



# КІЇВСЬКИЙ АКАДЕМІЧНИЙ УНІВЕРСИТЕТ

*Курс:*

Фізичні методи дослідження матеріалів

*Тема:*

Квантове тунелювання та тунельна спектроскопія:  
FT-STS

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# Spectroscopic Techniques

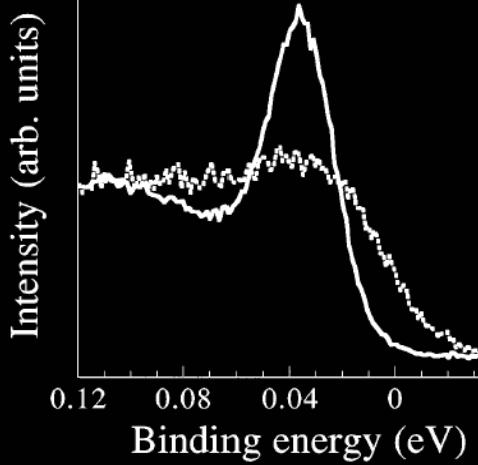
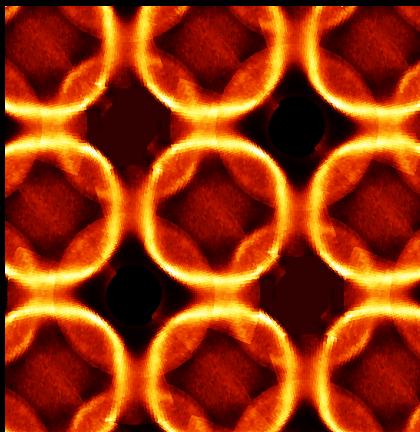
In \ Out	$h\nu$	<i>electrons</i>	$A$
$h\nu$	<b>XD, IR, Raman</b>	<b>ARPES, XPS...</b>	<b>LA</b>
$e$	<b>IPS, EDX (SEM)</b>	<b>SEM, LEED, EELS</b>	<b>ESD</b>
$A$	<b>BLE</b>	<b>IAES</b>	<b>RBS, SIMS</b>
$T$			<b>TDS</b>
$E$		<b>STM/STS, FEM</b>	<b>FIM</b>

$n-n$ : ND, INS

$\mu-e^+$ :  $\mu$ SR

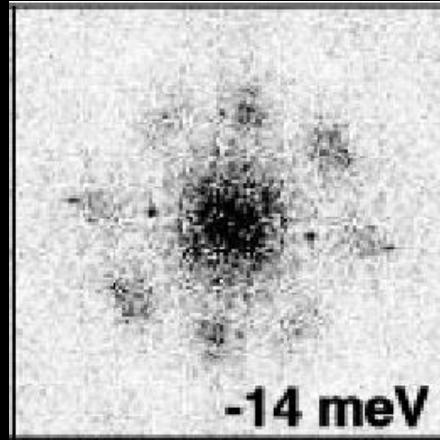
# ARPES

Angle Resolved Photo-emission Spectroscopy



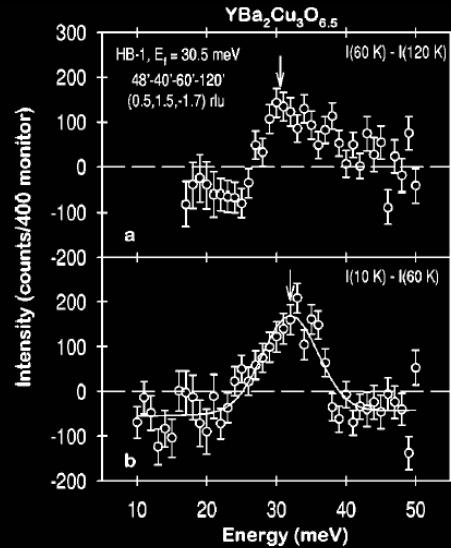
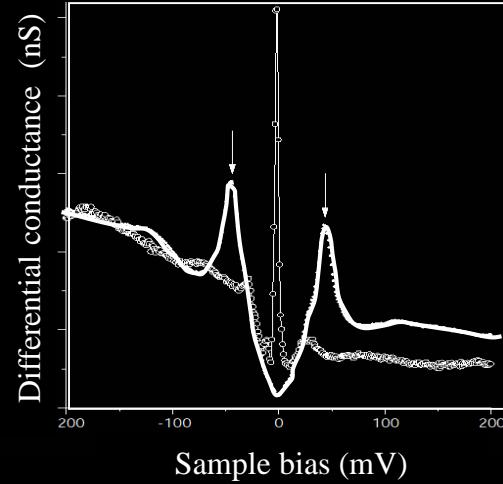
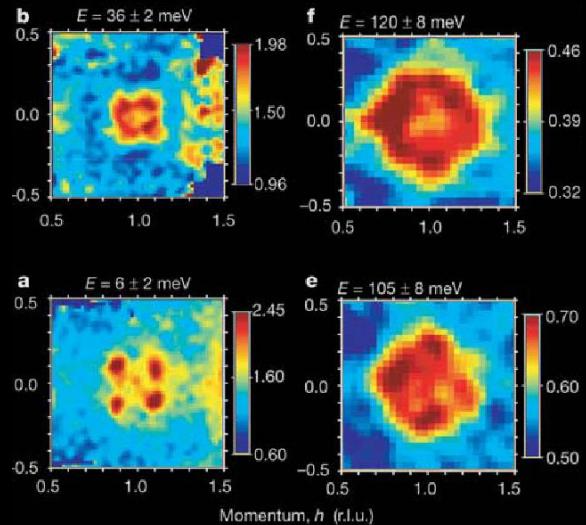
# STS

Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy

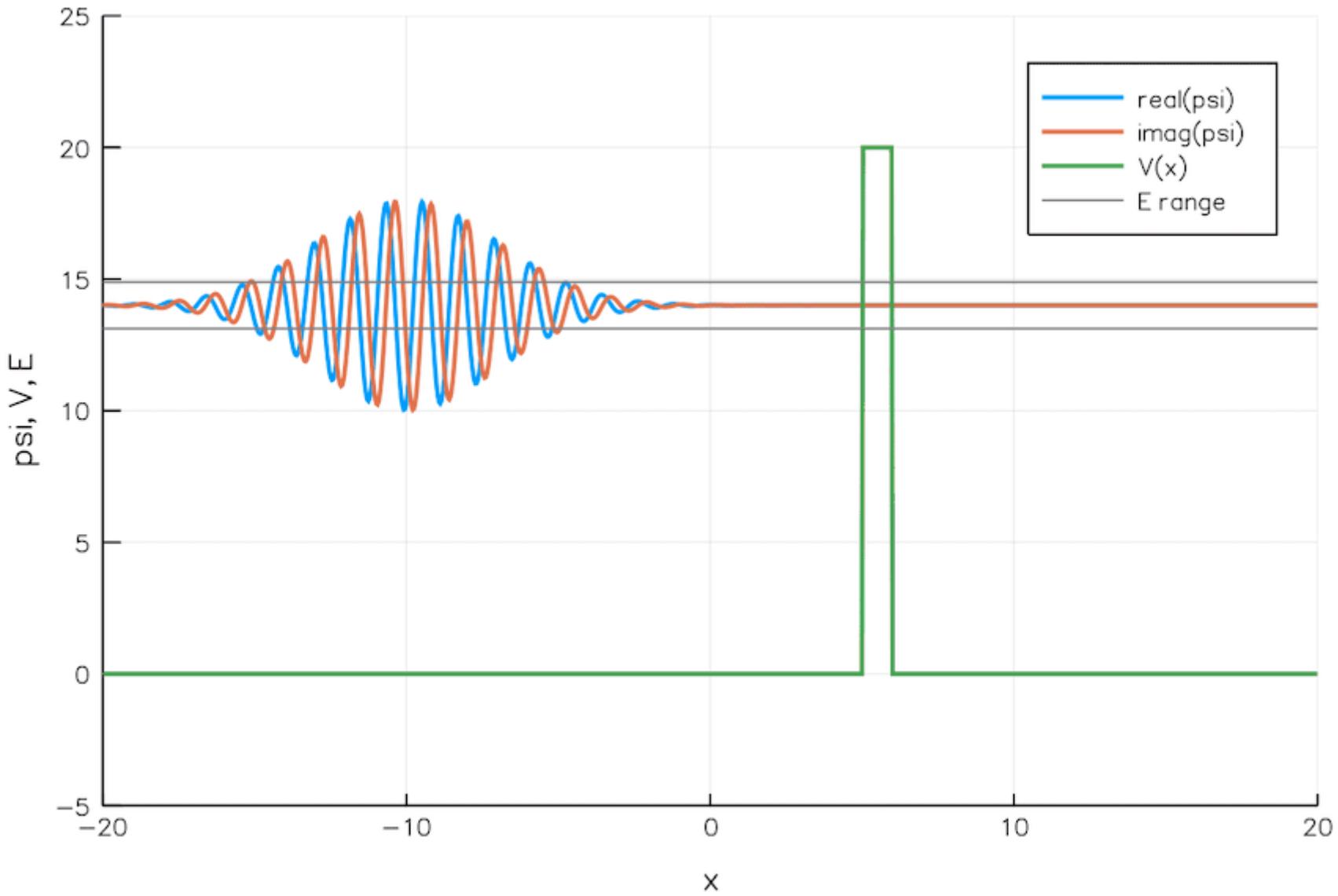


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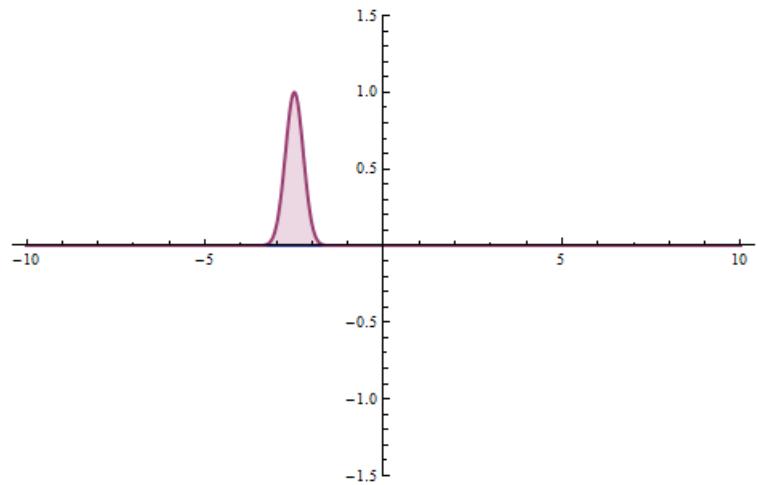
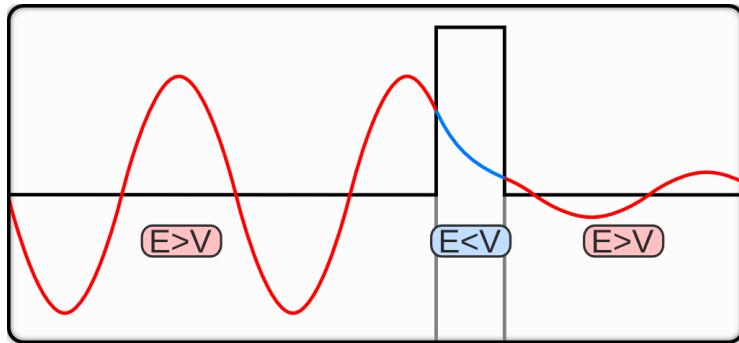
Inelastic Neutron Scattering



# Quantum tunnelling



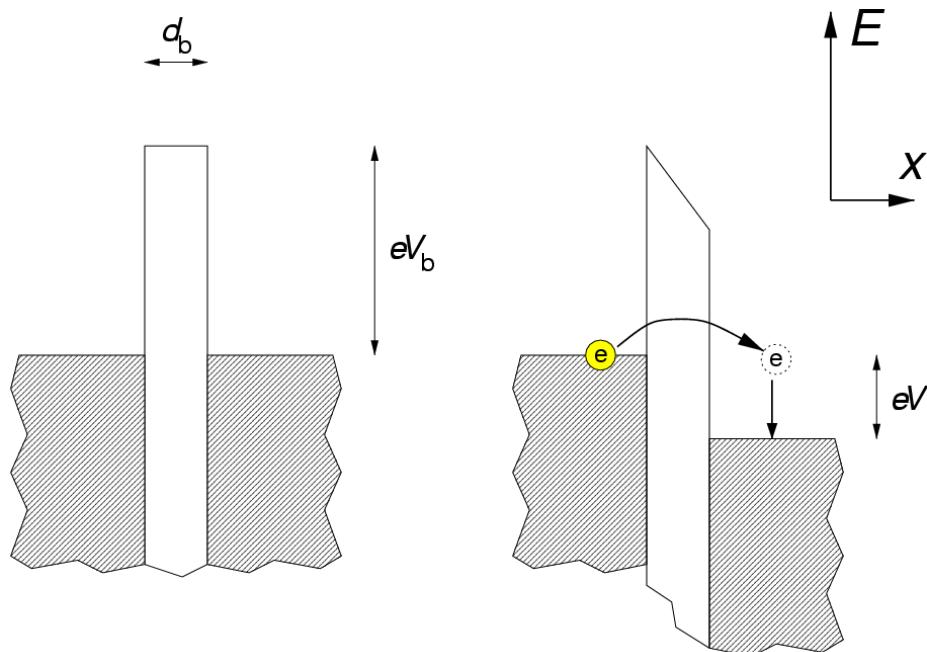
# Quantum tunnelling



$$T(E) = e^{-2 \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [V(x) - E]}} = e^{-2 \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V_0 - E)} (x_2 - x_1)}$$

- Nuclear fusion
- Tunnel diode
- Scanning tunneling microscopy (STM)
- Quantum computing

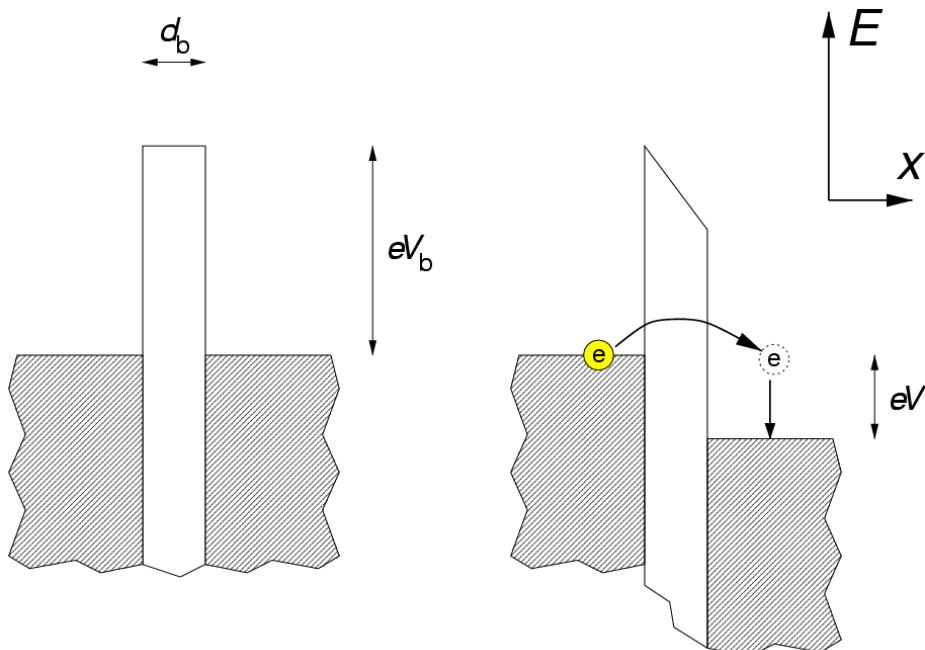
# Tunnel junction



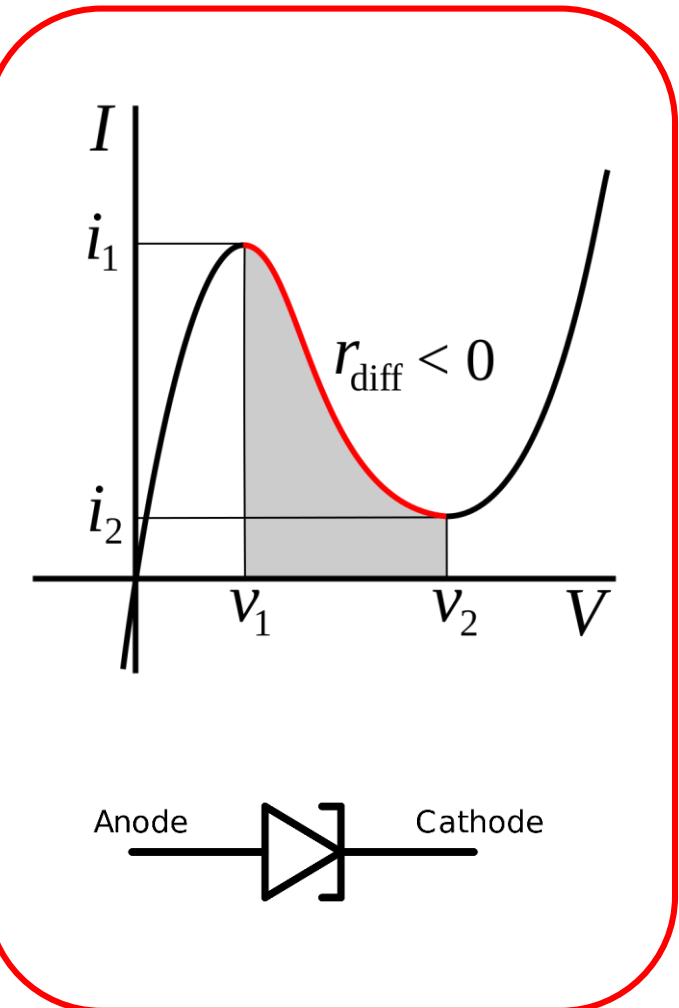
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- Multijunction photovoltaic cell
- Tunnel diode
- Magnetic tunnel junction
- Superconducting tunnel junction
- Scanning tunneling microscope

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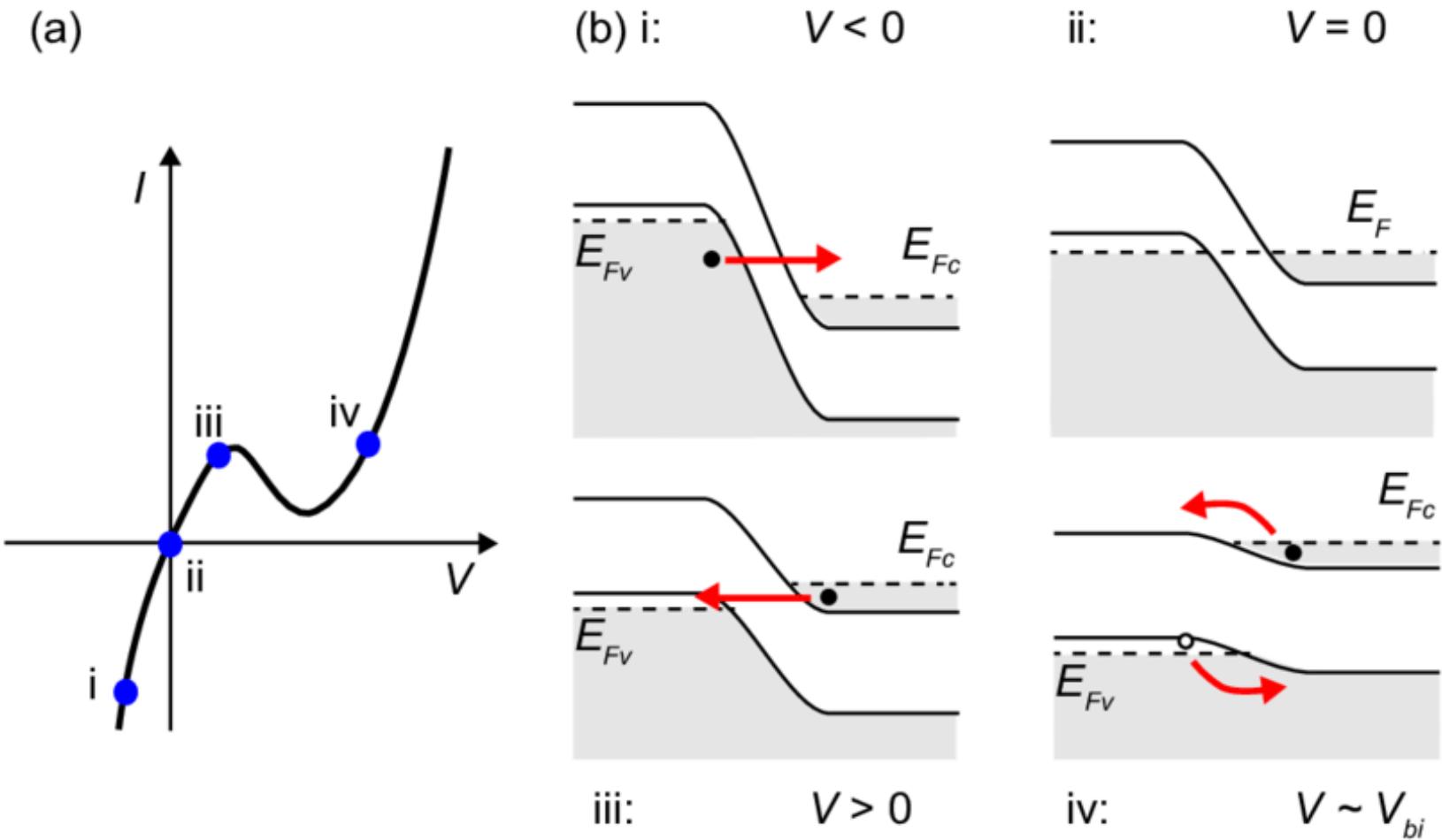


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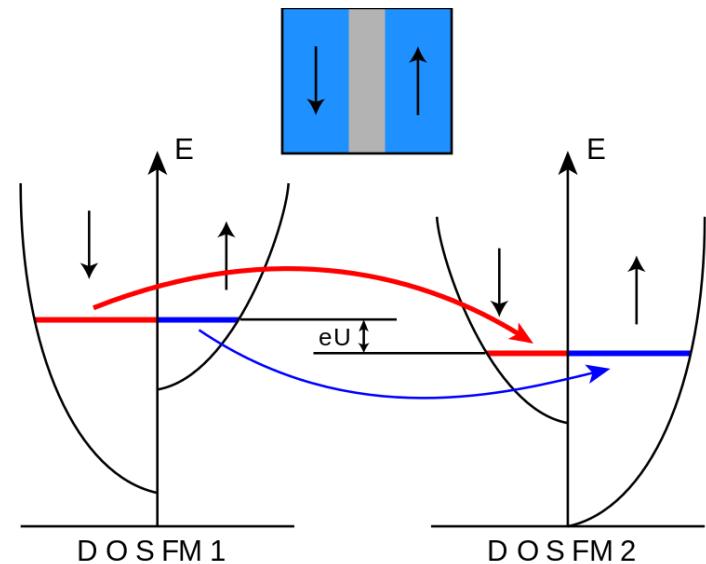
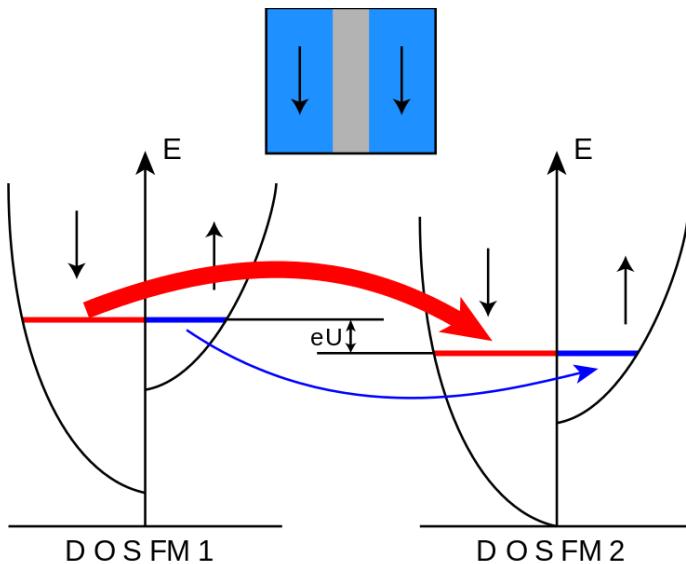


