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## Molecular Complexes Exhibiting Polarization Bonding. IV. The Crystal Structure of the Anthracene-s-trinitrobenzene Complex

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The crystal structure of the 1:1 complex formed between anthracene and *s*-trinitrobenzene has been determined at room temperature and at low temperature (*ca.* -100 °C). The structure is basically the same at the two temperatures though there are small differences in atomic positions. The crystals are monoclinic with four molecules of complex in a cell of dimensions  $a = 11\cdot70$ ,  $b = 16\cdot20$ ,  $c = 13\cdot22$ , all  $\pm 0\cdot02$  Å,  $\beta = 132\cdot8^\circ \pm 0\cdot5^\circ$  at room temperature, and  $a = 11\cdot35$ ,  $b = 16\cdot27$ ,  $c = 13\cdot02$ , all  $\pm 0\cdot02$  Å,  $\beta = 133\cdot2^\circ \pm 0\cdot5^\circ$  at low temperature, giving the maximum contraction approximately along the [103] crystal direction. The space group is *C*2/c. The structure has been determined at each temperature by three-dimensional Fourier and least-squares methods. The component molecules are stacked alternately, each in two different orientations, in infinite columns along the *c* axis and the most important intermolecular contacts are approximately along this direction.

### Introduction

The complex between anthracene,  $C_{14}H_{10}$ , and *s*-trinitrobenzene,  $C_6H_3(NO_2)_3$ , is one of the series of trinitrobenzene complexes discussed briefly in part III (Wallwork, 1961). The conclusion drawn for the series as a whole was that if there are charge transfer forces operating in the crystal lattices, they must be weak. On the other hand the orange colour of the crystals of the anthracene complex and the evidence from spectroscopic studies of the complex in solution (Briegleb & Czekalla, 1955; McGlynn & Boggus, 1958) suggest that there is a certain amount of charge transfer. Since this complex is one of the more highly coloured and one of the more stable of the aromatic hydro-

carbon-trinitrobenzene series, it was felt that a detailed crystallographic examination would be of interest.

### Experimental

Crystals were deposited slowly as orange needles after warm solutions of the components in ethanol had been mixed and allowed to cool. In polarized light at room temperature, the crystals exhibited pleochroism (with colours ranging from orange to yellow) with the maximum absorption of light when the electric vector was parallel to the needle axis. At the low temperature (*ca.* -100 °C) attained by blowing the vapour from boiling liquid nitrogen over the crystal, its general

colour changed to pale yellow, and in polarized light the pleochroic colours ranged from pale yellow to pale green, but with the direction of maximum absorption still parallel to the needle axis.

X-ray photographs were taken by the multiple-film Weissenberg technique, those at low temperature (*ca.* -100 °C) being obtained by the method described elsewhere (Brown & Wallwork, 1962). At room temperature complete three-dimensional data (327 reflexions) were obtained up to the point of fade-out of the reflexions, but for the low-temperature data the apparatus restricted the observable layer lines to those with  $\mu < 20^\circ$  so that 919 independent reflexions were observed corresponding to about a half of those within the copper sphere. The intensities were estimated by a microphotometer method (Wallwork & Standley, 1954) and were converted to  $|F_o|^2$  and  $|F_o|$  by applying the usual corrections. No corrections were made for either absorption or extinction since each of the crystals used for the more accurate low-temperature measurements had a maximum dimension of only about 0.2 mm. In obtaining the room-temperature data the intensities of ten reflexions were only roughly estimated, since the spots were too large for the aperture of the microphotometer. These ten reflexions were subsequently omitted from the final least-squares analysis.

#### Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{10} \cdot C_6H_3(NO_2)_3$ ,  $M=391.5$ . Monoclinic,  $a=11.70$ ,  $b=16.20$ ,  $c=13.22$ , all  $\pm 0.02$  Å,  $\beta=132.8^\circ \pm 0.5^\circ$ ,  $U=1838.4$  Å<sup>3</sup> (at room temperature).  $a=11.35$ ,  $b=16.27$ ,  $c=13.02$ , all  $\pm 0.02$  Å,  $\beta=133.0 \pm 0.5^\circ$ ,  $U=1758.5$  Å<sup>3</sup> (at approx. -100 °C).  $F(000)=808$ , Cu  $K\alpha$ ,  $\lambda=1.542$  Å,  $\mu=10.6$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. Absent spectra,  $hkl$  when  $h+k$  odd,  $h0l$  when  $l$  odd. Space group  $C2/c$  (no. 15) or  $Cc$  (no. 9). Negative pyroelectric test indicates  $C2/c$  and this is confirmed by refinement of the structure.

#### Structure analysis

The dichroic effect was interpreted in the light of results obtained by Nakamoto (1952) to indicate stacking of the molecules in a plane-to-plane manner down the needle (*c*) axis. If the space group is  $C2/c$ , which has an eightfold general position, the four molecules of each type in the cell must occupy special positions. Of those available, the *s*-trinitrobenzene can only occupy (*e*)  $0, y, \frac{1}{4}$ ;  $0, \bar{y}, \frac{3}{4}$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{4}$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{3}{4}$ ; implying a twofold symmetry axis in the molecule, because the other fourfold positions require a centre of symmetry. The anthracene molecules were placed in the special positions (*a*)  $0, 0, 0$ ;  $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ . A trial structure was obtained with the molecules occurring alternately along the *c* axis and with the planes of the molecules perpendicular to this direction. The orientation of the aromatic rings in the anthracene molecule was found to be the same as that of the aromatic ring in the trinitrobenzene molecule, by the observation of only six intense areas near the 'benzene circle' in the  $hk0$  weighted reciprocal lattice.

The structure at room temperature was refined initially by electron-density projections and three-dimensional sections and lines. Thereafter, refinement was carried out by nine cycles of least-squares analysis with the SFLS (ISO) program written by J. S. Rollett (Mills & Rollett, 1961). This program refines atomic coordinates, individual temperature factors and the scale factor, using the block diagonal approximation of the normal equations matrix. Hydrogen atoms were not included in the calculations. A weighting scheme,

$$\sqrt{w}=1 \text{ if } |F_o| < F_A \\ \text{otherwise}$$

$$\sqrt{w}=F_A/|F_o|$$

was employed, and scattering factors of Berghuis (Berghuis, Haanappel, Potters, Loopstra, MacGillavry & Veenendaal, 1955) for carbon and of Freeman (1959)

Table 1. Atomic parameters and their standard deviations (room temperature)

Atom	$x/a$	$y/b$	$z/c$	$B$	$\sigma_x$	$\sigma_y$	$\sigma_z$
C(1)	-0.011	0.087	-0.018	5.3 Å <sup>2</sup>	0.042 Å	0.029 Å	0.042 Å
C(2)	0.143	0.044	0.097	5.5	0.037	0.026	0.037
C(3)	0.283	0.098	0.182	4.7	0.039	0.031	0.040
C(4)	0.265	0.181	0.156	5.9	0.042	0.031	0.044
C(5)	0.116	0.222	0.053	8.0	0.048	0.036	0.049
C(6)	-0.020	0.172	-0.035	5.2	0.042	0.029	0.042
C(7)	-0.149	0.035	-0.107	2.4	0.035	0.024	0.033
C(8)	0.145	0.123	0.349	2.6	0.035	0.024	0.036
C(9)	0.136	0.041	0.344	4.8	0.042	0.028	0.042
MC(1)	0.000	-0.009	0.250	5.3	0.000	0.047	0.000
MC(2)	0.000	0.168	0.250	3.7	0.000	0.039	0.000
N(1)	0.317	-0.007	0.467	5.9	0.034	0.026	0.034
MN(1)	0.000	0.247	0.250	6.7	0.000	0.039	0.000
O(1)	0.120	0.292	0.330	5.9	0.027	0.021	0.029
O(2)	0.275	-0.075	0.432	9.0	0.034	0.026	0.034
O(3)	0.410	0.041	0.541	8.9	0.034	0.026	0.034

for oxygen and nitrogen were used. The reflexions too weak to be observed as well as the ten roughly estimated intensities referred to above were omitted from

the analysis. Convergence was reached with a reliability index of 0.180.

