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# Benzo[*a*]fluoren-11-one

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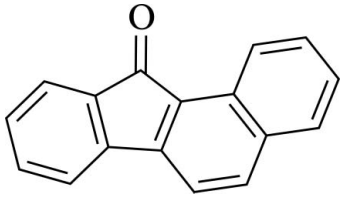
Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T$ = 173 K; mean $\sigma$(C–C) = 0.002 Å; $R$ factor = 0.048; $wR$ factor = 0.094; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1.

The molecule of the title compound, $C_{17}H_{10}O$, is nearly planar, the largest deviation from the mean plane being 0.06 Å. The crystal structure is governed by $\pi$–$\pi$ interactions, with centroid–centroid distances ranging from .559 to 3.730 Å.

## Related literature

For related literature, see: Banik *et al.* (2006); Huang *et al.* (1997); Peng *et al.* (2001); Streitweiser & Brown (1988); Xie *et al.* (2001).




## Experimental

### *Crystal data*

$C_{17}H_{10}O$
$M_r$ = 230.25
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
$a$ = 9.3852 (4) Å
$b$ = 7.1165 (3) Å
$c$ = 16.8809 (7) Å
$\beta$ = 99.278 (5)°
$V$ = 1112.72 (8) Å$^3$
$Z$ = 4
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$\mu$ = 0.08 mm$^{-1}$
$T$ = 173 (2) K
0.55 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm

### *Data collection*

Oxford Gemini S Ultra diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrysAlis RED*; Oxford Diffraction, 2007)
$T_{min}$ = 0.955, $T_{max}$ = 0.983
4736 measured reflections
2134 independent reflections
1433 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{int}$ = 0.034

### *Refinement*

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.047
$wR(F^2)$ = 0.094
$S$ = 1.01
2134 reflections
163 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.15 e Å$^{-3}$
$\Delta\rho_{min}$ = −0.17 e Å$^{-3}$

**Table 1**
$\pi$–$\pi$ Interactions (Å).

| | Centroid–centroid | Interplanar distance | Slippage |
|---|---|---|---|
| $Cg1\cdots Cg1^{i}$ | 3.683 | 3.46 | 1.26 |
| $Cg1\cdots Cg2^{i}$ | 3.627 | 3.48 | 0.98 |
| $Cg1\cdots Cg4^{ii}$ | 3.559 | 3.38 | 1.06 |
| $Cg2\cdots Cg3^{i}$ | 3.730 | 3.49 | 1.23 |
| $Cg3\cdots Cg4^{ii}$ | 3.667 | 3.38 | 1.31 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 1-y, -z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, -z$.

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2007); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2007); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: DN2363).

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### S1. Comment

Benzo[*a*]fluoren-11-one, $C_{17}H_{10}O$, (Scheme), can be readily synthesed by oxidation of the corresponding hydrocarbon with different oxidants, such as $NaBiO_3$ (Banik *et al.*, 2006), or by Friedel-Crafts ring closure reaction(Streitwieser *et al.*, 1988). But its crystal structure determination has not been carried out yet. During the past decade, our group has used various non-organic methods, such as high-voltage electric discharge in liquid (Huang *et al.*, 1997), vaporized (Xie *et al.*, 2001) chloroform and $CCl_4$ and solvothermal reaction (Peng *et al.*, 2001) to generate and trap a family of perchlorinated fullerene fragments. Recently in our low pressure premixed benzene-oxygen combustion system, we generated the compound, $C_{17}H_{10}O$, and isolated it. We report here the synthesis and crystal structure of the compound.

The title compound, $C_{17}H_{10}O$, is built up from four fused rings. The whole molecule is nearly planar with the largest deviations from the mean plane being 0.06Å (Fig. 1). The crystal packing is governed by $\pi$-$\pi$ interactions (Table 1).

### S2. Experimental

The compound was prepared in low pressure pre-mixed benzene-oxygen flames. The premixed flames conditions for the soot production as the following range: atom C/O ratio:1–2; combustion chamber pressure: 350torr. The soot collected from the water-cooled coping was extracted with toluene using an ultrasonic bath under room temperature, the resulting dark-brown solution was separated and purified by multi-stage high-preformance liquid chromatography(HPLC), finally we obtained one of fractions contained pure $C_{17}H_{10}O$. The red single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction crystallized from toluene at room temperature. The product was analyzed by Atmospheric-Pressure Chemical Ionization(APCI) mass spectrometry(negative mode). The molecular peak appeared at a mass/charge ratio of 230.

