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The Crystal Structure of Acenaphthenequinone

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The crystal structure of acenaphthenequinone has been determined by two-dimensional Fourier methods. There are four molecules in the orthorhombic unit cell, which has dimensions

a = 7.81, b = 27.0, c = 3.851 Å.

The space group is $P2_12_12_1$. The molecule is planar, and the molecular dimensions and intermolecular distances are normal for this type of structure.

Introduction

Study of the crystal structure of acenaphthenequinone was undertaken as part of an investigation of a series of acenaphthene derivatives.

Experimental

A crystalline sample of acenaphthenequinone was kindly made available to us by Mr I. G. Csizmadia and Dr L. D. Hayward. It consisted of orange-yellow needles elongated along the *c*-axis, with the (010) face well developed. The cell dimensions were determined from Weissenberg and precession photographs of a crystal mounted about the *c*-axis. The density was measured by flotation in aqueous potassium iodide.

Crystal data

- Acenaphthenequinone (1,2-acenaphthenedione),
- $C_{10}H_6(CO)_2$; M = 182.2; m.p. 273–274 °C.

Orthorhombic, $a = 7.81 \pm 0.01$, $b = 27.0 \pm 0.05$, $c = 3.851 \pm 0.005$ Å.

Volume of the unit cell=812 Å³.

- Density, calculated (with Z=4)=1.49, measured= 1.48 g.cm⁻³.
- Absorption coefficients for X-rays, $\lambda = 1.5418$ Å, $\mu = 9.83$ cm⁻¹; $\lambda = 0.7107$ Å, $\mu = 1.24$ cm⁻¹.

Total number of electrons per unit cell = F(000) = 376.

Absent spectra: h00 when h is odd, 0k0 when k is odd, 00l when l is odd.

Space group is $P2_12_12_1-D_2^4$, as confirmed later in the analysis.

For intensity purposes the hk0 reflexions were recorded on multiple-film Weissenberg photographs, using unfiltered Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. The 0kl data were collected on precession films with related time exposures, Mo $K\alpha$ radiation being used. The intensities were estimated visually. The relative values of the structure amplitudes were derived by applying the usual Lorentz and polarization factors, the absolute scale being established later by correlation with the calculated structure factors.

Absorption correction was considered unnecessary since the crystal used had a mean diameter of 0.06 mm. 152 independent hk0 reflexions were observed (excluding the 020 reflexion, which was cut off by the beam trap), representing 54% of the total number theoretically observable with Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. Only 33 0kl reflexions were recorded, representing about 20% of the total number observable.

Structure analysis

Space group $P2_12_12_1$ is non-centrosymmetric, but it has centrosymmetric projections (plane group pgg) in all three principal directions. The relations between space group and our projection coordinates are those formulated in Table 1.

 Table 1. Transformations between space group and projection coordinates

Space group	\mathbf{Prc}	jection coordina	tes
coordinates	(001)	(100)	(010)
x	$x' = x - \frac{1}{4}$	$x^{\prime\prime} = x$	$x^{\prime\prime\prime} = x$
y	y' = y	$y^{\prime\prime} = y - t$	$y^{\prime\prime\prime} = y$
z	z' = z	$z^{\prime\prime} = z$	$z^{\prime\prime\prime} = z - \frac{1}{4}$

[001] projection

The shortness of the *c*-axis promised good resolution of all the atoms in this projection. Packing and symmetry considerations suggested that the four molecules in the unit cell must be lined up approximately in the direction of the b-axis. Our search for a trial structure was guided by the observation that the 0k0 reflexions exhibit a distinctive feature, being relatively weak for k=4n+2 and strong for k=4n. The very strong 0,24,0 reflexion corresponds to a planar spacing of 1.13 Å, which is slightly less than half the width of a benzene ring. This indicated that in the [001] projection the aromatic carbon atoms must lie very close to the (0,24,0) planes. The angle between the molecular plane and the (001) plane was estimated to be about 24° by comparing the lengths of the molecule and the a-axis. (The final results show it to be 29°.) The orientation of the aromatic nucleus was also in complete agreement with that

deduced from the 'benzene' reflexions. The x- and y-parameters, referred to the molecular origin (defined as centre of the C(5a)-C(8b) bond) were obtained from the projection of a CENCO Petersen molecular model held in the deduced orientation.

