

# Self-Assembled Monolayers (SAMs)

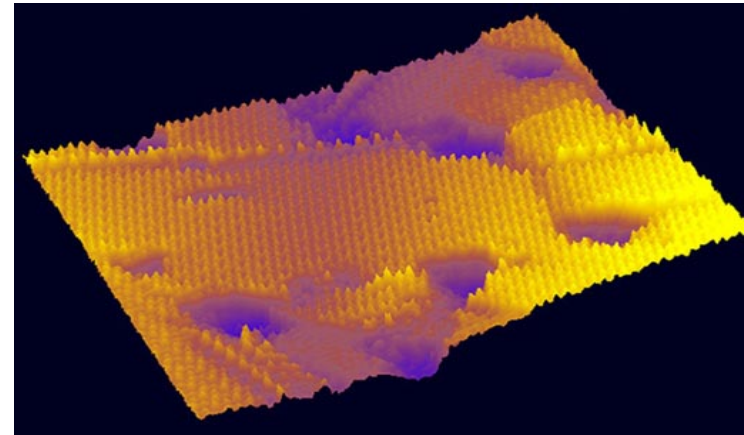
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*Chem. Rev.* **2005**, *105*, 1103-1169.

nanostructures are “all surface”

$$V \propto l^3$$

$$S \propto l^2$$



**STM Image of a SAM**

- atoms or molecules at the surface of a material experience a different environment from those in the bulk and thus have different free energies, electronic states, reactivities, mobilities, and structures.
- the physical properties of nanostructures depend to a much greater extent on their surface and interfacial environment than do bulk material.

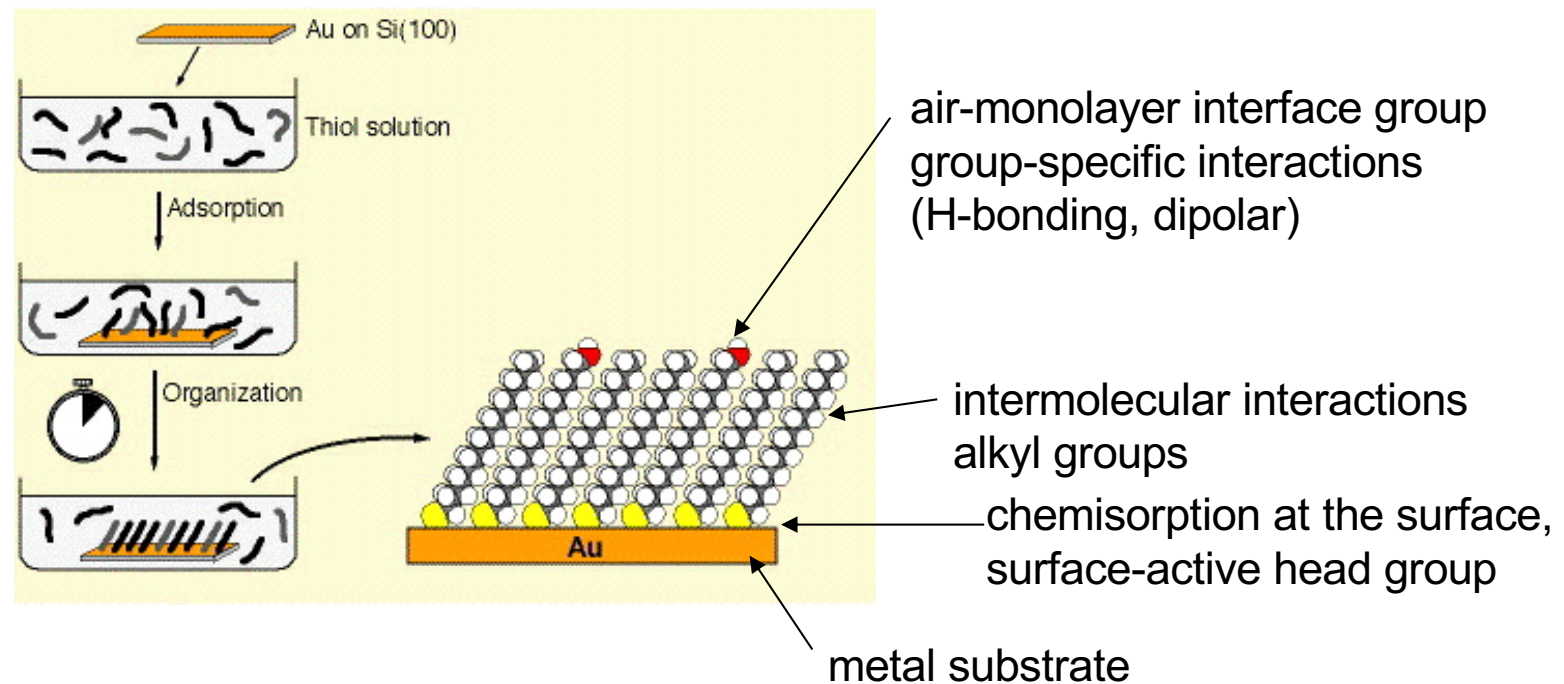
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**Table 1. Combinations of Headgroups and Substrates Used in Forming SAMs on Metals, Oxides, and Semiconductors**

Ligand	Substrates	Morphology of Substrate		Ligand	Substrates	Morphology of Substrate		
		Thin Films or Bulk Material	Nanoparticles or Other Nanostructures			Thin Films or Bulk Material	Nanoparticles or Other Nanostructures	
ROH	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		35	RSSR'	Ag	89	90	
	Si-H	36			Au	20	90-92	
	Si	37			CdS		61	
RCOO-RCOOH	$\alpha$ -Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	38,39			Pd	30		
	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		40		Au	93		
	Ni		41,42					
	Ti/TiO <sub>2</sub>	43						
RCOO-OOCR	Si(111):H	44		RCSSH	Au	94		
	Si(100):H			CdSe		95		
Ene-diol	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		45	RS <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /Na'	Au	96	98	
RNH <sub>2</sub>	FeS <sub>2</sub>	46			Cu	97		
	Mica	47		RSell	Ag	99		
	Stainless Steel 316L	48			Au	100,101		
	YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-<math>\delta</math></sub>	49			CdS		60	
	CdSe		50	CdSe		102		
RC=N	Ag	51		RSeSeR'	Au	101		
	Au							
R-NiN'(BF <sub>4</sub> )	GaAs(100)	52		R <sub>3</sub> P	Au		103	
	Pd	52			FeS <sub>2</sub>		104	
	Si(111):H	52			CdS	46	104	
			CdSe			104		
RSH	Ag	26	53,54	<b>M<sub>2</sub>TMCO</b>	Cu		106,106	
	Ag <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub>	55			CdS		104	
	AgS		56		CdSe		104	
	Au	26	57		CdTe		104	
	AuAg		58	RPO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> /RPO(O)(OH) <sub>2</sub>	Al	107		
	AuCu		58		Al-OH	108		
	Au <sub>2</sub> Pd <sub>1-x</sub>		58		Cu <sub>10</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	109		
	CdTe		59		GaAs	110		
	CdSe		60		GaN	110		
	CdS		61,62		Indium tin oxide	111		
	Cu	26	58		(ITO)			
	FePt		63-66		Mica	112		
	GaAs	67			TiO <sub>2</sub>	113,114		
	Ge	68			ZnO <sub>2</sub>	114,115		
	Hg	69-71			CdSe		116-118	
	HgTe		72		CdTe		118,119	
	InP	73						
	Ir		74					
	Ni	75			RPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	120	
	PbS		76-78			Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	120	
	Pd	30	74,79			Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	121	
	PdAg		58	TiO <sub>2</sub>	120,122			
	Pt	32	80					
	Ru		81	RN=C	Pt	123	124	
	Stainless Steel 316L	48			RHC-CH <sub>2</sub>	Si	37	
	YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-<math>\delta</math></sub>	82			RC=CH	Si(111):H	125	
	Zn	83						
ZnSe	84		RSiX <sub>3</sub> X = H, Cl, OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		HfO <sub>2</sub>	126		
ZnS		85						
RSAc	Au	86			ITO	127		
	Au			87	PtO	128		
					TiO <sub>2</sub>	113,126,129		
	RSR'	Au	88	ZnO <sub>2</sub>	126,129			

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**Self-assembled monolayers** are formed by simply immersing a substrate into a solution of the surface-active material. The driving force for the spontaneous formation of 2D assembly includes chemical bond formation of molecules with the surface and intermolecular interactions.

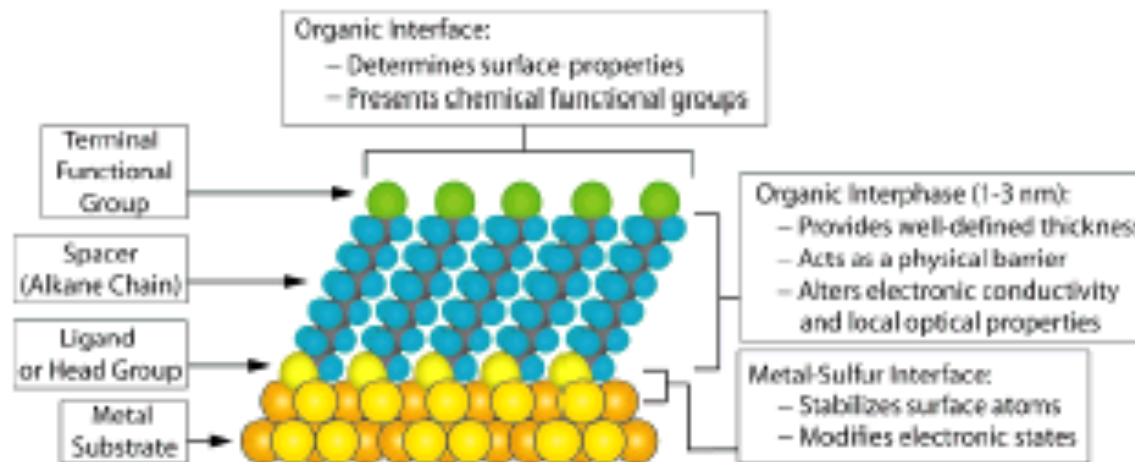


piranha solution: 3:1 concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ : 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

