

Relationship between lattice relaxation and electron delocalization in diamond vacancies

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Department of Physics, Sharif University of Technology, P. O.Box:11365-9161, Tehran, Iran, Semiconductor Component Industry, P. O. Box: 19575-199, Tehran, Iran. Diamond a promising semiconductor

• High transparency

• Thermal conductivity

• High electron mobility

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Brilliant prospects for dark spins

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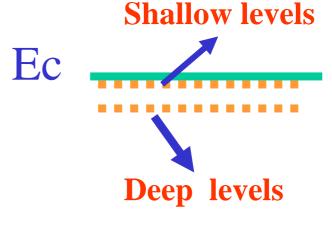
## **Applications: Spintronics and Solid State** quantum information processing

To see a diamond, don't go to a jewellery shop — head for a spintronics or quantum-computation laboratory instead. The spin associated with a nitrogen vacancy centre — an impurity sitting at a vacancy site in the diamond lattice — has a long lifetime and is therefore promising for applications in quantum information processing. Ryan Epstein and colleagues have constructed a room-temperature microscope that is sensitive to the light emitted by a single nitrogen vacancy centre. Moreover, by precisely controlling the magnetic field, they can detect the presence of nearby non-luminescent nitrogen atoms that couple to the nitrogen vacancy centres. These 'dark' spins have an even longer lifetime than the bright spins.

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## **Microelectronic Applications**

- P-type doping
- N-type doping ???

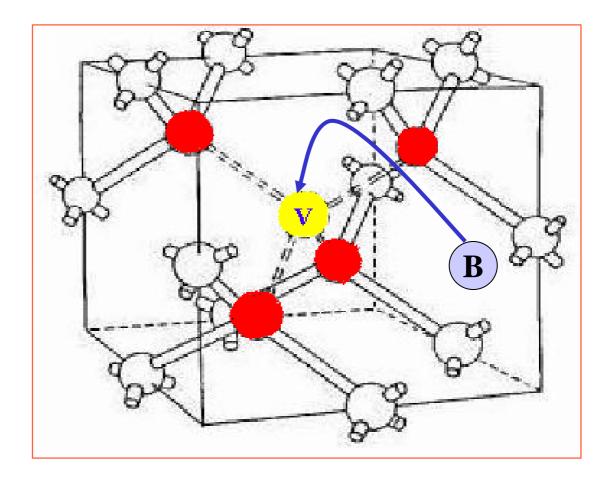


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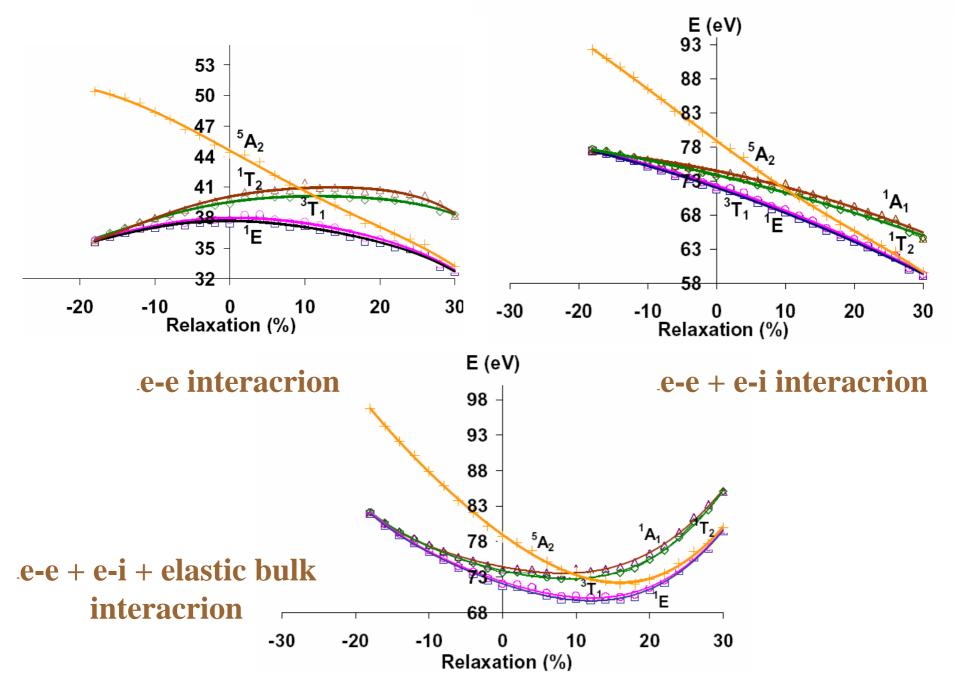


