

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )
$$B_{\text{eq}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i \cdot a_j$$

	x	y	z	$B_{\text{eq}}$
P(1)	0.41670 (5)	0.00680 (6)	0.25607 (5)	2.39 (2)
N(1)	0.4287 (1)	-0.1424 (2)	0.2603 (1)	2.58 (8)
N(2)	0.5000	0.0847 (3)	0.2500	2.5 (1)
C(1)	0.5000	-0.1944 (3)	0.2500	2.3 (1)
C(2)	0.5000	-0.3332 (3)	0.2500	2.4 (1)
C(3)	0.5576 (2)	-0.3985 (3)	0.2222 (2)	3.2 (1)
C(4)	0.5567 (2)	-0.5252 (3)	0.2213 (2)	3.8 (1)
C(5)	0.5000	-0.5903 (4)	0.2500	3.6 (2)
C(6)	0.4009 (2)	0.0591 (2)	0.3512 (2)	2.6 (1)
C(7)	0.4700 (2)	0.1276 (3)	0.4189 (2)	3.2 (1)
C(8)	0.4576 (2)	0.1638 (3)	0.4927 (2)	3.9 (1)
C(9)	0.3758 (3)	0.1353 (3)	0.4987 (2)	4.1 (1)
C(10)	0.3063 (2)	0.0686 (4)	0.4315 (2)	4.9 (2)
C(11)	0.3185 (2)	0.0304 (3)	0.3580 (2)	4.1 (1)
C(12)	0.3050 (2)	0.0401 (2)	0.1617 (2)	2.5 (1)
C(13)	0.2821 (2)	0.1608 (3)	0.1334 (2)	3.9 (1)
C(14)	0.1962 (2)	0.1889 (3)	0.0622 (2)	4.6 (1)
C(15)	0.1324 (2)	0.0981 (3)	0.0183 (2)	4.2 (1)
C(16)	0.1532 (2)	-0.0209 (3)	0.0459 (2)	4.1 (1)
C(17)	0.2390 (2)	-0.0514 (3)	0.1177 (2)	3.4 (1)

Table 2. Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

P(1)—N(1)	1.626 (2)	C(7)—C(8)	1.382 (4)
P(1)—N(2)	1.601 (2)	C(8)—C(9)	1.371 (4)
P(1)—C(6)	1.798 (3)	C(9)—C(10)	1.372 (4)
P(1)—C(12)	1.799 (3)	C(10)—C(11)	1.382 (4)
N(1)—C(1)	1.334 (2)	C(12)—C(13)	1.382 (4)
C(1)—C(2)	1.504 (5)	C(12)—C(17)	1.387 (4)
C(2)—C(3)	1.382 (3)	C(13)—C(14)	1.379 (4)
C(3)—C(4)	1.372 (4)	C(14)—C(15)	1.363 (4)
C(4)—C(5)	1.378 (4)	C(15)—C(16)	1.358 (4)
C(6)—C(7)	1.383 (4)	C(16)—C(17)	1.390 (4)
C(6)—C(11)	1.387 (4)		
N(1)—P(1)—N(2)	116.4 (1)	P(1)—C(6)—C(11)	120.0 (2)
N(1)—P(1)—C(6)	109.5 (1)	C(7)—C(6)—C(11)	118.9 (3)
N(1)—P(1)—C(12)	106.7 (1)	C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	120.2 (3)
N(2)—P(1)—C(6)	109.1 (1)	C(7)—C(8)—C(9)	120.6 (3)
N(2)—P(1)—C(12)	110.6 (1)	C(8)—C(9)—C(10)	119.7 (3)
C(6)—P(1)—C(12)	103.8 (1)	C(9)—C(10)—C(11)	120.2 (3)
P(1)—N(1)—C(1)	120.1 (2)	C(6)—C(11)—C(10)	120.4 (3)
P(1)—N(2)—P(1')	116.4 (2)	P(1)—C(12)—C(13)	119.5 (2)
N(1)—C(1)—N(1')	130.1 (3)	P(1)—C(12)—C(17)	122.1 (2)
N(1)—C(1)—C(2)	114.9 (2)	C(13)—C(12)—C(17)	118.4 (3)
C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	120.8 (2)	C(12)—C(13)—C(14)	120.6 (3)
C(3)—C(2)—C(3')	118.4 (3)	C(13)—C(14)—C(15)	120.6 (3)
C(2)—C(3)—C(4)	120.7 (3)	C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	119.6 (3)
C(3)—C(4)—C(5)	120.9 (3)	C(15)—C(16)—C(17)	120.8 (3)
C(4)—C(5)—C(4')	118.4 (4)	C(12)—C(17)—C(16)	120.0 (3)
P(1)—C(6)—C(7)	121.1 (2)		

Symmetry code: (')  $1 - x, y, 0.5 - z$ .

