

From these measurements it seems that a dramatic improvement in accuracy of structure factor determination may well result from the effective correction or experimental removal of extinction errors. It is also evident that a successful theoretical correction must take account of quite complicated anisotropic extinction in view of Fig. 3.

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Anomalous Scattering by Oxygen: Measurements on (+)-Tartaric Acid

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The structure of (+)-tartaric acid has been used as a test case to study the feasibility of absolute configuration determinations of compounds in which oxygen is the heaviest atom. Based on about 1100 Ni-filtered Cu $K\alpha$ reflections ($-7 \leq k \leq 7$) measured on a Picker automatic diffractometer the (2R,3R) and (2S,3S) configurations could be refined to $R=0.0228$ and $R=0.0231$ respectively. 94 selected enantiomer sensitive reflections gave $R(2R,3R)=0.0336$ and $R(2S,3S)=0.0374$ ($\Delta f''_O=0.032$). Among the 38 most sensitive Bijvoet differences only one had the incorrect sign. A value of 0.041 (4) for $\Delta f''_O$ (Cu $K\alpha$) was derived from 36 observed Bijvoet differences. Similar measurements with Cr $K\alpha$ radiation also permitted the unequivocal assignment of the correct absolute configuration; however, Cr $K\alpha$ radiation was not found to offer any overall advantage over Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. The cell dimensions used in this study are $a=7.7291$ (5), $b=6.0069$ (2), $c=6.2118$ (3) Å, $\beta=100.147$ (2)° (space group $P2_1$; $Z=2$).

Introduction

In a recent study of (+)-methyl-*p*-tolyl sulfoxide (De la Camp & Hope, 1970) the two enantiomeric structures were refined to $R=0.034$ and $R=0.044$ for the correct and the incorrect enantiomer respectively. This large difference in R indices caused by the anomalous scattering of Cu $K\alpha$ radiation by sulfur ($\Delta f''_S \approx 0.6$) suggested to us that oxygen in a carbon-hydrogen environment might give rise to measurable anomalous scattering effects, assuming the value of $\Delta f''_O$ to lie in the range 0.03 (Zachariasen, 1965) to 0.10 (*International Tables for X-ray Crystallography*, 1962).

Based on available literature data (+)-tartaric acid seemed a reasonable choice for a test case. The molecule is relatively small, the structure was well deter-

mined (Okaya, Stemple & Kay, 1966), there was no doubt about the absolute configuration (Bijvoet, Peerdeman & van Bommel, 1951) and good crystals could be easily obtained. As it turned out the crystals were not as stable under X-ray irradiation as expected, thereby giving rise to some undesirable effects which, however, were not serious enough to thwart a successful outcome.

Preliminary accounts of this work have been given earlier (Hope & de la Camp, 1969; Hope, de la Camp & Thiessen, 1969).

Experimental

From the outset we planned both to investigate the feasibility of absolute configuration determinations

based on anomalous scattering from oxygen, and to establish methods which would in practice permit the determination of unknown absolute configurations. For these reasons we intended to collect diffraction data of very high quality, without departing significantly from standard, automated measuring techniques.

(+)-Tartaric acid crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P2_1$. Because this is a polar space group we decided to collect data for a full hemisphere ($-7 \leq k \leq 7$). Crystals were obtained by evaporation of an aqueous solution. In order to facilitate absorption correction the specimens used for intensity measurements were carefully ground to spheres (estimated eccentricity $< 1\%$). For reasons given below we collected two different Cu $K\alpha$ data sets using a freshly prepared crystal for each set. In addition, we obtained Cr $K\alpha$ data from a third crystal.

A survey of results from this laboratory had indicated that our most satisfactory data sets had been obtained with crystals containing a total of about 5.10^{18} electrons. For tartaric acid this corresponds to a sphere about 0.35 mm in diameter. For the two Cu data sets spheres of 0.375 and 0.300 mm diameter were chosen. The crystals were mounted with arbitrary orientation on a Picker diffractometer equipped with a full-circle goniostat. Intensity data were collected with the diffractometer in automatic mode. Approximate monochromation was attained with a nickel filter (in the diffracted beam for the first data set) and a pulse height analyzer in conjunction with a scintillation detector. The θ - 2θ scan technique was employed with a scan speed (2θ) of 1° min^{-1} and a scan range of $[2\theta(\alpha_1) - 0.9^\circ] - [2\theta(\alpha_2) + 0.9^\circ]$. Stationary background counts of 40 sec duration were taken at each end of the scan. In order to reduce coincidence losses, attenuation filters were inserted in the diffracted beam when the count rate exceeded 10^4 cps. (Without attenuation some peak count rates would have reached about $3 \cdot 10^5$ cps.)

