



micro-/nanoelectromechanical systems (MEMS/NEMS); spintronics/ magnetism; nanowires; carbon-based devices; organic electronics; functional materials; directed self-assembly; cooling; three-dimensional integration; optical interconnects; photonics; and simulation and theory

## 950 m<sup>2</sup> cleanroom facility

### noise-free labs:

Mechanical vibrations: Velocity less than 500 nm/s ( $x,y,z$ ), below 16 Hz and less than 100 nm/s above the 16 Hz band.

Electromagnetic fields (EMF):

Flux density less than  $B = 5$  nT RMS in an integral spectrum between 0 and 625 Hz

Noise power:  $< 10^{-12}$  V<sup>2</sup> RMS up to 1 kHz without 50 Hz,  $< 10^{-10}$  V<sup>2</sup> RMS up to 1 kHz for 50 Hz and harmonics,  $< 10^{-10}$  V<sup>2</sup> RMS above 1 kHz

Temperature stability: 0.1 °C/1 h and 0.5 °C/24 h

These challenging specifications will be achieved by the following measures:

**Mechanical vibrations** Separated tool platform vibro-acoustically decoupled from building and operator platform. Massive concrete pedestal ( $> 65$  tons), suppressing frequencies above 25 Hz

Tool platform with passive mechanical damping, suppressing frequencies above 3 Hz

Active mechanical damping down to 0.5 Hz

Operator platform decoupled from tool platform.

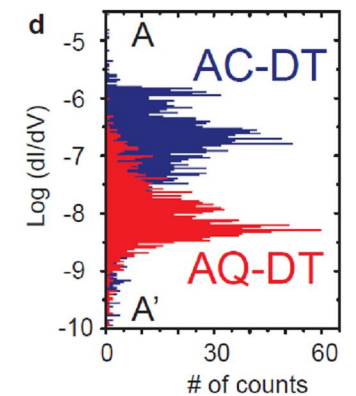
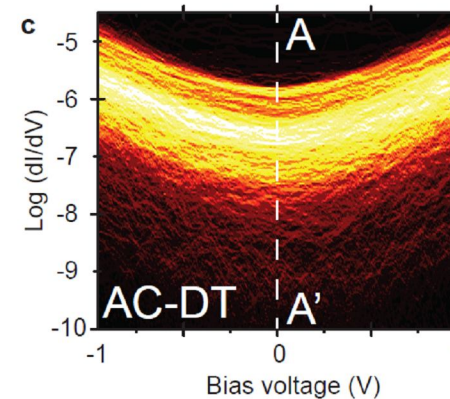
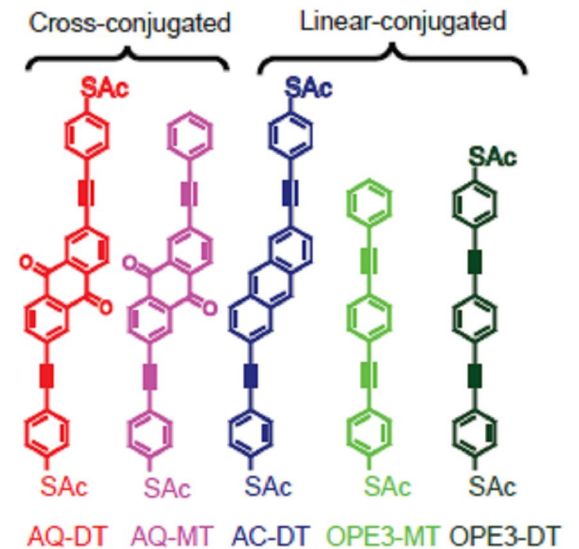
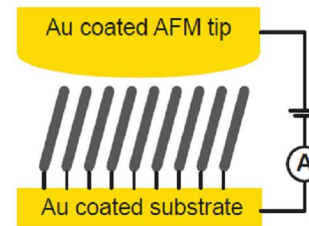
**Electro-magnetic fields (EMF)** Passive mu-metal shielding of each lab to screen external EMF and to reduce EMF within the lab to  $B < 20$  nT. Active EMF cancellation system consisting of 3 pairs of Helmholtz coils to cancel the remaining EMF and to guarantee  $B < 5$  nT.

**Chamber concept** All additional sources of noise, such as pumps, transformers, and power supplies, will be placed remotely in chambers adjacent to each lab.



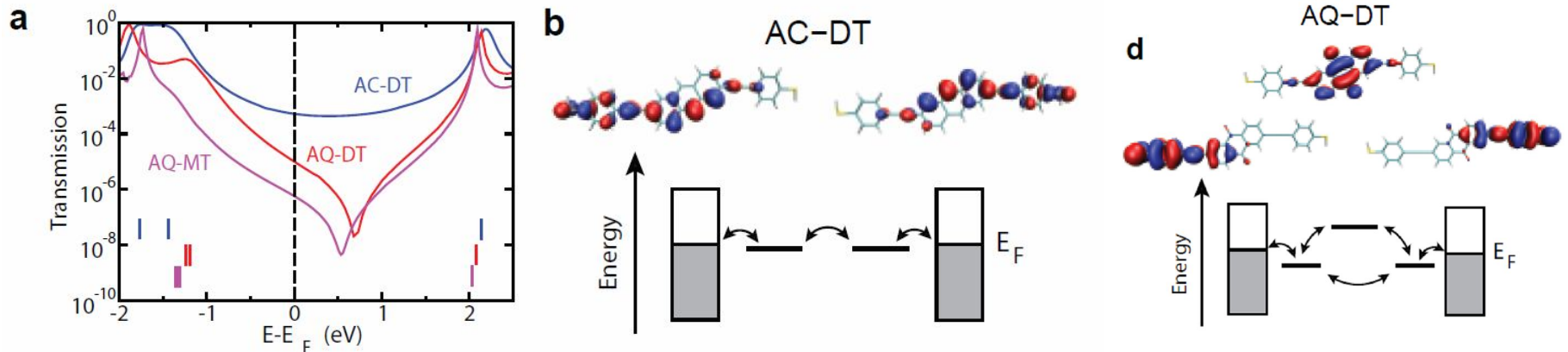
S.J. v. d. Molen: QM interference in molecular charge transport

- Set of molecules: linearly and cross-conjugated
- Conducting probe AFM
- Measure I-V-s on with several molecules in the junction
- Plot 2D I-V histograms
- Cross conjugated has lower conductance, although HOMO-LUMO gap is the same

