

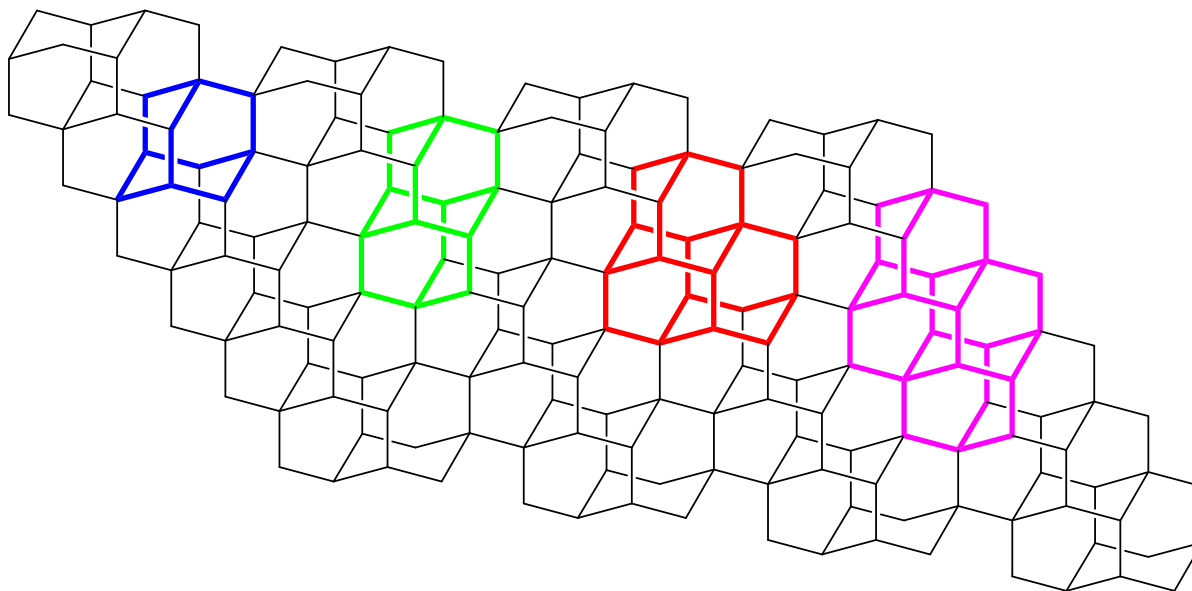
Configuration and reactivity of diamondoids on a Cu(111) surface

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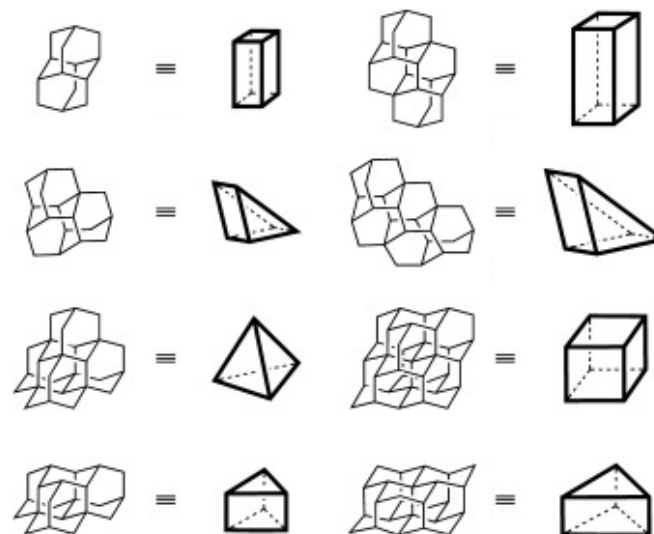
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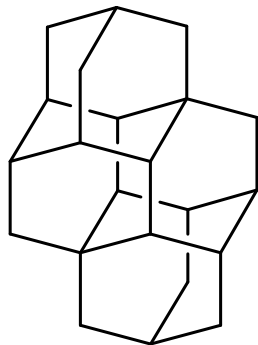


- diamondoids – saturated cage hydrocarbons, structure comparable with the crystal lattice of diamond
- structural rigidity, low strain, thermodynamic stability, lipophilicity
- higher diamondoids => more isomers

➤ isolation from petroleum

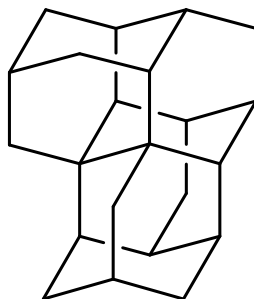


➤ tetramantane – first of the higher diamondoids



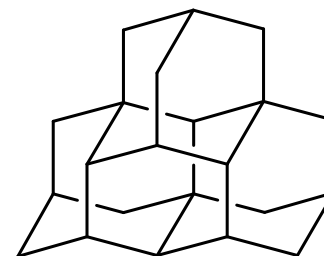
[121]tetramantane

C_{2h} symmetry
rod-shaped (*anti*)



± [123]tetramantane

C_2 symmetry
helical (*skew*)



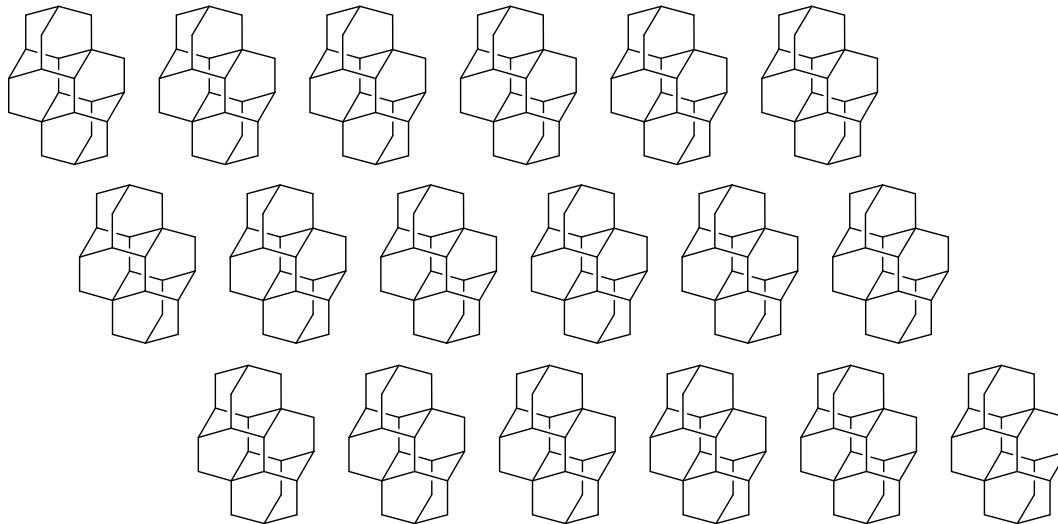
[1(2)3]tetramantane

C_{3v} symmetry
disk-like (*iso*)

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

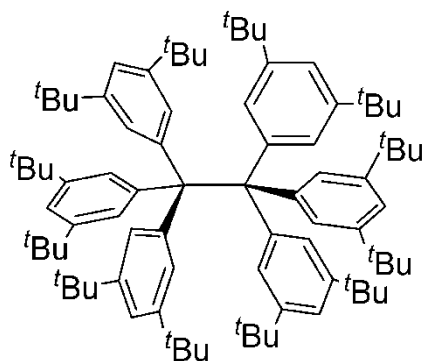
Interactions between molecules in the formed monolayers

- 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

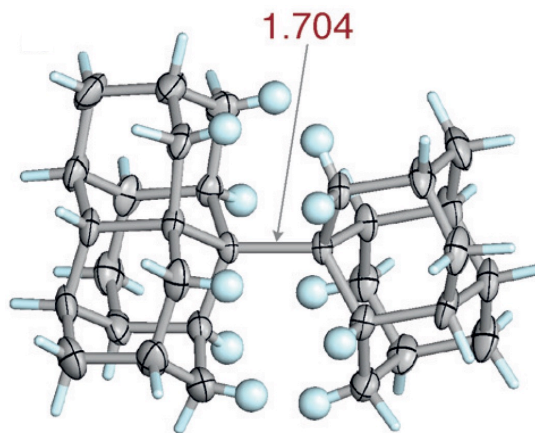


London dispersion

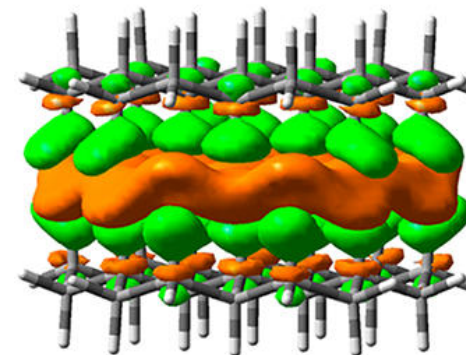
- acting in molecules due to interactions between induced dipoles
- the effect grows with the number of atom pairs that are interacting
- pronounced in bulky, polarizable molecules



