

factor in the form  $-(\frac{1}{4}) \sum_{ij} B_{ij} h_i h_j (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j^*)$ , where a factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  must not be overlooked when going from the  $b_{ij}$  to the  $B_{ij}$  when  $i \neq j$ . Similarly, when  $i=j, k=l$ , each element of the covariance matrix  $\text{cov}(B_{ij}, B_{kl})$  follows directly from the related element of  $\text{cov}(b_{ij}, b_{kl})$ , but when  $i=j$  and  $k \neq l$ , or when  $i \neq j$  and  $k=l$  an additional factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  must be used, and a factor  $\frac{1}{4}$  when  $i \neq j$  and  $k \neq l$ . In addition to transforming to main axes, we divide by  $8\pi^2$ , which yields the diagonal matrix  $U_{ij}$ . The values of the  $U_{ii}$  and of the directional cosines of these eigenvectors relative to the crystallographic axes are:

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
$U_{11}=0.02139 \text{ \AA}^2$	$U_{11} - 0.0586$	$0.8801$	$0.0204$
$U_{22}=0.02285$	$U_{22} 0.9359$	$-0.4692$	$0.3441$
$U_{33}=0.07161$	$U_{33} 0.3474$	$0.0730$	$-0.9387$

Note that these eigenvectors should form a right-handed system of axes for a proper connection with the sense of rotation around these eigenvectors.

The covariance matrix of the  $U_{ij}$  follows from that of the  $B_{ij}$  by equations (1) and (2). The result is given in the middle of Table 1. The final covariances between the  $V_i$  and  $V_j$ , the  $V_i$  and  $\alpha_j$ , and the  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$ , are shown in the bottom matrix of Table 1. The units for the different terms just enumerated are, respec-

tively,  $\text{\AA}^4$ ,  $\text{\AA}^2$ .radian, and  $\text{radian}^2$ . Considering just the square roots of the diagonal terms of this matrix we find

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= 0.0214 \pm 0.0006 \text{ \AA}^2 & \sigma(\alpha_1) &= \pm 0.7^\circ \\ V_2 &= 0.0228 \pm 0.0007 & \sigma(\alpha_2) &= \pm 0.7 \\ V_3 &= 0.0716 \pm 0.0010 & \sigma(\alpha_3) &= \pm 19. \end{aligned}$$

Of special note is the relatively large value of the standard deviation associated with  $\alpha_3$ , which reflects the near equality of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . We emphasize, however, that these standard deviations alone do not give the complete story, because the covariances are by no means negligible.

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## The Crystal Structure of Benzamide

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The structure of benzamide has been refined using counter-measured intensity data (1037 planes). Libration corrections have been applied to the full-matrix least-squares refined parameters. The principal interatomic distances are C–C (mean benzene ring) 1.391 (5), C–O 1.249 (3), C–N 1.342 (3) and C–C (carboamide) 1.501(4) Å.

#### Previous work

Earlier determinations of the crystal structure of benzamide have been reported, by Penfold & White (1959) and Blake & Small (1959). Both of these were based upon two-dimensional photographically recorded data and are consequently, by present day standards, of limited accuracy. The results reported here are of a recent refinement making use of more extended experi-

mental data collected at the Chemistry Department, University of Birmingham.

#### Experimental

An evenly developed crystal of mean dimension 0.2 mm was grown from benzene solution and used for the experimental measurements. The crystal was mounted on the three-circle diffractometer of Small &

