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# Controlling a Chemical Coupling Reaction on a Surface: Tools and Strategies for On-Surface Synthesis

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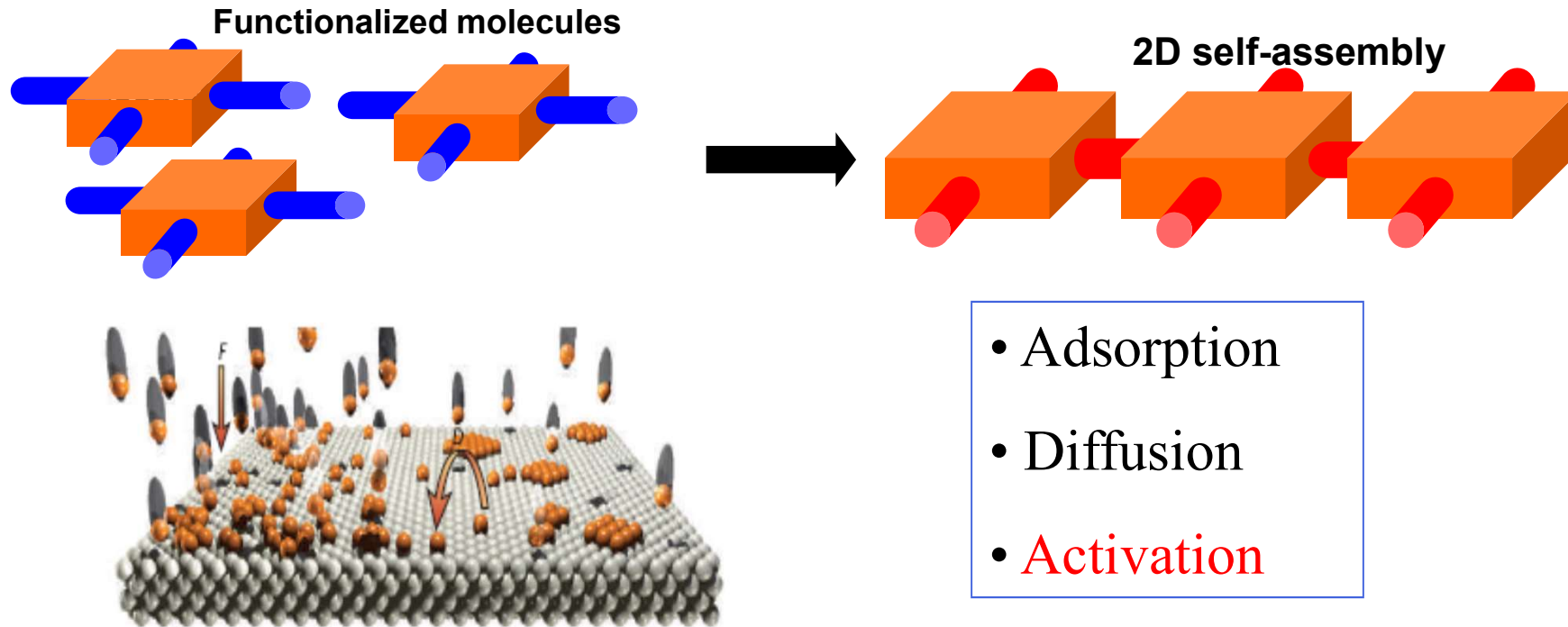
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# *Supramolecular self-assembly on surfaces*

## General experimental strategy



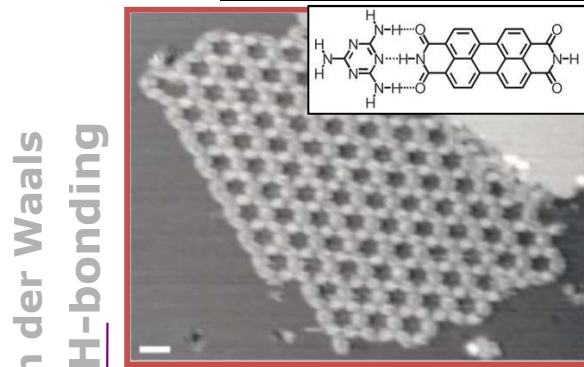
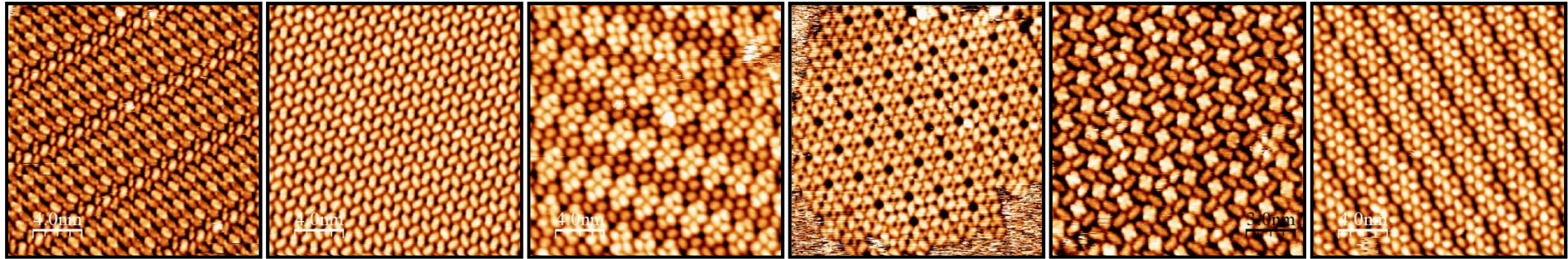
Evaporated species: aromatic molecules, metal atoms (in UHV)

Monolayer or sub-monolayer regime

Surfaces : oriented surfaces of noble metal single crystals

Characterization: STM/AFM, spectroscopy (XPS, NEXAFS, HREELS)

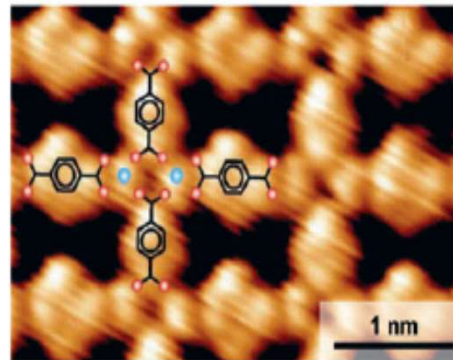
# Supramolecular self-assembly on surfaces



PTCDI+melamine / Ag/Si(111)

Theobald et al., *Nature* **404**  
(2003)

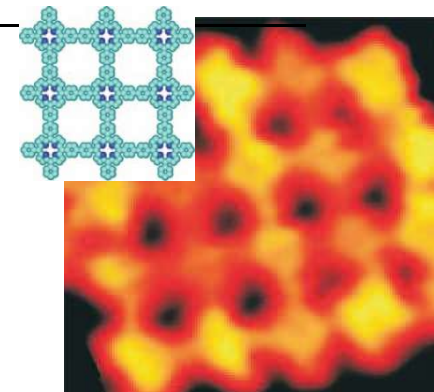
Metal-ligand



Fe-carboxylate / Cu(100)

Stepanow et al.,  
*Nature Materials* **3**, 229 (2004)

Covalent



BrTPP polymer / Au(111)

Grill et al., *Nature Nano.* **2**, 687 (2007)

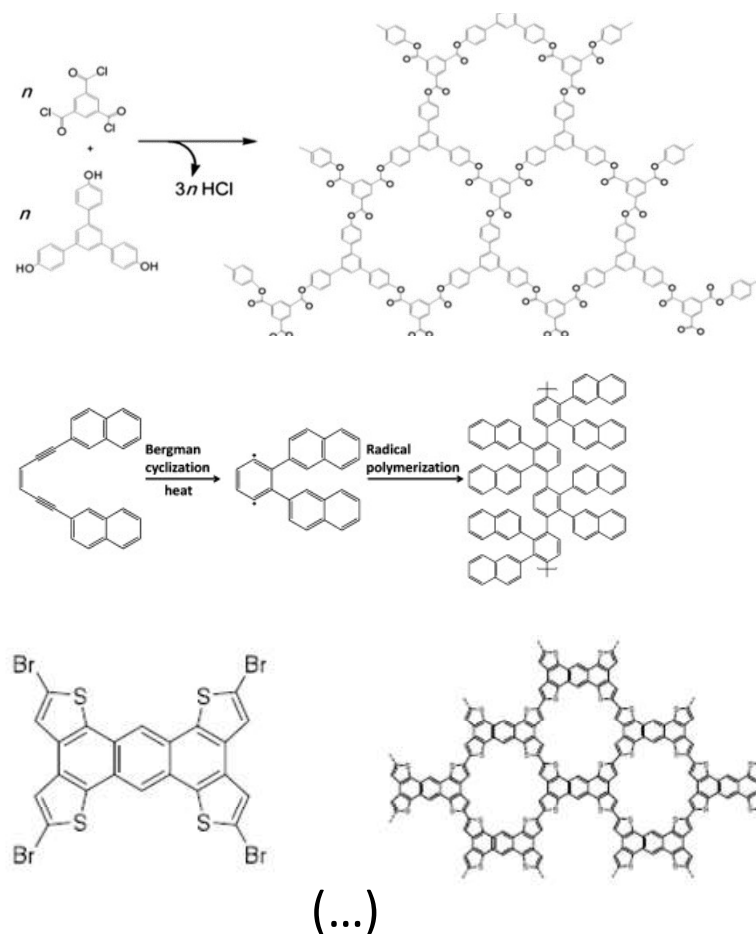
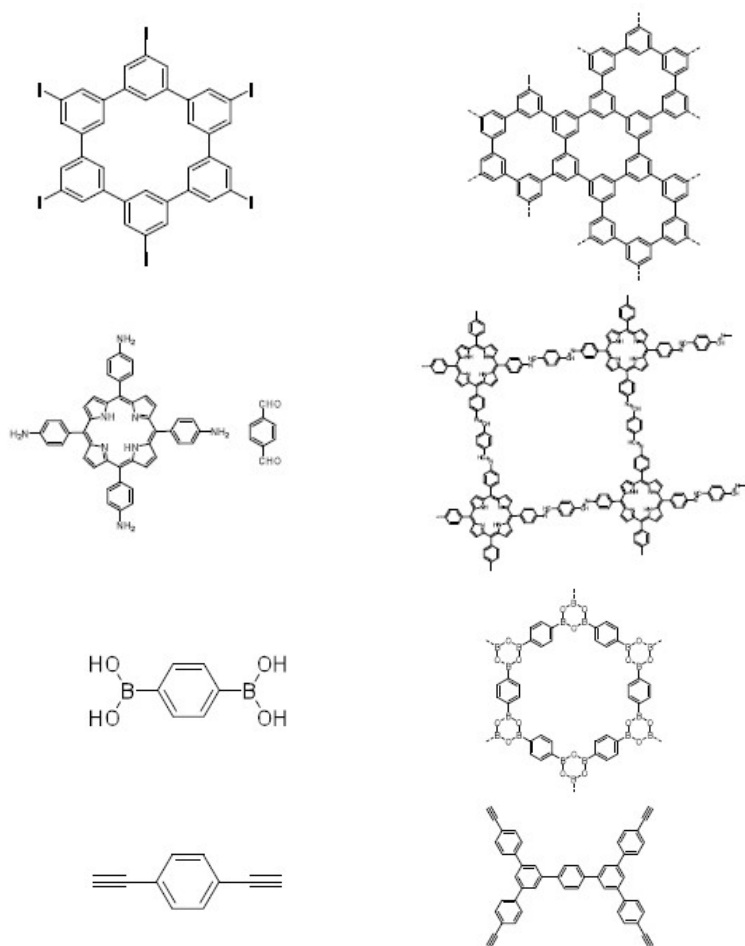
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*Interaction Energy*

# 2D polymers and *on-surface* synthesis

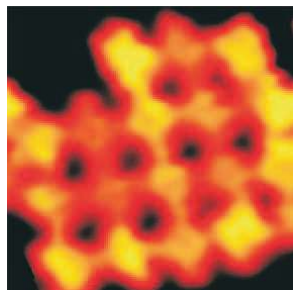


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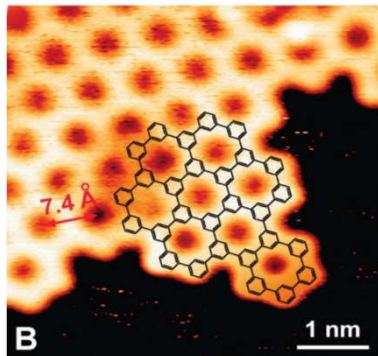
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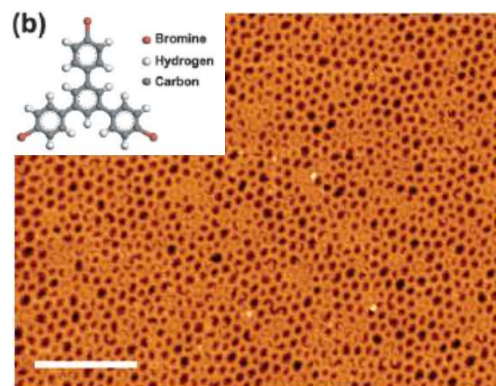
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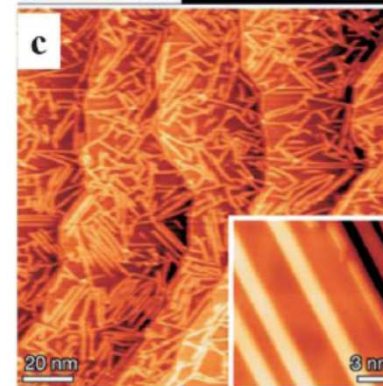
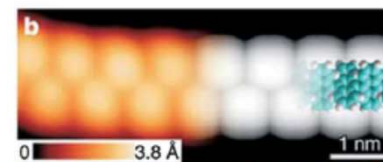
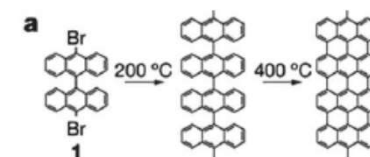
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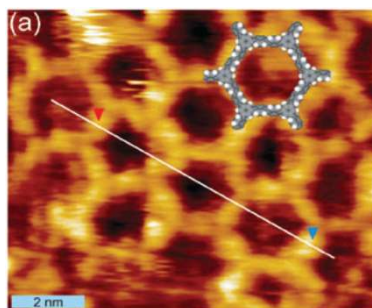
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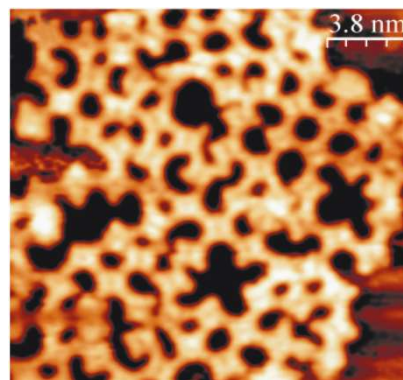
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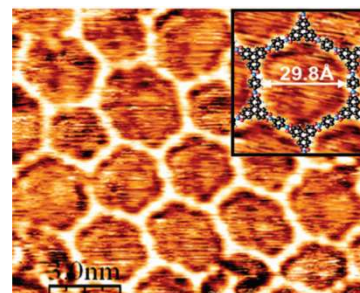
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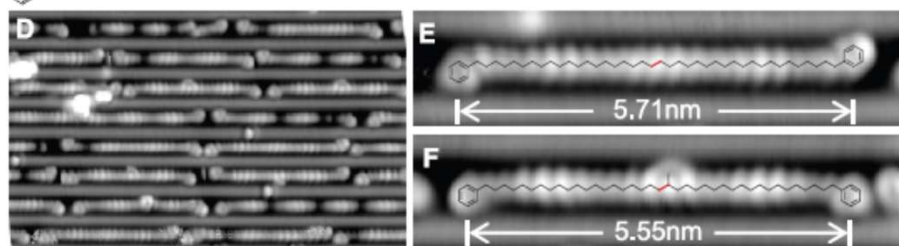
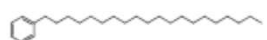
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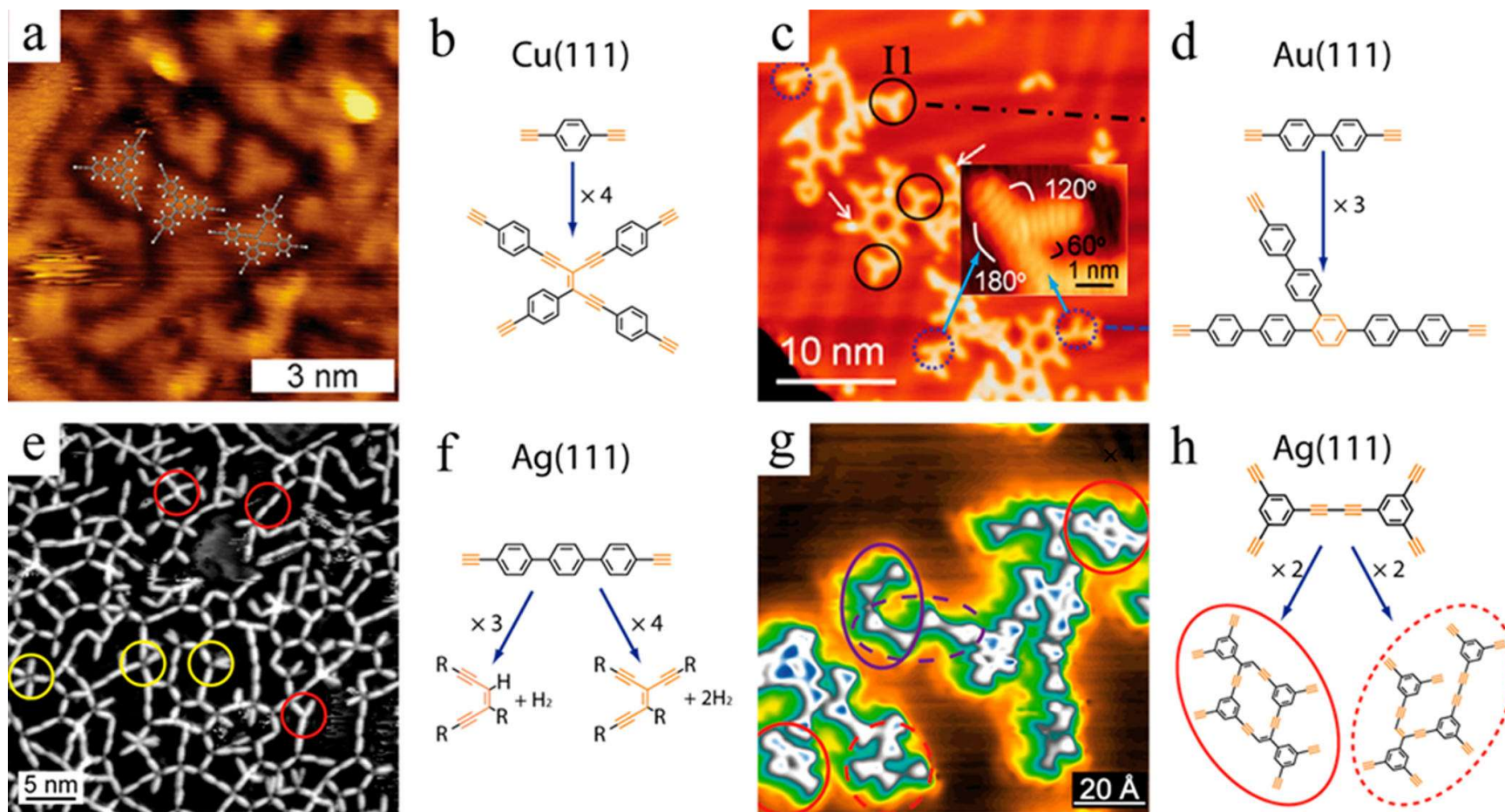
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## Original reaction mechanisms:

