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New Organic materials are finding increasing uses as sensors and detectors with applications for ARO. Many of these bio-molecules cannot be crystallized for study by X-ray crystallography. This research aims to develop new methods of imaging organic materials at sub-nanometer resolution in order to understand and improve their function. An example is the organic molecule DC8,9PC, a diacetylene phospholipid, which changes color when exposed to certain toxins. We have solved this structure by electron diffraction. The material is also used as a high resolution photoresist for nano-lithography.

2. Summary of most important results.

A. A new type of electron microscope has been designed and constructed, which, by operating at very low energy (down to 10 eV) avoids the inner-shell ionization processes which cause most radiation damage to biomolecules. This point-projection field-emission instrument forms coherent in-line Gabor holograms of molecules at about 1nm resolution. Methods for forming the required nanotip field-emitters have successfully been developed. We have used this instrument to successfully record holograms from Tobacco-Mosaic Virus, Purple Membrane (responsible for photosynthesis) and Copper Thalocyanine, and we have reconstructed images from these holograms. New methods of solving the twin-image problem of in-line holography have also been developed. The effects of coating field-emission tips to reduce work function has been studied experimentally. Extensive theoretical work has been done on the problem of extracting structural information with least damage when imaging biomolecules (see refs. below).

B. Damage Thresholds. By measuring the time in seconds it takes Bragg spots to fade out (due to radiation damage) as a function of beam energy in the TEM, we have shown that threshold energies exist. These threshold energies correspond to the main ionization energies of the atoms in the sample. Spots take much longer to fade if the beam energy is less than these threshold energies (eg at 285 eV for the carbon K shell excitation), suggesting ways to determine molecular structure with less damage. Experimentally we have obtained the first ever transmission electron diffraction patterns at energies below the carbon K ionization energy. At very low energies, the range of elastically scattered electrons increases with decreasing energy, and we have reported transmission experiments in this range.

C. Solving organic structures by Transmission Electron Diffraction (TED). We have now solved two important crystal structures by TED. The first is the colorimetric DC8,9PC, a diacetylene phospholipid, which changes color when exposed to certain toxins. Our original aim was to solve this structure with, and without, the toxin attached, in order to understand how it binds. To do this we have used the Direct Methods numerical techniques of X-ray crystallography in order to solve the phase problem of TED. These lipids are light-element thin films of known thickness (two molecular layers thick), highly suitable for this work. The use of the elastic, imaging energy -filter on our Leo 912 Omega electron microscope was crucial to this work. The second structure solved was a new light element carbonate synthesised at ASU Chemistry, consisting of a continuously bonded covalent organic crystal. This work has been submitted for publication. **The significance of this work is that our TED method can deal with the sub-micron crystallite sizes found in many of the new nano-structured materials**, which, especially if radiation sensitive, cannot be solved by conventional methods. Our method combines NMR results with TED and Direct Methods software.

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