Space groups  $C2/c$  and  $Cc$  were indicated from systematic absences ( $hkl$ ,  $h + k = 2n + 1$  and  $h0l$ ,  $h = 2n + 1$  and  $l = 2n + 1$ ); the former was chosen and confirmed by successful analysis. Data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization and absorption effects. The structure was solved by direct methods using SAPI91 (Fan, 1991). Refinement of the structure was by full-matrix least-squares calculations, initially with isotropic and finally with anisotropic temperature factors for the non-H atoms. At an intermediate stage in the refinement a difference map revealed maxima consistent with the positions of the H atoms, which were included in the subsequent cycles of refinement with fixed isotropic temperature factors. All computer programs used in this study were part of the TEXSAN package (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992) installed on a Silicon Graphics Personal Iris 4D/35 computer.

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### Structures of (*E,E*)-*o*-Nitroacetophenone Azine (I), (*E,Z*)-*o*-Nitroacetophenone Azine (II) and (*E,E*)-*o*-Nitrobenzaldehyde Azine (III)

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## Abstract

In compounds (I) and (II) the *o*-nitro group is *anti* to the methyl group where as in (III), which lacks the methyl, it is *syn* to the H atom. Distortions from planarity indicate that the nitro group experiences

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stronger repulsion from the lone pair on N than from CH.

### Comment

The four pairs of C=N and N—N bond lengths determined here agree with each other within experi-

mental error. They also agree with other accurately determined C=N and N—N distances in compounds containing the grouping Ph—C(R)=N—N=C(R)—Ph, where  $R = H$  or  $CH_3$  (Mom & de With, 1978; García-Mina, Arrese, Martínez-Ripoll, García-Blanco & Serrano, 1982; Sereda, Antipin, Timofeeva & Struchkov, 1988). The torsion angle