- 2D confinement
- catalytic activity of the substrate

# Reaction (non-)selectivity

## Homocoupling reactions of terminal alkynes



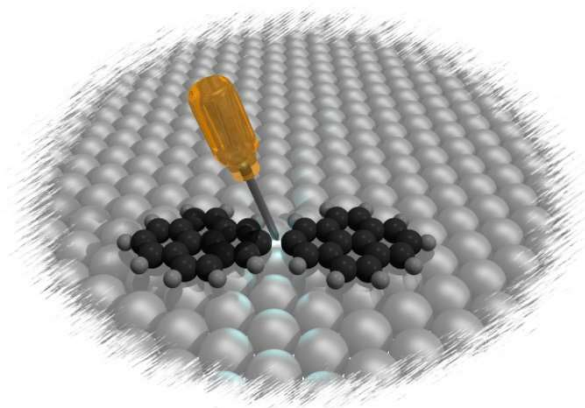
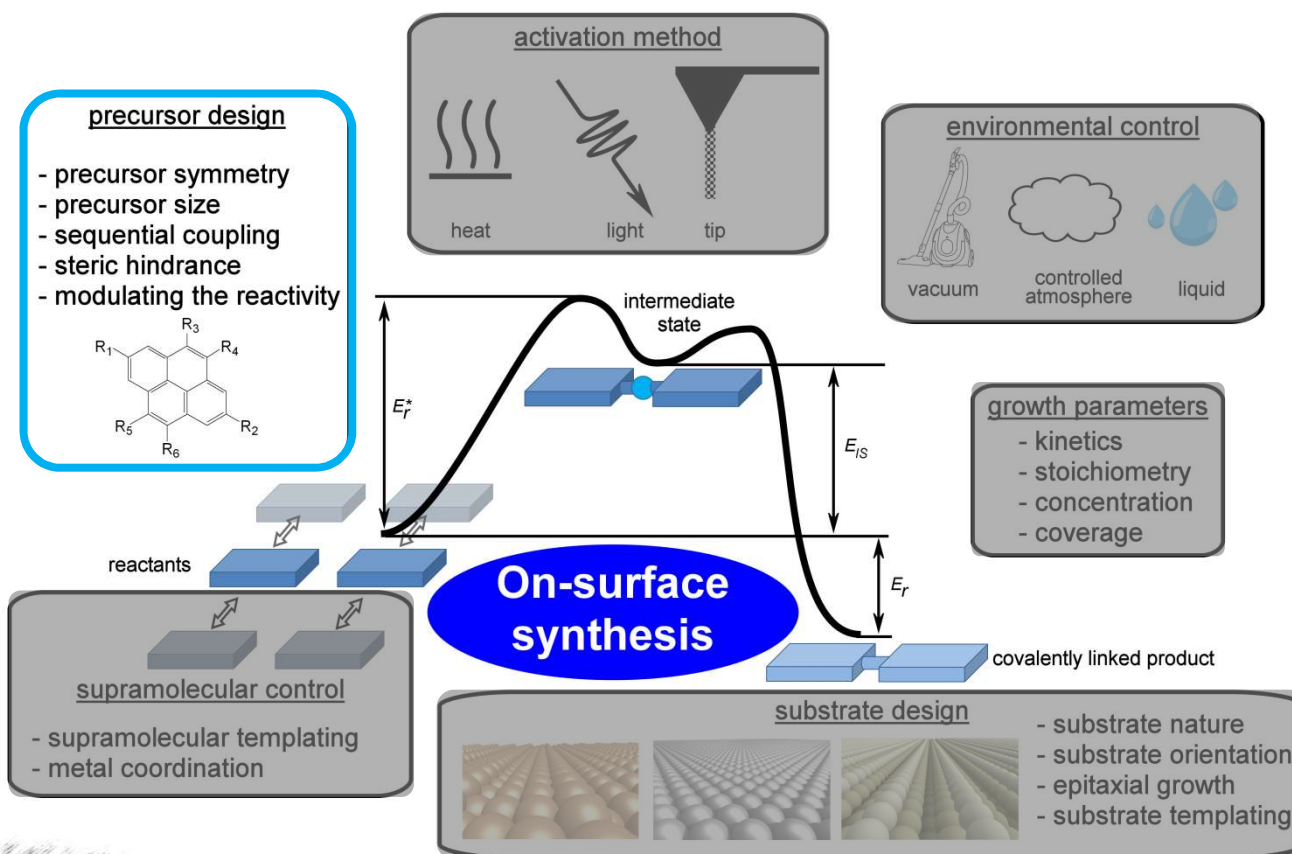
## Reaction (non-)selectivity

Homocoupling reactions of terminal alkynes

### Control is required:

- The initiation step of the reaction and its degree of advancement (kinetics / reaction yield)
- The chemical selectivity
- The structure, position and alignment of the products
- The quality and extension of covalent networks

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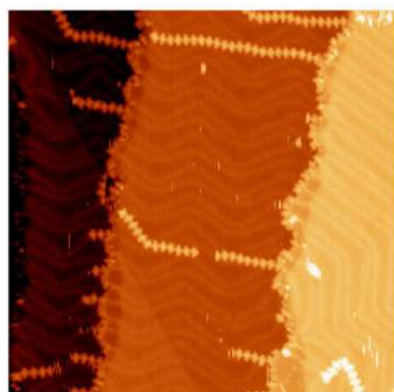
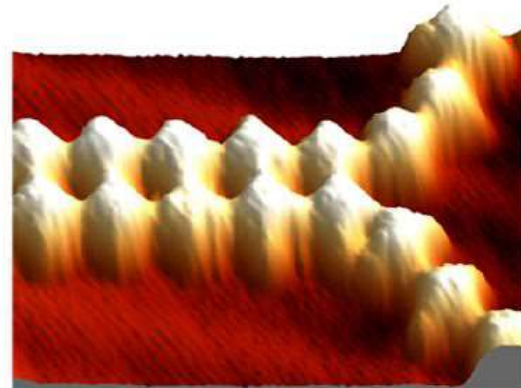
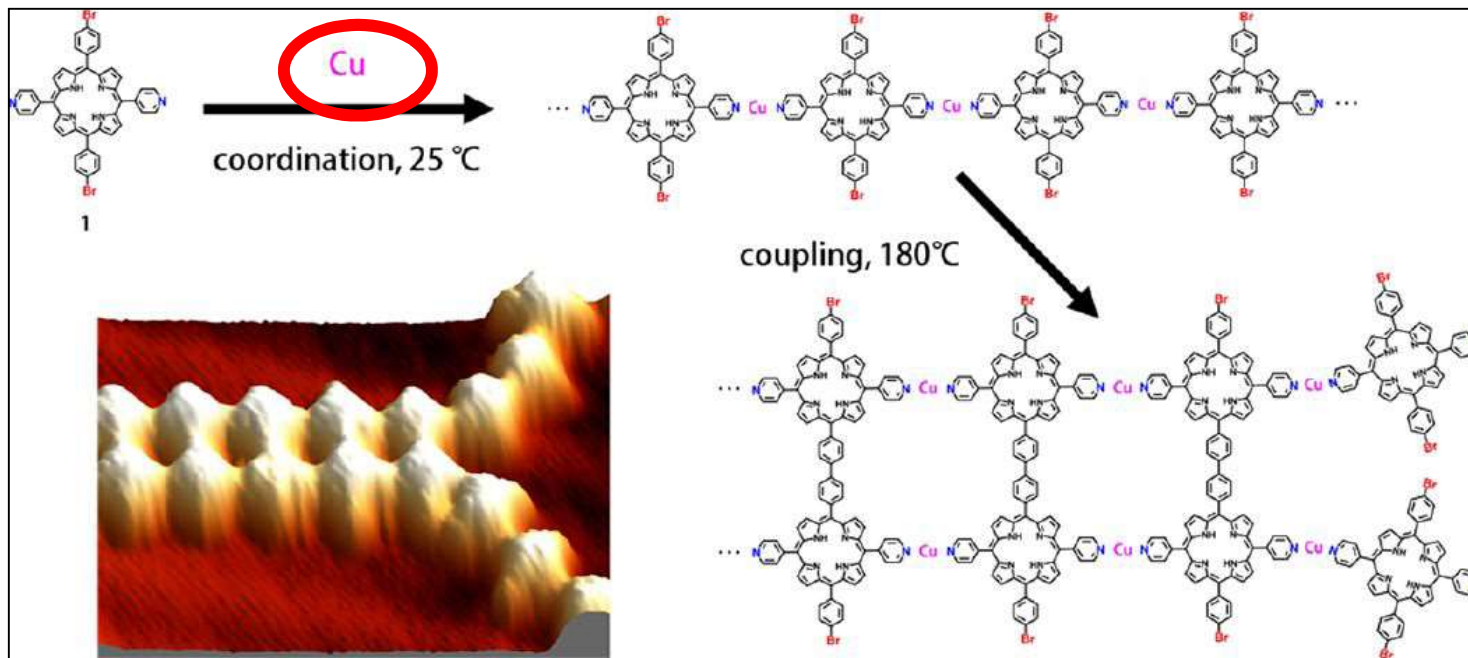
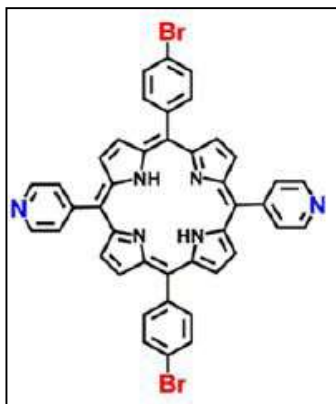


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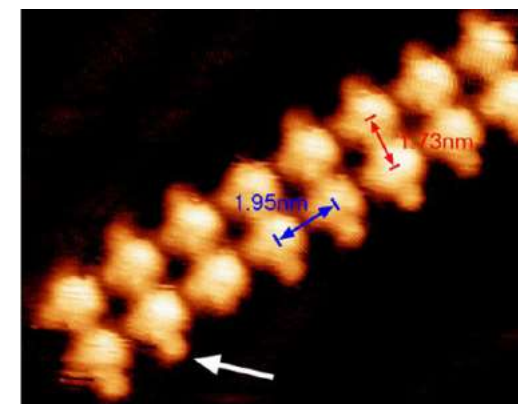
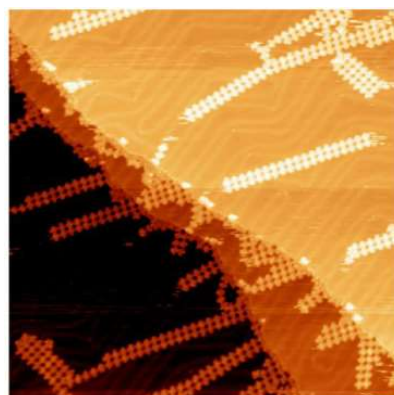
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Au(111)  
+  
Cu adatoms



RT deposition

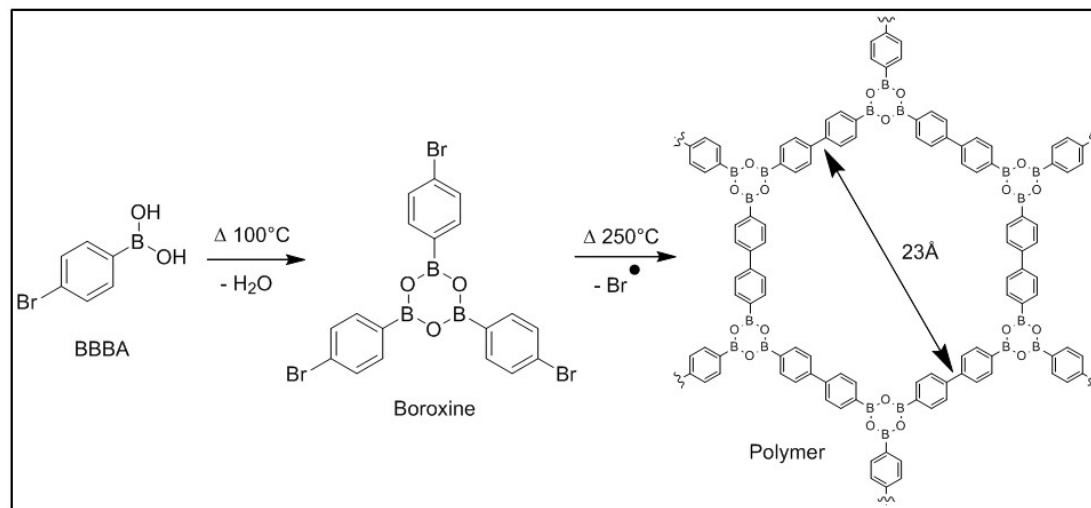
Annealing  
180 °C



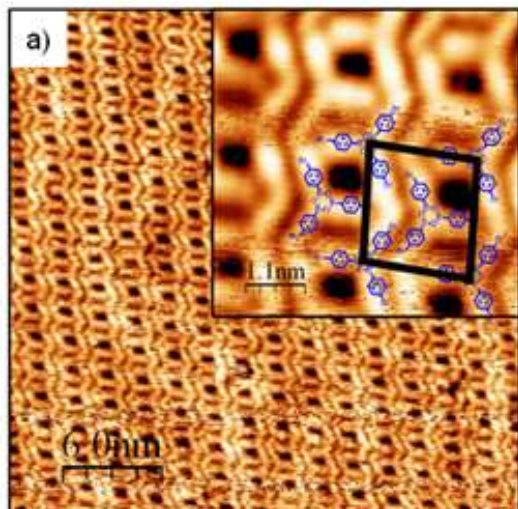
Lin, *JACS* **135**, 3576 (2013)

