Supplementary Information

Probing single pair rupture force of supramolecular quadruply hydrogen bonding modules by nano-adhesion measurement

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of silane coupled UPy, DeUG and DAN monomers with decyl linker.

Scheme S2. Synthesis of DeUG coupled silane monomers with fluorinated carbon chain linker.

1. Synthetic procedure

1-(dec-9-enyl)-3-(6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)urea (2). To a stirred solution of 2-amino-4-hydroxy-6-methylpyrimidine 0.913g (7.30 mmol) in DMSO at 170 °C was added 1 1.53g (8.40 mmol) (1 was synthesized according to a published procedure 1) under N2. After 3 min, the reaction mixture was quenched in an ice-water bath. The resulting solid was filtered and washed with 15 mL cyclohexane then 20 mL acetone. Crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography step gradient from (CHCl3:AcOEt, 5:1 v/v) to (CHCl₃:AcOEt, 3:1 v/v) afforded 2 (1.39g, 62%) as white solid. mp 151-152 °C; TLC (CHCl₃:AcOEt, 3:1 v/v): Rf =0.34; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.13 (s, 1H), 11.85 (s, 1H), 10.15 (t, J = 5.0, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 5.77-5.83 (m, 1H), 4.90-4.99 (m, 2H), 3.23 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.00-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.37 (m, 10H); 13C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.1, 156.6, 154.8, 148.2, 139.3, 114.2, 106.7, 40.2, 33.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 27.0, 19.0; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for (C₁₆H₂₆N₄O₂+H)⁺, 307.2134; found, 307.2128.

1-(10-(ethoxydimethylsilyl)decyl)-3-(6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)urea (3). To a 10 mL pear shaped flask with 2 0.100 g, (0.330 mmol) was added dimethylethoxylsilane 2.0 mL (13.6 mmol) and 15.0 μL Karstedt catalyst (Platinum(0)-1,3-divinyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane complex solution in xylene, Pt ~2 %). The reaction mixture was refluxed with stirring for 22 h. The open end of condensing column was equipped with a drying tube to prevent any moisture get into the flask. After the reaction, the excessive amount of dimethylethoxylsilane was removed under high vacuum (~0.3 mm Hg) at 50°C and the crude product was further dried in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v) to afford 3 (90 mg, 67%) as an white solid. TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v): $R_f = 0.30$; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.12 (s, 1H), 11.82 (s, 1H), 10.13 (bs, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.63 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 3.18-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.28 (m, 14H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.0, 3H), 0.55 (t, J = 7.0, 2H), 0.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.4, 156.9, 155.1, 148.5, 107.0, 58.5, 40.4, 33.8, 30.0, 29.9, 29.7, 27.4, 23.5, 19.3, 18.9, 16.7, 16.2, -1.7, -2.3; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for ($C_{20}H_{38}N_4O_3Si+H)^+$, 411.2791; found, 411.2786.

1-(6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)-3-(10-(triethoxysilyl)decyl)urea (4). To a 10 mL pear shaped flask with **2** 0.124 g (0.404 mmol) was added triethoxylsilane 2.6 mL (13.4 mmol) and 24.0.0 μL Karstedt catalyst (Platinum(0)-1,3-divinyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane complex solution in xylene, Pt ~2 %). The reaction mixture was heated with stirring at 80°C for 22 h. The open end of condensing column was equipped with a drying tube to prevent any moisture get into the flask. After the reaction, the excessive amount of triethoxylsilane was removed under high vacuum (~0.3 mm Hg) at 50°C and the crude product was further dried in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH: CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v) to afford **4** (0.138 g, 73%) as an white solid. TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v): $R_f = 0.25$; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.13 (s, 1H), 11.84 (s, 1H), 10.14 (bs, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.80 (q, J = 7.0, 6H), 3.21 (q, J = 6.5, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.39 (m, 2H),1.19-1.29 (m, 12H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.0, 9H), 0.59-0.63 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.2, 156.7, 154.8, 148.3, 106.8, 58.5, 40.2, 33.3, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 27.1, 22.9, 19.3, 19.0, 18.4, 10.5; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for ($C_{22}H_{42}N_4O_5Si+H)^+$, 471.3003; found, 471.2999.

Ethyl 2-(7-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(3-dec-9-enylureido)-4-oxo-4,7-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)acetate (6). To a stirred solution of **5** 1.00g (3.00 mmol) (**5** was synthesized according to a published procedure ²) in 15 mL pyridine at 95 °C was added **1** 3.26 g (18.0 mmol) via an additional funnel under N₂. The reaction was stirring at 95 °C for 16h and cooled to rt. Crude product was concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v) to afford **6** (0.935 g, 60%) as buff-colored solid. mp: 118-119 °C; TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v): R_f =0.19; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.99 (bs, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 5.74-5.82 (m, 1H), 4.89-4.99 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 3.83 (d, J = 8.0, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 4.43 (q, J = 6.5, 2H), 1.99-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.72 (m, 6H), 1.56-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.43 (m, 7H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.0, 3H), 1.12-1.17 (m, 2H), 0.92-0.98 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 159.3, 154.1, 148.6, 146.4, 139.2, 127.6, 114.2, 103.4, 102.4, 61.5, 49.3, 40.5, 39.0, 33.9,

33.3, 31.2, 30.2, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 27.2, 26.3, 25.8, 14.2; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for $(C_{28}H_{43}N_5O_4+H)^+$, 514.3393; found, 514.3396.

Ethyl 2-(7-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(3-(10-(ethoxydimethylsilyl)decyl)ureido)-4-oxo-4,7-dihydro-3Hpyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)acetate (7). To a 10 mL pear shaped flask with 6 100 mg (0. 195 mmol) was added dimethylethoxylsilane 3.20 mL (21.8 mmol) and 24.0 µL Karstedt catalyst (Platinum(0)-1,3-divinyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane complex solution in xylene, Pt ~2 %). The reaction mixture was refluxed with stirring for 14 h. The open end of condensing column was equipped with a drying tube to prevent any moisture get into the flask. After the reaction, the excessive amount of dimethylethoxylsilane was removed under high vacuum (~0.3 mm Hg) at 50°C. The crude product was further dried in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH:CH2Cl2, 5:95 v/v) to afford 7 (66 mg, 55%) as a slightly yellow solid. TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v): $R_f = 0.32$; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.26 (s, 1H), 9.44 (s, 1H), 9.00 (bs, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 3.84 (d, J = 7.5, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.64 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 3.41-3.46 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.73 (m, 6H), 1.57-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.32 (m, 11H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.0, 3H), 1.17 (t, J = 1.00) 7.0, 3H), 1.12-1.16 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.97 (m, 2H), 0.08 (s, 6H); 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 159.4, 154.1, 148.7, 146.4, 127.6, 103.5, 102.5, 61.5, 58.3, 49.4, 40.6, 39.0, 33.6, 33.4, 31.3, 30.3, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 27.4, 26.4, 25.9, 23.3, 18.7, 16.5, 14.3, -1.9; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for $(C_{32}H_{55}N_5O_5Si+H)^+$, 618.4051; found, 618.4050.

