

## 9.5. Typical interatomic distances: organic compounds

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### 9.5.1. Introduction

The determination of molecular geometry is of vital importance to our understanding of chemical structure and bonding. The majority of experimental data have come from X-ray and neutron diffraction, microwave spectroscopy, and electron diffraction. Over the years, compilations of results from these techniques have appeared sporadically. The first major compilation was Chemical Society Special Publication No. 11: *Tables of Interatomic Distances and Configuration in Molecules and Ions* (Sutton, 1958). This volume summarized results obtained by diffraction and spectroscopic methods prior to 1956; a supplementary volume (Sutton, 1965) extended this coverage to 1959. Summary tables of bond lengths between carbon and other elements were also published in Volume III of *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (Kennard, 1962). Some years later, the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (Allen, Bellard, Brice, Cartwright, Doubleday, Higgs, Hummelink, Hummelink-Peters, Kennard, Motherwell, Rodgers & Watson, 1979) produced an atlas-style compendium of all organic, organometallic and metal-complex crystal structures published in the period 1960–1965 (Kennard, Watson, Allen, Isaacs, Motherwell, Pettersen & Town, 1972). More recently, a survey of geometries determined by spectroscopic methods (Harmony, Laurie, Kuczkowski, Schwendemann, Ramsay, Lovas, Lafferty & Maki, 1979) has extended coverage in this area to mid-1977.

The production of further comprehensive compendia of X-ray and neutron diffraction results has been precluded by the steep rise in the number of published crystal structures, as illustrated by Fig. 9.5.1.1. Printed compilations have been effectively superseded by computerized databases. In particular, the Cambridge Structural Database now (1991) contains bibliographic, chemical, and numerical results for some 86 000 organo-carbon crystal structures. This machine-readable file fulfils the function of a comprehensive structure-by-structure compendium of molecular geometries. However, the amount of data now held in the CSD is so large that there is also a need for concise, printed tabulations of average molecular dimensions.

The only tables of average geometry in general use are those contained in Sutton (1958, 1965) which list mean bond lengths for a variety of atom pairs and functional groups. Since these

early tables were based on data obtained before 1960, we have used the CSD to prepare a new table of average bond lengths in organic compounds. Table 9.5.1.1 given here specifically lists average lengths for bonds involving the elements H, B, C, N, O, F, Si, P, S, Cl, As, Se, Br, Te, and I. Mean values are presented for 682 different bond types involving these elements.

### 9.5.2. Methodology

#### 9.5.2.1. Selection of crystallographic data

All results given in Table 9.5.1.1 are based on X-ray and neutron diffraction results retrieved from the September 1985 version of the CSD. Neutron diffraction data only were used to derive mean bond lengths involving H atoms. This version of the CSD contained results for 49 854 single-crystal diffraction studies of organo-carbon compounds; 10 324 of these satisfied the acceptance criteria listed below and were used in the averaging procedures:

(i) Structure is 'organic', *i.e.* belongs to the CSD chemical classes 1–65 or 70 (*Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre User Manual*, 1978).

(ii) Atomic coordinates for the structure have been published and are available in the CSD.

(iii) Structure was determined from diffractometer data.

(iv) Structure does not contain unresolved numeric data errors from the original publication (such errors are usually typographical and are normally resolved by consultation with the authors).

(v) Structure was not reported to be disordered.

(vi) Only structures of higher precision were included on the basis of *either* (a) the crystallographic *R* factor was  $\leq 0.07$  and the reported mean estimated standard deviation (e.s.d.) of the C—C bond lengths was  $\leq 0.010 \text{ \AA}$  (corresponds to AS flag = 1 or 2 in the CSD), *or* (b) the crystallographic *R* factor  $\leq 0.05$  and the mean e.s.d. for C—C bonds was not available in the database (AS = 0 in the CSD).

(vii) Where the structure of a given compound had been determined more than once within the limits of (i)–(vi), then only the most precise determination was used.

#### 9.5.2.2. Program system

All calculations were performed on the University of Cambridge IBM 3081 D using the programs *BIBSER*, *CONNSEER*, *RETRIEVE*, *GEOM78*, and *PLUTO78* (Allen *et al.*, 1979). A stand-alone program was written to implement the selection criteria, whilst a new program (*STATS*) was written to perform the statistical calculations described below. It was also necessary to modify *CONNSEER* to improve the precision with which it locates chemical substructures. In particular, the program was altered to permit the location of atoms with specified coordination numbers. This was essential in the case of carbon so that atoms with coordination numbers 2, 3 and 4 (equivalent to formal hybridization states  $sp^1$ ,  $sp^2$ ,  $sp^3$ ) could be distinguished easily and reliably. Considerable care was taken to ensure that the correct molecular fragment was located by *GEOM78* in the generation of geometrical tabulations. This often involved the explicit specification of H atoms in fragments, and the extensive use of geometrical tests on valence and torsion angles. Considerable use was also made of chemical structural diagrams, which are available in the Cambridge in-house version

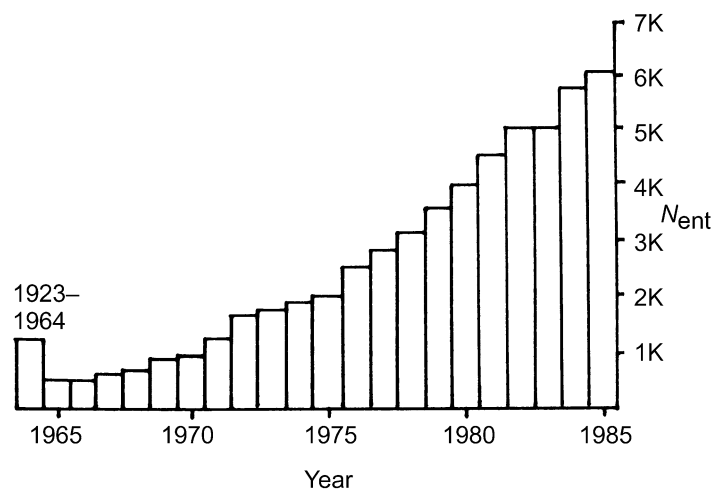


Fig. 9.5.1.1. Growth of the Cambridge Structural Database 1965–1985 as number of entries ( $N_{\text{ent}}$ ) published in a given year.

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of the CSD for some 81% of all entries. Chemical diagrams proved useful, for example, in identifying the various coordination environments commonly adopted by atoms such as As, B, P, etc.

### 9.5.2.3. Classification of bonds

The classification of bonds used in Table 9.5.1.1 is based on common functional groups, rings and ring systems, coordination spheres, etc. It is designed: (i) to appear logical, useful and reasonably self-explanatory to chemists, crystallographers, and others who may use the table; (ii) to permit a meaningful average value to be cited for each bond length. With reference to (ii), it was considered that a sample of bond lengths could be averaged meaningfully if: (a) the sample was unimodally distributed; (b) the sample standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) was reasonably small, ideally less than *ca* 0.02 Å; (c) there were no conspicuous outlying observations – those that occurred at  $> 4\sigma$  from the mean were automatically eliminated from the sample by *STATS*, other outliers were inspected carefully; (d) there were no compelling chemical reasons for further subdivision of the sample.

### 9.5.2.4. Statistics

Where there are less than four independent observations of a given bond length, then each individual observation is given explicitly in the table. In all other cases, the following statistics were generated by the program *STATS*.

(i) The unweighted sample mean,  $d$ , where

$$d = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i/n$$

and  $d_i$  is the  $i$ th observation of the bond length in a total sample of  $n$  observations. Recent work (Taylor & Kennard, 1983, 1985, 1986) has shown that the unweighted mean is an acceptable (even preferable) alternative to the weighted mean, where the  $i$ th observation is assigned a weight equal to  $1/\sigma^2(d_i)$ . This is especially true (Taylor & Kennard, 1985) where structures have been pre-screened on the basis of precision.

(ii) The sample median,  $m$ . This has the property that half of the observations in the sample exceed  $m$ , and half fall short of it.

(iii) The sample standard deviation, denoted here as  $\sigma$ , where:

$$\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^n [(d_i - d)^2/(n - 1)]^{1/2}.$$

(iv) The lower quartile for the sample,  $q_l$ . This has the property that 25% of the observations are less than  $q_l$  and 75% exceed it.

(v) The upper quartile for the sample,  $q_u$ . This has the property that 25% of the observations exceed  $q_u$ , and 75% fall short of it.

(vi) The number ( $n$ ) of observations in the sample.

The statistics given in the final table correspond to distributions for which the automatic  $4\sigma$  cut-off (see above) had been applied, and any manual removal of additional outliers (an infrequent operation) has been performed. In practice, a very small percentage of observations was excluded by these methods. The major effect of removing outliers is to improve the sample standard deviation, as shown in Fig. 9.5.2.1 in which a single observation is deleted.

The statistics chosen for tabulation effectively describe the distribution of bond lengths in each case. For a symmetrical, normal distribution: the mean ( $d$ ) will be approximately equal to the median ( $m$ ); the lower and upper quartiles ( $q_l, q_u$ ) will be approximately symmetric about the median:  $m - q_l \simeq q_u - m$ ,

and 95% of the observations may be expected to lie within  $\pm 2\sigma$  of the mean value. For a skewed distribution,  $d$  and  $m$  may differ appreciably and  $q_l$  and  $q_u$  will be asymmetric with respect to  $m$ . When a bond-length distribution is negatively skewed as in Fig. 9.5.2.2, *i.e.* very short values are more common than very long values, then it may be due to thermal-motion effects; the distances used to prepare the table were not corrected for thermal libration.

In a number of cases, the initial bond-length distribution was clearly bimodal, as in Fig. 9.5.2.3(a). All cases of bimodality were resolved on chemical grounds before inclusion in the table, on the basis of hybridization, conformation-dependent conjugation interactions, etc. For example, the histogram of Fig. 9.5.2.3(a) was resolved into the two discrete unimodal distributions of Figs. 9.5.2.3(b), (c), which correspond to planar N( $sp^2$ ), pyramidal N( $sp^3$ ), respectively. The mean valence angle at N was used as the discriminator, with a range of 108–114° for N( $sp^3$ ) and  $\geq 117.5^\circ$  for N( $sp^2$ ).

### 9.5.3. Content and arrangement of the table

The upper triangular matrix of Fig. 9.5.3.1(a) shows the 120 possible element-pair combinations that can be formed from the 15 elements As, B, Br, C, Cl, F, H, I, N, O, P, S, Se, Si, Te.

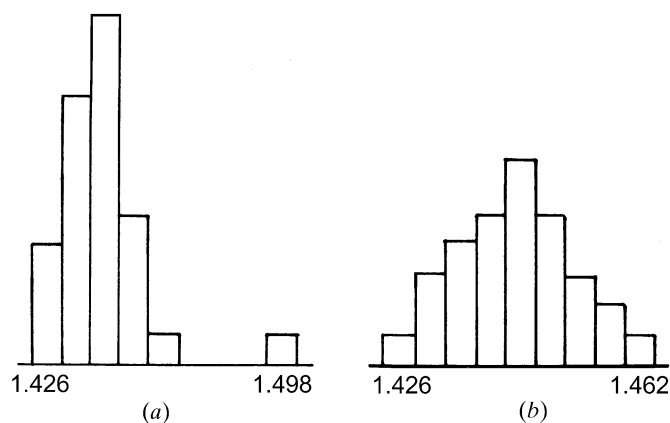


Fig. 9.5.2.1. Effect of the removal of outliers (contributors that are  $> 4\sigma$  from the mean) for the C—C bond in  $C_{ar}-C\equiv N$  fragments. Relevant statistics (see text) are:

	$d$	$m$	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	$n$
(a) before	1.445	1.444	0.012	1.436	1.448	32
(b) after	1.455	1.444	0.008	1.436	1.448	31.

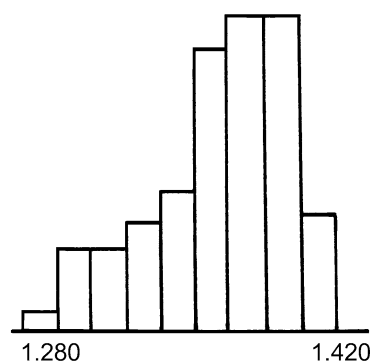


Fig. 9.5.2.2. Skewed distribution of B—F bond lengths in  $BF_4^-$  ions:  $d = 1.365$ ,  $m = 1.372$ ,  $\sigma = 0.029$ ,  $q_l = 1.352$ ,  $q_u = 1.390$  for 84 observations. Note that  $d \neq m$  and that  $q_l, q_u$  are asymmetrically disposed about the mean  $d$ .

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Fig. 9.5.3.1(a) contains the number of discrete average bond lengths given in the table for each element pair. 682 average values are cited for 65 element pairs, of which 511 (75%) involve carbon. Bond-length values from individual structures are given for a further 30 element pairs indicated by an asterisk in Fig. 9.5.3.1(a). Individual structures are identified by their CSD reference code (*e.g.* BOGSUL), and short-form literature references, ordered alphabetically by reference code, are given in Appendix 2. For eight element pairs, the acceptance criterion (vi) was relaxed to include all available structures, irrespective of precision. These entries are denoted by a dagger in the table. No bonds were found for 25 element pairs within the subset of CSD used in this study.

Each entry in Table 9.5.1.1 contains nine columns, of which six record the statistics of the bond-length distribution described above. The content of the remaining three columns: 'Bond', 'Structure', 'Note', are now described.

### 9.5.3.1. Ordering of entries: the 'Bond' column

For an element pair  $X-Y$ , the primary ordering is alphabetic by element symbols according to the rows of Fig. 9.5.3.1(a); *i.e.*  $X$  changes slowest,  $Y$  fastest. The complete sequence runs from As—As to Te—Te with bonds involving carbon in the natural position: As—C...C—C...C—Te. Within a given  $X-Y$  pair, a secondary ordering is based on the coordination numbers ( $j$ ) of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and on the nature of the bond between them. The bond definition is of the form  $X(j)-Y(j)$ , with  $j$  decreasing fastest for  $Y$ , slowest for  $X$ , and with all single bonds preceding any multiple bonds. For carbon, the formal hybridization state replaces (but is equivalent to) the coordination number and it is for this element that the ordering rules are most clearly required. The ordering of the most populous C—C, C—N, C—O sections is illustrated in Fig. 9.5.3.1(b). The 13 possible C—C combinations follow the sequence  $Csp^3-Csp^3$ ,  $Csp^3-Csp^2$ ,  $Csp^3-C_{ar}$ ,  $Csp^3-Csp^1$ ,  $Csp^2-Csp^2$ ,  $Csp^2-C_{ar}$ ,  $Csp^2-Csp^1$ ,  $C_{ar}-C_{ar}$ ,  $C_{ar}-Csp^1$ ,  $Csp^1-Csp^1$ ,  $Csp^2=Csp^2$ ,  $C_{ar}\equiv C_{ar}$ ,  $Csp^1\equiv Csp^1$ . The symbol  $C_{ar}$  represents

aryl carbon in six-membered rings, which is treated separately from  $Csp^2$  throughout the table. The symbol  $\equiv$  is used to indicate a delocalized double or aromatic bond according to context.

