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Under this grant, we have developed state of the art scanning tunneling microscope (STM) instrumentation that is able to characterize spin information on the atomic scale. In particular, we have developed the capability to perform spin polarized STM reliably using a vector magnet STM system and have developed protocols for creating spin polarized STM tips for reliable measurements. We have used these tools to study ferromangnetism in atomic chains of Fe and demonstrated that spin-orbit coupling at the surface of Pb can be detected with spin-polarized STM measurements. In the last year, we have extended our spin polarized measurements to perform energy-resolved spin-resolved STM measurements on spin-polarized localized states of a superconductor created by magnetic defects. These energy-resolved studies are distinct from typical spin-selective measurements performed previously using the STM in any system. In addition, during the last year, we have developed a new platform for study of spin coherence at a single spin level in a semiconductor, with long coherence time.

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During this grant, we developed key capabilities to probe single spins in solid state systems using the STM. We built instrument capable of performing spin polarized measurements and at ultra low temperature and in the presence of a vector magnetic fields. The ability to use a vector magnet combined with our efforts in fabricating spin polarized tips reliable led to highly reproducible spin polarized measurements. We used these to study chains of magnetic atoms on a superconductors, experiments in which we demonstrated our ability to make measurements of magnetism down to the atomic level and also for the first time probe spin orbit coupling. This system led to first direct visualization of a Majorana fermion in a condensed matter setting.

Our spin polarized tools where also used to probe single spins in Si, to probe donor and acceptor spins. However, it was found that such Si samples where not appropriate for single spin measurements. As they are too conducting or dominated by large interaction with other dopants. So during the last year, we developed new type of samples, in which we used a silicon-on-insulator (SOI) devices that were specifically designed to have conducting and non-conducting regions as well as back gates. These are unique samples that are now fabricated and are being examined in our lab. The fabrication of these samples required us collaborating with colleagues in CNRS in France who are Si device experts. We are currently are developing the ability to clean the surface of these devices and are aiming to use them to perform first single donor experiments with the STM in a getable structure. This will overcome the previous shortcoming in terms of samples used to probe single spins in semiconductors.

In the last year, we have also developed the capability to perform energy resolved spin-selective measurements, such as that we can evaluate the degree of a sharp energy levels near the chemical potential with the STM. This required use to find ways in which the spin polarization of the tips used can be tested near the Fermi level. We have applied this techniques to demonstrate that we can detected localized spin-polarized states in a superconductor near magnetic atoms. We are in the process of finishing these experiments and writing up the results. Overall, the program was successful in develop the tools required for high resolution experiments on single spin, and to manipulating them, but our short coming were in designing the appropriate sample, which was only developed recently after considerable effort.

Technology Transfer

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