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Raman Spectra of Hydrocarbons. V. *n*-Hexane, *n*-Heptane, 2-Methylpentane, 3-Methylpentane, 2,4-Dimethylpentane, and 2,3-Dimethylbutane*

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Raman displacements, semiquantitative relative intensities, and quantitative depolarization factors are given for the above named hydrocarbons in the liquid state. The relative intensities and depolarization factors were obtained by use of a Gaertner microdensitometer. The depolarization factors were determined by a well-tested, single-exposure method. The previous data have been collected, tabulated, and compared with the present results, and probable values and average deviations are listed.

THE hydrocarbons used in this work were prepared under the direction of Professor C. E. Boord of the Department of Chemistry of the Ohio State University as part of the American Petroleum Institute Hydrocarbon Research Project in the Industrial Research Foundation of the University. The Raman spectral data were obtained by previously described¹ apparatus and methods.

n-HEXANE, CH₃-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₃

Raman displacements and estimated relative intensities for *n*-hexane have been obtained in 12 investigations,²⁻¹³ but polarization data (largely qualitative) were obtained in only one of these.¹²

TABLE I. Raman spectral data for liquid *n*-hexane (C₆H₁₄).

| <i>I</i> | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | | $\Delta\nu$ | <i>I</i> | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | | $\Delta\nu$ | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|--------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|------|-------------|----------|------|------|-----|
| PR | PR | PR | HKW | N | PR | PR | PR | HKW | N | | | | |
| <i>vw</i> | 148 | | | 1 | 148 | 69 | 1082 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 8 | 1080 | 1.5 | |
| <i>vw</i> | 169 | | | 1 | 169 | 54 | 1140 | 0.46 | 0.57 | 9 | 1138 | 2.2 | |
| <i>vw</i> | 189 | | | 1 | 189 | 19 | 1167 | 0.00 | | 6 | 1166 | 1.0 | |
| 51 | ± 309 | 0.78 | <i>P</i> † | 7 | 311 | 1.9 | <i>vw</i> | 1196 | | 4 | 1218 | 11.2 | |
| 45 | ± 335 | 0.37 | | 6 | 333 | 1.8 | 40 | 1287 | | 4 | 1271 | 13.8 | |
| 83 | ± 371 | 0.09 | <i>P</i> † | 9 | 368 | 2.6 | 95 | 1304 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 9 | 1302 | 1.8 |
| 56 | ± 400 | 0.69 | | 9 | 400 | 1.1 | <i>vw</i> | 1340 | | 3 | 1340 | 2.0 | |
| 24 | 455 | 0.40 | | 7 | 453 | 3.9 | <i>vw</i> | 1366 | | 3 | 1364 | 2.6 | |
| 20 | 484 | | | 3 | 493 | 6.3 | 220 | 1440 | | 7 | 1439 | 1.6 | |
| | | | | 3 | 729 | 0.7 | 280 | 1459 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 7 | 1457 | 2.6 |
| | | | | 3 | 745 | 1.7 | <i>vw</i> | 1485 | | 1 | 1485 | | |
| | | | | 1 | 760 | | 7 | 2667 | | 4 | 2668 | 2.2 | |
| | | | | 1 | 794 | | 11 | 2700 | | 2 | 2701 | 1.5 | |
| 14 | 807 | 0.67 | <i>P</i> | 6 | 810 | 1.3 | 26 | 2730 | 0.30 | | 8 | 2732 | 1.2 |
| 50 | 823 | 0.59 | | 8 | 825 | 2.0 | 840 | 2850 | | 8 | 2851 | 1.9 | |
| 56 | 867 | 0.42 | <i>P</i> | 9 | 868 | 1.3 | 1000 | 2868 | 0.27 | <i>P</i> | 5 | 2863 | 1.2 |
| 110 | 895 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 13 | 894 | 2.3 | | | | | 5 | 2876 | 1.0 |
| | | | | 4 | 899 | 1.0 | | | | | 4 | 2899 | 2.5 |
| | | | | 7 | 951 | 2.1 | 750 | 2906 | 0.22 | <i>P</i> | 4 | 2914 | 4.0 |
| 12 | 975 | | | 7 | 973 | 3.6 | 720 | 2937 | 0.19 | | 9 | 2938 | 1.6 |
| 18 | 1006 | 0.00 | <i>P</i> | 9 | 1007 | 1.6 | 450 | 2960 | 0.74 | | 8 | 2963 | 1.4 |
| 54 | 1039 | | | 11 | 1039 | 1.3 | | | | | | | |
| 49 | 1065 | 0.38 | 0.58 | 6 | 1064 | 1.2 | | | | | | | |