### 9.5.3.2. Definition of 'Substructure'

The chemical environment of each bond is normally defined by a linear formulation of the substructure. The target bond is set in bold type, *e.g.*  $C_{ar}-C\equiv N$  (aryl cyanides);  $C-CH_2-O-C_{ar}$  (primary alkyl aryl ethers);  $(C-O)_2-P(\equiv O)_2$  (phosphate diesters). Occasionally, the chemical name of a functional group or ring system is used to define bond environment, *e.g.* in naphthalene, C2—C3; in imidazole, N1—C2. To avoid any possible ambiguity in these cases, we include numbered chemical diagrams in Fig. 9.5.3.2.

	As	B	Br	C	Cl	F	H	I	N	O	P	S	Se	Si	Te
As	1	*	*	6	1	1	0	*	2	2	+	2	+	+	+
B	2	2	5	2	2	0	*	4	2	1	4	0	0	0	0
Br	1	5	+	0	0	*	*	1	*	+	*	*	*	*	*
C	175	16	13	10	2	97	119	12	40	3	6	2			
Cl	*	0	0	*	*	1	2	1	*	2	1				
F	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	3	*					
H	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
I	1	*	1	+	*	0	0	1							
N	15	18	15	8	*	6	*								
O	4	20	9	*	5	2									
P	2	3	1	1	*										
S	5	1	1	2											
Se	1	0	+												
Si	1	0													
Te	*														

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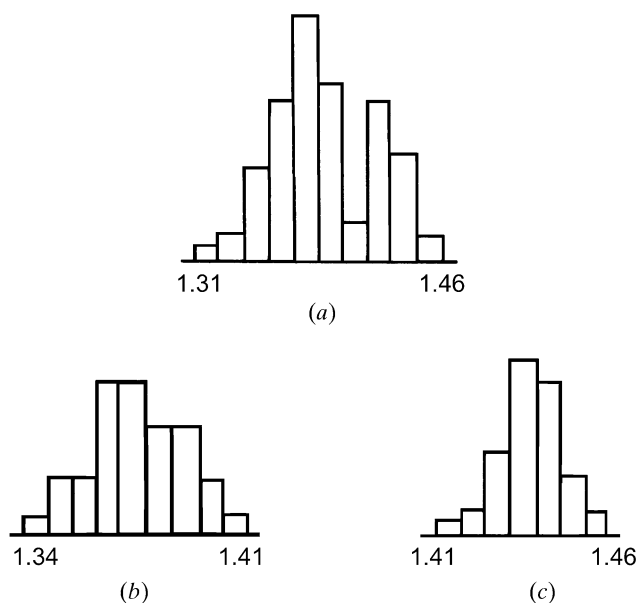


Fig. 9.5.2.3. Resolution of the bimodal distribution of C—N bond lengths in  $C_{ar}-N(Csp^3)_2$  fragments: (a) complete distribution; (b) distribution for planar N, mean valence angle at N > 117.6°; (c) distribution for pyramidal N, mean valence angle at N in the range 108–114°.

	C—C						C—N				C—O		
	$Csp^3$	$Csp^2$	$C_{ar}$	$Csp^1$	$Csp^2$	$C_{ar}$	$Csp^1$	N(4)	N(3)	N(2)	N(1)	O(2)	O(1)
$Csp^3$	27	30	6	4	-	-	-	5	22	2	-	60	-
$Csp^2$	24	14	2	-	-	-	-	28	1	-	-	17	-
$C_{ar}$	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	9	2	-	-	4	-
$Csp^1$	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$Csp^2=$	34	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	-	38	-
$C_{ar}\equiv$	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	-	-	-	-	-
$Csp^1\equiv$	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-

(b)

Fig. 9.5.3.1. (a) Distribution of mean bond-length values reported in the table by element pair. An asterisk indicates a bonded pair represented by less than four contributors in the original data set. A '+' indicates bonded pairs located when restrictions on  $R$  factor and reported e.s.d. limits were lifted (see text). (b) Distribution of mean bond-length values reported in the table for C—C, C—O, C—N.

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A combination of chemical name and linear formulation is often employed to increase the precision of the definition, *e.g.*  $\text{NH}_2-\text{C}=\text{O}$  in acyclic amides;  $\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{C}=\text{O}$  in benzoquinone. Finally, for very simple ions, the accepted conventional representation is deemed to be sufficient, *e.g.* in  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , *etc.*

The chemical definition of substructure may be followed by brief qualifying information, concerning substitution, conformational restrictions, *etc.* For example:  $\text{Csp}^3-\text{Csp}^3$ : in cyclobutane (any substituent);  $\text{X}-\text{C}-\text{F}_3$  ( $\text{X} = \text{C}, \text{H}, \text{N}, \text{O}$ );  $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}-\text{NH}-\text{Csp}^3$  ( $\text{Nsp}^3$ : pyramidal). Where the generic symbol  $\text{X}$  is unqualified, it denotes any element type, including hydrogen. If the qualifying information is too extensive, then it will be given as a table footnote (see below).

The 'Substructure' column is designed to convey as much unambiguous information as possible within a small space. For  $\text{Csp}^3$ , we have employed the short forms  $\text{C}^*$  and  $\text{C}^\#$ .  $\text{C}^*$  indicates

$\text{Csp}^3$  whose bonds, additional to those specified in the linear formulation, are to C or H atoms only.  $\text{C}^*-\text{OH}$  would then represent the group of alcohols  $\text{CH}_3-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{C}_2-\text{CH}-\text{OH}$  and  $-\text{C}_3-\text{C}-\text{OH}$ .  $\text{C}^*$  is frequently used to restrict the secondary environment of a given bond to avoid the perturbing influence of, *e.g.*, electronegative substituents. The symbol  $\text{C}^\#$  is merely a space-saving device to indicate any  $\text{Csp}^3$  atom and includes  $\text{C}^*$  as a subset.

### 9.5.3.3. Use of the 'Note' column

The 'Note' column refers to the footnotes collected in Appendix 1. These record additional information as follows: (a) additional details concerning the chemical definition of substructures, *e.g.* the omission of three- and four-membered rings; (b) statements of geometrical constraints used in obtaining the cited average, *e.g.* definition of planarity or pyramidality at

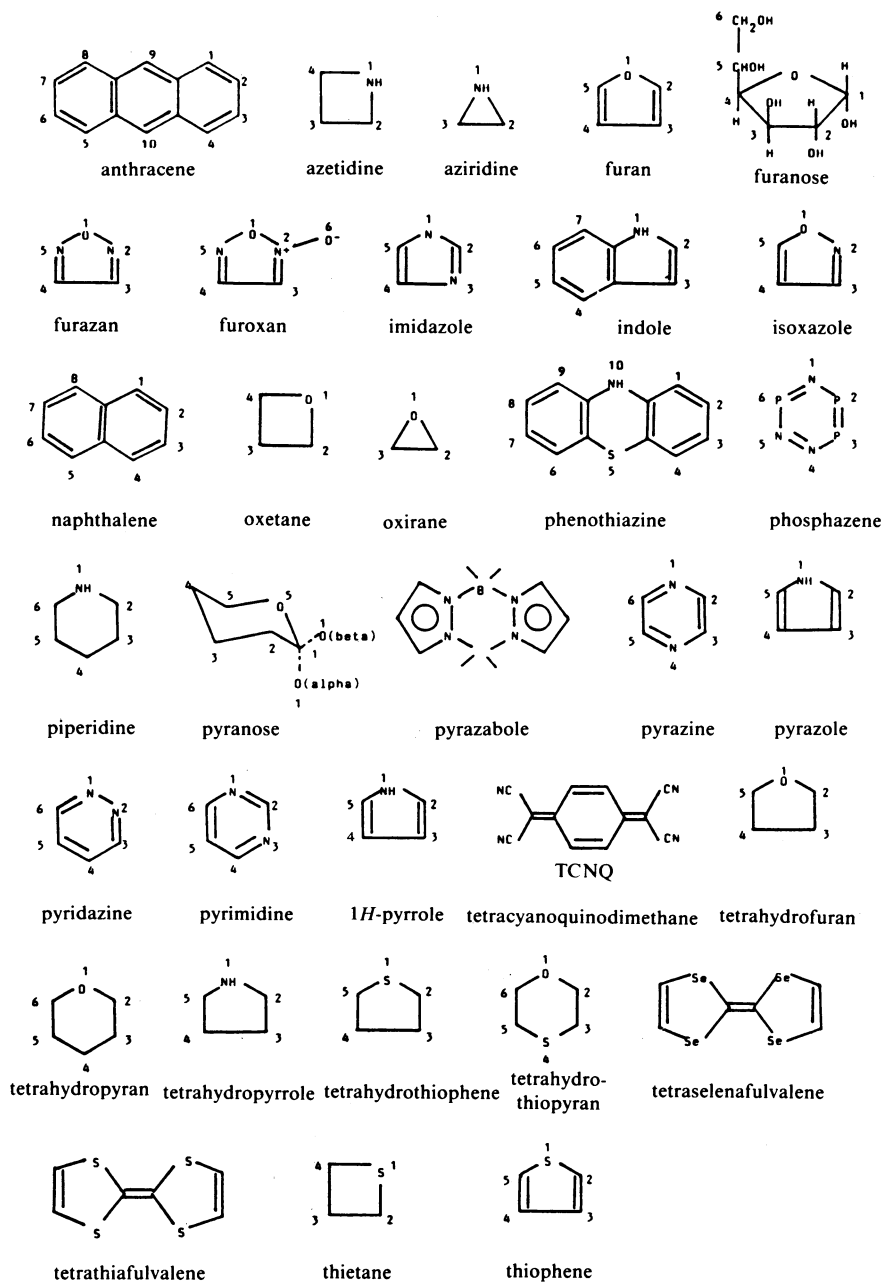


Fig. 9.5.3.2. Alphabetized index of ring systems referred to in the table; the numbering scheme used in assembling the bond-length data is given where necessary.

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N, torsional constraints in conjugated systems; (c) any peculiarities of a particular bond-length distribution, *e.g.* sample dominated by C\* = methyl; (d) references to previously published surveys of crystallographic results relevant to the substructure in question. We do not claim that these references are in any way comprehensive and we would be grateful to authors for notification (to FHA) of any omissions. This will serve to improve the content of any future version of the table.

### 9.5.4. Discussion

It should be remembered that this table has been derived from the organic section of CSD. We are aware that a number of organic bond types which occur very frequently in organometallics and metal complexes (*e.g.* C $\equiv$ C in cyclopentadienyl, C—P in triphenylphosphine, *etc.*) are either absent or poorly represented in this work. These omissions are rectified in Chapter 9.6. We also note that certain bond types listed here (*e.g.* As—O, Si—O, Si—N, *etc.*) will occur with greater frequency in inorganic compounds. The interested reader is referred to the Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (Bergerhof, Hundt, Sievers & Brown, 1983) for a machine-readable compendium of more relevant structural data.

The tabulation given here represents the first stage in a major project designed to obtain the average geometries of function groups, rigid rings, and the low-energy conformations of flexible rings. Details of mean bond lengths, valence angles, and conformational preferences in a wide range of substructures will form the basis of a machine-readable 'fragment library' for use in molecular modelling and other areas of research. The systematic survey will be extended to derive information about distances, angles, directionality, and environmental dependence of hydrogen bonds and non-bonded interactions.

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#### Notes to Table 9.5.1.1

- (1) Sample dominated by B—CH<sub>3</sub>. For longer bonds in B<sup>-</sup>—CH<sub>3</sub>, see LITMEB10 [B(4)—CH<sub>3</sub> = 1.621–1.644 Å].
- (2) *p*( $\pi$ )—*p*( $\pi$ ) bonding with B $sp^2$  and N $sp^2$  coplanar ( $\tau_{BN} = 0 \pm 15^\circ$ ) predominates. See G. Schmidt, R. Boese & D. Bläser [*Z. Naturforsch. Teil B* (1982), **37**, 1230–1233].
- (3) 84 observations range from 1.38 to 1.62 Å and individual values depend on substituents on B and O. For a discussion of borinic acid adducts, see S. J. Rettig & J. Trotter [*Can. J. Chem.* (1982), **60**, 2957–2964].
- (4) See M. Kaftory (1983). [In *The chemistry of functional groups*. Supplement D: *The chemistry of halides, pseudo-halides and azides*, Part 2, Chap. 24, edited by S. Patai & Z. Rappoport. New York: John Wiley.]
- (5) Bonds that are endocyclic or exocyclic to any three- or four-membered rings have been omitted from all averages in this section.
- (6) The overall average given here is for C $sp^3$ —C $sp^3$  bonds which carry only C or H substituents. The value cited reflects the relative abundance of each 'substitution' group. The 'mean of means' for the nine subgroups is 1.538 ( $\sigma = 0.022$ ) Å.
- (7) See (a) F. H. Allen [*Acta Cryst.* (1980), **B36**, 81–96] and (b) F. H. Allen [*Acta Cryst.* (1981), **B37**, 890–900].
- (8) See F. H. Allen [*Acta Cryst.* (1984), **B40**, 64–72].
- (9) See F. H. Allen [*Tetrahedron* (1982), **38**, 2843–2853].
- (10) See F. H. Allen [*Tetrahedron* (1982), **38**, 645–655].

- (11) Cyclopropanones and cyclobutanones excluded.
- (12) See W. B. Schweizer & J. D. Dunitz [*Helv. Chim. Acta* (1982), **65**, 1547–1554].
- (13) See L. Norskov-Lauritsen, H.-B. Bürgi, P. Hoffmann & H. R. Schmidt [*Helv. Chim. Acta* (1985), **68**, 76–82].
- (14) See P. Chakrabarti & J. D. Dunitz [*Helv. Chim. Acta* (1982), **65**, 1555–1562].
- (15) See J. L. Hencher (1978). [In *The chemistry of the C $\equiv$ C triple bond*, Chap. 2, edited by S. Patai. New York: John Wiley.]
- (16) Conjugated: torsion angles about central C—C single bond is  $0 \pm 20^\circ$  (*cis*) or  $180 \pm 20^\circ$  (*trans*).
- (17) Unconjugated: torsion angle about central C—C single bond is 20–160°.
- (18) Other conjugative substituents excluded.
- (19) TCNQ is tetracyanoquinodimethane (see diagrams).
- (20) No difference detected between C2 $\equiv$ C3 and C3 $\equiv$ C4 bonds.
- (21) Derived from neutron diffraction results only.
- (22) N $sp^3$ : pyramidal; mean valence angle at N is in the range 108–114°.
- (23) N $sp^2$ : planar; mean valence angle at N is  $\geq 117.5^\circ$ .
- (24) Cyclic and acyclic peptides.
- (25) See R. H. Blessing [*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1983), **105**, 2776–2783].
- (26) See L. Lebioda [*Acta Cryst.* (1980), **B36**, 271–275].
- (27) *n* = 3 or 4; *i.e.* tri- or tetrasubstituted ureas.
- (28) Overall value also includes structures with mean valence angle at N in the range 115–118°.
- (29) See F. H. Allen & A. J. Kirby [*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1984), **106**, 6197–6200].
- (30) See A. J. Kirby (1983). [*The anomeric effect and related stereoelectronic effects at oxygen*. Berlin: Springer.]
- (31) See B. Fuchs, L. Schleifer & E. Tartakovsky [*Nouv. J. Chim.* (1984), **8**, 275–278].
- (32) See S. C. Nyburg & C. H. Faerman [*J. Mol. Struct.* (1986), **140**, 347–349].
- (33) Sample dominated by P—CH<sub>3</sub> and P—CH<sub>2</sub>—C.
- (34) Sample dominated by C\* = methyl.
- (35) See A. Kálmán, M. Czugler & G. Argay [*Acta Cryst.* (1981), **B37**, 868–877].
- (36) Bimodal distribution resolved into 22 'short' bonds and 5 longer outliers.
- (37) All 24 observations come from BUDTEZ.
- (38) 'Long' O—H bonds in centrosymmetric O $\cdots$ H $\cdots$ O H-bonded dimers are excluded.
- (39) N—N bond length also dependent on torsion angle about N—N bond and on nature of substituent C atoms – these effects are ignored here.
- (40) N pyramidal has average angle at N in the range 100–113.5°; N planar has average angle  $\geq 117.5^\circ$ .
- (41) See R. R. Holmes & J. A. Deiters [*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1977), **99**, 3318–3326].
- (42) No detectable variation in S=O bond length with type of C substituent.

