

Structures of the monofluoro- and monochloro-phenols at low temperature and high pressure

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2-Fluorophenol, 3-fluorophenol and 3-chlorophenol were recrystallized from frozen solids at 260, 263 and 283 K. All compounds were also crystallized by the application of high pressure (0.36, 0.12 and 0.10 GPa). While 3-fluorophenol and 3-chlorophenol yielded the same phases under both conditions, different polymorphs were obtained for 2-fluorophenol. 4-Chlorophenol was crystallized both from the melt and from benzene to yield two different ambient-pressure polymorphs; crystallization from the melt at 0.02 GPa yielded the same phase as from benzene at ambient pressure. 3-Fluorophenol is unusual in forming a hydrogen-bonded chain along a 2_1 screw axis. Such behaviour is usually only observed for small alcohols, but here it appears to be stabilized by intermolecular C—H...F hydrogen-bond formation. 3-Chlorophenol is a more typical large alcohol and emulates a fourfold screw axis with two independent molecules positioned about a 2_1 axis, although there are significant distortions from this ideal geometry. The two phases of 4-chlorophenol consist of chains or rings connected by C—Cl...H interactions. The low-temperature and high-pressure polymorphs of 2-fluorophenol consist of chains of molecules connected through OH...OH hydrogen bonds; while inter-chain C—H...F interactions are significant at high pressure, there are none in the low-temperature form.

1. Introduction

Packing in alcohols has been studied by Brock & Duncan (1994) and subsequently by Taylor & Macrae (2001). Both studies showed that the size of the *R*-group attached to the alcohol functionality is a major factor in the packing behaviour of the molecules. We have recently investigated (Oswald *et al.*, 2005) the effect of high pressure on the crystal structures of phenol (Allan *et al.*, 2002), 2-chlorophenol and 4-fluorophenol, which all exhibit polymorphic behaviour on application of pressure. At ambient pressure 2-chlorophenol and 4-fluorophenol crystallize in high-symmetry space groups with the molecules disposed about 3_2 and $\bar{3}$ symmetry operators; phenol packs *via* a pseudo-threefold axis in $P2_1$. All three systems crystallize under pressure in low-symmetry space groups with the molecules disposed about 2_1 screw axes. Fig. 1 illustrates the change in structure between ambient and high pressure for 2-chlorophenol. At ambient pressure the molecules adopt an arrangement in which the halophenyl group behaves as a bulky substituent. At high pressure, both compounds undergo a phase transition to a packing motif characteristic of a small alcohol. This paper describes the crystal structure determination of the remaining chloro- and

fluorophenols at low temperature and high pressure to investigate whether the packing behaviour of these phenols can be altered with the application of pressures < 1 GPa.

2. Experimental

All samples were obtained from Sigma–Aldrich and used as received.

2.1. Low-temperature crystal growth

2-Fluorophenol (m.p. 289 K), 3-fluorophenol (m.p. 287 K) and 3-chlorophenol (m.p. 306 K) were each drawn into a capillary, and polycrystalline masses obtained by freezing at 260, 263 and 283 K, respectively. The samples were then recrystallized using the laser-assisted procedure of Boese & Nussbaumer (1994). All capillaries (o.d. 0.32–0.52 mm) were hand-drawn from 4 mm o.d. Pyrex[®] glass tube. Phase I of 4-chlorophenol (m.p. 316 K) was obtained by melting a sample in a vial and leaving it to recrystallize at room temperature. Small, colourless crystals appeared on the side of the vial. Colourless crystals of phase II of 4-chlorophenol were obtained by holding a saturated benzene solution at 277 K.

2.2. Crystal structure determination at low temperature

X-ray diffraction intensities were collected with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation on a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream-Plus variable-temperature device (Cosier & Glazer, 1986) and an OHCD laser-assisted crystallization device. Absorption corrections were carried out using the multiscan procedure *SADABS* (Sheldrick, 2004, based on the procedure described by Blessing, 1995). All the structures were solved by direct methods (*SIR92*; Altomare *et al.*, 1993) and refined by full-matrix least-squares against F^2 using all data (*CRYSTALS*; Betteridge *et al.*, 2003). H atoms were attached to C atoms in calculated positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms. H atoms involved in hydrogen bonding were located in difference maps and refined with distance restraints. All non-H atoms were modelled with anisotropic displacement parameters.

2.3. High pressure: general procedures

Pressure was applied to the samples using a Merrill–Bassett diamond anvil cell (DAC; Merrill & Bassett, 1974) equipped with 600 μm culets, a tungsten gasket with a 300 μm hole, beryllium backing disks and a chip of ruby for pressure measurement. Pressures were measured by the ruby-fluorescence method by excitation with a 632.817 nm line from a He–Ne laser using a Jobin–Yvon LabRam 300 Raman spectrometer.

2.4. High-pressure crystal growth

The samples were loaded as liquids into the cell. In the case of 4-chloro- and 4-fluorophenol, both the sample and the cell were heated with a hot-air gun before loading to prevent crystallization at ambient temperature. In each case, pressure

was applied until a polycrystalline mass was produced; the temperature of the cell was increased using a hot-air gun until a single crystallite remained. Slow cooling to ambient temperature yielded a single crystal that filled the entire gasket hole. Crystallization was monitored visually using a polarizing microscope. The crystallization pressures for each sample were as follows: 3-chlorophenol, 0.10 GPa; 3-fluorophenol, 0.12 GPa; 4-chlorophenol, 0.02 GPa; 2-fluorophenol, 0.36 GPa.

2.5. Crystal structure determinations at high pressure

Data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX diffractometer with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation. The collection and processing procedures followed were those described by Dawson *et al.* (2004).

Shading by the body of the DAC leads to low data completeness for crystals belonging to low-symmetry crystal systems. In all cases, except 2-fluorophenol, datasets were