The final composite electron-density diagram is shown in Fig. 1 and final coordinates, standard deviations (derived from the least-squares variances) and molecular dimensions are summarized in Tables 1-3. The molecular dimensions and intermolecular approaches less than 3.6 Å were calculated with the use of the distance-angle routine of R. A. Sparks (Mills & Rollett, 1961).

The X-ray photographs at low temperature showed that the structure must undergo very little change on cooling. The low temperature structure was therefore assumed initially to have the same atomic positions as at room temperature and was then refined by

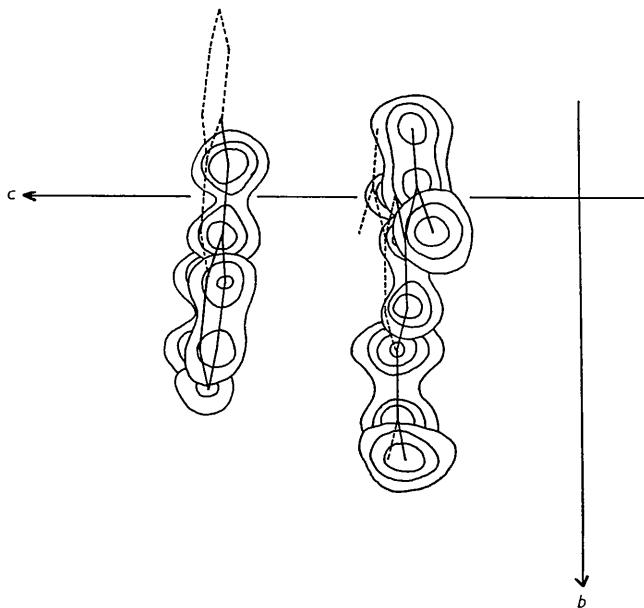


Fig. 1. Composite Fourier diagram of sections parallel to (100) (room temperature). Contours at 2, 3, 4, ..., e.Å<sup>-3</sup>.

Table 2. Bond lengths and their standard deviations (room temperature)

Bond	Length (Å)	$\sigma$ (Å)	Bond	Length (Å)	$\sigma$ (Å)
C(1)-C(2)	1.52	0.04	C(8)-C(9)	1.34	0.04
C(1)-C(6)	1.40	0.04	C(8)-MC(2)	1.45	0.03
C(1)-C(7)	1.45	0.04	C(9)-MC(1)	1.42	0.04
C(2)-C(3)	1.49	0.04	C(9)-N(1)	1.75	0.04
C(2)-C(7')	1.28	0.04	MC(2)-MN(1)	1.28	0.05
C(3)-C(4)	1.37	0.04	N(1)-O(2)	1.17	0.04
C(4)-C(5)	1.45	0.05	N(1)-O(3)	1.14	0.04
C(5)-C(6)	1.42	0.05	MN(1)-O(1)	1.26	0.03

Table 3. Bond angles and their standard deviations (room temperature)

Atoms	Angle	$\sigma$	Atoms	Angle	$\sigma$
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	122°	6°	C(9)-C(8)-MC(2)	117°	5°
C(2)-C(1)-C(7)	117	3	C(8)-C(9)-MC(1)	128	6
C(6)-C(1)-C(7)	121	6	C(8)-C(9)-N(1)	113	5
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	115	3	MC(1)-C(9)-N(1)	119	3
C(1)-C(2)-C(7')	120	3	C(8)-MC(2)-MN(1)	120	2
C(3)-C(2)-C(7')	124	4	C(9)-N(1)-O(2)	97	5
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119	6	C(9)-N(1)-O(3)	110	3
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	125	6	O(2)-N(1)-O(3)	152	6
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	118	4	MC(2)-MN(1)-O(1)	125	2
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	121	6	C(9)-MC(1)-C(9')	111	3
C(1)-C(7)-C(2')	122	6	C(8)-MC(2)-C(8')	120	2
			O(1)-MN(1)-O(1')	110	6

Table 4. Atomic parameters and their standard deviations (low temperature)

