



# Nanostrutture a base di Si e Ge per nuovi dispositivi nano-elettronici

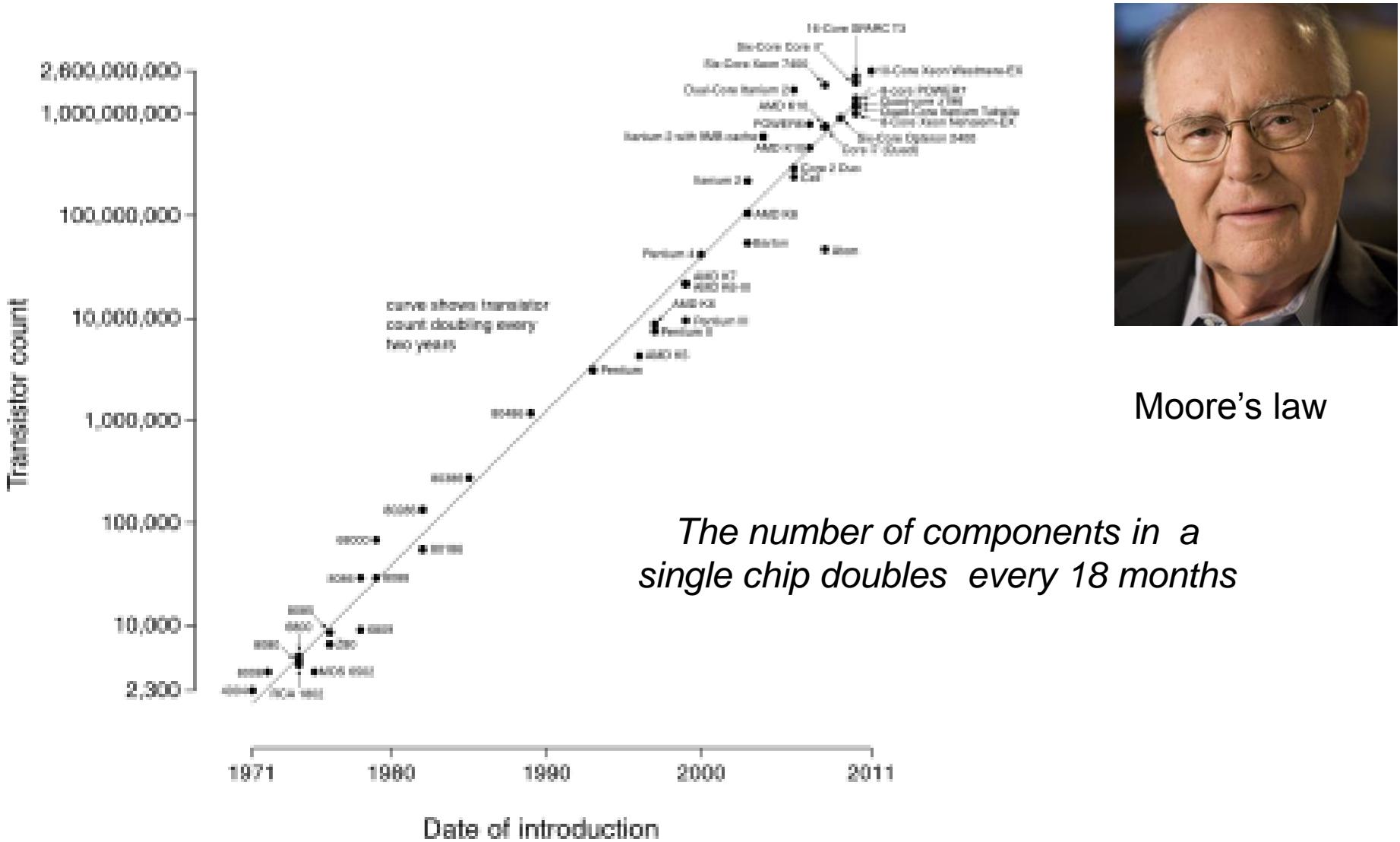
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# Plan of the talk

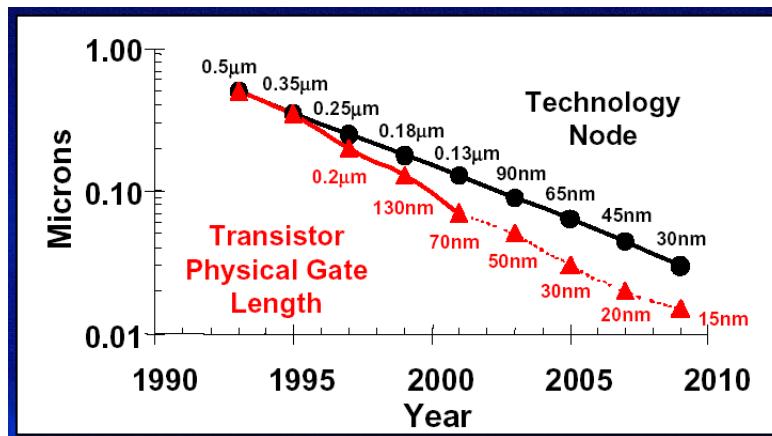
- Scaling down electronic devices (Moore's law)
- P or Se doped Si-nanowires for quantum computing
- Delocalization of P(Se) wave-function Si NW [001], [011], [111] oriented
- Ab initio spectroscopy (Hyperfine parameters, MOKE)
- Conclusion and Discussion

# Scaling down of CMOS logic devices

Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law



# Scaling down of CMOS logic devices



INTEL Presentation SPIE 03/2003

La dimensione dei chip si riduce  
constantemente ...

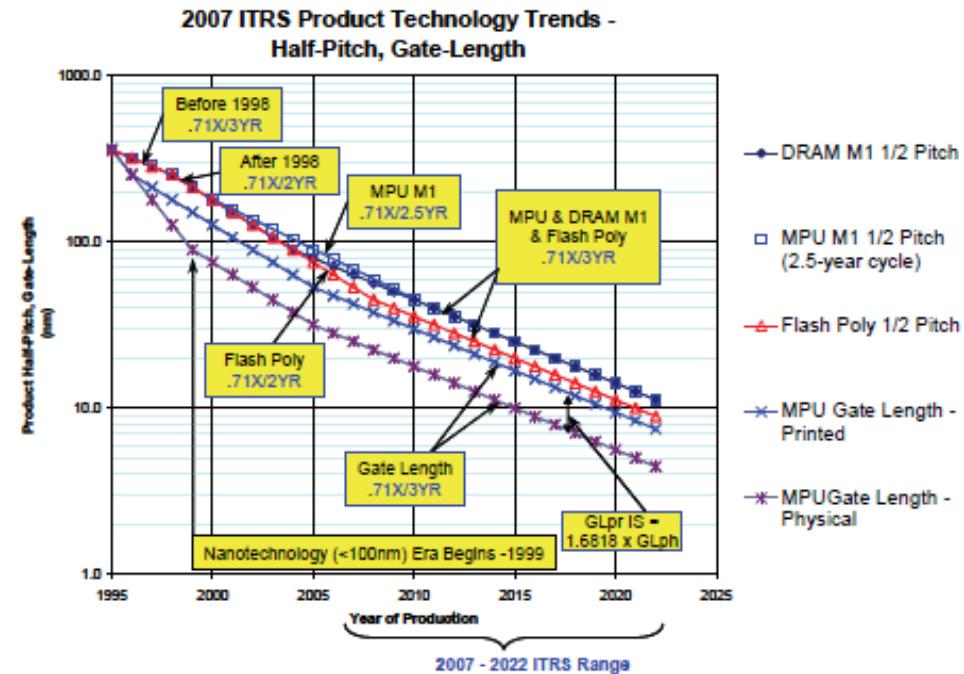
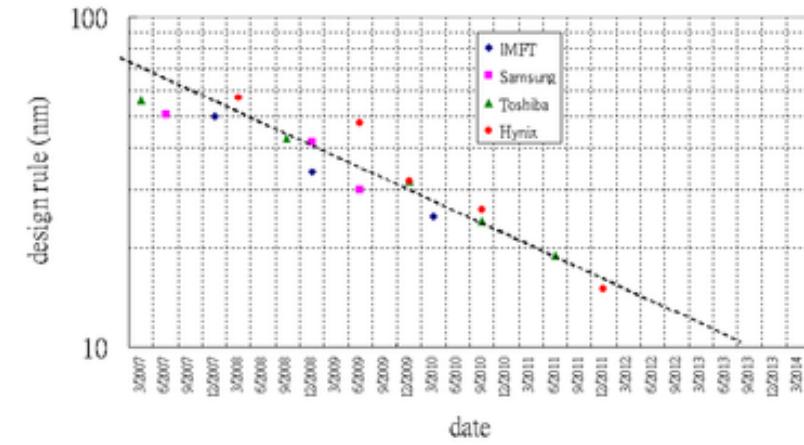


Figure 7 2007 ITRS—Half Pitch and Gate Length Trends

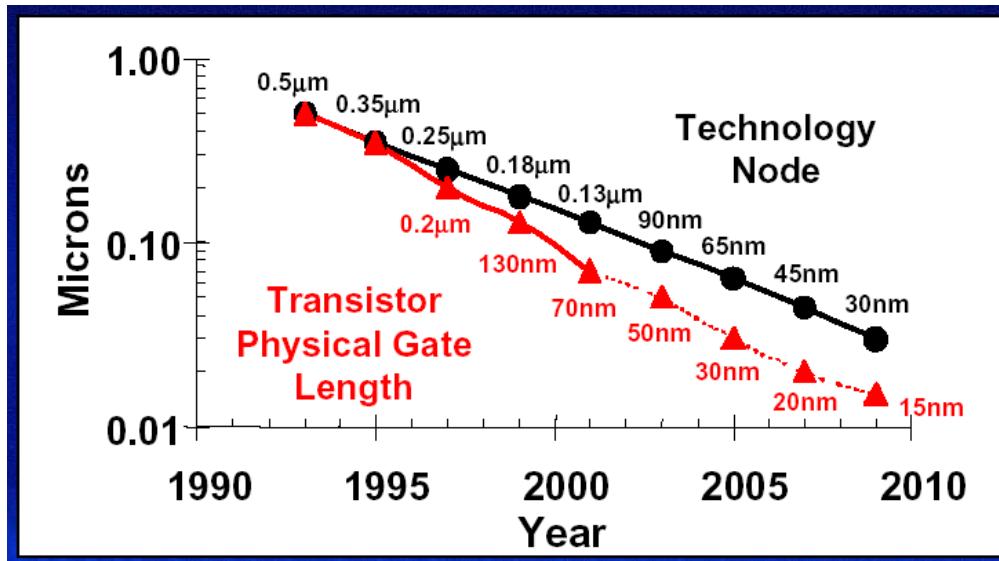
International Technology Roadmap for  
Semiconductors (ITRS)

<http://www.itrs.net/>

... fino a raggiungere le  
dimensioni atomiche ?!



# Scaling down of electronic devices



Three strategies

Ultra-scaled  
CMOS devices

More than Moore, new  
concept for ultra-  
scaled devices

Moore's law

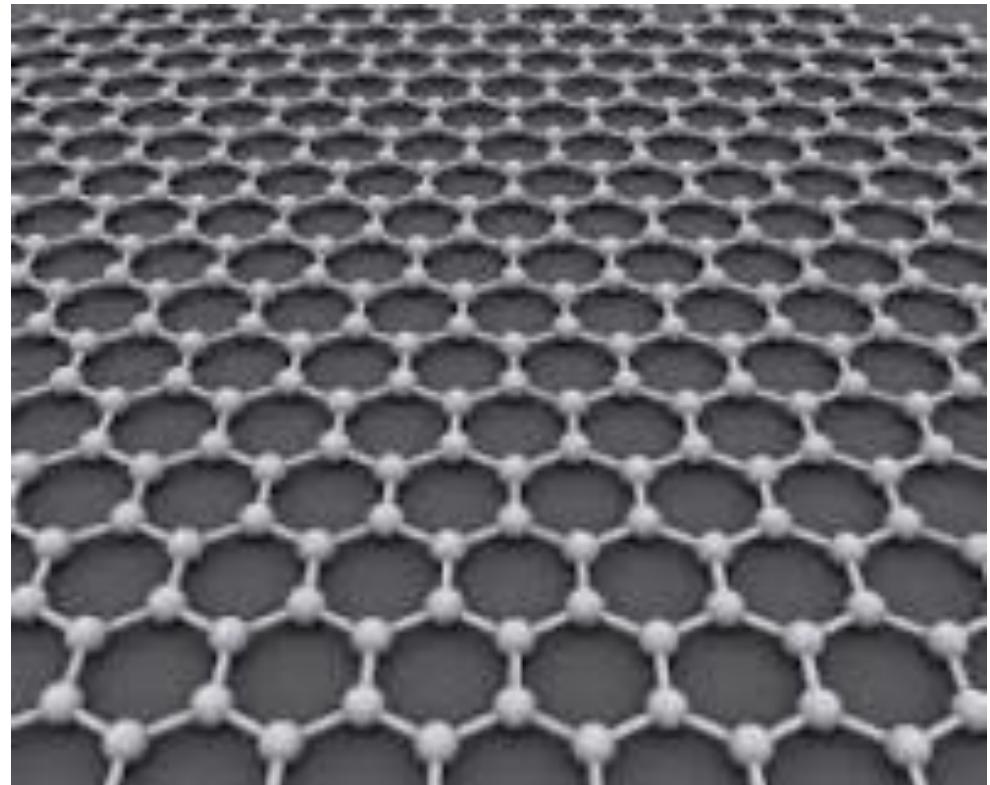
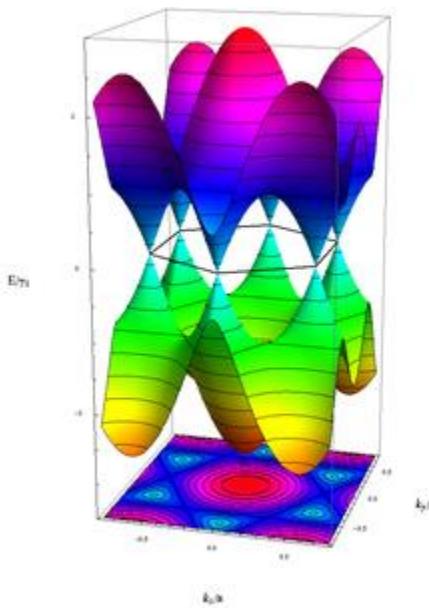
Nanodevices whose size  
is a few nanometers

