

## THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF THE POLYMERIZATION CATALYST OF ACETALDEHYDE AND ITS DERIVATIVES

### I. THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF DIMETHYLALUMINUM *N*-PHENYLBENZIMIDATE DIMER, $[(CH_3)_2AlOC(C_6H_5)N(C_6H_5)]_2$

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#### SUMMARY

The crystal structure and molecular configuration of the highly stereospecific polymerization catalyst of acetaldehyde, dimethylaluminum *N*-phenylbenzimidate dimer,  $[(CH_3)_2AlOC(C_6H_5)N(C_6H_5)]_2$  have been determined from three-dimensional X-ray data collected photographically. The crystal belongs to the monoclinic system, space group  $P2_1/c$ , with two dimer formula units in a cell of dimensions:  $a = 6.64 \pm 0.03$ ,  $b = 12.05 \pm 0.01$ ,  $c = 18.28 \pm 0.01$  Å, and  $\beta = 94.9 \pm 0.2^\circ$ . The structure has been refined by block-diagonal least-squares using anisotropic temperature factors for the nonhydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms with isotropic temperature factors were also included in the refinement. The final *R* index is 0.107 for 1096 non-zero reflections.

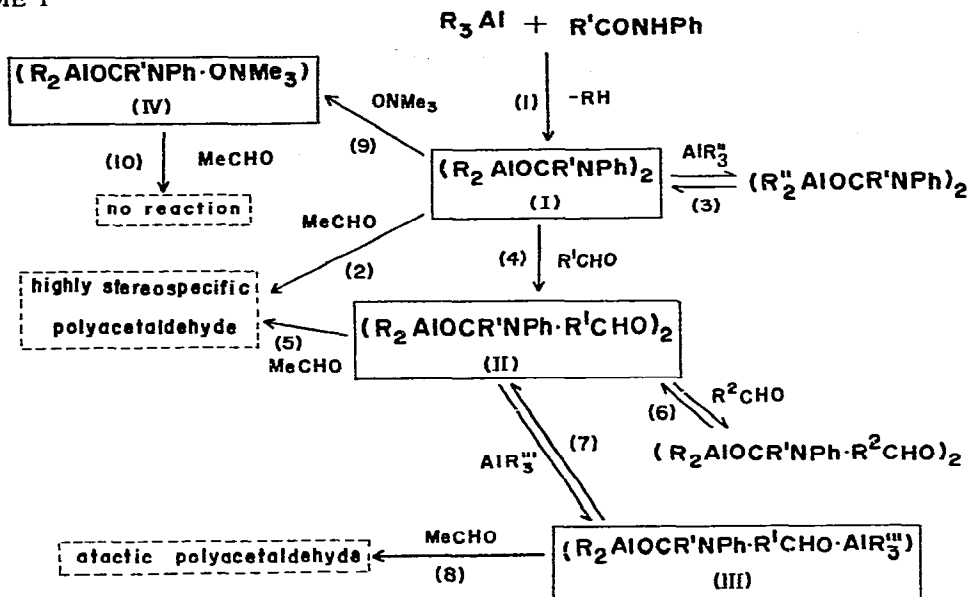
The dimeric molecule is composed of a centro-symmetrical eight-membered ring: the aluminum atoms are bridged by OCN groups. The environment of the aluminum atom is a distorted tetrahedron: Al-O = 1.805(6), Al-N = 1.947(7), Al-C = 1.940(11) and 1.940(11) Å. The environments of the N and C atoms (of the eight-membered ring) are trigonal. The configuration of the two adjacent benzene rings about the N-C bond is *cis*.

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#### INTRODUCTION

In recent years, Tani and co-workers have reported a series of investigations of the stereospecific polymerization reaction of acetaldehyde. Among them, the catalytic system of trialkylaluminum-acid amide has posed many interesting problems<sup>1-4</sup>. They are summarized in Scheme 1. Reaction of equimolar amounts of trialkylaluminum and acid amide proceeds very smoothly (1). The reaction product (I) is an excellent catalyst for the stereospecific polymerization of acetaldehyde (2) and methyl methacrylate. It was also observed that the alkyl groups attached to the aluminum atom in (I) can be easily replaced reversibly by those of trialkylaluminum in solution (3).

SCHEME 1



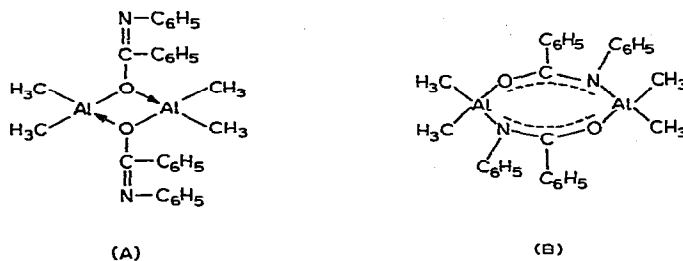
The catalyst gives a crystalline 1/1 complex with an aldehyde (II), by adding a large amount of *n*-hexane to a benzene solution of an equimolar mixture of (I) and aldehyde at 0° (4), a temperature above the polymerization ceiling. This complex also acts as a stereospecific catalyst under suitable polymerization conditions (5). The aldehyde moiety of (II) cannot be liberated by a strong electron donor such as pyridine or tetrahydrofuran, but it is easily replaced by free aldehyde present in the solution (6).

