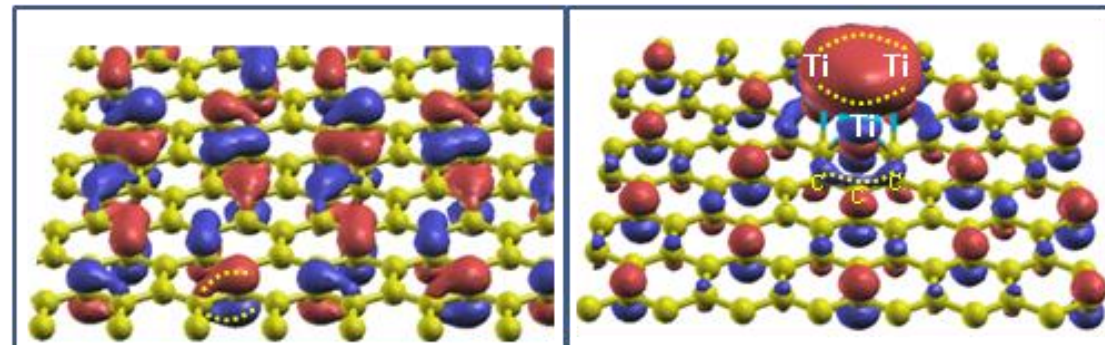


## Ατομική και ηλεκτρονιακή δομή των υλικών



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## Προσωπικό

- ✓ 3 μέλη ΔΕΠ + 2 ΕΔΙΠ
- ✓ 2 Post-Doc + 10 PhD
- ✓ 3 MSc + 6 BSs / έτος

## Στόχοι

- ✓ μελέτη δομής και ιδιοτήτων υλικών
- ✓ σχεδιασμός υλικών & διατάξεων
- ✓ ανάπτυξη λογισμικών προσομοίωσης

## Συνολική χρηματοδότηση:

- ✓ αρχική επένδυση: ~0.1 Μ€
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- ✓ ανταγωνιστική: ~3.5 Μ€



## Δραστηριότητα

### Μελέτη υλικών:

- ηλεκτρονική δομή
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- μεταφορά φορτίου ή θερμότητας
- αλληλεπιδράσεις φωτός

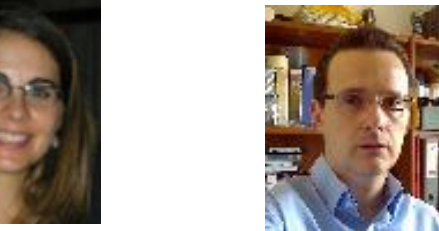
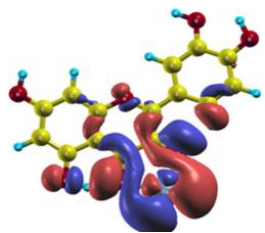


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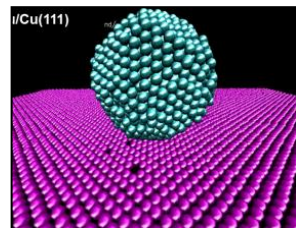
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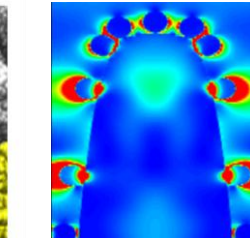
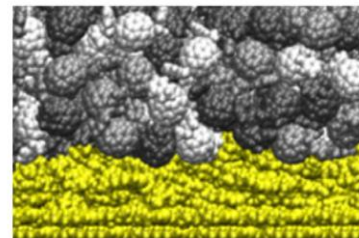
μόρια



νανοσωματίδια



νανοδομές



νανοδιατάξεις

$10^{-10}$

$10^{-9}$

$10^{-8}$

$10^{-7}$

$10^{-6}$  μέτρα

## Υποδομές:

- 600 υπολογιστικοί πυρήνες
- 2 φοιτητικά εργαστήρια 36 θέσεων
- 3 ερευνητικά εργαστήρια 12 θέσεων



# Computational methods

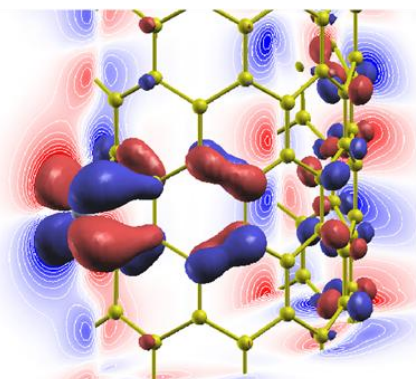
## Quantum mechanics

### Ab-initio

Density functional theory

< 350 atoms

(VASP, WIEN2k, SIESTA)



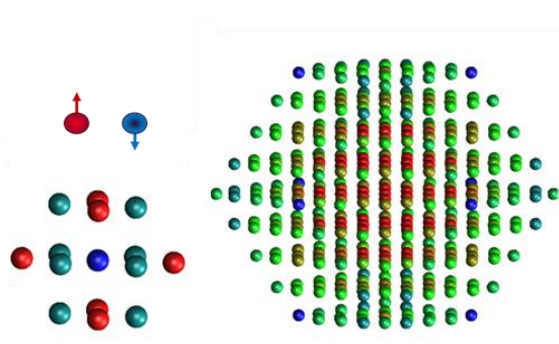
Ti on (8,0)

### Semi ab-initio

Tight Binding

< 3000 atoms

(US Naval Research Lab TB)



Nb's charge transfer

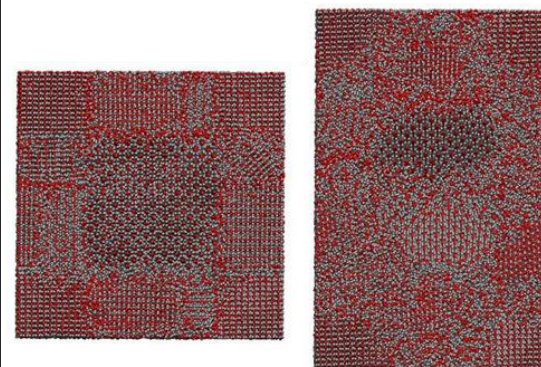
## Classical mechanics

### Classical

Molecular Dynamics

1000 –  $10^9$  atoms

(Lammps, Home made code)



Nanostructured ZrNi

Å

Length scale

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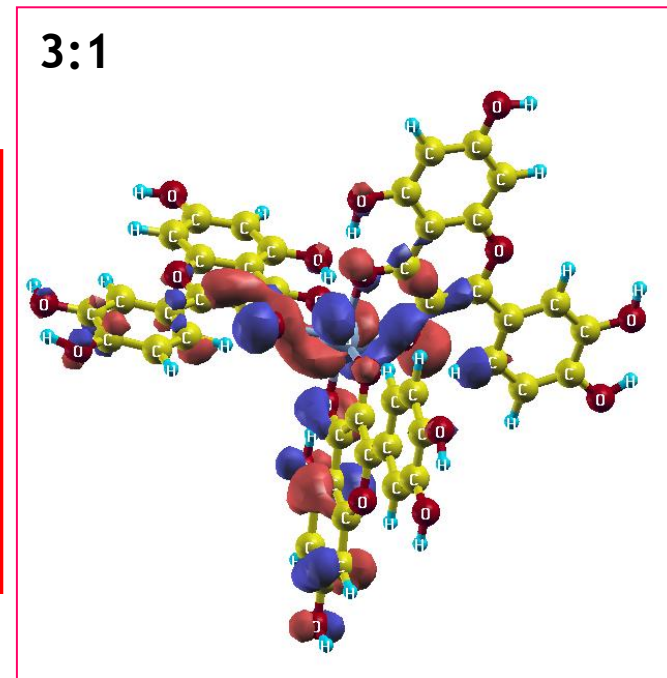
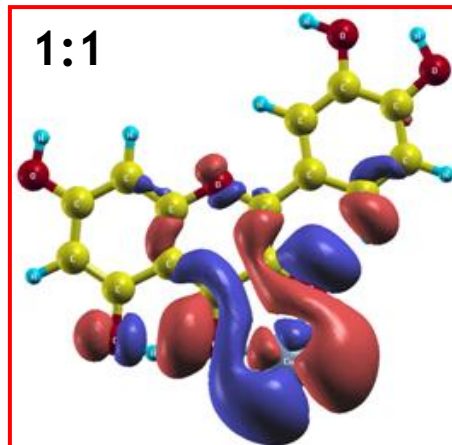
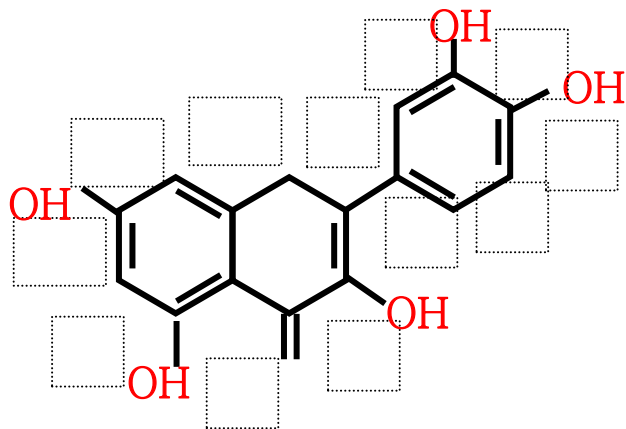


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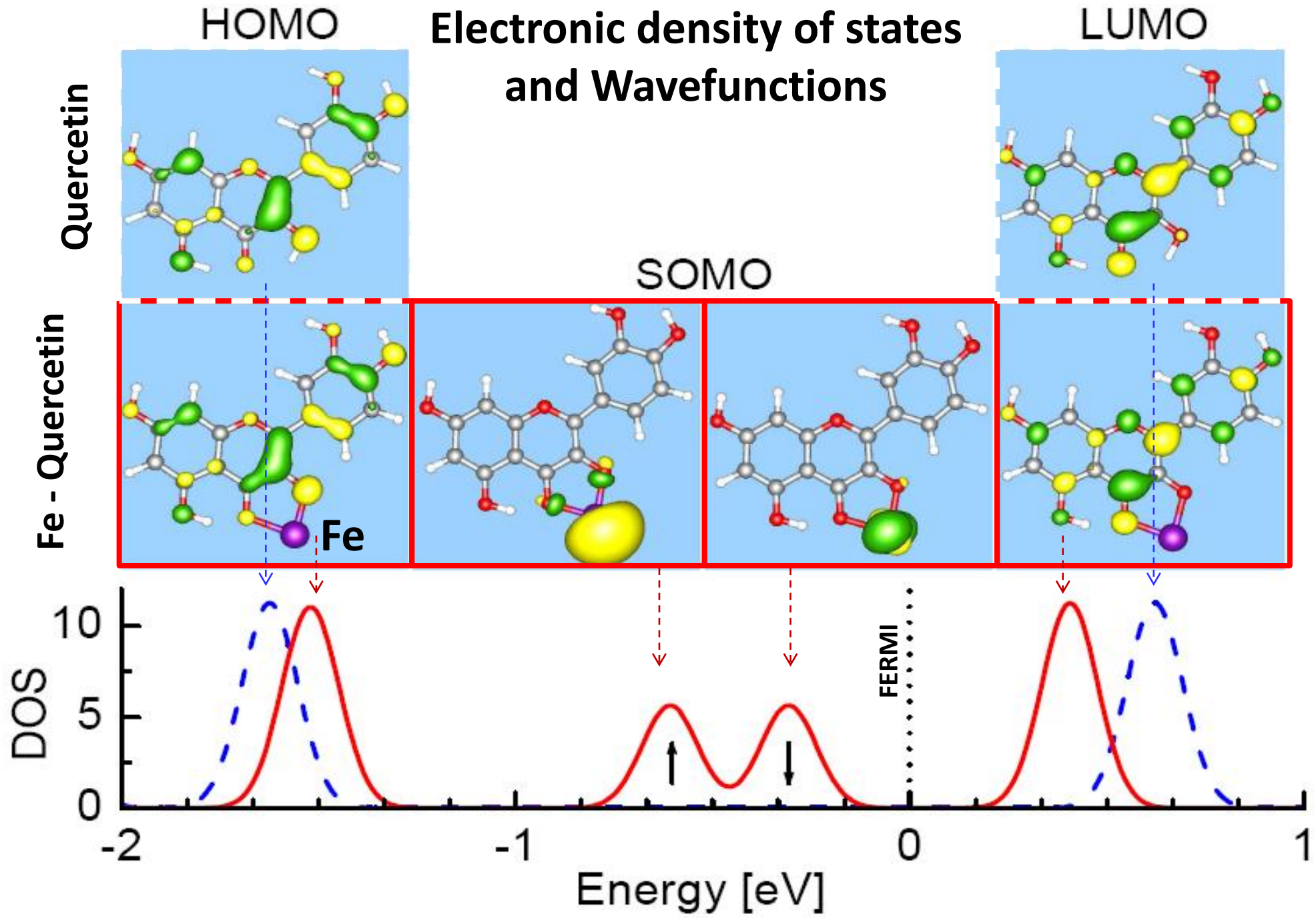
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λόγω της δέσμευσης μεταλλικών ιόντων



