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The Crystal Structures of Some Anthracene Derivatives. III. 9:10-Dichloroanthracene

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Crystals of 9:10-dichloroanthracene are monoclinic with four molecules in the unit cell, and the structure has been determined by Patterson and Fourier projections along the *a* and *c* crystal axes. Values of the bond lengths and valency angles in the molecule and intermolecular distances have been obtained.

Introduction

Continuing the investigation of the crystal structures of anthracene derivatives with substituents in the 9 and 10 positions (Trotter, 1958*a*, *b*), the structure of 9:10-dichloroanthracene has been determined. Since the crystals are not isomorphous with those of the dibromo analogue, the structure analysis has of course been carried out completely independently.

Experimental

Crystals of 9:10-dichloroanthracene, which were obtained by crystallization from petroleum ether, are greenish-yellow in colour, and consist of plates elongated along the *a*-axis with (010) developed, and smaller (001) faces. The density was determined by flotation in aqueous potassium iodide solution. The unit-cell dimensions and space group were determined

from rotation and oscillation photographs of a crystal rotating about the *a*-axis, *hkl* Weissenberg films with *h* = 0, 1, 2, 3, and *h0l*, *h1l*, *hk0* and *hk1* precession films.

Crystal data

9:10-Dichloroanthracene, C₁₄H₈Cl₂; *M* = 247.1; m.p. 209–210 °C.

Monoclinic,

$$a = 7.04 \pm 0.02, \quad b = 17.93 \pm 0.04, \quad c = 8.63 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}, \\ \beta = 102^\circ 56' \pm 10'.$$

Volume of the unit cell = 1062.3 Å³. Density, calculated (with four molecules per unit cell) = 1.535 g.cm.⁻³, measured = 1.525 g.cm.⁻³. Absorption coefficient for X-rays, $\lambda = 1.542 \text{ \AA}$, $\mu = 51.3 \text{ cm.}^{-1}$; $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$, $\mu = 5.85 \text{ cm.}^{-1}$.

Total number of electrons per unit cell = *F*(000) = 504.

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Absent spectra: $h0l$ when h is odd, $0k0$ when k is odd. Space group is uniquely determined as $P2_1/a-C_{2h}^5$.

The intensities of the $0kl$ reflexions were recorded on moving film exposures for a crystal rotating about the a -axis, using $\text{Cu } K\alpha$ radiation, the multiple-film technique being used to correlate strong and weak reflexions. The $h0l$ and $hk0$ reflexions were recorded on precession films, using $\text{Mo } K\alpha$ radiation, and multiple exposures to correlate strong and weak intensities. All the intensities were estimated visually, the range being about 4000 to 1. The same crystal was used for all the photographs; the cross-section normal to the a -axis was $0.17 \text{ mm.} \times 0.12 \text{ mm.}$, and no absorption corrections were applied. The usual Lorentz and polarization factors were applied and the structure amplitudes derived; the absolute scale was established later by correlation with the calculated structure factors. 143 $0kl$, 57 $h0l$ and 72 $hk0$ independent reflexions were observed, representing 71%, 86% and 57% respectively of the possible observable with the radiations and experimental conditions used.

Structure analysis

As there are four molecules of dichloroanthracene in the unit cell, the asymmetric unit is one molecule, and the molecules are in general positions. The three axial

Patterson projections were computed, and the $h0l$ and $hk0$ maps indicated that the molecular planes are almost exactly perpendicular to a , so that the best approach to solving the structure was examination of the $0kl$ Patterson map.

[100] projection

The single and double Cl-Cl peaks could not be unambiguously picked out on the $0kl$ Patterson map, as in the case of the Br-Br peaks in the dibromo derivative (Trotter, 1958*b*), since their heights were of the same order of magnitude as many of the multiple C-C peaks. There was, however, a row of peaks radiating from the origin, which could be assigned to C-C, C-Cl and Cl-Cl vectors within a single molecule and parallel to the Cl-Cl direction, and utilizing this information and other intramolecular peaks close to the origin, the orientation of the molecule in this projection was established.