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#### Short-form references to individual CSD entries cited by reference code in Table 9.5.1.1

REFCODE	Journal	Vol.	Page	Year
ACBZPO01	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	97	6729	1975
ACLTEP	<i>J. Organomet. Chem.</i>	184	417	1980
ASAZOC	<i>Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR</i>	249	120	1979
BALXOB	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	103	4587	1981

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BAPPAJ	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	20	3071	1981	CMBIDZ	<i>J. Org. Chem.</i>	44	1447	1979
BARRIV	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	35	433	1981	CODDEE	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	39	1257	1984
BAWFUA	<i>Cryst. Struct. Commun.</i>	10	1345	1981	CODDII	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	39	1257	1984
BAWGAH	<i>Cryst. Struct. Commun.</i>	10	1353	1981	COFVOI	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	39	1027	1984
BECTAE	<i>J. Org. Chem.</i>	46	5048	1981	COJCUZ	<i>Chem. Ber.</i>	117	2686	1984
BELNIP	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	37	299	1982	COSDIX	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	39	1344	1984
BEMLIO	<i>Chem. Ber.</i>	115	1126	1982	COZPIQ	<i>Chem. Ber.</i>	117	2063	1984
BEPZEB	<i>Cryst. Struct. Commun.</i>	11	175	1982	COZVIW	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	515	7	1984
BETJOZ	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	104	1683	1982	CTCNSE	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	102	5430	1980
BETUTE10	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	30	719	1976	CUCPIZ	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	106	7529	1984
BIBLAZ	<i>Zh. Strukt. Khim.</i>	22	118-4	1981	CUDLOC	<i>J. Cryst. Spectrosc.</i>	15	53	1985
BICGEZ	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	486	90	1982	CUDLUI	<i>J. Cryst. Spectrosc.</i>	15	53	1985
BIHXIZ	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.</i>		982	1982	CUGBAH	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. C</i>	41	476	1985
BIRGUE10	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	38	20	1983	CXMSEO	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	29	595	1973
BIRHAL10	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	37	1410	1982	DGLYSE	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	31	1785	1975
BIZJAV	<i>J. Organomet. Chem.</i>	238	C1	1982	DMESIP01	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. C</i>	40	895	1984
BOGP0C	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	37	1402	1982	DSEMOR10	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		628	1980
BOGSUL	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	37	1230	1982	DTHIBR10	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	10	697	1971
BOJLER	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	493	53	1982	EPHTEA	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	19	2487	1980
BOJPUL	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	36	829	1982	ESEARS	<i>J. Chem. Soc. C</i>		1511	1971
BOPFER	<i>Chem. Ber.</i>	116	146	1983	ETEARS	<i>J. Chem. Soc. C</i>		1511	1971
BOPFIV	<i>Chem. Ber.</i>	116	146	1983	FMESIB	<i>J. Organomet. Chem.</i>	197	275	1980
BOVMEE	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	38	1048	1982	FPHTEL	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		2306	1980
BQUINI	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	35	1930	1979	FPSULF10	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	104	1683	1982
BTUPTE	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	29	738	1975	HCLENE10	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	38	3139	1982
BUDTEZ	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	38	454	1983	HMTITI	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	31	1505	1975
BUPSIB10	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	474	31	1981	HMTNTI	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	409	237	1974
BUSHAY	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	38	692	1983	HXPASC	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		1381	1975
BUTHAZ10	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	23	2582	1984	IBZDAC11	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		854	1979
BUTSUE	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.</i>		862	1983	IFORAM	<i>Monatsh. Chem.</i>	105	621	1974
BUWZUO	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	37	219	1983	IODMAM	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	33	3209	1977
BZPRIB	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	36	922	1981	IPMUDS	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	29	2128	1973
BZTPPI	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	17	894	1978	ISUREA10	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	28	643	1972
CAHJOK	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	22	1809	1983	LITMEB10	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	97	6401	1975
CAJMAB	<i>Chem. Z.</i>	107	169	1983	MESIAD	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	35	789	1980
CANLUY	<i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i>	24	4337	1983	METAMM	<i>Acta Cryst.</i>	17	1336	1964
CASSAQ	<i>J. Struct. Chem.</i>	2	101-2	1983	MNPSIL	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	91	4134	1969
CASTOF10	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. C</i>	40	1879	1984	MODIAZ	<i>J. Heterocycl. Chem.</i>	17	1217	1980
CASYOK	<i>J. Struct. Chem.</i>	2	107-2	1983	MOPHTE	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	34	333	1980
CECHEX	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	508	61	1984	MORTRS10	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		628	1980
CECXEN	<i>J. Struct. Chem.</i>	2	207-3	1983	NAPSEZ10	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	102	5070	1980
CEDCUJ	<i>J. Org. Chem.</i>	48	5149	1983	NBBZAM	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	32	1416	1977
CEHKAB	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	39	139	1984	OPIMAS	<i>Aust. J. Chem.</i>	30	2417	1977
CELDOM	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. C</i>	40	556	1984	OPNTEC10	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		251	1982
CESSAU	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. C</i>	40	653	1984	PHASCL	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	37	1357	1981
CETTAW	<i>Chem. Ber.</i>	117	1089	1984	PHASOC01	<i>Aust. J. Chem.</i>	28	15	1975
CETUTE	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	29	763	1975	PNPOSI	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	90	5102	1968
CEYLUN	<i>Isv. Akad. Nauk SSR Ser. Khim.</i>		2744	1983	SEBZQI	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.</i>		325	1977
CIFZUM	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	38	289	1984	SPSEBU	<i>Acta Chem. Scand. Ser. A</i>	33	403	1979
CIHRAM	<i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.</i>	23	302	1984	TEACBR	<i>Cryst. Struct. Commun.</i>	3	753	1974
CILRUK	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.</i>		1023	1984	THINBR	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>	92	4002	1970
CILSAR	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.</i>		1021	1984	TMPBTI	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. B</i>	31	1116	1975
CIMHIP	<i>Acta Cryst. Sect. C</i>	40	1458	1984	TPASSN	<i>J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.</i>		514	1977
CINTEY	<i>Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR</i>	274	615	1984	TPASTB	<i>Cryst. Struct. Commun.</i>	5	39	1976
CIPBUY	<i>J. Struct. Chem.</i>	2	281-4	1983	TPHOSI	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	34	1064	1979
CISMUM	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	39	485	1984	TTEBPZ	<i>Z. Naturforsch. Teil B</i>	34	256	1979
CISTED	<i>Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.</i>	511	95	1984	ZCMXSP	<i>Cryst. Struct. Commun.</i>	6	93	1977
CIWYIQ	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	23	1946	1984					
CIYFOF	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i>	23	1790	1984					

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 Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for bonds involving the elements H, B, C, N, O, F, Si, P, S, Cl, As, Se, Br, Te, and I

Bond	Substructure	$d$	$m$	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	$n$	Note
As(3)—As(3)	$X_2-\text{As}-\text{As}-X_2$	2.459	2.457	0.011	2.456	2.466	8	
As—B	see CUDLOC (2.065), CUDLUI (2.041)							
As—Br	see CODDEE, CODDII (2.346–3.203)							
As(4)—C	$X_3-\text{As}-\text{CH}_3$	1.903	1.907	0.016	1.893	1.916	12	
	$(X)_2(\text{C}, \text{O}, \text{S}=\text{O})\text{As}-\text{C}_{sp^3}$	1.927	1.929	0.017	1.921	1.937	16	
	$\text{As}-\text{C}_{ar}$ in $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$	1.905	1.909	0.012	1.897	1.912	108	
	$(X)_2(\text{C}, \text{O}, \text{S}=\text{O})\text{As}-\text{C}_{ar}$	1.922	1.927	0.016	1.908	1.934	36	
As(3)—C	$X_2-\text{As}-\text{C}_{sp^3}$	1.963	1.965	0.017	1.948	1.978	6	
	$X_2-\text{As}-\text{C}_{ar}$	1.956	1.956	0.015	1.944	1.964	41	
As(3)—Cl	$X_2-\text{As}-\text{Cl}$	2.268	2.256	0.039	2.247	2.281	10	
As(6)—F	in $\text{AsF}_6^-$	1.678	1.676	0.020	1.659	1.695	36	
As(3)—I	see OPIMAS (2.579, 2.590)							
As(3)—N(3)	$X_2-\text{As}-\text{N}-X_2$	1.858	1.858	0.029	1.839	1.873	19	
As(4)=N(2)	see TPASSN (1.837)							
As(4)—O	$(X)_2(\text{O}=\text{O})\text{As}-\text{OH}$	1.710	1.712	0.017	1.695	1.726	6	
As(3)—O	see ASAZOC, PHASOC01 (1.787–1.845)							
As(4)=O	$X_3-\text{As}=\text{O}$	1.661	1.661	0.016	1.652	1.667	9	
As(3)—P(3)	see BELNIP (2.350, 2.362)							†
As(3)=P(3)	see BUTHAZ10 (2.124)							†
As(3)—S	$X_2-\text{As}-\text{S}$	2.275	2.266	0.032	2.247	2.298	14	
As(4)=S	$X_3-\text{As}=\text{S}$	2.083	2.082	0.004	2.080	2.086	9	
As(3)—Se(2)	see COSDIX, ESEARS (2.355–2.401)							†
As(3)—Si(4)	see BICGEZ, MESIAD (2.351–2.365)							†
As(3)—Te(2)	see ETEARS (2.571, 2.576)							†
B( $n$ )—B( $n$ )	$n = 5-7$ in boron cages	1.775	1.773	0.031	1.763	1.786	688	
B(4)—B(4)	see CETTAW (2.041)							
B(4)—B(3)	see COFVOI (1.698)							
B(3)—B(3)	$X_2-\text{B}-\text{B}-X_2$	1.701	1.700	0.014	1.691	1.712	8	
B(6)—Br		1.967	1.971	0.014	1.954	1.979	7	†
B(4)—Br		2.017	2.008	0.031	1.990	2.044	15	†
B( $n$ )—C	$n = 5-7$ : $\text{B}-\text{C}$ in cages	1.716	1.717	0.020	1.707	1.728	96	$l$
	$n = 3-4$ : $\text{B}-\text{C}_{sp^3}$ not cages	1.597	1.599	0.022	1.585	1.611	29	
	$n = 4$ : $\text{B}-\text{C}_{ar}$	1.606	1.607	0.012	1.596	1.615	41	
	$\text{B}^- - \text{C}_{ar}$ in $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$	1.643	1.643	0.006	1.641	1.645	16	
	$n = 3$ : $\text{B}-\text{C}_{ar}$	1.556	1.552	0.015	1.546	1.566	24	
B( $n$ )—Cl	$\text{B}(5)-\text{Cl}$ and $\text{B}(3)-\text{Cl}$	1.751	1.751	0.011	1.743	1.761	14	
	$\text{B}(4)-\text{Cl}$	1.833	1.833	0.013	1.821	1.843	22	
B(4)—F	$\text{B}-\text{F}$ (B neutral)	1.366	1.368	0.017	1.356	1.375	25	
	$\text{B}^- - \text{F}$ in $\text{BF}_4^-$	1.365	1.372	0.029	1.352	1.390	84	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
B(4)—I	see TMPBTI (2.220, 2.253)							
B(4)—N(3)	$X_3-\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{N}(=\text{C})(X)$ in pyrazaboles	1.611 1.549	1.617 1.552	0.013 0.015	1.601 1.536	1.625 1.560	8 10	
B(3)—N(3)	$X_2-\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{N}-\text{C}_2$ : all coplanar for $\tau(\text{BN}) > 30^\circ$ see BOGSUL, BUSHAY, CILRUK (1.434–1.530) $\text{S}_2-\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{N}-X_2$	1.404 1.447	1.404 1.443	0.014 0.013	1.389 1.435	1.408 1.470	40 14	2
B(4)—O	$\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{O}$ in $\text{BO}_4^-$ for neutral $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{O}$ see Note 3	1.468	1.468	0.022	1.453	1.479	24	3
B(3)—O(2)	$X_2-\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{O}-X$	1.367	1.367	0.024	1.349	1.382	35	
B( <i>n</i> )—P	<i>n</i> = 4: $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{P}$ <i>n</i> = 3: see BUPSIB10 (1.892, 1.893)	1.922	1.927	0.027	1.900	1.954	10	
B(4)—S	$\mathbf{B}(4)-\text{S}(3)$ $\mathbf{B}(4)-\text{S}(2)$	1.930 1.896	1.927 1.896	0.009 0.004	1.925 1.893	1.934 1.899	10 6	
B(3)—S	$\text{N}-\mathbf{B}-\text{S}_2$ $(=\text{X}-)(\text{N}-)\mathbf{B}-\text{S}$	1.806 1.851	1.806 1.854	0.010 0.013	1.799 1.842	1.816 1.859	28 10	
Br—Br	see BEPZEB, TPASTB	2.542	2.548	0.015	2.526	2.551	4	
Br—C	$\mathbf{Br}-\text{C}^*$ $\mathbf{Br}-\text{C}sp^3$ (cyclopropane) $\mathbf{Br}-\text{C}sp^2$ $\mathbf{Br}-\text{C}_{ar}$ (mono-Br + <i>m,p</i> -Br <sub>2</sub> ) $\mathbf{Br}-\text{C}_{ar}$ ( <i>o</i> -Br <sub>2</sub> )	1.966 1.910 1.883 1.899 1.875	1.967 1.910 1.881 1.899 1.872	0.029 0.010 0.015 0.012 0.011	1.951 1.900 1.874 1.892 1.864	1.983 1.914 1.894 1.906 1.884	100 8 31 119 8	4 4 4 4
<sup>-</sup> Br(2)—Cl	see TEACBR (2.362–2.402)							†
Br—I	see DTHIBR10 (2.646), TPHOSI (2.695)							
Br—N	see NBBZAM (1.843)							
Br—O	see CIYFOF	1.581	1.581	0.007	1.574	1.587	4	
Br—P	see CISTED (2.366)							
Br—S(2)	see BEMLIO (2.206)							†
Br—S(3)	see CIWYIQ (2.435, 2.453)							†
Br—S(3) <sup>+</sup>	see THINBR (2.321)							†
Br—Se	see CIFZUM (2.508, 2.619)							
Br—Si	see BIZJAV (2.284)							
Br—Te	In $\text{Br}_6\text{Te}^{2-}$ see CUGBAH (2.692–2.716) $\mathbf{Br}-\text{Te}(4)$ see BETUTE10 (3.079, 3.015) $\mathbf{Br}-\text{Te}(3)$ see BTUPTE (2.835)							
$\text{C}sp^3-\text{C}sp^3$	$\text{C}^\#-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$ $(\text{C}^\#)_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_3$ $(\text{C}^\#)_3-\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ $\text{C}^\#-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}^\#$ $(\text{C}^\#)_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}^\#$ $(\text{C}^\#)_3-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}^\#$ $(\text{C}^\#)_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}-(\text{C}^\#)_2$ $(\text{C}^\#)_3-\text{C}-\text{CH}-(\text{C}^\#)_2$ $(\text{C}^\#)_3-\text{C}-\text{C}-(\text{C}^\#)_3$ $\text{C}^*-\text{C}^*$ (overall)	1.513 1.524 1.534 1.524 1.531 1.538 1.542 1.556 1.588 1.530	1.514 1.526 1.534 1.524 1.531 1.539 1.542 1.556 1.580 1.530	0.014 0.015 0.011 0.014 0.012 0.010 0.011 0.011 0.025 0.015	1.507 1.518 1.527 1.516 1.524 1.533 1.536 1.549 1.566 1.521	1.523 1.534 1.541 1.532 1.538 1.544 1.549 1.562 1.610 1.539	192 226 825 2459 1217 330 321 215 21 5777	5, 6