Thermal diffusions

## **Impurity Substituation Mechanism**



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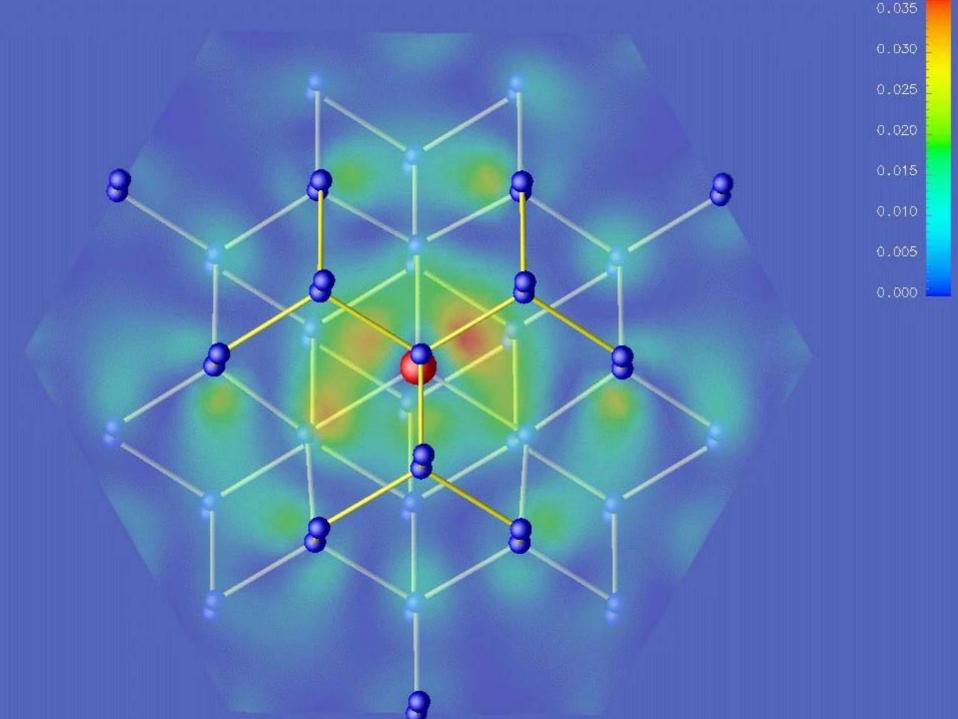
## Microscopic Mechanism behind lattice relaxation

• Electron delocalization

• EPR Experiment

• Ion-ion Screening

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## EPR Experiment

- Spin of unpaired electron
- Interaction with B
- Closed shell or singlets
- Free radicals
- Distribution of the unpaired spin density in a molecule
- g-Tensor, Effective spin Hamiltonian

$$\rho_s = \frac{(\rho_{\uparrow} - \rho_{\downarrow})}{N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}}$$

$$H = \beta(B.g.\widetilde{S})$$

## **EPR** Experiment

• EPR Hamiltonian

Hyperfine splitting ( isotope with nonzero nuclear magnetic moment)

$$H = -g_e \beta_e S_z B_z - g_N \beta_N I_z B_z + \sum_{j=1}^4 S A^j I_j A_j$$
$$\mathbf{A} = a\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{b}$$