- hexaphenylethane
stabilized with *t*Bu groups



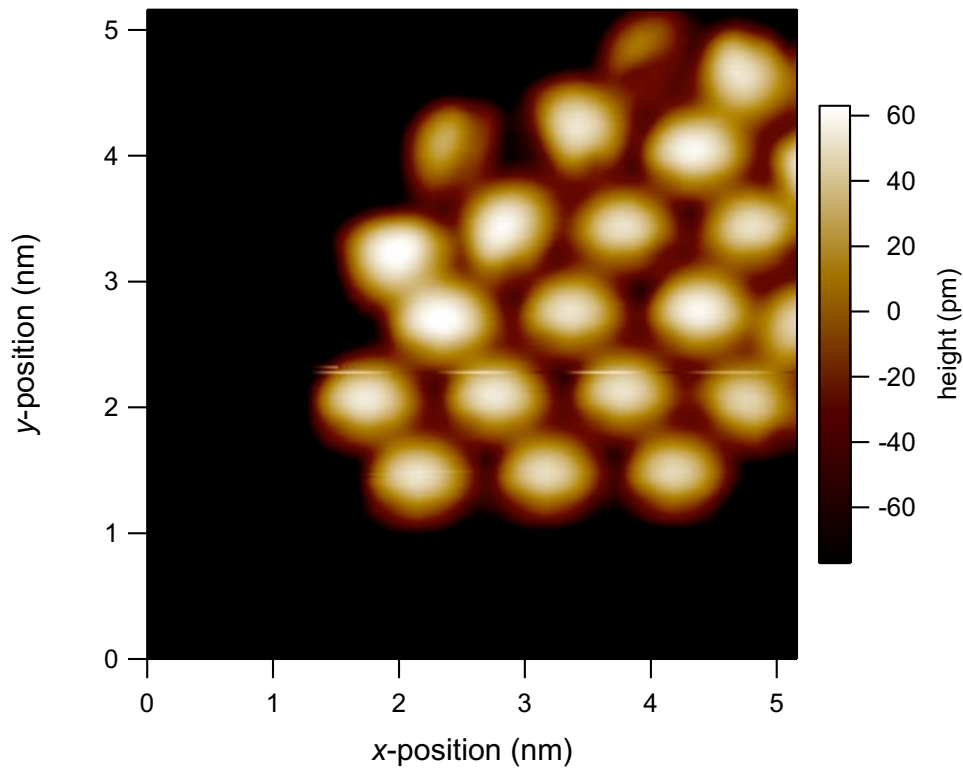
- the longest known
alkane C–C bond



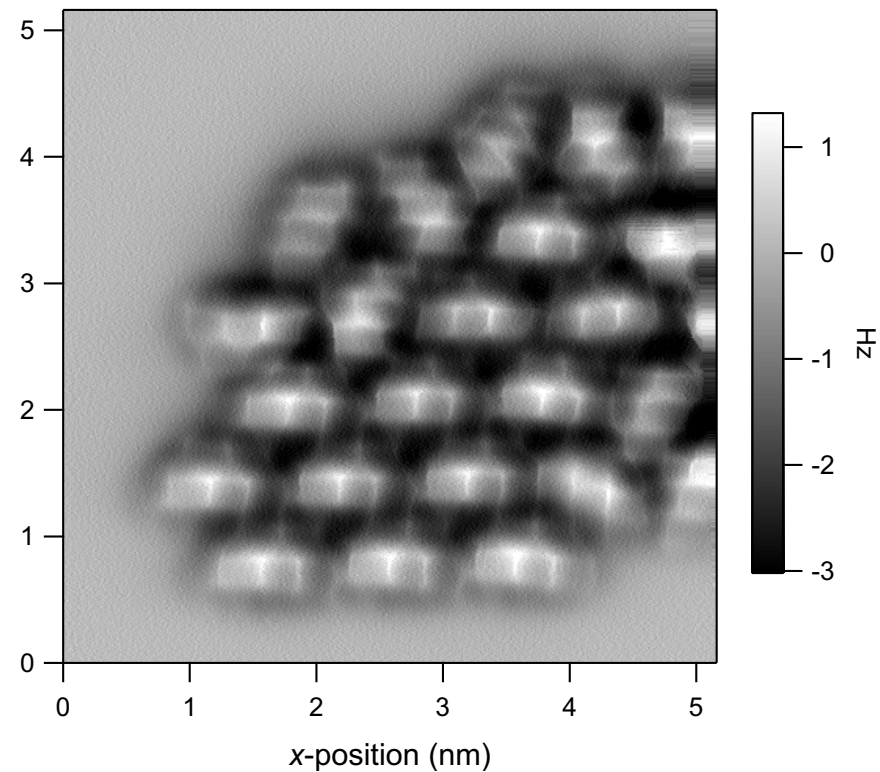
- important in σ – σ
interactions of graphene

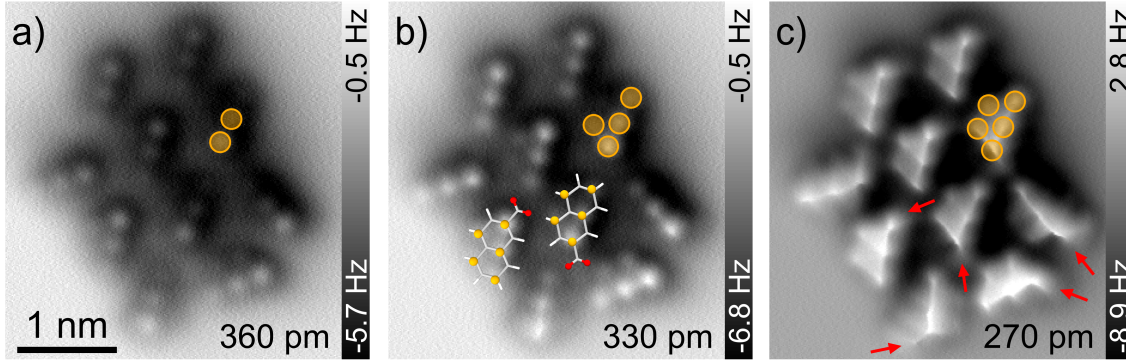
➤ Cu(111) surface with a [121]tetramantane monolayer

STM image



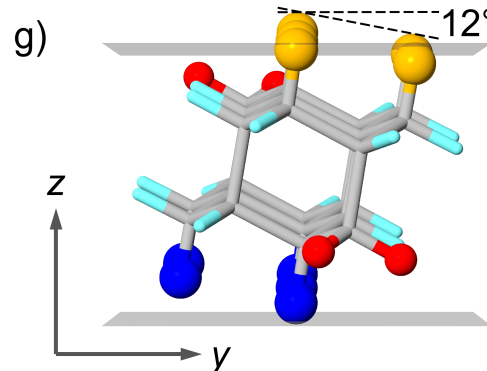
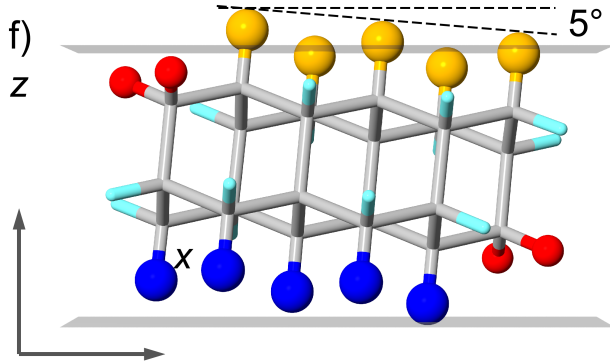
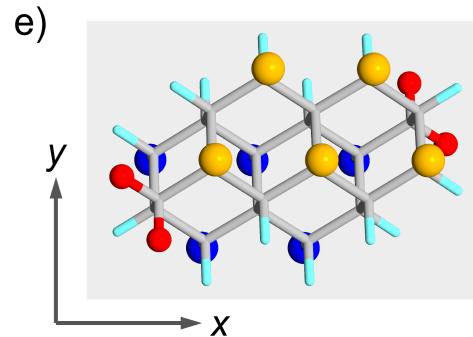
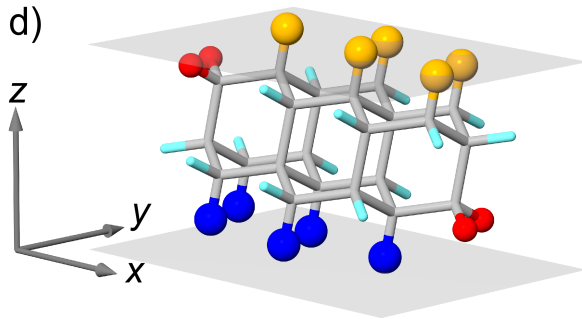
AFM image





← AFM images at different heights of the CO tip

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



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

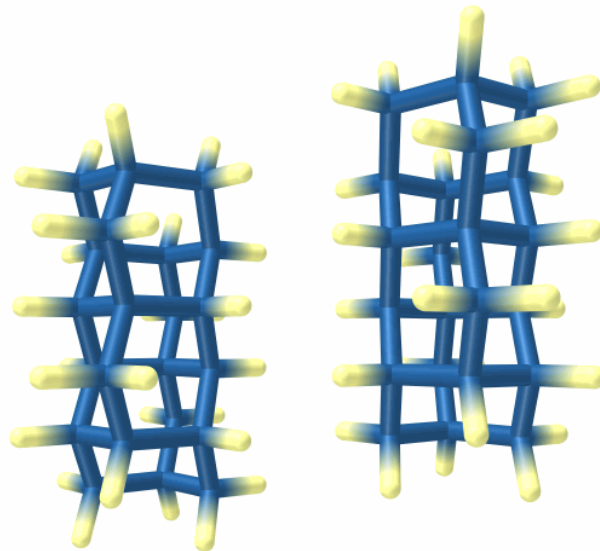
Gaussian

ORCA 4

- different orientations of [121]tetramantane dimers computed

interaction energy => quantification of London dispersion attraction

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

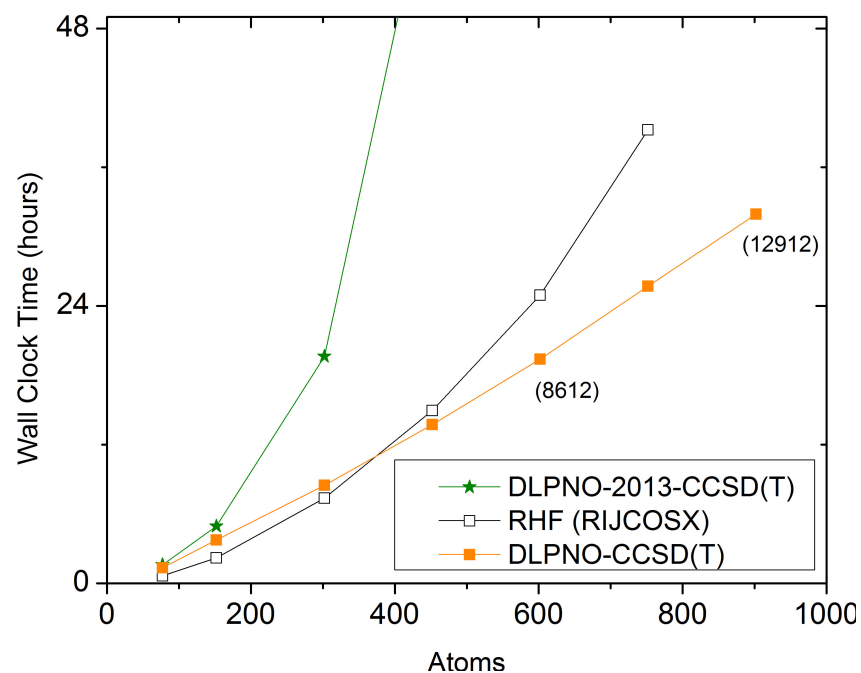
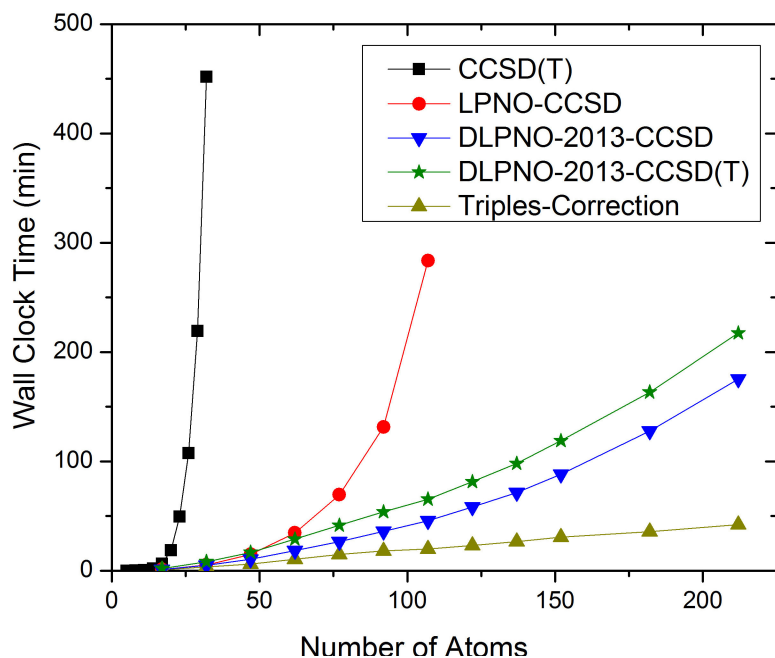


