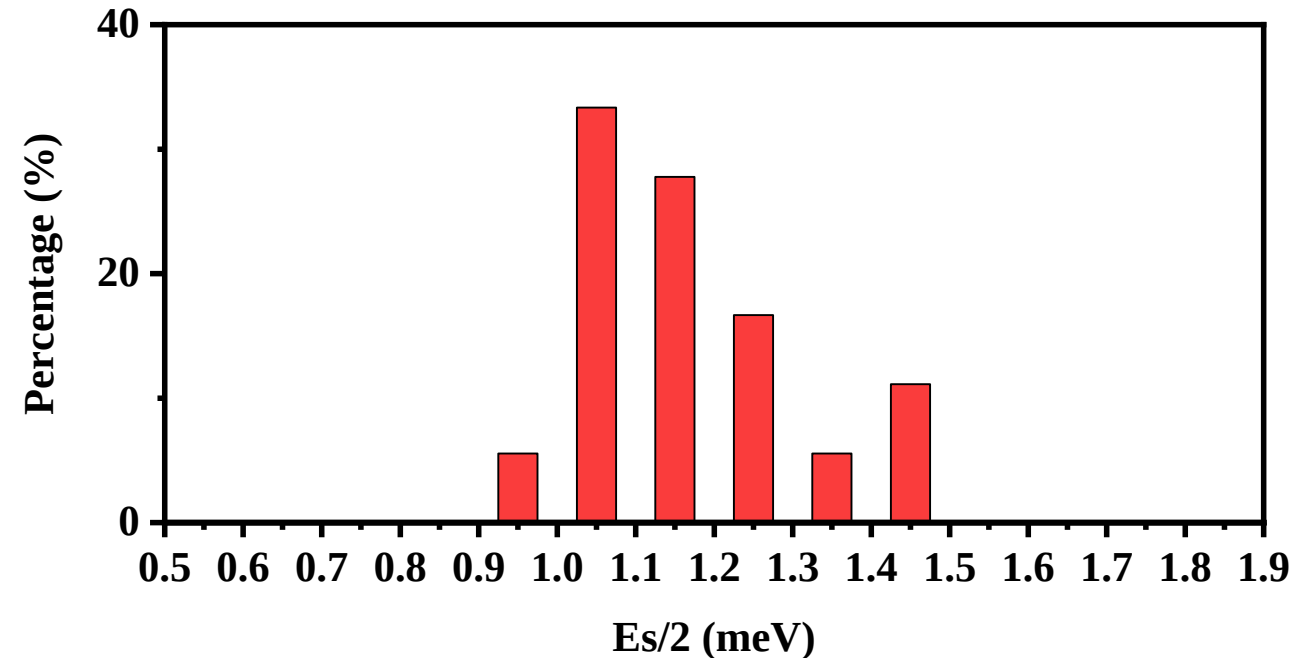
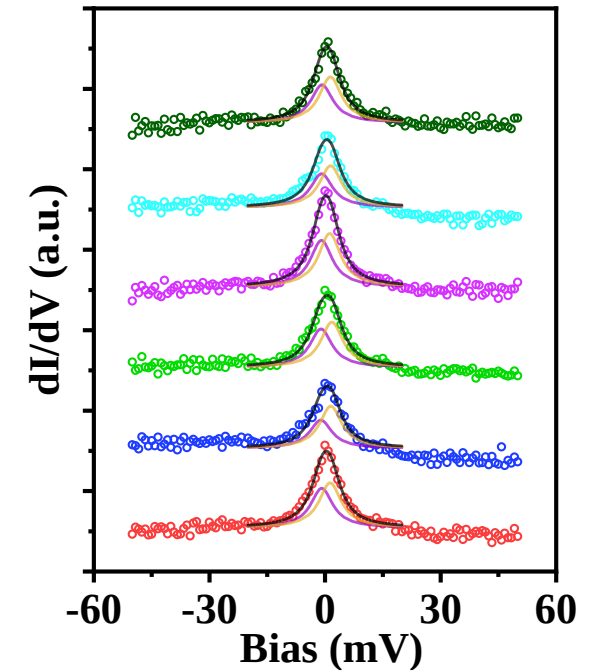
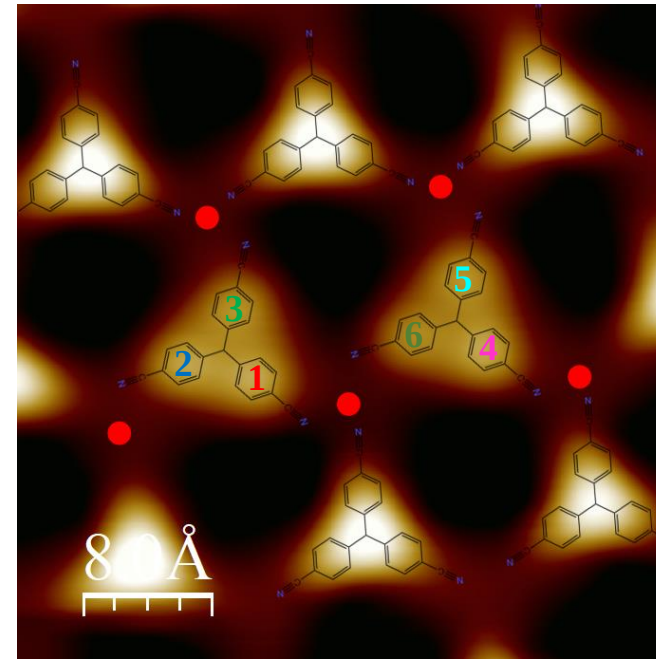
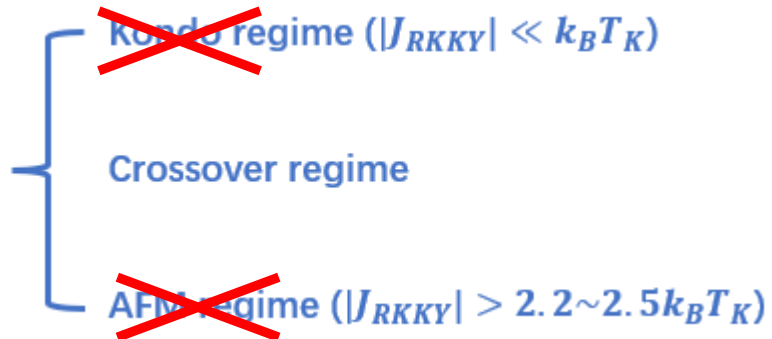