The position of the molecular centre was found by moving it along the b -axis until reasonable agreement between F_o and F_c for the $0k0$ reflexions was obtained, and then along the c -axis until the $00l$ reflexions gave good agreement. More than one position was possible on this basis, but all except one were eliminated on considering some general $0kl$ reflexions. Structure factors were calculated for all the $0kl$ reflexions, and

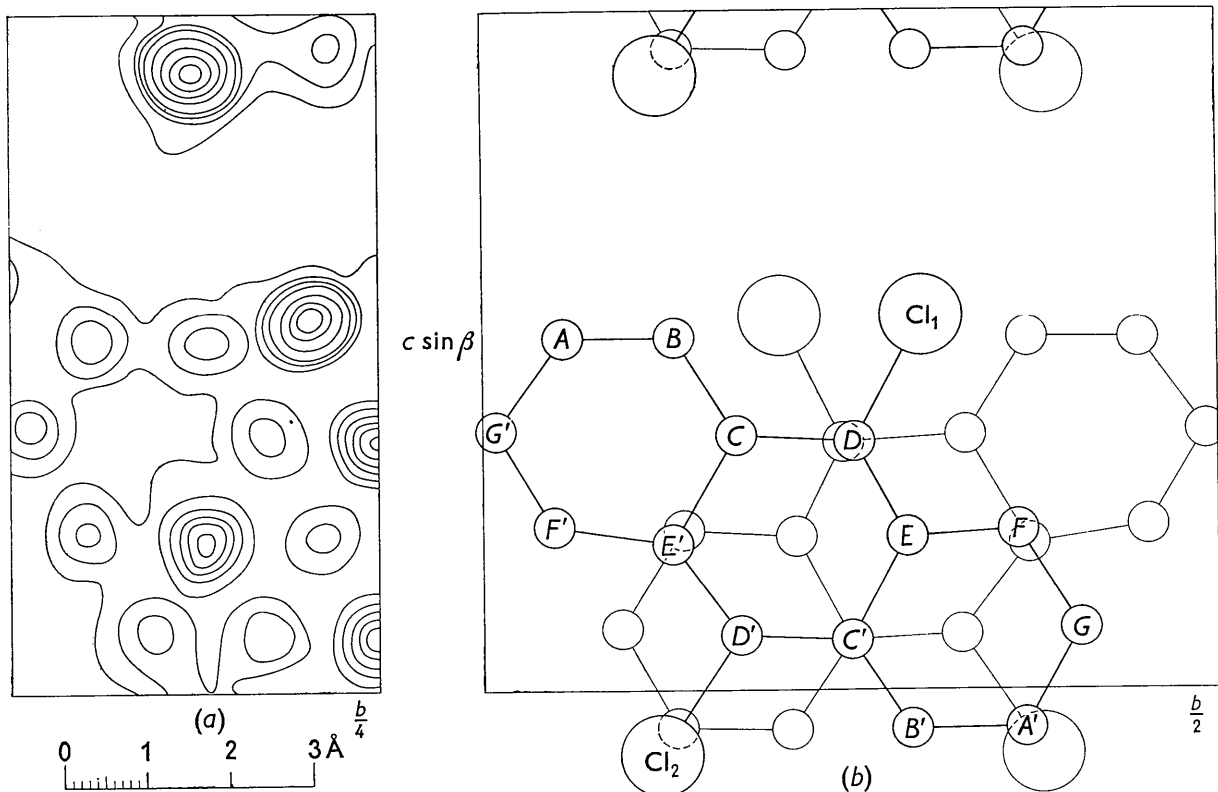


Fig. 1. (a) Electron-density projection down [100]. Contours at intervals of $2 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-2}$, except on the chlorine atoms where contours above $8 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-2}$ are at intervals of $4 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-2}$. (b) Projection of the structure down [100].

the value of the usual discrepancy factor R was 35.8%. In the structure factor calculation the scattering curve used for chlorine was that given in the *Internationale Tabellen* (1935), McWeeny's curve being used for carbon. The temperature parameter B was taken as 4.8 \AA^2 for all the atoms. Hydrogen atoms were of course not included.

Refinement of positional and temperature parameters proceeded by computing successive ($F_o - F_c$) syntheses, and after three cycles the R value (calculated over the observed planes) had dropped to 13.1%. Since the calculated structure factors of the high order reflexions had consistently been lower during the refinement process than those observed, an empirical curve for chlorine was used in the final structure factor calculation. This curve fits almost exactly the *Internationale Tabellen* curve with $B = 4.8 \text{ \AA}^2$ up to $2 \sin \theta$ (Cu $K\alpha$) about 1.2, but thereafter lies slightly above that curve. McWeeny's curve with $B = 4.2 \text{ \AA}^2$ was used for all the carbon atoms.