DLPNO-CCSD(T) method

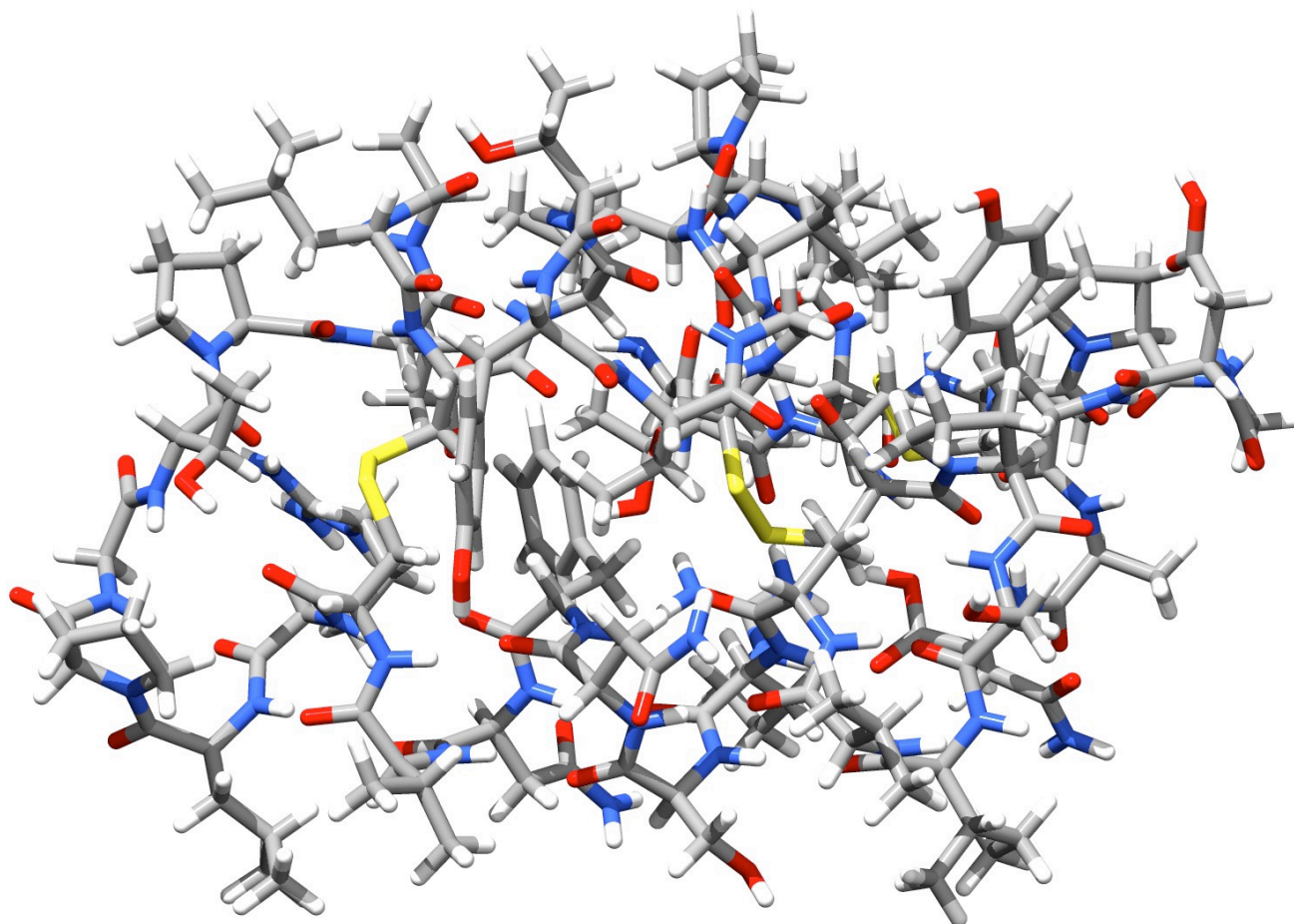
- domain based local pair natural orbital (DLPNO) methodology largely improved in ORCA 4
- near linear scaling with system size (with respect to CPU and memory) => significant speeding of the CC technique
- CC computations on large systems
- localization of internal orbitals => reduction of the number 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)



Scaling comparison



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



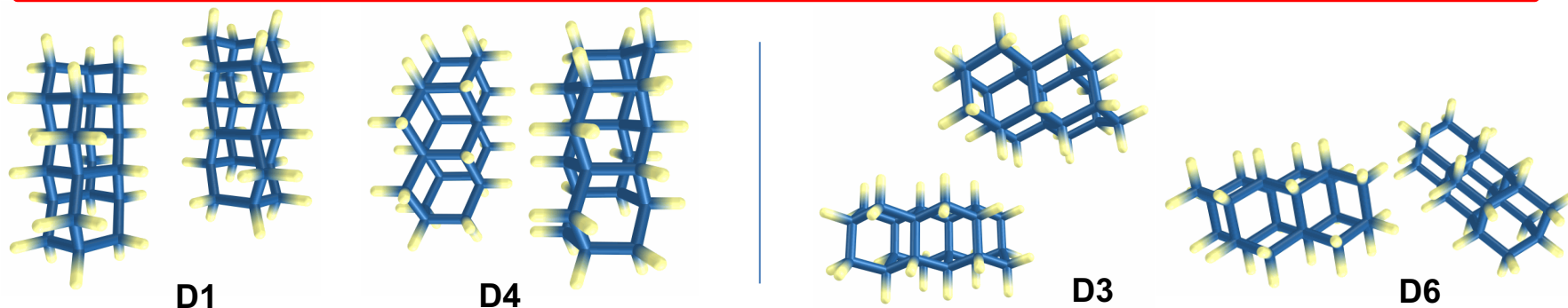
Crambin protein – the first protein treated with a CCSD(T) level *ab initio* method

Local Energy Decomposition (LED) analysis

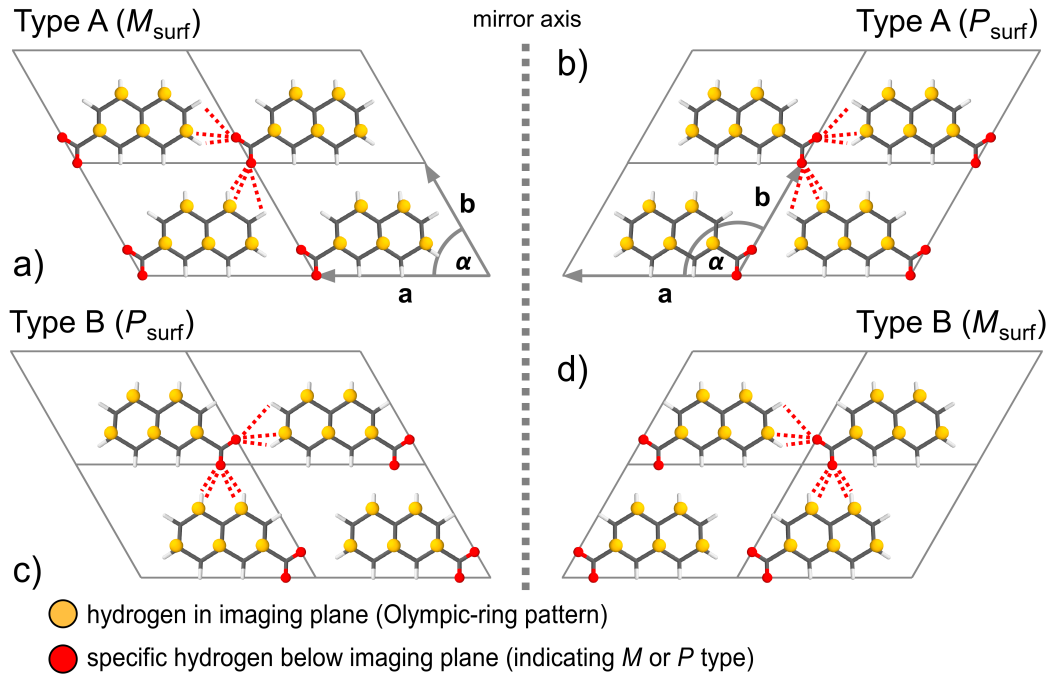
- decomposing of coupled cluster energy into physical meaningful contributions => a new feature in **ORCA 4**
- insights into the nature of intermolecular interactions
- however, only the total energy is an observable and decomposition is to some extent **arbitrary**
- **two fragments** need to be defined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

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

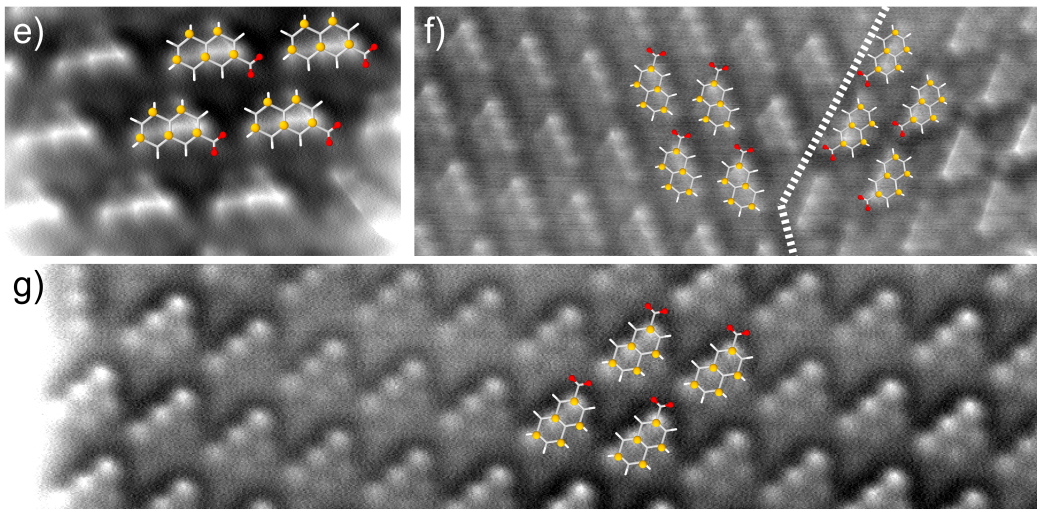
Level of theory	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2
B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)	-8.8	-4.0	-5.7	-8.5	-7.4	-4.7	-7.5	-8.2
M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	-5.9	-2.6	-3.4	-5.4	-4.5	-2.2	-4.3	-4.7
RI-MP2/cc-pVDZ	-7.8	-3.3	-4.7	-8.0	-6.6	-3.7	-6.3	-7.4
RI-MP2/cc-pVTZ	-9.0	-3.7	-5.5	-8.9	-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