Quantum effect are  
relevant → first principles  
simulations techniques

Nano structures as  
building block of novel  
device

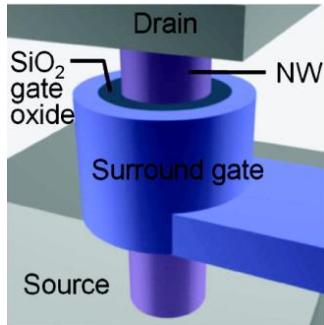
# Il nuovo mondo bidimensionale

- Grafene (C)
- Silicene (Si)
- Germanene (Ge)
- Stanene (Sn)

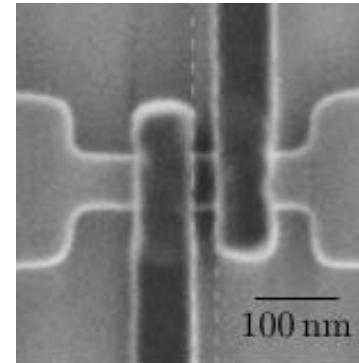


Dispositivi ultra-veloci  
Nuovi Sensori  
Nuova elettronica

# Si-Nanostructures Applications

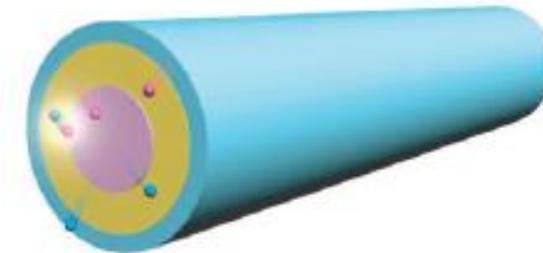


Ultra-scaled  
electronic devices



Gate controlled  
quantum dot

Photovoltaics



Nanosensors (DNA, ...)



Quantum computation



- What are the limits of Conventional computing ?

# Density Functional Theory

For a give external potential

$$v(\vec{r}) \rightarrow E[n]$$

Target:  
to compute the total energy

Total energy is a unique  
functional of the density

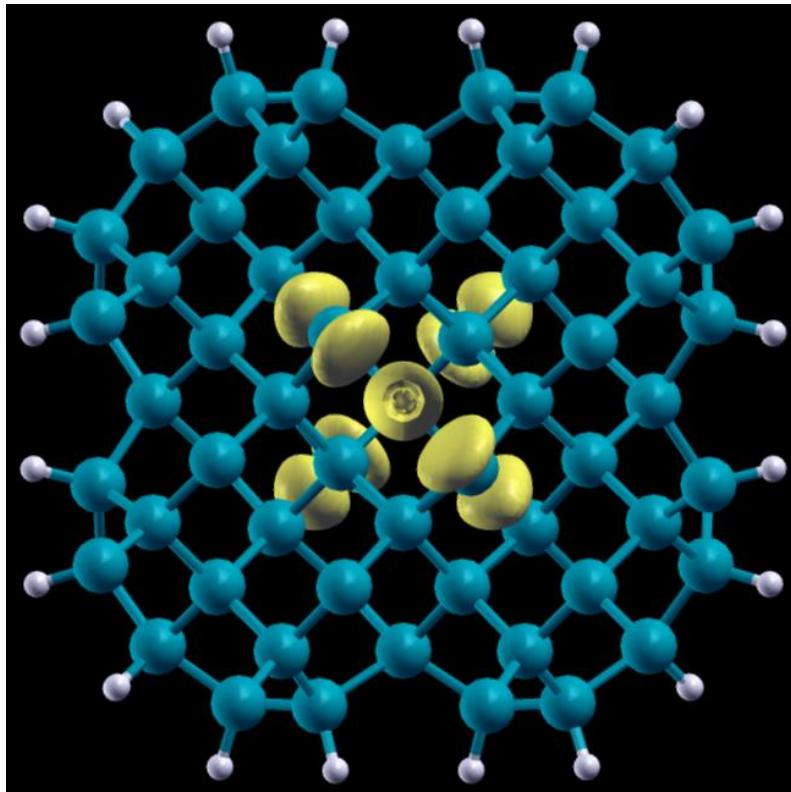
Plane-waves pseudo-  
potential techniques

$$E[n] = \sum \epsilon_v - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{n(\vec{r})n(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' + E_{xc}[n] - \int v(\vec{r})n(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

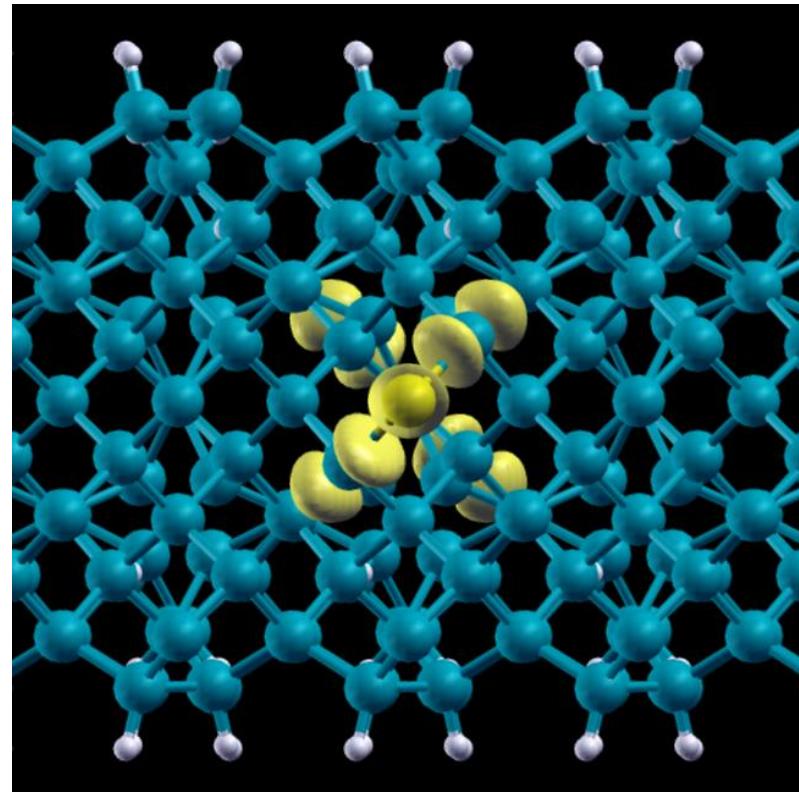
Ab initio: Simulazioni senza alcun parametro sperimentale !!!

# Single atom electronics: Se impurity

Se doped H passivated Si nanowires  
(nanoelectronics, quantum computer)

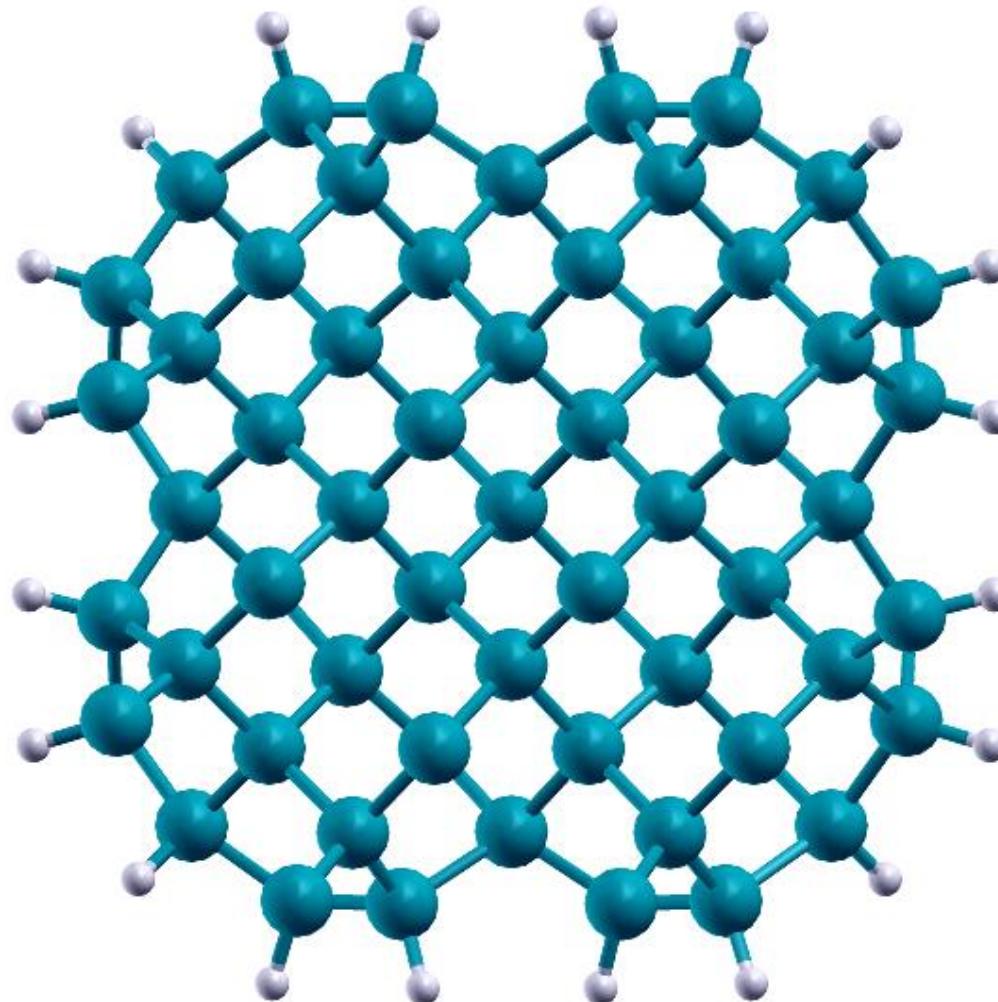


front view



side view

# Nanowire passivation



# H passivated Si nanowires

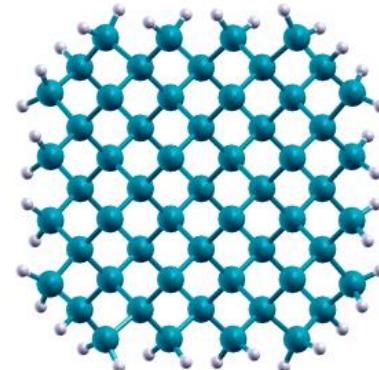
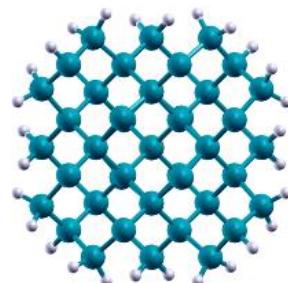
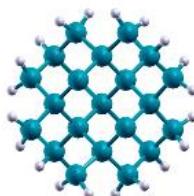
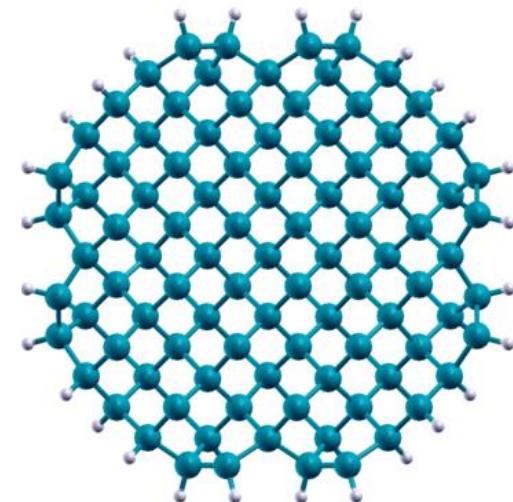
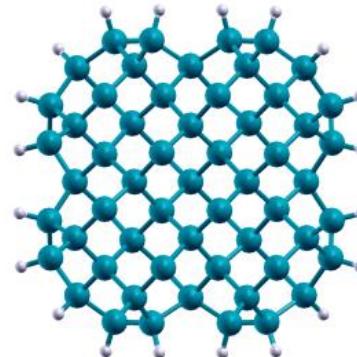
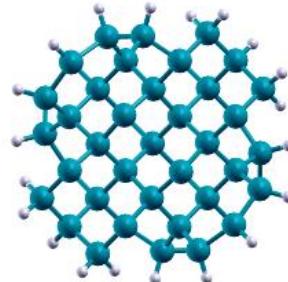
$d \approx 0.8 \text{ nm}$

