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SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

→ This project comprised three components, all relevant to organic surface chemistry.

1) Polymer Surface Functionalization. This research has developed a comprehensive surface chemistry for surface-oxidized low-density polyethylene film, and used the resulting surface-functionalized materials to define the stability and properties of this class of materials. Although the specific results are directly applicable only to polyethylene, the principles and techniques should be widely applicable in organic polymer chemistry.

2) Self-Assembled Organic Monolayer Films. This work has tested methods for making several classes of self-assembled organic monolayer films, and has examined the structures of these films using a range of spectroscopic techniques (especially X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, polarized reflectance infrared spectroscopy, and low-angle X-ray reflection). The best ordered monolayers (which are quasi 2-D crystals) are obtained by reaction of alkyltrichlorosilanes on silicon or chemisorption of alkanethiols on gold.

3) Physical-Organic Chemistry of Wetting. Wetting has been extensively explored as a probe of surface structure and composition. It has useful characteristics that complement the spectroscopic methods: it is very sensitive to surface structure, and responds only to the top ~5 Å of the surface; it is applicable to the solid-liquid interface; it is inexpensive to study. A reasonably sound understanding of static wetting at equilibrium is now in hand; the kinetics of wetting are still being explored. (AUD)

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