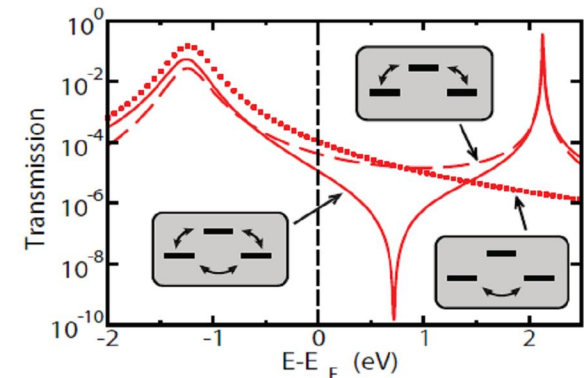




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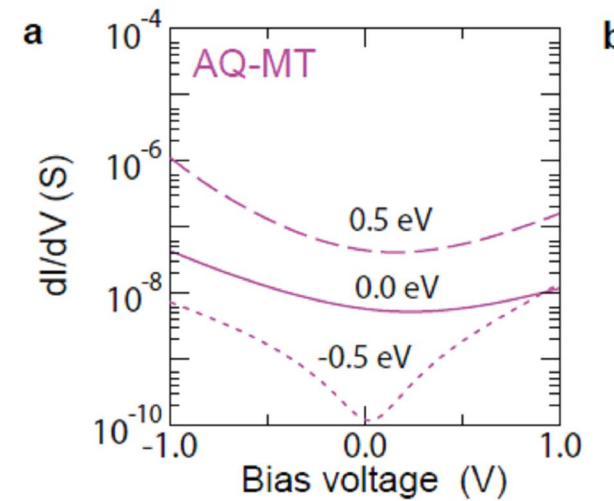
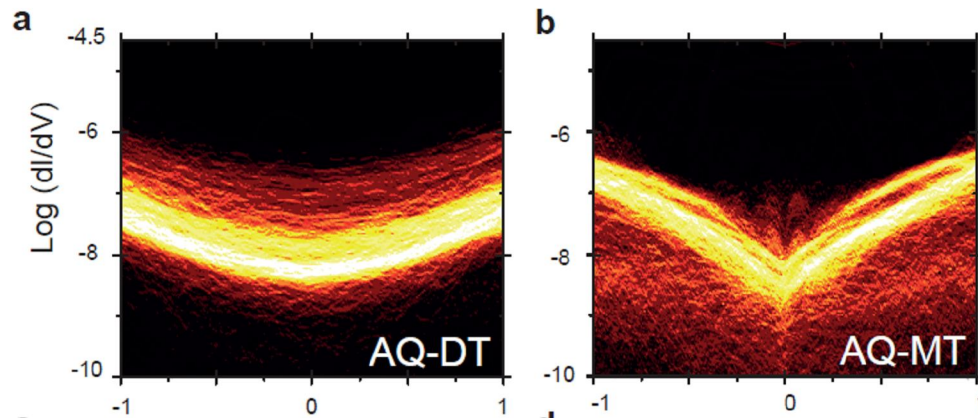


- Calculate  $T(e)$  and an antiresonance is seen for the cross conjugated
- Localized Molecular Orbitals: A linear combination of frontier orbitals
- For AQ the HOMO and HOMO-1 is almost degenerate (left and right) and a single LUMO
- The electrons can directly hop, or through the high energy level, these two interfere destructively
- For AC HOMO-1 is far, middle level is missing





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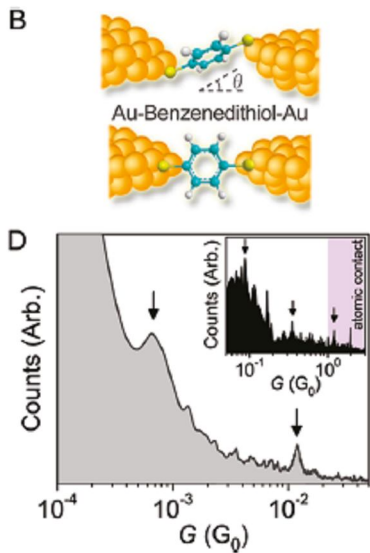


- However I-V curve is parabolic
- But for the mothiol, the dip is seen, dependence on  $E_f$  (since the current is the integral of T)
- Away from the antiresonance, the integral is symmetric



Results: Elke Scheer group – Konstanz

IETS-PCS transitions downscaled



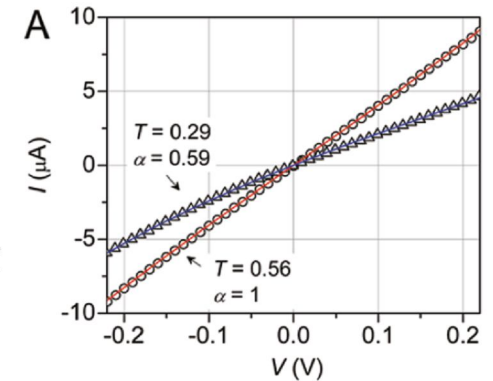
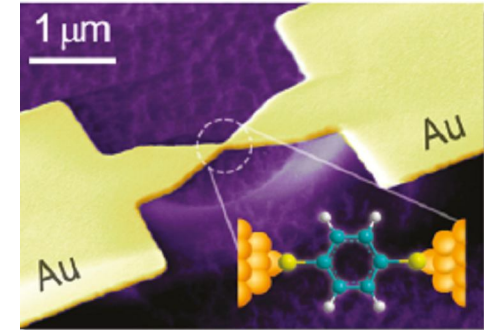
different conductance, for different conformations (even highly conductive)

measure I-V curves:  
from fit: symmetric or asymmetric coupling

$$I(V) = \frac{2e}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(E, V) [f(E - eV/2) - f(E + eV/2)] dE$$

$$T(E, V) = \frac{4\Gamma_L\Gamma_R}{[E - E_0(V)]^2 + [\Gamma_L + \Gamma_R]^2}$$

$$E_0(V) = E_0 + \left( \frac{\Gamma_L - \Gamma_R}{\Gamma_L + \Gamma_R} \right) \frac{eV}{2}$$



Asymmetry scales crossover!

$$\alpha = \tilde{\Gamma}_R / \tilde{\Gamma}_L$$

$$T_{\max} = 4\alpha / (1 + \alpha)$$

$$T_{\text{crossover}} = T_{\max} / 2$$

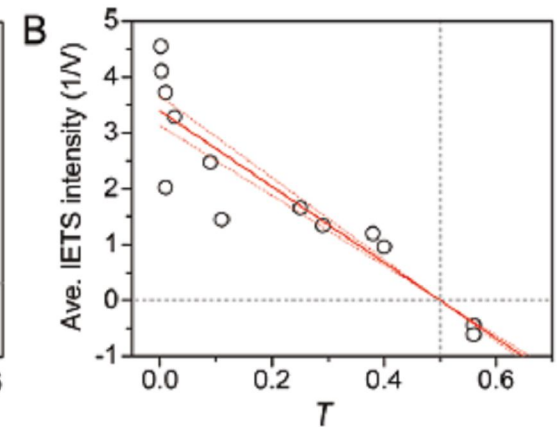
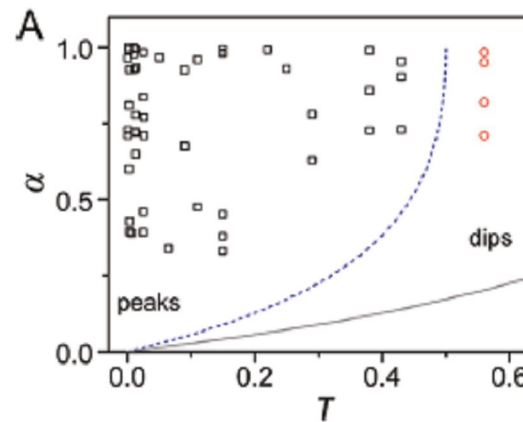
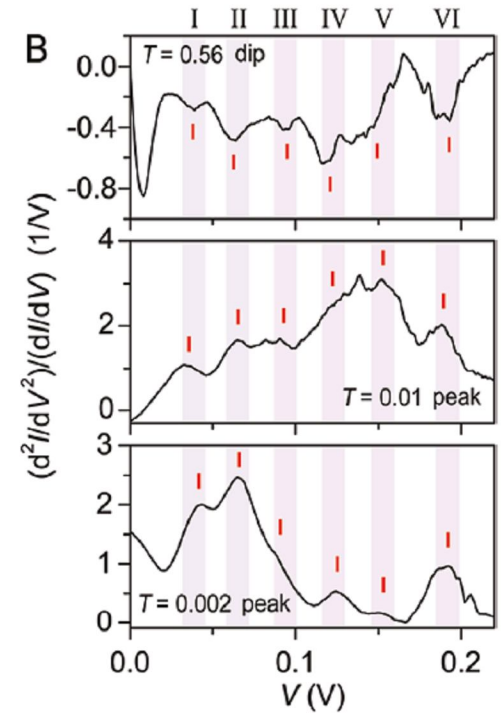
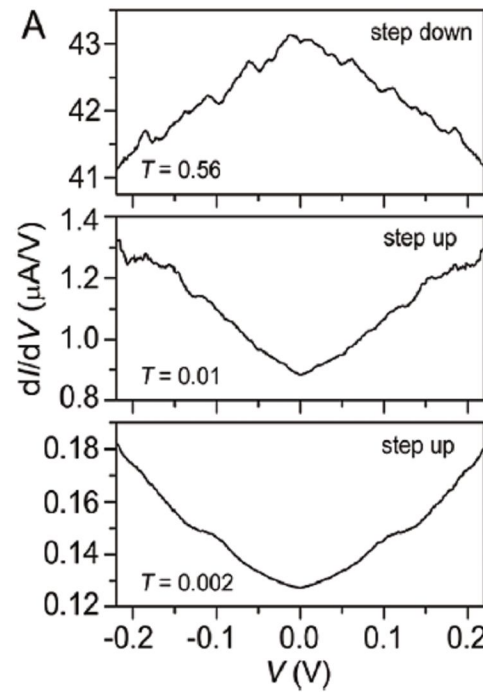


