

# Crystal structure of 9,10-bis(phenylethynyl)anthracene

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## Abstract

Single crystals of 9,10-bis(phenylethynyl)anthracene (**1**) were prepared and the structure was crystallographically determined. Crystal data: Formula C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>; Formula weight, 189.24; Crystal system, Monoclinic; Space group, C2/c;  $a=22.855(5)$ ,  $b=5.359(5)$ ,  $c=16.939(3)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta=99.98(2)^\circ$ ,  $U=2043(1)\text{\AA}^3$ ,  $Z=8$ ,  $D_{\text{calc}}=1.230\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $R1=0.060$  and  $wR2=0.207$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The cross-coupling of terminal alkynes and aryl halides catalyzed by palladium and copper<sup>1</sup> has been used widely to prepare ethynylarenes<sup>2</sup> and their derivatives.<sup>3</sup> Many organic and polymeric new materials<sup>4</sup> have been prepared in recent years via this method. In particular, 9,10-bis(*p*-R-phenylethynyl)-anthracenes (R=H,<sup>5</sup> and OMe<sup>6</sup>) are highly emissive with quantum yields approaching unity,<sup>6b,7</sup>

suggesting their use as laser dyes, scintillation agents and electrochemiluminescence fluorescers.<sup>8</sup>

In this study orange single crystals of 9,10-bis(phenylethynyl)anthracene (**1**) were by chance obtained from THF reaction solution of AgClO<sub>4</sub> and **1**, and the structure was crystallographically characterized.

## 2. Experimental

An orange prism crystal of **1** having approximate dimensions of 0.20 x 0.20 x 0.20 mm was mounted on a glass fiber. All measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer with a graphite mono-chromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation and a rotating anode generator. The details of measurement conditions and crystal data are listed in Table 1. The intensity data were collected at a temperature of 23°C using the  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan technique to a maximum 2 $\theta$  of value of 55.0°. Of the 2651 reflections which were collected, 2583 were unique ( $R_{\text{int}}=0.015$ ). The intensities of three representative reflections which were measured after every 150 reflections. No decay correction was applied. The linear absorption coefficient,  $\mu$ , for Mo K $\alpha$  is 0.70cm<sup>-1</sup>. Azimuthal scans of several reflections indicated no need for an absorption correction. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects.

The structures were solved by a direct method (SIR88)<sup>9</sup> and expanded using Fourier technique. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were located by Fourier difference synthesis. Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement was based on 2331 observed reflection, and 173 variable parameters. Reliability factors are defined as  $RI = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_c|$  and  $wR2 = [\Sigma (F_o^2 - F_c^2) / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ . The final  $RI$  and  $wR2$  values were 0.060 and 0.207, respectively. The maximum and minimum peaks on the final difference Fourier map corresponded to 0.35 and -0.34eÅ<sup>-3</sup>, respectively. Atomic scattering factors and anomalous dispersion terms were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography, Vol. IV.<sup>10</sup> All calculations were performed using the program teXsan crystallographic software package.<sup>11</sup>

**Table 1** Details of crystal data for **1**

Formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>9</sub>
Formula weight	189.24
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	22.855(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	5.359(5)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.939(3)
$\beta$ (°)	99.98(2)
<i>U</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2043(1)
<i>Z</i>	8
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> (gcm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.230
$\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.070
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ (0.7107Å)
Measurement method	$\omega$ -2 $\theta$
No. of reflections measured	2651 (total)
No. Observations	2331 (all data)
<i>RI</i>	0.060
<i>wR2</i>	0.207

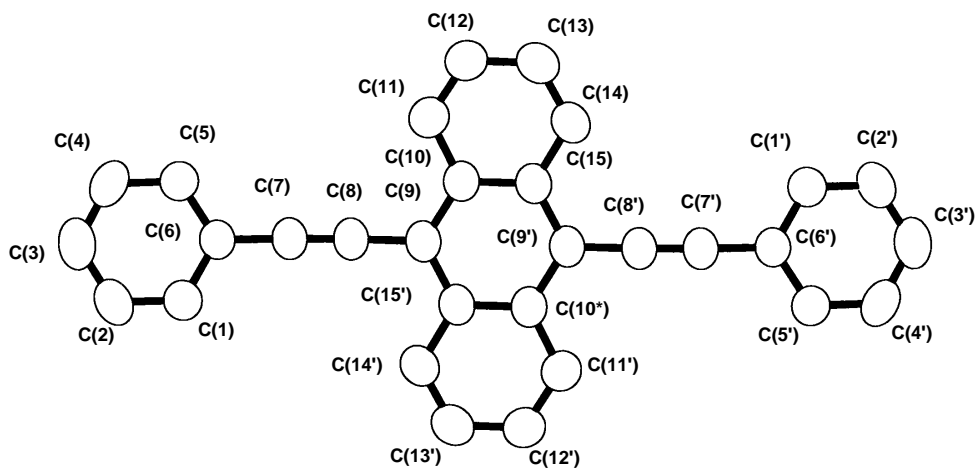
**Table 2** Atomic coordinates for **1**