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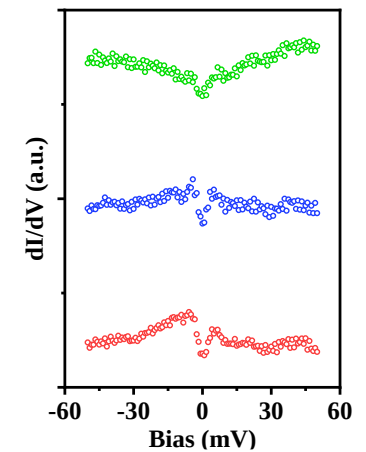
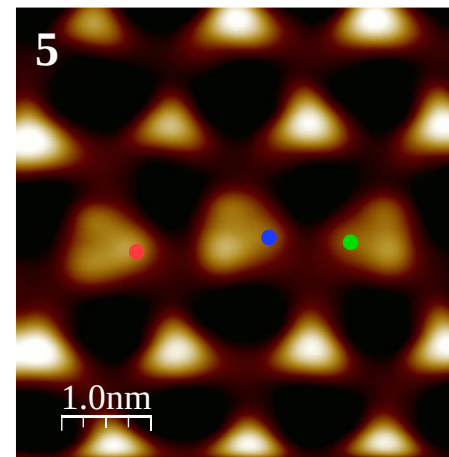
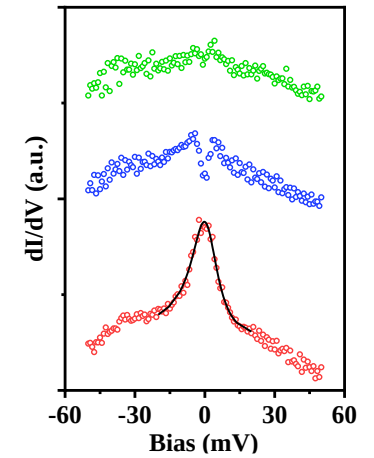
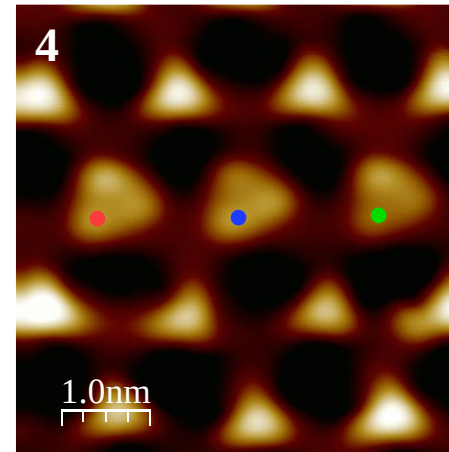
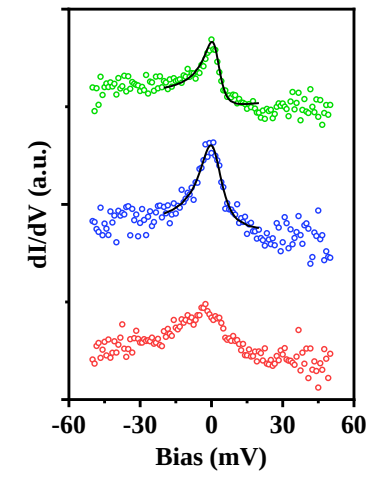
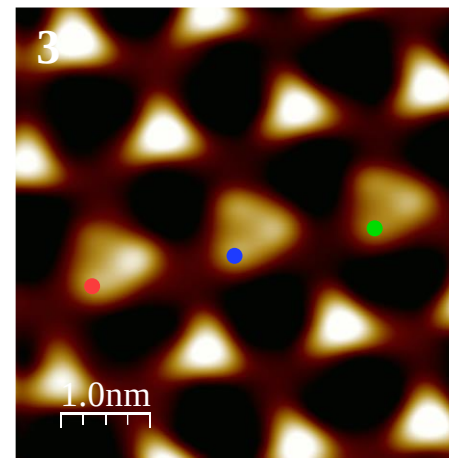
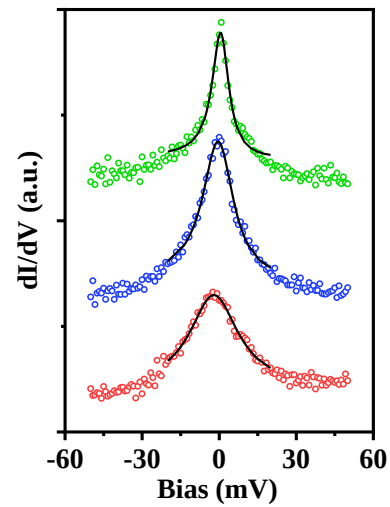
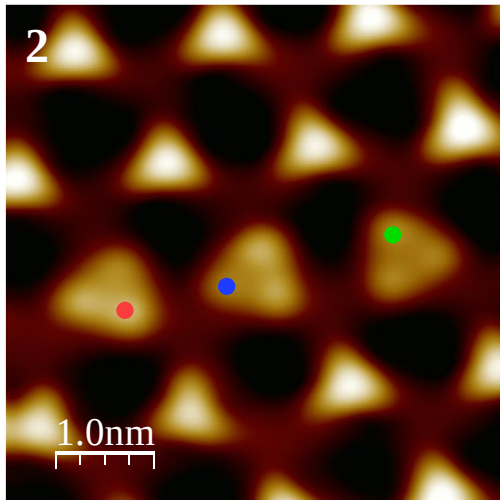
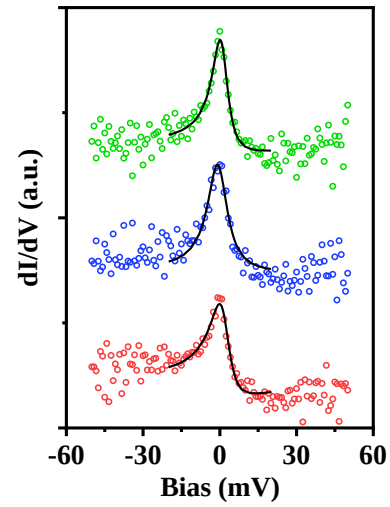
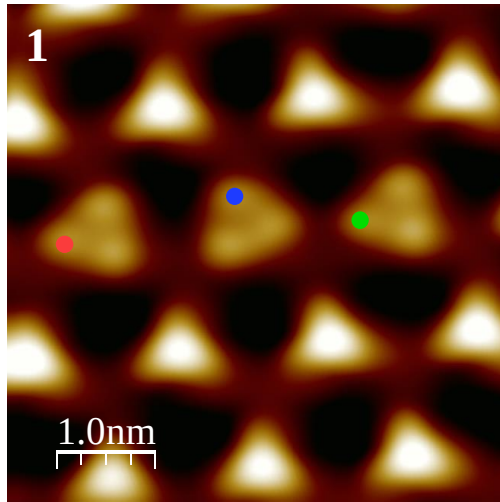
Feature: Broaden zero bias peaks

- Fitted by two split Fano lineshape with the HWHM of the monomer Fano lineshape
- Splitting energy (E_S) = $2 * J_{RKKY}$
- J_{RKKY} falls in a range of 0.9 ~ 1.4 meV
- $k_B T_K = 3.5 \text{ meV}$

The dimers undergo a crossover transition from a Kondo state to an AFM state.



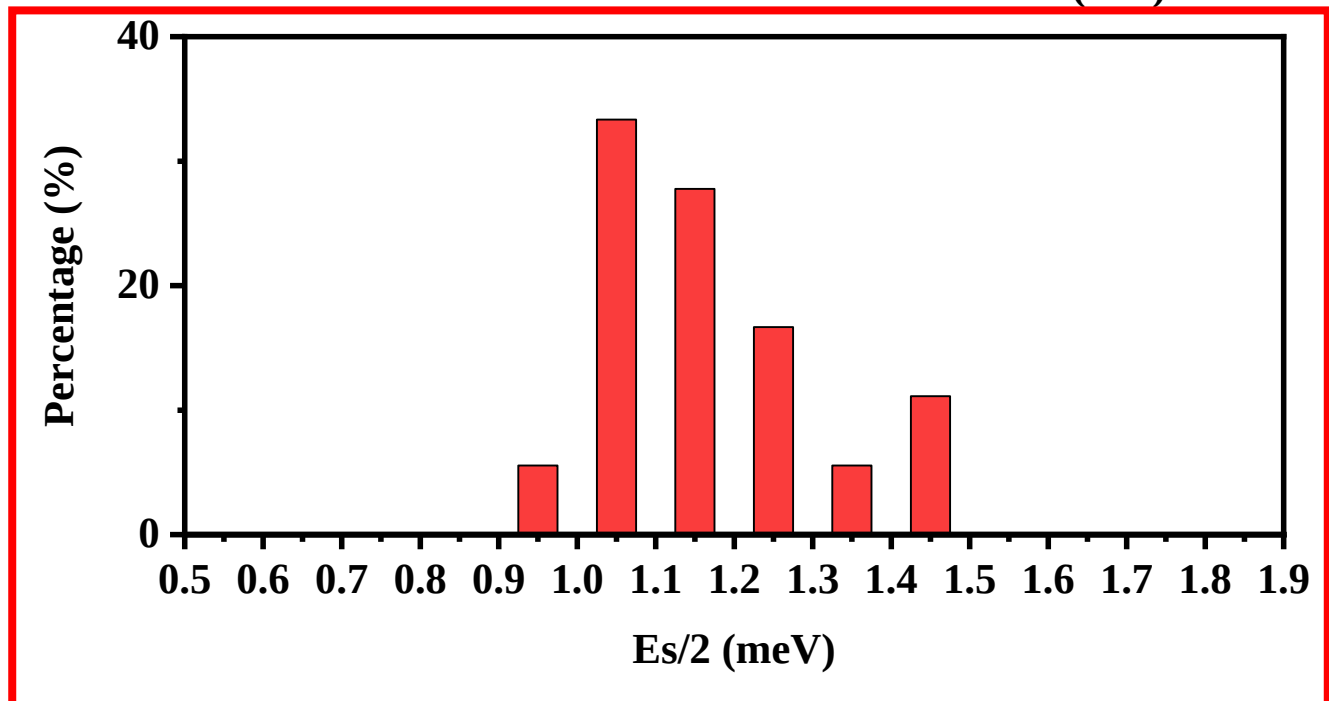
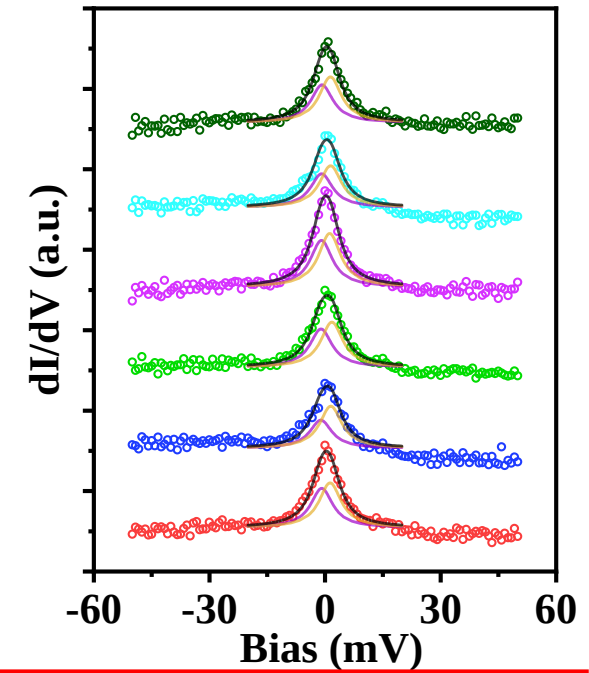
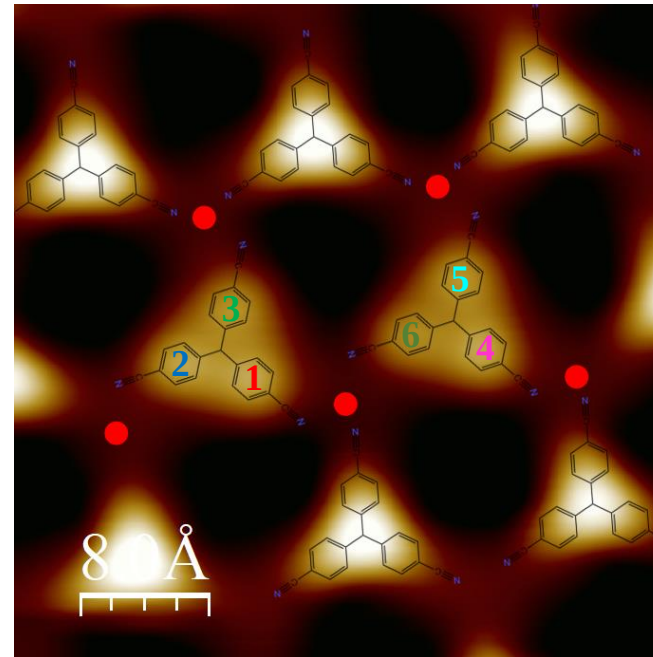
Linear radical trimers