$d \approx 1.2 \text{ nm}$

$d \approx 1.5 \text{ nm}$

$d \approx 2 \text{ nm}$

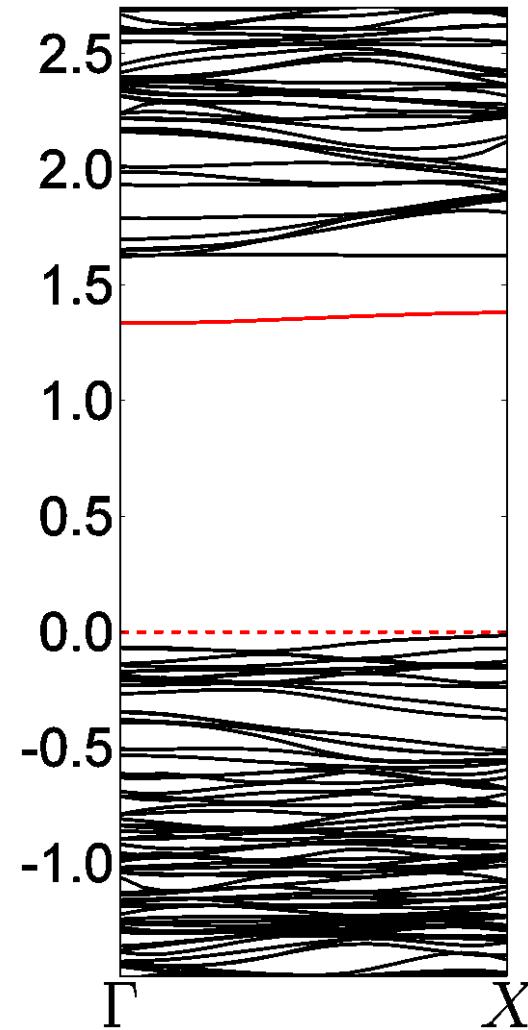
Relaxed –  
Passivated and  
Relaxed again  
Distortion of NW  
for small size is  
significant.



Passivated and relaxed

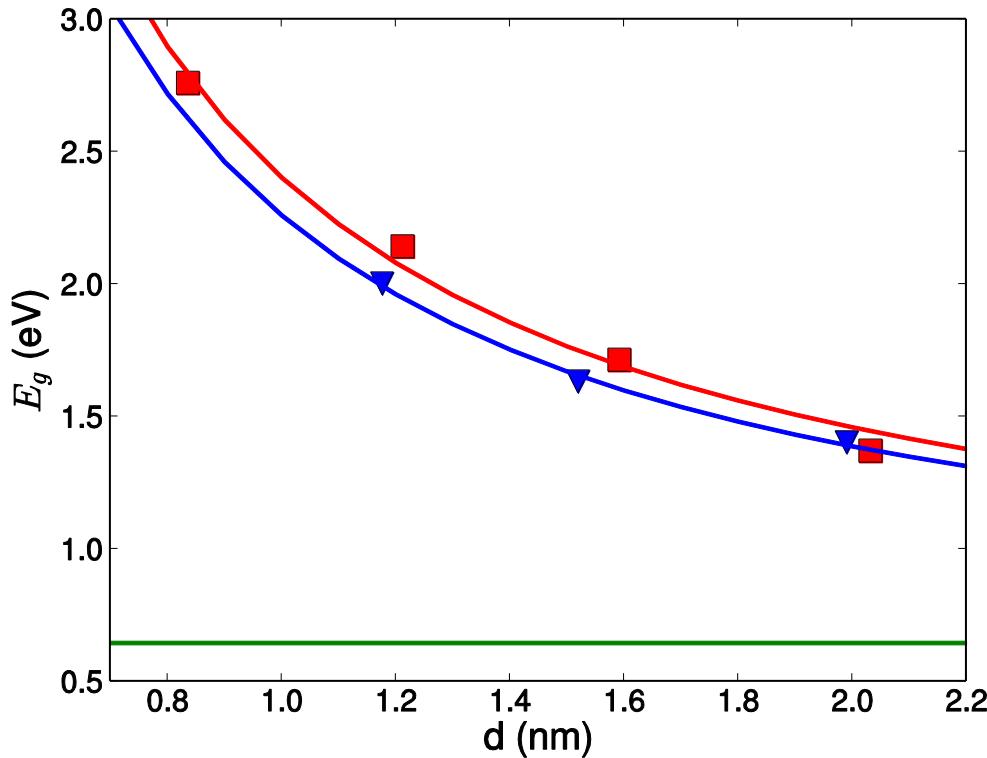
# Se doped Si nanowires

- One dimensional bandstructure
- Impurity level in the bandgap
- Correction to periodically repeated charged images (Rurali et al, Makov-Payne)



# Band-gap of Si nano-wire

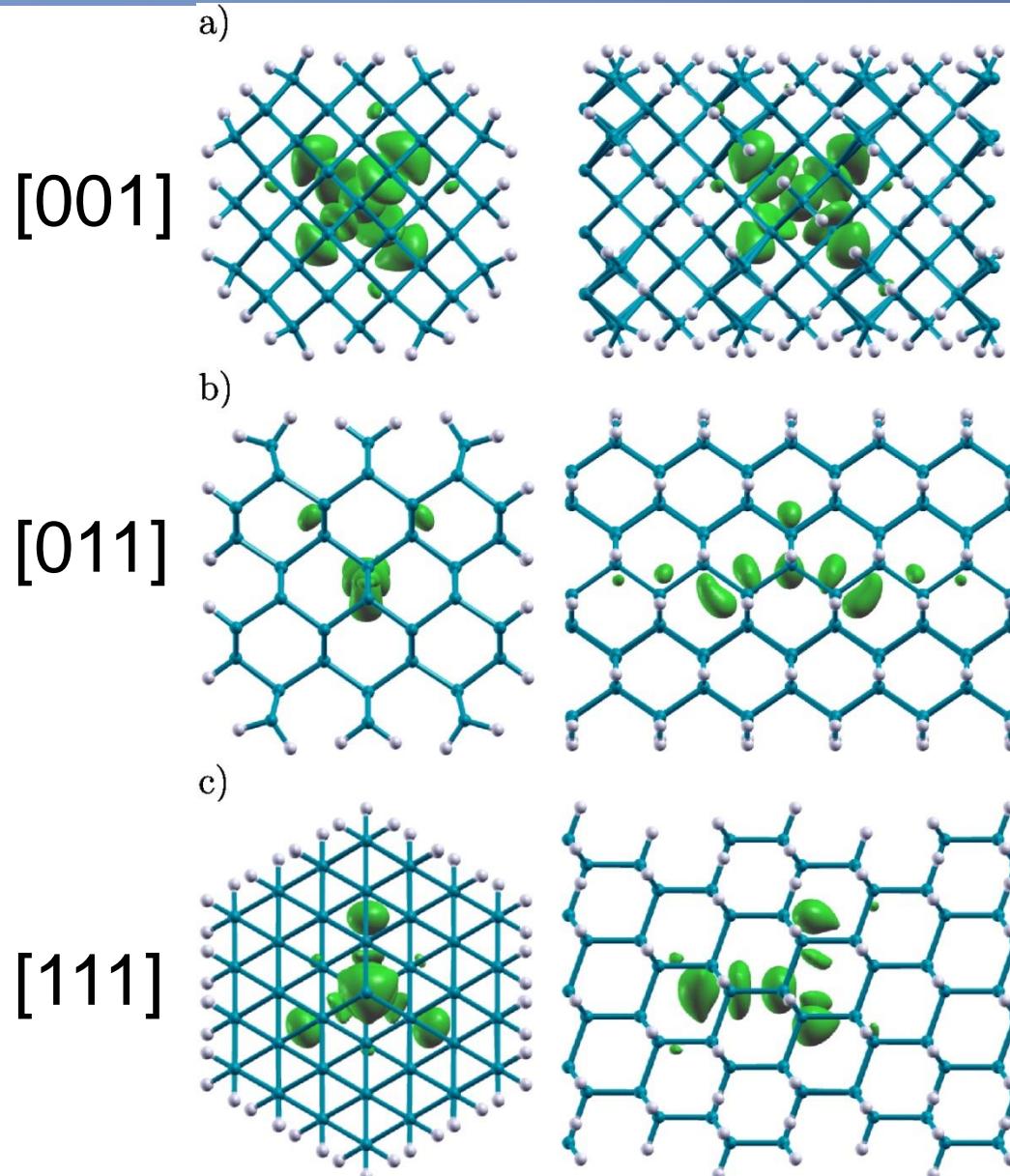
Band-gap as a function of NW diameter



- Triangles: NW with surface reconstruction
- Squares: NW without surface reconstruction

As an effect of confinement the Bandgap increases as the diameter is reduced

# Delocalization of donor wave-funncction

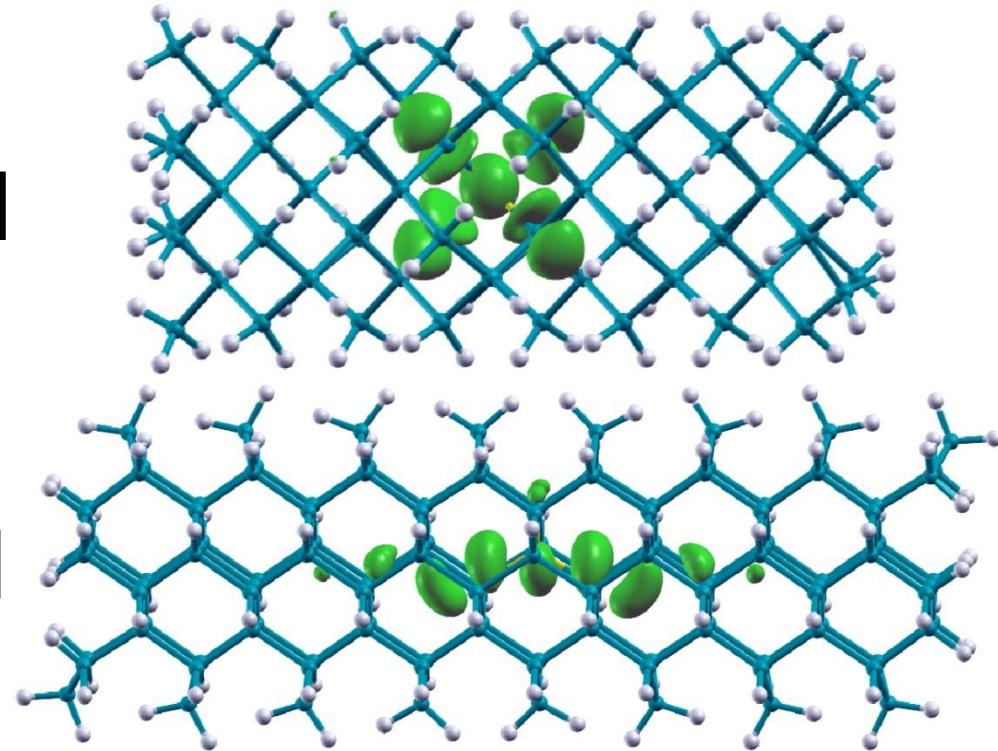


- Three orientations considered
- Diameter: 1.2-1.3 nm
- passivated → relaxed

# Delocalization of donor wave-funnciton

$$a_z \equiv \langle \Psi | \sqrt{z^2} | \Psi \rangle$$

[001]

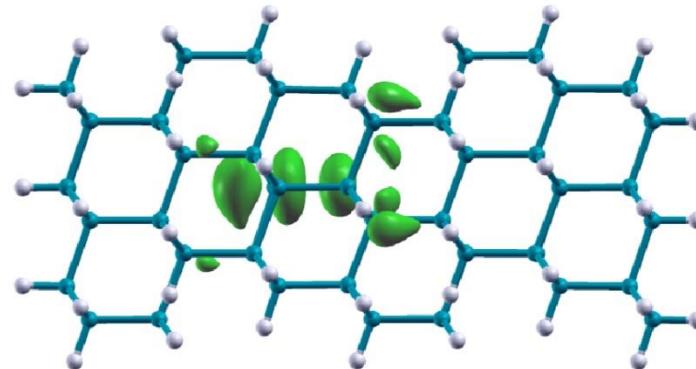


[011]

LUMO of ionized system (Niquet et al, 2010).