* *I*=relative intensity; $\Delta\nu$ =Raman displacement in cm⁻¹; ρ =depolarization factor; PR=present results; HKW=Herz, Kahovec, and Wagner (reference 12); N=number of times the line has been observed in apparently reliable independent investigations, including the present one; PV=probable value (mean of the *N* values); AD=average deviation of the *N* values from the mean; ± indicates lines that were observed both as Stokes's and anti-Stokes's lines; *P*=polarized; *vw*=very weak; and the braces join lines that were unresolved on the polarization spectrograms.

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The present results, the previous polarization data, and the probable values of the Raman displacements are given in Table I. The probable values were obtained by taking a mean of all those values for a given line which seemed to be within the normal limits of experimental error. Some of the weak lines reported by only a few observers may result from impurities in the

TABLE II. Raman spectral data for liquid *n*-heptane (C₇H₁₆).

| <i>I</i> | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | | $\Delta\nu$ | <i>I</i> | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | | $\Delta\nu$ |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>HKW</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>HKW</i> | <i>N</i> |
| | | | | 2 | 150 | 3.5 | | | 7 |
| | | | | 2 | 203 | 4.5 | | | 8 |
| | | | | 1 | 223 | | | | 2 |
| 45 | ±281 | 0.23 | <i>P</i> | 6 | 282 | 1.5 | | | 1 |
| 130 | ±310 | | | 11 | 310 | 1.2 | 68 | 1080 | 0.88 |
| 13 | 358 | | | 6 | 356 | 1.0 | | | 11 |
| 38 | ±395 | 0.83 | <i>D</i> | 11 | 395 | 1.2 | | | 10 |
| | | | | 1 | 405 | | 18 | 1163 | 0.79 |
| | 454 | | | 7 | 451 | 3.0 | | | 5 |
| | | | | 1 | 483 | | | | 5 |
| <i>vw</i> | 498 | | | 7 | 497 | 2.7 | | | 6 |
| | | | | 2 | 505 | 0.5 | | | 1 |
| | | | | 4 | 543 | 2.7 | | | 1 |
| | | | | 1 | 696 | | | | 5 |
| | | | | 4 | 722 | 2.7 | | | 5 |
| <i>vw</i> | 740 | | | 6 | 741 | 2.5 | | | 9 |
| 9 | 775 | 0.83 | | 11 | 775 | 3.4 | | | 9 |
| | | | | 1 | 805 | | | | 1 |
| | | | | 1 | 826 | | | | 1 |
| 62 | 835 | 0.61 | 0.59 | 10 | 836 | 1.8 | | | 3 |
| 40 | 853 | 0.92 | | 6 | 853 | 0.7 | | | 2 |
| | | | | 1 | 868 | | | | 7 |
| <i>vw</i> | 881 | | <i>PP</i> | 6 | 886 | 2.0 | | | 9 |
| 69 | 902 | 0.40 | | 12 | 901 | 1.9 | | | 9 |
| | | | | 2 | 907 | 0.0 | | | 6 |
| <i>vw</i> | 933 | | | 6 | 934 | 3.0 | | | 2 |
| | | | | 1 | 949 | | | | 11 |
| 9 | 954 | <i>D</i> | | 10 | 957 | 4.0 | | | 10 |
| | | | | 1 | 988 | | | | 1 |

