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The concept of hydrogen bonding as a specific interaction paved the way for synthetic receptor synthesis and programmed self-organization and supramolecular synthesis based upon the recognition of the hydrogen bond active sites of two or more subunits. The nature of any newly obtained species will depend upon the information stored in the parent compounds. Molecular engineering approaches to the synthesis of new organic solid state materials may replace techniques such as microlithography and vapor deposition.

The goals of our studies are:

Control over the symmetry of molecular assemblies in three dimensional structures through control over the site-symmetry of molecular self- and/or hetero-aggregates.

Control and optimization of the orientation of charge transfer axes toward optical directions in the crystals for NLO applications.

Among the symmetry elements determining the space groups in organic molecular crystals, the inversion center plays a pivotal role. Indeed, its absence is an absolute prerequisite toward nonlinear effects. Thus, we have undertaken the effort to examine systematically the relationships between the molecular and crystalline symmetry. In order to clarify these relationships, the following notation will be used: small letters will represent molecular point group types, capital letters crystal point group types.

Type **a** (or **A**) denotes the presence of direct rotation axis only.

Type **m** (or **M**) denotes the presence of mirrors (plane of symmetry) or inverse 4-rotation, and, eventually, the presence of direct rotation axis.

Type **i** (or **I**) characterizes the presence of inversion center among the group elements.

a	$\Longrightarrow$	A
mol.		crystal
2-fold axis		2-fold axis

m	$\Longrightarrow$	M
mol.		crystal
mirror plane		planes of symmetry

In our design effort, we seek to replace the inversion center I in the crystal for another symmetry element A or M.

For	
I	☒
A	☐
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Results:

Our specific goals are to design and synthesize urea based cocrystals in which the twofold symmetry and hydrogen bond characteristics of the urea molecule guide the self-organization into noncentrosymmetric motifs. The two-fold symmetry, bifunctionality and high density of hydrogen bonds make the urea molecule ideal for the approach as these factors may override the influence of dipolar forces which tend to favor centrosymmetric lattices.

Figure 1 depicts the unique structural aspects and symmetry of the urea molecule: urea is bi-functional, i.e., it can serve as both proton donor and proton acceptor. It is flat and possesses a 2-fold axis and a mirror plane, and contains four proton donor sites and one oxygen accepting site. However, the oxygen site can accept up to four hydrogen bonds arranged with local C_{2v} symmetry. The hydrogen bond acceptor and donor sites are sterically accessible and can provide a directing influence over the aggregate symmetry.

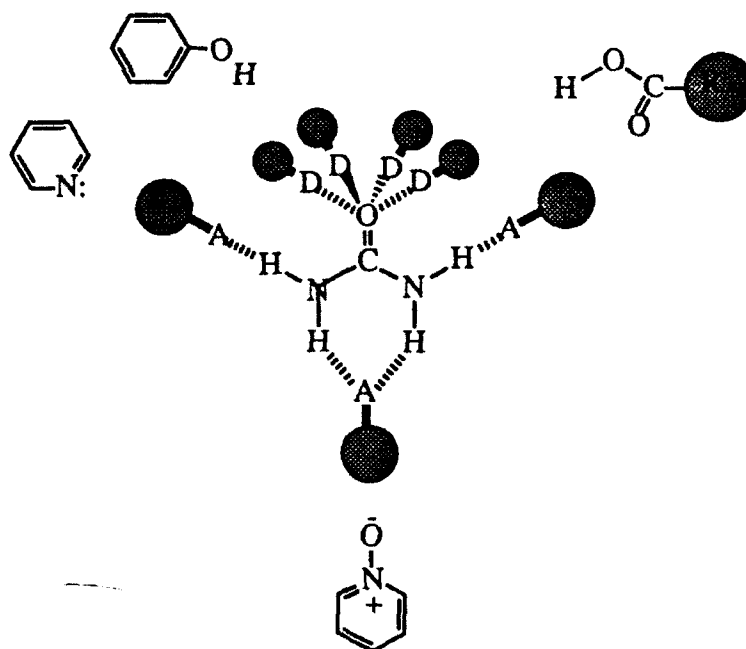


Fig. 1. Spatial orientation of the hydrogen bond activity of urea molecule

We have synthesized and studied the structures of 10 cocrystals of urea with dicarboxylic acids:

