

# A temperature-dependent phase transformation of (*E*)-2-[(4-chlorophenyl)imino]acenaphthylen-1-one

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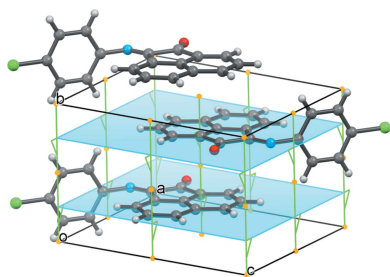
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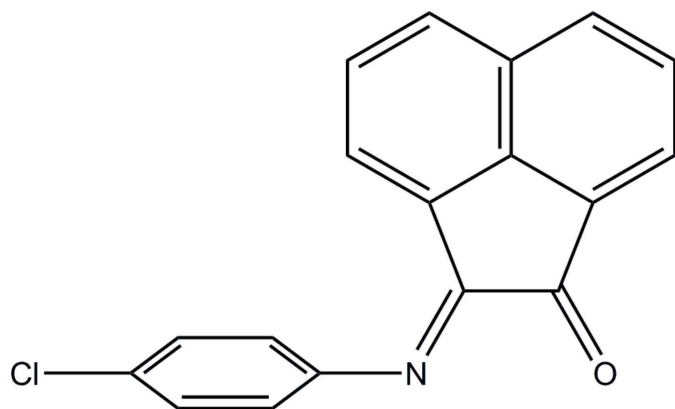
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The crystal structure determination based on 90 K data of the title imine ligand, C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClNO, revealed non-merohedral twinning with three twin domains. In our experience, this is an indication of an ordering phase transition. Consequently, the structure was redetermined with higher temperature data, and a reversible phase transition was discovered. The higher temperature phase is indeed an ordered structure. At the higher temperature, the 4-chlorophenyl group has rotated by *ca* 7° into a crystallographic mirror plane. Warming the crystal from 90 K to 250 K changes the space group from triclinic *P* $\bar{1}$ , to monoclinic *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*m*. Diverse non-classical interactions are present in the crystal packing, and these are described for the phase change reported in this work. The crystal structure of the title imine ligand, measured at 100 K, has been reported on previously [Kovach *et al.* (2011). *J. Mol. Struct.* **992**, 33–38].

## 1. Chemical context

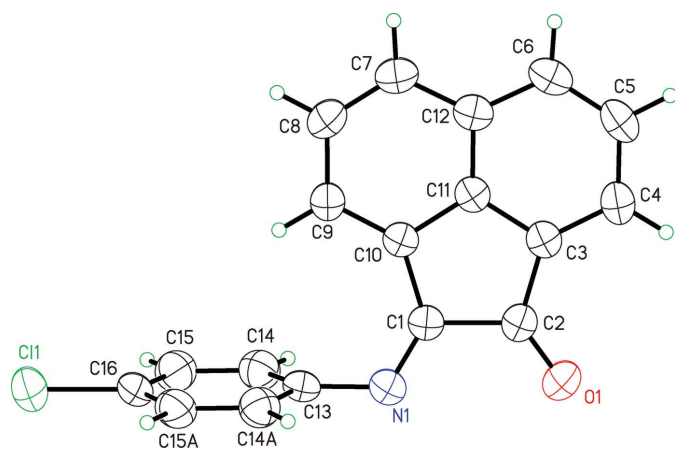
Transition metal complexes that can photochemically release carbon monoxide upon exposure to visible light have been reported recently (Chakraborty *et al.*, 2014; Stenger-Smith *et al.*, 2017). Facile release of carbon monoxide has been observed in manganese carbonyls containing acenaphthalene derivatives (Carrington *et al.*, 2015) including the ligand MIAN {2-[(4-chlorophenyl)imino]acenaphthylen-1-one}, the subject of this study, shown in the Scheme. Our crystal structure determination of MIAN at 90 K agrees with the structure reported by Kovach *et al.* (2011) at 100 K. In particular, the structure occurs in the triclinic space group *P* $\bar{1}$  and it is found to be a twin. In the NMR study of MIAN by Kovach *et al.*, major and minor species were detected in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature and a single species at 388 K in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. They suggested that an *E* to *Z* equilibration with the *E* form dominant takes place at the elevated temperature. The occurrence of a low-symmetry space group and twinning are indicative of a solid–solid phase change, and we were curious about the structure at higher temperatures. While a change of conformation from *E* to *Z* would be a very large solid-state change, an alternative structural change would be possible. At 250 K, a small solid-state change was indicated and the new space group is *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*m* ( $\alpha$  phase). The only difference, aside from small differences in unit-cell dimensions, is a rotation of the iminoacenaphthylen-1-one group into a crystallographic mirror plane. In each phase, the molecule remains in the *E* conformation.