Examination of the Patterson projection along [001] confirmed the above deductions. From the multiple vector peak between naphthalene rings related by symmetry, the coordinates of the molecular origin were estimated as $Y' \simeq 0.125$, $X' \simeq 0.190$ or 0.310. The former value for X' was taken since it gave better agreement between the observed and calculated structure amplitudes for some low-order reflexions. (The final coordinates of the molecular origin are X'=0.1762, Y'=0.1249). hk0 structure factors were now calculated by means of the carbon and oxygen scattering factors from Tabellen zur Röntgenstrukturanalyse (Sagel, 1958), with an overall isotropic temperature factor B=4.5 Å². The reliability factor R for the observed reflexions was 40.8%, but there appeared to be no serious discrepancy between the observed and calculated structure amplitudes. 123 terms (including F(000)) were used in a Fourier synthesis, which gave good resolution of all the atoms. Recalculation of the structure factors with atomic coordinates determined from the electron-density map reduced R to 28.8%. Refinement of positional and

Table 2. Observed and calculated structure factors*

h k l	F_{o}	F_{c}	h k l	F_{o}	F_{c}	h k l	F_o	F_{c}		h k l	F_{o}	F_{c}
$0 \ 2 \ 0$	not obs.	- 4.6	1 18 0	12.7	12.0	2 21 0	$2 \cdot 2$	4.3		$3\ 25\ 0$	4.9	6.5
0 4 0	75.9	-85.5	1 19 0	< 1.2	0.0	2 22 0	$4 \cdot 5$	- 5.8	- i	$3\ 26\ 0$	3.0	- 4.3
0 6 0	< 0.6	1.8	1 20 0	$2 \cdot 1$	- 1.9	$2\ 23\ 0$	< 1.3	$3 \cdot 2$	1	$3\ 27\ 0$	2.1	-3.5
0 8 0	60.8	-55.6	1210	10.6	-10.3	$2\ 24\ 0$	9.1	- 6.5	ļ	$3\ 28\ 0$	3.4	-3.1
0 10 0	10.6	12.2	1 22 0	11.3	12.8	$2\ 25\ 0$	< 1.3	$2 \cdot 0$		3290	<1.1	- 0.3
$0\ 12\ 0$	14.6	16.6	1 23 0	< 1.3	1.8	$2\ 26\ 0$	1.6	1.7				
$0\ 14\ 0$	6.0	- 8.4	1 24 0	< 1.3	- 1.0	$2\ 27\ 0$	$2 \cdot 2$	1.1		4 0 0	< 0.9	-1.5
0 16 0	16.2	-16.1	$1\ 25\ 0$	$4 \cdot 5$	7.8	$2\ 28\ 0$	< 1.2	- 0.8		4 1 0	26.2	-24.0
$9\ 18\ 0$	2.7	- l·4	1 26 0	10.3	-12.0	2 29 0	3.5	$- 3 \cdot 2$		4 2 0	$22 \cdot 8$	-21.6
