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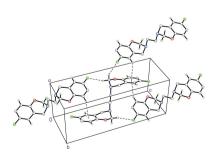
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The title fluorinated bisbenzoxazine, $C_{18}H_{18}F_2N_2O_2$, crystallizes with one half-molecule in the asymmetric unit, which is completed by inversion symmetry. The fused oxazine ring adopts an approximately half-chair conformation. The two benzoxazine rings are oriented *anti* to one another around the central C-C bond. The dominant intermolecular interaction in the crystal structure is a $C-H\cdots F$ hydrogen bond between the F atoms and the axial H atoms of the OCH_2N methylene group in the oxazine rings of neighbouring molecules. $C-H\cdots \pi$ contacts further stabilize the crystal packing.

1. Chemical context

Even though benzoxazines have been known for more than 60 years, a cursory look at the literature cited in relation to the polybenzoxazines in recent years reveals increasing interest in polybenzoxazine chemistry (Demir et al., 2013). Mannich condensation of a phenol and a primary amine with formaldehyde is perhaps the best synthetic route widely employed for the preparation of a variety of benzoxazine monomers. Mono-functional benzoxazines with one oxazine ring yield linear polymers, while bi- and polyfunctional benzoxazines produce cross-linked polymers. As a result, many kinds of benzoxazine monomers, including both mono-benzoxazines and bis-benzoxazines, have been synthesized. For composite applications, bifunctional benzoxazines are important as they produce fillers with good adhesion properties that in turn give high modulus composite materials (Santhosh-Kumar & Reghunadhan-Nair, 2014).



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Much work in our group has been directed at the synthesis of a wide variety of bis-benzoxazines from ethylendiamine, formaldehyde and phenols in the molar ratio of 1:4:2 using a conventional method and solvent-free conditions (Rivera *et al.*, 1989). Recently, we have also investigated the crystal structures of several bis-benzoxazines namely 3,3'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(6-substituted-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine)

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Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$).

Cg2 is the centroid of the C3/C4/C6/C7/C8/C9 ring

$D-\mathrm{H}\cdot\cdot\cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D $ H···A$
$C2-H2A\cdots F1^{i}$	0.99	2.44	3.300 (2)	145
$C6-H6\cdots Cg2^{ii}$	0.95	2.88	3.527 (2)	126
$C9-H9\cdots Cg2^{iii}$	0.95	2.90	3.577 (2)	129

Symmetry codes: (i)
$$-x+2$$
, $y-\frac{1}{2}$, $-z+\frac{3}{2}$; (ii) $-x+2$, $y+\frac{1}{2}$, $-z+\frac{3}{2}$; (iii) $-x+1$, $y-\frac{1}{2}$, $-z+\frac{3}{2}$;

derivatives (Rivera et al., 2010, 2011, 2012a,b). These were prepared to determine whether replacement of the substituents at the para position of the phenol affects the molecular conformation and possible supramolecular aggregation. In this context, the title compound is a model for studying nonconventional molecular interactions where the halogen atom may act as a hydrogen-bond acceptor. Although debate has surrounded the role of fluorine as a hydrogen-bond (HB) acceptor, the presence of such weak molecular interactions in the solid state has been the subject of both theoretical and spectroscopic studies (Dalvit & Vulpetti, 2016). However, to the best of our knowledge, there are few examples of X-ray studies. On the other hand, polymers containing fluorinated aromatic systems often exhibit exceptional thermal stability and show good water-repellent properties (Su & Chang, 2003). Therefore we report herein the crystal structure of 3,3'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(6-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine) (I), which is a very good candidate as a monomer for the investigation of the polymerization of fluorine-containing bis-benzoxazine monomers.

2. Structural commentary

The molecular structure of the title compound is illustrated in Fig. 1. The asymmetric unit contains one-half of the formula unit; a centre of inversion located at the mid-point of the central C1-C1ⁱ bond generates the other half of the bisbenzoxazine compound [symmetry code: (i) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z]. Bond lengths in the benzoxazine moiety in (I) are within normal ranges and are comparable to those found in related structures (Rivera *et al.*, 2012*a,b*, 2011; Chen & Wu, 2007).