Urea/Succinic - (2:1)

Urea/Maleic - (1:1), (1:2) and (2:1) cocrystals

Urea/Fumaric - (2:1)

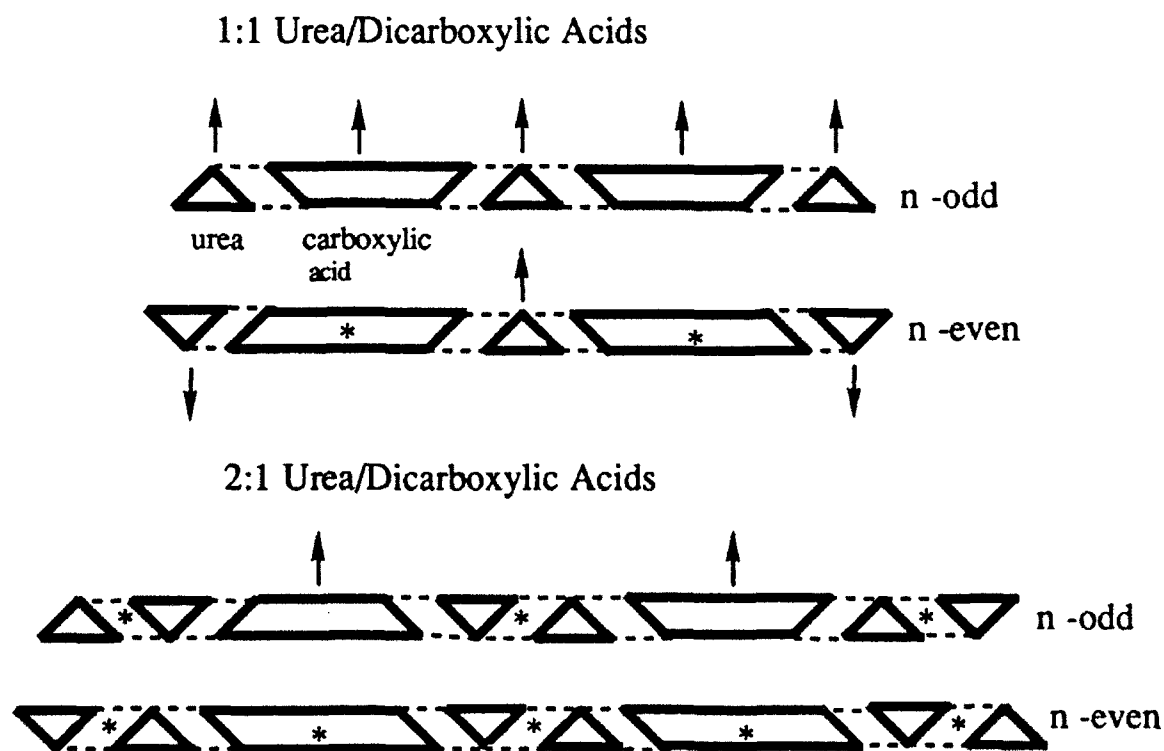
Urea/Glutaric - (1:1) and (2:1) cocrystals

Urea/Adipic (1:1) and (2:1) cocrystals

Urea/Azelaic (1:1) and (2:1) cocrystals

The most important structural data are collected in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

