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# 4-Vinylbenzoic acid and 9-vinylanthracene

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The crystal structures of two styrene analogues, 4-vinylbenzoic acid,  $C_9H_8O_2$ , (I), and 9-vinylanthracene,  $C_{16}H_{12}$ , (II), were determined by X-ray analyses at 108 and 293 K for (I) and at 123 and 293 K for (II). In (I), a pair of molecules around an inversion center form a dimer connected by two carboxyl groups. The anthracene planes of two molecules in (II) are antiparallel to each other around an inversion center. The vinyl group of (I) is almost coplanar with the phenyl ring, whereas the vinyl group of (II) is nearly perpendicular to the anthracene plane. In (I), the bond length of the vinyl group at 293 K is significantly shorter than that at 108 K [1.288 (2) *versus* 1.3248 (14) Å] suggesting a bias of the thermal motion, whereas the bond lengths are not so different between the two temperatures in (II) [1.3266 (15) *versus* 1.310 (2) Å].

# Comment

In the course of the study of solid-state photopolymerization, the title compounds, 4-vinylbenzoic acid, (I), and 9-vinylanthracene, (II), have drawn our attention because they are analogues of styrene, an industrially important monomer compound. Since (I) has a carboxyl group, the molecules are expected to form a dimer structure and it is regarded as a 'straight stick' shape molecule having two vinyl groups at both ends of a 'stick'. The photodimerization of anthracene derivatives is also well known (Sinha *et al.*, 1991). This suggests that (II) has two possibilities of solid-state photodimerization at the vinyl group and anthracene moiety.

As it is known that the exocyclic vinyl group shows large thermal motion in the crystal form (Tsutsui *et al.*, 1976), the crystal structures of (I) and (II) were determined at low temperature (108 and 123 K, respectively) as well as at room temperature (293 K for both) in order to suppress the thermal motion and to obtain more accurate structures.



The crystal structure of (I) at 108 K is substantially the same as that at 293 K. Two molecules related by an inversion center form a dimer via two hydrogen bonds composed of two carboxyl groups as shown in Fig. 1. At both temperatures, the H atom of the carboxyl group is disordered between the O···O bond, and the occupancy factors of the disordered atoms are almost equal. This corresponds to the fact that the C9-O1 and C9-O2 bond lengths are approximately the same due to the disorder. Although the distance between the centers of two adjacent vinyl groups is about 4.1 Å, the two groups do not have a parallel orientation. The vinyl group is almost coplanar with the phenyl ring. The torsion angles between the phenyl ring and vinyl group are almost the same at both temperatures, 9.06  $(16)^{\circ}$  at 108 K and 9.1  $(3)^{\circ}$  at 293 K. On the other hand, the bond length of the vinyl group at 293 K is shorter by 0.037 (2) Å than that at 108 K. This may be due to the thermal motion.

In (II), the anthracene moieties of two neighboring molecules related by a center of symmetry are antiparallel as shown in Fig. 2. The vinyl group is not coplanar with the anthracene plane; the torsion angles between the vinyl group and anthracene plane are 56.15 (14)° at 123 K and 58.4 (2)° at 293 K. The distances between the parallel anthracene planes are 3.431 (2) Å at 123 K and 3.506 (2) Å at 293 K. The difference in bond length of the vinyl group at two temperatures, 0.017 (2) Å, is significantly smaller than that observed in (I).



#### Figure 1

The dimeric structure and center of symmetry in (I) at 108 K with ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. The populations of the HO1 and HO2 atoms are 0.51 (2) and 0.49 (2), respectively. [Symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]



### Figure 2

Two neighboring molecules related by a center of symmetry in (II) at 123 K with ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. The distance between the parallel anthracene planes is 3.431 (2) Å. [Symmetry code: (i) -x, 2 - y, -z.]

# **Experimental**

The compounds were purchased from the Aldrich Chemical Company Inc., and crystals were obtained by slow evaporation from *n*-hexane solutions.

# Compound (I) at 108 K

## Crystal data

 $C_9H_8O_2$  $M_r = 148.15$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ a = 8.3945 (9) Åb = 6.4096 (7) Åc = 13.8798 (14) Å  $\beta = 103.899 \ (4)^{\circ}$ V = 724.94 (13) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

# Data collection

Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging
Plate diffractometer
Oscillation photograph scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\min} = 0.952, T_{\max} = 0.972$
6316 measured reflections

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.107 S = 1.0541653 reflections 129 parameters Only coordinates of H atoms refined

 $D_x = 1.357 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 9603 reflections  $\theta = 2.6 - 27.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.096 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 108 (2) KPrism, colorless  $0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$ 

1653 independent reflections 1567 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\rm int}=0.034$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.48^{\circ}$  $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$  $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$  $l = -18 \rightarrow 17$ 

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0635P)^2]$
+ 0.1621P]
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.38 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: SHELXL97
(Sheldrick, 1997)
Extinction coefficient: 0.045 (6)

Table 1					
Selected geometric parameters	(Å,	$^{\circ}$ ) for	(I) at	108	K.

O1-C9	1.2703 (12)	C4-C9	1.4813 (13)
O2-C9	1.2667 (12)	C7-C8	1.3248 (14)
C1-C7	1.4734 (14)		
C2-C1-C6	118.39 (9)	C3-C4-C9	120.26 (9)
C2-C1-C7	122.23 (9)	O2-C9-O1	123.38 (9)
C6-C1-C7	119.34 (9)	O2-C9-C4	119.12 (9)
C5-C4-C3	119.57 (9)	O1-C9-C4	117.50 (9)
C5-C4-C9	120.17 (8)		
C8-C7-C1-C2	9.06 (16)	O2-C9-C4-C3	-178.52 (8)
O1-C9-C4-C3	0.99 (14)		

# Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I) at 108 K.

