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The phase transition of rubidium hydrogen carbonate, RbHCO₃

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Rubidium hydrogen carbonate, RbHCO₃, features an order/disorder phase transition at $T_{\rm C} = 245$ K from the high-temperature (HT) disordered C2/m modification to the low-temperature (LT) $C\overline{1}$ modification. The crystal structures are characterized by $[\text{HCO}_3]_2^{2^-}$ pairs of hydrogen carbonate groups connected by strong hydrogen bonding. The $[\text{HCO}_3]_2^{2^-}$ pairs are connected by Rb⁺ cations into a three-dimensional network. In HT-RbHCO₃, the hydrogen atom is disordered. In LT-RbHCO₃, ordering of the hydrogen atom leads to a *translationengleiche* symmetry reduction of index 2. The lost reflections and rotations are retained as twin operations.

1. Chemical context

The crystal chemistry of partially protonated oxoanions of main group elements [*e.g.* hydrogen carbonates, (di)hydrogen phosphates, hydrogen sulfates *etc*] is characterized by the formation of strong hydrogen bonds. Topologically, the hydrogen-bonding network may lead to isolated units (*e.g.* pairs in KHCO₃; Thomas *et al.*, 1974), infinite chains (*e.g.* NaHCO₃; Sass & Scheuerman, 1962) or two-dimensional networks (*e.g.* CsH₂PO₄; Uesu & Kobayashi, 1976). Compounds with such extended hydrogen-bonded network structures may be useful as proton conductors (Kim *et al.*, 2015).

In many cases, at higher temperatures, the hydrogen atoms are dynamically disordered between the connected oxoanions. On cooling, the disorder is 'frozen', resulting in a reduction of symmetry (order/disorder phase transition). Such phase transitions are of technological importance, for example in the KH₂PO₄ (KDP) family of compounds and therefore have been studied extensively. At high temperatures, these compounds exist in a paraelectric tetragonal phase. On cooling below $T_{\rm C}$, they order into orthorhombic ferroelectrics. This kind of phase transition is likewise of theoretical interest, because it allows the study of proton quantum dynamics (Fillaux *et al.*, 2008).

From a crystallographic point of view, these phase transitions offer the potential to study group/subgroup relationships (Müller, 2013). Moreover, in the case of a reduction of point symmetry, the lost symmetry is typically retained as a twin operation, leading to interesting as well as challenging problems.

A well known example of a hydrogen-bonding order/ disorder transition is potassium hydrogen carbonate, KHCO₃ (Kashida & Yamamoto, 1990). Above $T_C = 318$ K, it crystallizes in a monoclinic C2/m phase featuring disorder of the

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$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$O2-H\cdots O2^i$	0.85 (4)	1.75 (4)	2.571 (3)	162 (6)
Symmetry code: (i)	-x + 1, y, -z +	1.		
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hydrogen atom (Fillaux et al., 2008). On cooling, it transforms into an ordered $P2_1/a$ phase (Thomas *et al.*, 1974). Rubidium hydrogen carbonate RbHCO₃ shows an analogous phase transition at $T_{\rm C}$ = 245 K, which has been thoroughly studied by NMR spectroscopy (Odin, 2004). The published structural data, on the other hand, leave much to be desired. A structure model of the high-temperature (HT) modification in the C2 space group has been provided by Kim (1969). The structure was later redetermined by Cirpus (1997), establishing the correct space group C2/m and isotypism with KHCO₃. The lattice metrics of the low-temperature (LT) modification were identified as triclinic by Müller & Roth (2005). Although a model was refined by these authors, structural data were not deposited. To fill this gap, in this communication we report detailed structural data of the LT modification of RbHCO₃ which were derived from a twinned crystal. We also redetermined the structure of the HT modification. The phase transition is discussed in detail and contrasted to the structural changes observed in KHCO₃.