# Precursor design: Sequential reactions

Ullmann coupling  
+  
boronic acid  
condensation

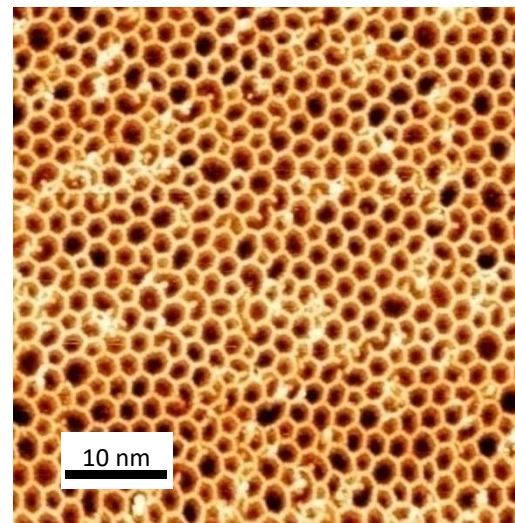


RT deposition



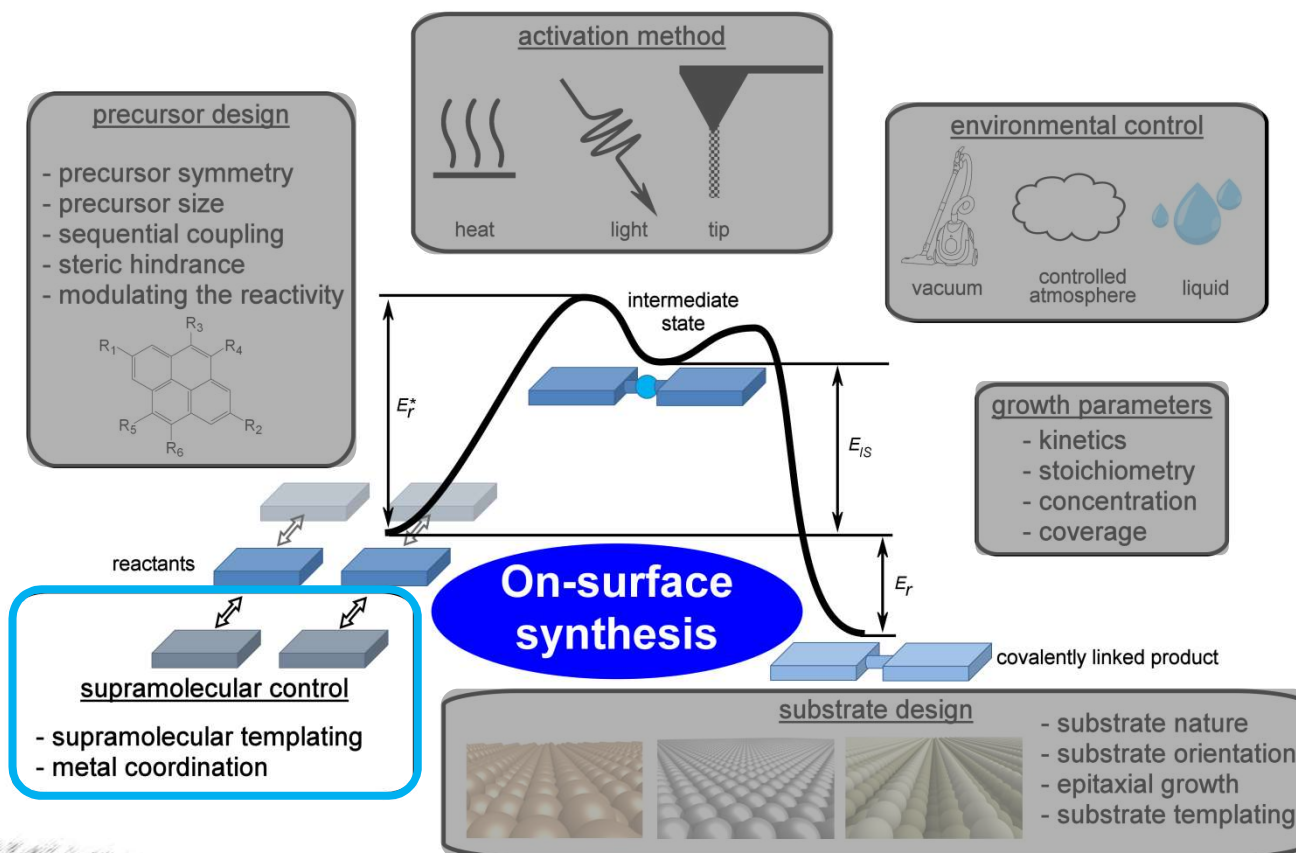
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Deposition @ 250°C



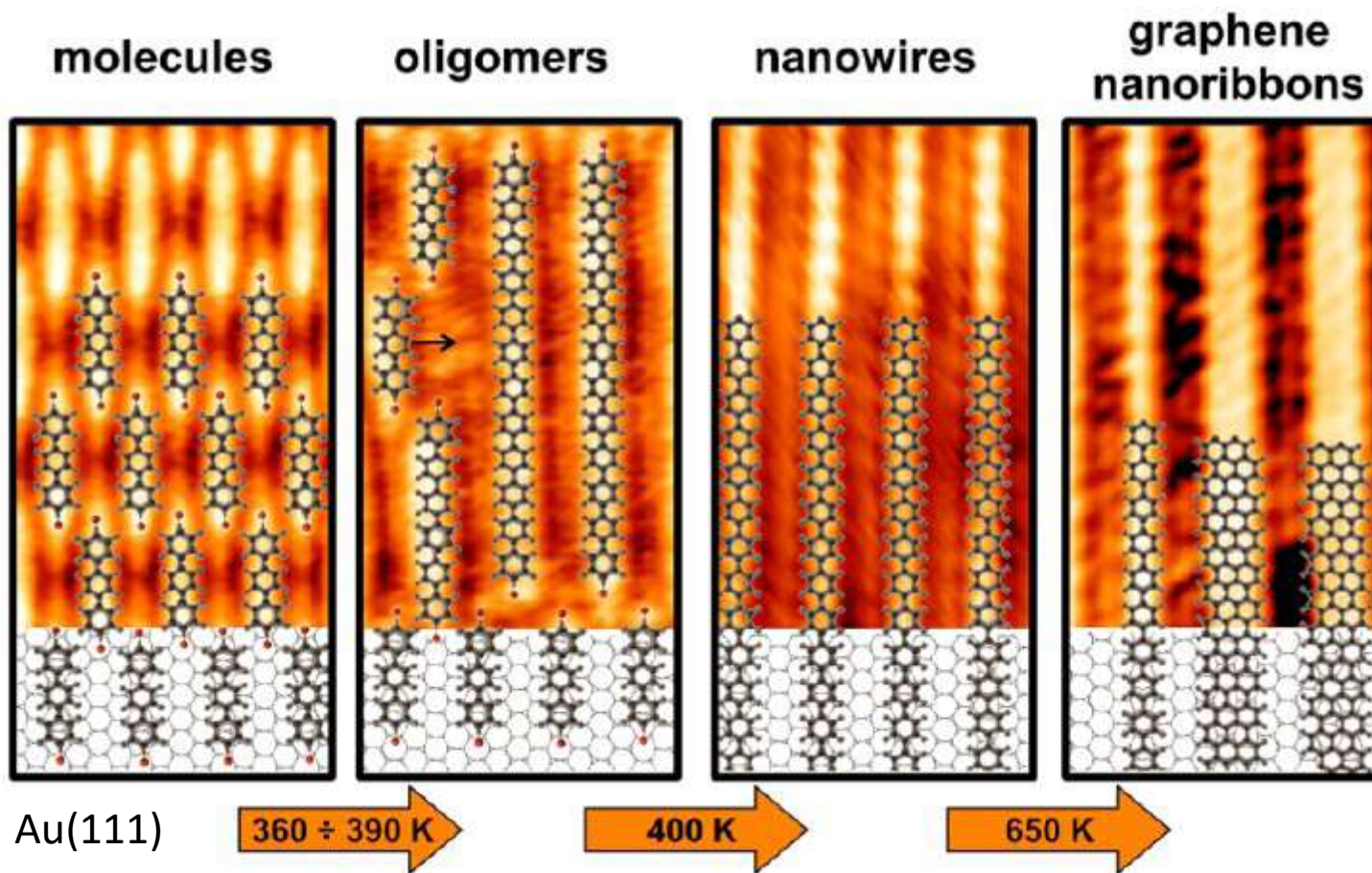
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# 2D polymers and *on-surface* synthesis



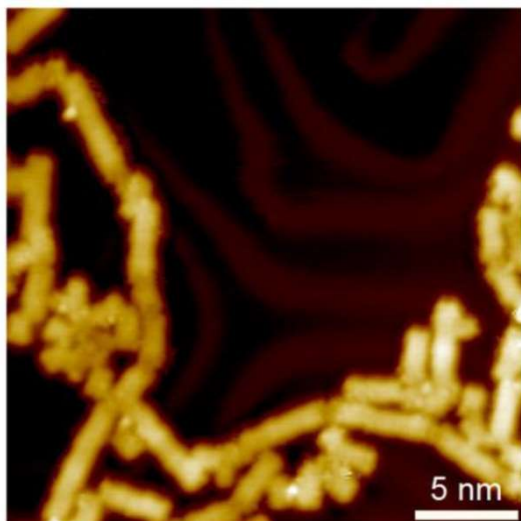
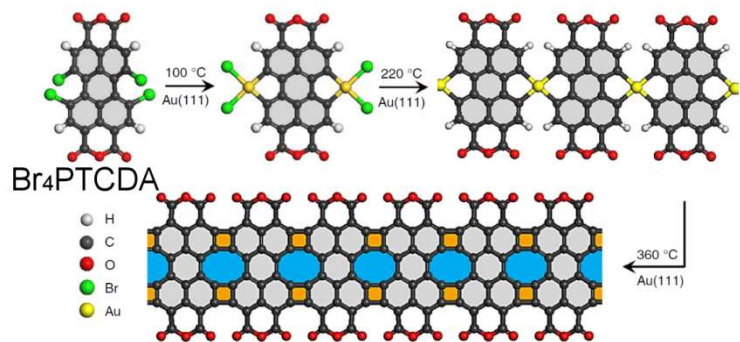
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# Supramolecular templating

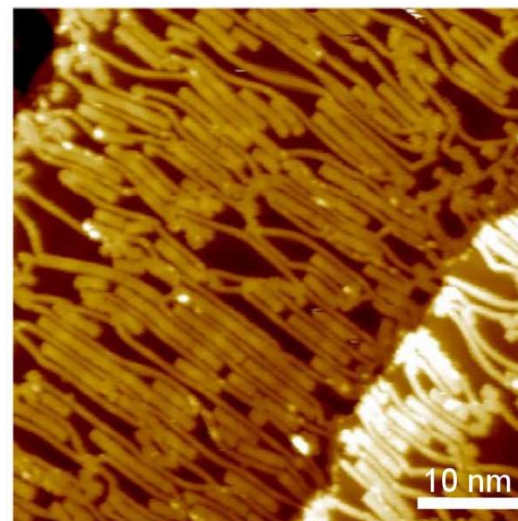
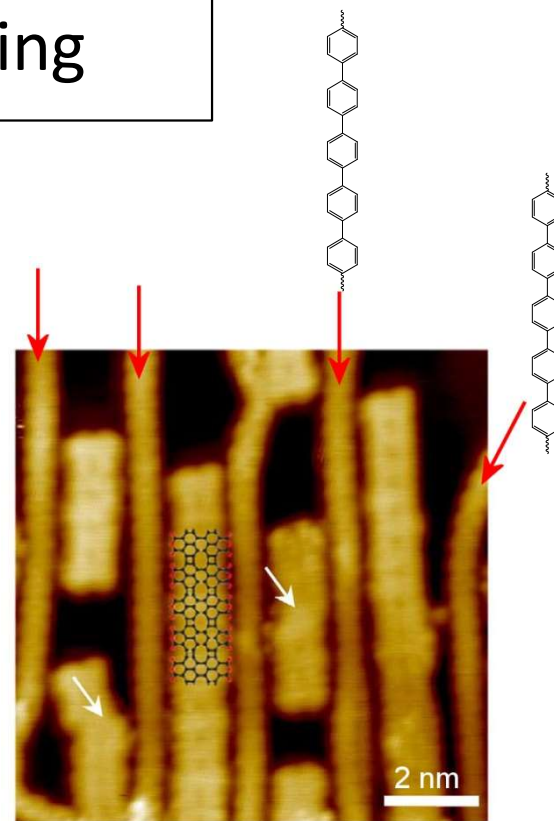
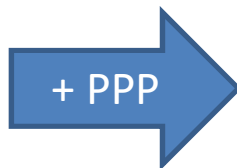
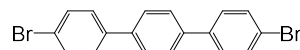


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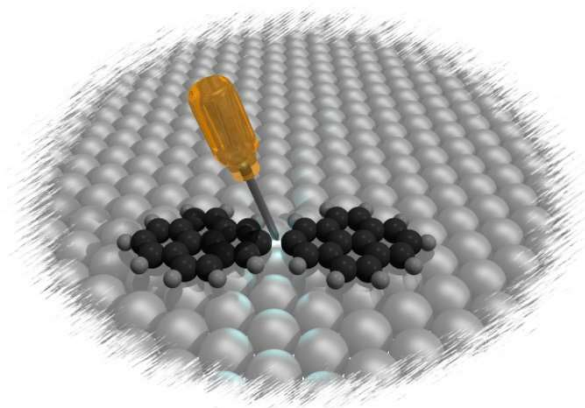
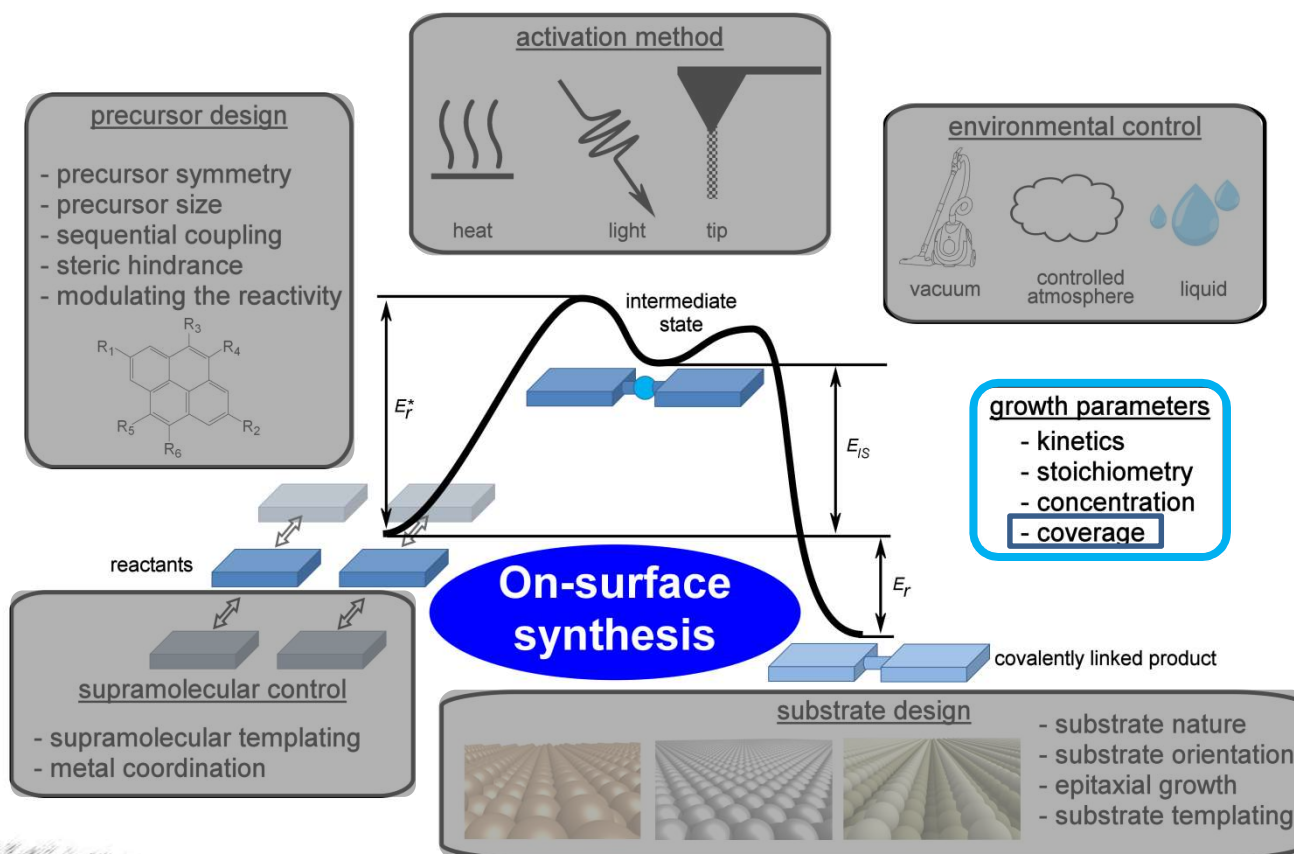
## Graphene-like nanoribbons