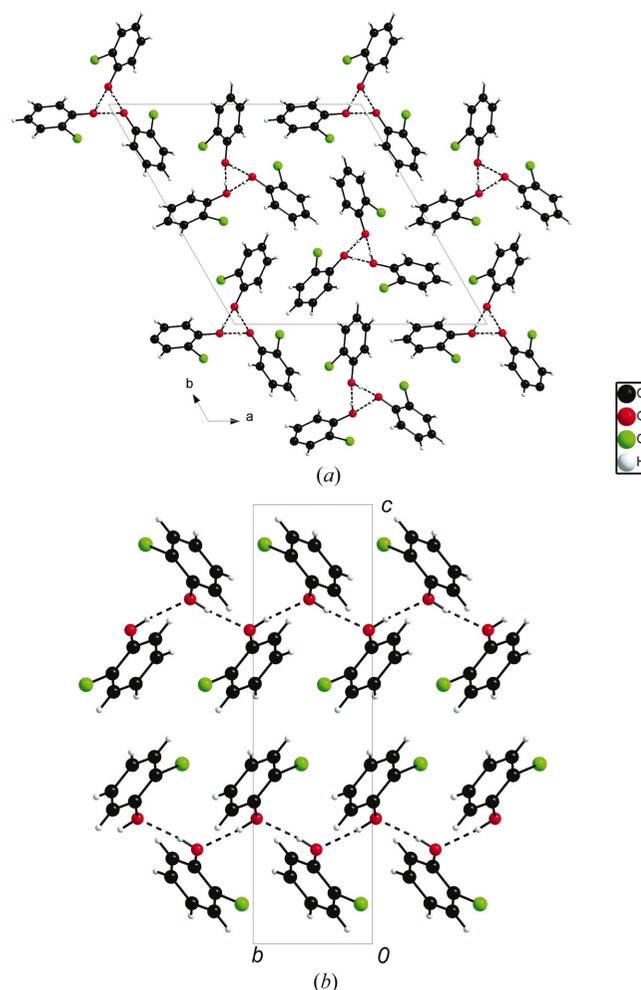


Figure 1
(a) Crystal structures of 2-chlorophenol at ambient pressure and 100 K. Helices are formed about 3_2 axes by OH...OH hydrogen-bond formation. (b) The crystal structure of 2-chlorophenol at 0.12 GPa. The application of pressure changes the behaviour of the chlorophenyl substituent so that chains are formed where molecules are related by a 2_1 screw axis. Colour scheme: C black, Cl green, H light turquoise, O red.

collected with the cell mounted in two different orientations in order to improve completeness. The diffraction patterns were indexed with the program *GEMINI* (Sparks, 2000). Data integration (to $2\theta = 45^\circ$) was performed using *SAINTE* (Bruker–Nonius, 2003) with dynamic masking to account for the shading from the DAC steel body (ECLIPSE; Parsons, 2004a). The program *SHADE* (Parsons, 2004b) was also used to take account of absorption effects of the diamonds and beryllium; further systematic errors were treated using *SADABS* before merging in *SORTAV* (Blessing, 1997).

The phases obtained for 3-fluorophenol, 3-chlorophenol and 4-chlorophenol corresponded to compressed forms of known ambient-pressure phases. Refinement against the high-pressure data therefore used the ambient-pressure coordinates as a starting model.

The structures were refined by full-matrix least-squares against F^2 (*CRYSTALS*) using all data. Free refinement of the positional parameters of the non-H atoms yielded carbon–carbon bond lengths varying from 1.34 to 1.40 Å. The phenyl rings were therefore constrained to be rigid hexagons. H atoms were attached to C atoms in calculated positions. The hydroxyl H atom, which is involved in hydrogen bonding, was geometrically placed except for 4-chlorophenol where the hydroxyl hydrogen was identified from the difference map and refined with distance and angular restraints. All oxygen and halogen atoms were modelled with anisotropic displacement parameters. The refinement of the crystal structure of 3-fluorophenol was subject to distance and angle restraints. 2-Fluorophenol, 3-chlorophenol and 4-chlorophenol were refined so that chemically similar bond distances and angles were subject to similarity restraints.

2.6. 2-Fluorophenol

Several attempts to grow a single crystal of 2-fluorophenol at high pressure resulted in the crystal fracturing after cooling to ambient temperature. Although the diffraction patterns obtained from these samples were characterized by broad, split reflections, they could, nevertheless, be indexed on an orthorhombic unit cell with the dimensions: $a = 5.8952$ (17), $b = 10.9466$ (19), $c = 16.459$ (4) Å. This is different to the cell obtained at 150 K (see Table 1). A solution was obtained using *DASH* (David *et al.*, 2001; see below), but after refinement the residual remained in the region of $R_1 = 0.17$. The refined structure, which contains two molecules in the asymmetric unit in the space group $P2_12_12_1$, was characterized by high displacement parameters (0.2–0.3 Å²) on the F atoms, while the data, although strong at low angle, had no significant intensity above about $2\theta = 35^\circ$. These observations imply that at 0.36 GPa and room temperature 2-fluorophenol forms a disordered phase. Difference maps failed to provide any clue as to how the structure might be better modelled, probably because of the relatively low completeness or poor reflection peak shapes. Since we are unable to improve modelling of the data, no further details on this phase are reported here.

A new crystal was grown as above and then maintained at high temperature during data collection with the variable-

temperature device set at 403 K. This is a nominal temperature, as there was presumably a significant temperature gradient across the cell as a whole, although across the sample itself the variation in temperature would have been small. The high-temperature dataset indexed on a slightly smaller orthorhombic unit cell with the following dimensions: $a = 5.7168$ (7), $b = 9.9997$ (19), $c = 17.868$ (2) Å. Both the b and c axes show a large change in length compared with the ambient temperature/0.36 GPa cell given above ($\Delta b = +0.95$ Å; $\Delta c = -1.41$ Å). This cell is also different from that obtained at low temperature (Table 1).

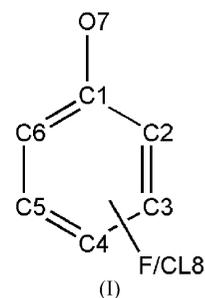
Conventional direct methods applied to the 403 K data set failed to yield a recognisable solution. This is a recurrent problem in high-pressure crystallography and is the result of low data-completeness. The problem can be overcome by using global optimization methods, originally devised for structure solution from powders. The crystal structure of 2-fluorophenol at high pressure was therefore solved using the simulated annealing procedure in the program *DASH* (David *et al.*, 2001). The refinement of the structure followed the procedures outlined in §2.5.

2.7. Recovery of 4-chlorophenol grown at high pressure

The high melting point of 4-chlorophenol allowed the crystals of phase II formed at high pressure to be recovered without the sample melting. On release of the pressure the sample remained as a single crystal with a slight reduction in size due to melting around the edges. Diffraction data were collected at ambient pressure and 293 K, which showed the crystal to be 4-chlorophenol Phase I (see Table 1).

2.8. Software and other general procedures

A consistent numbering scheme was used for all the structures described here and this is shown in (I). Where there is



more than one molecule in the asymmetric unit the labels are augmented with the numbers 1, 2 *etc.* A full listing of crystal, data collection and refinement parameters is given in Table 1, and a set of hydrogen-bonding parameters is given in Table 2. The structures were visualized using *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001), *MERCURY* (Bruno *et al.*, 2002) or *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1993); the figures were produced using *DIAMOND* (Crystal Impact, 2004). Other analyses utilized the p.c. version of *PLATON* (Spek, 2002; Farrugia, 1999). Searches of the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen, 2002; Allen & Motherwell, 2002) were carried out with the program *CONQUEST*, utilizing Version 5.25 of the database. Calculations were performed using the program *PLATON* (Spek, 2002; Farrugia, 1999).

Table 1
Experimental table.

Weighting scheme: $p = P(6) \cdot \max(F_o^2, 0) + (1 - P(6)) F_c^2$. Method = *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997).