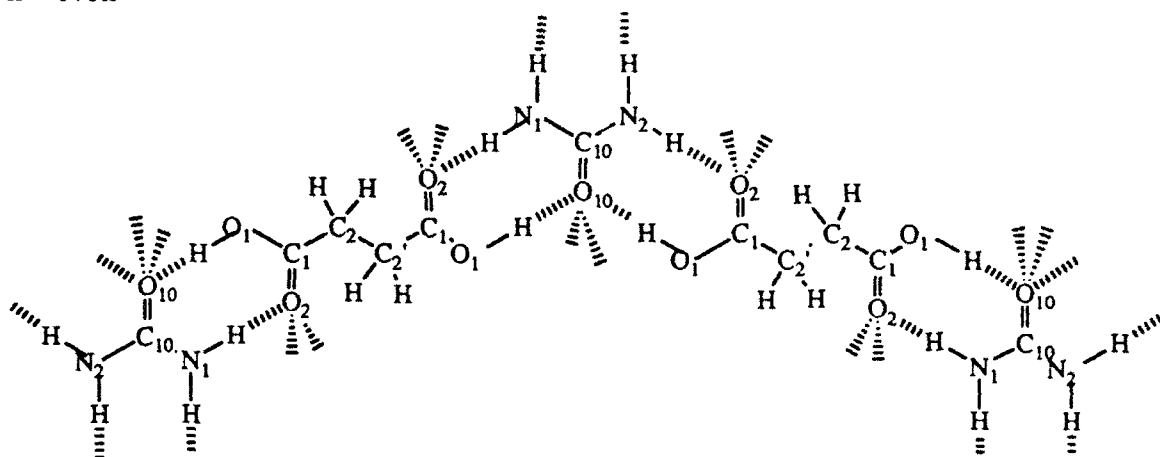
As shown in scheme 1 the symmetry of the aggregate chains is controlled by the symmetry of the urea molecule, the number of carbon atoms in the acid chain (odd, even), and the stoichiometric ratio of the parent compounds. The only case where no inversion center is introduced into aggregate chains is in the 1:1 urea/dicarboxylic acid complex, in which the acid has an odd number of carbon atoms.



Scheme 1. Symmetry control in urea/dicarboxylic acid hetero-aggregate chains

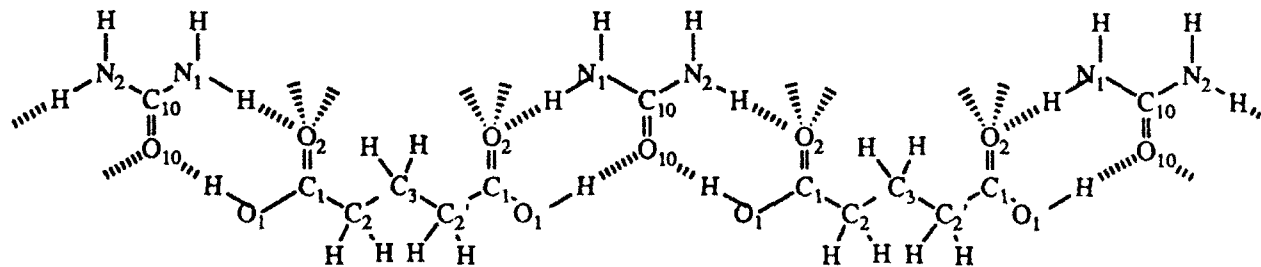
Scheme 2 and 3 depict the hydrogen bond motifs of the heteroaggregates in 1:1 urea/dicarboxylic acids with n - odd or even number. Only two accepting and two donating abilities of urea are used to form polar chains. However, as it was already mentioned, urea is capable of accepting 4 donors and 4 acceptors. These additional hydrogen bond capabilities are used in order to form 2-D and 3-D networks (see Fig 2, 3), which are not necessarily acentric.

