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THE X-RAY CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

DETERMINATION OF $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$

Introduction

Since 1930, when iron tetracarbonyl was found to be trimeric, the configuration of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ has been highly disputed. The i.r. spectra of solutions of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ contain strong terminal carbonyl absorption bands around 2000 cm^{-1} , but only very weak bridging carbonyl bands around 1800 cm^{-1} (1, 2). In 1957, work in this laboratory on the solid-state i.r. spectrum of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ strongly indicated the existence of the bridging carbonyls (3). Most configurations proposed recently for $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ have had both terminal and bridging carbonyls (4, 5), although some authors have suggested configurations containing no bridging carbonyls (1, 6). A crystal structure determination attempted by earlier workers in this laboratory showed the iron atoms to be arranged triangularly (7), but unfortunately disorder prevented a complete structural determination. Later, when Mossbauer-effect studies indicated that $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ contains two iron atoms having identical electronic environments with the third having a more symmetrical environment, a linear model regained favor (4, 5).

Subsequently a different arrangement of the carbonyls, the first shown in Figure 1, was proposed on the basis of

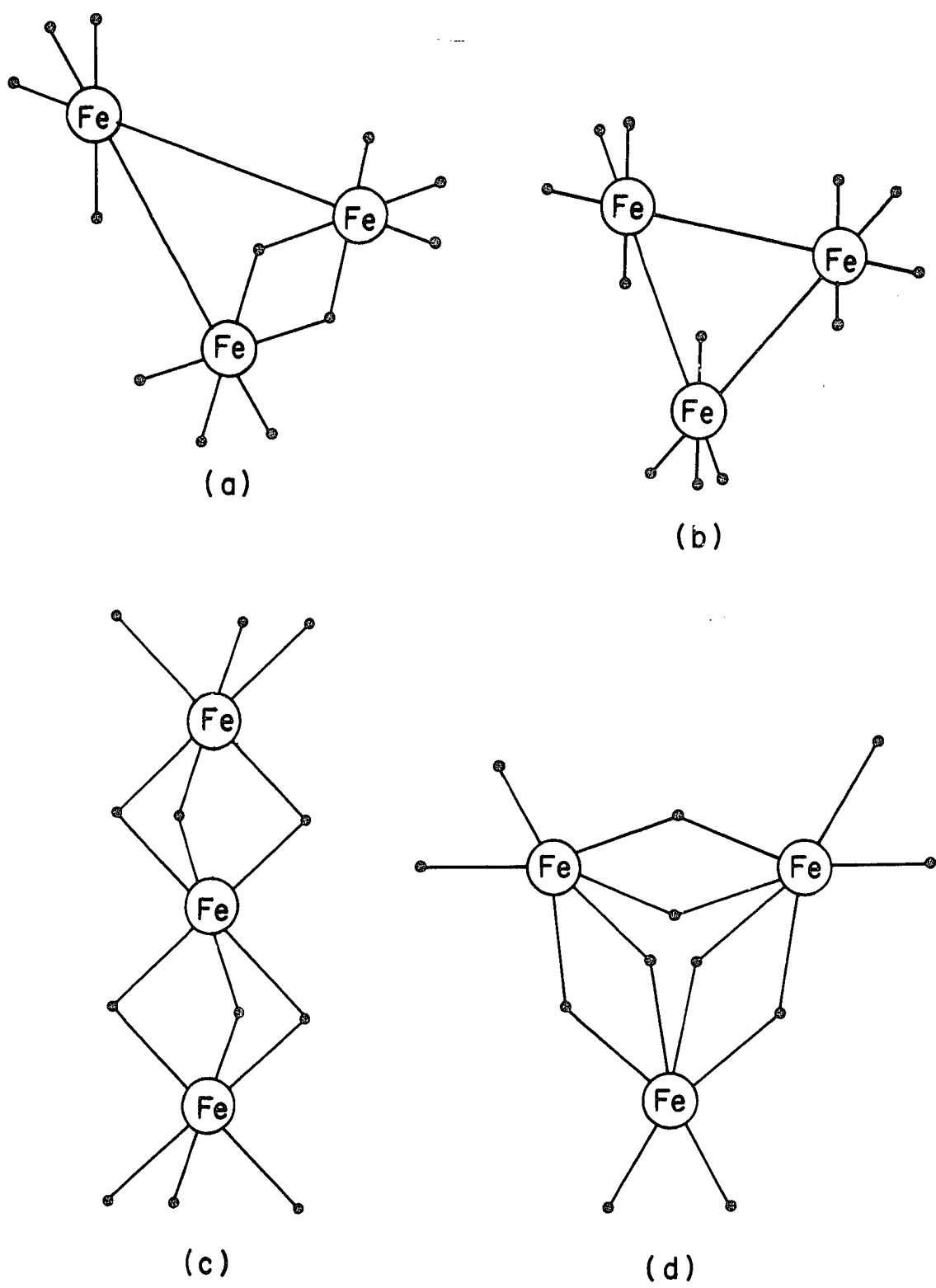


Figure 1. Proposed structures for $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$

the crystal structure determination (8) of $\text{HFe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}^-$ which could explain this disparity. However $\text{HFe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}^-$ is not a derivative of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ and the two have vastly different physical properties. Therefore it is difficult to assess the degree of disparity between the two structures.

A derivative of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, namely $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$, was prepared and came to our attention. We felt a structural study of this derivative might well give better evidence for the exact arrangement of the iron and carbonyl groups in $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ than studies of its own disordered crystal. If the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ is used to infer the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, these two substances should have very similar properties. Crystals of both compounds are green-black, and their solutions are dark green. Solutions of both show intense i.r. terminal C-O absorption bands and weak bridging C-O bands. Both compounds show much more intense bridging C-O absorptions in the solid state than in solution. These facts (9) strongly indicate that $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ and $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ have very similar structures. Therefore, we decided to undertake the x-ray crystal structure determination of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$.

After the molecular configuration of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ became obvious from this determination, we prepared a communication (10) dealing with the implications of the

structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ for that of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$. In that paper it was asserted that the configuration of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ was similar to that of $\text{HFe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}^-$, that the bridged iron-iron distance was 2.55, that the unbridged iron-iron distance was 2.68, and that the carbonyl bridges would be asymmetrically located. These distances differed somewhat from those found (8) for $\text{HFe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}^-$ and differed considerably from those reported on the basis of the original x-ray work (7) done on $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$. On the basis of the $\text{HFe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}^-$ configuration, symmetric carbonyl bridges had been proposed (8).

However, before our communication was published, we were informed of a new structure determination of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$. This redetermination (11) indicated our proposed distances were very good; due to the disorder, any asymmetric nature of the carbonyl bridges was undetected in that study. For this reason, we believe the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ is the best evidence for the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ available to date.

Experimental

$\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ was prepared by Angelici and Siefert (9) by the reaction of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ and $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$. They obtained dark green, plate-like single crystals by evaporation of a pentane solution. Since these crystals were reported to decompose in the atmosphere, they were

placed in thin-walled, Lindemann glass capillaries.

Preliminary precession photographs (Cu K_{α}) showed the unit cell to be monoclinic with systematic absences: $hk\ell$ when $h + k \neq 2n$, and $h0\ell$ when $\ell \neq 2n$. These absences are consistent with either space group $C_S^4 - C_C$ or $C_{2h}^6 - C_{2/c}$. The unit cell parameters at 25° are $a = 37.14 \pm 0.03$, $b = 12.26 \pm 0.01$, and $c = 26.05 \pm 0.02$ Å, and $\beta = 93.96 \pm 0.15^\circ$. These parameters and their standard deviations were obtained by averaging several reflection positions (Mo K_{α} radiation, $\lambda = 0.7107$ Å) whose centers were determined by left-right, top-bottom beam splitting on a previously aligned General Electric single crystal orienter. Since this compound is either soluble or decomposes in common solvents, its density was not measured but was estimated to be about 1.6 ± 0.2 g/cc. There, however, is no real need to measure the density in order to determine the number of molecules in the unit cell. From chemical knowledge, it is obvious that the molecule cannot contain any elements of symmetry from either of the possible space groups; therefore all atoms must be in general positions. This means that the number of molecules in the unit cell must be four or some integer multiple of four. The calculated densities corresponding to these possibilities are:

0.41, 0.83, 1.24, 1.66, 2.07 ... g/cc

of which 1.66 is the only reasonable value for a compound of this type, indicating 16 molecules per unit cell.

For data collection a crystal, having approximate dimensions 0.06 x 0.35 x 0.19 mm along the a, b, and c crystal axes respectively, was mounted such that the b axis was along the axis of the capillary and hence along the spindle axis.

Data were collected at room temperature with Zr-filtered, Mo K α radiation utilizing a General Electric XRD-5 x-ray unit equipped with a goniostat and scintillation counter. Within a 2θ sphere of 35° , peak heights of all reflections were checked visually on a ratemeter. Beyond 35° , several reflections were spotchecked to verify that there were exceedingly few reflections in this range which could be classified as "observed". This had been expected because of the rapid fall off in intensities at higher angles observed on the photographs. About 1800 reflections from one octant were found to be significantly above background; their intensities were measured using a one hundred second, θ - 2θ coupled scan (1.67° in 2θ) using a take-off angle of 1° .

Individual background values were obtained from a plot of measurements of background versus 2θ . Intensities were further corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors, streak due to non-characteristic radiation, and crystal

decomposition. Errors in intensities were determined as previously described (12).

Because of the small crystal size (0.004 mm^3) and the relatively small linear absorption coefficient (16 cm^{-1}), no corrections for lost counts, extinction, or absorption were felt necessary. Since all the recorded reflections were at rather low 2θ values, the maximum x-ray path length through the crystal was only slightly more than the intermediate crystal dimension. The intensity of the $0k0$ reflections showed little variation with respect to the rotation of the phi axis, also indicating that absorption was not significant.

Structure Determination

A Patterson function was computed from sharpened data (13) and a vector which was assumed to be an iron-iron vector resulting from the \underline{c} -glide, a symmetry element present in both possible space groups, was located on the Harker line. A superposition employing the minimum function was then carried out and readily revealed the positions of two thirds of the iron atoms in the unit cell; in addition the presence of a center of symmetry in the unit cell was also indicated. This, together with an equivalent result obtained via a statistical test (14), strongly suggested that the correct space group is $C_{2/c}$, as was later confirmed by the successful refinement in this

space group. Using these iron positions and the centric space group, the remaining atoms were found by successive structure factor and electron density map calculations.

The presence of sixteen molecules in a unit cell with space group of order eight requires that each asymmetric unit contain two crystallographically independent molecules. Therefore there are 264 independent, non-hydrogen, positional parameters and the associated thermal parameters to be refined. Consequently, our first approach was to use a block-diagonal technique in an attempt to refine the structural parameters. However, satisfactory convergence did not result, probably due to the neglect of large interaction terms between adjacent atoms in this monoclinic space group. A full matrix program was then employed, varying all the parameters of each molecule in alternating cycles. Refinement resulted in convergence with $R = \frac{\sum ||F_{obs}| - |F_{calc}||}{\sum |F_{obs}|} = 0.106$ for all atoms isotropic and $R = 0.078$ with the iron and phosphorus atoms anisotropic. The corresponding values of the weighed discrepancy factor,

$$wR = (\sum w(|F_{obs}| - |F_{calc}|)^2 / \sum w(F_{obs})^2)^{1/2}$$

are 0.131 and 0.091 respectively. The parameters resulting from this refinement are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

Least squares refinement was also carried out by correcting for both the real and imaginary parts of anomalous dispersion and treating all benzene rings as

Table 1. Positional and anisotropic thermal parameters for heavy atoms with their standard errors

Atom	AFel	AFe2	AFe3	AP	BFel	BFe2	BFe3	BP
x/a	0.39557	0.42346	0.46659	0.04950	0.29930	0.23622	0.25364	0.33332
Error	0.00018	0.00017	0.00018	0.00031	0.00018	0.00019	0.00020	0.00034
y/b	0.21255	0.41642	0.25298	0.08001	0.03183	0.09838	0.17358	-0.07677
Error	0.00058	0.00055	0.00057	0.00107	0.00059	0.00067	0.00068	0.00116
z/c	0.35052	0.36164	0.35953	0.12939	0.14239	0.09435	0.18433	0.09596
Error	0.00027	0.00025	0.00027	0.00043	0.00026	0.00027	0.00029	0.00048
β_{11}	0.00081	0.00063	0.00078	0.00052	0.00060	0.00088	0.00082	0.00074
Error	0.00008	0.00007	0.00008	0.00012	0.00007	0.00008	0.00008	0.00014
β_{22}	0.00458	0.00472	0.00448	0.00537	0.00600	0.00865	0.01078	0.00639
Error	0.00073	0.00071	0.00069	0.00131	0.00076	0.00090	0.00092	0.00144
β_{33}	0.00173	0.00149	0.00165	0.00118	0.00184	0.00190	0.00208	0.00151
Error	0.00016	0.00014	0.00016	0.00027	0.00016	0.00017	0.00018	0.00029
β_{12}	-0.00018	0.00014	0.00004	-0.00036	-0.00002	0.00087	0.00099	0.00011
Error	0.00019	0.00019	0.00020	0.00036	0.00022	0.00023	0.00024	0.00039

Table 1. (Continued)

Atom	AFel	AFe2	AFe3	AP	BFel	BFe2	BFe3	BP
β_{13}	0.00011	0.00001	-0.00002	-0.00002	-0.00011	-0.00029	-0.00011	-0.00011
Error	0.00008	0.00008	0.00008	0.00014	0.00008	0.00009	0.00009	0.00015
β_{23}	-0.00031	0.00003	0.00023	0.00039	-0.00017	-0.00084	-0.00108	-0.00061
Error	0.00029	0.00029	0.00030	0.00053	0.00039	0.00033	0.00036	0.00056

