

A Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance and X-ray Study of the Crystal Structure of 2,5-Dichloroaniline

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The crystal structure of 2,5-dichloroaniline, $C_6H_3Cl_2NH_2$, has been determined by the combined application of nuclear quadrupole resonance and X-ray diffraction.

The molecule is planar, except for the nitrogen which deviates slightly, by 0.06 Å. The benzene ring is slightly deformed from the regular hexagon and the observed bond lengths agree well with the result of a simple molecular orbital calculation. There is no hydrogen bonding in the structure. The shortest intermolecular Cl...Cl distance, 3.37 Å, is shorter than the usually quoted van der Waals distance of 3.6 Å.

Introduction

This paper is a part of the series of investigations making use of nuclear quadrupole resonance (n.q.r.) and X-ray diffraction for studying the structures of chlorine-substituted aromatic compounds. In the previous work, (Dean, Pollak, Craven and Jeffrey, 1958; Chu, Jeffrey & Sakurai, 1962; Sakurai, 1962a, Sakurai, 1962b), the molecules had a centre of symmetry corresponding to that of the crystal. Therefore, once the molecular orientation was determined by studying the Zeeman splitting of the Cl^{35} n.q.r., the crystal structure could be solved directly. In the present work, the molecule occupies a general position and a direct solution from the n.q.r. measurements is not possible, since these do not provide information relating to the translational symmetry. The molecular structure factor was therefore calculated from the n.q.r. molecular orientation data and the position of the molecule was obtained using the modified Patterson function of Giglio, Liquori & Ripamonti, (1958). Excluding the NH_2 group, the molecule of 2,5-dichloroaniline has a pseudo-centre of symmetry and only the real part of the molecular structure factor had to be considered.

Crystal data

The crystals are monoclinic, with space group $P2_1/c$ from the systematic extinctions $h0l$ absent for l odd, $0k0$ absent for k odd. The cell dimensions measured with a G.E. XRD-5 diffractometer and single-crystal orienter are

$$a = 13.237 \pm 0.007, b = 3.892 \pm 0.006, c = 18.803 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\beta = 135^\circ 13' \pm 11'. V = 682 \pm 3 \text{ \AA}^3,$$

with $Z = 4, D_x = 1.577 \pm 0.006 \text{ g.cm.}^3$.

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A suitable liquid for the density measurement by flotation was not obtained. However, the pure quadrupole Cl^{35} resonance spectrum consists of only two lines of frequencies 33.90 and 34.01 mc. sec.⁻¹ at room temperature. Since the molecule is non-centrosymmetric, these two frequencies must correspond to the two different chlorine atoms in a molecule and therefore the asymmetric unit in the cell must be one molecule.

Experimental

Eastman's highest purity grade material was purified by repeated zone refinements by using a Fisher's zone refiner. A single crystal for the n.q.r. measurements was grown by Bridgman's technique. The purified sample was sealed in a glass tube 1.4 cm diameter, at one end of which a capillary tube was attached. Since the direction of the crystallographic axes other than the symmetry axis cannot be determined by the n.q.r. technique for monoclinic crystals, a Weissenberg photograph was taken of the part of the crystal in the capillary to determine its orientation with respect to the scale attached to the n.q.r. spectrometer. This measurement could not be made to an accuracy of better than two degrees, since the crystal had to be transferred from the X-ray camera to the coil of the n.q.r. spectrometer. The n.q.r. measurements were made on a spectrometer described by Dean (1960).

For the X-ray analysis, single crystals elongated about the b axis and approximately cylindrical in diameter were obtained from alcoholic solution. The intensity measurements were made on a crystal sealed in a thin-walled glass capillary to avoid evaporation. The zero to third layers about the b axis were recorded on multiple-film Weissenberg photographs using $Cu K\alpha$ radiation. The intensities were estimated by eye and 907 independent reflections were obtained.

This is about 60 per cent of the reflections in the limiting sphere. The correlation of the four layers was by means of the double-slit technique of Stadler (1950). No corrections were made for absorption. The effect of the α_1 , α_2 resolution was corrected as previously described by Sakurai (1962a). The intensities were reduced to relative structure amplitudes using an IBM 650 data reduction program of Shiono (1960).

Determination of the structure

Since the two chlorine atoms are at the *para* positions of the benzene ring, the n.q.r. zero magnetic splitting loci of both frequencies almost coincide in orientation. The direction of the *b* axis, which was approximately along the polar axis of the spectrometer coordinates, could be determined accurately from the symmetrical arrangement of these loci. The centres of the loci were assigned to the σ bonds. The π bond directions were assumed to be the directions of the asymmetry of the loci. The resulting angular orientations obtained are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. *N.Q.R. and corresponding X-ray bond orientation data*

Angle between	n.q.r.	X-ray
<i>b</i> axis and Cl ₅ σ bond	76.8 \pm 0.4°	77.1 \pm 0.4°
<i>b</i> axis and Cl ₂ σ bond	76.5 \pm 0.4	76.3 \pm 0.4
Cl ₂ σ bond and Cl ₅ σ bond	0.8 \pm 0.2	0.8 \pm 0.8
Cl ₂ π bond and Cl ₅ π bond	5.3	

Asymmetry parameter η

Cl ₂	0.069 \pm 0.015
Cl ₅	0.066 \pm 0.015

At that stage it was impossible to distinguish the two C-Cl bonds, *i.e.* relative to the amino group. This was done later by comparison with the X-ray results.

