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Fall Semester 2009  
Lecture 23

FM-AFM Selected Results  
Achieving Atomic Resolution  
with AFM

# Seeing atoms with AFMs

Image of graphite using contact-mode AFM: G. Binnig, Ch. Gerber, E. Stoll, T.R. Albrecht, and C.F. Quate, Europhys. Lett. 3, 181 (1987).

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Atomic point defects in cleaved InP(110): H. Ueyamam, M. Ohta, Y. Sugawara, and S. Morita, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 34, L1086 (1995)

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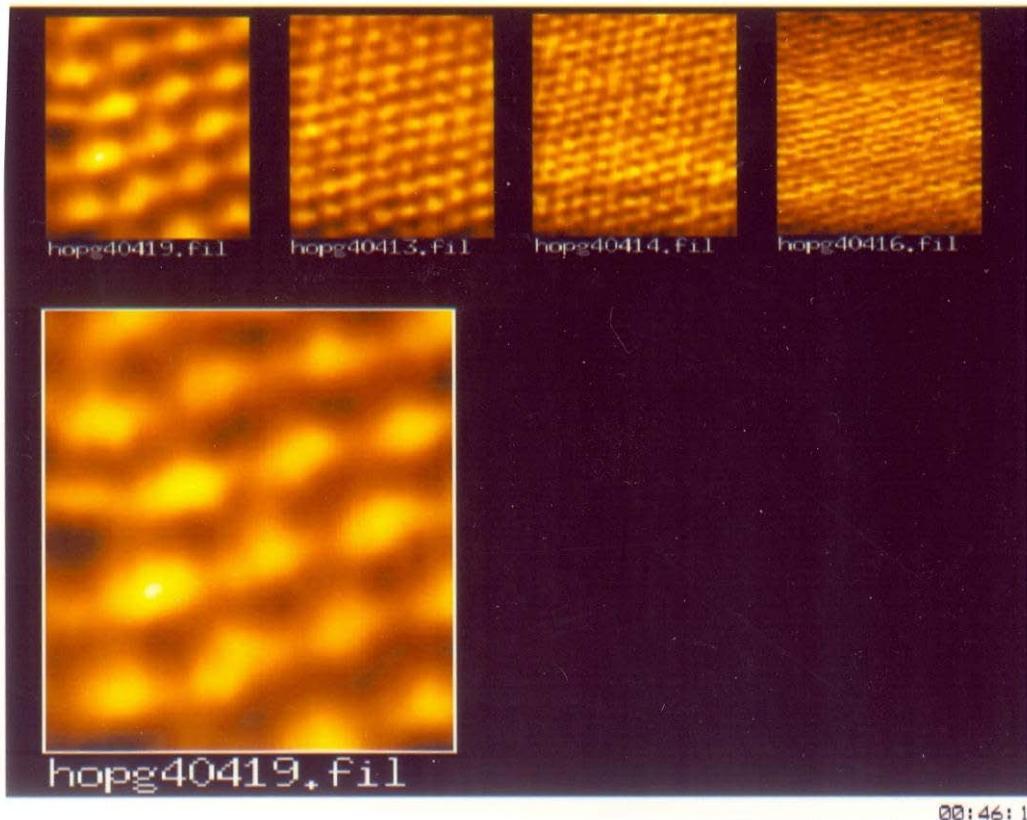
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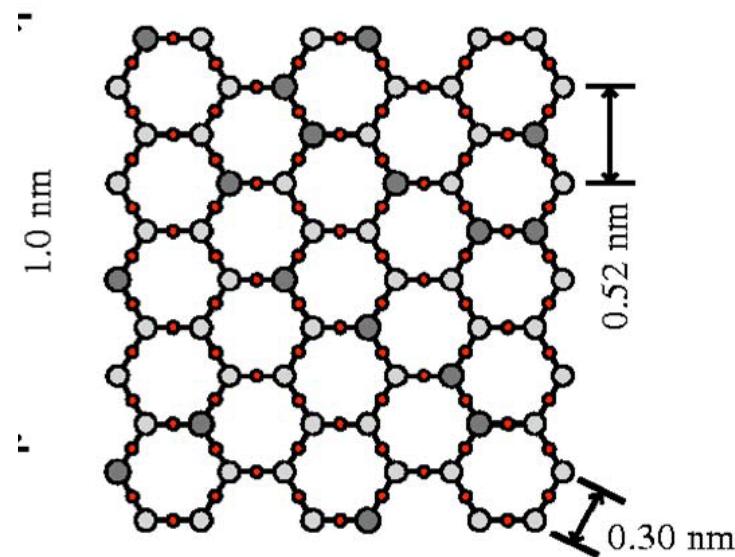
*Non-contact Atomic Force Microscopy*, Eds. S. Morita, R. Wiesendanger and E. Meyer, Springer (2002).

# Atomic periodicity using contact mode AFM (constant applied force)

Contact AFM image of freshly cleaved mica



Mica



D. Schaefer, PhD thesis, Purdue University (1993)

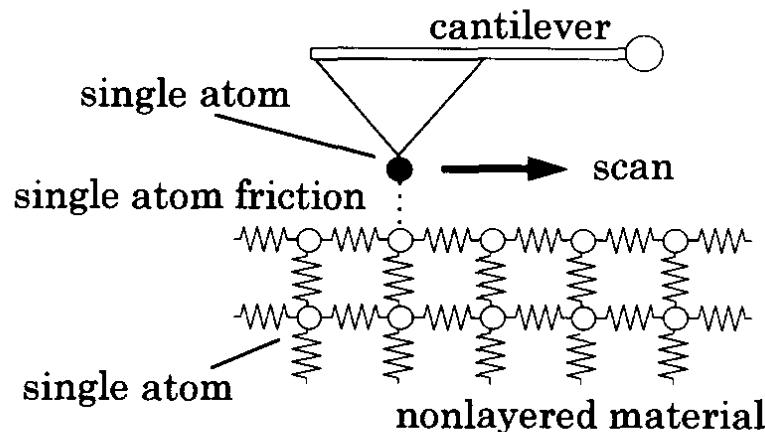
T. Fukuma, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett.  
87, 034101 (2005).

## Issues

- Large contact force required!
- Finite contact radius,  $r_c$  could be  $\sim 2$  nm
- $\pi r_c^2 / a_0^2 \gg 1$
- Large normal force  $\rightarrow$  high friction
- Coupling between lateral and normal force?
- Feedback loops are never perfect
- No defects?

