

Table 3. Observed structure factors ( $\times 10$ ) for 5-bromobenzofurazan-1-oxide

L=0	H K	FO	H K	FO	H K	FO	H K	FO	H K	FO	H K	FO	H K	FO
	6 4	96	2 6	161	-3 1	1439	3 4	75	-6 1	132	2 3	379		
	6 5	157	3 0	1088	-3 2	346	3 5	297	-6 2	460	2 5	210		
0 2	773	7 1	305	3 1	373	-3 3	687	4 1	921	-6 3	77	3 2	121	
0 4	605	7 2	133	3 2	953	-3 4	48	4 2	222	-6 4	271	3 3	339	
0 6	129	7 3	131	3 3	134	-3 5	243	4 3	530	-6 5	91	3 4	116	
1 1	461	7 4	100	3 4	382	-4 2	247	4 5	196	-7 1	51	3 5	169	
1 2	232	7 5	80	3 6	198	-5 0	1052	5 2	475	-7 2	76	4 1	139	
1 3	147	7 6	97	4 1	200	-5 1	226	5 3	103	-7 3	186	4 4	254	
1 4	162	8 0	368	4 2	120	-5 2	823	5 4	253	-7 4	155	5 1	279	
1 5	232	8 2	293	4 3	291	-5 4	199	5 6	92	-8 0	260	5 2	440	
1 6	124	8 3	52	4 5	229	-6 1	178	6 2	489	-8 1	422	5 4	239	
1 7	90	8 4	216	5 1	214	-6 3	134	6 4	271	-8 2	31	5 6	173	
2 0	301	8 5	56	5 1	912	-7 1	500	6 6	82	-8 3	216	7 2	138	
2 2	137	8 6	65	5 3	604	-7 3	351	7 3	186	-8 5	92	7 3	302	
2 3	674	9 2	52	5 5	157	-7 4	109	7 5	131	-9 4	65	8 2	73	
2 5	275	9 3	165	6 1	124	-7 5	115	-1 1	426	-9 5	63	9 1	107	
2 6	67	10 0	93	6 2	149	-9 2	266	-1 2	236	-10 0	284	9 2	273	
3 1	227	10 1	259	6 4	128			-1 3	402	-10 1	63	11 3	158	
3 2	597	10 2	96	7 0	614			-1 4	175	-10 2	159	-1 4	1047	
3 3	316	10 5	52	7 1	89	L=2		-1 5	143	-10 4	91	-1 4	140	
3 4	291	11 3	40	7 2	464	0 2	288	-2 2	533	-11 3	91	-1 5	233	
3 5	136	12 0	170	7 4	155	0 3	490	-2 3	149	-12 0	64	-2 1	153	
3 6	148			8 1	97	0 4	200	-2 4	527	-12 1	91	-2 2	76	
4 0	1293	L=1		8 3	167	0 5	287	-2 5	83	-12 2	63	-3 0	852	
4 1	325			9 1	234	1 1	785	-3 1	113		-3 1	347		
4 2	585	0 1	223	9 3	288	1 2	169	-3 2	203	L=3	-3 2	797		
4 3	40	0 2	214	10 2	161	1 3	103	-3 3	329		-3 3	176		
4 4	415	0 3	370	11 0	162	1 4	237	-3 5	122	0 1	222	-3 4	235	
4 6	98	0 4	242	11 2	200	1 5	102	-3 6	92	0 2	344	-4 1	157	
5 1	139	0 5	261	-1 2	1420	1 6	183	-4 0	384	0 4	226	-5 0	291	
5 2	257	0 6	159	-1 3	189	2 1	686	-4 1	774	0 5	191	-5 1	559	
5 3	237	1 0	92	-1 4	282	2 2	854	-4 2	278	0 6	111	-5 2	210	
5 4	113	1 1	399	-1 6	163	2 3	149	-4 3	516	1 1	209	-5 3	307	
5 5	199	1 2	56	-2 1	47	2 4	413	-4 5	176	1 2	374	-5 4	126	
5 6	120	1 5	142	-2 2	259	2 5	75	-5 1	507	1 3	335	-5 1	185	
6 0	216	2 1	310	-2 3	233	2 6	159	-5 2	103	1 4	156	-7 2	243	
6 1	713	2 3	186	-2 4	187	3 1	185	-5 3	207	1 5	103	-8 1	100	
6 2	59	2 4	386	-2 5	240	3 2	143	-5 5	156	1 6	132	-9 0	94	
6 3	427	2 5	277	-3 0	584	3 3	183	-6 0	386	2 2	144	-9 1	181	