The catalyst-aldehyde complex again gives a crystalline 1/1 complex with a typical Lewis acid, trialkylaluminum (III) by mixing equimolar amounts of these two compounds together in *n*-hexane at 0° (7). Polymerization of acetaldehyde with this complex gives atactic polymer (8).

Recent investigation<sup>4</sup> showed the stereospecific polymerization catalyst (I) also gives the 1/1 complex with a strong electron donor, trimethylamine oxide. The reaction product (IV) which is obtained from the equimolar mixture of (I) and  $ON(CH_3)_3$  in benzene at room temperature (9), does not show any catalytic activities for the polymerization of aldehyde (10).

From the chemical evidences these four characteristic complexes [(I), (II), (III) and (IV)] are assumed as the key substances to elucidate the reaction mechanism of the stereospecific polymerization of aldehyde. We have, therefore, been engaged in a series of structural studies of these complexes to obtain information about the stereospecific behavior at the initiation of isotactic polymerization<sup>5-7</sup>.

Dimethylaluminum *N*-phenylbenzimidate  $[(CH_3)_2AlOC(C_6H_5)N(C_6H_5)]_2$  which is prepared from trimethylaluminum and benzanilide (1), is one of the most effective catalysts. From the studies of NMR and IR spectra, the catalyst was found to have the imino ether type structure,  $(CH_3)_2Al-O-C(C_6H_5)=N(C_6H_5)$ <sup>1</sup>. Cryoscopic measurement of its molecular weight in benzene showed the catalyst to be dimeric. Two plausible models were proposed for the structure of the catalyst.



To determine the exact structure, an X-ray structure analysis was undertaken. The preliminary result was communicated earlier<sup>5</sup>.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

The crystals which always grow in a long prismatic shape having the *a* axis as the needle axis, were prepared and supplied by Tani and Yasuda of this university. As the crystals are very unstable in the air, they were sealed in thin-walled glass capillary tubes in argon. The X-ray experiment was undertaken with nickel-filtered Cu-*K* $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ).

The unit cell dimensions were determined from oscillation and Weissenberg photographs around the *a* axis. Debye powder lines of tungsten were superposed on the Weissenberg photographs for calibration, from which dimensions of the axial lengths, *b* and *c*·sin  $\beta$  were determined by the least-squares procedure. Efforts were made to align the other crystal axes along the glass capillary tube wall in the inert atmosphere, but were unsuccessful because the crystals always grow along the *a* axis. Trials were repeated to take a precession photograph but, because of the twinning which will be described later, it was also unsuccessful. The dimension of the axial length, *a*, therefore, could be determined only from the oscillation photographs. The axial angle,  $\beta$  was determined from the zero layer and first layer Weissenberg photographs by the angular lag method. The deviations of these value were estimated from their reproducibilities, respectively. The space group was uniquely determined as  $P2_1/c$  from the systematic absences of reflections ( $h0l: l \neq 2n$ ; and  $0k0: k \neq 2n$ ).

The crystal data are listed in Table 1. The density of the crystal was measured by the flotation method in a mixture of carbon tetrachloride and n-hexane. These data impose  $C_i-\bar{1}$  point symmetry on the dimeric molecules.

The intensity data were collected by the multiple-film equi-inclination Weissenberg photographs along the *a* axis only. The crystal used had the dimensions of

TABLE 1

CRYSTAL DATA OF THE DIMETHYLALUMINUM *N*-PHENYLBENZIMIDATE DIMER,  $[(CH_3)_2AlOC(C_6H_5)N(C_6H_5)]_2$

Monoclinic	$M = 506.6$ (as a dimer)
$a = 6.64 \pm 0.03 \text{ \AA}$	$Z = 2$ (as a dimer)
$b = 12.05 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$	$d_m = 1.148 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$
$c = 18.28 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$	$d_x = 1.154 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$
$\beta = 94.9 \pm 0.2^\circ$	Space Group $P2_1/c$
$V = 1457.3 \text{ \AA}^3$	$\mu = 12.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (for Cu- <i>K</i> $\alpha$ )

0.3 × 0.3 × 1.0 mm. The crystals examined, however, always had a twinned structure; the  $b^*-c^*$  plane was the twin plane (Fig. 1). All the reflection spots on the film were examined carefully and those from one component of the twinned crystal were identified and separated, and intensities were estimated visually. As can be seen in Fig. 1, however, in the second and fourth layers some pairs of reflection spots could not be separated. Finally, 1442 independent reflections were obtained from  $0kl$  to  $5kl$ , however 346 of these could not be distinguished from the background. Corrections for the usual Lorentz and polarization factors and for the spot-shape were made but the absorption correction was ignored ( $\mu = 12 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Cu-K}\alpha$ ). The inter-layer scale factors were at first made proportional to the exposure time of X-ray. They were improved during the least-squares refinement of the crystal structure using the isotropic temperature factors for the nonhydrogen atoms.