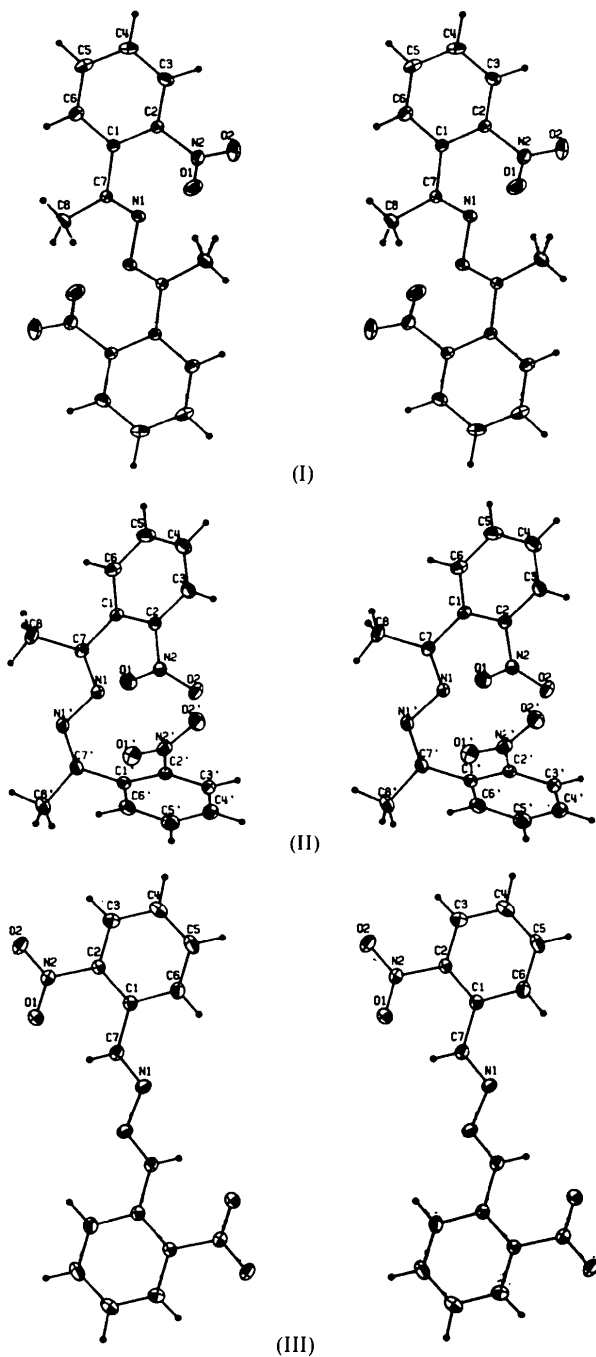


Fig. 1. ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) stereodrawings of molecules (I), (II) and (III). Non-H atoms are represented as 20% probability thermal ellipsoids.

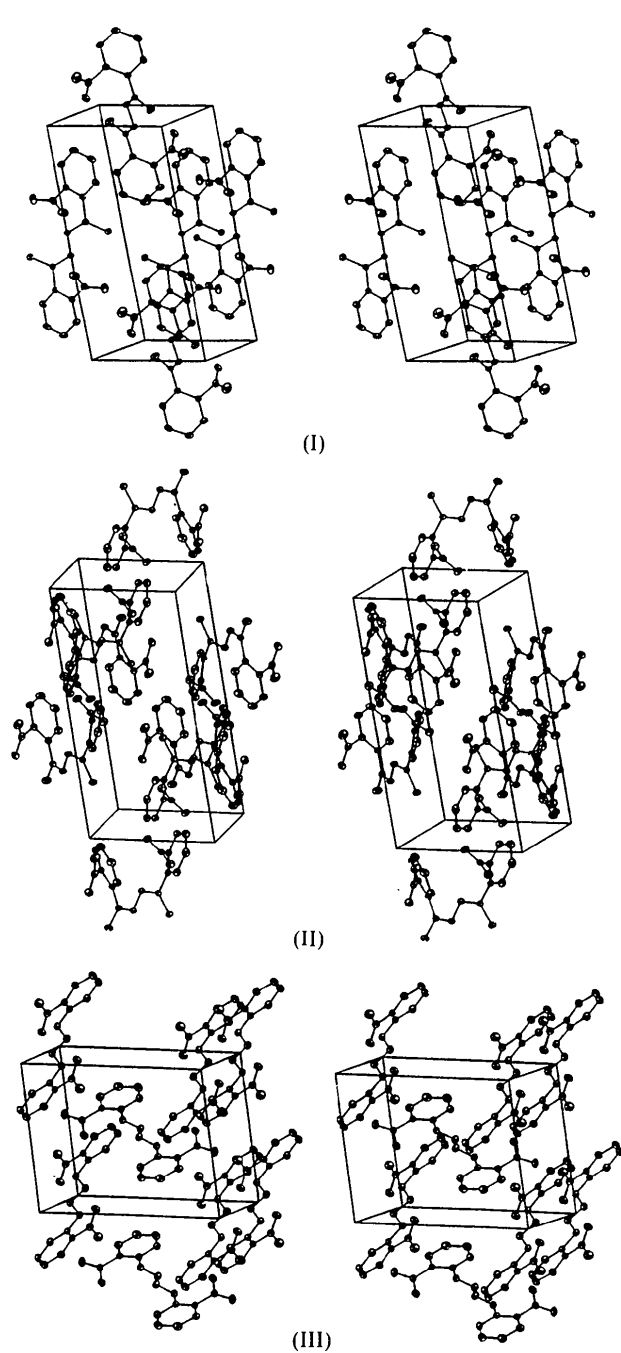
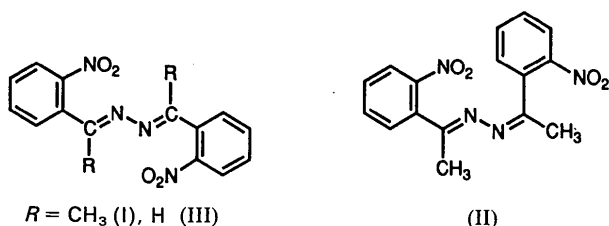


Fig. 2. The molecular packing in compounds (I), (II) and (III). In each diagram the  $x$  axis is horizontal and the  $z$  axis directed upward.