	3-Fluorophenol at 150 K (3F)	3-Fluorophenol at 0.12 GPa (3FP)	3-Chlorophenol at 150 K (3CL)	3-Chlorophenol at 0.1 GPa (3CLP)	4-Chlorophenol phase I at 150 K (4CL1)
Crystal data					
Chemical formula	C ₆ H ₅ FO	C ₆ H ₅ FO	C ₆ H ₅ ClO	C ₆ H ₅ ClO	C ₆ H ₅ ClO
<i>M_r</i>	112.10	112.10	128.56	128.56	128.56
Cell setting, space group	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁	Orthorhombic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	Orthorhombic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	5.6510 (12), 5.0642 (10), 9.3185 (19)	5.6747 (9), 5.0760 (4), 9.4753 (13)	3.9846 (5), 13.9272 (19), 20.699 (3)	4.0949 (4), 13.875 (3), 20.716 (3)	8.7086 (11), 15.4523 (19), 8.7414 (11)
β (°)	107.518 (4)	107.832 (11)	90	90	93.954 (2)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	254.31 (9)	259.82 (6)	1148.7 (3)	1177.0 (3)	1173.5 (3)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	8	8	8
<i>D_x</i> (Mg m ⁻³)	1.464	1.433	1.487	1.451	1.455
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α
No. of reflections for cell parameters	711	398	1504	983	3307
θ range (°)	2–28	5–23	5–25	3–23	2–29
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.12	0.12	0.55	0.53	0.53
Temperature (K)	150	293	150	293	150
Crystal form, colour	Cylinder, colourless	Blocks, colourless	Rod, colourless	Colourless, block	Block, colourless
Crystal size (mm)	1.00 × 0.32 × 0.32	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.18	0.90 × 0.10 × 0.10	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.18	0.44 × 0.38 × 0.25
Data collection					
Diffractometer	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART
Data collection method	ω scans	ω scans	ω scans	ω scans	ω scans
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)
<i>T_{min}</i>	0.67	0.67	0.22	0.85	0.69
<i>T_{max}</i>	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.91	0.88
No. of measured, independent and observed reflections	1603, 672, 608	1310, 159, 146	4548, 1987, 1376	6533, 780, 476	7471, 2839, 2442
Criterion for observed reflections	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I > 2\sigma(I)$
<i>R_{int}</i>	0.014	0.041	0.052	0.147	0.024
θ_{\max} (°)	28.6	23.2	25.0	23.3	28.8
Range of <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i>	−6 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 7 −6 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 6 −12 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 9	−1 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 2 −5 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 0 −10 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 0	−4 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 4 −16 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 15 −24 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 22	0 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 4 0 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 13 0 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 21	−9 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 11 −20 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 19 −11 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 10
Refinement					
Refinement on $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$, $wR(F^2)$, <i>S</i>	<i>F</i> ² 0.037, 0.092, 1.05	<i>F</i> ² 0.064, 0.160, 1.15	<i>F</i> ² 0.069, 0.143, 0.94	<i>F</i> ² 0.098, 0.244, 0.99	<i>F</i> ² 0.039, 0.101, 0.74
No. of reflections	672	159	1977	780	2839
No. of parameters	77	32	152	62	152
H-atom treatment	Mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Not refined	Mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Not refined	Mixture of independent and constrained refinement
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.553 <i>E</i> ⁻¹ ; 0.625 <i>E</i> ⁻³ , 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.694 <i>E</i> ⁻¹ , 0.349, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.106, 5.04, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.684 <i>E</i> ⁻¹ , 0.725, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333
(Δ/σ) _{max}	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.004	0.001
$\Delta\rho_{\max}$, $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.22, −0.22	0.17, −0.16	0.56, −0.58	0.59, −0.56	0.33, −0.31
Extinction method	None	None	None	None	Larson (1970)
Extinction coefficient	–	–	–	–	45 (11)
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	4-Chlorophenol phase II at 150 K (4CL2)	4-Chlorophenol phase II at 0.02 GPa (4CL2P)	2-Fluorophenol phase I at 150 K (2F1)	2-Fluorophenol phase II at 0.36 GPa and 403 K (2F2P)	
Crystal data					
Chemical formula	C ₆ H ₅ ClO	C ₆ H ₅ ClO	C ₆ H ₅ FO	C ₆ H ₅ FO	
<i>M_r</i>	128.56	128.56	112.10	112.10	
Cell setting, space group	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	Monoclinic, <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	Orthorhombic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	

Table 1 (continued)

	4-Chlorophenol phase II at 150 K (4CL2)	4-Chlorophenol phase II at 0.02 GPa (4CL2P)	2-Fluorophenol phase I at 150 K (2F1)	2-Fluorophenol phase II at 0.36 GPa and 403 K (2F2P)
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	3.9724 (5), 12.7328 (17), 23.155 (3)	4.1096 (4), 12.7665 (10), 23.181 (3)	17.1336 (10), 8.2766 (5), 11.4975 (7)	5.7168 (7), 9.9997 (19), 17.868(2)
β (°)	94.126 (2)	94.201 (14)	100.234 (2)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1168.2 (3)	1212.9 (2)	1604.50 (17)	1021.4 (3)
<i>Z</i>	8	8	12	8
<i>D_x</i> (Mg m ⁻³)	1.462	1.408	1.392	1.458
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α
No. of reflections for cell parameters	2464	1170	2044	397
θ range (°)	3–28	3–19	2–26	3–20
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.54	0.52	0.12	0.12
Temperature (K)	150	293	150	403
Crystal form, colour	Plate, colourless	Block, colourless	Cylinder, colourless	Plate, colourless
Crystal size (mm)	0.70 × 0.50 × 0.36	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.18	1.00 × 0.38 × 0.38	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.18
Data collection				
Diffraction method	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART	Bruker SMART
Data collection method	ω scans	ω scans	ω scans	ω scans
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)	Multi-scan (based on symmetry-related measurements)
<i>T_{min}</i>	0.49	0.68	0.575	0.96
<i>T_{max}</i>	0.82	0.91	1.000	0.98
No. of measured, independent and observed reflections	7449, 2843, 2219	7359, 711, 397	7505, 1957, 1302	3070, 469, 261
Criterion for observed reflections	<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)	<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)	<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)	<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)
<i>R_{int}</i>	0.016	0.063	0.021	0.099
θ_{\max} (°)	28.9	23.2	28.7	23.3
Range of <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i>	−4 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 5 −14 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 17 −31 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 29	−4 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 4 0 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 14 0 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 10	−22 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 22 −10 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 11 −15 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 15	0 ⇒ <i>h</i> ⇒ 6 0 ⇒ <i>k</i> ⇒ 5 0 ⇒ <i>l</i> ⇒ 19
Refinement				
Refinement on	<i>F</i> ²	<i>F</i> ²	<i>F</i> ²	<i>F</i> ²
<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²), <i>S</i>	0.043, 0.110, 0.75	0.055, 0.160, 1.03	0.056, 0.111, 1.07	0.083, 0.251, 0.94
No. of reflections	2843	710	1956	461
No. of parameters	151	61	125	62
H-atom treatment	Mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Not refined	Mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Not refined
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.700 <i>E</i> ⁻¹ , 0.890, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.625 <i>E</i> ⁻¹ , 1.91, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.172 <i>E</i> ⁻¹ , 1.34, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F^2) + (P(1)p)^2 + P(2)p + P(4) + P(5)\sin\theta]$; <i>P</i> (<i>i</i>) are: 0.173, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.333
(Δ/σ) _{max}	0.001	0.007	<0.0001	0.001
Δρ _{max} , Δρ _{min} (e Å ⁻³)	0.44, −0.44	0.21, −0.20	0.32, −0.40	0.27, −0.20
Extinction method	None	None	Larson (1970)	None
Extinction coefficient	–	–	29 (9)	–

