

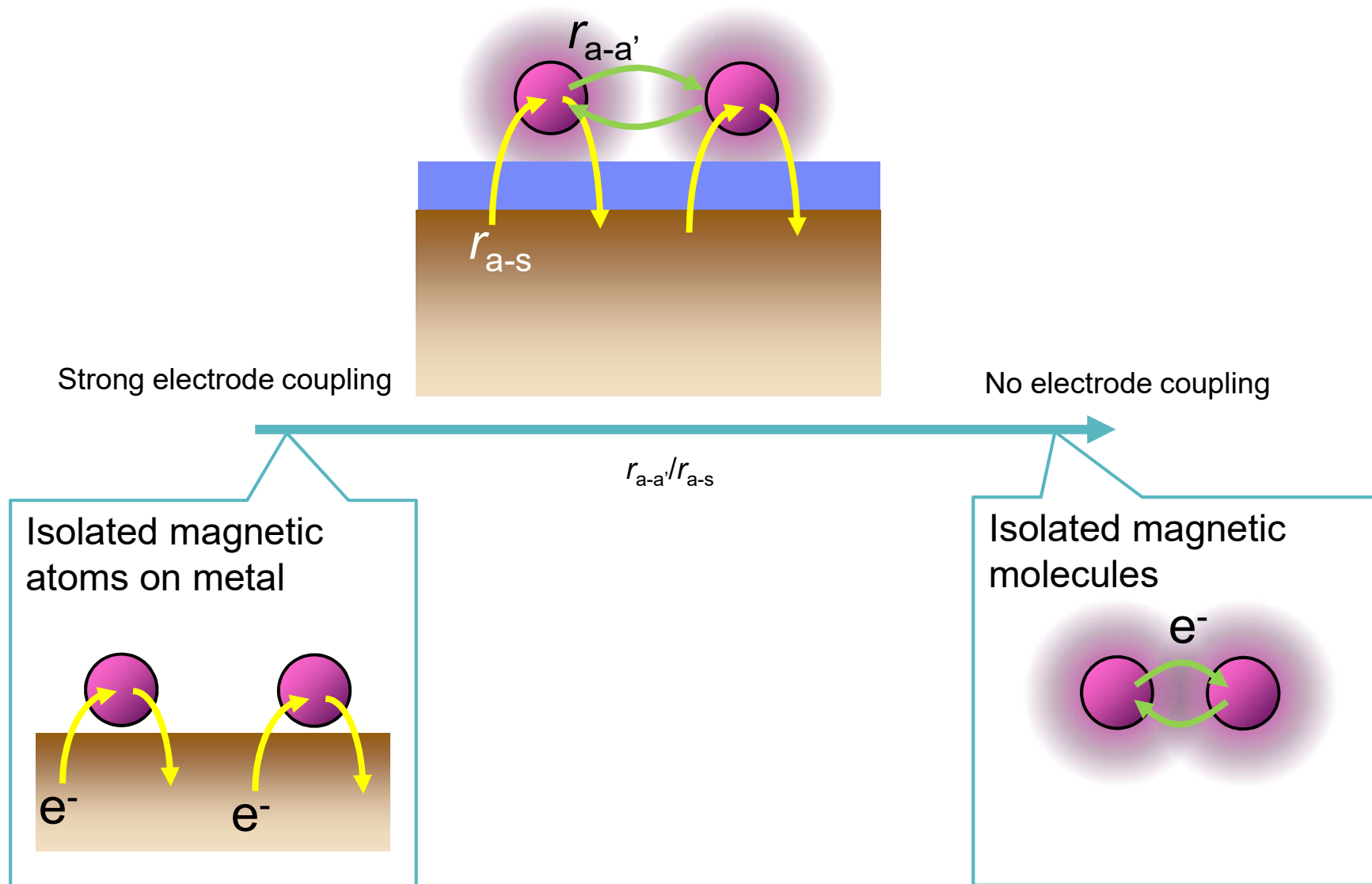
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Spin-environment coupling of few-atom magnets

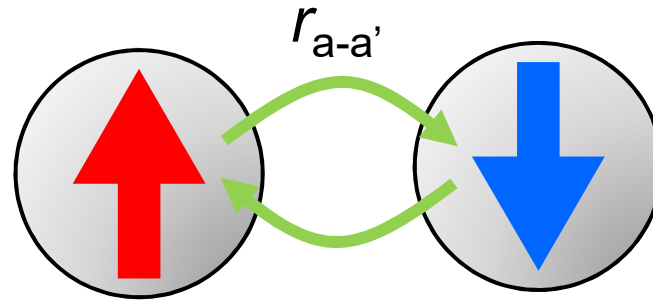


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Electron scattering vs. spin entanglement

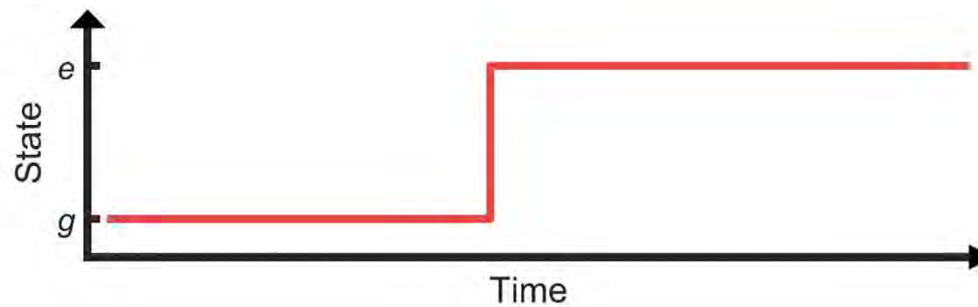


Coupled Atoms: Closed Quantum System

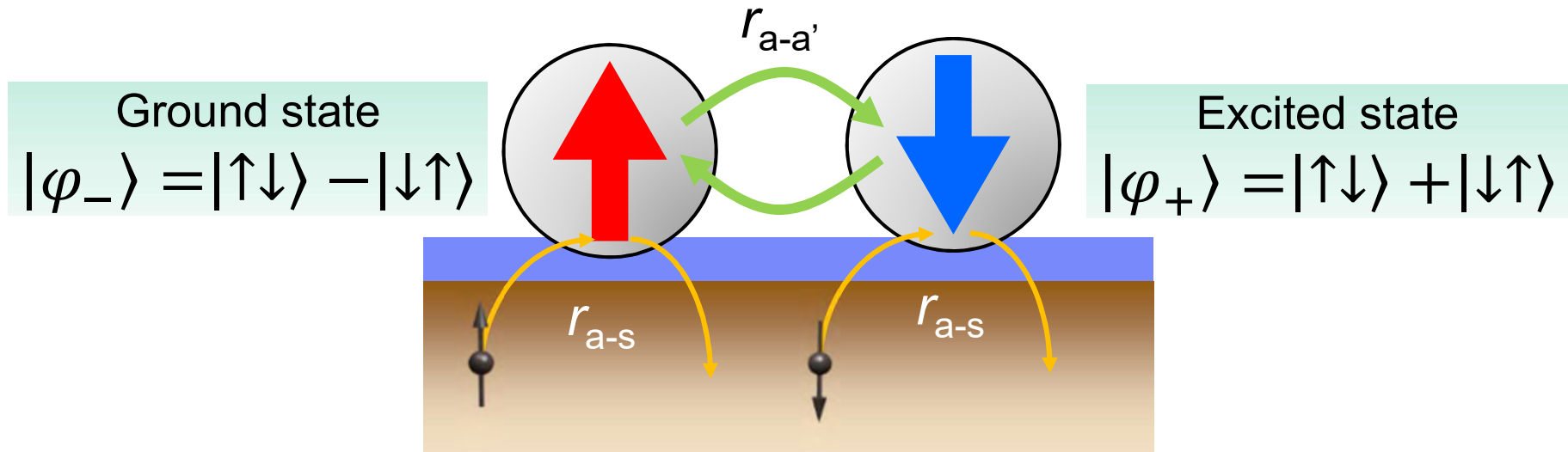


Ground state
 $|\varphi_{-}\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$

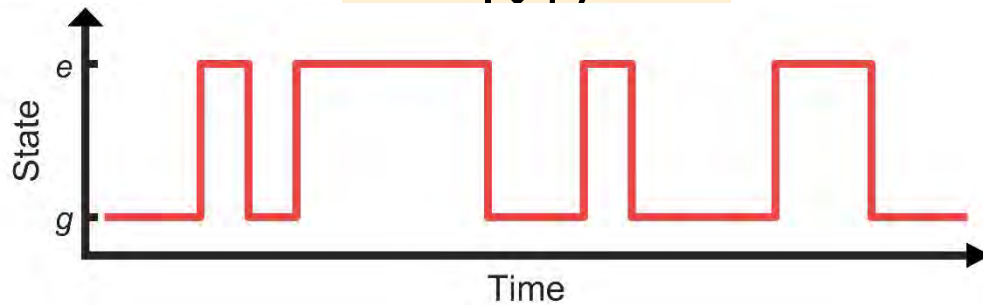
Excited state
 $|\varphi_{+}\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$



Coupled Atoms on Surface: Open Quantum System



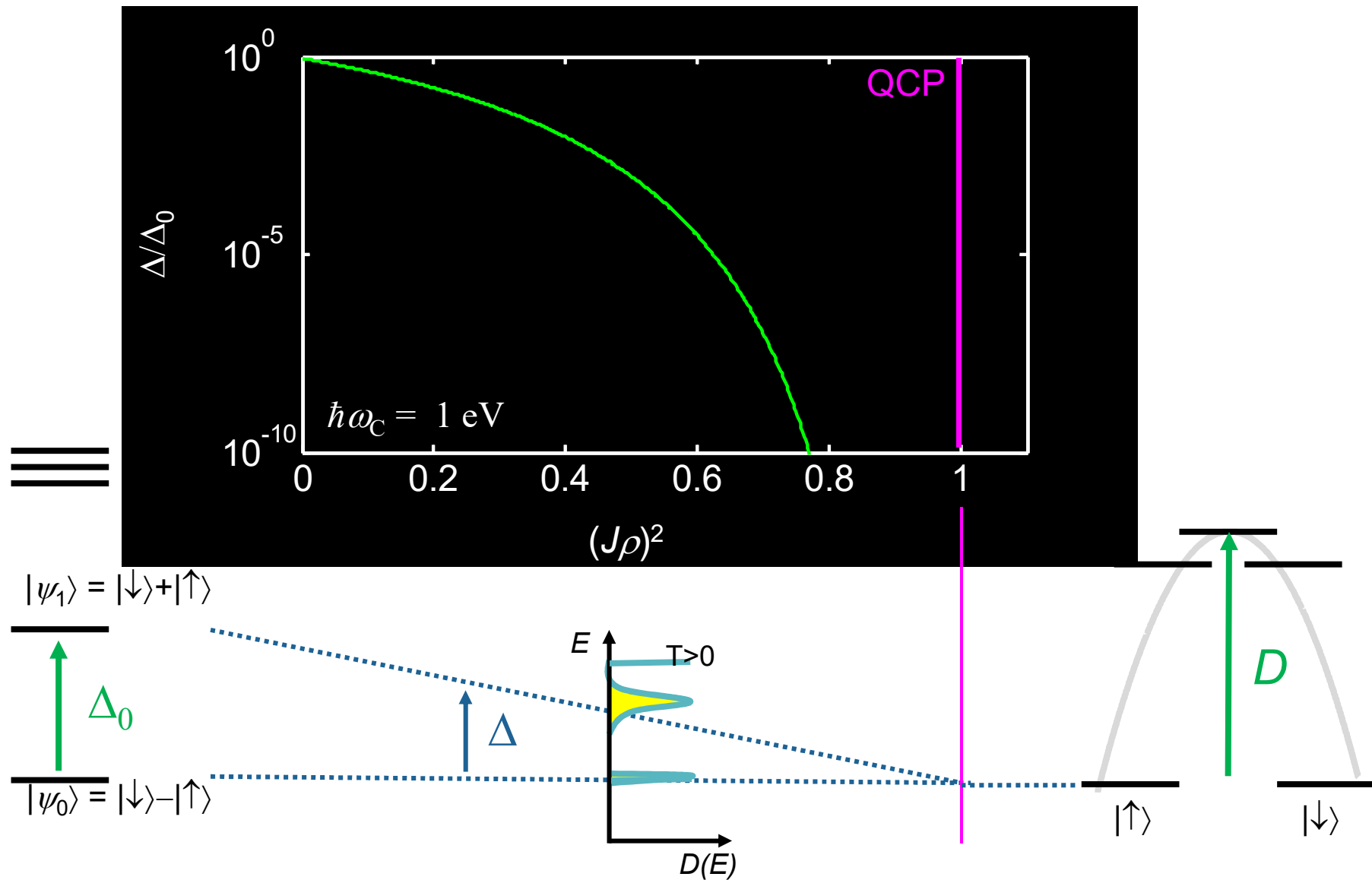
Scattered states
 $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle,$
 $|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$



