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2,3-Difluorobenzoic acid

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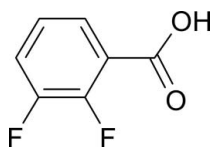
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 293$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.044; wR factor = 0.134; data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2.

2,3-Difluorobenzoic acid, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$, forms dimers that are stabilized by hydrogen bonds. The dimers are stacked and the stacks are held together by weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$ and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions.

Related literature

For related literature, see: Juhler & Mortensen (2002); Malone *et al.* (2006); Potrzebowski & Chruszcz (2007).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$
 $M_r = 158.10$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 3.761$ (1) Å
 $b = 6.520$ (1) Å
 $c = 26.521$ (2) Å
 $\beta = 92.27$ (1)°

$V = 649.8$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.15$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 $0.15 \times 0.15 \times 0.02$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID
 diffractometer

Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (Otwinowski *et al.*, 2003)

$T_{\min} = 0.98$, $T_{\max} = 1.00$
 (expected range = 0.977–0.997)
 25713 measured reflections

1881 independent reflections
 1371 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.031$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.133$
 $S = 1.06$
 1881 reflections

116 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.28$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.13$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{C5}-\text{H5}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$	0.94 (2)	2.65 (2)	3.509 (2)	153 (2)
$\text{O2}-\text{H2}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{ii}}$	1.03 (3)	1.60 (3)	2.625 (2)	173 (3)
$\text{C6}-\text{H6}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{iii}}$	0.95 (2)	2.67 (2)	3.498 (2)	146 (1)
$\text{C4}-\text{H4}\cdots\text{F2}^{\text{iv}}$	0.95 (2)	2.65 (2)	3.513 (2)	151 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i) $x - 1, y - 1, z$; (ii) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$; (iii) $-x, -y, -z$; (iv) $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.

Data collection: *HKL-2000* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); cell refinement: *HKL-2000*; data reduction: *HKL-2000*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *HKL-3000SM* (Minor *et al.*, 2006); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *HKL-3000SM*; molecular graphics: *HKL-3000SM*, *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006), *ORTEP III* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996) and *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *HKL-3000SM*.

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S1. Comment

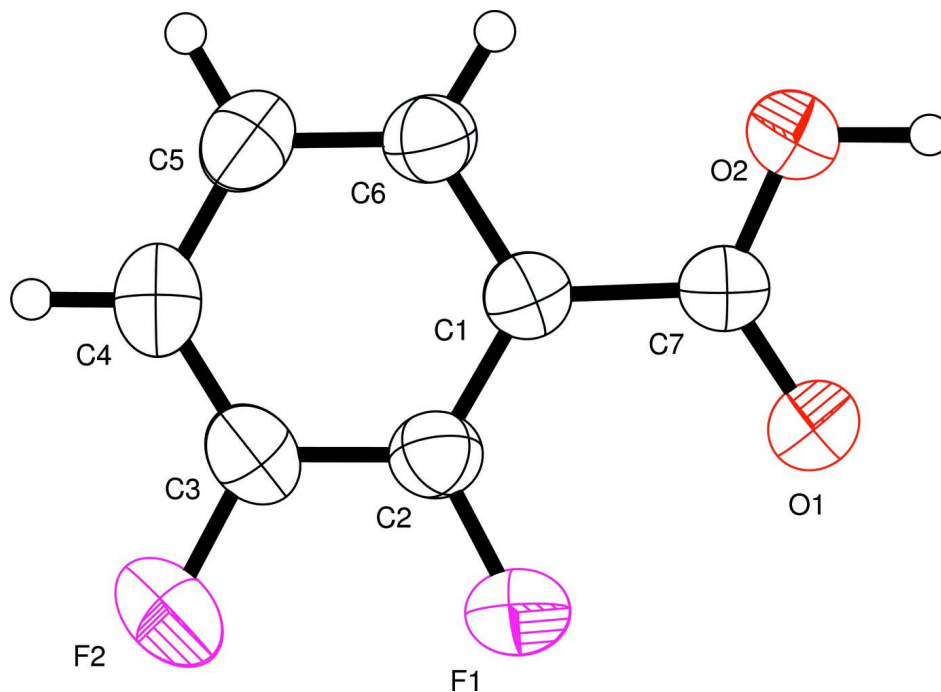
2,3-Difluorobenzoic acid (I) (Fig. 1) is used as a tracer for determining the extent of recovery of materials injected into oil wells (Malone *et al.*, 2006) or for observing water movement in soil (Juhler & Mortensen, 2002). 2,3-Difluorobenzoic acid crystallized, like 3,5-difluorobenzoic acid (Potrzebowski & Chruszcz, 2007), in the space group $P2_1/c$ with one molecule per asymmetric unit. Both (I) and 3,5-difluorobenzoic acid form dimers in the crystal lattice (Fig. 2), but the dimers of the two compounds pack differently. The molecules of (I) pack more tightly in the crystal, as the crystal density is 8% higher than in case of 3,5-difluorobenzoic acid. The dimers of (I) are stabilized by hydrogen bonds (Table 1). The dimers are arranged in stacks that are held together by weak C—H \cdots F and C—H \cdots O interactions (Fig. 2).