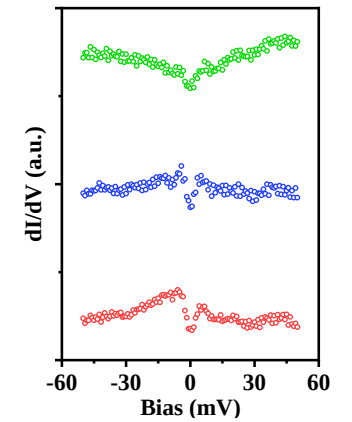
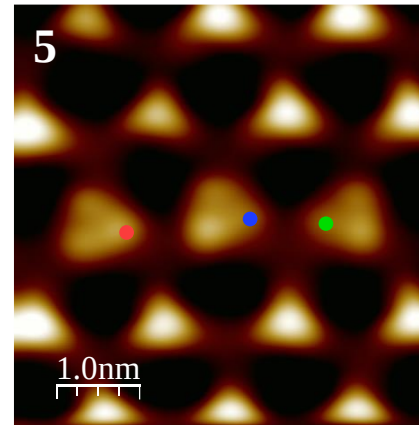
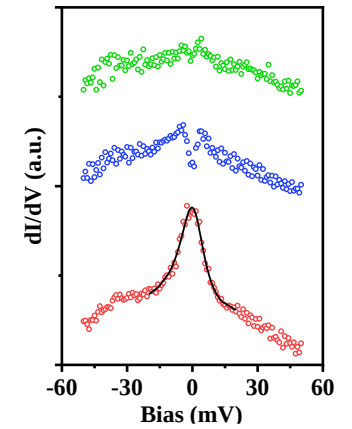
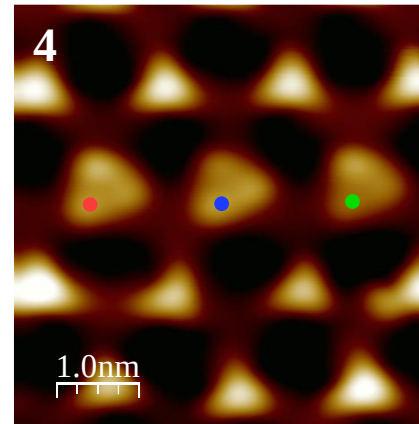
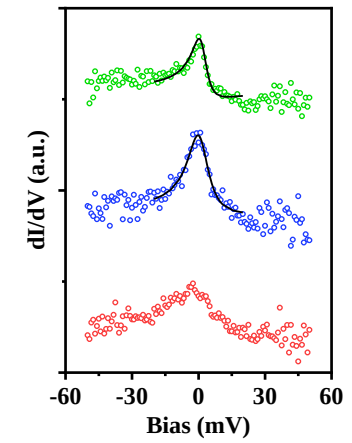
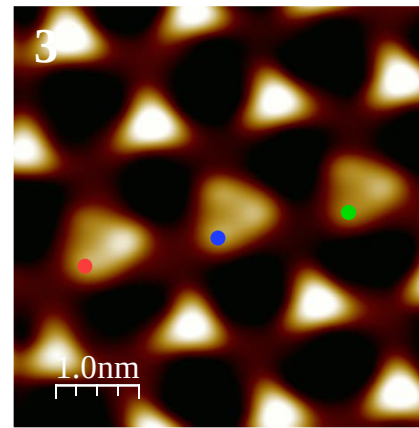
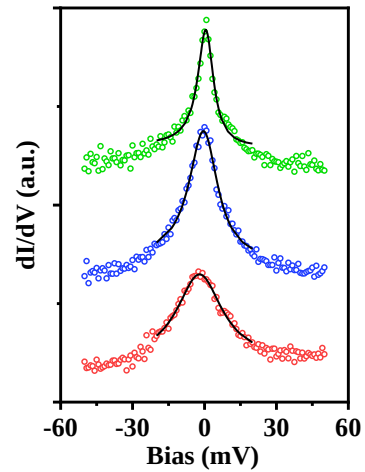
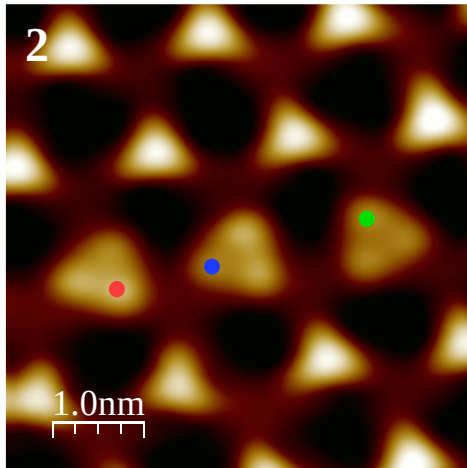
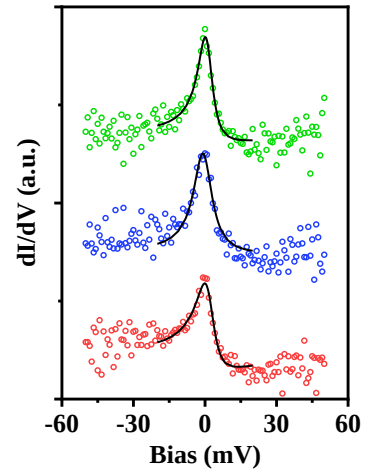
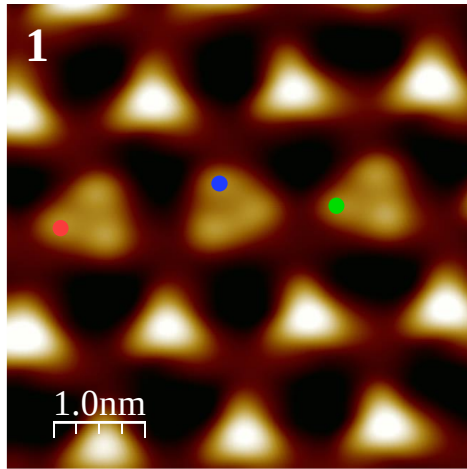
● Non-uniform spectral features