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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
<i>Csp<sup>3</sup></i> — <i>Csp<sup>3</sup></i> (cont.)	in cyclopropane (any substituent)	1.510	1.509	0.026	1.497	1.523	888	7
	in cyclobutane (any substituent)	1.554	1.553	0.021	1.540	1.567	679	8
	in cyclopentane (C,H substituents)	1.543	1.543	0.018	1.532	1.554	1641	
	in cyclohexane (C,H substituents)	1.535	1.535	0.016	1.525	1.545	2814	
	cyclopropyl—C* (exocyclic)	1.518	1.518	0.019	1.505	1.531	366	7
	cyclobutyl—C* (exocyclic)	1.529	1.529	0.016	1.519	1.539	376	8
	cyclopentyl—C* (exocyclic)	1.540	1.541	0.017	1.527	1.549	956	
	cyclohexyl—C* (exocyclic)	1.539	1.538	0.016	1.529	1.549	2682	
	in cyclobutene (any substituent)	1.573	1.574	0.017	1.566	1.586	25	8
	in cyclopentene (C,H substituents)	1.541	1.539	0.015	1.532	1.549	208	
	in cyclohexene (C,H substituents)	1.541	1.541	0.020	1.528	1.554	586	
	in oxirane (epoxide)	1.466	1.466	0.015	1.458	1.474	249	9
	in aziridine	1.480	1.481	0.021	1.465	1.496	67	9
	in oxetane	1.541	1.541	0.019	1.527	1.557	16	
	in azetidine	1.548	1.543	0.018	1.536	1.558	22	
oxiranyl—C* (exocyclic)	1.509	1.507	0.018	1.497	1.519	333	9	
aziridinyl—C* (exocyclic)	1.512	1.512	0.018	1.496	1.526	13	9	
<i>Csp<sup>3</sup></i> — <i>Csp<sup>2</sup></i>	CH <sub>3</sub> —C=C	1.503	1.504	0.011	1.497	1.509	215	
	C <sup>#</sup> —CH <sub>2</sub> —C=C	1.502	1.502	0.013	1.494	1.510	483	
	(C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> —CH—C=C	1.510	1.510	0.014	1.501	1.518	564	
	(C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>3</sub> —C—C=C	1.522	1.522	0.016	1.511	1.533	193	
	C*—C=C (overall)	1.507	1.507	0.015	1.499	1.517	1456	5
	C*—C=C (endocyclic):							
	in cyclopropene	1.509	1.508	0.016	1.500	1.516	20	10
	in cyclobutene	1.513	1.512	0.018	1.500	1.525	50	8
	in cyclopentene	1.512	1.512	0.014	1.502	1.521	208	
	in cyclohexene	1.506	1.505	0.016	1.495	1.516	391	
	in cyclopentadiene	1.502	1.503	0.019	1.490	1.515	18	
	in cyclohexa-1,3-diene	1.504	1.504	0.017	1.491	1.517	56	
	C*—C≡C (exocyclic):							
	cyclopropenyl—C*	1.478	1.475	0.012	1.470	1.485	7	10
	cyclobutenyl—C*	1.489	1.483	0.015	1.479	1.496	11	8
	cyclopentenyl—C*	1.504	1.506	0.012	1.495	1.512	115	
	cyclohexenyl—C*	1.511	1.511	0.013	1.502	1.519	292	
	C*—CH=O in aldehydes	1.510	1.510	0.008	1.501	1.518	7	
	(C*) <sub>2</sub> —C=O in ketones	1.511	1.511	0.015	1.501	1.521	952	11
	in cyclobutanone	1.529	1.530	0.016	1.514	1.545	18	
	in cyclopentanone	1.514	1.514	0.016	1.505	1.523	312	
acyclic and 6+ rings	1.509	1.509	0.016	1.499	1.519	626		
C*—COOH in carboxylic acids	1.502	1.502	0.014	1.495	1.510	176		
C*—COO <sup>-</sup> in carboxylate anions	1.520	1.521	0.011	1.516	1.528	57		
C*—C(=O)(—OC*) in acyclic esters	1.497	1.496	0.018	1.484	1.509	553	12	
in β-lactones	1.519	1.519	0.020	1.500	1.538	4	13	
in γ-lactones	1.512	1.512	0.015	1.501	1.521	110	12	
in δ-lactones	1.504	1.502	0.013	1.495	1.517	27	12	
cyclopropyl (C)—C=O in ketones, acids, and esters	1.486	1.485	0.018	1.474	1.497	105	7	
C*—C(=O)(—NH <sub>2</sub> ) in acyclic amides	1.514	1.512	0.016	1.506	1.526	32	14	
C*—C(=O)(—NHC*) in acyclic amides	1.506	1.505	0.012	1.498	1.515	78	14	
C*—C(=O)[—N(C*) <sub>2</sub> ] in acyclic amides	1.505	1.505	0.011	1.496	1.517	15	14	
<i>Csp<sup>3</sup></i> —C <sub>ar</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> —C <sub>ar</sub>	1.506	1.507	0.011	1.501	1.513	454	
	C <sup>#</sup> —CH <sub>2</sub> —C <sub>ar</sub>	1.510	1.510	0.009	1.505	1.516	674	
	(C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> —C—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.515	1.515	0.011	1.508	1.522	363	
	(C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>3</sub> —C—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.527	1.530	0.016	1.517	1.539	308	
	C*—C <sub>ar</sub> (overall)	1.513	1.513	0.014	1.505	1.521	1813	
	cyclopropyl (C)—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.490	1.490	0.015	1.479	1.503	90	7

## 9.5. TYPICAL INTERATOMIC DISTANCES: ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
<i>Csp</i> <sup>3</sup> — <i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup>	C*—C≡C	1.466	1.465	0.010	1.460	1.469	21	15
	C <sup>#</sup> —C≡C	1.472	1.472	0.012	1.464	1.481	88	15
	C*—C≡N	1.470	1.469	0.013	1.463	1.479	106	7(b)
	cyclopropyl (C)—C≡N	1.444	1.447	0.010	1.436	1.451	38	7
<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> — <i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup>	C=C—C=C (conjugated)	1.455	1.455	0.011	1.447	1.463	30	16, 18
	(unconjugated)	1.478	1.476	0.012	1.470	1.479	8	17, 18
	(overall)	1.460	1.460	0.015	1.450	1.470	38	
	C=C—C=C—C=C	1.443	1.445	0.013	1.431	1.454	29	18
	C=C—C=C (endocyclic in TCNQ)	1.432	1.433	0.012	1.424	1.441	280	19
	C=C—C(=O)(—C*) (conjugated)	1.464	1.462	0.018	1.453	1.476	211	16, 18
	(unconjugated)	1.484	1.486	0.017	1.475	1.497	14	17, 18
	(overall)	1.465	1.462	0.018	1.453	1.478	226	
	C=C—C(=O)—C=C:							
	in benzoquinone (C,H substituents only)	1.478	1.476	0.011	1.469	1.488	28	
	in benzoquinone (any substituent)	1.478	1.478	0.031	1.464	1.498	172	
	non-quinonoid	1.456	1.455	0.012	1.447	1.464	28	
	C—C—COOH	1.475	1.476	0.015	1.461	1.488	22	
	C=C—COOC*	1.488	1.489	0.014	1.478	1.497	113	
	C=C—COO <sup>-</sup>	1.502	1.499	0.017	1.488	1.510	11	
HOOC—COOH	1.538	1.537	0.007	1.535	1.541	9		
HOOC—COO <sup>-</sup>	1.549	1.552	0.009	1.546	1.553	13		
<sup>-</sup> OOC—COO <sup>-</sup>	1.564	1.559	0.022	1.554	1.568	9		
formal <i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> — <i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> single bond in selected, non-fused heterocycles:								
in 1 <i>H</i> -pyrrole (C3—C4)	1.412	1.410	0.016	1.401	1.427	29		
in furan (C3—C4)	1.423	1.423	0.016	1.412	1.433	62		
in thiophene (C3—C4)	1.424	1.425	0.015	1.415	1.433	40		
in pyrazole (C3—C4)	1.410	1.412	0.016	1.400	1.418	20		
in isoxazole (C3—C4)	1.425	1.425	0.016	1.413	1.438	9		
in furazan (C3—C4)	1.428	1.427	0.007	1.422	1.435	6		
in furoxan (C3—C4)	1.417	1.417	0.006	1.412	1.422	14		
<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> —C <sub>ar</sub>	C=C—C <sub>ar</sub> (conjugated)	1.470	1.470	0.015	1.463	1.480	37	16, 18
	(unconjugated)	1.488	1.490	0.012	1.480	1.496	87	17, 18
	(overall)	1.483	1.483	0.015	1.472	1.494	124	
	cyclopropenyl (C=C)—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.447	1.448	0.006	1.441	1.452	8	10
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C(=O)—C*	1.488	1.489	0.016	1.478	1.500	84	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C(=O)—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.480	1.481	0.017	1.468	1.494	58	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —COOH	1.484	1.485	0.014	1.474	1.491	75	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C(=O)(—OC*)	1.487	1.487	0.012	1.480	1.494	218	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —COO <sup>-</sup>	1.504	1.509	0.014	1.495	1.512	26	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C(=O)—NH <sub>2</sub>	1.500	1.503	0.020	1.498	1.510	19	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C=N—C <sup>#</sup> (conjugated)	1.476	1.478	0.014	1.466	1.486	27	16
	(unconjugated)	1.491	1.490	0.008	1.485	1.496	48	17
(overall)	1.485	1.487	0.013	1.481	1.493	75		
in indole (C3—C3a)	1.434	1.434	0.011	1.428	1.439	40		
<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> — <i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup>	C=C—C≡C	1.431	1.427	0.014	1.425	1.441	11	7(b)
	C=C—C≡N in TCNQ	1.427	1.427	0.010	1.420	1.433	280	19
C <sub>ar</sub> —C <sub>ar</sub>	in biphenyls ( <i>ortho</i> substituent all H)	1.487	1.488	0.007	1.484	1.493	30	
	(≥ 1 non-H <i>ortho</i> substituent)	1.490	1.491	0.010	1.486	1.495	212	
C <sub>ar</sub> — <i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup>	C <sub>ar</sub> —C≡C	1.434	1.436	0.006	1.430	1.437	37	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C≡N	1.443	1.444	0.008	1.436	1.448	31	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup> — <i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup>	C≡C—C≡C	1.377	1.378	0.012	1.374	1.384	21	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> = <i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup>	C*—CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	1.299	1.300	0.027	1.280	1.311	42	
	(C*) <sub>2</sub> —C=CH <sub>2</sub>	1.321	1.321	0.013	1.313	1.328	77	
	C*—CH=CH—C* ( <i>cis</i> )	1.317	1.318	0.013	1.310	1.323	106	
	( <i>trans</i> )	1.312	1.311	0.011	1.304	1.320	19	
	(overall)	1.316	1.317	0.015	1.309	1.323	127	

## 9. BASIC STRUCTURAL FEATURES

Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	<i>n</i>	Note
$Csp^2=Csp^2$ (cont.)	(C*) <sub>2</sub> —C=CH—C*	1.326	1.328	0.011	1.319	1.334	168	
	(C*) <sub>2</sub> —C=C—(C*) <sub>2</sub>	1.331	1.330	0.009	1.326	1.334	89	
	(C*,H) <sub>2</sub> —C=C—(C*,H) <sub>2</sub> (overall)	1.322	1.323	0.014	1.315	1.331	493	5
	in cyclopropene (any substituent)	1.294	1.288	0.017	1.284	1.302	10	10
	in cyclobutene (any substituent)	1.335	1.335	0.019	1.324	1.347	25	8
	in cyclopentene (C,H substituents)	1.323	1.324	0.013	1.314	1.331	104	
	in cyclohexene (C,H substituents)	1.326	1.325	0.012	1.318	1.334	196	
	C=C=C (allenes, any substituents)	1.307	1.307	0.005	1.303	1.310	18	
	C=C—C=C (C,H substituents, conjugated)	1.330	1.330	0.014	1.322	1.338	76	16
	C=C—C=C—C=C (C,H substituents, conjugated)	1.345	1.345	0.012	1.337	1.350	58	16
C=C—C <sub>ar</sub> (C,H substituents, conjugated)	1.339	1.340	0.011	1.334	1.346	124	16	
C=C in cyclopenta-1,3-diene (any substituent)	1.341	1.341	0.017	1.328	1.356	18		
C=C in cyclohexa-1,3-diene (any substituent)	1.332	1.332	0.013	1.323	1.341	56		
in C=C—C=O (C,H substituent, conjugated)	1.340	1.340	0.013	1.332	1.348	211	16, 18	
(C,H substituent, unconjugated)	1.331	1.330	0.008	1.326	1.339	14	17, 18	
(C,H substituent, overall)	1.340	1.339	0.013	1.332	1.348	226		
in cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ones	1.329	1.327	0.011	1.321	1.335	28		
in <i>p</i> -benzoquinones (C*,H substituents)	1.333	1.337	0.011	1.325	1.338	14		
(any substituent)	1.349	1.339	0.030	1.330	1.364	86		
in TCNQ (endocyclic)	1.352	1.353	0.010	1.345	1.358	142	19	
(exocyclic)	1.392	1.391	0.017	1.379	1.405	139	19	
C=C—OH in enol tautomers	1.362	1.360	0.020	1.349	1.370	54		
in heterocycles (any substituent)								
1 <i>H</i> -pyrrole (C2—C3, C4—C5)	1.375	1.377	0.018	1.361	1.388	58		
furan (C2—C3, C4—C5)	1.341	1.342	0.021	1.329	1.351	125		
thiophene (C2—C3, C4—C5)	1.362	1.359	0.025	1.346	1.377	60		
pyrazole (C4—C5)	1.369	1.372	0.019	1.362	1.383	20		
imidazole (C4—C5)	1.360	1.361	0.014	1.352	1.367	44		
isoxazole (C4—C5)	1.341	1.336	0.012	1.331	1.355	9		
indole (C2—C3)	1.364	1.363	0.012	1.355	1.371	40		
$C_{ar} \equiv C_{ar}$	in phenyl rings with C*,H substituents only:							
	H—C≡C—H	1.380	1.381	0.013	1.372	1.388	2191	
	C*—C≡C—H	1.387	1.388	0.010	1.382	1.393	891	
	C*—C≡C—C*	1.397	1.397	0.009	1.392	1.403	182	
	C≡C (overall)	1.384	1.384	0.013	1.375	1.391	3264	
	F—C≡C—F	1.372	1.374	0.011	1.366	1.380	84	4
	Cl—C≡C—Cl	1.388	1.389	0.014	1.380	1.398	152	4
	in naphthalene ( $D_{2h}$ ) C1—C2	1.364	1.364	0.014	1.356	1.373	440	
	(any substituent) C2—C3	1.406	1.406	0.014	1.397	1.415	218	
	C1—C8a	1.420	1.419	0.012	1.412	1.426	440	
	C4a—C8a	1.422	1.424	0.011	1.417	1.429	109	
	in anthracene ( $D_{2h}$ ) C1—C2	1.356	1.356	0.009	1.350	1.360	56	
	(any substituent) C2—C3	1.410	1.410	0.010	1.401	1.416	34	
	C1—C9a	1.430	1.430	0.006	1.426	1.434	56	
	C4a—C9a	1.435	1.436	0.007	1.429	1.440	34	
	C9—C9a	1.400	1.402	0.009	1.395	1.406	68	
	in pyridine (C,H substituent)	1.379	1.381	0.012	1.371	1.387	276	20
(any substituents)	1.380	1.380	0.015	1.371	1.389	537	20	
in pyridinium cation:								
(N <sup>+</sup> —H; C,H substituents on C) C2—C3	1.373	1.375	0.012	1.368	1.380	30		
C3—C4	1.379	1.380	0.011	1.371	1.388	30		
(N <sup>+</sup> —X; C,H substituents on C) C2—C3	1.373	1.372	0.019	1.362	1.382	151		
C3—C4	1.383	1.385	0.019	1.372	1.394	151		
in pyrazine (H substituent on C)	1.379	1.377	0.010	1.370	1.388	10		
(any substituent on C)	1.405	1.405	0.024	1.388	1.420	60		
in pyrimidine (C,H substituents on C)	1.387	1.389	0.018	1.379	1.400	28		