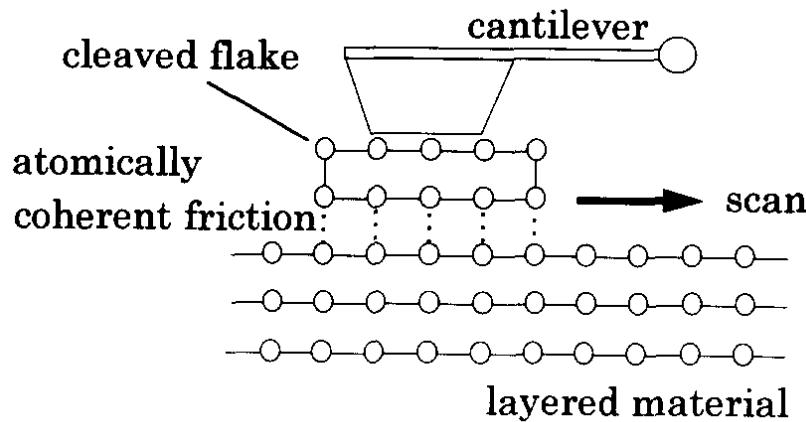
# Stick-Slip friction maps

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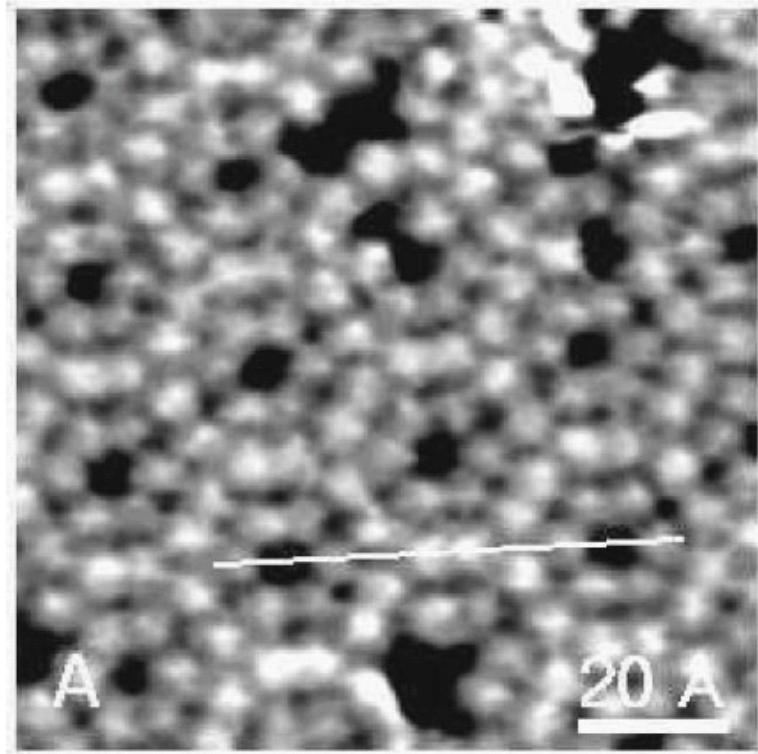
**Stick-Slip Model** Spatially quantized adhesion with a "jump" to next sticking point. Atomic periodicity results, but only a fraction of the unit cell is "imaged".

( b )



# Seeing atoms with AM-AFM (constant amplitude)

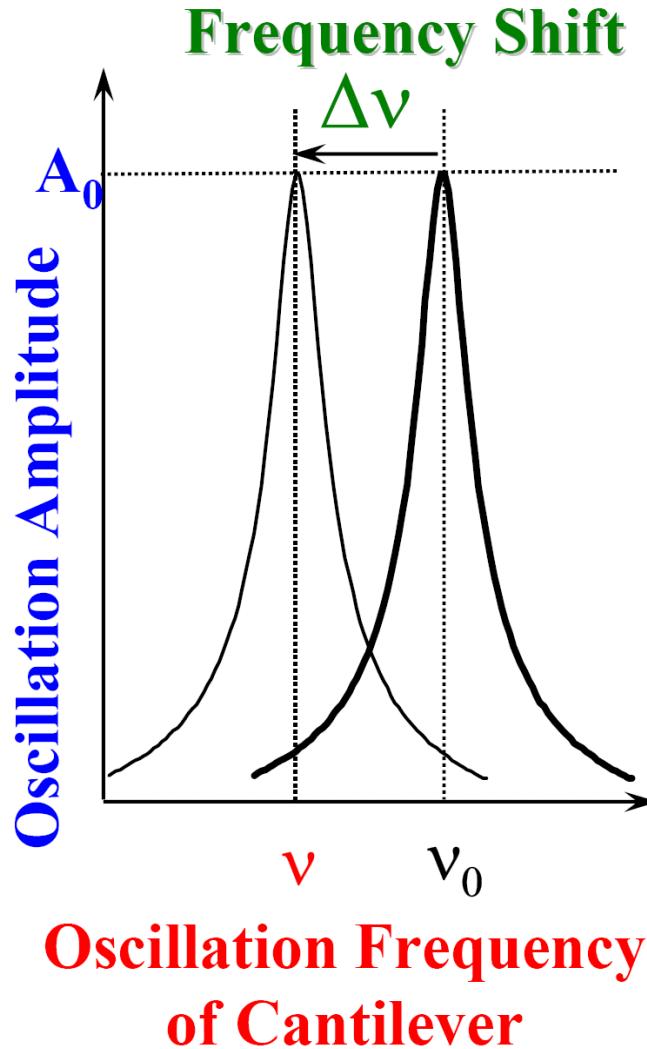
Atomic resolution Si(111)



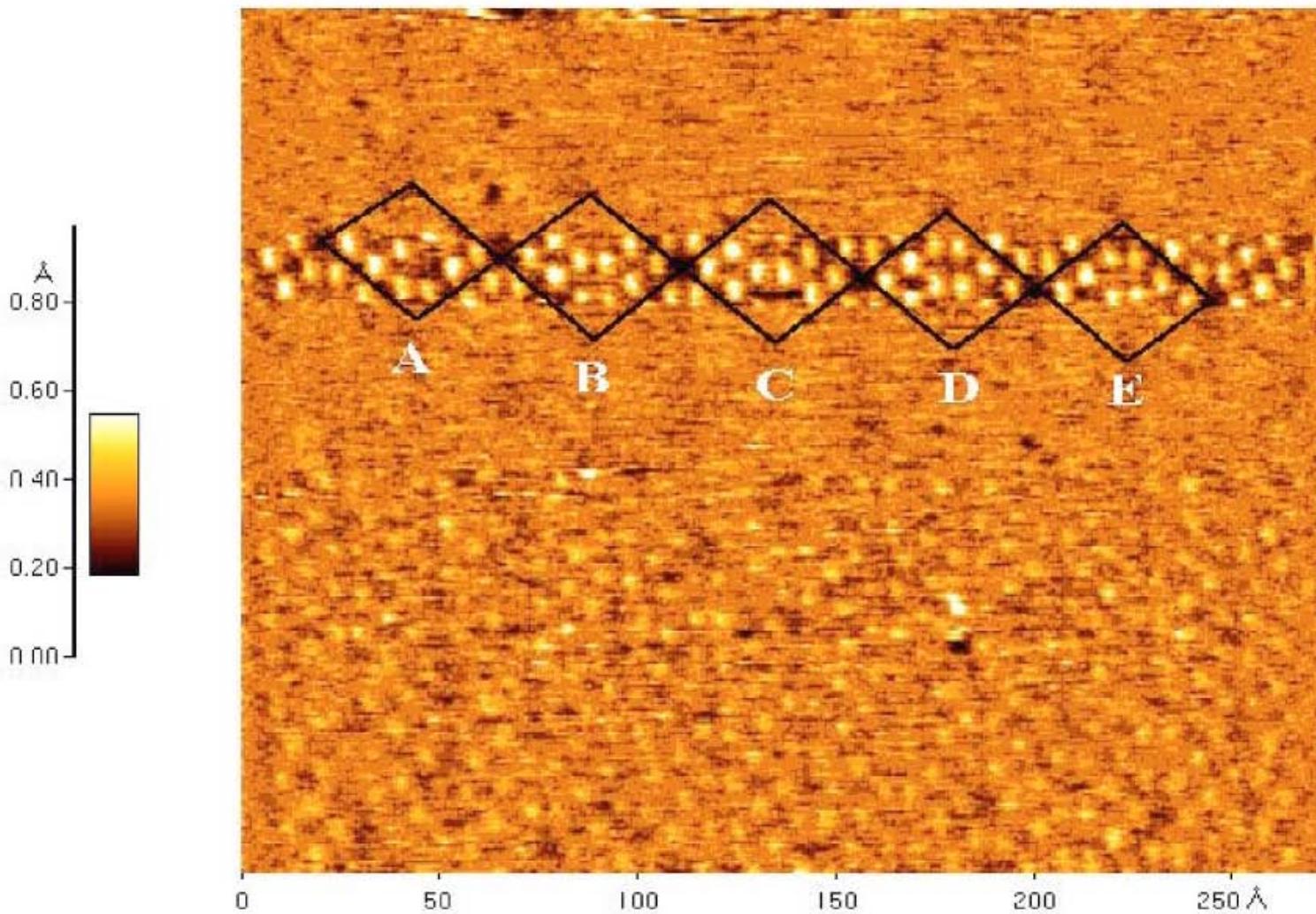
$k=60 \text{ N/m}$ ;  $f_o=16.4 \text{ kHz}$ ;  $Q=550$ ;  $A_o=0.8 \text{ nm}$