Table 1. *Observed and calculated structure factors*

h	k	l	F <sub>o</sub>	F <sub>c</sub>
1	0	0	100	100
2	0	0	400	400
3	0	0	900	900
4	0	0	1600	1600
5	0	0	2500	2500
6	0	0	3600	3600
7	0	0	4900	4900
8	0	0	6400	6400
9	0	0	8100	8100
10	0	0	10000	10000
11	0	0	12100	12100
12	0	0	14400	14400
13	0	0	16900	16900
14	0	0	19600	19600
15	0	0	22500	22500
16	0	0	25600	25600
17	0	0	28900	28900
18	0	0	32400	32400
19	0	0	36100	36100
20	0	0	40000	40000
21	0	0	44100	44100
22	0	0	48400	48400
23	0	0	52900	52900
24	0	0	57600	57600
25	0	0	62500	62500
26	0	0	67600	67600
27	0	0	72900	72900
28	0	0	78400	78400
29	0	0	84100	84100
30	0	0	90000	90000
31	0	0	96100	96100
32	0	0	102400	102400
33	0	0	108900	108900
34	0	0	115600	115600
35	0	0	122500	122500
36	0	0	129600	129600
37	0	0	136900	136900
38	0	0	144400	144400
39	0	0	152100	152100
40	0	0	160000	160000
41	0	0	168100	168100
42	0	0	176400	176400
43	0	0	184900	184900
44	0	0	193600	193600
45	0	0	202500	202500
46	0	0	211600	211600
47	0	0	220900	220900
48	0	0	230400	230400
49	0	0	240100	240100
50	0	0	250000	250000
51	0	0	260100	260100
52	0	0	270400	270400
53	0	0	280900	280900
54	0	0	291600	291600
55	0	0	302500	302500
56	0	0	313600	313600
57	0	0	324900	324900
58	0	0	336400	336400
59	0	0	348100	348100
60	0	0	360000	360000
61	0	0	372100	372100
62	0	0	384400	384400
63	0	0	396900	396900
64	0	0	409600	409600
65	0	0	422500	422500
66	0	0	435600	435600
67	0	0	448900	448900
68	0	0	462400	462400
69	0	0	476100	476100
70	0	0	490000	490000
71	0	0	504100	504100
72	0	0	518400	518400
73	0	0	532900	532900
74	0	0	547600	547600
75	0	0	562500	562500
76	0	0	577600	577600
77	0	0	592900	592900
78	0	0	608400	608400
79	0	0	624100	624100
80	0	0	640000	640000
81	0	0	656100	656100
82	0	0	672400	672400
83	0	0	688900	688900
84	0	0	705600	705600
85	0	0	722500	722500
86	0	0	739600	739600
87	0	0	756900	756900
88	0	0	774400	774400
89	0	0	792100	792100
90	0	0	810000	810000
91	0	0	828100	828100
92	0	0	846400	846400
93	0	0	864900	864900
94	0	0	883600	883600
95	0	0	902500	902500
96	0	0	921600	921600
97	0	0	940900	940900
98	0	0	960400	960400
99	0	0	980100	980100
100	0	0	1000000	1000000

Travers (1961) and the unit-cell dimensions were obtained from measurements of the  $\theta$  values of all observable orders of 100, 010, 001, 101 and 10 $\bar{1}$  using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=1.542$  Å). The following results were obtained:

$$a = 5.607 (2) \text{ \AA}$$

$$b = 5.046 (2)$$

$$c = 22.053 (8)$$

$$\beta = 90.66 (3)^\circ$$

$$D_{\text{obs}} = 1.289 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Space group } P2_1/c; Z=4.$$

Using the same apparatus and radiation, 1037 integrated intensities were measured for which  $\theta < 82^\circ$ .

#### Refinement of the structural parameters

The starting point of the refinement was a set of positional parameters taken from one of the determina-

tions already referred to (Small & Blake, 1959). Isotropic  $B$  values of  $3.50 \text{ \AA}^2$  were used initially. These parameters were refined using the full-matrix anisotropic least-squares program *FMLS* of Bracher & Taylor (1967) which has been adapted for use on the ICL 1909 computer at Lancaster University. For these and all subsequent calculations, the atomic scattering factors listed in *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1962) were used. At first the refinement included only carbon, nitrogen and oxygen atoms, but later an  $F_o - F_c$  Fourier synthesis gave positions of all seven hydrogen atoms. Positional parameters and  $B$  values of  $3.50 \text{ \AA}^2$  for these hydrogen atoms were included but not refined in the next three least-squares cycles. Refinement of only the hydrogen positional parameters and individual isotropic  $B$  values was carried out for two cycles and finally, after two further cycles of refinement of the carbon, nitrogen and oxygen parameters, all parameter shifts were less than one twentieth of their estimated standard deviations. During the later cycles of refinement it had been noted that the calculated structure factor for 10 $\bar{4}$  was considerably greater (by 35%) than its observed value. As this was the most intense reflexion it was omitted from the refinement of the assumption that it was affected by extinction. The final  $R$  value was 0.068. A weighting factor  $w = [1 + \{(F_o - 10.0)/3.0\}^2]^{-1/2}$  was used in the later stages of refinement. In Table 1 are listed the observed and calculated structure factors; the final positional parameters are recorded in Table 2 and the thermal vibration parameters in Table 3(a) and (b).

