

MODELLING OF CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF CIS-1,2,3,6 AND 3,4,5,6-TETRAHYDROPHthalic ANHYDRIDES USING LATTICE ENERGY CALCULATIONS

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Abstract

Lattice energy calculations using a model potential have been performed to model the crystal structures of cis-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydrides. The optimized molecular models using the DFT method at the B3LYP/6-31G** level were found consistent with the available experimental evidence and allow to reproduce all differences observed in crystal packing between cis-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydrides. Calculations provide evidence for the presence of dipole-dipole C=O...C=O intermolecular interactions and support the idea that the molecules distort from their ideal geometries, improving packing in both crystals. The search for minima in the lattice energy of both crystals amongst the more common space groups with $Z'=1$, using a simulated annealing crystal structure prediction procedure followed by lattice energy minimisation shows that the observed structure of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride ($Z'=2$) is the thermodynamically most stable and allow us to justify why 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride crystallises in such complex structure with 16 molecules in the unit cell. The computational model was successful to predict the second observed form at 173 K for cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride as a polymorph and could predict several hypothetical structures with $Z'=1$ which appear competitive with the observed structures. The results of phonon estimates of zero point intermolecular vibrational energy and entropy suggest that crystal structures of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride cannot be predicted just on the basis of lattice energy, there are yet, other factors than thermodynamics favoring the observed structures.

Key words Anhydrides, Crystal structure prediction, Lattice energy calculation, Intermolecular interactions.

Introduction

Tetrahydrophthalic anhydrides offer very attractive properties as intermediates or starting materials in chemical synthesis because they provide an easy access to other cyclohexene-1,2-dicarboxylic anhydrides and their analogues [1]. In the course of the structure determinations of a series of tetrahydrophthalic anhydride isomers [2-5], we found that the *cis*-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic (THP) anhydrides (Fig.1) adopt unexpectedly complex structures [2, 4], that are very different from those of geometrically similar molecules [6-12]. Both isomers crystallise with two independent molecules per asymmetric unit ($Z' = 2$), with $Z = 8$ molecules per unit cell in the space group $P2_1/a$ for *cis*-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride [2] and $Z=16$ molecules in the unit cell of $Pbca$ symmetry for 3,4,5,6-THP anhydride [4]. Their crystal structures exhibit an interesting columnar packing pattern, sustained by an extensive network of non-bonded intermolecular C=O...C=O interactions of dipole-dipole type [3, 13]. Discussion of these intermolecular interactions in terms of typical geometrical criteria [14] allows us to argue that there is an obvious relationship between these specific intermolecular interactions and the packing modes of these crystal isomers.

The *cis*-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride isomer (Form I) showed polymorphism: M. Bolte et al. [15] crystallised it from a solution in ether at 173 K and found an orthorhombic structure with $Z=8$ in space group $Pca2_1$. This new form II (space group: $Pca2_1$; $Z' = 2$) was shown to have approximately the same packing motif with two nearly identical molecules as the monoclinic polymorph (Form I). A facile transformation to the orthorhombic is likely, as six of the eight molecules in the unit cell occupy almost exactly the same positions, whereas the remaining two are mutually related by a non-crystallographic mirror plane [15]. It is important to note that this structure was determined in connection with a study of the possible chemical decomposition of the compound in different solvents and in contact with atmosphere. The authors reported that no decomposition could be observed during the time of examination.

Thus the complex crystal structures of *cis*-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-THP anhydrides require explanation. Why both molecules crystallise with $Z' > 1$? Are the $Z' = 2$ crystal packings the most thermodynamically stable for *cis*-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-THP anhydrides? Is there an energetic driving factor in the formation of a bimolecular asymmetric unit? Are these crystal packing the results of specific directional intermolecular interactions which may implicate an increasing in Z' (by causing the break-down of the molecular symmetry and which cannot be described by a space group symmetry operation)?

The review of crystal materials, where X-ray diffraction detects more than one molecule in the asymmetric unit ($Z' > 1$) indicates that these structure types were very common for organic compounds. In literature, many crystal chemists have investigated the origins of the phenomenon of the presence of multiple molecules in the crystallographic asymmetric unit ($Z'>1$) using a large database of organic crystalline solids [16-20]. Some interesting aspects of crystal packing emerge, and answers are given for specific cases and proposed in general. However, conclusions were somewhat elusive because broad ranges of structure types and energetic behaviour appear.

In this work, we have tried to give an answer to the questions for the specific cases of crystal structures of *cis*-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydrides using lattice energy calculations. A suitable set of hypothetical crystal structures can be generated by searching for minima in the lattice energy, using methods developed for crystal structure prediction [21]. These methods were shown to be successful at finding the experimental observed crystal structures of small rigid organic molecules at, or close to, the global minimum in the lattice energy [22], even in blind tests [23], although the searches are often restricted to the most common packing types: generally $Z' = 1$ in the highest populated space groups in the Cambridge Structural Database. Hence, a comparison between the energies of the

hypothetical $Z' = 1$ and the experimentally observed ($Z' = 2$) crystal structures should reveal the thermodynamically most favourable packing for the anhydride compounds and can provide valuable information on which factors favours the observed structures. The calculated models are discussed and compared with the available experimental data of both isomers.

Computational methods

Lattice energy calculations using a model potential that describes pairwise intermolecular (repulsion, dispersion and electrostatic) contributions to the lattice energy were applied in the modelling of the crystal structures of cis-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydrides. Two molecular models were used in the optimisation procedure for each known crystal structure. For the first model of calculation ("HOpt" model), the molecular geometries were taken from the experimentally determined crystal structures, except that the positions of hydrogen atoms were corrected using isolated molecule density functional theory (DFT) calculations; the positions of all heavy atoms were constrained, while hydrogen atom positions were relaxed. The second models used for lattice energy calculations ("FullOpt" model) employed idealised molecular models from full optimisation of the isolated molecules using DFT. The CADPAC program [24] was employed for all the DFT calculations and the B3LYP/6-31G** level of theory was used throughout. The electrostatic model for intermolecular interactions was derived from the DFT charge density, obtaining atomic multipoles (charge, dipole, quadrupole, octopole and hexadecapole on each atom) using the distributed multipole analysis [25, 26]. Charge-charge and charge-dipole interactions were summed by Ewald summation, while all higher interactions (up to R^{-5}) were summed to a 15Å cutoff between whole molecules. The rest of the model for intermolecular interactions was taken from Williams' empirically derived set of parameters for an exponential-6 repulsion-dispersion model potential [27, 28]. These were summed to a 15Å direct-space cutoff. This combination of empirical exp-6 repulsion-dispersion potentials with a distributed multipole electrostatic model has been successfully used for modelling the crystal structures of a wide range of polar organic compounds [29].

The experimentally determined crystal structures of both molecules were lattice energy minimised with the two molecular models (HOpt and FullOpt) to find the nearest potential energy minimum to the observed structures, using the crystal structure modelling program DMAREL [30]. Hypothetical structures with one molecule per asymmetric unit ($Z' = 1$) for both anhydride compounds were generated using the Monte Carlo simulated annealing method, as implemented in the Polymorph Predictor module of the Cerius2 package [31]. Multiple searches were performed in the nine most common space groups ($P2_1/c$, $P-1$, $P2_12_12_1$, $P2_1$, $C2/c$, $Pbca$, $Pna2_1$, $Pca2_1$, $Pbcn$), until no new structures were generated; this required four independent simulated annealing runs in each space group for each molecule. These hypothetical crystal structures were generated using the fully optimised molecular geometries (FullOpt). The lowest energy structures from the simulated annealing searches were then used as starting points for lattice energy minimisation in DMAREL using the DMA-based model potential and the methodology described above. For a fair comparison between the energies of the hypothetical and experimental structures, exactly the same molecular model and intermolecular potential was used. The eigenvalues of the second derivatives matrix were examined for all (minimised experimental and computer-generated hypothetical) crystal structures to ensure that true minima were found. The second derivative matrix at the minimum was used to calculate the corresponding the $\mathbf{k}=0$ phonons. The set of the phonon frequencies were used to estimate the intermolecular contribution to the zero point and thermal free energy of the crystal using a hybrid Debye-Einstein model of phonon dispersion [32].