(not many reports! Why?)

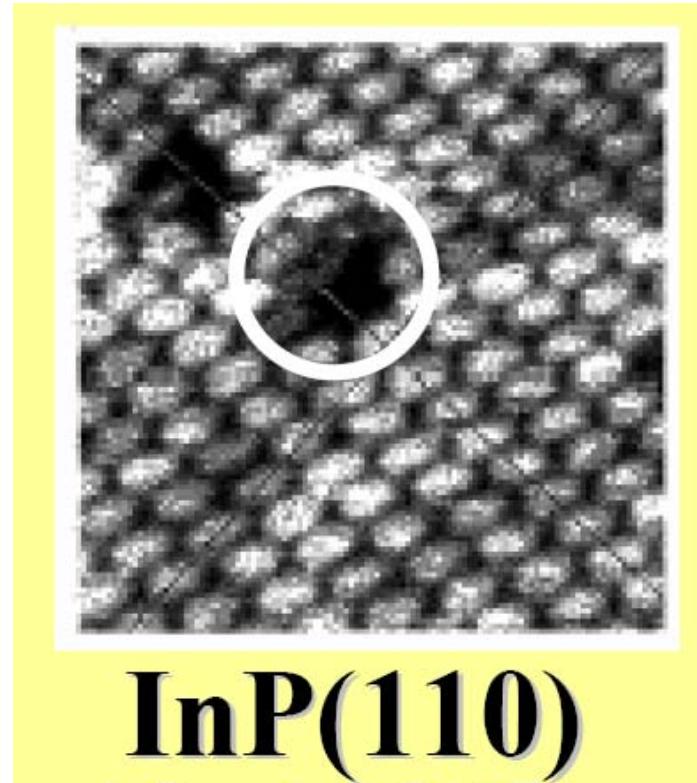
# Seeing atoms with FM-AFM (constant frequency)



# Atomically resolved FM-AFM Image of Si(111)-(7x7)



# Atomic Point Defects - FM-AFM



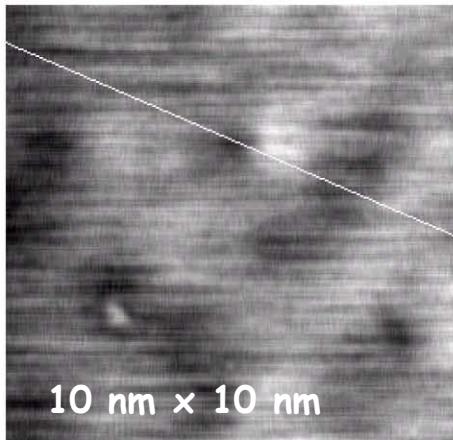
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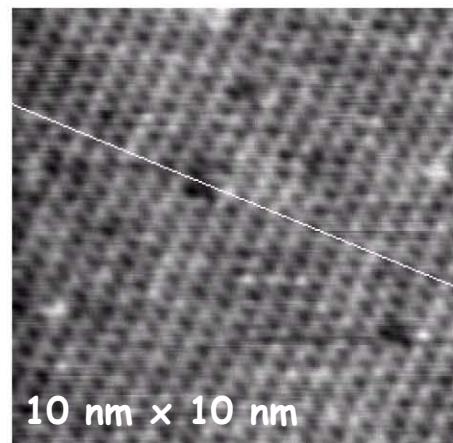
# Obtaining Atomic Resolution with FM-AFM

Cleaved p-doped-GaAs(001) in UHV

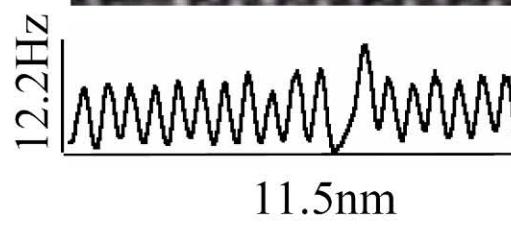
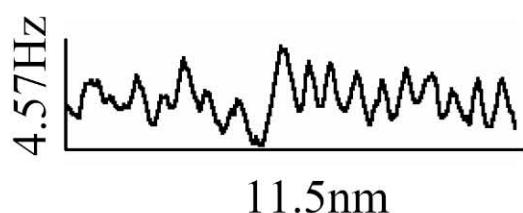
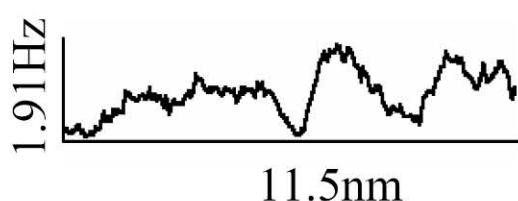
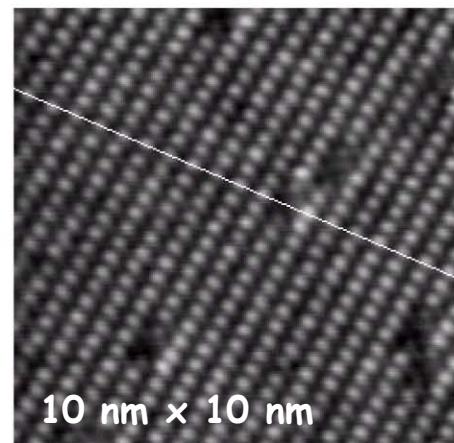
$d_{min}=0.4 \text{ nm}; \Delta f=-31 \text{ Hz}$