Since η is small a few degrees of uncertainty is expected for the π bond orientations.

The orthogonal molecular axes *L*, *M* and *N* are

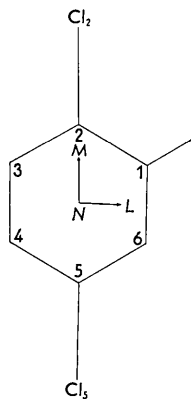


Fig. 1. The molecular axes. *N* is perpendicular to the molecular plane.

defined as in Fig. 1. *M* bisects the two σ bonds and *N* bisects the two π bonds. The direction cosines between the molecular axes and the crystal axes were obtained from the determination of the approximate orientation of the crystal of the n.q.r. spectrometer. The coordinates of the atoms in the crystal with respect to the origin of the molecular axes were then calculated with the assumption of a planar hexagonal benzene ring and C-C and C-Cl bonds of 1.38 and 1.70 Å respectively. These parameters are given in Table 2.

Table 2. *Parameters deduced from n.q.r. data*

Direction cosines between molecular axes and crystal axes*

	<i>a'</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>L</i>	0.006	-0.480	0.878
<i>M</i>	0.966	0.233	0.122
<i>N</i>	-0.257	0.846	0.466

Approximate coordinates with respect to the origin of the molecule†

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
Cl ₂	0.317	0.187	0.179
C ₁	0.070	0.142	-0.002
C ₂	0.142	0.084	0.080
C ₃	0.072	-0.058	0.074

* For convenience of calculation, the direction cosines are taken with respect to the *a'*, *b* and *c* axes, where *a'* is perpendicular to the *bc* plane.

† C₄, C₅, C₆ and Cl₅ are assumed to be the corresponding centrosymmetrical positions. The nitrogen atom coordinates are not determined.

In order to determine the position of the molecular centre in the crystal, the (010) plane projection was considered first. On this projection, the structure factor expression can be written as follows;

$$F_{hl} = 4 \sum' f_j \cos 2\pi(hx_{j0} + lz_{j0}) \times \cos 2\pi(hX + lZ) + 4f_N \cos 2\pi(hx_N + lz_N)$$

where *X*, *Z* are the coordinates of the molecular origin, *x*_{j0}, *z*_{j0} are the coordinates of atoms with respect to the centre of the molecule, and *x*_N, *z*_N are the nitrogen coordinates. Σ' refers to the summation over the chlorine and carbon atoms only. If the contribution of the nitrogen is neglected,

$$(F_{hl}/a_{hl})^2 \approx \cos^2 2\pi(hX + lZ) \\ a_{hl} = 4 \sum' f_j \cos 2\pi(hx_{j0} + lz_{j0})$$

Therefore a Fourier series

$$M(x, z) = \sum_{hl} (F_{hl}/a_{hl})^2 \cos 2\pi(hX + lZ) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{hl} [1 + \cos 2\pi(h2X + l2Z)] \cos 2\pi(hx + lz)$$

will give a peak at 2*X*, 2*Z*. This is the modified Patterson function derived by Giglio, Liquori & Ripamonti (1958). The values of *a*_{hl} were calculated from the coordinates in Table 2. Those values smaller than $4 \sum_j f_j/10$ were rejected because a small error

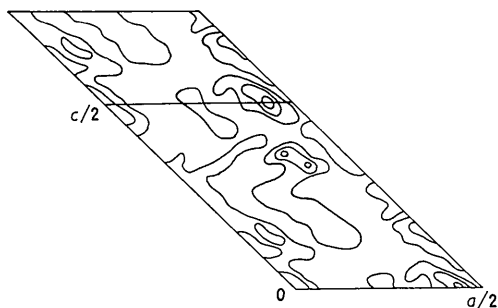


Fig. 2. A modified Patterson function on (010) projection.

in a_{hl} may introduce a large error in M . The resultant function is shown in Fig. 2. It has considerable structure, with the highest peak at $2X=0.432$ and $2Z=$

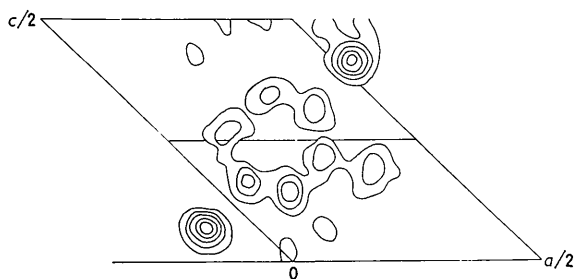


Fig. 3. The first Fourier map on (010) projection.

