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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

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a=7 \cdot 81, \quad b=27 \cdot 0, c=3 \cdot 851 \AA
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The space group is $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$. 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), $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{6}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} ; ~ M=182 \cdot 2$; m.p. $273-274^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Orthorhombic, $a=7 \cdot 81 \pm 0 \cdot 01, b=27 \cdot 0 \pm 0 \cdot 05$, $c=3 \cdot 851 \pm 0.005 \AA$.
Volume of the unit cell $=812 \AA^{3}$.
Density, calculated (with $Z=4$ ) $=1 \cdot 49$, measured $=$ $1.48 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$.
Absorption coefficients for X-rays, $\lambda=1.5418 \AA, \mu=$ $9.83 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \lambda=0.7107 \AA, \mu=1.24 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.
Total number of electrons per unit cell $=F(000)=\mathbf{3 7 6}$.

Absent spectra: $h 00$ when $h$ is odd, $0 k 0$ when $k$ is odd, $00 l$ when $l$ is odd.
Space group is $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}-D_{2}^{4}$, as confirmed later in the analysis.
For intensity purposes the $k k 0$ reflexions were recorded on multiple-film Weissenberg photographs, using unfiltered $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation. The 0 kl 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 $h k 0$ reflexions were observed (excluding the 020 reflexion, which was cut off by the beam trap), representing $54 \%$ of the total number theoretically observable with $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation. Only 330 kl reflexions were recorded, representing about $20 \%$ of the total number observable.

## Structure analysis

Space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ 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 coordinates | Projection coordinates |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x$ | $x^{\prime}=x-\frac{1}{4}$ | $x^{\prime \prime}=x$ | $x^{\prime \prime \prime}=x$ |
| $y$ | $y^{\prime}=y$ | $y^{\prime \prime}=y-\frac{1}{1}$ | $y^{\prime \prime \prime}=y$ |
| $z$ | $z^{\prime}=z$ | $z^{\prime \prime}=z$ | $z^{\prime \prime \prime}=z-\frac{1}{4}$ |

## [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 $0 k 0$ reflexions exhibit a distinctive feature, being relatively weak for $k=4 n+2$ and strong for $k=4 n$. The very strong $0,24,0$ reflexion corresponds to a planar spacing of $1 \cdot 13 \AA$, 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 $24^{\circ}$ by comparing the lengths of the molecule and the $a$-axis. (The final results show it to be $29^{\circ}$.) 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 $\mathrm{C}(5 a)-\mathrm{C}(8 b)$ 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 $Y^{\prime} \simeq 0 \cdot 125, X^{\prime} \simeq 0 \cdot 190$ or $0 \cdot 310$. The former value for $X^{\prime}$ 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 $\left.X^{\prime}=0 \cdot 1762, Y^{\prime}=0 \cdot 1249\right) . h k 0$ 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 $B=4.5 \AA^{2}$. 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*


Table 2 (cont.)