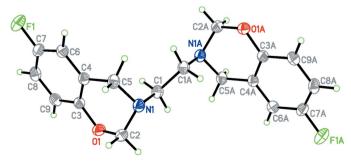


Figure 1 The molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Atoms labelled with the suffix A are generated using the symmetry operator (-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1).

The fused six-membered heterocyclic rings exist in an approximately half-chair conformation, characterized by a puckering amplitude Q=0.4913 (15) Å, and $\theta=52.03$ (17)° and $\varphi=98.3$ (2)°, with C2 and N1 displaced from the mean plane by -0.299 (2) and 0.331 (1) Å, respectively. The C1–C1A bond is in an axial position with a C5–N1–C1–C1A torsion angle of 75.45 (18)°. The two benzoxazine rings are oriented *anti* to one another about the central C1–C1A bond, with an N1–C1–C1A–N1A torsion angle of 180.0 (2)°.

3. Supramolecular features

The packing of title compound is dominated by C2— $H2A\cdots F1$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), that connect the molecules into a sheet structure, Fig. 2. Symmetry dictates that both F atoms are involved in these hydrogen bonds. The crystal structure also features two weak $C-H\cdots\pi$ interactions (Table 1), as indicated in *PLATON* (Spek, 2009), with $C-H\cdots Cg$ distances of 3.527 (2) and 3.577 (2) Å and with $C-H\cdots Cg$ angles of 126 and 129°, respectively.

4. Database survey

A database search yielded four comparable structures, 3,3'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(6-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine) (AXAKAM; Rivera *et al.*, 2011), 3,3'-ethylenebis(3,4-dihydro-6-chloro-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine) (NUQKAM; Rivera *et al.*, 2010), 3,3'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)-bis(6-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine) monohydrate (QEDDOU; Rivera *et al.*, 2012*b*), and 3,3'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine) (SAGPUN; Rivera *et al.*, 2012*a*).

5. Synthesis and crystallization

The title compound was synthesized according to the literature procedure (Rivera *et al.*,1989), and single crystals were obtained by slow evaporation from an ethyl acetate/benzene 1:3 solvent mixture at room temperature.

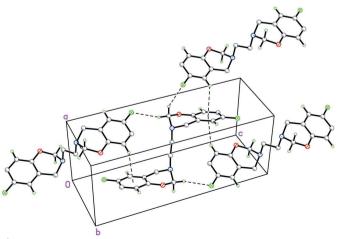


Figure 2 Packing diagram for title compound, viewed along the b axis. $C-H\cdots F$ and $C-F\cdots \pi$ contacts are drawn as dashed lines.

Table 2
Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$C_{18}H_{18}F_2N_2O_2$
$M_{ m r}$	332.34
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
Temperature (K)	173
a, b, c (Å)	7.0242 (6), 6.2316 (6), 17.1574 (15)
β (°)	91.473 (7)
eta (°) V (Å ³)	750.77 (12)
Z	2
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu \text{ (mm}^{-1})$	0.11
Crystal size (mm)	$0.17 \times 0.13 \times 0.04$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Stoe IPDS II two-circle
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (<i>X-AREA</i> ; Stoe & Cie, 2001)
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.362, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and	7746, 1532, 1285
observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	
$R_{ m int}$	0.036
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max} (\mathring{A}^{-1})$	0.625
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.041, 0.101, 1.08
No. of reflections	1532
No. of parameters	109
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} (\text{e Å}^{-3})$	0.18, -0.16

Computer programs: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2001), SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008), SHELXL2014 (Sheldrick, 2015) and XP in SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 2008).

6. Refinement details

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. All H atoms were located in difference electron-density maps. C-bound H atoms were fixed geometrically (C-H=0.95 or 0.99 Å) and refined using a

riding-model approximation, with $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$ set to $1.2 U_{\rm eq}$ of the parent atom.

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Computing details

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); data reduction: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015).