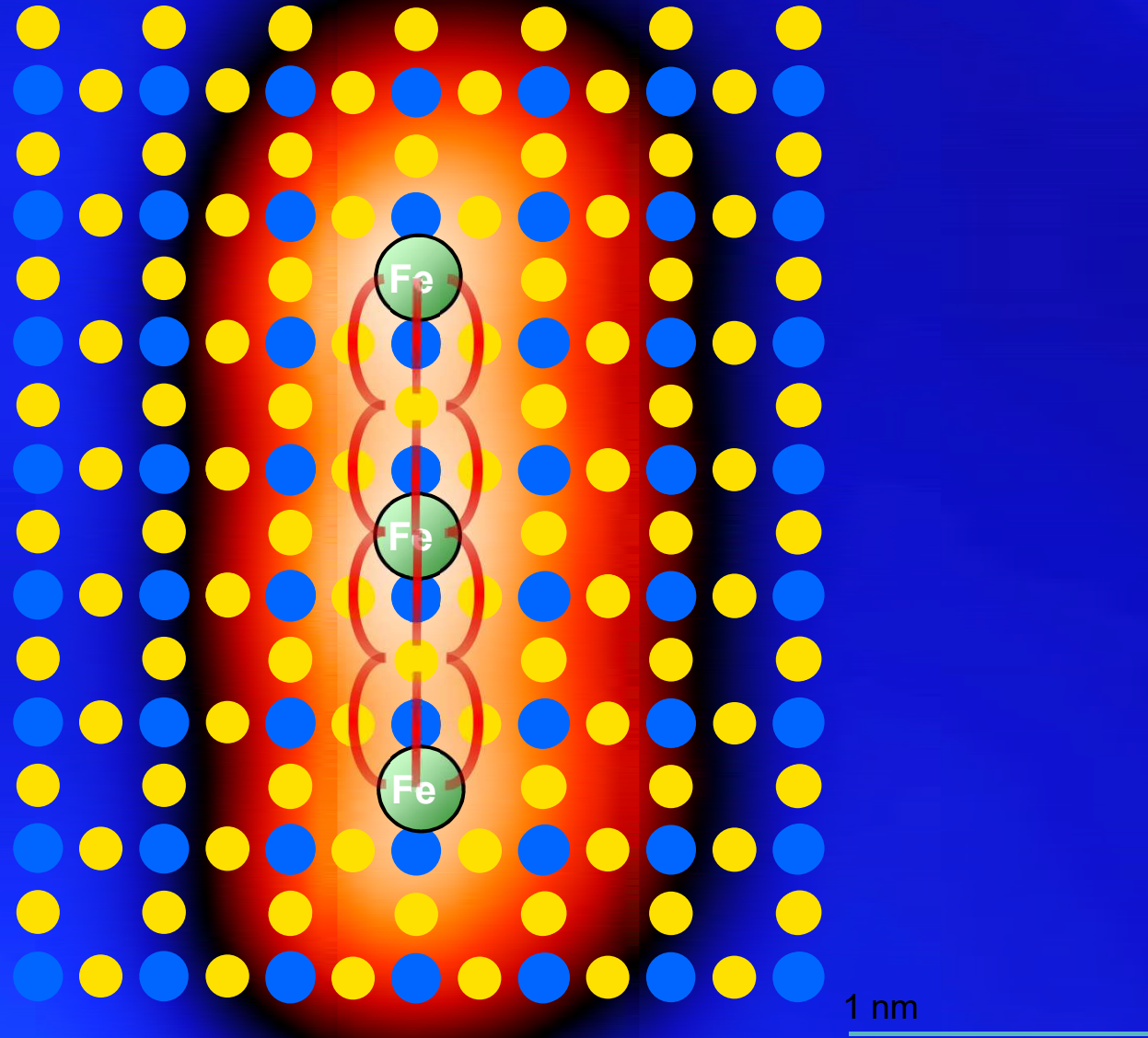
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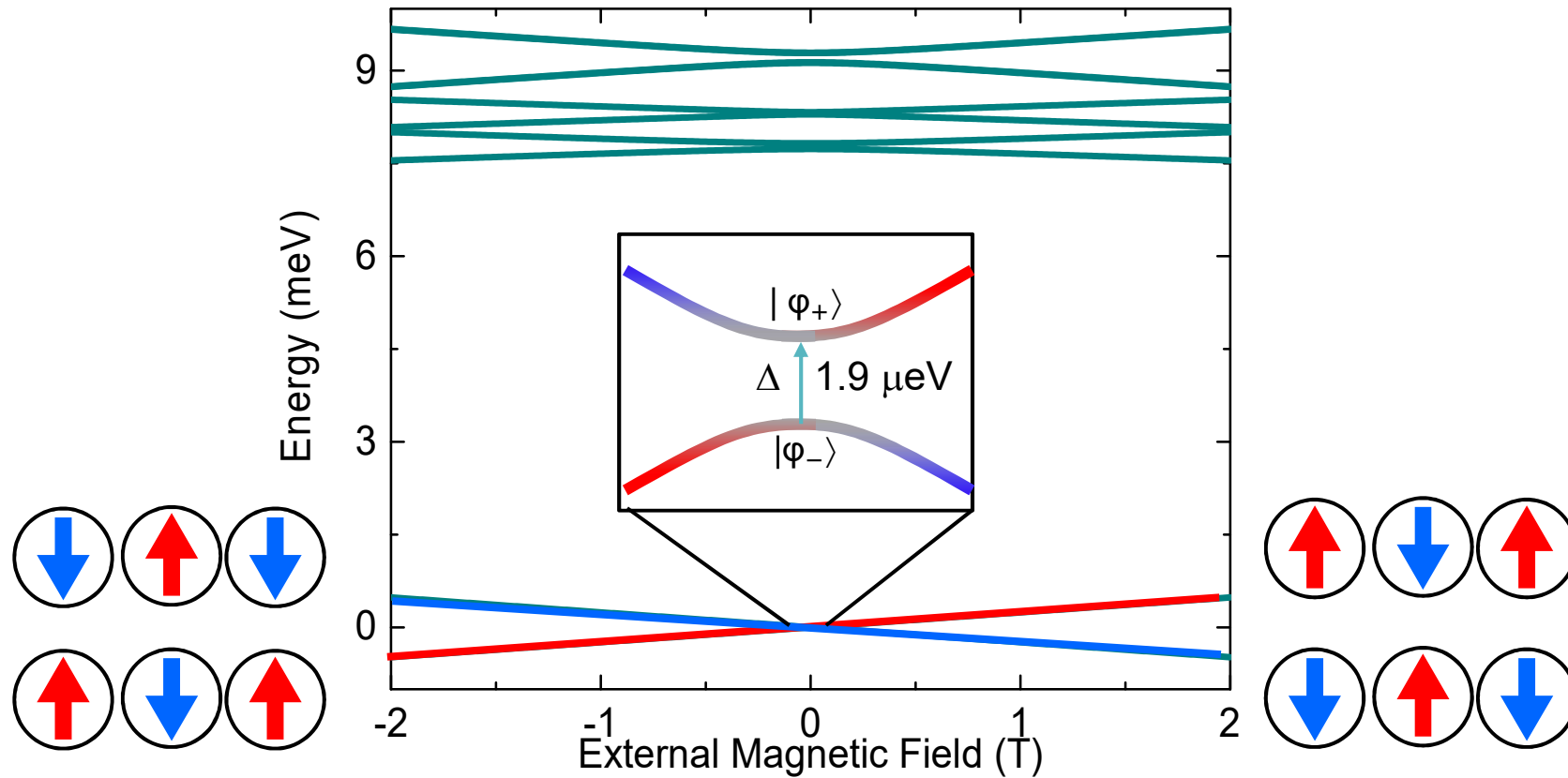
Renormalized level splitting – Spin Boson model