For the first data set the reflections were recorded in the order: positive k ($2\theta < 133^\circ$) first, then all reflections with $2\theta > 133^\circ$ (diffractometer in asymmetric mode) and last, negative k ($2\theta < 133^\circ$). Three monitor reflections were measured at 6-8 hr intervals. Two of these ($2\theta \approx 40^\circ$) showed no systematic variation, whereas the third ($2\theta = 129^\circ$) showed a gradual decline which became discernible about halfway into the data collection, and amounted to nearly 4% at the time of the final measurements. 1170 reflections were recorded. Absorption corrections were applied in conjunction with a standard Lorentz and polarization data reduction. We did not attempt to correct for the decay; because the effect varied so much with 2θ we found no reasonable way of treating it. Careful inspection of the raw data also indicated a minor asymmetry in some scan ranges for which 2θ exceeded 145° , the asymmetry presumably being caused by small errors in the cell dimensions. (For this data set the cell dimensions and setting parameters had been determined from angular measurements with $2\theta < 133^\circ$.)

Even though a refinement based on this first data set proceeded in a satisfactory manner (see below), the two known flaws (decay and missetting) just described led us to collect a second set of data. In order to avoid the missetting problem, cell dimensions were obtained from reflections (12 hkl sets) with 2θ ranging from 140 to 160° . The results are given in Table 1. Decay was diminished by placing the Ni filter in the incident beam, and a later correction was made possible by first measuring all reflections with $2\theta > 133^\circ$ and the remaining ones in order of increasing 2θ . Otherwise, the data col-

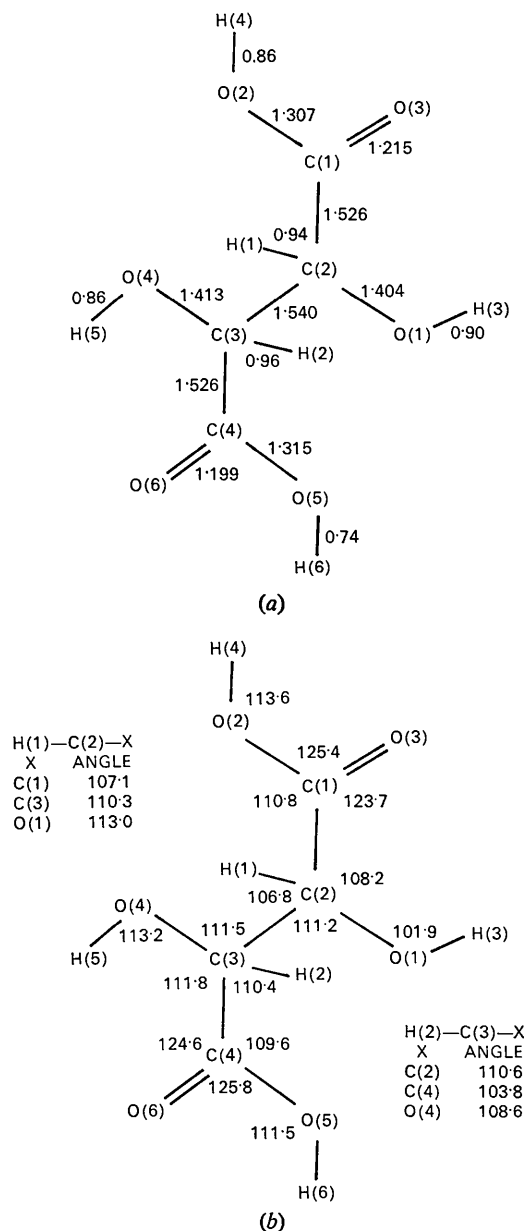


Fig. 1. Molecular geometry. (a) Distances. (b) Angles. E.s.d. are about 0.002 Å for C-C and C-O, about 0.02 for C-H and O-H, about 0.1° for angles involving only C and O, and about $1-2^\circ$ for angles involving H.

lection was carried out as for the first set. As before, the low-angle monitor reflections remained stable, whereas the high-angle one showed a gradual decline in intensity. This time, however, the maximum drop amounted to only 2%. As part of the data reduction, in addition to L_p and absorption corrections ($\mu r = 0.234$) a decay correction as well as a correction for coincidence losses was applied. Each recorded number of counts, N , was assigned an estimated standard deviation $\sigma(N) = [N + (0.009N)^2]^{1/2}$; the factor 0.009 corresponds to the observed variation in monitor reflection intensities. For this data set 1099 unique reflections with $I_o > 3\sigma(I_o)$ were recorded as observed.