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PCS-IETS transition observed for symmetric  $G=0.5G_0$

for asymmetric: at lower  $G_0$  also intensity scaling is seen as calculated

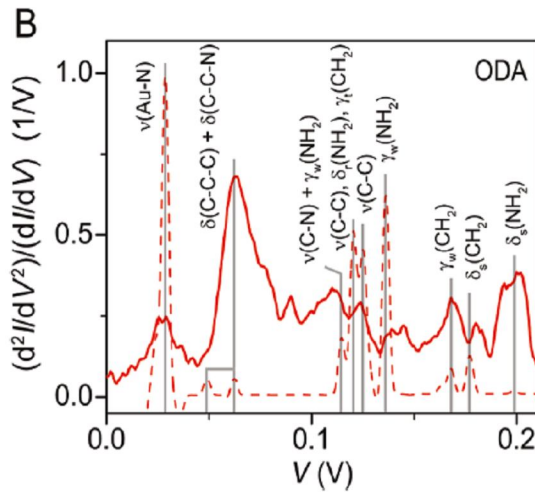
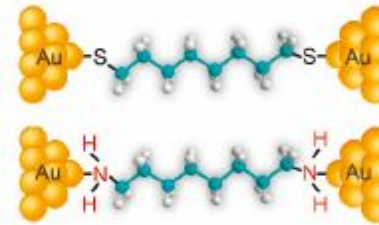




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Thiol or Amin by IETS

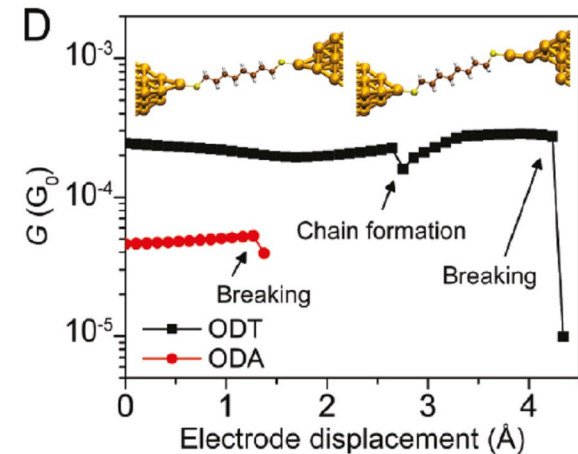
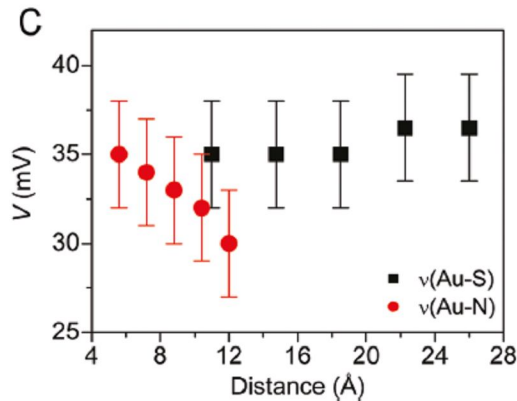
IETS investigation of lowest peak



DFT for vibration modes fit well - IETS normalized by conductance  
Anchoring group has influence on spectra

They find that thiol is stronger – Au chains can be pulled

- average breaking length much longer (histogram)
- kinks in the traces (new atom pulled)
- same in simulation
- investigate Au-S and Au-N mode, redshifts for amine (weakening of the bond)
- for thiol they see Au-Au mode



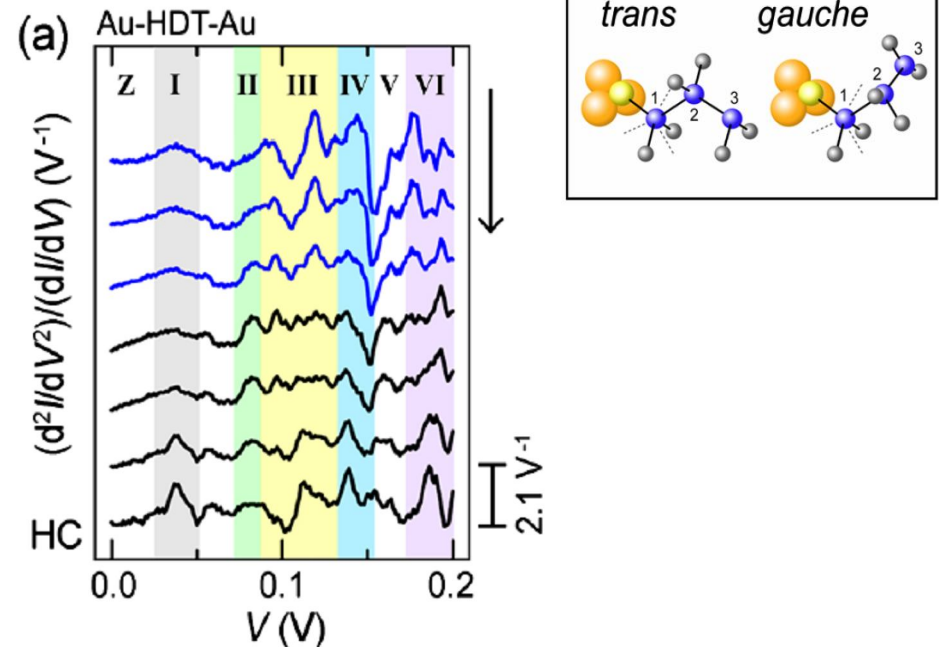
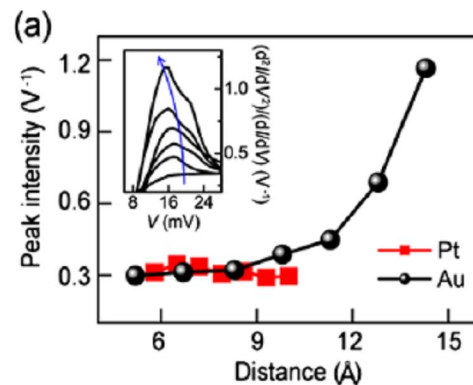
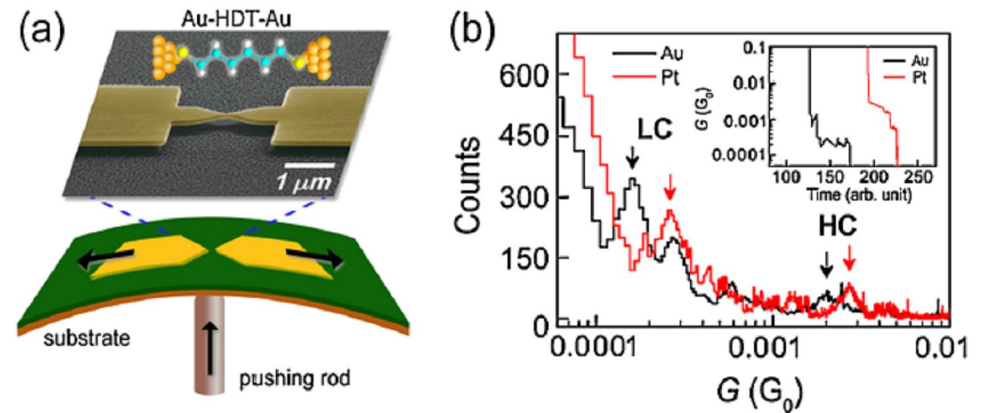