lations involving projected vectors followed the methods of Sands (1995). Crystallographic information files for all structures reported here are available as supplementary material.¹

3. Results

3.1. 3-Fluorophenol

3-Fluorophenol crystallizes at 263 K in the space group *P*2₁ with one molecule in the asymmetric unit. Diffraction data were collected at 150 K. The molecules interact *via*

···OH···OH··· hydrogen bonds to form chains disposed about the crystallographic 2₁ screw axes, conforming to a *C*(2) graph set (Fig. 2*a*). This packing motif is more commonly associated with small alcohols and was quite unexpected. It appears that stabilization of this motif occurs through the formation of H6···F8 interactions (2.61 Å) between the chains (Fig. 2*b*). Taken on their own these C–H···F interactions form chains which run along the ⟨110⟩ directions. The OH···O hydrogen bond present in this system is slightly longer [O7···O7′ 2.819 (1) Å] than those present in the other systems described in this paper. In projection onto (010) each chain is surrounded by six others.

The same phase is obtained on crystallization at 0.12 GPa. Neither the hydrogen bond nor the stabilizing C–H···F

¹ Supplementary data for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: B55012). Services for accessing these data are described at the back of the journal.

Table 2
 Hydrogen-bonding parameters (Å).

The hydrogen-bonding distances are from donor to acceptor due to the imprecise determination of H-atom positions. H...Cl and H...F distances are given before and after the normalization of C—H distances to typical neutron values (1.083 Å), the latter being given in square brackets. The high-pressure crystal structure of 2-fluorophenol was determined at 403 K.

Compound	Donor	Acceptor	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i> distance (Å)	
			Low-temperature (150 K)	High pressure
3-F	O7	O7 ⁱ	2.819 (1)	2.843 (8)
	H6	F8 ⁱⁱ	2.61 [2.48]	2.62 [2.49]
3-Cl	O71	O72 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.734 (7)	2.693 (4)
	O72	O71	2.700 (6)	2.753 (4)
4-Cl phase I	O71	O72 ^{iv}	2.767 (2)	—
	O72	O71	2.779 (2)	—
	H62	Cl81 ^v	2.93 [2.82]	—
	H21	Cl82 ^{vi}	2.93 [2.82]	—
4-Cl phase II	O71	O72	2.762 (2)	2.819 (5)
	O72	O71 ^{vii}	2.779 (2)	2.749 (5)
	H31	Cl82 ^{viii}	2.83 [2.73]	2.85 [2.75]
2-F phase I	O71	O71 ^{ix}	2.774 (3)	—
	O71	O72	2.707 (2)	—
	O71	F81	2.690 (2)	—
	O71	F81 ^{ix}	2.942 (2)	—
2-F phase II	O71	O72 ^x	—	2.861 (7)
	O72	O71	—	3.097 (8)
	F81	H62 ^{xi}	—	2.56 [2.46]
	F82	H61 ^{xii}	—	2.56 [2.49]
	F82	H52 ^{xiii}	—	2.63 [2.53]
	O71	F82	—	2.941(7)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, -z$; (ii) $1 + x, 1 + y, z$; (iii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} - y, -2 - z$; (iv) $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$; (v) $2 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} - z$; (vi) $1 + x, y, z$; (vii) $2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$; (viii) $1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$; (ix) $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$; (x) $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z$; (xi) $-\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z$; (xii) $-1 + x, y, z$; (xiii) $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$.

interaction are significantly different to those in the low-temperature structure [O7...O7' 2.843 (8) Å; H6...F8 2.62 Å].

3.2. 3-Chlorophenol

3-Chlorophenol is a liquid under ambient pressure with a melting point of 306 K. At 283 K it crystallizes in space group $P2_12_12_1$ with two molecules in the asymmetric unit; diffraction data were collected at 150 K. Primary bond distances and angles are normal, and are available as supplementary material. The molecules interact *via* ...OH...OH... hydrogen bonds to form pseudo-fourfold helical chains (Fig. 3*a*). The two crystallographically independent molecules alternate along the chains. The angle between successive C11—O71 and C12—O72 vectors in the chain when projected onto the (100) plane is 89.75°; in a perfect fourfold helix this value would be 90°. While the departure from projected fourfold symmetry in the OH...OH... interaction is slight, the orientations of the chloro groups do not conform to the pseudo-symmetry – the angle between Cl—C vectors projected onto (100) is 17.74°. In addition, the molecules are not regularly spaced along the helix; the separations between the O atoms in the *a* direction are 0.44 or 1.55 Å (Fig. 3*b*).

The chains conform to a $C_2^2(4)$ graph set and are disposed about the 2_1 axes parallel to the *a*-axis direction (Fig. 3*a*). The two crystallographically independent hydrogen bonds are moderate in strength: O71...O72 2.734 (7) and O72...O71 2.700 (6) Å (Table 2). The chains appear to be close-packed when viewed in projection onto (100) and, in contrast to the fluoro derivative, there are no contacts between the chains that fall within the sums of the van der Waals radii.

Crystallization at 0.1 GPa results in the same structure as that at ambient pressure. The interactions between molecules are significantly different to those at ambient pressure [O71...O72 2.693 (4), O72...O71 2.753 (4) Å]. The interaction between O71...O72 appears to decrease in length at pressure while O72...O71 increases, although it is not possible to differentiate between the effects of pressure and temperature since the ambient pressure structure was determined at 150 K, while the high-pressure determination was at room temperature.