$d_{min}=0.1 \text{ nm}; \Delta f=-62 \text{ Hz}$

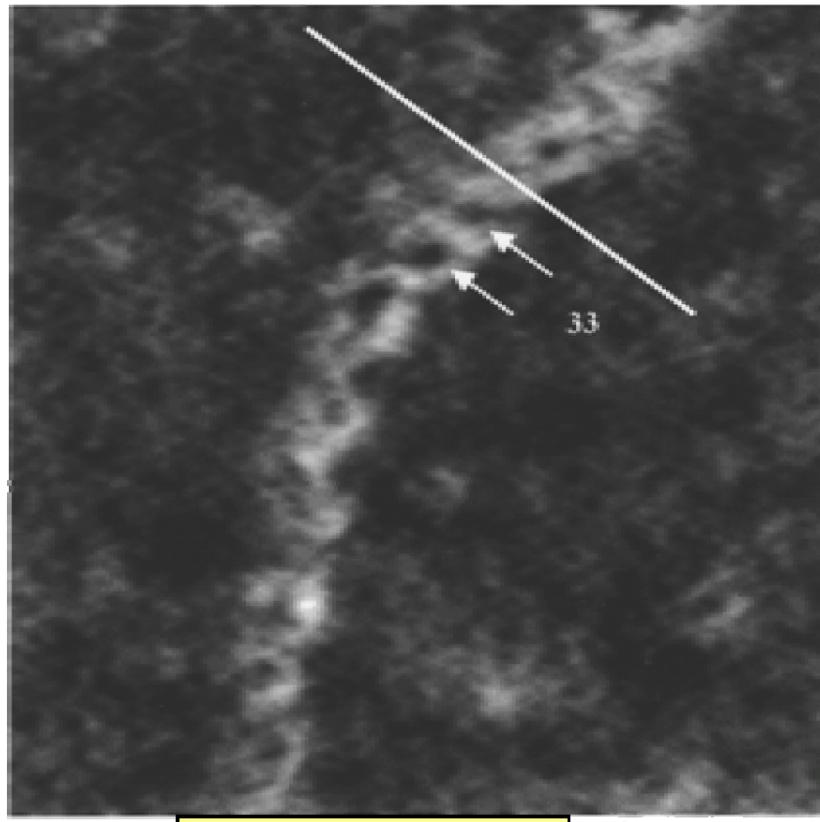


$d_{min}=0.08 \text{ nm}; \Delta f=-70 \text{ Hz}$



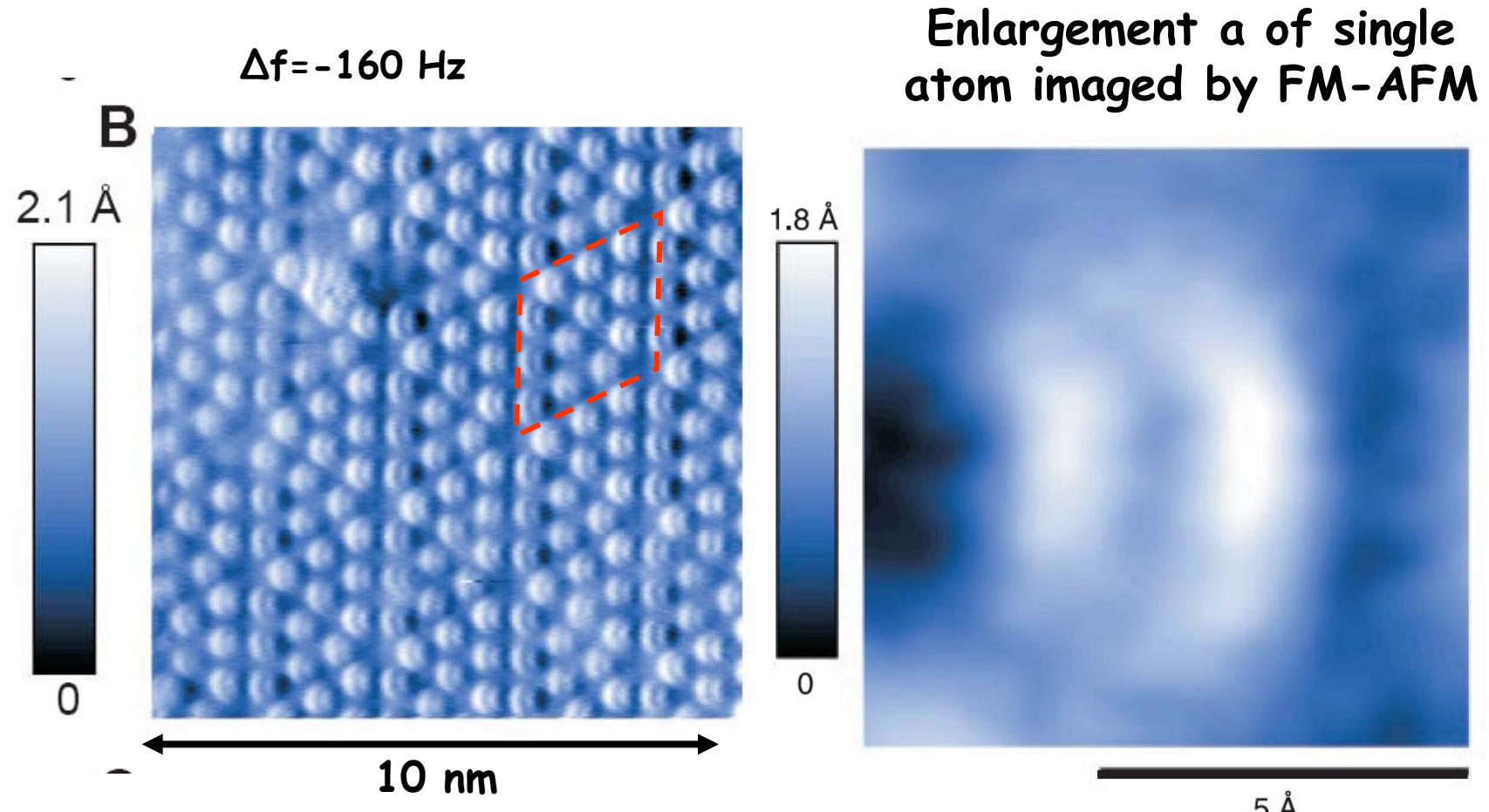
$k = 35 \text{ N/m}; f_o = 150 \text{ kHz}; A_o=9 \text{ nm}; Q=38,000$

# Imaging DNA with FM-AFM



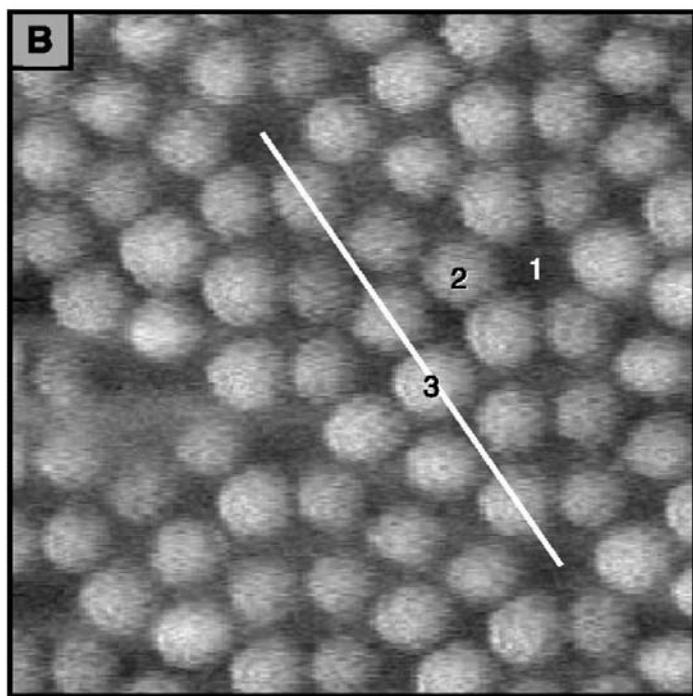
T. Uchihashi, M. Tanigawa, M. Ashino, Y. Sugawara, K. Yokoyama, S. Morita, and M. Ishikawa,  
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# Sub-atomic resolution?