Table 2. Light atom positional and thermal parameters and their errors

Atom	X/a	Error	Y/b	Error	Z/c	Error	B	Error
AB C1	0.4518	(12)	0.3597	(40)	0.4144	(19)	6.5	1.5
AB 01	0.4658	(8)	0.3745	(25)	0.4576	(12)	6.8	0.9
AB C2	0.4557	(12)	0.3652	(40)	0.3104	(19)	6.4	1.5
AB 02	0.4618	(7)	0.3791	(24)	0.2649	(11)	5.4	0.9
AT1C1	0.3984	(12)	0.2191	(41)	0.4171	(20)	7.3	1.5
AT101	0.3963	(8)	0.2246	(29)	0.4643	(14)	8.5	1.1
AT1C2	0.3952	(13)	0.0777	(55)	0.3505	(18)	6.9	1.5
AT102	0.3996	(9)	-0.0232	(36)	0.3535	(13)	9.4	1.2
AT1C3	0.3484	(16)	0.2257	(44)	0.3455	(18)	7.6	1.6
AT103	0.3183	(11)	0.2427	(32)	0.3422	(13)	9.8	1.2
AT2C1	0.3912	(12)	0.4408	(37)	0.3999	(16)	5.0	1.3
AT201	0.3643	(9)	0.4582	(27)	0.4246	(12)	7.8	1.0
AT2C2	0.3978	(12)	0.4473	(40)	0.3063	(18)	6.4	1.5
AT202	0.3792	(8)	0.4702	(26)	0.2684	(12)	7.4	1.0
AT1C4	0.3985	(12)	0.2198	(42)	0.2846	(21)	6.4	1.6
AT104	0.3982	(8)	0.2187	(25)	0.2385	(13)	6.6	0.9
AT3C1	0.4721	(11)	0.1673	(40)	0.4103	(18)	5.4	1.4
AT301	0.4758	(9)	0.1052	(32)	0.4468	(13)	8.9	1.1
AT3C2	0.5115	(13)	0.2851	(37)	0.3616	(17)	4.6	1.3
AT302	0.5434	(9)	0.2996	(26)	0.3624	(11)	7.1	1.0
AT3C3	0.4692	(13)	0.1586	(51)	0.3160	(22)	8.2	1.7
AT303	0.4705	(7)	0.0872	(29)	0.2831	(12)	7.0	0.9
BB C1	0.2161	(14)	0.0693	(42)	0.1553	(18)	6.9	1.5
BB 01	0.1890	(9)	0.0233	(28)	0.1717	(12)	7.9	1.0
BB C2	0.2545	(13)	0.2455	(50)	0.1236	(19)	7.4	1.6
BB 02	0.2612	(8)	0.3352	(31)	0.1016	(12)	8.4	1.1
BT1C1	0.3182	(13)	0.1468	(48)	0.1208	(18)	6.5	1.6
BT101	0.3364	(9)	0.2142	(31)	0.1003	(12)	7.8	1.0
BT1C2	0.2720	(13)	-0.0672	(47)	0.1600	(17)	6.4	1.5
BT102	0.2556	(9)	-0.1461	(31)	0.1748	(12)	7.7	1.1
BT1C3	0.3260	(12)	0.0219	(39)	0.1976	(18)	6.4	1.4

Table 2. (Continued)

Atom	X/a	Error	Y/b	Error	Z/c	Error	B	Error
BT103	0.3414	(8)	0.0222	(26)	0.2402	(12)	7.2	1.0
BT2C1	0.2629	(13)	0.1294	(40)	0.0437	(19)	5.9	1.5
BT201	0.2773	(8)	0.1556	(26)	0.0079	(13)	7.5	1.0
BT2C2	0.1982	(17)	0.1539	(47)	0.0709	(21)	8.9	1.8
BT202	0.1704	(12)	0.1919	(36)	0.0504	(15)	12.3	1.4
BT2C3	0.2252	(14)	-0.0325	(57)	0.0784	(20)	8.3	1.8
BT203	0.2174	(9)	-0.1213	(33)	0.0569	(13)	9.0	1.1
BT3C1	0.2881	(13)	0.2537	(42)	0.2089	(16)	5.7	1.4
BT301	0.3142	(10)	0.3058	(32)	0.2224	(13)	9.4	1.2
BT3C2	0.2543	(12)	0.0846	(45)	0.2393	(20)	6.5	1.5
BT302	0.2545	(8)	0.0356	(31)	0.2765	(14)	9.4	1.2
BT3C3	0.2212	(15)	0.2577	(51)	0.2005	(19)	8.1	1.7
BT303	0.1993	(11)	0.3251	(35)	0.2174	(14)	11.3	1.3
BR1C1	0.3263	(12)	-0.0546	(38)	0.0250	(16)	5.6	1.4
BR1C2	0.2940	(12)	-0.0993	(42)	-0.0008	(19)	7.1	1.5
BR1C3	0.2896	(12)	-0.0760	(41)	-0.0542	(18)	5.8	1.4
BR1C4	0.3139	(14)	-0.0086	(44)	-0.0780	(18)	7.1	1.5
BR1C5	0.3430	(12)	0.0366	(40)	-0.0520	(18)	6.8	1.4
BR1C6	0.3508	(12)	0.0174	(42)	0.0017	(18)	7.3	1.5
BR2C1	0.3276	(10)	-0.2248	(39)	0.1048	(18)	4.8	1.3
BR2C2	0.3307	(11)	-0.2609	(43)	0.1550	(17)	5.5	1.3
BR2C3	0.3269	(12)	-0.3743	(50)	0.1657	(19)	7.6	1.6
BR2C4	0.3230	(12)	-0.4487	(43)	0.1276	(21)	7.4	1.6
BR2C5	0.3233	(12)	-0.4148	(45)	0.0767	(18)	6.5	1.4
BR2C6	0.3272	(13)	-0.2963	(51)	0.0634	(20)	8.7	1.7
BR3C1	0.3814	(11)	-0.0573	(38)	0.1075	(15)	4.6	1.3
BR3C2	0.4038	(14)	-0.1415	(43)	0.0859	(18)	7.3	1.6

Table 2. (Continued)

Atom	X/a	Error	Y/b	Error	Z/c	Error	B	Error
BR3C3	0.4429	(14)	-0.1206	(45)	0.0928	(19)	8.0	1.6
BR3C4	0.4583	(12)	-0.0389	(42)	0.1232	(17)	5.7	1.4
BR3C5	0.4349	(14)	0.0298	(42)	0.1469	(17)	6.9	1.5
BR3C6	0.3970	(12)	0.0268	(39)	0.1403	(16)	5.8	1.4
AR1C1	0.4992	(10)	0.5716	(35)	0.3720	(15)	4.2	1.2
AR1C2	0.5184	(12)	0.5548	(36)	0.3305	(16)	5.2	1.3
AR1C3	0.5559	(12)	0.5554	(38)	0.3318	(16)	6.4	1.4
AR1C4	0.5742	(11)	0.5714	(39)	0.3782	(17)	5.9	1.4
AR1C5	0.5579	(12)	0.5842	(38)	0.4227	(16)	5.5	1.3
AR1C6	0.5187	(12)	0.5899	(38)	0.4186	(15)	5.3	1.3
AR2C1	0.4429	(10)	0.6573	(40)	0.4261	(16)	4.3	1.3
AR2C2	0.4489	(11)	0.7718	(45)	0.4232	(17)	6.0	1.4
AR2C3	0.4425	(13)	0.8326	(45)	0.4704	(22)	8.8	1.7
AR2C4	0.4305	(13)	0.7855	(50)	0.5139	(19)	7.2	1.5
AR2C5	0.4266	(13)	0.6769	(51)	0.5147	(20)	8.3	1.6
AR2C6	0.4297	(12)	0.6089	(41)	0.4716	(19)	6.7	1.5
AR3C1	0.4376	(11)	0.6814	(33)	0.3202	(14)	3.2	1.1
AR3C2	0.4005	(11)	0.6899	(35)	0.3124	(15)	4.3	1.2
AR3C3	0.3885	(12)	0.7745	(40)	0.2733	(17)	5.9	1.4
AR3C4	0.4124	(14)	0.8269	(41)	0.2453	(18)	7.1	1.5
AR3C5	0.4496	(12)	0.8102	(38)	0.2540	(16)	5.6	1.4
AR3C6	0.4620	(11)	0.7362	(39)	0.2943	(16)	5.3	1.3

rigid groups. This refinement resulted in an $R = 0.082$ and $wR = 0.097$ with the heavy atoms again anisotropic. The calculated and observed structure factors based on this refinement are given in Figure 2. A final difference map was calculated and no peaks above $0.7 \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$ were found.

The final atomic parameters and their standard deviations computed from the least squares matrix are given in Figure 3. The important bond lengths are shown in Figure 4. The important interatomic distances and angles and their calculated standard errors are shown in Figures 5 and 6. Because of the comparatively small number of observations per variable, these results could conceivably be viewed with some distrust. A check on the accuracy of our results is afforded by the positional parameters of the benzene rings which resulted from our first series of refinements. The refined parameters were used to calculate 36 bond distances which were known to be equivalent, thereby giving a very reliable estimate of the errors in this structure determination. The average carbon-carbon bond distance was found to be $1.406 \pm 0.007 \text{ Å}$ in good agreement with the accepted value, indicating no serious systematic errors in this determination. The standard deviation of an individual measurement of a carbon-carbon bond length as calculated from the distribution of these distances is 0.043 Å . This can be compared to a typical

K=6 L=J H OBS CALC 2 305 220 4 816 405 6 894 621 8 664 405 10 424 237 14 945 943 20 207 207 22 224 226 28 189 179 30 186 174	K=8 L=0 H OBS CALC U 138 125 4 141 108 12 159 153 -12 103 153	K=4 L=1 H OBS CALC 18 65 58 12 381 434 -14 87 115 14 130 137 16 106 128 -16 264 256 18 63 9 26 124 120	K=0 L=2 H OBS CALC 18 411 440 20 57 37 -20 480 467 22 101 71 -24 187 196 26 298 307 5 179 169 7 201 233 9 38 6 -1 157 156 -3 312 314 -5 218 241 -7 170 195 -9 56 54 -11 142 148 -13 63 54 -15 56 37 15 69 55 17 201 195	K=4 L=2 H OBS CALC 1 233 247 3 125 145 5 179 169 7 201 233 9 38 6 -1 157 156 -3 312 314 -5 218 241 -7 170 195 -9 56 54 -11 142 148 -13 63 54 -15 56 37 15 69 55 17 201 195	K=2 L=3 H OBS CALC -14 33 7 14 102 105 -16 206 222 16 350 382 -18 103 96 18 131 138 -20 49 27 20 76 59 -22 192 200 22 227 229 K=3 L=3 H OBS CALC -5 262 253 -9 235 243	K=8 L=3 H OBS CALC 2 198 196 4 127 109 8 192 189 10 162 155 -12 193 186 18 190 169 K=9 L=3 H OBS CALC 7 125 113 9 262 250 -5 262 253 -9 235 243	K=3 L=4 H 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Figure 2. Calculated and observed structure factors

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Figure 2. (Continued)

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Figure 2. (Continued)

ATOM	x/a	y/b	z/c	β_{11}^a	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
AFe1	0.3958(2)	0.2132(5)	0.3506(2)	8(1)	48(6)	17(1)	-1(2)	1(1)	-1(2)
AFe2	0.4235(2)	0.4164(5)	0.3617(2)	6(1)	50(7)	13(1)	2(2)	0(1)	-1(2)
AFe3	0.4665(2)	0.2527(5)	0.3595(2)	7(1)	52(7)	15(1)	-1(2)	-1(1)	1(2)
BFe1	0.2993(2)	0.0319(5)	0.1424(2)	6(1)	72(7)	16(1)	0(2)	-1(1)	-3(3)
BFe2	0.2362(2)	0.0979(6)	0.0944(2)	8(1)	100(8)	17(2)	8(2)	-3(1)	-5(3)
BFe3	0.2536(2)	0.1740(6)	0.1842(3)	8(1)	111(8)	19(2)	10(2)	-1(1)	-14(3)
AP	0.4507(3)	0.5789(9)	0.3705(4)	5(1)	46(13)	9(2)	1(3)	-0(1)	-3(4)
BP	0.3332(3)	-0.0769(10)	0.0957(4)	7(1)	72(14)	12(2)	2(3)	-1(1)	3(5)

ATOM	x/a	y/b	z/c	B	ATOM	x/a	y/b	z/c	B
AT1C1	0.399(1)	0.220(4)	0.264(2)	5.4(12)	AR1C1	0.500	0.573	0.373	3.4(10)
AT101	0.399(1)	0.218(2)	0.239(1)	5.6(7)	AR1C2	0.518	0.555	0.328	4.0(10)
AT1C2	0.398(1)	0.216(4)	0.417(2)	6.6(13)	AR1C3	0.556	0.555	0.331	5.6(12)
AT102	0.396(1)	0.225(3)	0.463(1)	7.8(9)	AR1C4	0.575	0.572	0.379	4.1(11)
AT1C3	0.395(1)	0.075(4)	0.351(2)	5.8(12)	AR1C5	0.557	0.590	0.423	3.7(10)
AT103	0.400(1)	-0.025(3)	0.354(1)	7.2(9)	AR1C6	0.519	0.591	0.420	3.8(10)
AT1C4	0.348(1)	0.227(4)	0.344(2)	6.4(13)	AR2C1	0.442	0.657	0.426	3.4(10)
AT104	0.319(1)	0.242(3)	0.344(1)	8.7(10)	AR2C2	0.448	0.769	0.425	5.7(12)
AT2C1	0.390(1)	0.443(3)	0.400(2)	4.6(11)	AR2C3	0.443	0.833	0.468	8.0(15)
AT201	0.364(1)	0.462(1)	0.426(1)	6.7(8)	AR2C4	0.431	0.784	0.513	5.6(12)
AT2C2	0.397(1)	0.449(4)	0.306(2)	4.9(11)	AR2C5	0.426	0.672	0.514	5.4(12)
AT202	0.379(1)	0.470(2)	0.268(1)	5.7(8)	AR2C6	0.431	0.608	0.471	5.8(13)
AT3C1	0.470(1)	0.155(4)	0.312(1)	6.2(13)	AR3C1	0.438	0.679	0.320	2.7(9)
AT301	0.471(1)	0.083(3)	0.282(1)	6.2(8)	AR3C2	0.401	0.696	0.311	3.8(10)
AT3C2	0.472(1)	0.164(4)	0.411(2)	4.6(11)	AR3C3	0.388	0.770	0.274	4.5(11)
AT302	0.476(1)	0.104(3)	0.447(1)	6.6(8)	AR3C4	0.412	0.829	0.246	5.1(11)
AT3C3	0.511(1)	0.287(3)	0.362(1)	3.4(10)	AR3C5	0.449	0.813	0.255	3.5(10)
AT303	0.543(1)	0.300(2)	0.363(1)	6.0(8)	AR3C6	0.462	0.738	0.292	4.3(11)
BT1C1	0.319(1)	0.150(4)	0.120(2)	5.1(12)	BR1C1	0.326	-0.053	0.026	3.2(10)
BT101	0.337(1)	0.212(3)	0.101(1)	5.9(8)	BR1C2	0.296	-0.098	-0.001	5.7(12)
BT1C2	0.272(1)	-0.071(4)	0.161(2)	4.3(11)	BR1C3	0.289	-0.076	-0.053	4.5(11)
BT102	0.256(1)	-0.147(3)	0.175(1)	5.4(8)	BR1C4	0.313	-0.009	-0.079	5.8(12)
BT1C3	0.326(1)	0.026(4)	0.197(2)	5.6(12)	BR1C5	0.343	0.035	-0.081	6.0(13)
BT103	0.342(1)	0.024(2)	0.240(1)	5.5(8)	BR1C6	0.350	0.013	0.001	5.5(12)
BT2C1	0.225(1)	-0.039(5)	0.075(2)	7.0(14)	BR2C1	0.329	-0.226	0.104	3.1(10)
BT201	0.216(1)	-0.123(3)	0.059(1)	7.9(9)	BR2C2	0.330	-0.260	0.156	4.4(11)
BT2C2	0.262(1)	0.129(4)	0.044(2)	5.2(11)	BR2C3	0.327	-0.371	0.167	5.9(13)
BT202	0.277(1)	0.157(2)	0.008(1)	6.0(8)	BR2C4	0.324	-0.448	0.127	6.3(13)
BT2C3	0.198(1)	0.149(4)	0.070(2)	7.3(14)	BR2C5	0.323	-0.413	0.076	5.3(12)
BT203	0.171(1)	0.194(3)	0.051(1)	9.3(11)	BR2C6	0.325	-0.302	0.065	5.5(12)
BT3C1	0.289(1)	0.252(4)	0.208(2)	4.5(11)	BR3C1	0.382	-0.061	0.108	3.3(10)
BT301	0.314(1)	0.308(3)	0.222(1)	7.7(9)	BR3C2	0.404	-0.135	0.084	5.6(12)
BT3C2	0.255(1)	0.089(4)	0.240(2)	4.8(12)	BR3C3	0.442	-0.126	0.092	5.4(12)
BT302	0.254(1)	0.034(3)	0.276(1)	8.0(9)	BR3C4	0.457	-0.042	0.123	4.2(11)
BT3C3	0.221(1)	0.258(4)	0.200(2)	6.8(14)	BR3C5	0.434	0.032	0.146	5.7(12)
BT303	0.200(1)	0.325(3)	0.217(1)	9.5(11)	BR3C6	0.397	0.023	0.139	5.0(11)