### S3. Refinement

All H atoms were placed geometrically and treated as riding with C—H distances of 0.95 Å and $U_{iso}$= 1.2$U_{eq}$(C).

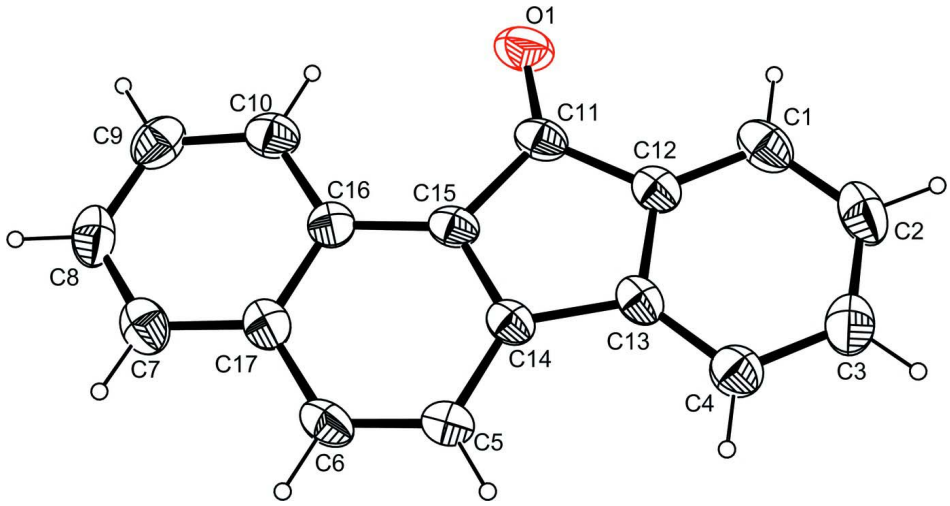


**Figure 1**

*ORTEP* Molecular view of compound I. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

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Cell parameters from 1792 reflections
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$h = -11 \rightarrow 10$
$k = -8 \rightarrow 8$
$l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

*Refinement*

Refinement on $F^2$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$
$wR(F^2) = 0.094$
$S = 1.01$
2134 reflections
163 parameters
0 restraints
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0409P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.15$ e Å$^{-3}$
$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.17$ e Å$^{-3}$

*Special details*

**Experimental**. Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. CrysAlis RED (Oxford Diffraction, 2007)

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

**Refinement**. Refinement of $F^2$ against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on $F^2$, conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative $F^2$. The threshold expression of $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc*. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on $F^2$ are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²)*