2. Structural commentary

2.1. General

The structure model of HT-RbHCO₃ (C2/m) is in good agreement with that of Cirpus (1997). The crystal structures of



Figure 1

 $[HCO_3]_2^{2-}$ pair in LT-RbHCO₃ connected by strong hydrogen bonding. C and O atoms are represented by grey and red ellipsoids drawn at the 75% probability levels and H atoms by white spheres of arbitrary radius. Hydrogen bonding is indicated by dashed lines.



Figure 2

The crystal structures of (*a*) HT-RbHCO₃, (*b*) LT-RbHCO₃ and (*c*) LT-KHCO₃ viewed down [001]. Rb/K atoms are represented by purple spheres, O atoms by red spheres, H atoms by colourless spheres and CO_3^{2-} groups by yellow triangles.

HT-RbHCO₃ (*C*2/*m*) and LT-RbHCO3 ($\overline{C1}$) are closely related. The central building blocks are pairs of HCO₃⁻ anion groups, which are connected by strong hydrogen bonds (Fig. 1, Tables 1 and 2). The prime cause for the order/disorder phase transition is the dynamic behaviour of the protons in these pairs. In HT-RbHCO₃, they are dynamically disordered, resulting in a short [C–O1: 1.237 (4) Å] and two symmetry-equivalent intermediate [2×C–O2: 1.307 (3) Å] C–O bonds. The [HCO₃]₂²⁻ pair accordingly possesses 2/*m* point group symmetry. On cooling, the protons cannot overcome the tunneling barrier and are attached to distinct O atoms. In



Figure 3 The crystal structure of HT-RbHCO₃ viewed down [010]. Atoms as in Fig. 2, C atoms are grey.



Figure 4

Coordination environment of the Rb^+ cations in (*a*) HT-RbHCO₃ and (*b*) LT-RbHCO₃. Atoms as in Fig. 1, Rb^+ cation are purple.

consequence, the point group symmetry of the $[HCO_3]_2^{2-}$ pair is reduced to $\overline{1}$. There are two short [C-O1: 1.241 (4) Å, C-O3: 1.270 (4) Å] and one longer [C-O2: 1.349 (4) Å] bond, as is characteristic for partially hydrogenated oxoanions. In both cases, the HCO_3^- group is flat [distance of the C atom to the plane defined by the three O atoms: 0.000 (4) Å (HT) and 0.007 (3) Å (LT)], in accordance with literature data (Zemann, 1981).

The $[HCO_3]_2^{2-}$ pairs are connected by the Rb⁺ cations into a three-dimensional network (Figs. 2 and 3). The Rb⁺ cations are located on the reflection plane of the *C2/m* group (HT-RbHCO₃) or on general positions (LT-RbHCO₃). They are connected to six carbonate groups, two of which coordinate in a bidentate manner, the four others *via* one O atom (Fig. 4). Thus, in total, the Rb⁺ cations are coordinated by eight O atoms with bond lengths in the ranges 2.869 (3)–3.0662 (12) Å (HT-RbHCO₃) and 2.865 (3)–3.101 (2) Å (LT-RbHCO₃).

2.2. Symmetry reduction and relationship to KHCO₃

Whereas the HT-KHCO₃ and HT-RbHCO₃ phases are isotypic, the corresponding LT phases are not. To understand the different behaviour on cooling, it is useful to consider the structures as being made up of layers of $[\text{HCO}_3]_2^{2-}$ pairs parallel to (100). In the HT phases, these layers possess the p12/m1 layer group symmetry. On cooling, owing to the ordering of the protons, the $m_{[010]}$ operation is lost. All $[\text{HCO}_3]_2^{2^-}$ pairs are rotated in the same direction about [001], resulting in layers with $p\overline{1}$ symmetry.

Thus, the lower symmetry layers may appear in one out of two orientations with respect to the [010] direction. In the LT-RbHCO₃ phase, all layers feature the same orientation. Adjacent layers are related by translation symmetry (as in the C2/m HT phase) and therefore the translation lattice is retained. The symmetry loss concerns only the point symmetry. Since one out of two symmetry operations is retained (*viz*. the translations and inversions), the symmetry reduction is of the t2 kind, where t stands for translationen-gleiche and 2 for the index of $\overline{1}$ in 2/m (Müller, 2013).