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup> ≡ <i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>X</i> —C≡C— <i>X</i>	1.183	1.183	0.014	1.174	1.193	119	15	
	C,H—C≡C—C,H	1.181	1.181	0.014	1.173	1.192	104	15	
	in C≡C—C( <i>sp</i> <sup>2</sup> , ar)	1.189	1.193	0.010	1.181	1.195	38	15	
	in C≡C—C≡C	1.192	1.192	0.010	1.187	1.197	42	15	
	in CH≡C—C <sup>#</sup>	1.174	1.174	0.011	1.167	1.180	42	15	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>3</sup> —Cl	Omitting 1,2-dichlorides: C—CH <sub>2</sub> —Cl	1.790	1.790	0.007	1.783	1.795	13	4	
	C <sub>2</sub> —CH—Cl	1.803	1.802	0.003	1.800	1.807	8	4	
	C <sub>3</sub> —C—Cl	1.849	1.856	0.011	1.837	1.858	5	4	
	<i>X</i> —CH <sub>2</sub> —Cl ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.790	1.791	0.011	1.783	1.797	37	4	
	<i>X</i> <sub>2</sub> —CH—Cl ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.805	1.803	0.014	1.800	1.812	26	4	
	<i>X</i> <sub>3</sub> —C—Cl ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.843	1.838	0.014	1.835	1.858	7	4	
	<i>X</i> <sub>2</sub> —C—Cl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.779	1.776	0.015	1.769	1.790	18	4	
	<i>X</i> —C—Cl <sub>3</sub> ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.768	1.765	0.011	1.761	1.776	33	4	
	Cl—CH(—C)—CH(—C)—Cl	1.793	1.793	0.013	1.786	1.800	66	4	
	Cl—C(—C <sub>2</sub> )—C(—C <sub>2</sub> )—Cl	1.762	1.760	0.010	1.757	1.765	54	4	
	cyclopropyl—Cl	1.755	1.756	0.011	1.749	1.763	64	4	
	<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> —Cl	C=C—Cl (C,H,N,O substituents on C)	1.734	1.729	0.019	1.719	1.748	63	4
		C=C—Cl <sub>2</sub> (C,H,N,O substituents on C)	1.720	1.716	0.013	1.708	1.729	20	4
Cl—C=C—Cl		1.713	1.711	0.011	1.705	1.720	80	4	
<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —Cl	<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —Cl (mono-Cl + <i>m,p</i> -Cl <sub>2</sub> )	1.739	1.741	0.010	1.734	1.745	340	4	
	<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —Cl ( <i>o</i> -Cl <sub>2</sub> )	1.720	1.720	0.010	1.713	1.717	364	4	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>1</sup> —Cl	see HCLENE10 (1.634, 1.646)								
<i>Csp</i> <sup>3</sup> —F	Omitting 1,2-difluorides: C—CH <sub>2</sub> —F and C <sub>2</sub> —CH—F	1.399	1.399	0.017	1.389	1.408	25	4	
	C <sub>3</sub> —C—F	1.428	1.431	0.009	1.421	1.435	11	4	
	(C*,H) <sub>2</sub> —C—F <sub>2</sub>	1.349	1.347	0.012	1.342	1.356	58	4	
	C*—C—F <sub>3</sub>	1.336	1.334	0.007	1.330	1.344	12	4	
	F—C*—C*—F	1.371	1.374	0.007	1.362	1.375	26	4	
	<i>X</i> <sub>3</sub> —C—F ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.386	1.389	0.033	1.373	1.408	70	4	
	<i>X</i> <sub>2</sub> —C—F <sub>2</sub> ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.351	1.349	0.013	1.342	1.356	58	4	
	<i>X</i> —C—F <sub>3</sub> ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.322	1.323	0.015	1.314	1.332	309	4	
	F—C(— <i>X</i> ) <sub>2</sub> —C(— <i>X</i> ) <sub>2</sub> —F ( <i>X</i> = C,H,N,O)	1.373	1.374	0.009	1.362	1.377	30	4	
	F—C(— <i>X</i> ) <sub>2</sub> —NO <sub>2</sub> ( <i>X</i> = any substituent)	1.320	1.319	0.009	1.312	1.327	18	4	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> —F	C=C—F (C,H,N,O substituents on C)	1.340	1.340	0.013	1.334	1.346	34	4	
<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —F	<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —F (mono-F + <i>m,p</i> -F <sub>2</sub> )	1.363	1.362	0.008	1.357	1.368	38	4	
	<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —F ( <i>o</i> -F <sub>2</sub> )	1.340	1.340	0.009	1.336	1.344	167	4	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>3</sup> —H	C—C—H <sub>3</sub> (methyl)	1.059	1.061	0.030	1.039	1.083	83	21	
	C <sub>2</sub> —C—H <sub>2</sub> (primary)	1.092	1.095	0.013	1.088	1.099	100	21	
	C <sub>3</sub> —C—H (secondary)	1.099	1.097	0.004	1.095	1.103	14	21	
	C <sub>2,3</sub> —C—H (primary and secondary)	1.093	1.095	0.012	1.089	1.100	118	21	
	<i>X</i> —C—H <sub>3</sub> (methyl)	1.066	1.074	0.028	1.049	1.087	160	21	
	<i>X</i> <sub>2</sub> —C—H <sub>2</sub> (primary)	1.092	1.095	0.012	1.088	1.099	230	21	
	<i>X</i> <sub>3</sub> —C—H (secondary)	1.099	1.099	0.007	1.095	1.103	117	21	
	<i>X</i> <sub>2,3</sub> —C—H (primary and secondary)	1.094	1.096	0.011	1.091	1.100	348	21	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>2</sup> —H	C—C=C—H	1.077	1.079	0.012	1.074	1.085	14	21	
<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —H	<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —H	1.083	1.083	0.011	1.080	1.087	218	21	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>3</sup> —I	C*—I	2.162	2.159	0.015	2.149	2.179	15	4	
<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —I	<i>C</i> <sub>ar</sub> —I	2.095	2.095	0.015	2.089	2.104	51	4	
<i>Csp</i> <sup>3</sup> —N(4)	C*—NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.488	1.488	0.013	1.482	1.495	298		
	(C*) <sub>2</sub> —NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.494	1.493	0.016	1.484	1.503	249		
	(C*) <sub>3</sub> —NH <sup>+</sup>	1.502	1.502	0.015	1.491	1.512	509		
	(C*) <sub>4</sub> —N <sup>+</sup>	1.510	1.509	0.020	1.496	1.523	319		
	C*—N <sup>+</sup> (overall)	1.499	1.498	0.018	1.488	1.510	1370		

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	<i>n</i>	Note	
$Csp^3-N(3)$	$C^*-N^+$ in N-substituted pyridinium	1.485	1.484	0.009	1.477	1.490	32		
	$C^*-NH_2$ ( $Nsp^3$ : pyramidal)	1.469	1.470	0.010	1.462	1.474	19	22	
	$(C^*)_2-NH$ ( $Nsp^3$ : pyramidal)	1.469	1.467	0.012	1.461	1.477	152	5, 22	
	$(C^*)_3-N$ ( $Nsp^3$ : pyramidal)	1.469	1.468	0.014	1.460	1.476	1042	5, 22	
	$C^*-Nsp^3$ (overall)	1.469	1.468	0.014	1.460	1.476	1201		
	$Csp^3-Nsp^3$ in aziridine in azetidione in tetrahydropyrrole in piperidine		1.472	1.471	0.016	1.464	1.482	134	
			1.484	1.481	0.018	1.472	1.495	21	
			1.475	1.473	0.016	1.464	1.483	66	
			1.473	1.473	0.013	1.460	1.479	240	
	$Csp^3-Nsp^2$ (N planar) in: acyclic amides $C^*-NH-C=O$ $\beta$ -lactams $C^*-N(-X)-C=O$ ( <i>endo</i> ) $\gamma$ -lactams $C^*-NH-C=O$ ( <i>endo</i> ) $C^*-N(-C^*)-C=O$ ( <i>endo</i> ) $C^*-N(-C^*)-C=O$ ( <i>exo</i> ) $\delta$ -lactams $C^*-NH-C=O$ ( <i>endo</i> ) $C^*-N(-C^*)-C=O$ ( <i>endo</i> ) $C^*-N(-C^*)-C=O$ ( <i>exo</i> ) nitro compounds (1,2-dinitro omitted): $C-CH_2-NO_2$ $C_2-CH-NO_2$ $C_3-C-NO_2$ $C_2-C-(NO_2)_2$ 1,2-dinitro: $NO_2-C^*-C^*-NO_2$		1.454	1.451	0.011	1.446	1.461	78	23 14
			1.464	1.465	0.012	1.458	1.475	23	13
			1.457	1.458	0.011	1.449	1.465	20	13
			1.462	1.461	0.010	1.453	1.466	15	13
			1.458	1.456	0.014	1.448	1.465	15	13
			1.478	1.472	0.016	1.467	1.491	6	14
			1.479	1.476	0.007	1.475	1.482	15	14
			1.468	1.471	0.009	1.462	1.477	15	14
			1.485	1.483	0.020	1.478	1.502	8	
			1.509	1.509	0.011	1.502	1.511	12	
			1.533	1.533	0.013	1.530	1.539	17	
		1.537	1.536	0.016	1.525	1.550	19		
		1.552	1.550	0.023	1.536	1.572	32		
$Csp^3-N(2)$		$C^{\#}-N=N$	1.493	1.493	0.020	1.477	1.506	54	
	$C^{\#}-N=C-C_{ar}$	1.465	1.468	0.011	1.461	1.472	75		
$Csp^2-N(3)$	$C=C-NH_2$ $Nsp^2$ planar	1.336	1.344	0.017	1.317	1.348	10	23	
	$C=C-NH-C^{\#}$ $Nsp^2$ planar	1.339	1.340	0.016	1.327	1.351	17	23	
	$C=C-N-(C^{\#})_2$ $Nsp^2$ planar	1.355	1.358	0.014	1.341	1.363	22	23	
	$Nsp^3$ pyramidal	1.416	1.418	0.018	1.397	1.432	18	22	
	$Csp^2-Nsp^2$ (N planar) in: acyclic amides $NH_2-C=O$ acyclic amides $C^*-NH-C=O$ acyclic amides $(C^*)_2-N-C=O$ $\beta$ -lactams $C^*-NH-C=O$ $\gamma$ -lactams $C^*-NH-C=O$ $\gamma$ -lactams $C^*-N(-C^*)-C=O$ $\delta$ -lactams $C^*-NH-C=O$ $\delta$ -lactams $C^*-N(-C^*)-C=O$ peptides $C^{\#}-N(-X)-C(-C^{\#})(=O)$ ureas $(NH_2)_2-C=O$ ureas $(C^{\#}-NH)_2-C=O$ ureas $[C^{\#}-N]_2-C=O$ thioureas $(X_2N)_2-C=S$ imides $[C^{\#}-C(=O)]_2-NH$ $[C^{\#}-C(=O)]_2-N-C^{\#}$ $[Csp^2-C(=O)]_2-N-C^{\#}$ $[Csp^2-C(=O)]_2-N-Csp^2$ guanidinium $[C-(NH_2)_3]^+$ (unsubstituted) (any substituent) in heterocyclic systems (any substituent): 1 <i>H</i> -pyrrole (N1-C2, N1-C5) indole (N1-C2) pyrazole (N1-C5) imidazole (N1-C2) imidazole (N1-C5)		1.325	1.323	0.009	1.318	1.331	32	23 14
			1.334	1.333	0.011	1.326	1.343	78	14
			1.346	1.342	0.011	1.339	1.356	5	14
			1.385	1.388	0.019	1.374	1.396	23	13
			1.331	1.331	0.011	1.326	1.337	20	13
			1.347	1.344	0.014	1.335	1.359	15	13
			1.334	1.334	0.006	1.330	1.339	6	14
			1.352	1.353	0.010	1.344	1.356	15	14
			1.333	1.334	0.013	1.326	1.340	380	24
			1.334	1.334	0.008	1.329	1.339	48	25, 26
			1.347	1.345	0.010	1.341	1.354	26	25
			1.363	1.359	0.014	1.354	1.370	40	25, 27
			1.346	1.343	0.023	1.328	1.361	192	
			1.376	1.377	0.012	1.369	1.383	64	
			1.389	1.383	0.017	1.376	1.404	38	
			1.396	1.396	0.010	1.389	1.403	46	
		1.409	1.406	0.020	1.391	1.419	28		
		1.321	1.320	0.008	1.314	1.327	39		
		1.328	1.325	0.015	1.317	1.333	140		
			1.372	1.374	0.016	1.363	1.384	58	
			1.370	1.370	0.012	1.364	1.377	40	
			1.357	1.359	0.012	1.347	1.365	20	
			1.349	1.349	0.018	1.338	1.358	44	
		1.370	1.370	0.010	1.365	1.377	44		
$Csp^2-N(2)$	in imidazole (N3-C4)	1.376	1.377	0.011	1.369	1.384	44		
$C_{ar}-N(4)$	$C_{ar}-N^+(C,H)_3$	1.465	1.466	0.007	1.461	1.470	23		