Fe₃ spins sensor



Spin state spectrum of Fe trimer

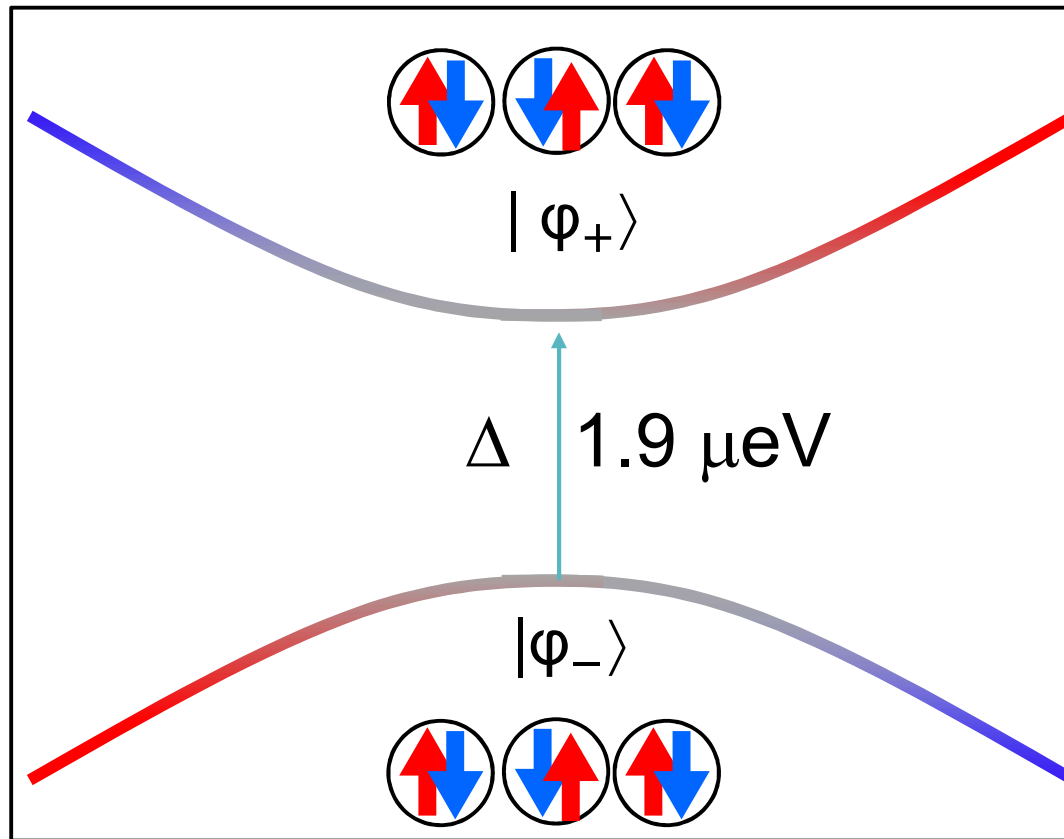


Entangled ground state and avoided level crossing at $B = 0$

$$|\varphi_+\rangle = | +2 - 2 + 2 \rangle + | -2 + 2 - 2 \rangle$$

$$|\varphi_-\rangle = | +2 - 2 + 2 \rangle - | -2 + 2 - 2 \rangle$$

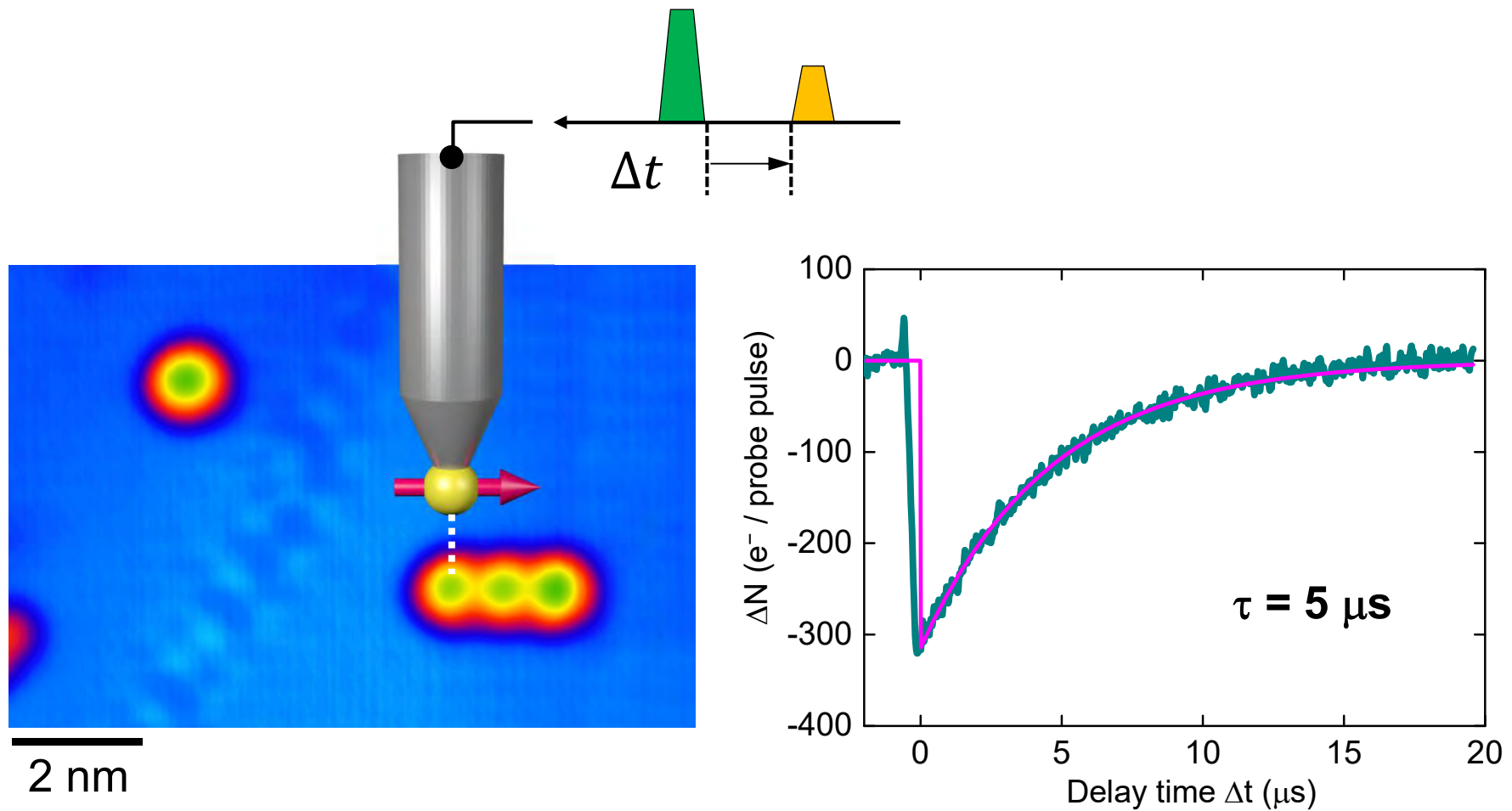
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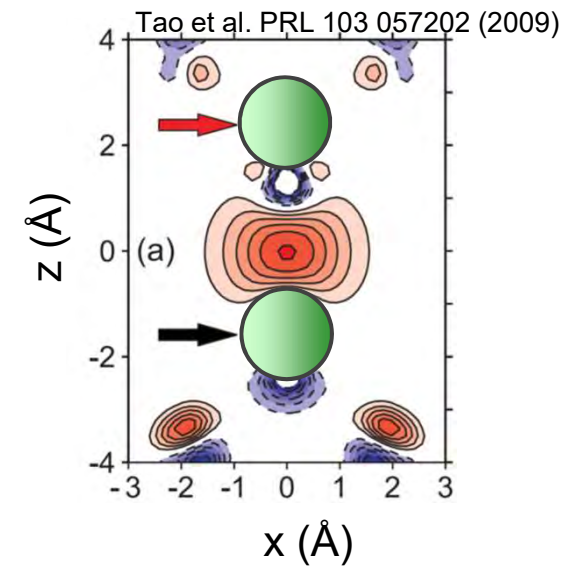
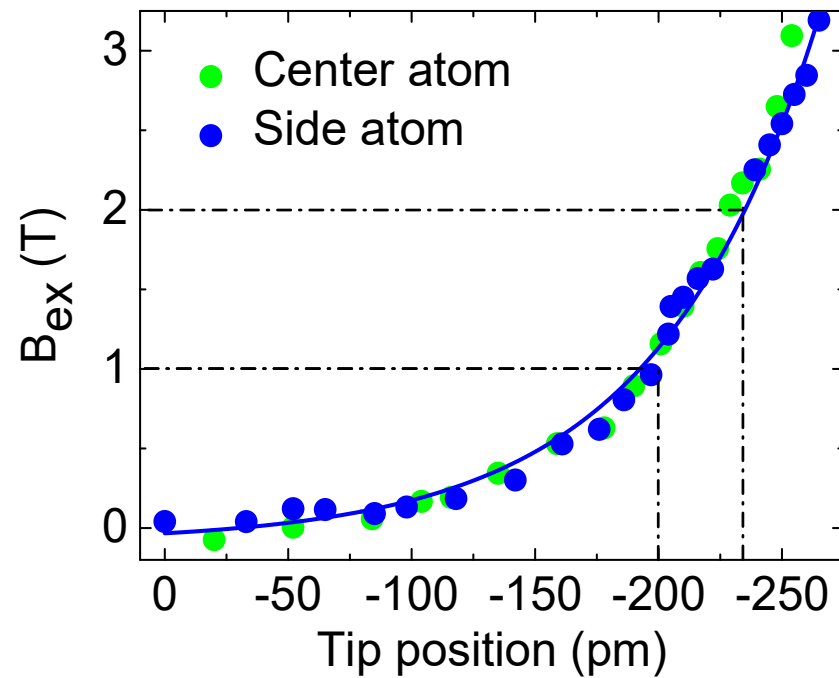
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Spin lifetime of few-atom spin systems $(\text{Fe}_3)_{\text{Cu}_2\text{N}}$

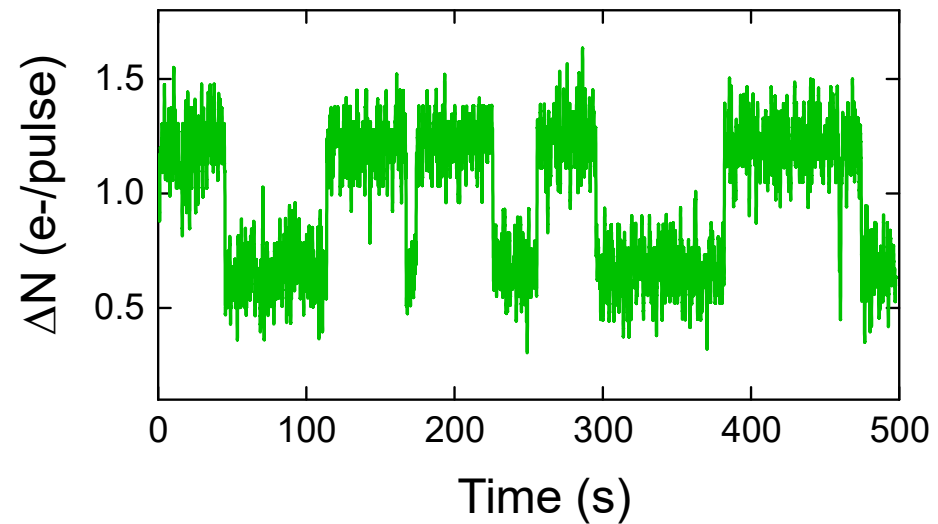
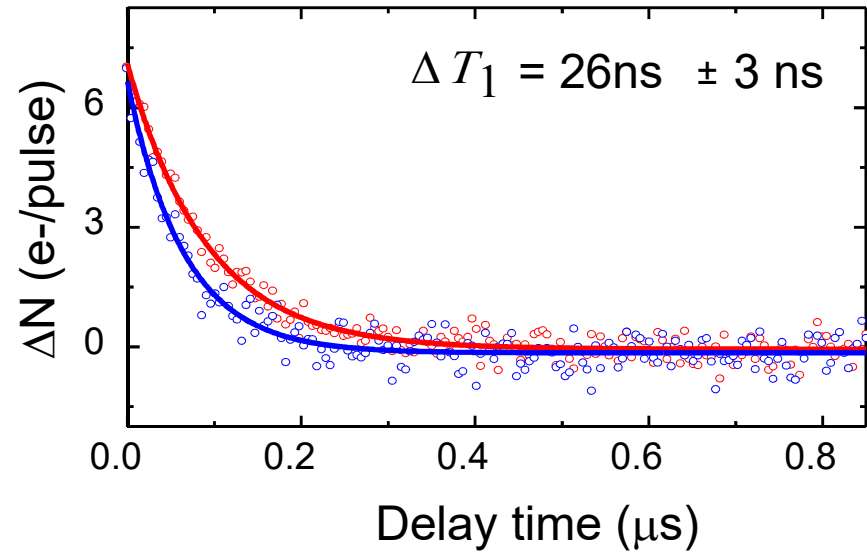
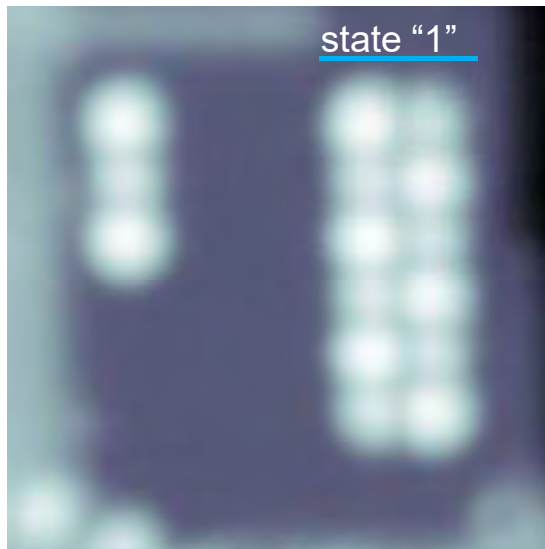
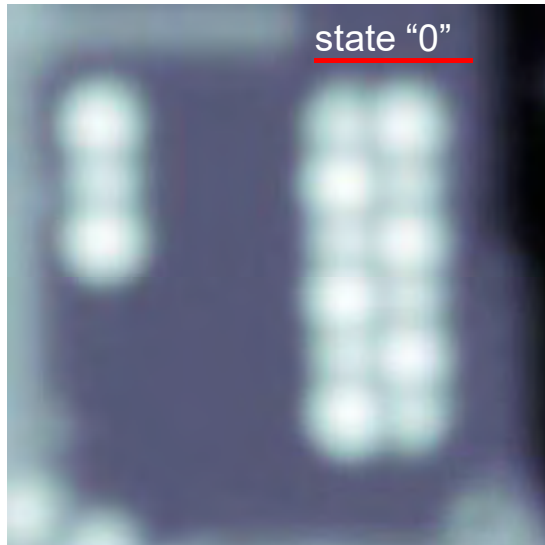


