High-resolution AFM/STM/IETS imaging and its applications to molecular systems on surfaces.

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High-resolution AFM/STM/IETS imaging of molecules acquired functionalized tips [1] created a lot of excitement among researchers from many fields including material science, physics and chemistry. Here we will briefly describe a common underlying mechanism responsible for the unprecedented sub molecular contrast [2] including an efficient simulation approach of AFM/STM/IETS images. In next, we will also discuss applications of this technique to imaging electrostatic field of molecules [3] and weakly interacting water cluster with sub molecular resolution [4] or discrimination of molecular spin states [5].

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