$n = \text{even}$



Scheme 2. Hydrogen bond connectivity pattern in heteroaggregate 1:1 urea/succinic acid

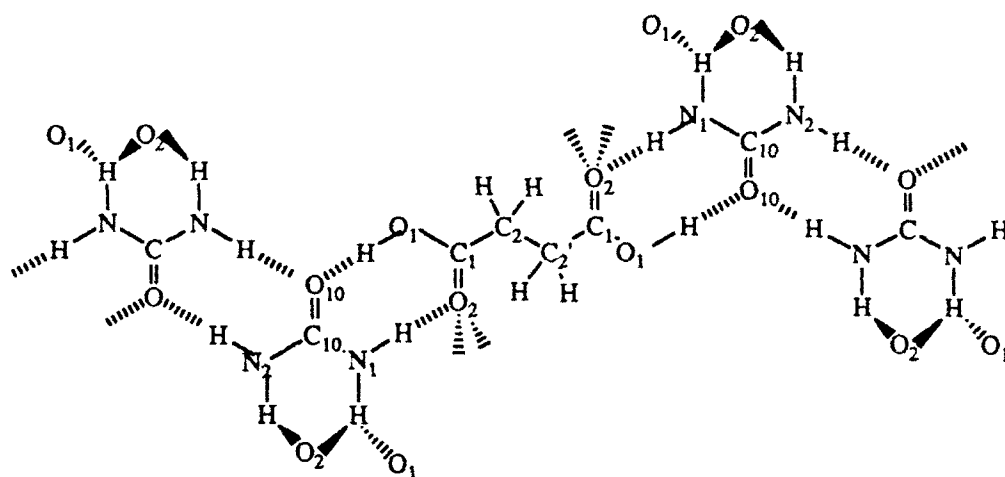
$n = \text{odd}$



Scheme 2 Hydrogen bond connectivity pattern in hetero-aggregate 1:1 urea/glutaric acid

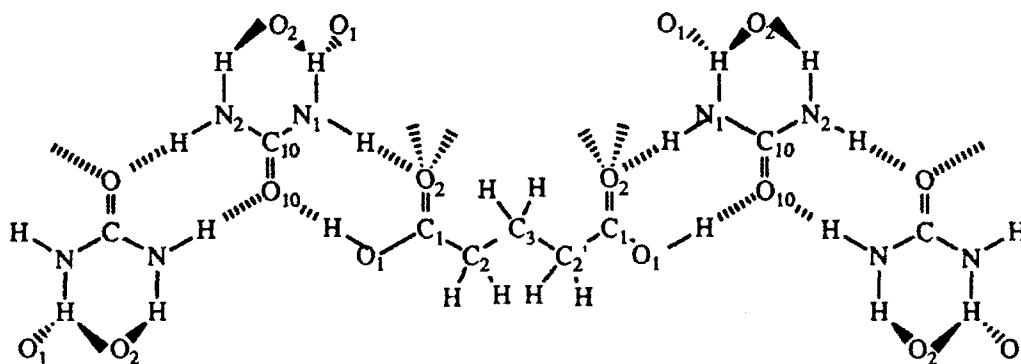
Schemes 4 and 5 depict the connectivity pattern of the hydrogen bonded hetero-aggregates (chains) in 2:1 urea/dicarboxylic acids extended to next hetero-aggregates (chains) to form 2-D and 3-D hydrogen bonded networks. In all crystals with n -odd number of carbon atoms, the hydrogen bonded chains assemble into 2-D layers (fig.2). However in cocrystals with n -even number of C-atoms, the hydrogen bonded chains are arranged in a complex 3-D networks (fig 3).

$n = \text{even}$



Scheme 5. Hydrogen bond connectivity pattern in hetero-aggregate 2:1 urea/succinic acid

$n = \text{odd}$



Scheme 6. Hydrogen bond connectivity pattern in hetero-aggregate 2:1 urea/glutaric acid