Results of theoretical calculations and comparison with experiment

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Lattice energy calculations using either the experimentally observed molecular geometry or the idealised (fully optimised) molecular structure give excellent agreement with the experimentally determined crystal structures. The optimised unit cell parameters are very close to the experimentally observed values (Fig. 2); deviations are 0.20 Å for a, 0.03 Å for b and 0.06 for c with the "HOpt" model and of 0.09 Å for a, 0.06 Å for b and 0.14 Å for c with the "FullOpt" model (Table 1). The unique angle β remained virtually unaltered during lattice energy minimisation using both the HOpt and FullOpt models. The difference is less than one standard deviation for all cell parameters and thus the agreement between the theoretical and the experimental geometries is excellent. The ability of the model potential to reproduce the experimental crystal structure of cis-1,2,3,6-THP is shown in Table 2. Comparing the experimental geometrical parameters with those from the DFT optimisation, we note the following upon inspection. The maximum discrepancy in the bond distances is of 0.04 Å at C=C double bond and the largest differences in the valence and torsion angles are 2.6° and 5.5° for O=C-O and C=C-C-C respectively. While these differences are small, they do influence the molecular packing and it follows that the model which uses the observed molecular structure (HOpt) gives slightly better agreement with the experimental crystal structure. Furthermore, the distortion from ideal molecular geometry allows an improved crystal packing; the lattice energy calculations (Table 3) indicate a 3.3 kJ.mol⁻¹ stabilisation (HOpt - FullOpt). The lattice energy calculations support the idea that the molecule distorts slightly from its ideal geometry and improves the packing of the crystal structure of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

Interestingly, the short intermolecular distances observed between nucleophilic oxygen atoms and electrophilic carbons bonded to the oxygen atoms (**Fig.3**) are reproduced in both sets of calculation (Table 4). The tabulated intermolecular distances reproduce the observed values with a maximum deviation of 0.1 Å. The calculated non-covalent bond angles θ corresponding to the d (C=O...C=O) abstraction distance deviate no more than 2.5° from those we have determined experimentally by X-ray diffraction technique and are in quite agreement with earlier conclusions from ab initio calculations, whatever the nucleophilic reagent (O...C=O), its optimal approach occurs towards the C=O carbon atom with θ (O...CO) angles generally greater than 90°, and in the range 100-120° [33, 34].

Both models of calculation are in good accord with the experimental results. Moreover it is noticeable that the averaged value of dihedral angles corresponding to the oxygen and carbon atom C=O as nucleophilic and electrophilic reagents which are found respectively in the average equal to 91.4° (HOpt) and to 91° (FullOpt) are close the bisector criterium ($\varphi=90^\circ$)[14]. Results from >O...C=O intermolecular interactions (Table 4) show variation of the shortest d (>O...C=O) values from 3.74 Å to 5.13 Å with an approach angle in the range [44.8°-99.9°] (HOpt) and [45.5°-96.9°] (FullOpt); in the crystal of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride, the θ packing does not depend on (>O...C=O) angle and appear to be mainly on the θ (CO...CO) control [14]. This can be correlated with anhydride crystal data which show an almost random distribution of θ (>O...C=O) from 48.7° to 96.8° for >O...C=O intermolecular interactions [2, 13]. Therefore, these calculations *a posteriori* justify the presence of C=O...C=O interactions in crystal of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic

anhydride. These typical dipole-dipole C=O...C=O intermolecular interactions seem to be directly related to the packing modes of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

Moreover, we have found that these strong intermolecular interactions between the carbonyl groups can be at the origin of the deformation of the molecule which can be traduced by a folding about an axis passing in the vicinity of atoms C₃ and C₆ of the cyclehexene ring (**Fig. 3**). This was justified by the calculation of the dihedral angles of the mean planes characterising the two rings of the molecule and the deviation of atoms with respect to these planes [13]. These observations have stimulated the conception that this type of interactions dominating the packing energy of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride can be considered as a reliable indicator for a structure predisposition toward crystal packing with multiple symmetry formula units. In this example, the strongest C=O...C=O are found between the largest faces of the anhydride ring of independent molecules implying that molecules are fitting together to minimise the surface area and emphasising the importance of other factors which are the molecular shape and flexibility. The idea of high Z' structures arising as a consequence of awkward molecular shape has been postulated by several authors [35, 36]. From these studies, molecules crystallizing with $Z' > 1$ are more awkward than those crystallizing with $Z' = 1$. Analysis of homomolecular ($Z' = 1$) monocyclic anhydride's structures [9, 10] proved that these compounds are less awkward. However, other polycyclic anhydrides adopting similar folded structures [6-8, 11-12, 37-43] are more likely awkward still. Although all their packing exhibit intermolecular C=O...C=O interactions, their crystal structures did not exhibit a deformation of the independent molecules and high Z' structure. This is explained by the fact that their molecules are all characterized by rigid bodies and blocked geometries unlike cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride. We have also considered, in this study, the question of high Z' structure arising from the possibility of many different possible conformations of a flexible molecule. This hypothesis seem at odds with the observation that both independent molecules in the asymmetric unit have very similar folded conformations. The apparent differences between independent molecules are not over interpreted as being different conformers as in the case of others high Z' structures [44, 45]. The observation of very similar conformations in the structure of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride (Form I) and its second polymorph (Form II) may be interpreted to mean that differences between formula groups are consequence rather than a cause of high Z' behaviour.

Perhaps, the most interesting aspect of this study is the comparison between molecular packing of $Z' = 1$ and $Z' = 2$ structures. The search of hypothetical crystal structures with one molecule in the asymmetric unit ($Z' = 1$) in common packing types by lattice energy minimisation is shown in **Fig.4**. The results reveal that there is a cluster of computed-generated $Z' = 1$ crystal structures at about the same energy as the observed structure. There are two minima in the lattice energy of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride that are lower in lattice energy than the experimentally observed structure and are in space groups $P2_1/a$ and $P2_12_12_1$. Their lattice energies are -80.09 and -80.03 kJ/mol respectively, being only about 0.1 kJ/mol lower than the experimentally observed structure. The lattice energies, densities, space groups and the cell dimensions of the ten low energy hypothetical structures with $Z' = 1$ are tabulated in Table 5 (The .Cif files of the ten lowest structures with $Z' = 1$, are reported as supplementary material). The ten lowest energy hypothetical structures ($Z' = 1$) all have similar density, with some of the most stable being more significantly denser than the experimental observed structure for both I and II forms. The calculated value of the lattice energy of Form II is found equal to -79.94 kJ/mol, being very close to that of Form I which is calculated to be 79.97 kJ/mol. This result also confirm the quality and the transferability of the potential used in reproducing the second observed polymorph of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

The packing is very different in the two predicted $Z'=1$ crystal structures that are lower in energy than the observed $Z'=2$ structure. In place of nearly perpendicular $C=O\dots C=O$ contacts, the nearest contact with $C=O$ groups in both predicted $Z'=1$ crystal structures is from the oxygen in the ring ($O\dots C=O$), at a distance of 3.00 Å in the monoclinic ($P2_1/a$) global minimum predicted structure, and 3.02 Å in the orthorhombic ($P2_12_12_1$) predicted structure. These contacts occur in T-shape interactions between hetero-rings. The results indicate that this packing leads to denser structures, at the expense of having to replace the most favourable $C=O\dots C=O$ interactions by slightly less stabilising $O\dots C=O$ contacts.

Lattice dynamical contributions have been shown to be important in assessing the relative stabilities of observed and predicted polymorphs [46, 47]. In this case, the harmonic phonon estimates of the zero point intermolecular vibrational energy and entropy did not refine the relative thermodynamic stability (Table 5). The two lowest hypothetical structures with $Z'=1$ corresponding to $P2_12_12_1$ and $P2_1/c$ space groups respectively are the most stable thermodynamically according to the Helmholtz energy at ambient temperature. The predicted variation in the vibrational energy terms between the most stable hypothetical and the experimental observed structures is only of a few kJ/mol and thus, calculation, clearly, predict that cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride could potentially have several polymorphs.

Although we have endeavoured to use the most realistic electrostatic model and the most reasonable transferability assumptions for the empirical repulsion-dispersion terms, it seems likely that the errors in the relative energies are such that the hypothetical structures are thermodynamically more favourable than the experimental observed ones. Despite these limitations, the low energy structure of Table 5 are deposited so that other ideas for predicting which energetically feasible crystal structures will actually be observed can be applied, and possibly help to resolve the question of why the $Z=2$ structures are observed. It is possible that different nucleation conditions, perhaps with seeding or during crystallisation experiments, could produce other polymorphs of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride. If this happens the low energy crystal structures could help to identify the new polymorphs.

- 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride

The calculations for 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride, also reproduce the experimentally observed crystal structure very well; the geometry at the energy minimum is very close to that observed by diffraction technique (**Fig. 5**). The results for the unit cell, Table 6, and for the individual interatomic distances and angles, Table 7, indicate that both HOpt- and FullOpt- models of calculation reproduce the unit cell dimensions and the internal structure of the unit cell. The experimental observed bond lengths, valence angles and torsion angles (**Fig. 6**) deviated by at most 0.02 Å, 1.8° and 3.0° from the (FullOpt) fully optimised molecular geometry.