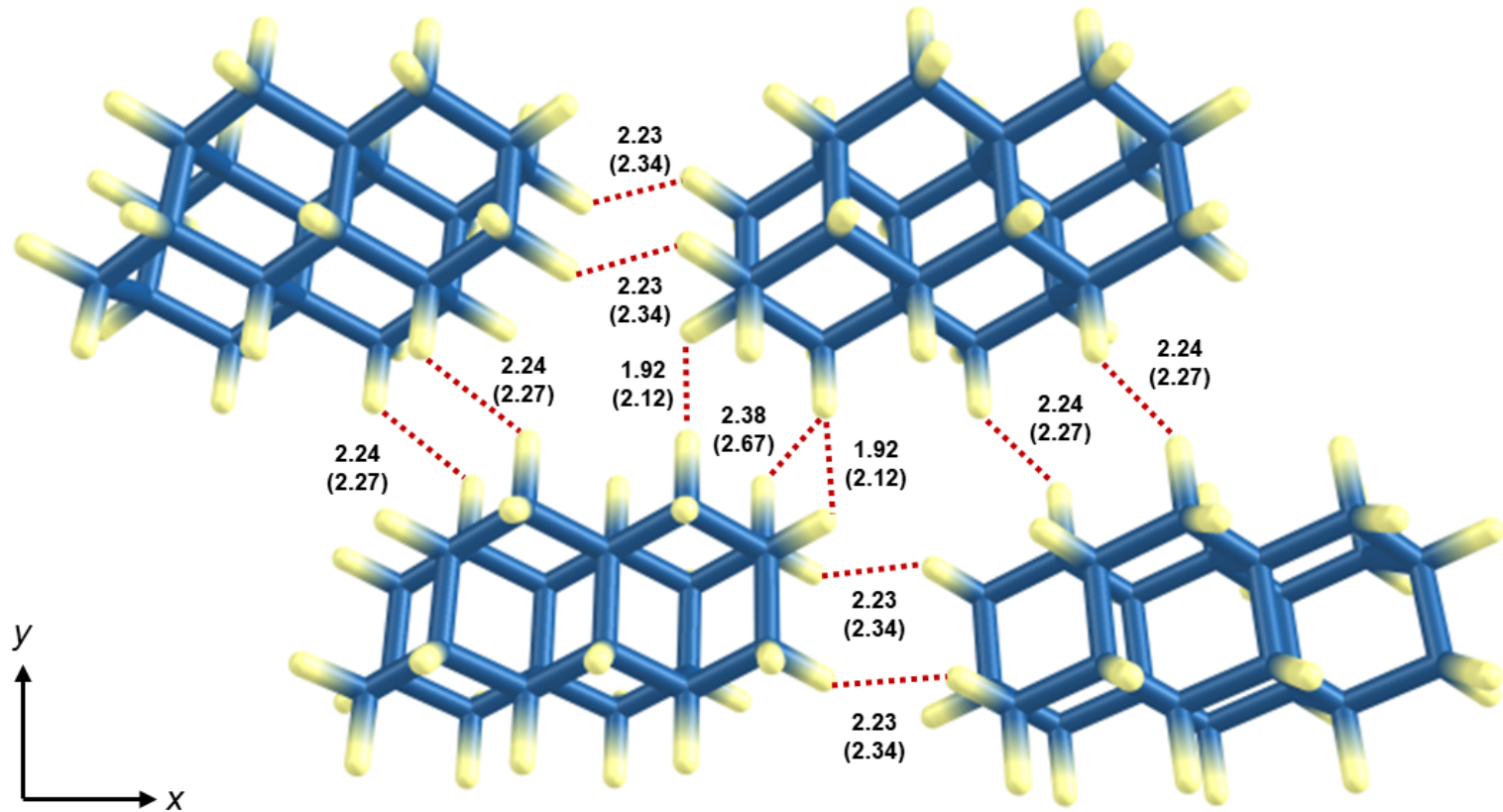
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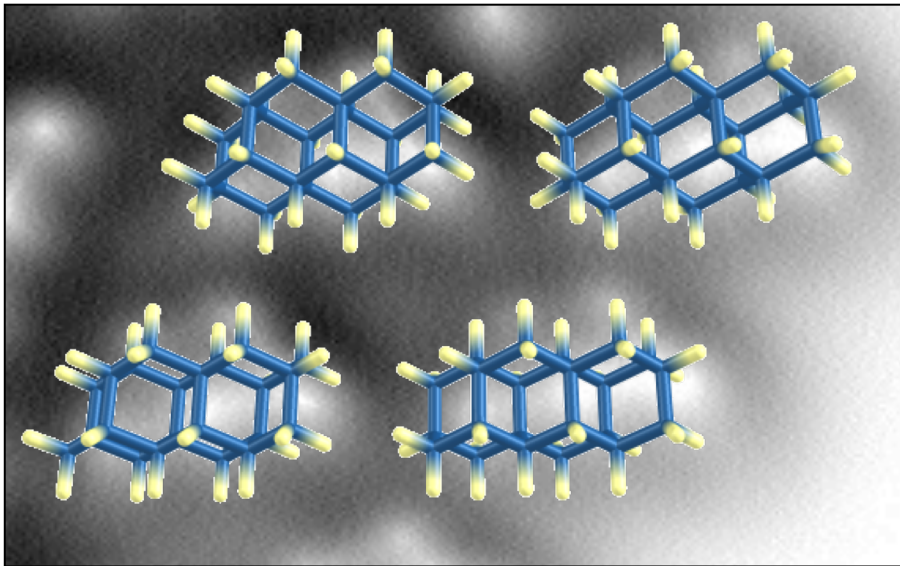
- type A and B of **surface chirality** for tetramantane islands
- composed of M_{surf} and P_{surf} type of [121]tetramantane molecules
- equal cell parameters but different orientation



- 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)



- 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

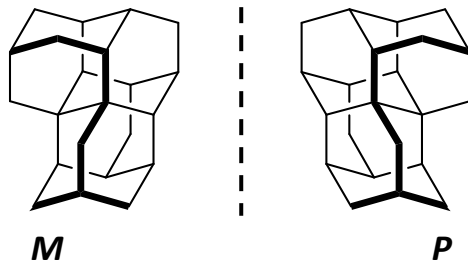
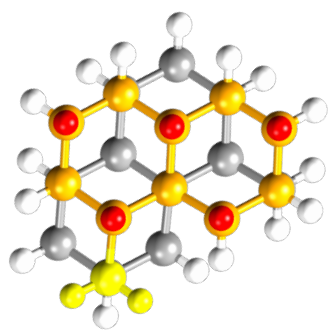


- computed structure of dispersion complexes consisting of four [121]tetramantanes superimposed on the AFM image

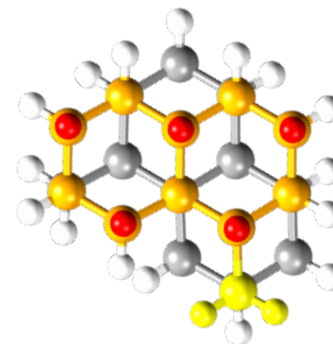
Table 2. Interaction energies, ΔE , of dispersion complexes of four [121]tetramantanes in kcal mol⁻¹.

	Type	ΔE	Type	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



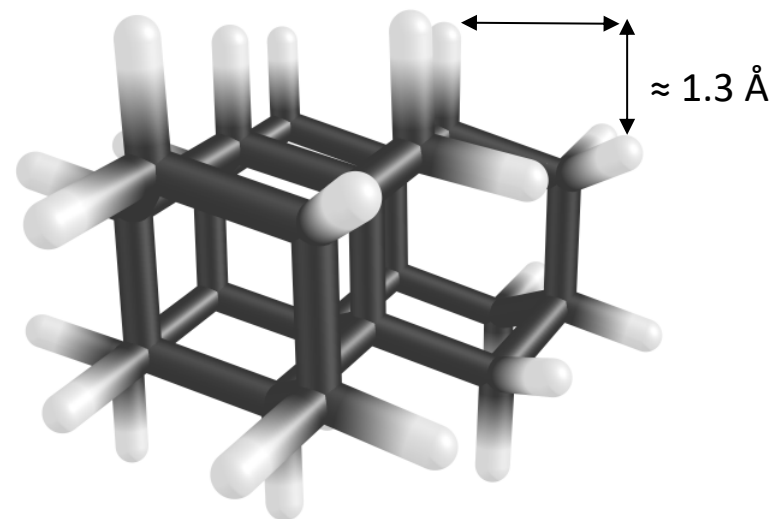
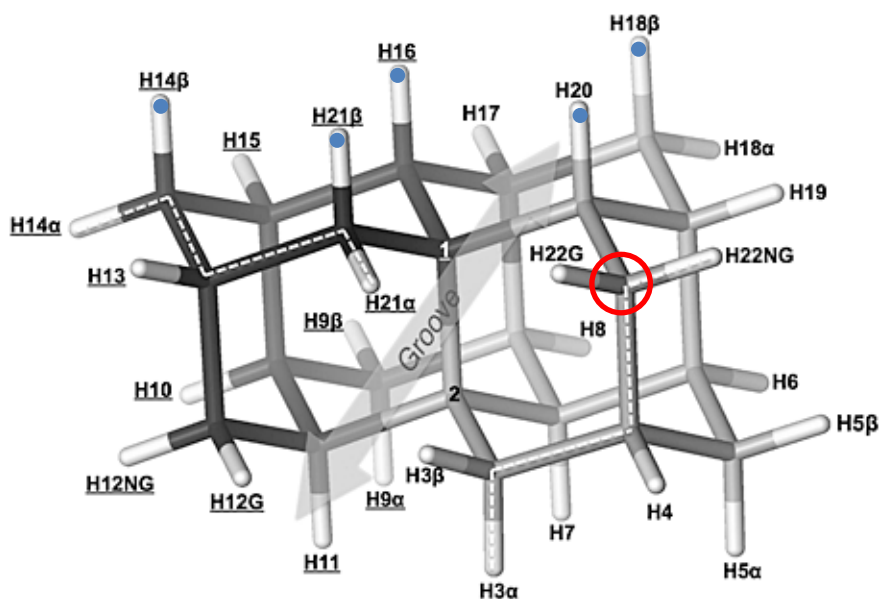
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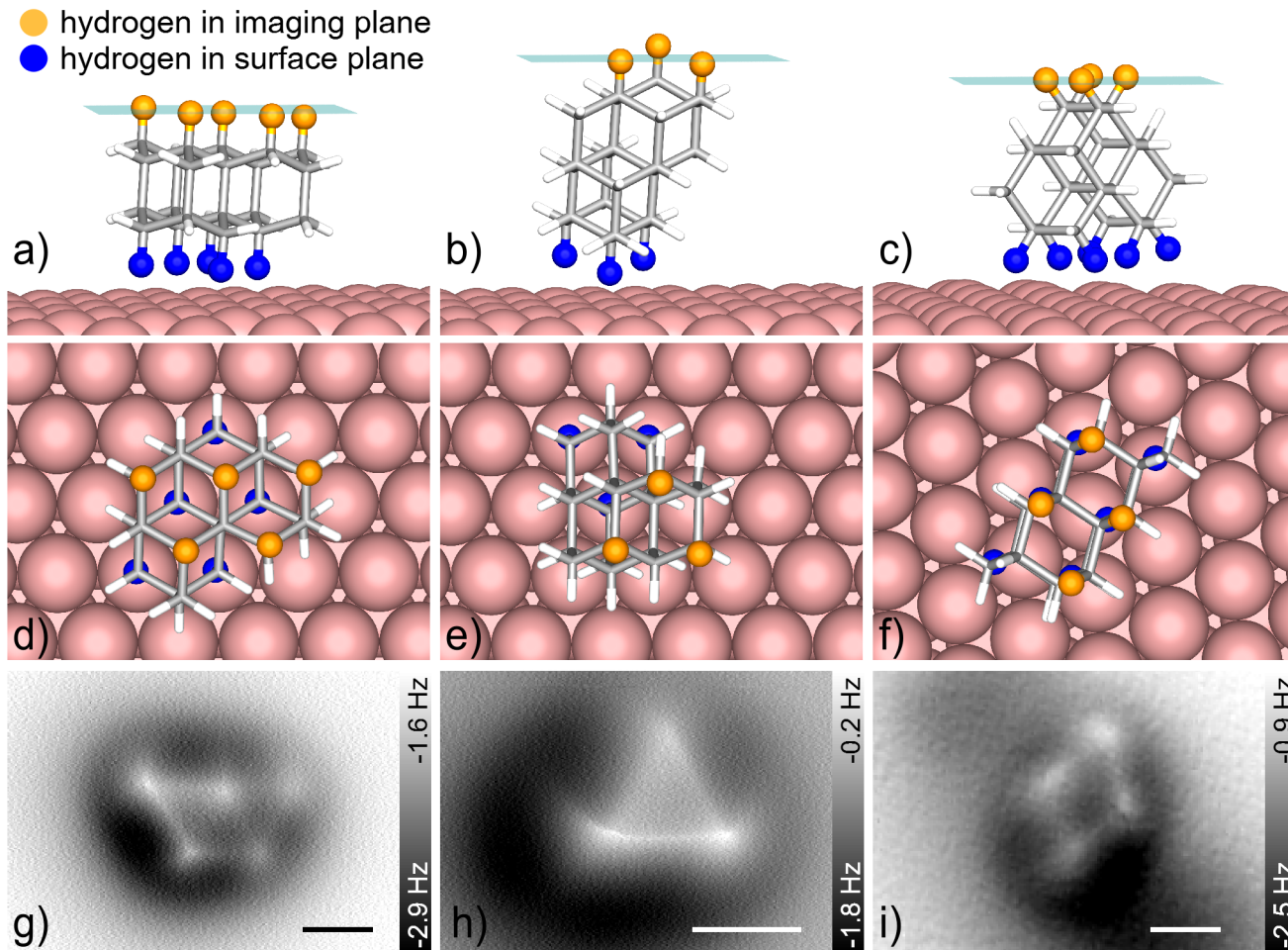