C—N—N—C is 166.1 (3)° in (II), the only molecule in which the planarity of this group is not demanded. The tendency of the phenyl group to be coplanar with the adjacent C=N is well established (Burke-Laing & Laing, 1976; Garcia-Mina *et al.*, 1982; Ciajolo, Sirigu & Tuzi, 1985). In these compounds crowding between the *o*-nitro group and the adjacent CH (III) or N1 [(I) and (II), *E* isomer] causes the angle between the phenyl plane and C7=N1 to be 31.1, 38.5 and 37.0°, respectively; the NO<sub>2</sub> group deviates from the phenyl by 22.0, 52.0 and 59.2°. It appears that the lone pair on N1 causes a greater distortion than CH. Relevant non-bonded intramolecular contacts are C8...N1' = 2.718 Å in (I), C8...N1' = 2.731, O1...N1 = 2.953 and C6'...C8' = 3.133 Å in (II), and C7...O1 = 2.672 Å in (III).



Stereodrawings of the molecules are shown in Fig. 1 and packing diagrams (ORTEPII; Johnson, 1976) in Fig. 2. No C, N, O intermolecular contacts less than 3.4 Å are found in (I). In compound (II) there is a close contact N2...O2 = 3.204 Å between molecules related by the center of symmetry at (0, 0, ½), and N2'...O1 = 3.217, C2...O2' = 3.251 Å between molecules related by the *a* translation. In (III) the closest contacts are between molecules related by 2<sub>1</sub> at *x*, *z* = ¼, ¼, namely N2...O2 = 2.982, O1...O2 = 3.198 and C7...O2 = 3.247 Å.

## Experimental

### Compound (I)

#### Crystal data

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 326.3  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*  
*a* = 7.815 (2) Å  
*b* = 7.070 (1) Å  
*c* = 14.475 (3) Å  
 $\beta$  = 97.07 (3)°  
*V* = 793.8 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.365 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

#### Data collection

Syntex P1 diffractometer  
 $\theta/2\theta$  scans

Mo *K*α radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71069 Å  
 Cell parameters from 15 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 10.4–12.3°  
 $\mu$  = 0.109 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 K  
 Plate  
 0.4 × 0.35 × 0.1 mm  
 Pale yellow  
 Crystal source: from ethanol

$\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 30°  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 11$

### Absorption correction:

none  
 2638 measured reflections  
 2325 independent reflections  
 1119 observed reflections  
 $[I > 2.3\sigma(I)]$   
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.035

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*  
 Final *R* = 0.055  
*wR* = 0.040  
*S* = 2.375  
 1119 reflections  
 136 parameters

### Compound (II)

#### Crystal data

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 326.3  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*  
*a* = 7.713 (1) Å  
*b* = 13.359 (2) Å  
*c* = 15.557 (2) Å  
 $\beta$  = 99.85 (1)°  
*V* = 1579.3 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.372 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

#### Data collection

Syntex P1 diffractometer  
 $\theta/2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  
 none  
 4059 measured reflections  
 3640 independent reflections  
 2393 observed reflections  
 $[I > 2.3\sigma(I)]$   
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.037

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*  
 Final *R* = 0.044  
*wR* = 0.033  
*S* = 2.661  
 2393 reflections  
 272 parameters

### Compound (III)

#### Crystal data

C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 298.3  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*  
*a* = 11.905 (3) Å  
*b* = 6.274 (1) Å  
*c* = 9.176 (1) Å  
 $\beta$  = 94.97 (1)°

$k = 0 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 3 standard reflections  
 monitored every 100 reflections  
 intensity variation: none

### Only coordinates of H atoms

refined  
 $w = \sigma^{-2}$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.142$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

### Mo *K*α radiation

$\lambda$  = 0.71069 Å  
 Cell parameters from 15 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 10.1–11.8°  
 $\mu$  = 0.110 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 K  
 Plate  
 0.5 × 0.4 × 0.2 mm  
 Pale yellow  
 Crystal source: from ethanol

### $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

$h = 0 \rightarrow 10$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 17$   
 $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$   
 3 standard reflections  
 monitored every 100 reflections  
 intensity variation: none

### Only coordinates of H atoms

refined  
 $w = \sigma^{-2}$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.054$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

### Mo *K*α radiation

$\lambda$  = 0.71069 Å  
 Cell parameters from 15 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 10.1–12.0°  
 $\mu$  = 0.110 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 K  
 Prism