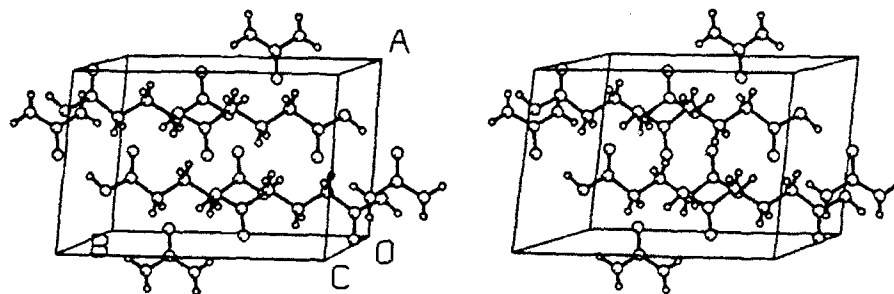


Fig. 2a Stereoview of the unit cell of 1:1 urea/glutaric cocrystal.

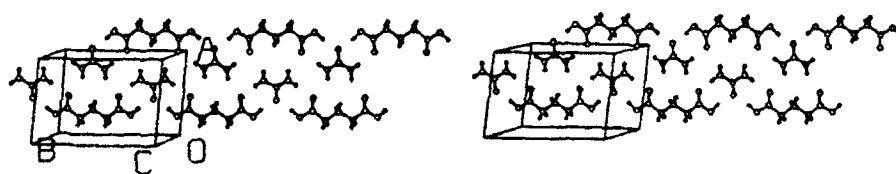


Fig. 2b Stereoview of the two dimensional molecular layer depicting the hydrogen bond connectivity patterns in 1:1 urea/glutaric acid cocrystal

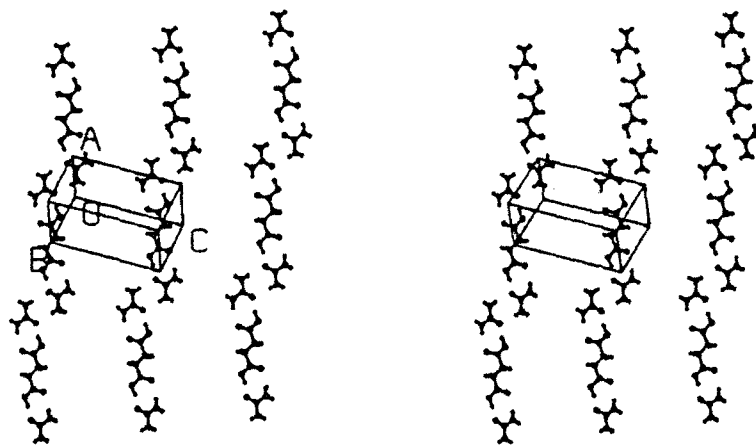


Fig. 3a. Two dimensional hydrogen bond connectivity patterns in 2:1 urea/succinic acid cocrystal.

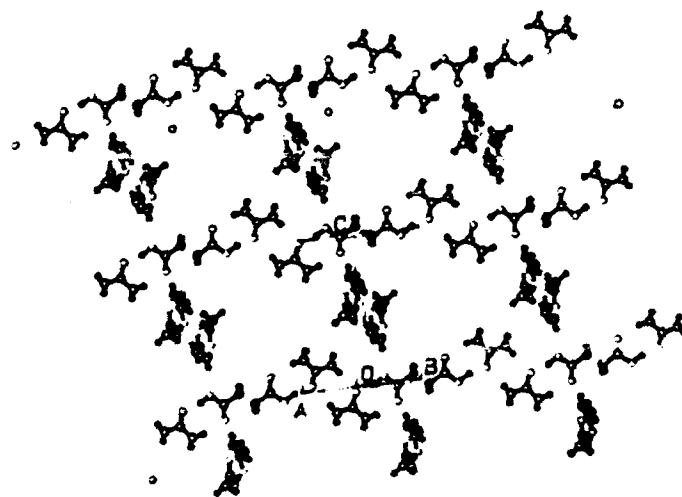


Fig 3b. Three dimensional hydrogen bond connectivity patterns in 2:1 urea/succinic acid cocrystal.