As with cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride, the molecular distortion between idealised and observed molecular geometries lowers the calculated lattice energy; here, the observed (HOpt) calculation results in a calculated lattice energy 2.3 kJ.mol⁻¹ more stable than when the idealised (FullOpt) molecular geometry is used (Table 3). As stated in the case of cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride, results of the calculations are evidence that the 3,4,5,6-THP anhydride molecule structure is distorted slightly to improve the molecular packing in the crystal structure.

Detailed analysis of the geometrical intermolecular parameters reported in Table 8, shows a large number of close intermolecular contacts among carbonyl groups of neighbouring molecules. The shortest contacts (3.001 Å and 2.989 Å) (HOpt) and (2.997 Å and 2.998 Å) (FullOpt) are correctly predicted to be between symmetry related molecules (I) or (II).

The calculated values are in excellent agreement with the experimental results (**Fig. 7**) [4]; the calculated intermolecular atom-atom distances reproduce the observed values with a maximum deviation of 0.06 Å and 0.07 Å respectively using the HOpt and the FullOpt computational models (Table 8). Similarly, the corresponding non covalent θ angles are adequately reproduced in both models; the maximum discrepancy is 1.5° at O₅...C₁₆=O₆ and O₃...C₁=O₂ (HOpt) and of 4.7° at O₅...C₁₆=O₆ (FullOpt).

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But even more gratifying than the direct comparison is the agreement in many trends when crystal packing of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride is compared to that of cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride: the shortest intermolecular C=O...C=O contacts in the 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride structure, in the range [2.957 Å to 3.191 Å], are between symmetry related of

formular group, while in cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride, the closest contacts [3.023 Å to 3.30 Å] appear among symmetry independent molecules. The calculated non covalent θ angles values corresponding to the d (C=O...C=O) abstraction distances in the 3,4,5,6-THP anhydride crystal packing deviate significantly from the ideal value which is assumed to be 105° [13, 14] in comparison with the values calculated for cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride. The angles may be more accurate for C=O...C=O abstraction owing to the localisation of Π -electron density in the case of the cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride closer to the centre of the C=O bond; a trend opposite to that expected for C=O...C=O abstraction in 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride which may include electrostatic interactions as pointed out above. It is obvious that these differences in crystal packing between the two isomers are traceable to effects resulting from the presence of a double bond connecting two carbonyl groups which involve several factors. The first to be considered is the availability of a very low-lying unoccupied Π -orbital; thus anhydrides rings of 3,4,5,6-THP anhydrides may behave as Π -acceptors. Correspondingly, maleic anhydride has been known to form charge-transfer complexes with many aromatic molecules [48]. Second, the methine carbon alpha to the carbonyl group bears positive charges, and thus the electron-rich site of one anhydride ring may be attracted to the positive centre of another. These electronic properties, which are absent in cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride are assumed to affect the intermolecular interactions between formula groups of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride in a characteristic manner. This is confirmed by a comparison of the observed for both isomers reported in Table 2 and Table 8.

Lattice energy minimisation of the structures generated by a simulated annealing search in the most common space groups with one molecule in the asymmetric unit is shown in **Fig. 9**. The calculations suggest that experimental observed crystal structure with $Z'=2$ of 3,4,5,6-THP anhydride is the most stable thermodynamically. The experimental observed structure is found lower in lattice energy than any of the computer-generated $Z'=1$ structures. The lattice energies, densities, space groups and the cell dimensions of the ten lowest hypothetical structures with $Z'=1$ are reported in Table 11.

Adding harmonic phonon estimates of the intermolecular zero point energy and entropy at the ambient temperature (Table 11) of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride confirms the stability of the experimental observed $Z'=2$ structure relative to the hypothetical structures with $Z=1$. Therefore, it seems, that the $Z'=2$ packing for this molecule can simply explained on the basis of lattice energy searches. The results suggest that molecule's crystal structure is so favourable thermodynamically that other hypothetical structure with $Z'=1$ as polymorphs are unlikely. Calculations are unable to find any alternative lower Z' polymorph and therefore we can conclude that the molecule exhibit packing difficulties may be because of its irregular and non-self-complementary molecular shape and frustration between close packing of bicyclic anhydride rings and strong directional intermolecular interactions.

Discussion

The results of calculations by lattice energy minimisations indicate that, for the two molecules studied here, the observed $Z'=2$ structure is either the most thermodynamically stable structure or nearly isoenergetic with the best $Z'=1$ packings. This finding argues against the suggestion that many high Z' polymorphs tend to be metastable fossil [49, 50] relics or forms of arrested crystallisations [51]. This example joins the other many cases of crystals where a higher Z' structure has been shown to be more stable than a $Z'=1$ polymorph [51-54]. This study confirms that high Z' crystals are also not ‘on the way’ or incompletely crystallized, they are fully crystalline, periodic ordered structures as also indicated by several researchers [55]. The observation of multiple molecules in the asymmetric unit may be

explained by the fact that some of the intermolecular interactions in 3,4,5,6-THP are not compatible or not coincident with crystallographic symmetry. In this case it is the chemical nature of intermolecular interactions that drives the crystal molecular packing as suggested by other authors [55].

The calculated results obtained for cis-1,2,3,6-THP are less clear cut. The experimental structure is not the lowest in terms of calculated energy; the lattice energies of two hypothetical $Z'=1$ structures are slightly more stable and this is enhanced by harmonic estimates of free energies. In contrast to 3,4,5,6-THP, this finding could fit the hypothesis that this structure may be considered as a metastable polymorph. The arrangement of molecules in the observed structure of Cis-1,2,3,6-THP may be a step on the way to the low Z' form. It is important to note that the calculated $Z'=2$ structure exhibit lower density. This finding does not seem against the conception that high Z' structure may arise from discrete preassociated aggregates which should be less stable than putative (real) $Z'=1$ thermodynamic form.

On the other hand, calculations predict a lot of structures that are not observed experimentally. Clearly, calculations predict that cis-1,2,3,6-THP anhydride could potentially have several polymorphs in contrast to 3,4,5,6-THP. Several authors have singled out the polymorphism as an indication of the appearance of a metastable structure as a result of solution aggregation factor [51, 57]. The lack of polymorphism and the absence of driving forces toward $Z'=1$ structure characterising essentially the crystal structure of 3,4,5,6-THP, may, thus, be the principle causes for the observation of multiple molecules in the asymmetric unit, predicted as the most thermodynamically stable structure, in comparison with cis-1,2,3,5-THP anhydride. Both crystals exhibit strong directional C=O...C=O and weak C-H...O intermolecular interactions. This indicates that it is the molecular chemical nature of the intermolecular interactions that drives crystal packing in both crystals. The differences observed and detected between the two crystal packings, imply that it is not the C=O...C=O interactions alone that leads to the molecule crystallising with $Z'=2$.

While minor conformational variations are observed and detected by calculations in symmetry independent molecules of both crystals, this is a result, rather than the cause of their being in different solid-state environments. For these molecules, the high Z' structure does not arise from the possibility of multiple molecular conformations. That the two molecules exhibit packing difficulties may be also because of their irregular and non-self-complementary molecular shape and/or frustration between close packing of anhydride rings and the strong directional intermolecular interactions discussed above.

Conclusions

A modelling study of cis-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride crystal structures using lattice energy calculations was presented. The calculated models are successful at reproducing the observed crystal structural differences between the two isomers. This is supported by the results of molecular calculations, which agree closely with the experimental observations and provide evidence that the distortion of molecules from their ideal geometries improves molecular packing in both crystals. The results of a search for minima in the lattice energy of both crystals amongst the more common space groups with $Z'=1$ suggests that the experimental observed structure ($Z'=2$) for 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride is more stable thermodynamically than the hypothetical structures with $Z'=1$. Thus, the packing with $Z'=2$, seems to be explained simply by thermodynamics.

In contrast, for cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride, calculation clearly predict that this compound could potentially have several polymorphs. The calculations predict several hypothetical structures with $Z'=1$ which are thermodynamically slightly more stable than the

observed structures. For this molecule, the observed structure with $Z'=2$ cannot be explained simply on the basis of the energetic criterion. This study highlights the need for more theoretical and experimental collaboration to understand the factors that determine a molecule's crystal structure and polymorphic behaviour.

Supplementary data

The .Cif files of the ten lowest predicted structures with $Z'=1$ of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride and the .Cif files of the observed structure of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic can be found in the supporting information. This is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://link.springer.com>.