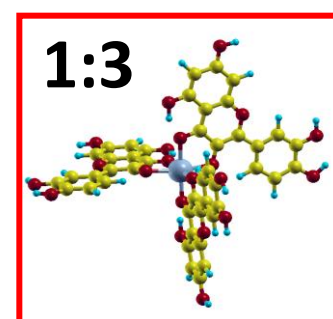
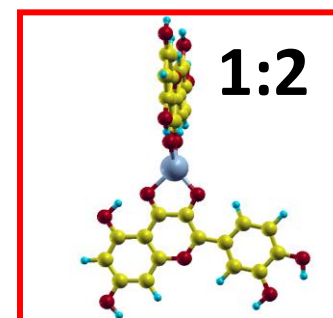
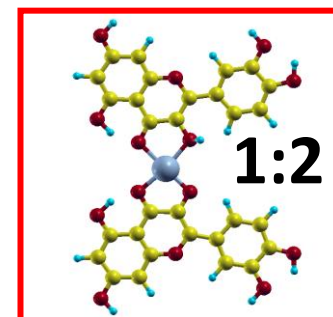
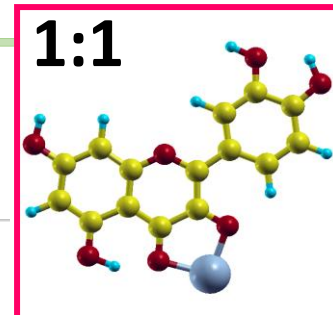
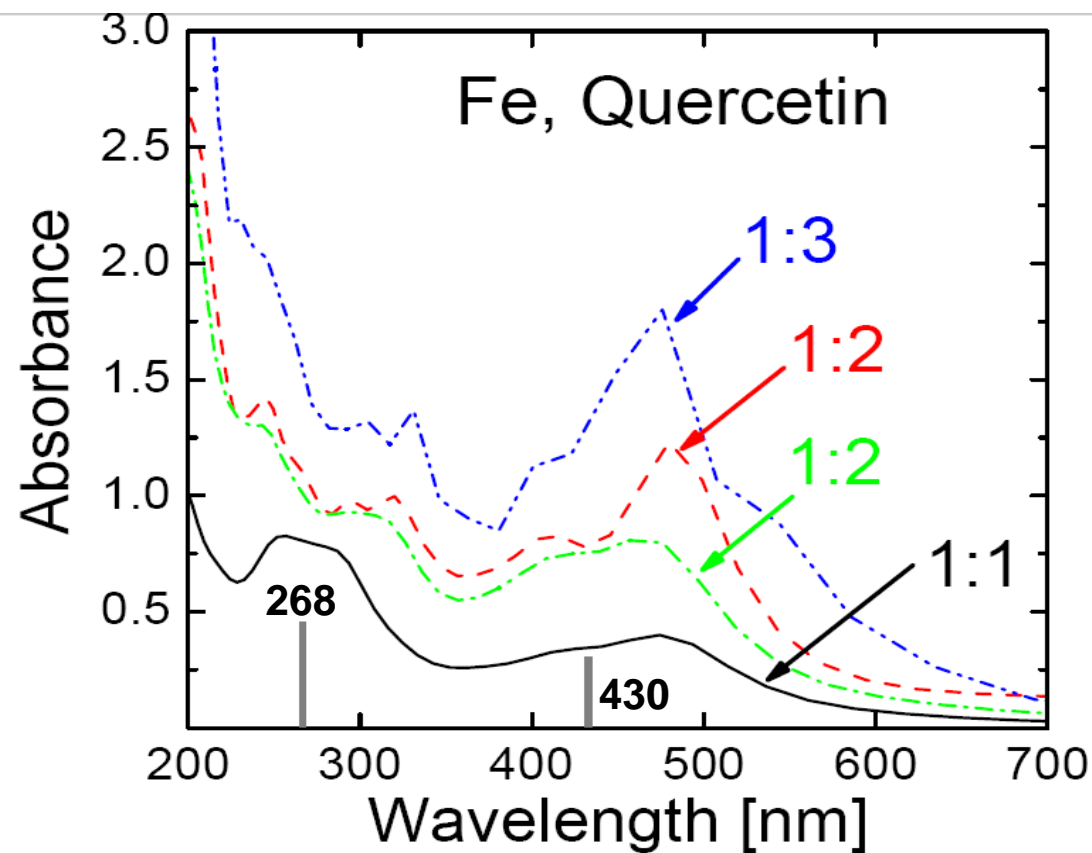
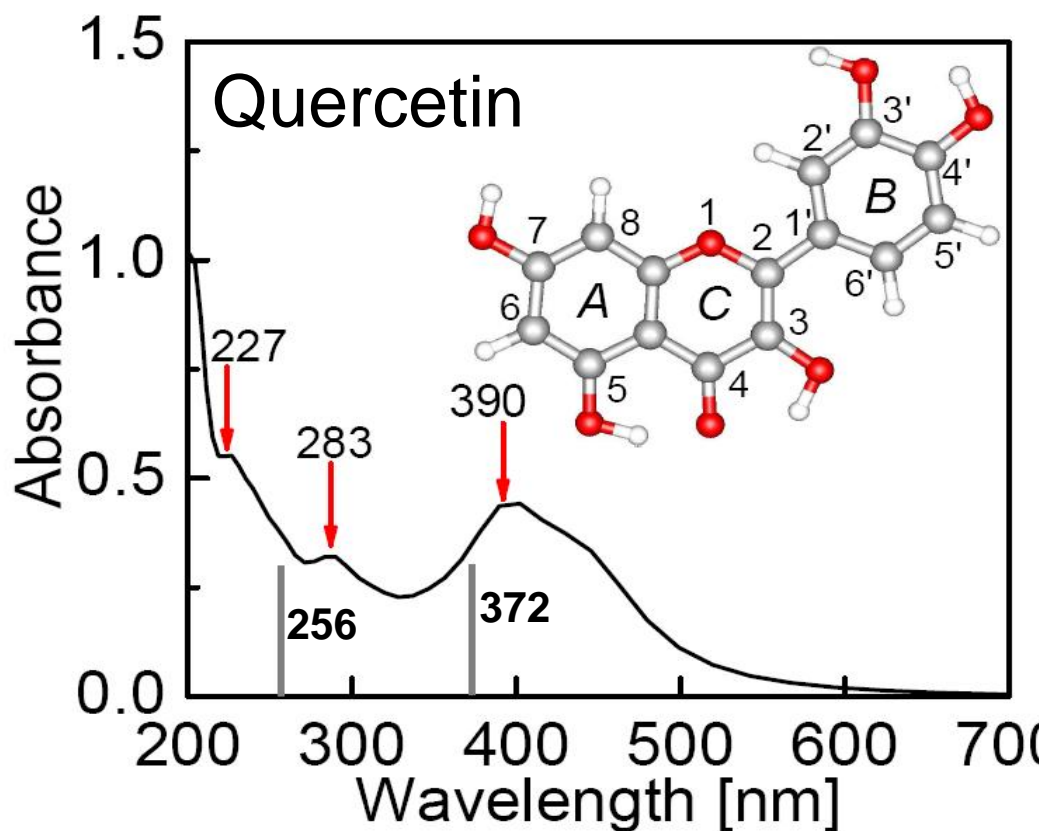
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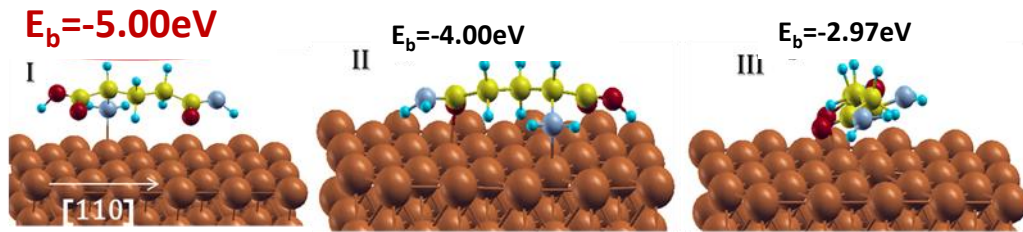


# Molecule's adsorption sites

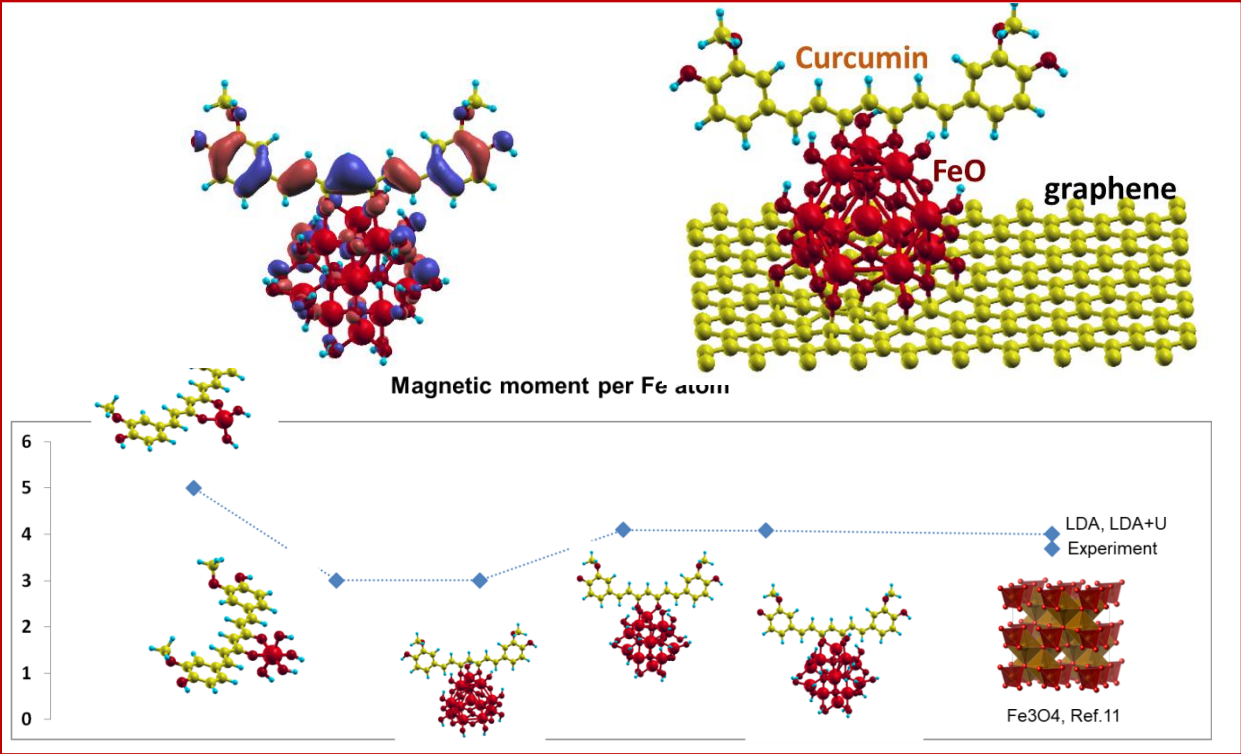
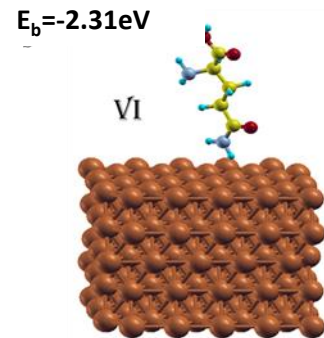
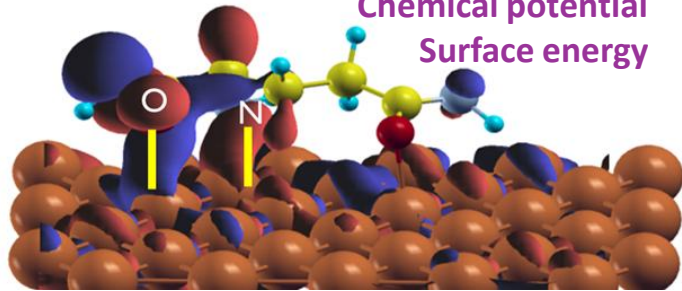