$0\ 20\ 0$	9.5	-12.2	1270	< 1.3	- 4·1	2 30 0	< l·l	0.9		4 30	$2 \cdot 8$	- 5.5
$0\ 22\ 0$	< 1.3	1.7	1 28 0	< 1.2	1.3					4 4 0	5.9	- 6.7
$0\ 24\ 0$	29.5	29.4	1 29 0	< 1.2	1.5	3 1 0	37.5	$31 \cdot 8$:	4 5 0	15.7	14.5
$0\ 26\ 0$	< 1.3	1.8	1 30 0	< l·l	- 0.5	3 2 0	8.4	11.1		4 6 0	5.9	6.1
$0\ 28\ 0$	< 1.5	-2.9	!			3 3 0	15.7	-14.9		470	2.7	- 6·1
0300	< 1.2	- 0.9	2 0 0	17.5	$21 \cdot 4$	3 4 0	38.8	-32.9		4 8 0	16.2	14.4
$0\ 32\ 0$	< 0.9	-2.3	2 10	38.8	-38.9	3 50	3.7	-3.5		4 90	<1.1	- 0.4
$0\ 34\ 0$	< 0.7	- 0.3	2 2 0	16.3	-15.2	3 6 0	< 0.9	1.8		4 10 0	<1.1	-1.0
			2 3 0	$8 \cdot 9$	-12.7	3 7 0	27.3	-26.7		4110	$6 \cdot 0$	- 6.4
1 1 0	14.7	-15.9	2 4 0	30.8	-28.1	3 8 0	11.1	11.6		$4\ 12\ 0$	5.5	- 5.3
$1 \ 2 \ 0$	62.3	-55.7	2 50	$2 \cdot 6$	-2.3	3 9 0	$25 \cdot 2$	-22.5		4130	< 1.2	-3.0
1 30	9.7	11.4	2 60	11.1	13.4	3 10 0	< 0.9	$- 2 \cdot 3$		4 14 0	$8 \cdot 2$	10.6
1 4 0	< 0.5	- 1.3	2 70	< 0.7	1.8	3 11 0	26.0	26.0		$4\ 15\ 0$	12.8	10.6
$1 \ 5 \ 0$	19.4	$21 \cdot 0$	2 8 0	3.7	- 4.8	3 12 0	5.5	6.4		4 16 0	4.3	- 5.0
1 6 0	20.2	-20.5	2 9 0	21.4	20.4	3 13 0	15.5	16.0		4 17 0	3.5	3.1
$1 \ 7 \ 0$	$6 \cdot 5$	- 8.4	2 10 0	4·1	$6 \cdot 9$	3 14 0	$4 \cdot 2$	-2.9		4 18 0	$4 \cdot 2$	6.9
1 80	13.7	-13.2	2 11 0	17.7	-16.8	3 15 0	< 1.2	-2.5		4 19 0	3.6	-2.1
1 9 0	15.5	17.0	2 12 0	30.7	29.4	3 16 0	13.7	-14.0		4 20 0	6.5	4.6
1 10 0	$52 \cdot 1$	-48.4	2 13 0	$7 \cdot 0$	$6 \cdot 6$	3 17 0	< 1.2	0.7		4 21 0	<1.4	1.1
1 11 0	30.6	-29.8	2 14 0	<1.0	-2.2	3 18 0	< 1.2	$2 \cdot 9$		4 22 0	10.4	-11.0
$1\ 12\ 0$	$2 \cdot 0$	4 ·0	2 15 0	$3 \cdot 1$	4.5	3 19 0	12.1	-12.7		4 23 0	< 1.3	1.6
$1 \ 13 \ 0$	$6 \cdot 3$	- 6.9	2 16 0	6.8	- 8.1	3 20 0	< 1.3	4.7	i	4 24 0	< 1.3	- 0.3
1 14 0	19.6	20.6	2 17 0	12.7	-11.8	3 21 0	3.9	-6.5	1	4250	< 1.2	- 2.9
$1\ 15\ 0$	21.9	20.6	2 18 0	3.5	$3 \cdot 4$	3 22 0	<1.3	1.1	1	4 26 0	< 1.2	-2.2
1 16 0	4.0	5.4	2 19 0	< 1.2	- 1.1	3 23 0	10.4	11.3	i	•		
$1\ 17\ 0$	<1.1	- 1.1	$2\ 20\ 0$	5.7	5.5	3 24 0	$2 \cdot 2$	4.0		5 1 0	7.9	- 8·5