Atom	$x/a$	$y/b$	$z/c$	$B$	$\sigma_x$	$\sigma_y$	$\sigma_z$
C(1)	-0.0091	0.0862	-0.0175	0.9 Å <sup>2</sup>	0.011 Å	0.010 Å	0.012 Å
C(2)	0.1431	0.0464	0.0915	0.8	0.011	0.010	0.012
C(3)	0.2842	0.0975	0.1833	1.3	0.012	0.010	0.013
C(4)	0.2762	0.1810	0.1655	2.1	0.014	0.011	0.016
C(5)	0.1258	0.2196	0.0547	1.8	0.014	0.010	0.014
C(6)	-0.0143	0.1733	-0.0355	1.6	0.014	0.010	0.014
C(7)	-0.1501	0.0383	-0.1083	1.0	0.011	0.010	0.013
C(8)	0.1466	0.1260	0.3517	1.4	0.014	0.010	0.014
C(9)	0.1400	0.0427	0.3471	1.6	0.014	0.010	0.016
MC(1)	0.0000	-0.0041	0.2500	1.7	0.000	0.015	0.000
MC(2)	0.0000	0.1660	0.2500	0.9	0.000	0.013	0.000
N(1)	0.2978	-0.0035	0.4524	2.4	0.012	0.010	0.014
MN(1)	0.0000	0.2556	0.2500	1.2	0.000	0.011	0.000
O(1)	0.1288	0.2910	0.3388	1.4	0.009	0.007	0.009
O(2)	0.2896	-0.0778	0.4360	2.6	0.010	0.008	0.010
O(3)	0.4129	0.0368	0.5419	2.2	0.010	0.008	0.010

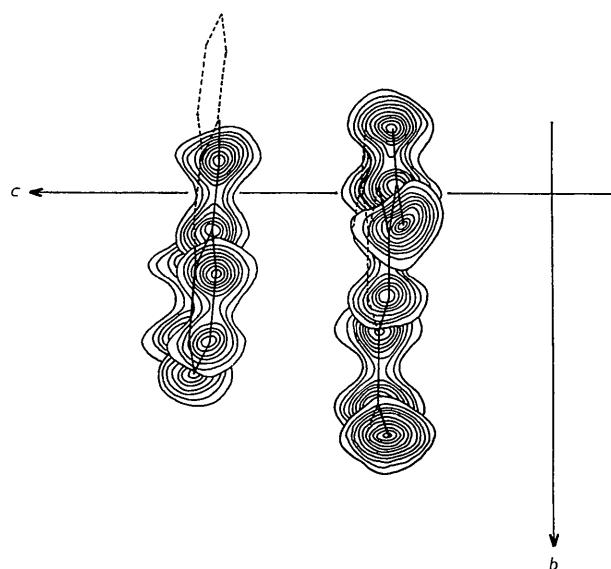


Fig. 2. Composite Fourier diagram of sections parallel to (100) (low temperature). Contours as in Fig. 1.

three-dimensional Fourier sections and by least-squares analysis, using the same scattering factors and weighting scheme as before.

Six cycles of least-squares refinement were carried out, refining positional and isotropic temperature parameters for all atoms except hydrogen. The refinement converged with a reliability index of 0.162.

**Table 5.** *Bond lengths and their standard deviations  
(low temperature)*

Bond	Length (Å)	$\sigma$ (Å)	Bond	Length (Å)	$\sigma$ (Å)
C(1)-C(2)	1.44	0.01	C(8)-C(9)	1.35	0.01
C(1)-C(6)	1.43	0.01	C(8)-MC(2)	1.39	0.01
C(1)-C(7)	1.41	0.01	C(9)-MC(1)	1.40	0.01
C(2)-C(3)	1.44	0.01	C(9)-N(1)	1.51	0.01
C(2)-C(7')	1.39	0.01	MC(2)-MN(1)	1.46	0.02
C(3)-C(4)	1.37	0.01	N(1)-O(2)	1.22	0.01
C(4)-C(5)	1.42	0.02	N(1)-O(3)	1.19	0.01
C(5)-C(6)	1.39	0.02	MN(1)-O(1)	1.22	0.01

