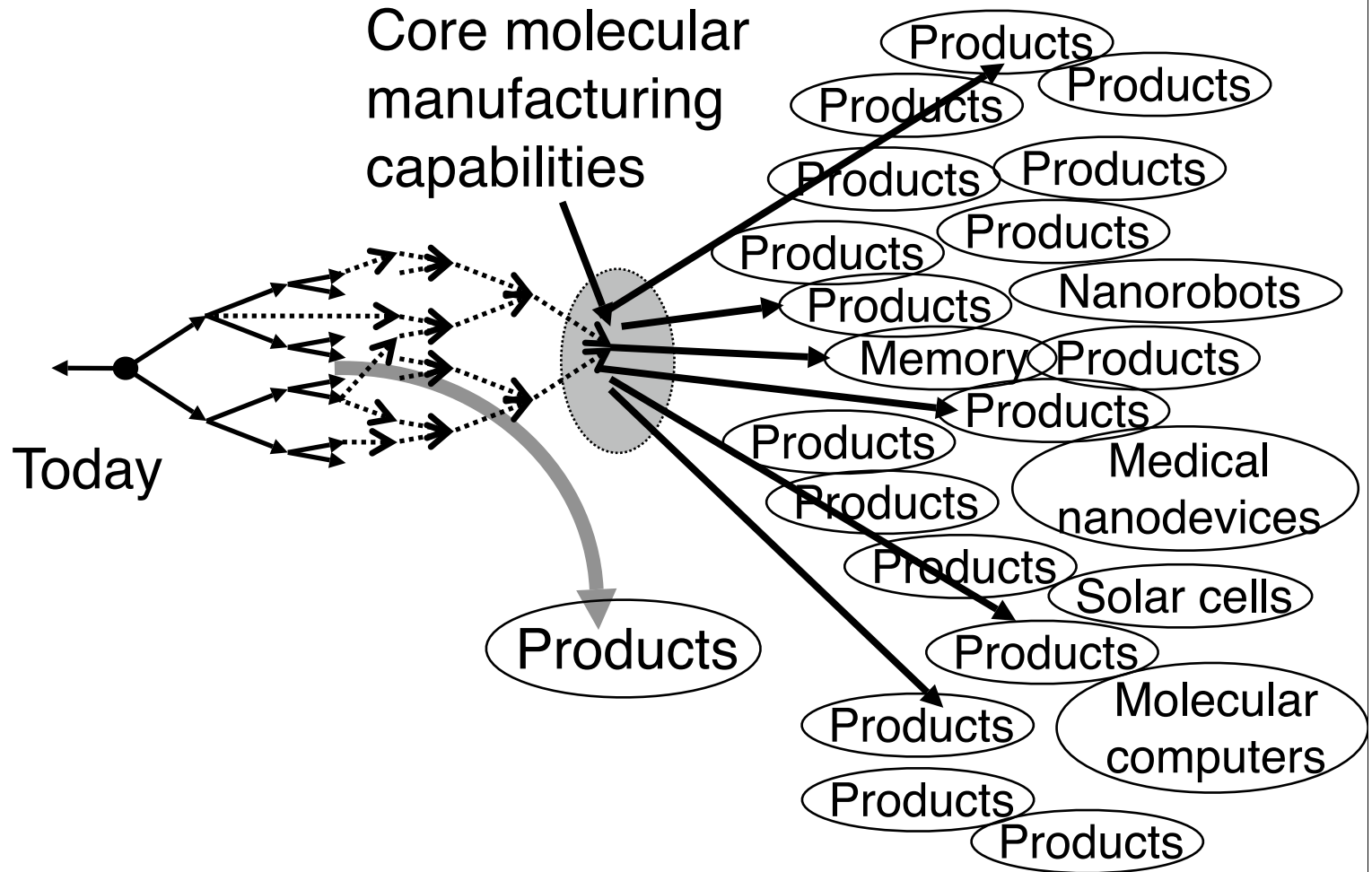

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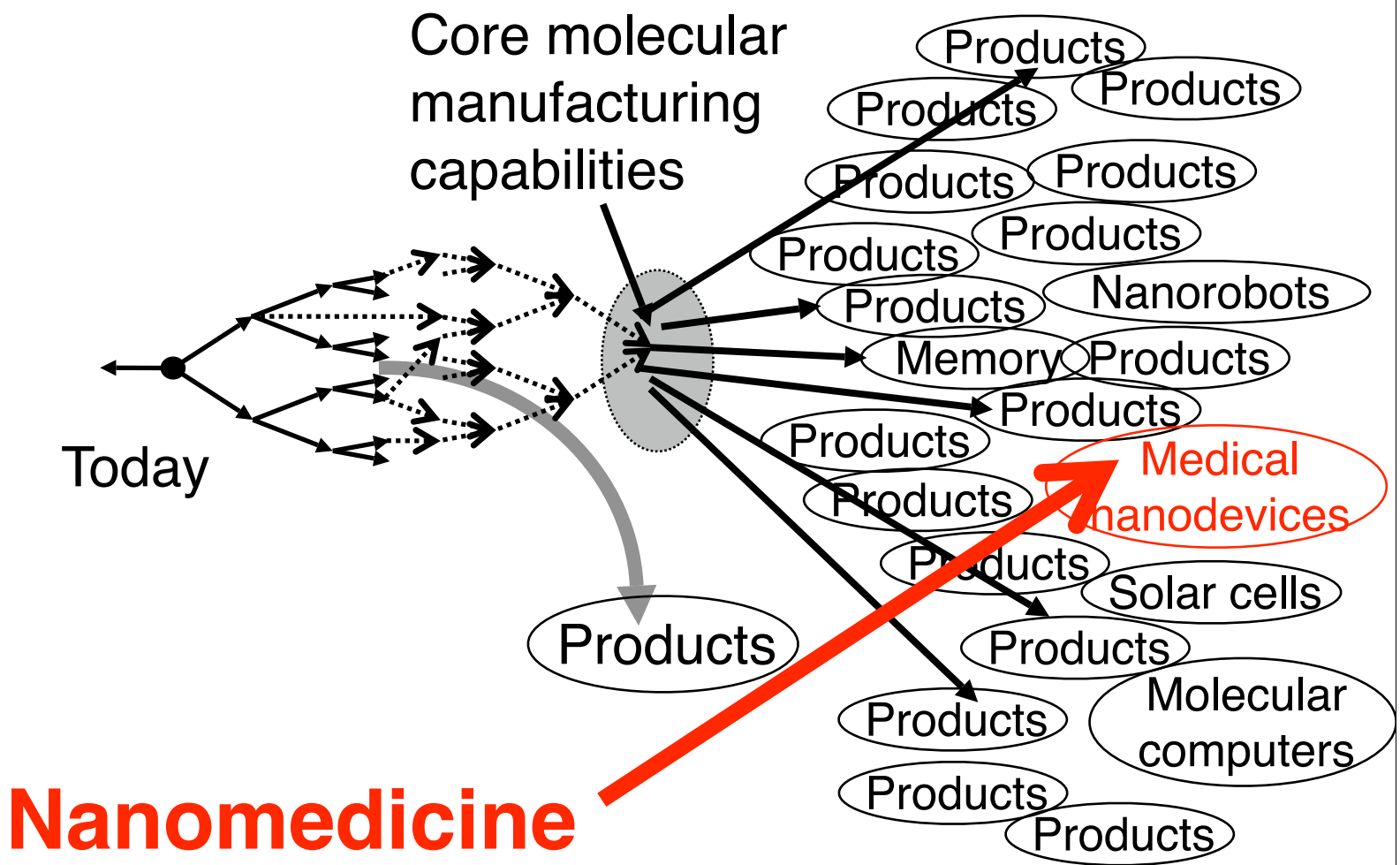
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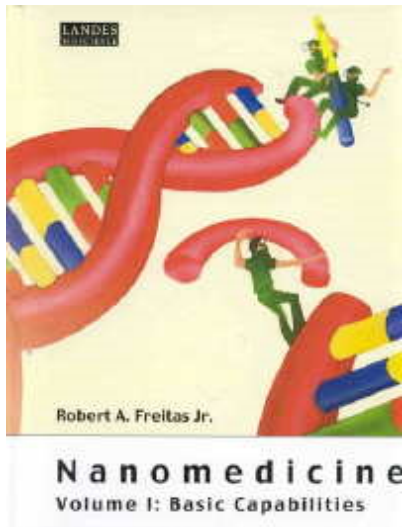


Overview



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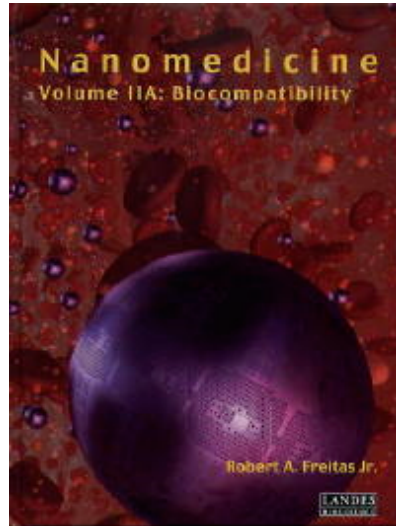
Nanomedicine, Vol. I: Basic Capabilities

(Landes Bioscience, 1999)

Nanosensors, nanoscale scanning
Power (fuel cells, other methods)
Communication
Navigation (location within the body)
Manipulation and locomotion
Computation
and more

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Cell response to diamond surfaces

Nanorobot immunoreactivity

Phagocyte avoidance and escape

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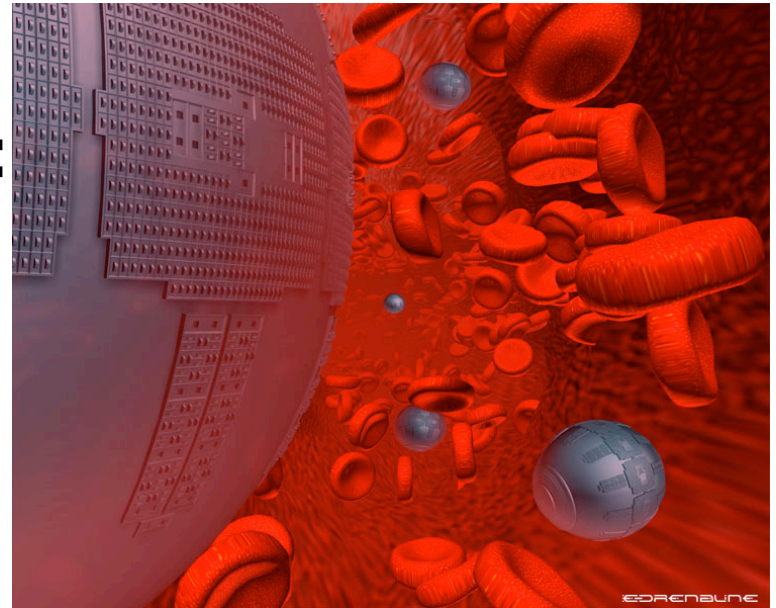
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Supply oxygen

Exploratory Design in Medical Nanotechnology: A Mechanical Artificial Red Cell

*Artificial Cells, Blood
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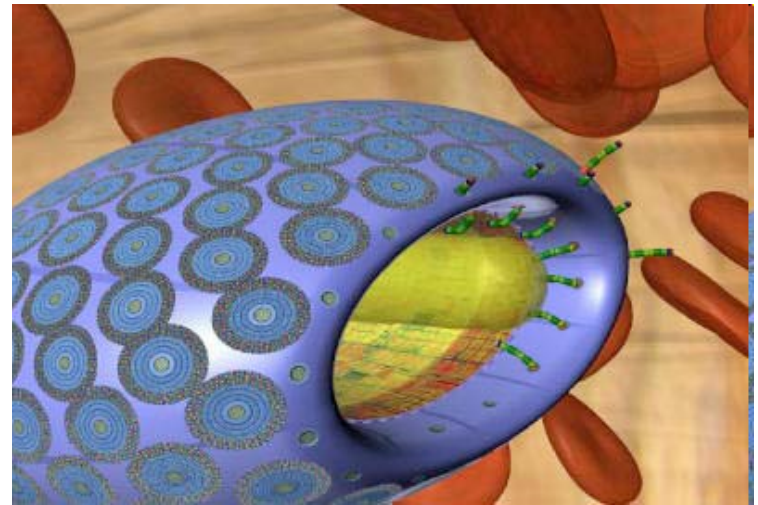


Digest bacteria

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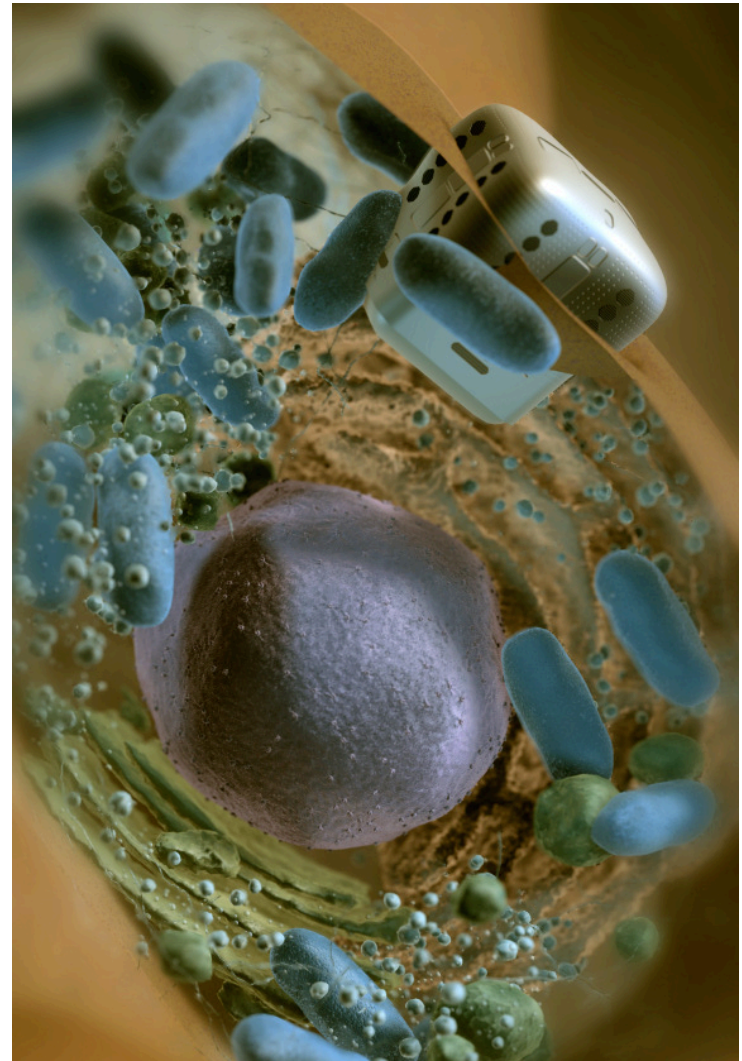


Replace chromosomes

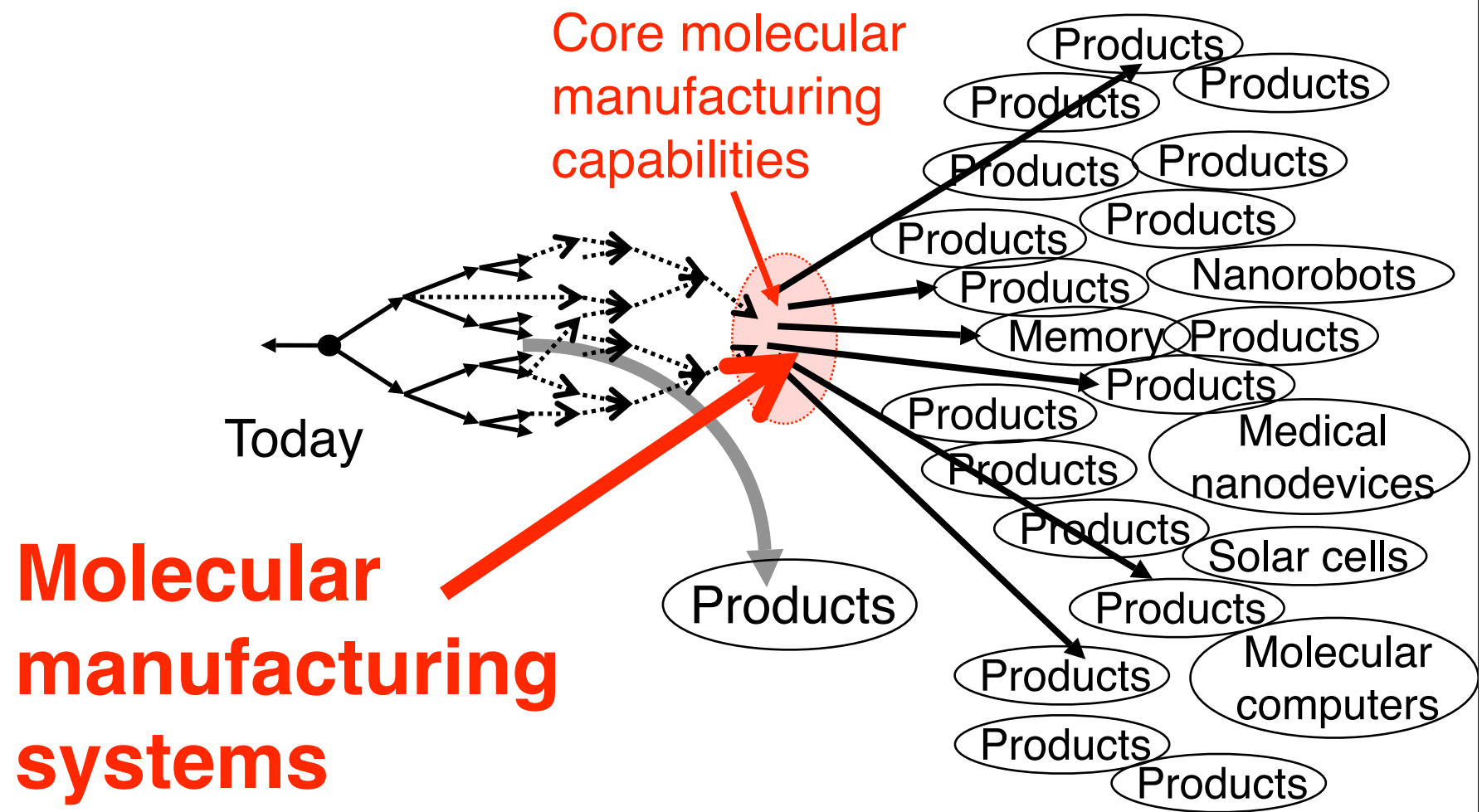
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Self replication



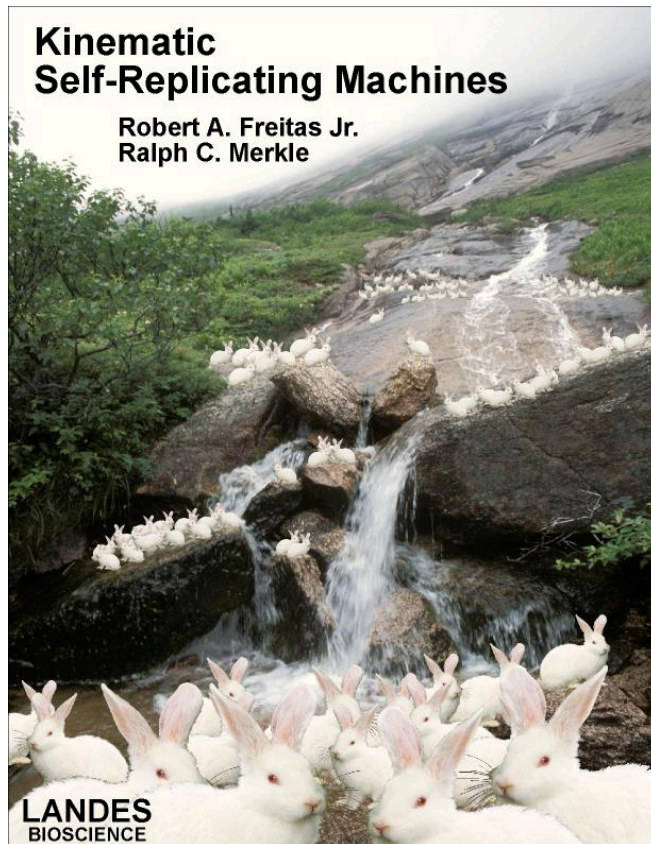
Advanced Automation for Space Missions *(NTIS, 1982)*

**Robert A. Freitas Jr.
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Final Report of the 1980
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Self replication



Kinematic Self-Replicating Machines

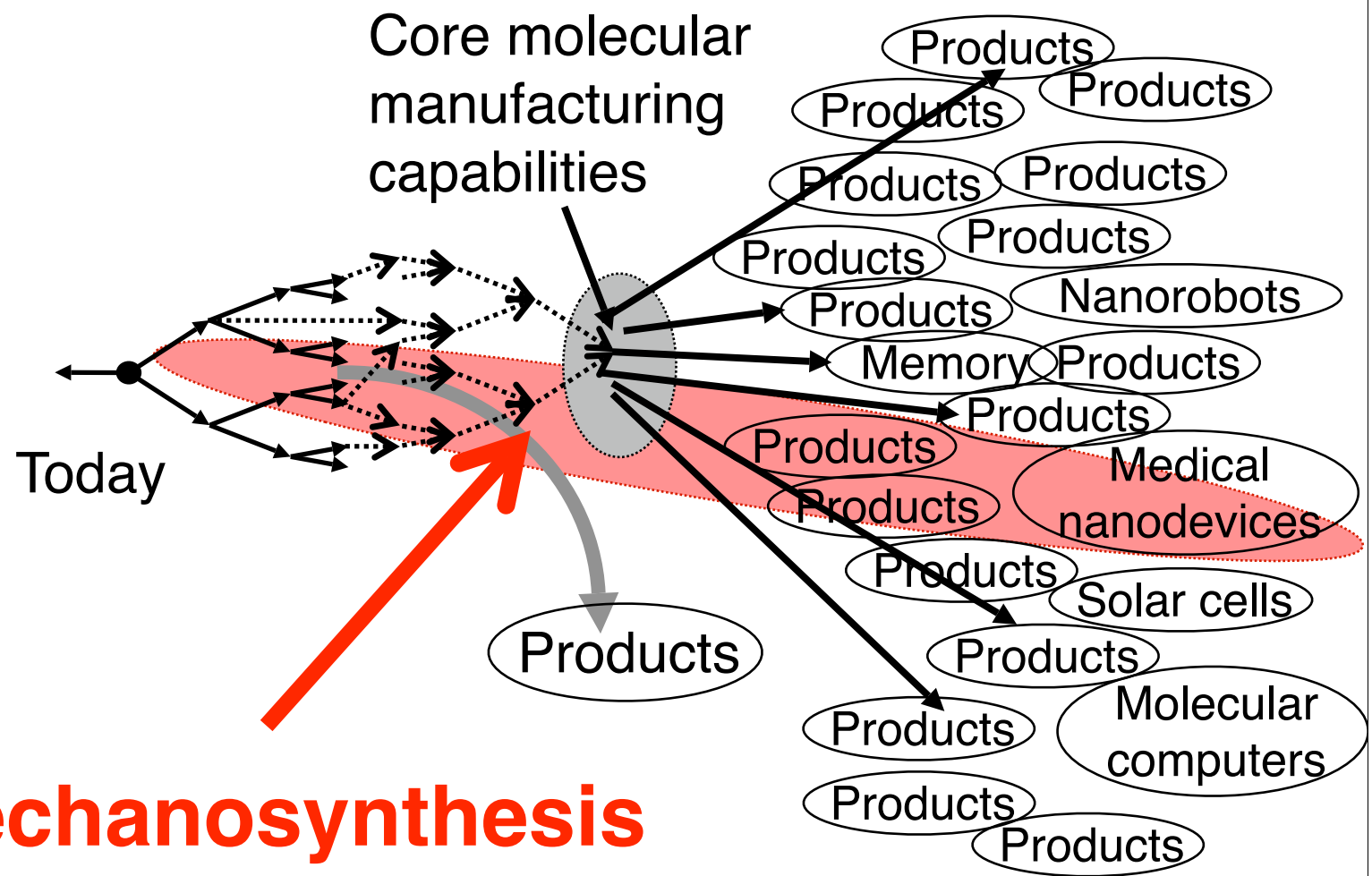
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Reviews the voluminous
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literature about physical self-
replicating systems.