Interesting class of cocrystals appear to be the urea complexes with maleic acid. We have synthesized and characterized by FTIR and NMR and melting points three different cocrystals (1:1, 1:2 and 2:1 urea/maleic acid) (fig 4, 5). The weak C-H...O and C-H...N bonds play significant role for stabilizing the structure of those crystals. Each two hydrogen bonded molecular hetero-aggregates (1:2 urea maleic acid) form a centrosymmetric super-aggregate through weaker N-H...O bonds, which in turn are combined through numerous C-H...O bonds into a nonpolar molecular sheets. In the 1:1 complex the strongest O-H...O and N-H...O interactions are used to form weakly polar chains. The y-components of urea dipole moments cancel in the 3-D networks, but the x- and z- components are non-zero. The chains are connected into polar sheets by weaker N-H...O bonds. Additional weak C-H...O bonds control the molecular forces between the sheets. This fact is very likely to be decisive for the noncentrosymmetric arrangement of 1:1 urea/maleic acid molecular aggregates in a noncentrosymmetric 3-D networks.

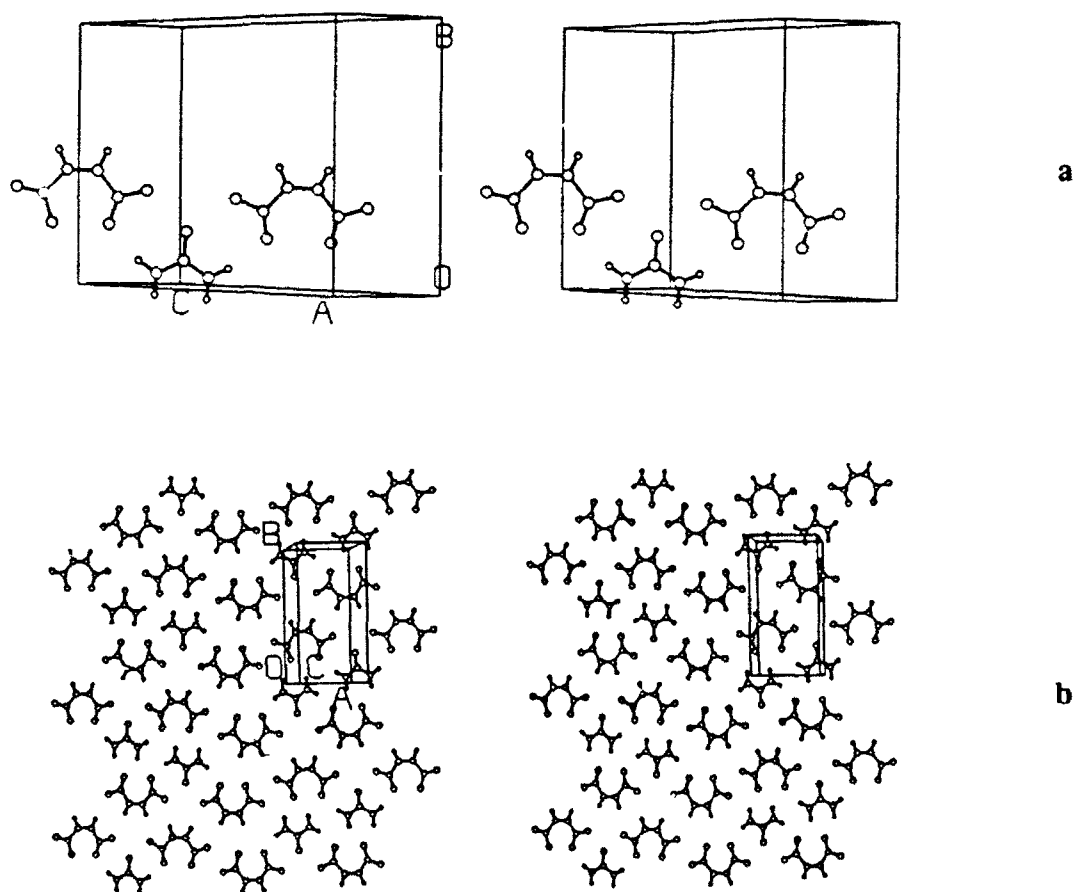


Fig. 4. Stereoview of 1:2 urea/maleic acid hetero-aggregate (a) and the hydrogen bonded molecular layer (b).