## 2. Structural commentary

The crystal structure was initially determined at 90 K. Three twin domains were found, with relative contributions of 0.441 (2), 0.058 (3), 0.060 (3). Redetermination of the structure at higher temperatures validated our suspicion that the structure was temperature-sensitive. In order to more easily compare the low-temperature and room-temperature crystal structures, a non-standard setting for the triclinic form was selected. In this setting the shortest axis is the *b* axis. The *b* axis is then the unique axis in the monoclinic setting of  $P2_1/m$ . Since minor changes in unit-cell dimensions occur, the exact temperature of the phase change was difficult to determine, but examination of the diffraction images revealed obvious twinning between 90 and 208 K, coalescence of diffraction spots occurring at 230 K, and by 250 K it was clear that the twinning had vanished and the space-group symmetry had changed. Solution of the two structures showed that the structural effect of the temperature change goes from triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$  with  $Z = 2$  ( $Z' = 1$ ) to monoclinic,  $P2_1/m$  with  $Z = 2$  ( $Z' = 0.5$ ). The most obvious structural change involves rotation and



**Figure 1**  
Molecular structure of the title compound at 250 K ( $\alpha$ -phase), showing 50% thermal displacement parameters and the atom-numbering scheme. Atoms C14 and C15 are related to atoms C14A and C15A, respectively, by mirror symmetry.

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for the  $\alpha$ -phase.

$C_g$  is the centroid of the 4-chlorophenyl ring (C13–C16/C14A/C15A).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C6-H6\cdots C_g^i$	0.94	2.86	3.803 (2)	177
$C9-H9\cdots C_g$	0.94	2.88	3.668 (11)	128

Symmetry code: (i)  $x + 1, y, z + 1$ .

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for the  $\beta$ -phase.

$C_g$  is the centroid of the 4-chlorophenyl ring (C13–C18).

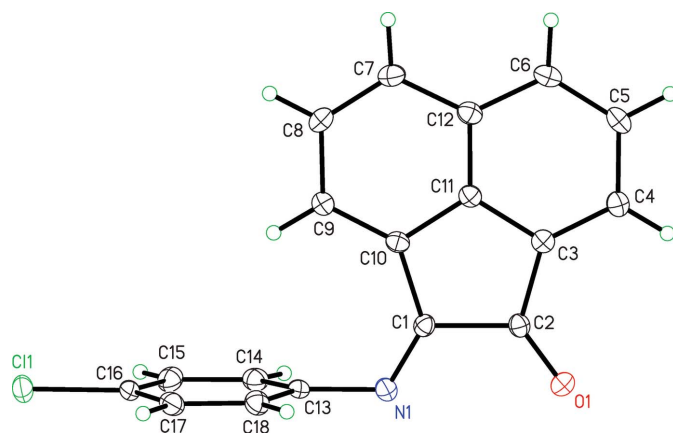
$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C7-H7\cdots Cl1^i$	0.95	2.80	3.748 (2)	179
$C6-H6\cdots C_g^{ii}$	0.95	2.75	3.698 (4)	177
$C9-H9\cdots C_g$	0.95	2.87	3.644 (4)	142

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

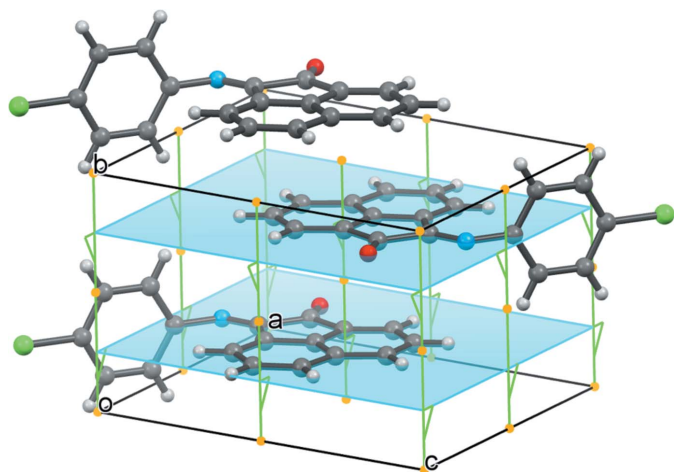
a change in the dihedral angle between the two molecular planes that brings the acenaphthyl group into the crystallographic mirror plane. At 250 K the dihedral angle is  $90^\circ$  while at 90 K it is  $83.16$  ( $4$ ) $^\circ$ . The unit-cell volume is 2.5% larger at the higher temperature. As would be expected, thermal motion is greater at high temperature, with  $U_{eq}$  averaging  $0.047$   $\text{\AA}^2$  vs  $0.017$   $\text{\AA}^2$  at low temperature. Thermal motion in the 4-chlorophenyl ring is slightly greater than the acenaphthyl group at both temperatures, 13.5% greater in the  $\alpha$ -phase (90 K) and 10.0% in the  $\beta$ -phase (250 K). Figs. 1 and 2, depict the high ( $\alpha$ -phase) and low ( $\beta$ -phase) temperature structures, respectively. The similarity in the packing is evident from Figs. 3 and 4.