- Multijunction photovoltaic cell
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# Tunnel diode



# Tunnel magnetoresistance



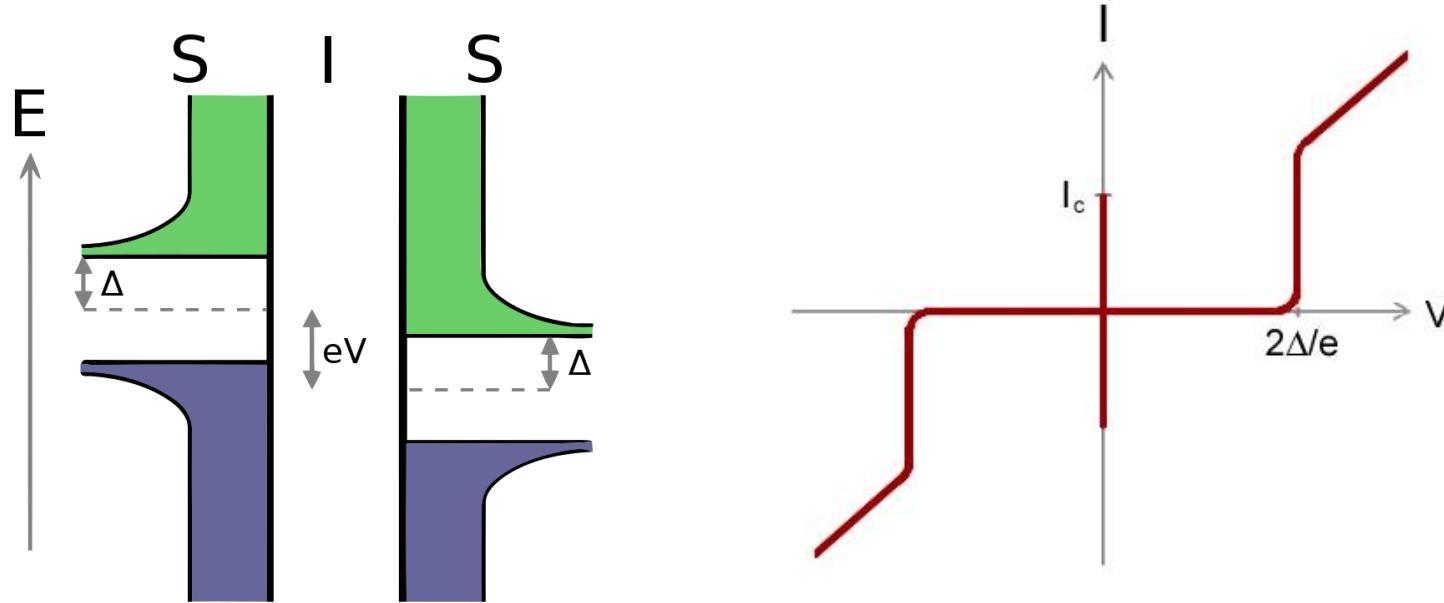
$$\text{TMR} := \frac{R_{\text{ap}} - R_{\text{p}}}{R_{\text{p}}}$$

$$P = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\uparrow}(E_F) - \mathcal{D}_{\downarrow}(E_F)}{\mathcal{D}_{\uparrow}(E_F) + \mathcal{D}_{\downarrow}(E_F)}$$

$$\text{TMR} = \frac{2P_1 P_2}{1 - P_1 P_2}$$

where  $R_{\text{ap}}$  is the electrical resistance in the anti-parallel state, whereas  $R_{\text{p}}$  is the resistance in the parallel state.  $P$  is calculated from the spin dependent density of states (DOS)  $\mathcal{D}$  at the Fermi energy

# Superconducting tunnel junction



## Applications

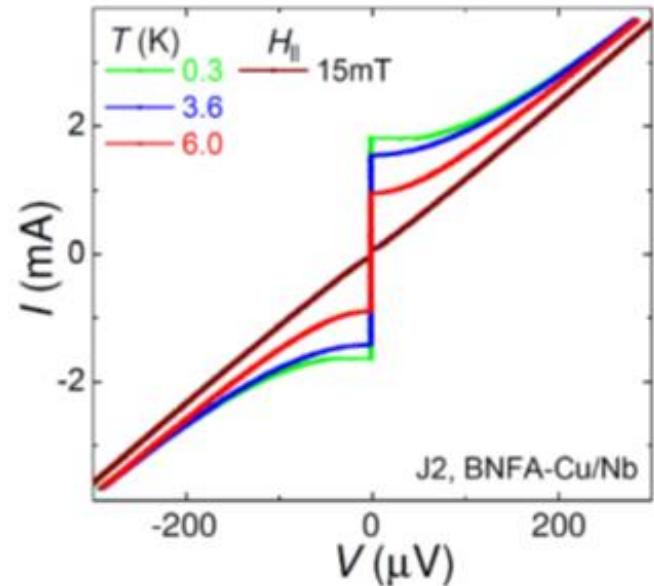
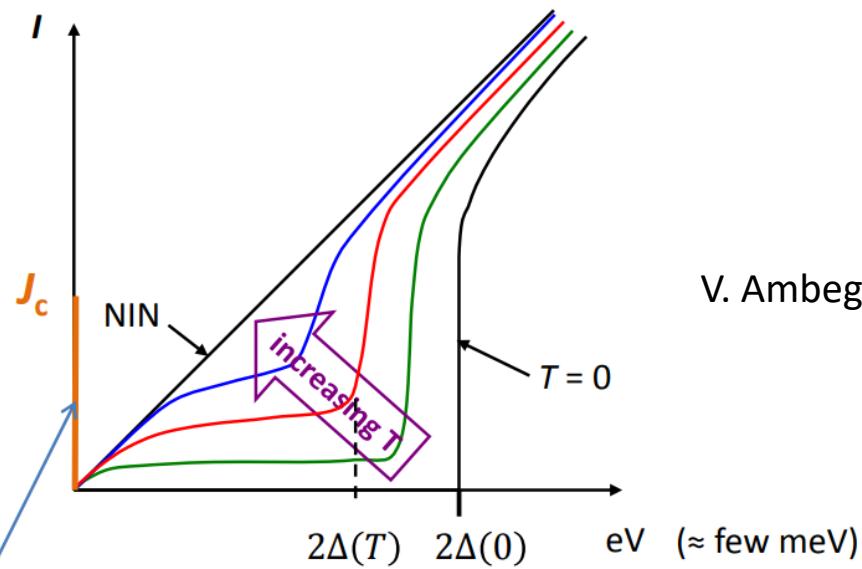
- **Radio astronomy:** photon-assisted tunneling -> the most sensitive heterodyne
- **Single-photon detection:** photon breaks Cooper pairs creating quasiparticles
- **SQUIDs**
- Superconducting quantum computing
- RSFQ
- Josephson voltage standard

# Superconducting tunnel junction

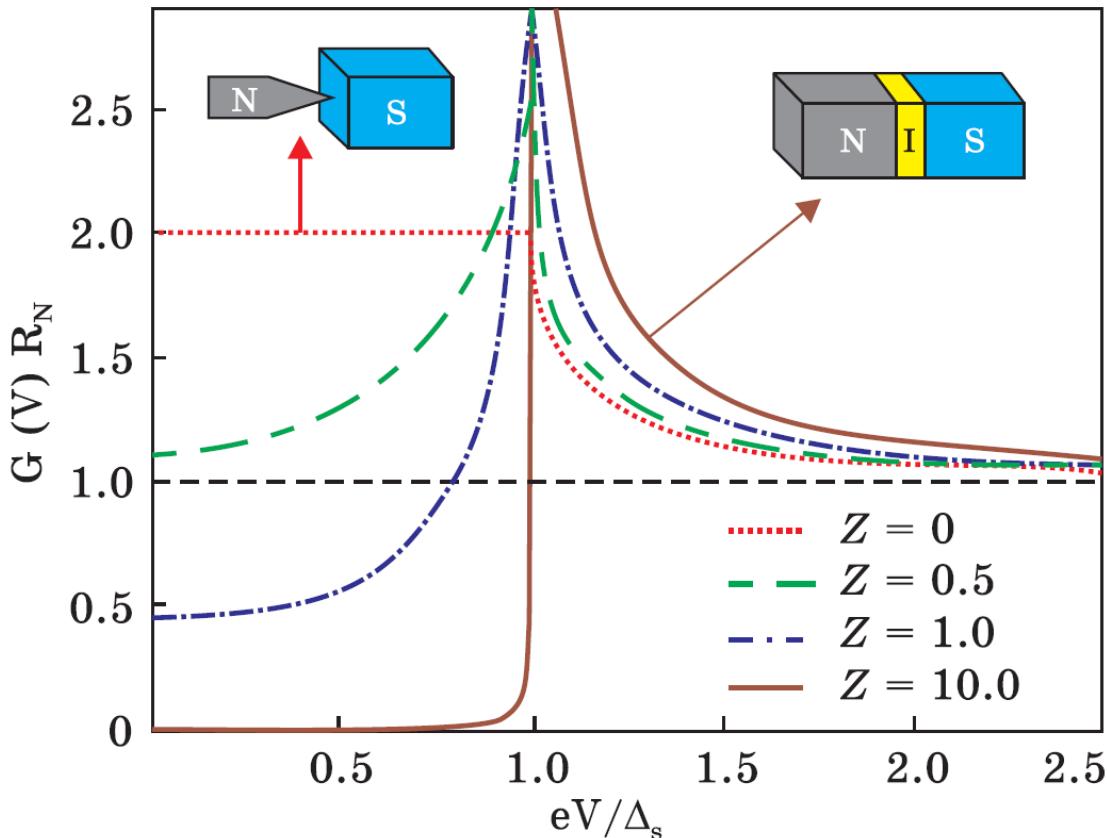
Ambegaokar-Baratoff relation:

$$I_c R_n = \frac{\pi}{2e} \Delta(T) \cdot \tanh\left(\frac{\Delta(T)}{2k_B T}\right)$$

V. Ambegaokar, A. Baratoff, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **10**, 486 (1963)



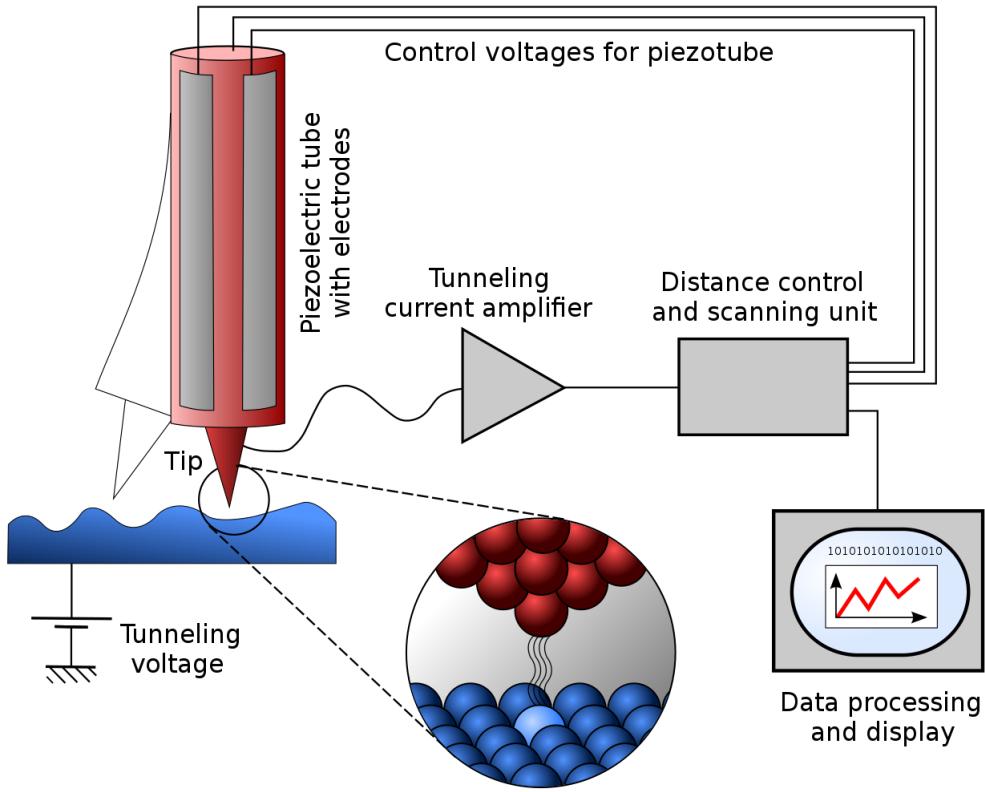
# Superconducting tunnel junction



Differential conductance vs voltage for zero-temperature coherent quantum transport across a one-dimensional N/B/S-trilayer with various barrier transparencies [S. Volkov et al., Appl. Nanosci. (2021)]

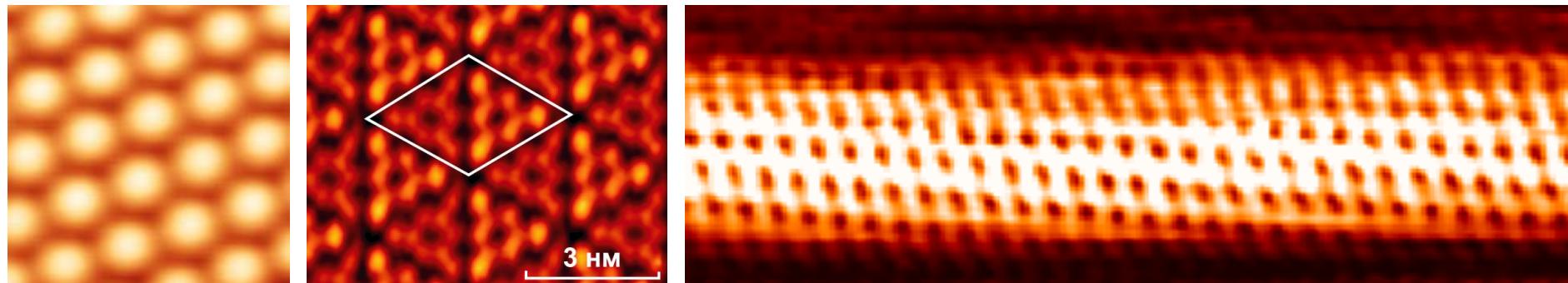
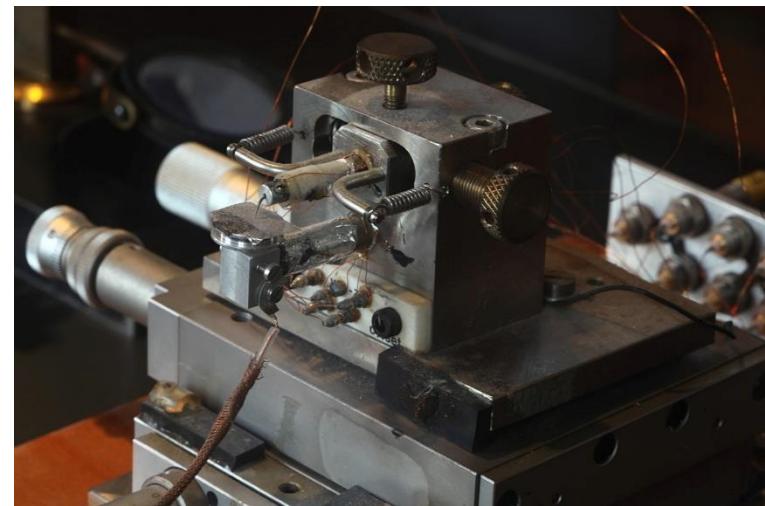
$Z$  determines probability of electron transmission  $D = 1/(1 + Z^2)$   
and reflection  $R = 1 - D = Z^2/(1 + Z^2)$

# Scanning tunneling microscope (STM)

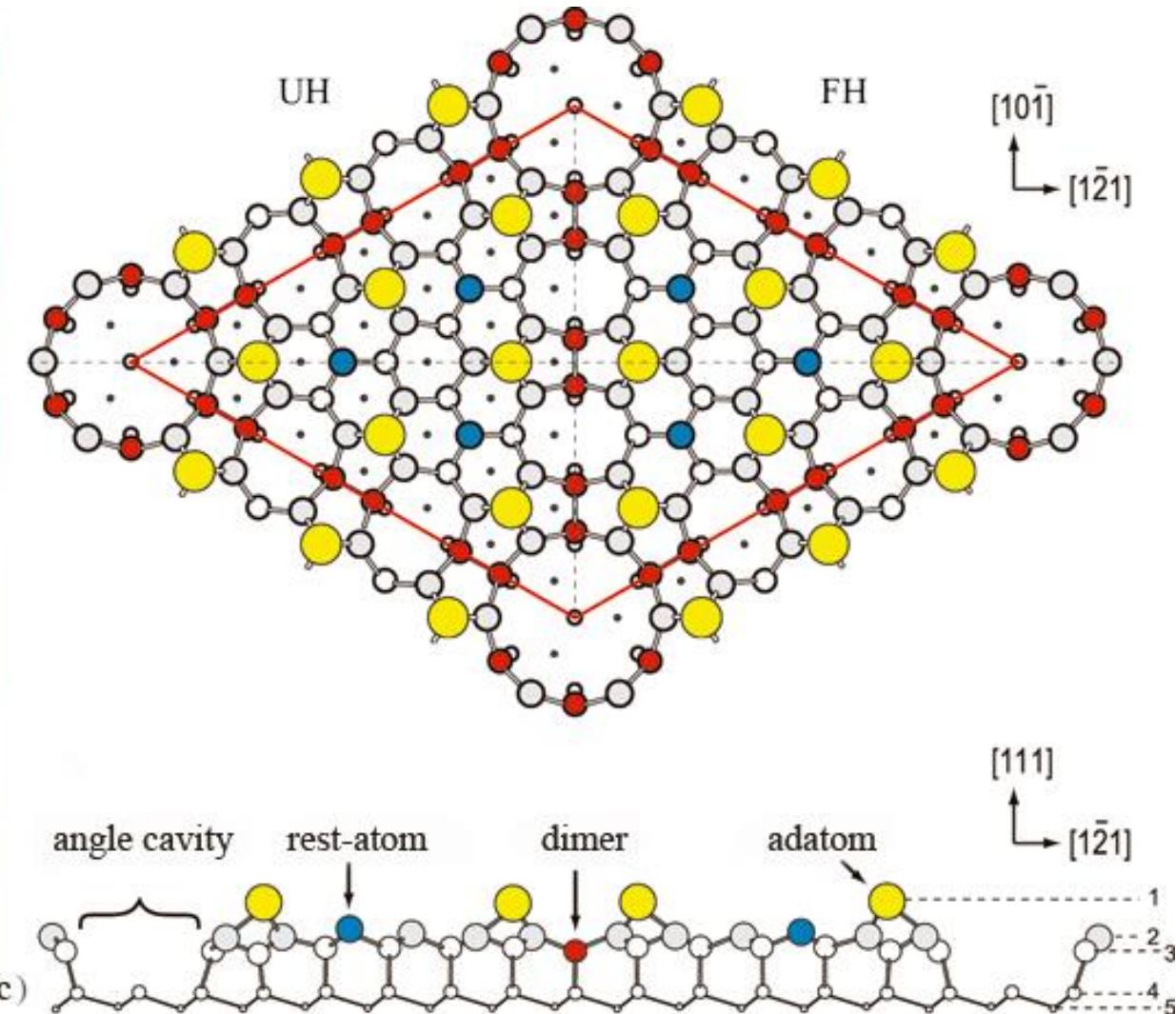
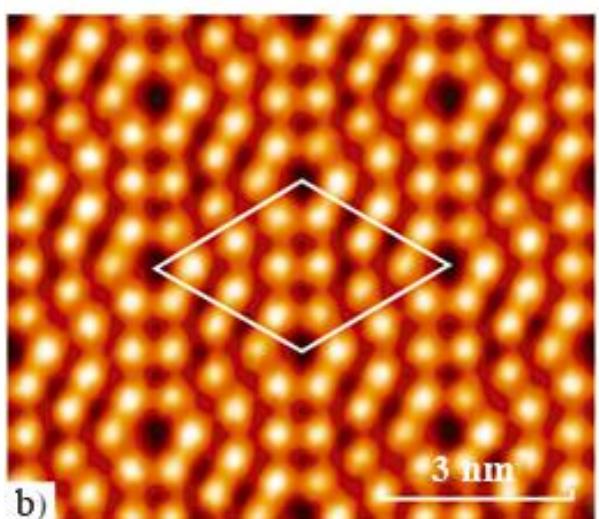
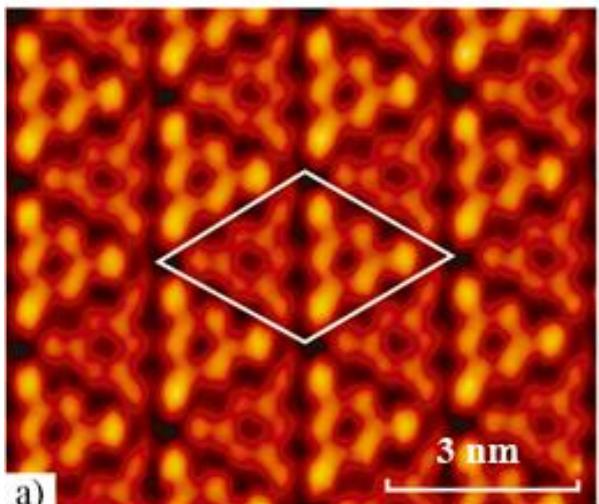