## L-glutamine on Cu(111)

## Curcumin on FeO nanocluster



Charge distribution -> chemical bonds  
Chemical potential  
Surface energy



Master Thesis of Dr M. Bouri, 2015  
PhD at University of Bern, Switzerland

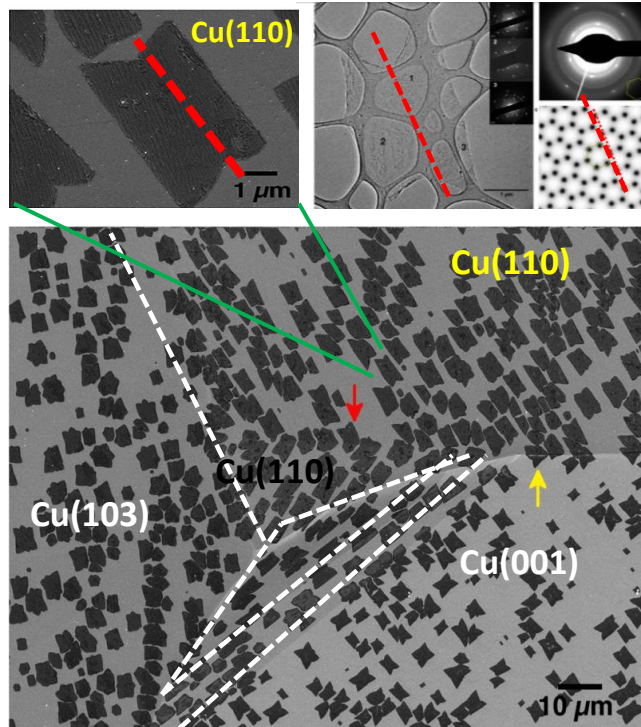
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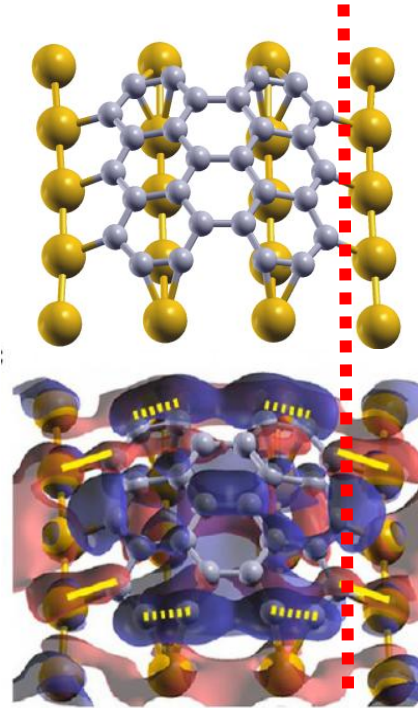


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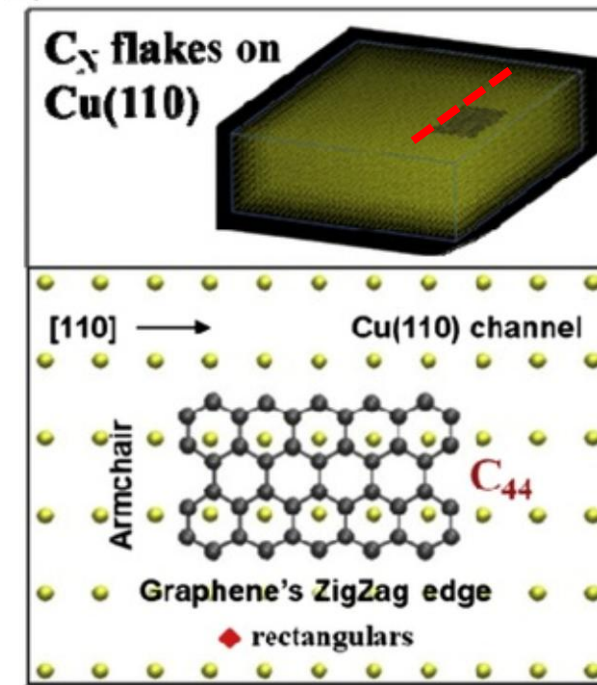
## Graphene flakes on Cu



Experimental work, Uni. Oxford  
*ACS Nano* 7 (2), 2013, 1351-1359



Ab-initio theory and Classical Molecular Dynamics Simulations  
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**Patent:** Intellectual property due diligence form, Isis project 8727: Structural control of 2D nanomaterials produced by CVD on dedicated substrates, University of Oxford. Inventors: Mr Adrian Murdock (25%), Dr Antal Koos (25%) and Prof Nicole Grobert (25%) University of Oxford and Contributor: Assist.Prof. Christina Lekka (25%), University of Ioannina



# Metallic Nanostructures on CNTs and Graphene

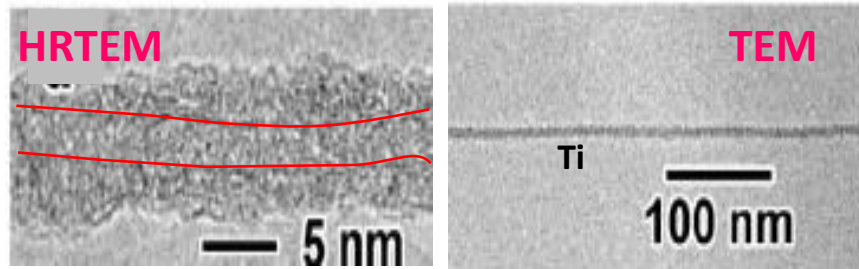


These hybrid materials may exhibit different properties (**structural**, electronic etc.) depending on the type of metallic adsorbent.

## The **metallic coating** on CNTs

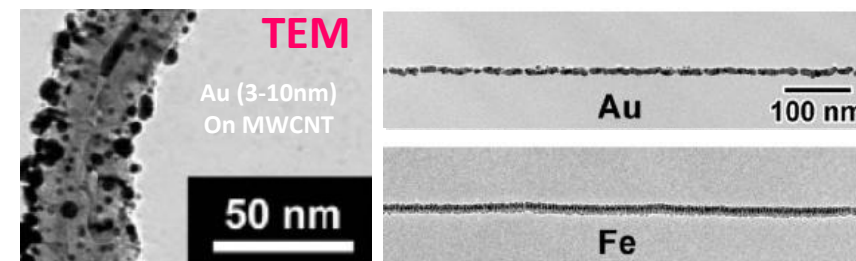
### **continuous coating**

(e.g. Ti, Nb, Ta)



### **clusters**

(e.g. Au, Fe, Cu)



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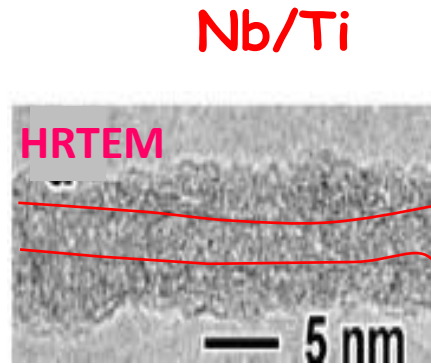
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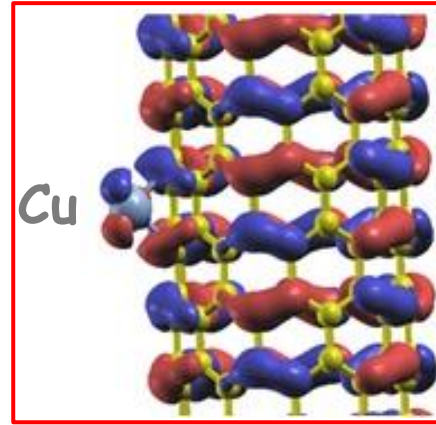
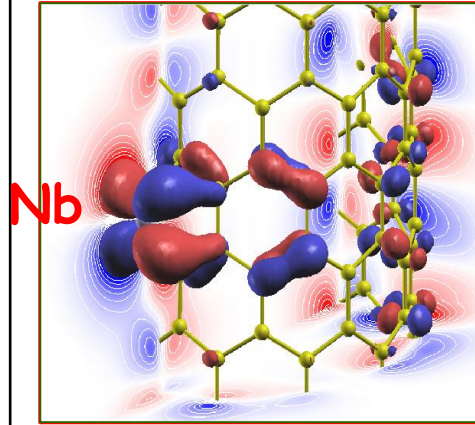
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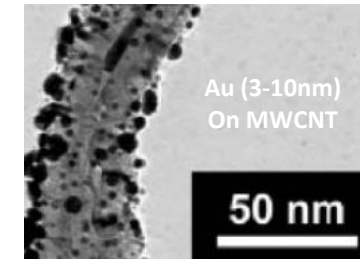
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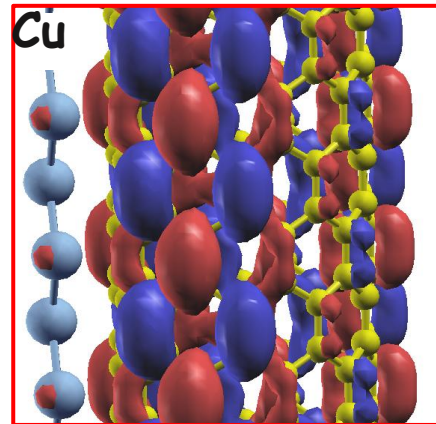
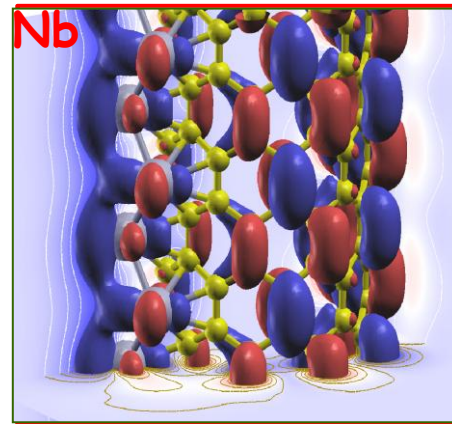
Atoms on CNT