## 3. Supramolecular features

The two rings are perpendicular within each polymorph, likely due to a steric effect between H9, bonded to C9, and one of the *ortho* hydrogen atoms on the 4-chlorophenyl ring (with centroid  $C_g$ ). As a result of the perpendicular arrangement of

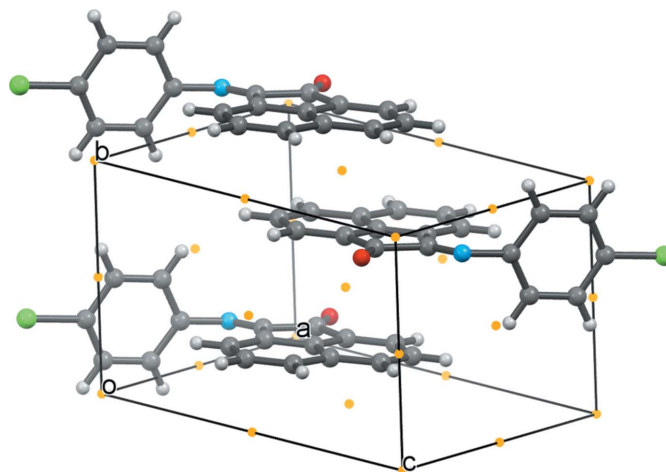


**Figure 2**  
Molecular structure of the title compound at 90 K ( $\beta$ -phase), showing 50% thermal displacement parameters and the atom-numbering scheme.



**Figure 3**  
A view of the packing of the room temperature structure ( $\alpha$ -phase). The crystallographic mirror planes are shown in blue. Orange dots indicate the crystallographic centers of inversion.

the two ring systems, there is an intramolecular H9 $\cdots$ Cg distance of 2.90 Å in the 250 K structure and 2.85 Å in the 90 K structure (Tables 1 and 2). Neither structure has solvent-accessible voids. We looked for intra- and intermolecular interactions that might be influential in the structural change. The only significant non-classical hydrogen bond of the C—H $\cdots$ A type present is found in the crystal structure of the low-temperature structure ( $\beta$ -phase), with a C—H $\cdots$ Cl<sup>i</sup> hydrogen bond linking neighbouring molecules to form chains along the



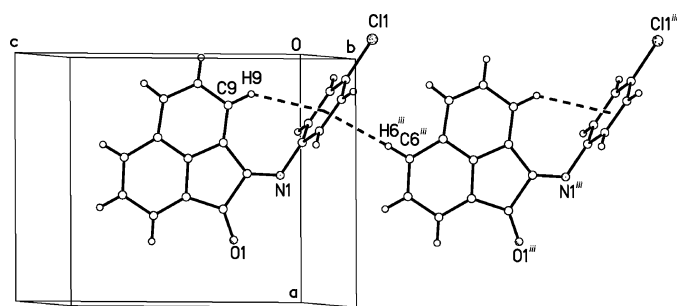
**Figure 4**  
A view of the packing of the low temperature structure ( $\beta$ -phase). Orange dots indicate the crystallographic centers of inversion.

$c$ -axis direction (Table 2). There is, however,  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking between the acenaphthyl groups in each case: the interplanar distance is 3.438 Å at 250 K and 3.409 Å at 90 K. In both phases there is a C—H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interaction on both sides of the phenyl ring, one intramolecular and one intermolecular (Tables 1 and 2, and Fig. 5). Temperature-driven phase changes such as this one that occur without major structural reorganization or ordering transitions have been reported in many cases: see, for example, Takahashi & Ito (2010) and Takanabe *et al.* (2017) and references therein.

**Table 3**  
Experimental details.

	$\alpha$ -phase	$\beta$ -phase
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ClNO	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ClNO
$M_r$	291.72	291.72
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/m$	Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
Temperature (K)	250	90
$a$ , $b$ , $c$ (Å)	9.0447 (12), 6.8764 (9), 10.9021 (14)	9.0764 (10), 6.8187 (8), 10.7450 (12)
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	90, 92.959 (2), 90	90.880 (2), 92.780 (2), 96.259 (2)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	677.15 (15)	660.12 (13)
$Z$	2	2
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$	Mo $K\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.28	0.29
Crystal size (mm)	0.30 × 0.20 × 0.20	0.30 × 0.20 × 0.20
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Bruker APEXII	Bruker APEXII
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2014)	Multi-scan (TWINABS; Bruker, 2014)
$T_{\min}$ , $T_{\max}$	0.684, 0.745	0.629, 0.746
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	5458, 1496, 1227	34083, 2949, 2726
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.022	0.023
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.625	0.652
Refinement		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ , $wR(F^2)$ , $S$	0.039, 0.097, 1.04	0.031, 0.092, 1.08
No. of reflections	1496	2949
No. of parameters	121	193
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.26, -0.38	0.33, -0.24

Computer programs: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2014), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2016/6 (Sheldrick, 2015b), SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008) and Mercury (Macrae *et al.*, 2008).



**Figure 5**

A view of the C—H... $\pi$  interaction linking molecules together in the low temperature structure ( $\beta$ -phase). A similar interaction occurs in the room-temperature structure ( $\alpha$ -phase). Symmetry code: (iii)  $x, y, z - 1$ .