ABC1	0.453(1)	0.358(4)	0.415(2)	4.4(11)	BBC1	0.214(1)	0.071(4)	0.155(2)	4.9(11)
AB01	0.466(1)	0.376(2)	0.458(1)	5.2(7)	BB01	0.189(1)	0.024(3)	0.172(1)	6.7(8)
ABC2	0.455(1)	0.361(3)	0.309(2)	4.4(11)	BBC2	0.255(1)	0.248(4)	0.122(2)	4.4(11)
AB02	0.462(1)	0.382(2)	0.265(1)	4.0(7)	BB02	0.261(1)	0.338(3)	0.102(1)	6.3(8)

^a β 's are $\times 10^4$

Figure 3. Final atomic parameters from rigid body refinement

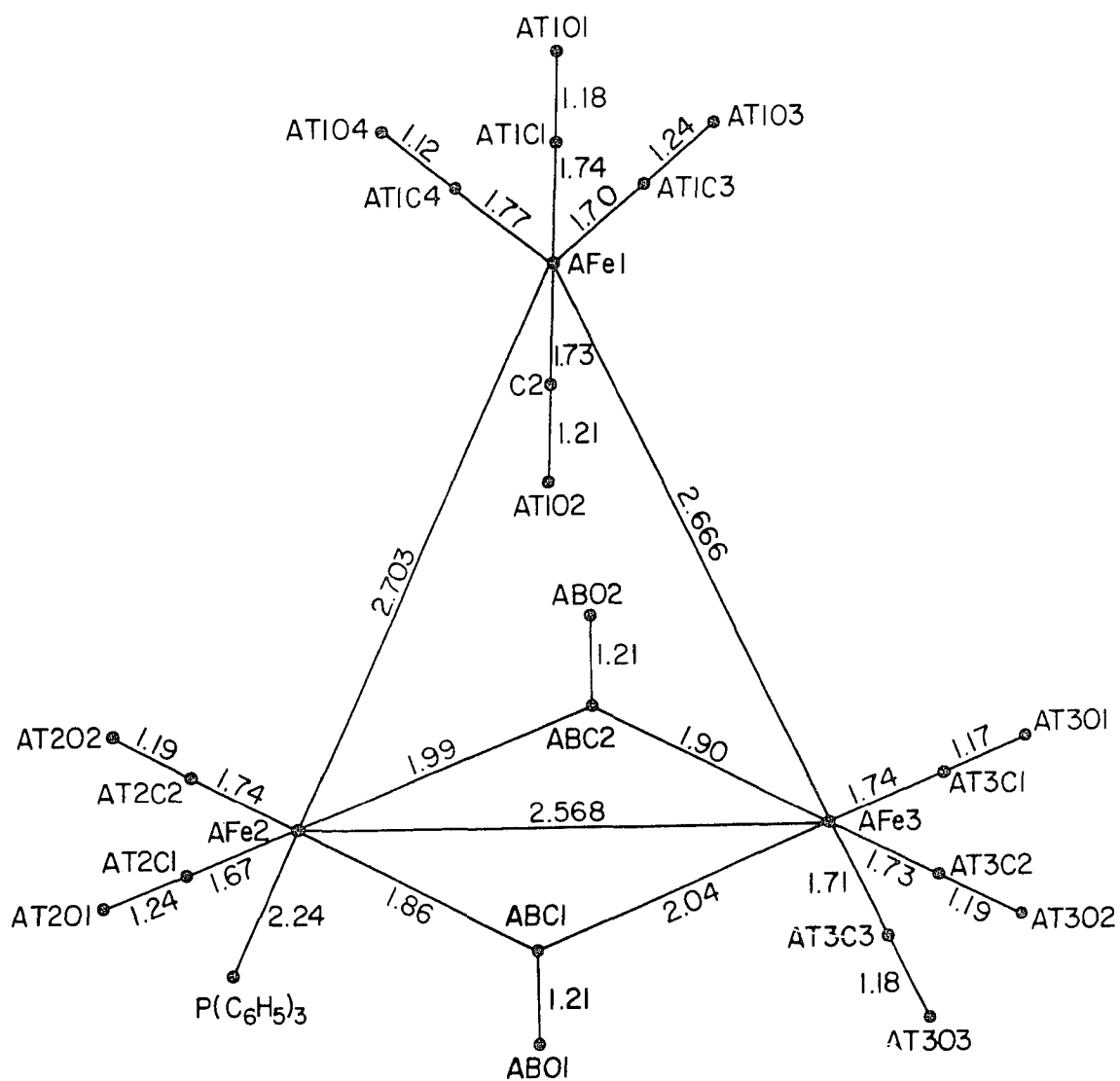


Figure 4. Sketch of two isomers of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ showing important bond distances

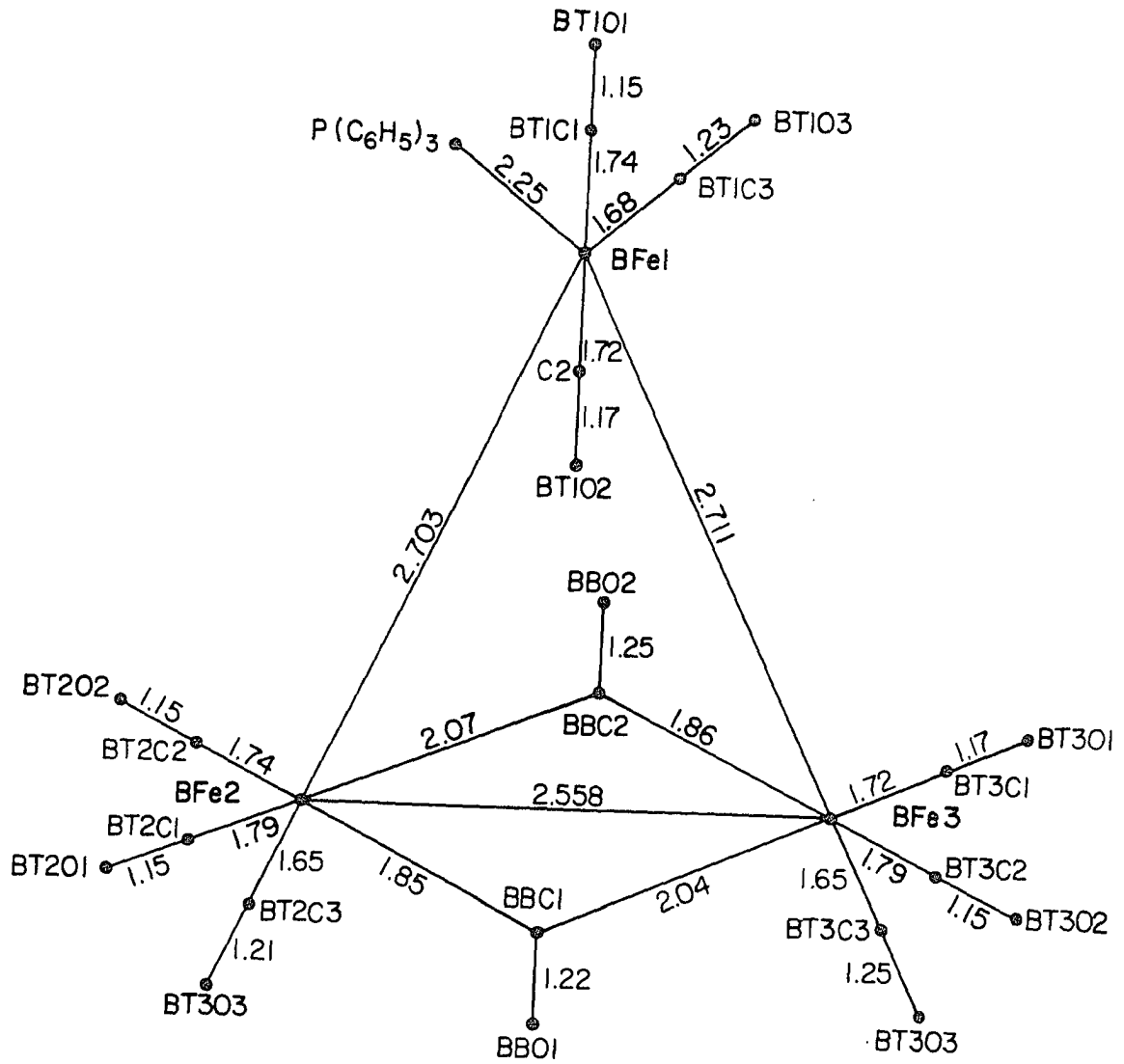


Figure 4. (Continued)

AFel-AFe2	2.703(9)	AFel-AT1C1	1.74(5)	AFel-AT101	2.92(3)	AT1C1-AT101	1.18(4)
AFel-AFe3	2.666(8)	AFel-AT1C2	1.73(5)	AFel-AT102	2.94(4)	AT1C2-AT102	1.21(5)
AFe2-AFe3	2.568(8)	AFel-AT1C3	1.70(5)	AFel-AT103	2.93(4)	AT1C3-AT103	1.24(5)
BFe1-BFe2	2.703(9)	AFel-AT1C4	1.77(5)	AFel-AT104	2.88(4)	AT1C4-AT104	1.12(5)
BFe1-BFe3	2.711(9)	AFe2-AT2C1	1.67(4)	AFe2-AT201	2.91(3)	AT2C1-AT201	1.24(4)
BFe2-BFe3	2.558(9)	AFe2-AT2C2	1.74(5)	AFe2-AT202	2.93(3)	AT2C2-AT202	1.19(4)
		AFe3-AT3C1	1.74(5)	AFe3-AT301	2.90(3)	AT3C1-AT301	1.17(5)
AFe2-AP	2.24(1)	AFe3-AT3C2	1.73(5)	AFe3-AT302	2.92(3)	AT3C2-AT302	1.19(4)
BFe1-BP	2.25(1)	AFe3-AT3C3	1.71(4)	AFe3-AT303	2.88(3)	AT3C3-AT303	1.18(4)
		BFe1-BT1C1	1.74(5)	BFe1-BT101	2.86(3)	BT1C1-BT101	1.15(4)
AFe2-ABC1	1.86(4)	BFe1-BT1C2	1.72(5)	BFe1-BT102	2.88(3)	BT1C2-BT102	1.17(4)
AFe2-ABC2	1.99(4)	BFe1-BT1C3	1.68(5)	BFe1-BT103	2.90(3)	BT1C3-BT103	1.23(4)
AFe3-ABC1	2.04(4)	BFe2-BT2C1	1.79(6)	BFe2-BT201	2.94(4)	BT2C1-BT201	1.15(5)
AFe3-ABC2	1.90(4)	BFe2-BT2C2	1.74(5)	BFe2-BT202	2.89(3)	BT2C2-BT202	1.16(4)
BFe2-BBC1	1.85(5)	BFe2-BT2C3	1.65(5)	BFe2-BT203	2.86(4)	BT2C3-BT203	1.21(5)
BFe2-BBC2	2.07(4)	BFe3-BT3C1	1.72(5)	BFe3-BT301	2.89(4)	BT3C1-BT301	1.18(4)
BFe3-BBC1	2.04(5)	BFe3-BT3C2	1.79(5)	BFe3-BT302	2.94(4)	BT3C2-BT302	1.15(4)
BFe3-BBC2	1.86(4)	BFe3-BT3C3	1.65(6)	BFe3-BT303	2.90(4)	BT3C3-BT303	1.25(5)
AFe2-AB01	2.93(3)	BFe2-BB01	2.91(3)	ABC1-AB01	1.21(4)	AP-	BP-
AFe2-AB02	3.01(3)	BFe2-BB02	3.09(3)	ABC2-AB02	1.21(4)	AR1C1 1.83	BR1C1 1.83
AFe3-AB01	2.99(3)	BFe3-BB01	3.04(3)	BBC1-BB01	1.22(4)	AR2C1 1.78	BR2C1 1.85
AFe3-AB02	2.93(3)	BFe3-BB02	2.96(3)	BBC2-BB02	1.25(4)	AR3C1 1.83	BR3C2 1.83