0.506. Placing the molecular origin at X, Z , the structure factor signs were calculated and a Fourier synthesis projection was computed. As shown in Fig. 3, this clearly revealed the molecular shape and the position of the nitrogen atom. The atomic positions were then refined by successive Fourier and differential Fourier synthesis and structure factor calculations to a reliability factor for the $(h0l)$ reflexions of 16.2%. To determine the Y coordinate of the molecular origin, a one-dimensional Patterson function was calculated along the line parallel to b axis through chlorine atoms. A value of $Y=0.19$ was obtained, and the initial atomic coordinates thereby derived gave an overall structure factor agreement of 34%. Successive refinements by three-dimensional differential syntheses using isotropic temperature factors reduced this to 17%. A three-dimensional difference Fourier synthesis was then computed, a typical section of which is shown in Fig. 4. Since it indicated some anisotropic thermal motion of the chlorine atoms, an anisotropic least squares refinement was carried out. The Hughes (1941) weighting scheme was used and unobserved reflections were omitted. The hydrogen atoms were included as fixed atom contributions, at assumed positions coplanar with the ring with $C-H=1.07 \text{ \AA}$, and $N-H=1.04 \text{ \AA}$. The R factor was thereby reduced to 12.6 per cent, excluding non-observed reflections. Five strong low-order reflections for which the agreement was poor due to extinction were omitted

Table 3. Atomic parameters and standard deviations

Atom	x	y	z	$\sigma x 10^{-4}$	$\sigma y 10^{-3}$	$\sigma z 10^{-4}$
Cl ₂	0.5367	0.3879	0.4148	2	0.8	2
Cl ₅	-0.1084	0.0186	0.0672	3	0.9	2
C ₁	0.2860	0.346	0.2173	8	3	6
C ₂	0.3566	0.280	0.3182	10	3	7
C ₃	0.2843	0.140	0.3376	11	3	7
C ₄	0.1418	0.059	0.2631	9	3	8
C ₅	0.0725	0.118	0.1639	10	3	7
C ₆	0.1413	0.262	0.1402	10	3	7
N	0.3586	0.475	0.1943	10	3	7

Atom	$B_{11} \times 10^{-2}$	$B_{22} \times 10^{-2}$	$B_{33} \times 10^{-2}$	$\sigma B_{11} \times 10^{-4}$	$\sigma B_{22} \times 10^{-3}$	$\sigma B_{33} \times 10^{-4}$
Cl ₂	1.03	7.7	0.592	3	6	1.7
Cl ₅	1.08	9.1	0.708	3	6	1.9
C ₁	0.95	2.7	0.58	9	9	5
C ₂	1.04	3.0	0.61	10	9	6
C ₃	1.03	5.4	0.44	10	10	5
C ₄	1.47	3.5	0.80	11	9	6
C ₅	1.09	2.9	0.62	10	9	5
C ₆	1.37	4.0	0.54	11	9	5
N	1.81	5.9	0.90	12	9	6

Atom	$B_{12} \times 10^{-2}$	$B_{13} \times 10^{-2}$	$B_{23} \times 10^{-2}$	$\sigma B_{12} \times 10^{-4}$	$\sigma B_{13} \times 10^{-4}$	$\sigma B_{23} \times 10^{-4}$
Cl ₂	-0.56	0.49	-0.48	6	2	5
Cl ₅	-0.50	0.56	-0.40	7	2	6
C ₁	0.27	0.52	0.07	18	5	14
C ₂	0.33	0.51	0.26	23	6	15
C ₃	-0.14	0.46	-0.11	23	6	17
C ₄	0.27	0.92	0.27	22	17	17
C ₅	-0.08	0.61	-0.18	19	6	16
C ₆	0.65	0.65	0.23	22	7	16
N	-0.01	1.05	0.09	24	8	19

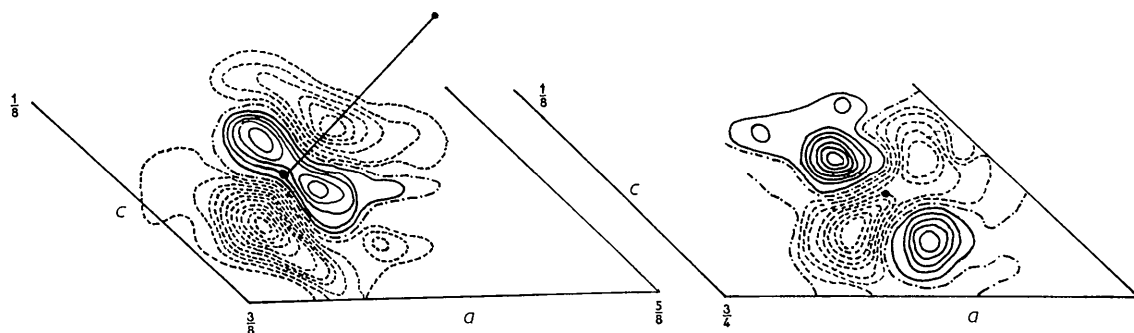


Fig. 4. $(F_o - F_c)$ synthesis showing anisotropic thermal motion of the chlorine atoms. Left Cl_2 , right Cl_5 .

from the refinement. These reflections are shown in Table 4(b).