Waals distances except the  $N(2)\cdots X$  distances of 3.14 and 3.20 Å in the bromo and chloro compounds, respectively; these should be compared with the expected van der Waals distances of 3.45 and 3.30 Å, respectively. The distance in the chloro compound, by itself, might not be convincing, but the distance in the bromo compound is significantly shorter than the van der Waals distance and moreover is shorter than the dis-

tance in the chloro compound, which would not be expected in the absence of any interaction.

Table 4. Interatomic distances between molecules

Distance	Atoms	$BrC_6H_3N_2O_2$	$ClC_6H_3N_2O_2$
<i>a</i>	X-N(2)	3.14 Å	3.20 Å
<i>b</i>	X-O(2)	3.69	3.66
<i>c</i>	X-O(1)	3.92	3.74
<i>d</i>	X-C(6)	4.15	4.05
<i>e</i>	C(5)-O(2)	3.58	3.59
<i>f</i>	C(5)-O(1)	3.99	3.96
<i>g</i>	C(3)-O(1)	3.64	3.53
<i>h</i>	N(2)-O(1)	4.20	3.87

It appears to us that this specific acid-base interaction,  $N\cdots X$ , provides a likely explanation for the difference in packing between the halogen compounds and the corresponding methyl compound. What is surprising about the situation is that the melting points of these three compounds, Br, 69; Cl, 48;  $CH_3$ , 98°C, taken by themselves would seem to indicate stronger interactions in the methyl compound than in the other two. We can offer no explanation for this anomaly.

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## The Crystal Structure of 5,6-Dichlorobenzofurazan-1-oxide

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5,6-Dichlorobenzofurazan-1-oxide is monoclinic with  $a=11.609$  (19),  $b=8.956$  (15),  $c=7.355$  (12) Å, and  $\beta=96.2$  (1)°, with four molecules in the unit cell. The measured density is 1.80 (2) g.cm<sup>-3</sup>; the calculated density is 1.790 (5) g.cm<sup>-3</sup>. The space group is  $C2/c$  ( $C_2^6$ ). The molecules are disordered with the pseudo-twofold axis of the molecule approximately aligned with the twofold axis in the crystal. The disorder precludes any accurate determination of the molecular parameters. The molecules lie in sheets parallel to the (10 $\bar{1}$ ) plane, and, within the sheets, in rows parallel to *b*. The  $O\cdots Cl$  contacts within the rows are approximately normal, near 3.2 Å. There is one short intermolecular distance in the structure, an  $O\cdots C$  distance of 3.16 or 3.33 Å depending on the disorder.

#### Introduction

Several years ago two of us (JH and LMT) undertook to determine the structure of 5,6-dichlorobenzofuroxan

(=5,6-dichlorobenzofurazan-1-oxide) in order to determine the configuration of the benzofuroxan ring. This work was set aside when the completed structure determination of 5-chlorobenzofuroxan (Britton & Noland,

1962) answered the same question. With the later recognition that there was a short intermolecular N...Cl contact in the 5-chlorobenzfuroxan, it was decided that the packing and intermolecular contacts of the dichloro compound were of sufficient interest to justify the completion of the structure determination. [See also the introductions to the two preceding papers (Britton & Noland, 1972; Britton, Hardgrove, Hegstrom & Nelson, 1972)].

### Experimental

5,6-Dichlorobenzfuroxan was prepared by hypochlorite oxidation of 4,5-dichloro-2-nitroaniline. Since then much the same preparation has been described by Mallory, Manatt & Wood (1965). Roughly cubic crystals 0.6 to 0.8 mm on an edge were examined by precession photographs using Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$ ) and were found to be monoclinic with  $a = 11.609(19)$ ,  $b = 8.956(15)$ ,  $c = 7.355(12) \text{ \AA}$ , and  $\beta = 96.2(1)^\circ$ . The errors are the one part in 600 we estimate to be the limit of this method. The calculated density of  $1.790(5) \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$  for  $Z = 4$  agrees well with the experimental density of  $1.80(2) \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$  determined by flotation. Systematic extinctions ( $hkl$ ,  $h+k=2n+1$ ;  $h0l$ ,  $l=2n+1$ ) show the space group to be either  $Cc$  ( $C_2^4$ ) or  $C2/c$  ( $C_{2h}^6$ ). The eventual structure determination suggests that the latter is correct; this is discussed at length below.