S2. Experimental

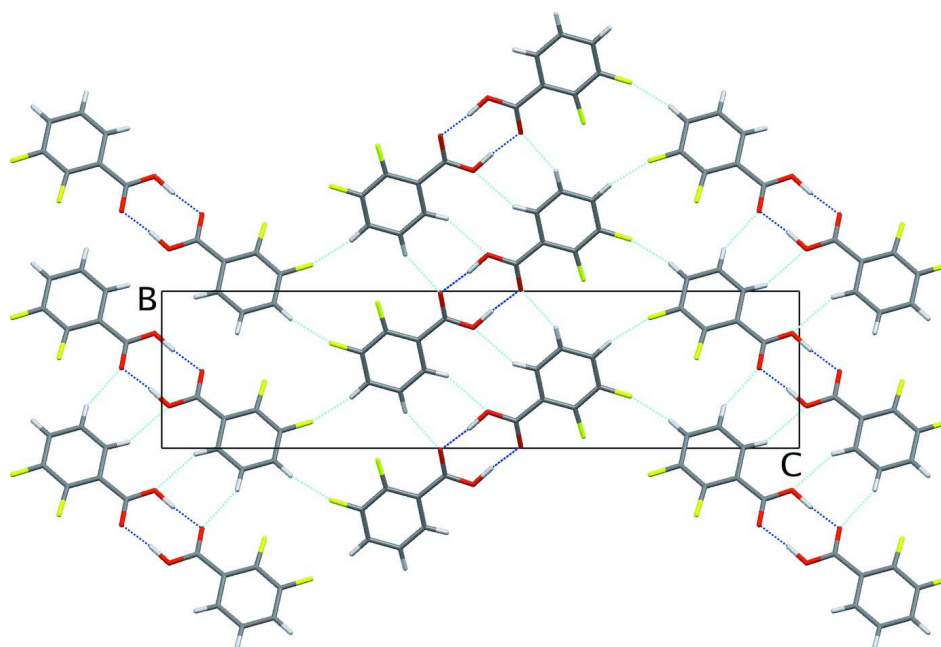
2,3-Difluorobenzoic acid (98%) was purchased from Aldrich, and dissolved in 1-propanol. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study were obtained by slow evaporation at 293 K.

S3. Refinement

All hydrogen atoms were localized using the difference density Fourier map. Their positions and isotropic displacement parameters were refined.

**Figure 1**

An asymmetric unit of 2,3-difluorobenzoic acid. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, while hydrogen atoms are drawn as spheres of an arbitrary radius.

**Figure 2**

The packing of 2,3-difluorobenzoic acid shown along [010]. Hydrogen bonds are marked with blue, dashed lines. Weak C—H...F and C—H...O interactions are shown as light-blue, dashed lines.

2,3-difluorobenzoic acid

Crystal data

C₇H₄F₂O₂ $M_r = 158.10$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$

Hall symbol: -P 2ybc

 $a = 3.761 (1) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 6.520 (1) \text{ \AA}$ $c = 26.521 (2) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 92.27 (1)^\circ$ $V = 649.8 (2) \text{ \AA}^3$ $Z = 4$ $F(000) = 320$ $D_x = 1.616 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71074 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 25713 reflections

 $\theta = 3.1\text{--}30.0^\circ$ $\mu = 0.15 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ $T = 293 \text{ K}$

Plate, colorless

 $0.15 \times 0.15 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 10 pixels mm^{-1} ω scans with χ offset

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(Otwinowski *et al.*, 2003) $T_{\min} = 0.98$, $T_{\max} = 1.00$

25713 measured reflections

1881 independent reflections

1371 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.031$ $\theta_{\max} = 30.0^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 3.1^\circ$ $h = -5 \rightarrow 5$ $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$ $l = -37 \rightarrow 37$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$ $wR(F^2) = 0.133$ $S = 1.06$

1881 reflections

116 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map

All H-atom parameters refined

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0665P)^2 + 0.0891P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.29 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.13 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Special details

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

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

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.3028 (3)	0.18896 (18)	0.09787 (4)	0.0453 (3)
C2	0.3710 (3)	0.2435 (2)	0.14793 (5)	0.0507 (3)
C3	0.2895 (4)	0.1088 (2)	0.18600 (5)	0.0580 (3)
C4	0.1428 (4)	-0.0797 (2)	0.17592 (6)	0.0607 (4)