Table 4(b). Observed reflections omitted in the least-square refinement

	F_o	F_c
$\bar{2}04$	89.2	-126.1
$\bar{2}06$	93.4	-112.8
$\bar{1}12$	52.4	-102.5
$\bar{2}11$	48.8	63.6
$\bar{2}13$	58.5	-113.3

The atomic coordinates, temperature factors, and their standard errors are shown in Table 3. The observed and calculated structure factors from the final cycle of calculations are shown in Table 4(a). The IBM 650 and 7070 computers were used for the computations, using programs written by Shiono (1957, 1959, 1960). The least-squares refinements were computed on an IBM 704 using the full matrix program of Busing & Levy (1959).

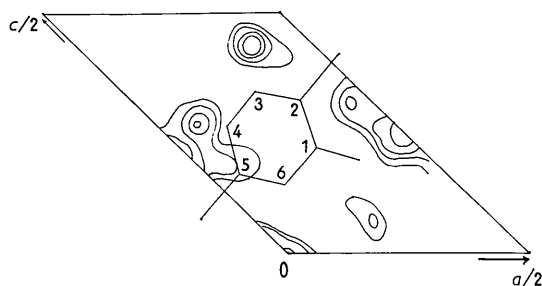


Fig. 5. Final $(F_o - F_c)$ synthesis on (010) projection. The interval of the contours is $0.05 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-2}$ beginning from $0.05 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-2}$.

Fig. 5 shows a difference Fourier projection on (010) using the final anisotropic coordinates, excluding the hydrogen atoms, for the reflections with $\sin \theta \leq 0.5$. Two of the larger peaks can be associated with hydrogen atoms but the data did not permit location of the other three atoms.

The determination of the thermal vibrations

The individual atomic temperature factors in Table 3 were transformed into the mean square displacements U_{ij} , along the principal axes of the moment of inertia of the molecule shown in Fig. 6 and Table 5. The tensors of translational and rotational motion were obtained by the least-squares formula derived

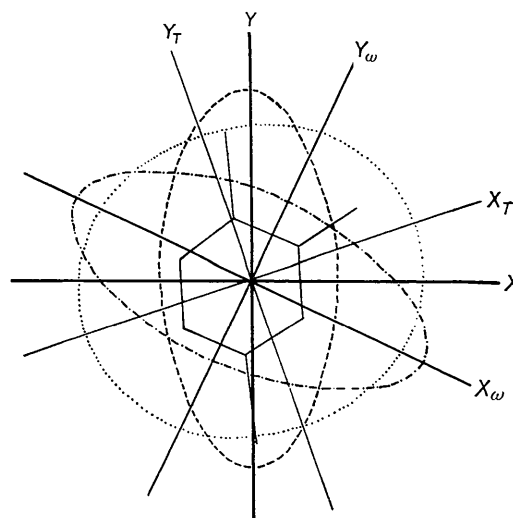


Fig. 6. Section of the ellipsoids of thermal motion on the molecular plane.

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Table 5. Direction cosines between the principal axes of the molecule and the crystal axes

	a'	b	c	(Atomic weight \AA^2) Moment of inertia
J_1	0.092	-0.301	0.949	702.5
J_2	0.966	0.259	-0.011	172.4
J_3	-0.242	0.918	0.315	964.9

by Cruickshank (1956a), and these values and their standard errors are shown in Table 6. The calculated U_{ij} are compared with observed values in Table 7,

Table 6. *Tensors of molecular vibration*

Translation $T \times 10^{-2} \text{ \AA}^2$			Rotation $\omega \text{ deg.}^2$		
$\begin{pmatrix} 4.05 & -0.29 & 0.52 \\ & 4.74 & 0.32 \\ & & 1.48 \end{pmatrix}$			$\begin{pmatrix} 15.0 & 7.8 & 2.4 \\ & 27.5 & 3.3 \\ & & 14.6 \end{pmatrix}$		
$\sigma(T)$			$\sigma(\omega)$		
$\begin{pmatrix} 0.32 & 0.26 & 0.21 \\ & 0.25 & 0.19 \\ & & 0.32 \end{pmatrix}$			$\begin{pmatrix} 1.6 & 3.2 & 1.4 \\ & 6.4 & 2.9 \\ & & 2.1 \end{pmatrix}$		

and the agreement justifies the assumption of rigid body vibration.

Of the off-diagonal elements of the tensors only

ω_{12} is significant. Therefore, as would be expected, the principal axes of the rotational vibration in the plane of the molecule are slightly different from the principal axes of the molecule. A section of the ellipse of the thermal motion of the molecular plane is shown in Fig. 6. The translational motion in the plane of the molecule is greater than that normal to it. The root mean square displacements of the translational motion along the principal axes of the molecule are 0.20, 0.22 and 0.12 Å respectively and the amplitudes of the rotation are 3.9, 5.2 and 3.8 degrees. The largest amplitude corresponds to the axis of smallest moment of inertia.