| <i>I</i> | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | | $\Delta\nu$ | <i>I</i> | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | | $\Delta\nu$ |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>HKW</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>HKW</i> | <i>N</i> |
| 12 | 1027 | 0.87 | | 7 | 1023 | 2.6 | | | |
| 48 | 1047 | 0.69 | | 8 | 1046 | 0.6 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 1058 | 2.0 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 1069 | | | | |
| 68 | 1080 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 11 | 1081 | 2.2 | | | |
| 52 | 1136 | 0.54 | 0.56 | 11 | 1136 | 1.6 | | | |
| 18 | 1163 | 0.79 | | 10 | 1161 | 1.0 | | | |
| | | | | 5 | 1206 | 1.7 | | | |
| | | | | 5 | 1243 | 4.2 | | | |
| | | | | 6 | 1265 | 3.3 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 1281 | | | | |
| 110 | 1305 | 0.87 | 0.89 | 12 | 1302 | 1.8 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 1310 | | | | |
| | | | | 5 | 1345 | 2.2 | | | |
| | | | | 5 | 1365 | 2.4 | | | |
| 320 | {1442 1459} | 0.94 | 0.86 | 9 | 1438 | 2.4 | | | |
| | | | | 9 | 1457 | 2.1 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 1654 | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2523 | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2610 | | | | |
| | | | | 3 | 2686 | 5.7 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2708 | 1.5 | | | |
| 24 | 2730 | 0.45 | | 7 | 2732 | 0.8 | | | |
| 870 | 2851 | 0.11 | <i>P</i> | 9 | 2852 | 2.7 | | | |
| 1000 | 2870 | 0.10 | | 9 | 2873 | 2.0 | | | |
| 950 | 2903 | 0.16 | | 6 | 2903 | 1.7 | | | |
| | | | <i>P</i> | 2 | 2918 | 2.0 | | | |
| 760 | 2932 | 0.07 | | 11 | 2936 | 3.0 | | | |
| 320 | 2958 | 0.87 | | 10 | 2962 | 1.7 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2994 | | | | |

* *D*=depolarized; *PP*=partly polarized; other symbols have the same meaning as in Table I.

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TABLE III. Raman spectral data for liquid 2-methylpentane (C_6H_{14}).

| I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD | I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD |
|-----|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|------|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|
| PR | PR | PR | | PV | | PR | PR | PR | | PV | |
| vw | 182 | | 1 | 182 | | 3 | 1072 | | 2 | 1071 | 1.0 |
| 14 | 328 | | 3 | 323 | 3.0 | 1 | 1108 | | 1 | 1108 | |
| 8 | 361 | | 2 | 371 | 10.0 | 13 | 1149 | 0.91 | 3 | 1149 | 1.0 |
| 6 | 393 | | 2 | 394 | 1.0 | 14 | 1175 | 0.73 | 2 | 1173 | 2.0 |
| 30 | 447 | 0.37 | 2 | 446 | 0.5 | 1 | 1240 | | 2 | 1240 | 0.0 |
| 4 | 499 | | 1 | 499 | | 8 | 1301 | 0.90 | 2 | 1299 | 1.5 |
| 5 | 732 | | 2 | 733 | 1.0 | 9 | 1340 | 0.93 | 2 | 1339 | 1.0 |
| 2 | 785 | | 2 | 783 | 1.5 | 60 | 1443 | | 2 | 1444 | 0.5 |
| 40 | 814 | 0.32 | 2 | 814 | 0.0 | 60 | 1463 | 0.91 | 2 | 1462 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 857 | | 2 | 857 | 0.0 | 8 | 2722 | 0.93 | 1 | 2722 | |
| 9 | 890 | | 3 | 890 | 0.0 | 30 | 2848 | | 2 | 2847 | 0.5 |
| 4 | 936 | | 1 | 936 | | 1000 | 2875 | 0.42 | 2 | 2873 | 2.0 |
| 10 | 961 | 0.91 | 1 | 961 | | 450 | 2910 | | 2 | 2913 | 2.5 |
| 1 | 1016 | | 1 | 1016 | | 450 | 2934 | | 2 | 2934 | 0.0 |
| 12 | 1039 | 0.92 | 2 | 1038 | 1.0 | 500 | 2963 | 0.69 | 2 | 2962 | 0.5 |