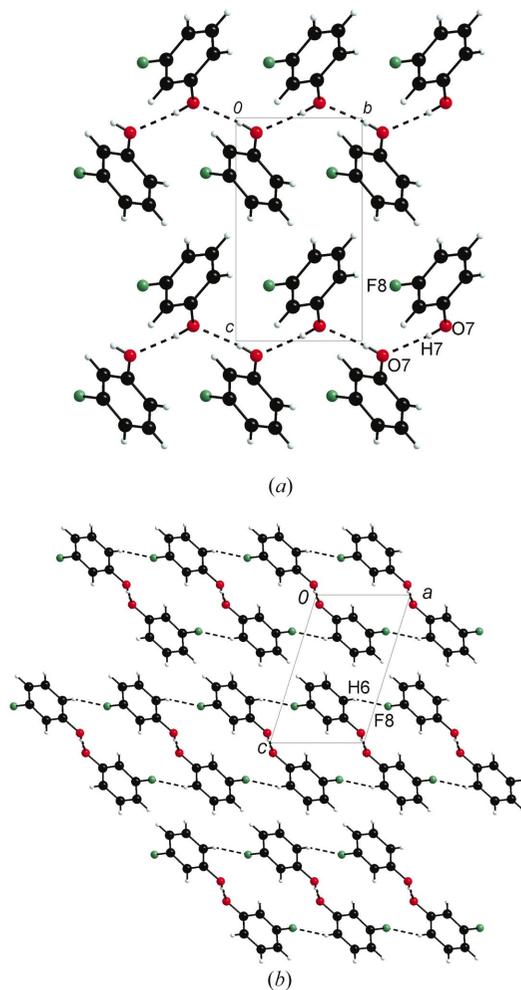


Figure 2
 (a) Crystal structure of 3-fluorophenol at 150 K viewed down the *a* axis. 3-Fluorophenol crystallizes with one molecule in the asymmetric unit in the space group $P2_1$, thereby forming a chain motif adopted by smaller alcohols. (b) Close contacts formed between H6...F8 of different chains (these contacts are omitted in Fig. 2*a* for clarity). Colour scheme: C black, F sea green, H light turquoise, O red.

3.3. 4-Chlorophenol phase I at 150 K

4-Chlorophenol is a solid at room temperature and was characterized by Perrin & Michel (1973*a, b*). It crystallizes in two polymorphic forms and the structures of these have been redetermined at 150 K as part of this study.

Phase I crystallizes from the melt at ambient pressure in the space group $P2_1/c$ with two molecules in the asymmetric unit; it is the more stable of the two phases. The two independent molecules alternate along the c direction, forming $\text{OH}\cdots\text{OH}\cdots$ hydrogen bonds resulting in a $C_2^2(4)$ graph set (Fig. 4*a*). The hydrogen bonds formed in this structure are of similar length: $\text{O71}\cdots\text{O72}$ 2.767 (2) and $\text{O72}\cdots\text{O71}$ 2.779 (2) Å.

The graph-set descriptor is the same as that in 3-chlorophenol, but the chain is built by successive application of c -glide operations rather than a screw axis. Although the chain is helical, with a repeat at every fourth molecule, the pseudo-fourfold symmetry is even less ideal than in 3-chlorophenol

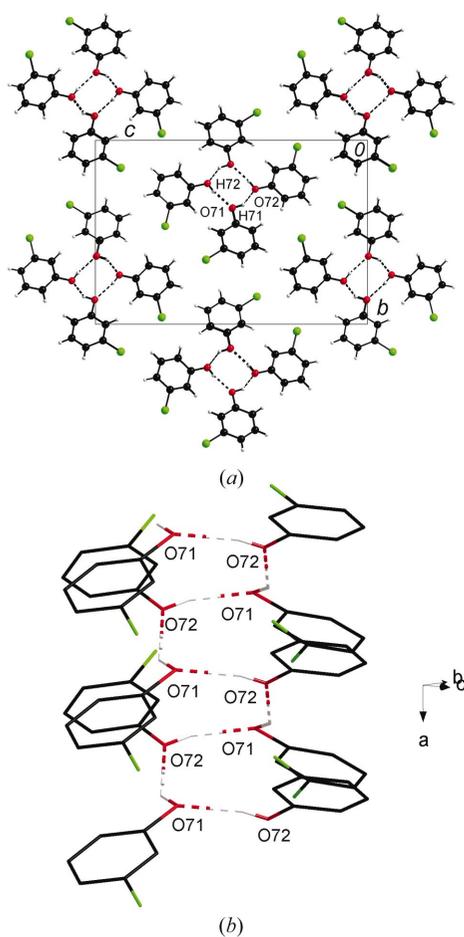


Figure 3

(*a*) Crystal structure of 3-chlorophenol at 150 K. Distorted pseudo-fourfold helices are formed through $\text{OH}\cdots\text{OH}$ hydrogen bonds between the two molecules in the asymmetric unit. The structure at high pressure (0.1 GPa) is similar to the low-temperature structure. (*b*) Although in projection on (100), the positions of the C—O bonds resemble those in a fourfold helix and the positions of the molecules along the axis of the helix are irregular. Colour scheme as in Fig. 1.

(Fig. 4*b*). The angle between O71—C11 and O72—C12 when projected onto (010) is 133.17° , which compares with 89.75° in 3-chlorophenol. Moreover, the spacing of molecules along the direction of the helix is irregular: the spacings of the O atoms in the c direction are 1.98 and 2.39 Å.

The chains are linked by $\text{H21}\cdots\text{Cl82}$ and $\text{H62}\cdots\text{Cl81}$ interactions, both measuring 2.93 Å (Fig. 4*b*). Taken on their own these C—Cl \cdots H interactions build spiral chains which are disposed about the 2_1 axis parallel to \mathbf{b} . Neighbouring chains interact with one another through a π -stacking interaction between pairs of symmetry-equivalent molecules containing C11—Cl81. The distance between the phenyl ring planes is 3.45 Å with the centroids separated by 3.77 Å, which equates to a 1.74 Å centroid displacement.

3.4. 4-Chlorophenol phase II at 150 K and 0.02 GPa

The second phase of 4-chlorophenol is obtained by recrystallization from benzene; it is in the same space group as phase