Table 1. *Crystallographic data*

Space group: $P2_1$; $Z=2$.			
Cell dimensions			
a	b	c	β
7.7291 (5) Å	6.0069 (2) Å	6.2118 (3) Å;	100.147° (2)*
7.7290 (1)	6.0004 (1)	6.2126 (1)	100.153 (2)†
$\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha_1) = 1.54051 \text{ Å}$			
Absorption coefficients:			
$\mu(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 15.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$			
$\mu(\text{Cr } K\alpha) = 49.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$			
$d = 1.76 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$			

* This work ($t = 24^\circ\text{C}$)† Abrahams, Hamilton & Mathieson (1970) ($t = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

For the Cr $K\alpha$ data (V-filtered) a sphere of diameter 0.275 mm was used. Data collection was carried out as described for the second Cu data set, resulting in about 370 recorded reflections. The monitor reflections showed no systematic variation during the 35 hr it took to perform the measurements.

Evaluation of data

We will use the subscripts '+' and '-' to refer to the absolute configurations (2R,3R) and (2S,3S) respectively. (Absolute configuration notation of Cahn, Ingold & Prelog, 1966). For ease of comparison we have used the atomic numbering system of Okaya *et al.* (1966), with the exception of C(1) and C(2) which had to be interchanged in order to conform with standard chemical numbering (see Fig. 1). The R index is defined as $R = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|$ and the weighted sum of squares of deviations is $S = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sigma^2(F_o)$. The symbol ΔF_{Bij} denotes the Bijvoet difference $F(hkl) - F(\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l})$. Atomic form factors for O and C are $f = f^0 + \Delta f' + i\Delta f''$, where f^0 are the values given by Hanson, Herman, Lea & Skillman (1964). For H the bonded form factor of Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965) was used.

1st Cu data set

Even with the knowledge of the minor flaws in the first data set we considered it suitable for further use.

A full-matrix least-squares refinement starting with the parameters of Okaya *et al.* (1966) proceeded smoothly after application of secondary extinction corrections by the method of Zachariasen (1963). The final R index was 0.0263. In these calculations we used $\Delta f'_o = 0.04$, and ignored $\Delta f'_c$ as well as $\Delta f''$ for both C and O. The value 0.04 was obtained from Hönl's (1933) formula by hand calculation.

A subsequent refinement with $\Delta f'_o = -0.04$ was expected to result in a slightly increased R index. When the actual value turned out to be lower by 0.0008 we were rather puzzled. However, the difficulty was resolved to our satisfaction when we realized that the coordinates of Okaya *et al.* in a righthanded system correspond to the absolute configuration (2S,3S), whereas the absolute configuration of (+)-tartaric acid is (2R,3R) (Bijvoet, Peerdeman & van Bommel, 1951).

The results so far were quite encouraging, but we also felt that a further strengthening of the absolute configuration indication was necessary. For this purpose consideration of only those reflections with the most pronounced anomalous scattering effects has been a commonly used approach. For our data the best criterion for selection of enantiomer sensitive reflections was one based on observability rather than just the magnitude of calculated Bijvoet differences. We chose the function

$$D = (\Delta F_{\text{Bij},c})^2 / \sigma^2(F_o)$$

as an index of observability.

For the 150 reflections with $D > 4.0$ we obtained $R_+ = 0.0328$, $R_- = 0.0353$, and $S_-/S_+ = 1.28$. For the complete data set the ratio S_-/S_+ is 1.034. It is clear from these results that the anomalous scattering effect of oxygen for Cu $K\alpha$ radiation can be used for the determination of absolute configurations. The minor flaws in the data apparently did not prevent a positive outcome. However, because of the delicate nature of the problem we felt that a more thorough analysis with improved data would be valuable.

