Nanoscale Physical Chemistry Studied by SPM – Single-Molecule Tautomerization and Near-Field Chemistry/Physics

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Scanning probe microscopy provides a unique opportunity to study surface chemistry at the nanoscale, e.g., chemical reactions of individual adsorbates [1,2]. In the first part of my talk, I will discuss single-molecule tautomerization of porphycene on metal surfaces, which are induced by various external stimuli, namely heat, electron, light, and chemical interaction [3-6].

Combination of SPM with optical excitation allows us to investigate light-matter coupling at the nanoscale [7] and applicable to ultrasensitive microspectroscopy such as tip-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (TERS) [8]. In the second part, I will discuss nearfield induced physics and chemistry and present plasmon-mediated chemical reactions [9], plasmon-assisted resonant electron transfer [10], and nanoscale vibrational spectroscopy using TERS.

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