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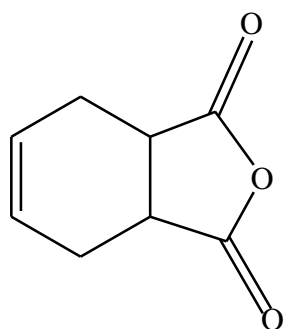
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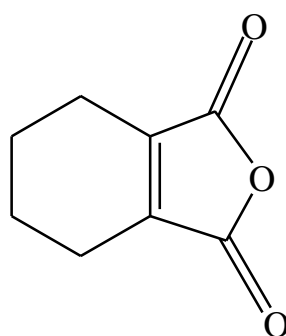
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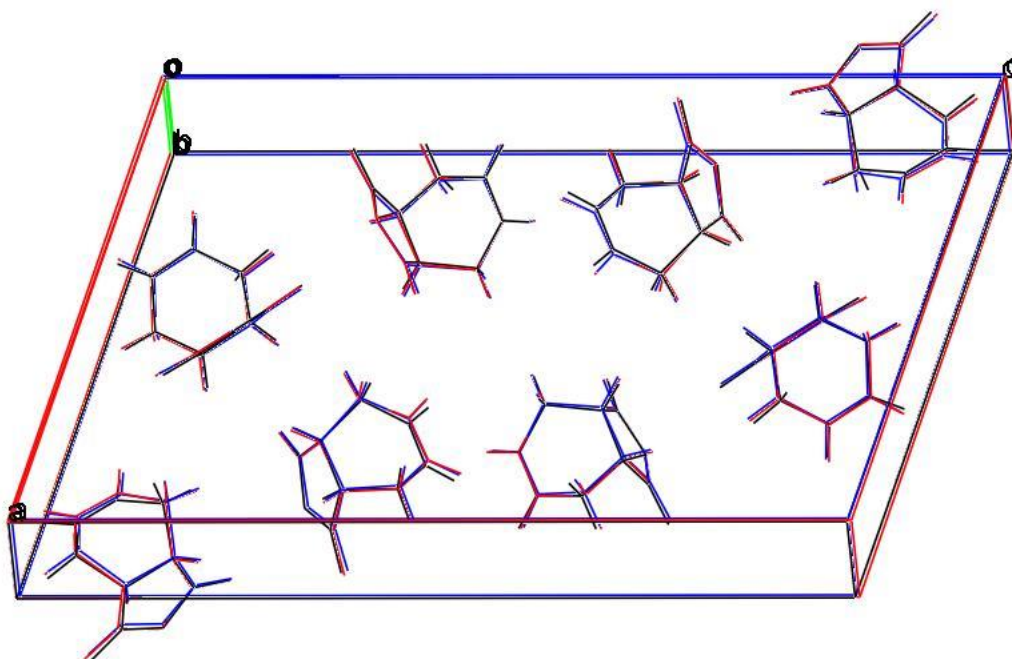


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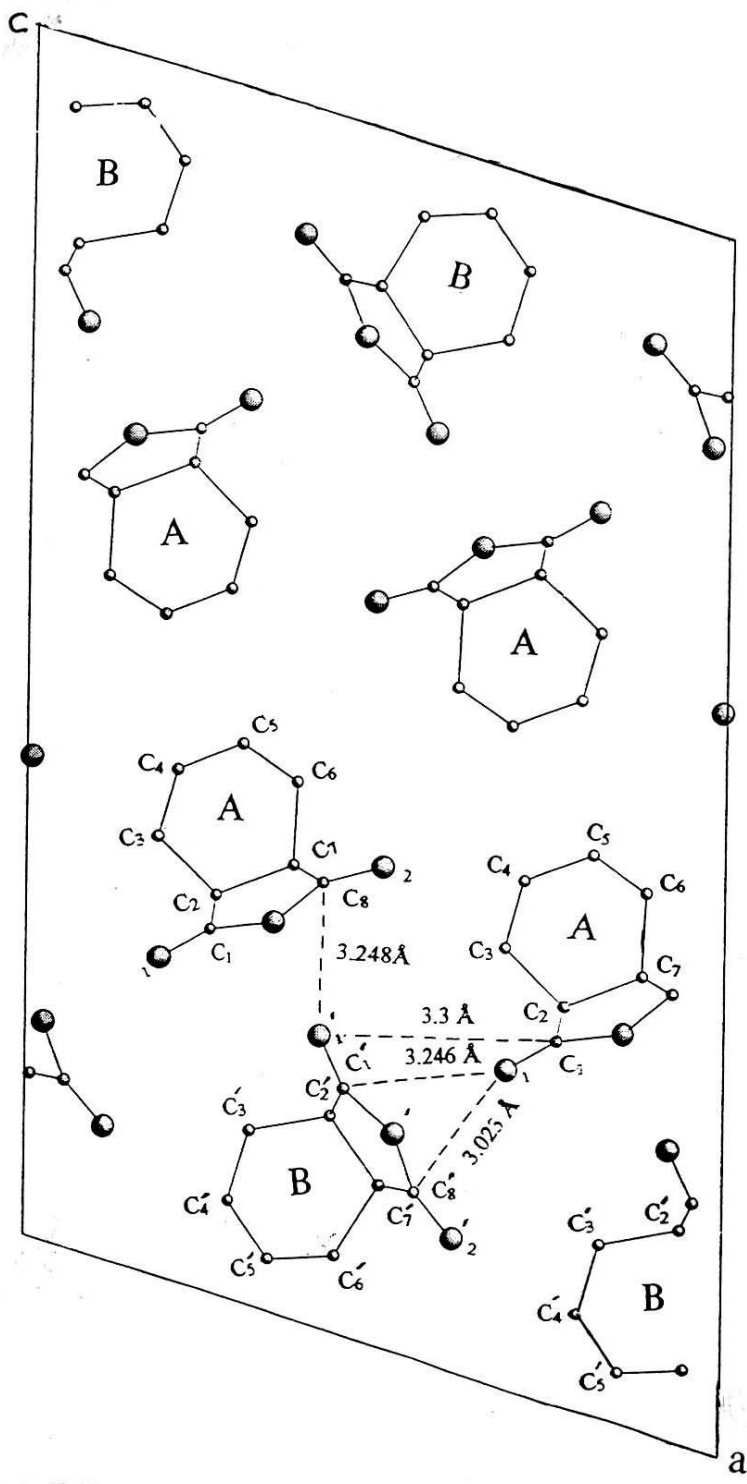


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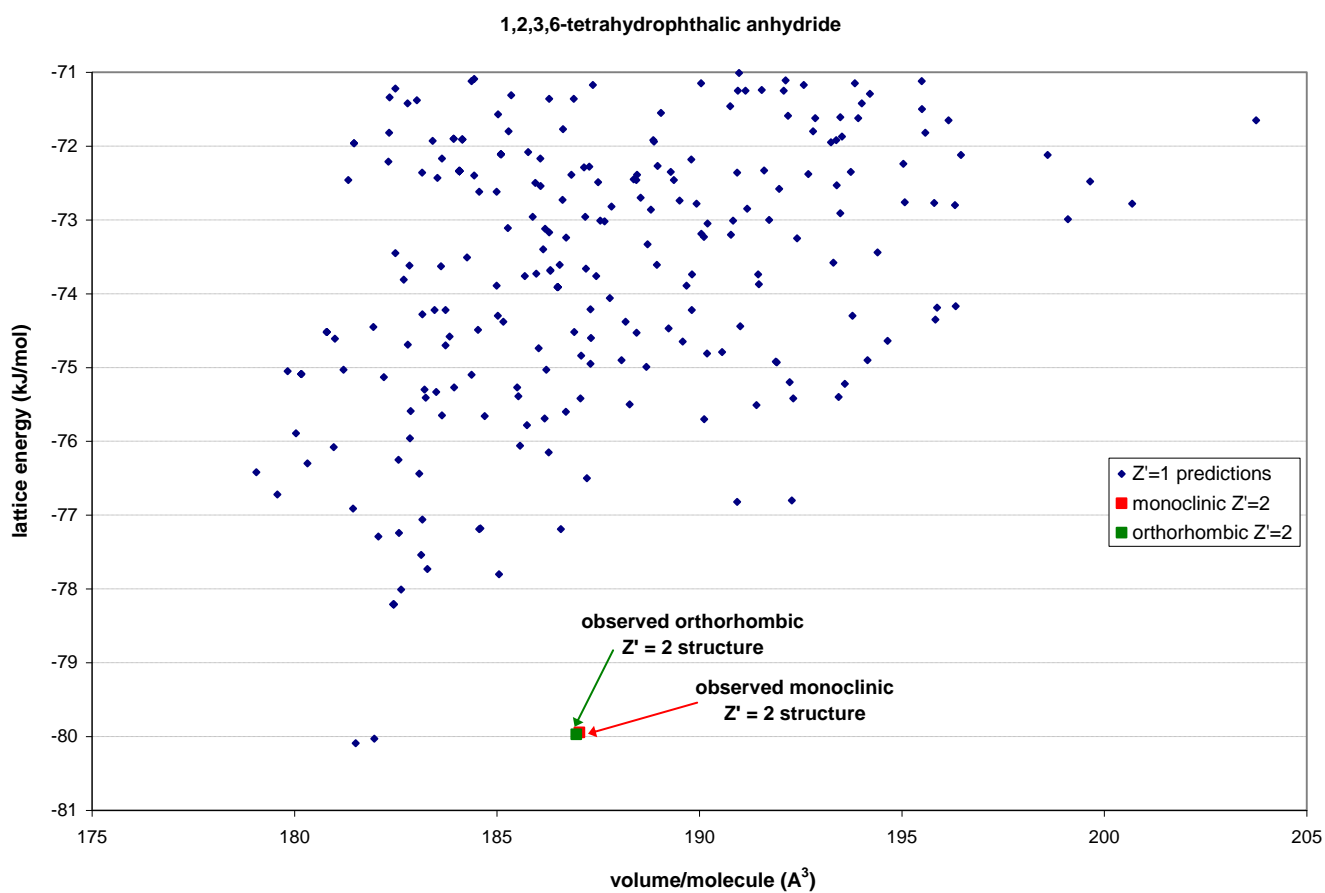