#### 4. Synthesis and crystallization

(*E*)-2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)imino]acenaphthylen-1-one (MIAN) was synthesized following a reported procedure (Kovach *et al.*, 2011). Yellow block-like crystals were obtained by layering technical grade mixed hexanes over a solution of the compound in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

#### 5. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. For both polymorphs, H atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding:

C—H = 0.94 Å in the high temperature  $\alpha$ -phase and 0.95 Å in the low temperature  $\beta$ -phase, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

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## A temperature-dependent phase transformation of (*E*)-2-[(4-chlorophenyl)-imino]acenaphthylen-1-one

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### Computing details

For both structures, data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2014); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2014); data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2014); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2016/6* (Sheldrick, 2015b); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL2016/6* (Sheldrick, 2015b).

### (*E*)-2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)imino]acenaphthylen-1-one (alpha)

#### Crystal data

C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClNO

*M<sub>r</sub>* = 291.72

Monoclinic, *P2<sub>1</sub>/m*

*a* = 9.0447 (12) Å

*b* = 6.8764 (9) Å

*c* = 10.9021 (14) Å

β = 92.959 (2)°

*V* = 677.15 (15) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 2

*F*(000) = 300

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.431 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo *Kα* radiation, λ = 0.71073 Å

Cell parameters from 1908 reflections

θ = 5.7–52.3°

μ = 0.28 mm<sup>-1</sup>

*T* = 250 K

Block, yellow

0.30 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine focus sealed tube

Detector resolution: 8.3 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>

ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(SADABS; Bruker, 2014)

*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.684, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.745

5458 measured reflections

1496 independent reflections

1227 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)

*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.022

θ<sub>max</sub> = 26.4°, θ<sub>min</sub> = 2.3°

*h* = -10→11

*k* = -8→8

*l* = -13→13

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>

Least-squares matrix: full

*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.039

*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.097

*S* = 1.04

1496 reflections

121 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: dual

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.037*P*)<sup>2</sup> + 0.2756*P*]

where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3

(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> < 0.001

Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.26 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.38 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

*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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C11	−0.05474 (8)	0.250000	−0.19593 (6)	0.0739 (3)
O1	0.75377 (18)	0.250000	0.29014 (16)	0.0547 (5)
N1	0.4932 (2)	0.250000	0.12642 (17)	0.0442 (5)
C1	0.4858 (2)	0.250000	0.2426 (2)	0.0366 (5)
C2	0.6292 (2)	0.250000	0.3259 (2)	0.0395 (5)
C3	0.5810 (2)	0.250000	0.4537 (2)	0.0366 (5)
C4	0.6571 (3)	0.250000	0.5661 (2)	0.0440 (6)
H4	0.761142	0.250000	0.571881	0.053*
C5	0.5750 (3)	0.250000	0.6722 (2)	0.0475 (6)
H5	0.626114	0.250000	0.749460	0.057*
C6	0.4230 (3)	0.250000	0.6670 (2)	0.0473 (6)
H6	0.372512	0.250000	0.740235	0.057*
C7	0.1855 (3)	0.250000	0.5310 (2)	0.0564 (7)
H7	0.124153	0.250000	0.598029	0.068*
C8	0.1232 (3)	0.250000	0.4135 (2)	0.0584 (7)
H8	0.019501	0.250000	0.402169	0.070*
C9	0.2096 (2)	0.250000	0.3087 (2)	0.0455 (6)
H9	0.164153	0.250000	0.229206	0.055*
C10	0.3610 (2)	0.250000	0.32570 (19)	0.0361 (5)
C11	0.4247 (2)	0.250000	0.44731 (19)	0.0347 (5)
C12	0.3414 (3)	0.250000	0.5522 (2)	0.0419 (5)
C13	0.3601 (2)	0.250000	0.05083 (19)	0.0398 (5)
C14	0.29812 (19)	0.0762 (3)	0.00977 (15)	0.0479 (4)
H14	0.342774	−0.042208	0.033729	0.058*
C15	0.17066 (19)	0.0757 (3)	−0.06642 (15)	0.0514 (5)
H15	0.127910	−0.042285	−0.093524	0.062*
C16	0.1076 (3)	0.250000	−0.1018 (2)	0.0471 (6)

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C11	0.0487 (4)	0.1311 (8)	0.0411 (4)	0.000	−0.0069 (3)	0.000
O1	0.0345 (9)	0.0793 (13)	0.0506 (10)	0.000	0.0053 (7)	0.000
N1	0.0405 (10)	0.0580 (13)	0.0342 (10)	0.000	0.0025 (8)	0.000
C1	0.0366 (11)	0.0376 (12)	0.0357 (12)	0.000	0.0026 (9)	0.000
C2	0.0357 (12)	0.0408 (13)	0.0420 (12)	0.000	0.0007 (9)	0.000
C3	0.0395 (12)	0.0338 (11)	0.0364 (11)	0.000	−0.0005 (9)	0.000
C4	0.0430 (13)	0.0447 (14)	0.0433 (13)	0.000	−0.0084 (10)	0.000
C5	0.0613 (16)	0.0465 (14)	0.0335 (12)	0.000	−0.0088 (11)	0.000