• The last term arise from interaction of the unpaired electron and nuclei

$$\Psi = \eta (\alpha \psi_s + \beta \psi_p)$$

## **EPR** Experiment

#### •Hyperfine parameters

$$a = (2/3)\mu_0 g_e \mu_B g_N \mu_N \eta^2 \alpha^2 |\psi_s(0)|^2$$

$$b = (1/4\pi)\mu_0 g_e \mu_B g_N \mu_N \eta^2 \gamma^2 (\pm 2/5) \langle r^{-3} \rangle_p$$

•Localization

$$\eta^2 \alpha^2 + \eta^2 \beta^2 = Localization$$

•Relaxation

$$\lambda = \alpha/\beta$$

$$\cos^2\theta = (3+2\lambda^2)^{-1}$$

### Experimental and calculation results

• Recent results (1990's)

$$V^{0}({}^{5}A_{2})$$
  $V^{-}({}^{4}A)$ 

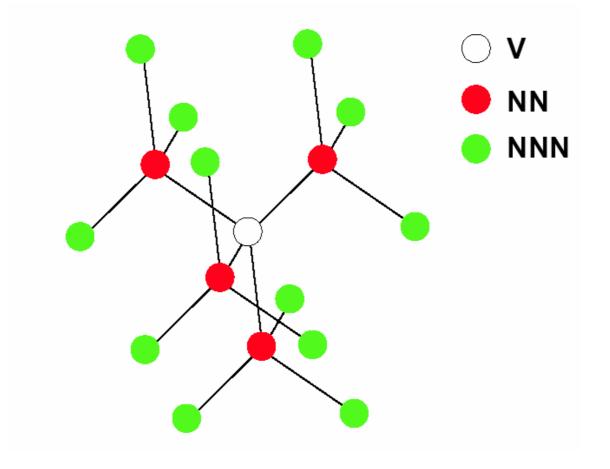
Relaxation15% (18%)10% (13%)

Lelocalization 75% 85-100%

HFI calculation (DFT) in fair agreement with exp.

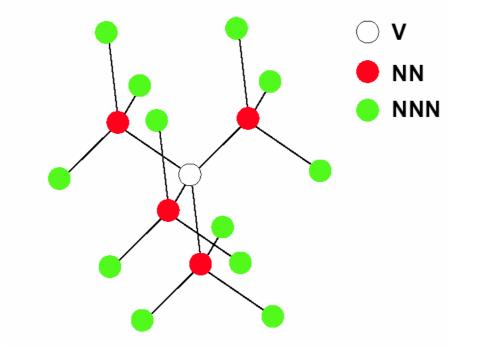
Supercell calculation (Lowther 2001)

No directional character (s like)
Order of the charge density on NNN atoms
Charge density on back bond of NN atoms

