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# Spatially resolved transport spectroscopy of few donor clusters in silicon

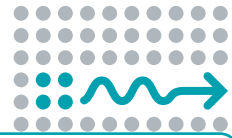
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# Quantum Simulation



## Various platforms for quantum simulation

Each platform has its own advantages and limitations

**Optical lattices**  
 $U/t \sim 7.2$

Greif *et al*, Nature (2016)

**Trapped Ions**

Islam *et al*, Nature (2013)

**Superconducting Qubits**

Barends *et al*, Nature (2014)

**Semiconductors**  
 $U/t \sim 7.1$

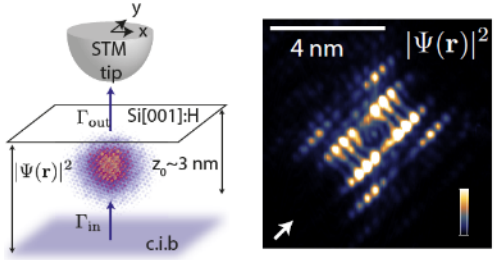
Hensgens *et al*, Nature (2017)

**Dopants in silicon**

Kiczynski *et al*, Nature (2022)

### For **donors** in silicon (in STM):

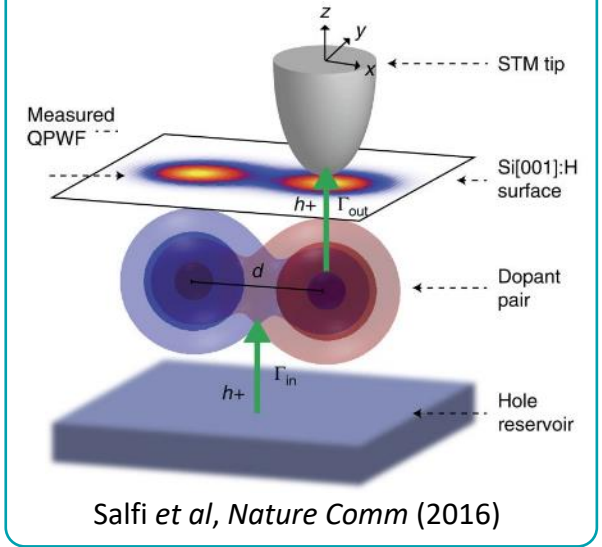
- strong coupling  $t$
- low interaction strength  $U/t \sim 3.5$ , donors  $U \sim 50$  meV
- **Quantum state imaging available** = insights on valley & coupling