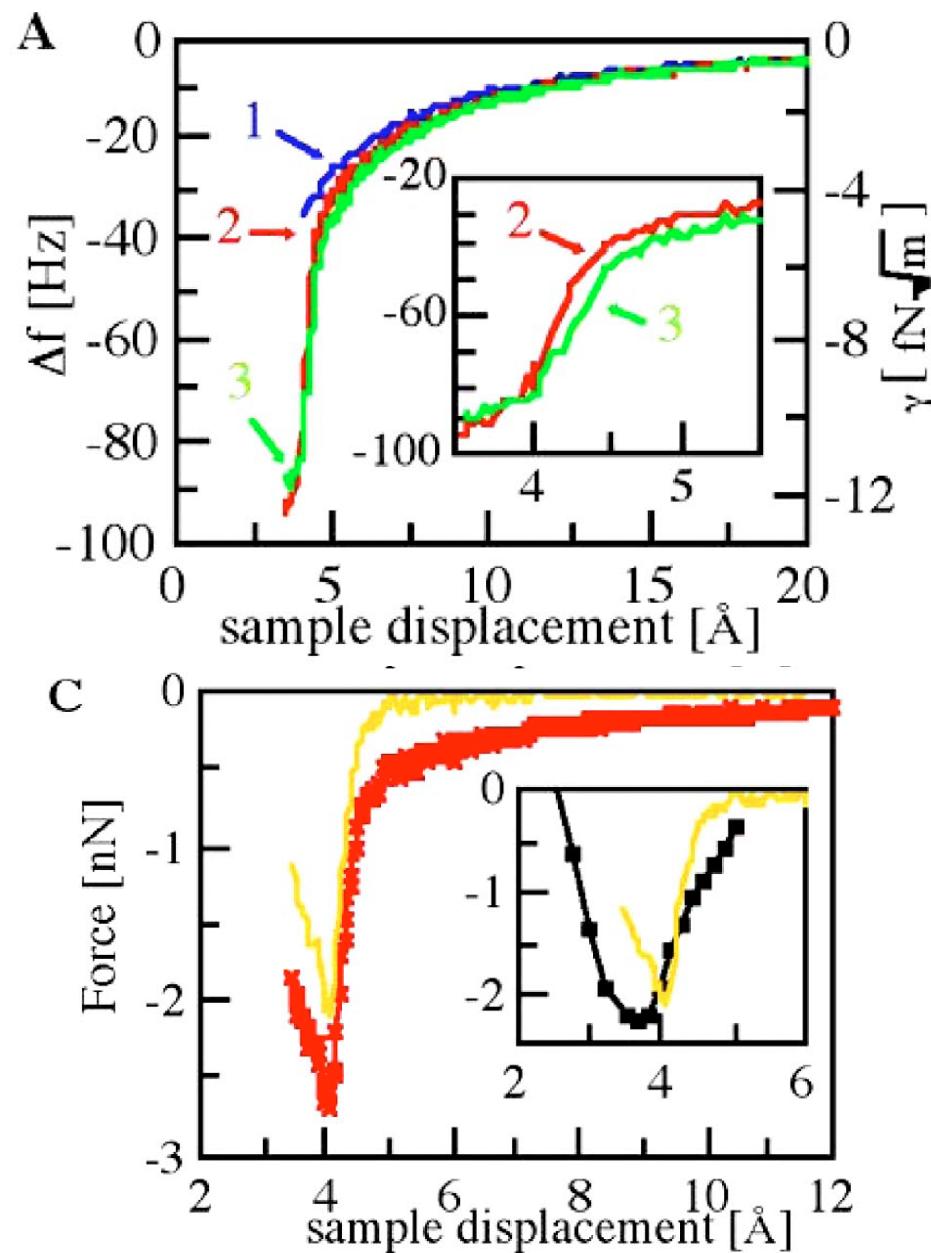


Crescents are interpreted as images of two atomic orbitals of the front atom of the tip

# Force Spectroscopy



**Si(111)-(7x7)**



# 2D Binary Alloys

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(1) Pure Appl. Chem., 73, No. 4, 667-683 (2001)  
Relative atomic mass is shown with five significant figures. For elements have no stable nuclides, the value enclosed in brackets indicates the mass number of the longest-lived isotope of the element.  
However three such elements (Th, Pa, and U) do have a characteristic terrestrial isotopic composition, and for these an atomic weight is tabulated.

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Intense interest because i) new surface structures and ii) possibility of tailoring the electronic properties of a surface