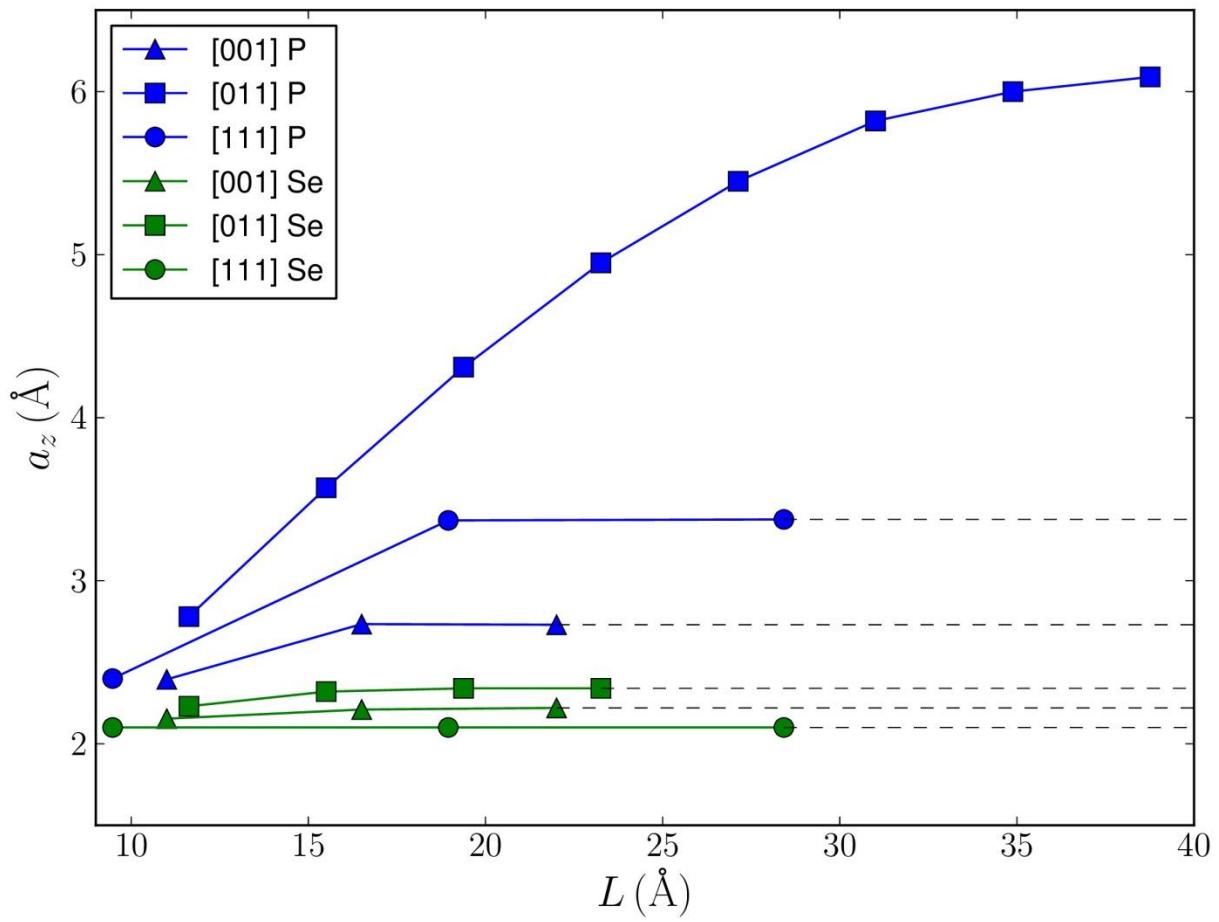
But HOMO of neutral system gives the same qualitative results

[111]



# Delocalization of donor wave-function

- The  $a_z$  of Se wave-function is computed
- The  $a_z$  of Se wave-function for [011] should be extrapolated

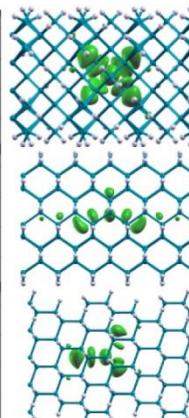
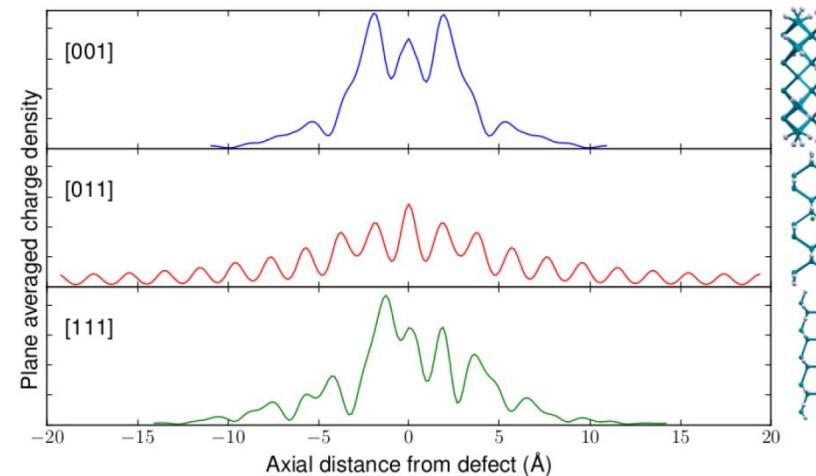


$$f(z, L) = e^{-z^2/a} + c$$

# Delocalization of donor wave-function

The large delocalization of P wave-function along [011] direction ...

Si: P bulk  $a_z \sim 25 \text{ \AA}$

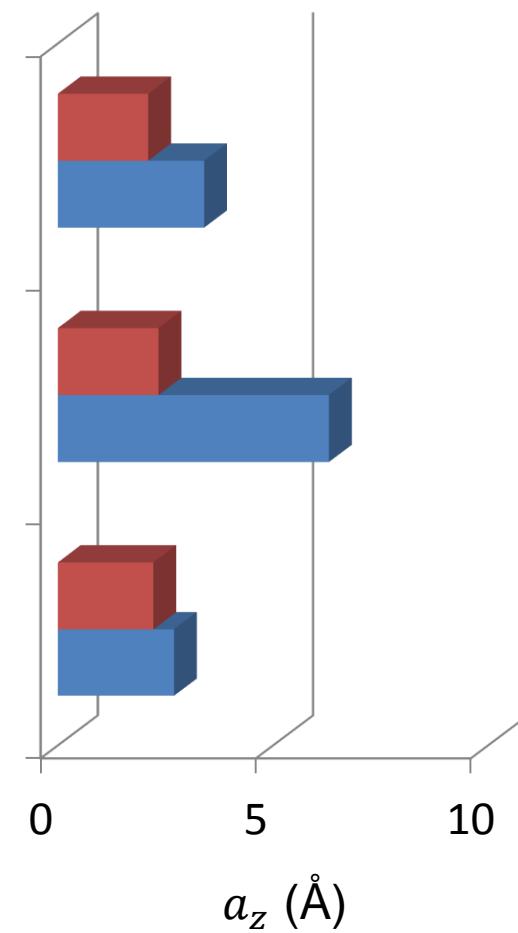


[111]

[011]

$$a_z^{[001]} < a_z^{[111]} < a_z^{[011]}$$

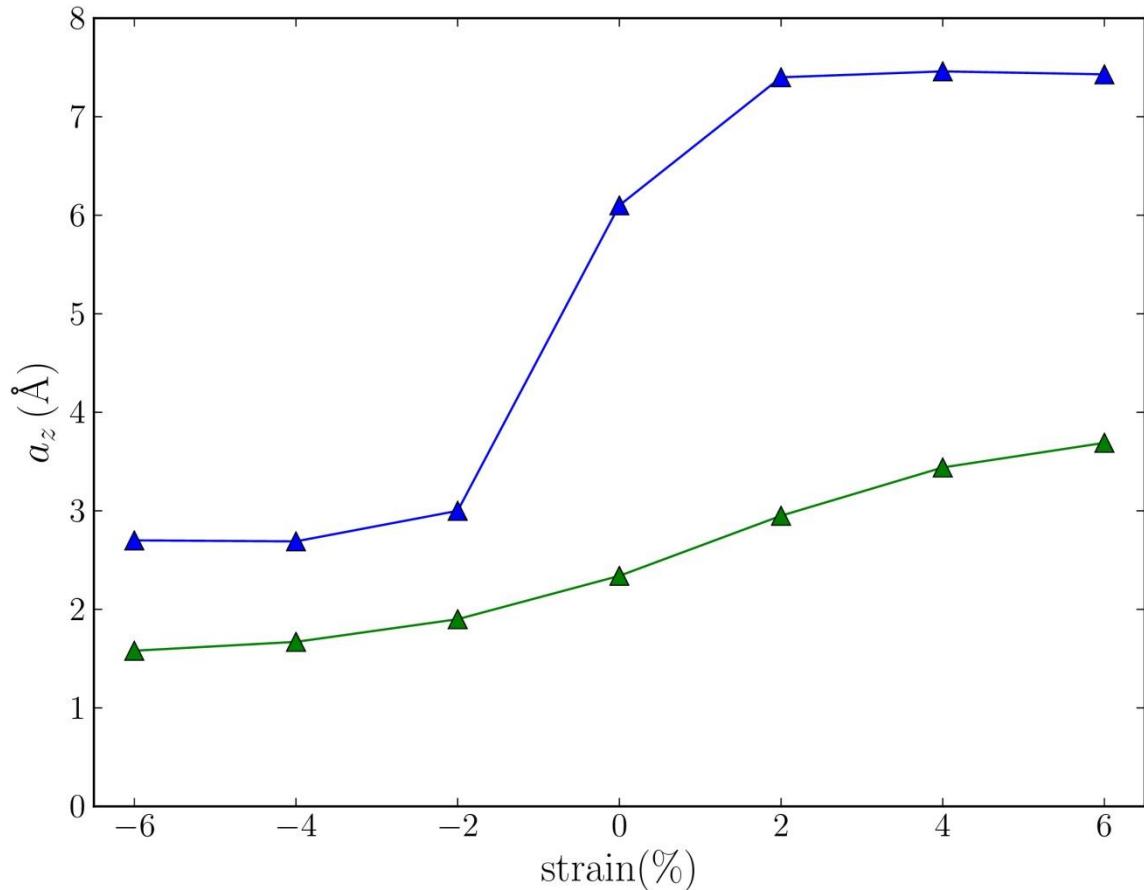
[001]



....we suggest it is a general tends

# Strain along the NW axis

- The  $a_z$  of Se: non linear dependence of the strain
- The  $a_z$  of P: strong dependence



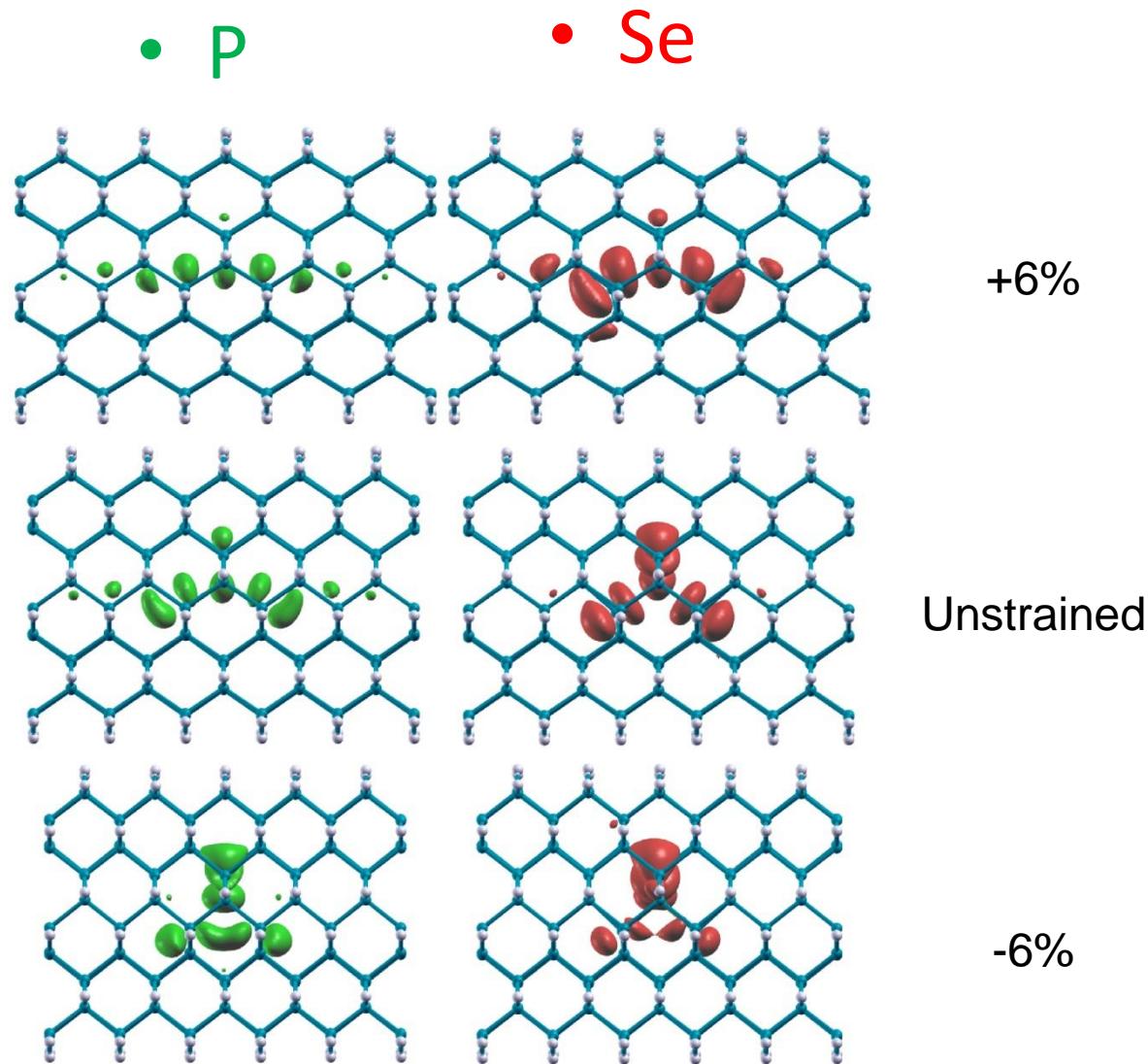
Modification of shallow wave-function by strain