Measured and calculated $0kl$ structure factors are listed in Table 3. The final F_o synthesis, computed with measured F_o values and calculated signs, is shown in Fig. 1.

x-coordinates

Since the plane of the molecule is almost perpendicular to a the x -coordinates of all the atoms were readily obtained by varying the x -coordinate of the molecular centre until reasonable agreement between F_o and F_c for the $h0l$ reflexions was obtained. Refinement then proceeded by use of the $hk0$ zone data. Since the overlap of atomic peaks is quite severe even in the c -axis projection, the y -coordinates were fixed at the values obtained from the $0kl$ zone, and only the x -coordinates were refined further. The initial discrepancy factor was 29.4%, and this was reduced in two cycles of ($F_o - F_c$) syntheses to 16.0% (over the observed planes).

No attempt was made to refine the (010) projection independently, since there is a great amount of

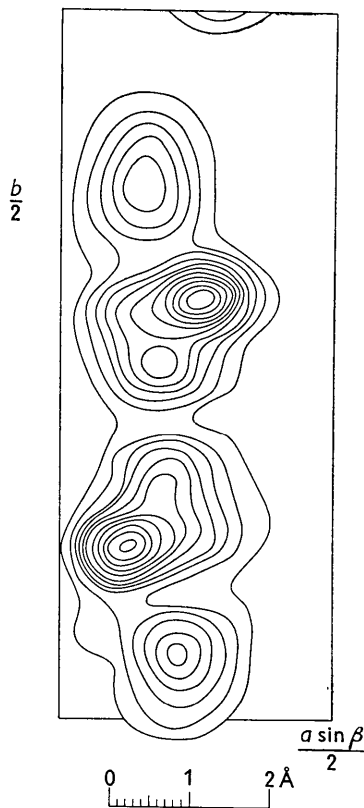


Fig. 2. Electron-density projection down [001]. Contours at intervals of $2 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-2}$.

overlap. Using the x and z coordinates from the $hk0$ and $0kl$ zones, the R value was 15.0%.

Final F_o and F_c values for the $h0l$ and $hk0$ zones are listed in Table 3. The final $hk0$ zone F_o synthesis is shown in Fig. 2, and a projection of the structure down [001] in Fig. 4.

Table 1. *Coordinates of the atoms*

Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c
Cl ₁	0.2620	0.2976	0.5505
Cl ₂	0.1137	0.1223	-0.0939
<i>A</i>	0.2540	0.0540	0.5170
<i>B</i>	0.2523	0.1292	0.5177
<i>C</i>	0.2180	0.1708	0.3732
<i>D</i>	0.2180	0.2471	0.3749
<i>E</i>	0.1850	0.2880	0.2268
<i>F</i>	0.1830	0.3644	0.2353
<i>G</i>	0.1460	0.4060	0.0901
<i>A'</i>	0.1093	0.3691	-0.0556
<i>B'</i>	0.1130	0.2924	-0.0580
<i>C'</i>	0.1489	0.2494	0.0761
<i>D'</i>	0.1530	0.1735	0.0822
<i>E'</i>	0.1830	0.1298	0.2213
<i>F'</i>	0.1830	0.0477	0.2403
<i>G'</i>	0.2180	0.0086	0.3803

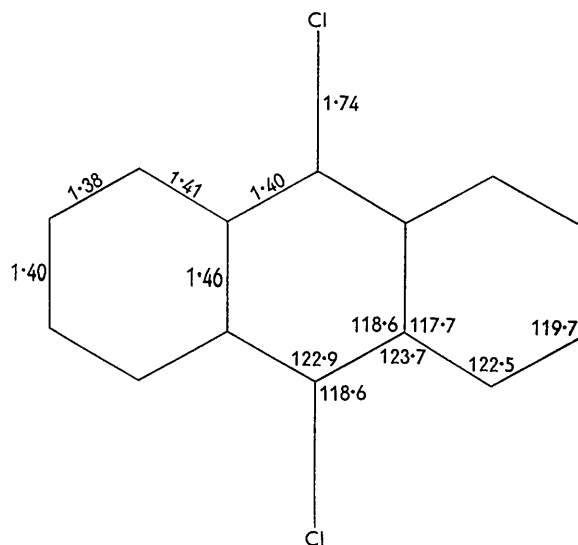


Fig. 3. Bond lengths and valency angles.