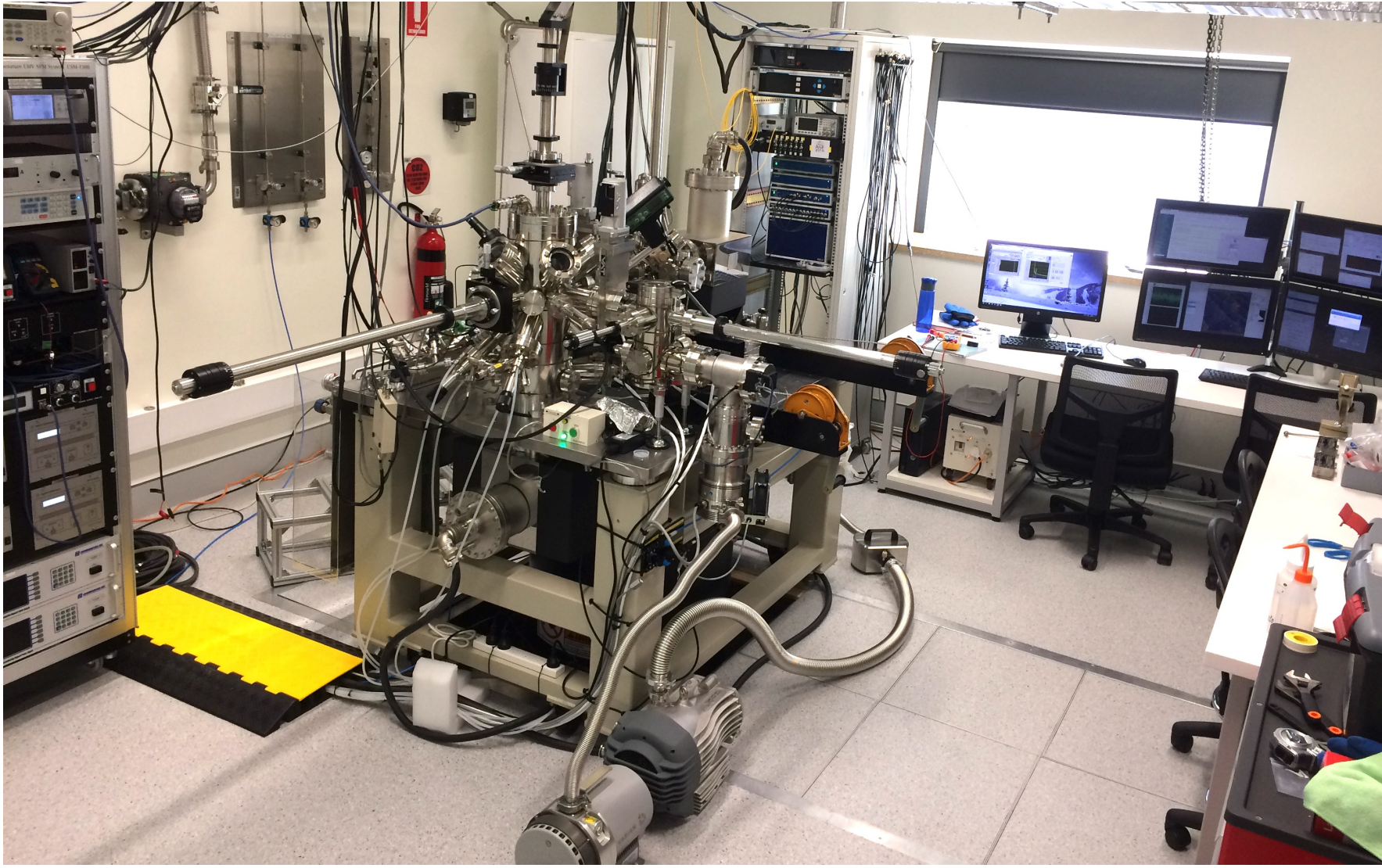
Salfi *et al*, Nature Mat (2014)  
 Voisin *et al*, Nature Comm (2020)  
 M. Usman *et al*, Nature Nano (2016)



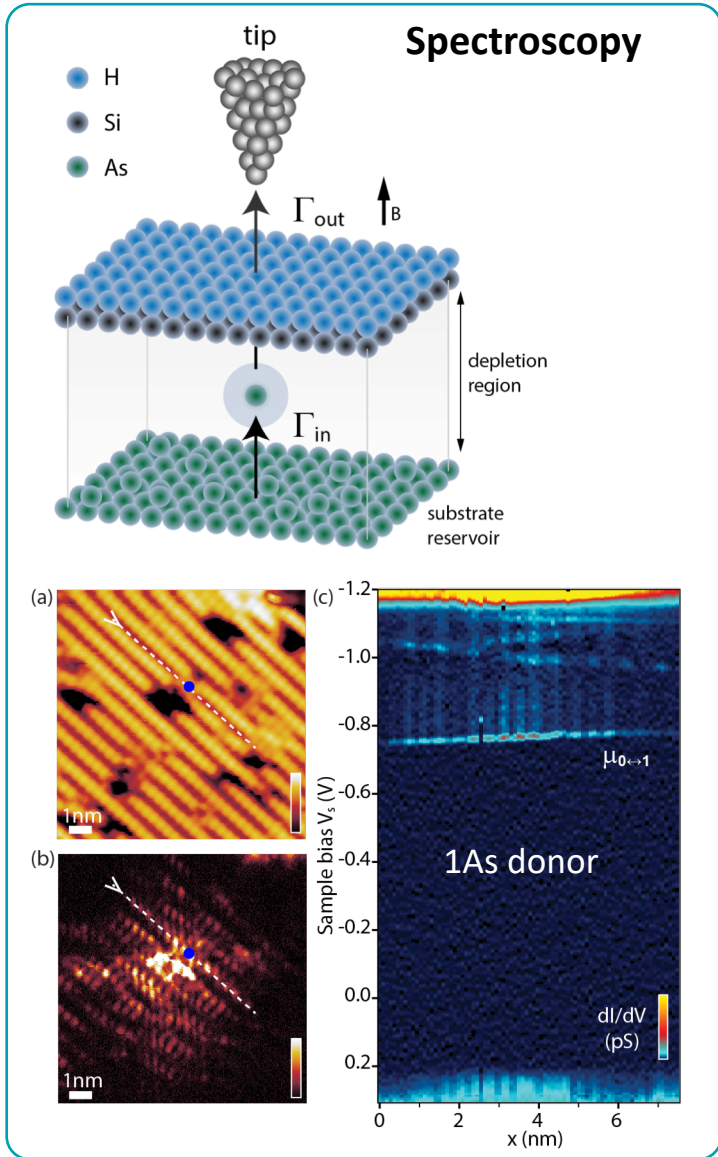
- **No spin degree of freedom so far.**
- **No engineered sites,** (previous sample dopants randomly distributed)