Figure 5. Atomic separations in Angstroms

AFel-AFe2-AFe3	60.7(2)	AFel-AT1C1-AT101	175(4)	AT1C1-AFel-AT1C2	172(2)
AFel-AFe3-AFe2	62.1(2)	AFel-AT1C2-AT102	172(4)	AT1C1-AFel-AT1C3	93(2)
AFe2-AFel-AFe3	57.1(2)	AFel-AT1C3-AT103	171(4)	AT1C1-AFel-AT1C4	92(2)
BFel-BFe2-BFe3	62.0(3)	AFel-AT1C4-AT104	174(5)	AT1C2-AFel-AT1C3	91(2)
BFel-BFe3-BFe2	61.6(3)	AFe2-AT2C1-AT201	176(4)	AT1C2-AFel-AT1C4	95(2)
BFe2-BFel-BFe3	56.4(2)	AFe2-AT2C2-AT202	179(4)	AT1C3-AFel-AT1C4	95(2)
		AFe3-AT3C1-AT301	175(4)	AT2C1-AFe2-AT2C2	93(2)
AFe2-ABC1-AFe3	82(2)	AFe3-AT3C2-AT302	179(4)	AT2C1-AFe2-ABC1	92(2)
AFe2-ABC2-AFe3	83(2)	AFe3-AT3C3-AT303	173(4)	AT2C1-AFe2-ABC2	167(2)
BFe2-BBC1-BFe3	82(2)	BFel-BT1C1-BT101	166(4)	AT2C2-AFe2-ABC1	170(2)
BFe2-BBC2-BFe3	81(2)	BFel-BT1C2-BT102	174(4)	AT2C2-AFe2-ABC2	80(2)
		BFel-BT1C3-BT103	172(4)	ABC1-AFe2-ABC2	93(2)
AFe2-ABC1-AB01	144(4)	BFe2-BT2C1-BT201	173(5)	AT3C1-AFe3-AT3C2	96(2)
AFe2-ABC2-AB02	139(3)	BFe2-BT2C2-BT202	173(4)	AT3C1-AFe3-AT3C3	95(2)
AFe3-ABC1-AB01	132(3)	BFe2-BT2C3-BT203	175(5)	AT3C1-AFe3-ABC1	169(2)
AFe3-ABC2-AB02	139(3)	BFel-BT3C1-BT301	177(4)	AT3C1-AFe3-ABC2	91(2)
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		AFe2-AP-AR2C1	117	AT3C3-AFe3-ABC2	91(2)
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AP-AFe2-AT2C1	96(1)	BFel-BP-BR2C1	117	BT1C1-BFel-BT1C3	95(2)
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BFe2-BFel-BP	115.3(4)	AFe2-AFel-AT1C1	91(2)	BT2C2-BFe2-BBC2	83(2)
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		AFe2-AFel-AT1C3	158(2)	BT2C3-BFe2-BBC2	93(2)
AFe1-AFe2-ABC1	86(1)	AFe2-AFel-AT1C4	107(2)	BT3C1-BFe3-BT3C2	93(2)
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BFel-BFe3-BBC1	85(1)	BFel-BFe2-BT2C3	174(2)	BBC1-BFe3-BBC2	92(2)
BFe2-BFe3-BBC2	85(1)	BFel-BFe3-BT3C3	170(2)		
BFe2-BFe3-BBC1	46(1)	BFe2-BFel-BT1C3	148(2)	BFel-BFe2-BT2C1	92(2)
BFe2-BFe3-BBC2	53(1)	BFe3-BFel-BT1C3	92(2)	BFel-BFe2-BT2C2	85(1)
BFe3-BFe2-BBC1	52(1)	BFe2-BFel-BT1C1	88(1)	BFel-BFe3-BT3C1	91(1)
BFe3-BFe2-BBC2	46(1)	BFe3-BFel-BT1C1	84(1)	BFe3-BFe2-BT2C1	129(2)
		BFe3-BFel-BT1C2	88(1)	BFe3-BFe2-BT2C2	120(2)
BFe2-BFe3-BT3C1	132(1)	BFe2-BFe3-BT3C3	108(2)	BFe3-BFe2-BT2C3	112(2)
BFe2-BFe3-BT3C2	121(1)	BFe2-BFel-BT1C2	81(1)	BFel-BFe3-BT3C2	88(1)

Figure 6. Bond angles in degrees

standard deviation of 0.05 \AA calculated for the same type of distance from least squares. This indicates that our error estimates are fairly reliable and our errors are not underestimated. Since carbon is the lightest atom involved in any of the distances reported in this structure determination, any serious discrepancy would be expected to be evident here.

Discussion

The molecular structures of the two independent molecules are shown in Figure 7. Surprisingly, they are structural isomers of one another, an uncommon event but with some precedence (15). Also the presence of two isomers is consistent with the bridging C-O absorptions found in the infrared spectra (9) of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$. Two possible explanations which could be advanced to explain the occurrence of the two isomers in each asymmetric unit are that the two forms occur as dimers in solution or that packing is more favorable for the two isomers together than for either separately. The existence of dimers does not appear plausible since the shortest intermolecular distance in the crystal is 3.2 \AA . At first glance, the packing argument also appears weak since it seems unlikely that the two isomers should be present in the proper proportions at the proper sites for crystallization to take place. However, the probability of this

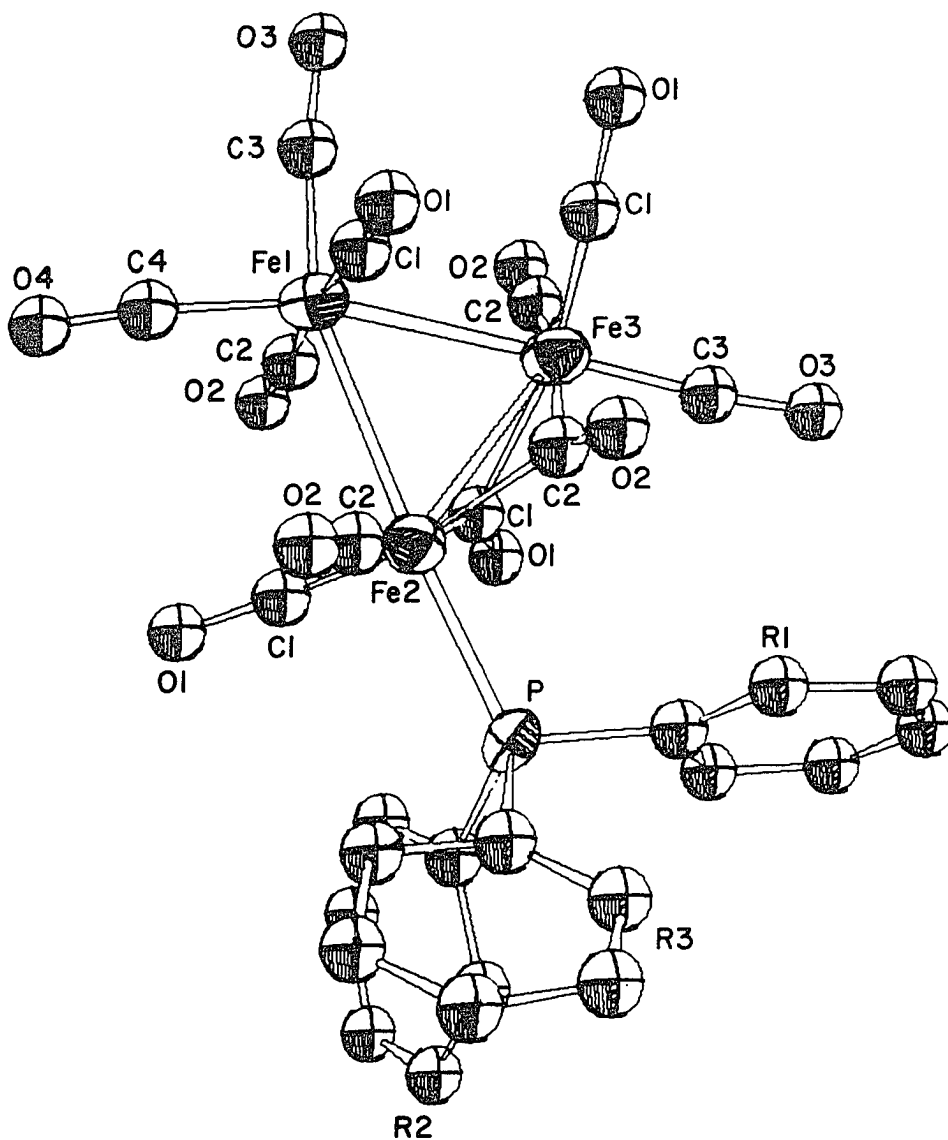


Figure 7. Molecular configurations of two isomers of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$

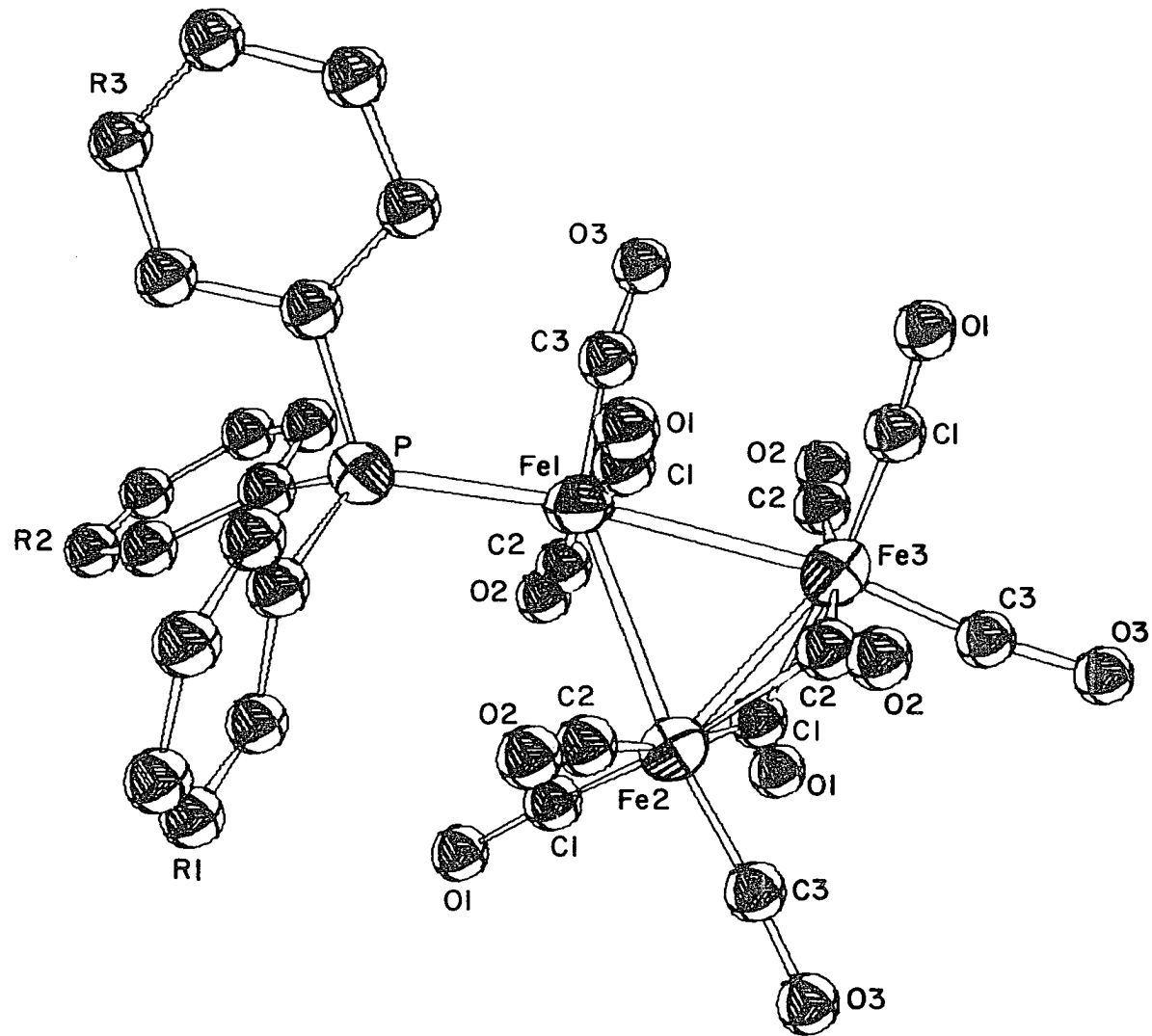


Figure 7. (Continued)

occurring would be increased if in solution the bridging bonds were continually being broken and the bridge was equally likely to reform between any two of the iron atoms. It is easy to see how the two molecules could be interconverted by this mechanism. This theory is made more palatable by the fact that the bridges are quite asymmetric and that the $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ occurs in an equatorial position in both isomers.

The existence of asymmetric bridging in this structure is unquestionable. Three of the four bridges are asymmetric by more than three standard deviations and the fourth by more than two standard deviations. This asymmetry is consistent with the fact that the bridged iron-iron distances are greater than the 2.49 \AA found (16) in $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2$ or the 2.46 \AA in $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$ in which the carbonyls form a nearly symmetric bridge (17). The iron-iron distances are similar to those found (8) in $\text{HFe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}^-$ (2.577 \AA for bridged; 2.685 and 2.696 for unbridged), but the reportedly symmetric bridge for that compound had only one bridging carbonyl and a bridging hydrogen.

Since both isomers of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ show asymmetric bridging, it seems more likely that this is a property of the parent compound rather than an effect introduced by the $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ group. On this basis the symmetry of an $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ molecule would be C_2 instead of C_{2v} as previously proposed.

No asymmetry was found (11) in the bridging carbonyls in the redetermination of the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, but any asymmetry in the bridges would be hopelessly hidden in the disorder which superposes terminal and bridging carbonyls. Asymmetric bridges might well occur in other previously determined structures but have not been recognized due to the presence of higher pseudosymmetry.

A comparison of the two isomers shows considerable variation in unbridged Fe-Fe bonds. The distance between two iron atoms, neither of which is bonded to a phosphorus atom, is similar to that found for unsubstituted $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ (2.67 Å vs. 2.68 Å) while the Fe-Fe distances originating from the iron atoms which are bonded to a phosphorus atom are significantly longer. As described below, this lengthening might conceivably be due to increased population in antibonding orbitals. The bridged Fe-Fe bond is kept from lengthening extensively by the carbonyl bridges.

It might be expected that iron-carbon bonds opposite the longer bridging carbonyl bonds would be shorter than those opposite the shorter bridging bonds. Such variation would result from a weakening of the π -bond (and possibly also the σ -bond) in the lengthened bond and a consequent increase in the strength of the opposite bond, thereby causing a shortening. While it is impossible on the basis of statistics to say that the iron-carbon and carbon-oxygen distances in the terminal bonds are not all equivalent,

there does seem to be a more definite shortening in the iron-carbon bonds opposite the iron-iron bonds. Using the same arguments, the latter effect should occur and be larger than the former because there would be practically no π -character in the iron-iron bond. One would also expect lengthened carbon-oxygen distances in those cases where shortening of the iron-carbon distance has taken place. This effect in the present structure is somewhat masked by relatively large errors in lengths between the carbon and oxygen atoms, but the phenomenon is better illustrated by the nearly constant length for all iron-oxygen distances in spite of the more variant iron-carbon bond lengths.

The iron-carbon bond lengths around the iron atoms which are bonded to a phosphorus atom (av. 1.71) might in general be somewhat shorter than those around the other iron atoms (av. 1.73). If real, this could result from the inability of a $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ group to compete with carbonyls as π -electron acceptors as effectively as the carbonyl which it replaces. Such shortening has previously been evidenced by a lower C-O stretching frequency for unsubstituted metal carbonyls than for the corresponding mono-substituted triphenylphosphine derivative (18). Angelici has proposed (19) that there is a transfer of electron density from the metal-phosphorus σ -bond to the metal-carbon π -bond.

Such transfer would also cause a decrease in metal-carbon bond length.

Several of the Fe-C-O angles vary considerably from 180°. This is frequently observed in lower symmetry systems (20) and can be attributed to steric and packing considerations.

The temperature factors of the carbonyl atoms are somewhat large as might be expected from the rapid fall off of intensity. It is not surprising that the oxygen atoms at the end of the carbonyls have larger temperature factors than the carbon atoms to which they are bonded. The ring carbon atoms have considerably smaller temperature factors and in every ring the carbon atom bonded to the phosphorus has a smaller temperature factor than the other atoms in the ring.

In a molecule of this complexity it is indeed hard to distinguish between causes, primary effects, and secondary effects, but the overall trends found in the structure do not seem unexpected in the light of present understanding.

In view of the widespread differences of opinion as to the interpretation of experimental results for the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, it would be interesting to see if the most nearly correct structure could have been picked from those shown in Figure 1 from theoretical arguments. The treatment presented here by no means constitutes a rigorous

proof and, of course, was aided by the knowledge of the structure of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$.