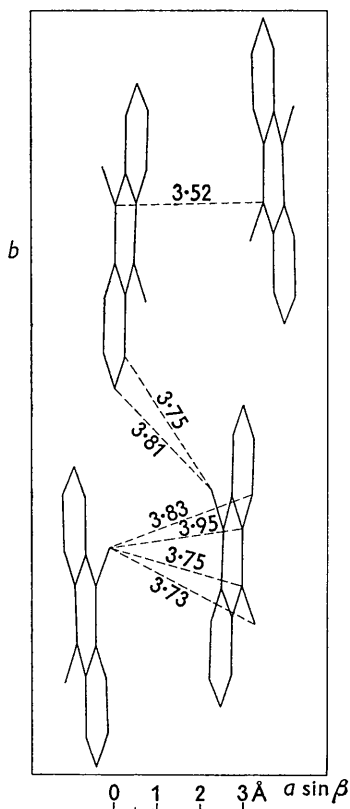


Fig. 4. Projection of the structure down [001], showing the shorter intermolecular contacts.

Coordinates and molecular dimensions

The final coordinates of the atoms, referred to the monoclinic axes and expressed as fractions of the unit-cell edges, are listed in Table 1, the labelling of the atoms being shown in Fig. 1.

The coordinates of the atoms can be fitted to an equation of the form

$$lX' + mY + nZ' + p = 0,$$

where X' , Y , Z' are coordinates, expressed in Å units and referred to orthogonal axes a , b and c' , c' being taken perpendicular to the a and b crystal axes. l , m , n and p were determined by the method of least squares to be 0.9995, 0.0050, 0.0319 and -0.9304 respectively. The root mean square deviation of the atoms from this plane is 0.02 Å.

The bond lengths and valency angles in the dichloroanthracene molecule were calculated from the coordinates of Table 1, and the values after averaging over chemically-equivalent bonds and angles are shown in Fig. 3.

Discussion

Due to overlap in all three projections Cruickshank's (1949) formulae for the standard deviations of the

atomic positions cannot strictly be applied here, but they give the order of magnitude of the accuracy. For the mean bond lengths, obtained by averaging over chemically-equivalent bonds, the estimated standard deviations are about 0.015 Å for a Cl-C bond, and about 0.02 Å for a C-C bond.

The molecule is completely planar within the limits of experimental error, the root mean square deviation from the mean molecular plane being 0.02 Å. The Cl-C distance (1.74 Å) corresponds to a single bond. The C-C bond lengths are compared in Table 2 with

Table 2. Bond lengths in anthracene and 9:10-dichloroanthracene

Bond	Anthracene	9:10-Dichloroanthracene
A-B	1.37 Å	1.38 Å
B-C	1.43	1.41
C-D	1.40	1.40
A-G'	1.42	1.40
C-E'	1.44	1.46
Cl-D	—	1.74

the lengths of the corresponding bonds in anthracene (Sinclair, Robertson & Mathieson, 1950; Cruickshank, 1956). There are no significant differences. It can be concluded then that the replacement of the hydrogen atoms in the 9 and 10 positions of anthracene by chlorine atoms does not disturb the planarity of the molecule, nor does it cause any changes in the C-C distances; the Cl atoms are joined to the 9 and 10 carbon atoms by single bonds.

All the intermolecular distances correspond to normal van der Waals interactions. The shortest Cl-Cl, Cl-C and C-C contacts are 3.73, 3.70 and 3.52 Å respectively. The C-C distances of 3.52 Å are between carbon atoms D and C' of the standard molecule and the corresponding atoms of the molecule related by the glide plane (Fig. 4). These pairs of atoms overlap very closely in the a -axis projection, and the planes of the two molecules are nearly parallel. In the c -direction the shortest contacts are Cl-C = 3.70, 3.76 Å and C-C = 3.80, 4.02, 4.08 Å. The shorter intermolecular distances are illustrated in Fig. 4.