Ethyl 2-(7-(cyclohexylmethyl)-4-oxo-2-(3-(10-(triethoxysilyl)decyl)ureido)-4,7-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)acetate (8). To a 10 mL pear shaped flask with 6 124 mg (0.404 mmol) was added

triethoxylsilane 2.6 mL (13.4 mmol) and 24.0.0 μ L Karstedt catalyst (Platinum(0)-1,3-divinyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane complex solution in xylene, Pt ~2 %). The reaction mixture was heated with stirring at 80°C for 22 h. The open end of condensing column was equipped with a drying tube to prevent any moisture get into the flask. After the reaction, the excessive amount of triethoxylsilane was removed under high vacuum (~0.3 mm Hg) at 50°C and the crude product was further dried in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v) to afford **8** (0.138 g, 73%) as an white solid. TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v): $R_f = 0.25$; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.26 (s, 1H), 9.44 (s, 1H), 9.01 (bs, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 3.84 (d, J = 7.5, 2H), 3.81 (q, J = 7.0, 6H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.42-3.45 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.72 (m, 8H), 1.37-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.0, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0, 9H), 1.12-1.19 (m, 8H), 0.93-0.99 (m, 2H), 0.84-0.92 (m, 1H), 0.62 (t, J = 7.5, 2H); 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 159.3, 154.1, 148.7, 146.4, 127.6, 103.5, 102.5, 61.5, 58.4, 49.4, 40.6, 39.0, 33.4, 32.7, 31.3, 30.3, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 27.4, 27.3, 26.4, 25.9, 22.9, 18.4, 14.3, 10.5; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for (C₃₄H₅₉N₅O₇Si+H)⁺, 678.4262; found, 678.4263.

N-(7-bromo-1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl)isobutyramide (10). To a Schlenk flask with 9 2.72g (11.8 mmol) (9 was synthesized according to a published procedure 3) was added PBr₃ (22.7 mL, 242 mmol) via syringe under N₂. The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 24 h. The crude mixture was cooled in ice bath and extracted with (CHCl₃:isopropanol, 9:1 v/v) (4 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2 × 50 mL) and water (2 × 100 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography step gradient from (CH₂Cl₂:conc. aq. NH₄OH, 99:1 v/v) to (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH:conc. aq NH₄OH, 90:10:1 v/v/v) to afford 10 (2.06 g, 59%) as a white powder. mp 185–186 °C; TLC (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH:conc. aq NH₄OH, 90:10:1 v/v/v): R_f =0.67; ¹H NMR (500 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.5, 1H), 2.77 (septet, *J* = 7.0, 1H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 7.0, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 177.0, 154.9, 154.6, 145.3, 139.4, 138.3, 125.5, 119.3, 116.1, 36.5, 19.4; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for (C₁₂H₁₂BrN₃O+H)⁺, 294.0242; found, 294.0234.

N-(7-amino-1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl)isobutyramide (11). To a 15 mL thick-walled, high-pressure tube with magnetic stir-bar and 10 1.00g (3.40 mmol) was added Cu₂O 0.150g (1.05 mmol) and anhydrous ethylene glycol 4.0 mL. Con. aq NH₄OH 2.40 mL was quickly added followed by immediately seal the tube with a Teflon screw cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h and during this time the reaction tube was flipped up-side down and shaking vigorously with hand every 1 h. Interesting color change was observed during the reaction: upon adding NH₄OH, red color, after 30 min, blue color, after 2 h, yellow-brown, after 16h, yellow-green. After 24 h, the reaction tube was opened with caution and crude mixture was diluted with 20 mL CH₂Cl₂/H₂O 1:1 (v/v). The aqueous phase was extracted with (chloroform:isopropanol, 9:1 v/v) (5 × 25 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water (3 × 25 mL), brine (25 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 1:9 v/v) to afford 11 (0.532 g, 67%) as an off-white powder. mp 211–212 °C; TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 1:9 v/v): R_f =0.31; ¹H NMR (500 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.56 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 10.5, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.5, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.0, 2H), 2.78 (septet, J = 7.0, 1H), 1.07 (d, J = 7.0, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 177.2, 161.7, 156.6, 154.1, 138.8, 137.7, 114.6, 111.9, 109.5, 35.3, 20.1; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for (C₁₂H₁₄N₄O+H)⁺, 231.1246; found, 231.1246.

N-(7-isobutyramido-1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl)undec-10-enamide (12). To a stirred solution of 11 (0.300g, 1.29 mmol) in 12.0 mL CH₂Cl₂ was added 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) (47.4 mg, 0.388 mmol), 10-undecenoic acid (0.783 mL 3.87 mmol), the reaction was cooled to 0 °C in an ice-water bath, *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) -*N*'-ethyl carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC) (0.744g, 3.87 mmol) was added. The ice-water bath was removed and reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and was kept stirring under N₂ for 24 h. The solution was diluted with 100 mL CH₂Cl₂, washed with water (2 × 50 mL), saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2 × 40 mL) and with brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt:Petroleum ether, 1:1 v/v) to afford 12 (0.606 g, 88%) as white solid. mp 168-169 °C; TLC (AcOEt:Petroleum ether, 1:1 v/v): R_f =0.49; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.41 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 5.72-5.80 (m, 1H), 4.88-4.97 (m, 2H), 2.66 (septet, *J* = 7.0, 1H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 1.99 (q, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 1.65 (pentet, *J* = 7.0, 2H), 1.22-1.23 (d, *J* = 6.5, 6H), 1.20-1.32 (m, 10H),; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.5, 172.9, 154.4, 154.3, 153.6, 139.2, 139.1, 118.3, 114.2, 113.8, 113.7, 37.9, 36.7, 33.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 25.3, 19.4; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for (C₂₃H₃₄N₄O₂+H)+, 397.2604; found, 397.2600.