# Strain along the NW axis

Quantum computing

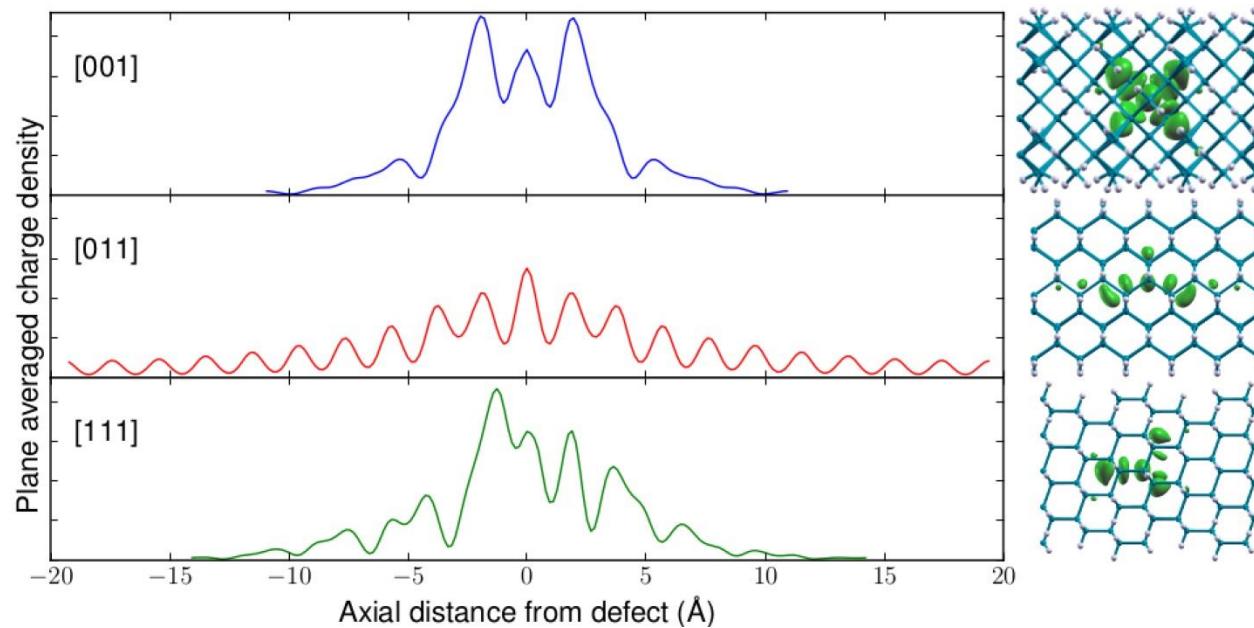


The interaction  
between neighbour  
P can be tuned by  
piezoelectrical  
actuators



# Conclusions

- The [011] is the best direction for nano-electronic and quantum computing applications
- Stress allow to tune delocalization

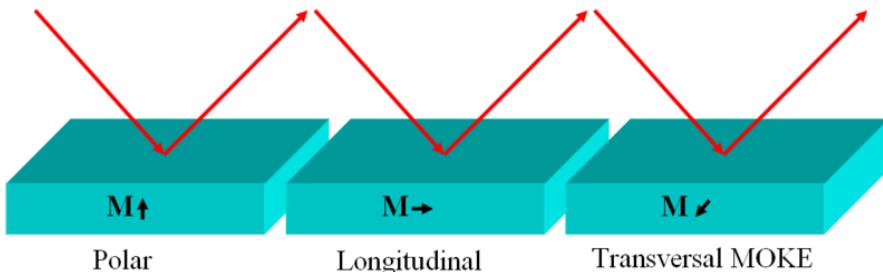


# Ab initio spectroscopy

## Interazione luce-materia predizioni senza parametri aggiustabili

- Permette l'analisi dei dati sperimentali
- Individua i meccanismi microscopici responsabili di una data proprietà
- Predice quali sono le condizioni ottimali per ottenere un dato fenomeno
- E' più economica di un «vero» esperimento

# Ab initio spectroscopy: MOKE

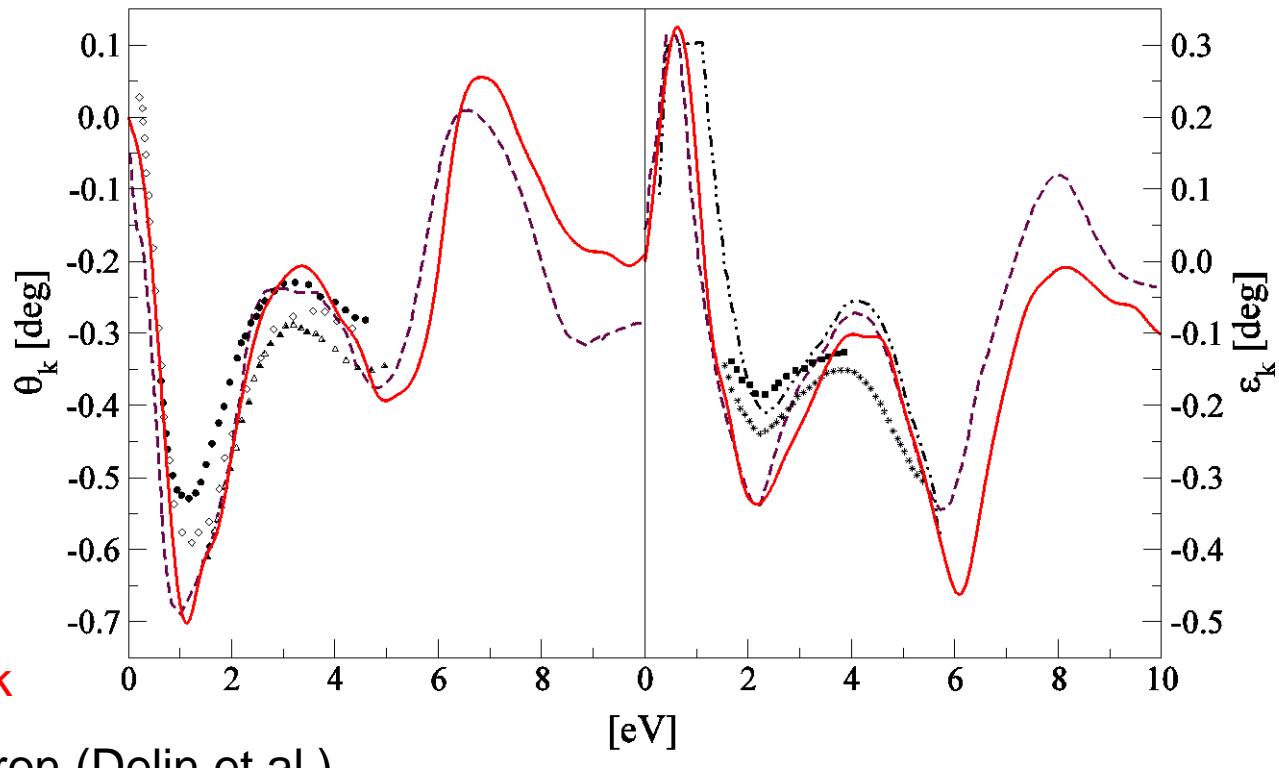


- MOKE spectra by plane-wave pseudopotential techniques
- Simulation of relatively large systems

----- our work

----- all electron (Delin et al.)

\*\*\*\* experiment



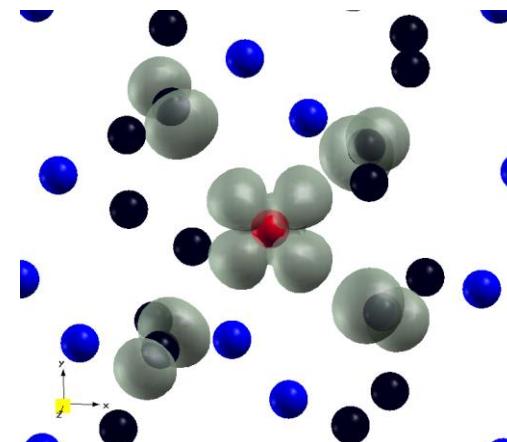
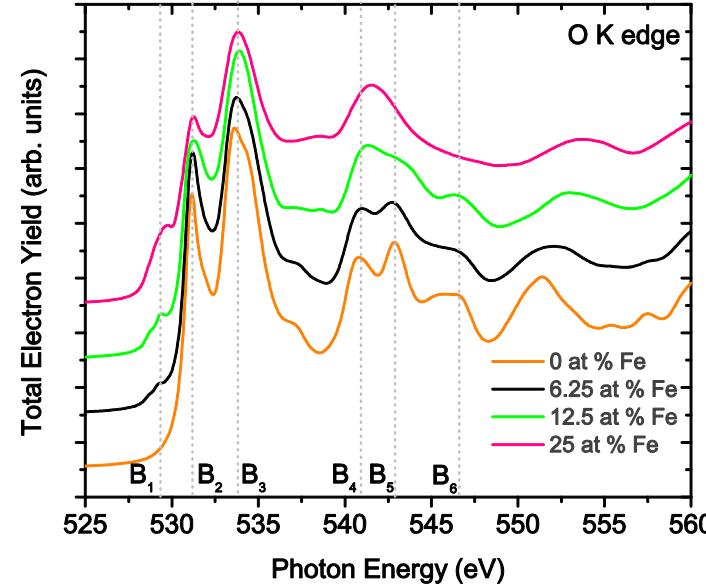
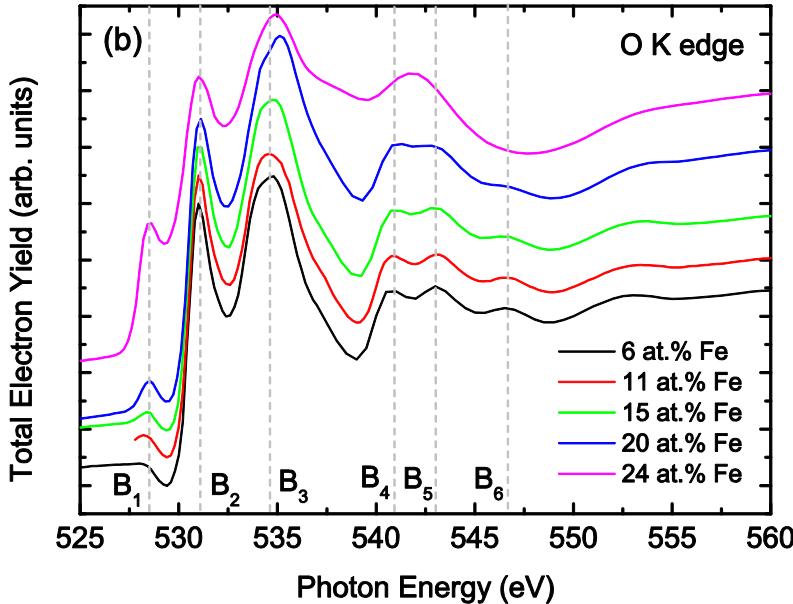
Bulk Fe

# Ab initio spectroscopy: XAS

Interazione luce-materia, predizioni  
senza parametri aggiustabili

ZrO<sub>2</sub>:Fe Diluted Magnetic Oxide for  
spintronic applications (film di 29 nm)

Esperimento



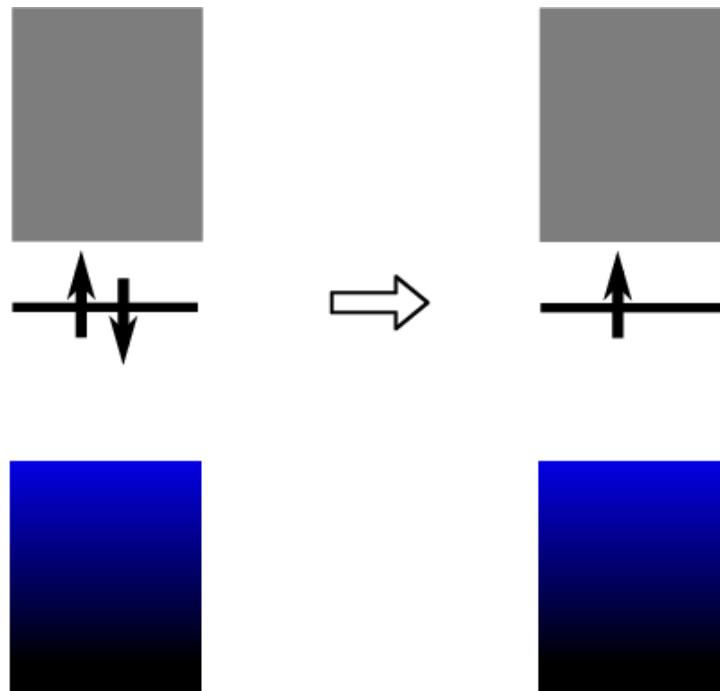
Teoria

# Hyperfine coupling constant: Charged defects

Hyperfine interaction requires a spin density  $\neq 0$

Ionization of the impurity

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \overset{*}{\underset{\leftrightarrow}{A}} = A_{iso} \underset{\leftrightarrow}{1} + A_{dip}$$