Table 2. *Fractional atomic co-ordinates and their standard deviations (in parentheses)  $\times 10^5$* 

	x	y	z
C(1)	82228 (53)	13046 (67)	19814 (14)
C(2)	65257 (60)	-6584 (66)	20369 (14)
C(3)	47837 (49)	-9500 (54)	15844 (13)
C(4)	47453 (42)	7294 (45)	10909 (11)
C(5)	64436 (52)	27025 (58)	10439 (13)
C(6)	84142 (53)	29596 (64)	14893 (16)
C(7)	28712 (44)	3114 (46)	6120 (11)
N	21997 (41)	24030 (42)	2826 (10)
O	19786 (36)	-19107 (34)	5309 (9)
H(1)	94496 (632)	15513 (717)	22906 (153)
H(2)	63774 (663)	81945 (748)	24069 (163)
H(3)	35705 (580)	76514 (652)	16391 (146)
H(4)	65244 (592)	37927 (698)	6838 (148)
H(5)	95051 (602)	43365 (744)	14257 (157)
H(6)	9287 (537)	23037 (631)	75 (136)
H(7)	25192 (553)	40960 (635)	4141 (139)

#### Interpretation of the thermal vibration parameters

On the assumption that the molecules in crystalline benzamide behave as rigid bodies, the thermal vibration may be described in terms of three tensors  $T$ ,  $\omega$  and  $S$ , as described by Schomaker & Trueblood (1968). The first two are, respectively, the translation and libration (angular vibration) tensors of Cruickshank (1956); the additional cross tensor  $S$  allows for the corre-

lation of translation and libration motions when the molecule is non-centrosymmetric.

The program *MGTL* of Gantzel & Trueblood (1970) was adapted for the ICL 1909 computer. With its aid the tensors **T**, **ω** and **S** were evaluated from the  $b_{ij}$  values of the final least-squares refinement. Values of these three tensors and their estimated standard deviations referred to orthogonal axes *a*, *b*, *c*\* are given in Tables 4, 5 and 6. The extent to which this rigid body model describes the atomic thermal vibration may be judged by converting the  $b_{ij}$  values from the least-squares refinement into the related  $U_{ij}$ 's and comparing these values with those calculated from the tensors **T**, **ω** and **S**, assuming rigid-body behaviour. The two sets of  $U_{ij}$  are given in Table 7. By comparison with the mean  $\sigma(U_{ij})$  (0.0013 Å<sup>2</sup>) calculated from the  $b_{ij}$  estimated standard deviations and the estimated standard deviation in  $U_{ij}$ 's calculated for the rigid-body model (0.0026 Å<sup>2</sup>) it will be noted that the differences in the two sets of  $U_{ij}$  in Table 7 are not significant. The rigid-body model is therefore a reasonable description of the atomic thermal motion, and libration corrections to the atomic positions have been made; the corrected coordinates are given in Table 8.

### Description and discussion of the structure

#### (a) Arrangement of molecules

The molecular arrangement is shown in Fig. 1. The hydrogen-bonding system consists of centrosymmetric pairs linked side by side to other pairs which are **b**-translation related. Infinite ribbons, two molecules wide, therefore extend along the **b** direction with the width of the ribbon roughly in the **c** direction. This type of

Table 4. *Rigid body translational tensor*

Elements ( $T_{ij} \times 10^4$ ) of the mean square tensor (Å<sup>2</sup>) and their standard deviations

11	22	33	12	13	23
441 (13)	346 (14)	515 (12)	15 (12)	-58 (12)	-68 (11)

Table 5. *Rigid body librational tensor*

Elements of ( $\omega_{ij} \times 10^4$ ) the mean square tensor (rad<sup>2</sup>) and their standard deviations

11	22	33	12	13	23
96 (9)	41 (4)	94 (9)	6 (3)	72 (8)	6 (3)

Table 6. *The cross tensor S*

Elements ( $S_{ij} \times 10^6$ ) (rad. Å) and their standard deviations

1275 (770)	-332 (515)	-2790 (498)
-217 (302)	2121 (715)	-2094 (331)
567 (476)	3455 (536)	-3396 (2554)

hydrogen bonding in primary amides has been described by Leiserowitz & Schmidt (1969) as translation packing. In benzamide the hydrogen-bonded ribbons pack by stacking in an **a** translation sequence in one direction and by a **c** glide sequence in the other direction. Two ribbons, related by a screw axis parallel to their length, thus pass through each unit cell.