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**„Conductance and Vibrational States of Single-Molecule Junctions controlled by Mechanical Stretching and Material Variation”**

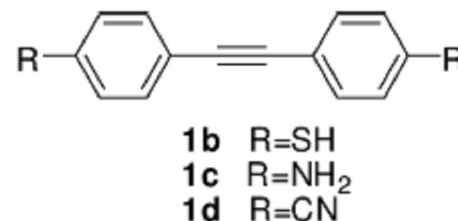
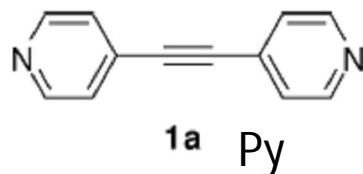
Pt and Au junctions with hexanedithiol

- IETS show change in molecular conformation during stretching (smaller jumps in cond.)
- stretching distance longer for Au (chain)
- Analyze Au-Au, Pt-Pt, and Au-S and Pt-S mode: the Au-Au gets stronger in stretching, as a result of chain formation, Pt-Pt not
- Au-S changes from HC to LC: sliding to different binding site of endgroup

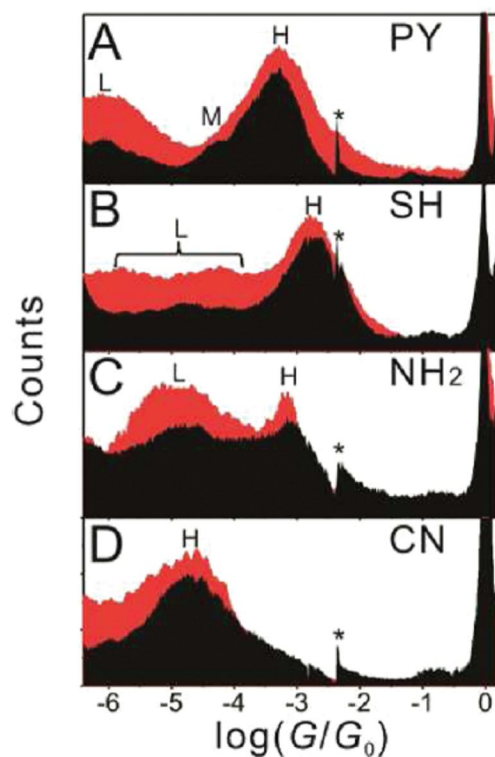




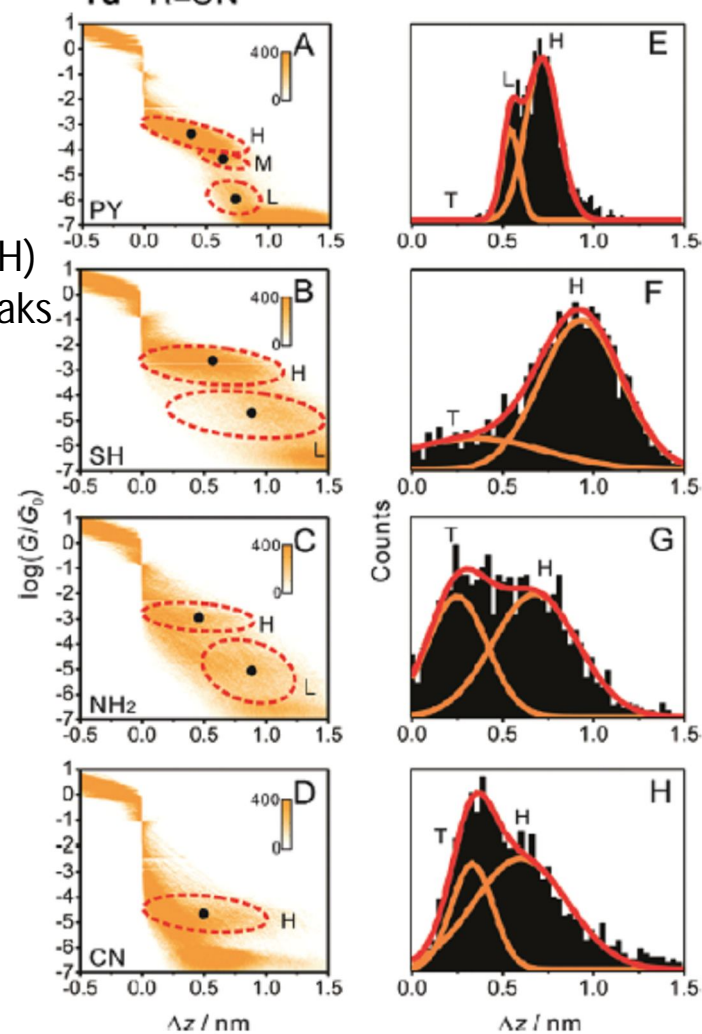
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Anchoring groups



MCBJ+STM-BJ measurements



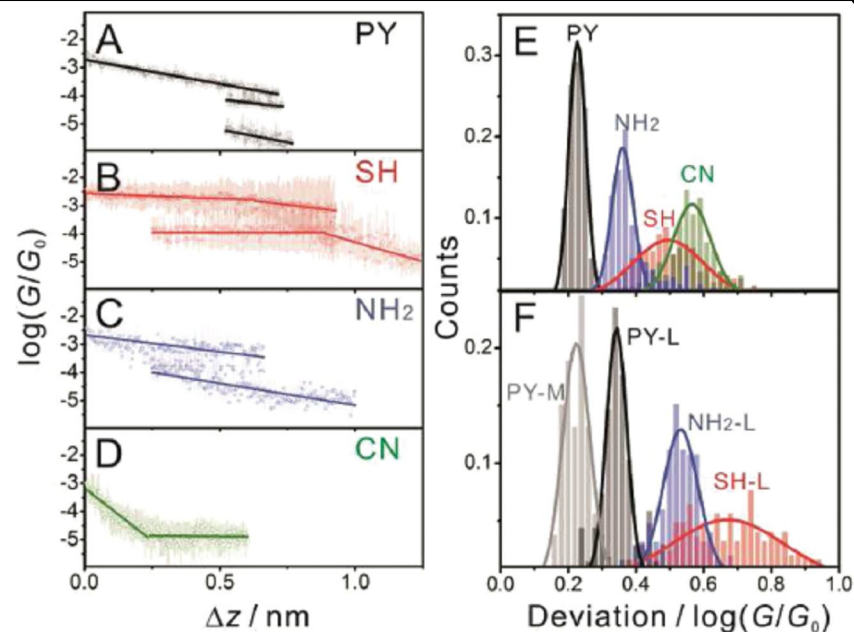
- 2 or 3 configurations for every group
- 2D trace histograms
- relative displacement histograms (PLH) display peaks corresponding to diff. peaks