Interatomic exchange bias field

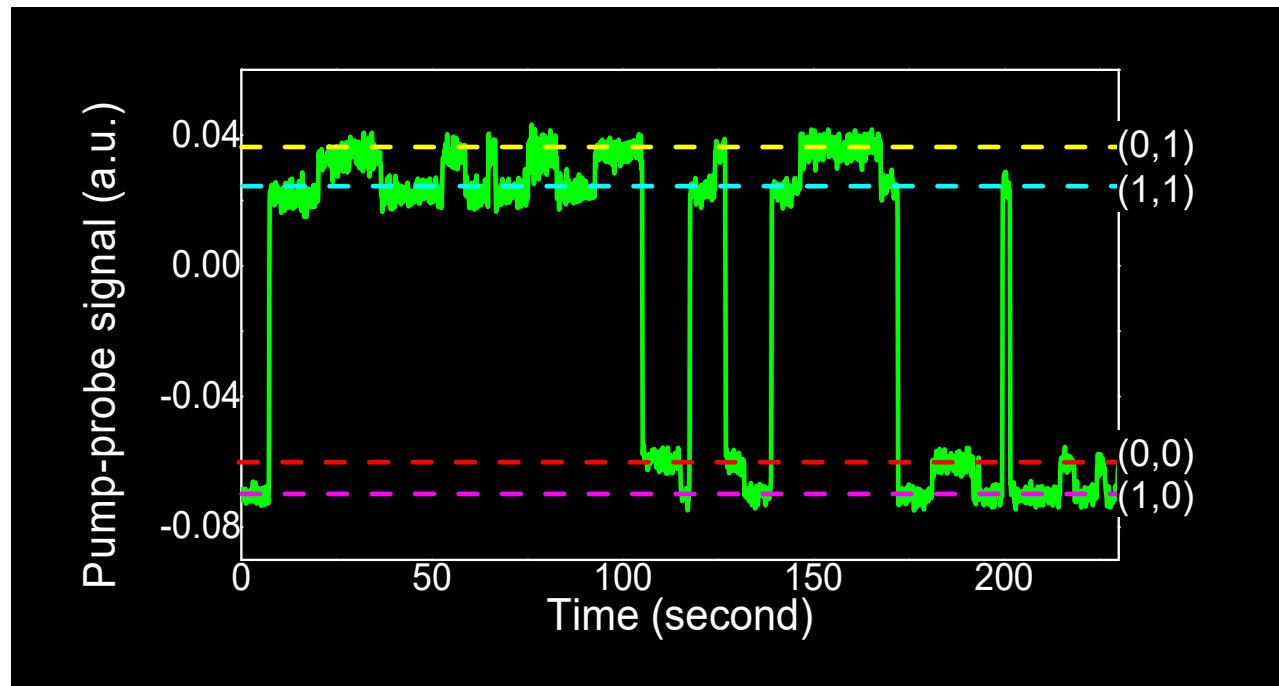
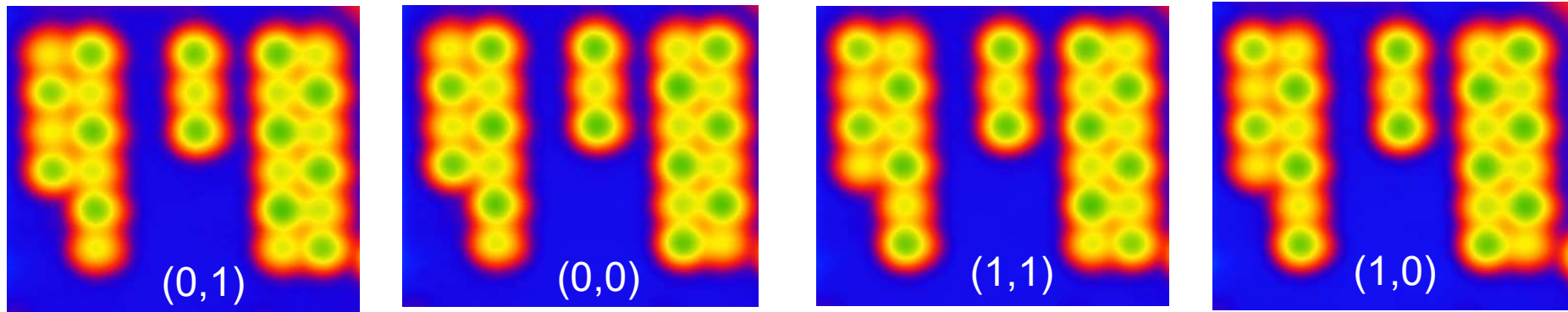


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Remote Spin sensing at the atomic scale

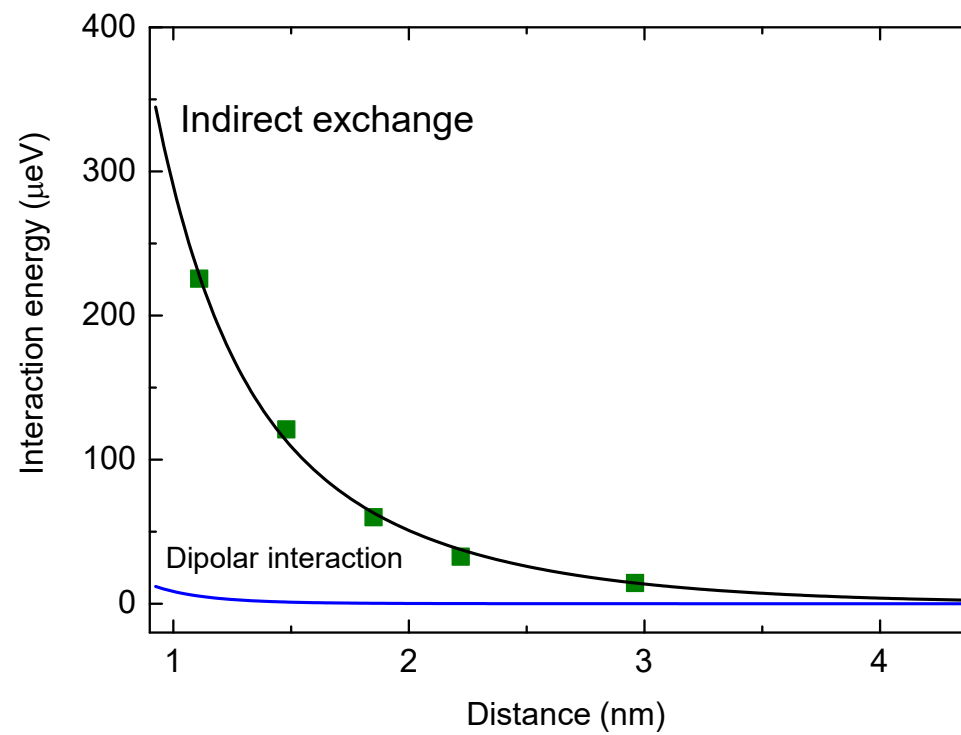
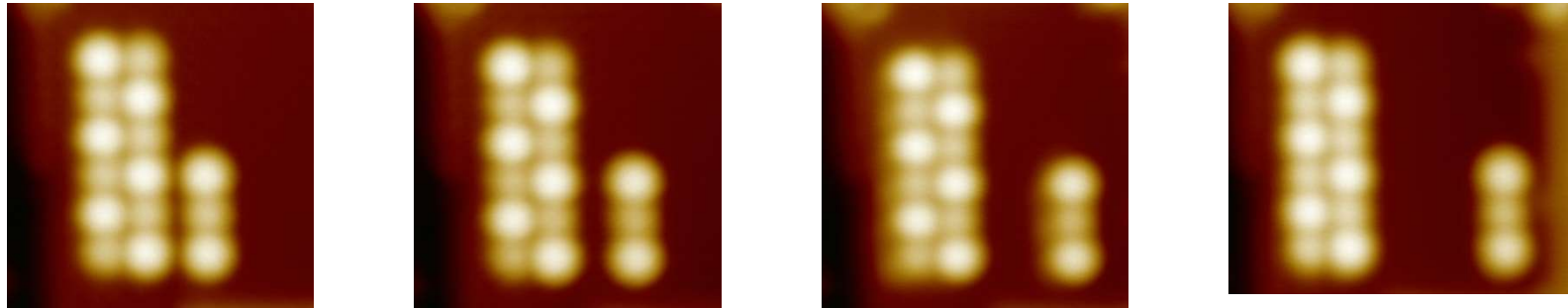