We will assume that in the correct structure the bonding will be such that all iron atoms will attain the krypton configuration, and that no iron atom will be bonded to more than seven other atoms. The first assumption is known to hold true for the vast majority of metal carbonyls, and the second seems reasonable for an atom the size of iron.

In the linear arrangement the center iron atom does not attain a filled shell with or without bonds being formed between iron atoms. If iron-iron bonds are formed, the center iron atom has eight bonds; if not, none of the iron atoms attain a filled shell. In fact, no linear arrangement which satisfies both assumptions is readily apparent.

A triangular arrangement with six bridging carbonyls seems less likely than a linear arrangement on the basis of valence bond and spatial arguments. Three iron-iron bonds are necessary for the iron atoms to fill their shells, but such bonding gives each iron atom eight bonds. In addition, this arrangement cannot be accomplished by use of the metal's d^2sp^3 orbitals which are so frequently used in metal-carbonyl bonding.

On the basis of the above assumptions, triangular arrangements with either zero or two bridging carbonyls seem equally likely. A molecular orbital treatment was

carried out to see if one of these could be ruled out on the basis of energy requirements. The method used was very similar to one described for benzene (21). Each Fe-C bond was assumed to use a d^2sp^3 orbital from an iron atom and only the remaining d^2sp^3 and d orbitals from the iron atoms were used to form the molecular orbitals which can be thought of as holding the iron atoms together. The values of the resonance integral representing interactions between pairs of atomic orbitals were assigned symbols and ranked qualitatively on the basis of examination of a ball and stick model.

The molecule with no bridging carbonyls would have D_{3h} symmetry. Of the total 48 bonding electrons and 27 iron orbitals, the iron-carbon σ -bonds would use 24 electrons and 12 iron orbitals, leaving 24 electrons to be placed in 15 molecular orbitals. Our calculations showed that 7 of these orbitals would be bonding and 8 antibonding. This model seems unlikely in view of the number of electrons which must be placed in quite antibonding orbitals.

The molecule with two bridging carbonyls was treated as having C_{2v} symmetry. The iron-carbon bonds take up 28 electrons and use 5 orbitals each from two iron atoms and 4 from the other. This leaves 20 electrons to be placed in 13 molecular orbitals. In setting up the calculations, it was apparent that two types of interactions where atomic

orbitals from two iron atoms were nearly colinear would give a much larger value for the resonance integral than other interactions where atomic orbitals formed angles considerably less than 180° . Initially all of the small resonance integrals were assumed to be zero. This model gave 3 bonding orbitals, 3 very antibonding orbitals, and 7 nonbonding orbitals. Thus this model would appear to be energetically feasible, inasmuch as none of 20 electrons need be put in antibonding orbitals.

It should be noted that in the above calculations, it has been assumed that all Fe-C bonds are σ -bonds with a bond order of 1, and all π -bonding has been neglected. Also the interactions which were neglected could, no doubt, be used to break the degeneracy of the non-bonding orbitals. Such crude approximations might suffice for checking the feasibility of a certain structure, but we recognize their limited application for a detailed description of electronic arrangement.

A treatment of the correct structure which did not neglect most of the small interactions was also carried out. In this case the energy of the orbitals which had been bonding and antibonding before was unchanged, but the 7 nonbonding orbitals became 3 bonding and 4 weakly antibonding orbitals.

There are several p orbitals on carbon atoms which have the proper symmetry to π -bond with the iron atoms. Therefore it seems reasonable that much of the electron density in these iron-iron antibonding orbitals will be transferred to iron-carbon π -bonds, thereby increasing the net strength of the iron-iron bonds. If one then replaces a carbonyl with a lesser π -bonding triphenylphosphine, these antibonding orbitals should be given additional electron density. This would weaken the iron-iron bonds and result in the longer iron-iron distances noted in this structure determination.

THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, AND AUTOMATION
OF A NEUTRON DIFFRACTION SYSTEM

General Description of System

An automatic neutron diffraction system has been made operational at the Ames Laboratory Research Reactor. The system consists of several parts: a monochromating system, a diffractometer, an interface, a teletype, neutron counting devices, and a computer.

The monochromating system uses a beryllium crystal and yields a beam with virtually no higher order contamination. The diffractometer is a Hilger-Watts (model 4230-1) four circle device which operates under computer control (22). The computer used is an SDS-910 with 16K words of core storage. Auxiliary storage of five million words is provided by two magnetic disks. High speed access to auxiliary storage is provided by an IBM-1401 computer, which handles the flow of information between the main computer and the disks.

Programs for this computer system are written in the "TASK" language (23, 24) which is an "ALGOL" based language with several modifications to permit real time usage of the computer. The interaction between the computer and the diffractometer is through an interface, which carries out computer commands and relays information from the

experiment to the computer, as well as handling flow of information between the computer and the teletype. The teletype is the only means of communication a user has with the computer.

Design of Monochromating System

The neutrons in the core of the reactor are of a wide energy range but in general have higher than optimum energy for use in neutron diffraction. To increase the number of useful neutrons, the average energy of the neutron beam must be reduced before one energy is selected by the monochromating crystal. The design of the system used to moderate and monochromate the neutron beam which comes from the reactor core is illustrated in Figure 8.

The beam tube for the main beam is a circular opening 6 in. in diameter in the reactor wall running from the reactor core toward a cavity just inside the reactor face. Each end of the beam tube is covered with a 1/16 in. aluminum plate to make the tube air tight. Next to the interior aluminum plate is a 2 in. layer of graphite moderator through which all neutrons must travel. Through the remainder of the beam tube there is a 1 in. square opening through which neutrons traveling in a straight line from the reactor core to the monochromating crystal can pass freely. The small opening is surrounded for the first 22 in. by graphite, which "funnels" some additional neutrons

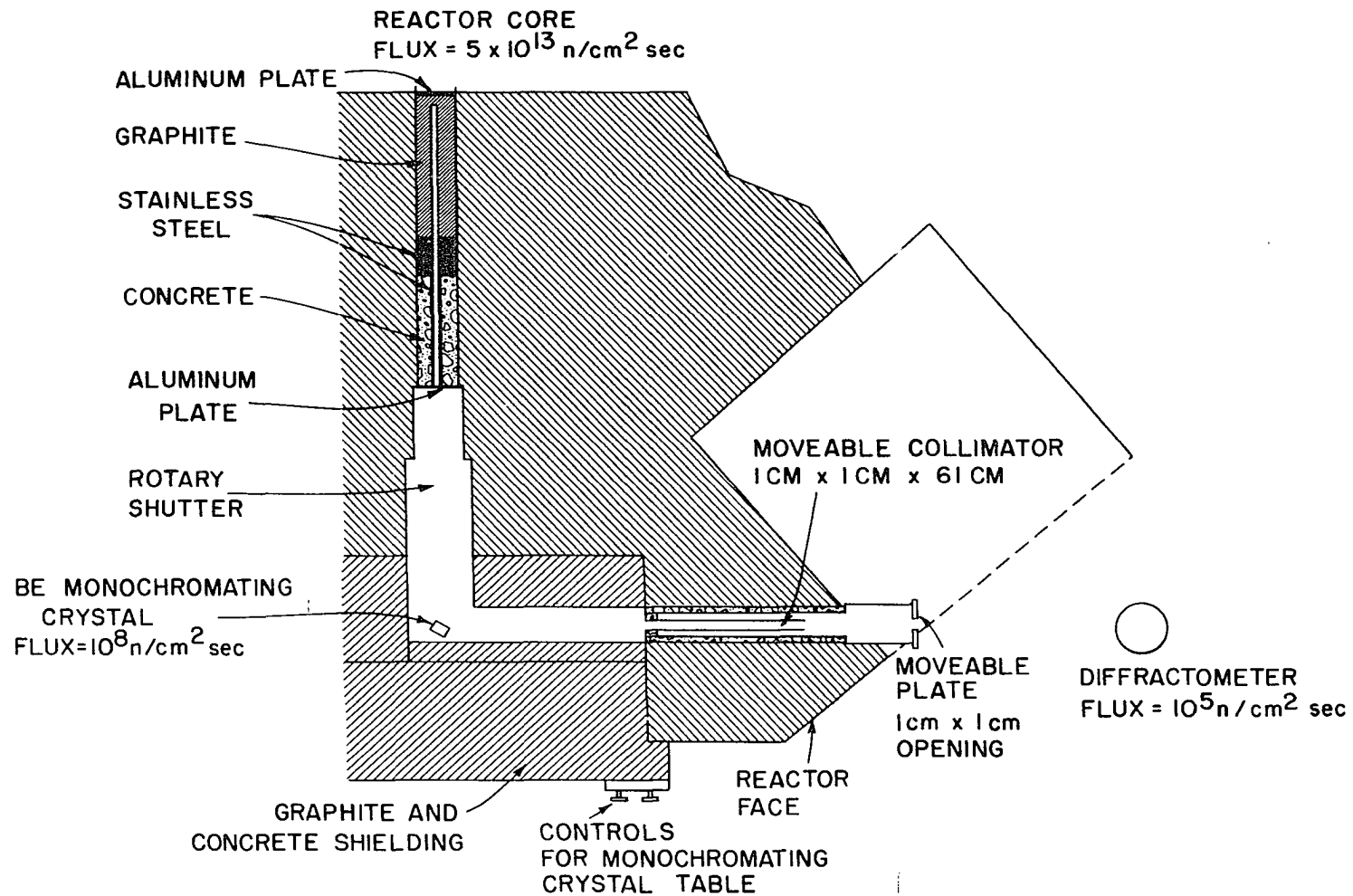


Figure 8. Moderating and monochromating system

into the opening. For the next 24 in. the opening is surrounded by stainless steel and concrete, which serve as a collimator for the main beam.

The position of the monochromating crystal is somewhat different than in many other systems. A common arrangement is to allow the main beam to impinge on a monochromating crystal external to the reactor face. This necessitates that considerable shielding be put up around the monochromating crystal and therefore takes up much floor space. It has an advantage in that it permits the angle between the beam incident to and diffracted from the monochromating crystal to be easily changed; consequently the wavelength being used can be optimized for a particular experiment. Our monochromating crystal, however, is located inside the reactor face, as illustrated in Figure 8. This arrangement requires that there be almost no shielding on the reactor floor but restricts the angle between the diffracted incident beam to approximately 90° . We will refer to this angle as the "take-off angle". Our take-off angle is large compared to that in many systems, but this is advantageous for data taking. All reflections from the sample crystal which occur at an angle less than the take-off angle have the same peak shape as the reflection from the monochromating crystal, but reflections which occur at angles higher than the take-off angle have a half-width greater than the half-width of the peak from

the monochromating crystal.

Our large take-off angle was an important factor in choosing beryllium for our monochromating crystal. Beryllium not only has a high scattering cross section, but also has a large Debye temperature and therefore the decrease of intensity due to thermal motion as a function of the take-off angle is smaller for beryllium than other metals. This is especially important at our large take-off angle.

All reflections of beryllium for which $h-k=3n$ and $l=2n$ have all beryllium atoms scattering in phase. Thus any one of these will have maximum intensity, so the only criterion for picking one is that θ be 90° for a wavelength of approximately 1 \AA . The $\bar{1}24$ reflection satisfies this condition and is the one currently being used.

The original specifications for the monochromating crystal called for a Be single crystal $1.5 \times 1 \times 0.5$ in. cut with the $1.5 \text{ in.} \times 1 \text{ in.}$ face parallel to the 001 plane. A $1 \text{ in.} \times 0.5 \text{ in.}$ face was to be cut parallel to the 100 plane. The $\bar{1}24$ plane forms an angle of about 25° with the 001 plane, so that this Fankuchen cut would result in a decrease in the divergence of the beam. The crystal actually being used has a volume nearly twice that specified, but it is irregularly shaped so that its minimum dimensions are slightly smaller than specified. The face of the crystal being struck by the incident neutron beam is the 001 plane, and the 100 plane is placed horizontally.

The monochromating crystal is positioned on a mount inside the reactor face. This mount can be rotated 5° , tilted 10° and moved up to 1 in. in two horizontal directions by dials on the reactor face. The base beneath the mount can be similarly rotated by as much as 90° .

The collimator through which the neutrons pass from the monochromating crystal to the reactor face is housed in a concrete-lined steel tube about 6 in. in diameter. The collimator itself is a cadmium-plated steel tube 1 cm square and 61 cm long. The collimator can be driven by a motor from one side of the large tube to the other in a 3° arc which centers on the monochromating crystal. Because this system was designed exclusively for single crystal structural studies, fine collimation of the neutron beam is not necessary. However some additional collimation is provided by a moveable cadmium-filled brass plate with a 1 cm square opening. This plate slides over the end of the steel tube just at the reactor face.

The exact placement of the collimator is actually rather arbitrary, but the angle it makes with the incident beam does determine the exact wave length of the neutrons which enter the collimator. The line following the center of the collimator will be the "reference line" for the entire system. The monochromating crystal, the sample crystal, and the center of the instrument must lie on this line. The collimator was placed horizontally and was

centered on the approximate center of the monochromating crystal table. In order to facilitate later optical alignment of the orienter, two scribe marks identifying the reference line were made with the aid of a transit, one on a wall at the height of the collimator and a second on the floor near the reactor face directly below the reference line.

There is a small cadmium-plated shutter which, when activated by a selenoid, stops about 90 % of the monochromatic neutron beam. Complete cessation of the beam is accomplished by means of a large rotary shutter which can be closed to prevent the main beam from hitting the monochromating crystal. This large shutter, however, is not under computer control.

Alignment of Monochromating Crystal

In order to properly position the monochromating crystal, a BF_3 neutron detection system was placed on the reference line. The monochromating crystal was aligned by successively maximizing the intensity of the neutron beam with respect to the above mentioned adjustments of the monochromating crystal mount in a cyclic fashion until an absolute maximum was attained. Then the moveable plate was placed over the end of the steel tube. It was positioned optically and also so that the neutron intensity emerging from the opening was maximized.

After alignment is obtained, the rotation adjustment rotates the crystal about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by the main beam and the diffracted beam. A curve obtained by measuring the intensity of the diffracted beam as a function of rotation indicates the mosaic spread of the monochromating crystal. The curve obtained for our beryllium crystal (Figure 9) shows the mosaic spread to be 0.41° .

Intensity of Diffracted Beam

While relative numbers of neutrons are easy to measure with uncalibrated BF_3 counters, exact intensities are not because BF_3 tubes are in general less than 100 % efficient. In order to determine the exact intensity of our beam and to get an idea of the efficiency of our BF_3 tube, a circular piece of gold foil 1 cm in diameter was placed in the diffracted beam. After irradiation for 19 1/2 hours with reactor power at 5 MW, the radioactivity of the gold was measured and the neutron flux was calculated. The result, 9.3×10^4 neutrons/cm² sec, was very close to that which we measured with our BF_3 counter, indicating that our BF_3 tube is nearly 100 % efficient.