$V = 682.8$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.451$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 0.18 × 0.37 × 0.38 mm  
 Pale yellow  
 Crystal source: from ethanol

**Data collection**

Syntex P $\bar{I}$  diffractometer  $\theta_{\max} = 30^\circ$   
 $\theta/2\theta$  scans  $h = 0 \rightarrow 16$   
 Absorption correction: none  $k = 0 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$   
 2248 measured reflections 3 standard reflections  
 2006 independent reflections monitored every 100 reflections  
 1102 observed reflections intensity variation: none  
 $[I > 2.3\sigma(I)]$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$  Only coordinates of H atoms refined  
 Final  $R = 0.051$   $w = \sigma^{-2}$   
 $wR = 0.038$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.039$   
 $S = 2.575$   $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.26$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 1102 reflections  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 119 parameters

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)
$$B_{\text{eq}} = (8\pi^2/3) \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

(I)	x	y	z	$B_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.6230 (3)	0.3485 (4)	0.1868 (2)	2.7 (1)
C2	0.4719 (4)	0.3054 (4)	0.2246 (2)	3.1 (1)
C3	0.4606 (4)	0.2927 (5)	0.3118 (2)	4.0 (2)
C4	0.6099 (5)	0.3190 (5)	0.3797 (2)	4.5 (2)
C5	0.7644 (5)	0.3555 (5)	0.3458 (2)	4.1 (2)
C6	0.7714 (4)	0.3708 (5)	0.2503 (2)	3.4 (1)
C7	0.6253 (3)	0.3868 (4)	0.0862 (2)	2.6 (1)
C8	0.7770 (5)	0.3227 (6)	0.0399 (2)	4.4 (2)
N1	0.4952 (3)	0.4823 (4)	0.0479 (1)	3.1 (1)
N2	0.3123 (4)	0.2563 (5)	0.1625 (2)	4.6 (2)
O1	0.3226 (3)	0.1346 (4)	0.1038 (2)	5.8 (1)
O2	0.1803 (3)	0.3392 (5)	0.1765 (2)	8.4 (2)

(II)	x	y	z	$B_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.0954 (3)	0.1940 (2)	0.7111 (1)	2.9 (1)
C2	0.0567 (3)	0.1538 (2)	0.6274 (1)	2.9 (1)
C3	-0.0223 (3)	0.2077 (2)	0.5553 (2)	3.9 (1)
C4	-0.0661 (4)	0.3063 (2)	0.5670 (2)	4.7 (1)
C5	-0.0303 (4)	0.3494 (2)	0.6484 (2)	4.8 (1)
C6	0.0502 (3)	0.2940 (2)	0.7201 (2)	4.1 (1)
C7	0.1843 (3)	0.1363 (2)	0.7880 (1)	2.9 (1)
C8	0.1262 (4)	0.1538 (2)	0.8744 (2)	4.3 (1)
N1	0.3040 (2)	0.0753 (1)	0.7738 (1)	3.3 (1)
N2	0.0862 (3)	0.0465 (1)	0.6121 (1)	3.4 (1)
O1	0.0108 (2)	-0.0146 (1)	0.6513 (1)	4.5 (1)
O2	0.1785 (2)	0.0251 (1)	0.5584 (1)	5.1 (1)
C1'	0.4916 (3)	-0.0862 (2)	0.7405 (1)	3.0 (1)
C2'	0.5732 (3)	-0.0313 (2)	0.6826 (1)	3.0 (1)
C3'	0.5846 (3)	-0.0634 (2)	0.5992 (2)	3.8 (1)
C4'	0.5137 (4)	-0.1558 (2)	0.5726 (2)	4.6 (2)
C5'	0.4332 (4)	-0.2127 (2)	0.6278 (2)	4.8 (2)
C6'	0.4214 (4)	-0.1784 (2)	0.7111 (2)	4.1 (2)
C7'	0.4739 (3)	-0.0528 (2)	0.8309 (1)	3.4 (1)
C8'	0.5628 (4)	-0.1164 (3)	0.9047 (2)	5.3 (2)
N1'	0.3830 (2)	0.0216 (2)	0.8491 (1)	3.6 (1)
N2'	0.6548 (3)	0.0651 (2)	0.7097 (1)	3.9 (2)
O1'	0.7262 (2)	0.0748 (1)	0.7859 (1)	5.0 (2)
O2'	0.6496 (3)	0.1310 (1)	0.6542 (1)	5.6 (2)