Table 7. *Mean square displacement along the principal axes of the molecule*

Atom	U_{11}		U_{22}		U_{33}		U_{12}		U_{13}		U_{23}	
	obs.	calc.	obs.	calc.	obs.	calc.	obs.	calc.	obs.	calc.	obs.	calc.
Cl ₂	6.8	7.9	4.1	4.8	5.8	6.3	0.2	1.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.7	0.2
Cl ₅	7.8	8.7	4.5	4.7	6.8	6.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.3
C ₁	5.2	4.2	4.3	5.1	2.0	2.1	-0.4	-0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.3
C ₂	5.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.1	0.3
C ₃	4.3	4.1	4.4	5.7	4.2	3.6	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.1
C ₄	4.1	4.4	6.5	5.6	2.9	2.9	-1.8	-1.0	0.5	0.6	-0.5	0.2
C ₅	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.8	2.3	2.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3
C ₆	4.2	4.3	6.4	5.2	2.6	3.0	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2
N	5.3	4.9	7.8	6.7	4.6	4.7	-1.5	-0.8	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.1

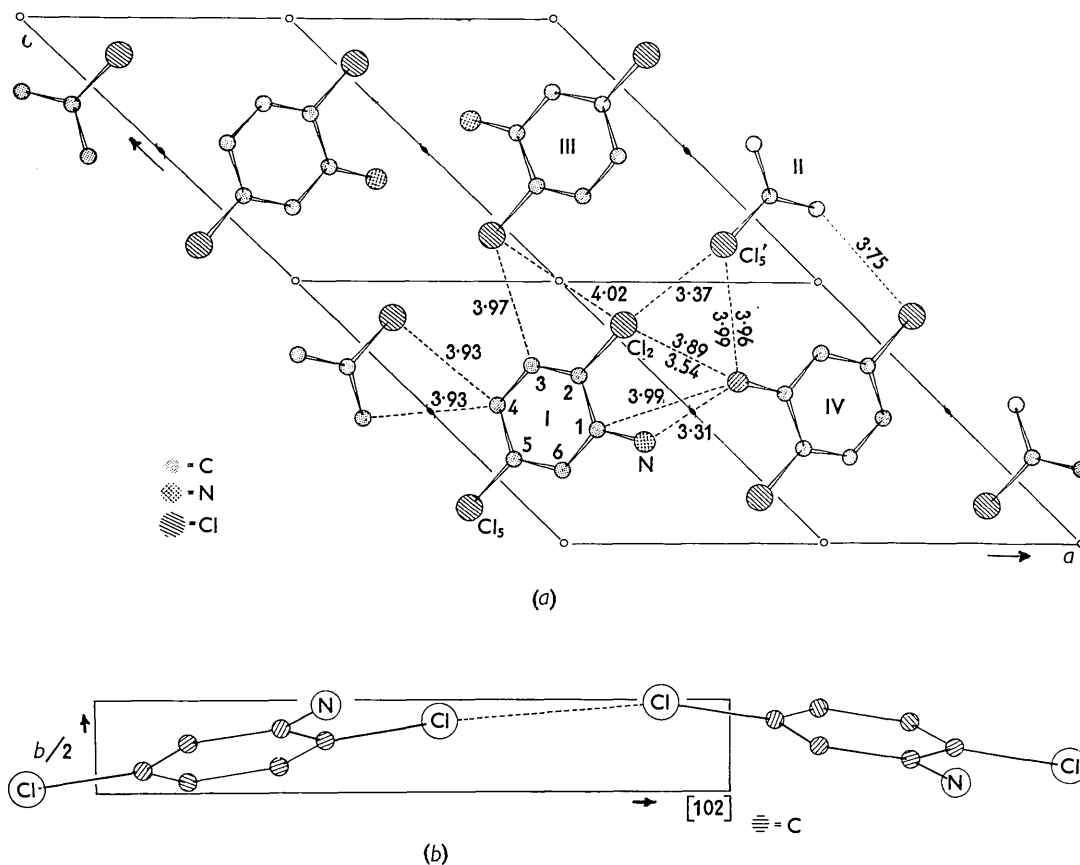


Fig. 7. The molecular arrangement in the crystal. (a) The projection on (010) showing the shorter intermolecular distances. (b) The projection showing the shortest chlorine separation.

Discussion of the crystal structure

The arrangement of the molecules in the crystal is shown in Fig. 7. The molecular plane makes an angle of 23.4° with the ac plane. The direction cosines of the molecular axes defined in Fig. 1 are shown in Table 8. The difference between these values and those given in Table 2 is mainly due to the uncertainty in relating the a and c axial directions to the n.q.r. observations.