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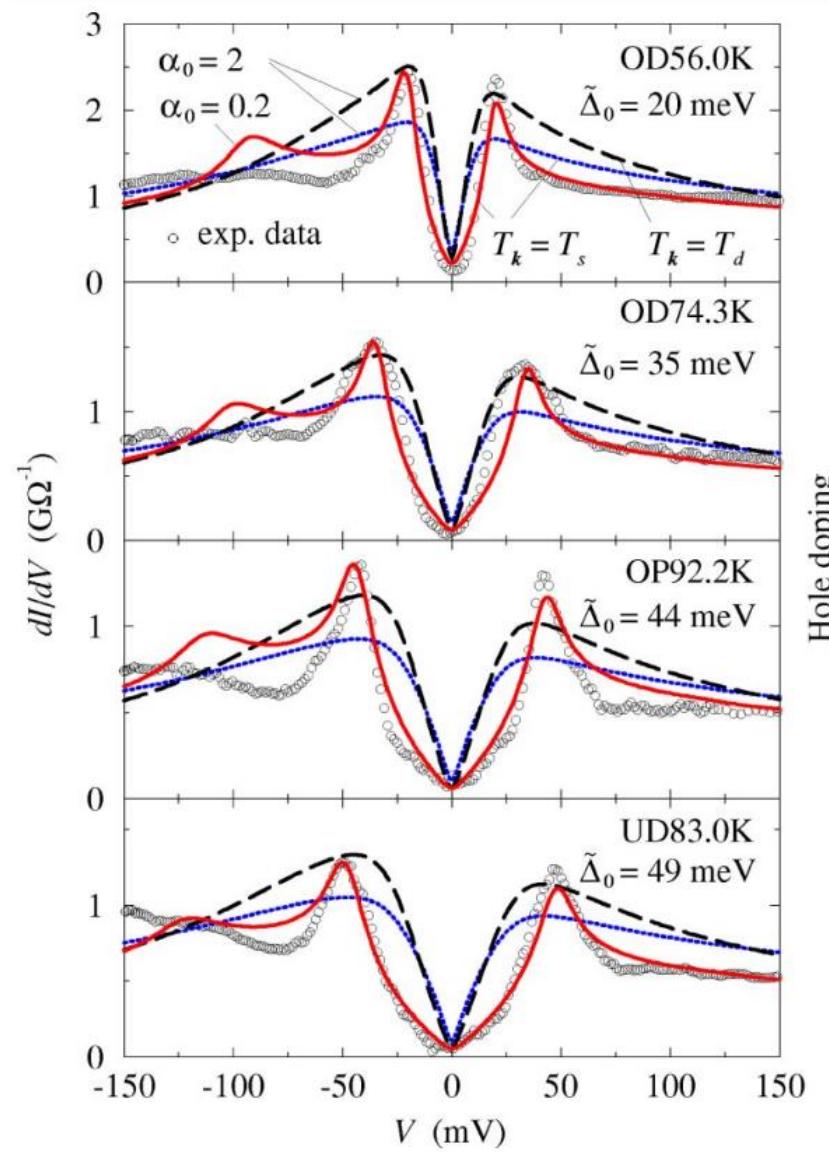
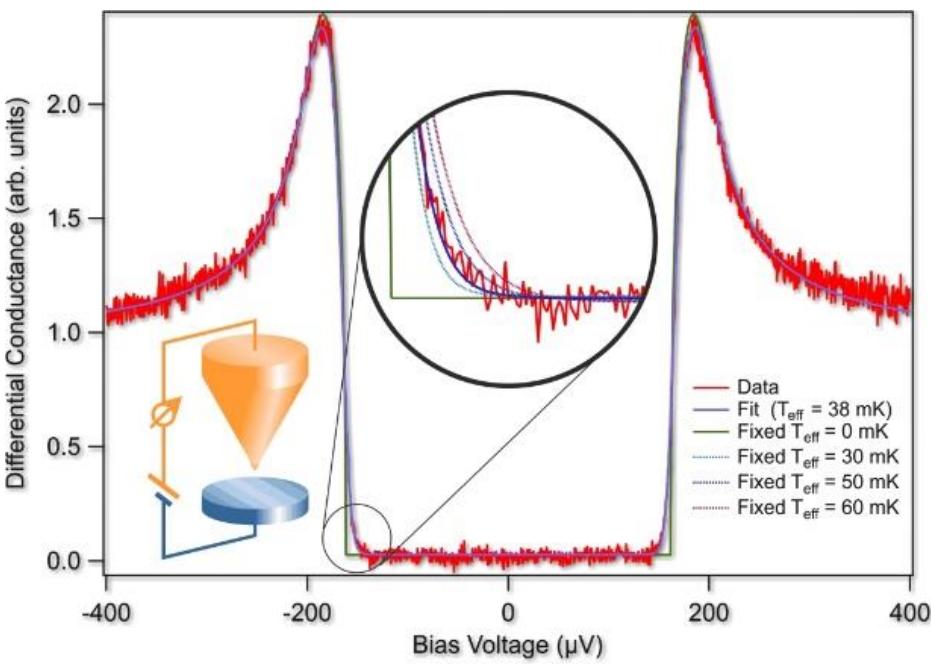
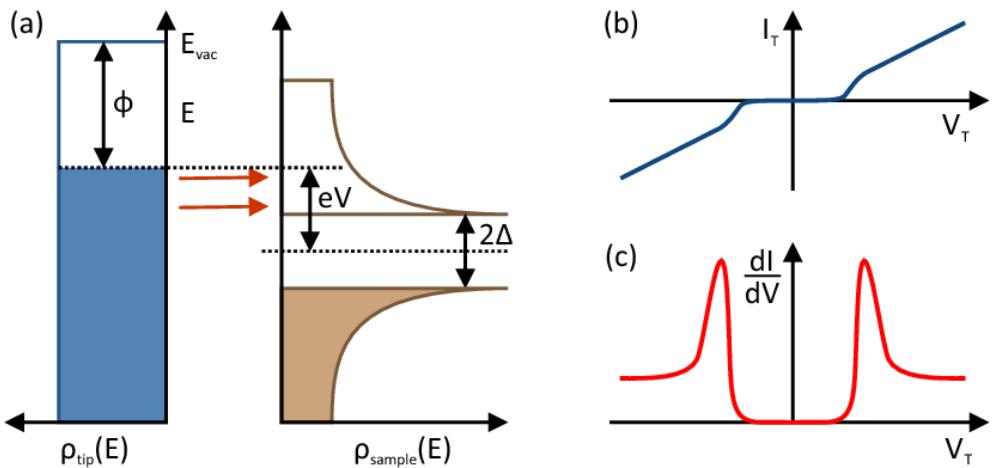
Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer  
(IBM Zürich),  
Nobel Prize in Physics in 1986



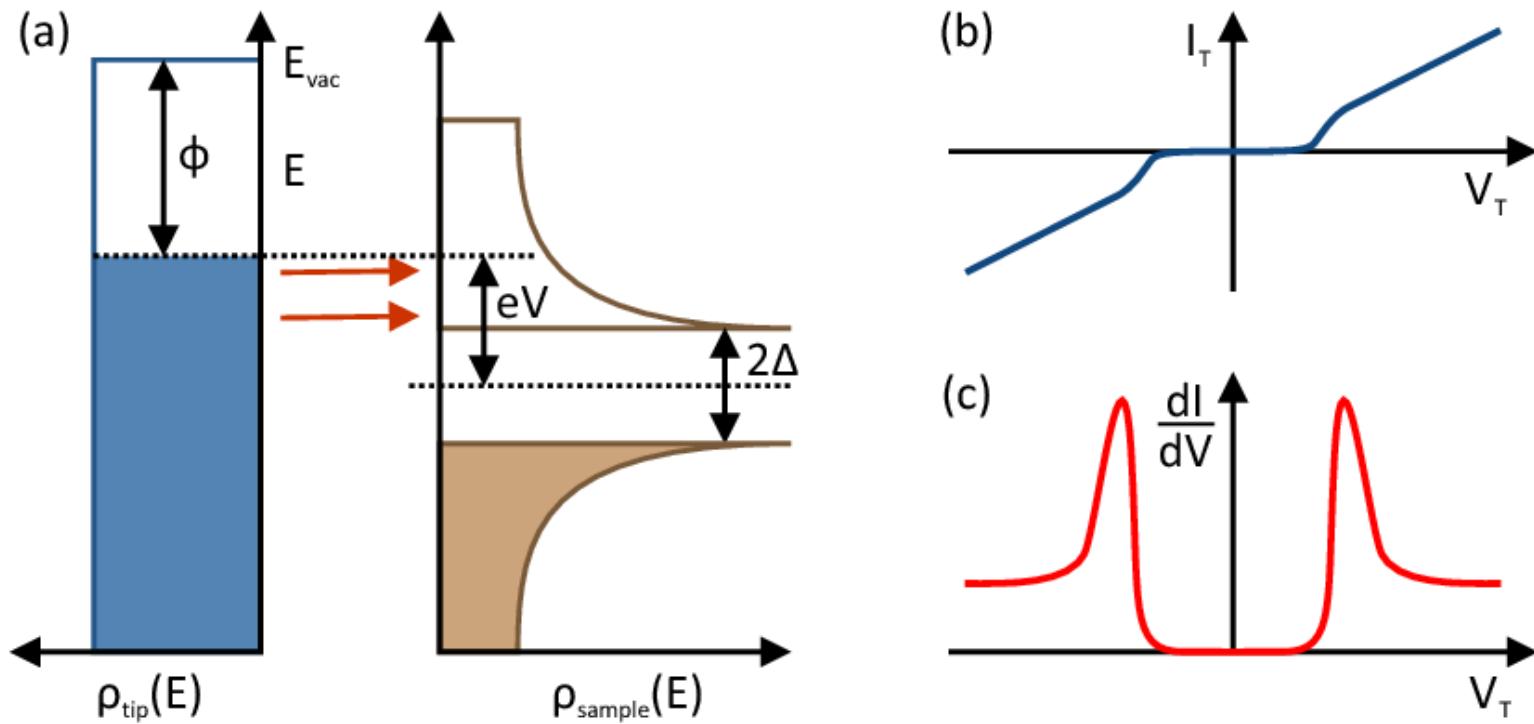
# Si(111) 7x7 superstructure



# Scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS)

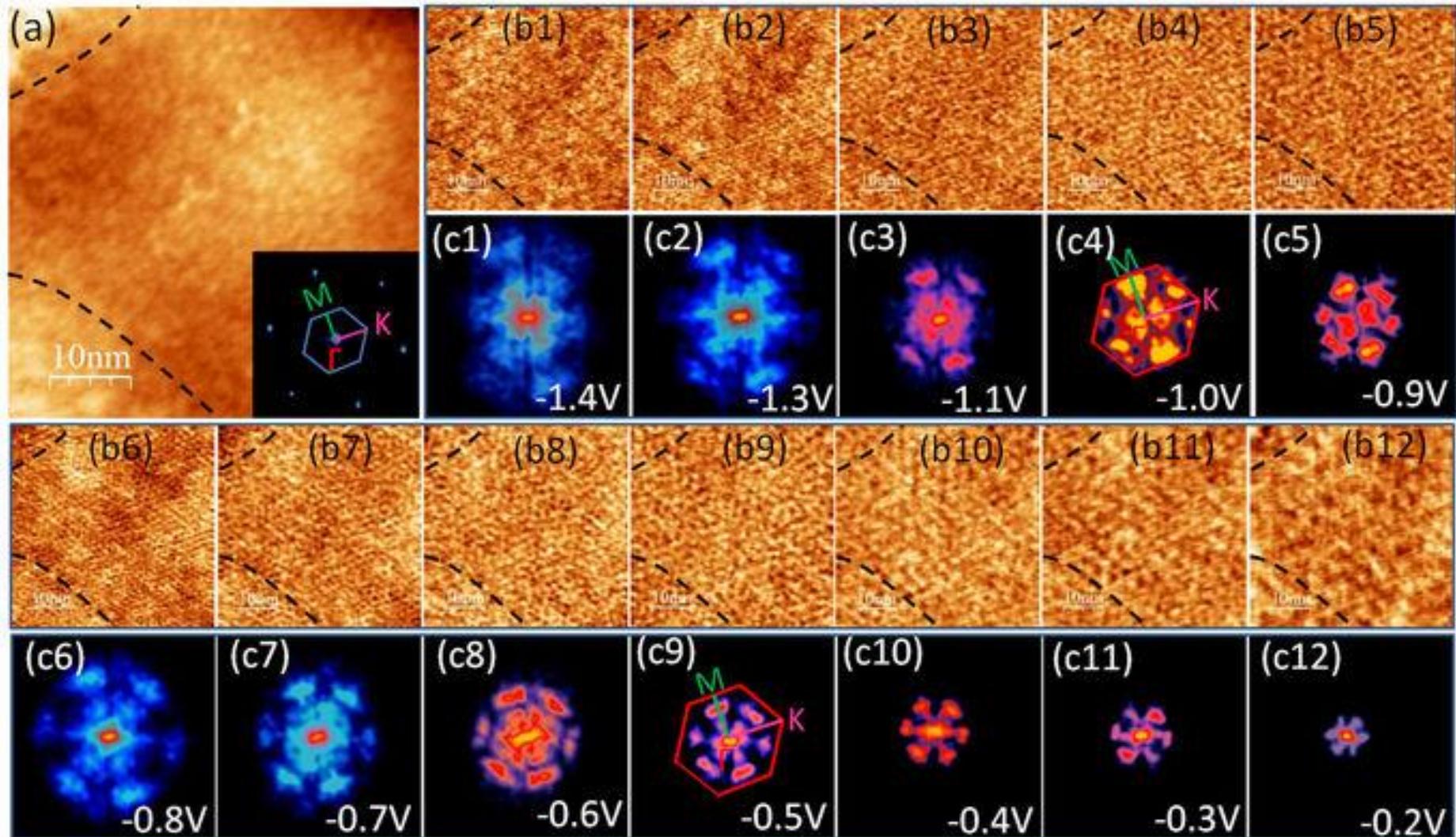


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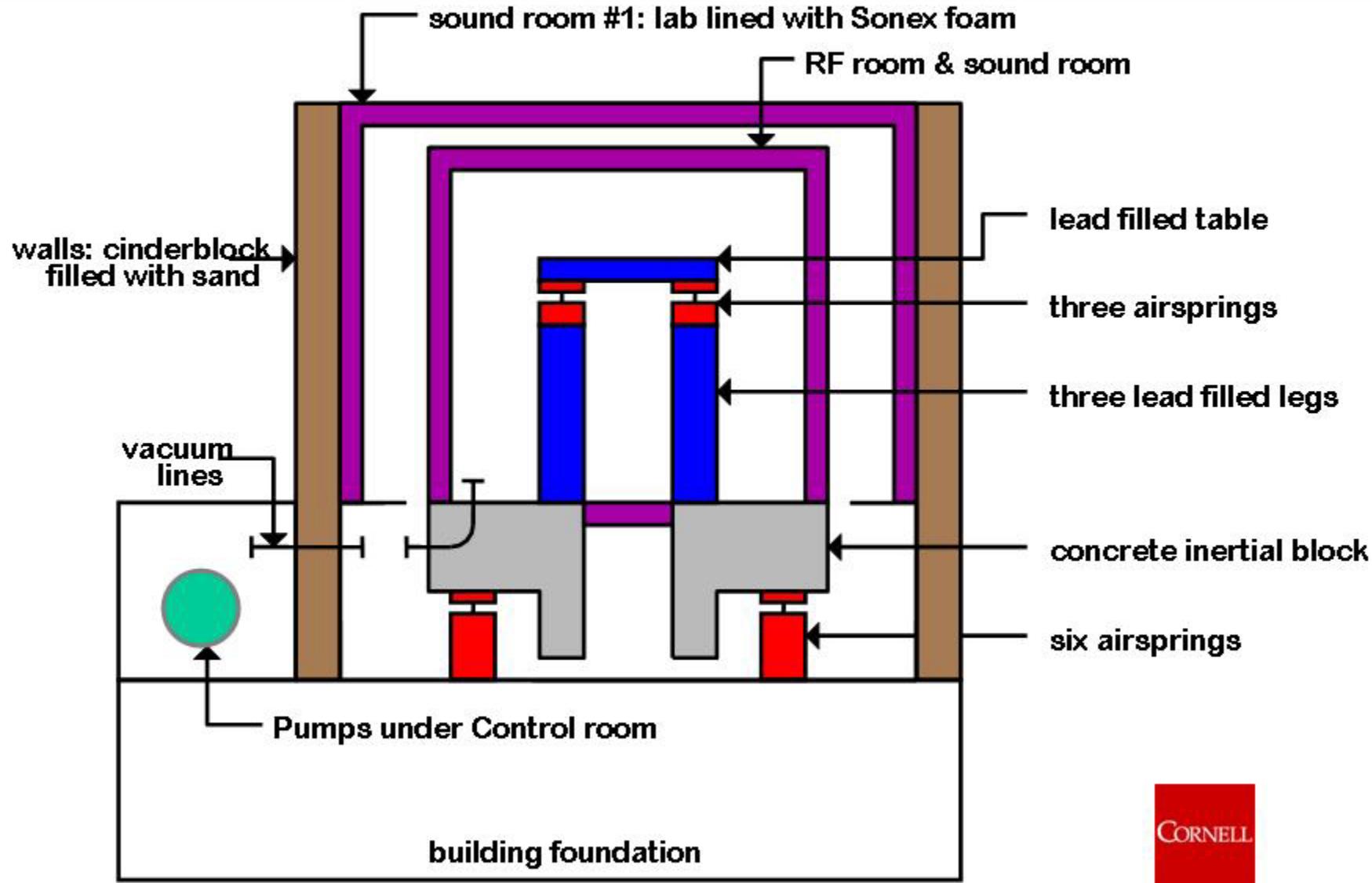
$$\frac{dI}{dV} \propto - \int d\omega \sum_{k,n} |T_k|^2 A_n(k, \omega) f'(\omega - eV)$$

# Fourier Transform STS



# Floating room

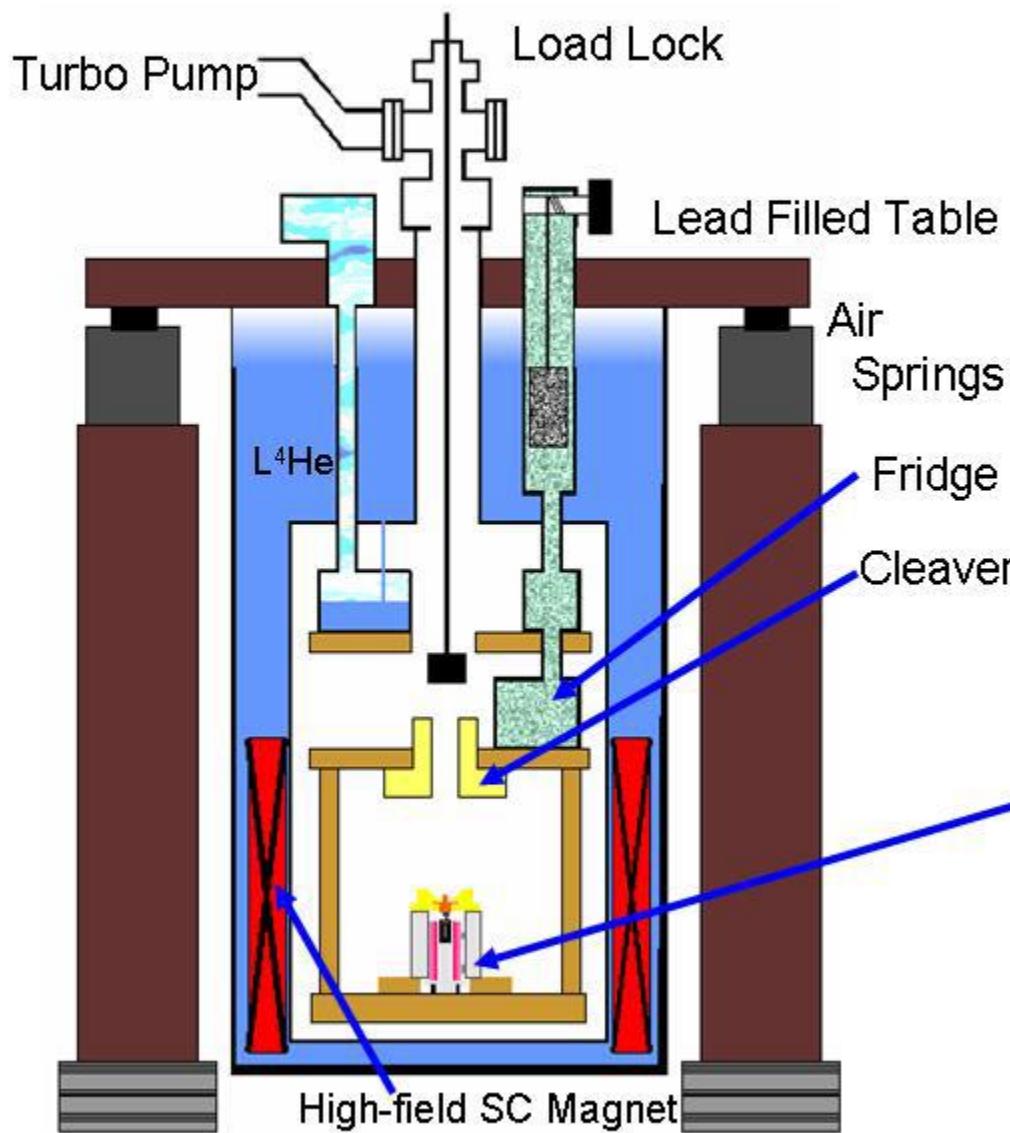
McElroy, 2004



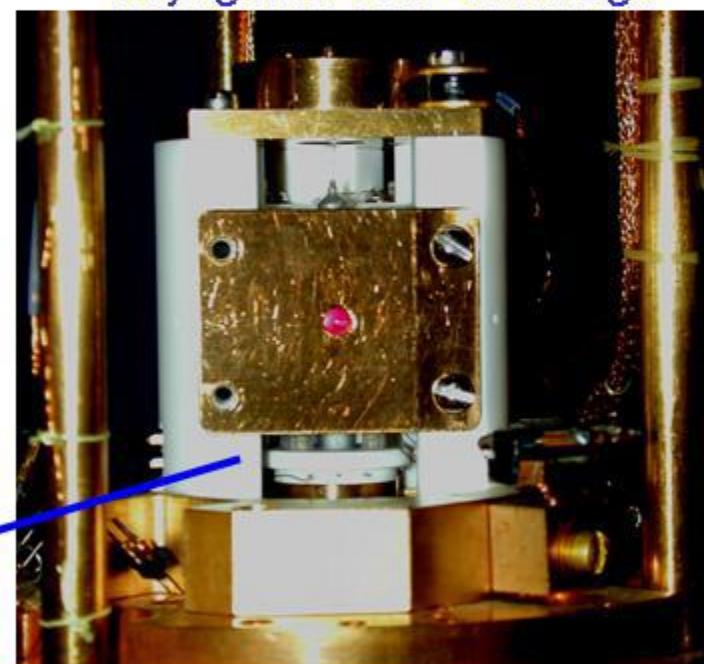
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# STM Instrument Design

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- 'Nuclear Demag.' Cryostat
- STM + High Field Magnet
- Sample Exchange from RT
- Cryogenic UHV Cleavage