Salfi *et al*, Nature Comm (2016)

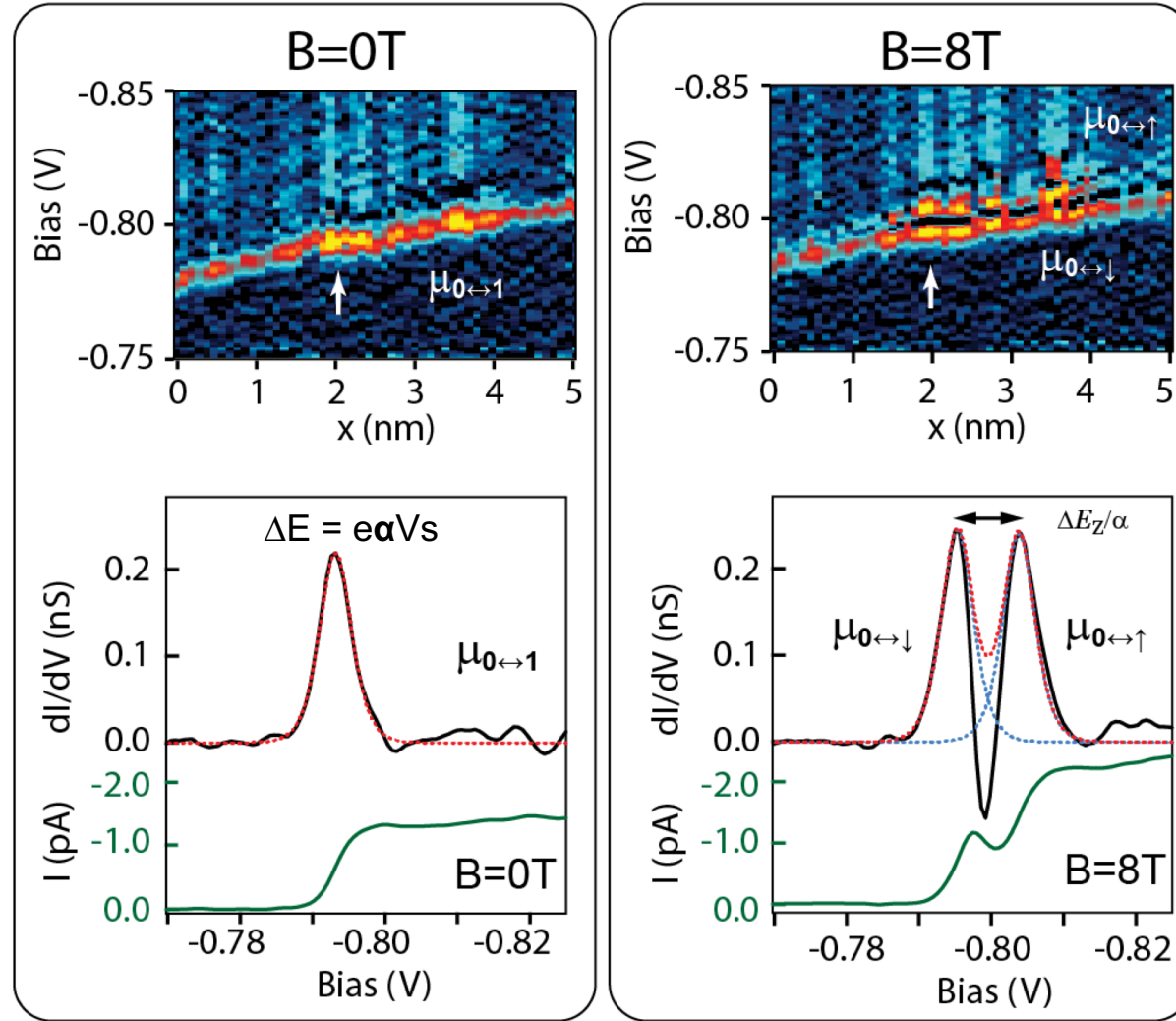


# Spatially resolved magneto spectroscopy of a single donor



Voisin *et al*, *J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* (2015)  
 Salfi *et al*, *Nature Mat* (2014)

