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7,8-Dimethyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxalin-11-one

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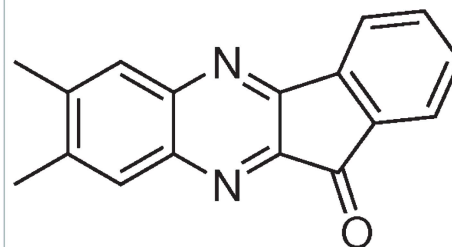
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In the title compound, C₁₇H₁₂N₂O, the mean planes of the indene ring and quinoxaline system (r.m.s. deviations = 0.0131 and 0.0082 Å) are approximately parallel to one another, making a dihedral angle of 1.2 (5)°. This means that the indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxaline ring is almost in the same plane (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0181 Å).

3D view



Chemical scheme



Structure description

Quinoxaline based N-heteroacenes show a narrow band-gap, high thermal stability and aligned film morphology and can be applied as the hole-transport layers in quantum dot light-emitting diodes (QLEDs) (Bai *et al.*, 2015). As part of our work in this area, we now report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxaline derivative.

The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The indene ring and quinoxaline system are nearly parallel to one another [dihedral angle = 1.2 (5)°]. This means that the indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxaline ring (N1–N2/C1–C15) is almost in the same plane (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0181 Å), which contains the two methyl groups. The packing is shown in Fig. 2.

One similar structure has been reported previously (11,11-diphenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxaline; Chen *et al.*, 2020). In that structure, the indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxaline ring (r.m.s. deviations = 0.1197 Å) is twisted with respect to the two benzene ring systems by 70.0 (4) and 67.6 (3)°, respectively.

Synthesis and crystallization

A mixture of 1*H*-indene-1,2,3-trione (3.20 g, 20 mmol) and 4,5-dimethylbenzene-1,2-diamine (2.72 g, 20 mmol) in ethanol (100 ml) was heated to reflux under stirring for 5 h. 7,8-Dimethyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxalin-11-one was obtained as a yellow powder by



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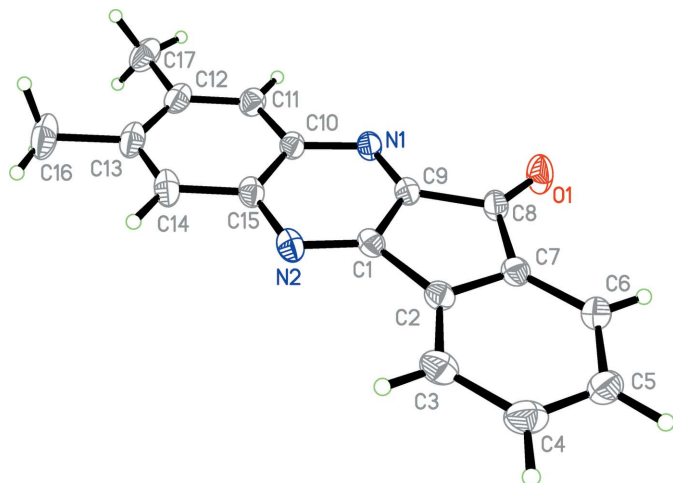


Figure 1
The molecular structure of the title molecule with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

filtering after cooling, yield 82%. Single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution.

Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1

Experimental details.

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| Crystal data | |
| Chemical formula | C ₁₇ H ₁₂ N ₂ O |
| <i>M_r</i> | 260.29 |
| Crystal system, space group | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> |
| Temperature (K) | 282 |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å) | 7.4548 (9), 22.976 (3), 8.3149 (10) |
| β (°) | 115.866 (3) |
| <i>V</i> (Å ³) | 1281.5 (3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 |
| Radiation type | Mo <i>K</i> α |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | 0.09 |
| Crystal size (mm) | 0.45 × 0.3 × 0.22 |
| Data collection | |
| Diffractometer | Bruker SMART CCD area detector |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2014) |
| <i>T_{min}</i> , <i>T_{max}</i> | 0.606, 0.746 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] reflections | 10114, 3134, 2437 |
| <i>R_{int}</i> | 0.027 |
| (<i>sin</i> θ / λ) _{max} (Å ⁻¹) | 0.668 |
| Refinement | |
| <i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2 σ (<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²), <i>S</i> | 0.060, 0.153, 1.05 |
| No. of reflections | 3134 |
| No. of parameters | 183 |
| H-atom treatment | H-atom parameters constrained |
| $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$, $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å ⁻³) | 0.27, -0.23 |

Computer programs: *SMART* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2014), *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009).

