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2,4,6-Trifluoroaniline

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 200 K; mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å; R factor = 0.034; wR factor = 0.082; data-to-parameter ratio = 8.5.

The title compound, $C_6H_4F_3N$, is a fluoro derivative of aniline. The molecule shows non-crystallographic mirror symmetry. Bond lengths are normal. The C–C–C angles show some deviation from the expected ideal values by up to 5°, a finding which is in accordance with a similar structure in the literature. In the crystal structure $H \cdots F$ contacts and $H \cdots N$ contacts lead to the formation of sheets whose surfaces are made up by the hydrophobic phenyl rings.

Related literature

For the crystal structure of a related compound, see: Gdaniec (2007). For graph-set analysis, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995); Etter *et al.* (1990).



Experimental

Crystal data $C_6H_4F_3N$ $M_r = 147.10$

Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$ *a* = 6.3220 (6) Å b = 24.792 (2) Å c = 3.8545 (5) Å V = 604.14 (11) Å³ Z = 4

Data collection

Oxford Diffraction KappaCCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SCALE3 ABSPACK in *CrysAlis RED*; Oxford Diffraction, 2005)) $T_{\rm min} = 0.921, T_{\rm max} = 0.992$

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$ 91 parameters $wR(F^2) = 0.082$ H-atom parameters constrainedS = 0.94 $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.13 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 775 reflections $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.16 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 0.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

 $0.50 \times 0.09 \times 0.05$ mm

4517 measured reflections

775 independent reflections

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

T = 200 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.034$

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1 - H71 \cdots N1^{i}$ $N1 - H72 \cdots F3^{ii}$	0.90 0.88	2.26 2.31	3.110 (3) 3.086 (2)	157 147
Symmetry codes: (i)	$-x + \frac{3}{2}, -v, z -$	$\frac{1}{3}$; (ii) $-x + \frac{1}{3}$, -	$v, z - \frac{1}{2}$	

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2005); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2005); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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S1. Comment

In a program focused on the synthesis of derivatives of phenylarsonic acid a number of substituted aniline-derivatives were chosen as starting materials. In order to compare the influence of an arsonic group on the geometry of these starting materials, the crystal structure of 2,4,6-trifluoroaniline was elucidated by means of single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

In the molecule (Fig. 1) the C–C–C angles deviate from the expected ideal value of 120° by up to 5°. Angles bigger than the expected value are invariably found at C atoms bonded to fluorine, the smallest angle being present on the C atom bearing the amino group. This finding is in agreement with the situation observed in 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoroaniline (Gdaniec, 2007).

In the crystal structure hydrogen bonds between fluorine and the amino group are present. If contacts whose ranges fall 0.2Å below the sum of van der Waals radii of the respective atoms are taken into consideration, only one of the F atoms in *ortho* position to the amino group is participating in these intermolecular interactions. These connect the molecules into sheets parallel to [1 0 1]. The surfaces of these sheets are made up by the aromatic moieties (Fig. 2 and Fig. 3). In terms of graph-set analysis (Etter *et al.*, 1990; Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) the N–H…F pattern should be assigned a C(5) descriptor on the unitary level while the remaining H atom on nitrogen participates in a cooperative chain of hydrogen bonds (N–H…N).

S2. Experimental

The compound was obtained commercially from Fluorochem. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained upon cooling the compound to 4 °C in a fridge.

S3. Refinement

All H atoms were located in a difference map and refined as riding on their parent atoms with $U_{iso}(H)$ values of 1.2 $U_{eq}(C)$ and 1.2 $U_{eq}(N)$.

Due to the absence of a significant anomalous scatterer in the molecule, the Flack parameter is meaningless. Friedel opposites were merged and the absolute structure parameter was removed from the CIF file.



Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, with atom labels and anisotropic displacement ellipsoids (drawn at 50% probability level) for non-H atoms.



Figure 2

The packing of the title compound, viewed along $[0 \ 0 \ -1]$.



Figure 3

Intermolecular interactions in the crystal structure of the title compound, viewed along [0 0 1]. Symmetry operators: i -x + 3/2, -y, z - 1/2; ii -x + 1/2, -y, z - 1/2.

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Refinement

Refinement on F^2 Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$ $wR(F^2) = 0.082$ S = 0.94775 reflections F(000) = 296 $D_x = 1.617 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 1719 reflections $\theta = 4.1-26.3^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 200 KRod, colourless $0.50 \times 0.09 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$

4517 measured reflections 775 independent reflections 489 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.034$ $\theta_{max} = 26.4^{\circ}, \ \theta_{min} = 4.1^{\circ}$ $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$ $k = -30 \rightarrow 30$ $l = -4 \rightarrow 3$