acqua regia solution: 3:1  $\text{HCl}:\text{HNO}_3$

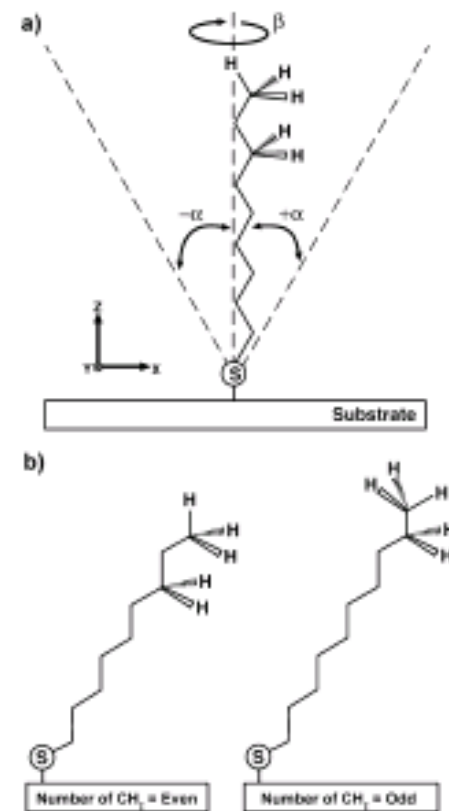
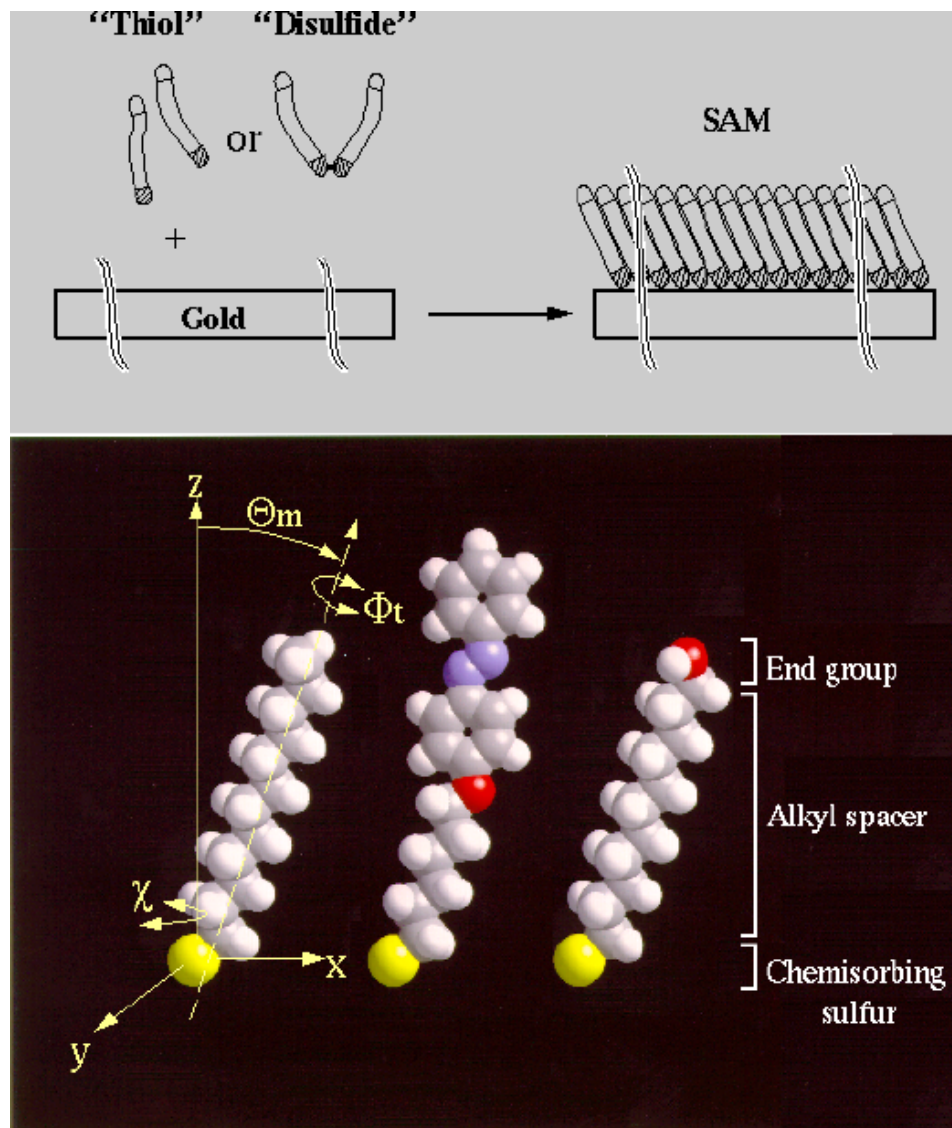
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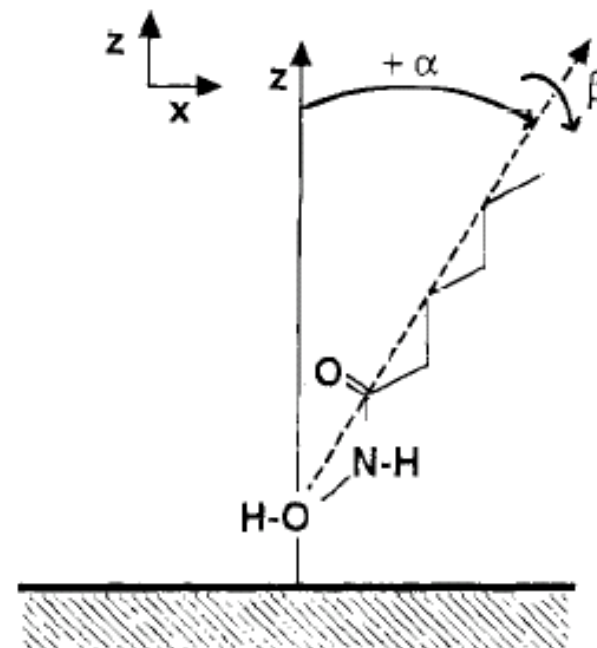
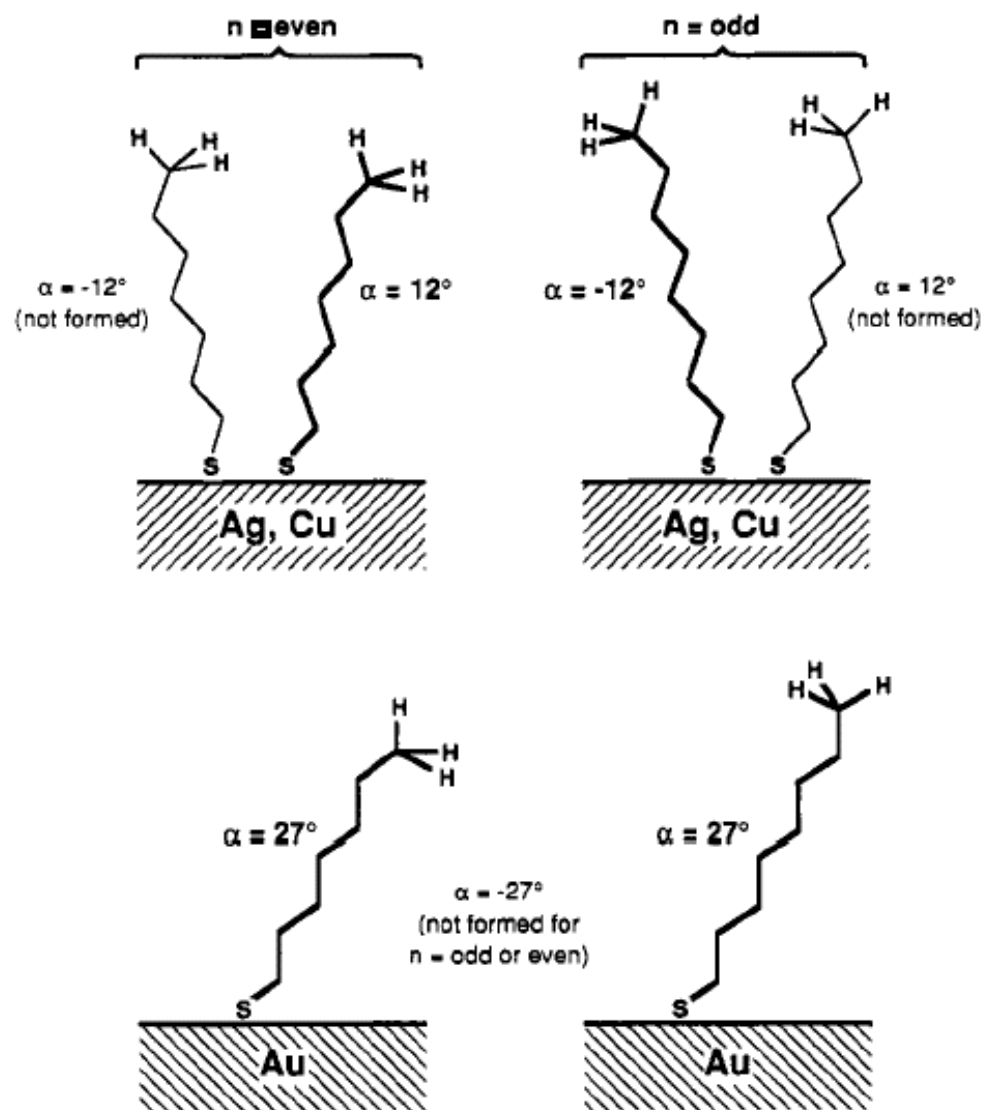


**Figure 1.** Schematic diagram of an ideal, single-crystalline SAM of alkanethiolates supported on a gold surface with a (111) texture. The anatomy and characteristics of the SAM are highlighted.

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MOx	$\alpha$	$\beta$
Cu	$ 20^\circ $	$54^\circ$
Ag	$-14^\circ$	$38^\circ$
Al	$ 8^\circ $	$47^\circ$
Ti	---	---

(RSH on Pd:  $|\alpha| \approx 10^\circ$ )

Folkers, John P.; et al. *Langmuir* **1995**, *11*, 813.

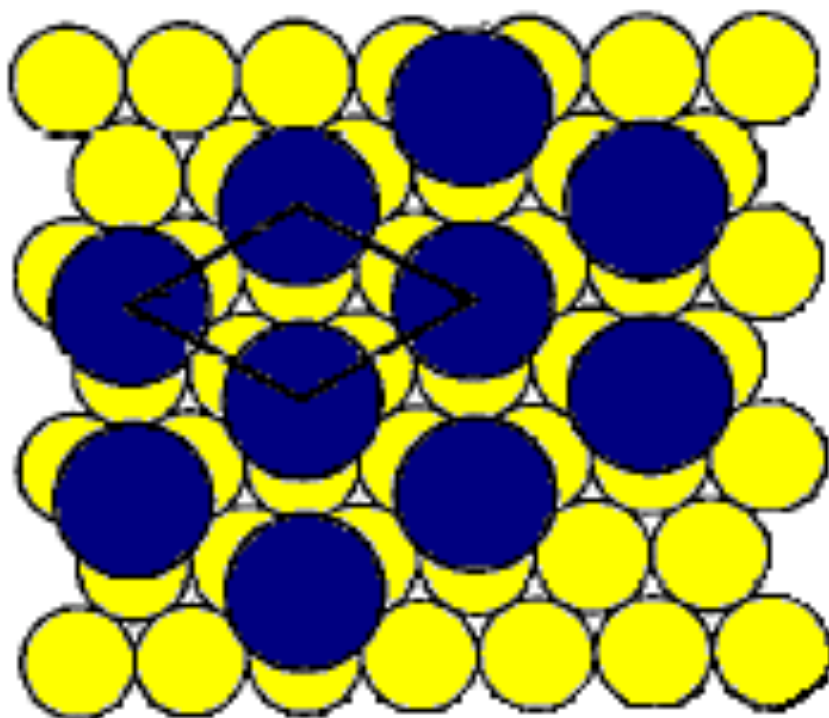
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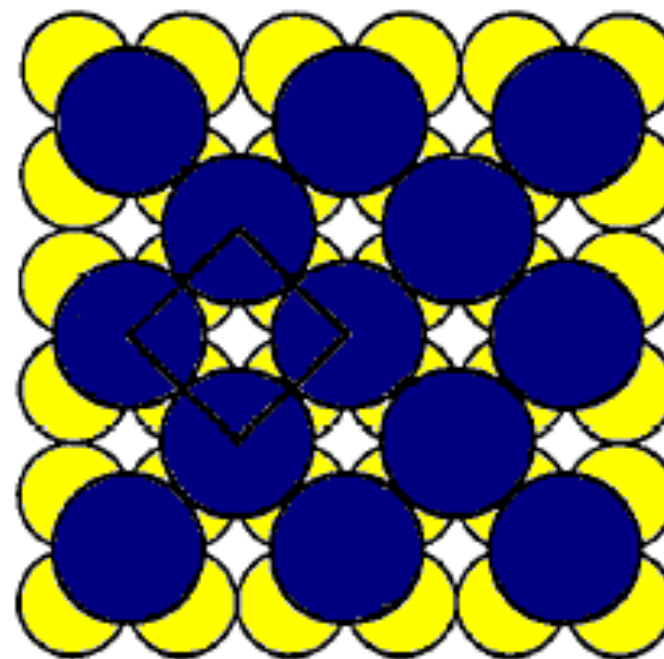
Structure of

$(\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3})R30^\circ$



Au (111)

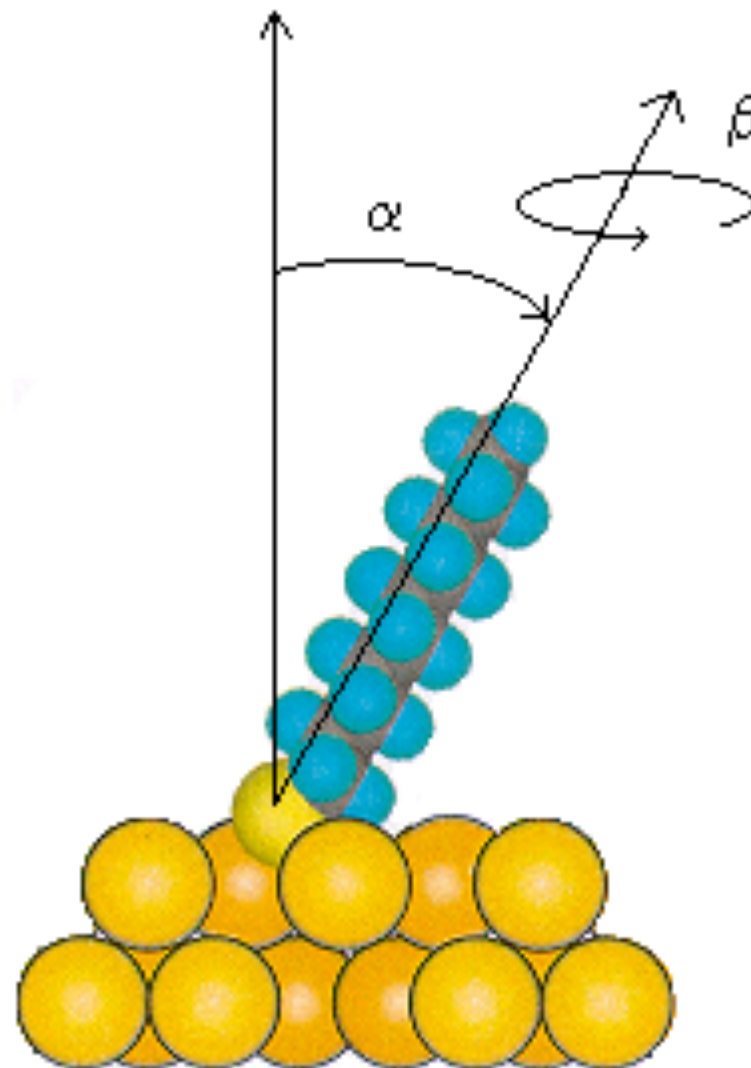
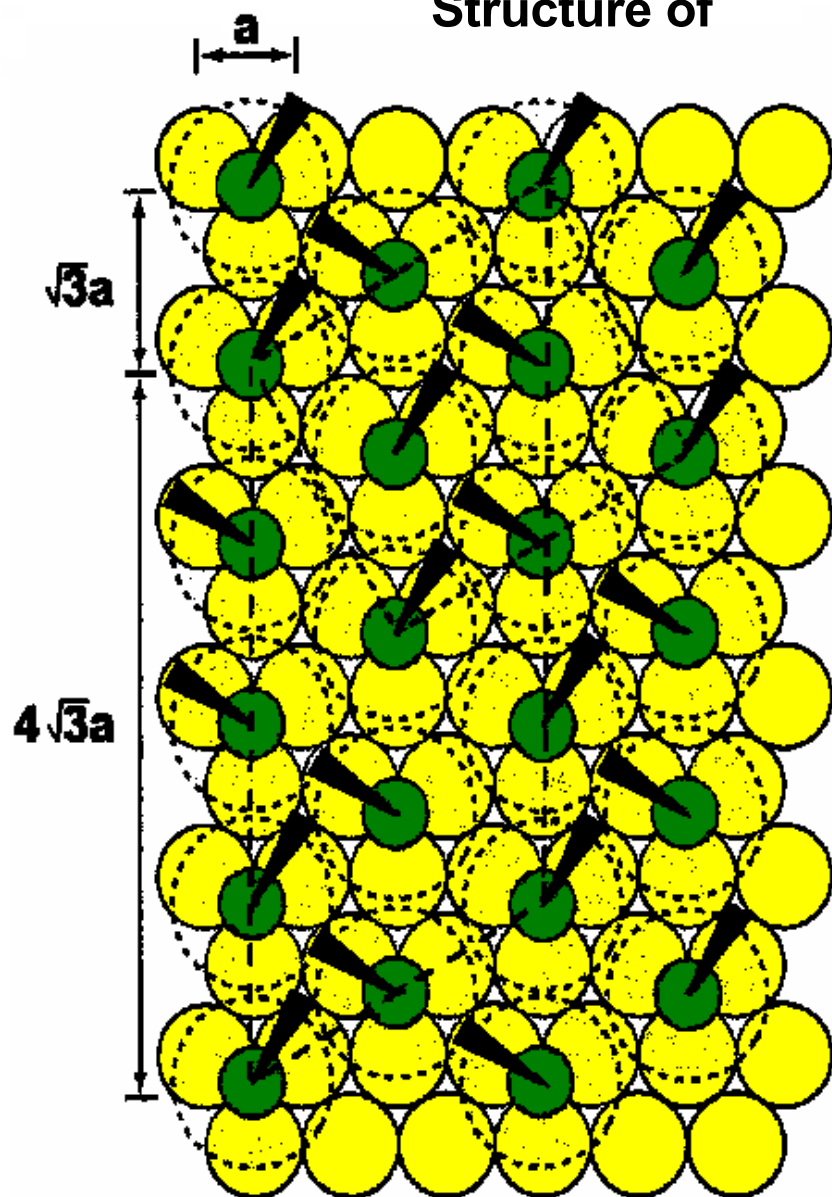
c(2x2)



