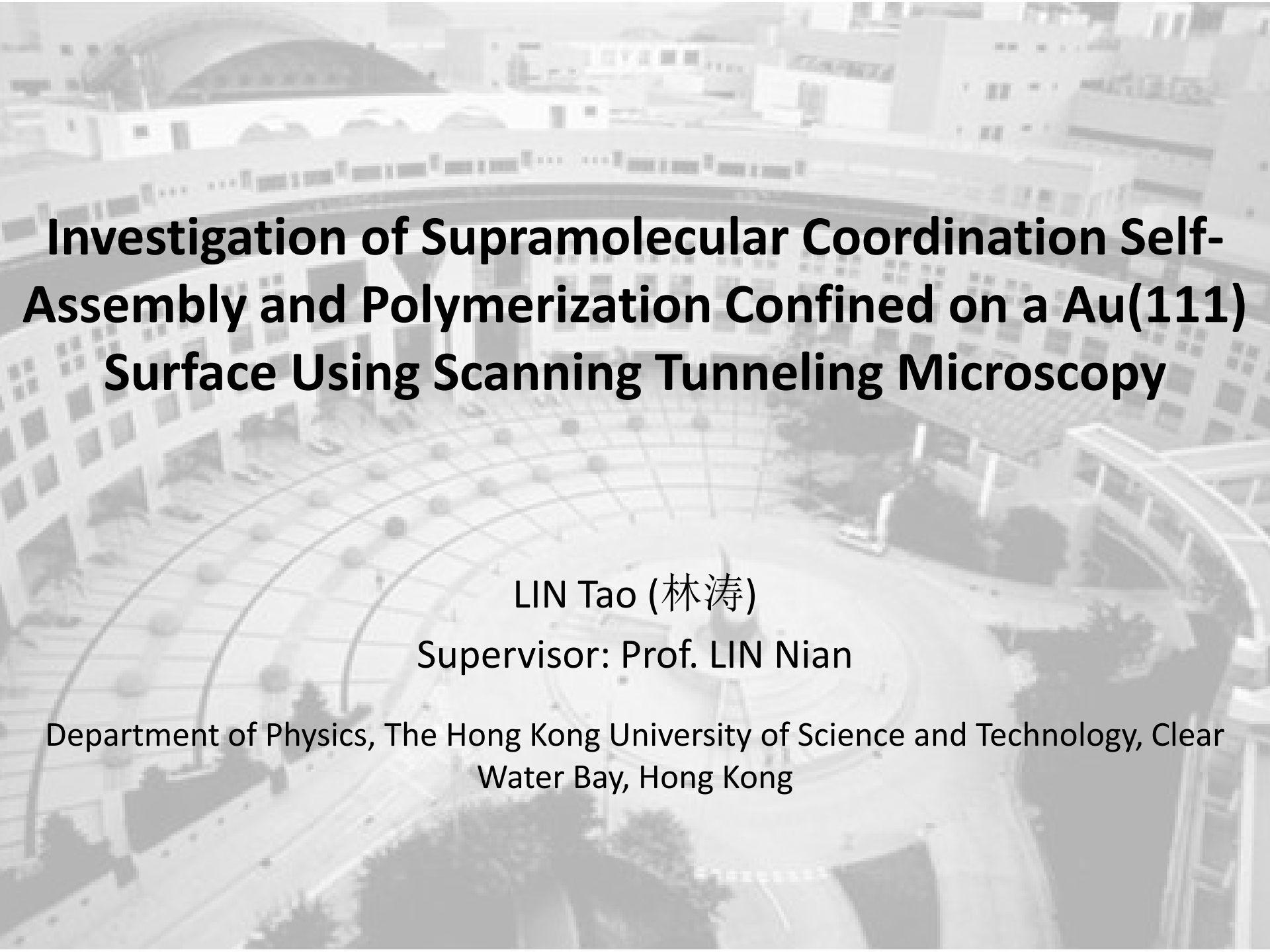




Investigation of Supramolecular Coordination Self-Assembly and Polymerization Confined on a Au(111) Surface Using Scanning Tunneling Microscopy

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Introduction: Nano Devices

top-down (photolithography, ...)
size-limitation, high-cost



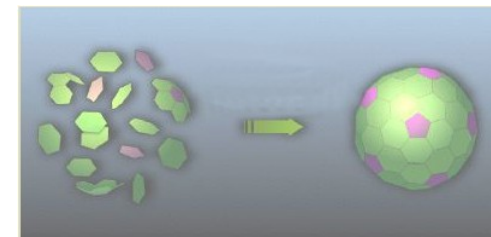
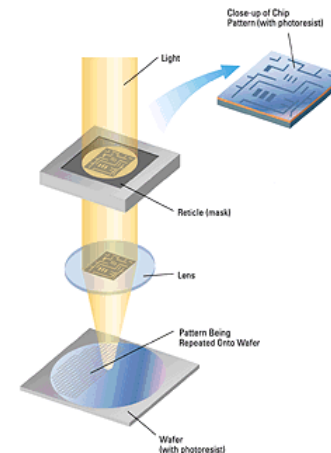
bottom-up

organic molecules: building blocks for nano-devices
interaction: non-covalent / covalent



@ a single-molecule level

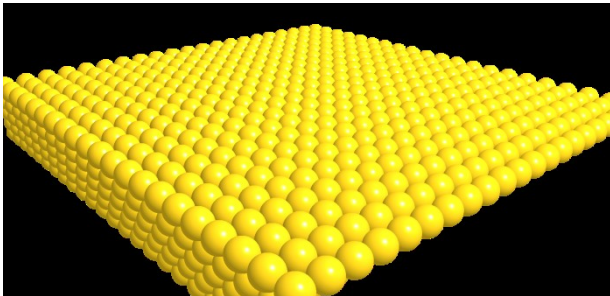
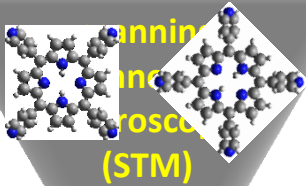
- structural information
- electronic / magnetic properties



Introduction: Low-Dimensional Systems

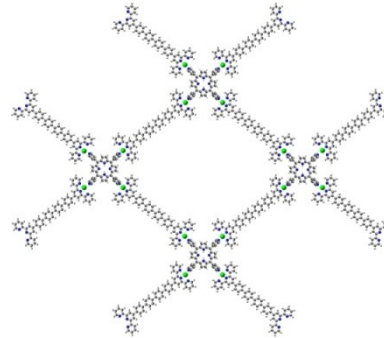
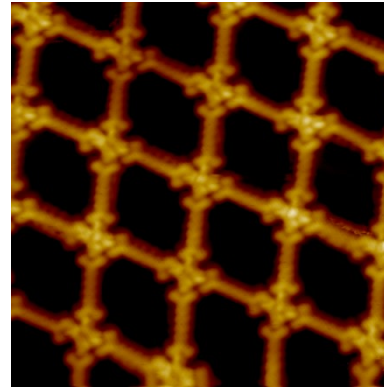
3D to low-dimensional systems
→ single molecule level

surface sensitive techniques

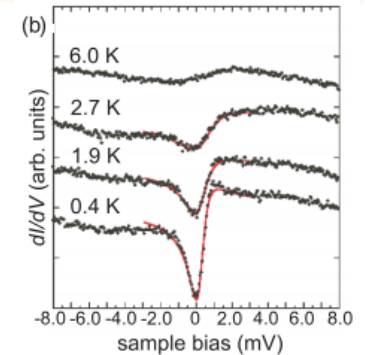
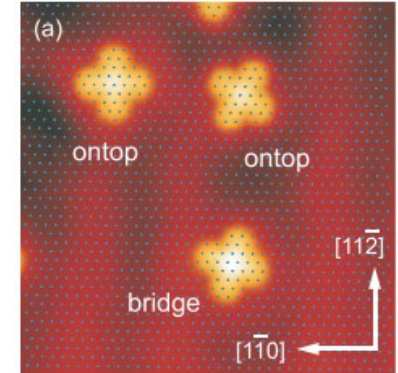


well-defined metal surfaces
(e.g. the Au(111) surface)

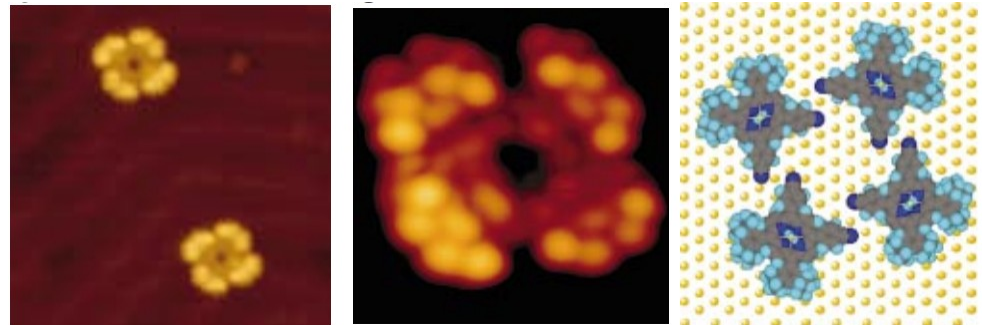
structural information



electronic / magnetic properties



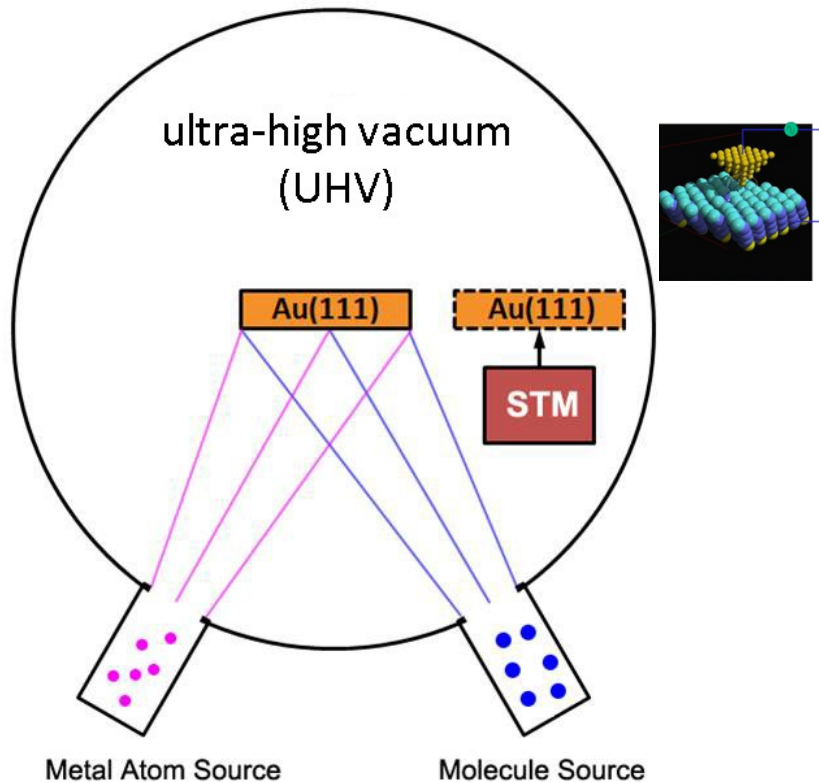
effects of substrate



a) *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **2011**, 106, 187201.

b) *Nature* **2001**, 413, 619-621.

Introduction: Experimental Setup



- **Sample preparation:**

1. organic molecule source
2. metal atom source

- **Characterization:**

1. STM: structural information
2. STS: electronic structure

1. On-surface supramolecular coordination self-assembly

- systems exhibiting different dimensionalities
- networks containing out-of-plane dinuclear Fe centers
- supramolecular coordination polygons
- networks containing bi-functional porphyrin ligands

2. On-surface polymerization

- metal-catalyzed Ullmann coupling reactions

3. A combination of coordination bonds and covalent bonds

- metal-directed template to control polymerization process
- large porous networks via a two-step approach

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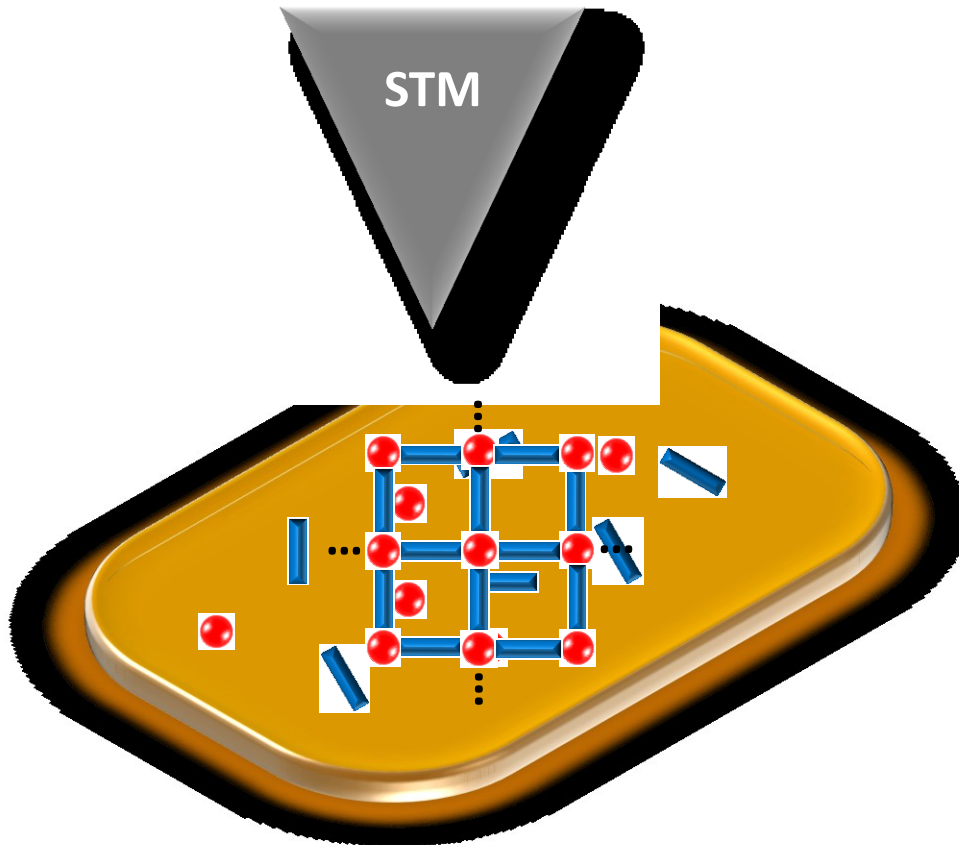
On-surface Supramolecular Coordination Self-Assembly

Building blocks:

organic ligands



metal atoms

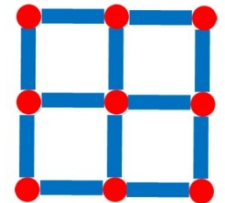
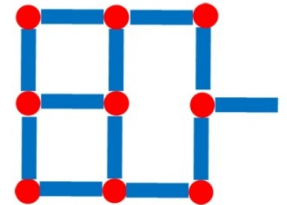


metal-organic coordination bond:

preferred
bonding geometries
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recognition

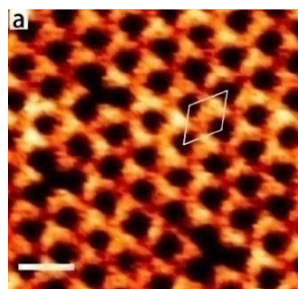
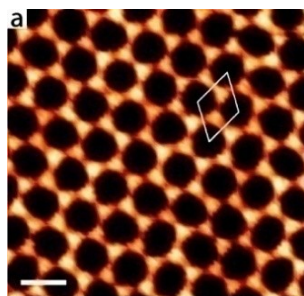
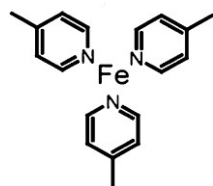
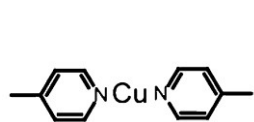


reversibility
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self-correction

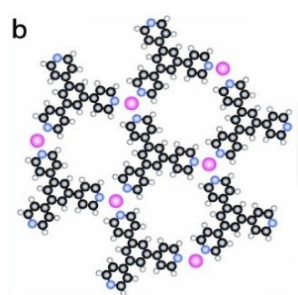
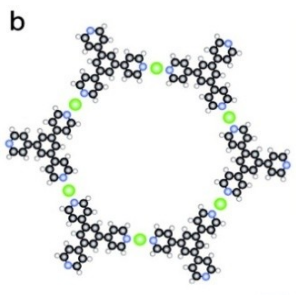


Supramolecular System

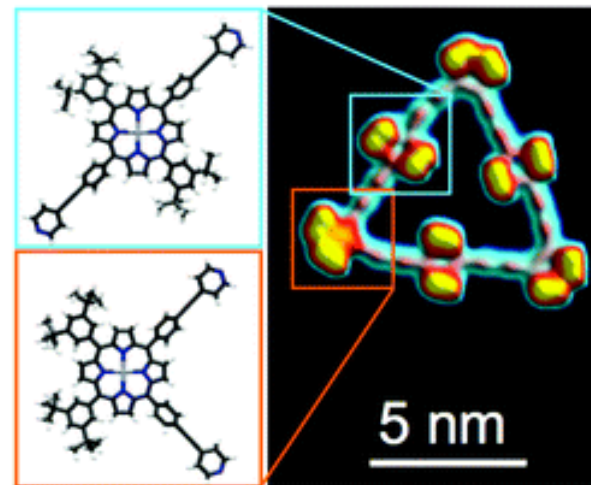
2D Extended Networks



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0D Discrete Structures

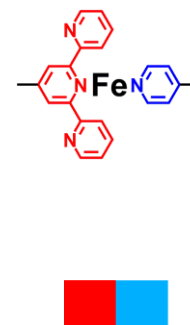
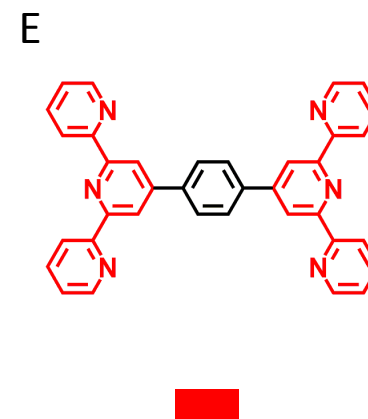
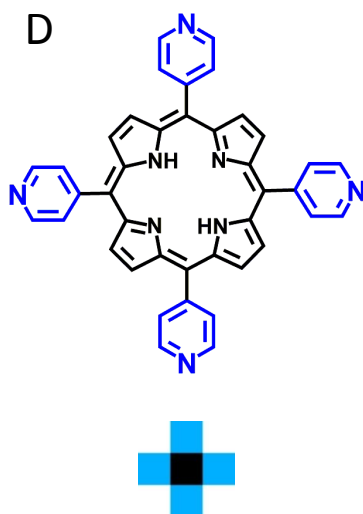
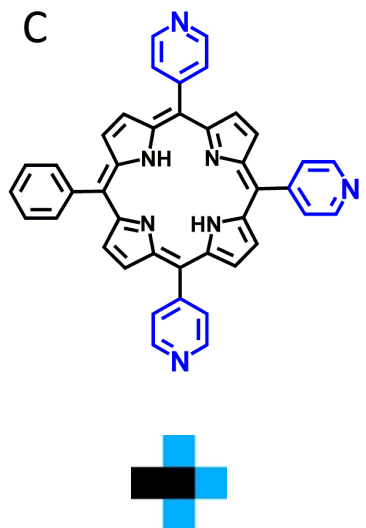
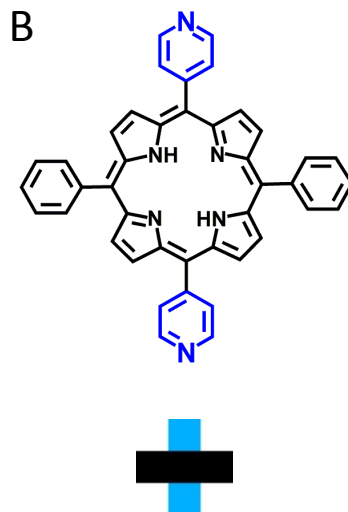
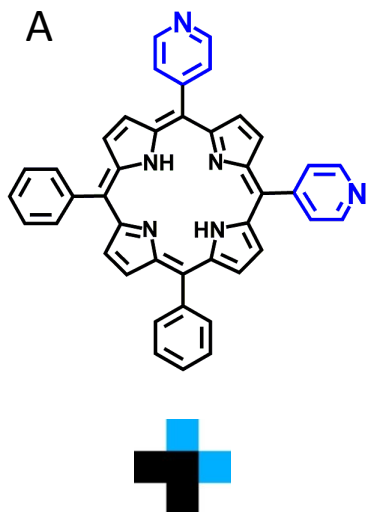