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	<i>n</i>	Note
C <sub>ar</sub> —N(3)	C <sub>ar</sub> —NH <sub>2</sub> (Nsp <sup>2</sup> : planar)	1.355	1.360	0.020	1.340	1.372	33	23
	(Nsp <sup>3</sup> : pyramidal)	1.394	1.396	0.011	1.385	1.403	25	22
	(overall)	1.375	1.377	0.025	1.363	1.394	98	28
	C <sub>ar</sub> —NH—C <sup>#</sup> (Nsp <sup>2</sup> : planar)	1.353	1.353	0.007	1.347	1.359	16	23
	(Nsp <sup>3</sup> : pyramidal)	1.419	1.423	0.017	1.412	1.432	8	22
	(overall)	1.380	1.364	0.032	1.353	1.412	31	28
	C <sub>ar</sub> —N—(C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (Nsp <sup>2</sup> : planar)	1.371	1.370	0.016	1.363	1.382	41	23
	(Nsp <sup>3</sup> : pyramidal)	1.426	1.425	0.011	1.421	1.431	22	22
	(overall)	1.390	1.385	0.030	1.366	1.420	69	28
	in indole (N1—C7a)	1.372	1.372	0.007	1.367	1.376	40	
C <sub>ar</sub> —NO <sub>2</sub>	1.468	1.469	0.014	1.460	1.476	556		
C <sub>ar</sub> —N(2)	C <sub>ar</sub> —N=N	1.431	1.435	0.020	1.422	1.442	26	
Csp <sup>2</sup> =N(3)	in furoxan ( <sup>+</sup> N2=C3)	1.316	1.316	0.009	1.311	1.324	14	
Csp <sup>2</sup> =N(2)	C <sub>ar</sub> —C=N—C <sup>#</sup>	1.279	1.279	0.008	1.275	1.285	75	
	(C,H) <sub>2</sub> —C=N—OH in oximes	1.281	1.280	0.013	1.273	1.288	67	
	S—C=N—X	1.302	1.302	0.021	1.285	1.319	36	
	in pyrazole (N2=C3)	1.329	1.331	0.014	1.315	1.339	20	
	in imidazole (C2=N3)	1.313	1.314	0.011	1.307	1.319	44	
	in isoxazole (N2=C3)	1.314	1.315	0.009	1.305	1.320	9	
	in furazan (N2=C3, C4=N5)	1.298	1.299	0.006	1.294	1.303	12	
	in furoxan (C4=N5)	1.304	1.306	0.008	1.300	1.308	14	
C <sub>ar</sub> ≡N(3)	C≡N <sup>+</sup> —H (pyrimidinium)	1.335	1.334	0.015	1.325	1.342	30	
	C≡N <sup>+</sup> —C* (pyrimidinium)	1.346	1.346	0.010	1.340	1.352	64	
	C≡N <sup>+</sup> —O <sup>-</sup> (pyrimidinium)	1.362	1.359	0.013	1.353	1.369	56	
C <sub>ar</sub> ≡N(2)	C≡N (pyridine)	1.337	1.338	0.012	1.300	1.344	269	
	C≡N (pyrazine)	1.336	1.335	0.022	1.319	1.347	120	
	C≡N≡C (pyrimidine)	1.339	1.338	0.015	1.333	1.342	28	
	N≡C≡N (pyrimidine)	1.333	1.335	0.013	1.326	1.337	28	
	C≡N (pyrimidine) (overall)	1.336	1.337	0.014	1.331	1.339	56	
	in any six-membered N-containing aromatic ring:							
	H—C≡N≡C—H	1.334	1.334	0.014	1.327	1.341	146	
	H—C≡N≡C—C*	1.339	1.341	0.013	1.336	1.345	38	
	C*—C≡N≡C—C*	1.345	1.345	0.008	1.342	1.348	24	
	C≡N≡C (overall)	1.336	1.337	0.014	1.329	1.344	204	
Csp <sup>1</sup> ≡N(2)	X—N <sup>+</sup> ≡C <sup>-</sup> (isocyanide)	1.144	1.147	0.006	1.140	1.148	6	
Csp <sup>1</sup> ≡N(1)	C*—C≡N	1.136	1.137	0.010	1.131	1.142	140	19
	C=C—C≡N in TCNQ	1.144	1.144	0.008	1.139	1.149	284	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —C≡N	1.138	1.138	0.007	1.133	1.143	31	
	X—S—C≡N	1.144	1.141	0.012	1.138	1.151	10	
	(S—C≡N) <sup>-</sup>	1.155	1.156	0.012	1.147	1.165	14	
Csp <sup>3</sup> —O(2)	in alcohols:							
	CH <sub>3</sub> —OH	1.413	1.414	0.018	1.395	1.425	17	
	C—CH <sub>2</sub> —OH	1.426	1.426	0.011	1.420	1.431	75	
	C <sub>2</sub> —CH—OH	1.432	1.431	0.011	1.425	1.439	266	
	C <sub>3</sub> —C—OH	1.440	1.440	0.012	1.432	1.449	106	
	C*—OH (overall)	1.432	1.431	0.013	1.424	1.441	464	
	in dialkyl ethers:							
	CH <sub>3</sub> —O—C*	1.416	1.418	0.016	1.405	1.426	110	29
	C—CH <sub>2</sub> —O—C*	1.426	1.424	0.011	1.418	1.435	34	
	C <sub>2</sub> —CH—O—C*	1.429	1.430	0.010	1.420	1.437	53	
	C <sub>3</sub> —C—O—C*	1.452	1.450	0.011	1.445	1.458	39	
	C*—O—C* (overall)	1.426	1.425	0.019	1.414	1.437	236	
	in aryl alkyl ethers:							
	CH <sub>3</sub> —O—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.424	1.424	0.012	1.417	1.431	616	29
	C—CH <sub>2</sub> —O—C <sub>ar</sub>	1.431	1.430	0.013	1.422	1.438	188	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
<i>Csp<sup>2</sup></i> —O(2) (cont.)	in aryl alkyl ethers (cont.) <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> —CH—O—C <sub>ar</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> —C—O—C <sub>ar</sub> C*—O—C <sub>ar</sub> (overall)	1.447 1.470 1.429	1.446 1.469 1.427	0.020 0.018 0.018	1.435 1.456 1.419	1.466 1.483 1.436	58 55 917	
	in alkyl esters of carboxylic acids: CH <sub>3</sub> —O—C(=O)—C* C—CH <sub>2</sub> —O—C(=O)—C* <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> —CH—O—C(=O)—C* <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> —C—O—C(=O)—C* C*—O—C(=O)—C* (overall)	1.448 1.452 1.460 1.477 1.450	1.449 1.453 1.460 1.475 1.451	0.010 0.009 0.010 0.008 0.014	1.442 1.445 1.454 1.472 1.442	1.455 1.458 1.465 1.484 1.459	200 32 78 6 314	12, 29
	in alkyl esters of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated acids: C*—O—C(=O)—C=C (overall)	1.453	1.452	0.013	1.444	1.459	112	
	in alkyl esters of benzoic acid C*—O—C(=O)—C(phenyl) (overall)	1.454	1.454	0.012	1.446	1.463	219	
	in ring systems: oxirane (epoxide) (any substituent) oxetane (any substituent) tetrahydrofuran (C,H substituents) tetrahydropyran (C,H substituents) $\beta$ -lactones: C*—O—C(=O) $\gamma$ -lactones: C*—O—C(=O) $\delta$ -lactones: C*—O—C(=O)	1.446 1.463 1.442 1.441 1.492 1.464 1.461	1.446 1.460 1.441 1.442 1.494 1.464 1.464	0.014 0.015 0.017 0.015 0.010 0.012 0.017	1.438 1.451 1.430 1.431 1.481 1.455 1.452	1.456 1.474 1.451 1.451 1.501 1.473 1.473	498 16 154 22 4 110 27	9    16 12 12
	O—C—O systems in <i>gem</i> -diols, and pyranose and furanose sugars: HO—C*—OH	1.397	1.401	0.012	1.388	1.405	18	30, 31
	C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> H in pyranoses: O <sub>1</sub> axial ( $\alpha$ ): C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> equatorial ( $\beta$ ): C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> $\alpha + \beta$ (overall): C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub>	1.439 1.427 1.403 1.435 1.430 1.393 1.439 1.430 1.401	1.440 1.426 1.400 1.436 1.431 1.393 1.440 1.429 1.399	0.008 0.012 0.012 0.008 0.010 0.007 0.008 0.012 0.011	1.432 1.421 1.391 1.429 1.424 1.386 1.432 1.421 1.392	1.445 1.432 1.412 1.440 1.436 1.399 1.446 1.436 1.407	29 29 29 17 17 17 60 60 60	
	C <sub>4</sub> —O <sub>4</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> H in furanoses: (overall values) C <sub>4</sub> —O <sub>4</sub> (overall values) O <sub>4</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> (overall values) C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub>	1.442 1.432 1.404	1.446 1.432 1.405	0.012 0.012 0.013	1.436 1.421 1.397	1.449 1.443 1.409	18 18 18	
	C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> —C* in pyranoses: O <sub>1</sub> axial ( $\alpha$ ): C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> —C* O <sub>1</sub> equatorial ( $\beta$ ): C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> —C* $\alpha + \beta$ (overall): C <sub>5</sub> —O <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> —C*	1.439 1.417 1.409 1.435 1.434 1.424 1.390 1.437 1.436 1.419 1.402 1.436	1.438 1.417 1.409 1.435 1.435 1.424 1.390 1.438 1.436 1.419 1.403 1.436	0.010 0.009 0.014 0.013 0.006 0.008 0.011 0.013 0.009 0.011 0.016 0.013	1.433 1.410 1.401 1.427 1.429 1.418 1.381 1.428 1.431 1.412 1.391 1.428	1.446 1.424 1.417 1.443 1.439 1.431 1.400 1.445 1.442 1.426 1.413 1.445	67 67 67 67 39 39 39 39 126 126 126 126	
	C <sub>4</sub> —O <sub>4</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> —C* in furanoses: (overall values) C <sub>4</sub> —O <sub>4</sub> (overall values) O <sub>4</sub> —C <sub>1</sub> (overall values) C <sub>1</sub> —O <sub>1</sub> (overall values) O <sub>1</sub> —C*	1.443 1.421 1.410 1.439	1.445 1.418 1.409 1.437	0.013 0.012 0.014 0.014	1.429 1.413 1.401 1.429	1.453 1.431 1.420 1.449	23 23 23 23	
	Miscellaneous: C#—O—SiX <sub>3</sub> C*—O—SO <sub>2</sub> —C	1.416 1.465	1.416 1.461	0.017 0.014	1.405 1.454	1.428 1.475	29 33	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	<i>n</i>	Note	
$C_{sp^2}-O(2)$ (cont.)	in enols: $C=C-OH$	1.333	1.331	0.017	1.324	1.342	53		
	in enol esters: $C=C-O-C^*$	1.354	1.353	0.016	1.341	1.363	40		
	in acids: $C^*-C(=O)-OH$	1.308	1.311	0.019	1.298	1.320	174		
	$C=C-C(=O)-OH$	1.293	1.295	0.019	1.279	1.307	22		
	$C_{ar}-C(=O)-OH$	1.305	1.311	0.020	1.291	1.317	75		
	in esters: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.336	1.337	0.014	1.328	1.346	551	12, 29	
	$C=C-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.332	1.331	0.011	1.324	1.339	112		
	$C_{ar}-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.337	1.335	0.013	1.329	1.344	219	12	
	$C^*-C(=O)-O-C=C$	1.362	1.359	0.018	1.351	1.374	26		
	$C^*-C(=O)-O-C=C$	1.407	1.405	0.017	1.394	1.420	26		
	$C^*-C(=O)-O-C_{ar}$	1.360	1.359	0.011	1.355	1.367	40	12	
	in anhydrides: $O=C-O-C=O$	1.386	1.386	0.011	1.379	1.393	70		
	in ring systems:								
	furan ( $O1-C2, O1-C5$ )	1.368	1.369	0.015	1.359	1.377	125		
	isoxazole ( $O1-C5$ )	1.354	1.354	0.010	1.345	1.360	9		
	$\beta$ -lactones: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.359	1.359	0.013	1.348	1.371	4	13	
	$\gamma$ -lactones: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.350	1.349	0.012	1.342	1.359	110	12	
$\delta$ -lactones: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.339	1.339	0.016	1.332	1.347	27	12		
$C_{ar}-O(2)$	in phenols: $C_{ar}-OH$	1.362	1.364	0.015	1.353	1.373	511		
	in aryl alkyl ethers: $C_{ar}-O-C^*$	1.370	1.370	0.011	1.363	1.377	920	29, 32	
	in diaryl ethers: $C_{ar}-O-C_{ar}$	1.384	1.381	0.014	1.375	1.391	132		
	in esters: $C_{ar}-O-C(=O)-C^*$	1.401	1.401	0.010	1.394	1.408	40	12	
$C_{sp^2}=O(1)$	in aldehydes and ketones:								
	$C^*-CH=O$	1.192	1.912	0.005	1.188	1.197	7		
	$(C^*)_2-C=O$	1.210	1.210	0.008	1.206	1.215	474	5	
	$(C^#)_2-C=O$ in cyclobutanones	1.198	1.198	0.007	1.194	1.204	12		
	in cyclopentanones	1.208	1.208	0.007	1.203	1.212	155		
	in cyclohexanones	1.211	1.211	0.009	1.207	1.216	312		
	$C=C-C=O$	1.222	1.222	0.010	1.216	1.229	225		
	$(C=C)_2-C=O$	1.233	1.229	0.010	1.226	1.242	28		
	$C_{ar}-C=O$	1.221	1.218	0.014	1.212	1.229	85		
	$(C_{ar})_2-C=O$	1.230	1.226	0.015	1.220	1.238	66		
	$C=O$ in benzoquinones	1.222	1.220	0.013	1.211	1.231	86		
	delocalized double bonds in carboxylate anions:								
	$H-C \cdots O_2^-$ (formate)	1.242	1.243	0.012	1.234	1.252	24		
	$C^*-C \cdots O_2^-$	1.254	1.253	0.010	1.247	1.261	114		
	$C=C-C \cdots O_2^-$	1.250	1.248	0.017	1.238	1.261	52		
	$C_{ar}-C \cdots O_2^-$	1.255	1.253	0.010	1.249	1.262	22		
	$HOOC-C \cdots O_2^-$ (hydrogen oxalate)	1.243	1.247	0.015	1.232	1.256	26		
	$-O_2 \cdots C-C \cdots O_2^-$ (oxalate)	1.251	1.251	0.007	1.248	1.254	18		
	in carboxylic acids ( $X-COOH$ ):								
	$C^*-C(=O)-OH$	1.214	1.214	0.019	1.203	1.224	175		
	$C=C-C(=O)-OH$	1.229	1.226	0.017	1.218	1.237	22		
	$C_{ar}-C(=O)-OH$	1.226	1.223	0.020	1.211	1.241	75		
	in esters:								
	$C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.196	1.196	0.010	1.190	1.202	551	12	
	$C=C-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.199	1.198	0.009	1.193	1.203	113		
	$C_{ar}-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.202	1.201	0.009	1.196	1.207	218	12	
	$C^*-C(=O)-O-C=C$	1.190	1.190	0.014	1.184	1.198	26		
	$C^*-C(=O)-O-C_{ar}$	1.187	1.188	0.011	1.181	1.195	40	12	
	in anhydrides: $O=C-O-C=O$	1.187	1.187	0.010	1.184	1.193	70		
	in $\beta$ -lactones: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.193	1.193	0.006	1.187	1.198	4	13	
	$\gamma$ -lactones: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.201	1.202	0.009	1.196	1.206	109	12	
	$\delta$ -lactones: $C^*-C(=O)-O-C^*$	1.205	1.207	0.008	1.201	1.209	27	12	
	in amides:								
$NH_2-C(-C^*)=O$	1.234	1.233	0.012	1.225	1.243	32	14		
$(C^*-)(C^*,H-)N-C(-C^*)=O$	1.231	1.231	0.012	1.224	1.238	378	14		
$\beta$ -lactams: $C^*-NH-C=O$	1.198	1.200	0.012	1.193	1.204	23	13		