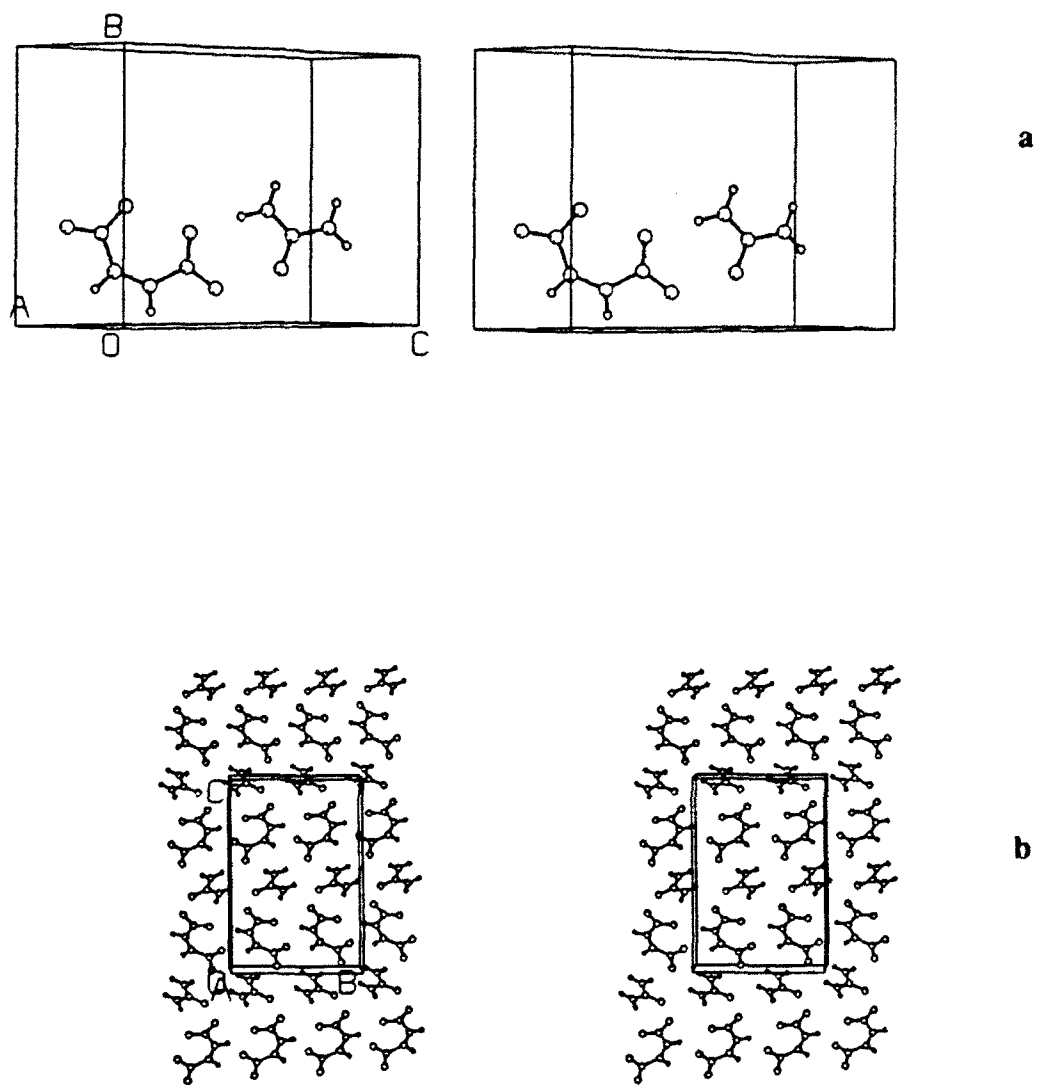


Fig. 5. Stereoview of the 1:1 urea/maleic acid hetero-aggregate (a) and the hydrogen bonded polar layer (b).