In the LT-KHCO₃ phase, on the other hand, layers feature alternating orientation with respect to [010]. The layers are split in two sets of translationally equivalent layers. The translation lattice is therefore reduced by an index of two, which here corresponds to a change of the Bravais lattice (mC to mP) while retaining the volume of the cell in the (more convenient but non-standard) centred setting. In return, adjacent layers are related by an *a* glide reflection. Thus, the point symmetry 2/m is retained. The symmetry reduction is therefore of the k2 kind, where *k* stands for *klassengleiche* (Müller, 2013).

The structural relationships of the HT and LT phases of RbHCO₃ and KHCO₃ are represented in a Bärnighausen family tree in Fig. 5. The atomic labelling and coordinates of the KHCO₃ modifications were adapted from the original literature (Fillaux *et al.*, 2008; Thomas *et al.*, 1974) to be comparable to the data presented here. Note that the fractional coordinates of all four phases depicted in Fig. 5 are remarkably similar.

The atoms on the reflection planes in the HT phases are located on general positions in the LT phases. The O2 atom, which is located on a general position in the HT phase, is split into two positions in the LT phase. In contrast, the position of the H atom, which is also located on a general position in the HT modification, is not split. Instead, its occupancy is raised from 0.5 to 1.



Figure 5

Bärnighausen family tree (Bärnighausen, 1980) representing the symmetry reduction from the HT-KHCO₃ and RbHCO₃ modifications to their LT modifications. Coordinates of the KHCO₃ modifications were adapted from Fillaux *et al.* (2008) and Thomas *et al.* (1974).

2.3. Twinning

Phase transitions are one of the classical causes of twinning (Hahn & Klapper, 2006; Stöger *et al.*, 2016). If the point symmetry of the structure is reduced, the lost operations may be retained as twin operations. Indeed, the crystals of RbHCO₃ were all systematically twinned below $T_{\rm C}$. The crystal under investigation was made up of two domains related by $m_{[010]}$ and equivalently $2_{[010]}$, which corresponds precisely to the second coset in the coset decomposition of $\overline{1}$ in 2/m. The twin volume ratio was determined by the *TWINABS* software as 51.3:48.7, which compares well to the volume ratio obtained from the (abandoned, see Section 3.3) refinement against HKLF 5 style data [52.0:48.0 (4)].

Since the transformation into the triclinic $C\overline{1}$ LT phase results in a substantial increase of the γ angle to $\gamma =$ 92.748 (9)°, the diffraction spots at higher k indices are clearly separated (Fig. 6). Such a twin cannot be treated as a twin by pseudo-merohedry. The α angle, on the other hand, deviates only slightly from the monoclinic metrics [$\alpha = 89.343$ (4)°]. The lattice of the layers therefore is pseudo-rectangular, which is consistent with the crystallo-chemical considerations above.

In KHCO₃, the HT and LT phase feature the same point symmetry 2/m. Stacking faults therefore do not result in twinning but in antiphase domains (Wondratschek & Jeitschko, 1976). These kinds of domains are significantly more difficult to quantify using X-ray diffraction.

3. Experimental

3.1. Synthesis and crystallization

Large crystals of RbHCO₃ were grown by dissolving commercial 'Rb₂CO₃' (actually the sesquihydrate according to powder X-ray diffraction) in a small quantity of water followed by evaporation of the solution overnight at *ca* 295 K.

