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**Initial stages of Mn deposition on Si(001) studied by STM**  
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University at Albany-SUNY — Semiconductor devices which utilize the spin of the  
electron (spintronic devices) have the potential to achieve higher speeds with lower  
power consumption than conventional devices. The integration of ferromagnetism  
into these device structures is needed to couple to electron spin. Diluted magnetic  
semiconductors (DMS) have been demonstrated as a successful method for integrat-  
ing ferromagnetism through doping of a semiconductor crystal such as Si with an  
additional transition metal impurity such as Mn. Therefore the study of Mn de-  
position onto Si(001) in the submonolayer regime can give detailed insight into the  
bonding and energetics of Mn with Si. We present results of both clean Si(001)  
surfaces and submonolayer coverages of Mn on Si(001). The STM images have been  
taken at room temperature as well as 77 K.

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