C6	0.0611 (16)	0.0473 (14)	0.0337 (12)	0.000	0.0060 (11)	0.000
C7	0.0450 (14)	0.081 (2)	0.0442 (14)	0.000	0.0130 (11)	0.000
C8	0.0350 (12)	0.089 (2)	0.0517 (15)	0.000	0.0075 (11)	0.000
C9	0.0361 (12)	0.0619 (16)	0.0383 (12)	0.000	-0.0010 (9)	0.000
C10	0.0369 (11)	0.0374 (12)	0.0340 (11)	0.000	0.0025 (9)	0.000
C11	0.0379 (11)	0.0312 (11)	0.0350 (11)	0.000	0.0005 (9)	0.000
C12	0.0458 (13)	0.0424 (13)	0.0377 (12)	0.000	0.0056 (10)	0.000
C13	0.0396 (12)	0.0523 (14)	0.0280 (10)	0.000	0.0072 (9)	0.000
C14	0.0494 (9)	0.0480 (10)	0.0465 (9)	0.0010 (8)	0.0034 (7)	0.0022 (8)
C15	0.0499 (10)	0.0593 (12)	0.0452 (9)	-0.0073 (9)	0.0038 (8)	-0.0108 (9)
C16	0.0401 (12)	0.0743 (18)	0.0269 (11)	0.000	0.0028 (9)	0.000

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C11—C16	1.747 (2)	C7—C8	1.372 (4)
O1—C2	1.211 (3)	C7—C12	1.417 (3)
N1—C1	1.272 (3)	C7—H7	0.9400
N1—C13	1.423 (3)	C8—C9	1.417 (3)
C1—C10	1.484 (3)	C8—H8	0.9400
C1—C2	1.545 (3)	C9—C10	1.372 (3)
C2—C3	1.481 (3)	C9—H9	0.9400
C3—C4	1.373 (3)	C10—C11	1.418 (3)
C3—C11	1.413 (3)	C11—C12	1.402 (3)
C4—C5	1.406 (3)	C13—C14	1.385 (2)
C4—H4	0.9400	C13—C14 <sup>i</sup>	1.385 (2)
C5—C6	1.373 (4)	C14—C15	1.386 (2)
C5—H5	0.9400	C14—H14	0.9400
C6—C12	1.420 (3)	C15—C16	1.374 (2)
C6—H6	0.9400	C15—H15	0.9400
C1—N1—C13	119.39 (19)	C10—C9—C8	118.6 (2)
N1—C1—C10	133.5 (2)	C10—C9—H9	120.7
N1—C1—C2	120.02 (19)	C8—C9—H9	120.7
C10—C1—C2	106.45 (17)	C9—C10—C11	118.7 (2)
O1—C2—C3	128.8 (2)	C9—C10—C1	134.7 (2)
O1—C2—C1	125.3 (2)	C11—C10—C1	106.63 (18)
C3—C2—C1	105.91 (18)	C12—C11—C3	122.6 (2)
C4—C3—C11	119.9 (2)	C12—C11—C10	123.6 (2)
C4—C3—C2	132.9 (2)	C3—C11—C10	113.79 (19)
C11—C3—C2	107.22 (19)	C11—C12—C7	116.0 (2)
C3—C4—C5	118.2 (2)	C11—C12—C6	116.3 (2)
C3—C4—H4	120.9	C7—C12—C6	127.7 (2)
C5—C4—H4	120.9	C14—C13—C14 <sup>i</sup>	119.3 (2)
C6—C5—C4	122.4 (2)	C14—C13—N1	120.24 (11)
C6—C5—H5	118.8	C14 <sup>i</sup> —C13—N1	120.24 (11)
C4—C5—H5	118.8	C13—C14—C15	120.43 (18)
C5—C6—C12	120.7 (2)	C13—C14—H14	119.8
C5—C6—H6	119.7	C15—C14—H14	119.8