#### (b) Molecular dimensions and shape

The magnitudes and e.s.d.'s of the intramolecular distances and angles are given in Table 9 (based upon the coordinates in Table 8). In Table 10 are the deviations of the atoms from the 'best' plane defined by the

Table 3. *Temperature factors*

(a)  $b_{ij}$  values for C, N, and O atoms,  $\exp \{-10^{-5}(h^2b_{11} + k^2b_{22} + l^2b_{33} + hkb_{12} + hlb_{13} + klb_{23})\}$ , with standard deviations (in parentheses).

	$b_{11}$	$b_{22}$	$b_{33}$	$b_{12}$	$b_{13}$	$b_{23}$
C(1)	3575 (99)	5010 (141)	287 (7)	345 (197)	-774 (43)	-423 (54)
C(2)	4606 (122)	4774 (143)	270 (7)	173 (215)	-690 (48)	196 (52)
C(3)	3540 (95)	3356 (105)	267 (7)	-319 (161)	-443 (40)	176 (43)
C(4)	2739 (77)	2756 (86)	204 (5)	338 (131)	-180 (31)	-304 (36)
C(5)	3675 (98)	4005 (117)	242 (6)	-1706 (173)	-184 (39)	-69 (44)
C(6)	3441 (102)	4824 (141)	320 (8)	-2107 (193)	-275 (45)	-480 (56)
C(7)	3002 (80)	2752 (89)	209 (5)	-49 (140)	-313 (33)	-134 (36)
O	3968 (86)	2826 (81)	240 (5)	-494 (132)	-632 (34)	39 (32)
H	4342 (78)	2466 (68)	305 (5)	-445 (115)	-931 (31)	-89 (30)

Table 3 (cont.)

(b) Isotropic *B* values (Å<sup>2</sup>) for H atoms, with standard deviations (in parentheses).

	<i>B</i>
H(1)	4.103 (792)
H(2)	4.724 (836)
H(3)	3.342 (692)
H(4)	3.616 (723)
H(5)	4.459 (824)
H(6)	2.806 (635)
H(7)	3.384 (665)

seven carbon atoms. It will be noted that the benzene ring does not deviate significantly from planarity nor regularity and that the mean C-C distance, 1.391 Å, is quite typical of values found in other aromatic compounds. The deviations of the nitrogen and oxygen atoms from the plane of the seven carbon atoms indicate a relative twist of 24.6° of the amide group about the C(4)-C(7) bond relative to the benzene ring. In the carboamide group, the deviations of the atoms from the 'best' plane defined by C(4)C(7)ON show

Table 7. Values of  $U_{ij} \times 10^4$  ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) (a) from  $b_{ij}$  values, (b) from rigid body model

	$U_{11}$		$U_{22}$		$U_{33}$		$U_{12}$		$U_{13}$		$U_{23}$	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
C(1)	575	569	646	639	707	710	26	20	-251	-215	-119	-133
C(2)	622	660	616	616	665	671	12	7	-224	-244	55	33
C(3)	567	560	433	451	658	623	-23	-16	-147	-168	50	51
C(4)	438	442	356	339	503	510	25	13	-62	-55	-86	-65
C(5)	587	532	517	502	596	610	-122	-115	-65	-66	-19	-47
C(6)	550	559	622	647	788	762	-149	-136	-95	-148	-135	-98
C(7)	480	504	355	322	515	533	-3	1	-104	-100	-38	-43
N	637	678	365	378	591	583	-36	-37	-205	-171	11	25
O	696	677	318	334	751	770	-32	-34	-300	-286	-25	-29

Table 8. Libration corrected atomic coordinates for C, N and O atoms  $\times 10^5$  (referred to same origin and axes as Table 2)

	x	y	z
C(1)	82317	13088	19838
C(2)	65250	-6702	20412
C(3)	47784	-9634	15874
C(4)	47452	7303	10908
C(5)	64538	27189	10422
C(6)	82290	29770	14889
C(7)	28658	3094	6105
N	21945	24192	2797
O	19697	-19301	5298

Table 9. Bond distances and angles

(a) Intramolecular distances (after libration correction) and their standard deviations in parentheses ( $\text{\AA}$ ).