11-(ethoxydimethylsilyl)-*N*-(7-isobutyramido-1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl)undecanamide (13). To a 10 mL pear shaped flask with 12 100 mg (0. 252 mmol) was added dimethylethoxylsilane 3.60 mL (24.6 mmol) and 28.0 μL Karstedt catalyst (Platinum(0)-1,3-divinyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane complex solution in xylene, Pt ~2 %). The reaction mixture was refluxed with stirring for 24 h. The open end of condensing column was equipped with a drying tube to prevent any moisture get into the flask. After the reaction, the excessive amount of dimethylethoxylsilane was removed under high vacuum (~0.3 mm Hg) at 50°C and the crude product was further dried in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt:Petroleum ether, 1:1 v/v) to afford 13 (63 mg, 50%) as a white solid. TLC (AcOEt:Petroleum ether, 1:1 v/v): R_f =0.79; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.44 (d, J = 9.0, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 9.0, 1H), 8.21 (s, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 9.0, 2H), 3.65 (q, J = 7.0, 2H), 2.62 (septet, J = 7.0, 1H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.0, 2H), 1.72-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.5, 6H), 1.26-1.34 (m, 12H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.0, 3H), 0.58 (t, J = 7.5, 2H), 0.08 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.1, 172.4, 154.1, 153.9, 153.8, 139.1, 118.5, 113.5, 58.3, 38.2, 37.1, 33.6, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 25.4, 23.3, 19.5, 18.7, 16.5, -1.9; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for (C₂₇H₄₄N₄O₃Si+H)⁺, 501.3261; found, 501.3249.

N-(7-isobutyramido-1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl)-11-(triethoxysilyl)undecanamide (14). To a 10 mL pear shaped flask with 12 100 mg (0.252 mmol) was added triethoxylsilane 3.4 mL (17.5 mmol) and 30.0.0 μL Karstedt catalyst (Platinum(0)-1,3-divinyl-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane complex solution in xylene, Pt ~2 %). The reaction mixture was heated with stirring at 100°C for 5 h. The open end of condensing column was equipped with a drying tube to prevent any moisture get into the flask. After the reaction, the excessive amount of triethoxylsilane was removed under high vacuum (~0.3 mm Hg) at 50°C and the crude product was further dried in *vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v) to afford 14 (81 mg, 57%) as slightly yellow solid. TLC (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, 5:95 v/v): $R_f = 0.42$; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 9.0, 2H), 8.08 (d, J = 9.0, 2H), 3.79 (q, J = 7.0, 6H), 2.64 (septet, J = 7.0, 1H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.5, 2H), 1.96-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.5, 6H), 1.20-1.39 (m, 12H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.0, 9H), 0.59 (t, J = 7.5, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.4, 172.7, 154.2, 153.7, 139.2, 139.1, 118.3, 113.6, 58.4, 38.0, 37.9, 36.9, 33.8, 33.3, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 29.0, 25.3, 22.9, 19.4, 18.4, 10.5; ESI-HR-MS calcd. for ($C_{29}H_{48}N_4O_5Si+H)^+$, 561.3472; found, 561.3477.

2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra

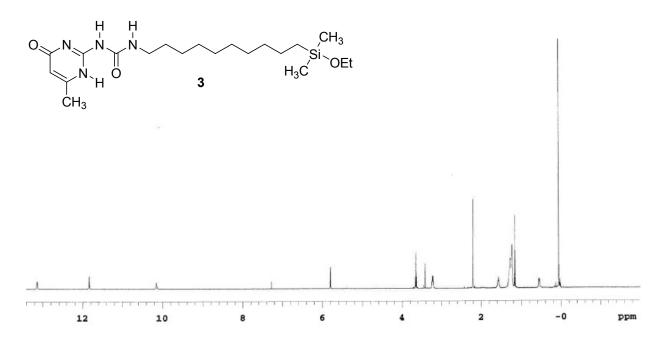


Figure S1. Compound 3, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

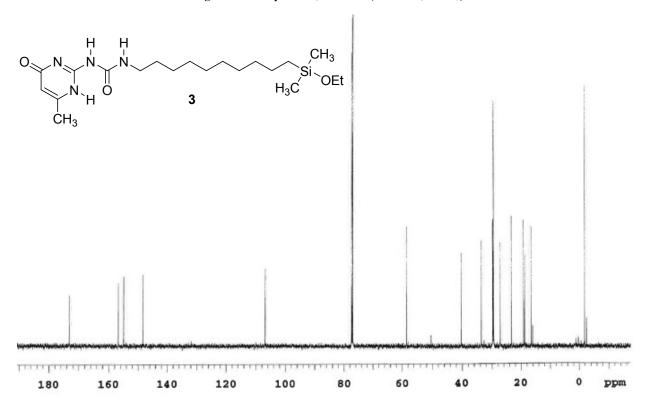


Figure S2. Compound 3, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)

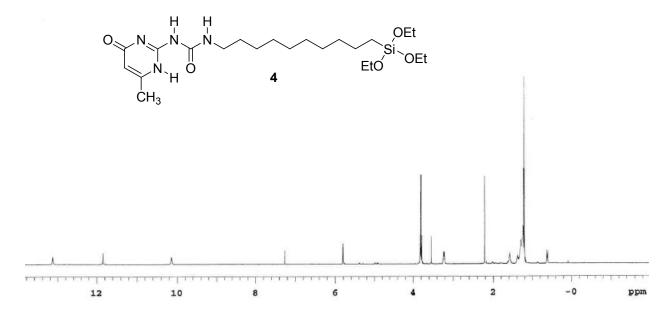


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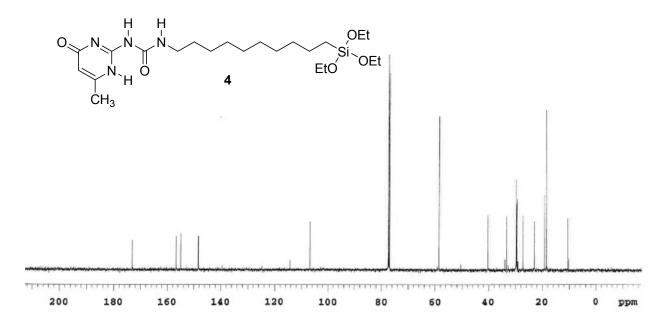