91 parameters0 restraintsPrimary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
H-atom parameters constrained	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.13 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0505P)^2]$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.16 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
F1	0.8818 (2)	0.10411 (5)	-0.1028 (5)	0.0618 (5)	
F2	0.4694 (2)	0.24248 (5)	0.3783 (5)	0.0712 (6)	
F3	0.2254 (2)	0.06360 (6)	0.3828 (5)	0.0715 (6)	
N1	0.5886 (3)	0.02701 (7)	0.0726 (7)	0.0564 (7)	
H71	0.6769	0.0202	-0.1054	0.068*	
H72	0.4647	0.0109	0.0632	0.068*	
C1	0.5551 (4)	0.08172 (8)	0.1384 (7)	0.0398 (6)	
C2	0.7034 (4)	0.12061 (9)	0.0624 (7)	0.0414 (6)	
C3	0.6805 (4)	0.17436 (8)	0.1376 (7)	0.0447 (7)	
H3	0.7868	0.2000	0.0811	0.054*	
C4	0.4963 (4)	0.18920 (8)	0.2983 (7)	0.0451 (7)	
C5	0.3394 (4)	0.15382 (8)	0.3828 (8)	0.0480 (7)	
H5	0.2124	0.1652	0.4922	0.058*	
C6	0.3757 (4)	0.10062 (9)	0.3004 (7)	0.0444 (7)	

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	I 711	1/22	I 733	I /12	<i>L</i> /13	I /23
	U	0	U	U	U	U
F1	0.0434 (9)	0.0688 (9)	0.0731 (11)	0.0014 (7)	0.0104 (9)	-0.0040 (10)
F2	0.0870 (11)	0.0420 (8)	0.0845 (14)	0.0118 (8)	-0.0120 (14)	-0.0085 (10)
F3	0.0534 (9)	0.0641 (9)	0.0969 (14)	-0.0156 (7)	0.0105 (12)	0.0123 (10)
N1	0.0574 (14)	0.0408 (11)	0.0712 (18)	-0.0029 (10)	-0.0014 (15)	-0.0017 (12)
C1	0.0441 (13)	0.0354 (12)	0.0397 (16)	-0.0004 (10)	-0.0070 (14)	0.0045 (12)
C2	0.0379 (13)	0.0476 (14)	0.0386 (16)	0.0022 (11)	-0.0023 (13)	0.0011 (13)
C3	0.0503 (17)	0.0412 (14)	0.0426 (17)	-0.0103 (11)	-0.0064 (16)	0.0057 (14)
C4	0.0573 (16)	0.0326 (12)	0.0453 (17)	0.0063 (12)	-0.0101 (16)	-0.0018 (12)
C5	0.0445 (16)	0.0496 (14)	0.0499 (17)	0.0094 (12)	0.0004 (16)	0.0009 (16)
C6	0.0408 (13)	0.0473 (14)	0.0453 (19)	-0.0087 (12)	0.0001 (14)	0.0094 (13)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

F1—C2	1.358 (3)	C1—C6	1.377 (3)	
F2—C4	1.367 (2)	C2—C3	1.371 (3)	
F3—C6	1.359 (2)	C3—C4	1.369 (4)	
N1—C1	1.396 (3)	С3—Н3	0.9500	
N1—H71	0.9009	C4—C5	1.364 (3)	
N1—H72	0.8798	C5—C6	1.376 (3)	
C1—C2	1.377 (3)	С5—Н5	0.9500	
C1—N1—H71	114.6	С2—С3—Н3	121.7	
C1—N1—H72	108.3	C5—C4—F2	118.5 (2)	

H71—N1—H72	115.8	C5—C4—C3	123.6 (2)
C2 = C1 = C6	114.8 (2)	F2-C4-C3	117.9 (2)
$C_2 = C_1 = N_1$	122.0(2) 122.5(2)	C4 - C5 + C6	110.1 (2)
$E_0 = C_1 = N_1$ $E_1 = C_2 = C_3$	122.3(2) 118.7(2)	C4—C5—H5	121.9
F1-C2-C1	117.04 (19)	F3—C6—C5	118.5 (2)
C3—C2—C1	124.3 (2)	F3—C6—C1	116.9 (2)
C4—C3—C2	116.5 (2)	C5—C6—C1	124.6 (2)
С4—С3—Н3	121.7		
C6—C1—C2—F1	-178.9 (2)	F2—C4—C5—C6	-179.2 (2)
N1—C1—C2—F1	4.2 (4)	C3—C4—C5—C6	0.7 (4)
C6—C1—C2—C3	0.0 (4)	C4—C5—C6—F3	179.2 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-176.9 (3)	C4—C5—C6—C1	-0.8 (4)
F1—C2—C3—C4	178.8 (2)	C2-C1-C6-F3	-179.5 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.1 (4)	N1—C1—C6—F3	-2.7 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.2 (4)	C2-C1-C6-C5	0.5 (4)
C2—C3—C4—F2	179.6 (2)	N1—C1—C6—C5	177.3 (3)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	H···A	$D \cdots A$	D—H···A
N1—H71…N1 ⁱ	0.90	2.26	3.110 (3)	157
N1—H72…F3 ⁱⁱ	0.88	2.31	3.086 (2)	147

Symmetry codes: (i) -x+3/2, -y, z-1/2; (ii) -x+1/2, -y, z-1/2.