Beam Uniformity and Divergence

The beam uniformity and divergence were recorded photographically. The intensifying screen was removed from a conventional Polaroid x-ray attachment and was

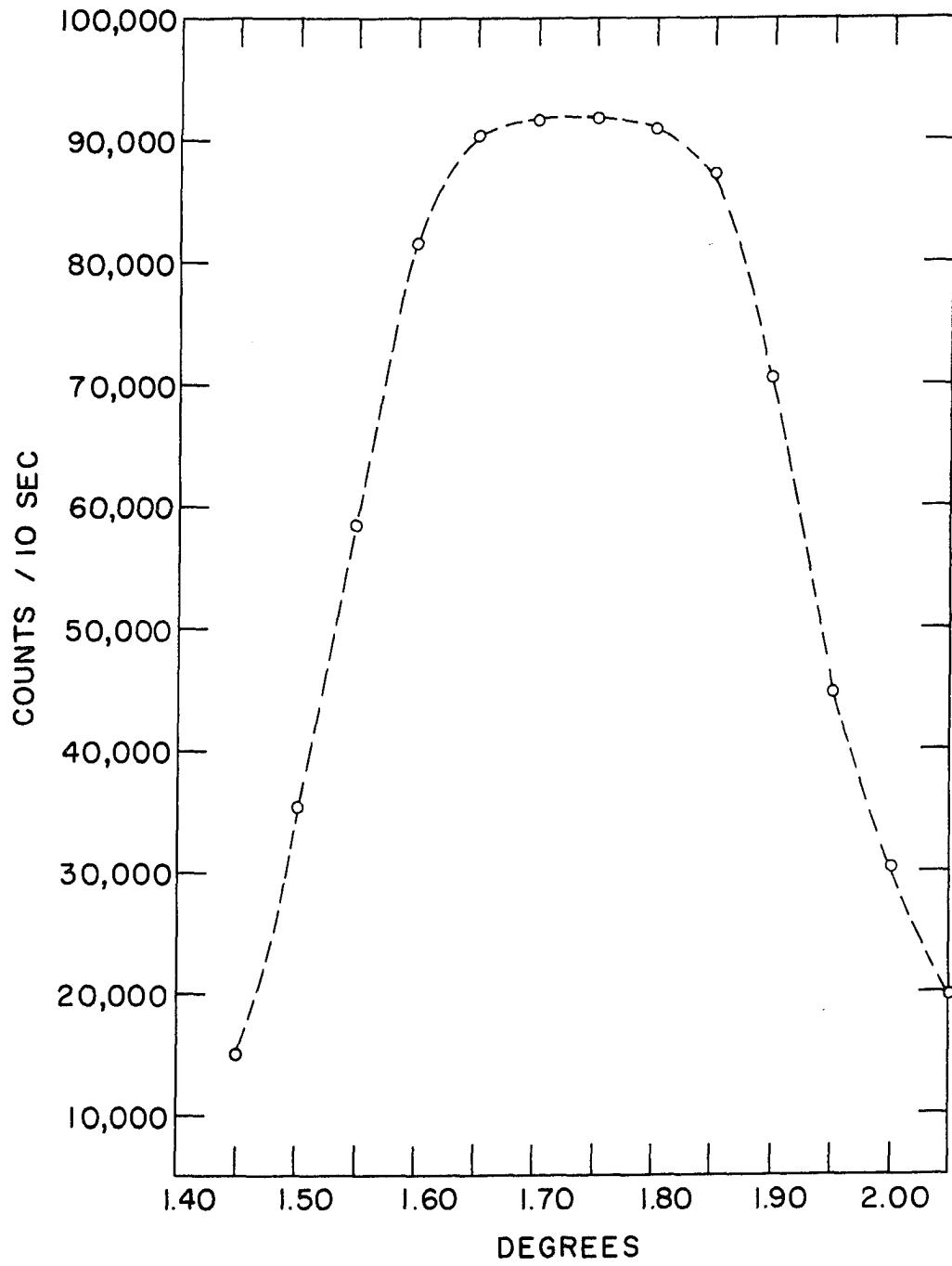


Figure 9. Rocking curve of beryllium crystal

replaced by a screen which emits light when struck by a neutron. The camera was placed next to the moveable plate, just outside the reactor face. As expected, the exposed portion of film was 1 cm square. An exposure was also made at a distance of 116 cm from the plate. Here the exposed portion measured 2.3 cm square indicating that the beam intensity falls off as the square of the distance plus 90 cm from the plate. In our present setup the crystal is 125 cm from the plate. From pictures made with several different exposure times, it was evident that the beam is quite uniform except at the extreme edges.

Determination of Higher Order Contamination

Ideally, the beam leaving the collimator should be one and only one wave length. This is usually impossible to obtain because of second or higher order contamination. If a set of h, k, l planes of monochromating crystal are in position to diffract neutrons of wave length λ into the collimator, the $nh, nk, n\ell$ planes will be in position to diffract neutrons of wave length λ/n in the same direction, and higher order contamination will result. One could reduce the problem by choosing a reflection which has an extinct second order reflection, but this is impossible for beryllium if one desires a first order reflection of highest intensity.

The amount of higher order contamination was determined by a time of flight analysis of the diffracted beam. A chopper which lets neutrons pass intermittently was placed in the beam at the collimator with a BF_3 detector positioned 43.53 meters from the chopper. The length of time which the chopper was open was short enough to give adequate resolution, and the time it was closed is long compared to the time it takes a 1 \AA neutron to travel from chopper to detector. When the chopper was open a pulse was generated and t seconds later the counting system was turned on for 0.04 milliseconds. For each value of t , this process was repeated for 100 seconds. A plot of the number of counts as a function of flight time is shown in Figure 10. From this it can be seen that the amount of higher order contamination is less than 1 %.

Design of Orientation System

The table on which the diffractometer sets has translations in two perpendicular horizontal directions and a height adjustment. The table was bolted to the reactor floor so that its center was very close to the reference line and so that one of the translational adjustments on the table was perpendicular to the reference line.

The instrument itself is a device for positioning a crystal in any orientation. A crystal can be mounted on a standard goniometer head which can be affixed onto the

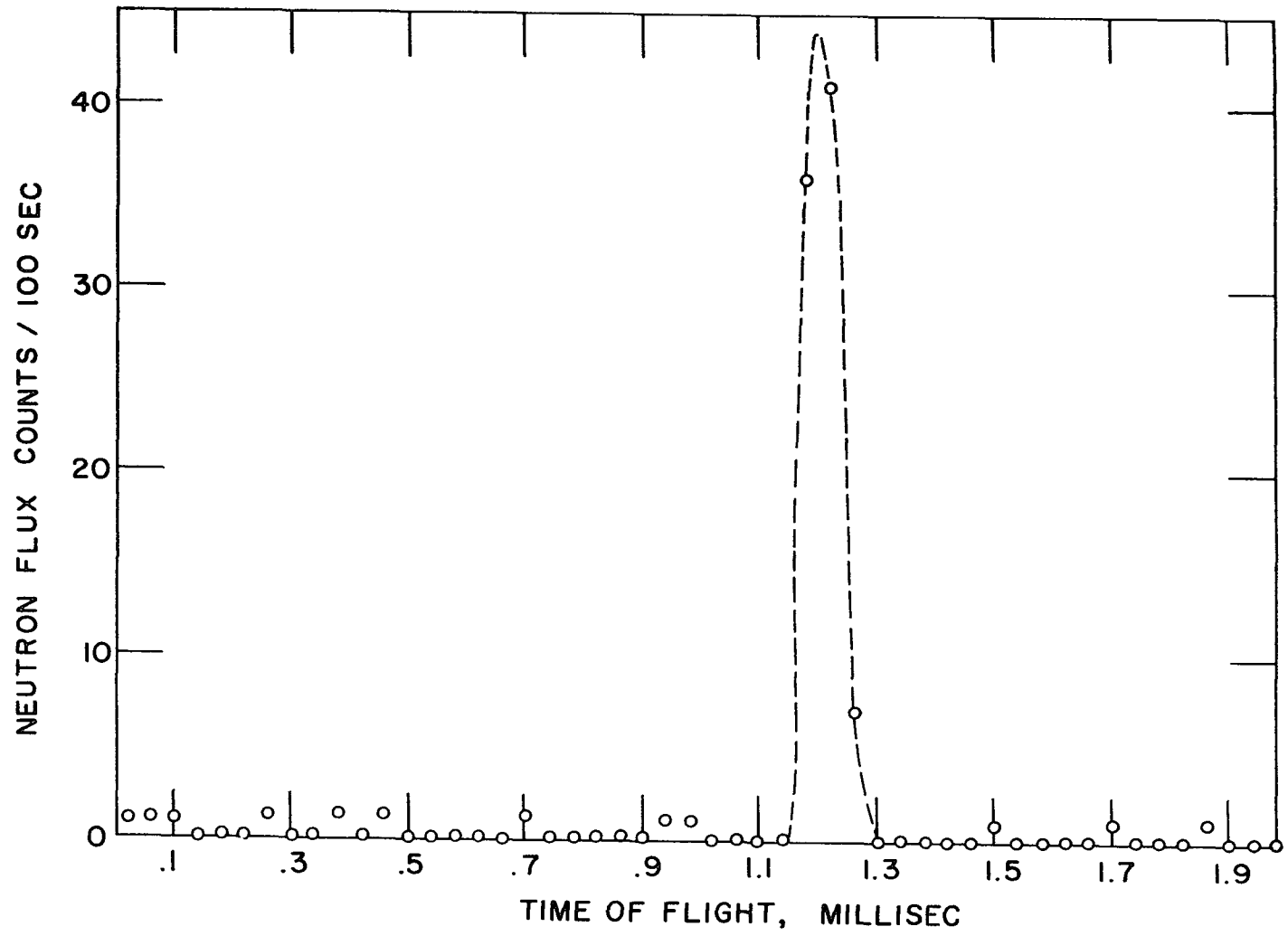


Figure 10. Wavelength analysis of beam

instrument by means of a screw fitting. The crystal can then be rotated about any of three axes, designated as phi, chi, and omega. The detector arm rotates about an axis designated as the theta axis.

When all axes are at their zero positions, the theta, omega, and phi axes are vertical, and the chi axis is horizontal and parallel with the reference line. The direction of positive rotation is counterclockwise, looking down in the case of theta, omega, and phi, and toward the monochromating crystal for chi, when all other axes are at their zero positions.

In the following discussion, the term "axis" will be reserved for the axis about which the crystal is rotated. The term "shaft" will refer to the mechanical assembly which moves when rotation about an axis occurs. The symbols χ , ω , and Φ will be reserved to indicate the number of degrees the corresponding shaft has been rotated from its zero position. The symbol Θ will represent one-half the number of degrees the detector arm has been rotated from its zero position. The term "value" of a shaft will have the same meaning as the Greek symbols.

The shafts are positioned by a moiré fringe method. To accomplish this, each shaft has a radial transmission grating which generates fringes as it passes over a fixed grating on a pick-up head which also contains a lamp and photocells. Movements of the fringes produce pulses which

can be counted by the computer so that in the ideal case shaft position is known to 0.01° . This method of pulse counting necessitates an absolute datum point or external reference for shaft position. In order to prevent the accumulation of errors, the shafts must periodically be returned to their datum points. The location of a datum point to within 0.01° is facilitated by a reference mark on each shaft's grating which is detected by a separate pick-up head. In order to find its datum point, a shaft can be operated in a "datum seek" mode. When the datum point of a shaft moving in datum seek mode passes the second pick-up head, the shaft stops moving and a pulse (interrupt) is produced. Exact positioning of shafts when the instrument is operated manually has been found to be extremely difficult. The instrument can be effectively operated manually in the datum seek mode, however.

Each shaft except phi has limit switches to protect the instrument from damage. Over 360° rotation is provided for omega, just under 360° for chi, and about 210° rotation for the detector.

The detector shielding provided by the instrument's manufacturer was found to be inadequate. Therefore a new receiving collimator and the surrounding detector shield is currently being constructed.

Detector System

If relative intensities of reflections from a sample crystal are to be measured, it is important that there be the same number of neutrons in the beam incident to the crystal while both reflections are being measured. Since the neutron flux from the reactor is not steady over long periods of time, it is not sufficient to make each measurement for the same length of time. For this reason, the beam passes through a fission chamber just before it gets to the sample crystal. This chamber contains a thin layer of U^{235} . About 1 neutron in 1000 causes a U^{235} atom to split, and this generates an electronic pulse. This pulse is amplified by a preamplifier and sent into the interface for recording as described later. The number of these pulses is directly proportional to the beam flux so that instead of measurements being made for a fixed length of time as in x-ray diffraction, they are made for a fixed number of monitor counts.

The intensities are recorded by means of a BF_3 tube inserted into the receiving collimator. When a neutron is captured in the tube a pulse is generated which is amplified by a preamplifier, sent through an amplifier-discriminator and then into the interface.

Under current operating conditions a voltage of 2650 volts is placed on the BF_3 tube, and 500 volts on the fission chamber. The gain of the preamps is about 3×10^{12} volts/coulomb with a noise level of less than 0.25 volts.

The pulse leaving the integrating preamplifier caused by a typical neutron in the fission chamber is 1 volt. In the BF_3 tube, the corresponding pulse is also 1 volt, while a gamma ray gives a pulse of less than 0.3 volts. The amplifier-discriminator sends out a 10 volt pulse for every pulse over 0.4 volts which it receives.

Optical Alignment of Instrument

In order to facilitate optical alignment of the diffractometer, a round lead shot was mounted on a goniometer. The ball was placed on the phi axis of rotation by adjusting the translations on the goniometer. It was placed on the chi axis of rotation by using the height adjustment of the orienter. The shot was assumed to be on an axis if displacement of the center of the shot as the axis was rotated was not detectable through a transit. If the diffractometer has been constructed correctly, after the above operations the center of the shot would also be on the omega axis. However, when the omega axis was rotated 180° , the center of the lead shot moved noticeably. The phi axis was moved by loosening the four screws which hold the phi carriage to the chi carriage and, while pushing it in the proper direction, retightening them. After several attempts at this, the ball was put in a place where, to the accuracy of our observation, the position of its center was independent of the phi, chi or omega rotations. The center of the ball

was then at what shall be termed the "instrument center".

By making use of the transit and the aforementioned scribe marks, the translational and height adjustments of the instrument table were set so that the instrument center lay on the reference line. By sighting along the reference line, the receiving collimator was placed so that its center line fell on the reference line. This was accomplished by moving the theta shaft and adjusting setscrews provided on the detector base. Optical alignment of the instrument was then complete.

Alignment of Instrument Using Neutrons

Final alignment of the instrument was accomplished after automation was complete by finding the exact peak positions of a few reflections from a zinc crystal. The crystal was mounted so that a prominent reflection was in position to diffract when chi was at 90° . If the reciprocal axis of a crystal is parallel with the phi axis of our instrument, the reflection on this axis is independent of a phi rotation when chi is at 90° .

The settings of the four shafts which maximized the intensity of the reflection in the detector were found by a "half peak" method. In this method, the four shafts are set so that their placement is approximately correct to have the reflections strike the detector. In a cyclic, iterative process the settings of the omega, theta, and chi shafts are

found which maximize the peak in the detector relative to the positions of the other shafts.