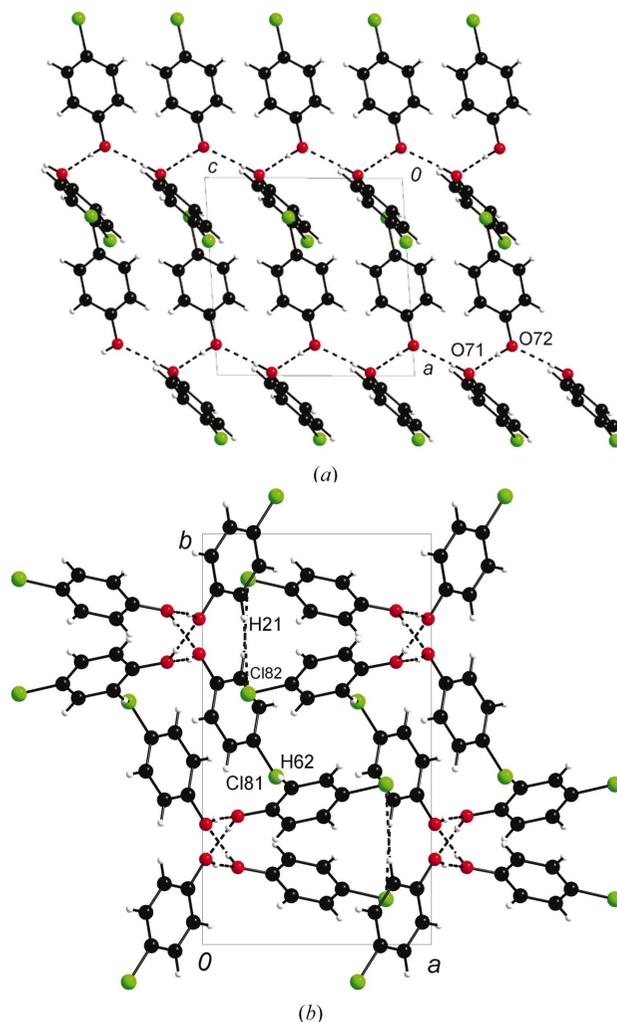


Figure 4

(*a*) Crystal structure of phase I of 4-chlorophenol at 150 K viewed along the b axis, showing chains of molecules linked by $\text{OH}\cdots\text{OH}$ hydrogen bonds. (*b*) View down [001], along the chains. The Cl \cdots H interactions occur between $\text{Cl82}\cdots\text{H21}$ and $\text{Cl81}\cdots\text{H62}$; the latter lie parallel to the b axis and run into the page. Colour scheme as in Fig. 1.

I, $P2_1/c$, with two molecules in the asymmetric unit. Phase II is metastable and transforms spontaneously to phase I if placed in contact with it (Perrin & Michel, 1973*b*).

As in phase I, the molecules interact *via* $\cdots\text{OH}\cdots\text{OH}\cdots$ hydrogen bonds, but the interactions form an $R_4^4(8)$ graph set rather than hydrogen-bonded chains (Fig. 5). These rings stack along the a direction. The hydrogen bonds are of a similar length to those in phase I; $\text{O71}\cdots\text{O72}$ 2.762 (2) and $\text{O72}\cdots\text{O71}$ 2.779 (2) Å. Within the $R_4^4(8)$ rings a secondary $\text{CH}\cdots\pi$ interaction is formed between H21 and the π -system of molecule 2 (comprising atoms C12–C62). The $\text{H21}\cdots\pi$ -centroid is 3.95 Å, near to the limit for these interactions (4 Å) as defined by Malone *et al.* (1997), and it adopts a ‘Type V’ motif, as defined by the same authors.

There are close contacts between Cl and H atoms ($\text{Cl82}\cdots\text{H31}$ 2.83 Å *cf.* sum of van der Waals’ 2.95 Å) that join the $R_4^4(8)$ groups together into a ribbon. The ribbons lie along the $[110]$ direction at $c = \frac{1}{2}$ and the $[\bar{1}10]$ direction at $c = 0, 1$ *etc.*

Under ambient conditions crystallization of 4-chlorophenol from the melt yields phase I, but when crystallized from the melt under pressure (0.02 GPa), phase II is formed. This pressure is very slight indeed by the standards of high-pressure crystallography and is barely measurable using the ruby fluorescence technique. The molecular arrangement is the same as the ambient pressure structure, although $\text{O71}\cdots\text{O72}$ is significantly longer than at ambient pressure [2.819 (5) Å], while $\text{O72}\cdots\text{O71}$ is significantly shorter [2.749 (5) Å]. A similar effect was observed in 3-chlorophenol.

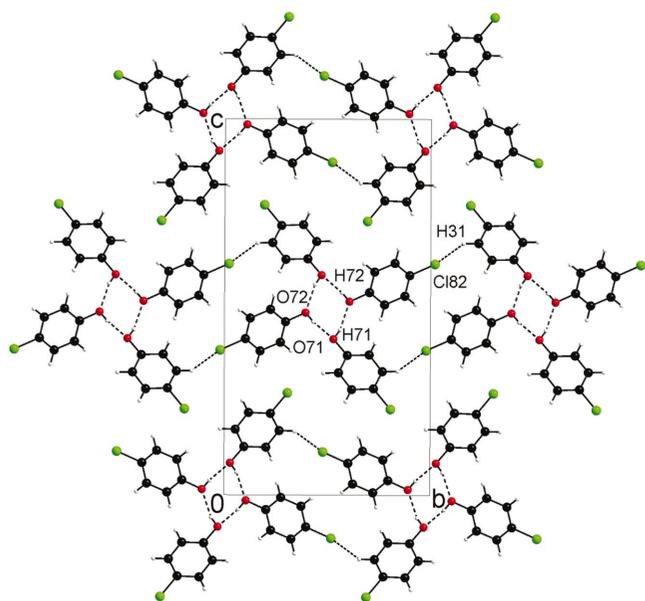


Figure 5

Crystal structure of phase II of 4-chlorophenol at 150 K viewed along the a axis. The molecules crystallize in a ring motif that forms around an approximate fourfold axis. The discrete hydrogen-bonded groups are linked through an interaction between $\text{Cl82}\cdots\text{H31}$. The structure at high pressure is similar to the low-temperature structure. Colour scheme as in Fig. 1.

The crystal of phase II grown at high pressure transformed to a single crystal of phase I when the pressure was released, but this transformation is not reversible, *i.e.* applying hydrostatic pressure to a crystal of phase I does not yield phase II. It is possible that the phase II-to-I transformation occurs by conversion of the $R_4^4(8)$ ring motifs, which are stacked by lattice repeats along the a direction in phase I, into $C_4^4(8)$ chains, developed by a c glide, in phase II. Such a change in the intermolecular interactions would approximately double the length of the lattice repeat in the a direction in going from phase I to II ($a = 3.97$ and $c = 8.74$ Å in phases I and II, respectively). In both phases $\text{C}\cdots\text{Cl}\cdots\text{H}$ interactions build chains which spiral along the 2_1 -axes along the b directions. These similarities presumably promote the preservation of the single crystal through the phase transition.

