





Configuration and reactivity of diamondoids on a Cu(111) surface

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- diamondoids saturated cage hydrocarbons, structure comparable with the crystal lattice of diamond
- > structural rigidity, low strain, thermodynamic stability, lipophilicity
- higher diamondoids => more isomers

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Introduction



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isolation from petroleum



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tetramantane – first of the higher diamondoids







[121]tetramantane					
C _{2h} symmetry					
rod-shaped (anti)					

- ± [123]tetramantane C₂ symmetry helical (skew)
- [1(2)3]tetramantane C_{3v} symmetry disk-like (*iso*)

> the fourth cage can be "added" in 4 possible ways => 4 isomers

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Interactions between molecules in the formed monolayers

- deposition of tetramantanes on Cu(111) and Au(111) surfaces
- STM (scanning tunneling microscopy) and AFM (atomic force microscopy) study of the self-assembly and the formed 2D lattice
- quantification of London dispersion (LD) interactions using computational methods



London dispersion

- acting in molecules due to interactions between induced dipoles
- the effect grows with the number of atom pairs that are interacting
- pronounced in bulky, polarizable molecules



^tΒι

^tBu

Bu *,*⁴Bu

^rBu

^tBu

^tBu

^tBu

^tBu

^tBu

 the longest known alkane C–C bond

1.704

important in σ–σ
 interactions of graphane

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Cu(111) surface with a [121]tetramantane monolayer

5 -5 60 4 4 40 20 n 0, 0 height (pm) 3 -3 -2 – 2 -40 ·60 1 — 1 -0 — 0 1 2 3 0 4 5 0 2 3 4 5 1 x-position (nm) x-position (nm)

STM image

AFM image

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Ηz

y-position (nm)



Tetramantanes on metal surfaces





hydrogen in imaging plane
 hydrogen in surface plane
 specific hydrogen below/above imaging/surface plane



2.8 Hz

270 pm 👳

AFM images at different hights of the CO tip



[121]tetramantane is achiral but the molecules are adsorbed on the surface under an angle (5°), making the system chiral (on-surface chirality)



Quantification of attractive forces between two [121]tetramantanes using computational methods:

- density functional theory (DFT)
 - B3LYP functional with and without Grimme's D3 correction with Becke-Johnson (BJ) damping
 - M06-2X functional parametrized for medium-range correlation

Gaussian

ORCA 4

- second order Møller–Plesset perturbation theory (MP2)
- *ab initio* coupled cluster method (CCSD(T))
- complete basis set extrapolation (CBS)

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interaction energy => quantification of London dispersion attraction

$$\Delta H_{\text{interaction}} = H_{\text{complex}} - 2 H_{[121]\text{tetramantane}}$$





DLPNO-CCSD(T) method

- domain based local pair natural orbital (DLPNO) methodology largely improved in ORCA 4
- near linear scaling with system size (with respect to CPU and memory) => significant speeding of the CC technique
- CC computations on large systems
- Iocalization of internal orbitals => reduction of the number of electron pairs to be correlated (pair correlation energies fall off sharply with distance)
- truncation of pair natural orbitals (PNOs), enables faster convergence of the pair wavefunction
- PNO space for a given electron pair is local (located in the same region of space as the electron pair)



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Scaling comparison



Scaling behavior of the canonical CCSD, LPNO-CCSD and DLPNO-CCSD(T) methods







Crambin protein – the first protein treated with a CCSD(T) level *ab initio* method

DLPNO-CCSD(T)/def2-SVP, 644 atoms, single core of a Linux computer, 4 days Riplinger, C.; Sandhoefer, B.; Hansen, A.; Neese, F. J. Chem. Phys. **2013**, 139, 134101. ORCA Manual, https://orcaforum.cec.mpg.de/OrcaManual.pdf





Local Energy Decomposition (LED) analysis

- decomposing of coupled cluster energy into physical meaningful contributions => a new feature in ORCA 4
- insights into the nature of intermolecular interactions
- however, <u>only</u> the total energy is an observable and decomposition is to some extent arbitrary
- two fragments need to be defined and the corresponding interaction energy is decomposed
- TightPNO settings need to be defined for weakly interacting systems (e.g., London dispersion bound complexes)



ORCA Manual, https://orcaforum.cec.mpg.de/OrcaManual.pdf

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Table 1. Interaction energies, $\Delta H(0 \text{ K})$, for dispersion complexes of two [121]tetramantanes in kcal mol⁻¹.

Level of theory	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2
B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)	-8.8	-4.0	-5.7	-8.5	-7.4	-4.7	-7.5	-8.2
M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	-5.9	-2.6	-3.4	-5.4	-4.5	-2.2	-4.3	-4.7
RI-MP2/cc-pVDZ	-7.8	-3.3	-4.7	-8.0	-6.6	-3.7	-6.3	-7.4
RI-MP2/cc-pVTZ	-9.0	-3.7	-5.5	-8.9	-7.4	-4.2	-7.4	-8.4
RI-MP2/CBS	-9.9	-4.0	-6.1	-9.7	-8.1	-4.6	-8.1	-9.2
DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ	-6.3	-2.8	-3.7	-6.5	-5.3	-2.9	-4.9	-6.0
DLPNO-CCSD(T)/CBS	-8.3	-3.4	-5.1	-8.2	-6.8	-3.8	-6.7	-7.8
LED analysis (CCSD)	-7.2	-2.8	-4.5	-6.8	-5.9	-3.8	-6.3	-6.8
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^a Interaction energies are defined as a difference between the energy of the complex and the energy of two [121]tetramantane molecules. ^b ZPVEs used to obtain ΔH for MP2 and CCSD(T) computed at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.