Au(111)

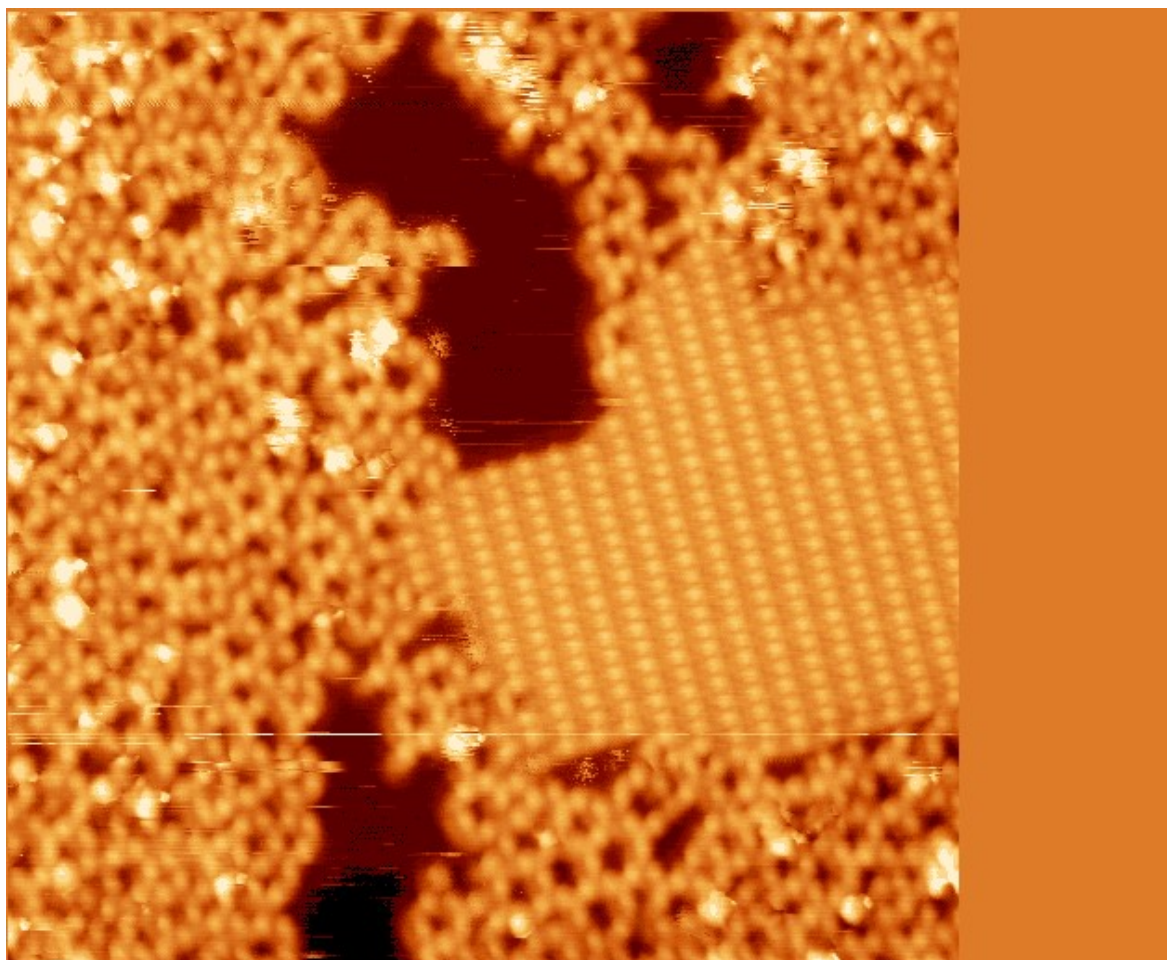


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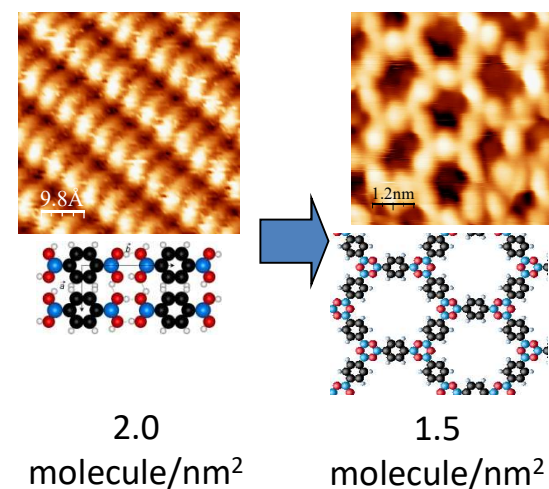
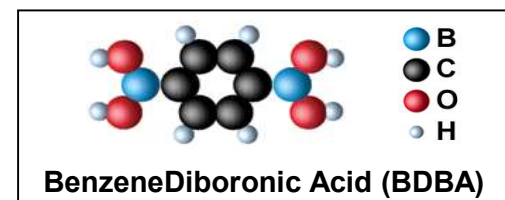
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# Kinetic quenching due to surface confinement



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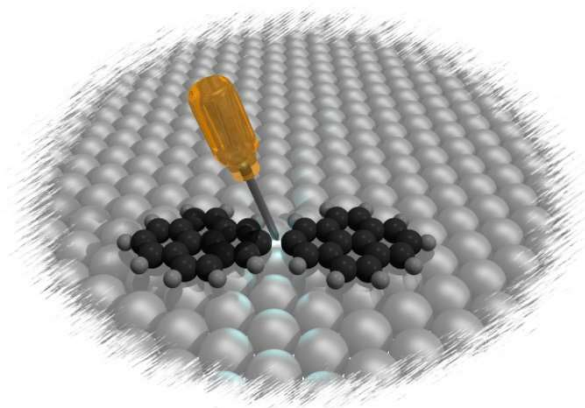
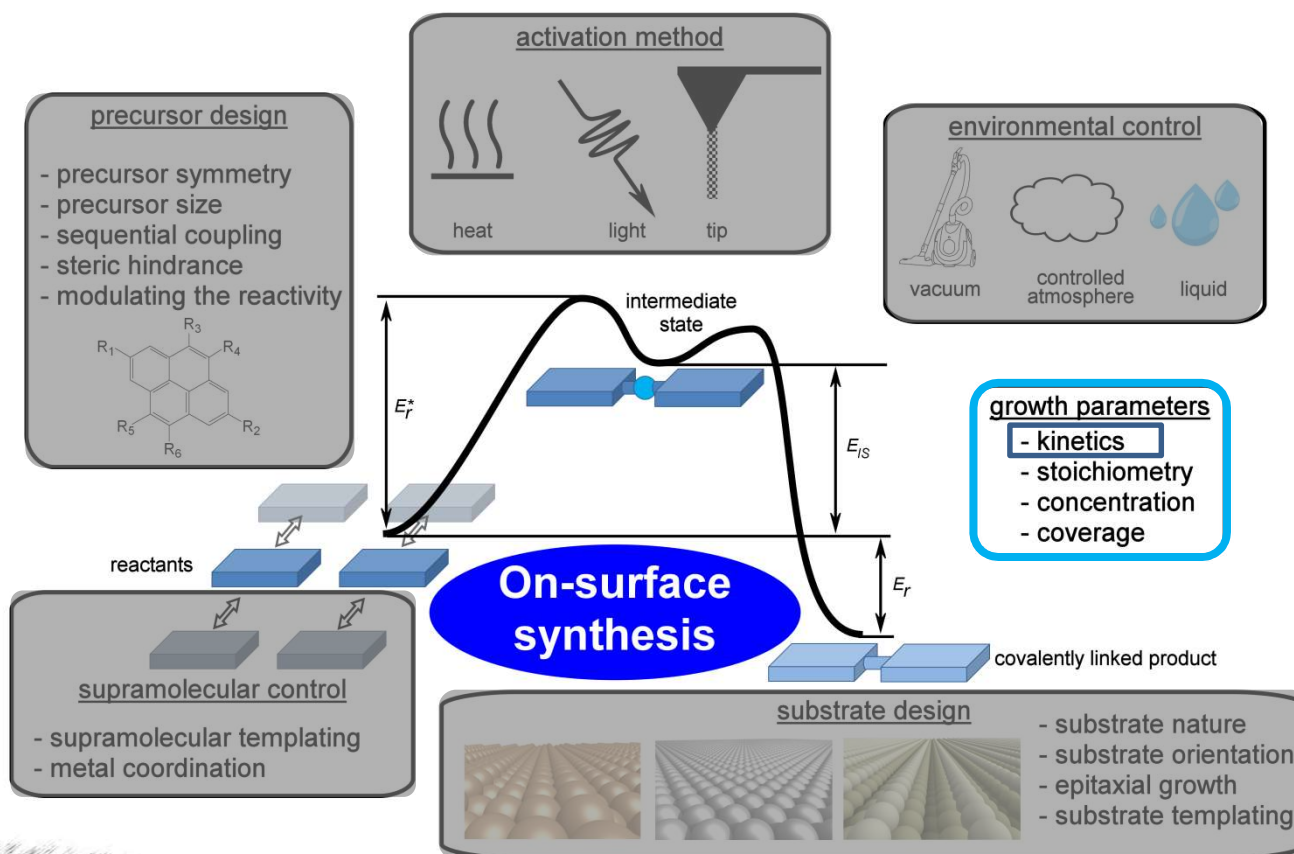
BDDBA / Ag(100)



Small density decrease

Clair et al., *Chem. Commun.* **50**, 9627 (2014)

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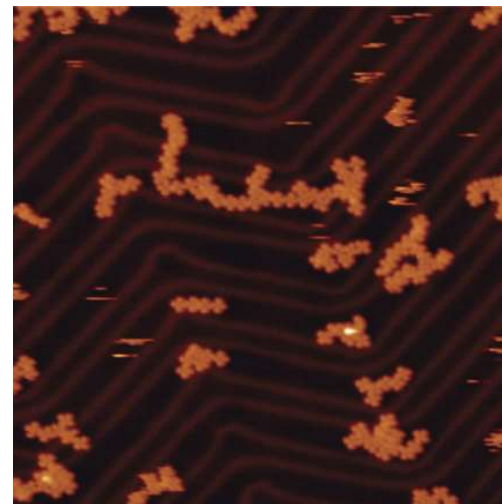
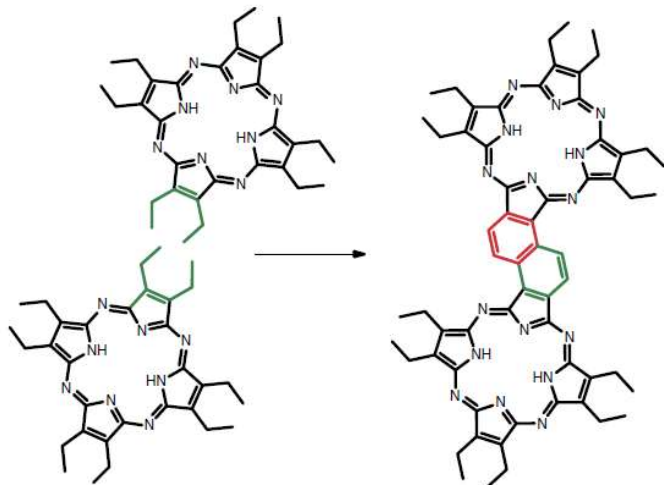


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# Kinetic control

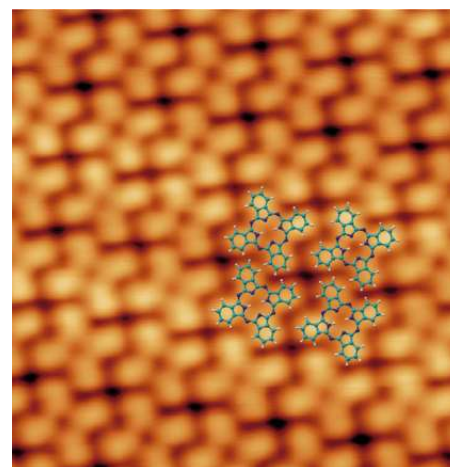
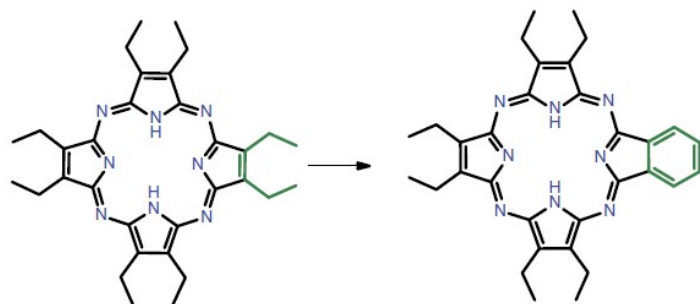
Energetically favored



RT deposition  
+  
Annealing  
275 °C

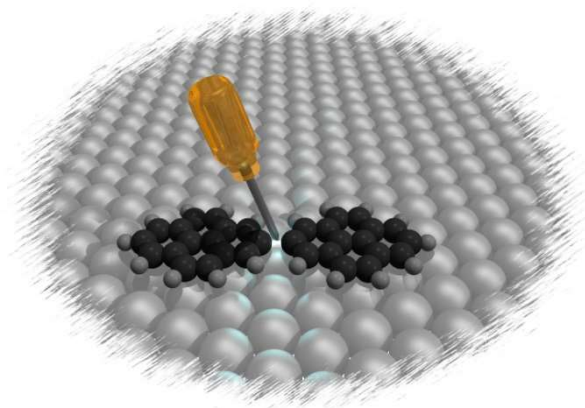
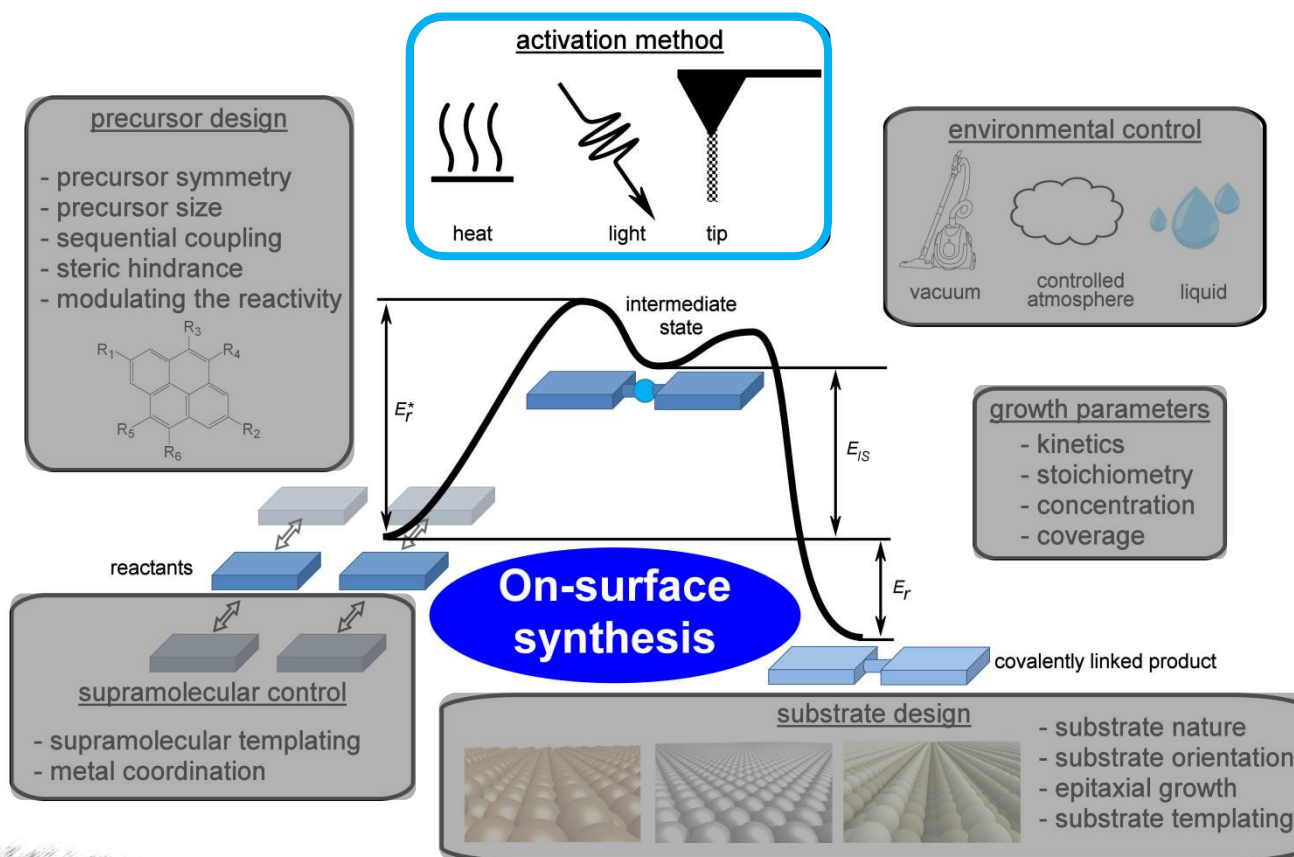
## Intermolecular versus intramolecular reaction