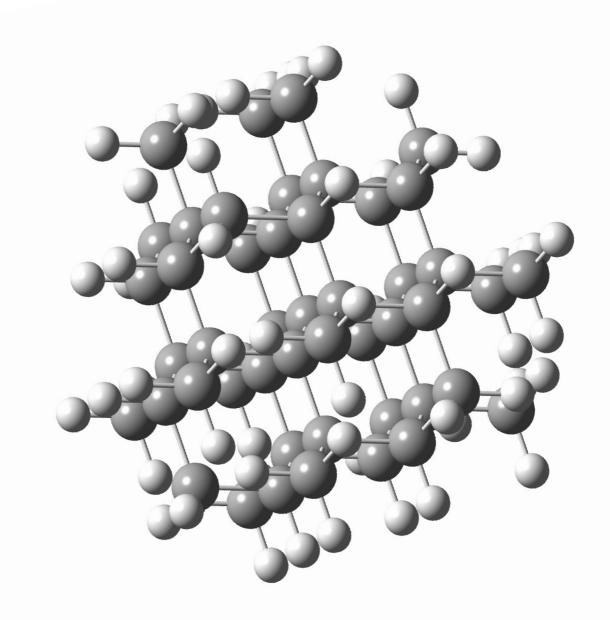


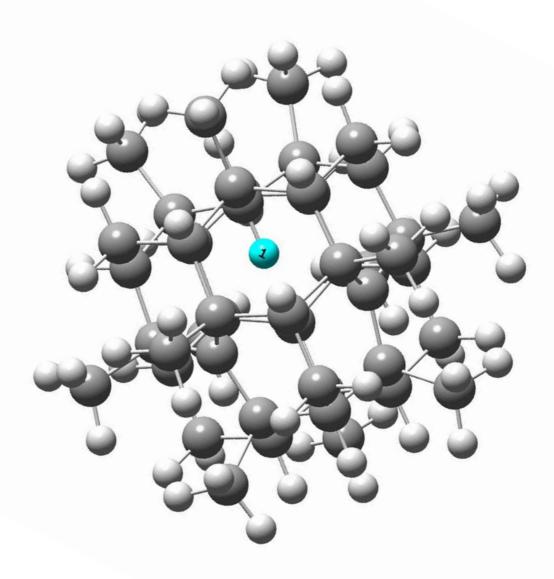
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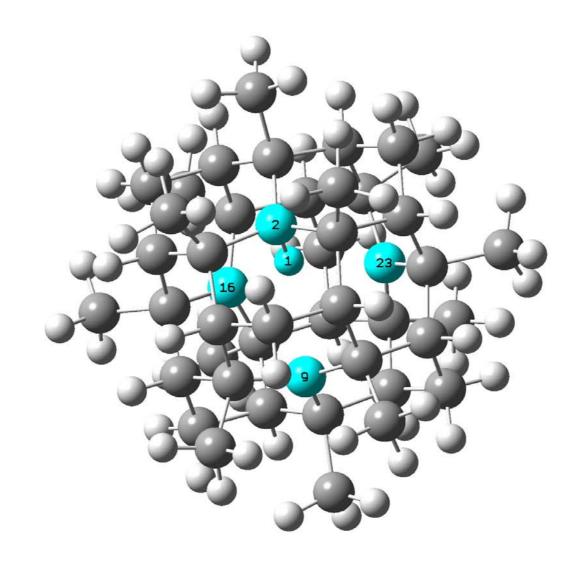
## Ab initio Large Cluster DFT ACLCULATION



- Large cluster and hydrogen termination
- Cluster size  $C_{93}H_{70}$ ,  $C_{71}H_{84}$  (1995)
- Gaussian basis ( 6-31G :1s, 2s, 2p,3s, 3p)