3.2. Data collection

Crystals were cut to sizes suitable for single crystal diffraction with a razor blade. Abrupt cooling of the crystals to below the phase-transition temperature by immersion into a cooled N₂ stream led to fourfold splitting of reflections as described by Müller & Roth (2005). Data reduction was successful using four orientation matrices and a reasonable structure model could be obtained. Nevertheless, the quality of the refinement was deemed not optimal (notably, the hydrogen atoms could not be located). From structural reasoning, only two domains are expected (see Section 2.2). The higher number of domains was therefore attributed to a cracking of the crystal under thermal stress. Therefore, a data collection was first performed above $T_{\rm C}$ at 270 K. Then, the crystal was slowly (2 K h⁻¹) cooled to 200 K and a full sphere of reciprocal space was collected with fine slicing. The first scan was discarded because it contained distinct reflections from the HT phase as well as two LT domains. The data set obtained from the remaining scans featured only the two expected LT twin domains.

3.3. Data processing

Data of the HT modification was subjected to routine processing using *SAINT* and *SADABS* (Bruker, 2016). For the LT phase, reflections of both domains were separated and reduced to intensity data using overlap information. An absorption correction was applied using the *TWINABS* (Bruker, 2016) software. This software outputs 'detwinned' conventional data (HKLF 4 style), usually used for structure solution and data with overlap information (HKLF 5 style). Surprisingly, the detwinned data set resulted in significantly better refinements. Not only were the residuals lower by two percentage points, additionally only in the detwinned data could the hydrogen atoms be located and refined. Therefore the discussion is based on the refinement using the detwinned data set.

3.4. Structure solution and refinement

An initial model of the HT modification was adapted from the data of Cirpus (1997). The structure of the LT modification was solved using the dual-space approach implemented in *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015). Atomic coordinates and labelling were adapted to be analogous to those of the HT modification. The non-standard $C\overline{1}$ setting of the $P\overline{1}$ space group was chosen to facilitate comparison with the HT modification [lattice basis transformation from $P\overline{1}$ to $C\overline{1}$: (\mathbf{a}_C , \mathbf{b}_C , \mathbf{c}_C) = ($\mathbf{b}_P + 2\mathbf{c}_P$, $-\mathbf{b}_P$, \mathbf{a}_P)]. The structure models were refined against F^2 with *JANA2006* (Petříček *et al.*, 2014). The hydrogen atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and the O–H distances restrained to 0.850 (1) Å. Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3.





Part of the hk^2 plane in reciprocal space of LT-RbHCO₃ reconstructed from CCD data. The reciprocal basis vectors of the two twin domains are indicated.

Table 3Experimental details.

	HT-RbHCO ₃	LT-RbHCO ₃
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	RbHCO ₂	RbHCO ₂
М	146.5	146.5
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $C2/m$	Triclinic, $C\overline{1}$
Temperature (K)	270	200
a, b, c (Å)	14.807 (3), 5.8216 (12), 4.0217 (9)	14.945 (3), 5.8212 (9), 3.9699 (6)
α, β, γ (°)	90, 104,321 (5), 90	89.343 (4), 104.096 (4), 92.748 (9)
$V(A^3)$	335.91 (12)	334.59 (9)
Z	4	4
Radiation type	Μο Κα	Μο Κα
$\mu (\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$	14.54	14.60
Crystal size (mm)	$0.43 \times 0.18 \times 0.09$	$0.43 \times 0.18 \times 0.09$
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD	Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2016)	Multi-scan (TWINABS; Bruker, 2016)
$T_{\rm min}, \dot{T}_{\rm max}$	0.05, 0.27	0.05, 0.27
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$ reflections	3067, 672, 544	8005, 1215, 1029
R _{int}	0.051	0.059
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\max} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	0.766	0.760
Refinement		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.029, 0.066, 1.26	0.038, 0.075, 1.50
No. of reflections	672	1215
No. of parameters	32	50
No. of restraints	1	1
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max}, \Delta \rho_{\rm min} \ ({\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3})$	0.86, -0.96	1.88, -1.81

Computer programs: APEX3 and SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 2016), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015), JANA2006 (Petříček et al., 2014), ATOMS (Dowty, 2006) and publcIF (Westrip, 2010).