C5	0.0737 (4)	-0.1357 (2)	0.12626 (6)	0.0587 (3)
C6	0.1521 (3)	-0.0033 (2)	0.08785 (5)	0.0517 (3)
C7	0.3892 (3)	0.32666 (19)	0.05550 (5)	0.0485 (3)
F1	0.5159 (3)	0.42443 (14)	0.16134 (3)	0.0748 (3)
F2	0.3611 (3)	0.16829 (19)	0.23412 (3)	0.0893 (4)
O1	0.5592 (3)	0.48801 (16)	0.06313 (4)	0.0673 (3)
O2	0.2818 (3)	0.26822 (19)	0.01143 (4)	0.0742 (4)
H2	0.330 (8)	0.372 (4)	-0.0169 (13)	0.158 (11)*
H4	0.090 (5)	-0.174 (3)	0.2020 (8)	0.087 (6)*
H5	-0.026 (5)	-0.264 (3)	0.1183 (7)	0.079 (5)*
H6	0.104 (4)	-0.037 (3)	0.0534 (6)	0.057 (4)*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0441 (6)	0.0446 (6)	0.0472 (6)	0.0012 (5)	0.0014 (4)	-0.0005 (5)
C2	0.0550 (7)	0.0465 (6)	0.0503 (6)	0.0009 (5)	0.0003 (5)	-0.0037 (5)
C3	0.0635 (8)	0.0653 (8)	0.0451 (6)	0.0066 (6)	0.0024 (5)	0.0018 (6)
C4	0.0593 (7)	0.0625 (8)	0.0607 (8)	0.0018 (6)	0.0074 (6)	0.0151 (6)
C5	0.0565 (7)	0.0494 (7)	0.0699 (9)	-0.0047 (6)	0.0003 (6)	0.0058 (6)
C6	0.0524 (7)	0.0495 (7)	0.0529 (7)	-0.0036 (5)	-0.0017 (5)	-0.0021 (5)
C7	0.0503 (6)	0.0481 (6)	0.0471 (6)	-0.0027 (5)	0.0001 (5)	-0.0024 (5)
F1	0.1091 (7)	0.0572 (5)	0.0576 (5)	-0.0162 (5)	-0.0039 (5)	-0.0095 (4)
F2	0.1270 (9)	0.0956 (8)	0.0449 (5)	-0.0067 (7)	0.0015 (5)	-0.0011 (5)
O1	0.0901 (7)	0.0569 (6)	0.0544 (5)	-0.0240 (5)	-0.0021 (5)	0.0016 (4)
O2	0.1028 (9)	0.0728 (7)	0.0461 (5)	-0.0317 (6)	-0.0058 (5)	0.0013 (5)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C2	1.3885 (17)	C4—H4	0.95 (2)
C1—C6	1.3968 (17)	C5—C6	1.376 (2)
C1—C7	1.4842 (17)	C5—H5	0.94 (2)
C2—F1	1.3415 (16)	C6—H6	0.950 (16)
C2—C3	1.3819 (19)	C7—O1	1.2435 (16)
C3—F2	1.3508 (16)	C7—O2	1.2796 (15)
C3—C4	1.369 (2)	O2—H2	1.03 (3)
C4—C5	1.381 (2)		
C2—C1—C6	118.03 (12)	C5—C4—H4	119.0 (12)
C2—C1—C7	122.09 (11)	C6—C5—C4	120.17 (14)
C6—C1—C7	119.88 (11)	C6—C5—H5	119.2 (12)
F1—C2—C3	117.71 (12)	C4—C5—H5	120.6 (11)
F1—C2—C1	122.43 (12)	C5—C6—C1	121.28 (13)
C3—C2—C1	119.86 (12)	C5—C6—H6	122.0 (10)
F2—C3—C4	120.41 (13)	C1—C6—H6	116.8 (10)
F2—C3—C2	117.76 (14)	O1—C7—O2	122.84 (12)
C4—C3—C2	121.82 (13)	O1—C7—C1	121.00 (11)
C3—C4—C5	118.84 (13)	O2—C7—C1	116.15 (11)

C3—C4—H4	122.2 (12)	C7—O2—H2	114.3 (16)
C6—C1—C2—F1	179.84 (11)	C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.2 (2)
C7—C1—C2—F1	0.6 (2)	C3—C4—C5—C6	0.0 (2)
C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.03 (19)	C4—C5—C6—C1	0.2 (2)
C7—C1—C2—C3	-179.23 (12)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.17 (19)
F1—C2—C3—F2	0.0 (2)	C7—C1—C6—C5	179.05 (12)
C1—C2—C3—F2	179.88 (12)	C2—C1—C7—O1	7.3 (2)
F1—C2—C3—C4	-179.64 (13)	C6—C1—C7—O1	-171.85 (12)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.2 (2)	C2—C1—C7—O2	-173.28 (12)
F2—C3—C4—C5	-179.87 (13)	C6—C1—C7—O2	7.53 (18)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D—H...A</i>	<i>D—H</i>	<i>H...A</i>	<i>D...A</i>	<i>D—H...A</i>
C5—H5...O1 ⁱ	0.94 (2)	2.65 (2)	3.509 (2)	153 (2)
O2—H2...O1 ⁱⁱ	1.03 (3)	1.60 (3)	2.625 (2)	173 (3)
C6—H6...O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.95 (2)	2.67 (2)	3.498 (2)	146 (1)
C4—H4...F2 ^{iv}	0.95 (2)	2.65 (2)	3.513 (2)	151 (2)

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