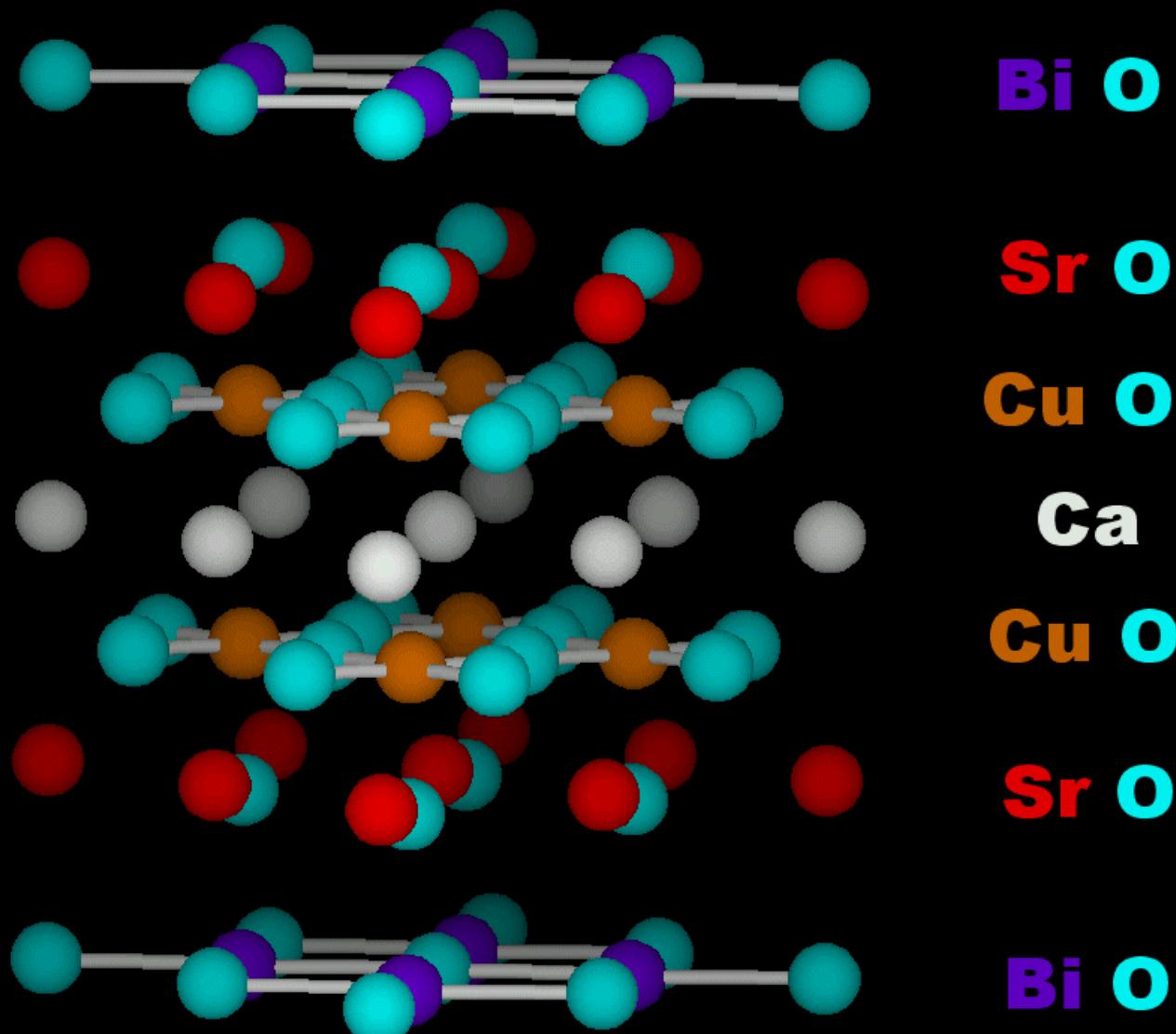


STM Head



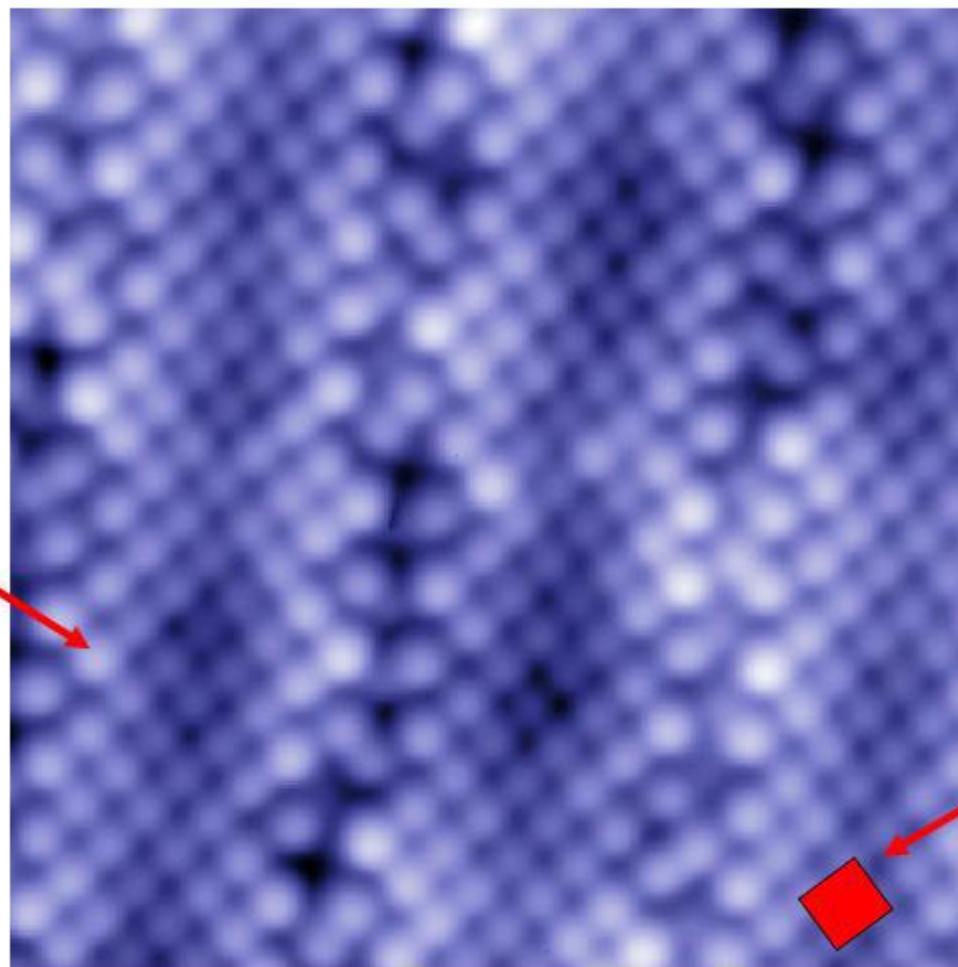
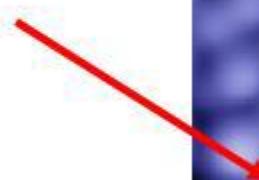
BSCCO

Bi-2212





Each bright spot  
is a Bi atom --  
Cu atom is about  
5Å below

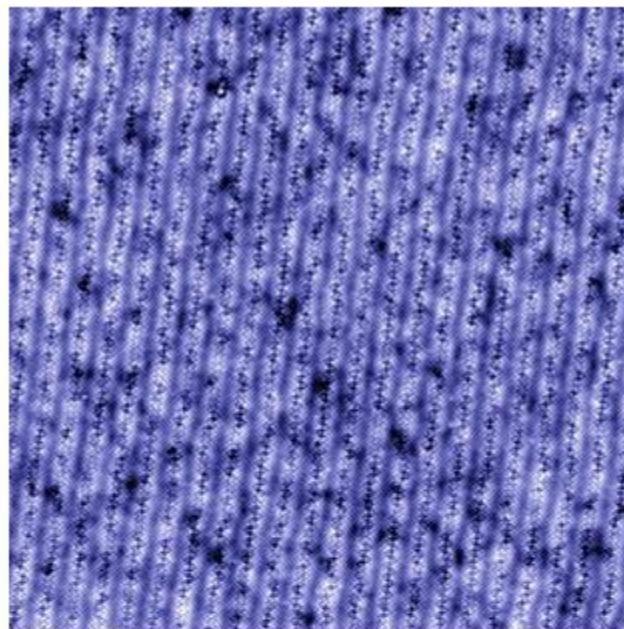


Size of  
 $\text{CuO}_2$   
unit-cell

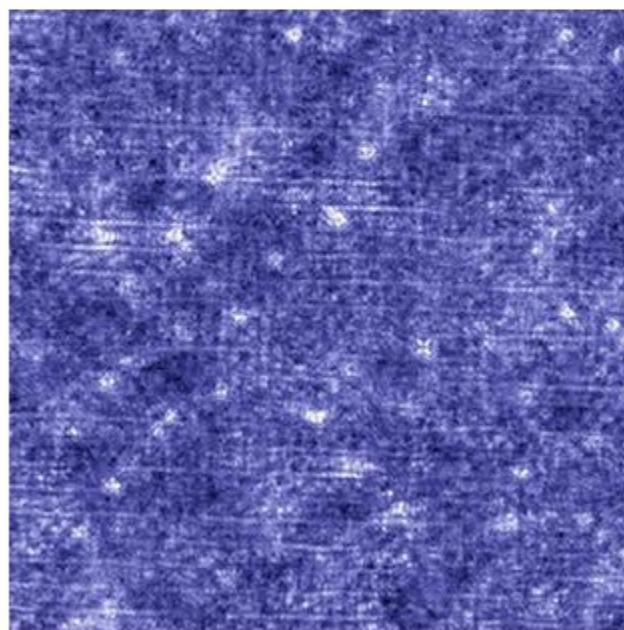
T = 4.2K, B = 7T  
100pA, -100mV

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600 Å

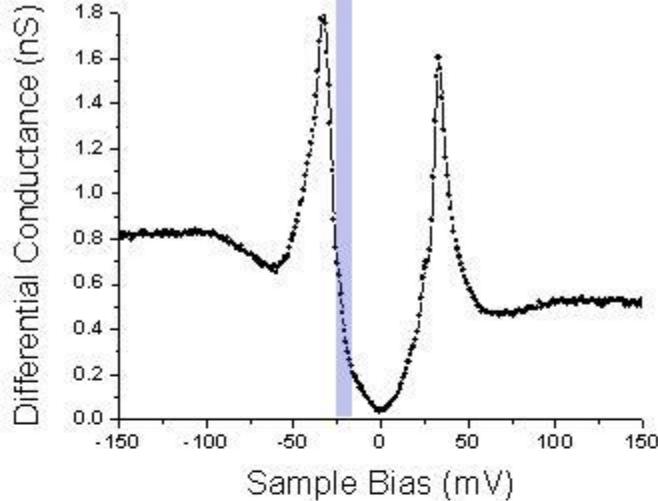


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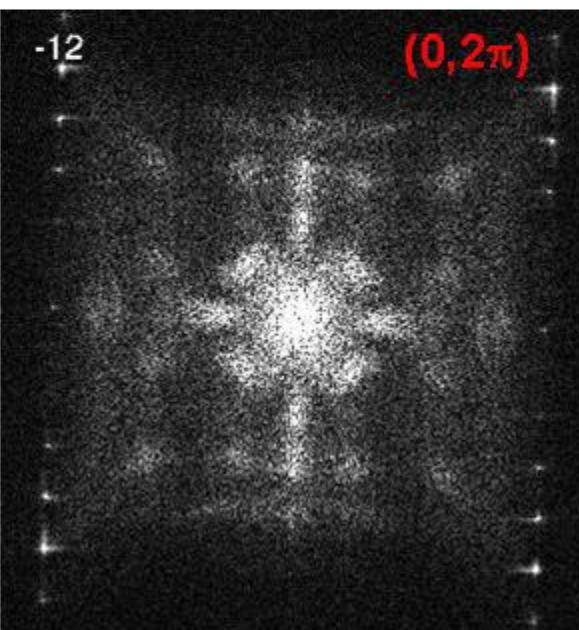


$g(\vec{r}, E = -12 \text{ meV})$

FFT shows  
q-vector of  
LDOS  
modulations

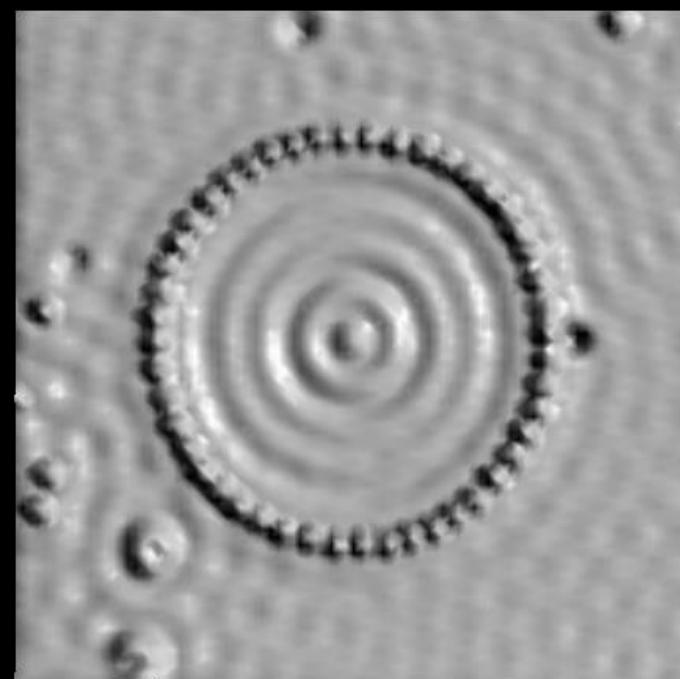
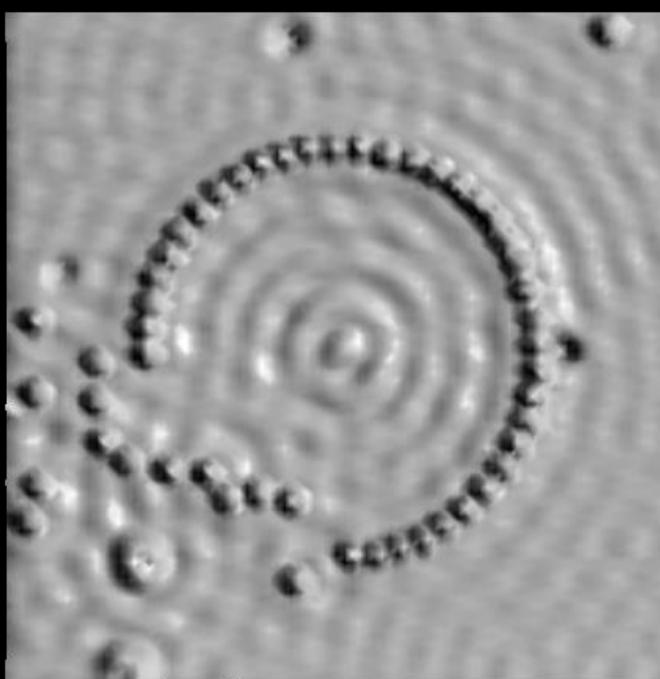
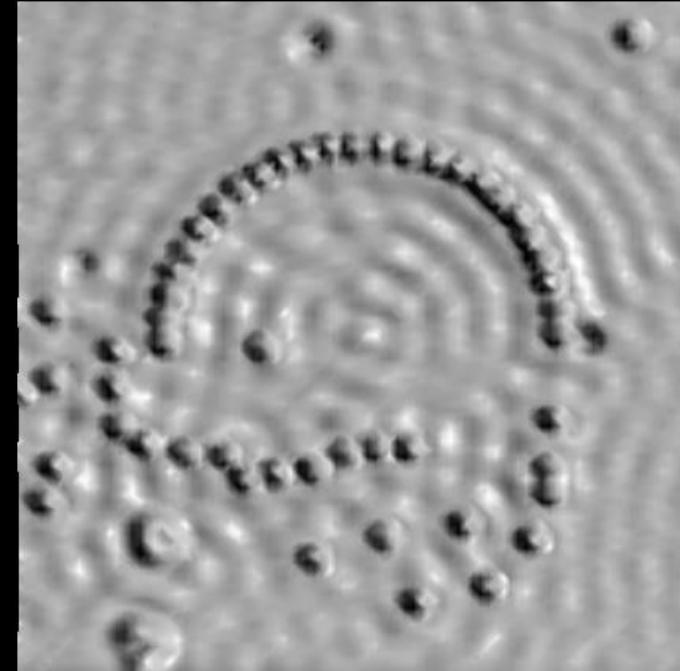
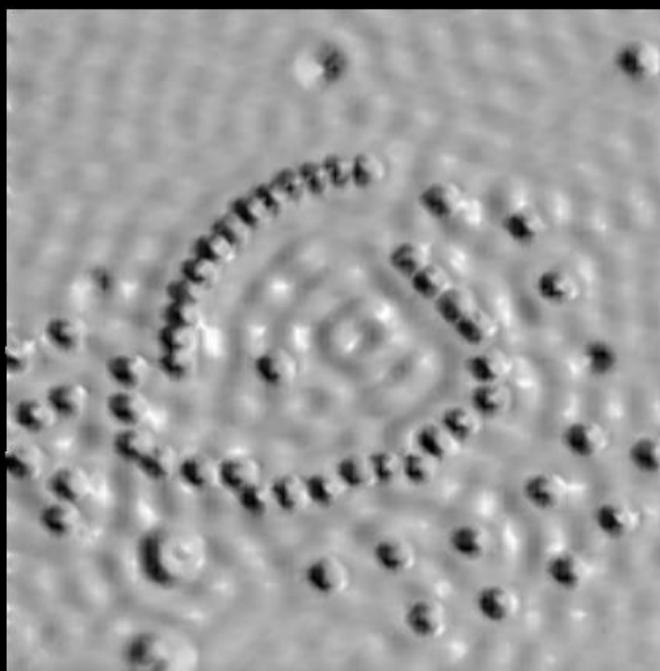


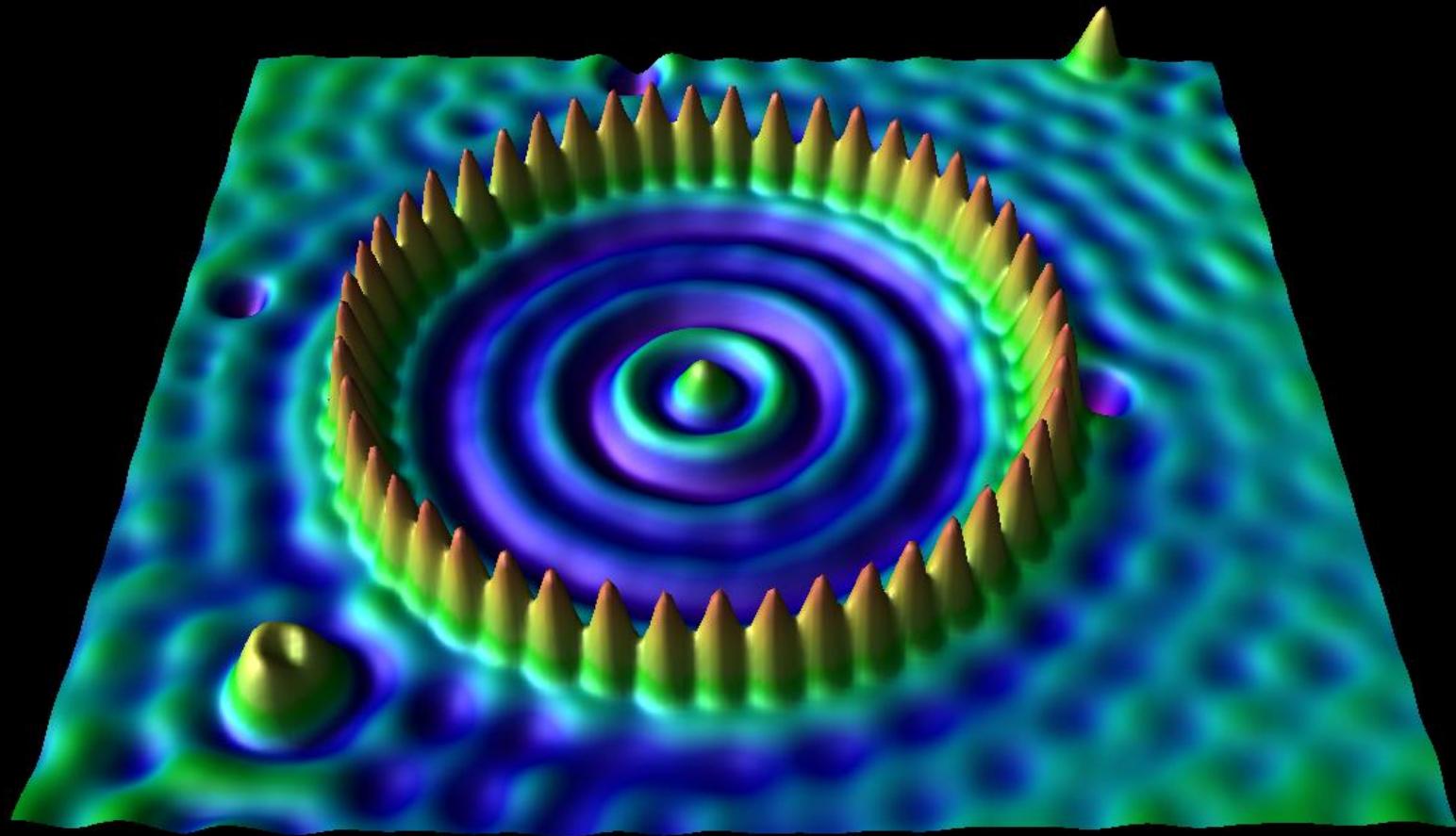
Point  $dI/dV \equiv g(\vec{r}, E)$  Spectrum