TABLE 1 Crystal lattice parameters for 2:1 Urea/Dicarboxylic acid cocrystals

	Ur/Succinic		Ur/Fumaric		Ur/Glutaric		Ur/Adipic		Ur/Azelaic	
Space Group	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c	C2/c	C2/c	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c	C2/c	C2/c
Z (mol units)	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	4	4
a(Å)	5.637	5.545	5.545	5.545	11.954	11.954	8.307	8.307	17.890	17.890
b(Å)	8.243	8.221	8.221	8.221	10.93	10.93	7.244	7.244	11.113	11.113
c(Å)	12.258	12.443	12.443	12.443	9.078	9.078	10.989	10.989	9.685	9.685
β(°)	96.80	97.25	97.25	97.25	97.86	97.86	97.18	97.18	120.23	120.23
V(Å ³)	565.6	562	562	562	1175	1175	656	656	1664	1664
V/Z(Å ³)	283	281	281	281	294	294	328	328	416	416

TABLE 2 Crystallographic data for the most important molecular bondlengths (Å) in urea and some urea cocrystals.

Urea covalent bonds	C=O	C-N1	C-N2	N1-H _{syn}	N1-H _{anti}	N2-H _{syn}	N2-H _{anti}
Urea (RT)	1.260	1.352	1.352	1.003	0.998	1.003	0.998
Urea (*123K)	1.265	1.350	1.350	1.013	1.019	1.013	1.019
Urea/Phosphoric	1.281	1.324	1.323	1.003	1.000	1.002	1.001
Urea/Maleic (1:1)	1.293	1.317	1.317	0.959	0.946	0.928	0.959
Urea/Maleic (1:2)	1.277	1.322	1.318	0.95	0.949	0.95	0.95
Urea/Oxalic (1:1)	1.261	1.332	1.332	0.81	0.84	0.81	0.84
Urea/Oxalic (2:1)	1.260	1.318	1.321	0.88	0.84	0.86	0.86
Urea/Glutaric (1:1)	1.262	1.322	1.326	0.85	0.87	0.94	0.82
Urea/Succinic (2:1)	1.255	1.325	1.324	0.90	0.76	0.83	0.80
Urea/Fumaric (2:1)	1.255	1.327	1.326	0.89	0.85	0.88	0.80
Urea/Adipic (2:1)	1.250	1.330	1.324	0.98	0.89	0.90	0.89
Urea/Glutaric (2:1)	1.249	1.332	1.329	0.83	0.86	0.85	0.86
Urea/Azelaic (2:1)	1.248	1.326	1.323	0.91	0.78	0.85	0.79

TABLE 1 Space groups and melting points for urea/dicarboxylic acid cocrystals.

	2:1 Ur/Dicarb. Acid	1:1 Ur/Dicarb. Acid	1:2 Ur/Dicarb. Acid
	Space group	Space group	Space group
	T _m (Co)	T _m (Co)	T _m (Co)
Urea/Oxa	P2 ₁ /c	C2/c	-
Urea/Malonic	-	P2 ₁ /n	-
Urea/Succinic	P2 ₁ /c	+	-
Urea/Fumaric	P2 ₁ /c	-	-
Urea/Maleic	+	Cc	P2 ₁ /n
Ur/eaGlutaric	C2/c	P2 ₁ /n	105-108
Urea/Adipic	P2 ₁ /c	+	102-105
Ur/eaPimelic	+	+	88-91
Urea/Suberic	-	-	-
Urea/Azelaic	C2/c	+	87-89

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