www.molecularassembler.com/KSRM.htm

Overview



Mechanosynthesis

The goal

Inexpensively arrange the elements in almost any atomically precise structure consistent with physical law

Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	104 Unq	105 Unp	106 Unh	107 Uns	108 Uno	109 Une	110 Unn								

Legend:

- hydrogen
- alkali metals
- alkali earth metals
- transition metals
- poor metals
- nonmetals
- noble gases
- rare earth metals

58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

An easier goal

Three elements: H, C, Ge

Fewer elements makes the problem easier to analyze and easier to do

H and **C** can build almost any rigid structure (diamond, lonsdaleite, graphite and graphene, carbon nanotubes and fullerenes, polyynes, other hydrocarbons)

Ge provides “just enough” synthetic flexibility

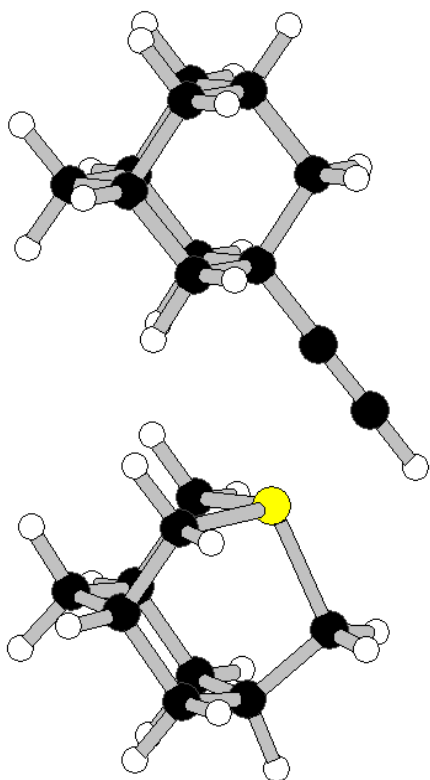
Core reactions

A Minimal Toolset for Positional Diamond Mechanosynthesis

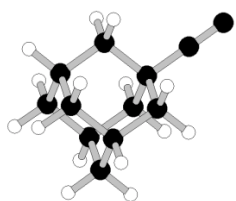
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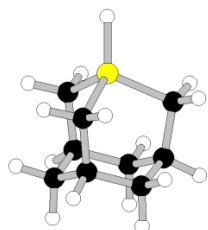
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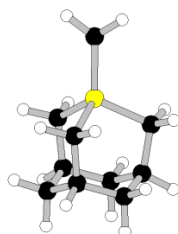
Molecular tools



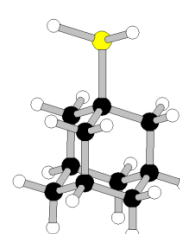
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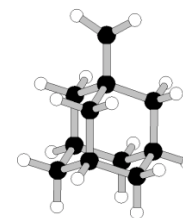
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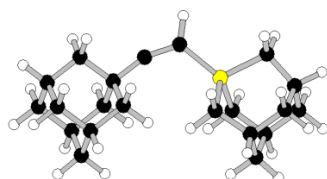
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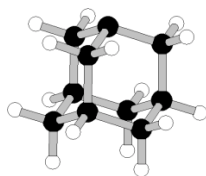
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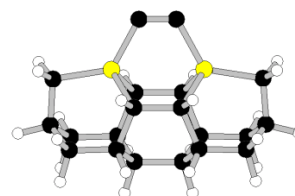
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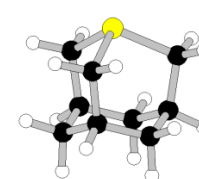
HTrans



AdamRad



DimerP



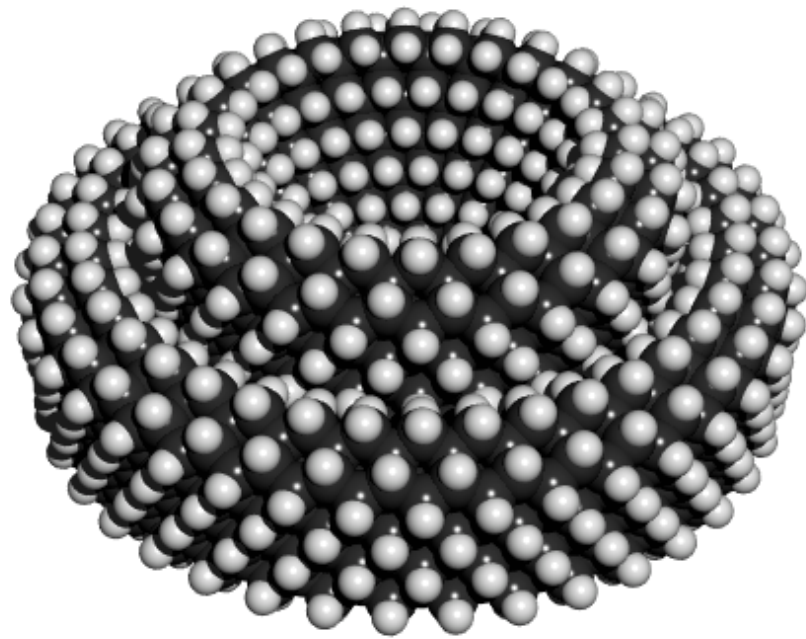
GeRad

What they could make

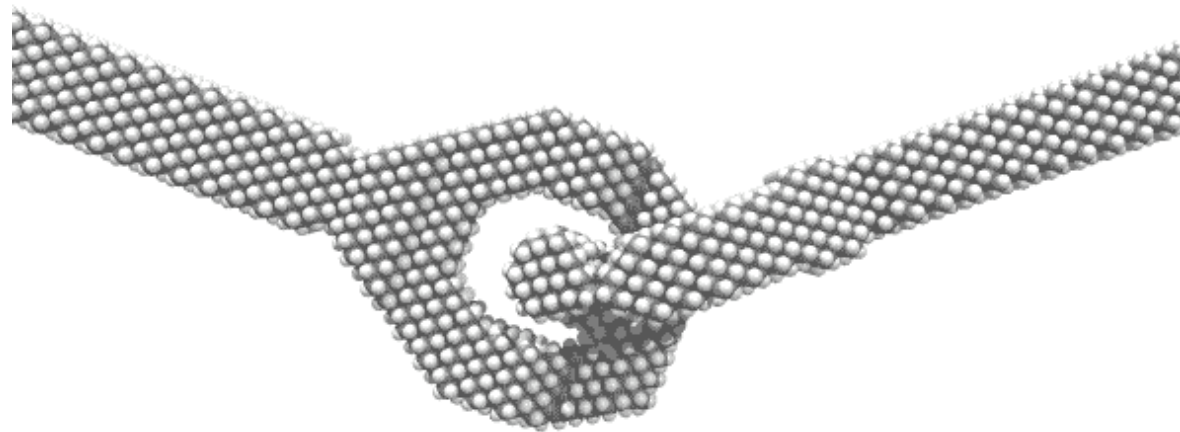
Diamond physical properties

Property	Diamond's value	Comments
Chemical reactivity		Extremely low
Hardness (kg/mm ²)	9000	CBN: 4500 SiC: 4000
Thermal conductivity (W/cm-K)	20	Ag: 4.3 Cu: 4.0
Tensile strength (pascals)	3.5×10^9 (natural)	10^{11} (theoretical)
Compressive strength (pascals)	10^{11} (natural)	5×10^{11} (theoretical)
Band gap (ev)	5.5	Si: 1.1 GaAs: 1.4
Resistivity (W-cm)	10^{16} (natural)	
Density (gm/cm ³)	3.51	
Thermal Expansion Coeff (K ⁻¹)	0.8×10^{-6}	SiO ₂ : 0.5×10^{-6}
Refractive index	2.41 @ 590 nm	Glass: 1.4 - 1.8
Coeff. of Friction	0.05 (dry)	Teflon: 0.05

Hydrocarbon bearing



Hydrocarbon universal joint



Molecular robotic arm

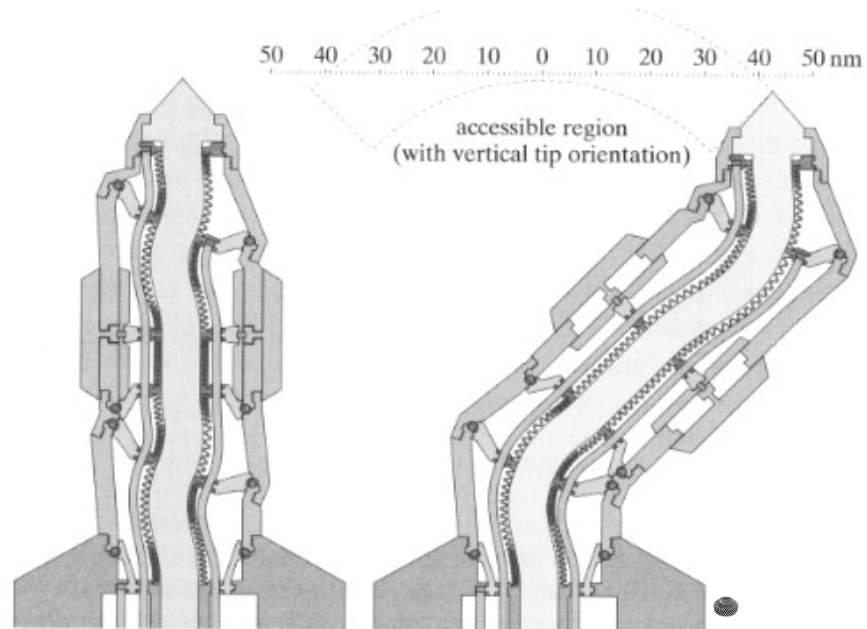


Figure 13.14. Cross section of a stiff manipulator arm, showing its range of motion (schematic).

Making diamond today

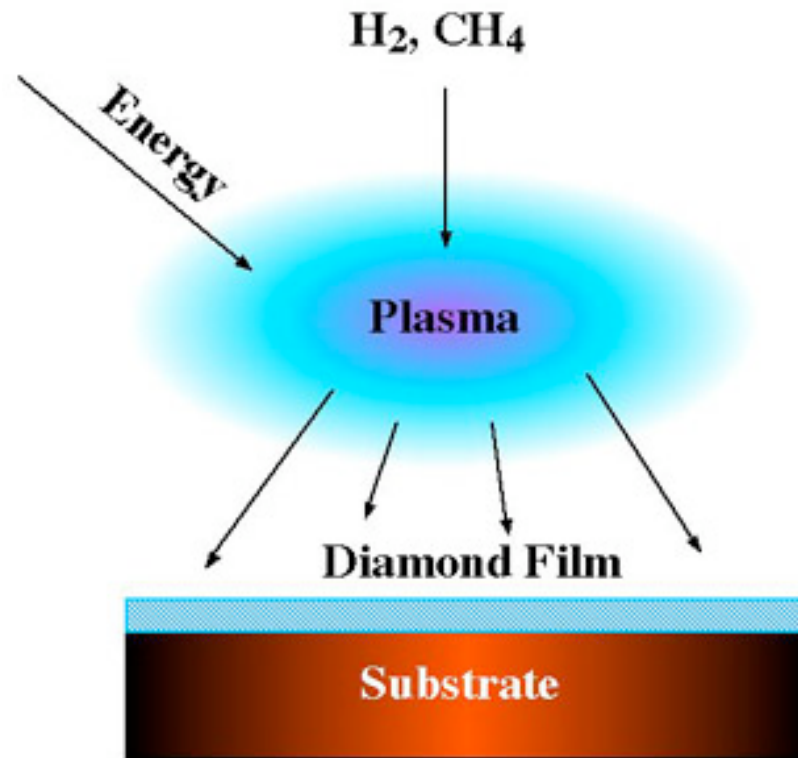
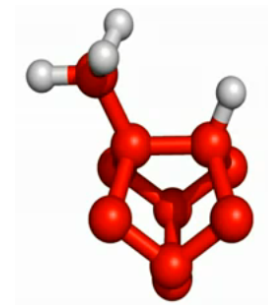
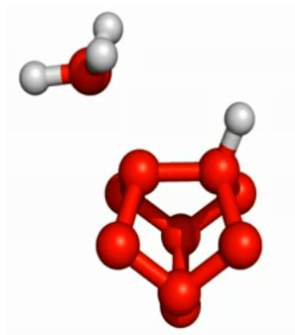
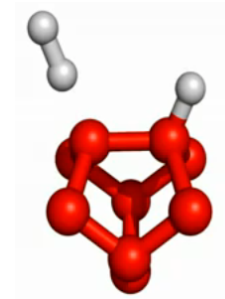
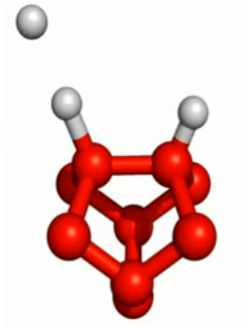
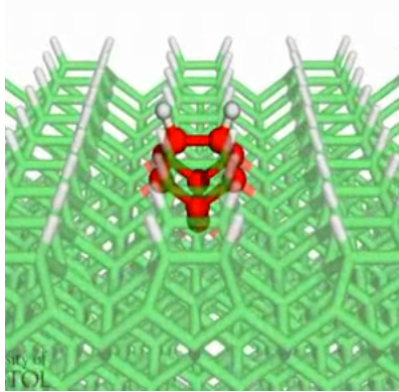
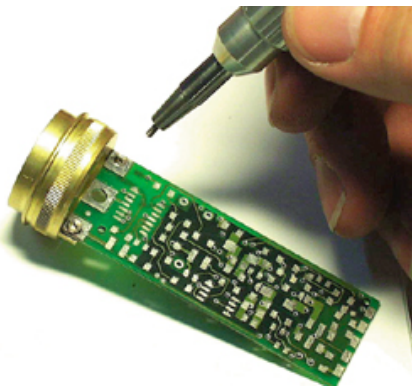


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Diamond growth



Positional assembly



Positional assembly

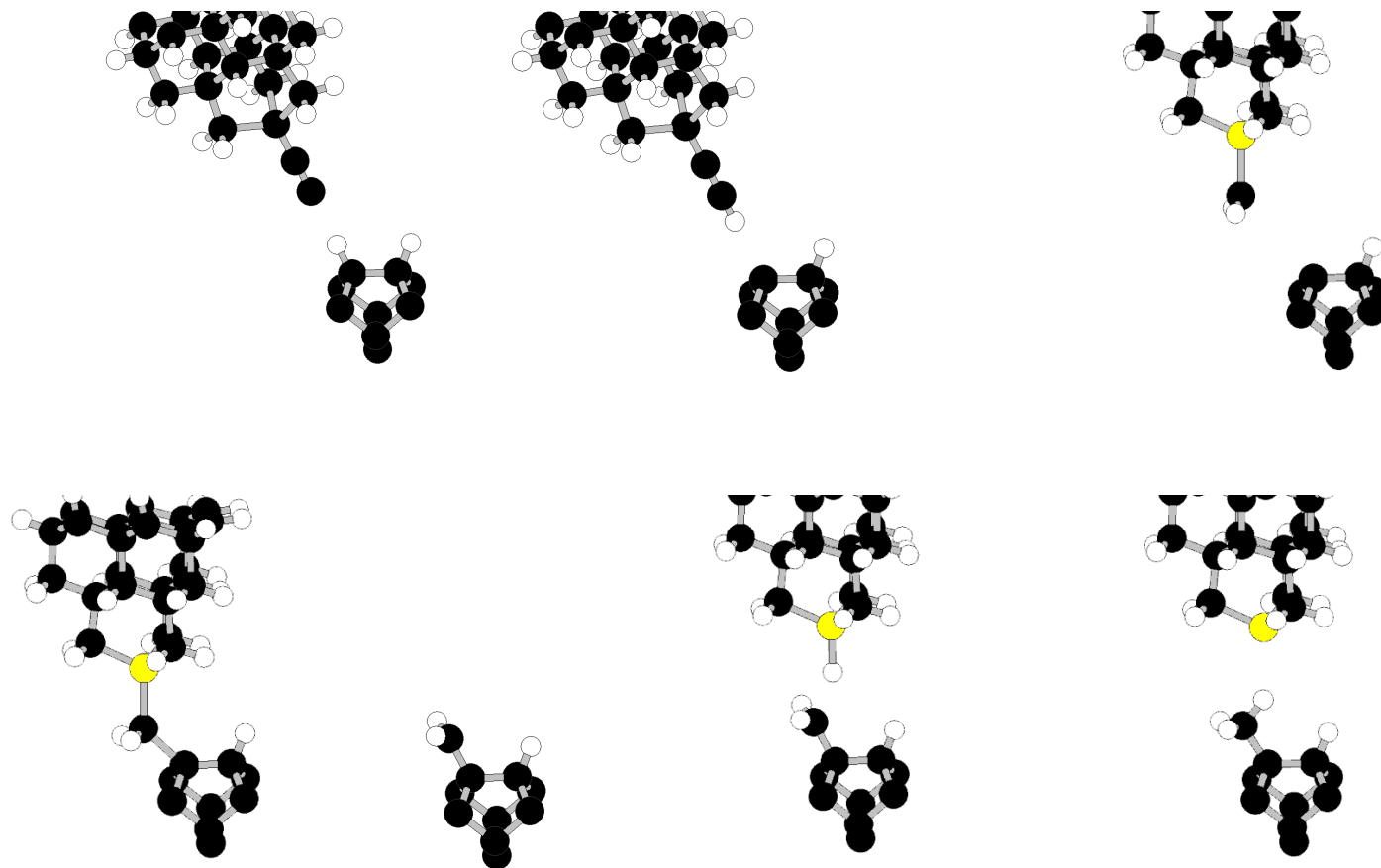
A strategy for the synthesis of diamondoid structures

Positional assembly (6 degrees of freedom)

Highly reactive compounds (radicals, carbenes, etc)

Inert environment (vacuum) to eliminate side reactions

Positional assembly



Computational methods

1630 tooltip/workpiece structures

65 Reaction Sequences

328 reaction steps

354 unique pathological side reactions

1321 reported energies

consuming 102,188 CPU-hours (using 1-GHz CPUs)

Computational methods

Gaussian 98

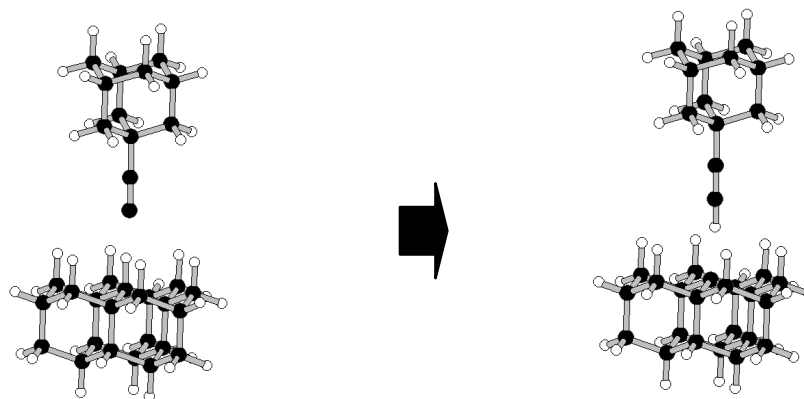
Singlet or doublet geometries optimized with no constrained degrees of freedom using spin-unrestricted Hartree-Fock (UHF) analysis at the B3LYP/3-21G* level of theory

Single point energy calculations performed at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level of theory

The mean absolute deviation from experiment (MAD) for B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) // B3LYP/3-21G* energies is estimated as 0.14 eV for carbon-rich molecules

Barriers of 0.4 eV against side reactions in most cases

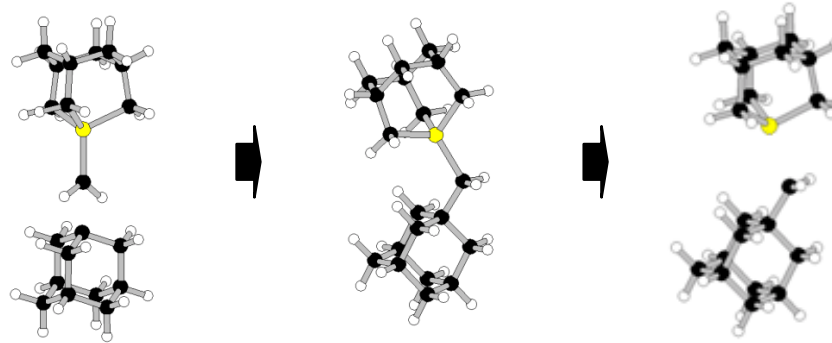
H abstraction



Hydrogen abstraction from a C(111)
surface, creating a radical site.