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h kl	F_o	F_{c}	<i>h k l</i>	F_o	F_{c}	h k l	F_{o}	F_{c}	$\mid h k l$	F_o	F_{c}
5 2 0	5.0	-5.2	6 14 0	$3 \cdot 2$	- 4.9	8 3 0	6.1	- 6.2	0 9 1	<4.4	4.5
5 30	<1.1	- 3.1	6 15 0	14.7	-12.3	8 4 0	$4 \cdot 3$	- 4.5	0 10 1	18.5	$-21 \cdot 1$
540	6.0	$7 \cdot 3$	6 16 0	14.5	-12.3	8 5 0	$5 \cdot 2$	- 5.3	0 11 1	14.3	-13.3
5 50	17.6	13.5	6 17 0	< 1.3	- 0.7	8 6 0	$4 \cdot 2$	$2 \cdot 2$	0 12 1	< 4.7	→ 4·4
5 60	< 1.2	1.5	6 18 0	< 1.3	$2 \cdot 9$	8 7 0	$5 \cdot 2$	$5 \cdot 1$	0 13 1	9.6	- 9.0
570	7.6	-10.1	6 19 0	6.5	5.0	8 8 0	$6 \cdot 5$	$3 \cdot 2$	0 14 1	18.8	16.1
580	17.7	20.5	6 20 0	$2 \cdot 9$	4 ·0	8 9 0	< 1.4	$2 \cdot 2$	0 15 1	7.0	- 4.5
590	$2 \cdot 5$	-2.7	6 21 0	< 1.2	- 3·2	8 10 0	< 1.2	- 0.5	0 16 1	11.5	-11.5
$5\ 10\ 0$	< 1.2	-2.1	$6\ 22\ 0$	<1.1	0.8	8 11 0	< 1.2	0.9	0 17 1	< 5.4	-2.6
$5\ 11\ 0$	12.8	13.0	6 23 0	< 1.0	1.3	8 12 0	<1.1	$1 \cdot 2$	0 18 1	6.7	- 5.5
$5\ 12\ 0$	6.5	$5 \cdot 0$	6 24 0	< 0.9	$1 \cdot 2$	8 13 0	<1.1	- 0.9	0 19 1	< 5.7	0.3
$5\ 13\ 0$	< 1.3	$3 \cdot 0$	$6\ 25\ 0$	< 0.9	- 0.5	8 14 0	<1.0	0.5	0 20 1	13.9	-14.7
$5\ 14\ 0$	7.0	$7 \cdot 2$	$6\ 26\ 0$	$4 \cdot 2$	3.3	8 15 0	$3 \cdot 5$	-2.9	0 21 1	< 5.9	-2.9
$5\ 15\ 0$	< 1.3	-1.2				8 16 0	< 1.2	0.2	0 22 1	< 5.9	$2 \cdot 6$
$5\ 16\ 0$	19.3	-18.6	7 1 0	4.0	- 3.2	8 17 0	<1.0	0.0	0 23 1	12.9	11.0
$5\ 17\ 0$	< 1.4	- 1.1	7 2 0	5.0	4.8	8 18 0	< 0.9	0.2	0 24 1	< 6.2	00.1
$5\ 18\ 0$	9·1	- 8.0	7 3 0	3.2	4.9	8 19 0	4 ·0	$3 \cdot 1$	$0\ 25\ 1$	10.7	9.9
$5\ 19\ 0$	4 ·0	-1.9	7 4 0	7.2	4.0	8 20 0	< 0.7	-1.3	0 26 1	< 6.4	-1.5
$5\ 20\ 0$	$2 \cdot 8$	-2.3	7 5 0	< 1.4	1.5				0 27 1	< 6.5	-5.9
$5\ 21\ 0$	< 1.3	0.2	7 6 0	13.8	-12.7	0 2 0	not obs.	5.3			
$5\ 22\ 0$	$5 \cdot 2$	4.9	7 7 0	4.5	6.0	0 4 0	86.7	-95.9	0 1 2	< 5.2	- 2.6
$5\ 23\ 0$	< 1.2	1.4	7 8 0	10.4	- 8.8	0 6 0	< 2.8	- 1.4	0 2 2	< 5.2	13.0
$5\ 24\ 0$	< 1.2	$2 \cdot 3$	7 9 0	< 1.3	- 4.4	0 8 0	65.7	-60.6	0 3 2	< 5.2	-2.5
$5\ 25\ 0$	3.3	- 3.7	7 10 0	10.4	6.7	0 10 0	14.1	-13.2	0 4 2	< 5.2	- 8·3
$5\ 26\ 0$	< 1.0	-2.1	7 11 0	< 1.3	- 1·8	0 12 0	15.5	10.9	0 5 2	< 5.3	- 6.1
			7 12 0	< 1.3	- 0.2	0 14 0	$6 \cdot 9$	9.6	0 6 2	12.3	-15.3
6 0 0	8.5	7.4	7 13 0	3.8	- 3.4	0 16 0	$18 \cdot 2$	-17.1	072	14.7	15.6
6 1 0	3.7	- 4.3	7 14 0	< 1.3	- 0.4	0 18 0	< 4.5	$2 \cdot 0$	0 8 2	10.5	13.5
6 2 0	8.6	10.1	7 15 0	3.7	- 4.0	0 20 0	12.3	-12.1	0 9 2	10.6	15.0
6 3 0	5.7	- 3.5	7 16 0	4.1	3.9	0 22 0	< 5.1	- 1.8	0 10 2	< 5.4	− 3·5
6 4 0	< 1.2	0.9	7 17 0	$4 \cdot 9$	5.3	0 24 0	$34 \cdot 9$	29.3	0 11 2	7.5	- 7.8
6 5 0	8.1	- 7.4	7 18 0	<1.1	$2 \cdot 0$				0 12 2	< 5.5	- 1·8
6 6 0	$2 \cdot 2$	2.0	7 19 0	<1.0	- 1.0	0 1 1	$43 \cdot 8$	43.3	0 13 2	< 5.8	$2 \cdot 3$
6 7 0	11.1	11.1	7 20 0	<1.0	1.6	0 2 1	33.9	40.1	0 14 2	7.8	9.3
6 8 0	11.9	-11.6	7 21 0	3.3	$1 \cdot 2$	0 3 1	47 ·0	-49.0	$0\ 15\ 2$	< 5.9	- 4·1
6 9 0	15.2	14.6	7 22 0	< 0.9	- 0.3	0 4 1	67.6	58.6	0 16 2	16.2	15.6
6 10 0	14.2	-13.3				0 5 1	< 3.9	$- 2 \cdot 1$	0 17 2	< 5.9	- 6.8
6 11 0	$2 \cdot 2$	- 2.9	8 0 0	< 1.3	$3 \cdot 0$	0 6 1	< 4.0	- 4.8	0 18 2	< 6.0	-1.2
6 12 0	16.3	13.8	8 1 0	< 1.5	2.7	0 7 1	27.5	29.0	0 19 2	$< 6 \cdot 1$	- 2.0
6 13 0	< 1.4	0.8	8 2 0	$2 \cdot 2$	— 1·9	0 8 1	$32 \cdot 8$	30.7	0 20 2	$8 \cdot 5$	- 6.2

