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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.029 wR factor = 0.072 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.0

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2H-Thiochromen-2-one

The crystal structure of the title compound, C_9H_6OS , also known as 2*H*-thiochromen-2-one, has been determined as monoclinic in the space group *Pc* at room temperature. The molecule is essentially planar and the crystal is a candidate for second harmonic generation (SHG) effects.

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Comment

Coumarins, simple organic molecules, have featured in several areas of synthetic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and photochemistry. The most important of these applications is the formation of [2+2] cycloaddition products upon irradiation (Vishnumurthy et al., 2001). Several substituted coumarin derivatives find application in the dye industry. Coumarins have also been studied extensively as laser dyes and have shown state-dependent variation in their static dipole moments. They have been employed as probes for examination of ultrafast solvation effects (Maroncelli & Fleming, 1987). Theoretical calculations using semi-empirical methods demonstrate that coumarins (which are labeled differently depending on the nature of the substitution as, for example, coumarin 4, coumarin 138, coumarin 153 and coumarin 343) possess pronounced dipole moments. For example, coumarin itself has a ground-state dipole moment of 4.8 Debye.



These features make coumarin and its derivatives excellent candidates for organic SHG materials. Here we report the structure of 2H-thiochromen-2-one, (I). It crystallizes in a non-centrosymmetric space group. The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 2 shows the packing of the molecules in the crystal structure.

Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to a reported procedure (Meth-Cohn & Tarnowski, 1978). It was obtained from *o*-nitrobenzaldehyde *via* a three-step reaction. Crystals were grown by slow evaporation, at low temperature, from chloroform and hexene (1:4) as pale pink blocks (m.p. 354 K).

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Figure 1

View of the title compound with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

Crystal data

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: none 3453 measured reflections 1304 independent reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$ $wR(F^2) = 0.072$ S = 1.051304 reflections 100 parameters H-atom parameters constrained $\mu = 0.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) KBlock, pale pink $0.40 \times 0.21 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ $1253 \text{ reflections with } I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$

 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^{\circ}$ $h = -4 \to 4$ $k = -10 \to 9$ $l = -13 \to 13$ $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0459P)^{2}]$ where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$

 $\begin{array}{l} (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.15 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ {\rm Absolute \ structure: \ Flack \ (1983);} \\ 644 \ {\rm Friedel \ pairs} \\ {\rm Flack \ parameter} = -0.03 \ (8) \end{array}$



Figure 2 Packing diagram of the title compound.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP*-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997) and *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON* (Spek, 1990) and *SHELXL*.

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