# Increasing Sn coverage on Si(111) substrate

# Sn - 1/6 ML

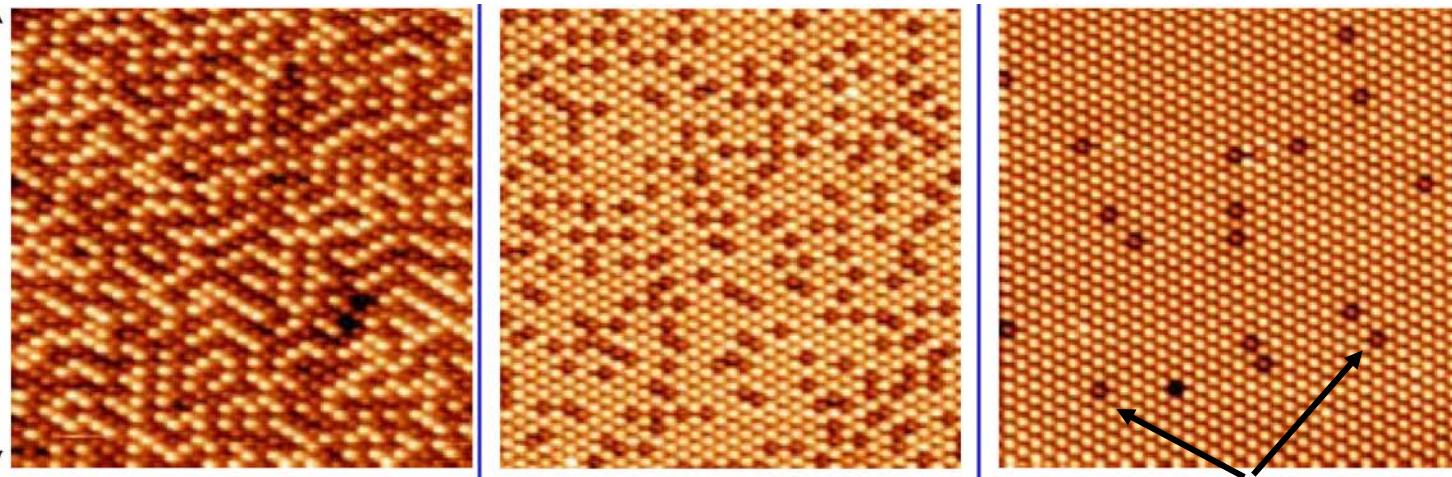
Sn - 1/4 ML

Sn - 1/3 ML

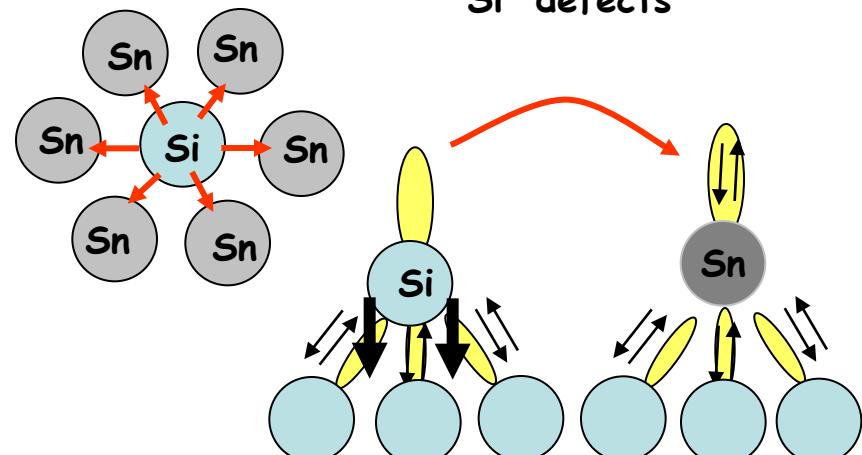
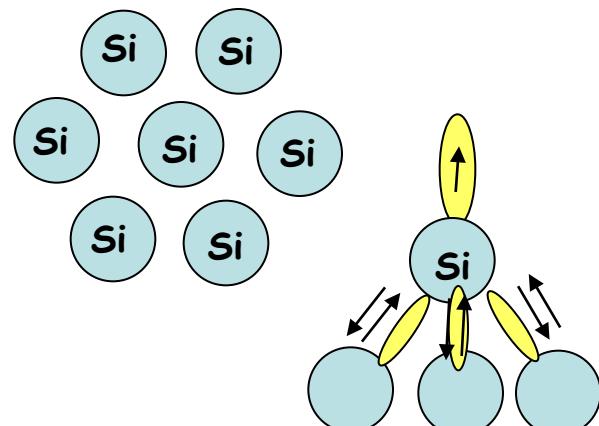
**50% Sn; 50% Si**

**75% Sn; 25% Si**

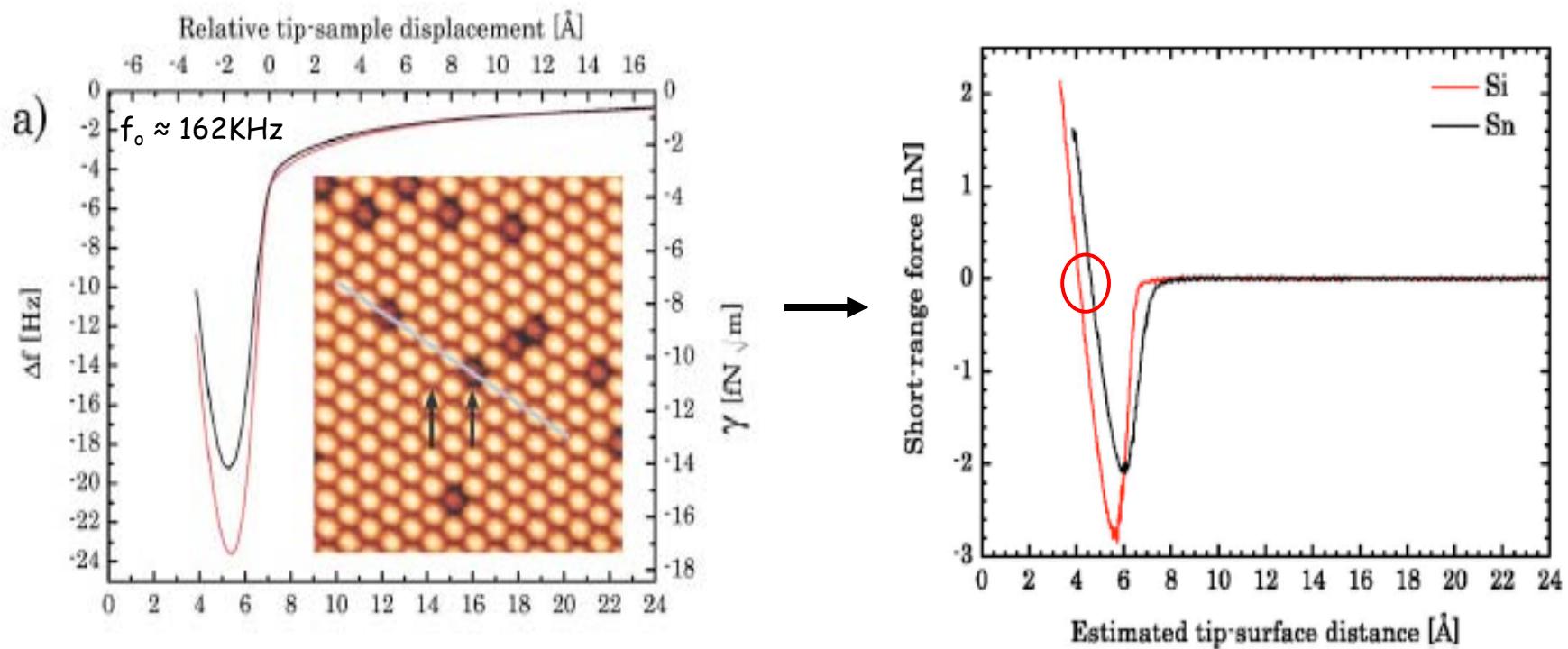
**99% Sn; 1% Si**



20 nm x 20 nm; 1ML on Si(111)= $7.84 \times 10^{14}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>