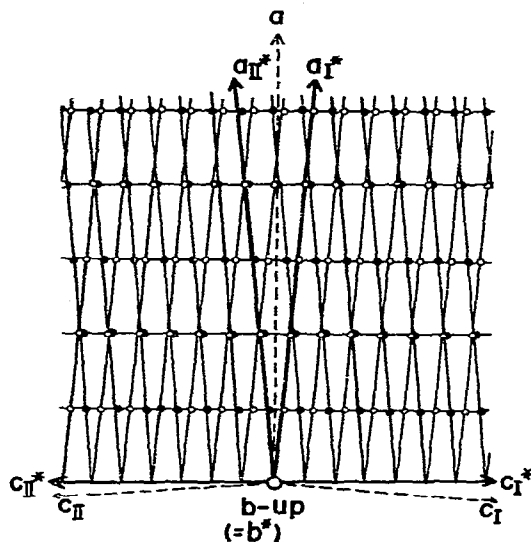


Fig. 1. Twinning in one reciprocal lattice plane of the dimethylaluminum *N*-phenylbenzimidate dimer.

#### STRUCTURE DETERMINATION AND REFINEMENT

The initial co-ordinates of the aluminum atom, which is the heaviest atom in the molecule, were easily determined from the three-dimensional Patterson function. Approximate co-ordinates of the oxygen atom could also be determined. The minimum function was computed by superposing four sets of Patterson maps shifted according to the four equivalent aluminum atom positions. At the same time, the Fourier synthesis was also carried out with the signs based on the aluminum atom only. Another Fourier map with the phases based on the aluminum and oxygen atoms was also computed. From these maps, the co-ordinates of the carbon and nitrogen atoms constituting the centro-symmetrical eight-membered ring and of six carbon atoms of one benzene ring were determined. Using these ten atomic locations the successive Fourier syntheses were undertaken, and all of the eighteen nonhydrogen atomic locations were found.

Then, the block-diagonal least-squares refinement proceeded using the pro-

gram HBLS IV on a HITAC 5020E computer at the University of Tokyo. This program uses the block-diagonal approximation with a  $9 \times 9$  matrix for each atom with anisotropic temperature factors and a  $4 \times 4$  matrix for each atom with an isotropic temperature factor<sup>8</sup>. In this refinement the function minimized was  $\sum w \cdot (\Delta F)^2$ , and at the initial stage  $w$  was taken as unity for all reflections. The atomic scattering factors used were taken from those of Hanson and co-workers<sup>9</sup>. Using the isotropic temperature factors the refinement converged after 5 cycles to give  $R=0.146$ . The  $R$  index is defined as  $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . At this stage the interlayer scale factors were fixed. The anisotropic temperature factors for all atoms were then introduced in the refinement, and at the same time an appropriate weight was used for each reflection. After 2 cycles the  $R$  index was 0.119. At this stage the difference Fourier synthesis was carried out and the positions of the hydrogen atoms including those of the methyl groups were found. The final refinement was then carried out with all atoms including the hydrogens, and after 2 cycles the  $R$  index reduced to 0.107 for non-zero reflections ( $R=0.151$  for all reflections). Through the refinement the following weighting scheme was applied;

$$\begin{aligned} F_o < F_{\min} &: & w &= F_{\text{wt}}; \\ F_{\min} \leq F_o \leq F_{\max} &: & w &= 1; \\ F_{\max} < F_o &: & w &= (F_{\max}/F_o)^2; \end{aligned}$$

where,  $F_{\max}=14.10$ ,  $F_{\min}=4.70$  and  $F_{\text{wt}}=0.15$ . The weighted  $R$  index {defined as  $[\sum w \cdot (\Delta F)^2 / \sum w \cdot (F_o)^2]^{1/2}$ } is 0.157.

The final atomic co-ordinates of the heavy atoms along with their estimated standard deviations and the anisotropic temperature factors are listed in Tables 2

TABLE 2

ATOMIC CO-ORDINATES OF THE HEAVY ATOMS (IN FRACTION OF CELL EDGES) ALONG WITH THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS (in  $10^{-3}$  Å)

Atom	$x$	$\sigma(x)$	$y$	$\sigma(y)$	$z$	$\sigma(z)$
Al	0.1413	3	0.1322	3	0.0454	2
O	0.1948	6	-0.0127	5	0.0314	5
N	0.0273	7	-0.1705	7	0.0434	6
C(1)	0.3921	11	0.2144	10	0.0442	10
C(2)	-0.0132	11	0.1506	11	0.1299	10
C(3)	0.1670	8	-0.1007	8	0.0682	8
C(4)	0.3083	9	-0.1165	9	0.1360	8
C(5)	0.2450	12	-0.1739	11	0.1975	9
C(6)	0.3813	10	-0.1823	13	0.2591	9
C(7)	0.5670	11	-0.1313	13	0.2614	10
C(8)	0.6199	10	-0.0741	12	0.2030	10
C(9)	0.4906	9	-0.0646	9	0.1401	9
C(10)	0.0154	9	-0.2822	9	0.0717	8
C(11)	-0.1484	10	-0.3119	12	0.1097	10
C(12)	-0.1598	12	-0.4217	12	0.1342	12
C(13)	-0.0153	14	-0.4957	11	0.1219	14
C(14)	0.1423	16	-0.4644	11	0.0856	14
C(15)	0.1600	11	-0.3558	9	0.0585	11