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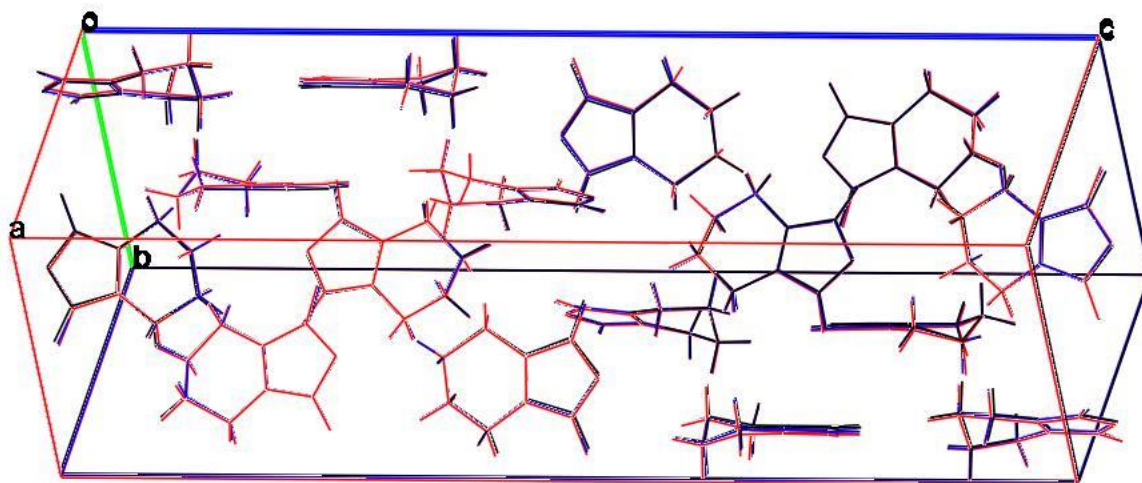
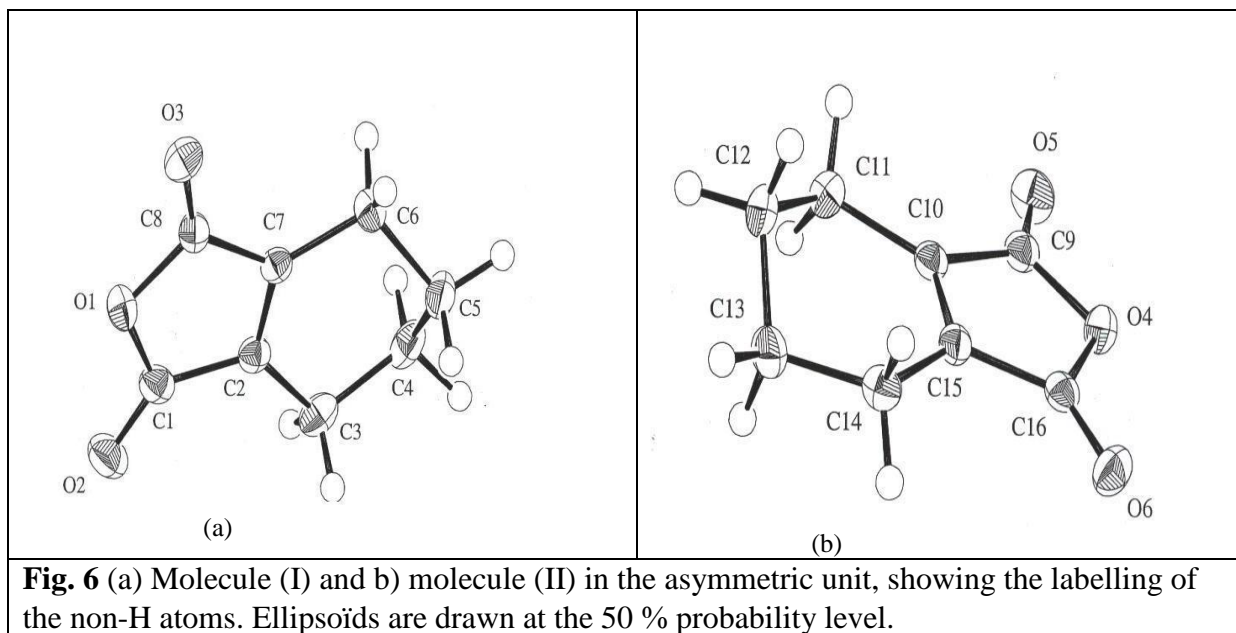


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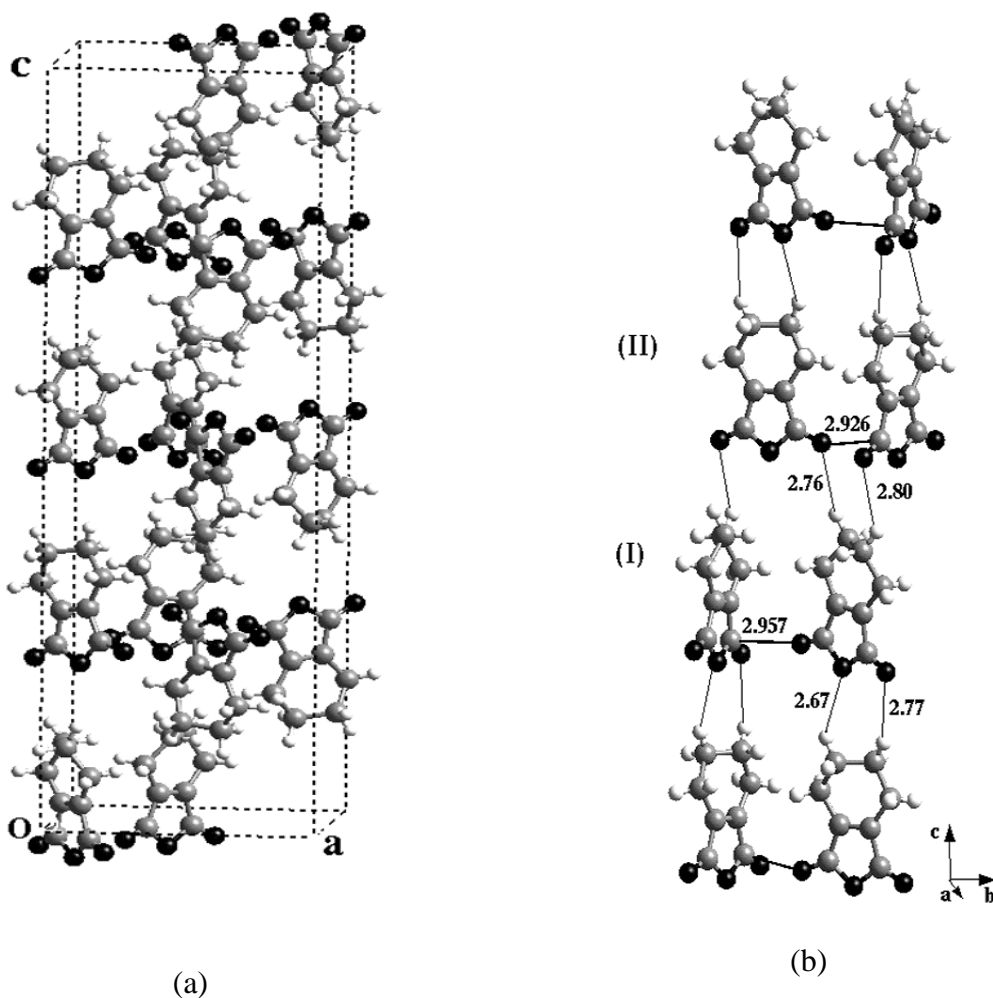


Fig. 7 (a) View of the observed structural arrangement down $[0\ 1\ 0]$. Code for atoms: O=Black, C=grey, H=white. (b) Details of some C=O...C=O and C-H...O interactions between molecules of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride observed in crystal phase.