Kinetically favored



Deposition  
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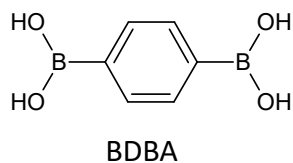
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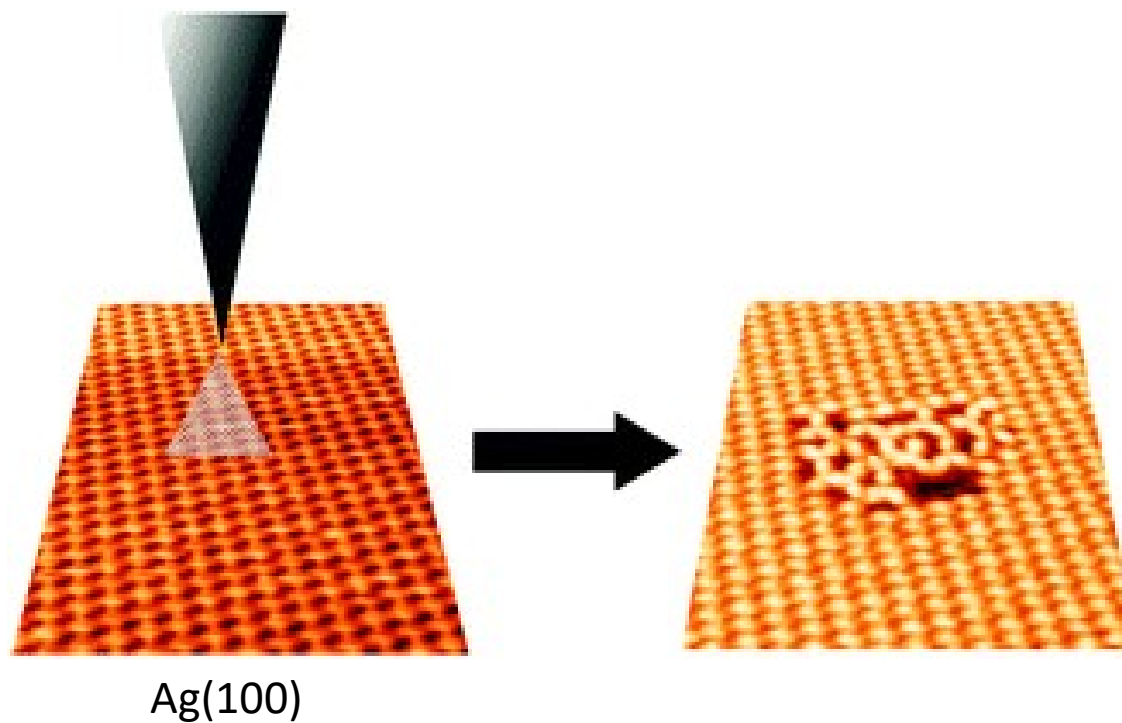
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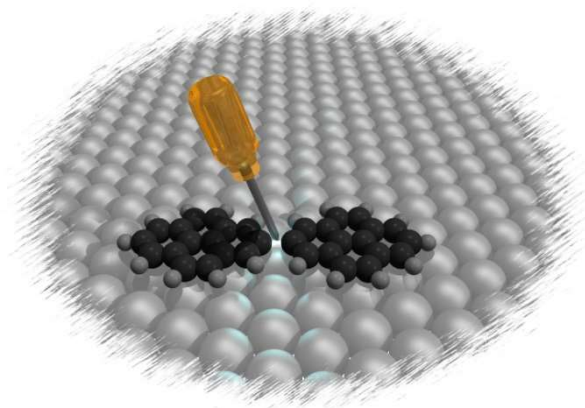
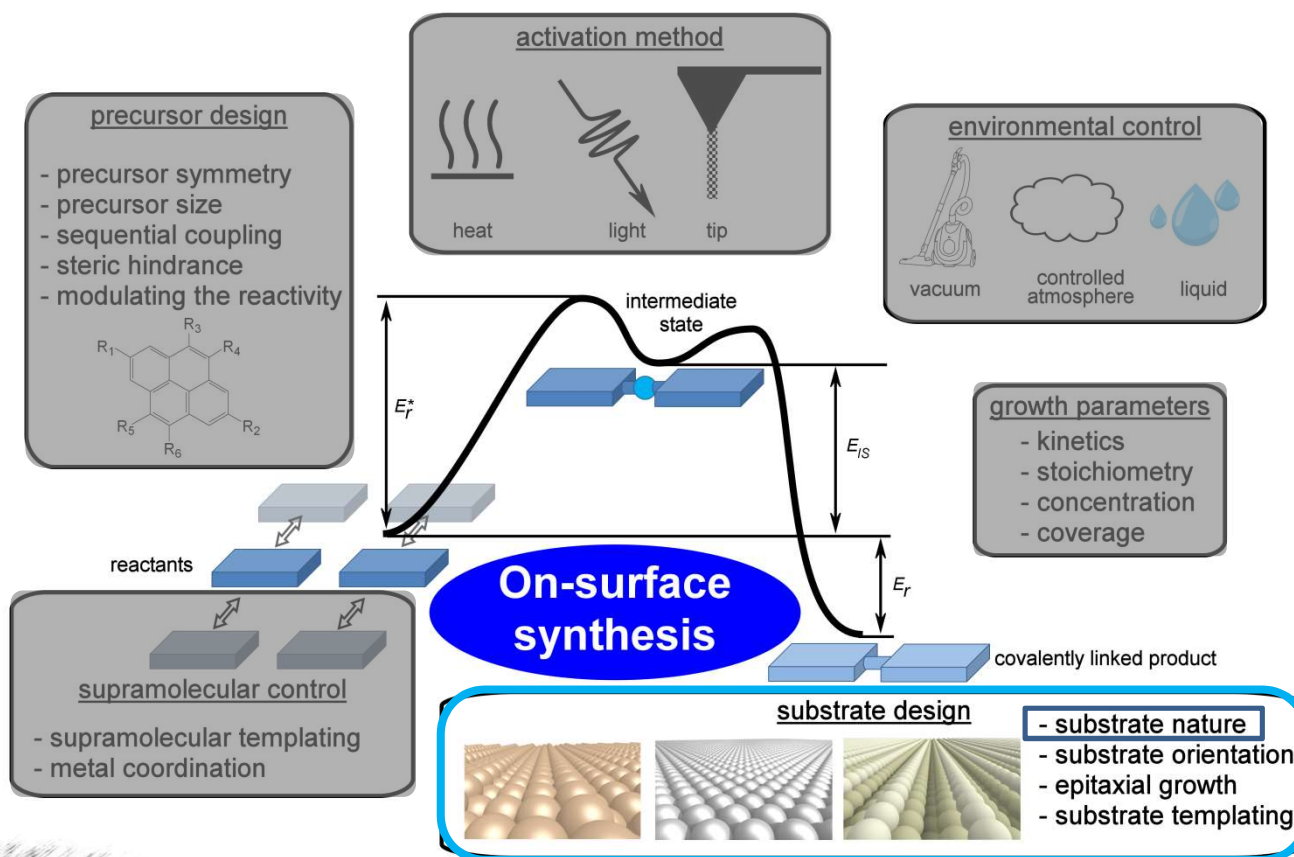
Boronic acid  
condensation



Reducing the tip-surface  
distance to remove some  
molecules



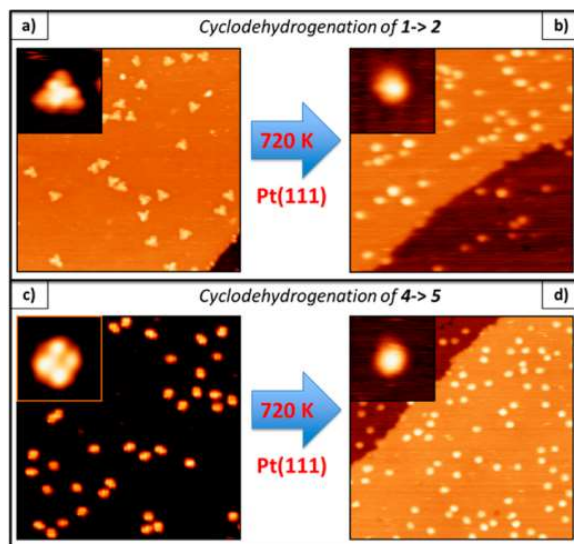
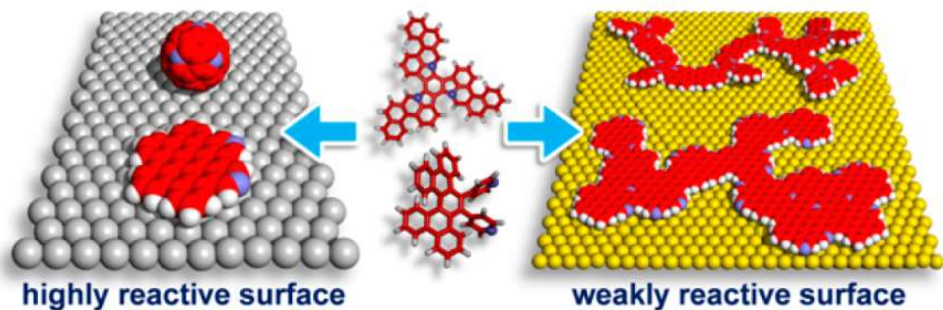
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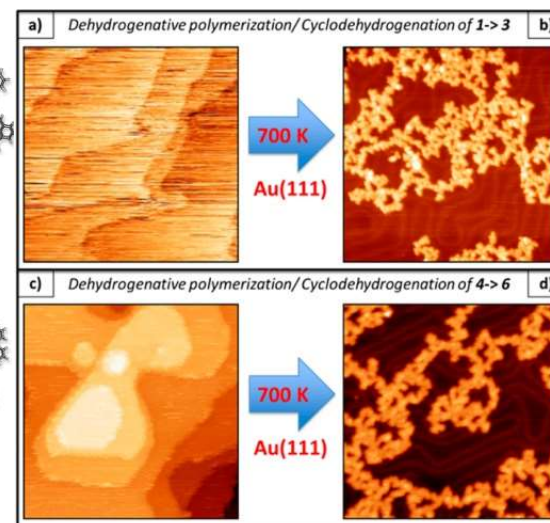
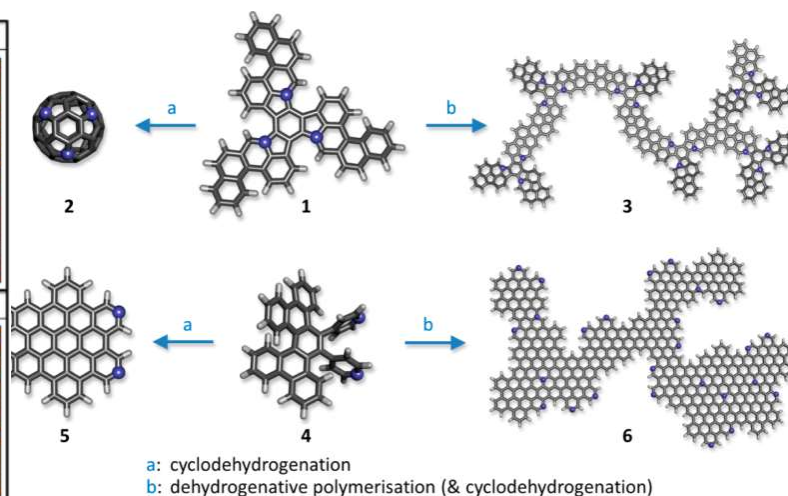
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# Intermolecular versus intramolecular reaction

Dehydrogenative coupling



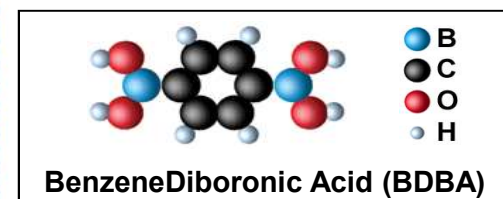
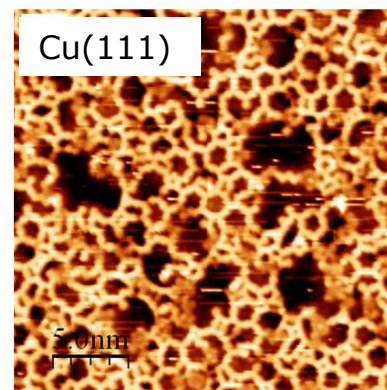
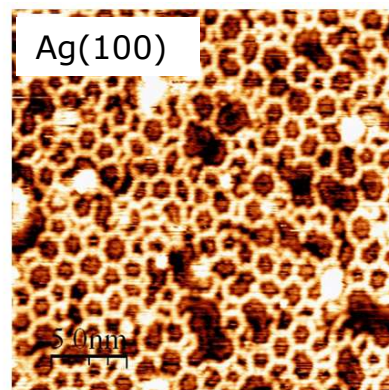
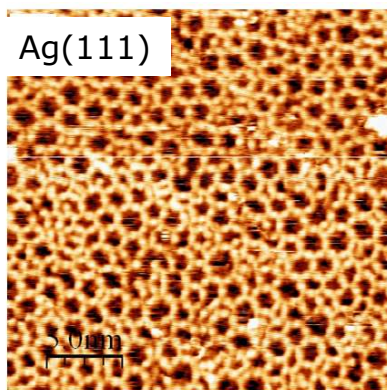
Pt(111)



Au(111)

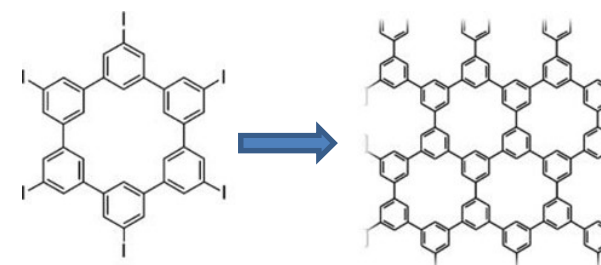
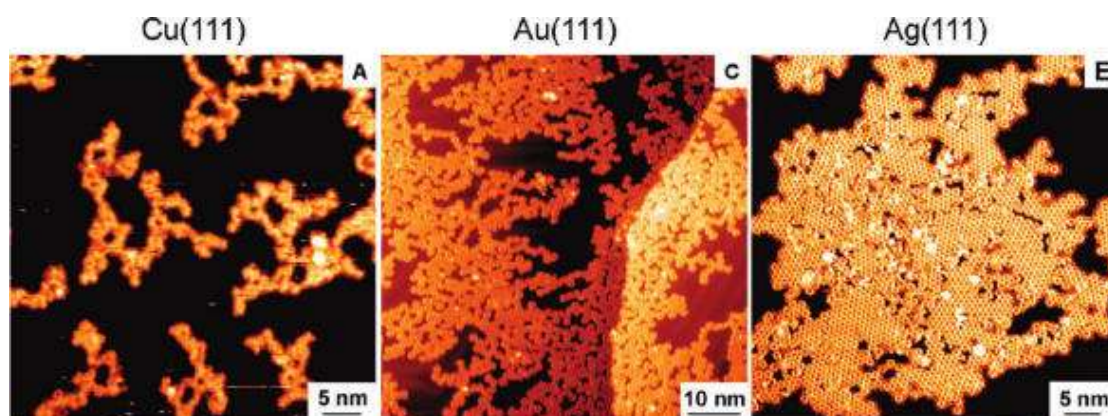
# Influence of substrate nature in polymer quality