Table 8. *Direction cosines between the molecular axes and crystal axes*

	a'	b	c
L	-0.015	-0.327	0.941
M	0.966	0.225	0.094
N	-0.242	0.918	0.315

Table 9. *The intermolecular chlorine-nitrogen distances shorter than 4.1 Å*

$\text{Cl}_2(\text{I})-\text{Cl}_5(\text{II})$	3.369
$\text{Cl}_2(\text{I})-\text{Cl}_2(\text{I}^-)$	3.892
$\text{Cl}_5(\text{I})-\text{Cl}_2(\text{III})$	4.020
$\text{Cl}_5(\text{I})-\text{Cl}_5(\text{I}^-)$	3.892
$\text{Cl}_5(\text{I})-\text{N}(\text{IV}^-)$	3.540
$\text{Cl}_2(\text{I})-\text{N}(\text{IV})$	3.886
$\text{Cl}_5(\text{II})-\text{N}(\text{IV})$	3.963
$\text{Cl}_5(\text{II})-\text{N}(\text{IV}^-)$	3.987
$\text{N}(\text{I})-\text{N}(\text{IV})$	3.313
$\text{N}(\text{I})-\text{N}(\text{I}^-)$	3.892

Roman figures in the parentheses correspond to the molecules in Fig. 7(a) and their coordinates are deduced from those in Table 3 by following relations.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(I)} & x, y, z & \text{(II)} & 1+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z & \text{(III)} & 1-x, 1-y, 1-z \\ & & \text{(IV)} & 1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z & \text{(IV}^-) & 1-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z. \end{array}$$

The intermolecular chlorine to nitrogen distances shorter than 4.1 Å are listed in Table 9. The shortest $\text{N} \cdots \text{Cl}$ distance is 3.54 Å. There is no evidence of a $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{Cl}$ hydrogen bond. The shortest chlorine-chlorine distance is 3.37 Å, which is considerably less than the usually quoted Van der Waals distance of 3.6 Å. This is compared with some similar values for other structures in Table 10.

These results suggest that there is an orientation factor associated with the occurrence of these shorter distances, since they satisfy the condition that either both angles between $\text{C}-\text{Cl}$ and $\text{Cl} \cdots \text{Cl}$ are $160 \pm 10^\circ$,

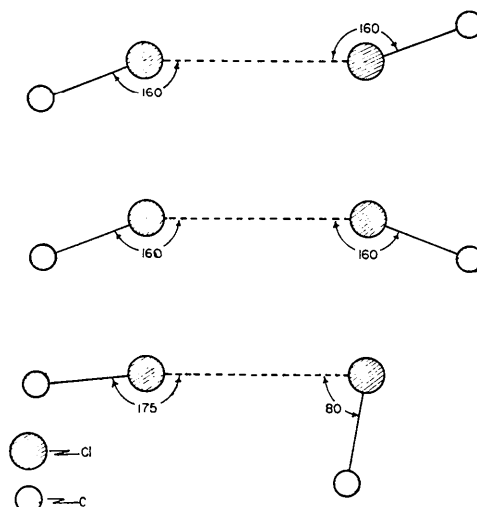


Fig. 8. The short $\text{Cl} \cdots \text{Cl}$ intermolecular distances.

or one is about 175° and the other about 80° , as shown in Figure 8. A similar arrangement has been found in molecular chlorine (Collin, 1952), and in 2,4-dibromomenthone (Wunderlich and Lipscomb, 1960).

From the n.q.r. studies of molecular iodine (Robinson, Dehmelt & Gordy, 1955) and of the cyanogen halides (Gellar & Schawlow, 1955) there is evidence that the short intermolecular distances between halogen atoms in these structures are caused by some covalent bond character in the cohesive forces between the molecules. In tetrachlorohydroquinone, pentachlorophenol and solid chlorine, however, the Cl^{35} quadrupole coupling constants appear to be unaffected by these intermolecular approaches. This suggests that they are normal van der Waals interactions, and that the results shown in Table 10 indicate that the van der Waals radius is not necessarily constant for all directions relative to the $\text{C}-\text{Cl}$ bond.

Discussion of the molecular structure and bond character

The bond lengths and the valence angles are shown in Table 11 and Fig. 9. The bond lengths are corrected

Table 10. *Short $\text{C}-\text{Cl} \cdots \text{Cl}-\text{C}$ intermolecular distances*

Distance	Angles between $\text{C}-\text{Cl}$ bond and $\text{Cl} \cdots \text{Cl}$ distance		Molecule	Reference
	1	2		
3.27 Å	154°	154°	2,2'-Dichlorobenzidene	Smare (1948)
3.37	166	157	2,5-Dichloroaniline	This work
3.37	168	168	Tetrachlorohydroquinone	Sakurai (1962a)
3.43	175	78	Pentachlorophenol	Sakurai (1962b)
3.43	176	80	Tetrachlorohydroquinone	Sakurai (1962a)
3.43	148	155	2-Amino-4,6-dichloropyrimidine	Clews & Cochran (1948)
3.47	174	79	Pentachlorophenol	Sakurai (1962b)
3.49	165	165	Pentachlorophenol	Sakurai (1962b)

for the effect of rotational vibration (Cruikshank, 1956*b*). The least-square plane through six carbon atoms of the benzene ring was calculated and the deviations of the atomic positions from the plane are shown in Table 12. All carbon and chlorine atoms are in a plane within experimental error, and the nitrogen atom deviates from it by 0.063 Å.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Nitrogen carbon resonance integral } H_{NC} &= \beta \\ \text{Chlorine coulomb integral } H_{ClCl} &= \alpha + 1.1\beta \\ \text{Chlorine carbon resonance integral } H_{ClC} &= 0.6\beta \end{aligned}$$

where X_N , and X_C are electronegativities of the corresponding atoms. The parameters for the chlorine atoms were those used by I'haya (1959), for the best agreement with the observed dipole moment of