Helical chirality:

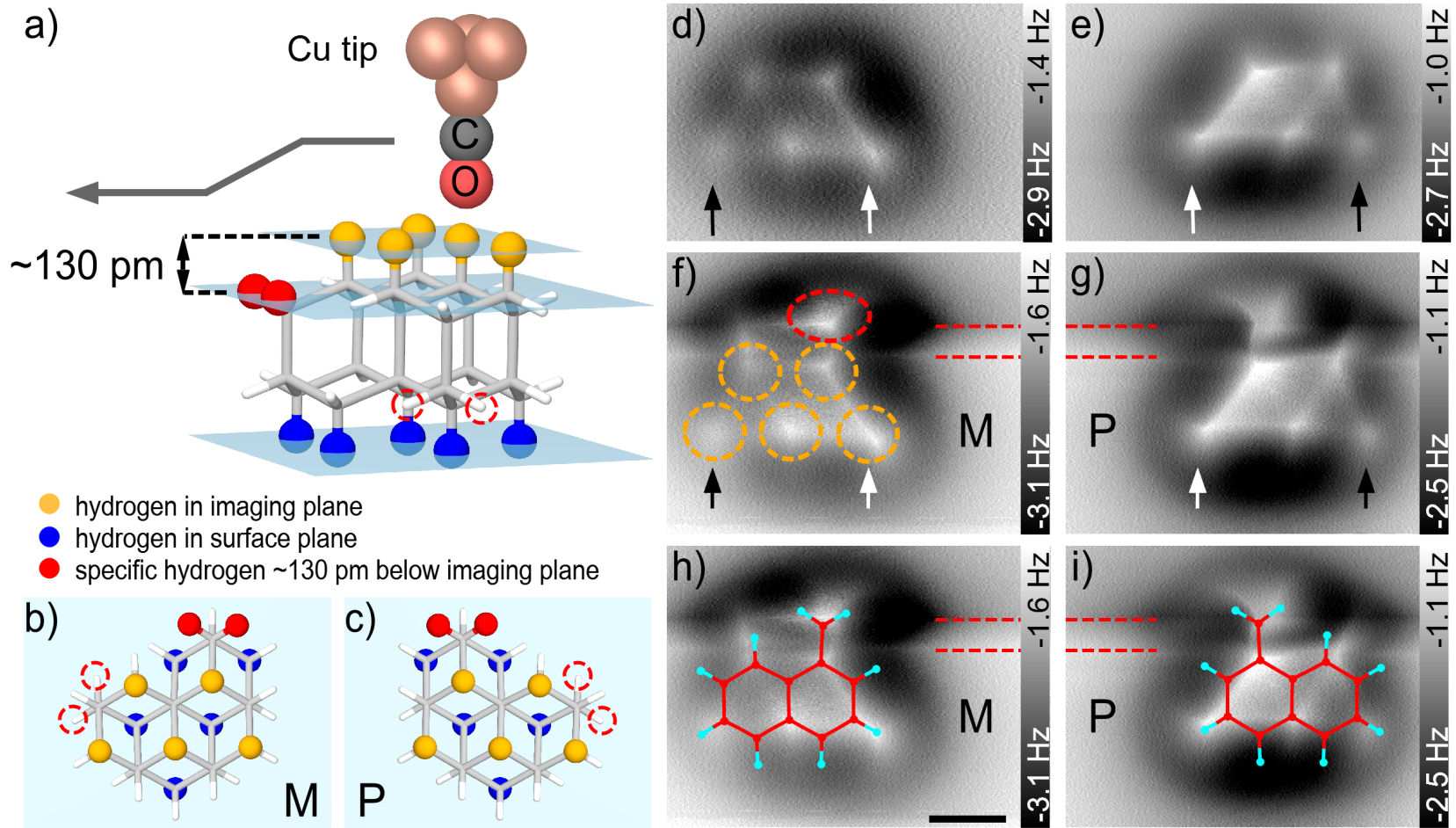
M = „left“

P = „right“

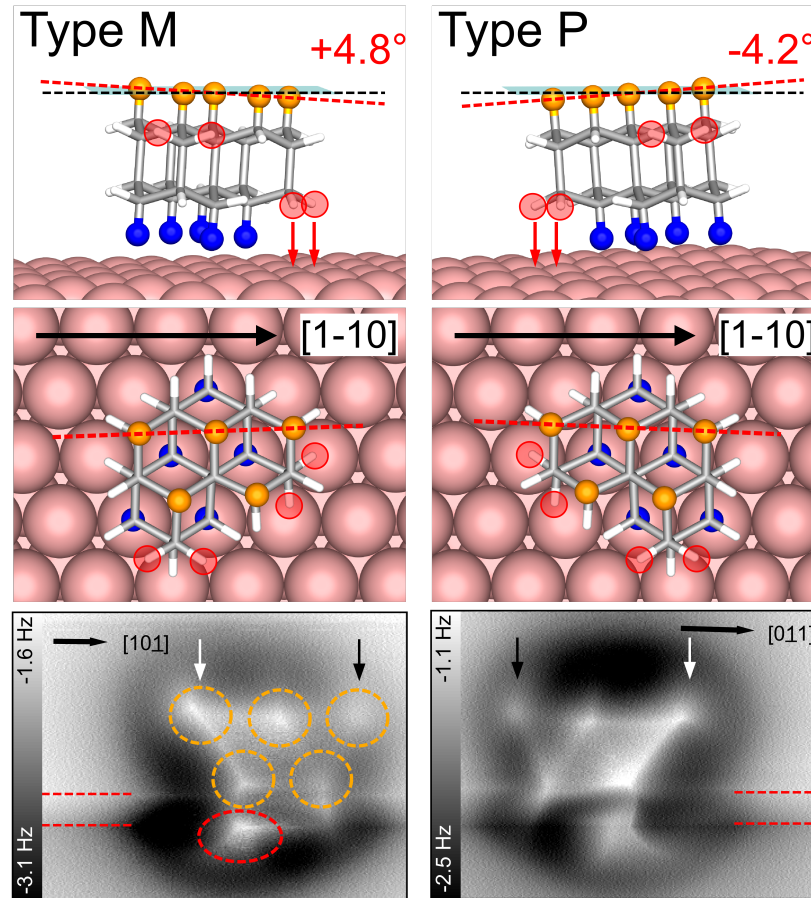




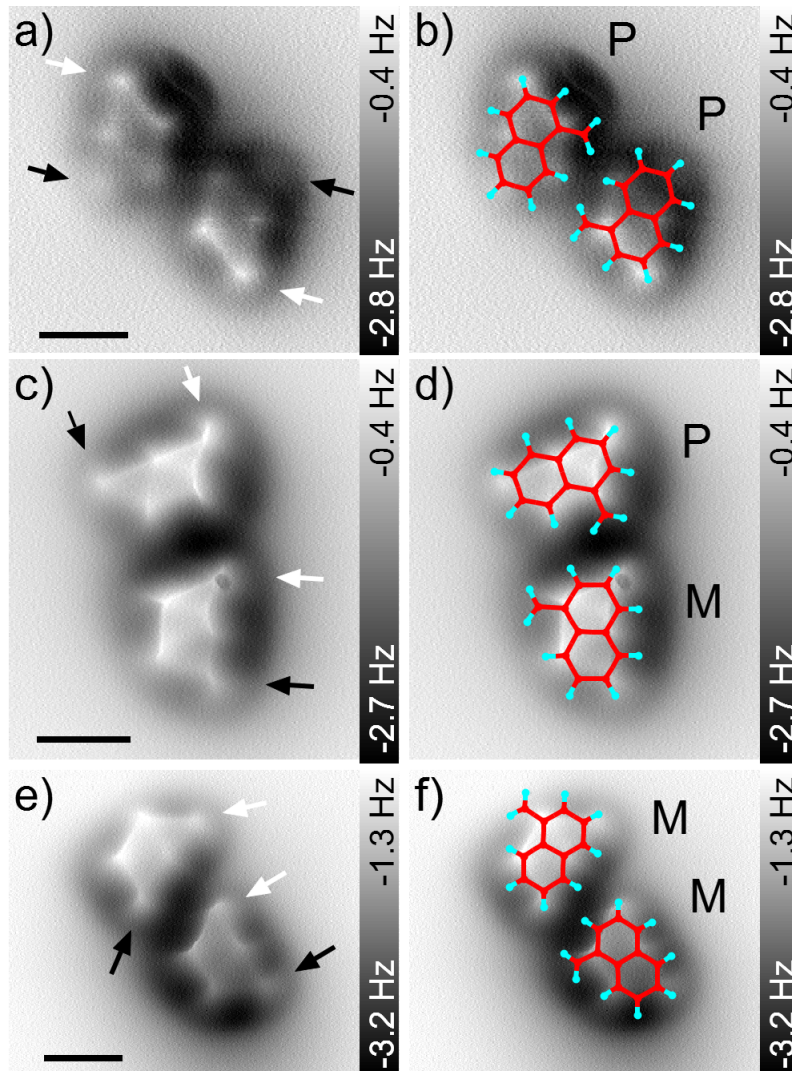
- different orientations of (*M*)-[123]tetramantane
- patterns: **Olympic rings** (d,g), **triangle** (e,h) and **rhombus** (f,i)



- [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 $+4.8^\circ$ (*M*-type) and -4.2° (*P*-type) caused by attractive forces between the two specific hydrogens and the Cu surface atoms

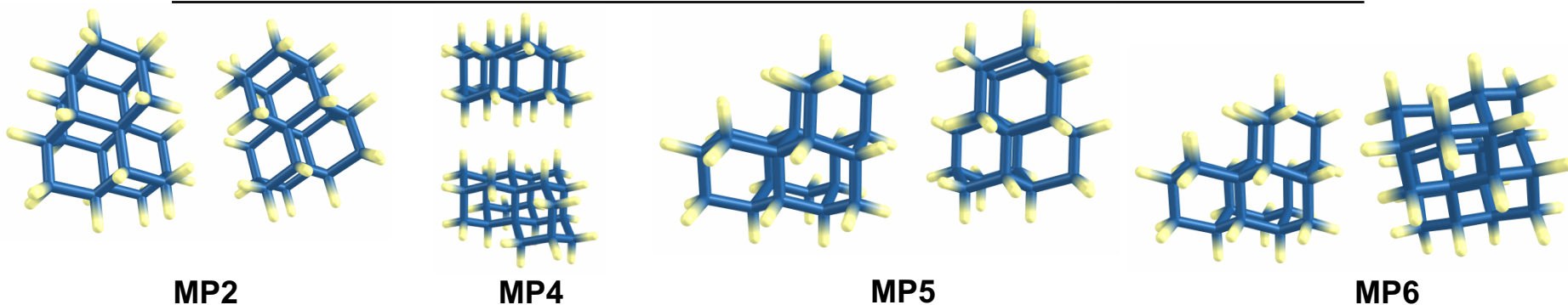


- [123]tetramantane forms two-molecule LD complexes on a Cu(111) surface
- both homochiral (*M-M* and *P-P*) and heterochiral (*M-P*) pairs were found when a racemate was used

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.