Radical dimers

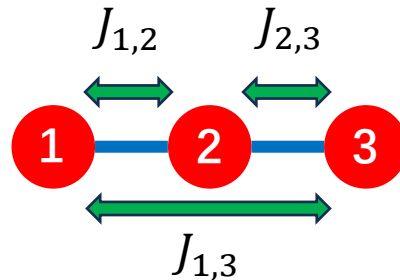
There is a fluctuation of the J_{RKKY}



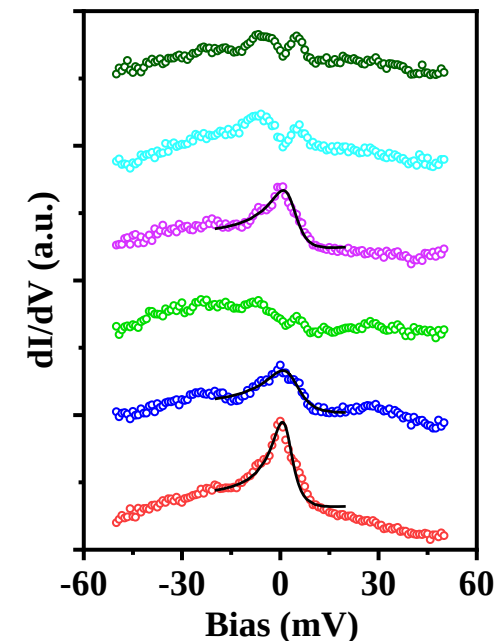
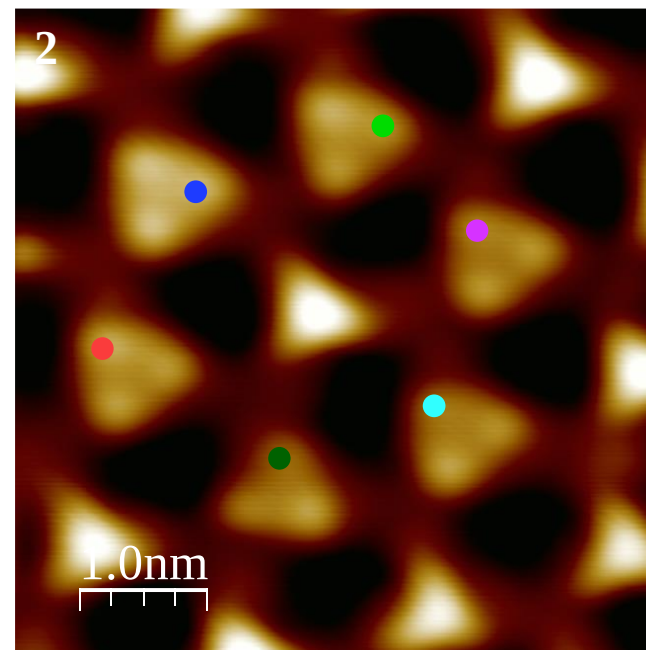
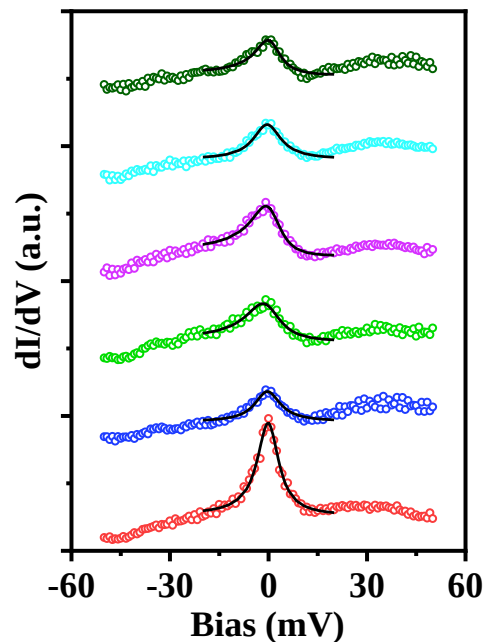
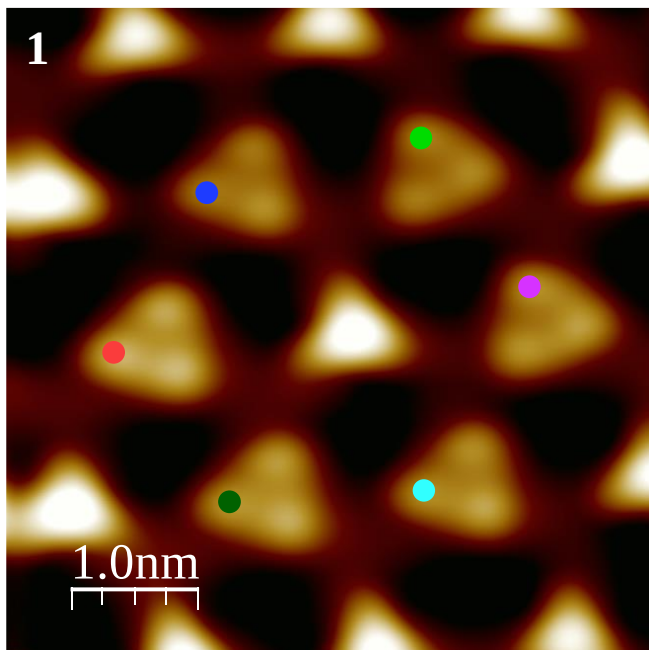
Linear radical trimers



- Non-uniform spectral features
due to the fluctuated J_{RKKY}



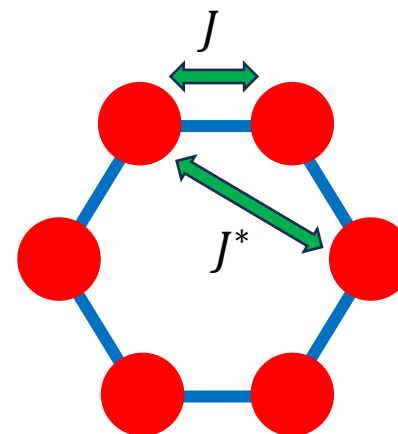
Six-membered radical rings



$\Gamma/Xc(\text{meV})$						
1	4.81	5.12	5.60	6.49	4.74	3.97
2	-5.60	-6.90	5.13	-6.00	6.41	4.04
	5.30	5.60		5.20		

● Non-uniform spectral features due to the fluctuated J_{RKKY}

● We will try to use Quantum Monte Carlo to understand this



Conclusion

Experimental Achievement

- Generate linear radical structures including dimer, linear trimer, and six-membered ring through tip manipulation.
- RKKY interactions are at work in these structures, resulting in the observation of the broadened ZBP or dips at the Fermi level.

Problems need to be further explore

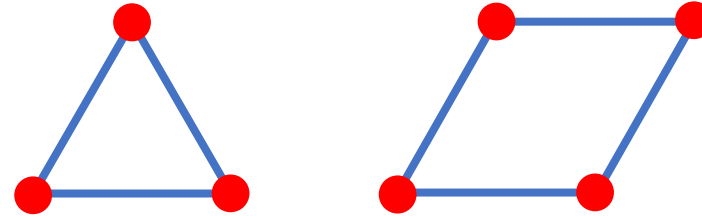
- The non-uniform features in chains and rings are beyond our understanding at the moment

Proposal

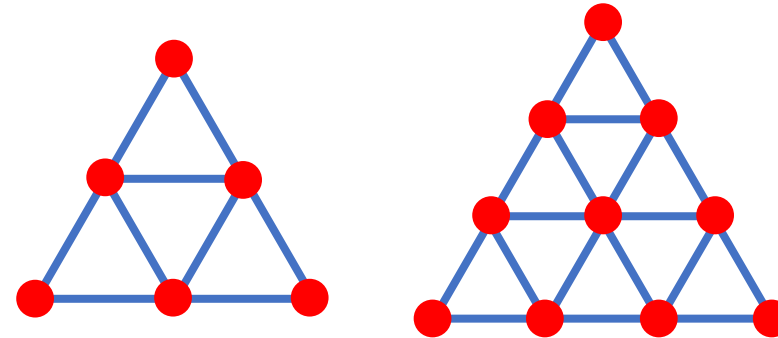
- Non-uniform J_{RKKY} values $\rightarrow$ Non-uniform features in linear structures

Part 5 Tip-manipulated finite 2D radical structures

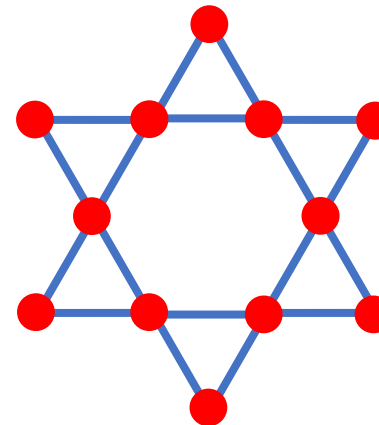
◆ Triangular and Rhombus Radical Arrays



◆ Large triangular arrays of radicals



◆ David star radical structures



Triangular and Rhombus Radical Arrays

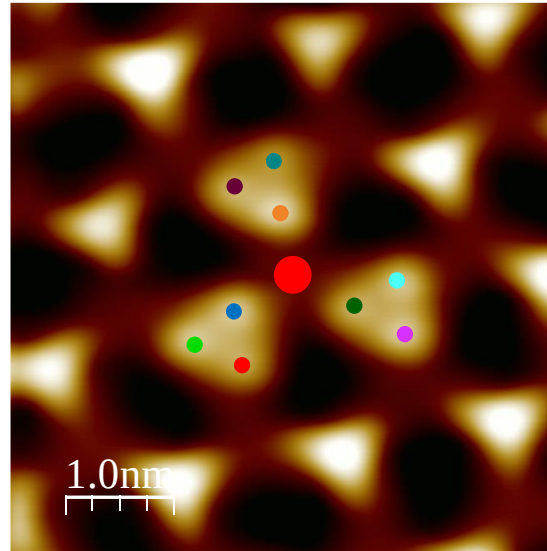
Observation:

- Different configurations exhibit similar spectral features
- Zero bias dip width: 10.24 ± 1.89 meV

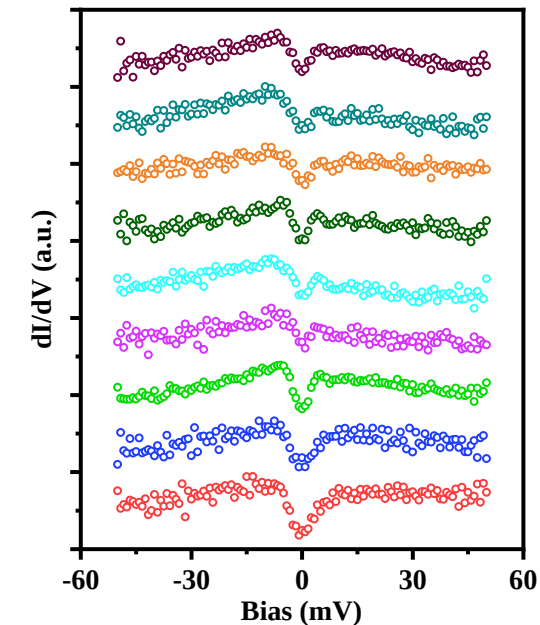
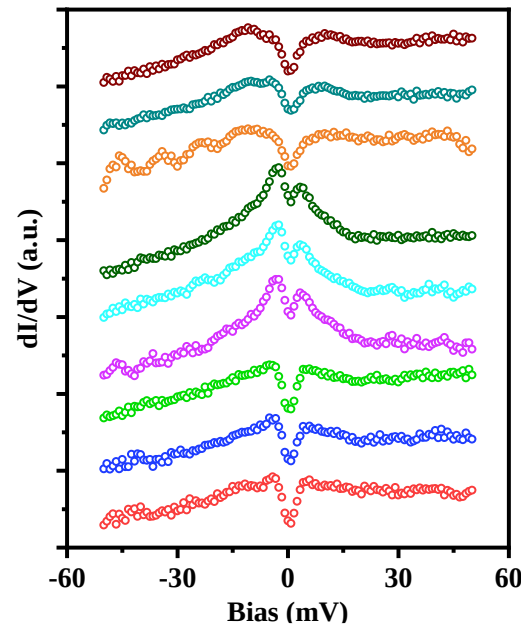
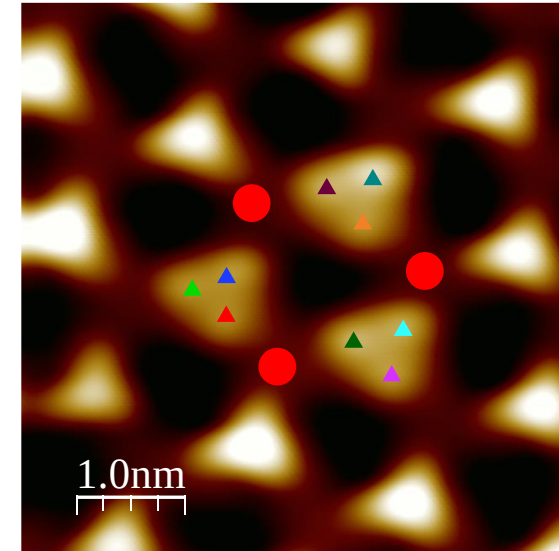


Coupling inside trimers occurs through conduction band electrons in the metal substrate, rather than through hopping via the Ni atom

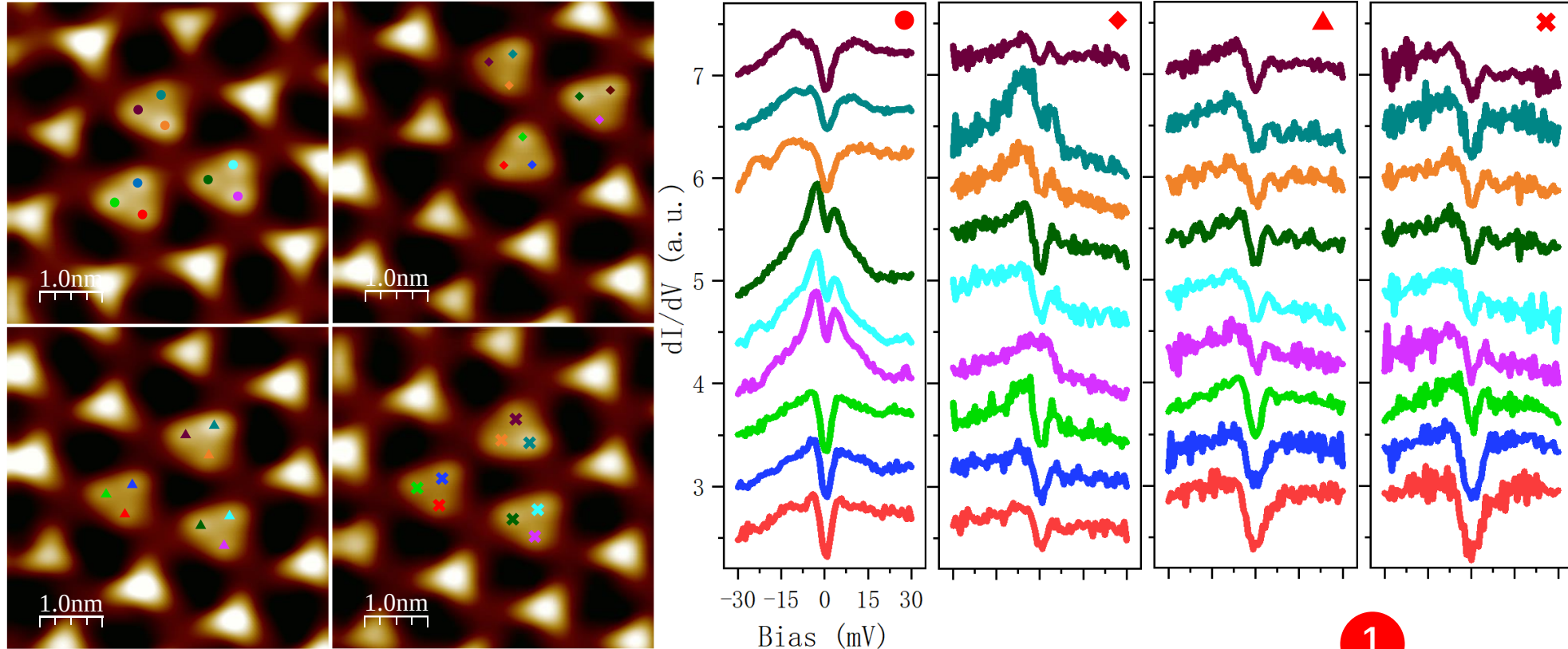
Tripod trimer



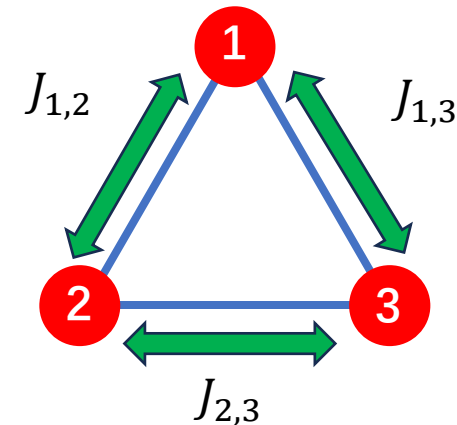
Ring trimer



Triangular and Rhombus Radical Arrays



- Different configurations exhibit similar spectral features
- Triangular trimers have robustness against the fluctuated J_{RKKY}
- We will try to use Quantum Monte Carlo to understand the dip feature