Remote sensing of correlated spin states

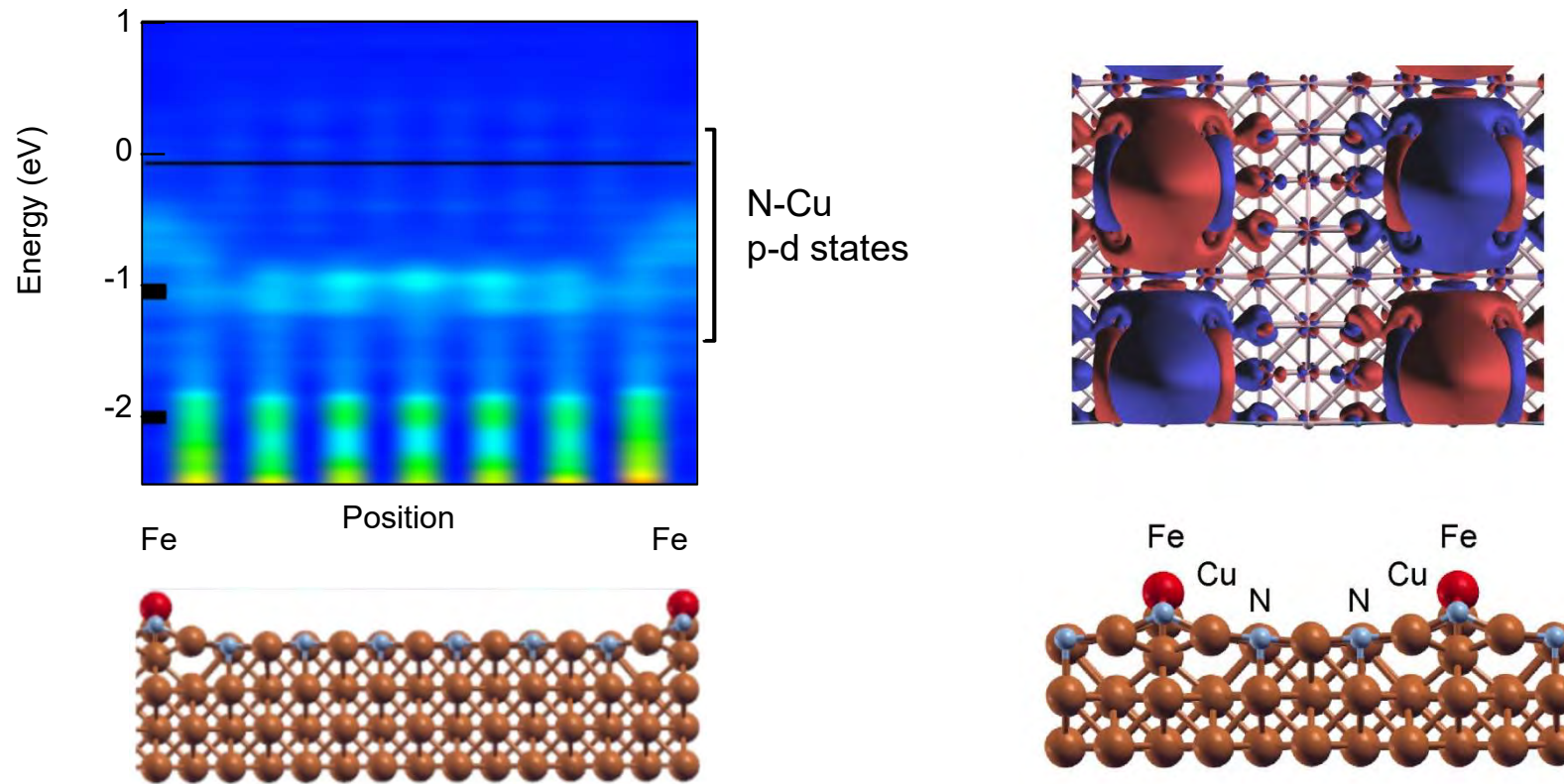


Antiferromagnetic correlation:
$$\frac{P_{(0,1)} + P_{(1,0)}}{P_{(0,0)} + P_{(1,1)}} = 1.12 \pm 0.09$$

Long-range p-d exchange interaction

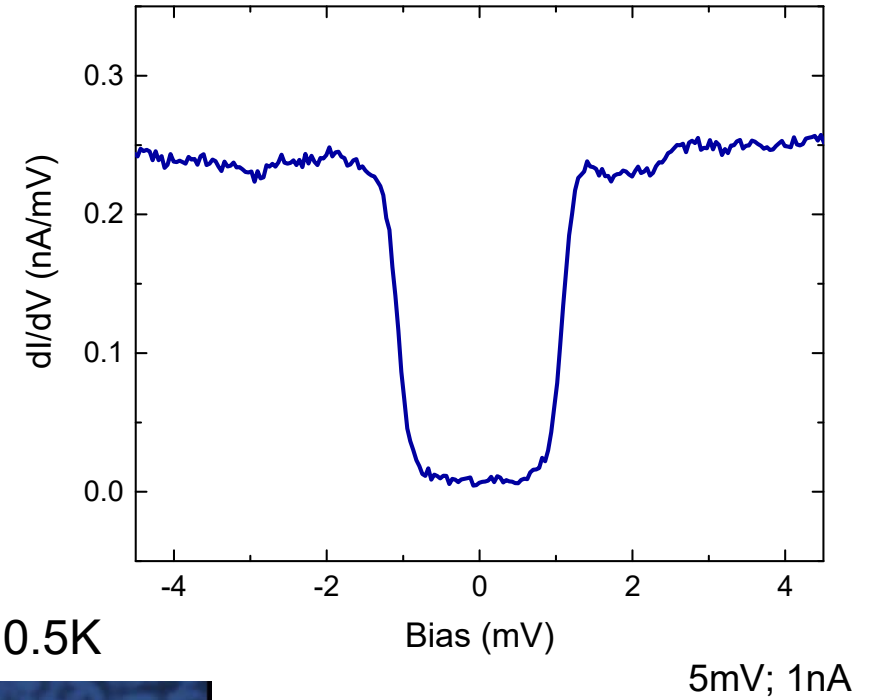
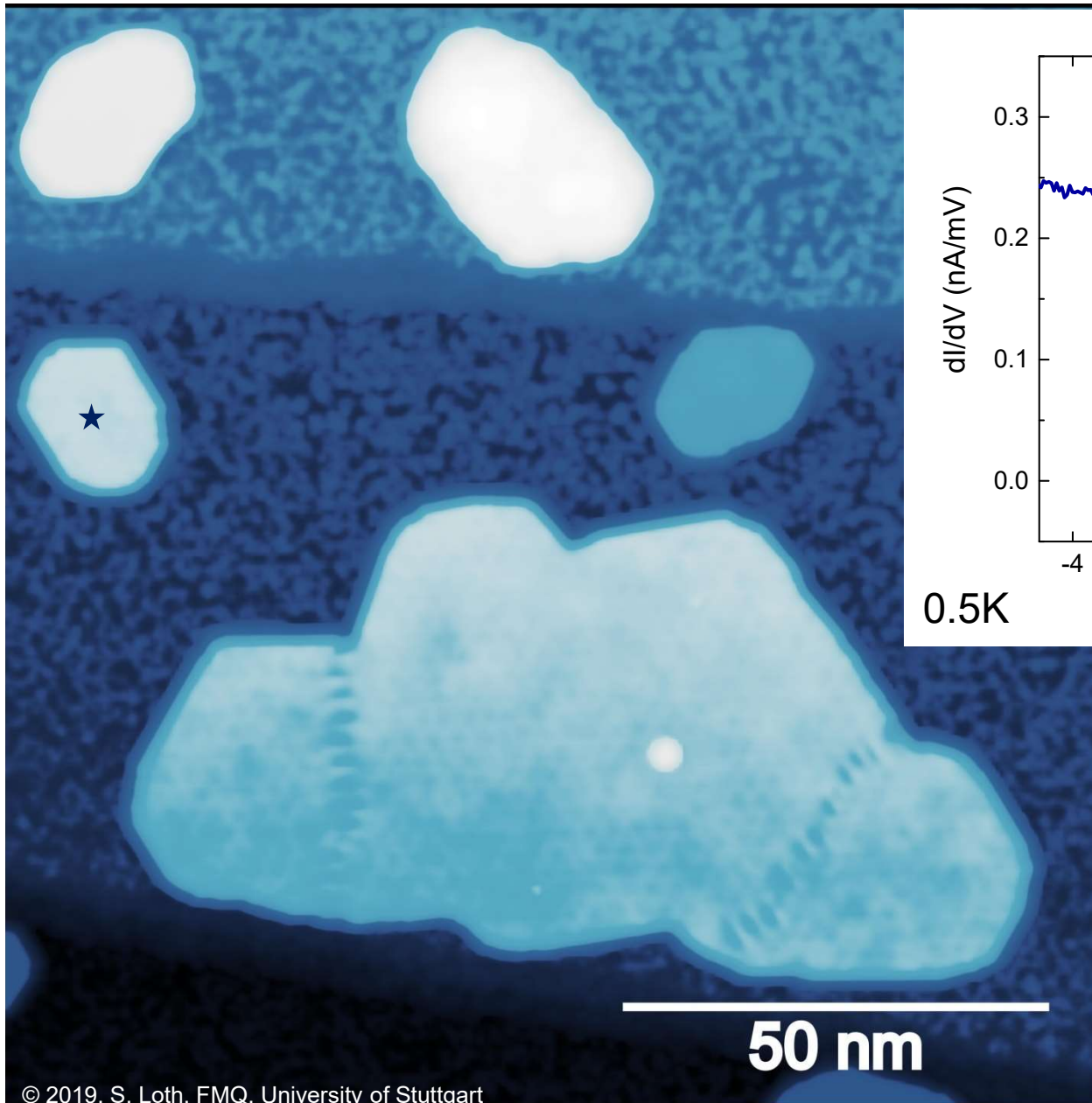


Long-range p-d exchange through Cu_2N network



S. Yan, L. Malavolti, J. Burgess, A. Droghetti, A. Rubio, S. Loth, *Science Advances* 3 e1603137 (2017)

'2D' superconducting substrate: Pb on Si(111) 7x7

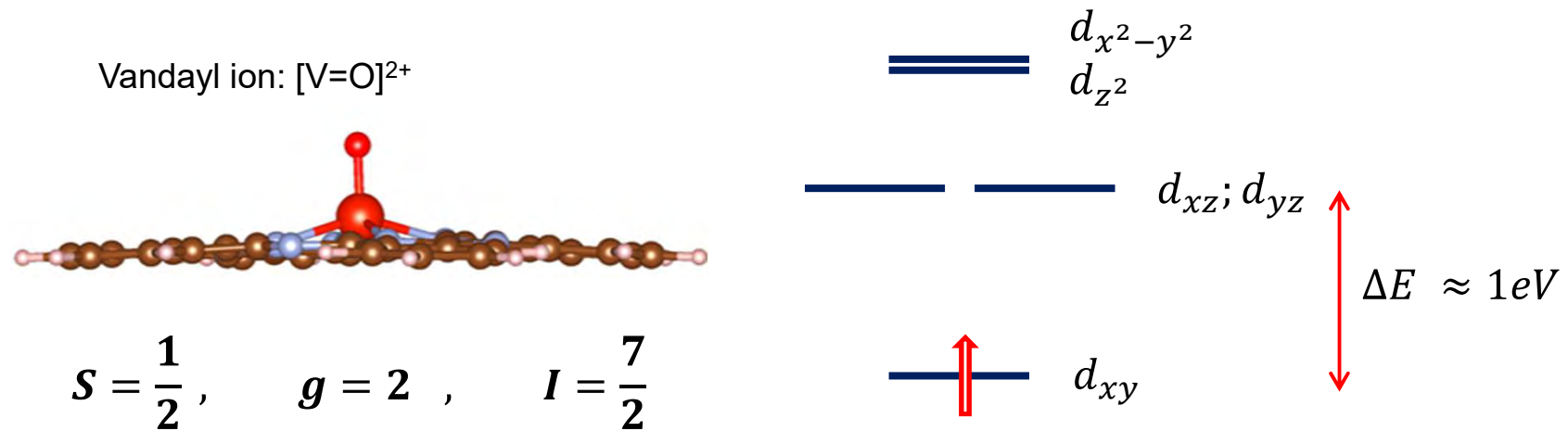


H_c up to 5 T

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Molecular qubit: Vanadyl phthalocyanine (VOPc)