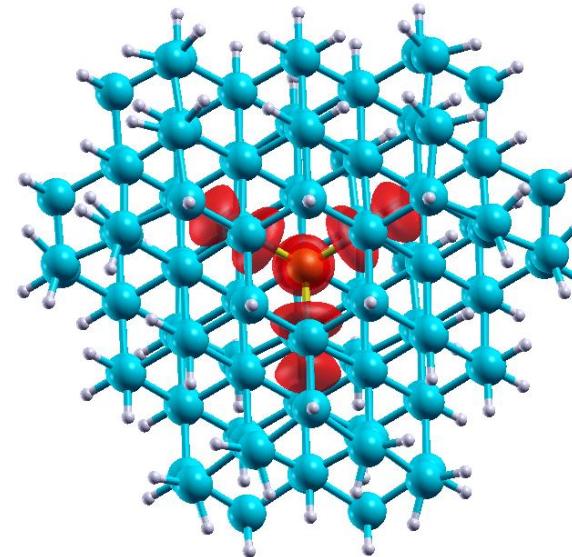
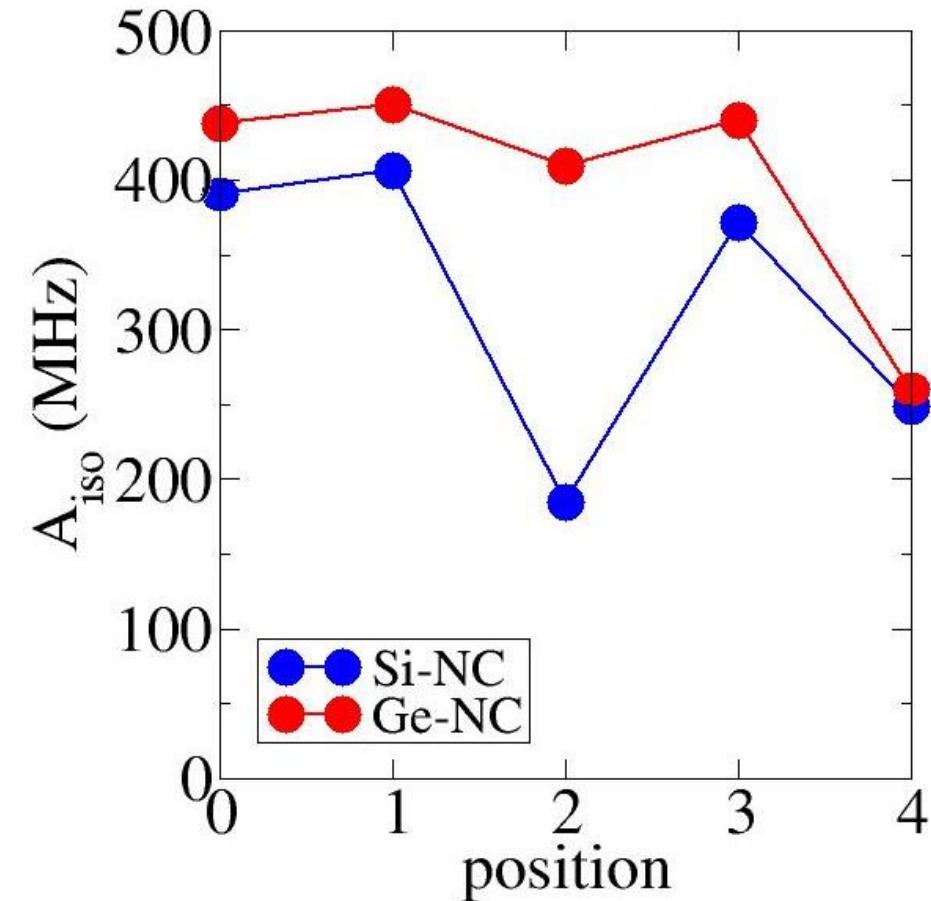


$$A_{iso} = \frac{4\pi g_e \mu_e g_N \mu_N}{3 \langle S_z \rangle} \int d^3r \ n_s(\vec{r}) \delta(\vec{r})$$

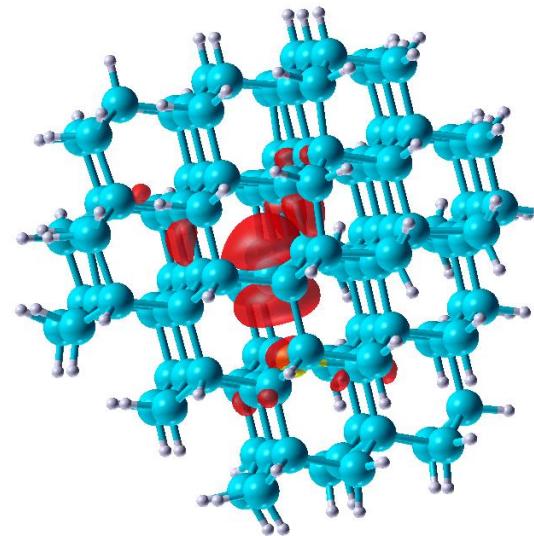
$$A_{dip}^{i,j} = \frac{g_e \mu_e g_N \mu_N}{2 \langle S_z \rangle} \int d^3r \ n_s(\vec{r}) \frac{3r_i r_j - \delta_{i,j} r^2}{r^2}$$

$$A_{dip} = \begin{pmatrix} -b + b' & & \\ & -b - b' & \\ & & 2b \end{pmatrix}$$

# Si(Ge) dots:S<sup>+</sup> contact term



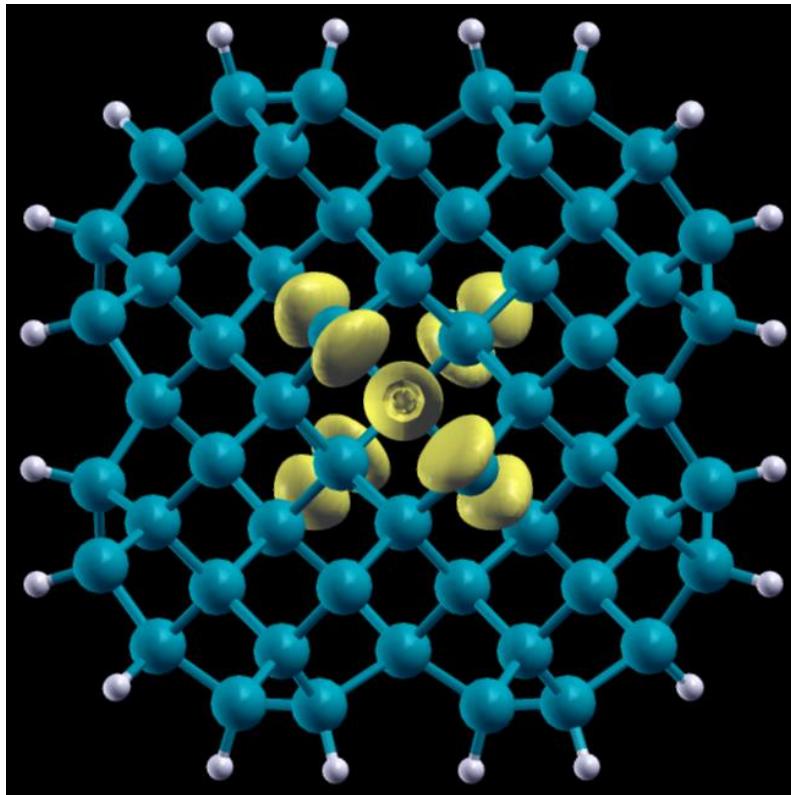
Si-NC:S<sup>+</sup> (1)



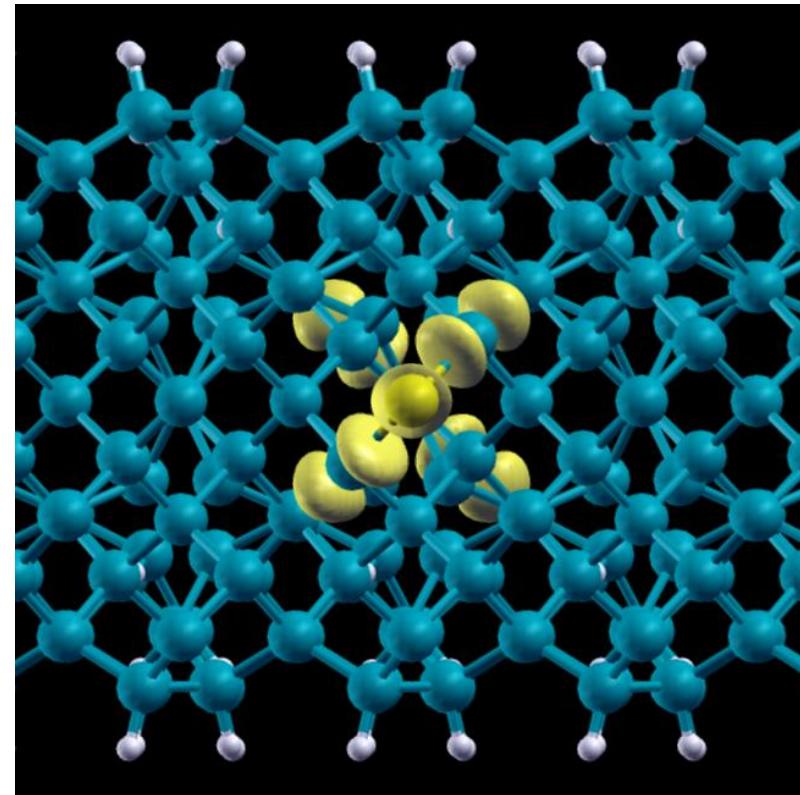
Si-NC:S<sup>+</sup> (2)

# Single atom electronics: Se impurity

Se doped H passivated Si nanowires  
(nanoelectronics, quantum computer)



front view

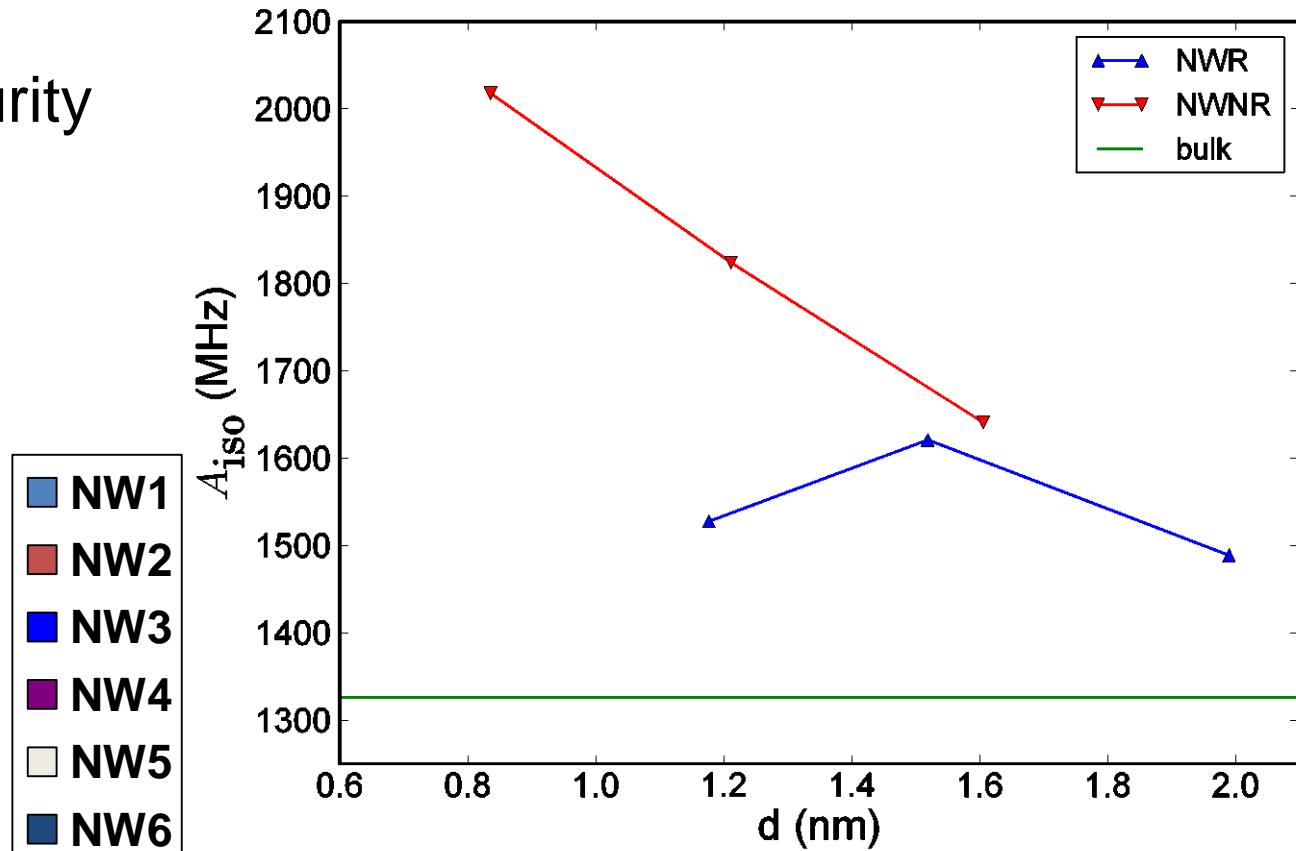
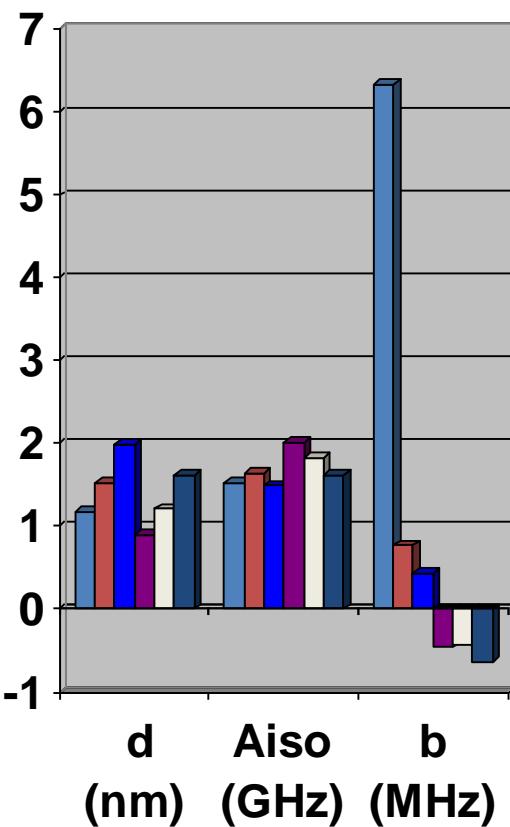


side view

# Hyperfine coupling constants: axial Se

Confinement enhances the hyperfine coupling constant

Central impurity  
[001]