$D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$01 - HO1 \cdots O2^{i}$	0.89 (4)	1.72 (4)	2.6114 (11)	176 (3)
$02 - HO2 \cdots O1^{i}$	0.80 (4)	1.82 (4)	2.6114 (11)	172 (3)

Symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

# Compound (I) at 293 K

## Crystal data

$C_9H_8O_2$	$D_x = 1.304 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 148.15$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 8554
a = 8.2876 (16)  Å	reflections
b = 6.5504 (12)  Å	$\theta = 1.5-27.5^{\circ}$
c = 14.247 (2)  Å	$\mu = 0.092 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 102.651 \ (8)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2)  K
$V = 754.7 (2) \text{ Å}^3$	Prism, colorless
Z = 4	$0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$

# Data collection

Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging
Plate diffractometer
Oscillation photograph scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\min} = 0.982, T_{\max} = 0.991$
5865 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0661P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$	+ 0.0872P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.139$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.071	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
1718 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
129 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.13 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Only coordinates of H atoms	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
refined	(Sheldrick, 1997)
	Extinction coefficient: 0.070 (11)

1718 independent reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.054$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.47^{\circ}$  $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $k = -7 \rightarrow 8$ 

 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$ 

1396 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

# Table 3

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (I) at 293 K.

O1-C9	1.2611 (19)	C4-C9	1.464 (2)
O2-C9	1.2537 (17)	C7-C8	1.288 (2)
C1-C7	1.462 (2)		
C6 - C1 - C2	118.13 (14)	C5-C4-C9	121.04 (12)
C6-C1-C7	119.16 (15)	C8-C7-C1	126.40 (18)
C2-C1-C7	122.70 (14)	O2-C9-O1	122.98 (14)
C3-C4-C5	119.24 (14)	O2-C9-C4	118.39 (14)
C3-C4-C9	119.72 (14)	O1-C9-C4	118.63 (13)
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C8-C7-C1-C2	9.1 (3)	O2-C9-C4-C3	-178.24(13)
O1-C9-C4-C3	1.1 (2)		. ,

### Table 4

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I) at 293 K.

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$O1-HO1\cdotsO2^{i}$	0.83 (6)	1.79 (6)	2.6043 (17)	166 (5)
$O2-HO2\cdotsO1^{i}$	0.87 (7)	1.74 (7)	2.6043 (17)	173 (5)

Symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

## Compound (II) at 123 K

## Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{12}$	$D_x = 1.269 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 204.26$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 12209
a = 9.3213 (3)  Å	reflections
b = 13.6798 (4) Å	$\theta = 2.7 - 27.5^{\circ}$
c = 8.8957 (3) Å	$\mu = 0.072 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 109.4670 (10)^{\circ}$	T = 123 (2)  K
V = 1069.48 (6) Å <sup>3</sup>	Prism, yellow
Z = 4	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$ mm
<b>N</b>	

2459 independent reflections 2231 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\rm int}=0.033$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.48^{\circ}$  $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$  $k = -17 \rightarrow 17$  $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$ 

#### Data collection

Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging
Plate diffractometer
Oscillation photograph scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\min} = 0.975, T_{\max} = 0.986$
10703 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0626P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$	+ 0.2677P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.115$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.067	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
2459 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.31 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
182 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Only coordinates of H atoms	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
refined	(Sheldrick, 1997)
	Extinction coefficient: 0.062 (6)

## Table 5

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (II) at 123 K.

C1-C7	1.4834 (13)	C7-C8	1.3266 (15)
C2-C1-C6 C2-C1-C7	119.79 (8) 121.31 (8)	C6-C1-C7 C8-C7-C1	118.90 (8) 124.56 (9)
C2-C1-C7-C8	56.15 (14)		

# Compound (II) at 293 K

#### Crystal data

 $C_{16}H_{12}$  $M_r = 204.26$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ a = 9.3873(5) Å b = 13.9756 (10) Å c = 8.9889(7) Å  $\beta = 110.0660 (10)^{\circ}$  $V = 1107.70 (13) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.225 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 10475 reflections  $\theta = 2.7 - 27.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.069 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) KPrism, yellow  $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.30$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku RAXIS–RAPID Imaging Plate diffractometer	2538 independent reflections 2010 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Oscillation photograph scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.052$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.47^{\circ}$
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)	$h = -12 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\min} = 0.968, \ T_{\max} = 0.976$	$k = -18 \rightarrow 18$
10621 measured reflections	$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0685P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$	+ 0.1928P
$wR(F^2) = 0.151$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.056	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
2538 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.25 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
182 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.16 \mathrm{e}\mathrm{\AA}^{-3}$
Only coordinates of H atoms refined	Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997)
	Extinction coefficient: 0.109 (10)

## Table 6 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (II) at 293 K.

C1-C7	1.4857 (19)	C7-C8	1.310 (2)
C6-C1-C2 C6-C1-C7	119.79 (12) 118.82 (12)	C2-C1-C7 C8-C7-C1	121.39 (13) 125.46 (15)
C2-C1-C7-C8	58.4 (2)		

H atoms were located on a difference Fourier map and refined with  $U_{eq}$  set at 1.2 times that of the connected C or O atom. In (I), the C-H bond lengths range from 0.939 (15) to 0.975 (15) Å at 108 K and from 0.930 (19) to 1.03 (2) Å at 293 K. In (II), the ranges are from 0.972 (14) to 0.995 (13) Å at 123 K and from 0.94 (2) to 1.02 (2) Å at 293 K. The O-H bond lengths in (I) are 0.89 (4) Å for O-HO1 and 0.80 (4) Å for O-HO2 at 108 K, and the distances are 0.83 (6) and 0.87 (7) Å, respectively, at 293 K.

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