3.5. 2-Fluorophenol phase I at 150 K

2-Fluorophenol crystallizes in space group $C2/c$ with one-and-a-half molecules in the asymmetric unit. We refer to this

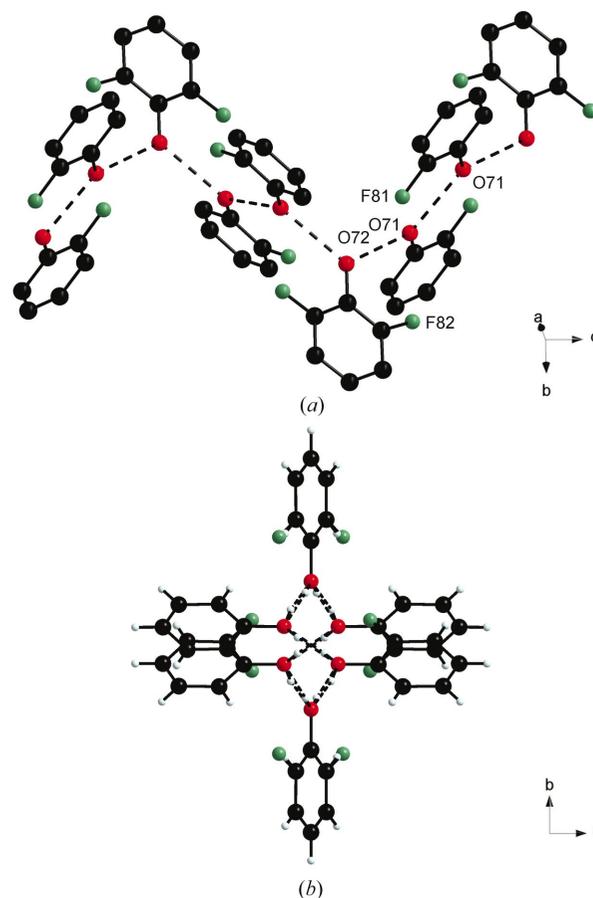


Figure 6

(*a*) Crystal structure of phase I of 2-fluorophenol at 150 K showing the disordered hydrogen-bonded chain. Molecule 1 forms a dimer with a symmetry-equivalent molecule. These dimers are linked through a hydrogen-bonding interaction to molecule 2. H atoms are omitted for clarity. F82 is disordered by the twofold axis which runs through $\text{O72}\cdots\text{C12}$. (*b*) View down the hydrogen-bonded chain. Colour scheme as in Fig. 2.

phase as phase I. One molecule (molecule 1, C11–F81) occupies a general position and is ordered. A second molecule (molecule 2, C12–F82) occupies a twofold axis with the axis running through atoms O72···C12···C42, and so the hydroxyl hydrogen and the F atoms are disordered.

The molecules interact *via* ···OH···OH··· hydrogen bonds forming chains; the direction of the hydrogen bonding in these chains must be disordered as a result of the disorder in molecule 2. A pair of molecules of type 1 are connected by a hydrogen bond formed across an inversion centre. These ‘dimer’ sub-units are then bridged by disordered molecules of type 2 (Fig. 6*a*). When projected along **a** the chains have a marked zigzag structure. When viewed in projection along **c** the chain of molecules somewhat resembles a helix, but the resemblance is an artefact of the projection: the displacement along **c** of one molecule to another is quite irregular, being 2.18 Å across the inversion centre and 5.75 Å across the twofold axis, while the angles made between successive OC vectors alternate between 180 and 89.83° (Fig. 6*b*). The hydrogen-bond lengths are similar to those observed for other compounds in the study: O71···O71 2.774 (3) and O71···O72 2.707 (2) Å. There are π -stacking interactions between molecule 1 and a symmetry equivalent in the next chain along the **a** axis. The phenyl rings lie parallel to one another 3.62 Å apart with a centroid displacement in the plane of the ring of 1.48 Å.

3.6. 2-Fluorophenol phase II at 0.36 GPa and 403 K

A crystal of 2-fluorophenol was grown at 0.36 GPa, but the crystal fractured a few hours after cooling to ambient temperature. Despite the poor X-ray diffraction data, the diffraction pattern could be indexed on an orthorhombic unit cell ($a = 5.8952$, $b = 10.9466$, $c = 16.459$ Å); this is different to that determined at ambient pressure at 150 K, indicating that a different phase had formed under high pressure. A tentative structural solution was obtained, but the refinement residuals were unacceptably high and it is likely that on cooling to room temperature the compound forms a disordered phase.

We found that the crystal obtained at high pressure was stable if the cell was held above *ca* 363 K and so a data collection was carried out in which the cell was held at 403 K. This phase of 2-fluorophenol crystallizes in the space group $P2_12_12_1$ with two molecules in the asymmetric unit. In one molecule the C–F bond refined to an unrealistically short distance, which may indicate high librational disorder of the molecule. This is not unreasonable for a structure at 403 K, although it is difficult to assess from the displacement parameters because of the low data completeness which resulted from shading by the pressure cell.

Oxygen and fluorine have similar X-ray scattering factors and so assignment of these sites was made on the basis of interatomic contacts. The assumption that O atoms are likely to make at least one hydrogen bond in which the distance between the non-H atoms is between 2.6 and 3.1 Å serves to identify O71 as an oxygen atom. The shortest contact (3.37 Å) made by F81 is to C62 in a neighbouring ring; this distance is similar to those quoted by Thalladi *et al.* (1998) for C···F

distances in C–H···F hydrogen bonds, which therefore lends support to the assignment.

Atom assignments, O72 and F82, in the second of the two independent molecules were made by the refinement of two alternative models with part-weight hydroxyl H atoms placed in two alternative positions on each O atom. The *R*1 factors for the model presented here and the alternative were 0.121 and 0.124, respectively. The occupancies of alternative H-atom positions refined to 0.85:0.15 (13); only the H atoms of major occupancy were retained. The alternative model contains OH···F interactions; organic fluorine is not expected to be competitive with hydroxyl oxygen as a hydrogen-bond acceptor.

The OH···OH··· chain that is formed (along the **a** direction) conforms to a $C_2^2(4)$ graph set. The O71···O72 distances are 2.861 (7) and 3.097 (8) Å. In common with other structures in this series, each chain is surrounded by six others and there are F82···H52 interactions formed between the chains (2.63 Å, Fig. 7*a*). The O···O distance of 3.097 (8) Å is the longest observed for an OH···OH interaction in this series and the length of the interaction may reflect the steric effect of F72 [O71···F72 2.941 (7) Å]. This arrangement is stabilized by secondary F81···H62 and F82···F61 interactions (both 2.56 Å) formed within the chains (Fig. 7*b*).

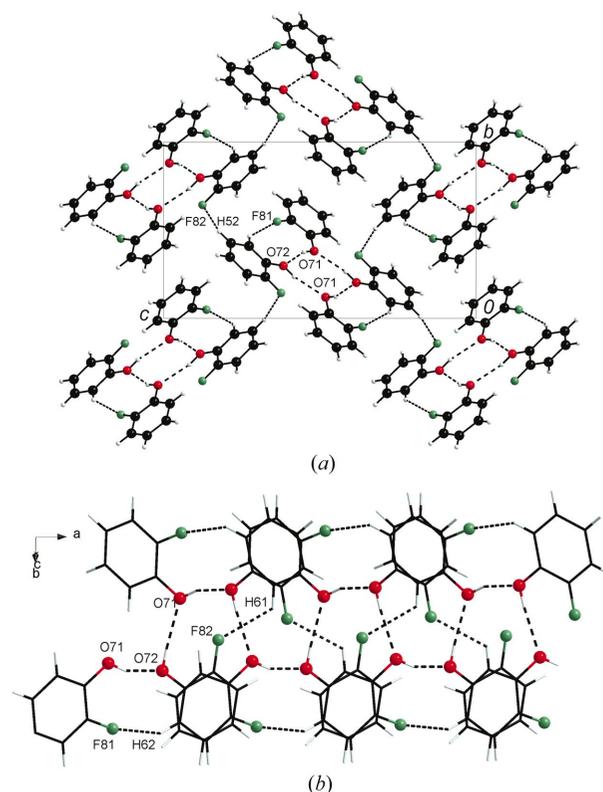


Figure 7
(*a*) Crystal structure of phase II of 2-fluorophenol at 0.36 GPa viewed along **a** showing chains of molecules linked by OH···OH hydrogen bonds. The chains are linked by C–H···F hydrogen bonds between H52 and F82. (*b*) The hydrogen-bonded chains viewed side-on. Colour scheme as in Fig. 2.