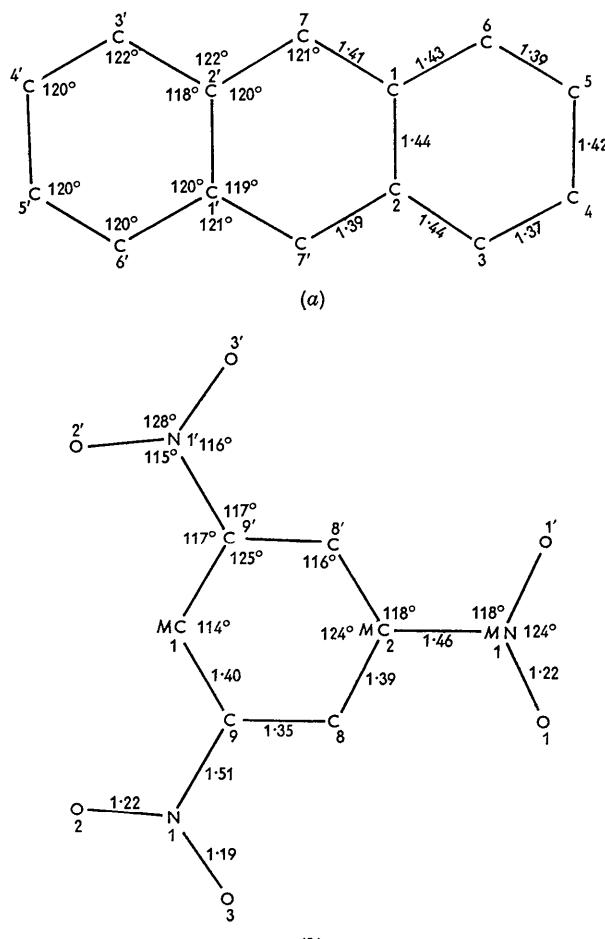


Fig. 3. Molecular dimensions (low temperature).

The final composite electron-density diagram is shown in Fig. 2 with contours drawn at the same intervals as in Fig. 1. Molecular and intermolecular dimensions and standard deviations were calculated in the same way as for the room temperature structure and the results are shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) and in Tables 4-6.

Table 6. Bond angles and their standard deviations (low temperature)

Atoms	Angle	$\sigma$	Atoms	Angle	$\sigma$
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	120°	2°	C(9)-C(8)-MC(2)	116°	2
C(2)-C(1)-C(7)	119	1	C(8)-C(9)-MC(1)	125	2
C(6)-C(1)-C(7)	121	2	C(8)-C(9)-N(1)	117	2
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	118	1	MC(1)-C(9)-N(1)	117	1
C(1)-C(2)-C(7')	120	1	C(8)-MC(2)-MN(1)	118	1
C(3)-C(2)-C(7')	122	1	C(9)-N(1)-O(2)	115	2
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	122	2	C(9)-N(1)-O(3)	116	1
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120	2	O(2)-N(1)-O(3)	128	2
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	120	1	MC(2)-MN(1)-O(1)	118	1
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	120	2	C(9)-MC(1)-C(9')	114	2
C(1)-C(7)-C(2')	121	1	C(8)-MC(2)-C(8')	124	2
			O(1)-MN(1)-O(1')	124	2

Table 7. Observed and calculated structure factors

(Asterisk line gives  $h, k$ )