(III)				
C1	0.5021 (2)	-0.1274 (4)	0.2996 (3)	3.0 (1)
C2	0.5671 (2)	0.0529 (4)	0.2755 (3)	2.9 (1)
C3	0.5314 (2)	0.2154 (5)	0.1811 (3)	4.0 (1)
C4	0.4289 (3)	0.2024 (5)	0.1103 (3)	4.9 (2)
C5	0.3570 (3)	0.0285 (6)	0.1318 (3)	5.1 (2)
C6	0.3950 (2)	-0.1358 (5)	0.2238 (3)	4.2 (1)
C7	0.5420 (2)	-0.3078 (4)	0.3925 (3)	3.3 (1)
N1	0.4725 (2)	-0.4136 (3)	0.4612 (2)	3.7 (1)
N2	0.6788 (2)	0.0796 (4)	0.3562 (2)	3.6 (1)
O1	0.7004 (2)	-0.0174 (3)	0.4705 (2)	4.5 (1)
O2	0.7453 (2)	0.2019 (3)	0.3055 (2)	5.6 (1)

Table 2. Geometric parameters (Å, °)

	(I)	(II)	(II')	(III)
C1—C2	1.394 (3)	1.392 (3)	1.393 (3)	1.399 (3)
C2—C3	1.381 (3)	1.384 (3)	1.382 (3)	1.380 (3)
C3—C4	1.385 (4)	1.379 (4)	1.384 (3)	1.376 (4)
C4—C5	1.382 (5)	1.374 (4)	1.372 (4)	1.382 (4)
C5—C6	1.393 (4)	1.393 (3)	1.391 (4)	1.383 (4)
C1—C6	1.397 (3)	1.394 (3)	1.390 (3)	1.399 (3)
C1—C7	1.483 (3)	1.489 (3)	1.503 (3)	1.471 (3)
C7—C8	1.501 (4)	1.505 (3)	1.497 (3)	
C2—N2	1.485 (3)	1.476 (3)	1.463 (3)	1.475 (3)
C7—N1	1.288 (3)	1.278 (3)	1.276 (3)	1.270 (3)
N1—N1'	1.420 (3)	1.418 (2)		1.424 (3)
N2—O1	1.218 (4)	1.223 (2)	1.225 (2)	1.221 (2)
N2—O2	1.225 (4)	1.220 (3)	1.229 (3)	1.222 (3)
C1—C2—C3	124.2 (2)	123.4 (2)	123.4 (3)	123.5 (2)
C2—C3—C4	118.0 (3)	118.3 (2)	118.2 (2)	118.3 (2)
C3—C4—C5	120.2 (3)	120.4 (2)	120.3 (2)	120.3 (3)
C4—C5—C6	120.6 (3)	120.5 (2)	120.6 (2)	120.7 (2)
C5—C6—C1	120.8 (2)	120.8 (2)	120.9 (2)	120.7 (2)
C2—C1—C6	116.2 (2)	116.6 (2)	116.6 (2)	116.4 (2)
C2—C1—C7	122.5 (2)	123.2 (2)	124.9 (2)	123.9 (2)
C6—C1—C7	121.1 (2)	120.3 (2)	118.5 (2)	119.6 (2)
C1—C7—C8	119.3 (2)	118.1 (2)	116.5 (2)	
C1—C7—N1	114.5 (2)	116.0 (2)	125.5 (2)	119.9 (2)
C8—C7—N1	126.2 (2)	126.0 (2)	117.9 (2)	
C7—N1—N1'	112.3 (2)	113.6 (2)	112.7 (2)	110.8 (2)
C3—C2—N2	115.5 (2)	115.7 (2)	116.8 (2)	116.5 (2)
C1—C2—N2	120.2 (2)	120.7 (2)	119.8 (2)	120.0 (2)
C2—N2—O1	117.6 (3)	117.9 (2)	118.1 (2)	119.2 (2)
C2—N2—O2	116.7 (3)	117.5 (2)	117.8 (2)	117.8 (2)
O1—N2—O2	125.6 (3)	124.5 (2)	124.0 (2)	123.0 (2)

For compounds (I)–(II) the atomic scattering factors for C, N, O were from Cromer & Liberman (1970) and for H from Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965). All structures were solved with *MULTAN* (Main, Woolfson, Lessinger, Germain & Declercq, 1974) and refined by full-matrix methods.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 55554 (20 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England. [CIF reference: SP1003]