TABLE 3

ANISOTROPIC TEMPERATURE FACTORS OF THE HEAVY ATOMS EXPRESSED IN THE FORM OF  $\exp\{-\beta_{11}\cdot h^2 + \beta_{22}\cdot k^2 + \beta_{33}\cdot l^2 + \beta_{12}\cdot h\cdot k + \beta_{13}\cdot h\cdot l + \beta_{23}\cdot k\cdot l\}$

Atom	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Al	0.0218	0.0049	0.0023	0.0013	-0.0008	0.0002
O	0.0267	0.0046	0.0030	0.0077	-0.0002	0.0008
N	0.0247	0.0053	0.0028	-0.0021	-0.0007	0.0010
C(1)	0.0409	0.0073	0.0039	0.0039	0.0014	0.0000
C(2)	0.0370	0.0104	0.0038	0.0083	0.0028	-0.0014
C(3)	0.0137	0.0057	0.0030	0.0041	0.0000	-0.0002
C(4)	0.0242	0.0056	0.0028	0.0027	0.0006	-0.0003
C(5)	0.0456	0.0113	0.0023	-0.0148	-0.0018	0.0024
C(6)	0.0296	0.0164	0.0031	-0.0165	-0.0067	0.0022
C(7)	0.0327	0.0148	0.0042	-0.0081	-0.0089	0.0021
C(8)	0.0247	0.0129	0.0044	-0.0100	-0.0061	0.0019
C(9)	0.0271	0.0062	0.0039	-0.0035	-0.0020	0.0011
C(10)	0.0329	0.0053	0.0031	-0.0006	-0.0041	0.0026
C(11)	0.0298	0.0111	0.0046	-0.0035	-0.0011	0.0057
C(12)	0.0355	0.0112	0.0065	-0.0094	-0.0052	0.0085
C(13)	0.0568	0.0065	0.0082	-0.0145	-0.0114	0.0056
C(14)	0.0645	0.0054	0.0072	0.0093	-0.0077	0.0023
C(15)	0.0361	0.0057	0.0054	0.0052	-0.0046	0.0001

TABLE 4

ATOMIC CO-ORDINATES (IN FRACTION OF CELL EDGES) ALONG WITH THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS (IN  $10^{-2}$  Å) AND ISOTROPIC TEMPERATURE FACTORS FOR THE HYDROGEN ATOMS (IN Å<sup>2</sup>)

Atom	x	$\sigma(x)$	y	$\sigma(y)$	z	$\sigma(z)$	B
H(1)	0.345	10	0.294	11	0.043	10	5.1
H(2)	0.498	10	0.204	11	0.016	10	5.6
H(3)	0.494	10	0.182	11	0.085	10	4.9
H(4)	-0.162	10	0.163	10	0.127	9	4.1
H(5)	-0.029	11	0.228	11	0.144	11	5.4
H(6)	0.031	12	0.130	11	0.175	11	6.0
H(7)	0.121	9	-0.221	10	0.200	10	4.2
H(8)	0.374	9	-0.214	10	0.302	10	4.2
H(9)	0.668	12	-0.138	12	0.310	12	6.6
H(10)	0.765	8	-0.037	9	0.205	8	2.0
H(11)	0.523	10	-0.022	11	0.094	10	4.5
H(12)	-0.277	9	-0.253	10	0.109	9	3.8
H(13)	-0.288	13	-0.433	13	0.156	13	7.7
H(14)	-0.084	14	0.583	14	0.141	14	8.8
H(15)	0.285	10	-0.514	10	0.084	9	3.6
H(16)	0.313	13	-0.335	13	0.032	13	7.7

and 3, respectively. The atomic co-ordinates and the isotropic temperature factors of the hydrogen atoms are listed in Table 4. The observed and calculated structure factors are given in Table 5.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The molecular structure is shown in Fig. 2 with the numbering of atoms. The interatomic bond distances and angles calculated using the DAPH<sup>10</sup> program are