Au (100)

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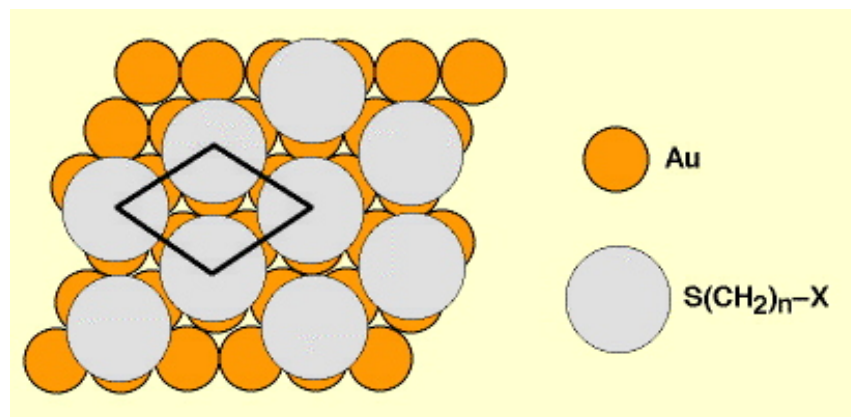
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## alkanethiols on Au(111)



A schematic model of the  $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}R30^\circ$  overlayer structure formed by alkanethiolate SAMs on Au(111).

2 mechanisms of chemisorption: a first fast ( $\sim 1$  min) followed by a slow one ( $\sim 100$  min)

S-S spacing of  $4.97 \text{ \AA}$

# STM

Scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) is a laboratory technique capable of obtaining atomic-scale resolution images of surfaces.

overcome about ten years later by Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer at the IBM Rschlikon laboratory, who succeeded in creating an instrument with stable vacuum awarded in the 1986 Nobel Prize in physics

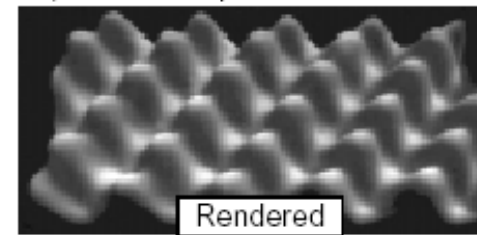
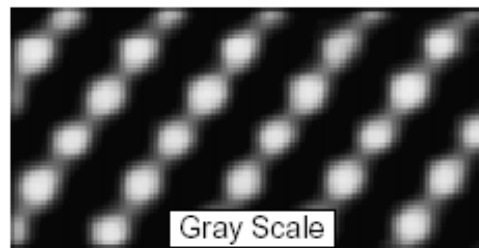
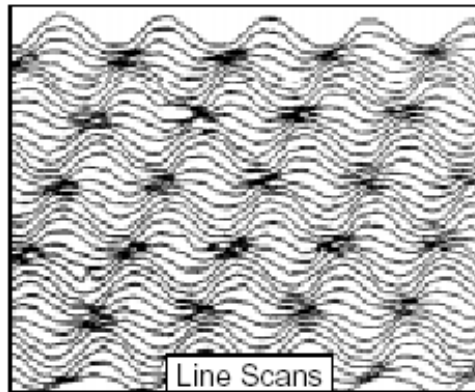
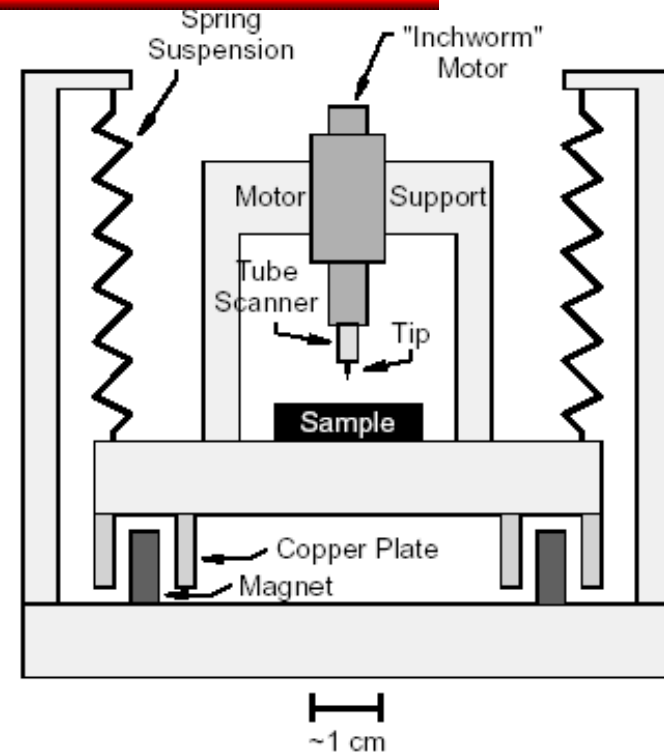
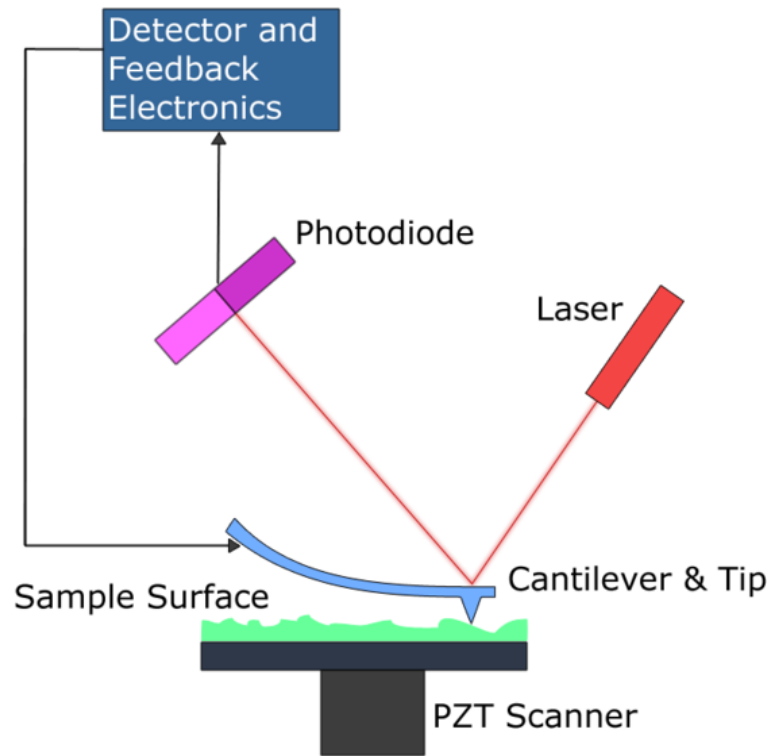


FIG. 3. Common elements of an STM, including a tip mounted on a piezoelectric tube scanner, a coarse approach mechanism (in this case an "inchworm" motor), and a damped vibration isolation system.

# AFM

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## Atomic Force Microscopy, Scanning Force Microscopy (SFM)



The AFM consists of a microscale cantilever with a sharp tip (probe) at its end that is used to scan the specimen surface. The cantilever is typically silicon or silicon nitride with a tip radius of curvature on the order of nanometers. When the tip is brought into proximity of a sample surface, forces between the tip and the sample lead to a deflection of the cantilever according to Hooke's law. Depending on the situation, forces that are measured in AFM include mechanical contact force, Van der Waals forces, capillary forces, chemical bonding, electrostatic forces, magnetic forces (see Magnetic force microscope (MFM)), Casimir forces, solvation forces etc.

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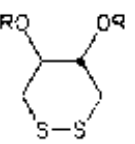
## Adsorption of Bifunctional Organic Disulfides on Gold Surfaces

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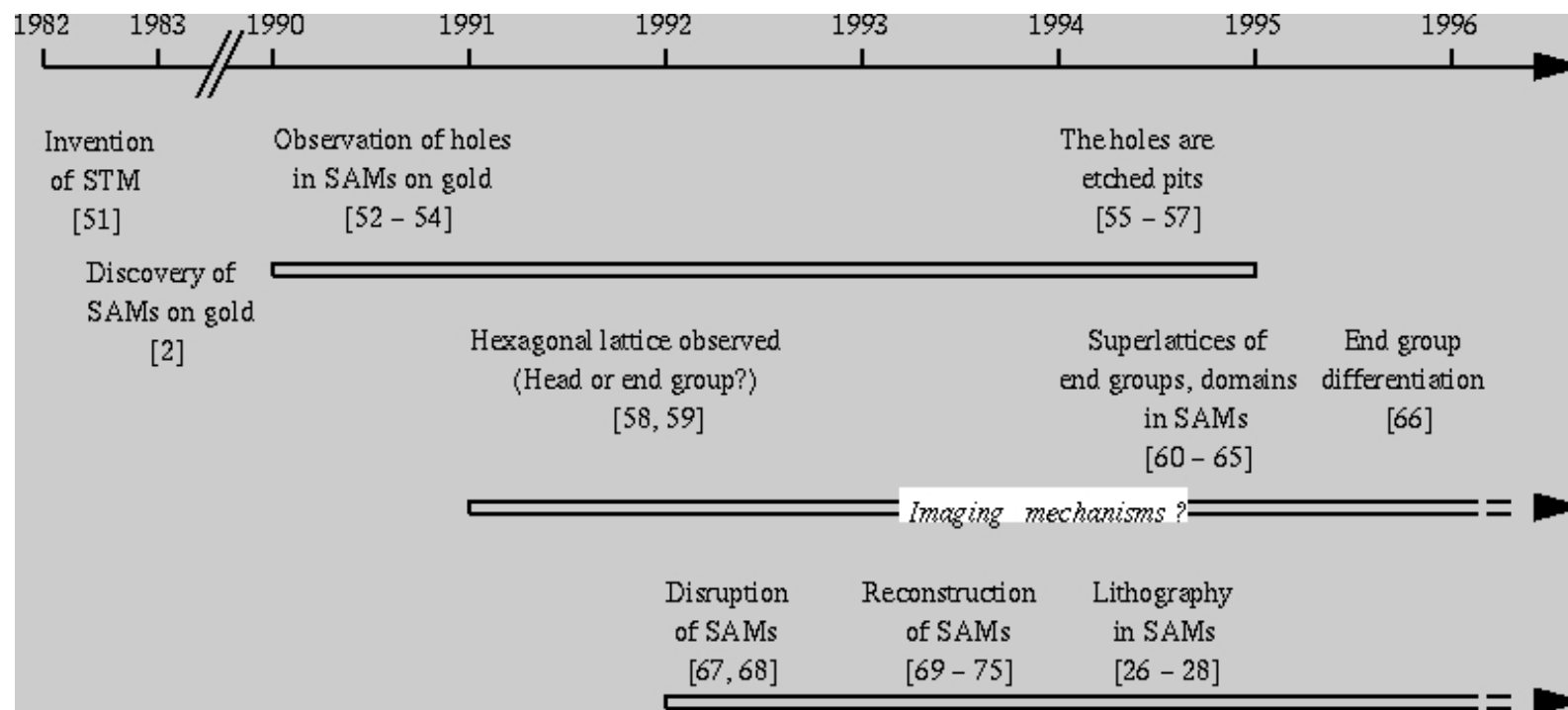
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**Table I.** Solution Adsorption of Organic Disulfides on Evaporated Gold Films at Room Temperature

 <i>d,t</i> R =	thickness of film by ellipsometry, <sup>a-c</sup> Å	estimated max vert extension of adsorbed molecules with attachment at the S-S group, <sup>f</sup> Å	contact angle of water, deg <sup>i</sup>
CF <sub>3</sub> (CF <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CO (1a)	10.5 ± 1.0 <sup>d</sup>	15.5, 11 <sup>h</sup>	104 ± 1
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> CO (1b)	20.5 ± 1.0 <sup>e</sup>	25	96 ± 1
O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CO (1c)	9.5 ± 2.5	12.5	52 ± 2
CH <sub>3</sub> CO (1d)	7.0 ± 2.5	8	47 ± 1
CF <sub>3</sub> CO (1e)	4.0 ± 0.5	9	57 ± 1
H (1f)	5.0 ± 0.5	6	34 ± 1
(HO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (2)	4.0 ± 0.5	6 <sup>h</sup>	13 ± 2
(CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (3)	21.5 ± 1.0	22 <sup>h</sup>	99 ± 1

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, *105*, 4481-4482.