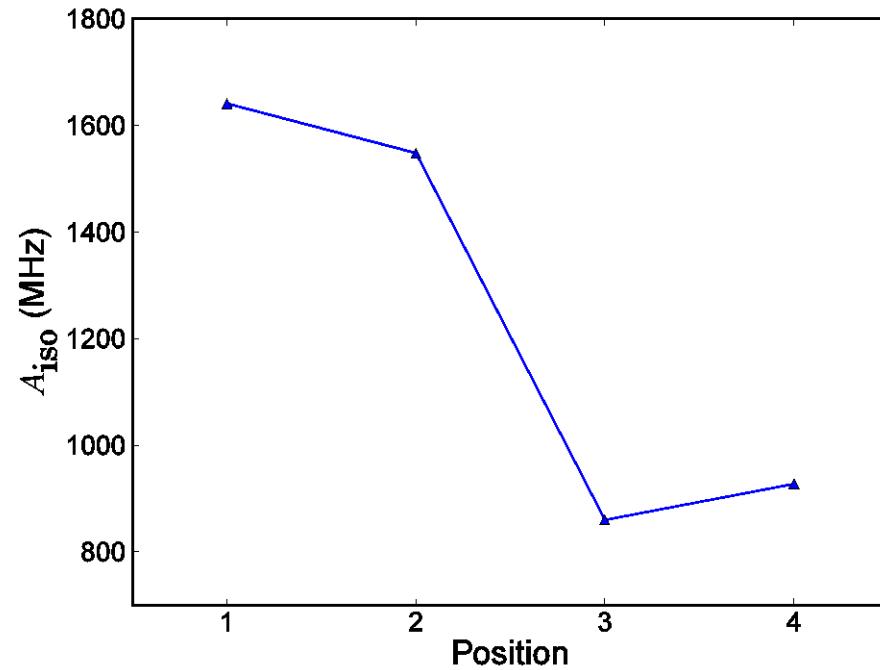
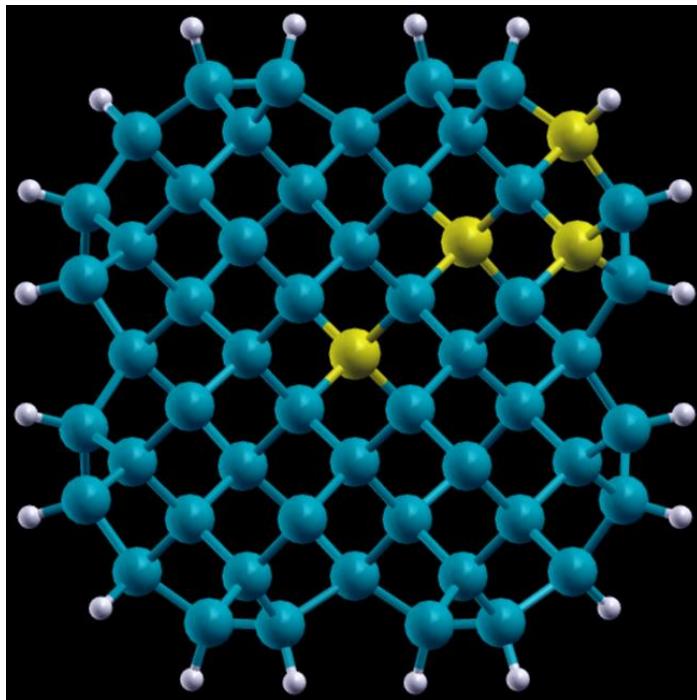


Note:  $b'$  is 18.34 MHz for NW1, and negligible ( $< 0.22$ ) for all the others

# Se doped Si-NW

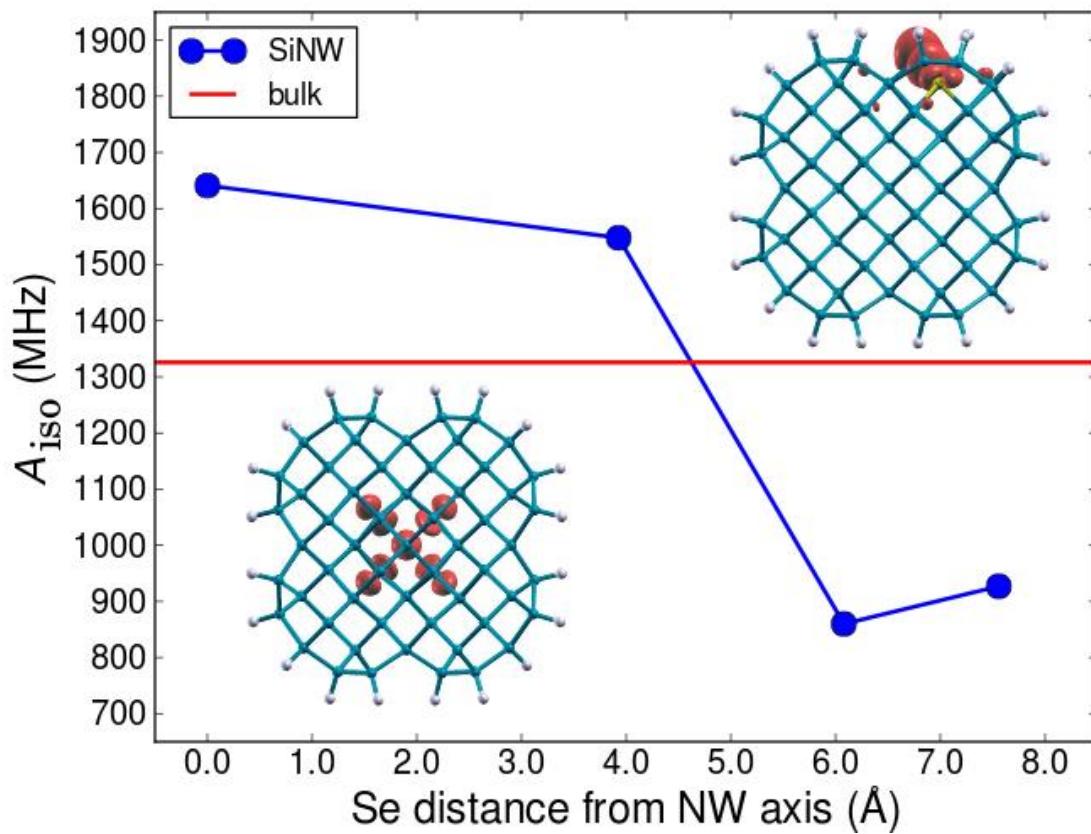
- HFC couples nuclear and electron spin
- Quantum bits (qu-bits) are stored in the nuclear spin of Se atom

Distortion of NW for small size is significant.  
**Increase of HFC of about 30% at optimum diameter**



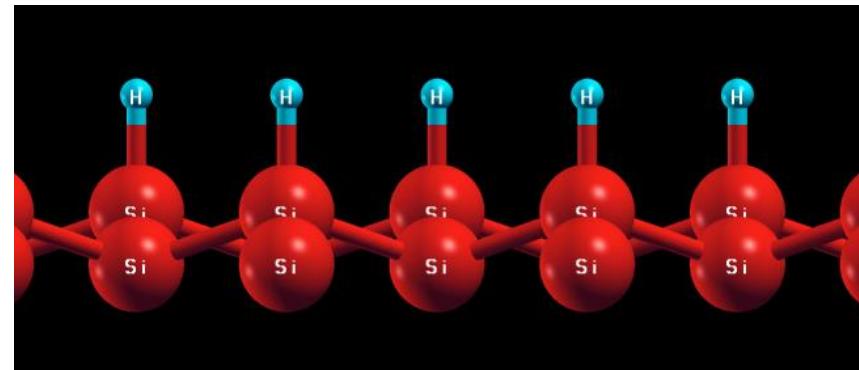
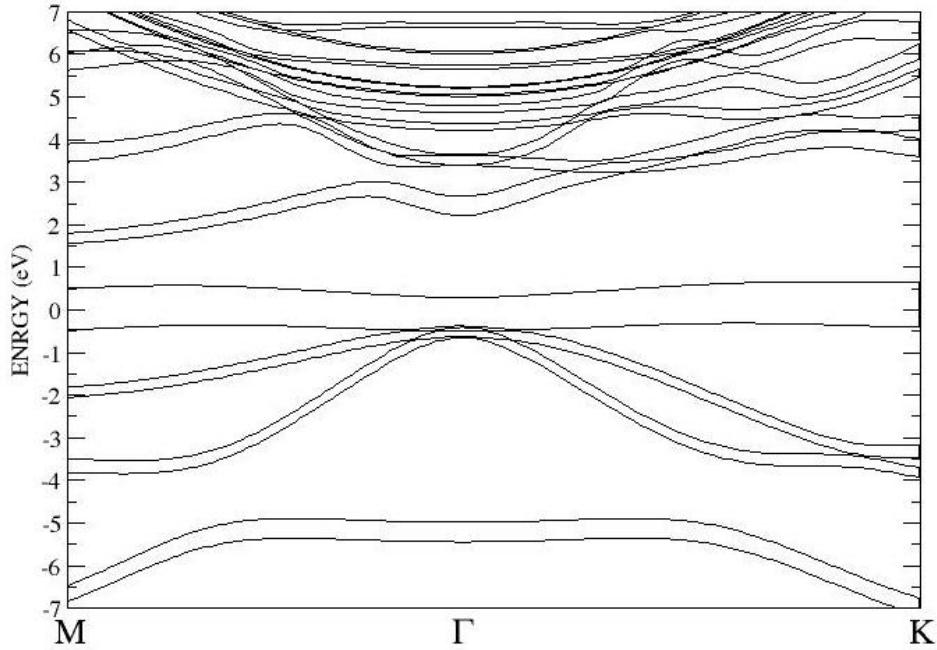
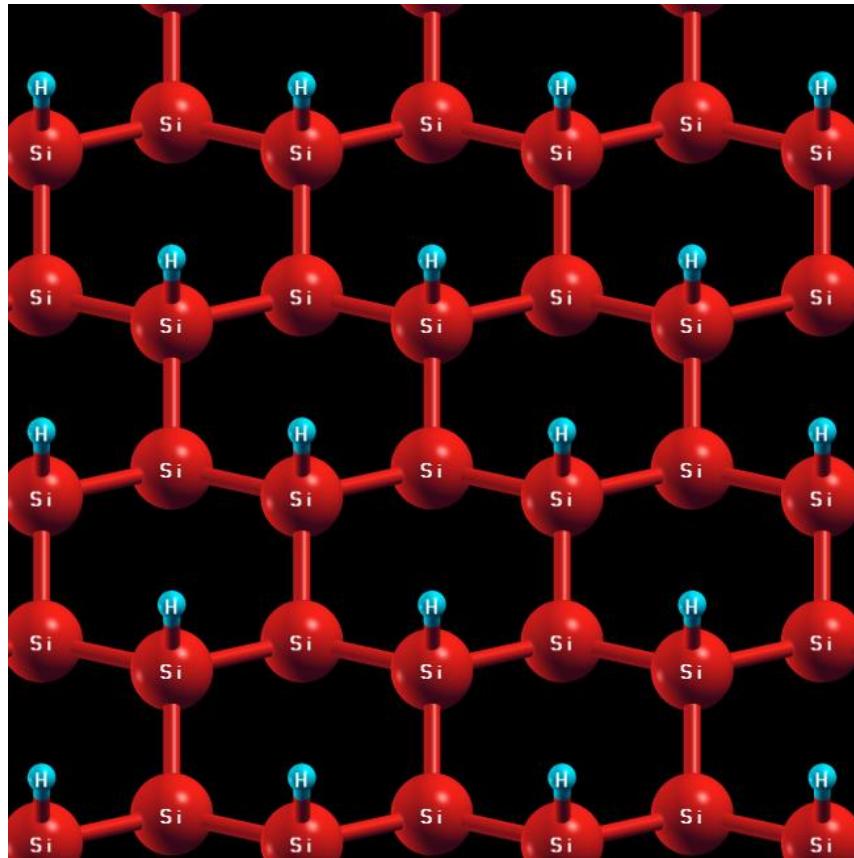
# Isotropic Hyperfine Coupling