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- Analyze the average of the 2d histogram, show trends
- Also possible to analyze width at a defined  $\Delta z$ , and look at the distribution: this gives info about the variability of binding conductance
- Measure I-V: correspond to calculations
- Py is the best, high cond, narrow distribution, no deprotection needed

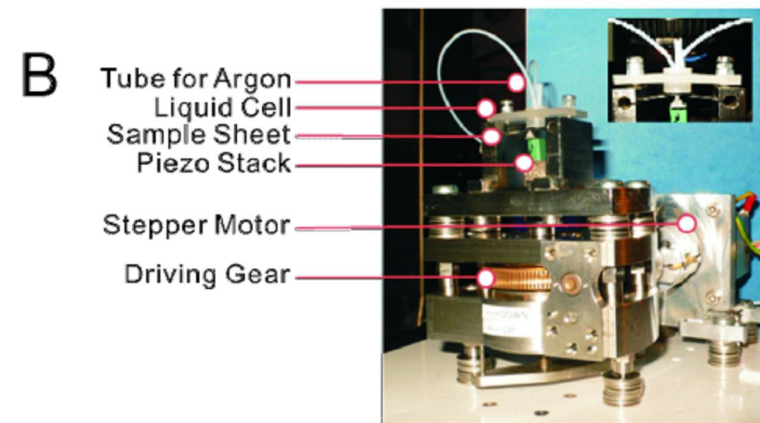
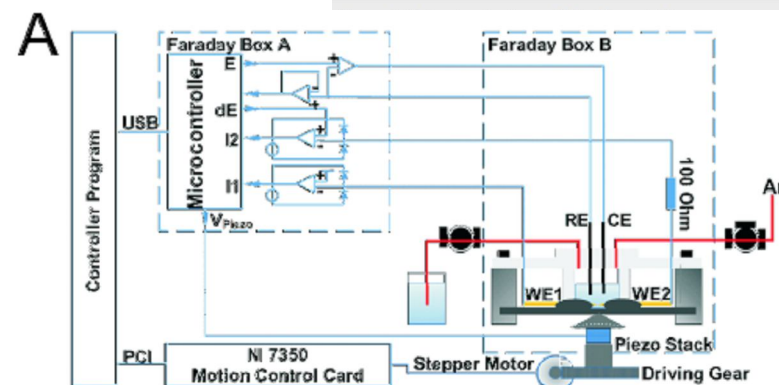
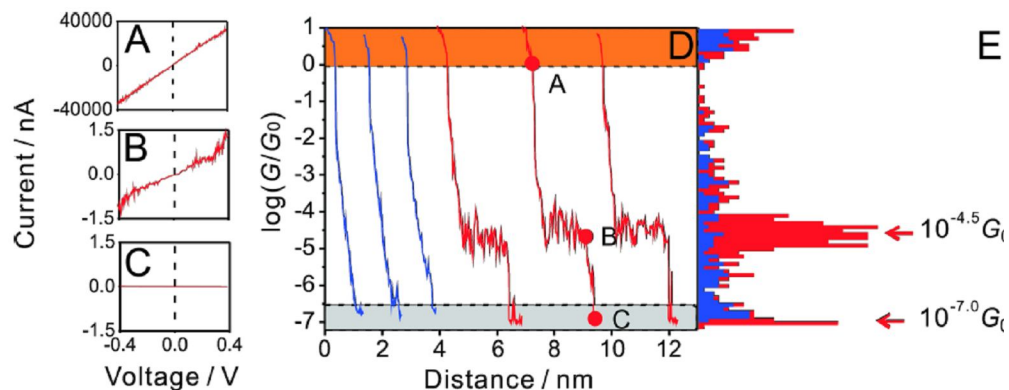
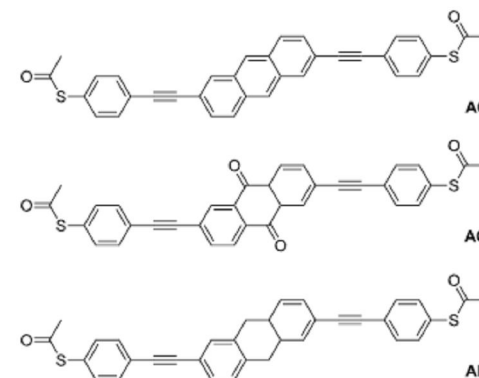




Wandlowski group

study of conjugation (same molecules as v.d. Molen)

- lot of details about setup, electronics etc.
- can really measure down to low conductance (10fA)
- possible to measure IV-s
- histogram with STM, MCBJ, and from I-Vs: the same ☺
- 0.5 nm·s<sup>-1</sup> stretching speed, V<sub>bias</sub> from -0.4 V to +0.4 V at a rate of 25 V·s<sup>-1</sup>