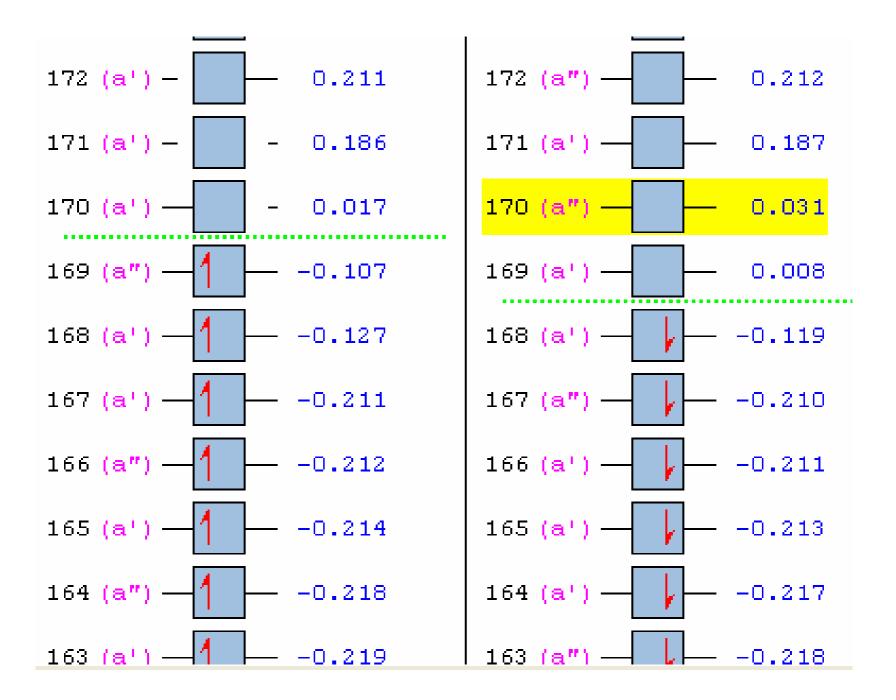




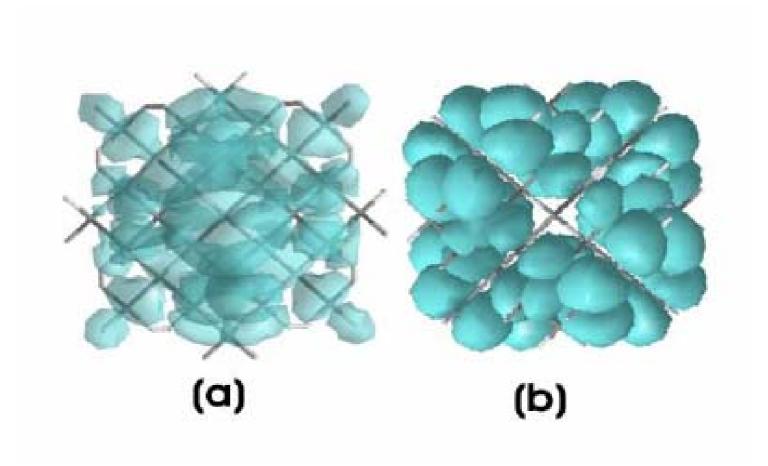


## **DFT Calculations**

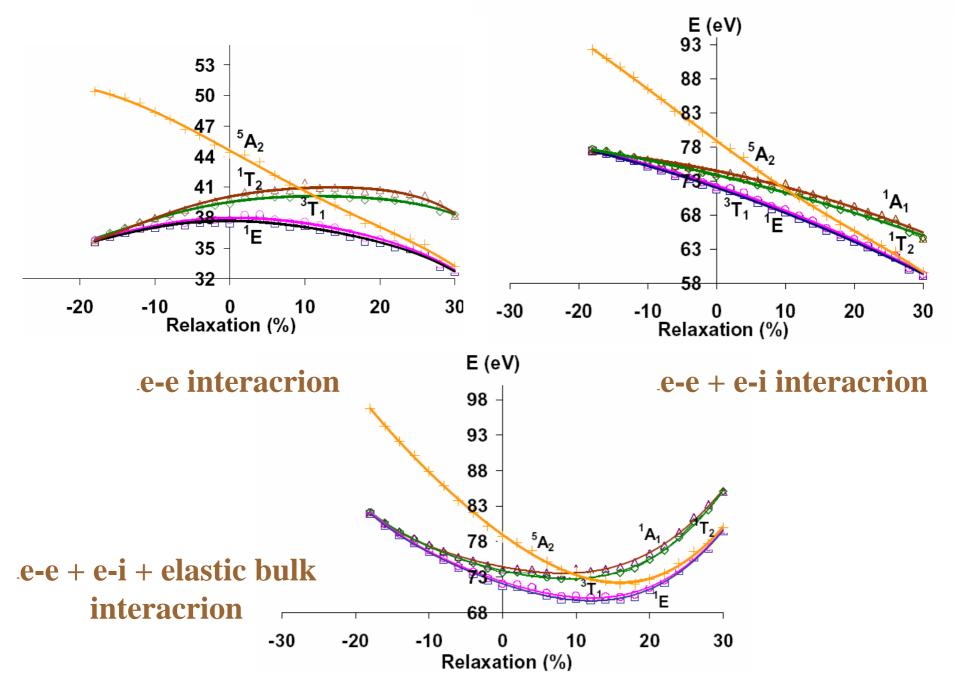
- Comparing Gaussian and plane wave basis
- Innermost basis with 4 exponent and remainder of atoms that have fixed L.C.
- Psedupotential of BHS and All electron calculations
- Ceperely Alder correlation function
- (LDA Or B3LYP)
- Lattice constant and Raman (phonon) frequency
- Relaxation at ground state
- $V^0({}^3T_1)$  and  $V^-({}^4A_2):13\%$