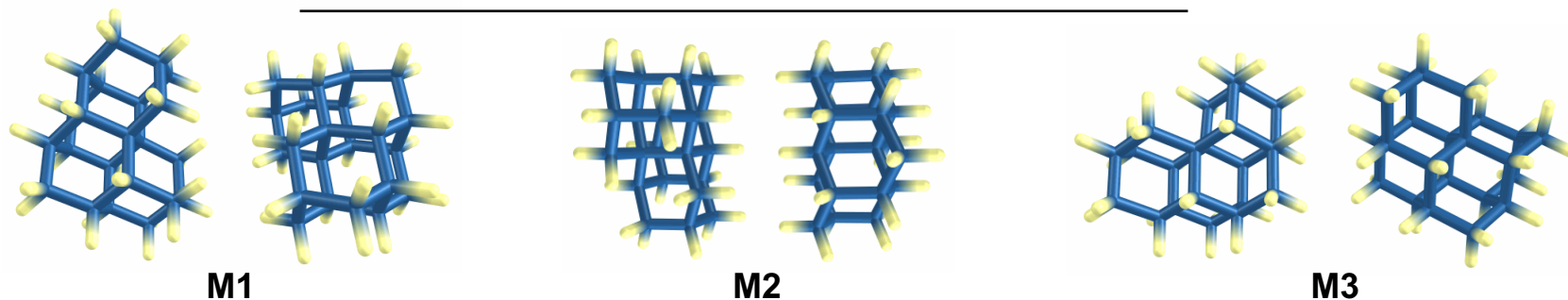
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M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	-3.4	-5.9	-3.5	-4.7	-4.0	-4.2
RI-MP2/cc-pVDZ	-4.2	-6.9	-5.4	-6.4	-5.5	-5.4
RI-MP2/cc-pVTZ	-4.8	-7.7	-6.1	-7.4	-6.0	-6.2
RI-MP2/CBS	-5.2	-8.3	-6.7	-8.1	-6.5	-6.7
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DLPNO-CCSD(T)/CBS	-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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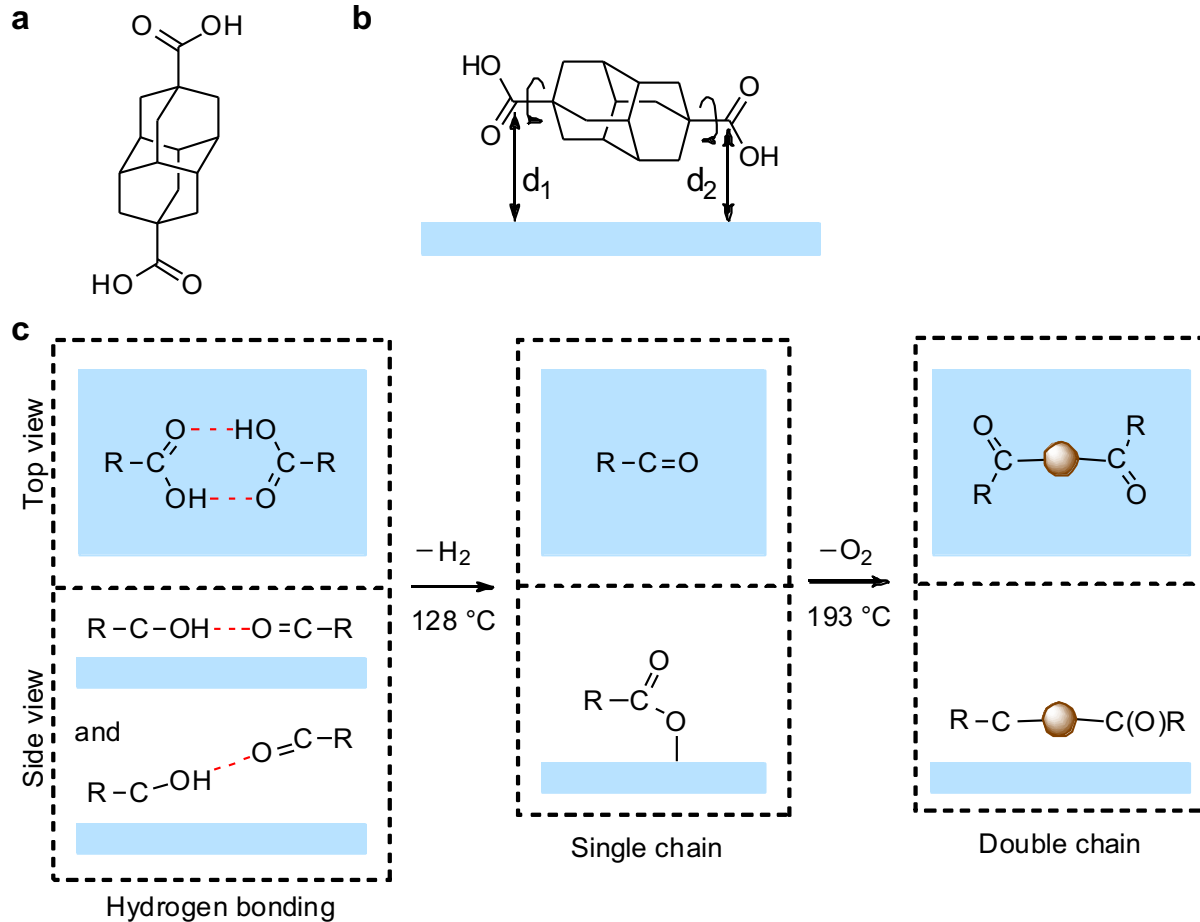
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Level of theory	M1	M2	M3
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M06-2X/6-31G(d,p)	-5.5	-4.6	-3.7
RI-MP2/cc-pVDZ	-6.8	-6.5	-4.5
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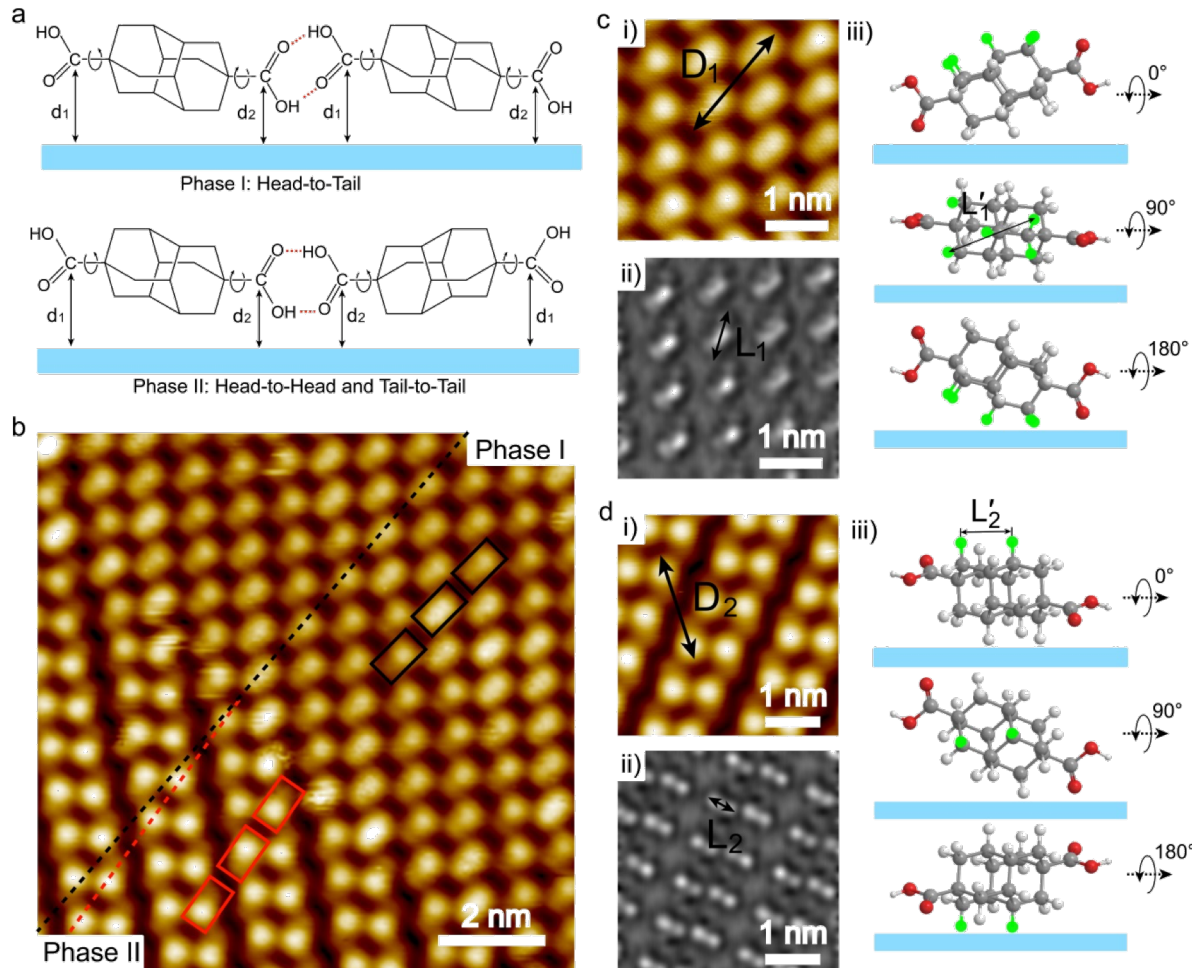