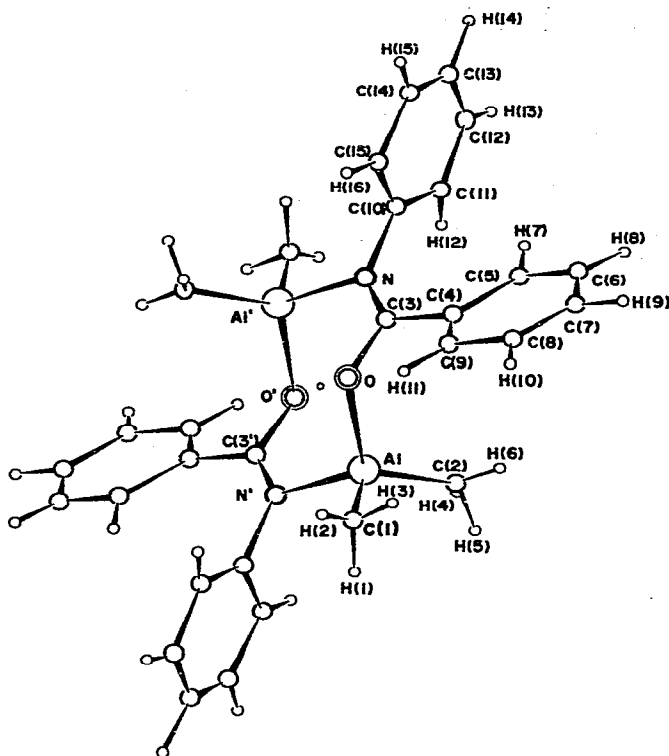


Fig. 2. Molecular structure.

listed in Tables 6 and 7, respectively. Standard deviations were estimated by taking the maximum value of the standard deviations for co-ordinates of each atom,  $\sigma(x)$ ,  $\sigma(y)$  and  $\sigma(z)$ .

The molecule is composed of a centro-symmetrical eight-membered ring, which corresponds to the proposed model (B). The NCO groups are bridging two aluminum atoms both by the oxygen and nitrogen atoms. Horder and co-workers showed the similar type of OCN bridging between two aluminum atoms and the formation of an eight-membered ring in the spectroscopic studies of the similar compounds such as  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{ClAlNC}_6\text{H}_5\text{COC}_2\text{H}_5]_2$  and  $[\text{ClAl}(\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5\text{COC}_2\text{H}_5)_2]_2$ <sup>11</sup>.

The aluminum atom has a distorted tetrahedral co-ordination consisting of two methyl carbons and nitrogen and oxygen atoms. The bond lengths between the aluminum atom and two methyl carbons are both 1.940(11) Å, which are a little shorter than those obtained in the earlier stage of the refinement (1.97, 2.01 Å)<sup>5</sup>. This may be due to the consideration of the hydrogen atoms in the least-squares refinement. The Al–O distance of 1.805(6) Å is equal to those distances (between the aluminum and oxygen atoms in the 2-methyl-8-quinolinolato groups) of 1.804(5), 1.817(5),

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TABLE 6

INTERATOMIC DISTANCES ALONG WITH THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS

Atoms	Distance (Å)	$\sigma$ (Å)	Atoms	Distance (Å)	$\sigma$ (Å)
Al-O	1.805	0.006	O-C(3)	1.277	0.010
Al-C(1)	1.940	0.011	C(3)-C(4)	1.501	0.012
Al-C(2)	1.940	0.011	C(3)-N	1.305	0.011
Al-N'	1.947	0.007	N-C(10)	1.447	0.012
C(4)-C(5)	1.415	0.015	C(10)-C(11)	1.387	0.015
C(5)-C(6)	1.388	0.017	C(11)-C(12)	1.401	0.017
C(6)-C(7)	1.376	0.018	C(12)-C(13)	1.343	0.019
C(7)-C(8)	1.343	0.018	C(13)-C(14)	1.340	0.021
C(8)-C(9)	1.380	0.015	C(14)-C(15)	1.407	0.019
C(9)-C(4)	1.359	0.013	C(15)-C(10)	1.344	0.015
C(1)-H(1)	1.00	0.11	C(2)-H(4)	1.00	0.10
C(1)-H(2)	0.92	0.11	C(2)-H(5)	0.98	0.11
C(1)-H(3)	1.04	0.11	C(2)-H(6)	0.89	0.12
C(5)-H(7)	1.01	0.10	C(11)-H(12)	1.12	0.10
C(6)-H(8)	0.88	0.10	C(12)-H(13)	0.98	0.13
C(7)-H(9)	1.07	0.12	C(13)-H(14)	1.21	0.14
C(8)-H(10)	1.06	0.09	C(14)-H(15)	1.12	0.10
C(9)-H(11)	1.02	0.11	C(15)-H(16)	1.19	0.13

1.820(5) and 1.809(5) Å in  $[\text{Al}_2\text{O}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{NO})_4]^{12}$ , but it is shorter than the Al-O (oxygen in the dioxane) distance of 2.02(2) Å in  $[\text{Al}(\text{CH}_3)_3]_2 \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2^{13}$ . The Al-N' distance of 1.947(7) Å is slightly longer than those of 1.916(10) Å and 1.918(10) Å in  $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{AlN}=\text{C}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Br}]_2 \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6^{14}$  but it is shorter than 2.085 (average) Å in  $[\text{Al}_2\text{O}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{NO})_4]^{12}$ . Among the bond angles around the aluminum atom, the C(1)-Al-C(2) angle of  $117.6(0.6)^\circ$  is larger than the N'-Al-O angle of  $102.6(0.3)^\circ$ ; such a feature is usually observed for a tetrahedral aluminum atom which is a member of a ring<sup>15-18</sup>.