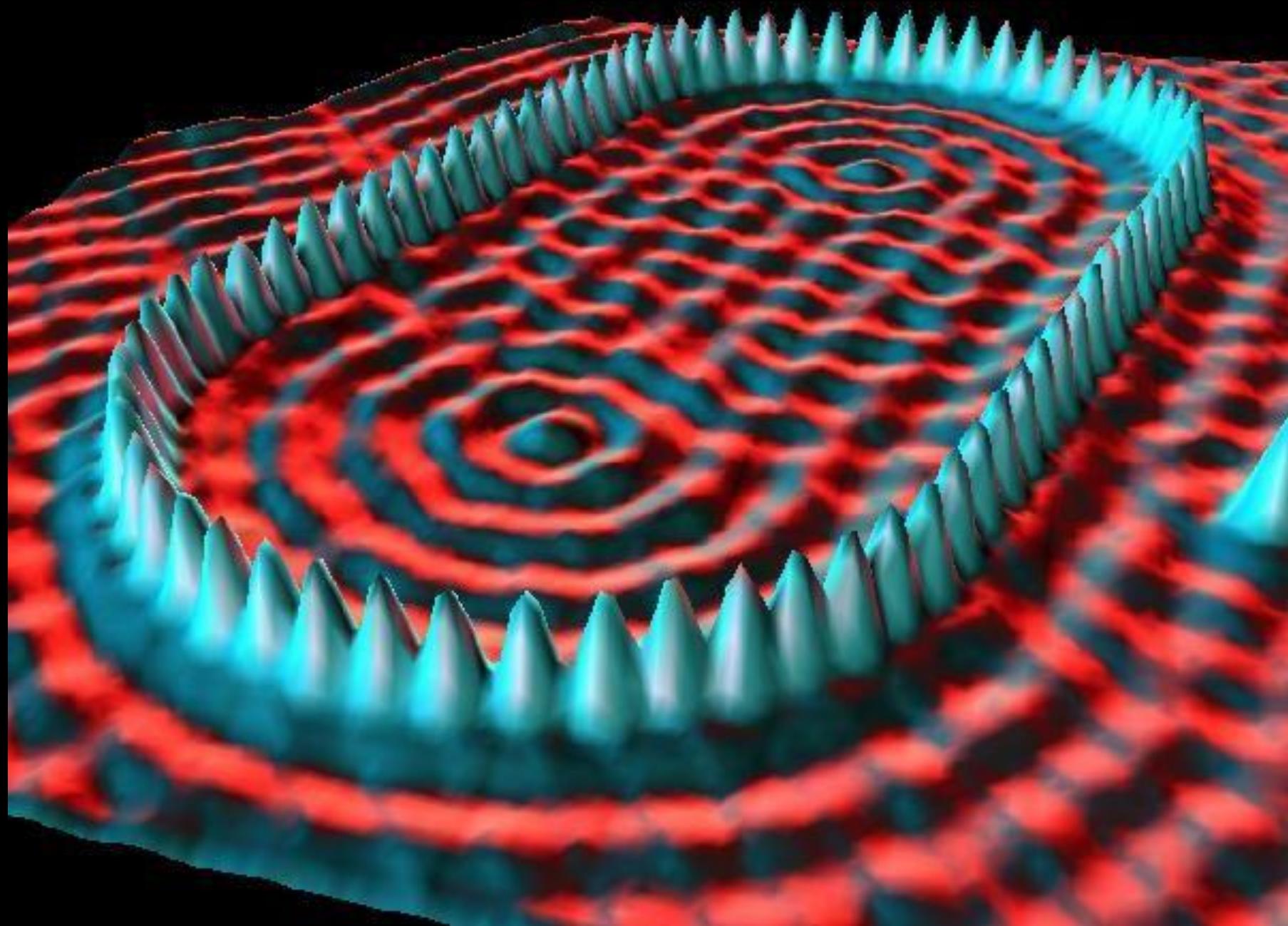


$g(\vec{q}, E = -12 \text{ meV})$

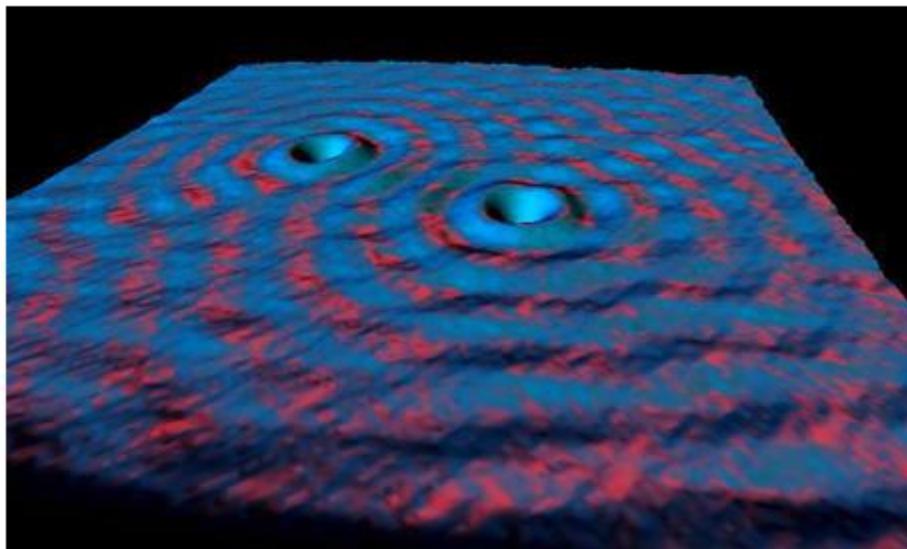
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# Quasiparticle Interference at Impurity Atoms

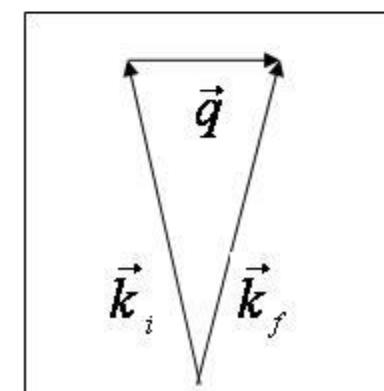


- Mixing of  $|\vec{k}_1\rangle$  and  $|\vec{k}_2\rangle$  by scattering creates interference term, with wavevector

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k}_2 - \vec{k}_1$$

- Interference results in modulations in LDOS with wavelength  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{q}|}$

Crommie, Lutz & Eigler, *Nature* **363**, 524 (1993)



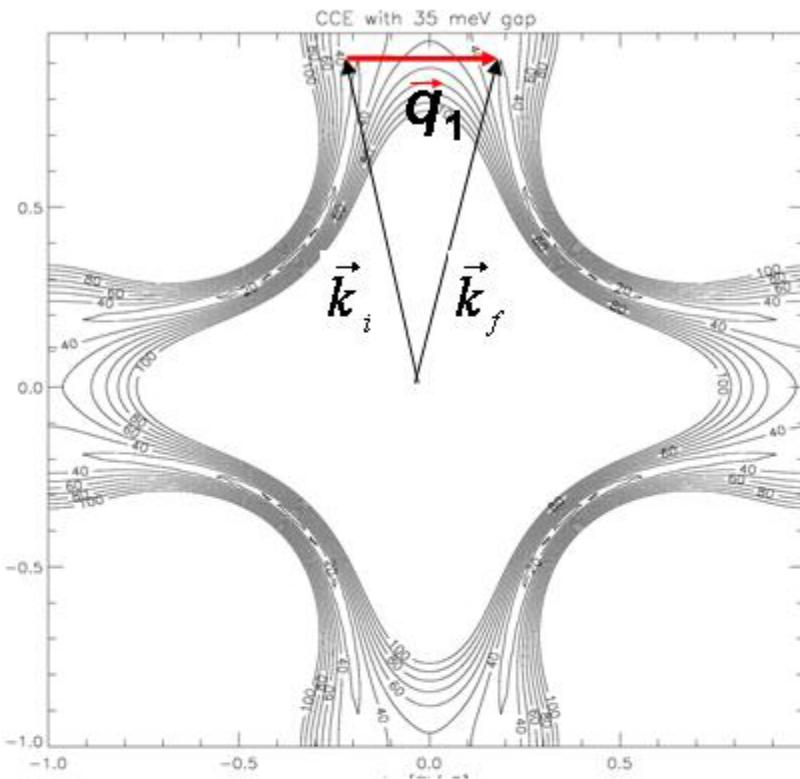
# *Simplified Model of Cuprate QP Scattering*

If scattering potential is  $V(\vec{r})$   
⇒ each Fourier component  $V(\vec{q})$   
will cause elastic scattering  
between initial state  $|\vec{k}_i\rangle$  and final  
state  $|\vec{k}_f\rangle$  whose momenta differ  
by  $\vec{q}$ .

A simplified model for scattering  
rate  $w_{if}$  is Fermi Golden Rule

$$w_{if} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle \vec{k}_f | V(\vec{q}) | \vec{k}_i \rangle|^2 n_f(E)$$

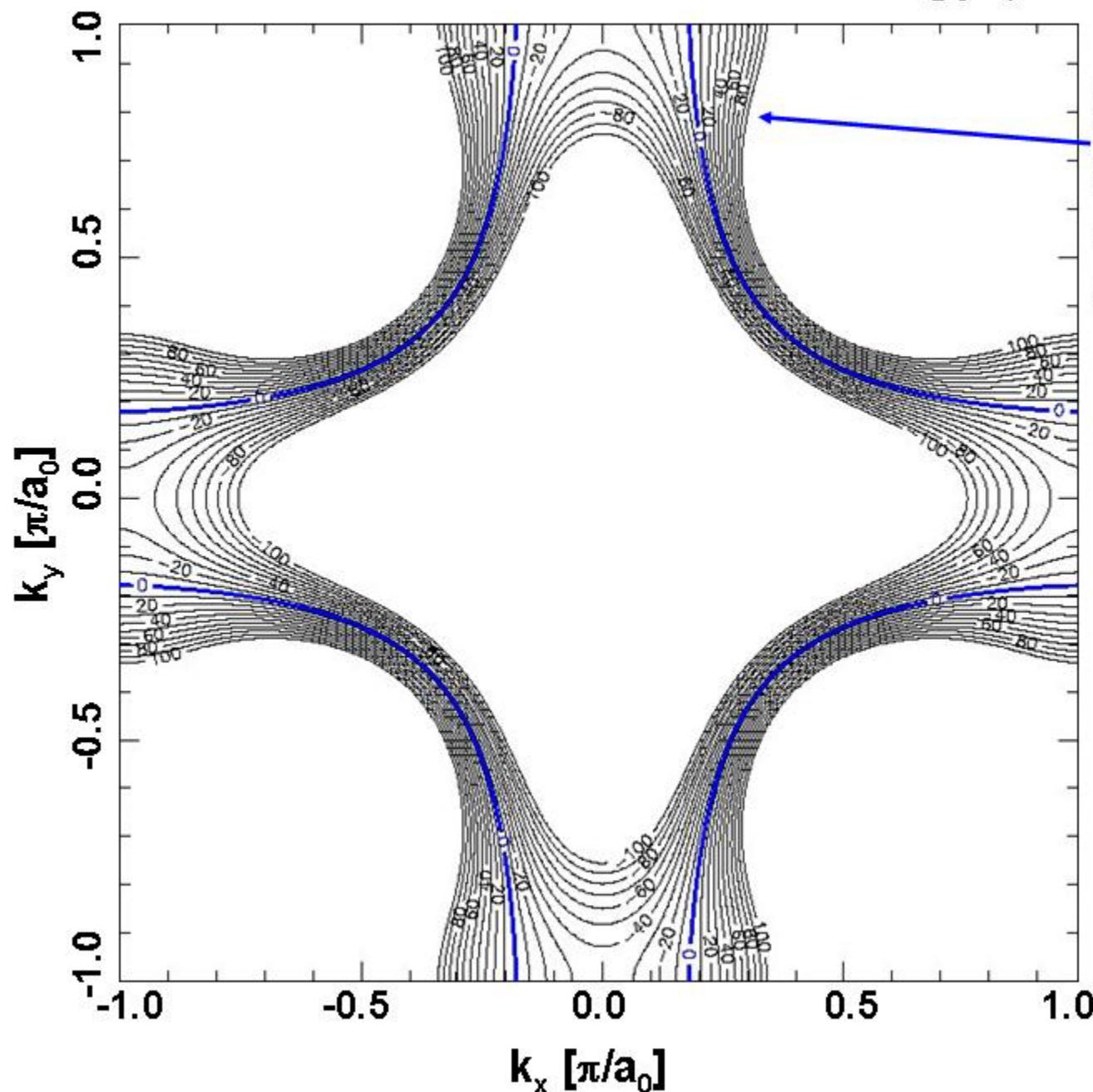
where  $n_f(E)$  is the densities of  
final states.



States with highest  $n_f(E)$   
will dominate scattering.

Where are these states in  
momentum space?

# Normal State Contours of Constant Energy (CCE) : Band Structure

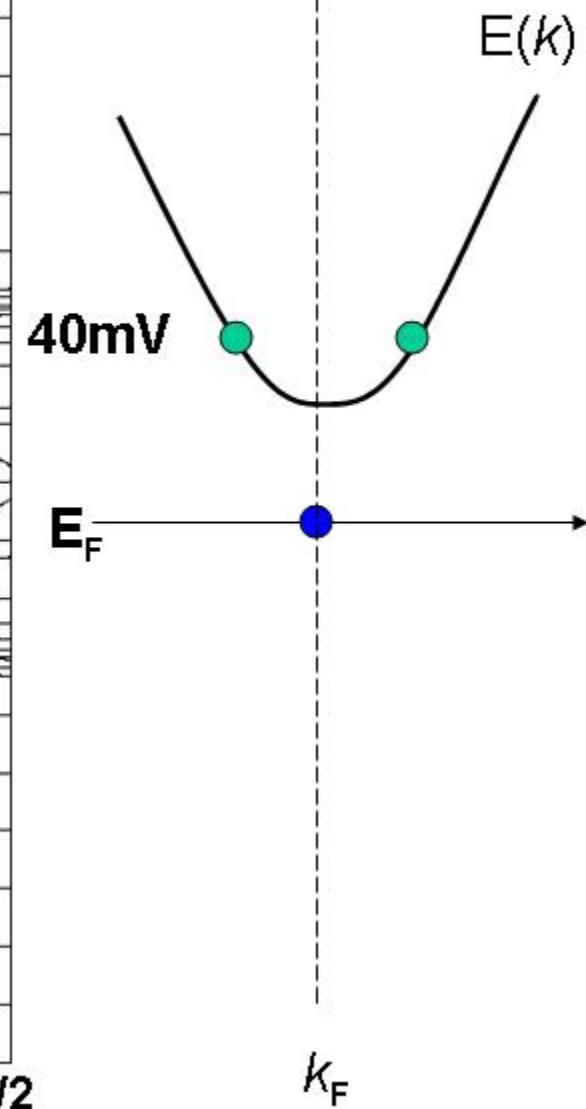
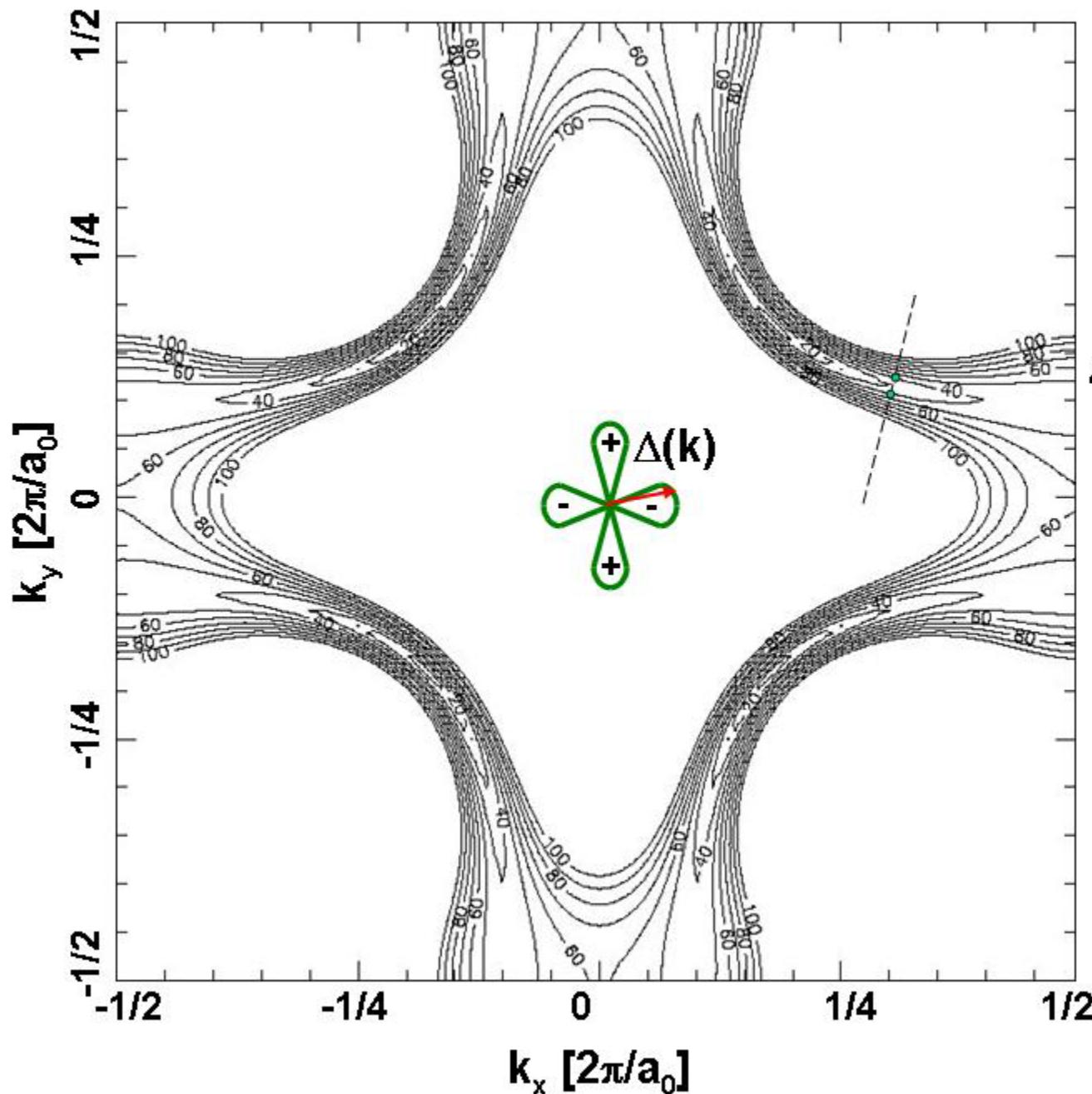


CCE (E): The location in  $k$ -space of states with energy E

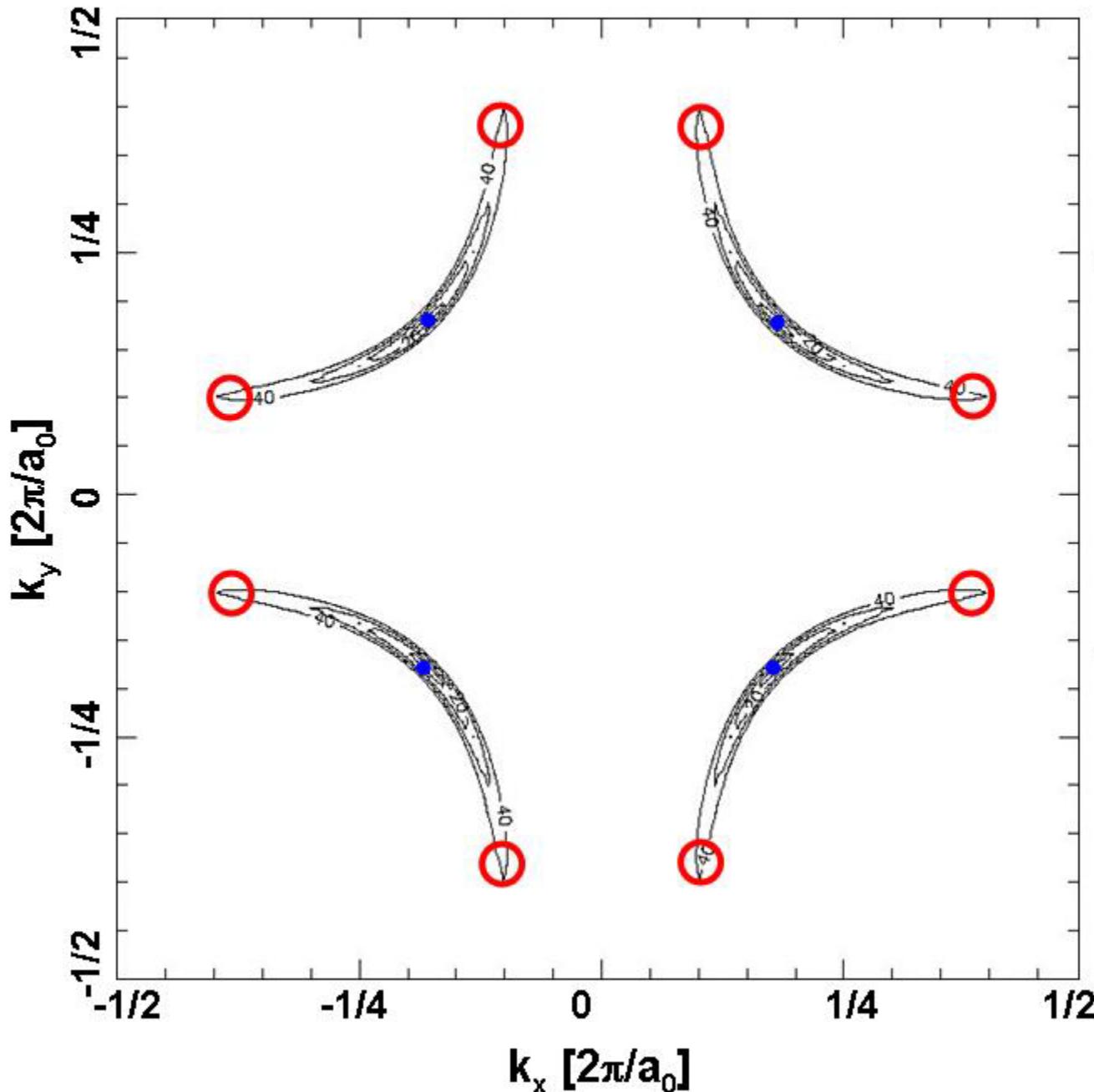
Parameterization:  
M. Norman  
PRB 52, 615  
(1995).

Based on data:  
Ding et al.,  
PRL 74, 2784  
(1995).