2D structures: easy
0D structures: difficult



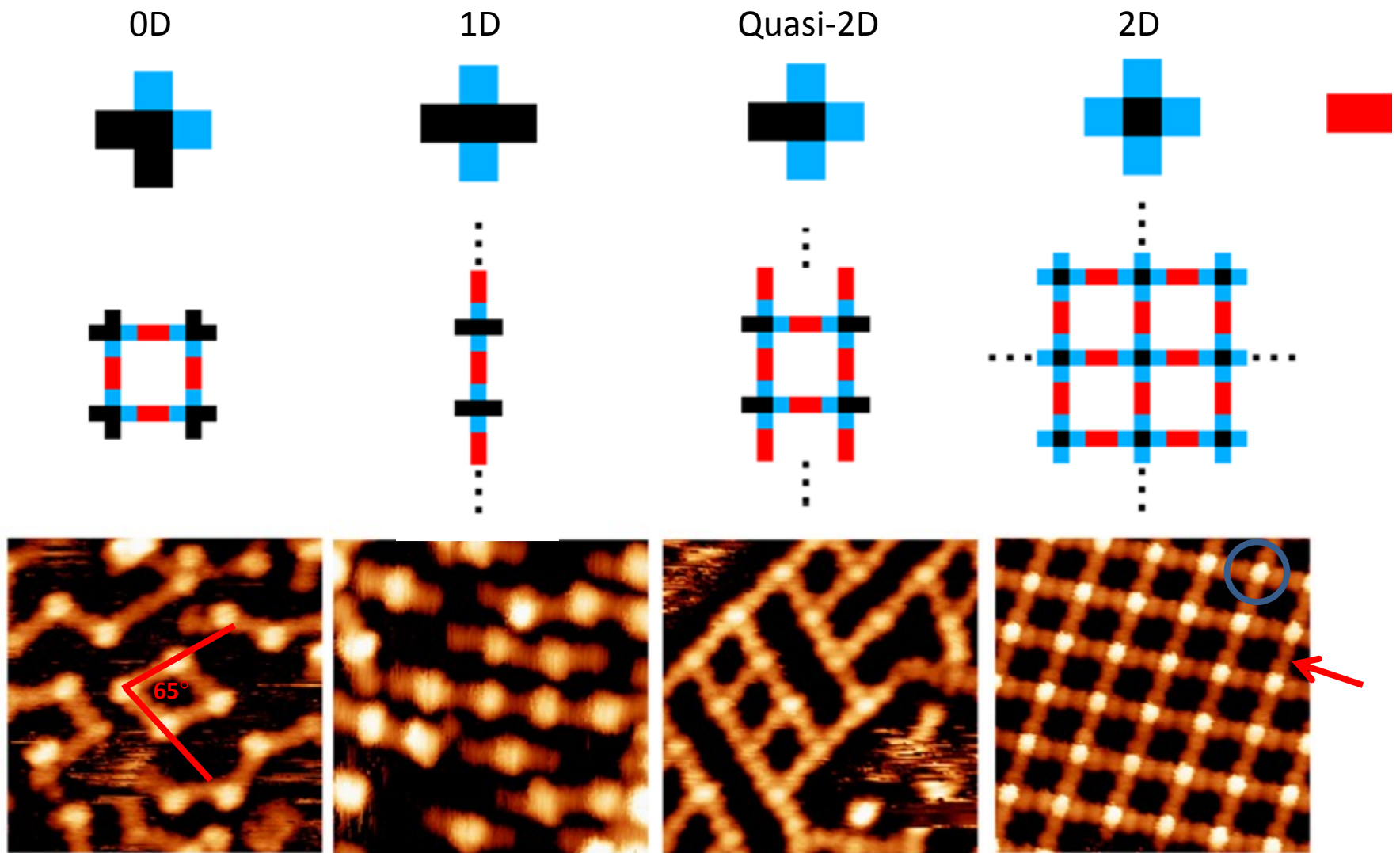
dimensionality?

Molecules

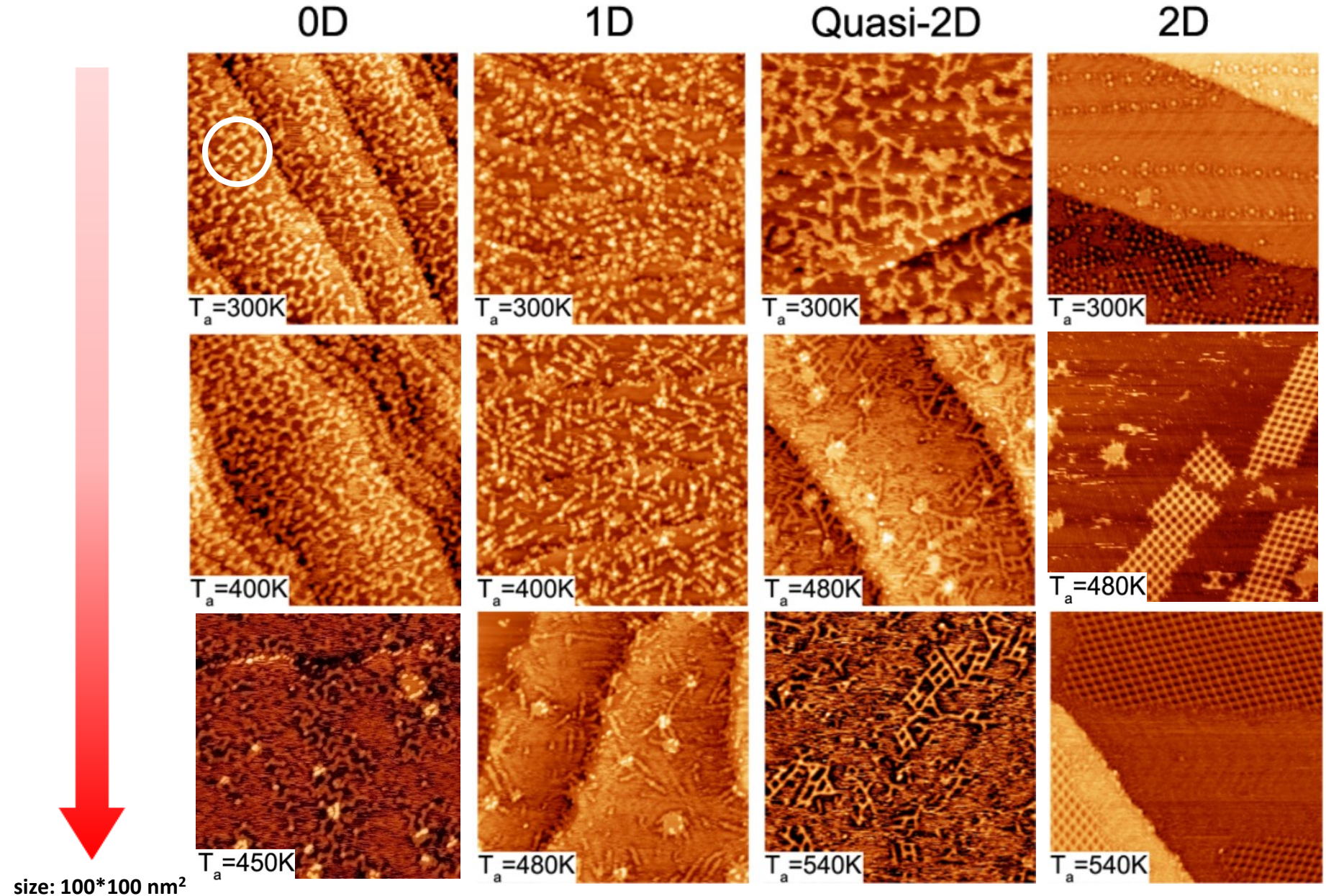


@Au(111) by RT-STM

Experimental Results



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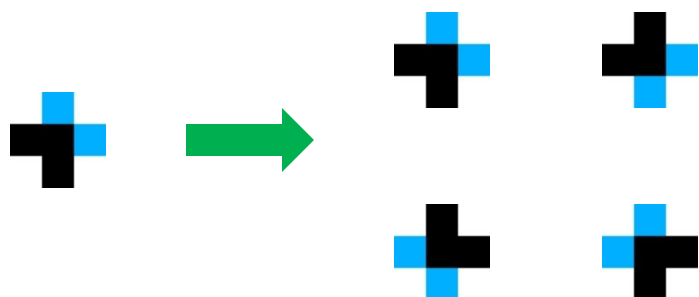
Simulation Results (Monte Carlo)

0D



$E_b = 0.2\text{eV}$, $\text{MCstep} = 10^9$

hopping with/without configuration changes:



compare energy differences:

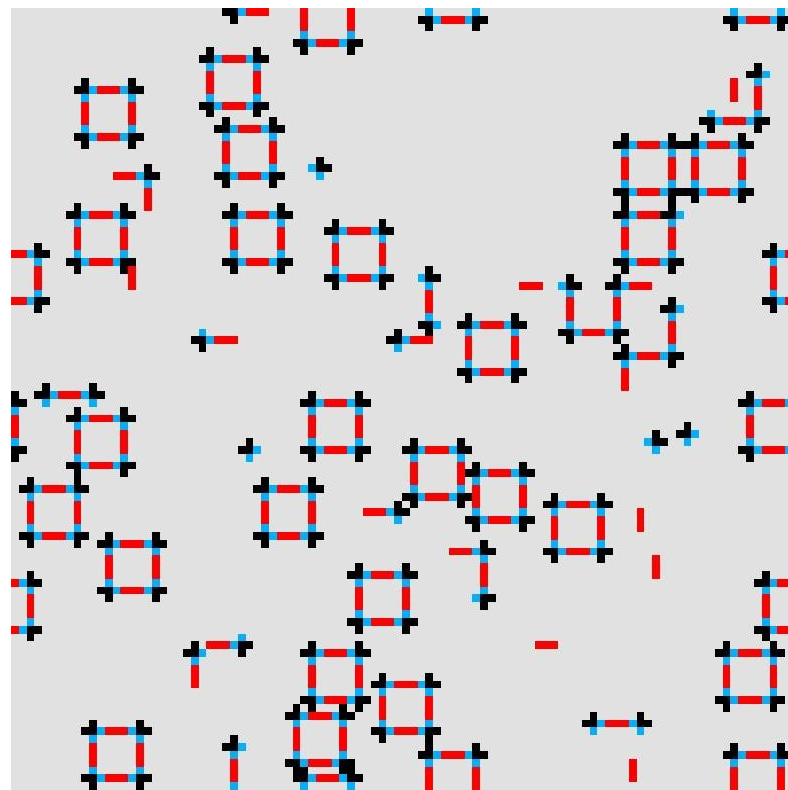


$$P_{acc} = \min(1, e^{\Delta U/kT})$$

$$r \in (0,1)$$

$r < P_{acc}$, accepted

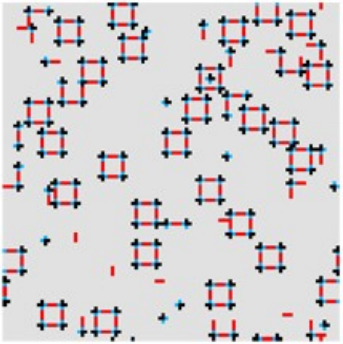
$r > P_{acc}$, rejected



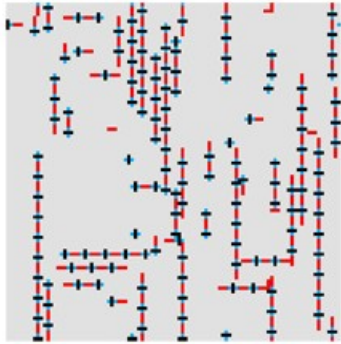
Kinetic trapped at RT

Equilibrium states at RT

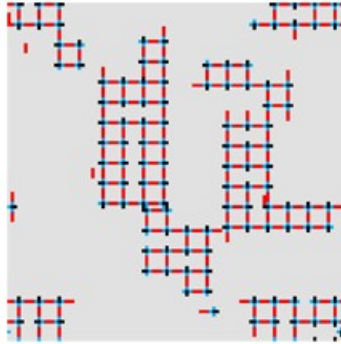
0D



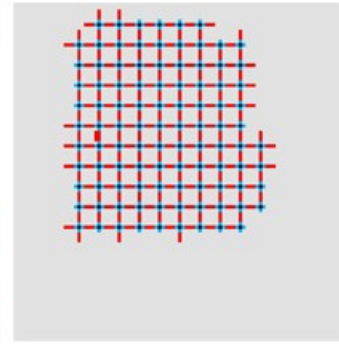
1D



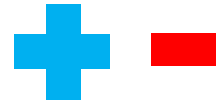
Quasi-2D



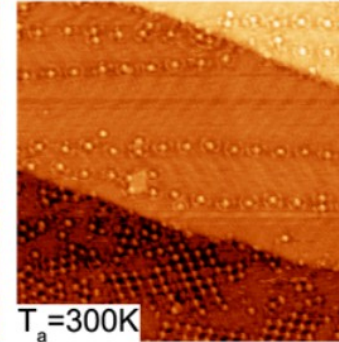
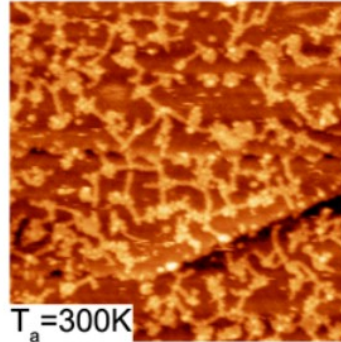
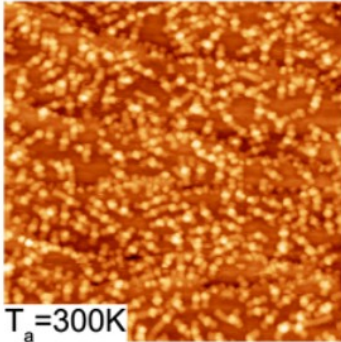
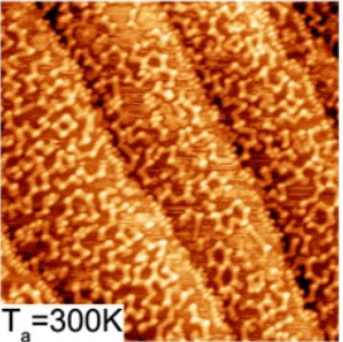
2D



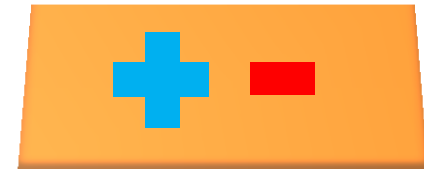
free



Kinetic trapped at RT



substrate trapped



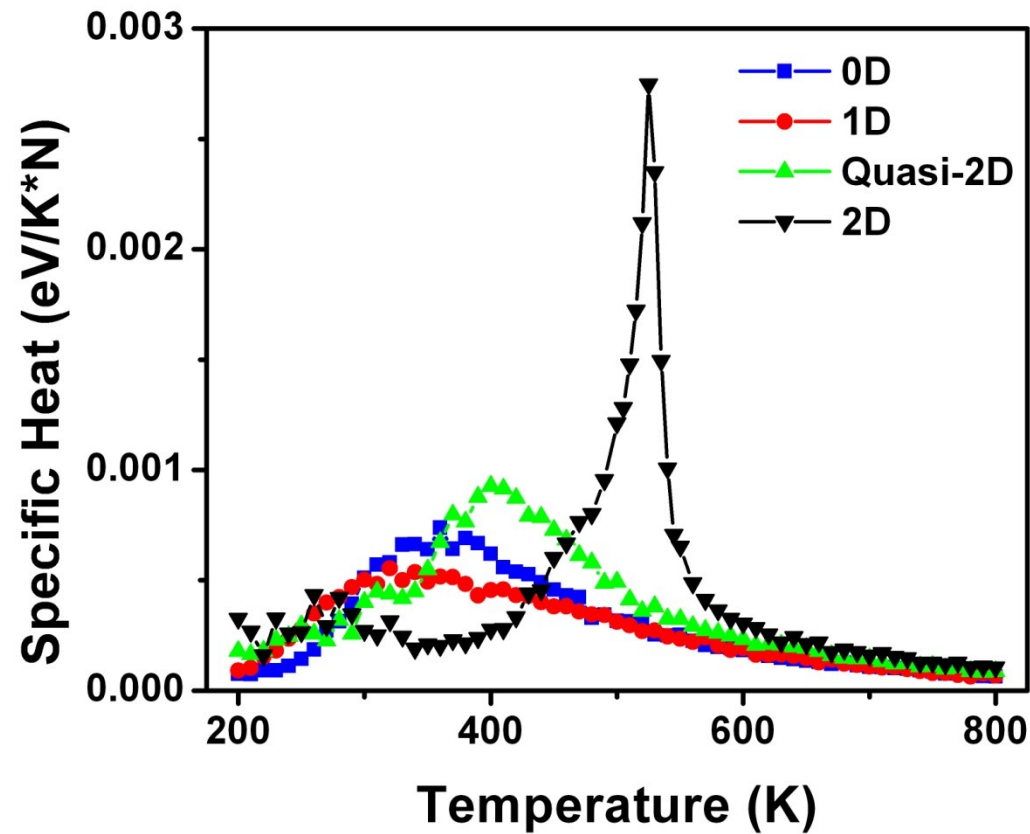
Simulation Results (Monte Carlo)

energy fluctuations to derive specific heat

$$c_v = \frac{\langle U^2 \rangle - \langle U \rangle^2}{N \times kT^2}$$

U is the total energy of each system

N is the total number of molecules in each system

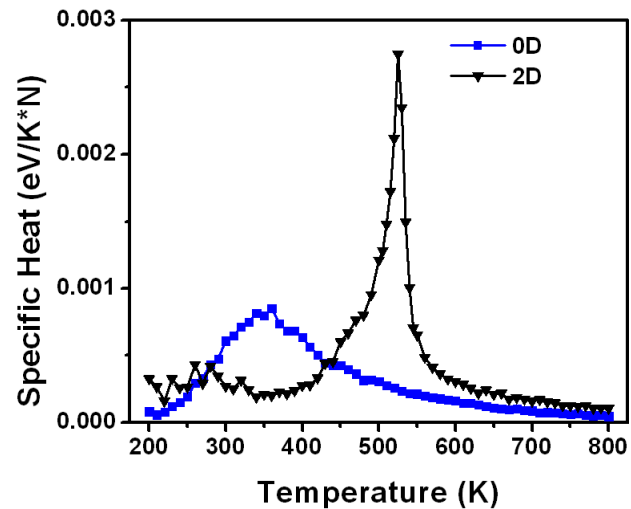


Peak Position (Tc)

0D	1D	Quasi-2D	2D
350K	325K	400K	525K

0D, 1D, Quasi-2D: broad & low
2D: sharp & high

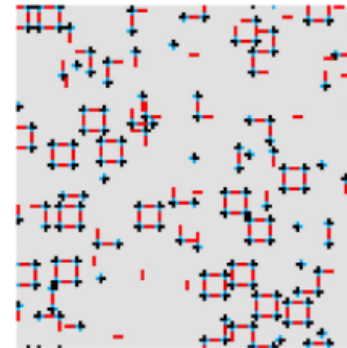
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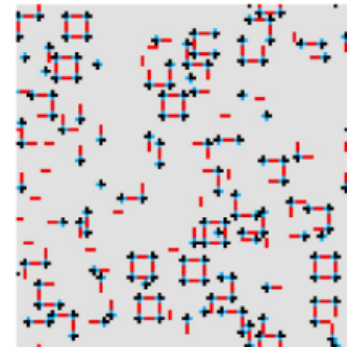
molecular architectures → gas phase
(randomly distributed)

not sharp transition

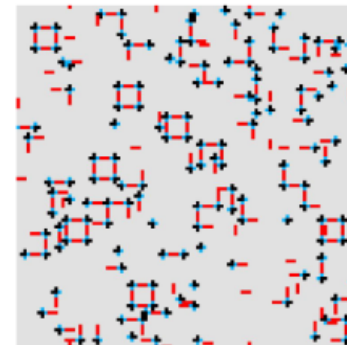
0D



$T_c - 20K$



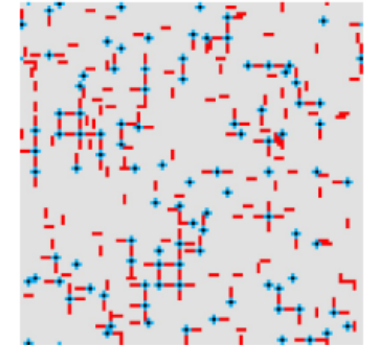
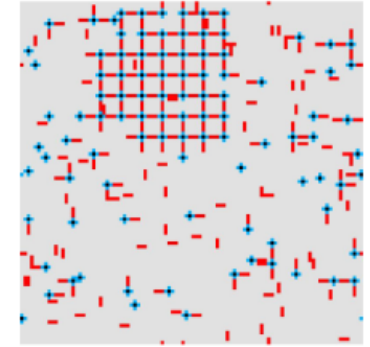
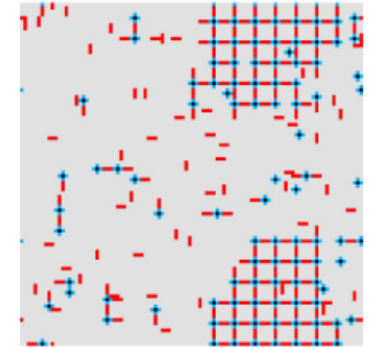
T_c