Tetramantanes on metal surfaces





- type A and B of surface chirality for tetramantane islands
- composed of M_{surf} and P_{surf} type of [121]tetramantane molecules
- equal cell parameters but different orientation

e) type A (P_{surf}) island on Cu(111) f) 2 type A (P_{surf}) islands on Au(111) g) type A (M_{surf}) island on Au(111)

Tetramantanes on metal surfaces





- close contacts between [121]tetramantane molecules on a Ag(111) surface; selected H–H distances are given in Å and values in parentheses correspond to the distances on a Cu(111) surface
- structures computed at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p) level of theory







 computed structure of dispersion complexes consisting of four
 [121]tetramantanes superimposed on the AFM image

Table 2. Interaction energies, ΔE , of dispersion complexes of four [121]tetramantanes in kcal mol⁻¹.

	Туре	ΔE	Туре	ΔE
Au(111)	A (+5°)	-19.3	A (–5°)	-19.1
Au(111)	B (+5°)	73.6	B (–5°)	-4.4
Cu(111)	A (+5°)	-20.6	A (–5°)	-19.5
Cu(111)	B (+5°)	33.7	B (–5°)	-7.0

AFM imaging found only type A on both metal surfaces => in line with computational results







P. R. Schreiner, A. A. Fokin, H. P. Reisenauer, B. A. Tkachenko, E. Vass, M. M. Olmstead, D. Bläser, R. Boese, J. E. P. Dahl, R. M. K. Carlson, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 11292; A. T. Balaban, D. C. Young, J. Plavec, K. Pečnik, M. ¹⁹ Pompe, J. E. P. Dahl, R. M. K. Carlson, *Magn. Reson. Chem.* **2015**, *53*, 1003.





- different orientations of (M)-[123]tetramantane
- patterns: Olympic rings (d,g), triangle (e,h) and rhombus (f,i)







- [123]tetramantanes on Cu (111) with the Olympic ring pattern
- ➤ absolute configuration can be determined by locating two specific hydrogen atoms (red) ≈130 pm below the imaging plane





(M)- and (P)-[123]tetramantane on Cu(111); tilting by +4.8°
 ((M)-type) and -4.2° ((P)-type) caused by attractive forces
 between the two specific hydrogens and the Cu surface atoms







- [123]tetramantane
 forms two-molecule
 LD complexes on a
 Cu(111) surface
- both homochiral (M-M and P-P) and heterochiral (M-P) pairs were found when a racemate was used

a, b (P,P) dimer
c, d (M,P) dimer
e, f (M,M) dimer



Table 2. Interaction energies, $\Delta H(0 \text{ K})$, for dispersion complexes of (*M*)- and (*P*)- [123]tetramantanes in kcal mol⁻¹.

Level of theory	MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4	MP5	MP6
B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)	-5.1	-7.7	-6.4	-7.7	-6.2	-6.4
M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	-3.4	-5.9	-3.5	-4.7	-4.0	-4.2
RI-MP2/cc-pVDZ	-4.2	-6.9	-5.4	-6.4	-5.5	-5.4
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DLPNO-CCSD(T)/CBS	-4.4	-6.9	-5.5	-6.7	-5.5	-5.6
LED analysis (CCSD)	-4.0	-6.6	-5.2	-6.6	-4.9	-5.1



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reactivity of 4,9-diamantane dicarboxylic acid (DDA) on Cu(111)



stepwise dehydrogenation and deoxygenation



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> self-assembled DDA on a Cu(111) surface engaging in hydrogen bonding







- formation of single chains on the Cu(111) surface => dehydrogenation as the first step upon thermal treatment
- formation of double chains on the Cu(111) surface => dehydroxylated DDA molecules forming double chains with a copper atom in the middle





- semiempirical computations of DDA molecules on a Cu(111) surface using the GFN-xTB approach
- GFN-xTB = Geometry, Frequency, Noncovalent, eXtended Tight Binding



Grimme, S.; Bannwarth, C.; Shushkov, P. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2017, 13, 1989.





(a) two DDA molecules engaging in hydrogen bonding, (b) individual DDA formed upon thermal treatment, (c) dehydrogenated DDA interacting with the copper surface *via* the carboxylate group, (d) dehydrogenated DDA interacting with the copper surface *via* the acid group.



Reactivity of a diamantane diacid on metal surfaces





Dimers with C binding a central Cu that is (a) above the plane , (b) below the plane, (c, d) O binding a central Cu that is in the plane, (e) cage C atoms binding a central Cu that is below the plane.





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double chain on the Cu(111) surface



nanowire consisting of a row of single copper atoms





metallic chain anchored by DDA scaffolds on a Cu(111) surface





Computed structure $d_1(\underline{C}OOH-\underline{C}OOH) = 1.85 \text{ nm}$ $d_2(\underline{C}H-\underline{C}H) = 0.38 \text{ nm}$ **AFM image of double chains** $d_1 = 1.85 \pm 0.02$ nm $d_2 = d_3 = 0.37 \pm 0.02$ nm





Summary

- self-assembly of [121]tetramantanes on metal surfaces driven by London dispersion => uniform 2D lattice
- dispersion stabilization less for [123]tetramantanes => homochiral and heterochiral pairs on the surface
- tilting of tetramantane molecules => interaction with the surface
- DDA molecules form a 2D network of hydrogen bonds
- upon thermal annealing DDA undergoes dehydrogenation and then dehydroxylation
- Formation of single and double chains
- > molecular copper nanowire anchored by DDA scaffolds



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