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## surface analysis and spectroscopic/physical characterization

RAIRS, reflectance absorption infrared spectroscopy

Raman spectroscopy

XPS: X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy

HREELS: high-resolution electron energy loss spectroscopy

NEXAFS: near edge X-ray absorption fine structure spectroscopy diffraction

helium atom scattering

X-ray diffraction

contact angle goniometry

optical ellipsometry

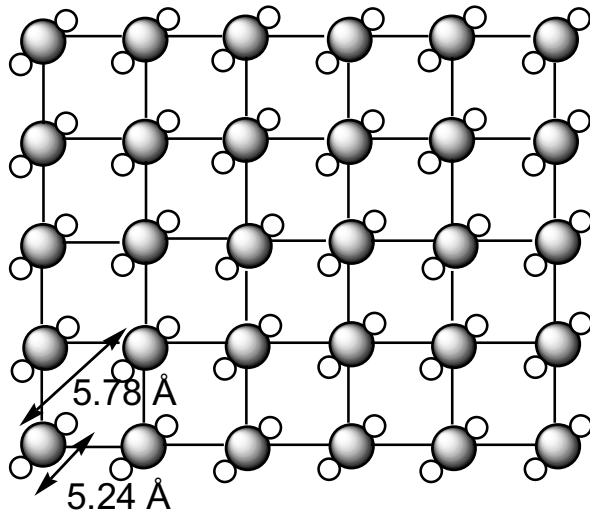
SPR: surface plasmon resonance spectroscopy

mass spectrometry

SPM: scanning probe microscopy (AFM, STM)

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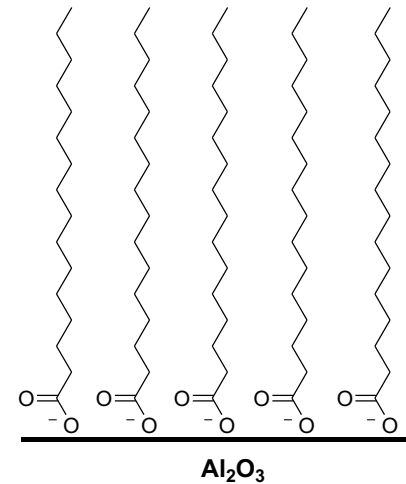
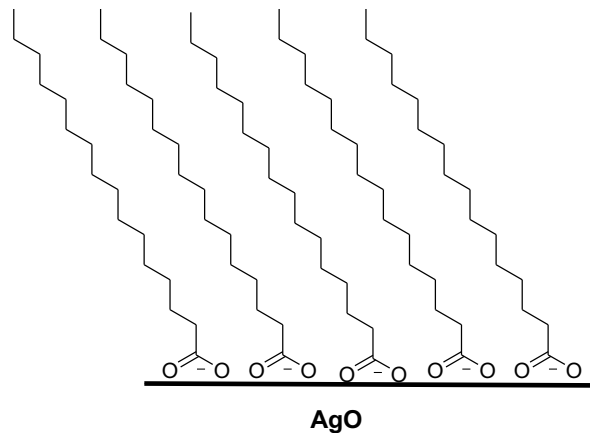
## $C_nH_{2n+1}COOH$ on AgO



**driving force:** formation of a surface salt between the carboxylate anion and a surface metal ion.

The p(2x2) adsorption scheme of fatty acids on AgO. The filled circles are the carboxylate carbon atoms, while the small, hollow circles are carboxylate oxygen atoms.

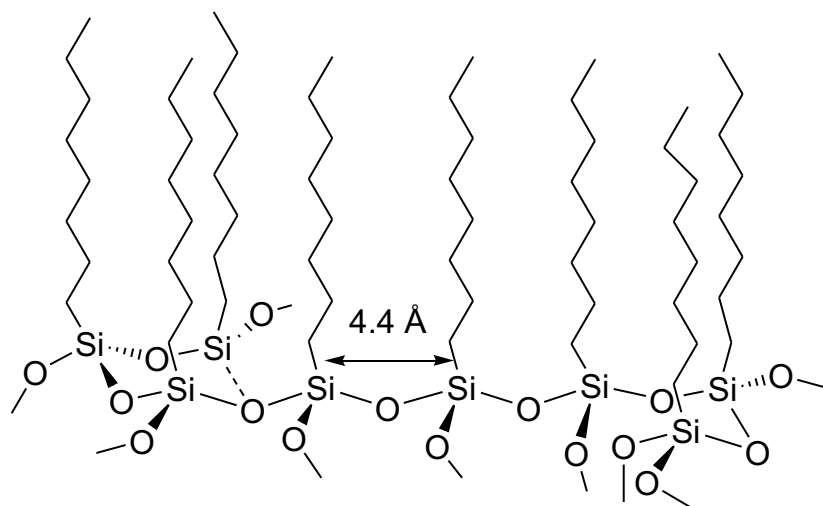
The alky chains are in all-trans extended configuration, and are tilted  $26.7^\circ$  from the surface normal.



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alkylsilanes on:  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , quartz, glass, mica,  
 $\text{ZnSe}$ ,  $\text{GeO}$ , Au

driving force: in situ formation of polysiloxane



a tilt angle of about  $10^\circ$  from the normal has been observed

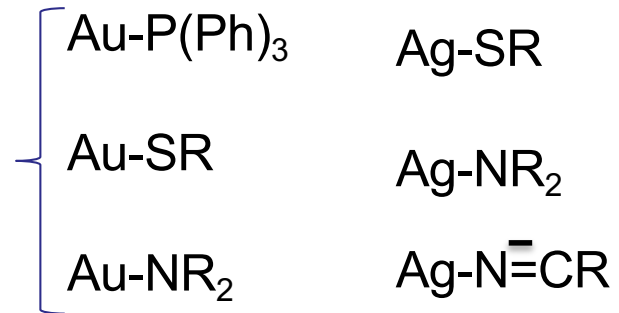
A schematic description of a polysiloxane at the monolayer-substrate surface.

The reproducibility of alkyltrichlorosilane monolayers is still a problem since the quality of the monolayer formed is very sensitive to reaction conditions.

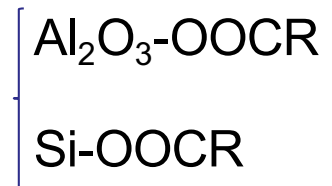


## Esempi di coppie substrati-leganti

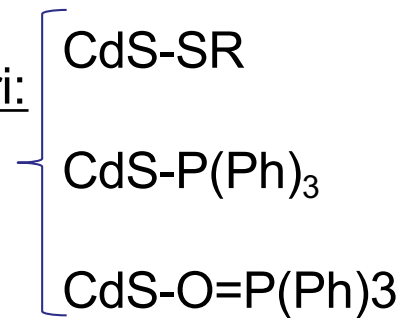
metalli:



altri substrati:

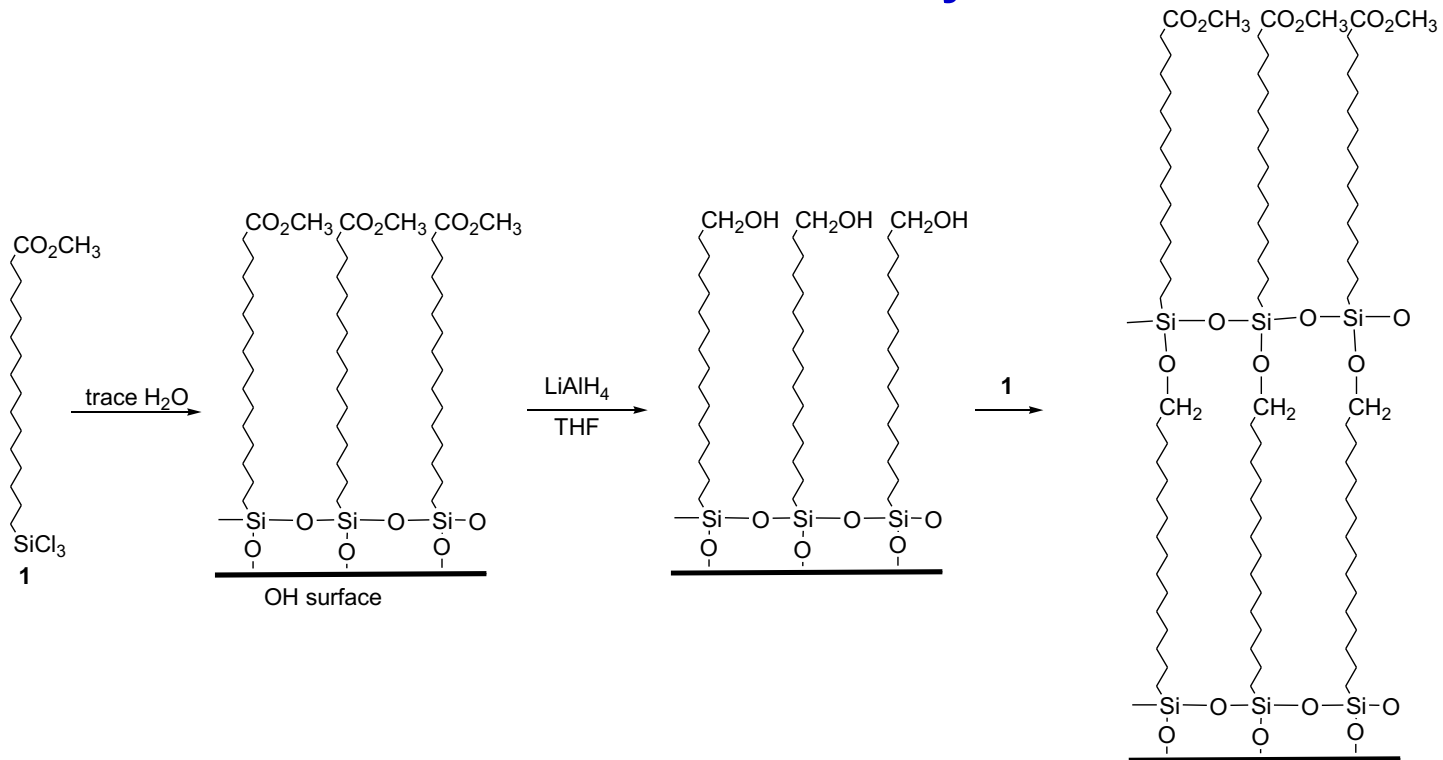


semiconduttori:



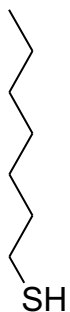
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modification of surface properties  
construction of self-assembled multilayers

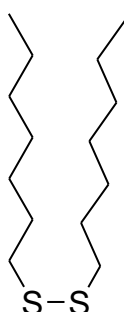


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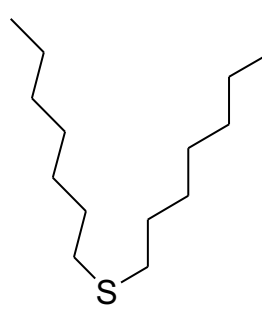
## organosulfur adsorbates on gold



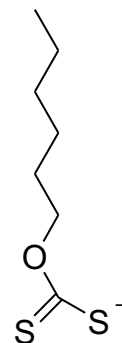
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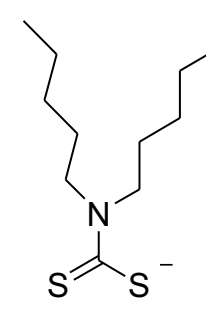
dialkyl disulfide



dialkyl sulfide



alkyl xanthate



dialkylthiocarbamate

also on: Ag, Cu, Pt, Hg, Fe,  
nanoparticles as:  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, GaAs, InP

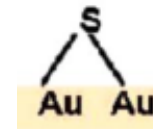
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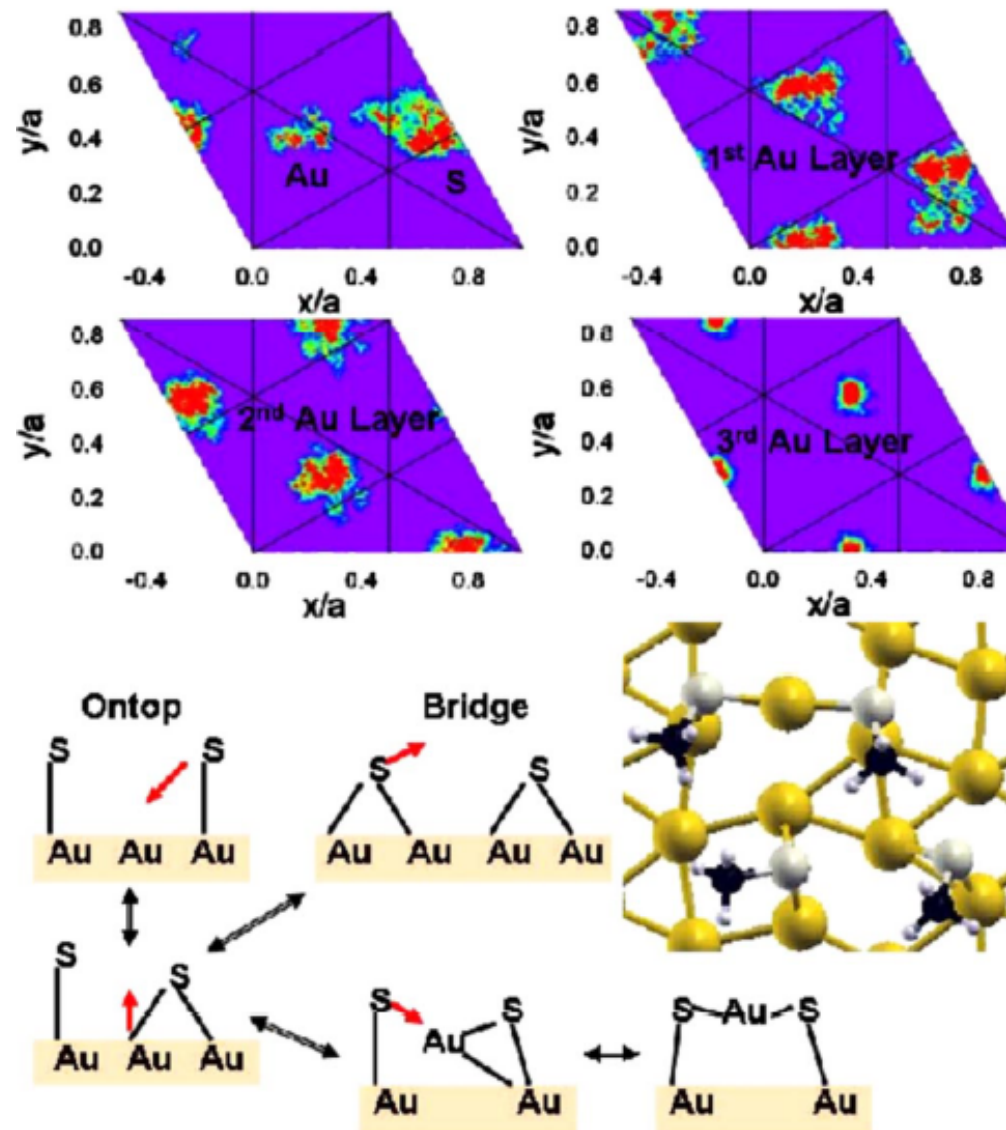
1. Sono stabili strutture in cui un singolo atomo di oro coordina due atomi di zolfo (motivo RS-Au-RS)  
Stabilizzate dalla presenza di ADATOM
2. Sono stabili strutture a ponte (Au-S-Au)  
Stabilizzate dalla presenza di VACANZE