## Zeeman splitting of single donor in an STM at 2 Kelvin

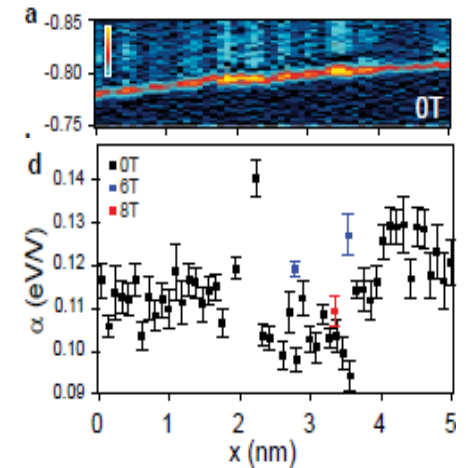
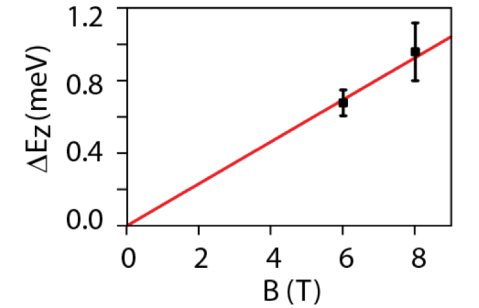


Thermal broadening  
 $\sim 0.617$  meV (2K)

StMedar *et al*, (2022) in prep

We get **alpha** from **thermal fit**

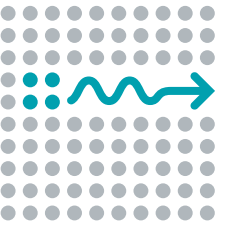
↔ We get absolute **alpha** from **Zeeman splitting**



noise in alpha from back-reservoir

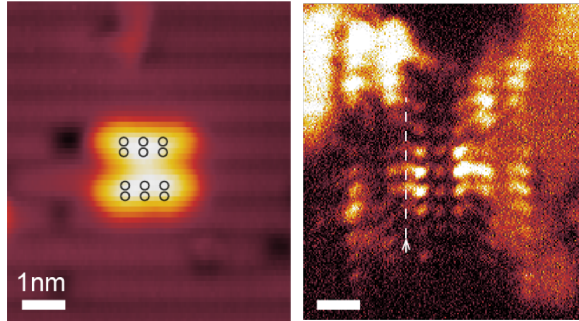
# Spectroscopy of engineered few-donor Si:P quantum dots