**Cu**



Atomic nanowire on CNT



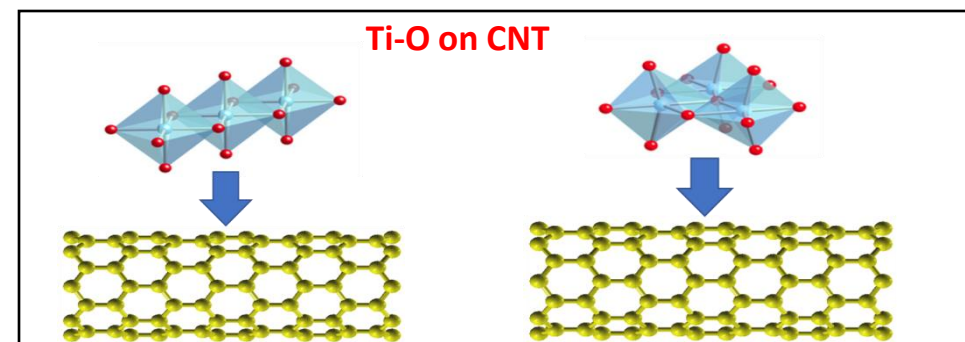
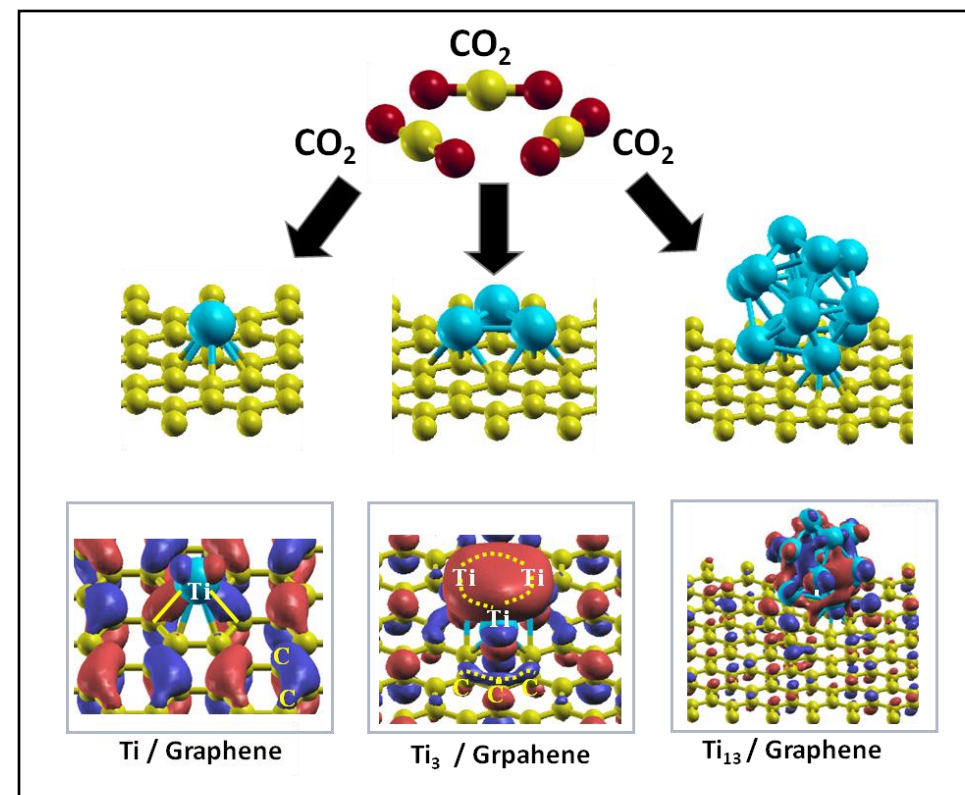
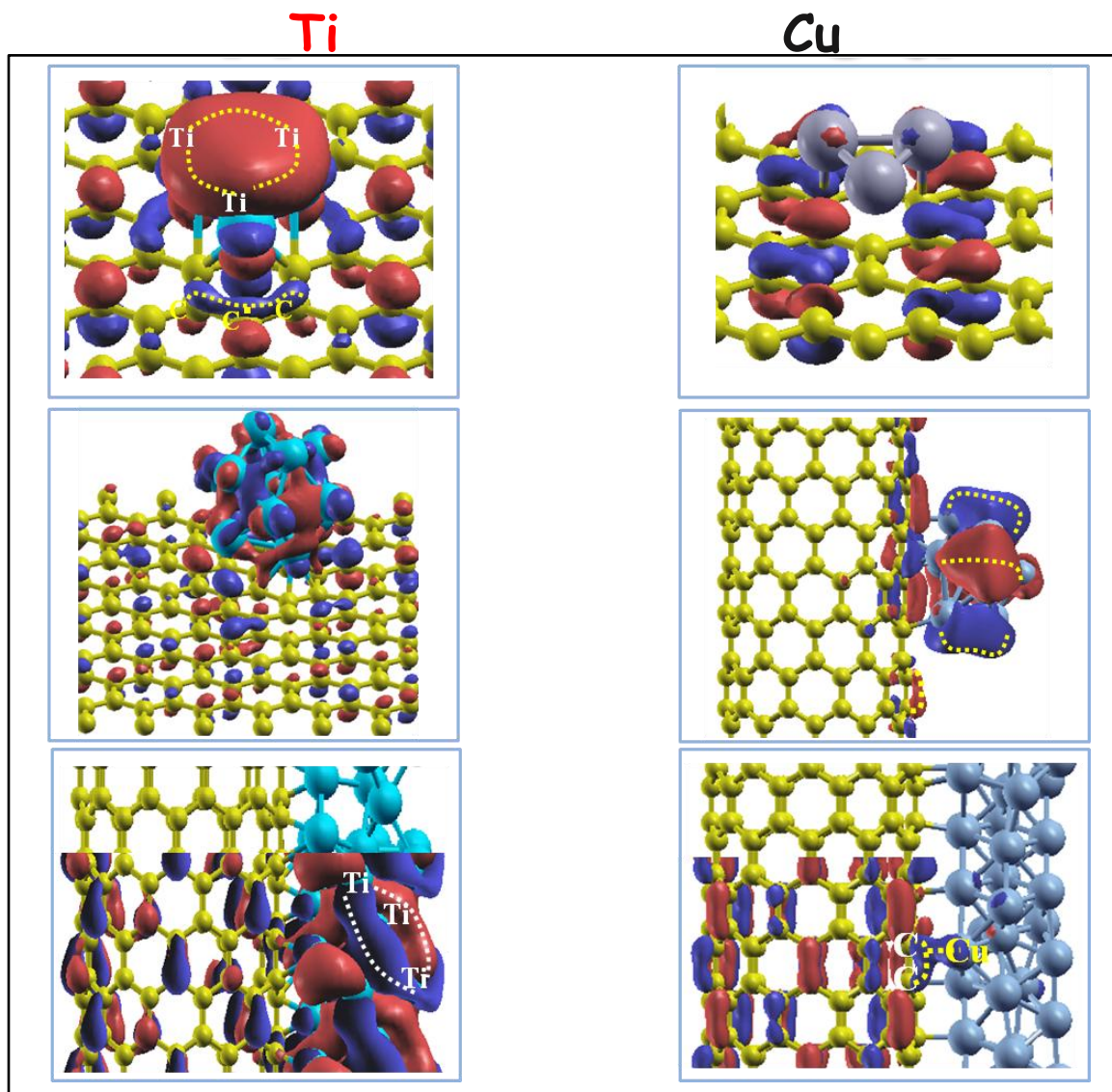
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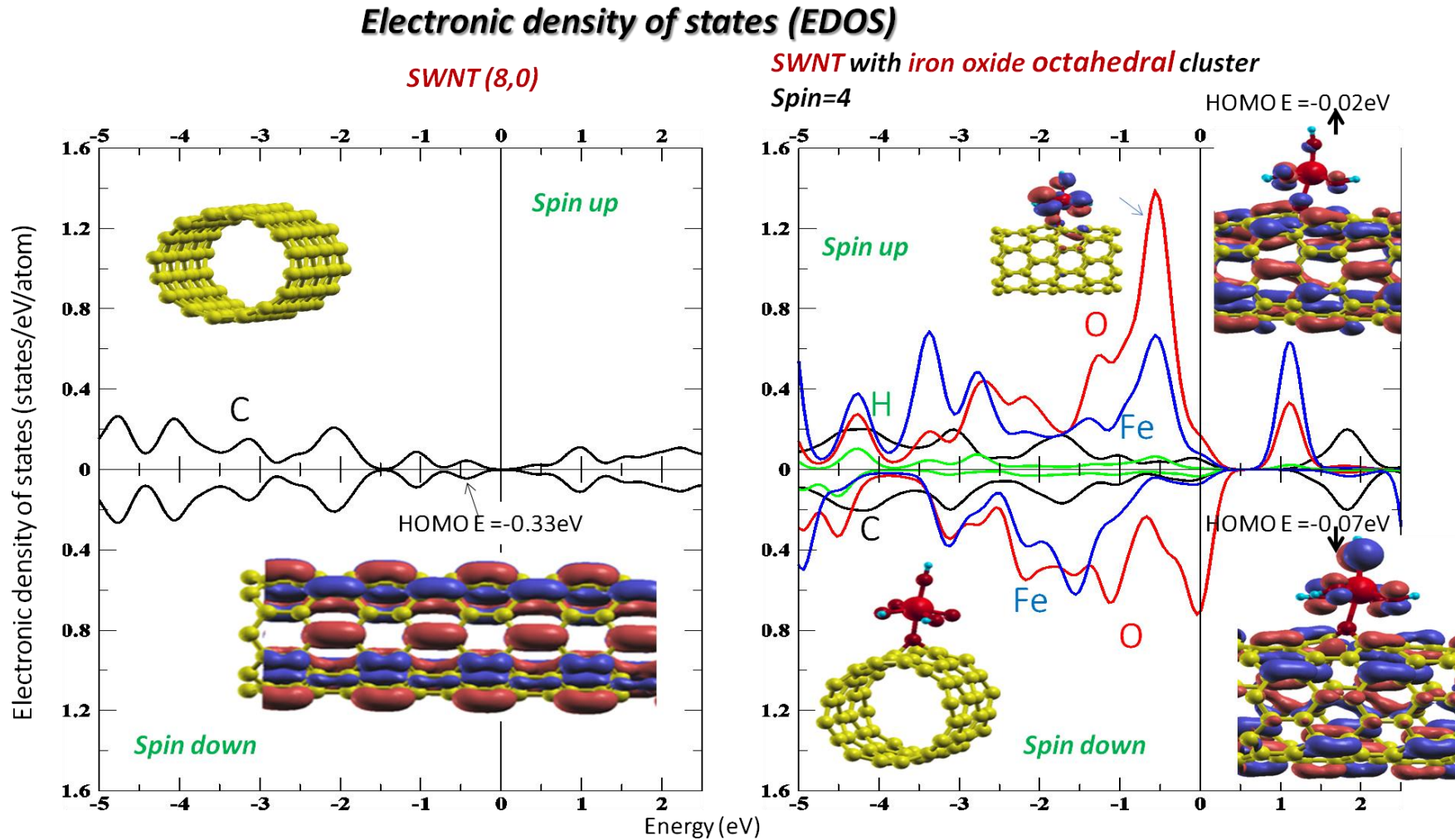


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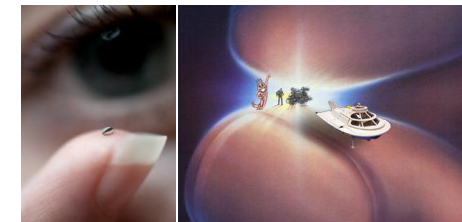


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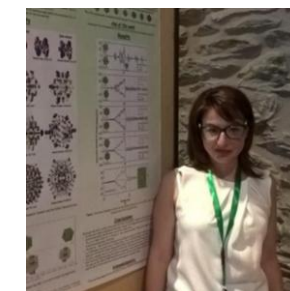
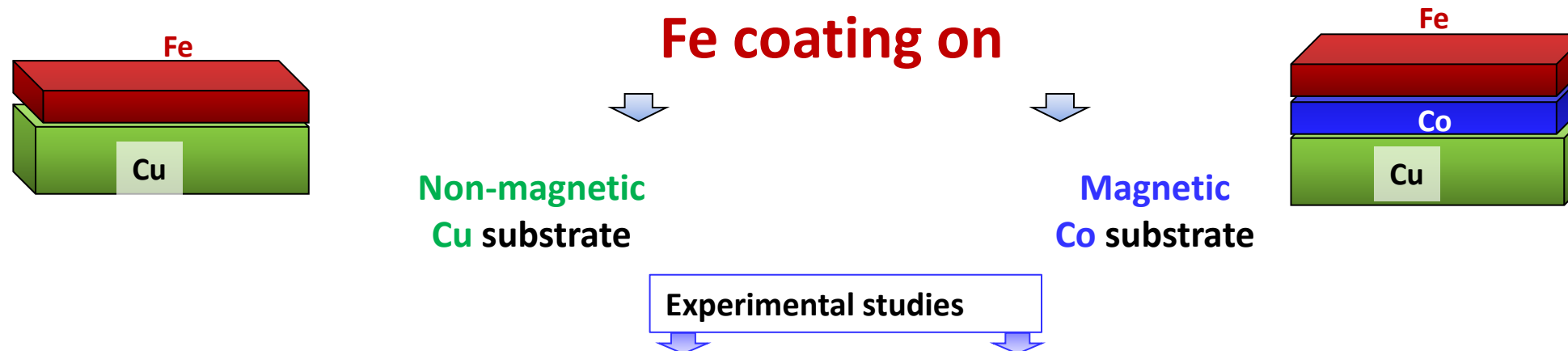


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<http://selecta-etn.eu/>



Salvador Pané et al, *European Ophthalmic Review*, 2014;8(2):120–6



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Fe film's structure and **magnetic moment depends on its thickness**

## Fe / Cu(100)<sup>1</sup>:

Up to 5 Fe ML on Cu(100) → **Fe fct film**  
ferromagnetic (**Fe surf 2.5-2.8  $\mu_B$** ),  $Fe_{bcc} = 2.2\mu_B$

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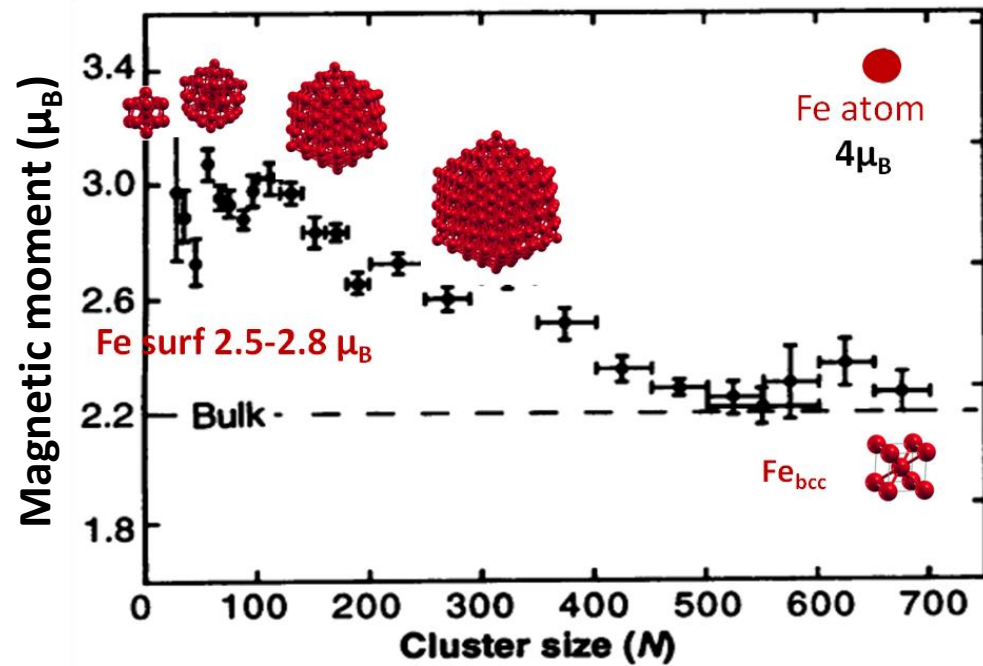
## Fe / Co / Cu (100):

