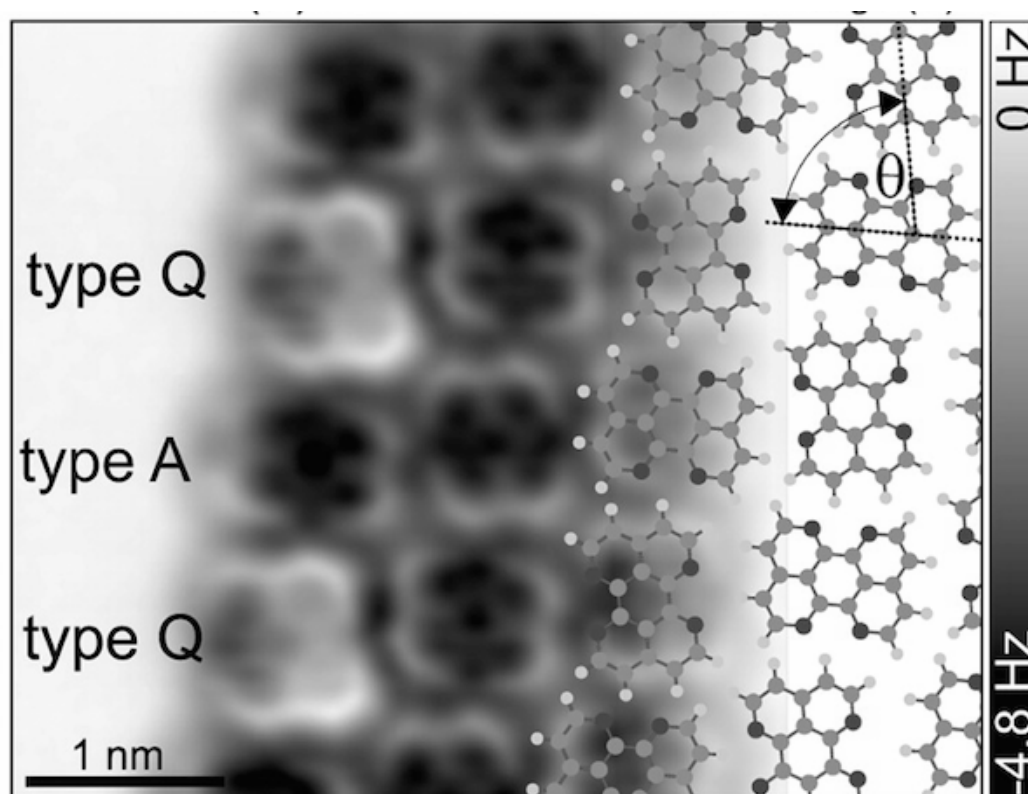


Periodic charging of individual molecules and charge patterns of an assembly of aromatic heterocyclic molecules on the surface

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Single-electron charging is critical for many areas of nanoscience. Charging and discharging events can be detected, i.e. in the force and in the frequency shift in atomic force microscopy. In a combined STM/FM-AFM study, the periodic charging of individual molecules assembled on a Ag(111) substrate was investigated [1]. The molecule under investigation, 1,6,7,12-tetraazaperylene (**tape**), is a planar heterocyclic compound (Figure 1). The incorporated hydrogen bonding capacity stabilizes on surface a two-dimensional molecular assembly. Interestingly, different charge patterns on the 1 nm scale can be created and addressed in a controlled way on the Ag(111) substrate.



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