## Boronic acid condensation



Ourdjini, *PRB* **84** 125421 (2011)

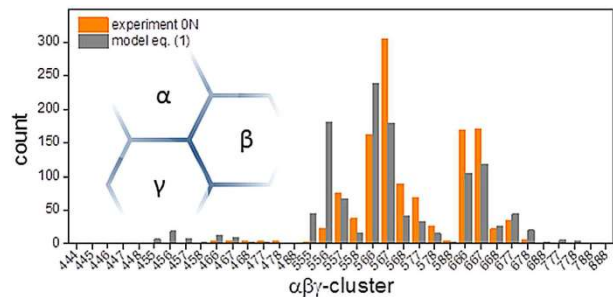
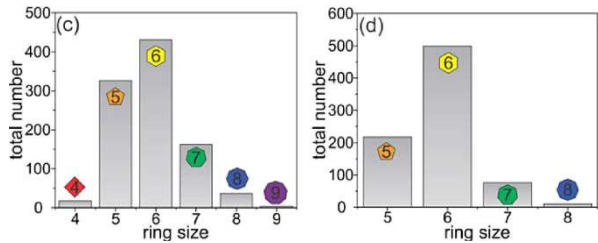
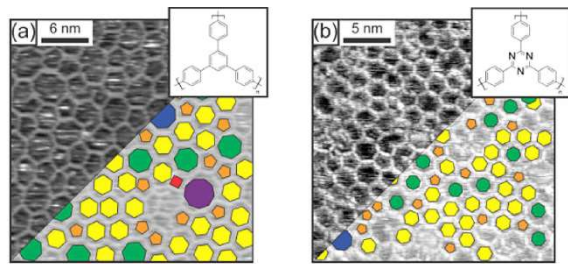
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Bieri, *JACS* **132**, 16669 (2010)

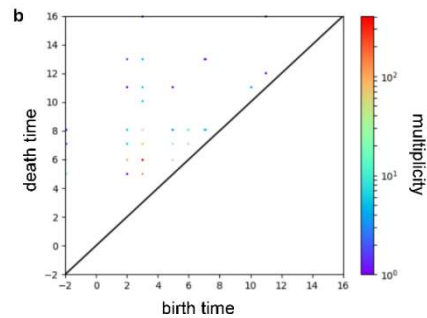
# Quantification of polymer quality

## Pore distribution and $\alpha\beta\gamma$ -clusters



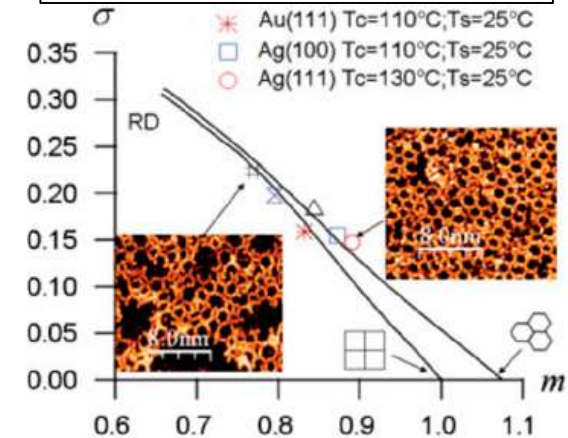
Alexa, *ChemPhysChem* (2019)

## Topological analysis Persistent homology

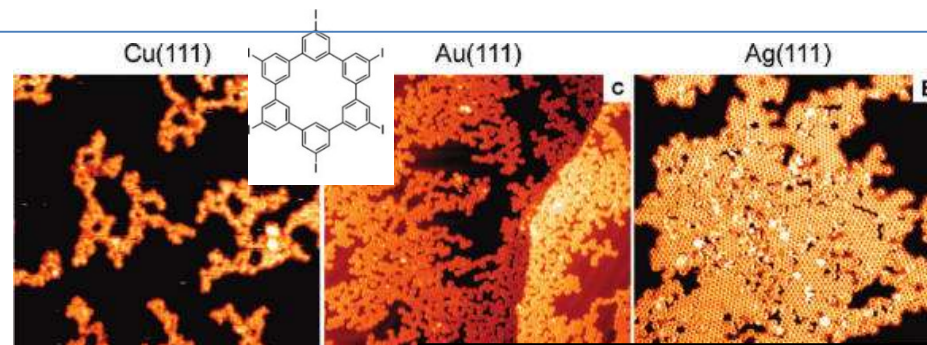


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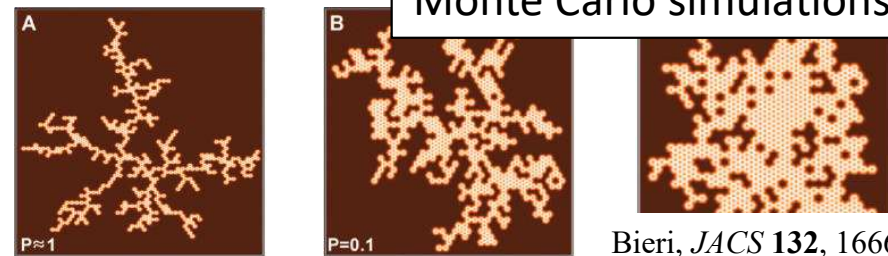
## Minimum spanning tree analysis



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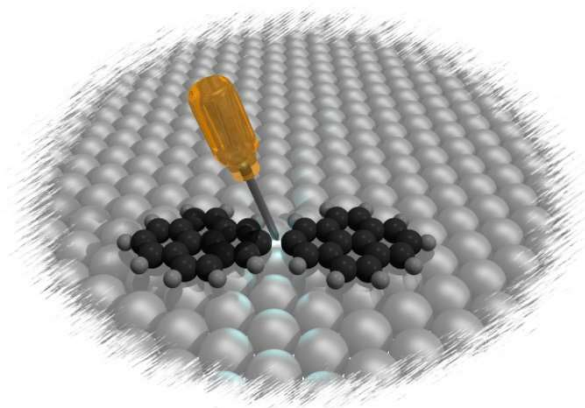
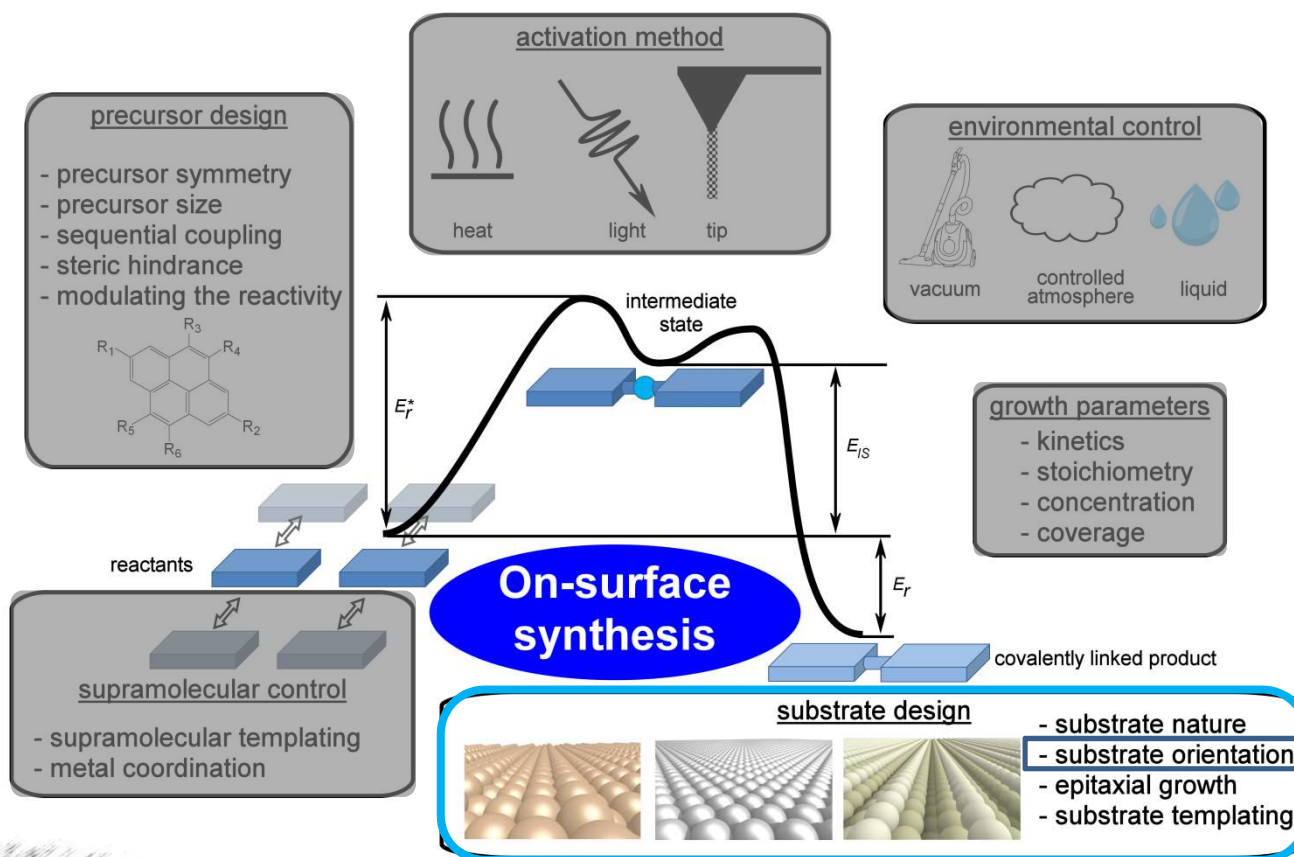


## Monte Carlo simulations



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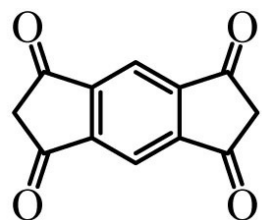
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Several tools and strategies are available to achieve effective control on the reaction products

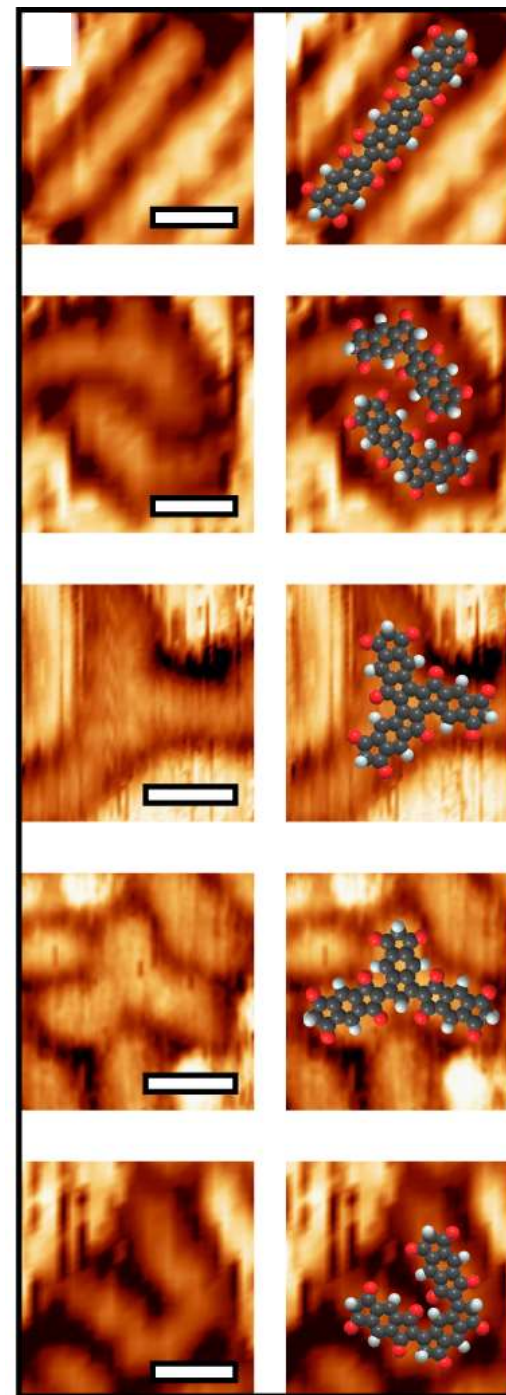
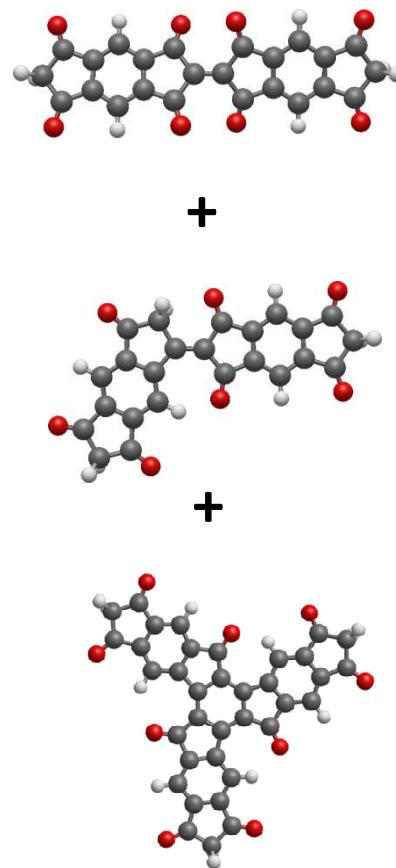
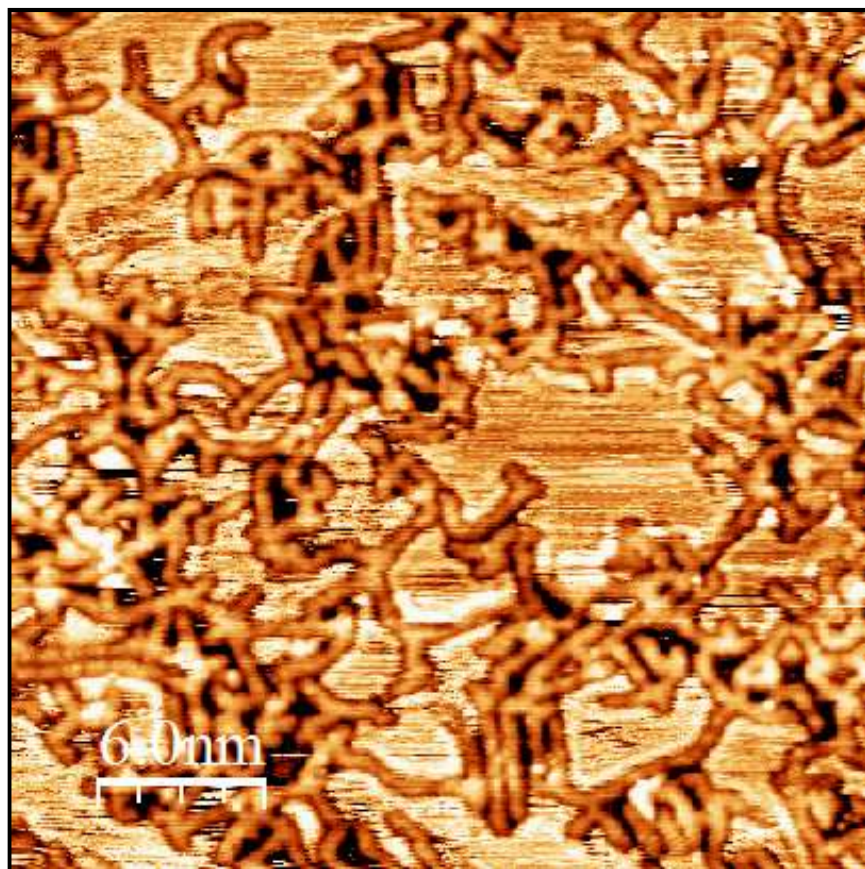