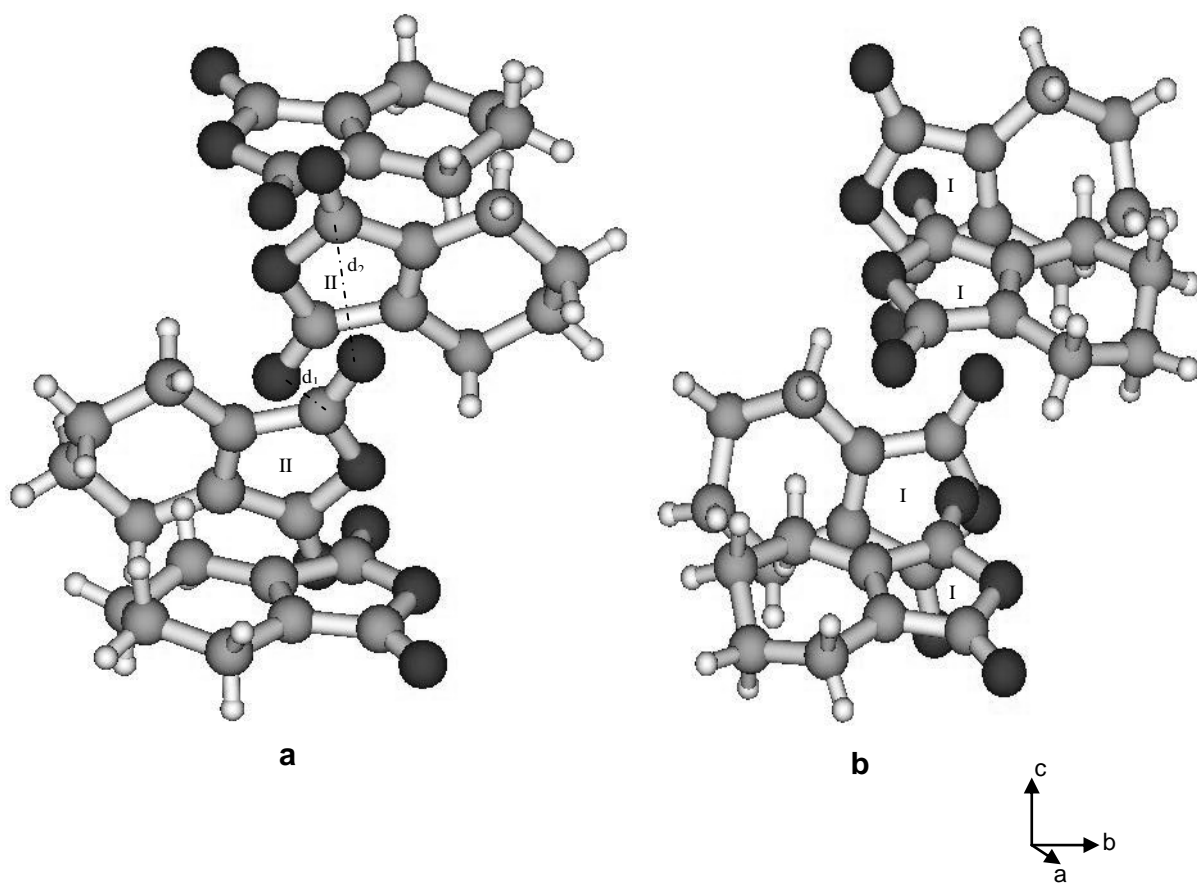


Fig. 8 (a)-Molecular arrangement of symmetry-dependent molecules (II) in crystal of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride. $d_1=3.9\text{\AA}$ and $d_2= 5.71\text{\AA}$. (b)-Molecular arrangement of symmetry-dependent molecules (I) in crystal of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

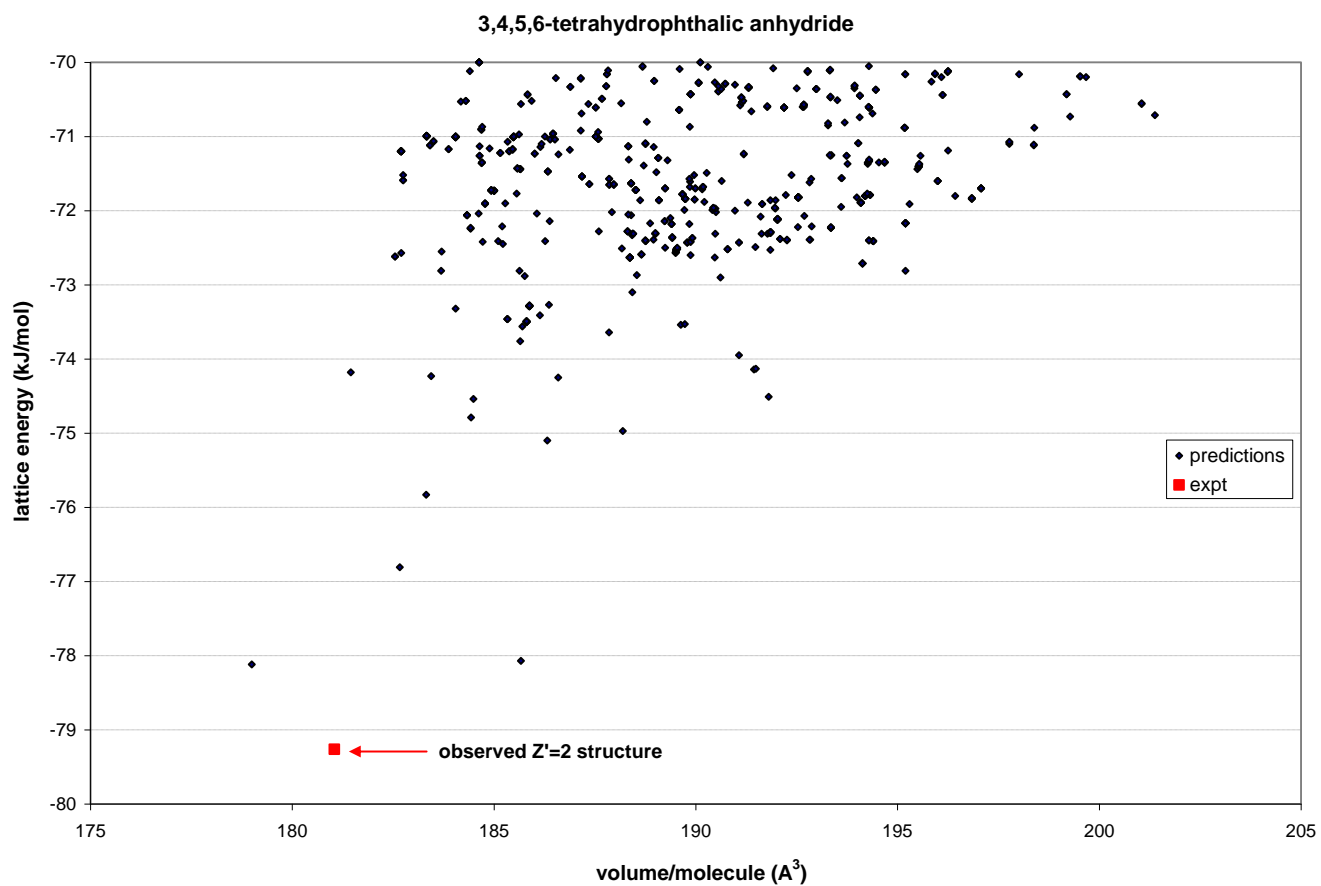


Fig. 9 $Z'=1$ computer-generated crystal structures vs observed $Z'=2$ crystal structure.

Tables

Table 1 X-ray and calculated values of unit cell parameters of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

Unit cell parameters	X-Ray [2]	HOpt-model	FullOpt-model
a (Å)	13.385(4)	13.184	13.297
b (Å)	5.215(1)	5.249	5.276
c (Å)	22.159(4)	22.097	22.301
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	107.29(4)	107.03	106.97
γ (°)	90	90	90
Volume (Å ³)	1476.9(6)	1461.97	1496.3
Density (Mg.m ⁻³)	1.369	1.382	1.351

Table 2 Geometric parameters (Å, °) relative to the asymmetric unit (Molecule A and molecule B) of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride determined by X-ray diffraction technique [2] and calculated using the FullOpt-model.