2nd Cu data set

Before refinement of this data set we programmed Hönl's (1933) formula for a PDP-8 computer, obtaining for the various anomalous scattering correction terms: (Cu $K\alpha$) $\Delta f'_c = 0.019$, $\Delta f''_c = 0.010$, $\Delta f'_o = 0.049$,

Table 2. *Positional parameters for carbon and oxygen*

E.s.d. in parentheses.

	x	y	z
O(1)	0.33806 (12)	-0.03430	0.51085 (14)
O(2)	0.42983 (12)	0.03227 (26)	-0.02153 (16)
O(3)	0.60928 (10)	-0.00747 (25)	0.30138 (15)
O(4)	0.30636 (11)	-0.41881 (24)	0.23403 (14)
O(5)	-0.07754 (12)	-0.08055 (29)	0.17997 (19)
O(6)	-0.02110 (12)	-0.40779 (30)	0.35026 (19)
C(1)	0.46350 (14)	0.00579 (29)	0.19062 (20)
C(2)	0.29375 (14)	-0.01613 (29)	0.28238 (18)
C(3)	0.20057 (14)	-0.22786 (28)	0.18120 (18)
C(4)	0.02167 (15)	-0.25270 (30)	0.25003 (20)

Table 3. Coefficients in the anisotropic temperature factor expression $\exp [-(h^2\beta_{11} + \dots + kl\beta_{23})] \times 10^5$

E.s.d. in parentheses.

	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
O(1)	821 (14)	2279 (34)	1080 (22)	-87 (33)	611 (25)	-694 (43)
O(2)	824 (14)	2549 (38)	1365 (22)	-424 (33)	905 (28)	498 (42)
O(3)	522 (12)	2308 (32)	1687 (25)	-188 (32)	494 (26)	-625 (48)
O(4)	680 (12)	1491 (27)	1179 (21)	284 (31)	477 (25)	-130 (39)
O(5)	583 (13)	2566 (35)	2413 (31)	782 (38)	1076 (31)	1698 (53)
O(6)	945 (16)	2399 (36)	2735 (34)	-145 (43)	1534 (37)	1746 (62)
C(1)	571 (16)	973 (32)	1351 (28)	-281 (35)	621 (32)	-291 (48)
C(2)	496 (16)	1277 (34)	1131 (28)	26 (37)	497 (32)	-174 (52)
C(3)	438 (16)	1331 (33)	925 (27)	63 (37)	298 (33)	76 (47)
C(4)	483 (18)	1707 (39)	1034 (26)	-177 (37)	307 (33)	-12 (51)

$\Delta f''_O = 0.032$; (Cr $K\alpha$) $\Delta f'_C = 0.036$, $\Delta f''_C = 0.021$, $\Delta f'_O = 0.090$, $\Delta f''_O = 0.070$.

Following correction for secondary extinction [$F_{\text{corr}} = F_o(1 + C\beta J_o)^{1/2}$; $C = 5.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$; the symbols are those used by Zachariasen, (1963)] the (2R, 3R) structure refined to $R = 0.0228$ and the (2S, 3S) to $R = 0.0231$. The ratio S_-/S_+ is 1.036.

The final parameters for (2R, 3R) are listed in Tables 2, 3 and 4. A comparison of F_o and F_c is given in Table 5.

Table 4. Positional and thermal parameters for hydrogen

The isotropic temperature factor is $\exp(-B \sin^2\theta/\lambda^2)$.
E.s.d. in parentheses.

	x	y	z	B
H(1)	0.2251 (18)	0.1108 (28)	0.2368 (23)	0.78 (25)
H(2)	0.1728 (20)	-0.2151 (36)	0.0249 (30)	2.10 (33)
H(3)	0.2347 (25)	-0.0059 (39)	0.5527 (32)	2.88 (39)
H(4)	0.5222 (27)	0.0346 (38)	-0.0805 (31)	2.44 (36)
H(5)	0.3446 (24)	-0.4330 (37)	0.3720 (35)	2.93 (39)
H(6)	-0.1589 (27)	-0.0784 (42)	0.2279 (32)	2.98 (43)

Enantiomer sensitive reflections were selected as described above. For the 94 reflections with $D > 3.6$ we obtained $R_+ = 0.0336$, $R_- = 0.0374$ and $S_-/S_+ = 1.28$. For the 13 reflections with $D > 9$ the ratio S_-/S_+ is 1.42. Among the 94 reflections were 38 Bijvoet pairs. Table 6 lists the observed and calculated Bijvoet differences for these pairs. The correlation is generally good, with only one incorrect sign and one $\Delta F_{\text{Bij},o}$ obviously too large. In the first Cu data set there were four incorrect $\Delta F_{\text{Bij},o}$ signs among these same pairs.