TABLE IV. Raman spectral data for liquid 3-methylpentane (C_6H_{14}).

| I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD | I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD |
|-----|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|------|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|
| PR | PR | PR | | PV | | PR | PR | PR | | PV | |
| 21 | 393 | | 2 | 390 | 3.0 | 36 | 1155 | | 3 | 1157 | 1.0 |
| 43 | 443 | | 2 | 444 | 1.0 | 23 | 1176 | | 2 | 1175 | 1.0 |
| | | | 1 | 470 | | 15 | 1281 | | 2 | 1279 | 1.5 |
| 22 | 615 | | 1 | 615 | | 8 | 1316 | | 2 | 1319 | 3.0 |
| | | | 1 | 736 | | 18 | 1350 | 0.92 | 2 | 1352 | 2.0 |
| 50 | 745 | 0.58 | 3 | 747 | 1.0 | 2 | 1380 | | 2 | 1379 | 0.5 |
| | | | 1 | 754 | | 190 | 1446 | | 2 | 1447 | 0.5 |
| 6 | 765 | | 2 | 766 | 1.0 | 190 | 1460 | 0.93 | 2 | 1460 | 0.0 |
| 35 | 816 | 0.80 | 2 | 817 | 0.5 | 11 | 2735 | | 1 | 2735 | |
| 22 | 876 | | 3 | 877 | 1.7 | 650 | 2856 | | 2 | 2856 | 0.0 |
| 24 | 954 | | 3 | 957 | 6.3 | 900 | 2874 | 0.17 | 2 | 2876 | 2.0 |
| 25 | 977 | | 2 | 983 | 5.0 | 700 | 2898 | | 2 | 2899 | 0.5 |
| 34 | 1019 | | 3 | 1017 | 2.0 | | 2913 | | 2 | 2913 | 0.0 |
| | | 0.38 | 1 | 1038 | | 1000 | 2934 | 0.21 | 2 | 2936 | 1.5 |
| 54 | 1042 | | 1 | 1050 | | 550 | 2961 | 0.56 | 2 | 2963 | 1.5 |

samples used. The 311 cm^{-1} line was resolved into the doublet 305, 317 in one investigation.¹¹ Measurement of depolarization factors in the 2900 cm^{-1} region was difficult because the lines were broad and overlapped each other.

n -HEPTANE, $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3$

Likewise, Raman displacements and estimated relative intensities for n -heptane have been obtained in 13 investigations,⁶⁻¹⁸ but polarization data (again largely qualitative) were obtained in only one of these.¹²

The present results, the previous polarization data, and the probable values of the Raman displacements are given in Table II. Of the 16 lines observed in only a single investigation, 11 were reported by Okazaki⁹ and 3 by Narayanaswamy.¹⁸ Until verified with other carefully purified samples, these lines must be accepted with caution. The 1023 cm^{-1} line was resolved into the doublet 1021, 1031 by Okazaki.⁹

2-METHYLPENTANE, $CH_3-CH-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3$

Raman displacements and estimated relative intensities for 2-methylpentane have been obtained in

only two investigations,^{5,8} and no polarization data have been reported.¹⁹

The present results and the probable values of the Raman displacements are given in Table III. The doublet 936, 961 was reported as a single line in the previous work.^{5,8} Because of overlapping lines, depolarization factors for some of the lines in the 2900 cm^{-1} region could not be obtained.

3-METHYLPENTANE, $CH_3-CH_2-CH-CH_2-CH_3$

Likewise, no polarization data have been reported for 3-methylpentane and Raman displacements and estimated relative intensities have been obtained in only two investigations.^{5,8} The present results are given in Table IV.