The O-C(3) distance of 1.277(10) Å is significantly longer than the C=O distances in the usual aldehydes and ketones, 1.23 Å. The O-C(3) bond seems to have a large double bond character considering that the usual  $\text{C}(sp^2)\text{-O}$  bond distances lie within 1.40-1.34 Å<sup>19</sup>. The C(3)-N distance of 1.305(11) Å is close to that found in acetanilide (1.330(6) Å)<sup>20</sup>. This fact suggests that the C(3)-N bond also has large double bond character. These facts may suggest that the molecule can be represented by the resonance between the two structures shown below.

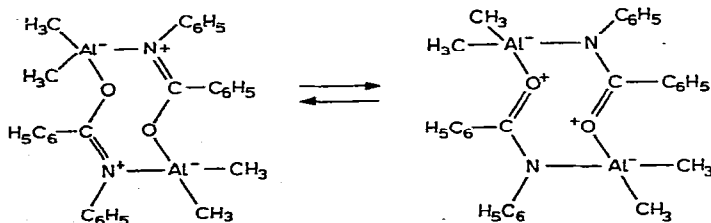


TABLE 7

INTERATOMIC ANGLES ALONG WITH THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS, ( $\sigma$ )

Atoms	Angle ( $^{\circ}$ )	$\sigma$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	Atoms	Angle ( $^{\circ}$ )	$\sigma$ ( $^{\circ}$ )
O-Al-C(1)	108.3	0.4	Al-O-C(3)	133.6	0.6
O-Al-C(2)	110.3	0.4	O-C(3)-N	118.8	0.8
O-Al-N'	102.6	0.3	O-C(3)-C(4)	115.6	0.7
C(1)-Al-C(2)	117.6	0.5	N-C(3)-C(4)	125.6	0.8
C(1)-Al-N'	107.7	0.4	C(3)-N-C(10)	122.3	0.7
C(2)-Al-N'	109.3	0.4	Al'-N-C(3)	118.6	0.6
			Al'-N-C(10)	118.2	0.6
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.7	0.8	N-C(10)-C(11)	119.2	0.9
C(3)-C(4)-C(9)	118.6	0.8	N-C(10)-C(15)	119.3	0.9
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	120.3	0.9	C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	121.5	1.0
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	117.6	1.0	C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	118.0	1.0
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	120.9	1.2	C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	121.0	1.2
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	120.0	1.2	C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	119.7	1.4
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	121.2	1.1	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	121.9	1.4
C(4)-C(9)-C(8)	119.8	0.9	C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	117.9	1.1
H(1)-C(1)-H(2)	111	9	H(4)-C(2)-H(5)	75	9
H(1)-C(1)-H(3)	124	9	H(4)-C(2)-H(6)	111	10
H(2)-C(1)-H(3)	83	9	H(5)-C(2)-H(6)	93	10
H(1)-C(1)-Al	103	6	H(4)-C(2)-Al	124	6
H(2)-C(1)-Al	130	7	H(5)-C(2)-Al	113	7
H(3)-C(1)-Al	108	6	H(6)-C(2)-Al	123	8
H(7)-C(5)-C(4)	127	6	H(12)-C(11)-C(10)	118	5
H(7)-C(5)-C(6)	114	6	H(12)-C(11)-C(12)	123	5
H(8)-C(6)-C(5)	132	7	H(13)-C(12)-C(11)	109	8
H(8)-C(6)-C(7)	107	7	H(13)-C(12)-C(13)	129	8
H(9)-C(7)-C(6)	119	7	H(14)-C(13)-C(12)	104	7
H(9)-C(7)-C(8)	121	7	H(14)-C(13)-C(14)	136	7
H(10)-C(8)-C(7)	119	5	H(15)-C(14)-C(13)	124	5
H(10)-C(8)-C(9)	120	5	H(15)-C(14)-C(15)	113	5
H(11)-C(9)-C(4)	116	6	H(16)-C(15)-C(10)	126	6
H(11)-C(9)-C(8)	124	6	H(16)-C(15)-C(14)	116	6

The environments of the N and C(3) atoms are trigonal. The angles N-C(3)-C(4) and C(3)-N-C(10) are  $125.6(0.8)^{\circ}$  and  $122.6(0.7)^{\circ}$  respectively, and they are a little greater than  $120^{\circ}$ . The distance between the N and C(10) atoms of  $1.447(12) \text{ \AA}$  is similar to that of acetanilide,  $1.426(6) \text{ \AA}^{20}$ . The C(3)-C(4) distance is a normal value  $1.501(12) \text{ \AA}$  which can be compared to that of  $1.48(2) \text{ \AA}$  in benzamide<sup>21</sup> for example. The average C-C(benzene) and C-H bond distances are  $1.374 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1.03 \text{ \AA}$  respectively. The configuration of the two adjacent benzene rings about the C(3)-N bond is *cis*, however twisted by  $11.4^{\circ}$  from the exact *cis*-position. The dihedral angle between

the best planes of the two benzene rings is  $70.2^\circ$ . These facts may result from the repulsion between the carbon atoms of the two benzene rings; several short non-bonded distances such as  $C(4)-C(10)=2.961(13)$  Å and  $C(5)-C(10)=2.955(15)$  Å are found.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the projections of the crystal structure along the  $a$  and  $b$  axes, respectively. Interatomic contacts less than 4.0 Å are indicated by broken lines.