Molecule (A)		Molecule (B)		
Bond lengths [Å]	X-Ray[2]	Bond lengths [Å]	X-Ray[2]	FullOpt-model
C ₁ -O ₁	1.185(3)	C' ₁ -O' ₁	1.191(3)	1.20
C ₁ -O	1.378(3)	C' ₁ -O'	1.368(3)	1.40
C ₁ -C ₂	1.499(3)	C' ₁ -C' ₂	1.499(3)	1.51
C ₂ -C ₇	1.523(3)	C' ₂ -C' ₇	1.527(3)	1.54
C ₂ -C ₃	1.535(3)	C' ₂ -C' ₃	1.533(3)	1.55
C ₃ -C ₄	1.502(4)	C' ₃ -C' ₄	1.500(4)	1.49
C ₄ -C ₅	1.303(4)	C' ₄ -C' ₅	1.305(4)	1.34
C ₅ -C ₆	1.477(4)	C' ₅ -C' ₆	1.479(4)	1.51
C ₆ -C ₇	1.536(3)	C' ₆ -C' ₇	1.539(3)	1.54
C ₇ -C ₈	1.500(3)	C' ₇ -C' ₈	1.495(3)	1.51
C ₈ -O ₂	1.185(3)	C' ₈ -O' ₂	1.188(3)	1.20
C ₈ -O	1.382(3)	C' ₈ -O'	1.382(3)	1.39
Valence angles [°]		Valence angles [°]		
O ₁ -C ₁ -O	119.4(2)	O' ₁ -C' ₁ -O'	119.3(2)	121.8
O-C ₁ -C ₂	129.9(2)	O'-C' ₁ -C' ₂	129.9(2)	128.3
C ₁ -C ₂ -C ₇	104.3(2)	C' ₁ -C' ₂ -C' ₇	104.3(2)	104.4
C ₇ -C ₂ -C ₃	113.8(2)	C' ₇ -C' ₂ -C' ₃	114.0(2)	115.6
C ₄ -C ₃ -C ₂	109.6(2)	C' ₄ -C' ₃ -C' ₂	109.9(2)	111.2
C ₅ -C ₄ -C ₃	118.9(3)	C' ₅ -C' ₄ -C' ₃	119.7(3)	119.4
C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₆	119.6(3)	C' ₄ -C' ₅ -C' ₆	119.6(3)	120.4
C ₅ -C ₆ -C ₇	110.2(2)	C' ₅ -C' ₆ -C' ₇	109.9(2)	111.4
C ₈ -C ₇ -C ₆	109.6(2)	C' ₈ -C' ₇ -C' ₆	109.9(2)	110.6
Dihedral angles [°]		Dihedral angles [°]		
C ₂ -C ₇ -C ₆ -C ₅	-43.7(3)	C' ₂ -C' ₇ -C' ₆ -C' ₅	-43.8(3)	-39.8

C ₇ -C ₆ -C ₅ -C ₄	45.2(4)	C' ₇ -C' ₆ -C' ₅ -C' ₄	44.8(4)	42.6
C ₆ -C ₅ -C ₄ -C ₃	1.4(4)	C' ₆ -C' ₅ -C' ₄ -C' ₃	1.1(4)	-0.3
C ₅ -C ₄ -C ₃ -C ₂	-46.8(4)	C' ₅ -C' ₄ -C' ₃ -C' ₂	-45.6(4)	-41.3
C ₄ -C ₃ -C ₂ -C ₇	42.8(3)	C' ₄ -C' ₃ -C' ₂ -C' ₇	41.2(3)	39.5
C ₁ -C ₂ -C ₇ -C ₈	1.4(2)	C' ₁ -C' ₂ -C' ₇ -C' ₈	1.9(2)	0.4
C ₂ -C ₇ -C ₈ -O	-3.3(2)	C' ₂ -C' ₇ -C' ₈ -O'	-2.2(2)	-1.6
C ₇ -C ₈ -O-C ₁	3.9(2)	C' ₇ -C' ₈ -O'-C' ₁	1.6(3)	2.2
C ₈ -O-C ₁ -C ₂	-2.9(2)	C' ₈ -O'-C' ₁ -C' ₂	-0.3(2)	-1.9
O-C ₁ -C ₂ -C ₇	0.8(2)	O'-C' ₁ -C' ₂ -C' ₇	-1.1(2)	0.9

Table 3 Results of lattice energy calculations for cis-1,2,3,6- and 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydrides crystal structures.

Energy	Cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride		3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride	
	HOpt-model	FullOpt-model	HOpt-model	FullOpt-model
Lattice energy (kJ.mol ⁻¹)	-83.25	-79.94	-81.52	-79.26
Van der Waals energy (kJ.mol ⁻¹)	-53.09	-52.20	-59.10	-58.21
Electrostatic energy (kJ.mol ⁻¹)	-30.16	-27.74	-22.42	-21.05

Table 4 Geometrical parameters (d, θ and φ) of the intermolecular C=O...C=O and >O...C=O interactions in cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride observed by X-Ray technique [2] and calculated using the HOpt- and FullOpt-models.

C=O...C=O and >O...C=O	Type	d(O...C) [Å]			θ (O...CO)[°]			φ (O...COC)[°]		
		HOpt- model	X-Ray[2]	FullOpt- model	HOpt- model	X-Ray[2]	FullOpt- model	HOpt- model	X-Ray[2]	FullOpt- model
C ₁ =O ₁ ...C' ₁ =O' ₁	A-B	3.197	3.246(3)	3.219	114.5	117.03(17)	116.2	99.4	98.61(28)	97.4
C ₁ =O ₁ ...C' ₈ =O' ₂	A-B	3.062	3.023(3)	3.060	109.5	108.21(18)	109.9	84.8	87.79(28)	86.5
C' ₁ =O' ₁ ...C ₈ =O ₂	A-B	3.364	3.248(3)	3.338	117	115.18(16)	115	91.8	88.95(27)	93.4
C' ₁ =O' ₁ ...C ₁ =O ₁	A-B	3.324	3.30(3)	3.331	115	116.98(17)	114.7	89.4	89.90(27)	86.7
>O...C' ₁ =O' ₁	A-B	4.025	3.973(3)	4.009	62.1	62.56(14)	60.6	22.6	55.31(27)	138.2
>O'...C ₈ =O' ₁	A-B	5.134	4.981(3)	5.120	99.9	96.83(15)	96.9	83.2	96.23(25)	85.5
>O'...C ₁ =O' ₁	A-B	3.783	3.747(3)	3.771	44.8	48.70(14)	45.5	23.1	24.69(32)	22.7

Table 5 Density, space group, lattice energy (Elatt), zero point energy (ZPE) and total vibrational contributions to free energy (Fvib) of the observed structures and the ten lowest hypothetical Z'=1 structures of cis-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

Structure	density	Space group	a	b	c	α	β	γ	Elatt	ZPE	Elatt + ZPE	Fvib 298K	A 298K
Pred 1	1.392	$P2_1/a$	15.105	5.046	12.111	90	51.32	90	-80.09	2.00	-78.09	-21.35	-101.44
Pred 2	1.388	$P2_12_12_1$	5.047	11.830	12.190	90	90	90	-80.03	1.99	-78.04	-21.40	-101.43
Expt monoclinic	1.351	$P2_1/a$, Z'=2	13.297	5.276	22.301	90	106.97	90	-79.97	2.11	-77.86	-19.73	-99.70
Expt orthorhombic	1.351	$Pca2_1$, Z'=2	13.306	5.285	21.267	90	90	90	-79.94	2.10	-77.84	-19.79	-99.73
Pred 3	1.385	$P-1$	5.258	13.064	6.598	60.17	68.76	80.28	-78.21	2.09	-76.12	-19.52	-97.73
Pred 4	1.383	$C2/c$	25.410	5.062	12.296	90	112.52	90	-78.01	2.16	-75.85	-19.52	-97.53
Pred 5	1.365	$P2_12_12_1$	6.706	8.467	13.040	90	90	90	-77.80	1.98	-75.82	-20.59	-98.39
Pred 6	1.378	$P2_1/c$	12.003	6.793	9.429	90	107.53	90	-77.73	2.15	-75.58	-19.48	-97.21
Pred 7	1.380	$P2_12_12_1$	5.077	11.937	12.085	90	90	90	-77.54	2.18	-75.36	-19.57	-97.11
Pred 8	1.388	$Pbca$	6.743	9.140	23.634	90	90	90	-77.29	2.12	-75.17	-20.12	-97.41
Pred 9	1.384	$P2_1$	7.828	5.535	8.429	90	90.98	90	-77.24	2.17	-75.07	-19.61	-96.85
Pred 10	1.369	$P2_12_12_1$	5.090	9.597	15.113	90	90	90	-77.19	2.02	-75.17	-20.46	-97.65

Table 6 X-ray and calculated values of unit cell parameters of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

Unit cell parameters	X-Ray[4]	HOpt-model	FullOpt-model
a (Å)	9.7936(2)	9.914	9.986
b (Å)	9.0338(1)	9.136	9.166
c (Å)	31.7069(6)	31.631	31.647
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	90	90	90
γ (°)	90	90	90
Volume(Å ³)	2805.22(7)	2865.15	2896.76
Density (Mg.m ⁻³)	1.441	1.411	1.395

Table 7 Selected Geometric Parameters (Å, °) relative to the asymmetric unit (Molecule I and molecule II) of 3,4,5,6-Tetrahydrophthalic Anhydride determined by X-ray diffraction technique [4] and calculated using the FullOpt-model.