TABLE V. Raman spectral data for liquid 2,4-dimethylpentane (C_7H_{16}).

| I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD | I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD |
|-----|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|------|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|
| PR | PR | PR | | PV | | PR | PR | PR | | PV | |
| | | | 1 | 137 | | 7 | 985 | | 3 | 985 | 0.0 |
| | | | 1 | 149 | | | | | 1 | 996 | |
| | | | 1 | 169 | | 5 | 1035 | | 3 | 1035 | 1.3 |
| 12 | 183 | | 2 | 181 | 2.0 | 3 | 1075 | | 2 | 1076 | 1.0 |
| 40 | 308 | 0.59 | 3 | 308 | 0.3 | | | | 1 | 1109 | |
| 4 | 329 | | 2 | 333 | 3.5 | 60 | 1157 | | 2 | 1157 | 0.0 |
| | | | 1 | 353 | | 50 | 1169 | 0.71 | 2 | 1171 | 2.0 |
| 8 | 396 | | 2 | 388 | 8.0 | 10 | 1232 | | 2 | 1248 | 2.0 |
| | | | 1 | 419 | | | 1253 | | 2 | | |
| 14 | 446 | | 1 | 446 | | | | | 1 | 1300 | |
| 50 | 470 | 0.06 | 3 | 469 | 0.3 | 33 | 1321 | 0.49 | 3 | 1320 | 1.0 |
| | | | 1 | 497 | | 50 | 1348 | 0.66 | 3 | 1345 | 3.0 |
| | | | 1 | 687 | | 100 | 1449 | | 2 | 1449 | 0.0 |
| | | | 1 | 714 | | 100 | 1461 | 0.69 | 2 | 1464 | 3.0 |
| | | | 1 | 728 | | 23 | 2711 | | 2 | 2714 | 3.0 |
| 200 | 808 | 0.00 | 3 | 807 | 0.3 | 70 | 2843 | | 3 | 2842 | 1.0 |
| 10 | 866 | | 3 | 869 | 1.7 | 1000 | 2872 | 0.07 | 3 | 2872 | 0.7 |
| 36 | 923 | 0.14 | 3 | 920 | 2.3 | 400 | 2883 | | 1 | 2883 | |
| | | | 1 | 925 | | 350 | 2914 | | 3 | 2917 | 2.7 |
| 50 | 959 | 0.77 | 2 | 957 | 2.0 | 400 | 2934 | | 3 | 2936 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | 800 | 2961 | 0.62 | 3 | 2964 | 2.7 |

TABLE VI. Raman spectral data for liquid 2,3-dimethylbutane (C_6H_{14}).

| I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD | I | $\Delta\nu$ | ρ | N | $\Delta\nu$ | AD |
|-----|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|------|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|------|
| PR | PR | PR | | PV | | PR | PR | PR | | PV | |
| | | | 1 | 96 | | 22 | 1161 | 0.79 | 3 | 1160 | 1.0 |
| | | | 1 | 220 | | 13 | 1196 | 0.69 | 3 | 1197 | 1.0 |
| 7 | 271 | | 1 | 271 | | | | | 1 | 1263 | |
| 9 | 289 | | 3 | 291 | 1.0 | 15 | 1301 | | 3 | 1300 | 0.7 |
| 11 | 346 | | 3 | 346 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 1321 | |
| | | | 1 | 378 | | 11 | 1345 | 0.91 | 3 | 1345 | 0.7 |
| 11 | 388 | | 1 | 397 | | 1 | 1381 | | 2 | 1384 | 3.5 |
| 11 | 439 | | 2 | 436 | 3.5 | 64 | 1447 | 0.80 | 2 | 1447 | 0.0 |
| 21 | 475 | | 3 | 477 | 1.3 | 66 | 1468 | 0.80 | 2 | 1468 | 0.0 |
| 23 | 506 | | 3 | 505 | 0.7 | | | | 1 | 1478 | |
| | | | 1 | 629 | | | | | 1 | 2670 | |
| 100 | 728 | 0.01 | 3 | 728 | 0.0 | 4 | 2717 | | 3 | 2718 | 1.0 |
| 30 | 753 | 0.08 | 3 | 755 | 1.0 | | | | 1 | 2735 | |
| 2 | 819 | | 2 | 817 | 2.0 | 3 | 2763 | | 3 | 2760 | 2.3 |
| | | | 1 | 847 | | | | | 1 | 2774 | |
| 11 | 868 | 0.82 | 3 | 869 | 0.3 | 320 | 2857 | 0.06 | 3 | 2857 | 1.7 |
| 53 | 936 | | 3 | 932 | 2.3 | 1000 | 2874 | 0.48 | 3 | 2873 | 1.3 |
| 50 | 946 | 0.49 | 4 | 943 | 2.2 | 760 | 2884 | | 1 | 2884 | |
| vw | 955 | | 3 | 955 | 0.3 | 560 | 2903 | | 3 | 2903 | 0.0 |
| 11 | 1033 | 0.82 | 3 | 1033 | 0.3 | 830 | 2938 | | 3 | 2936 | 1.0 |
| 2 | 1106 | | 1 | 1106 | | 850 | 2963 | | 3 | 2963 | 1.3 |
| 5 | 1150 | | 2 | 1150 | 0.0 | 400 | 2977 | | 3 | 2980 | 1.7 |