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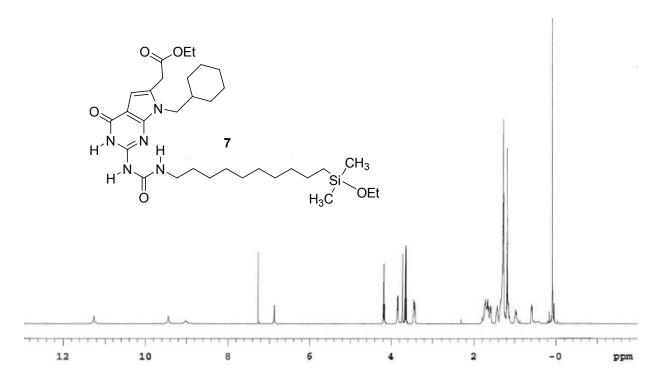


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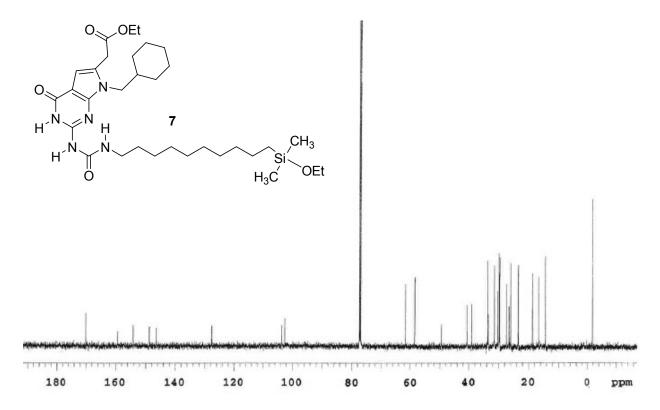


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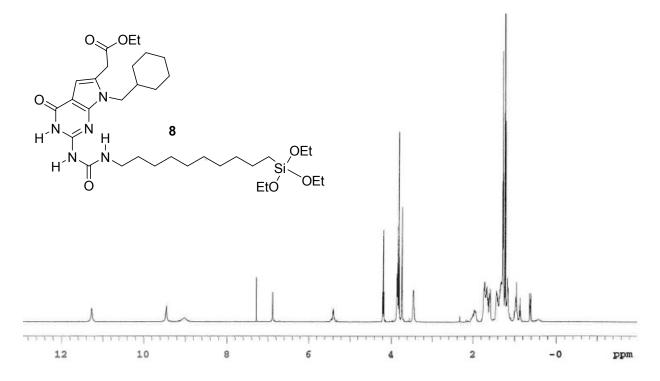


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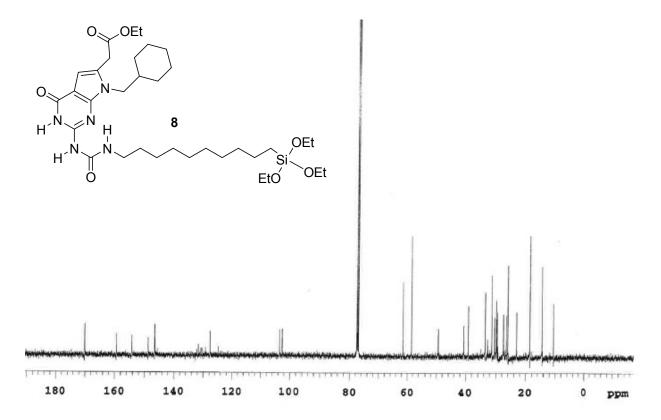


Figure S8. Compound 8, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)

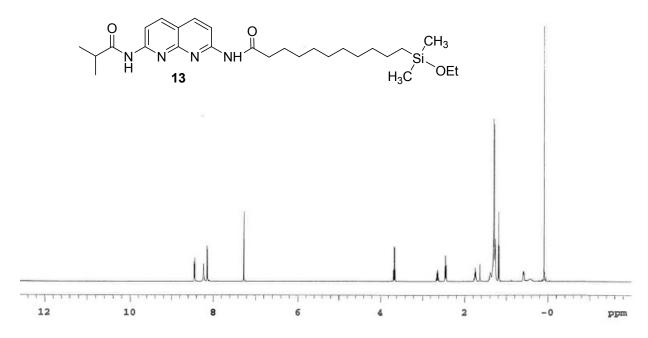


Figure S9. Compound 13, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S10. Compound 13, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)

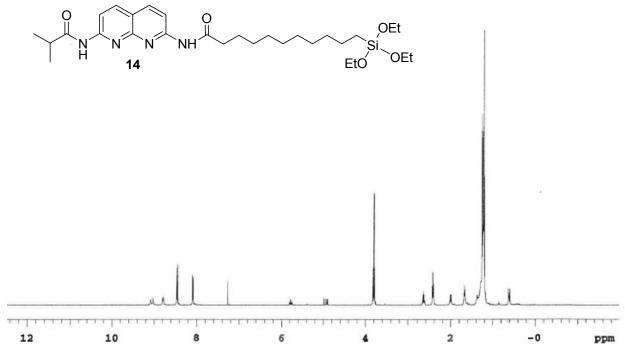


Figure S11. Compound 14, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

Figure S12. Compound 14, ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)

3. Elemental composition report of HR-ESI-MS

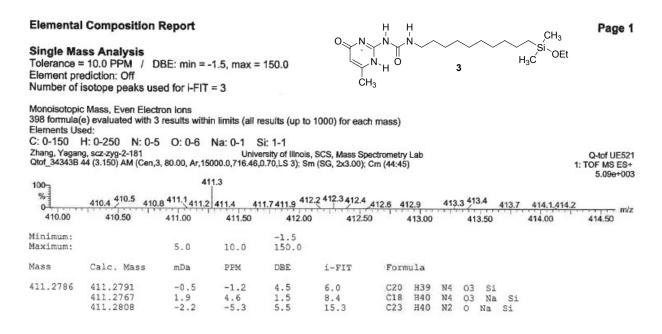


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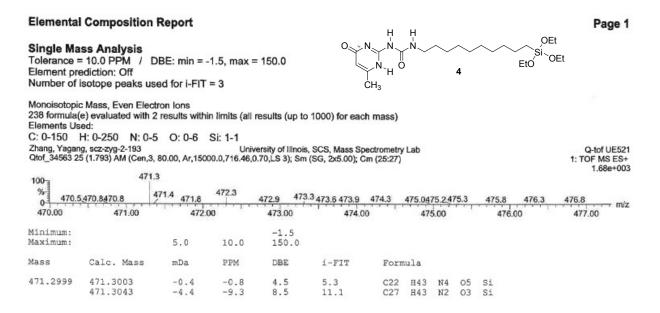