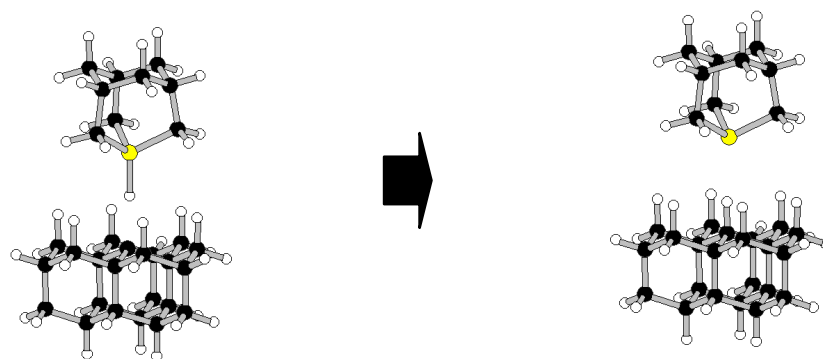
-1.59 eV

C placement



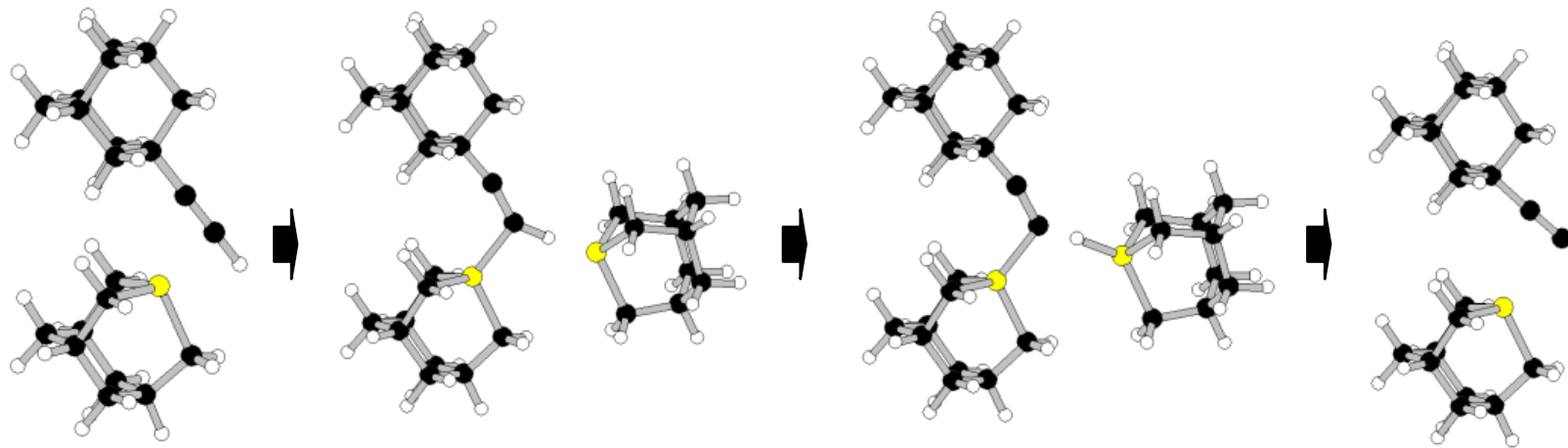
C placement on C(111) using GM tool
C radical addition to C radical -3.17 eV
GeRad removal +2.76 eV (note Ge-C
bond is “soft”)

H donation



Hydrogen donation onto a C(111)
surface radical.
-0.61 eV

H recharge

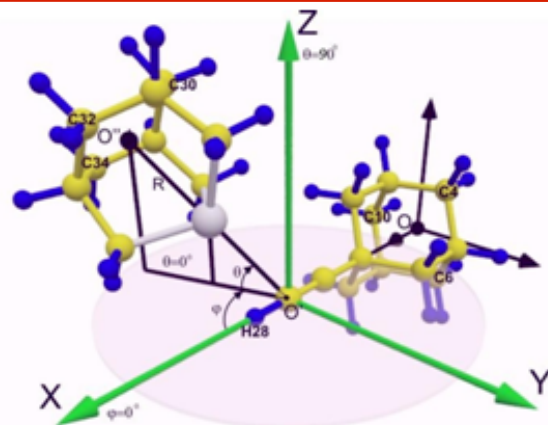
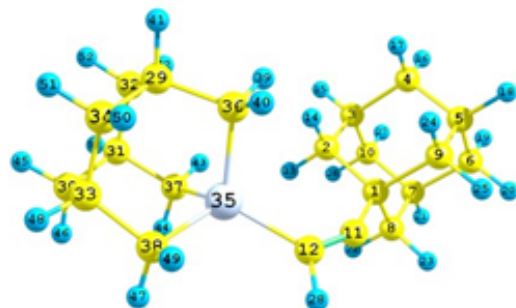


Recharging HAbst and HDon

H recharge

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3		
Step	Description of Reaction		Mult.	Ener. (eV)	Barr. (eV)
1	Join GeRad tool to apical C atom of HABstH tool R: HABstH (ACC0A/28) + GeRad (ACC0A/25) P: C15FCcis (ACC0A/53) [≡HTrans tool] T: Barrier map minimum from Tarasov et al. (2007) P: C15FCtrans (ACC0A/53) R: CH33Ge (ACC0A/13) + ClusterHAbH (ACC0A/16) T: R1415Trans-QST3 (ACC1A/29)		S + D D	-0.43 ^a	+0.10 ^b
1B1	H steal from HABstH workpiece to GeRad tool R: HABstH (ACC0A/28) + GeRad (ACC0A/25) P: HAbst (ACC0A/27) + HDon (ACC0A/26)		S + D D + S	+2.19	+0.27 ^b
1D1	H migrates to radical site from adjacent CH in chain on HTrans R: C15FCcis (ACC0A/53) P: C15FCp2 (ACC0A/53) T: C15FCp2TS (ACC1A/53)		D D D	-0.13	+1.66
1F6	H dissociates from -C●=CH- group on HTrans tool R: S15cis (ACC0A/11) P: S16Run0 (ACCCA/10) + H (ACC0A/1)		D S + D	+2.68	
2	Abstract apical H from HABstH using GeRad tool R: S15cis (ACC0A/11) + GeRad (ACC0A/25) P: S16Run0 (ACCCA/10) + HDon (ACC0A/26) R: S15trans (ACC0A/11) + GeRad (ACC0A/25) P: S16Run0 (ACCCA/10) + HDon (ACC0A/26)		D + D S D + D S	-0.83 ^{cd} -0.84 ^c	
2F6	H dissociates from GeRad handle of HDon tool P: HDon (ACC0A/26)		S		

H recharge

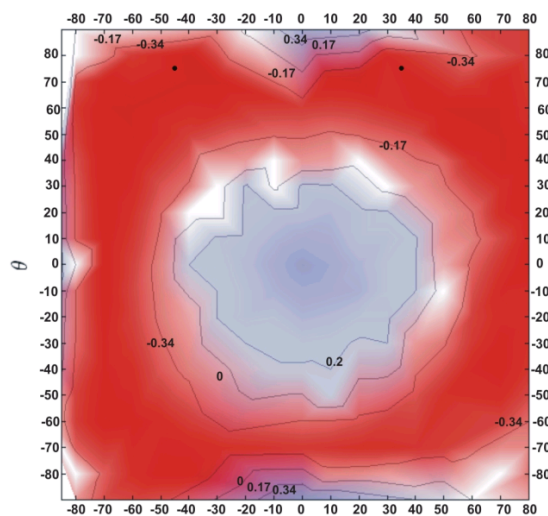


Optimal Tooltip Trajectories in a Hydrogen Abstraction Tool Recharge Reaction Sequence for Positionally Controlled Diamond Mechano-synthesis

Denis Tarasov, Natalia Akberova, Ekaterina Izotova, Diana Alisheva, Maksim Astafiev, Robert A. Freitas Jr.

Journal of Computational and Theoretical Nanoscience, 6 (2009).

H recharge



PES for Reaction I (endoergic = blue, exoergic = red, energy in eV) as a function of tooltip positional angles $\phi = -180^\circ$ to $+180^\circ$, $\theta = -90^\circ$ to $+90^\circ$, at tooltip separation distance $R = 4.85 \text{ \AA}$ and GeRad rotational angle $\rho = +40^\circ$, with labeled isoenergic contours. Energy minima are marked with solid dots at $(\phi, \theta) = (-46^\circ, +74^\circ)$ (-0.506 eV) and $(+34^\circ, +74^\circ)$ (-0.504 eV) at $R = 4.85 \text{ \AA}$, $(\phi, \theta) = (-23^\circ, +26^\circ)$ (-0.486 eV) and $(+24^\circ, +26^\circ)$ (-0.482 eV) at $R = 4.35 \text{ \AA}$.

Reaction summary

- **Abstract hydrogen with HAbst**
- **Donate hydrogen with HDon**
- **Recharge HAbst and HDon**
- **Add carbon to workpiece with GM tool**
- **Recharge GM tool (see paper)**
- **Tool synthesis sequences (see paper)**

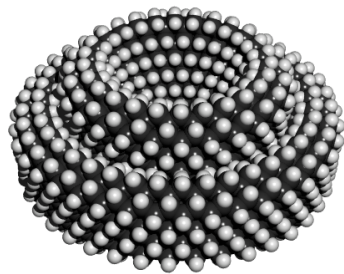
Tool properties

Starting from small feedstock molecules, a set of tools can:

make another set of tools

recharge all tools

make stiff hydrocarbon nanorobotic devices



Molecular robotic arm

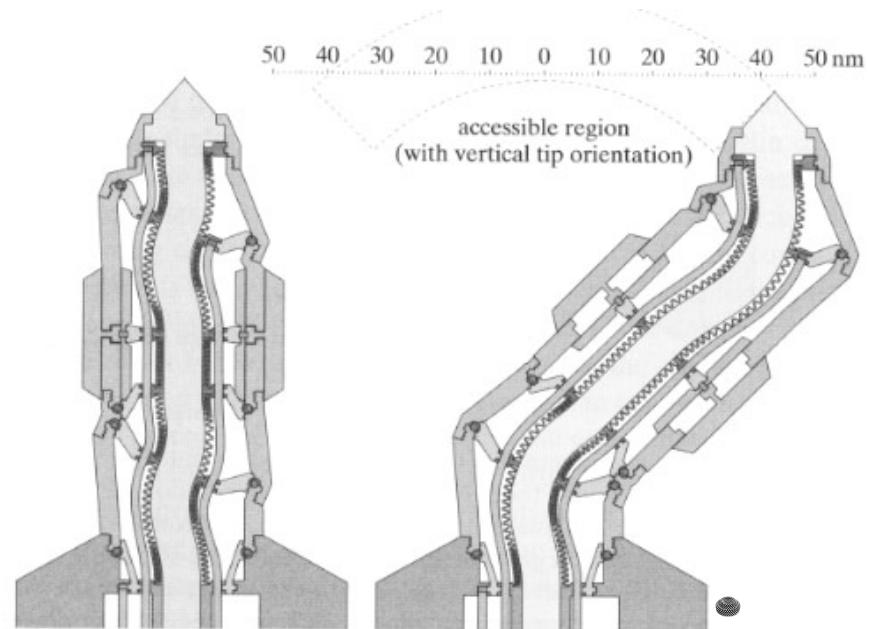
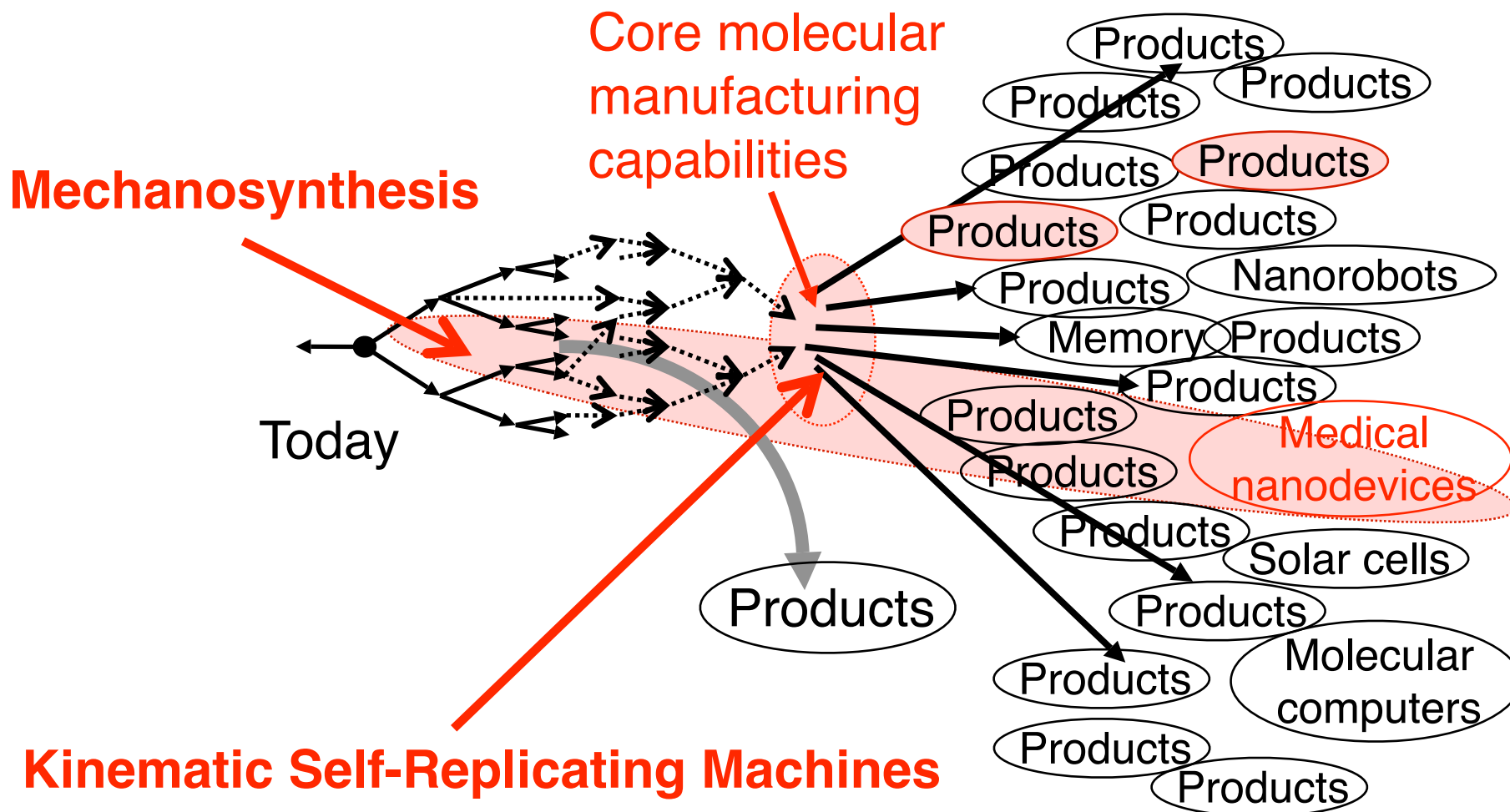


Figure 13.14. Cross section of a stiff manipulator arm, showing its range of motion (schematic).

Contributions of Robert Freitas

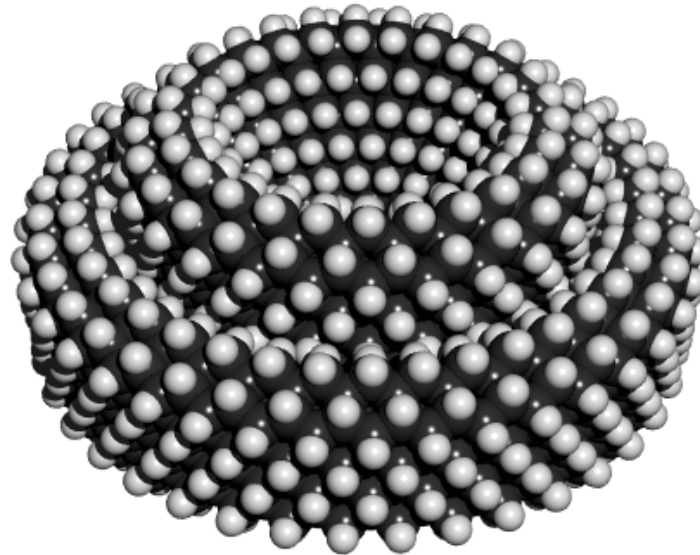


End of talk

Bearings

Sliding surfaces can run dry
“lubricant” would not fit
No wear
it either breaks or doesn't
Superlubricity – *really* slippery

Hydrocarbon bearing



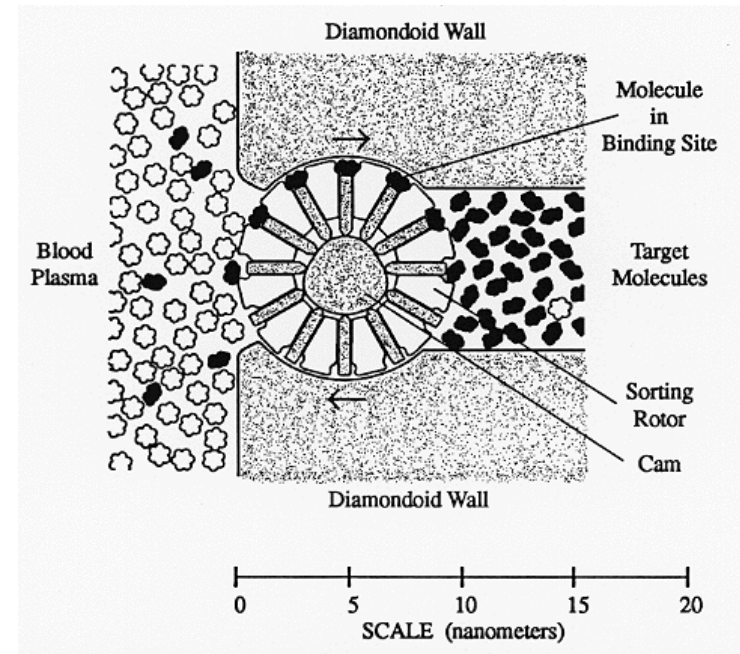
$m = 13, n = 20, \text{period} = 1/260$

Barrier to rotation (barrier between one minima and the next) is less than 0.004 kcal/mol

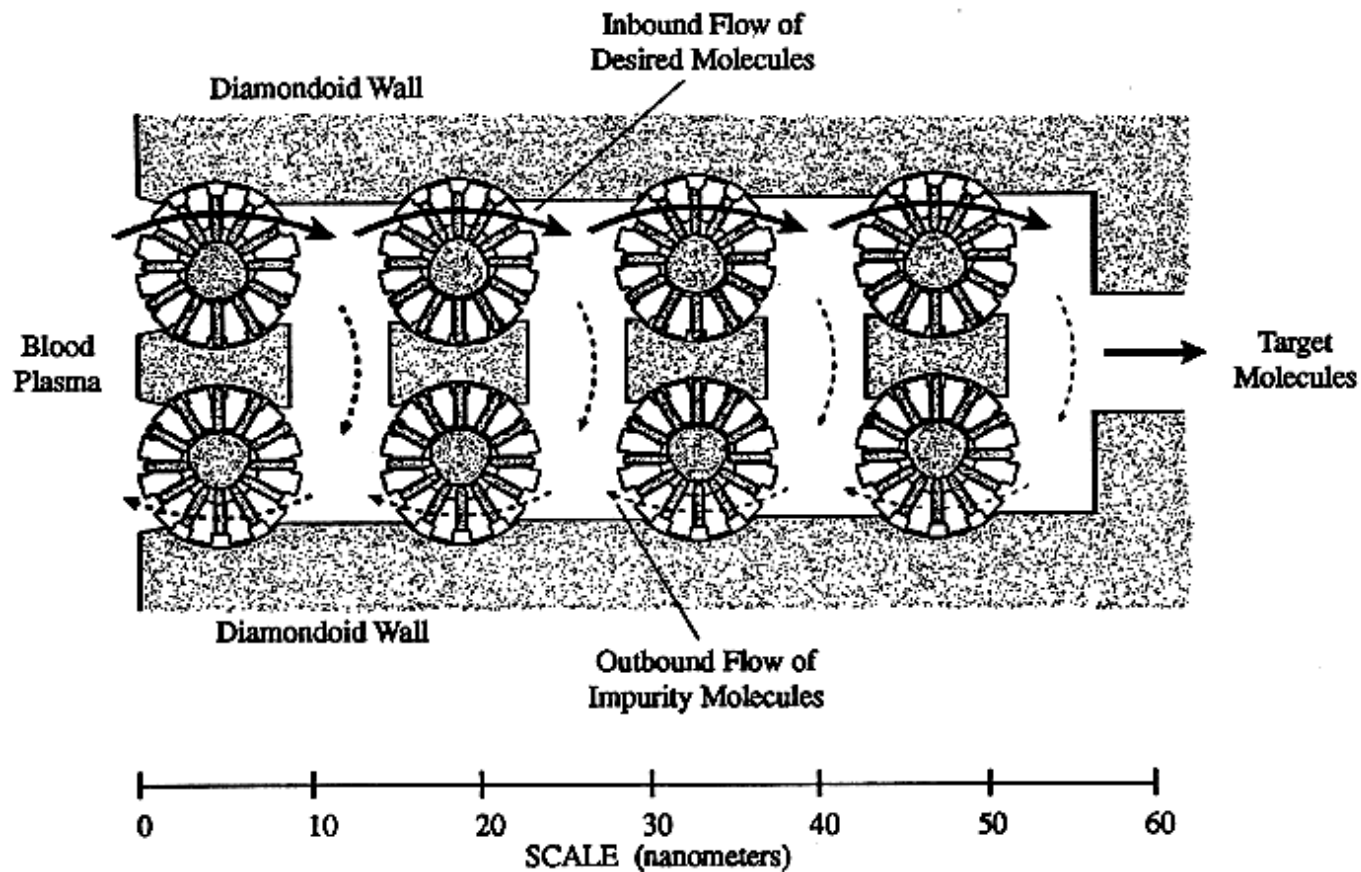
<http://www.zyvex.com/nanotech/bearingProof.html>

Uptake of feedstock

Sorting rotors for selective uptake and purification of feedstock molecules

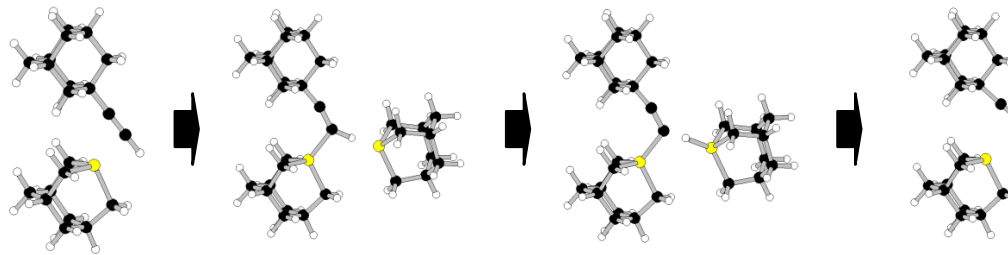


Uptake of feedstock



Multistage cascade for high purity from industrial grade raw materials

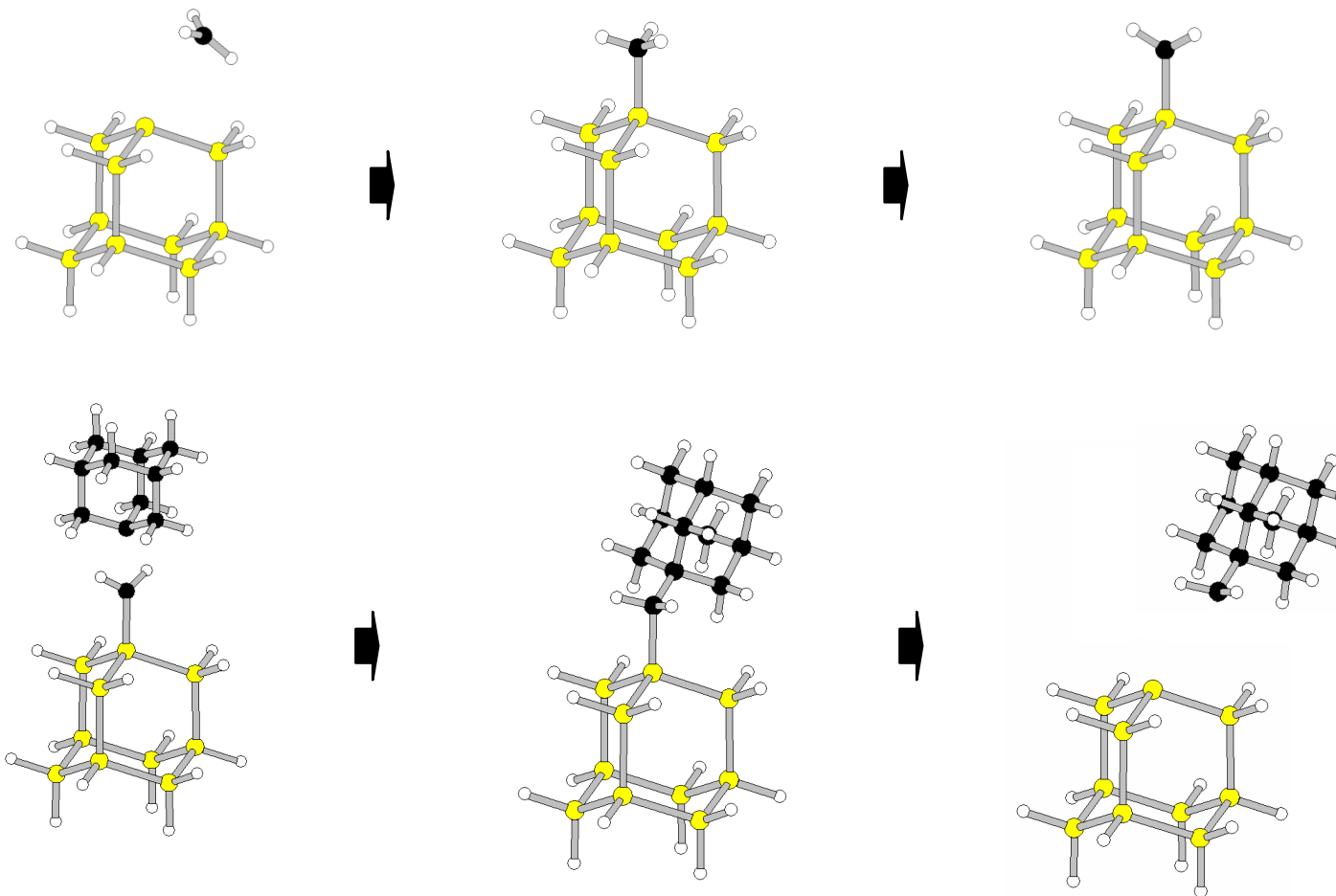
H recharge



Recharging HAbst and HDon
(initial approach of first GeRad optimized
by Tarasov et al (2007), -0.43 eV with -0.1
eV barrier)