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Data collection

Stoe IPDS II two-circle diffractometer Radiation source: Genix 3D I μ S microfocus X-ray source ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan (X-AREA; Stoe & Cie, 2001) $T_{min} = 0.362$, $T_{max} = 1.000$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$ $wR(F^2) = 0.101$ S = 1.081532 reflections 109 parameters 0 restraints F(000) = 348 $D_x = 1.470 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 7746 reflections $\theta = 3.5 - 27.8^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 173 KPlate, colourless $0.17 \times 0.13 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}$

7746 measured reflections 1532 independent reflections 1285 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$ $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.4^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\text{min}} = 3.5^{\circ}$ $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$ $k = -7 \rightarrow 7$ $l = -20 \rightarrow 21$

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0538P)^2 + 0.1464P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.16 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$

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.

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

	x	у	z	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$
F1	0.80087 (14)	0.60837 (18)	0.86796 (5)	0.0408 (3)
O1	0.69940 (16)	0.06550 (17)	0.61834 (6)	0.0293 (3)
N1	0.73058 (17)	0.3605 (2)	0.52754 (7)	0.0256 (3)
C1	0.5232 (2)	0.3961 (2)	0.52148 (8)	0.0260 (3)
H1A	0.4706	0.4020	0.5744	0.031*
H1B	0.4624	0.2743	0.4934	0.031*
C2	0.7756 (2)	0.1410(3)	0.54504 (9)	0.0294 (4)
H2A	0.9158	0.1242	0.5471	0.035*
H2B	0.7249	0.0493	0.5022	0.035*
C3	0.72790 (19)	0.2069 (2)	0.67944 (8)	0.0237 (3)
C4	0.79289 (19)	0.4168 (2)	0.66810(8)	0.0228 (3)
C5	0.8283 (2)	0.4965 (3)	0.58624 (8)	0.0267 (3)
H5A	0.7820	0.6459	0.5809	0.032*
H5B	0.9668	0.4961	0.5770	0.032*
C6	0.81932 (19)	0.5507(3)	0.73252 (8)	0.0250(3)
H6	0.8647	0.6931	0.7263	0.030*
C7	0.7786(2)	0.4732 (3)	0.80519 (8)	0.0273 (3)
C8	0.7114(2)	0.2675 (3)	0.81752 (9)	0.0293 (4)
H8	0.6837	0.2193	0.8685	0.035*
C9	0.6854(2)	0.1337 (3)	0.75374 (9)	0.0269 (3)
Н9	0.6386	-0.0079	0.7606	0.032*

Atomic displacement parameters (\mathring{A}^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
F1	0.0442 (6)	0.0526 (7)	0.0255 (5)	-0.0053 (5)	0.0007 (4)	-0.0122 (4)
O1	0.0393 (6)	0.0227 (6)	0.0258 (6)	-0.0001(4)	0.0008 (4)	-0.0013(4)
N1	0.0251 (6)	0.0299(7)	0.0217 (6)	0.0008 (5)	0.0008 (4)	0.0007(5)
C1	0.0248 (7)	0.0289(8)	0.0243 (7)	-0.0015(6)	0.0006 (5)	0.0018 (6)
C2	0.0338 (8)	0.0310(8)	0.0233 (7)	0.0046 (6)	0.0025 (6)	-0.0032 (6)
C3	0.0227 (7)	0.0253 (8)	0.0231 (7)	0.0034(6)	-0.0003(5)	0.0000(6)
C4	0.0202 (6)	0.0264 (8)	0.0220(7)	0.0014 (5)	0.0008 (5)	0.0018 (6)
C5	0.0273 (7)	0.0296 (8)	0.0232 (7)	-0.0033(6)	0.0000 (5)	0.0032 (6)
C6	0.0210(6)	0.0269 (8)	0.0271 (7)	-0.0004(5)	0.0000 (5)	0.0003 (6)
C7	0.0245 (7)	0.0351 (9)	0.0223 (7)	0.0020(6)	-0.0019(5)	-0.0057(6)
C8	0.0262 (7)	0.0399 (9)	0.0218 (7)	0.0026 (6)	0.0036 (6)	0.0059 (7)
C9	0.0252 (7)	0.0269 (8)	0.0287 (8)	0.0014 (6)	0.0024 (6)	0.0060(6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

