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MOLECULAR STRUCTURE DETERMINATION VIA ELECTRON DIFFRACTION

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What are the benefits and limitations compared to X-rays? The vast majority of small molecular structures are determined by X-ray diffraction. However, there is growing interest in electron diffraction as a complementary technique to determine structures from samples that are not amenable to conventional X-ray techniques. Here the benefits and limitations of X-ray and electron diffraction are compared and contrasted.