| | *x* | *y* | *z* | $U_{iso}$*/$U_{eq}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| O1 | 0.20866 (13) | 0.18498 (17) | −0.07292 (8) | 0.0441 (4) |
| C1 | −0.02937 (18) | 0.4405 (3) | −0.16653 (10) | 0.0378 (5) |
| H1A | −0.0396 | 0.3189 | −0.1900 | 0.045* |
| C2 | −0.11989 (19) | 0.5866 (3) | −0.19725 (11) | 0.0438 (5) |
| H2A | −0.1930 | 0.5651 | −0.2422 | 0.053* |
| C3 | −0.10410 (18) | 0.7630 (3) | −0.16279 (11) | 0.0411 (5) |
| H3A | −0.1668 | 0.8614 | −0.1846 | 0.049* |
| C4 | 0.00180 (17) | 0.7996 (3) | −0.09676 (11) | 0.0356 (4) |
| H4A | 0.0125 | 0.9214 | −0.0735 | 0.043* |
| C5 | 0.26877 (16) | 0.7875 (2) | 0.05511 (10) | 0.0302 (4) |
| H5A | 0.2280 | 0.9100 | 0.0512 | 0.036* |
| C6 | 0.38358 (17) | 0.7465 (2) | 0.11267 (10) | 0.0333 (4) |
| H6A | 0.4220 | 0.8422 | 0.1492 | 0.040* |
| C7 | 0.56835 (17) | 0.5255 (3) | 0.17902 (10) | 0.0368 (5) |
| H7A | 0.6054 | 0.6201 | 0.2164 | 0.044* |
| C8 | 0.63221 (18) | 0.3530 (3) | 0.18308 (11) | 0.0395 (5) |
| H8A | 0.7138 | 0.3288 | 0.2229 | 0.047* |
| C9 | 0.57847 (17) | 0.2119 (3) | 0.12911 (11) | 0.0397 (5) |
| H9A | 0.6246 | 0.0927 | 0.1321 | 0.048* |
| C10 | 0.46019 (17) | 0.2432 (3) | 0.07188 (11) | 0.0346 (4) |
| H10A | 0.4238 | 0.1450 | 0.0361 | 0.041* |
| C11 | 0.18804 (17) | 0.3497 (2) | −0.05773 (10) | 0.0313 (4) |
| C12 | 0.07505 (15) | 0.4757 (2) | −0.10158 (9) | 0.0291 (4) |
| C13 | 0.09063 (15) | 0.6536 (2) | −0.06621 (10) | 0.0282 (4) |
| C14 | 0.21217 (16) | 0.6458 (2) | 0.00190 (9) | 0.0272 (4) |
| C15 | 0.27059 (16) | 0.4674 (2) | 0.00659 (9) | 0.0275 (4) |
| C16 | 0.39179 (16) | 0.4204 (2) | 0.06560 (9) | 0.0278 (4) |
| C17 | 0.44778 (16) | 0.5651 (3) | 0.11987 (10) | 0.0304 (4) |

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)*

| | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| O1 | 0.0524 (8) | 0.0301 (8) | 0.0491 (8) | −0.0072 (6) | 0.0059 (6) | −0.0097 (7) |
| C1 | 0.0367 (9) | 0.0464 (12) | 0.0317 (9) | −0.0128 (9) | 0.0093 (8) | −0.0059 (10) |
| C2 | 0.0361 (10) | 0.0628 (15) | 0.0302 (9) | −0.0109 (10) | −0.0011 (8) | 0.0009 (11) |
| C3 | 0.0332 (9) | 0.0504 (13) | 0.0389 (10) | 0.0002 (9) | 0.0032 (9) | 0.0091 (11) |
| C4 | 0.0329 (9) | 0.0376 (10) | 0.0369 (10) | −0.0036 (8) | 0.0076 (8) | 0.0004 (9) |
| C5 | 0.0322 (8) | 0.0281 (9) | 0.0315 (9) | −0.0046 (8) | 0.0090 (8) | −0.0040 (9) |
| C6 | 0.0380 (9) | 0.0355 (10) | 0.0271 (9) | −0.0106 (8) | 0.0072 (8) | −0.0086 (9) |
| C7 | 0.0354 (9) | 0.0485 (12) | 0.0271 (9) | −0.0076 (9) | 0.0070 (8) | −0.0004 (10) |
| C8 | 0.0317 (9) | 0.0562 (14) | 0.0297 (10) | −0.0007 (9) | 0.0021 (8) | 0.0106 (10) |
| C9 | 0.0378 (10) | 0.0390 (11) | 0.0445 (11) | 0.0035 (9) | 0.0130 (9) | 0.0117 (10) |
| C10 | 0.0354 (9) | 0.0340 (11) | 0.0366 (10) | −0.0079 (8) | 0.0128 (8) | 0.0000 (9) |
| C11 | 0.0331 (9) | 0.0311 (10) | 0.0319 (9) | −0.0098 (8) | 0.0113 (8) | −0.0029 (9) |
| C12 | 0.0288 (8) | 0.0343 (10) | 0.0257 (9) | −0.0069 (8) | 0.0092 (8) | −0.0011 (9) |
| C13 | 0.0244 (8) | 0.0370 (11) | 0.0245 (8) | −0.0073 (8) | 0.0078 (7) | −0.0012 (9) |
| C14 | 0.0256 (8) | 0.0316 (10) | 0.0260 (9) | −0.0074 (7) | 0.0087 (7) | −0.0007 (9) |
| C15 | 0.0294 (8) | 0.0276 (9) | 0.0277 (9) | −0.0080 (8) | 0.0111 (7) | −0.0011 (9) |
| C16 | 0.0261 (8) | 0.0320 (10) | 0.0272 (9) | −0.0047 (7) | 0.0095 (7) | 0.0041 (9) |
| C17 | 0.0282 (9) | 0.0385 (11) | 0.0258 (9) | −0.0061 (8) | 0.0083 (8) | 0.0015 (9) |