The process of maximizing with respect to one shaft is started by taking a count somewhere near the peak maximum. The two settings (one on each side of the peak) of the shaft which give 1/2 of this count are located to the nearest 0.01° . The shaft is set at the average of these two settings and the next shaft is maximized in the same manner. In practice, two cycles of the three shafts give convergence.

If both the instrument and crystal are centered and if the interplanar spacings are such that the Bragg angle is θ , the reflection should be centered at the instrument settings shown in Table 3.

The exact shaft positions which center the peak near these settings are determined. The deviations of the exact settings from those in the table are due to errors in arc and translational adjustments on the goniometer, crystal height, or misalignment of the instrument.

In order to minimize the effect of errors in crystal alignment, the settings are averaged in the following manner. The a and b positions of each setting are averaged to give a new theta, omega, and chi which are independent of goniometer setting errors.

Next the theta and chi positions of pairs 1 and 5, 2 and 6, 3 and 7, and 4 and 8 are averaged. The omega positions of these are also averaged after subtracting 180° from the

Table 3. Equivalent instrument settings

Position	Theta	Omega	Chi	Phi ^a
1a	θ	θ	90	p
1b	θ	θ	90	180+p
2a	θ	θ	-90	p
2b	θ	θ	-90	180+p
3a	$-\theta$	$-\theta$	90	p
3b	$-\theta$	$-\theta$	90	180+p
4a	$-\theta$	$-\theta$	-90	p
4b	$-\theta$	$-\theta$	-90	180+p
5a	θ	180+ θ	90	p
5b	θ	180+ θ	90	180+p
6a	θ	180+ θ	-90	p
6b	θ	180+ θ	-90	180+p
7a	$-\theta$	180- θ	90	p
7b	$-\theta$	180- θ	90	180+p
8a	$-\theta$	180- θ	-90	p
8b	$-\theta$	180- θ	-90	180+p

^aThe value of phi is arbitrary.

omega settings in 5, 6, 7, and 8. The resultant values are independent of errors in crystal height and will be termed the +++, ++-, --+, and --- solutions, respectively.

The chi values from the +++ and --+ solutions are averaged as are those from the ++- and --- . We will term these values χ_+ and χ_- , respectively. The average of χ_+ and χ_- is the instrument setting of the chi shaft which corresponds to the true zero position of the shaft. The chi values for all four solutions can then be corrected for errors in the zero position. If the average height of the neutron sensitive portion of the detector is correct, all values of chi should have a magnitude of 90° . If the detector is too low, the magnitudes of chi for the +++ and --- solutions are greater than 90° and for the --+ and ++- solutions are less than 90° . If the detector is too high, the opposite effect is observed.

The theta and omega values of the +++ and --+ solutions can be averaged to give the instrument settings which correspond to the true zero positions of the theta and omega shafts. The same can be done for the ++- and --- solutions. If the omega zero position obtained from this averaging is different from that obtained from the first, it would indicate that the four instrument axes do not have a common point.

In practice, after these determinations are completed, the corrections indicated are made and the process is performed again. From what has been said, it might not seem necessary to correct the crystal position but this is done as a precaution (lest crystal position errors might not be cancelled by the averaging process as they should be in theory) and because it is a great aid in determining whether a line passing lengthwise through the center of the detector intersects the four axes at the instrument center. When a crystal is at the instrument center and all shaft settings are such that the peak maximum is falling on the detector, it should be falling on the center of the detector. This is easily confirmed by using the up-down and left-right beam splitters, which can be operated either manually or under computer control. When the detector is properly positioned, alignment of the instrument is complete.

The Interface

The interface has several 24 bit registers. These registers can be loaded or read by a program being executed in the computer. The TASK language statement which causes a register to be read is of the form:

```
.INPUT. (A,B);
```

where both A and B can be either a number or a program variable. After execution of this statement, register A will contain the value of B.

The registers in the interface of the experiment being described have been assigned numbers 64-73. There are more numbers than there are registers because two different numbers can refer to the same register.

The number whose binary representation is contained in a 24 bit word or register is the value of that word. Three of the interface registers are used for counting pulses and therefore have a value with intrinsic meaning. The values which represent the contents of the other registers are arbitrary and have only the meaning given them by the design of the interface. For example, if a bit of a certain register is set equal to 1, the theta shaft will begin moving, or when a shaft hits a limit switch, a bit reserved for that shaft is set equal to 1. The meaning of all bits which a programmer or experimenter might need to know are summarized in Table 4. Table 5 shows the action taken on all .INPUT. and .OUTPUT. statements which the computer could address to the interface of the experiment being discussed.

Another means of sending information to the computer is by 11 interrupt lines. Eight of them are special interrupt lines. These are used in keeping track of the position of the four axes. Each shaft has two special interrupt lines running to the computer. Every time a shaft moves 0.01° in the positive direction a pulse is sent on one of the two lines, the computer halts what it is doing, adds 1 to the value stored in the location reserved for the position

Table 4. Register meanings

Register	Bits	Meaning
1	0	Phi is at datum
	1	has no meaning
	2	Phi is in datum seek mode
	3	Phi is in positive drive
	4	Phi is in fast drive
	5	Phi is moving
	6	Chi is at datum
	7	has no meaning
	8	Chi is in datum seek mode
	9	Chi is in positive drive
	10	Chi is in fast drive
	11	Chi is moving
	12	Omega is at datum
	13	Omega is in step-scan mode
	14	Omega is in datum seek mode
	15	Omega is in positive drive
	16	Omega is in fast drive
	17	Omega is moving
	18	Theta is at datum
	19	Theta is in step-scan mode
	20	Theta is in datum seek mode
	21	Theta is in positive drive
	22	has no meaning
	23	Theta is moving
2	0-23	Binary representation of time pulse counter
3	0-23	Binary representation of detector counter

Table 4. (Continued)

Register	Bits	Meaning
4	0-23	Binary representation of monitor counter
5	0	Request for counting to begin
	1	Permits counters to restart during step-scan
	2	Counting will stop when monitor counter reaches zero
	3	Counting will stop when detector counter reaches zero
	4	Counting will stop when time pulse counter reaches zero
	5	Counters are operating
6	12	Set time pulse counter to zero
	13	Set detector counter to zero
	14	Set monitor counter to zero
	18	Set all counters to zero, stop all shafts, and disengage all beam splitters
	19	Reset limit switch indicators
7	12	has no meaning
	13	has no meaning
	14	Phi has hit its limit switch
	15	Chi has hit its limit switch
	16	Omega has hit its limit switch
	17	Theta has hit its limit switch
	18	has no meaning
	19	Right beam splitter is engaged
	20	Left beam splitter is engaged
	21	Bottom beam splitter is engaged
	22	Top beam splitter is engaged
23	Shutter is open	

Table 5. Meaningful input and output statements

Statement	Bits	Experiment Register	Operation
.INPUT.(64,T);	0-24	1	The bits listed of program variable T will be given the configuration of the corresponding bits in the Experiment Register listed.
.INPUT.(68,T);	0-24	2	
.INPUT.(69,T);	0-24	3	
.INPUT.(70,T);	0-24	4	
.INPUT.(71,T);	0-5	5	
.INPUT.(73,T);	18-23	7	
.INPUT.(65,T);			Operation is not defined; no action is taken.
.INPUT.(66,T);			
.INPUT.(67,T);			
.INPUT.(72,T);			
.OUTPUT.(64,T);	19-23	1	The indicated bits of the Experiment Register shown will be given the configuration of the corresponding bits in the value of T.
.OUTPUT.(65,T);	13-17	1	
.OUTPUT.(66,T);	8-11	1	
.OUTPUT.(67,T);	2-5	1	
.OUTPUT.(68,T);	0-24	2	
.OUTPUT.(69,T);	0-24	3	
.OUTPUT.(70,T);	0-24	4	
.OUTPUT.(71,T);	0-4	5	
.OUTPUT.(72,T);	12-14,18-19	6	
.OUTPUT.(73,T);	12-23	7	

of the shaft, and then the computer goes back to what it was doing. If a shaft moves 0.01° in the negative direction, a pulse is sent on the opposite line of the pair and 1 is subtracted from the value in the shaft location address. These are called special interrupts because the computer always responds to them in the same way as determined by hardware circuitry. These interrupts are handled the same way regardless of what program is operating the experiment or, in fact, whether or not any program is being executed at all. A program can use any of these reserved locations as one of its variables and thereby know or even change the value of these locations but cannot respond directly to the interrupts.

The non-special interrupts, on the other hand, depend entirely on user programs for action to be taken when they occur. In the TASK language a program can ask to be informed of a particular interrupt and then take the necessary action. If an interrupt occurs of which no program has asked to be informed, it is ignored. These non-special interrupts occur to indicate that a shaft is at its datum position, to indicate that a shaft has hit its limit switch, or that some phase of neutron counting has ended.

To better illustrate the interaction of computer and experiment, two examples of typical processes are presented. In these examples, the underlined arguments of the `.INPUT.` and `.OUTPUT.` statements are given as binary numbers. In

reality, if numbers such as these are put into TASK language programs they would be given octal or decimal representations in the source language coding but upon execution would have binary representations in core.

Let us assume that ω is 50° and that a datum check of the omega shaft is desired. The first statement executed could be:

```
.OUTPUT. (65,11000000);
```

As can be seen by looking at Table 4, this would load bits 13-17 of register 1 with the values 0, 0, 0, 1, and 1, respectively. As shown by Table 2, the omega shaft would then begin moving fast in the negative direction. The program could then check periodically to see if ω was getting close to zero. When ω was found to be less than 5° , the program could execute the statement:

```
.OUTPUT. (65,1001000000);
```

and ask to be informed when the shaft reached its datum point. The execution of this statement would cause omega to move at slow speed in the negative direction in the datum seek mode. When omega reached its datum point, it would stop and an interrupt would be sent to the computer. Since the program has asked to be informed when this interrupt occurs, the program could go on to a subsequent task knowing that omega is at its datum point.

As a second example, assume a detector count is desired for 1000 monitor counts. The following statements could be

frequently be used.

The compound $\text{NH}_4\text{V}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was selected for a trial structural determination because it has several advantages. It is a member of a large group of compounds called alums, all of which readily form large crystals. The structures of several of these, isomorphous to $\text{NH}_4\text{V}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, have been determined by x-ray diffraction (25), and the structure of $\text{KCr}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ has been determined by neutron diffraction (26). Thus data collected could be immediately compared to that predicted by an approximate model, so that it would be readily apparent if the data were of poor quality. This could be done equally well by using a compound whose structure had been previously determined, but the obvious advantage of using a compound whose exact structure is unknown is that information of scientific value may result as a by-product of the test.

The structure of $\text{NH}_4\text{V}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was felt to be of interest in view of the dearth of structure determinations of V^{+3} compounds. It might be expected that the presence of a V^{+3} in the nearly octahedral environment which it has in this structure would cause distortion from that found in the corresponding Cr^{+3} structure. In an octahedral environment, there are two d orbitals with higher energy than the other three. In Cr^{+3} , all three of the low energy orbitals contain one electron. In V^{+3} , only two of the low energy orbitals

have an electron. Therefore a Jahn-Teller distortion would be expected, which would lower the energy of the populated orbitals and increase the energy of the unpopulated one. However, because these low energy orbitals are not pointing directly at any ligands, the distortion would be expected to be small.

Collection of Data

The diffraction data of $\text{NH}_4\text{V}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were collected under computer control. The shafts were set to record the intensity at the peak maximum for 5120 monitor counts. If the reflection was judged to be significantly above background, the theta and omega settings were offset by 0.50° , and a background was recorded for 2560 monitor counts. A 1.01° theta-omega coupled step scan was then initiated. At each step the intensity was recorded for 1024 monitor counts. The total integrated intensity was recorded, and another background measurement was made.

The backgrounds were found to be independent of angle settings beyond 5° in θ . Backgrounds for reflections within 5° were estimated from their individual background measurement. For reflections beyond 5° , the backgrounds were determined by averaging all the backgrounds which were at the same level.

There were two distinct background levels, depending on whether the neutron port adjacent to the diffractometer was

open. The port was being used by another experimental group to determine the energy distribution in an undiffracted neutron beam. Because their experiment was temporary, almost no shielding was installed, so the radiation level in the room was raised considerably.

The data were corrected for background, absorption, and the Lorenz factor. Standard deviations were calculated for each intensity by use of the expressions:

$$I = \text{COUNT} - \text{BACKGROUND}$$

$$\sigma I = \text{COUNT} (1 + \alpha) + (\sigma_{\text{BG}})^2$$

$$\sigma F = \frac{1}{L} [(I + \sigma I)^{1/2} - I^{1/2}]$$

where COUNT is the total integrated intensity of the peak, L is the Lorenz factor, σ_{BG} is the error in the BACKGROUND in this case calculated from the distribution of background counts at the same background level, and α is a constant included to take into account systematic errors in recording intensities.

Using the atomic positions found in the structure of $\text{NH}_4\text{Al}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, refinement of the data converged at $wR = 0.23$. Isotropic temperature factors were then allowed to vary and while some of them were not well behaved, refinement to $wR = 0.20$ was attained. Attempts made at further refinement did not succeed. The atomic parameters which gave $R = 0.26$ were used to determine the signs of the observed structure factors and these were used as Fourier coefficients to calculate a map analogous to an electron

density map in x-ray diffraction. The $z = 0$ section of the map is shown in Figure 11. In Figure 12, the same map is shown including only peaks whose magnitudes are greater than the estimated noise level. This section of the map shows the coordination about a vanadium atom. The positions of the oxygen peaks would indicate that there is distortion from octahedral symmetry, but it is impossible to say that this is real with the agreement factor being at this level.

It was realized that poor agreement could be caused by an error in programming, indexing, or something similar, so such errors were looked for but none could be found. The alternative left is that the diffraction data are not of best quality. This does not seem unreasonable in view of the extremely high background counts encountered in data collection. Only about 10 % of the reflections had a net count which was as large as the background.

This fact led to redesigning of the shielding around the neutron beam incident onto the sample crystal and around the detector. These modifications lowered the background by approximately a factor of 10 and should considerably improve the quality of the next set of data collected. This test determination indicated that the system was adequate in most other respects.

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Figure 11. Zero section of electron density map

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Figure 12. Co-ordination about a vanadium atom

DIRECT METHOD RESEARCH

Direct methods might be described as determination of the phases of the reflections by a mathematical treatment of the intensities. This chapter describes three direct methods and the attempts to apply them to the solution of crystal structures. All three methods depend on a knowledge of positions in the unit cell where there is near-zero electron density. Such positions (called "null-points") can be obtained from a Patterson map by using vector verification (27). Since a Patterson map can be calculated from intensities without regard to phases, null-points can be found without knowledge of phases.

The first method attempted was one proposed by Jacobson^x. The electron density (ρ) in a centrosymmetric structure at a point (x,y,z) is given by:

$$\rho(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} F(h,k,l) [\cos 2\pi(hx + ky + lz)]$$

where $F(h,k,l)$ is the structure factor having Miller indices h,k,l , and V is the volume of the unit cell.

