

Fig. 2. Aside from the distances discussed above the only intermolecular approach less than van der Waals separations is  $S(2) \cdots S(2)'$  at 3.65 Å.

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**The Raman effect. Vol. 2. Applications.** Edited by ANTHONY ANDERSON. Pp.xi + 1033. Figs. 124. Tables 69. New York: Marcel Dekker, 1973. Price \$ 45.00.

This second, final volume of *The Raman Effect* contains five reviews covering the application of the phenomenon to inorganic chemistry, molecular, ionic, covalent and metallic crystals, electronic transitions and high-resolution studies of gases. It complements the first volume (published in 1971) which reviewed general principles, instrumental methods and developments and included sections on the stimulated effect and Brillouin scattering.

The entries in the present volume are mainly well supported by references – if one excludes that quoted (p. 755) claiming that the *Journal of Chemical Physics* was in print in 1670. Three of the articles contain no references later

than early 1970, the remaining two apparently dating from the following year despite the 1973 publication date. The last two years have seen an enormous growth of interest in resonance effects in Raman spectroscopy and applications to the study of rapid reactions and molecules of biological interest. These important areas find no place in the present volume and this omission reduces significantly the value of the work. No doubt all research groups in this field will feel obliged to obtain these highly priced volumes for their virtues of inclusion rather than their sins of omission.

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