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Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors

hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c
000	-	+504	048	<6	-1	0,11,1	19	+23	0,18,6	<3	+1	60T	42	+44	3,11,0	<6	+1
200	170	-173	049	4	-6	0,11,2	6	+7	0,19,1	<5	+3	601	6	-1	3,13,0	16	-12
400	<5	-5	0,4,10	10	-10	0,11,3	49	+52	0,19,2	13	+15	602	13	-22	3,13,0	7	+10
600	6	-12	051	19	-22	0,11,4	8	+8	0,19,3	<5	+1	603	8	-7	3,14,0	19	+15
800	4	+14	052	26	-27	0,11,5	17	+18	0,19,4	12	+12	604	6	+2	3,15,0	<6	-1
020	92	-99	053	28	-36	0,11,6	13	-11	0,19,5	3	-3	605	3	-2	3,16,0	6	-8
040	53	-49	054	29	-26	0,11,7	<5	+1	0,19,6	<2	+2	80A	<3	+7	3,17,0	10	-13
060	<3	+7	055	<5	-4	0,11,8	14	-11	0,20,1	12	-15	803	6	-3	3,18,0	3	+3
080	34	+37	056	<5	0	0,11,9	4	-4	0,20,2	8	+4	802	33	+39	3,19,0	<4	+2
0,10,0	9	+13	057	10	+9	0,12,1	<5	-2	0,20,3	<4	-2	801	<4	+1	410	20	+23
0,12,0	47	-49	058	7	+5	0,12,2	10	-12	0,20,4	5	+6	110	27	+25	420	<5	-5
0,14,0	<2	+4	059	<5	+4	0,12,3	29	+29	0,20,5	2	+6	120	30	-40	430	<5	+1
0,16,0	22	+27	0,5,10	4	+4	0,12,4	23	-25	0,21,1	<4	+2	130	9	-7	440	37	+36
0,18,0	<5	-5	051	27	-27	0,12,5	8	+11	0,21,2	<4	-5	130	5	-7	450	7	+6
0,20,0	3	+2	062	<3	-3	0,12,6	12	+13	0,21,3	<3	0	140	71	-69	460	15	+12
0,22,0	7	-6	063	<4	+5	0,12,7	<5	+2	0,21,4	10	-10	150	10	-13	470	<6	+2
061	9	+11	064	<4	0	0,12,8	7	+6	0,22,1	4	+4	160	54	+54	480	30	-29
002	89	+83	065	9	+13	0,12,9	14	-13	0,22,2	8	-8	170	18	+25	490	15	+22
003	35	-35	066	<5	+1	0,13,1	12	-12	0,22,3	<2	+2	180	77	-64	4,10,0	<6	+5
004	12	-2	067	4	+3	0,13,2	8	-8	2,0,10	13	+10	190	<5	-1	4,11,0	11	-10
005	30	-26	068	<5	0	0,13,3	57	-57	2,0,10	13	+10	1,10,0	<5	-4	4,12,0	<6	+2
006	49	-51	069	<5	-1	0,13,4	11	-14	207	7	-9	1,11,0	<5	-4	4,13,0	7	+7
007	42	-37	0,6,10	<3	-3	0,13,5	4	-9	208	15	+6	1,12,0	7	+7	4,14,0	<6	+8
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012	6	+4	075	8	+8	0,14,1	12	-11	203	7	-7	1,17,0	14	+14	530	<6	+4
013	64	+68	076	3	-4	0,14,2	<5	-1	202	55	-60	1,18,0	28	-25	540	11	-18
014	12	-11	077	16	+14	0,14,3	13	-8	201	146	+154	1,19,0	<6	-4	550	28	+21
015	31	+28	078	<5	+3	0,14,4	15	+16	201	52	+48	1,20,0	<5	0	560	7	+9
016	43	-38	079	9	+4	0,14,5	8	+8	202	10	+6	1,21,0	<4	-5	570	8	-9
017	23	+23	0,7,10	<3	+2	0,14,6	<5	+2	203	62	+59	210	122	-136	580	<6	-5
018	8	-4	081	50	+50	0,14,7	8	+4	204	12	+10	220	37	+41	590	12	-8
019	<5	-2	082	10	-7	0,14,8	3	-3	205	16	-13	230	45	-40	5,10,0	<6	+2
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021	3	-3	084	23	-23	0,15,2	8	-10	207	7	+11	250	20	+27	5,12,0	<6	+7
022	30	-39	085	11	-11	0,15,3	3	-5	208	<5	-1	260	12	-13	5,13,0	<6	+4
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031	<2	+4	094	24	+29	0,16,4	<5	-5	402	10	+1	2,15,0	14	+14	660	<6	-4
032	21	+27	095	14	-14	0,16,5	8	-9	401	162	-157	2,16,0	9	-7	670	5	-9
033	34	+39	096	<6	-4	0,16,6	<4	-7	401	27	-39	2,17,0	<6	-8	680	<6	+3
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