Second GeRad abstraction -0.83 eV

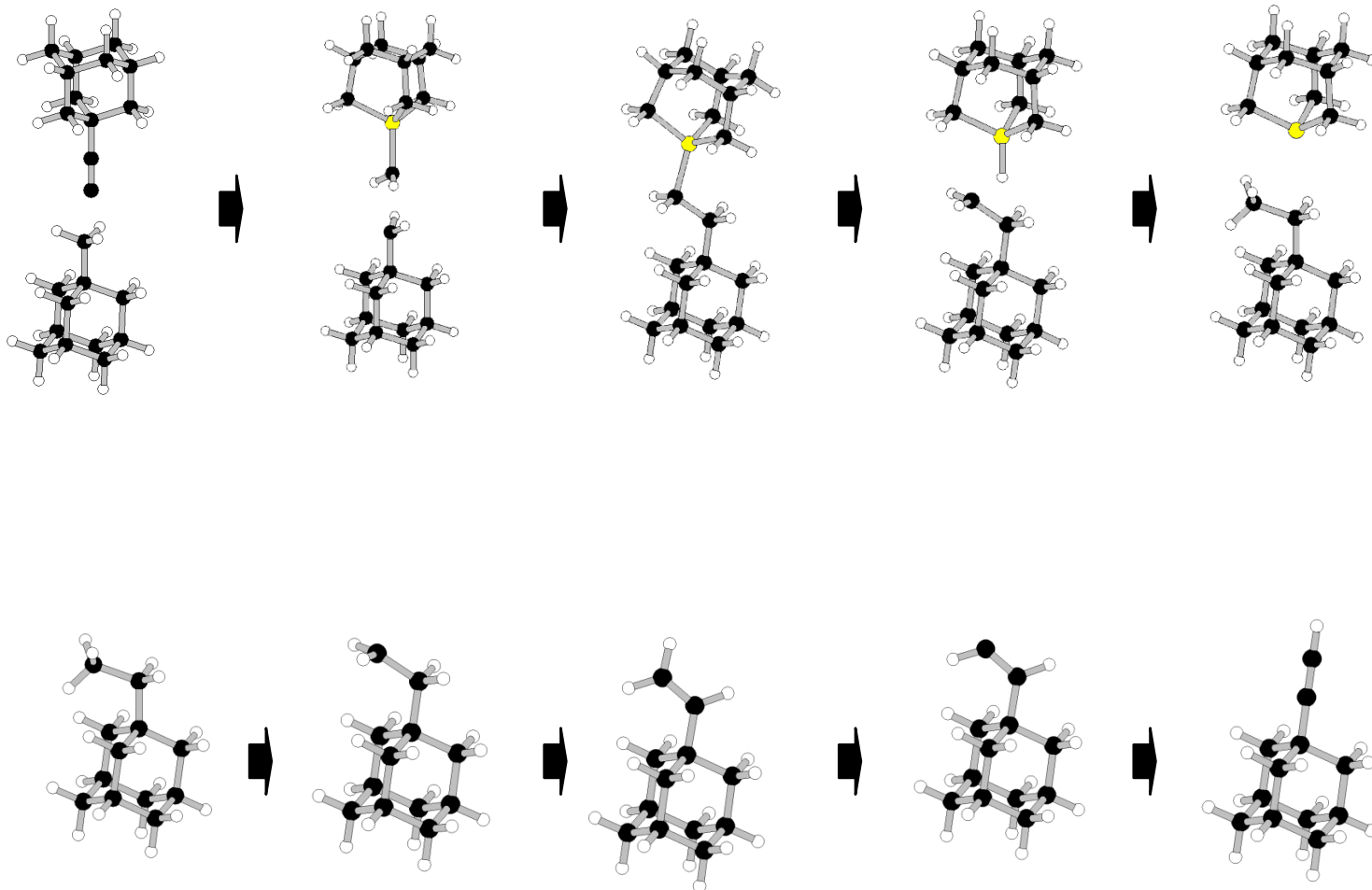
Presentation surfaces



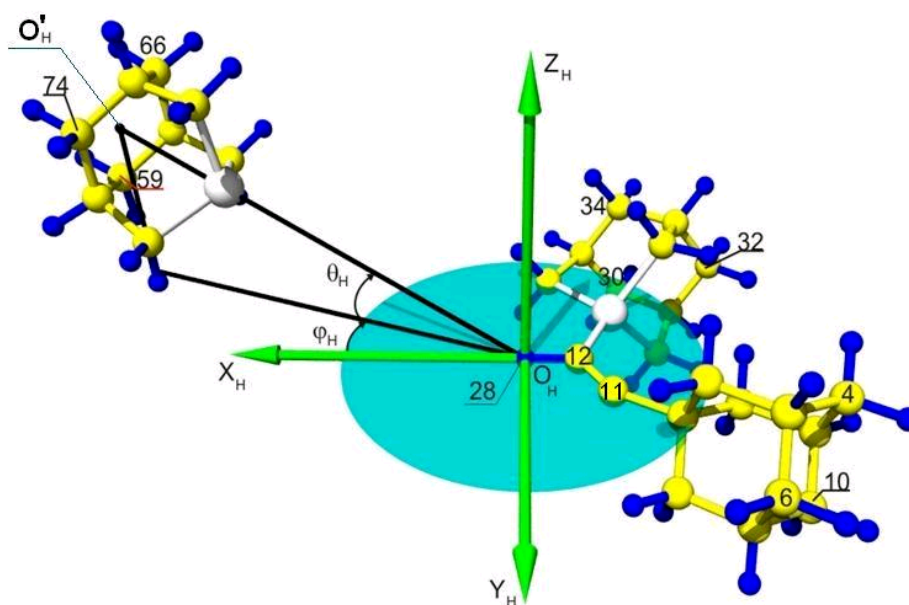
Inputs/outputs

- 9 tools
- 100% process closure
- Can use C_2H_2 , Ge_2H_6 as feedstock
- Or use germanium surface for
C and Ge feedstock presentation
- Six(?) degrees of freedom positional control

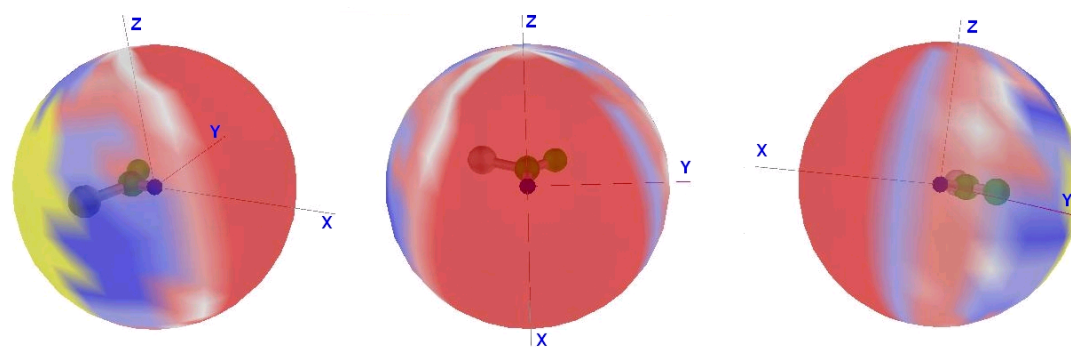
Making HAbst



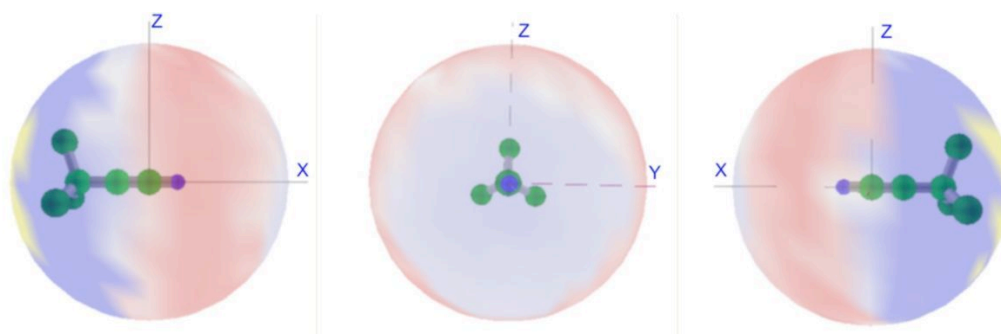
H recharge



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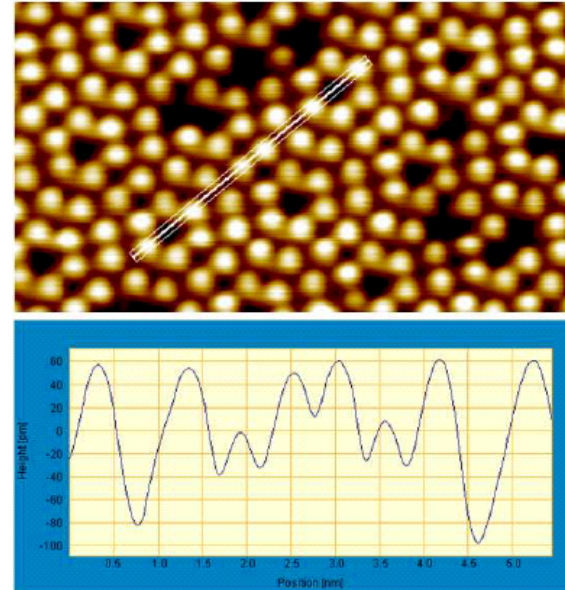
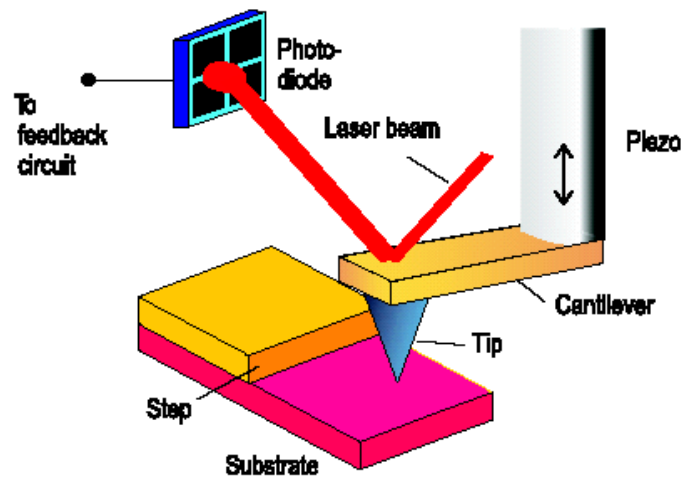


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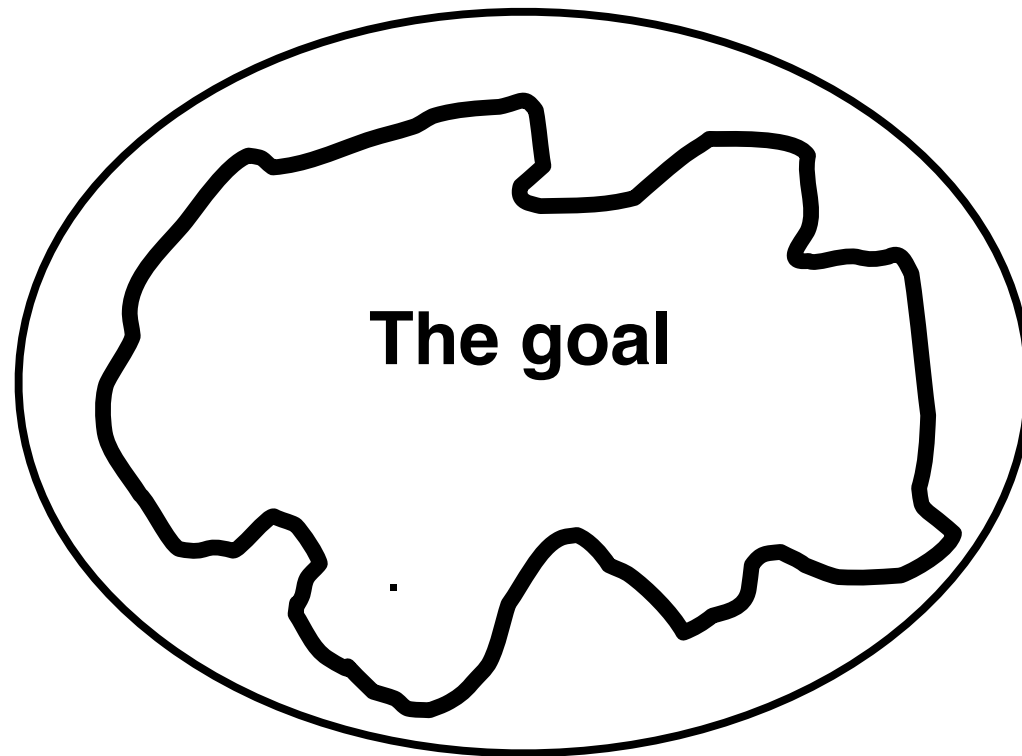


Three views of spherical representation of PES for Reaction I (endoergic = blue, exoergic = red) as a function of tooltip positional angles ϕ and θ (see Fig. 2) expressed on the Cartesian XYZ coordinate system at tooltip separation distance $R = 4.85 \text{ \AA}$ and GeRad rotational angle $\rho = +40^\circ$. Yellow region is excluded due to handle collision.

Positional assembly

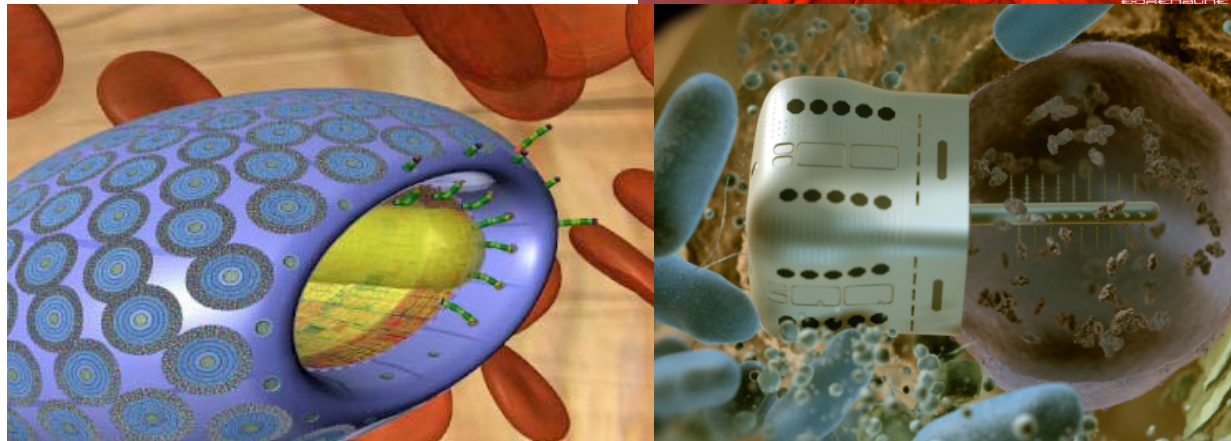
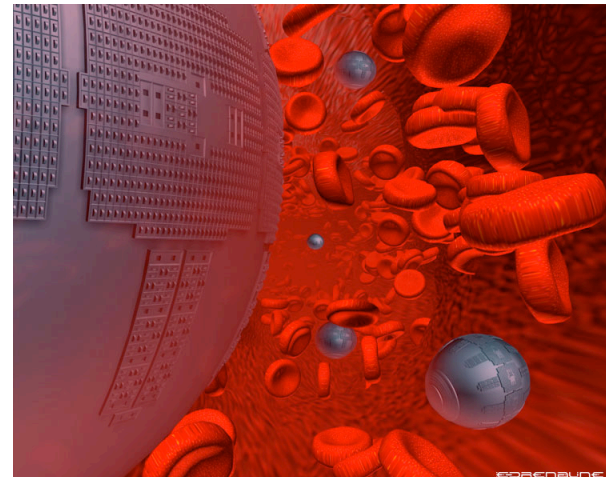


The goal

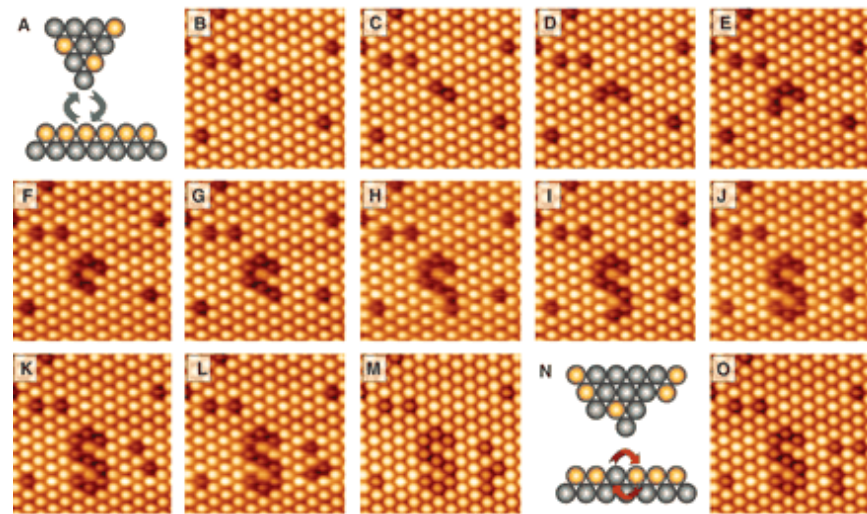


Medicine

- **Respirocytes**
- **Microbivores**
- **Chromalloytes**
- ...
- ***Designed by Freitas***



Experimental

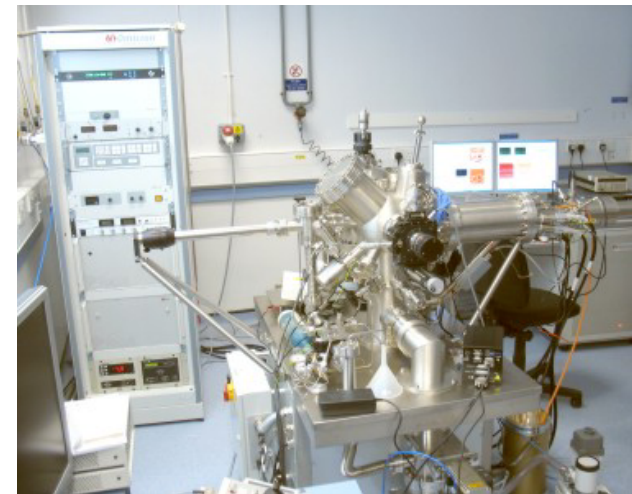


“...successive substitution of Sn atoms at the surface one atom at a time with Si atoms coming from the tip.”

Science 17 October 2008: vol. 322. no. 5900, pp. 413 – 417. Custance Nanomechanics Group.

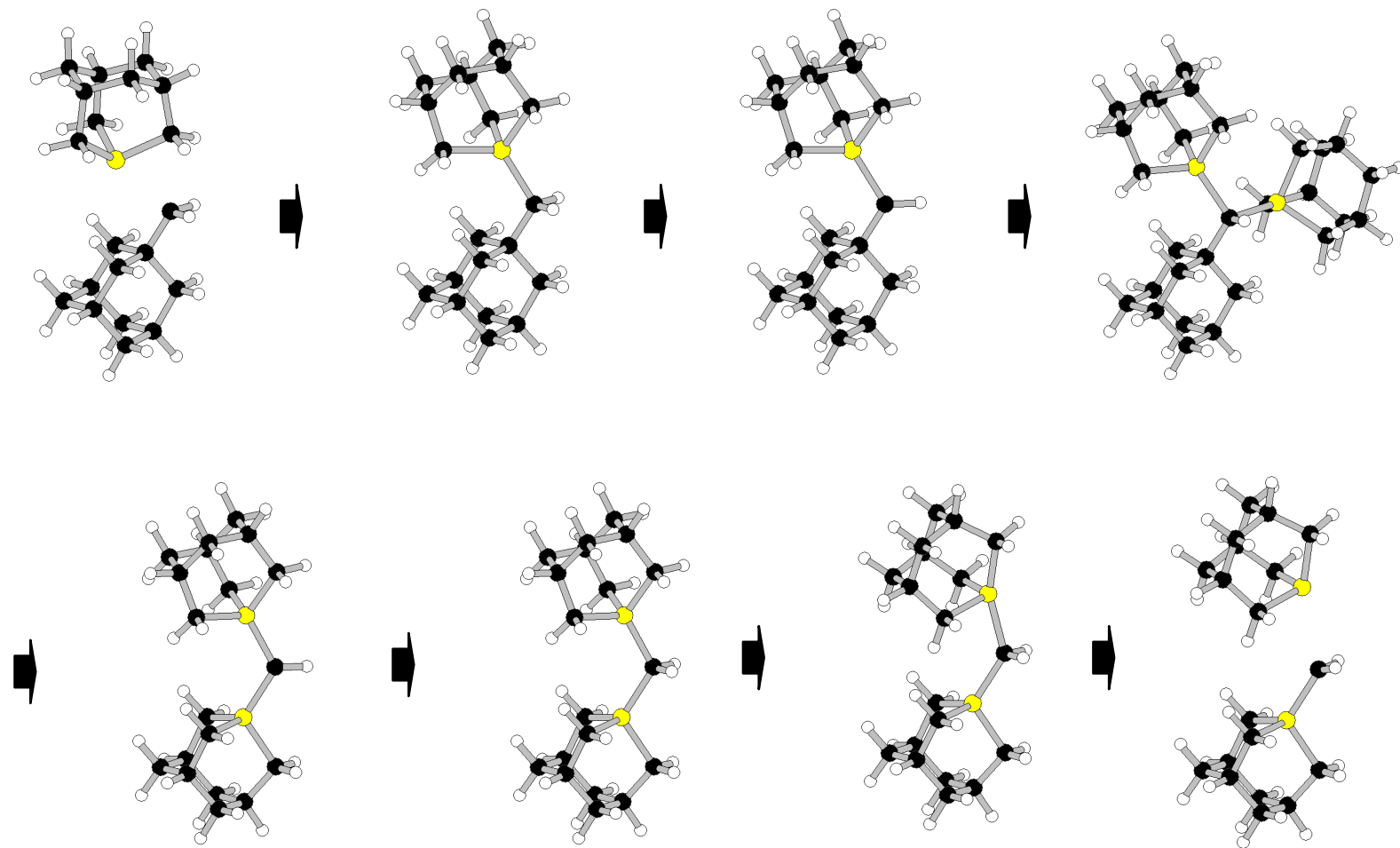
Experimental

- Philip Moriarty, University of Nottingham (U.K.)
- Five-year £1.53M (\$3M) grant, August 2008
- Investigate Freitas/Merkle DMS toolset



<http://www.MolecularAssembler.com/Nanofactory/Media/PressReleaseAug08.htm>

Recharging GM tool



Bearings

Make shaft m-fold symmetric

Make sleeve n-fold symmetric

Select m and n so $\text{GCD}(m,n)$ is small

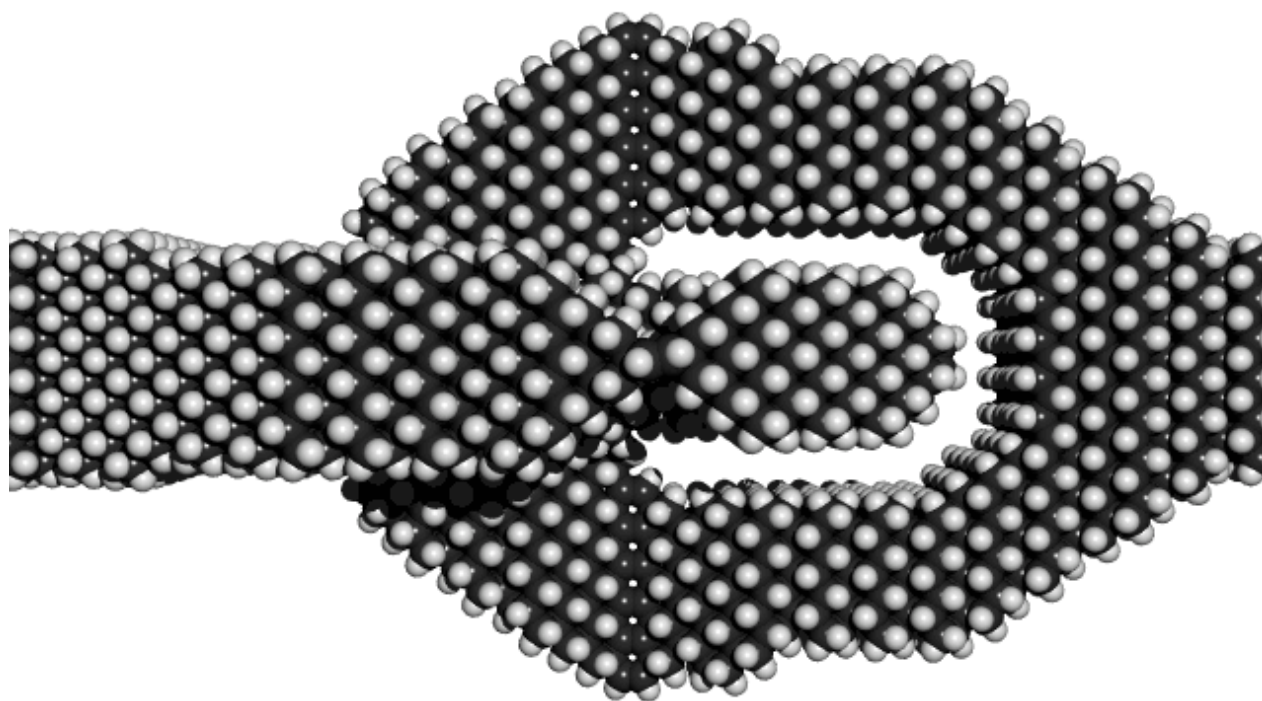
could select m and n relatively prime

making $\text{GCD}(m,n) = 1$

Period of $\text{GCD}(m,n)/(m*n)$

<http://www.zyvex.com/nanotech/bearingProof.html>

Hydrocarbon universal joint



Making almost anything

High complexity

Over 100 elements in periodic table

Therefore over 100 tools

Combinatorial explosion in considering
reaction sequences

Can build almost any structure consistent with
physical law

Great flexibility in synthesis

A more specific goal

Hydrocarbon MNT:

The ability to inexpensively manufacture most arrangements of hydrogen and carbon atoms that are consistent with physical law

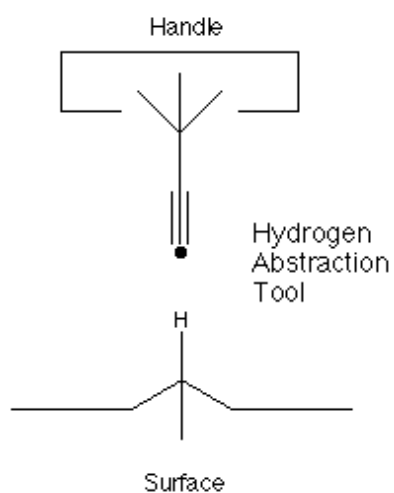
Benefits of Hydrocarbon MNT:

Analysis tractable

Still many highly valuable products

Provides a foothold from which we can
clearly achieve the broader goals of MNT

Hydrogen abstraction tool



**Surface Patterning by Atomically-
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Computational methods

1630 tooltip/workpiece structures

65 Reaction Sequences

328 reaction steps

354 unique pathological side reactions

1321 reported energies

consuming 102,188 CPU-hours (using 1-GHz CPUs)

Computational methods

Gaussian 98

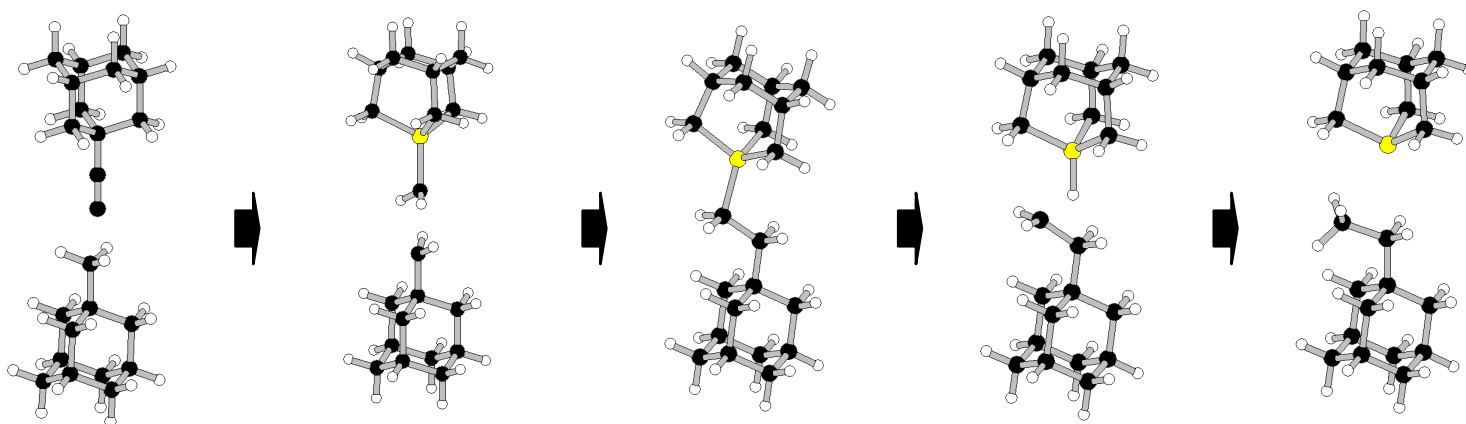
Singlet or doublet geometries optimized with no constrained degrees of freedom using spin-unrestricted Hartree-Fock (UHF) analysis at the B3LYP/3-21G* level of theory

Single point energy calculations performed at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level of theory

The mean absolute deviation from experiment (MAD) for B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) // B3LYP/3-21G* energies is estimated as 0.14 eV for carbon-rich molecules

Barriers of 0.4 eV against side reactions in most cases

C placement



2nd C placement on C on C(111)

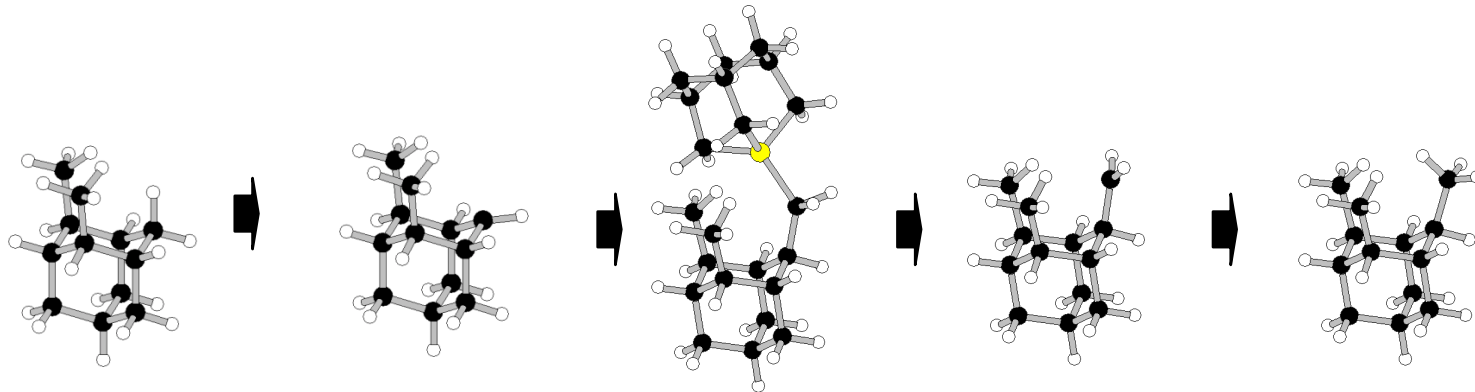
C radical addition to C radical -3.12 eV

(note undesired H abstraction by C radical
from C radical, +0.69 eV barrier)

GeRad removal +2.74 eV (note Ge-C
bond is “soft”)

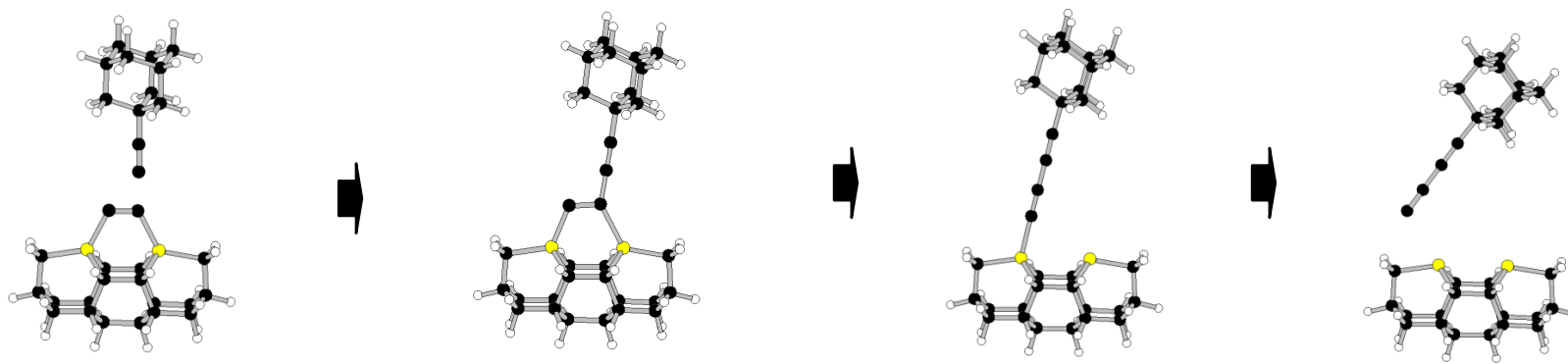
HDon hydrogenate C radical -0.65 eV

C placement

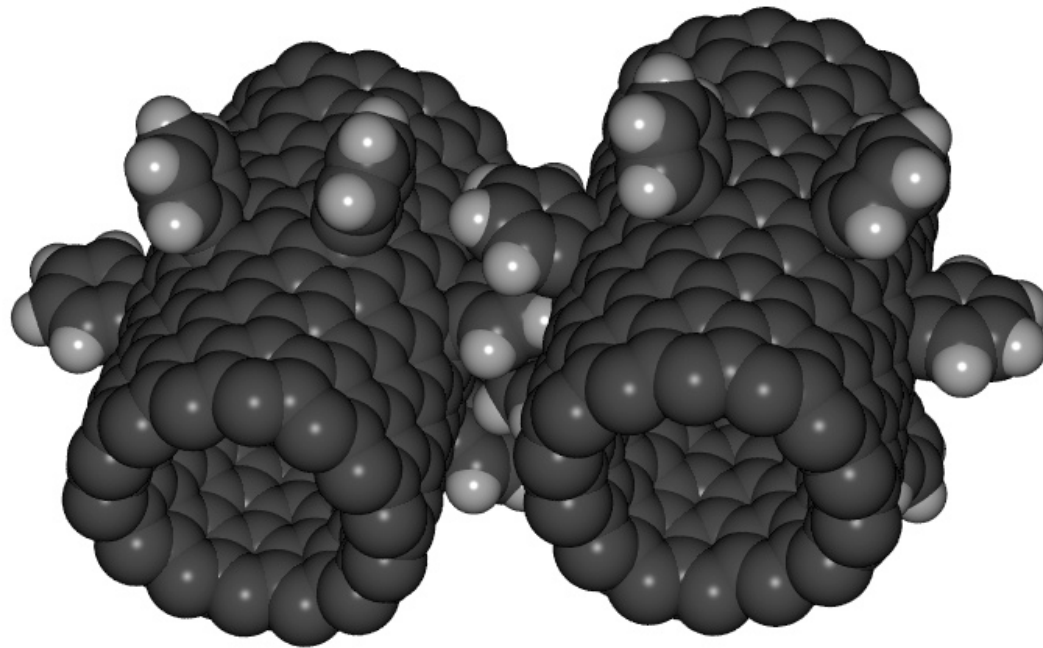


3rd C placement on adjacent site of C(111)
surface

Making polyyne chain

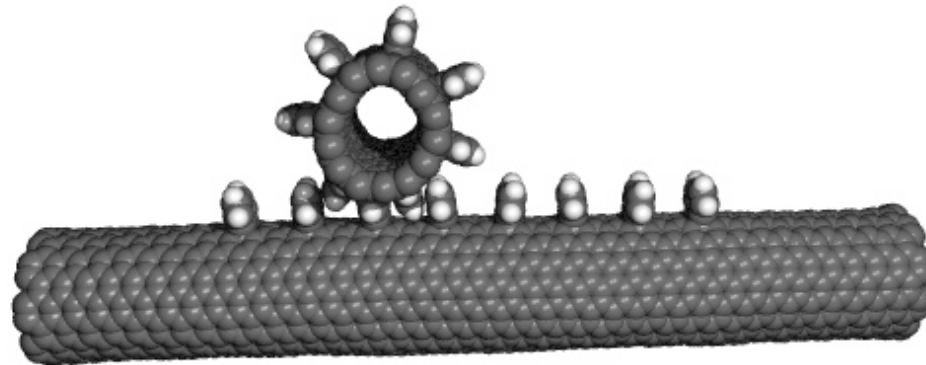


Bucky gears



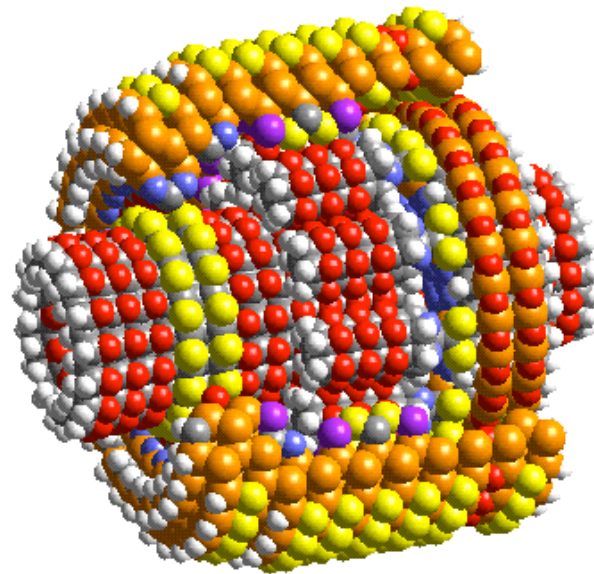
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Rotary to linear



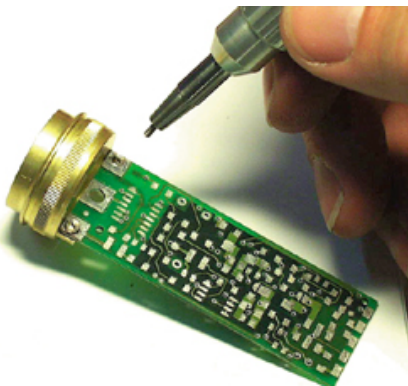
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Planetary gear

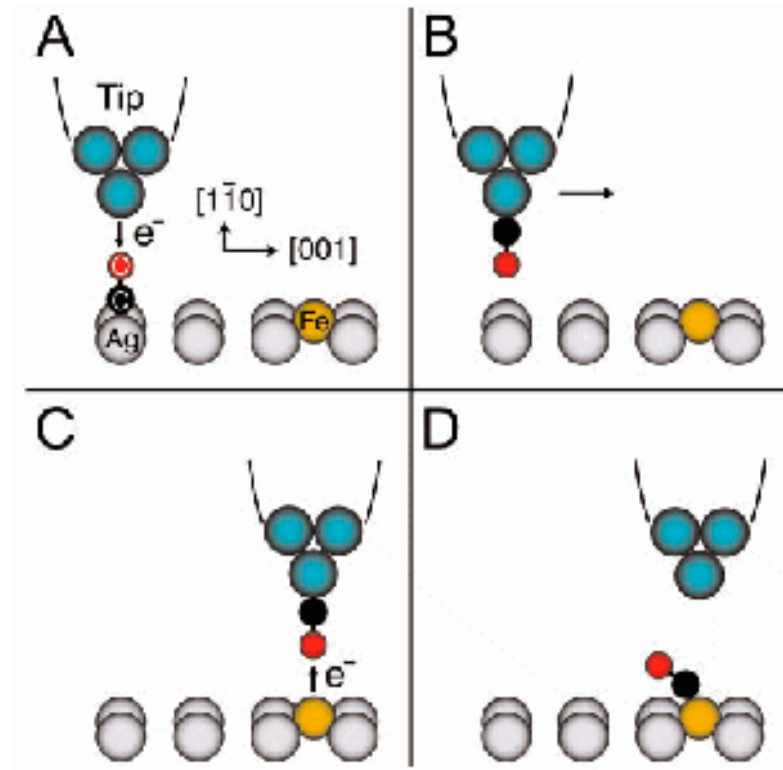


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Positional assembly

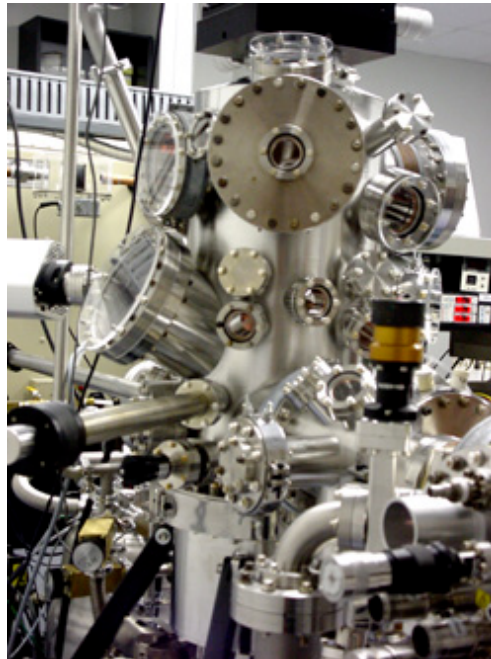


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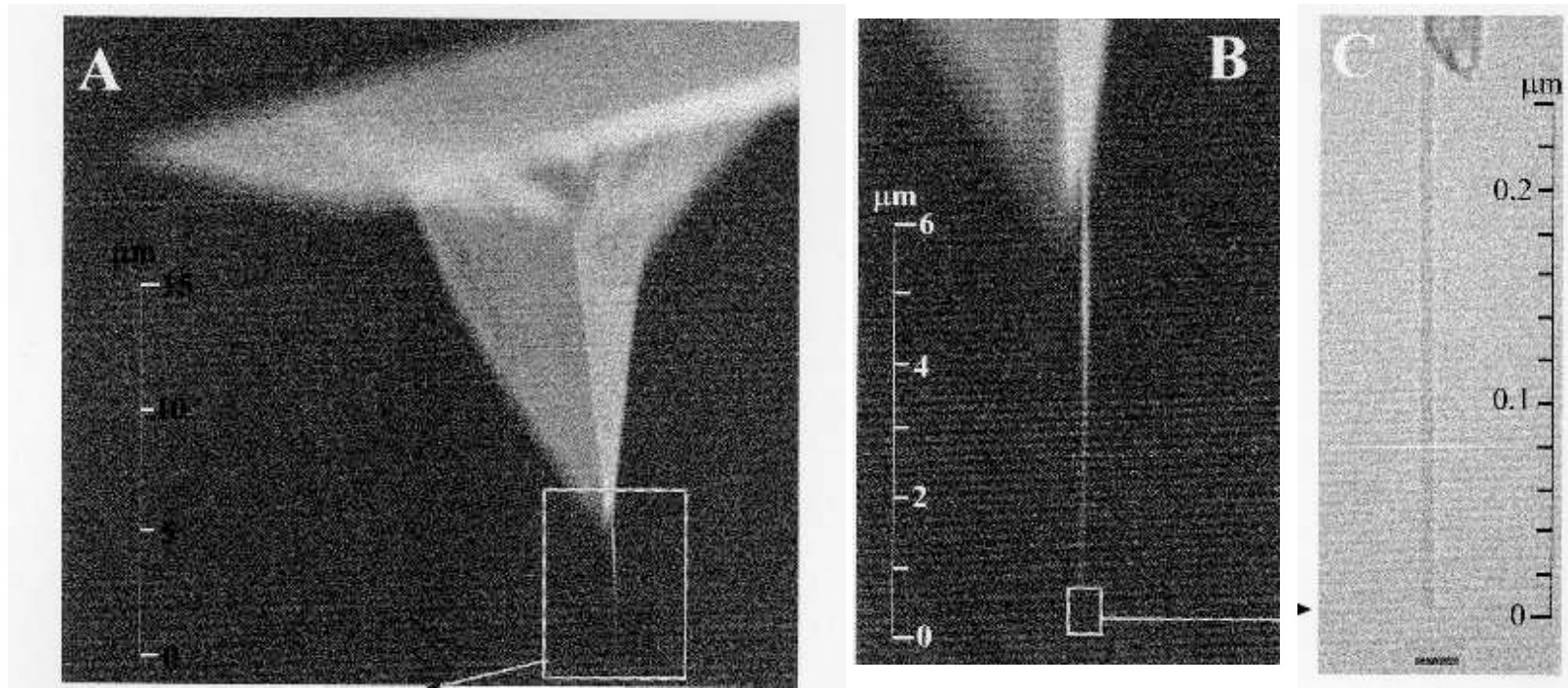
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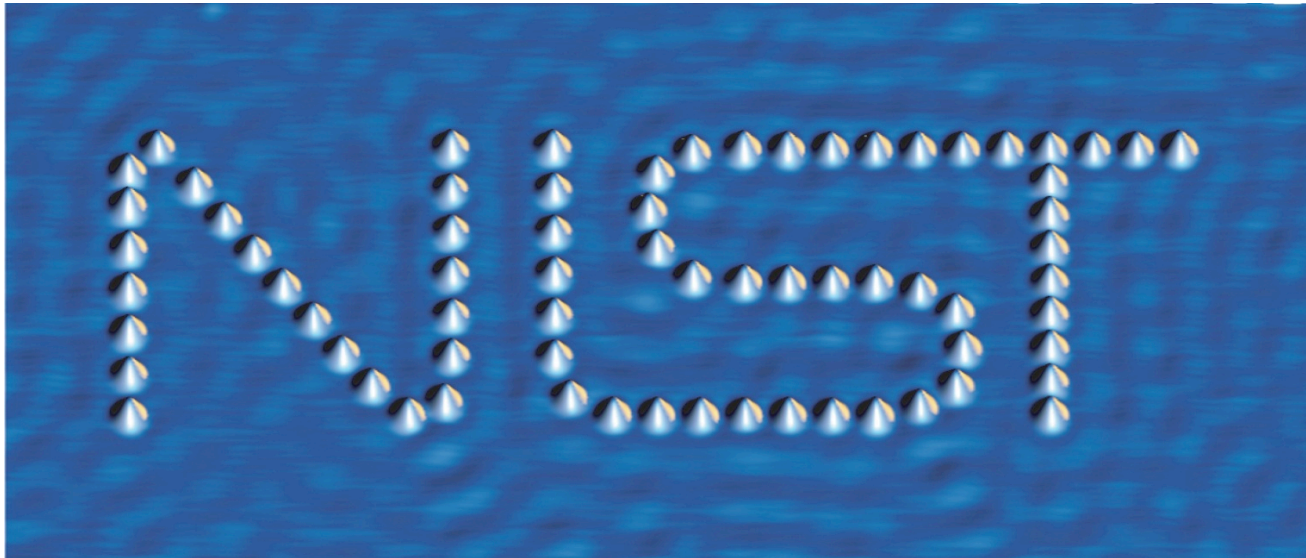
SPM at Zyvex

Bucky tube glued to SPM tip



Hongjie Dai et al. Nature 384, 147-151 (1996)

Experimental



**A 40-nanometer-wide NIST logo made
with cobalt atoms on a copper surface**

Controlling the Dynamics of a Single Atom in Lateral Atom Manipulation

Joseph A. Stroscio and Robert J. Celotta, *Science*, Vol 306, Issue 5694, 242-247, 8 October 2004

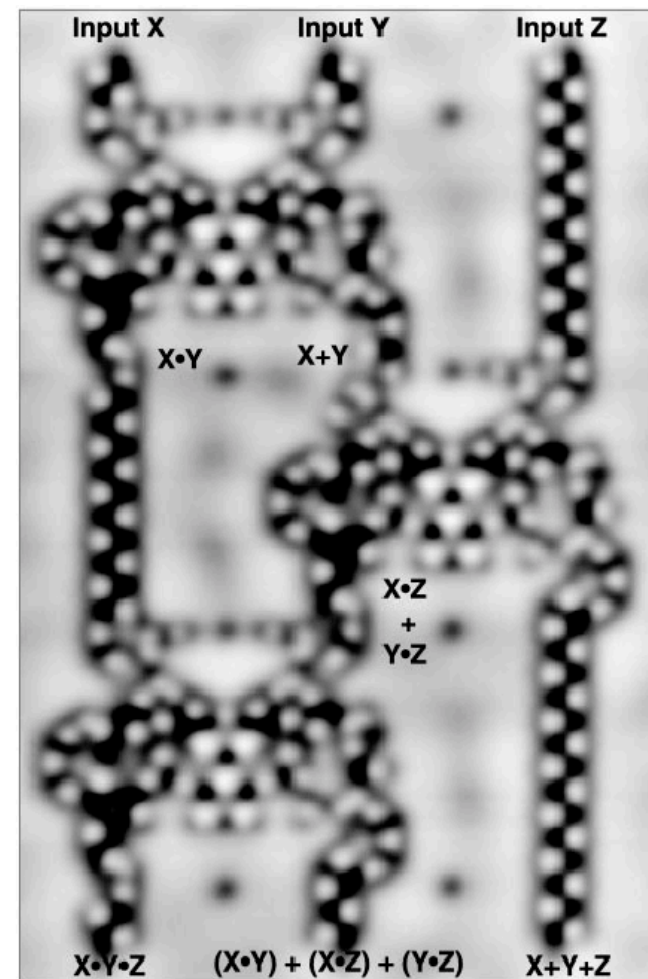
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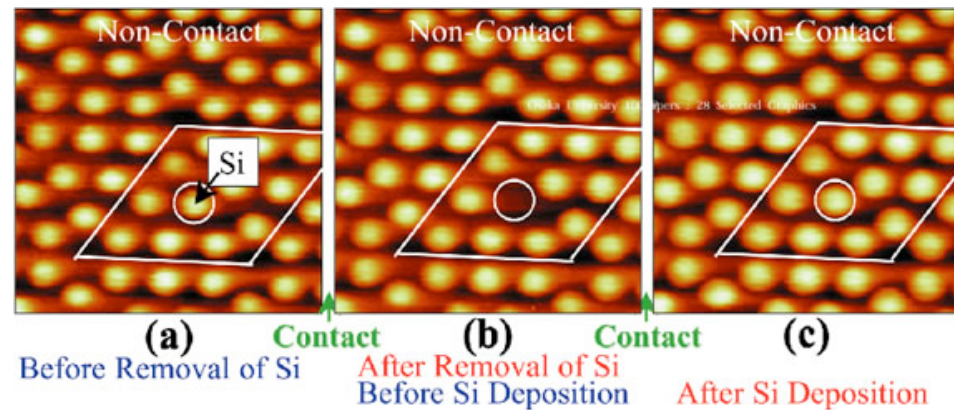
Molecule Cascades

A. J. Heinrich,^{*†} C. P. Lutz,^{*} J. A. Gupta, D. M. Eigler

Fig. 9. STM image (12 nm by 17 nm) of a three-input sorter in the initial setup ($I = 40$ pA; $V = 10$ mV). The symbol + denotes logic OR, and ● denotes logic AND. Images with one or more inputs triggered are not shown.