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Computing details

For both compounds, data collection: *APEX3* (Bruker, 2016); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2016); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2016). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015) for LT_RbHCO3. For both compounds, program(s) used to refine structure: Jana2006 (Petříček *et al.*, 2014); molecular graphics: *ATOMS* (Dowty, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

 (HT_RbHCO3)

Crystal data RbHCO₃ $M_r = 146.5$ Monoclinic, C2/m Hall symbol: -C 2y a = 14.807 (3) Å b = 5.8216 (12) Å c = 4.0217 (9) Å $\beta = 104.321$ (5)° V = 335.91 (12) Å³ Z = 4

Data collection

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Refinement

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Refinement on F^2

R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029

wR(F^2) = 0.066

S = 1.26

672 reflections

32 parameters

1 restraint

0 constraints
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F(000) = 272 $D_x = 2.897 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 1945 reflections $\theta = 2.8-32.6^{\circ}$ $\mu = 14.54 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 270 KRod, colourless $0.43 \times 0.18 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$

672 independent reflections 544 reflections with $I > 3\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.051$ $\theta_{max} = 33.0^\circ, \theta_{min} = 2.8^\circ$ $h = -22 \rightarrow 20$ $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$ $l = -6 \rightarrow 6$

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement Weighting scheme based on measured s.u.'s $w = 1/(\sigma^2(I) + 0.0004I^2)$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.011$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.86 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.96 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	Occ. (<1)	
Rb	0.66119 (3)	0	0.29537 (9)	0.02714 (13)		
01	0.6878 (2)	0.5	1.0996 (8)	0.0324 (10)		
O2	0.57663 (15)	0.3079 (3)	0.7353 (5)	0.0304 (7)		
С	0.6159 (3)	0.5	0.8641 (9)	0.0210 (10)		
Н	0.522 (2)	0.328 (12)	0.608 (16)	0.04 (2)*	0.5	

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\hat{A}^2)

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Rb	0.0363 (3)	0.02090 (17)	0.0221 (2)	0	0.00320 (15)	0
01	0.0244 (16)	0.0332 (14)	0.0343 (16)	0	-0.0030 (13)	0
O2	0.0332 (13)	0.0173 (8)	0.0342 (11)	0.0018 (7)	-0.0040 (9)	-0.0016 (7)
С	0.0231 (19)	0.0186 (14)	0.0217 (17)	0	0.0062 (14)	0

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Rb—O1 ⁱ	2.869 (3)	Rb—O2 ^{vi}	3.001 (2)
Rb—O1 ⁱⁱ	3.046 (3)	Rb—C ⁱⁱⁱ	3.370 (2)
Rb—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.0662 (12)	Rb—C ^{iv}	3.370 (2)
Rb—O1 ^{iv}	3.0662 (12)	O1—C	1.237 (4)
Rb—O2 ^{iv}	2.908 (2)	O2—C	1.307 (3)
Rb—O2 ^v	2.908 (2)	О2—Н	0.85 (4)
Rb—O2	3.001 (2)		
Oli Ph O2iv	138 83 (5)	Ph ^{vii} O1 C	172 6 (3)
O1—Rb— $O2O1^{i}—Rb—O2$	81.45 (7)	Rb—O2—Rb ^{viii}	85.75 (5)
$O1^{i}$ —Rb— $O2^{v}$	138.83 (5)	Rb—O2—C	122.4 (2)
O1 ⁱ —Rb—O2 ^{vi}	81.45 (7)	Rb—O2—H	102 (4)
O2 ^{iv} —Rb—O2	85.75 (6)	Rb ^{viii} —O2—C	98.99 (16)
$O2^{iv}$ —Rb— $O2^{v}$	76.10 (5)	Rb ^{viii} —O2—H	135 (4)
$O2^{iv}$ —Rb— $O2^{vi}$	131.47 (6)	С—О2—Н	113 (5)
O2—Rb—O2 ^v	131.47 (6)	O1—C—O2	121.17 (15)
O2—Rb—O2 ^{vi}	73.35 (6)	$O1$ — C — $O2^{ix}$	121.17 (15)
$O2^{v}$ —Rb— $O2^{vi}$	85.75 (6)	$O2$ — C — $O2^{ix}$	117.7 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) -*x*+3/2, *y*-1/2, -*z*+2; (ii) -*x*+3/2, *y*-1/2, -*z*+1; (iii) *x*, *y*-1, *z*-1; (iv) *x*, *y*, *z*-1; (v) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*; (vii) -*x*+3/2, *y*+1/2, -*z*+2; (viii) *x*, *y*, *z*+1; (ix) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*, (viii) -*x*+3/2, *y*+1/2, -*z*+2; (viii) *x*, *y*, *z*+1; (ix) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*, (viii) -*x*+3/2, *y*+1/2, -*z*+2; (viii) *x*, *y*, *z*+1; (ix) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*-1; (vi) *x*, -*y*, *z*, (viii) -*x*+3/2, *y*+1/2, -*z*+2; (viii) -*x*+3/2, -*z*+1; (viii) -*x*+3/2, -*z*+2; (viii) -*z*+3/2, -*z*+2; (viii) -*z*+3/2, -*z*+2; (viii) -*z*+3/2, -*z*