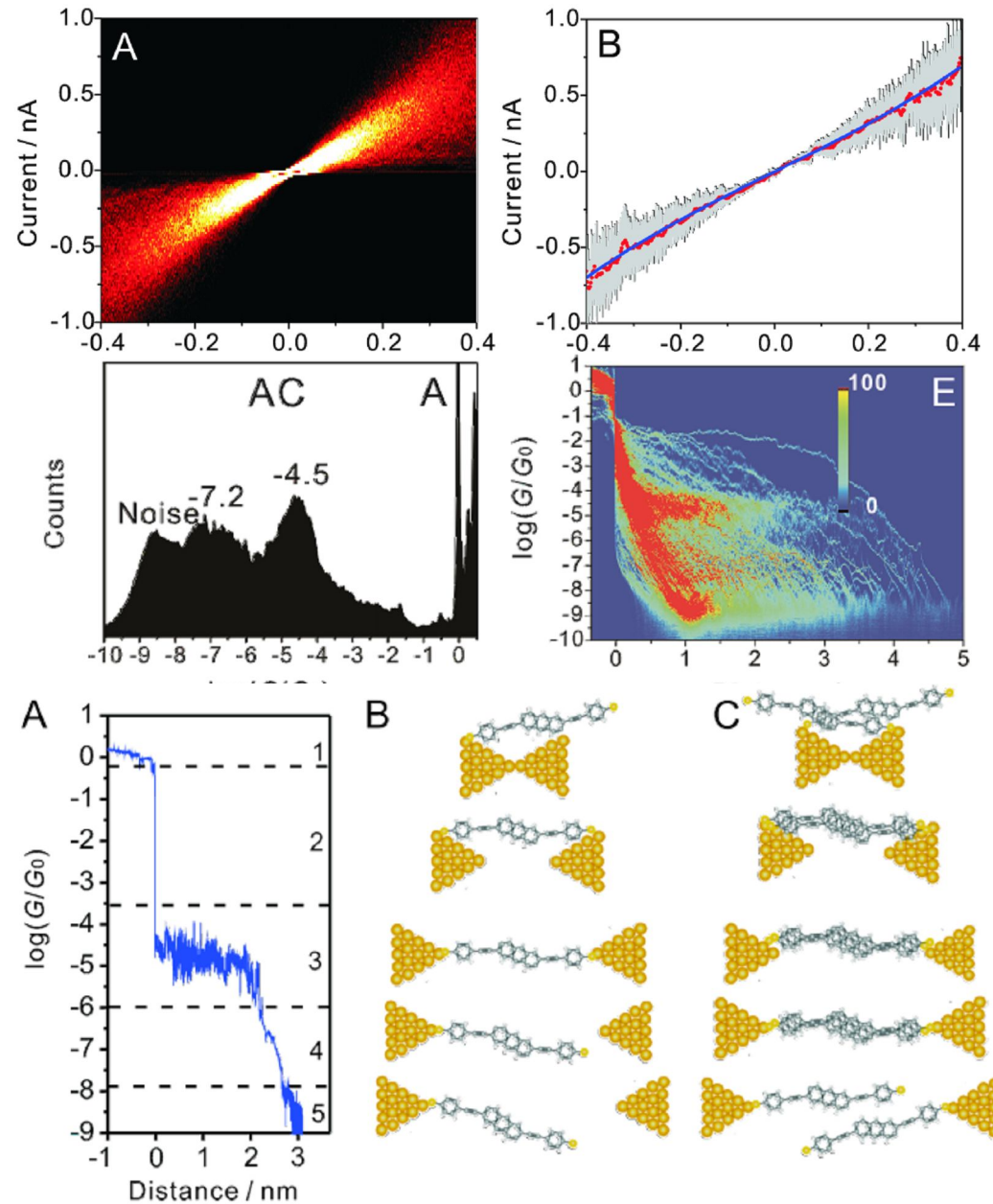




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measure I-Vs, average and fit, close the parameters to DFT  
 relation is similar as for Molen  
 (AC -4.5, AQ -7; AH -6.3 qinterference)  
 for AC the lower is possibly pi-pi stacking

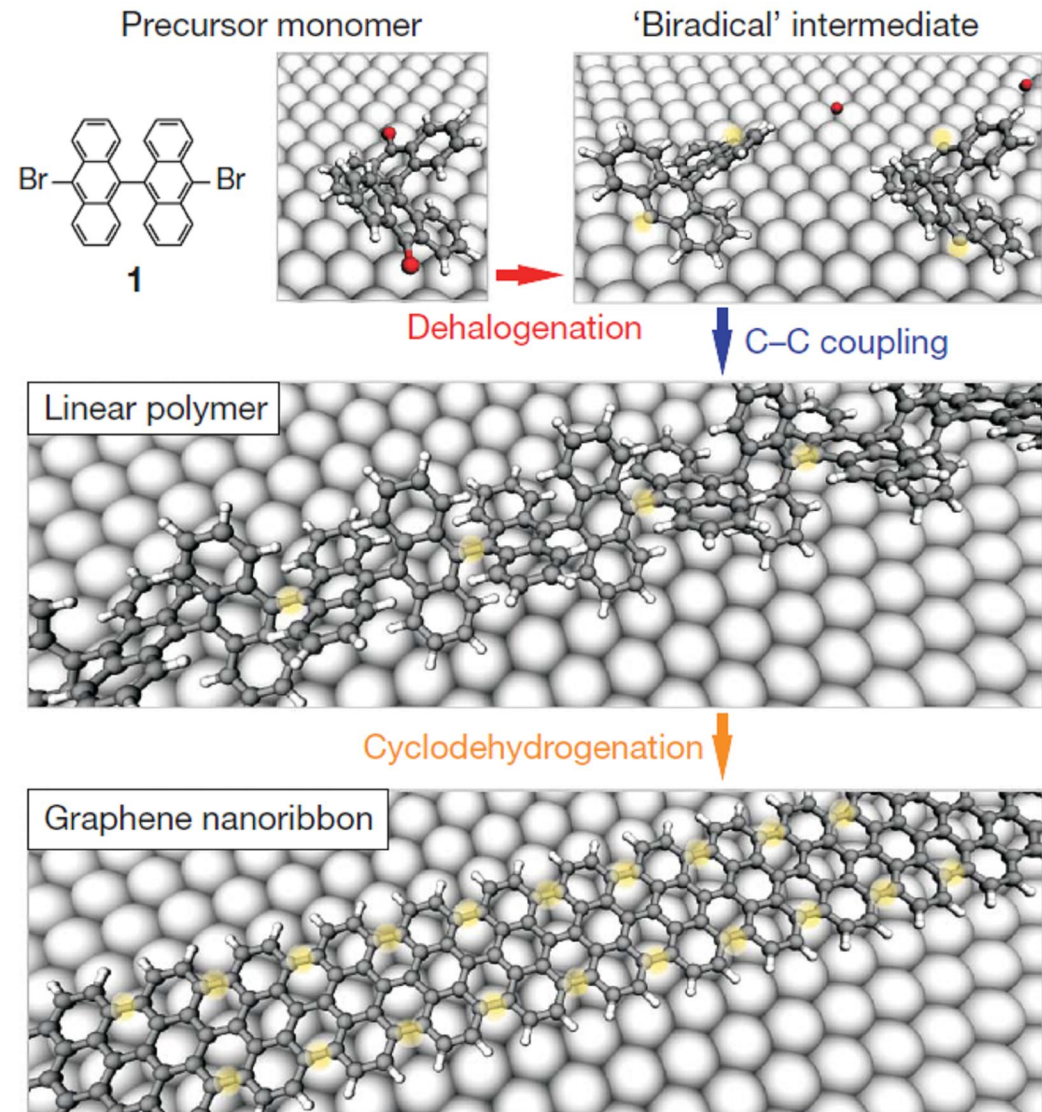
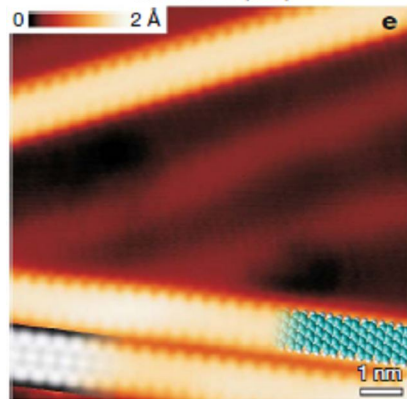
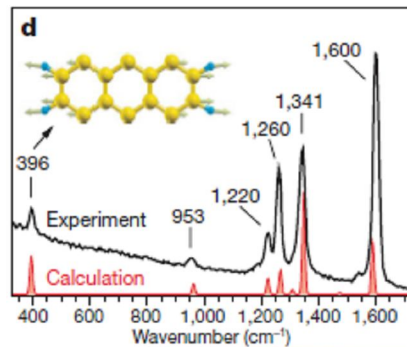
also create length histograms  
 - scale tunnel calibration from STM, use the same for MCBJ





## Roman Fasel – EMPA Graphene growth on surfaces

- On-surface forming of graphene ribbons
- Confirm with STM
- Raman measurement
- Simulation (STM, Raman)