Intensity data were collected using precession photographs of  $0kl-4kl$ ,  $h0l-h3l$ ,  $hhl$ , and  $h,2h,l$ . The intensities were measured by visual comparison with an intensity standard, and put on a common scale by comparison of all reflections common to two or more films. There were 482 independent reflections of measurable intensity. These were corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors\* but not for absorption. The linear absorption coefficient for Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation is  $8.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  so that  $\mu R$  is approximately 0.3. At the time the data were collected absorption corrections were not routinely made under these circumstances and the lack of an accurate record of the size and shape of the crystal precludes making them now.

### Solution and refinement

The structure was solved approximately from examination of a three-dimensional Patterson map, which appeared to show that a molecule with twofold symmetry lay along the twofold axis of the crystal (space group  $C2/c$ ). This required the molecules to be disordered, and was slightly surprising since there was nothing in the photographs, either in terms of abnormal streaks or spot shapes or of unusually rapid decline in intensity that had suggested disorder. The other possibility was that the molecules were ordered in space group  $Cc$  but happened by coincidence to have the

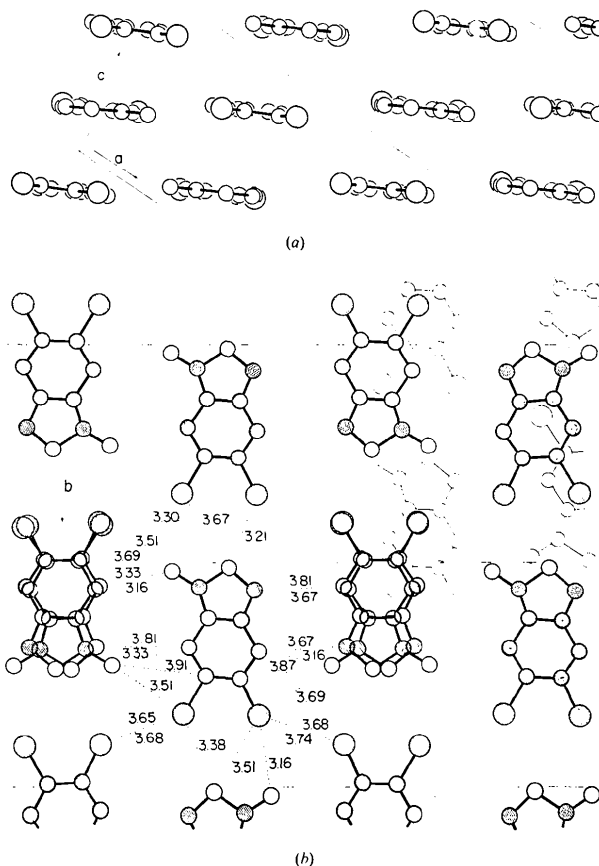


Fig. 1. The crystal structure of 5,6-dichlorobenzfuroxan-1-oxide. (a) Projection along  $b$ . Only one of the disordered molecules is shown at each position. (b) Projection perpendicular to the planes of molecules apparent in the top projection, *i.e.* perpendicular to  $(10\bar{1})$ . Short intermolecular distances are given in  $\text{\AA}$ . To the left and right of the central molecule both of the disordered orientations are shown superimposed. For the other molecules only one of the two orientations is shown. In the upper right-hand corner some molecules in the next layer are also shown.

pseudo-twofold axis of the molecule approximately parallel to  $b$ . Refinement was tried, more-or-less successfully, in both space groups, refining individual atomic parameters, but the choice between the two alternatives was not clear. The problem was set aside again at this point to wait for the accurate determination of the molecular dimensions of a model compound and the availability of a group refinement program.