Collaboration with: M. Mannini, R. Sessoli, U Florence

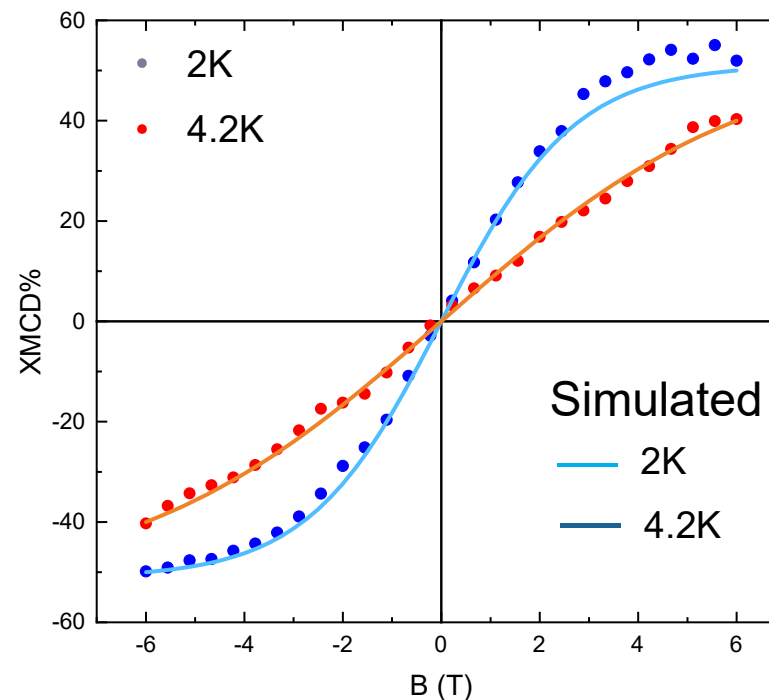
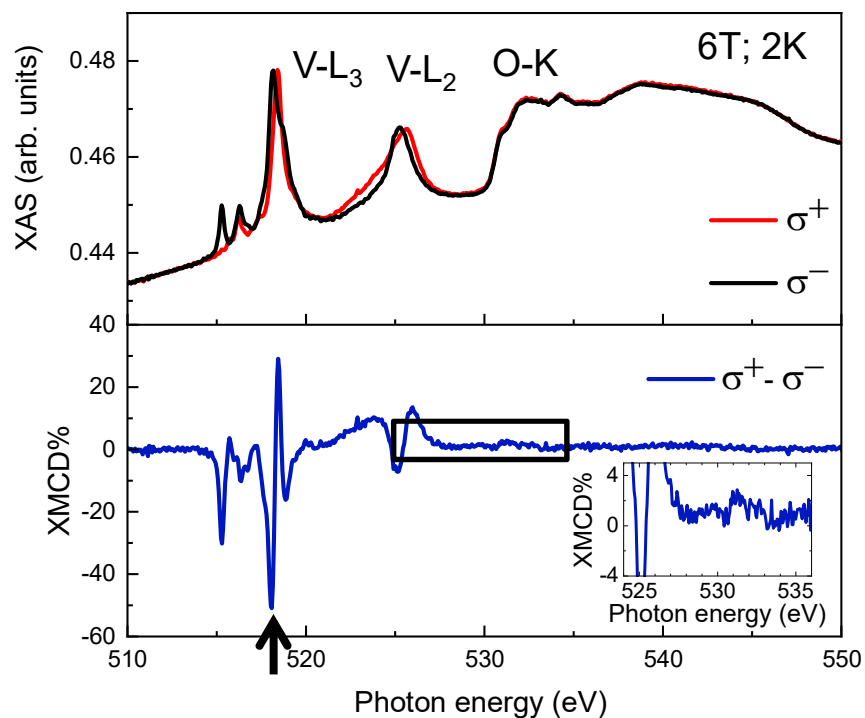


$$T_1 = 14 \text{ ms} \quad T_2^* = 3.4 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$$

(at 4 K), Atzori M. et al.; *JACS* **2016**, 138, 2154

XMCD characterization – Pb(111) single crystal

Vanadium L_{3,2} edges + Oxygen K edge



Spectra comparable with VOPc on Ag, Si:

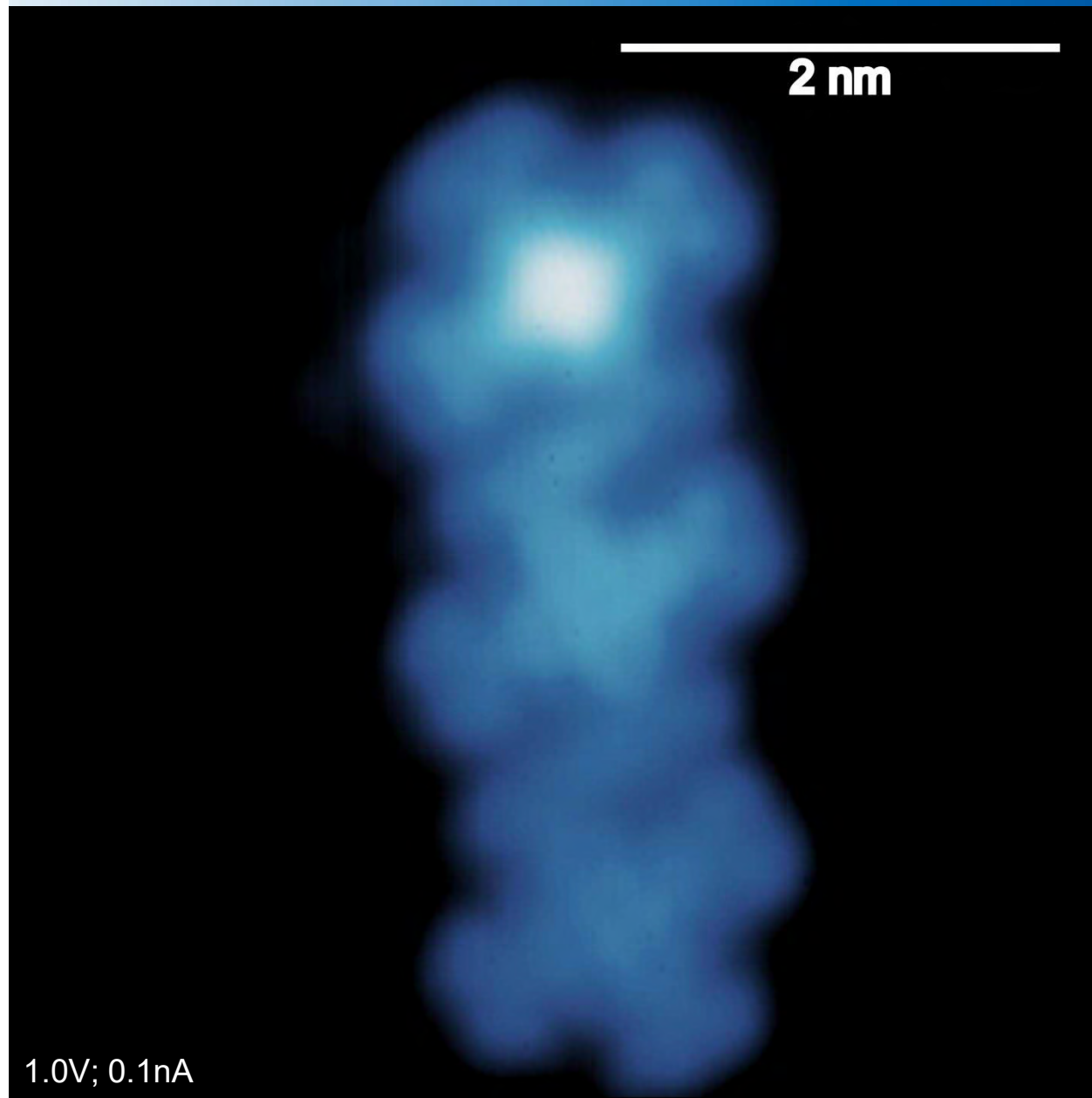
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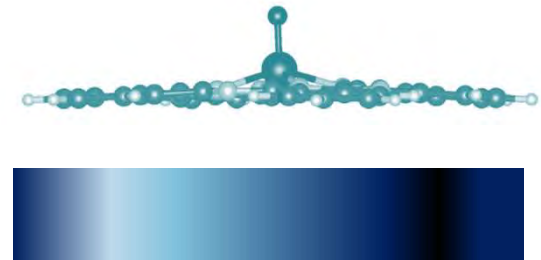
$$S = \frac{1}{2}; g = 2$$

$$XMCD\% = A \cdot \frac{\sum_S g \cdot \mu_B \cdot S \cdot \exp\left(\frac{g \cdot \mu_B \cdot H \cdot S}{KT}\right)}{\sum_S \exp\left(\frac{g \cdot \mu_B \cdot H \cdot S}{KT}\right)}$$