4. Discussion

Compounds that are crystallized under ambient conditions and then subjected as single crystals to high pressure may be reduced to powder during a phase transition. Low-melting compounds are therefore useful for the study of pressure-induced polymorphism because high-pressure phases can be accessed directly by *in situ* crystallization in a high-pressure cell. A particularly striking example of the simplification in phase behaviour that can be gained by *in situ* crystallization is that of S_8 : the solid-region temperature/pressure phase diagram contains no less than 12 different phases when studied by compression of a solid sample, but there are only three when the liquid is allowed to crystallize from the melt (Mezouar, 2001). The series of molecules reported herein was chosen for its well defined hydrogen-bonding characteristics and the rigidity of the molecules.

We have described the structures of 2-chlorophenol and 4-fluorophenol in a previous paper (Oswald *et al.*, 2005) and the aim of this paper is to complete our survey of the monofluoro- and monochlorophenols.

The packing in the crystal structures of monoalcohols has been studied by Brock & Duncan (1994) and Taylor & Macrae (2001). Alcohols with bulky *R* groups aggregate around three-, four- or sixfold screw, rotation or rotoinversion axes or crystallize in low-symmetry space groups with $Z' > 1$. Small alcohols tend to pack about 2_1 axes or glide planes. Our previous work has shown that phenol, 2-chlorophenol and 4-fluorophenol behave like bulky alcohols at low temperature (packing about a pseudo-threefold axis in $P2_1$, a 3_2 axis in $P3_2$ or a $\bar{3}$ site in $R\bar{3}$, respectively), but behave as small alcohols, packing about 2_1 axes or glide planes, at high pressure.

3-Chlorophenol behaves typically, and packs with two independent molecules about a 2_1 axis to emulate a fourfold screw axis, although there are significant departures from this ideal arrangement. This structure is obtained both at low-temperature (283 K) and high pressure (0.1 GPa). The geometric parameters characterizing the packing were slightly different. All or most of the interactions would be expected to decrease in length on further application of pressure, but one disadvantage of the methods used here is that hydrostatic conditions are lost on crystallization under pressure (the liquid behaves as its own hydrostatic fluid). Increasing the pressure on such samples therefore tends to degrade them.

3-Fluorophenol is unique in this series of compounds in crystallizing at ambient pressure like a small alcohol and forming chains disposed about a 2_1 screw axis. The O...O distances in the chain are slightly longer than in the other phenols studied here and this may reflect steric effects in neighbouring phenyl groups. The structure is stabilized by F...H interactions. The same phase is obtained on crystallization at 0.12 GPa.

Both 2-fluorophenol and 4-chlorophenol exhibit more interesting phase behaviour with increasing pressure. Neither adopts the packing motif associated with small alcohols at high pressure; nor do they form very regular helical structures at ambient pressure.

The structure of 2-fluorophenol phase I at 150 K is depicted in Fig. 6. The packing is characterized by chains built by OH...OH... hydrogen bonds. Pairs of molecules are linked across inversion centres; each pair is bridged by molecules disordered about twofold axes. The pairs of molecules connected across the inversion centres have a similar spatial relationship to a pair of molecules related by a glide plane or 2_1 axis, as in the structures of small alcohols. The steric effect of the 2-fluorine atom means that this relationship cannot be propagated further and the other molecules in the chain are rotated about the chain axis (the *c* direction) by *ca* 90°. The 2-fluorine atoms point towards the chain axis and there is no scope for the formation of stabilizing F...H contacts either within the chains or between them.

A different polymorph (phase II) was obtained for 2-fluorophenol at 0.36 GPa. The crystal of this phase was stable only above *ca* 363 K and data were obtained at 403 K. The structure has two molecules in the asymmetric unit and is also characterized by OH...OH... chain formation. In projection the chain resembles a fourfold helix, but the repeat along the chain is irregular. The most important difference between this phase and phase I is the presence of F...H interactions which occur both within the hydrogen-bonded chains and between them. Thalladi *et al.* (1998) have shown that the C—H...F interactions are as important as C—H...O interactions in structure stabilization. The observation that more of these weak interactions are formed at high pressure is consistent with results observed in other high-pressure studies, for example, on glycine, where high-pressure induces extensive CH...O hydrogen-bond formation (Dawson *et al.*, 2005). A feature exhibited by the high-pressure structures of 2-chlorophenol and 4-fluorophenol is the lengthening of OH...OH... hydrogen bonds in order to accommodate more efficient packing motifs. A similar feature is observed in phase II of 2-fluorophenol, in which one O...O interaction is 3.097 (3) Å.

The two phases of 4-chlorophenol presented here have been described previously and these structures are redeterminations. Phase I, which is based on an irregular helical arrangement of molecules linked by OH...OH interactions, crystallizes at ambient pressure from the melt. Under a modest pressure of 0.02 GPa, crystallization from the melt yields phase II, which is based on cyclic hydrogen-bonded tetramers. In both phases the Cl atoms link the hydrogen-bonded units together through C—Cl...H interactions. These are somewhat shorter in phase II than in phase I. Moreover, the $R_4^4(8)$ ring has inversion symmetry rather than the $\bar{4}$ symmetry that might be expected for such a motif for a bulky alcohol. Neighbouring phenyl groups approach each other with centroid-centroid distances of 6.22 Å, mediated by a CH...aryl hydrogen bond. The more extensive set of contacts in phase II and its more efficient packing of phenyl groups perhaps explains the preference for this phase at high pressure.

5. Conclusions

The behaviour of the 3-chloro, 3-fluoro-, 4-chloro- and 2-fluorophenol show a departure from the behaviour observed in phenol, 2-chlorophenol and 4-fluorophenol. The transition to a small alcohol packing from bulky alcohol packing is not seen in any of the former compounds. In general, we find that they crystallize in pseudo-helices and ring motifs, although these are markedly distorted from three- or fourfold symmetry often observed in alcohol structures. Only one compound, 2-fluorophenol, shows a phase that is only stable at high pressure. Those compounds that do undergo a phase transition, 4-chlorophenol and 2-fluorophenol, show a transition to a phase which possesses a greater number of weaker intermolecular contacts in the form of $\text{CH}\cdots\pi$ and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$ interactions, respectively.

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