Up to 4-6 Fe ML fct film with **2-3  $\mu_B$**  on Co/Cu(100)<sup>1,2</sup>

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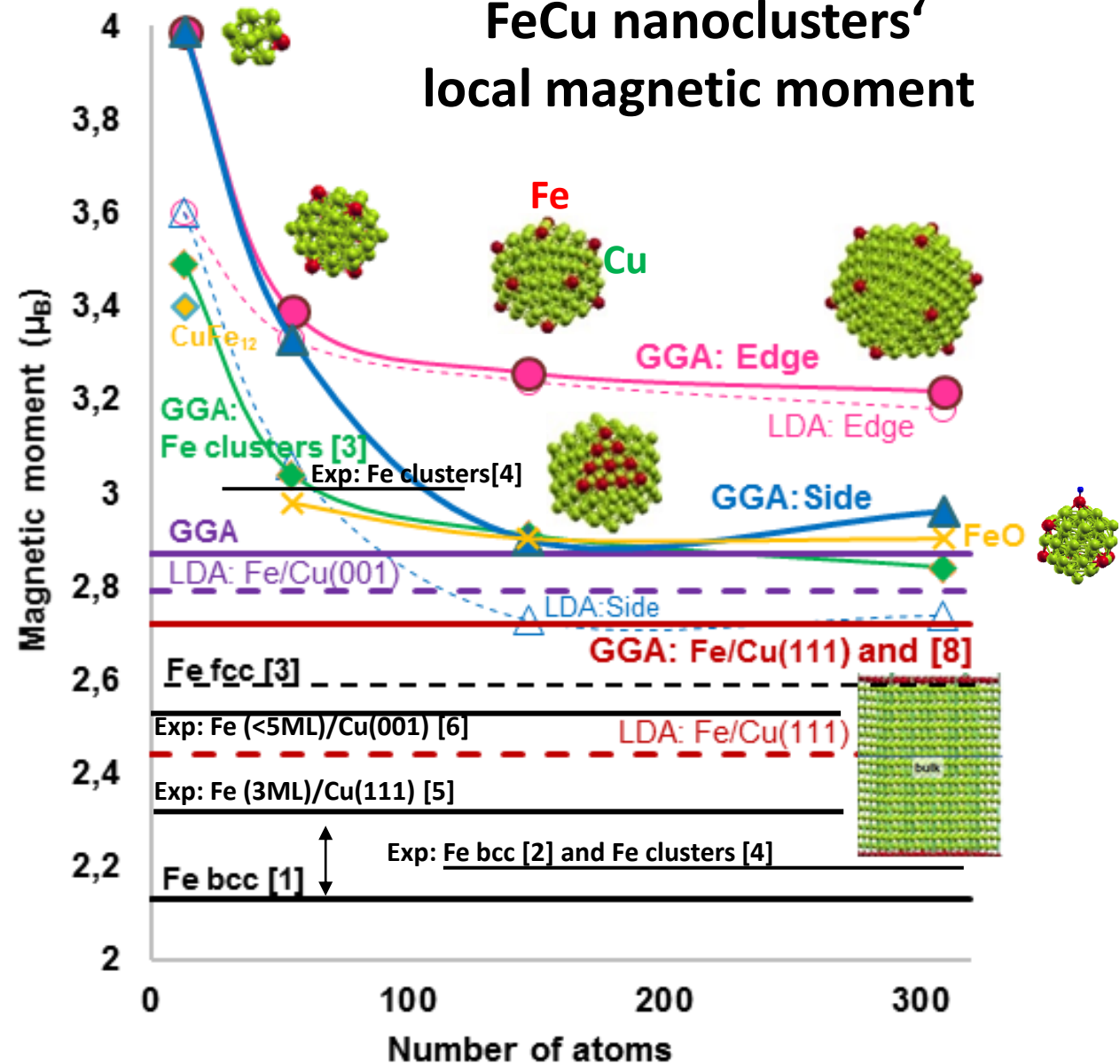
## Fe nanoclusters

### Experiment

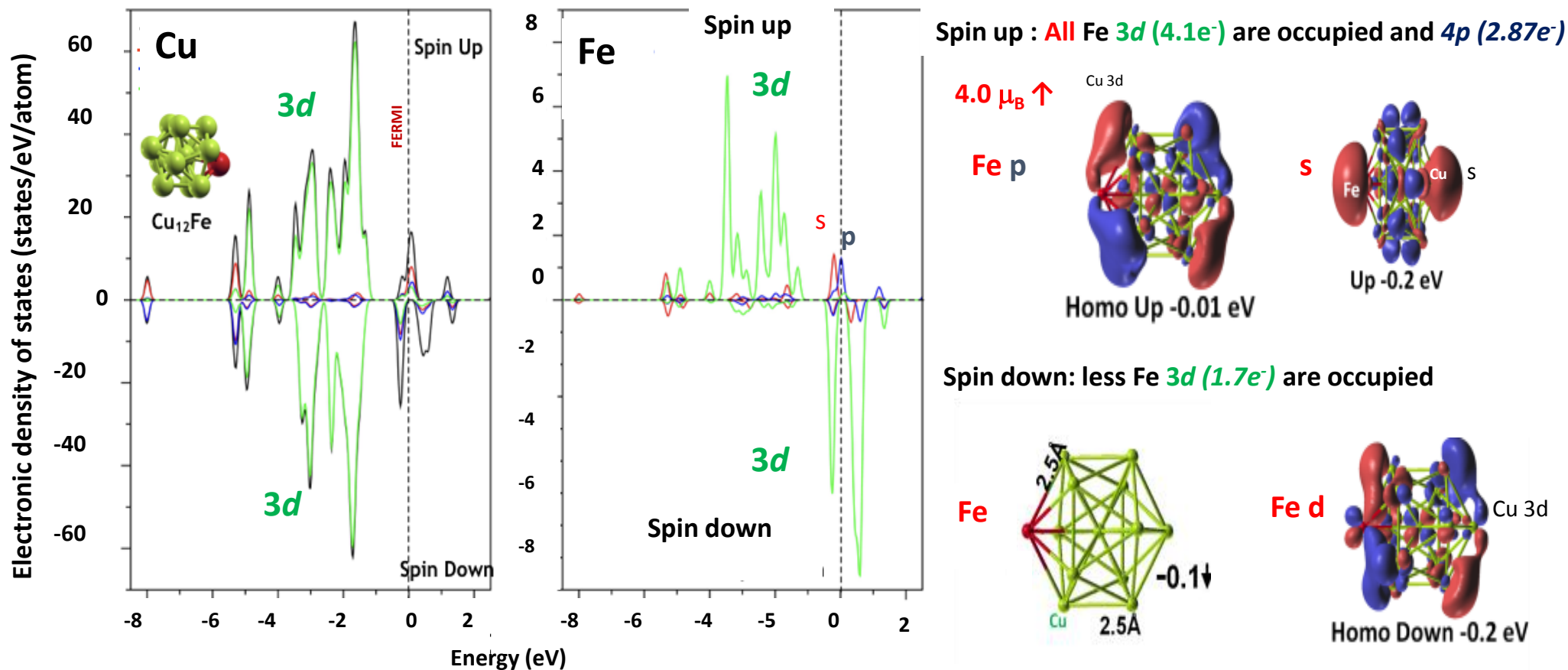


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## FeCu nanoclusters' local magnetic moment



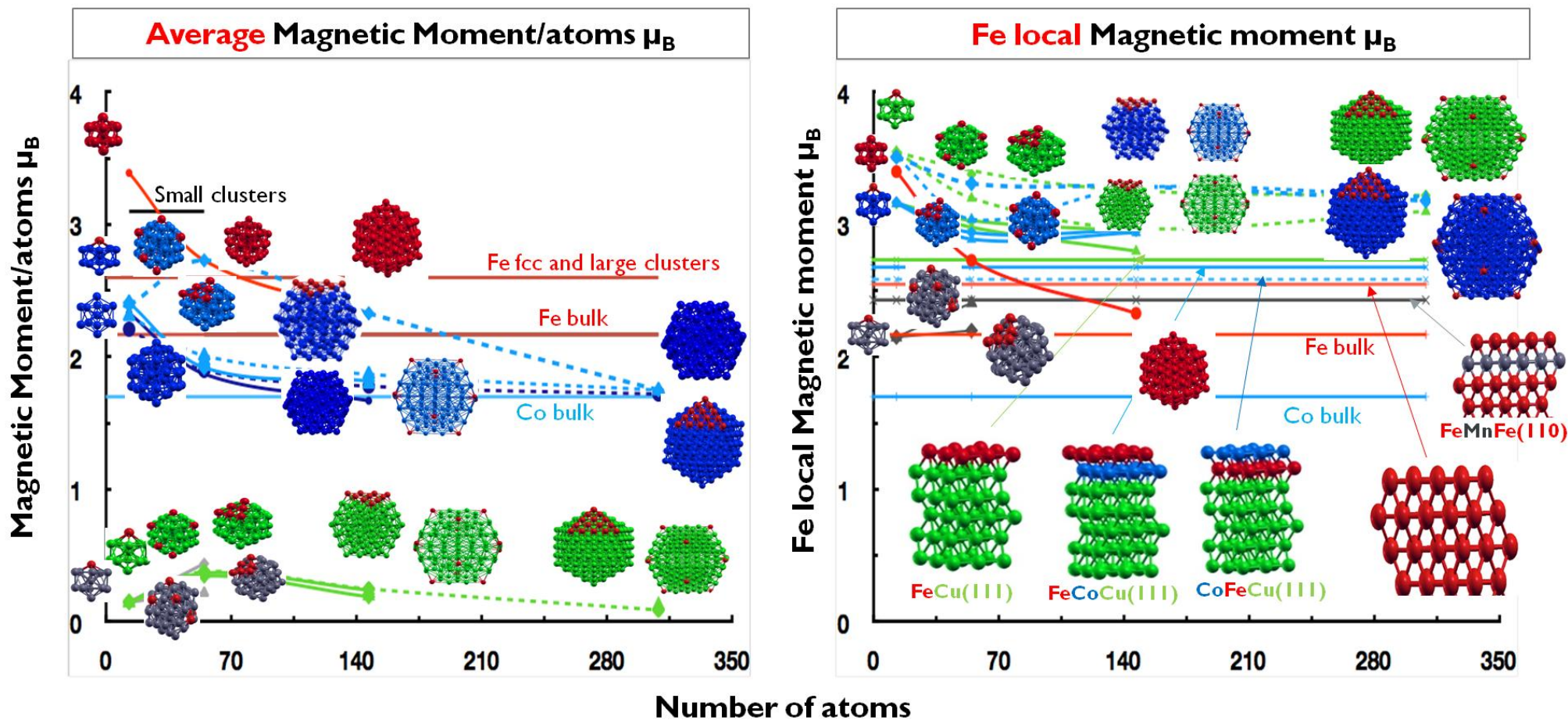




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## Fe-X clusters and coatings