C(1)-C(2)	1.390 (5)	C(1)-H(1)	0.96 (3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.400 (5)	C(2)-H(2)	0.99 (4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.389 (4)	C(3)-H(3)	0.98 (3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.392 (4)	C(5)-H(4)	0.96 (3)
C(5)-C(6)	1.398 (5)	C(6)-H(5)	1.00 (4)
C(6)-C(1)	1.378 (5)	N-H(6)	0.93 (3)
C(4)-C(7)	1.501 (4)	N-H(7)	0.91 (3)
C(7)-N	1.342 (3)		
C(7)-O	1.249 (3)		

(b) Bond angles (after libration correction) and their standard deviations in parentheses ( $^\circ$ ).

C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	121.1 (3)	H(1)-C(1)-C(2)	120 (2)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	119.2 (3)	H(1)-C(1)-C(6)	118 (2)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.1 (3)	H(2)-C(2)-C(3)	117 (2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	120.1 (3)	H(2)-C(2)-C(1)	125 (2)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	119.8 (3)	H(3)-C(3)-C(2)	118 (2)
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	119.7 (3)	H(3)-C(3)-C(4)	122 (2)
C(7)-C(4)-C(3)	118.2 (2)	H(4)-C(5)-C(4)	120 (2)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)	121.7 (2)	H(4)-C(5)-C(6)	119 (2)
N-C(7)-C(4)	117.5 (2)	H(5)-C(6)-C(5)	118 (2)
O-C(7)-C(4)	120.5 (2)	H(5)-C(6)-C(1)	122 (2)
O-C(7)-N	122.1 (2)	H(6)-N-C(7)	121 (2)
		H(6)-N-H(7)	115 (3)
		H(7)-N-C(7)	120 (3)

Table 10. Deviations of atoms from the 'best' plane defined by the carbon atoms (referred to orthogonal axes a, b, c\*) ( $\text{\AA}$ )

$$0.6015x - 0.6322y - 0.4884z = 0.1865$$

C(1)	0.0047	H(1)	0.003
C(2)	-0.0023	H(2)	-0.089
C(3)	-0.0020	H(3)	-0.024
C(4)	-0.0109	H(4)	0.057
C(5)	-0.0160	H(5)	0.078
C(6)	0.0123	H(6)	-0.616
C(7)	0.0143	H(7)	-1.096
N	-0.5238		
O	0.5147		

Table 11. Deviations of atoms from the 'best' plane defined by C(4), C(7), O and N (referred to orthogonal axes a, b, c\*), ( $\text{\AA}$ )

$$0.7167x - 0.2103y - 0.6649z = 0.2105$$

C(4)	-0.006	N	-0.006
C(7)	0.0019	H(6)	-0.093
O	-0.0007	H(7)	-0.248

Table 12. Hydrogen-bonded distances and angles (with standard deviations in parentheses)

Distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )			
N <sup>i</sup> ...O <sup>iii</sup>	2.933 (3)	H(6 <sup>i</sup> )...O <sup>iii</sup>	2.01 (3)
N <sup>i</sup> ...O <sup>ii</sup>	2.907 (3)	H(7 <sup>i</sup> )...O <sup>ii</sup>	2.05 (3)
Angles ( $^\circ$ )			
N <sup>i</sup> -H(6 <sup>i</sup> )-O <sup>iii</sup>	176 (3)	C(7 <sup>iii</sup> )-O <sup>iii</sup> -H(6 <sup>i</sup> )	119 (2)
N <sup>i</sup> -H(7 <sup>i</sup> )-O <sup>ii</sup>	158 (3)	C(7 <sup>ii</sup> )-O <sup>ii</sup> -H(7 <sup>i</sup> )	148 (2)
		H(7 <sup>i</sup> )-O <sup>ii</sup> -H(6 <sup>iv</sup> )	88 (3)

The labelling code for the symmetry related atoms (see also Fig. 1) is:

Coordinates	Superscript
x, y, z	i
x, 1+y, z	ii
$\bar{x}$ , $\bar{y}$ , $\bar{z}$	iii
$\bar{x}$ , 1-y, $\bar{z}$	iv

that apart from H(7), which is significantly out (0.25  $\text{\AA}$ ), this group is planar.