* The phases of the hk0 and 0kl structure factors are referred to the respective origins of the (001) and (100) projections. The calculated 0k0 structure amplitudes are not the same since hydrogen-atom contributions are not included in computing 0kl structure factors.

temperature parameters proceeded by computing successive $(F_o - F_c)$ syntheses, and after five cycles R dropped to 15.0%.

At this point, the contributions of the hydrogen atoms were considered. The positional parameters were obtained by measurement on a molecular model. An isotropic temperature factor of $5 \cdot 0$ Å² was assigned to each of the six hydrogen atoms. The inclusion of these hydrogen atom contributions led to a significant improvement in the agreement of the low-order data, especially the 0k0 reflexions, and the R factor was lowered to 13.9%.

Measured and calculated structure factors are compared in Table 2, and the final $hk0 F_o$ synthesis is shown in Fig. 1.

[100] projection

Since the number of observed 0kl reflexions was smaller than the number of parameters to be determined, good resolution was not expected in this projection. Approximate z-coordinates for the carbon and oxygen atoms were obtained by measurement on a molecular model. The initial 0kl discrepancy was $13\cdot0\%$, for the observed reflexions, and this was reduced by an $(F_o - F_c)$ synthesis to $11\cdot6\%$. Hydrogenatom contributions were not considered. Measured and calculated 0kl structure factors are included in Table 2. The final electron density projection along [100] is shown in Fig. 2.

Coordinates and molecular dimensions

The final positional and individual temperature parameters are listed in Table 3 where the atomic coordinates are referred to the space-group origin and expressed as fractions of the unit-cell edges. The deviations of the atoms from the best plane are listed in the last column of Table 3.

The bond lengths and valency angles, calculated from the x, y, z-coordinates of Table 3, are shown in Fig. 3.



Fig. 1. Electron-density projection along [001]. Contour lines are drawn at intervals of 1 e.Å⁻² starting with 1 e.Å⁻².