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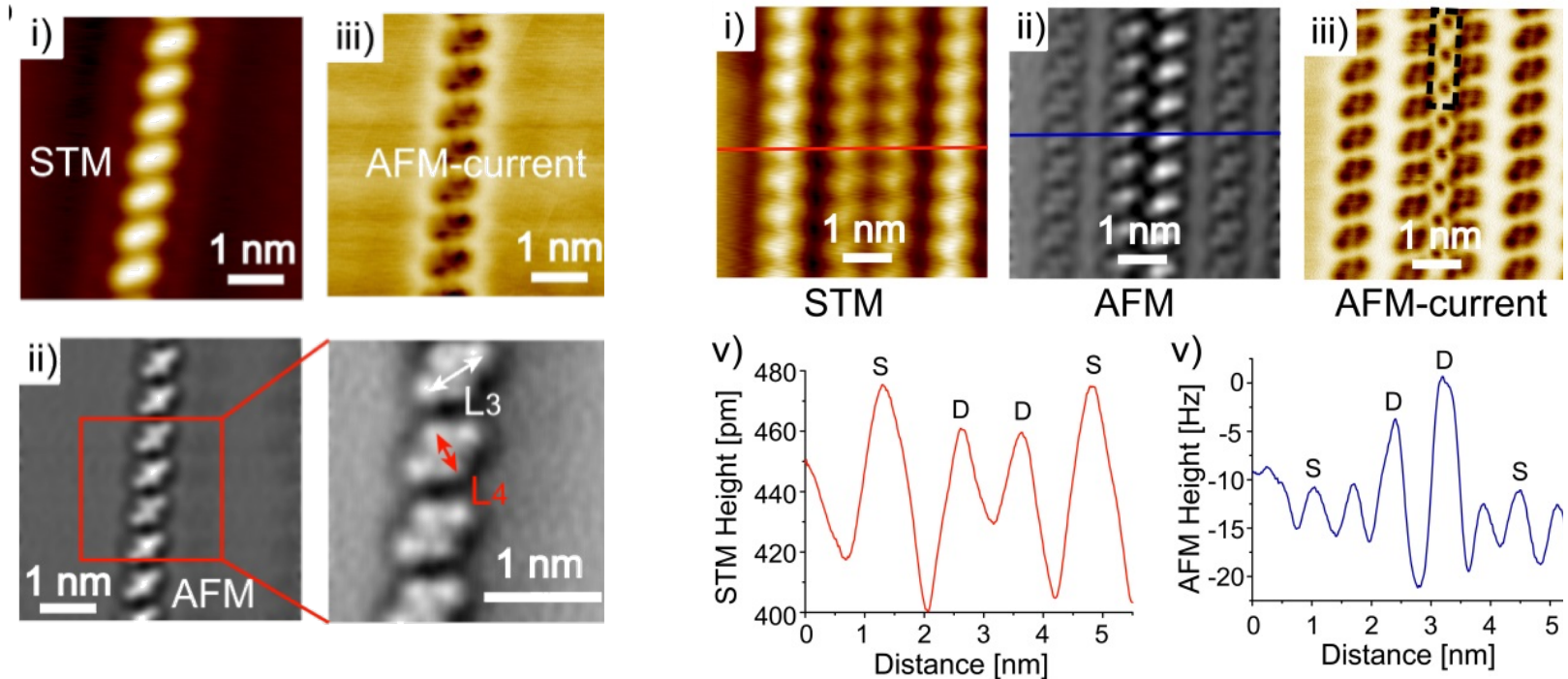
➤ reactivity of 4,9-diamantane dicarboxylic acid (DDA) on Cu(111)



➤ stepwise dehydrogenation and deoxygenation

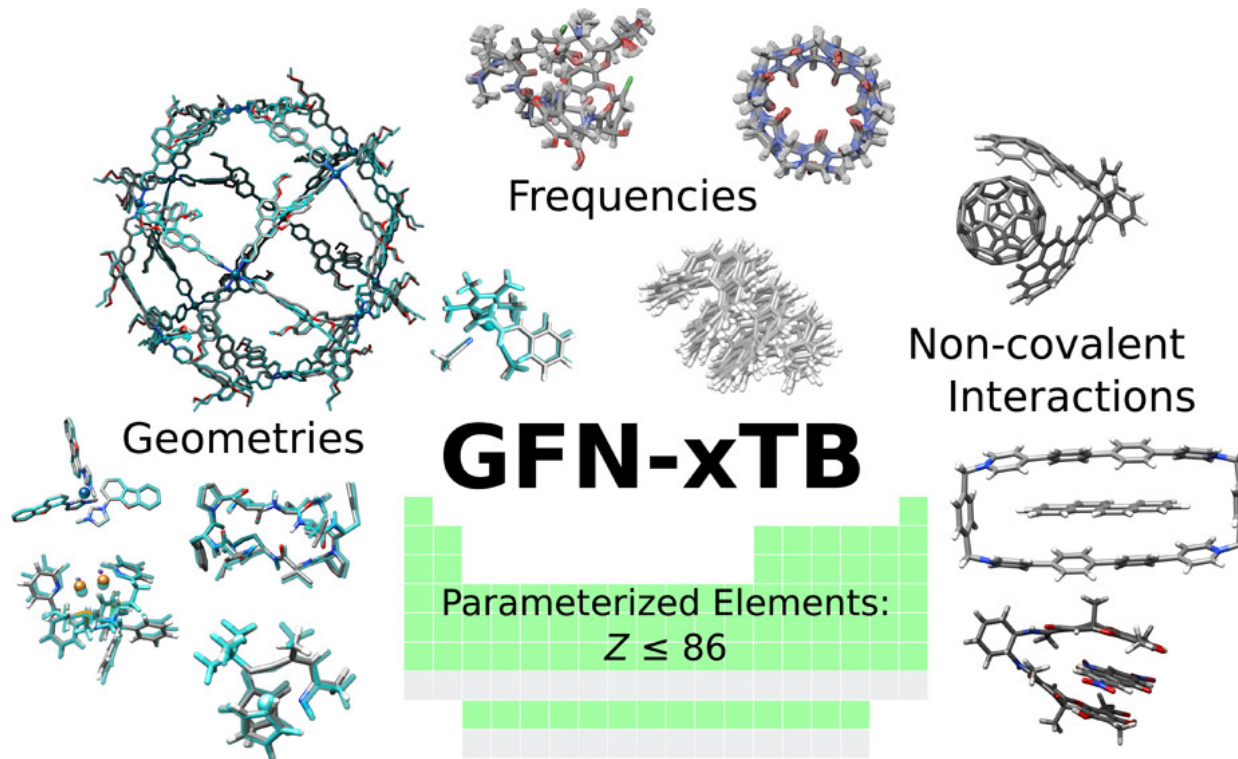


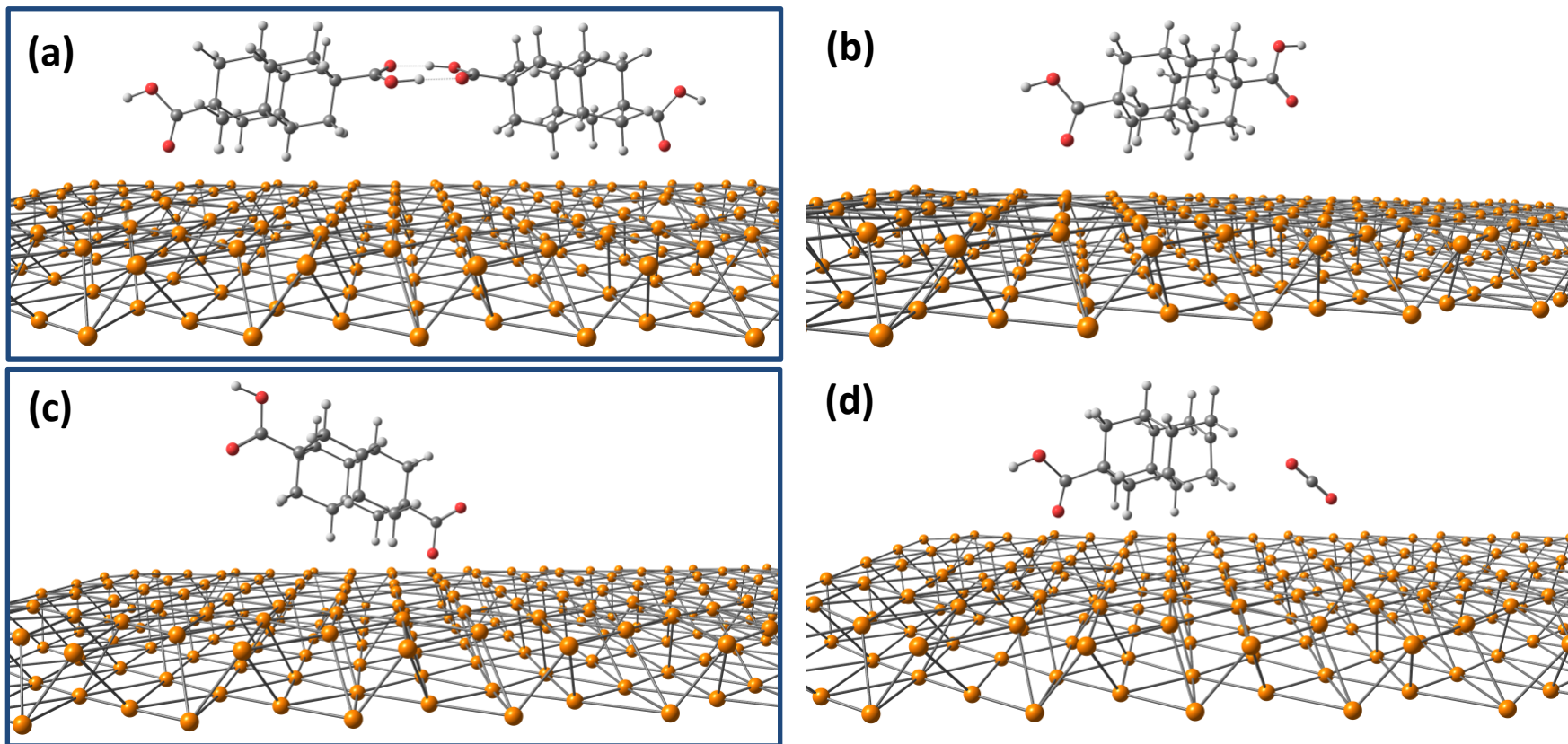
➤ self-assembled DDA on a Cu(111) surface engaging in hydrogen bonding