In the SC state, a gap  $\Delta(\vec{k})$  opens along FS



Octet of regions at ends of 'bananas' have smallest  $dE/|dk|$



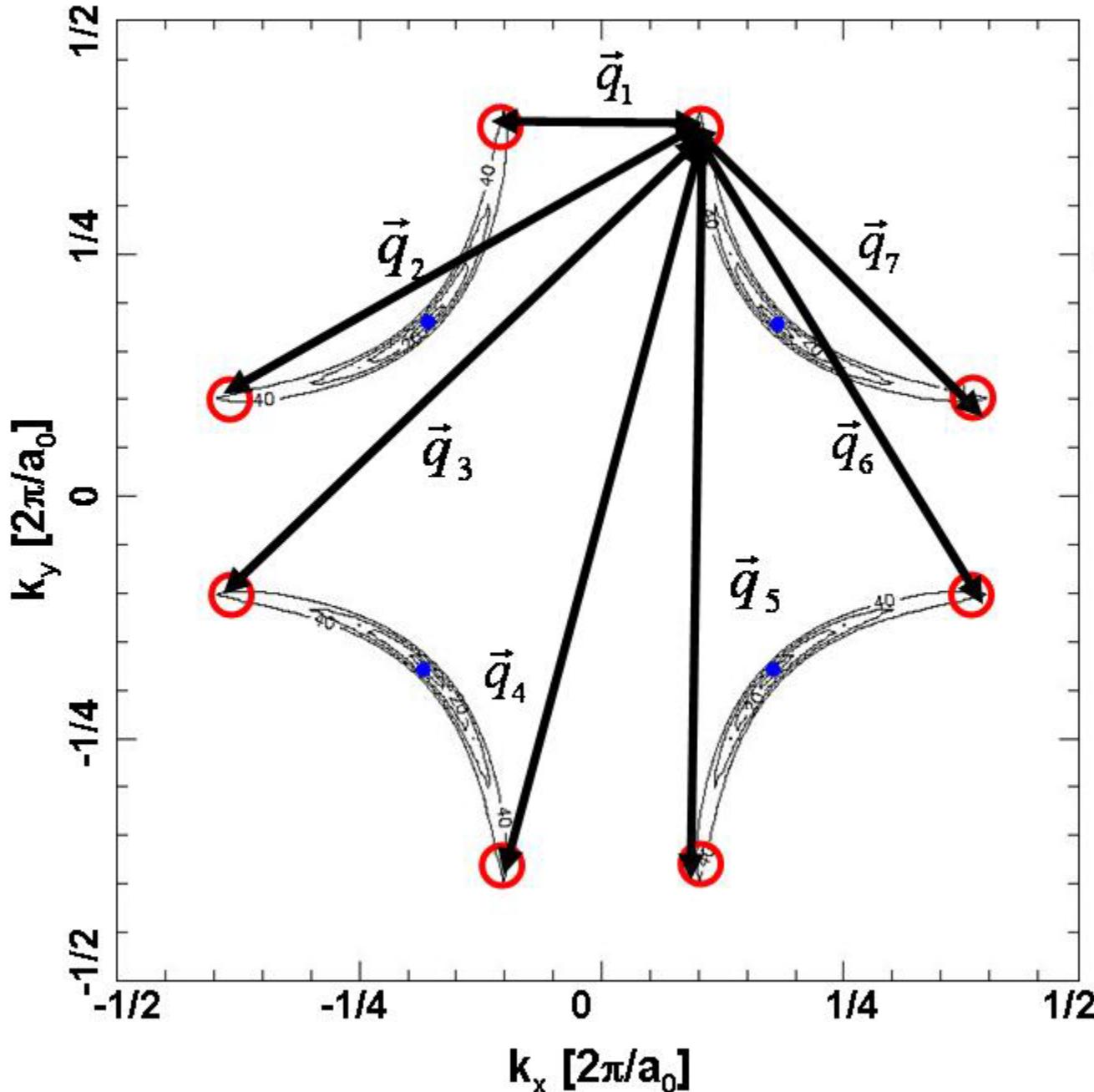
Density of States

$$n(E) = \oint_{E(k)=E} \frac{1}{|\nabla_k E(\vec{k})|} dk$$



This octet of locations at the tips of the 'bananas' provide maximum contribution to  $n_f(E)$  and thus dominate elastic scattering processes.

Octet of regions at ends of 'bananas' have smallest  $dE/|dk|$



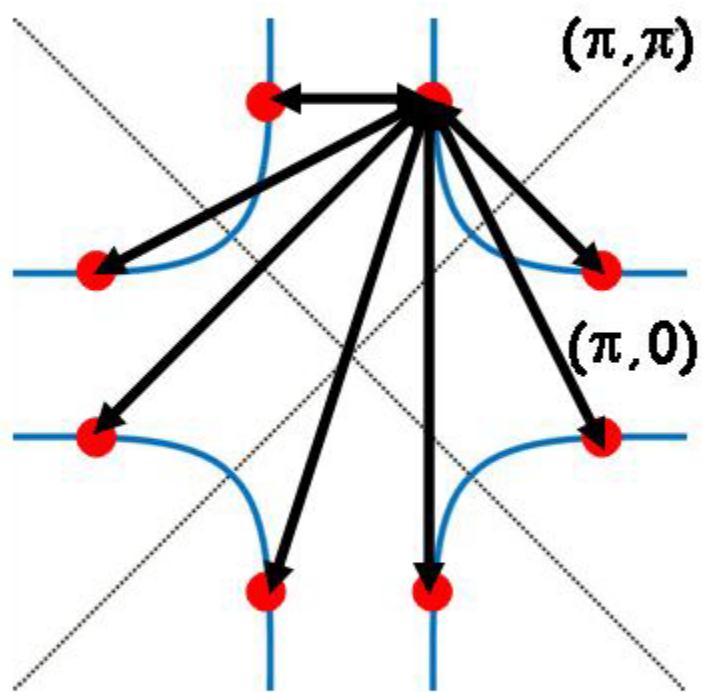
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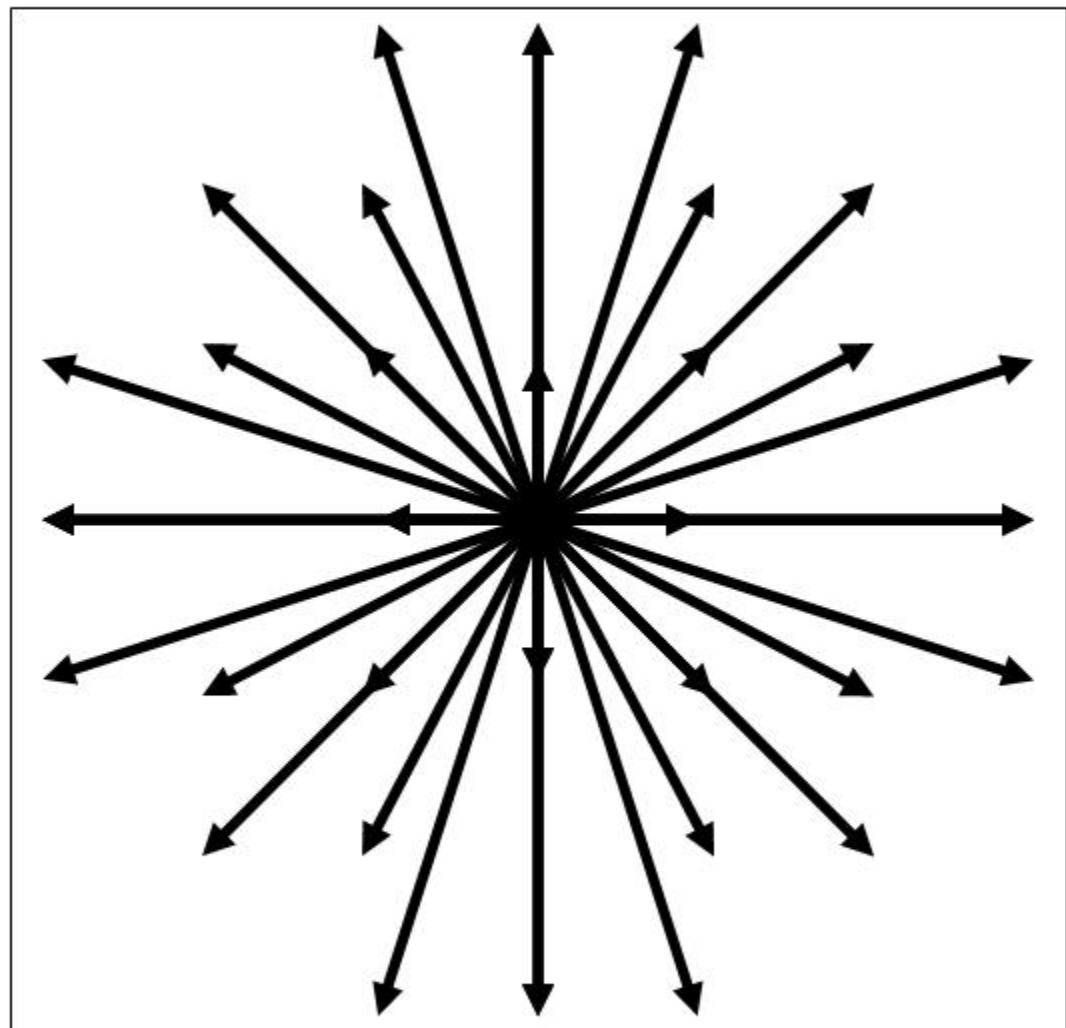


Characteristic set of quasiparticle interference wavevectors which is different at each energy.

Expected energy dependence of these sets of q-vectors

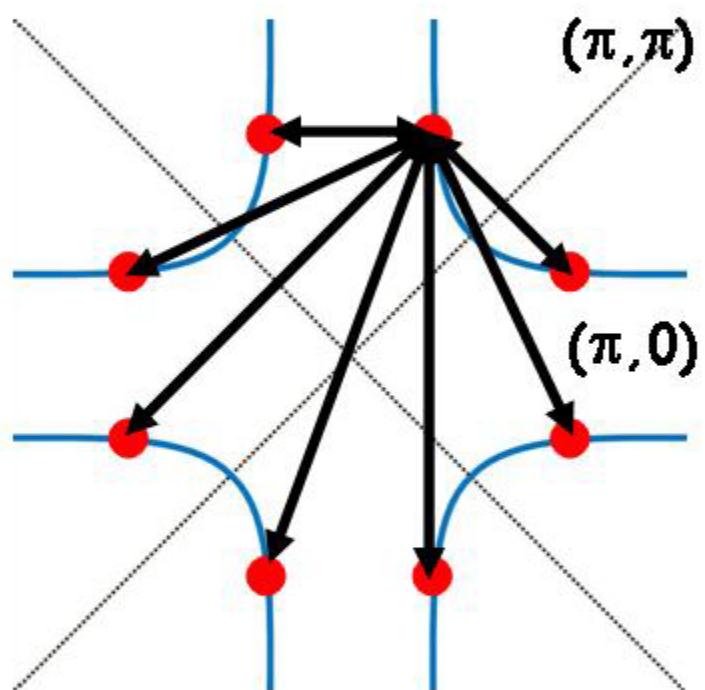


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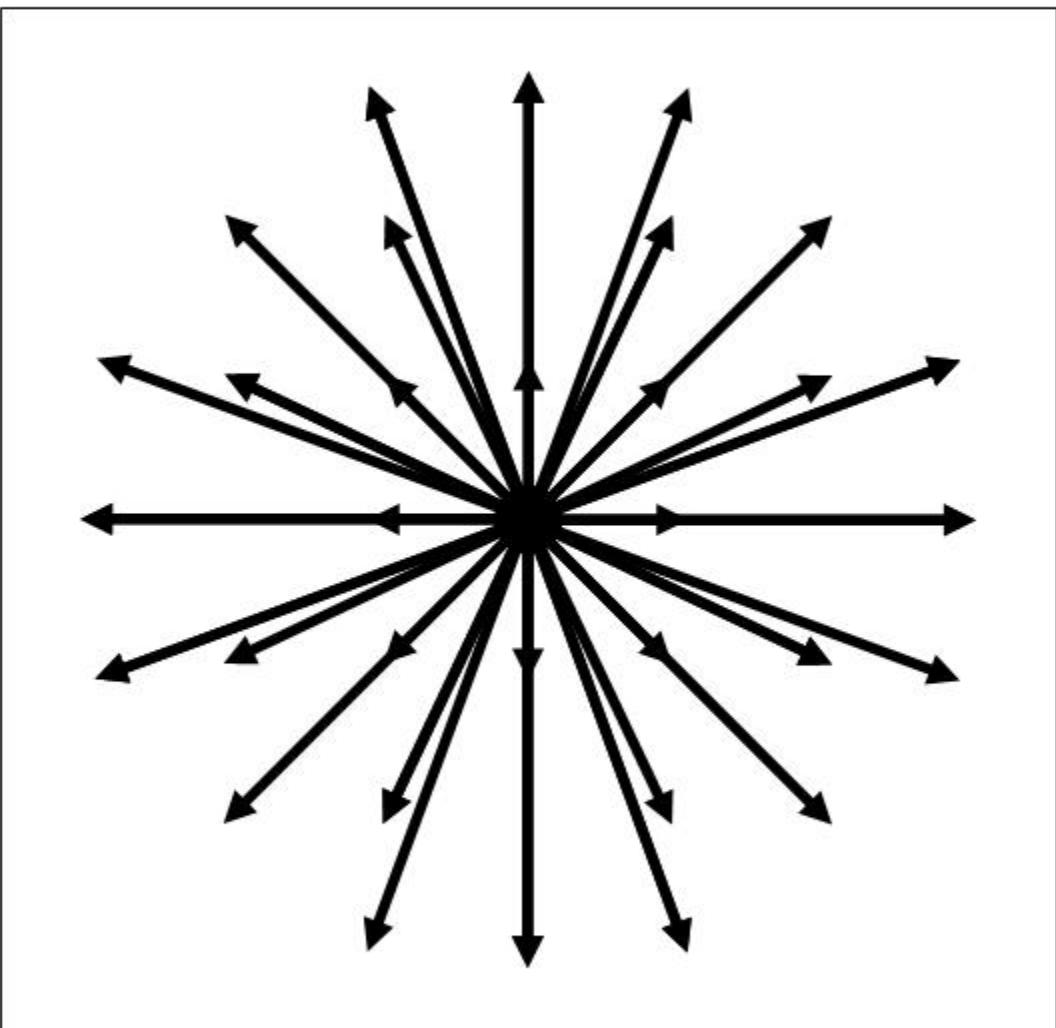


q-space

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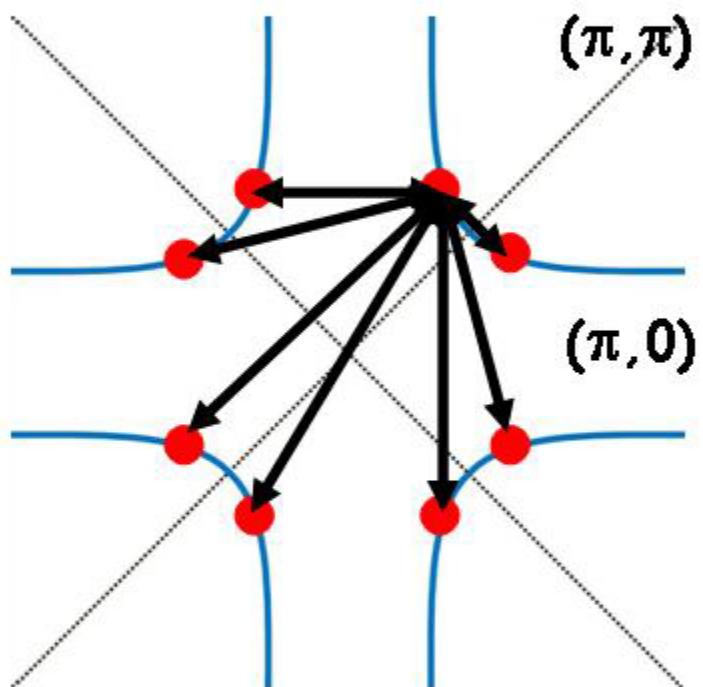


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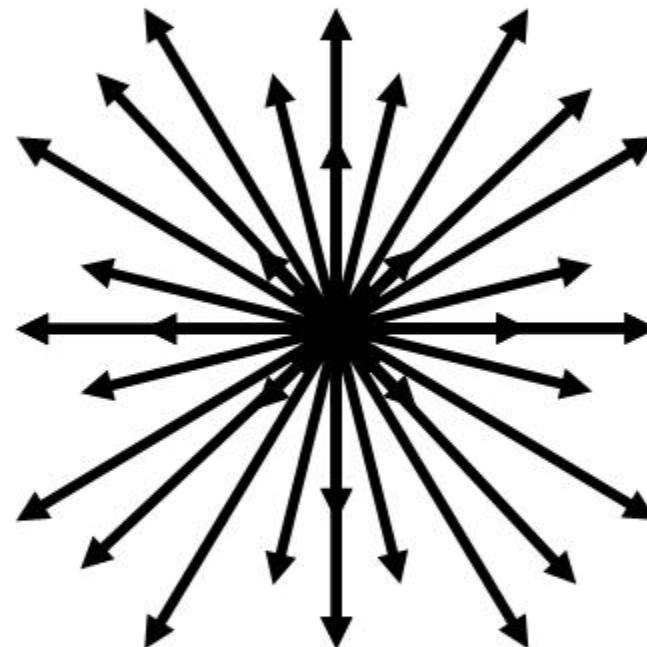


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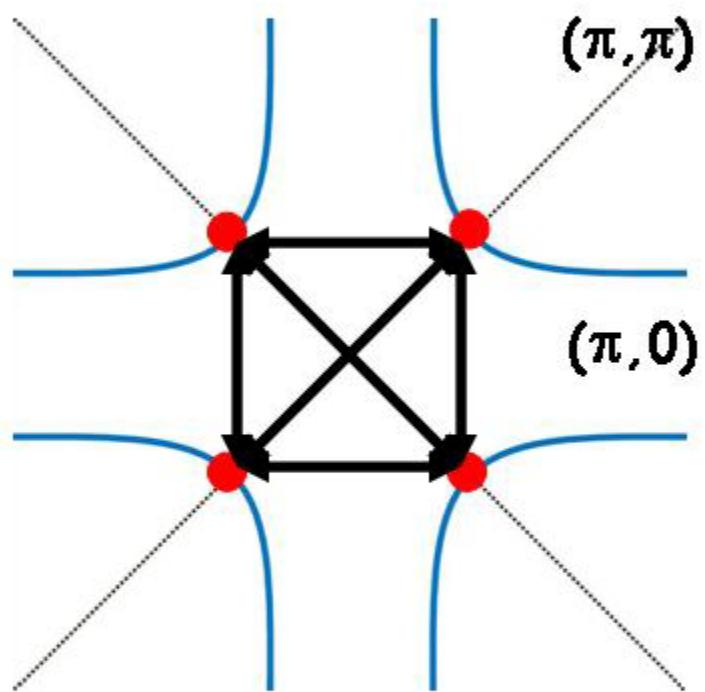


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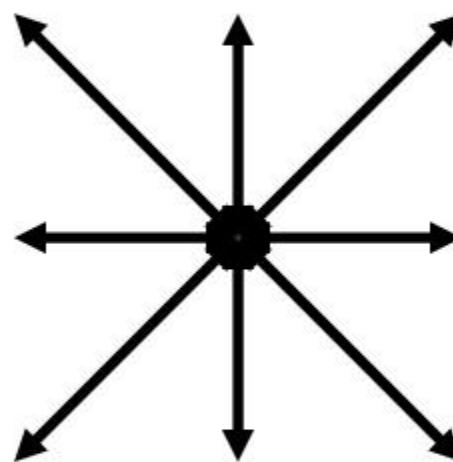


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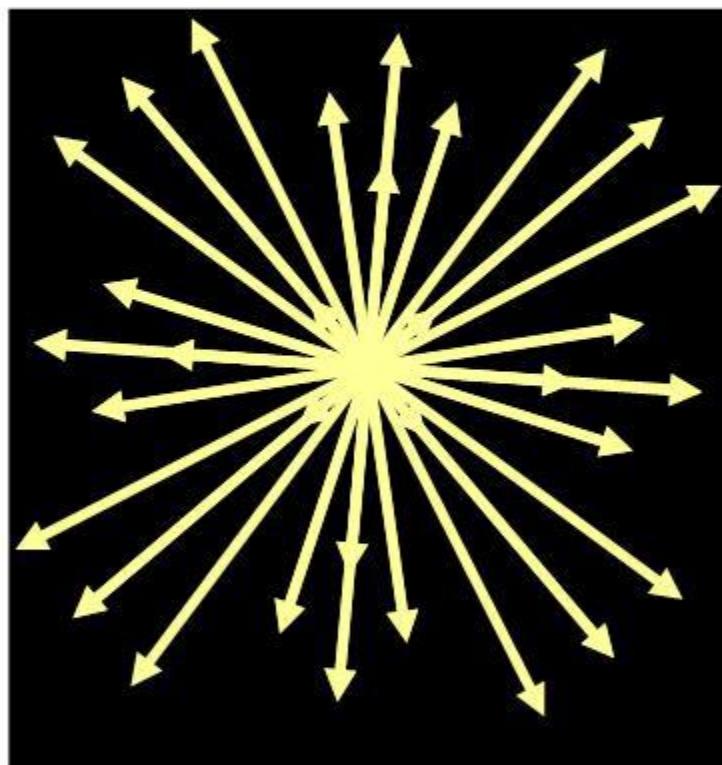
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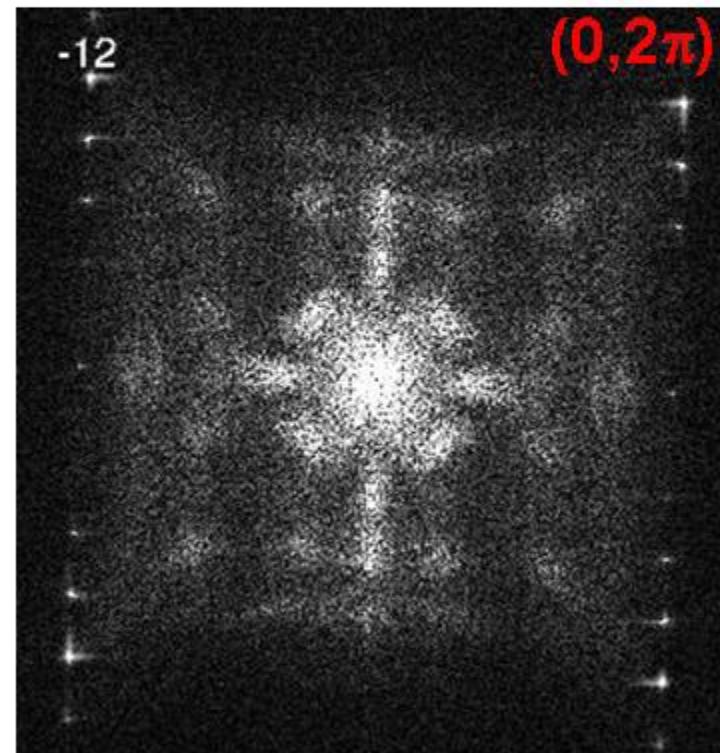
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# The set of modulations is consistent with ‘octet’ model

Octet-model expected set of q's.