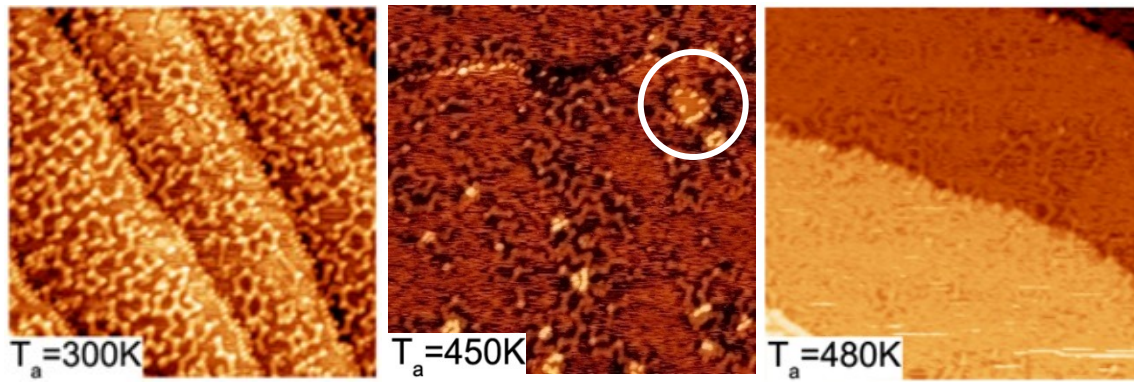
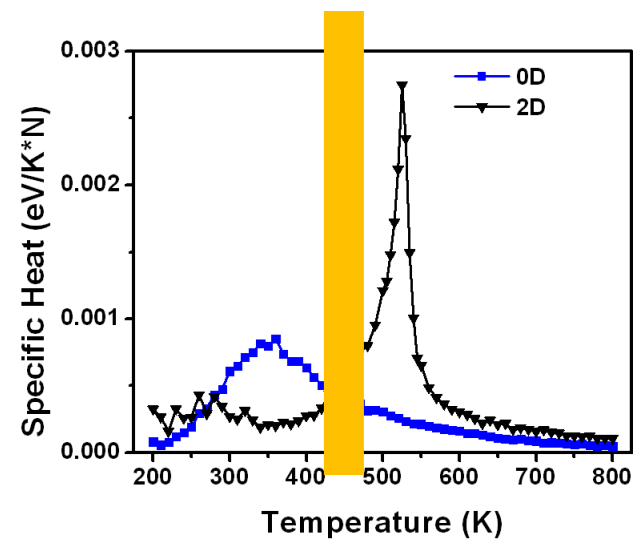
$T_c + 20K$

sharp transition

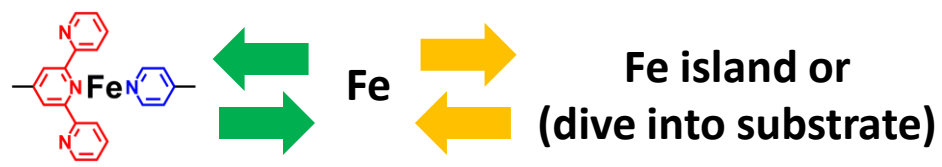
2D



Discussion (Fe in 0D)



@300K



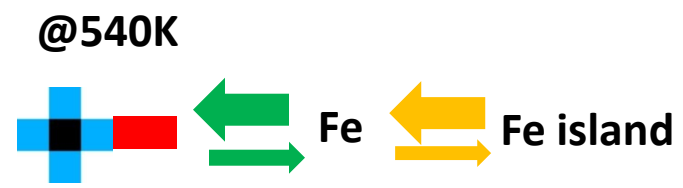
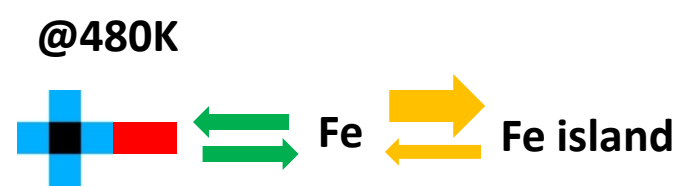
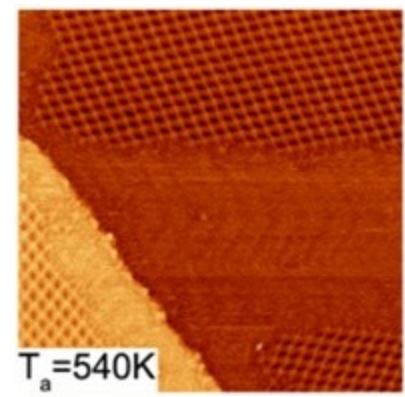
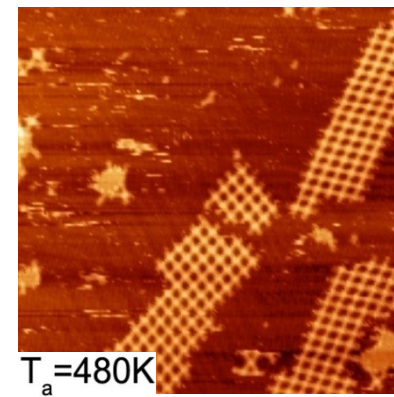
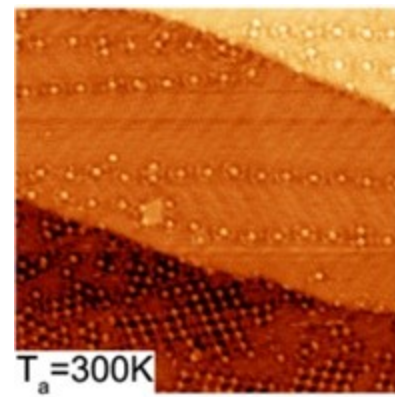
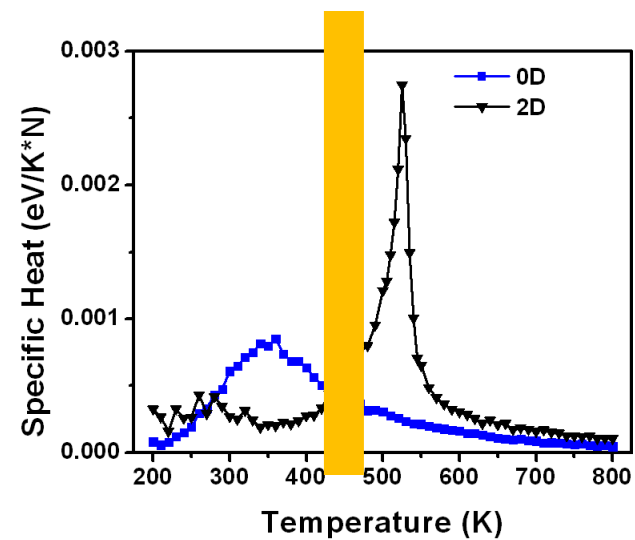
@450K



@480K

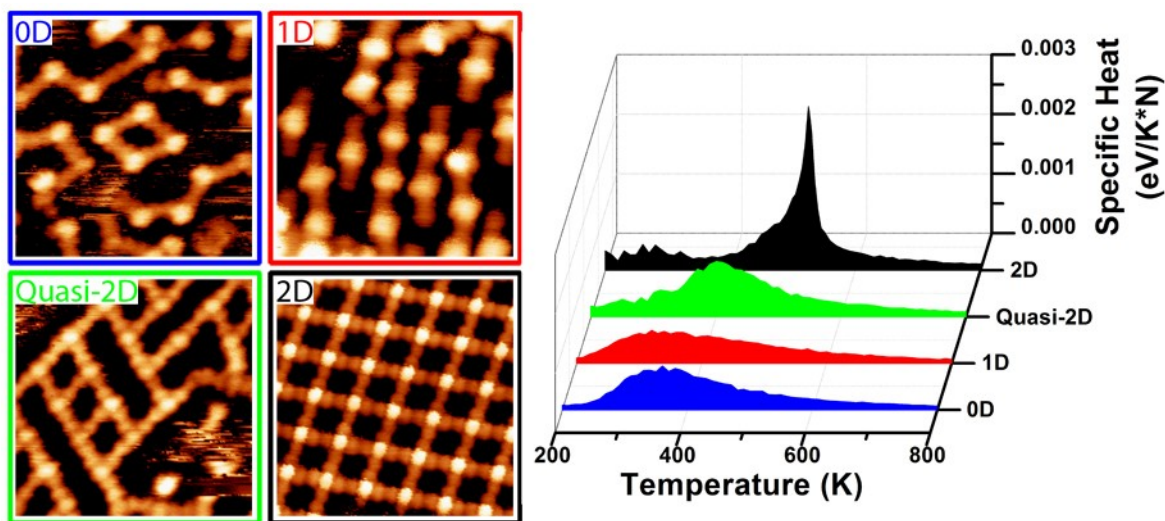


Discussion (Fe in 2D)



Conclusion

- supramolecular coordination systems with different dimensionality
 1. 0D, 1D, Quasi-2D: kinetic trapping, Fe atoms
 2. 2D: annealing treatment



1. On-surface supramolecular coordination self-assembly

- systems exhibiting different dimensionalities
- networks containing out-of-plane dinuclear Fe centers

2. On-surface polymerization

- metal-catalyzed Ullmann coupling reactions

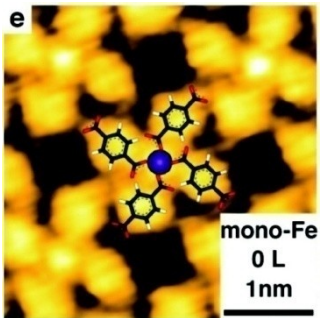
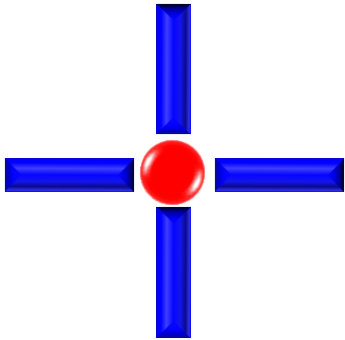
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Examples of On-Surface Coordination System

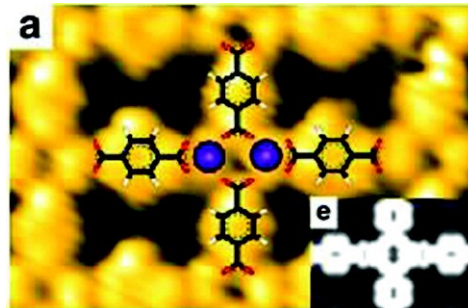
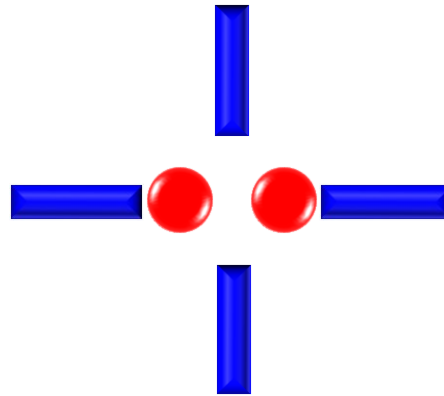
one single atom

top view



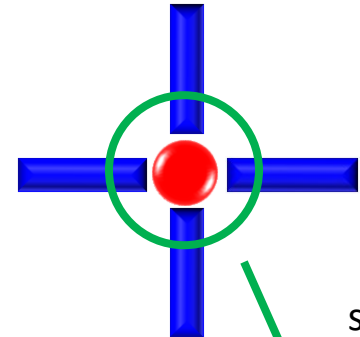
two atoms in-plane

top view

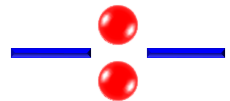


two atoms
(vertically aligned)

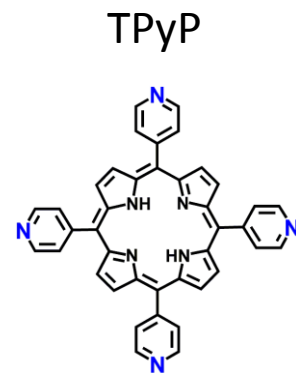
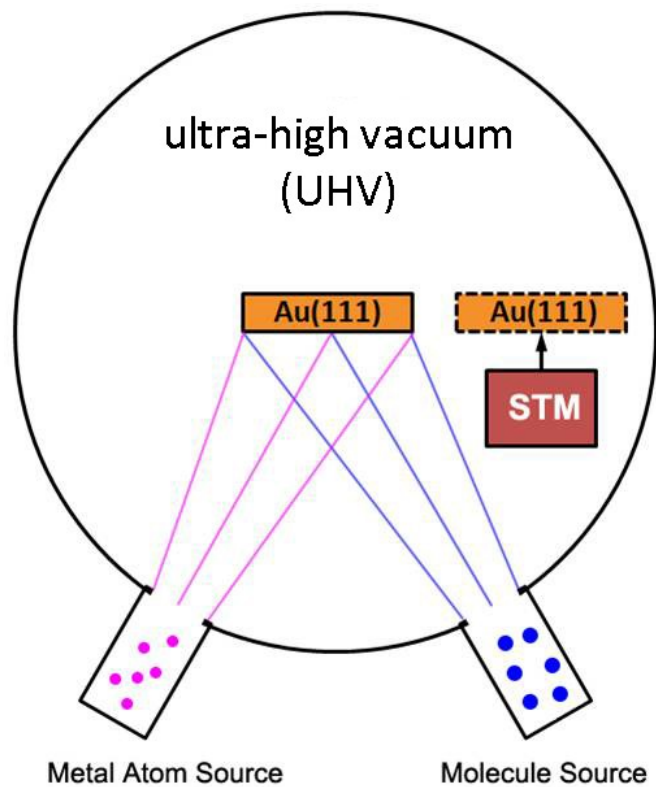
top view



side view

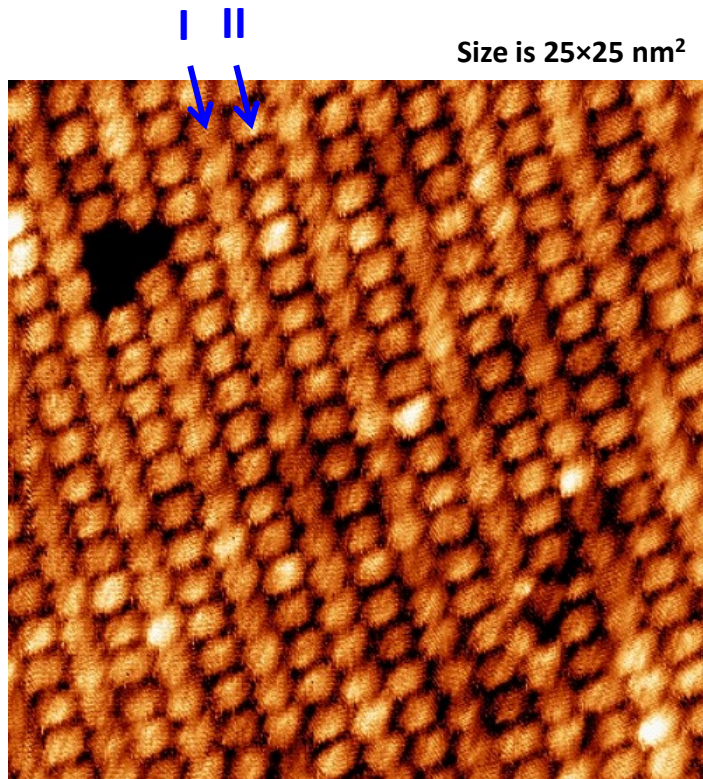


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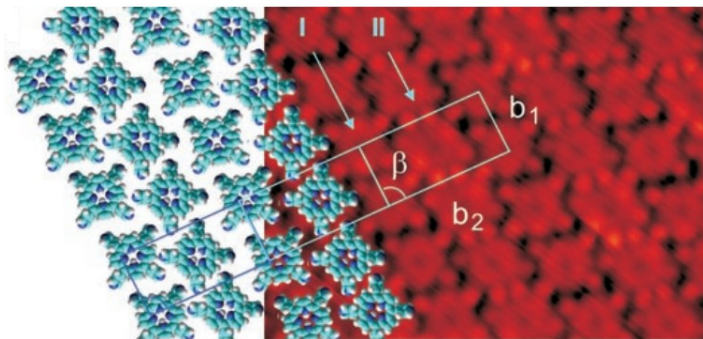
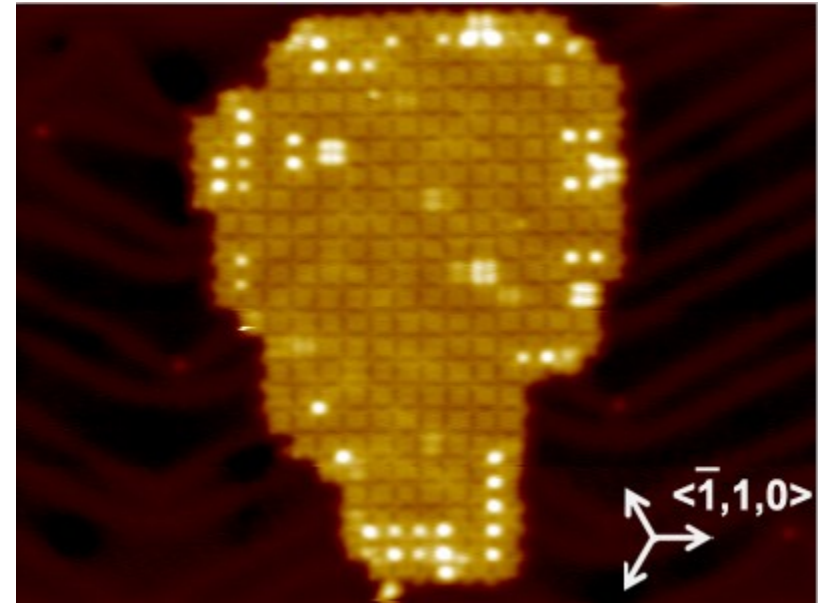


Structural Results

without Fe

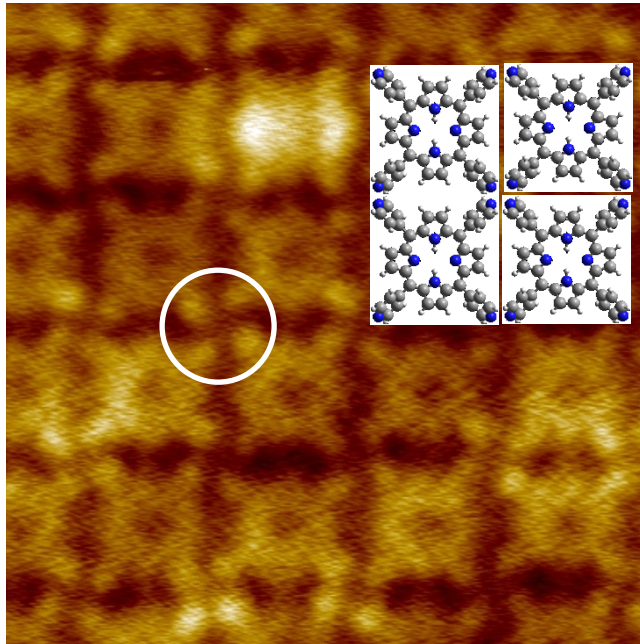


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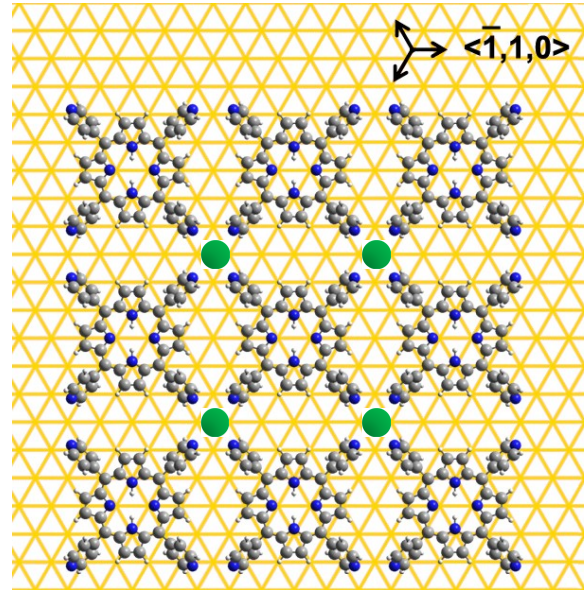
Ag(111)