X=Cu, Co and Mn



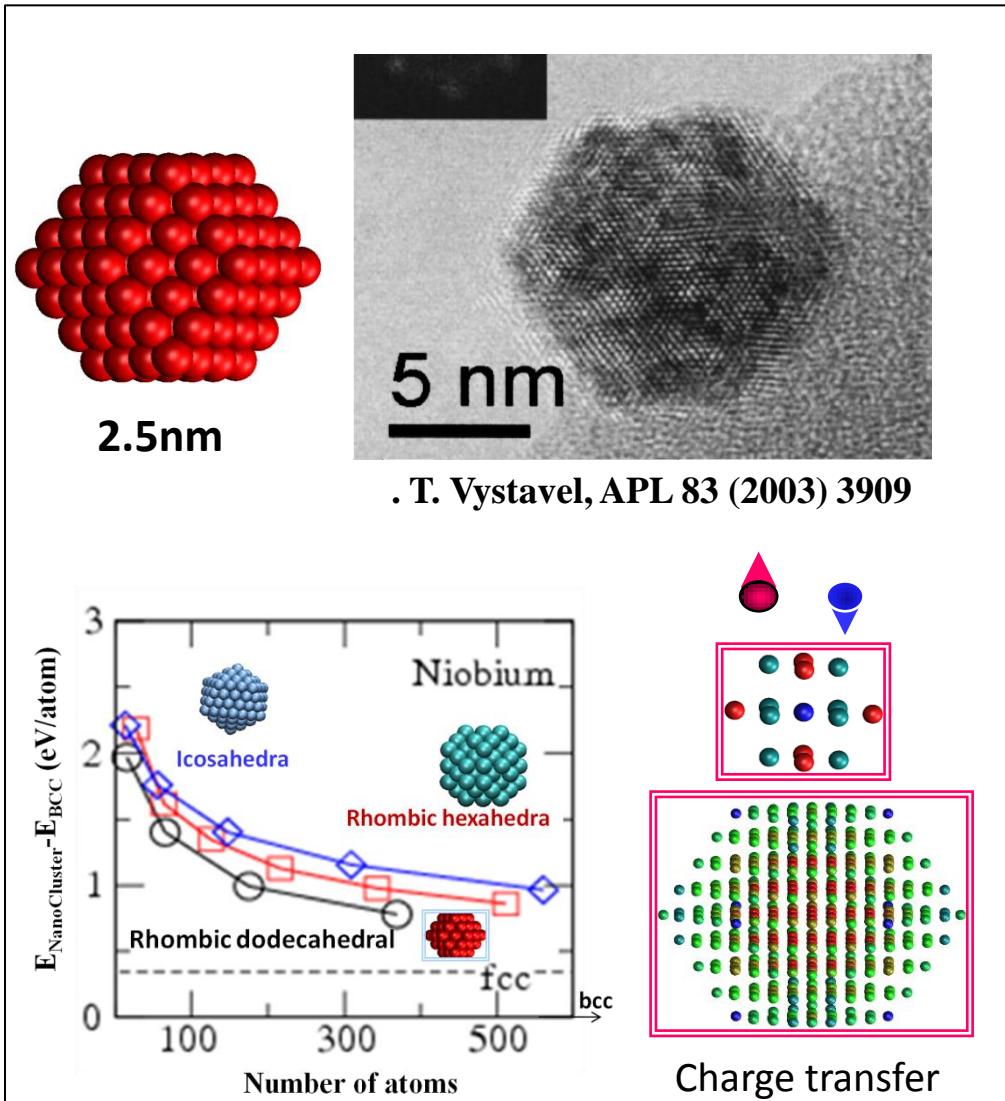


# Structure and electronic properties of nano-materials

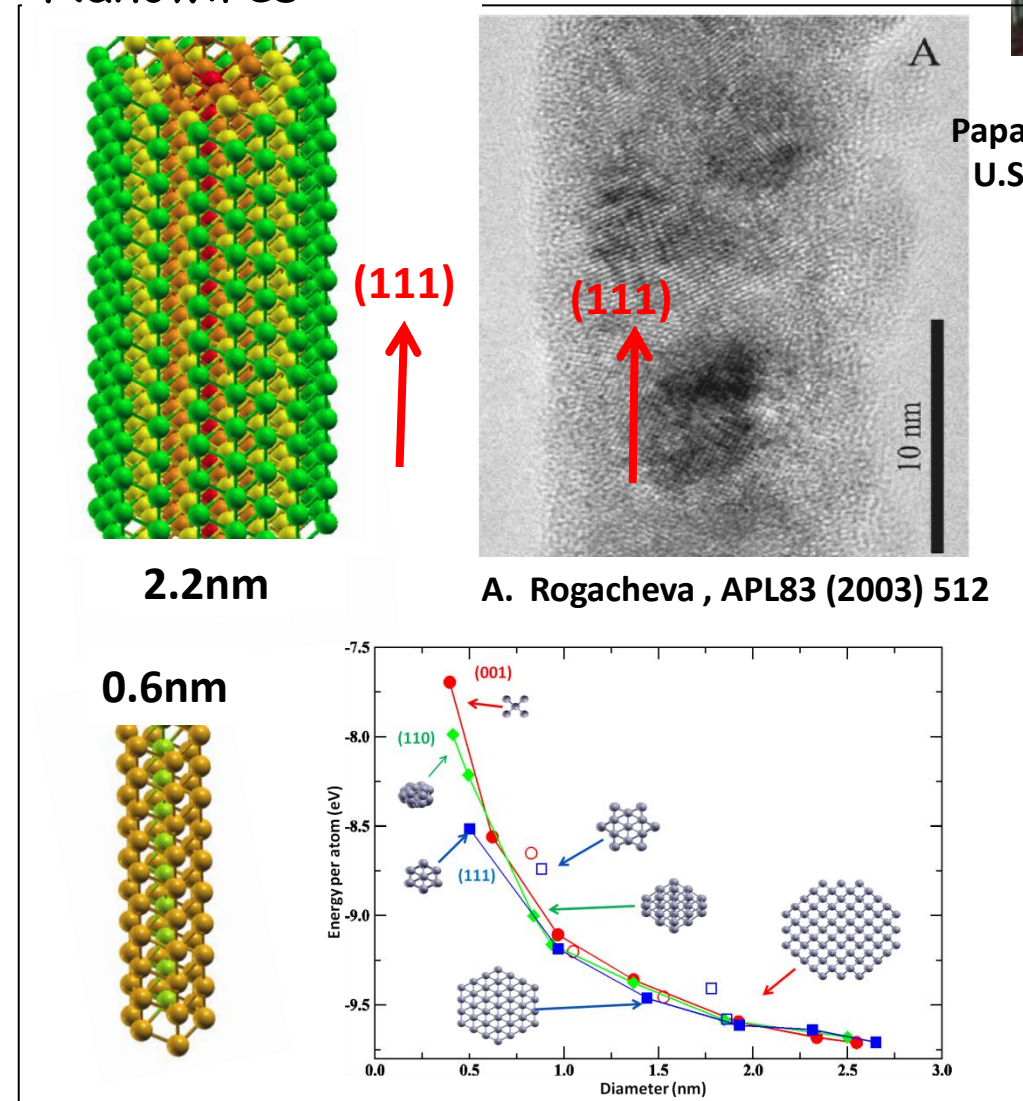


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## Nanoclusters



## Nanowires



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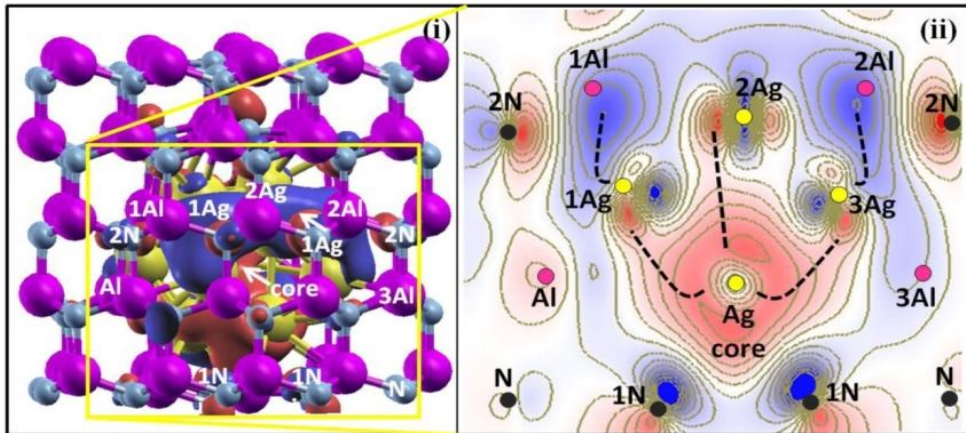
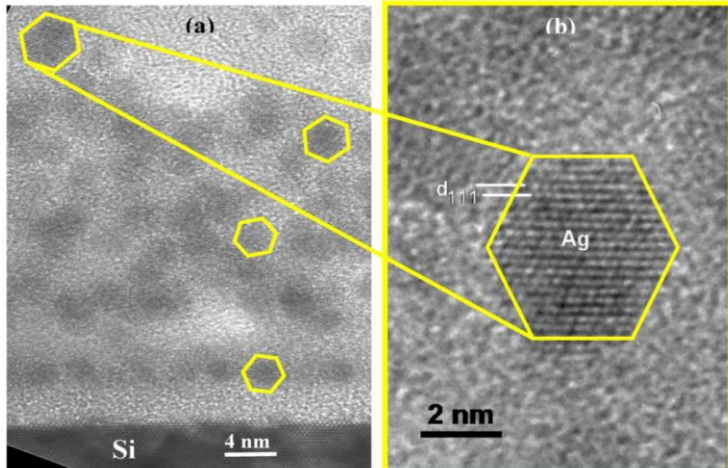
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## AlN:Ag nanocomposite film

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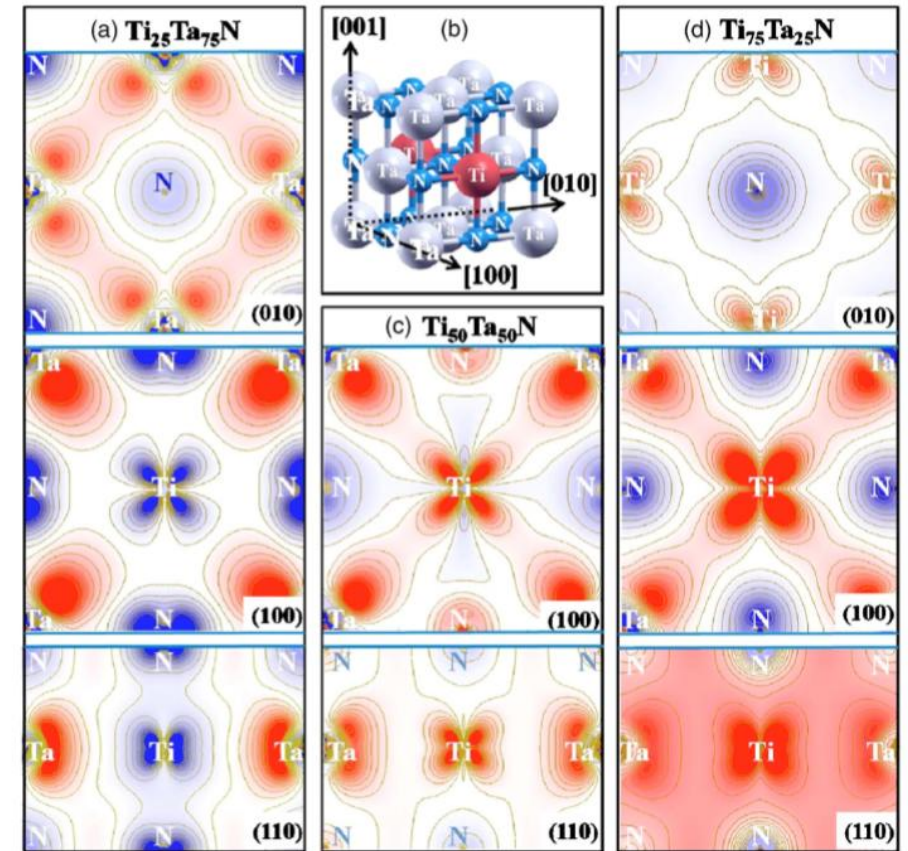
**Hybridization of Ag-*p* :N-*p* and Ag-*d*: Al-*p* along with charge transfer from Al → Ag**



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## TiTaN nitrides

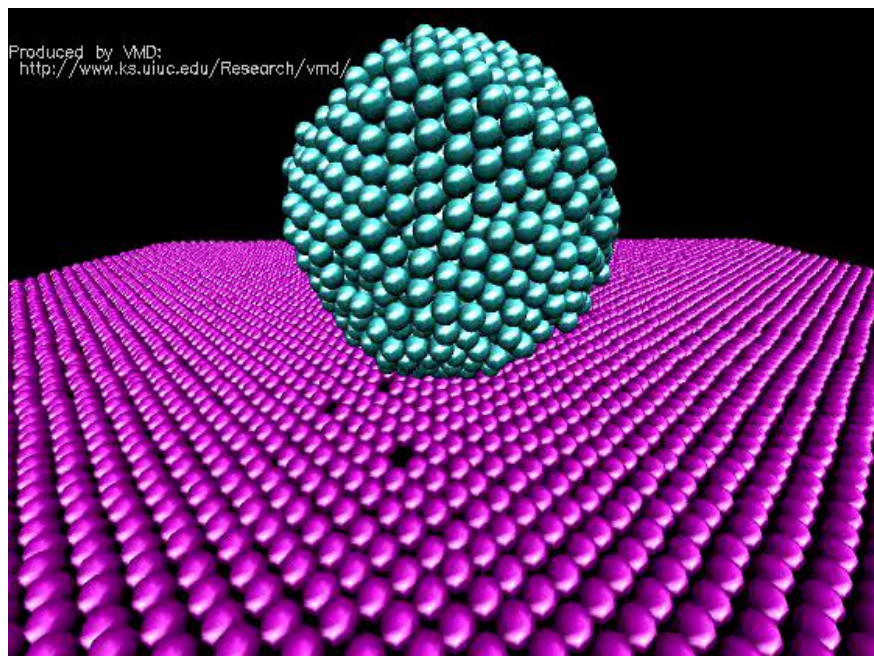
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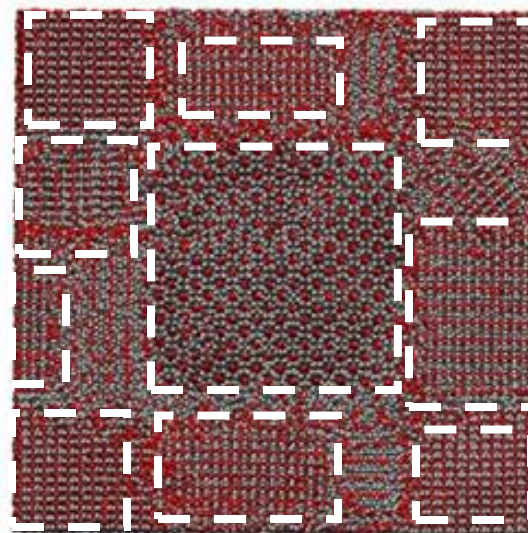