For the group refinement the intramolecular dimensions of the light atoms were assigned to be the same as those in 5-methylbenzfuroxan [without libration corrections (see the preceding paper Britton & Noland, 1972)], except that the molecule was made exactly planar, and the chlorine atoms were placed so that the C-Cl distance was  $1.705 \text{ \AA}$ , the Cl...Cl distance was  $3.12 \text{ \AA}$ , and the  $C_2Cl_2$  group had  $2/m$  symmetry. These chlorine distances are based on the results of Rudman (1971).

\* The programs used were the same as those used in the two preceding papers;  $R$  and  $r$  have the same definitions.



rows, 3·16, 3·21, 3·30 or 3·51 Å, are not unusually short compared with the normal van der Waals O···Cl distance of 3·20 Å. In the chloro- and bromobenzfuroxans short N···X distances were found. It was our expectation that similar short N···X distances would be found here, but the packing precludes any N···Cl contacts, and replaces them with normal O···Cl contacts. There is one unusually short intermolecular contact, O(1)···C(3)–3·16 Å or O(1)···C(6)–3·33 Å, depending on the disorder. However, these distances are similar to those Donohue (1968) has discussed in detail and rejected as O···H–C hydrogen bonds. In view of the additional uncertainty due to the disorder, there is no reason to regard this as other than an accidentally short distance. It should be mentioned that the refinement in the ordered, acentric arrangement still leaves this distance short, at 3·12 Å. Generally the packing is similar for both the ordered and disordered models; there are no special features in one that are not in the other as well, so that the packing does not appear to favor

one arrangement over the other, and we are left accepting the evidence of the *r* values as the deciding factor in favor of disorder.

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### The Crystal Structure of 5-Iodobenzfuran-1-oxide

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5-Iodobenzfuran-1-oxide is monoclinic with  $a=10\cdot413$  (17),  $b=19\cdot787$  (33),  $c=7\cdot596$  (13) Å, and  $\beta=103\cdot4$  (1)°, eight molecules in the unit cell, space group  $P2_1/c$  ( $C_{2h}^2$ ). The structure was solved using film data. Refinement using both film and counter data led to results with large standard deviations in the positional parameters. The final refinement of the diffractometer data, treating the molecules as rigid groups and allowing for anisotropic thermal motion only for the iodine atoms, led to a conventional *R* value of 0·134. The molecules lie in two independent chains parallel to **b**. In each chain there is a short O···I intermolecular contact of about 3·1 Å.

#### Introduction

With the recognition that short intermolecular N···X distances are found in crystalline 5-chloro- and 5-bromobenzfuroxan (see Britton, Hardgrove, Hegstrom & Nelson, 1972) and knowing that the O···I interaction in *p*-iodonitrosobenzene is strong enough that the molecules occur as loosely polymerized monomers in the crystal rather than as the dimers that are more common with nitroso compounds (Webster, 1956), we have determined the crystal structure of 5-iodobenzfuroxan (= 5-iodobenzfuran-1-oxide), primarily in order to determine the packing.

#### Experimental

5-Iodobenzfuroxan was prepared by J. B. Hanson and W. E. Noland by the oxidation of 4-iodo-2-nitroaniline with sodium hypochlorite in basic solution in etha-

nol at 0°C. The precipitate was recrystallized from an ethanol/water mixture and then sublimed to give crystals suitable for diffraction studies. The melting point of the sublimed crystals was 72 to 73°C; the infrared spectrum was very similar to that of 5-chlorobenzfuroxan; the analysis was: calculated for  $IC_6H_3N_2O_2$ ; C, 27·50; H, 1·15; N, 10·69; found: C, 27·59; H, 1·23; N, 10·87.

The crystals were examined by Weissenberg and precession photographs and found to be monoclinic, with  $a=10\cdot413$  (17),  $b=19\cdot787$  (33),  $c=7\cdot596$  (13) Å and  $\beta=103\cdot4$  (1)°. The errors are those we normally associate with the precession method. Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0\cdot7107$  Å) was used for all of the data collection, film or diffractometer. Assuming  $Z=8$ , we calculate a molecular volume of  $190\cdot3$  Å<sup>3</sup>, which compares well with the molecular volumes of the chloro and bromo analogs, 176·1 and 185·5 Å<sup>3</sup>, respectively (Britton & Noland, 1962). Systematic extinctions ( $h0l$ ,  $l=2n+1$ ;