Structural Results

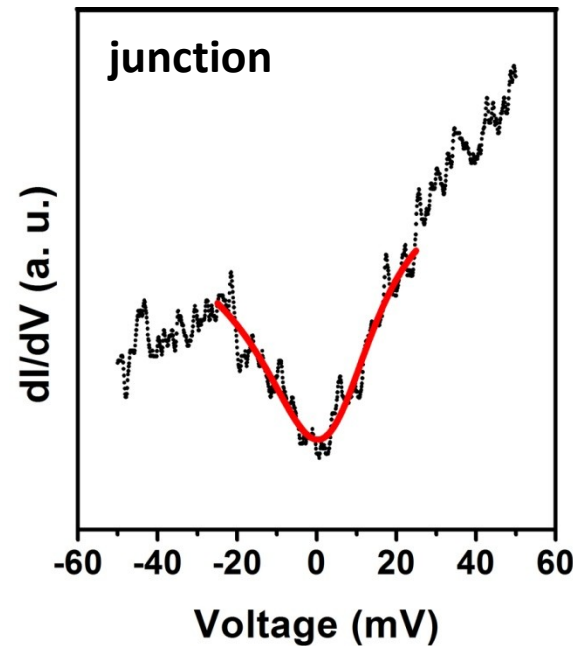


Size is 6×6 nm²

$$f(x) = A \times \frac{[q + (x - \epsilon_0)/\Gamma]^2}{1 + [(x - \epsilon_0)/\Gamma]^2} + B$$



Fe-N: 0.25nm

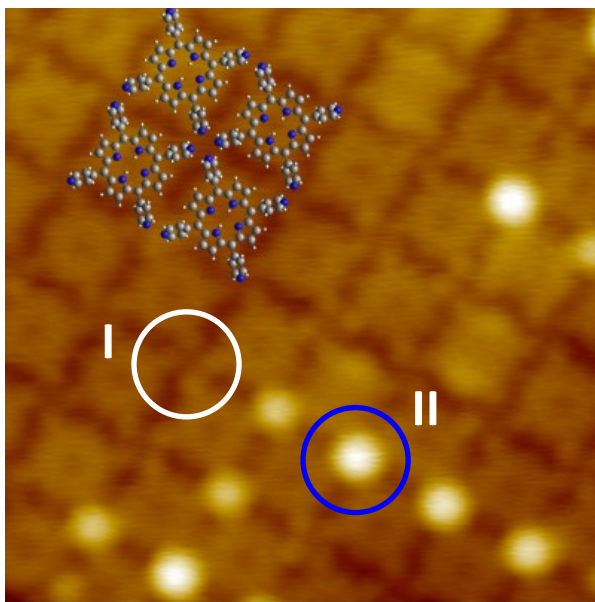


Kondo resonance

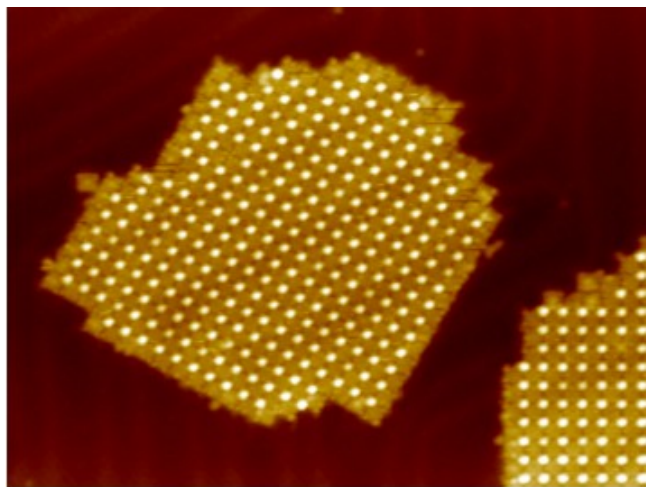
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magnetic impurity

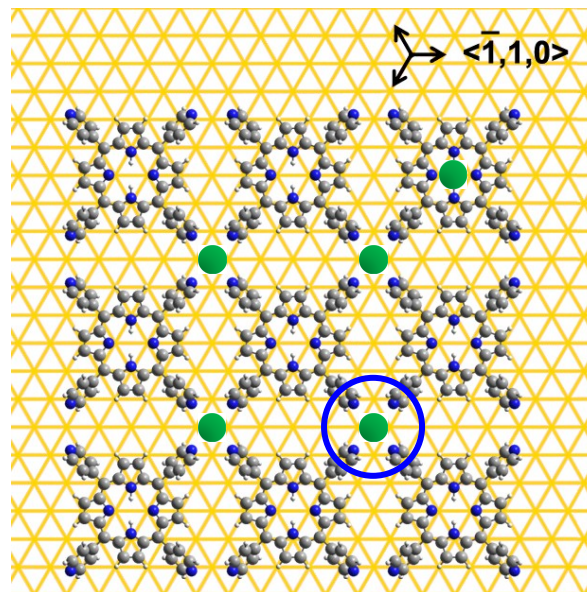
Structural Results



Size is $7.5 \times 7.5 \text{ nm}^2$



Size is $40 \times 30 \text{ nm}^2$



Fe-N: 0.25nm

Side View

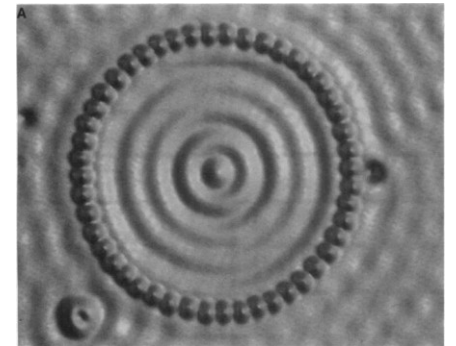
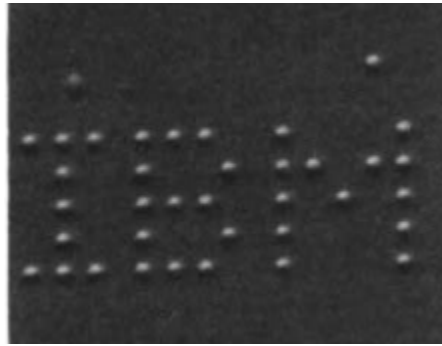
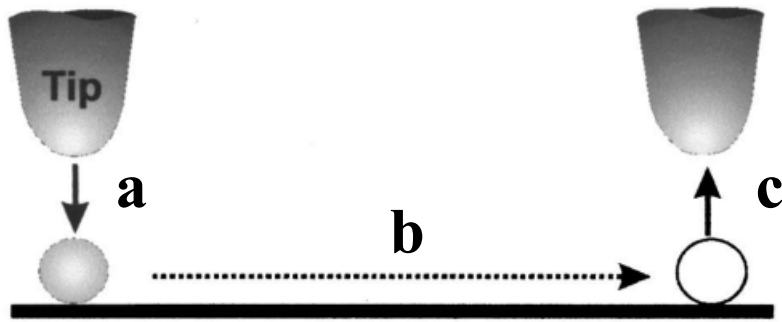
Type I (four-lobe)



Type II (bright-dot)



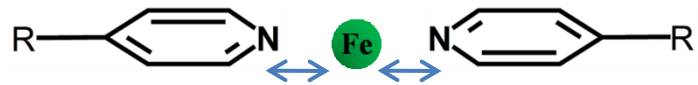
Lateral Manipulation



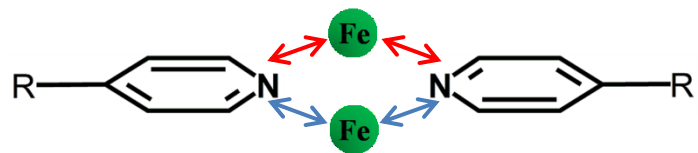
no example of large coordination network moved by STM tips without break

Lateral Manipulation

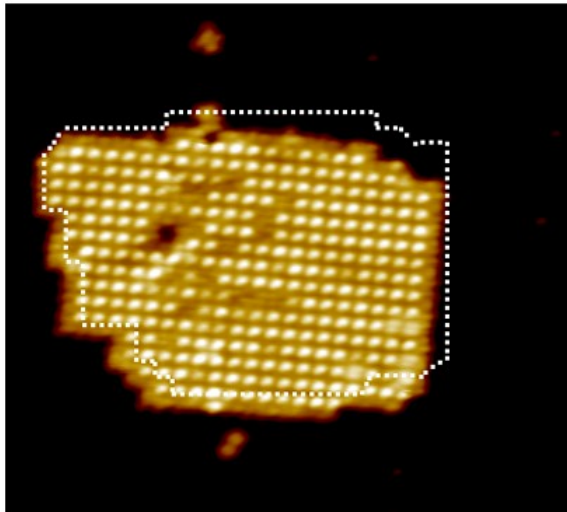
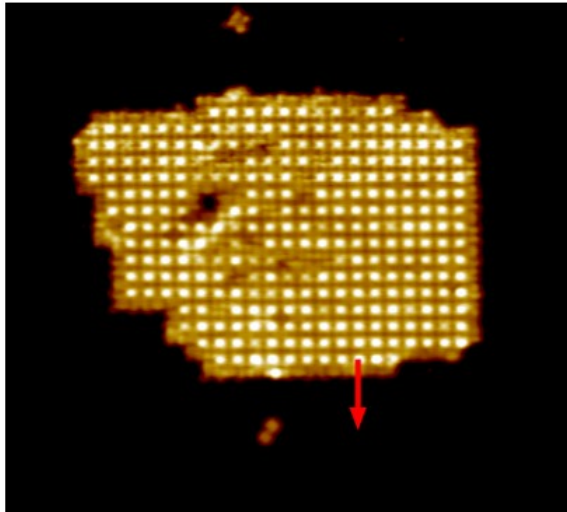
Type I



Type II

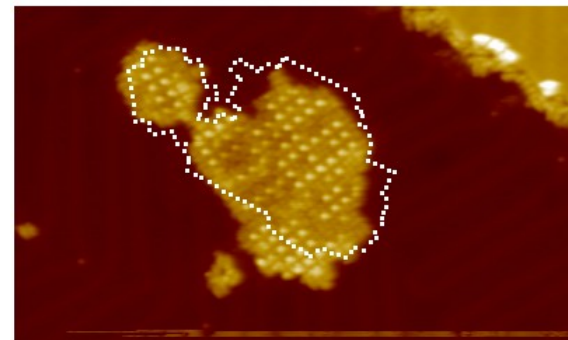
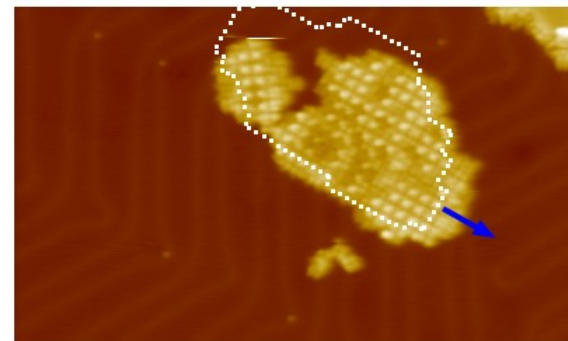
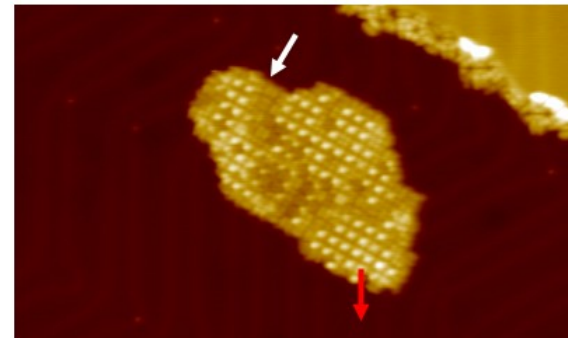


Type II (~ 300 molecules)



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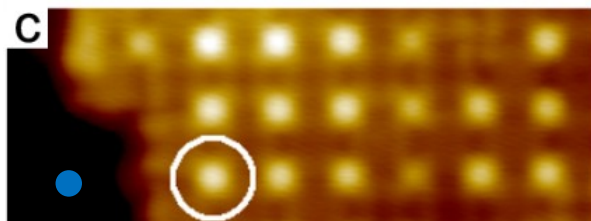
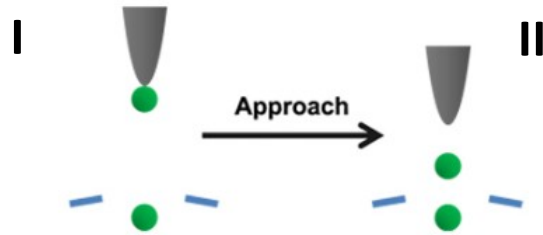
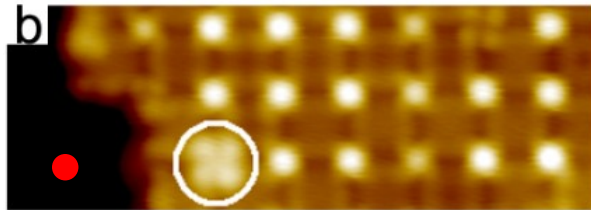
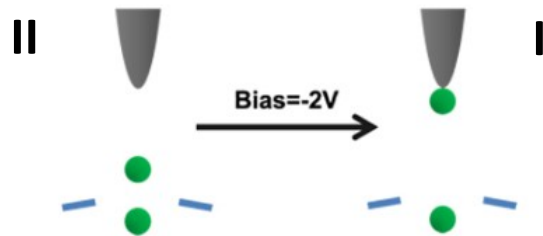
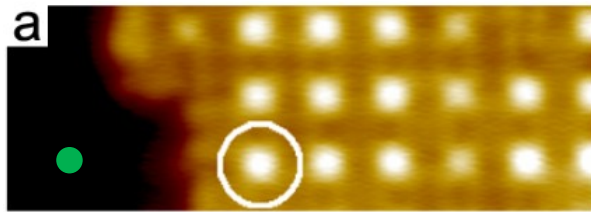
Type I chain



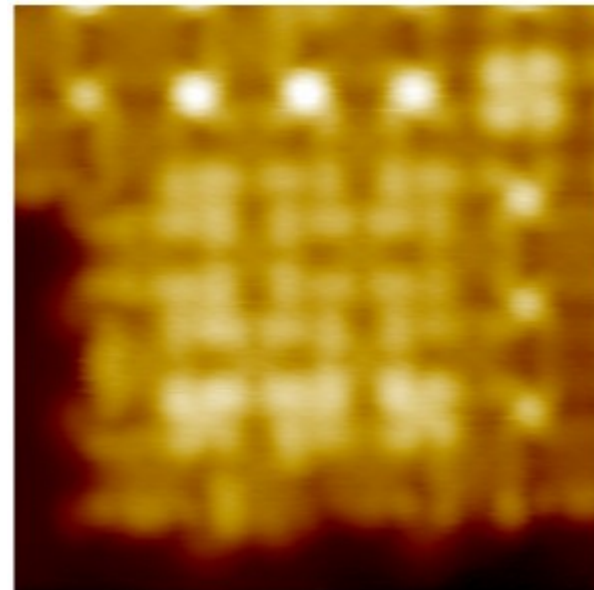
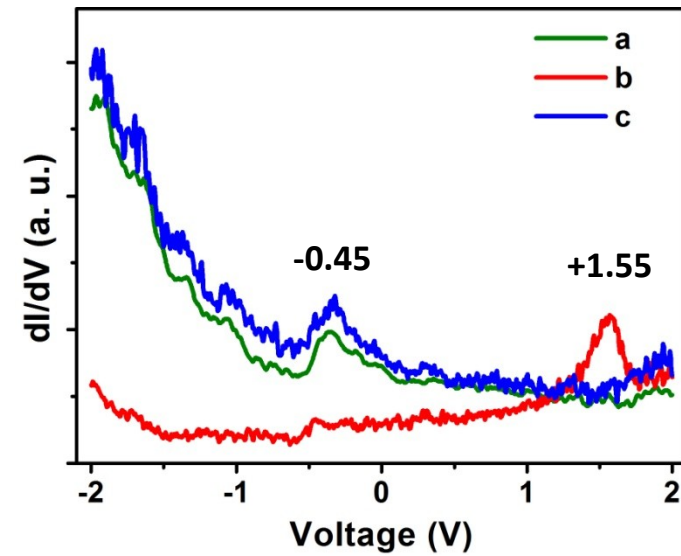
Size is 50×30 nm²

Vertical Manipulation

size is $10.5 \times 3.6 \text{ nm}^2$



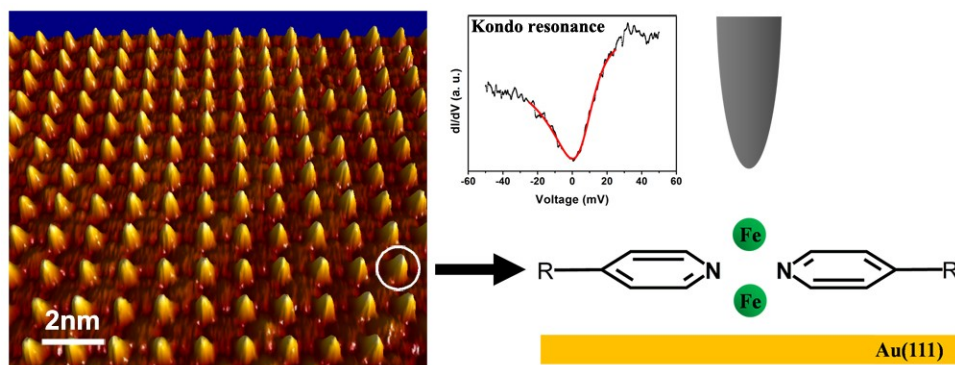
dI/dV represents LDOS



size is $6.5 \times 6.5 \text{ nm}^2$

Conclusion

- first example of out-of-plane dinuclear coordination network
- study the properties of this network
 1. STM lateral manipulation
 2. STM vertical manipulation
 3. Kondo resonance



1. On-surface supramolecular coordination self-assembly

- systems exhibiting different dimensionalities
- networks containing out-of-plane dinuclear Fe centers

2. On-surface polymerization

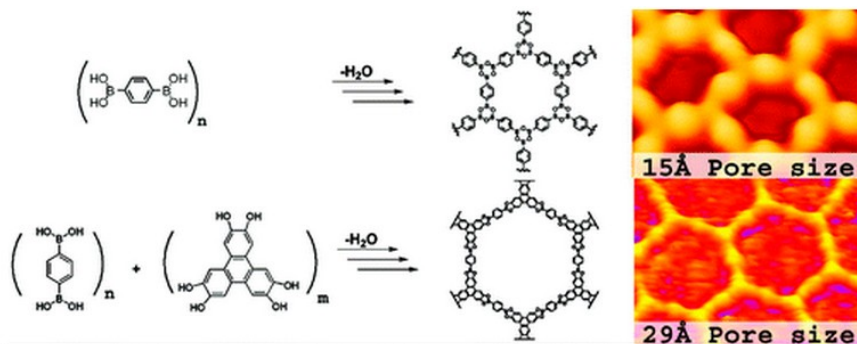
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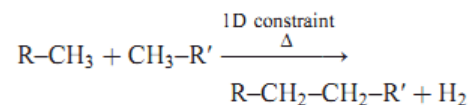
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On-Surface Polymerization

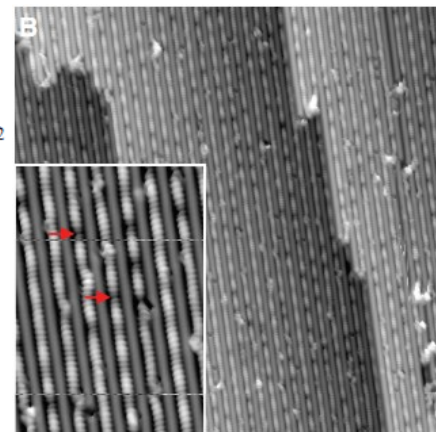
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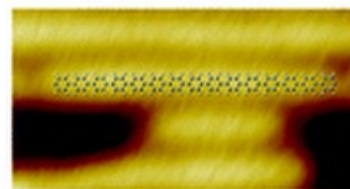
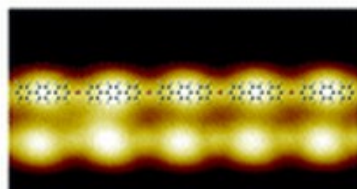
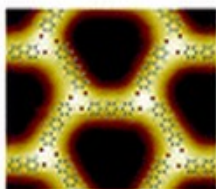
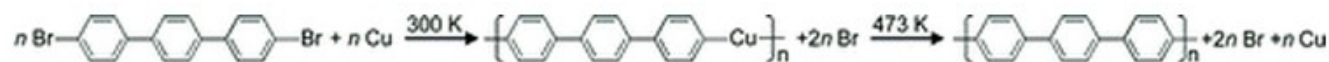
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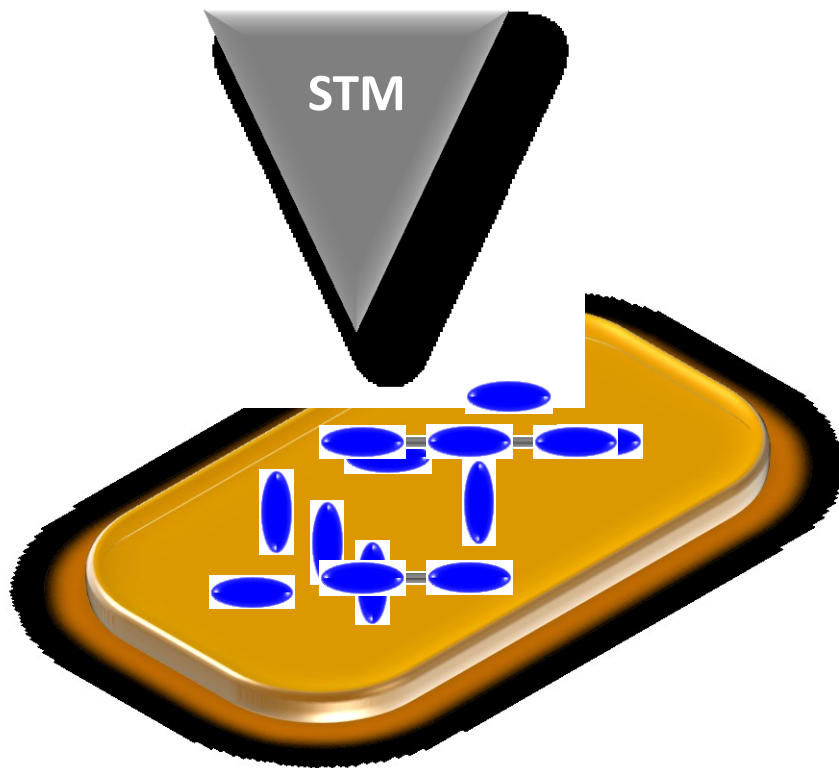
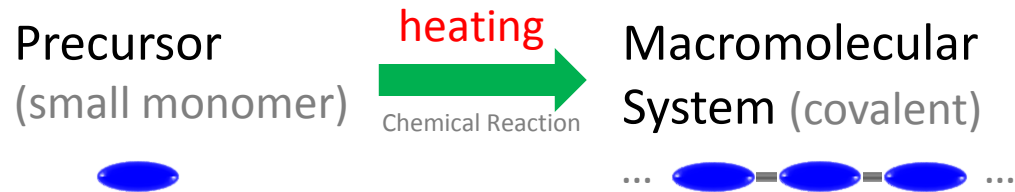
Alkane Polymerization