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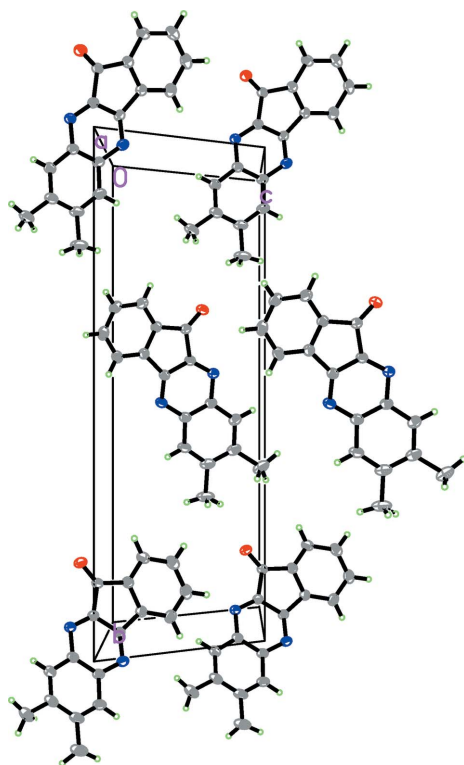


Figure 2
A packing diagram of the title compound.

full crystallographic data

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$C_{17}H_{12}N_2O$

$M_r = 260.29$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$

$a = 7.4548$ (9) Å

$b = 22.976$ (3) Å

$c = 8.3149$ (10) Å

$\beta = 115.866$ (3)°

$V = 1281.5$ (3) Å³

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 544$

$D_x = 1.349$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 5967 reflections

$\theta = 2.7$ – 28.4 °

$\mu = 0.09$ mm⁻¹

$T = 282$ K

Block, colorless

$0.45 \times 0.3 \times 0.22$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD 6000 area detector
diffractometer

Radiation source: sealed X-ray tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 5.6 pixels mm⁻¹

ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 2014)

$T_{\min} = 0.606$, $T_{\max} = 0.746$

10114 measured reflections

3134 independent reflections

2437 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$

$\theta_{\max} = 28.4$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 3.1$ °

$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -30 \rightarrow 30$

$l = -11 \rightarrow 5$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$

$wR(F^2) = 0.153$

$S = 1.05$

3134 reflections

183 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methods

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0487P)^2 + 0.7679P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.27$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.22$ e Å⁻³