| $h k l$ | $F_{0}$ | $F_{c}$ | $h k l$ | $F_{0}$ | $F_{c}$ | $h k l$ | $F_{o}$ | $F_{c}$ | $h k l$ | $F_{o}$ | $F_{c}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 520 | $5 \cdot 0$ | $-5 \cdot 2$ | 6140 | $3 \cdot 2$ | - $4 \cdot 9$ | 830 | $6 \cdot 1$ | $-6 \cdot 2$ | 091 | $<4 \cdot 4$ | $4 \cdot 5$ |
| 530 | $<\mathrm{l}$. 1 | - $3 \cdot 1$ | 6150 | $14 \cdot 7$ | $-12 \cdot 3$ | 840 | $4 \cdot 3$ | $-4.5$ | 0101 | $18 \cdot 5$ | $-21 \cdot 1$ |
| 540 | $6 \cdot 0$ | $7 \cdot 3$ | 6160 | 14.5 | $-12 \cdot 3$ | 850 | $5 \cdot 2$ | $-5 \cdot 3$ | 0111 | $14 \cdot 3$ | $-13 \cdot 3$ |
| 550 | $17 \cdot 6$ | 13.5 | 6170 | $<1 \cdot 3$ | - 0.7 | 860 | $4 \cdot 2$ | $2 \cdot 2$ | 012 I | $<4.7$ | $-4.4$ |
| 560 | $<1.2$ | 1.5 | 6180 | $<1 \cdot 3$ | $2 \cdot 9$ | 870 | $5 \cdot 2$ | $5 \cdot 1$ | 0131 | $9 \cdot 6$ | - $9 \cdot 0$ |
| 570 | $7 \cdot 6$ | $-10 \cdot 1$ | 6190 | $6 \cdot 5$ | $5 \cdot 0$ | 880 | $6 \cdot 5$ | $3 \cdot 2$ | 0141 | $18 \cdot 8$ | $16 \cdot 1$ |
| 580 | 17.7 | $20 \cdot 5$ | 6200 | $2 \cdot 9$ | $4 \cdot 0$ | 890 | $<1.4$ | $2 \cdot 2$ | 0151 | $7 \cdot 0$ | $-4.5$ |
| 590 | $2 \cdot 5$ | $-2.7$ | 6210 | $<1 \cdot 2$ | - $3 \cdot 2$ | 8100 | $<1.2$ | $-0.5$ | 0161 | $11 \cdot 5$ | -11.5 |
| 5100 | $<1.2$ | $-2 \cdot 1$ | 6220 | $<\mathrm{I} \cdot 1$ | 0.8 | 8110 | $<1 \cdot 2$ | 0.9 | 0171 | $<5 \cdot 4$ | - $2 \cdot 6$ |
| 5110 | $12 \cdot 8$ | $13 \cdot 0$ | 6230 | $<1.0$ | $1 \cdot 3$ | 8120 | $<1.1$ | 1.2 | 0181 | $6 \cdot 7$ | $-5.5$ |
| 5120 | $6 \cdot 5$ | $5 \cdot 0$ | 6240 | $<0.9$ | $1 \cdot 2$ | 8130 | $<1 \cdot 1$ | - 0.9 | 0191 | $<5.7$ | $0 \cdot 3$ |
| 5130 | $<1.3$ | $3 \cdot 0$ | 6250 | $<0.9$ | $-0.5$ | 8140 | $<1.0$ | $0 \cdot 5$ | 0201 | 13.9 | $-14 \cdot 7$ |