Surface as a catalyst

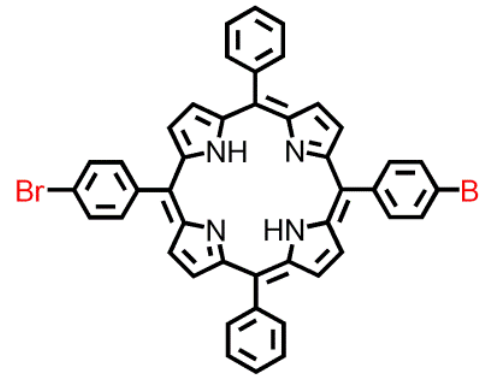
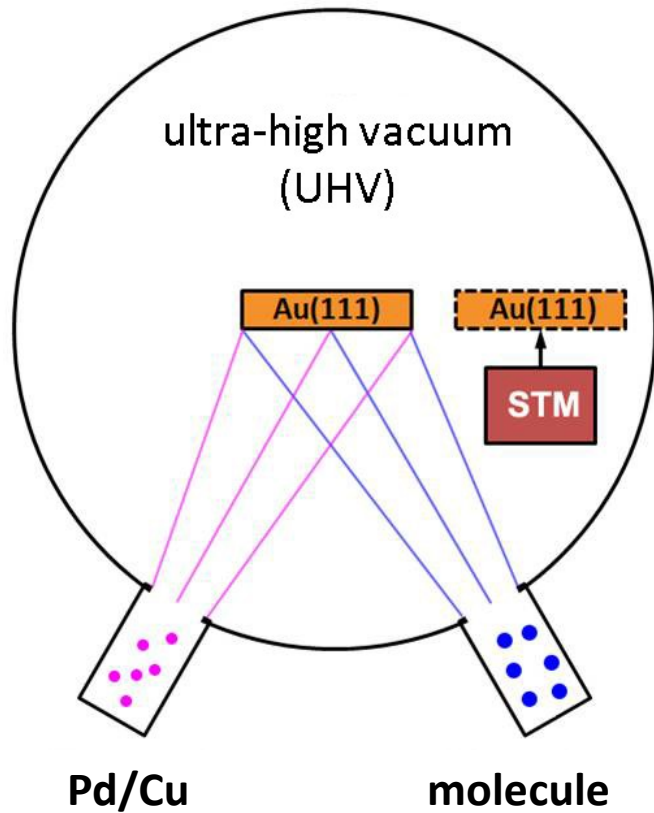


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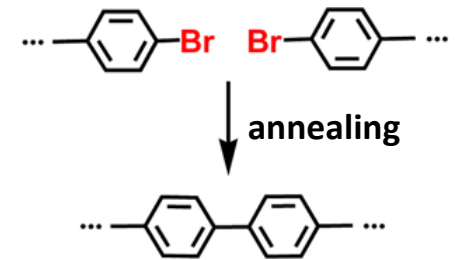


- metal as catalyst?
- activation energy?

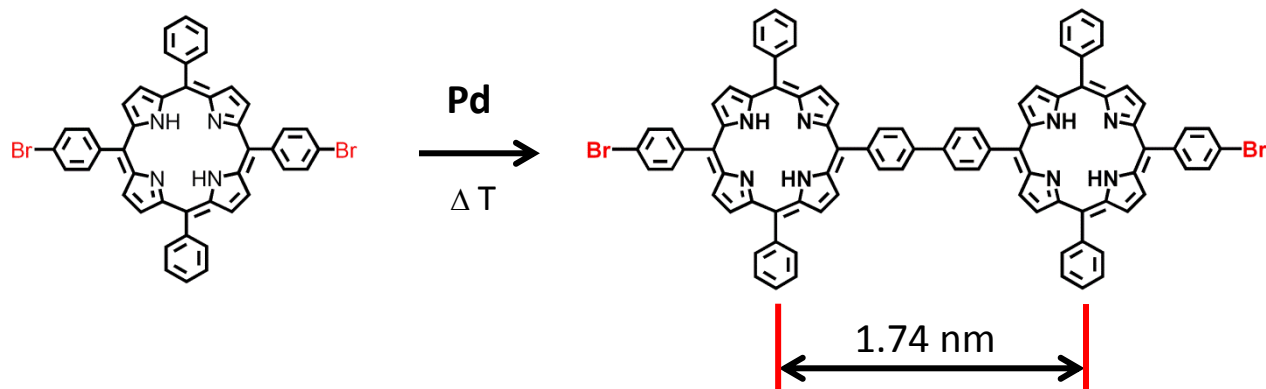
On-Surface Polymerization



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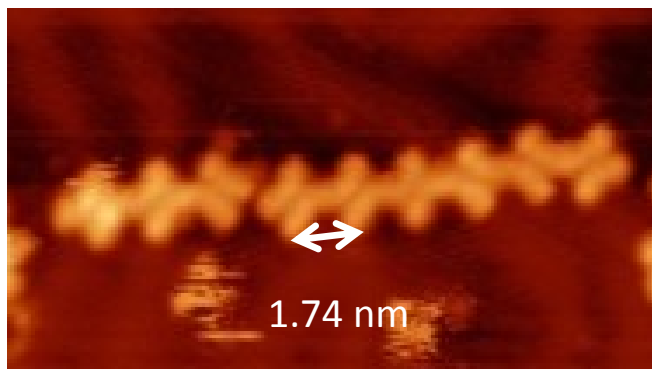
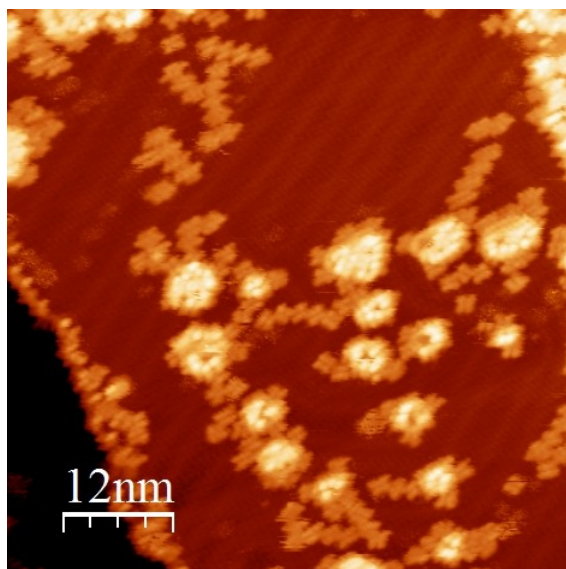


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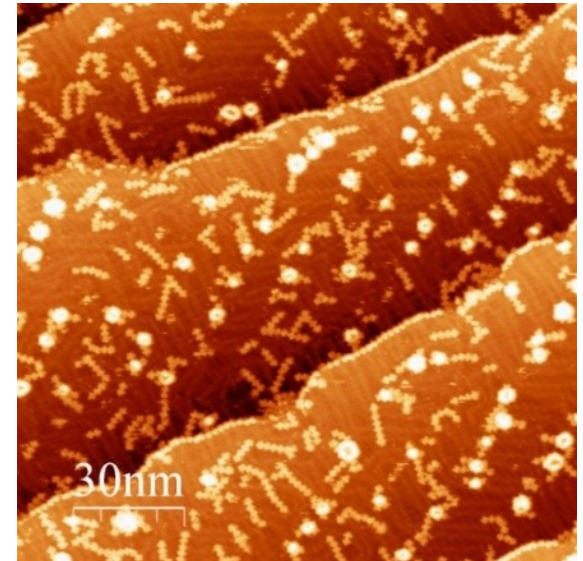
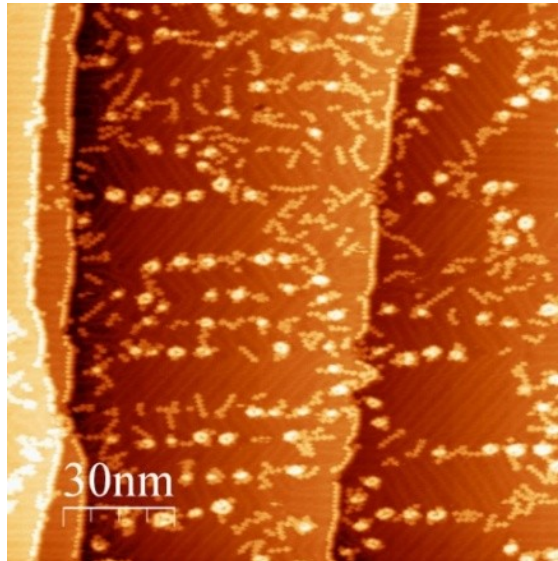
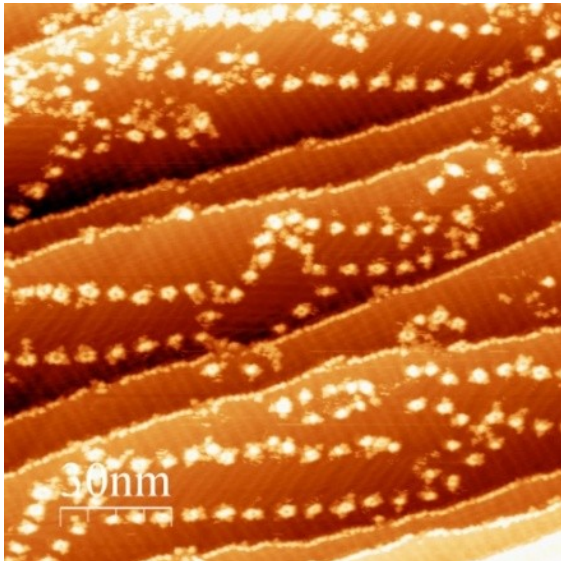
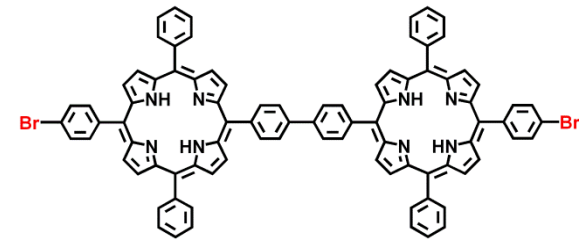
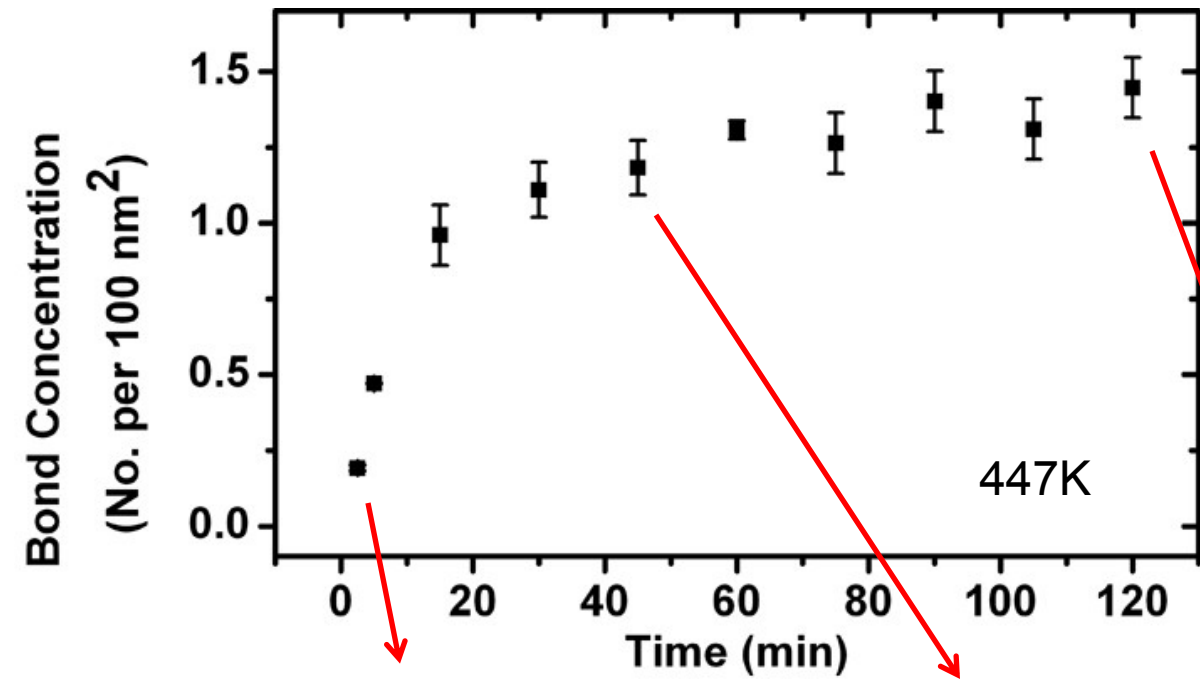


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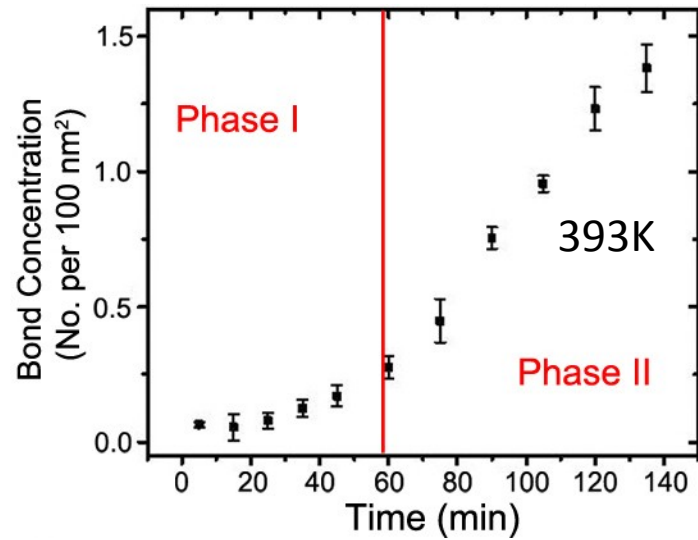
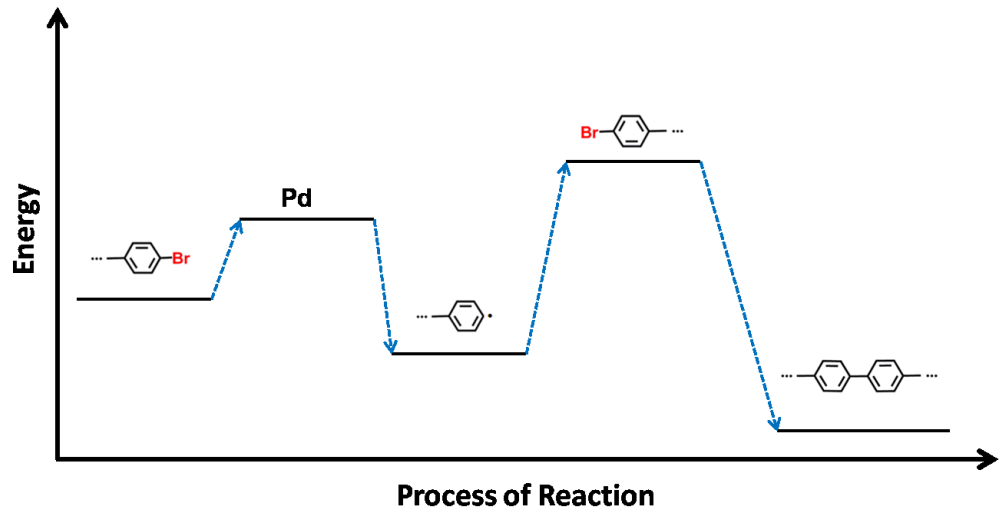
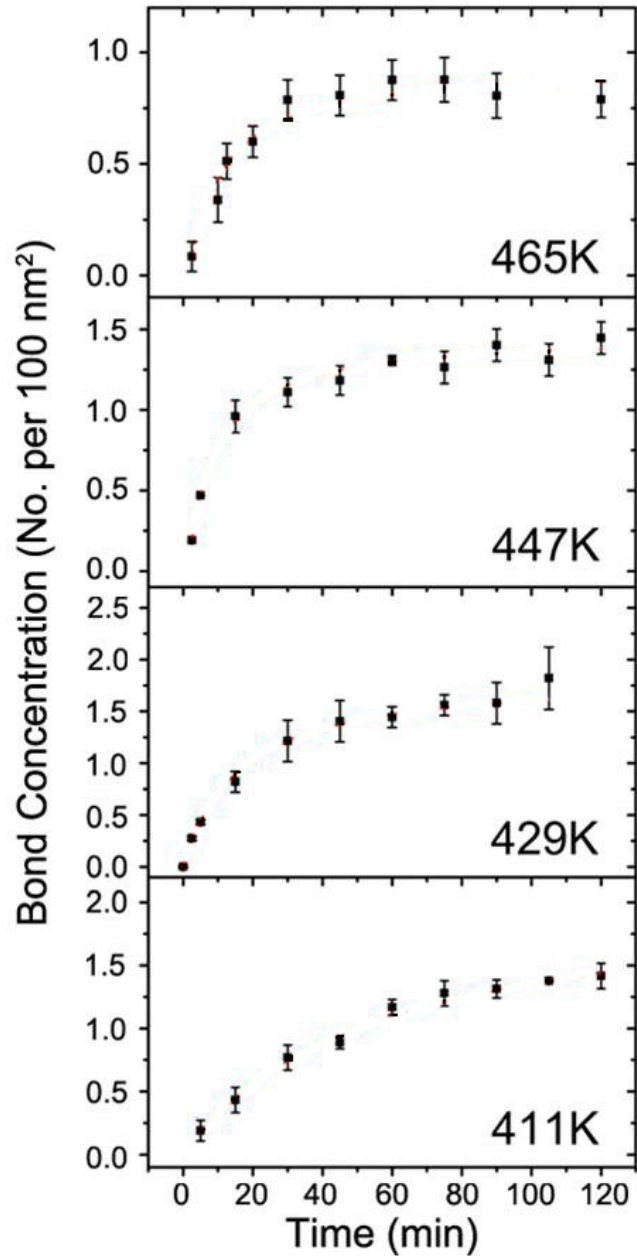
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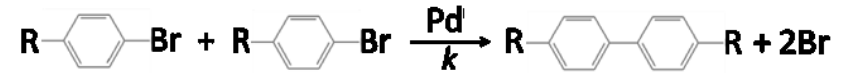
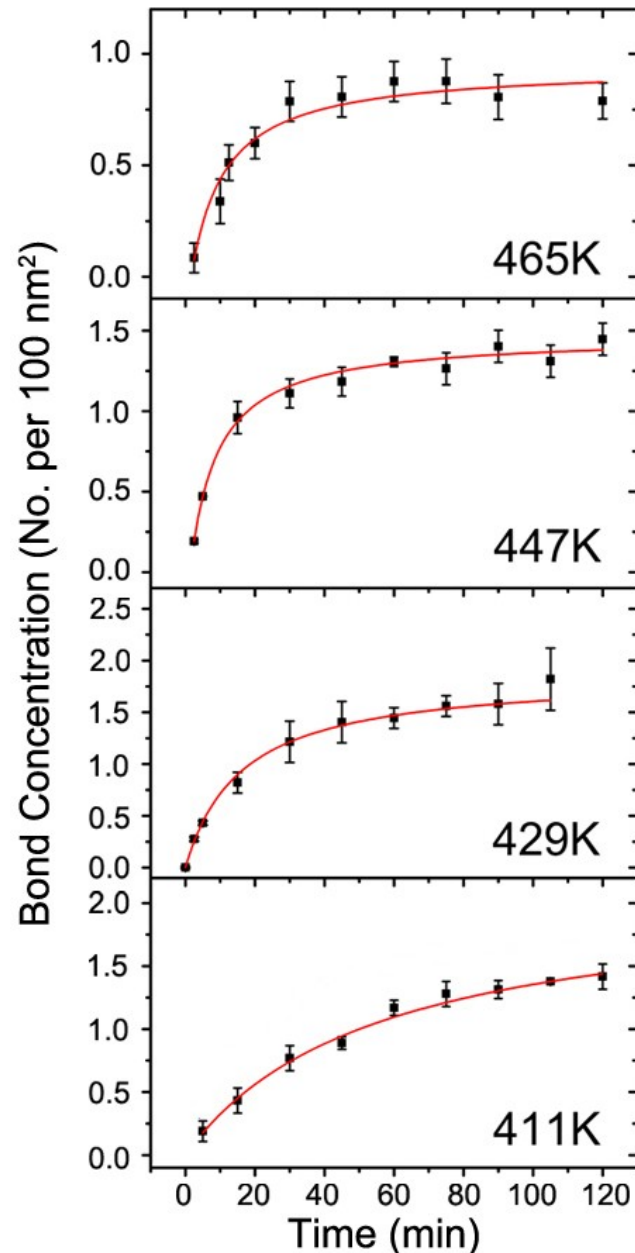
Annealing Process