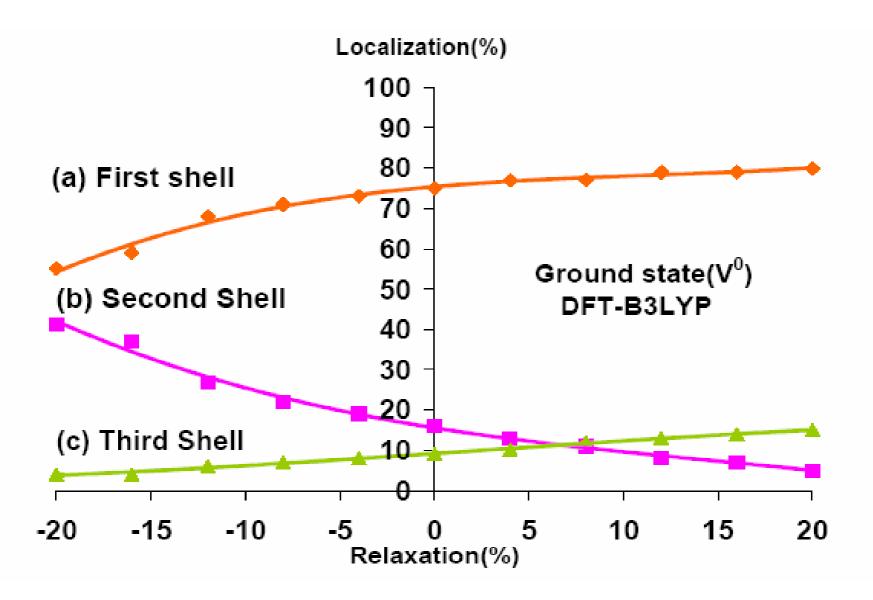


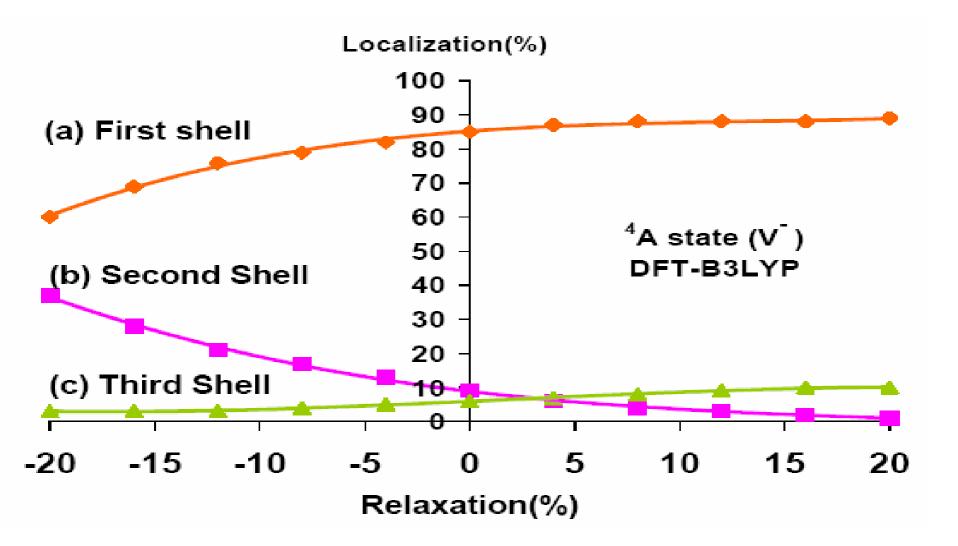
#### C. Effect of delocalization on C-C bondlength