| 5140 | $7 \cdot 0$ | $7 \cdot 2$ | 6260 | $4 \cdot 2$ | $3 \cdot 3$ | 8150 | $3 \cdot 5$ | $-2.9$ | 0211 | $<5 \cdot 9$ | $-2.9$ |
| 5150 | $<1 \cdot 3$ | $-1.2$ |  |  |  | 8160 | $<1 \cdot 2$ | $0 \cdot 2$ | 022 I | $<5 \cdot 9$ | $2 \cdot 6$ |
| 5160 | $19 \cdot 3$ | $-18 \cdot 6$ | 710 | $4 \cdot 0$ | $-3 \cdot 2$ | 8170 | $<1.0$ | $0 \cdot 0$ | 0231 | $12 \cdot 9$ | $11 \cdot 0$ |
| 5170 | $<1.4$ | $-1.1$ | 720 | $5 \cdot 0$ | $4 \cdot 8$ | 8180 | $<0.9$ | $0 \cdot 2$ | 0241 | $<6.2$ | $00 \cdot 1$ |
| 5180 | $9 \cdot 1$ | - 8.0 | 730 | $3 \cdot 2$ | $4 \cdot 9$ | 8190 | $4 \cdot 0$ | 3-1 | 0251 | $10 \cdot 7$ | $9 \cdot 9$ |
| 5190 | $4 \cdot 0$ | - 1.9 | 740 | $7 \cdot 2$ | $4 \cdot 0$ | 8200 | $<0 \cdot 7$ | $-1 \cdot 3$ | 0261 | $<6.4$ | $-1.5$ |
| 5200 | $2 \cdot 8$ | $-2 \cdot 3$ | 750 | $<1.4$ | $1 \cdot 5$ |  |  |  | 027 I | $<6.5$ | $-5.9$ |
| 5210 | $<1.3$ | $0 \cdot 2$ | 760 | $13 \cdot 8$ | $-12 \cdot 7$ | 020 | not obs. | 5•3 |  |  |  |
| 5220 | $5 \cdot 2$ | $4 \cdot 9$ | 770 | $4 \cdot 5$ | $6 \cdot 0$ | 040 | 86.7 | $-95.9$ | 012 | $<5 \cdot 2$ | $-2 \cdot 6$ |
| 5230 | $<1 \cdot 2$ | $1 \cdot 4$ | 780 | $10 \cdot 4$ | $-8.8$ | 060 | $<2.8$ | $-1.4$ | 022 | $<5 \cdot 2$ | $13 \cdot 0$ |
| 5240 | $<1.2$ | $2 \cdot 3$ | 790 | $<1 \cdot 3$ | - 4.4 | 080 | $65 \cdot 7$ | $-60 \cdot 6$ | $0 \quad 32$ | $<5 \cdot 2$ | $-2.5$ |
| 5250 | $3 \cdot 3$ | $-3.7$ | 7100 | $10 \cdot 4$ | 6.7 | 0100 | $14 \cdot 1$ | $-13 \cdot 2$ | 042 | $<5 \cdot 2$ | $-8 \cdot 3$ |
| 5260 | $<1 \cdot 0$ | $-2 \cdot 1$ | 7110 | $<1 \cdot 3$ | $-1.8$ | 0120 | $15 \cdot 5$ | $10 \cdot 9$ | 052 | $<5 \cdot 3$ | $-6 \cdot 1$ |
|  |  |  | 7120 | $<1.3$ | $-0 \cdot 2$ | 0140 | $6 \cdot 9$ | $9 \cdot 6$ | 062 | $12 \cdot 3$ | $-15 \cdot 3$ |