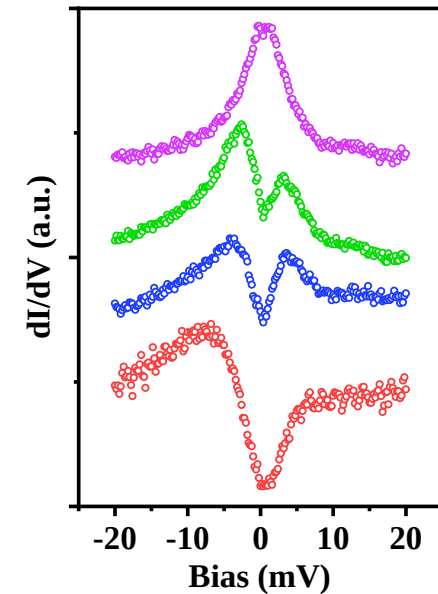
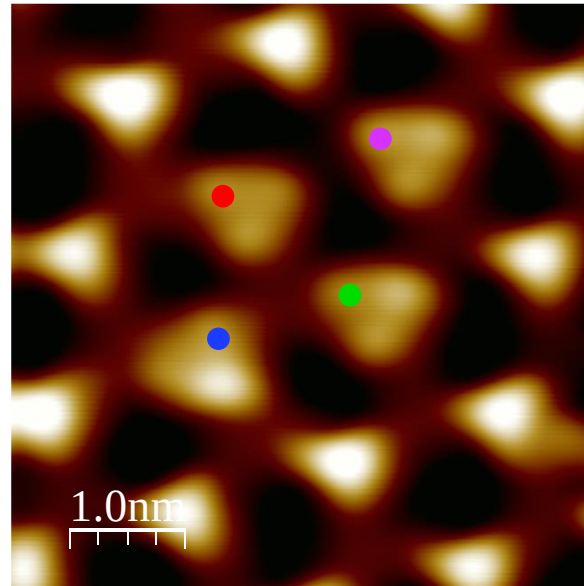
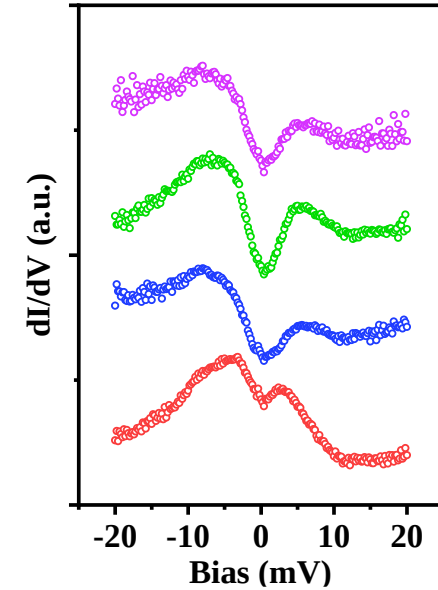
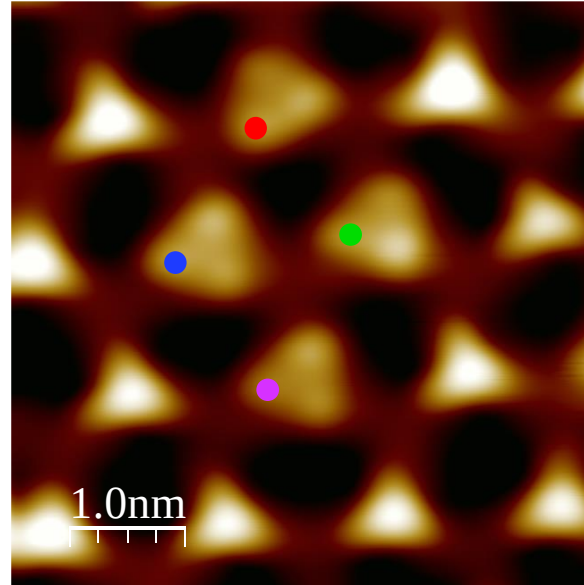
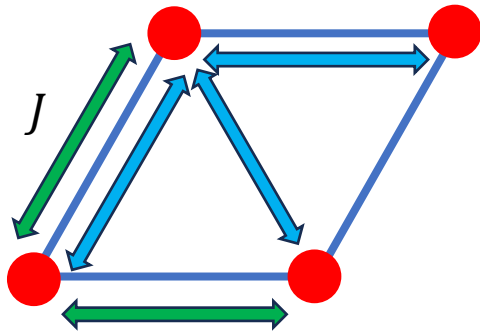
Triangular and Rhombus Radical Arrays

- Non-uniform spectral features



Proposal

- Caused by fluctuations of the RKKY coupling strength



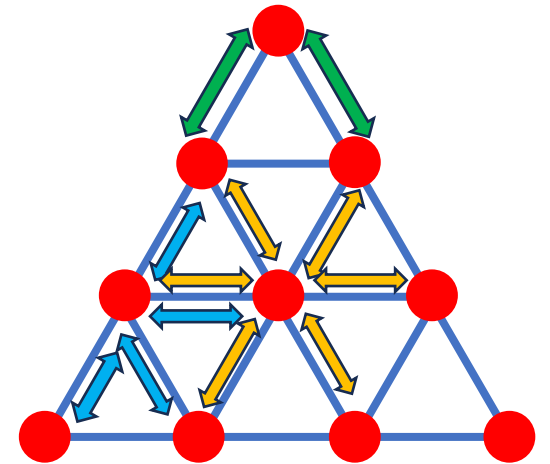
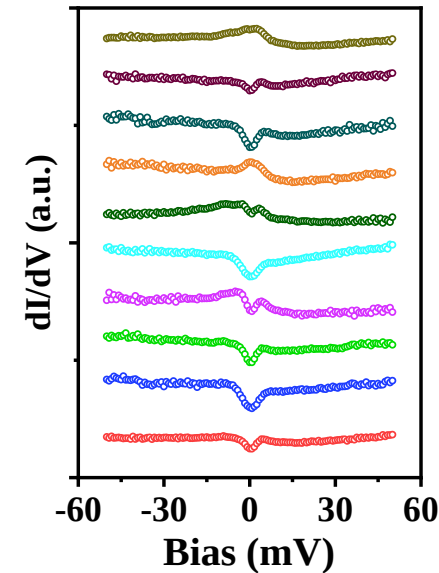
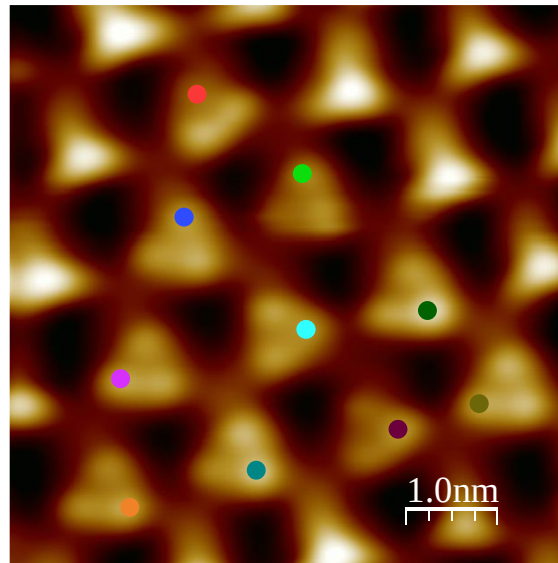
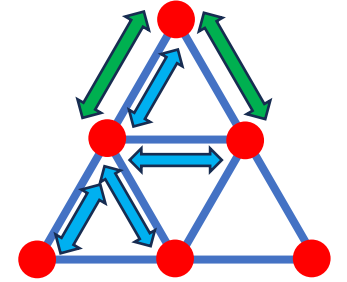
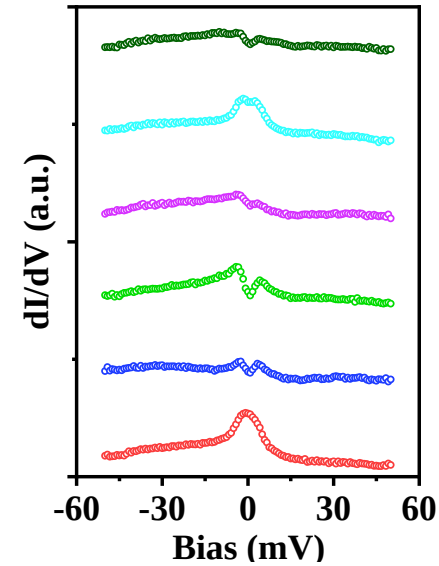
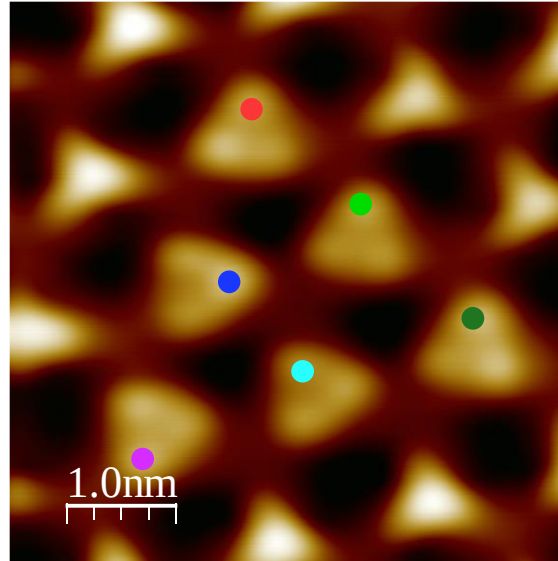
Large triangular arrays of radicals