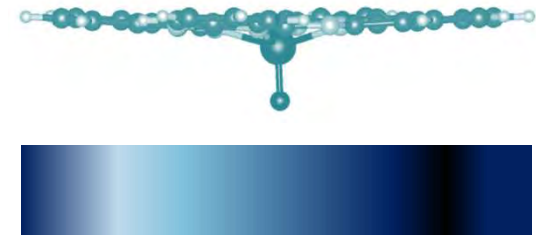
VOPc molecules on Pb island



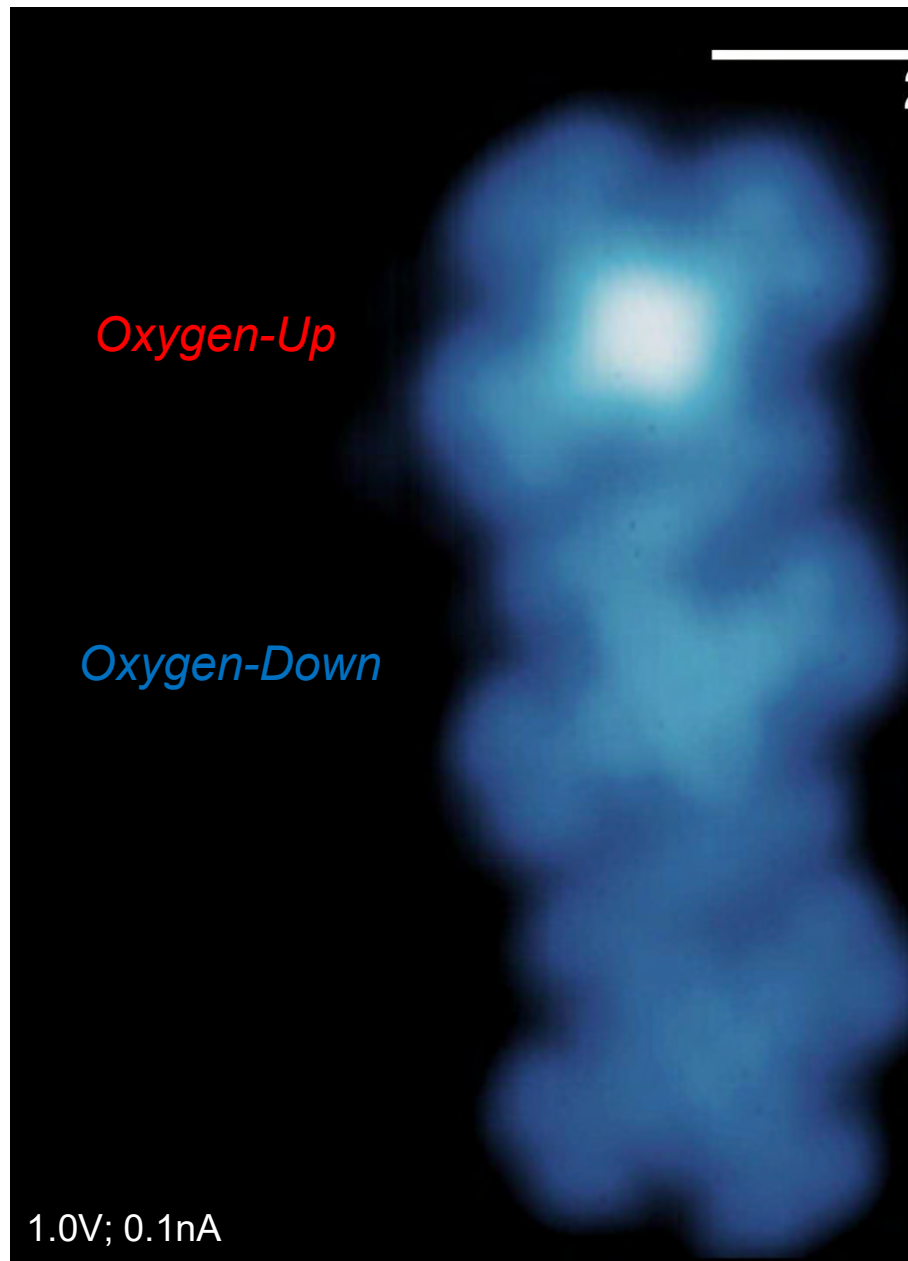
Oxygen-Up



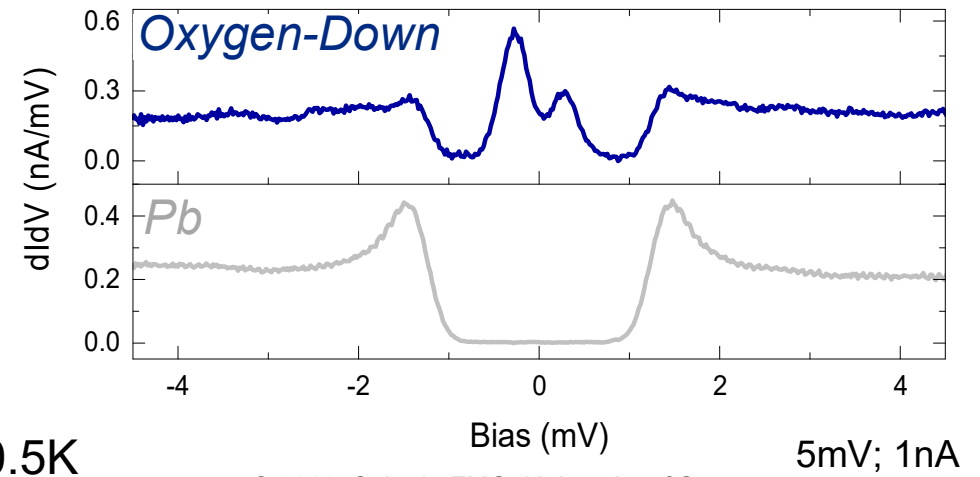
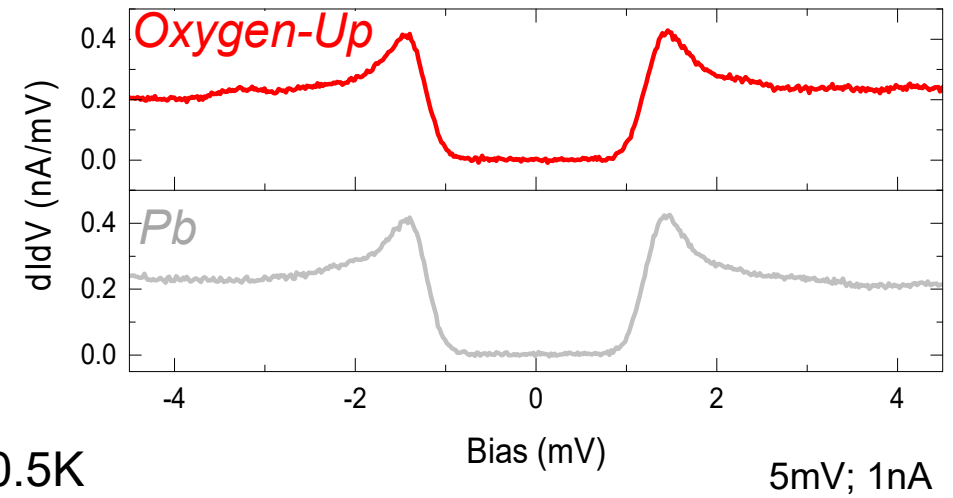
Oxygen-Down



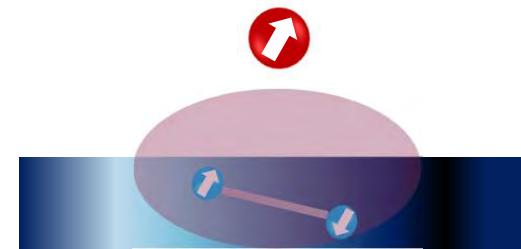
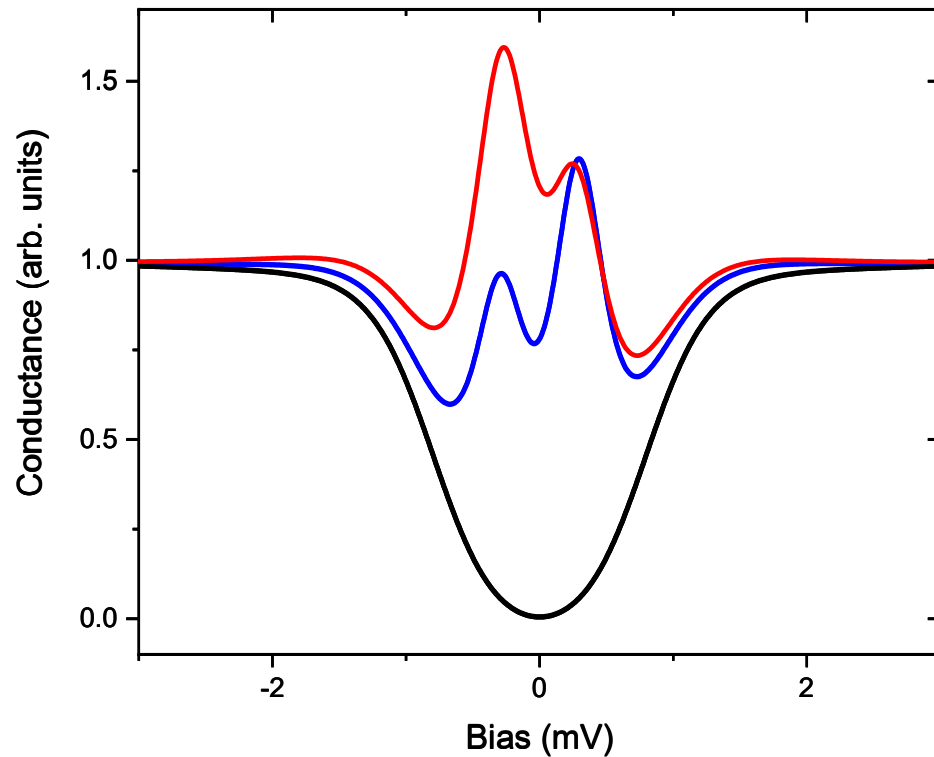
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2 nm



Magnetic centers on superconductors



$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_{sd}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} - \Delta_0 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger a_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^\dagger + a_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} a_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{sd} = -\frac{J}{2N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} a_{\mathbf{k}'} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

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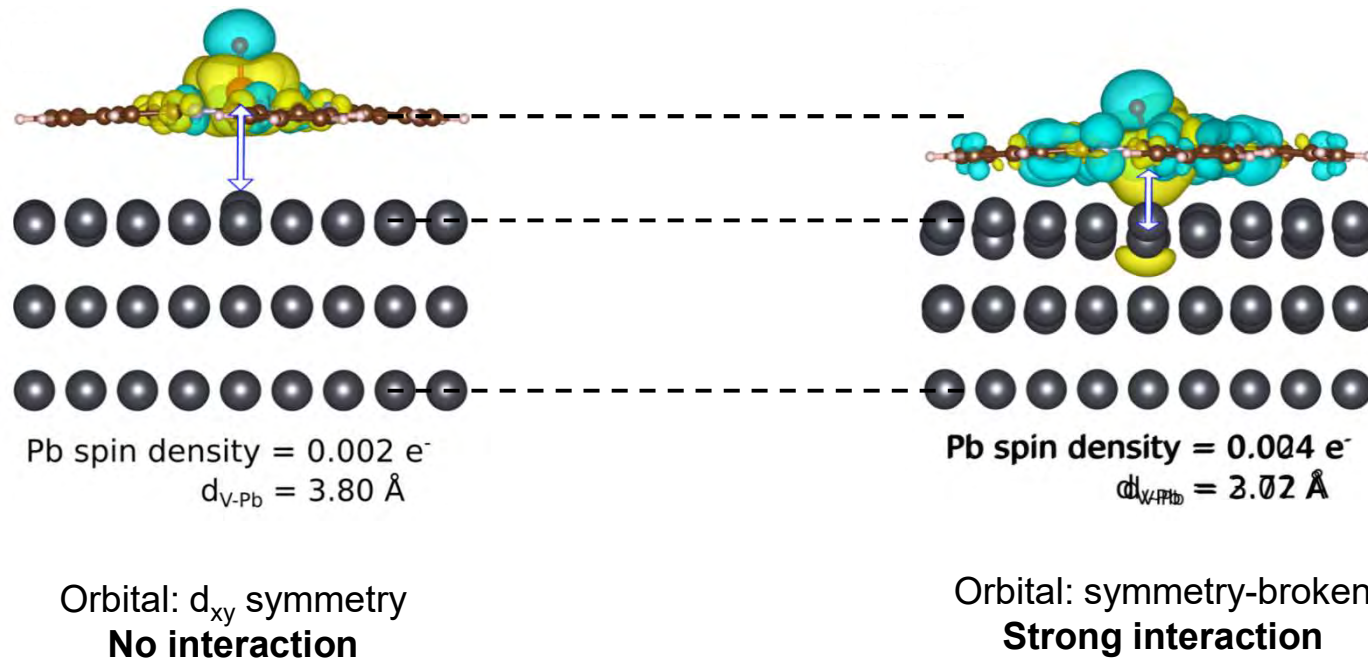
Yu-Shiba-Rusinov states

- weak vs. strong spin-superconductor interaction
- Quasiparticle excitation localized in the superconductor