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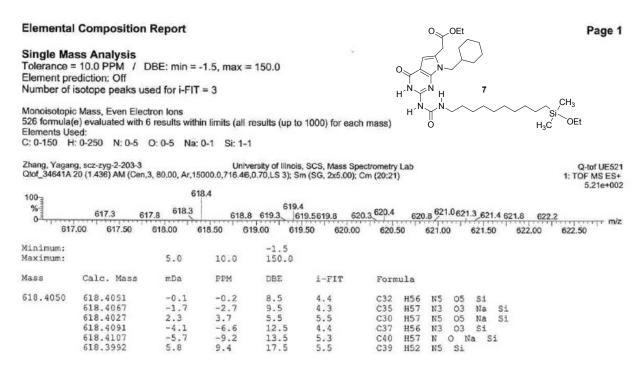


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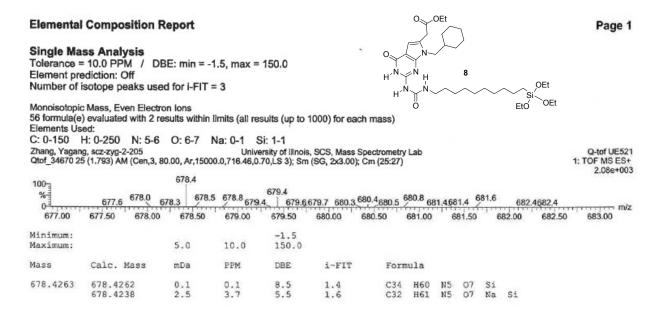


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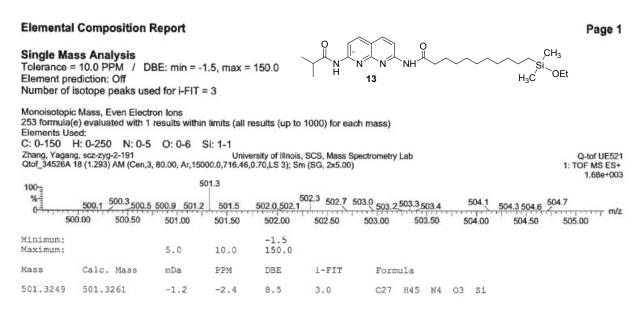


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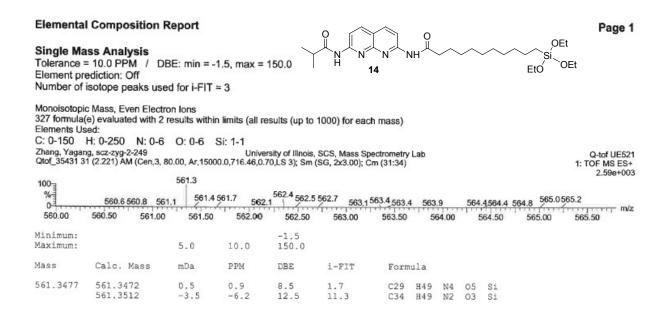


Figure S18. Elemental composition report of compound 14. (HR-ESI-MS)

Figure S19. QHB modules coupled silane monomers for surface modification and their abbreviations.

4. Static water contact angle measurement

Table S1. Static water contact angle of unmodified and modified glass slides with QHB coupled silane monomers

Surface	Static water contact angle
Oxidized glass surface	10±2.0 °
UPy-tri	54.3±1.7°
DeUG-tri	58.0±1.9°
DAN-tri	62.5±1.6 °
Octyl-tri	92.8±1.6 °
(UPy+Octyl)-tri	63.9±2.1 °
(DeUG+Octyl)-tri	66.0±1.8 °
(DAN+Octyl)-tri	70.2±2.3 °
UPy-mono	52.2±2.2 °
DeUG-mono	56.6±2.5 °
DAN-mono	59.3±1.8 °
Octyl-mono	83.5±3.1 °
(UPy+Octyl)-mono	65.2±2.4 °
(DeUG+Octyl)-mono	63.6±1.8 °
(DAN+Octyl)-mono	68.8±2.0 °
DeUG-F-tri	71.0±1.5 °
DeUG-F-mono	67.3±1.9 °
Octyl-F-tri	116.5±1.8 °
Octyl-F-mono	91.6±2.6 °
(DeUG-F-tri)+(Octyl-F-tri)	78.2±2.1 °
(DeUG-F-mono)+(Octyl-F-mono)	73.1±2.2 °

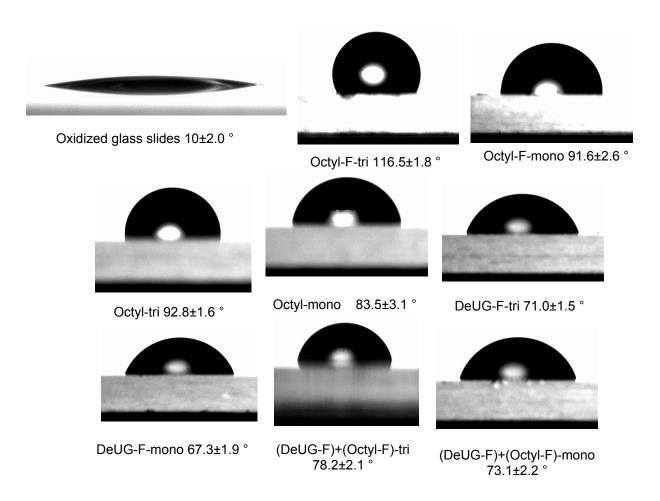


Figure S20. Static water contact angle of unmodified and modified glass slides with QHB coupled silane monomers with fluorinated alkyl linker.

