Mechanical Force Cleaves Specific Covalent Bond

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1. Introduction (Mechanochemistry in Polymer)

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Can Mechanical Force Overcome Woodward–Hoffmann Rules?





Hickenboth, C. R.; Moore, J. S.; White, S.; Sottos, N. R.; Baudry, J.; Wilson, S. Nature 2007, 446, 423.

Accepted Mechanism of Polymer Cleavage by Sonication



- Threshold of polymer length: ~30 kDa
- Cleavage point: Center of polymer
- Efficacy of polymer cleavage: ↑sound intensity, ↓solvent temperature, ↓polymer concentration

Ultrasound Cleaves Weak Bond





Berkowski, K. L.; Potisek, S. L.; Hickenboth, C. R.; Moore, J. S. Macromolecules 2005 38, 8975.





Bond "Strength" in Bond Cleavage by Force

	r ₀ [Å]	BDE [kcal/mol]	F _{max} [nN]
н—н	0.743	112.7	8.31
CI—CI	2.045	50.8	4.60
0=0	1.221	121.6	14.89



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Introduction of Prof. Maxwell J. Robb



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Research topic: Polymer Mechanochemistry



Landmark Report



Concept of This Study







Hu, X.; Zeng, T.; Husic, C.; Robb, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2017, 141, 15018.

Chemiluminophore Unit (II)



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Design of Mechanoluminophore



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Experiment Procedure



CO₂Me

CO₂Me

CO₂Me

Luminescence Intensity of Each Sonication Time



Luminescence Intensity After of During Sonication



Mechanoluminescence in Biological Condition



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Summary



Apendix

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