**Motivation:** Characterize the building blocks of a dopant based analog quantum simulator.

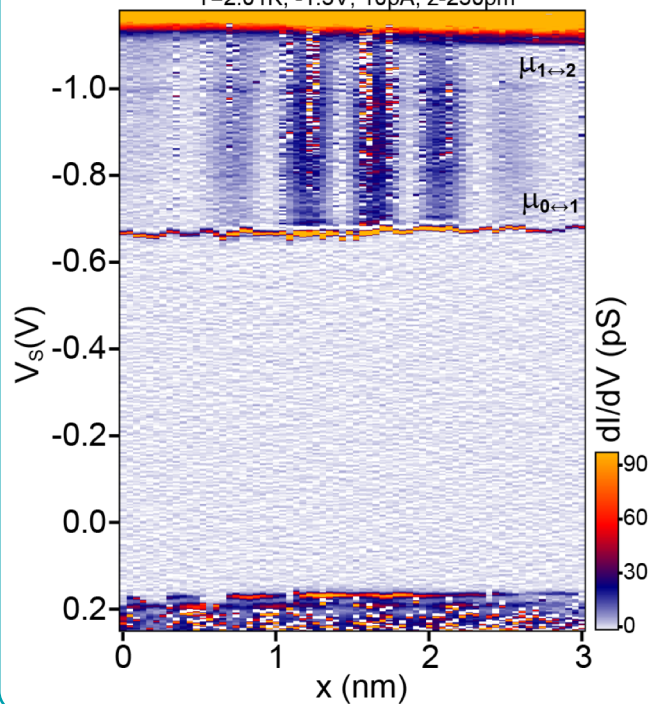


## Engineered few donors quantum dots

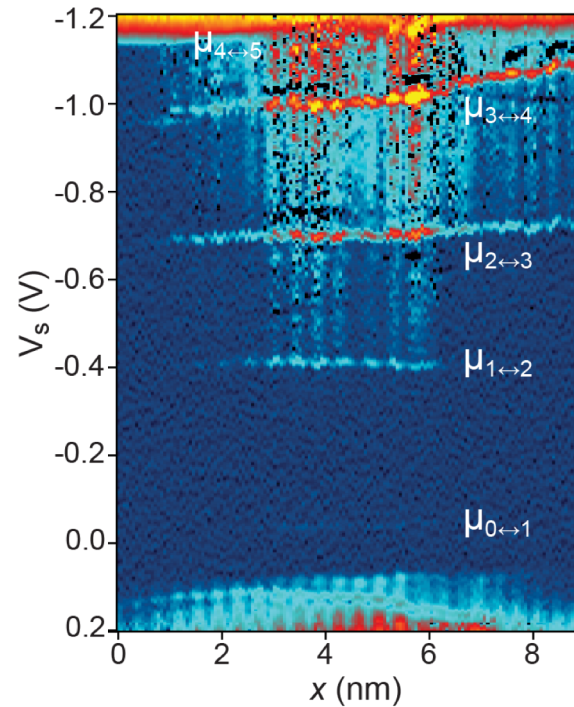
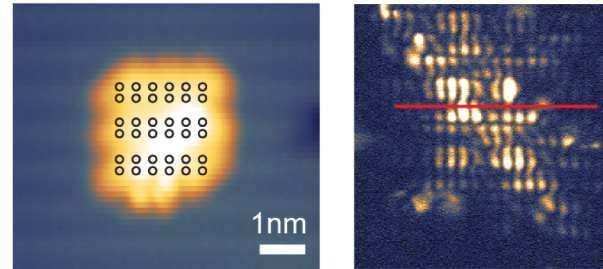
### 1P



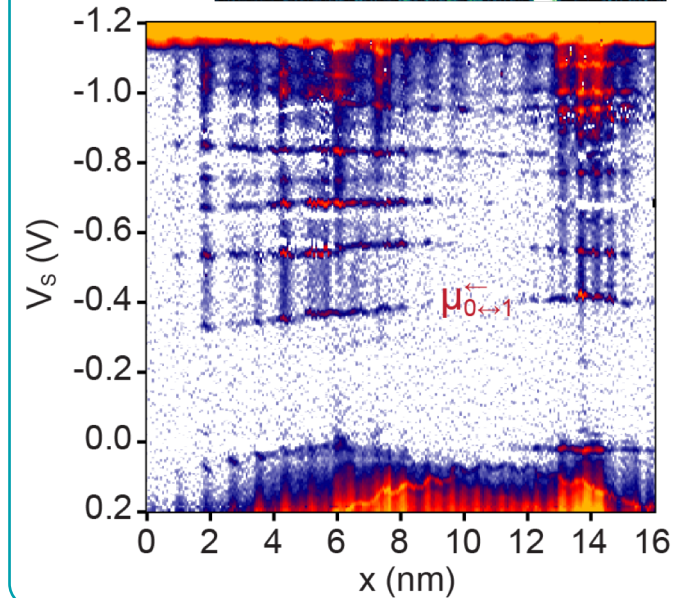
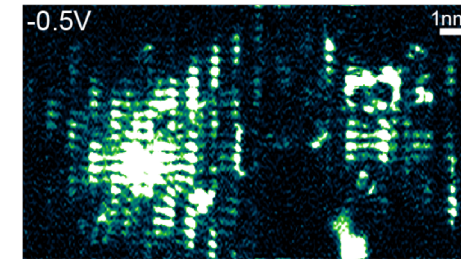
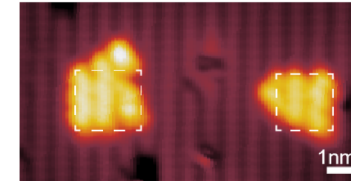
T=2.01K, -1.3V, 10pA, z=230pm