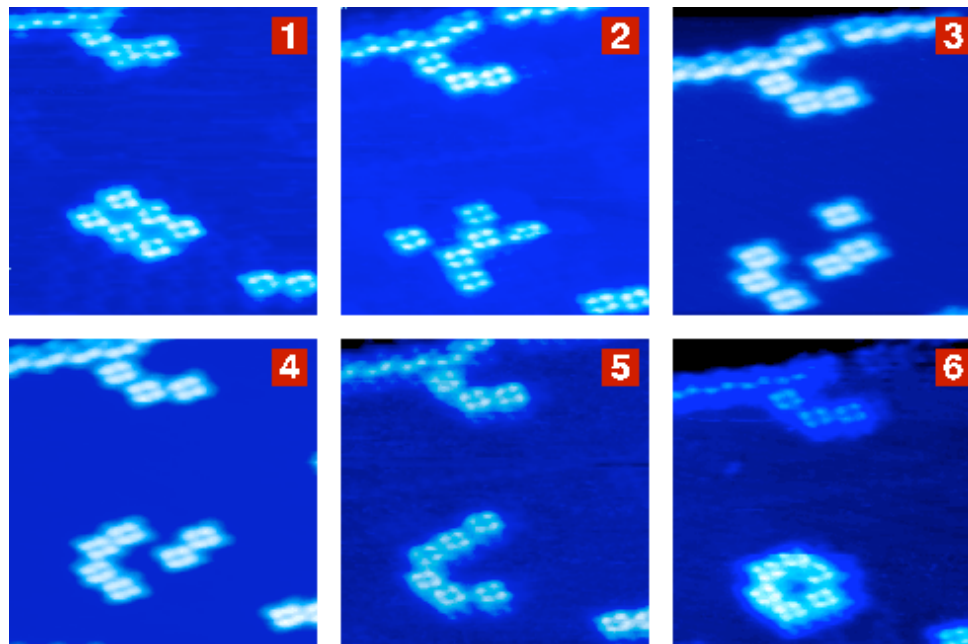


Experimental



Mechanical vertical manipulation of selected single atoms by soft nanoindentation using near contact atomic force microscopy, Noriaki Oyabu, Oscar Custance, Insook Yi, Yasuhiro Sugawara, Seizo Morita¹, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90(2 May 2003):176102.

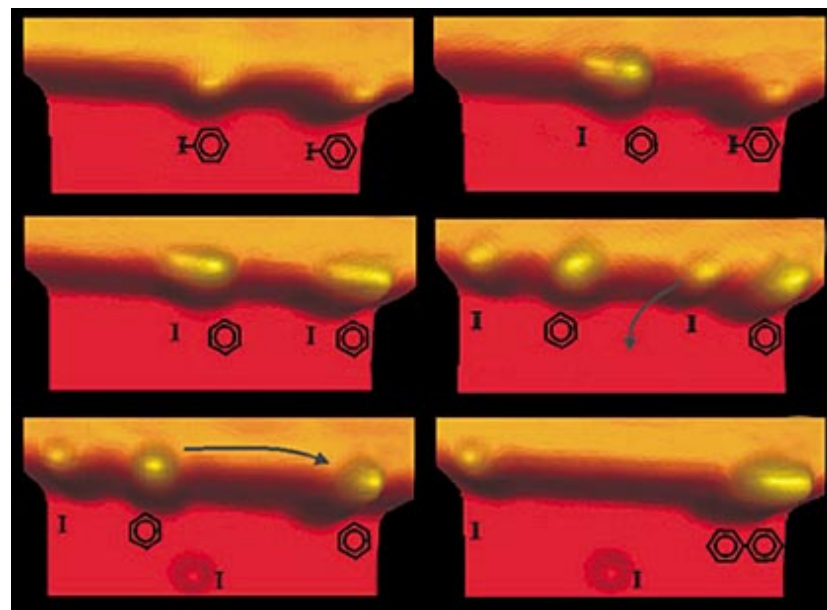
Experimental work



Gimzewski et al.

Experimental

STM images show two iodobenzene molecules on a Cu substrate (top left). Next, a voltage pulse from the STM tip breaks the iodine-phenyl bonds (top right and middle left). The iodine atom is moved out of the way (middle right), and finally, the two phenyls are brought together (bottom). C&EN News 10/2/00



Manipulation and bond formation by STM at 20 K

Saw-Wai Hla et al., Physical Review Letters 85,
2777-2780, September 25 2000 [http://
www.phy.ohiou.edu/~hla/7.pdf](http://www.phy.ohiou.edu/~hla/7.pdf)

Arranging atoms

Invited Review

Engineering of single molecules with a scanning tunneling microscope tip

SAW-WAI HLA and KARL-HEINZ RIEDER

Superlattices and Microstructures, Vol. 31, No. 1, 2002

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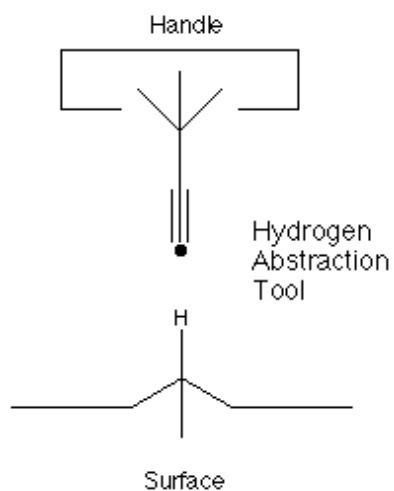
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Arranging atoms

“...a long time chemist’s dream of construction of individual molecules from the basic building blocks has now become a reality.”

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Theoretical H abstraction



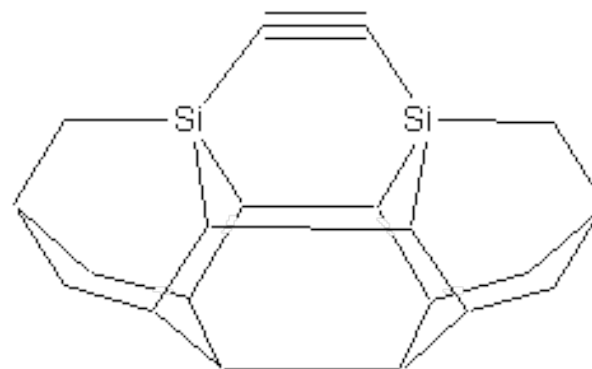
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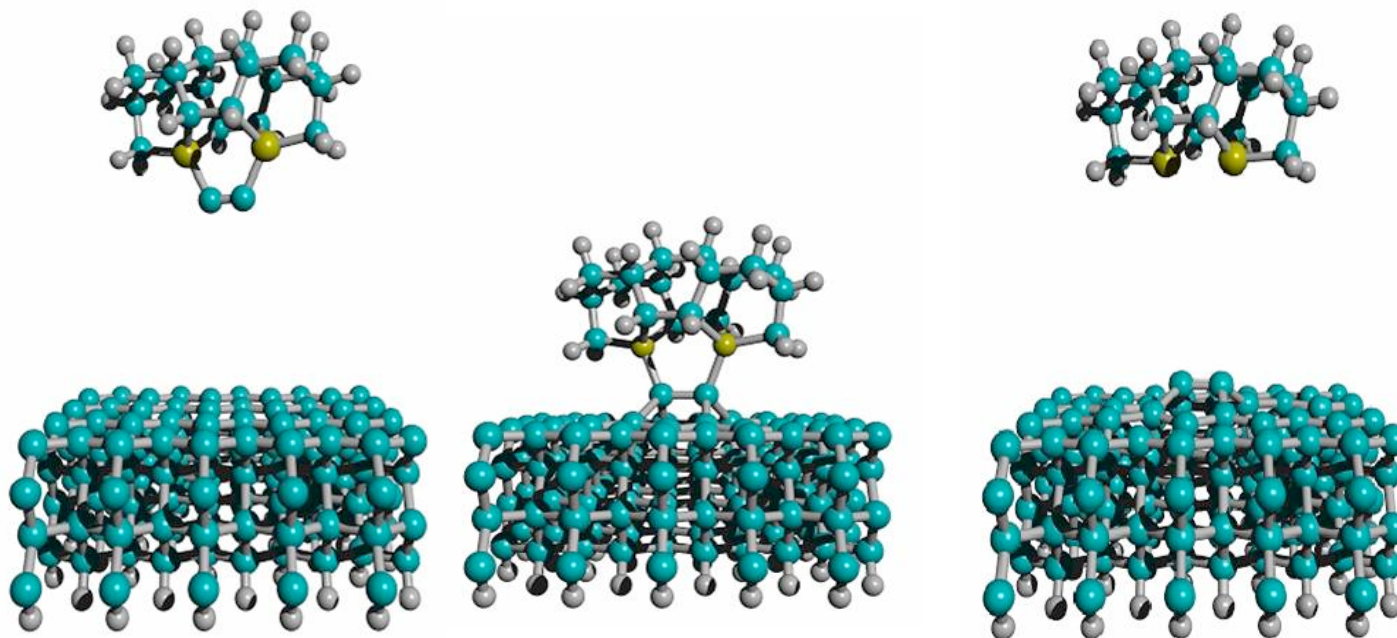
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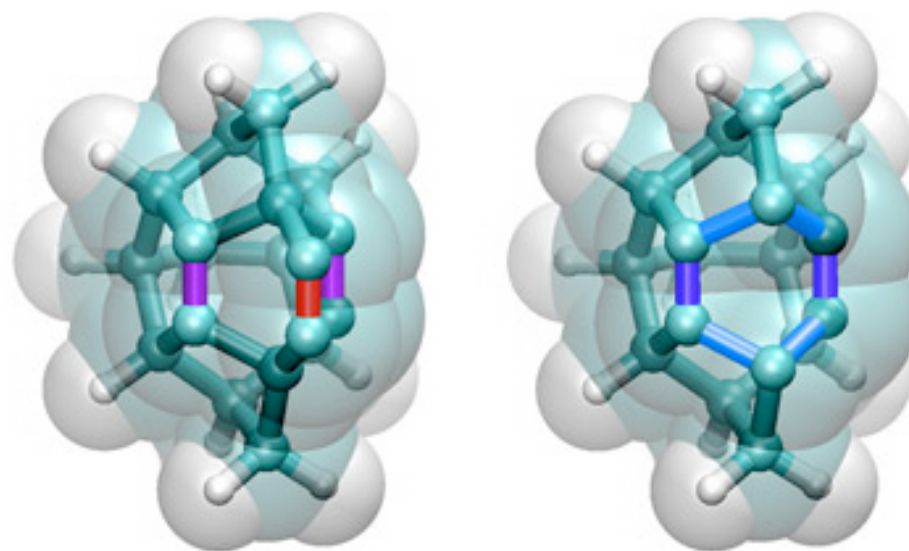
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Adding carbon



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David J. Mann, Jingping Peng, Robert A. Freitas Jr., Ralph C. Merkle,
In press.

Adding carbon



Allis D.G. and Drexler K.E. “Design and Analysis of a Molecular Tool-Tip for Carbon Transfer in Mechanosynthesis.” *Journal of Computational and Theoretical Nanotechnology*, *in press*

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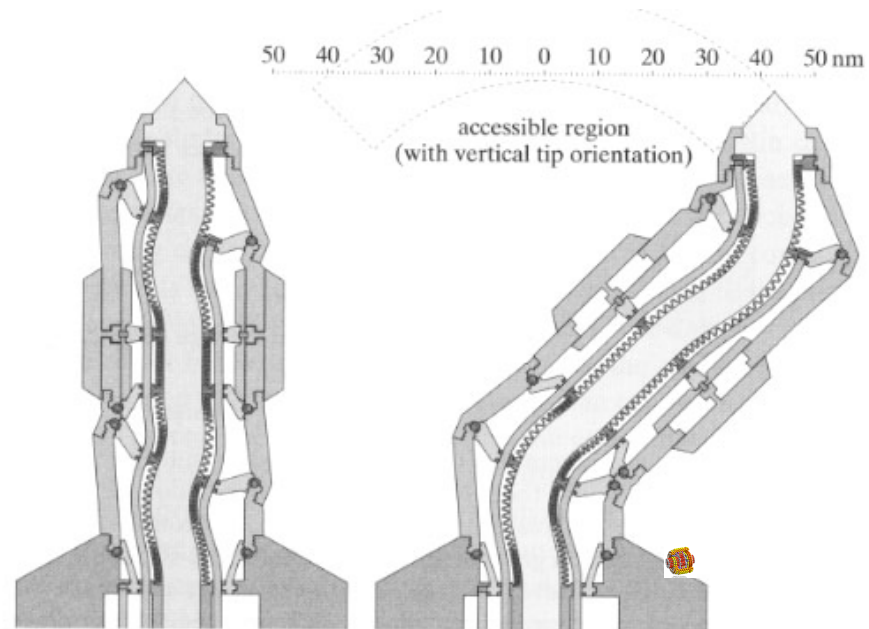


Figure 13.14. Cross section of a stiff manipulator arm, showing its range of motion (schematic).

Thermal noise

Assume a linear restoring force k such that

$$F_{\text{restore}} = k x$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

(SI units for the restoring force are N/m)

Thermal noise

Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$\frac{\exp\left(\frac{-E}{k_b T}\right)}{\int_{-\text{inf}}^{+\text{inf}} \exp\left(\frac{-E}{k_b T}\right)}$$
$$\frac{\exp\left(\frac{-kx^2}{2k_b T}\right)}{\int_{-\text{inf}}^{+\text{inf}} \exp\left(\frac{-kx^2}{2k_b T}\right)}$$
$$\frac{\exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma}\right)}{\int_{-\text{inf}}^{+\text{inf}} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma}\right)}$$

σ : mean positional error

k : restoring force

k_b : Boltzmann's constant

T : temperature

Thermal noise

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{k_b T}{k}$$

σ : mean positional error

k : restoring force

k_b : Boltzmann's constant

T : temperature

Thermal noise

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{k_b T}{k}$$

σ : 0.02 nm (0.2 Å)

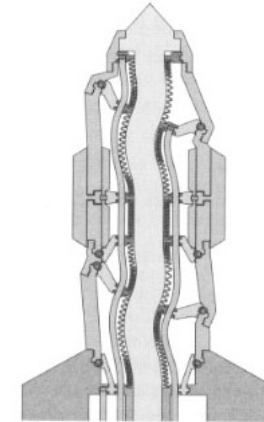
k : 10 N/m

k_b : 1.38×10^{-23} J/K

T : 300 K

Stiffness

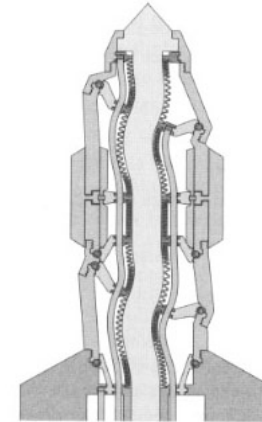
$$k = \frac{3\pi r^4 E}{4L^3}$$



- E: Young's modulus
- k: transverse stiffness
- r: radius
- L: length

Stiffness

$$k = \frac{3\pi r^4 E}{4L^3}$$



E: 10^{12} N/m²

k: 10 N/m

r: 8 nm

L: 100 nm

Stewart platform



Stewart platform



References:

http://www.igd.fhg.de/www/igd-a4/research/motion_base/letsmove.html



Stewart platform

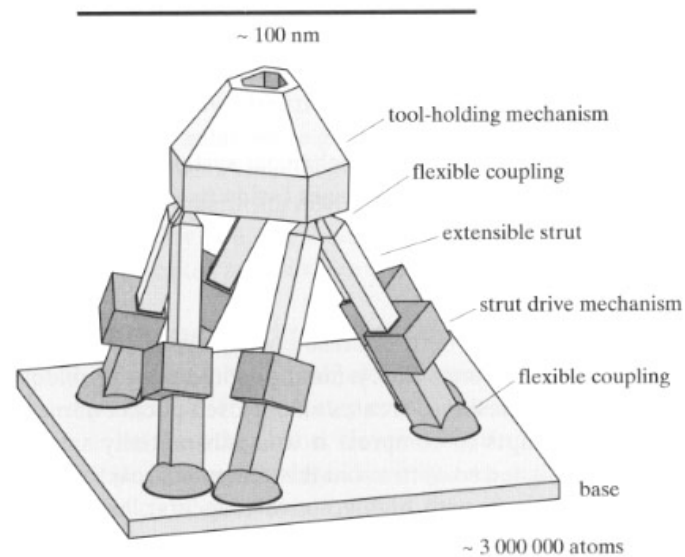
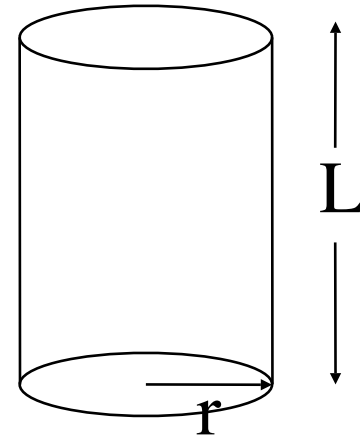


Figure 16.4. A positioning mechanism based on the Stewart platform (schematic). Each strut has a joint at each end, shown for simplicity as ball-and-socket joints at the base and as flexible point attachments at the top. Each strut has a set of actuators able to adjust its length. See Figure 16.5.

Stiffness

$$k = \frac{\pi r^2 E}{L}$$



E: Young's modulus

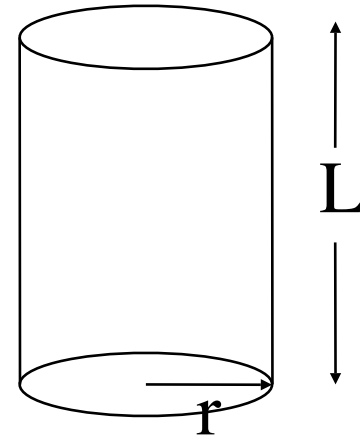
k: longitudinal stiffness

r: radius

L: length

Stiffness

$$k = \frac{\pi r^2 E}{L}$$



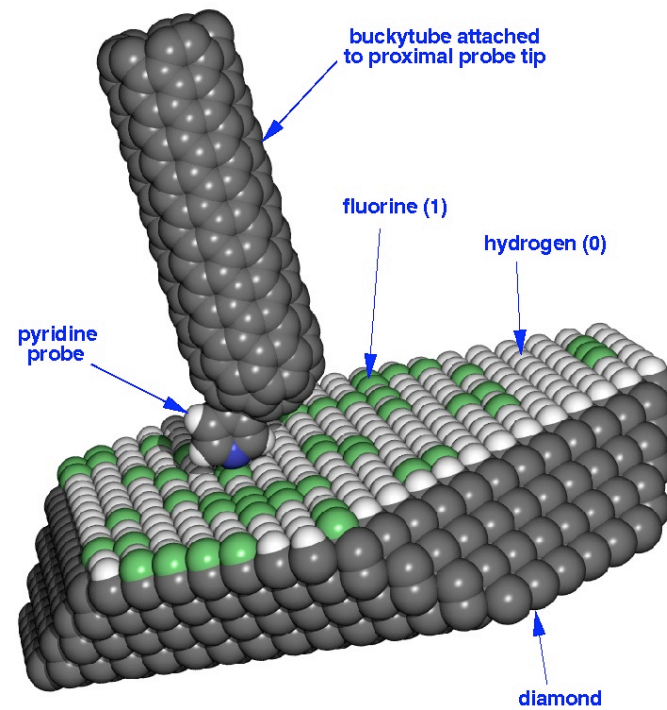
E: 10^{12} N/m²

k: 500 N/m

r: 4 nm

L: 100 nm

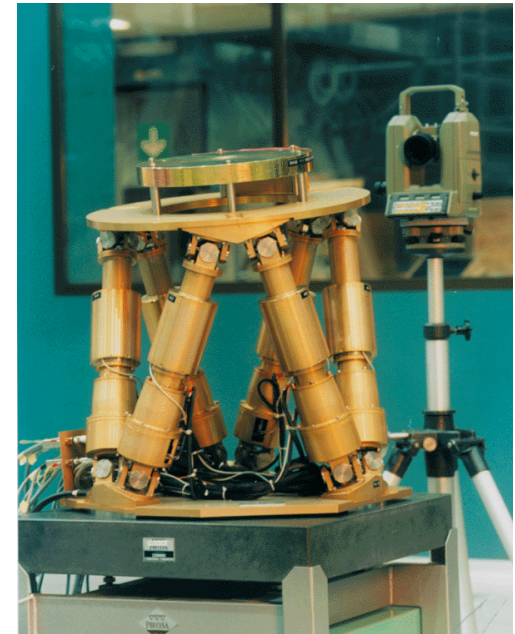
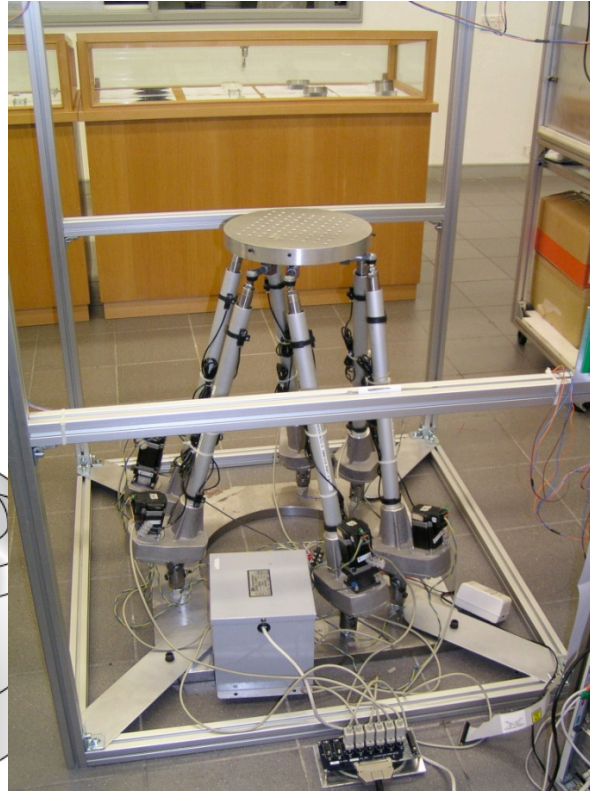
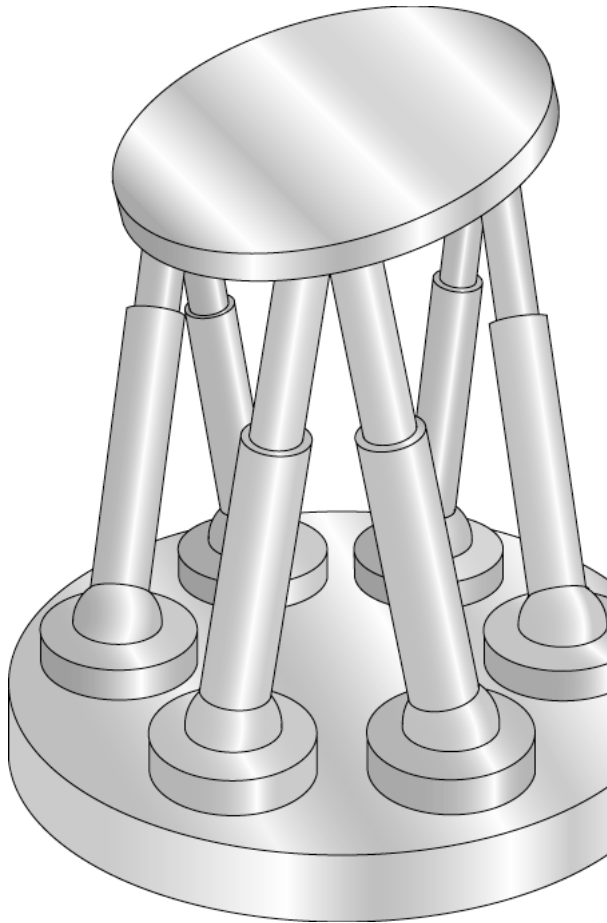
High density memory (theoretical)