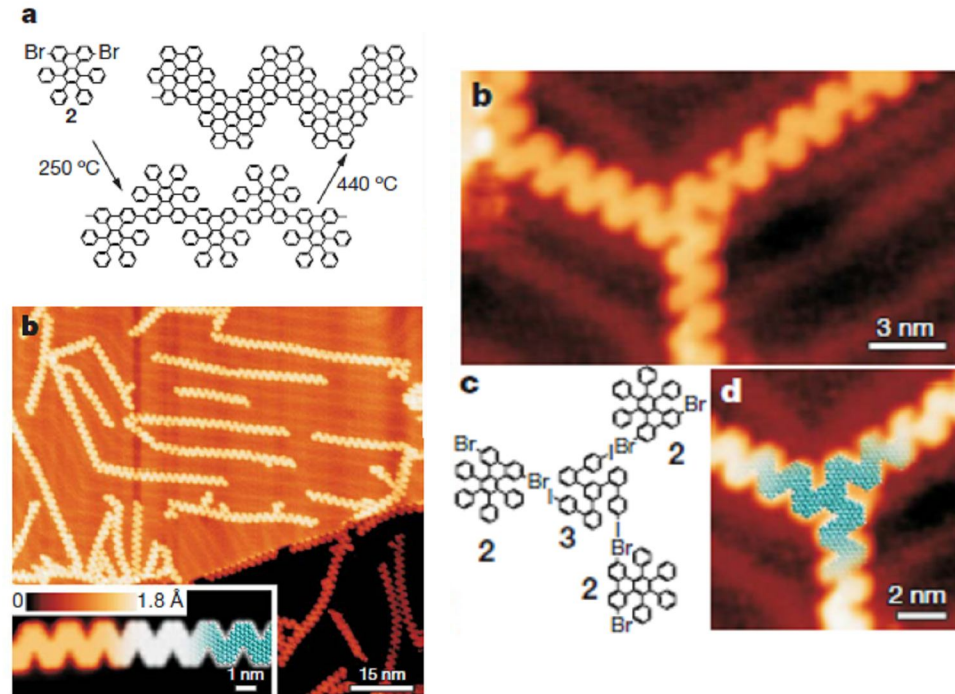




## Roman Fasel – EMPA Graphene growth on surfaces

- well defined boundary
- possibly gap depends strongly on width (heterojunctions possible: ribbons with different width)
- several forms are possible
- only possible on metal surface

need to transfer to Si/SiO<sub>2</sub>  
they contacted it, yet Shottky barrier



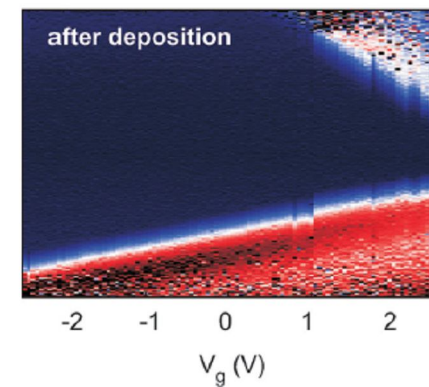
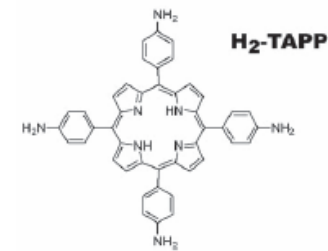
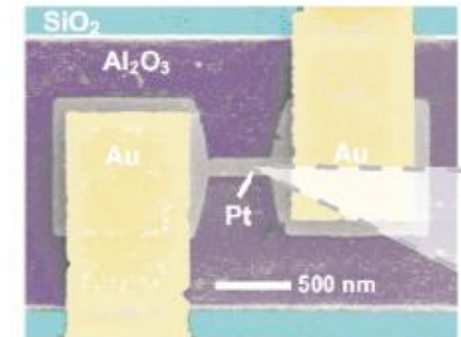
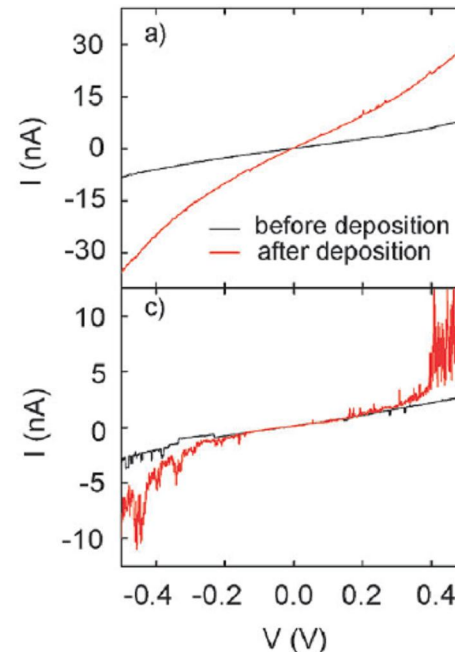


Ferry Prins – Delft  
Migration & Graphene electroburning

graphene electroburning: under ambient conditions, multilayer, 1-2nm gap formed  
extended molecules to use pi-pi stacking  
migration did not work

Prins et al., APL 94, 123101 (2009): Pt electromigration under ambient conditions  
Prins et al., PCCP 13, 14297 (2011)  
B Gao *et al* 2011 *Nanotechnology* **22** 205705

- Molecules admitted to the Pt electrodes  
Characterize before after
- for most devices higher current (lowering the tunnel barrier), and no gate response
  - for one device strong gate response and double barrier structure
  - strongly hybridized molecules are hard to gate

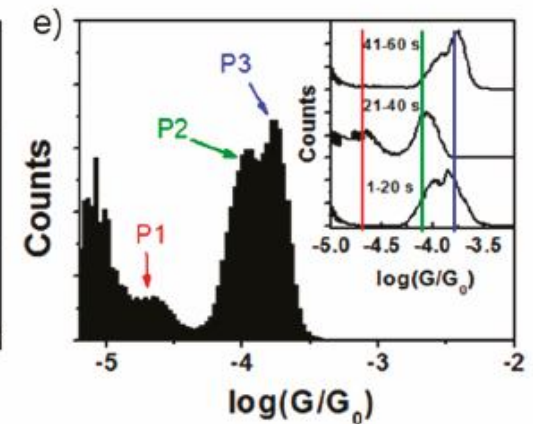
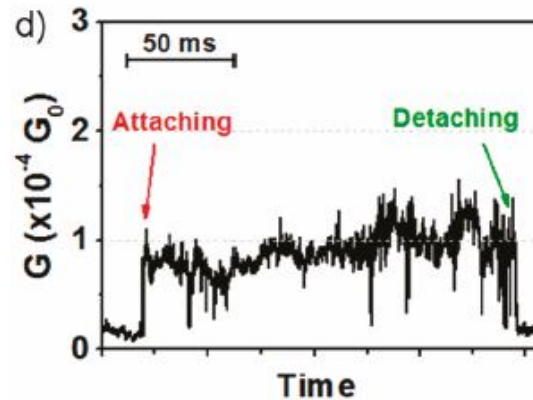
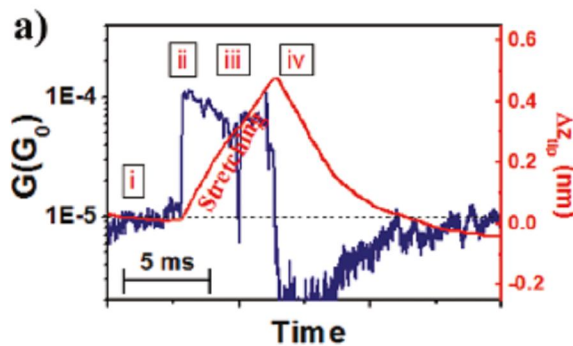
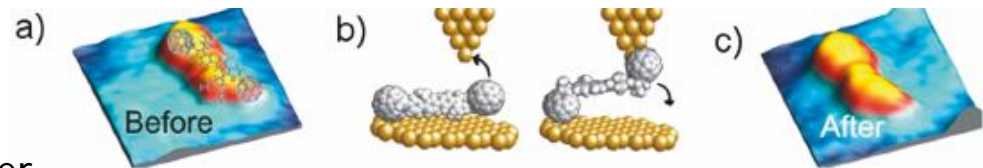
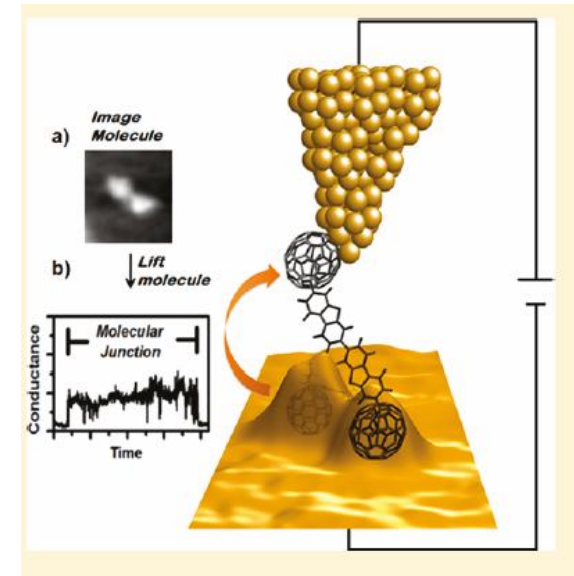