# On-surface covalent coupling on Ag(100)

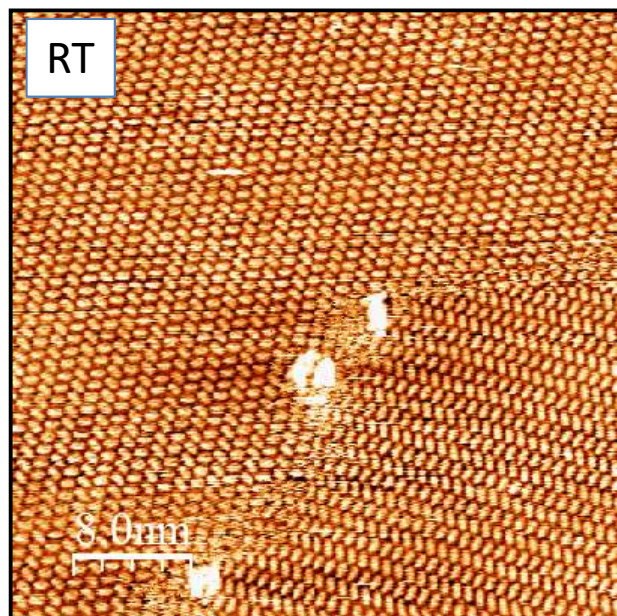


Indacene tetrone  
INDO<sub>4</sub>

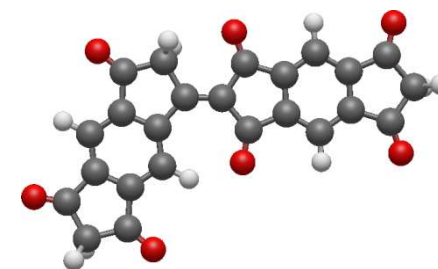
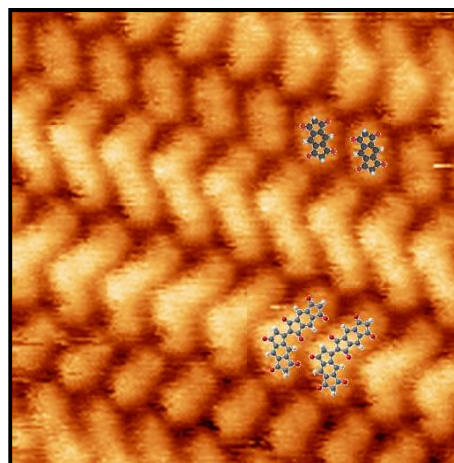
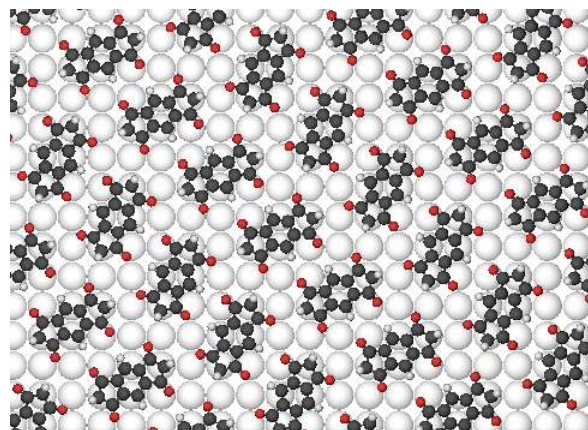
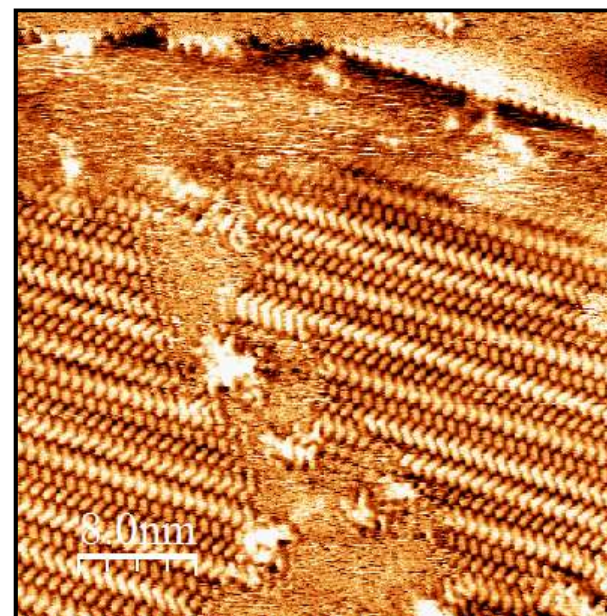
High temperature annealing (350 °C)



# Supramolecular phase on Ag(100)

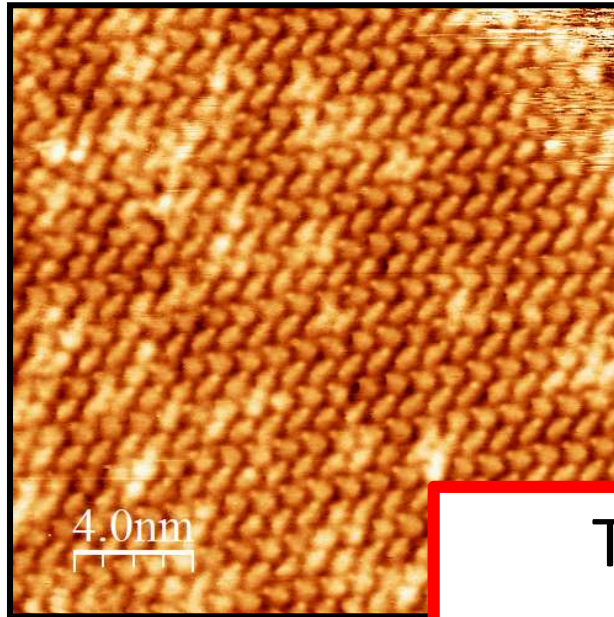


350°C  
→  
300°C

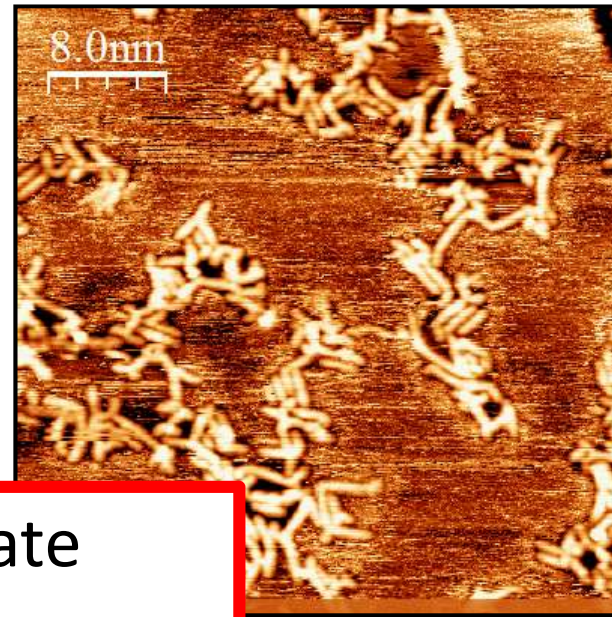


The temperature controls  
the reaction type

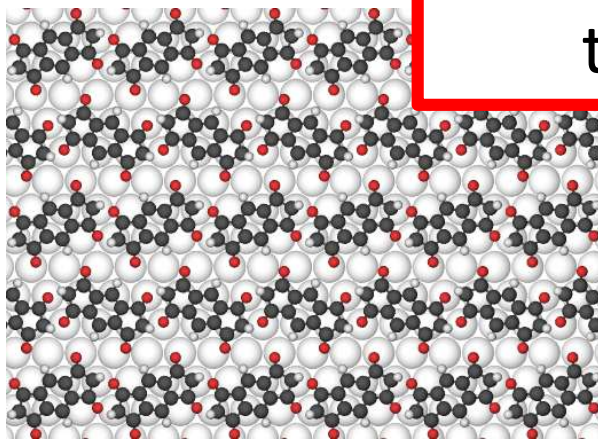
# On-surface covalent coupling on Ag(111)



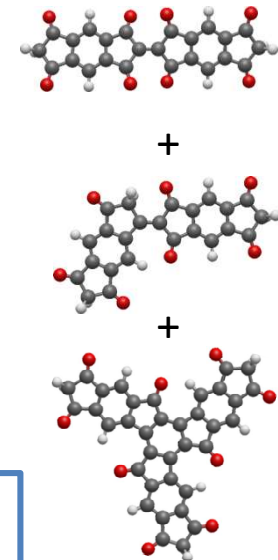
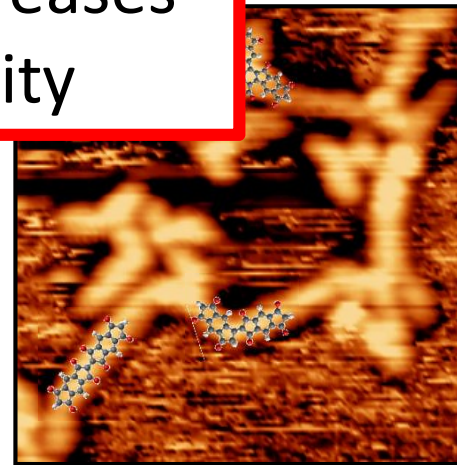
180°C



The substrate symmetry increases the reactivity

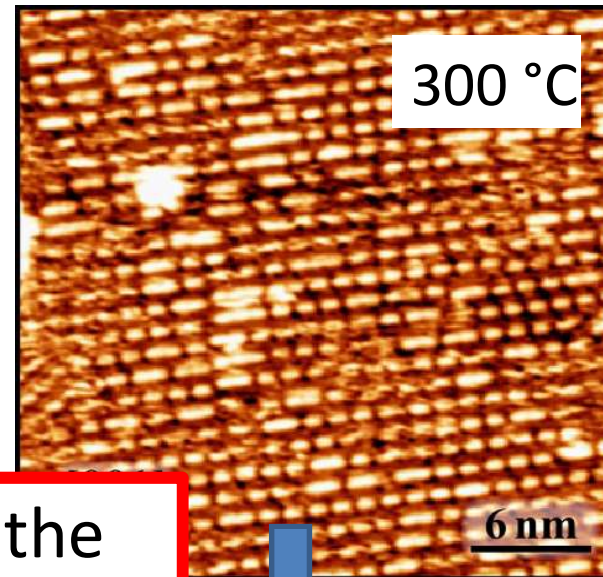
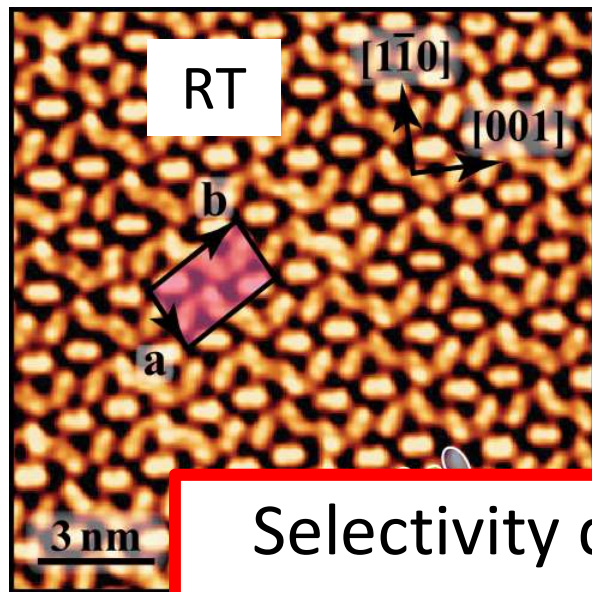


Herringbone phase

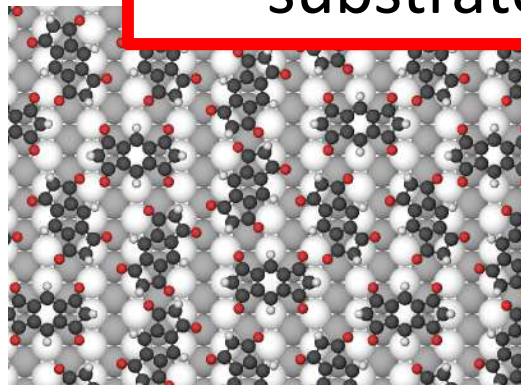


Similar to Ag(100) but with activation temperature  $\sim 100 - 150^\circ\text{C}$  lower

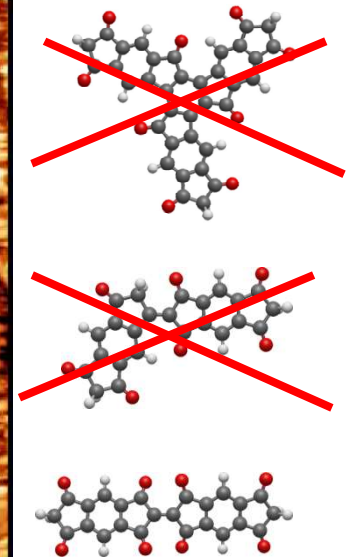
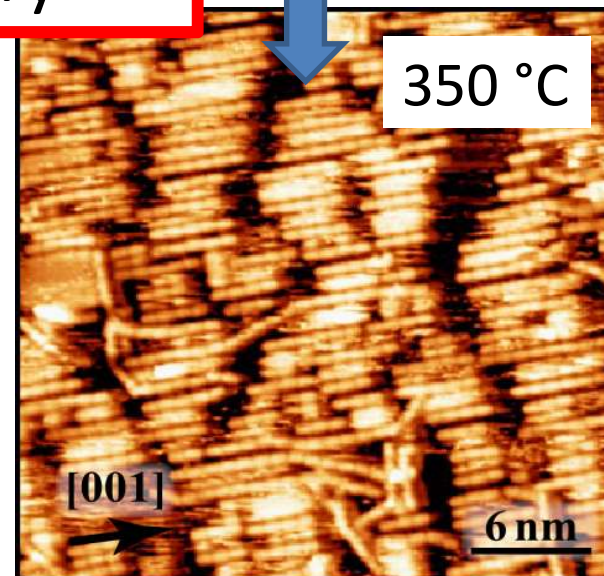
# On-surface covalent coupling on Ag(110)



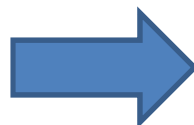
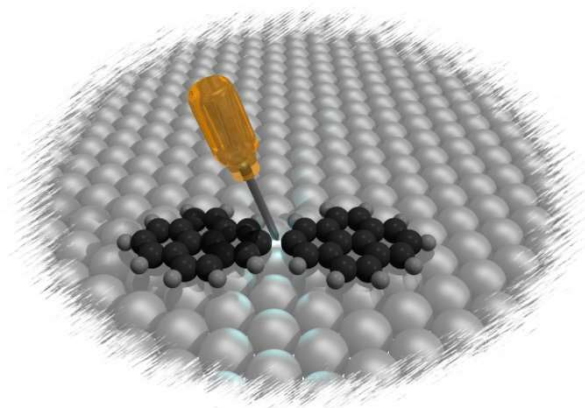
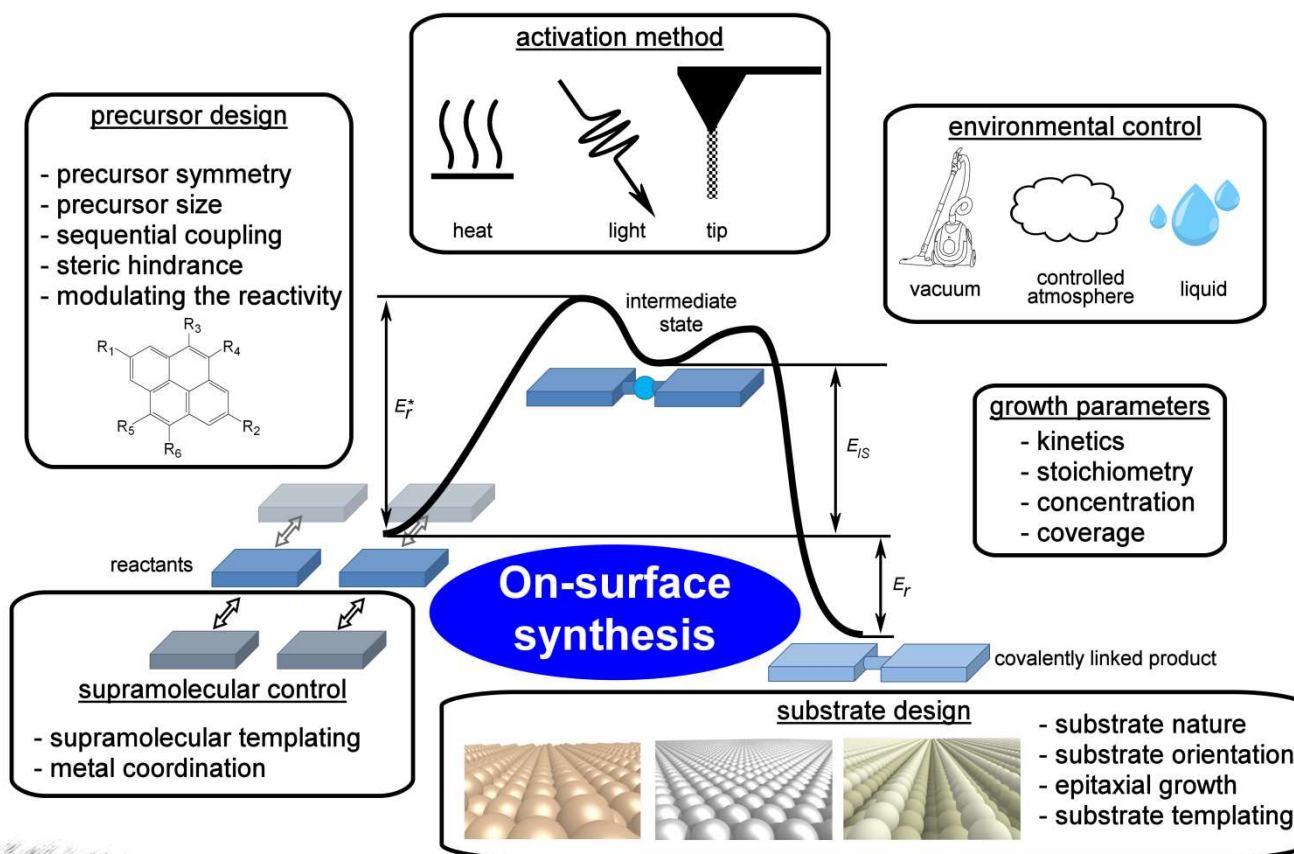
Selectivity driven by the substrate symmetry