- Non-uniform and non-symmetric spectral features



Proposal

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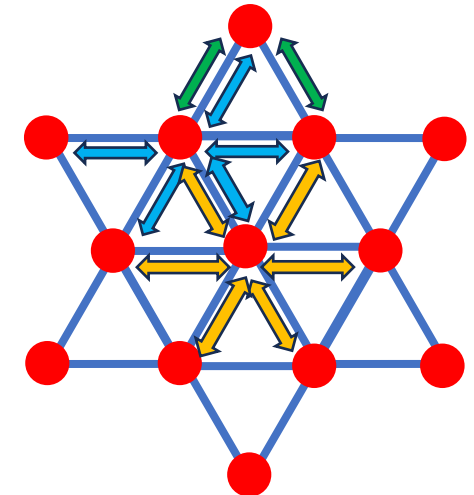
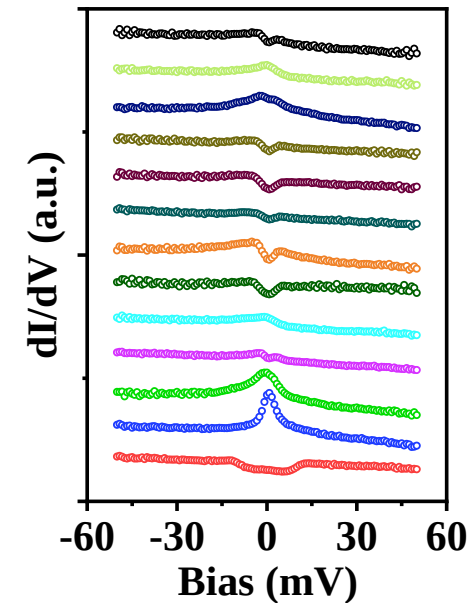
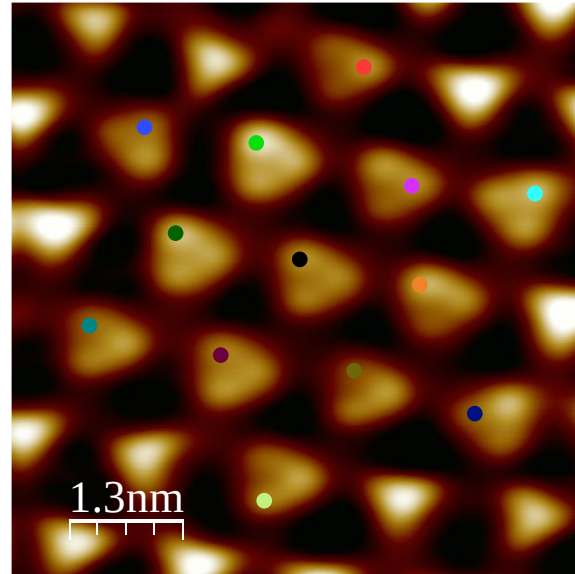
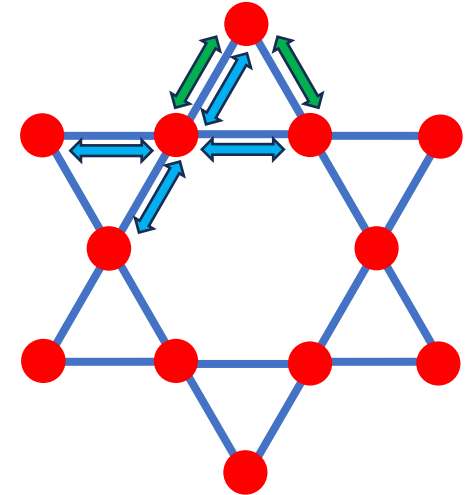
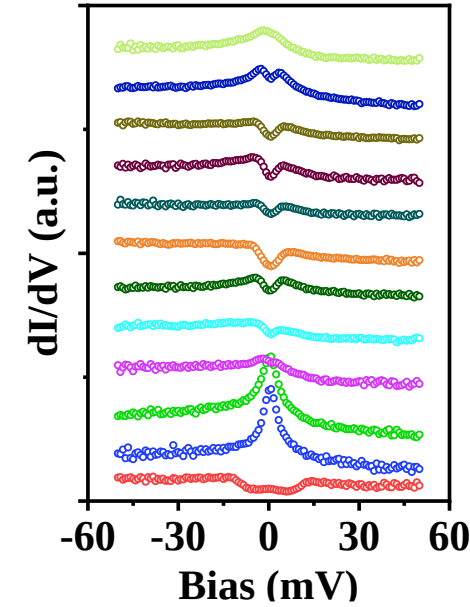
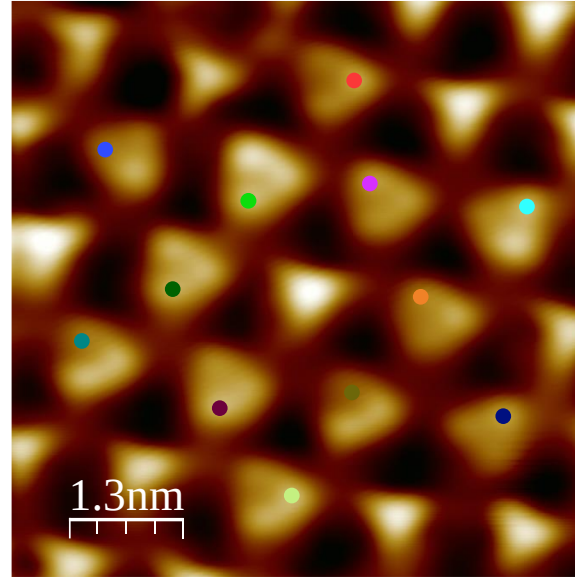
Large triangular arrays of radicals

- Non-uniform and non-symmetric spectral features



Proposal

- Caused by fluctuations of the RKKY coupling strength



Conclusion

Experimental Achievement

- Create various multi-body radical structures, including the triangular trimer, rhombus tetramer, large triangular arrays, and David star pattern.
- Triangular trimers exhibit uniform and symmetric spectral feature
- Other larger structures exhibit non-uniform and non-symmetric spectral features

Proposal

- Non-uniform and non-symmetric spectral features in larger structures can be explained by non-uniform J_{RKKY} values.