Varying Annealing Temperature



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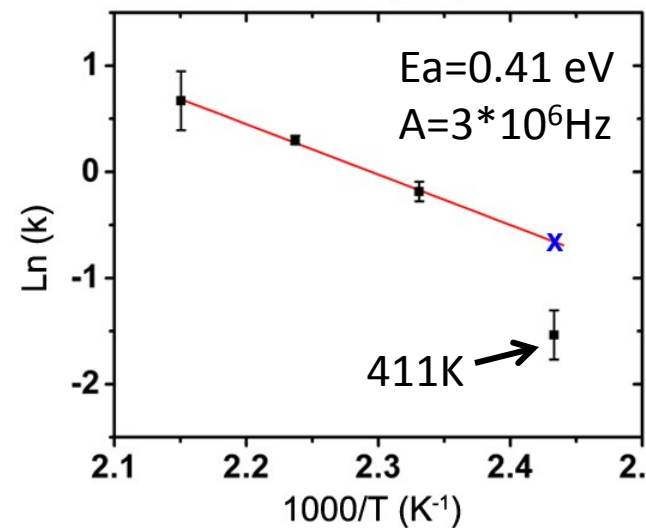


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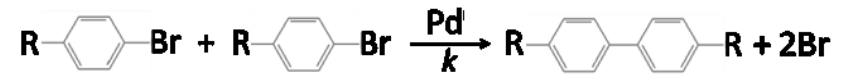
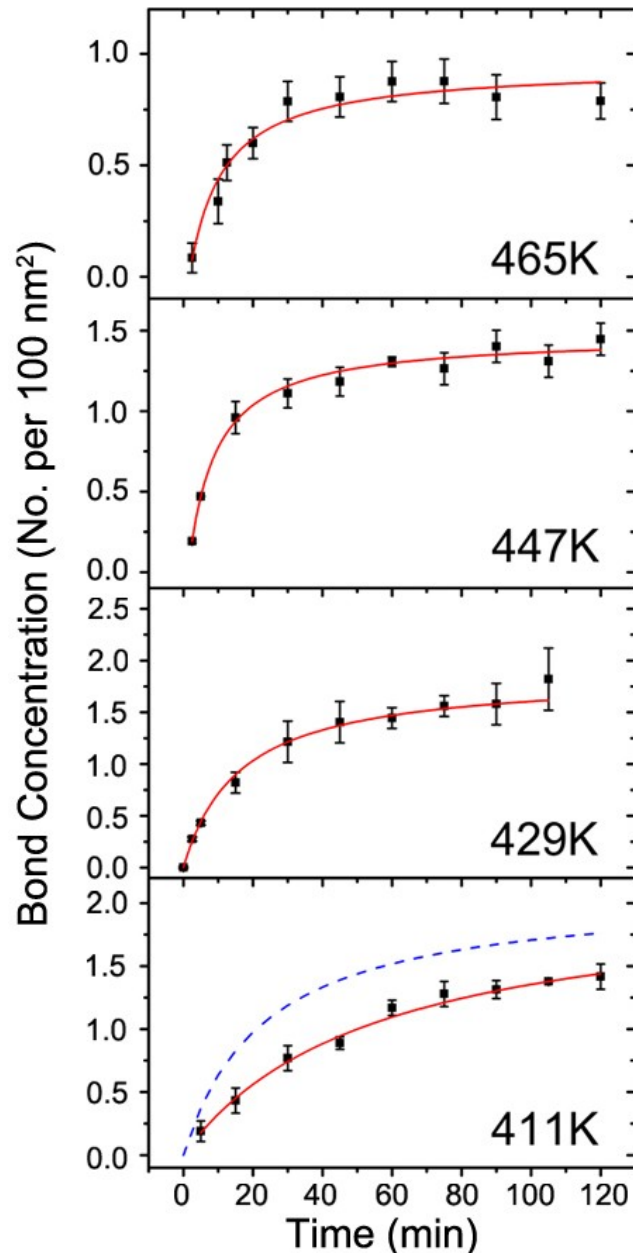
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$$\Rightarrow [\text{Bond}] = \frac{kt[\text{Br}]_0^2}{1 + 2 \times kt[\text{Br}]_0^2}$$

Arrhenius relation: $k = A \times \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{kT}\right)$



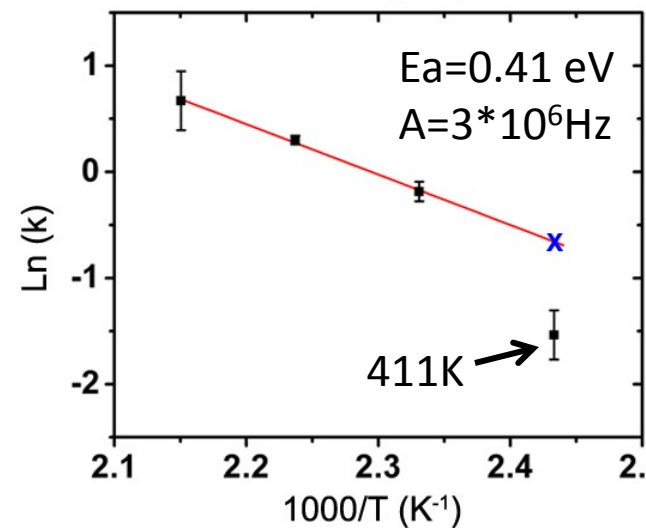
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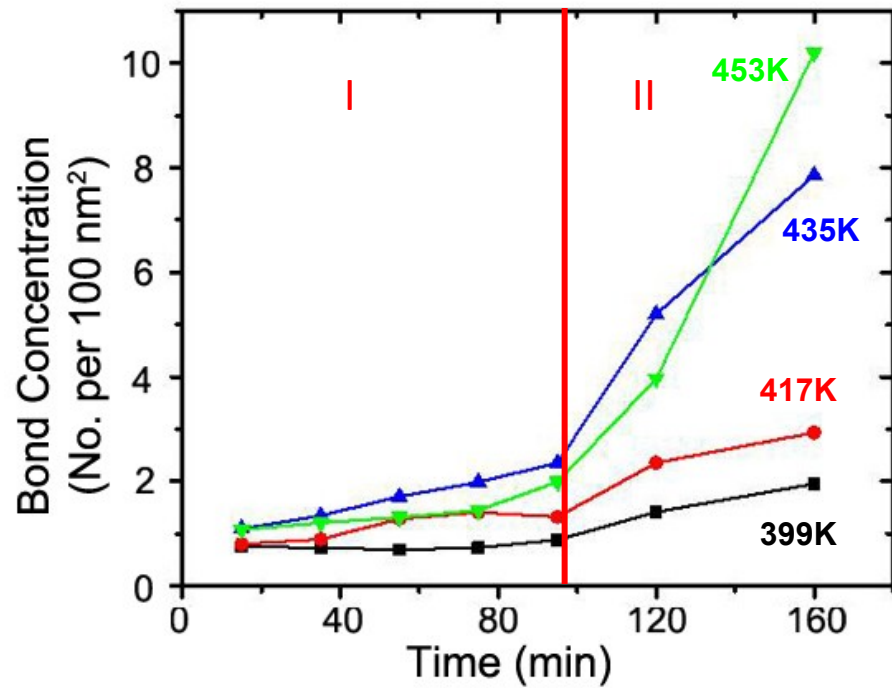
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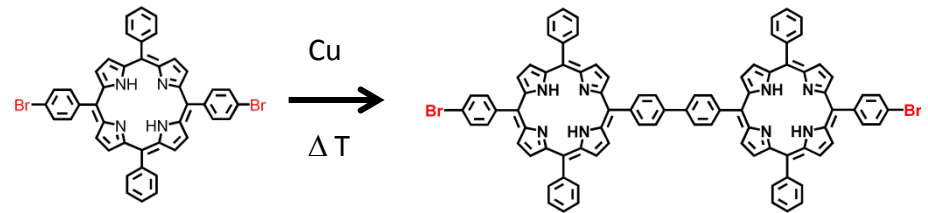
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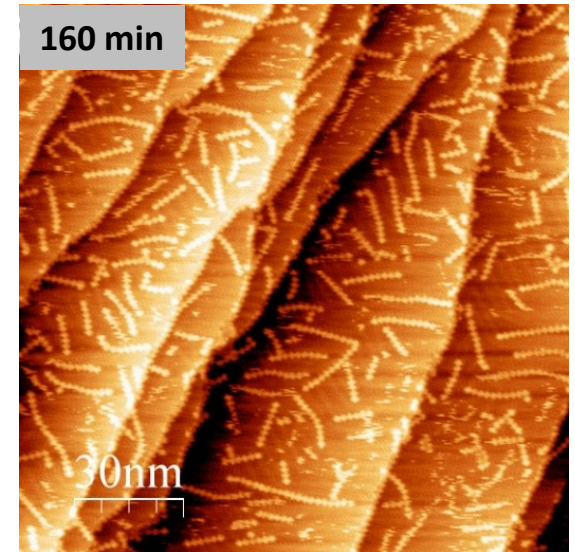
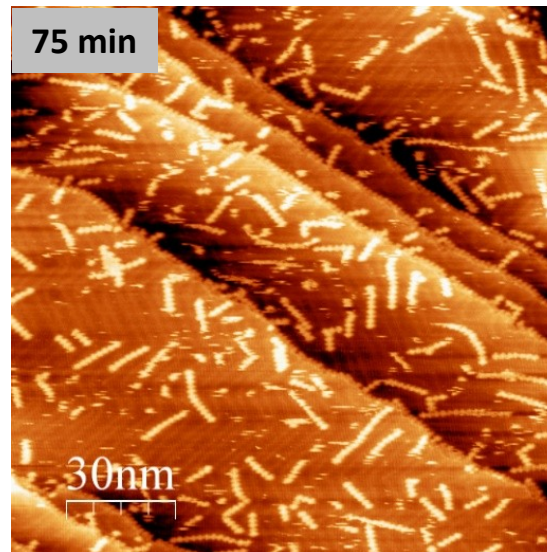
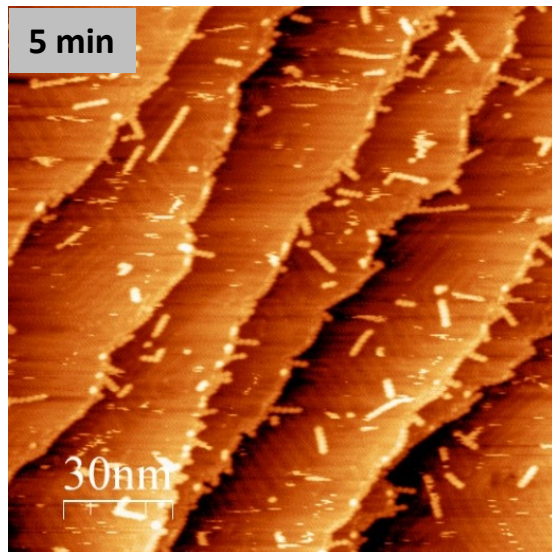
Cu as Catalyst



Two-phase

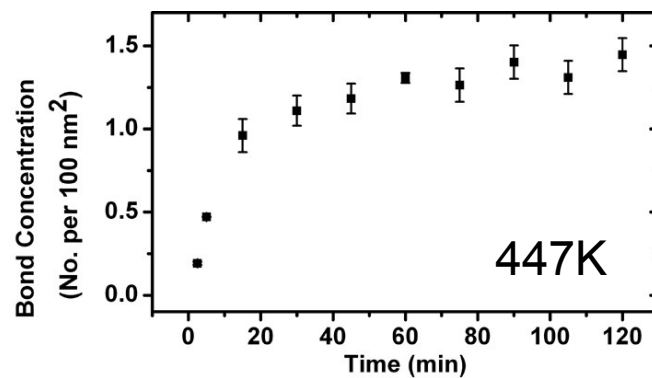
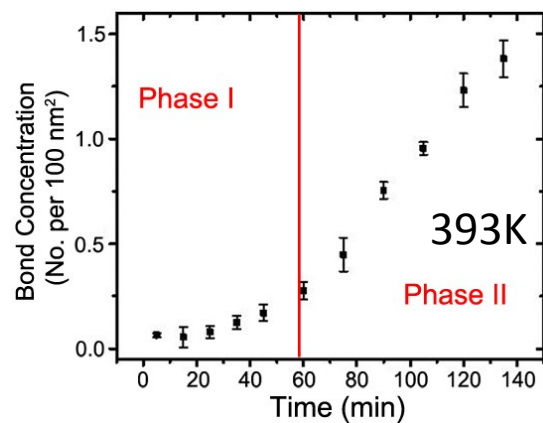


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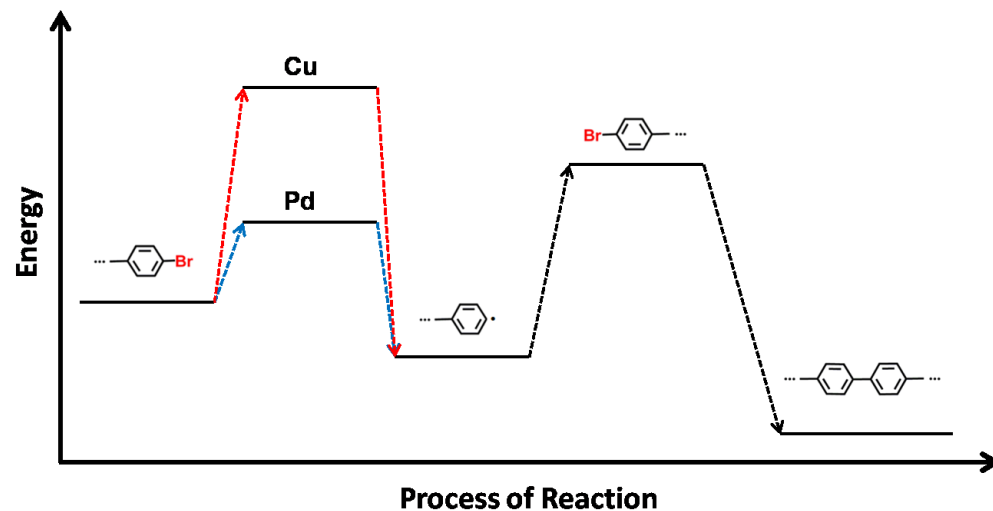
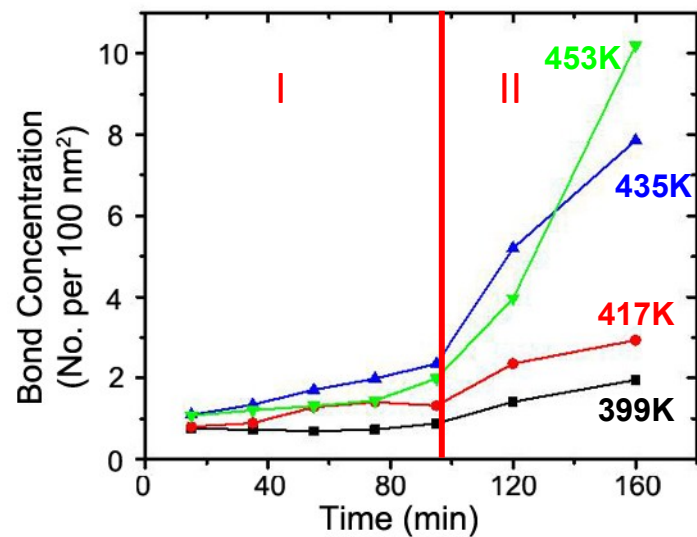