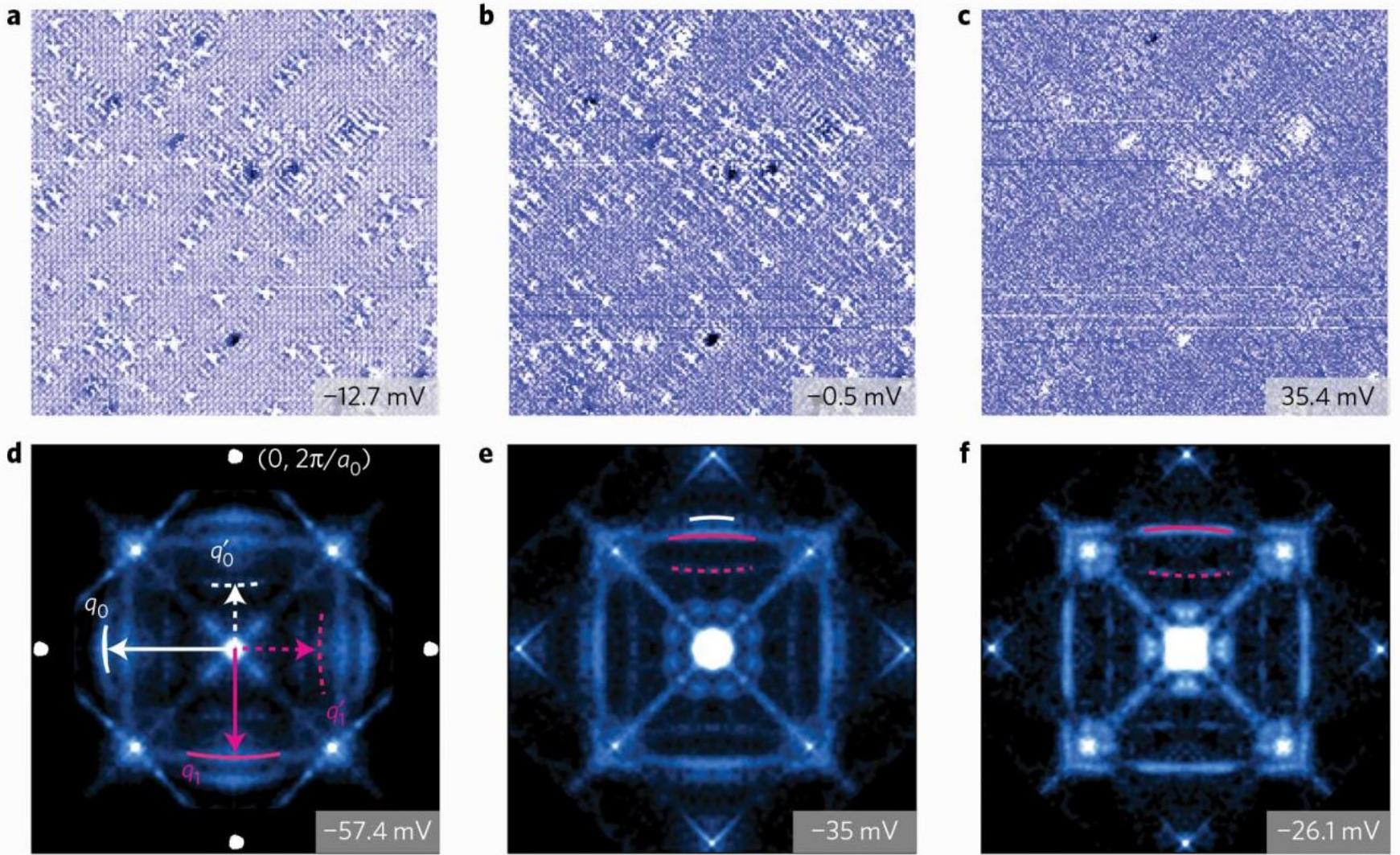


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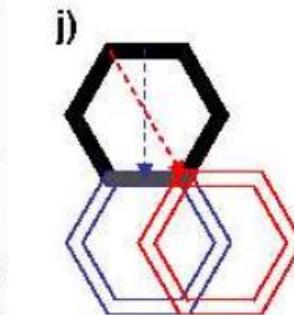
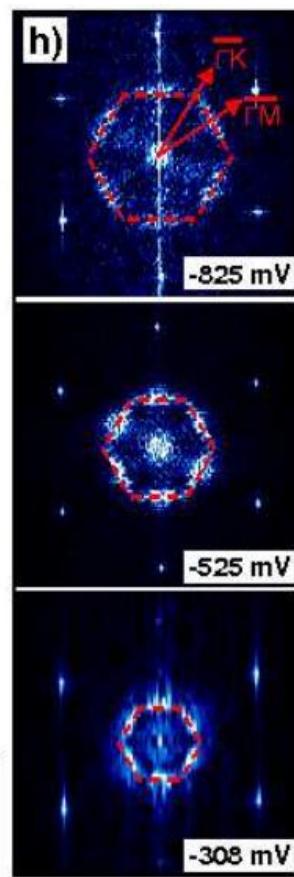
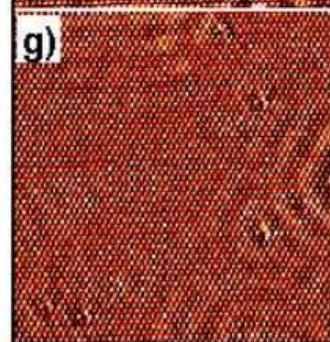
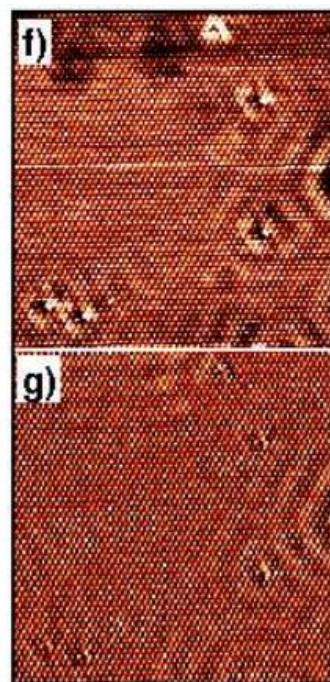
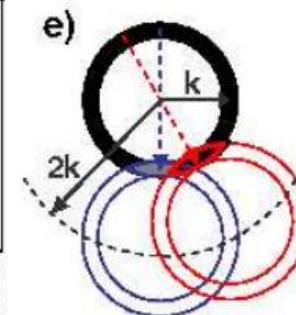
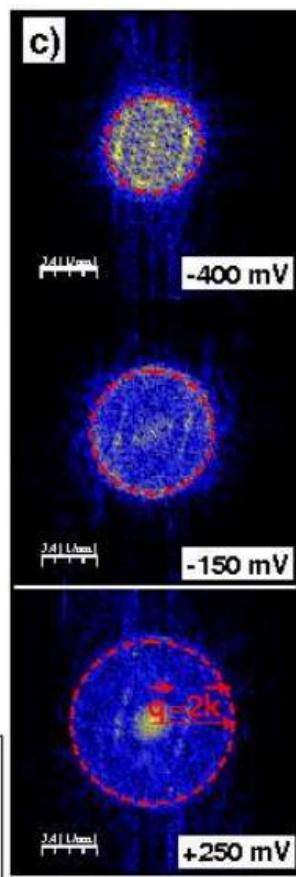
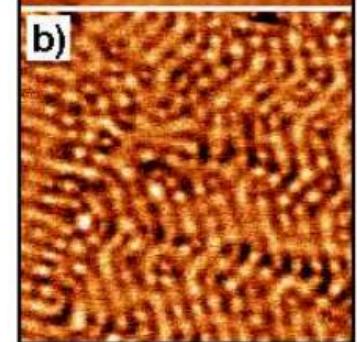
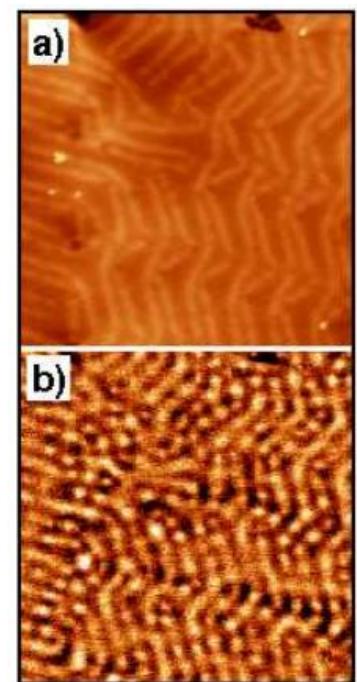


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# Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> Quasiparticle Interference

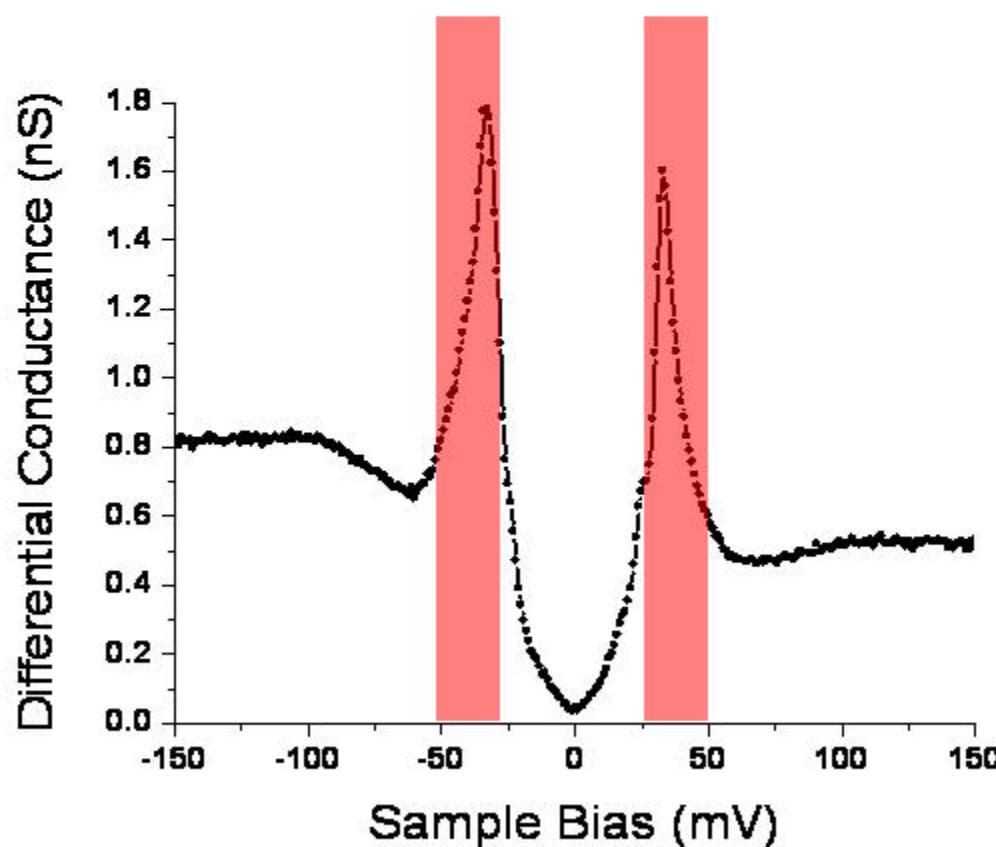


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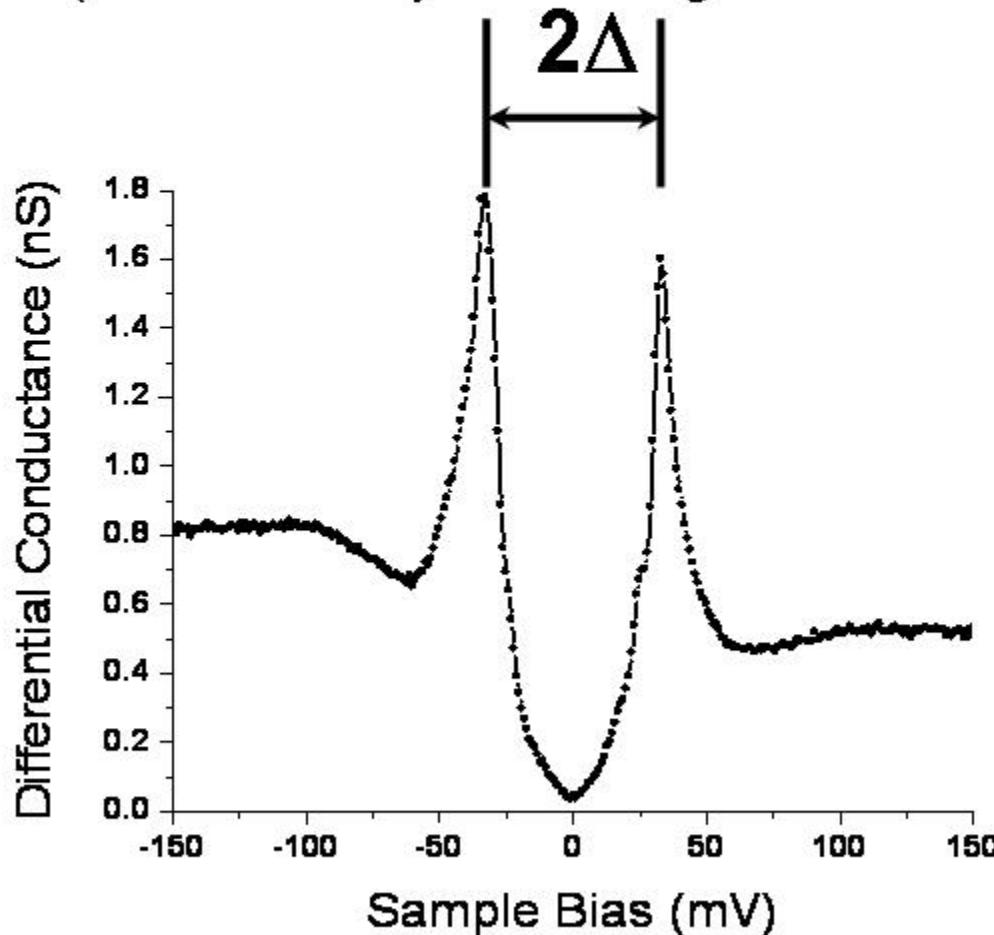


# Gap Edge

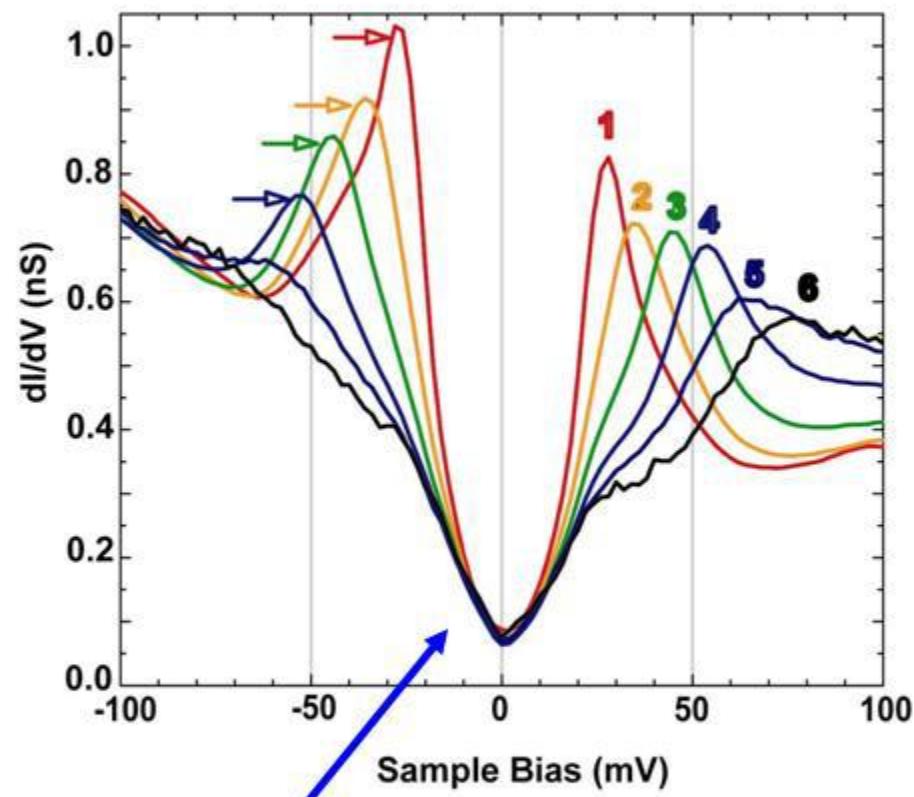
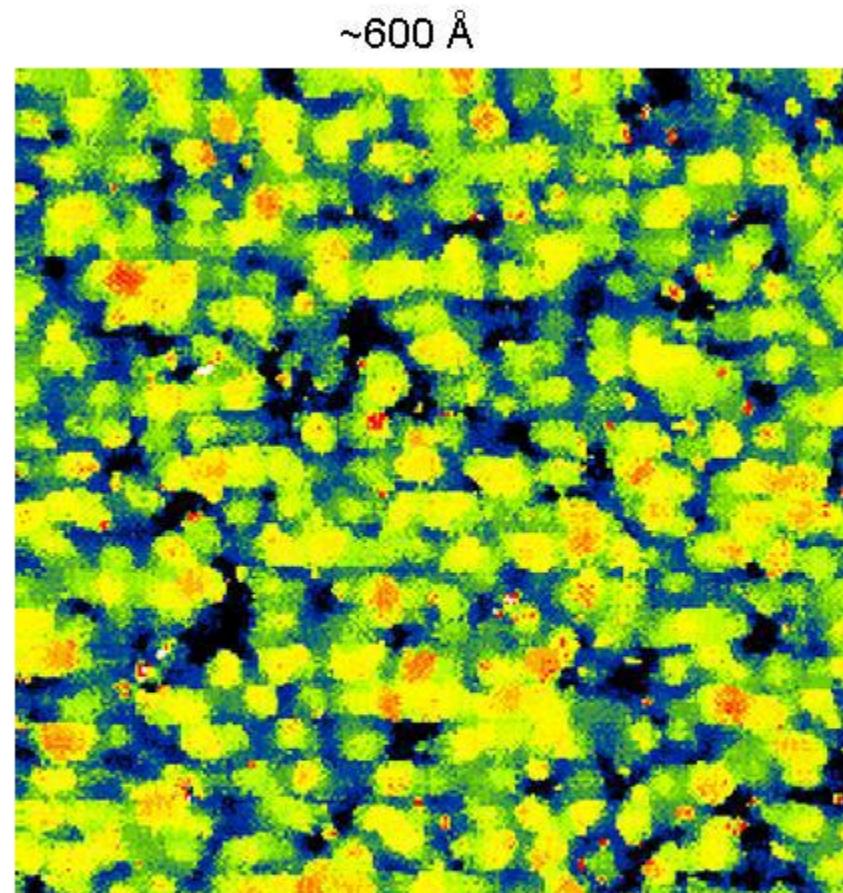
What about the higher energy states?



*GapMap:*  
Map of  $\Delta$  as a function of location  
(on an atomically resolved/registered surface )



# Gapmap disorder not effecting the nodes



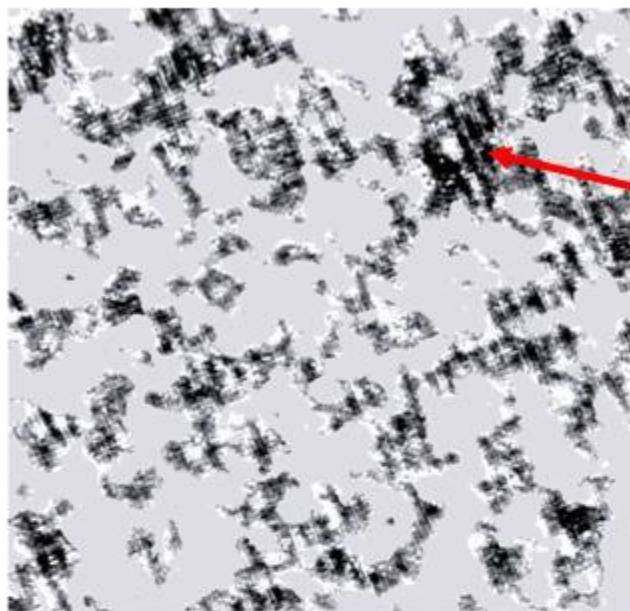
You can see that the low energy, nodal, quasiparticles are rather homogeneous

# 'Checkerboard' charge modulations @ ZTPG Spectra

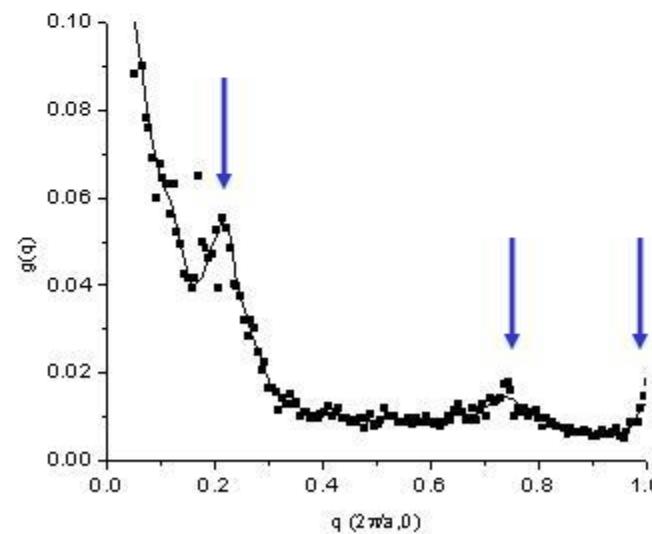
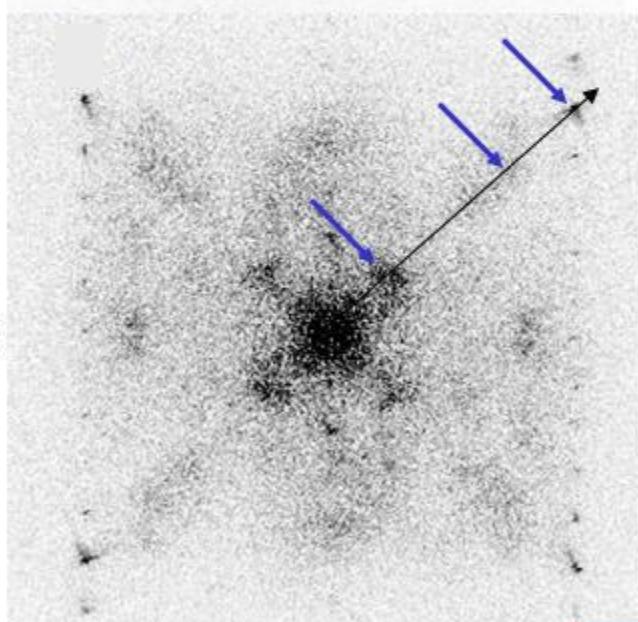
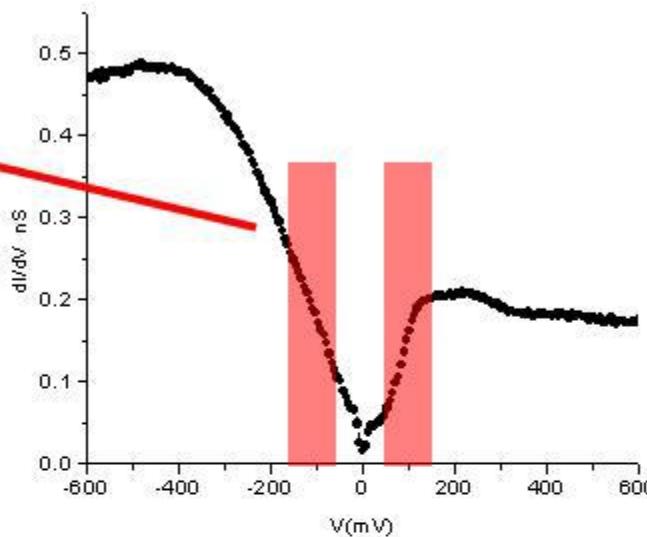
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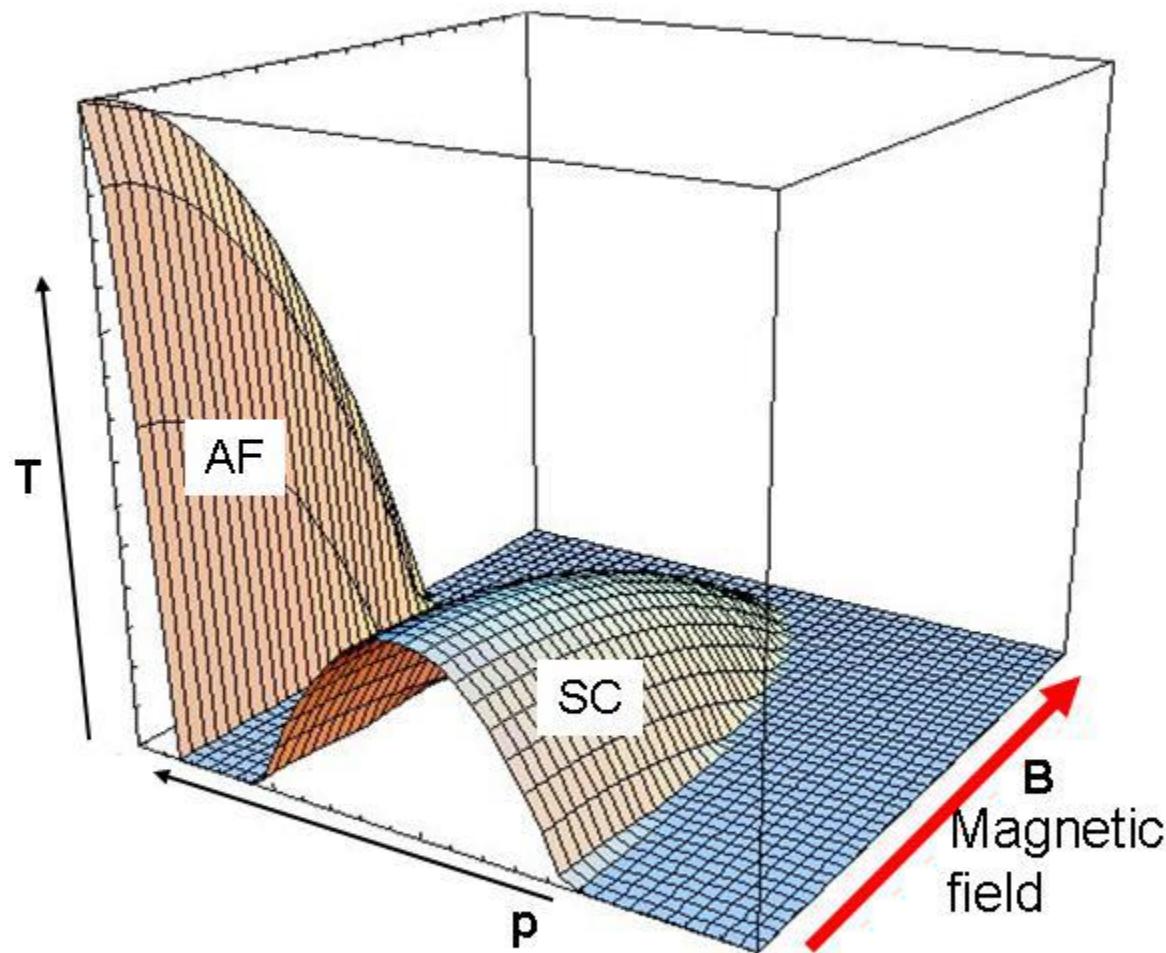
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$(\pi, 0)$