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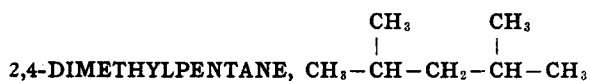
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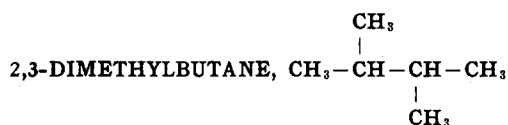
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No polarization data have been reported for 2,4-dimethylpentane, but Raman displacements and estimated relative intensities have been reported twice.^{7,8} The present results are given in Table V.



Raman displacements and estimated relative intensities have been reported three times^{5,8,9} but no polarization data have been obtained. The present

results are given in Table VI. The 1033 cm⁻¹ line was resolved into the doublet 1029, 1039 by Okazaki.⁹

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Asymmetry of Inner Electron Distributions in Homonuclear Diatomic Molecules

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Disturbances in the distributions of inner shell electrons due to bond formation in homonuclear diatomic molecules have been investigated using a Fermi-Thomas type statistics. In the majority of molecules examined the disturbance seems to penetrate only to the shell directly beneath the valence shell.

Plots of the *number of electrons disturbed versus* atomic number are periodic, the disturbance being less for the alkali molecules than for the halogens. In any one group, these plots are remarkably linear. This behavior has permitted us to calculate the bond distance in Rb₂. It is found to be 4.28 Å. This value is to be compared with the distance 4.32 Å between nearest neighbors in the metal.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE role of inner shell electrons in chemical binding has always been a source of concern. James¹ has demonstrated that serious error can be introduced by ignoring their presence in Li₂. Van Vleck and Sherman² have appropriately referred to the phenomenon as the "Inner Shell Nightmare."

The participation of inner shells in bond formation should be observable in the distribution of electrons about the nucleus of a bound atom. Near the nucleus the distribution should be spherically symmetric; identical with that of an isolated atom. At points further removed from the nucleus (especially on the bond axis) elements of asymmetry should begin to appear. At one point this asymmetry will become so pronounced that by no stretch of the imagination will it be possible to regard the distribution as spherically symmetric. The fraction of electrons corresponding to the distribution beyond this point may be defined as *disturbed by the presence of the bond*, and may be used, as a measure of the depth of the disturbance caused by the binding process.

In this paper, an attempt will be made to establish a criterion by means of which the asymmetric point, mentioned above, can be located. This criterion will be used to estimate the number of electrons disturbed by the bonds in the homonuclear diatomic molecules of the halogen and alkali groups.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE CRITERION

Electronic distributions will be determined through use of the Fermi-Thomas statistical method.³⁻⁵ The problem of the isolated atom has been thoroughly

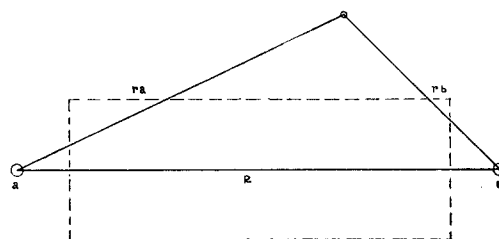


FIG. 1. Coordinate system.

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