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# X-ray Diffraction and Computation Yield the Structure of Alkanethiols on Gold(111)

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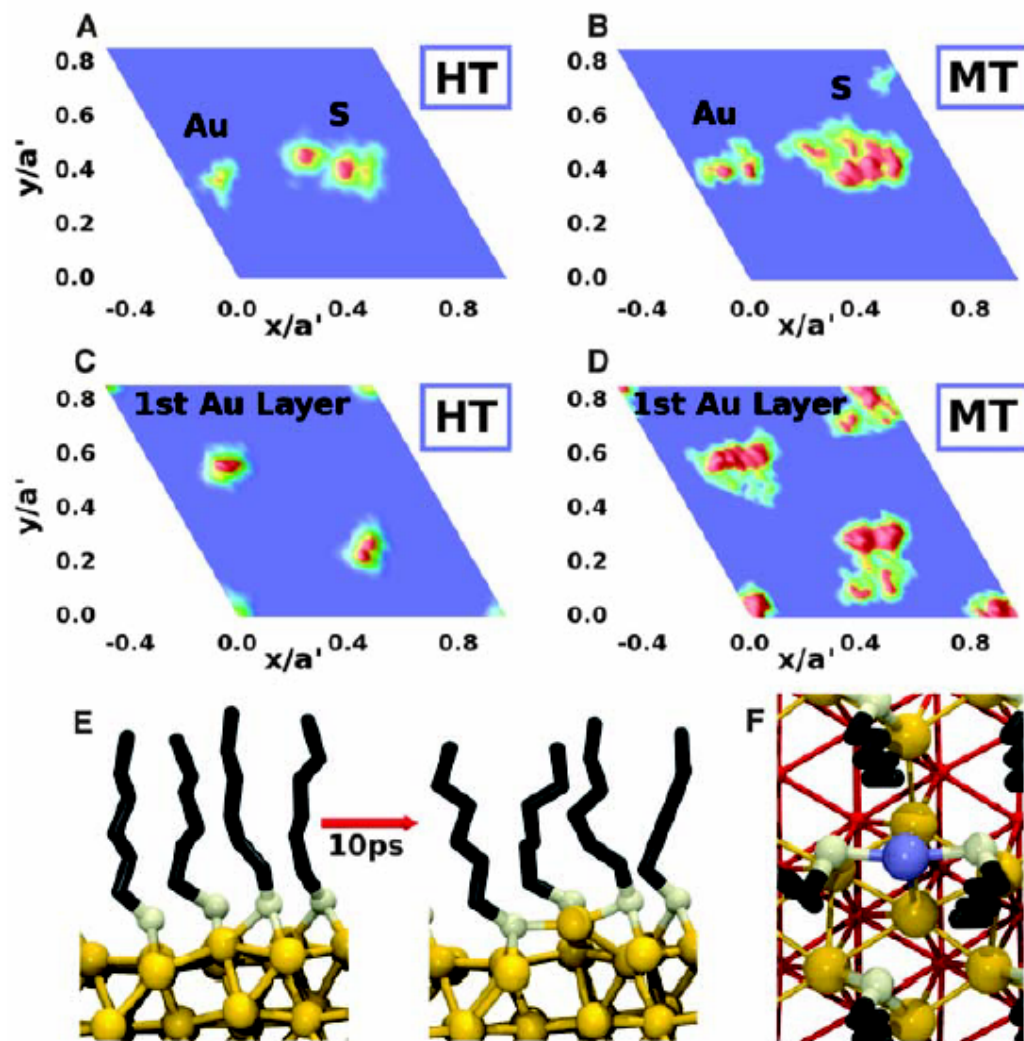
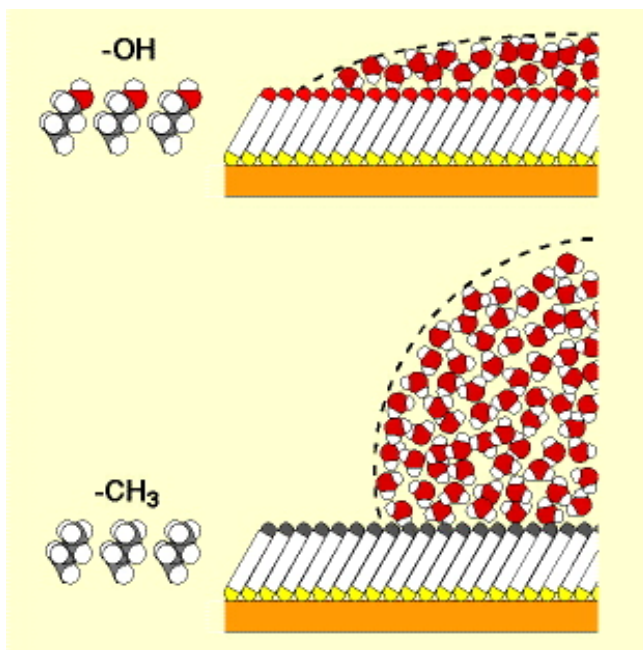


Fig. 1. Top view of the Au(111) surface and selected MD results.

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## wetting behaviour



# BAGNABILITA'

Perchè un tessuto asciuga bene l'acqua mentre un altro sembra rifiutarla? Perchè l'acqua si raccoglie in grosse gocce su di una superficie unta e forma invece un film aderente su di una superficie pulita? Una goccia di un liquido che venga deposta su di una superficie solida vi aderisce in modo maggiore o minore a seconda della natura del liquido e di quella del solido. Per comprendere questo fenomeno bisogna considerare che le molecole di un liquido sono soggette ad una **forza di coesione** che le mantiene unite le une alle altre, ma esiste anche una **forza di adesione** che rappresenta la forza con cui le molecole del liquido aderiscono alla superficie di un materiale con cui vengono in contatto. Quando le forze di adesione sono grandi rispetto alle forze di coesione, il liquido tende a bagnare la superficie, quando invece le forze di adesione sono piccole rispetto a quelle di coesione, il liquido tende a "rifiutare" la superficie. A questo proposito si parla di bagnabilità fra liquidi e solidi. Per esempio, l'acqua bagna il vetro pulito, ma non bagna la cera.

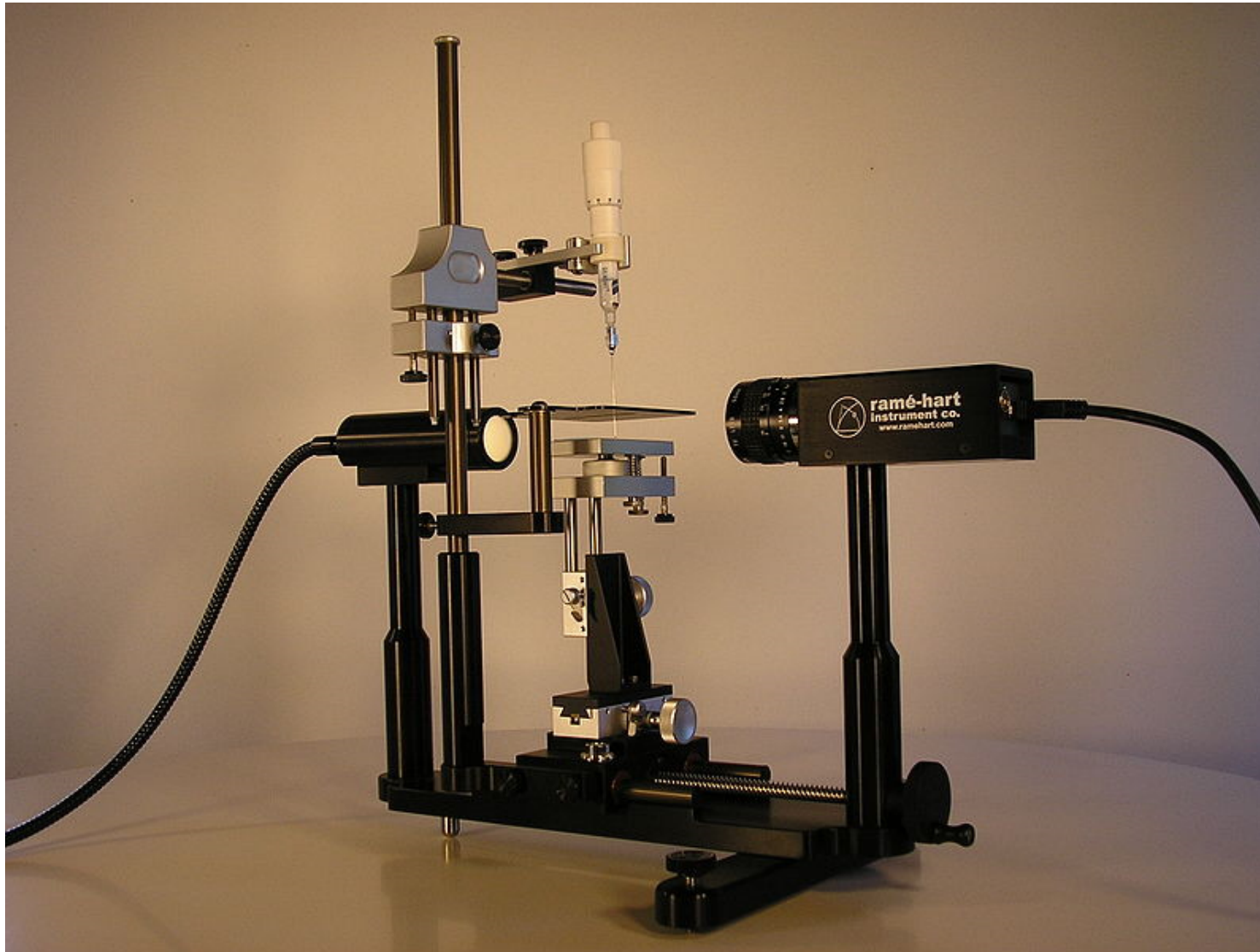
1 - **Misura dell'angolo di contatto.** Deponete una goccia di un liquido su di una superficie liscia di un solido. A seconda della bagnabilità del liquido nei confronti di quel solido, la goccia formerà un determinato angolo di contatto con il solido. In riferimento alla figura 10, se l'angolo di contatto è inferiore a  $90^\circ$ , il solido viene definito bagnabile, se l'angolo di contatto è maggiore di  $90^\circ$ , il solido viene definito non bagnabile. Un angolo di contatto pari a zero indica completa bagnabilità. Per misurare l'angolo di contatto usate un goniometro ed un righello. Fare una fotografia



Figura 10 - L'angolo di contatto di un liquido con un solido viene utilizzato come indice di bagnabilità. Per  $\alpha < 90^\circ$  il liquido bagna la parete (es: acqua su vetro), per  $\alpha > 90^\circ$  il liquido non bagna la parete (es: mercurio su vetro). Se  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  si dice che il liquido bagna perfettamente la parete.