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

| | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| O1 | 0.1899 (2) | 0.67104 (6) | 0.38760 (19) | 0.0613 (4) |
| N1 | 0.1135 (2) | 0.54175 (6) | 0.3195 (2) | 0.0400 (4) |
| N2 | 0.3665 (2) | 0.48258 (6) | 0.6458 (2) | 0.0417 (4) |
| C1 | 0.3614 (2) | 0.53906 (7) | 0.6270 (2) | 0.0348 (4) |
| C2 | 0.4780 (2) | 0.58312 (7) | 0.7599 (2) | 0.0366 (4) |
| C3 | 0.6183 (3) | 0.57743 (9) | 0.9349 (3) | 0.0483 (5) |
| H3 | 0.6505 | 0.5411 | 0.9892 | 0.058* |
| C4 | 0.7104 (3) | 0.62748 (10) | 1.0279 (3) | 0.0542 (5) |
| H4 | 0.8068 | 0.6244 | 1.1455 | 0.065* |
| C5 | 0.6616 (3) | 0.68157 (9) | 0.9493 (3) | 0.0517 (5) |
| H5 | 0.7257 | 0.7144 | 1.0146 | 0.062* |
| C6 | 0.5187 (3) | 0.68793 (8) | 0.7744 (3) | 0.0463 (5) |
| H6 | 0.4851 | 0.7245 | 0.7217 | 0.056* |
| C7 | 0.4275 (3) | 0.63822 (8) | 0.6807 (2) | 0.0381 (4) |
| C8 | 0.2716 (3) | 0.63268 (7) | 0.4928 (2) | 0.0400 (4) |
| C9 | 0.2358 (2) | 0.56799 (7) | 0.4648 (2) | 0.0362 (4) |
| C10 | 0.1132 (3) | 0.48201 (7) | 0.3342 (2) | 0.0381 (4) |
| C11 | -0.0140 (3) | 0.44895 (8) | 0.1861 (3) | 0.0448 (4) |
| H11 | -0.0943 | 0.4680 | 0.0802 | 0.054* |
| C12 | -0.0229 (3) | 0.38935 (8) | 0.1933 (3) | 0.0490 (5) |
| C13 | 0.1007 (3) | 0.36040 (8) | 0.3545 (3) | 0.0528 (5) |
| C14 | 0.2283 (3) | 0.39190 (8) | 0.4996 (3) | 0.0500 (5) |
| H14 | 0.3106 | 0.3723 | 0.6037 | 0.060* |
| C15 | 0.2382 (3) | 0.45313 (7) | 0.4951 (2) | 0.0389 (4) |
| C16 | 0.0931 (4) | 0.29501 (9) | 0.3674 (4) | 0.0773 (8) |
| H16A | 0.1901 | 0.2825 | 0.4830 | 0.116* |
| H16B | 0.1219 | 0.2775 | 0.2765 | 0.116* |
| H16C | -0.0375 | 0.2834 | 0.3511 | 0.116* |
| C17 | -0.1623 (4) | 0.35635 (10) | 0.0302 (4) | 0.0665 (7) |
| H17A | -0.2286 | 0.3831 | -0.0665 | 0.100* |
| H17B | -0.2595 | 0.3362 | 0.0560 | 0.100* |
| H17C | -0.0878 | 0.3287 | -0.0030 | 0.100* |

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| O1 | 0.0802 (11) | 0.0335 (7) | 0.0499 (8) | 0.0066 (7) | 0.0095 (7) | 0.0056 (6) |
| N1 | 0.0444 (8) | 0.0322 (7) | 0.0406 (8) | 0.0024 (6) | 0.0159 (7) | 0.0001 (6) |
| N2 | 0.0491 (9) | 0.0341 (7) | 0.0459 (9) | 0.0071 (6) | 0.0245 (7) | 0.0067 (6) |
| C1 | 0.0365 (8) | 0.0343 (8) | 0.0375 (9) | 0.0055 (6) | 0.0197 (7) | 0.0032 (7) |
| C2 | 0.0345 (8) | 0.0395 (9) | 0.0381 (9) | 0.0041 (7) | 0.0179 (7) | -0.0004 (7) |
| C3 | 0.0451 (10) | 0.0541 (11) | 0.0408 (10) | 0.0099 (8) | 0.0143 (8) | 0.0063 (8) |
| C4 | 0.0406 (10) | 0.0733 (14) | 0.0405 (10) | 0.0042 (9) | 0.0102 (8) | -0.0085 (10) |
| C5 | 0.0409 (10) | 0.0557 (12) | 0.0533 (12) | -0.0030 (8) | 0.0157 (9) | -0.0163 (9) |
| C6 | 0.0435 (10) | 0.0409 (10) | 0.0517 (11) | 0.0003 (8) | 0.0182 (9) | -0.0077 (8) |