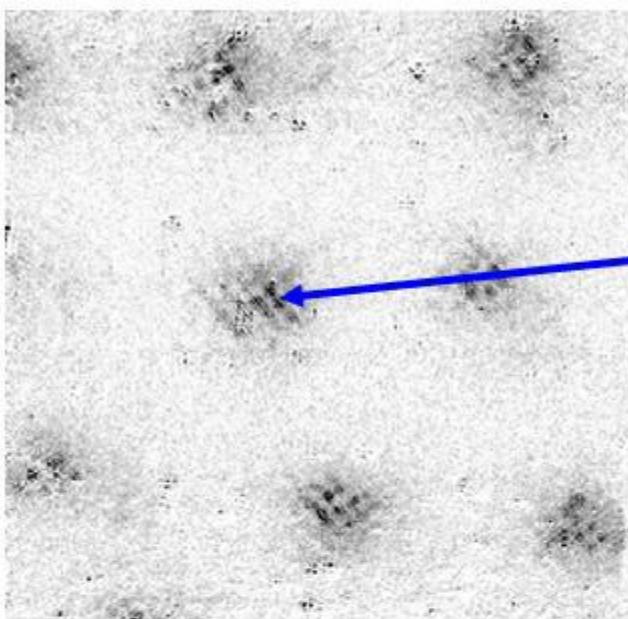
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Superconductivity is destroyed in the  
cores of quantized vortices

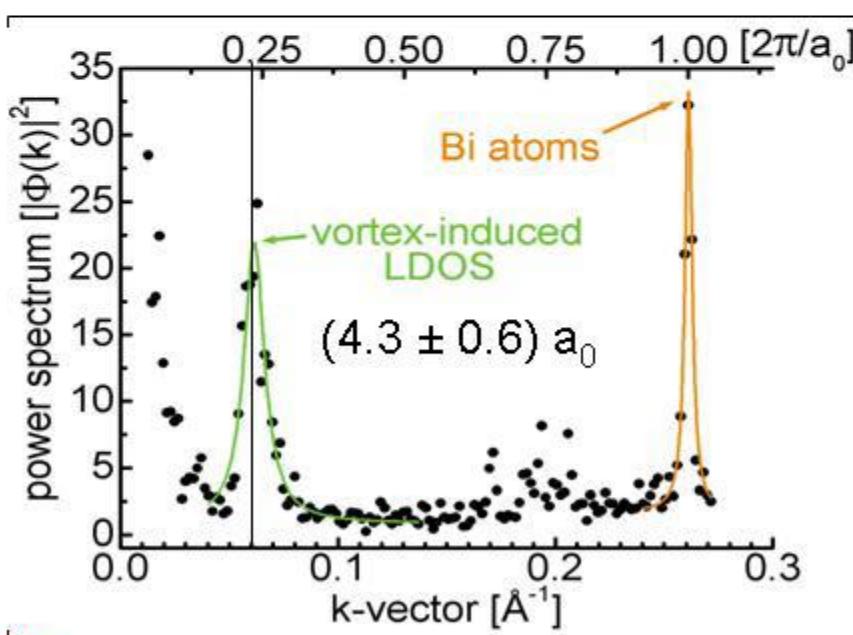
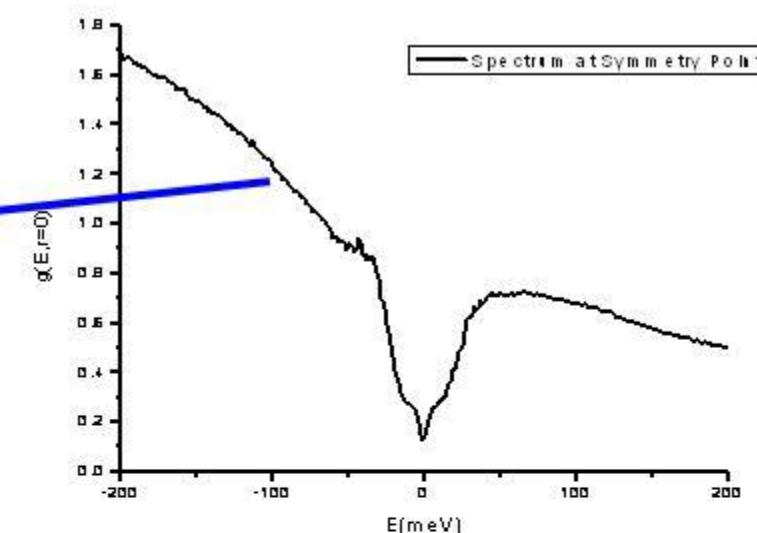
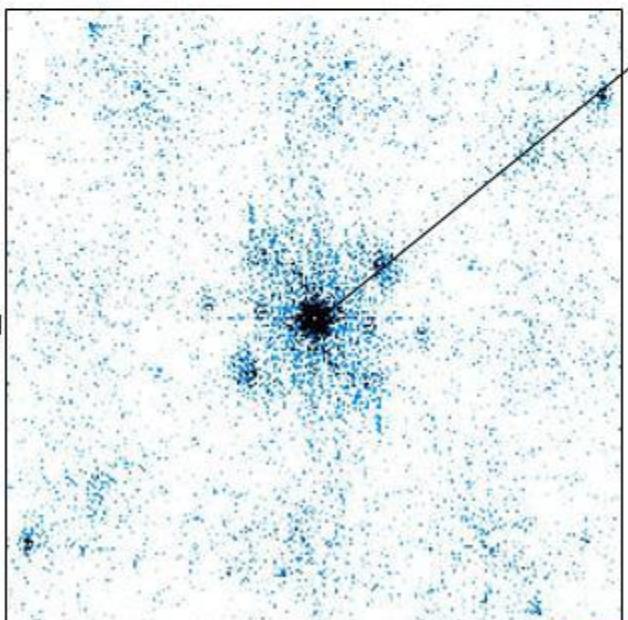
# $\sim 4a_0$ 'Checkerboard' LDOS modulations @ V-core Spectra

560 Å



FFT  
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$g(\vec{q}, \Delta E)$



$(\pi, 0)$

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# Way to ARPES

Impurity scattering hypothesis:  $|\mathcal{F}S(\mathbf{r})| = \text{AC } A(\mathbf{k})$

Definition of autocorrelation:  $\text{AC } A(\mathbf{k}) = \int A(\mathbf{k})A(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})d\mathbf{k}$

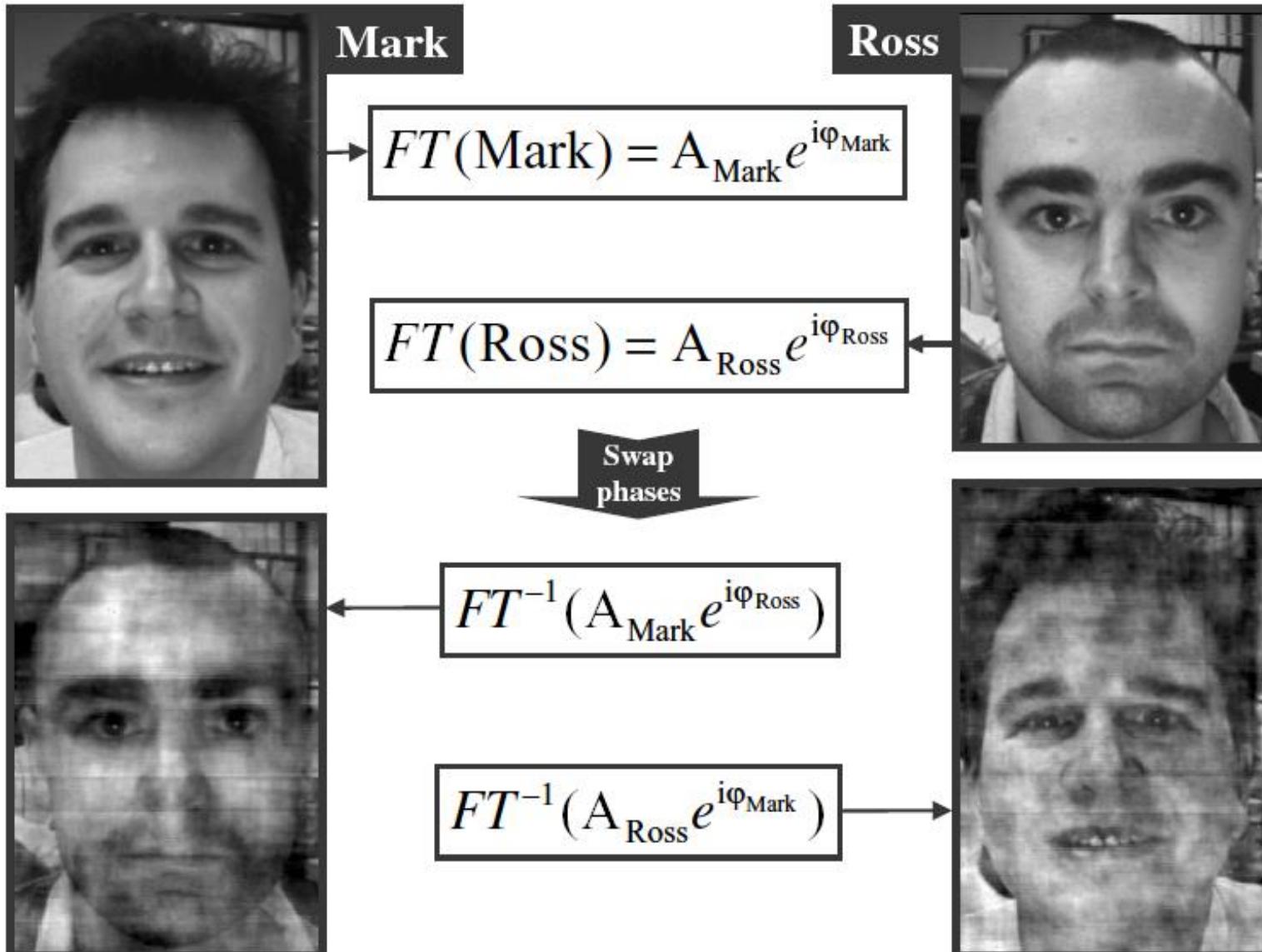
Another definition through  
the Fourier transform  
(Wiener-Khinchin theorem):

$$\text{AC } A(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{F}|\mathcal{F}A(\mathbf{k})|^2$$

$$|\mathcal{F}A(\mathbf{k})| = \sqrt{\mathcal{F}|\mathcal{F}S(\mathbf{r})|} = R(\rho)$$

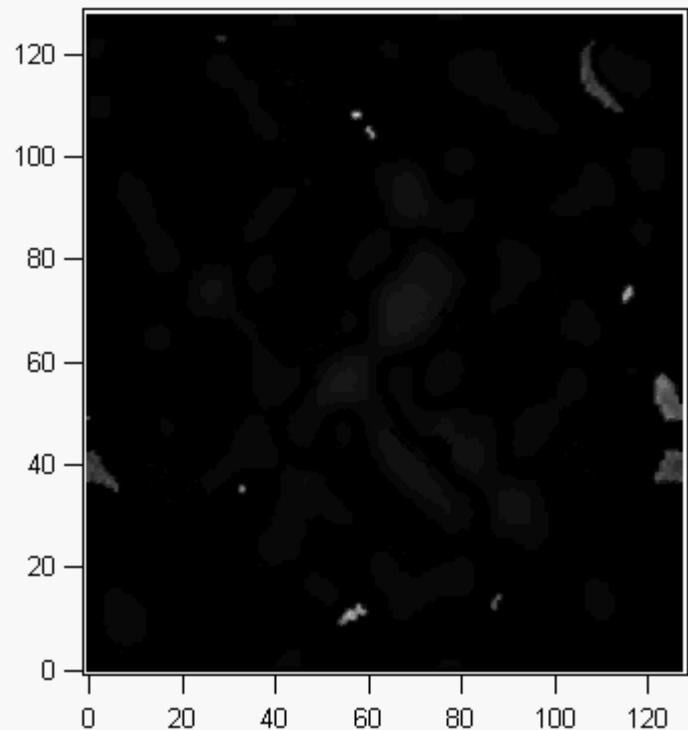
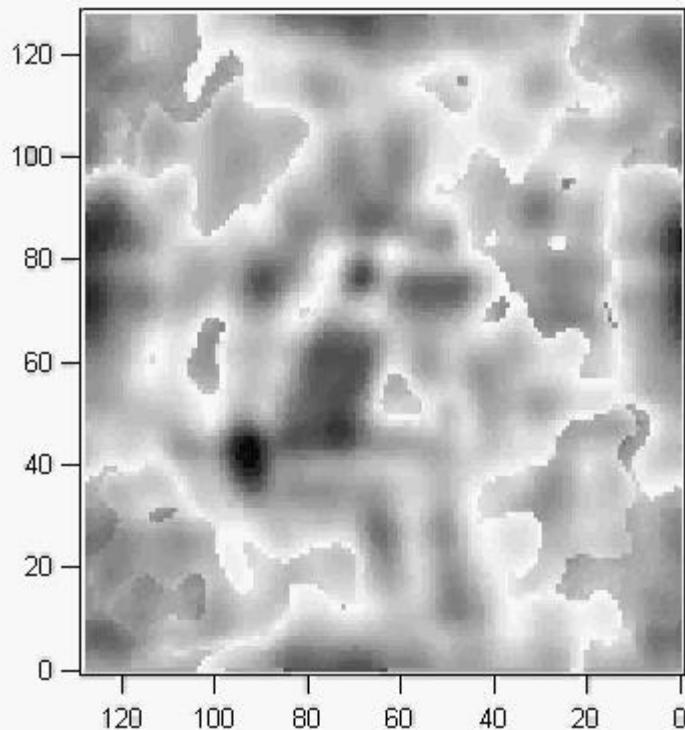
Phase retrieval algorithm:  $A(\mathbf{k}) = \text{PRA} \sqrt{\mathcal{F}|\mathcal{F}S(\mathbf{r})|}$

# Phase retrieval algorithm

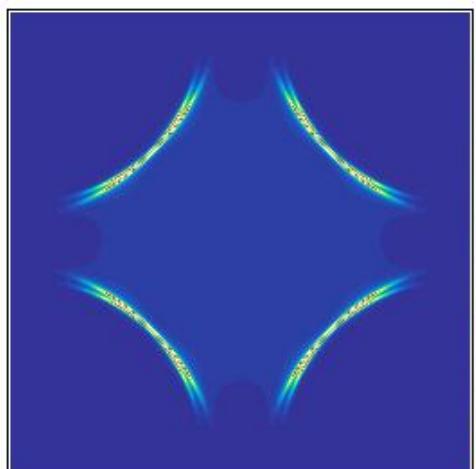


# Phase retrieval algorithm

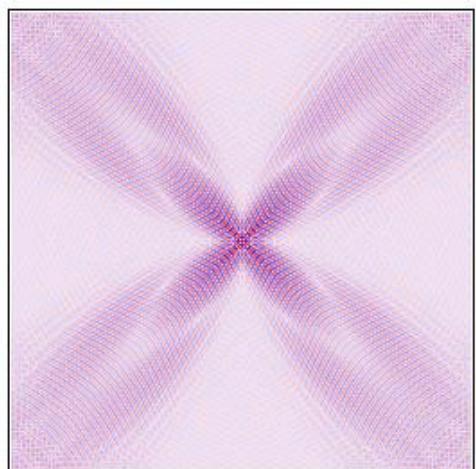
$$A(\mathbf{k}) = \text{PRA} |F A(\mathbf{k})|$$



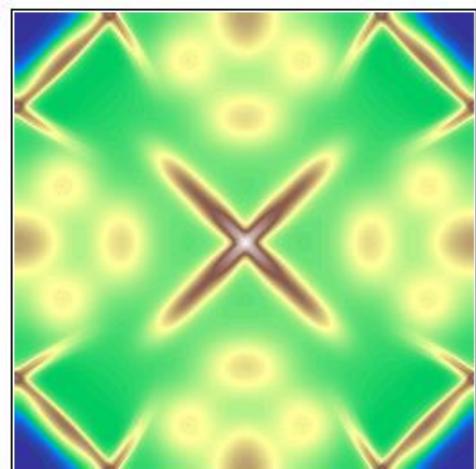
# Representations of quasiparticles in different spaces of high- $T_c$ cuprates:



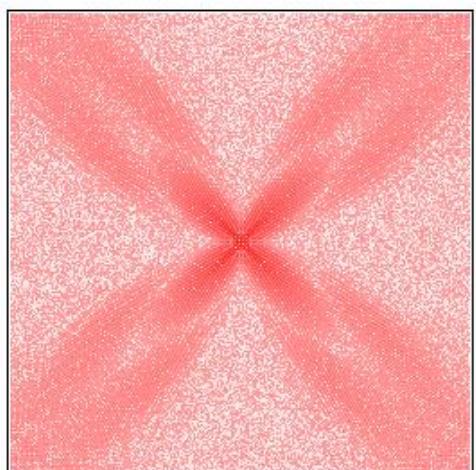
$A \text{ vs } \mathbf{k}$



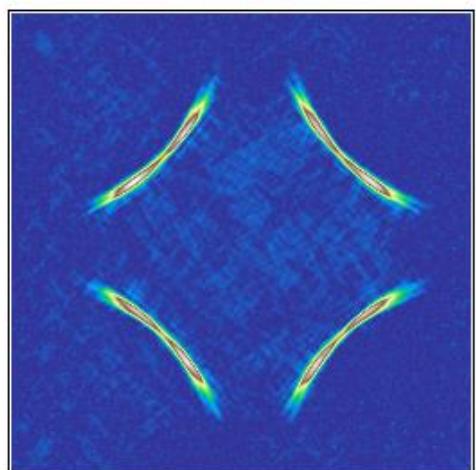
$\mathbf{F}A \text{ vs } \rho$



$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} \text{ vs } \mathbf{q}$



$|\mathbf{F}A| + 50\% \text{ noise} \text{ vs } \rho$

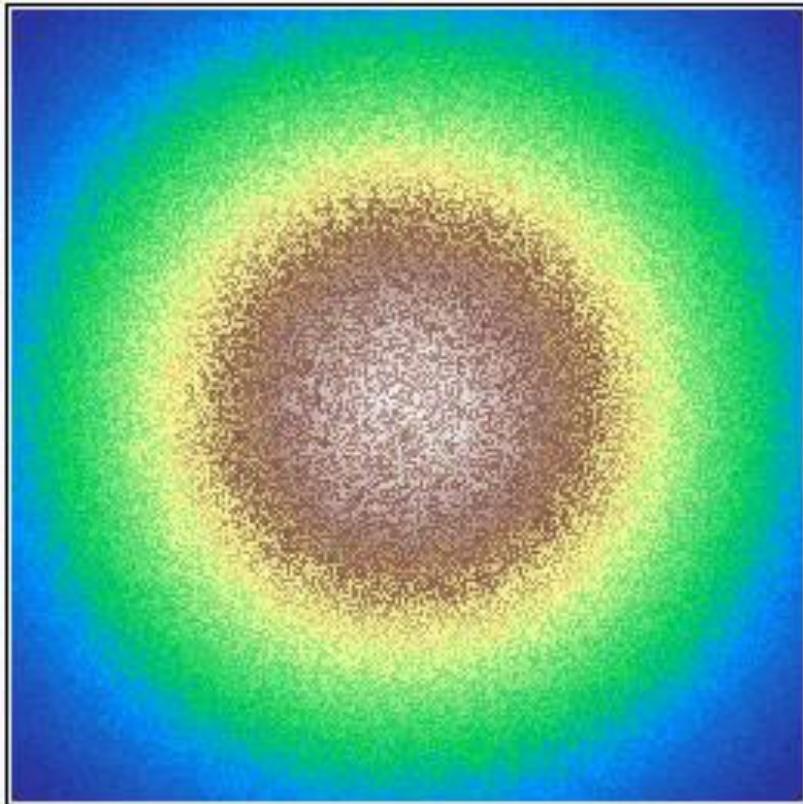


$A' \text{ vs } \mathbf{k}$



$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}' \text{ vs } \mathbf{q}$

# Phase retrieval algorithm



$$\mathcal{R}_n = \mathbf{F} A_n,$$

$$\mathcal{R}'_n = R \exp[i\arg(\mathcal{R}_n)],$$

$$\mathcal{A}'_n = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathcal{R}'_n,$$

$$A_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{A}'_n) & \text{if } \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{A}'_n) \geq 0, \\ \operatorname{Re}(A_n - \beta \mathcal{A}'_n) & \text{if } \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{A}'_n) < 0, \end{cases}$$