End

End of Slides

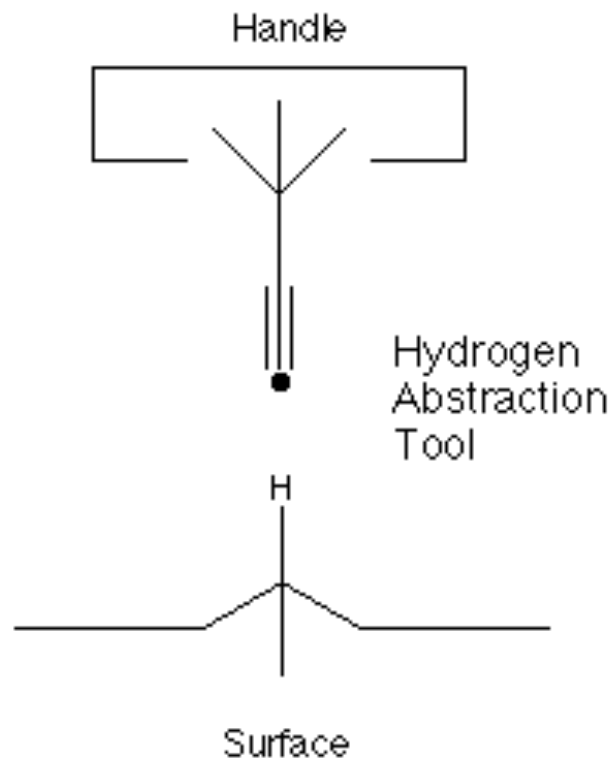
Stewart platform



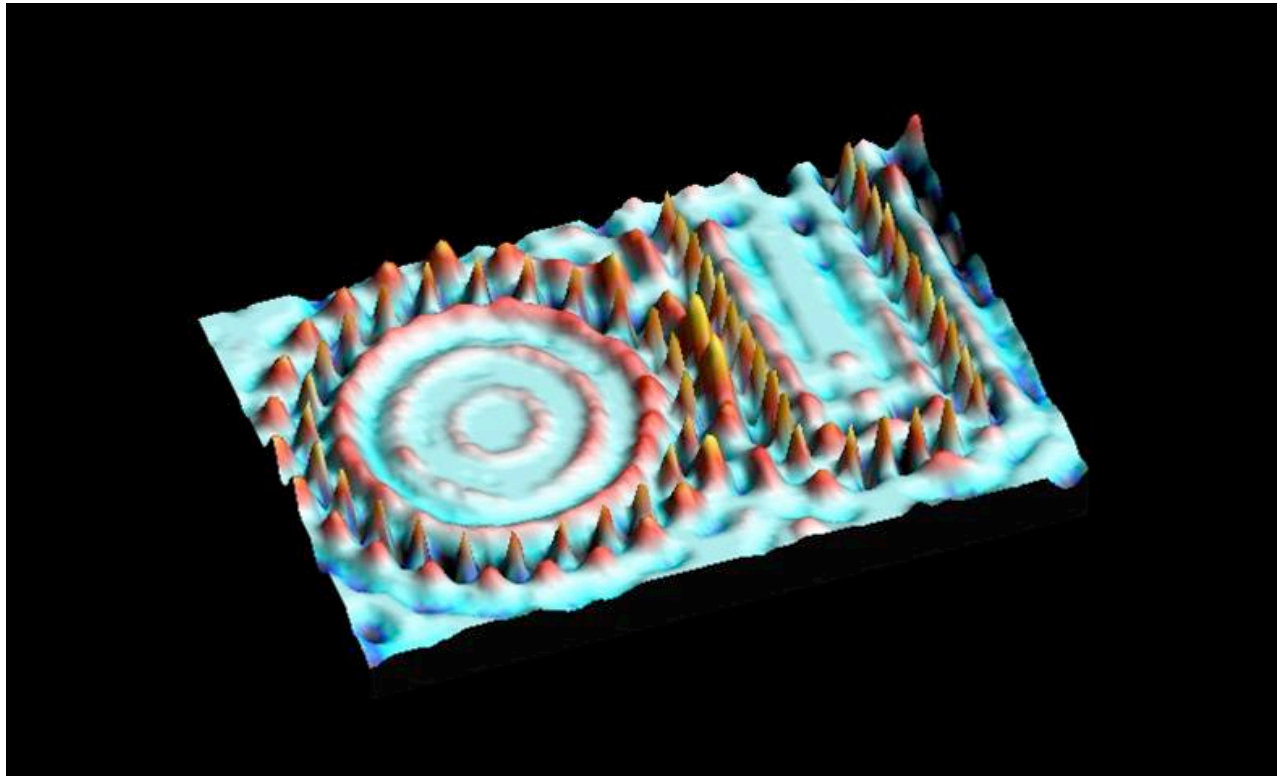
Stewart platform



Hydrogen abstraction tool



Experimental



The Ohio University atomic logo is written on a Ag (111) surface at 6 K temperature. (51 silver atoms, 42 nm x 26 nm area.

Image from Saw-Wai Hla lab)

Making diamond today

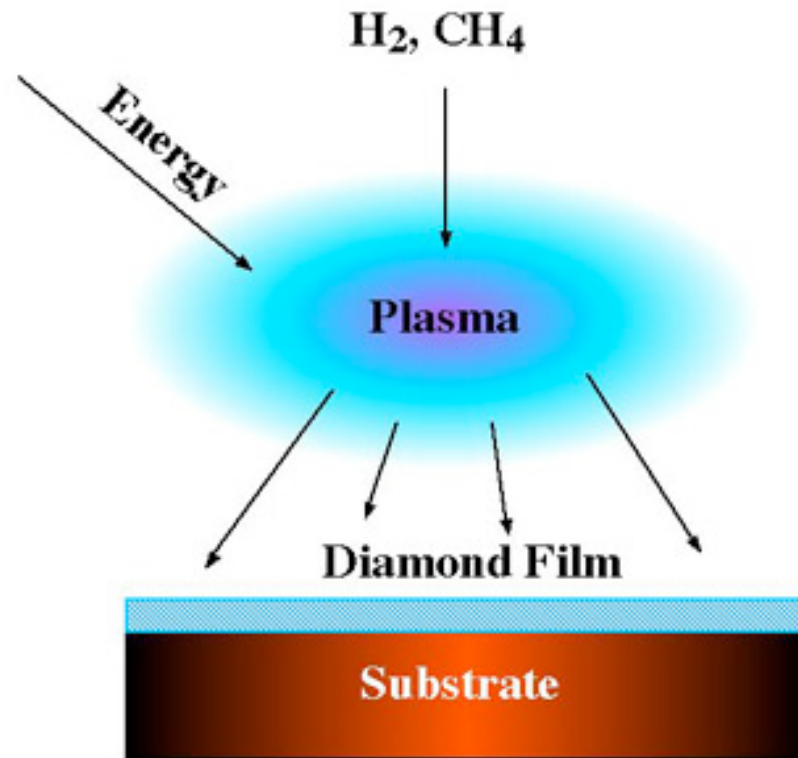


Illustration courtesy of P1 Diamond Inc.

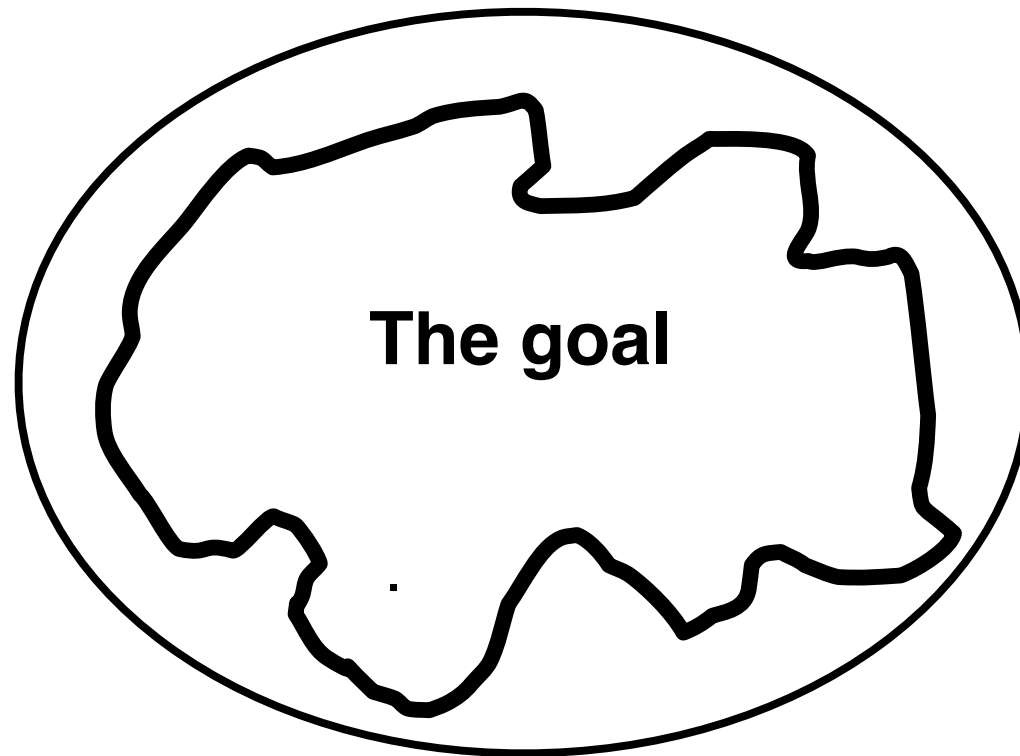
The goal

Arrangements of atoms

Today



The goal



What to make

Diamond physical properties

Property	Diamond's value	Comments
Chemical reactivity		Extremely low
Hardness (kg/mm ²)	9000	CBN: 4500 SiC: 4000
Thermal conductivity (W/cm-K)	20	Ag: 4.3 Cu: 4.0
Tensile strength (pascals)	3.5×10^9 (natural)	10^{11} (theoretical)
Compressive strength (pascals)	10^{11} (natural)	5×10^{11} (theoretical)
Band gap (ev)	5.5	Si: 1.1 GaAs: 1.4
Resistivity (W-cm)	10^{16} (natural)	
Density (gm/cm ³)	3.51	
Thermal Expansion Coeff (K ⁻¹)	0.8×10^{-6}	SiO ₂ : 0.5×10^{-6}
Refractive index	2.41 @ 590 nm	Glass: 1.4 - 1.8
Coeff. of Friction	0.05 (dry)	Teflon: 0.05

Achieving goals

Backward chaining (Eric Drexler)

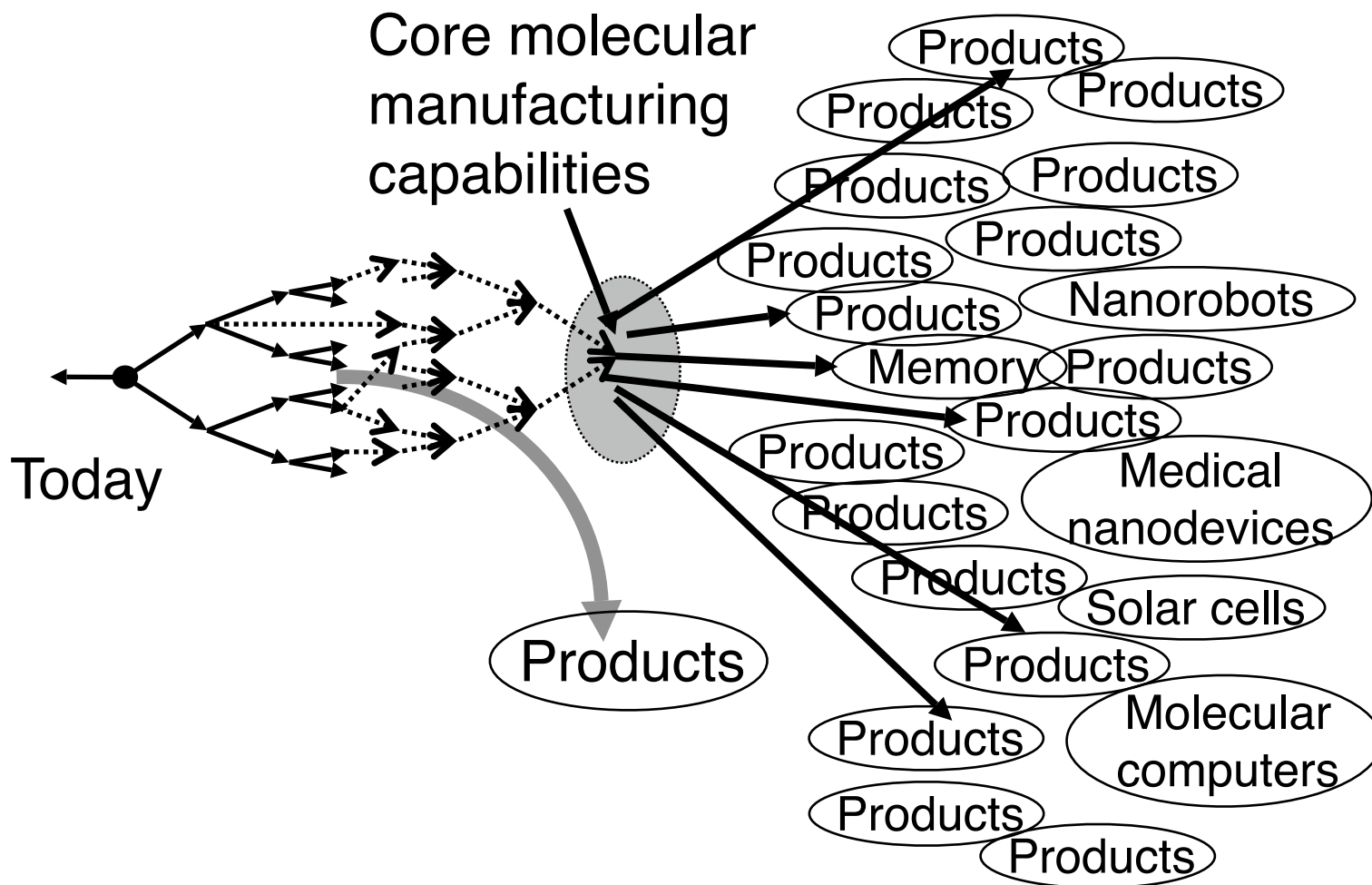
Horizon mission methodology (John Anderson)

Retrosynthetic analysis (Elias J. Corey)

Shortest path and other search algorithms in computer science

“Meet in the middle” attacks in cryptography

Overview



Single Bonds		Single Bonds *		Multiple Bonds	
H-H	104.2	B-F	150	C=C	146
C-C	83	B-O	125	N=N	109
N-N	38.4	C-N	73	O=O	119
O-O	35	N-CO	86	C=N	147
F-F	36.6	C-O	85.5	C=O (CO ₂)	192
Si-Si	52	O-CO	110	C=O (aldehyde)	177
P-P	50	C-S	65	C=O (ketone)	178
S-S	54	C-F	116	C=O (ester)	179
Cl-Cl	58	C-Cl	81	C=O (amide)	179
Br-Br	46	C-Br	68	C=O (halide)	177
I-I	36	C-I	51	C=S (CS ₂)	138
H-C	99	C-B	90	N=O (HONO)	143
H-N	93	C-Si	76	P=O (POCl ₃)	110
H-O	111	C-P	70	P=S (PSCl ₃)	70
H-F	135	N-O	55	S=O (SO ₂)	128
H-Cl	103	S-O	87	S=O (DMSO)	93
H-Br	87.5	Si-F	135	P=P	84
H-I	71	Si-Cl	90	P≡P	117
H-B	90	Si-O	110	C≡O	258
H-S	81	P-Cl	79	C≡C	200
H-Si	75	P-Br	65	N≡N	226
H-P	77	P-O	90	C≡N	213

Strengths of hydrogen bonds

- O—H...:N (29 kJ/mol or 6.9 kcal/mol)
- O—H...:O (21 kJ/mol or 5.0 kcal/mol)
- N—H...:N (13 kJ/mol or 3.1 kcal/mol)
- N—H...:O (8 kJ/mol or 1.9 kcal/mol)

- C—C (347 kJ/mol or 83 kcal/mol)

Annotated bibliography on mechanosynthesis

(over 50 entries)

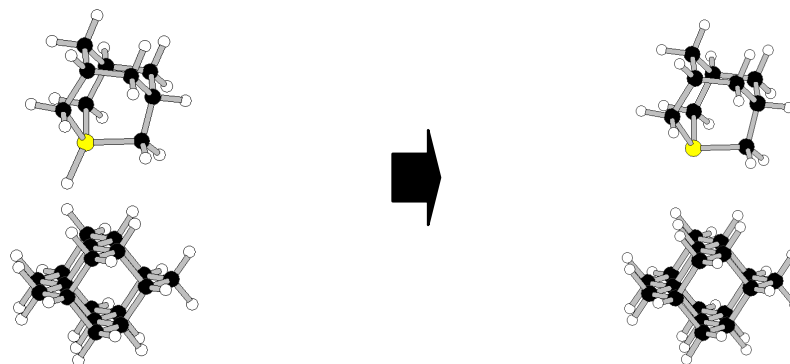
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Hydrogen abstraction tools

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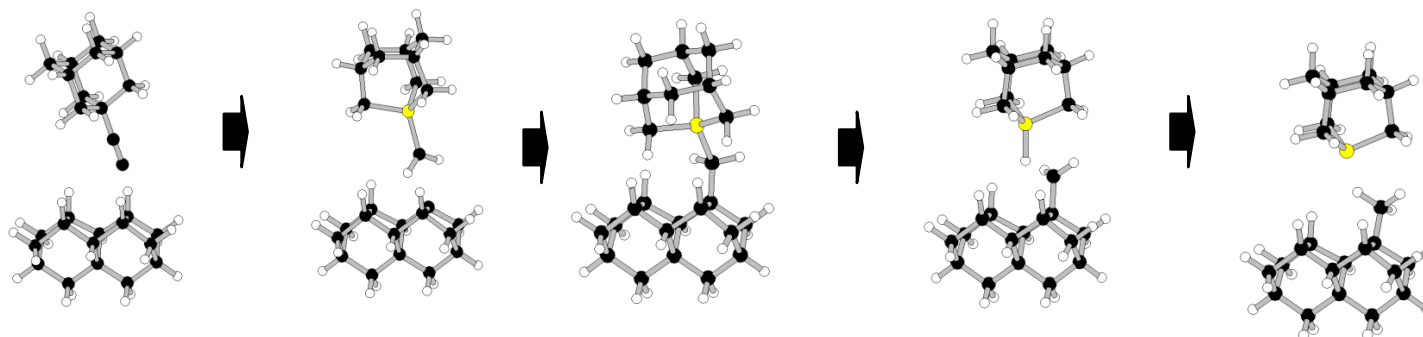
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H donation



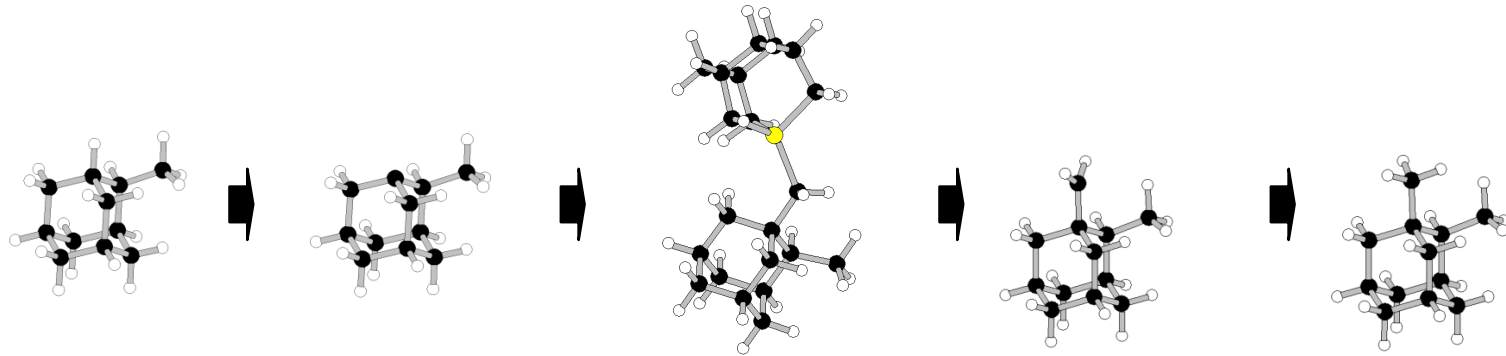
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C placement



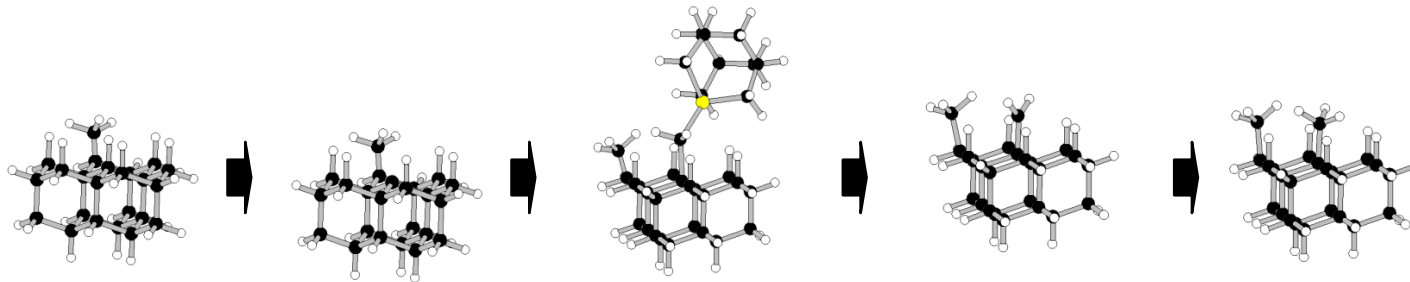
C placement on C(100) using GM tool
C radical addition to C radical -3.29 eV
(note undesired H abstraction by C radical
from adjacent dimer, +0.55 eV barrier)
GeRad removal +2.66 eV (note Ge-C
bond is “soft”)
HDon hydrogenate C radical -0.64 eV