C12—C6—H6	119.7	C16—C15—C14	119.13 (18)
C8—C7—C12	120.6 (2)	C16—C15—H15	120.4
C8—C7—H7	119.7	C14—C15—H15	120.4
C12—C7—H7	119.7	C15 <sup>i</sup> —C16—C15	121.4 (2)
C7—C8—C9	122.4 (2)	C15 <sup>i</sup> —C16—C11	119.28 (11)
C7—C8—H8	118.8	C15—C16—C11	119.28 (11)
C9—C8—H8	118.8		
C13—N1—C1—C10	0.000 (1)	C2—C3—C11—C12	180.000 (1)
C13—N1—C1—C2	180.000 (1)	C4—C3—C11—C10	180.000 (1)
N1—C1—C2—O1	0.000 (1)	C2—C3—C11—C10	0.000 (1)
C10—C1—C2—O1	180.000 (1)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.000 (1)
N1—C1—C2—C3	180.000 (1)	C1—C10—C11—C12	180.000 (1)
C10—C1—C2—C3	0.000 (1)	C9—C10—C11—C3	180.000 (1)
O1—C2—C3—C4	0.000 (1)	C1—C10—C11—C3	0.000 (1)
C1—C2—C3—C4	180.000 (1)	C3—C11—C12—C7	180.000 (1)
O1—C2—C3—C11	180.000 (1)	C10—C11—C12—C7	0.000 (1)
C1—C2—C3—C11	0.000 (1)	C3—C11—C12—C6	0.000 (1)
C11—C3—C4—C5	0.000 (1)	C10—C11—C12—C6	180.000 (1)
C2—C3—C4—C5	180.000 (1)	C8—C7—C12—C11	0.000 (1)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.000 (1)	C8—C7—C12—C6	180.000 (1)
C4—C5—C6—C12	0.000 (1)	C5—C6—C12—C11	0.000 (1)
C12—C7—C8—C9	0.000 (1)	C5—C6—C12—C7	180.000 (1)
C7—C8—C9—C10	0.000 (1)	C1—N1—C13—C14	-92.57 (18)
C8—C9—C10—C11	0.000 (1)	C1—N1—C13—C14 <sup>i</sup>	92.57 (18)
C8—C9—C10—C1	180.000 (1)	C14 <sup>i</sup> —C13—C14—C15	-3.4 (3)
N1—C1—C10—C9	0.000 (1)	N1—C13—C14—C15	-178.35 (17)
C2—C1—C10—C9	180.000 (1)	C13—C14—C15—C16	0.7 (3)
N1—C1—C10—C11	180.000 (1)	C14—C15—C16—C15 <sup>i</sup>	2.0 (3)
C2—C1—C10—C11	0.000 (1)	C14—C15—C16—C11	-179.01 (14)
C4—C3—C11—C12	0.000 (1)		

Symmetry code: (i)  $x, -y+1/2, z$ .

#### Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ )

Cg is the centroid of the 4-chlorophenyl ring (C13—C16/C14A/C15A).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C6—H6 $\cdots$ Cg <sup>ii</sup>	0.94	2.86	3.803 (2)	177
C9—H9 $\cdots$ Cg	0.94	2.88	3.668 (11)	128

Symmetry code: (ii)  $x+1, y, z+1$ .

#### (E)-2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)imino]acenaphthylen-1-one (beta)

##### Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{10}ClNO$

$M_r = 291.72$

Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$

$a = 9.0764$  (10)  $\text{\AA}$

$b = 6.8187$  (8)  $\text{\AA}$

$c = 10.7450$  (12)  $\text{\AA}$

$\alpha = 90.880$  (2) $^\circ$

$\beta = 92.780$  (2) $^\circ$



$\gamma = 96.259 (2)^\circ$   
 $V = 660.12 (13) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 2$   
 $F(000) = 300$   
 $D_x = 1.468 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 9928 reflections  
 $\theta = 4.5\text{--}55.2^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.29 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 90 \text{ K}$   
 Block, yellow  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Bruker APEXII  
 diffractometer  
 Radiation source: fine focus sealed tube  
 Detector resolution:  $8.3 \text{ pixels mm}^{-1}$   
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (TWINABS; Bruker, 2014)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.629$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.746$

34083 measured reflections  
 2949 independent reflections  
 2726 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.6^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 1.9^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.092$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 2949 reflections  
 193 parameters  
 0 restraints  
 Primary atom site location: dual

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
 map  
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0535P)^2 + 0.1518P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.33 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

*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.

**Refinement.** Refined as a 4-component twin.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Cl1	-0.06705 (4)	0.27235 (6)	-0.20019 (3)	0.02295 (12)
O1	0.74526 (11)	0.24307 (17)	0.28273 (9)	0.0189 (2)
N1	0.48366 (13)	0.23262 (19)	0.11662 (11)	0.0160 (3)
C1	0.47710 (15)	0.2430 (2)	0.23456 (13)	0.0132 (3)
C2	0.62087 (15)	0.2429 (2)	0.31934 (13)	0.0138 (3)
C3	0.57248 (15)	0.2463 (2)	0.44935 (13)	0.0136 (3)
C4	0.64841 (16)	0.2421 (2)	0.56328 (13)	0.0160 (3)
H4	0.752714	0.237152	0.568827	0.019*
C5	0.56597 (16)	0.2455 (2)	0.67222 (13)	0.0172 (3)
H5	0.616929	0.242653	0.751402	0.021*
C6	0.41399 (16)	0.2527 (2)	0.66699 (13)	0.0171 (3)
H6	0.363047	0.256111	0.742037	0.021*
C7	0.17740 (16)	0.2579 (2)	0.52922 (14)	0.0200 (3)