At the time of these calculations there were no other theoretical determinations of anomalous scattering terms for first row atoms. It was therefore of interest to attempt a determination of $\Delta f''_O$ from our data. Initially, we adjusted $\Delta f''_O$ to give a minimum for S_+ (in this process we kept the ratio $\Delta f''_O/\Delta f''_C = \lambda_{K,C}^2/\lambda_{K,O}^2$ fixed at 3.55; λ_K is the K absorption edge). Instead of modifying our least-squares program to include $\Delta f''$ as one of the variables we carried out usual refinements for each $\Delta f''_O$ value in the set 0.00, 0.02, ... 0.10, with $S_{+(\text{min})}$ indicated for $\Delta f''_O = 0.05$. We also calculated

S_+ and S_- for the 94 selected reflections, likewise finding a minimum for $\Delta f''_O \approx 0.05$. However, there were indications that this approach is not quite appropriate.

Inspection of the data in Table 5 reveals the interesting observation that $F_o - F_c$ in general is much larger than the corresponding $\Delta F_{\text{Bij},o} - \Delta F_{\text{Bij},c}$ value. This indicates that there are systematic errors which are the same for both members of a Bijvoet pair. We cannot determine the presence of systematic data errors, but we know that there are errors in the model; actual electron distributions are not spherical, and the ellipsoidal approximation for thermal parameters may not be strictly valid, to mention two effects.

We note that for a structure with one anomalous scatterer (or several with known $\Delta f''$ ratios) the relation

$$F_{c,+}^2 - F_{c,-}^2 = 2\varepsilon_2 \Delta f''$$

holds for each Bijvoet pair. (A similar relationship has been used by Parthasarathy, 1962). The structural parameters used to evaluate F_c are those for a 'neutral, structure ($\Delta f'' = 0$) and ε_2 is a constant for the reflection considered. For small $\Delta f''$ this also implies

$$F_{c,+} - F_{c,-} = 2\varepsilon_1 \Delta f'', \text{ or}$$

$$F_{c,+} = F_{c,\text{neutr}} + \varepsilon_1 \Delta f'', \text{ and therefore}$$

$$S_+ = \sum w (F_o - F_{c,\text{neutr}} - \varepsilon_1 \Delta f'')^2$$

which indicates a linear relationship between $S_- - S_+$ and $\Delta f''$. (This linear dependence was exactly satisfied for the S vs. $\Delta f''_O$ calculations described above.)

From these considerations we suggest that for small effects, where atomic parameters are not perceptibly affected by $\Delta f''$ values and where systematic errors may be larger than the Bijvoet differences in question the expression $F_+^2 - F_-^2 = 2\varepsilon_2 \Delta f''$ (or its near equivalent $F_+ - F_- = 2\varepsilon_1 \Delta f''$) are better suited as a basis for a least-squares determination of $\Delta f''$ than is the complete structure factor expression.

We calculated ε_1 for each of the 36 pairs in Table 6 for which $\Delta F_{\text{Bij},o}$ was not obviously in error, and subsequently minimized the function

$$s = \sum (\Delta F_{\text{Bij},o} - 2\varepsilon_1 \Delta f''_O)^2 / 2\sigma^2(F_o)$$

with respect to Δf_o^o , obtaining $\Delta f_o^o = 0.041$ (4), a somewhat better agreement with the calculated value than corresponds to $s=35$, indicating that the assigned $\sigma(F_o)$ values are quite reasonable, in contrast to the indication from the structure refinement, where a 'goodness of fit' of 7 suggests seriously underestimated errors. We interpret this discrepancy as indicating that the assigned $\sigma(F_o)$ are realistic so far as counting statistics are concerned, but that they in no reasonable way reflect the various model errors involved.

Because of the uncertainty in the experimentally

determined Δf_o^o value we found it most appropriate to base the F_o 's in Table 5 on the theoretical Δf_o^o values quoted above. (The minute differences between our values and those presented by Cromer & Liberman (1970) were deemed insignificant in the present context.)