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## Structure of Dibenzofuran- $d_8$ , $C_{12}D_8O$ , at 173 K

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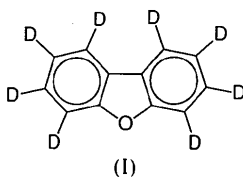
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### Abstract

Crystalline dibenzofuran- $d_8$  has been found to exhibit disorder of the type described previously for dibenzofuran. The disordered molecules are related to the ordered molecules by a  $180^\circ$  rotation about an axis passing through the molecular center of mass and perpendicular to the furan ring. In the present structure 11(2)% of the molecules were found to adopt this alternate orientation. The molecules are bisected by a mirror plane normal to the furan ring and containing the O atom. The average bond length in the benzenoid ring is 1.392 (10) Å. The furan ring and the benzenoid ring are separately planar, but form a dihedral angle of  $1.45(9)^\circ$  with each other.

### Comment

The crystal structure of dibenzofuran,  $C_{12}H_8O$ , as determined by Reppart, Gallucci, Lundstedt & Gerkin (1984), was found to manifest a type of disorder such that 9(2)% of the molecules are related to the ordered molecules by a  $180^\circ$  rotation about an axis passing through the molecular center of mass and perpendicular to the furan ring. The present study of the crystal structure of dibenzofuran- $d_8$ ,  $C_{12}D_8O$  (I), was undertaken to determine to what extent such disorder might be present in this close analog of dibenzofuran.



Dibenzofuran- $d_8$  with a stated isotopic purity of 98.8 at. % was used as received from MSD Isotopes. The experimental sample was obtained by sublimation at low pressure. Analysis of the crystal structure showed that the type of disorder present in dibenzofuran is present also in dibenzofuran- $d_8$ , and to a very similar extent: the refined population of the disordered molecule in the present study is 11(2)%.

Most bond lengths and angles for the ordered and disordered molecules of dibenzofuran- $d_8$  agree with the values for dibenzofuran within the combined e.s.d.'s; the three bond lengths which do not agree are found to agree within twice the combined e.s.d.'s. The average bond length for the benzenoid ring of dibenzofuran- $d_8$  is 1.392 (10) Å. The molecules are bisected by a mirror plane normal to the furan ring and containing O. The furan ring and benzene ring are separately planar, but form a dihedral angle of  $1.45(9)^\circ$  with each other.

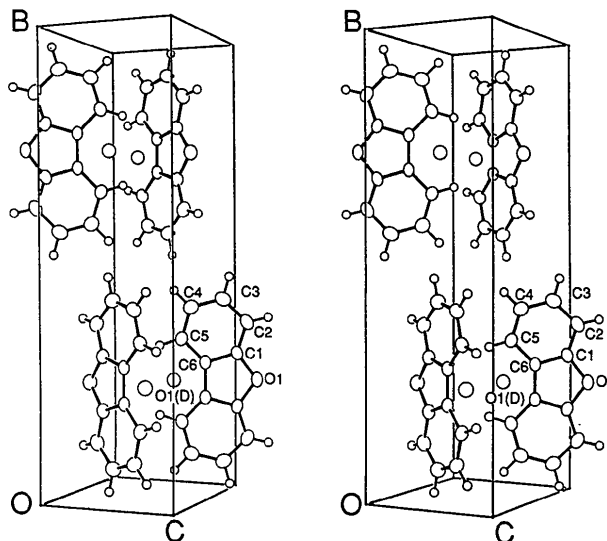


Fig. 1. A stereoview of the unit cell for dibenzofuran- $d_8$  drawn using ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976). One asymmetric unit is labeled using our numbering scheme. The position of the O atom of a disordered molecule is also shown.

### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$C_{12}D_8O$   
 $M_r = 176.20$   
 Orthorhombic  
*Pnma*  
 $a = 7.526(2)$  Å  
 $b = 19.107(2)$  Å  
 $c = 5.785(2)$  Å  
 $V = 831.9(4)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.41$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

$\theta = 13.5\text{--}15.0^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.0786$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 173(2)$  K

#### Plate

0.50 × 0.46 × 0.23 mm  
 Colorless

Crystal source: sublimation  
 [temperature  $\approx 348(5)$  K;  
 pressure  $\approx 13.33$  Pa]