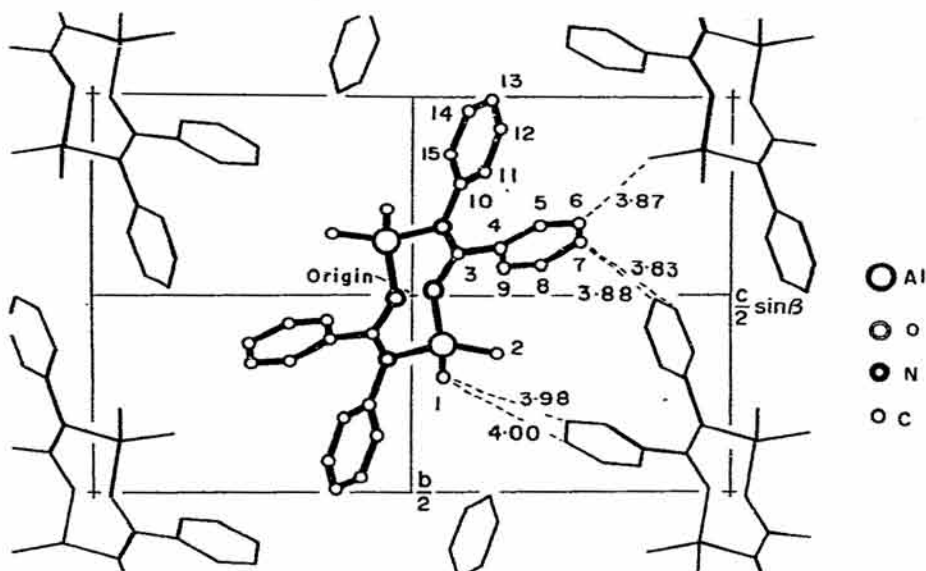


Fig. 3. Crystal structure viewed along the  $a$  axis.

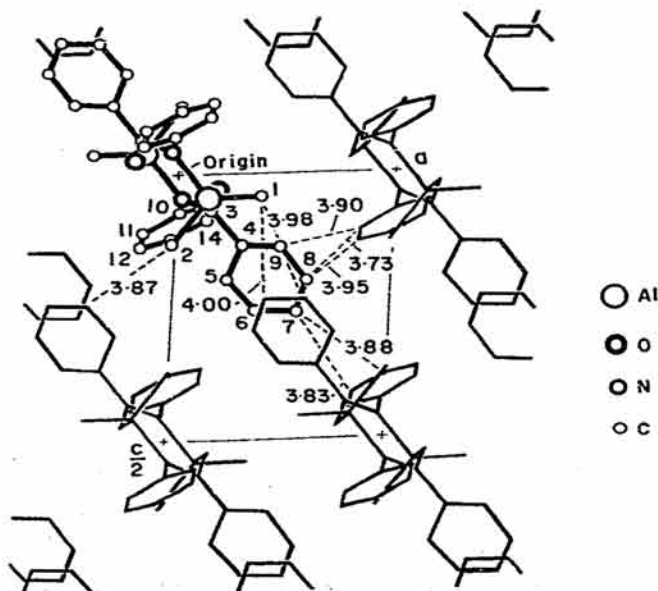


Fig. 4. Crystal structure viewed along the  $b$  axis.

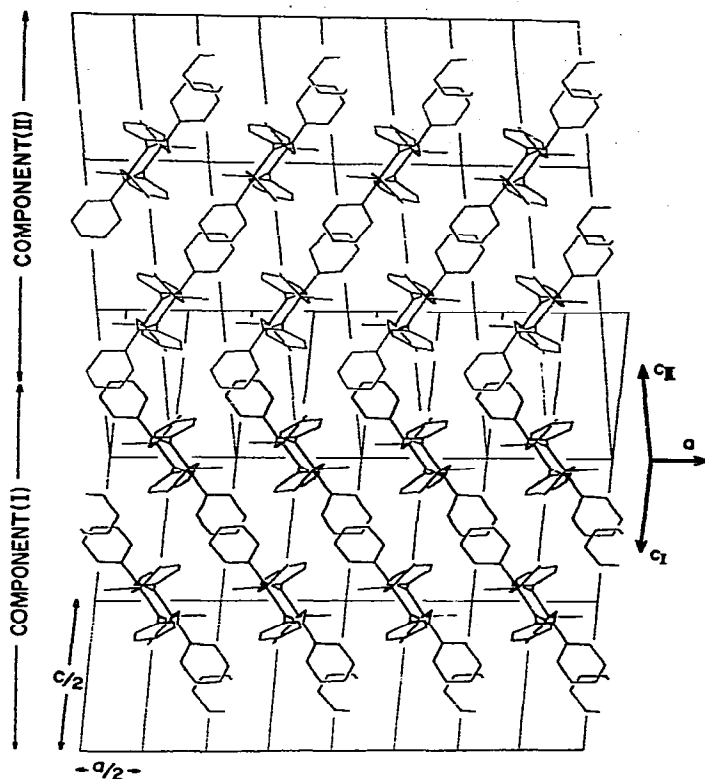


Fig. 5. A model for the boundary area of the twinning.