The Cr data

Because of the small number of reflections available the structure could not be successfully refined with the Cr data set. After scaling and secondary extinction correction the parameters from Tables 2, 3 and 4 gave

Table 5. Observed and calculated structure amplitudes

The data are listed in groups with common h and $|k|$. The columns are l , sign of k , $100F_o$, $100F_c$, phase angle ($^\circ$) and $1/\sigma(F_o)$.

Table with multiple columns containing numerical data for observed and calculated structure amplitudes, including indices h, k, l, and various amplitude and phase values.

an R index of 0.057. Among the 68 reflections with $D > 4$ were 28 Bijvoet pairs. Four of the observed Bijvoet differences had the incorrect sign; however, all pairs with $D > 8$ gave the correct sign indication, and also in magnitude the agreement was fairly good.

With Cr $K\alpha$ radiation the Bijvoet differences (in $|F|$) are about twice as large as for Cu $K\alpha$; in a few cases ΔF_{Bij} amounts to about 10% in $|F|$, which of course is quite readily observable.

The molecular structure

The molecular geometry determined by Okaya *et al.* (1966) is in excellent agreement with ours (see Fig. 1). The largest difference in an interatomic distance, in terms of their e.s.d.'s, corresponds to about 2σ , and most of the differences in bond angles are negligible.

The thermal parameters, however, show larger relative discrepancies. Part of the difference most likely results from the use of different form factors. In addition, the absorption corrections employed by Okaya *et al.* seem to have been based on an incorrect value of μ_r (0.8 instead of 0.4), which would also give rise to a systematic difference in the temperature factors.

Comparison with the parameters from an 'Intensity measurement project' (Hamilton & Abrahams, 1970) does not seem appropriate, since those results were based on incomplete data.

Conclusions

This study has demonstrated conclusively that absolute configurations can be reliably determined from the anomalous scattering effects of oxygen, using either Cu $K\alpha$ or Cr $K\alpha$ radiation. Assuming diffractometer data of good quality, we feel that it will often be possible to obtain the absolute configuration with no measurements in addition to those required for the structure determination (*e.g.* Neidle & Rogers, 1970; Thiessen & Hope, 1970).

Cr $K\alpha$ radiation in general does not offer any particular advantage over Cu $K\alpha$ radiation; drawbacks associated with the relatively small number of reflections available (about one-third of the Cu $K\alpha$ sphere) and the absorption problems encountered tend to cancel the benefits of the potentially more pronounced effects.

The method used by us for determination of $\Delta f''_O$ from observed ΔF_{Bij} seemed the most convenient for our data. However, if only a relatively small number of Bijvoet pairs have been measured, the use of $\Delta I_{\text{Bij}}/I$ ratios (Parthasarathy, 1962; Zachariasen, 1965) as the basis for a least-squares calculation may be safer, particularly where absorption corrections have not been made, since it essentially eliminates scaling problems.

The present data clearly are not precise enough to provide a good test of the accuracy of the calculated $\Delta f''_O$ value. However, with very careful measurements of Bijvoet differences for a set of selected reflections

Table 6. *Observed and calculated ΔF_{Bij}*

Two pairs marked with * were not used in the evaluation of $\Delta f''_O$ (see text).

h	k	$100\Delta F_{\text{Bij}}$		h	k	$100\Delta F_{\text{Bij}}$		h	k	$100\Delta F_{\text{Bij}}$				
		obs	calc			obs	calc			obs	calc			
0	4	2	-16	-6	3	3	-6	-10	-6	5	3	-3	6	7
1	1	-7	-9	-6	3	3	-5	-4	-5	5	4	-5	9	6
1	1	5	-9	-6	3	3	-3	-8	-5	6	1	-2	12	7
1	6	-3	5	4	3	4	-3	-4	-4	6	2	4	-3	-3
1	6	3	5	4	3	4	3	-8	-5	6	4	0	-8	-3
2	1	-7	-5	-5	*4	2	-7	-12	3	6	5	-2	7	5
2	1	3	7	5	4	3	-6	-5	4	7	1	3	7	5
2	1	7	1	3	4	3	-3	-8	-7	7	2	-6	-6	-4
2	2	-7	5	4	*4	4	0	-31	-7	7	3	1	7	4
2	3	-4	-2	-5	4	5	-3	7	9	7	3	2	5	6
2	3	2	6	8	5	1	-4	13	5	8	1	-5	-5	-3
2	3	6	5	3	5	1	-2	-5	-4	8	1	1	7	5
2	6	1	-8	-7	5	1	1	-10	-6					

it should be possible to lower the e.s.d. in $\Delta f''_O$ from the present 0.004 to, say, 0.001, although for the results to be meaningful at this level it will also be necessary to eliminate most of the systematic errors in the evaluation of the temperature factors, since the magnitude of $\Delta F_{\text{Bij},c}$ depends on these parameters.