If we let $\vec{r}=(x,y,z)$ and $\vec{h}=(h,k,l)$, then we can write:

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} S(\vec{h}_i) |F(\vec{h}_i)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_i \cdot \vec{r})$$

^xJacobson, R. A. Department of Chemistry, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa. Nonclassical direct methods. Private Communication. 1965.

where $S(\vec{h}_i)$ is +1 if $F(\vec{h}_i)$ is positive and -1 if $F(\vec{h}_i)$ is negative.

Let us assume that $\rho(\vec{r})$ can be accurately represented if we use only the $n+4$ largest structure factors. At a point (\vec{r}) where there is no electron density, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+4} S(\vec{h}_i) |F(\vec{h}_i)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_i \cdot \vec{r}) = 0.$$

We know, however, that $F(\vec{0})$ is always positive and that we can pick the signs of three reflections whose Miller indices meet certain conditions. This process of selection merely determines at which of the eight centers of symmetry in the unit cell the origin will be located. Then those four terms can be moved to the other side of the equation, and their sum will be represented by B.

If we pick n points at which $\rho(\vec{r})=0$, we can set up n equations with n unknowns:

$$\begin{aligned} S(\vec{h}_1) |F(\vec{h}_1)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_1) + \dots + S(\vec{h}_n) |F(\vec{h}_n)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_n \cdot \vec{r}_1) &= B_1 \\ S(\vec{h}_1) |F(\vec{h}_1)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_n) + \dots + S(\vec{h}_n) |F(\vec{h}_n)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_n \cdot \vec{r}_n) &= B_n \end{aligned}$$

Representing this system of equations in the well known matrix form:

$$FS = B$$

then

$$S = F^{-1}B$$

where

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S(\vec{h}_1) \\ \vdots \\ S(\vec{h}_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} |F(\vec{h}_1)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_1) & \dots & |F(\vec{h}_n)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_n \cdot \vec{r}_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ |F(\vec{h}_1)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_n) & \dots & |F(\vec{h}_n)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_n \cdot \vec{r}_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ \vdots \\ B_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The only values of $S(h)$ which make physical sense are +1 and -1. However, when this method was used in an attempt to determine the signs of the calculated structure factors of hydrogen fluoride, the magnitudes of the $S(h)$ obtained from a solution of the set of simultaneous equations differed widely from 1. It appeared that the matrix F was quite ill-conditioned. This, together with the limited precision of the computer, resulted in the matrix inversion being very inaccurate. In fact, in one case when the calculated inverse was multiplied by the original matrix, some of the off-diagonal terms were larger than some of those on the diagonal. If study of this method is to be pursued further, a better method of solving the system of equations must be found, i.e., possibly some way of forcing the magnitudes of all $S(h)$ to be 1.

A method proposed by Jacobson and Wilkes (28) was also investigated. Assume we have n structure factors and m null-points where the value of the electron density function is very small, approximately 0. Therefore, the sum of the electron density over all these points is also approximately 0, and we can write for centric structures:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n S(\vec{h}_i) |F(\vec{h}_i)| \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j) = 0.$$

Since $F(\vec{0})$ is always positive, and the cosine of zero is +1, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} mF(\vec{0}) + S(\vec{h}_2) |F(\vec{h}_2)| \sum_{j=1}^m \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_2 \cdot \vec{r}_j) \\ + S(\vec{h}_3) |F(\vec{h}_3)| \sum_{j=1}^m \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_3 \cdot \vec{r}_j) \\ + \dots + S(\vec{h}_n) |F(\vec{h}_n)| \sum_{j=1}^m \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_n \cdot \vec{r}_j) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $F(\vec{0})$ is by far the largest structure factor, usually about 3.5 times the size of the second largest reflection. Also note that as we include more and more null-points in the summation, the first term steadily increases while the remaining terms increase much more slowly, since the individual values of the cosine can range from +1 to -1. If enough null-points are included, each term of the type

$$S(\vec{h}_i) |F(\vec{h}_i)| \sum_{j=1}^m \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j)$$

must be negative to counteract the large and positive first term in the equation. Therefore,

$S(\vec{h}_i)$ has a sign which is opposite that of the quantity

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \cos 2\pi(\vec{h}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j).$$

This method was used on the structure of HF and gave a high percentage of correct signs when the null-points were taken from an electron density map. However, if the selected points of zero electron density are those which can be determined directly from a Patterson map, the method suffers a severe setback. This is because for centrosymmetric structures, any information obtainable from the Patterson (without superpositions) about the point x,y,z is identical to that obtainable about the seven other points related by translations of $1/2$. Then if one or more of the Miller indices is odd, for every null-point which gives rise to a positive term in the cosine summation there is a null-point which gives a negative term of the same magnitude, so that the summation is always zero for such reflections. The method should apply, however, for the $1/8$ of the reflections whose indices are all even. In general, this method showed more promise than did the other methods described here.

A direct method proposed by the author was also investigated. If

$$\rho(\mathbf{r})/V = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} F(\vec{h}) \cos 2\pi (\vec{h} \cdot \vec{r})$$

then

$$[\rho(\vec{r})/V]^2 = \sum_{\vec{h}} [F(\vec{h})]^2 \cos^2 2\pi(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{\substack{\vec{h} \vec{H} \\ \vec{h} \neq \vec{H}}} F(\vec{h})F(\vec{H}) \cos 2\pi(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{r}) \cos 2\pi(\vec{H} \cdot \vec{r})$$

Let A and B represent these two terms respectively so

$[\rho(\vec{r})/V]^2 = A + B$. Now $[\rho(\vec{r})/V]^2 \geq 0$, therefore $A + B \geq 0$ or $A \geq -B$. Since A contains only squared terms, the magnitude of A is independent of the signs of the structure factors. The magnitude of B, however, is not.

At a point where $\rho(\vec{r})=0$, then $[\rho(\vec{r})]^2=0$ and $A+B=0$ or $A=-B$. From the above we know that $-B$ can never be greater than A, so if $-B=A$, $-B$ must be at a maximum. The correct set of signs for the structure factors is therefore one which makes B a minimum.

This method was used in an attempt to predict signs for a few known cases, but no effective method of minimizing B was found. An extension of this method was proposed by Jacobson and investigated by Hansen (29). Difficulties similar to those described here were encountered in that study.

EMULSION CALIBRATION

The work described in this chapter was performed under the direction of Dr. L. S. Bartell, who has since become associated with the University of Michigan.

In electron diffraction, intensities can be recorded on a photographic emulsion which is uniformly spread onto a glass plate. The emulsion contains many tiny crystals of approximately equal size. The usual model (30) explaining the darkening of the plate upon exposure to electrons is that an electron is absorbed by a crystal and that the entire crystal turns black. At first one crystal turns black for every electron striking the plate; therefore initially the optical density of darkness (D) of the plate is proportional to the exposure (E) of the plate, which is defined as the number of electrons having hit the plate per unit area. Let us assume units so that the constant of proportionality is unity; then $E=D$. When an electron is absorbed by a crystal which is already black, no additional darkening takes place. Obviously, after all the crystals have turned black, the plate can get no darker. The graph in Figure 13 shows the expected relationship of E and D .

At any time the exposure can be given by the infinite series:

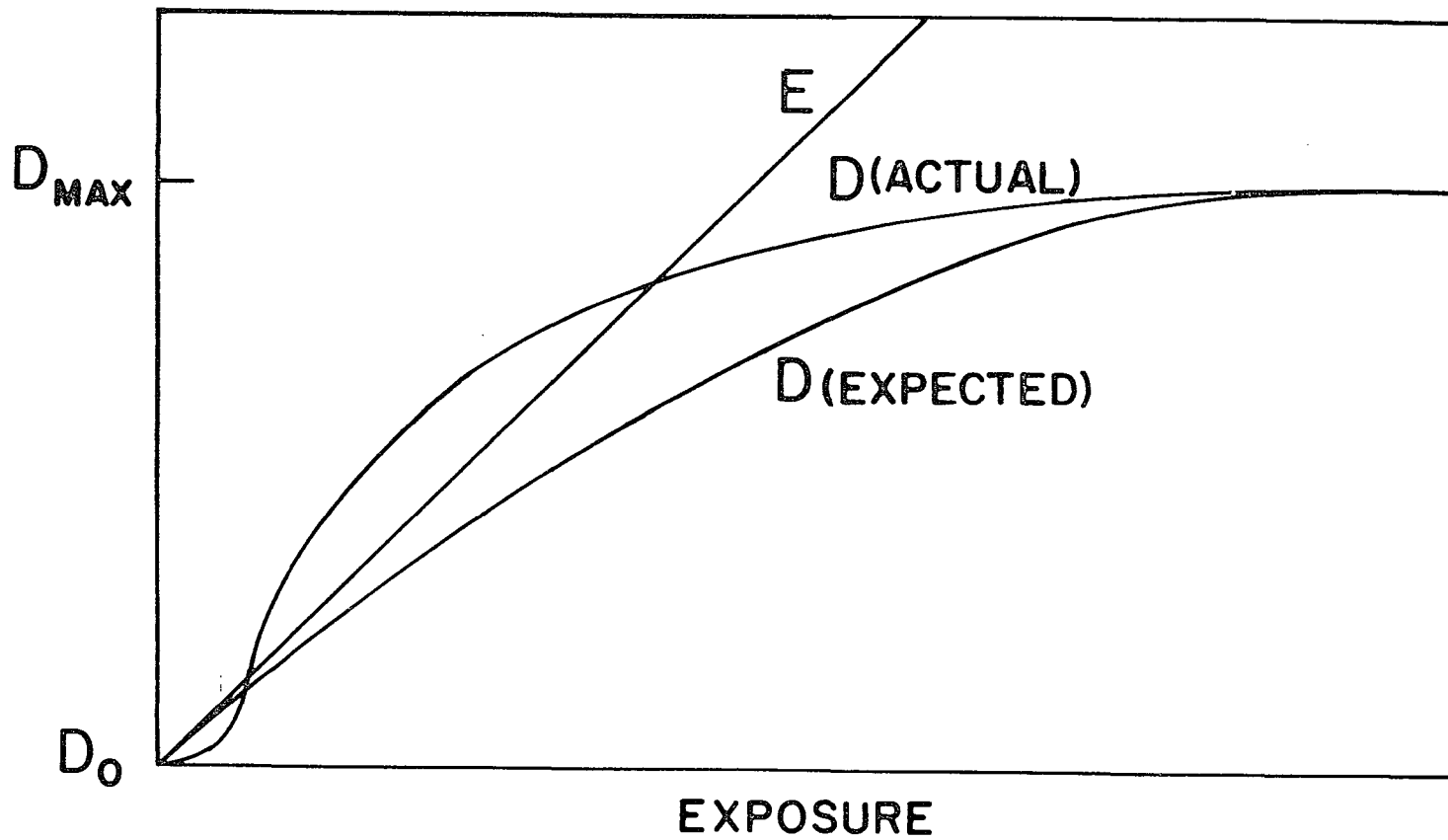


Figure 13. Relation between exposure and darkness

$$E = D + \alpha D^2 + \beta D^3 + \dots$$

where α and β are constants depending on properties of a particular plate such as Ag crystal size, and the difference between the original darkness (D_0) and maximum darkness (D_{\max}). If it is assumed that all terms higher than second order can be neglected, $E = D + \alpha D^2$. The symbol α is called the emulsion constant.

The value for α had in the past been determined by separate experimentation, that is, by using plates which were exposed expressly for emulsion calibration (30). The values obtained had decreased from 0.3 for the plates first (30) used (called lantern slides) to 0.05 for the kind of plates being used (31) when this study began. This decrease was due to improvements in the emulsion, principally decreased crystal size. Since this method of emulsion calibration had recently given spurious results, the author was assigned the problem of finding a new method of emulsion calibration, preferably one which would make use of data taken for structural studies.

If we have two plates (a and b) which have both been exposed in the same manner (that is, electrons of the same energy being diffracted by molecules of the same gas), the ratio of exposure (R) between any two points on different plates which are the same distance from the center of the plate will be constant. The equation

$$R = E_a/E_b = (D_a + \alpha D_a^2)/D_b + \alpha D_b^2 \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

must hold for all sets of corresponding points taken from two different plates, even though the darkness differs widely from one point to another on the same plate. It should be pointed out that both α and R are unknowns. Ideally, it would seem that R could be experimentally determined by recording the length of time that the electron beam was on while each plate was being exposed. This cannot be done, however, because of continuous fluctuations in the pressure of the gas which is scattering the electrons.

If the above equation is rearranged using the binomial expansion, we obtain:

$$D_a/D_b = R + \alpha R(D_b - D_a).$$

A plot of D_a/D_b versus $D_b - D_a$ should be a straight line which has an intercept of R and a slope of αR . The value of α can be obtained from such a plot, but it is necessary to use small differences in fairly large numbers and this results in points being widely scattered from the best straight line. Various attempts were made to rearrange this expression so that differences did not need to be used, but in all cases application of the method to data plates met with very limited success. It was then noted that trial and error would be a very simple method of getting an approximate value for α . The "best" value for α would be the one which gives the most nearly constant value for R , as calculated from Equation 1.

This method gave values of α which varied between pairs of plates, but one thing was unmistakable; α was negative for the range of intensities studied. The estimated value on the basis of this study was -0.05 ± 0.05 . This is certainly not predicted by the model described above.

These results prompted a later more complete study at the University of Michigan. That study^x showed that a plot of D versus E is actually as illustrated in Figure 13.

A model has been developed which would explain such a trend, but it has by no means been proven and requires an assumption which might seem a bit unreasonable. As in the first model, if a crystal stops an electron, it absorbs all of the electron's energy and turns black. Now we assume that a crystal can also absorb some energy from a passing electron without stopping it. The amount of energy absorbed from one electron in this way will not be enough to turn the crystal black, but the energy absorbed from several electrons would be. A crystal which has absorbed some energy but has not turned black will be called "sensitized". Many electrons pass through the emulsion without causing any crystal to turn black, hence initially D is less than E. After a while, however, enough crystals

^xJanzen, J. Department of Chemistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Emulsion Calibration. Private Communication. 1965.

have been sensitized so that one electron can cause more than one crystal to turn black, and D becomes greater than E . Finally, after almost all the crystals have turned black, the optical density levels off at D_{\max} .

A second property of the plates which was tested in this study was the uniformity of sensitivity with respect to position of the emulsion on the plate. It was well known that lantern slides were much more sensitive at the edges than at the center and that the effect, if present at all, was not as pronounced in the more modern plates.

To measure this effect, a long narrow box of canvas was constructed. Plates were hung at one end and a light source at the other. The light was activated for short periods of time, never more than a few seconds, and the plates were thought to be very uniformly exposed. The optical density of each plate was recorded with a microphotometer over all of its radius (44 mm) and plotted as a function of radius.

In every case the plates were darker near the edges than at the middle. However, there appeared to be only limited reproducibility in the features of the curves. By averaging densities for many plates the following results were obtained:

- 1) From the center out to 24 mm, there is little change in density.

- 2) From 24 to 44 mm, there is approximately 5 % increase in optical density.
- 3) The increase in density goes approximately as the square of (radius-24) mm.

These results, though only approximate, were felt to warrant a correction for intensities as a function of plate position. These numbers are currently being used in corrections for intensities in electron diffraction studies conducted at the University of Michigan.

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