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\mathbf{Atom}	\boldsymbol{x}	\boldsymbol{y}	z	B (Å ²)	⊿ (Å)
C(1)	0.7542	0.1556	0.296	$5 \cdot 2$	0.032
C(2)	0.7852	0.1025	0.170	$5 \cdot 2$	0.028
C(2a)	0.6267	0.0864	-0.005	4.3	0.057
C(3)	0.5745	0.0427	-0.143	4.1	-0.030
C(4)	0.4006	0.0407	-0.276	4 ·9	-0.047
C(5)	0.2910	0.0802	-0.262	4.5	0.003
C(5a)	0.3437	0.1242	-0.109	4.1	0.044
C(6)	0.2390	0.1659	-0.062	4.5	0.016
C(7)	0.3048	0.2052	0.118	4.9	-0.045
C(8)	0.4779	0.2097	0.253	4.1	-0.013
C(8a)	0.5757	0.1683	0.201	4.3	0.016
C(8b)	0.5086	0.1256	0.037	3.6	-0.012
O(1)	0.8533	0.1793	0.457	5.7	-0.029
O(2)	0.9168	0.0802	0.223	5.7	-0.024
$\mathbf{H}(3)$	0.658	0.013		$5 \cdot 0$	
$\mathbf{H}(4)$	0.364	0.006		5.0	
$\mathbf{H}(5)$	0.161	0.073		5.0	
$\mathbf{H}(6)$	0.111	0.163		5.0	
$\mathbf{H}(7)$	0.237	0.236		5.0	
$\mathbf{H}(8)$	0.517	0.240		5.0	

Table 3. Final parameters*

H(8)0.5170.2405.0Fig. 2. Electron-density projection along [100]. Contour lines
are drawn at intervals of $1 e. Å^{-2}$ starting with $1 e. Å^{-2}$.* The numbering of the carbon atoms (see Fig. 3) follows
the rules recommended by the I.U.P.A.C. (1958). NumbersFig. 2. Electron-density projection along [100]. Contour lines
are drawn at intervals of $1 e. Å^{-2}$ starting with $1 e. Å^{-2}$.

The orientation of the molecule in the crystal is given in Table 4 in terms of the angles χ_L , ψ_L , ω_L ; χ_M , ψ_M , ω_M ; and χ_N , ψ_N , ω_N which the molecular axes L, M (Fig. 3) and the plane normal N make

given to hydrogen atoms are those of the carbon atoms to

which they are attached.

with the crystallographic axes. The axis L was taken through the midpoints of the C(3)–C(4) and C(7)–C(8) bonds, and axis M through atom C(5a) and the centre of the C(1)–C(2) bond. L, M and N are thus not exactly orthogonal, the angles being $\angle LM = 88.5^{\circ}$, $\angle MN = 90.9^{\circ}$, and $\angle LN = 89.9^{\circ}$. The angle between the plane of the molecule and the (001) plane is 28.9° .





Fig. 3. Numbering and dimensions of the acenaphthenequinone molecule.

Table 4. Molecular orientation in the unit cell

$\chi_L = 81.0^{\circ}$	$\chi_M = 21.7^\circ$	$\chi_N = 109 \cdot 2^\circ$
$\psi_L = 159 \cdot 3^\circ$	$\psi_M = 89.8^\circ$	$\psi_N = 110.8^\circ$
$\omega_L = 108.5^\circ$	$\omega_M = 68.4^\circ$	$\omega_N = 28.9^{\circ}$



0 1 2 3 4 5Å

Fig. 4. Projection of the structure along [001], showing the shorter intermolecular distances.

The standard deviations for the x and y coordinates, calculated from the hk0 data using Cruickshank's (1949) formulae, are $\sigma(x) = \sigma(y) = 0.015$ Å for carbon, 0.011 Å for oxygen. $\sigma(z)$ was not calculated from the 0kl structure factors, which are few in number, but is certainly somewhat greater. The standard deviations of the bond lengths are about 0.02_1 Å for C-C bonds and 0.01_9 Å for C-O bonds. These values may be compared with the root-mean-square deviation of the individual bond lengths from the mean distances of chemically equivalent bonds, which is only 0.007 Å. All valency angles have a standard deviation of approximately 1.9° .

All the intermolecular distances correspond to normal van der Waals interactions. The perpendicular distance between molecules related by translation cis 3.37 Å. Packing of the molecules and some shorter lateral intermolecular contacts are illustrated in Fig.4.

Discussion

The acenapthenequinone molecule is probably planar within the limits of experimental error. The maximum deviation from the mean plane is 0.057 Å for carbon atom C(2a), but this, and other apparently large, deviations from planarity are due to the fact that the z coordinates have been determined somewhat imprecisely.

The good agreement between chemically equivalent bond lengths and valency angles (Fig. 3) suggests that the molecular dimensions have been determined with better accuracy than is indicated by the estimated standard deviations; since the parameters have been derived from two-dimensional data only, however, we will not attempt any comparison of these dimensions with those of similar molecules. Since our chief interest was in the nitrate esters of this series, no three-dimensional work on acenaphthenequinone was carried out.

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