- STRONG DEPENDENCE OF HYPERFINE CONSTANT ON IMPURITY SITE
- It is possible to DETERMINE the POSITION of the impurity (Se) on the basis of EPR SPECTRA



# Silicane: Si@H

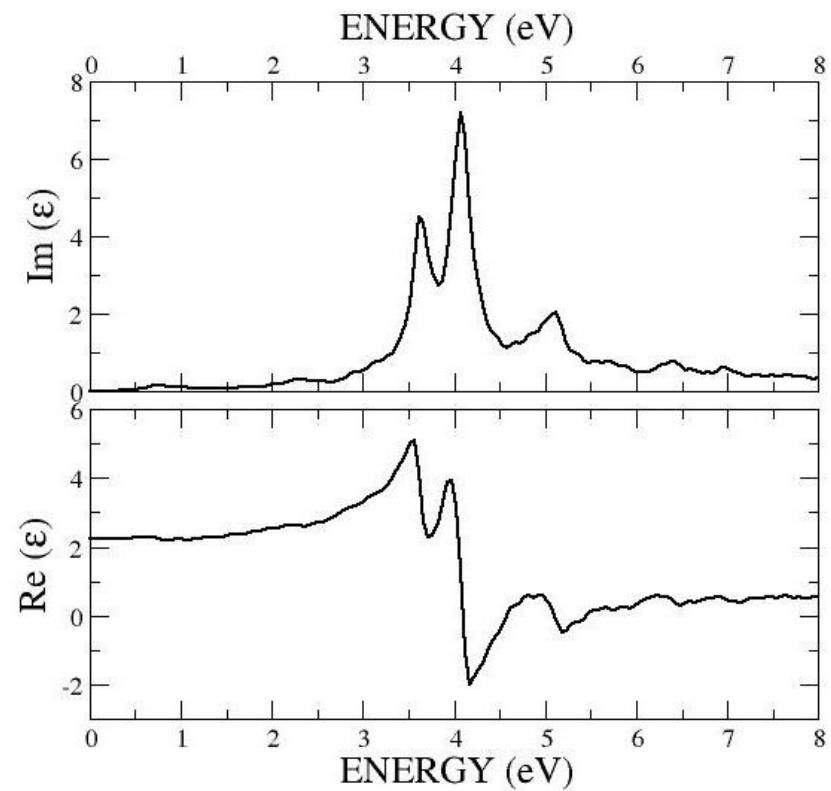
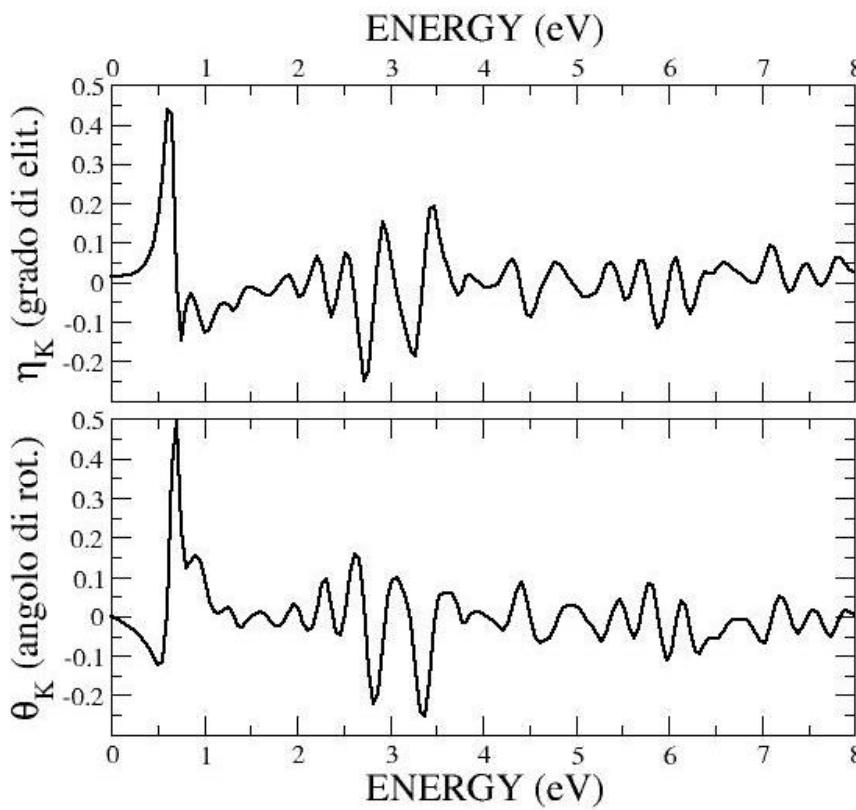
## Magnetic Semiconductor



# Si@H: Proprietà Ottiche

- Magneto Optical Kerr Effect
- Magnetism

Funzione dielettrica



# Conclusions

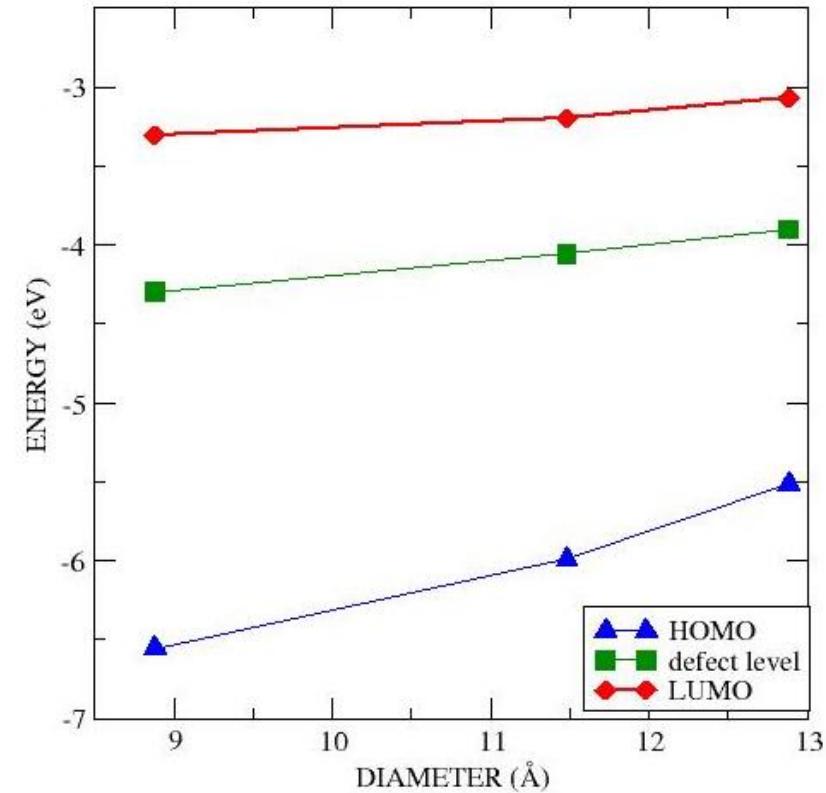
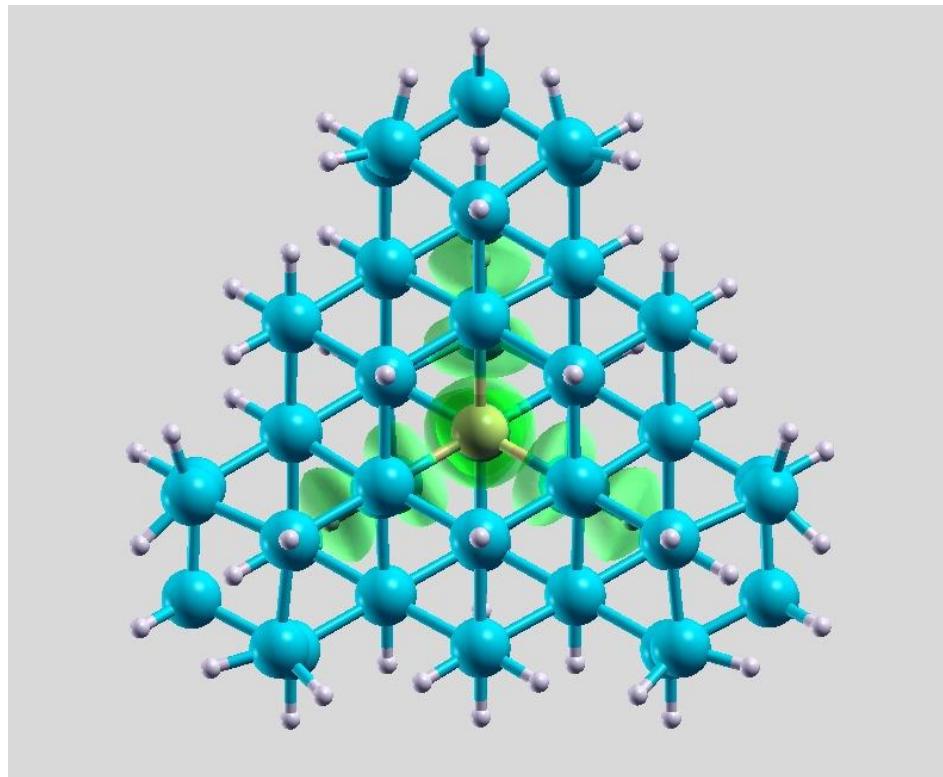
- The position of the impurity can be determined by comparing EPR spectra with ab initio data
  - MOKE signal in 2D for future nano-electronic devices
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- La Simulazione è MOLTO più economica dell'esperimento
  - Possiamo «inventare» nuovi materiali e modificarne le proprietà per una nuova elettronica.

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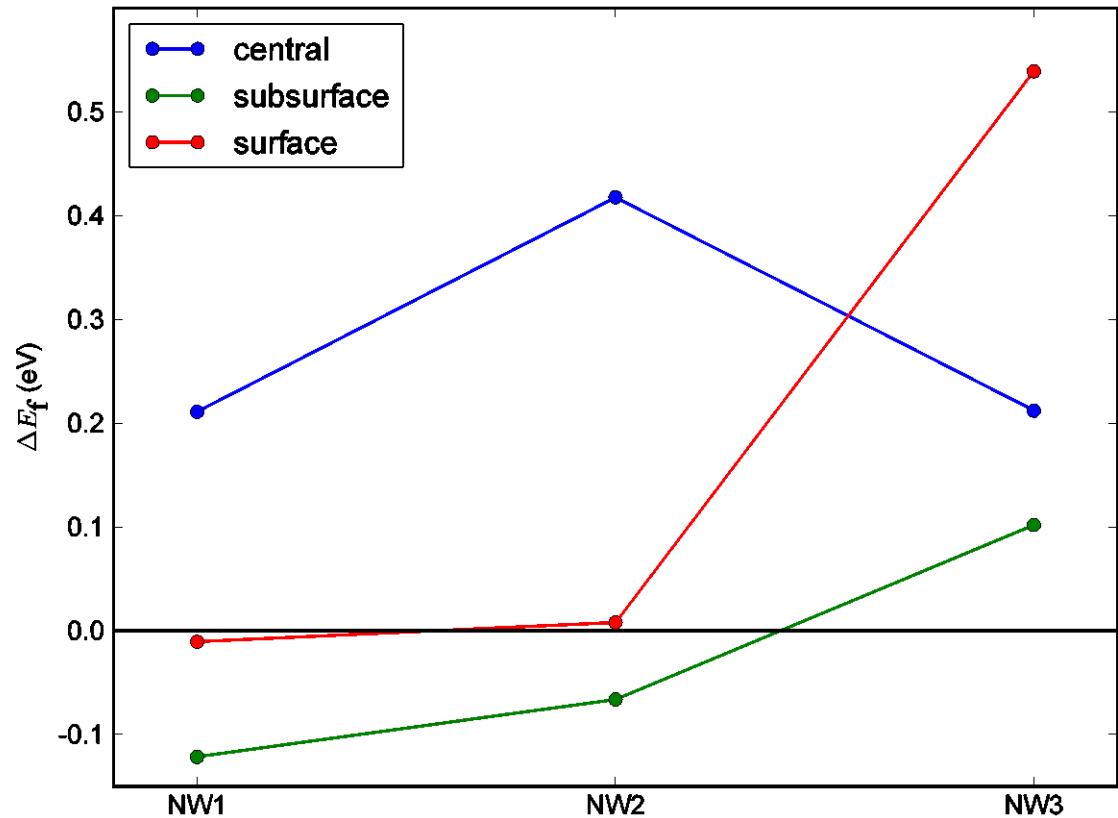
... and you for your attention !!!

# S doped Si Nano Dots



# Se doped Si NW: Formation Energy

- Subsurface position is energetically favoured (at least for small diameter)
- Effect of distortion for small diameters



# Stability of ionized Se

- Formation energy of the defect on the axis of the nanowire as a function of the chemical potential.
- The three graphs represent the three different nanowires with diameter 1.2 nm, 1.5 nm, 2.0 nm respectively.
- The zero value is the calculated value of the formation energy of Se defect in bulk Si.