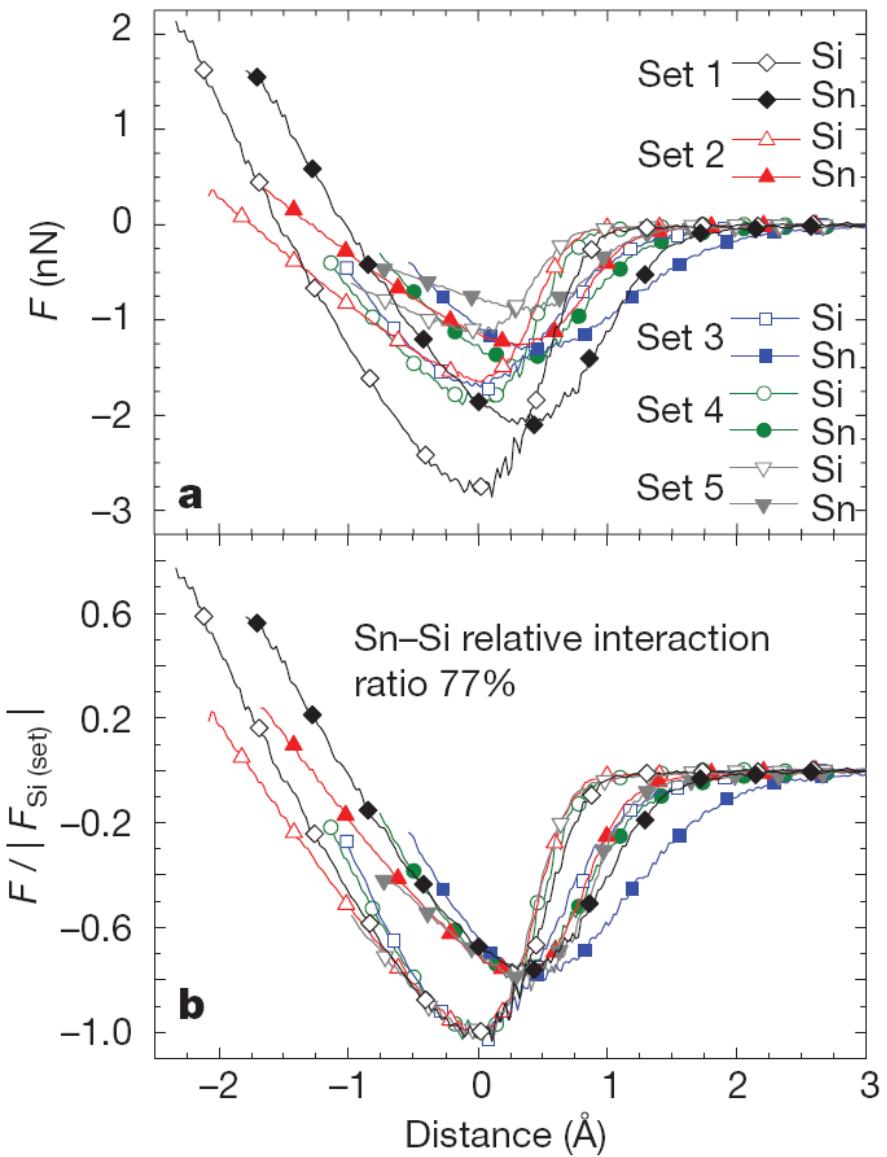


# Measuring the Interaction Force

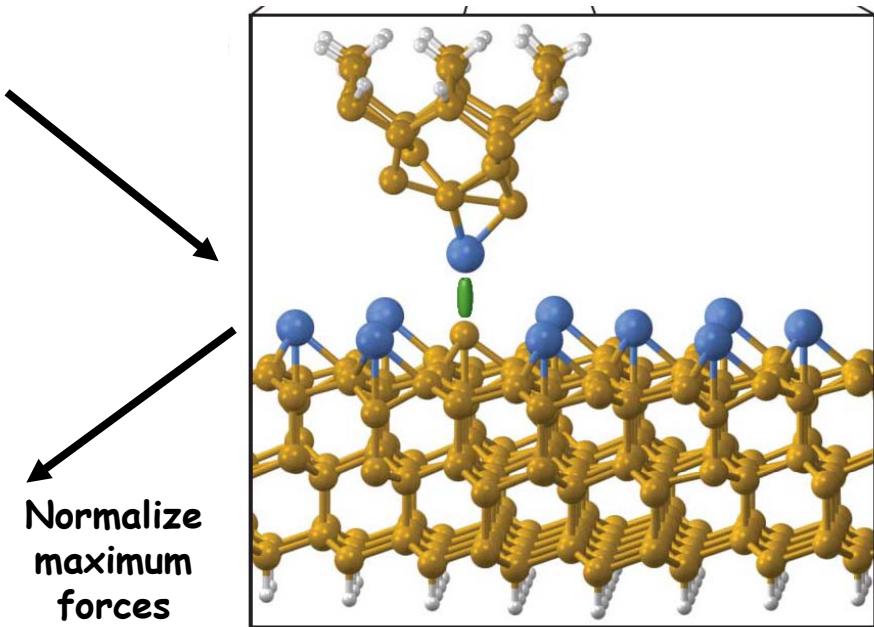


# Atomic Fingerprints

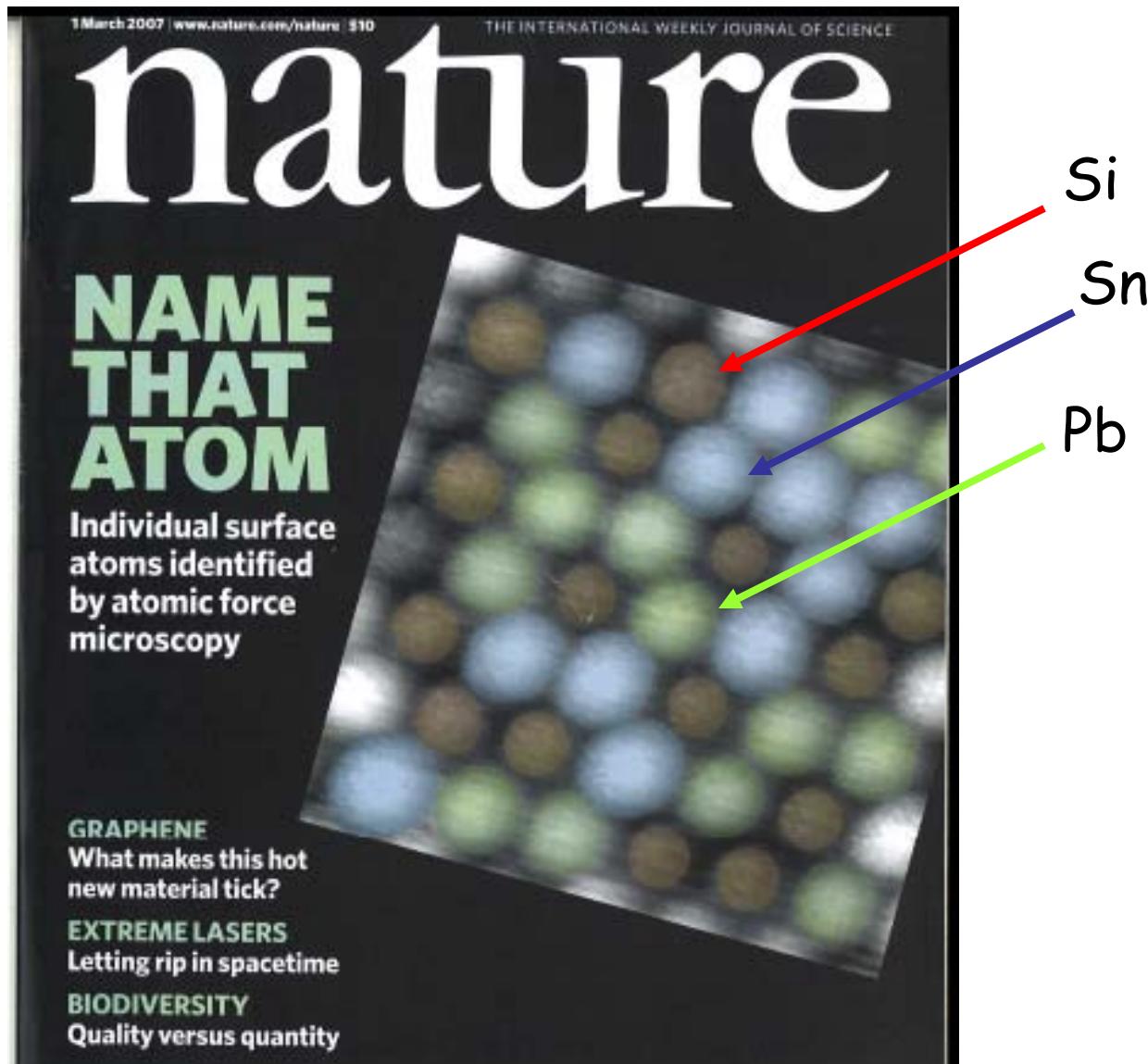
## Tip-to-tip variability



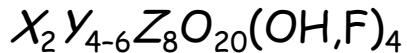
Precise tip structure?