*Geometric parameters (Å, º)*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| O1—C11 | 1.222 (2) | C7—C17 | 1.412 (2) |
| C1—C12 | 1.371 (2) | C7—H7A | 0.9500 |
| C1—C2 | 1.389 (3) | C8—C9 | 1.395 (3) |
| C1—H1A | 0.9500 | C8—H8A | 0.9500 |
| C2—C3 | 1.381 (3) | C9—C10 | 1.367 (2) |
| C2—H2A | 0.9500 | C9—H9A | 0.9500 |
| C3—C4 | 1.393 (2) | C10—C16 | 1.411 (2) |
| C3—H3A | 0.9500 | C10—H10A | 0.9500 |
| C4—C13 | 1.380 (2) | C11—C15 | 1.486 (2) |
| C4—H4A | 0.9500 | C11—C12 | 1.491 (2) |
| C5—C6 | 1.361 (2) | C12—C13 | 1.397 (2) |
| C5—C14 | 1.397 (2) | C13—C14 | 1.484 (2) |
| C5—H5A | 0.9500 | C14—C15 | 1.380 (2) |
| C6—C17 | 1.421 (2) | C15—C16 | 1.426 (2) |
| C6—H6A | 0.9500 | C16—C17 | 1.422 (2) |
| C7—C8 | 1.362 (3) | | |
| | | | |
| C12—C1—C2 | 118.49 (18) | C8—C9—H9A | 119.6 |
| C12—C1—H1A | 120.8 | C9—C10—C16 | 120.40 (17) |
| C2—C1—H1A | 120.8 | C9—C10—H10A | 119.8 |
| C3—C2—C1 | 120.36 (17) | C16—C10—H10A | 119.8 |
| C3—C2—H2A | 119.8 | O1—C11—C15 | 127.75 (16) |
| C1—C2—H2A | 119.8 | O1—C11—C12 | 126.62 (16) |
| C2—C3—C4 | 121.42 (18) | C15—C11—C12 | 105.62 (14) |

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|---|---|---|---|
| C2—C3—H3A | 119.3 | C1—C12—C13 | 121.30 (16) |
| C4—C3—H3A | 119.3 | C1—C12—C11 | 130.30 (16) |
| C13—C4—C3 | 117.91 (17) | C13—C12—C11 | 108.39 (13) |
| C13—C4—H4A | 121.0 | C4—C13—C12 | 120.51 (15) |
| C3—C4—H4A | 121.0 | C4—C13—C14 | 131.32 (16) |
| C6—C5—C14 | 118.63 (16) | C12—C13—C14 | 108.15 (15) |
| C6—C5—H5A | 120.7 | C15—C14—C5 | 121.40 (15) |
| C14—C5—H5A | 120.7 | C15—C14—C13 | 109.10 (15) |
| C5—C6—C17 | 122.13 (16) | C5—C14—C13 | 129.49 (16) |
| C5—C6—H6A | 118.9 | C14—C15—C16 | 121.37 (15) |
| C17—C6—H6A | 118.9 | C14—C15—C11 | 108.72 (14) |
| C8—C7—C17 | 120.77 (17) | C16—C15—C11 | 129.91 (15) |
| C8—C7—H7A | 119.6 | C10—C16—C17 | 118.86 (15) |
| C17—C7—H7A | 119.6 | C10—C16—C15 | 124.34 (15) |
| C7—C8—C9 | 120.38 (16) | C17—C16—C15 | 116.79 (15) |
| C7—C8—H8A | 119.8 | C7—C17—C6 | 121.51 (16) |
| C9—C8—H8A | 119.8 | C7—C17—C16 | 118.79 (16) |
| C10—C9—C8 | 120.77 (17) | C6—C17—C16 | 119.69 (14) |
| C10—C9—H9A | 119.6 | | |