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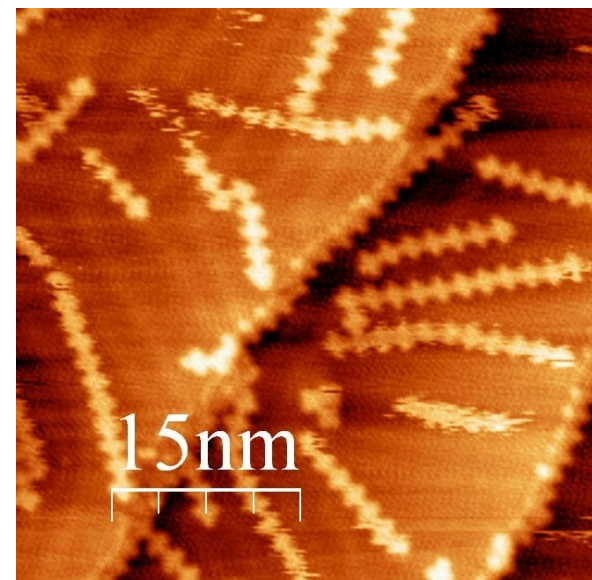
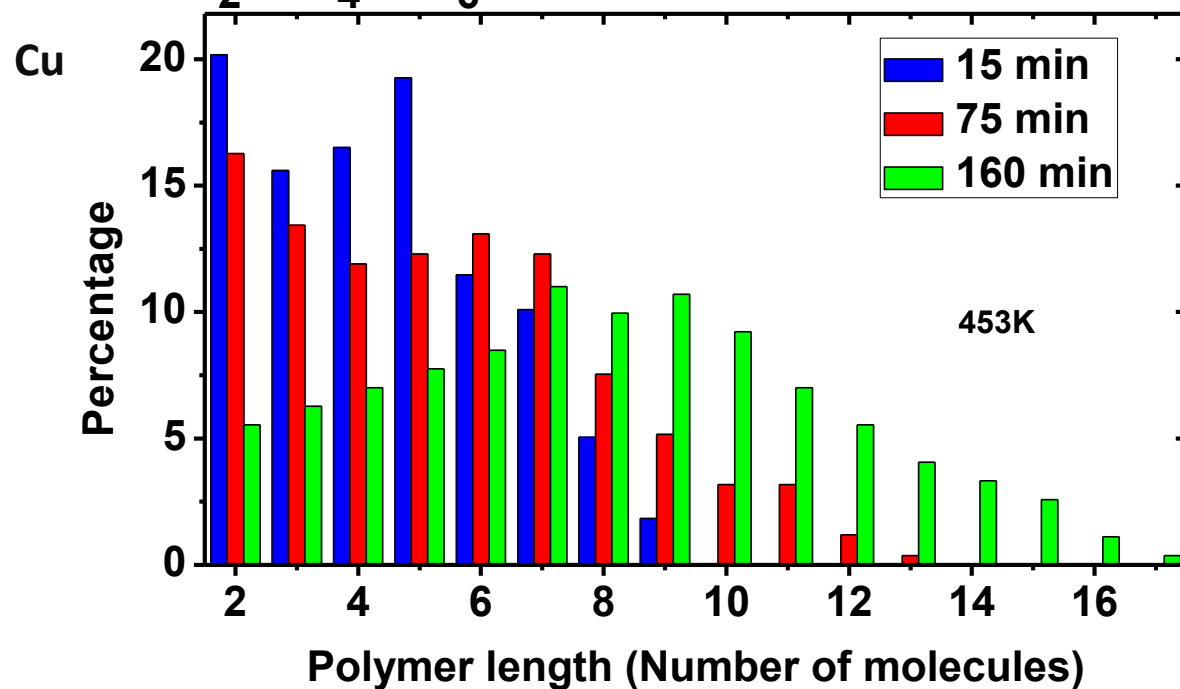
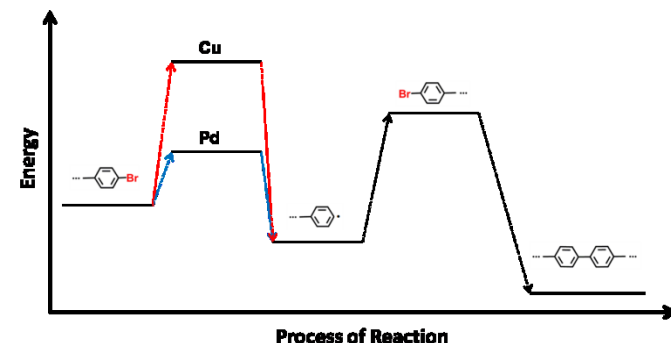
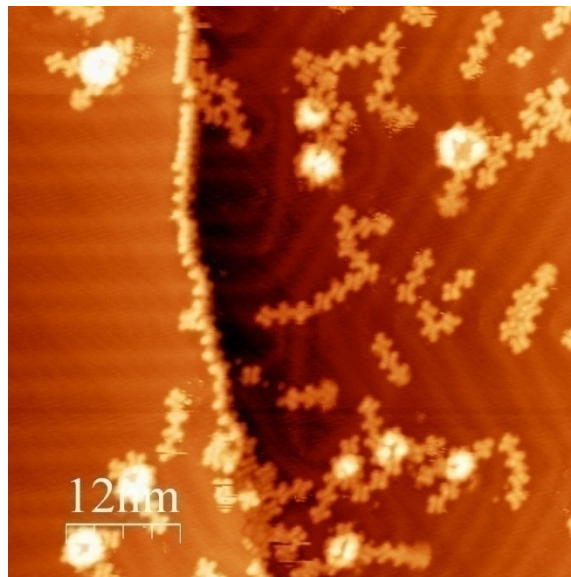
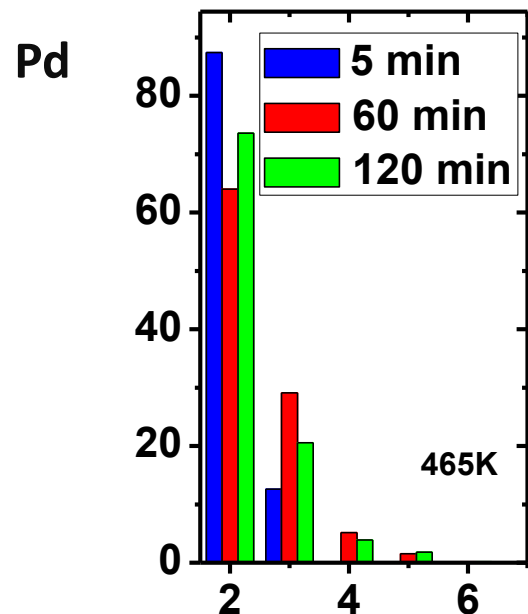
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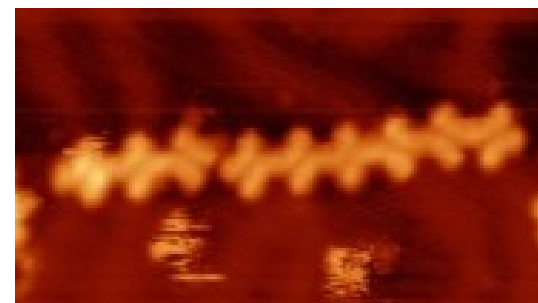
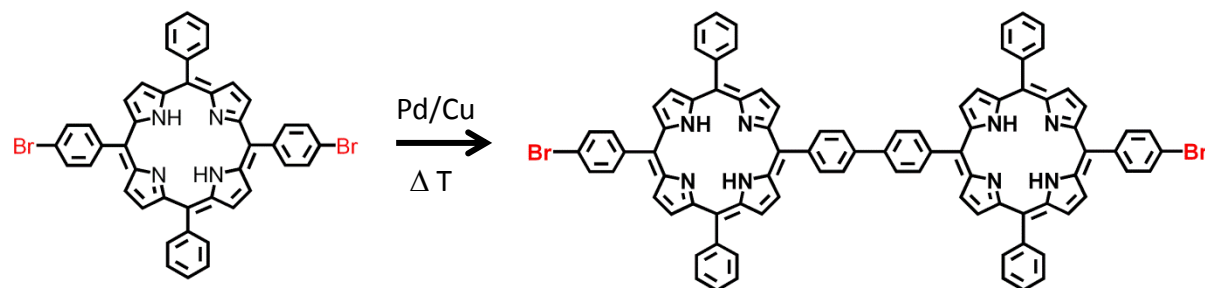
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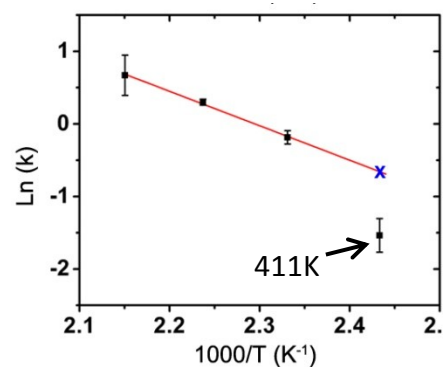
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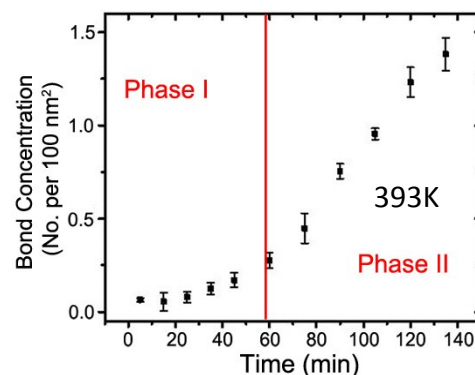
Conclusion



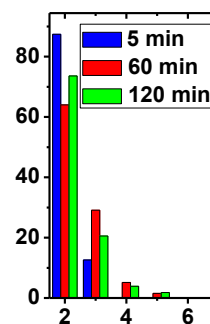
Pd- / Cu-Catalyzed homocoupling



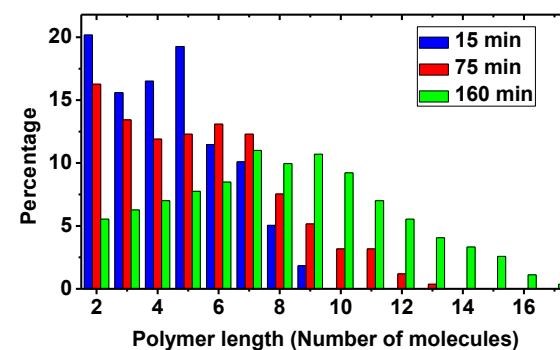
Activation Energy 0.41 eV



2 phases



Comparison



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- networks containing out-of-plane dinuclear Fe centers

2. On-surface polymerization

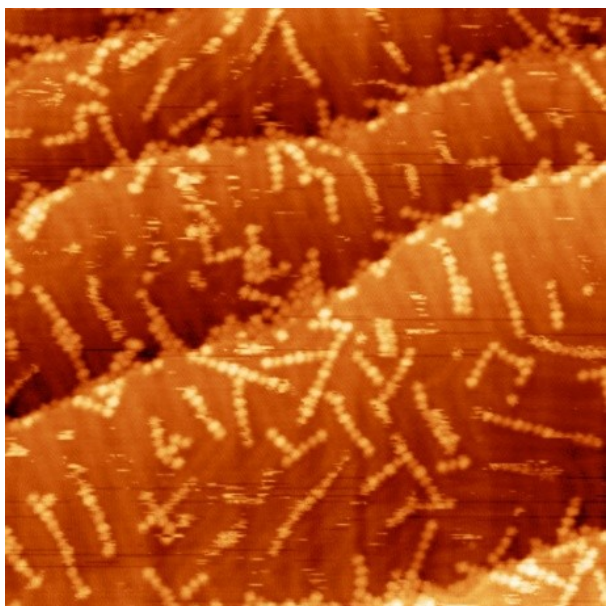
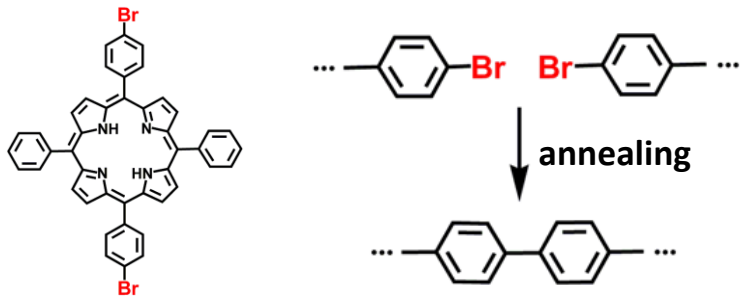
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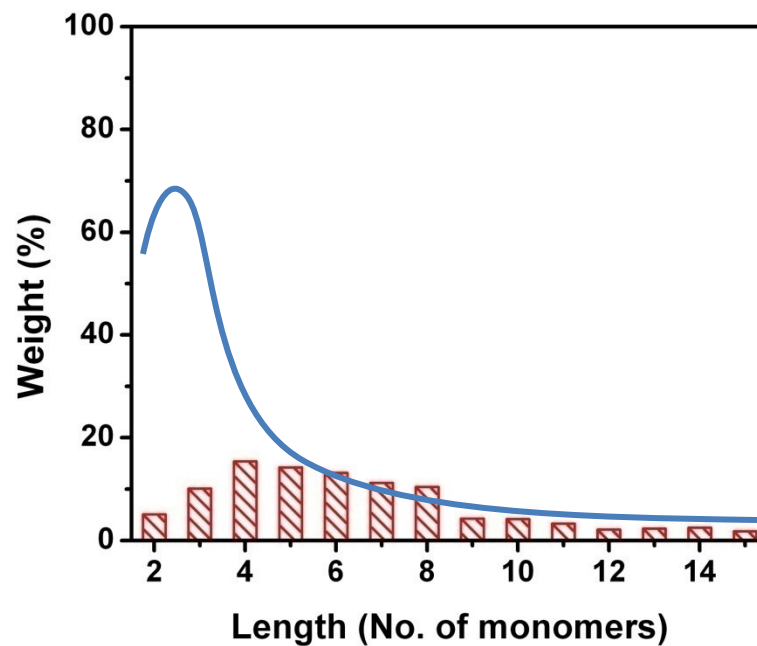
1D Polymerization

Covalent by Debromination



size: 100*100 nm²

weight: % of molecule in each config.

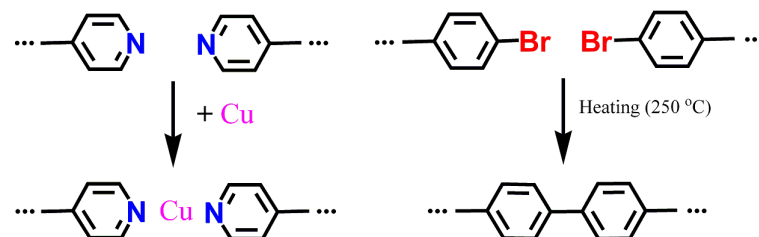
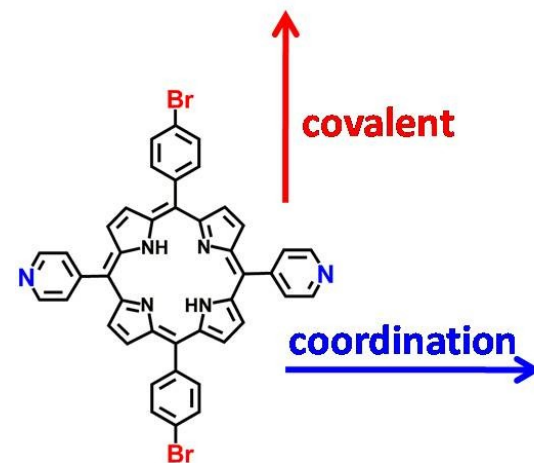
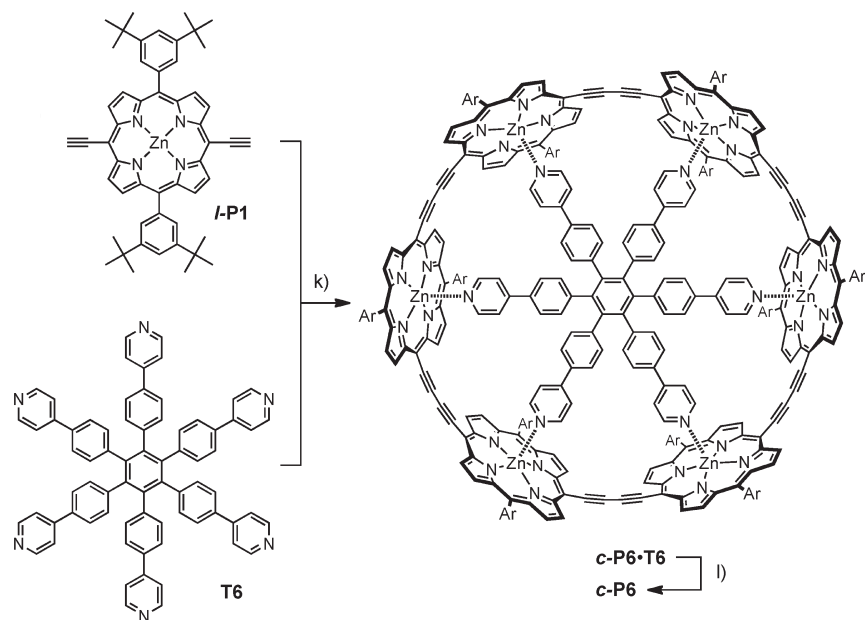
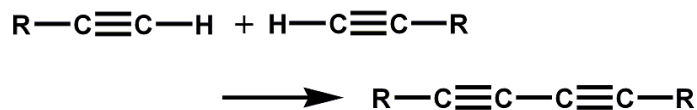


Template Synthesis

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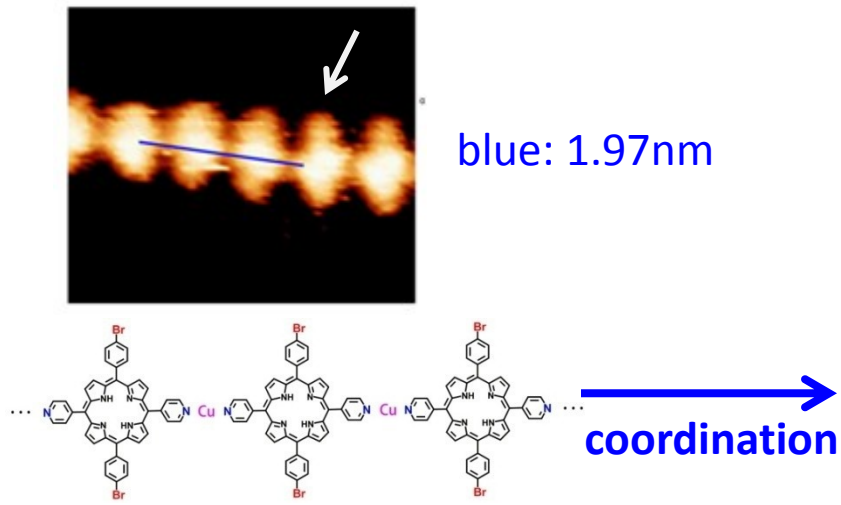
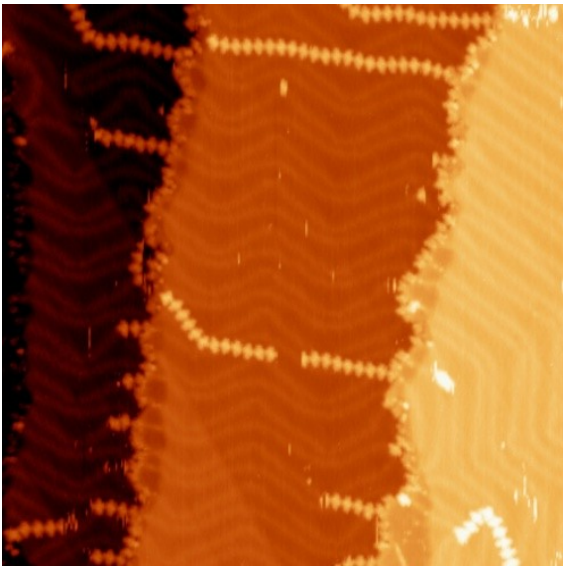
Non-covalent bond to control the formation of covalent products.

Glaser Coupling:



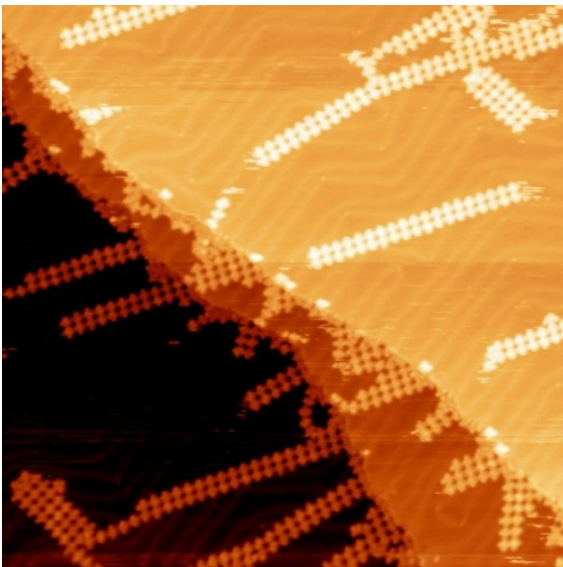
Experimental Results

+ Cu @Au(111) RT
Single-Row Chains

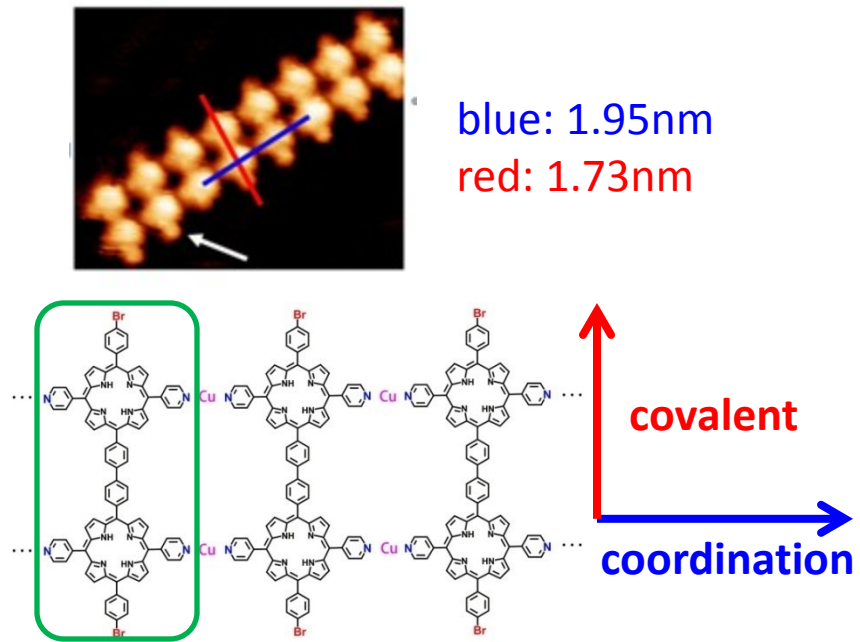


blue: 1.97nm

180°C annealing
Double-Row Chains



size: 100*100 nm²



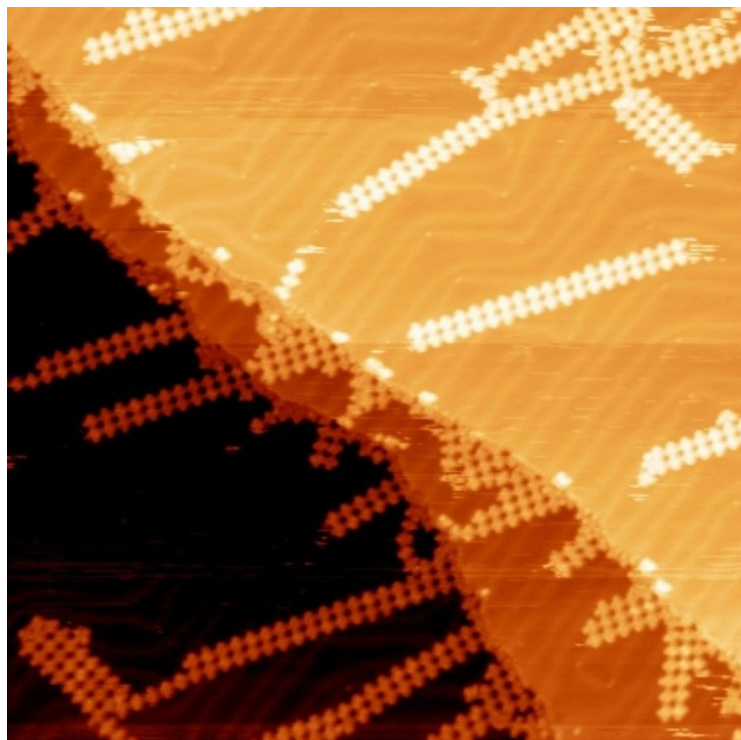
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red: 1.73nm