## misura dell' angolo di contatto

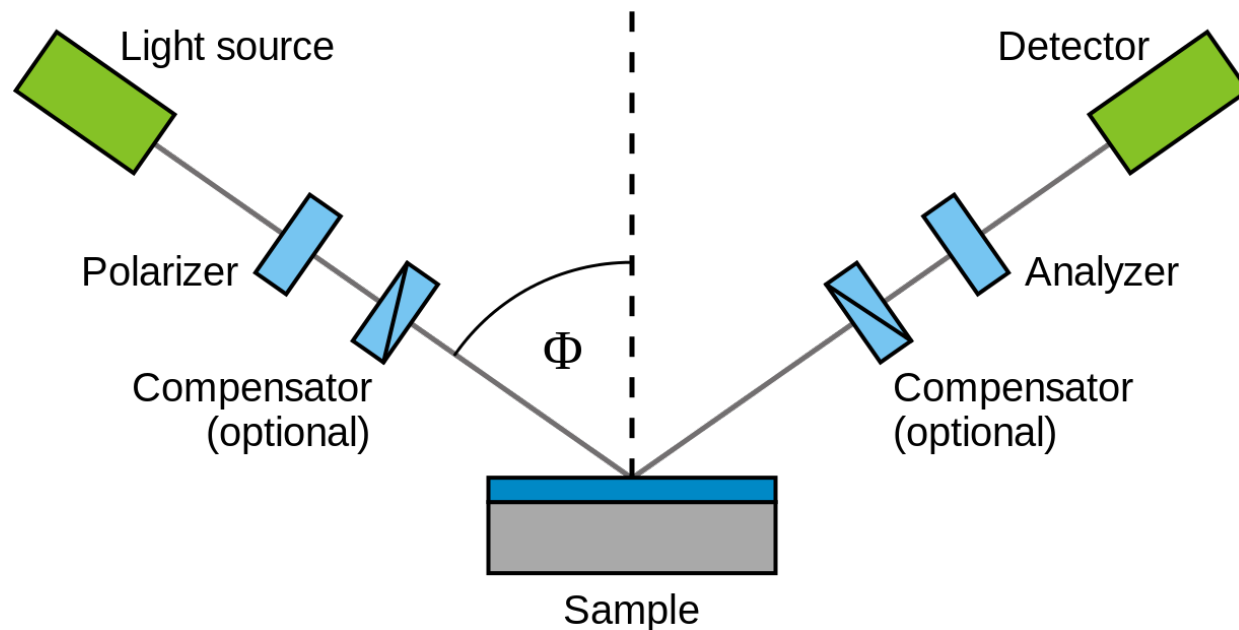


Surface scientists use a contact angle goniometer to measure contact angle, surface energy and surface tension.

# ELLIPSOMETRY

**Ellipsometry** is an optical technique for investigating the dielectric properties (complex refractive index or dielectric function) of thin films.

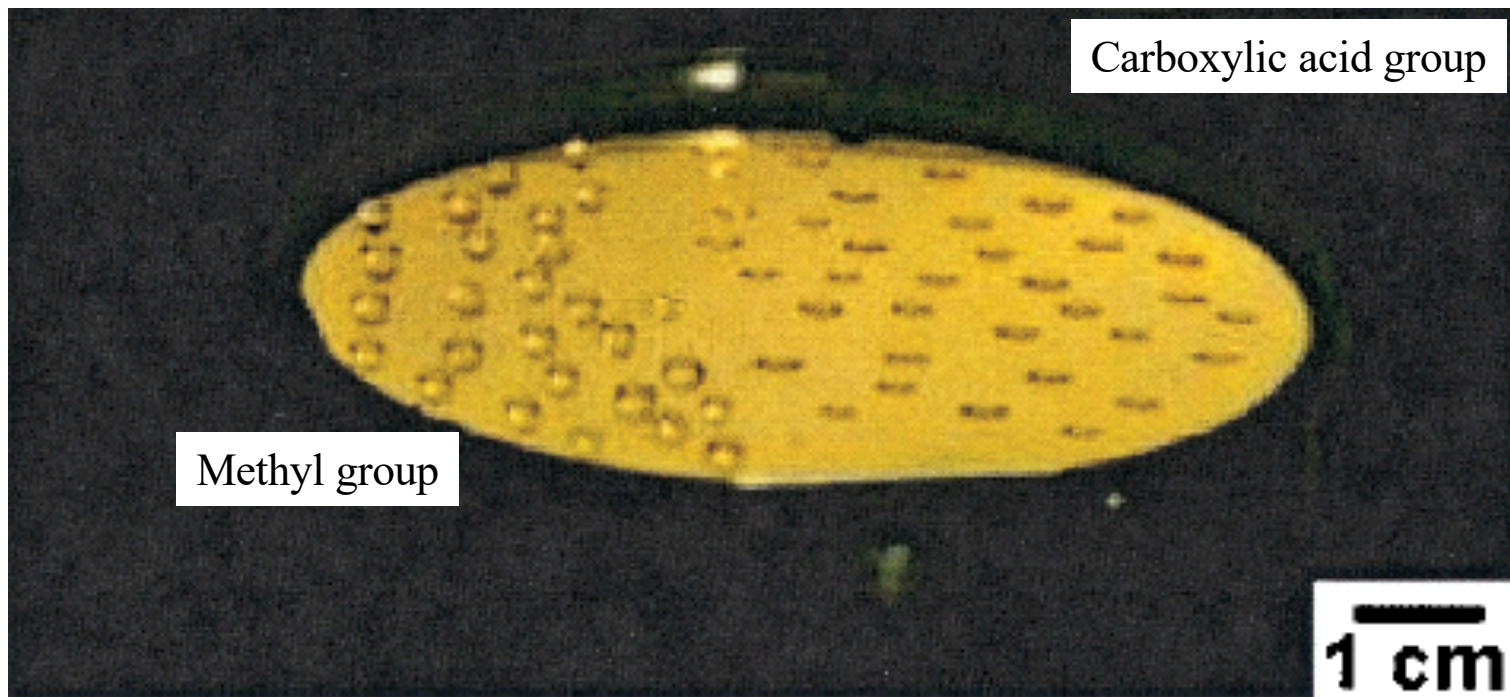
Ellipsometry can be used to characterize composition, roughness, thickness (depth), crystalline nature, doping concentration, electrical conductivity and other material properties. It is very sensitive to the change in the optical response of incident radiation that interacts with the material being investigated.



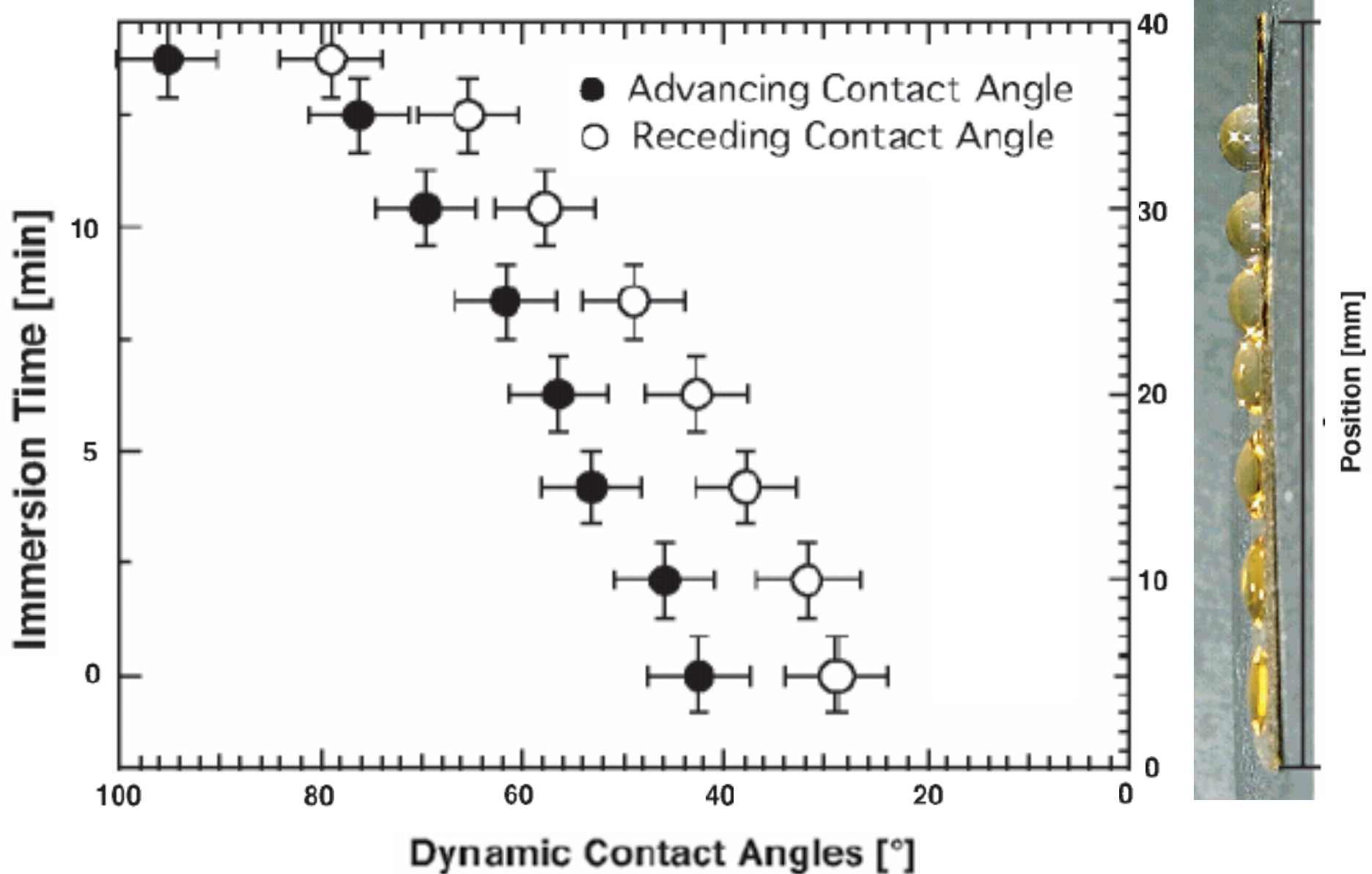
Ellipsometry measures the change of polarization upon reflection or transmission and compares it to a model. The exact nature of the polarization change is determined by the sample's properties (thickness, complex refractive index or dielectric function tensor)

# Changing Functional Groups

Surface Polarity

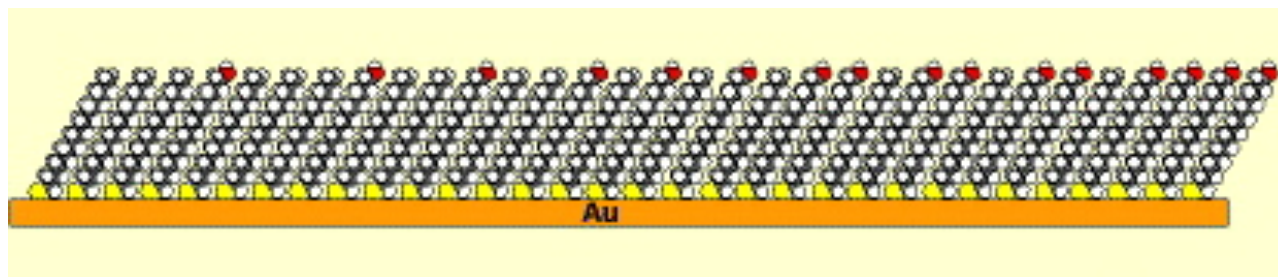


# Surface-Chemical Gradients



# 2D-SAMs

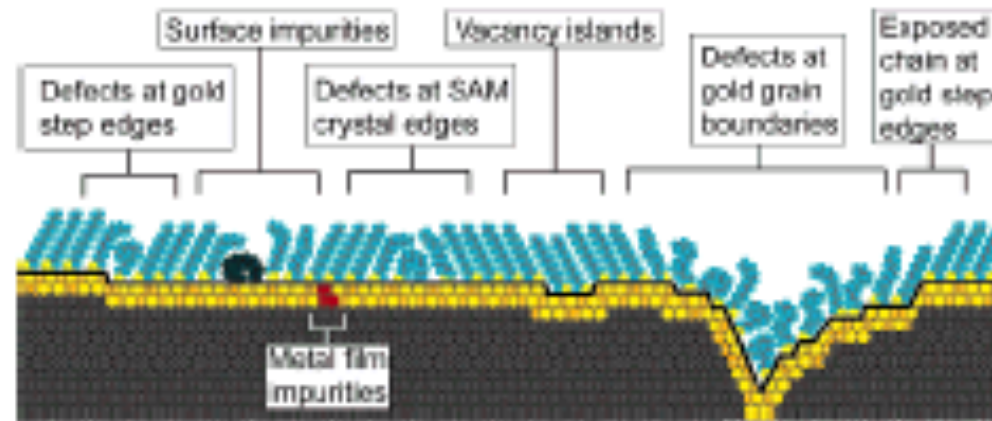
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surfaces with different functional groups have been reported, for example:  
 $\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ,  $\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  
 $\text{Si}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{COOH}$ ,  $\text{COOCH}_3$ ,  $\text{CONH}_2$ , etc.

# 2D-SAMs

## defects on SAMs

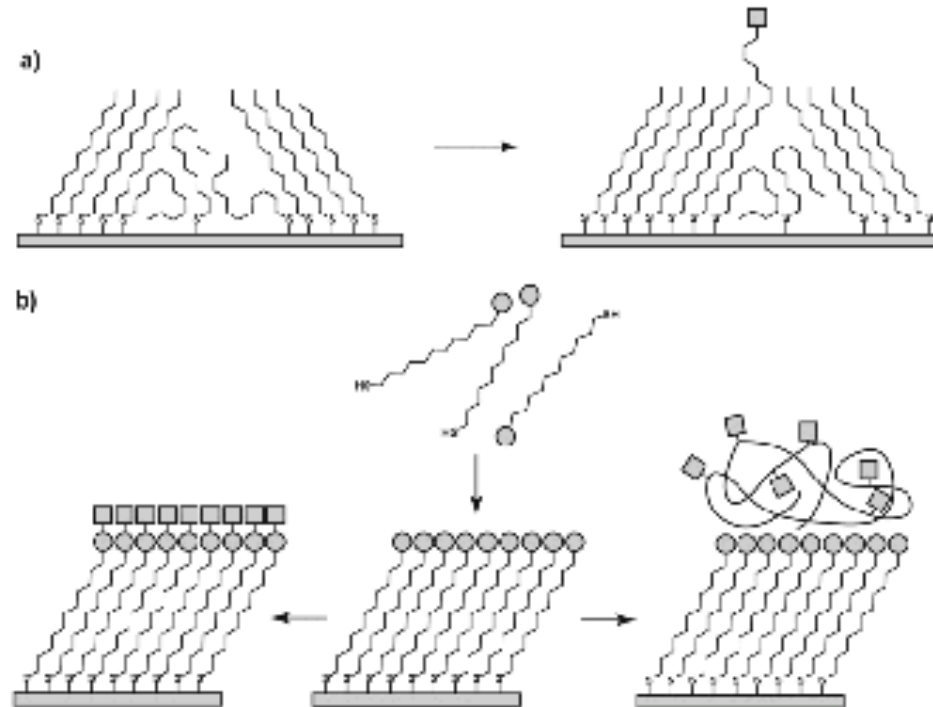


**Figure 7.** Schematic illustration of some of the intrinsic and extrinsic defects found in SAMs formed on polycrystalline substrates. The dark line at the metal-sulfur interface is a visual guide for the reader and indicates the changing topography of the substrate itself.

