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A. Statement of Problem Studied

The object of this research was to devise amphiphilic molecules that would pack into arrangements that had not been previously observed and that would lead through subsequent modification to the formation of smart materials. By establishing the ability to create desired planar lattices, especially acentric ones, through design of the amphiphiles comprising them, it then is possible to create smart monolayer materials. A major aspect of the work is the formulation of syntheses of rigid molecules possessing cross-sections that will yield the desired packing. Introducing chirality into these molecules is another aspect of the research problem. Subsequent to synthesizing the new amphiphiles, the major objectives were the task of forming monolayer films, their deposition on substrates, and their structural characterization through calculation and measurement.

B. Summary of Most Important Results

The project has been successful in the design and synthesis of two new amphiphiles. One is a fused tetracyclic alcohol (TCA) and the other is an alkyl-substituted binaphthyl alcohol (BHBN): The third amphiphile (TNB), a carboxylic acid, was a modification of a trinorborane molecule that had been synthesized in the laboratory of Peter Beak of the University of Illinois-Urbana: The first two are chiral and are produced as racemates. The last amphiphile is not chiral. All three are found to form monolayers on aqueous sub-phase.

While hexagonal packing has been reported for fatty acid amphiphiles, this packing is believed to be more a result of thermal and disordered positional averaging rather than a true hexagonal packing. The TNB deposited as a monolayer on mica is shown by atomic force microscopy (AFM) imaging to form, within error of the measurement, a hexagonal lattice. To obtain the most closely packed geometry, *i.e.* smallest effective area per molecule, it has proven necessary to repeatedly expand and compress the film. This arises because the monolayer

crystal must be annealed so that the TNB molecules will mesh into their "lock-and-key" structure. The unique "lock-and-key" structure of this film obviates the possibility that the hexagonal structure results from disorder or thermal averaging. In fact, it results from exploitation of the cross-sectional geometry of the TNB molecule which itself globally has the shape of a hexagonal unit cell. Local sections of the molecule are more triangular. Nevertheless, the TNB molecule cross-sectional geometry clearly dictates the packing in the planar lattice. This confirms the hypothesis that specific structures of planar lattices can be dictated by deliberate design of molecular geometry.

The BHBN molecule forms monolayers of quite extensive coherence. Formation on the aqueous subphase is normal and the collapse pressure is similar to that of fatty acid films. Langmuir-Blodgett transfer was made onto mica plates. Orientational coherence at least on the order of a square micron were observed by AFM. Translational coherence appears to also be on this scale but cannot be demonstrated conclusively without more detailed diffraction studies. The monolayer formed by the BHBN amphiphile is particularly unusual in that it comprises *two* separate nets. In essence, a single BHBN amphiphile forms two separate but *commensurate* planar lattices. The chiral binaphthyl section of the BHBN must pack in a centered rectangular space group as required of a racemic mixture. However, the hexyl chains are observed to form an oblique (distorted hexagonal) lattice. Because of chemical bonding, the two lattices are formed by the same molecule and are constrained to effect packings which will stay in registry. This provides an entirely new way of viewing packing in two dimensional systems and for the design of multilayer systems.

The TCA molecule displays an unusual surface isotherm. Three phases are indicated to be formed on water. Langmuir-Blodgett transfer of a monolayer on mica was effected for each of the three observed phases. AFM images obtained for each phase differed. The lowest pressure phase image was essentially that of a two-dimensional glass. The intermediate pressure phase was that of a centered rectangular lattice. This phase exhibits large orientational coherence and is completely consistent with a planar lattice that is formed by a racemate. The

image of the high temperature phase is remarkable in that it displays phase separation of regions formed by either of two oblique planar lattices which are mirror images of each other. This provides direct evidence that the TCA is undergoing spontaneous optical resolution in two dimensions and, as such, is its first observation in two-dimensional systems.

Theoretical treatment of these systems has been an important aspect of the research. In particular, atom-atom potential results have proven imperative for the understanding of the packing in BHBN. Further, the calculations have shown that the spontaneous resolution of TCA is consistent with the lattice energetics of the oblique and rectangular phases. The calculations are now well enough developed that they have great predictive value for design of amphiphiles for formation of planar lattices.

These results have impact far beyond monolayer physics and chemistry. It is of particular relevance to other disciplines in which chiral interactions between molecules are significant, such as liquid crystals and biophysics.

C. List of All Publications

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