Atom	<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Z</i>	<i>Beq</i>
C(1)	0.1635(1)	-0.0641(5)	0.8349(1)	5.99(6)
C(2)	0.2071(1)	-0.0625(5)	0.9014(1)	6.85(6)
C(3)	0.2505(1)	0.1152(6)	0.9102(1)	6.30(6)
C(4)	0.2490(1)	0.2975(6)	0.8536(1)	6.54(6)
C(5)	0.2051(1)	0.2984(5)	0.7861(1)	5.76(5)
C(6)	0.16188(8)	0.1146(4)	0.7754(1)	4.46(4)
C(7)	0.11830(8)	0.1007(4)	0.7045(1)	4.81(4)
C(8)	0.08316(8)	0.0758(4)	0.6430(1)	4.71(4)
C(9)	0.04147(8)	0.0385(4)	0.5713(1)	4.37(4)
C(10)	0.04343(8)	0.1909(4)	0.5037(1)	4.32(4)
C(11)	0.08588(9)	0.3884(4)	0.5054(1)	5.09(5)
C(12)	0.08661(10)	0.5352(4)	0.4404(1)	5.45(5)
C(13)	0.04504(10)	0.4977(5)	0.3695(1)	5.49(5)
C(14)	0.00406(9)	0.3120(4)	0.3650(1)	5.04(5)
C(15)	0.00183(8)	0.1530(4)	0.4319(1)	4.31(4)

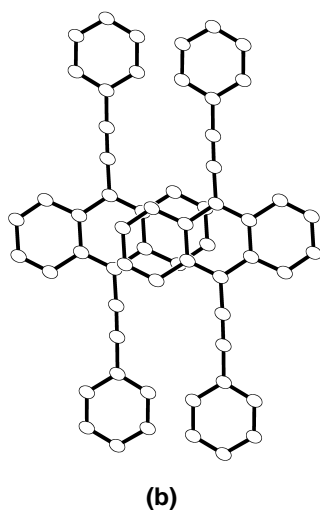
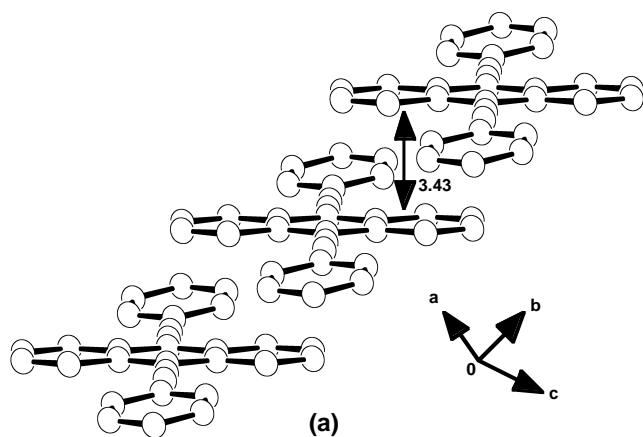
### 3. Results and discussion

Molecular structure<sup>12</sup> of **1** is shown in Fig. 1, together with the atomic labeling scheme. The compound **1** possesses an inversion center of symmetry at the center of anthracene ring. The dihedral angle between the phenylethynyl group and anthracene ring and is 9.7°. The central anthracene ring and two substituted phenylethynyl groups are nearly coplanar. The bond distance and bond

angles of **1** are listed in Table 3. These distances and angles are close to those found in analogous compounds.<sup>1d,13</sup> The crystal packing view of **1** is presented in Fig. 2. The half portion of the central anthracene rings is overlapping each other. The close separation of 3.43Å is indicative of the occurrence of the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking.



**Fig. 1** Molecular structure of **1** with the atomic labeling scheme



**Table 3** Selected bond distances and bond angles for **1**

C(1)-C(2)	1.369(3)	C(1)-C(6)	1.386(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.365(4)	C(3)-C(4)	1.365(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.385(3)	C(5)-C(6)	1.384(3)
C(6)-C(7)	1.423(2)	C(7)-C(8)	1.207(2)
C(8)-C(9)	1.422(2)	C(9)-C(10)	1.414(3)
C(9)-C(15)	1.420(3)	C(10)-C(11)	1.432(3)
C(10)-C(15)	1.423(2)	C(11)-C(12)	1.356(3)
C(12)-C(13)	1.410(3)	C(13)-C(14)	1.360(3)
C(14)-C(15)	1.425(3)		
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	121.2(2)	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	120.4(2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.6(2)	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.6(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	120.3(2)	C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	117.9(2)
C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	120.3(2)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	121.8(2)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	175.9(2)	C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	178.2(2)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	120.0(2)	C(8)-C(9)-C(15)	119.6(2)
C(10)-C(9)-C(15)	120.4(2)	C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	121.8(2)
C(9)-C(10)-C(15)	120.0(2)	C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	118.2(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	121.1(2)	C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	120.5(2)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	120.5(2)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	120.8(2)
C(9)-C(15)-C(10)	119.6(2)	C(9)-C(15)-C(14)	121.5(2)
C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	118.9(2)		

**Fig. 2** Crystal packing views of **1**. Side view (a) and top view (b).

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