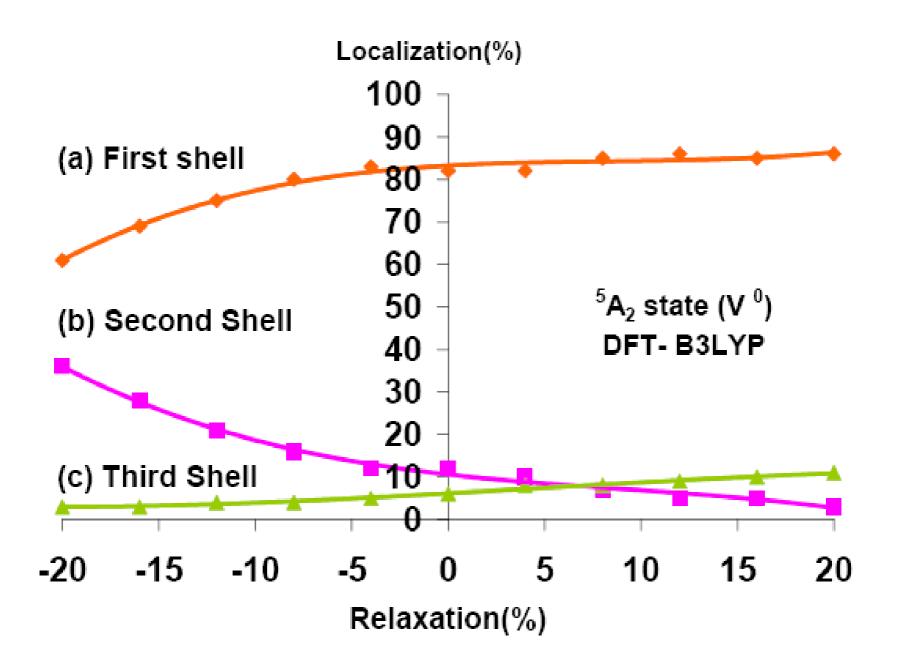


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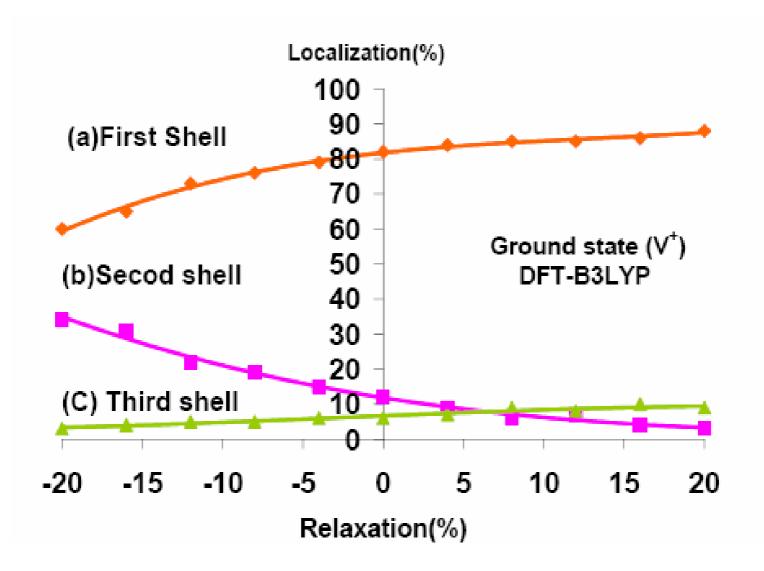
# Comparing with EPR on Boron doped diamond