The relative twists of the benzene ring and the amide group in the benzamide molecule may arise either

from repulsion effects within the molecule or from repulsion between adjacent molecules brought close together by hydrogen bonding. Penfold & White (1959) consider the former effect to be predominant whilst

Lieserowitz & Schmidt (1969) attribute a large part of the rotation to the latter intermolecular effects. Both of these conclusions were based upon the results of the earlier two-dimensional determination of Penfold & White from which hydrogen-atom positions were not obtained. From the results of the present work, the internal close approach between hydrogen atoms H(4) and H(7) is 2.32 (5) Å whilst the shortest side to side distances between adjacent *b*-translated molecules are 2.86 (5) Å between H(3<sup>ii</sup>) and H(5<sup>i</sup>) and 3.26 (3) Å between H(3<sup>ii</sup>) and C(5<sup>i</sup>) (see Table 12 for nomenclature). The usual van der Waals distances to be expected in this type of compound are H...H 2.10 Å and C...H 2.85 Å (Bondi, 1964). The results obtained

here therefore support the view that the benzamide molecule is non-planar primarily on account of the repulsion between the amide hydrogen H(7) and the *ortho* hydrogen H(4).

The lengths of the C-N and C-O bonds within the amide group are separately within the range of values observed for these bonds in other amides. Although some variation in lengths of these bonds does appear to occur amongst the amide structures reported so far, a detailed comparison will be possible only when more extensive libration corrected data is available.

### (c) Hydrogen bonding

The general features of the hydrogen-bonding system

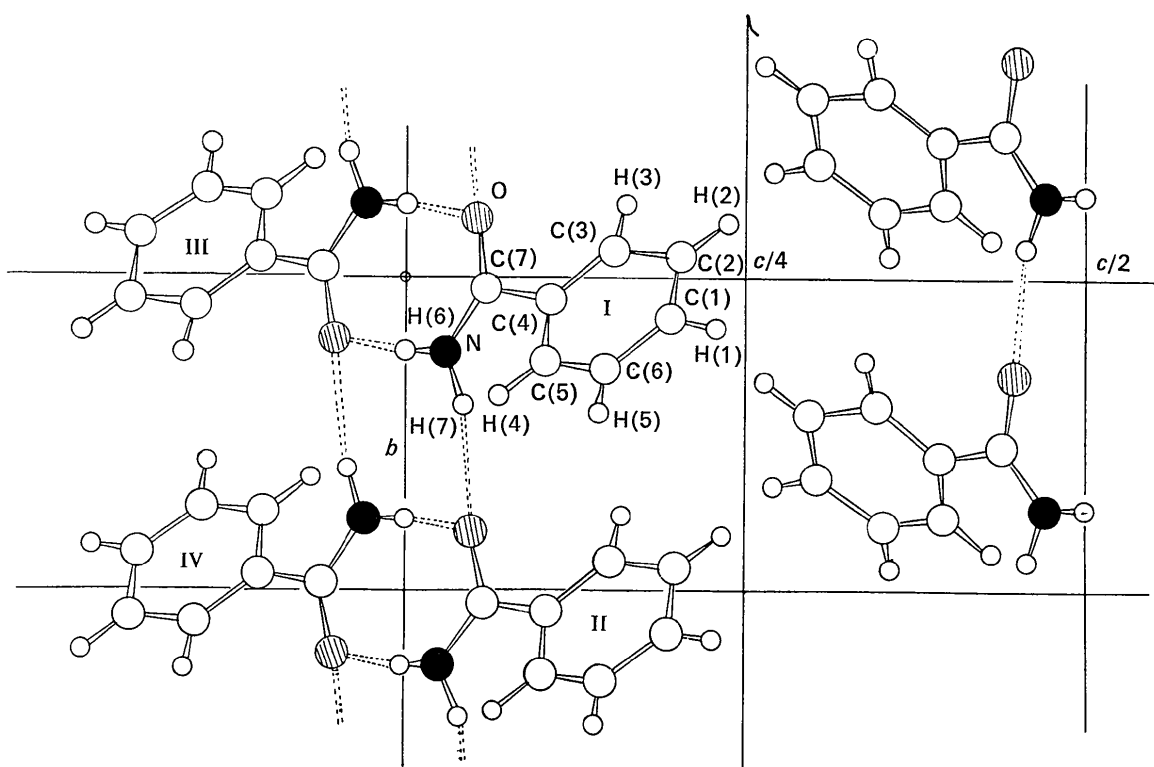


Fig. 1. Molecular arrangement. Projection down *a* axis.