### 3P



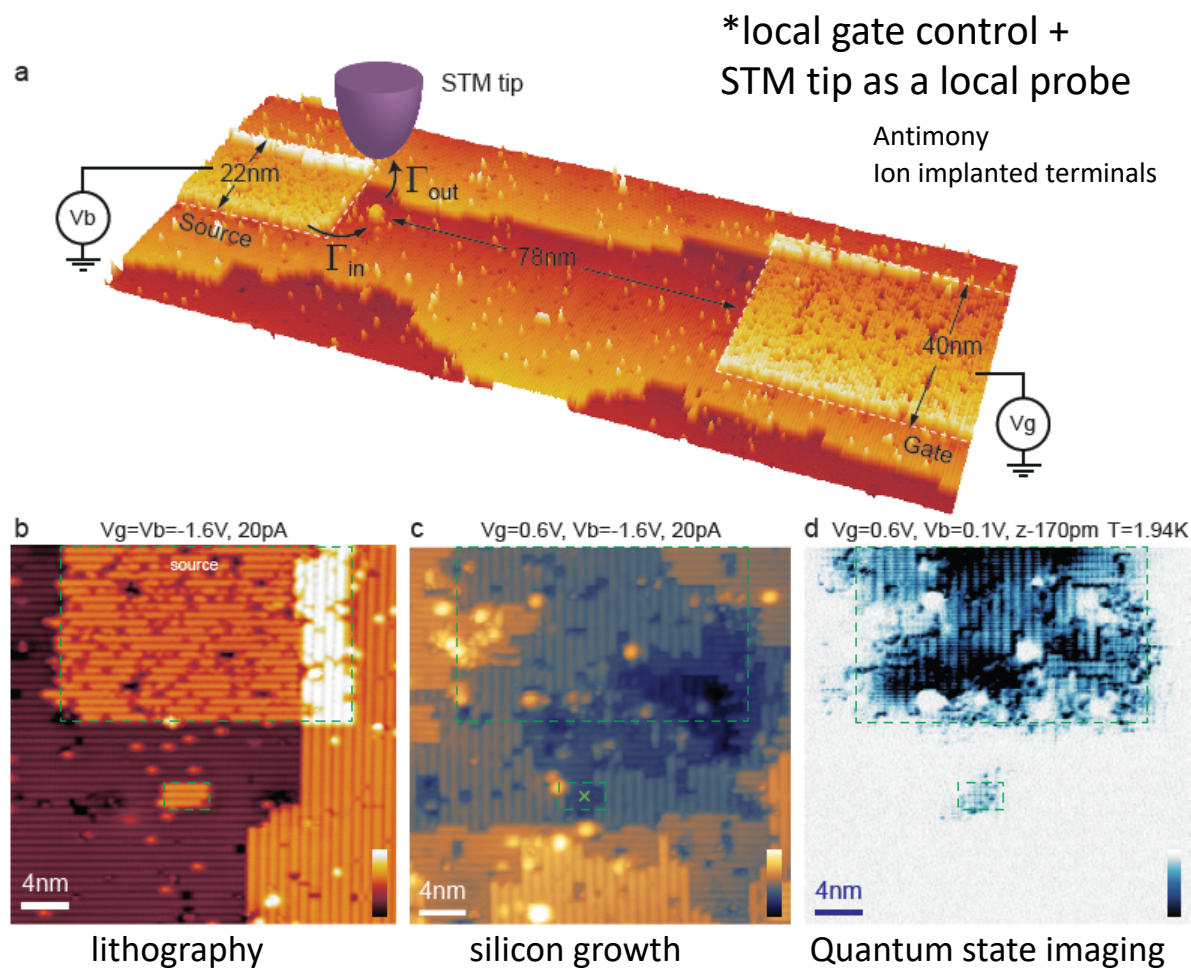
### Double QD



**Capacitive Transport model**  
To understand the electronic transitions + charging energies

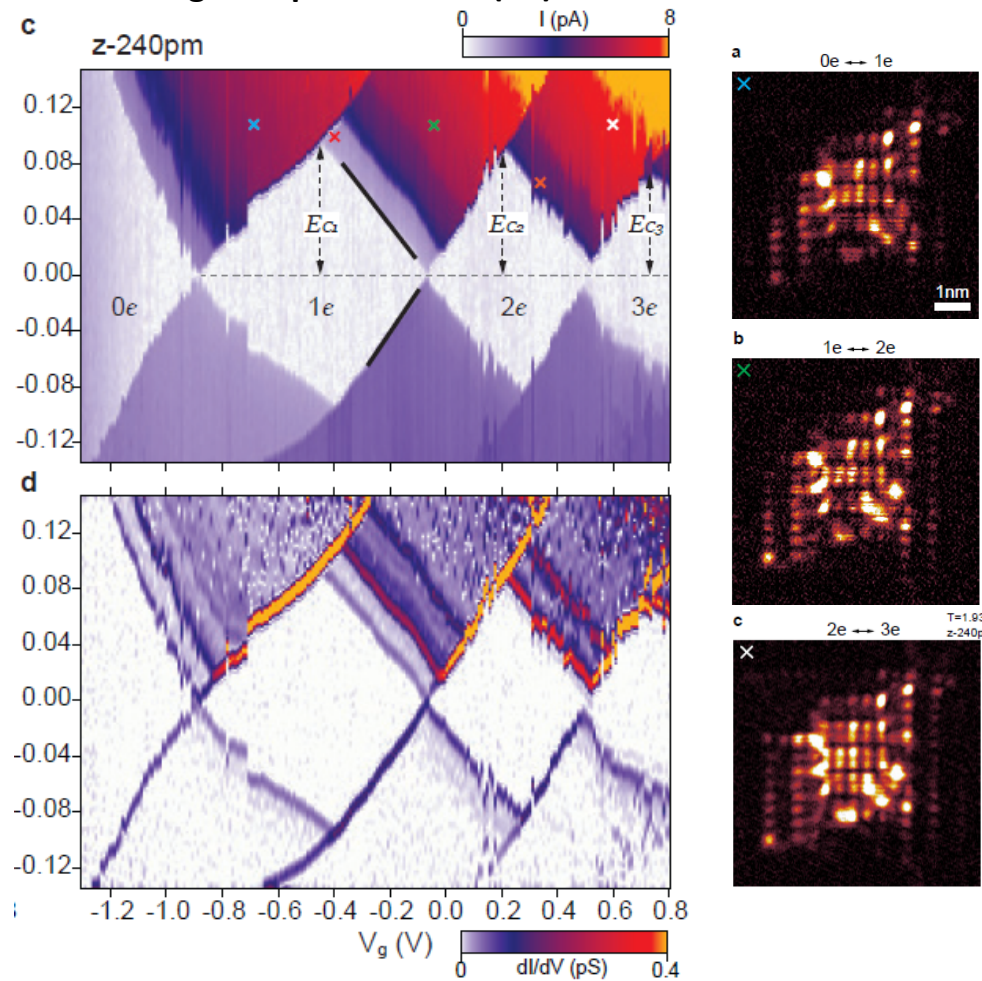
# Multi-terminal Si:P STM devices

## Silicon based STM platform for quantum simulations



Voisin *et al*, submitted  
 StMedar *et al*, (2022), in prep

## e.g. 3P quantum dot (2K)

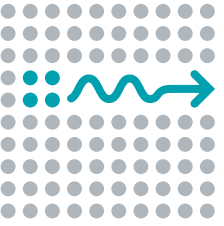


Access to excited states + Wave function mapping at different filling factors

→ theory to understand interactions in these QD

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# Multi-terminal Si:P STM devices



## Charging energies close to bulk

good agreement between experiments and existing literature