| 600 | $8 \cdot 5$ | $7 \cdot 4$ | 7130 | $3 \cdot 8$ | $-3 \cdot 4$ | 0160 | $18 \cdot 2$ | $-17 \cdot 1$ | 072 | $14 \cdot 7$ | $15 \cdot 6$ |
| 610 | $3 \cdot 7$ | $-4 \cdot 3$ | 7140 | $<1 \cdot 3$ | $-0.4$ | 0180 | $<4 \cdot 5$ | $2 \cdot 0$ | 082 | $10 \cdot 5$ | $13 \cdot 5$ |
| 620 | $8 \cdot 6$ | $10 \cdot 1$ | 7150 | $3 \cdot 7$ | - $4 \cdot 0$ | 0200 | $12 \cdot 3$ | $-12 \cdot 1$ | 092 | $10 \cdot 6$ | $15 \cdot 0$ |
| 630 | $5 \cdot 7$ | $-3.5$ | 7160 | $4 \cdot 1$ | $3 \cdot 9$ | 0220 | $<5 \cdot 1$ | $-1.8$ | 0102 | $<5.4$ | $-3.5$ |
| 640 | <1.2 | $0 \cdot 9$ | 7170 | $4 \cdot 9$ | $5 \cdot 3$ | 0240 | $34 \cdot 9$ | $29 \cdot 3$ | 0112 | 7.5 | $-7.8$ |
| 650 | $8 \cdot 1$ | $-7 \cdot 4$ | 7180 | $<1 \cdot 1$ | $2 \cdot 0$ |  |  |  | 0122 | $<5 \cdot 5$ | $-1.8$ |
| 660 | $2 \cdot 2$ | $2 \cdot 0$ | 7190 | $<1 \cdot 0$ | - 1.0 | 011 | $43 \cdot 8$ | $43 \cdot 3$ | 0132 | $<5.8$ | $2 \cdot 3$ |
| 670 | $11 \cdot 1$ | $11 \cdot 1$ | 7200 | $<1.0$ | $1 \cdot 6$ | 021 | $33 \cdot 9$ | $40 \cdot 1$ | 0142 | 7.8 | $9 \cdot 3$ |
| 680 | 11.9 | $-11 \cdot 6$ | 7210 | $3 \cdot 3$ | $1 \cdot 2$ | 031 | $47 \cdot 0$ | -49.0 | 0152 | $<5.9$ | $-4 \cdot 1$ |
| 690 | $15 \cdot 2$ | $14 \cdot 6$ | 7220 | $<0.9$ | $-0 \cdot 3$ | 041 | $67 \cdot 6$ | $58 \cdot 6$ | 0162 | $16 \cdot 2$ | $15 \cdot 6$ |
| 6100 | $14 \cdot 2$ | $-13 \cdot 3$ |  |  |  | 051 | $<3.9$ | $-2 \cdot 1$ | 0172 | $<5.9$ | $-6.8$ |
| 6110 | $2 \cdot 2$ | $-2.9$ | 800 | $<\mathrm{I} \cdot 3$ | $3 \cdot 0$ | 061 | $<4 \cdot 0$ | - $4 \cdot 8$ | 0182 | $<6 \cdot 0$ | $-1.2$ |
| 6120 | $16 \cdot 3$ | $13 \cdot 8$ | 810 | $<1.5$ | 2.7 | 071 | $27 \cdot 5$ | 29.0 | 0192 | <6.1 | $-2.0$ |
| 6130 | $<1.4$ | $0 \cdot 8$ | 820 | $2 \cdot 2$ | $-1.9$ | 081 | $32 \cdot 8$ | $30 \cdot 7$ | 0202 | $8 \cdot 5$ | $-6 \cdot 2$ |