(a) Room temperature

$l$	$25F_o$	$25F_c$	$l$	$25F_o$	$25F_c$	$l$	$25F_o$	$25F_c$	$l$	$25F_o$	$25F_c$	$l$	$25F_o$	$25F_c$	
*	0	0	*	1	3	*	2	10	*	3	9	*	4	10	
3	1966	2188	2	-1232	-1073	-2	-595	-637	-6	337	228	-6	-626	-616	
6	408	574	4	-1527	-1599	2	983	574	-7	473	669	-4	558	558	
*	0	2	3	-431	-420	8	657	773	-8	382	481	*	3	11	
1	-1870	3258	1	-994	-941	*	2	2	*	2	12	0	1561	1482	
2	2258	2777	-3	1394	1187	-1	-810	-670	4	518	493	-4	-224	-86	
3	1734	1469	4	-935	-857	1	1451	1167	-7	-218	-159	-7	241	140	
4	-269	-277	-5	-513	-496	-2	606	600	-8	785	915	*	3	11	
5	1266	1614	-6	-850	-695	2	-1196	-1178	*	2	14	0	1116	842	
6	-443	-448	-7	626	523	-3	-1527	-1491	-7	-275	-286	-1	671	595	
*	0	4	-8	-626	-582	-4	-558	-576	*	3	1	-8	317	440	
0	2250	2191	*	1	5	-5	1000	841	0	799	810	*	4	1	
2	742	664	0	-439	-386	6	569	467	-1	1283	1126	0	-697	-547	
3	1162	1089	1	-892	-983	-7	-229	-527	1	1349	1377	-2	-734	-926	
4	496	393	2	1398	-1673	7	547	677	-2	2278	2162	4	1360	1522	
5	1388	1359	3	-1439	-1224	-8	-493	-346	-6	1873	1744	-4	813	805	
6	-878	-637	-9	300	487	*	2	4	-7	-881	-714	*	4	2	
*	0	6	-10	1128	1208	0	473	503	-8	-646	-477	0	-705	-683	
0	368	14	-4	269	322	-1	1091	835	-9	-584	-643	-1	779	-583	
1	793	1274	5	924	987	1	450	470	*	3	3	1	839	-647	
2	218	173	-6	-1487	-1387	-2	-808	-776	0	-1099	-1111	-2	1482	-1336	
3	5	-18	-143	-7	858	819	2	-2099	-1963	1	1595	1309	-3	-507	-628
*	0	8	*	1	7	3	-1557	-1699	1	1691	1796	3	714	917	
0	-1255	-1002	0	603	357	-4	640	450	-2	1442	1426	4	425	753	
1	-442	-306	1	431	297	4	-524	-464	-3	499	428	-4	-1587	-1413	
2	-680	-586	4	-326	-506	5	329	255	-4	1887	1770	-6	-708	-330	
4	329	435	-1	300	541	-6	-408	-453	-5	-805	-564	-7	-535	-208	
5	385	527	-2	-1944	-2094	-7	573	489	-7	-44	-232	-8	1026	977	
*	0	10	*	1	9	7	249	66	-9	-884	-769	2	394	487	
0	425	167	0	-703	-511	*	3	5	*	4	4	-5	-80	-117	
3	-445	-533	1	1258	444	0	360	355	0	717	640	0	-1618	-1390	
6	499	577	-1	688	1010	-1	-1119	-1281	1	873	702	-1	-2357	-2231	
7	-337	-284	-4	-283	-313	1	-997	-1099	2	-1133	-838	-2	-2485	-2418	
*	0	12	4	450	421	-2	-501	-270	-5	-232	-97	-5	1133	1045	
4	1000	1043	-5	218	152	2	-601	-382	-6	943	898	-6	-101	-906	
5	258	360	-7	317	384	-4	-358	-118	-7	-431	-375	-7	504	292	
*	1	1	*	1	11	-5	-402	-452	-8	487	413	1	467	338	
0	2412	2476	4	1198	1317	-6	-499	-482	3	405	183	-3	-425	-286	
1	-3071	-2953	5	340	70	*	2	8	-10	-788	-593	-10	-518	-441	
2	-1003	-1040	-7	419	572	-1	-1213	-578	-2	323	138	-11	649	517	
3	745	*	1	13	-13	-3	-1213	-1277	1	700	772	1	-609	-649	
6	558	745	*	3	714	656	-4	-555	-493	-5	513	587	-2	-428	-507
-1	1876	1652	3	694	730	-7	215	278	-4	266	252	-5	-895	-804	
-3	-1346	-1087	4	694	730	-8	315	260	-5	-201	-231	-6	-450	-320	
-4	-1408	-1024	-7	-272	-386	-10	311	260	-10	913	-915	-10	8	589	
-6	-431	-568	*	2	10	*	2	10	-6	-1091	-915	-4	8	484	
*	1	3	*	1	15	-4	575	-416	*	3	9	-5	1011	1070	
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*	6	4	-6	-686	-667
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-4	-938	-745	*	8	6
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-6	-309	-304	*	8	10
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*	7	1	*	9	11
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*	8	2	-5	-507	-511
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-12	813	482	-13	-1247	-930
-3	484	203	-14	1434	929

Estimated intensities.