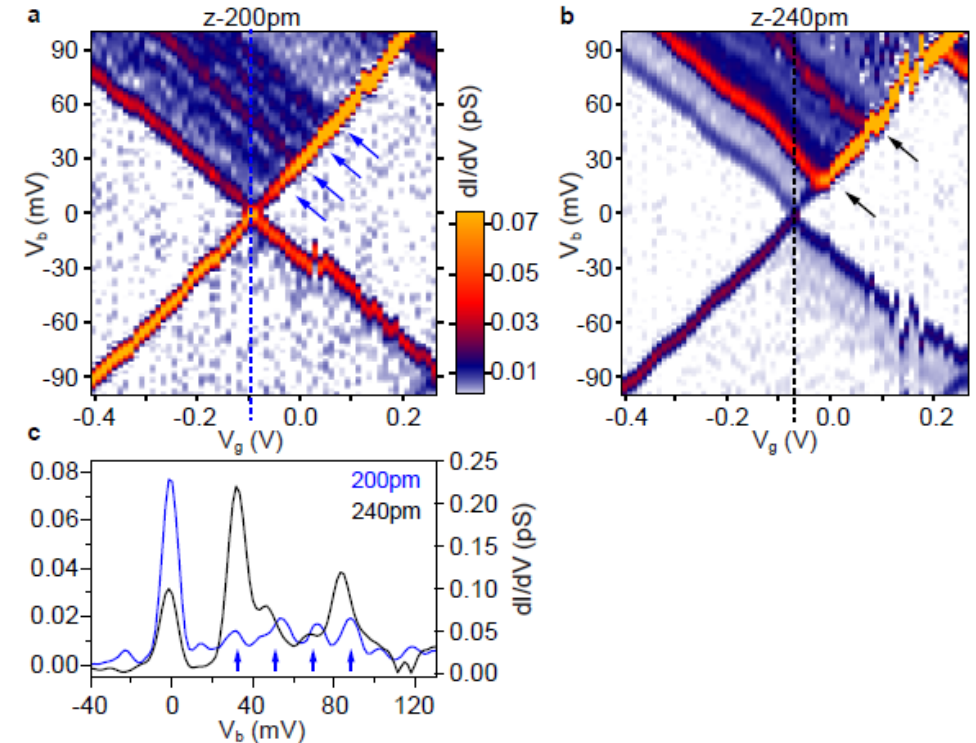
|                 | 3P         | Weber,<br>Nature Tech (2014) | *Weber,<br>Phd thesis (2013) | Ye,<br>Nature (2019) | Back-reservoir † |
|-----------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| $E_{C_1}$ [meV] | $95 \pm 3$ | $92 \pm 5$                   | 95.1                         | $90 \pm 18.5$        | 19.1             |
| $E_{C_2}$ [meV] | $81 \pm 3$ | $75 \pm 5$                   | 53.6                         |                      | 15.1             |
| $E_{C_3}$ [meV] | $66 \pm 3$ | $66 \pm 5$                   | 43                           |                      | 15.9             |