## Al nanoclusters on Al(111)



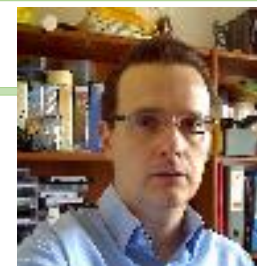
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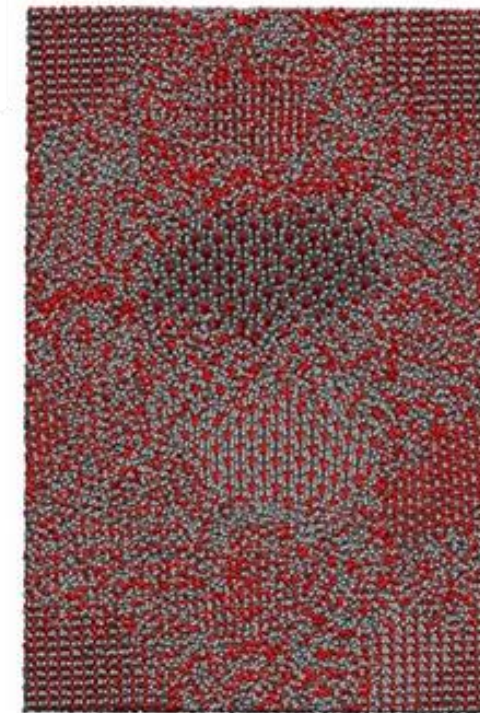
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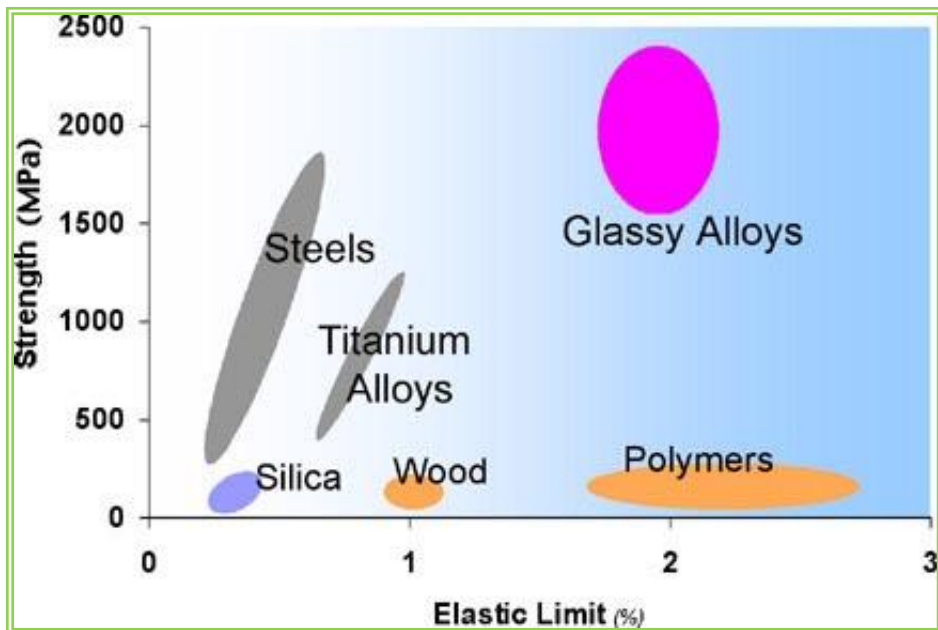


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# Metallic glasses: Υλικά με εξαιρετικές μηχανικές ιδιότητες



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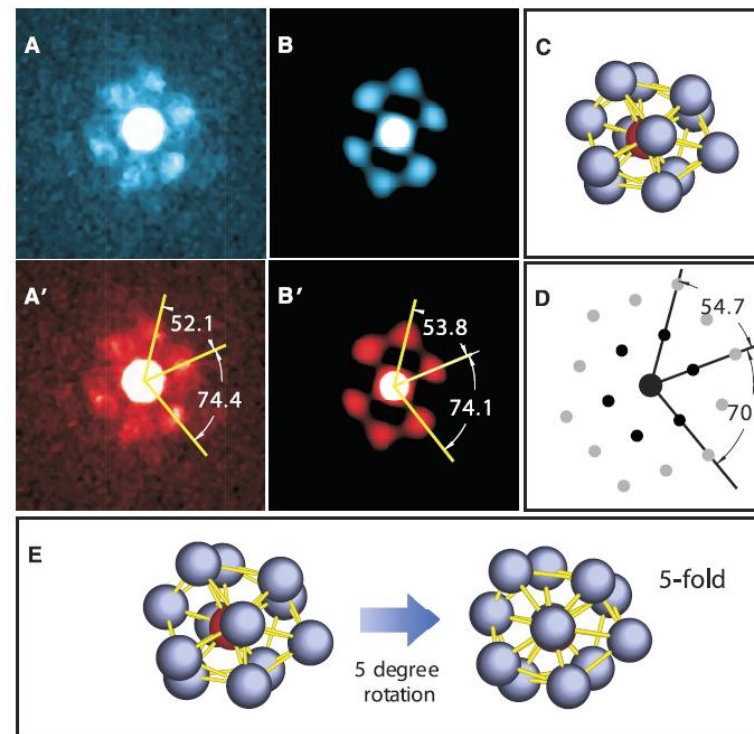


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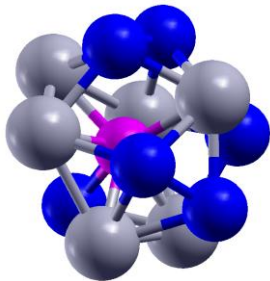
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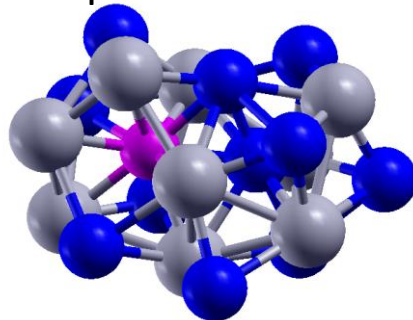


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Nano-clusters



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# Metallic glasses: Υλικά με εξαιρετικές μηχανικές ιδιότητες

“Work-Hardenable” Ductile Bulk Metallic Glass

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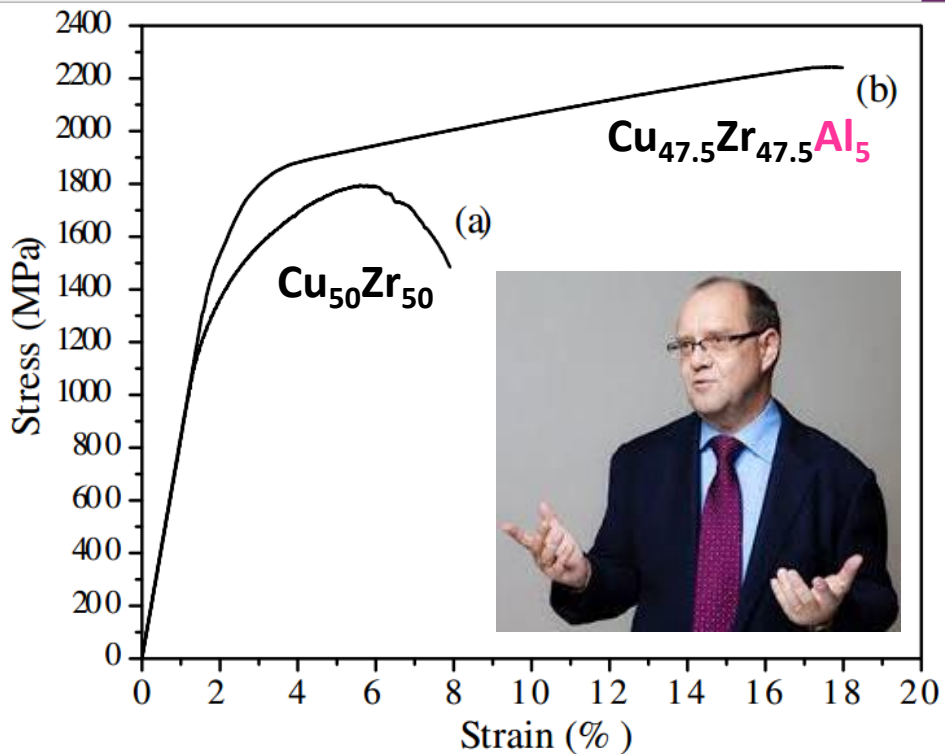
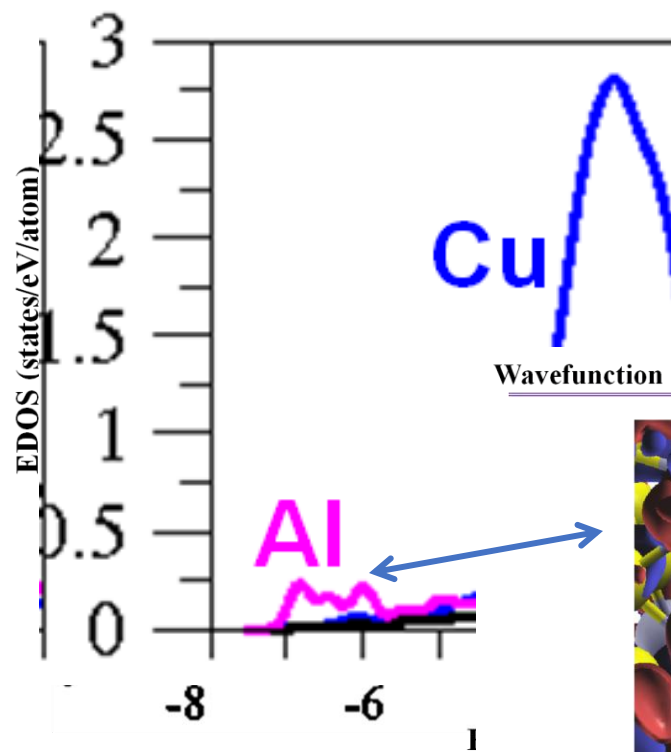
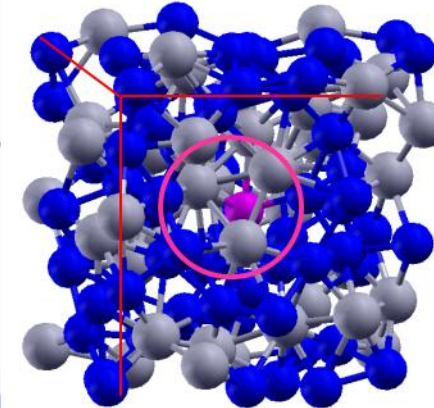


FIG. 2. Stress-strain curves of (a)  $\text{Cu}_{50}\text{Zr}_{50}$  and (b)  $\text{Cu}_{47.5}\text{Zr}_{47.5}\text{Al}_5$  under compression at a strain rate of  $8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