Table 11. Bond lengths and bond angles

	Without rotational correction	With rotational correction
C ₂ -Cl ₂	1.737 Å	1.744 Å
C ₅ -Cl ₅	1.736	1.743
C ₁ -C ₂	1.417	1.423
C ₂ -C ₃	1.353	1.360
C ₃ -C ₄	1.368	1.378
C ₄ -C ₅	1.391	1.400
C ₅ -C ₆	1.382	1.388
C ₆ -C ₁	1.392	1.398
C ₁ -N	1.395	1.407

Bond angles	
C ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃	120.4°
C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄	122.9
C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅	116.9
C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₆	122.4
C ₅ -C ₆ -C ₁	119.6
C ₆ -C ₁ -C ₂	117.8
C ₁ -C ₂ -Cl ₂	117.9
C ₃ -C ₂ -Cl ₂	121.7
C ₄ -C ₅ -Cl ₅	118.3
C ₆ -C ₅ -Cl ₅	119.3
C ₆ -C ₁ -N	120.2
C ₂ -C ₁ -N	121.9

Standard errors			
In bonds	In bond angles		
C-Cl	0.012 Å	Cl-C-C	0.9°
C-C	0.017	C-C-C	1.1
C-N	0.016	C-C-N	1.0

Table 12. Deviation of the atoms from the plane of the benzene ring

C ₁	-0.009 Å
C ₂	0.007
C ₃	-0.010
C ₄	-0.002
C ₅	0.006
C ₆	0.008
Cl ₂	-0.007
Cl ₅	-0.005
N	-0.063

The carbon-carbon bond distances deviate slightly from the regular benzene ring, especially, C₁-C₂ is longer and C₂-C₃ is shorter than the ordinary benzene C-C distance. A simple molecular orbital calculation was carried out using the Hückel approximation with the following parameters,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Carbon coulomb integral} & \alpha \\ \text{Carbon carbon resonance integral} & \beta \\ \text{Nitrogen coulomb integral} & H_{NN} = \alpha + (X_N - X_C)\beta \end{aligned}$$

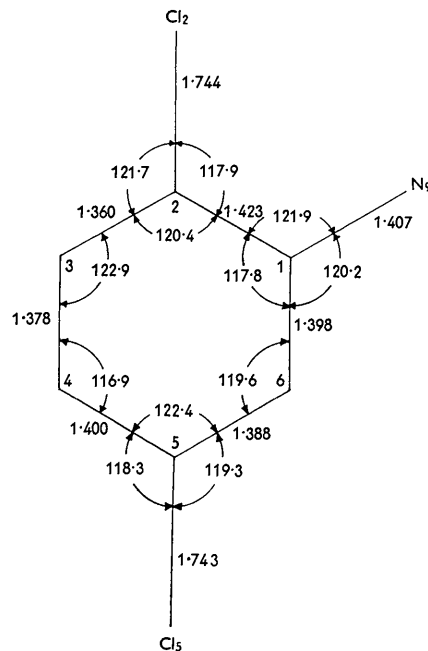


Fig. 9. The bond lengths and valence angles.

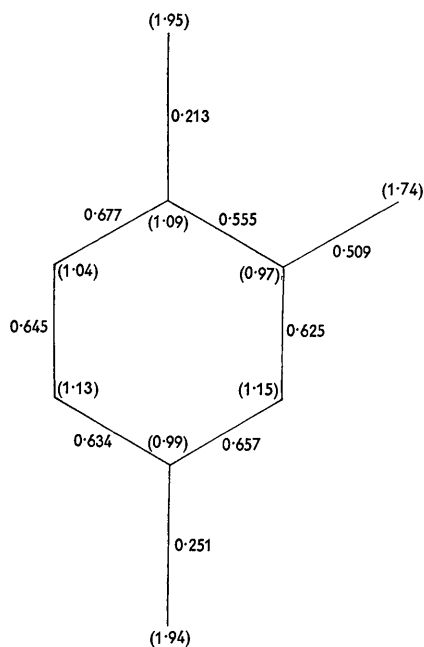


Fig. 10. Bond order and charge distribution from molecular orbital calculation.

monochlorobenzene. The resultant bond orders and charge distributions are shown in Fig. 10. The bond lengths obtained from these values by using the experimental relations between the bond order and the bond length of Daudel, Lefebvre & Moser (1959), are shown in Table 13.