Table 7 (cont.)

## (b) Low temperature

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8 -456	-566	2 0	3 698	640	-2 -1087	-3705	-3 416	-240	0 -1 27	-856	7 36	232		
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Table 7 (cont.)

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### Description and discussion of the structure

The structure of the complex at the two temperatures is basically the same. The molecules are arranged alternately in infinite columns parallel to the *c* axis and are stacked plane-to-plane. Fig. 4 shows part of one column; there is another identical column related to it by the *C* face centring. When seen edge-on in the *hOl* projection, the planes of the aromatic rings of the trinitrobenzene and the anthracene molecules make an angle of 83° with the *c* axis. However, they are not quite parallel since the plane of the aromatic ring of the trinitrobenzene molecule is parallel to the *b* axis, whereas that of the anthracene molecule makes an angle of 8° with this direction.

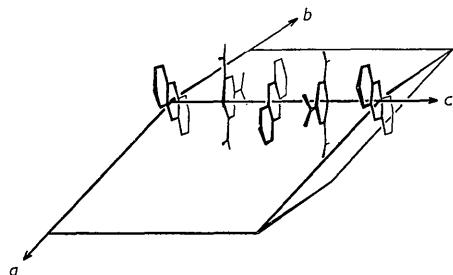


Fig. 4. Part of the cell contents, showing the stacking of molecules along the *c* axis. There is a similar column of molecules related to the one shown by the *C* face centring.

There are no abnormal intermolecular contacts at either temperature between adjacent columns of molecules. The closest low-temperature approaches of this type are  $C \cdots O$  of 3.22 Å and  $O \cdots O$  of 3.08 Å (3.32 and 3.23 respectively at room temperature), both between adjacent trinitrobenzene molecules. The  $C \cdots C$  contacts of this type are all larger than 3.6 Å at either temperature. These are of the same order as generally accepted van der Waals distances and are similar to the intermolecular  $C \cdots O$ ,  $O \cdots O$  and  $C \cdots C$  contacts found in *m*-dinitrobenzene (Trotter, 1961). Within any one column of molecules, however, there are some intermolecular contacts which are shorter than the expected van der Waals distances. All the approaches of this type less than 3.4 Å are shown in Fig. 5. At low temperature the closest  $C-C$  distance is 3.30 Å between  $C(7')$  and  $MC(1)$  (see Fig. 3 for numbering) and there are several contacts of approximately 3.35 Å. The corresponding room temperature values are in general slightly higher.

The molecular dimensions were reliably established only in the low-temperature structure determination. They are shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b), and Tables 5 and 6; the approximate dimensions obtained from the room temperature study are given in Tables 2 and 3. The large standard deviations of the room temperature dimensions mean that the differences between these and the low temperature dimensions are unlikely to be significant. The low temperature di-

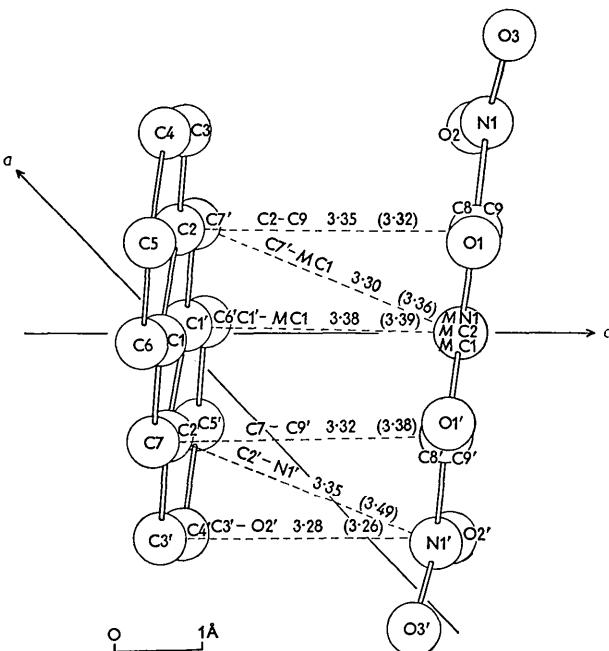


Fig. 5. Closest intermolecular contacts between anthracene and *s*-trinitrobenzene molecules. (Room temperature values in parentheses.)