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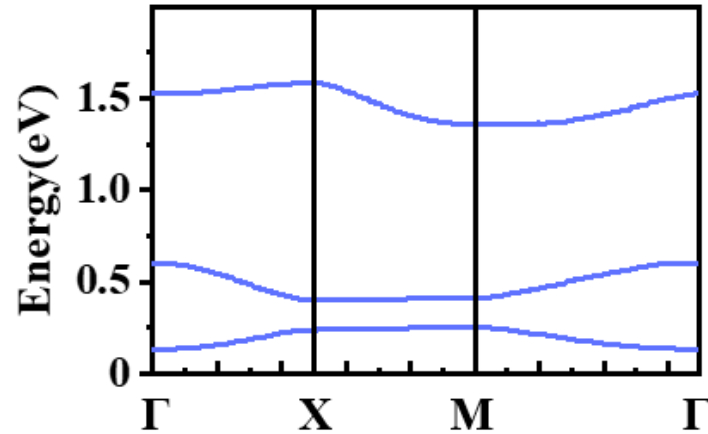
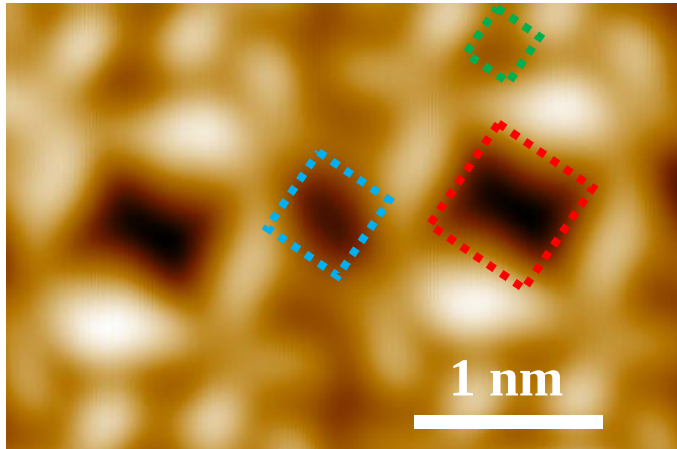
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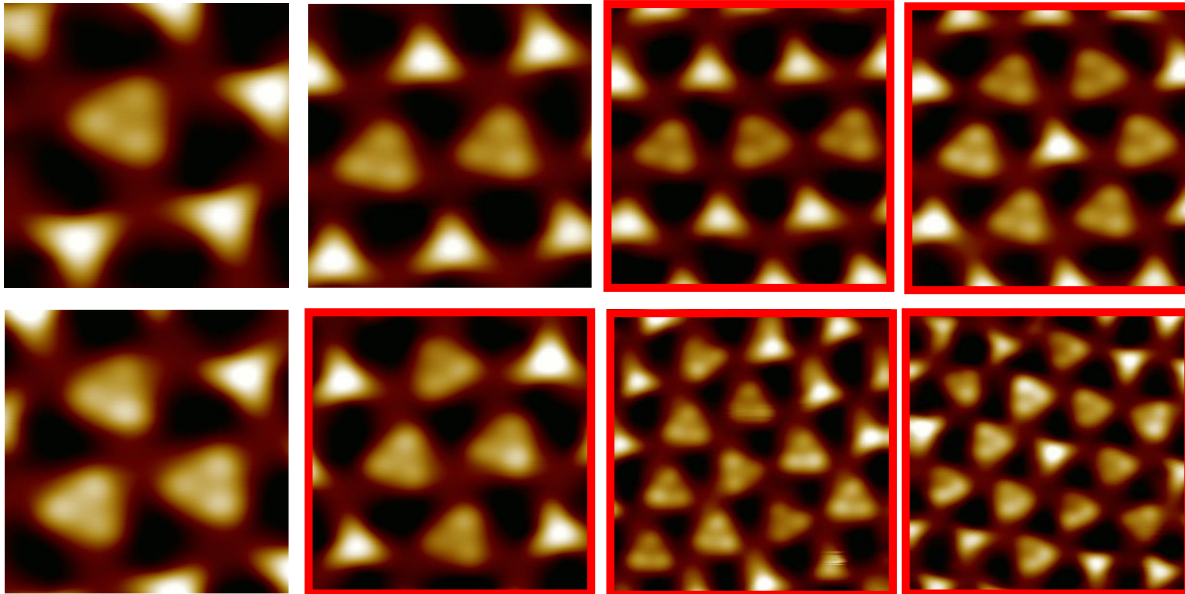
Part 6 Summary and Perspectives

Summary

- Isolated flat band in artificially designed Lieb lattice

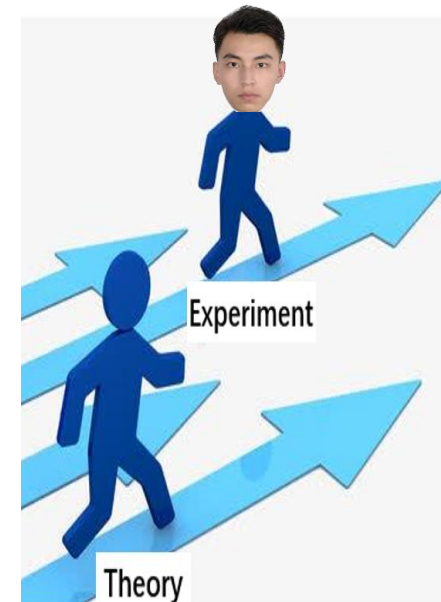


- Tip-manipulated Kondo structures



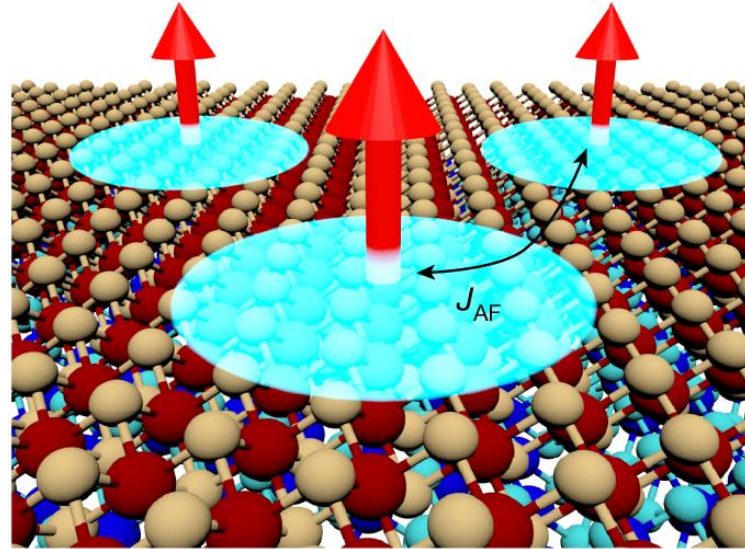
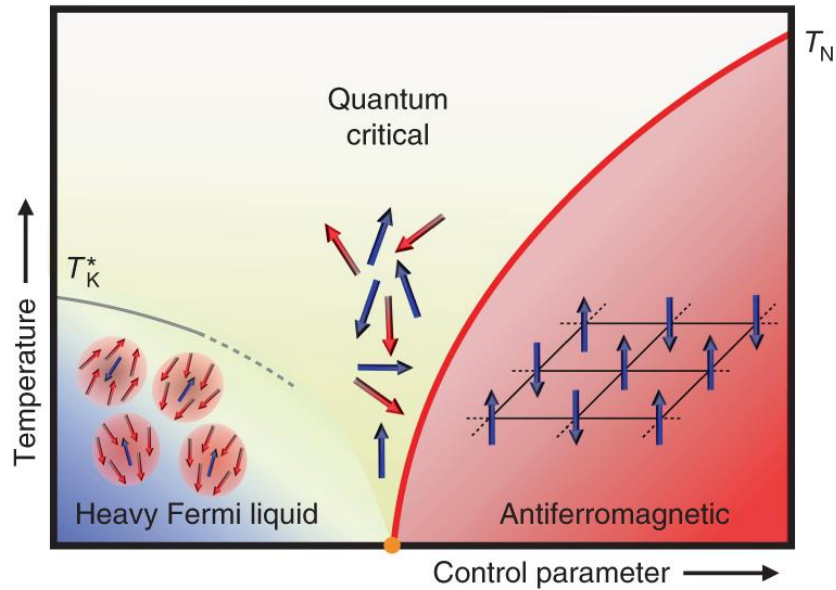
- Triangular Trimer (Robust)
- Larger structure (Non-robust)

- Magnetic order
- Fractional quantum (spin) Hall effect
- Quantum anomalous Hall effect
- Raise the critical temperature of superconductors



Perspectives

Heavy-fermion system

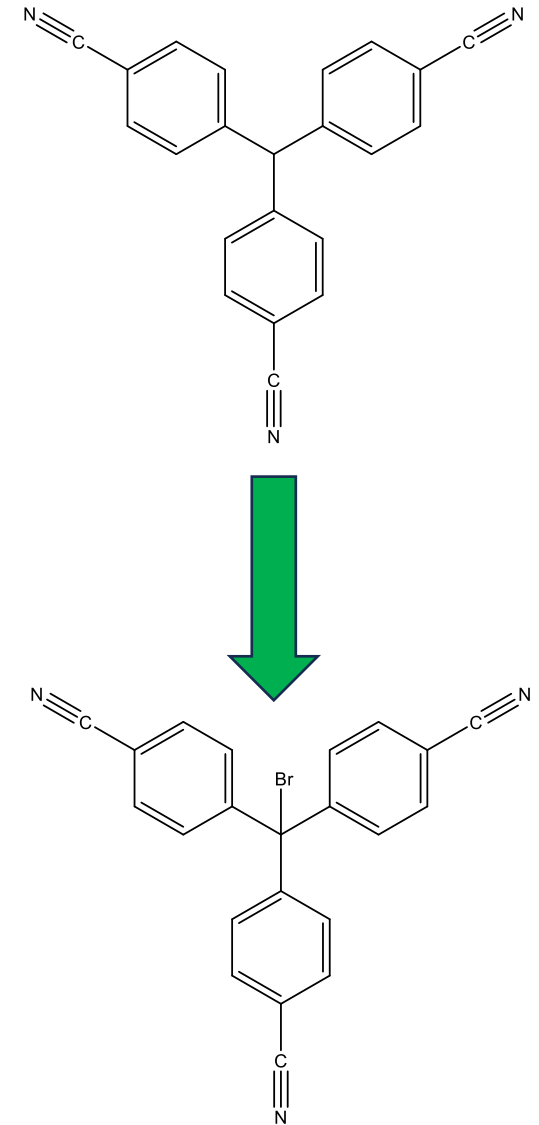


Achieved

- Kondo structures with finite size

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- AI manipulation system → efficient and continuous operation → Kondo lattice
- Self-assembled Ni-TPM-Br Network → Kondo lattice



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