Table 13. *Observed and calculated bond lengths*

Bond	Observed	Molecular orbital	Hybridization by Trotter's graph
C ₁ -C ₂	1.42 Å	1.42 (0)	1.42 (0)
C ₂ -C ₃	1.36	1.38(-2)	1.35 (1)
C ₃ -C ₄	1.38	1.39(-1)	1.40(-2)
C ₄ -C ₅	1.40	1.40 (0)	1.40 (0)
C ₅ -C ₆	1.39	1.39 (0)	1.37 (2)
C ₆ -C ₁	1.40	1.40 (0)	1.43(-3)
T ₀ ²		1.5	5.5

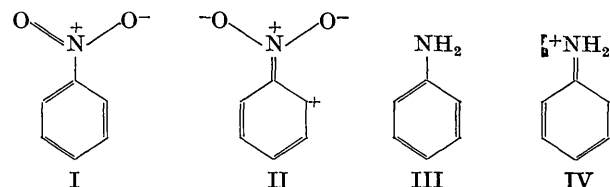
(The values in parentheses are the differences between observed and calculated values with units of 10⁻² Å.)

The agreement with the observed value is excellent. Recently Trotter (1960) showed that the observed C-C bond lengths in nitrobenzene are better explained by the state of hybridization than by the simple molecular orbital theory and he derived an experimental relation between the C-C bond length and C-C-C bond angle. The bond lengths for the present molecule were calculated from Trotter's relationship and shown in Table 13. Although the agreement is apparently worse than for the molecular orbital calculation, the difference from the observed values is not significant from the standpoint of a multi-parameter significance test (Cruickshank & Robertson, 1953).

T₀² values calculated from Cruickshank & Robertson's formula (1953) are also shown in Table 13. Clearly in order to distinguish between these two interpretations, more accurate observation is necessary.

The C-N bond of 1.407 Å, is significantly shorter than the sum of the single-bond covalent radii, 1.47 Å, in contrast to the results found for nitrobenzene and some other nitro derivatives (Table 14). Trotter (1960) concluded that in these nitro compounds resonance is either unimportant across the C-N bond or that any resonance interaction is insufficient to cause any measurable shortening.

The difference between the C-N bond lengths in the nitro and aniline derivatives can be explained in terms of valence bond diagrams if it is assumed that the 'sacrificial' structures are relatively unimportant. Thus II is a 'sacrificial' structure relative to I since it contains one less bond, whereas, by the same criterion, IV would be comparable in importance to III.



In the toluidine hydrochlorides, the C-N bonds have the single-bond value, since the NH₃⁺ cannot be conjugated with the benzene ring.

From the quadrupole data the ionicity and the double-bond character of the C-Cl bonds were calculated to be 22% and 2.7% respectively using

Table 14. *C-N bond lengths*

Molecule	Distance	Substituent	References
Nitrobenzene	1.49 Å	NO ₂	Trotter (1960)
1,5-Dinitronaphthalene	1.49	NO ₂	
9,10-Dinitroanthracene	1.45	NO ₂	
Nitromesitylene	1.48	NO ₂	
9-Nitroanthracene	1.48	NO ₂	
<i>m</i> -Toluidinehydrochloride	1.45	NH ₃ ⁺	Fowweather & Hargreaves (1950)
<i>p</i> -Toluidinehydrochloride	1.45	NH ₃ ⁺	Von Eller (1955)
<i>p</i> -Nitroaniline	1.37	NH ₂	Trueblood, Goldish & Donohue (1961)
	1.46	NO ₂	
2,2'-Dichlorobenzidine	1.40	NH ₂	Smare (1948)
2,5-Dichloroaniline	1.41	NH ₂	This work

Table 15. *C-Cl bond lengths and the asymmetry parameters*

Compound	Mean value of C-Cl	Mean value of η	References
2,5-Dichloroaniline	1.744 Å	0.07	Present work
Tetrachlorohydroquinone	1.73(a)(b)	0.13	Sakurai (1962a)
Tetrachloroparaquinone	1.714	0.21	Chu, Jeffrey & Sakurai (1962)
Pentachlorophenol	1.71(a)(b)	0.17	Sakurai (1962b)
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene	1.72(b)	0.11	Morino & Toyama (1960), Milledge & Pant (1960)
Paradichlorobenzene	1.65(b)	0.08	Dean (1952), Croatto, Bezzi & Bua (1952)
		0.06	Ogawa & Ohi (1959)

(a) A chlorine which is affected by the hydrogen bond is omitted.

(b) Original values for these compounds were not corrected for molecular vibration. In order to take into account this effect, 0.007 Å is added and the value is rounded at the third decimal place.

Bershons (1954) relations. In this calculation the temperature effect on the frequency was estimated to be 0.5 mc. The C-Cl bond lengths and the asymmetry parameters of some chlorobenzene derivatives are shown in Table 15.

These values are consistent with the assumption that the asymmetry parameter is proportional to the double bond character.

Recently Giardino (1961) has obtained more precise values of $\eta = 0.0588 \pm 0.0024$ and 0.0789 ± 0.0042 for the 34.01 and 33.90 mc. frequencies of 2,5-dichloroaniline.

It was pointed out by Bershon (1954) that the π electron density from the nitrogen is located more in the *ortho* and *para* positions than in the *meta* position and in consequence the asymmetry parameter of the *meta* chlorine will be larger than that at the *ortho* or *para*. This is in agreement with Giardino's result with the lower asymmetry parameter corresponding to Cl₂ and higher to Cl₅.

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