# Chemical Identification



# Mica Crystallographic Structure

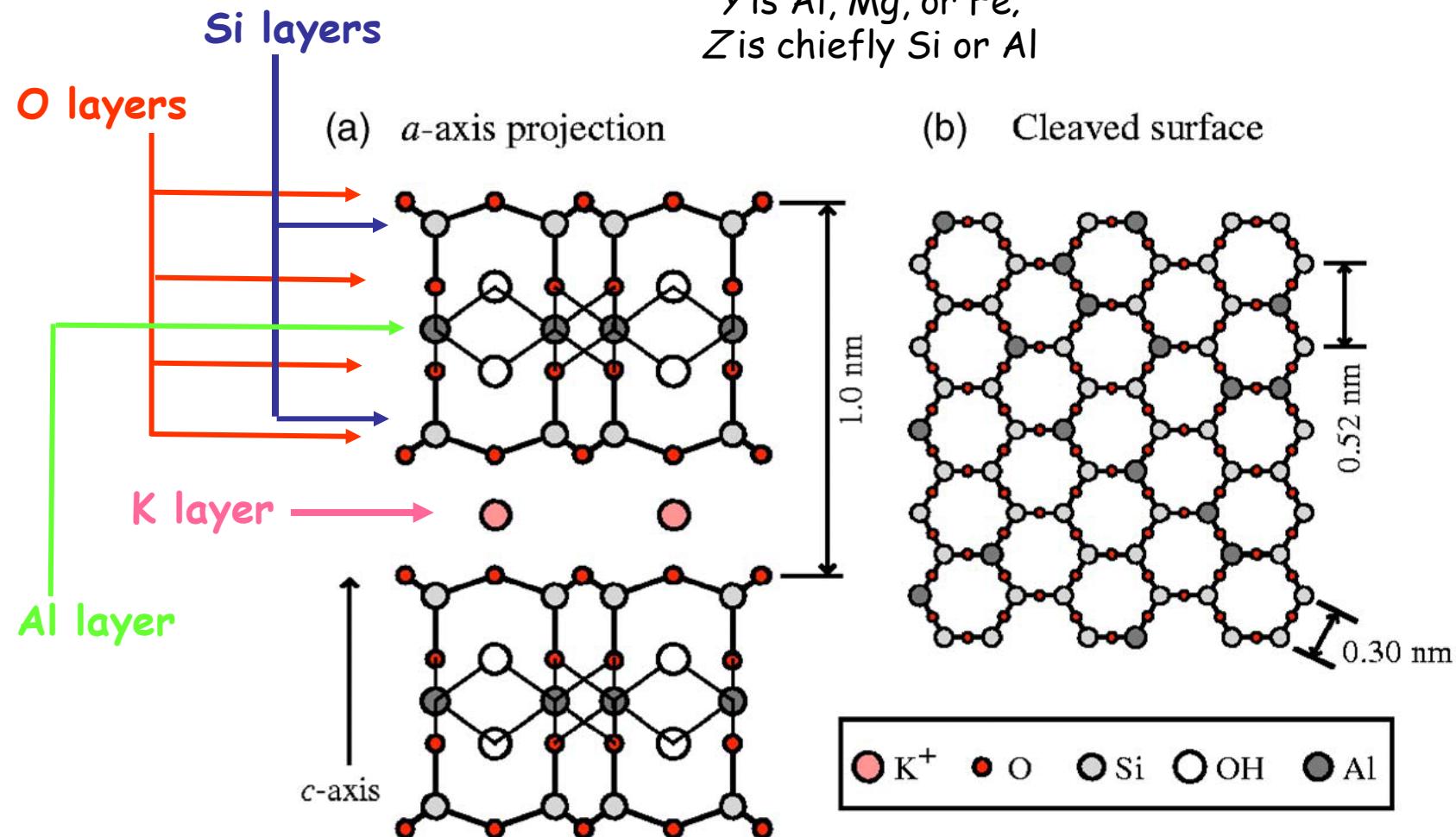


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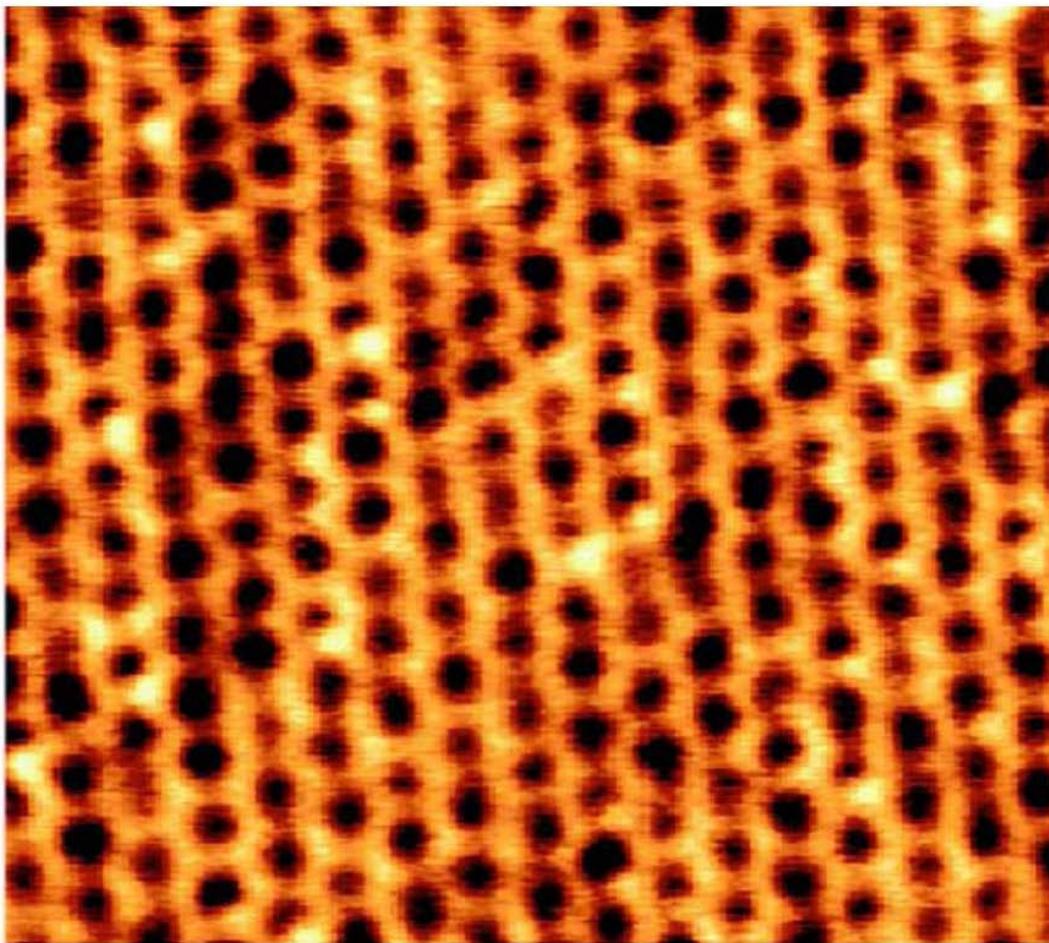
$X$  is K, Na, or Ca;

$Y$  is Al, Mg, or Fe;

$Z$  is chiefly Si or Al



# Mica under Water



$A_o = 0.16\text{-}0.33 \text{ nm}$

Vertical resolution 2-6 pm

Lateral resolution 300 pm

$Q = 20\text{-}30$