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
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Symmetry code: (x) -x+1, y, -z+1.

(LT_RbHCO3)

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<i>c</i> = 3.9699 (6) Å
$\alpha = 89.343 \ (4)^{\circ}$
$\beta = 104.096 \ (4)^{\circ}$
$\gamma = 92.748 \ (9)^{\circ}$
$V = 334.59 (9) \text{ Å}^3$

Data collection

Bruker KAPPA APEXII CCD	1215 independent r
diffractometer	1029 reflections wi
Radiation source: X-ray tube	$R_{\rm int} = 0.059$
ω - and φ -scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 32.7^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\rm min} = 10^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$h = -6 \rightarrow 22$
(TWINABS; Bruker, 2016)	$k = -8 \longrightarrow 8$
$T_{\min} = 0.05, \ T_{\max} = 0.27$	$l = -6 \rightarrow 5$
8005 measured reflections	

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$ $wR(F^2) = 0.075$ S = 1.501215 reflections 50 parameters 1 restraint 0 constraints

Z = 4F(000) = 272 $D_{\rm x} = 2.908 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$ Mo *Ka* radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å Cell parameters from 1945 reflections $\theta = 2.8 - 32.6^{\circ}$ $\mu = 14.60 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 200 KRod, colourless $0.43 \times 0.18 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$

reflections ith $I > 3\sigma(I)$ 2.8°

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement Weighting scheme based on measured s.u.'s w = $1/(\sigma^2(I) + 0.0004I^2)$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.018$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.88 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.81 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

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

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
Rb	0.66221 (2)	-0.00995 (4)	0.29542 (8)	0.01812 (10)	
O1	0.68811 (18)	0.4885 (4)	1.0957 (7)	0.0232 (8)	
O2	0.57544 (19)	0.2938 (4)	0.7298 (7)	0.0218 (8)	
03	0.57832 (19)	0.6790 (4)	0.7345 (6)	0.0219 (8)	
С	0.6160 (2)	0.4961 (5)	0.8620 (8)	0.0153 (9)	
Н	0.529 (2)	0.326 (7)	0.570 (10)	0.037 (13)*	