|                 | 4P          | Voisin,<br>submitted | Weber,<br>Nature Tech (2014) |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| $E_{C_1}$ [meV] | $133 \pm 3$ | $130 \pm 5$          | 133.9                        |
| $E_{C_2}$ [meV] | $80 \pm 3$  |                      | 81.2                         |
| $E_{C_3}$ [meV] | $55 \pm 3$  |                      | 70.2                         |

## Excited states spectroscopy

### STM tip as a \*tunable local probe

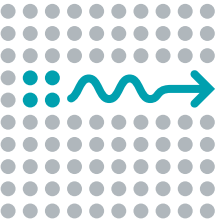
Can change the coupling/tunnelling rate of donor to tip



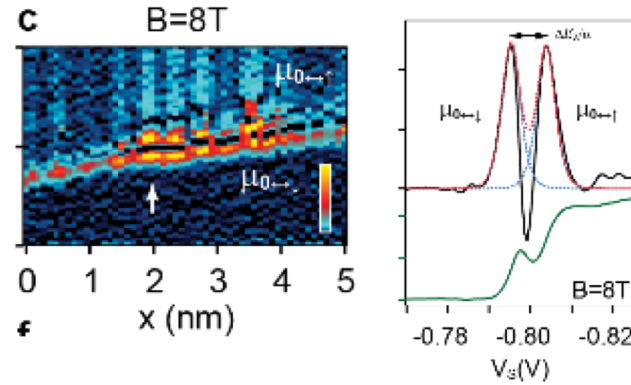
data we don't understand yet

# Conclusion

We showed in an STM experiments:

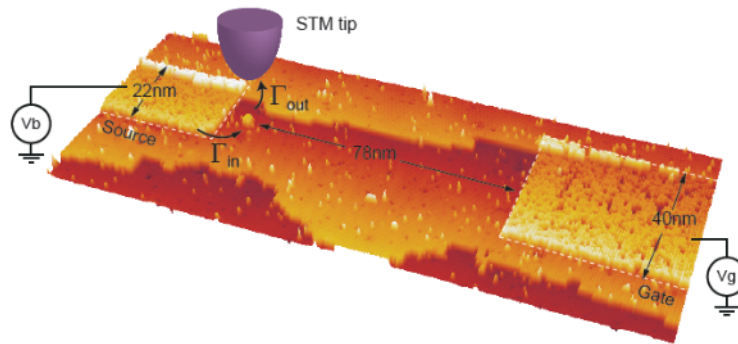


## (1) Access to the spin degree of freedom (resolution of single donor)

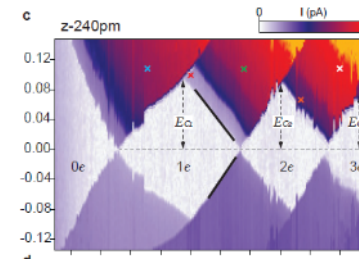


+ absolute value for alpha factor

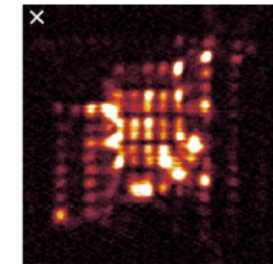
## (2) Local gate control and in-situ spectroscopy of few donor quantum dots



access to excited states



Quantum state imaging



Towards spin-based quantum simulation with dopants in silicon, with the STM tip as local spectral function probe. e.g. mapping of exotic ground states of matter away from half-filling.



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