

# The Structure of 3,4,5-Trichlorotetracyclo[4.4.0.0<sup>3,9</sup>.0<sup>4,8</sup>]decan-2-one, a Novel Cage Molecule

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The crystal structure of the novel cage molecule, 3,4,5-trichlorotetracyclo[4.4.0.0<sup>3,9</sup>.0<sup>4,8</sup>]decan-2-one,  $C_{10}H_9Cl_3O$ , has been determined from automatic diffractometer data. The structure was refined by anisotropic least squares to a final  $R$  value of 7.3% for 1168 observed reflections. The space group is  $P2_1/c$  with  $Z=4$  and cell dimensions  $a=7.562$ ,  $b=13.183$ ,  $c=10.233$  Å,  $\beta=94.40^\circ$ . All hydrogen atoms were found and their positions refined. The almost spherical molecules are arranged in hexagonal close-packing, with the pseudo-hexagonal layers parallel to (001). The thermal parameters were analyzed for rigid body motion and gave nearly isotropic translational and rotational tensors, corresponding to r.m.s. amplitudes of 0.2 Å and 3.4°, respectively.

## Introduction

A novel cage system with the chemical composition  $C_{10}H_9Cl_3O$  was recently reported by Stedman, Miller & Hoover (1966), who concluded from the method of synthesis and spectral data that the new compound was most likely the 3,4,5-trichlorotetracyclo[4.4.0.0<sup>3,9</sup>.0<sup>4,8</sup>]decan-2-one shown in Fig. 1. The conformation of the C-Cl bond on C(5) was not known. The crystal structure was determined in order to verify the configuration of the cage, to clarify the stereochemistry at C(5), and to obtain detailed information about the geometry of the molecule.

## Crystal data

The crystals were grown by Mrs L.S. Miller of the Smith Kline and French Laboratories in a form suitable for the structure determination. The space group was determined by means of precession photographs

with Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. The lattice constants were measured on a Picker automated single-crystal diffractometer, with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation, and refined by least squares. The density was measured by the flotation method.

3,4,5-Trichlorotetracyclo[4.4.0.0<sup>3,9</sup>.0<sup>4,8</sup>]decan-2-one,  $C_{10}H_9Cl_3O$ , M.W. 251.54.

Monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ , from systematic absences:  $h0l$  absent for  $l=2n+1$ ,  $0k0$  absent for  $k=2n+1$ .

$$Z=4$$

$a=7.562$  ( $\sigma=0.002$ ),  $b=13.183$  ( $\sigma=0.004$ ),  $c=10.233$  ( $\sigma=0.003$ ) Å.

$\beta=94.40$  ( $\sigma=0.03$ )°.

$D_m=1.683$  ( $\sigma=0.007$ ) g.cm<sup>-3</sup>

$D_x=1.643$  g.cm<sup>-3</sup>

$\mu_{Cu\ K\alpha}=77.89$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

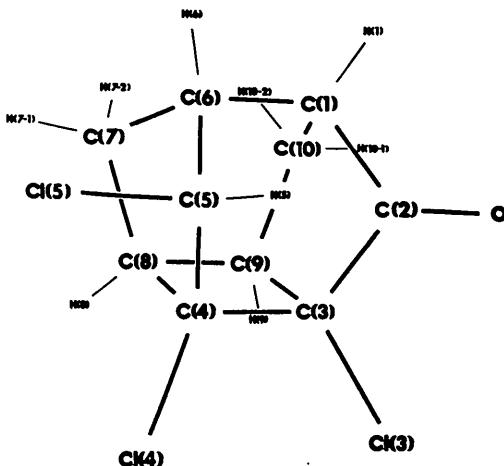
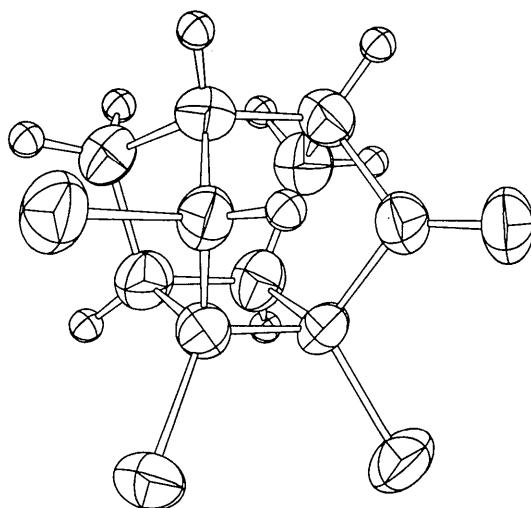


Fig. 1. View of the molecule, and identification of the atoms.