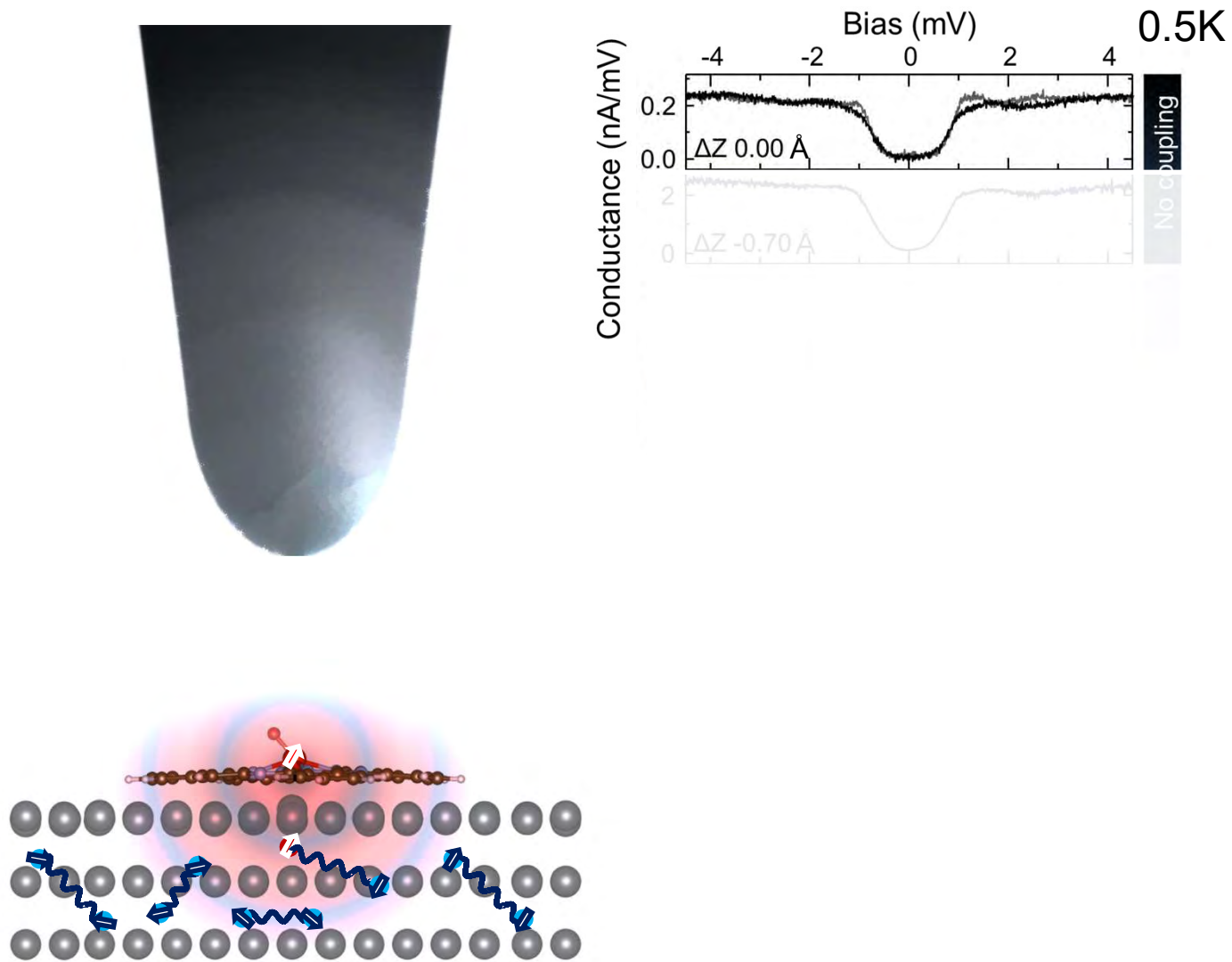
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Orbital symmetry determines spin-surface interaction



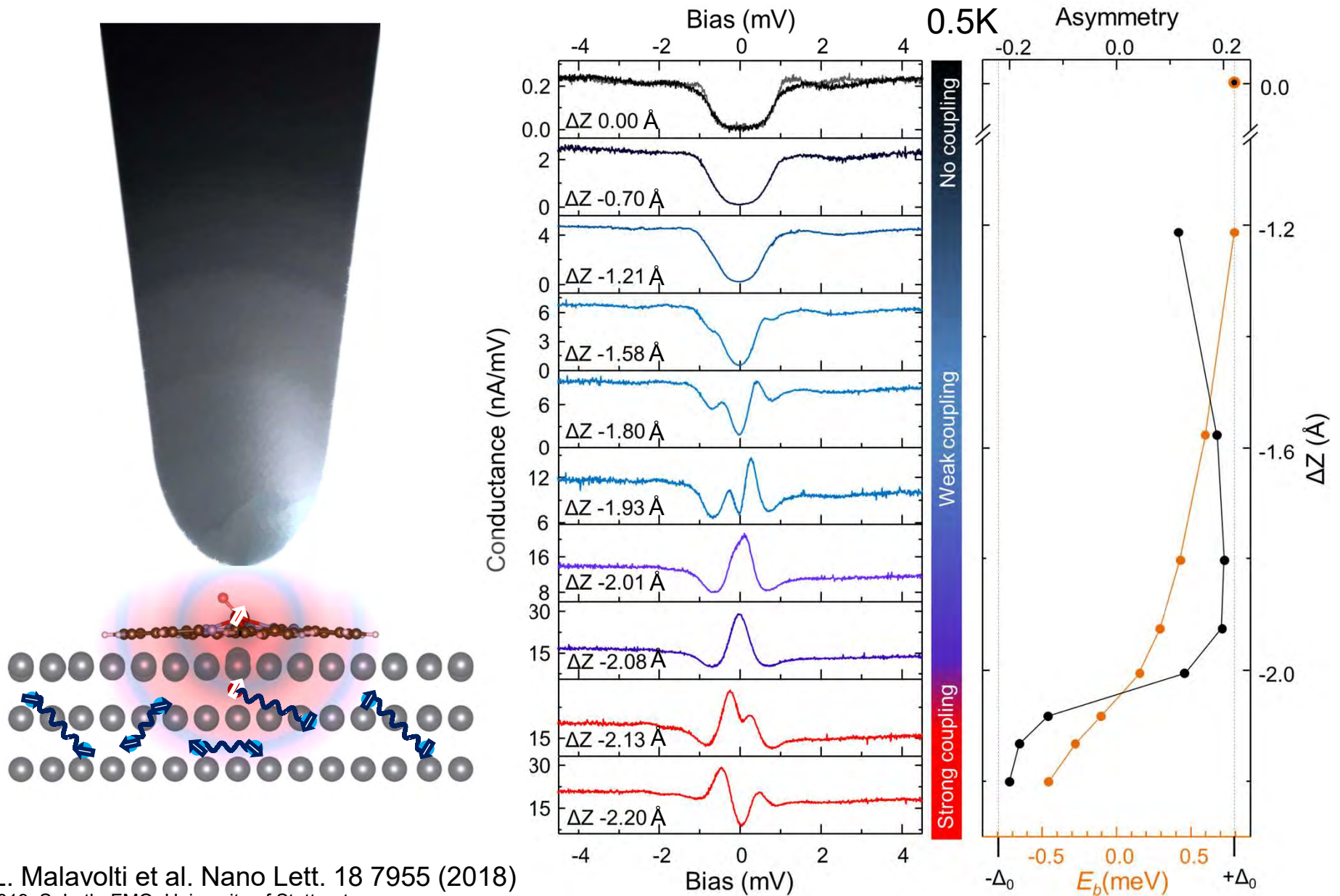
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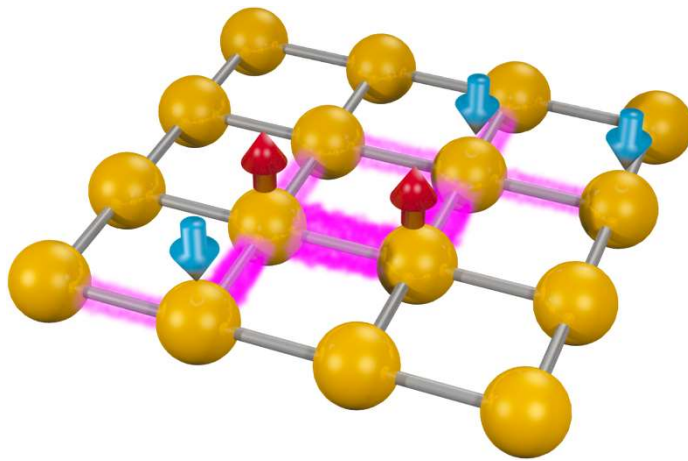
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- VOPc on superconductor isolated spin by orbital symmetry



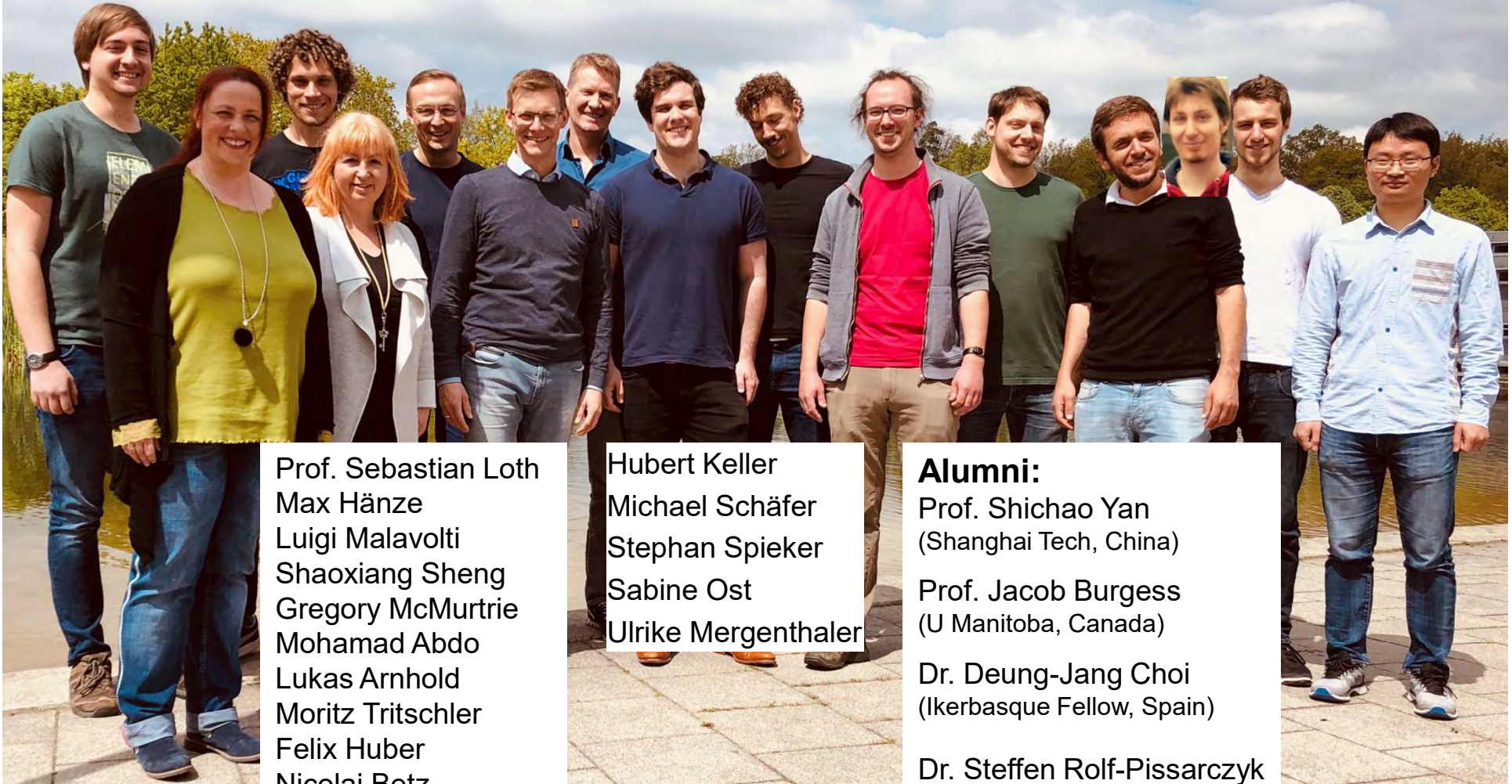
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