# 2D-SAMs

## surface modifications

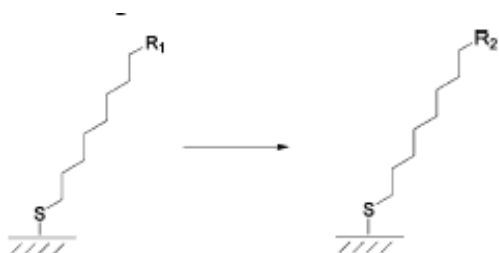
Scheme 1. General Strategies for Modifying the Interfacial Composition of SAMs after Formation<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> (a) Insertion of a functional adsorbate at a defect site in a preformed SAM. (b) Transformation of a SAM with exposed functional groups (circles) by either chemical reaction or adsorption of another material.

# 2D-SAMs

## surface modifications



Surface Group (R <sub>1</sub> )	Ligand	Complex Formed (R <sub>2</sub> )	Reference
	HS-CH <sub>2</sub> -R		347
	HS-CH <sub>2</sub> -R'		348-350
	S=C-N-R		355
	=CH-R		352
	≡C-R		354
	N=N-N-R		356
	N=N-N-R		357,358
			359,360

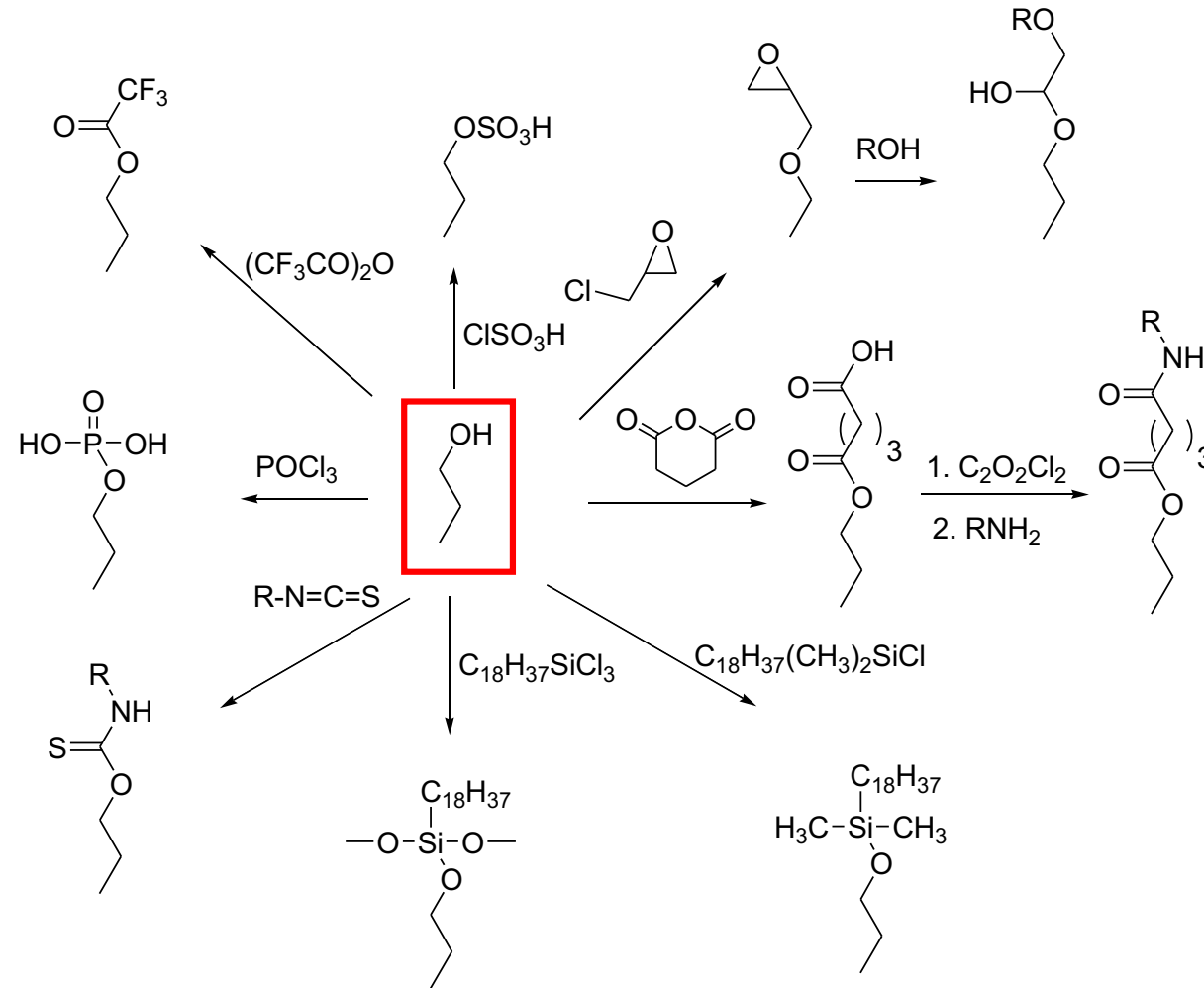


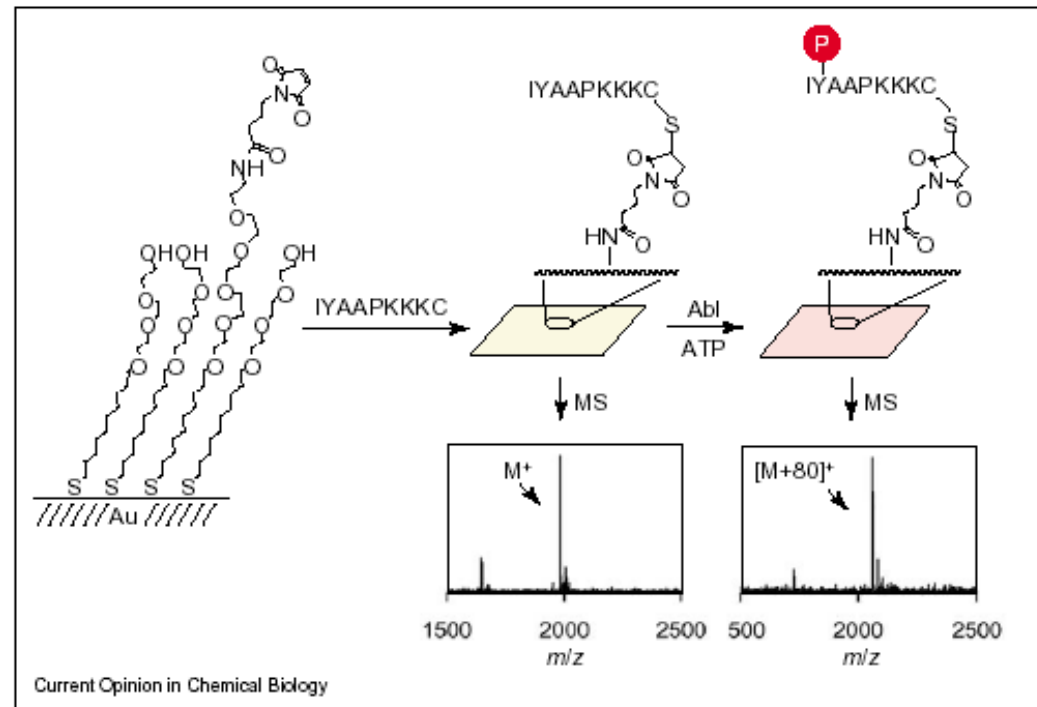
**Table 4.2** Selected Methods for SAMs Functionalization via the Formation of Activated Species

Surface bound reactive group	Activated species	Reagent	Product	Reference
		$R-NH_2$		57
		$R-NH_2$		72
		$R-NH_2$		59
		$R-NH_2$		58
		$R-NH_2$		61–63
		$R-OH$		64
		$R-N=C=S$		71, 78

# 2D-SAMs

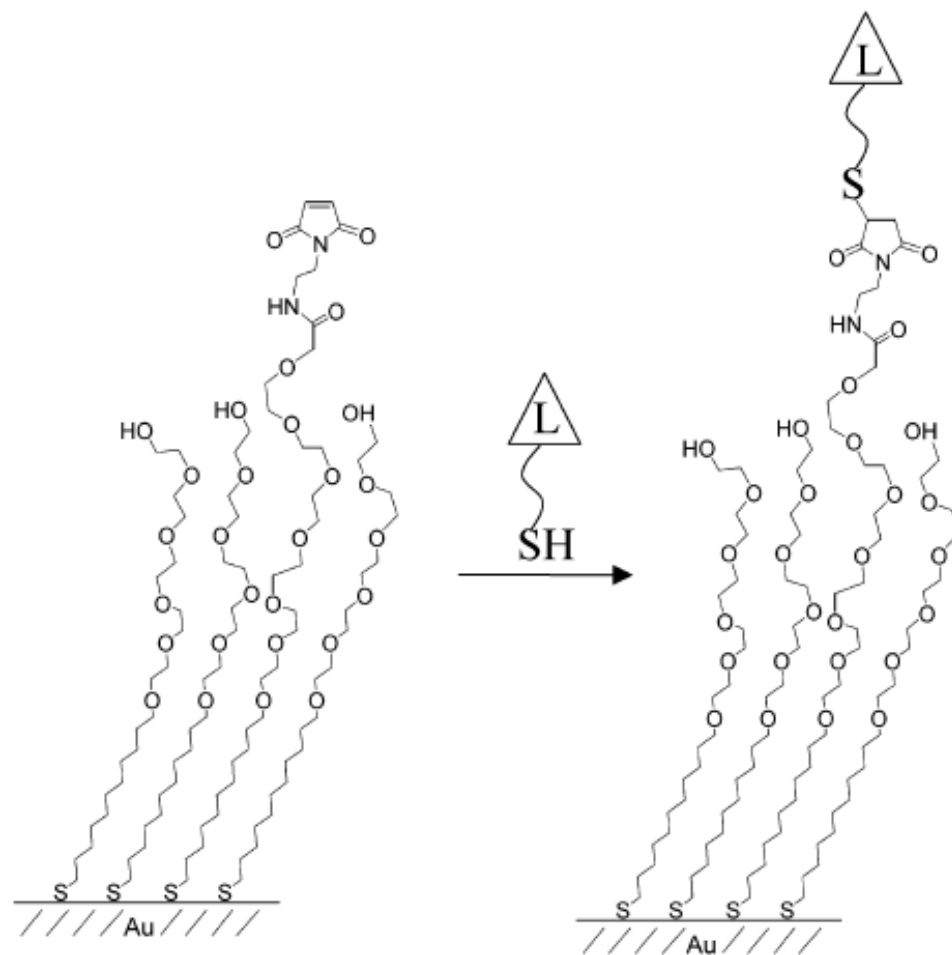
## surface modifications





Design of peptide arrays for characterizing enzyme activities by MALDI-TOF MS. A peptide substrate for Abl kinase was immobilized to a maleimide-presented self-assembled monolayer (SAM). The monolayer was treated with Abl kinase and phosphorylation was characterized by MALDI-TOF MS.

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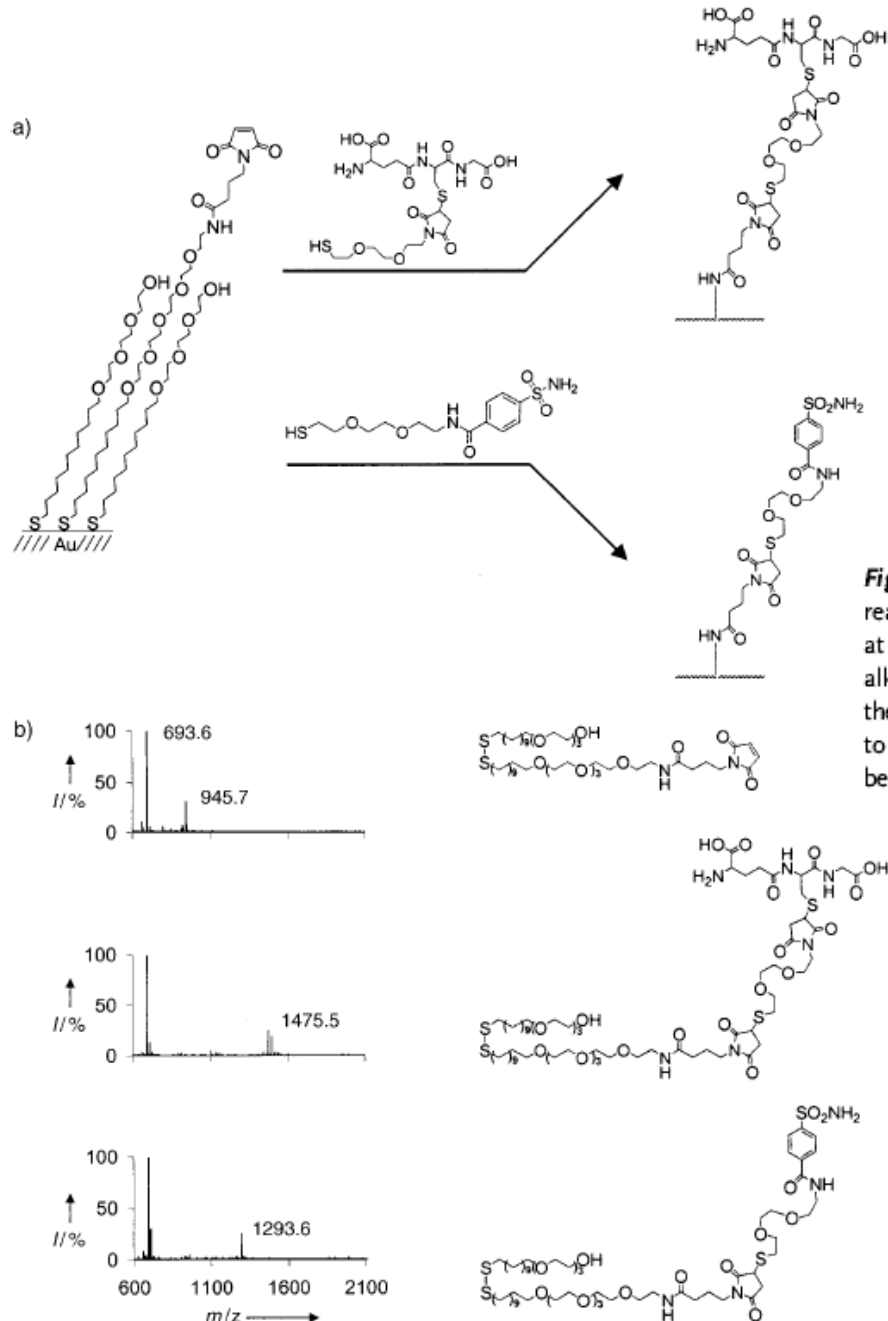


**Figure 1.** Structure of a self-assembled monolayer used to immobilized thiol-terminated ligands. The maleimide groups react selectively with thiol groups in a contacting solution while the penta(ethylene glycol) groups prevent the nonspecific adsorption of protein to the monolayer.