F1—C7	1.3731 (17)	C3—C4	1.401 (2)
O1—C3	1.3803 (18)	C4—C6	1.393 (2)
O1—C2	1.4574 (18)	C4—C5	1.5161 (19)
N1—C2	1.434 (2)	C5—H5A	0.9900
N1—C5	1.4721 (19)	C5—H5B	0.9900
N1—C1	1.4746 (18)	C6—C7	1.374 (2)
C1—C1 ⁱ	1.522 (3)	C6—H6	0.9500
C1—H1A	0.9900	C7—C8	1.384 (2)
C1—H1B	0.9900	C8—C9	1.384 (2)
C2—H2A	0.9900	C8—H8	0.9500
C2—H2B	0.9900	С9—Н9	0.9500
C3—C9	1.393 (2)		
G2 01 G2	110.55 (10)	G(G1 G5	101.16 (1.1)
C3—O1—C2	113.57 (12)	C6—C4—C5	121.16 (14)
C2—N1—C5	108.03 (12)	C3—C4—C5	119.75 (13)
C2—N1—C1	111.72 (12)	N1—C5—C4	111.15 (12)
C5—N1—C1	113.84 (12)	N1—C5—H5A	109.4
N1—C1—C1 ⁱ	111.15 (14)	C4—C5—H5A	109.4
N1—C1—H1A	109.4	N1—C5—H5B	109.4
C1 ⁱ —C1—H1A	109.4	C4—C5—H5B	109.4
N1—C1—H1B	109.4	H5A—C5—H5B	108.0
C1 ⁱ —C1—H1B	109.4	C7—C6—C4	118.88 (15)
H1A—C1—H1B	108.0	C7—C6—H6	120.6
N1—C2—O1	113.88 (12)	C4—C6—H6	120.6
N1—C2—H2A	108.8	F1—C7—C6	118.28 (15)
O1—C2—H2A	108.8	F1—C7—C8	118.74 (13)
N1—C2—H2B	108.8	C6—C7—C8	122.95 (14)
O1—C2—H2B	108.8	C7—C8—C9	118.40 (13)
H2A—C2—H2B	107.7	C7—C8—H8	120.8
O1—C3—C9	117.09 (14)	C9—C8—H8	120.8
O1—C3—C4	122.16 (13)	C8—C9—C3	119.93 (15)
C9—C3—C4	120.75 (14)	C8—C9—H9	120.0
C6—C4—C3	119.07 (13)	C3—C9—H9	120.0
C2—N1—C1—C1 ⁱ	-161.85 (15)	C1—N1—C5—C4	75.31 (15)
C5—N1—C1—C1 ⁱ	75.45 (18)	C6—C4—C5—N1	-160.16 (12)
C5—N1—C2—O1	65.92 (15)	C3—C4—C5—N1	18.20 (18)
C1—N1—C2—O1	-60.03 (16)	C3—C4—C6—C7	-0.8 (2)
C3—O1—C2—N1	-45.71 (17)	C5—C4—C6—C7	177.62 (13)
C2—O1—C3—C9	-170.60 (12)	C4—C6—C7—F1	-178.47 (12)
C2—O1—C3—C4	10.67 (19)	C4—C6—C7—C8	-0.3 (2)
O1—C3—C4—C6	-179.71 (12)	F1—C7—C8—C9	178.65 (13)
C9—C3—C4—C6	1.6 (2)	C6—C7—C8—C9	0.5 (2)
O1—C3—C4—C5	1.9 (2)	C7—C8—C9—C3	0.4 (2)
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Symmetry code: (i) -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

Cg2 is the centroid of the C3/C4/C6/C7/C8/C9 ring

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	$H\cdots A$	D··· A	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
C2—H2 <i>A</i> ···F1 ⁱⁱ	0.99	2.44	3.300(2)	145
C6—H6··· <i>Cg</i> 2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.95	2.88	3.527(2)	126
C9—H9··· <i>Cg</i> 2 ^{iv}	0.95	2.90	3.577 (2)	129

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