There are no distances shorter than the normal van der Waals' contacts.

For the interpretation of the twinned structure the molecular packing was then examined at the boundary area where each component of the twinned crystal joins. Fig. 5 shows the projection of plausible model of the twinned structure along the *b* axis (*cf.* Fig. 4). In this model the *a* axis is taken as the common axis for convenience, and the *c* axes of the two components are represented as  $c_I$  and  $c_{II}$  respectively. Fig. 6 shows the details of molecular packing and intermolecular atomic contacts at the postulated boundary area. The thick and thin lines show the molecules which belongs to the component (I) and to the component (II) respectively, and the broken lines show the postulated continuation of the molecular arrangement in the latter component. Some shorter contacts than those in the ordinary structure (Figs. 3 and 4) are found in the boundary area in this model:  $C(6')_{(I)}-C(2)_{(II)}=3.31 \text{ \AA}$  (each subscript identifies the twin component to which the molecule belongs),  $C(12')_{(I)}-C(7)_{(II)}=3.42 \text{ \AA}$  and  $C(13')_{(I)}-C(7)_{(II)}=3.50 \text{ \AA}$ . In the real crystal, however, the boundary area of the twinned crystal may have longer contacts than this model; nearly the same magnitude of the contacts as in the ordinary molecular arrangement may be taken. During the crystal growth of the component (II), when a molecule happens to take a new arrangement like one of the molecules drawn by thick lines in Fig. 6 at the growing sites, the growth of the component (I) may proceed.

Besides the structure analysis of  $[(CH_3)_2AlOC(C_6H_5)N(C_6H_5)]_2$ , the

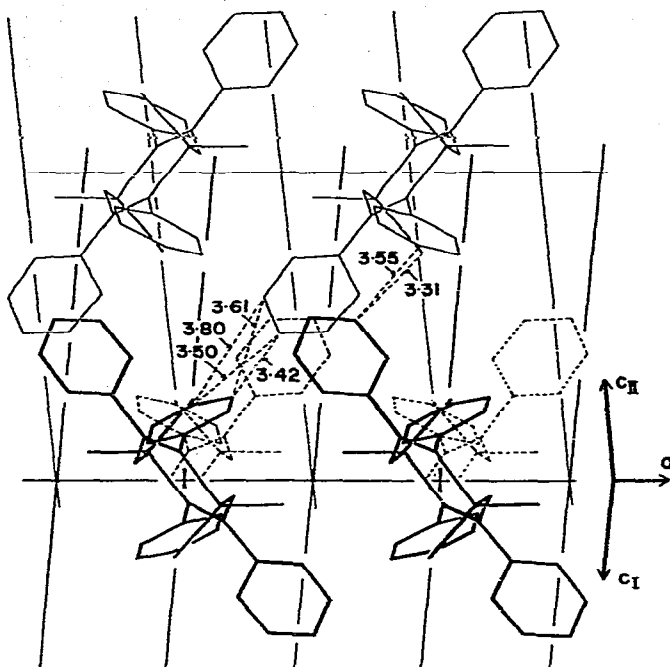


Fig. 6. Intermolecular atomic contacts at the boundary area. Thick and thin lines show molecules of components (I) and (II), respectively. Broken line shows the ordinary molecular packing of the twin component (II) without twinning.

preliminary X-ray examinations of two similar complexes have been carried out. Crystal data for these complexes are listed in Table 8.

TABLE 8

CRYSTAL DATA OF COMPLEXES SIMILAR TO  $[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{AlOC}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)]_2$

$[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{AlOC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)]_2$	$[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{ZnOC}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)]_2$
$M = 382.5$ (as a dimer)	$M = 581.3$ (as a dimer)
Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
$a = 8.42 \text{ \AA}$	$a = 25.85 \text{ \AA}$
$b = 21.93 \text{ \AA}$	$b = 15.24 \text{ \AA}$
$c = 18.32 \text{ \AA}$	$c = 17.52 \text{ \AA}$
	$\beta = 113.4^\circ$
$V = 3383 \text{ \AA}^3$	$V = 6334 \text{ \AA}^3$
If $Z = 8$ (as a dimer)	If $Z = 8$ (as a dimer)
$D_x = 1.50 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	$D_x = 1.22 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$
$P2_12_12_1$ or $P2_12_12$	$P2_1/c$

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