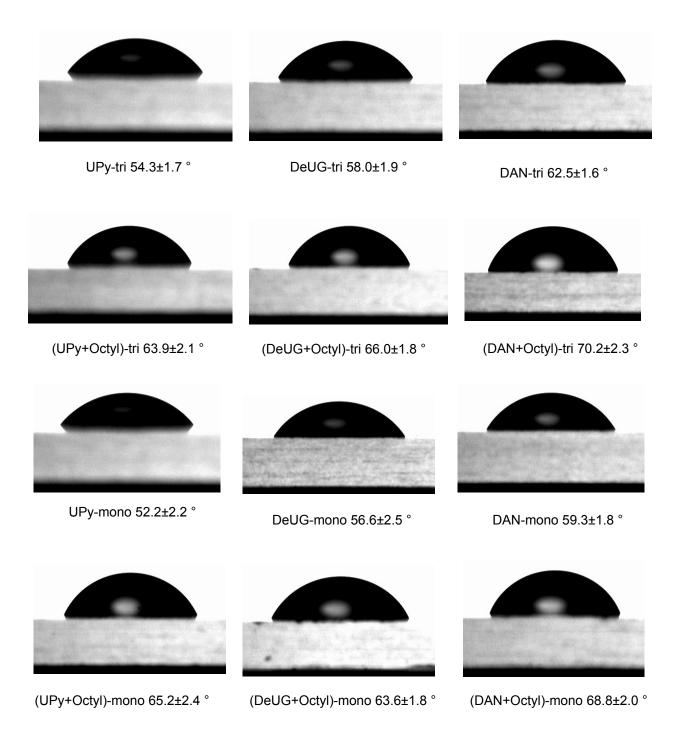


Figure S21. Static water contact angle of modified glass slides with QHB coupled silane monomers, mono-layer and mixed mono-layer.

5. MALDI-TOF-MS of modified glass slides

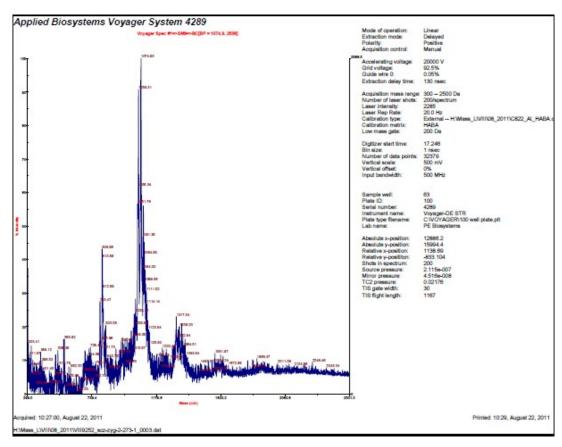


Figure S22. MALDI fragments chart of DeUG-F-monoethoxyl silane monomer modified glass slides surface. Matrix: 2-(4'-hydroxybenzeneazo)benzoic acid (HABA).

Figure S23. MALDI characteristic fragments of DeUG-F-monoethoxyl silane monomer upon ionizing DeUG-F-monoethoxyl silane monomer modified glass slides surface. Matrix: 2-(4'-hydroxybenzeneazo)benzoic acid (HABA).

6. Thickness of mono-layer on modified Si wafers using ellipsometry measurement

Film thickness of modified silicon wafers was measured using J. A. Woollam Co. variable-angle spectroscopic ellipsometer. Ellipsometric data were acquired via spectroscopic scan with angle of incidence at 50, 60 and 70° and spectral range: 300-1000 nm with revolutions per measurement (Revs/Meas) set at 10. Spot sized analyzed was 1 mm in diameter when incident light is normal to the surface, will be larger when scan with angle of incidence at 50, 60 and 70°. For Piranha treated Si wafer, sequentially add Si, SiO₂ layer, fix Si layer at 1.00 mm, then do a normal fit to obtain thickness of SiO₂ layer (2.23 nm). For surface modified with various silane monomers, sequentially add Si, SiO₂, Cauchy layer, fix Si layer at 1.00 mm, SiO₂ layer at 2.23 nm, then do a normal fit to obtain thickness of SAM layer.

Table S2. Thickness of mono-layer on modified Si wafers using various QHB coupled Silane monomers.

Surface	Calculated thickness (normal to surface)	Calculated (30° with respect to surface normal) (nm)	Measured Thickness (nm)	Mean squared error (MSE)*
Oxidized Silicon wafer	(nm)		2.23±0.08	1.17
	1.13	0.97		
Octyl-tri			1.09±0.04	2.22
Octyl-mono	1.13	0.97	0.77 ± 0.02	1.19
Octyl-F-tri	1.13	0.97	1.19±0.02	1.29
Octyl-F-mono	1.13	0.97	1.05±0.02	1.18
UPy-tri	2.38	2.06	2.04 ± 0.07	1.48
UPy-mono	2.38	2.06	1.72 ± 0.05	1.50
(UPy+Octyl)-tri	2.38	2.06	1.93 ± 0.06	1.52
(UPy+Octyl)-mono	2.38	2.06	1.67 ± 0.08	1.53
DeUG-tri	2.13	1.84	1.97 ± 0.06	1.50
DeUG-mono	2.13	1.84	1.78 ± 0.07	1.54
(DeUG+Octyl)-tri	2.13	1.84	1.83 ± 0.06	1.68
(DeUG+Octyl)-mono	2.13	1.84	1.70 ± 0.09	1.56
DAN-tri	2.88	2.49	2.53 ± 0.10	1.50
DAN-mono	2.88	2.49	2.33±0.09	1.57
(DAN+Octyl)-tri	2.88	2.49	2.45 ± 0.11	1.59
(DAN+Octyl)-mono	2.88	2.49	2.27±0.12	1.32
DeUG-F-tri	3.13	2.71	2.85±0.11	1.40
DeUG-F-mono	3.13	2.71	2.71±0.13	1.27
(DeUG-F+Octyl-F)-tri	3.13	2.71	2.77±0.11	1.27
(DeUG-F+Octyl-F)-mono	3.13	2.71	2.67±0.11 2.67±0.12	1.32

^{*} manual suggests MSE < 10 is a reasonable data fit.