H7	0.115871	0.260723	0.598122	0.024*
C8	0.11510 (16)	0.2563 (3)	0.40886 (14)	0.0212 (3)
H8	0.010792	0.257525	0.397112	0.025*
C9	0.20184 (15)	0.2531 (2)	0.30235 (13)	0.0165 (3)
H9	0.156281	0.252026	0.220822	0.020*
C10	0.35329 (15)	0.2514 (2)	0.31941 (12)	0.0136 (3)
C11	0.41694 (15)	0.2523 (2)	0.44327 (13)	0.0132 (3)
C12	0.33329 (16)	0.2552 (2)	0.55003 (13)	0.0156 (3)
C13	0.35083 (15)	0.2411 (2)	0.04076 (12)	0.0148 (3)
C14	0.27646 (16)	0.0687 (2)	-0.01417 (13)	0.0173 (3)
H14	0.313778	-0.054584	-0.000952	0.021*
C15	0.14723 (16)	0.0784 (2)	-0.08846 (14)	0.0184 (3)
H15	0.094740	-0.038308	-0.124808	0.022*
C16	0.09615 (15)	0.2603 (2)	-0.10873 (12)	0.0167 (3)
C17	0.17291 (16)	0.4341 (2)	-0.05980 (13)	0.0178 (3)
H17	0.138749	0.558005	-0.077520	0.021*
C18	0.30080 (16)	0.4234 (2)	0.01565 (13)	0.0170 (3)
H18	0.354230	0.540777	0.050193	0.020*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C11	0.01595 (18)	0.0391 (2)	0.01433 (17)	0.00712 (15)	-0.00253 (11)	-0.00184 (15)
O1	0.0136 (5)	0.0254 (6)	0.0180 (5)	0.0036 (4)	0.0023 (4)	0.0018 (4)
N1	0.0151 (6)	0.0200 (6)	0.0133 (5)	0.0039 (5)	-0.0001 (4)	0.0016 (5)
C1	0.0122 (6)	0.0124 (6)	0.0152 (6)	0.0022 (5)	0.0006 (5)	0.0013 (5)
C2	0.0146 (6)	0.0129 (7)	0.0139 (6)	0.0023 (5)	-0.0007 (5)	0.0012 (5)
C3	0.0153 (7)	0.0105 (7)	0.0148 (6)	0.0011 (5)	0.0006 (5)	0.0000 (5)
C4	0.0166 (7)	0.0153 (7)	0.0159 (6)	0.0022 (5)	-0.0012 (5)	0.0007 (5)
C5	0.0232 (7)	0.0160 (7)	0.0123 (6)	0.0023 (5)	-0.0024 (5)	0.0008 (5)
C6	0.0226 (7)	0.0163 (7)	0.0125 (6)	0.0008 (5)	0.0034 (5)	0.0006 (5)
C7	0.0173 (7)	0.0261 (8)	0.0167 (7)	0.0011 (6)	0.0051 (5)	0.0005 (6)
C8	0.0124 (6)	0.0307 (9)	0.0207 (7)	0.0022 (6)	0.0026 (5)	0.0019 (6)
C9	0.0154 (7)	0.0203 (7)	0.0136 (6)	0.0011 (5)	-0.0002 (5)	0.0009 (5)
C10	0.0159 (7)	0.0122 (7)	0.0128 (6)	0.0013 (5)	0.0019 (5)	0.0011 (5)
C11	0.0151 (6)	0.0104 (6)	0.0140 (6)	0.0007 (5)	0.0006 (5)	0.0012 (5)
C12	0.0185 (7)	0.0140 (7)	0.0140 (6)	0.0007 (5)	0.0015 (5)	0.0007 (5)
C13	0.0129 (6)	0.0225 (8)	0.0098 (6)	0.0035 (5)	0.0024 (5)	0.0019 (5)
C14	0.0181 (7)	0.0189 (7)	0.0157 (7)	0.0047 (5)	0.0036 (5)	0.0014 (6)
C15	0.0157 (7)	0.0220 (8)	0.0173 (7)	0.0014 (5)	0.0020 (5)	-0.0035 (6)
C16	0.0123 (6)	0.0287 (8)	0.0097 (6)	0.0046 (6)	0.0011 (5)	0.0015 (6)
C17	0.0191 (7)	0.0211 (8)	0.0144 (6)	0.0066 (6)	0.0023 (5)	0.0024 (6)
C18	0.0180 (7)	0.0181 (7)	0.0149 (6)	0.0025 (5)	0.0006 (5)	-0.0011 (5)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )*

C11—C16	1.7478 (14)	C7—H7	0.9500
O1—C2	1.2133 (17)	C8—C9	1.4214 (19)