Molecule (I)		Molecule (II)		
Bond lengths [Å]	X-Ray[4]	Bond lengths [Å]	X-Ray[4]	FullOpt-model
O ₁ -C ₈	1.396(2)	O ₄ -C ₉	1.399(2)	1.39
O ₁ -C ₁	1.401(2)	O ₄ -C ₁₆	1.396(2)	1.39
O ₂ -C ₁	1.193(2)	O ₅ -C ₉	1.193(2)	1.19
O ₃ -C ₈	1.192(2)	O ₆ -C ₁₆	1.193(2)	1.19
C ₁ -C ₂	1.472(2)	C ₁₆ -C ₁₅	1.474(3)	1.48
C ₂ -C ₇	1.331(3)	C ₁₅ -C ₁₀	1.332(3)	1.33
C ₇ -C ₈	1.474(3)	C ₉ -C ₁₀	1.480(3)	1.48
C ₂ -C ₃	1.487(3)	C ₁₄ -C ₁₅	1.487(3)	1.49
C ₃ -C ₄	1.526(3)	C ₁₃ -C ₁₄	1.528(3)	1.53
C ₄ -C ₅	1.527(3)	C ₁₂ -C ₁₃	1.531(3)	1.51
C ₅ -C ₆	1.528(3)	C ₁₁ -C ₁₂	1.530(3)	1.54
C ₆ -C ₇	1.487(3)	C ₁₀ -C ₁₁	1.490(3)	1.48
Valence angles [°]		Valence angles [°]		
C ₁ -O ₁ -C ₈	107.5(1)	C ₉ -O ₄ -C ₁₆	107.6(1)	106.8
C ₈ -C ₇ -C ₂	108.5(2)	C ₉ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₅	108.0(2)	108.3
O ₂ -C ₁ -O ₁	120.3(2)	O ₆ -C ₁₆ -O ₄	121.0(2)	121.3
C ₇ -C ₆ -C ₅	108.8(2)		109.3(2)	110.6
C ₆ -C ₅ -C ₄	112.1(2)	C ₁₀ -C ₁₁ -C ₁₂		112.0
C ₄ -C ₃ -C ₂	109.8(2)	C ₁₁ -C ₁₂ -C ₁₃	112.3(2)	110.9
C ₃ -C ₂ -C ₇	125.4(2)	C ₁₃ -C ₁₄ -C ₁₅	109.6(2)	124.8
C ₂ -C ₇ -C ₆	124.9(2)	C ₁₄ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₀	124.8(2)	124.1
Dihedral angles [°]		C ₁₁ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₅		
O ₁ -C ₈ -C ₇ -C ₂	-0.2(2)	Dihedral angles [°]		
			-2.3(2)	0.4

C ₈ -C ₇ -C ₂ -C ₁	0.2(2)	O ₄ -C ₉ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₅	0.9(2)	-0.6
O ₁ -C ₁ -C ₂ -C ₇	-0.1(2)	C ₉ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₅ -C ₁	0.9(2)	0.6
C ₂ -C ₁ -O ₁ -C ₈	-0.1(2)	O ₄ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₀	-2.4(2)	0.3
C ₃ -C ₂ -C ₇ -C ₆	-0.6(3)	C ₉ -O ₄ -C ₁₆ -C ₁₅		
C ₂ -C ₇ -C ₆ -C ₅	-16.8(3)	C ₁₁ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₄	1.2(3)	-0.4
C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₆	-61.5(2)	C ₁₂ -C ₁₁ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₅	13.1(3)	-14.2
C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅	41.1(2)	C ₁₁ -C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ -C ₁₄	61.3(2)	-60.1
C ₄ -C ₃ -C ₂ -C ₇	-11.6(3)	C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ -C ₁₄ -C ₁₅	-44.1(2)	42.5
C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₆ -C ₇	46.2(2)	C ₁₀ -C ₁₅ -C ₁₄ -C ₁₃	14.5(3)	-12.7
C ₁ -O ₁ -C ₈ -C ₇	0.2(2)	C ₁₀ -C ₁₁ -C ₁₂ -C ₁₃	-42.9(2)	44.2
		C ₁₀ -C ₉ -O ₄ -C ₁₆	2.9(2)	0.05

Table 8 Geometrical parameters (d, θ and φ) of the intermolecular C=O...C=O interactions in 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride observed by X-Ray technique [4] and calculated using the Hopt- and FullOpt-models.

C=O...C=O	Type	d(O...C) [Å]			θ (O...CO)[°]			φ (O...COC)[°]		
		HOpt-model	X-Ray[4]	FullOpt-model	HOpt-model	X-Ray[4]	FullOpt-model	HOpt-model	X-Ray[4]	FullOpt-model
C ₁ =O ₂ ...C ₈ =O ₃	(I)-(I)	3.001	2.957(2)	2.997	90.2	89.0(1)	89.5	92.7	91.8	93.7
C ₁ =O ₂ ...C ₈ =O ₃	(I)-(I)	3.126	3.109(2)	3.114	86.3	87.2(1)	87.6	106	107.2	104.8
C ₈ =O ₃ ...C ₁ =O ₂	(I)-(I)	3.144	3.148(2)	3.120	87.3	88.8(1)	86.2	71.9	71.0	70.7
C ₈ =O ₃ ...C ₁ =O ₂	(I)-(I)	3.197	3.191(2)	3.213	83.0	83.4(1)	83.0	66.3	66.9	68.3
C ₁₆ =O ₆ ...C ₉ =O ₅	(II)-(II)	2.989	2.926(2)	2.998	88.9	89.5(1)	84.4	78.5	100.2	80.9
C ₉ =O ₅ ...C ₁₆ =O ₆	(II)-(II)	3.166	3.195(2)	3.192	81.6	83.1(1)	78.4	115.6	115.1	118.2

Table 9 Density, space group, lattice energy (Elatt), zero point energy (ZPE) and total vibrational contributions to free energy (Fvib) of the observed structure and the seven lowest hypothetical Z'=1 structures of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride.

structure	density	Space group	a	b	c	α	β	γ	Elatt	ZPE	Elatt + ZPE	Fvib 298K	A 298K
expt	1.395	<i>Pbca</i> , Z'=2	9.986	9.166	31.647	90	90	90	-79.26	1.71	-77.55	-22.73	-101.99
Pred 1	1.411	<i>Pbca</i>	15.570	11.211	8.204	90	90	90	-78.12	2.32	-75.80	-18.52	-96.64
Pred 2	1.361	<i>Pbca</i>	9.138	15.867	10.245	90	90	90	-78.07	2.21	-75.86	-19.30	-97.37
Pred 3	1.383	<i>Pbca</i>	9.492	9.874	15.647	90	90	90	-76.81	2.38	-74.43	-18.66	-95.47
Pred 4	1.378	<i>Pbca</i>	11.662	8.069	15.840	90	90	90	-75.83	2.21	-73.62	-19.40	-95.23
Pred 5	1.356	<i>P2₁2₁2₁</i>	15.765	7.247	6.589	90	90	90	-75.10	2.32	-72.78	-18.90	-94.00
Pred 6	1.343	<i>P2₁/n</i>	6.776	13.236	8.245	90	94.07	90	-74.97	2.21	-72.76	-19.62	-94.59

Pred 7	1.370	$P2_1/a$	8.002	11.472	8.140	90	80.95	90	-74.79	2.13	-72.66	-20.40	-95.19
Pred 8	1.370	$P2_12_12_1$	7.584	14.432	7.010	90	90	90	-74.54	2.15	-72.39	-20.09	-94.63
Pred 9	1.317	$P2_1/a$	7.791	8.607	11.056	90	88.36	90	-74.51	2.21	-72.30	-19.87	-94.38
Pred 10	1.354	$P2_1$	7.324	6.532	8.010	90	80.57	90	-74.25	2.17	-72.08	-19.58	-93.83