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|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| C7 | 0.0371 (9) | 0.0388 (9) | 0.0399 (9) | 0.0026 (7) | 0.0181 (8) | -0.0024 (7) |
| C8 | 0.0463 (10) | 0.0313 (8) | 0.0395 (9) | 0.0029 (7) | 0.0161 (8) | -0.0019 (7) |
| C9 | 0.0386 (8) | 0.0317 (8) | 0.0389 (9) | 0.0030 (6) | 0.0175 (7) | 0.0015 (7) |
| C10 | 0.0419 (9) | 0.0337 (8) | 0.0457 (10) | -0.0001 (7) | 0.0257 (8) | -0.0023 (7) |
| C11 | 0.0485 (10) | 0.0413 (10) | 0.0499 (11) | -0.0045 (8) | 0.0264 (9) | -0.0078 (8) |
| C12 | 0.0565 (11) | 0.0417 (10) | 0.0663 (13) | -0.0115 (8) | 0.0429 (11) | -0.0148 (9) |
| C13 | 0.0715 (13) | 0.0330 (9) | 0.0784 (15) | -0.0068 (9) | 0.0554 (12) | -0.0073 (9) |
| C14 | 0.0690 (13) | 0.0325 (9) | 0.0617 (12) | 0.0054 (8) | 0.0408 (11) | 0.0060 (8) |
| C15 | 0.0467 (9) | 0.0320 (8) | 0.0488 (10) | 0.0026 (7) | 0.0308 (8) | 0.0015 (7) |
| C16 | 0.114 (2) | 0.0324 (10) | 0.112 (2) | -0.0109 (12) | 0.0750 (19) | -0.0078 (12) |
| C17 | 0.0766 (15) | 0.0572 (13) | 0.0820 (17) | -0.0262 (11) | 0.0497 (14) | -0.0305 (12) |

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O1—C8 | 1.203 (2) | C8—C9 | 1.510 (2) |
| N1—C9 | 1.301 (2) | C10—C11 | 1.405 (2) |
| N1—C10 | 1.378 (2) | C10—C15 | 1.418 (3) |
| N2—C1 | 1.306 (2) | C11—H11 | 0.9300 |
| N2—C15 | 1.377 (2) | C11—C12 | 1.374 (3) |
| C1—C2 | 1.471 (2) | C12—C13 | 1.418 (3) |
| C1—C9 | 1.427 (2) | C12—C17 | 1.505 (3) |
| C2—C3 | 1.378 (3) | C13—C14 | 1.372 (3) |
| C2—C7 | 1.401 (2) | C13—C16 | 1.509 (3) |
| C3—H3 | 0.9300 | C14—H14 | 0.9300 |
| C3—C4 | 1.389 (3) | C14—C15 | 1.410 (2) |
| C4—H4 | 0.9300 | C16—H16A | 0.9600 |
| C4—C5 | 1.377 (3) | C16—H16B | 0.9600 |
| C5—H5 | 0.9300 | C16—H16C | 0.9600 |
| C5—C6 | 1.385 (3) | C17—H17A | 0.9600 |
| C6—H6 | 0.9300 | C17—H17B | 0.9600 |
| C6—C7 | 1.382 (2) | C17—H17C | 0.9600 |
| C7—C8 | 1.491 (2) | | |
| C9—N1—C10 | 114.01 (15) | N1—C10—C15 | 121.59 (16) |
| C1—N2—C15 | 114.02 (15) | C11—C10—C15 | 119.23 (16) |
| N2—C1—C2 | 128.14 (16) | C10—C11—H11 | 119.1 |
| N2—C1—C9 | 123.29 (16) | C12—C11—C10 | 121.88 (19) |
| C9—C1—C2 | 108.57 (14) | C12—C11—H11 | 119.1 |
| C3—C2—C1 | 130.93 (17) | C11—C12—C13 | 118.99 (18) |
| C3—C2—C7 | 120.44 (17) | C11—C12—C17 | 119.4 (2) |
| C7—C2—C1 | 108.62 (15) | C13—C12—C17 | 121.62 (19) |
| C2—C3—H3 | 120.9 | C12—C13—C16 | 120.3 (2) |
| C2—C3—C4 | 118.18 (19) | C14—C13—C12 | 119.94 (17) |
| C4—C3—H3 | 120.9 | C14—C13—C16 | 119.7 (2) |
| C3—C4—H4 | 119.4 | C13—C14—H14 | 119.1 |
| C5—C4—C3 | 121.26 (19) | C13—C14—C15 | 121.82 (19) |
| C5—C4—H4 | 119.4 | C15—C14—H14 | 119.1 |
| C4—C5—H5 | 119.5 | N2—C15—C10 | 122.55 (15) |