N1—C1	1.2728 (18)	C8—H8	0.9500
N1—C13	1.4292 (17)	C9—C10	1.3793 (19)
C1—C10	1.4863 (18)	C9—H9	0.9500
C1—C2	1.5548 (18)	C10—C11	1.4246 (18)
C2—C3	1.4851 (19)	C11—C12	1.4070 (19)
C3—C4	1.3777 (19)	C13—C18	1.394 (2)
C3—C11	1.4151 (19)	C13—C14	1.398 (2)
C4—C5	1.421 (2)	C14—C15	1.395 (2)
C4—H4	0.9500	C14—H14	0.9500
C5—C6	1.384 (2)	C15—C16	1.387 (2)
C5—H5	0.9500	C15—H15	0.9500
C6—C12	1.4249 (19)	C16—C17	1.390 (2)
C6—H6	0.9500	C17—C18	1.393 (2)
C7—C8	1.385 (2)	C17—H17	0.9500
C7—C12	1.424 (2)	C18—H18	0.9500
C1—N1—C13	118.79 (12)	C9—C10—C11	118.72 (12)
N1—C1—C10	133.62 (13)	C9—C10—C1	134.58 (12)
N1—C1—C2	119.95 (12)	C11—C10—C1	106.67 (11)
C10—C1—C2	106.41 (11)	C12—C11—C3	122.84 (13)
O1—C2—C3	128.96 (13)	C12—C11—C10	123.41 (13)
O1—C2—C1	125.29 (12)	C3—C11—C10	113.74 (12)
C3—C2—C1	105.75 (11)	C11—C12—C7	116.47 (13)
C4—C3—C11	120.05 (13)	C11—C12—C6	116.28 (13)
C4—C3—C2	132.53 (13)	C7—C12—C6	127.25 (13)
C11—C3—C2	107.41 (12)	C18—C13—C14	120.11 (13)
C3—C4—C5	117.97 (13)	C18—C13—N1	119.71 (13)
C3—C4—H4	121.0	C14—C13—N1	120.07 (13)
C5—C4—H4	121.0	C15—C14—C13	119.71 (14)
C6—C5—C4	122.29 (13)	C15—C14—H14	120.1
C6—C5—H5	118.9	C13—C14—H14	120.1
C4—C5—H5	118.9	C16—C15—C14	119.29 (14)
C5—C6—C12	120.57 (13)	C16—C15—H15	120.4
C5—C6—H6	119.7	C14—C15—H15	120.4
C12—C6—H6	119.7	C15—C16—C17	121.63 (13)
C8—C7—C12	120.26 (13)	C15—C16—C11	119.34 (12)
C8—C7—H7	119.9	C17—C16—C11	119.02 (12)
C12—C7—H7	119.9	C16—C17—C18	118.81 (14)
C7—C8—C9	122.29 (13)	C16—C17—H17	120.6
C7—C8—H8	118.9	C18—C17—H17	120.6
C9—C8—H8	118.9	C17—C18—C13	120.32 (14)
C10—C9—C8	118.85 (13)	C17—C18—H18	119.8
C10—C9—H9	120.6	C13—C18—H18	119.8
C8—C9—H9	120.6		
C13—N1—C1—C10	4.4 (2)	C2—C3—C11—C10	0.57 (17)
C13—N1—C1—C2	-177.46 (12)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-0.1 (2)
N1—C1—C2—O1	3.7 (2)	C1—C10—C11—C12	-178.59 (13)

C10—C1—C2—O1	-177.65 (14)	C9—C10—C11—C3	178.77 (13)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-177.25 (13)	C1—C10—C11—C3	0.33 (17)
C10—C1—C2—C3	1.36 (14)	C3—C11—C12—C7	-178.99 (13)
O1—C2—C3—C4	-3.2 (3)	C10—C11—C12—C7	-0.2 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	177.87 (15)	C3—C11—C12—C6	0.3 (2)
O1—C2—C3—C11	177.79 (15)	C10—C11—C12—C6	179.11 (13)
C1—C2—C3—C11	-1.18 (15)	C8—C7—C12—C11	0.4 (2)
C11—C3—C4—C5	-0.4 (2)	C8—C7—C12—C6	-178.80 (16)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-179.39 (14)	C5—C6—C12—C11	-0.7 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.0 (2)	C5—C6—C12—C7	178.45 (15)
C4—C5—C6—C12	0.6 (2)	C1—N1—C13—C18	81.00 (18)
C12—C7—C8—C9	-0.3 (3)	C1—N1—C13—C14	-102.89 (16)
C7—C8—C9—C10	0.0 (2)	C18—C13—C14—C15	-3.6 (2)
C8—C9—C10—C11	0.2 (2)	N1—C13—C14—C15	-179.75 (12)
C8—C9—C10—C1	178.14 (16)	C13—C14—C15—C16	1.3 (2)
N1—C1—C10—C9	-0.8 (3)	C14—C15—C16—C17	1.9 (2)
C2—C1—C10—C9	-179.12 (16)	C14—C15—C16—C11	-179.20 (10)
N1—C1—C10—C11	177.30 (16)	C15—C16—C17—C18	-2.7 (2)
C2—C1—C10—C11	-1.04 (15)	C11—C16—C17—C18	178.37 (10)
C4—C3—C11—C12	0.3 (2)	C16—C17—C18—C13	0.3 (2)
C2—C3—C11—C12	179.49 (13)	C14—C13—C18—C17	2.8 (2)
C4—C3—C11—C10	-178.61 (13)	N1—C13—C18—C17	178.94 (12)

#### Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

Cg is the centroid of the 4-chlorophenyl ring (C13–C18).

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
C7—H7 $\cdots$ C11 <sup>i</sup>	0.95	2.80	3.748 (2)	179
C6—H6 $\cdots$ Cg <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.75	3.698 (4)	177
C9—H9 $\cdots$ Cg	0.95	2.87	3.644 (4)	142

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