The temperature controls the advancement

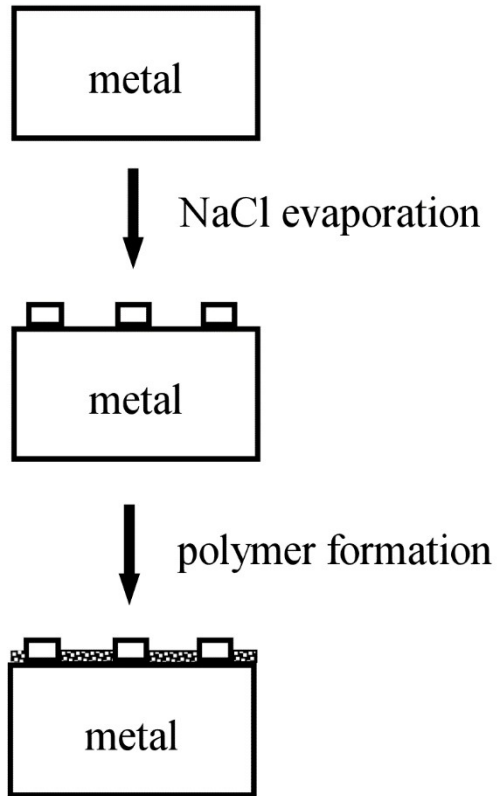


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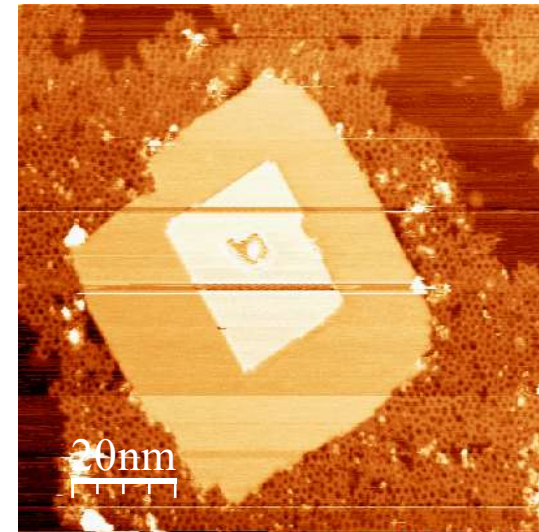
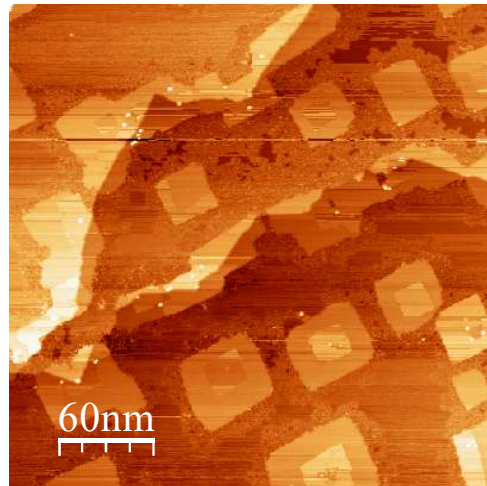
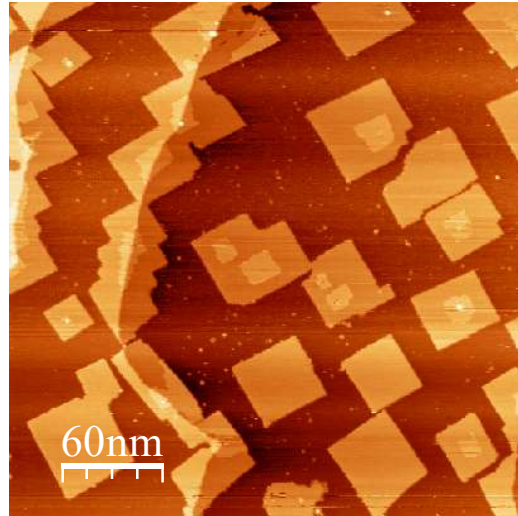


Advanced strategies

# Surface nanopatterning

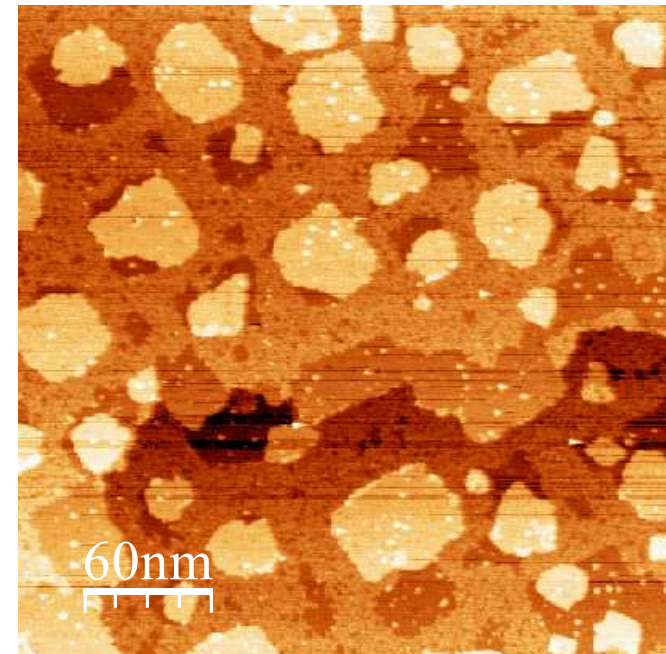
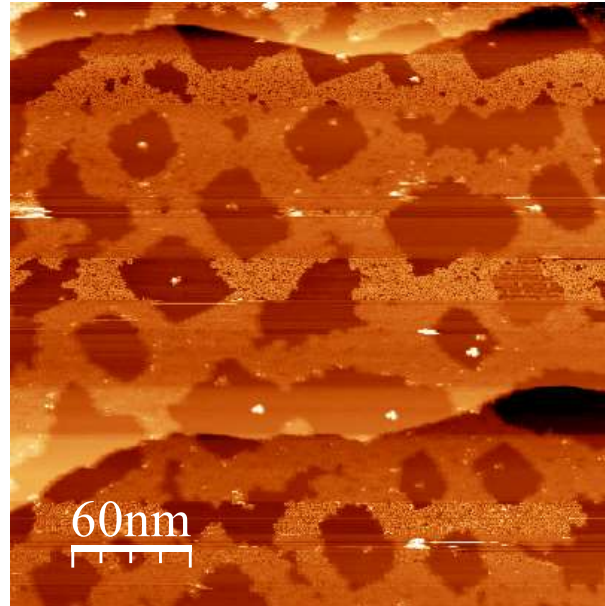
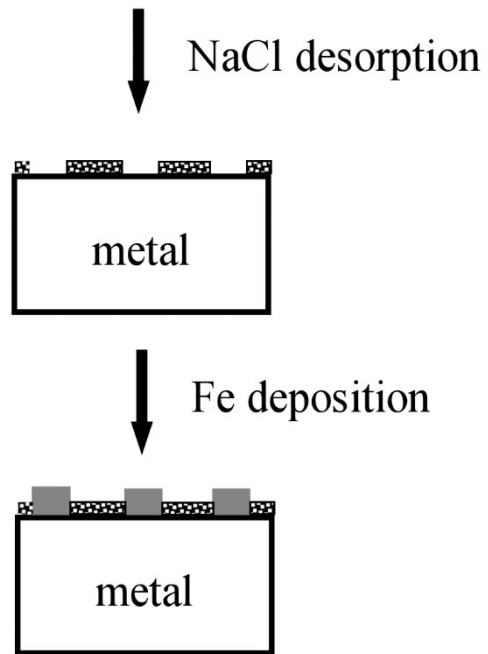


Ag(100)

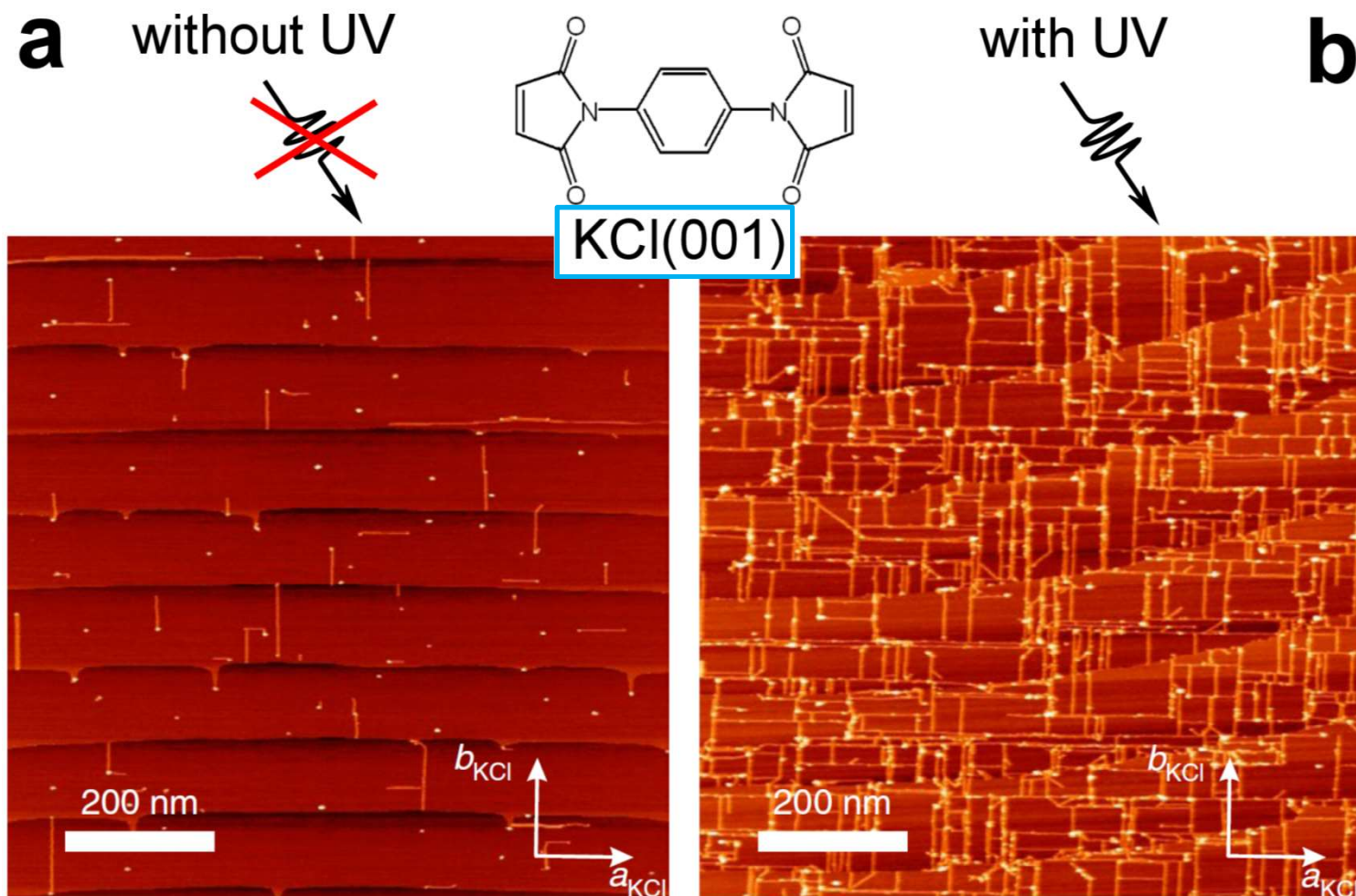


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# Surface nanopatterning



*On-surface synthesis on insulating substrates*





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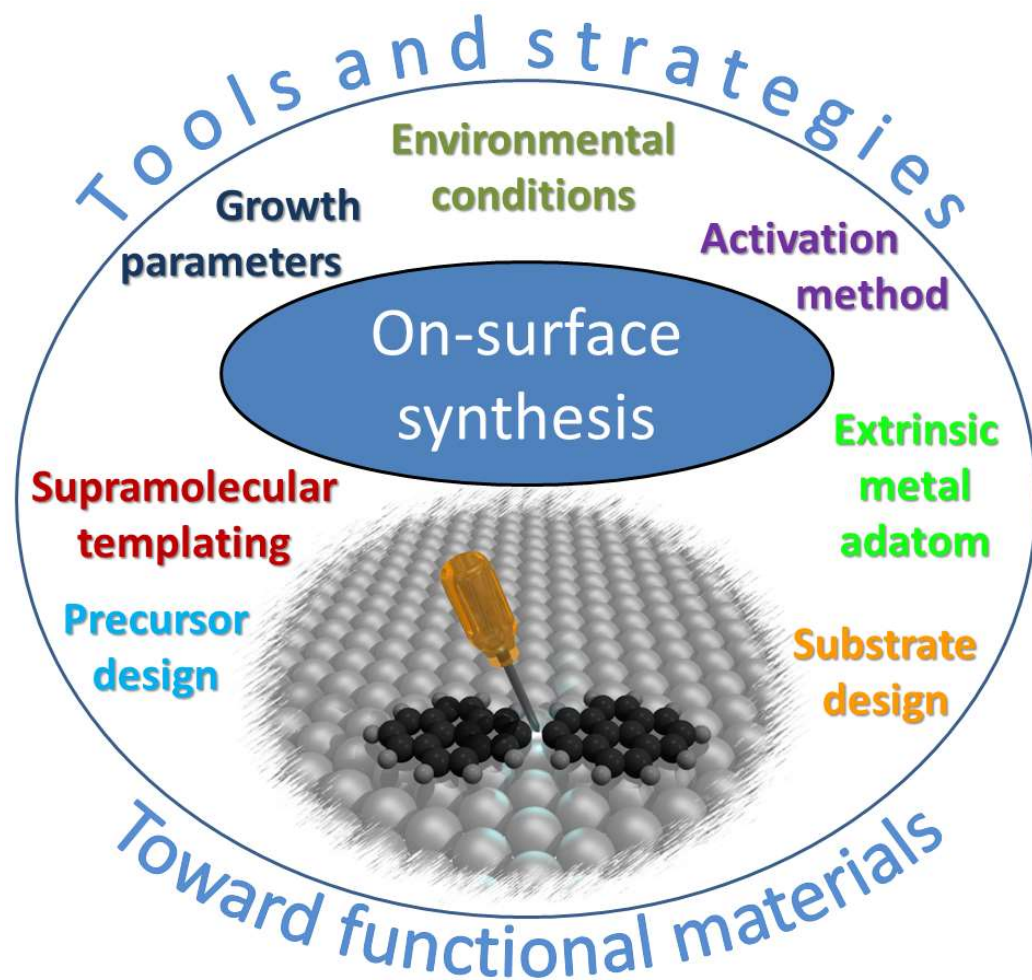
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