* The phases of the $h k 0$ and $0 k l$ structure factors are referred to the respective origins of the ( 001 ) and (100) projections. The calculated $0 k 0$ structure amplitudes are not the same since hydrogen-atom contributions are not included in computing $0 k l$ structure factors.
temperature parameters proceeded by computing successive ( $F_{o}-F_{c}$ ) syntheses, and after five cycles $R$ dropped to $15 \cdot 0 \%$.

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 $5.0 \AA^{2}$ 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 $0 k 0$ reflexions, and the $R$ factor was lowered to $13 \cdot 9 \%$.

Measured and calculated structure factors are compared in Table 2, and the final $h k 0 F_{o}$ synthesis is shown in Fig. 1.

## [100] projection

Since the number of observed 0 kl 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 $0 k l$ discrepancy was $13.0 \%$, for the observed reflexions, and this was reduced by an ( $F_{o}-F_{c}$ ) synthesis to $11 \cdot 6 \%$. Hydrogenatom contributions were not considered. Measured and calculated $0 k l$ 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. $\AA^{-2}$ starting with 1 e. $\AA^{-2}$.

Table 3. Final parameters*

| Atom | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ | $\Delta(\AA)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(1) | 0.7542 | $0 \cdot 1556$ | $0 \cdot 296$ | $5 \cdot 2$ | 0.032 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $0 \cdot 7852$ | $0 \cdot 1025$ | $0 \cdot 170$ | $5 \cdot 2$ | 0.028 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2 a)$ | $0 \cdot 6267$ | 0.0864 | $-0.005$ | $4 \cdot 3$ | 0.057 |
| C(3) | $0 \cdot 5745$ | 0.0427 | $-0.143$ | $4 \cdot 1$ | $-0.030$ |
| C(4) | $0 \cdot 4006$ | 0.0407 | $-0.276$ | $4 \cdot 9$ | $-0.047$ |
| C(5) | $0 \cdot 2910$ | 0.0802 | $-0.262$ | $4 \cdot 5$ | 0.003 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5 a)$ | $0 \cdot 3437$ | $0 \cdot 1242$ | $-0.109$ | $4 \cdot 1$ | 0.044 |
| C(6) | $0 \cdot 2390$ | $0 \cdot 1659$ | $-0.062$ | $4 \cdot 5$ | 0.016 |
| C(7) | $0 \cdot 3048$ | $0 \cdot 2052$ | $0 \cdot 118$ | $4 \cdot 9$ | $-0.045$ |
| C(8) | $0 \cdot 4779$ | $0 \cdot 2097$ | $0 \cdot 253$ | $4 \cdot 1$ | $-0.013$ |
| C(8a) | 0.5757 | $0 \cdot 1683$ | $0 \cdot 201$ | $4 \cdot 3$ | 0.016 |
| C(8b) | $0 \cdot 5086$ | $0 \cdot 1256$ | 0.037 | $3 \cdot 6$ | $-0.012$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 0.8533 | $0 \cdot 1793$ | $0 \cdot 457$ | $5 \cdot 7$ | $-0.029$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $0 \cdot 9168$ | 0.0805 | $0 \cdot 223$ | $5 \cdot 7$ | $-0.024$ |
| H(3) | $0 \cdot 658$ | 0.013 |  | $5 \cdot 0$ |  |
| H(4) | $0 \cdot 364$ | 0.006 |  | $5 \cdot 0$ |  |
| H(5) | $0 \cdot 161$ | 0.073 |  | $5 \cdot 0$ |  |
| H(6) | $0 \cdot 111$ | $0 \cdot 163$ |  | $5 \cdot 0$ |  |
| H(7) | $0 \cdot 237$ | 0.236 |  | $5 \cdot 0$ |  |
| H(8) | 0.517 | $0 \cdot 240$ |  | $5 \cdot 0$ |  |

* The numbering of the carbon atoms (see Fig. 3) follows the rules recommended by the I.U.P.A.C. (1958). Numbers given to hydrogen atoms are those of the carbon atoms to which they are attached.

The orientation of the molecule in the crystal is given in Table 4 in terms of the angles $\chi_{L}, \psi_{L}, \omega_{L}$; $\chi_{M}, \psi_{M}, \omega_{M}$; and $\chi_{N}, \psi_{N}, \omega_{N}$ which the molecular axes $L, M$ (Fig. 3) and the plane normal $N$ make


Fig. 2. Electron-density projection along [100]. Contour lines are drawn at intervals of $1 e . \AA^{-2}$ starting with $1 e . \AA^{-2}$.
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 $\mathrm{C}(5 a)$ and the centre of the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ bond. $L, M$ and $N$ are thus not exactly orthogonal, the angles being $\angle L M=88.5^{\circ}$, $\angle M N=90.9^{\circ}$, and $\angle L N=89.9^{\circ}$. The angle between the plane of the molecule and the (001) plane is $28.9^{\circ}$.


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

Table 4. Molecular orientation in the unit cell

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\begin{array}{lll}
\chi_{L}=81 \cdot 0^{\circ} & \chi_{M}=21 \cdot 7^{\circ} & \chi_{V}=109 \cdot 2^{\circ} \\
\psi_{L}=159 \cdot 3^{\circ} & \psi_{M}=89 \cdot 8^{\circ} & \psi_{N}=110 \cdot 8^{\circ} \\
\omega_{L}=108 \cdot 5^{\circ} & \omega_{M}=68 \cdot 4^{\circ} & \omega_{N}=28 \cdot 9^{\circ}
\end{array}
$$



| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |

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 $h k 0$ data using Cruickshank's (1949) formulae, are $\sigma(x)=\sigma(y)=0.015 \AA$ for carbon, $0.011 \AA$ for oxygen. $\sigma(z)$ was not calculated from the 0 kl structure factors, which are few in number, but is certainly somewhat greater. The standard deviations of the bond lengths are about $0 \cdot 02_{1} \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds and $0.01_{9} \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ 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 $0.007 \AA$. All valency angles have a standard deviation of approximately $1.9^{\circ}$.
All the intermolecular distances correspond to normal van der Waals interactions. The perpendicular distance between molecules related by translation $c$ is $3 \cdot 37 \AA$. 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 $0.057 \AA$ for carbon atom $\mathrm{C}(2 a)$, 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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