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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	<i>n</i>	Note
$Csp^2=O(1)$ (cont.)	in amides (cont.)							
	$\gamma$ -lactams: $C^*—NH—C=O$	1.235	1.235	0.008	1.232	1.240	20	13
	$\gamma$ -lactams: $C^*—N(—C^*)—C=O$	1.225	1.226	0.011	1.217	1.233	15	13
	$\delta$ -lactams: $C^*—NH—C=O$	1.240	1.241	0.003	1.237	1.243	6	14
	$\delta$ -lactams: $O^*—N(—C^*)—C=O$	1.233	1.233	0.007	1.229	1.239	15	14
	in ureas:							
$(NH_2)_2—C=O$	1.256	1.256	0.007	1.249	1.261	24	25, 26	
$(C^\#—NH)_2—C=O$	1.241	1.237	0.011	1.235	1.245	13	25	
$[(C^\#)_n—N]_2—C=O$	1.230	1.230	0.007	1.224	1.234	20	25, 27	
$Csp^3—P(4)$	$C_3—P^+—C^*$	1.800	1.802	0.015	1.790	1.812	35	33
	$C_2—P(=O)—CH_3$	1.791	1.790	0.006	1.786	1.795	10	
	$C_2—P(=O)—CH_2—C$	1.806	1.806	0.009	1.801	1.813	45	
	$C_2—P(=O)—CH—C_2$	1.821	1.821	0.009	1.815	1.828	15	
	$C_2—P(=O)—C—C_3$	1.841	1.842	0.008	1.835	1.847	14	
	$C_2—P(=O)—C^*$ (overall)	1.813	1.811	0.017	1.800	1.822	84	
$Csp^3—P(3)$	$C_2—P—C^*$	1.855	1.857	0.019	1.840	1.870	23	
$C_{ar}—P(4)$	$C_3—P^+—C_{ar}$	1.793	1.792	0.011	1.786	1.800	276	
	$C_2—P(=O)—C_{ar}$	1.801	1.802	0.011	1.796	1.807	98	
	$Ph_3—P=N^+=P—Ph_3$	1.795	1.795	0.008	1.789	1.800	197	
$C_{ar}—P(3)$	$C_2—P—C_{ar}$	1.836	1.837	0.010	1.830	1.844	102	
	$(N\cdots)_2P—C_{ar}$ ( $P\cdots N$ aromatic)	1.795	1.793	0.011	1.788	1.803	43	
$Csp^3—S(4)$	$C^*—SO_2—C$ ( $C^* = CH_3$ excluded)	1.786	1.782	0.018	1.774	1.797	75	
	$C^*—SO_2—C$ (overall)	1.779	1.778	0.020	1.764	1.790	94	
	$C^*—SO_2—O—X$	1.745	1.744	0.009	1.738	1.754	7	34
	$C^*—SO_2—N—X_2$	1.758	1.736	0.018	1.746	1.773	17	34
$Csp^3—S(3)$	$C^*—S(=O)—C$ ( $C^* = CH_3$ excluded)	1.818	1.814	0.024	1.802	1.829	69	
	$C^*—S(=O)—C$ (overall)	1.809	1.806	0.025	1.793	1.820	88	
	$CH_3—S^+—X_2$	1.786	1.787	0.007	1.779	1.792	21	
	$C^*—S^+—X_2$ ( $C^* = CH_3$ excluded)	1.823	1.820	0.016	1.812	1.834	18	
	$C^*—S^+—C_2$ (overall)	1.804	1.794	0.025	1.788	1.820	41	
$Csp^3—S(2)$	$C^*—SH$	1.808	1.805	0.010	1.800	1.819	6	
	$CH_3—S—C^*$	1.789	1.787	0.008	1.784	1.794	9	
	$C—CH_2—S—C^*$	1.817	1.816	0.013	1.808	1.824	92	
	$C_2—CH—S—C^*$	1.819	1.819	0.011	1.811	1.825	32	
	$C_3—C—S—C^*$	1.856	1.860	0.011	1.854	1.863	26	
	$C^*—S—C^*$ (overall)	1.819	1.817	0.019	1.809	1.827	242	
	in thiirane	1.834	1.835	0.025	1.810	1.858	4	9
	in thietane: see ZCMXSP (1.817, 1.844)							
	in tetrahydrothiophene	1.827	1.826	0.018	1.811	1.837	20	
	in tetrahydrothiopyran	1.823	1.821	0.014	1.812	1.832	24	
$C—CH_2—S—S—X$	1.823	1.820	0.014	1.813	1.832	41		
$C_3—C—S—S—X$	1.863	1.865	0.015	1.848	1.878	11		
$C^*—S—S—X$ (overall)	1.833	1.828	0.022	1.818	1.848	59		
$Csp^2—S(2)$	$C=C—S—C^*$	1.751	1.755	0.017	1.740	1.764	61	
	$C=C—S—C=C$ (in tetrathiafulvalene)	1.741	1.741	0.011	1.733	1.750	88	
	$C=C—S—C=C$ (in thiophene)	1.712	1.712	0.013	1.703	1.722	60	
	$O=C—S—C^\#$	1.762	1.759	0.018	1.747	1.778	20	
$C_{ar}—S(4)$	$C_{ar}—SO_2—C$	1.763	1.764	0.009	1.756	1.769	96	
	$C_{ar}—SO_2—O—X$	1.752	1.750	0.008	1.749	1.756	27	
	$C_{ar}—SO_2—N—X_2$	1.758	1.759	0.013	1.749	1.765	106	35
$C_{ar}—S(3)$	$C_{ar}—S(=O)—C$	1.790	1.790	0.010	1.783	1.798	41	
	$C_{ar}—S^+—X_2$	1.778	1.779	0.010	1.771	1.787	10	
$C_{ar}—S(2)$	$C_{ar}—S—C^*$	1.773	1.774	0.009	1.765	1.779	44	
	$C_{ar}—S—C_{ar}$	1.768	1.767	0.010	1.762	1.774	158	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
C <sub>ar</sub> —S(2) (cont.)	C <sub>ar</sub> —S—C <sub>ar</sub> (in phenothiazine) C <sub>ar</sub> —S—S—X	1.764	1.764	0.008	1.760	1.769	48	
		1.777	1.777	0.012	1.767	1.785	47	
Csp <sup>1</sup> —S(2)	N≡C—S—X	1.679	1.683	0.026	1.645	1.698	10	
Csp <sup>1</sup> —S(1)	(N≡C—S) <sup>-</sup>	1.630	1.630	0.014	1.619	1.641	14	
Csp <sup>2</sup> =S(1)	(C*) <sub>2</sub> —C=S: see IPMUDS (1.599)							
	(C <sub>ar</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> —C=S: see CELDOM (1.611)							
	(X) <sub>2</sub> —C=S (X = C,N,O,S)	1.671	1.675	0.024	1.656	1.689	245	
	X <sub>2</sub> N—C(=S)—S—X	1.660	1.660	0.016	1.648	1.674	38	
	(X <sub>2</sub> N) <sub>2</sub> —C=S (thioureas)	1.681	1.684	0.020	1.669	1.693	96	
	N—C(≡S) <sub>2</sub>	1.720	1.721	0.012	1.709	1.731	20	
Csp <sup>3</sup> —Se	C <sup>#</sup> —Se	1.970	1.967	0.032	1.948	1.998	21	
Csp <sup>2</sup> —Se(2)	C=C—Se—C=C (in tetraselenafulvalene)	1.893	1.895	0.013	1.882	1.902	32	
C <sub>ar</sub> —Se(3)	Ph <sub>3</sub> —Se <sup>+</sup>	1.930	1.929	0.006	1.924	1.936	13	
Csp <sup>3</sup> —Si(5)	C <sup>#</sup> —Si <sup>-</sup> —X <sub>4</sub>	1.874	1.876	0.015	1.859	1.884	9	
Csp <sup>3</sup> —Si(4)	CH <sub>3</sub> —Si—X <sub>3</sub> C*—Si—X <sub>3</sub> (C* = CH <sub>3</sub> excluded) C*—Si—X <sub>2</sub> (overall)	1.857	1.857	0.018	1.848	1.869	552	
		1.888	1.887	0.023	1.872	1.905	124	
		1.863	1.861	0.024	1.850	1.875	681	
C <sub>ar</sub> —Si(4)	C <sub>ar</sub> —Si—X <sub>3</sub>	1.868	1.868	0.014	1.857	1.878	178	
Csp <sup>1</sup> —Si(4)	C≡C—Si—X <sub>3</sub>	1.837	1.840	0.012	1.824	1.849	8	
Csp <sup>3</sup> —Te	C <sup>#</sup> —Te	2.158	2.159	0.030	2.128	2.177	13	
C <sub>ar</sub> —Te	C <sub>ar</sub> —Te	2.116	2.115	0.020	2.104	2.130	72	
Csp <sup>2</sup> =Te	see CEDCUJ (2.044)							
Cl—Cl	see PHASCL (2.306, 2.227)							
Cl—I	see CMBIDZ (2.563), HXPASC (2.541, 2.513), METAMM (2.552), BQUINI (2.416, 2.718)							
Cl—N	see BECTAE (1.743–1.757), BOGPOC (1.705)							
Cl—O(1)	in ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.414	1.419	0.026	1.403	1.431	252	
Cl—P	(N≡)P—Cl (N≡P aromatic) Cl—P (overall)	1.997	1.994	0.015	1.989	2.004	46	
		2.008	2.001	0.035	1.986	2.028	111	
Cl—S	Cl—S (overall) see also longer bonds in CILSAR (2.283), BIHXIZ (2.357), CANLUY (2.749)	2.072	1.079	0.023	2.047	2.091	6	
Cl—Se	See BIRGUE10, BIRHAL10, CTCNSE (2.234–2.851)							
Cl—Si(4)	Cl—Si—X <sub>3</sub> (monochloro) Cl <sub>2</sub> —Si—X <sub>2</sub> and Cl <sub>3</sub> —Si—X	2.072	2.075	0.009	2.066	2.078	5	
		2.020	2.012	0.015	2.007	2.036	5	
Cl—Te	Cl—Te in range 2.34–2.60 see also longer bonds in BARRIV, BOJPUL, CETUTE, EPHTEA, OPNTEC10 (2.73–2.94)	2.520	2.515	0.034	2.493	2.537	22	36
F—N(3)	F—N—C <sub>2</sub> and F <sub>2</sub> —N—C	1.406	1.404	0.016	1.395	1.416	9	
F—P(6)	in hexafluorophosphate, PF <sub>6</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.579	1.587	0.025	1.563	1.598	72	
P—P(3)	(N≡)P—F (N≡P aromatic)	1.495	1.497	0.016	1.481	1.510	10	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
F—S	43 observations in range 1.409–1.770 in a wide variety of environments F—S(6) in F <sub>2</sub> —SO <sub>2</sub> —C <sub>2</sub> (see FPSULF10, BETJOZ) F—S(4) in F <sub>2</sub> —S(=O)—N (see BUDTEZ)	1.640 1.527	1.646 1.528	0.011 0.004	1.626 1.524	1.649 1.530	6 24	37
F—Si(6)	in SiF <sub>6</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1.694	1.701	0.013	1.677	1.703	6	
F—Si(5)	F—Si <sup>-</sup> —X <sub>4</sub>	1.636	1.639	0.035	1.602	1.657	10	
F—Si(4)	F—Si—X <sub>3</sub>	1.588	1.587	0.014	1.581	1.599	24	
F—Te	see CUCPIZ [F—Te(6) = 1.942, 1.937], FPHTEL [F—Te(4) = 2.006]							
H—N(4)	X <sub>3</sub> —N <sup>+</sup> —H	1.033	1.036	0.022	1.026	1.045	87	21
H—N(3)	X <sub>2</sub> —N—H	1.009	1.010	0.019	0.997	1.023	95	21
H—O(2)	in alcohols C*—O—H C <sup>#</sup> —O—H in acids O=C—O—H	0.967 0.967 1.015	0.969 0.970 1.017	0.010 0.010 0.017	0.959 0.959 1.001	0.974 0.974 1.031	63 73 16	21 21 21, 38
I—I	in I <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	2.917	2.918	0.011	2.907	2.927	6	
I—N	see BZPRIB, CMBIDZ, HMTITI, HMTNTI, IFORAM, IODMAM (2.042–2.475)							
I—O	X—I—O (see BZPRIB, CAJMAB, IBZDAC11) for IO <sub>6</sub> <sup>-</sup> see BOVMEE (1.829–1.912)	2.144	2.144	0.028	2.127	2.164	6	
I—P(3)	see CEHKAB (2.490–2.493)							†
I—S	see DTHIBR10 (2.687), ISUREA10 (2.629), BZTPPI (3.251)							
I—Te(4)	I—Te—X <sub>3</sub>	2.926	2.928	0.026	2.902	2.944	8	
N(4)—N(3)	X <sub>3</sub> —N <sup>+</sup> —N <sup>0</sup> —X <sub>2</sub> (N <sup>0</sup> planar)	1.414	1.414	0.005	1.412	1.418	13	
N(3)—N(3)	(C)(C,H)—N <sub>a</sub> —N <sub>b</sub> —(C)(C,H) N <sub>a</sub> , N <sub>b</sub> pyramidal N <sub>a</sub> pyramidal, N <sub>b</sub> planar N <sub>a</sub> , N <sub>b</sub> planar overall	1.454 1.420 1.401 1.425	1.452 1.420 1.401 1.425	0.021 0.015 0.018 0.027	1.444 1.407 1.384 1.407	1.457 1.433 1.418 1.443	44 68 40 139	5, 39 40 40 40
N(3)—N(2)	in pyrazole (N1—N2) in pyridazinium (N1 <sup>+</sup> ≡N2)	1.366 1.350	1.366 1.349	0.019 0.010	1.350 1.345	1.375 1.361	20 7	
N(2)≡N(2)	N≡N (aromatic) in pyridazine with C,H as <i>ortho</i> substituents with N,C1 as <i>ortho</i> substituents	1.304 1.368	1.300 1.373	0.019 0.011	1.287 1.362	1.326 1.375	6 9	
N(2)=N(2)	C <sup>#</sup> —N=N—C <sup>#</sup> ( <i>cis</i> ) ( <i>trans</i> ) (overall) C <sub>ar</sub> —N=N—C <sub>ar</sub> X—N=N=N (azides)	1.245 1.222 1.240 1.255 1.216	1.244 1.222 1.241 1.253 1.226	0.009 0.006 0.012 0.016 0.028	1.239 1.218 1.230 1.247 1.202	1.252 1.227 1.251 1.262 1.237	21 6 27 13 19	
N(2)=N(1)	X—N=N=N (azides)	1.124	1.128	0.015	1.114	1.137	19	
N(3)—O(2)	(C,H) <sub>2</sub> —N—OH (Nsp <sup>2</sup> : planar) C <sub>2</sub> —N—O—C (Nsp <sup>3</sup> : pyramidal) C <sub>2</sub> —N—O—C (Nsp <sup>2</sup> : planar) in furoxan (N2—O1)	1.396 1.463 1.397 1.438	1.394 1.465 1.394 1.436	0.012 0.012 0.011 0.009	1.390 1.457 1.388 1.430	1.401 1.468 1.409 1.447	28 22 12 14	
N(3)—O(1)	(C≡)N <sup>+</sup> —O <sup>-</sup> in pyridine <i>N</i> -oxides in furoxan ( <sup>+</sup> N2—O6 <sup>-</sup> )	1.304 1.234	1.299 1.234	0.015 0.008	1.291 1.228	1.316 1.240	11 14	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
N(2)—O(2)	in oximes: (C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> —C=N—OH	1.416	1.418	0.006	1.416	1.420	7	
	(H)(C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup> )—C=N—OH	1.390	1.390	0.011	1.380	1.401	20	
	(C <sup>#</sup> )(C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup> )—C=N—OH	1.402	1.403	0.010	1.393	1.410	18	
	(C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> —C=N—OH	1.378	1.377	0.017	1.365	1.393	16	
	(C,H) <sub>2</sub> —C=N—OH (overall)	1.394	1.395	0.018	1.379	1.408	67	
	in furazan (O1—N2, O1—N5)	1.385	1.383	0.013	1.378	1.392	12	
in furoxan (O1—N5)	1.380	1.380	0.011	1.370	1.388	14		
in isoxazole (O1—N2)	1.425	1.425	0.010	1.417	1.434	9		
N(3)=O(1)	in nitrate ions NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.239	1.240	0.020	1.227	1.251	105	
	in nitro groups: C*—NO <sub>2</sub>	1.212	1.214	0.012	1.206	1.221	84	
	C <sup>#</sup> —NO <sub>2</sub>	1.210	1.210	0.011	1.203	1.218	251	
	C <sub>ar</sub> —NO <sub>2</sub>	1.217	1.218	0.011	1.211	1.215	1116	
	C—NO <sub>2</sub> (overall)	1.218	1.219	0.013	1.210	1.226	1733	
N(3)—P(4)	X <sub>2</sub> —P(=X)—NX <sub>2</sub> N <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup> : planar	1.652	1.651	0.024	1.634	1.670	205	
	N <sub>sp</sub> <sup>3</sup> : pyramidal	1.683	1.683	0.005	1.680	1.686	6	
	(overall)	1.662	1.662	0.029	1.639	1.682	358	
	subsets of this group are: O <sub>2</sub> —P(=S)—NX <sub>2</sub>	1.628	1.624	0.015	1.615	1.634	9	
	C—P(=S)—(NX <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.691	1.694	0.018	1.678	1.703	28	
	O—P(=S)—(NX <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.652	1.654	0.014	1.642	1.664	28	
P(=O)—(NX <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1.663	1.668	0.026	1.640	1.679	78		
N(3)—P(3)	—NX—P(—X)—NX—P(—X)— (P <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ring)	1.730	1.721	0.017	1.716	1.748	20	
	—NX—P(=S)—NX—P(=S)— (P <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ring)	1.697	1.697	0.015	1.690	1.703	44	
	in P-substituted phosphazenes: (N $\ddot{\text{C}}$ ) <sub>2</sub> P—N (amino)	1.637	1.638	0.014	1.625	1.651	16	
	(aziridinyl)	1.672	1.674	0.010	1.665	1.676	15	
N(2)=P(4)	Ph <sub>3</sub> —P=N <sup>+</sup> =P—Ph <sub>3</sub>	1.571	1.573	0.013	1.563	1.580	66	
	Ph <sub>3</sub> —P=N—C,S	1.599	1.597	0.018	1.580	1.615	7	
N(2) $\ddot{\text{C}}$ P(3)	N $\ddot{\text{C}}$ P aromatic in phosphazenes	1.582	1.582	0.019	1.571	1.594	126	
	in P $\ddot{\text{C}}$ N $\ddot{\text{C}}$ S	1.604	1.606	0.009	1.594	1.612	36	
N(3)—S(4)	C—SO <sub>2</sub> —NH <sub>2</sub>	1.600	1.601	0.012	1.591	1.610	14	35
	C—SO <sub>2</sub> —NH—C <sup>#</sup>	1.633	1.633	0.019	1.615	1.652	47	35
	C—SO <sub>2</sub> —N—(C <sup>#</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.642	1.641	0.024	1.623	1.659	38	35
N(3)—S(2)	C—S—NX <sub>2</sub> N <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup> : planar (for N <sub>sp</sub> <sup>3</sup> pyramidal see MODIAZ: 1.765)	1.710	1.707	0.019	1.698	1.722	22	23
	X—S—NX <sub>2</sub> N <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup> : planar	1.707	1.705	0.012	1.699	1.715	30	23
N(2)—S(2)	C=N—S—X	1.656	1.663	0.027	1.632	1.677	36	
N(2) $\ddot{\text{C}}$ S(2)	N $\ddot{\text{C}}$ S aromatic in P $\ddot{\text{C}}$ N $\ddot{\text{C}}$ S	1.560	1.558	0.011	1.554	1.563	37	
N(2)=S(2)	N=S in N=S=N and N=S=S	1.541	1.546	0.022	1.521	1.558	37	
N(3)—Se	see COJCUZ (1.830), DSEMOR10 (1.846, 1.852), MORTRS10 (1.841)							
N(2)—Se	see SEBZQI (1.805), NAPSEZ10 (1.809, 1.820)							
N(2)=Se	see CISMUM (1.790, 1.791)							
N(3)—Si(5)	see DMESIP01, BOJLER, CASSAQ, CASYOK, CECXEN, CINTEY, CIPBUY, FMESIB, MNPSIL, PNPOSI (1.973–2.344)							
N(3)—Si(4)	X <sub>3</sub> —Si—NX <sub>2</sub> (overall)	1.748	1.746	0.022	1.735	1.757	170	
	subsets of this group are: X <sub>3</sub> —Si—NHX	1.714	1.719	0.014	1.702	1.727	16	