mensions of the anthracene molecules in the complex are very similar to those obtained for anthracene alone (Cruickshank, 1956) and those for *s*-trinitrobenzene are consistent with dimensions in other aromatic nitrocompounds, particularly nitrobenzene (Trotter, 1959), *m*-dinitrobenzene (Trotter, 1961) and *p*-dinitrobenzene (Abrahams, 1950). As in these compounds, the nitro groups in *s*-trinitrobenzene deviate from coplanarity with the aromatic ring by varying amounts. The two related nitro groups attached to  $C(9)$  and  $C(9')$  are twisted through 18° whereas that attached to  $MC(2)$  is coplanar with the ring. As a further distortion, the  $C(9)-N(1)$  bond is moved out of the plane of the aromatic ring through 2½°. The temperature factors for the atoms of the anthracene molecule show, at each temperature, a general increase with increasing distance of the atoms from the centre line  $C(7)-C(7')$ . This may be interpreted in terms of oscillation of the whole molecule about this line. In the trinitrobenzene molecule the *B* values for the carbon atoms are of the same order as those for the atoms in the central ring of the anthracene molecule, but the atoms of the nitro groups show abnormally high values, particularly at room temperature. This is presumably related to the apparent looseness of packing in the region of these groups. Further evidence of the thermal effects in the structure may be obtained from the thermal contraction ellipsoid, calculated from the change in cell dimensions with temperature. The ellipsoid as seen in the *hOl* projection is shown in Fig. 6. The direction of maximum contraction is

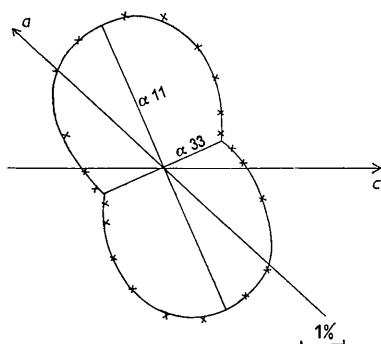


Fig. 6. Projection along the  $b$  axis of the ellipsoid showing the total percentage contraction from room temperature to ca.  $-100^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

approximately at right angles to the stacking direction and represents a total contraction of 3.5% from room temperature to low temperature. The corresponding total contraction along the stacking direction is 1.9%, whilst in a direction parallel to the  $b$  axis there is a corresponding expansion of 0.4%. The shape and orientation of the ellipsoid indicate that, as the molecular planes within each column move closer together, there is an even greater sideways movement of adjacent columns. This increases the efficiency of packing in the regions of the nitro groups and is accompanied by a large reduction in thermal motion of these groups in particular, as evidenced by the changes in the  $B$  values. The slight expansion in the direction of the  $b$  axis presumably allows modification of the packing to take place in the most efficient way consistent with the retention of normal intermolecular distances. It is likely, however, that the change in colour of the complex on cooling is due more to the reduction in the plane-to-plane separations within each column of molecules than to these changes in the environment of each molecule in sideways directions.

The conclusions from this work are that there are no unusual molecular or intermolecular dimensions apart from the rather close contacts between the molecules in directions approximately perpendicular to their planes. The latter would suggest the possibility

of a small amount of charge transfer by  $\pi-\pi$  orbital overlap, as indicated also by spectroscopic studies, even though the relative orientations of the molecules to each other do not seem specially favourable for this (Wallwork, 1961). It seems that the formation of the complex is due primarily to the existence of charge transfer forces, although the crystal structure is a compromise between molecular orientations most favourable to  $\pi-\pi$  interaction and those which give the most efficient molecular packing.

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