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- „standard STM-BJ experiments“ (e.g. show that thiols strong, but also modifies the gold electrodes)
- **STM characterization measurements on dumbbell molecules**
- RoomT measurement
- First image, find separate one (C60 easy), go above with a tip,
- For right height (open loop), the molecule is bouncing up-down
- only 60 s long meas.
- Changes in conductance – conductance histogram
- measure I-V (hard) – offresonant tunneling
- Also stretch the molecule (close the loop)
- Measure STM-BJ histogram: less pronounced multiple molecules, multiple directions etc.
- imaging with C60, push C60 away with another



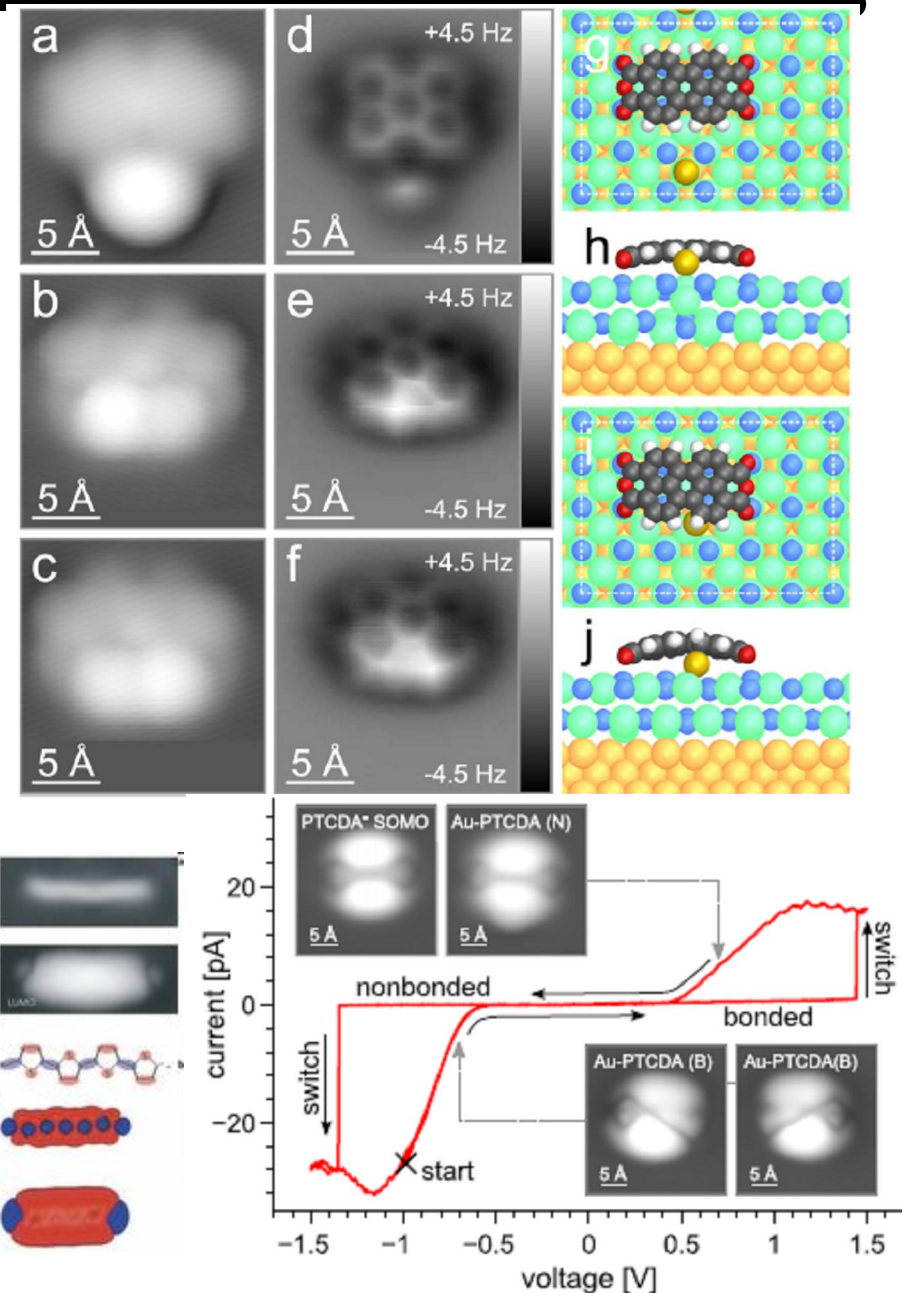


Jasha Repp

STM on ultrathin insulating substrates

**E.g.: molecule (PTCDA) + gold adatom**

- switching between bonded and nonbonded states
- orbital imaging
- combined with atomic precision AFM (qplus tuning fork), UHV, functionalized AFM tip (CO)
- more articles switching molecule (study different charge states, and difference STM images)
- make wires from molecules, study standing waves and vibration modes, and the coupling of electronic and phonon modes (Nature Physics 6, 975–979 (2010))





## Conclusion?

-Kell vegyészkapcsolat

*Alacsony hőmérséklet*

- Kis molekulák log tartományban/érdekes elektródákkal
- Vagy beeresztés, esetleg kifűtés
- Nagy molekulákkal kell gate +BJ vagy más elektróda egyébként már nem érdekes
- STM – BJ rendszert arannyal tudnánk használni
- Grafén elektródák – (idővel ide is kell vegyész)

*Szobán:*

- 1-2 fémet megnézni, esetleg folyadékban
- Molekulák rácsöppentés/cella – kell jó ötlet a molekulára/mérésre, különben érdektelen
- I-V mérés működhet
- STM-BJ rendszer

-STM manipulálás/ultravékony szigetelő film - érdekes, de nem játszik

- Kellene valami más módszer a molekuláris kontaktusok létrehozására