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Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	$q_l$	$q_u$	<i>n</i>	Note
N(3)—Si(4) (cont.)	$X_3$ —Si—NX—Si— $X_3$ acyclic	1.743	1.744	0.016	1.731	1.755	45	
	N—Si—N in four-membered rings	1.742	1.742	0.009	1.735	1.748	53	
	N—Si—N in five-membered rings	1.741	1.742	0.019	1.726	1.749	33	
N(2)—Si(4)	$X_3$ —Si—N <sup>-</sup> —Si— $X_3$	1.711	1.712	0.019	1.693	1.729	15	
N—Te	see ACLTEP (2.402), BIBLAZ (1.980), CESSAU (2.023)							
O(2)—O(2)	C*—O—O—C*,H $\tau(\text{OO}) = 70\text{--}85^\circ$ $\tau(\text{OO})$ approx. $180^\circ$ (overall)	1.464	1.464	0.009	1.458	1.472	12	
		1.482	1.480	0.005	1.478	1.486	5	
		1.469	1.471	0.012	1.461	1.478	17	
	O=C—O—O—C=O see ACBZPO01 (1.446), CEYLUN (1.452), CIMHIP (1.454) Si—O—O—Si	1.496	1.499	0.005	1.490	1.499	10	
O(2)—P(5)	$X$ —P—(OX) <sub>4</sub> trigonal bipyramidal: axial equatorial square pyramidal	1.689	1.685	0.024	1.675	1.712	20	41
		1.619	1.622	0.024	1.604	1.628	20	
		1.662	1.661	0.020	1.649	1.673	28	
O(2)—P(4)	C—O—P( $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (H—O) <sub>2</sub> —P( $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (C—O) <sub>2</sub> —P( $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (C <sup>#</sup> —O) <sub>3</sub> —P=O (C <sub>ar</sub> —O) <sub>3</sub> —P=O $X$ —O—P(=O)—(C,N) <sub>2</sub> (X—O) <sub>2</sub> —P(=O)—(C,N)	1.621	1.622	0.007	1.615	1.628	12	
		1.560	1.561	0.009	1.555	1.566	16	
		1.608	1.607	0.013	1.599	1.615	16	
		1.558	1.554	0.011	1.550	1.564	30	
		1.587	1.588	0.014	1.572	1.599	19	
		1.590	1.585	0.016	1.577	1.601	33	
		1.571	1.572	0.013	1.563	1.579	70	
O(2)—P(3)	(N $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>2</sub> P—O—C (N $\ddot{\text{O}}$ P aromatic)	1.573	1.573	0.011	1.563	1.584	16	
O(1)=P(4)	C—O—P( $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (delocalized) (H—O) <sub>2</sub> —P( $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (delocalized) (C—O) <sub>2</sub> —P( $\ddot{\text{O}}$ ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (delocalized) (C—O) <sub>3</sub> —P=O C <sub>3</sub> —P=O N <sub>3</sub> —P=O (C) <sub>2</sub> (N)—P=O (C,N) <sub>2</sub> (O)—P=O (C,N)(O) <sub>2</sub> —P=O	1.513	1.512	0.008	1.508	1.518	42	
		1.503	1.503	0.005	1.499	1.508	16	
		1.483	1.485	0.008	1.474	1.490	16	
		1.449	1.448	0.007	1.446	1.452	18	
		1.489	1.486	0.010	1.481	1.496	72	
		1.461	1.462	0.014	1.449	1.470	26	
		1.487	1.489	0.007	1.479	1.493	5	
		1.467	1.465	0.007	1.462	1.472	33	
		1.457	1.458	0.009	1.454	1.462	35	
O(2)—S(4)	C—O—SO <sub>2</sub> —C C—O—SO <sub>2</sub> —CH <sub>3</sub> C—O—SO <sub>2</sub> —C <sub>ar</sub>	1.577	1.576	0.015	1.566	1.584	41	
		1.569	1.569	0.013	1.556	1.582	7	
		1.580	1.578	0.015	1.571	1.588	27	
O(1)=S(4)	C—SO <sub>2</sub> —C $X$ —SO <sub>2</sub> —NX <sub>2</sub> C—SO <sub>2</sub> —N—(C,H) <sub>2</sub> C—SO <sub>2</sub> —O—C in SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1.436	1.437	0.010	1.431	1.442	316	42
		1.428	1.428	0.010	1.422	1.434	326	
		1.430	1.430	0.009	1.425	1.435	206	
		1.423	1.423	0.008	1.418	1.428	82	
		1.472	1.473	0.013	1.463	1.481	104	
O(1)=S(3)	C—S(=O)—C	1.497	1.498	0.013	1.489	1.505	90	5
O—Se	see BAPPAJ, BIRGUE10, BIRHAL10, CXMSEO, DGLYSE, SPSEBU (1.597 for O=Se to 1.974 for O—Se)							
O(2)—Si(5)	(X—O) <sub>3</sub> —Si—(N)(C)	1.663	1.658	0.023	1.650	1.665	21	
O(2)—Si(4)	$X_3$ —Si—O— $X$ (overall) subsets of this group are: $X_3$ —Si—O—C <sup>#</sup> $X_3$ —Si—O—Si— $X_3$ $X_3$ —Si—O—O—Si— $X_3$	1.631	1.630	0.022	1.617	1.646	191	
		1.645	1.647	0.012	1.634	1.652	29	
		1.622	1.625	0.014	1.614	1.631	70	
		1.680	1.676	0.008	1.673	1.688	10	
O(2)—Te(6)	(X—O) <sub>6</sub> —Te	1.927	1.927	0.020	1.908	1.942	16	
O(2)—Te(4)	(X—O) <sub>2</sub> —Te— $X_2$	2.133	2.136	0.054	2.078	2.177	12	

## 9.5. TYPICAL INTERATOMIC DISTANCES: ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Table 9.5.1.1. Average lengths (cont.)

Bond	Substructure	<i>d</i>	<i>m</i>	$\sigma$	<i>q<sub>l</sub></i>	<i>q<sub>u</sub></i>	<i>n</i>	Note
P(4)—P(4)	$X_3-P-P-X_3$	2.256	2.259	0.025	2.243	2.277	6	
P(4)—P(3)	see CECHEX (2.197), COZPIQ (2.249)							
P(3)—P(3)	$X_2-P-P-X_2$	2.214	2.210	0.022	2.200	2.224	41	
P(4)=P(4)	see BUTSUE (2.054)							
P(3)=P(3)	see BALXOB (2.034)							
P(4)=S(1)	$C_3-P=S$ $(N,O)_2(C)-P=S$ $(N,O)_3-P=S$	1.954 1.922 1.913	1.952 1.924 1.914	0.005 0.014 0.014	1.950 1.913 1.906	1.957 1.927 1.921	13 26 50	
P(4)=Se(1)	$X_3-P=Se$	2.093	2.099	0.019	2.075	2.108	12	
P(3)—Si(4)	$X_2-P-Si-X_3$ : 3- and 4-rings excluded (see BOPFER, BOPFIV, CASTOF10, COZVIW: 2.201–2.317)	2.264	2.260	0.019	2.249	2.283	22	
P(4)=Te(1)	see MOPHTE (2.356), TTEBPZ (2.327)							
S(2)—S(2)	$C-S-S-C$ $\tau$ (SS) = 75–105° $\tau$ (SS) = 0–20° (overall) in polysulfide chain $-S-S-S-$	2.031 2.070 2.048 2.051	2.029 2.068 2.045 2.050	0.015 0.022 0.026 0.022	2.021 2.057 2.028 2.037	2.038 2.077 2.068 2.065	46 28 99 126	
S(2)—S(1)	$X-N=S-S$	1.897	1.896	0.012	1.887	1.908	5	
S—Se(4)	see BUWZUO (2.264, 2.269)							
S—Se(2)	$X-Se-S$ (any)	2.193	2.195	0.015	2.174	2.207	9	
S(2)—Si(4)	$X_3-Si-S-X$	2.145	2.138	0.020	2.130	2.158	19	
S(2)—Te	$X-S-Te$ (any) $X=S-Te$ (any)	2.405 2.682	2.406 2.686	0.022 0.035	2.383 2.673	2.424 2.694	10 28	
Se(2)—Se(2)	$X-Se-Se-X$	2.340	2.340	0.024	2.315	2.361	15	
Se(2)—Te(2)	see BAWFUA, BAWGAH (2.524–2.561)							†
Si(4)—Si(4)	$X_3-Si-Si-X_3$ three-membered rings excluded: see CIHRAM (2.511)	2.359	2.359	0.012	2.349	2.366	42	
Te—Te	see CAHJOK (2.751, 2.704)							

† See opening paragraph of Section 9.5.3. For numbered footnotes, see Appendix 1.

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