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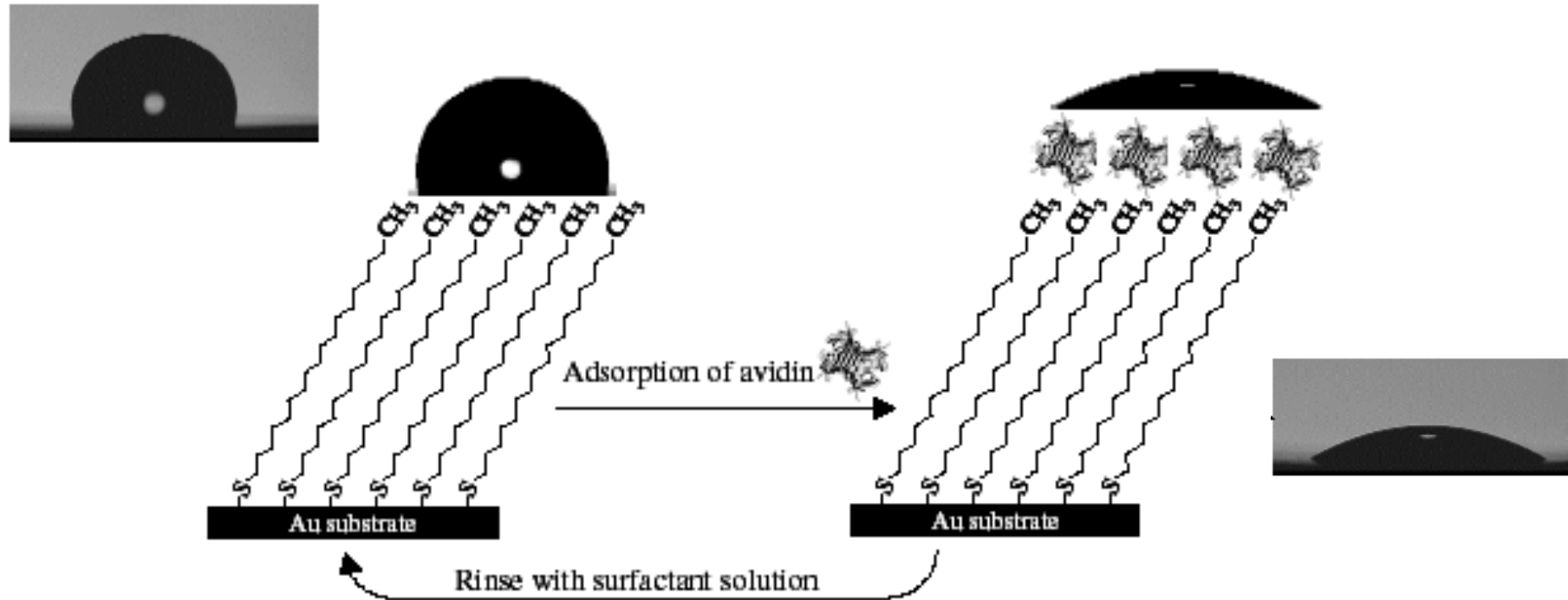
## Label-Free Detection of Protein-Protein Interactions on Biochips\*\*

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Geoffrey L. Greene, and Milan Mrksich\*



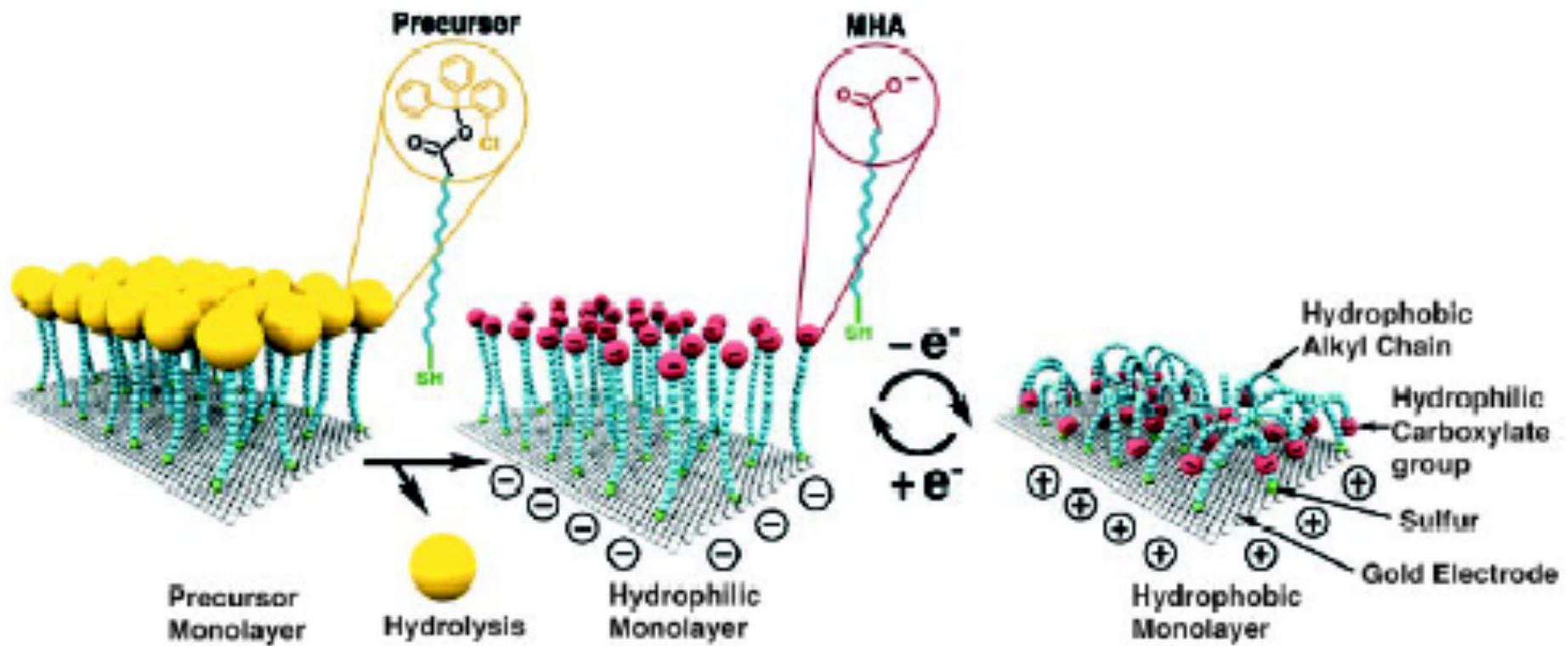
**Figure 1.** a) Protein-capture ligands were immobilized onto a maleimide-terminated SAM by reaction of the thiol-tagged ligands. b) MS data for the initial monolayer (top) displayed a peak at  $m/z$  945.7, which corresponds to the mixed disulfide derived from a maleimide-terminated alkanethiolate and a tri(ethylene glycol)-terminated alkanethiolate. After treatment with ligands, the original peak disappeared and gave rise to a new peak at  $m/z$  1475.5, which corresponds to the glutathione-conjugated product (middle) or at  $m/z$  1293.6, which corresponds to the benzenesulfonamide-conjugated product (bottom).

# Reversible Hydrophobic/Hydrophilic Surfaces



Deval, J., et al., *J. Micromech. Microeng.* 2004, 14, 91.

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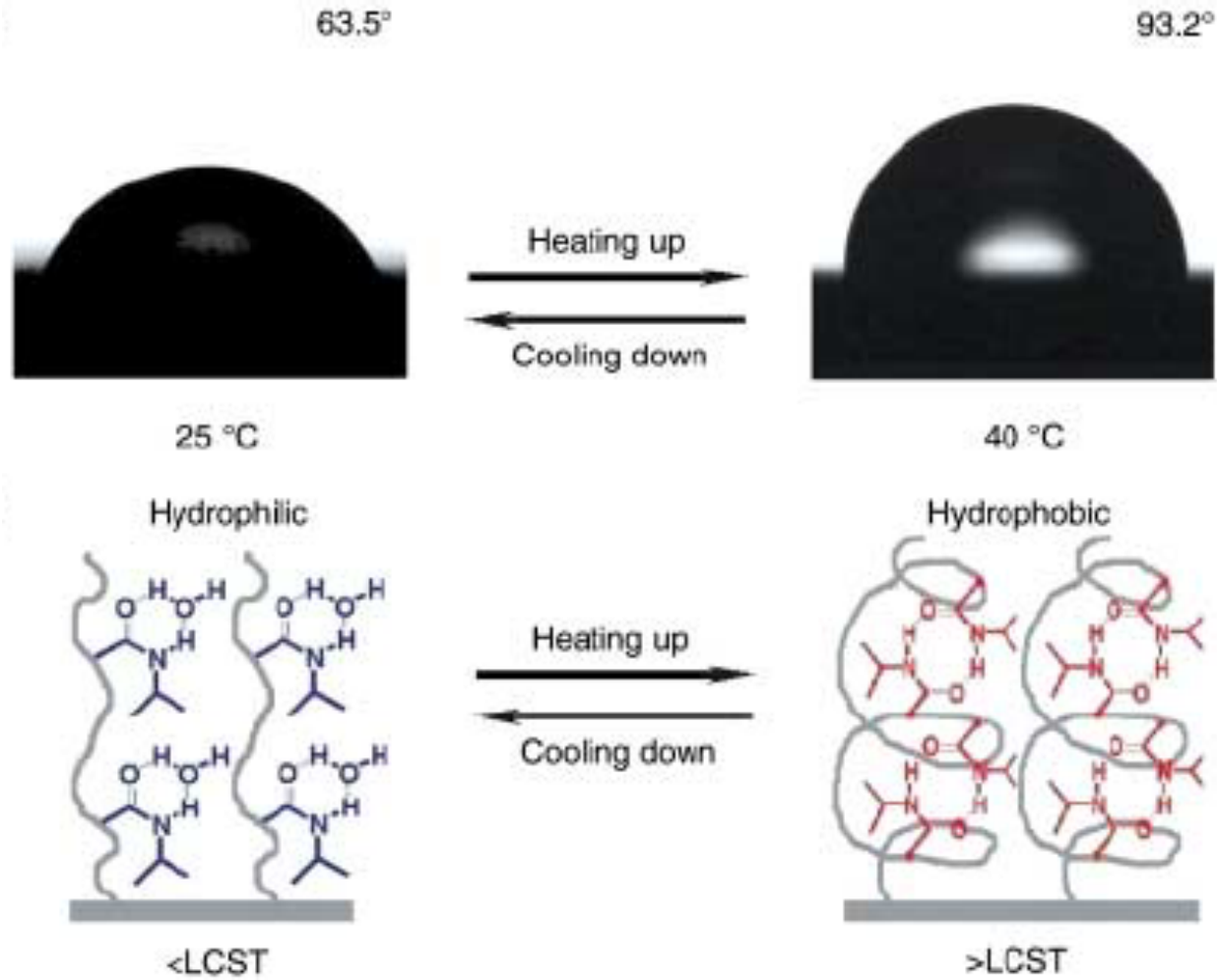


## Change Potential

Lahann, J., et al., *Science*. 2003, 299, 371.

# Controlling Wettability

surface of poly(N-isopropylacrylamide)





# 2D-SAMs

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## reactivity on surfaces

- effect of chain organization: esters at the end of long chains are hydrolyzed faster than esters at the end of shorter chains but slower than similar esters in solutions.
- lateral steric effect
- position of reactive sites
- partitioning of reactants in the organic interface

# 2D-SAMs

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## noncovalent modifications

- non specific adsorption of molecules
  - van der Waals and electrostatic forces
  - hydrophobic SAMs (formed from alkanethiols) adsorb proteins
- fusion of vesicles
  - hydrophilic functional groups (i.e. OH) promote the adsorption and rupture of vesicles.
  - hydrophobic SAMs (i.e. alkyl groups) promote the formation of hybrid bilayers that are excellent dielectric barriers. These structures provide a useful model system for studying the structure and function of cell membranes.
- selective deposition onto SAMs
  - pH control
- modifications via molecular recognition - multivalency
  - functional groups that bind through a network of hydrogen bonds, metal-ligand interactions, electrostatic interactions, or hydrophobic interactions – this modification is reversible



# 2D-SAMs

## model bioassay