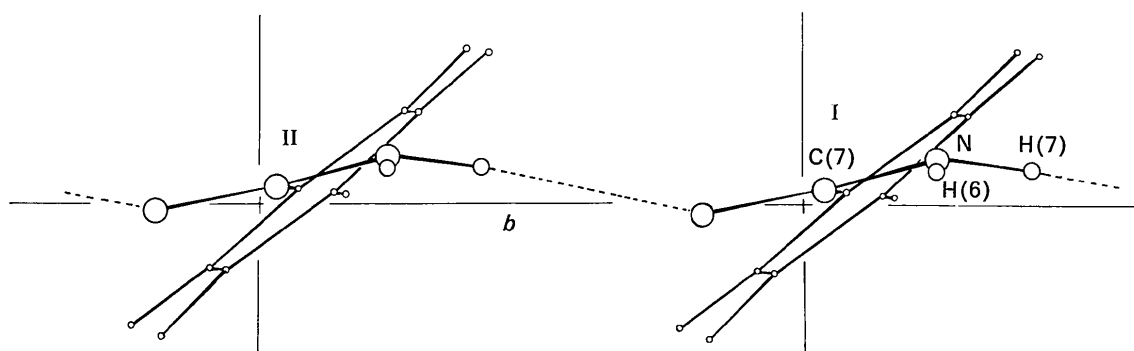


Fig. 2. Part projection down  $[10\bar{4}]$ , centrosymmetric molecules omitted.

have already been described. The distances and angles involved in these bonds are summarized in Table 12. Hydrogen bonding across the centre of symmetry is nearly planar with a separation of the mean planes of the amide groups of 0.37 Å and the hydrogen bonds are effectively linear (Table 12). Between molecules related by  $b$  translation the bonding deviates markedly from planarity as shown in Fig. 2, the separation of the mean planes of the amide groups is 1.15 Å. This hydrogen bond is far from linear (Table 12). It is of interest to note from Fig. 2 that the bending of the hydrogen atom H(7) out of the amide plane (away from H(4) brings it more into line with the  $N^I-O^{II}$  direction.

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## The Effect of Molecular Vibrations on Apparent Bond Lengths. III. Diatomic Molecules

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A study is made of the effect of the nuclear vibrational motion on the charge density for the isoelectronic series BF, N<sub>2</sub>, and CO. Although there are no measurable changes in the positions of the maxima in their dynamic charge densities, there is a reduction in the charge density at these maxima. A simple model for diatomic molecules is introduced to estimate the magnitude of any shift in position and thus any apparent change in bond length. The bond length here is taken to be the distance between the maxima in the charge density such as would be inferred from X-ray measurements. A test of this model on LiH gives a predicted shift of 0.018 a<sub>0</sub> whereas the convolution approximation gives a shift of 0.02 a<sub>0</sub>. The variation of shift with vibrational amplitude is also investigated. In this approximation a method is suggested in which one could use the vibrational amplitude and the measured bond shortening to estimate the degree of asphericity in the charge density at the nucleus.

### Introduction

In a previous paper (Coulson & Thomas, 1971, which henceforth will be referred to as I), it was shown that some of the differences between the bond lengths measured by X-ray and neutron diffraction methods (Coppens, 1970) can be accounted for by considering the effect of the vibrational motion on the static molecular charge density. Moreover, it was seen in I that a convolution approximation appeared to describe this dynamic charge density adequately near a nucleus. For simple covalent molecules involving hydrogen in

which the 1s electrons take part in bonding, the effect was significant. This was shown to be the case for diatomics such as H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> in I where bond shortenings of 0.1 a<sub>0</sub> were possible and also for simple polyatomics such as water (paper II, Thomas, 1971). However, in other diatomics such as N<sub>2</sub>, the 1s electrons are not valence electrons and so are not involved in bonding to any great extent. Thus the asphericity in the charge density near the nucleus will be quite small. However, if one looks along the bond axis, there is considerable charge build-up over free spherical atoms both farther into the bond due to the bonding electrons and also farther out of the bond due to the lone pairs. This shows up quite clearly on the difference density map (Bader & Henneker, 1967). Thus it would be

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