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Rb	0.02362 (19)	0.01426 (16)	0.01495 (15)	0.00035 (9)	0.00184 (11)	0.00014 (9)
01	0.0190 (14)	0.0226 (11)	0.0236 (13)	0.0006 (8)	-0.0032 (10)	0.0001 (8)
02	0.0227 (14)	0.0118 (10)	0.0266 (13)	0.0014 (8)	-0.0022 (11)	-0.0019 (8)
03	0.0256 (14)	0.0128 (10)	0.0223 (12)	0.0003 (8)	-0.0033 (10)	0.0007 (7)
С	0.0155 (16)	0.0151 (13)	0.0155 (14)	-0.0005 (10)	0.0047 (12)	-0.0003 (9)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Rb—O1 ⁱ	3.031 (2)	Rb—O3 ^v	2.944 (3)	
Rb—O1 ⁱⁱ	3.015 (3)	Rb—C ^{iv}	3.324 (3)	
Rb—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.865 (3)	Rb—C ⁱ	3.408 (3)	
Rb-01 ^{iv}	3.101 (2)	O1—C	1.241 (4)	
Rb—O2 ⁱ	2.926 (2)	O2—C	1.349 (4)	
Rb—O2	3.027 (3)	О2—Н	0.85 (3)	
Rb—O3 ^{iv}	2.885 (2)	O3—C	1.270 (4)	
O1 ⁱ —Rb—O1 ⁱⁱ	73.01 (7)	O3 ^{iv} —Rb—O3 ^v	85.85 (7)	
O1 ⁱ —Rb—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	94.75 (6)	Rb ^{vi} —O1—Rb ⁱⁱ	106.99 (8)	
$O1^i$ —Rb— $O2^i$	43.56 (6)	Rb ^{vi} —O1—Rb ⁱⁱⁱ	85.25 (6)	
O1 ⁱ —Rb—O2	70.67 (7)	Rb ^{vi} —O1—C	96.77 (18)	
$O1^{i}$ —Rb— $O3^{iv}$	116.17 (7)	Rb ⁱⁱ —O1—Rb ⁱⁱⁱ	84.89 (7)	
$O1^{i}$ —Rb— $O3^{v}$	144.31 (8)	Rb ⁱⁱ —O1—C	103.4 (2)	
O1 ⁱⁱ —Rb—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	84.89 (8)	Rb ⁱⁱⁱ —O1—C	170.4 (3)	
$O1^{ii}$ —Rb— $O2^{i}$	81.38 (7)	Rb—O2—Rb ^{vi}	83.64 (6)	
O1 ⁱⁱ —Rb—O2	140.08 (6)	Rb—O2—C	122.1 (2)	
$O1^{ii}$ —Rb— $O3^{iv}$	80.76 (7)	Rb—O2—H	97 (3)	
O1 ⁱⁱ —Rb—O3 ^v	141.28 (7)	Rb ^{vi} —O2—C	98.99 (17)	
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Rb—O2 ⁱ	138.29 (6)	Rb ^{vi} —O2—H	149 (3)	
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Rb—O2	82.17 (7)	С—О2—Н	107 (3)	
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Rb—O3 ^{iv}	139.80 (7)	Rb ^{vii} —O3—Rb ^{viii}	85.85 (6)	
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Rb—O3 ^v	82.33 (7)	Rb ^{vii} —O3—C	121.9 (2)	
O2 ⁱ —Rb—O2	83.64 (7)	Rb ^{viii} —O3—C	98.73 (18)	
O2 ⁱ —Rb—O3 ^{iv}	76.08 (6)	O1—C—O2	117.2 (3)	
$O2^{i}$ —Rb— $O3^{v}$	130.12 (8)	O1—C—O3	125.2 (3)	
O2—Rb—O3 ^{iv}	130.57 (7)	O2—C—O3	117.6 (3)	
$O2$ — Rb — $O3^{v}$	73.70 (7)			

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*, *y*, *z*-1; (ii) –*x*+3/2, –*y*+1/2, –*z*+1; (iii) –*x*+3/2, –*y*+1/2, –*z*+2; (iv) *x*, *y*-1, *z*-1; (v) *x*, *y*-1, *z*; (vi) *x*, *y*, *z*+1; (vii) *x*, *y*+1, *z*; (viii) *x*, *y*+1, *z*; (vii

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	H···A	D····A	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
<u>O2—H···O3^{ix}</u>	0.85 (3)	1.75 (3)	2.582 (3)	165 (4)

Symmetry code: (ix) -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.