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|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C4—C5—C6 | 121.09 (19) | N2—C15—C14 | 119.32 (17) |
| C6—C5—H5 | 119.5 | C14—C15—C10 | 118.13 (17) |
| C5—C6—H6 | 121.0 | C13—C16—H16A | 109.5 |
| C7—C6—C5 | 117.92 (18) | C13—C16—H16B | 109.5 |
| C7—C6—H6 | 121.0 | C13—C16—H16C | 109.5 |
| C2—C7—C8 | 110.02 (15) | H16A—C16—H16B | 109.5 |
| C6—C7—C2 | 121.10 (17) | H16A—C16—H16C | 109.5 |
| C6—C7—C8 | 128.89 (17) | H16B—C16—H16C | 109.5 |
| O1—C8—C7 | 127.95 (16) | C12—C17—H17A | 109.5 |
| O1—C8—C9 | 127.57 (17) | C12—C17—H17B | 109.5 |
| C7—C8—C9 | 104.47 (14) | C12—C17—H17C | 109.5 |
| N1—C9—C1 | 124.53 (15) | H17A—C17—H17B | 109.5 |
| N1—C9—C8 | 127.17 (15) | H17A—C17—H17C | 109.5 |
| C1—C9—C8 | 108.30 (14) | H17B—C17—H17C | 109.5 |
| N1—C10—C11 | 119.18 (16) | | |
| O1—C8—C9—N1 | 2.1 (3) | C6—C7—C8—C9 | 178.41 (18) |
| O1—C8—C9—C1 | -178.2 (2) | C7—C2—C3—C4 | -1.4 (3) |
| N1—C10—C11—C12 | -179.08 (17) | C7—C8—C9—N1 | -179.01 (17) |
| N1—C10—C15—N2 | 0.1 (3) | C7—C8—C9—C1 | 0.66 (18) |
| N1—C10—C15—C14 | 179.67 (16) | C9—N1—C10—C11 | 179.60 (16) |
| N2—C1—C2—C3 | -0.6 (3) | C9—N1—C10—C15 | -0.4 (2) |
| N2—C1—C2—C7 | 178.74 (17) | C9—C1—C2—C3 | 179.88 (18) |
| N2—C1—C9—N1 | 0.2 (3) | C9—C1—C2—C7 | -0.79 (19) |
| N2—C1—C9—C8 | -179.51 (16) | C10—N1—C9—C1 | 0.3 (2) |
| C1—N2—C15—C10 | 0.3 (2) | C10—N1—C9—C8 | 179.93 (16) |
| C1—N2—C15—C14 | -179.21 (16) | C10—C11—C12—C13 | -0.4 (3) |
| C1—C2—C3—C4 | 177.84 (18) | C10—C11—C12—C17 | 179.93 (17) |
| C1—C2—C7—C6 | -178.38 (16) | C11—C10—C15—N2 | -179.92 (16) |
| C1—C2—C7—C8 | 1.22 (19) | C11—C10—C15—C14 | -0.4 (2) |
| C2—C1—C9—N1 | 179.72 (16) | C11—C12—C13—C14 | -0.7 (3) |
| C2—C1—C9—C8 | 0.04 (18) | C11—C12—C13—C16 | 179.44 (19) |
| C2—C3—C4—C5 | 0.9 (3) | C12—C13—C14—C15 | 1.3 (3) |
| C2—C7—C8—O1 | 177.7 (2) | C13—C14—C15—N2 | 178.80 (17) |
| C2—C7—C8—C9 | -1.16 (19) | C13—C14—C15—C10 | -0.8 (3) |
| C3—C2—C7—C6 | 1.0 (3) | C15—N2—C1—C2 | -179.95 (15) |
| C3—C2—C7—C8 | -179.36 (16) | C15—N2—C1—C9 | -0.5 (2) |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 0.0 (3) | C15—C10—C11—C12 | 1.0 (3) |
| C4—C5—C6—C7 | -0.5 (3) | C16—C13—C14—C15 | -178.83 (19) |
| C5—C6—C7—C2 | -0.1 (3) | C17—C12—C13—C14 | 178.92 (18) |
| C5—C6—C7—C8 | -179.59 (18) | C17—C12—C13—C16 | -0.9 (3) |
| C6—C7—C8—O1 | -2.7 (3) | | |