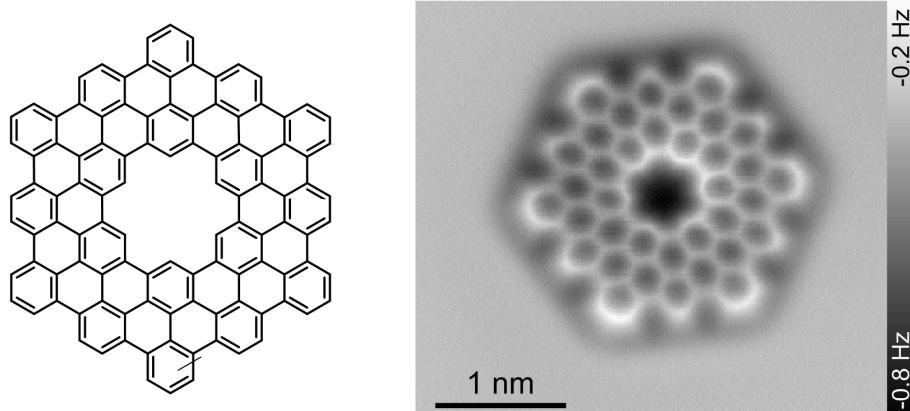


Surface Science of Low-Dimensional Carbon-Based Nanostructures

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Low-dimensional carbon-based nanostructures have attracted considerable attention for applications such as energy conversion and organic (opto-)electronics. In these fields of technology, interfaces often play a crucial role and determine the performance of the related devices. Therefore, the quantitative characterization and understanding of interfaces, especially metal/organic interfaces, is decisive for future rational developments in these areas. In this lecture, two aspects will be addressed: First, I will present strategies that make use of inherent catalytic and template effects to create low-dimensional nanostructures directly at surfaces and interfaces. This approach provides access to products that are not available from conventional synthesis. Examples include conjugated macrocycles such as honeycombes, cycloarenes and superphthalocyanines, as well as one-dimensional structures such as graphene nanoribbons and conjugated carbon-nitrogen polymer chains [1]. In addition, novel two-dimensional fractal structures will be introduced. Second, I will discuss aspects of electronic interaction and reactivity at metal-organic interface of cyclic conjugated structures. By a quantitative comparison of a non-alternant aromatic system with its alternant isomer, it will be discussed how the π -topology affects the surface chemical bond. Tetrapyrroles such as porphyrins, phthalocyanines and corroles represent another interesting and important class of conjugated macrocycles. I will focus here especially on recent work with corroles [2] and compare their surface interactions to those of the ubiquitous porphyrins and phthalocyanines [3].



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