covalent

coordination

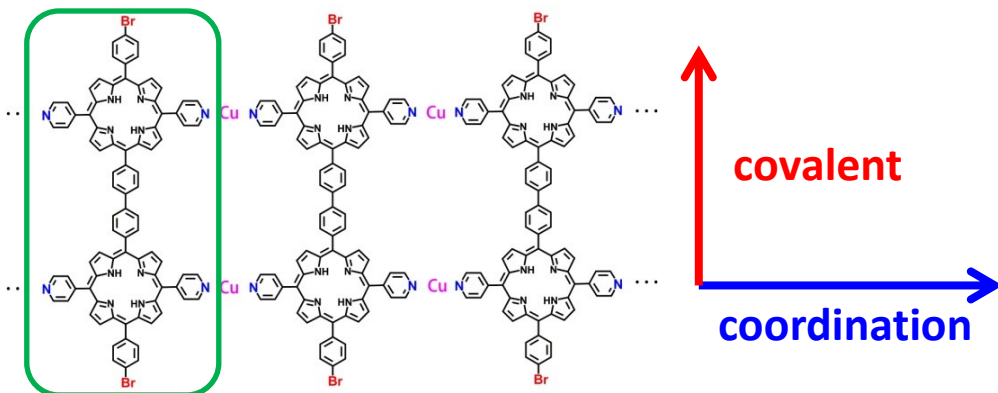
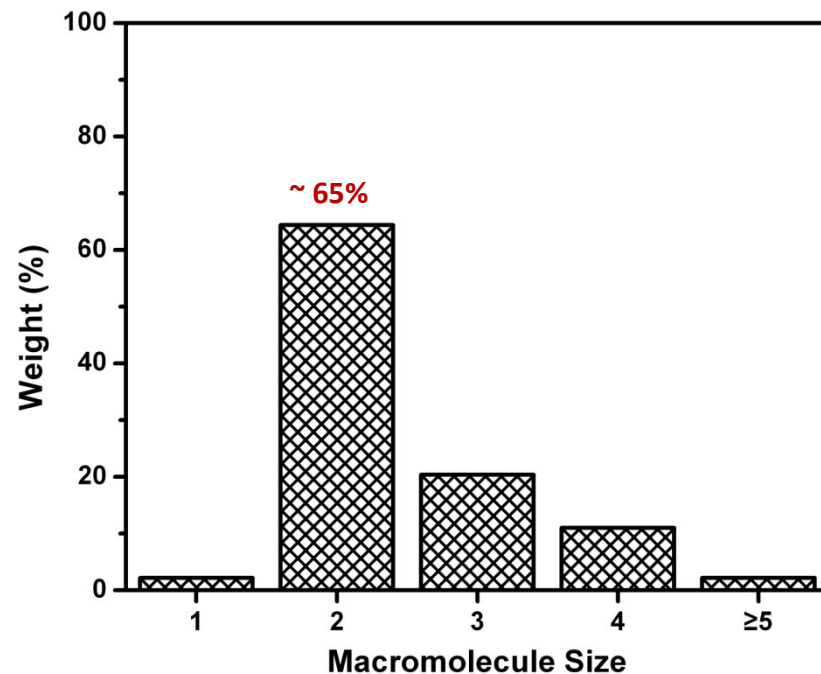
Experimental Results



size: 100*100 nm²

weight: % of molecule in each config.

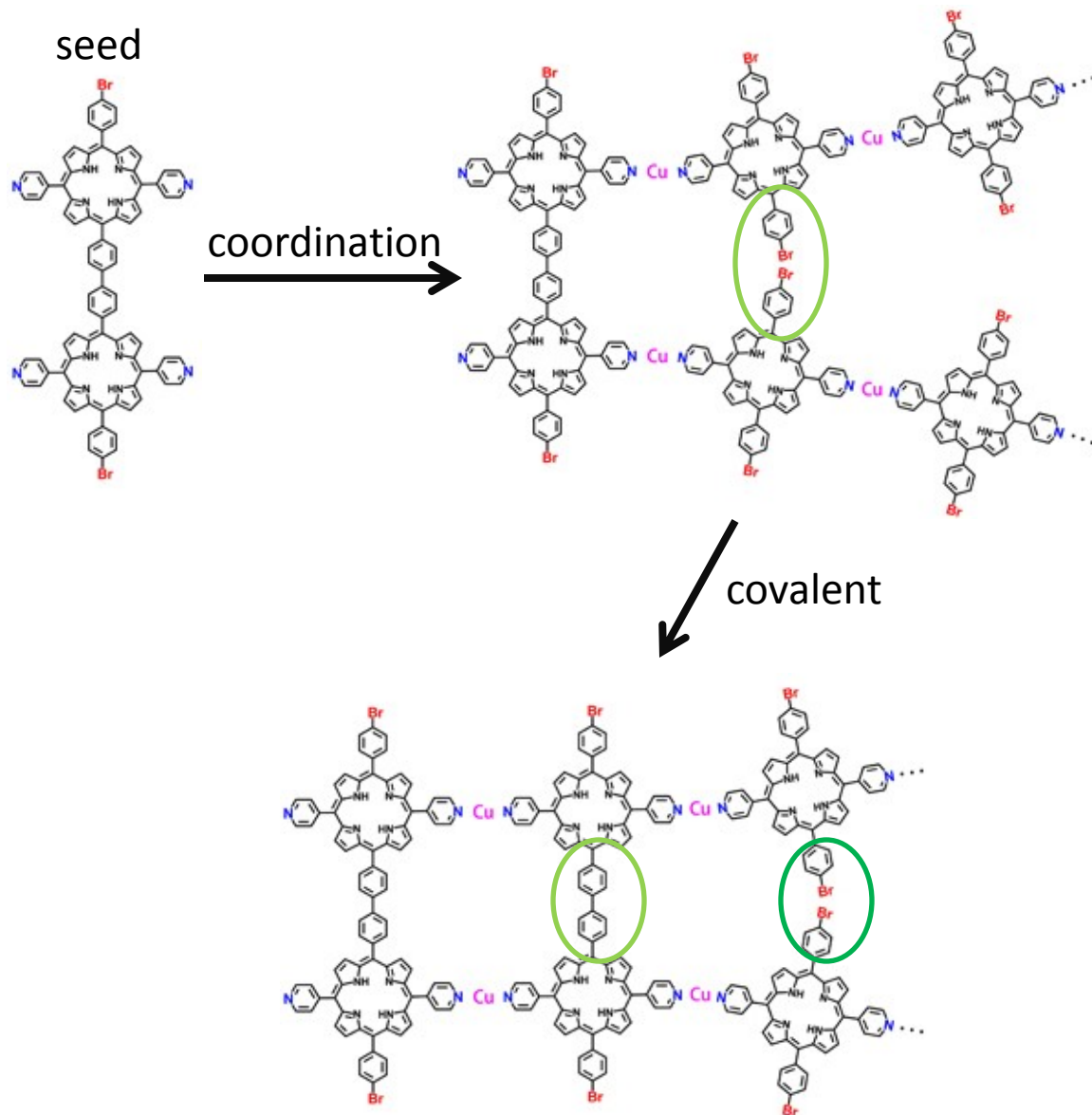
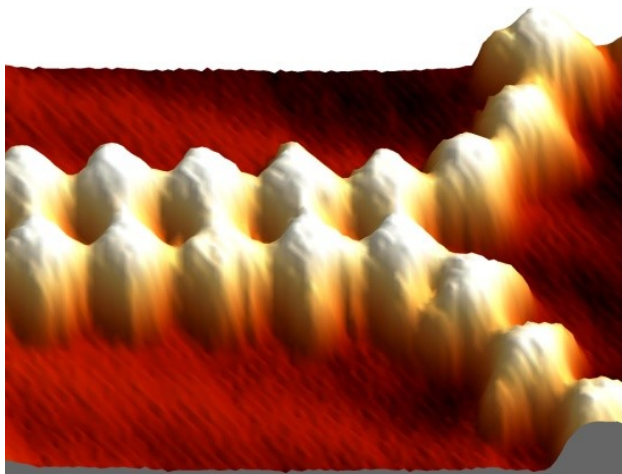
Macro. Size: size of covalent structure/width of chain



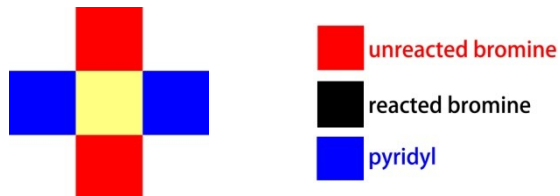
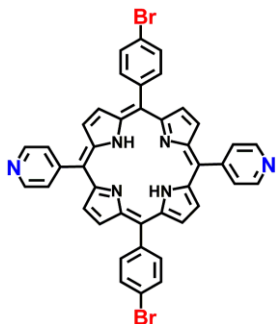
Polymerization: confined into dimer

Mechanism

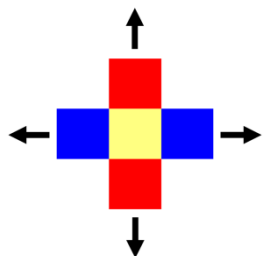
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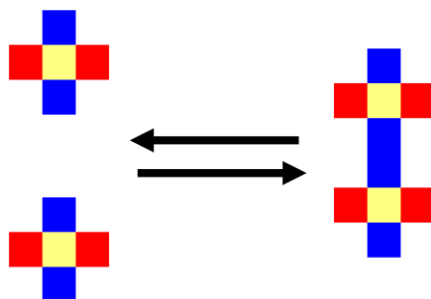
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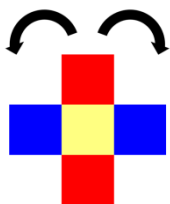
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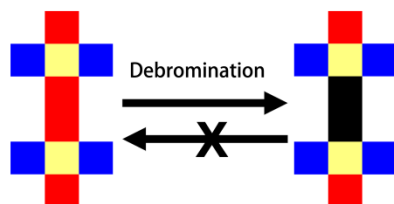
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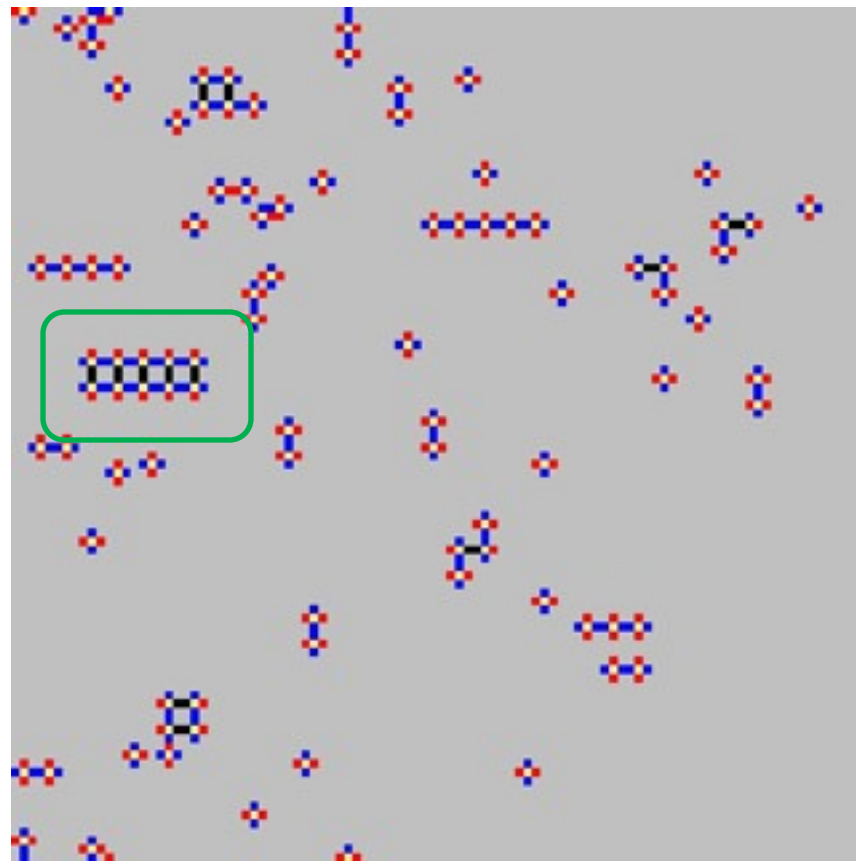
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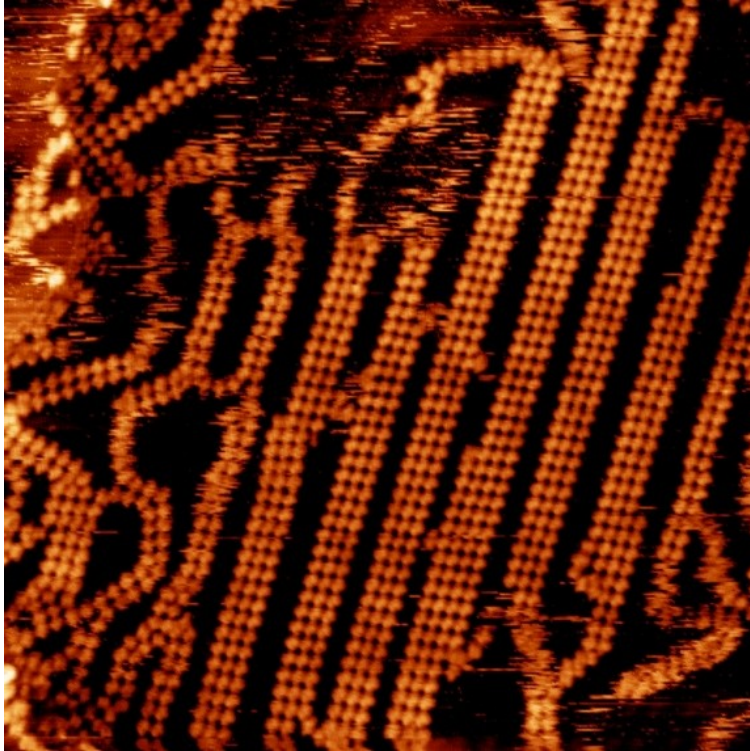
@ 180°C



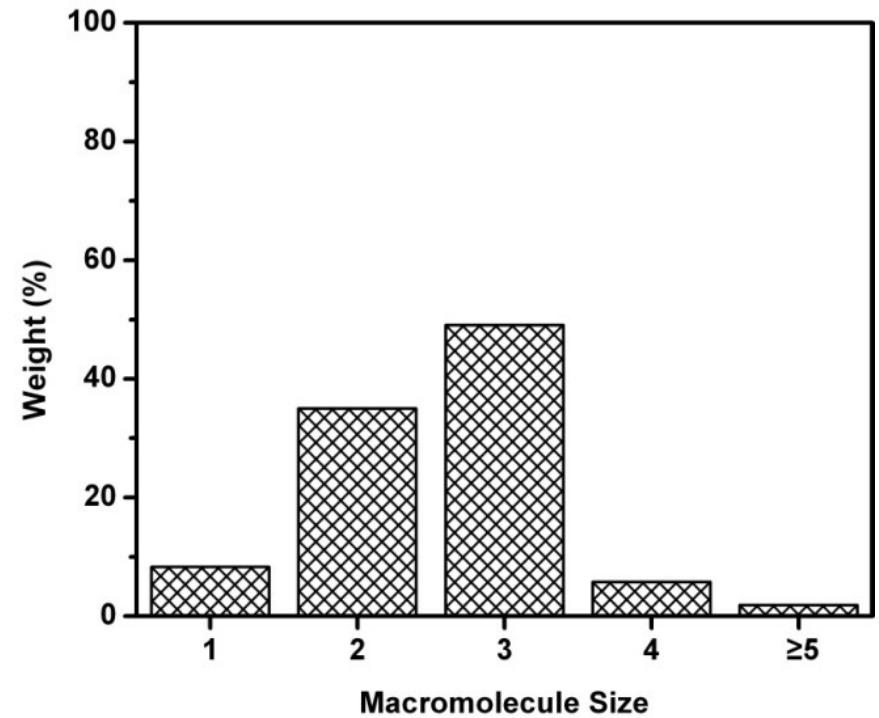
- initial dimer act as seed
- anchored by coordination
- zip along the chain direction

Width Control

deposit onto hot sample with Cu (Temp=240 °C)



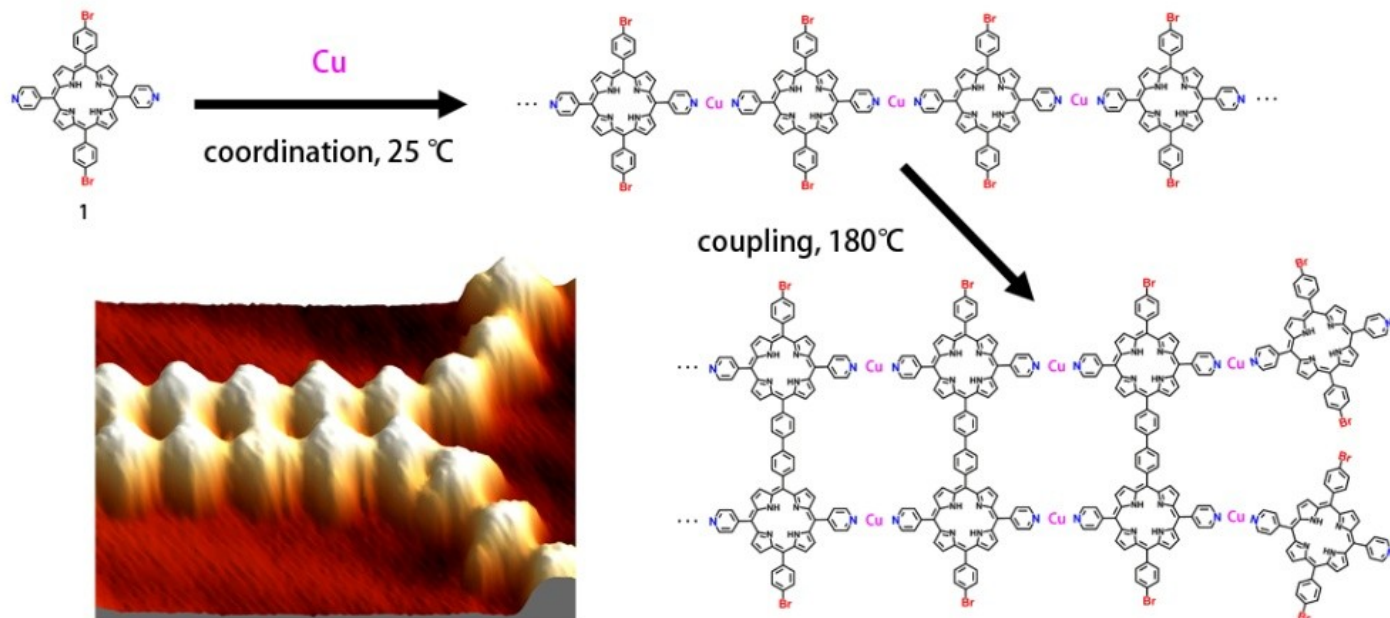
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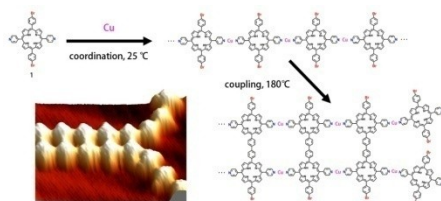
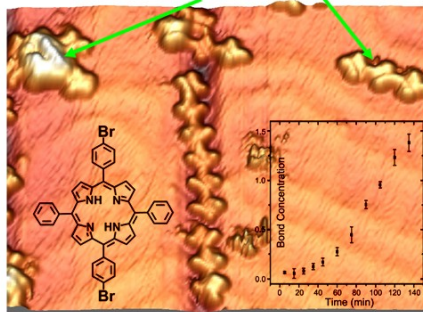
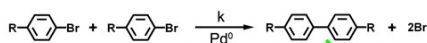
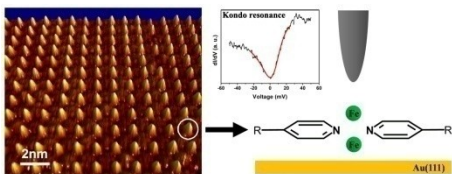
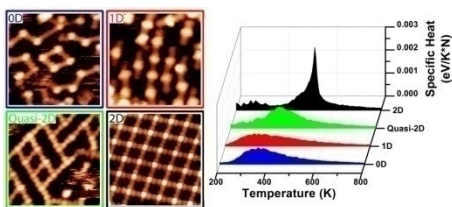
Trimer Seed

Conclusion

- coordination bond $\rightarrow$ size-limited polymerization reaction



Summary



1. On-surface supramolecular coordination self-assembly

- systems exhibiting different dimensionalities
- networks containing out-of-plane dinuclear Fe centers

2. On-surface polymerization

- metal-catalyzed Ullmann coupling reactions

3. A combination of coordination bonds and covalent bonds

- metal-directed template to control polymerization process

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