7. Adhesion measurements via Lap-shear experiment

Adhesion was measured using Instron Mini 44 load-frame equipped with a 500 N load-cell and Labview 5.1 software (**Figure S36**). Each lap-shear sample was prepared as following: A pair of glass slides was set using 10 μL of 10 mg/mL of each polymer solution in CH₂Cl₂ with contact area 1.5 cm × 2.5 cm. The sample was clamped with binder clips and cured at room temperature for 24 h before lap shear test. Crosshead speed limit of Instron Mini 44 is 0.05-50 mm/min and maximum load is 50 Kg. For all samples crosshead speed limit was set at 1.0 mm/min. Load (Kg) versus position was plotted and maximum load at fail was recorded. Each data set contains 10 measures. Multiplying the average maximum load at fail by gravitational acceleration constant and divided by contact area give the shear strength in MPa. Error represents plus/minus one standard deviation.

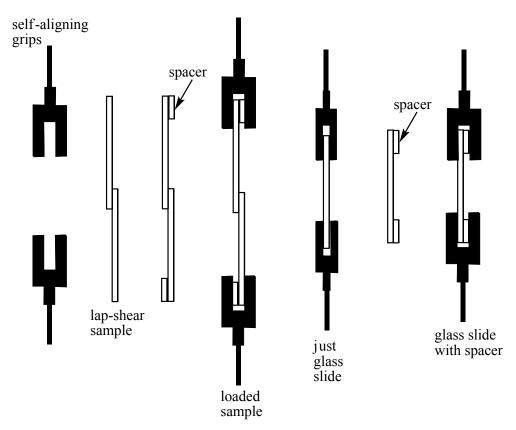


Figure S24. Lap-shear set up, detail of sample loading and controls.

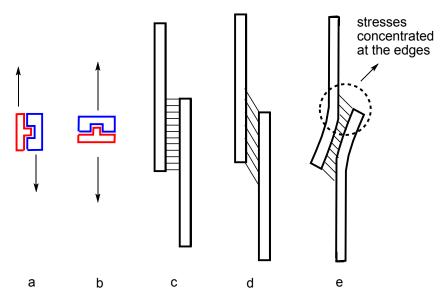


Figure S25. Model of single lap joints using quadruply hydrogen bonding heteo-complex as adhesion promotors. Mechanically rupture quadruply hydrogen bonding heteo-complex (a) perpendicular to H-bonding direction (b) along the H-bonding direction. (c) before loading (d) after loading (e) relief of tearing stress by bending (Volkersen's analysis)⁴

8. Method to calculate single pair rupture force of QHB modules

Gaub *et al* experimentally showed that the unbinding forces of discrete complexes of avidin-biotin are proportional to the enthalpy change of the complex formation but independent of changes in the free energy ⁵. Their results indicate that unbinding process is adiabatic and entropic changes occur after unbinding. Molecular mechanics simulation of Streptavidin-Biotin interactions also indicated that rupture strength correlates with enthalpies rather than free energies ⁶. Assuming this also applies to disassociation of quadruply hydrogen binding hetero-complex, single pair rupture force of QHB modules can be easily calculated using the method we proposed here.

Firstly, the association/disassociation constant and change of enthalpy (ΔH) need to be measured or derived. Two examples are showed here in detail using Kd and ΔH measured or derived from simple solution chemistry.

9. Theoretical calculation of single pair ruptures force of UPy dimer

For equilibrium of UPy dimer formation:

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = -RT \ln Ka$$

For UPv dimer formation, it is reported 7 that at room temperature 25°C (298.2K) Ka = 10^{7}

Long et al 9 showed that UPy dimer can be broken at 80° C (353.2K), assume Ka = 2

Equation can be established as follows:

$$\Delta H - T1\Delta S = -RT \ln Ka_1$$
 (T1= 298.2K, Ka₁ = 10⁷)

$$\Delta H - T2\Delta S = -RT \ln Ka_2$$
 (T2= 353.2K, Ka₂ = 2)

$$\Delta H - 298.2\Delta S = -8.314*298.2 \ln{(10^7)}$$

$$\Delta H - 353.2\Delta S = -8.314*353.2 \ln (2)$$

Solve above equations, $\Delta H = -24559 \text{ J/mol } (-5.89 \text{ Kcal/mol})$

In order to break UPy dimer, Mechanical work (energy) is needed:

W=F*S

(W is mechanical work needed to break Hydrogen bonding pair, W can be calculated using ΔH ; F is force needed; S is distance of the applied force)

It is known typical hydrogen bonding distance is within 0.1-0.3 nm ⁸. It has been showed that for UPy dimer, H-bonding distance is within 0.27-0.32 nm ⁹. Estimate pulling apart 0.25 nm breaks UPy dimer, use equation W=F*S single pair rupture force can be calculated as:

$$F^* (2.5^*10^{-10} \text{ m}) = (24559 \text{J/mol})/(6.02^*10^{23}/\text{mol})$$

Solve equation F=160 pN This calculated single pair rupture force is consistent with the experimental value (145 pN) measured by Vancso *et al* ¹⁰.

10. Theoretical calculation of single pair rupture force of DeUG-DAN

It was reported that for DeUG-DAN pair 2 in chloroform at 25° C (298.2K). Ka = $1.9*10^8$, $\Delta H = -6.9$ Kal/mol = -28980 J/mol, $T\Delta S = 2.8$ Kal/molCrystal structure showed H-bonding length 0.19-0.20 nm.Estimate pulling apart 0.25 nm breaks DeUG-DAN complex, Use equation W=F*S, single pair rupture force can be calculated as:F* ($2.5*10^{-10}$ m) = (28980J/mol)/($6.02*10^{23}$ /mol) Solve equation **F= 193 pN**

11. Calculation of amount of QHB modules deposited on glass surface

On clean silicon wafers, whose surface is believed to have about 5×10^{14} –SiOH groups/cm² The full coverage of perfect SAMs will have 0.83 nmole/cm² via silane deposition ¹¹¹² .

Technical data of Goldseal glass Microslides from Ted Pella Inc. showed that silicon dioxide is 72% of its all chemical composition.

Thus the surface coverage can be estimated as $0.83 \text{ nmole/cm}^2 * 72\% = 0.60 \text{ nmole/cm}^2$

With contact area of lap-shear sample 1.5 cm \times 2.5 cm, the amount of QHB modules on each side of glass slides will be 0.6nmol/cm²*1.5cm*2.5cm=**2.25** nmole

Each lap-shear sample has two surfaces associated,

So the amount of QHB modules will be 4.50 nmole.