C placement



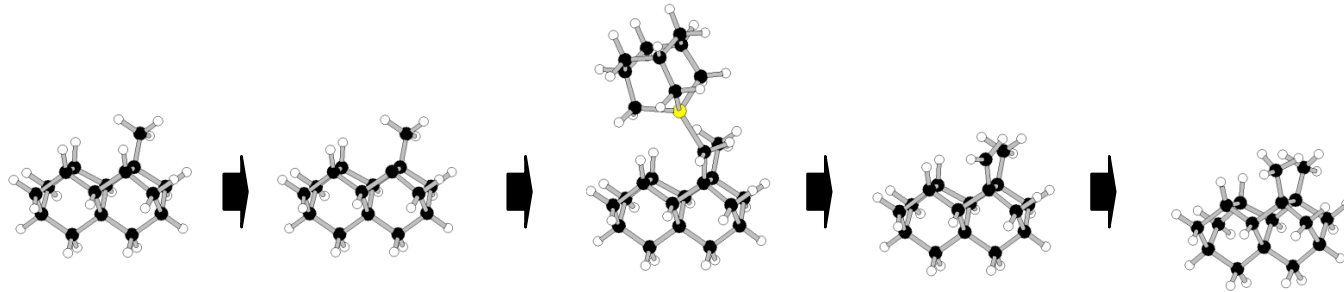
C placement on adamantane when
sidewall site is occupied

C placement



C placement on adjacent site of C(111)
surface

C placement



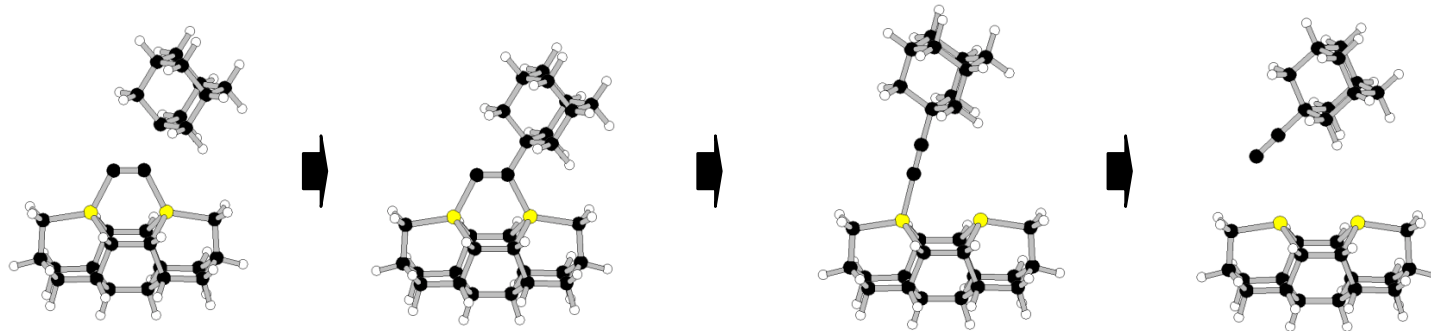
C placement on adjacent site of C(100)
dimer

Mechanosynthesis

A strategy for the synthesis of stiff hydrocarbons

- Positional assembly (6 degrees of freedom)
- Highly reactive compounds (radicals, carbenes, etc)
- Inert environment (vacuum, noble gas) to eliminate side reactions

Making tools



Building HAbs from DimerP

Dimer placement

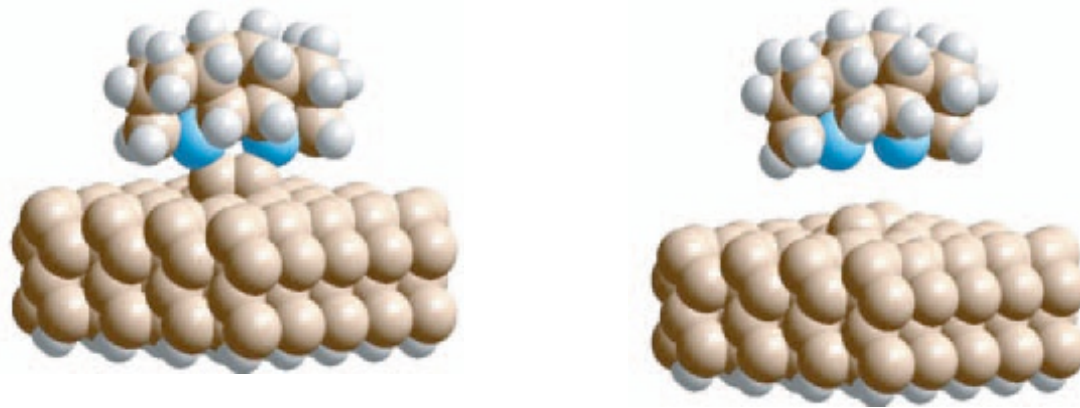
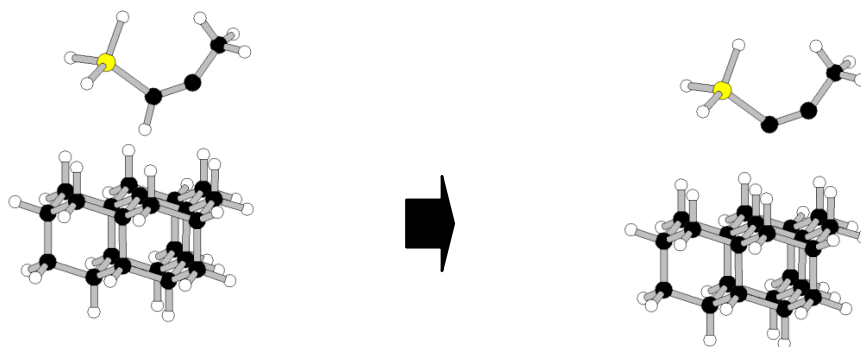


Fig. 2. Stepwise retraction simulation of Ge-based tool from clean diamond C(110) surface: (A) initial configuration (C in brown, H in white, Ge in blue); (B) ending configuration after 200 fs at 1.6 Å above starting position, at 300 K.

Peng et al., work done at Zyvex using VASP

H donation



Hydrogen donation onto a
C(111) surface radical.
-1.43 eV

Molecular machines

Self assembly of T4 Bacteriophage

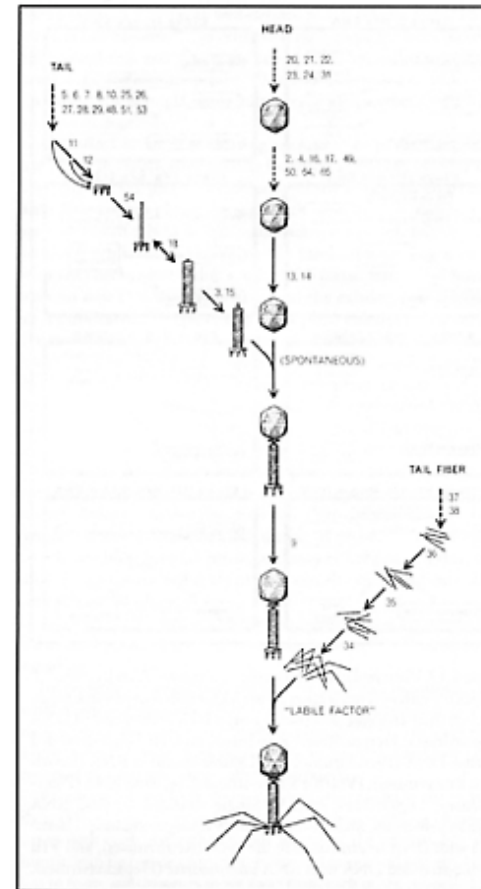
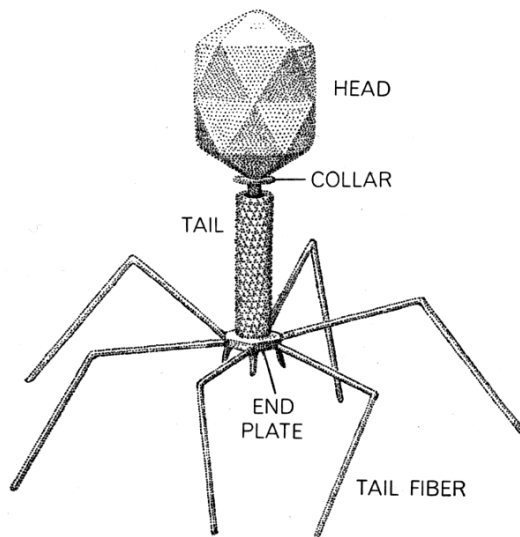


Figure 4.16. Self-assembly of bacteriophage T4 in ordered sequence from its individual component parts.^{1/67} (Copyright 1965 Scientific American)

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Positional assembly

Mechanosynthesis

Reactants follow controlled trajectories to eliminate side reactions

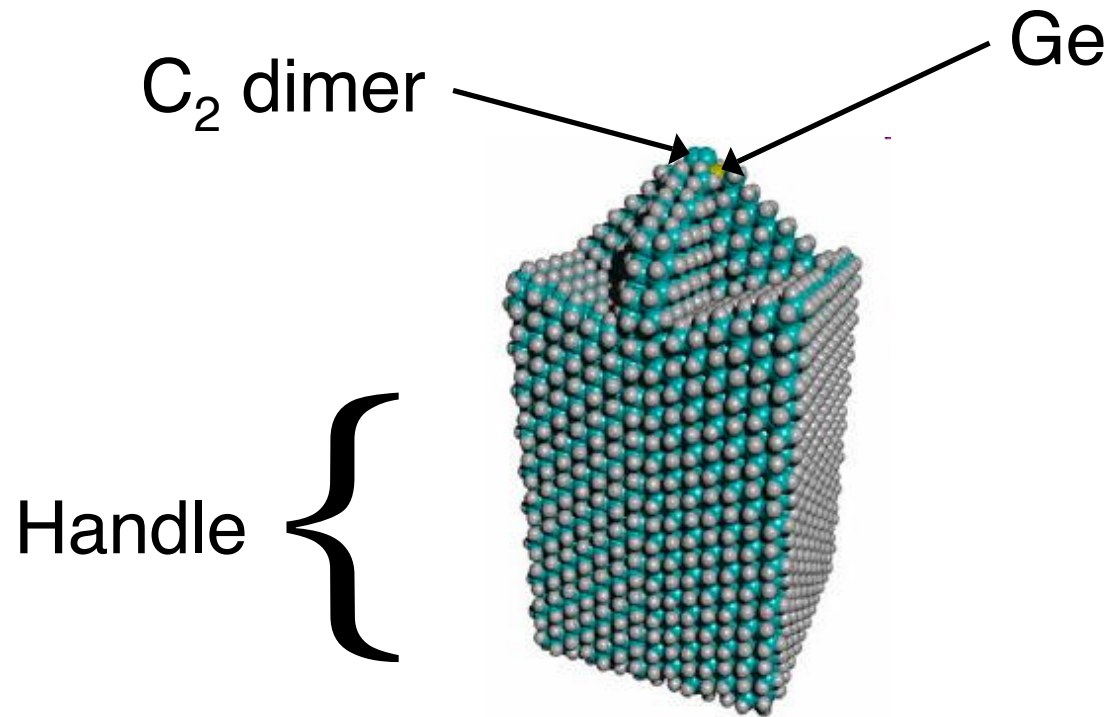
Extensive use of highly reactive (promiscuous) reactants

Fewer stronger bonds to achieve high strength

Inert environment (vacuum)

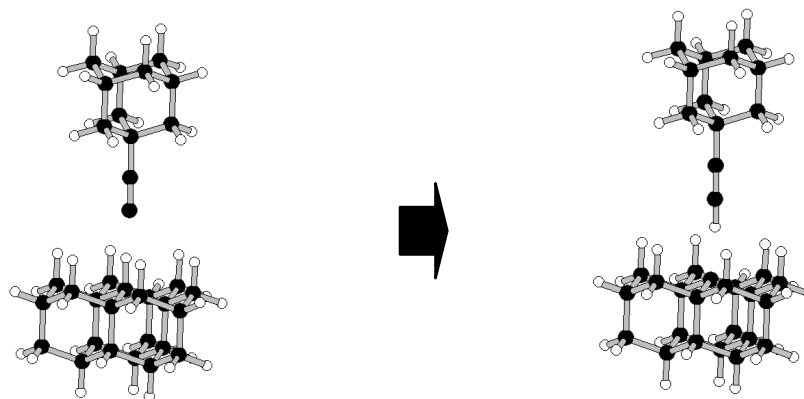
Solubility is not required

Adding carbon



Dimer placement tool (DCB6-Ge)

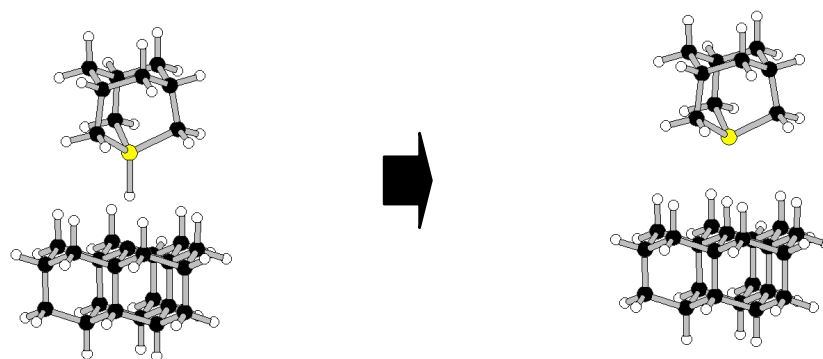
H abstraction



Hydrogen abstraction from a C(111)
surface, creating a radical site.

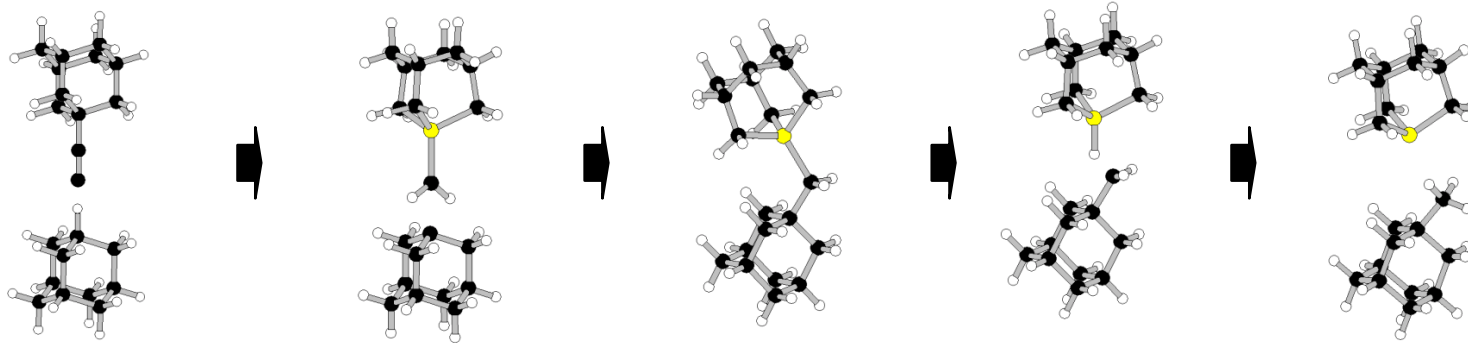
-1.59 eV

H donation



Hydrogen donation onto a C(111)
surface radical.
-0.61 eV

C placement



C placement on C(111) using GM tool

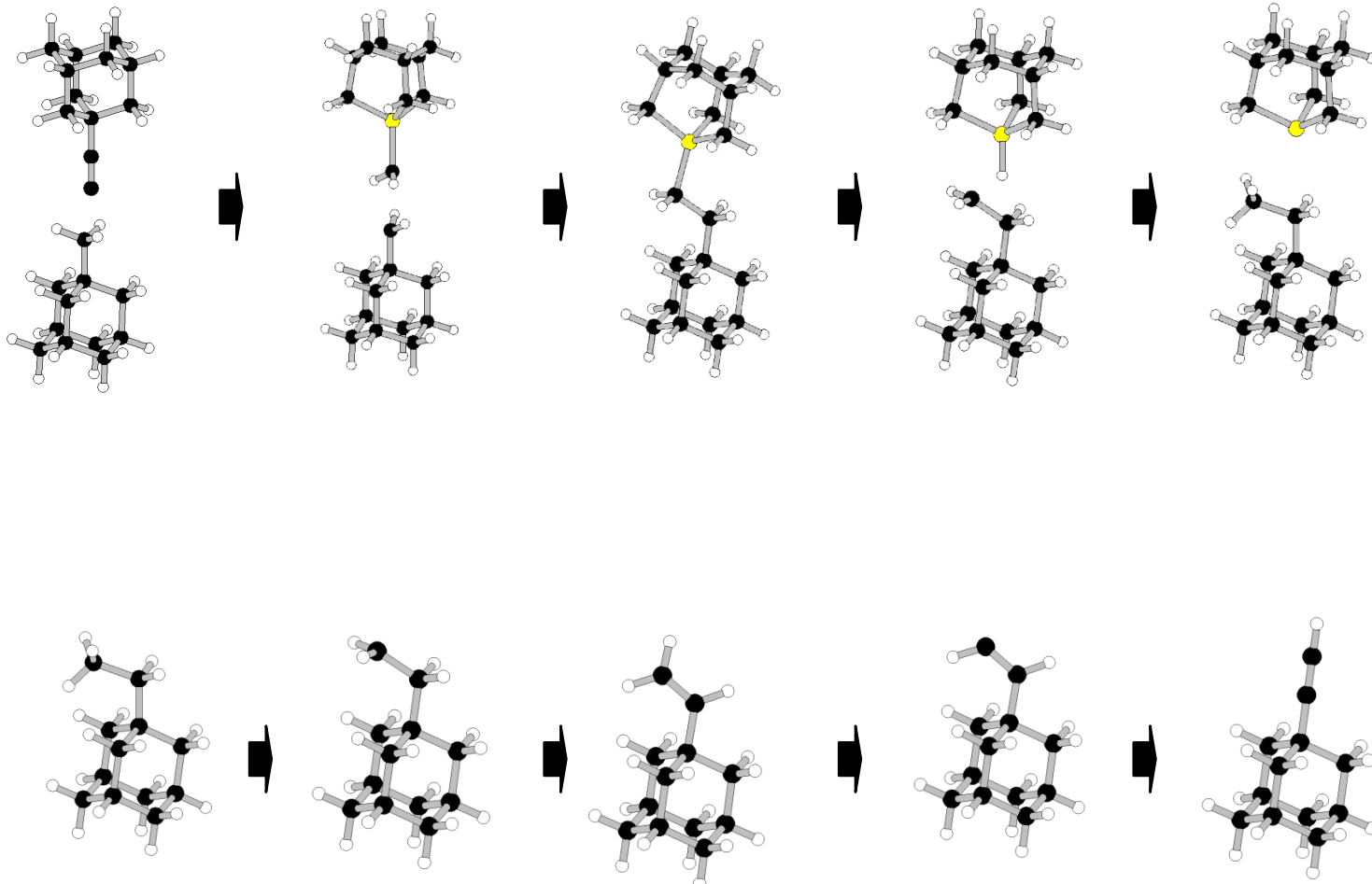
C radical addition to C radical -3.17 eV

(note undesired H abstraction by C radical
from sidewall, +0.63 eV barrier)

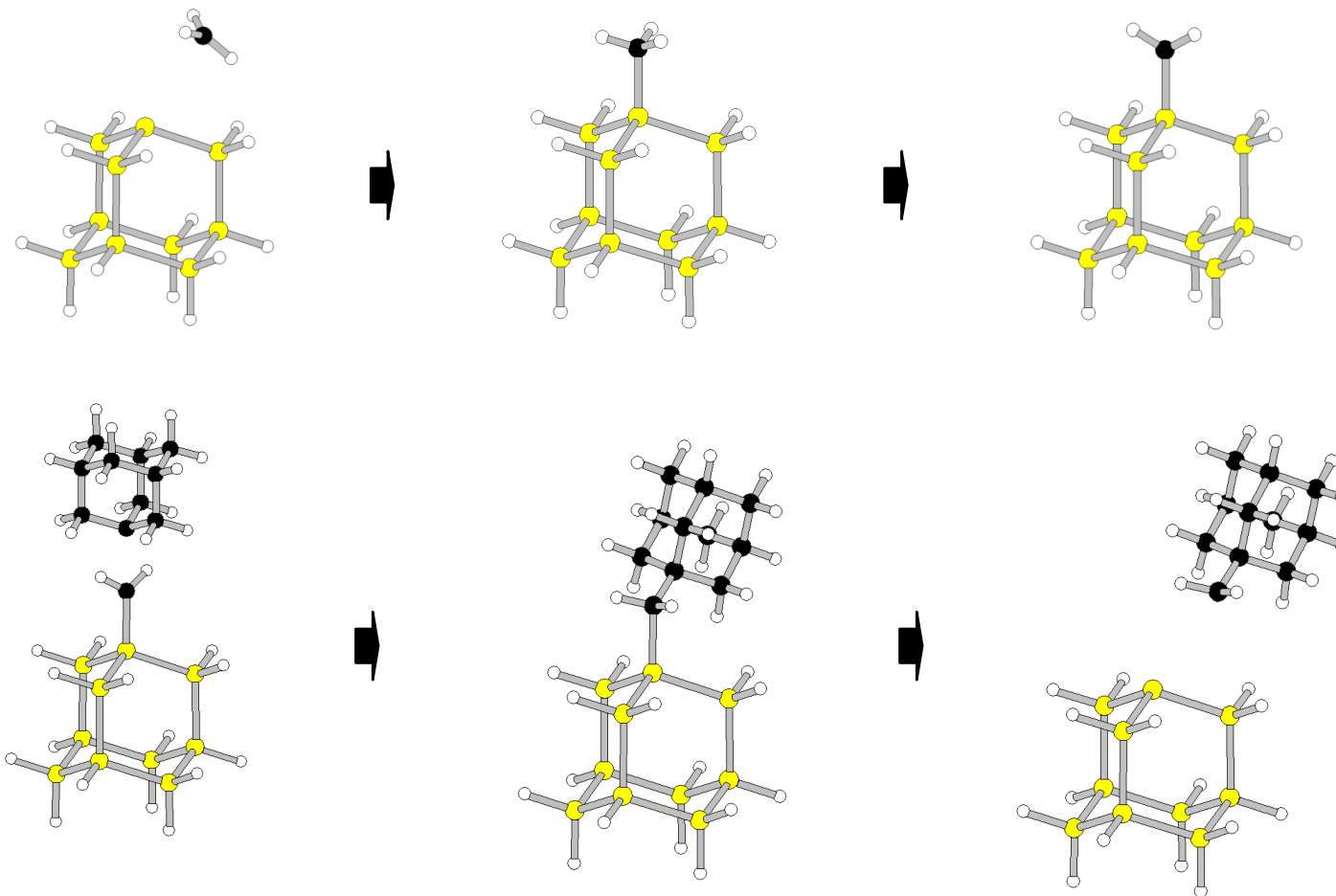
GeRad removal +2.76 eV (note Ge-C
bond is “soft”)

HDon hydrogenate C radical -0.70 eV

Making HAbst



Presentation surfaces



Reaction summary

- **Abstract hydrogen with HAbst**
- **Donate hydrogen with HDon**
- **Recharge HAbst and HDon**
- **Add carbon to workpiece with GM tool**
- **Recharge GM tool (see paper)**
- **Tool synthesis sequences (see paper)**