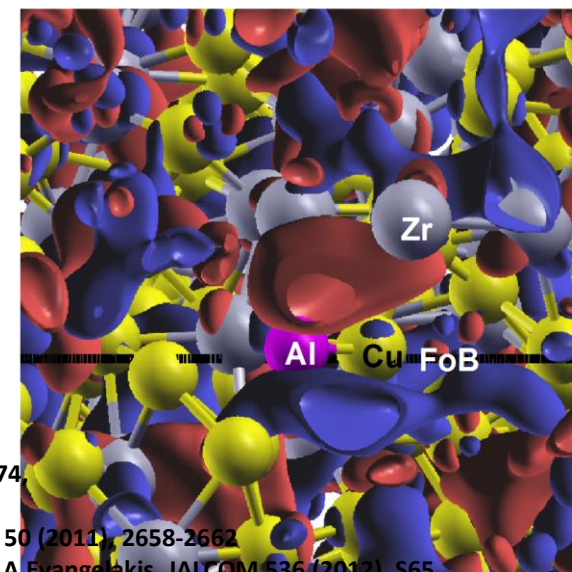
$\text{Cu-Zr-Al}$



$\text{Cu}_{62}\text{Zr}_{37}\text{Al}$



Wavefunction of the *b*-state (core-shell) – Free of bond plane



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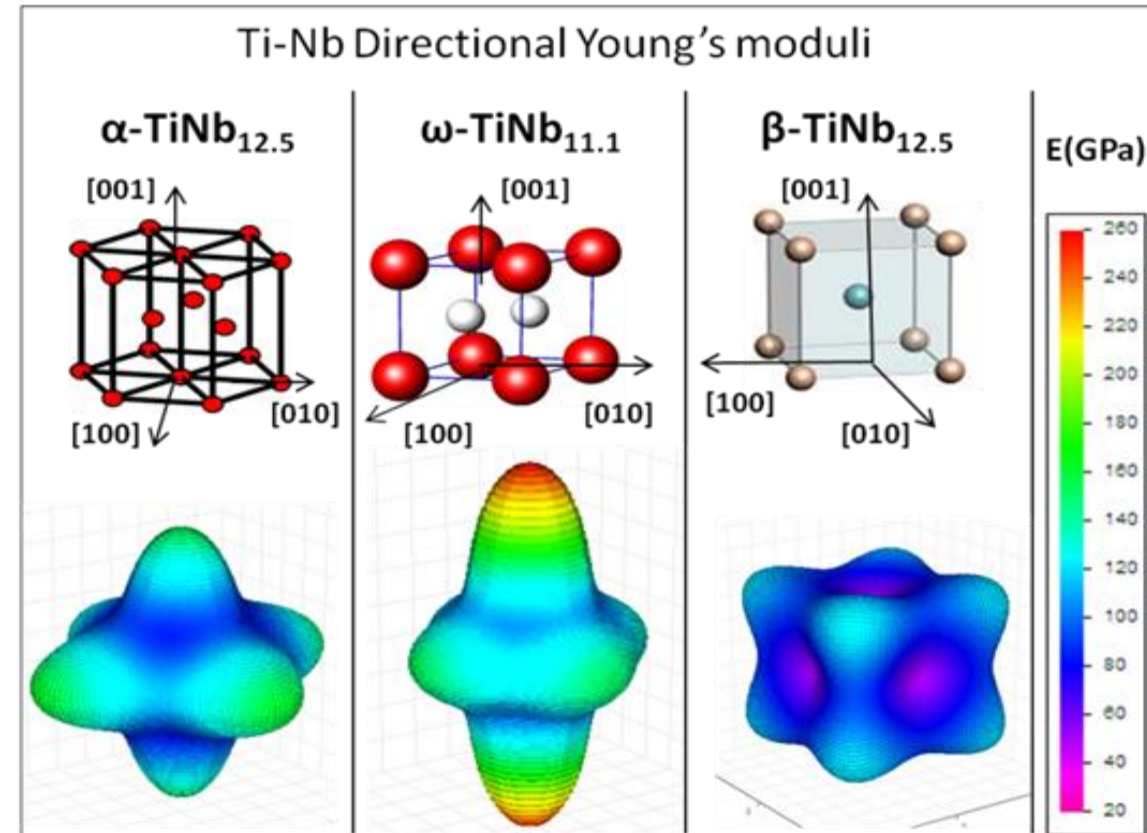
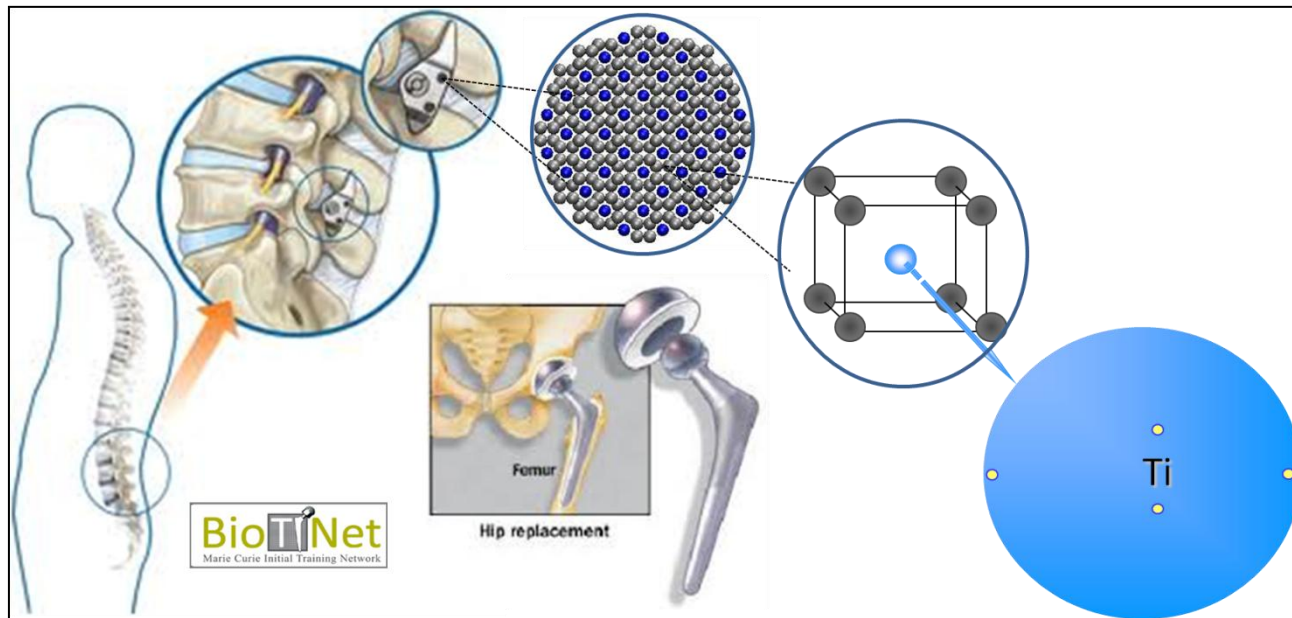


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Κράματα Ti για ορθοπεδικά : - σταθεροποίηση β-Ti μέσω βιοσυμβατών υλικών  
 - συγκρίσιμο μέτρο ελαστικότητας με τα κόκκαλα



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# $\beta$ -TiNb<sub>25</sub>In<sub>2</sub>

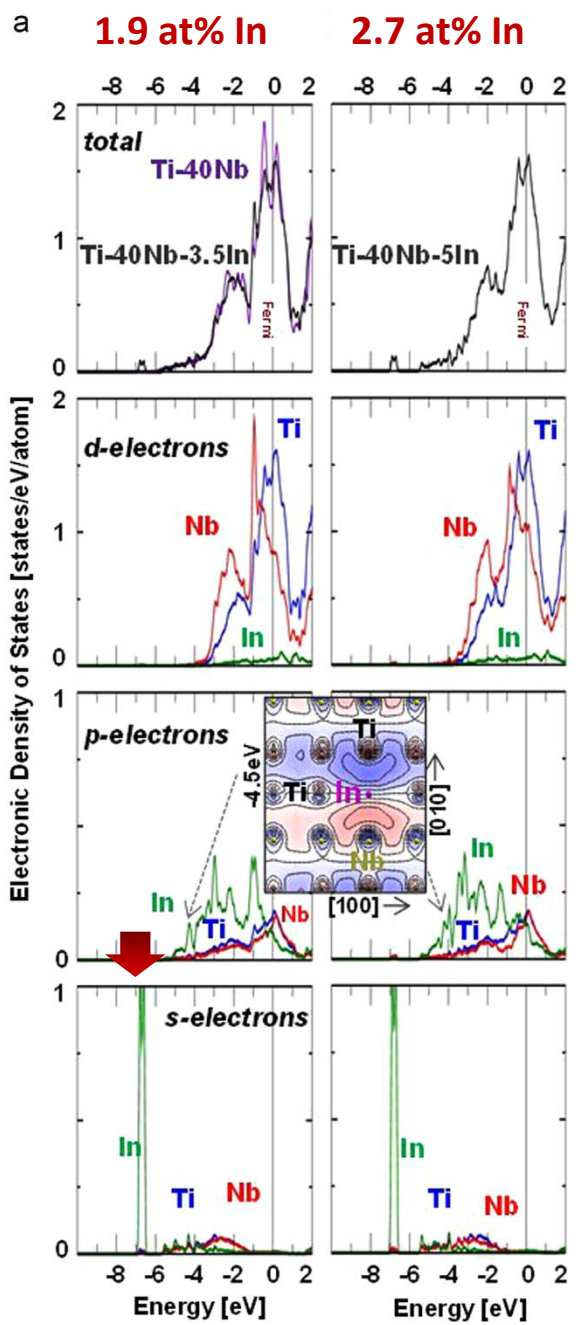
Why **In** or **Sn** decrease the  $\beta$ -TiNb Young moduli?



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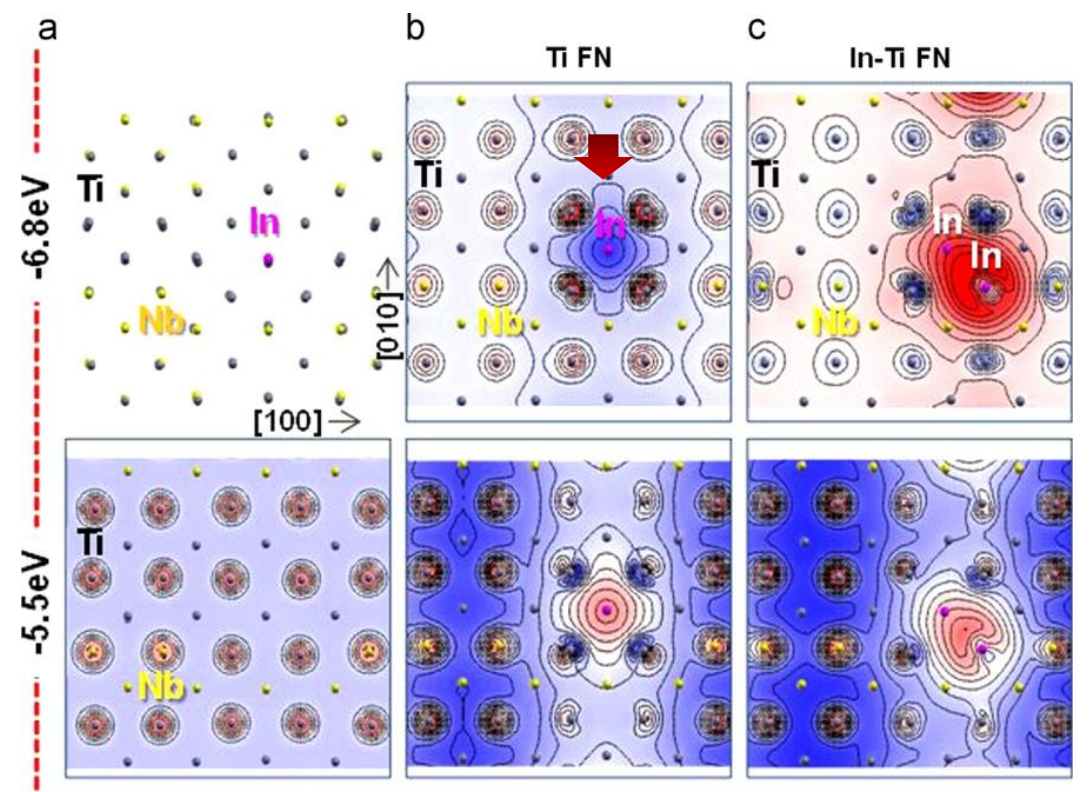


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## Young moduli (GPa)

Binary $\beta$ -TiNb	Ternary $\beta$ -TiNbIn:	
25 at% Nb	1.9 at% In	2.7 at% In
69 $\pm$ 0.9	51 $\pm$ 0.5	49 $\pm$ 0.3



Ti-In Anti-bonding states

Ti-In Anti-bonding, In-In bonding states





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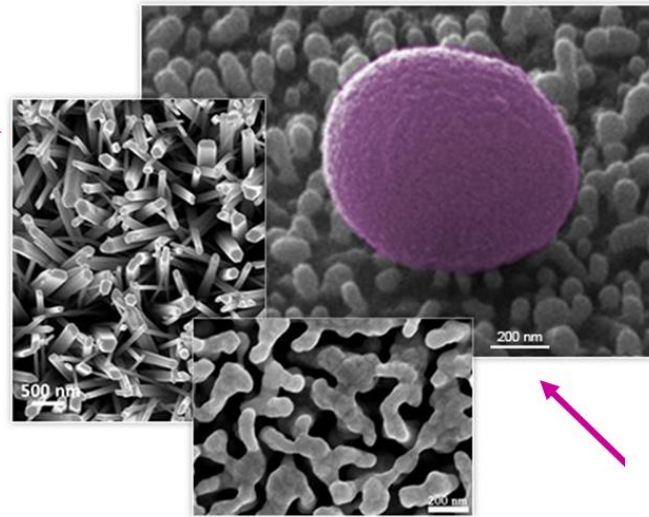
Cicada wing surface topography

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Peptide breaking bonds

HO-C(=O)-R-NH-C(=O)-R'-NH2 + H2O

peptide bond



no adhesion full adhesion partial adhesion no adhesion

Cell membrane

Wavy substrate

Chemical bonds  
Chemical potential

Ligand molecule

receptor molecule

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Surface tension  
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