12. Calculation of amount of QHB modules in PS-DAN, PBMA-DeUG and PBA-UPy.

For PS-DAN (4.5 mol %) Mn (73 KDa), 1/22*100% = 4.5 mol %

n*507.66 + 21n*104.16 = 73000

solve equation n = 27.1 (n = 27)

In lap-shear, for each pair, use 10 μ L (0.01 mL) 10 mg/mL polymer solution So 0.01 mL*10 mg/mL = 0.1 mg = 0.0001g $(0.0001g/73000g/mol)*27 = 37.0*10^{-9} \text{ mol} = \textbf{37 nmole}$

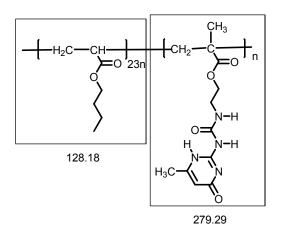
For PBMA-DeUG (5.0 mol %) *Mn* **(18.5 KDa),** 1/20*100% = 5.0 mol %

n*659.73 + 19n*142.20 = 18500

solve equation n = 5.5 (n = 6)

In lap-shear, for each pair, use 10 μL (0.01 mL) 10 mg/mL polymer solution So 0.01 mL*10 mg/mL = 0.1 mg = 0.0001g

 $(0.0001g/18500g/mol)*6 = 32.4*10^{-9}mol = 32$ nmole



For PBA-UPy (4.1 mol %) Mn (38 KDa), 1/24*100% = 4.2 mol %

n*279.29 + 23n*128.18 = 38000

solve equation n = 11.8 (n = 12)

In lap-shear, for each pair, use 10 μL (0.01 mL) 10 mg/mL polymer solution So 0.01 mL*10 mg/mL = 0.1 mg = 0.0001g

 $(0.0001g/38000g/mol)*12 = 31.6*10^{-9}mol = 32$ nmole

Quantitively there are **32-37 nmole** QHB modules in the amount of polymer used for each lap-shear setting which is 7-8 equivalents to the surface coverage of modified glass surface (0.6 nmol/cm², **4.50 nmole** in total for two slides with contact area of $1.5 \text{ cm} \times 2.5 \text{ cm}$). Excessive amount of QHB modules in polymer showed to greatly promote the pairing efficiency, but this will also generate non-specific interactions which should be subtracted when calculating percentage contribution in overall adhesion.

13. Calculation of percentage contribution of QHB modules in overall adhesion

The stress versus extension curve of lap-shear experiment vividly describes the dynamic nature of rupture event. The integration area under the rupture curve was used to calculate the amount of adhesion energy/mechanical work involved in the rupture process. Controls were used to approximate several types of non-specific interactions such as London dispersion and dipole-dipole. Subtracting the energy associated with these non-specific interactions from the overall adhesion, the percentage contribution of specific QHB interaction can be calculated. Adhesion energy/mechanical work was calculated using difference between maximum load at fail and plastic deformation load multiply rupture length, divided by two. Rupture length was defined as difference between position at fail and ending point of plastic deformation of glass slides.

Data set of triethoxyl silane monomers modified surface was chosen for the calculation for the following reasons: (1) it has better surface coverage (2) showed strongest adhesion when using QHB modules modified polymer as adhesion promoters (3) from practical application perspective, it is closest to the of QHB modified polymer systems.

The apparent rupture length x of DAN-DeUG pairs can be calculated as following:

 $2*0.6*10^{-9}$ mole/cm²*(1.5cm*2.5cm) *6.02*10²³*193*10⁻¹²N/pair*x = 0.094 J

 $x = 1.80*10^{-7}m = 180 \text{ nm} = 0.180 \mu\text{m} = 0.000180 \text{ mm}$

0.000180 mm = 180 nm is >> 0.25 nm but

0.000180 mm = 180 nm is << 0.92 mm (rupture length/stressed extension in lap-shear)

This implies that stretching the polymer chain and stretching the QHB pair occur at same time over a quite long stretching process.

Overall adhesion using PS-DAN toward DeUG-tri modified glass surface can be calculated. The adhesion here includes specific DAN-DeUG interaction and non-specific interactions.

Length of plateau: 0.17 mm; rupture length: 0.92 mm

Adhesion/mechanical work of the rupture:

(30.0-1.28)Kg*9.806N/Kg*0.00092m*0.5 = 0.130 J

Specific adhesion = overall adhesion-non-specific adhesion

Specific adhesion = overall adhesion-non-(London dispersion 1)-(London dispersion 2)- (dipole-dipole 1)-(dipole-dipole 2)

Specific adhesion = (0.130-0.004-0.003-0.016-0.013) J = 0.094J

0.094/0.130 = 0.723 = 72.3%

72% of adhesion is come from specific DAN-DeUG interaction.

Theoretical adhesion force between two surfaces

Considering the soft nature of H-bonding interaction and those QHB pairs were stained over quite long period of distance (sub mm scale), using apparent rupture length should be a close approximation.

For DAN-DeUG

Use apparent rupture length calculated: 180 nm

 $F_T^* (180*10^{-9} \text{ m}) = \Delta H^* (2.25*10^{-9} \text{ mol})^* = (28980 \text{J/mol})^* (2.25*10^{-9} \text{ mol})^* = (28980 \text{J/mol})^* = (2898$

Solve equation $F_T = 724.5 \text{ N } (73.9 \text{ Kg})$

Experimental observed average maximum load at fail 29.8 Kg

For UPy-UPy

Use apparent rupture length calculated: 180 nm (assuming the same as DAN-DeUG)

 $F_T^* (180*10^{-9} \text{ m}) = \Delta H^* (2.25*10^{-9} \text{ mol})^2 = (24559 \text{J/mol})^2 (2.25*10^{-9} \text{ mol})^2$

Solve equation $F_T = 614.0 \text{ N} (62.7 \text{ Kg})$

Experimental observed average maximum load at fail 14.2 Kg

14. Calculation of pairing efficiency of QHB modules in Lap-shear

Pairing efficiency for DeUG-DAN complex,

29.8kg/73.9kg* 100% = **40.3** %

Pairing efficiency for UPy-UPy in lap-shear,

14.2kg/62.7kg* 100% = **22.6** %

The pairing efficiency of UPy-UPy is about half of that of the DAN-DeUG, which is reasonable considering UPy could also dimerize itself in polymer.

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