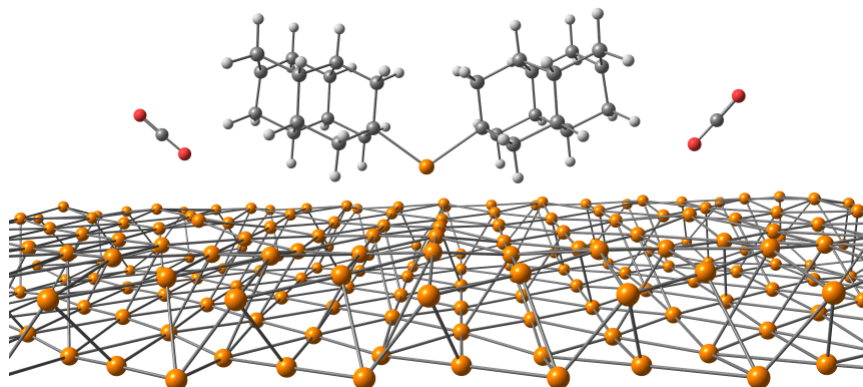
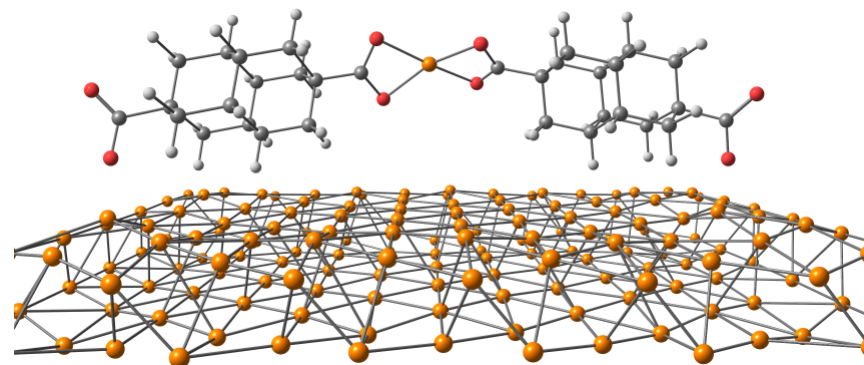
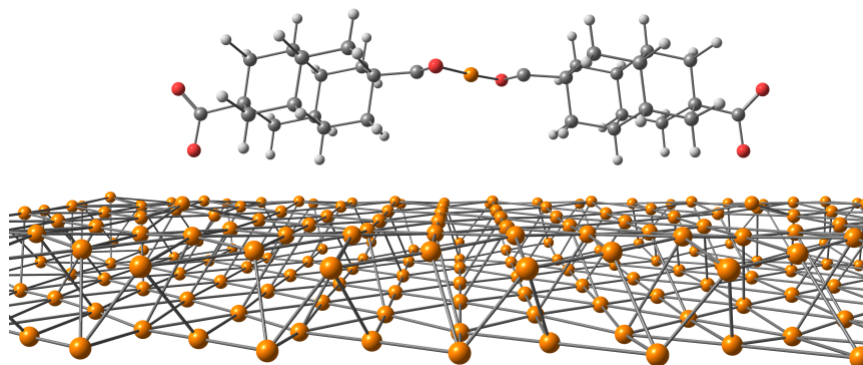
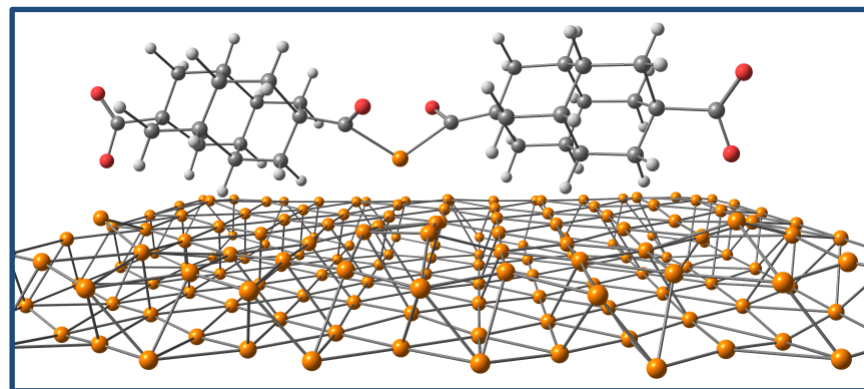
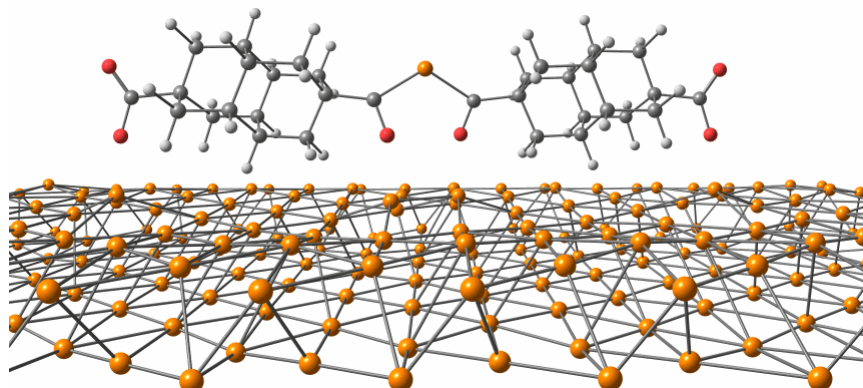
- formation of **single chains** on the Cu(111) surface => dehydrogenation as the first step upon thermal treatment
- formation of **double chains** on the Cu(111) surface => dehydroxylated DDA molecules forming double chains with a copper atom in the middle

- semiempirical computations of DDA molecules on a Cu(111) surface using the GFN-xTB approach
- **GFN-xTB** = **G**eometry, **F**requency, **N**oncovalent, **eX**tended **T**ight **B**inding



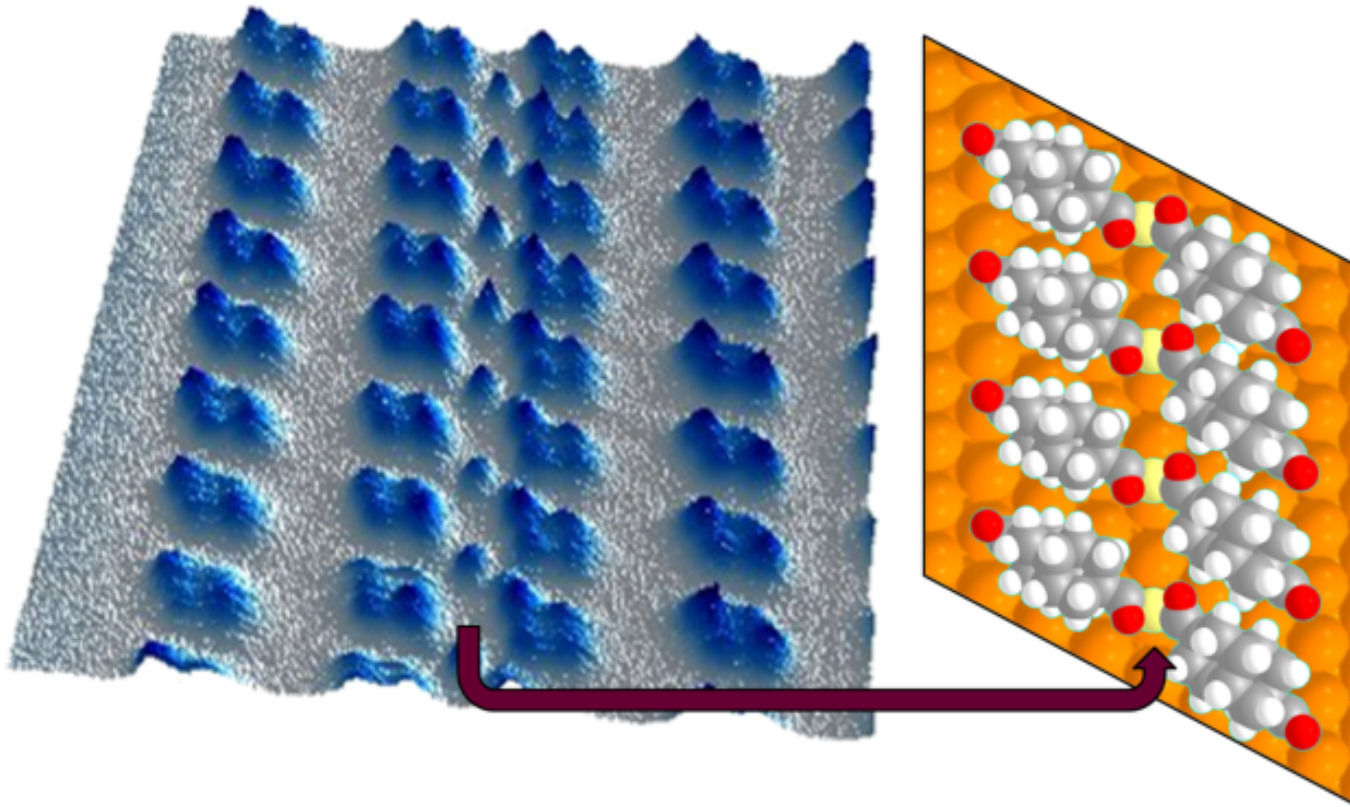


(a) two DDA molecules engaging in hydrogen bonding, **(b)** individual DDA formed upon thermal treatment, **(c)** dehydrogenated DDA interacting with the copper surface *via* the carboxylate group, **(d)** dehydrogenated DDA interacting with the copper surface *via* the acid group.



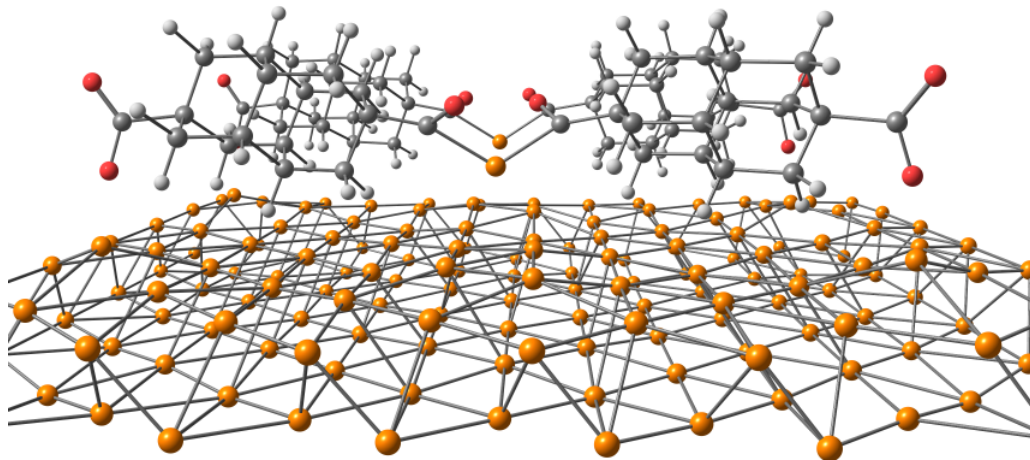
Dimers with C binding a central Cu that is **(a)** above the plane , **(b)** below the plane, **(c, d)** O binding a central Cu that is in the plane, **(e)** cage C atoms binding a central Cu that is below the plane.

➤ double chain on the Cu(111) surface



➤ nanowire consisting of a row of single copper atoms

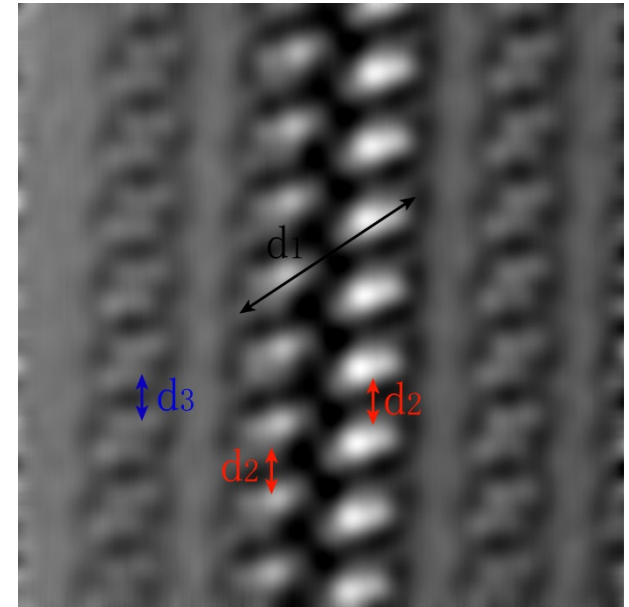
- metallic chain anchored by DDA scaffolds on a Cu(111) surface



Computed structure

$$d_1(\underline{\text{COOH}}-\underline{\text{COOH}}) = 1.85 \text{ nm}$$

$$d_2(\underline{\text{CH}}-\underline{\text{CH}}) = 0.38 \text{ nm}$$



AFM image of double chains

$$d_1 = 1.85 \pm 0.02 \text{ nm}$$

$$d_2 = d_3 = 0.37 \pm 0.02 \text{ nm}$$

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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