Presumably the most accurate determinations of Bijvoet differences can be obtained from measurements of $hkl-\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l}$ pairs. Our main reason for measuring hkl and $\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l}$ rather than exact Friedel pairs was one involving setting efficiency for the diffractometer.

Moncrief & Sims (1969) have developed an experimental method for relative absorption correction of individual reflections, which may be necessary for instruments which do not permit the observation of both hkl and $\bar{h}\bar{k}\bar{l}$ reflections with one crystal mounting. Ordinarily, however, for instruments with full 3- or 4-circle geometry this complication can of course be avoided.

The dependence of S_-/S_+ on the magnitude of $\Delta f''$ poses an intriguing question regarding the use of Hamilton's (1965) R ratio significance test. It seems that unless one is certain about the accuracy of the $\Delta f''$ values used the significance of a given R ratio may be somewhat dubious.

In order to determine whether the absolute configuration of a molecule containing only C, N and H could be established by X-ray methods we performed a model calculation, assuming a formula $C_7N_3H_6$ and the same $\sigma(F)$ as in the second Cu data set. The results strongly suggest that a number of observable Bijvoet differences sufficient for a satisfactory result can be expected. In a similar way we have found that the determination of the absolute configuration of a hydrocarbon with present methods is beyond reach.

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Theoretical Determination of the Geometrical Form of the Crystal of Anthracene

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The form of a crystal of anthracene was determined by calculating from the atom-atom potentials the surface energies of all planes having simple indices and by drawing out a Wulff plot. Good agreement is obtained between the theoretical form and that of real crystals grown from solution.

Introduction

The relationship between the internal structure of a crystal and its external habit was first expressed by A. Bravais, who emphasized the importance of crystal planes of high density. The significance of the atomic array in determining crystal habit was then shown by Kossel (1928), Stranski (1928), Hartman (1958) and others. There were also several attempts at correlating crystal habit with surface free energy when plotted in spherical coordinates [Wulff's plot or 'γ plot' (Wulff, 1901; Yamada, 1924; Herring, 1950)]. Hartman & Perdok (1955) introduced the periodic bond chain method which serves as a preliminary investigation before an exact calculation of surface energy is carried out. Wulff & Gualtieri (1962) showed that differences between experimental and derived habits yield specific information with regard to the nature of adsorption, surface lattice deformation, and the character of bonding. In all this work there was no possibility of the calculation of exact values of surface energy since a method of calculating the internal forces was lacking. The introduction in chemical organic crystallography of the method of atom-atom potentials made possible the calculation of several properties (Kitaigorodsky, 1970). In this work the exact values of surface energy have been calculated and the geometrical form of the crystal of anthracene has been derived. Anthracene was chosen as it has a simple molecule containing only

carbon and hydrogen atoms, the interactions of which are known. Moreover the structure is known to a high degree of accuracy.

Calculation of the potential energy of nucleation

Any crystallization operation can be considered to consist of three steps:

- (1) achievement of supersaturation.
- (2) formation of crystal nuclei,
- (3) growth of crystals,

The formation of crystal nuclei is a difficult process: not only do the constituent molecules have to coagulate, resisting the tendency to redissolve, but they have to become orientated into a fixed lattice. Most probably, the mechanism of nucleation is as follows: minute structures are formed, first from the collision of two molecules, then from that of a third with the pair, and so on. Short chains or flat monolayers may be formed initially and eventually the lattice structure is built up. The most probable factor that influences the choice of molecules for coagulation is the binding energy.

For simplicity of calculating the potential energy of nucleation, the following model was assumed.

- (a) The initial state is an ideal gas.
- (b) Molecules are arranged from the very beginning according to the crystal lattice but not necessarily