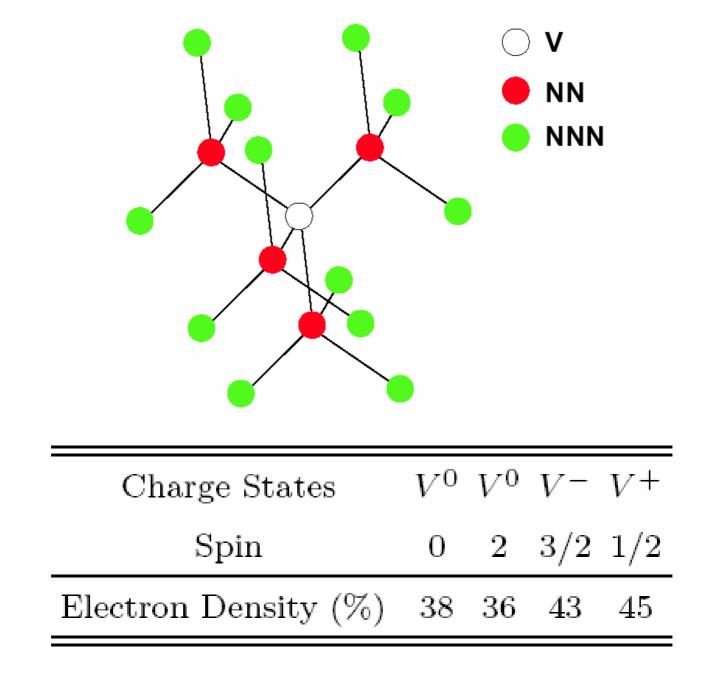
EPR center NIRIM-3 tentatively attributed

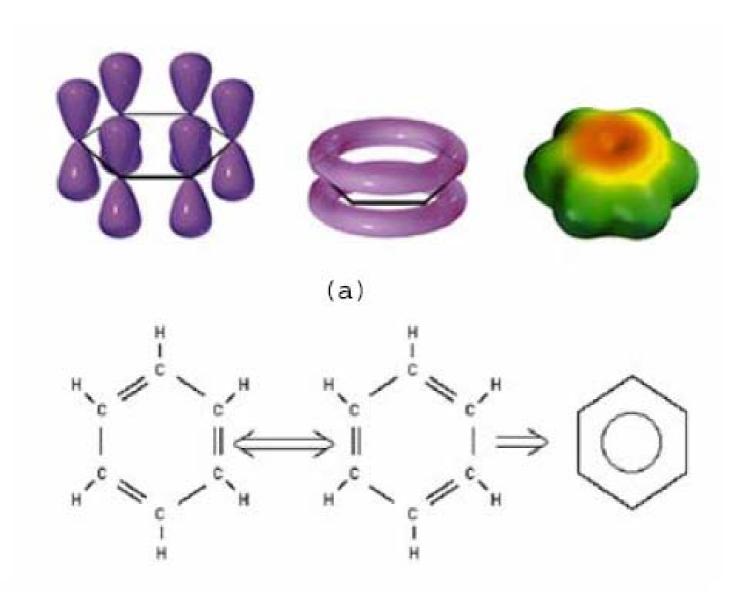
$$V^+$$
 with  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ 

unpaired spin density on the first neighboring atoms

of NIRIM-3 is only 17%,







#### D. Limitation of semiempirical potentials

**Conclusion**:

- A. Comparison with EPR measurement results
- B. Effect of NN ion screening
- C. Effect of delocalization on C-C bondlength

D. Limitation of semiempirical potentials

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